

11. Statistics II

- Covariance
- Correlation
- Covariance matrix/correlation matrix
- Eigenvalues/vectors of covariance matrix

Reading data from csv files

- Download the file 'cars.csv' from our course page and type as follows to load data

- CSV=Comma Separated Value

```
>> data=csvread('cars.csv');
```

- This file* contains 7 types of numeric data for 406 cars (e.g., MPG(Miles Per Gallon), Horsepower, etc.)
- csvread can only read numeric data correctly

```
>> data =
Columns 1 through 8:
    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00
    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00    0.0000e+00
    0.0000e+00    1.8000e+01    8.0000e+00    3.0700e+02    1.3000e+02    3.5040e+03    1.2000e+01    7.0000e+01
    0.0000e+00    1.5000e+01    8.0000e+00    3.5000e+02    1.6500e+02    3.6930e+03    1.1500e+01    7.0000e+01
    0.0000e+00    1.8000e+01    8.0000e+00    3.1800e+02    1.5000e+02    3.4360e+03    1.1000e+01    7.0000e+01
    0.0000e+00    1.6000e+01    8.0000e+00    3.0400e+02    1.5000e+02    3.4330e+03    1.2000e+01    7.0000e+01
    0.0000e+00    1.7000e+01    8.0000e+00    3.0200e+02    1.4000e+02    3.4490e+03    1.0500e+01    7.0000e+01
```

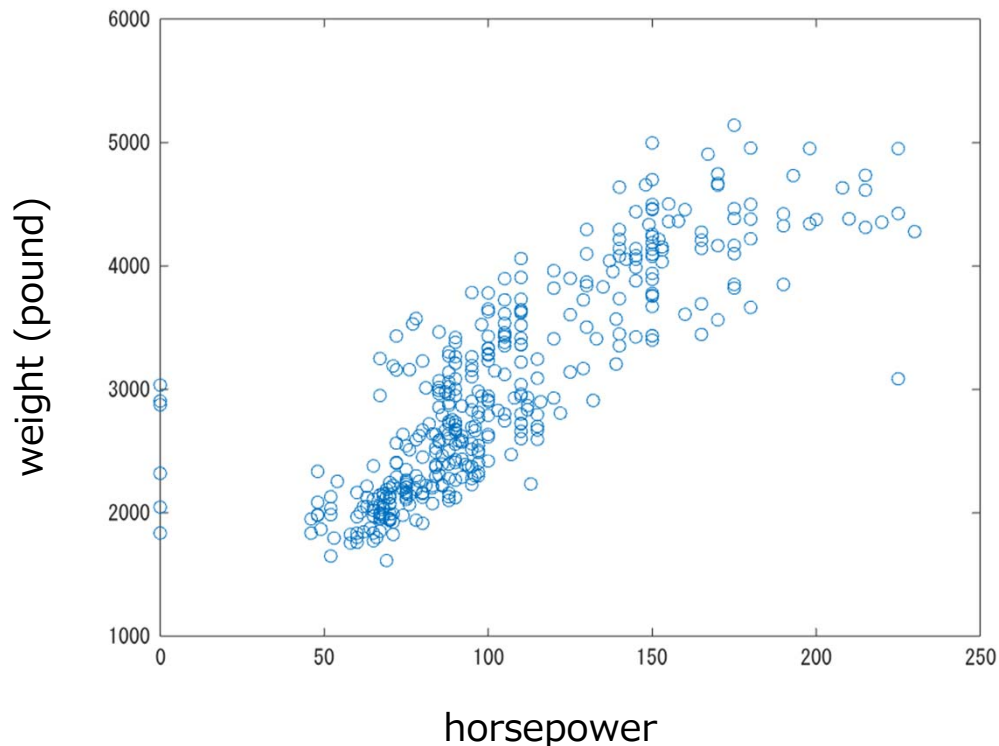
Car	MPG	Cylinders	Displacement	Horsepower	Weight	Acceleration	Model	Origin
STRING	DOUBLE	INT	DOUBLE	DOUBLE	DOUBLE	DOUBLE	INT	CAT
Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu	18	8	307	130	3504	12	70	US
Buick Skylark 320	15	8	350	165	3693	11.5	70	US
Plymouth Satellite	18	8	318	150	3436	11	70	US
AMC Rebel SST	16	8	304	150	3433	12	70	US
Ford Torino	17	8	302	140	3449	10.5	70	US

