

Dimensionality reduction

General idea

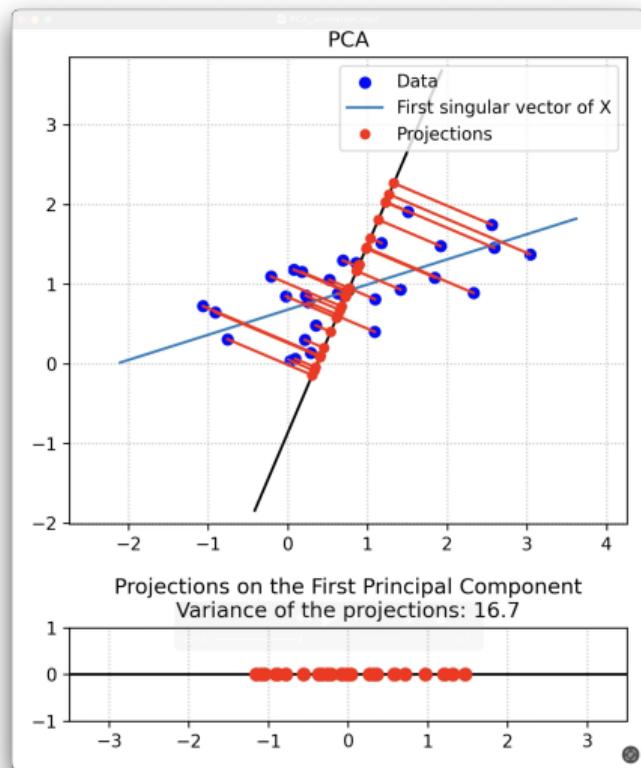
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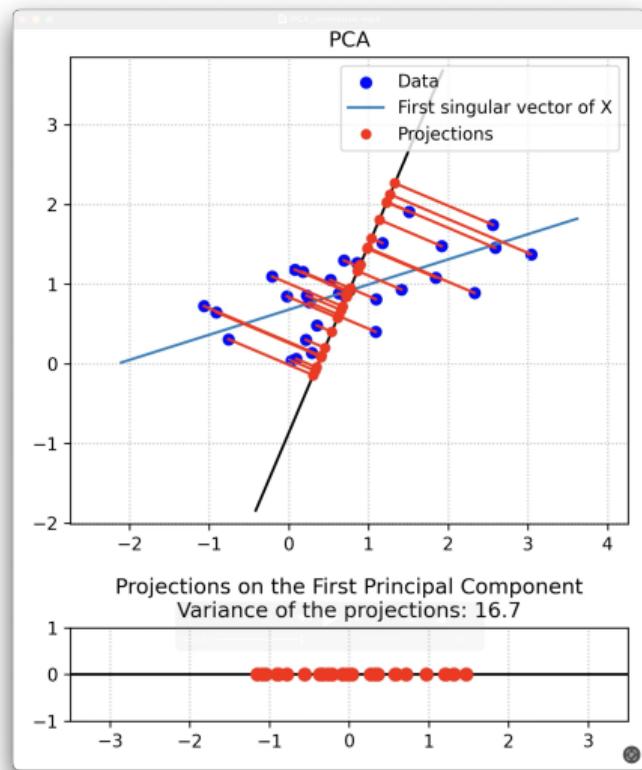


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It is known, that for the positive semidefinite matrix $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$ such vector is nothing else, but an eigenvector of $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$, which corresponds to the largest eigenvalue.

Algorithm derivation

So, we can conclude, that the following mapping:

$$\Pi_{n \times k} = A_{n \times d} \cdot W_{d \times k}$$

describes the projection of data onto the k principal components, where W contains first (by the size of eigenvalues) k eigenvectors of $A^\top A$.

Now we'll briefly derive how SVD decomposition could lead us to the PCA.

Firstly, we write down SVD decomposition of our matrix:

$$A = U \Sigma W^\top$$

and to its transpose:

$$\begin{aligned} A^\top &= (U \Sigma W^\top)^\top \\ &= (W^\top)^\top \Sigma^\top U^\top \\ &= W \Sigma^\top U^\top \\ &= W \Sigma U^\top \end{aligned}$$

Then, consider matrix AA^\top :

$$\begin{aligned} A^\top A &= (W \Sigma U^\top)(U \Sigma V^\top) \\ &= W \Sigma I \Sigma W^\top \\ &= W \Sigma \Sigma W^\top \\ &= W \Sigma^2 W^\top \end{aligned}$$

Which corresponds to the eigendecomposition of matrix $A^\top A$, where W stands for the matrix of eigenvectors of $A^\top A$, while Σ^2 contains eigenvalues of $A^\top A$.

