Principal Components Analysis (PCA) and Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) with applications to Microarrays

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Covariance

- Let X and Y be random variables, possibly dependent.
- Recall that the covariance of X and Y is defined as

$$Cov(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y))$$

and that an alternate formula is

$$Cov(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

Previously we used

$$Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2 Cov(X, Y)$$

and

$$Var(X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n) = Var(X_1) + \cdots + Var(X_n)$$

Covariance properties

Covariance properties

- \circ Cov(X, X) = Var(X)
- \circ Cov(X, Y) = Cov(Y, X)
- Cov(aX + b, cY + d) = ac Cov(X, Y)

Sign of covariance $Cov(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y))$

- When $\mathbf{Cov}(X,Y)$ is positive: there is a tendency to have $X>\mu_X$ when $Y>\mu_Y$ and vice-versa, and $X<\mu_X$ when $Y<\mu_Y$ and vice-versa.
- When $\mathbf{Cov}(X,Y)$ is negative: there is a tendency to have $X>\mu_X$ when $Y<\mu_Y$ and vice-versa, and $X<\mu_X$ when $Y>\mu_Y$ and vice-versa.
- When Cov(X, Y) = 0:
 - a) *X* and *Y* **might** be independent, but it's not guaranteed.
 - b) Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y)

Sample variance

Variance of a random variable:

$$\sigma^2 = Var(X) = E((X - \mu_X)^2) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

Sample variance from data x_1, \ldots, x_n :

$$s^{2} = \operatorname{var}(x) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{i} - \bar{x})^{2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{2} \right) - \frac{n}{n-1} \bar{x}^{2}$$

Vector formula:

Centered data:
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \bar{x} & x_2 - \bar{x} & \cdots & x_n - \bar{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s^2 = \frac{M \cdot M}{n-1} = \frac{MM'}{n-1}$$

Sample covariance

Covariance between random variables X, Y:

$$\sigma_{XY} = \text{Cov}(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

Sample covariance from data $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$:

$$s_{XY} = \text{cov}(x, y) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = \frac{1}{n-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i \right) - \frac{n}{n-1} \bar{x} \bar{y}$$

Vector formula:

$$M_X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \bar{x} & x_2 - \bar{x} & \cdots & x_n - \bar{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \bar{y} & y_2 - \bar{y} & \cdots & y_n - \bar{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s_{XY} = \frac{M_X \cdot M_Y}{n-1} = \frac{M_X M_Y'}{n-1}$$

Covariance matrix

For problems with many simultaneous random variables, put them into vectors:

$$ec{X} = egin{bmatrix} R \ S \end{bmatrix} \qquad ec{Y} = egin{bmatrix} T \ U \ V \end{bmatrix}$$

and then form a covariance matrix:

$$Cov(\vec{X}, \vec{Y}) = \begin{bmatrix} Cov(R, T) & Cov(R, U) & Cov(R, V) \\ Cov(S, T) & Cov(S, U) & Cov(S, V) \end{bmatrix}$$

In matrix/vector notation,

$$Cov(\vec{X}, \vec{Y}) = E\left[(\vec{X} - E(\vec{X})) (\vec{Y} - E(\vec{Y}))' \right]$$

Covariance matrix (a.k.a. Variance-Covariance matrix)

Often there's one vector with all the variables:

$$ec{X} = egin{bmatrix} R \ S \ T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Cov(\vec{X}) = Cov(\vec{X}, \vec{X})$$

$$= E \left[(\vec{X} - E(\vec{X})) (\vec{X} - E(\vec{X}))' \right]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} Cov(R, R) & Cov(R, S) & Cov(R, T) \\ Cov(S, R) & Cov(S, S) & Cov(S, T) \\ Cov(T, R) & Cov(T, S) & Cov(T, T) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} Var(R) & Cov(R, S) & Cov(R, T) \\ Cov(R, S) & Var(S) & Cov(S, T) \\ Cov(R, T) & Cov(S, T) & Var(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix is symmetric. The diagonal entries are ordinary variances.