* The file copied from <https://perso.telecom-paristech.fr/eagan/class/igr204/datasets>

Covariance/correlation of two variables

- Covariance = a measure of linear relation between variables, or a linear measure of dependency of two variables
- Correlation = extent to which two variables have a linear relationship with each other
- Draw a *scatter plot* of the horsepower and weight of each of 406 cars

```
>> plot(data(3:408,5),data(3:408,6),'o')
```



- A linear relationship is observed
- We ignore several invalid points, which are on the 'x=0' axis

Covariance of two variables

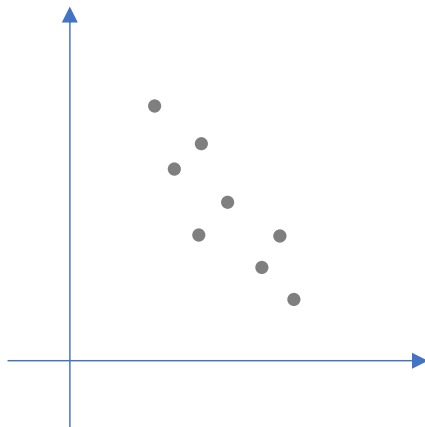
- Definition (Covariance):

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))]$$

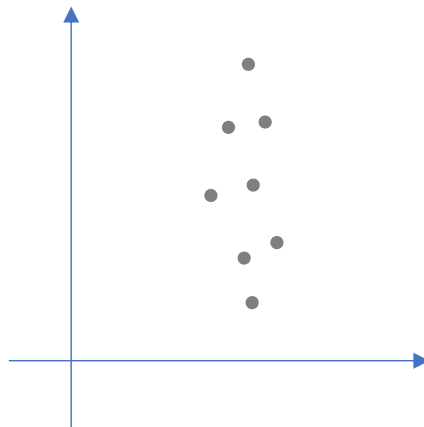
$$\text{or } \text{cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$$

- Properties

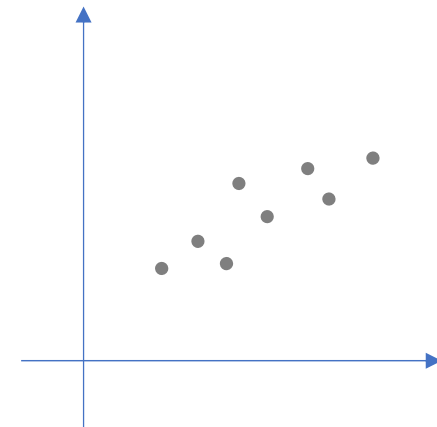
negative covariance



(nearly) zero



positive



- If two variables are identical, covariance is merely variance

$$\text{cov}(X, X) = E[(X - E(X))^2] = \text{var}(X) = \sigma^2(X)$$

Correlation coefficient (or simply called *correlation*)

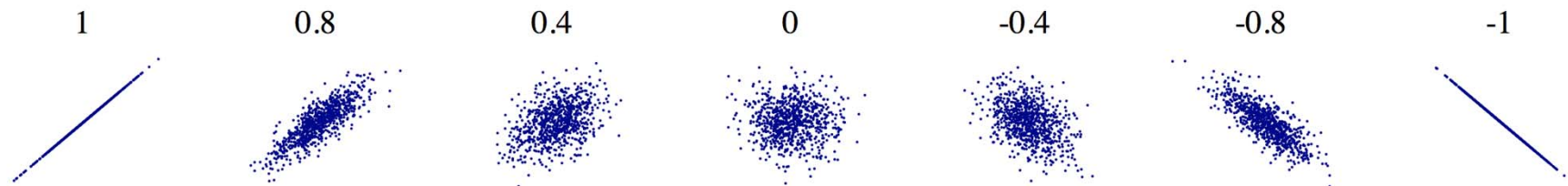
- Definition (also known as *Pearson's correlation coefficient*):
 - Can be thought of as *normalized* covariance

$$r(X, Y) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma(X)\sigma(Y)} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{standard deviation:} \\ \sigma(X) = \sqrt{\text{var}(X)} \quad \sigma(Y) = \sqrt{\text{var}(Y)} \end{array} \right)$$

