



# 机器学习与人工智能 Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence

Lecture 7 PCA

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# Principal Component Analysis



# High Dimension Data

- High resolution images (millions of pixels)



# High Dimension Data

- Customer purchase data



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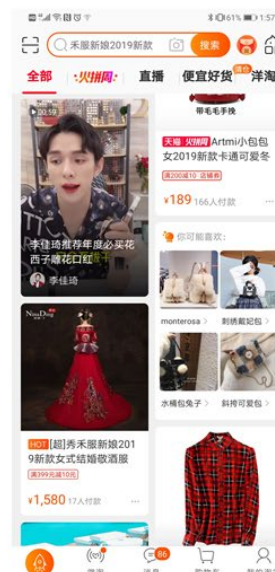
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# Useful for

- Visualization
- More efficient use of resources  
(e.g., time, memory, communication)
- Statistical: fewer dimensions → better generalization
- Noise removal (improving data quality)
- Further processing by ML algorithms

# PCA Overview

- PCA is a technique that can simplify data
- It is a linear transformation that chooses a new coordinate system for the data set such that
  - greatest variance by any projection of the data set comes to lie on the first axis (then called the first principal component)
  - the second greatest variance on the second axis, and so on.

# Toy Example

Consider the following 3D data points

1	2	4	3	6	5
2	4	8	6	12	10
3	6	12	9	18	15

If each component is stored in a byte,  
we need  $18 = 3 \times 6$  bytes

# Toy Example

Consider the following 3D data points

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 1 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 2 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} = 4 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = 3 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

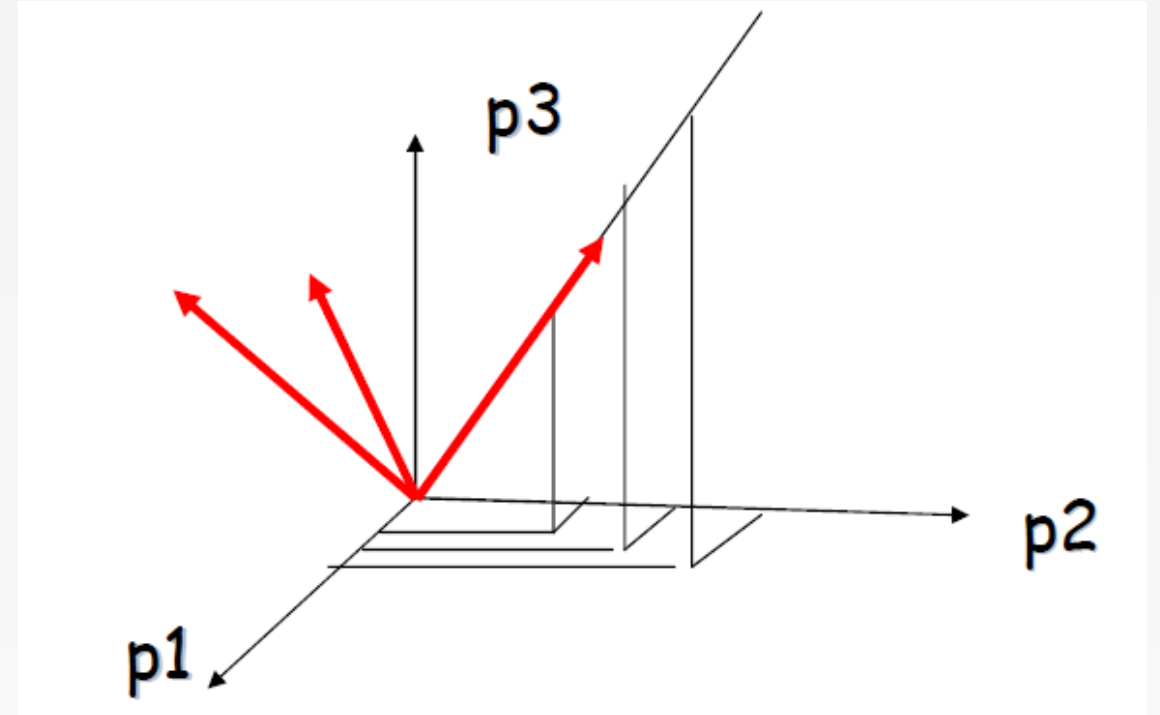
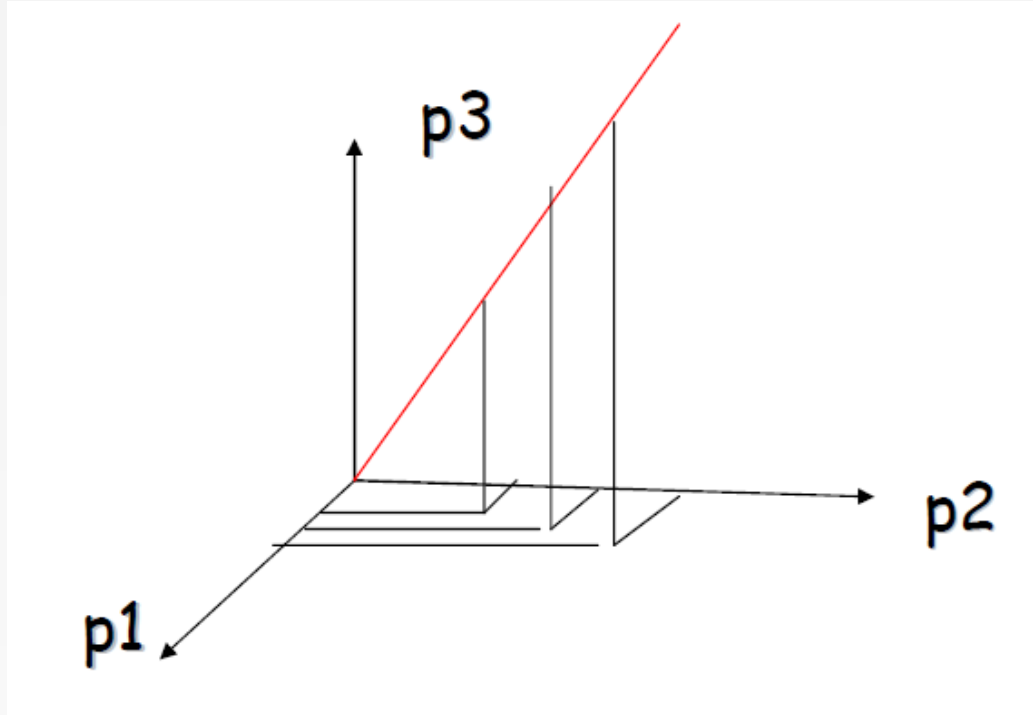
$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 12 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix} = 6 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix} = 5 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

