



# STAT 215A Fall 2017

## Week 4

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# Lab 1 Conclusion

What did you find difficult about the lab?

What weird things did you find in the data?

Concluding questions about the lab?

## Lab 1 Conclusion: peer review

**Later today:** I will push a single report to review in to each of your repos... remember to pull!

**You have one week to review the report and provide feedback in the google form that I will distribute.**

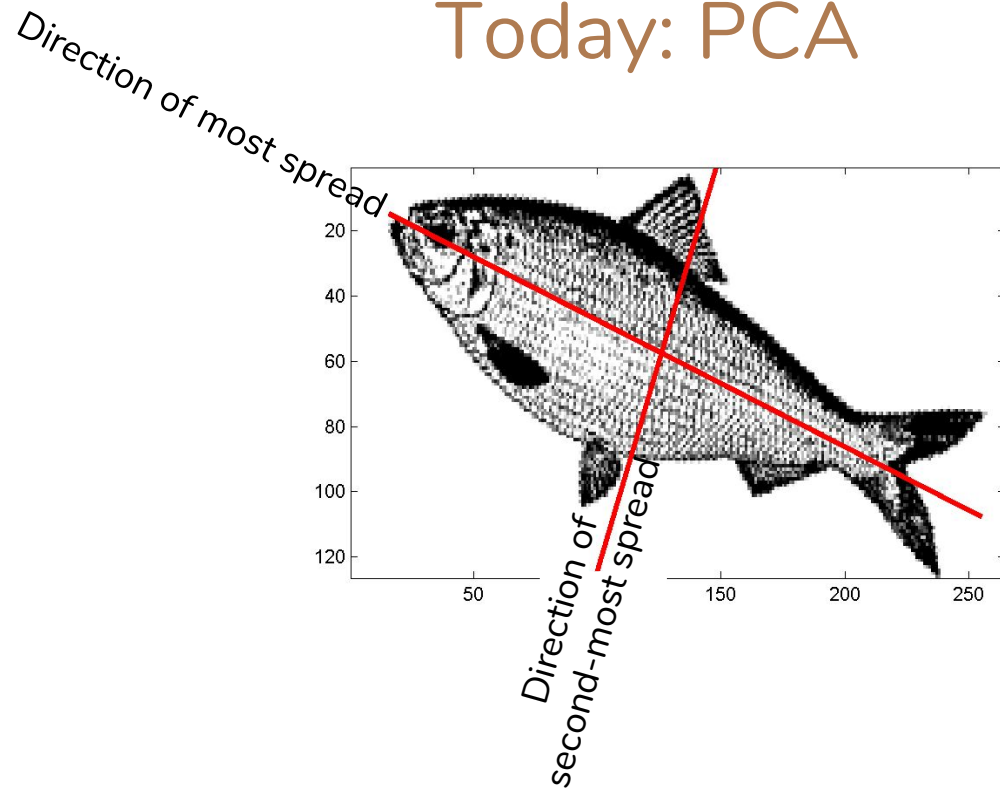
I will grade each of your reports individually (this time!).

