

L23: Principal components

1. Predictors in regression

(1) Two regressions

For regression with intercept $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \beta_{q-1} x_{q-1} + \epsilon = B' \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x \end{pmatrix} + \epsilon$ where $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{q-1} \end{pmatrix}$,

$E(y) = B' \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x \end{pmatrix}$ is the regression function. For normal vector $\begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix} \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_y & \Sigma_{yx} \\ \Sigma_{xy} & \Sigma_x \end{pmatrix} \right)$,
 $E(y|x) = \mu_y + \Sigma_{yx} \Sigma_x^{-1} (x - \mu_x)$ is also called the regression function of y on x .

(2) Equal prediction functions

With data $Y \in R^{n \times p}$ and $X_* = (\mathbf{1}_n, X) \in R^{n \times q}$, $E(y)$ and $E(y|x)$ in two models are estimated by

$$\hat{y}(x) = \hat{B}' \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } \hat{B} = (X_*' X_*)^{-1} X_*' Y \text{ and}$$

$$\hat{E}(y|x) = \bar{y} + \left[Y' \left(I_n - \frac{\mathbf{1}_n \mathbf{1}_n'}{n} \right) X \right] \left[X' \left(I_n - \frac{\mathbf{1}_n \mathbf{1}_n'}{n} \right) X \right]^{-1} (x - \bar{x}).$$

It can be shown that $\hat{y}(x) = \hat{E}(y|x)$.

(3) Random predictors

Thus one can treat the predictor vector $x \in R^{q-1}$ as random with (μ_x, Σ_x) . By intuition

The information provided by x_i is \leq that by $x_j \iff \text{var}(x_i) \leq \text{var}(x_j)$

The information provided by x_i and x_j are highly overlapped $\iff |\rho(x_i, x_j)|$ is close to 1.

2. Principal components

(1) Definition

For $\mathbf{x} \sim (\mu, \Sigma)$ with $\mu \in R^q$ and $\Sigma > 0$, y_1, \dots, y_q are ordered principal components of \mathbf{x} if $y_i = l_i' \mathbf{x}$ where $l_i \in \mathcal{C}_i$ and $\text{var}(l_i' x) \geq \text{var}(l' x)$ for all $l \in \mathcal{C}_i$. Here

$$\mathcal{C}_i = \{l \in R^q : \|l\| = 1 \text{ and } \text{cov}(l' \mathbf{x}, y_j) = 0 \text{ for all } j < i\}.$$

Comments: $\mathcal{C}_1 \supset \mathcal{C}_2 \supset \cdots \supset \mathcal{C}_q$.

y_1, \dots, y_q , if exist, may not be unique. But $\text{var}(y_i)$, $i = 1, \dots, q$, are unique.

$\text{var}(y_1) \geq \text{var}(y_2) \geq \cdots \geq \text{var}(y_q) > 0$.

(2) Existence

If by EVD $\Sigma = P \Lambda P'$ where $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_q)$ with $\lambda_1 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_q > 0$, then the components of $\mathbf{y} = P' \mathbf{x}$ are principal components of \mathbf{x} and $\text{var}(y_i) = \lambda_i$, $i = 1, \dots, p$.

Proof: With orthogonal $P = (P_1, \dots, P_q) \in R^{q \times q}$, we do induction on $i = 1, \dots, q$.

When $i = 1$, $P_1 \in \mathcal{C}_1 = \{l \in R^q : \|l\| = 1\}$ since $\|P_1\| = 1$.

$$\text{var}(P_1' x) = P_1' \Sigma P_1 = P_1' P \Lambda P' P_1 = e_1' \Lambda e_1 = \lambda_1.$$

For $l \in \mathcal{C}_1$, $P'l \in R^q$ and $\|P'l\| = 1$. Moreover,

$$\text{var}(l' x) = l' \Sigma l = l' P \Lambda P' l = \sum_{i=1}^q (P'l)_i^2 \lambda_i \leq \lambda_1 = \text{var}(P_1' x).$$

So $y_1 = P_1' \mathbf{x}$ is the first PC for \mathbf{x} and $\text{var}(y_1) = \lambda_1$.

