# Derived Inputs: Applications of Principal Components <br> -Applied Multivariate Analysis- 

## Lower Dimensional Embeddings: Turtle

## Example

This data set gives a morphological description of 48 turtles (this means, we get the height, weight, length, and gender of the turtles). What does the data look like?


## Lower Dimensional Embeddings: Turtle Example

Actually, we can do better. Use this code:

```
library(ade4)
data(tortues)
pturtles = tortues #rename to a english word
names(pturtles) = c("length", "width", "height", "sex")
sex = pturtles$sex
sexcol = ifelse(sex == "F", "pink", "blue")
measures = pturtles[, 1:3]
#you need to install rgl using install.packages('rgl')
library(rgl)
plot3d(measures, type = "s", col = sexcol)
```


## Lower Dimensional Embeddings: Turtle

 Example, Go to 3d Plot.
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Some notes:

- Notice that our covariates vector has length 3. $\left(X_{i}=\left(\text { length }_{i}, \text { width }_{i}, \text { height }_{i}\right)^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{3}\right)$
- However, as length, width, and height are extremely (linearly) related, it can be argued that the data vector is actually only 1 dimensional, plus some noise.
- So, maybe instead of trying to pick one of these variables, we should use their shared 1 dimensional space.


## Lower Dimensional Embeddings: Turtle

## Example

This data demonstrates the need for scaling
> measures

```
        length width height
```

| 1 | 93 | 74 | 37 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 94 | 78 | 35 |

$\vdots$


## Two common uses of PCA

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): Using the nature of the estimated rotation of our predictors to draw conclusions about how the predictors are related to each other

Principal Components Regression (PCR): Use the principal components as the inputs to a regression procedure to discover relationships between the predictors and the response

We'll cover both of these, starting with EDA.

## Using PCA for EDA

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## Using PCA for EDA: How Many Dimensions? R Code

```
pc.shell = prcomp(measures,scale=TRUE)
pc.summary \(=\) summary (pc.shell)
```

> pc.summary
Importance of components:

|  | PC1 | PC2 | PC3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Standard deviation | 1.7073 | 0.2528 | 0.14611 |
| Proportion of Variance | 0.9716 | 0.0213 | 0.00712 |
| Cumulative Proportion | 0.9716 | 0.9929 | 1.00000 |

## Using PCA for EDA: How Many Dimensions?

PCA finds the rotation that maximizes variance
We can order the PCs by how much variance each one explains.
Then, we retain the PCs that explain "enough" variance

## Using PCA for EDA: How Many Dimensions?

We can visualize this via scree plots
In general, we want to stop at the elbow or kink in the scree plot.


In this case we pick one PC.

## Using PCA for EDA: Loadings

We can see how the covariates relate to each other via loadings
(These are the coordinates of the covariates in the PCs)
> pc.shell\$rotation

|  | PC1 | PC2 | PC3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| length | 0.5806536 | -0.2706983 | 0.7678306 |
| width | 0.5780575 | -0.5270479 | -0.6229526 |
| height | 0.5733158 | 0.8055699 | -0.1495531 |

- PC1 is comprised of a roughly equal linear combination of each of the variables.
- PC2 has a large value of height and medium negative values for length and width
(This indicates that PC2 describes shells that are pointy)
- PC3 has a large value of length, medium negative value for width, and a negligible value for height.
(This indicates that PC3 describes shells that are long and narrow)


## Using PCA for EDA: Scores

We can see how the observations relate to each other via scores
(These are the coordinates of the observations in the PCs)
> pc.shell\$x

|  | $\mathrm{PC1}$ | PC 2 | $\mathrm{PC3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | -2.501079256 | 0.431178792 | 0.0284694367 |
| 2 | -2.427654498 | 0.060014223 | -0.0943228042 |
| 3 | -2.280037885 | -0.049312926 | -0.1173228864 |
| 4 | -1.682937763 | 0.103136589 | -0.1971828906 |
| 5 | -1.677508679 | -0.047607104 | -0.1908457721 |
| 6 | -1.899371091 | 0.008883803 | 0.0604355449 |
| 7 | -1.643346040 | 0.104933543 | -0.0357276551 |
| 8 | -1.586646026 | 0.078500233 | 0.0392499421 |
| 9 | -1.672133541 | 0.010650380 | 0.1435647400 |