Staying on top of recent developments in R



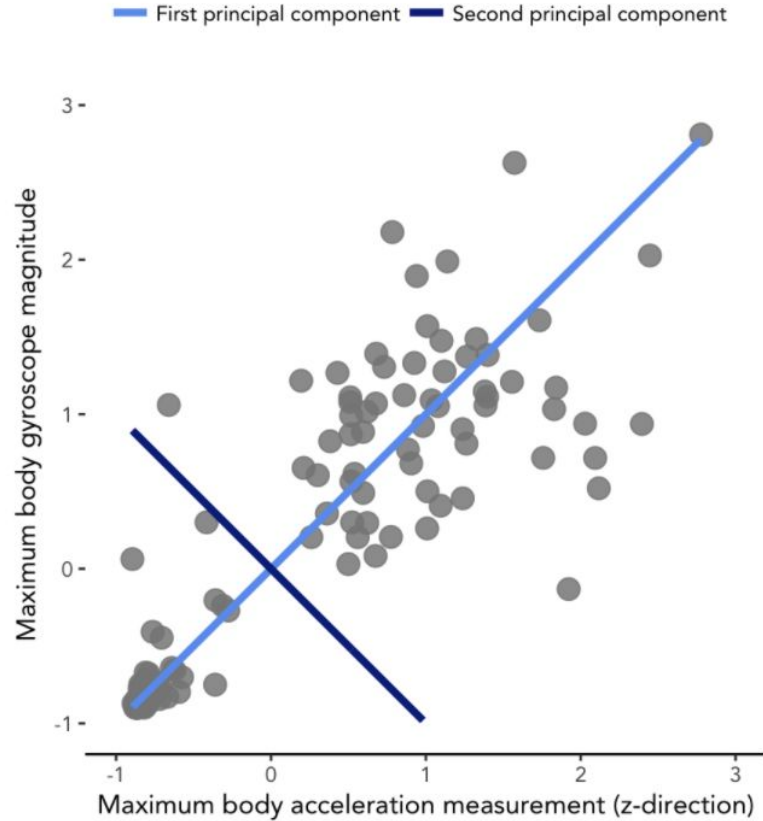
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# Today: PCA



