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Dimensionality reduction

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Overview

- What is dimensionality reduction?
- Why reduce?
- A few flavors of dimensionality reduction:
 - PCA
 - tSNE
 - UMAP

Dimensionality reduction

- What is dimension?
- Define terms using data

Dimensionality reduction

Simple example data

	Mouse 1	Mouse 2	Mouse 3	Mouse 4	Mouse 5	Mouse 6
Gene 1	12	15	10	5	4	2
Gene 2	8	13	9	3	3	1

Dimensionality reduction

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2 genes

Dimensionality reduction

Simple example data

6 mice

	Mouse 1	Mouse 2	Mouse 3	Mouse 4	Mouse 5	Mouse 6
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Dimensionality reduction

Simple example data

6 mice → samples

	Mouse 1	Mouse 2	Mouse 3	Mouse 4	Mouse 5	Mouse 6
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2 genes → variables

Dimensionality reduction

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2 genes → variables

Other biological data

	Cell 1	Cell 2	Cell 3	Cell 4	Cell 5	Cell 6
Protein 1	20	15	18	50	45	43
Protein 2	15	13	14	37	35	38

Dimensionality reduction

Simple example data

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Non-omic data

	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3	Student 4	Student 5	Student 6
Math	90	85	80	65	60	68
Science	80	73	66	64	63	59

Dimensionality reduction

Simple example data

6 mice → samples

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2 genes → variables

How to visualise differences in samples?

Dimensionality reduction

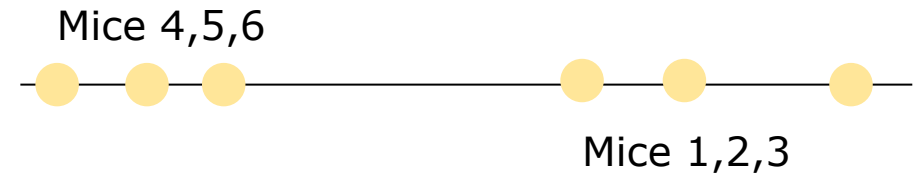
Simple example data

mice → samples

	Mouse 1	Mouse 2	Mouse 3	Mouse 4	Mouse 5	Mouse 6
Gene 1	12	15	10	5	4	2

genes → variables

Plot on number line



Dimensionality reduction

Simple example data

Plot on two dimensional xy axis

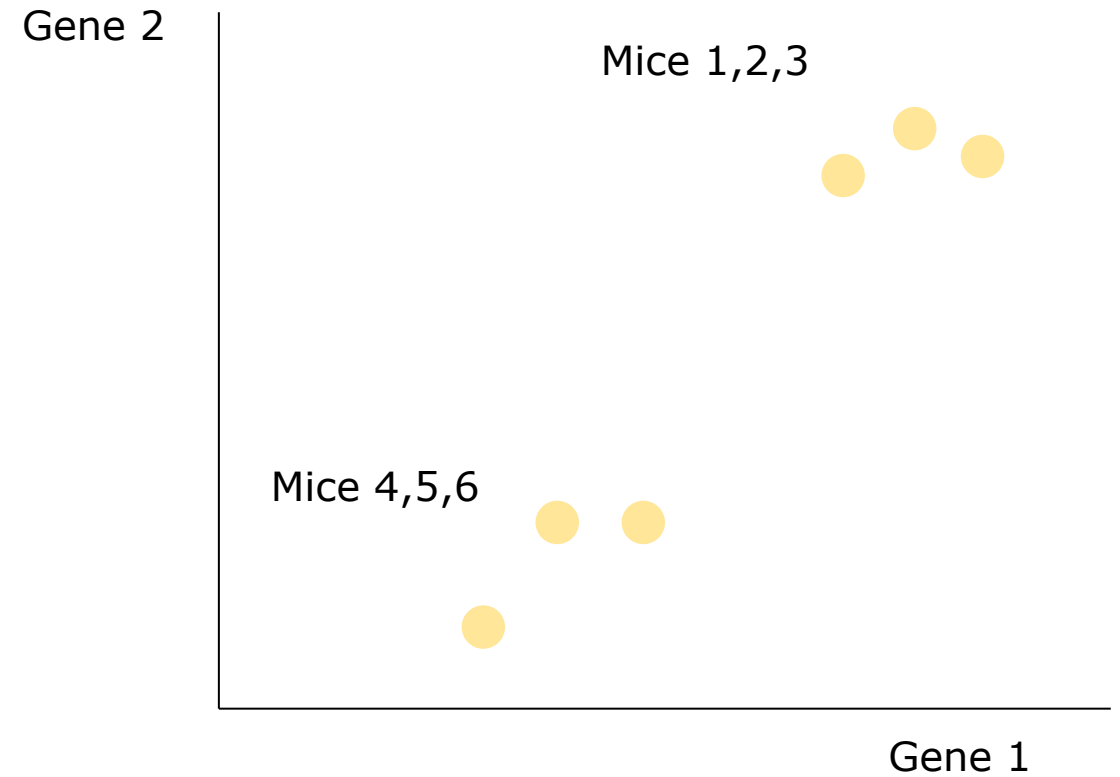
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Plot on two dimensional xy axis

