

# The SVD

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# Looking Back & Forth

## Last time:

- vector space and basis
- coordinates wrt. a basis
- changing the basis
- projection

## Remember:

- changing the basis of mappings, etc.

## Today:

- SVD (singular value decomposition)
- interpreting the SVD
- examples
- low-rank approximation

# Repetition: Mappings, different bases

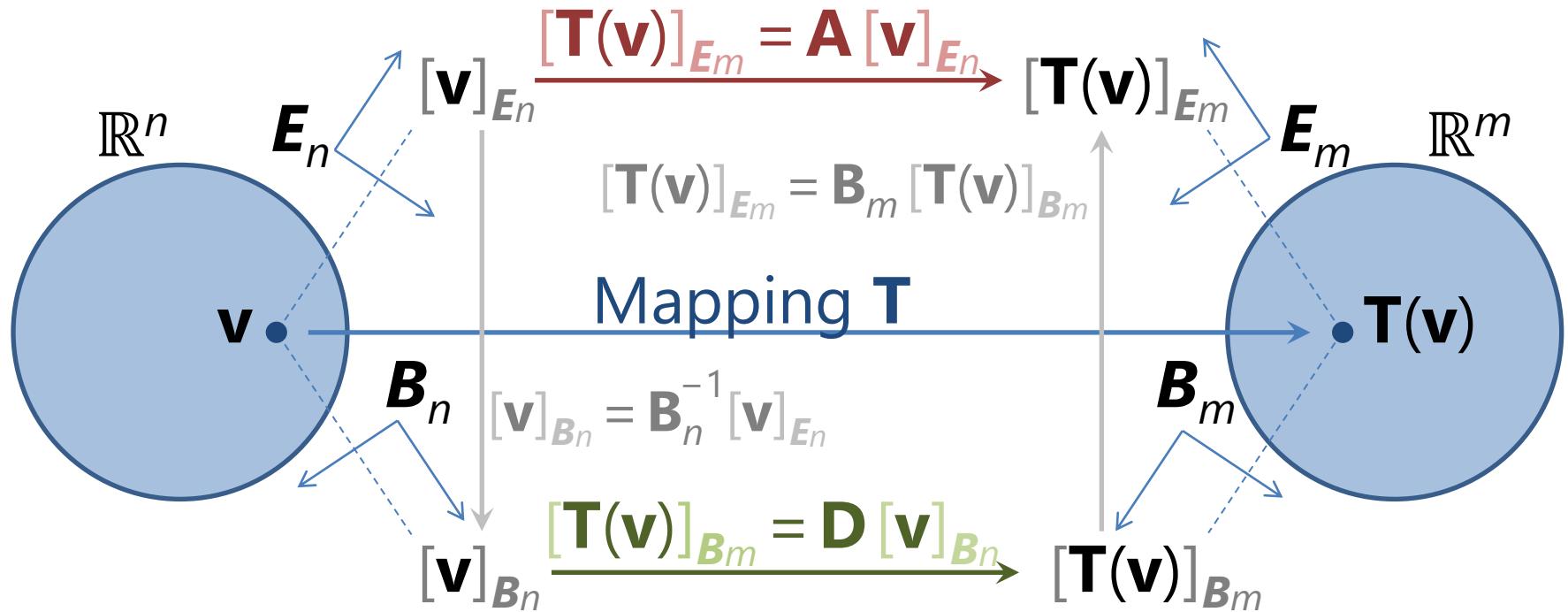


**T maps from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  ...  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$  in std. coords.  $E_n, E_m$**

...  $B_n$ : alternative basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , ergo  $[\mathbf{v}]_{E_n} = \mathbf{B}_n [\mathbf{v}]_{B_n}$

$B_m$ : alternative basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , ergo  $[\mathbf{v}]_{E_m} = \mathbf{B}_m [\mathbf{v}]_{B_m}$

$$\Rightarrow [\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{v})]_{E_m} = \mathbf{B}_m \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B}_n^{-1} [\mathbf{v}]_{E_n}$$



# Changing a Mapping's Basis (and back)

Assume we have a linear mapping  $\mathcal{M}$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{M} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}$  (in standard coordinates).

Realizing  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{v})$ , based on considering  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates and the result,  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{v})$ , in  $\mathcal{G}$ -coords.,  $\mathcal{M}((c_j)_{\mathcal{B}})_{\mathcal{G}}$  amounts to the left-multiplication of  $(c_j)_{\mathcal{B}}$  with  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}$ .

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{G}} = \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{E}} = \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} (c_j)_{\mathcal{B}} = \mathbf{D} (c_j)_{\mathcal{B}}$$

This means that we can then write

$$\mathcal{M}((v_i)_{\mathcal{E}})_{\mathcal{E}} = \mathbf{A} (v_i)_{\mathcal{E}} = \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B}^{-1} (v_i)_{\mathcal{E}}$$

# SVD – Introduction

## Singular value decomposition (SVD):

- decomposes a matrix into 3 constitutive components (matrices):  
$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^*$$
- useful for many purposes:
  - understanding data
  - finding the pseudo-inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$
  - solving homogeneous equation systems  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 0$
  - finding the range, null space, and rank of  $\mathbf{A}$
  - low-rank approximation of  $\mathbf{A}$
  - least-squares minimization
  - etc.

more about  
these matrices  
in a moment

# Singular Value Decomposition

## Components:

- Matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  ( $n \geq m$ , rank  $r \leq m$ ) decomposes into  $\mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^*$  with
  - the singular values  $\{\sigma_j\}$ , constituting the diagonal matrix  $\Sigma$ ,  
 $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r \geq \sigma_{r+1} = \dots = \sigma_m = 0$
  - two unitary change-of-basis matrices  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ 
    - $\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  represents a basis of the destination space
    - $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  hosts the (sorted) singular values along the main diagonal
    - $\mathbf{V} = (\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_m) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  represents a basis of the domain

## Theorem:

- Every matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  has a singular value decomposition (SVD).
- Furthermore, the singular values  $\{\sigma_j\}$  are uniquely determined, and, if  $\mathbf{A}$  is square and the  $\sigma_j$  are distinct, the singular vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_j\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{v}_j\}$  are uniquely determined up to complex signs (complex scalar factors of absolute value 1).

# SVD – Illustration (case $n \geq m$ )

$$\begin{matrix} n \times m \\ A \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} n \times n \\ U \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} n \times m \\ \Sigma \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} m \times m \\ V^* \end{matrix}$$

this is also the decomposition that MatLab gives via call  
 $[\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{V}] = \text{svd}(\mathbf{A})$

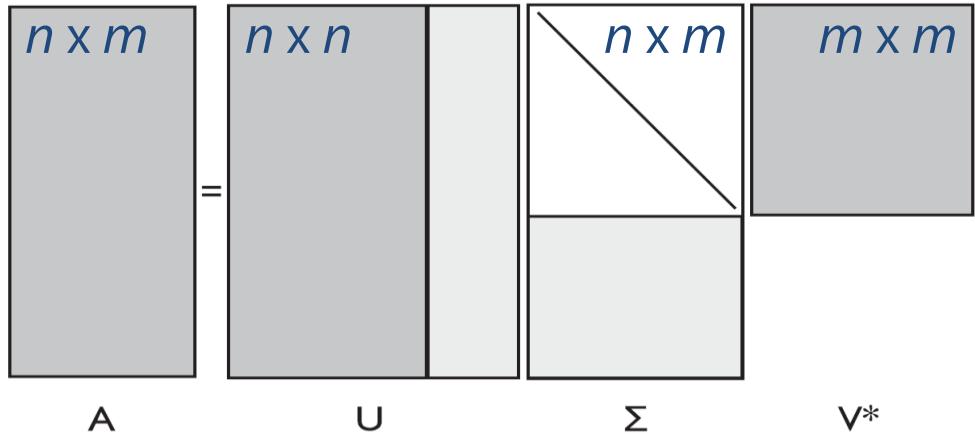
**Notice the “silent” rows & columns in  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\Sigma$ :**

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^*$$

$$= \left( \mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_m \ \underbrace{\mathbf{u}_{m+1} \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_n}_{\text{silent columns}} \right)$$

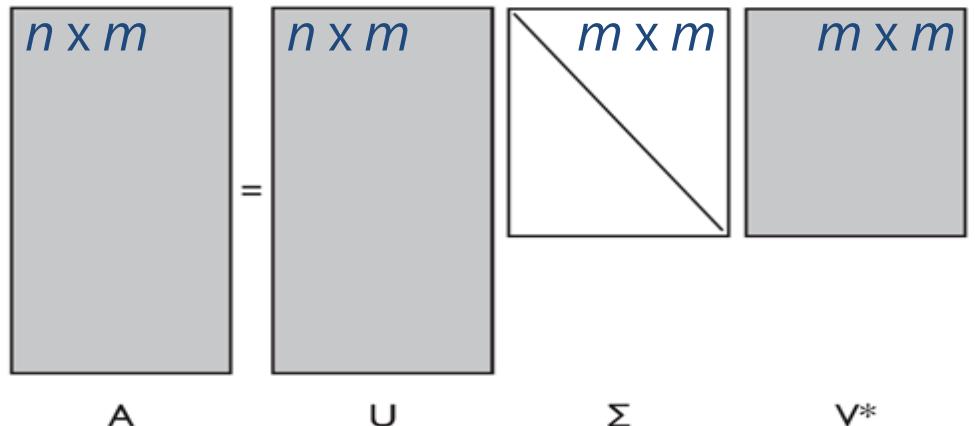
$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} \sigma_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma_m \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{array} \right) \left. \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \vdots \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}^{n-m \text{ silent rows}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{v}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{v}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_m^\top \end{array} \right)$$

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## Reduced SVD (without “silent” rows & columns):



# SVD – Facts (1a)

**If matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is of rank  $r$ , then the first  $r$   $\sigma_j$  are non-zero.**

**Given**  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})=r$ ,

- $\text{range}(\mathbf{A}) = (\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r)$       in MATLAB: „`range(A)`“
- $\text{null}(\mathbf{A}) = (\mathbf{v}_{r+1}, \mathbf{v}_{r+2}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$       and „`null(A)`“

**A's norm is given by the SVD:**

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \sigma_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum \sigma_k^2}$$

*F ... Frobenius norm*

**If  $\mathbf{A}$  is square, then**

$$|\det(\mathbf{A})| = \prod \sigma_k$$

Based on  $\mathbf{A} = \sum \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^*$ , **A's best rank- $k$  approximation is**

- with  $\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$

and  $\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^2}$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{A}_k = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^*}$$

# Understanding Matrices

A **matrix**  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  ( $n$  rows,  $m$  columns)

- can be seen as an operation
  - $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$  ( $\mathbf{A}$  acting upon vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , resulting in vector  $\mathbf{b}$ )
  - $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}$  ( $\mathbf{A}$  acting upon matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ , resulting in matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$ )
- can also be thought of as operation, even if there is no argument
  - $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}$  ( $\mathbf{A}$  acting upon identity  $\mathbf{I}$ , resulting in matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ )

## Interpretation of $\mathbf{A}$ as an operation:

- all that  $\mathbf{A}$  does, is (a combination of)
  - some **rotation** (can include the flipping of axes)
  - some **scaling** (stretching/compression)
- that observation leads to interesting and useful decompositions like the SVD (and PCA, ...)

