

# EEL5840 Fundamental Machine Learning Homework 2

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## Question 1 Solution:

1.1

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5/4 & \sqrt{3}/4 \\ \sqrt{3}/4 & 7/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\Sigma - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 5/4 - \lambda & \sqrt{3}/4 \\ \sqrt{3}/4 & 7/4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

We got  $(5/4 - \lambda)(7/4 - \lambda)(\sqrt{3}/4)^2 = 0$ , which can be simplified into  $\lambda^2 - 32\lambda + 2 = 0$ .

By solving the equation above, we got the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ .

1.2  $\Sigma \mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_1$ , thus  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is the eigenvector of  $\Sigma$  with the corresponding eigenvalue 2.

$$\Sigma \mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_2, \text{ thus, } \mathbf{v}_2 \text{ is the eigenvector of } \Sigma \text{ with the corresponding eigenvalue 1.}$$

For convenience of the later discussion,  $\lambda_1 = 2$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1$ .

1.3 Based on the spectral theorem, the symmetric matrix  $\Sigma$  can be diagonalized into diagonal matrix  $D$ , with the

orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  consisting of the normalized eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1/\|\mathbf{v}_1\| \\ \mathbf{v}_2/\|\mathbf{v}_2\| \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$D$  is the diagonal matrix with eigenvalues of  $\Sigma$ , thus  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{U}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5/4 & \sqrt{3}/4 \\ \sqrt{3}/4 & 7/4 \end{bmatrix} = \Sigma$$

1.4 Based on the known information, the covariance matrix  $\Sigma = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}$ , I got to know  $\mathbf{x}$  is a row vector.

And we also define  $\mathbf{y}$  to be a row vector. So  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}A^T$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1^T \\ \mathbf{v}_2^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $A^T = A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$1.5 \ R_y = E[y^T y] = AR_X A^T = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1^T \\ \mathbf{v}_2^T \end{bmatrix} R_x \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore \mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are the eigenvectors of  $R_x$ ,  $\therefore R_x \mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $R_x \mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2$ .

$$\therefore R_y = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1^T R_x \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_1^T R_x \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \mathbf{v}_2^T R_x \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2^T R_x \mathbf{v}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.6 Based on the definition of Mahalanobis distance found on wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahalanobis\\_distance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahalanobis_distance)):

$$D_M(\vec{x}) = \sqrt{(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})^T S^{-1} (\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})}$$

In our case,  $\vec{\mu} = \vec{0}$ ,  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Thus,  $D_M(\vec{x}) = \sqrt{\begin{bmatrix} x'_1 & x'_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \end{bmatrix}} = 1$ . I got  $\frac{1}{2}x_1'^2 + x_2'^2 = 1$ , which is  $\frac{(x'_1 - 0)^2}{\sqrt{2}^2} + \frac{(x'_2 - 0)^2}{1} = 1$ . It is actually

an ellipse, with center at the origin, and semi-major axis on the  $x'_1$  axis, with length equal to  $\sqrt{2}$ , and semi-minor axis on the  $x'_2$  axis, with length equal to 1.

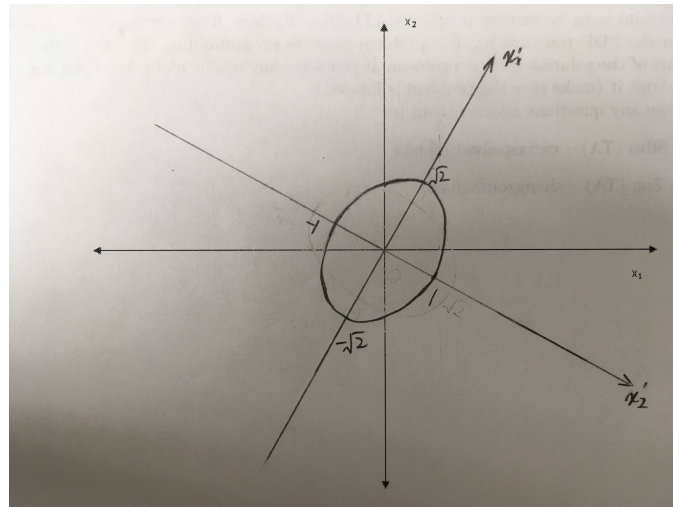


Figure 1: New coordinate system and the curve describing all points with a Mahalanobis distance of 1 from the origin

## Question 2

Solution:

If matrix  $A$  is eigendecomposable, which means matrix  $A$  is a diagonalizable  $n \times n$  square matrix with  $n$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  and corresponding normalized eigenvectors  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ . We have

$$\Lambda = PAP^T$$

, where  $P^T = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{e}_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix.

$$P^T P = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{e}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1^T \\ \mathbf{e}_2^T \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{e}_n^T \end{bmatrix} = 1, \text{ and } A = P^{-1} \Lambda (P^T)^{-1}$$

Let  $Q = P^{-1}$ , then  $A = Q \Lambda Q^T$ .

$$A^k = (Q \Lambda Q^T)^k = Q \Lambda Q^T \times Q \Lambda Q^T \times \dots \times Q \Lambda Q^T = Q \Lambda^k Q^T$$

, where  $Q = P^{-1}$ ,  $P$  is defined by  $P^T = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{e}_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$  are  $n$  eigenvectors of matrix  $A$ .

## Question 3

Solution:

The code I used to import the 3 files of dataset into MATLAB shows as below:

```
addpath ('/Users/hudanyun.sheng/Google Drive/Me/201708 Fall/EEL5840FundamentalMachineL  
load ('ellipsoids.txt ');  
load ('spheres.txt ');  
load ('swissroll.txt ');
```

To consider  $\mathbf{X}$  to be any one of the dataset, simply use

```
X = swissroll;
```

or

```
X = spheres;
```

or

```
X = ellipsoids;
```

**3.1** The MATLAB code used to calculate the covariance of every data set is shown below:

```
mu = mean(X);  
X_std = X - mu;  
cov_mat = cov(X_std);
```

“cov\_mat” is the desired covariance matrix.

- For the “**Swiss Roll**” data set, the covariance matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 43.2882 & 0.1535 & 4.4555 \\ 0.1535 & 10.5800 & 0.1544 \\ 4.4555 & 0.1544 & 47.1548 \end{bmatrix}$$

- For the “**Spheres**” data set, the covariance matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10.0368 & 8.9743 & 9.0941 \\ 8.9743 & 9.9246 & 9.0678 \\ 9.0941 & 9.0678 & 10.2626 \end{bmatrix}$$

- For the “**Ellipsoids**” data set, the covariance matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 57.8661 & 14.6934 & 7.3664 \\ 14.6934 & 9.8630 & 4.5264 \\ 7.3664 & 4.5264 & 3.3570 \end{bmatrix}$$

**3.2** The MATLAB code used to find the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the covariance matrix is shown below:

```
[eigenVecs, eigenVals] = eig(cov_mat);
```

“eigenVals” is the diagonal matrix with eigenvalues of covariance matrix at the diagonal, “eigenVecs” a matrix whose columns are the corresponding eigenvectors.

- For the **“Swiss Roll”** data set, the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix are  $\lambda_1 = 10.5788$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 40.3647$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 50.0795$ , and the corresponding eigenvectors of the covariance matrix are

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0042 \\ -1.0000 \\ 0.0037 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8361 \\ 0.0015 \\ -0.5486 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5486 \\ 0.0054 \\ 0.8361 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- For the **“Spheres”** data set, the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix are  $\lambda_1 = 1.0001$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1.0571$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 28.1668$ , and the corresponding eigenvectors of the covariance matrix are

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5318 \\ -0.8043 \\ 0.2652 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6207 \\ 0.1572 \\ -0.7681 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5760 \\ 0.5731 \\ 0.5829 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- For the **“Ellipsoids”** data set, the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix are  $\lambda_1 = 1.0352$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 6.8856$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 63.1653$ , and the corresponding eigenvectors of the covariance matrix are

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0046 \\ -0.4623 \\ 0.8867 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3068 \\ 0.8433 \\ 0.4413 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.9518 \\ -0.2741 \\ -0.1380 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**3.3** The MATLAB code used to find and plot the projection of the data points into the 2-D and 1-D principal components is shown below:

```
w2 = eigenVecs(:,2:3);
w1 = eigenVecs(:,3);
X_pca2 = X_std * w2;
X_pca1 = X_std * w1;
figure
scatter(X_pca2(:,1), X_pca2(:,2))
xlabel('pc1', 'FontSize', 12, 'FontWeight', 'bold');
ylabel('pc2', 'FontSize', 12, 'FontWeight', 'bold')
```

```

title('Swiss Roll into 2-D', 'FontSize', 20, 'FontWeight', 'bold');
% title('Spheres into 2-D', 'FontSize', 20, 'FontWeight', 'bold');
% title('Ellipsoids into 2-D', 'FontSize', 20, 'FontWeight', 'bold');

figure

scatter(X_pca1, zeros(size(X_pca1)))

xlabel('pc', 'FontSize', 12, 'FontWeight', 'bold');

title('Swiss Roll into 1-D', 'FontSize', 20, 'FontWeight', 'bold');
% title('Spheres into 2-D', 'FontSize', 20, 'FontWeight', 'bold');
% title('Ellipsoids into 2-D', 'FontSize', 20, 'FontWeight', 'bold');