At the end:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= A \cdot W = \\ &= U \Sigma W^\top W = U \Sigma \end{aligned}$$

The latter formula provide us with easy way to compute PCA via SVD with any number of principal components:

$$\Pi_r = U_r \Sigma_r$$

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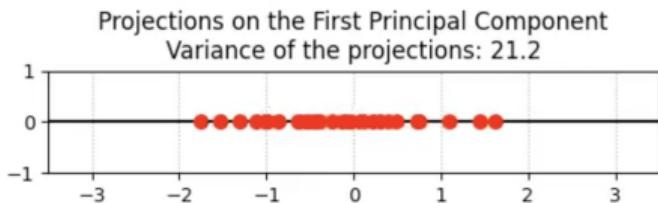


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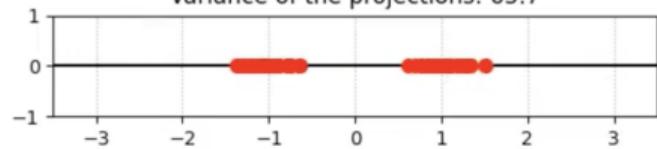


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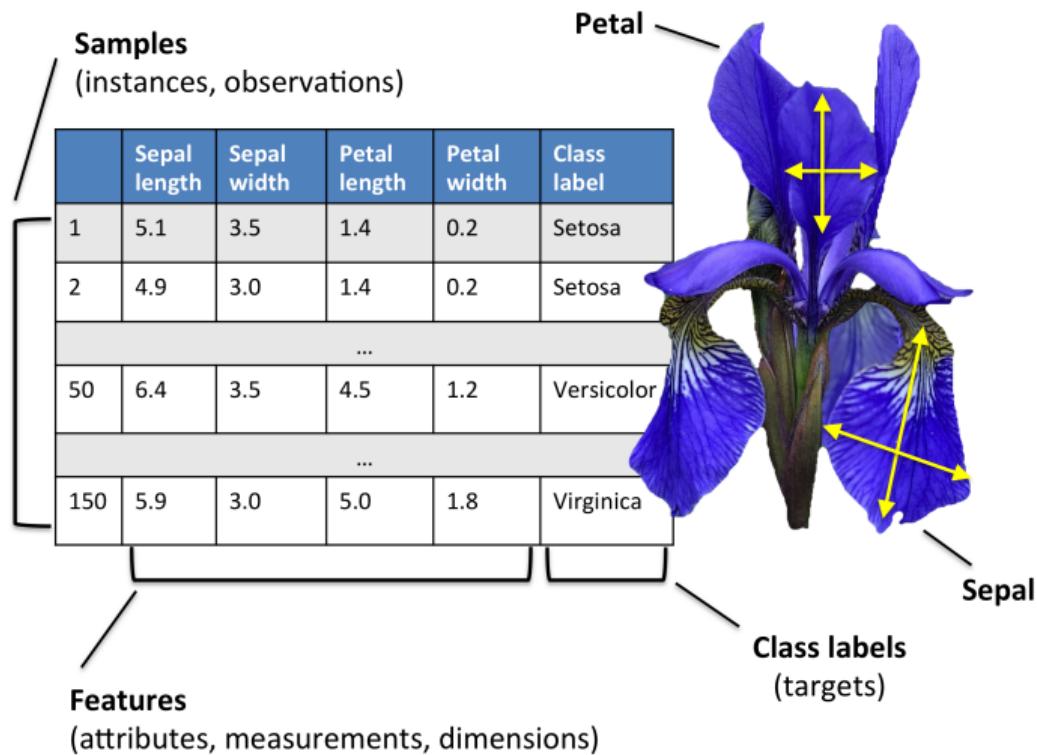
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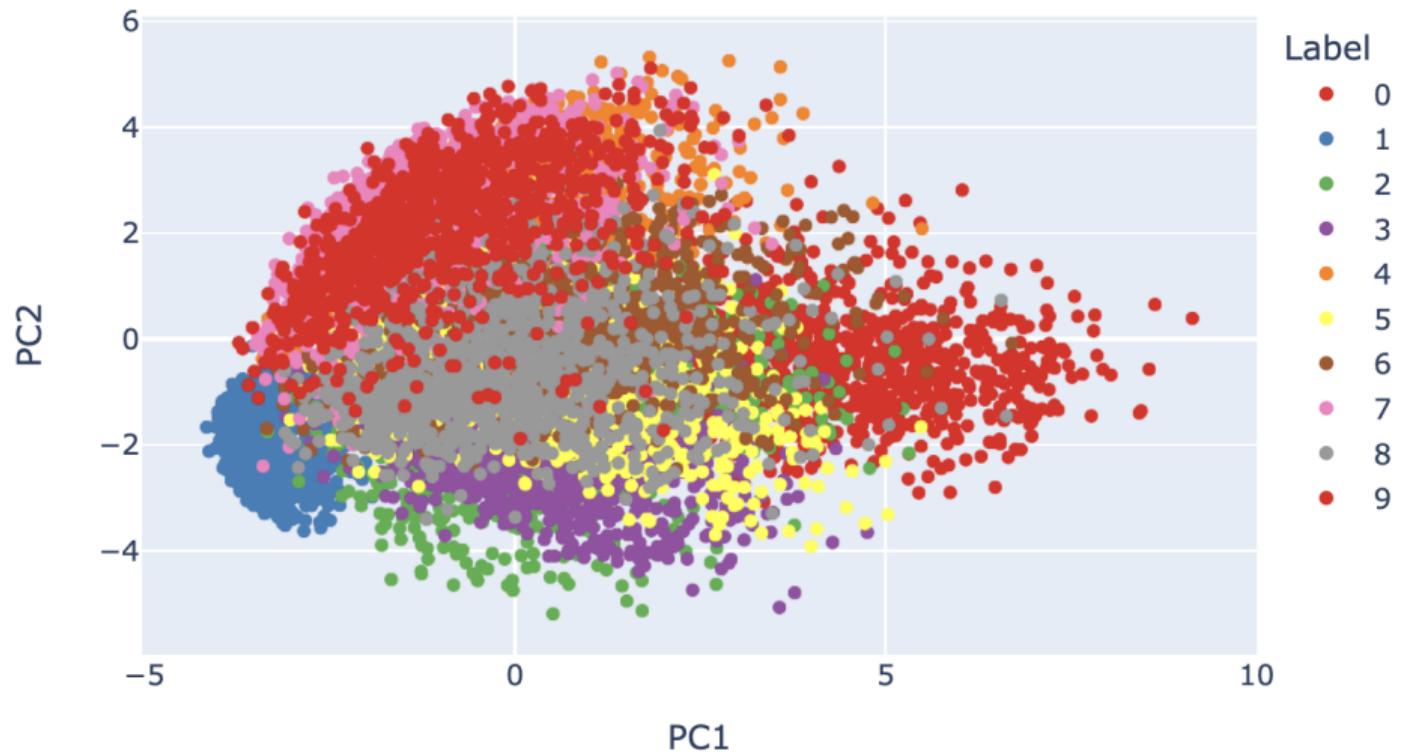


