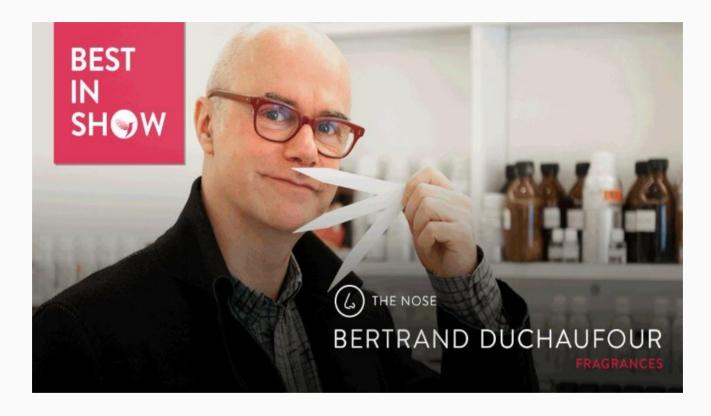
Principle Component Analysis

A professional nose



Ex: Fine fragrance

• 12 experts were asked to rate 12 perfumes on 11 scent adjectives.

```
## [1] "spicy" "heady" "fruity" "green" "vanilla" "floral"
## [7] "woody" "citrus" "marine" "greedy" "oriental"
```

- Each rating is on the scale 1 10.
- Ratings for each perfume were averaged across experts.

Ex: Fine fragrance, cont.

head(experts)

Learning structure

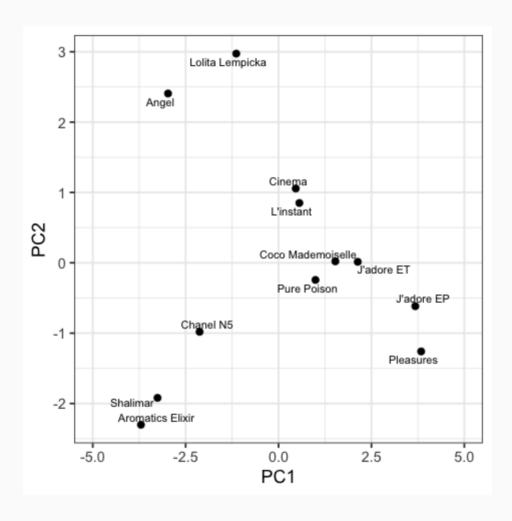
How do we visualize this data set?

• Representing *all* of the structure in the data requires p=11 dimensions.

$$\binom{11}{2} = 55$$
 possible scatterplots

• Can we represent *most* of the structure using fewer dimensions?

A particularly useful scatterplot



Principle Component Analysis (PCA)

Produces a low-dimensional representation of a dataset. It finds a sequence of linear combinations of the variables that have maximal variance and are mutually uncorrelated.

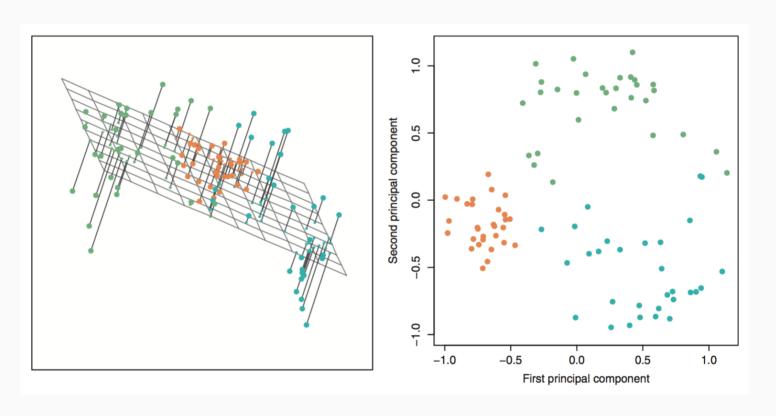
Used to:

- Visualize structure in data
- Learn about latent meta-variables
- Produce imputs for subsequent supervised learning

boardwork

Dimension Reduction

Reducing from p = 3 to 2 principal components.



Finding PCs

For each component, we want the ϕ vector that solves the optimization problem:

$$\max\left(rac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n z_{i1}^2
ight) ext{ subject to } \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_{j1}^2 = 1$$

where each $z_{i1} = \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_{j1} x_{ij}$.

Can be solved via an eigen decomposition (z_i : eigenvectors of the covariance matrix of X).

Interpretation

The weights corresponding to a PC, ϕ_{j1} , are called the *loadings*.

What does PC1 represent?

```
## spicy heady fruity green vanilla floral

## -0.32374624 -0.35203437 0.34000811 0.30379083 -0.19229442 0.34403713

## woody citrus marine greedy oriental

## -0.25228410 0.32991738 0.32175400 -0.08503758 -0.35323834
```

Bright vs Dark?