Covariance matrix properties

$$Cov(\vec{X}, \vec{Y}) = Cov(\vec{Y}, \vec{X})'$$

$$Cov(A\vec{X} + \vec{B}, \vec{Y}) = A Cov(\vec{X}, \vec{Y})$$

$$Cov(\vec{X}, C\vec{Y} + \vec{D}) = Cov(\vec{X}, \vec{Y})C'$$

$$Cov(A\vec{X} + \vec{B}) = A Cov(\vec{X})A'$$

$$Cov(\vec{X}_1 + \vec{X}_2, \vec{Y}) = Cov(\vec{X}_1, \vec{Y}) + Cov(\vec{X}_2, \vec{Y})$$

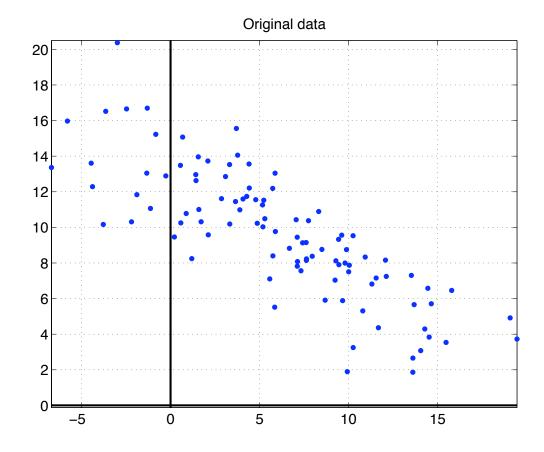
$$Cov(\vec{X}, \vec{Y}_1 + \vec{Y}_2) = Cov(\vec{X}_1, \vec{Y}_1) + Cov(\vec{X}_2, \vec{Y}_2)$$

A, C are constant matrices, \vec{B}, \vec{D} are constant vectors, and all dimensions must be correct for matrix arithmetic.

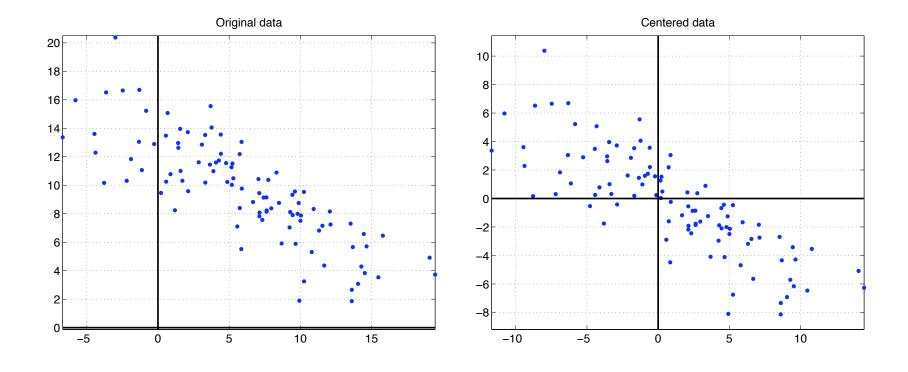
Example (2D, but works for higher dimensions too)

Data $(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_{100}, y_{100})$:

$$M_0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_{100} \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_{100} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.0858 & 0.8806 & 9.8850 & \cdots & 4.4106 \\ 12.8562 & 10.7804 & 8.7504 & \cdots & 13.5627 \end{bmatrix}$$



Centered data



Computing sample covariance matrix

• Original data: 100 (x, y) points in a 2 \times 100 matrix M_0 :

$$M_0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_{100} \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_{100} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.0858 & 0.8806 & 9.8850 & \cdots & 4.4106 \\ 12.8562 & 10.7804 & 8.7504 & \cdots & 13.5627 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Centered data: subtract \bar{x} from x's and \bar{y} from y's to get M; here $\bar{x} = 5$, $\bar{y} = 10$:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -1.9142 & -4.1194 & 4.8850 & \cdots & -0.5894 \\ 2.8562 & 0.7804 & -1.2496 & \cdots & 3.5627 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sample covariance:

$$C = \frac{MM'}{100 - 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 31.9702 & -16.5683 \\ -16.5683 & 13.0018 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} s_{XX} & s_{XY} \\ s_{YX} & s_{YY} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_X^2 & s_{XY} \\ s_{XY} & s_Y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagonalizing the sample covariance matrix C

