

# Week 14 Dimensionality Reduction

## L14-01 Principal Component Analysis: Concept

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# PCA Assumptions

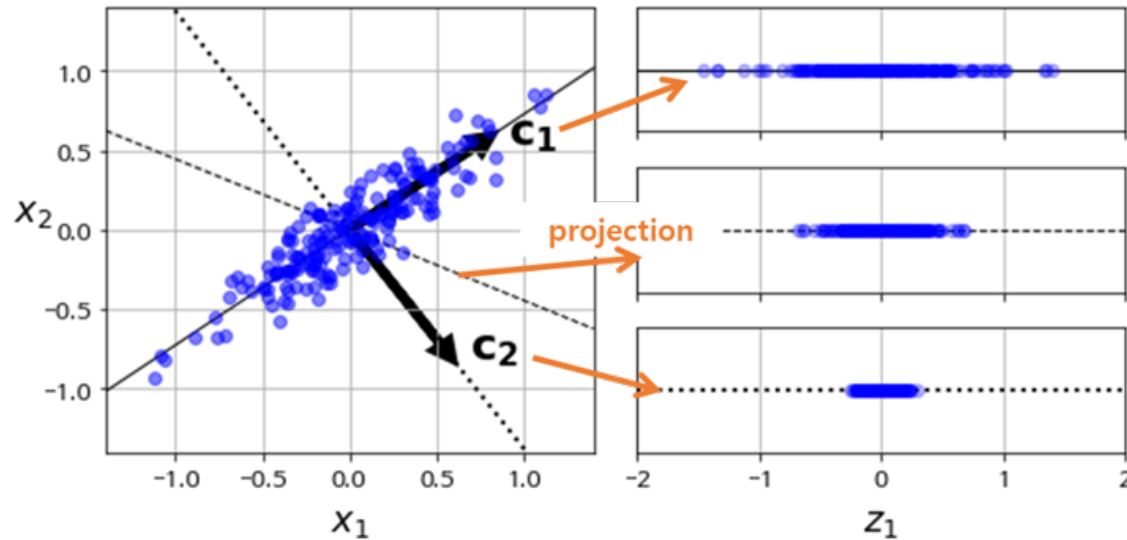
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(Lee, 2021)

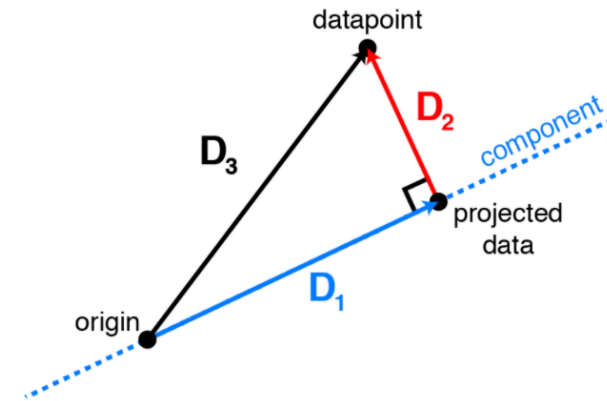


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(Géron, 2019)



$$D_3^2 = D_1^2 + D_2^2$$

initial variance = remaining variance + lost variance

$$\|a_i\|^2 = \|w_i c\|^2 + \|a_i - w_i c\|^2$$

this is constant      maximize this      or      minimize this

(Williams, 2016)

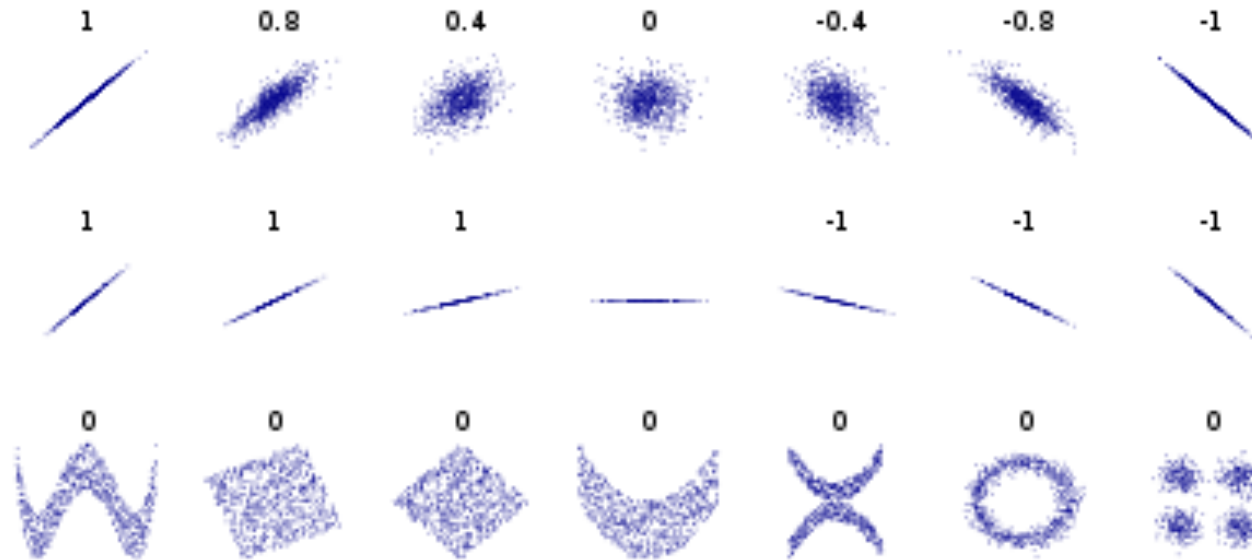
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  - A PCA is based on Pearson correlation coefficients



