

Factor Analysis

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Introduction

Problem: Lots of data with n-dimensions vectors.

Example:



$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1P} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2P} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdots & a_{3P} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & a_{N3} & \cdots & a_{NP} \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow \\ \longrightarrow \\ \longrightarrow \\ \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{Feature} \\ \text{Vectors} \end{array}$$

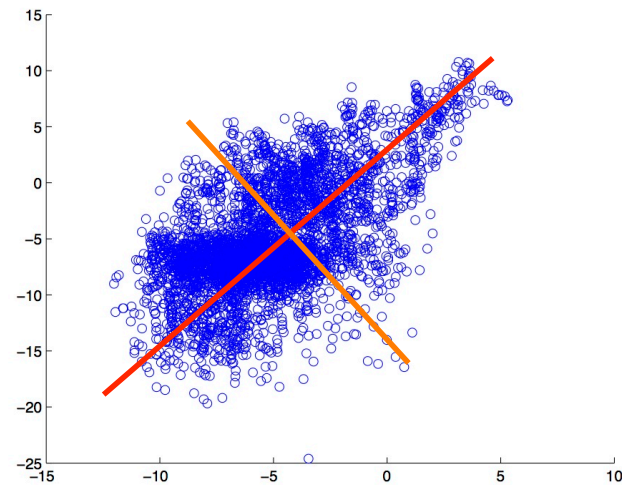
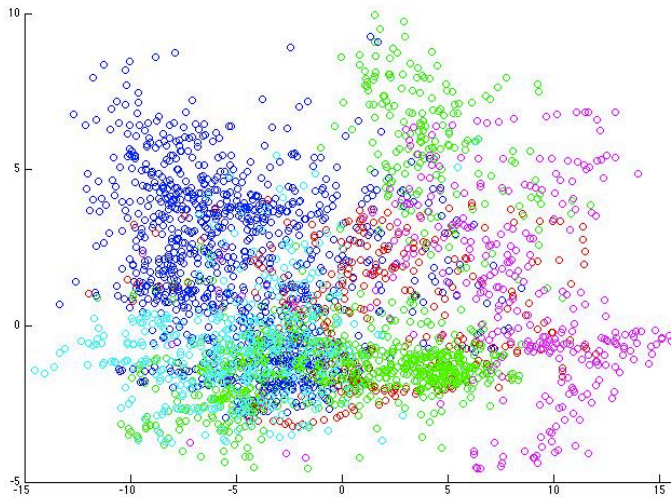
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Can we reduce the number of dimensions? To reduce computing time, simplify process?

YES! 😊

Introduction: Covariance matrix

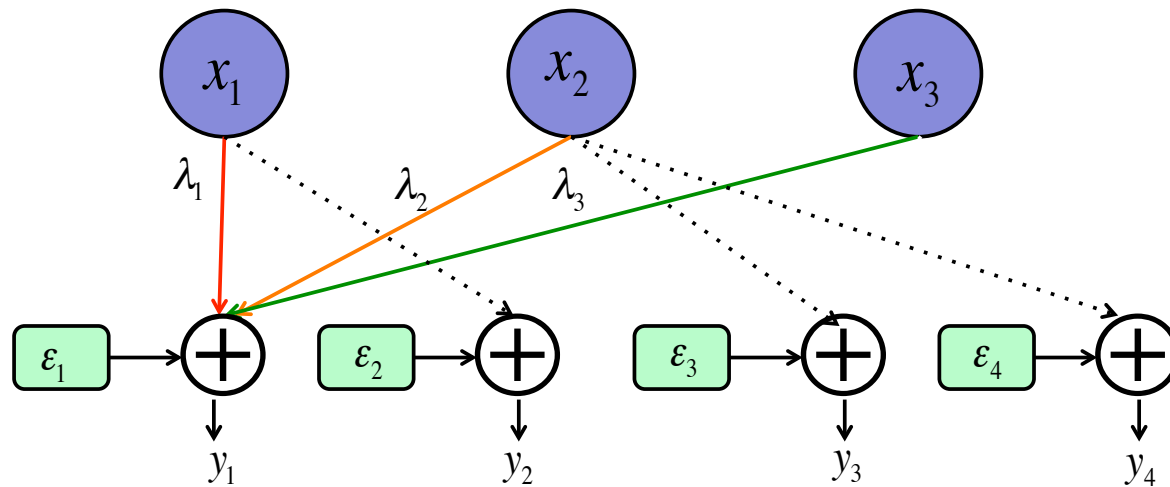
- What can give us information of the data? (Just for this special case)
 - The covariance matrix
 - Get rid of not important information.
 - Think of continuous factors that control the data.



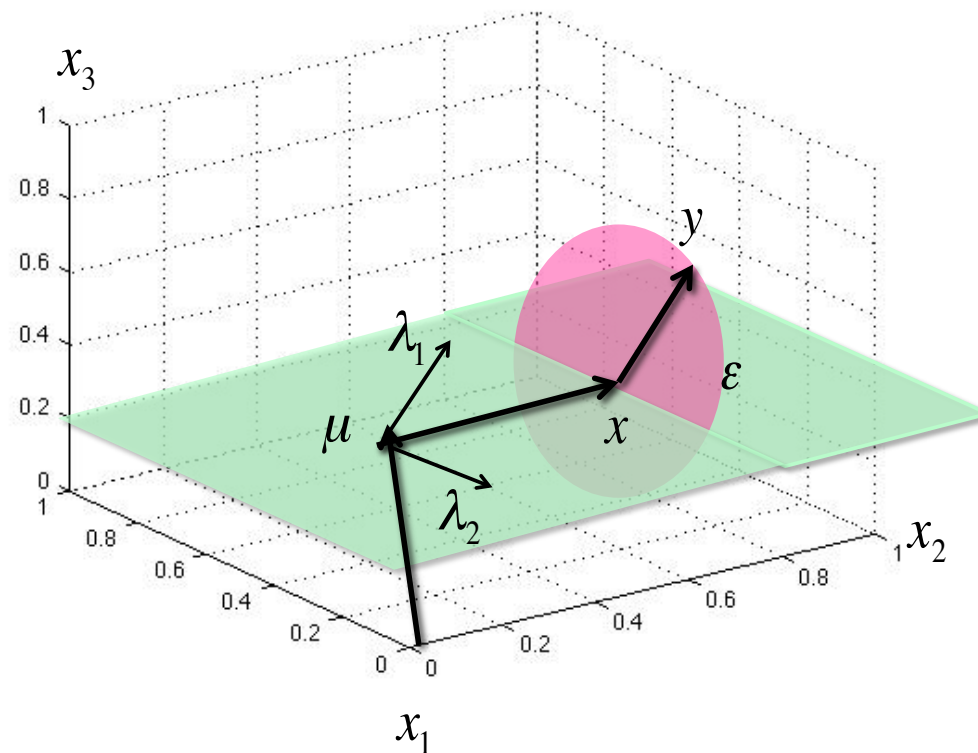
Factor Analysis (FA)

What is Factor Analysis?

