# Data visualization

Dimension Reduction - Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

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### Motivation

- Nominal (observed ) dimensionality = number of measurements for each observation
- Intrinsic (true) dimensionality = dimension of the space actually covered by the observations (number of dimensions needed to describe an observation)



• Nominal dimensionality of a set is higher or equal to the intrinsic dimensionality → finding a projection from the nominal space to the intrinsic space

## Nominal vs intrinsic dimensionality in real data

- Patients observations
  - Number of operations
  - Insurance company costs
  - Blood preassure
  - Wake-up time
  - Number of days spent in hospital



### Principal components analysis

- PCA is a nonparametric **tool** for **extracting relevant information** from (usually highly dimensional data) data
- Goal of PCA is to find the linear subspace in which the data reside
  - The subspace should fit the data as best as possible
  - E.g., cloud of points along a diagonal is a linear subspace of a 2D space



# Application domains

#### • Machine learning

• Dimension reduction pre-step

#### • Visualization

- Objects represented by many descriptors
- PCA helps to find structure among objects which could not be visualized otherwise

#### • Compression

- Representation of objects only by their coordinates in the respective subspace
- E.g. in the eigenfaces (see later), each face can be reasonable approximated by only 10 coordinates

# Linear algebra review

Matrices, norm, trace, eigendecomposition, spectral decomposition, SVD

• Variance measures the spread of data in a dataset from the mean

$$var(X) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \overline{X})^2}{n}$$

• **Covariance** measures how each of the dimensions varies from the mean with respect to each other

$$cov(X,Y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \overline{X})(Y_i - \overline{Y})}{n}$$

### Variance, covariance (2)

- **Positive** covariance of two dimensions indicates that they change together (number of hours spent studying grade)
- **Negative** covariance indicates that change in one dimension causes inverse change in the other (number of hours spent in a pub balance of your bank account)
- Covariance matrix is a matrix of all pairwise covariences, e.g., for 3 dimensions X, Y, Z:

$$\begin{pmatrix} cov(X,X) & cov(X,Y) & cov(X,Z) \\ cov(Y,X) & cov(Y,Y) & cov(Y,Z) \\ cov(Z,X) & cov(Z,Y) & cov(Z,Z) \end{pmatrix}$$

## PCA formulation (1)

If we project the data onto this line, we lose as little information as possible = we keep as much variance as possible.

- Let us have a random variable (observations)  $x^T = (x_1, ..., x_p)$  with mean  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$
- First PC is the linear combination  $y_1 = a_1^T x = \sum_{i=1}^p a_{1i} x_i$

where  $a_1$  is chosen such that  $var(y_1)$  is maximum subject to  $a_1^T a_1 = 1$  (normalization constraint)



PCA formulation (2)

• Second PC is the linear combination

$$y_2 = a_2^T x = \sum_{i=1}^p a_{2i} x_i$$



where  $a_k$  is chosen to maximize  $var(y_2)$ subject to  $a_2^T a_2 = 1$  and  $cov(y_1, y_2) = 0$ 

### PCA formulation (3)

• Generally, k-th PC is the linear combination

$$y_k = a_k^T x = \sum_{i=1}^p a_k x_i$$

where  $a_k$  is chosen such that  $var(y_k)$  is maximum subject to  $a_k^T a_k = 1$  and  $\forall l, l < k$ :  $cov(y_k, y_l) = 0$ 

## Searching for the first PC (1)

- Assumption that the data are normalized, i.e., the mean is subtracted
- Find a **1D** subspace so that the observations have maximum spread in it → maximizing variance

$$\boldsymbol{var}(\boldsymbol{y_1}) = \boldsymbol{var}(\boldsymbol{a_1^T}\boldsymbol{X}) = E[(\boldsymbol{a_1^T}\boldsymbol{X} - E[\boldsymbol{a_1^T}\boldsymbol{X}])(\boldsymbol{a_1^T}\boldsymbol{X} - E[\boldsymbol{a_1^T}\boldsymbol{X}])^T]$$
  