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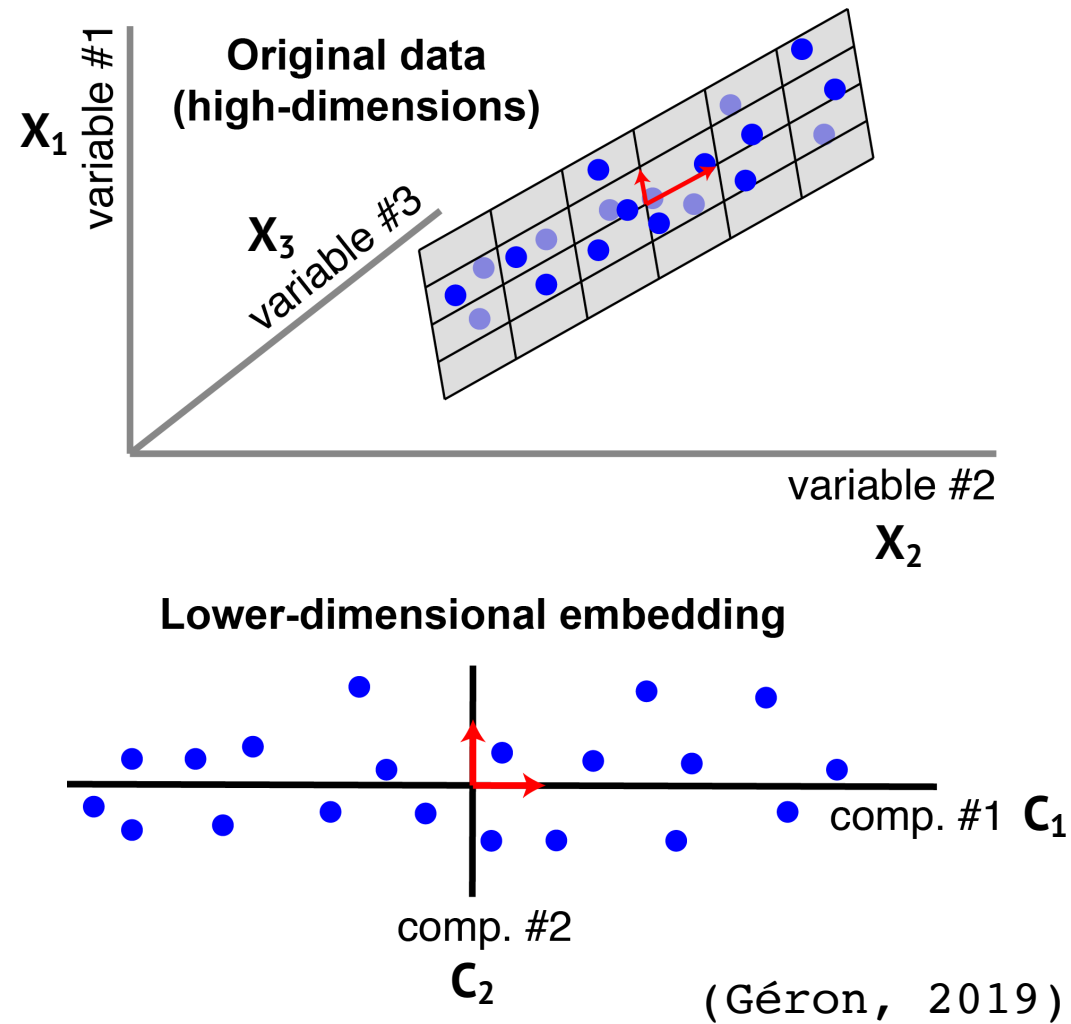
# The Idea of PCA

## ■ Four Steps

1. PCA identifies the axis that provides **the largest amount of variance** in the dataset.
2. Then, it finds the second axis that (1) is **orthogonal with the first axis** and (2) has **the largest variance**.
3. Also, it finds the third axis that (1) is **orthogonal** to the first and second axes and (2) **preserves the variance** as much as possible.
4. In the same way as steps above, it **keeps finding the axes** as much as **the number of dimensions of the dataset**.

