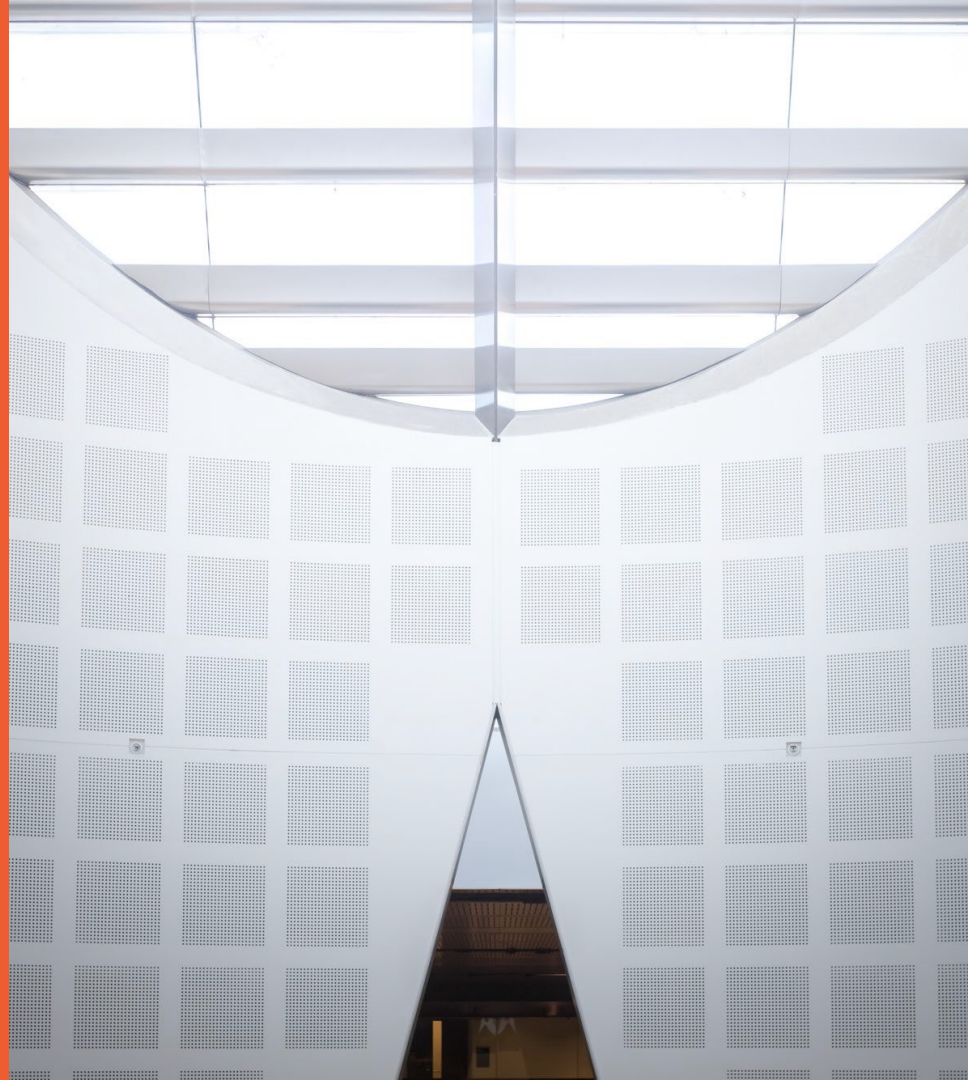


# COMP5310: Principles of Data Science

## W8: Clustering and Dimensionality Reduction

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# Overview of Week 8

# Today: Clustering and Dimensionality Reduction

## Objective

Learn techniques for unsupervised learning, with tools in Python.

## Lecture

- Evaluating clustering
- Principal Component Analysis
- Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

## Readings

- Intro to Data Mining, Ch. 6  
<http://www-users.cs.umn.edu/~kumar/dmbook/ch6.pdf>
- Intro to Data Mining, Ch. 8  
<http://www-users.cs.umn.edu/~kumar/dmbook/ch8.pdf>
- Data Science from Scratch, Ch. 11&19

## Exercises

- sklearn: clustering and PCA

# Unsupervised Learning:

- More **unsupervised** machine learning techniques
  - ☑ Association *rule mining*
  - **Dimensionality reduction**
  - ***Clustering***
  - Outlier detection
  - Etc.