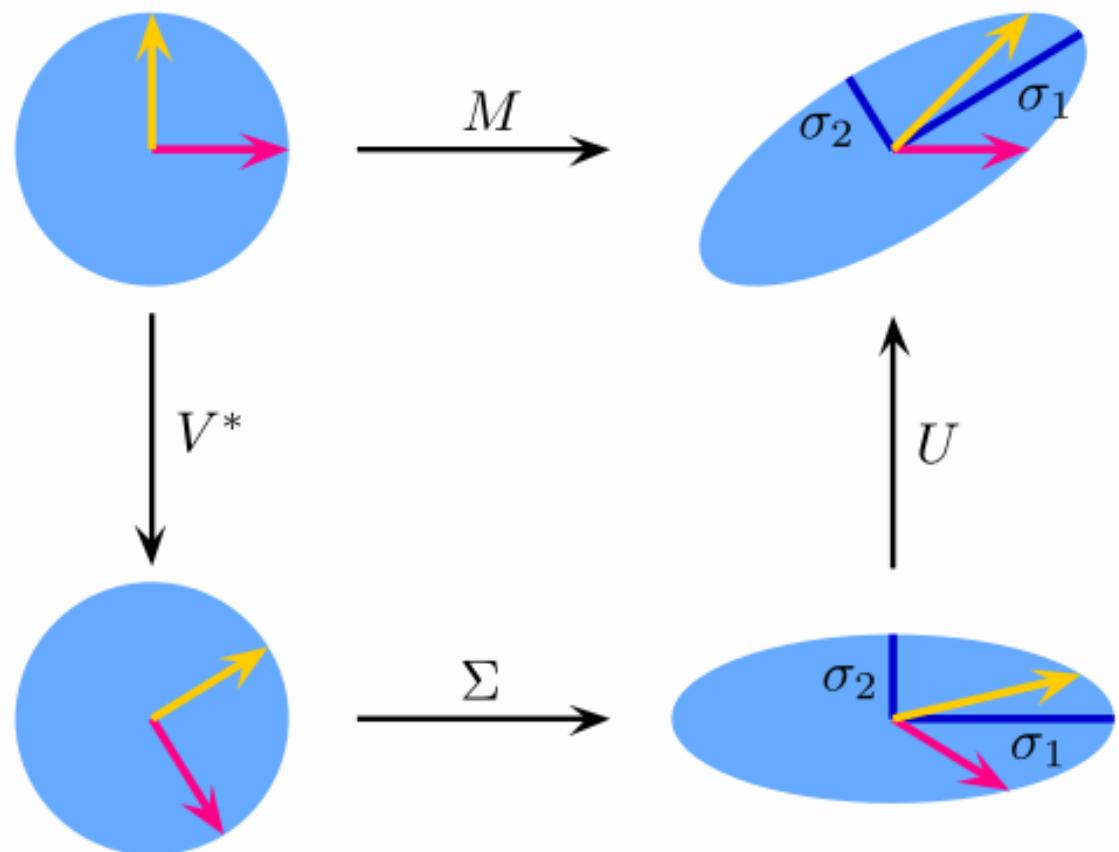
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## Interpretation of $\mathbf{A}$

- all that  $\mathbf{A}$  does, is to
  - some **rotation**
  - some **scaling** (size)
- that observation leads us to like the SVD (and its variants)



$$M = U \cdot \Sigma \cdot V^*$$

# SVD, another Illustration

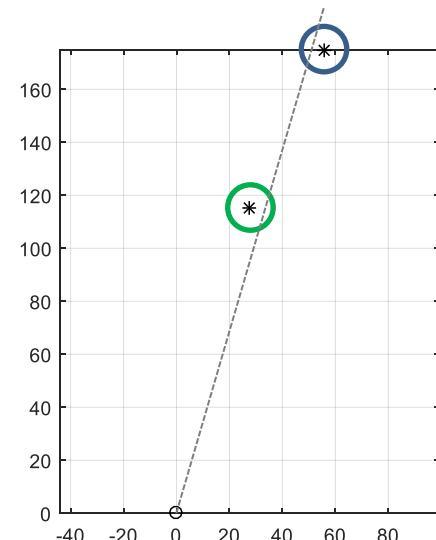
Given that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^*$  (and  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}$ ),

- the SVD can be seen as a sequence of three operations on  $\mathbf{I}$ :

  1. change of basis (from standard-coordinates to  $\mathbf{V}$ ),  
by left-multiplication with  $\mathbf{V}^*$
  2. axis-aligned scaling/stretching by left-multiplication with  $\Sigma$   
(after this operation, the result is considered in  $\mathbf{U}$ -coordinates!)
  3. change of basis (from  $\mathbf{U}$ -coordinates to std.-coordinates),  
by left-multiplication with  $\mathbf{U}$

**Example:**

- assume  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 55.5000 & 27.6600 \\ \underline{175.0000} & \underline{115.0000} \end{bmatrix}$
- almost on a line through the origin!
- i.e., the distance from the origin explains both variables simultaneously (almost 100%)



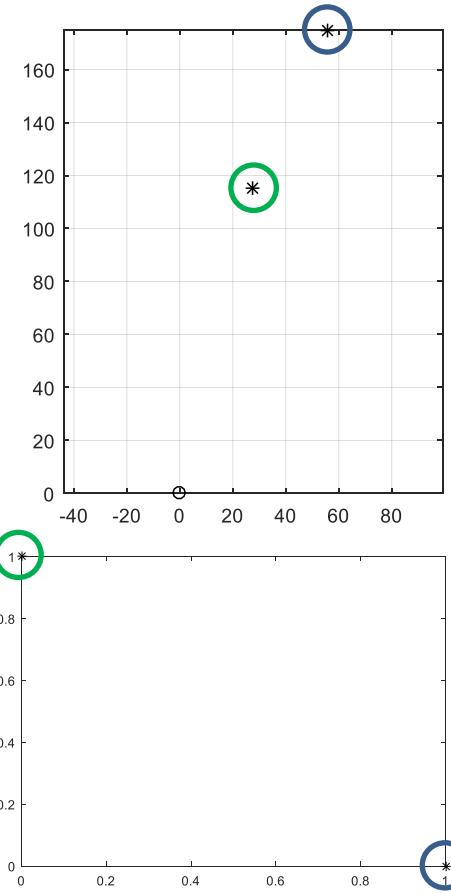
# SVD, another Illustration (cont'd)

**Given**  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 55.5000 & 27.6600 \\ 175.0000 & 115.0000 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

- we can think of  $\mathbf{A}$  as being constructed of two vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2$

**In terms of**  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^*$ ,

- we first compute the SVD with MatLab:  $[\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, \mathbf{V}] = \text{svd}(\mathbf{A})$ :
  - $\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.2824 & -0.9593 \\ -0.9593 & 0.2824 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 218.2783 & 0 \\ 0 & 7.0644 \end{bmatrix}$ ,
  - $\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8409 & -0.5412 \\ -0.5412 & 0.8409 \end{bmatrix}$
- we can think of  $\mathbf{A}$  being constructed as
  - starting from axis-aligned unit vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1$  &  $\mathbf{e}_2$  (in standard-coordinates)
  - and then “take them through operations”  $\mathbf{V}^*$ ,  $\Sigma$ , and  $\mathbf{U}$ , because of  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^* \mathbf{I}$



# SVD, another Illustration (cont'd)



**Given**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 55.5000 & 27.6600 \\ 175.0000 & 115.0000 \end{bmatrix}$

- and its decomposition

- $\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.2824 & -0.9593 \\ -0.9593 & 0.2824 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 218 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8409 & -0.5412 \\ -0.5412 & 0.8409 \end{bmatrix}$$

- we do the following, starting (in standard-coordinates)

1. consider  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2$  in  $\mathbf{V}$ -coordinates:

$$[\mathbf{e}_1]_{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{V}^* \mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8409 \\ -0.5412 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mathbf{e}_2]_{\mathbf{V}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5412 \\ 0.8409 \end{bmatrix}$$

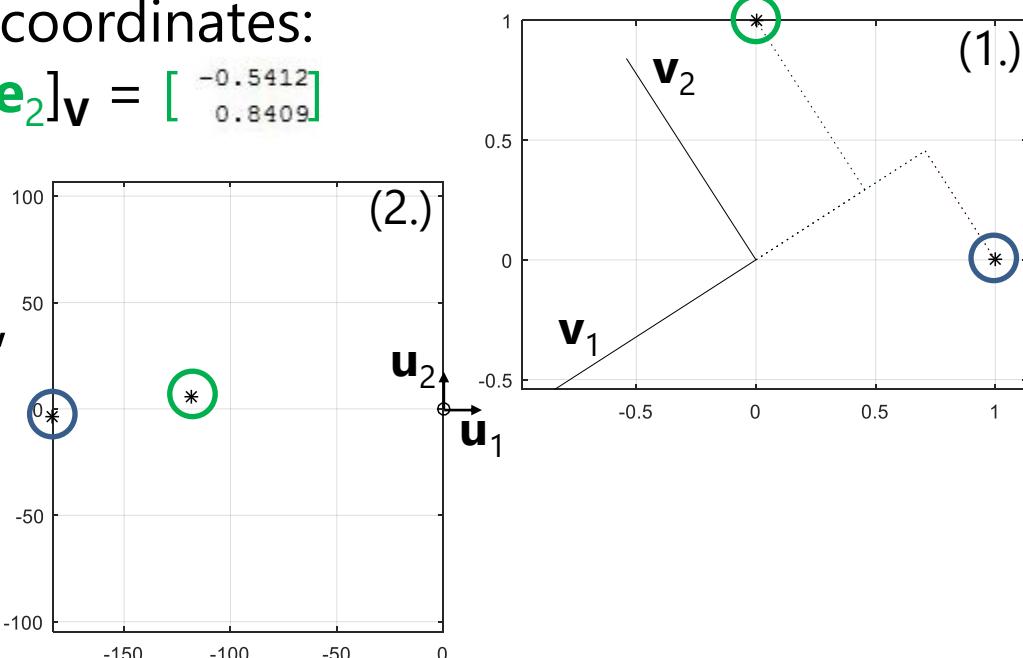
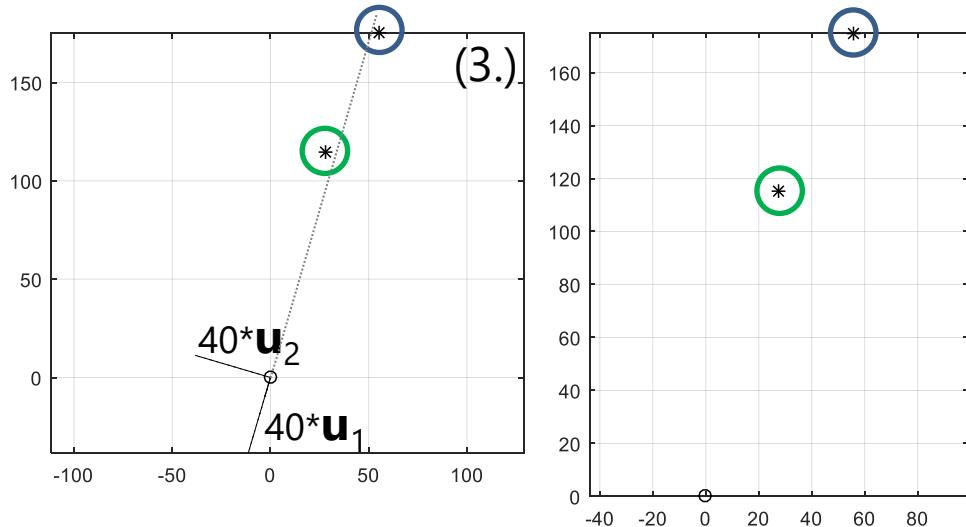
2. scale them by  $\Sigma$

