Text as Data

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Discovery and Measurement

What is the research process? (Grimmer, Roberts, and Stewart 2018)

- 1) Discovery: a hypothesis or view of the world
- 2) Measurement according to some organization
- 3) Causal Inference: effect of some intervention

Text as data methods assist at each stage of research process

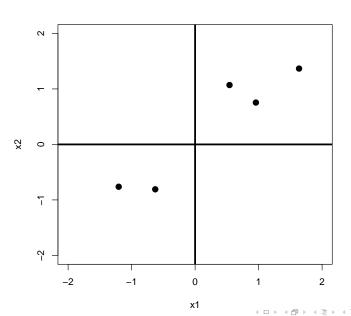
Principal Component Analysis \rightsquigarrow low-dimensional embedding

A Simple Two-Dimensional Example

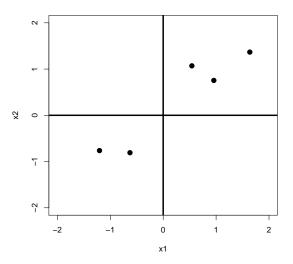
Suppose we have the following observations:

$$x_1 = (0.54, 1.07)$$

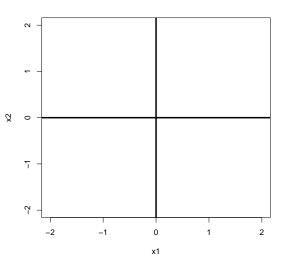
 $x_2 = (-1.20, -0.76)$
 $x_3 = (-0.63, -0.81)$
 $x_4 = (0.96, 0.75)$
 $x_5 = (1.64, 1.37)$



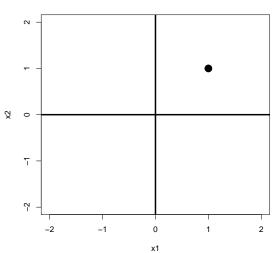
Goal: find line that summarizes bivariate information



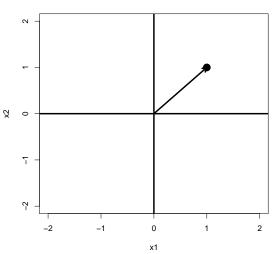
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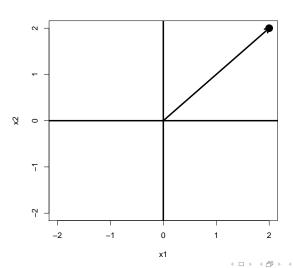
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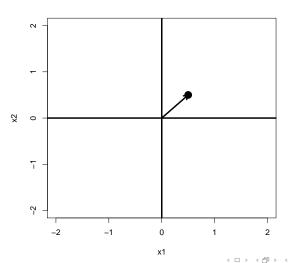
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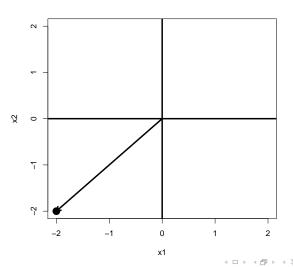
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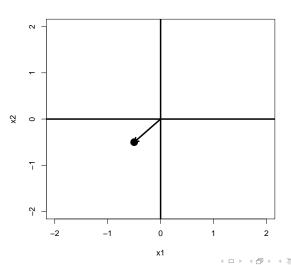
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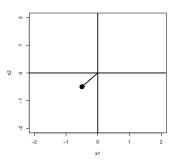


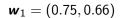
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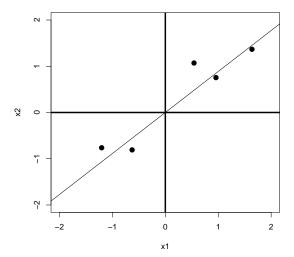


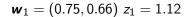
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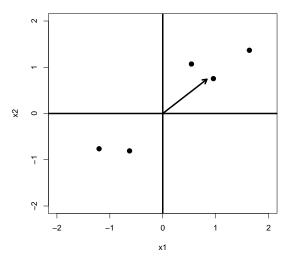
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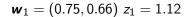


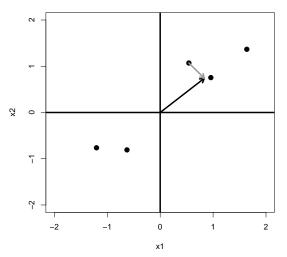




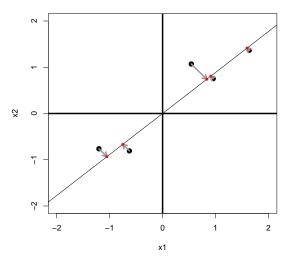








$$\mathbf{w}_1 = (0.75, 0.66) \ z_1 = 1.12$$



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Three Dimensional Approximation

$$x_1 = (0.09, -1.02, -0.10)$$

 $x_2 = (0.09, 1.41, 0.67)$
 $x_3 = (-0.81, -1.46, -0.54)$
 $x_4 = (1.43, 0.26, 0.61)$
 $x_5 = (1.23, 0.87, 1.33)$

Find $\mathbf{w}_1 = (w_{11}, w_{12}, w_{13})$ and z_i to provide best one dimensional approximation.

