

Descriptive Data Analysis and Preprocessing

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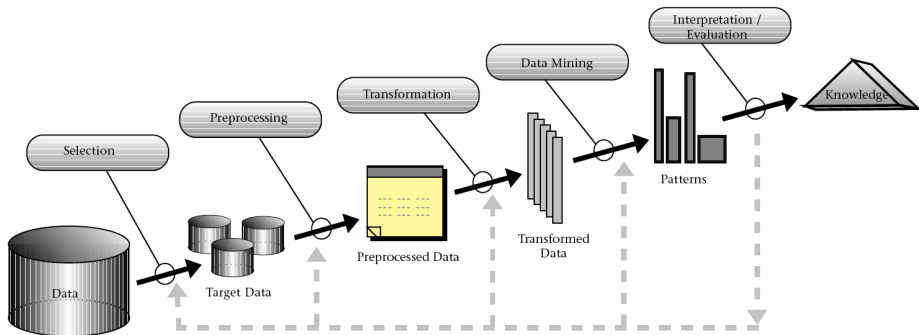


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Part 2 - Data Preprocessing

Introduction



Knowledge **D**iscovery in **D**atabases Process (1996)

Introduction

Data Preprocessing

Data mining technique for transforming raw data into an understandable format

Why do we need preprocessing?

- Real-world data is generally incomplete, noisy, inconsistent
- Some algorithms can not process all types of data

Steps to be taken in data preprocessing (not ordered and some of them might be side-stepped!):

- Data Cleaning
- Data Integration
- Data Transformation
- Data Reduction

Data Quality

Data Quality

The fit for its intended use in operations, decision making and planning

In short:

Poor-quality data → inaccurate reporting and ill-conceived strategies

High-quality data → high-quality results

Data Quality Dimensions

A set of criteria used to measure the quality of data

Data Quality Dimensions



Data Quality Dimensions - Examples

- Accuracy: Address of an employee in the employee database is the real address ✓
- Completeness: A customer's first name and last name are mandatory but middle name is optional ✓
- Consistency: Employee status is terminated but pay status is active ✗
- Timeliness: Credit system checking realtime on the credit card account activity ✓
- Integrity: In a customer database, there should be a valid customer, addresses and relationship between them. If there is an address relationship data without a customer ✗
- Conformity: All the dates in a database is in the format "dd/mm/yyyy" ✓

Poor Quality or High Quality Data?

| CompanyName | BrandName | PrimaryCategory | SubCategory | ChemicalName |
|---|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
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| | Neutrogena | Skin Care | Anti-Wrinkle/Anti-Aging | Titanium dioxide |
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Data Cleaning

"Data scientists spend 80% of their time cleaning and manipulating data and only 20% of their time actually analyzing it."

Data Cleaning

The process of detecting and correcting corrupt and inaccurate records from a set

- 1 It removes major errors and inconsistencies
- 2 Accessing clean data is quick
- 3 Fewer errors means better results
- 4 The ability to map the different functions and what your data is intended to do and where it is coming from your data

Missing Data

Definition

When no data values is stored for the variable in an observation

The reasons why data goes missing:

- 1 Missing completely at random: Missingness can not be related to any event
ex: Data acquisition terminated due to fire alarm
- 2 Missing at random: Missingness is not random, but where missingness can be fully accounted for by variables where there is complete information → Biased data!!!
ex: Men in depression survey, women and their age/weight
- 3 Missing is not random: the value of the variable that's missing is related to the reason it's missing
ex: Different pay grades

How to Handle Missing Data?

| Name | Gender | Language | Education | Income |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Susan | F | French | University | 40000 |
| Jason | M | English | | 30000 |
| Michael | M | French | University | 45000 |
| John | | | High School | |
| Emily | F | English | High School | 30000 |
| Brad | M | German | University | |
| Elizabeth | | English | | 50000 |

Table: Information about people and their incomes

1. Ignore the tuple

| Name | Gender | Language | Education | Income |
|---------|--------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Susan | F | French | University | 40000 |
| Michael | M | French | University | 45000 |
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Table: Data matrix after the rows with the missing values are ignored

