# ch1\_pca\_relative\_value (2)

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# 1 Yield Curve PCA

There are three basic movements in yield curve: 1. level or a parallel shift; 2. slope, i.e., a flattening or steepening; and 3. curvature, i.e., hump or butterfly.

PCA formalizes this viewpoint.

PCA can be applied to: 1. trade screening and construction; 2. risk assessment and return attribution; 3. scenarios analysis; 4. curve-neutral hedge.

- Accompanying notebook for Chapter One
- comments are placed below the cell.

## 1.1 1. Data preparation

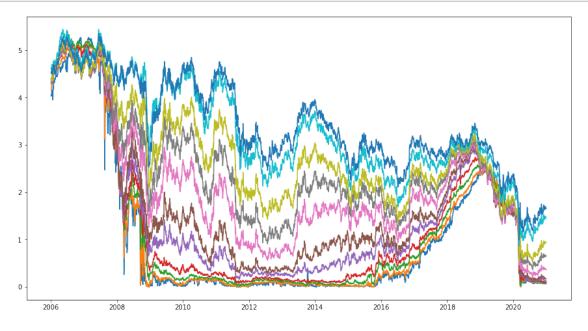
```
[1]: %matplotlib inline
  import os
  import io
  import time
  from datetime import date, datetime, timedelta
  import pandas as pd
  import numpy as np
  import scipy
  import pandas_datareader.data as pdr
  from pandas_datareader.fred import FredReader
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  import seaborn as sns
```

## [3]: df.tail(5)

[3]:		DGS1MO	DGS3MO	DGS6MO	DGS1	DGS2		DGS5	DGS7	DGS10	DGS20	
	DGS30											
	DATE						•••					
	2020-12-24	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.13		0.37	0.66	0.94	1.46	
	1.66											
	2020-12-28	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.13		0.38	0.65	0.94	1.46	
	1.67											
	2020-12-29	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.12		0.37	0.66	0.94	1.47	
	1.67											
	2020-12-30	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.12	0.12		0.37	0.66	0.93	1.46	
	1.66											
	2020-12-31	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.13		0.36	0.65	0.93	1.45	
	1.65											

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```
[4]: # view the yield curve
plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
plt.plot(df)
plt.show()
```



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[5]: # correlation among tenors
     # sns.pairplot(df)
[6]: df_weekly = df.resample("W").last()
     df weekly.tail()
[6]:
                        DGS3MO
                                DGS6MO DGS1
                                              DGS2 ...
                                                        DGS5 DGS7
                                                                    DGS10
                                                                           DGS20
                 DGS1MO
     DGS30
     DATE
                                        0.11
                                               0.16 ...
                                                       0.42
                                                              0.70
     2020-12-06
                   0.07
                           0.09
                                   0.10
                                                                     0.97
                                                                            1.53
     1.73
     2020-12-13
                   0.08
                           0.08
                                   0.08
                                        0.10 0.11 ... 0.37
                                                                     0.90
                                                              0.63
                                                                            1.42
     1.63
     2020-12-20
                           0.08
                                        0.09
                                              0.13 ... 0.39
                                                              0.67
                   0.08
                                   0.09
                                                                     0.95
                                                                            1.49
     1.70
     2020-12-27
                   0.09
                           0.09
                                   0.09
                                        0.10
                                              0.13 ... 0.37
                                                              0.66
                                                                     0.94
                                                                            1.46
     1.66
     2021-01-03
                   0.08
                           0.09
                                   0.09
                                        0.10 0.13 ... 0.36 0.65
                                                                     0.93
                                                                            1.45
     1.65
     [5 rows x 11 columns]
[7]: df_weekly_centered = df_weekly.sub(df_weekly.mean())
     df_weekly_diff = df_weekly.diff()
     df_weekly_diff.dropna(inplace=True)
     df_weekly_diff_centered = df_weekly_diff.sub(df_weekly_diff.mean())
     df_weekly.shape, df_weekly_diff.shape
[7]: ((783, 11), (782, 11))
[8]: # covariance
     df_weekly_diff.cov()
[8]:
               DGS1MO
                         DGS3MO
                                   DGS6MO
                                                 DGS10
                                                           DGS20
                                                                     DGS30
            0.019167
                                              0.001069 0.000743
     DGS1MO
                      0.009983
                                 0.005387
                                                                  0.000696
    DGS3MO
            0.009983
                      0.008384
                                 0.005527
                                              0.001813
                                                        0.001555
                                                                  0.001518
     DGS6MO
            0.005387
                      0.005527
                                 0.005567
                                              0.002860
                                                        0.002409
                                                                  0.002357
    DGS1
            0.004291
                      0.004424
                                 0.004776
                                              0.004017
                                                        0.003413
                                                                  0.003212
    DGS2
            0.002334
                      0.002884
                                0.003786 ... 0.007353 0.006143
                                                                  0.005593
    DGS3
            0.002013
                      0.002720
                                 0.003731 ...
                                             0.009381 0.008055
                                                                  0.007361
    DGS5
            0.001763
                      0.002451
                                 0.003562 ...
                                             0.012291 0.010856
                                                                  0.009954
    DGS7
            0.001464
                      0.002156
                                 0.003250
                                           ... 0.013601 0.012373
                                                                  0.011495
    DGS10
                                0.002860 ...
            0.001069
                      0.001813
                                             0.013574 0.012874
                                                                  0.012209
    DGS20
            0.000743
                      0.001555
                                 0.002409 ...
                                             0.012874 0.013275
                                                                  0.012838
    DGS30
            0.000696
                      0.001518
                                 0.002357 ... 0.012209 0.012838
                                                                  0.012890
```

