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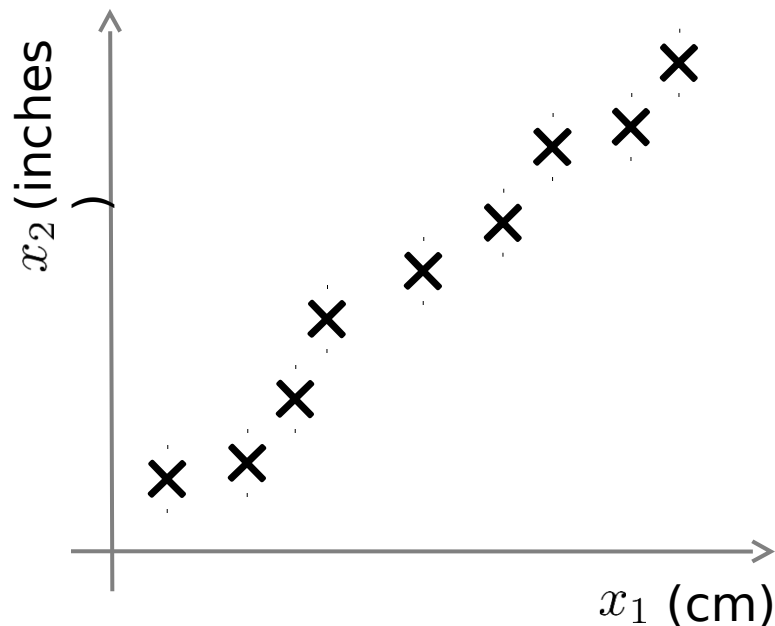
# Dimensionality Reduction

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## Motivation I:

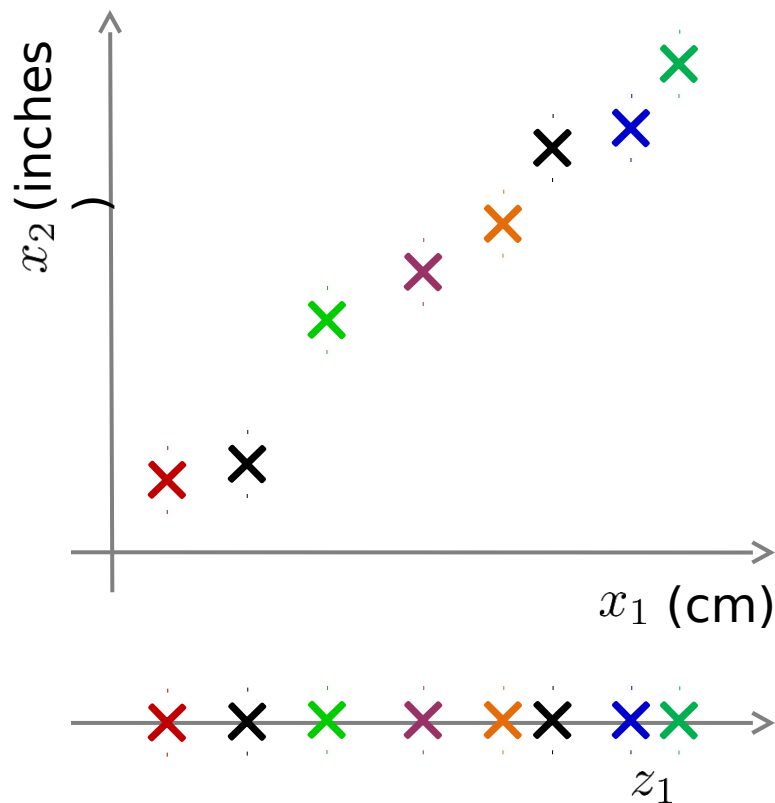
### Data Compression

# Data Compression



Reduce data from  
2D to 1D

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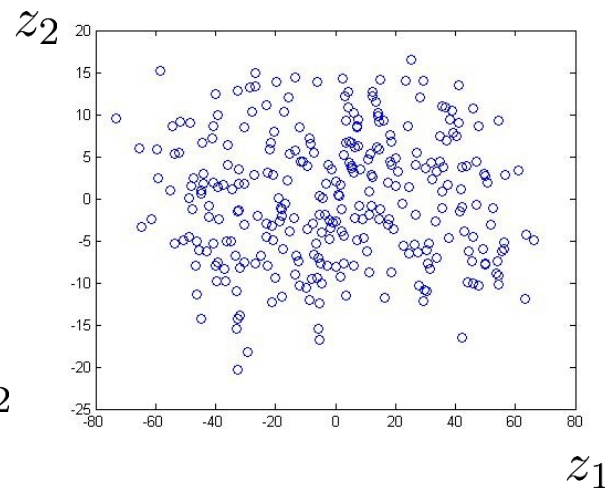
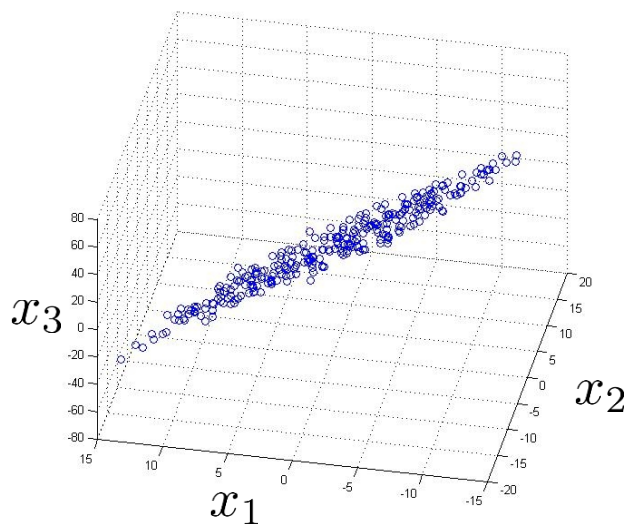
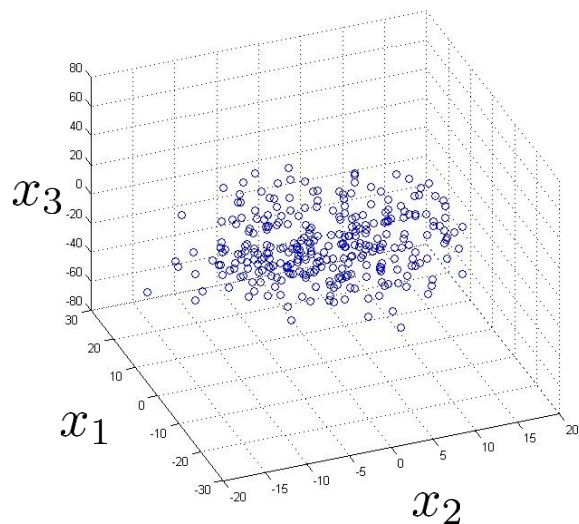