2. Fill in the missing values manually

| Name | Gender | Language | Education | Income |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Susan | F | French | University | 40000 |
| Jason | M | English | | 45000 |
| Michael | M | French | University | 45000 |
| John | M | | High School | |
| Emily | F | English | High School | 30000 |
| Brad | M | German | University | |
| Elizabeth | F | English | | 50000 |

Table: Data matrix after the rows are filled in by an expert

3. Use a global constant to fill in the missing value

| Name | Gender | Language | Education | Income |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Susan | F | French | University | 40000 |
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| John | M | | High School | |
| Emily | F | English | High School | 30000 |
| Brad | M | German | University | |
| Elizabeth | F | English | Education | 50000 |

Table: Data matrix after the global constant “Education” replaced the missing values

4. Use a measure of central tendency for the feature

| Name | Gender | Language | Education | Income |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Susan | F | French | University | 40000 |
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| Michael | M | French | University | 45000 |
| John | M | English | High School | |
| Emily | F | English | High School | 30000 |
| Brad | M | German | University | |
| Elizabeth | F | English | Education | 50000 |

Table: Data matrix after the missing values are replaced with the mode of Language column

4. Use a measure of central tendency for the feature

| Name | Gender | Language | Education | Income |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Susan | F | French | University | 40000 |
| Jason | M | English | Education | 45000 |
| Michael | M | French | University | 45000 |
| John | M | English | High School | 30000 |
| Emily | F | English | High School | 30000 |
| Brad | M | German | University | 42500 |
| Elizabeth | F | English | Education | 50000 |

Table: Data matrix after the missing values are replaced with the mean of the Income column

5. Use an algorithm to predict the most probable value to fill in (such as Maximum Likelihood, Bayesian Estimation, etc.)

| Name | Gender | Language | Education | Income |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Susan | F | French | University | 40000 |
| Jason | M | English | Education | 45000 |
| Michael | M | French | University | 45000 |
| John | M | English | High School | 38750 |
| Emily | F | English | High School | 30000 |
| Brad | M | German | University | 42000 |
| Elizabeth | F | English | Education | 50000 |

Table: Data matrix after the missing values are replaced with the most probable income value

Noisy Data

Definition

Unwanted data items, features or records which don't help in explaining the feature itself, or the relationship between feature and target

Reasons of Noise

- Faulty data collection
- Human or computer errors occurring at data entry
- Data transmission errors
- Limited buffer size for coordinating synchronized data transfer
- Inconsistencies in naming conventions or data codes used
- Inconsistent formats for input fields (e.g. date)

Noisy Data - Example

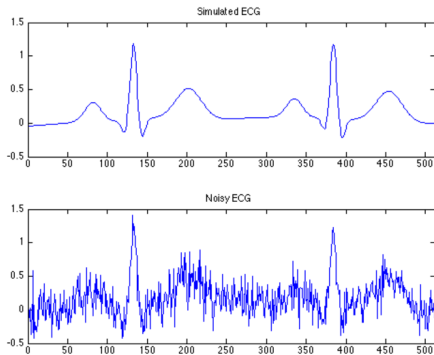


Fig: Noisy and Clean ECG Data

| Color | Weight | Class |
|-------|--------|----------|
| red | 0.2gr | Positive |
| green | 0.11gr | Negative |
| ref | 0.3gr | ? |
| green | -0.1 | Negative |
| red | 0.25gr | Negative |
| red | 0,34gr | Positive |
| green | 0.14gr | Negative |

Table: Noisy Data Example

Method 1: Binning

Smoothing a sorted data value based on its *neighborhood* → the values around it
≈ one dimensional clustering

Ex: Sorted data for price (in dollars):
4, 8, 15, 21, 21, 24, 25, 28, 34

Partition into (equal-frequency) bins:

Bin 1: 4, 8, 15

Bin 2: 21, 21, 24

Bin 3: 25, 28, 34

Smoothing by bin means:

Bin 1: 9, 9, 9

Bin 2: 22, 22, 22

Bin 3: 29, 29, 29

Smoothing by bin boundaries:

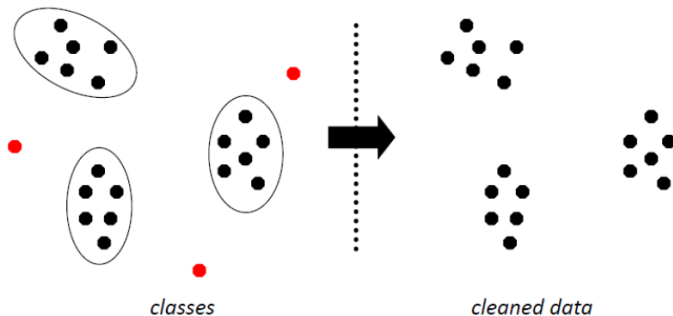
Bin 1: 4, 4, 15

Bin 2: 21, 21, 24

Bin 3: 25, 25, 34

Method 2: Outlier Analysis

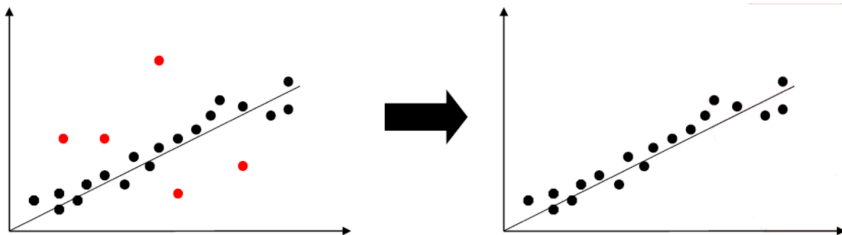
The process of finding data objects with behaviors that are very different from expectation → e.g. Outliers may be detected by clustering



Method 3: Regression

A technique that relates data values to a function such as *linear regression*:

$$y = ax + b$$



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Data Integration

Definition

The process of merging data coming from multiple data stores

- Multiple databases, data cubes or data files
- High volume data process
- Complex and fast query processing
- Advanced data summarization and storage
- **Problems:** Entity identification problem, redundancy, detection and resolution of data value conflicts

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Data Transformation

Definition

The process of converting data from one format or structure into another

Why? Different features in the data set may have values in different ranges

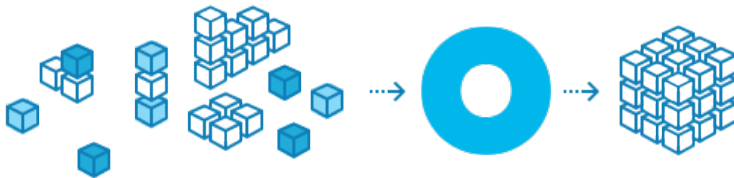


Fig: Image courtesy of <https://www.onedot.com/data-transformation>

Normalization - Example

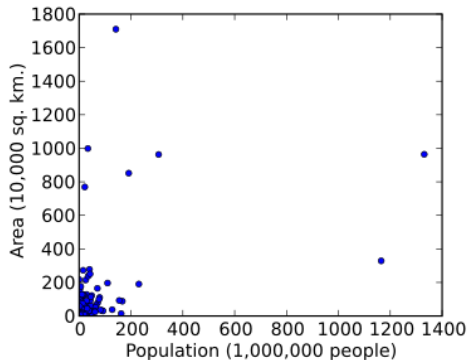


Fig: Raw data

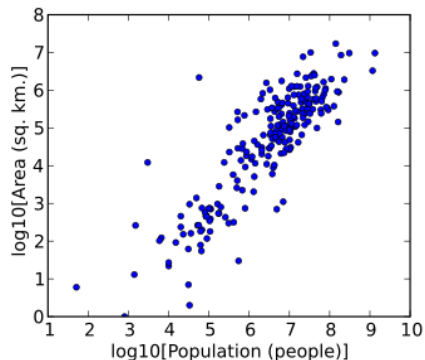


Fig: Log10 normalized data

Normalization

Bringing all the columns into same range

- **Min-Max Normalization** tries to move the values towards the mean of the column

