# Methods for sparse analysis of high-dimensional data, II

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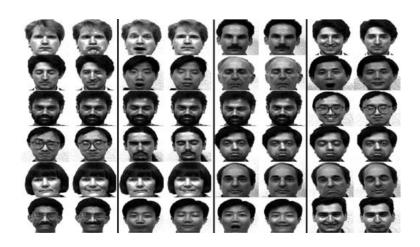
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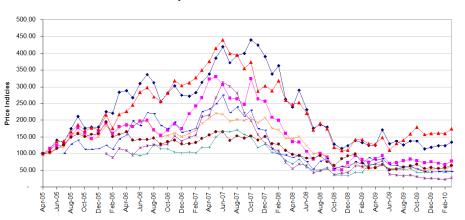
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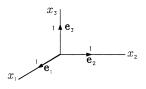
Chart 1: Monthly Stock Price Movements Over 5-Yr Period



We need to recall some ...

- Euclidean geometry
- Statistics
- Linear algebra

# **Euclidean Geometry**





- An element of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is written  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$
- $\blacksquare$   $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector space:

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, ..., x_n + y_n)$$

$$ax = (ax_1, ax_2, ..., ax_n)$$

**x** = 
$$(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \mathbf{e}_j$$
 where

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0, ..., 0), \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1, ..., 0), ...$$
  
 $\mathbf{e}_n = (0, 0, ..., 1)$ 

are the standard basis vectors.



■ The inner product between **x** and **y** is:

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + ... + x_n y_n = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j y_j$$

- $\|\mathbf{x}\| := \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle^{1/2} = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + ... + x_n^2)^{1/2}$  is the Euclidean length of  $\mathbf{x}$ . It is a norm:
  - $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} = 0$ .

  - triangle inequality:  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \le \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$
- **x** and **y** are orthogonal (perpendicular) if and only if  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$

# **Statistics**



$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- Sample mean:  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_j$
- Standard deviation:

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} (x_j - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}} \rangle}$$

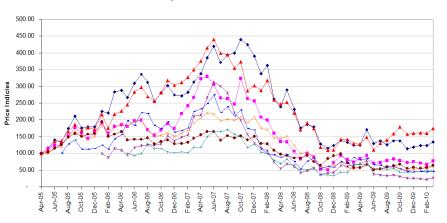


- Variance:  $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \langle \mathbf{x} \overline{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x} \overline{\mathbf{x}} \rangle = \frac{1}{n-1} \|\mathbf{x} \overline{\mathbf{x}}\|^2$
- Suppose we have p data vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\}$ 
  - Covariance:  $Cov(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_k) = \frac{1}{n-1} \langle \mathbf{x}_j \overline{\mathbf{x}}_j, \mathbf{x}_k \overline{\mathbf{x}}_k \rangle$
  - **Covariance matrix** for 3 data vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\}$ :

$$\mathcal{C} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} cov(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1) & cov(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) & cov(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_3) \\ cov(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1) & cov(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_2) & cov(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) \\ cov(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_1) & cov(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_2) & cov(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_3) \end{array} \right)$$

Covariance matrix for p data vectors has p columns and p rows

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What does the covariance matrix look like?

# Linear Algebra

#### Eigenvectors

Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $p \times p$  matrix. If  $\mathcal{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$ , then we say  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathcal{A}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

Are these eigenvectors?

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

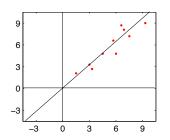
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If  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathcal{A}$  with eigenvector  $\lambda$ , then  $\alpha \mathbf{v}$  is also an eigenvector of  $\mathcal{A}$  with eigenvector  $\lambda$ . We will always use the normalized eigenvector  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 1$ .

