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1 Part I: Research Question

1.1 Research Question

My data set for this data mining exercise includes data on a telco company's current and former subscribers, with an emphasis on customer churn (whether customers are maintaining or discontinuing their subscription to service). Data analysis performed on the dataset will be aimed with this research question in mind: how many principal components does the data set contain when using the continuous numerical data in the data set as input? Continuous numerical data will include numerical data which includes a measurable variable, rather than numerical data used as a label.

1.2 Objectives and Goals

Conclusions gleaned from the analysis of this data can benefit stakeholders by revealing information on how far the dimensionality of this data set might be reduced. Such information may be used to both reduce the feature set and potentially identify variables that exhibit covariance, indicating they may be related. My goal will be to determine how many principal compenents the continuous data contains, as well as the explained variance of each principal component.

2 Part II: Method Justification

2.1 Principal Component Analysis

Principal Component Analysis, or "PCA", is an unsupervised learning technique. It utilizes only continuous data and does not take into consideration any target variables. It is primarily a dimensionality reduction technique. It uses a covariance matrix to identify highly correlated features and represent those features as a smaller number of uncorrelated features. The algorithm continues this correlation reduction in an attempt to identify directions of maximum variance in the original data and projecting them onto a reduced dimensional dimensional space. The resulting components are called "principal components" (Pramoditha, 2020).

PCA assumes that there exists a correlation between the features in a data set. PCA will not be able to determine any principal components in a data set within which no correlation between features is present (Keboola, 2022).

The expected outcome will be a low number of principal components (which satisfy the Kaiser criterion) to which this original group of continuous variables can be reduced while still maintaining the correlation and variance characteristics of the original data.

3 Part III: Data Preparation

3.1 Data Preparation Goals and Data Manipulations

I would like my data to include only variables relevant to my research question, and to be clean and free of missing values and duplicate rows. PCA can only operate on continuous variables, so my first goal in data preparation is to make sure the data I will be working with contains no categorical data.

A list of the variables I will be using for my analysis is included below, along with their variable types and a brief description of each.

- Population continuous Population within a mile radius of customer
- Children continuous Number of children in customer's household
- Age continuous Age of customer
- Income continuous Annual income of customer
- Outage_sec_perweek continuous Average number of seconds per week of system outages in the customer's neighborhood
- Email continuous Number of emails sent to the customer in the last year
- Contacts continuous Number of times customer contacted technical support
- Yearly_equip_failure continuous The number of times customer's equipment failed and had to be reset/replaced in the past year
- Tenure continuous Number of months the customer has stayed with the provider
- MonthlyCharge continuous The amount charged to the customer monthly
- Bandwidth_GB_Year continuous The average amount of data used, in GB, in a year by the customer
- Item1: Timely response **continuous** *survey response scale of 1 to 8 (1 = most important, 8 = least important)*
- Item2: Timely fixes **continuous** survey response scale of 1 to 8 (1 = most important, 8 = least important)
- Item3: Timely replacements **continuous** survey response scale of 1 to 8 (1 = most important, 8 = least important)
- Item4: Reliability **continuous** survey response scale of 1 to 8 (1 = most important, 8 = least important)
- Item5: Options **continuous** survey response scale of 1 to 8 (1 = most important, 8 = least important)
- Item6: Respectful response **continuous** survey response scale of 1 to 8 (1 = most important, 8 = least important)
- Item7: Courteous exchange **continuous** survey response scale of 1 to 8 (1 = most important, 8 = least important)
- Item8: Evidence of active listening **continuous** survey response scale of 1 to 8 (1 = most important, 8 = least important)

My first steps will be to import the complete data set and execute functions that will give me information on its size and the data types of its variables. I will then narrow the data set to a new dataframe containing only the variables I am concerned with, and then utilize functions to determine if any null values or duplicate rows exist. By using the index_col parameter in my import I utilize CaseOrder, the data set's natural index column, as the index column in my pandas dataframe.

```
[1]: # Imports and housekeeping
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
[2]: # Import the main dataset
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df = pd.read_csv('churn_clean.csv', dtype={'locationid':np.int64}, 

⇔index_col=[0])
```