# Clustering

# Similarity and Dissimilarity Between Objects

- Distances are normally used to measure the similarity or dissimilarity between two data objects
- Some popular ones include: *Minkowski distance*:

$$d(i, j) = \sqrt[q]{(|x_{i1} - x_{j1}|^q + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}|^q + \dots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|^q)}$$

where  $i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ip})$  and  $j = (x_{j1}, x_{j2}, \dots, x_{jp})$  are two  $p$ -dimensional data objects, and  $q$  is a positive integer

- If  $q = 1$ ,  $d$  is Manhattan distance

$$d(i, j) = |x_{i1} - x_{j1}| + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}| + \dots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|$$

# Similarity and Dissimilarity Between Objects (Cont.)

- If  $q = 2$ ,  $d$  is Euclidean distance:

$$d(i, j) = \sqrt{(|x_{i_1} - x_{j_1}|^2 + |x_{i_2} - x_{j_2}|^2 + \dots + |x_{i_p} - x_{j_p}|^2)}$$

- Properties

- $d(i, j) \geq 0$
- $d(i, i) = 0$
- $d(i, j) = d(j, i)$
- $d(i, j) \leq d(i, k) + d(k, j)$

# Data Structures

- Data matrix  
n-observations with p-attributes (measurements).
- Dissimilarity matrix  $d(i,j)$  is the dissimilarity between objects i and j
  - expresses the pairwise dissimilarities (distances) between observations in the data set
  - the desired data input to some clustering algorithm

attributes/dimensions

tuples/objects	$x_{11}$	...	$x_{1f}$	...	$x_{1p}$
	...	...	...	...	...
	$x_{i1}$	...	$x_{if}$	...	$x_{ip}$
	...	...	...	...	...
	$x_{n1}$	...	$x_{nf}$	...	$x_{np}$

objects

	$0$			
	$d(2,1)$	$0$		
	$d(3,1)$	$d(3,2)$	$0$	
	$:$	$:$	$:$	
	$d(n,1)$	$d(n,2)$	...	...
objects				$0$



# Last week: K-Means

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- 1: Select  $K$  points as the initial centroids.
  - 2: **repeat**
  - 3:     Form  $K$  clusters by assigning all points to the closest centroid.
  - 4:     Recompute the centroid of each cluster.
  - 5: **until** The centroids don't change
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# Example

## Exercise 1. K-means clustering (Homework)

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### ***Solution:***

epoch1 – start:

distances to  $c_1=3$ :

$d(c_1=3, 5)=2$ ,  $d(c_1=3, 7)=4$ ,  $d(c_1=3, 10)=7$ ,  $d(c_1=3, 12)=5$

distances to  $c_2=13$ :

$d(c_2=13, 5)=8$ ,  $d(c_2=13, 7)=6$ ,  $d(c_2=13, 10)=3$ ,  $d(c_2=13, 12)=1$

The smaller distance for each example is in bold.

=> The new clusters will be:  $K_1=\{5, 7\}$  and  $K_2=\{10, 12\}$

The centroids for the new clusters are  $(5+7)/2=6$  and  $(10+12)/2=11$ .

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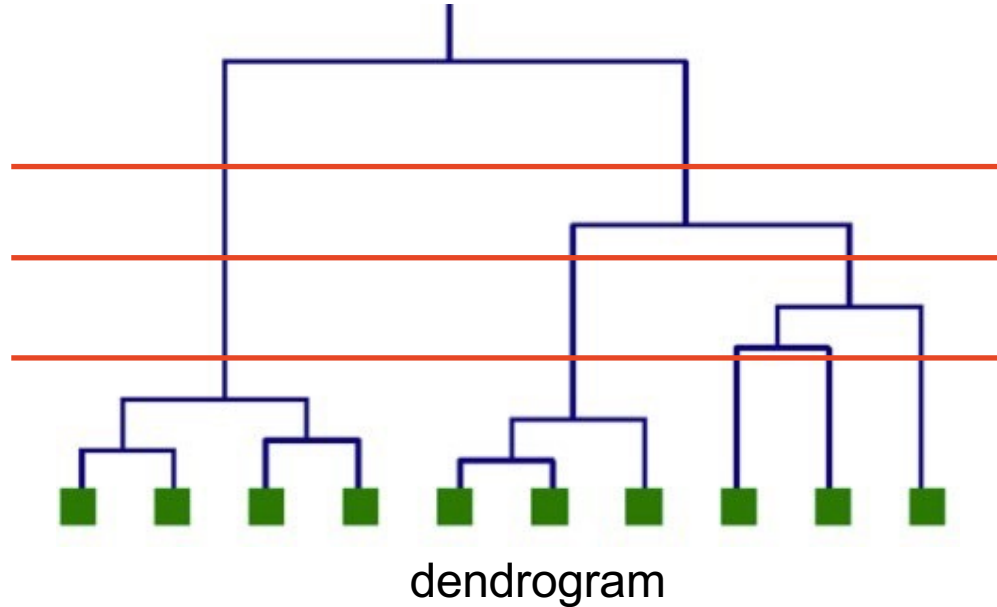
# Hierarchical Clustering

