

Expectation Maximization

Machine Learning – CSE546

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E.M.: The General Case

- E.M. widely used beyond mixtures of Gaussians
 - The recipe is the same...
- Expectation Step: Fill in missing data, given current values of parameters, $\theta^{(t)}$
 - If variable z is missing (could be many variables)
 - Compute, for each data point \mathbf{x}^i , for each value i of z :
 - $P(z=i|\mathbf{x}^i, \theta^{(t)})$
- Maximization step: Find maximum likelihood parameters for (weighted) “completed data”:
 - For each data point \mathbf{x}^i , create k weighted data points
 -
 - Set $\theta^{(t+1)}$ as the maximum likelihood parameter estimate for this weighted data
- Repeat

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The general learning problem with missing data

- Marginal likelihood – \mathbf{x} is observed, \mathbf{z} is missing:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{\theta} \ell(\theta : \mathcal{D}) &= \log \prod_{j=1}^m P(\mathbf{x}_j | \theta) \quad \text{observed part} \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^m \log P(\mathbf{x}_j | \theta) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^m \log \sum_{\mathbf{z}^i} P(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{z}^i | \theta) \quad \text{latent}
 \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten notes:
 - A red arrow points from \max_{θ} to the first equation.
 - A red arrow points from \max_{θ} to the second equation.
 - A red arrow points from \max_{θ} to the third equation.
 - A red arrow points from \mathbf{z}^i to the word "latent".
 - A red arrow points from \mathbf{z}^i to the word "estimate \mathbf{z}^i ".
 - A large red arc connects the \max_{θ} in the first equation to the \max_{θ} in the third equation.

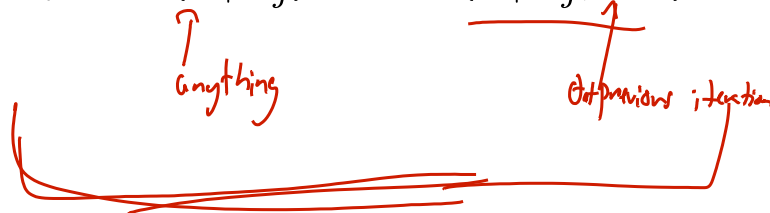
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E-step

- \mathbf{x} is observed, \mathbf{z} is missing
- Compute probability of missing data given current choice of $\theta^{(t)}$
 - $Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j)$ for each \mathbf{x}_j
 - e.g., probability computed during classification step
 - corresponds to "classification step" in K-means

$$Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z}^i | \mathbf{x}_j) = P(\mathbf{z}^i | \mathbf{x}_j, \theta^{(t)})$$



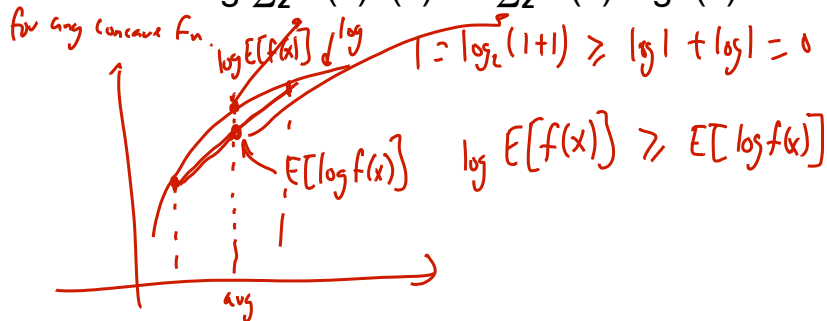
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Jensen's inequality

$$\ell(\theta : \mathcal{D}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \log \sum_{\mathbf{z}} P(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) P(\mathbf{x}_j | \theta)$$

■ **Theorem:** $\log \sum_{\mathbf{z}} P(\mathbf{z}) f(\mathbf{z}) \geq \sum_{\mathbf{z}} P(\mathbf{z}) \log f(\mathbf{z})$



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Applying Jensen's inequality $\log \frac{a}{b} = \log a - \log b$

