

1. Question 1

## 1.1. **a.**

1.2. **b.** The most important variables in the first pair of vectors are 6 from  $X_1$ , and 12 from  $X_2$ . The correlation between these variables is 0.78, which is close to the values in the vectors for these variables.

The most important variables in the second pair of vectors are 1 from  $X_1$ , and 10 from  $X_2$ . The correlation between these variables is 0.96, which is close to minus one times the values in the vectors for these variables.

1.3. c. You could drop the third variable from  $X_1$ , and the 11th variable from  $X_2$ . The 11th variable in  $X_2$  is not strongly correlated with any of the other variables in  $X_2$ . The third variable in  $X_1$  is not strongly cross-correlated with any of the variables in  $X_2$ 

Dropping these variables from  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  and performing the analysis again, we see that the overall result is not much changed:









