

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

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- Accuracy

- Efficiency

Eigenvalue Problems - Numerical Solutions



PCA

- The iris dataset is already linearly separable.
- With various techniques we can show this in even more detail.

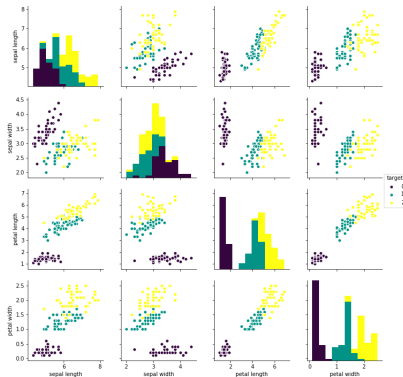


Figure 1: Iris Pairplot 



PCA

□ objective:

$$\max \delta' \text{Var}(X) \delta \text{ s.t. } \sum \delta_i^2 = 1. \quad (1)$$

where $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$; $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$; $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^m$

□ solution [▶ Proof](#) :

$$Y = \Gamma' (X - \mu) \quad (2)$$

where $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ is the matrix of rotations, $\Gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is the matrix of eigenvectors, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is the vector of sample means.

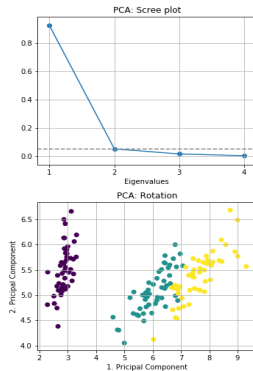


Figure 2: Iris PCA



LDA

□ objective:

$$\max \frac{w' S_B w}{w' S_W w}, \quad (3)$$

where

$$S_B = \sum_c^C (\mu_c - \mu)(\mu_c - \mu)',$$
$$S_W = \sum_c^C \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_c)(x_i - \mu_c)'$$

and $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$, μ_c is the vector of class means.



LDA

- solution ▶ Proof:

$$S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} S_W^{-1} S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} v = \lambda v \quad (4)$$

with

$$v = S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} w,$$

where this is again an Eigenvalue problem and it's solution will provide the rotation that ensures the largest possible (linear) separability.

- Now how do we get the Eigenvalues?

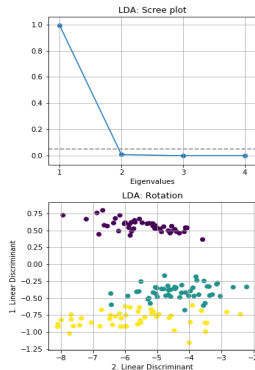


Figure 3: Iris LDA



Eigenvalue

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, v is a non-zero vector and λ is a scalar, such that

$$Av = \lambda v \quad (5)$$

then v is called an *eigenvector* and λ is called an *eigenvalue* of the matrix A . An eigenvalue of A is a root of the characteristic equation,

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \quad (6)$$



The characteristic polynomial

Consider the polynomial

$$f(\lambda) = \lambda^p + a_{p-1}\lambda^{p-1} + \cdots + a_1\lambda + a_0 \quad (7)$$

We now construct a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that the eigenvalues of A are the roots of the polynomial $f(\lambda)$ [▶ Example](#):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & -a_2 & \cdots & -a_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$



General Idea

What are the eigenvalues of X_1 and X_2 ?

$$X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2.297 & -0.461 & -0.459 & 0.225 \\ -0.461 & 1.4 & -0.097 & -0.829 \\ -0.459 & -0.097 & 2.672 & 0.224 \\ 0.225 & -0.829 & 0.224 & 3.631 \end{bmatrix}$$



Similarity Transformations

Two $n \times n$ matrices A and B , are said to be *similar* if there exists a nonsingular matrix P such that

$$A = P^{-1}BP \quad (9)$$

If the two matrices A and B are similar, then they also share the same eigenvalues. [▶ Proof](#)



Householder Reflections

Let u and v be orthonormal vectors and let x be a vector in the space spanned by u and v , such that

$$x = c_1 u + c_2 v$$

for some scalars c_1 and c_2 . The vector

$$\tilde{x} = -c_1 u + c_2 v$$

is a *reflection* of x through the line defined by the vector u . Now consider the matrix

$$Q = I - 2uu'.$$
(10)

Note that ▶ Proof:

$$Qx = \tilde{x}$$



Householder Reflections

We will use Householder-Reflections to transform a vector

$$a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

into

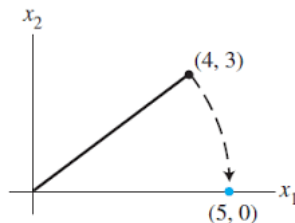
$$\hat{a} = (\hat{a}_1, 0, \dots, 0)$$



Givens Rotations

Using orthogonal transformations we can also rotate a vector in such a way that a specified element becomes 0 and only one other element in the vector is changed.