■ Use: $\log \sum_{\mathbf{z}} P(\mathbf{z}) f(\mathbf{z}) \geq \sum_{\mathbf{z}} P(\mathbf{z}) \log f(\mathbf{z})$

complex, instead max a lower bound

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\theta} \ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) &= \sum_{j=1}^m \log \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \frac{P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta^{(t)})}{Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j)} \\ &\geq \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log \frac{P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta^{(t)})}{Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j)} \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta^{(t)})}_{\text{weighted max likelihood}} - \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j)}_{m H(Q^{(t+1)})} \end{aligned}$$

doesn't depend on θ

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The M-step maximizes lower bound on weighted data

- Lower bound from Jensen's:

$$\ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) \geq \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta^{(t)}) + m.H(Q^{(t+1)})$$

want max θ

doesn't depend on θ

focus on this first term in M-step

- Corresponds to weighted dataset:

- $\langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{z}=1 \rangle$ with weight $Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z}=1 | \mathbf{x}_1)$ *0.3*
- $\langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{z}=2 \rangle$ with weight $Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z}=2 | \mathbf{x}_1)$ *0.6*
- $\langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{z}=3 \rangle$ with weight $Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z}=3 | \mathbf{x}_1)$ *0.1*
- $\langle \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{z}=1 \rangle$ with weight $Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z}=1 | \mathbf{x}_2)$ *:*
- $\langle \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{z}=2 \rangle$ with weight $Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z}=2 | \mathbf{x}_2)$ *:*
- $\langle \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{z}=3 \rangle$ with weight $Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z}=3 | \mathbf{x}_2)$ *:*
- ...

The M-step

$$\ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) \geq \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta^{(t)}) + m.H(Q^{(t+1)})$$

- Maximization step:

$$\theta^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta)$$

fixed choice of Q

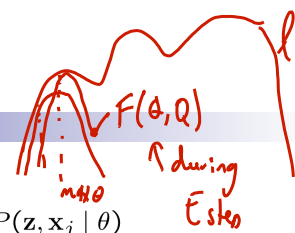
- Use expected counts instead of counts:

- If learning requires $\text{Count}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$
- Use $E_{Q^{(t+1)}}[\text{Count}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})]$

Convergence of EM

- Define potential function $F(\theta, Q)$:

$$\ell(\theta : \mathcal{D}) \geq F(\theta, Q) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log \frac{P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta)}{Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j)}$$



- EM corresponds to coordinate ascent on F

- Thus, maximizes lower bound on marginal log likelihood
 - We saw that M-step corresponds to fixing Q , max θ
 - E-step fix θ and max Q
- ↑ same kind of analysis

coord
ascent

M-step is easy

$$\theta^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta)$$

- Using potential function

$$F(\theta, Q^{(t+1)}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta) + m.H(Q^{(t+1)})$$

E-step also doesn't decrease potential function 1

- Fixing θ to $\theta^{(t)}$:

$$\ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) \geq F(\theta^{(t)}, Q) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log \frac{P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta^{(t)})}{Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j)}$$

KL-divergence

- Measures distance between distributions

$$KL(Q||P) = \sum_z Q(z) \log \frac{Q(z)}{P(z)}$$

- KL=zero if and only if Q=P

E-step also doesn't decrease potential function 2

- Fixing θ to $\theta^{(t)}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) \geq F(\theta^{(t)}, Q) &= \ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) + \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log \frac{P(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j, \theta^{(t)})}{Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j)} \\ &= \ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) - \sum_{j=1}^m KL(Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) || P(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j, \theta^{(t)}))\end{aligned}$$

E-step also doesn't decrease potential function 3

$$\ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) \geq F(\theta^{(t)}, Q) = \ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) - m \sum_{j=1}^m KL(Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) || P(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j, \theta^{(t)}))$$

- Fixing θ to $\theta^{(t)}$
- Maximizing $F(\theta^{(t)}, Q)$ over $Q \rightarrow$ set Q to posterior probability:

$$Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \leftarrow P(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j, \theta^{(t)})$$

- Note that

$$F(\theta^{(t)}, Q^{(t+1)}) = \ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D})$$

EM is coordinate ascent

$$\ell(\theta : \mathcal{D}) \geq F(\theta, Q) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log \frac{P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta)}{Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j)}$$

- **M-step:** Fix Q , maximize F over θ (a lower bound on $\ell(\theta : \mathcal{D})$):

$$\ell(\theta : \mathcal{D}) \geq F(\theta, Q^{(t)}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\mathbf{z}} Q^{(t)}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) \log P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j | \theta) + m \cdot H(Q^{(t)})$$