Reduce data from  
2D to 1D

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x^{(1)} & \rightarrow & z^{(1)} \\ x^{(2)} & \rightarrow & z^{(2)} \\ & \vdots & \\ x^{(m)} & \rightarrow & z^{(m)} \end{array}$$

# Data Compression

Reduce data from 3D to 2D



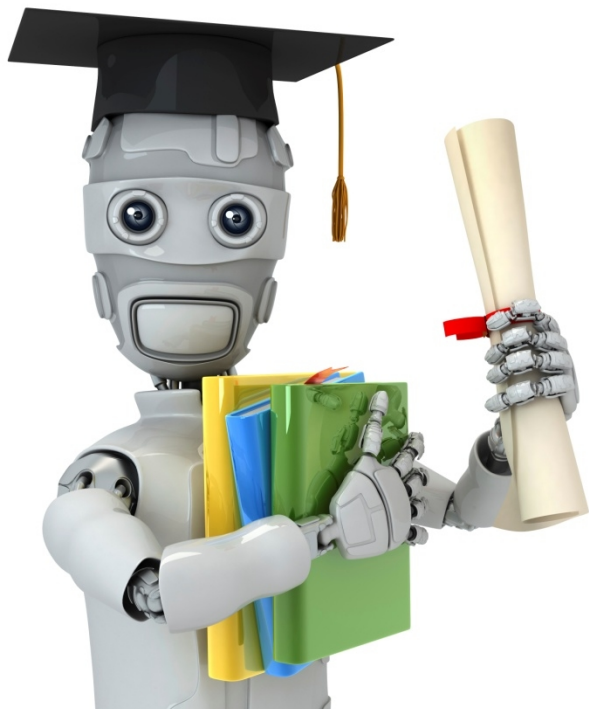
Suppose we apply dimensionality reduction to a dataset of  $m$  examples  $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$ , where  $x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . As a result of this, we will get out:

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- ☐ A lower dimensional dataset  $\{z^{(1)}, z^{(2)}, \dots, z^{(k)}\}$  of  $k$  examples where  $k \leq n$ .
- ☐ A lower dimensional dataset  $\{z^{(1)}, z^{(2)}, \dots, z^{(k)}\}$  of  $k$  examples where  $k > n$ .
- ☒ A lower dimensional dataset  $\{z^{(1)}, z^{(2)}, \dots, z^{(m)}\}$  of  $m$  examples where  $z^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  for some value of  $k$  and  $k \leq n$ .

**Correct Response**

- ☐ A lower dimensional dataset  $\{z^{(1)}, z^{(2)}, \dots, z^{(m)}\}$  of  $m$  examples where  $z^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  for some value of  $k$  and  $k > n$ .



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## Motivation II:

### Data Visualization

# Data Visualization

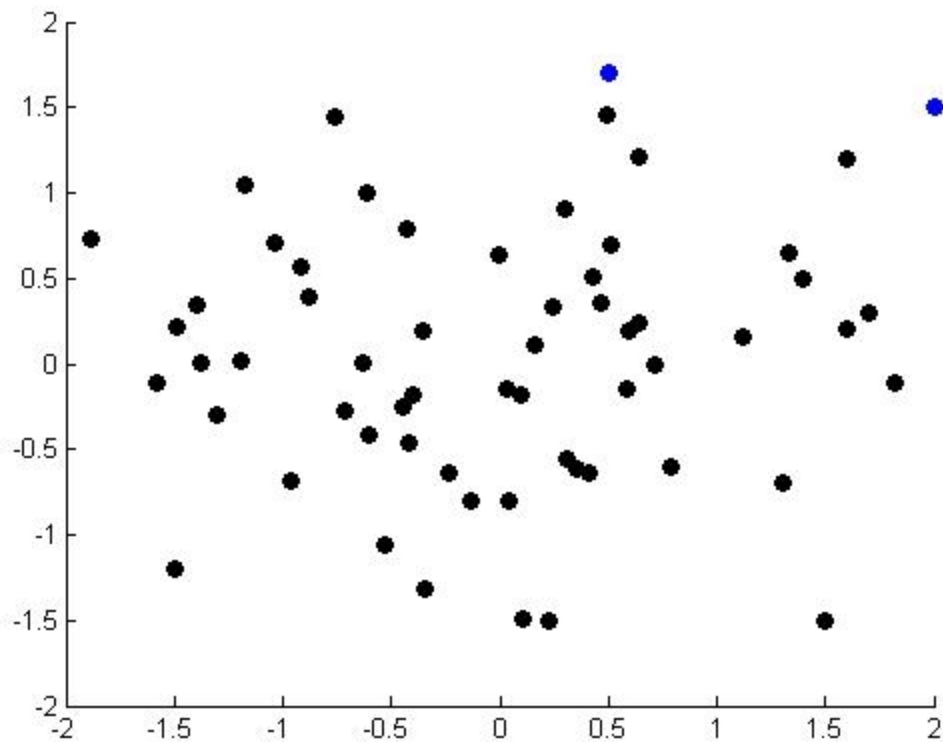
| Country                           | GDP<br>(trillions<br>of US\$) | Per<br>capita<br>GDP<br>(thousand<br>s of intl.<br>\$) | Human<br>Develop-<br>ment<br>Index | Life<br>expecta<br>ncy | Poverty<br>Index<br>(Gini as<br>percentag<br>e) | Mean<br>househol<br>d<br>income<br>(thousand<br>s of US\$) | ...       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|-----------|
| Canada                            | 1.577                         | 39.17  | 0.908                              | 80.7                   | 32.6  | 67.293   | ...       |
| China                             | 5.878                         | 7.54   | 0.687                              | 73                     | 46.9  | 10.22  | ...       |
| India                             | 1.632                         | 3.41   | 0.547                              | 64.7                   | 36.8  | 0.735  | ...       |
| Russia                            | 1.48                          | 19.84  | 0.755                              | 65.5                   | 39.9  | 0.72   | ...       |
| Singapore                         | 0.223                         | 56.69  | 0.866                              | 80                     | 42.5  | 67.1   | ...       |
| USA                               | 14.527                        | 46.86  | 0.91                               | 78.3                   | 40.8  | 84.3   | ...       |
| [resources from en.wikipedia.org] |                               |  | ...                                | ...                    | ...   | ...  | Andrew No |