```

- The “Swiss Roll” dataset:

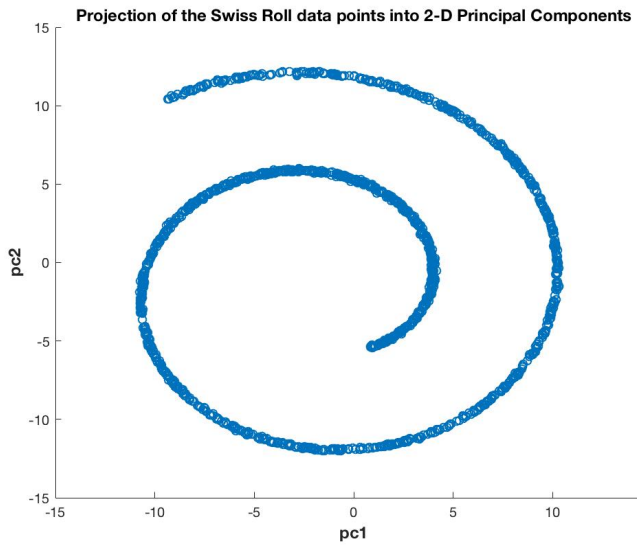


Figure 2: projection of “Swiss Roll” into the 2-D

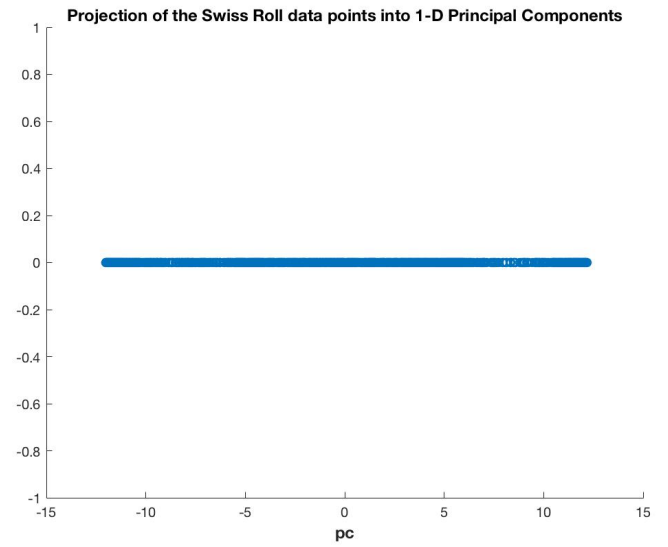


Figure 3: projection of “Swiss Roll” into the 1-D

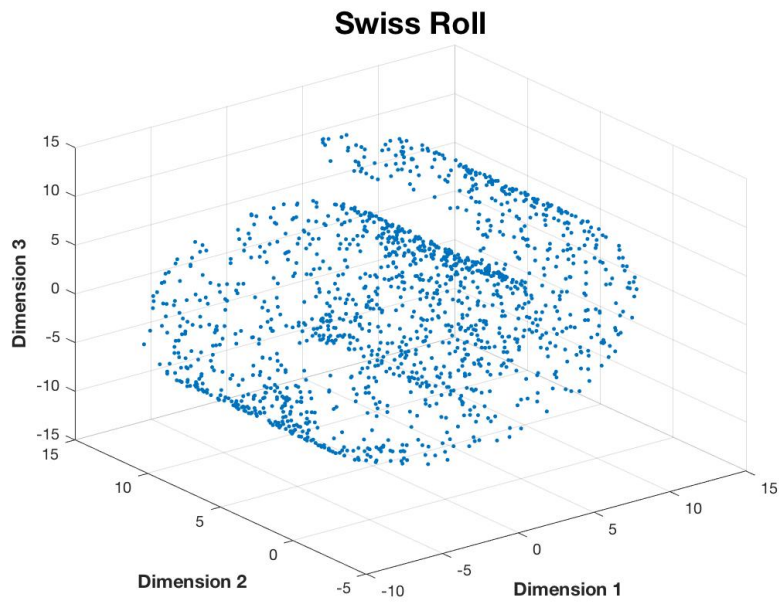


Figure 4: original plot of the “Swiss Roll” dataset

Based on the results, I would say that the 2-D projection preserve the most informative structure of the original data, while the 1-D projection has not the important information enough to represent the original dataset. For this “Swiss Roll” dataset,