$48 \quad 4.568279372-0.200538058-0.1989389715$

## Using PCA for EDA: Loadings and scores

We can graphically display these both at the same time via biplots
biplot(pc.shell,pc.biplot=TRUE)


The distance between points approximates the true distance
The angle between covariates approximates the covariance

## Using PCA for EDA: Dimensional reduction

 Using the scree plot, we decided one dimension is all that is required to represent this dataLet's plot that dimension in a univariate fashion and see how it relates to the sex label

```
plot(pc.shell$x[,1],rep(0,nrow(pc.shell$x)))
```



Digits example

## Using PCA for EDA: Digits Example



Source: http://www-stat.stanford.edu/~tibs/ElemStatLearn/

Our data is 658 handwritten 3's, each drawn by a different person Each image is $16 \times 16$ pixels, each taking grayscale values between -1 and 1 .

## Digits example: How does this fit with PREVIOUS EXAMPLES?

Think about each pixel location as a measurement
Consider these simple drawings of 3's. We convert this to an observation in a matrix by unraveling it along rows

$$
\begin{aligned}
& X_{1}=[1,1,1,0,0,1,0,1,1,0,0,1,1,1,1]^{\top} \\
& X_{2}=[1,1,1,0,1,1,0,0,1,0,0,1,1,1,1]^{\top}
\end{aligned}
$$

(Here, let black be 1 and white be 0 )

## Digits example

We will consider digits with...

- more pixels $(p=256)$
- a continuum of intensities


## 3333 <br> Vs. <br>  <br> $$
3333
$$

## Using PCA for EDA: Digits Example, Code for Plotting Digits

```
plot.digit = function(x,zlim=c(-1,1)) {
    cols = gray.colors(100)[100:1]
    image(matrix(x,nrow=16)[,16:1],col=cols,
        zlim=zlim,axes=FALSE)
}
```


## Using PCA for EDA: Digits Example

Eventually, we will learn how to classify these digits. But, for now, let's look at all 658 digits in principal components land.

```
load("../data/digits.Rdata")
threesCenter = scale(threes,scale=FALSE)
svd.out = svd(threesCenter)
pcs = svd.out$v
scores = svd.out$u%*%diag(svd.out$d)
```

Or, using prcomp:

```
out = prcomp(threes,scale=F)
pcs = out$rot
scores = out$x
```

(Note that here we aren't scaling: the measurements are already on a consistent scale)

## Using PCA for EDA: Digits Example

We can plot the scores of the first two principal components versus each other:

```
plot(scores[,1],scores[,2],xlab = 'PC1',ylab='PC2',
    main='Plot of First Two PCs')
```

Plot of First Two PCs


Note: Each circle in this plot represents a hand written ' 3 '.

## Using PCA for EDA: Digits Example

The idea is that where a handwritten ' 3 ' falls in the plot could be related to some fundamental, underlying property.

In the turtle example, any shell that had a large value in PC2 had a tall and narrow shell.

Can we characterize the same thing about 3's?

Plot of First Two PCs


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## Using PCA for EDA: Digits Example

```
quantile.vec = c(0.05,0.25,0.5,0.75,0.95)
quant.score1 = quantile(scores[,1],quantile.vec)
quant.score2 = quantile(scores[,2],quantile.vec)
plot(scores[,1],scores[,2],xlab = 'PC1',ylab='PC2')
for(i in 1:5){
    abline(h = quant.score2[i])
    abline(v = quant.score1[i])
}
identify(scores[,1],scores[,2],n=25) #to find points
```



## Using PCA for EDA: Digits Example

```
pcs.order = c(73,238,550,82,640,284,84,133,4,322,392,241,
    554, 220, 500, 247, 344, 142, 405, 649, 184, 149, 234, 375, 176)
par(mfrow=c(5,5))
par(mar=c(.2,.2,.2,.2))
for(i in pcs.order){
    plot.digit(threes[i,])
}
```




## Using PCA for EDA: Digits Example

The 3's get lighter as the location on PC2 increases.
The 3's get more elongated bottom swoops as the location along PC1 increases (also, the 3's tend to get wider)



