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# Stat 215A - Week 4

— Slides on PCA thanks to Rebecca Barter —

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# Lab 1

What was people's experience with the lab?

Any final questions to ask?

# Lab 1: peer review

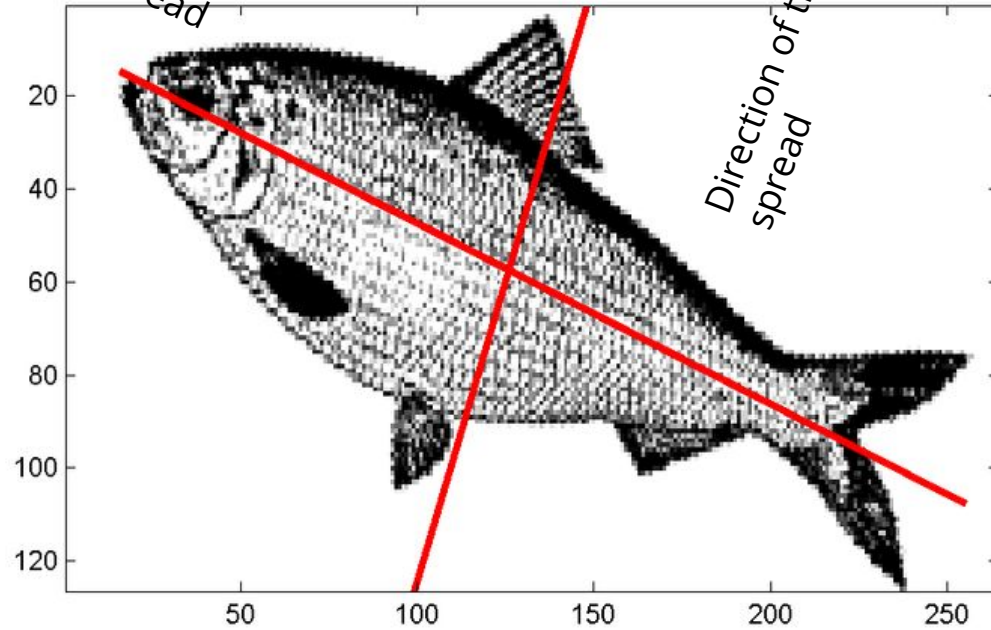
Later today I will push two reports to each of your repositories (plus my report from last year).

If you do **not have reports to review in your stat-215-a GitHub by the end of the day** that means that I did not get your report and you should **email me ASAP**.

You have **one week to review the report and provide feedback** in the google form that I will distribute.