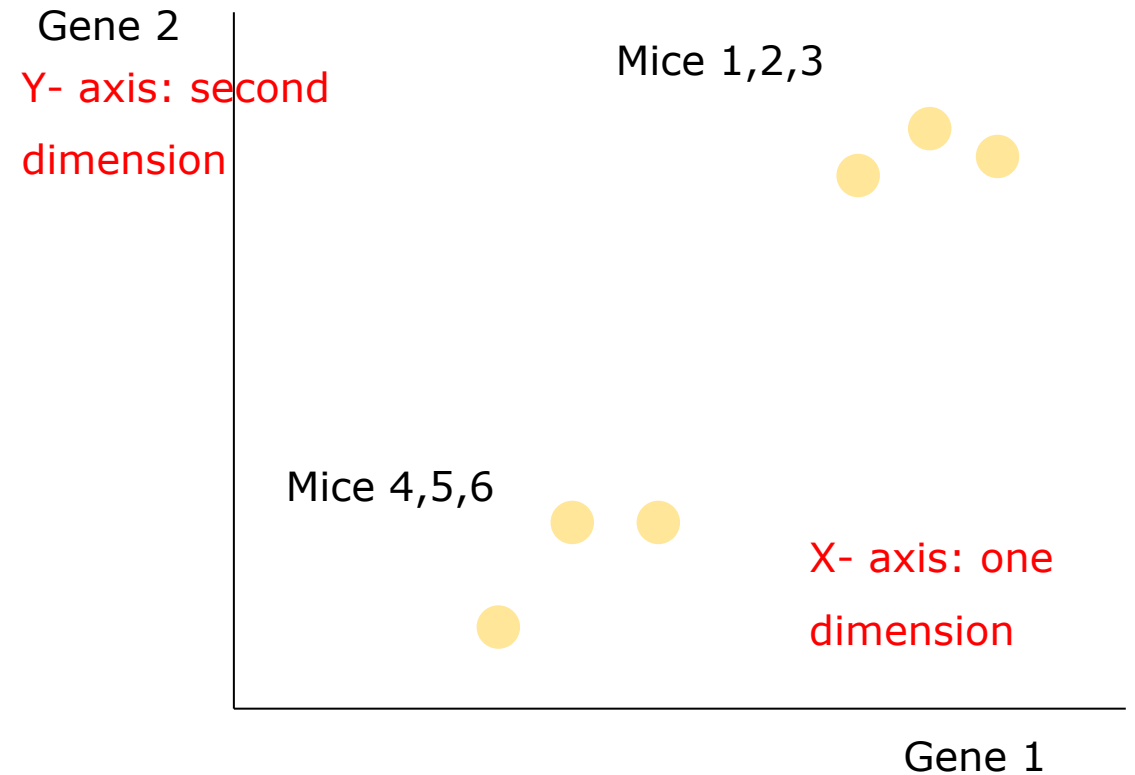


Dimensionality reduction

Simple example data

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Plot on two dimensional xy axis

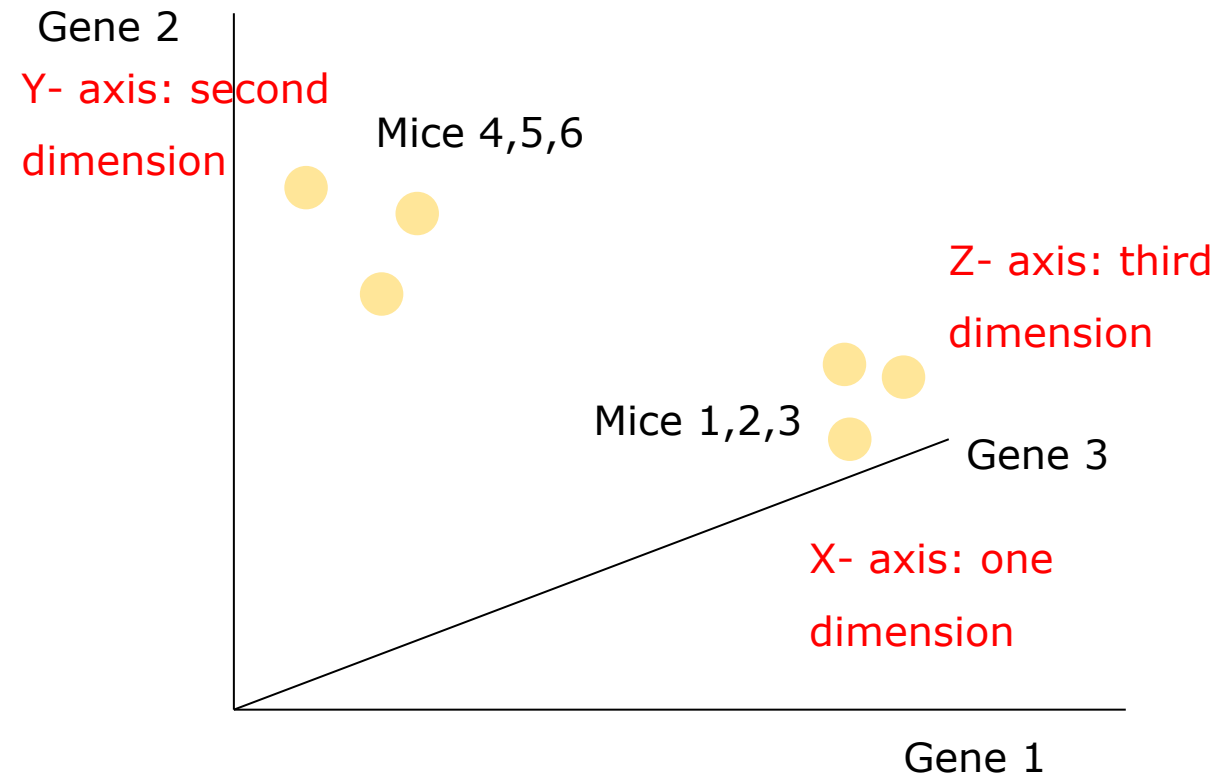


Dimensionality reduction

Simple example data

	Mouse 1	Mouse 2	Mouse 3	Mouse 4	Mouse 5	Mouse 6
Gene 1	12	15	10	5	4	2
Gene 2	8	13	9	3	3	1
Gene 3	5	5	6	15	18	22

Plot on three dimensional xyz axis



Dimensionality reduction

Simple example data

mice → samples

	Mouse 1	Mouse 2	Mouse 3	Mouse 4	Mouse 5	Mouse 6
Gene 1	12	15	10	5	4	2
Gene 2	8	13	9	3	3	1
Gene 3	5	5	6	15	18	22
Gene 4	22	25	30	30	33	23
.						
.						
.						
Gene 10000						

genes → variables

Plot on four dimensions

Plot on 10000 dimensions

Dimensionality reduction to the rescue!