• C is a real-valued symmetric matrix, so it can be diagonalized C = VDV' where $V' = V^{-1}$ (V transpose equals V inverse, meaning the columns of V are *orthonormal*):

- Recall orthonormal means the columns are unit vectors, and dotting any two of them together gives 0.
- It is conventional to put the eigenvalues into D in decreasing order $\lambda_1 \ge \lambda_2 \ge \cdots \ge 0$.
- Note: C is positive semidefinite (all eigenvalues are ≥ 0) because for all vectors \vec{w} ,

$$\vec{w}'C\vec{w} = \frac{\vec{w}'MM'\vec{w}}{n-1} = \frac{|M'\vec{w}|^2}{n-1} \geqslant 0$$

For eigenvector equation $C\vec{w} = \lambda \vec{w}$, we have $\vec{w}'C\vec{w} = \lambda |\vec{w}|^2$. So $\lambda |\vec{w}|^2 = \vec{w}'C\vec{w} \geqslant 0$, giving $\lambda \geqslant 0$.

Principal axes

- The columns of *V* are the right eigenvectors of *C*.
- Multiply each eigenvector by the square root of its eigenvalue to get the principal components.

Eigenvalue	Eigenvector	PC				
41.5768	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.8651 \\ 0.5016 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -5.5782 \\ 3.2343 \end{bmatrix}$				
3.3952	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.5016 \\ -0.8651 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.9242 \\ -1.5940 \end{bmatrix}$				

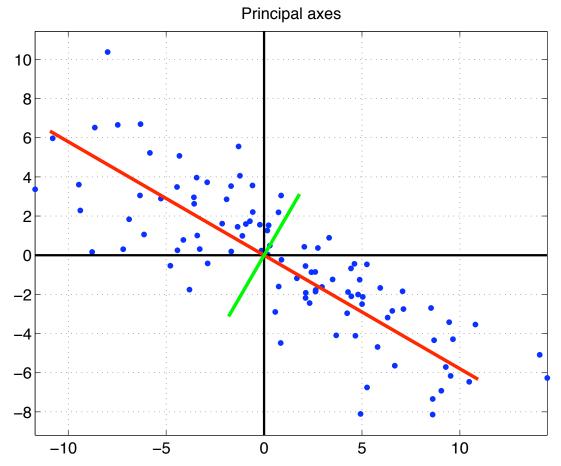
• Put them into the columns of a matrix:

$$P = V\sqrt{D} = \begin{bmatrix} -5.5782 & -0.9242 \\ 3.2343 & -1.5940 \end{bmatrix}$$

•
$$C = VDV' = V\sqrt{D}\sqrt{D'}V' = (V\sqrt{D})(V\sqrt{D})' = PP'$$

Principal axes

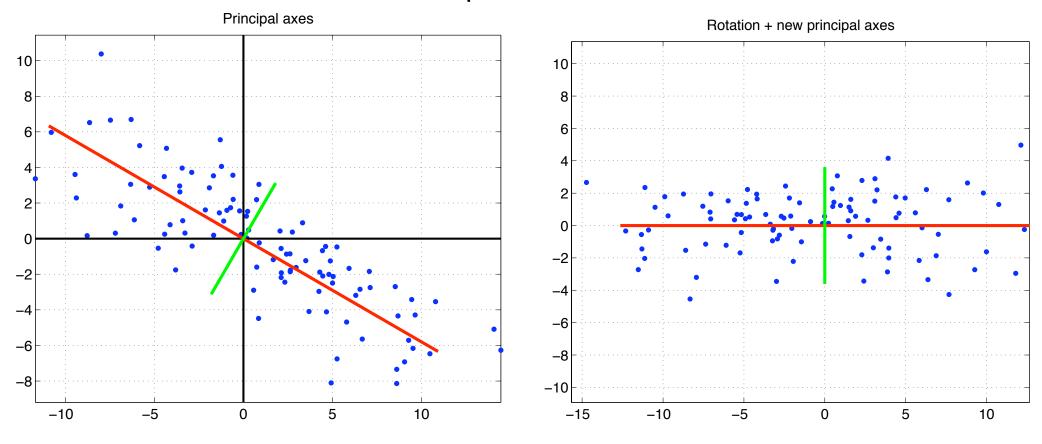
• Plot the centered data with lines along the principal axes:



- Sum of squared perpendicular distances of data points to first PC line (red) is minimum among all lines through origin.
- *i*th PC is perpendicular to the previous ones, and the sum of squared perpendicular distances to the span (line, plane, ...) of the first *i* PCs is minimum among all *i*-dim. spaces through origin.