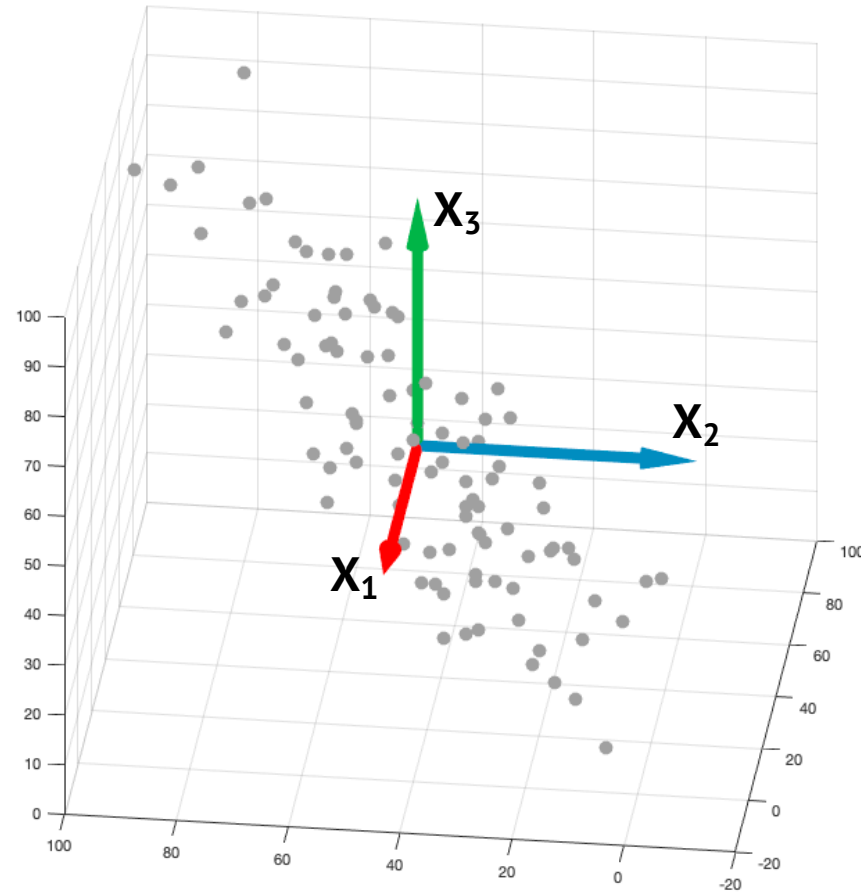


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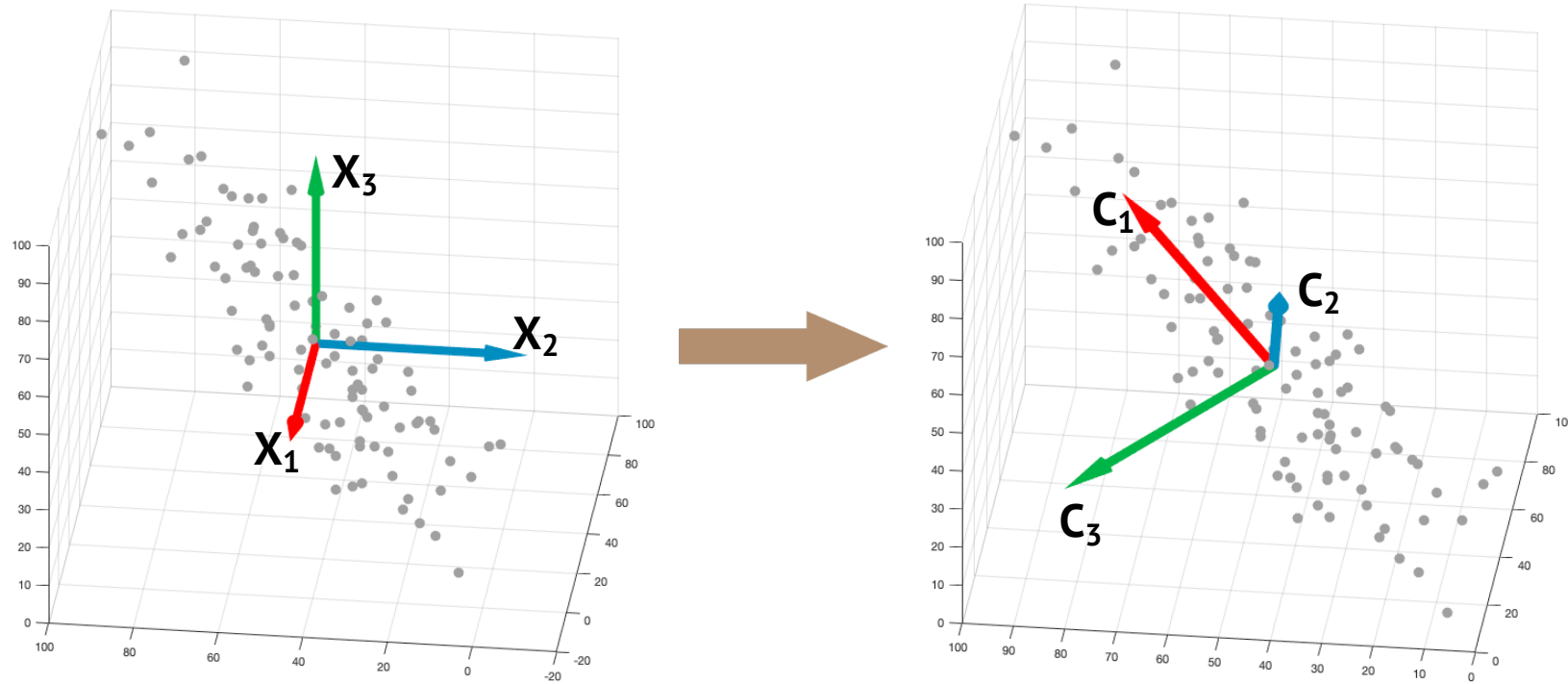
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■ **Covariance:** A measure of the strength and sign of the linear relationship between two variables, in the scale of the original data