- The “Spheres” dataset:

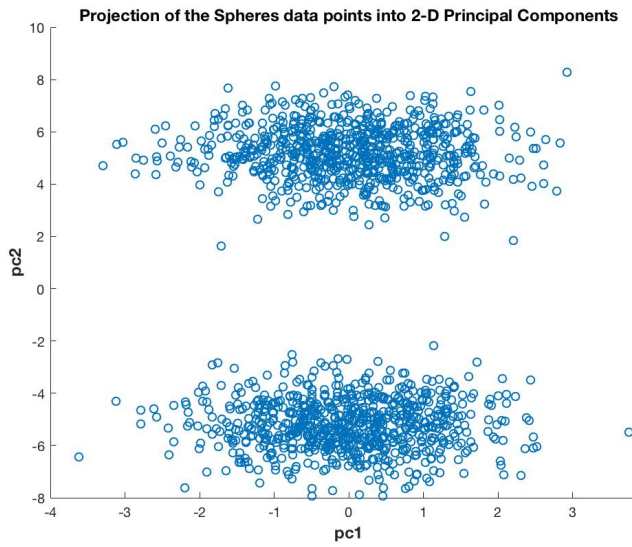


Figure 5: projection of “Spheres” into the 2-D

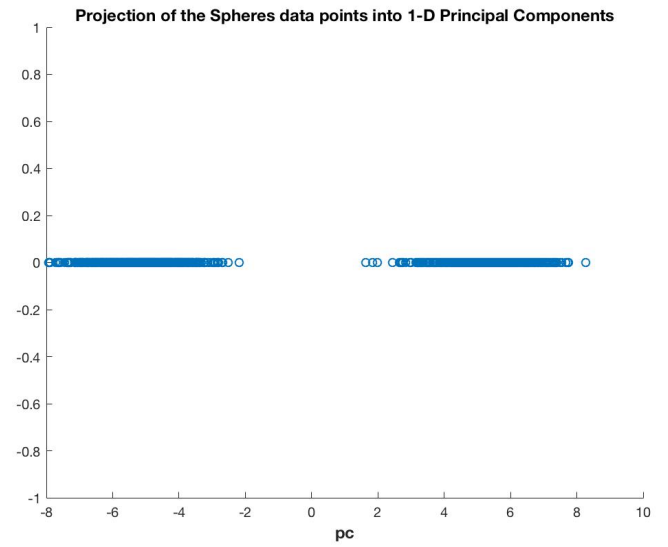


Figure 6: projection of “Spheres” into the 1-D

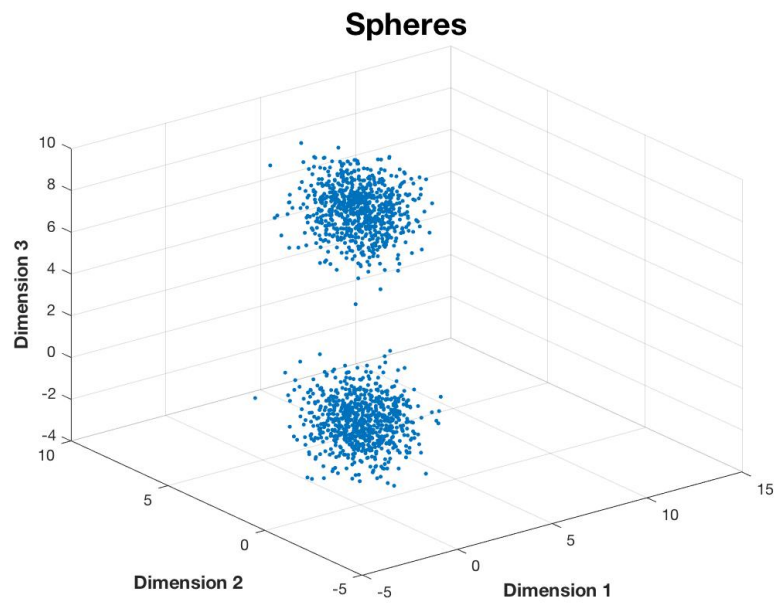


Figure 7: original plot of the “Spheres” dataset

Based on the results, I would say that the 2-D projection preserve the most informative structure of the original data, while the 1-D projection has not the important information enough to represent the original dataset. For this “Spheres” dataset,