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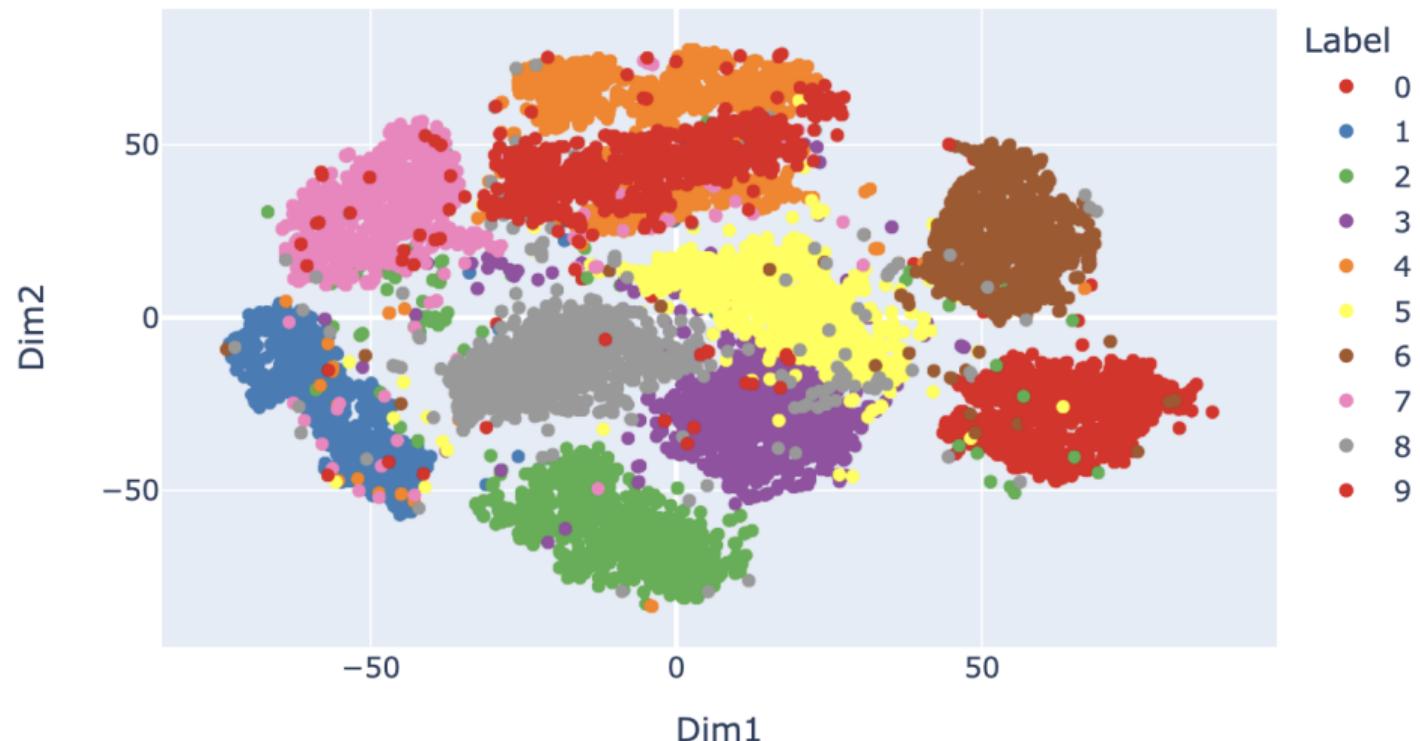
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