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Part I

Generalized Principal Component Analysis

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Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Given a set of points x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N
 - Geometric PCA: find a subspace S passing through them
 - Statistical PCA: find projection directions that maximize the variance



• Solution (Beltrami'1873, Jordan'1874, Hotelling'33, Eckart-Householder-Young'36)

$$\bigcup \Sigma V^T = [x_1, x_2, \dots x_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times N}$$
Basis for *S*

$$\dim(S) = \operatorname{rank}(U)$$

• Applications: data compression, regression, computer vision (eigenfaces), pattern recognition, genomics



Extensions of PCA

- Higher order SVD (Tucker'66, Davis'02)
- Independent Component Analysis (Common '94)
- Probabilistic PCA (Tipping-Bishop '99)
 - Identify subspace from noisy data
 - Gaussian noise: standard PCA
 - Noise in exponential family (Collins et al.'01)
- Nonlinear dimensionality reduction
 - Multidimensional scaling (Torgerson'58)
 - Locally linear embedding (Roweis-Saul '00)
 - Isomap (Tenenbaum '00)
- Nonlinear PCA (Scholkopf-Smola-Muller '98)
 - Identify nonlinear manifold by applying PCA to data embedded in high-dimensional space
- Principal Curves and Principal Geodesic Analysis (Hastie-Stuetzle'89, Tishbirany '92, Fletcher '04)



 $x = \tilde{x} + \text{noise}$







Generalized Principal Component Analysis

- Given a set of points lying in multiple subspaces, identify
 - The number of subspaces and their dimensions
 - A basis for each subspace
 - The segmentation of the data points
- "Chicken-and-egg" problem
 - Given segmentation, estimate subspaces
 - Given subspaces, segment the data







Prior work on subspace clustering

- Iterative algorithms:
 - K-subspace (Ho et al. '03),
 - RANSAC, subspace selection and growing (Leonardis et al. '02)
- Probabilistic approaches: learn the parameters of a mixture model using e.g. EM $b_1^T x = 0$
 - Mixtures of PPCA: (Tipping-Bishop '99):
 - Multi-Stage Learning (Kanatani'04)



- Initialization
 - Geometric approaches: 2 planes in R³ (Shizawa-Maze '91)
 - Factorization approaches: independent subspaces of equal dimension (Boult-Brown '91, Costeira-Kanade '98, Kanatani '01)
 - Spectral clustering based approaches: (Yan-Pollefeys'06)



Basic ideas behind GPCA

- Towards an analytic solution to subspace clustering
 - Can we estimate ALL models simultaneously using ALL data?
 - When can we do so analytically? In closed form?
 - Is there a formula for the number of models?
- Will consider the most general case
 - Subspaces of unknown and possibly different dimensions
 - Subspaces may intersect arbitrarily (not only at the origin)
- GPCA is an algebraic geometric approach to data segmentation
 - Number of subspaces = degree of a polynomial
 - Subspace basis = derivatives of a polynomial
 - Subspace clustering is algebraically equivalent to
 - Polynomial fitting
 - Polynomial differentiation



Applications of GPCA in computer vision

- Geometry
 - Vanishing points
- Image compression
- Segmentation
 - Intensity (black-white)
 - Texture
 - Motion (2-D, 3-D)
 - Video (host-guest)
- Recognition
 - Faces (Eigenfaces)
 - Man Woman
 - Human Gaits
 - Dynamic Textures
 - Water-bird
- Biomedical imaging
- Hybrid systems identification



Introductory example: algebraic clustering in 1D

$$x = b_1 \quad x = b_2$$

$$x = b_1 \text{ or } x = b_2$$

$$(x - b_1)(x - b_2) = 0$$

$$x^2 - (b_1 + b_2)x + b_1b_2 = 0$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^2 & x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_N^2 & x_N & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -(b_1 + b_2) \\ b_1b_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{P \quad c = 0$$

• Number of groups?