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```
[9]: # correlation
df_weekly_diff.corr()
```

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[9]:
             DGS1MO
                      DGS3MO
                               DGS6MO
                                            DGS10
                                                     DGS20
                                                              DGS30
    DGS1MO 1.000000
                    0.787477
                             0.521479
                                         0.066302 0.046598
                                                           0.044286
    DGS3MO 0.787477
                    1.000000
                             0.809054 ...
                                         0.169904 0.147428
                                                           0.145992
    DGS6MO 0.521479
                    0.809054
                             1.000000 ... 0.329003 0.280243
                                                           0.278255
    DGS1
           0.421829
                    0.657596 0.871084 ... 0.469193 0.403153
                                                           0.384966
    DGS2
           0.187672 0.350641 0.564924 ... 0.702655 0.593566 0.548509
    DGS3
           0.145546 0.297437 0.500653 ... 0.806219 0.699992 0.649128
    DGS5
           0.110822 0.233021 0.415533 ... 0.918296 0.820225 0.763211
    DGS7
           0.087923 0.195709 0.362070 ... 0.970365 0.892653
                                                           0.841632
    DGS10
           0.066302 0.169904 0.329003 ... 1.000000 0.959046
                                                           0.923016
           0.046598   0.147428   0.280243   ...   0.959046   1.000000
    DGS20
                                                           0.981467
    DGS30
           1.000000
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Correlation looks reasonable. The further apart between two tenors, the lower their correlation would be.

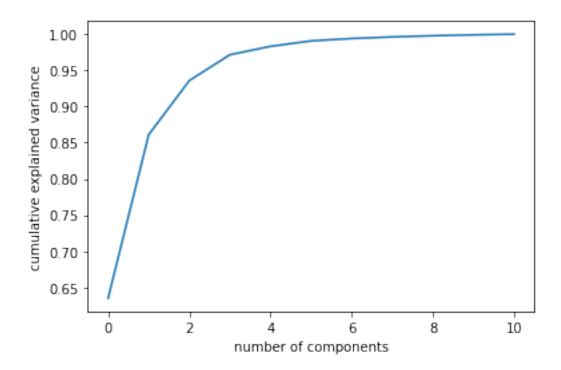
### 1.2 2. Fit PCA

```
[10]: # PCA fit
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
pca_level = PCA().fit(df_weekly) # call fit or fit_transform
pca_change = PCA().fit(df_weekly_diff)
```

Level is used to find the trading signals; change is used to find weights (hedge ratios).