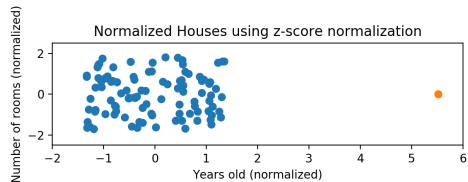
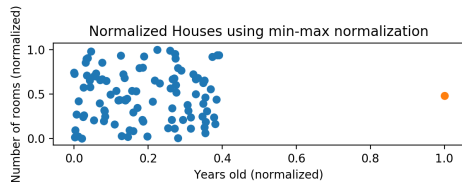
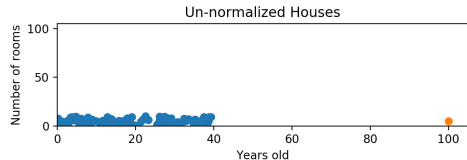
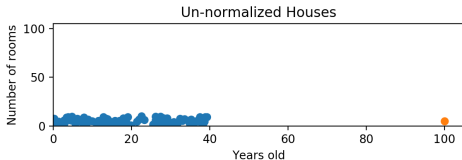
$$z = \frac{x - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$

- **z-score Normalization** transforms the data by converting the values to a common scale with an average of zero and a standard deviation of one

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

where μ is the mean and σ is the standard deviation

Normalization



Normalization

- **Decimal Scaling Normalization** transforms the data by moving the decimal points of values of a feature. The number of decimal points moved depends on the maximum absolute value of feature

$$z = \frac{x}{10^j}$$

where j is the smallest integer such that $\max(|x|) < 1$

Discretization

Definition

Reduce the number of values a continuous variable assumes by grouping them into a number of intervals or bins

Why?

- Some algorithms can only work with discrete data
- Discretization can be used to reduce the data size

Discretization - Example

Before discretization:

Ages: 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 30, 31, 32, 38, 40, 42, 70, 72, 73, 75

10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19

Young

30, 31, 32, 38, 40, 42

Mature

70, 72, 73, 75

Old

After discretization:

Ages: Young

Mature

Old

Data Type Conversion

Definition

Converting a feature type into another in the meantime representing the original distribution accurately

- Numerical to Categorical:
As in discretizing, converting ages into *young, mature, old*
- Categorical to Numerical:
As in binarization, converting Positive/Negative into 1 and 0 → Label encoding

Be careful!

Which algorithm do you use to process your data?

Which type of data does it take as input?

Example - 1

Focus point: Magazine subscription

| Client ID | Name | Address | Subscription Date | Magazine |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 23134 | Bemol | Rue du Moulin, Paris | 7/10/96 | Car |
| 23134 | Bemol | Rue du Moulin, Paris | 12/5/96 | Music |
| 23134 | Bemol | Rue du Moulin, Paris | 25/7/95 | Cartoon |
| 31435 | Bodinoz | Rue Verte, Nancy | 11/11/11 | Cartoon |
| 43342 | Airinaire | Rue de la Source, Brest | 30/5/95 | Sport |
| 25312 | Talonion | Rue du Marché, Paris | 25/02/98 | NULL |
| 43241 | Manvussa | NULL | 14/04/96 | Sport |
| 23130 | Bemolle | Rue du Moulin, Paris | 11/11/11 | House |

Example - 2

| Client ID | Name | Address | Subscription Date | Magazine |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
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| 23130 | Bemolle | Rue du Moulin, Paris | NULL | House |

Example - 3

| Client ID | Sport | Cartoon | Car | House | Music |
|-----------|-------|---------|-----|-------|-------|
| 23134 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 31435 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 43342 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 43241 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Example - 4