## Using PCA for EDA: Digits Example, How Many Dimensions?

Each number represents a vector in $\mathbb{R}^{256}$
(as each square is $16 \times 16$ pixels)
However, hopefully we can reduce this number by re-expressing the digits in PC-land
(For instance, the top-right pixel is always 0 and hence that covariate is uninteresting)


## Using PCA for EDA: Digits Example, How Many Dimensions?

Let's look at a scree plot


We put vertical lines when $50 \%$ and $90 \%$ of the variance has been explained (at 7 and 52 PCs , respectively)
> min(which(pc.summary\$importance[3,]>.5))
[1] 7
> min(which(pc.summary\$importance[3,]>.9))
[1] 52

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Lastly, we can also look at the loadings as well:


1sT PC: Takes a compact 3 and smears it out
2ND PC: Deletes a portion of the inner part of a 3 and augments the outer (right) part
3RD PC: Moves a 3 down and tips it to the right

## Using PCA for EDA: Looking Deeper

 2.51*

$$
+2.02 *
$$


$=$


| $>$ | round(scores[1, 1:6],2) |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| PC1 | PC2 | PC3 | PC4 | PC5 | PC6 |
| 2.52 | 0.64 | 2.02 | 0.17 | -4.55 | 1.97 |

## Decomposing in pixel axis versus PCA axis

Using 9 axis dimensions


## Decomposing in pixel axis versus PCA axis

Using 100 axis dimensions


## Decomposing in pixel axis versus PCA axis

## Using 225 axis dimensions



## Decomposing in PCA AXis only



255 PCs


256 PCs

## Decomposing in pixel axis versus PCA axis

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This is the mean (From centering $\left.\mathbb{X}: \quad(\mathbb{X}-\overline{\mathbb{X}})=U D V^{\top}\right)$ (that is, the origin of the PCA axis, or $\overline{\mathbb{X}})^{1}$
plot.digit(attributes(digitsCenter)\$'scaled:center')
${ }^{1}$ Technically, $\bar{X}_{i}$ for any $i$

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## Principal Components Regression (PCR)

We can take PCA a bit further and use it in a more supervised capacity. Here's the idea:

The PCs become the new predictors.
(That is, the matrix $U D$ in $\mathbb{X}-\overline{\mathbb{X}}=U D V^{\top}$, or the $\times$ object returned by prcomp)

We don't want to use all the PCs, however (this would be equivalent to using the original data). We have two choices:

- Use the scree plot to only include important PCs (those that explain the most variance).
- Use all the PCs, but do model selection.

We'll concentrate on just doing the model selection approach (more justified theoretically).

## Principal Components Regression (PCR)

It might seem strange to use the PCs (which are computed irrespective of the response $Y$ ) as inputs to a regression.

Specifically, PCA estimates a feature of the marginal distribution of $X$ (namely, its covariance)

Regression is interested in estimating the conditional distribution of $Y \mid X$ (namely, the conditional mean of $Y$ given $X$ ).

## Principal Components Regression (PCR)

This can be summarized in a quote by Mosteller and Tukey (1977)
... how can we find linear combinations of the [predictors] that will be likely, or unlikely, to pick up regression from some as yet specified $Y$ ?

However, they responded to themselves in the same paper that
... A malicous person who knew our $X^{\prime} s$ and our plan for them could always invent a $Y$ to make our choices look horrible. But we don't believe that nature works that way - more nearly that nature is, as Einstein put it, "tricky, but not downright mean."

## Principal Components Regression (PCR) in $R$

We can use someone's function:

```
install.packages('pls')
library(pls)
pcr.fit = pcr(Y~., data=X,scale=TRUE,validation="CV")
```

This models our response versus the PC scores of the data $X$. It chooses the number of PCs via CV.