- **E-step:** Fix θ , maximize F over Q :

$$\ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) \geq F(\theta^{(t)}, Q) = \ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D}) - m \sum_{j=1}^m KL(Q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j) || P(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_j, \theta^{(t)}))$$

- “Realigns” F with likelihood:

$$F(\theta^{(t)}, Q^{(t+1)}) = \ell(\theta^{(t)} : \mathcal{D})$$

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What you should know

- K-means for clustering:
 - algorithm
 - converges because it's coordinate ascent
- EM for mixture of Gaussians:
 - How to “learn” maximum likelihood parameters (locally max. like.) in the case of unlabeled data
- Be happy with this kind of probabilistic analysis
- Remember, E.M. can get stuck in local minima, and empirically it DOES
- EM is coordinate ascent
- General case for EM

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Dimensionality Reduction PCA

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Dimensionality reduction

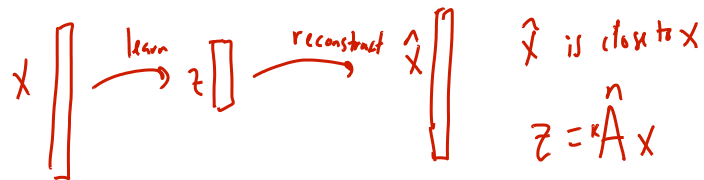
- Input data may have thousands or millions of dimensions!
x
 - e.g., text data has *10,000 words ~ 10 000 000 000*
- **Dimensionality reduction**: represent data with fewer dimensions
 - easier learning – fewer parameters
 - visualization – hard to visualize more than 3D or 4D
 - discover “intrinsic dimensionality” of data
 - high dimensional data that is truly lower dimensional

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Lower dimensional projections

- Rather than picking a subset of the features, we can new features that are combinations of existing features

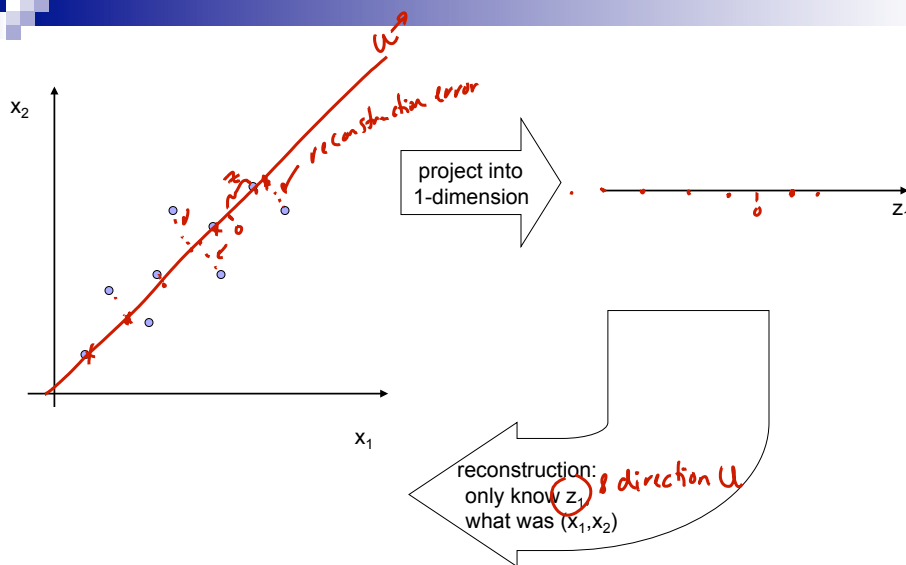
$$z_1 = 2.5 x_1 - 3.2 x_2 - 3.1 x_3 + 7.0 x_4$$



- Let's see this in the unsupervised setting
 - just X , but no Y

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Linear projection and reconstruction



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Principal component analysis – basic idea

- Project n-dimensional data into k-dimensional space while preserving information:
 - e.g., project space of 10000 words into 3-dimensions
 - e.g., project 3-d into 2-d

- Choose projection with minimum reconstruction error

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Linear projections, a review



