# Prolem Set 2: PCA

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### **Exploratory Phase**

##

## ## Max.

:5.400

points

Max.

:70.52

competition

Max.

```
dec <- read.csv('decathlon.csv')</pre>
head(dec)
##
       athlete X100m long_jump shot_put high_jump X400m X110m_hurdle discus
        Sebrle 10.85
                           7.84
                                    16.36
                                               2.12 48.36
                                                                   14.05
                                                                          48.72
## 2
                                    15.23
                                               2.06 49.19
          Clay 10.44
                           7.96
                                                                   14.13
                                                                          50.11
## 3
        Karpov 10.50
                           7.81
                                    15.93
                                               2.09 46.81
                                                                   13.97
                                                                          51.65
## 4
                           7.47
                                                                   14.56
                                                                          48.34
         Macey 10.89
                                    15.73
                                               2.15 48.97
## 5
       Warners 10.62
                           7.74
                                    14.48
                                                1.97 47.97
                                                                  14.01
                                                                          43.73
## 6 Zsivoczky 10.91
                           7.14
                                    15.31
                                               2.12 49.40
                                                                   14.95
                                                                          45.62
##
     pole_vault javeline X1500m rank points competition
## 1
            5.0
                   70.52 280.01
                                         8893
                                                   Olympic
## 2
            4.9
                    69.71 282.00
                                         8820
                                                   Olympic
                                     2
## 3
            4.6
                    55.54 278.11
                                     3
                                         8725
                                                   Olympic
## 4
                    58.46 265.42
            4.4
                                         8414
                                                   Olympic
## 5
            4.9
                    55.39 278.05
                                         8343
                                                   Olympic
## 6
            4.7
                    63.45 269.54
                                         8287
                                                   Olympic
summary(dec)
##
                          X100m
                                                          shot_put
           athlete
                                         long_jump
    Averyanov
                      Min.
                             :10.44
                                             :6.61
                                                       Min.
                                                              :12.68
    Barras
                : 1
                      1st Qu.:10.85
                                       1st Qu.:7.03
                                                       1st Qu.:13.88
##
   BARRAS
                : 1
                      Median :10.98
                                       Median:7.30
                                                       Median :14.57
##
    Bernard
                : 1
                      Mean
                             :11.00
                                       Mean
                                              :7.26
                                                       Mean
                                                              :14.48
    BERNARD
                      3rd Qu.:11.14
                                       3rd Qu.:7.48
                                                       3rd Qu.:14.97
    BOURGUIGNON: 1
                                              :7.96
##
                      Max.
                             :11.64
                                       Max.
                                                       Max.
                                                              :16.36
                :35
##
    (Other)
##
      high_jump
                         X400m
                                       X110m hurdle
                                                           discus
   Min.
           :1.850
                            :46.81
                                      Min.
                                            :13.97
                                                              :37.92
                     Min.
                                                       Min.
    1st Qu.:1.920
                     1st Qu.:48.93
                                      1st Qu.:14.21
                                                       1st Qu.:41.90
##
    Median :1.950
                     Median :49.40
                                      Median :14.48
                                                       Median :44.41
##
    Mean
           :1.977
                     Mean
                            :49.62
                                      Mean
                                             :14.61
                                                       Mean
                                                              :44.33
    3rd Qu.:2.040
                     3rd Qu.:50.30
                                      3rd Qu.:14.98
                                                       3rd Qu.:46.07
##
    Max.
           :2.150
                     Max.
                            :53.20
                                      Max.
                                             :15.67
                                                              :51.65
                                                       Max.
##
##
      pole_vault
                        javeline
                                          X1500m
                                                            rank
##
          :4.200
                            :50.31
                                             :262.1
                                                              : 1.00
    Min.
                     Min.
                                      Min.
                                                       Min.
    1st Qu.:4.500
                     1st Qu.:55.27
##
                                      1st Qu.:271.0
                                                       1st Qu.: 6.00
    Median :4.800
                     Median :58.36
                                      Median :278.1
                                                       Median :11.00
   Mean
           :4.762
##
                     Mean
                            :58.32
                                      Mean
                                            :279.0
                                                       Mean
                                                              :12.12
    3rd Qu.:4.920
                     3rd Qu.:60.89
                                      3rd Qu.:285.1
                                                       3rd Qu.:18.00
```

:317.0

Max.

