# IN3050/IN4050 Mandatory Assignment 3: Unsupervised Learning

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## **Delivery**

Deadline: Friday, April 22, 2022, 23:59

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#### What to deliver?

You are recommended to solve the exercise in a Jupyter notebook, but you might solve it in a Python program if you prefer.

If you choose Jupyter, you should deliver the notebook. You should answer all questions and explain what you are doing in Markdown. Still, the code should be properly commented. The notebook should contain results of your runs. In addition, you should make a pdf of your solution which shows the results of the runs.

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Your report/notebook should contain your name and username.

Deliver one single zipped folder (.zip, .tgz or .tar.gz) which contains your complete solution.

Important: if you weren't able to finish the assignment, use the PDF report/Markdown to elaborate on what you've tried and what problems you encountered. Students who have made an effort and attempted all parts of the assignment will get a second chance even if they fail initially. This exercise will be graded PASS/FAIL.

#### Goals of the exercise

This exercise has three parts. The first part is focused on Principal Component Analysis (PCA). You will go through some basic theory, and implent PCA from scratch to do compression and visualization of data.

The second part focuses on clustering using K-means. You will use scikit-learn to run K-means clustering, and use PCA to visualize the results.

The last part ties supervised and unsupervised learning together in an effort to evaluate the output of K-means using a logistic regression for multi-class classification approach.

The master students will also have to do one extra part about tuning PCA to balance compression with information lost.

#### **Tools**

You may freely use code from the weekly exercises and the published solutions. In the first part about PCA you may **NOT** use ML libraries like scikit-learn. In the K-means part and beyond we encurage the use of scikit-learn to iterate quickly on the problems.

#### Beware

This is a new assignment. There might occur typos or ambiguities. If anything is unclear, do not hesitate to ask. Also, if you think some assumptions are missing, make your own and explain them!

# Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

In this section, you will work with the PCA algorithm in order to understand its definition and explore its uses.

## Principle of Maximum Variance: what is PCA supposed to do?

First of all, let us recall the principle/assumption of PCA:

- 1. What is the variance?
- 2. What is the covariance?
- 3. How do we compute the covariance matrix?
- 4. What is the meaning of the principle of maximum variance?
- 5. Why do we need this principle?
- 6. Does the principle always apply?
- 1. The variance is how much a value variates from the mean value.
- 2. The covariance is used when we have two values. It tells if the values are going either in the same or in the opposite direction.
- 3. Let be the centered data B and the size of the data (height) N The covariance matrix would be =  $1/N * (transposed(B) \cdot B)$
- 4. The goal of the maximum variance is to find the orthogonal projection of the data into a lower dimensional linear space such that the variance of the projected data is maximised
- 5. The number of data could be infinite, so we want to find the most information in each component, limiting the dimensions. If the variance is high the "direction" of the data is more clear. That is for efficiency reasons.
- 6. Yes, but it makes sense only with enough data.

# Implementation: how is PCA implemented?

Here we implement the basic steps of PCA, and we assemble them.

### Importing libraries

We start importing the *numpy* library for performing matrix computations, the *pyplot* library for plotting data, and the *syntheticdata* module to import synthetic data.

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  import sklearn.preprocessing

import syntheticdata
```

## Centering the Data

Implement a function with the following signature to center the data as explained in *Marsland*.

```
In [36]: def center_data(A_c):
    m_c = np.mean(A_c, axis=0)
    Y = A_c - m_c
    return Y
```

Test your function checking the following assertion on testcase:

#### **Computing Covariance Matrix**

Implement a function with the following signature to compute the covariance matrix as explained in *Marsland*.