# Data Visualization

| Country   | $z_1$ | $z_2$ |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| Canada    | 1.6   | 1.2   |
| China     | 1.7   | 0.3   |
| India     | 1.6   | 0.2   |
| Russia    | 1.4   | 0.5   |
| Singapore | 0.5   | 1.7   |
| USA       | 2     | 1.5   |
| ...       | ...   | ...   |



# Data Visualization



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Suppose you have a dataset  $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$  where  $x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . In order to visualize it, we apply dimensionality reduction and get  $\{z^{(1)}, z^{(2)}, \dots, z^{(m)}\}$  where  $z^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  is  $k$ -dimensional. In a typical setting, which of the following would you expect to be true? Check all that apply.

☐  $k > n$

Correct Response

☒  $k \leq n$

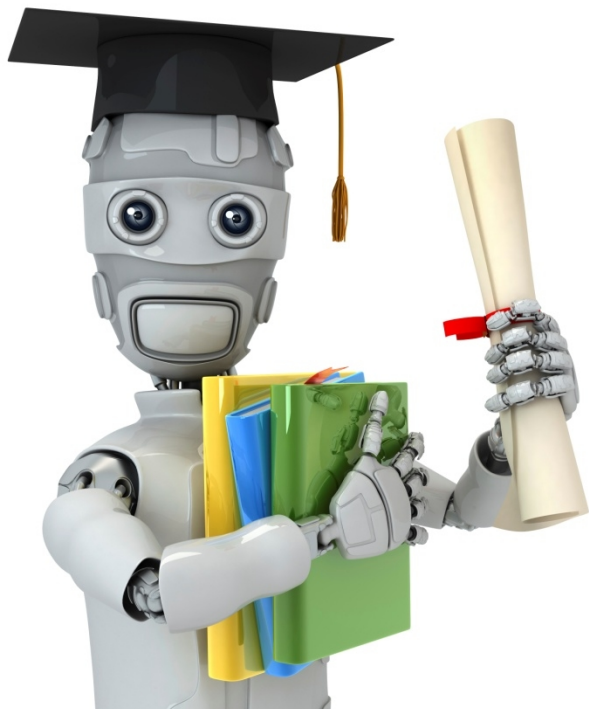
Correct Response

☐  $k \geq 4$

Correct Response

☒  $k = 2$  or  $k = 3$  (since we can plot 2D or 3D data but don't have ways to visualize higher dimensional data)

Correct Response



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# Dimensionality Reduction

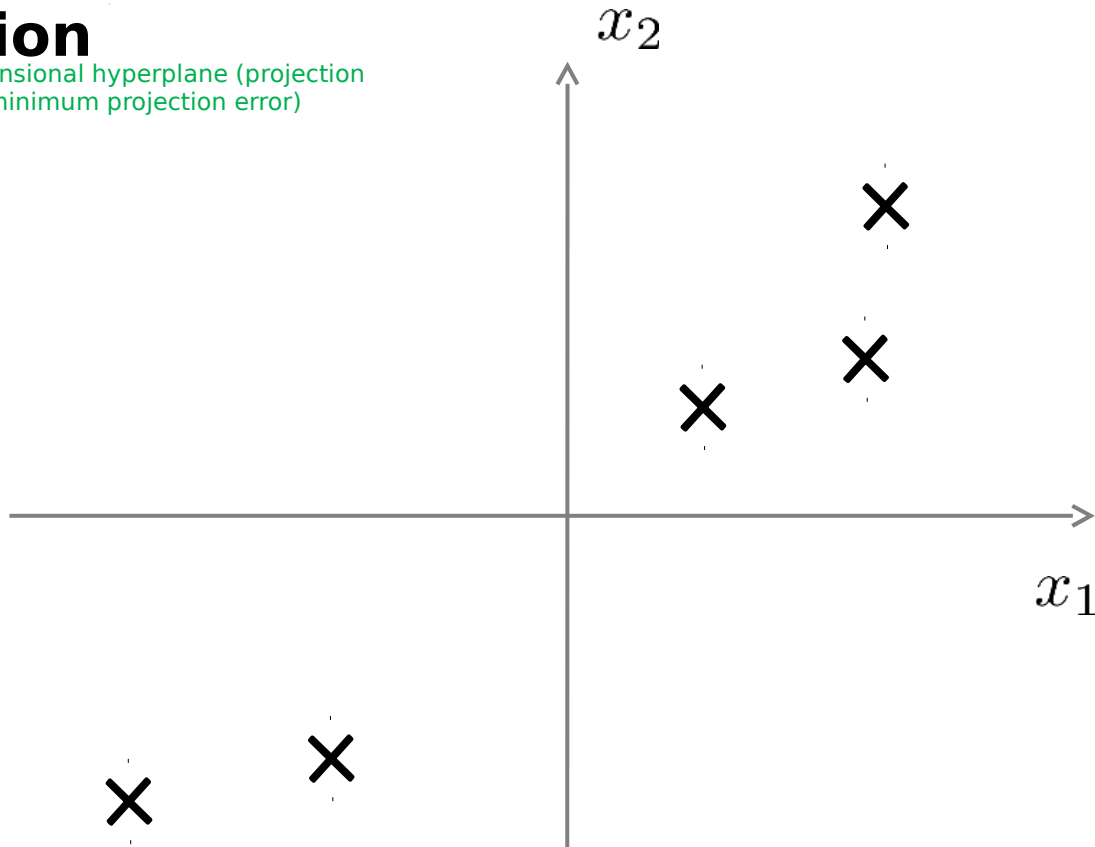
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## Principal Component Analysis problem formulation