- The “**Ellipsoids**” dataset:

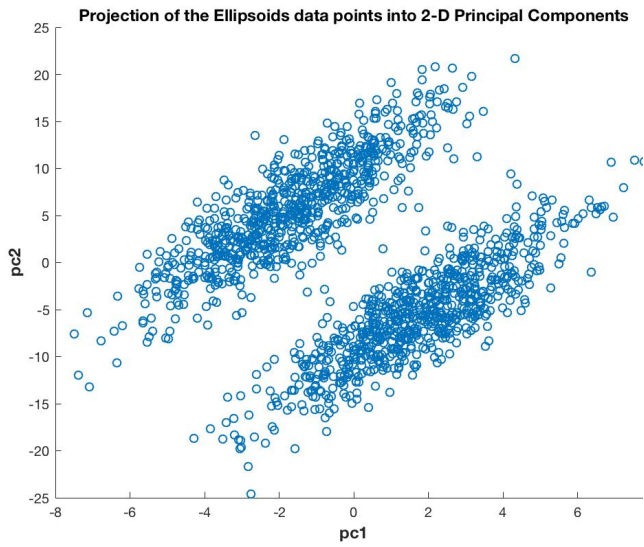


Figure 8: projection of “Ellipsoids” into the 2-D

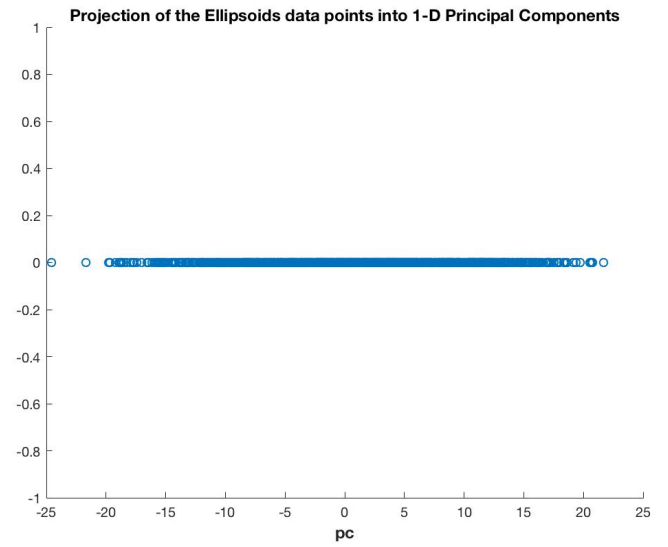


Figure 9: projection of “Ellipsoids” into the 1-D

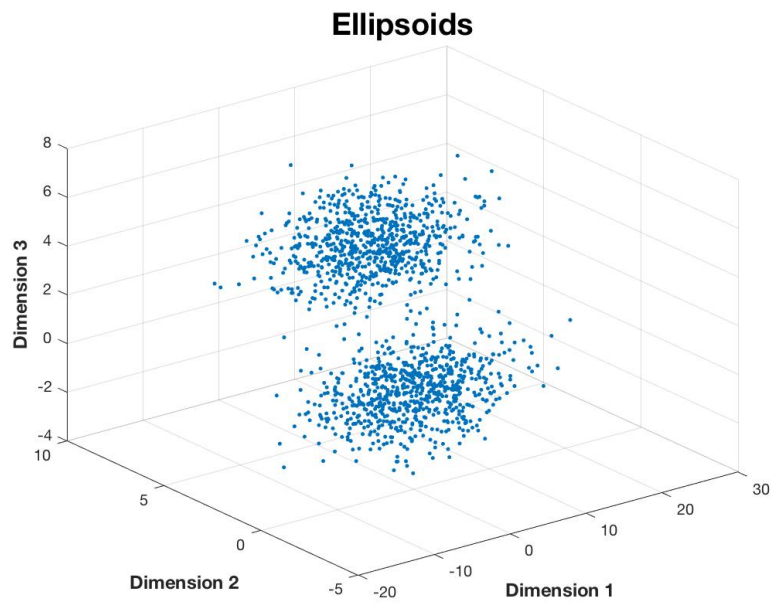


Figure 10: original plot of the “Swiss Roll” dataset

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