Dimensionality reduction

Simple example data

mice → samples

	Mouse 1	Mouse 2	Mouse 3	Mouse 4	Mouse 5	Mouse 6
Gene 1	12	15	10	5	4	2
Gene 2	8	13	9	3	3	1
Gene 3	5	5	6	15	18	22
Gene 4	22	25	30	30	33	23
.						
.						
.						
Gene 10000	genes → variables					

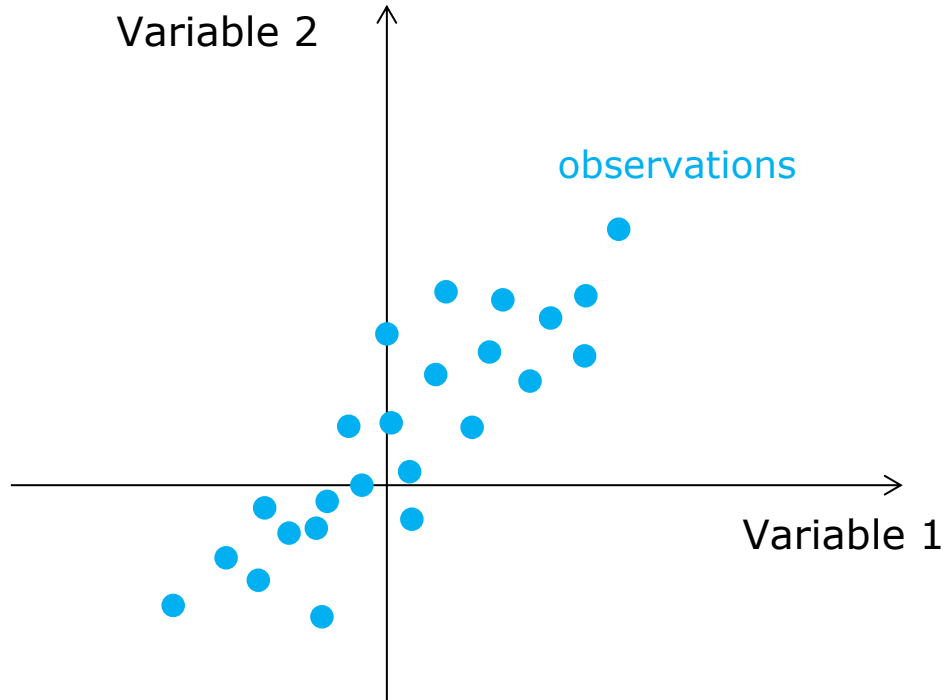
Dimensionality reduction:

transform data to a few new variables which explain most of the differences in observations

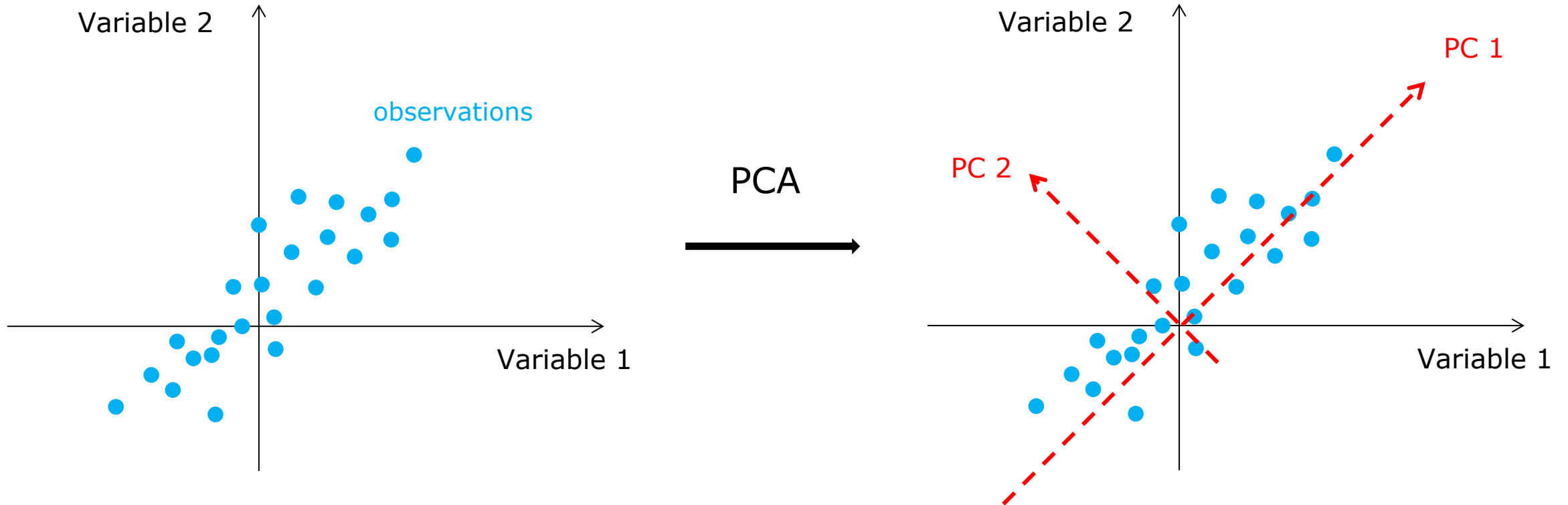
Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Most widely used method for dimension reduction
- One step in analysis pipeline (Refer flowchart in Module 1)