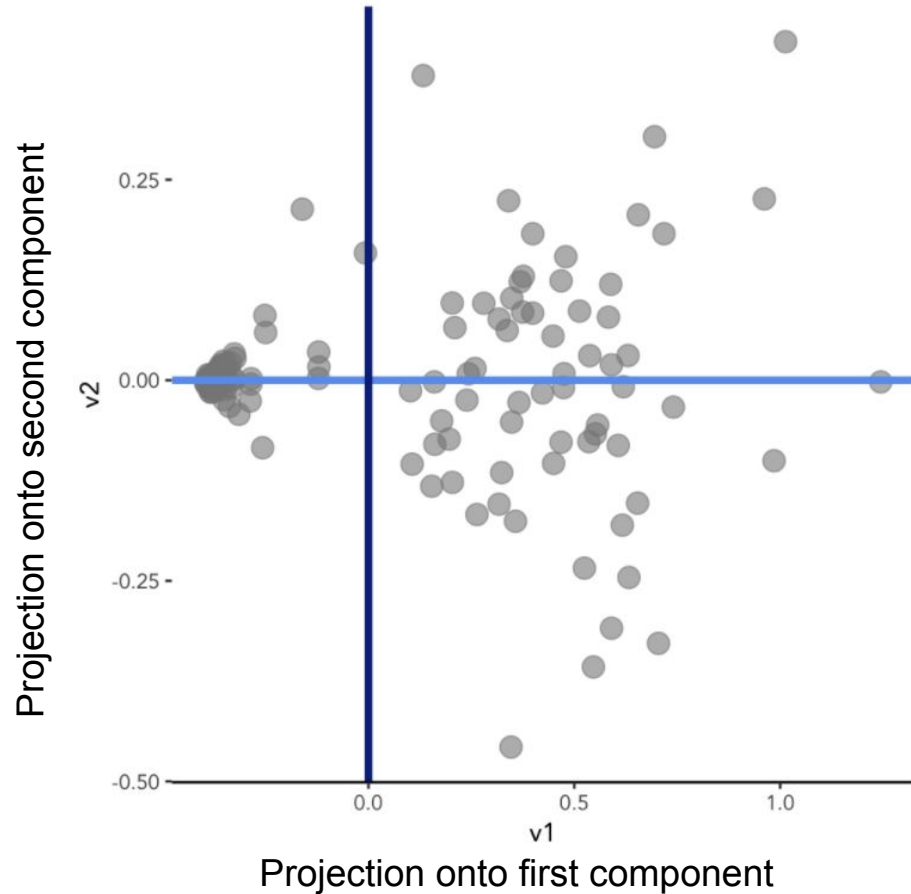
# PCA

Data  
presented  
with original  
axes



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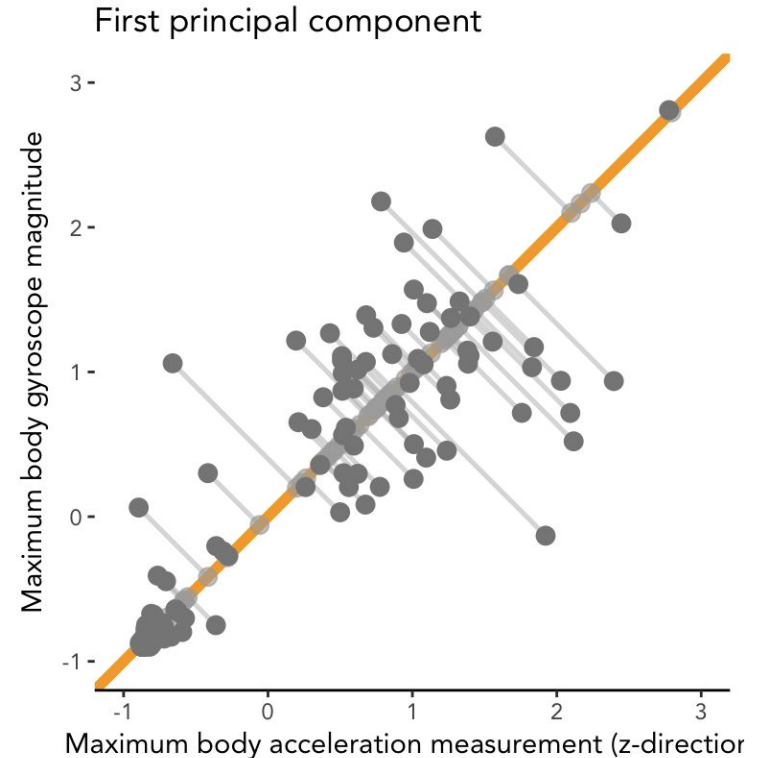
Data  
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# Calculating the PCs: first PC

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(or equivalently the direction along which the data is most spread out)

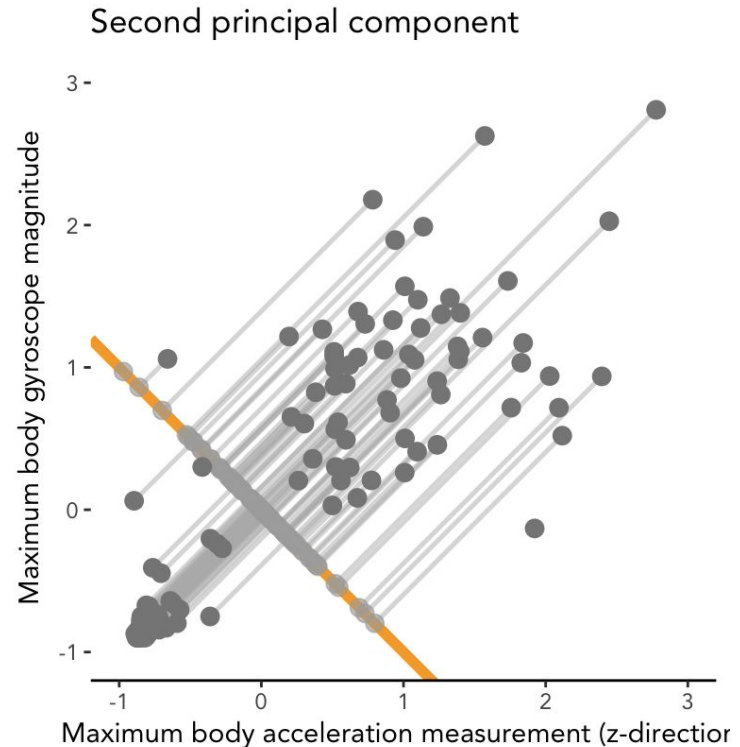




# Calculating the PCs

The second PC is the line (**perpendicular** to the first PC) to which the data have the **next smallest average perpendicular distance**.

In higher dimensions we talk about “**orthogonal**” rather than “perpendicular”.



# Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

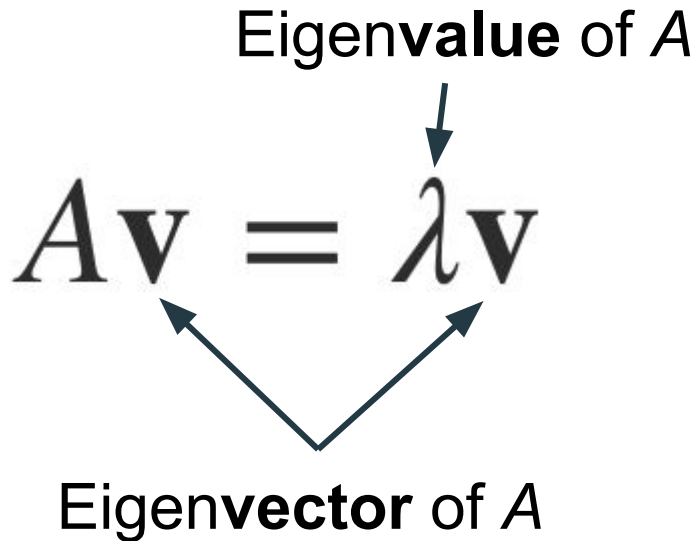
A vector is a line with a direction and magnitude (length)

Multiplying a vector by a matrix does two things:

- **Rotate** the vector orientation
- **Scale** the vector by increasing/decreasing its magnitude

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Eigen**value** of  $A$



The diagram shows the equation  $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ . An arrow points from the text "Eigen**value** of  $A$ " to the variable  $\lambda$ . Another arrow points from the text "Eigen**vector** of  $A$ " to the variable  $\mathbf{v}$  in the term  $A\mathbf{v}$ . A third arrow points from the same "Eigen**vector** of  $A$ " text to the variable  $\mathbf{v}$  in the term  $\lambda\mathbf{v}$ .

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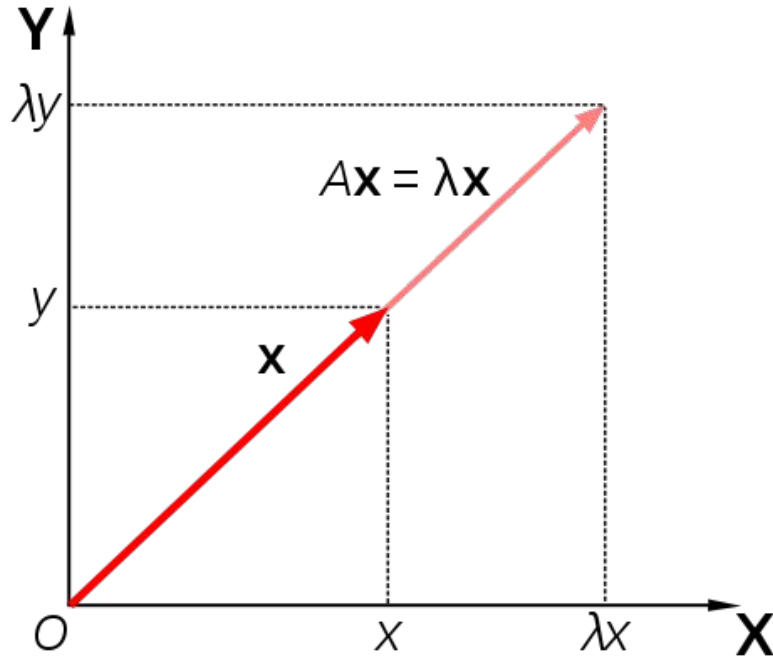
For an eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$  and an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$ :

**Rotating/Scaling  $\mathbf{v}$  by  $A$**

is the same as

**scaling  $\mathbf{v}$  by scalar  $\lambda$**

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i.e. multiplication of an eigenvector of  $A$  by  $A$  itself does not rotate the eigenvector; it only scales it!

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The amount by which each eigenvector is stretched or compressed is the **eigenvalue**.