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$



A Givens rotation in \mathbb{R}^2 .



Givens Rotations

$$V_{pq}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & \cos \theta & \sin \theta & \\ & & & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

where $\cos \theta = \frac{x_p}{\|x\|}$ and $\sin \theta = \frac{x_q}{\|x\|}$



Jacobi Method

The Jacobi method for determining the eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix A uses a sequence of orthogonal similarity transformations that result in the transformation:

$$A = P\Lambda P^{-1}$$

or rather:

$$\Lambda = P^{-1}AP$$

where we use Givens Rotations to obtain P . The Jacobi iteration is:

$$A^k = V_{p_k q_k}(\theta_k) A^{k-1} V_{p_k q_k}(\theta_k) \quad (12)$$

The Jacobi Method is of $O(n^3)$



Jacobi-Method

Algorithm 1 jacobi

Require: symmetric matrix A

Ensure: $0 < \textit{precision} < 1$

initialize: $L \leftarrow A; U \leftarrow I; L_{\max} \leftarrow 1$

while $L_{\max} > \textit{precision}$ **do**

Find indices i, j of largest value in lower triangle of $\textit{abs}(L)$

$L_{\max} \leftarrow L_{i,j}$

$\alpha \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \cdot \arctan\left(\frac{2A_{i,j}}{A_{i,i}-A_{j,j}}\right)$

$V \leftarrow I$

$V_{i,i}, V_{j,j} \leftarrow \cos \alpha; V_{i,j}, V_{j,i} \leftarrow -\sin \alpha, \sin \alpha$

$A \leftarrow V'AV; U \leftarrow UV$

return $\textit{diag}(A), U$



QR-Method

The QR-Method is the most common algorithm for obtaining eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a matrix A . It relies on the so called QR-Factorization:

$$A = QR, \quad (13)$$

where Q is an orthogonal and R is an upper triangular matrix. The QR iteration is:

$$A^k = Q'_{k-1} A_{k-1} Q_{k-1} = R_{k-1} Q_{k-1} \quad (14)$$

The QR Method is of $O(n^3)$



Basic QR-Method

Algorithm 2 QRM1

Require: square matrix A

initialize: $conv \leftarrow False$

while not $conv$ **do**

$Q, R \leftarrow \text{QR-Factorization of } A$

$A \leftarrow RQ$

if A is diagonal **then**

$conv \leftarrow True$

return $diag(A), Q$



Refined QR-Method

For faster convergence it is common to convert the matrix first into a so called upper Hessenberg form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & X & X & X & X & X & X \\ X & X & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & X & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & X & X \end{bmatrix}$$

Algorithm 3 QRM2

Require: square matrix A

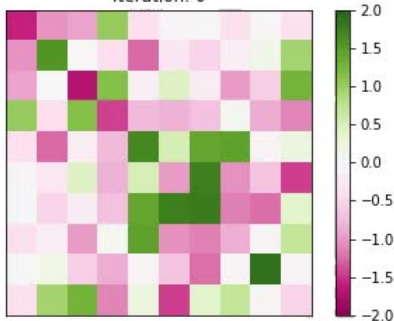
$A \leftarrow \text{hessenberg}(A)$

continue with: QRM1(A)



QRM2 Visualized

Demonstrate QR-Method on a 10x10 matrix
Iteration: 0



QR-Method 



Accelerated QR-Method

We can accelerate the QR-Method by creating an artificial zero on the main diagonal of A^k 's Hessenberg form T at an iteration step k :

$$T^* = T - t_{p-1,p-1}I$$

$$T^* = QR$$

$$T = T^* + t_{p-1,p-1}I$$



Accelerated QR-Method

Require: square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$

$T \leftarrow \text{hessenberg}(A)$, $\text{conv} \leftarrow \text{False}$

while not conv **do**

$Q, R \leftarrow \text{QR-Factorization of } T - t_{p-1,p-1}I$

$T \leftarrow RQ + t_{p-1,p-1}I$

if T is diagonal **then**

$\text{conv} \leftarrow \text{True}$
return $\text{diag}(T), Q$



Unit tests - Idea

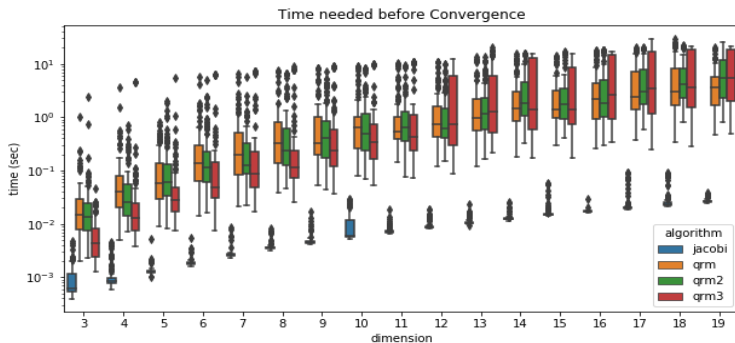
1. Construct a $p \times p$ matrix, with known Eigenvalues $\lambda_{true} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
To do this we can invert the spectral decomposition.
2. Run the implemented algorithm on it, obtain the computed Eigenvalues $\lambda_{algo} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
3. Assess L_1 -Norm: $|\lambda_{true} - \lambda_{algo}|$, pass the test if it is smaller than a threshold ϵ

Repeat the procedure 1000 times.



