

Dimensionality Reduction:-

Dimension - features

High dimensionality data

→ Training Time ↑

→ Computational Resources requirement ↑

→ chances of overfitting.

→ Visualization (EDA) is difficult.

→ Most of the variables will be correlated.

Dimensionality Reduction:-

→ The process of reducing dimensions (features).

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

→ Unsupervised Algorithm.

→ feature extraction technique

Feature selection :- (subset of original features)

The process of selecting the most important feature using any of FS techniques (wrapper method, filter method, embedded method) you can remove the irrelevant features.

Feature Extraction :- (create new component)

Combine the existing features to create new components.

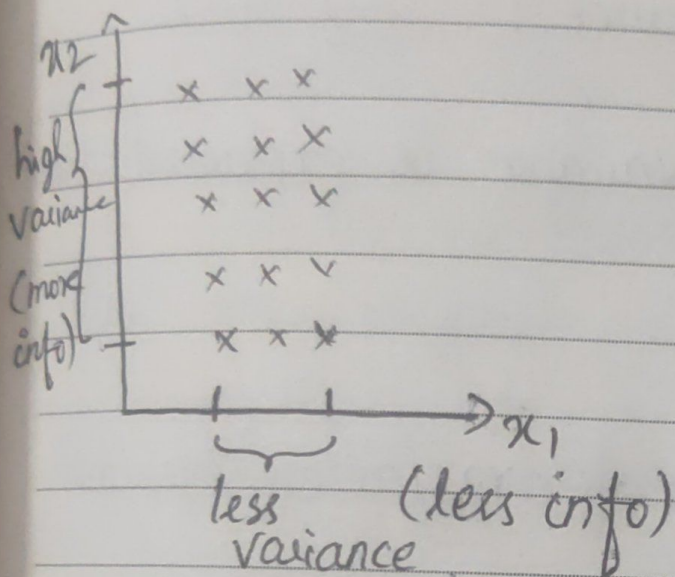
PCA :-

Extract / obtain the important data in the form of components.

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Principal Components

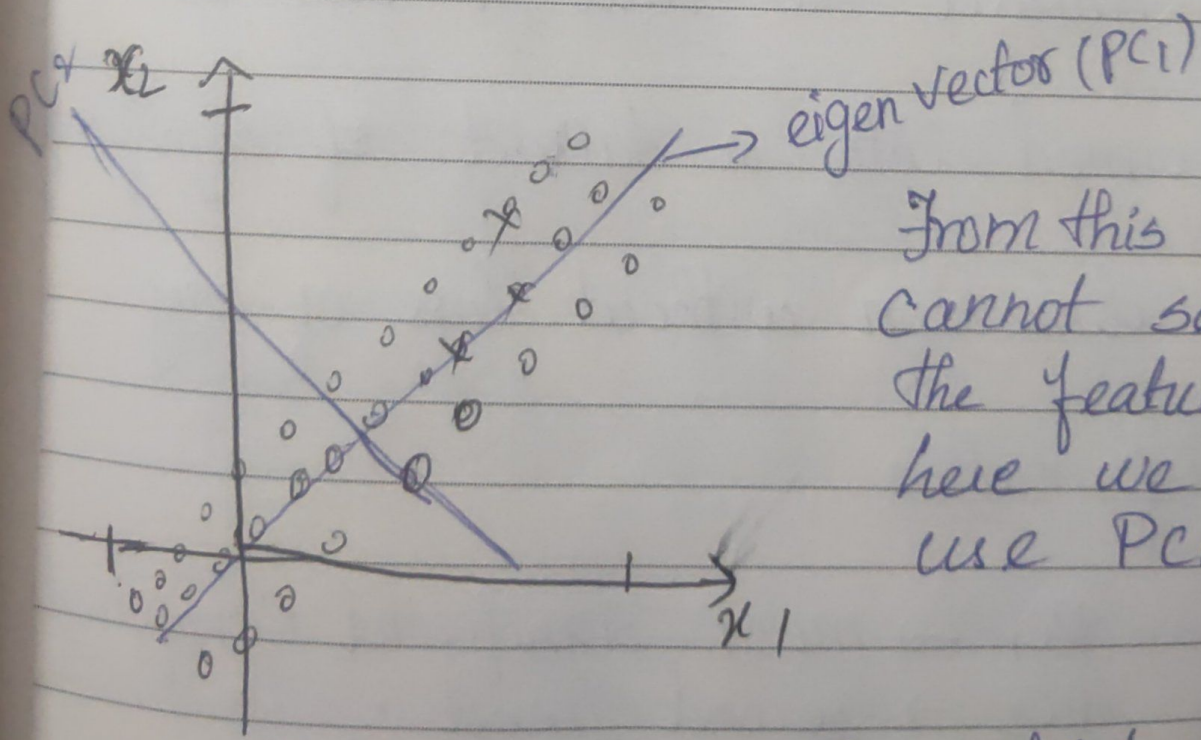
Principal Component ..