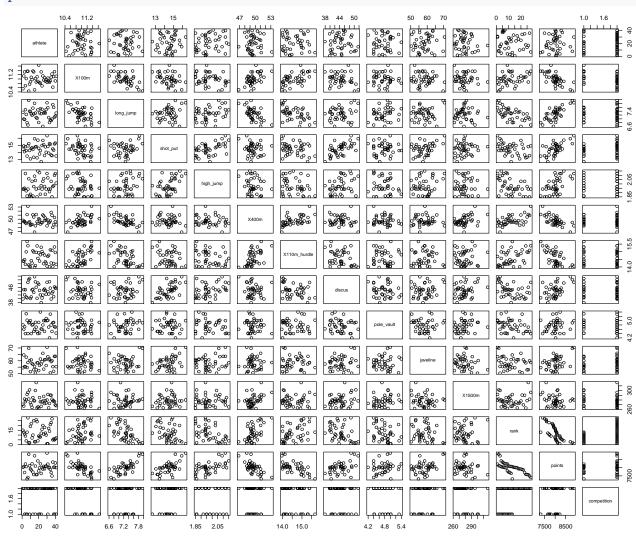
:28.00

```
## Min. :7313 Decastar:13
## 1st Qu.:7802 Olympic :28
## Median :8021
```

## Mean :8005 ## 3rd Qu.:8122 ## Max. :8893

##

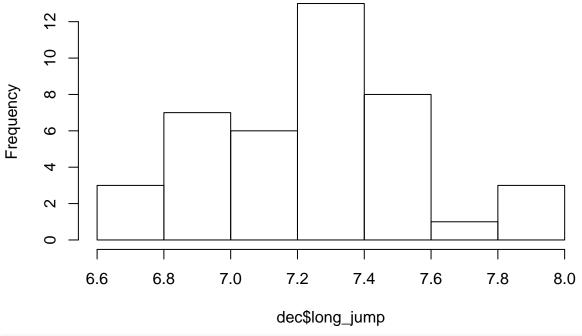
#### pairs(dec)



Some interesting possible correlations: The 400m and Long Jump Points and the 100m seem negatively correlated (?) \*Shot put and discuss look related (makes more sense, they're pretty similar)

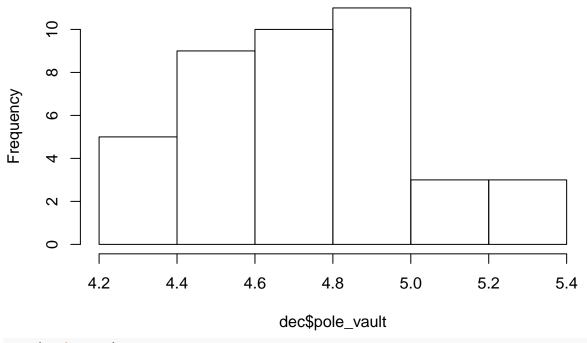
hist(dec\$long\_jump)

# Histogram of dec\$long\_jump



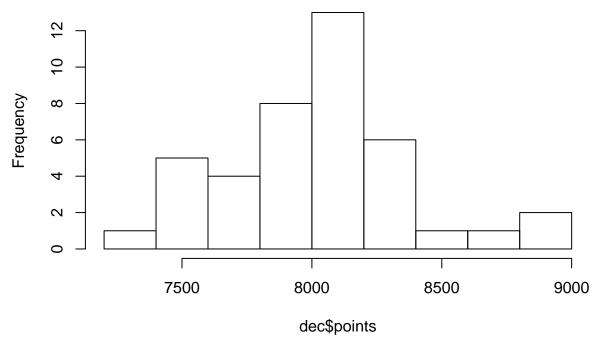
hist(dec\$pole\_vault)