```
[11]: print(pca_change.explained_variance_)
                                                   # eigenvalues
      print(pca_change.explained_variance_ratio_)
                                                      # normalized eigenvalues (sum_
       →to 1)
      print(np.cumsum(pca_change.explained_variance_ratio_))
     [0.07872586 0.02802428 0.00926885 0.00443283 0.00143389 0.00093625
      0.00040641 0.00027666 0.0002018 0.00015337 0.00010808]
     [0.63504845 0.22606011 0.07476791 0.03575777 0.01156656 0.00755236
      0.00327831 0.0022317 0.00162784 0.00123718 0.00087184]
     [0.63504845 0.86110855 0.93587647 0.97163423 0.98320079 0.99075314
      0.99403145 0.99626315 0.99789099 0.99912816 1.
                                                             ]
[12]: plt.plot(pca_change.explained_variance_ratio_.cumsum())
      plt.xlabel('number of components')
      plt.ylabel('cumulative explained variance')
```

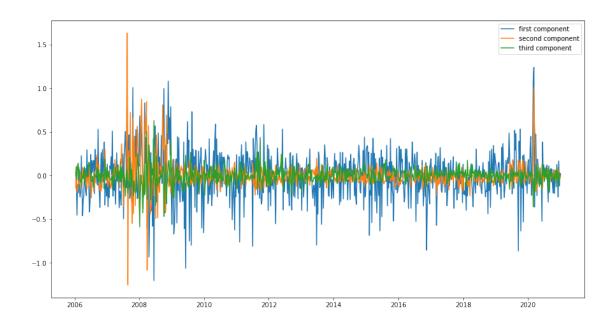
[12]: Text(0, 0.5, 'cumulative explained variance')



The first three PCA explain 93.59% of the total variance. This is slightly lower than some published papers where the number is above 95%.



The first PC is at its lower bound; second PC is bouncing back; third PC is trending towards its upper bound.



On average, the first PC has the largest weekly changes; the second PC has the largest spike in late 2007. The third PC changes are relatively smaller. This is in line with the fact that first PC explains the highest variation.

```
[15]: print(pca_change.singular_values_.shape)  # SVD singular values of sigma
    print(pca_change.get_covariance().shape)  # covariance
    print(pca_change.components_.shape)  # p*p, W^T

(11,)
    (11, 11)
    (11, 11)
    SVD has p singular values; covariance matrix is pxp. W<sup>T</sup> is pca.components , which is pxp
```

```
[16]: print(pca_level.components_.T[:5, :5])
print(pca_change.components_.T[:5, :5])
```

```
[[ 0.36023252 -0.25655937
                           0.39913189 -0.56723613
                                                    0.01482805]
[ 0.36796015 -0.24666686
                           0.29225917 -0.13972673 -0.01300978]
[ 0.374633
              -0.22942481
                           0.16101634
                                       0.26181778
                                                    0.13081354]
[ 0.36507482 -0.19841834 -0.02053929
                                                    0.04709652]
                                       0.45741015
[ 0.33890817 -0.10331612 -0.29148257
                                        0.31022718 -0.21836308]]
[[-0.10250026 -0.75712007 -0.37420159 -0.4478502
                                                    0.20599242]
[-0.11200385 -0.47010396 -0.00867281
                                        0.34676659 -0.4662093 ]
[-0.13449477 -0.28349481
                           0.20771456
                                       0.51845356 -0.11134675]
[-0.17040677 -0.21223415
                           0.29967192
                                       0.3449688
                                                    0.28172845]
[-0.26827879 -0.06440793
                           0.43679404 -0.12325569
                                                    0.40230782]]
```

Usually PCA on level and PCA on change give different results/weights.

```
[17]: print(df_pca_change.iloc[:5,:5]) # df_pca: T = centered(X) * W
print(np.matmul(df_weekly_diff_centered, pca_change.components_.T).iloc[:5,:

45]) # XW
```

```
PCA_2
                         PCA_3
                                PCA_4
          PCA_1
                                       PCA_5
DATE
2006-01-22 -0.071417  0.107283  0.099630  0.122137 -0.022446
2006-01-29 -0.453613 -0.196927 -0.054567 -0.039250 0.059868
2006-02-05 -0.106102 -0.164901 0.114008 -0.047069 0.007816
DGS1MO
                 DGS3MO
                        DGS6MO
                                 DGS1
                                        DGS2
DATE
2006-01-22 -0.071417 0.107283 0.099630 0.122137 -0.022446
2006-01-29 -0.453613 -0.196927 -0.054567 -0.039250 0.059868
2006-02-05 -0.106102 -0.164901 0.114008 -0.047069 0.007816
2006-02-12 -0.196248 -0.097897 0.140442 -0.034231 -0.024348
```

The transform() output is T, or the first dataframe. Each volume is an eigenvector of covariance matrix  $X^TX$ .

The second dataframe should match the first, or T = XW. Here the input data X is centered but not scaled before applying SVD. W is pca.components .T