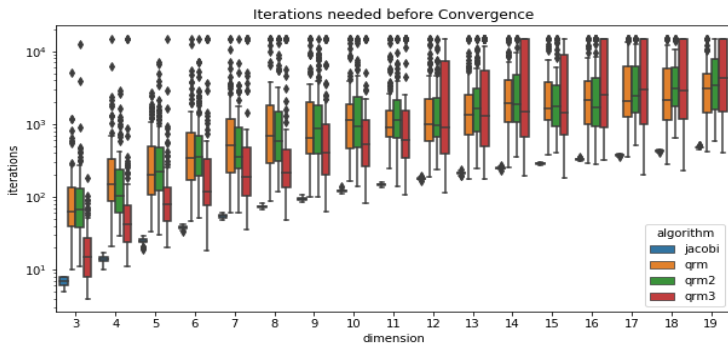
Time taken

Figure 4: Unit-tests: Time



Iterations needed

Figure 5: Unit-tests: Iterations 



PCA: proof

The objective of **PCA**:

$$\max \delta' \text{Var}(X) \delta \text{ s.t. } \sum \delta_i^2 = 1$$

Corresponding Lagrangean:

$$\mathcal{L}(\text{Var}(X), \delta, \lambda) = \delta' \text{Var}(X) \delta - \lambda (\delta' \delta - 1),$$

where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m$

First order condition:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \delta} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$2\text{Var}(X)\delta - 2\lambda_k \delta \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\text{Var}(X)\delta = \lambda_k \delta$$

Which is now reduced to a common Eigenvalue problem.

Eigenvalue Problems - Numerical Solutions



LDA: proof

The objective of ▶ LDA:

$$\max \frac{w' S_B w}{w' S_W w},$$

Which we can reformulate to:

$$\max w' S_B w \text{ s.t. } w' S_W w = 1.$$

Corresponding Lagrangean:

$$\mathcal{L}(w, S_B, S_W, \lambda) = w' S_B w - \lambda (w' S_W w - 1)$$



LDA: proof

First order condition:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w} &\stackrel{!}{=} 0 \\ 2S_B w - 2\lambda S_W w &\stackrel{!}{=} 0 \\ S_W^{-1} S_B w &= \lambda w,\end{aligned}$$

which is known as a generalized Eigenvalue problem. We can redefine

$$\begin{aligned}S_B &= S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ v &= S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} w\end{aligned}$$



LDA: proof

We then get:

$$\begin{aligned} S_W^{-1} S_B w &= \lambda w \\ S_W^{-1} S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} w}_v &= \lambda w \\ S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} S_W^{-1} S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} v &= \lambda \underbrace{S_B^{\frac{1}{2}} w}_v \end{aligned}$$

We can also rewrite this as:

$$S_B^{-\frac{1}{2}} S_W^{-1} S_B^{-\frac{1}{2}} v = \lambda v$$

Which now an Eigenvalue problem of a symmetric, positive semidefinite matrix [▶ back](#).



Eigenvalues of similar matrices

From the definition in (9) it follows immediately that a matrix A with Eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ is similar to the matrix $\text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$.

If A and B are similar, as in (9), it holds:

$$\begin{aligned} B - \lambda I &= P^{-1}BP - \lambda P^{-1}IP \\ &= A - \lambda I. \end{aligned}$$

Hence A and B have the same eigenvalues. Additionally, important transformations are based around orthogonal matrices. If Q is orthogonal and

$$A = Q'BQ,$$

A and B are said to be *orthogonally similar* [▶ back](#).



Companion-Matrix: Example

Demonstrate that the companion matrix [▶ back](#):

1. corresponds to a polynomial.
2. has eigenvalues equal to the roots of the polynomial.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 - \lambda & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\lambda(-a_1 - \lambda) + a_0 \\ &= \lambda^2 + a_1\lambda + a_0 \end{aligned}$$



Householder Reflections: proof

[▶ back](#)




Remember:

- $Q = I - 2uu'$.
- u v are orthonormal.

$$\begin{aligned} Qx &= c_1u + c_2v - 2c_1uuu' - 2c_2vuu' \\ &= c_1u + c_2v - 2c_1u'uu - 2c_2u'vu \\ &= -c_1u + c_2v \\ &= \tilde{x} \end{aligned}$$



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