- Any real-valued and symmetric matrix C has n eigenvectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  which form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (a.k.a. rotated coordinate view).
- Any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be expressed in this basis via  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{j=1}^n \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle \mathbf{v}_j$ .
- $\mathbf{v}$   $\mathcal{C}\mathbf{x} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_{j} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}_{j} \rangle \mathbf{v}_{j}$
- $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{P}\mathcal{D}\mathcal{P}^{-1}$  is diagonalizable:

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} --- & \mathbf{v}_1 & --- \\ --- & \mathbf{v}_2 & --- \\ \vdots & & \\ --- & \mathbf{v}_n & --- \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

### Example



$$\mathbf{x} = (7.5, 1.5, 6.6, 5.7, 9.3, 6.9, 6, 3, 4.5, 3.3),$$
  
 $\mathbf{y} = (7.2, 2.1, 8.7, 6.6, 9, 8.1, 4.8, 3.3, 4.8, 2.7)$ 

$$cov(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{n-1} \langle \mathbf{x} - \overline{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{y} - \overline{\mathbf{y}} \rangle,$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} cov(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) & cov(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\ cov(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) & cov(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5.549 & 5.539 \\ 5.539 & 6.449 \end{pmatrix}$$

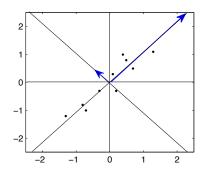


Figure:  $\mathbf{x} - \overline{\mathbf{x}}$  vs.  $\mathbf{y} - \overline{\mathbf{y}}$ 

Eigenvectors / values for C:

• 
$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \left(\begin{array}{c} .6780 \\ .7352 \end{array}\right), \lambda_1 = 11.5562$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -.7352 \\ .6780 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = .4418$$

- $\mathbf{v}_1$  the first principal component of the data  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  the second 'principal component', and so-on ...
- Prove:  $\mathbf{v_1}$  is in the direction of the 'least squares fit' to the centered data  $(x_i \bar{x}, y_i \bar{y}), j = 1, 2, ..., n$ .

#### Principal component analysis

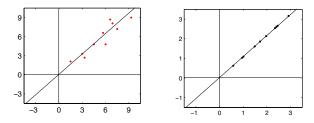


Figure: Original data and projection onto first principal component

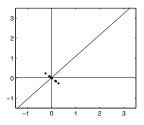
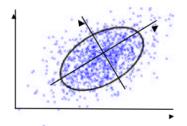


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"Best fit ellipsoid" to the data

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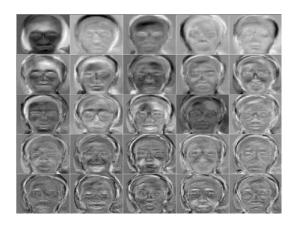
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#### Eigenfaces



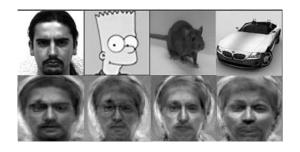
The first few principal components (a.k.a. eigenvectors of the covariance matrix) for a database of many faces. Different components accentuate different facial characteristics

#### Eigenfaces



Top left face is projection of bottom right face onto its first principal component. Each new image from left to right corresponds to using 8 additional principal components for reconstruction

## Eigenfaces



The projections of non-face images onto first few principal components

# Fast principal component analysis

#### Randomized principal component analysis

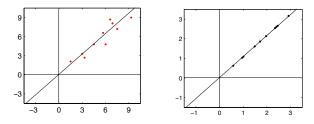


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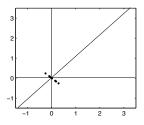


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- Problem: unstable for computing subsequent eigenvalues

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  - Importance: Using a 'FFT'-based random matrix in place of G, this algorithm takes  $O(n^2 \log(k))$  'flops' to compute k eigenvalues / eigenvectors (Compare to standard  $O(n^2k)$  flops)

#### Randomized Algorithm for PCA

**THEOREM:** With high probability,  $\|A - QQ^TA\| \leq (nk)^{\frac{1}{2q}} \lambda_{k+1}$ 

Why does  $\|A - QQ^TA\| \approx \varepsilon$  give us eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A?