Rotate axes

Transform M to $M_2 = V'M$ and plot the new columns:



- C = VDV' so V'CV = D. (Note: V is orthonormal so $V' = V^{-1}$.)
- $C = \frac{MM'}{n-1}$ so $D = V'CV = \frac{V'MM'V}{n-1} = \frac{(V'M)(V'M)'}{n-1}$
- V is orthonormal, so $M_2 = V'M$ rotates/reflects all the data.
- $M = VM_2$ recovers centered data M from rotated data M_2 .

New coordinates

• The rotated data has new coordinates $(t_1, u_1), \ldots, (t_{100}, u_{100})$ and covariance matrix D:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Var}(T) & \operatorname{Cov}(T, U) \\ \operatorname{Cov}(T, U) & \operatorname{Var}(U) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 41.5768 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.3952 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The *total variance* is $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots = \text{Tr}(D) = \text{Tr}(C)$.
- Here, the total variance is Var(T) + Var(U) = 44.9720.
- The part of the variance *explained* by each axis is λ_i /total variance:

Eigenvector	Eigenvalue	Explained				
$\begin{bmatrix} -0.8651 \\ 0.5016 \end{bmatrix}$	41.5768	41.5768/44.9720 = 92.45%				
$\begin{bmatrix} -0.5016 \\ -0.8651 \end{bmatrix}$	3.3952	3.3952/44.9720 = 7.55%				
Total	44.9720	100%				

• This is an application of $Cov(A\vec{X}) = A Cov(\vec{X})A'$:

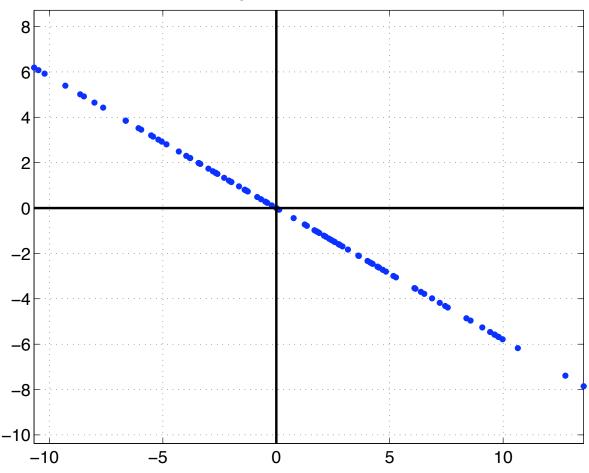
$$\operatorname{Cov}\left(V'\begin{bmatrix}X\\Y\end{bmatrix}\right) = V'\operatorname{Cov}\left(\begin{bmatrix}X\\Y\end{bmatrix}\right)V$$

Dimension reduction

To clean up "noise," set all $u_i = 0$ and rotate back:

$$V\begin{bmatrix} t_1 & t_2 & t_3 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{x}_1 & \widetilde{x}_2 & \widetilde{x}_3 & \cdots \\ \widetilde{y}_1 & \widetilde{y}_3 & \widetilde{y}_3 & \cdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Project original centered data to 1st PC



Dimension reduction

- Say we want to keep enough information to explain 90% of the variance.
- Take enough top PCs to explain $\geq 90\%$ of the variance.
- Let M_3 be M_2 (rotated data) with the remaining coordinates zeroed out.
- Rotate it back to the original axes with VM_3 .
- In other applications, a dominant signal can be suppressed by zeroing out the coordinates for the top PCs instead of the bottom PCs.

Variations for PCA (and SVD, upcoming)

- Some people reverse the roles of rows and columns of M.
- In some applications, M is "centered" (subtract off row means) and in others, it's not.
- If the ranges on the variables (rows) are very different, the data might be rescaled in each row to make similar ranges. For example, replace each row by Z-scores for the row.

