
Subject: Re: Singular Value Decomposition in 3 Dimensions

Posted by [Juggernaut](#) on Wed, 03 Sep 2008 11:52:00 GMT

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On Sep 2, 12:33 pm, tomandwilltam...@gmail.com wrote:

> I am wondering how to do Singular Value Decomposition in 3 Dimensions
> in IDL. All of the canned routines seem to work only on 2D arrays.
>
> Specifically, I am trying to preform Principle Component Analysis on
> stacks of 2D images.
>
> For example, how can one preform an SVD on a 2048x2048xn array to get
> 2048x2048 principle components?
>
> Thanks much,
> -Will

If you want the principal components for the

3D array you can do something like this

```
sz = size(array, /dimensions)
```

```
newArray = fltarr(sz[2], sz[1]*sz[0])
```

```
FOR i=0, sz[2]-1 DO BEGIN
```

```
  newArray[i,*] = transpose(reform(array[*,* ,i], sz[0]*sz[1]))
```

```
ENDFOR
```

```
result = pcomp(newArray, eigenvalues=evals, /standardize)
```

pcomp() is IDLs built in for doing PCA and result will be

an array of I believe the same dimensions of newArray which to

get back into viewing form you could just reform it back like

```
tv, reform(result[0,*],sz[0],sz[1])
```

There may be better ways of doing it but I may as well give

you a point to jump off of