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$

■ **Covariance matrix:** A square matrix giving the covariance between each pair of variables

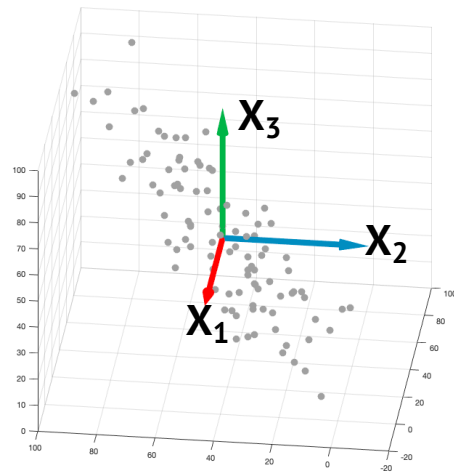
$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(X) & \text{Cov}(X, Y) & \text{Cov}(X, Y) \\ \text{Cov}(X, Y) & \text{Var}(Y) & \text{Cov}(Y, Z) \\ \text{Cov}(Y, Z) & \text{Cov}(Y, Z) & \text{Var}(Z) \end{bmatrix}$$

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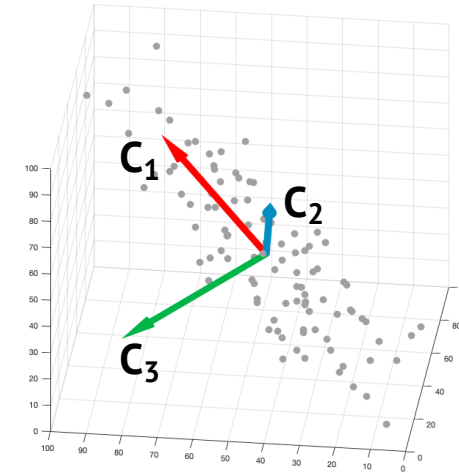
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$X$  Coordinate System ( $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} Var(X_1) & Cov(X_1, X_2) & Cov(X_1, X_3) \\ Cov(X_1, X_2) & Var(X_2) & Cov(X_2, X_3) \\ Cov(X_1, X_3) & Cov(X_2, X_3) & Var(X_3) \end{bmatrix}$$



$C$  Coordinate System ( $\mathbf{C}_1, \mathbf{C}_2, \mathbf{C}_3$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} Var(C_1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Var(C_2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Var(C_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

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How can PCA identify the axis that provides the largest amount of variance in the dataset?

$A^T A$  Covariance matrix  
(Mean-centered, symmetric matrix)

$$(A = U\Sigma V^T)$$

Singular Value Decomposition  
of Data matrix

$$= (U\Sigma V^T)^T (U\Sigma V^T) = V\Sigma^T U^T U\Sigma V^T$$

eigenvectors

$$= V(\Sigma\Sigma^T)V^T$$

eigenvalues

Eigendecomposition of  
covariance matrix

$$= [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]$$

Principal component

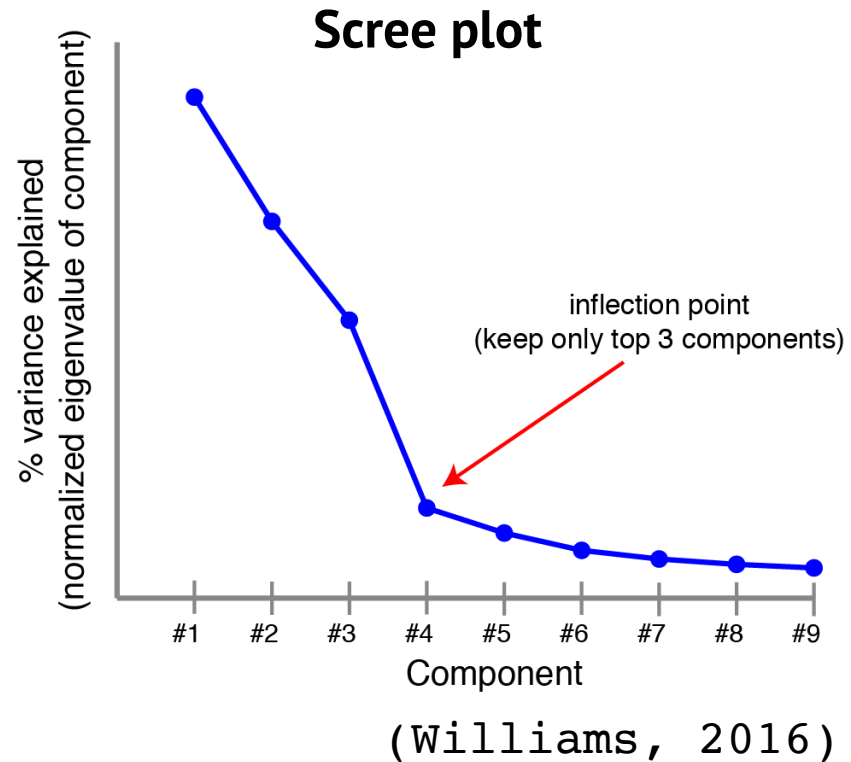
$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Variance



