# Lecture 8: Principle Component Analysis and Factor Analysis 

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## Outline

(1) Dimensionality Reduction
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(5) EM Algorithm for Factor Analysis

## Dimensionality Reduction

- Usually considered an unsupervised learning method
- Used for learning the low-dimensional structures in the data


- Also useful for "feature learning" or "representation learning" (learning a better, often smaller-dimensional, representation of the data), e.g.,
- Documents using topic vectors instead of bag-of-words vectors
- Images using their constituent parts (faces - eigenfaces)
- Can be used for speeding up learning algorithms


## Dimensionality Reduction (Contd.)

- Exponentially large \# of examples required to "fill up" high-dim spaces

- Fewer dimensions $\Rightarrow$ Less chances of overfitting $\Rightarrow$ Better generalization
- Dimensionality reduction is a way to beat the curse of dimensionality


## Linear Dimensionality Reduction

- A projection matrix $U=\left[u_{1} u_{2} \cdots u_{K}\right]$ of size $D \times K$ defines $K$ linear projection direction
- Use $U$ to transform $x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$ into $z^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{K}$

- $z^{(i)}=U^{T} x^{(i)}=\left[u_{1}^{T} x^{(i)}, u_{2}^{T} x^{(i)}, \cdots u_{K}^{T} x^{(i)}\right]^{T}$ is a $K$-dim projection of $x^{(i)}$
- $z^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{K}$ is also called low-dimensional "embeding" of $x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$


## Linear Dimensionality Reduction

- $X=\left[x^{(1)} x^{(2)} \cdots x^{(N)}\right]$ is $D \times N$ matrix deoting all the $N$ data points
- $Z=\left[z^{(1)} z^{(2)} \cdots z^{(N)}\right]$ is $K \times N$ matrix denoting embeddings of the data points
- With this notation, the figure on previous slide can be re-drawn as

- How do we learn the "best" projection matrix $U$ ?
- What criteria should we optimize for when learning $U$
- Principle Component Analysis (PCA) is an algorithm for doing this


## Principle Component Analysis (PCA)

- PCA is a technique widely used for applications such as dimensionality reduction, lossy data compression, feature extraction, and data visualization
- Two commonly used definitions
- Learning projection directions that capture maximum variance in data
- Learning projection directions that result in smallest reconstruction error
- Can also be seen as changing the basis in which the data is represented (and transforming the features such that new features become decorrelated)



## Variance Captured by Projections

- Consider $x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$ on a one-dim subspace defined by $u_{1} \in \mathbb{R}^{D}\left(\left\|u_{1}\right\|=\right.$ 1)
- Projection of $x^{(i)}$ along a one-dim subspace

- Mean of projections of all the data $\left(\mu=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x^{(i)}\right)$

$$
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} u_{1}^{T} x^{(i)}=u_{1}^{T} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x^{(i)}=u_{1}^{T} \mu
$$

## Variance Captured by Projections

- Variance of the projected data

$$
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(u_{1}^{T} x^{(i)}-u_{1}^{T} \mu\right)^{2}=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N}\left[u_{1}^{T}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right)\right]^{2}=u_{1}^{T} S u_{1}
$$

- $S$ is the $D \times D$ data covariance matrix

$$
S=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right)\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right)^{T}
$$

- Variance of the projected data ("spread" of the yellow points)
- If data already centered at $\mu=0$, then $S=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x^{(i)}\left(x^{(i)}\right)^{T}$


## Optimization Problem

- We want $u_{1}$ s.t. the variance of the projected data is maximized

$$
\begin{aligned}
\max _{u_{1}} & u_{1}^{T} S u_{1} \\
\text { s.t. } & u_{1}^{T} u_{1}=1
\end{aligned}
$$