```
In [38]: def compute_covariance_matrix(A):
    C = np.cov(np.transpose(A))
    return C
```

Test your function checking the following assertion on testcase:

```
In [39]: testcase = center_data(np.array([[22., 11., 5.5], [10., 5., 2.5], [34., 1
    answer = np.array([[580., 290., 145.], [290., 145., 72.5], [145., 72.5, 3

# Depending on implementation the scale can be different:
    to_test = compute_covariance_matrix(testcase)

answer = answer / answer[0, 0]
    to_test = to_test / to_test[0, 0]

np.testing.assert_array_almost_equal(to_test, answer)
```

## Computing eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Use the linear algebra package of <code>numpy</code> and its function <code>np.linalg.eig()</code> to compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors. Notice that we take the real part of the eigenvectors and eigenvalues. The covriance matrix <code>should</code> be a symmetric matrix, but the actual implementation in <code>compute\_covariance\_matrix()</code> can lead to small round off errors that lead to tiny imaginary additions to the eigenvalues and eigenvectors. These are purely numerical artifacts that we can safely remove.

**Note:** If you decide to NOT use <code>np.linalg.eig()</code> you must make sure that the eigenvalues you compute are of unit lenght!

```
In [40]: def compute_eigenvalue_eigenvectors(A):
    eigval, eigvec = np.linalg.eig(A)
    # Numerical roundoff can lead to (tiny) imaginary parts. We correct t
    eigval = eigval.real
    eigvec = eigvec.real

return eigval, eigvec
```

Test your function checking the following assertion on testcase:

```
In [41]: testcase = np.array([[2, 0, 0], [0, 5, 0], [0, 0, 3]])
    answer1 = np.array([[2., 5., 3.])
    answer2 = np.array([[1., 0., 0.], [0., 1., 0.], [0., 0., 1.]]))
    x, y = compute_eigenvalue_eigenvectors(testcase)
    np.testing.assert_array_almost_equal(x, answer1)
    np.testing.assert_array_almost_equal(y, answer2)
```

## Sorting eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Implement a function with the following signature to sort eigenvalues and eigenvectors as explained in *Marsland*.

Remember that eigenvalue eigval[i] corresponds to eigenvector eigvec[:,i].

Test your function checking the following assertion on *testcase*:

```
In [43]: testcase = np.array([[2, 0, 0], [0, 5, 0], [0, 0, 3]])
    answer1 = np.array([5., 3., 2.])
    answer2 = np.array([[0., 0., 1.], [1., 0., 0.], [0., 1., 0.]])
    x, y = compute_eigenvalue_eigenvectors(testcase)
    x, y = sort_eigenvalue_eigenvectors(x, y)
    np.testing.assert_array_almost_equal(x, answer1)
    np.testing.assert_array_almost_equal(y, answer2)
```

#### **PCA Algorithm**

Implement a function with the following signature to compute PCA as explained in *Marsland* using the functions implemented above.

```
In [44]: def pca(A_pca, m_pca):
             # INPUT:
             # A [NxM] numpy data matrix (N samples, M features)
             # m
                    integer number denoting the number of learned features (m \leq N
             # OUTPUT:
                            [Mxm] numpy matrix containing the eigenvectors (M dim
             # pca eigvec
                             [Nxm] numpy PCA data matrix (N samples, m features)
             cdata = center_data(A_pca)
             ccm = compute covariance matrix(cdata)
             eigval, eigvec = compute eigenvalue eigenvectors(ccm)
             seigval, seigvec = sort eigenvalue eigenvectors(eigval, eigvec)
             if m pca > 0:
                 seigvec = seigvec[:, :m_pca]
             pca eigvec fun = seigvec
             matrix = np.dot(np.transpose(pca_eigvec_fun), np.transpose(cdata))
             P_pca = matrix
             return pca eigvec fun, P pca.T
```

Test your function checking the following assertion on testcase:

```
In [45]: testcase = np.array([[22., 11., 5.5], [10., 5., 2.5], [34., 17., 8.5]])
    x, y = pca(testcase, 2)

import pickle

answer1_file = open('PCAanswer1.pkl', 'rb')
answer2_file = open('PCAanswer2.pkl', 'rb')
answer1 = pickle.load(answer1_file)
answer2 = pickle.load(answer2_file)

test_arr_x = np.sum(np.abs(np.abs(x) - np.abs(answer1)), axis=0)
np.testing.assert_array_almost_equal(test_arr_x, np.zeros(2))

test_arr_y = np.sum(np.abs(np.abs(y) - np.abs(answer2)))
np.testing.assert_almost_equal(test_arr_y, 0)
```

# Understanding: how does PCA work?

We now use the PCA algorithm you implemented on a toy data set in order to understand its inner workings.

#### Loading the data

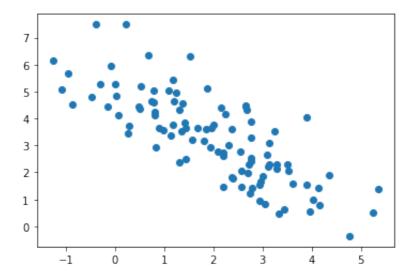
The module *syntheticdata* provides a small synthetic dataset of dimension [100x2] (100 samples, 2 features).

```
In [46]: X = syntheticdata.get_synthetic_data1()
```

### Visualizing the data

Visualize the synthetic data using the function scatter() from the matplotlib library.

```
In [47]: plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 1])
Out[47]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x168187ac0>
```

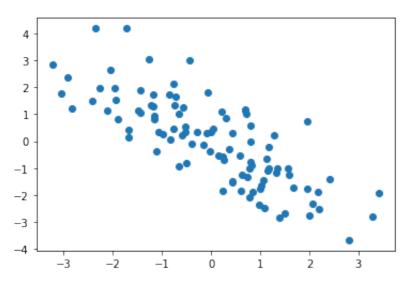


#### Visualize the centered data

Notice that the data visualized above is not centered on the origin (0,0). Use the function defined above to center the data, and the replot it.

```
In [48]: Z = center_data(X)
   plt.scatter(Z[:, 0], Z[:, 1])
```

Out[48]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x1682e88b0>



## Visualize the first eigenvector

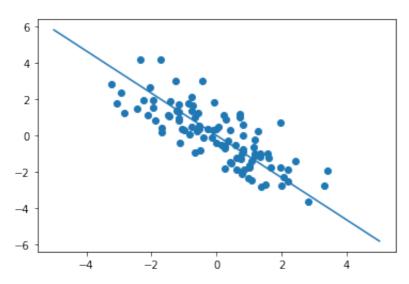
Visualize the vector defined by the first eigenvector. To do this you need:

- Use the PCA() function to recover the eigenvectors
- Plot the centered data as done above
- The first eigenvector is a 2D vector (x0,y0). This defines a vector with origin in (0,0) and head in (x0,y0). Use the function *plot()* from matplotlib to plot a line over the first eigenvector.

```
In [49]: pca_eigvec, _ = pca(X, 2)
    first_eigvec = pca_eigvec[0]

plt.scatter(Z[:, 0], Z[:, 1])
    x = np.linspace(-5, 5, 1000)
    y = first_eigvec[1] / first_eigvec[0] * x
    plt.plot(x, y)
```

Out[49]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x168359970>]

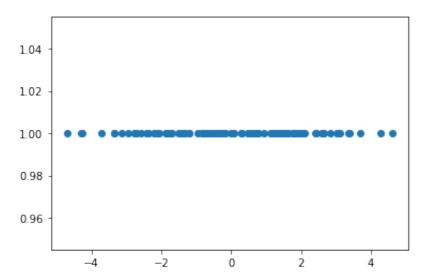


# Visualize the PCA projection

Finally, use the *PCA()* algorithm to project on a single dimension and visualize the result using again the *scatter()* function.

```
In [50]: _, P = pca(X, 2)
plt.scatter(P[:, 0], np.ones(P.shape[0]))
```

Out[50]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x1683bc490>



#### Evaluation: when are the results of PCA sensible?

So far we have used PCA on synthetic data. Let us now imagine we are using PCA as a pre-processing step before a classification task. This is a common setup with high-dimensional data. We explore when the use of PCA is sensible.

## Loading the first set of labels

The function *get\_synthetic\_data\_with\_labels1()* from the module *syntethicdata* provides a first labeled dataset.