- ❑ Analysis of the covariance in observed variables (Y).
- ❑ In terms of few (latent) common factors.
- ❑ Plus a specific error



Factor Analysis (FA): Geometrical Representation



Factor Analysis (FA): Formulation (the equations)

Form

$$y - \mu = \Lambda x + \varepsilon$$

$$y = \Lambda x + \varepsilon$$

$y \rightarrow P \times 1$ data vector

$\mu \rightarrow P \times 1$ mean vector

$\Lambda \rightarrow P \times R$ loading Matrix

$x \rightarrow R \times 1$ factor vector

$\varepsilon \rightarrow P \times 1$ error vector

Assumptions

$$E(x) = E(\varepsilon) = 0$$

$$E(\Lambda \Lambda^T) = I$$

$$E(\varepsilon \varepsilon^T) = \psi = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \psi_{PP} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E(y, x) = \Lambda$$

$$\Sigma = E(yy^T) = \Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi \quad \text{Full rank!!}$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Formulation (the equations)

Now that we have checked the matrices dimensions.

The model:

$$p(x) = N(x|0, I)$$

$$p(y|x, \theta) = N(y|\mu + \Lambda x, \Psi)$$

Quick notes:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p(x, y) \\ p(y) \\ p(x|y) \end{array} \right\} \text{ Are Gaussians!!}$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Formulation (the equations)

Now, we can compute:

$$p(y|\theta) = \int_x p(x)p(y|x, \theta) dx = N(y|\mu, \Lambda\Lambda^T + \Psi)$$

This marginal is... a Gaussian!!

Compute the expected value and covariance.

$$E(y) = E(\mu + \Lambda x + \varepsilon) = E(\mu) + \Lambda E(x) + E(\varepsilon) = \mu$$

$$\text{Cov}(y) = E[(y - \mu)(y - \mu)^T]$$

$$= E[(\mu + \Lambda x + \varepsilon - \mu)(\mu + \Lambda x + \varepsilon - \mu)^T] = E[(\Lambda x + \varepsilon)(\Lambda x + \varepsilon)^T]$$

$$= \Lambda E[xx^T] \Lambda^T + E[\varepsilon \varepsilon^T] = \Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Formulation (the equations)

So, factor analysis is a constrained covariance Gaussian Model!!

$$p(y|\theta) = N(y|\mu, \Lambda\Lambda^T + \Psi)$$

So, what is the covariance?

$$\text{cov}(y) = \begin{matrix} \boxed{\Lambda} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \boxed{\Lambda^T} \end{matrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \psi_{pp} \end{bmatrix}$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Formulation (the equations)

How can we compute the likelihood function?

$$\ell(\theta, D) = -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n (y^n - \mu)^T (\Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi)^{-1} (y^n - \mu)$$

$$\ell(\theta, D) = -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(\Sigma^{-1} \sum_n (y^n - \mu)(y^n - \mu)^T \right)$$

$$\ell(\theta, D) = -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\Sigma^{-1} S)$$

S is the sample data covariance Matrix.

Conclusion:

Constrained model close to the Sample covariance!

Factor Analysis (FA): Formulation (the equations)

So we need sufficient statistics...

mean: $\sum_n y^n$

covariance: $\sum_n (y^n - \mu)(y^n - \mu)^T$

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

- How to estimate μ ?
 - Just compute the mean of the data.
- For the rest of the parameters Λ, Ψ ?
 - Expectation Maximization

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

- ❑ Advantages
 - ❑ Focuses on maximizing the likelihood
- ❑ Disadvantages
 - ❑ Need to know the distribution
 - ❑ No analytical solution

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

Remember EM algorithm?

□ E-step:

$$q_n^{t+1} = p(x^n | y^n, \theta^t)$$

□ M-step

$$\theta^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \sum_n \int_x q_n^{t+1}(x^n | y^n) \log p(y^n, x^n | \theta) dx^n$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

What do we need?

□ E-step:

Conditional probability!!!

$$q_n^{t+1} = p(x^n | y^n, \theta^t) = N(x^n | m^n, \Sigma^n)$$

□ M-step:

Log of the complete data for:

$$\Lambda^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Lambda} \sum_n \ell(x^n, y^n) \Big|_{q_n^{t+1}}$$

$$\Psi^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Psi} \sum_n \ell(x^n, y^n) \Big|_{q_n^{t+1}}$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

What else is needed? $p(x|y)$

Let's start with:

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = N\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mu \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} I & \Lambda^T \\ \Lambda & \Lambda\Lambda^T + \Psi \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

Remember that,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(x, y) &= E\left((x - 0)(y - \mu)^T\right) = E\left(x(\mu + \Lambda x + \varepsilon - \mu)^T\right) \\ &= E\left(x(\Lambda x + \varepsilon)^T\right) = \Lambda^T \end{aligned}$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

Now,

$$p(x|y) = N(x|m, V)$$

$$m = \Lambda (\Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi)^{-1} (y - u)$$

$$V = I - \Lambda^T (\Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi)^{-1} \Lambda$$

Remember inversion lemma?

$$\Sigma^{-1} = (\Lambda \Lambda^T + \Psi)^{-1} = \Psi^{-1} + \Psi^{-1} \Lambda (I + \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} \Lambda)^{-1} \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1}$$

Inverting this matrix is much more efficient $O(MP)$ instead of $O(P^2)$, thanks to the lemma.

Remembering Gaussian conditioning formulas

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_1) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_{11})$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_2) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{m}_{1|2}, \mathbf{V}_{1|2})$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{1|2} = \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mu_2)$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{1|2} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

We finally obtain:

$$p(x|y) = N(x|m, V)$$

$$V = \left(I - \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} \Lambda\right)^{-1}$$

$$m = V \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} (y - u)$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

Some nice observations:

