

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)

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

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

Suppose $\bar{X} = 0$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mu} = \sum_{i=1}^N -2(Y_i - \mu - UX_i) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i - N\mu - U \sum_{i=1}^N X_i = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i - U \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right) \\ \Rightarrow \mu = \bar{Y} \quad \Rightarrow L = \sum_{i=1}^N \|Y_i - \bar{Y} - UX_i\|^2, \text{ denote } Y_i - \bar{Y} = \tilde{Y}_i \quad \Rightarrow L = \sum_{i=1}^N \|\tilde{Y}_i - UX_i\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \|Y_i - UX_i\|^2 = (\tilde{Y}_i - UX_i)^\top (\tilde{Y}_i - UX_i) = \tilde{Y}_i^\top \tilde{Y}_i - 2\tilde{Y}_i^\top UX_i + UX_i^\top UX_i = \tilde{Y}_i^\top \tilde{Y}_i - 2\tilde{Y}_i^\top UX_i + X_i^\top UX_i$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_i} = -2U^\top \tilde{Y}_i + 2X_i = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{X}_i = U^\top \tilde{Y}_i = U^\top (Y_i - \bar{Y})$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \|\tilde{Y}_i - UX_i\|^2 = \tilde{Y}_i^\top \tilde{Y}_i - 2\tilde{Y}_i^\top UX_i + UX_i^\top UX_i = \tilde{Y}_i^\top \tilde{Y}_i - 2\tilde{Y}_i^\top X_i + X_i^\top X_i = \tilde{Y}_i^\top \tilde{Y}_i - X_i^\top X_i = \|\tilde{Y}_i\|^2 - \|X_i\|^2$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{here } \frac{\partial L}{\partial U} = 0 \Rightarrow 2S U - 2U\Lambda = 0 \Rightarrow S U = U\Lambda \Rightarrow \Lambda = U^\top S U, \text{ for decorrelation, } \Lambda \text{ should be diagonal}$$

$$\Rightarrow S U = \Lambda U \Rightarrow \Lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p), \lambda_i \text{ is eigenvalue of } S, U \text{ is stacked eigenvector of } S$$

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