(PCA is the generalized algo. that is used for dimensionality reduction)

# Principal Component Analysis (PCA) problem formulation

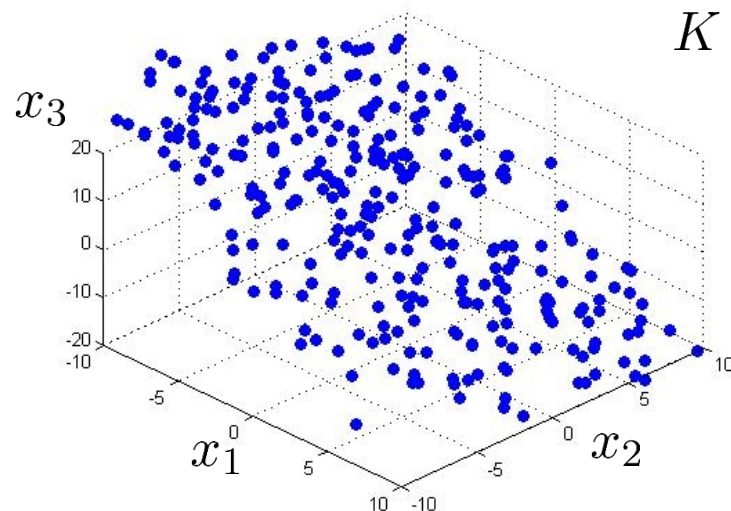
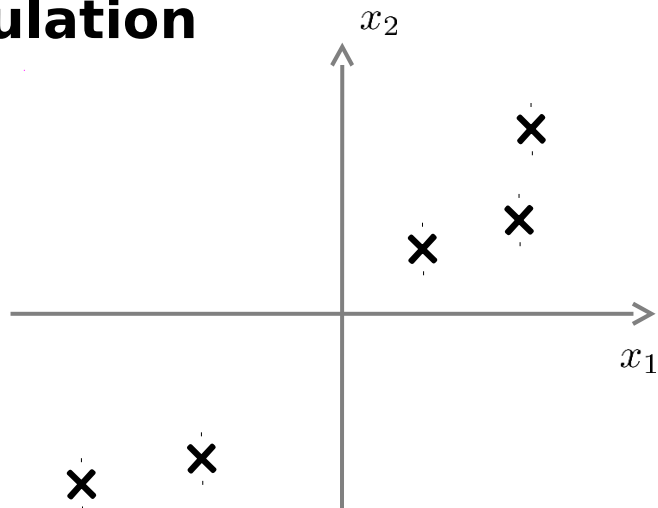
(PCA tries to find a low dimensional hyperplane (projection hyperplane) which has the minimum projection error)



# Principal Component Analysis (PCA) problem formulation

$$3D \rightarrow 2D$$

$$K = 2$$



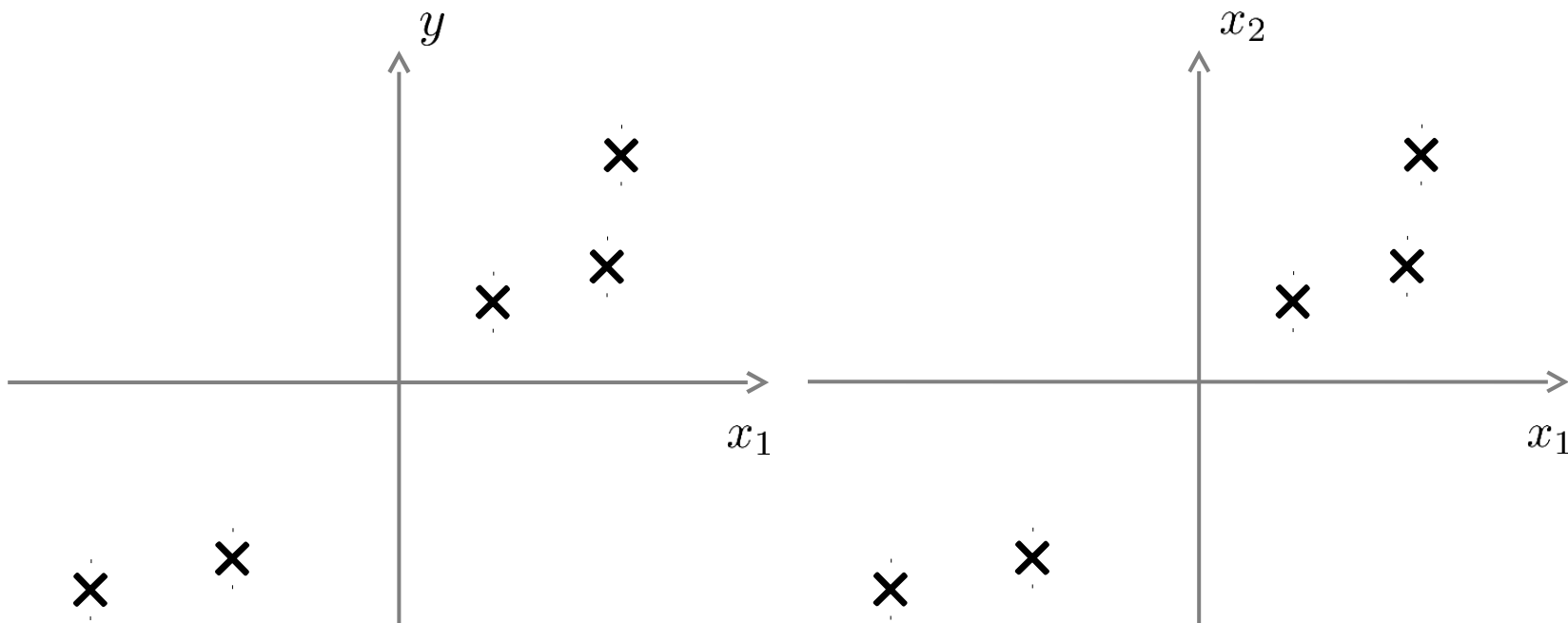
Reduce from 2-dimension to 1-dimension: Find a direction (a  $\mathbb{R}^n$  vector  $u^{(1)}$ )

