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LECTURE 22

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## Logistics

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- In-class quiz on Monday.
- Friday will be a review session.
- HW4 is due today.

## Learning objectives

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- Learn principal component analysis

## Unsupervised learning

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- Clustering
  - K-means
- Dimensionality reduction
  - Principal component analysis

## Outline

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### Principal Component Analysis

## Example: Eigenfaces / Facial Recognition

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- "Labeled Faces in the Wild" dataset
- Roughly 1300 images of 7 different people's faces in various orientation and lighting
- Images are 50x37 grayscale or 1850 features

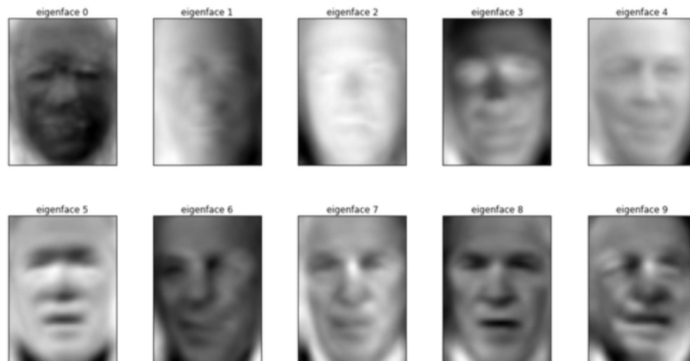
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## Principal Component Analysis

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Main idea: The principal components give a new perpendicular coordinate system to view data.

## Principal Component Analysis - 1D

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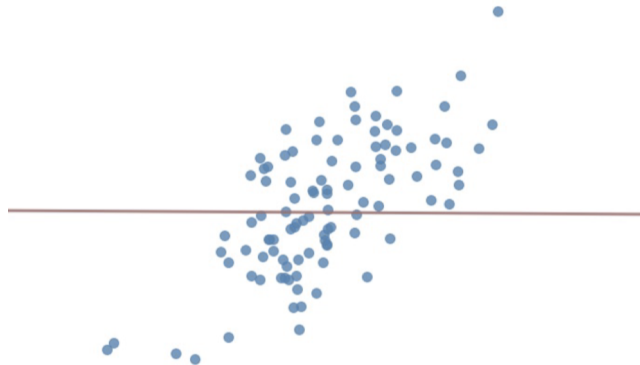
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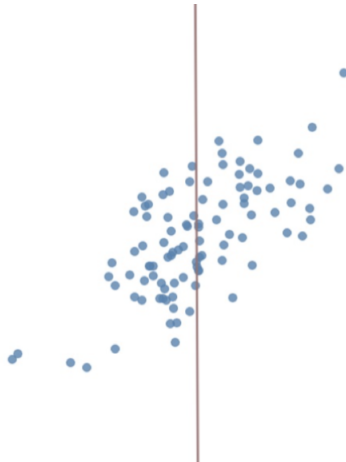
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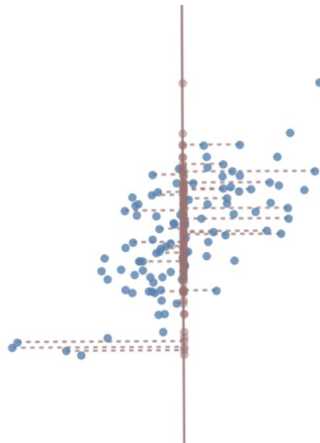
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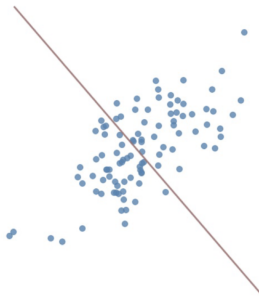
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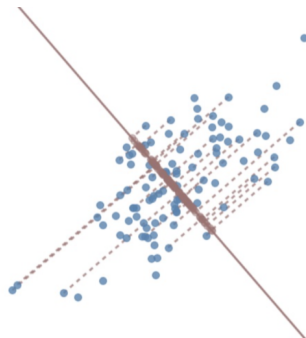
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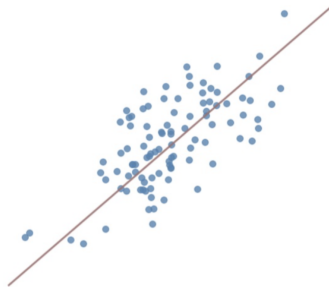
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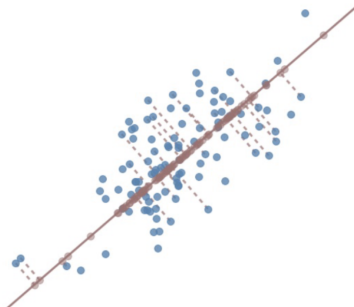




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## Principal Component Analysis

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What properties should it have?