Customer information data matrix coming from another source

| Client ID | Client | Date of Birth | Salary | Owner | Car |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------|-----|
| 23134 | Bemol | 13/01/50 | 20 000 \$ | Yes | Yes |
| 31435 | Bodinoz | 21/05/70 | 12 000 \$ | No | Yes |
| 43342 | Airinaire | 15/06/63 | 9 000 \$ | No | No |
| 43241 | Manvussa | 27/03/47 | 15 000 \$ | No | Yes |

Example - 5

| Client | Sport | Cartoon | Car | House | Music | Age | Salary | Owner | Paris? | Years |
|--------|-------|---------|-----|-------|-------|-----|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| 23134 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 20 | Yes | 1 | 4 |
| 31435 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 12 | No | 0 | NULL |
| 43342 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 9 | No | 0 | 5 |
| 43241 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 15 | No | NULL | 4 |

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Data Reduction

Motivation

To have a reduced representation of the data set that is much smaller in volume, yet closely maintaining the integrity of the original data

- Numerosity reduction: the process of replacing the original data volume by alternative, smaller forms of data representation
- Dimensionality Reduction: the process of reducing the number of features under consideration

Sampling

Definition

Selecting a subset of the data to be analyzed

The key idea is to have a representative sample of the data

- **Random Sampling:** There is an equal probability of choosing an element from the data set
- **Sampling without replacement:** As each item is selected, it is removed from the population
- **Sampling with replacement:** Objects are not removed from the population as they are selected for the sample, an object can be picked several times

Dimensionality Reduction

Why do we need it?

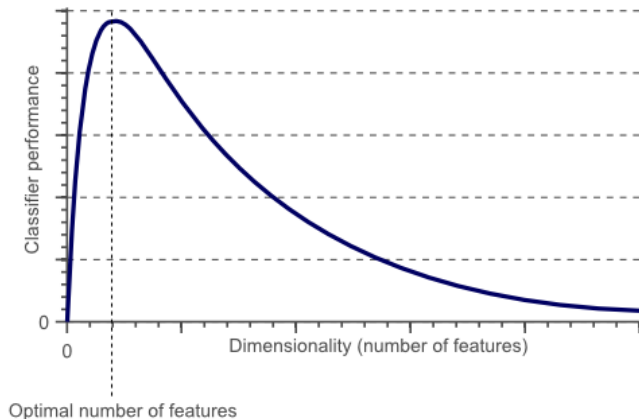
- Space required to store the data is reduced as the number of dimensions comes down
- Less dimensions lead to less computation/training time
- Some algorithms do not perform well with large dimensions
- It takes care of multicollinearity by removing redundant features
- It helps in visualizing data

Curse of Dimensionality

Definition

As the number of features or dimensions grows, the amount of data required for generalization grows exponentially

Hughes Phenomenon: as the number of features increases, the classifier's performance increases as well **until it reaches the optimal number of features**



Feature Selection

Definition

The process of selecting a subset of relevant features (variables, predictors) to be used in model construction

Why?

- Reduces overfitting
- Improves accuracy
- Reduces training time

- Wrapper Methods: Forward, Backward, Recursive Features Selection
- Filter Methods: Anova, LDA, Chi-Square, Correlation
- Embedded Methods: Ridge Regression, LASSO Regression

Feature Selection - Wrapper Methods

Criteria is “usefulness”

For all subset of features, train a model, check its performance → Add or remove features

- (-) Overfitting risk when the number of observations is insufficient
- (-) Computation time

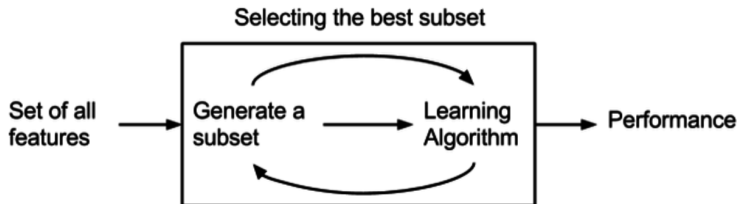


Fig: Wrapper Methods Feature Selection

Feature Selection - Wrapper Methods

- **Forward Selection** starts with no features, at each iteration adding the feature which best improves the model until the addition does not improve the performance
- **Backward Elimination** starts with all features, at each iteration remove the least significant feature which is the worst attribute according to the evaluation metric
- **Recursive Feature Elimination** performs a greedy search to find the best performing feature subset