(result in  $\mathbf{U}$ -coordinates!):

$$[\mathbf{a}_1]_{\mathbf{U}} = \Sigma [\mathbf{e}_1]_{\mathbf{V}} = \begin{bmatrix} -183.5501 \\ -3.8232 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{a}_2]_{\mathbf{U}} = \begin{bmatrix} -118.1304 \\ 5.9404 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. transform them back into std.-coordinates



# Interpreting $\mathbf{U}$ , $\Sigma$ , and $\mathbf{V}$

**Given**  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  ( $m$  vectors  $\mathbf{a}_i$ , each  $n$ -dimensional,  $m > n$ )

- then, based on  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^* \mathbf{I}$ ,  
the following interpretation is possible
  - for every vector  $\mathbf{a}_i$ , we start with  $\mathbf{e}_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$  ( $\mathbf{I} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ )
  - we then consider the  $\mathbf{e}_i$  in  $\mathbf{V}$ -coordinates:  
this takes care that the  $\mathbf{e}_i$  get aligned to each other  
such that their structure in the first  $n$  dimensions  
conforms with the structure of  $\mathbf{A}$  (not scaled, not rotated yet)
    - ex. 1: if all  $\mathbf{a}_i$  are on a line in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then all  $[\mathbf{e}_i]_{\mathbf{V}}$  will be on a line (1<sup>st</sup>  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ), too
    - ex. 2: if all  $\mathbf{a}_i$  are in a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then all  $[\mathbf{e}_i]_{\mathbf{V}}$  will be in a plane (1<sup>st</sup>  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ), too
  - $\Sigma$  then scales the vectors (per axis) to the scale of  $\mathbf{A}$   
(the first component will be scaled most, etc.)
  - using  $\mathbf{U}$  to get back to std.-coordinates ( $\mathbf{A}$ 's coordinates),  
the vectors get rotated (and flipped) into  $\mathbf{A}$ 's place

[see also the MATLAB example 2c\_C]

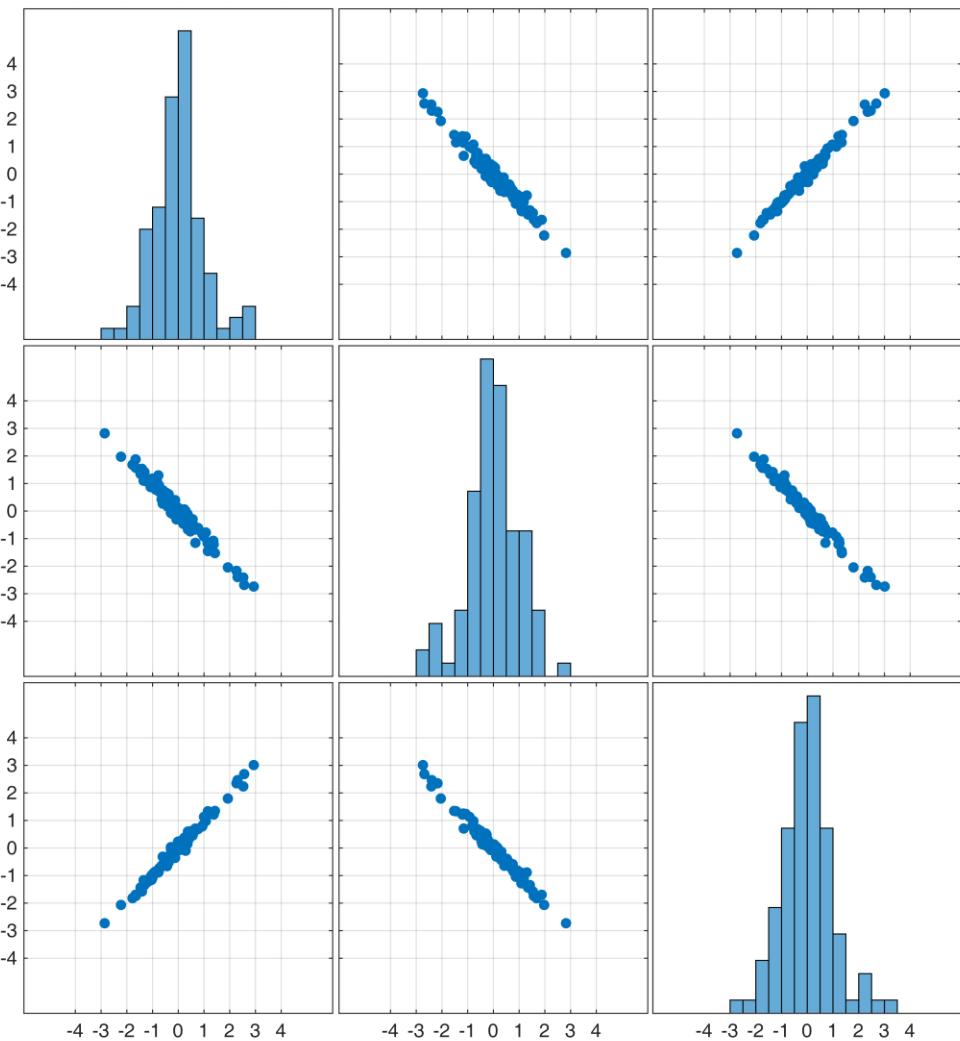
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[MATLAB example 2c\_C]

A noisy line in 3D...

... quite obvious



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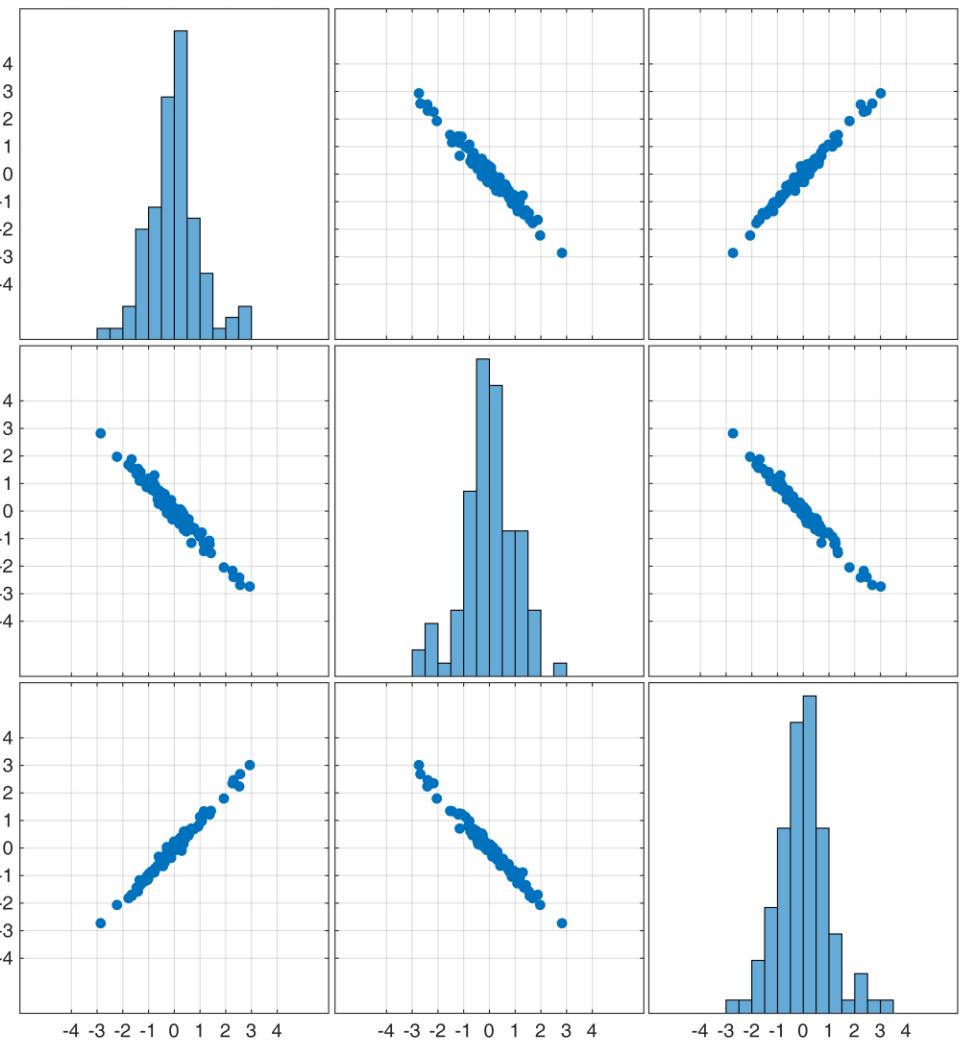
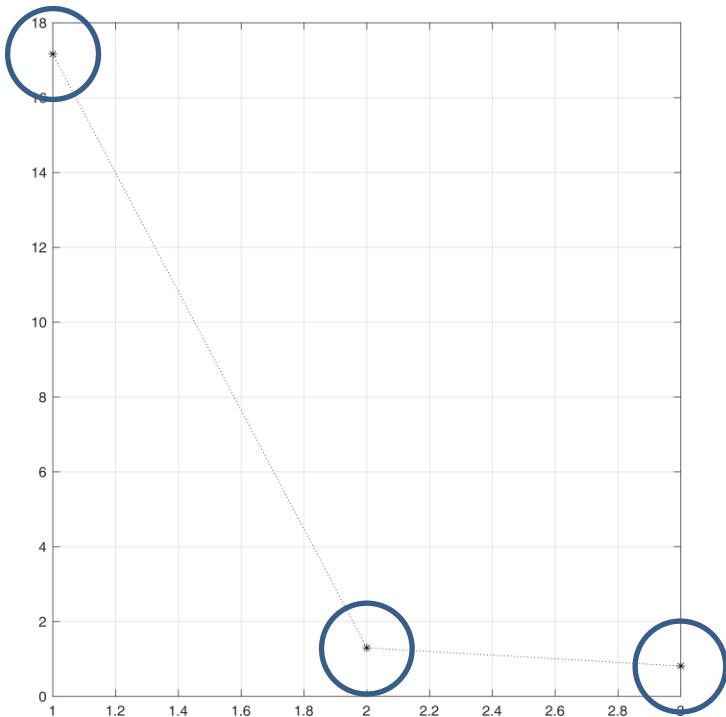
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... equally clear!