- Capture largest variance in data

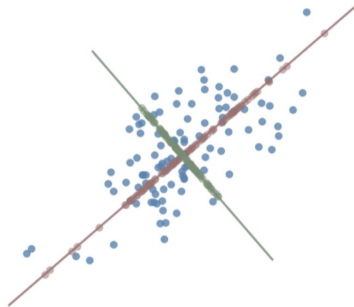
After we've found the first, look the second which:

- Captures largest variance
- Should be orthogonal to principal component that came before it

## Principal Component Analysis

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Principal components of the previous example



## Principal Component Analysis: Projection

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Let  $\mathbf{w}_1$  represent the first principal component (which we know nothing about).  
We project  $i$ th training example onto the first principal component via dot product.

$$\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_1$$

(Note that the above is a scalar)

If we want to project with respect to the original coordinates

$$(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_1) \mathbf{w}_1$$

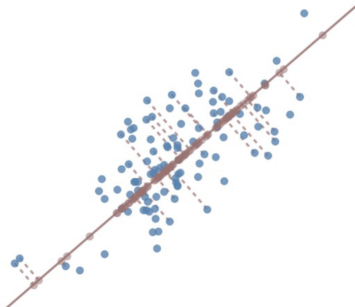
(Note that the above is a vector)

If we store data in an  $m \times d$  matrix  $X$  (where  $\mathbf{x}_i$  are rows) then, we can project all examples onto the first principal component by

$$X \mathbf{w}_1$$

## Principal Component Analysis: Projection

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## PCA step-by-step

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1. **Important:** Center and normalize data before performing PCA.
2. Calculate the covariance matrix  $X$  of data points.
3. Calculate eigenvectors and their corresponding eigenvalues.
4. Sort the eigenvectors according to their eigenvalues in decreasing order.
5. Choose first  $k$  eigenvectors which satisfies the target explained variance.
6. Transform the original  $n$  dimensional data points into  $k$  dimensions using the first  $k$  eigenvectors.

## Principal Component Analysis: Math Background

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How do we find the first principle component?

(**Caution:** In practice, just derive eigenvectors, but let's explain why do we use eigenvectors)

Store data in an  $m \times d$  matrix  $X$  (where  $\mathbf{x}_i$  are rows)

Define covariance matrix  $C^X = \frac{1}{m-1} X^T X$

**Claim:** First principle component  $\mathbf{w}_1$  is the eigenvector of  $C^X$  corresponding to the largest eigenvalue

Recall:  $\mathbf{w}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with associated eigenvalue  $\lambda$  if

$$A\mathbf{w} = \lambda\mathbf{w}$$



## Principal Component Analysis: Math Background

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How do we find  $\mathbf{w}_1$ ?

As  $X$  is already centered, so  $\text{mean}(X\mathbf{w}) = 0$ . Their variance is

$$\frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w})^2 = \frac{1}{m-1} (X\mathbf{w})^T (X\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{m-1} \mathbf{w} X^T X \mathbf{w}$$

$$\frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w})^2 = \mathbf{w}^T C^X \mathbf{w} = \sigma_{\mathbf{w}}^2$$

Want to choose  $\mathbf{w}$  to have unit length, and make  $\sigma_{\mathbf{w}}^2$  as large as possible.

## Principal Component Analysis: Math Background

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$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{w}} \quad & \mathbf{w}^T C^X \mathbf{w} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Constrained optimization!  
Define Lagrangian

$$L(\mathbf{w}, \lambda) = \mathbf{w}^T C^X \mathbf{w} - \lambda(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} &= \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} - 1 &= 0 \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L &= 2C^X \mathbf{w} - 2\lambda \mathbf{w} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Solution is  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\lambda$  such that

$$C^X \mathbf{w} = \lambda \mathbf{w} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} = 1$$

$\mathbf{w}$  is an eigenvector, and max variance is eigenvalue.

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{w}}^2 = \mathbf{w}^T C^X \mathbf{w} = \lambda \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} = \lambda$$

So the first principal component is the eigenvector associated with the largest eigenvalue.

## Principal Component Analysis

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What should  $k$  be?

Eigenvalues tell you variance capture

- Make a plot, look for elbows
- Decide based on **explained variance** ( $EV$ )

$$EV = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i} \quad \text{usually choose } k \text{ s.t. } EV > 99\%$$

where  $\lambda_i$  is the  $i$ th largest eigenvalue of the covariance matrix  $C^X$

## Reposting PCA step-by-step

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## (Bonus) Second principal component of Principal Component Analysis

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Now what is the second principal component?

**Claim:** The second principal component is the eigenvector of  $C^X$  with second largest eigenvalue.

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{w}} \quad & \mathbf{w}^T C^{X'} \mathbf{w} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} = 1 \end{aligned} ,$$

where  $X' = X - X\mathbf{w}_1\mathbf{w}_1^T$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_1$  is the eigenvector for  $\lambda_1$ , the largest eigenvalue.