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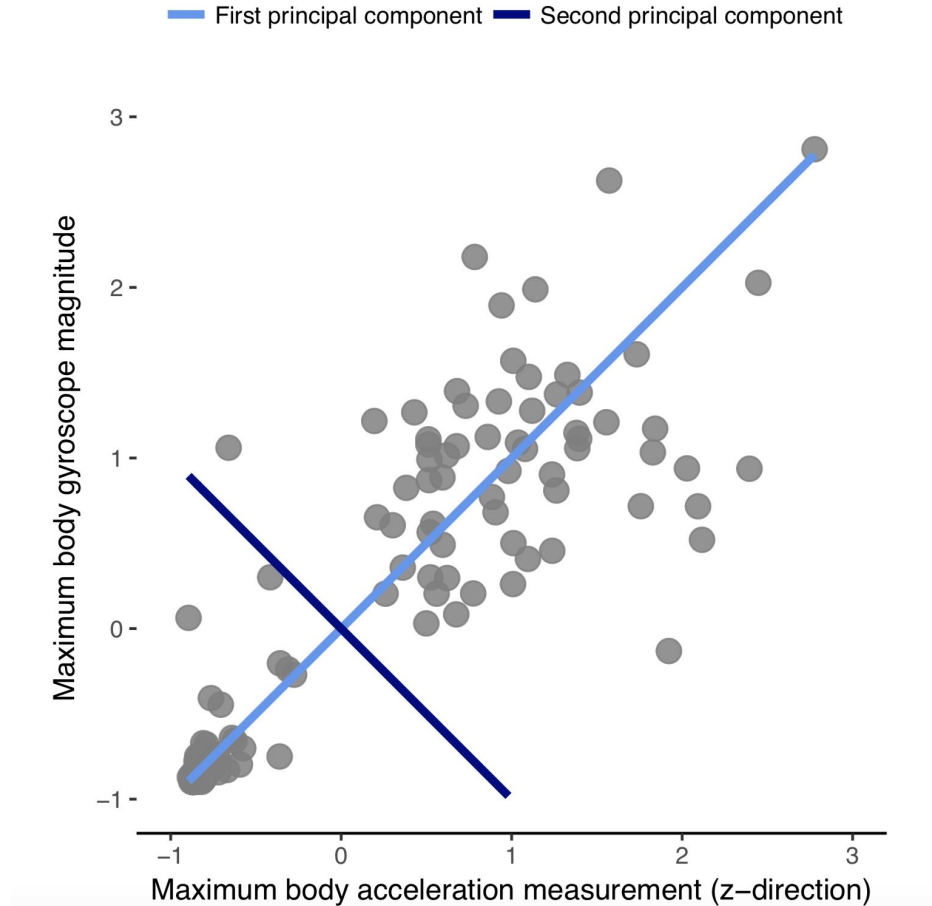
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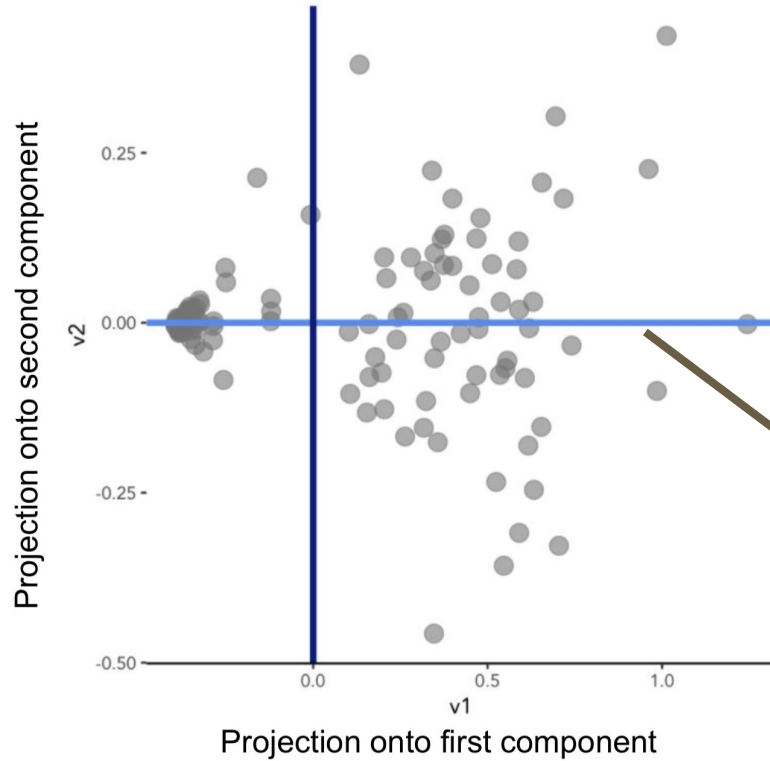
Direction of the second most spread

