

Data Science

Principal Component Analysis

Linear latent decomposition

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What is this lecture about?

- ★ Base representations may not be optimal (to be defined)
- ★ **Latent models** promise to exhibit the underlying (latent) factors that drive the process in question
- ★ This initial (but fundamental) definition of latent factors uses statistical correlation
- ⇒ It exhibits **linear** latent factors
- ⇒ Enables “simplification” of the data by sound decimation
- ★ Also: we will study several interpretations

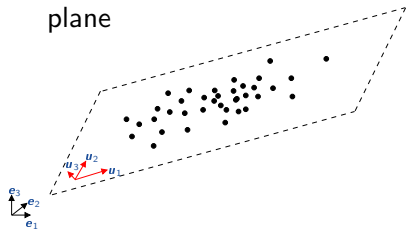
Reading: [1] (chap 12) and [3] (chap 3 and 10.3)

Intuition

Given $\mathcal{X} \subset \Omega$, we wish to decompose Ω into subspaces such that the projection of \mathcal{X} onto these subspaces retains the most “information”.

Q: What information should we consider?

- ★ Say \mathcal{X} is almost “contained” into a 2D plane in a 3D space
- ★ A relevant choice for our subspace is to choose a basis $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ for the plane



Q: What characterizes $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$?

- ⇒ the fact that the data **varies most along** these directions
- ⇒ the fact that the data **varies least orthogonally** to these directions (\mathbf{u}_3)

Formalization

Given \mathcal{X} , $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}_{i \in [D]}$ is a new orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^D . The **Principal Component** \mathbf{u}_1 is chosen such that the variance of the data projected over \mathbf{u}_1 is maximum. \mathbf{u}_2 is chosen using $\text{Proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1^\perp}(\mathcal{X})$.

Model

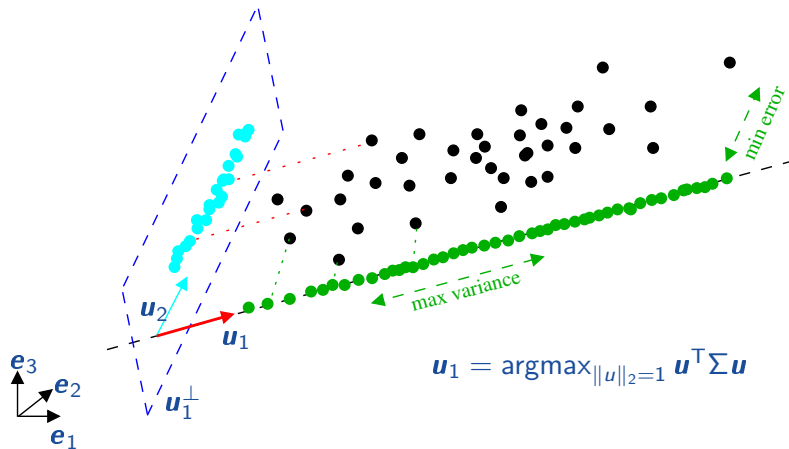
Given \mathcal{X} , the sample mean ($\bar{\mathbf{x}}$) and the variance of the data projected over \mathbf{u}_1 are

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i \quad \text{and} \quad v_{\mathbf{u}_1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{u}_1^\top \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{u}_1^\top \bar{\mathbf{x}})^2 = \mathbf{u}_1^\top \Sigma \mathbf{u}_1$$

where $\Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top$ is the data covariance matrix. Therefore

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \underset{\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{u} = 1}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathbf{u}^\top \Sigma \mathbf{u}$$

Intuition



Formalization

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = 1} \mathbf{u}^T \Sigma \mathbf{u} \quad \Rightarrow \quad J(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}^T \Sigma \mathbf{u} + \lambda(1 - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u})$$

So that

$$\left. \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{u})}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_1} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{u})}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=\lambda_1} = 0$$

Hence

$$\Sigma \mathbf{u}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_{\mathbf{u}_1} = \mathbf{u}_1^T \Sigma \mathbf{u}_1 = \lambda_1$$

$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{u}_1, \lambda_1)$ is an eigenpair of the covariance matrix Σ

