

McGill **Artificial Intelligence** Society



# Lecture 4: Dimensionality Reduction

# Announcements

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## Research Talks

- ☉ Monday, February 18 (17:30-19:00) at Trottier 1030

## Assignment 4

- ☉ Message @Daoud on Slack if you have questions/clarifications.
- ☉ Learn How to PR on Github, if you don't know, please ask your buddy for help, no point in keeping it to yourself.

## Final Project Demo Format

- ☉ Application demo (eg. webapp / mobile) or poster presentation
- ☉ Feedback by tomorrow!

Last Lecture By Me! Second Half of the Course Taught by Isaac Chan



# Today's Lesson Plan

A Brief Note on Finding Good Features

Dimensionality Reduction Motivation

Deriving PCA

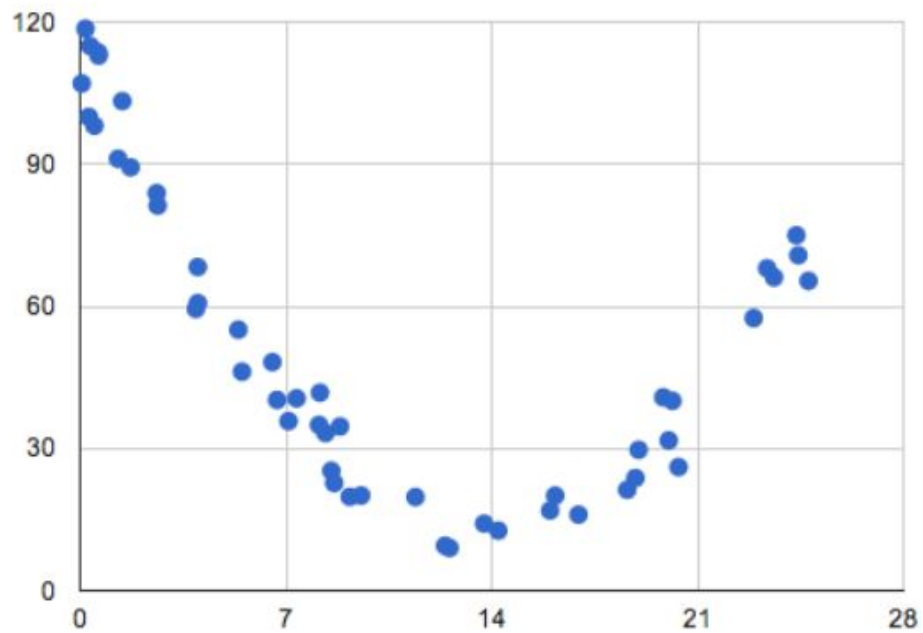
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# Motivation

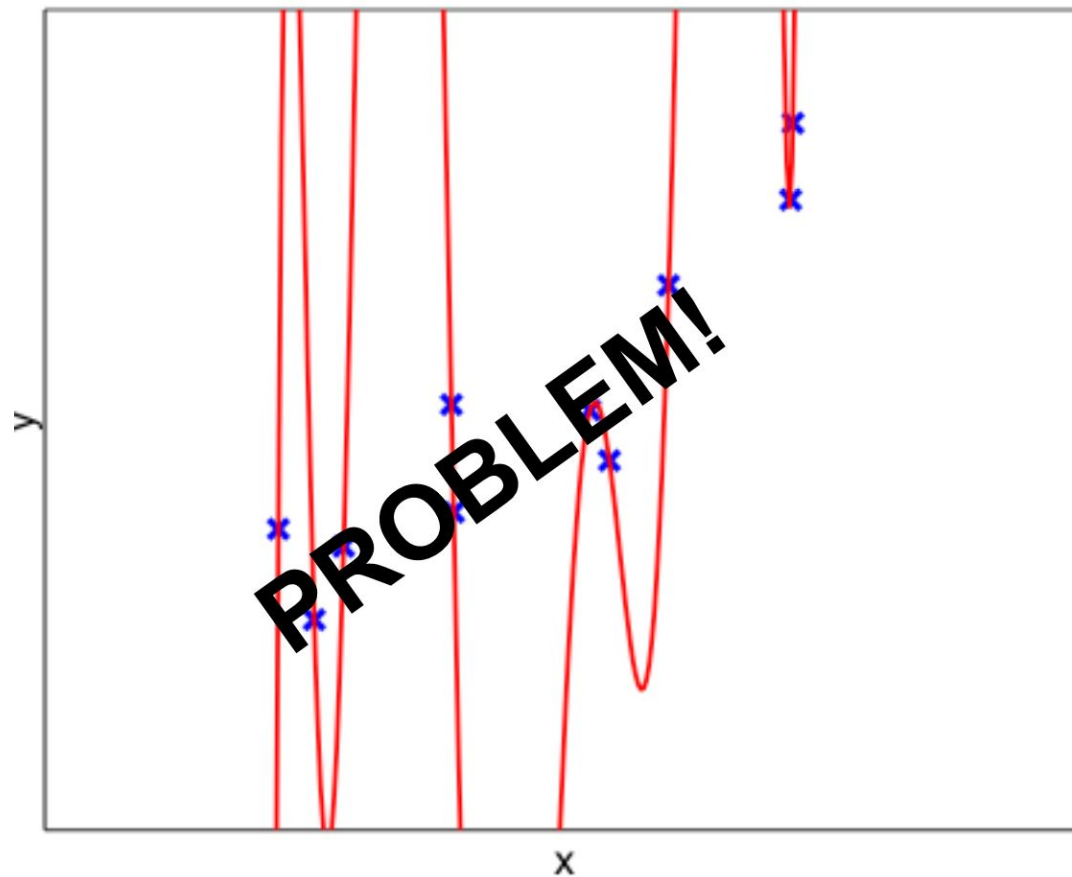


$$h(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$$

## Motivation - A Note on Polynomial Features

$$\phi \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ x_1 x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Motivation - Overfitting Due To Number of Features

