

# Multi-temporal Remote Sensing Data Analysis using Principal Component Analysis

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## 주성분분석을 이용한 다중시기 원격탐사 자료분석

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### ABSTRACT

The aim of the present study is to define and tentatively to interpret the distribution of polluted water released from Lake Sihwa into the Yellow Sea using Landsat TM. Since the region is an extreme Case 2 water, empirical algorithms for detecting concentration of chlorophyll-a and suspended sediments have limitations. This work focuses on the use of multi-temporal Landsat TM data. We applied PCA to detect evolution of spatial feature of polluted water after release from the lake Sihwa. The PCA results were compared with in situ data, such as chlorophyll-a, suspended sediments, Secchi disk depth(SDD), surface temperature, remote sensing reflectance at six channel of SeaWiFS. Also, the in situ remote sensing reflectance obtained by PRR-600(Profiling Reflectance Radiometer) was compared with PCA results of Landsat TM data sets to find good correlation between first Principal Component and Secchi disk depth( $R^2=0.7631$ ), although other variables did not result in such a good correlation. Therefore, Problems in applying PCA techniques to multi-spectral remotely sensed data were also discussed in this paper.

*KEYWORDS: PCA, Water Quality, Landsat TM*

### 요 약

본 연구의 목적은 Landsat TM 자료를 이용하여 시화호로부터 황해로 방류되는 오염된 시화호 물의 방류범위를 해석하는 것이다. 본 연구지역은 Case 2 water에 속하는 지역이기 때문에 엽록소와 부유사의 정량적인 해석을 위한 알고리즘을 적용하는데는 한계가 있다. 본 연구의 초점은 다중시기의 Landsat TM 자료를 이용하는데 있다. 즉, 시화호로부터 방류되는 방류수의 공간적인 확산 범위를 관측하기 위해 주성분분석을 적용하였다. 주성분분석의 결과는 엽록소, 부유사, 투명도, 표층수온, SeaWiFS 채널의 수중광학 측정결과인 반사치와 비교하였다. 그리고, PRR-600에 의해 얻어진 수중 광학 반사치는 Landsat TM 자료에서 얻어진 주성분분석 결과와 함께 분석되었다. 이러한 현장관측자료를 바탕으로 비록 다른 현장관측 측정변수가 낮은 상관관계를 나타냈음에도 불구하고

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하고 투명도(Secchi Disk Depth)와 주성분분석의 제 1 성분이  $R^2=0.7631$ 의 좋은 상관관계를 나타내었다. 또한 본 연구에서는 다중시기의 원격탐사자료를 사용하여 주성분분석을 할 때 나타나는 여러 문제를 토의하였다.

주요어: 주성분분석, 수질, Landsat TM

## INTRODUCTION

Principal component analysis(PCA) can be used to simplify data structure of satellite multi-spectral images. The PCA is a method of redundancy reduction of multi-dimensional data in which the axis variables are orthogonal (Richards, 1990). PCA is an important data transformation technique used in remote sensing work with multi-spectral data or other multi-dimensional data. There have been many studies on the application of PCA to land use and land cover classification(Lu Jiaju, 1988; Conese et al., 1988; Kramber et al., 1988; Ceballos and Bottino, 1997), while PCA has not been commonly used for analysis of in-land water and coastal water quality.

For case 2 water, some authors have presented methods to obtain estimation of the concentration of SS, chlorophyll-a and organic material(Tassan, 1988; Tassan and d'Alcala, 1993)The most popular method is to derive a empirical regression equation between remote sensing reflectance and sea-truth data collected concurrently. Algorithms including a combination of channels have been presented by a number of authors(Hinton, 1991). Expecially, Tassan (1988) proposed band ratio and band difference algorithm for coastal water.

This work focuses on the use of multi-temporal in-situ remote sensing reflectance to which PCA is applied to detect evolution of spatial feature of polluted water after release from a polluted lake. Also, the problems

in applying PCA techniques to multi-spectral remote sensed data are also discussed.

## STUDY AREA

The Lake Sihwa was constructed in January, 1994. The lake area was a typical coastal ocean environment before the construction. But, the lake has been polluted and changed in its ecological properties recently. Due to the polluted water inflow from Sihwa and Banwul, municipal and industrial region, Lake Sihwa has been highly eutrophicated since 1994. To mitigate the problem, the government decided to release the lake water into the adjacent sea since 1996.

