



STATISTICS AND BIG DATA '25-'26

PCA & CA in a nutshell

+ R Markdown bonus

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Section 1

R Markdown few concepts

What is R Markdown?



- **R Markdown** is a tool that combines R code with narrative text to create **dynamic documents, presentations, and reports**.
- It uses **Markdown syntax** for text formatting and allows the insertion of R code, which is executed when the document is compiled.



Why Use R Markdown? 🙌

- **Reproducibility:** Code and results are integrated into the document, making it easier to share and reproduce the analysis.
- **Flexibility:** Supports various output formats like HTML, PDF, Word, and presentations.
- **Efficiency:** Automates the data analysis and reporting process.



3 Components of an R Markdown File



```
---
```

```
title: "PCA in practice with R"
author: "Sophie Dabo"
output: html_document
---
```

YAML Header: Specifies the title, author, date, and output format.

```
# Unsupervised Learning
## Principal Components Analysis

We will use the following packages 'FactoMineR', 'factoextra', 'ISRL2'

### PCA using 'FactoMineR', 'factoextra'
```

Narrative Text: Written in Markdown to describe the analysis.

```
```{r include = FALSE, echo=FALSE}
#install.packages(c("FactoMineR", "factoextra"))
library("FactoMineR")
library("factoextra")
```
```

R Code Chunks: Called 'chunks', they contain executable R code.



Creating a Document



Open RStudio and select "File" > "New File" > "R Markdown".

Choose the output format and fill in the YAML header.

Write text and code in the appropriate blocks.

Compile the document to see the results i.e. click on KNIT

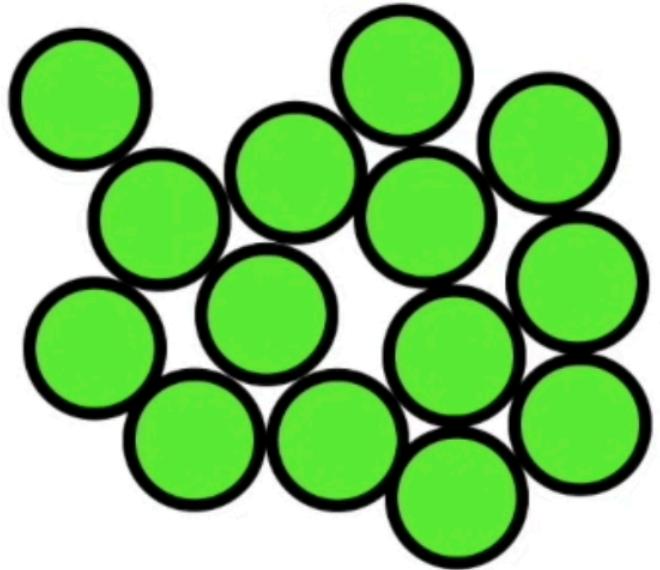
PSSS I have also written a very brief doc on BB for the last step



Section 2

PCA, veeeery brief

PCA!

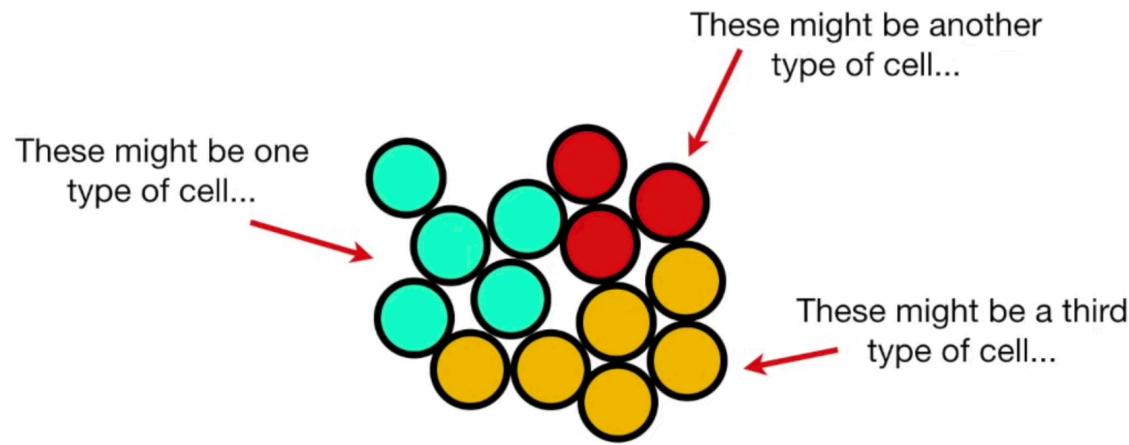


Let's say we had some
normal cells...