```
[18]: np.matmul(pca_change.components_, pca_change.components_.T)[1,1], np. 

omatmul(pca_change.components_.T, pca_change.components_)[1,1]
```

[18]: (1.000000000000016, 0.99999999999999)

Eigenvector W^T is unitary (wi and wj are orthogonal)

```
0.07872586495891083
```

[[0.07872586]]

```
[[-0.00806942 -0.0088176 -0.01058822 -0.01341542 -0.02112048 -0.02541622 -0.03097223 -0.03273537 -0.03145325 -0.02949365 -0.0279408 ]]
[-0.00806942 -0.0088176 -0.01058822 -0.01341542 -0.02112048 -0.02541622 -0.03097223 -0.03273537 -0.03145325 -0.02949365 -0.0279408 ]
```

It shows that the eigenvalues of  $X^TX$  are explained variance. They represent the variance in the direction of the eigenvector. The second line is the calculated eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

The third line calculates AX, and the last line calculates  $\lambda x$ , where  $A = X^T X$ . By definition, they should match.

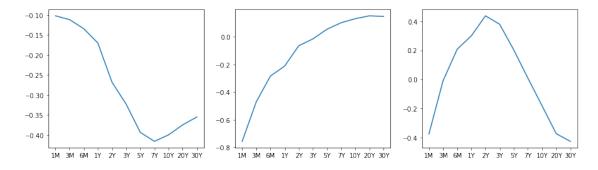
```
[20]: df_pca_change_123 = PCA(n_components=3).fit_transform(df_weekly_diff)
df_pca_change_123 = pd.DataFrame(data = df_pca_change_123, columns = ['first_\subseteq component', 'second component', 'third component'])
print(df_pca_change_123.head(5))
print(df_pca_change.iloc[:5, :3])
```

```
first component
                   second component third component
          0.037659
                           -0.145471
                                             -0.003422
0
         -0.071417
1
                            0.107283
                                             0.099630
                                             -0.054567
2
         -0.453613
                           -0.196927
3
         -0.106102
                           -0.164901
                                             0.114008
4
         -0.196248
                           -0.097897
                                             0.140442
               PCA 1
                         PCA 2
                                   PCA 3
DATE
2006-01-15 0.037659 -0.145471 -0.003422
2006-01-22 -0.071417 0.107283 0.099630
2006-01-29 -0.453613 -0.196927 -0.054567
2006-02-05 -0.106102 -0.164901 0.114008
2006-02-12 -0.196248 -0.097897 0.140442
```

Alternatively We can do fit transform on one call. It should match the two-step fit and transform.

# 1.3 3. Curve Analysis

### [21]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f797e3104d0>]



The first eigenvector (first column of W) is the exposure (factor loading) of X to the first rotated rates (first PCA factor, as the first column of T).

Note that it takes first row of pca.components because of the W transpose.

First PC is level. All tenors shift down (negative) but long tenors move more than short tenors. The peak is at 7s. If the first pca moves up 1bps, all tenors move down. 1M moves down 0.10bps, 7Y moves down 0.40bps, 30Y moves down 0.35bps.

Second PC is spread. It suggests that short tenors move downward while long tenors move upward, or steepening.

Third PC is butterfly or curvature. The belly rises 40bps while the wings fall 40bps.

```
DGS1MO DGS3MO DGS6MO ... DGS1O DGS2O DGS3O

DATE ...