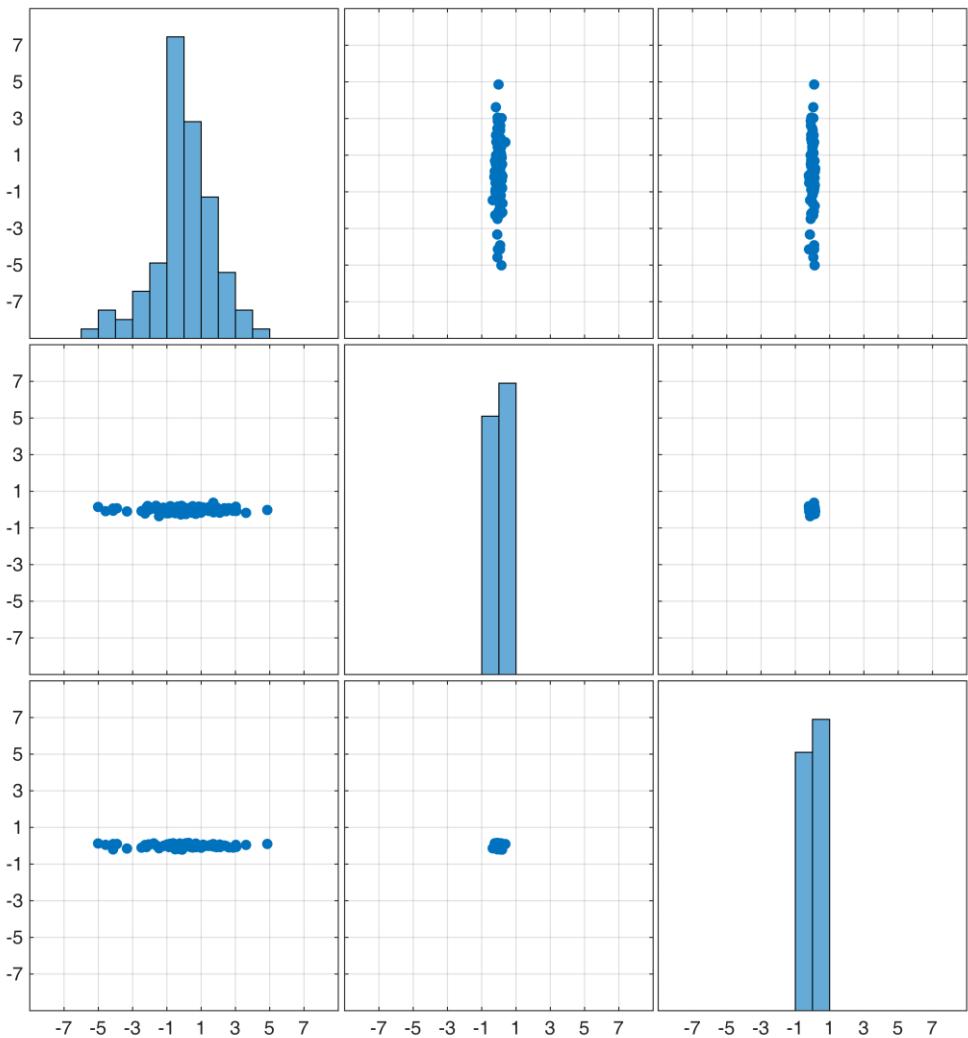
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... in  $\mathbf{V}$  (after the SVD)

Even clearer! :-)



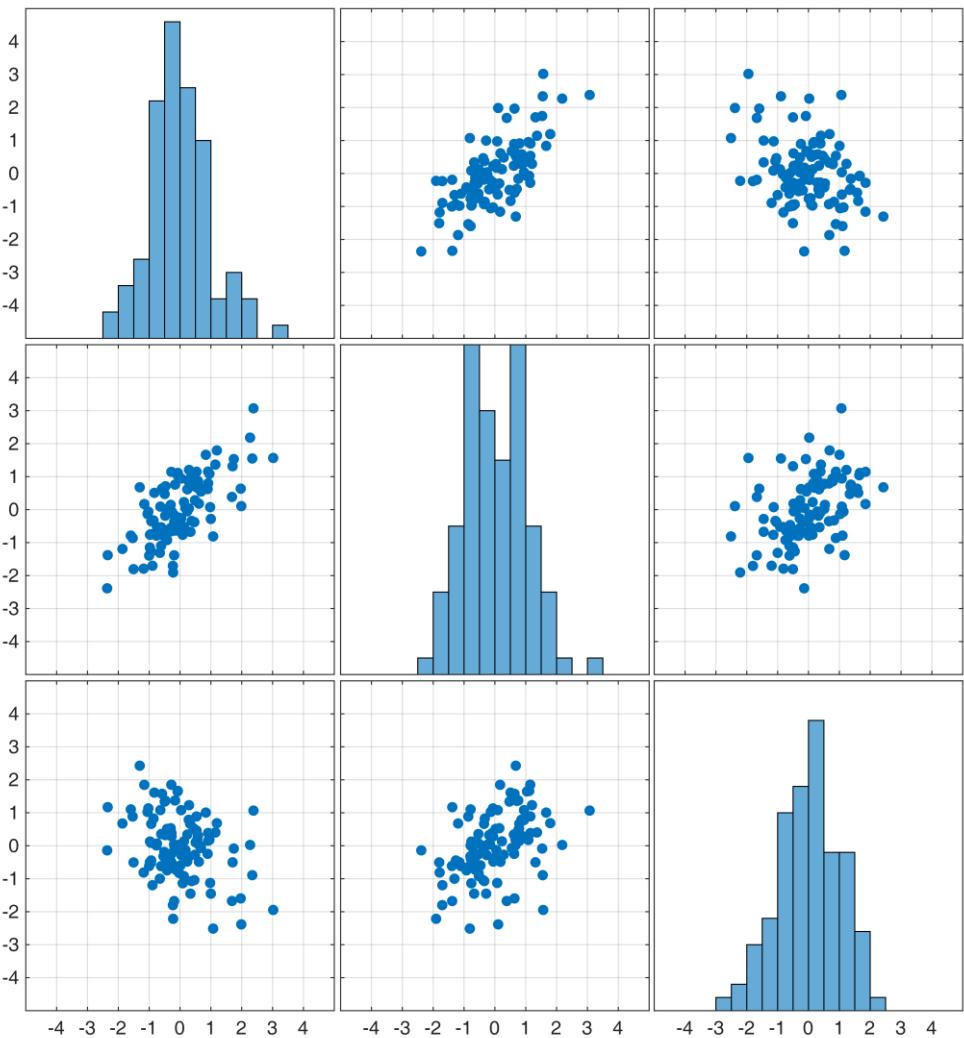
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... not at all obvious!



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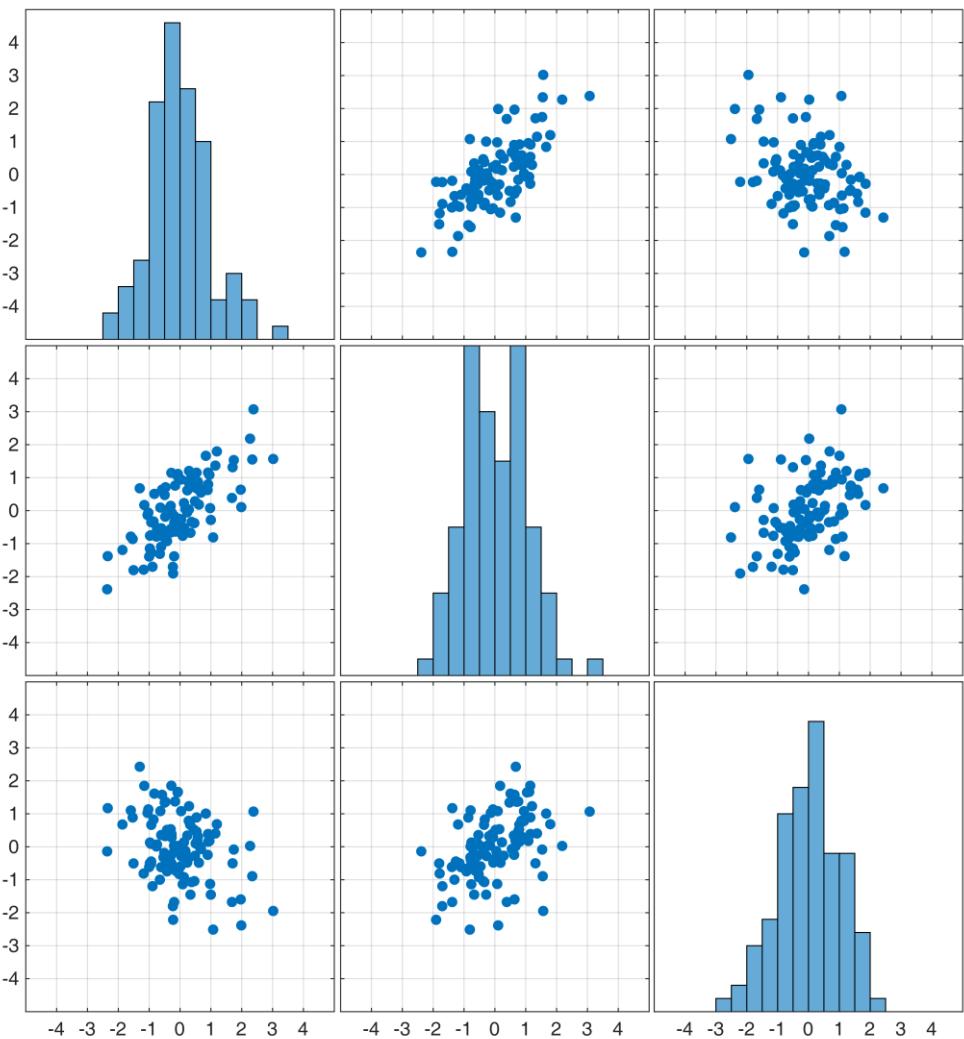
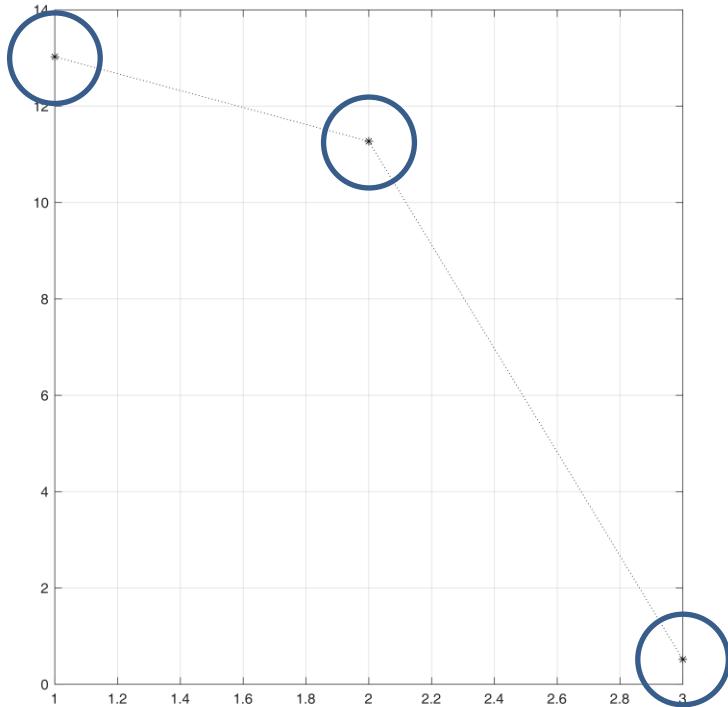
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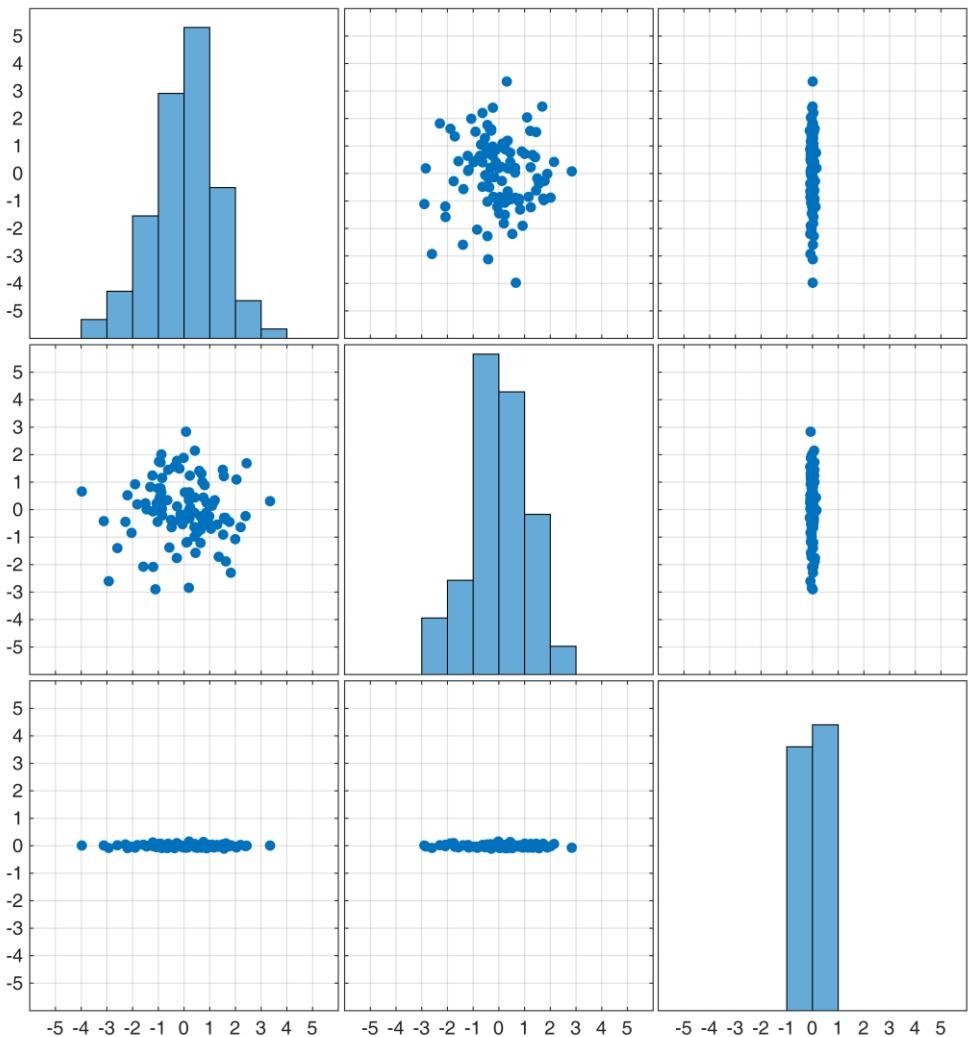
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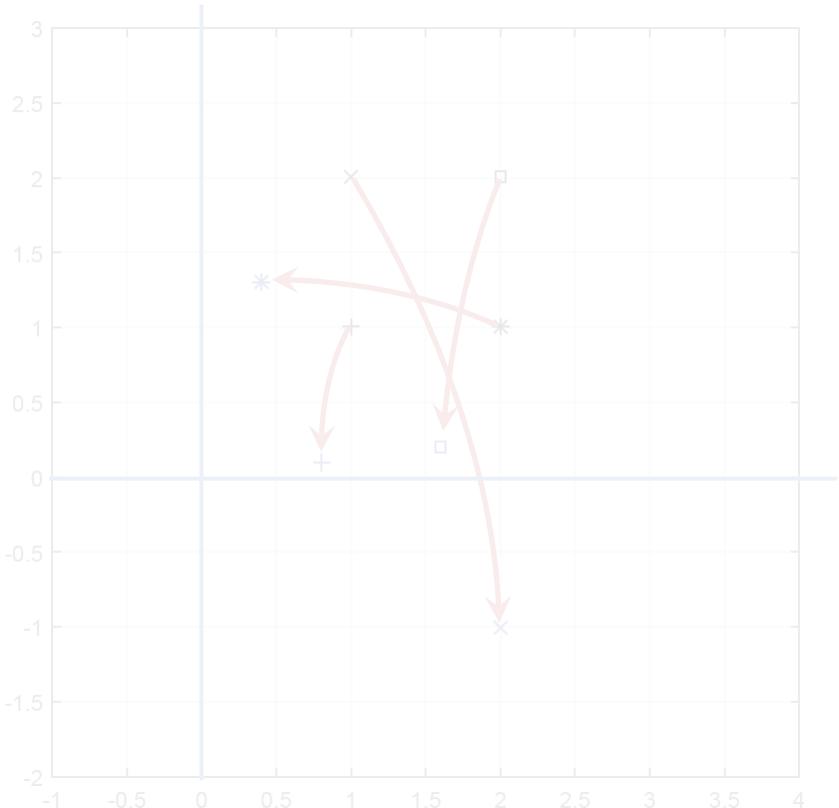