onto which to project the data so as to minimize the projection error.

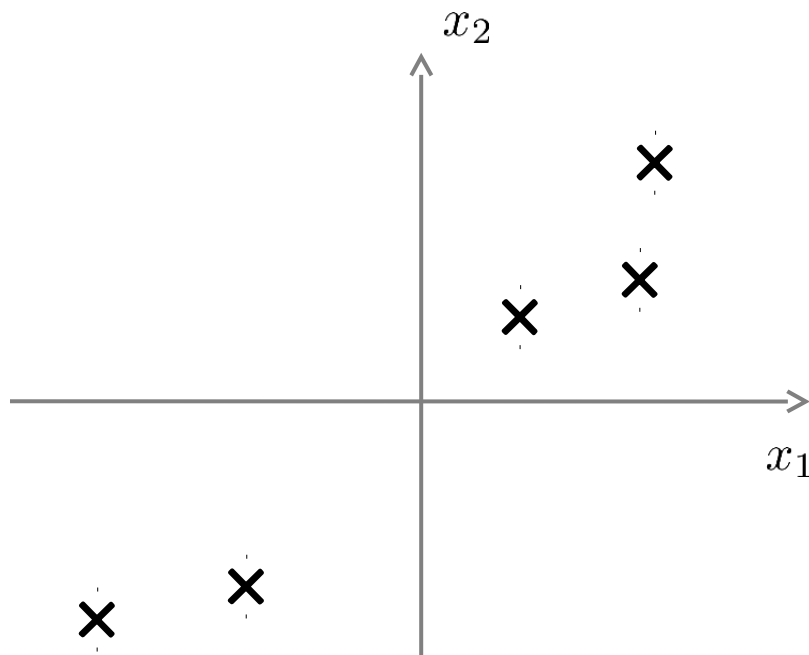
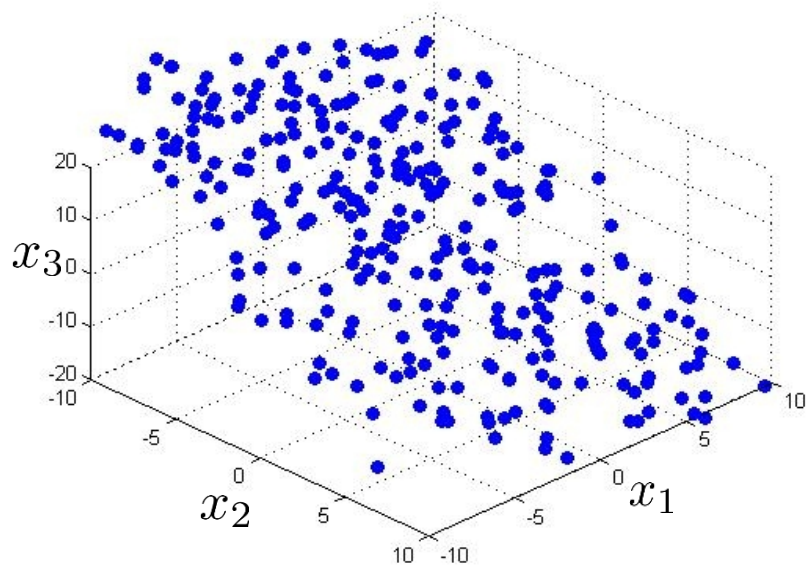
Reduce from  $n$ -dimension to  $k$ -dimension: Find  $k$  vectors,  $u^{(1)}, u^{(2)}, \dots, u^{(k)}$  onto which to project the data, so as to minimize the projection error.