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

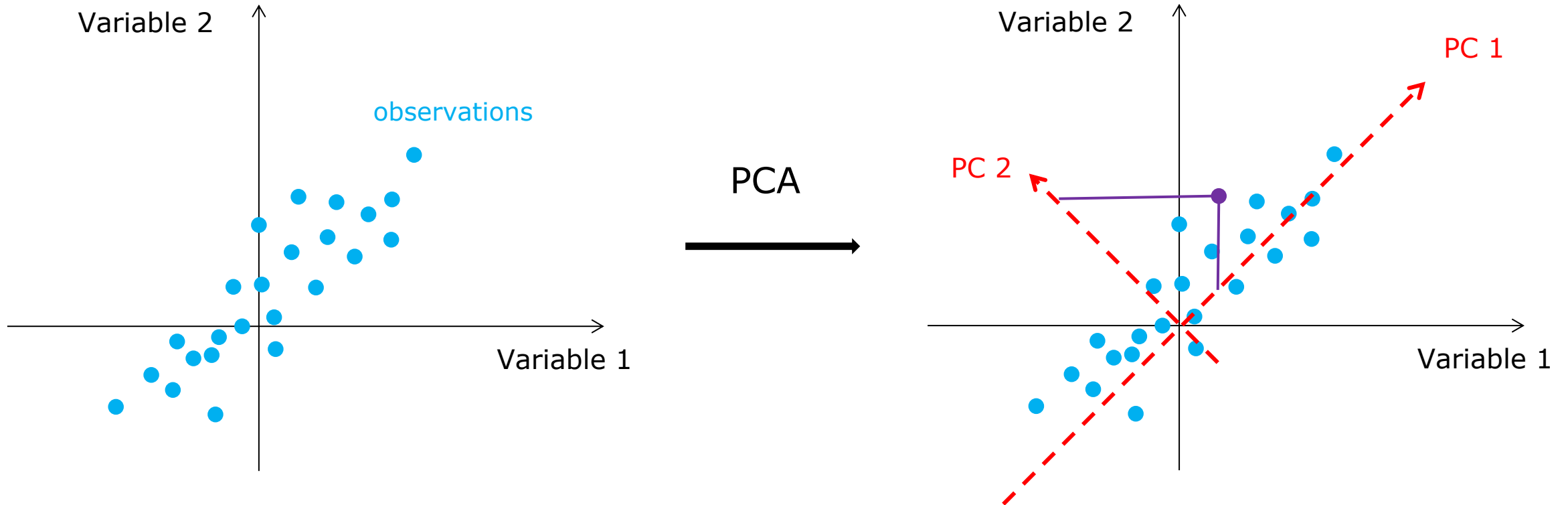


Rotate data into newer axes or dimensions – Principal Components (PC1, PC2, etc)

PC1 - First principal component – axis with maximum variance

PC2 – Second principal component – second highest variance

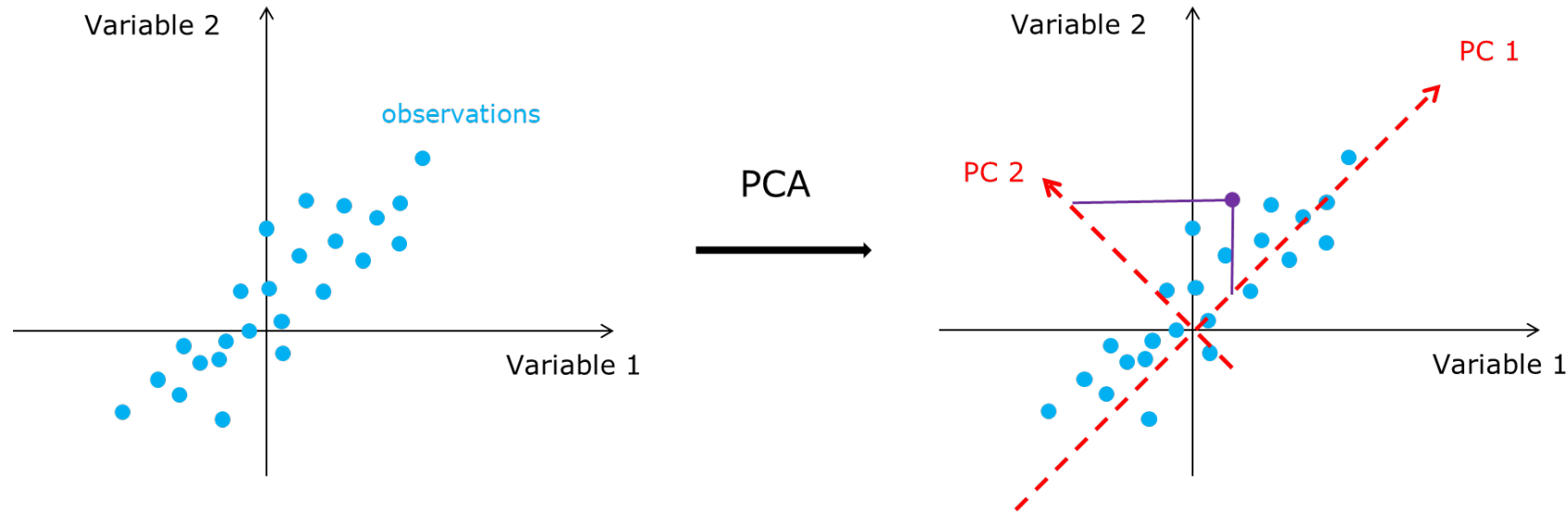
Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



Rotate data → Map data onto new axes → Projections

Amount by which data points are rotated → loading values

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



Take away:

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PC2 – Second principal component – second highest variance

Rotate data → Map data onto new axes → **Projections**

Amount by which data points are rotated → **loading values**

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Applications

Applicable to both omic and non-omic datasets

Shows where the dominant structure in your data is

Useful for identifying batches, unmeasured variable effect, etc

Machine learning: Reducing feature set for accurate modelling

A useful PCA paper: <https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~elaw/papers/pca.pdf>

