
Subject: Re: Principle Components Analysis
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 24 Aug 2007 02:59:51 GMT
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kBob writes:

- > I find the book Image Analysis, Classification and Change Detection
- > in Remote Sensing, with Algorithms for ENVI/IDL by Morton Canty handy.
- > He provides ENVI/IDL code to do the PCAs.

Well, I'm ashamed to say, I had read part's of Mort's book earlier in the week and found I needed, well, more remedial help. Quite frankly, I didn't understand a word of it. :-(

The Lindsay Smith tutorial, on the other hand, was crystal clear. So much so that I came back to my office and wrote up the example in IDL, just to see if I could follow it.

It turns out, that the PCOMP function in IDL gives essentially the same answer as the tutorial (this for Jeff's benefit), but the values are scaled slightly differently. However they plot on exactly the same line in the end. Here is the code I used.

```
; Method according to the Lindsay Smith tutorial:  
; http://tinyurl.com/3aaeb
```

```
x = [2.5, 0.5, 2.2, 1.9, 3.1, 2.3, 2.0, 1.0, 1.5, 1.1]  
y = [2.4, 0.7, 2.9, 2.2, 3.0, 2.7, 1.6, 1.1, 1.6, 0.9]
```

```
xmean = x - Mean(x)  
ymean = y - Mean(y)  
Window, XSIZE=600, YSIZE=800  
!P.MULTI=[0,1,2]  
Plot, xmean, ymean, PSYM=7
```

```
dataAdjust = Transpose([ xmean], [ymean] )  
covArray = Correlate(dataAdjust, /COVARIANCE, /DOUBLE)  
eigenvalues = EIGENQL(covArray, EIGENVECTORS=eigenvectors, /DOUBLE)
```

```
Print, 'EIGENVALUES: ', eigenvalues  
Print, 'EIGENVECTORS: '  
Print, eigenvectors
```

```
rowFeatureVector = eigenvectors[0,*] ; Take first principle component.  
;rowFeatureVector = eigenvectors  
finalData = Transpose(rowFeatureVector) ## Transpose(dataAdjust)  
Plot, finaldata+Mean(x), finaldata+mean(y), PSYM=7
```

!P.MULTI=0

; Method using PCOMP in IDL library.

data = Transpose([[x],[y]])

r = PCOMP(data, /COVARIANCE, NVARIABLES=1, EIGENVALUES=ev, /STANDARDIZE)

Print, 'IDL EIGENVALUES: ', ev

; Compare methods.

Window, 1

PLOT, r

OPLOT, finalData, LINESTYLE=2

Window, 2

PLOT, r + Mean(x), r + Mean(y), PSYM=2

OPLOT, finalData + Mean(x), finalData + Mean(y), PSYM=7

END

This is really nice stuff and has me EXTREMELY jazzed about
the potential of it. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
