

Properties of K_x

- 1) real entries
 - 2) symmetric
- } by definition

eigenvalues, eigenvectors of $K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

$\vec{v} \neq 0$ $K\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$, the (λ, \vec{v}) are called
an (eigenvalue, eigenvector)
pair for K .

$$(K - \lambda I)\vec{v} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(K - \lambda I) = 0$$

↪ polynomial of degree n is λ called characteristic polynomial.

⇒ the n roots of this polynomial will be the eigenvalues of K .

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0 \quad \lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

In general, the roots of the characteristic polynomial, i.e. the eigenvalues, can be real or complex. However, if K is symmetric (and real) then the n eigenvalues are real.

Facts from linear algebra:

If K is real & symmetric, then

1) it has n eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$
and n eigenvectors $\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2, \dots, \bar{q}_n$

2) $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are real

3) $\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2, \dots, \bar{q}_n$ can be chosen orthonormal, i.e. $\bar{q}_i^T \bar{q}_j = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$

Let $Q = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \bar{q}_1 & \bar{q}_2 & \dots & \bar{q}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$ $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

orthonormal
matrix

$$Q Q^T = Q^T Q = I$$

$$KQ = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \lambda_1 \bar{q}_1 & \lambda_2 \bar{q}_2 & \dots & \lambda_n \bar{q}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \bar{q}_1 & \bar{q}_2 & \dots & \bar{q}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = Q\Lambda$$

$$KQ = Q\Lambda \quad \underbrace{KQ Q^T}_I = Q\Lambda Q^T \Rightarrow K = Q\Lambda Q^T$$

\Rightarrow Fact: A real symmetric matrix can be factored into

$$K = Q\Lambda Q^T$$

with where

Λ is a diagonal

Q is an orthonormal matrix, i.e. $Q Q^T = Q^T Q = I$

(Spectral Decomposition)
Eigen Decomposition.

Assume \bar{X} is zero-mean. $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}] = 0$

and $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0$ are ordered.

$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(y_1) \geq \text{Var}(y_2) \geq \dots \geq \text{Var}(y_n) \geq 0$ are ordered.

If we want to have a simple (low-dimensional) approximation for \bar{X} , we can truncate the components with smaller variances.

$$\bar{X}_{\text{app}} = \sum_{i=1}^M y_i \bar{q}_i$$

What happens when we use another orthonormal basis, i.e. orthonormal matrix V s.t. $VV^T = V^T V = I$, to represent the vector X ?

$$\bar{Z} = V^T \bar{X}$$

$$K_{\bar{X}} = Q \Lambda Q^T$$

$$K_{\bar{Z}} = V^T K_X V$$

$$= \underbrace{V^T Q}_{\neq I} \Lambda \underbrace{Q^T V}_{\neq I}$$

\bar{Z} does not have uncorrelated components because $K_{\bar{Z}}$ is not diagonal in general.

$$\bar{X} = V^T \bar{Z}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \dots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} = z_1 \bar{v}_1 + z_2 \bar{v}_2 + \dots + z_n \bar{v}_n$$

not uncorrelated in general

$$\text{Var}(z_i) = (K_{\bar{Z}})_{ii}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(z_i) = \text{Trace}(K_{\bar{Z}}) = \text{Trace}(V^T K_X V) = \text{Trace}(K_X V V^T) = \text{Trace}(K_X)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(z_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(x_i)$$

Assume $\text{Var}(z_1) \geq \text{Var}(z_2) \geq \dots \geq \text{Var}(z_n) \geq 0$

What if we use $\bar{X}_{\text{app}} = \sum_{i=1}^m z_i \bar{v}_i$

$$\bar{e} = \bar{X} - \bar{X}_{\text{app}}$$

approximation error

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\bar{e}\|^2] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2\right]$$

Claim: $\mathbb{E}[\|\bar{e}\|^2] = \sum_{i=m+1}^n \text{Var}(z_i)$

Goal: In order to get the best possible m -dimensional representation for \bar{X} , choose V such that

$$\sum_{i=m+1}^n \text{Var}(z_i) \text{ is minimized.}$$

or equivalently $\sum_{i=1}^m \text{Var}(z_i)$ is maximized.

Claim: $\max_V \sum_{i=1}^m \text{Var}(z_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i$ where $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$

Conclusion: The KL expansion gives the best m -dimensional approximation for \bar{X} in terms of squared l_2 error.