\Rightarrow continuing with the decimation process, we obtain the set of **Principal Components** as the eigenpairs $\{(\mathbf{u}_i, \lambda_i)\}_{i \in \llbracket D \rrbracket}$ of the covariance matrix Σ of data \mathcal{X}

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_D \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}^T \Sigma \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_D \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{U}^T \Sigma \mathbf{U}$$

Formalization

- ★ The variance v_{u_1} is expressed as a sum of squares

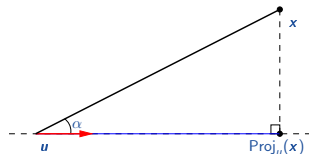
$$v_{u_1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{u}_1^T (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}))^2$$

- ⇒ To maximize v_{u_1} , terms $\mathbf{u}_1^T (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$ should be collectively maximized
- ⇒ Since $(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$ is fixed, Pythagoras tells us it is equivalent to minimize the distance to the axis of projection (**approximation error**)
- ⇒ A Principal Component is a **quadratic regression** over the data

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \underset{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = 1}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^N \|(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) - [\mathbf{u}^T (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})] \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 \Rightarrow \Sigma \mathbf{u}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \quad \textcircled{\varphi}$$

Maximize Projection Variance

⇔ Minimize Approximation Error



Physical interpretation

- ★ Consider a physical system \mathcal{X} with masses $m_i = 1$ at positions \mathbf{x}_i
- ★ The **inertia** of the system w.r.t $\mathbf{a} \in \Omega$ is $I_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathcal{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^N d^2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}_i)$
- ★ Huygens theorem tells us that if $\mathbf{g} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i$ then

$$I_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathcal{X}) = d^2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{g}) + I_{\mathbf{g}}(\mathcal{X}) \quad (\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}X)^2)$$

- ★ and if \mathcal{F} is a subspace of Ω going thru \mathbf{g} then

$$I_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^N d^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathbf{x}_i) \quad \text{where} \quad d(\mathcal{F}, \mathbf{x}_i) = \|\mathbf{x}_i - \text{Proj}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{x}_i)\|$$

\Rightarrow A Principal Component is a **subspace of least inertia w.r.t \mathcal{X}**

Structure of the latent space

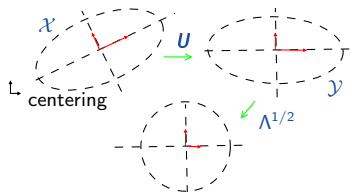
The **latent space** with basis $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_D\}$ has the following properties:

- ★ By construction $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_D$ and $\lambda := \sum_{d=1}^D \lambda_d = \text{Tr}(\Sigma)$
- ★ $v_{\mathbf{u}_d} = \lambda_d \Rightarrow \lambda$ represents the total variance \Rightarrow latent features are decorrelated $\mathbf{u}_d^T \mathbf{u}_{d'} = 0$ (Λ is the diagonal **latent covariance matrix**)
- ★ The basis $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_D\}$ induces **latent coordinates** \mathbf{y}_i for the data:

$$\mathbf{y}_i(d) = \langle \mathbf{u}_d, \mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}} \rangle = \mathbf{u}_d^T (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{U}^T (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

④ The transform is linear and composed of:

- Centering on $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$
- Rotation using \mathbf{U}
- Scaling using $\Lambda^{1/2}$ (whitening)

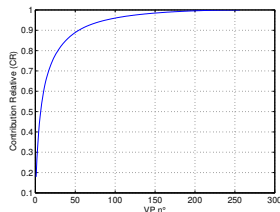
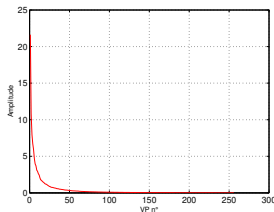


Structure of the model

- ★ The latent space preserves the variance (of the centered data)
- ⇒ the underlying data model is $X_i \sim \mathbf{f}_x = \mathcal{N}(\bar{x}, \Sigma)$
- ⇒ PCA will **not** be relevant for non-Gaussian data (e.g clustered)
- ⚠ **Important:** So far PCA is an **exact** transform