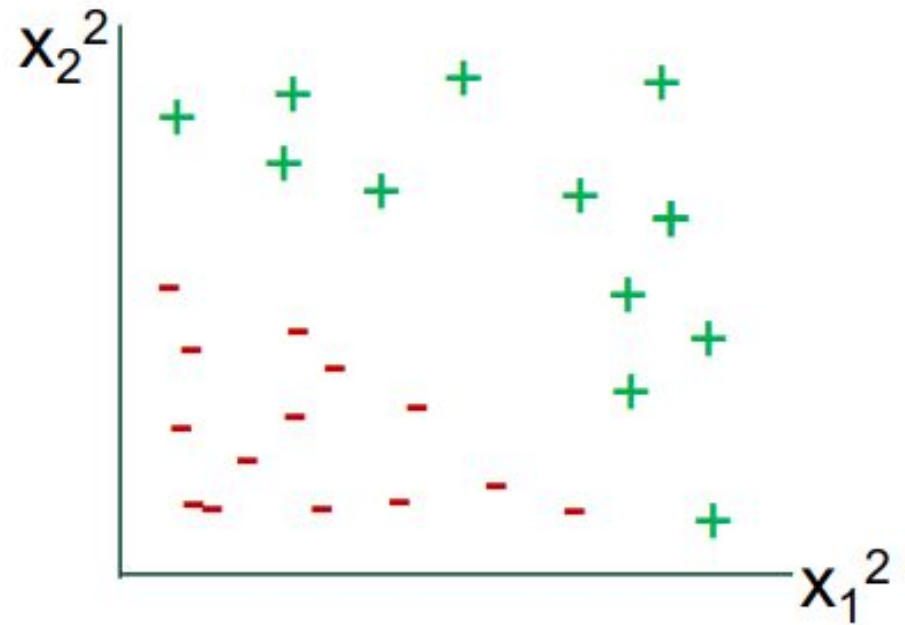
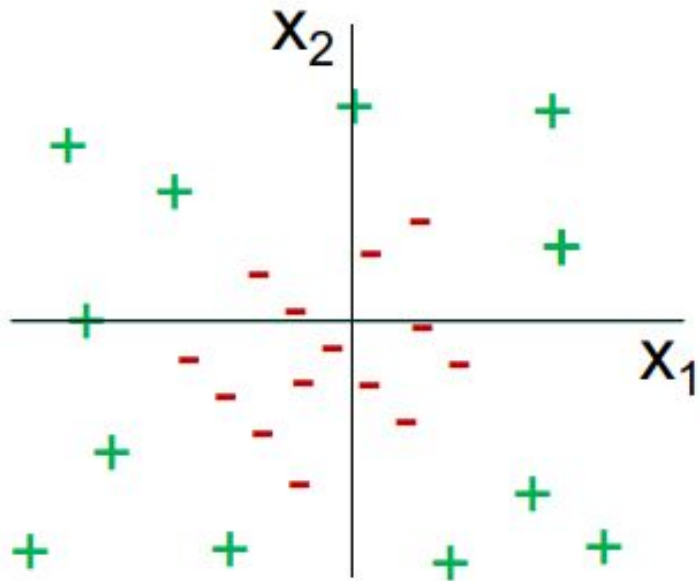


# Finding Good Non-Linear Expansions

- Prior Knowledge
- Periodic Behaviour (sine, cosine)
- Knowledge of Independent Features
  - Avoid augmenting data with cross-terms of these independent features
- Etc.

Sometimes, we can find good features by analyzing our dataset!

# Finding Good Features





# Features, so many of them...

- Images and Video Data
- Gene expression data
- NLP Tasks with very large vocabularies

# Dimensionality Reduction

Dimensionality reduction is an unsupervised machine learning task!

Given dataset  $X$  with  $m$  features, we wish to learn  $X'$  with  $m'$  features, where  $m' \ll m$

## PROS

- Reduces variance of the model
- Reduce model complexity and training time
- Find the most relevant features (or combinations of features)
- Data compression
- Better interpretability