- Project a point into a (lower dimensional) space:
 - **point**: $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ *1 0 0 0 0 0*
 - **select a basis** – set of basis vectors – $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$ *1 0 0*
 - we consider orthonormal basis:
 - $\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_i = 1$, and $\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$
 - **select a center** – $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$, defines offset of space
 - **best coordinates** in lower dimensional space defined by dot-products: (z_1, \dots, z_k) , $z_i = (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_i$
 - minimum squared error



$$z_1 = (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \quad \left. \vphantom{z_1} \right\} z_i = \underset{z}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left((\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) - z \mathbf{u}_i \right)^2$$

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PCA finds projection that minimizes reconstruction error

- Given N data points: $\mathbf{x}^i = (x_1^i, \dots, x_d^i)$, $i=1 \dots N$
- Will represent each point as a projection:

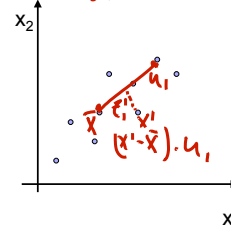
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^i = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{j=1}^k z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j \quad \text{where: } \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}^i \quad \text{and} \quad z_j^i = (\mathbf{x}^i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_j$$

avg of data

- PCA:
 - Given $k \ll d$, find $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$ minimizing reconstruction error:

for a choice of basis $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$

$$\text{error}_k = \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}^i - \hat{\mathbf{x}}^i)^2$$



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Understanding the reconstruction error

- Note that \mathbf{x}^i can be represented exactly by d-dimensional projection:

$$\mathbf{x}^i = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{j=1}^d z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j$$

approx point

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^i = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{j=1}^k z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j$$

coeff

$$z_j^i = (\mathbf{x}^i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_j$$

- Given $k \ll d$, find $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$ minimizing reconstruction error:

$$\text{error}_k = \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}^i - \hat{\mathbf{x}}^i)^2$$

- Rewriting error:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{error}_k &= \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}^i - \hat{\mathbf{x}}^i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{j=1}^d z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j - \left[\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{j=1}^k z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j \right] \right]^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\sum_{j=k+1}^d z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j \right]^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\sum_{j=k+1}^d z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j \cdot \sum_{j'=k+1}^d z_{j'}^i \mathbf{u}_{j'} + \sum_{j=k+1}^d \sum_{j'=k+1}^d z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j / \mathbf{u}_{j'} z_{j'}^i \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=k+1}^d (z_j^i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

minimizing projection error \equiv min square of thrown out coeffs.

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Reconstruction error and covariance matrix

memory less eigen vectors
 $\Sigma u = \lambda u$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{u_j} \text{error}_k &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=k+1}^d [u_j \cdot (x^i - \bar{x})]^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=k+1}^d u_j^T (x^i - \bar{x})(x^i - \bar{x})^T u_j \\ &\quad \text{flip sums, } u_j \text{ don't depend on } i \\ &= \sum_{j=k+1}^d u_j^T \left[\sum_{i=1}^N (x^i - \bar{x})(x^i - \bar{x})^T \right] u_j \\ &= N \sum_{j=k+1}^d u_j^T \Sigma u_j \leftarrow \text{choose to ignore } u_j \text{ that minimize this error} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x^i - \bar{x})(x^i - \bar{x})^T$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{1,2} & & \\ & \sigma_2^2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sigma_d^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_{rs} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_r^i - \bar{x}_r)(x_s^i - \bar{x}_s)$$

in vector form

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Minimizing reconstruction error and eigen vectors

- Minimizing reconstruction error equivalent to picking orthonormal basis (u_1, \dots, u_d) minimizing:

$$\text{error}_k = N \sum_{j=k+1}^d u_j^T \Sigma u_j$$

- Eigen vector:

$$\Sigma u = \lambda u$$

↑ eigenvector ↖ eigen value

$$u^T \Sigma u = \lambda u^T u = \lambda$$

- Minimizing reconstruction error equivalent to picking (u_{k+1}, \dots, u_d) to be eigen vectors with smallest eigen values