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[3]: # Display data frame info df.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 10000 entries, 1 to 10000
Data columns (total 49 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Customer_id	10000 non-null	object
1	Interaction	10000 non-null	object
2	UID	10000 non-null	object
3	City	10000 non-null	object
4	State	10000 non-null	object
5	County	10000 non-null	object
6	Zip	10000 non-null	int64
7	Lat	10000 non-null	float64
8	Lng	10000 non-null	float64
9	Population	10000 non-null	int64
10	Area	10000 non-null	object
11	TimeZone	10000 non-null	object
12	Job	10000 non-null	object
13	Children	10000 non-null	int64
14	Age	10000 non-null	int64
15	Income	10000 non-null	float64
16	Marital	10000 non-null	object
17	Gender	10000 non-null	object
18	Churn	10000 non-null	object
19	Outage_sec_perweek	10000 non-null	float64
20	Email	10000 non-null	int64
21	Contacts	10000 non-null	int64

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22 Yearly_equip_failure
                         10000 non-null
                                         int64
                         10000 non-null object
23 Techie
   Contract
24
                         10000 non-null
                                         object
25 Port modem
                         10000 non-null
                                         object
26 Tablet
                         10000 non-null object
27
   InternetService
                         10000 non-null object
28
   Phone
                         10000 non-null object
29
   Multiple
                         10000 non-null object
   OnlineSecurity
                         10000 non-null object
31
   OnlineBackup
                         10000 non-null
                                         object
32 DeviceProtection
                         10000 non-null
                                         object
33 TechSupport
                         10000 non-null object
34
   StreamingTV
                         10000 non-null
                                         object
35
   StreamingMovies
                         10000 non-null
                                         object
36
   PaperlessBilling
                         10000 non-null
                                         object
   PaymentMethod
                         10000 non-null
                                         object
                         10000 non-null
38
   Tenure
                                         float64
   MonthlyCharge
                         10000 non-null float64
39
   Bandwidth_GB_Year
                         10000 non-null float64
41
   Item1
                         10000 non-null int64
42 Item2
                         10000 non-null int64
43 Item3
                         10000 non-null int64
44 Item4
                         10000 non-null int64
   Item5
                         10000 non-null int64
46 Item6
                         10000 non-null int64
47
   Item7
                         10000 non-null int64
                         10000 non-null
48 Item8
                                         int64
```

dtypes: float64(7), int64(15), object(27)

memory usage: 3.8+ MB

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[4]: # Display data frame top 5 rows
     df.head()
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[4]:		Customer_id		Interact:	ion \	
	CaseOrder	_				
	1	K409198	aa90260b-4141-4a24-8e	36-b04ce1f4f	77b	
	2	S120509	fb76459f-c047-4a9d-8a	f9-e0f7d4ac2	524	
	3	K191035	344d114c-3736-4be5-98	f7-c72c281e2d	135	
	4	D90850	abfa2b40-2d43-4994-b15a-989b8c79e311			
	5	K662701	68a861fd-0d20-4e51-a587-8a90407ee574			
			UID	City	State	\
	CaseOrder			·		
	1	e885b299883	d4f9fb18e39c75155d990	Point Baker	AK	
	2	f2de8bef964	785f41a2959829830fb8a	West Branch	MI	
	3	f1784cfa9f6	d92ae816197eb175d3c71	Yamhill	OR	
	4	dc8a3650772	41bb5cd5ccd305136b05e	Del Mar	CA	

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County
                                    Zip
                                               Lat
                                                          Lng Population ... \
CaseOrder
           Prince of Wales-Hyder 99927
                                         56.25100 -133.37571
                                                                       38
2
                          Ogemaw 48661
                                         44.32893 -84.24080
                                                                    10446 ...
3
                         Yamhill 97148 45.35589 -123.24657
                                                                     3735 ...
4
                       San Diego 92014 32.96687 -117.24798
                                                                    13863 ...
5
                       Fort Bend 77461 29.38012 -95.80673
                                                                    11352 ...
          MonthlyCharge Bandwidth GB Year Item1 Item2 Item3 Item4 Item5 \
CaseOrder
                               904.536110
                                                                    3
             172.455519
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                               800.982766
2
             242.632554
                                               3
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3
                              2054.706961
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             159.947583
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             149.948316
          Item6 Item7 Item8
CaseOrder
              4
                    3
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```

[5 rows x 49 columns]

