

ECE544NA: PCA, python + numpy + TensorFlow tutorial



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- 1 Given a dataset of $\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_N\}$, where $\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$. We hope to reduce the dimension of the data to $m < d$, using linear transformations.
- 2 Let $\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_d\}$ be a set of orthonormal vectors, then without loss of generality, we can write, each \vec{x}_i as

$$\vec{x}_i = \sum_{j=1}^d z_{ji} \vec{u}_j \quad (1)$$

- 3 Recall that the definition of orthonormal vectors,

$$\vec{u}_j^\top \vec{u}_l = \delta_{jl} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\delta_{jl} = \begin{cases} 0, & j \neq l \\ 1, & j = l \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

- 1 Given a \vec{x}_i , we can solve for $z_{ji} = \vec{u}_j^T \vec{x}_i$
- 2 We wish to reduce the dimension of the data to $m < d$, meaning we only use m coefficients z_j , and the remaining $d - m$ coefficients will be replaced with constants b_j , then the reduced dimension vector $\hat{\vec{x}}_i$ can be written as:

$$\hat{\vec{x}}_i = \sum_{j=1}^M z_{ji} \vec{u}_j + \sum_{j=m+1}^d b_j \vec{u}_j \quad (4)$$

- 3 Next, we will find the best approximation in the least squares sense. Meaning we minimize the following,

$$L_m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \|\vec{x}_i - \hat{\vec{x}}_i\|^2 \quad (5)$$

- 1 Expand using Equation (4) and orthonormality Equation (2)

$$L_m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \|\vec{x}_i - \hat{\vec{x}}_i\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=m+1}^d (z_{ji} - b_j)^2 \quad (6)$$

- 2 Set the derivative of L_m with respect to b_j to zero, then

$$b_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N z_{ji} = \vec{u}_j^T \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{x}_i \right) = \vec{u}_j^T \vec{\bar{x}} \quad (7)$$

- 3 Substitute b_j back in to Equation (5)

$$L_m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=m+1}^d (\vec{u}_j^T (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\bar{x}}))^2 \quad (8)$$

- 1 Some rewriting:

$$L_m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=m+1}^d (\vec{u}_j^\top (\vec{x}_i - \bar{\vec{x}}))^2 \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=m+1}^d \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{u}_j^\top (\vec{x}_i - \bar{\vec{x}})) (\vec{u}_j^\top (\vec{x}_i - \bar{\vec{x}}))^\top \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=m+1}^d \vec{u}_j^\top \left(\sum_{i=1}^N ((\vec{x}_i - \bar{\vec{x}})) ((\vec{x}_i - \bar{\vec{x}}))^\top \right) \vec{u}_j \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=m+1}^d \vec{u}_j^\top \Sigma \vec{u}_j \quad (12)$$

- ① Lastly, we will need to find the set of \vec{u}_j that minimize L_m . Minimum occurs when the basis satisfy,

$$\Sigma \vec{u}_j = \lambda_j \vec{u}_j \quad (13)$$

, where $\Sigma = \sum_{i=1}^N ((\vec{x}_i - \bar{\vec{x}}))((\vec{x}_i - \bar{\vec{x}}))^T$ is the covariance matrix of the data set $\{\vec{x}_i\}$.

- ② Using the Equation (13) and L_m in Equation (12). The minimum is at

$$L_m = \sum_{j=m+1}^d \vec{u}_j^T \Sigma \vec{u}_j = \sum_{j=m+1}^d \vec{u}_j^T \lambda_j \vec{u}_j = \sum_{j=m+1}^d \lambda_j \quad (14)$$

- ③ Therefore, to minimize the L_m , we should remove dimension where \vec{u}_j has the smallest λ_j .

- 1 Let $X = [\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_N]$
- 2 Compute $\bar{\vec{x}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{x}_i$
- 3 Compute $\Sigma = (X - \bar{\vec{x}})(X - \bar{\vec{x}})^\top$
- 4 Compute Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues of Σ , keep the m dimensions with the largest Eigenvalues.
- 5 Lastly, to project examples on to the lower dimensional space, $\vec{z} = U^\top X$, where $U = [\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_m]$, and \vec{u}_j are the Eigenvectors.

- 1 PCA involves computing XX^T , X has the dimension of $d \times N$. When $d \gg N$, then compute Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors on $X^T X$ instead to save computation.
- 2 Claim: If \vec{v} is Eigenvector of $X^T X$, then $\vec{u} = X\vec{v}$ is the Eigenvector of XX^T .
- 3 Proof:

$$X^T X \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v} \quad (15)$$

$$X(X^T X \vec{v}) = X(\lambda \vec{v}) \quad (16)$$

$$(XX^T)(X\vec{v}) = \lambda(X\vec{v}) \quad (17)$$

$$(XX^T)(\vec{u}) = \lambda(\vec{u}) \quad (18)$$

Ipython Notebook will be posted on the website.