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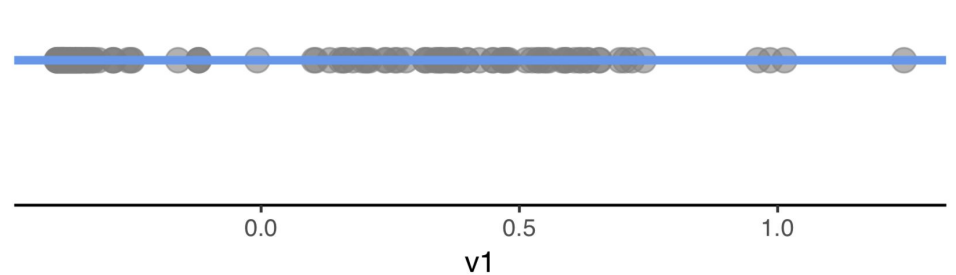
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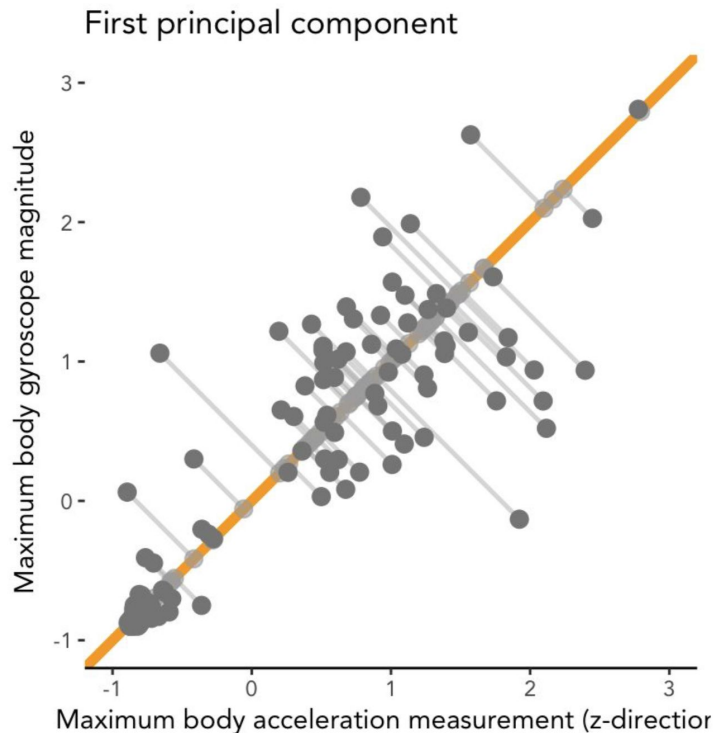
Data presented in the PC axes



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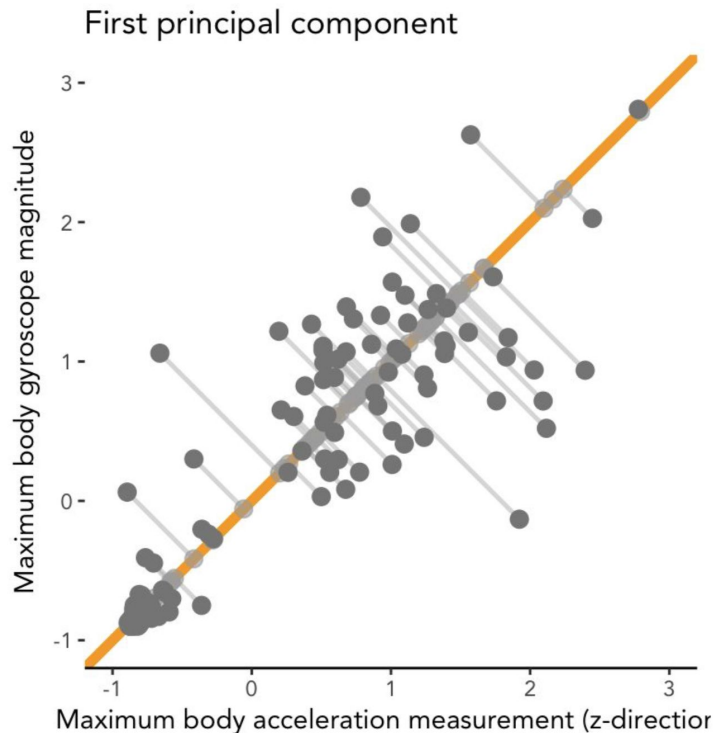
...or, equivalently, the direction along which the data is most spread out



# Calculating the PCs

The second PC is the line (perpendicular to the first PC) to which the data have the **next smallest average perpendicular distance**.