# Histogram of dec\$pole\_vault



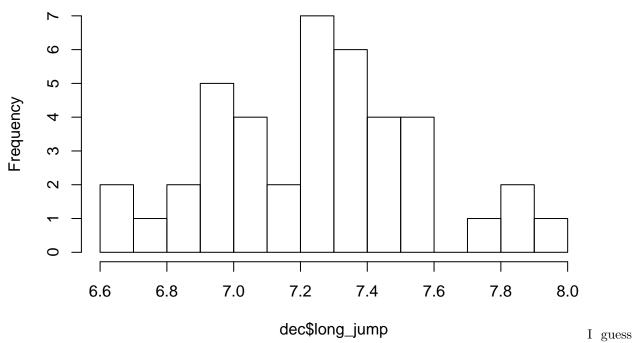
hist(dec\$points)

# Histogram of dec\$points



Long Jump: Do less people get between 7.6 and 7.8 than between 7.8 and 8.0? Or is that just how its binned? hist(dec\$long\_jump, 10)

# Histogram of dec\$long\_jump



it's just because no one got 7.7 so it's dragging the histogram down.

# 1) Calculation of primary PCA outputs

#### a) Loadings

```
Initial Data Wrangling:
acdec_unscaled <- dec[dec$competition == "Olympic",]</pre>
supdec_unscaled <- dec[dec$competition != "Olympic",]</pre>
acathletes <- acdec_unscaled$athlete</pre>
supathletes <- supdec_unscaled$athlete</pre>
acdec <- scale(acdec_unscaled[,c(2:11)])[,c(1:10)]</pre>
supdec <- scale(supdec_unscaled[,c(2:4)])[,c(1:3)]</pre>
head(acdec)
           X100m long_jump
                               shot_put high_jump
                                                         X400m X110m_hurdle
## 1 -0.28444399 1.6834526 2.0263454 1.5961767 -0.9854509 -1.13751179
## 2 -2.05912717 2.0352188 0.7065931 0.9291178 -0.3311115 -0.95680070
## 3 -1.79941744 1.5955110 1.5241388 1.2626473 -2.2074100 -1.31822289
## 4 -0.11130417 0.5988401 1.2905543 1.9297062 -0.5045509
                                                                0.01452143
## 5 -1.27999797 1.3903141 -0.1693488 -0.0714706 -1.2929116 -1.22786734
## 6 -0.02473426 -0.3685170 0.8000269 1.5961767 -0.1655558 0.89548801
         discus pole vault
                               javeline
                                             X1500m
## 1 1.3166153 0.9256099 2.32544650 0.21721634
## 2 1.7378802 0.5800488 2.16266022 0.39298303
## 3 2.2046054 -0.4566342 -0.68509481 0.04939889
## 4 1.2014493 -1.1477562 -0.09826032 -1.07144499
## 5 -0.1956955 0.5800488 -0.71524042 0.04409940
## 6 0.3771036 -0.1110732 0.90458354 -0.70754611
n <- length(acdec[,1])</pre>
X <- acdec
get_S <- function(X,n) {</pre>
  return((1/(n-1)) * t(X) %*% X)
}
S \leftarrow get_S(X, n)
get_loadings <- function(S){</pre>
  return(eigen(S)$vectors)
}
loadings <- get_loadings(S)</pre>
get lambdas <- function(S) {</pre>
 return(eigen(S)$values)
lambdas <- get_lambdas(S)</pre>
colnames(loadings) <- paste0( "V",(1:10))</pre>
loadings[,1:4]
##
                  V1
                                          VЗ
  [1,] 0.42270533 0.1806841 0.21199128 0.075009372
  [2,] -0.42146649 -0.2315408 -0.13017356 -0.006144987
```