PCA: base r function “prcomp”

Perform PCA on your mouse gene expression data

```
> pc_out <- prcomp(mouse_exp)
> str(pc_out)
```

PCA: Results of “prcomp”

```
str(pc_out)
```

```
> pc_out <- prcomp(mouse_exp)
> str(pc_out)
```

Standard
deviation

Loading
values

```
List of 5
 $ sdev      : num [1:6] 3.236 1.025 0.323 0.29 0.139 ...
 $ rotation: num [1:6, 1:6] 0.398 0.396 0.392 0.421 0.425 ...
 ..- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
 .. ..$ : chr [1:6] "M1" "M2" "M3" "NC1" ...
 .. ..$ : chr [1:6] "PC1" "PC2" "PC3" "PC4" ...
 $ center   : Named num [1:6] 5.17 5.14 5.23 5.12 5.13 ...
 ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:6] "M1" "M2" "M3" "NC1" ...
 $ scale    : logi FALSE
 $ x        : num [1:147, 1:6] 1.1 -1.69 -3.31 2.29 1.52 ...
 ..- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
 .. ..$ : chr [1:147] "1" "2" "3" "4" ...
 .. ..$ : chr [1:6] "PC1" "PC2" "PC3" "PC4" ...
 - attr(*, "class")= chr "prcomp"
```

PCA: Results of “prcomp”

```
summary(pc_out)
```

Standard
deviation

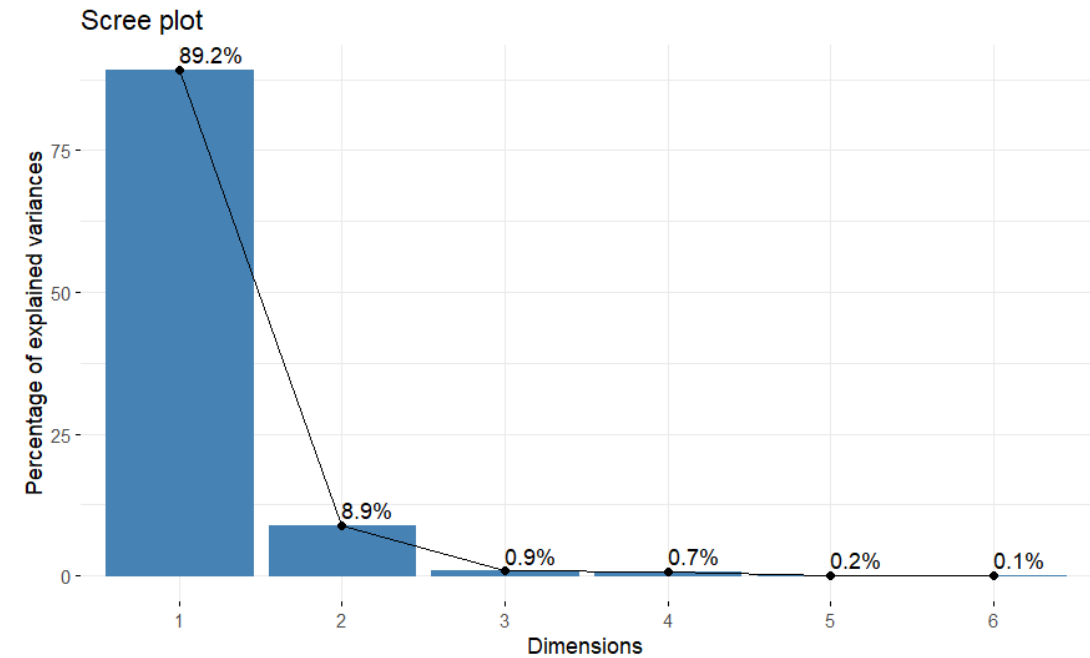
Variance
explained

```
> summary(pc_out)
Importance of components:
              PC1      PC2      PC3      PC4      PC5      PC6
Standard deviation  3.2360  1.0253  0.32293  0.28987  0.13851  0.12143
Proportion of Variance 0.8916  0.0895  0.00888  0.00715  0.00163  0.00126
Cumulative Proportion 0.8916  0.9811  0.98996  0.99711  0.99874  1.00000
```

- First principal component explains 89.16% of the total variance
- Second principal component explains 8.9% of the variance
- Amount of variance explained reduces further down with each component

PCA: Visualising results of “prcomp”