# The Idea of PCA

## ■ Choosing the number of components



- Option #1: Elbow point



- Option #2: Select top K components that explain most variance in the data. (e.g., more than 70%)

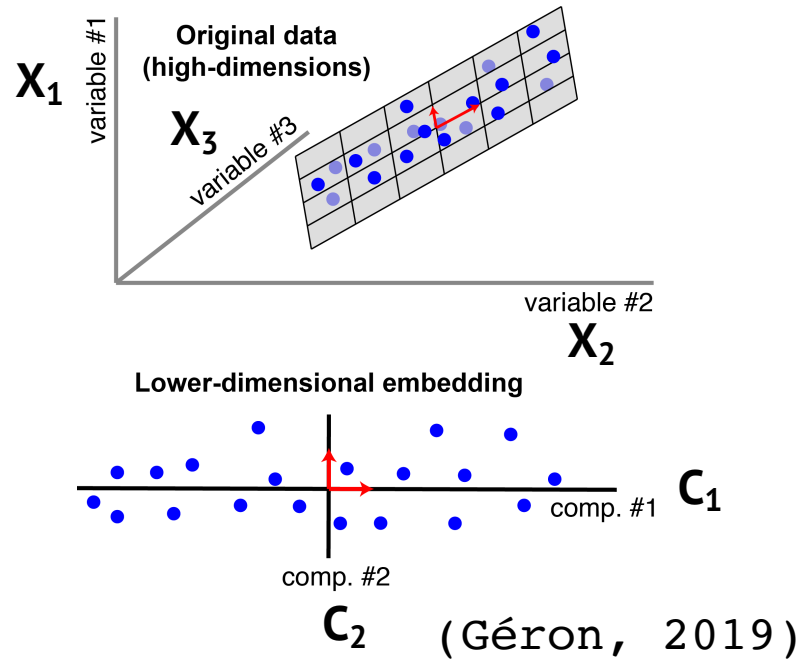
- $100 \times \frac{\sum_{j=1}^K \lambda_j}{\sum_{i=1}^C \lambda_i} (\%)$



# Interim summary

## ■ Assumptions

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## ■ How can PCA identify the axis that provides the largest amount of variance in the dataset?

- Measures how each variable is associated with on another using a **Covariance matrix**
- Understand the directions of the spread of our data using **Eigenvectors**
- Bring out the relative importance of these directions using **Eigenvalues**

## ■ How many components?

- Elbow points
- Top K components that explain most variance in the data



# PCA Limitations

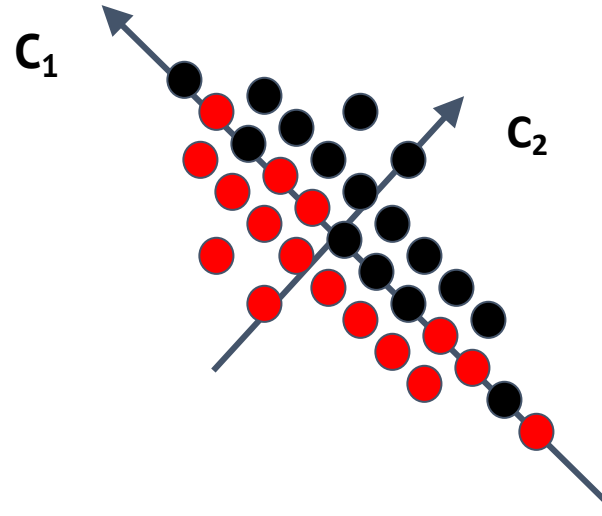
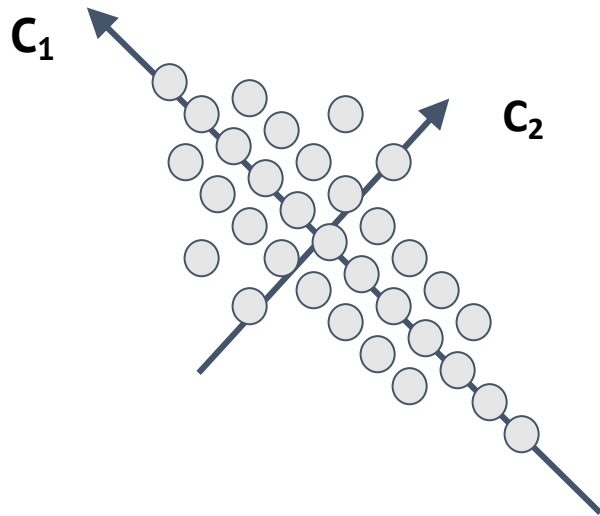
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**Use different algorithms for grouping**  
(e.g., K-means, Hierarchical clustering,  
Linear Discriminant Analysis, etc.)