Suppose $y_i = P_i' \mathbf{x}$, $i = 1, \dots, k < q$ are the first k PCs for \mathbf{x} with $\text{var}(y_i) = \lambda_i$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. Then for $i \leq k$, $0 = \text{cov}(l' \mathbf{x}, y_i) = \text{cov}(l' \mathbf{x}, P_i' \mathbf{x}) = l' P \Lambda P' P_i = (P'l)_i \lambda_i \iff (P'l)_i = 0$. Thus

$$\mathcal{C}_{k+1} = \{l \in R^q : \|l\| = 1 \text{ and } (P'l)_i = 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, k\}.$$

Now $P_{k+1} \in \mathcal{C}_{k+1}$ since $P_{k+1} \in R^q$, $\|P_{k+1}\| = 1$, and $(P' P_{k+1})_i = (e_{k+1})_i = 0 \forall i \leq k$.

Let $y_{k+1} = P_{k+1}' \mathbf{x}$. Then $\text{var}(y_{k+1}) = e_{k+1}' \Lambda e_{k+1} = \lambda_{k+1}$. For $l \in \mathcal{C}_{k+1}$,

$$\text{var}(l' \mathbf{x}) = l' P \Lambda P' l = \sum_{i=1}^q (P'l)_i^2 \lambda_i = \sum_{i=k+1}^q (P'l)_i^2 \lambda_i \leq \lambda_{k+1} = \text{var}(P_{k+1}' \mathbf{x}).$$

Thus $y_{k+1} = P_{k+1}' \mathbf{x}$ is the $(k+1)$ th PC of \mathbf{x} with $\text{var}(y_{k+1}) = \lambda_{k+1}$.

(3) Properties

From \mathbf{x} to $\mathbf{y} = P'\mathbf{x}$, the total variance keeps unchanged.

Proof: $\text{var}(x_1) + \dots + \text{var}(x_q) = \text{tr}(\Sigma) = \text{tr}(\Lambda) = \text{var}(y_1) + \dots + \text{var}(y_q)$.

Comments: Among total variance in \mathbf{x} , $\sum \text{var}(x_i) = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_q$, the amount explained by y_1, \dots, y_k is $\sum_{i=1}^k \text{var}(y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i$. Thus the proportion explained by y_1, \dots, y_i is $\frac{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k}{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_q}$.

3. Principal components of standardized \mathbf{x} and SAS

(1) Standardized \mathbf{x}

For $\mathbf{x} \sim (\mu, \Sigma)$, $V = \text{diag}(\Sigma)$, $V^{1/2}$ and $\rho = V^{-1/2}\Sigma V^{-1/2}$ are the variance, the standard deviation and the correlation matrix. $\mathbf{z} = V^{-1/2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu) \sim (0, \rho)$ is the standardized \mathbf{x} .

(2) Principal components of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{z} .

Let $\Sigma = PAP'$ and $\rho = P_*\Lambda_*P'_*$ be EVDs with $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_q)$, $\Lambda_* = \text{diag}(\lambda_{1*}, \dots, \lambda_{q*})$, $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_q > 0$ and $\lambda_{1*} \geq \lambda_{2*} \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{q*} > 0$. Then the components of $\mathbf{y} = P'\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}_* = P'_*\mathbf{z}$ are the PCs of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{z} respectively.

(3) SAS for principal component analysis

(i) Enter Σ into SAS

$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	<pre>data a (type='cov'); _TYPE_='COV'; input _NAME_ \$ x1 x2 x3; datalines; x1 1 -2 0 x2 -2 5 0 x3 0 0 2 ;</pre>	<pre>x1 1 -2 0 x2 . 5 0 x3 . . 2 x1 1 . . x2 -2 5 . x3 0 0 2</pre>
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(ii) principal components for \mathbf{x}

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L24: Sample principal components

1. Sample principal components

(1) Population principal components

For $\mathbf{x} \sim (\mu, \Sigma)$ with EVD $\Sigma = P\Lambda P'$, PC vector $\mathbf{y} = P'\mathbf{x} \sim (P'\mu, \Lambda)$ with $\text{var}(y_i) = \lambda_i, i = 1, \dots, q$.

$$\sum_i \text{var}(x_i) = \text{tr}(\Sigma) = \text{tr}(\Lambda) = \sum_i \lambda_i = \sum_i \text{var}(y_i).$$