- The method of Lagrange multipliers

$$
\mathcal{L}\left(u_{1}, \lambda_{1}\right)=u_{1}^{T} S u_{1}-\lambda_{1}\left(u_{1}^{T} u_{1}-1\right)
$$

where $\lambda_{1}$ is a Lagrange multiplier

## Direction of Maximum Variance

- Taking the derivative w.r.t. $u_{1}$ and setting to zero gives

$$
S u_{1}=\lambda_{1} u_{1}
$$

- Thus $u_{1}$ is an eigenvector of $S$ (with corresponding eigenvalue $\lambda_{1}$ )
- But which of $S$ 's eigenvectors it is?
- Note that since $u_{1}^{T} u_{1}=1$, the variance of projected data is

$$
u_{1}^{T} S u_{1}=\lambda_{1}
$$

- Var. is maximized when $u_{1}$ is the top eigenvector with largest eigenvalue
- The top eigenvector $u_{1}$ is also known as the first Principle Component (PC)
- Other directions can also be found likewise (with each being orthogonal to all previous ones) using the eigendecomposition of $S$ (this is PCA)


## Steps in Principle Component Analysis

- Center the data (subtract the mean $\mu=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x^{(i)}$ from each data point)
- Compute the covariance matrix

$$
S=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x^{(i)} x^{(i)^{T}}=\frac{1}{N} X X^{T}
$$

- Do an eigendecomposition of the covariance matrix $S$
- Take first $K$ leading eigenvectors $\left\{u_{l}\right\}_{l=1, \cdots, K}$ with eigenvalues $\left\{\lambda_{l}\right\}_{l=1, \cdots, h}$
- The final $K$ dim. projection of data is given by

$$
Z=U^{\top} X
$$

where $U$ is $D \times K$ and $Z$ is $K \times N$

## PCA as Minimizing the Reconstruction Error

- Assume complete orthonormal basis vector $u_{1}, u_{2}, \cdots, u_{D}$, each $u_{I} \in$ $\mathbb{R}^{D}$
- We can represent each data point $x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$ exactly using the new basis

$$
x^{(i)}=\sum_{l=1}^{D} z_{l}^{(i)} u_{l}
$$

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{1}^{(i)} \\
x_{2}^{(i)} \\
\vdots \\
x_{D}^{(i)}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
u_{1} & u_{2} & \cdots & u_{D}
\end{array}\right] *\left[\begin{array}{c}
z_{1}^{(i)} \\
z_{2}^{(i)} \\
\vdots \\
z_{D}^{(i)}
\end{array}\right]
$$

- Denoting $z^{(i)}=\left[z_{1}^{(i)} \cdots z_{D}^{(i)}\right]^{T}, U=\left[u_{1} \cdots u_{D}\right]$, and using $U^{T} U=I$

$$
x^{(i)}=U z^{(i)} \text { and } z^{(i)}=U^{T} x^{(i)}
$$

- Also note that each component of vector $z^{(i)}$ is $z_{l}^{(i)}=u_{l}^{T} x^{(i)}$


## Reconstruction of Data from Projections

- Reconstruction of $x^{(i)}$ from $z^{(i)}$ will be exact if we use all $D$ basis vectors
- Will be approximate if we only use $K<D$ basis vectors:

$$
x^{(i)} \approx \sum_{l=1}^{K} z_{l}^{(i)} u_{l}
$$

- Let's use $K=1$ basis vector. Then, the one-dim embedding of $x^{(i)}$ is

$$
z^{(i)}=u_{1}^{T} x^{(i)} \quad\left(z^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}\right)
$$

- We can now try to "reconstruct" $x^{(i)}$ from its embedding $z^{(i)}$ as follows

$$
\tilde{x}^{(i)}=u_{1} z^{(i)}=u_{1} u_{1}^{T} x^{(i)}
$$

- Total error or "loss" in reconstructing all the data points

$$
\ell\left(u_{1}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left\|x^{(i)}-\tilde{x}^{(i)}\right\|^{2}=\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left\|x^{(i)}-u_{1} u_{1}^{T} x^{(i)}\right\|^{2}
$$