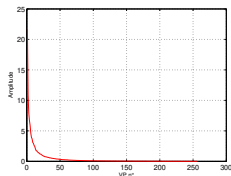
$$\mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{U}^T(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbf{U}\mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

- ⇒ at this stage, one purpose is to study the spectrum $\{\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_D\}$ of the data

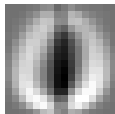


Decomposition via PCA

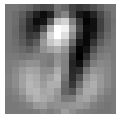
Ⓢ MNIST partial dataset: $N = 7291$ images 16×16 (8bits) $\Rightarrow D = 256$



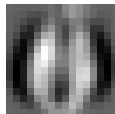
CP n°1

 $cr(\Delta_1)=18\%$

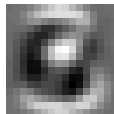
CP n°2

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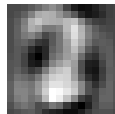
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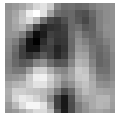
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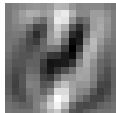
CP n°5

 $cr(\Delta_5)=44\%$

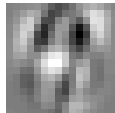
CP n°6

 $cr(\Delta_6)=48\%$

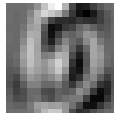
CP n°7

 $cr(\Delta_7)=51\%$

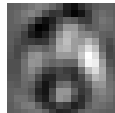
CP n°8

 $cr(\Delta_8)=54\%$

CP n°9

 $cr(\Delta_9)=57\%$

CP n°10

 $cr(\Delta_{10})=59\%$

Approximation via PCA

Low-rank approximation from the Eckart and Young theorem:

If $\Sigma = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^T$ and for $K < D$ define $\Sigma_K := \sum_{d=1}^K \lambda_d \mathbf{u}_d \mathbf{u}_d^T$ then

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{S})=K} \|\Sigma - \mathbf{S}\|_F^2 = \Sigma_K \quad \text{and} \quad \|\Sigma - \Sigma_K\|_F^2 = \sum_{d=K+1}^D \lambda_d$$

$\Rightarrow \Sigma_K$ is the closest K -rank matrix to Σ

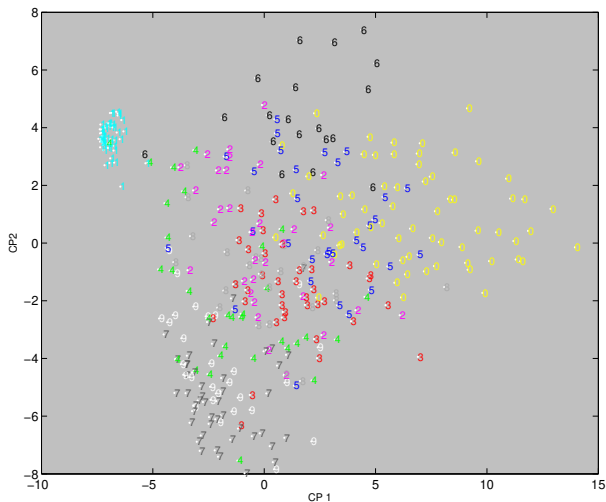
Truncation (of \mathbf{U} and $\mathbf{\Lambda}$)

$$\Sigma_K = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_K \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_K \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}^T = \mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{\Lambda}_K \mathbf{U}_K^T$$

$$\triangle \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i = \mathbf{U}_K^T \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^K \text{ and } \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^T \mathbf{x}_i + \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

Visualization via PCA

Ⓢ MNIST partial dataset: $K = 2 \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i \in \mathbb{R}^2$



Geometry of PCA

The quality of reconstruction can be measured by

- ★ the **relative contribution** of each dimension to the variance $c_d = \frac{\lambda_d}{\sum_k \lambda_k}$

⇒ depends on the distribution of the spectrum

- ★ the **projection ratio** of each data \mathbf{x}_i over a latent factor

$$\rho_d(\mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_d, \mathbf{x}_i \rangle^2}{\|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2} = \cos^2(\angle(\mathbf{u}_d, \mathbf{x}_i))$$