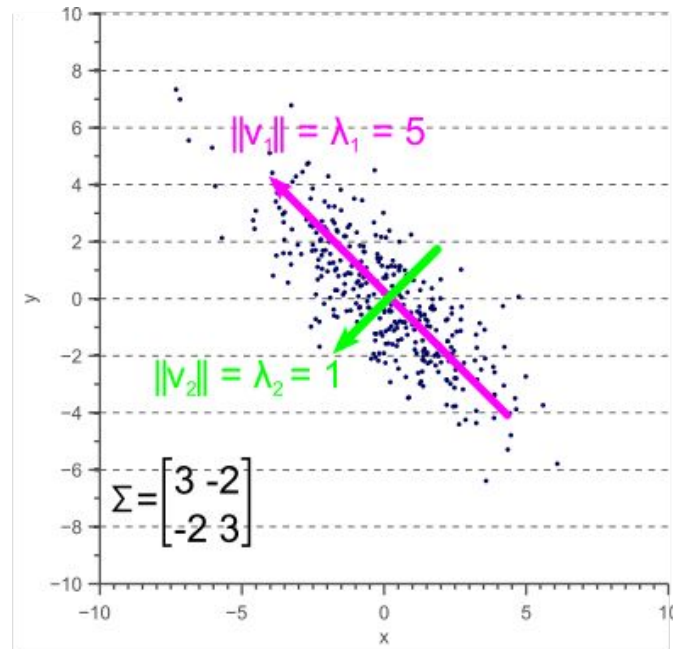
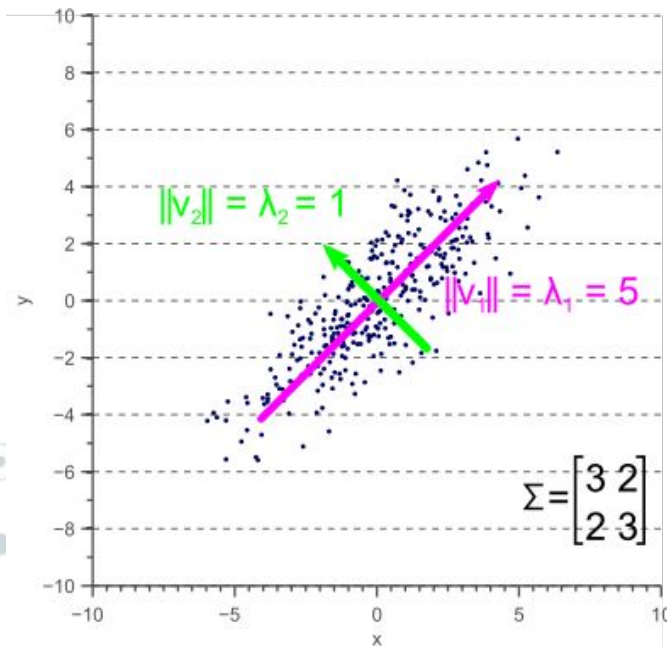
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$$Ax = \lambda x$$

How do we ensure the preservation of important information?

Criteria - Projection onto linear subspace must **maximize** variance!



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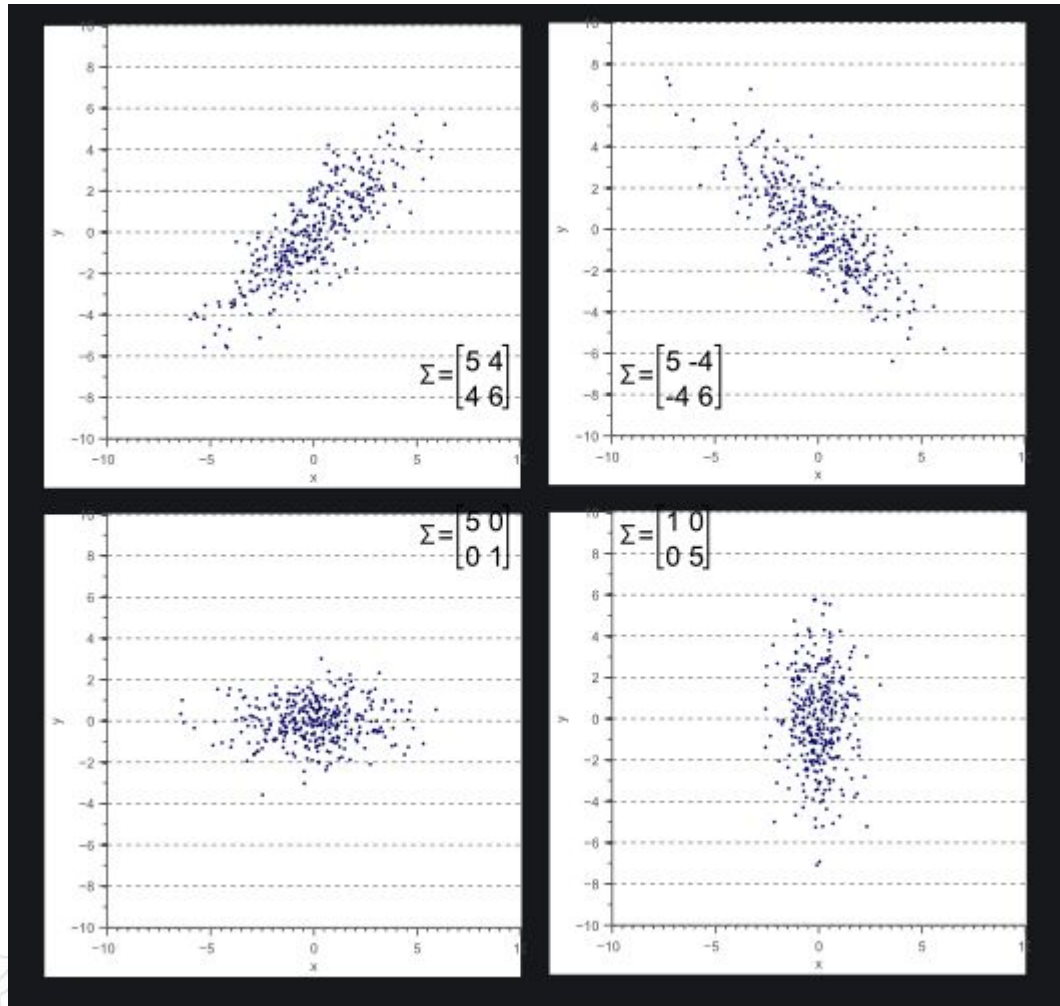
$$R^m \rightarrow R^{m'}$$

Given sample  $x_i \in R^m$ ,  $Wx_i \rightarrow R^{m'}$ , where  $W \in R^{m' \times m}$  (compression matrix)

Assume  $\exists$  decompression matrix  $U \in R^{m \times m'}$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{W,U} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - UWx_i\|^2$$