In higher dimensions we talk about “**orthogonal**” rather than “perpendicular”





# Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

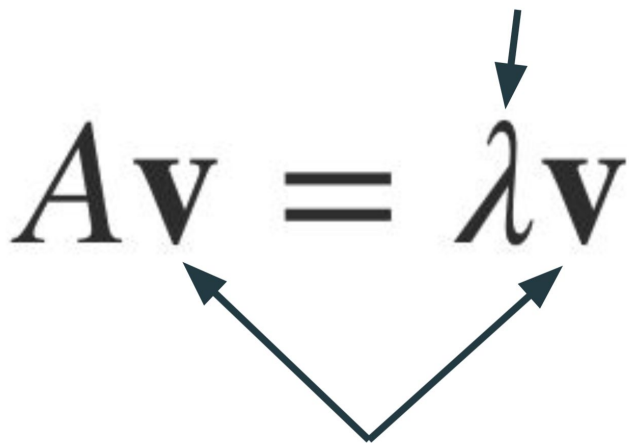
A vector is a line with a direction and magnitude (length)

Multiplying a vector by a matrix does two things:

1. **Rotate** the vector orientation
2. **Scale** the vector by increasing/decreasing its magnitude

# Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

Eigen**value** of  $A$



The diagram shows the equation  $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ . An arrow points from the text 'Eigenvalue of A' to the symbol  $\lambda$ . Another arrow points from the text 'Eigenvector of A' to the symbol  $\mathbf{v}$  in the term  $A\mathbf{v}$ . A third arrow points from the same 'Eigenvector of A' text to the symbol  $\mathbf{v}$  in the term  $\lambda\mathbf{v}$ .

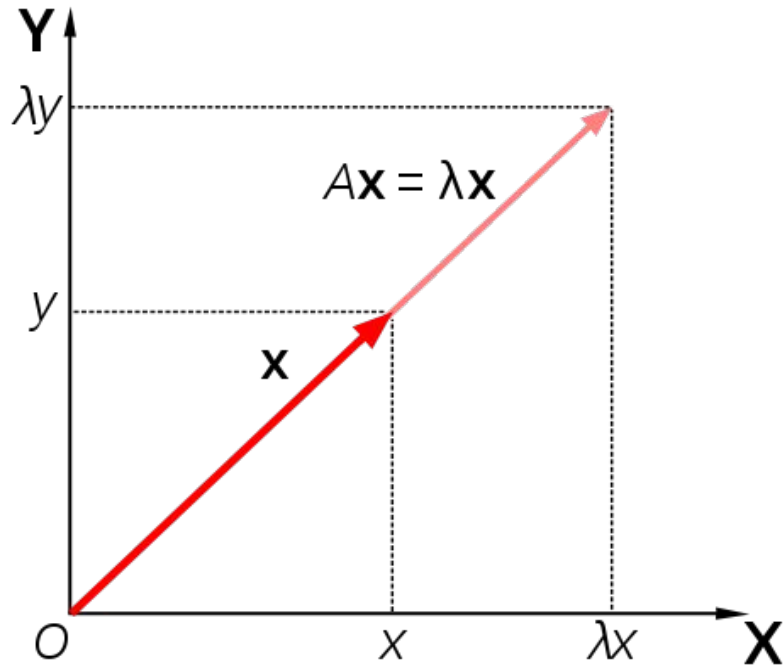
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Eigen**vector** of  $A$

For an eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$  and an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$ :

Rotating and scaling  $\mathbf{v}$  by  $A$  is the same as scaling  $\mathbf{v}$  by a scalar  $\lambda$

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I.e. multiplication of an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  by  $\mathbf{A}$  does not rotate the vector, it only scales it.