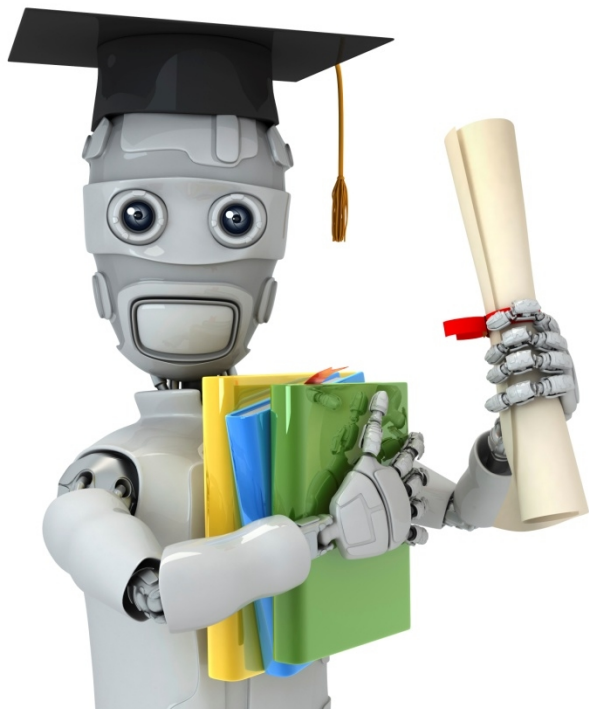
# PCA is not linear regression

(PCA tries to minimize (squared) projection error not MSE)



# PCA is not linear regression





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# Dimensionality Reduction

Principal  
Component  
Analysis  
algorithm



# Data preprocessing

Training set:  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}$

Preprocessing (feature scaling/mean normalization):

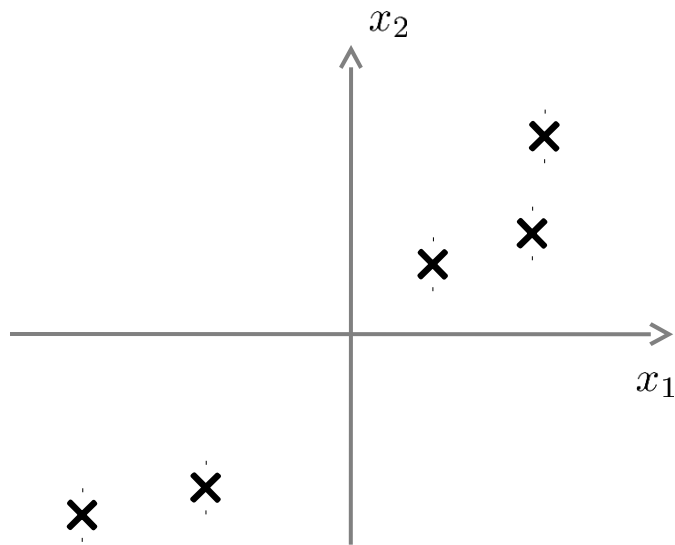
$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_j^{(i)}$$

Replace each  $x_j^{(i)}$  with  $\mu_j$ .

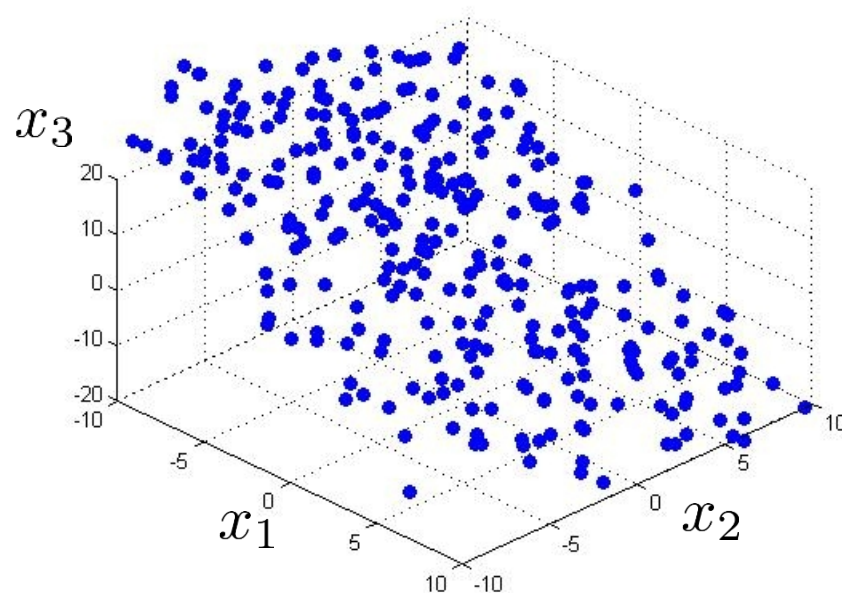
If different features on different scales (e.g., size of house,

number of bedrooms), scale features to have comparable range of values.

# Principal Component Analysis (PCA) algorithm



Reduce data from 2D to  
1D



Reduce data from 3D to  
2D

# Principal Component Analysis (PCA) algorithm

Reduce data from  $n$ -dimensions to  $k$ -dimensions

Compute “covariance matrix”:

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)})(x^{(i)})^T$$

Compute “eigenvectors” of matrix  $\Sigma$  :

**`[U, S, V] = svd(Sigma);`**

# Principal Component Analysis (PCA) algorithm

From  $[U, S, V] = \text{svd}(W)$  get:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ u^{(1)} & u^{(2)} & \dots & u^{(n)} \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

# Principal Component Analysis (PCA) algorithm summary

After mean normalization (ensure every feature has zero mean) and optionally

feature scaling:  
 $\text{Sigma} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x^{(i)})(x^{(i)})^T$

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[U,S,V] = svd(Sigma);  
Ureduce = U(:,1:k);  
z = Ureduce'*x;
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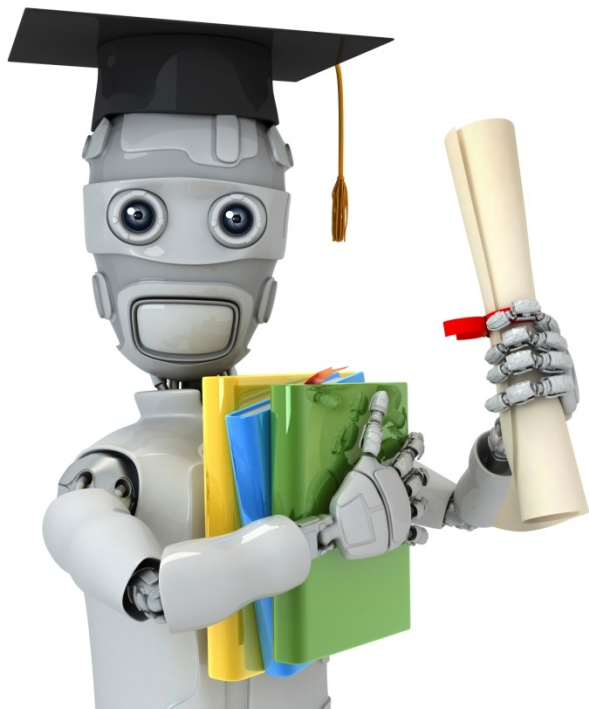
In PCA, we obtain  $z \in \mathbb{R}^k$  from  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  as follows:

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ u^{(1)} & u^{(2)} & \dots & u^{(k)} \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}^T x = \begin{bmatrix} --- & (u^{(1)})^T & --- \\ --- & (u^{(2)})^T & --- \\ & \vdots & \\ --- & (u^{(k)})^T & --- \end{bmatrix} x$$

Which of the following is a correct expression for  $z_j$ ?

- ☐  $z_j = (u^{(k)})^T x$
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- ☐  $z_j = (u^{(j)})^T x_k$
- ☒  $z_j = (u^{(j)})^T x$

**Correct Response**

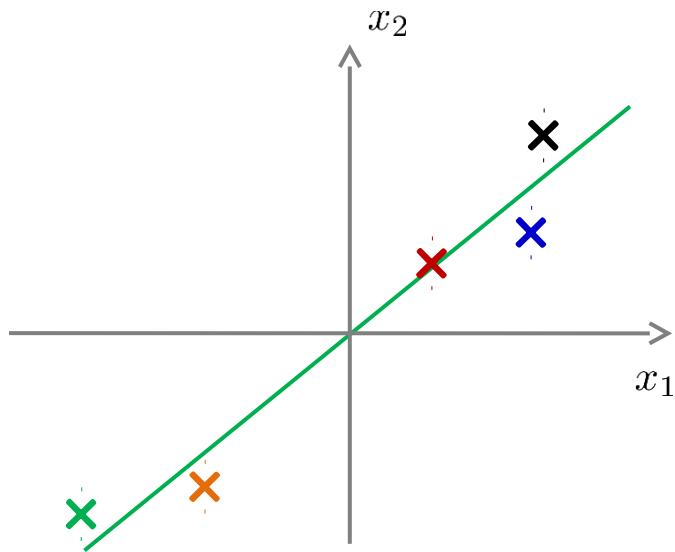


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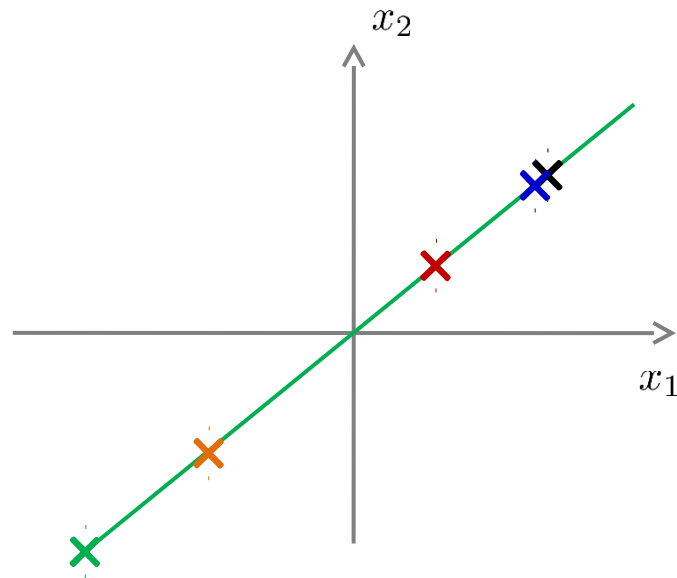
# Dimensionality Reduction

Reconstruction  
from compressed  
representation

# Reconstruction from compressed representation



$$z = U_{reduce}^T x$$





Suppose we run PCA with  $k = n$ , so that the dimension of the data is not reduced at all. (This is not useful in practice but is a good thought exercise.) Recall that the percent / fraction of variance retained is given by:  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k S_{ii}}{\sum_{i=1}^n S_{ii}}$  Which of the following will be true? Check all that apply.

☒  $U_{\text{reduce}}$  will be an  $n \times n$  matrix.

Correct Response

☒  $x_{\text{approx}} = x$  for every example  $x$ .

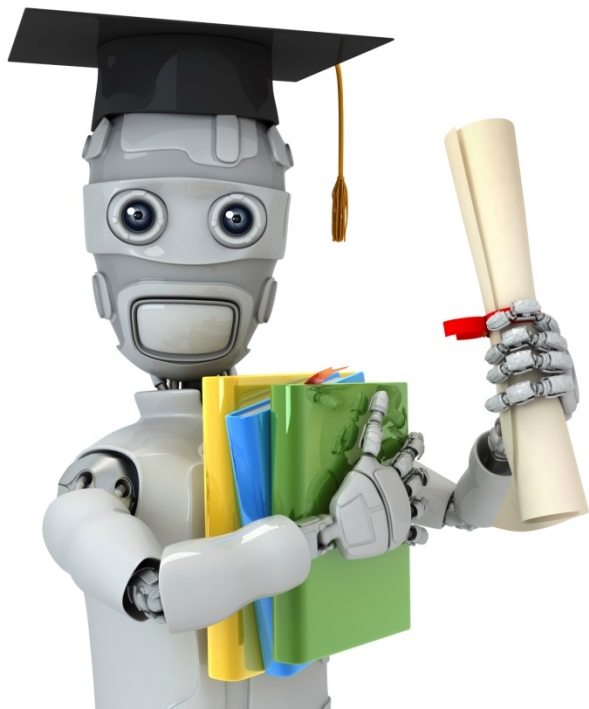
Correct Response

☒ The percentage of variance retained will be 100%.