## Principal Components Regression (PCR): Example

We have data from 1986 showing 322 major league baseball players versus 20 variables:

AtBat: Number of times at bat in 1986
Hits: Number of hits in 1986
HmRun: Number of home runs in 1986
Runs: Number of runs in 1986
RBI: Number of runs batted in in 1986
Walks: Number of walks in 1986
Years: Number of years in the major leagues
CAtBat: Number of times at bat during his career
CHits: Number of hits during his career
CHmRun: Number of home runs during his career
CRuns: Number of runs during his career
CRBI: Number of runs batted in during his career
CWalks: Number of walks during his career

## PCR Example: MLB Salary

## (Continued)

```
League: A factor with levels A and N indicating league
    at the end of 1986
Division: A factor with levels E and W
    player's division at the end of }198
PutOuts: Number of put outs in 1986
Assists: Number of assists in 1986
Errors: Number of errors in 1986
NewLeague: A factor with levels A and N indicating
    player's league at the beginning of }198
```

We would like to predict
Salary: 1987 annual salary on opening day in thousands of dollars

## PCR Example: MLB Salary

```
load('../data/hitters.rda')
> names (Hitters)
\begin{tabular}{rllll} 
[1] & "AtBat" & "Hits" & "HmRun" & "Runs" \\
[6] "Walks" & "Years" & "CAtBat" & "CHits" & "CHmRun" \\
[11] "CRuns" & "CRBI" & "CWalks" & "League" & "Division" \\
[16] "PutOuts" "Assists" & "Errors" & "Salary" & "NewLeague"
\end{tabular}
> dim(Hitters)
[1] 32220
> sum(is.na(Hitters\$Salary))
[1] 59
> Hitters = na.omit(Hitters)
> dim(Hitters)
[1] 26320
```


## PCR Example: MLB Salary

The syntax for pcr is very similar to Im but with a few more arguments:
library(pls)
pcr.fit = pcr(Salary ${ }^{\sim}$., data=Hitters,scale=T,validation='CV')
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Answer: The CV part (randomly allocate data to validation sets).

## PCR Example: MLB Salary

Here is the output:
> summary(pcr.fit)
Data: X dimension: 26319
Y dimension: 2631
Fit method: svdpc
Number of components considered: 19
VALIDATION: RMSEP
Cross-validated using 10 random segments.

|  | (Intercept) | 1 comps | 2 comps | 3 comps | 4 comps |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| CV | 452 | 348.9 | 352.2 | 353.5 | 352.8 |
| adjCV | 452 | 348.7 | 351.8 | 352.9 | 352.1 |


|  | 18 comps | 19 comps |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| CV | 349.2 | 352.6 |
| adjCV | 346.7 | 349.8 |

## PCR Example: MLB Salary

## Additionally, we can plot:

validationplot(pcr.fit,val.type="MSEP")

Salary


## PCR Example: MLB Salary

Let's see how well it predicts. We will form a train and test split

```
train = sample(c(TRUE,FALSE), nrow(Hitters),rep=TRUE)
test = (!train)
```

And do a prediction:

```
pcr.fit = pcr(Salary~., data=Hitters,scale=T,
        subset=train,validation='CV')
out.pcr = RMSEP(pcr.fit)
dim(out.pcr$val)
[1] 2 1 20
#Here
> out.pcr$comps[which.min(out.pcr$val[1,1,])]
[1] 5
```


## PCR Example: MLB Salary

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```
pcr.fit = pcr(Salary~., data=Hitters,scale=T,subset=train,
    validation='CV')
x = model.matrix(~ .,data=Hitters)
y = Hitters$Salary
pcr.pred = predict(pcr.fit,x[test, -1],ncomp=5)
> sqrt(mean((pcr.pred - y[test])^2))
[1] 381.861
```


## PCR Example: MLB Salary

Compare to, say, ridge regression

```
ridge.fit = cv.glmnet(x=x[train,],y=y[train],alpha=0)
ridge.pred = predict(ridge.fit,s='lambda.min',newx=x[test,])
> sqrt(mean((ridge.pred - y[test])^2))
[1] 388.674
```

So, we get a reduction of about $2 \%$ for PCR over ridge
Remember: PCR and ridge do not do any variable selection. They attempt to minimize prediction error by reducing variance

## Principal Components Regression (PCR): Using all components

Run PCR using all of the scores

```
HittersInd = model.matrix(~ .,data=Hitters)
pca.out = prcomp(HittersInd)
lm.out.pca = lm(Salary~pca.out$x)
Y.hat.pca = predict(lm.out)
```

Or, we can use all of the original covariates
lm.out $\quad=\operatorname{lm}\left(\right.$ Salary ${ }^{\sim}$ HittersInd-1)
Y.hat $=$ predict (lm.out)
> max(abs(Y.hat.pca-Y.hat))
[1] 0
It's the same.