They can be stored using only 9 bytes (50% savings!)



# Toy Example



# Principle Component Analysis

- Identifying the axes is known as Principal Components Analysis, and can be obtained by using classic matrix computation tools (Eigen or Singular Value Decomposition).

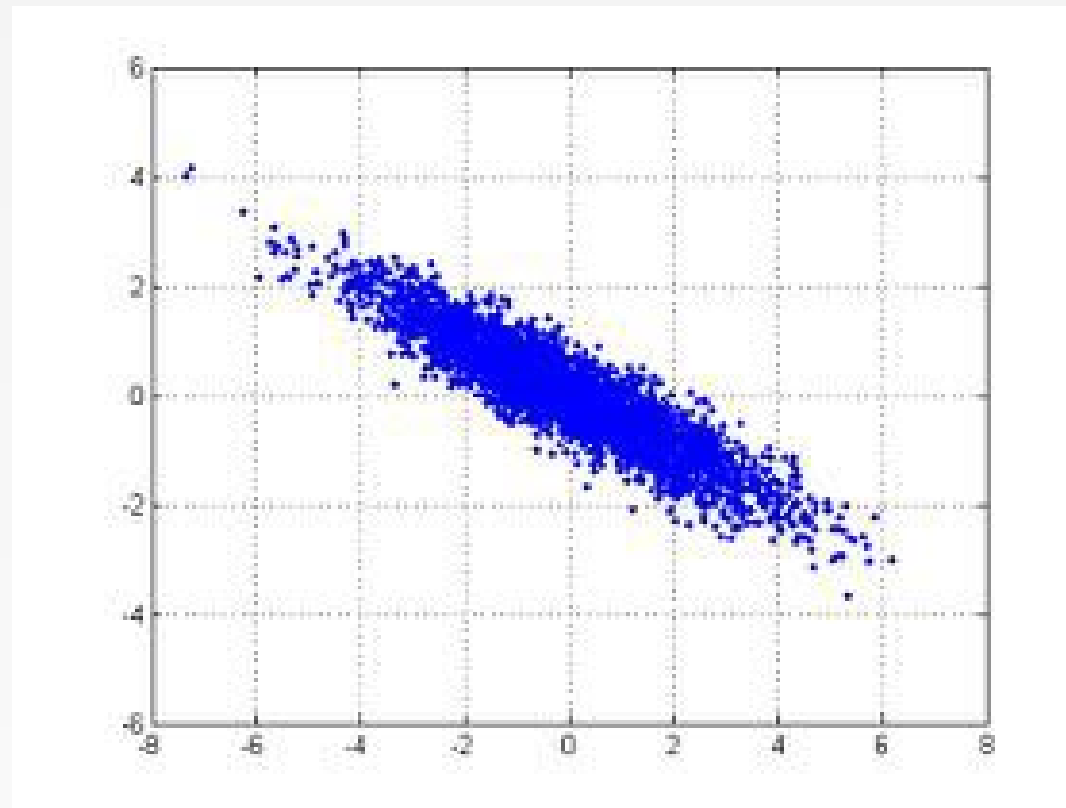
- Data for PCA:

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{x}^{(1)})^T \\ (\mathbf{x}^{(2)})^T \\ \vdots \\ (\mathbf{x}^{(N)})^T \end{bmatrix}$$

We assume the data is centered:  $\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}^{(i)} = \mathbf{0}$

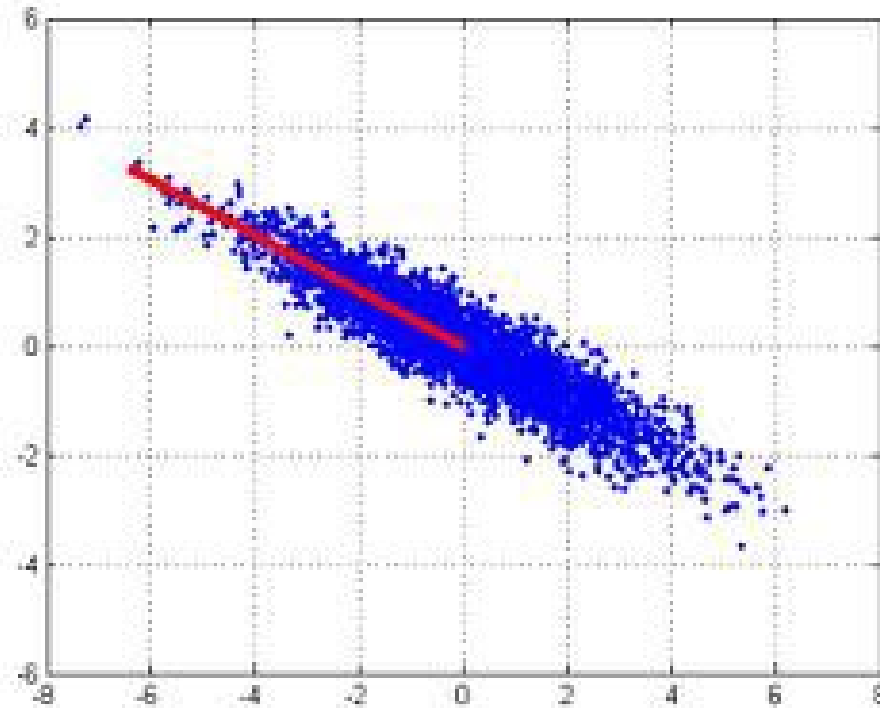
# 2D Gaussian Dataset

The original dataset:



# 2D Gaussian Dataset

First find the direction of maximum variance, labeled “Component 1”