Thus $\frac{\lambda_1}{\sum_i \lambda_i} = \frac{\text{var}(y_1)}{\sum_i \text{var}(x_i)}$ is the proportion of total variance in \mathbf{x} explained by y_1 , and $\frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{\sum_i \lambda_i}$ is the proportion of total variance in \mathbf{x} explained by y_1 and y_2 . For $\mathbf{x} = V^{-1/2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu) \sim (0, \rho)$ with EVD $\rho = P_*\Lambda_*P_*'$, PC vector $\mathbf{y}_* = P_*'\mathbf{z} \sim (0, \Lambda_*)$ with $\text{var}(y_{i*}) = \lambda_{i*}, i = 1, \dots, q$. So

$$q = \sum_i \text{var}(z_i) = \text{tr}(\rho) = \text{tr}(\Lambda_*) = \sum_i \text{var}(y_{i*}).$$

Thus $\frac{\lambda_{1*} + \lambda_{1*}}{\sum_i \lambda_{i*}} = \frac{\text{var}(y_{1*}) + \text{var}(y_{2*})}{q}$ is the proportion of total variance in \mathbf{z} explained by y_{1*} and y_{2*} .

(2) Sample principal components

In reality Σ and ρ may not be known. But with a sample from $\mathbf{x} \in R^q$, Σ has unbiased estimator \mathbf{S}_u and ρ can be estimated by sample correlation matrix \mathbf{R} . By EVDs $S_u = \hat{P}\hat{\Lambda}\hat{P}'$ and $\mathbf{R} = \hat{P}_*\hat{\Lambda}_*\hat{P}_*'$ where $\hat{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\hat{\lambda}_1, \dots, \hat{\lambda}_q)$ and $\hat{\Lambda}_* = \text{diag}(\hat{\lambda}_{1*}, \dots, \hat{\lambda}_{q*})$ with $\hat{\lambda}_1 \geq \hat{\lambda}_2 \geq \dots \geq \hat{\lambda}_q > 0$ and $\hat{\lambda}_{1*} \geq \hat{\lambda}_{2*} \geq \dots \geq \hat{\lambda}_{q*} > 0$. Then the components of $\mathbf{y} = \hat{P}'\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}_* = \hat{P}_*'\mathbf{z}$ are the sample principal components of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{z} respectively.

(3) SAS for sample principal components

(i) Enter sample

```
data a;
  infile "D:\ex1.txt";
  input x1 x2 x3 x4 @@;
```

(ii) Request sample PC for \mathbf{x}

```
proc princomp cov;
  var x1 x2 x3 x4;
  run;
```

(3) Request sample PC for \mathbf{z}

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proc princomp;
  var x1 x2 x3 x4;
  run;
```

2. Principal component scores

(1) Principal component scores for \mathbf{x}

Based on sample $\mathbf{x}_i \in R^q, i = 1, \dots, n$, on $\mathbf{x} \sim (\mu, \Sigma)$, PC vector $\hat{P}'\mathbf{x}$ is obtained. Then $\hat{P}'\mathbf{x}_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, are PC scores for \mathbf{x} . It contains n values for each of q sample PCts.

```
data a;
  infile "D:\ex2.txt";
  input x1 x2 x3 @@;
proc princomp cov out=b;
  var x1 x2 x3;
  rn;
proc print;
  run;
```

displays x1, x2, x3, prin1, prin2, prin3.

- (2) Principal components scores for \mathbf{z}

Based on sample $\mathbf{x}_i \in R^q$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, on $\mathbf{x} \sim (\mu, \Sigma)$, PC vector $\hat{P}'_*\mathbf{z}$ is obtained. Then $\hat{P}'_*\hat{\mathbf{z}}_i = \hat{V}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, are PC scores for \mathbf{z} . It contains n values for each of q sample PCts.

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data a;
  infile "D:\ex2.txt";
  input x1 x2 x3 @@;
proc princomp out=b;
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3. Make use of principal components

- (1) Factor model

Study on principal components leads to factor model.

- (2) Select predictors

When selecting k predictors in a pool of q predictors for regression, the first k principal components is one of the choice.

```
data a;
  infile "D:\ex3.txt";
  input y1 y2 x1 x2 x3 @@;
proc princomp out=b;
  var x1 x2 x3;
  rn;
proc reg;
  model y1 y2=prin1 prin2;
  run;
```

Caution: In univariate regression we have many ways to select predictors, largest R^2 -criterion for example. All those methods look at the relations of response and predictors. But using principal components is only based on the behavior of \mathbf{x} . The response did not participate in the selection process.