

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

F1: Height in cm

F2: " " inch

What PCA Does:

- No labels are used
- PCA only looks at relationship 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)

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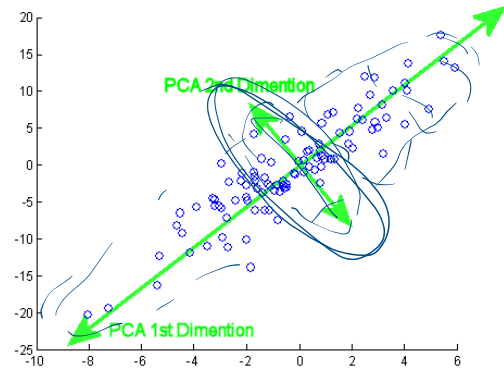
* PCA creates new mathematical features

What is PCA?

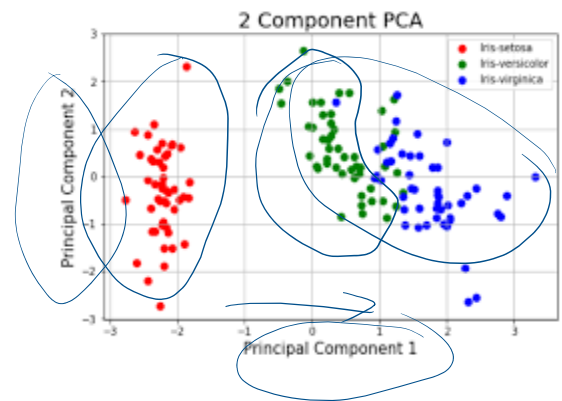
Eigenvector = Direction →

Eigenvalue = Importance or power

Exam
score ↑



→ 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, 95