# PCA - The Covariance Matrix



$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(x, x) & \sigma(x, y) \\ \sigma(y, x) & \sigma(y, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Select the projection dimension  $m'$  using cross-validation
- Typically, we center the examples by subtracting the mean

$$\bar{X} = X - \mu(X)$$

## Numerical Example

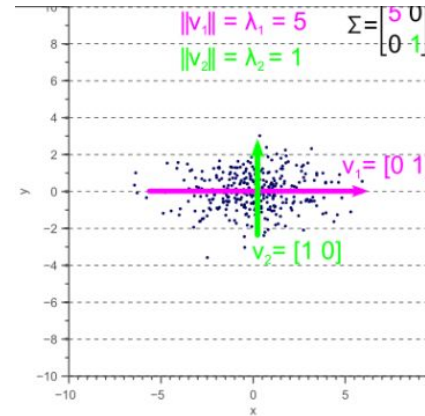
$$X = \begin{matrix} & x_1 & x_2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} & , \mu(X) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} & \bar{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

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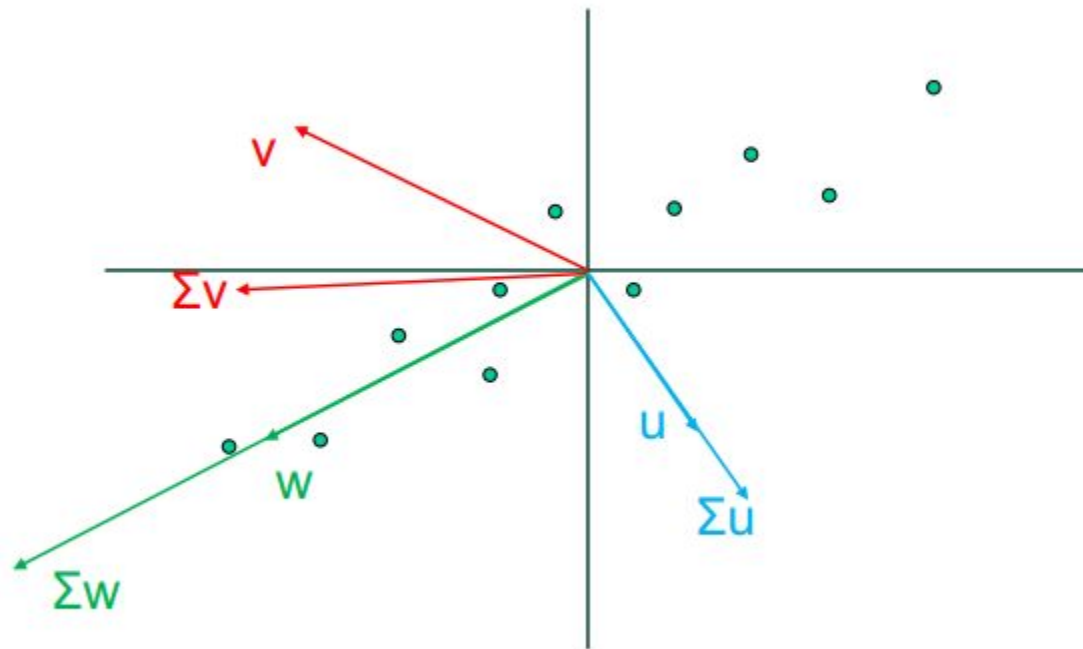
**Closed form solution:** W matrix composed of the m' eigenvectors corresponding to the largest eigenvalues of the covariance matrix of X

Then, we compute the covariance matrix (this formula only holds because we subtracted the mean from X):