Strategies for hierarchical clustering generally fall into two types:

- **Agglomerative:** This is a "bottom up" approach: each object starts in its own cluster, and pairs of clusters are merged as one moves up the hierarchy.
- **Divisive:** This is a "top down" approach: all objects start in one cluster, and splits are performed recursively as one moves down the hierarchy.

# Hierarchical Clustering: e.g. Agglomerative

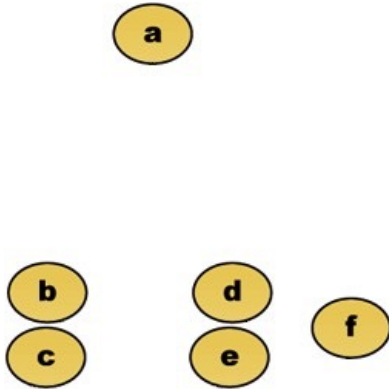
- Initial
  - Each point in its own cluster
- Repeat
  - Find closest pair of clusters
    - Min-distance between any two points
  - Merge them into one cluster
  - Recompute distances between new cluster and others
- Until Desired number of clusters remaining e.g. single cluster



# Hierarchical Algorithm

Steps in Hierarchical Algorithm:

- The first step generates the distance calculation matrix for each data item as shown in table below, in this case: {a}, {b}, {c}, {d}, {e}, {f}.



	a	b	c	d	e	f
a	0	184	222	177	216	231
b	184	0	45	123	128	200
c	222	45	0	129	121	203
d	177	123	129	0	46	83
e	216	128	121	46	0	83
f	231	200	203	83	83	0

# Hierarchical Algorithm

- Next step is to merge the closest data items.
  - In this case: {b , c} are merged.
  - Therefore, the first clustering process generates: {a}, {b , c}, {d},{e},{f}.

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f	231	200	203	83	83	0



	a	b,c	d	e	f
a	0	?	177	216	231
b,c	?	0	?	?	?
d	177	?	0	46	83
e	216	?	46	0	83
f	231	?	83	83	0

# Hierarchical Algorithm

## Distance Calculation between two hierarchical clusters :

- single linkage:
  - The minimum distance between elements of each cluster
- complete linkage:
  - The maximum distance between elements of each cluster
- average linkage: i.e. mean distance calculation.



# Hierarchical Algorithm with Single Linkage

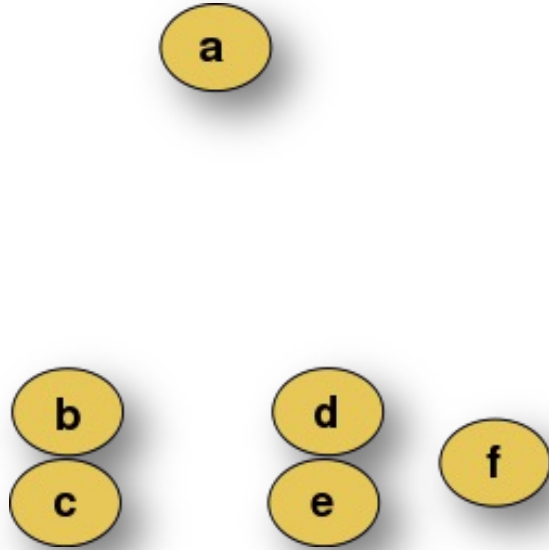
- Repeat the distance calculation process based on single linkage
- Apply merging process based on previous merge results.
  - In this case: {d , e} are merged.
- The final results are: {a}, {b, c} {d, e} → {a}, {b, c}, {d, e, f} → {a}, {b, c, d, e, f} → {a, b, c, d, e, f}