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The amount by which each eigenvector is stretched or compressed is the **eigenvalue**.

# Eigendecomposition

It turns out that for any symmetric matrix **A** you can factorize it using **eigendecomposition**.

$$A = VDV^T$$

$$D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \lambda_p \end{bmatrix} \quad V = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{v}_p] = \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,1} & \dots & v_{p,1} \\ v_{1,2} & \dots & v_{p,2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ v_{1,n} & \dots & v_{p,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$D$  is a diagonal matrix whose **diagonal entries** are **eigenvalues**

$V$  is a matrix whose **columns** correspond to the **eigenvectors**



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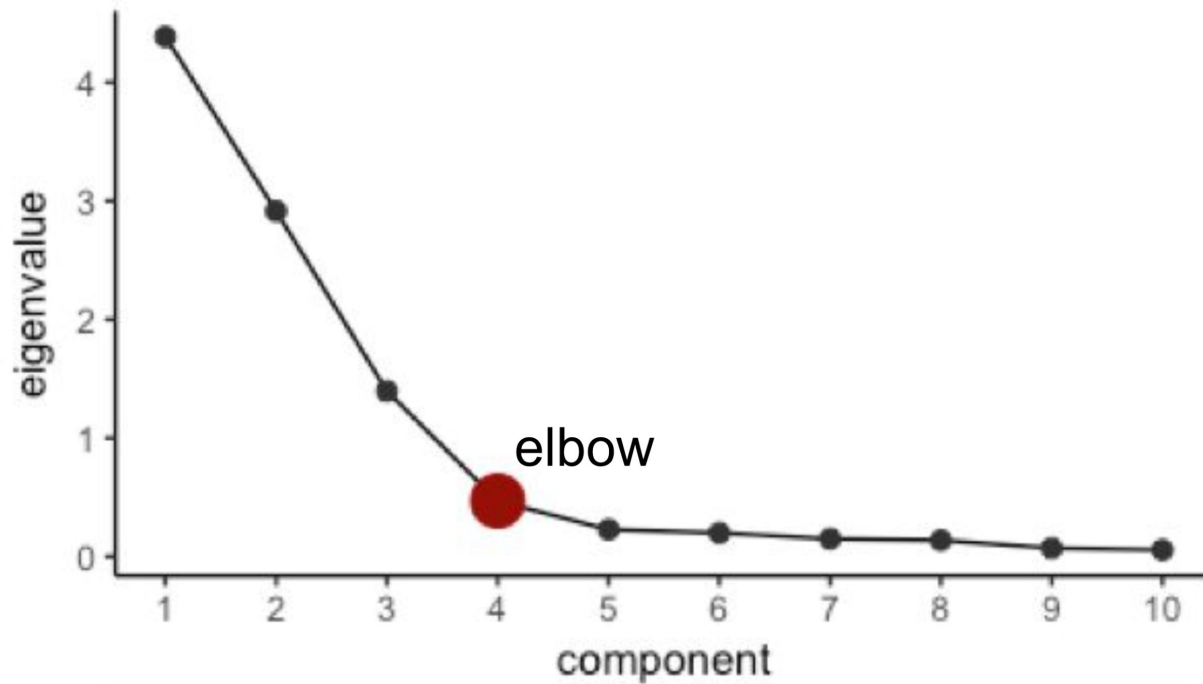
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4. Define a “new” lower-dimensional dataset consisting only of the data projected onto the first few PCs, that account for most of the variation in the data

# Scree plot



# The PCA algorithm

We can use the output from PCA to answer the question of which of the original variables are most “important”

Do so by calculating the correlation (or “loading”) between each variable and the data projected onto the first few PC's

The loading for variable  $j$  on principal component  $i$  corresponds to the  $j$ th entry in the  $i$ th eigenvector



Do exercises in `pca_exercises.Rmd` file