rank(P) = 1: one group only rank(P) = 2: two groups



Introductory example: algebraic clustering in 1D

$$x = b_1 \text{ or } x = b_2 \cdots x = b_n$$

$$p_n(x) = (x - b_1) \cdots (x - b_n) = 0$$

$$p_n(x) = x^n + c_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + c_n = 0$$

$$p_n(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x^n & \dots & x & 1 \end{bmatrix} c = 0$$

$$P_n \boldsymbol{c} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1^n & \cdots & x_1 & 1\\ x_2^n & \cdots & x_2 & 1\\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots\\ x_N^n & \cdots & x_N & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_n \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (n+1)}} \boldsymbol{c} = \boldsymbol{0}$$

How to compute n, c, b's?
Number of clusters

$$n \doteq \min\{i : rank(P_i) = i\}$$

- Cluster centers Roots of $p_n(x)$
- Solution is unique if
 - $N_{points} \ge n_{groups}$

$$n_{groups} \leq 4$$



Introductory example: algebraic clustering in 2D

• What about dimension 2?



$$z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z_1^n & \cdots & z_1 & 1\\ z_2^n & \cdots & z_2 & 1\\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots\\ z_N^n & \cdots & z_N & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_n \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times (n+1)}} c = 0$$

- What about higher dimensions?
 - Complex numbers in higher dimensions?
 - How to find roots of a polynomial of quaternions?
- Instead
 - Project data onto one or two dimensional space
 - Apply same algorithm to projected data



Representing one subspace

• One plane

$$b^T x = b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3 = 0$$



- One line b_1 $b_1^T x = b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3 = 0$ $b_2^T x = b_4 x_1 + b_5 x_2 + b_6 x_3 = 0$
- One subspace can be represented with
 - Set of linear equations

$$S = \{ \boldsymbol{x} : B^T \boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{0} \}$$

Set of polynomials of degree 1



Representing *n* subspaces





Fitting polynomials to data points

• Polynomials can be written linearly in terms of the vector of coefficients by using polynomial embedding

$$(b_1^T x)(b_2^T x) = c_1 x_1^2 + c_2 x_1 x_2 + c_3 x_2^2 = c^T \nu_n(x) = 0$$



- Coefficients of the polynomials can be computed from nullspace of embedded data $\lceil \nu_n(x_1)^T \rceil$
 - Solve using least squares
 - N = #data points

 $L_n oldsymbol{c} = egin{bmatrix}
u_n(oldsymbol{x}_1)^T \ dots \
u_n(oldsymbol{x}_N)^T \end{bmatrix} oldsymbol{c} = 0$



Finding a basis for each subspace

- Case of hyperplanes:
 - Only one polynomial
 - Number of subspaces
 - Basis are normal vectors



 $c^T \nu_n(x) = (b_1^T x) \cdots (b_n^T x)$ $n = \min\{i : \operatorname{rank}(L_i) = M_i - 1\}$ $b_1, b_2, \cdots b_n$

Polynomial Factorization (GPCA-PFA) [CVPR 2003]

- Find roots of polynomial of degree $oldsymbol{n}$ in one variable
- Solve K-2 linear systems in n variables
- Solution obtained in closed form for $n \leq 4$

- Problems
 - Computing roots may be sensitive to noise
 - The estimated polynomial may not perfectly factor with noisy
 - Cannot be applied to subspaces of different dimensions
 - Polynomials are estimated up to change of basis, hence they may not factor, even with perfect data



Finding a basis for each subspace



• To learn a mixture of subspaces we just need one positive example per class



Choosing one point per subspace

- With noise and outliers
 - Polynomials may not be a perfect union of subspaces



- Normals can estimated correctly by choosing points optimally
- Distance to closest subspace without knowing segmentation? $|p_n(x)| = c_n(x)$

$$\|\boldsymbol{x} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}\| = \sqrt{\frac{|p_n(\boldsymbol{x})|}{\|Dp_n(\boldsymbol{x})\|}} + O(\|\boldsymbol{x} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}\|^2)$$



GPCA for hyperplane segmentation

- Coefficients of the polynomial can be computed from null space of embedded data matrix $\begin{bmatrix} \nu_n(x_1)^T \end{bmatrix}$
 - Solve using least squares
 - N = #data points

$$L_n oldsymbol{c} = egin{bmatrix}
u_n(oldsymbol{x}_1)^T \ dots \
u_n(oldsymbol{x}_N)^T \end{bmatrix} oldsymbol{c} = oldsymbol{0}$$