# SVD – Example (1)

**Assume, the following matrix A describes...**

... the linear mapping  $\mathbf{T}$  from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -0.4 & 1.2 \\ 1.2 & -1.1 \end{pmatrix}$

**What does A do?**

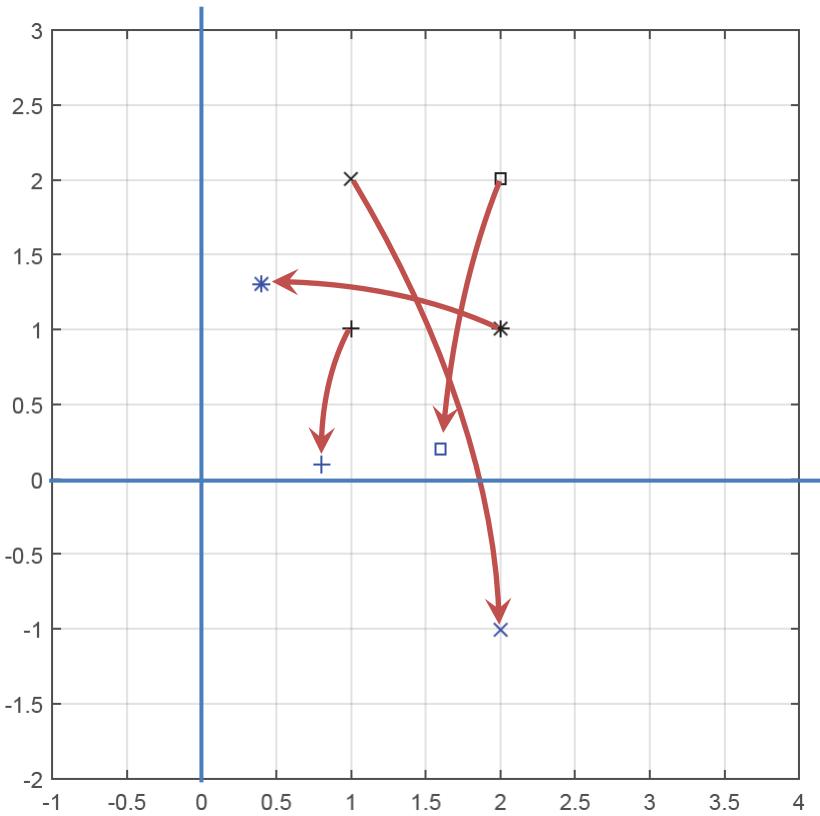


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**What does A do?**



**Can the SVD help?**

„ $A = [-0.4, 1.2; 1.2, -1.1]$ “

„ $[U, S, V] = \text{svd}(A)$ “

**leads to**

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} -0.6 & 0.8 \\ 0.8 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 2.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

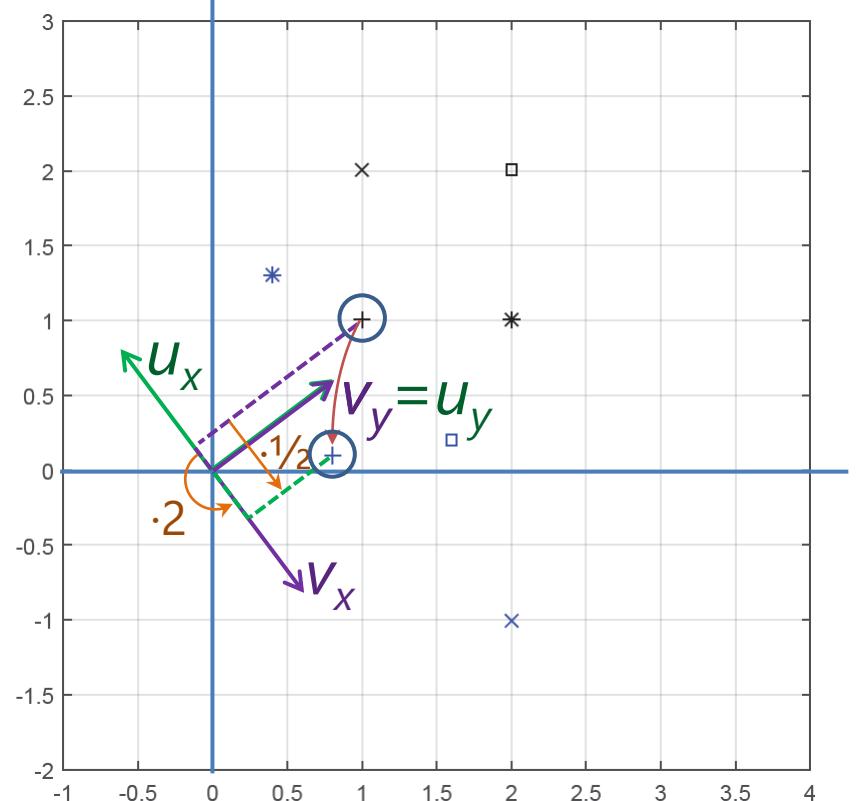
$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 & 0.8 \\ -0.8 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SVD – Example (3)

**Assume, the following matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  describes...**

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$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.6 & 0.8 \\ 0.8 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 2.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 & 0.8 \\ -0.8 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$$



$\mathbf{A}$  ... via  $\mathbf{V}^*$ ,  $\Sigma$ , and  $\mathbf{U}$ :

$$\mathbf{p}_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{\varepsilon} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.2 \\ 1.4 \end{pmatrix}_V$$

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{p}_+) = \begin{pmatrix} -0.4 \\ 0.7 \end{pmatrix}_U = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.1 \end{pmatrix}_{\varepsilon}$$

**SVD-steps:**

1. represent in terms of  $\mathbf{V}$
2. axis-aligned scaling ( $x^*2, y/2$ )
3. back to standard-coords. from  $\mathbf{U}$

result  
wrt.  $\mathbf{U}$ !

# Data Matrix A

**Assume, we collected some data**, for example:

- per subject (person): age, height, weight, etc.
- we can arrange the data into a data matrix:
  - either items into rows (and measures into columns)
  - or the other way around

**Here** (and often):

- data matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  (usually  $n \geq m$ ) represents
  - $m$  measures (attributes, dimensions, etc.) –  $m$  columns
  - $n$  data items (samples, data lines, etc.) –  $n$  rows
- $\mathbf{A}$  is, accordingly, composed of  $m$ -dimensional row-vectors!
- rows or columns? ... one has to think!