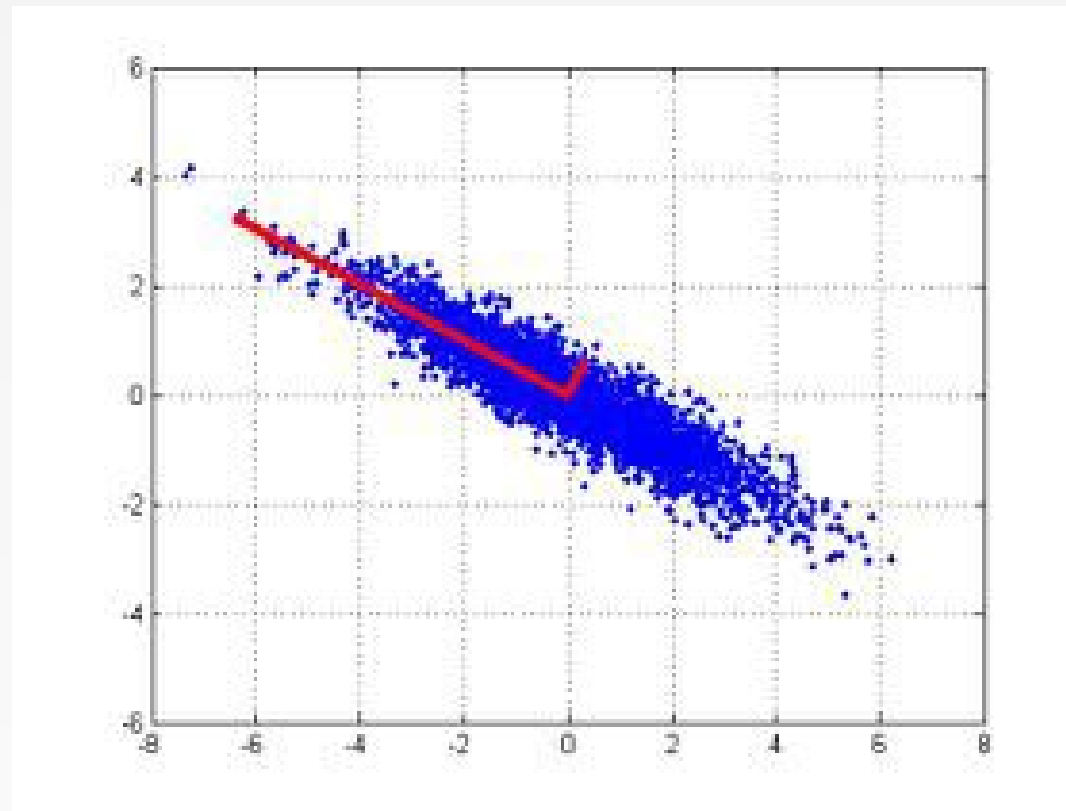


Along this direction:

- Features are most correlated with each other
- Contains the most of the information

# 2D Gaussian Dataset

Component 2: orthogonal to the first direction & maximized variance





# Sample Covariance matrix

- The sample covariance matrix is given by:

$$\Sigma_{jk} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( x_j^{(i)} - \mu_j \right) \left( x_k^{(i)} - \mu_k \right)$$

- Since the data matrix is centered, we rewrite as:

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$$

# Definition of PCA

- Given  $K$  vectors,  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_K$ , the projection of a vector  $x^{(i)}$  to a lower  $K$ -dimensional space is