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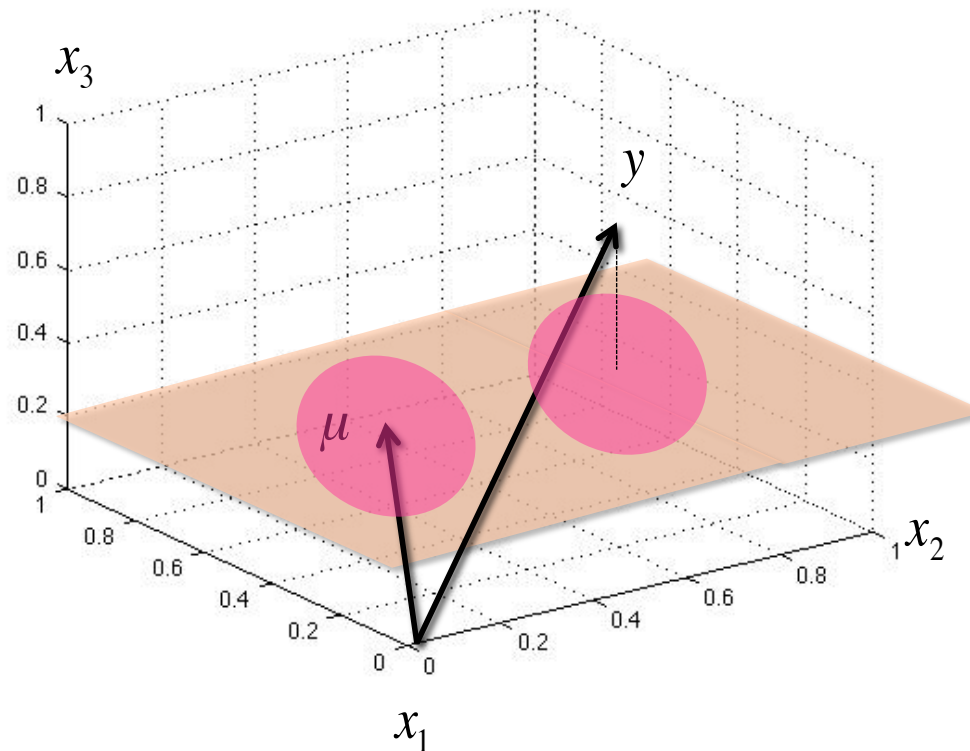
Means that the posterior mean is just a linear operation!!!

And the covariance does not depend on the observed data!!!

$$V = (I - \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} \Lambda)^{-1}$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

How does it look?



Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

Let's subtract the mean for our computation.

The likelihood for the complete data is:

$$\ell(\Lambda, \Psi) = \sum_n \log p(x^n, y^n)$$

$$\ell(\Lambda, \Psi) = \sum_n \log p(x^n) + \log p(y^n | x^n)$$

$$\ell(\Lambda, \Psi) = -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Psi| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n x^T x - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n (y^n - \Lambda x^n)^T \Psi^{-1} (y^n - \Lambda x^n)$$

$$\ell(\Lambda, \Psi) = -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Psi| - \frac{N}{2} \text{tr}(S \Psi^{-1})$$

$$S = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n (y^n - \Lambda x^n)^T (y^n - \Lambda x^n)$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

Now, let's compute the M step! (Almost there!)

We need to calculate the derivatives of the log likelihood

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\Lambda, \Psi)}{\partial \Lambda} = -\Psi^{-1} \sum_n y_n x_n^T + \Psi^{-1} \Lambda \sum_n x_n x_n^T$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\Lambda, \Psi)}{\partial \Psi^{-1}} = \frac{N\Psi}{2} - \frac{NS}{2}$$

And the expectations with respect to q^t

$$E[\ell'_{\Lambda}] = -\Psi^{-1} \sum_n y_n m_n^T + \Psi^{-1} \Lambda \sum_n V_n$$

$$E[\ell'_{\Psi^{-1}}] = \frac{N\Psi}{2} - \frac{N \cdot E[S]}{2}$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

Finally, set the derivatives to zero and solve!

$$\Lambda^{t+1} = \left(\sum_n y^n m^{nT} \right) \left(\sum_n V^n \right)^{-1}$$

$$\Psi^{t+1} = \frac{1}{N} \text{diag} \left(\sum_n y^n y^{nT} + \Lambda^{t+1} \sum_n m^n y^{nT} \right)$$

Factor Analysis (FA): Expectation Maximization

What are the final equations?

① $\mu \rightarrow$ Sample mean (Subtract the mean from data).

② E-step $q_n^{t+1} = p(x^n | y^n, \theta^t) = N(x^n | m^n, V^n)$

$$V^n = (I - \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} \Lambda)^{-1}$$

$$m^n = V^n \Lambda^T \Psi^{-1} (y - u)$$

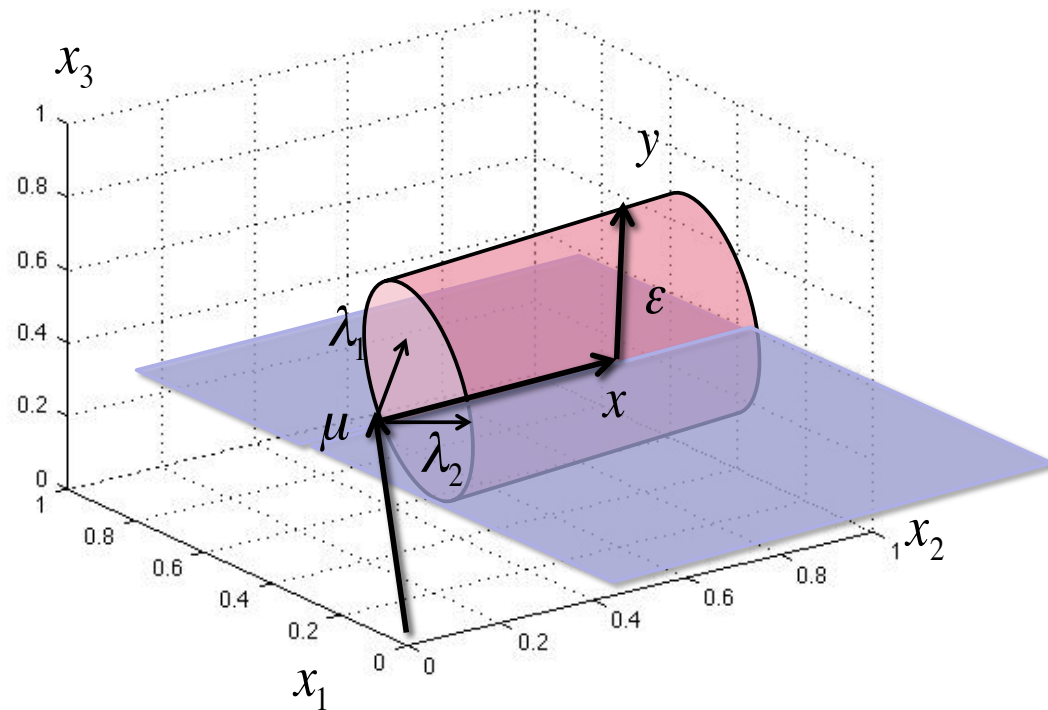
③ M-step

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Factor Analysis (FA): Geometrical Representation