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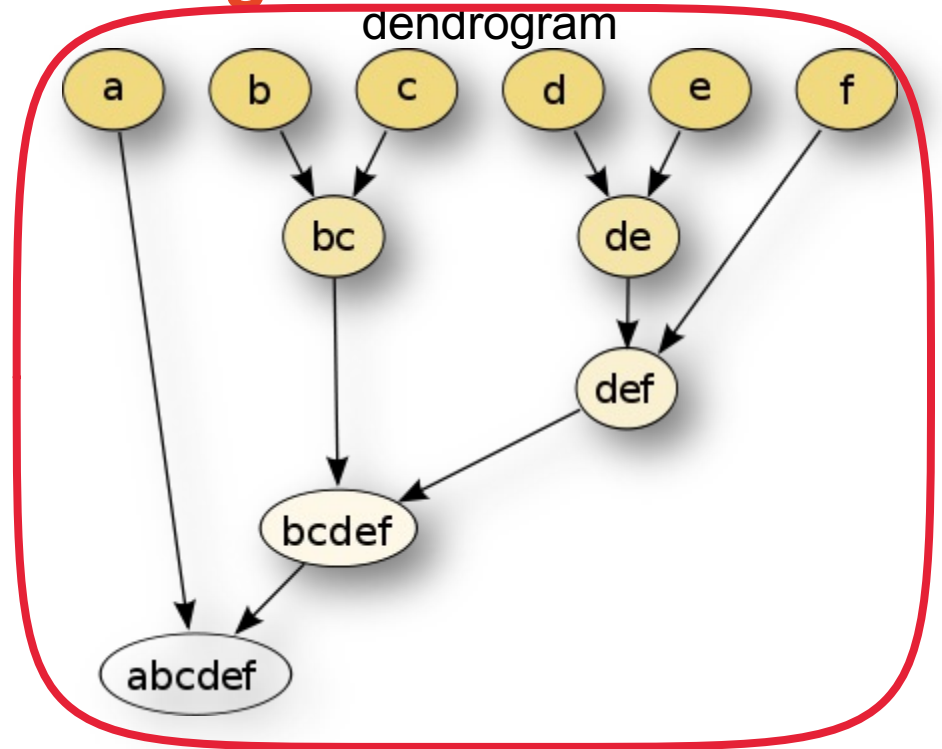


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# Resultant Hierarchical Clustering



Original Data Items



Hierarchical Data Items

# Example

## Exercise 3. Hierarchical clustering – single link agglomerative algorithm

Use the **single link** agglomerative clustering to group the data described by the following distance matrix. Draw the dendrogram.

	A	B	C	D
A	0	1	4	5
B		0	2	6
C			0	3
D				0

# Example

***Solution:***

Level 0:

(0, 4, {A}, {B}, {C}, {D})

Level 1: we can merge A and B as  $d(A,B) \leq 1$

(1, 3, {A,B}, {C}, {D})

The updated matrix is:

	AB	C	D
AB	0	2	5
C		0	3
D			0

Note: the distance between {A,B} and C using the single link is  $\min(d(A,C), d(B,C)) = \min(4, 2) = 2$ .  
Similarly, the distance between {A,B} and D is 5.

# Example

Level 2: we can merge  $\{A,B\}$  and C as the distance between them  $\leq 2$   
(2, 2,  $\{A,B,C\}$ ,  $\{D\}$ )

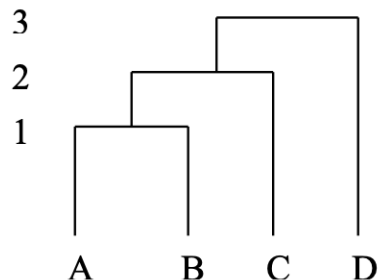
The updated matrix is:

	ABC	D
ABC	0	3
D		0

Level 3: we can merge  $\{A,B,C\}$  with D as the distance between them is  $\leq 3$   
(3, 1,  $\{A,B,C,D\}$ )

Stop: all items are in 1 cluster.

Dendrogram:



Credit: Irena Koprinska

# Example

## Exercise 4. Hierarchical clustering – complete link agglomerative algorithm

The same task as in the previous exercise but using the **complete link** distance measure.

	A	B	C	D
A	0	1	4	5
B		0	2	6
C			0	3
D				0

# Example

## ***Solution:***

Level 0:

(0, 4, {A}, {B}, {C}, {D})

Level 1: we can merge A and B as the distance between them is  $\leq 1$

(1, 3, {A,B}, {C}, {D}) as  $d(A,B) \leq 1$

The updated matrix is:

	AB	C	D
AB	0	4	6
C		0	3
D			0



Note: the distance between {A,B} and C using the complete link is  $\max(d(A,C), d(B,C)) = \max(4, 2) = 4$ .  
Similarly, the distance between {A,B} and D is 6.