**let's throw some
data about cells!**



PCA!

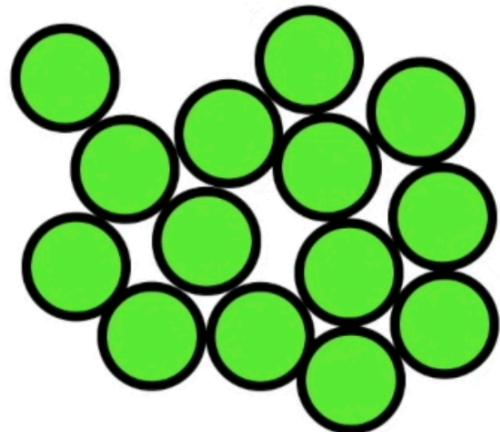


are there any differences?

mmhh they seems all clustered together



PCA!



Unfortunately, we can't observe the differences from the outside...

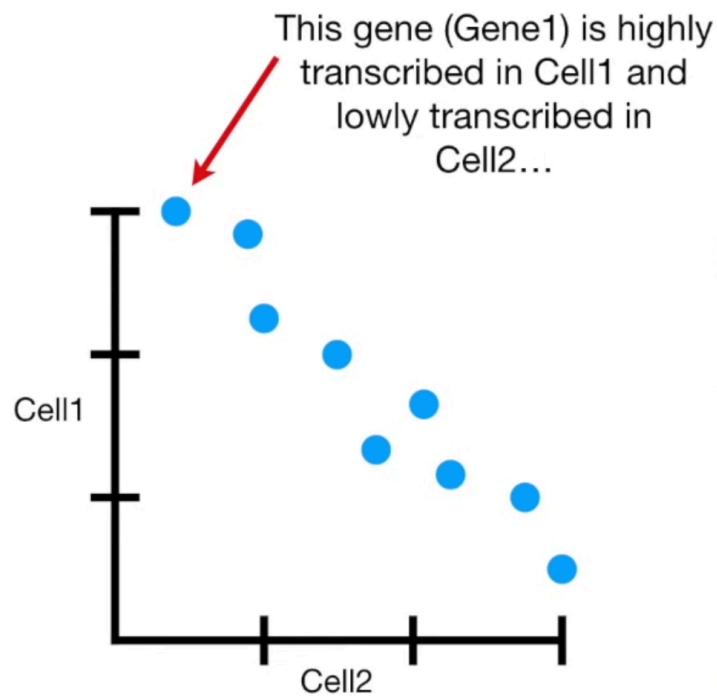
...so we sequence the mRNA in each cell to identify which genes are active. This tells us what the cell is doing.

Why not observing mRNA sequence

pssss. this is the technology behind COVID19 vaccine



PCA!



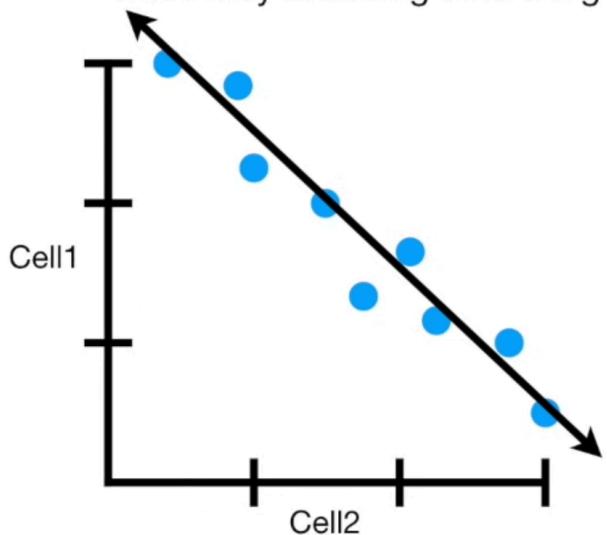
| | Cell1 | Cell2 |
|-------|-------|-------|
| Gene1 | 3 | 0.25 |
| Gene2 | 2.9 | 0.8 |
| Gene3 | 2.2 | 1 |
| Gene4 | 2 | 1.4 |
| Gene5 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| Gene6 | 1.5 | 2 |
| Gene7 | 1.1 | 2.2 |
| Gene8 | 1 | 2.7 |
| Gene9 | 0.4 | 3 |

plot cell1 vs cell2



PCA!