$$\Sigma = \bar{X}^T \bar{X}$$

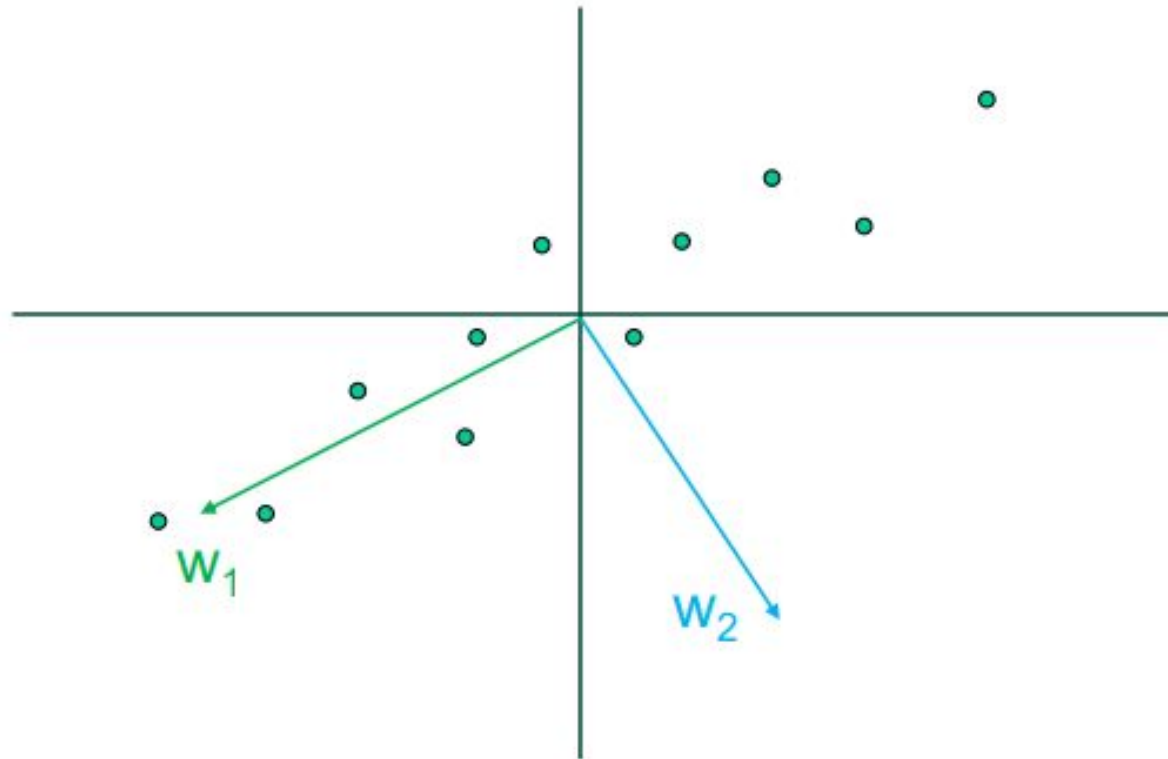


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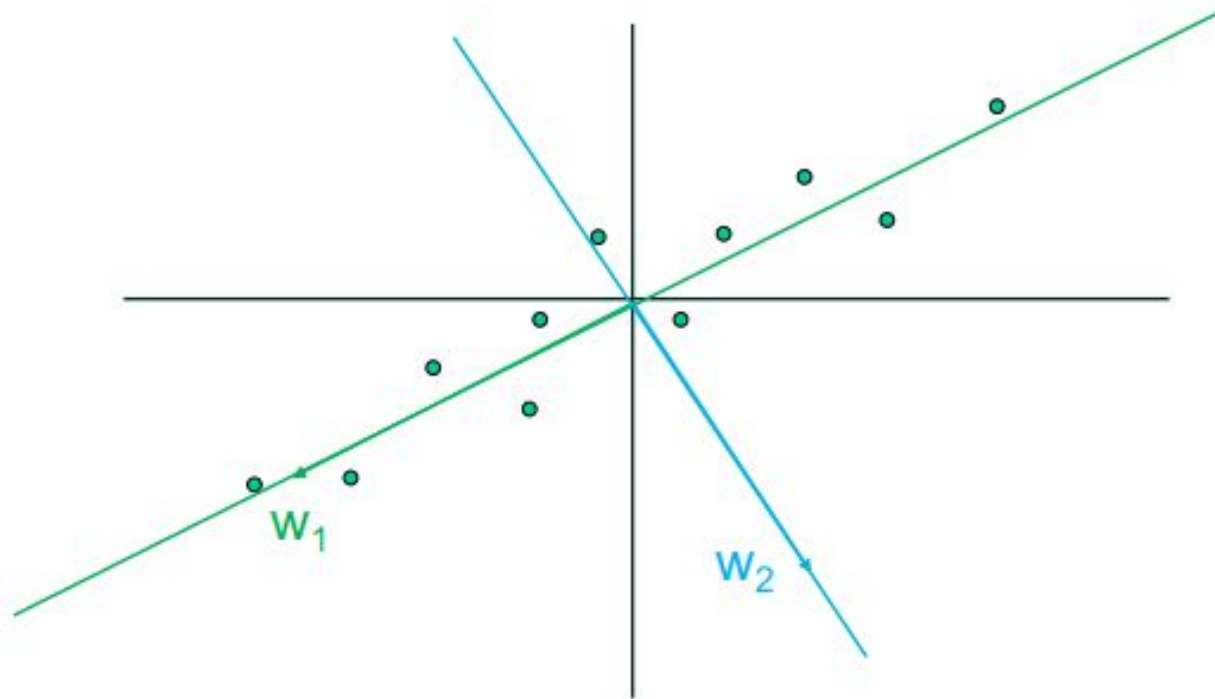
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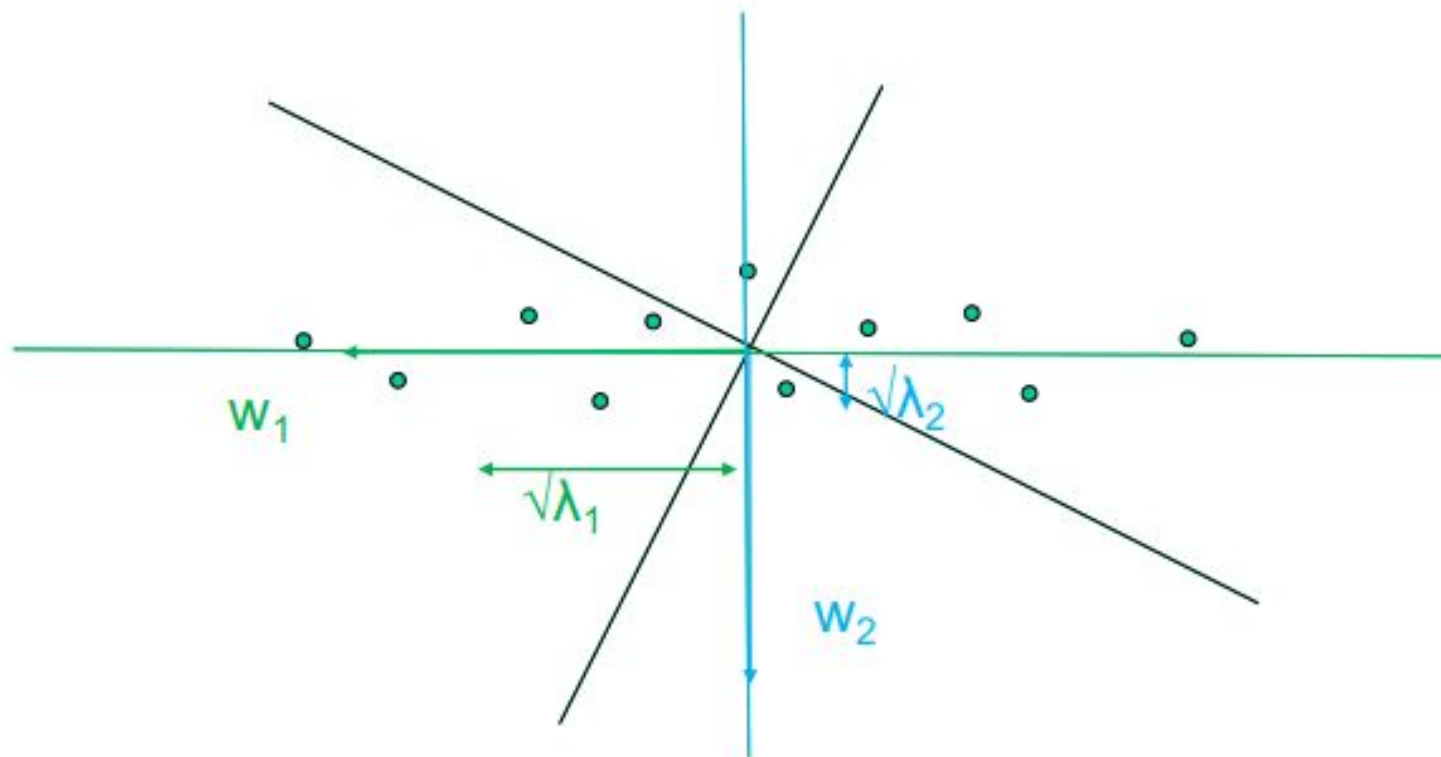
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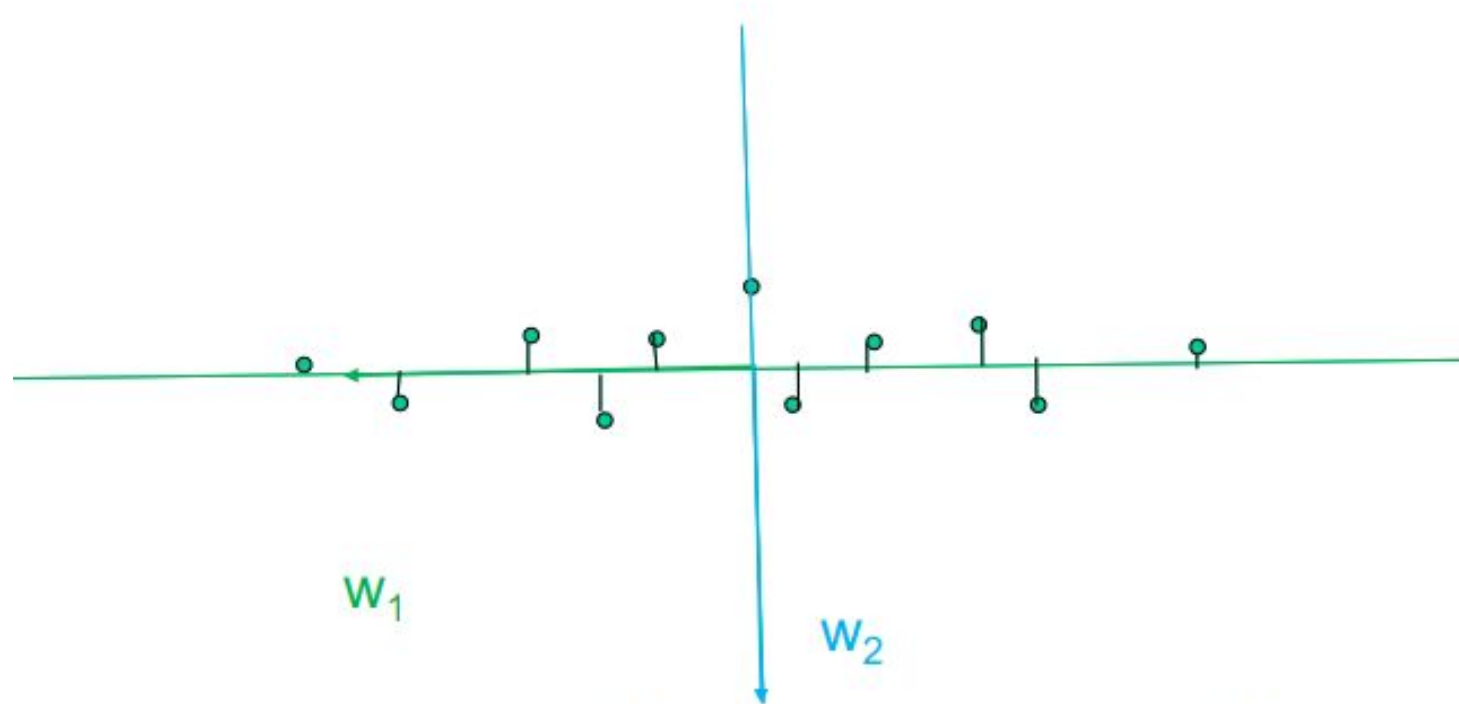
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Now it is easy to specify most relevant dimension:  
Reduce the dimensionality 1d  
Found dimension is a combination of  $x_1$  &  $x_2$

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# Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



$W_1$

# PCA Summary

In summary, to compute  $m'$  principal components:

- Calculate matrix  $W$ , with matrix columns being the eigenvectors of covariance
- Take  $m'$  most relevant components (determined via cross-validation)