```
In [51]: X, y = syntheticdata.get_synthetic_data_with_labels1()
```

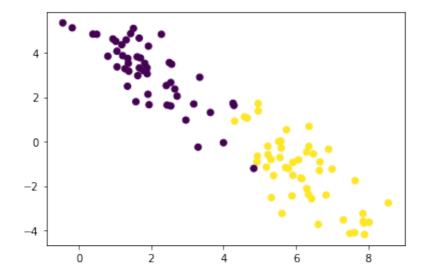
#### **Running PCA**

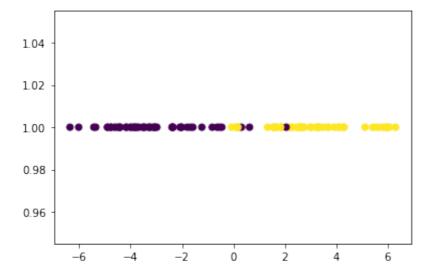
Process the data using the PCA algorithm and project it in one dimension. Plot the labeled data using *scatter()* before and after running PCA. Comment on the results.

```
In [52]: plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 1], c=y[:, 0])

plt.figure()
   _, P = pca(X, 2)
   plt.scatter(P[:, 0], np.ones(P.shape[0]), c=y[:, 0])
```

Out[52]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x16828baf0>





**Comment:** The data are still well divided also after the PCA. These data have high variance.

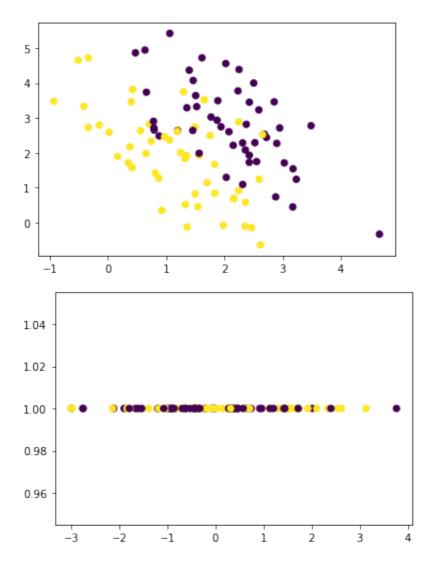
#### Loading the second set of labels

The function get\_synthetic\_data\_with\_labels2() from the module syntethicdata provides a second labeled dataset.

```
In [53]: X, y = syntheticdata.get_synthetic_data_with_labels2()
```

### **Running PCA**

As before, process the data using the PCA algorithm and project it in one dimension. Plot the labeled data using *scatter()* before and after running PCA. Comment on the results.



**Comment:** Here the data seem to be a bit more mixed after the PCA, they are not divided in two parts as it was in the first plot over. These data have low variance.

How would the result change if you were to consider the second eigenvector? Or if you were to consider both eigenvectors?

**Answer**: With the second the result will be less precise. If we combine them it should be more truthful, but you still risk to be less precise.

# Case study 1: PCA for visualization

We now consider the *iris* dataset, a simple collection of data (N=150) describing iris flowers with four (M=4) features. The features are: Sepal Length, Sepal Width, Petal Length and Petal Width. Each sample has a label, identifying each flower as one of 3 possible types of iris: Setosa, Versicolour, and Virginica.

Visualizing a 4-dimensional dataset is impossible; therefore we will use PCA to project our data in 2 dimensions and visualize it.

### Loading the data

The function  $get_iris_data()$  from the module syntethicdata returns the iris dataset. It returns a data matrix of dimension [150x4] and a label vector of dimension [150].

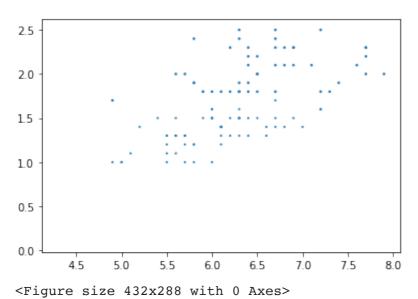
```
In [55]: X, y = syntheticdata.get_iris_data()
```

#### Visualizing the data by selecting features

Try to visualize the data (using label information) by randomly selecting two out of the four features of the data. You may try different pairs of features.

