

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- * Introduction to PCA & Dimensionality Reduction
- * Core concepts: variance, principal components & scaling
- * PCA training and transformation
- * Implementation of PCA on a dataset
- * Visualizing Data, Feature reduction & practical applications

Why PCA is Needed

Feature 1: Study hours

Feature 2: Exam score

f_1 : Height in cm

f_2 : " " inch

What PCA Does:

→ No labels are used

→ PCA only looks at relationships inside the data

"PCA does not select features, it creates new features"

PCA:

→ Rotates the coordinate system

→ Finds new axes called principal components (PC)

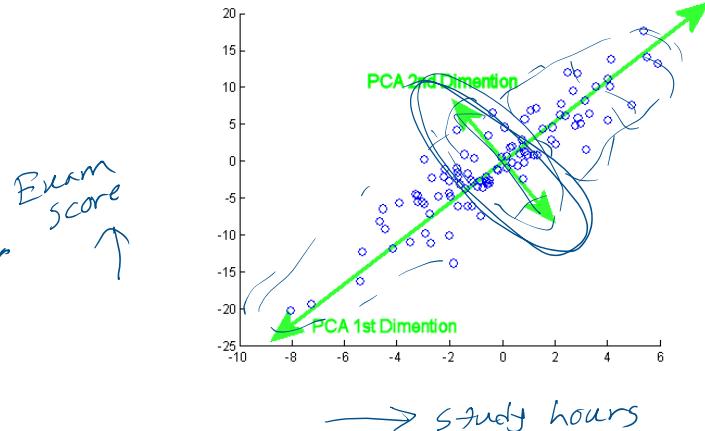
→ Orders these axes by importance (variance)

- Finds new axes called "principal components"
 - Orders these axes by importance (variance)
- * PCA creates new mathematical features

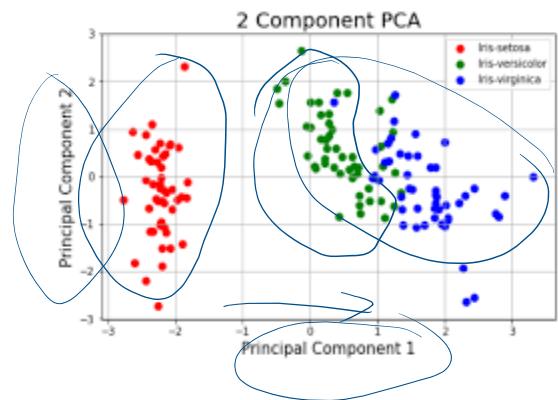
What is PCA?

Eigenvector = Direction →

Eigenvalue = Importance or power ↑



→ study hours



Core Concept: Variance & Scaling Considerations

2, 2, 2, 2, 2
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Low variance

1, 3, 6, 9, 11
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High variance

why do we need scaling?

F1: Height

150, 160, 180 →

F2: weight

50, 75, 45