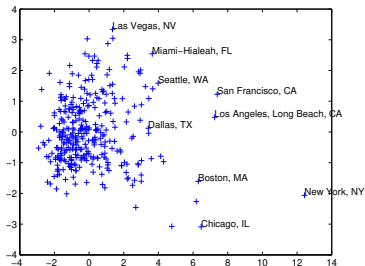
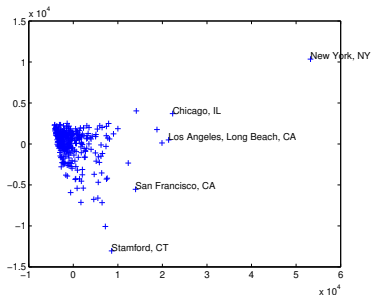
⇒ the closer $\rho_d(\mathbf{x}_i)$ is to 1, the more \mathbf{x}_i lies on \mathbf{u}_d

⇒ The above can be grouped (summed) to evaluate wrt a subspace $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots\}$

Geometry of PCA

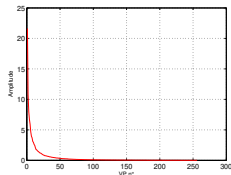
Every original data comes with its unit (scale), that we can estimate via σ_d^2 the sample variance along original dimension d . PCA is more effective if all scales are similar.

\Rightarrow we create the scaling matrix $\mathbf{S} = \text{diag}[\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_d^2]$ and we define the metric $d_{\mathbf{S}}^2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \Rightarrow$ in that metric space, the covariance matrix $\Sigma_{\mathbf{S}}$ is also rescaled (into the **correlation matrix**) and used as a base for PCA.



Approximation via PCA

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4 CP



16 CP



64 CP



256 CP



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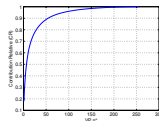
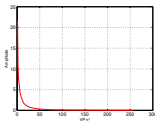


Practical PCA

Given $\mathcal{X} \in \Omega$

- ★ Compute the sample mean $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$
- ★ Center the data $\mathbf{x}_i \leftarrow (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$ and form centered data matrix \mathbf{X}
- ★ $\Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T$ and $\Sigma = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^T$ ← \triangle Exact transform so far
- ★ Select the number of components K
- ★ Define \mathbf{U}_K , $\mathbf{\Lambda}_K$ and compute $\{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i\}_{i \in \llbracket M \rrbracket}$ and/or $\{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i\}_{i \in \llbracket M \rrbracket}$

Choice of K



1. $K = d$, the target dimension $\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$
2. Require $\text{Var}(\mathcal{Y}) = \tau \cdot \text{Var}(\mathcal{X}) \Rightarrow K$ such that $\frac{\sum_{d=1}^K \lambda_d}{\sum_{d=1}^D \lambda_d} \geq \tau$
3. Train K such that $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}) \leq \varepsilon$ (e.g $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}) = \sum_i \|\mathbf{x}_i - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i\|^2$)

PCA and linear AutoEncoders

A linear AE is a simple structure

★ \mathbf{W}_{enc} and \mathbf{W}_{dec} : encoder and decoder weights

$$\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{W}_{\text{enc}} \mathbf{x}_i \quad \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{W}_{\text{dec}} \mathbf{z}(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

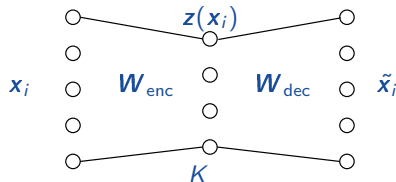
We optimize the weight matrices

$$\theta^* = \underset{\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{W}_2}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d=1}^D (\mathbf{x}_i(d) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i(d))^2 = \underset{\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{W})=K}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z}\|_F^2$$

Using again the Eckart and Young theorem with $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\Psi\mathbf{V}^T$ then the solution is $\mathbf{W}_{\text{dec}}\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{U}_K\Psi_K\mathbf{V}_K^T$.