# SVD( $\mathbf{A}^T$ ) – now transposed

## Given a data matrix $\mathbf{A}^T$ , i.e.,

- with the data rows (instead of data columns)
  - usually,  $\mathbf{A}^T$  has many more columns (items) than rows (dims.)
- also here the SVD of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  is useful,  
we compute  $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^*$ , also!
- similarities:
  - $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^T$  have the same singular values
- differences:
  - the matrices  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  of both SVD( $\mathbf{A}$ ) and SVD( $\mathbf{A}^T$ )  
are each other's "inverses" (up to possible changes of the sign)
    - the  $\mathbf{V}$  of SVD( $\mathbf{A}$ ) is "almost" the inverse of  $\mathbf{U}$  of SVD( $\mathbf{A}^T$ )
    - the  $\mathbf{V}$  of SVD( $\mathbf{A}^T$ ) is "almost" the inverse of  $\mathbf{U}$  of SVD( $\mathbf{A}$ )
  - the silent rows & columns are in different places  
(silent columns in  $\Sigma$  and silent rows in  $\mathbf{V}^*$ )

# Example: Hiking around Bergen etc.

[see also the MATLAB example 2c\_A]

Data  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{331 \times 11}$ :

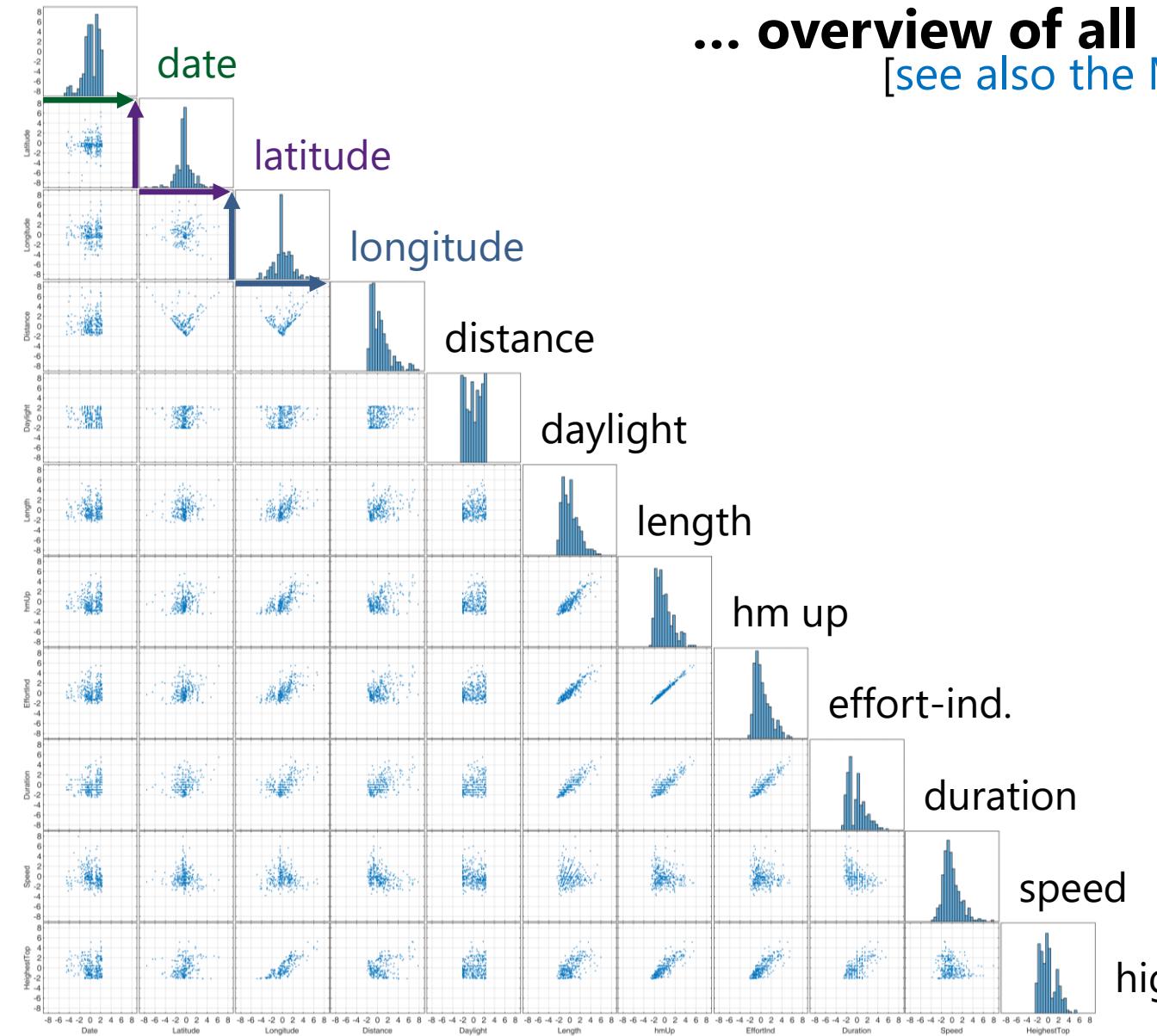
- 331 hikes, 11 measures: **date**, **lon.** & **lat.**, **distance**, **daylight**, **length**, **hm up**, **effort-ind.**, **duration**, **speed**, **highest top**
- preprocessing: some normalization (to relate the measures)

min.:	-4.51	-7.59	-4.88	-1.95	-2.09	-2.44	-2.68	-2.14	-2.50	-3.80	-2.17
q05:	-2.99	-2.37	-2.89	-1.46	-2.07	-1.78	-2.07	-1.52	-2.00	-2.40	-2.01
-2:	mid-2012	Bergen-10°	Bergen-15°	0km	6h	2.5km	150hm	0.06	1h	2km/h	50m
-1:	mid-2014	Bergen-5°	Bergen-7½°	10km	9h	5km	325hm	0.18	2h	2.5km/h	225m
0:	mid-2016	Bergen	Bergen	20km	12h	7.5km	500hm	0.30	3h	3km/h	400m
1:	mid-2018	Bergen+5°	Bergen+7½°	30km	15h	10km	675hm	0.42	4h	3.5km/h	575m
2:	mid-2020	Bergen+10°	Bergen+15°	40km	18h	12.5km	850hm	0.54	5h	4km/h	750m
4:	mid-2024	Bergen+20°	Bergen+30°	60km	24h	17.5km	1200hm	0.78	7h	5km/h	11050m
q95:	2.15	2.17	2.82	4.38	2.28	3.02	3.16	3.42	3.00	3.20	2.68
max.:	2.27	6.23	6.71	7.79	2.36	5.96	5.55	5.53	5.50	7.93	5.26
ID	Date	Latitude	Longitude	Distance	Daylight	Length	hmUp	EffortInd	Duration	Speed	HighestTop
42	-4.51	-0.42	-0.62	-1.02	2.33	-0.64	-0.79	-0.38	-1.00	-0.10	-0.82
43	-4.51	-0.08	-0.10	-1.66	2.30	-0.40	0.08	0.32	-0.50	-0.80	0.44
44	-4.45	-0.19	0.31	-1.63	1.43	2.16	-0.91	0.26	2.00	-0.84	1.45
45	-4.45	-0.58	1.44	0.69	1.37	-1.16	-1.42	-0.98	-1.00	-1.40	0.36
47	-4.24	-0.94	-1.95	0.37	-1.86	-1.12	-1.19	-0.80	-1.00	-1.30	-0.34
48	-4.23	2.29	-2.07	2.14	-1.73	-1.76	-0.95	-0.79	-1.00	-2.90	-0.43
49	-4.14	-2.06	-1.54	1.95	0.17	-1.32	-1.41	-1.00	-1.00	-1.80	-0.66
50	-4.11	-5.96	1.50	4.96	0.86	1.20	1.34	1.66	0.00	1.00	1.77
53	-3.87	-1.53	3.94	6.11	-0.28	0.48	1.47	1.56	0.00	-0.20	3.29
54	-3.74	-0.90	0.94	-0.17	-1.88	0.68	-0.18	0.41	1.00	-1.40	1.62
57	-3.65	-2.43	0.71	0.97	-0.08	-1.36	-1.33	-0.96	-1.00	-1.90	-0.48
58	-3.59	1.17	0.04	-0.69	1.21	-0.92	-0.57	-0.29	0.00	-2.53	0.49
59	-3.59	0.42	-0.16	-1.51	1.36	0.64	0.61	0.97	1.00	-1.45	0.90
60	-3.56	1.29	2.74	2.41	1.91	0.24	0.03	0.45	1.00	-1.95	2.41
61	-3.55	-1.60	0.30	-0.18	2.09	-0.40	-1.23	-0.64	-0.50	-0.80	-0.50
64	-3.11	-0.36	-0.13	-1.24	0.74	-1.56	-0.83	-0.65	-2.00	1.20	0.44
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70	-2.87	-0.35	-0.64	-1.13	-0.39	-2.24	-1.90	-1.61	-2.25	-0.93	-1.19
71	-2.86	-1.25	1.81	2.07	-0.45	1.60	1.86	2.14	1.00	-0.25	2.53
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75	-2.26	-0.63	-0.46	-0.72	-2.07	0.32	-1.14	-0.39	-1.20	3.22	-1.06
76	-2.25	-0.63	-0.46	-0.72	-2.05	1.04	0.54	1.03	-1.55	7.93	0.44
77	-2.24	-0.63	-0.46	-0.72	-1.94	-0.64	-1.41	-0.83	-1.50	1.87	-1.43
82	-1.96	0.25	1.25	0.52	1.75	0.80	0.94	1.26	1.00	-1.25	1.10
86	-1.83	-1.82	1.79	1.73	-1.20	-0.64	-0.18	0.06	-1.50	1.87	0.72
87	-1.79	-0.68	-1.63	0.02	-1.88	-0.68	-1.22	-0.70	-1.00	-0.20	-0.40
95	-1.68	-0.18	0.28	-1.65	-0.76	-0.32	0.43	0.60	-1.50	2.93	1.39
96	-1.68	-0.41	-0.13	-1.23	-0.73	-2.04	-1.12	-0.98	-2.00	-1.20	0.44
97	-1.68	-0.02	-0.78	-0.80	-0.70	-0.76	-0.65	-0.30	-1.50	1.47	-0.02
98	-1.68	0.50	1.46	0.71	0.67	0.03	1.00	1.40	0.00	0.52	2.22

we can't see  
much from  
"just" the data...