2006-01-15 -0.1025 -0.112004 -0.134495 ... -0.399529 -0.374637 -0.354913

2006-01-22 -0.1025 -0.112004 -0.134495 ... -0.399529 -0.374637 -0.354913

2006-01-29 -0.1025 -0.112004 -0.134495 ... -0.399529 -0.374637 -0.354913

2006-02-05 -0.1025 -0.112004 -0.134495 ... -0.399529 -0.374637 -0.354913

2006-02-12 -0.1025 -0.112004 -0.134495 ... -0.399529 -0.374637 -0.354913

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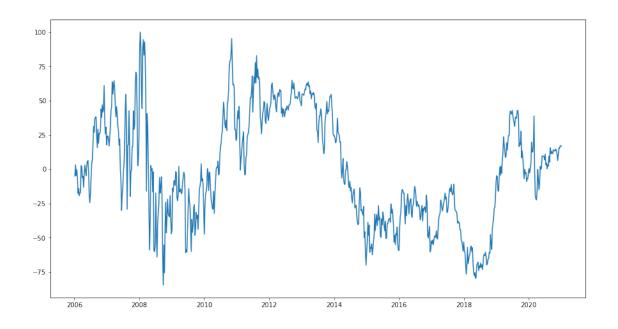
[-0.10250026 -0.11200385 -0.13449477 -0.17040677 -0.26827879 -0.32284454 -0.39341869 -0.41581462 -0.39952882 -0.37463736 -0.35491257]
```

To see why each column of W is the exposure, parallel shift first PC up by 1bps. Then for each tenor, the move is according to the factor exposure (two prints match).

#### 1.4 4. Mean-reversion

```
[23]: plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
plt.plot(df_pca_level['PCA_3']*100, label='third component')
```

[23]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f797e2308d0>]



```
\lceil 24 \rceil: def mle(x):
       start = np.array([0.5, np.mean(x), np.std(x)]) # starting guess
       def error_fuc(params):
         theta = params[0]
         mu = params[1]
         sigma = params[2]
         muc = x[:-1]*np.exp(-theta) + mu*(1.0-np.exp(-theta))
                                                                  # conditional
       ⊶mean
         sigmac = sigma*np.sqrt((1-np.exp(-2.0*theta))/(2*theta))
                                                                   # conditional
       yol.
         return -np.sum(scipy.stats.norm.logpdf(x[1:], loc=muc, scale=sigmac))
       result = scipy.optimize.minimize(error_fuc, start, method='L-BFGS-B',
                                         bounds=[(1e-6, None), (None, None), (1e-8, ___
       →None)],
                                         options={'maxiter': 500, 'disp': False})
       return result.x
     theta, mu, sigma = mle(df_pca_level['PCA_3'])
     print(theta, mu, sigma)
     print(f'fly mean is {mu*100} bps')
     print(f'half-life in week {np.log(2)/theta}')
     print(f'annual standard deviation is {sigma/np.sqrt(2*theta)*100} bps, weekly_
```

```
print(np.mean(df_pca_change)[:3]*100, np.std(df_pca_change)[:3]*100)
  \hookrightarrowstats
print(df_pca_level['PCA_3'].tail(1)*100) # current pca_3
0.04192451154834535 0.006565036501929492 0.11472812649582306
fly mean is 0.6565036501929492 bps
half-life in week 16.533220184584405
annual standard deviation is 39.62058631800509 bps, weekly 5.494386751289013 bps
PCA_1
       -3.162210e-16
PCA_2
         6.396516e-16
PCA_3 -6.544034e-17
dtype: float64 PCA_1
                        28.040184
PCA 2
         16.729748
          9.621329
PCA 3
dtype: float64
DATE
2021-01-03
              16.783769
Freq: W-SUN, Name: PCA_3, dtype: float64
```

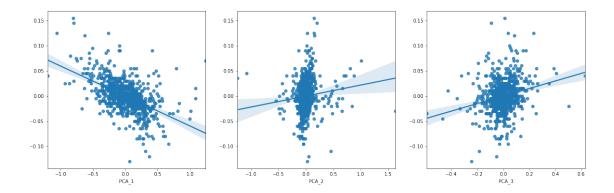
See Chapter Mean-reversion equation (A8) for the MLE expression.

The fly mean is 0.657bps, the weekly mean-reversion is 4.19bps, or half-life is 16 weeks. Weekly standard deviation is 5.5 bps.

In comparison, the statistics show PCA\_3 mean is 0 and std is 9.62bps.

## 1.5 5. Butterfly

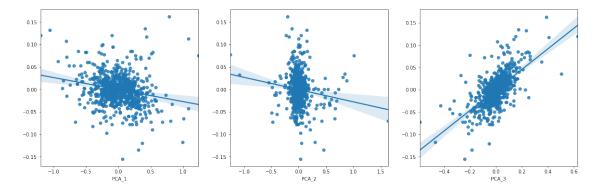
[63]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f797856cd10>



This is 50-50 DV01 neutral fly. It is not market value neutral.

It has negative exposure to PC1 and positive exposure to PC2 (the linear regression coefficient is not zero).

[62]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f79786a1bd0>



Assume 2s, 5s, 10s durations are 1.8, 4.5, and 9.0, respectively.

- The 50-50 DV01 neutral has DV01 weights 0.5-1.0-0.5, and market value 1.25mm-1mm-250k. It buys more 2s than 10s because of shorter duration. Buying fly pays 0.5mm upfront.
- The market neutral has market value 6.25k-1mm-375k; DV01 weights 0.25-1-0.75. In order

to have zero upfront payment and zero DV01, it underweights (overweights) 2s (10s).