In general, Cell1 and Cell2 have an inverse correlation. This means that they are probably two different types of cells since they are using different genes.



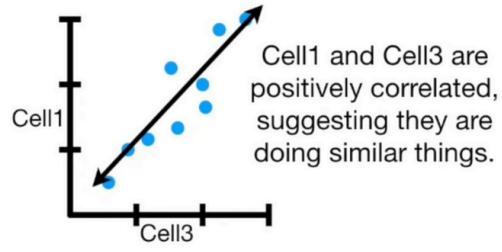
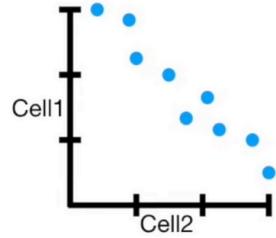
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How cell1 is related to cell2?

neg related



PCA!



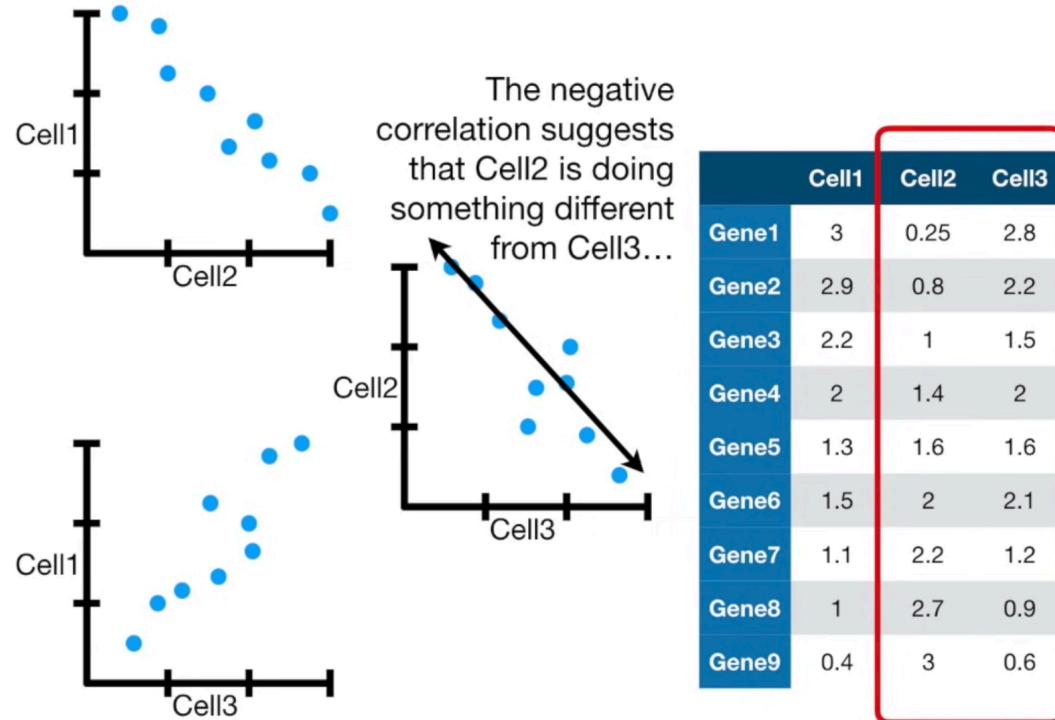
| | Cell1 | Cell2 | Cell3 |
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| Gene2 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 2.2 |
| Gene3 | 2.2 | 1 | 1.5 |
| Gene4 | 2 | 1.4 | 2 |
| Gene5 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Gene6 | 1.5 | 2 | 2.1 |
| Gene7 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.2 |
| Gene8 | 1 | 2.7 | 0.9 |
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cell1 vs cell3

pos related



PCA!