```
[5]: # Trim data frame to variables relevant to research question

columns = ['Population', 'Children', 'Age', 'Income', 'Outage_sec_perweek',

''Email', 'Contacts',

'Yearly_equip_failure', 'Tenure', 'MonthlyCharge',

'Bandwidth_GB_Year', 'Item1', 'Item2',

'Item3', 'Item4', 'Item5', 'Item6', 'Item7', 'Item8']

df_data = pd.DataFrame(df[columns])

# Store the data frame in variable 'X'

X = df_data
```

```
[6]: # Check data for null or missing values df_data.isna().any()
```

[6]:	Population	False
	Children	False
	Age	False
	Income	False
	Outage_sec_perweek	False
	Email	False

```
Contacts
                              False
     Yearly_equip_failure
                              False
     Tenure
                              False
     MonthlyCharge
                              False
     Bandwidth_GB_Year
                              False
     Item1
                              False
     Item2
                              False
     Item3
                              False
     Item4
                              False
     Item5
                              False
     Item6
                              False
     Item7
                              False
     Item8
                              False
     dtype: bool
[7]: # Check data for duplicated rows
     df_data.duplicated().sum()
[7]: 0
[8]: # Display new data frame top 5 rows
     df_data.head()
[8]:
                Population Children
                                       Age
                                              Income
                                                       Outage_sec_perweek Email \
     CaseOrder
                                            28561.99
                                                                               10
     1
                        38
                                    0
                                        68
                                                                 7.978323
     2
                     10446
                                    1
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                                            21704.77
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                                                                               12
     3
                      3735
                                    4
                                             9609.57
                                                                10.752800
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                                        50
     4
                     13863
                                    1
                                        48
                                            18925.23
                                                                14.913540
                                                                               15
     5
                     11352
                                    0
                                        83
                                            40074.19
                                                                 8.147417
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                Contacts Yearly_equip_failure
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     CaseOrder
                       0
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1.670972

119.956840

149.948316

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	Item8
CaseOrder	
1	4
2	4
3	3
4	3
5	5

3.2 Summary Statistics

I can use the describe() function to display the summary statistics for the entire dataframe, as well as each variable I'll be evaluating for inclusion in the PCA exercise.

```
[9]: # Display summary statistics for entire data frame df_data.describe()
```