In this study, dispersion area of polluted water released from Lake Sihwa were estimated using Landsat TM data analysed with PCA technique. The in situ sea-truth data were collected in Lake Sihwa which have 15 sampling points and near coastal area, Kyunggi Bay which have 10 sampling points(Figure 1).

## DATASET AND PROCESSING

The in-situ remote sensing reflectance from PCA, were compared with in situ sea-truth data, such as chlorophyll-a, suspended sediments, Secchi disk depth and surface temperature. In situ sea-truth data were collected on June 1997, August 1997, October 1997 and April 1998. The in situ downwelling

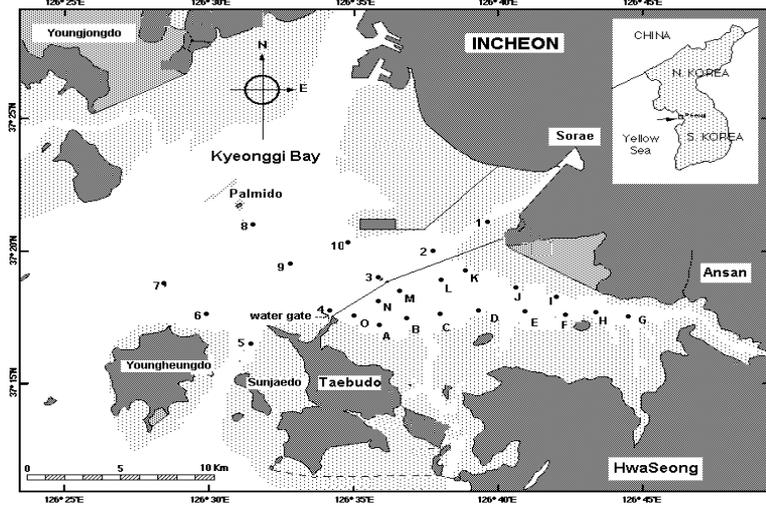


FIGURE 1. Study area(Sampling points of Lake Sihwa are from A to O and sampling points of Kyungki bay are from 1 to 10)

irradiance and upwelling radiance were measured with PRR-600(Biospherical Co.) at 412, 443, 490, 510, 555 and 665 with 10 nm band width. Remote sensing reflectance(Rrs) were calculated with ratio of downwelling irradiance and upwelling radiance(Mitchell and Kahru, 1997).

In order to assess dispersion area, multi-spectral analysis was carried out with PCA method applied to two data sets of Landsat TM images(band 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7) in two different seasons in the year of 1997.

Since June 1997, four times observed data of in-situ remote sensing reflectance showed that Rrs555 channel has the peak of spectrum and higher variance than other channels(Table 2). This means that the optical properties of suspended sediment(SS) are dominated with in-water components of this area. Colored dissolved organic matters(CDOM) also have the characteristics of strong absorption in shorter wavelength. Then Rrs412 and Rrs443 have the lower covariance values with Rrs555 (Table 3).

Significant correlations among three

TABLE 1. Dataset specifications of Landsat TM

Date	Sun elevation (degree)	Tide height (hh:mm) (m)	Tide stage	Tide measured
Mar. 28, 1997	46	07:36 0.82	flood tide	Inchon
		19:48 7.90		
Jun. 16, 1997	63	07:11 2.94	flood tide	Inchon
		13:21 6.80		

**TABLE 2.** Dataset specifications using in-situ remote sensing reflectance

	Rrs412	Rrs443	Rrs490	Rrs510	Rrs555	Rrs665
Average	0.00381	0.00431	0.00740	0.00959	0.02086	0.00814
S.D	0.00585	0.00667	0.01063	0.01270	0.0229	0.00977
Variance	0.00003	0.00004	0.00011	0.00016	0.00052	0.00009

**TABLE 3.** Covariance matrix of in-situ remote sensing reflectance

	Rrs412	Rrs443	Rrs490	Rrs510	Rrs555	Rrs665
Rrs412	0.00003					
Rrs443	0.00003	0.00004				
Rrs490	0.00006	0.00006	0.00011			
Rrs510	0.00007	0.00008	0.00013	0.00015		
Rrs555	0.00011	0.00012	0.00020	0.00026	0.00051	
Rrs665	0.00004	0.00004	0.00006	0.00009	0.00020	0.00009

channels were found for Rrs412, Rrs443, and Rrs490(maximum  $r=0.99077$ ) in Table 4. In the covariance matrix of in-situ remote sensing reflectance, Rrs510 and Rrs555 are of high value.