=  $E[(\boldsymbol{a_1^T}\boldsymbol{X})(\boldsymbol{a_1^T}\boldsymbol{X})^T] = E[\boldsymbol{a_1^T}\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{X^T}\boldsymbol{a_1}] = E[\boldsymbol{a_1^T}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{a_1}] = \boldsymbol{a_1^T}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{a_1}$ 

• The goal is to maximize variance given  $a_1^T a_1 = 1 \rightarrow \text{Lagrange}$ multipliers

### Lagrange multipliers



source: Andrew Chamberlain (The Idea Shop)

• Maximize f(x, y) subject to  $g(x, y) = c \rightarrow$  introduction of a new variable -Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda (\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \rightarrow \nabla f - \lambda \nabla g = 0)$ ge multiplier  $\lambda(v) = \lambda v g$ ,  $\lambda(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) + \lambda(g(x, y) - c) \rightarrow \frac{\Delta \Lambda(x, y, \lambda)}{\Delta x, y, \lambda} = 0$ Lagrangiar 14

### Searching for the first PC (2)

• Transcription into the Lagrangian form

$$\Lambda(a_1,\lambda) = a_1^T \Sigma a_1 - \lambda(a_1^T a_1 - 1)$$

• Now we need to differentiate the Lagrangian

$$\frac{\partial \Lambda(a_1, \lambda)}{\partial a_1} = \frac{\partial \Lambda(a_1, \lambda)}{\partial \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ \dots \\ a_{1k} \end{bmatrix}} = 2\Sigma a_1 - 2\lambda a_1 = 0$$

Searching for the first PC (3)

$$2\Sigma a_1 - 2\lambda a_1 = 0$$

• This leads to the eigenproblem  $\Sigma a_1 = \lambda a_1 \rightarrow a_1$  is an eigenvector of  $\Sigma$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ 

$$var(y_1) = var(a_1^T X) = a_1^T \Sigma a_1 = \lambda a_1^T a_1 = \lambda$$

• Suppose that  $\lambda_1 \ge \lambda_2 \ge \cdots \ge \lambda_p \rightarrow$  to maximize  $var(y_1)$  we must choose  $\lambda = \lambda_1$ 

### Searching for the next PCs

• The principle is similar, but due to the uncorrelation requirement we must extend the constraint with

$$0 = cov(y_1, y_2) = cov(a_1^T x, a_2^T x) = a_1^T \Sigma a_2 = a_2^T \Sigma a_1 = a_2^T \lambda a_1 = \lambda a_2^T a_1$$

• Leading to a modified Lagrangian

$$\Lambda(a_{2},\lambda,\kappa) = a_{2}^{T}\Sigma a_{2} - \lambda(a_{2}^{T}a_{2} - 1) - \kappa(a_{2}^{T}a_{1}) \\ \left(a_{2}^{T}\Sigma a_{2} - \lambda(a_{2}^{T}a_{2} - 1) - \kappa(a_{2}^{T}a_{1})\right) \frac{d}{da_{2}} = 0 \\ \Sigma a_{2} - \lambda a_{2} - \kappa a_{1} = 0 \\ a_{1}^{T}\Sigma a_{2} - \lambda a_{1}^{T}a_{2} - \kappa a_{1}^{T}a_{1} = 0 \\ 0 - 0 - \kappa = 0$$

$$\Sigma a_2 - \lambda a_2 = 0$$
  

$$\Sigma a_2 = \lambda a_2 \Rightarrow \lambda = \lambda_2$$

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### PCA transformation

- Thus, the coefficients of the linear combination which transform the observations onto the PCs are formed by eigenvalues of the covariance matrix
- Let A contain the eigenvectors  $a_i$  as its columns and let x be a pdimensional vector representing an observation, then

$$y = A^T (x - \mu)$$

#### Variance

- PCs are components of variance explaining the total variation in the data
  - The sum of variances of the original variables var(X) and of the PCs var(Y) = var(AX) are the same

$$\Sigma = A\Lambda A^{T}$$
  
$$tr(\Sigma) = tr(A\Lambda A^{T}) = tr(\Lambda A^{T}A) = tr(\Lambda)$$

• Therefore

$$\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_p}$$

can be interpreted as the total variation in the original data explained by the i-th principal component