# Example

Level 2: we can't merge any clusters as all distances are  $>3$

(2, 3, {A,B}, {C}, {D})

Level 3: we can merge C and D as the distance between them is  $\leq 3$

(3, 2, {A,B}, {C,D})

The updated matrix is:

	AB	CD
AB	0	6
CD		0



# Example

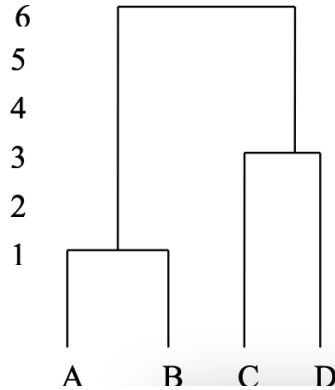
Level 4: no merging

Level 5: no merging

Level 6: we can merge the 2 clusters

Stop: all items are in 1 cluster

Dendrogram:



# Evaluating Clustering

## Internal: Sum of Squared Error (SSE, or inertia)

- For each point, the error is the distance to the nearest cluster
- To get SSE, we square these errors and sum them.

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{x \in C_i} dist^2(m_i, x)$$

- $x$  is a data point in cluster  $C_i$  and  $m_i$  is the centroid point (mean) for cluster  $C_i$

## SSE Example

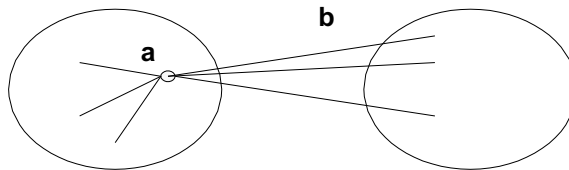
- Suppose we have 3 clusters:
  - Cluster 1: [2, 4] with centroid at 3
  - Cluster 2: [5, 6, 7] with centroid at 6
  - Cluster 3: [8, 10, 12] with centroid at 10
- Squared error for each cluster:
  - $SE1 = (2-3)^2 + (4-3)^2 = 1 + 1 = 2$
  - $SE2 = (5-6)^2 + (7-6)^2 = 1 + 1 = 2$
  - $SE3 = (8-10)^2 + (12-10)^2 = 4 + 4 = 8$
- $SSE = SE1 + SE2 + SE3 = 12$

# Internal: Silhouette Coefficient

- For an individual point  $i$ 
  - Calculate  $a$  = average distance of  $i$  to points in its cluster
  - Calculate  $b$  = average distance of  $i$  to points in the next nearest cluster
  - The silhouette coefficient for a point is then given by

$$s = 1 - a/b \quad \text{if } a < b, \quad (\text{or } s = b/a - 1 \quad \text{if } a \geq b, \text{ not the usual case})$$

- The closer to 1 the better



- Silhouette coefficient for dataset is average across all  $i$

# Silhouette Coefficient Example

- Suppose we have 3 clusters:
  - Cluster 1 = [ [1,0], [1,1] ]
  - Cluster 2 = [ [1,2], [2,3], [2,2], [1,2] ],
  - Cluster 3 = [ [3,1], [3,3], [2,1] ]
- Take a point [1,0] in cluster 1
- Calculate its average distance to all other points in it's cluster, i.e. cluster 1
- So  $a_1 = \sqrt{((1-1)^2 + (0-1)^2)} = \sqrt{(0 + 1)} = 1$

## Silhouette Coefficient Example (Cont.)

- Now for the point  $[1,0]$  in cluster 1 calculate its average distance from all the objects in cluster 2 and cluster 3.
- Of these take the minimum average distance.
- So for cluster 2:
  - $[1,0] \rightarrow [1,2] = \text{distance} = \sqrt{((1-1)^2 + (0-2)^2)} = \sqrt{(0+4)} = 2$
  - $[1,0] \rightarrow [2,3] = \text{distance} = \sqrt{((1-2)^2 + (0-3)^2)} = \sqrt{(1+9)} = 3.16$
  - $[1,0] \rightarrow [2,2] = \text{distance} = \sqrt{((1-2)^2 + (0-2)^2)} = \sqrt{(1+4)} = 2.24$
  - $[1,0] \rightarrow [1,2] = \text{distance} = \sqrt{((1-1)^2 + (0-2)^2)} = \sqrt{(0+4)} = 2$
- Therefore, the average distance of point  $[1,0]$  in cluster 1 to all the points in cluster 2 =

