
Subject: Re: Principal component analysis

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2007 15:12:09 GMT

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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.  
>  
> Thanks so much,  
> Haje  
>  
> 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:

Syntax

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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.
