

2 (PCA) As discussed in class, show that PCA can be viewed as minimizing the approximation error; that is, the optimization problem (following the notation in our lecture note)

suppose  $\bar{X} = 0$

$$\min_{\mu, X, U: U^T U = I_p} \sum_{i=1}^N \|Y_i - \mu - U X_i\|^2$$

has solution  $\mu = \bar{Y}$ ,  $U = [U_1, \dots, U_p]$  being the top  $p$  eigenvectors of the sample covariance of  $Y$ , and  $X_i = U^T (Y_i - \bar{Y})$ .

Denote  $L = \sum_{i=1}^N \|Y_i - \mu - U X_i\|^2$

①  $\frac{dL}{d\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^N -2(Y_i - \mu - U X_i) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i - N\mu - U \sum_{i=1}^N X_i = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i - U \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right)$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = \bar{Y} \Rightarrow L = \sum_{i=1}^N \|Y_i - \bar{Y} - U X_i\|^2$ , denote  $Y_i - \bar{Y} = \bar{Y}_i \Rightarrow L = \sum_{i=1}^N \|\bar{Y}_i - U X_i\|^2$

②  $\|\bar{Y}_i - U X_i\|^2 = (\bar{Y}_i - U X_i)^T (\bar{Y}_i - U X_i) = \bar{Y}_i^T \bar{Y}_i - 2 X_i^T U^T \bar{Y}_i + X_i^T U^T U X_i = \bar{Y}_i^T \bar{Y}_i - 2 X_i^T U^T \bar{Y}_i + X_i^T X_i$

$\frac{dL}{dX_i} = -2 U^T \bar{Y}_i + 2 X_i = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{X}_i = U^T \bar{Y}_i = U^T (Y_i - \bar{Y})$

③  $\|\bar{Y}_i - U X_i\|^2 = \bar{Y}_i^T \bar{Y}_i - 2 X_i^T U^T \bar{Y}_i + X_i^T X_i = \bar{Y}_i^T \bar{Y}_i - 2 X_i^T \hat{X}_i + X_i^T X_i = \bar{Y}_i^T \bar{Y}_i - X_i^T X_i = \|\bar{Y}_i\|^2 - \|X_i\|^2$

$\min L = \max \sum_{i=1}^N \|X_i\|^2 = \max \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T X_i$

$X_i = U^T \bar{Y}_i \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T X_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{Y}_i^T U U^T \bar{Y}_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \text{tr}(\bar{Y}_i^T U U^T \bar{Y}_i) = \text{tr}(U^T (\sum_{i=1}^N \bar{Y}_i \bar{Y}_i^T) U) = \text{tr}(U^T S U)$

here  $S = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})(Y_i - \bar{Y})^T$

$\Rightarrow \min L = \max \text{tr}(U^T S U), U^T U = I_p$

according to Lagrange multiplier:  $\mathcal{L}(U, \Lambda) = \text{tr}(U^T S U) - \text{tr}(\Lambda(U^T U - I))$

here  $\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dU} = 0 \Rightarrow 2 S U - 2 U \Lambda = 0 \Rightarrow S U = U \Lambda \Rightarrow \Lambda = U^T S U$ , for decorrelation,  $\Lambda$  should be diagonal

$\Rightarrow S U = U \Lambda \Rightarrow \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_p \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\lambda_i$  is eigenvalue of  $S$ ,  $U$  is stacked eigenvector of  $S$

To minimize  $L$ , which is to maximize  $\text{tr}(U^T S U)$ , the eigenvectors should be the top  $p$  vectors