[9]:		Population	Children		Age		Income	\		
	count	10000.000000	10000.0000	10000.	000000	10000	.000000			
	mean	9756.562400	2.0877	53.	078400	39806	.926771			
	std	14432.698671	2.1472	20.	698882	28199	.916702			
	min	0.000000	0.0000	18.	000000	348	.670000			
	25%	738.000000	0.0000	35.	000000	19224	.717500			
	50%	2910.500000	1.0000	53.	000000	33170	.605000			
	75%	13168.000000	3.0000	71.	000000	53246	.170000			
	max	111850.000000	10.0000	89.	000000	258900	.700000			
		Outage_sec_pe	rweek	Email	Co	ontacts	Yearly_	_equip_	failure	\
	count	10000.0	00000 10000.	000000	10000.	.000000		10000	.000000	
	mean	10.0	01848 12.	016000	0.	.994200		0	.398000	
	std	2.9	76019 3.	025898	0.	.988466		0	.635953	
	min	0.0	99747 1.	000000	0.	.000000		0	.000000	
	25%	8.0	18214 10.	000000	0.	.000000		0	.000000	
	50%	10.0	18560 12.	000000	1.	.000000		0	.000000	
	75%	11.9	69485 14.	000000	2.	.000000		1	.000000	
	max	21.2	07230 23.	000000	7.	.000000		6	.000000	
		Tenure	MonthlyCharg	e Band	dwidth_(B_Year		Item1	\	
	count	10000.000000	10000.00000	0	10000.	.000000	10000.0	00000		
	mean	34.526188	172.62481	6	3392.	341550	3.4	190800		
	std	26.443063	42.94309	4	2185.	294852	1.0	37797		
	min	1.000259	79.97886	0	155.	506715	1.0	00000		
	25%	7.917694	139.97923	9	1236.	470827	3.0	00000		
	50%	35.430507	167.48470	0	3279.	536903	3.0	000000		
	75%	61.479795	200.73472	5	5586.	141370	4.0	000000		
	max	71.999280	290.16041	9	7158.	.981530	7.0	000000		

	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5	Item6	\
count	10000.000000	10000.000000	10000.000000	10000.000000	10000.000000	
mean	3.505100	3.487000	3.497500	3.492900	3.497300	
std	1.034641	1.027977	1.025816	1.024819	1.033586	
min	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	
25%	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	
50%	4.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	
75%	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	
max	7.000000	8.000000	7.000000	7.000000	8.000000	
	Item7	Item8				
count	10000.000000	10000.000000				
mean	3.509500	3.495600				
std	1.028502	1.028633				
min	1.000000	1.000000				
25%	3.000000	3.000000				
50%	4.000000	3.000000				
75%	4.000000	4.000000				
max	7.000000	8.000000				

3.3 Further Preparation Steps

I will use the StandardScaler function to scale my variables for more accurate feature weighting. StandardScaler transforms each variable value to have a mean of 0 and a variance of 1. Once done, every variable value will fall between -1 and 1, and the data set values can be considered "standardized". The standardized data set is then assigned to variable "X_scaled".

```
[10]: # Scaling continuous variables with StandardScaler
scaler = StandardScaler()
scaler.fit(X)
StandardScaler(copy=True, with_mean=True, with_std=True)
X_scaled = scaler.transform(X)
```

3.4 Copy of Prepared Data Set

Below is the code used to export the prepared data set to CSV format.

```
[11]: df_prepared = pd.DataFrame(X_scaled, columns=df_data.columns)
# Export prepared dataframe to csv
df_prepared.to_csv(r'C:\Users\wstul\d212\churn_clean_prepared.csv')
```