- `corr` calculates correlation coefficient

```
>> corr(data(3:408,5),data(3:408,6))  
ans = 0.84081
```

- Has a value in the range $[-1, 1]$
 - Positive and negative; 0 means there is no correlation

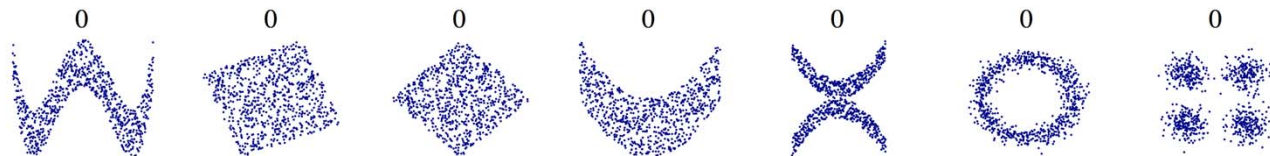


Remarks on correlation

- Correlation does not mean *causality*
 - There can be correlation between two variables even if there is no causal relationship between them
 - E.g., Nobel laureates and chocolate consumption
- *Dependence* is sometimes synonymous with *correlation*, but it is rigorously defined by *probabilistic independence*:
 - Two events A and B are mutually *independent* if and only if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) \Leftrightarrow P(B) = P(B \mid A)$$

- Correlation captures only a linear relationship, not a nonlinear one
 - All the point data below have zero correlation!



Covariance matrix/correlation matrix

- There are seven variables in the 'car.csv' data
- We can calculate correlation/covariance between any two (including self) of the seven variables, which creates a 7x7 matrix, called correlation/covariance matrices
- Suppose a Nx7 matrix storing the data

$$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N]^\top$$

- Covariance matrix of the data is defined as

$$\text{cov}(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m})^\top = \frac{1}{N-1} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{X}}$$

where \mathbf{m} is the mean vector of \mathbf{x} and $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = [\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{m}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N - \mathbf{m}]^\top$

- Correlation matrix can be defined similarly

Covariance matrix/correlation matrix

- `cov` and `corr` gives these matrices from X as below
 - *Check which pair of variables correlates and to what extent it is*

```
>> X=data(3:408,2:8);
>> size(X)
ans =

    406     7

>> cov(X)
ans =

    7.0590e+01   -1.0581e+01   -6.7374e+02   -2.4739e+02   -5.6042e+03    9.9981e+00    1.8464e+01
   -1.0581e+01    2.9315e+00    1.7098e+02    5.7130e+01    1.2983e+03   -2.5077e+00   -2.3155e+00
   -6.7374e+02    1.7098e+02    1.1009e+04    3.7148e+03    8.2869e+04   -1.6412e+02   -1.5014e+02
   -2.4739e+02    5.7130e+01    3.7148e+03    1.6419e+03    2.8858e+04   -7.7476e+01   -6.3788e+01
   -5.6042e+03    1.2983e+03    8.2869e+04    2.8858e+04    7.1742e+05   -1.0212e+03   -1.0014e+03
    9.9981e+00   -2.5077e+00   -1.6412e+02   -7.7476e+01   -1.0212e+03    7.8588e+00    3.1737e+00
    1.8464e+01   -2.3155e+00   -1.5014e+02   -6.3788e+01   -1.0014e+03    3.1737e+00    1.4053e+01
```

```
>> corr(X)
ans =

    1.00000   -0.73556   -0.76428   -0.72667   -0.78751    0.42449    0.58623
   -0.73556    1.00000    0.95179    0.82347    0.89522   -0.52245   -0.36076
   -0.76428    0.95179    1.00000    0.87376    0.93247   -0.55798   -0.38171
   -0.72667    0.82347    0.87376    1.00000    0.84081   -0.68205   -0.41993
   -0.78751    0.89522    0.93247    0.84081    1.00000   -0.43009   -0.31539
    0.42449   -0.52245   -0.55798   -0.68205   -0.43009    1.00000    0.30199
    0.58623   -0.36076   -0.38171   -0.41993   -0.31539    0.30199    1.00000
```

the previously computed
horsepower-weight correlation here

MPG	Cylinders	Displacement	Horsepower	Weight	Acceleration	Model
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Eigenvalues/vectors of a covariance matrix