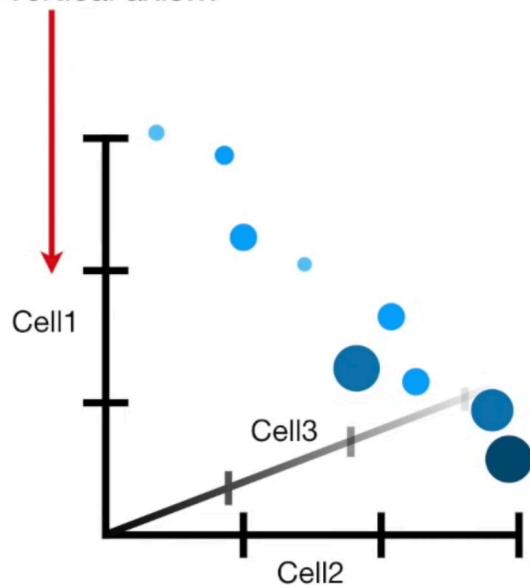
cell2 vs cell3

neg related



PCA!

Cell1 could be the vertical axis...



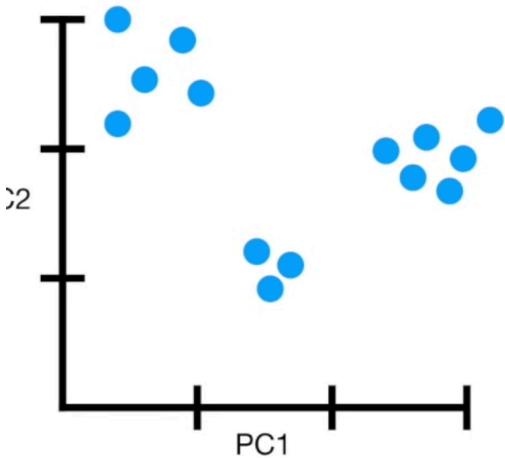
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3D plot with 3 cells



PCA!

A PCA plot converts the correlations (or lack there of) among all of the cells into a 2-D graph.



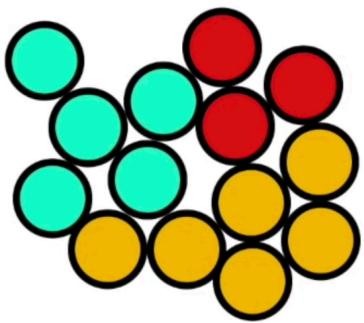
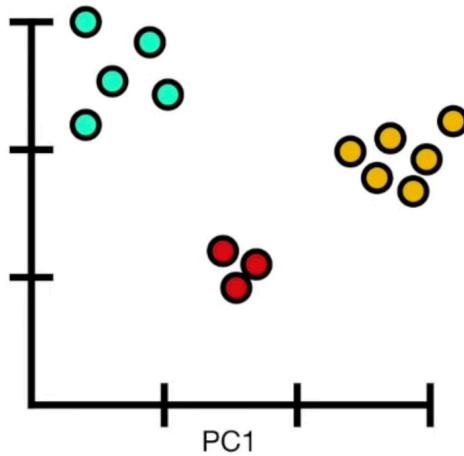
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| Gene3 | 2.2 | 1 | 1.5 | 3.2 | ... |
| Gene4 | 2 | 1.4 | 2 | 0.3 | ... |
| Gene5 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0 | ... |
| Gene6 | 1.5 | 2 | 2.1 | 3 | ... |
| Gene7 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 2.8 | ... |
| Gene8 | 1 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 0.3 | ... |
| Gene9 | 0.4 | 3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | ... |

PCA converts correlation into a 2D graph
(for 2 components)



PCA!

Once we've identified the clusters in the PC plot, we can go back to the original cells...



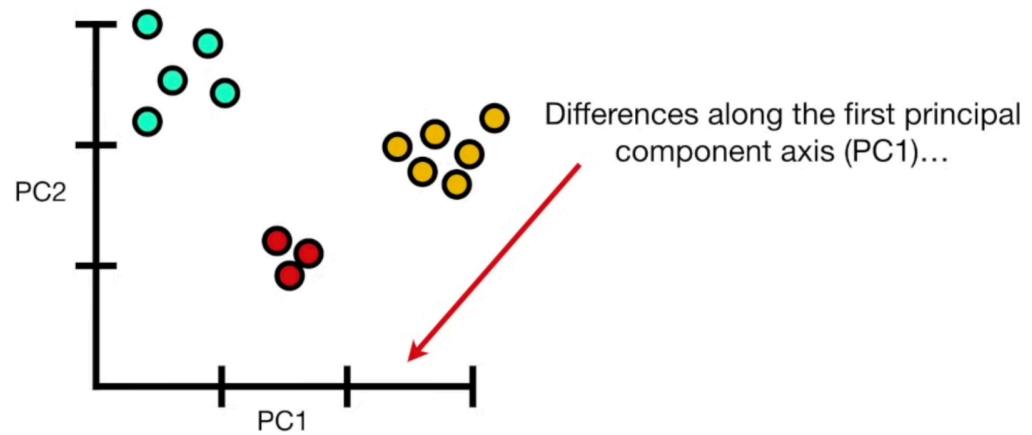
...and see that they represent 3 different types of cells doing 3 different things with their genes!!!!

now back to initial cells plot



PCA!

