
Subject: Re: Principal component analysis

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2007 15:14:14 GMT

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On Dec 5, 9:12 am, Vince Hradil <hrad...@yahoo.com> wrote:

> On Dec 5, 8:00 am, "Haje Korth" <haje.ko...@nospam.jhuapl.edu> wrote:

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>> Hi,

>> I am puzzled by principal component analysis. I calculated the eigenvalues
>> using both PCOMP and IMSP_PRINC_COMP routines. Could someone enlighten me
>> why the results are completely different? I have tried different keywords to
>> see whether I can match them by trial and error, but I had no success. There
>> must be someone out there who understands this much better than I do.

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>> Thanks so much,

>> Haje

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>> IDL> a=[[1,-2,-6],[-2,1,-3],[-6,-3,5]]

>> IDL> pca=pcomp(a,eigenvalues=ev) & print,transpose(ev)

>> 2.24227 0.757732 0.000000

>> IDL> ev=imsl_princ_comp(a) & print,ev

>> 9.53359 -5.19751 2.66392

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> From the HELP:

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> Syntax

> Result = IMSL_PRINC_COMP(covariances [, /COV_MATRIX]

> [, /CORR_MATRIX] [, CORRELATIONS=variable] [, CUM_PERCENT=variable] [,

> DF=variable] [, /DOUBLE] [, EIGENVECTORS=variable] [,

> STDEV=variable])

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> Note that IMSL_PRINC_COMP requires that you pass the covariance or

> correlation matrix - not the vectors.

so maybe try

ev=imsl_princ_comp(correlate(a,/covariance) & print, ev

(I don't have an analyst license)