 Number of subspaces can be computed from the rank of embedded data matrix

$$n = \min\{i : \operatorname{rank}(L_i) = M_i - 1\}$$

• Normal to the subspaces $b_1, b_2, \cdots b_n$ can be computed from the derivatives of the polynomial

$$\begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^{M_n} \\ \boldsymbol{b}_1 \quad \boldsymbol{b}_2 \quad \dots \quad \boldsymbol{b}_n \end{array} \quad \boldsymbol{b}_i = Dp_n(\boldsymbol{x})|_{\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{y}_i} \quad \boldsymbol{y}_i \in S_i \end{array}$$



GPCA for subspaces of different dimensions

• There are multiple polynomials fitting the data

 The derivative of each polynomial gives a different normal vector

 Can obtain a basis for the subspace by applying PCA to normal vectors

$$p_1(x) = (b^T x)(b_1^T x) = 0$$
$$p_2(x) = (b^T x)(b_2^T x) = 0$$

$$b = Dp_1(y_1) = Dp_2(y_1)$$

 S_2
 y_1
 S_2
 y_1
 S_2
 $b_2 = Dp_2(y_2)$
 y_2
 $b_1 = Dp_1(y_2)$

$$\{B_i = PCA(DP_n(\boldsymbol{y}_i))\}_{i=1}^n$$



GPCA for subspaces of different dimensions

Apply polynomial embedding to projected data

$$L_n = [\nu_n(\boldsymbol{x}^1), \dots, \nu_n(\boldsymbol{x}^N)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M_n}$$

Obtain multiple subspace model by polynomial fitting

$$P_n(\boldsymbol{x}) \doteq [p_{n1}(\boldsymbol{x}), \dots, p_{n,m_n}(\boldsymbol{x})] \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times m_n}$$

- Solve $L_n c = 0$ to obtain $\{c_{n\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{m_i} \in \operatorname{null}(L_n)$,
- Need to know number of subspaces
- Obtain bases & dimensions by polynomial differentiation

$$B_i = PCA(DP_n(\boldsymbol{y}_i)) \qquad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$k_i = K - \operatorname{rank}(DP_n(\boldsymbol{y}_i)) \qquad i = 1, \dots, n$$

• Optimally choose one point per subspace using distance $\|x - \tilde{x}\| = \sqrt{P_n(x) (DP_n(x)^T DP_n(x))^{\dagger} P_n(x)^T + O(\|x - \tilde{x}\|^2)}$

An example

Given data lying in the union of the two subspaces

$$S_1 = \{ m{x} : x_1 = x_2 = 0 \}$$

$$S_2=\{oldsymbol{x}:x_3=0\}$$

 $b_2 = Dp_2(\boldsymbol{y}_1)$ $\boldsymbol{y}_1 \rightarrow \boldsymbol{b}_1 = Dp_1(\boldsymbol{y}_1)$ We can write the union as $S_1 \cup S_2 = \{ \boldsymbol{x} : (x_1 = x_2 = 0) \lor (x_3 = 0) \}$ $= \{ \boldsymbol{x} : (x_1 = 0 \lor x_3 = 0) \land (x_2 = 0 \lor x_3 = 0) \}$ $= \{ \boldsymbol{x} : (x_1 x_3 = 0) \land (x_2 x_3 = 0) \}.$

 y_2

 S_1

Therefore, the union can be represented with the two polynomials

$$p_1(\bm{x}) = x_1 x_3$$
 $p_2(\bm{x}) = x_2 x_3$



An example

Can compute polynomials from

• Can compute normals from $\begin{bmatrix} \nabla p_1(\boldsymbol{x}) \ \nabla p_2(\boldsymbol{x}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 & 0 \\ 0 & x_3 \\ x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \implies$ $B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$



Dealing with high-dimensional data

- Minimum number of points
 - K = dimension of ambient space
 - n = number of subspaces
- In practice the dimension of each subspace ki is much smaller than K

$$k_i << K$$

- Number and dimension of the subspaces is preserved by a linear projection onto a subspace of dimension $\max\{k_i\} + 1 << K$
- Can remove outliers by robustly fitting the subspace



Open problem: how to choose projection?
 PCA?