## Direction with Best Reconstruction

- We want to find $u_{1}$ that minimize the reconstruction error

$$
\ell\left(u_{1}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left\|x^{(i)}-u_{1} u_{1}^{T} x^{(i)}\right\|^{2}=\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(-u_{1}^{T} x^{(i)}\left(x^{(i)}\right)^{T} u_{1}+\left(x^{(i)}\right)^{T} x^{(i)}\right)
$$

by using $u_{1}^{T} u_{1}=1$

- Minimizing the error of reconstructing all the data points is equivalent to

$$
\max _{u_{1}:\left\|u_{1}\right\|^{2}=1} u_{1}^{T}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} x^{(i)}\left(x^{(i)}\right)^{T}\right) u_{1}=\max _{u_{1}:\left\|u_{1}\right\|^{2}=1} u_{1}^{T} S u_{1}
$$

where $S$ is the covariance matrix of the data (which are assumed to be centered)

- It is the same objective that we had when we maximized the variance


## Revisiting Gaussian

- Gaussian distribution with a single variable

$$
\mathcal{N}\left(x ; \mu, \sigma^{2}\right)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi} \sigma} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2 \sigma^{2}}(x-\mu)^{2}\right)
$$

where $\mu$ is the mean and $\sigma^{2}$ is the variance

- n-dimensional multivariate Gaussian distribution

$$
\mathcal{N}(x ; \mu, \Sigma)=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}|\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right)
$$

where $\mu$ is the $n$-dimensional mean vector and $\Sigma$ is the $n \times n$-dimensional covariance matrix

## Revisiting Gaussian (Contd.)

- Central limit theorem
- Subject to certain mild conditions, the sum of a set of random variables has a distribution increasingly approaching Gaussian as the number of the variables increases




Figure: Consider $N$ random variables $x_{1}, x_{2}, \cdots, x_{N}$ each of which has a uniform distribution over $[0,1]$. The distribution of their mean $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i}$ tends to a Gaussian as $N \rightarrow \infty$

## Revisiting Gaussian (Contd.)

- The following Gaussian integrals have closed-form solutions

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \mathcal{N}(x ; \mu, \Sigma) d x=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}(x ; \mu, \Sigma) d x_{1} \cdots d x_{n}=1 \\
& \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} x_{i} \mathcal{N}(x ; \mu, \Sigma) d x=\mu_{i}, \forall i=1,2, \cdots, n \\
& \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}}\left(x_{i}-\mu_{i}\right)\left(x_{j}-\mu_{j}\right) \mathcal{N}(x ; \mu, \Sigma) d x=\Sigma_{i j}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Revisiting Gaussian (Contd.)

- The functional dependence of the Gaussian on $x$ is through the quadratic form

$$
\Delta^{2}=(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma(x-\mu)
$$

where $\Delta$ is called the Mahalanobis distance from $x$ to $\mu$

- $\Sigma$ is symmetric such that
- All eigenvalues of $\Sigma$, i.e., $\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}, \cdots, \lambda_{D}$, are real
- Eigenvectors (i.e., $u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{D}$ ) corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal


## Conditional Gaussian and Marginal Gaussian

## An important property

- If two sets of variables are jointly Gaussian, then the conditional distribution of one set conditioned on the other is again Gaussian

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mu_{a \mid b} & =\mu_{a}+\Sigma_{a b} \Sigma_{b b}^{-1}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right) \\
\Sigma_{a \mid b} & =\Sigma_{a a}-\Sigma_{a b} \Sigma_{b b}^{-1} \Sigma_{b a}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Similarly, the marginal distribution of either set is also Gaussian

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}\left[x_{a}\right] & =\mu_{a} \\
\operatorname{cov}\left[x_{a}\right] & =\Sigma_{a a}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Conditional Gaussian Distribution

- $x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$
- Partition $x$ into two disjoint subsets $x_{a}$ and $x_{b}$

$$
x=\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{a} \\
x_{b}
\end{array}\right], \quad \mu=\left[\begin{array}{l}
\mu_{a} \\
\mu_{b}
\end{array}\right], \quad \Sigma=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\Sigma_{a a} & \Sigma_{a b} \\
\Sigma_{b a} & \Sigma_{b b}
\end{array}\right]
$$

