

Lecture 10 Sample Problems

Problem 10.1

Suppose that a particular covariance matrix, $\Sigma = V\Lambda V^T$, has a trace equal to $D\sigma^2$, and eigenvalues given by

$$\lambda_d = D\sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n, \quad 1 \leq d \leq D-1$$

and $\lambda_D = \lambda_{D-1}$. Suppose that $D = 512$ dimensions.

The principal components are defined as

$$\vec{y} = [\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_M]^T (\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})$$

where $M < D$ is the number of principal components retained. What is the smallest value of M that will result in $E[\|\vec{y}\|^2] \geq 0.95D\sigma^2$?

Problem 10.2

What is the probability density function of the vector \vec{y} in problem 1?

Problem 10.3

Suppose that a particular covariance matrix, $\Sigma = V\Lambda V^T$, where $V = [\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_D]$, and the vectors \vec{v}_d are orthonormal. Suppose that the first M eigenvalues, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_M$ are all positive, but the remaining $D - M$ eigenvalues are all zero.

A matrix whose eigenvalues are all $\lambda_d \geq 0$ is called a “positive semi-definite matrix.” If some eigenvalues are zero, there is no matrix Σ^{-1} such that $\Sigma^{-1}\Sigma = I$. It’s possible, however, to define a pseudo-inverse Σ^\dagger that has some of the properties of an inverse, for example, $\Sigma^\dagger\Sigma = \sum_{m=1}^M \vec{v}_m \vec{v}_m^T$, and $\Sigma^\dagger\Sigma\Sigma^\dagger = \Sigma^\dagger$, and $\Sigma\Sigma^\dagger\Sigma = \Sigma$. With this definition, write the pseudo-inverse Σ^\dagger in terms of the nonzero eigenvalues λ_d and their corresponding eigenvectors \vec{v}_d .

Problem 10.4

Suppose you have a two-class classification problem, with D -dimensional observations given by

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_D \end{bmatrix}$$

The prior probabilities are given by the known parameter π_0 :

$$p_Y(0) = \pi_0, \quad p_Y(1) = 1 - \pi_0$$

Suppose that the actual underlying likelihood functions of the two classes have no spread at all. If vector \vec{x} is drawn from class $Y = 0$, then it ALWAYS has a value of $\vec{x} = \vec{\mu}_0$; if it is drawn from class $Y = 1$, then it ALWAYS has a value of $\vec{x}_n = \vec{\mu}_1$.

Define the global mean, covariance, and principal components to be

$$\vec{\mu} = E \left[\vec{X} \right], \quad \Sigma = E \left[\left(\vec{X} - \vec{\mu} \right) \left(\vec{X} - \vec{\mu} \right)^T \right], \quad \Sigma = V \Lambda V^T, \quad V^T V = I, \quad \Lambda \text{ diagonal}$$

Find $\vec{\mu}$, Σ , V and Λ in terms of the parameters π_0 , $\vec{\mu}_0$, and $\vec{\mu}_1$.