$$(2+3.16+2.24+2)/4 = 2.35$$

## Silhouette Coefficient Example (Cont.)

- Similarly, for cluster 3.
  - $[1,0] \rightarrow [3,1] = \text{distance} = \sqrt{((1-3)^2 + (0-1)^2)} = \sqrt{(4+1)} = 2.24$
  - $[1,0] \rightarrow [3,3] = \text{distance} = \sqrt{((1-3)^2 + (0-3)^2)} = \sqrt{(4+9)} = 3.61$
  - $[1,0] \rightarrow [2,1] = \text{distance} = \sqrt{((1-2)^2 + (0-1)^2)} = \sqrt{(1+1)} = 1.41$
- Therefore, the average distance of point  $[1,0]$  in cluster 1 to all the points in cluster 3 =  
$$(2.24+3.61+1.41)/3 = 2.42$$
- Now, the minimum average distance of the point  $[1,0]$  in cluster 1 to the other clusters 2 and 3 is,  
$$b1 = 2.35 \quad (2.35 < 2.42)$$





## Silhouette Coefficient Example (Cont.)

- So the silhouette coefficient of point [1,0] in cluster 1

$$s_1 = 1 - (a_1/b_1) = 1 - (1/2.35) = 1 - 0.43 = 0.57$$

- In a similar fashion you need to calculate the silhouette coefficient for each data point in each cluster
- Then we average them to calculate the overall silhouette coefficient to evaluate the resultant clusters
- The closer to 1 the better

## Exercise: Evaluation

- Evaluating with respect to a gold partition
  -  code cell after “Evaluating clustering”
  -  code cell after “Comparing initialisations”
  - TODO Discuss evaluation output

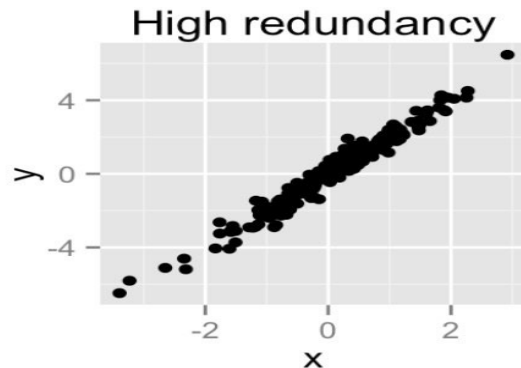
# Principal Component Analysis

# Principal Components Analysis

- It aims transforming the original data from high dimensional space into lower dimensional space.
- The new variables in the lower dimensional space corresponds to a linear combination of the originals and are called **principal components (PC)**
- PCA helps in
  - **Visualization.** Using the right variables to plot items will give more insights.
  - **Uncovering Clusters.** With good visualizations, hidden categories or clusters could be identified.
  - **Dimensionality reduction.** Reduce number of dimensions in data

# Principal Components Analysis

- PCA method is particularly useful when the variables within the data set are **highly correlated**.
- **Correlation** indicates that there is **redundancy** in the data.
- Correlation is captured by the covariance matrix<sup>1</sup>.
- PCA is traditionally performed on **covariance** matrix or correlation matrix.

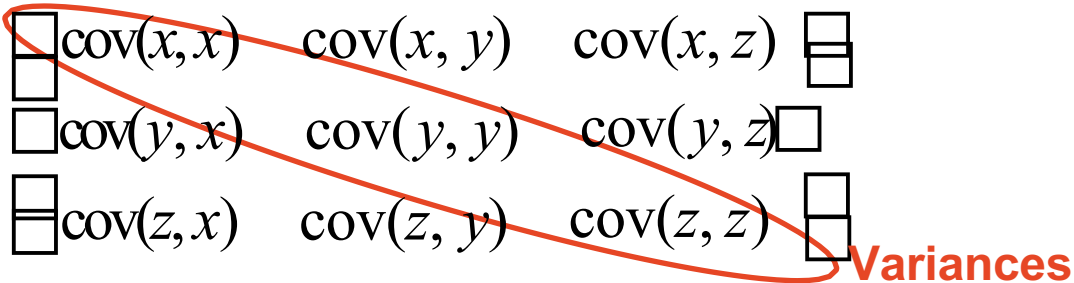


# Covariance Matrix

- Representing Covariance between dimensions as a matrix e.g for three attributes (x,y,z):

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\text{cov}(x,x)} & \text{cov}(x,y) & \text{cov}(x,z) \\ \boxed{\text{cov}(y,x)} & \boxed{\text{cov}(y,y)} & \text{cov}(y,z) \\ \boxed{\text{cov}(z,x)} & \text{cov}(z,y) & \boxed{\text{cov}(z,z)} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Variances**