Combination of original dimensions which has explained variance Ratio.



Select any 1 feature x_1 or x_2 ?
 $x_1 \rightarrow$ dropped.

$x_2 \rightarrow$ bcoz, it has more information



From this we cannot select the feature, so here we can use PCA technique

Each PC is orthogonal/ to the first PC (each other) \rightarrow perpendicular

If we have, 10 features \rightarrow 10 principal Components.

$PC_1, PC_2, PC_3, \dots, PC_{10}$
 $\uparrow 15\% \quad \uparrow 31\% \quad \uparrow 21\%$
 $80\% \uparrow$ $PC_1 \rightarrow$ Explained Variance (more Variance) \rightarrow assume 80%

PC_1, PC_2, \rightarrow Variance? $\rightarrow 95\%$

$PC_1, PC_2, PC_3 \rightarrow$ Variance is explained $\rightarrow 98\%$

Steps:-

\rightarrow PCA identifies the Correlation / pattern in the dataset so that it can be transformed into a dataset of significantly lower dimension without loss of any imp information.

$PC_1 \rightarrow$ most Significant Component

$PC_2 \rightarrow$ second most " "

$PC_3 \rightarrow$ Third most " "

steps:

① → scale the data (PCA tries to get the features with maxi variance, the variance will be high for higher vari magnitude feature. so scale the data).

② Calculate the Covariance.

→ to understand the variables that are highly correlated.

③ Calculate's eigen values & eigen vector:-

→ Computed by Co-variance.

Eigen vector - Determine in direction of new feature space.

Eigen values - determines the magnitude (scalar of the eigen vectors)

→ This tells how the dataset is spread out on the eigen vector.

④ Sort - the most significant component.

⑤ Remove the PCs that contains least information.

For eg:-

Let 3 features (x_1, x_2, x_3)

3 PCs Variance of $PC_1 = 40$
 Variance of $PC_2 = 20$
 Variance of $PC_3 = 5$

Total Variance = 65 //

How much variance is explained by PCs?

Explained Variance ratio (EVR) = $\frac{\text{explained Variance}}{\text{Total variance}}$

$$\text{EVR of } PC_1 = \frac{40}{65} = 0.61$$

$$\text{EVR of } PC_2 = \frac{20}{65} = 0.31$$

$$\text{EVR of } PC_2 = \frac{5}{65} = 0.08$$

$$PC_1 \rightarrow 61\% \text{ (0.61)}$$

$$PC_1 + PC_2 = 92\% \text{ (0.92)}$$

Scree plot \rightarrow Used to find the optimal no. of PCs to be considered.

Pros:-

\rightarrow Correlate features are removed

\rightarrow Model training time is reduced.

\rightarrow Overfitting is reduced.

\rightarrow Ability to handle noise

Cons:-

\rightarrow The resultant PC are less interpretable than the original data.

\rightarrow Can lead to information loss, if explained variance threshold is not considered appropriately.