Sensitivity to scaling

- PCA is sensitive to differences in the scale, offset, and ranges of the variables. Rescaling one row w/o the others changes angles and lengths nonuniformly. This is especially an issue with physical quantities with different units.
- It was originally designed for measurements in ordinary space, so, e.g., all axes would represent cm or inches and equivalent results would be obtained no matter what units were used.
- Length of (a,b) in (seconds,mm): $\sqrt{a^2+b^2}$. Convert to (hours,miles): (a/3600,b/1609344) with length $\sqrt{(a/3600)^2+(b/1609344)^2}$. Angles are also distorted by this unit conversion.
- Length of $(0 \, {}^{\circ}C, 0 \, {}^{\circ}C)$ is 0, vs. length of $(32 \, {}^{\circ}F, 32 \, {}^{\circ}F)$ is 32. Both systems use an arbitrary zero offset instead of absolute zero.
- Typically addressed by replacing each row with Z-scores.

Microarrays

 Before we were interested in finding single genes where "red" or "green" (positive or negative expression level) distinguished between classes.

• If x_i is the expression level of gene i then

$$L = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \cdots$$

is a linear combination of genes.

- We want to find linear combinations of genes that so that L > C and L < C distinguish two classes, for some constant C. So L = C is a line / plane / etc. that splits the multidimensional space of expression levels.
- Different classes are not always separated in this fashion; we just want to see how to determine them when they are.

Microarrays

- Consider an experiment with 80 microarrays with 10000 spots on each.
- M is 10000×80 .
- $C = \frac{MM'}{80-1}$ is $10000 \times 10000!$
- M has rank ≤ 80 (actually ≤ 79 since centering made the row sums = 0).
- C has the same rank as M. So at least 10000 - 80 = 9920 of its eigenvalues are 0.
- It turns out the other 80 eigenvalues of MM' (10000 × 10000) are the same as in M'M (80 × 80).

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Let M be a $p \times q$ matrix (not necessarily "centered"). The *Singular Value Decomposition* of M is M = USV', where

- *U* is orthonormal, $p \times p$.
- *V* is orthonormal, $q \times q$.
- *S* is a diagonal $p \times q$ matrix, $s_1 \geqslant s_2 \geqslant \cdots \geqslant 0$.
- If M is 5×3 , this would look like

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"Compact" SVD

For p > q: The bottom p - q rows of S are all 0. Remove them. Keep only the first q rows of S and first q columns of U.

- *U* is orthonormal, $p \times q$.
- *V* is orthonormal, $q \times q$.
- *S* is a diagonal $p \times q$ matrix, $s_1 \geqslant s_2 \geqslant \cdots \geqslant 0$.
- If M is 5×3 , this would look like

- For q > p: keep only the first p columns of S and first p rows of V.
- Matlab and R have options for full or compact form in svd (M).

Computing the SVD

- Compute the SVD using whichever gives smaller dimensions!
- If $p \geqslant q$:
 - Diagonalize M'M = VDV'.
 - Compute S from D (S is a $p \times q$ matrix with square root of diagonal entries of D and 0's elsewhere).
 - Compute $U = MVS^{-1}$.
 - Set " $\frac{1}{0} = 0$ " in diagonal of " S^{-1} " if a singular value is 0.
- The procedure when $q \ge p$ is analagous: diagonalize MM' = UDU', then compute S from D, then compute V.
- svd (M) in both Matlab and R.

Singular values and singular vectors

- Let M be a $p \times q$ matrix (not necessarily centered). Suppose
 - s is a scalar.
 - \vec{v} is a $q \times 1$ unit vector (column vector).
 - \vec{u} is a $p \times 1$ unit vector (column vector).
- s is a singular value of M with right singular vector \vec{v} and left singular vector \vec{u} if

$$M\vec{v} = s\vec{u}$$
 and $\vec{u}'M = s\vec{v}'$ (same as $M'\vec{u} = s\vec{v}$).

Break U and V into columns

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1 \mid \vec{u}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \vec{u}_p \end{bmatrix}$$
$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \mid \vec{v}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \vec{v}_q \end{bmatrix}$$

Then $M\vec{v}_i = s_i\vec{u}_i$ and $M'\vec{u}_i = s_i\vec{v}_i$ for i up to $\min(p,q)$. If p > q: $M'\vec{u}_i = \vec{0}$ for i > q. If q > p: $M\vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$ for i > p.

