

## From Last Meetings

Studying Covariance vs. Correlation PCA:

From Toy examples:

- It can make a big difference
- Not clear which is “better”
- Issues understood via:  
“how point cloud relates to coordinate axes”

## Explore Rescalings (cont.)

### E.g. 5: Corpus Callosum Data:

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### Recall direct PCA showed interesting population structure:

Show CorpColl\CCFpcaSCs3PC1.mpg, CorpColl\CCFpcaSCs3PC2.mpg, and CorpColl\CCFpcaSCs3PC3.mpg

### Expect difference with “correlation PCA”? Parallel coordinates:

Show CorpColl\CCFParCorAlls3.ps

- Coordinate wise variances very different
- So expect large difference

## Explore Rescalings (cont.)

### Correlation PCA:

Show CorpColl\CCFpcaSCs3PC1Corr.mpg, CorpColl\CCFpcaSCs3PC2Corr.mpg, CorpColl\CCFpcaSCs3PC3Corr.mpg,

- found only “pixel effect directions”
- since these “have been magnified” (see Par. Coord’s)
- similar effect to Fisher Linear Disc.

Show CorpColl\CCFfldSCs3mag.mpg

- Correlation PCA clearly inferior here

## Explore Rescalings (cont.)

### Summary:

- no apparent “general solution”
- depends on context
- sometimes “unit free” aspect is dominant, use Corr.  
(or other adjustments)
- other times Corr. PCA gives “useless distortion”

# Independent Component Analysis

Idea: Find “directions that maximize independence”

Motivating Context: Signal Processing

In particular: “Blind Source Separation”

References:

Hyvärinen and Oja (1999) Independent Component Analysis: A Tutorial, <http://www.cis.hut.fi/projects/ica>

Lee, T. W. (1998) book

# ICA, motivating example

“Cocktail party problem”:

- hear several simultaneous conversations
- would like to “separate them”

Model for “conversations”: time series:

$$s_1(t) \quad \text{and} \quad s_2(t)$$

## ICA, motivating example (cont.)

Mixed version of signals:

$$x_1(t) = a_{11}s_1(t) + a_{12}s_2(t)$$

And also a second mixture (e.g. from a different location):

$$x_2(t) = a_{21}s_1(t) + a_{22}s_2(t)$$

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## ICA, motivating example (cont.)

Goal: Recover “signal”  $\underline{s}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} s_1(t) \\ s_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$  from “data”  $\underline{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$

for unknown “mixture matrix”  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ , where

$$\underline{x} = A\underline{s}, \quad \text{for all } t$$

Goal is to find “separating weights”,  $W$ , so that

$$\underline{s} = W\underline{x}, \quad \text{for all } t$$

Problem:  $W = A^{-1}$  would be fine, but  $A$  is unknown



## ICA, motivating example (cont.)

“Solutions” for Cocktail Party example:

Approach 1: PCA:

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“Direction of Greatest Variability” doesn’t solve this problem

Approach 2: ICA:

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“Independent Component” directions do

## ICA, motivating example (cont.)

Relation to FDA: recall “data matrix”

$$X = (\underline{X}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \underline{X}_n) = \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & \cdots & X_{1n} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ X_{d1} & \cdots & X_{dn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Signal Processing: focus on **rows** ( $d$  time series, for  $t = 1, \dots, n$ )

Functional Data Analysis: focus on **columns** ( $n$  data vectors)

Note: same 2 viewpoints as “dual problems” in PCA

## ICA, motivating example (cont.)

Scatterplot View: plot

- signals  $\{(s_1(t), s_2(t)) : t = 1, \dots, n\}$

Show ICAeg1p1d1Ori.ps and ICAeg1p1d1OriSP.ps

- data  $\{(x_1(t), x_2(t)) : t = 1, \dots, n\}$

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- affine trans.  $\underline{x} = A\underline{s}$  “stretches indep. signals into dep.”
- “inversion” is key to ICA (even when  $A$  is unknown)

## ICA, motivating example (cont.)

Why not PCA?

- finds “direction of greatest variability”

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- which is **wrong** direction for “signal separation”

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# ICA, Algorithm

## ICA Step 1:

- “sphere the data”
- i.e. find linear transf'n to make  $\text{mean} = \underline{0}$ ,  $\text{cov} = I$
- i.e. work with  $Z = \hat{\Sigma}^{-1/2}(X - \hat{\mu})$
- requires  $X$  of full rank (at least  $n \geq d$ , i.e. no **HDLSS**)  
(is this critical????)
- search for “indep.” beyond linear and quadratic structure

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## ICA, Algorithm (cont.)

### ICA Step 2:

- Find dir'ns that make (sph'd) data as “indep. as possible”
- Worst case: Gaussian – sph'd data is independent

### Interesting “converse application” of C.L.T.:

- For  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  independent (& non-Gaussian)
- $X_1 = uS_1 + (1-u)S_2$  is “more Gaussian” for  $u \approx \frac{1}{2}$
- so independence comes from “least Gaussian directions”

## ICA, Algorithm (cont.)

Criteria for non-Gaussianity / independence:

- kurtosis  $(EX^4 - 3(EY^2)^2)$ , 4<sup>th</sup> order cumulant)
- negative entropy
- mutual information
- nonparametric maximum likelihood
- “infomax” in neural networks
- $\exists$  interesting connections between these

## ICA, Algorithm (cont.)

Matlab Algorithm (optimizing any of above): “FastICA”

- numerical gradient search method
- can find directions “iteratively”
- or by “simultaneous optimization”
- appears fast, with good defaults

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## ICA, Algorithm (cont.)

Notational summary:

1. First sphere data:  $Z = \hat{\Sigma}^{-1/2}(X - \hat{\mu})$
2. Apply ICA: find  $W_S$  to make rows of  $S_S = W_S Z$  “indep’t”
3. Can transform back to “original data scale”:  $S = \hat{\Sigma}^{1/2} S_S$

## ICA, Algorithm (cont.)

Identifiability problem 1: Generally can't order rows of  $S_S$  (&  $S$ )

Since for a “permutation matrix”  $P$

(pre-multiplication by  $P$  “swaps rows”)

(post-multiplication by  $P$  “swaps columns”)

for each column,  $\underline{z} = A_S \underline{s}_S = A_S P P \underline{s}_S$  i.e.  $P \underline{s}_S = P W_S \underline{z}$

So  $PS_S$  and  $PW_S$  are also solutions (i.e.  $PS_S = PW_S Z$ )

FastICA: appears to order in terms of “how non-Gaussian”

## ICA, Algorithm (cont.)

Identifiability problem 2: Can't find scale of elements of  $\underline{s}$

Since for a (full rank) diagonal matrix  $D$

(pre-multiplication by  $D$  is scalar mult'n of rows)

(post-multiplication by  $D$  is scalar mult'n of columns)

for each col'n,  $\underline{z} = A_S \underline{s}_S = A_S D^{-1} D \underline{s}_S$  i.e.  $D \underline{s}_S = D W_S \underline{z}$

So  $D S_S$  and  $D W_S$  are also solutions

## ICA, Algorithm (cont.)

Signal Processing Scale identification: (Hyvärinen and Oja)

Choose scale to give each signal  $s_i(t)$  “unit total energy”:

$$\sum_t s_i(t)^2$$

(preserves energy along rows of data matrix)

Explains “same scales” in Cocktail Party Example

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