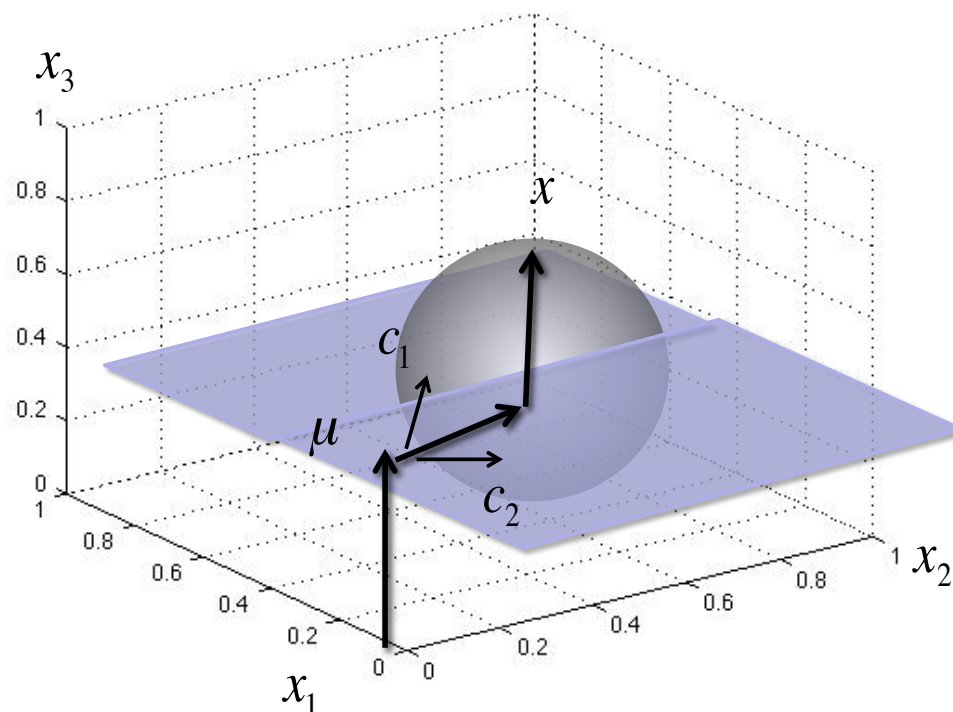
How does FA really look like?



Factor Analysis (FA): Comparison

What is PPCA? Just a quick intuition.

$$p(x) = N(x|0, I) \quad p(y|x, \theta) = N(y|u + \Lambda x, \sigma^2 I)$$

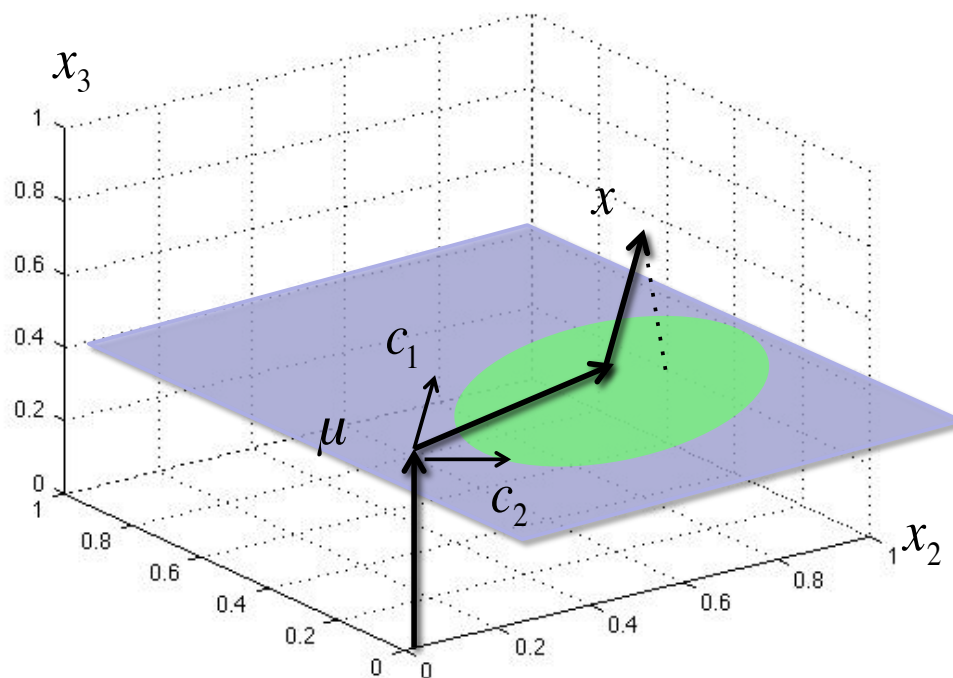


Nice, isn't it? ☺

Factor Analysis (FA): Comparison

What about PCA? Just a quick intuition.

$$p(x) = N(x|0, I) \quad p(y|x, \theta) = N(y|u + \Lambda x, 0) \quad \sigma^2 \rightarrow 0$$

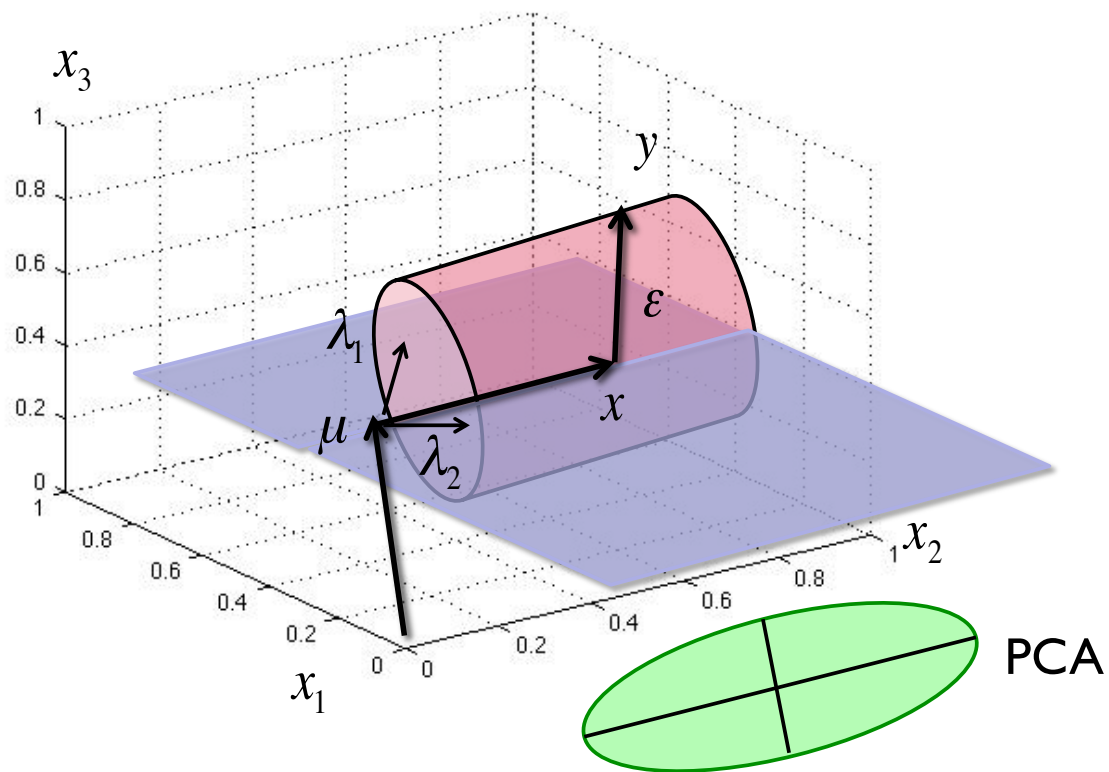


Nice! 😊

Factor Analysis (FA): Comparison

- ❑ Final notes:
 - ❑ FA is invariant if we change the scale.
 - ❑ FA looks for correlation of the data.
 - ❑ PCA is invariant if we rotate the data.
 - ❑ PCA looks for direction of large variance.