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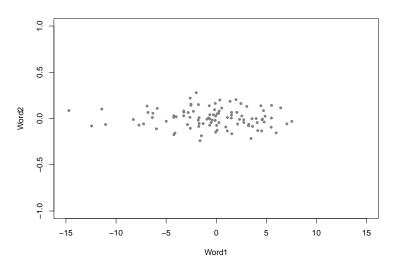
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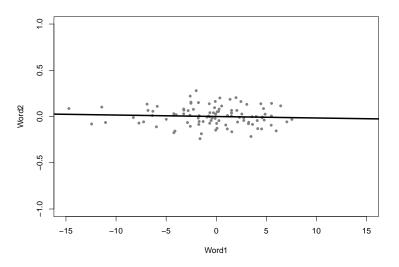
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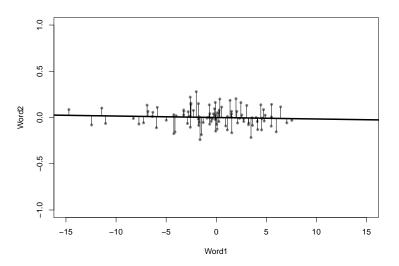
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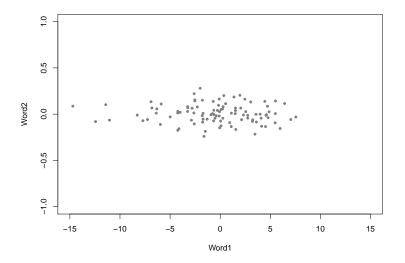
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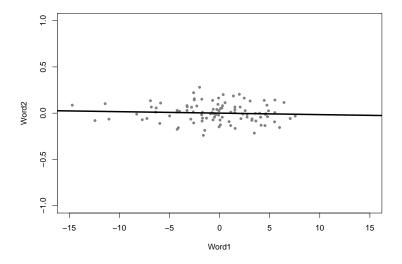
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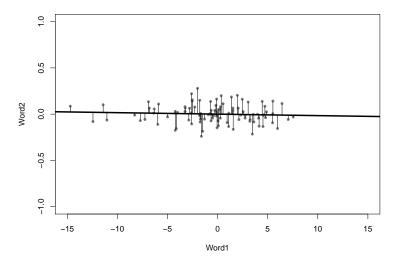
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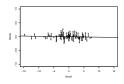
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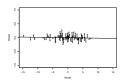






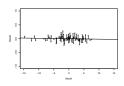


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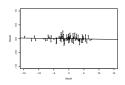
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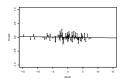


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Original data $\mathbf{x}_i \in \Re^J$

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Which we approximate with $L \leq J$ weights z_{il} and vectors $\boldsymbol{w}_l \in \Re^J$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{z}_{i1}\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{z}_{i2}\mathbf{w}_2 + \ldots + \mathbf{z}_{iL}\mathbf{w}_L$$

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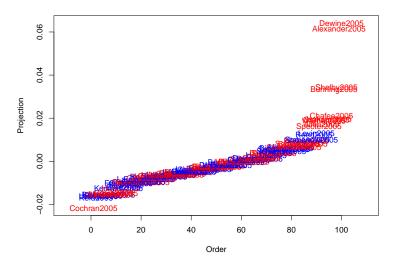
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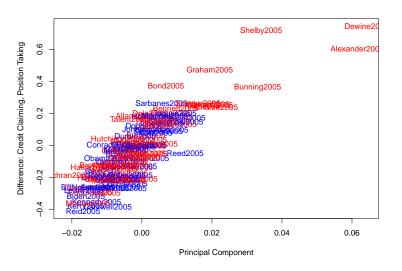
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}
store<- prcomp(dtm, scale = F)
scores<- store$x[,1]</pre>
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Probabilistic Principal Components (Tipping and Bishop 1999)

$$m{x} | m{w} \sim ext{Multivariate Normal}(m{Z}m{W} + m{\mu}, \sigma^2 m{I})$$
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- Log-likelihood → straightforward
- 2) Optimization via EM-Algorithm
- 3) Corresponds to traditional PCA is $\lim_{\sigma^2} \to 0$
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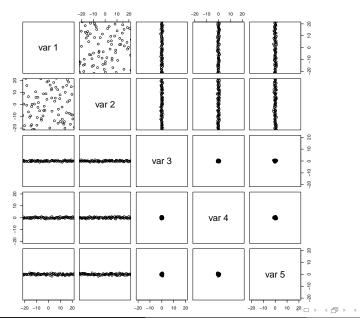
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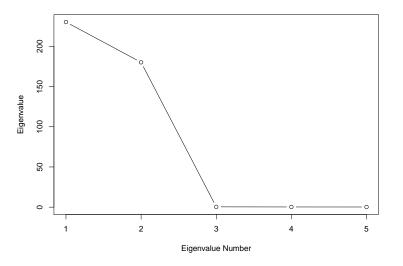
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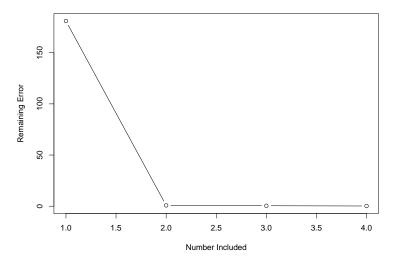
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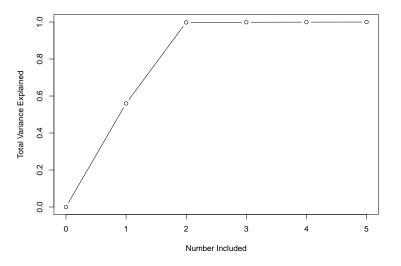
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