Setting $\mathbf{W}_{\text{dec}} = \mathbf{U}_K\Psi_K$, then clearly $\mathbf{W}_{\text{enc}} = \Psi_K^{-1}\mathbf{U}_K^T$

$$\mathbf{W}_{\text{enc}}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{V}^T(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{V}^T(\mathbf{V}\Psi\Psi\mathbf{V}^T)^{-1}(\mathbf{V}\Psi\mathbf{U}^T)\mathbf{X} = \Psi_K^{-1}\mathbf{U}_K^T\mathbf{X}$$



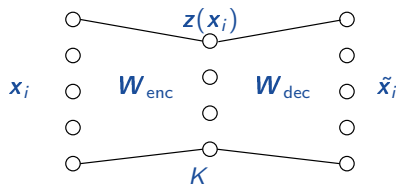
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Relation to PCA (centered data)

- ★ PCA: $\Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^T$ so that $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^T \mathbf{x}_i$
 - ★ AE: $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Psi}\mathbf{V}^T \Rightarrow \Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Psi}^2 \mathbf{U}^T$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^T \mathbf{x}_i$
- $$\Rightarrow \mathbf{\Lambda} = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{\Psi}^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \mathbf{\Psi}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \mathbf{\Psi}\right) \text{ so that } \text{PCA}(\mathbf{X}) \leftrightarrow \text{AE}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \mathbf{X}\right)$$

\Rightarrow A linear AE performs a PCA if the data is centered and scaled

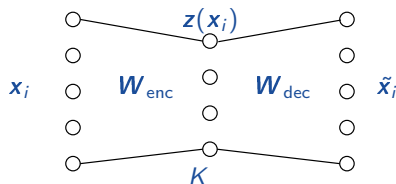
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We optimize the weight matrices

⇒ A linear AE performs a PCA if the data is centered and scaled

- ★ If adding hidden layers, the latent space becomes non-linear
- ⇒ non-linear AutoEncoders
- ★ Changing the loss function (ELBO) enables sparsity in the latent space
- ⇒ Variational AutoEncoders (VAE)

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Alternative formulations

- ★ **Probabilistic PCA** reformulates PCA with an explicit latent distribution $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Id}_K)$ and the conditional model is $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu} + \sigma^2\mathbf{Id}_D)$ so that
 - the model accomodates “measurement noise” (with variance σ^2)
 - the model can run in a generative mode
 - parameters can be estimated via Maximum Likelihood
 - an EM algorithm (see later) can be derived for saving computations
 - Bayesian PCA reverts the conditional so as to find K by training
- ★ **Kernel PCA** embarks a **nonlinear mapping** $\phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$ via a kernel function $k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$ to perform PCA within a more favorable space
- ★ **Local PCA** perform PCA on data neighborhoods to consider the **local intrinsic dimensionality** only

⚠ The **limitation of PCA** is often the decomposition of Σ in $O(D^3)$

Summary

- ★ PCA is part of the linear latent models
- ★ PCA applies on centered data and uses variance as a criteria for decomposition
- ★ PCA is an exact complete decomposition into decorrelated components
- ★ PCA assumes a Normal distribution of the data
- ★ PCA can be equivalently formulated as a regression
- ★ PCA offers a sound decimation strategy based on a low rank approximation
- ★ PCA can be used for denoising via a Gaussian noise model
- ★ PCA is equivalent to a linear AutoEncoder
- ★ PCA may be given a stochastic formulation
- ★ PCA may be generalized to the non-linear case via kernels

Example questions [mostly require formal – mathematical – answers]

- ★ Explain how PCA uses variance as a criterion
- ★ Show that variance maximization is equivalent to error minimization
- ★ Show how PCA uses the Eckart-Young theorem
- ★ Given some data, how do you apply PCA?
- ★ What information does it provide you with?
- ★ How do you reconstruct data with $K < D$ components?
- ★ How do you select the components to keep?
- ★ Can you apply PCA on any data?
- ★ Is it relevant to apply PCA on any data?
- ★ How can I apply PCA over clustered data?
- ★ Show that PCA is equivalent to a linear AE

Note: Make sure you can explain in detail what is: linear transform, orthogonal matrix, coordinate, rank, mean, variance, projection, eigen decomposition, trace, Frobenius norm, Lagrange Multiplier

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