## Activity 12 - Regularization of LS and Principal Component Analysis

## SVD for regularizing least squares:

$$\min_{m{w}} ||m{A}m{w} - m{y}||^2 \qquad m{w}^* = (m{A}^Tm{A})^{-1}m{A}^Tm{y}$$

What if  $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$  is not invertible?

>> inv(A'\*A)

Warning: Matrix is close to singular or badly scaled. Results may be inaccurate. RCOND = 1.769972e-18.

Regularize!

Before: ridge regression:  $(\boldsymbol{A}^T\boldsymbol{A} + \lambda \boldsymbol{I})^{-1}\boldsymbol{A}^T\boldsymbol{y}$ 

Today: truncate the SVD.

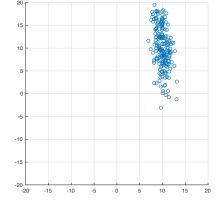
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problem:  $\frac{1}{\sigma_p}$  huge if columns of A are close to linearly dependent

idea: set  $\frac{1}{\sigma_p}$ ,... to zero, i.e, truncate the SVD.

## **Principal Component Analysis:**

input: data  $x_1, x_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R}^2$ 

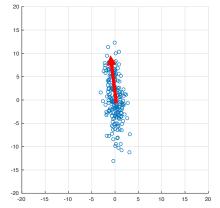


step 1: center data by removing mean

step 2: stack data as columns of matrix  $\boldsymbol{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times n}$ 

step 3: compute SVD of  $\boldsymbol{X} = \boldsymbol{U} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{V}^T$ 

1st principal component is first column of U



PCA can be used to fit a line (or subspace) to data.

- PCA minimizes diagonal distance to line
- regression minimizes vertical