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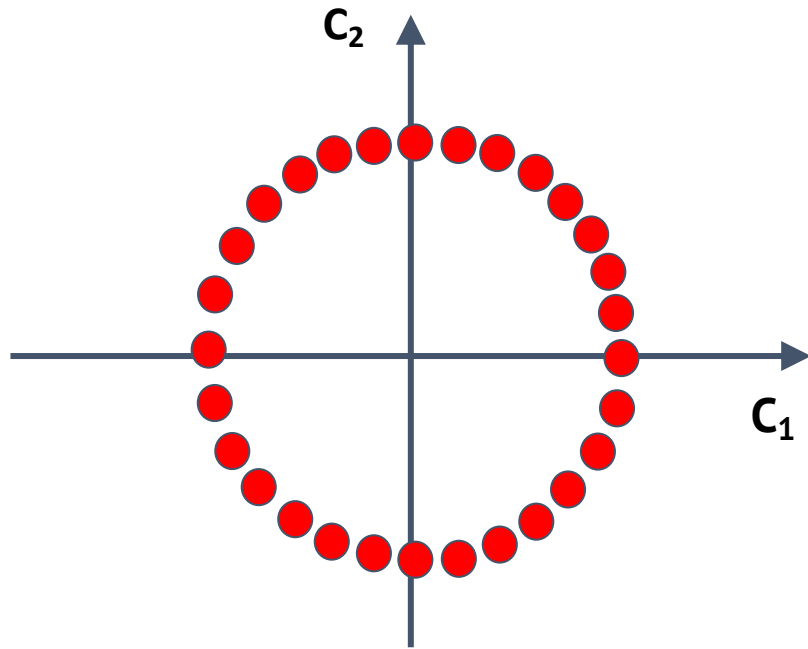
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**Use nonlinear algorithms**

(e.g., Kernel PCA, multidimensional scaling, Laplacian eigenmap, autoencoder, etc.)

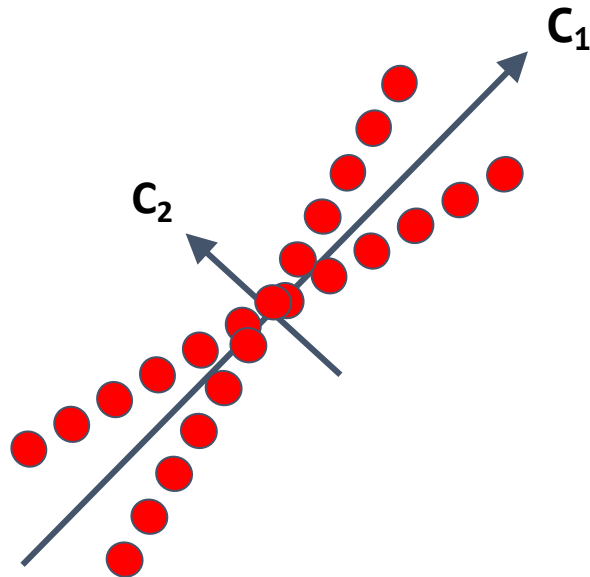
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## Use different algorithms

(e.g., Independent component analysis,  
Nonlinear algorithms, Factor analysis)

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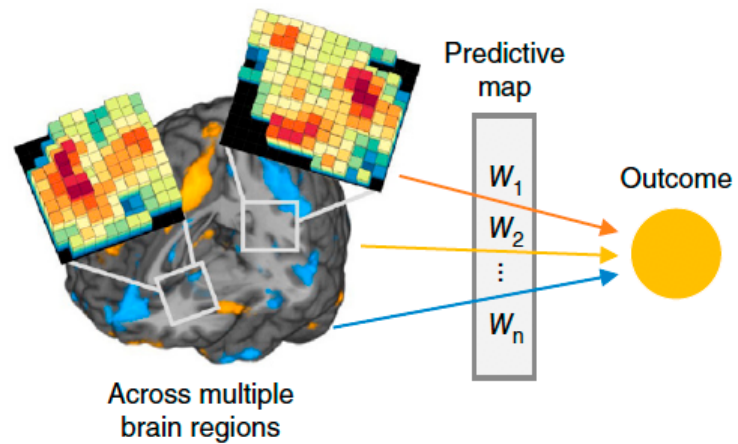
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- **Multi-dimensional Data Interpretation**
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(Woo et al., 2017, *Nat Neurosci*)