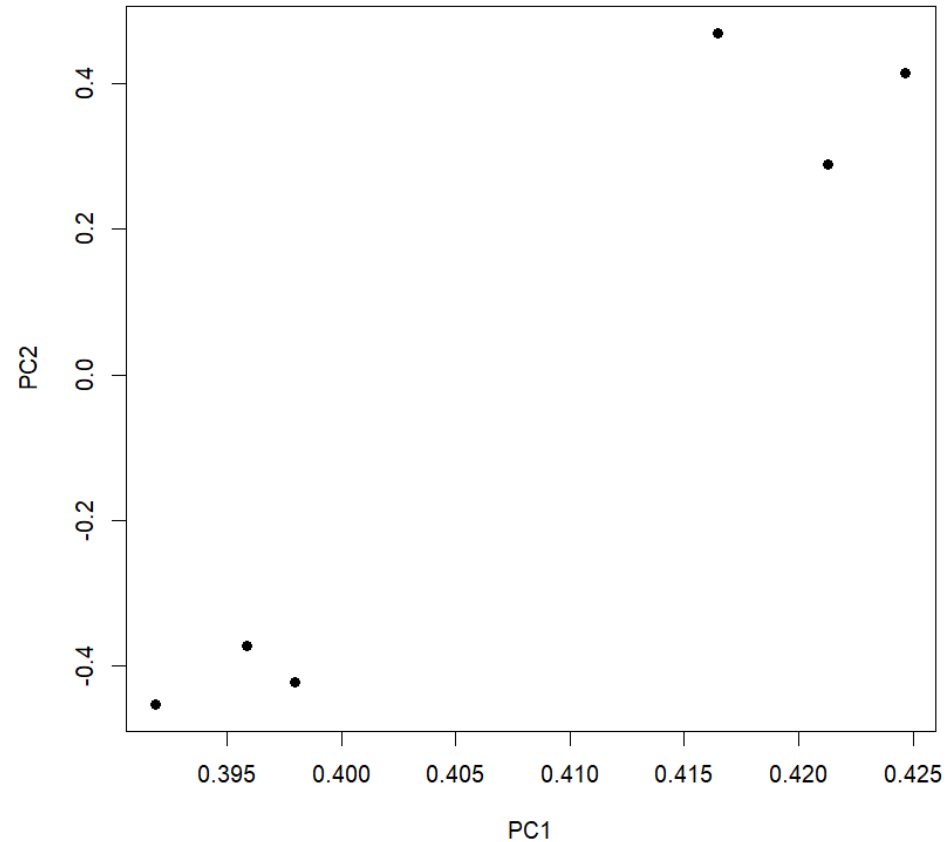
1. Scree plot



Wikipedia: Scree is a collection of broken rock fragments at the base of a cliff or other steep rocky mass that has accumulated through periodic rockfall

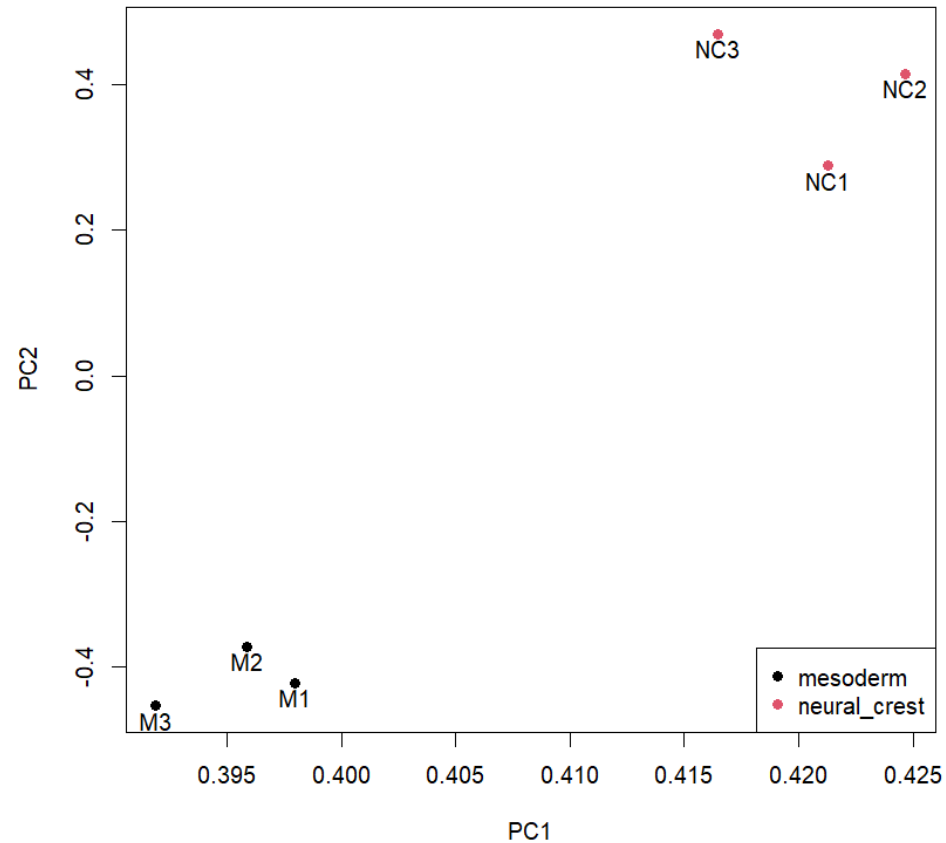
PCA: Visualising results of “prcomp”

2.Scatter plot



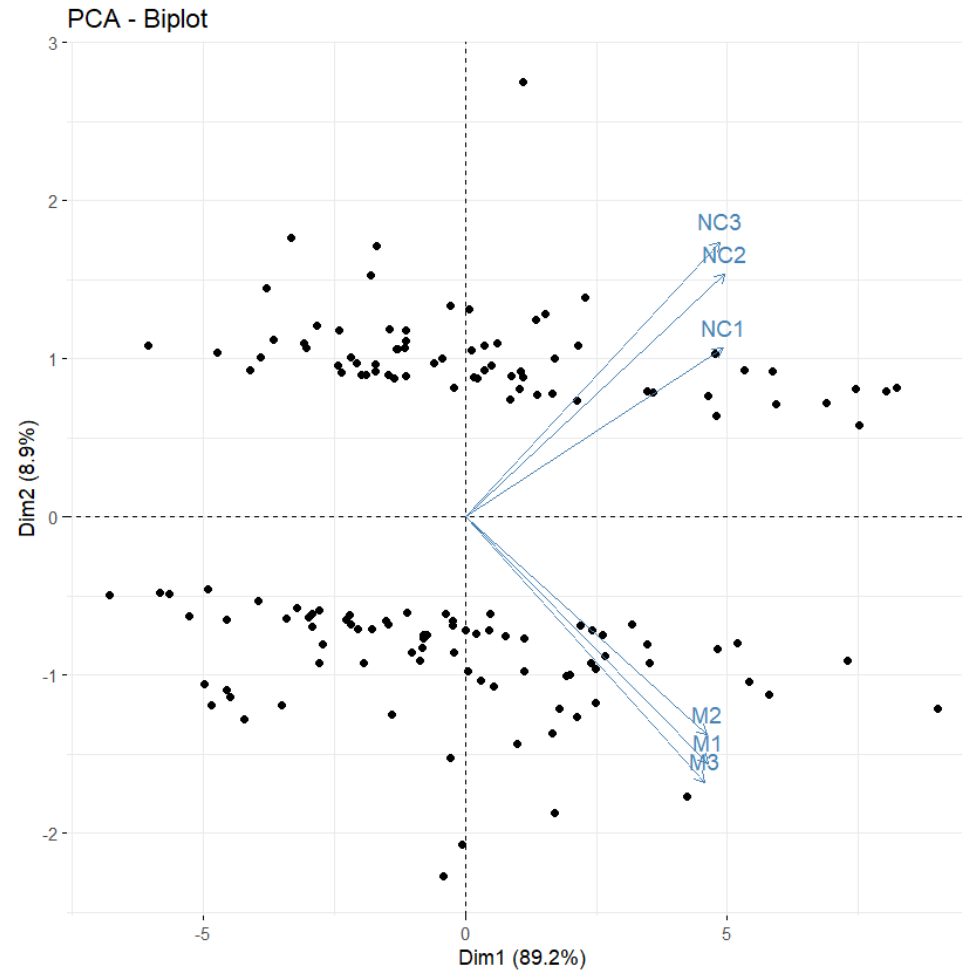
PCA: Visualising results of “prcomp”