The axes are ranked in order of importance.

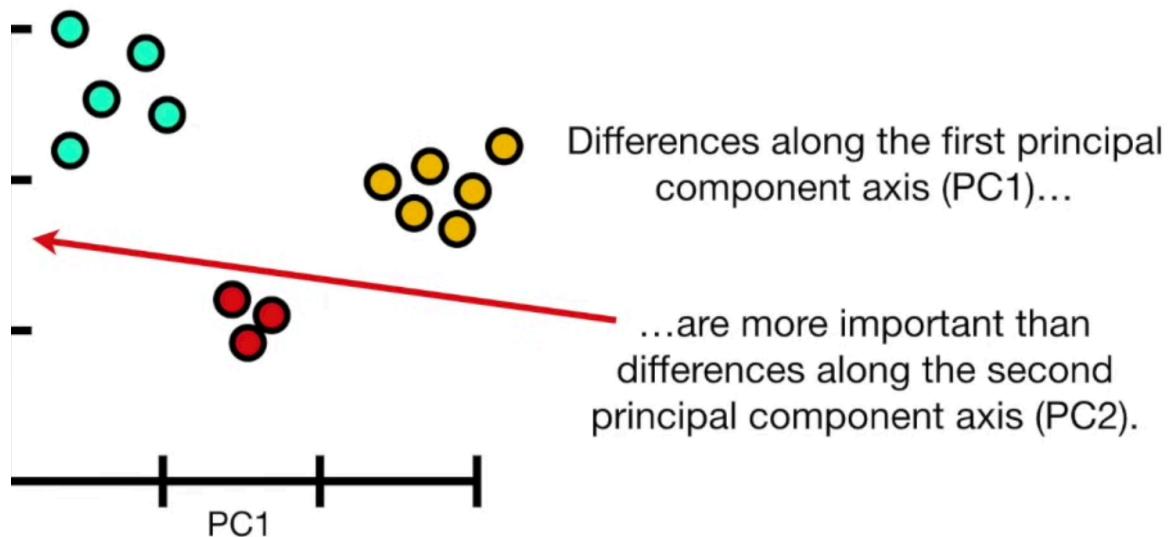


**now look at x (PC1)
axis**



PCA!

The axes are ranked in order of importance.



**now look at y (PC2)
axis**



Section 3

PCA in R

R code...

```
library(FactoMineR)

result <- PCA(data, scale.unit = TRUE, ncp = 5, graph = FALSE) # TRUE if you want to see plot results (we are going to use other functions to see that)
```



PCA results

R code...



```
library("factoextra")

fviz_pca_ind(pca_result,
             col.ind = "cos2", # Color by the quality of
representation
             gradient.cols = c("#00AFBB", "#E7B800",
"#FC4E07"),
             repel = TRUE # Avoid text overlapping (slow for
large datasets)
           )
```

Visualizing Individuals (Observations)



R code...

```
fviz_pca_var(pca_result,  
             col.var = "contrib", # Color by contribution to  
the PCA  
             gradient.cols = c("#00AFBB", "#E7B800", "#FC4E07")  
)|
```

visualising variables



R code...

```
pca_biplot(pca_result,  
            repel = TRUE, # Avoid text overlapping  
            col.ind = "cos2", # Color by the quality of  
            representation for individuals  
            col.var = "contrib" # Color by contribution to  
            PCA for variables  
            )
```

Creating a Biplot



R code...

```
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# Load packages
library(FactoMineR)
library(factoextra)

# Example dataset
data(iris)
iris_data <- iris[, -5] # Remove the species column

# Perform PCA
pca_res <- PCA(iris_data, scale.unit = TRUE, ncp = 4, graph =
FALSE)

# Scree plot
fviz_eig(pca_res)
```

scree plot



R code...

```
# Load packages
library(FactoMineR)
library(factoextra)

# Example dataset
data(iris)
iris_data <- iris[, -5]

# Perform PCA
pca_res <- PCA(iris_data, scale.unit = TRUE, ncp = 4, graph =
FALSE)

# Visualize results
fviz_pca_ind(pca_res)
fviz_pca_var(pca_res)
fviz_pca_biplot(pca_res)
```

working example



Section 1

Correspondant Analysis (CA)