```
[29]: W = pd.DataFrame(pca_change.components_.T)
W.columns = [f'PCA_{i+1}' for i in range(W.shape[1])]
W.index = codes
w21 = W.loc['DGS2', 'PCA_1']
w22 = W.loc['DGS2', 'PCA_2']
w23 = W.loc['DGS2', 'PCA_3']

w51 = W.loc['DGS5', 'PCA_1']
w52 = W.loc['DGS5', 'PCA_2']
w53 = W.loc['DGS5', 'PCA_2']
w53 = W.loc['DGS10', 'PCA_3']

w101 = W.loc['DGS10', 'PCA_2']
w102 = W.loc['DGS10', 'PCA_2']
w103 = W.loc['DGS10', 'PCA_3']
w551 = w51 - (w21+w101)/2.0
w552 = w52 - (w22+w102)/2.0
print(w551, w552)
```

#### -0.059514884305378046 0.021767823095657196

50-50 duration has non-zero exposures on PC1 and PC2

```
[38]: A = np.array([[w21, w101],[w22,w102]])
b_ = np.array([w51, w52])
a, b = np.dot(np.linalg.inv(A), b_)
a, b
```

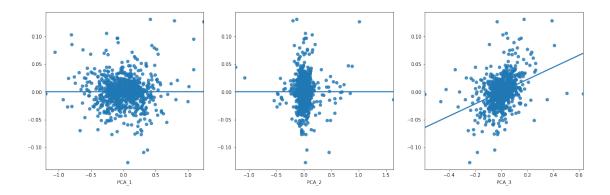
### [38]: (0.4859957458180909, 0.6583663710956328)

To immunize against first and second PCA, we solve DV01 a and b from the following

```
w21*a - w51*1 + w101*b = 0w22*a - w52*1 + w102*b = 0
```

By solving a and b, it gives DV01 0.486-1-0.658, or market value 1.215mm-1mm-329k.

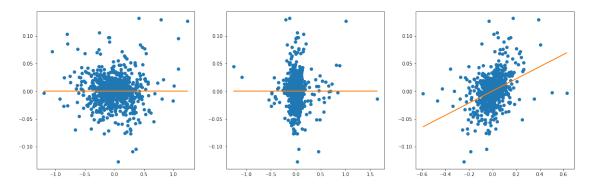
[61]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f79787d6850>



PCA weighted fly has zero exposure to PC1 and PC2 (the line is horizontal).

```
[66]: plt.figure(figsize=(20,6))
   plt.subplot(131)
   plt.plot(df_pca_change['PCA_1'], flypca, 'o')
   m1, b1 = np.polyfit(df_pca_change['PCA_1'], flypca, 1)
   plt.plot(df_pca_change['PCA_1'], m1*df_pca_change['PCA_1']+b1)
   plt.subplot(132)
   plt.plot(df_pca_change['PCA_2'], flypca, 'o')
   m2, b2 = np.polyfit(df_pca_change['PCA_2'], flypca, 1)
   plt.plot(df_pca_change['PCA_2'], m2*df_pca_change['PCA_2']+b2)
   plt.subplot(133)
   plt.plot(df_pca_change['PCA_3'], flypca, 'o')
   m3, b3 = np.polyfit(df_pca_change['PCA_3'], flypca, 1)
   plt.plot(df_pca_change['PCA_3'], m3*df_pca_change['PCA_3']+b3)
   print(f'slope 1: {m1}, 2: {m2}, 3: {m3}')
```

slope 1: 1.1415520546405518e-16, 2: -1.3348731104241916e-16, 3:
0.10950726425130013



This is an alternative plot via matplotlib, equivalent to the sns plot above.

The print shows slopes are zero to PC1 and PC2.

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