Correct Response

☐ We have that  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k S_{ii}}{\sum_{i=1}^n S_{ii}} > 1$ .

Correct Response



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# Dimensionality Reduction

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Choosing the  
number of principal  
components

# Choosing $k$ (number of principal components)

Average squared projection error:

Total variation in the data:

Typically, choose  $k$  to be smallest value so that

$$\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - x_{approx}\|^2}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)}\|^2} \leq 0.01 \quad (1\%)$$

“99% of variance is retained”

# Choosing $k$ (number of principal components)

Try PCA with  $k=1$

Compute  $U_{reduce}, z^{(1)}, z^{(2)}, \dots, z^{(m)}, x_{approx}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{approx}^{(m)}$

Check if

$$\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - x_{approx}^{(i)}\|^2}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)}\|^2} \leq 0.01?$$

$$[U, S, V] = \text{svd}(\text{Sigma})$$

**Choosing  $k$  (number of principal components)**  
`[U, S, V] = svd(Sigma)`

Pick smallest value of  $k$  for which

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k S_{ii}}{\sum_{i=1}^m S_{ii}} \geq 0.99$$

(99% of variance retained)

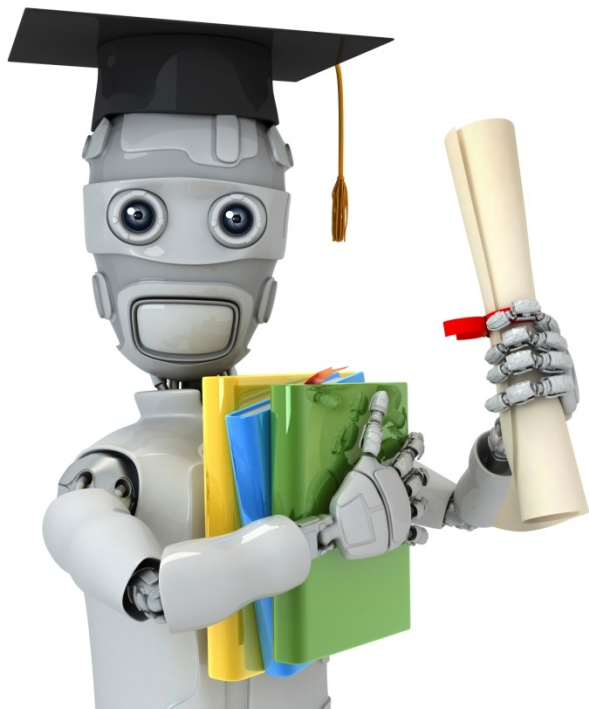
Previously, we said that PCA chooses a direction  $u^{(1)}$  (or  $k$  directions  $u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(k)}$ ) onto which to project the data so as to minimize the (squared) projection error. Another way to say the same is that PCA tries to minimize:

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- ☐  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)}\|^2$
- ☐  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x_{\text{approx}}^{(i)}\|^2$
- ☒  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - x_{\text{approx}}^{(i)}\|^2$

**Correct Response**

- ☐  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} + x_{\text{approx}}^{(i)}\|^2$



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# Dimensionality Reduction

## Advice for applying PCA

# Supervised learning speedup

$$(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})$$

Extract inputs:

$$\text{Unlabeled dataset: } x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)} \in \mathbb{R}^{10000}$$

$$\downarrow \text{PCA}$$

$$z^{(1)}, z^{(2)}, \dots, z^{(m)} \in \mathbb{R}^{1000}$$

New training set:

$$(z^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (z^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (z^{(m)}, y^{(m)})$$

Note: Mapping  $x^{(i)} \rightarrow z^{(i)}$  should be defined by running PCA only on the training set. This mapping can be applied as well to the examples  $x_{\text{dev}}^{(i)}$  and  $x_{\text{test}}^{(i)}$  in the cross validation and test sets



# Application of PCA

- Compression
  - Reduce memory/disk needed to store data
  - Speed up learning algorithm
- Visualization

# Bad use of PCA: To prevent overfitting

Use  $z^{(i)}$  instead of  $x^{(i)}$  to reduce the number of features to  $M < m$ .  
Thus, fewer features, less likely to overfit.

This might work OK, but isn't a good way to address overfitting. Use regularization instead.

$$\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$$

# PCA is sometimes used where it shouldn't be

Design of ML system:

- Get training set  $\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$
- Run PCA to reduce  $x^{(i)}$  in dimension to get  $z^{(i)}$
- Train logistic regression on  $\{(z^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (z^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$
- Test on test set: Map  $z_{test}^{(i)}$  to  $h_{\theta}(z)$  Run on  $\{(x_{test}^{(1)}, y_{test}^{(1)}), \dots, (x_{test}^{(m)}, y_{test}^{(m)})\}$

How about doing the whole thing without using PCA?

Before implementing PCA, first try running whatever you want to do with the original/raw data  $x^{(i)}$ . Only if that doesn't do what you want, then implement PCA and consider using  $z^{(i)}$ .

Which of the following are good / recommended applications of PCA? Select all that apply.

- ☒ To compress the data so it takes up less computer memory / disk space

Correct Response

- ☒ To reduce the dimension of the input data so as to speed up a learning algorithm

Correct Response

- ☐ Instead of using regularization, use PCA to reduce the number of features to reduce overfitting

Correct Response

- ☒ To visualize high-dimensional data (by choosing  $k = 2$  or  $k = 3$ )

Correct Response