Factor Analysis (FA): Comparison



Factor Analysis (FA): Final notes

- More final notes:

- Remember our initial goal?

- Reduce dimensions

$$y = \Lambda x + \varepsilon$$

We can decide the value
of R and compute
a new set of features!!

$y \rightarrow P \times 1$ data vector

$\Lambda \rightarrow P \times R$ Loading Matrix

$x \rightarrow R \times 1$ factor vector

$\varepsilon \rightarrow P \times 1$ error vector

- Produce a suitable model to explain the data, based on constrained covariance Gaussian.

$$p(y|\theta) = N(y|\mu, \Lambda\Lambda^T + \Psi)$$

Factor Analysis (FA): The real algorithm

- Initialization
 - Give statistics a start value
- While (stop criteria)
 - Compute sufficient statistics and Expectation
 - get V^n
 - get m^n
 - Update the statistics (Maximization)
 - update Λ
 - update Ψ

Factor Analysis (FA): A practical example

```
Y = [  
    2.5225  -1.6369  -3.6994  -5.7542  -2.4632  
    3.8143   3.9840   3.3812  -4.5673  -1.9867  
    1.8606   2.6580   1.0446  -9.2575  -1.1736  
    0.6135   2.5380  -3.2632   0.1344  -1.4441  
    2.1523   3.1987  14.3550  -8.3578  -1.8787  
    1.3377   2.6883  -4.7846  15.0349  -2.5611 ]
```

```
ybar=mean(Y)
```

```
ybar =
```

```
    2.0501    2.2383    1.1723   -2.1279   -1.9179
```

```
S=cov(Y)
```

```
S =
```

```
    1.1907    0.1033    2.7165   -4.1557   -0.1477  
    0.1033    3.8911    6.2666    1.8439    0.4391  
    2.7165    6.2666   51.5143  -36.2420    0.9312  
   -4.1557    1.8439  -36.2420   81.6850   -2.6748  
   -0.1477    0.4391    0.9312   -2.6748    0.2992
```

Factor Analysis (FA): A practical example

Initialization

Psi=Psi0 % PCA obtained
V=V0 % PCA Obtained

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0.0289
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V =

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-0.1978	1.2963
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Factor Analysis (FA): A practical example

Sufficient Statistics

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mu= ybar;  
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B=(V'*V)\V';%LSE
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%expectation Y  
for i=1:n  
X(i,:)= B*((Y(i,:)-mu)') ;  
end
```

X =

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```

```
Xbar=mean(X);  
%conditional covariance  
L=I+V'*IPsi*V;  
Covx=eye(m)/L
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Factor Analysis (FA): A practical example

Deltas:

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```
%update mu
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mu=mean(Y- X*V');
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% update Psi.
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Psi= (1/n)* diag((Dy'*Dy) - (Dy'*Dx)*V' )
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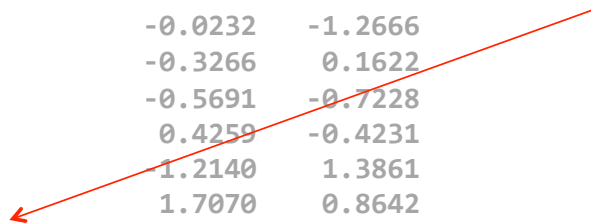
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0.2663 -0.1118
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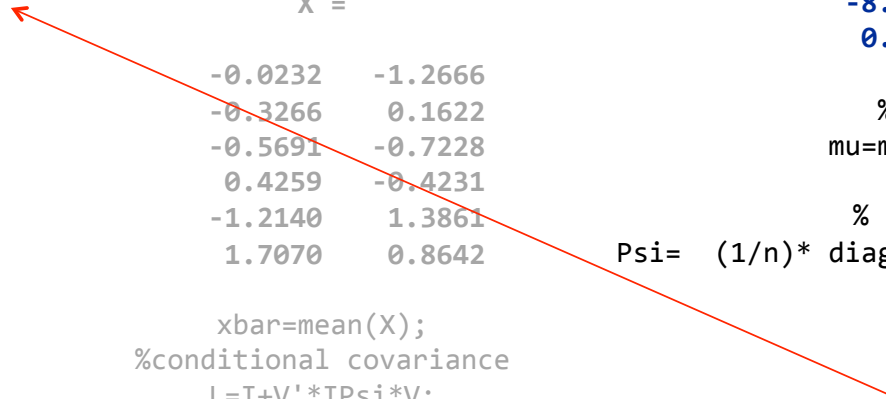
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%update mu
mu=mean(Y- X*V');
```

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% update Psi.
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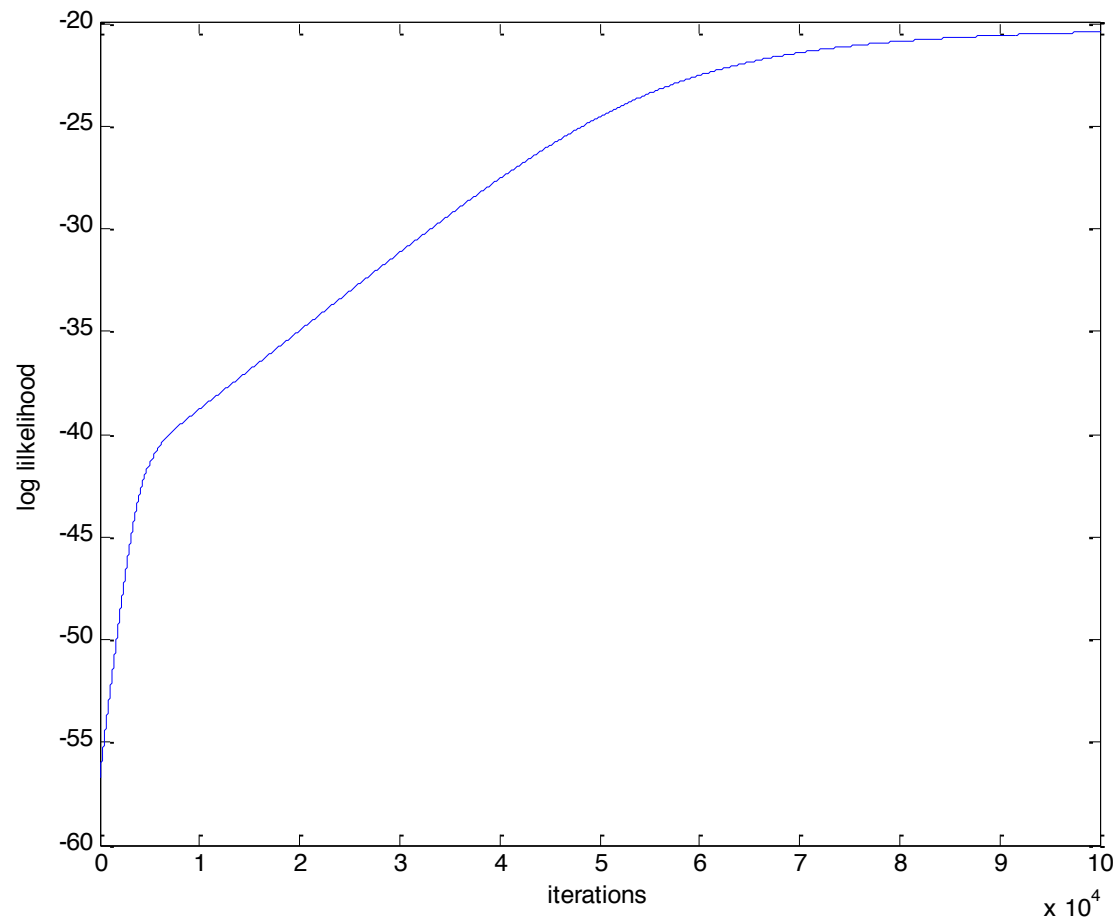
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Psi= (1/n)* diag((Dy'*Dy) - (Dy'*Dx)*V' )
```