2.Scatter plot



PCA: Visualising results of “prcomp”

3.Biplot



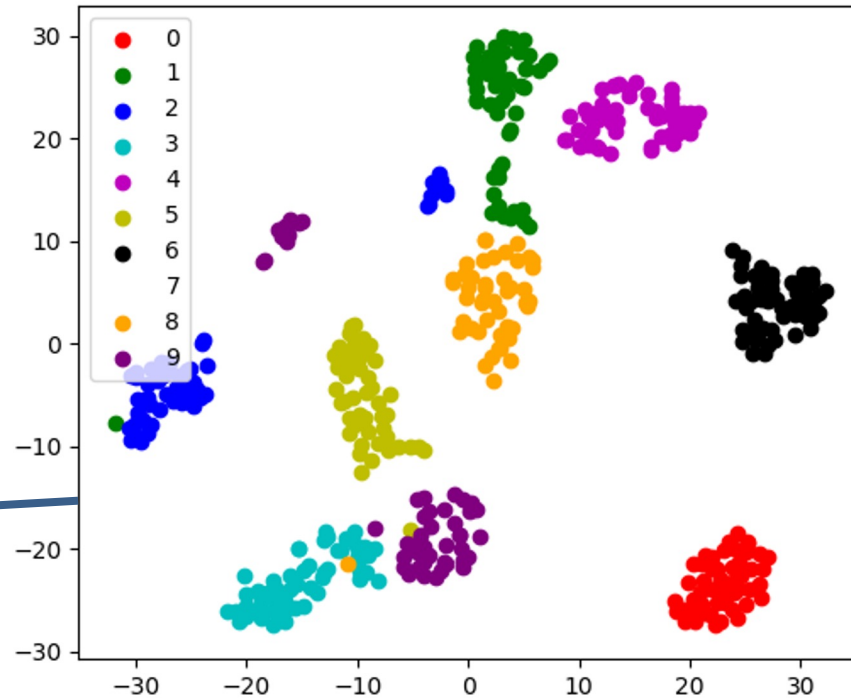
tSNE: R package “tsne”

- Stands for “t-Stochastic Neighbor Embedding”
- For data that cannot be separated by any straight line
- Finds few variables that represent many variables preserving neighborhood distances
- Great for visualizations (scRNA-seq)
- Stochastic = random (set seed to make reproducible)
- Difference from PCA
 - focus on local signal (neighborhood) vs global signal (explaining maximum variance)

t-SNE paper: <http://www.jmlr.org/papers/volume9/vandermaaten08a/vandermaaten08a.pdf>

tSNE: R package “tsne”

tSNE finds axes
that maintain
“neighborhoods”



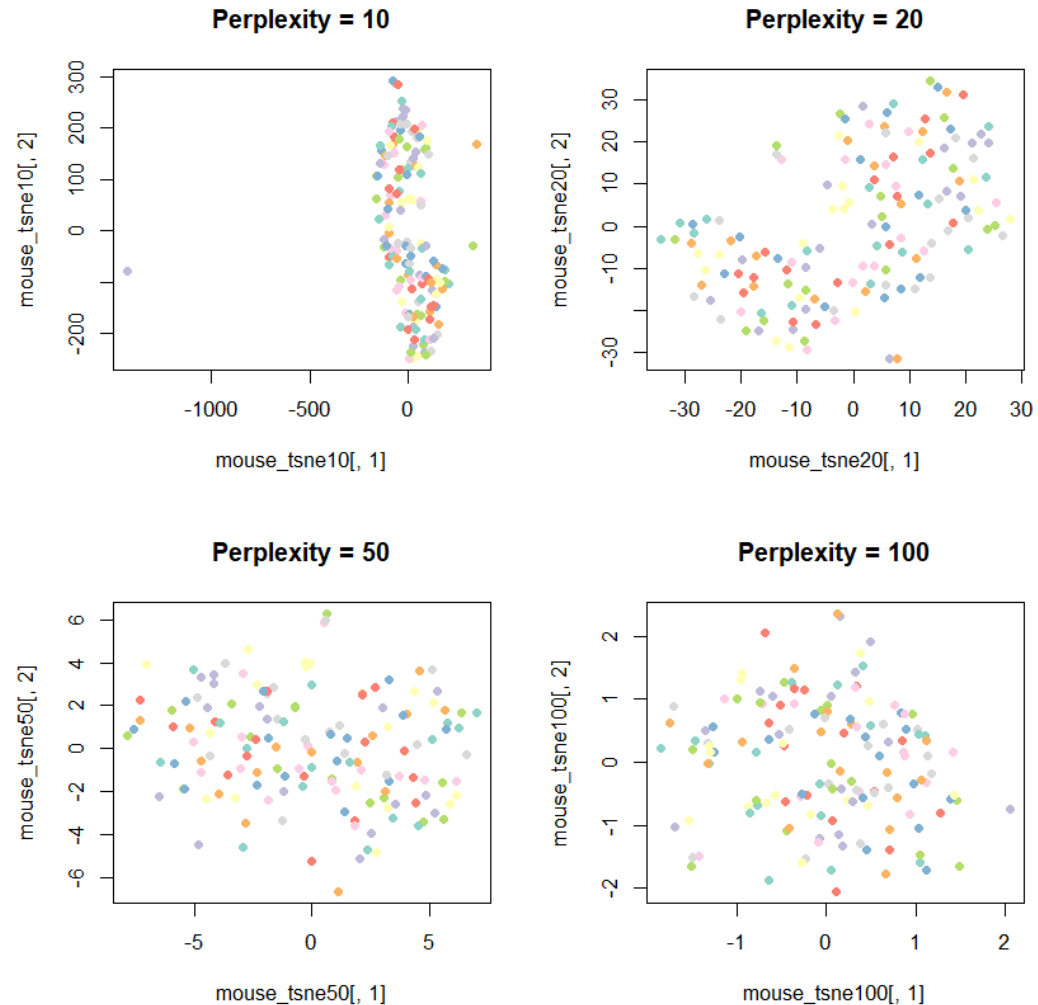
tSNE: R package “tsne”

```
library(tsne)

mouse_tsne10 = tsne(log(mouse_exp), perplexity = 10)
mouse_tsne20 = tsne(log(mouse_exp), perplexity = 20)
mouse_tsne50 = tsne(log(mouse_exp), perplexity = 50)
mouse_tsne100 = tsne(log(mouse_exp), perplexity = 100)
```