- Precision matrix

$$
\Lambda:=\Sigma^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\Lambda_{a a} & \Lambda_{a b} \\
\Lambda_{b a} & \Lambda_{b b}
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $\Lambda_{a b}^{T}=\Lambda_{b a}$

## Conditional Gaussian Distribution (Contd.)

- n-dimensional multivariate Gaussian distribution

$$
\mathcal{N}(x ; \mu, \Sigma)=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}|\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right)
$$

where $\mu$ is the $n$-dimensional mean vector and $\Sigma$ is the $n \times n$-dimensional covariance matrix

- If the conditional probability of $x_{a}$ conditioned on $x_{b}$ is a Gaussian

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{N}\left(x_{a} \mid x_{b} ; \mu_{a \mid b}, \Sigma_{a \mid b}\right) \\
= & \frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}\left|\Sigma_{a \mid b}\right|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(x-\mu_{a \mid b}\right)^{T} \Sigma_{a \mid b}^{-1}\left(x-\mu_{a \mid b}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\mu_{a \mid b}$ is the $n_{a}$-dimensional conditional mean vector of $x_{a}$ and $\Sigma_{a \mid b}$ is the $n_{a} \times n_{a}$-dimensional conditional covariance matrix

## Conditional Gaussian Distribution (Contd.)

- A quadratic form of $x_{a}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu) \\
= & -\frac{1}{2}\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{a} \\
x_{b}
\end{array}\right]-\left[\begin{array}{l}
\mu_{a} \\
\mu_{b}
\end{array}\right]\right)^{T}\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\Lambda_{a a} & \Lambda_{a b} \\
\Lambda_{b a} & \Lambda_{b b}
\end{array}\right]\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{a} \\
x_{b}
\end{array}\right]-\left[\begin{array}{l}
\mu_{a} \\
\mu_{b}
\end{array}\right]\right) \\
= & -\frac{1}{2}\left(x_{a}-\mu_{a}\right)^{T} \Lambda_{a a}\left(x_{a}-\mu_{a}\right)-\left(x_{a}-\mu_{a}\right)^{T} \Lambda_{a b}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right) \\
& -\frac{1}{2}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right)^{T} \Lambda_{b b}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right) \\
= & -\frac{1}{2} x_{a}^{T} \Lambda_{a a} x_{a}+x_{a}^{T}\left(\Lambda_{a a} \mu_{a}-\Lambda_{a b}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right)\right)+\text { const }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Conditional Gaussian Distribution (Contd.)

- A quadratic form of $x_{a}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu) \\
= & -\frac{1}{2} x_{a}^{T} \Lambda_{a a} x_{a}+x_{a}^{T}\left(\Lambda_{a a} \mu_{a}-\Lambda_{a b}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right)\right)+\text { const }
\end{aligned}
$$

- Referring to

$$
-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)=-\frac{1}{2} x^{T} \Sigma^{-1} x+x^{T} \Sigma^{-1} \mu+\text { const }
$$

- The covariance of $p\left(x_{a} \mid x_{b}\right)$ is given by

$$
\Sigma_{a \mid b}=\Lambda_{a a}^{-1}
$$

## Conditional Gaussian Distribution (Contd.)

- A quadratic form of $x_{a}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu) \\
= & -\frac{1}{2} x_{a}^{T} \Lambda_{a a} x_{a}+x_{a}^{T}\left(\Lambda_{a a} \mu_{a}-\Lambda_{a b}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right)\right)+\text { const }
\end{aligned}
$$

- Referring to

$$
-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)=-\frac{1}{2} x^{T} \Sigma^{-1} x+x^{T} \Sigma^{-1} \mu+\text { const }
$$

- The mean of $p\left(x_{a} \mid x_{b}\right)$ is given by

$$
\mu_{a \mid b}=\Sigma_{a \mid b}\left(\Lambda_{a a} \mu_{a}-\Lambda_{a b}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right)\right)=\mu_{a}-\Lambda_{a a}^{-1} \Lambda_{a b}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right)
$$