The prediction of pain rating based on Brain fMRI data

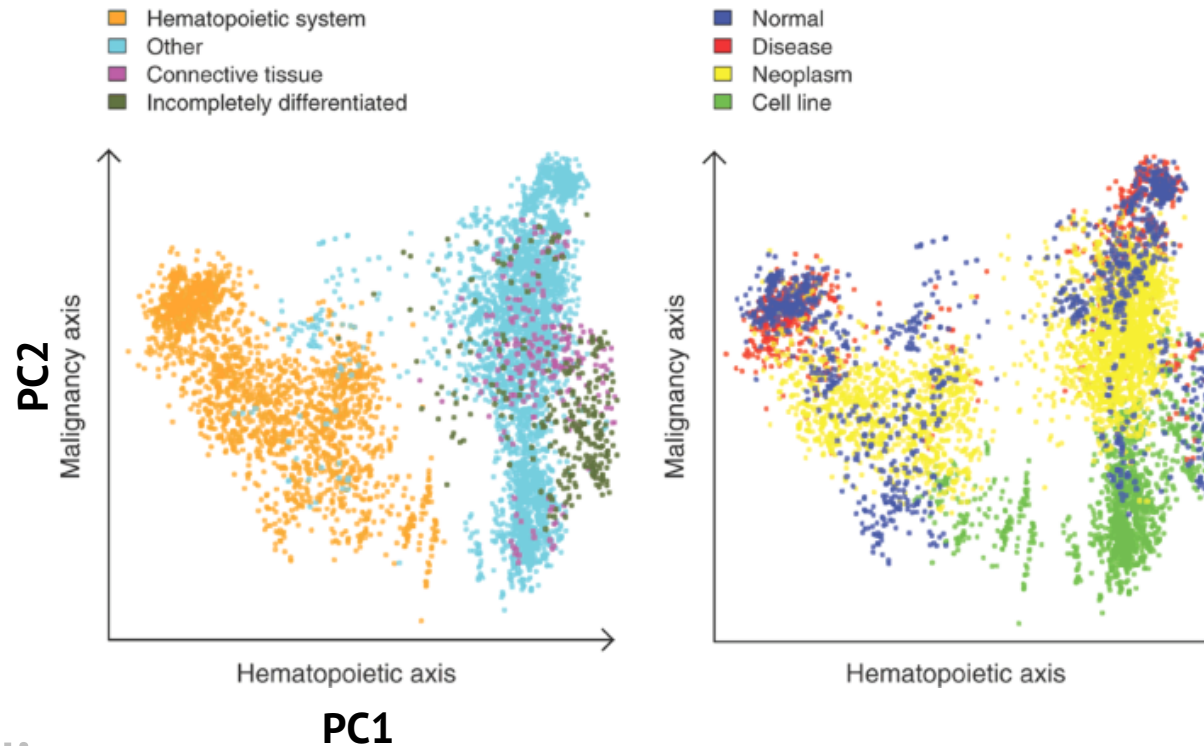
Features: > 200,000 fMRI voxels  
Observations: < 200 samples

- Multi-dimensional Data Interpretation
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- **Multi-dimensional Data Interpretation**



PCA for 14,000-dimension  
gene expression space across  
5,372 samples

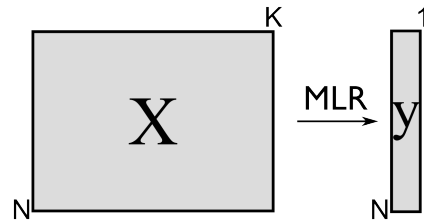
- Multicollinearity
  - Curse of dimensionality
- (Lukk et al., 2010, *Nat Biotechnol*)



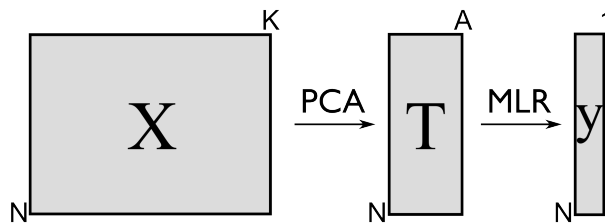
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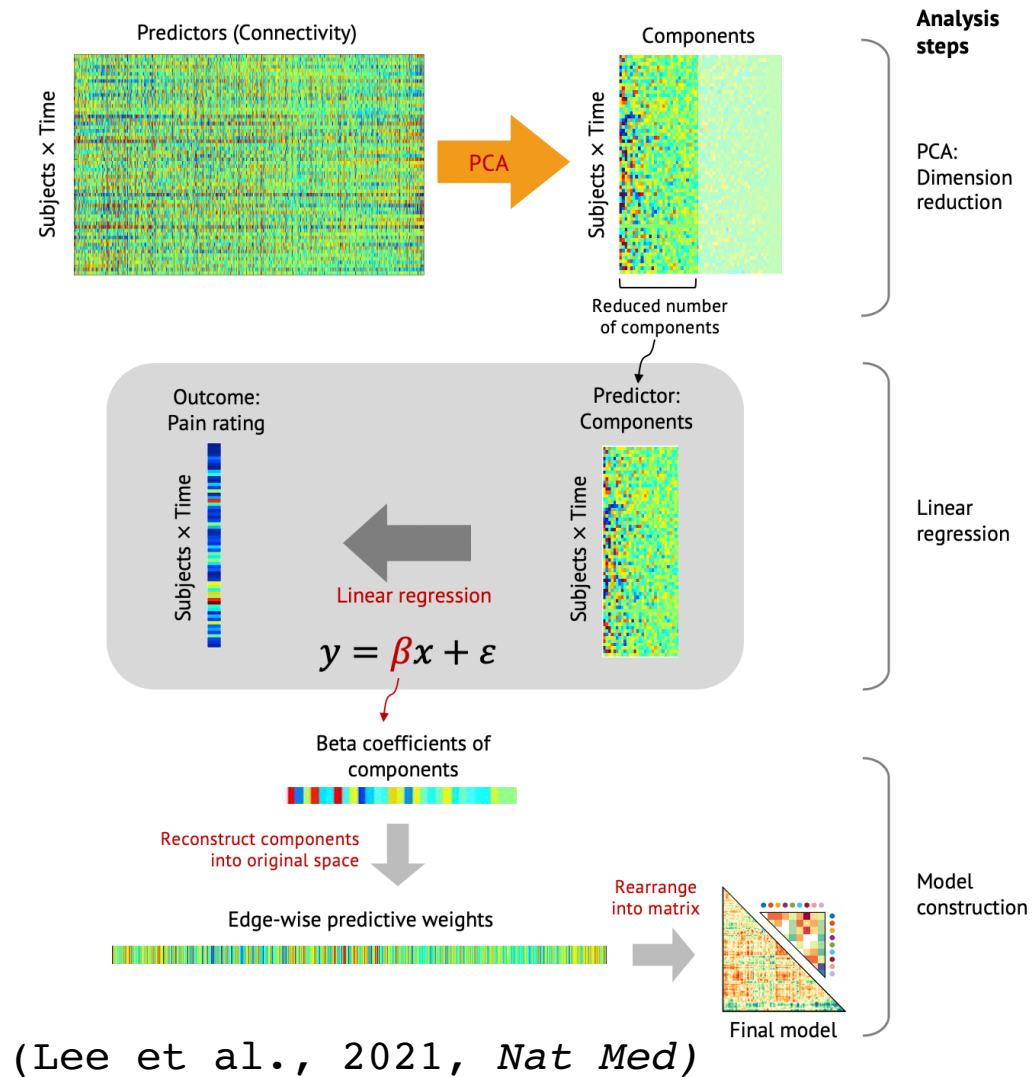
Multiple linear regression