- Form  $\mathcal{B} = Q^T \mathcal{A} Q$ .
- Diagonalize  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $\mathcal{B} = V \Lambda V^{-1}$
- Form U = QV. Then

$$\|A - U\Lambda U^T\| = \|A - QV\Lambda V^{-1}Q^T\|$$

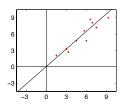
$$= \|A - QQ^TAQQ^T\|$$

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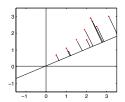
$$\leq \varepsilon + \|QQ^T\|\varepsilon$$

$$= 2\varepsilon$$

# Reducing dimensionality using random projections



Principal components:
Directions of projection are data-dependent



Random projections:
Directions of projection are
independent of the data

Two situations where we use random projections::

- Data is so high-dimensional that it is too expensive to compute principal components directly
- You do not access to all the data at once, as in data streaming

## Data streaming



- Massive amounts of data arrives in small time increments
- Often past data cannot be accumulated and stored, or when they can, access is expensive.

# Data streaming

**x** =  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$  at time  $(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n)$ 

Summary statistics that can be computed in one pass:

- Mean value:  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_j$
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Now we want to compare  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \dots, \tilde{x}_n)$ .

■ The correlation  $\langle \mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \bar{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \rangle / \sigma(\mathbf{x}) \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$  is used to assess risk of stock  $\mathbf{x}$  against market  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ 

## Approach: introduce randomness

Consider  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$  and vector  $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, ..., \varphi_n)$  of (i.i.d.) unit normal Gaussian random variables:

$$arphi_j \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1), \qquad \quad \mathbb{P}ig(arphi_j \geq xig) = \int_x^\infty rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} dt$$

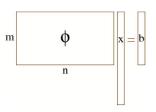
Consider

$$b = \langle \varphi, \mathbf{x} \rangle - \langle \varphi, \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \rangle$$

$$= (\varphi_1 x_1 + \varphi_2 x_2 + \dots + \varphi_n x_n) - (\varphi_1 \tilde{x}_1 + \varphi_2 \tilde{x}_2 + \dots + \varphi_n \tilde{x}_n)$$

$$= \langle \varphi, \mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \rangle$$

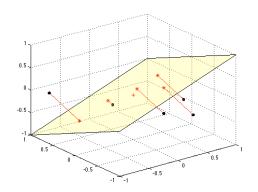
■ Claim:  $\mathbb{E}b^2 = \|\mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}\|^2$ 



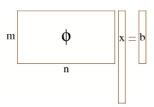
■ More generally, for an  $m \times N$  matrix  $\Phi$  with i.i.d. Gaussian entries  $\varphi_{i,j} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$ 

$$\mathbb{E}(\|b\|^2) = \mathbb{E}(\|\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\Phi(\mathbf{x})\|^2) = \frac{1}{m}\mathbb{E}(\sum_{i=1}^m \langle \varphi_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle^2) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2$$

## Geometric intuition



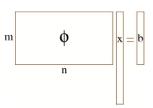
- The linear map  $\mathbf{x} \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \Phi \mathbf{x}$  is similar to a random projection onto an m-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- most projections preserve geometry, but not all.



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■ For a fixed  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

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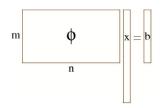
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■ For p vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, ..., \mathbf{x}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ 

$$\mathbb{P}\Big(\exists \mathbf{x}_j: \|\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\Phi(\mathbf{x}_j)\|^2 \geq (1+\varepsilon)\|\mathbf{x}_j\|^2\Big) \leq \exp\Big(\log p - \frac{m}{4}\varepsilon^2\Big)$$

How small can m be such that this probability is still small?

# Distance preservation of random matrices



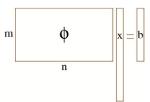
## Theorem (Distance preservation)

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Then with probability greater than  $1 - \eta$ ,

For any fixed 
$$\mathbf{x}: \quad \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\|\Phi\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2\right| \ge \varepsilon \|\mathbf{x}\|^2\right) \le 2e^{-c_\varepsilon' m}$$

for all j and k.



### Corollary (Angle preservation)

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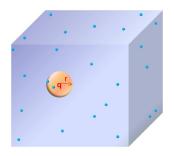
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$$\left\|\frac{1}{m}\left\langle \Phi \mathbf{x}_{j}, \Phi \mathbf{x}_{k} \right\rangle - \left\langle \mathbf{x}_{j}, \mathbf{x}_{k} \right\rangle \right\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} (\|\mathbf{x}_{j}\|^{2} + \|\mathbf{x}_{k}\|^{2})$$

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## **Applications**





Similarity searching ...