- Covariance matrices explain how data points distribute in the data space
- Eigenvectors of a covariance matrix explain in which directions data points spread in the space
- The eigenvalue associated with each eigenvector indicates the width of the spread in that direction

```
>> load('3d_ptdata.m')
>> size(X)
ans =
    10000         3
```

Download 'e11files.zip' from the course page and extract '3d_ptdata' from it before typing these commands

```
>> plot3(X(:,1),X(:,2),X(:,3),'.'); axis equal
>> [V,W]=eig(cov(X))
V =
```

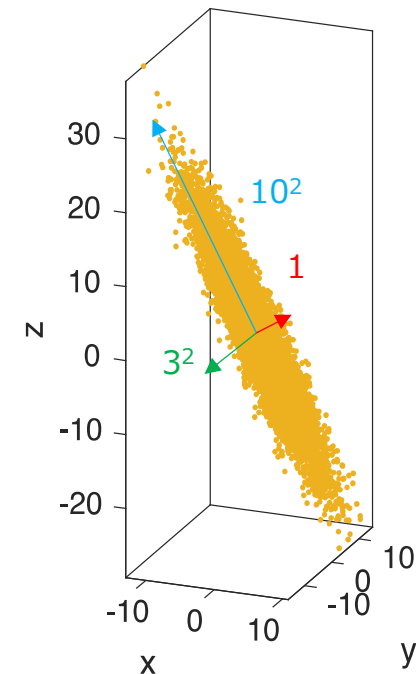
0.867213	-0.208827	-0.452032
0.496518	0.431157	0.753375
0.037571	-0.877778	0.477591

Three orthogonal axes

```
E =
Diagonal Matrix
```

0.98420	0	0
0	9.05693	0
0	0	103.15470

Spread widths (variances)



Exercises 11.1

(also known as principal component analysis)

- The last method of analyzing data based on eigenvalue/vectors of covariance matrices can be applied to any type of data; let's consider a set of images here
- First, download a set of face images from URL below and expand them in directory 'att_faces' in your working directory
 - <http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/research/dtg/attarchive/facedatabase.html>
- Second, copy the script 'load_faces.m' in 'e11files.zip' downloaded from the course page
- Using this script, load 400 face images (92x112 pixels) to X, a 400x10304(=92x112) matrix, by typing

```
>> load_faces
```

- You can display, say, the 100th image, by typing

```
>> imshow(reshape(X(100,:), [112, 92])/255)
```

'/255' may not be necessary depending on your system

reshape reshapes a vector into a matrix of 92x112, which is treated as an image

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Exercises 11.1

- Calculate the first 20 eigenvalues of the covariance matrix of X and plot them
 - Remark: In this example, each data point is a single image; it resides in $92 \times 112 = 10304$ -dimensional space; there are 400 data points (=face images); thus, $\text{cov}(X)$ is a 10304×10304 matrix and its computation is very, very time-consuming (don't do this)
 - Hint: Recall the relation between SVD and the eigenvalue problem; use SVD instead of `eig(cov(X))`; to be specific, type below

```
>> [U,W,V]=svds(X-ones(400,1)*mean(X),20);
```

svds calculates a specified number of largest singular values and related vectors

- See that the first few singular values (square root of eigenvalues) are very large and the subsequent singular values are very small
 - Remark: This means that the data reside only in a *low-dimensional subspace* in the 10304-dim data space
- Calculate also the eigenvectors and then display them as images of 92×112 pixels
 - Hint: Eigenvectors have negative elements in general and thus some normalization of brightness necessary; you can display the first eigenvector as a 92×112 image by

```
>> svec=V(:,1);  
>> imshow(reshape(svec,[112,92]),[min(svec),max(svec)])
```