## Conditional Gaussian Distribution (Contd.)

- Since

$$
\left[\begin{array}{ll}
A & B \\
C & D
\end{array}\right]^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
M & -M B D^{-1} \\
-D^{-1} C M & D^{-1}+D^{-1} C M B D^{-1}
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $M=\left(A-B D^{-1} C\right)^{-1}$ is known as the Schur complement

- Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Lambda_{a a}=\left(\Sigma_{a a}-\Sigma_{a b} \Sigma_{b b}^{-1} \Sigma_{b a}\right)^{-1} \\
& \Lambda_{a b}=-\left(\Sigma_{a a}-\Sigma_{a b} \Sigma_{b b}^{-1} \Sigma_{b a}\right)^{-1} \Sigma_{a b} \Sigma_{b b}^{-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

- All in all,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mu_{a \mid b} & =\mu_{a}+\Sigma_{a b} \Sigma_{b b}^{-1}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right) \\
\Sigma_{a \mid b} & =\Sigma_{a a}-\Sigma_{a b} \Sigma_{b b}^{-1} \Sigma_{b a}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Check the normalization item by yourselves


## Marginal Gaussian Distribution

- n-dimensional multivariate Gaussian distribution

$$
\mathcal{N}(x ; \mu, \Sigma)=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}|\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right)
$$

where $\mu$ is the $n$-dimensional mean vector and $\Sigma$ is the $n \times n$-dimensional covariance matrix

- Marginal Gaussian

$$
p\left(x_{a}\right)=\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_{b}}} p\left(x_{a}, x_{b}\right) d x_{b}
$$

- If the marginal probability of $x_{a}$ is a Gaussian

$$
\mathcal{N}\left(x_{a} ; \bar{\mu}_{a}, \Sigma_{a}\right)=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}\left|\Sigma_{a}\right|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(x-\bar{\mu}_{a}\right)^{T} \Sigma_{a}^{-1}\left(x-\bar{\mu}_{a}\right)\right)
$$

## Marginal Gaussian Distribution (Contd.)

- Recalling the quadratic form of $x_{a}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)= & -\frac{1}{2}\left(x_{a}-\mu_{a}\right)^{T} \Lambda_{a a}\left(x_{a}-\mu_{a}\right) \\
& -\left(x_{a}-\mu_{a}\right)^{T} \Lambda_{a b}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right) \\
& -\frac{1}{2}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right)^{T} \Lambda_{b b}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Picking out all items involving $x_{b}$

$$
-\frac{1}{2} x_{b}^{T} \Lambda_{b b} x_{b}+x_{b}^{T} m=-\frac{1}{2}\left(x_{b}-\Lambda_{b b}^{-1} m\right)^{T} \Lambda_{b b}\left(x_{b}-\Lambda_{b b}^{-1} m\right)+\frac{1}{2} m^{T} \Lambda_{b b}^{-1} m
$$

where $m=\Lambda_{b b} \mu_{b}-\Lambda_{b a}\left(x_{a}-\mu_{a}\right)$

## Marginal Gaussian Distribution (Contd.)

- Taking the exponential of this quadratic form, the integration over $x_{b}$ can be defined as

$$
\int \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(x_{b}-\Lambda_{b b}^{-1} m\right)^{T} \Lambda_{b b}\left(x_{b}-\Lambda_{b b}^{-1} m\right)\right) d x_{b}
$$

- It is the integral over an unnormalized Gaussian, and hence the result will be the reciprocal of the normalization coefficient which depends only on the determinant of the covariance matrix