Principal component regression

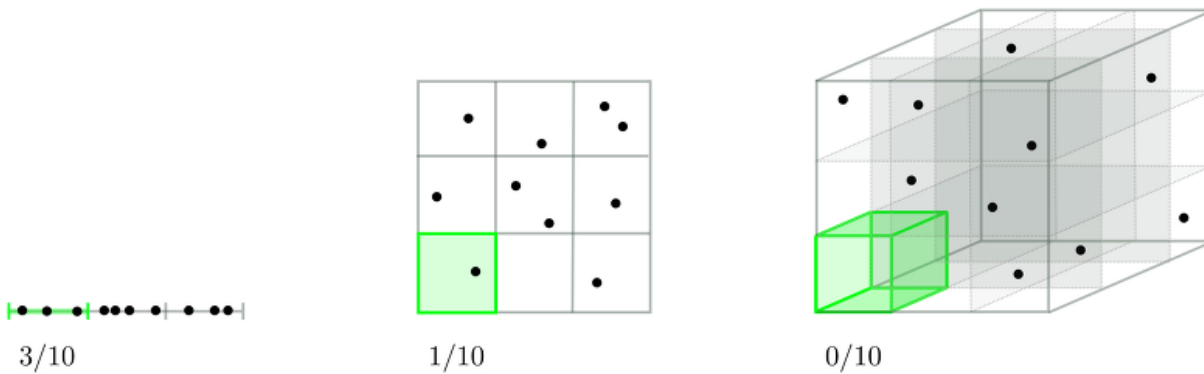


- Curse of dimensionality

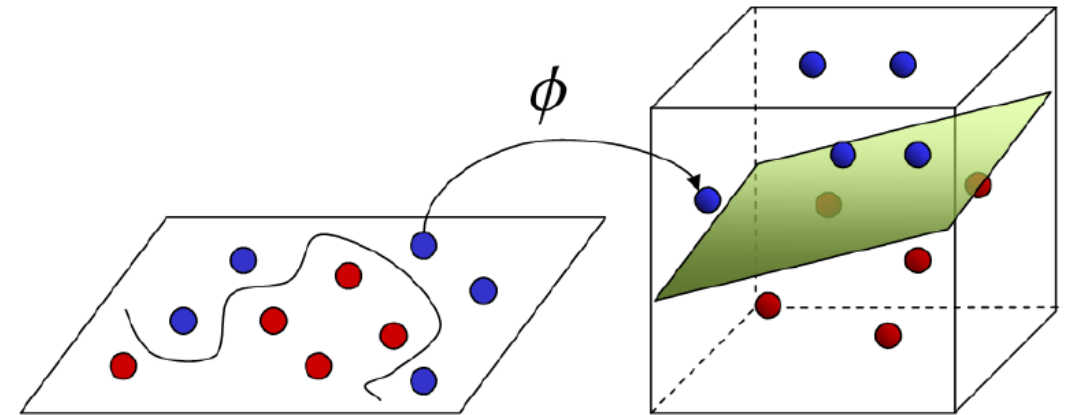


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Curse of dimensionality



Blessing of dimensionality



# Conclusion

- PCA is great for reducing data from  $M$  to  $C$  dimensions, where  $1 < C < M$ .
- PCA identifies the (orthogonal) axes that provide the largest amount of variance in the dataset.
  - Eigendecomposition of Covariance matrix
- Remember that if PCA assumptions are violated, the results are invalid.
- PCA is useful for problems like too many features and multicollinearity.





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