Psi =

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0.7951
1.8106
0.1025
0.0290
0.1797
```



Factor Analysis (FA): A practical example



Speaker Verification System

Speaker Verification

Speaker Verification: is a detection problem. Accepts or rejects a user as legitimate based on his speech signal.

- Input:
 - Speech signal X
 - Claimed identity i
- Output:
 - **accept/reject**
 - $$d = \begin{cases} \text{accept} & \phi(X, i) > \tau_i; \\ \text{reject} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 - A confidence measure $\phi(X, i)$

Speaker Verification

- ❑ Each speaker has its own model, known as target model λ_i
- ❑ And its antimodel $\overline{\lambda_i}$
- ❑ The target model is the prototype of each speaker in the training.
- ❑ The antimodel is the impostor's prototype.
- ❑ When all the impostors share the same model, the final model is called: UBM Universal Background Model.

Speaker Verification

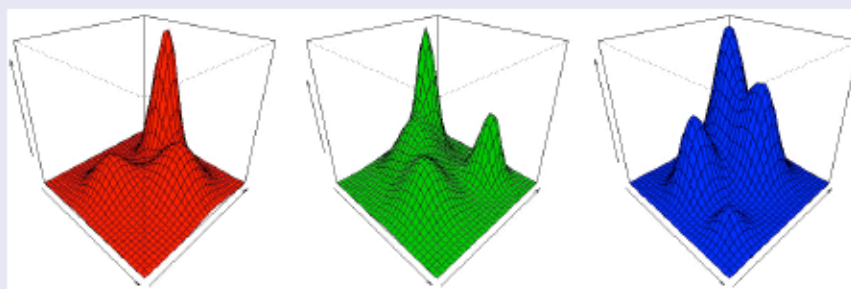
This is how we represent each speaker:

Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

- Let X be the acoustic feature vector.

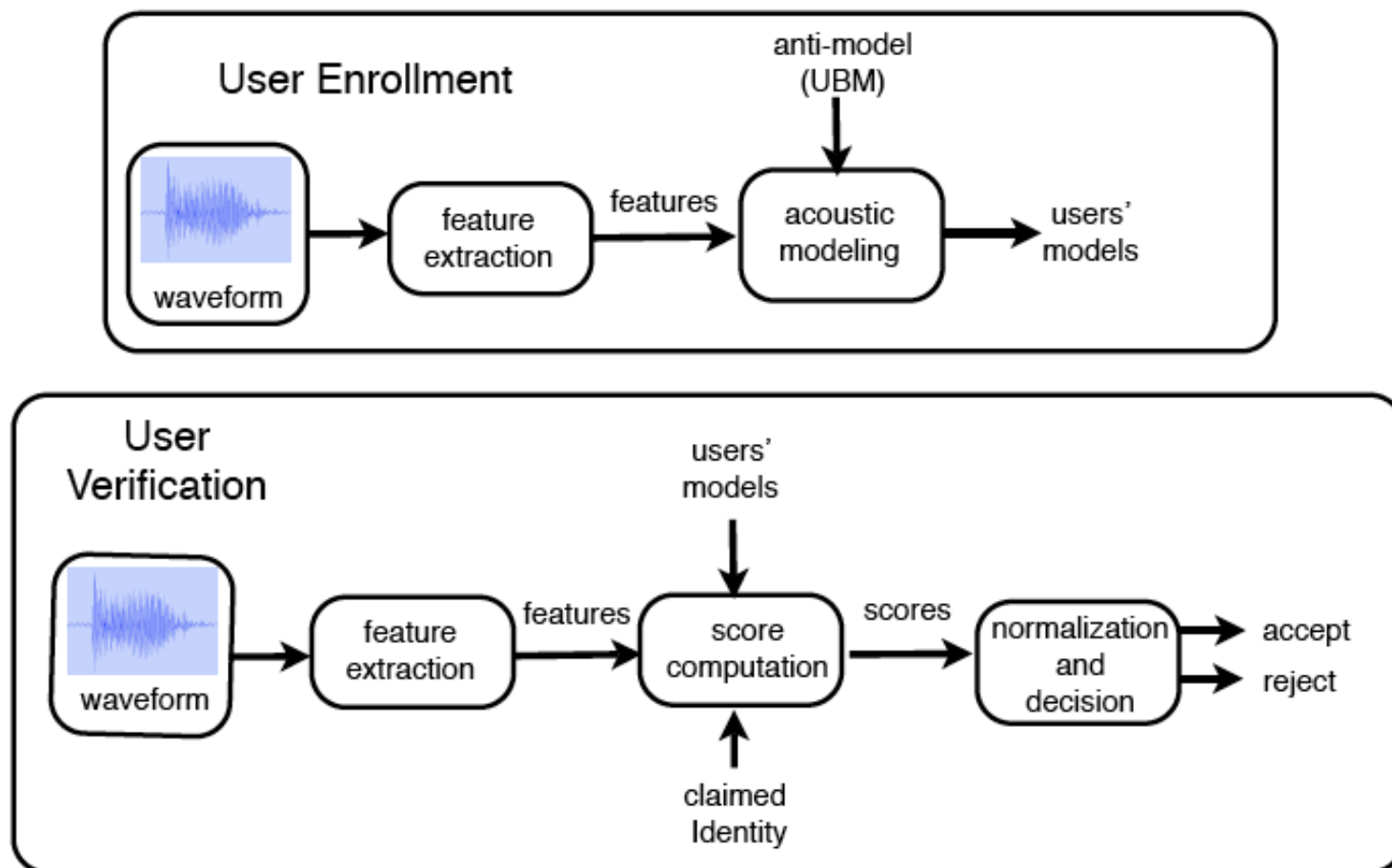
$$P(X; \lambda) = \sum_k w_k \mathcal{N}(X; \mu_k, \Sigma_k), \quad \lambda = (w_k, \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

Three sample GMMs for a 3D feature vector:



- The GMM characterizes the set of mechanical configurations of a person's vocal tract.

Speaker Verification