## Marginal Gaussian Distribution (Contd.)

- Combining $\frac{1}{2} m^{T} \Lambda_{b b}^{-1} m$ with the remaining terms depending on $x_{a}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2}\left[\Lambda_{b b} \mu_{b}-\Lambda_{b a}\left(x_{a}-\mu_{a}\right)\right]^{T} \Lambda_{b b}^{-1}\left[\Lambda_{b b} \mu_{b}-\Lambda_{b a}\left(x_{a}-\mu_{a}\right)\right] \\
& -\frac{1}{2} x_{a}^{T} \Lambda_{a a} x_{a}+x_{a}^{T}\left(\Lambda_{a a} \mu_{a}+\Lambda_{a b} \mu_{b}\right)+\text { const } \\
= & -\frac{1}{2} x_{a}^{T}\left(\Lambda_{a a}-\Lambda_{a b} \Lambda_{b b}^{-1} \Lambda_{b a}\right) x_{a} \\
& +x_{a}^{T}\left(\Lambda_{a a}-\Lambda_{a b} \Lambda_{b b}^{-1} \Lambda_{b a}\right) \mu_{a}+\text { const }
\end{aligned}
$$

- Therefore

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Sigma_{a}=\left(\Lambda_{a a}-\Lambda_{a b} \Lambda_{b b}^{-1} \Lambda_{b a}\right)^{-1}=\Sigma_{a a} \\
& \bar{\mu}_{a}=\Sigma_{a}\left(\Lambda_{a a}-\Lambda_{a b} \Lambda_{b b}^{-1} \Lambda_{b a}\right) \mu_{a}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Factor Analysis Model

- $x=\mu+\Lambda z+\varepsilon$
- $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \mu \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, z \in \mathbb{R}^{k}, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$
- $\Lambda$ is the factor loading matrix
- $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ (zero-mean independent normals, with unit variance)
- $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Psi)$ where $\Psi$ is a diagonal matrix (the observed variables are independent given the factors)
- How do we get the training data $\left\{x^{(i)}\right\}_{i}$ ?
- Generate $\left\{z^{(i)}\right\}_{i}$ according to a multivariate Gaussian distribution $\mathcal{N}(0, I)$
- Map $\left\{\boldsymbol{z}^{(i)}\right\}_{i}$ into a $n$-dimensional affine space by $\Lambda$ and $\mu$
- Generate $\left\{x^{(i)}\right\}_{i}$ by sampling the above affine space with noise $\varepsilon$
- Equivalently,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I) \\
& x \mid z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu+\Lambda z, \Psi)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Higher Dimension But Less Data

- Consider a case with $n \gg m$
- The given training data span only a low-dimensional subspace of $\mathbb{R}^{n}$
- If we Model the data as Gaussian and estimate the mean and covariance using MLE

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mu=\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)} \\
& \Sigma=\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right)\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right)^{T}
\end{aligned}
$$

we may observe that $\Sigma$ may be singular such that $\Sigma^{-1}$ does not exist and $1 /|\Sigma|^{1 / 2}=1 / 0$

$$
p(x ; \mu, \Sigma)=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{n / 2}|\Sigma|^{1 / 2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right)
$$

## Factor Analysis Model (Contd.)

- $z$ and $x$ have a joint Gaussian distribution

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
z \\
x
\end{array}\right] \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{z x}, \Sigma\right)
$$

- Question: How to calculate $\mu_{z x}$ and $\Sigma$ ?
- Since $E[z]=0$, we have

$$
E[x]=E[\mu+\Lambda z+\epsilon]=\mu+\Lambda E[z]+E[\epsilon]=\mu
$$

and then

$$
\mu_{z x}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
\overrightarrow{0} \\
\mu
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Factor Analysis Model (Contd.)