Feature Selection - Filter Methods

Criteria is “relevance”

The features are selected regardless of any model based on the relation between the features and the variable to predict → it suppress the least interesting features

(+) Effective in computation time & robust to overfitting

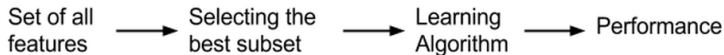


Fig: Filter Methods

Embedded Methods

Combine the advantages of both previous methods

A learning algorithm performing feature selection and classification simultaneously

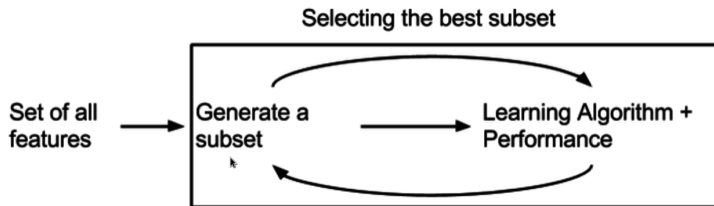


Fig: Embedded Methods

Feature Projection

Motivation

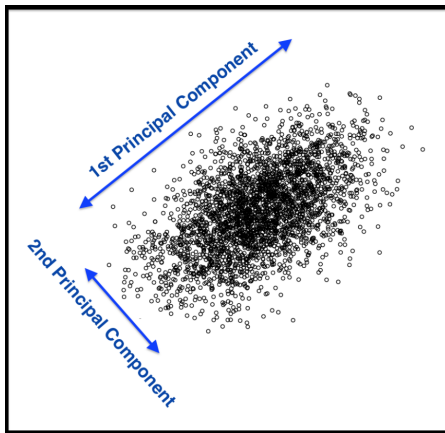
To transform the data in the high-dimensional space to a space of fewer dimensions

We will look closely at:

- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

An unsupervised method to find a low-dimensional representation of the data that retains as much information as possible : **Principal component, what is it?**



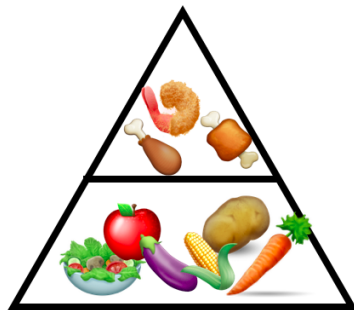
PCA - Example

Problem: Imagine that you are a nutritionist trying to explore the nutritional content of food.

What is the best way to differentiate food items?

- By vitamin content?
- By protein levels?
- Or perhaps a combination of both?

(Example source: Quora)



How to differentiate food items?

- 1 Vitamin C: present in vegetables, absent in meat
- 2 (Vitamin C - Fat): Fat present in meat, absent in vegetables (measured in \neq units \rightarrow normalization)
- 3 (Vitamin C + Fiber) - Fat: Varying amount of Fiber in veggies





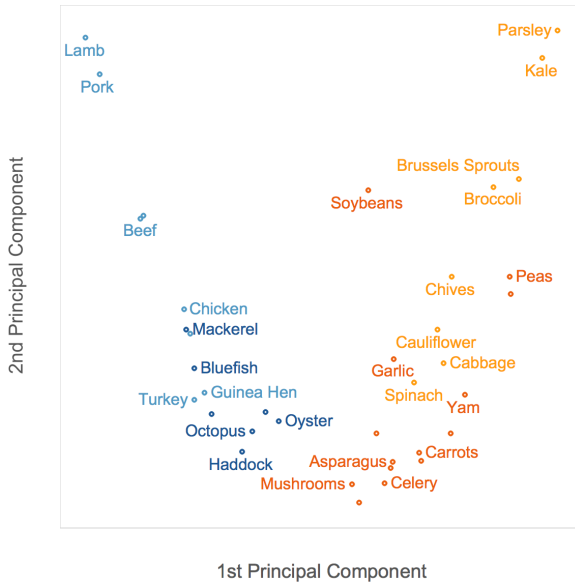
Data from the United States Department of Agriculture, analysis based on 4 nutrition variables:

Fat,
Protein,
Fiber,
Vitamin C

PCA

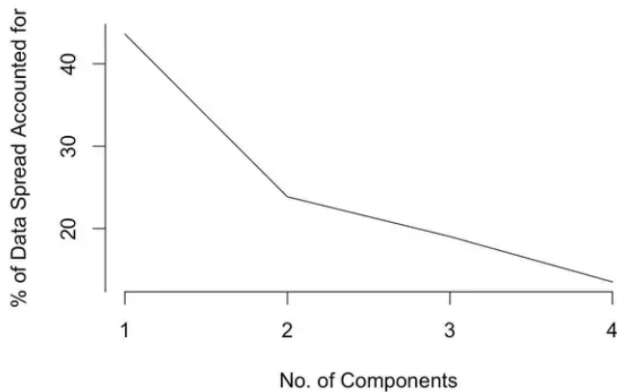
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| Fat | -0.45 | 0.66 | 0.58 | 0.18 |
| Protein | -0.55 | 0.21 | -0.46 | -0.67 |
| Fiber | 0.55 | 0.19 | 0.43 | -0.69 |
| Vitamin C | 0.44 | 0.70 | -0.52 | 0.22 |

Fig: Resulting Principal Components after PCA



PCA - Scree Plot

How many principal components to use? How to decide?



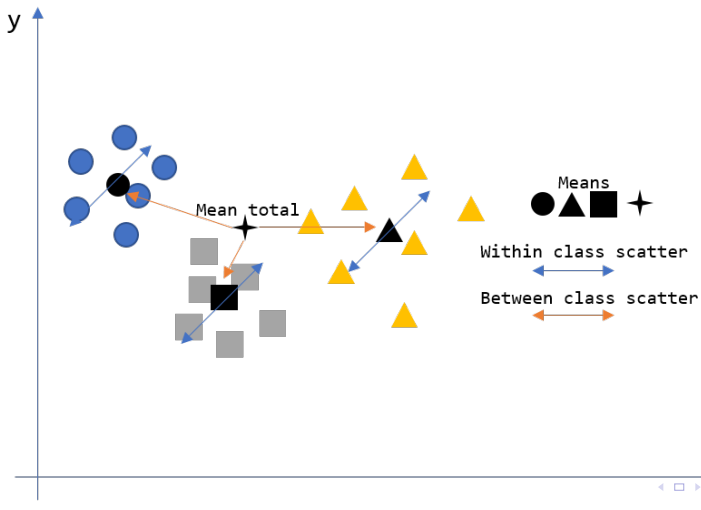
Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)

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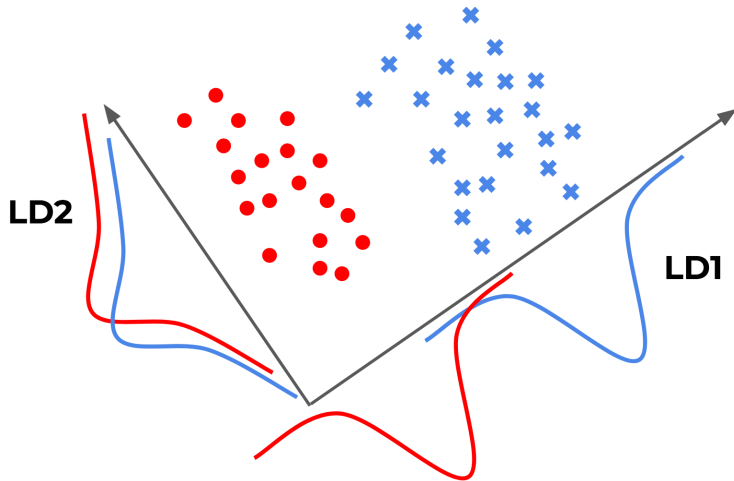
A supervised method to find a low-dimensional representation of the data that retains as much information as possible