#### b)

```
PCs <- X %*% loadings
colnames(PCs) <- paste0('PC', c(1:10))
rownames(PCs) <- acathletes
PCs[, c(1:4)]</pre>
```

```
##
                    PC1
                               PC2
                                        PC3
                                                   PC4
             -3.64687853
## Sebrle
                        1.5046838 0.2162631
                                             1.74472299
## Clay
             -3.60330295 0.8537756 -0.3196647
                                             1.16403050
## Karpov
             -4.20070330 0.4155663 -0.3533370 -1.70482900
## Macey
             -1.90491357 1.3402994 1.2384762 -1.09465304
## Warners
             -1.89845545 -1.6971105 -0.8885198 -0.49575117
             -0.69529257 1.2474627
                                  1.0235787 0.53486534
## Zsivoczky
## Hernu
             -0.69023057 -0.5068215 0.7320204 -0.17198585
## Nool
             -0.17778111 -1.7420595 -0.9865815 1.97322479
## Bernard
             -1.57350593 0.1338441 0.1139975 -1.63517179
              0.09249421 -1.4510863 -0.7211613 0.49054597
## Schwarzl
## Pogorelov
             ## Schoenbeck
             0.12114605 -0.2872966 -0.5531648 1.00087299
## Barras
              ## Smith
             -0.47451303 1.1087005
                                  1.5460578 -1.09545064
             -0.21829441 -1.7113985 -0.5069687 -0.28850069
## Averyanov
                                  0.1865277 0.10490637
## Ojaniemi
             -0.11595075 -0.7797977
## Smirnov
              0.62752609 -1.0467549
                                   1.2218190 0.31568082
## Qi
              0.72606940 -0.1849499 1.0043829 -0.34313787
## Drews
              0.41555968 -3.0780560 -0.8637160 -0.54571271
## Parkhomenko 1.31164623 1.8259536 0.7181978 1.66622181
## Terek
              ## Gomez
              0.64388302 -1.0754572 1.5068250 -0.16939887
## Turi
              1.80329186 0.1925375 -0.8147291 0.36824998
## Lorenzo
              2.57797811 -1.5344745
                                  1.6135571 -0.08449894
## Karlivans
              2.31672132 -0.1869460 0.1352429 -1.17059258
## Korkizoglou 1.45766664 1.7903823 -2.9486653 -0.88518819
## Uldal
              2.88307554 0.1301175 0.5209506 0.04088944
## Casarsa
              3.30046389 3.4933557 -0.3826751 -0.34841043
```

#### c) Eigenvalues

```
lambdas
```

```
## [1] 3.5446573 1.9699560 1.4217248 0.9034912 0.5636320 0.5282270 0.4328613
## [8] 0.3658102 0.1634956 0.1061447
```