For all datasets, at least approximately 89

percent of the total variance was explained by the first eigenvector. Eigenvalues and percentage variance explained by each vector are presented in Table 5. It is interesting to note that the first eigenvector takes the greatest portion of the total variance.

**TABLE 4.** Correlation matrix of in-situ remote sensing reflectance

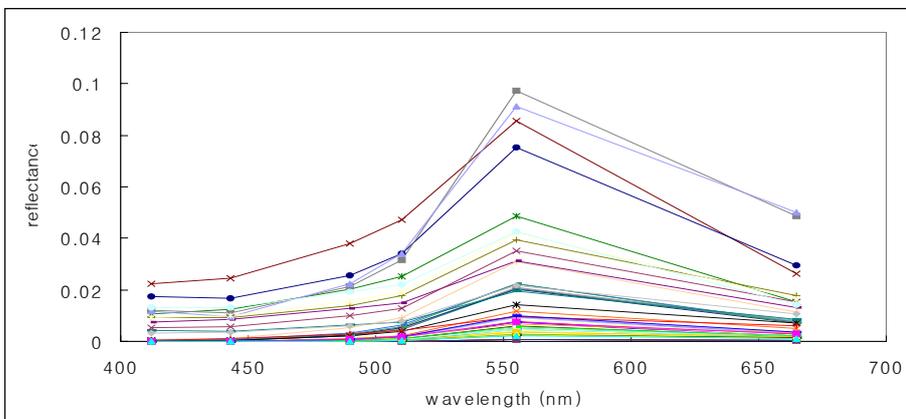
	Rrs412	Rrs443	Rrs490	Rrs510	Rrs555	Rrs665
Rrs412	1.00000					
Rrs443	0.98905	1.00000				
Rrs490	0.97999	0.98844	1.00000			
Rrs510	0.96791	0.96384	0.99077	1.00000		
Rrs555	0.85531	0.80300	0.85771	0.91430	1.00000	
Rrs665	0.71143	0.62826	0.68185	0.74826	0.91376	1.00000

**TABLE 5.** Eigenvalue and variance of the PCA computed on the in-situ remote sensing reflectance

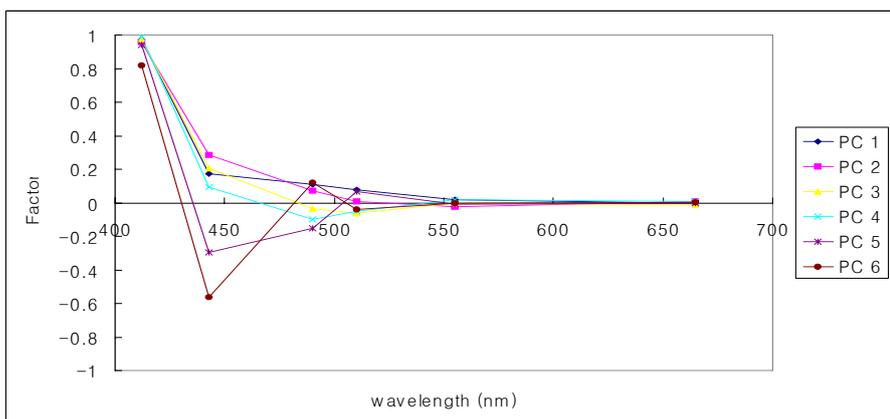
	PC 1	PC 2	PC 3	PC 4	PC 5	PC 6
Eigenvalue	5.34970	0.56502	0.06472	0.01857	0.00158	0.00034
Variance	0.89162	0.09417	0.01078	0.00309	0.00026	0.00005

An eigenvector analysis has been done on the reflectance curves in Figure 2. In this figure we found that Lake Sihwa and near coastal belong to case 2 water which is dominated by CDOM. It has a low reflectance value in 400 -

500 nm. The variance of eigenvector loadings for each principal component(PC) in Table 5 and Figure 2 suggested that in-situ remote sensing reflectance was predominantly affected by CDOM in this study area.