- Since $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, l), \mathbb{E}\left[z z^{T}\right]=\operatorname{Cov}(z)$, and $\mathbb{E}\left[z \epsilon^{T}\right]=\mathbb{E}[z] \mathbb{E}\left[\epsilon^{T}\right]=0$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_{z z} & =\mathbb{E}\left[(z-E[z])(z-E[z])^{T}\right]=\operatorname{Cov}(z)=I \\
\Sigma_{x x} & =\mathbb{E}\left[(x-\mathbb{E}[x])(x-\mathbb{E}[x])^{T}\right] \\
& =\mathbb{E}\left[(\mu+\Lambda z+\epsilon-\mu)(\mu+\Lambda z+\epsilon-\mu)^{T}\right] \\
& =\mathbb{E}\left[\Lambda z z^{T} \Lambda^{T}+\epsilon z^{T} \Lambda^{T}+\Lambda z \epsilon^{T}+\epsilon \epsilon^{T}\right] \\
& =\Lambda \mathbb{E}\left[z z^{T}\right] \Lambda^{T}+\mathbb{E}\left[\epsilon \epsilon^{T}\right] \\
& =\Lambda \Lambda^{T}+\Psi \\
\Sigma_{z x} & =\mathbb{E}\left[(z-\mathbb{E}[z])(x-\mathbb{E}[x])^{T}\right] \\
& =\mathbb{E}\left[z(\mu+\Lambda z+\epsilon-\mu)^{T}\right] \\
& =\mathbb{E}\left[z z^{T}\right] \Lambda^{T}+\mathbb{E}\left[z \epsilon^{T}\right] \\
& =\Lambda^{T}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Factor Analysis Model (Contd.)

- Putting everything together, we therefore have

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
z \\
x
\end{array}\right] \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}
\overrightarrow{0} \\
\mu
\end{array}\right],\left[\begin{array}{cc}
I & \Lambda^{T} \\
\Lambda & \Lambda \Lambda^{T}+\Psi
\end{array}\right]\right)
$$

- Then, $x \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \Lambda \Lambda^{T}+\Psi\right)$
- Log-likelihood function

$$
\ell(\mu, \Lambda, \Psi)=\log \prod_{i=1}^{m} \frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{n / 2}\left|\Sigma_{x x}\right|^{1 / 2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right)^{T} \Sigma_{x x}^{-1}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right)\right)
$$

## EM Algorithm Review

- Repeat the following step until convergence
- (E-step) For each $i$, set

$$
Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right):=p\left(z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)} ; \theta\right)
$$

- (M-step) set

$$
\theta:=\arg \max _{\theta} \sum_{i} \sum_{z^{(i)}} Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right) \log \frac{p\left(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)} ; \theta\right)}{Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right)}
$$

## EM Algorithm for Factor Analysis

- Recall that if

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{a} \\
x_{b}
\end{array}\right] \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu=\left[\begin{array}{l}
\mu_{a} \\
\mu_{b}
\end{array}\right], \Sigma=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\Sigma_{a a} & \Sigma_{a b} \\
\Sigma_{b a} & \Sigma_{b b}
\end{array}\right]\right)
$$

we then have

$$
x_{a} \mid x_{b} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{a \mid b}, \Sigma_{a \mid b}\right)
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mu_{a \mid b}=\mu_{a}+\Sigma_{a b} \Sigma_{b b}^{-1}\left(x_{b}-\mu_{b}\right) \\
& \Sigma_{a \mid b}=\Sigma_{a a}-\Sigma_{a b} \Sigma_{b b}^{-1} \Sigma_{b a}
\end{aligned}
$$

## EM Algorithm for Factor Analysis (Contd.)

- Since

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
z \\
x
\end{array}\right] \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}
\overrightarrow{0} \\
\mu
\end{array}\right],\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\prime & \Lambda^{T} \\
\Lambda & \Lambda \Lambda^{T}+\Psi
\end{array}\right]\right)
$$

we have

$$
z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)} ; \mu, \Lambda, \Psi \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{z^{(i)}} \mid x^{(i)}, \Sigma_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}\right)
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mu_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}=\Lambda^{T}\left(\Lambda \Lambda^{T}+\Psi\right)^{-1}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right) \\
& \Sigma_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}=I-\Lambda^{T}\left(\Lambda \Lambda^{T}+\Psi\right)^{-1} \Lambda
\end{aligned}
$$

- Calculate $Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right)$ in the E-step

$$
Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right)=\frac{\exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(z^{(i)}-\mu_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}\right)^{T} \Sigma_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}^{-1}\left(z^{(i)}-\mu_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}\right)\right)}{(2 \pi)^{n / 2}\left|\Sigma_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}\right|^{1 / 2}}
$$