```
In [56]: plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 3], y)
    plt.figure()
```

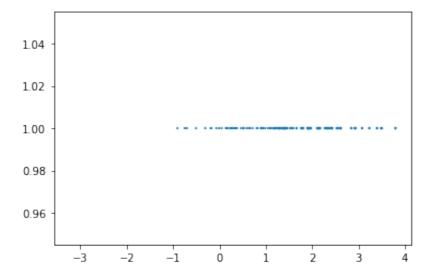
Out[56]: <Figure size 432x288 with 0 Axes>



### Visualizing the data by PCA

Process the data using PCA and visualize it (using label information). Compare with the previous visualization and comment on the results.

```
In [57]: __, P = pca(X, 2)
   plt.scatter(P[:, 0], np.ones(P.shape[0]), y)
Out[57]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x1684ab280>
```



Comment: The PCA still works with this dataset.

# Case study 2: PCA for compression

We now consider the *faces in the wild (Ifw)* dataset, a collection of pictures (N=1280) of people. Each pixel in the image is a feature (M=2914).

#### Loading the data

The function  $get_lfw_data()$  from the module syntethicdata returns the lfw dataset. It returns a data matrix of dimension [1280x2914] and a label vector of dimension [1280]. It also returns two parameters, h and w, reporting the height and the width of the images (these parameters are necessary to plot the data samples as images). Beware, it might take some time to download the data. Be patient:)

```
In [58]: X, y, h, w = syntheticdata.get_lfw_data()
```

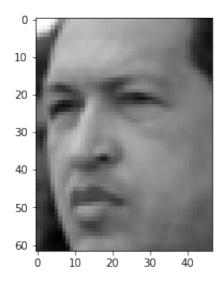
### Inspecting the data

Choose one datapoint to visualize (first coordinate of the matrix X) and use the function imshow() to plot and inspect some of the pictures.

Notice that imshow receives as a first argument an image to be plot; the image must be provided as a rectangular matrix, therefore we reshape a sample from the matrix X to have height h and width w. The parameter cmap specifies the color coding; in our case we will visualize the image in black-and-white with different gradations of grey.

```
In [59]: plt.imshow(X[0, :].reshape((h, w)), cmap=plt.cm.gray)
```

Out[59]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x16865b3a0>



#### Implementing a compression-decompression function

Implement a function that first uses PCA to project samples in low-dimensions, and the reconstruct the original image.

*Hint*: Most of the code is the same as the previous PCA() function you implemented. You may want to refer to *Marsland* to check out how reconstruction is performed.

#### Compressing and decompressing the data

Use the implemented function to encode and decode the data by projecting on a lower dimensional space of dimension 200 (m=200).

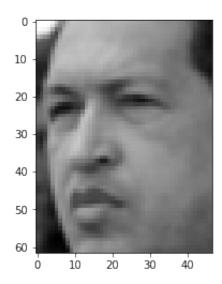
```
In [61]: Xhat = encode_decode_pca(X, 200)
```

## Inspecting the reconstructed data

Use the function *imshow* to plot and compare original and reconstructed pictures. Comment on the results.

```
In [62]: plt.imshow(X[0, :].reshape((h, w)), cmap=plt.cm.gray)
    plt.figure()
    plt.imshow(Xhat[0, :].reshape((h, w)), cmap=plt.cm.gray)
```

Out[62]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x16861f1f0>





Comment: It works, but we lost some details and the face looks different

# **Evaluating different compressions**

Use the previous setup to generate compressed images using different values of low dimensions in the PCA algorithm (e.g.: 100, 200, 500, 1000). Plot and comment on the results.

```
In [63]: plt.imshow(X[0, :].reshape((h, w)), cmap=plt.cm.gray)

plt.figure()
Xhat = encode_decode_pca(X, 1000000)
plt.imshow(Xhat[0, :].reshape((h, w)), cmap=plt.cm.gray)

None
```





**Comment:** With a lot of iterations works very well and the output image is the same.

## Master Students: PCA Tuning

If we use PCA for compression or decompression, it may be not trivial to decide how many dimensions to keep. In this section we review a principled way to decide how many dimensions to keep.

The number of dimensions to keep is the only *hyper-parameter* of PCA. A method designed to decide how many dimensions/eigenvectors is the *proportion of variance*:

$$ext{POV} = rac{\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i}{\sum_{j=1}^M \lambda_j},$$

where  $\lambda$  are eigenvalues, M is the dimensionality of the original data, and m is the chosen lower dimensionality.

Using the POV formula we may select a number M of dimensions/eigenvalues so that the proportion of variance is, for instance, equal to 95%.

Implement a new PCA for encoding and decoding that receives in input not the number of dimensions for projection, but the amount of proportion of variance to be preserved.