**FIGURE. 2.** Reflectance curves in study area



**FIGURE. 3.** Factor loading of the six eigenvector obtained by PRR-600

PC 1 and PC 2 have been loaded at 412 nm and 443 nm bands which was decreased in reflectance in Figure 2. The greatest factor loadings occur at the shorter wavelength. Since 412 nm band has been more effected by CDOM and 443 nm band by chlorophyll, it is not difficult to distinguish the effect of chlorophyll-a and CDOM at these wavelengths. When chlorophyll concentration are low, the effect of CDOM dominated in these bands.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Because the factor scores indicate the relative dominance of each variable at each station, the aim of PCA is to summarise the optical characteristics of the coastal water and Lake Sihwa water. When the stations are ordinated in the PC 1 and PC 2, space has ordination which can be interpreted to be related to the water quality. In the Figure 4,

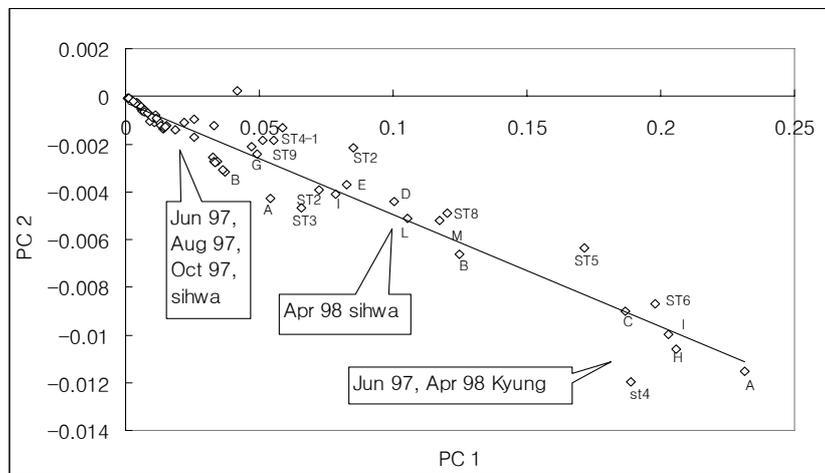


FIGURE 4. Plot of the relationship between PC 1 and PC 2

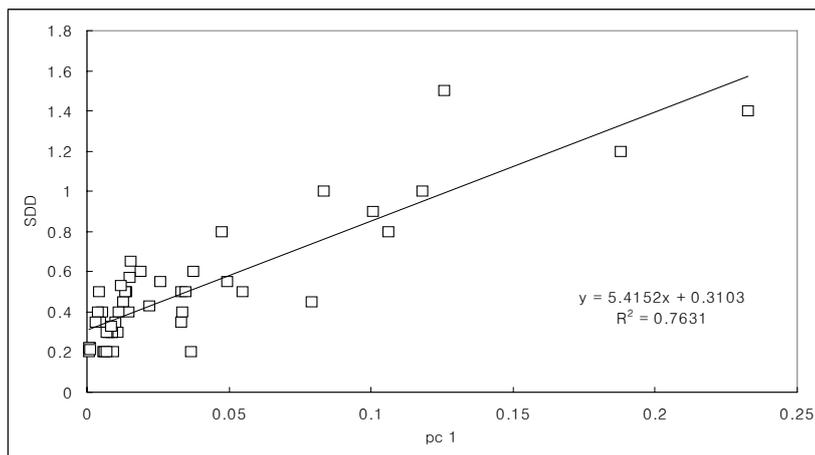


FIGURE 5. Plot of the relationship between PC 1 and Secchi depth

Lake Sihwa station in June 1997, August 1997 and October 1997 were relatively more polluted, while Lake Sihwa station in April 1997 were less polluted after continuous release.

PC 1 is highly correlated with Secchi disk depth(SDD) in Lake Sihwa and coastal area( $R^2=0.7631$ ). To be sure, SDD is a visual measure of the clarity of the water. In this study area CDOM is the most important water quality parameter for the assessment of dispersion area, however, CDOM was not measured. Therefore, SDD was used as an indicator.