4 Part IV: Analysis

4.1 Matrix of All Principal Components

To begin performing my PCA analysis of the data I instantiated a PCA model using the number of features in the original data set. The model is then fitted to the scaled data. The scaled data is then transformed using the PCA model and rendered as numbered principal components (PC1, PC2, etc.). A loadings matrix is then generated, displaying a weight value for each data set feature in each principal component.

```
[12]: pca = PCA(n_components = X.shape[1])
    pca.fit(X_scaled)

[12]: PCA(n_components=19)
```

```
[13]: df_matrix = pd.DataFrame(pca.transform(X_scaled), columns = ['PC1', 'PC2', \ \ \ \ 'PC3', 'PC4', 'PC5', 'PC6', \ \ \ \ \ 'PC9', 'PC10', 'PC11', 'PC12', \ \ \ \ 'PC15', 'PC16', 'PC17', \ \ \ \ 'PC15', 'PC16', 'PC17', \ \ \ \ \ 'PC18', 'PC19'])
```

```
[14]:
                               PC1
                                        PC2
                                                  PC3
                                                           PC4
                                                                     PC5
                                                                         \
     Population
                         -0.002109 -0.005463 0.014732 -0.292151
                                                                0.264958
     Children
                          0.004072
                                    0.015862
                                             0.028393 0.510569
                                                                0.345310
     Age
                          0.006459
                                   0.000294 -0.029319 -0.455297 -0.417933
     Income
                          0.001038
                                    0.006035 0.025865 0.252065 -0.285030
     Outage_sec_perweek
                         -0.017516
                                    0.003927 -0.014363 -0.220115 0.339482
     Email
                          0.008744 - 0.020609 - 0.003459 - 0.190450 0.519450
     Contacts
                         -0.008761 0.003318 -0.011853 -0.420731 -0.124577
     Yearly_equip_failure -0.007688  0.017604  0.008199  0.167516 -0.373155
     Tenure
                         -0.016320 0.702323 -0.063085 -0.005355 -0.007568
                          0.000930 0.039858 -0.009499 -0.298690 0.113921
     MonthlyCharge
     Bandwidth_GB_Year
                         -0.016845
                                    0.703831 -0.062132 0.005068 0.022808
                                    0.031340 0.280974 -0.010952 -0.002667
     Item1
                          0.458670
     Item2
                          0.433847
                                    Item3
                          0.400488
                                    0.035504 0.280527 -0.004108 0.013294
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Item4
                  0.145802 -0.039380 -0.568452 0.015142 0.001544
Item5
                  -0.175698 0.056278 0.587090 -0.038899 -0.023275
Item6
                  0.405080 -0.006648 -0.183525 -0.000910 0.002245
Item7
                  Item8
                  0.308733 -0.013634 -0.131655 -0.028435 -0.001573
                       PC6
                               PC7
                                        PC8
                                                 PC9
                                                        PC10
Population
                  Children
                                   0.226847
                  -0.089376 0.119069
                                            0.155912 -0.175953
Age
                  Income
                  -0.084983 -0.429611
                                    0.581477 0.449649 0.219833
Outage_sec_perweek
                  -0.591284 0.273527 0.262607 -0.149557 0.125521
Email
                  0.319498 -0.103117 0.170129 0.290785 -0.592268
Contacts
                  -0.146366 -0.275202 0.508824 -0.434373 -0.248703
Yearly_equip_failure -0.147092 0.686465 0.241921 0.114547 -0.334113
Tenure
                  0.048576 0.000016 0.007554 -0.028780 -0.001590
MonthlyCharge
                  -0.537631 -0.112559 -0.284655 0.562547
                                                     0.029519
                  0.005063 -0.009132 -0.001688  0.001654  0.001271
Bandwidth_GB_Year
Item1
                  Item2
                  -0.022966 0.000550 -0.001653 -0.014345 -0.006536
Item3
                  0.022177 \quad 0.008048 \quad -0.032817 \quad -0.017965 \quad -0.011038
Ttem4
                  Item5
                  0.008693 -0.010701 -0.011610 -0.013280 0.001989
Item6
                  0.002666 0.000918 0.025175 0.009562 -0.007608
Item7
                  0.010414 -0.059311 0.048238 -0.001604 -0.022373
Item8
                  -0.034953 0.044129 0.010774 0.014507 0.097526
                      PC11
                               PC12
                                       PC13
                                                PC14
                                                        PC15
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Population
                  Children
                  0.234748 -0.590829 -0.045336  0.002513 -0.002495
Age
Income
                  -0.252659 -0.057674 -0.020484 -0.079018 -0.007573
                  -0.319263 -0.439536 -0.089844 0.016926 -0.008716
Outage_sec_perweek
Email
                  -0.328652 0.061145 0.061158 -0.017175 -0.016342
Contacts
                  0.371468 0.241548 0.044032 -0.035285 -0.003279
Yearly_equip_failure -0.146136  0.365394  0.020739  0.006446 -0.015853
Tenure
                  -0.028600 -0.027147 0.005940 -0.003507 0.006548
MonthlyCharge
                  0.228176   0.375187   -0.005920   0.014551   -0.016508
Bandwidth GB Year
                  -0.000743 0.008874 0.010520 -0.003326 0.005612
Item1
                  Item2
                  0.009542 -0.013865 -0.111545 -0.170010 -0.066139
Item3
                  -0.020962 0.000952 -0.176045 -0.249291 -0.147591
Item4
                  0.008042 0.023763 -0.173905 -0.480655 -0.442505
Ttem5
                  -0.008550 -0.014829 0.137294 0.057896 -0.206302
Item6
                  0.001311 \quad 0.017187 \ -0.060350 \quad 0.062041 \quad 0.759347
Item7
                  -0.005070 0.011386 -0.170669 0.804890 -0.377415
Item8
                  -0.018232 -0.065755 0.921694 -0.018911 -0.113107
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PC16
                                  PC17
                                            PC18
                                                      PC19
Population
                     0.001210 -0.005661 -0.002356 -0.000322
Children
                     0.014490
                              0.020915 -0.000948 -0.021615
                    -0.009405
Age
                              0.005784
                                        0.013696 0.022421
Income
                    -0.002561
                              0.005301
                                        0.013466 -0.000910
                     0.013529
                              0.018262
                                        0.013516 0.000361
Outage_sec_perweek
Email
                     0.006449 -0.017253
                                        0.000961 0.000226
Contacts
                    Yearly_equip_failure -0.001308
                              0.007488 -0.021448 -0.000145
Tenure
                    -0.007773 -0.004625
                                       0.007519 -0.705251
MonthlyCharge
                    -0.000068 0.021494 -0.012007 -0.045778
Bandwidth_GB_Year
                    -0.006119 -0.002188 0.001815 0.706780
Item1
                     0.025057 -0.240545 0.792965 0.002979
Item2
                     0.073917 -0.590696 -0.573547 -0.001144
Item3
                    -0.395875   0.673812   -0.176863   0.000077
Item4
                     0.431933
                              0.088483 0.018686 0.000105
Item5
                     0.694089
                              0.264886 -0.041819 -0.000811
Item6
                     0.400452
                              0.229253 -0.063809 -0.000593
Item7
                     0.071323
                              0.066812 -0.041324 0.000486
                    -0.045658 0.045412 -0.043235 -0.001994
Item8
```