```
In [64]: def encode_decode_pca_with_pov(A, p):
    # INPUT:
    # A    [NxM] numpy data matrix (N samples, M features)
    # p    float number between 0 and 1 denoting the POV to be preserved
    #
    # OUTPUT:
    # Ahat [NxM] numpy PCA reconstructed data matrix (N samples, M featur
    # m    integer reporting the number of dimensions selected

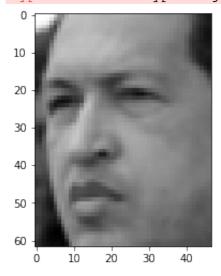
m = None
Ahat = None
return Ahat, m
```

Import the *Ifw* dataset using the *get\_Ifw\_data()* in *syntheticdata*. Use the implemented function to encode and decode the data by projecting on a lower dimensional space such that POV=0.9. Use the function *imshow* to plot and compare original and reconstructed pictures. Comment on the results.

```
In [72]: X, y, h, w = syntheticdata.get_lfw_data()
In [73]: Xhat, m = encode_decode_pca_with_pov(X, 0.9)
```

```
In [74]: plt.imshow(X[0, :].reshape((h, w)), cmap=plt.cm.gray)
   plt.figure()
   plt.imshow(Xhat[0, :].reshape((h, w)), cmap=plt.cm.gray)
```

```
TypeError
TypeError
TypeError
Traceback (most recent call las
t)
Input In [74], in <cell line: 3>()
        1 plt.imshow(X[0, :].reshape((h, w)), cmap=plt.cm.gray)
        2 plt.figure()
----> 3 plt.imshow(Xhat[0, :].reshape((h, w)), cmap=plt.cm.gray)
TypeError: 'NoneType' object is not subscriptable
```



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**Comment:** Enter your comment here.

# K-Means Clustering (Bachelor and master students)

In this section you will use the k-means clustering algorithm to perform unsupervised clustering. Then you will perform a qualitative assessment of the results.

## Importing scikit-learn library

We start importing the module *cluster.KMeans* from the standard machine learning library *scikit-learn*.

```
In [75]: from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
```

## Loading the data

We will use once again the *iris* data set. The function *get\_iris\_data()* from the module *syntethicdata* returns the *iris* dataset. It returns a data matrix of dimension [150x4] and a label vector of dimension [150].

```
In [76]: X, y = syntheticdata.get_iris_data()
```

#### Projecting the data using PCA

To allow for visualization, we project our data in two dimensions as we did previously. This step is not necessary, and we may want to try to use *k-means* later without the PCA pre-processing. However, we use PCA, as this will allow for an easy visualization.

