
Subject: Re: Algorithm for PCA transform in ENVI

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In article <0de35e20-3a9c-4593-8f06-ed3e6461fe60@p21g2000vby.googlegroups.com>, eva.ivits-wasser@ext.jrc.ec.europa.eu wrote:

- > Does anybody know what the algorithm for PCA transform in ENVI is?
- > I've compared the eigenvectors and the spatial patterns of ENVI's PCA
- > transform with IDL's eigenql, svdc and la_svd procedures. The first PC
- > components are the same but from the second component on I have
- > negative values where ENVI give positive values and vice versa.
- > Accordingly, the first element in the diagonal of the eigenvector
- > matrices has the same sign but the rest of the signs are just the
- > opposite comparing results from ENVI and IDL.
- > Any clues?
- > Thanks in advance,
- > Eva

If you have a properly-constructed covariance matrix, the eigenvalues should all be greater than or equal to zero. If you are getting negative eigenvalues you are doing something wrong.

<http://brunnur.vedur.is/pub/halldor/PICKUP/eof.pdf>

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