4.2 Kaiser Criterion

I will use the Kaiser rule to determine which principal components are most important. The Kaiser rule works by calculating an eigenvalue for each principal component. An eigenvalue of 1.0 indicates that a principal component is as releveant as an individual variable from the data set, so principal components that rise above the eigenvalue of 1.0 are considered better.

These eigenvalues can be visualized using a scree plot, making it easy to determine visually how many key principal components were discovered by PCA.

```
0.9915298714872935,

0.9806403932632919,

0.9644011257661943,

0.9608777750015292,

0.7786582754423637,

0.6901350220375765,

0.592279454452642,

0.5377461931170225,

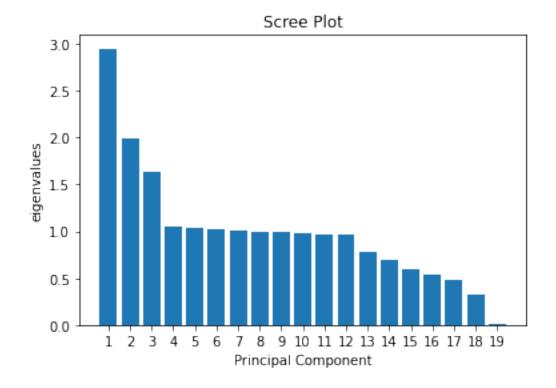
0.4817273164763822,

0.3245773347065548,

0.005459386639422779]
```

```
[25]: #The following code constructs the Scree plot
labels = [str(x) for x in range(1, len(eigenvalues)+1)]

plt.bar(x=range(1,len(eigenvalues)+1), height=eigenvalues, tick_label=labels)
plt.ylabel('eigenvalues')
plt.xlabel('Principal Component')
plt.title('Scree Plot')
plt.show()
```