Perplexity parameter determines how to balance attention to neighborhood vs global structure (smaller=more focus on the neighborhood)

Plot your tsne's



Note that higher perplexity leads to higher spread in your data

UMAP: R package “umap”

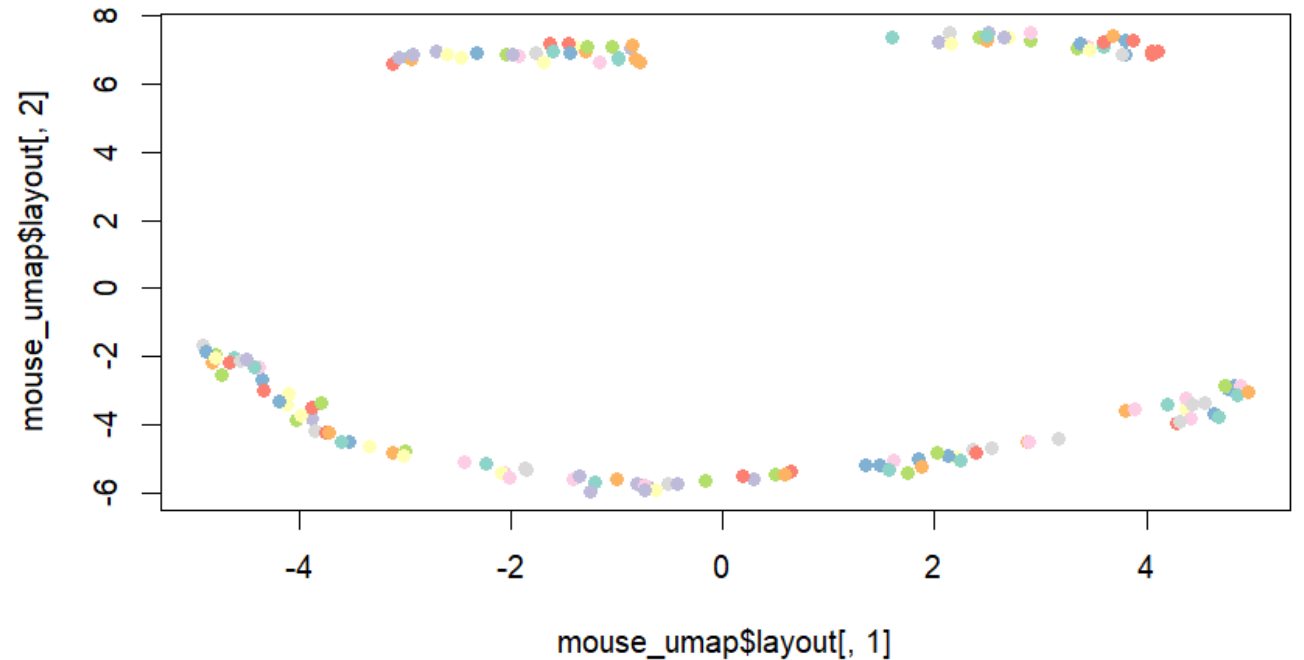
- Stands for “Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection”
- Similar neighborhood approach as t-SNE

UMAP paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.03426>

UMAP: R package “umap”

- Run umap

```
library(umap)  
mouse_umap = umap(mouse_exp)
```



PCA vs tSNE vs UMAP

PCA	tSNE	UMAP
Linear combination	Non-linear	Non-linear
Lower dimensions are called Principal components	Embeddings	TBA
Data is projected onto lower-dimensional space		
Visualization, Covariates for statistical modeling	Visualization	Visualization
Concerned with preserving largest distances, to maximize variance of each PC.	Concerned with preserving nearest-neighbour distances •Tuned with “perplexity” parameter	TBA

Exercise

- Return to your crabs data
- Compute the principle components (PCs) for the numeric columns
- Plot these PCs and color them by species ("sp") and sex
- Now compute 2 t-SNE components for these data and color by species and sex
- Finally compute 2 UMAP components for these data and color by species and sex
- Do any of these dimensionality reduction methods seem to segregate sex/species groups?

We are on a Coffee Break & Networking Session

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