- The covariance between one dimension and itself is the variance
  - Diagonal is the variances of x, y and z
- $\text{cov}(x,y) = \text{cov}(y,x)$  hence matrix is symmetrical about the diagonal
- N-dimensional data will result in NxN covariance matrix

# Covariance Matrix Example

- Below is the covariance matrix of some 3 variables.
- Their variances are on the diagonal, and the sum of the 3 values (3.448) is the overall variability

1.343730	-.1601522	.1864702
-.1601522	.61920562	-.1266842
.1864702	-.1266842	1.485549

- The diagonal elements are the **variances** of the different variables.
- In the covariance table above, the off-diagonal values are different from zero. This indicates the presence of redundancy in the data.
- In other words, there is a certain amount of correlation between variables.

# PCA Example

- PCA creates uncorrelated PC variables (called eigenvectors) having zero covariations and variances (called eigenvalues) sorted in decreasing order.
- The first PC captures the greatest variance, the second greatest variance is the second PC, and so on.
- By eliminating the later PCs we can achieve dimensionality reduction.
  - The 1st PC accounts for or "explains"  $1.651/3.448 = 47.9\%$  of the overall variability;
  - the 2nd one explains 35.4% of it; the 3rd one explains 16.7% of it.

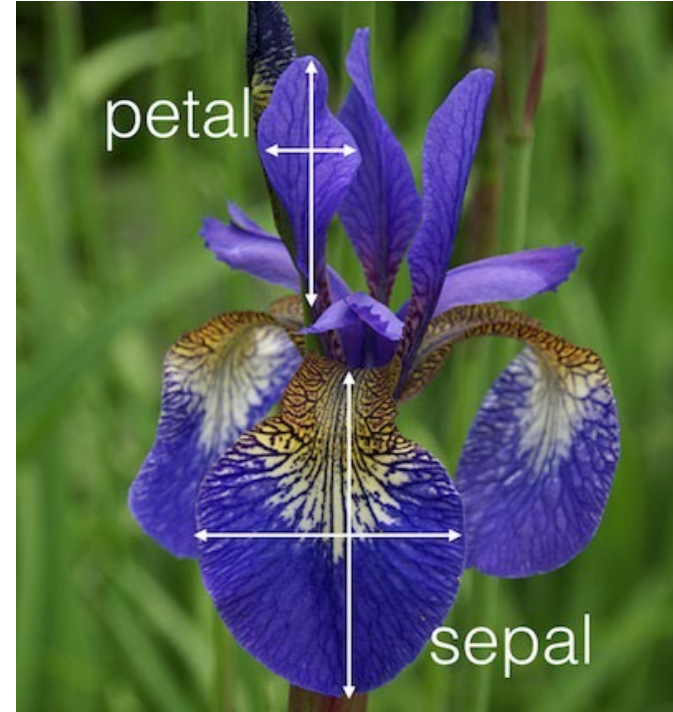
1.65135	.000000	.000000
.000000	1.220288	.000000
.000000	.000000	.576843

The covariance matrix  
between the principal  
components

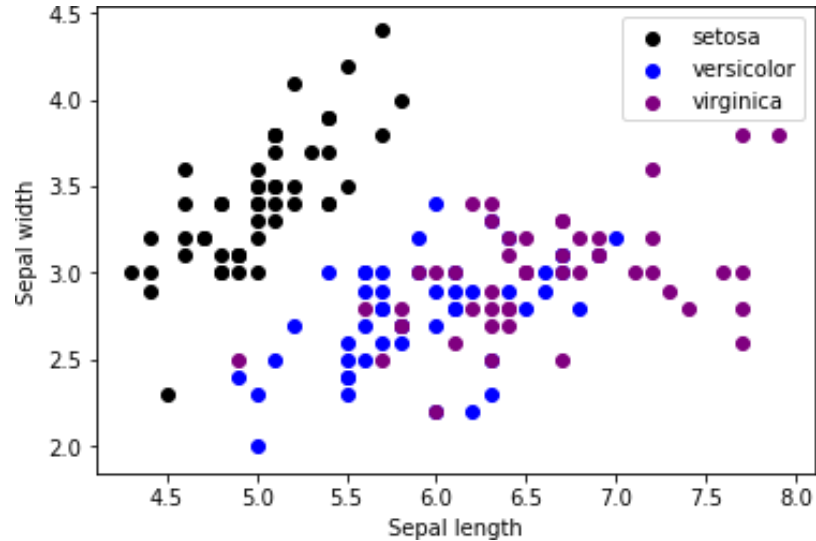


# PCA on Iris Dataset

- Iris data has 150 observations equally distributed among three species:  
Setosa, Versicolor and Verginica.
- It has four variables:
  - Sepal length and width
  - Petal length and width
- Which variables I can use to plot the data in two dimensional space?
- Lets try using the two features:  
Sepal length VS. Sepal width