• To get full-sized M = USV' from compact $(p \ge q \text{ case})$: choose the remaining columns of U from the nullspace of M' in such a way that the columns of U are an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^p .

Relation between PCA and SVD

Previous computation for PCA

- Start with centered data matrix M (n columns).
- Compute covariance matrix, diagonalize it, compute P:

$$C = \frac{MM'}{n-1} = VDV' = PP'$$
 where $P = V\sqrt{D}$

Computing PCA using SVD

• In terms of the SVD factorization M = USV', covariance is

$$C = \frac{MM'}{n-1} = \frac{(USV')(VS'U')}{n-1} = \frac{U(SS')U'}{n-1}$$

$$= UDU' \text{ where } D = \frac{SS'}{n-1}$$

$$= PP' \text{ where } P = \frac{US}{\sqrt{n-1}}$$

- Variance for *i*th component is $\frac{s_i^2}{n-1}$
- *Note:* there were minor notation adjustments to deal with n-1.

SVD in microarrays

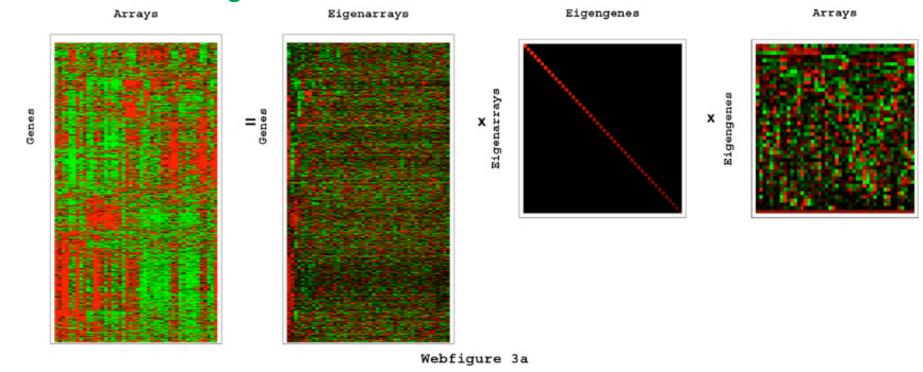
- Nielsen et al.¹ studied tumors in six types of tissue.
- 41 tissue samples and 46 microarray slides
- They switched microarray platforms in the middle of the experiment:
 - The first 26 slides have 22,654 spots (22K).
 - The next 20 slides have 42,611 spots (42K) (mostly a superset).
 - Five of the samples were done on both 22K and 42K platforms.
- 7425 spots were in common to both platforms, had good signal across all slides, and had sample variance above a certain threshold. So M is 7425×46 .

¹ Molecular characterisation of soft tissue tumours: a gene expression study, Lancet (2002) 359: 1301–1307.

SVD in microarrays

• The compact form M = USV' is shown below. They call the columns of U "eigenarrays" and the columns of V (rows of V') "eigengenes."

Color scale: Negative 0 Positive



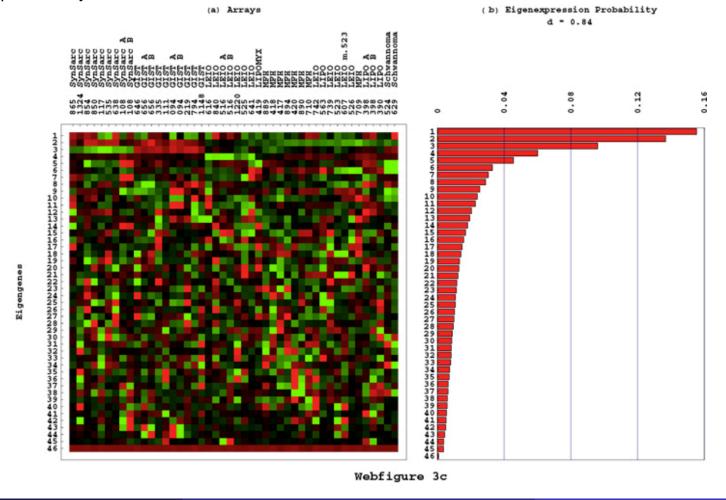
Nielsen et al., supplementary material.

http://genome-www.stanford.edu/sarcoma/Supplemental_data.shtml

SVD in microarrays

Sample covariance matrix: C = MM'/45 = USS'U'/45Sample variance of *i*th component: $s_i^2/45$. Total sample variance: $(s_1^2 + \cdots + s_{46}^2)/45$.