Now, the same technique was applied to remotely sensed data, Landsat TM in June 1997. In order to assess the dispersion area of

polluted water released from Lake Sihwa, Landsat TM image was analysed with PCA. The in-situ remote sensing reflectance was highly correlated with SDD, while remotely sensed data did not( $R^2=0.6476$ ).

Each sampling point was distributed in the plot of PC 1 and PC 2 with a linear trend from station 9 to station E(Figure 7). They are ordinated from high transparency to low transparency. This sequence roughly corresponds to decreasing water quality. The scores of PC 1 were plotted with Secchi depth collected in 25 sampling points(Figure 8). They were analyzed with Pearson product moment correlation ( $r=-0.805$ ) and Spearman rank order correlation ( $r=-0.845$ ). A similar relationship between SDD

TABLE 6. Eigenvalue and variance of the PCA computed on the TM image in March and June 1997

	PC 1	PC 2	PC 3	PC 4	PC 5	PC 6
Eigenvalue	4.6062	0.7548	0.3393	0.1400	0.1200	0.0388
Variance	0.7677	0.1258	0.0565	0.0233	0.0201	0.0064

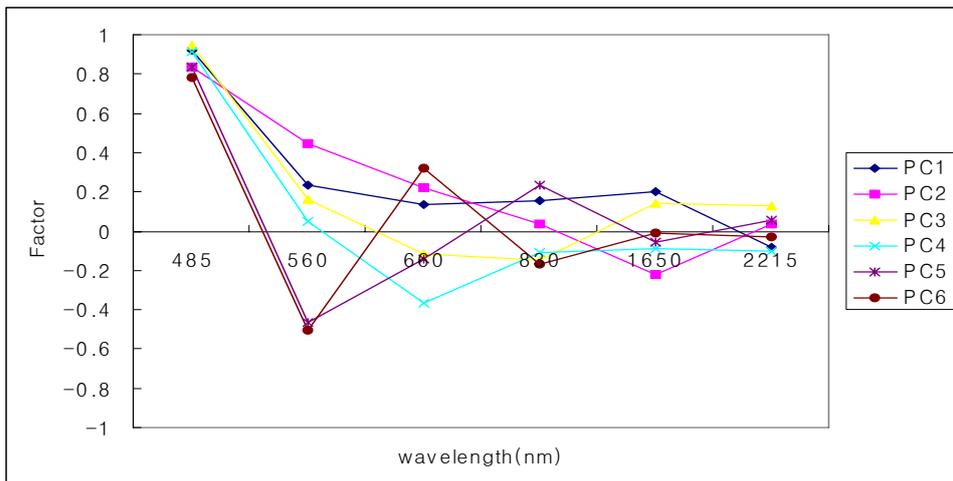


FIGURE 6. Factor loading of the six eigenvector with wavelength(TM bands)