Motivation of using JFA

Traditional systems are based on the estimation of the probability density functions (GMM in this case).

① UBM Generation

- We take all the data available and model a GMM (independent to the target speakers).
- The technique used is: Expectation Maximization (EM).

Motivation of using JFA

② Speaker model generation:

Problem:

- The amount of speech is quite small for an optimal estimation.
- It is not possible to use rely on EM

Solution: **MAP** (maximum a posteriori)

$$\theta_{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\lambda, \vartheta} p(X|\lambda; \vartheta)p(\lambda; \vartheta),$$

Motivation of using JFA

What is the real problem?

- ❑ Speaker data trained over different channels.
- ❑ MAP doesn't work. It does assume conventional conjugate priors.

What is the solution for non-ideal cases?

JFA!!!

- ❑ Provides priors for the parameters.
- ❑ Separates the speaker and the channel factors.
- ❑ The channel factors don't give information of the speaker so they can be marginalized out when computing score.

Motivation

② Speaker model generation JFA Joint Factor Analysis

- ❑ Is it possible to include a new latent variable? YES!!!
- ❑ What is the new model?

$$M = m + Vy + Ux + Dz,$$

$m \rightarrow CF \times 1$ supervector

$V \rightarrow$ low rank matrix eigenvoices

$y \rightarrow$ speaker factors

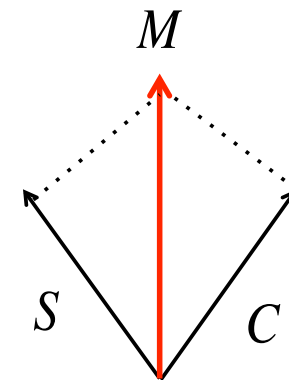
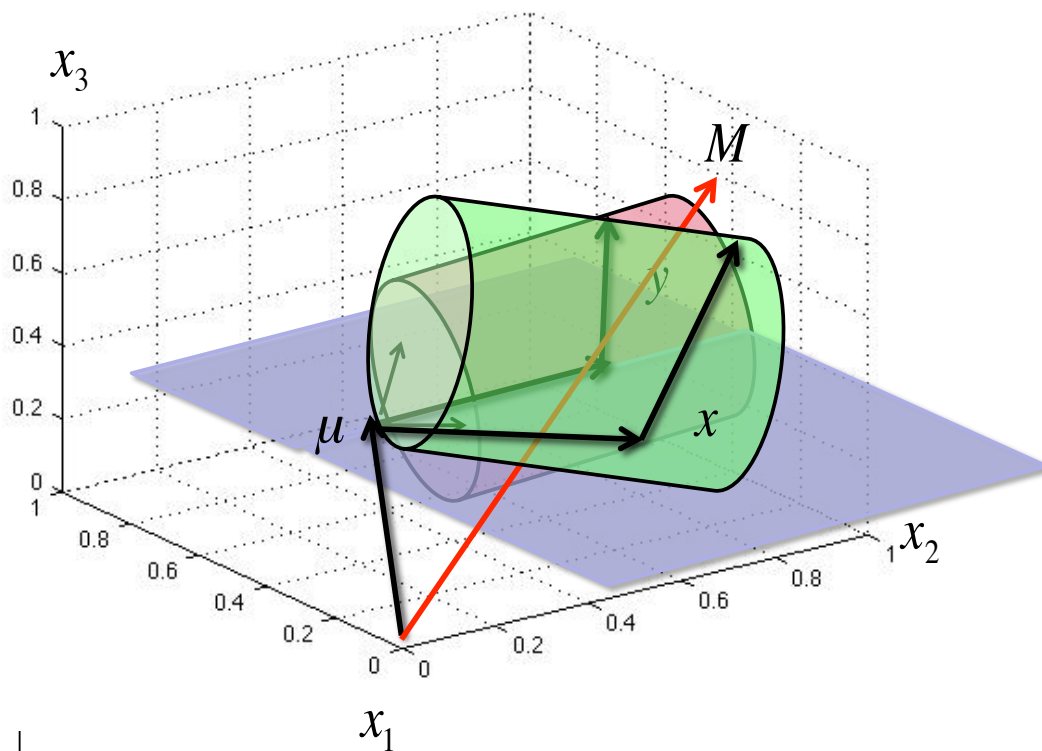