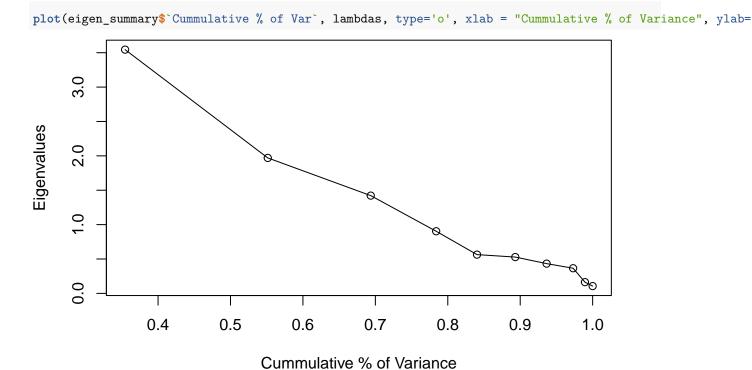
```
sum(lambdas)
## [1] 10
```

# 2) Choosing the number of dimensions to retain/examine

a)

```
p <- 10
eigen_summary <- as.data.frame(cbind(lambdas, lambdas/p, cumsum(lambdas/p)))</pre>
colnames(eigen_summary) <- c('Eigenvalue', '% of Var', 'Cummulative % of Var')</pre>
eigen_summary
##
      Eigenvalue
                   % of Var Cummulative % of Var
       3.5446573 0.35446573
## 1
                                        0.3544657
## 2
       1.9699560 0.19699560
                                        0.5514613
## 3
       1.4217248 0.14217248
                                        0.6936338
## 4
       0.9034912 0.09034912
                                        0.7839829
       0.5636320 0.05636320
                                        0.8403461
       0.5282270 0.05282270
                                        0.8931688
## 6
       0.4328613 0.04328613
                                        0.9364550
       0.3658102 0.03658102
                                        0.9730360
       0.1634956 0.01634956
                                        0.9893855
## 10 0.1061447 0.01061447
                                        1.000000
```

b)



I see two "elbows": at the second lambda, and the fifth lambda. This means that those are good dividing points between the lambdas that capture the "bulk" of the total variance, and the lambdas that don't contribute as much.

 $\mathbf{c})$ 

I would probably keep the first five PCs/dimensions. This is according to Cattel's rule, and from my examination of the graph above

### 3) Studying the cloud of individuals

**a**)

```
project <- function(x,v) {</pre>
  return((x %*% v)/(t(v) %*% v)*v)
unscaled_sups <- dec[c(29:41),c(2:11)]
accentroids <- apply(acdec_unscaled[, c(2:11)], MARGIN=2, FUN=mean)
acsds <- apply(acdec unscaled[, c(2:11)], MARGIN=2, FUN=sd)
cent_sups <- sweep(unscaled_sups, MARGIN=2, STAT=accentroids, FUN='-')</pre>
sups <- sweep(cent sups, MARGIN=2, STAT=acsds, FUN='/')</pre>
sups_on_PCs <- as.matrix(sups) %*% loadings</pre>
colnames(sups_on_PCs) <- paste0('PC', c(1:10))</pre>
sups on PCs
##
              PC1
                          PC2
                                      PC3
                                                   PC4
                                                              PC5
                                                                           PC6
## 29 -0.43930190
                   0.7524453 -0.98678469
                                           1.20203985
                                                        0.4253897
                                                                   0.21195717
                   0.4425308 -1.86183358 -0.05618834 -1.6689269 -1.98517405
  30 -0.79561959
## 31 -0.89167000 0.6167016 -2.20004010 -1.43716735
                                                        0.3017575 -0.30634635
       0.77252139 -1.0411739 -0.61027465
                                          2.13612105 -0.2587693
                                                                   0.72117386
       0.89945975 2.1788060 0.87351341
                                           0.83658736
                                                        0.5763792
                                                                   1.36032380
  34 -0.06010103 -1.5592556 -0.81515671 -0.54485493
                                                        0.9058410
                                                                   0.13897421
       0.04670533 -0.7630591
                              1.13152517 -1.57397173
                                                        0.6822395 -0.49483864
                   0.4025704 -0.21882056 -1.46923585
##
  36 -0.24374426
                                                        1.0512592 -0.18757613
       2.19682203
                   0.5686558
                              0.75008897 -0.20943934
                                                        0.8868093
                                                                   1.05264267
##
  38
       1.91654578   0.3697215   -0.64426478   0.39480146   -0.7685903   -0.04159251
       1.68233643 -0.2728426 -0.02294709 -0.34573839
                                                        0.7795294 -0.29152289
       2.53692192 -1.7515236
                              1.28208989 -0.03443662
## 40
                                                        0.6745090
                                                                   1.17668941
## 41
       4.21392299 -0.1040495 -1.24669417
                                           0.75829429 -0.3490381
                                                                   0.97398392
##
              PC7
                          PC8
                                      PC9
                                                  PC10
## 29 -1.17427392
                   0.2115985
                               0.79205410 -0.50652936
## 30
       0.09378109
                   0.8902251
                              -0.50900199 -0.60199028
## 31
       0.50464529
                   1.4806595
                               0.50970439 -1.08676800
## 32 -0.00478260
                   0.3737301
                               0.27969723 -0.73074181
## 33 -0.64080372
                   0.8183894
                               0.35549356 -0.18053471
## 34 -0.10396183
                   0.8024939
                               1.21273323
                                           0.07367955
## 35 -0.39906759
                   1.1354200 -0.07700471 -0.44420057
## 36 -1.24607333 -0.5587098 -0.39525698 -0.76630350
       1.09738272
                   2.8858764
                               0.02668512
                                           0.65250492
## 38 -0.87434020
                  1.3579655
                               1.00729953
                                           1.06668037
```

```
## 39 0.38985082 0.8335699
                                  0.82372139 -0.61629825
## 40 -1.51358867
                     0.4472553
                                 0.55060105 -0.68741961
                                 0.26481285 -0.43749829
## 41 -0.25193768 0.5686850
all_ind_ac_var <- data.frame(rbind(PCs, sups_on_PCs))</pre>
all_ind_ac_var['athlete'] <- dec[['athlete']]</pre>
all_ind_ac_var['competition'] <- dec[['competition']]</pre>
all_ind_ac_var %>% ggplot(aes(x=PC1, y= PC2, label= athlete)) + geom_point(aes(color=competition, shape
                                                                             Casarsa
                                                     YURKOV
                                                        Parkhanzenkou
          Sebrle
                           Macey
           Clay
                                    SEBRLE
KARPOPogorelov
                                                                 MARTINEAU
                                      CLAMCMULLEN arras
     Karpov
                                                                                               competition
                                                                HERNU
PC2
                                                                                                 Decastar
                                                                 Turi
                              Bernard
                                                                          Uldal
                                                                                                 Olympic
                                                                                   BOURGUIGN
                                                             BARRAS Karlivans
                                             Schoenbeck
                                       Hernu
                                            Ø₿₩©©ZKY
                                                   SEARMARD
                                                                      Lorenzo
                           Warners
                                          Avertion
                                                                      NOOL
```