## Scores and loadings

#### • Scores

- Transformed variable values corresponding to a particular observation
  - Original data multiplied by the loadings
- Geometrically, scores are the **coordinates** of each observation with respect to the **new axis**

#### • Loadings

- Weight by which each standardized original variable should be multiplied to get the component score → separate loadings for each component
- Expresses which variables have high **loading** in which PCs
  - Loadings close to zero indicate which variables do not contribute much to given component
- Extent to which given variable is correlated with given component

#### Scale invariance

- PCA is NOT scale invariant → variance in consistently large variable will dominate the spectrum of eigenvalues → variables should be of comparable scale
  - E.g., if height of a person was expressed in nanometers, the first PC would probably be identical with the height dimensions (highest variance)
- Often the variables are divided by the square root of its variance → correlation matrix instead of covariance matrix

$$cor(X,Y) = \frac{cov(X,Y)}{\sqrt{cov(X,X)cov(Y,Y)}}$$

### Iris dataset



- One of the <u>R datasets</u>
- The measurements in centimeters of the variables sepal length and width and petal length and width, respectively, for 50 flowers from each of 3 species of iris  $\rightarrow n = 150$ , p = 4



### PCA in R

Petal.Width

0.5648565 -0.06694199 -0.6342727

• The most common ways to conduct PCA in R is promp (stats), princomp (stats) or PCA (FactoMineR)

```
data(iris)
              ir.descriptors <- iris[, 1:4]</pre>
              ir.species <- iris[, 5]</pre>
              ir.pca <- prcomp(ir. descriptors, center = TRUE, scale. = TRUE)</pre>
           print(ir.pca)
                                                                      summary(ir.pca)
Standard deviations:
                                                             Importance of components:
[1] 1.7083611 0.9560494 0.3830886 0.1439265
                                                                                      PC1
                                                                                            PC2
                                                                                                    PC3
                                                                                                           PC4
                                                             Standard deviation
                                                                                   1.7084 0.9560 0.38309 0.14393
Rotation:
                                                             Proportion of Variance 0.7296 0.2285 0.03669 0.00518
                  PC1
                              PC2
                                                   PC4
                                        PC3
                                                             Cumulative Proportion 0.7296 0.9581 0.99482 1.00000
Sepal.Length 0.5210659 -0.37741762 0.7195664 0.2612863
Sepal.Width
            -0.2693474 -0.92329566 -0.2443818 -0.1235096
Petal.Length 0.5804131 -0.02449161 -0.1421264 -0.8014492
```

0.5235971

## Scree plot

- Display of variance of each of the component
- Plot of magnitudes of eigenvalues
- Gives impression of the intrinsic dimensionality



## Score plot

• Closeness in the score plot indicates similar "behavior" between samples



ir.pca\$x

pairs(ir.pca\$x, col=ir.species)



## Loadings plot

#### • Closeness in the score plot indicates similar "behavior" between variables





--- setosa --- versicolor --- virginica



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c("versicolor","virginica","setosa"))), size=7)

PC1



## PCA on grayscale images

- <u>Dataset</u> of 96x96 grayscale images
- PCA allows to compress images by representing the original pixels by few linear combinations (scores)
  - 1. Convert each image into a 9216-long (96x96) vector of numbers (0-255) → each image is a point in a 9216-dimensional space
  - 2. Run PCA on the 9216-dimensional objects
  - 3. Take first k PCs (first k columns of the matrix  $A \rightarrow A_k$ ) so that enough variability is captured
  - 4. Convert each object x into the new k-dimensional space using  $A_k x$



#### Principal components





Approximations



#### Literature

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