```
In [77]: _, P = pca(X, 2)
```

## Running k-means

We will now consider the *iris* data set as an unlabeled set, and perform clustering to this unlabeled set. We can compare the results of the clustering to the lableled calsses.

Use the class *KMeans* to fit and predict the output of the *k-means* algorithm on the projected data. Run the algorithm using the following values of  $k = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

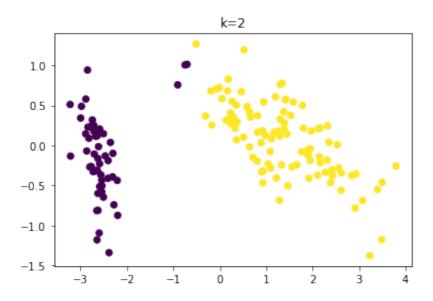
```
In [78]: KM = KMeans(2)
   yhat2 = KM.fit_predict(P)
   KM = KMeans(3)
   yhat3 = KM.fit_predict(P)
   KM = KMeans(4)
   yhat4 = KM.fit_predict(P)
   KM = KMeans(5)
   yhat5 = KM.fit_predict(P)
```

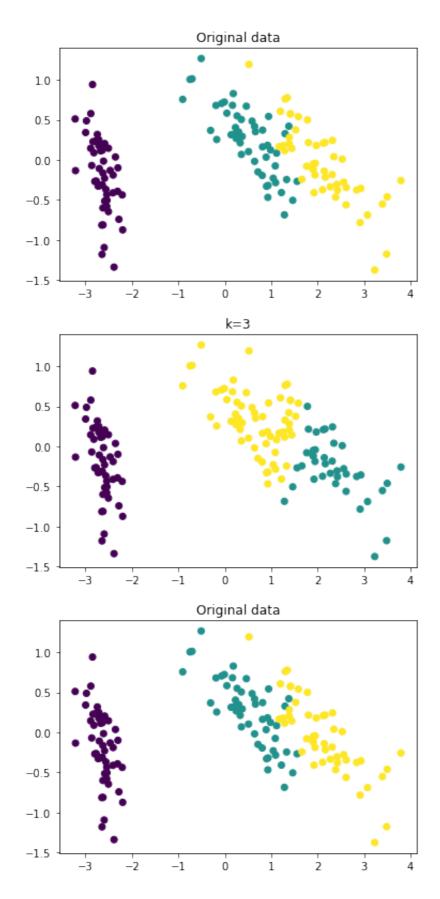
#### Qualitative assessment

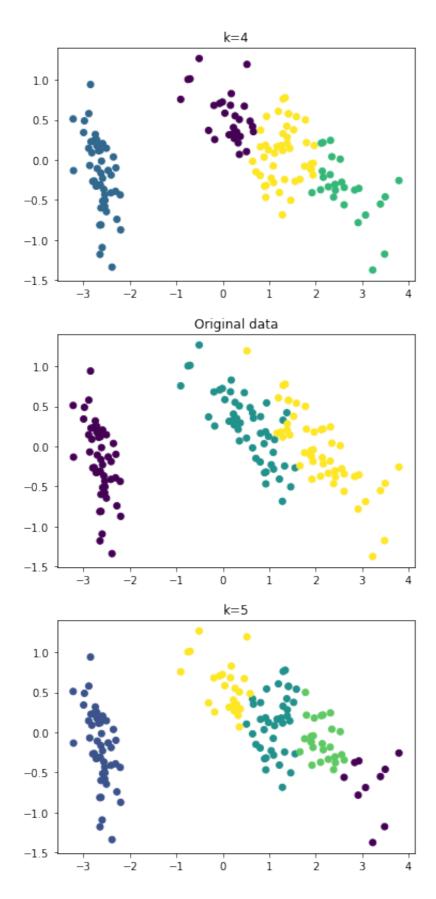
Plot the results of running the k-means algorithm, compare with the true labels, and comment.

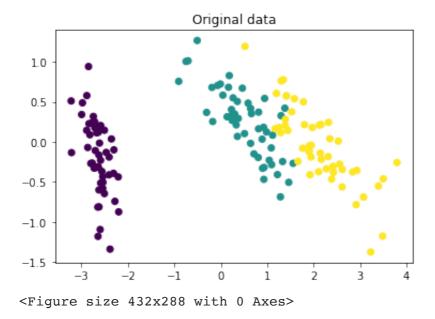
```
In [79]: KM = KMeans(2)
         yhat2 = KM.fit_predict(P)
         plt.scatter(P[:, 0], P[:, 1], c=yhat2)
         plt.title('k=2')
         plt.figure()
         plt.scatter(P[:, 0], P[:, 1], c=y)
         plt.title('Original data')
         plt.figure()
         # Repeat for k=3, 4 and 5:
         KM = KMeans(3)
         yhat3 = KM.fit predict(P)
         plt.scatter(P[:, 0], P[:, 1], c=yhat3)
         plt.title('k=3')
         plt.figure()
         plt.scatter(P[:, 0], P[:, 1], c=y)
         plt.title('Original data')
         plt.figure()
         KM = KMeans(4)
         yhat4 = KM.fit_predict(P)
         plt.scatter(P[:, 0], P[:, 1], c=yhat4)
         plt.title('k=4')
         plt.figure()
         plt.scatter(P[:, 0], P[:, 1], c=y)
         plt.title('Original data')
         plt.figure()
         KM = KMeans(5)
         yhat5 = KM.fit_predict(P)
         plt.scatter(P[:, 0], P[:, 1], c=yhat5)
         plt.title('k=5')
         plt.figure()
         plt.scatter(P[:, 0], P[:, 1], c=y)
         plt.title('Original data')
         plt.figure()
```

#### Out[79]: <Figure size 432x288 with 0 Axes>









**Comment:** The k-means gathers the data in k groups. These groups are of data that are correlated.

# Quantitative Assessment of K-Means (Bachelor and master students)

We used k-means for clustering and we assessed the results qualitatively by visualizing them. However, we often want to be able to measure in a quantitative way how good the clustering was. To do this, we will use a classification task to evaluate numerically the goodness of the representation learned via k-means.

Reload the *iris* dataset. Import a standard LogisticRegression classifier from the module sklearn.linear\_model. Use the k-means representations learned previously (yhat2,...,yhat5) and the true label to train the classifier. Evaluate your model on the training data (we do not have a test set, so this procedure will assess the model fit instead of generalization) using the accuracy\_score() function from the *sklearn.metrics* module. Plot a graph showing how the accuracy score varies when changing the value of k. Comment on the results.

 Train a Logistic regression model using the first two dimensions of the PCA of the iris data set as input, and the true classes as targets.

- Report the model fit/accuracy on the training set.
- For each value of K:
  - One-Hot-Encode the classes output by the K-means algorithm.
  - Train a Logistic regression model on the K-means classes as input vs the real classes as targets.
  - Calculate model fit/accuracy vs. value of K.
- Plot your results in a graph and comment on the K-means fit.