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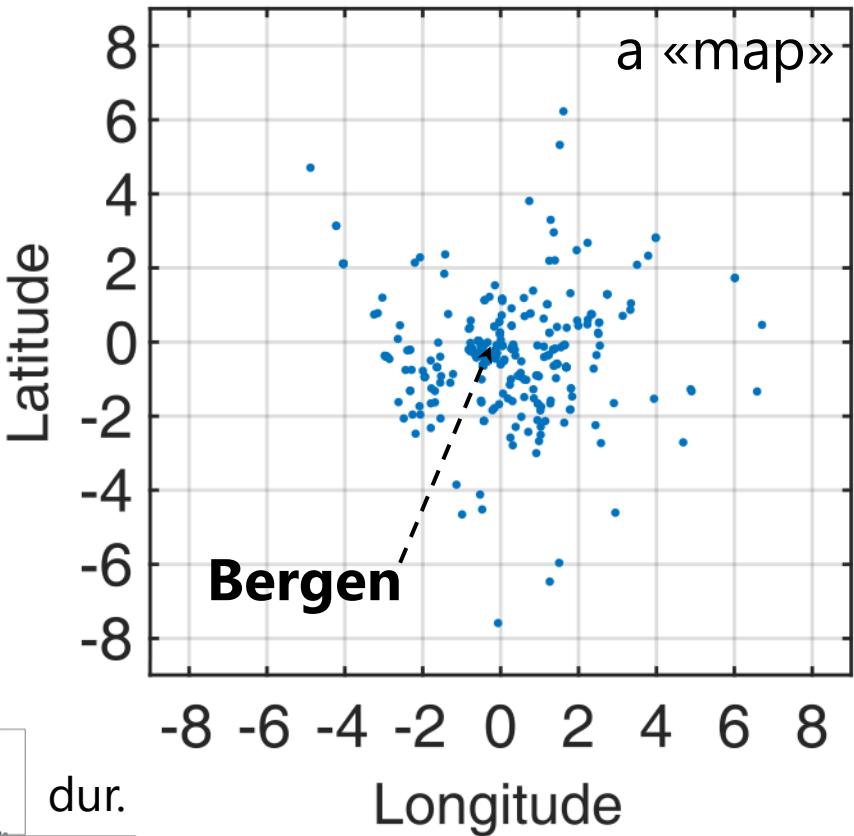
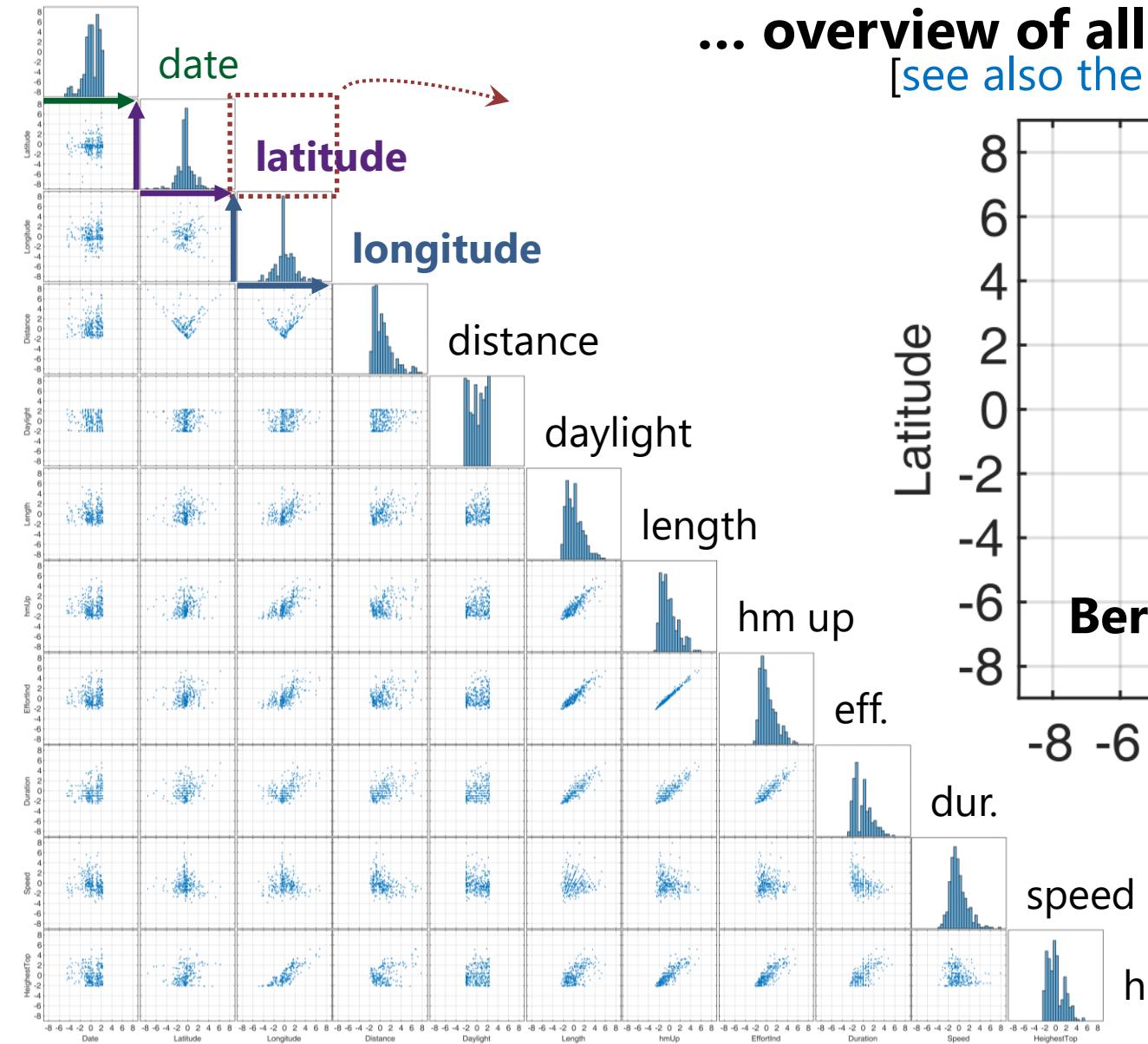
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*any insight?*

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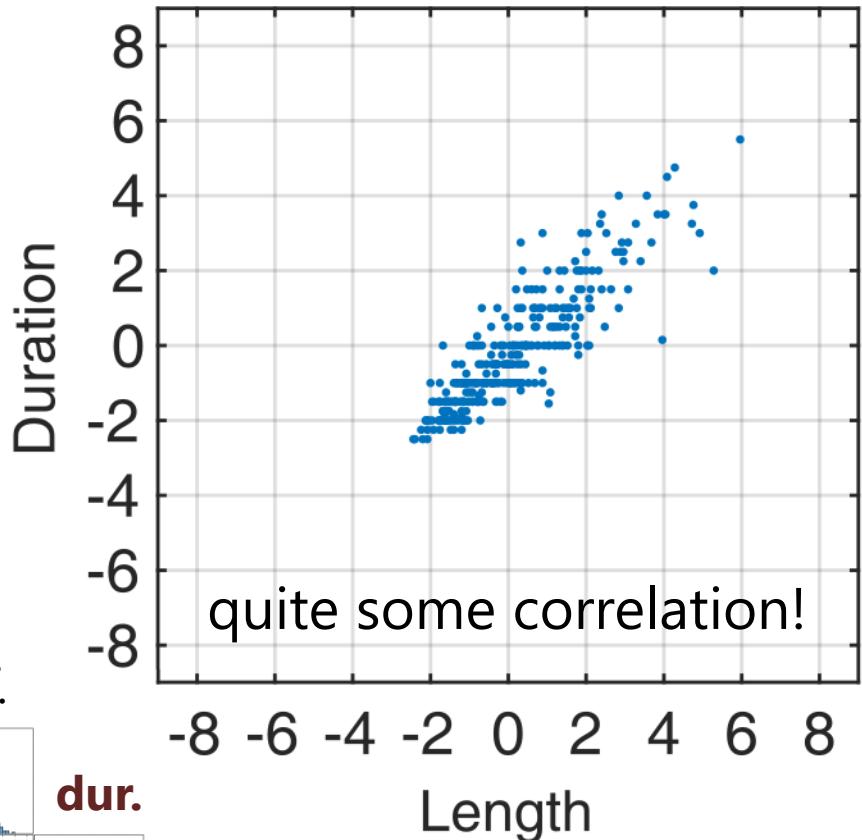
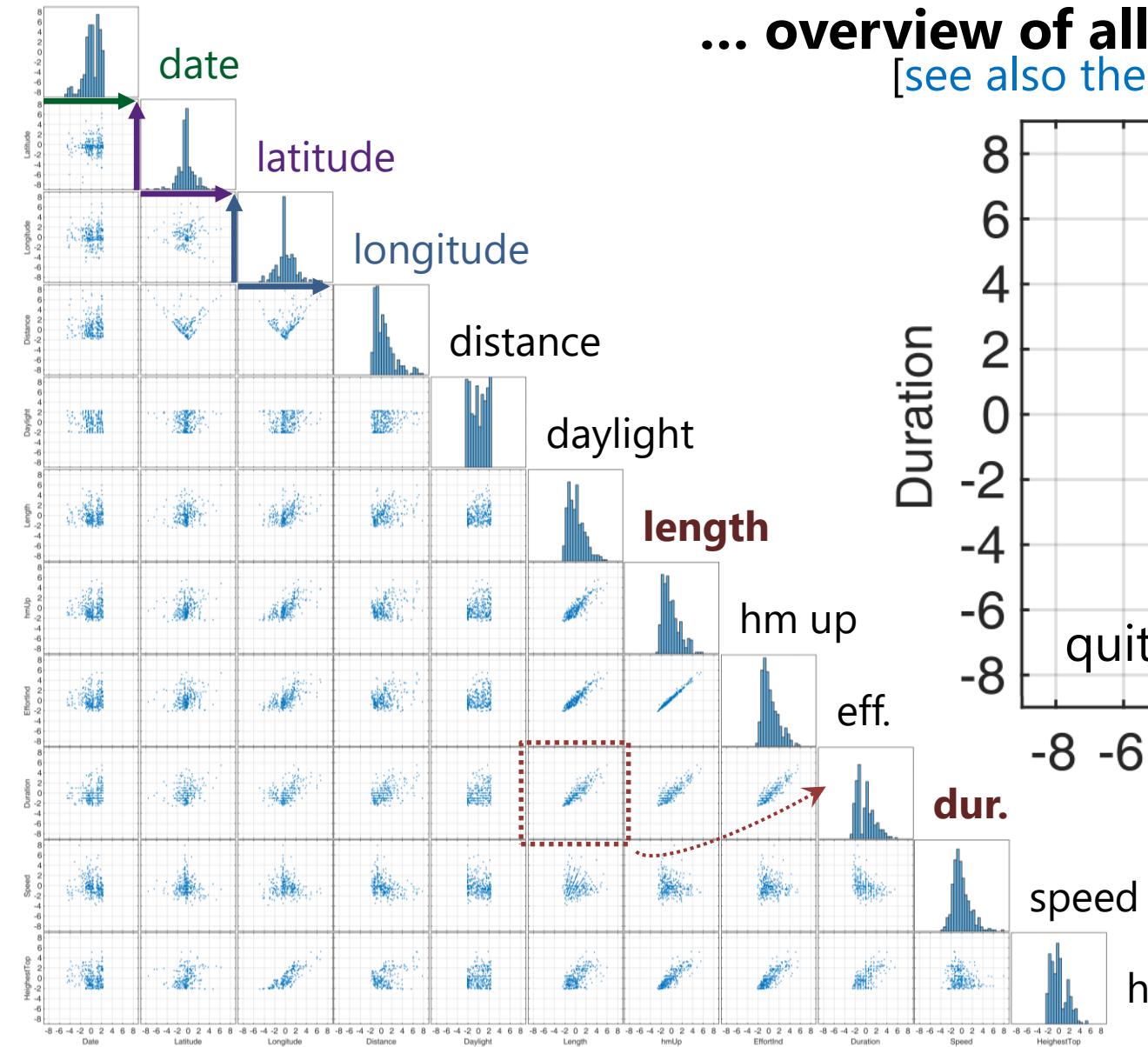