4.3 Individual and Cumulative Variance

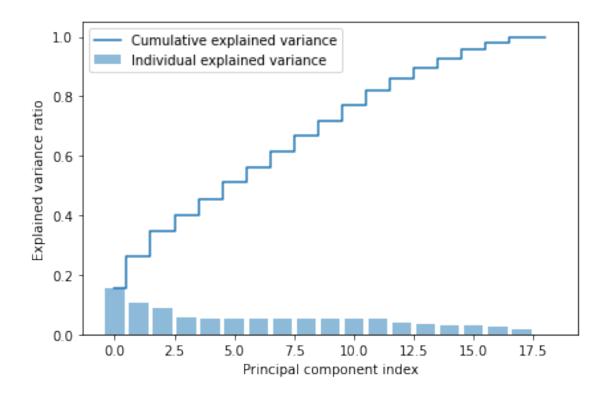
Based on the scree plot, the first three principal components are the most important. Using the code below I have printed the explained variance of each of these principal components, as well as their total explained variance. Explained variance is defined as a statistical measure of how much variation in a dataset can be attributed to each of the principal components generated by PCA (Kumar, 2022).

```
[18]: total_eigenvalues = sum(eigenvalues)
    var_exp = [(i/total_eigenvalues) for i in sorted(eigenvalues, reverse=True)]
    print("Explained Variance for PC1: " + str(var_exp[0]))
    print("Explained Variance for PC2: " + str(var_exp[1]))
    print("Explained Variance for PC3: " + str(var_exp[2]))

Explained Variance for PC1: 0.15518775354130804
    Explained Variance for PC2: 0.10510063128467449
    Explained Variance for PC3: 0.08613440016406877

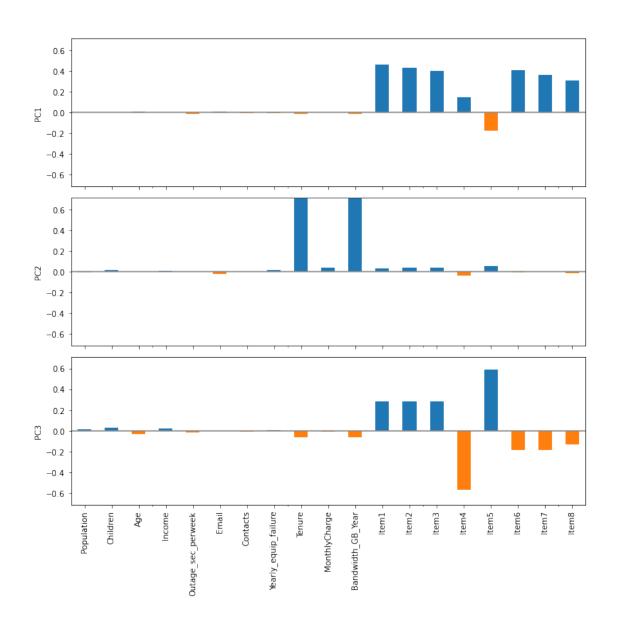
[19]: cum_sum_exp = np.cumsum(var_exp)
    print("Total Explained Variance for PC1, PC2 and PC3: " + str(cum_sum_exp[2]))
```

Total Explained Variance for PC1, PC2 and PC3: 0.3464227849900513



4.4 Results of Data Analysis

PCA determined there are 3 principal components when the 19 continuous variables of the data set were evaluated, answering the original research question "how many principal components does the data set contain when using the continuous numerical data in the data set as input?". A graphical representation of the variables influencing each of these principal components is included below.



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