# PCA Demo

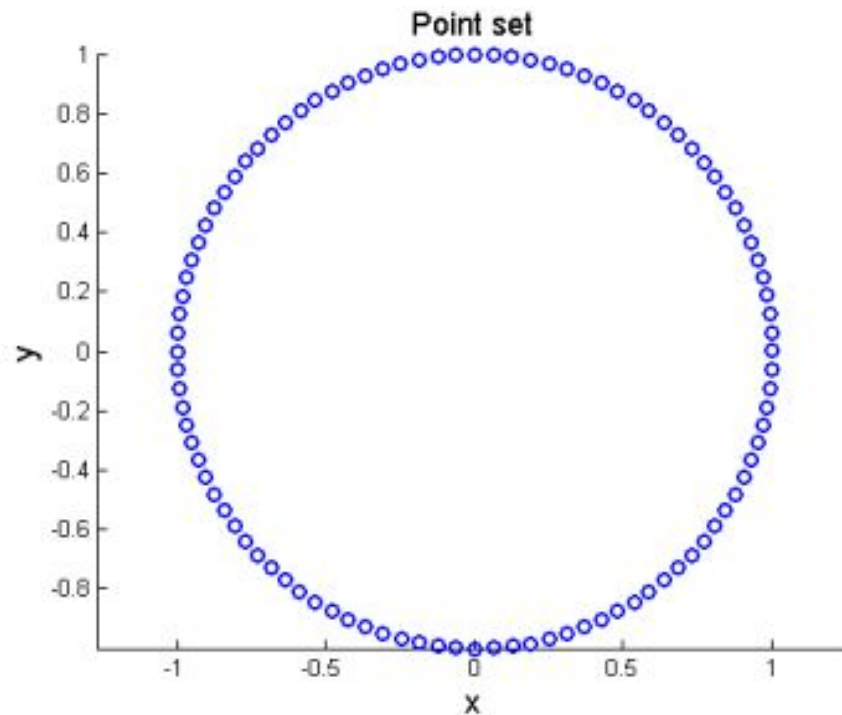




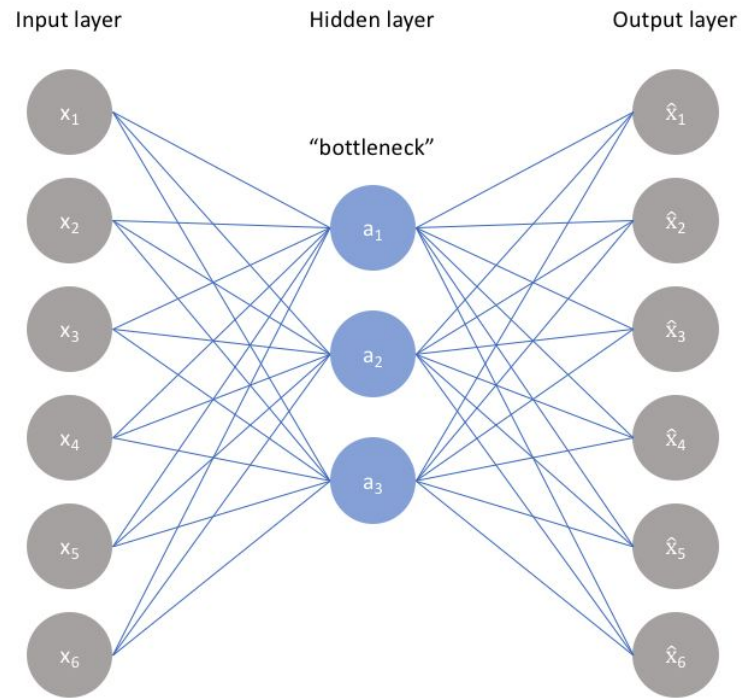
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# Motivation

What's the problem with applying PCA to this data (What assumption does PCA make when reducing dimensions?)



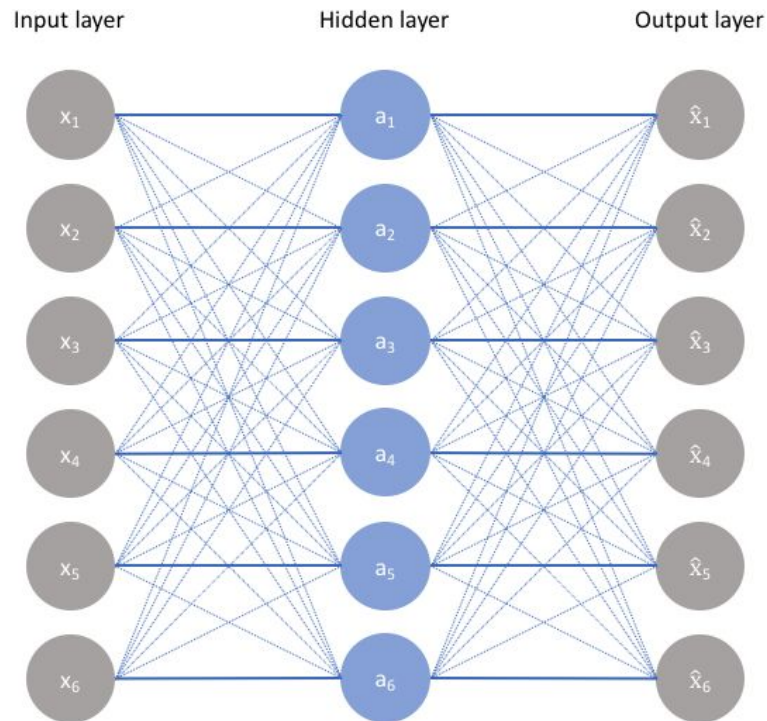
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- Learning data features for future tasks
- Useful as extra data for supervised tasks
- Learned features can be used for clustering, visualization

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$$L(x, \hat{x})$$

Continuous inputs: Squared-error loss  
Binary inputs: Cross-entropy loss (log-loss)