- 1 calculate the distance between the mean of different classes
→ between-class variance
- 2 calculate the distance between the mean and sample of each class
→ within class variance
- 3 construct the lower dimensional space which maximizes the between class variance and minimizes the within class variance

LDA



LDA - Example

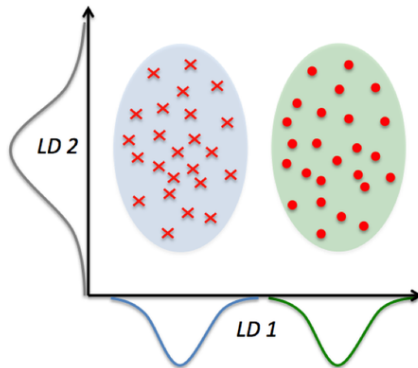
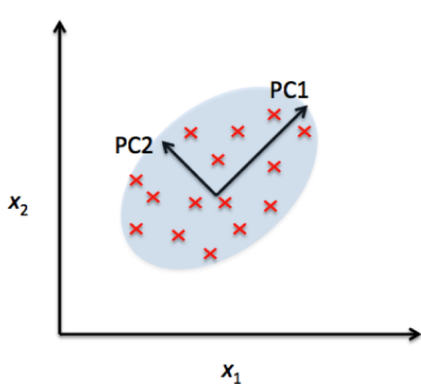


PCA versus LDA

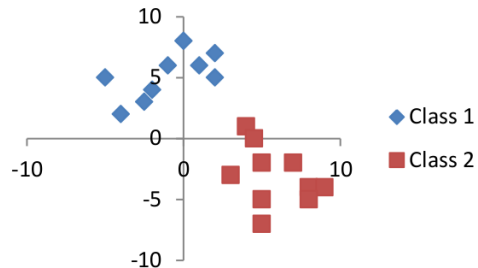
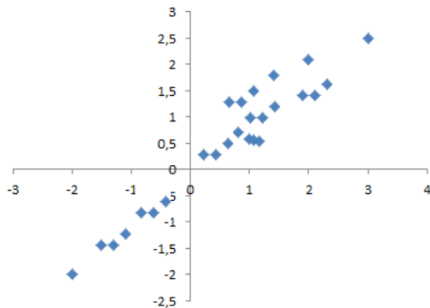
Remarks

- Both linear transformation techniques
- LDA is supervised whereas PCA is unsupervised → PCA ignores class labels
- PCA performs better in case where number of samples per class is less
- LDA works better with large dataset having multiple classes; class separability is an important factor while reducing dimensionality

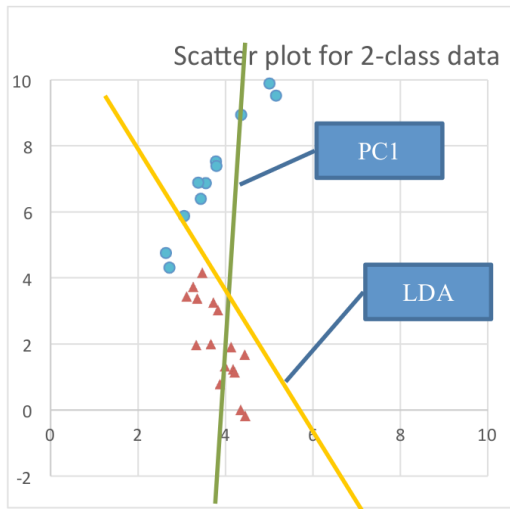
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Coming Up Next

Python practice:

- What libraries and methods to use?
- How to preprocess the data we have?
- How to analyze the data?
- How to visualize it?
- Principal component analysis
- Linear discriminant analysis

Any questions so far?