$U \rightarrow$ low rank matrix eigenchannels

$x \rightarrow$ channel factors

$D \rightarrow$ diagonal matrix

$z \rightarrow$ normally distributed
random vector

Factor Analysis (FA): Geometrical representation



Algorithm

We may use a variable change in order to get an estimation of the VY, UX and DZ contributions with the Factor Analysis estimating methods.

$$Data1' = m + DZ + UX$$

$$Data = Data1' + VY$$

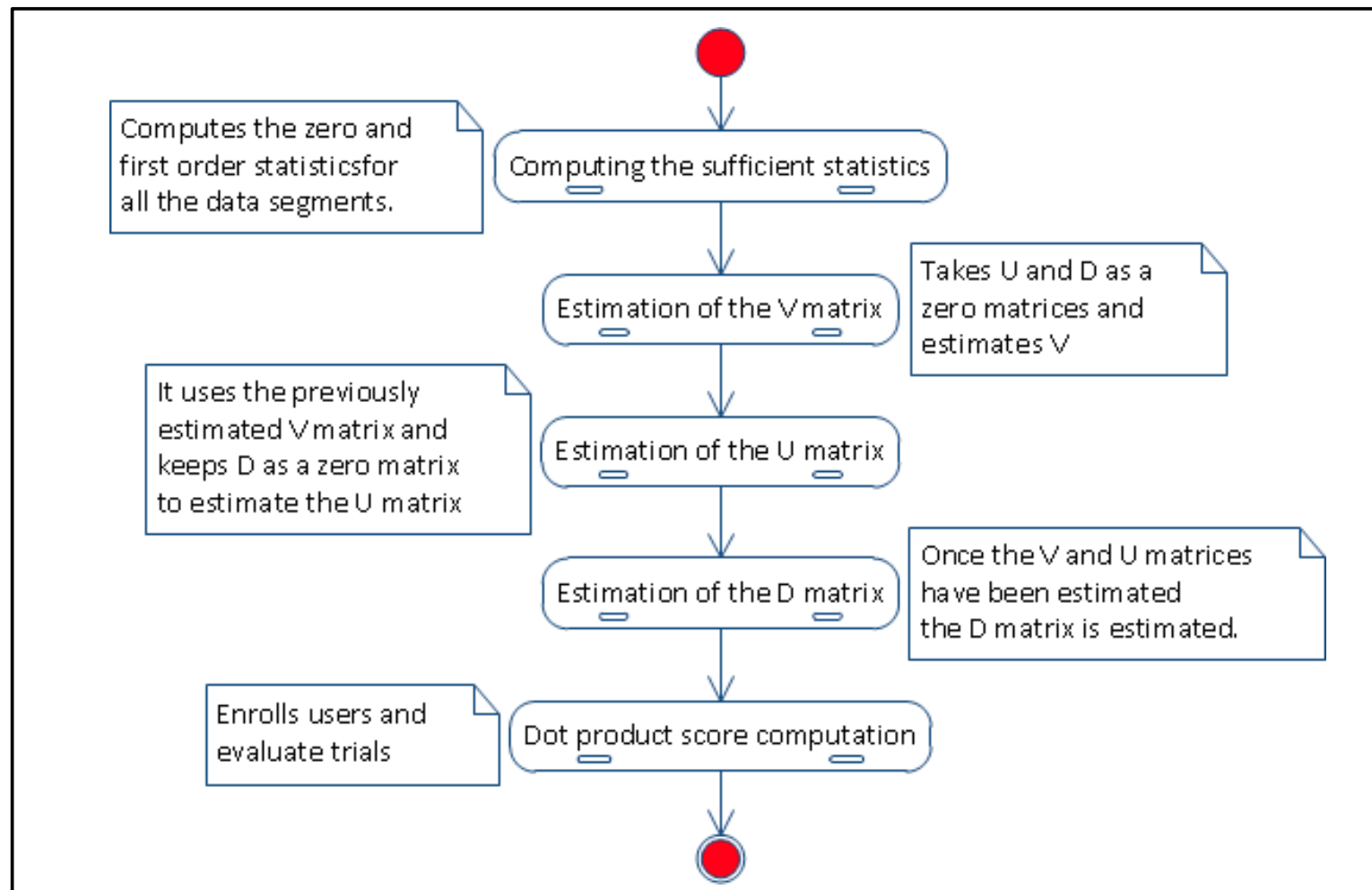
$$Data2' = m + VY + DZ$$

$$Data = Data2' + UX$$

$$Data3' = m + VY + UX$$

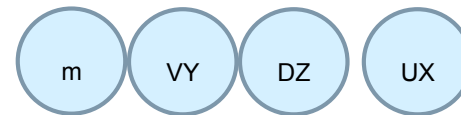
$$Data = Data3' + DZ$$

JFA Algorithm



Algorithm

- ① Compute Sufficient Statistics
- ② Compute V and Y
- ③ Compute U and X
- ④ Compute D and Z



History

What happened next?

Researchers discovered that the channel factors contained information of the speaker. 😊

Go back to factor analysis!!! Now is called: I-vectors!!!

Important notes:

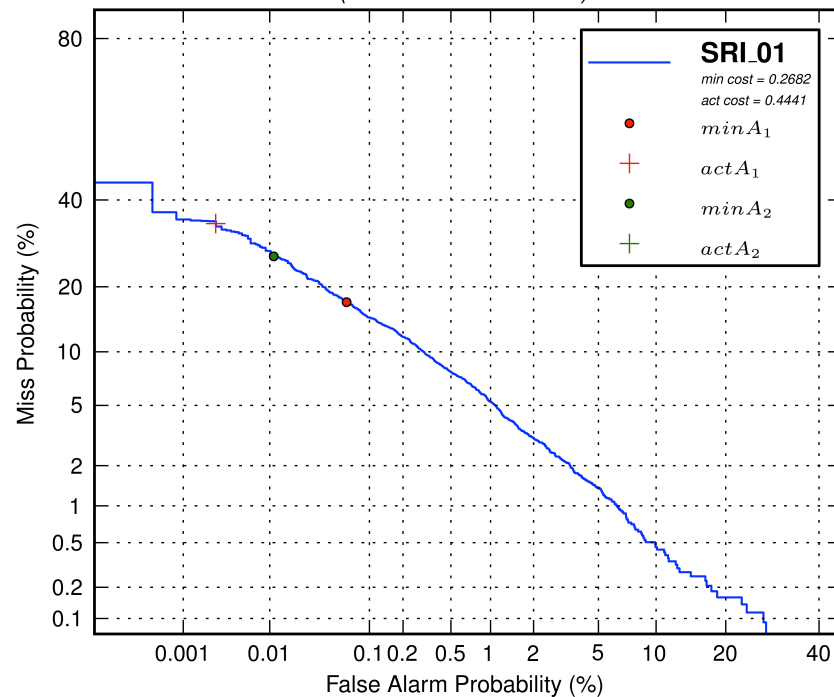
- ❑ JFA is actually used to build a model of the data
- ❑ I-vectors are used as feature extractor:

Obtains the important information of the speakers and transforms it into vectors.

Some results... Last week. Best system!

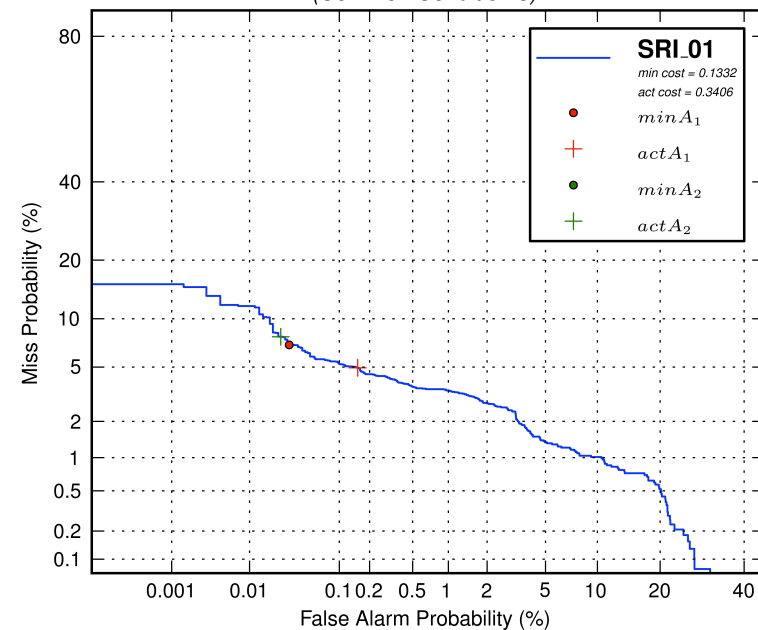
NIST SRE12

Train on Multiple Segments, Test on Telephone Recorded in Noise
(Common Condition 5)



NIST SRE12

Train on Multiple Segments, Test on Interview **with** Added Noise
(Common Condition 3)



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