Interpretation

What does PC2 represent?

```
## spicy heady fruity green vanilla floral

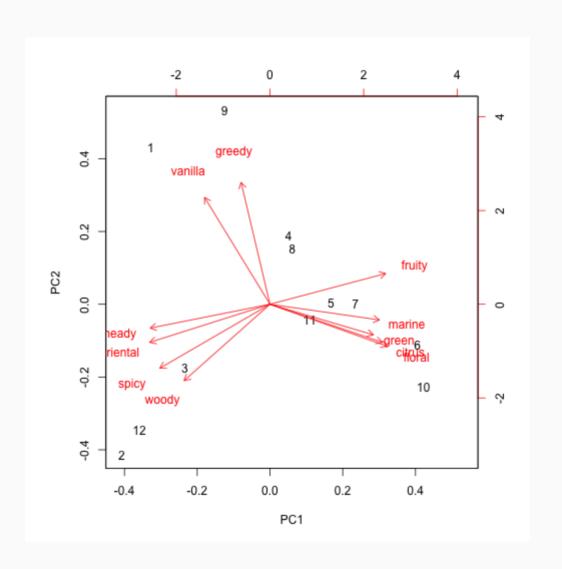
## -0.30665034 -0.11432681 0.14713276 -0.14667649 0.51171193 -0.20104293

## woody citrus marine greedy oriental

## -0.36590048 -0.18273912 -0.07533076 0.58413221 -0.18249284
```

Mellow vs piquant?

Biplot



Ex. More Crime

This data set contains statistics, in arrests per 100,000 residents for assault, murder, and rape in each of the 50 US states in 1973. Also given is the percent of the population living in urban areas.

head(USArrests)

##		Murder	Assault	UrbanPop	Rape
##	Alabama	13.2	236	58	21.2
##	Alaska	10.0	263	48	44.5
##	Arizona	8.1	294	80	31.0
##	Arkansas	8.8	190	50	19.5
##	California	9.0	276	91	40.6
##	Colorado	7.9	204	78	38.7

PCA

```
pca1 <- prcomp(USArrests, scale = TRUE)
names(pca1)

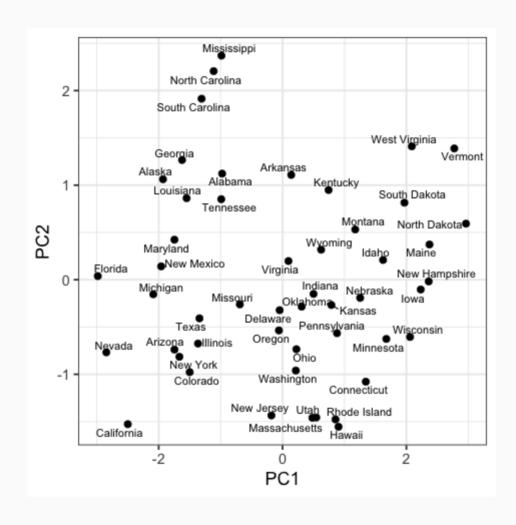
## [1] "sdev" "rotation" "center" "scale" "x"</pre>
```

- rotation holds the matrix of loadings; the ϕ 's.
- x holds the scores for the principle components; the z_{ij} .

```
pca1$rotation
```

```
## Murder -0.5358995 0.4181809 -0.3412327 0.64922780
## Assault -0.5831836 0.1879856 -0.2681484 -0.74340748
## UrbanPop -0.2781909 -0.8728062 -0.3780158 0.13387773
## Rape -0.5434321 -0.1673186 0.8177779 0.08902432
```

A particularly useful scatterplot



Interpretation

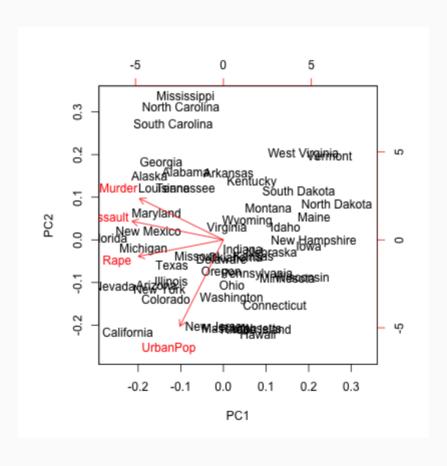
pca1\$rotation

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```

- PC1: crime
- PC2: urbanization

Biplot

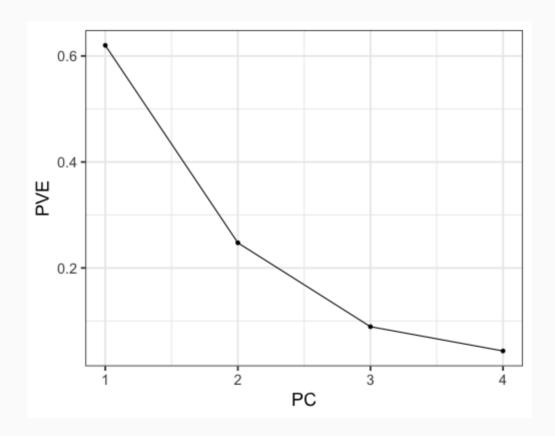
biplot(pca1)



Constructing a scree plot

Used to visualize the proportion of variance explained (PVE) by each PC.

Scree plot



How many PCs?

• 1st PC: 62% PVE

• 1st + 2nd PC: 62 + 25 = 87% PVE

Usually most of the structure is in the first several principal components, but results may vary!

Rule of thumb: look for the elbow in the scree plot.