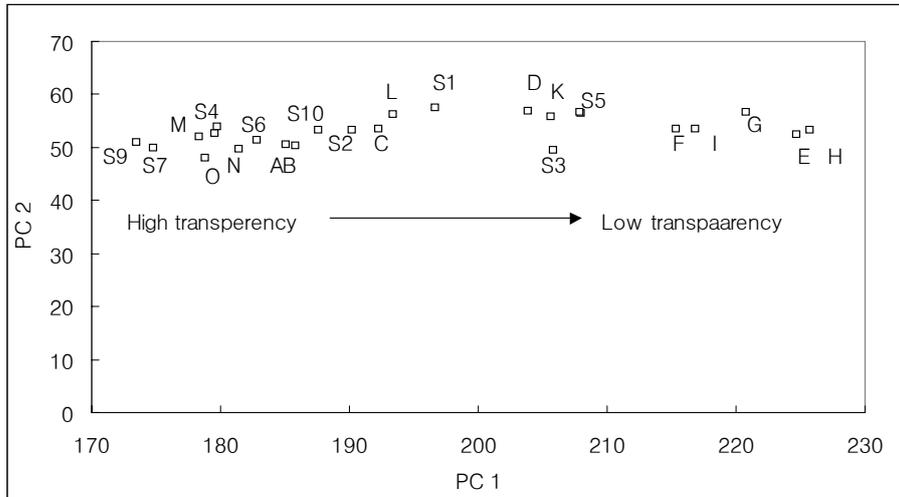


FIGURE 7. Plot of the relationship between PC 1 and PC 2

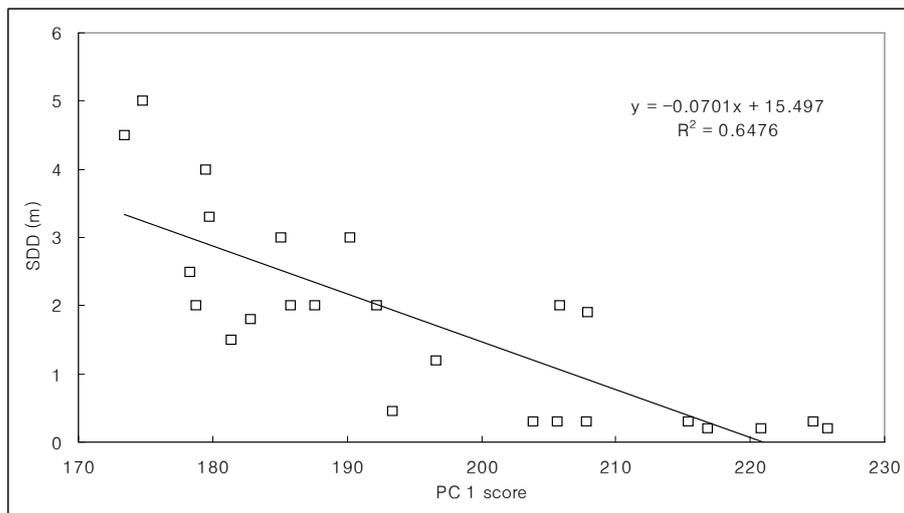


FIGURE 8. Relationship of the PC1 and Secchi depth

and PC 1 scores from remotely sensed data obtained in June 1997. However, Landsat TM has six wavelength bands in difference band position and width: blue, green, red and IR bands. Especially, band 1 and band 2 are blue-green and yellow-green bands.

The variance explained by PC 1 of remotely

sensed data using TM is 76 percent. The band 1 of TM is 450 – 520 nm. Therefore, this band is less effected by CDOM than chlorophyll. Although in-situ based studies have produced some primary results in applying PCA for water quality, there are difficulties in applying the technique to the remotely sensed data. Landsat

TM data are contaminated with atmospheric noises such as Rayleigh and Mie scattering.

We could find the positive correlation between PC 1 and SDD in Figure 5, while there were the negative correlation between PC1 and SDD in Figure 8. CDOM has highly absorption at 412 nm and 443 nm bands which are SeaWiFS bands. In the PCA results of in-situ remote sensing reflectance, PC 1 scores are increasing, as SDD are increasing. Since SDD are effected by CDOM, PC 1 scores and SDD are relatively positive correlation.

At PCA results of Landsat TM, however, PC 1 were loaded with SS dominated bands, band 1(450-520 nm) and TM band 2(520-600 nm), then increasing of PC 1 scores mean increasing the concentration of SS. Since increased SS has effected the decreasing of SDD, PC1 and SDD are negative correlation at Figure 8. In this results, we could find SeaWiFS bands are more effective detecting of CDOM than Landsat TM bands. Therefore, SeaWiFS data processing at coastal water will provide more information about water quality.

## CONCLUSION

PCA was suggested as a method for detecting dispersion area of polluted water. When the PC 1 was compared with SDD, they are highly correlated although other variables did not result in such a good correlation. The PC 1 obtained by in-situ remote sensing reflectance was useful for detection of water quality from the water body where CDOM dominated.

On the other hand, TM has the different band width from PRR-600, and band 1 of TM does not include 412 nm and 443 nm bands.

Atmospheric noises which were not corrected in this study might add further errors. Therefore, it is maybe less effective to detect water quality where CDOM dominates. In spite of such limitations, PCA results of Landsat TM data provided an Pearson product moment correlation( $r=-0.805$ ) and Spearman rank order correlation( $r=-0.845$ ) between PC 1 and SDD.

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