
Subject: Re: Principal component analysis
Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2007 16:12:17 GMT
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David

I agree with that. But the Eigenvalues from the different evaluations should be somehow related. So I was looking for the relationship between the two outputs and I cannot find it.

At this point I tend to just use pcomp. As Mort showed it gives the right result and the source code is readily available. Who know what the IMSL blackbox does?!? I just got thrown off by seeing the two different results and not being able to reconcile them.

THanks,
Haje

"David Fanning" <news@dfanning.com> wrote in message
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> David Fanning writes:

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>> Don't know. You will have to ask someone whose last math

>> class wasn't over 30 years ago. :-)

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> I will say, though, that when I was looking into this

> I noticed that what you pass in really doesn't matter

> as long as you preserve the "vector" nature of the data.

> That is to say, the absolute magnitude of the vectors

> that comes out is irrelevant. The *relative* magnitudes

> of the orthogonal vectors "explains" the data. So I would

> say the various ways you can manipulate the data prior to

> sending it to analysis are "scaling" functions that don't

> fundamentally change the nature of the result.

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> At least that is my hand-waving explanation. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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