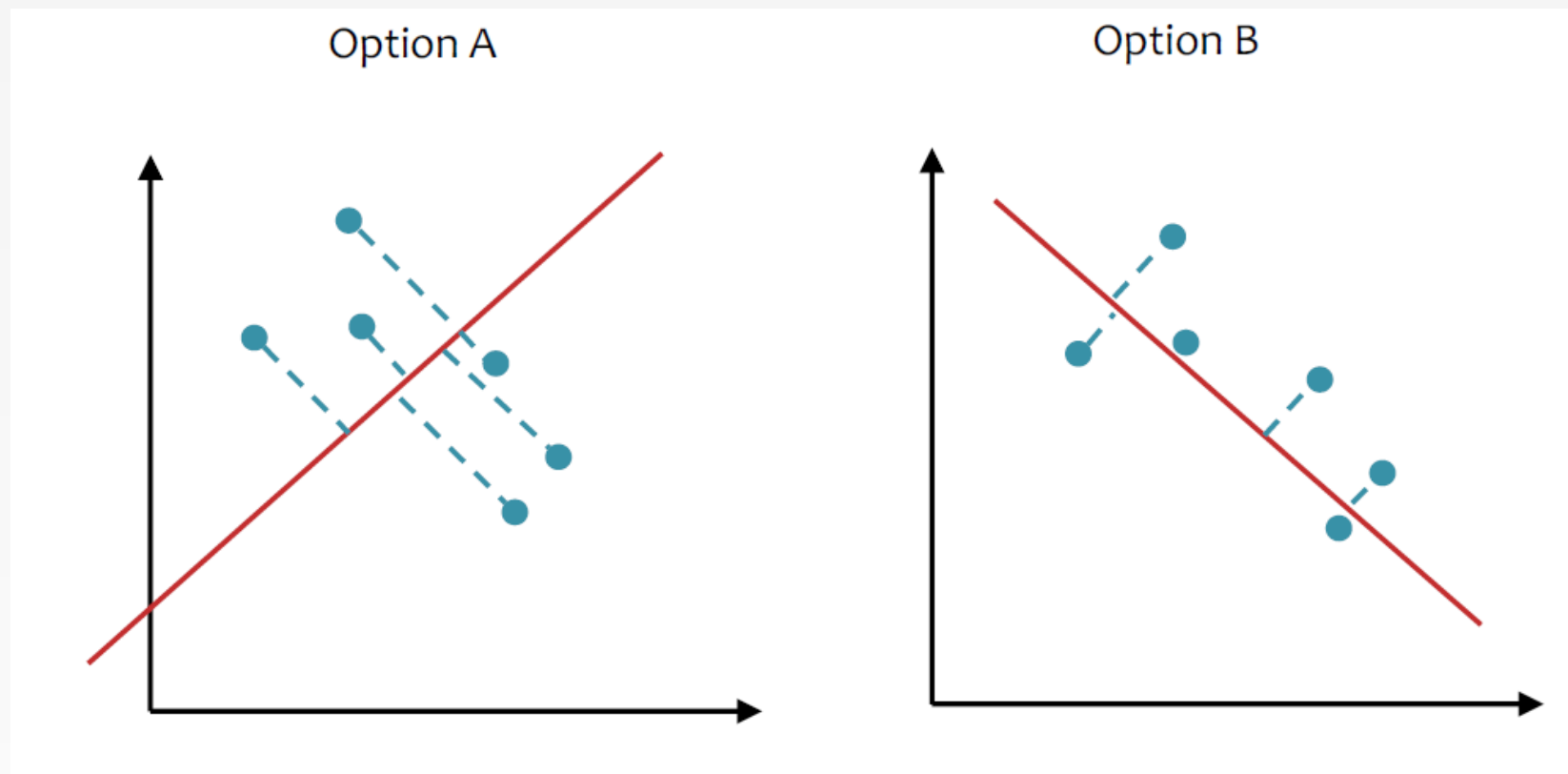
$$\vec{u}^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1^T \vec{x}^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_K^T \vec{x}^{(i)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Def: PCA repeatedly chooses a next  $\vec{v}_j$  that minimize the reconstruction error, s.t.,  $\vec{v}_j$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{j-1}$

# PCA: Maximize the Variance

Quiz: Consider the two projections below

1. Which maximizes the variance?
2. Which minimizes the reconstruction error?



# Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- For a square matrix  $A$  ( $n \times n$ ), the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  ( $n \times 1$ ) is an eigenvector iff there exists eigenvalue  $\lambda$  (scalar) such that

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

- **Theorem 1:** The vector that maximizes the variance is the eigenvector of  $\Sigma$  with largest eigenvalue
- **Theorem 2:** The eigenvector of a symmetric matrix are orthogonal to each other
- **Fact 1:**  $\Sigma$  is a symmetric matrix