The olympic competitors seem to have more spread than the decastar competitors. However, many of them are distributed fairly equally regarding the first two PCs.

0.0 PC1

Drews

2.5

### **b**)

-2.5

```
dsqrds <- apply(acdec**2, MARGIN=1, FUN=sum)
cos2<- PCs**2/dsqrds
colnames(cos2) <- paste0('PC', c(1:10))
rownames(cos2) <- paste0('cos2', acathletes)
head(cos2)</pre>
```

```
##
                         PC1
                                     PC2
                                                  PC3
                                                             PC4
                                                                          PC5
## cos2 Sebrle
                  0.66903592 0.113893074 0.002352728 0.15312983 0.0008771211
## cos2 Clay
                  0.68487230 0.038449930 0.005390107 0.07147214 0.0452161626
                  0.80752649 0.007903026 0.005713353 0.13300697 0.0219207077
## cos2 Karpov
## cos2 Macey
                  0.36529692 0.180841922 0.154408343 0.12062809 0.0349442502
                  0.46973462 0.375380751 0.102893033 0.03203165 0.0027821723
## cos2 Warners
## cos2 Zsivoczky 0.08591311 0.276553647 0.186194481 0.05084090 0.0478138026
##
                          PC6
                                        PC7
                                                     PC8
## cos2 Sebrle
                  0.004149693 0.0097357827 0.0138028806 0.0311268999
## cos2 Clay
                  0.035320991 0.0833875028 0.0044742602 0.0310538668
                  0.004561838 0.0072156010 0.0094648006 0.0002113434
## cos2 Karpov
                  0.117816923 0.0047192673 0.0043473577 0.0005760518
## cos2 Macey
## cos2 Warners
                  0.010060318 0.0001402244 0.0003008094 0.0056938553
## cos2 Zsivoczky 0.303669910 0.0057122125 0.0081004741 0.0172853142
##
                          PC10
## cos2 Sebrle
                  0.0018960693
## cos2 Clay
                  0.0003627428
## cos2 Karpov
                  0.0024758626
                  0.0164208733
## cos2 Macey
## cos2 Warners
                  0.0009825697
## cos2 Zsivoczky 0.0179161472
```