```
In [80]:
         from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
         import random
         from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
         from sklearn import metrics
         from sklearn import preprocessing
         X, y = syntheticdata.get_iris_data()
         _{-}, P = pca(X, 2)
         lr = LogisticRegression()
         lr.fit(P, y)
         print(metrics.accuracy_score(y, lr.predict(P)))
         array = []
         for i in range(2, 6):
             KM = KMeans(i)
             yhat = KM.fit predict(P)
             #print(yhat)
             encoder = OneHotEncoder(sparse=False)
              # transform data
             onehot = encoder.fit_transform(yhat.reshape(-1, 1))
              #print(onehot)
              lr = LogisticRegression()
              lr.fit(P, yhat)
             ylr = lr.predict(P)
              print()
              print("K = " + str(i) + " -> " + str(metrics.accuracy_score(y, yhat))
              print("LR = " + str(i) + " -> " + str(metrics.accuracy_score(y, ylr))
              array.append([metrics.accuracy_score(y, yhat)] )
         print(array)
         plt.plot(range(2, 6), array)
         None
```

#### 0.9666666666666667

**Comment:** With k = 2 the precision is 66%, but it falls down to 10% with k = 3. That is, I think, because the algorithm classify the data in the "wrong direction" as we can see in the plots above. Then it rises again, maybe because I have smaller groups and is still easier to catch the right match somewhere.

5.0

3.5

0.1

2.0

2.5

## **Conclusions**

In this notebook we studied **unsupervised learning** considering two important and representative algorithms: **PCA** and **k-means**.

First, we implemented the PCA algorithm step by step; we then run the algorithm on synthetic data in order to see its working and evaluate when it may make sense to use it and when not. We then considered two typical uses of PCA: for **visualization** on the *iris* dataset, and for **compression-decompression** on the *Ifw* dateset.

We then moved to consider the k-means algorithm. In this case we used the implementation provided by *scikit-learn* and we applied it to another prototypical unsupervised learning problem: **clustering**; we used *k-means* to process the *iris* dataset and we evaluated the results visually.

In the final part, we considered two additional questions that may arise when using the above algorithms. For PCA, we considered the problem of **selection of hyper-parameters**, that is, how we can select the hyper-parameter of ou algorithm in a reasonable fashion. For k-means, we considered the problem of the **quantitative evaluation** of our results, that is, how can we measure the performance or usefulness of our algorithms.