GPCA with spectral clustering

- Spectral clustering
 - Build a similarity matrix between pairs of points
 - Use eigenvectors to cluster data
- How to define a similarity for subspaces?
 - Want points in the same subspace to be close
 - Want points in different subspace to be far
- Use GPCA to get basis

 $B_i = PCA(DP_n(y_i))$ $B_j = PCA(DP_n(y_j))$



• Distance: subspace angles $\mathcal{D}_{ij} \doteq \langle B_i, B_j \rangle$



Comparison of PFA, PDA, K-sub, EM



Dealing with outliers



• GPCA with outliers



• GPCA fails because PCA fails \Rightarrow seek a robust estimate of $\operatorname{Null}(L_n)$ where $L_n = [\nu_n(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, \nu_n(\mathbf{x}_N)].$



Three approaches to tackle outliers

- Probability-based: small-probability samples
 - Probability plots: [Healy 1968, Cox 1968]
 - PCs: [Rao 1964, Ganadesikan & Kettenring 1972]
 - M-estimators: [Huber 1981, Camplbell 1980]
 - Multivariate-trimming (MVT): [Ganadesikan & Kettenring 1972]
- Influence-based: large influence on model parameters
 - Parameter difference with and without a sample: [Hampel et al. 1986, Critchley 1985]
- Consensus-based: not consistent with models of high consensus.
 - Hough: [Ballard 1981, Lowe 1999]
 - RANSAC: [Fischler & Bolles 1981, Torr 1997]
 - Least Median Estimate (LME): [Rousseeuw 1984, Steward 1999]











Robust GPCA

STEP 1: Given the outlier percentage α %, robustify PCA:

- Influence function:
 - **1** Compute null space $C = {\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_m}$ for $L_n = [\nu_n(\mathbf{x}_1) \cdots \nu_n(\mathbf{x}_N)]$.
 - 2 For \mathbf{x}_i , compute $C^{(i)}$ for $L_n^{(i)} = [\nu_n(\mathbf{x}_1) \cdots \hat{i} \cdots \nu_n(\mathbf{x}_N)]$.

 - ④ Reject top α % samples with highest influence.
- Multivariate-trimming (MVT): Assuming a Gaussian distribution, samples with large *Mahalanobis* distance more likely to be outliers.
 - Compute a robust mean ū. v_i = u_i ū. u_i, v_i ∈ ℝ<sup>M_n^[D]
 Initialize Σ₀ = I<sub>M_n^[D]×M_n^[D].
 In kth iteration, sort v₁,..., v_N by the Mahalanobis distance: d_i = v_i^TΣ_{k-1}⁻¹v_i.
 Update Σ_k from (100 α)% samples with smallest distances.
 Iteration stops when ||Σ_{k-1} Σ_k|| is small.
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Robust GPCA

Simulation on Robust GPCA (parameters fixed at τ = 0.3rad and σ = 0.4

• RGPCA – Influence



• RGPCA - MVT





Robust GPCA

Comparison with RANSAC

• Accuracy



• Speed

Table: Average time of RANSAC and RGPCA with 24% outliers.

Arrangement	(2,2,1) in \Re^3	(4,2,2,1) in \Re^5	(5,5,5) in $ $
RANSAC	44s	5.1min	3.4min
MVT	46s	23min	8min
Influence	3min	58min	146min



Summary

- GPCA: algorithm for clustering subspaces
 - Deals with unknown and possibly different dimensions
 - Deals with arbitrary intersections among the subspaces
- Our approach is based on
 - Projecting data onto a low-dimensional subspace
 - Fitting polynomials to projected subspaces
 - Differentiating polynomials to obtain a basis
- Applications in image processing and computer vision
 - Image segmentation: intensity and texture
 - Image compression
 - Face recognition under varying illumination



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Thank You!