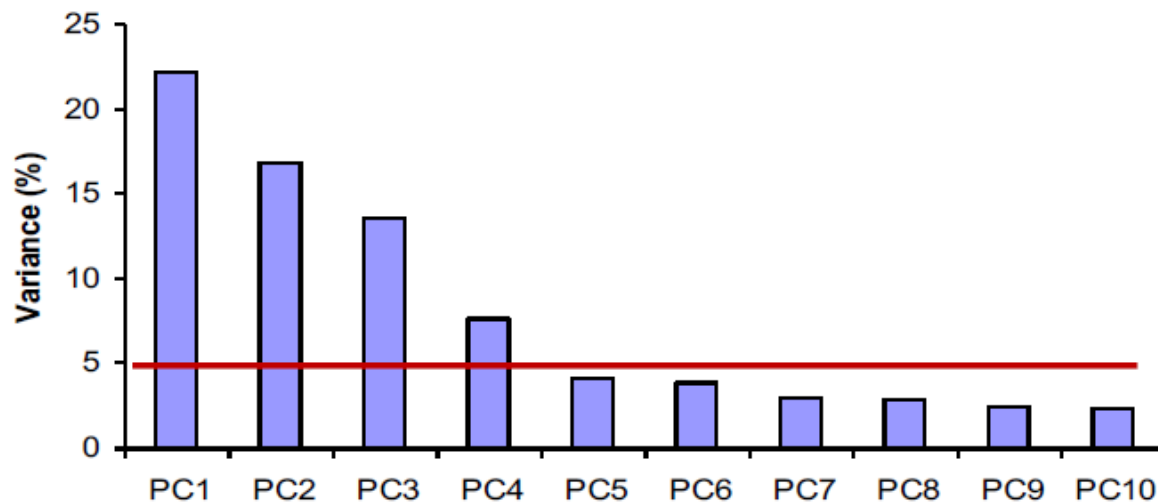
# Algorithms for PCA

- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)
  - Find all the principal components at once
  - Two options:
    - Option A: run SVD on  $X^T X$
    - Option B: run SVD on  $X$



# How Many PCs?

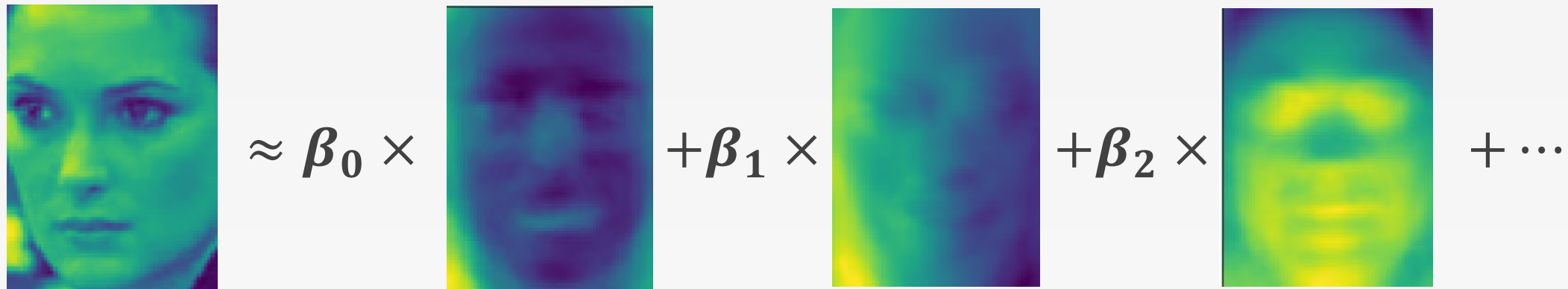
- For  $M$  original dimensions, sample covariance matrix is  $M \times M$ , and has up to  $M$  eigenvectors. So  $M$  PCs.
- Where does dimensionality reduction come from?  
Can ignore the components of lesser significance.



- You do lose some information, but if the eigenvalues are small, you don't lose much
  - $M$  dimensions in original data
  - calculate  $M$  eigenvectors and eigenvalues
  - choose only the first  $D$  eigenvectors, based on their eigenvalues
  - final data set has only  $D$  dimensions

# Example: Facial Recognition

# PCA Transformation


$$\approx \beta_0 \times \text{PC}_0 + \beta_1 \times \text{PC}_1 + \beta_2 \times \text{PC}_2 + \dots$$

$\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and so on are the coefficients of the principal components for this data point.