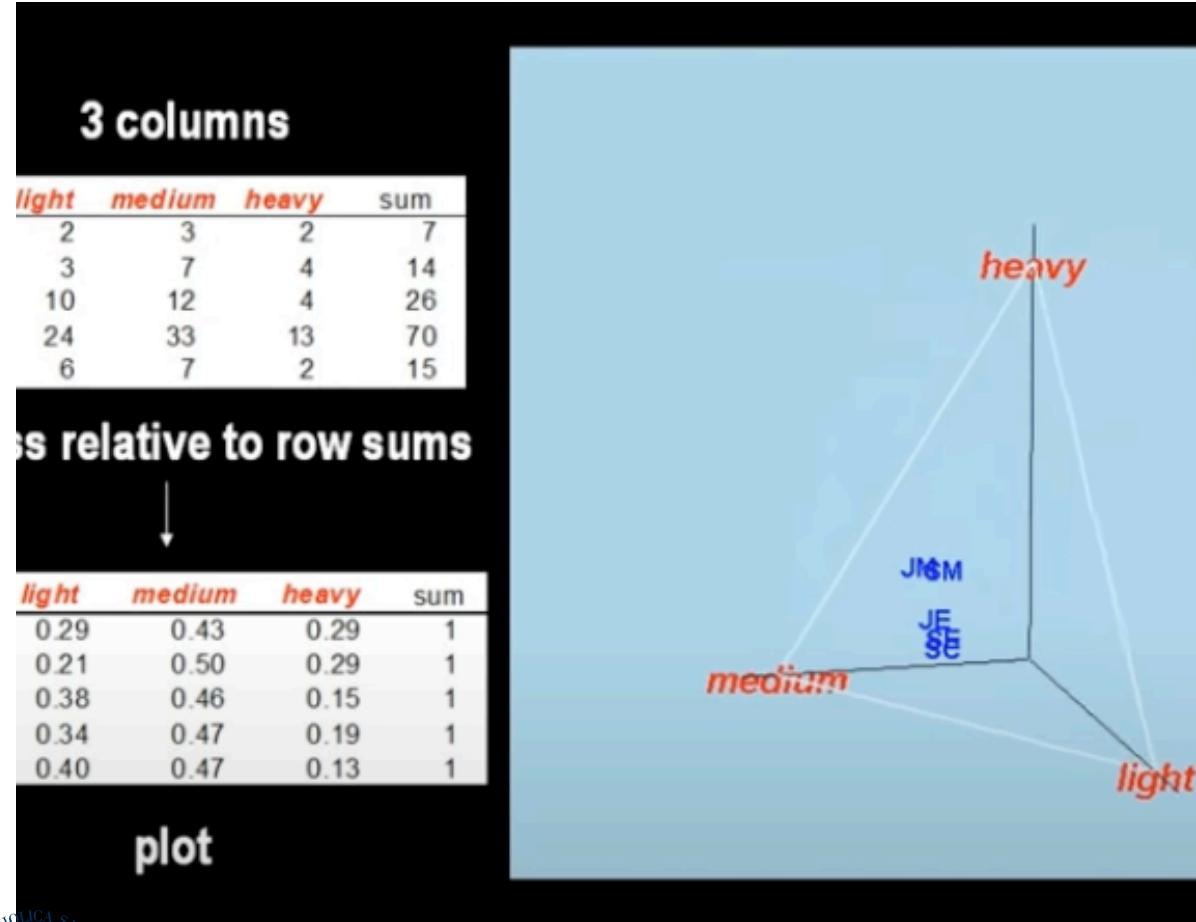
CA background

| staff
roup | | smoking class | | | |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | <i>none</i> | <i>light</i> | <i>medium</i> | <i>heavy</i> |
| er managers | SM | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| er managers | JM | 4 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| employees | SE | 25 | 10 | 12 | 4 |
| employees | JE | 18 | 24 | 33 | 13 |
| Secretaries | SC | 10 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| | sum | 61 | 45 | 62 | 25 |

Idea? compare thin



CA background



PCA results



Section 4

Live coding session!

JUMP TO RSTUDIO!