Here is V' and the explained fractions $s_i^2/(s_1^2+\cdots+s_{46}^2)$ Nielsen et al., supplementary material.

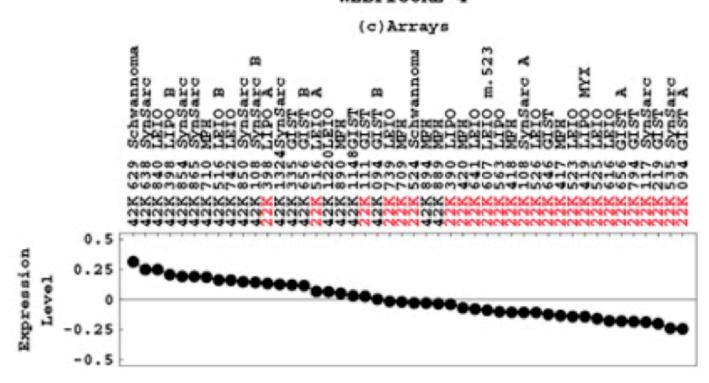


"Expression level" of eigengenes

- The expression level of gene i on array j is M_{ij} .
- Interpretation of change of basis S = U'MV: the *i*th eigenarray only detects the *i*th eigengene, and has 0 response to other eigengenes.
- Interpretation of $V' = U'MS^{-1}$: The "expression level" of eigengene i on array j is $(V')_{ij} = V_{ji}$.
- Let \vec{m} represent a new array (e.g., a column vector of expression levels in each gene). The expression level of eigengene i is $(U'\vec{m})_i/s_i$.

Platform bias

- They re-ordered the arrays according to the expression level V_{j1} in the first eigengene (largest eigenvalue).
- The 42K arrays tend to have positive expression level and the 22K arrays tend to have negative expression level.



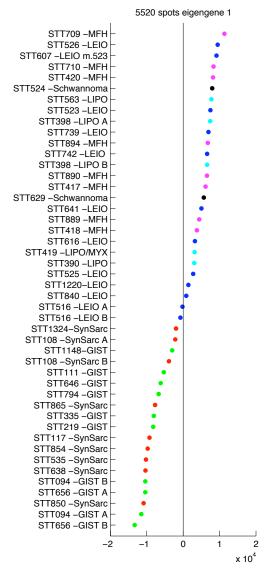
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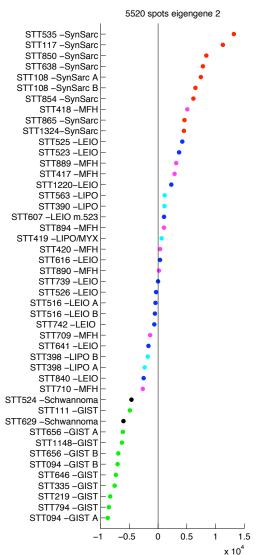
Removing 22K vs. 42K array bias

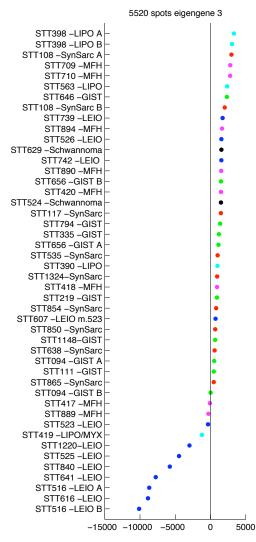
- Let \widetilde{S} be S with the (1,1) entry replaced by 0.
- Let $\widetilde{M} = U\widetilde{S}V'$.
- This reduces the signal and variance in many spots. After removing weak spots, they cut down to 5520 spots, giving a 5520 × 46 data matrix.

Classification — Eigengenes — 1D

For the 5520×46 matrix, the expression levels of the top three eigengenes can be used to classify some of the tumor types.







Classification — Eigengenes — 2D

 $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ help distinguish between tumor types