## EM Algorithm for Factor Analysis (Contd.)

- In M-step, we maximize the following equation with respect to $\mu, \Lambda$, and $\psi$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^{m} \int_{z^{(i)}} Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right) \log \frac{p\left(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)} ; \mu, \Lambda, \Psi\right)}{Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right)} d z^{(i)} \\
= & \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathbb{E}_{z^{(i)} \sim Q_{i}}\left[\log p\left(x^{(i)} \mid z^{(i)} ; \mu, \Lambda, \Psi\right)+\log p\left(z^{(i)}\right)-\log Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right)\right] \\
= & \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathbb{E}_{z^{(i)} \sim Q_{i}}\left[\log \frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{n / 2}|\Psi|^{1 / 2}} \exp \left(-\frac{\left(x^{(i)}-\mu-\Lambda z^{(i)}\right)^{T} \Psi^{-1}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu-\Lambda z^{(i)}\right)}{2}\right)+\log p\left(z^{(i)}\right)-\log Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right)\right] \\
= & \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathbb{E}_{z^{(i)} \sim Q_{i}}\left[-\frac{1}{2} \log |\Psi|-\frac{n}{2} \log (2 \pi)-\frac{1}{2}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu-\Lambda z^{(i)}\right)^{T} \Psi^{-1}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu-\Lambda z^{(i)}\right)+\log p\left(z^{(i)}\right)-\log Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

## EM Algorithm for Factor Analysis (Contd.)

- Let

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \nabla_{\Lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{m}-\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu-\Lambda z^{(i)}\right)^{T} \Psi^{-1}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu-\Lambda z^{(i)}\right)\right] \\
= & \sum_{i=1}^{m} \nabla_{\Lambda} \mathbb{E}_{z^{(i)} \sim Q_{i}}\left[-\operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{1}{2} z^{(i)^{T}} \Lambda^{T} \Psi^{-1} \Lambda z^{(i)}\right)+\operatorname{tr}\left(z^{(i)} \Lambda^{T} \Lambda^{T} \Psi^{-1}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right)\right)\right] \\
= & \sum_{i=1}^{m} \nabla_{\Lambda} \mathbb{E}_{z^{(i)} \sim Q_{i}}\left[-\operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{1}{2} \Lambda^{T} \Psi^{-1} \Lambda z^{(i)} z^{(i)^{T}}\right)+\operatorname{tr}\left(\Lambda^{T} \Psi^{-1}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right) z^{(i)^{T}}\right)\right] \\
= & \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathbb{E}_{z^{(i)} \sim Q_{i}}\left[-\Psi^{-1} \Lambda z^{(i)} z^{(i)}{ }^{T}+\psi^{-1}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right) z^{(i)} T\right] \\
= & 0
\end{aligned}
$$

- we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Lambda & =\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right) \mathbb{E}_{z^{(i)} \sim Q_{i}}\left[z^{(i)^{T}}\right]\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathbb{E}_{z^{(i)} \sim Q_{i}}\left[z^{(i)} z^{(i)^{T}}\right]\right)^{-1} \\
& =\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m}\left(x^{(i)}-\mu\right) \mu_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}^{T}\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \mu_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}} \mu_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}^{T}+\Sigma_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}\right)^{-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

## EM Algorithm for Factor Analysis (Contd.)

- Maximize

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{m} \int_{z^{(i)}} Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right) \log \frac{p\left(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)} ; \mu, \Lambda, \Psi\right)}{Q_{i}\left(z^{(i)}\right)} d z^{(i)}
$$

with respect to $\mu$ and $\Psi$

- Results are as follows

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mu= & \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)} \\
\Psi= & \operatorname{diag}\left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)} x^{(i)^{T}}-x^{(i)} \mu_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}^{T} \Lambda^{T}-\Lambda \mu_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}} x^{(i)^{T}}+\right. \\
& \left.\Lambda\left(\mu_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}} \mu_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}^{T}+\Sigma_{z^{(i)} \mid x^{(i)}}\right) \Lambda^{T}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Thanks!

Q \& A