# Eigendecomposition

It turns out that for any symmetric matrix,  $A$ , you can **factorize** it using **eigendecomposition**:

$$A = VDV^T$$

$$D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \lambda_p \end{bmatrix} \quad V = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{v}_p] = \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,1} & \dots & v_{p,1} \\ v_{1,2} & \dots & v_{p,2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ v_{1,n} & \dots & v_{p,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$D$  is a diagonal matrix whose **diagonal entries** are the **eigenvalues**

$V$  is a matrix whose **columns** correspond to the **eigenvectors**

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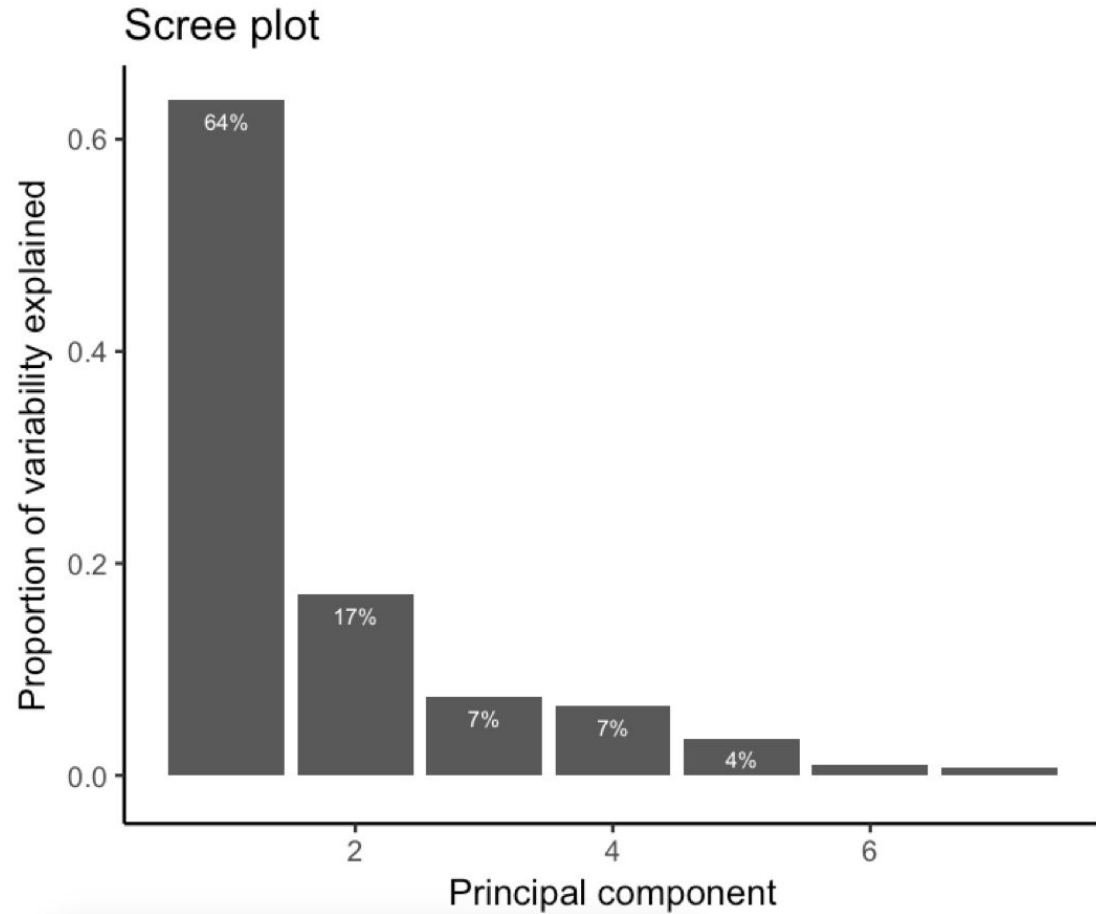
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4. Define a “new” lower-dim dataset consisting only of the data projected onto the first few PCs ( $XV_{1:3}$ ) that account for most of the variation in the data (look for the “elbow” in the scree plot)



(Standardized)  
scree plot



# The PCA algorithm

Q: Which of our original variables are the most “important”?

A: Calculate the correlation (the “loading”) between each variable and the data projected onto the first few PCs.

Complete the exercises found in  
**pca\_exercises.Rmd**