#### Representation

```
sort(cos2[,1] + cos2[,2])
##
    cos2 Schoenbeck
                          cos2 Barras
                                              cos2 Terek
                                                           cos2 Pogorelov
##
         0.03544177
                           0.05153401
                                             0.07725611
                                                                0.07773325
##
      cos2 Ojaniemi
                           cos2 Smith
                                                 cos2 Qi
                                                                cos2 Gomez
         0.13006276
##
                           0.14097634
                                             0.16995775
                                                                0.25285569
##
         cos2 Hernu cos2 Korkizoglou
                                              cos2 Nool
                                                                 cos2 Turi
##
         0.25338222
                           0.31810583
                                             0.34248386
                                                                0.34357165
##
     cos2 Zsivoczky
                         cos2 Bernard
                                           cos2 Smirnov cos2 Parkhomenko
                           0.37102582
                                             0.39872234
                                                                0.46458606
##
         0.36246676
##
     cos2 Averyanov
                        cos2 Schwarzl
                                                           cos2 Karlivans
                                              cos2 Macey
                                                                0.58080629
##
         0.50042562
                           0.52321051
                                             0.54613885
##
       cos2 Lorenzo
                            cos2 Clav
                                            cos2 Sebrle
                                                              cos2 Karpov
##
         0.68239294
                           0.72332223
                                             0.78292899
                                                                0.81542952
##
         cos2 Drews
                         cos2 Warners
                                              cos2 Uldal
                                                             cos2 Casarsa
                                                                0.95414664
##
         0.82476002
                           0.84511537
                                             0.85927471
```

The athletes that are best represented on the first two PCs are Casarsa, Uldal, Warners, and Drews

The athletes that are worst represented on the first two PCs are Schoenbeck, Barras, Terek, and Pogorelov. xs #c)

```
m <- 1/(n-1)
ctr <- sweep((m*PCs**2)*100, 2, lambdas, FUN="/")
rownames(ctr) <- paste0('Ctr of ', rownames(ctr))
ctr[,1:4]</pre>
```

```
## Ctr of Sebrle 13.896472718 4.25667207 0.12183879 12.478583027 ## Ctr of Clay 13.566366232 1.37046272 0.26620124 5.554449503 ## Ctr of Karpov 18.437668318 0.32468361 0.32523627 11.914448816
```