# Autoencoders - Dealing with Sensitive Inputs

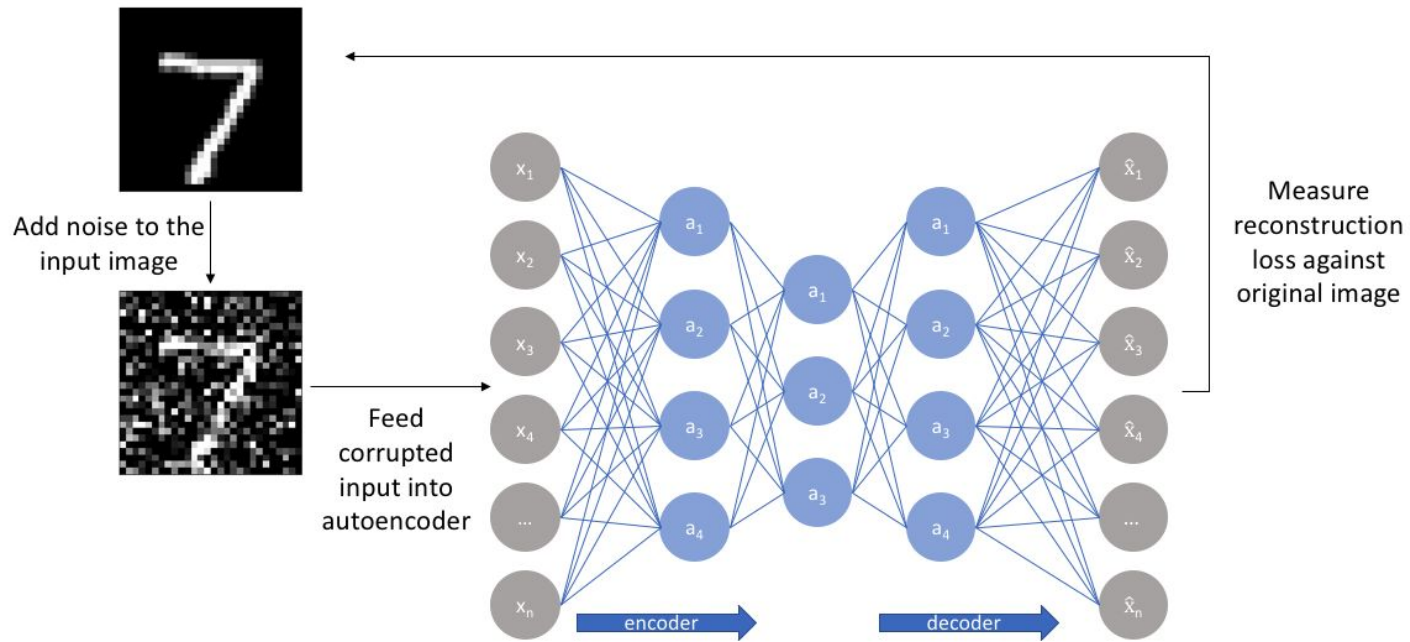
Goal: Accurately build a reconstruction, without simply memorizing or overfitting training data!

$$L(x, \hat{x}) + \text{regularization term}$$

Without regularization, we can only hope to prevent overfitting by limiting the number of nodes present in the hidden layer(s)!

E.g. L1 regularization, [sparse autoencoders](#), [contractive autoencoders](#)

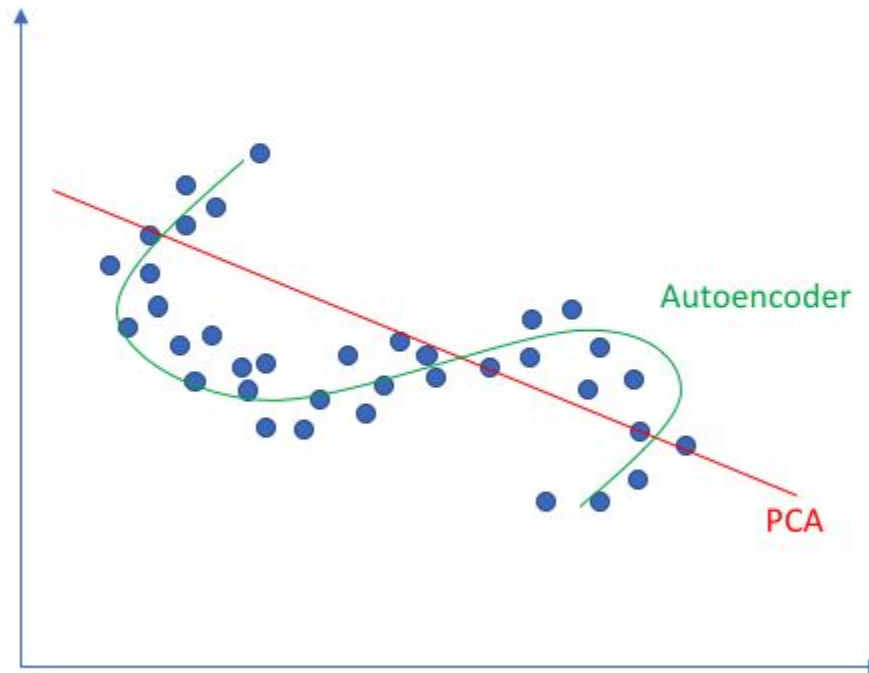
# Denoising Autoencoders



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# PCA vs Autoencoders

Linear vs nonlinear dimensionality reduction



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# Autoencoder Demo





# Thanks!

## Any questions?

Reminders:

Homework 3 Due Tomorrow,  
Homework 4 Due Before Next  
Lecture

