Exercises, STK4040, week 40

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Exercise 1

Use last week's data set, and do a 'manual' principal component analysis (PCA); that is, by using the Eigen value decomposition of the covariance matrix.

Compare the results (variances, scores and loadings) with the results from the 'built-in' PCA-function (R: prcomp()). Are there any differences, and if so, why?

Does it make any difference if you use the Eigen value decomposition of S_u or S? If so, what is the difference, and which version is 'correct'?

Exercise 2

Use the data set in the file dataset_40.txt. Do a PCA on the data, and interpret as usual. Standardise the data so that all variables have variance 1, and do a PCA on the standardised data. What are the interpretations now? Why is there a difference? Which version gives the 'right' picture? When should we standardise?