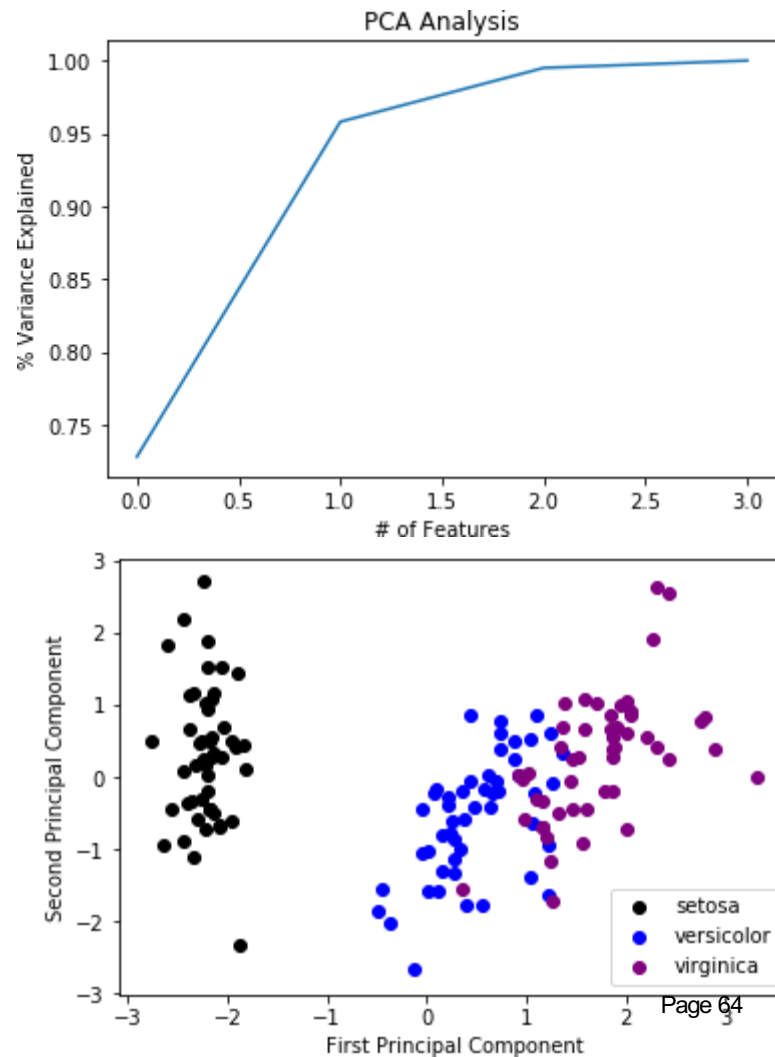


# Plotting the data points using Sepal Length vs Sepal Width





# PCA on IRIS Dataset

- Lets now choose the best variables using PCA and then plot the data
- The eigenvalues are:  
[ 0.728 0.230 0.037 0.005]
- The first two PCs represent 95.8% of the variance of the data
- Which means we can reduce the data into two dimensional spaces by eliminating PC3 and PC4



# Exercise: Dimensionality Reduction

- Selecting the number of clusters
  -  code cell after “Dimensionality Reduction”
  -  code cell after “Deciding how many components”
  - TODO PCA on digits dataset

# Review

## Additional Reading (not examinable)

- Tan et al. Introduction to data mining.  
<https://goo.gl/hWwuZb>
- Aggarwal. Data mining: the textbook.  
<https://goo.gl/IQqLwT>
- Han. Data mining: concepts and techniques.  
<https://goo.gl/CFIMMs>
- Scikit-learn user guide, § 2 (Unsupervised learning).  
[http://scikit-learn.org/stable/unsupervised\\_learning.html](http://scikit-learn.org/stable/unsupervised_learning.html)

## Other tools and Techniques (not examinable)

- Scikit-learn user guide, § 4.4 (Dimensionality reduction).  
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- Scikit-learn user guide, § 2.7 (Outlier detection).  
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- Etc