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$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}_j \in S} \|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2$$
$$= \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}_j \in S} \sum_{k=1}^{N} (q(k) - x_j(k))^2$$

- **Computational cost** (number of 'flops') per search: O(Np)
- Computational cost of m searches: O(Nmp).
- **Curse of dimensionality**: If N and p are large, this is a lot of flops!

## The $\varepsilon$ -approximate nearest-neighbors problem

■ Given a tolerance  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and a point  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , return a point  $\mathbf{x}_{\varepsilon}^*$  from the set  $S = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\}$  which is an  $\varepsilon$ -approximate nearest neighbor to  $\mathbf{q}$ :

$$\|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}_{\varepsilon}^*\| \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}^*\|$$

This problem can be solved using random projections:

- Let  $\Phi$  be an  $m \times N$  Gaussian random matrix, where  $m = 10\varepsilon^{-2} \log p$ .
- Compute  $\mathbf{r} = \Phi \mathbf{q}$ . For all j = 1, ..., p, compute  $\mathbf{x}_j \to \mathbf{u}_j = \Phi \mathbf{x}_j$ . Computational cost:  $O(Np \log(p))$ .
- Compute  $\mathbf{x}_{\varepsilon}^* = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}_j \in S} \|\mathbf{r} \mathbf{u}_j\|$ . Computational cost: of m searches:  $O(pm \log(p + m))$ .

Total computation cost:  $O((N+m)p\log(p+m)) << O(Np^2)$ !



Random projections and sparse recovery

### Theorem (Subspace-preservation)

Suppose that  $\Phi$  is an  $m \times n$  random matrix with the distance-preservation property:

For any fixed 
$$\mathbf{x}$$
:  $\mathbb{P}(\|\Phi\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2) \ge \varepsilon \|\mathbf{x}\|^2) \le 2e^{-c_\varepsilon m}$ 

Let  $k \leq c_{\varepsilon}m$  and let  $T_k$  be a k-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

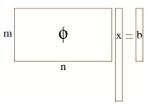
$$\mathbb{P}\Big(For \ all \ \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{T}_k: \qquad (1-\varepsilon)\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \le \|\Phi\mathbf{x}\|^2 \le (1+\varepsilon)\|\mathbf{x}\|^2\Big) \ge 1 - e^{-c_\varepsilon' m}$$

Outline of proof:

- $\blacksquare$  A  $\varepsilon$ -cover and the Vitali covering lemma
- Continuity argument

# Sparse recovery and RIP





Restricted Isometry Property of order k:  $\Phi$  has the RIP of order k if

$$.8\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \le \|\Phi\mathbf{x}\|^2 \le 1.2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2$$

for all k-sparse vectors  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

### Theorem

If  $\Phi$  has RIP of order k, then for all k-sparse vectors  $\boldsymbol{x}$  such that  $\Phi\boldsymbol{x}=\boldsymbol{b},$ 

$$\mathbf{x} = \arg\min \Big\{ \sum_{i=1}^{N} |z(j)| : \Phi \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n} \Big\}$$

## Theorem (Distance-preservation implies RIP)

Suppose that  $\Phi$  is an  $m \times N$  random matrix with the subspace-preservation property:

$$\mathbb{P}\Big(\exists \mathbf{x} \in T_k: \quad (1-\varepsilon)\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \leq \|\Phi\mathbf{x}\|^2 \leq (1+\varepsilon)\|\mathbf{x}\|^2\Big) \leq e^{-c_\varepsilon' m}$$

Then with probability greater than .99,

$$(1-\varepsilon)\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \le \|\Phi\mathbf{x}\|^2 \le (1+\varepsilon)\|\mathbf{x}\|^2$$

for all **x** of sparsity level  $k \leq c_{\varepsilon} m / \log(N)$ .

### Outline of proof:

- Bound for a fixed subspace  $T_k$ .
- Union bound over all  $\binom{N}{k} \leq N^k$  subspaces of k-sparse vectors