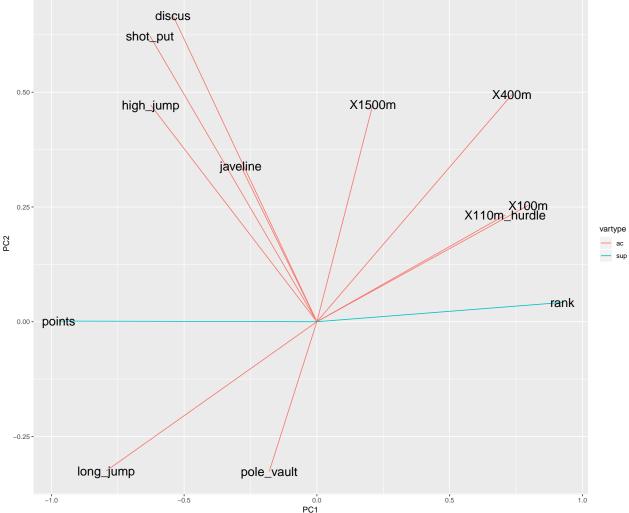
```
## Ctr of Macey
                      3.791512875
                                   3.37740675 3.99572873 4.912078298
## Ctr of Warners
                      3.765848145
                                   5.41501879
                                               2.05662407
                                                           1.007487819
## Ctr of Zsivoczky
                      0.505123020
                                                           1.172738593
                                   2.92573389
                                               2.72937503
## Ctr of Hernu
                      0.497794814
                                   0.48293619
                                               1.39594113
                                                           0.121254458
## Ctr of Nool
                      0.033024268
                                   5.70565731
                                              2.53563429 15.961196069
## Ctr of Bernard
                      2.587013828
                                   0.03368047 0.03385408 10.960719825
## Ctr of Schwarzl
                      0.008939045
                                   3.95882420 1.35483238 0.986442407
## Ctr of Pogorelov
                      0.068370188
                                   0.68850078 7.96603923
                                                           0.212487210
## Ctr of Schoenbeck
                      0.015334884
                                   0.15518173 0.79713121
                                                           4.106485050
## Ctr of Barras
                      0.085522257
                                   0.27393487 7.11732807
                                                          1.528126098
## Ctr of Smith
                      0.235265509
                                   2.31104393 6.22690381 4.919239127
## Ctr of Averyanov
                      0.049790581
                                   5.50658088 0.66954990
                                                           0.341197634
## Ctr of Ojaniemi
                      0.014047826
                                   1.14325620 0.09063735 0.045114489
## Ctr of Smirnov
                      0.411458048
                                   2.06001181
                                               3.88896838 0.408515646
## Ctr of Qi
                      0.550830837
                                   0.06431140
                                               2.62796365
                                                           0.482669233
## Ctr of Drews
                      0.180438327 17.81282299
                                               1.94340179
                                                           1.220788555
## Ctr of Parkhomenko 1.797609753
                                   6.26843595 1.34372003 11.380934728
## Ctr of Terek
                      0.831378555
                                   0.12579836 14.30019672 0.248458059
## Ctr of Gomez
                      0.433187509
                                   2.17453292 5.91488543 0.117634126
## Ctr of Turi
                      3.397770397
                                   0.06969640
                                               1.72920767
                                                           0.555901396
## Ctr of Lorenzo
                      6.944171406
                                   4.42689362 6.78249358 0.029269465
## Ctr of Karlivans
                                   0.06570709 0.04764855 5.617251120
                      5.608020249
## Ctr of Korkizoglou 2.220130040
                                   6.02658464 22.65017943 3.212059105
## Ctr of Uldal
                                              0.70699096
                      8.685084058 0.03183105
                                                           0.006853852
## Ctr of Casarsa
                     11.381826314 22.94379938 0.38148824 0.497616293
```

Influential athletes on the first two PCs: Sebrle, Clay, Karpov, Casara, and Drews

### 4) Studying the cloud of variables

**a**)

```
correlations <- cor(as.matrix(acdec unscaled[,c(2:13)]), PCs)
correlations[,1:4]
##
                 PC1
                           PC2
                                    PC3
## X100m
            0.7958383
                    0.253599340 0.25277014
                                       0.071298025
## long_jump
            -0.7935059 -0.324979385 -0.15521388 -0.005840942
## shot_put
            ## high_jump
            ## X400m
            0.7341798  0.494656647  -0.22972590
                                       0.111158299
## X110m_hurdle 0.7089265 0.232408269 0.04392919 0.109666171
## discus
            ## pole_vault
            -0.1795989 -0.326306097 -0.62447715 0.611344812
                                       0.655675756
## javeline
            -0.2864207   0.338982261   0.52108731
## X1500m
            ## rank
            -0.9724931 0.001294792 0.06188580 0.196710089
## points
#I found this function online; ggplot doesn't have a good circle maker
circleFun <- function(center = c(0,0),diameter = 1, npoints = 100){
  r = diameter / 2
```



##c) Looking at the correlation matrix: Points, rank, X100m, and long jump are all very related to PC1 discuss and shot put seem more strongly related to PC2

Looking at the diagram: Points and rank are very related to PC1! Discuss and Shot put look fairly related to PC2.

# 5) Conclusions

High jump, shot put, and discuss (and to some extent javeline) are all very related variables! So are X110m hurdle and  $\rm x100m$  Olympiads Sebrle, Clay, Karpov, Casara, and Drews contribute the most to the first two PCs, and therefore contribute to a lot of the variance between competitors. Maybe they are particularly good (or bad).