

6 (Factor analysis and PCA) Generate  $n = 100$  observations of the 20-dim vector  $Y$  from the following factor analysis model:

$$Y = \mu^* + \Lambda^* X + W$$

where  $X$  and  $W$  are independent,  $\mu^* = \mathbf{0}_{20 \times 1}$  and

$$\Lambda^* = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}_{10 \times 1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1}_{10 \times 1} \end{pmatrix}_{20 \times 2}, X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 1} \sim N_2(0, I_2), W_{20 \times 1} \sim N_{20}(0, 0.5 \times I_{20}).$$

(a) Show that  $\Lambda$  can only be identified up to an orthonormal transformation. Propose one suitable distance measure to evaluate the distance of an estimated column space of  $\Lambda$  to the true column space (of  $\Lambda^*$ ).

(b) Suppose we know that there are two factors in the factor analysis model. Fit the factor analysis model, and what is the equation that defines the estimated subspace of scores  $X$ ? Plot the projections of the data set onto the 2-dim subspace.

(c) Implement PCA to identify the principal components and the projections of the data set on to the 2-dim principal subspace. Compare your results with those obtained in part (b).

$$(a) \Sigma = \text{Cov}(Y) = \text{Cov}(\Lambda X + W) = \Lambda \text{Cov}(X) \Lambda^T + \text{Cov}(W)$$

$$\text{Cov}(X) = I, X \perp W \Rightarrow \Sigma = \Lambda \Lambda^T + \text{Cov}(W)$$

$$\text{Let } Q \text{ orthogonal, } Q^T Q = I, \Rightarrow \tilde{X} = Q^T X, \tilde{\Lambda} = \Lambda Q \Rightarrow Y = \tilde{\Lambda} \tilde{X} + W = (\Lambda Q)(Q^T X) + W = \Lambda X + W \\ \Rightarrow Y \text{ doesn't change}$$

$$E[\tilde{X}] = E[Q^T X] = Q^T E[X] = 0, \text{Cov}(\tilde{X}) = Q^T \text{Cov}(X) Q = Q^T I Q = I \Rightarrow \tilde{X} \sim N(0, I)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\Sigma} = \tilde{\Lambda} \tilde{\Lambda}^T + \text{Cov}(W) = (\Lambda Q)(\Lambda Q)^T + \text{Cov}(W) = \Lambda(Q Q^T) \Lambda^T + \text{Cov}(W) = \Lambda I \Lambda^T + \text{Cov}(W) = \Sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma \text{ is same to any orthogonal transformation}$$

Distance measure: Let  $P_{\Lambda^*}$  be the projection matrix to the true column space

$P_{\tilde{\Lambda}}$  be the projection matrix to the estimated column space

$$P_{\Lambda^*} = \Lambda^* (\Lambda^{*T} \Lambda^*)^{-1} \Lambda^{*T}, P_{\tilde{\Lambda}} = \tilde{\Lambda} (\tilde{\Lambda}^T \tilde{\Lambda})^{-1} \tilde{\Lambda}^T, \text{Distance} = \|P_{\Lambda^*} - P_{\tilde{\Lambda}}\|_F$$

For projection matrix only decided by subspace instead of rotation