Ignored dims \Rightarrow throwing out u_{k+1}, \dots, u_d
 min error u_1, \dots, u_k \Rightarrow keep u_1, \dots, u_k to be eigen vectors of Σ with largest eigen values

directions with smallest eigen values

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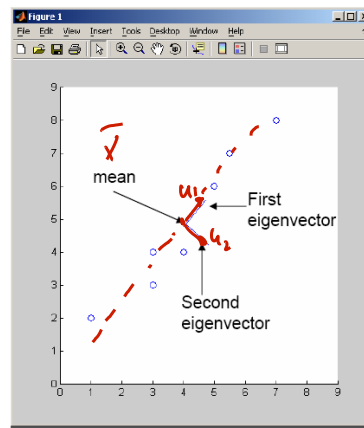
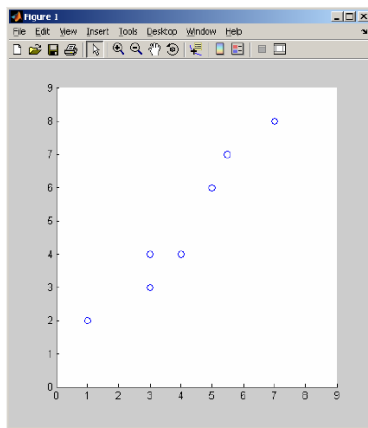
Basic PCA algorithm

- Start from n by d data matrix X
- **Recenter**: subtract mean from each row of X
 - $X_c \leftarrow X - \bar{X}$ ← $X_c = \mu \left(\leftarrow \right) X^i - \bar{X}$
- **Compute covariance matrix**:
 - $\Sigma \leftarrow 1/N X_c^T X_c$
- Find **eigen vectors and values** of Σ
- Principal components: k eigen vectors with highest eigen values

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PCA example

$$\hat{x}^i = \bar{x} + \sum_{j=1}^k z_j^i u_j$$

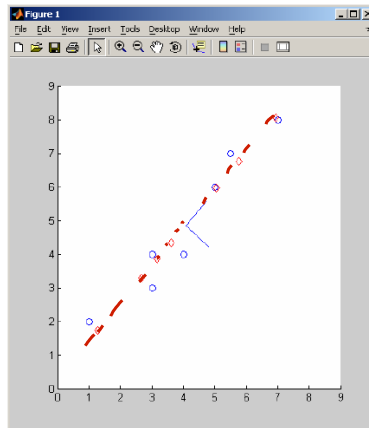
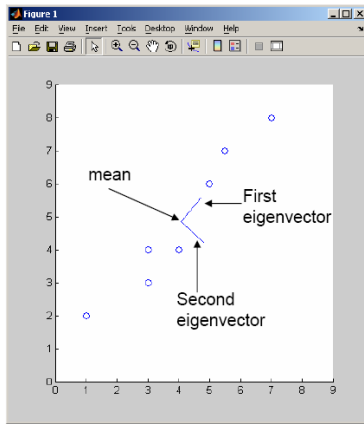


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PCA example – reconstruction

$$\hat{x}^i = \bar{x} + \sum_{j=1}^k z_j^i u_j$$

only used first principal component



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Eigenfaces [Turk, Pentland '91]

■ Input images:



■ Principal components:



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Eigenfaces reconstruction

- Each image corresponds to adding 8 principal components:



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Scaling up

- Covariance matrix can be really big!
 - Σ is d by d
 - Say, only 10000 features
 - finding eigenvectors is very slow...
- Use singular value decomposition (SVD)
 - finds to k eigenvectors *of Σ by just looking at X_c*
 - great implementations available, e.g., python, R, Matlab svd

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SVD

- Write $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^T$
 - \mathbf{X} ← data matrix, one row per datapoint
 - \mathbf{W} ← weight matrix, one row per datapoint – coordinate of \mathbf{x}^i in eigenspace
 - \mathbf{S} ← singular value matrix, diagonal matrix
 - in our setting each entry is eigenvalue λ_j
 - \mathbf{V}^T ← singular vector matrix
 - in our setting each row is eigenvector \mathbf{v}_j

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PCA using SVD algorithm

- Start from m by n data matrix \mathbf{X}
- **Recenter**: subtract mean from each row of \mathbf{X}
 - $\mathbf{X}_c \leftarrow \mathbf{X} - \bar{\mathbf{X}}$
- Call SVD algorithm on \mathbf{X}_c – ask for k singular vectors
- **Principal components**: k singular vectors with highest singular values (rows of \mathbf{V}^T)
 - **Coefficients** become:

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What you need to know

- Dimensionality reduction
 - why and when it's important
- Simple feature selection
- Principal component analysis
 - minimizing reconstruction error
 - relationship to covariance matrix and eigenvectors
 - using SVD