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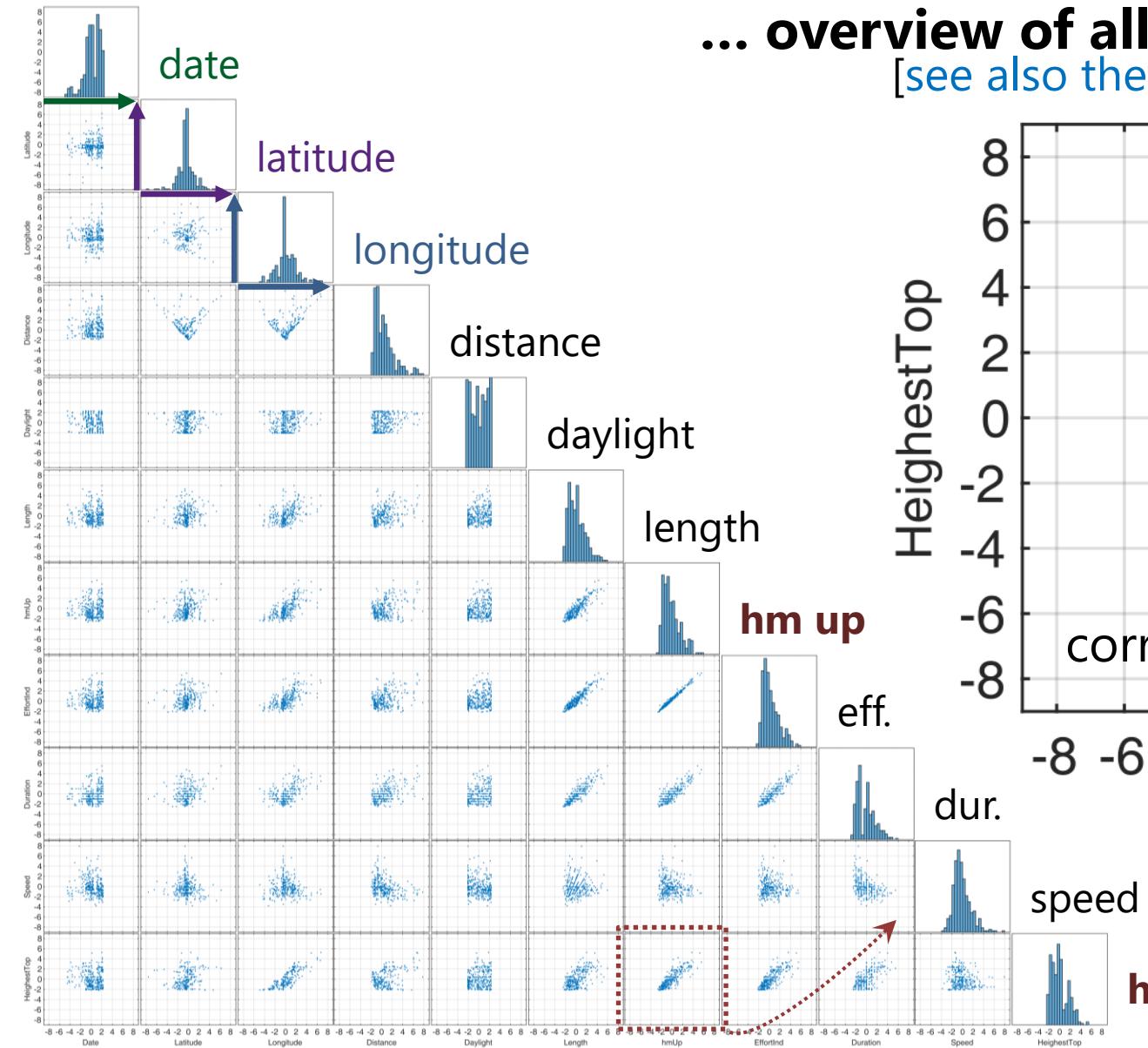


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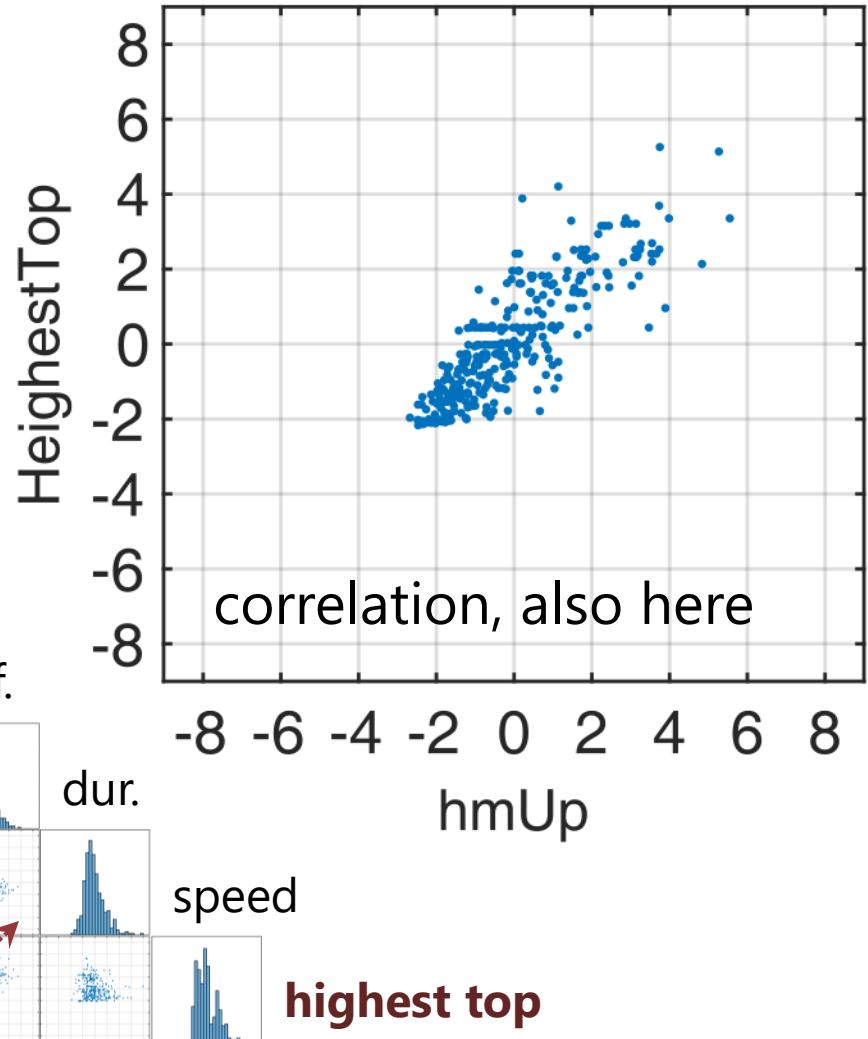
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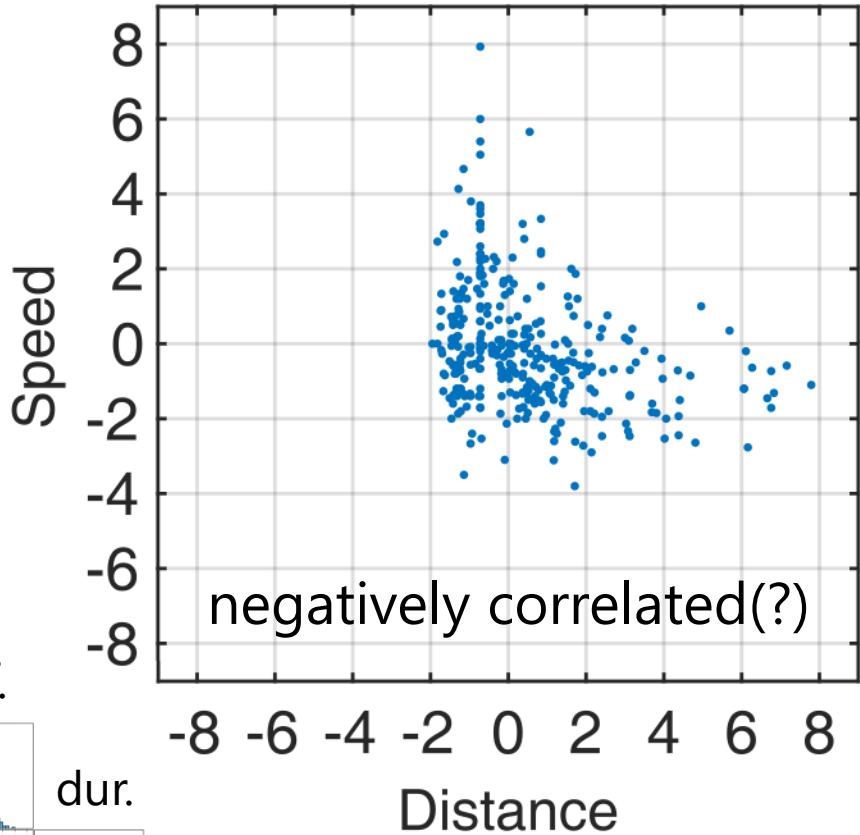
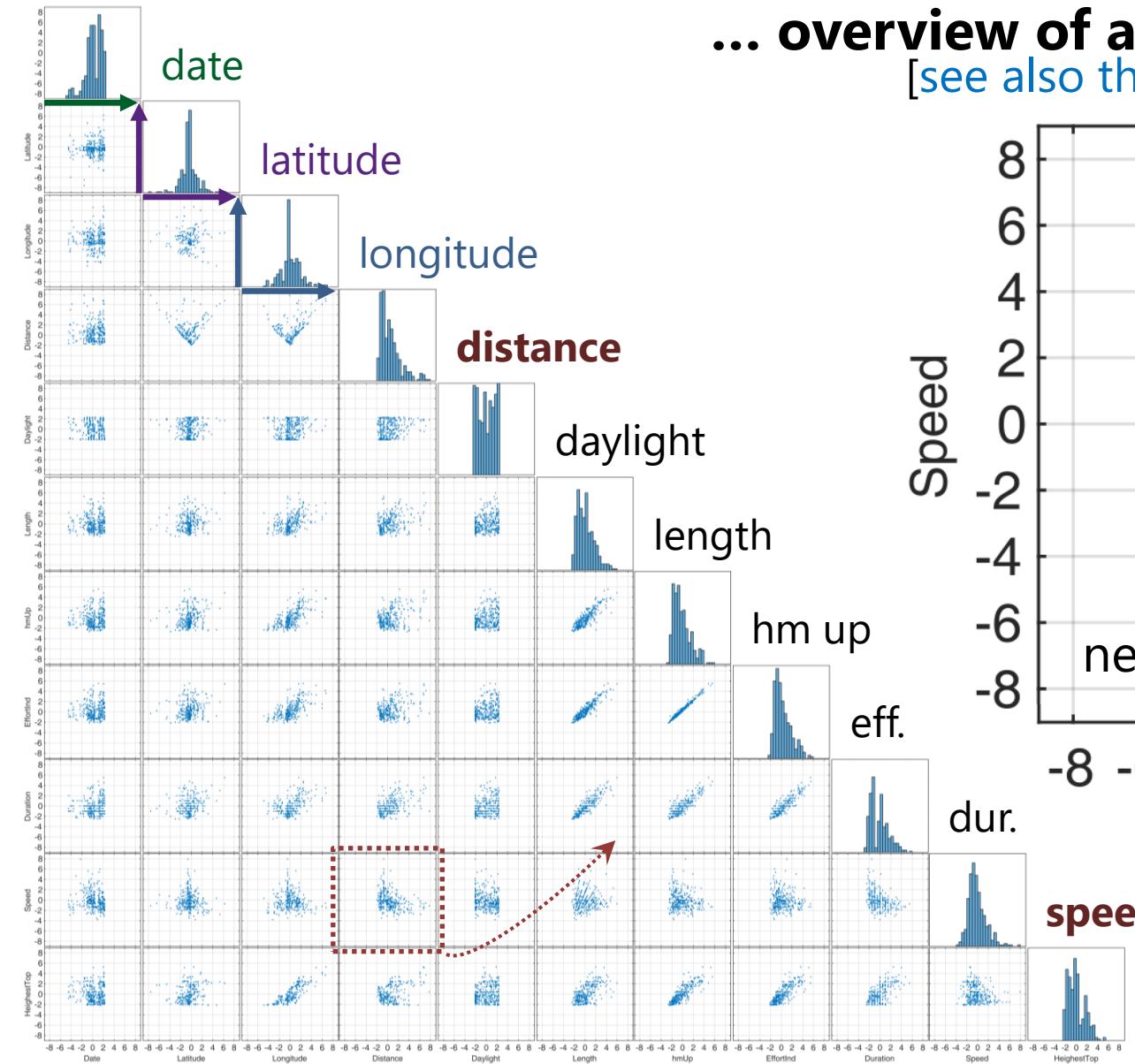


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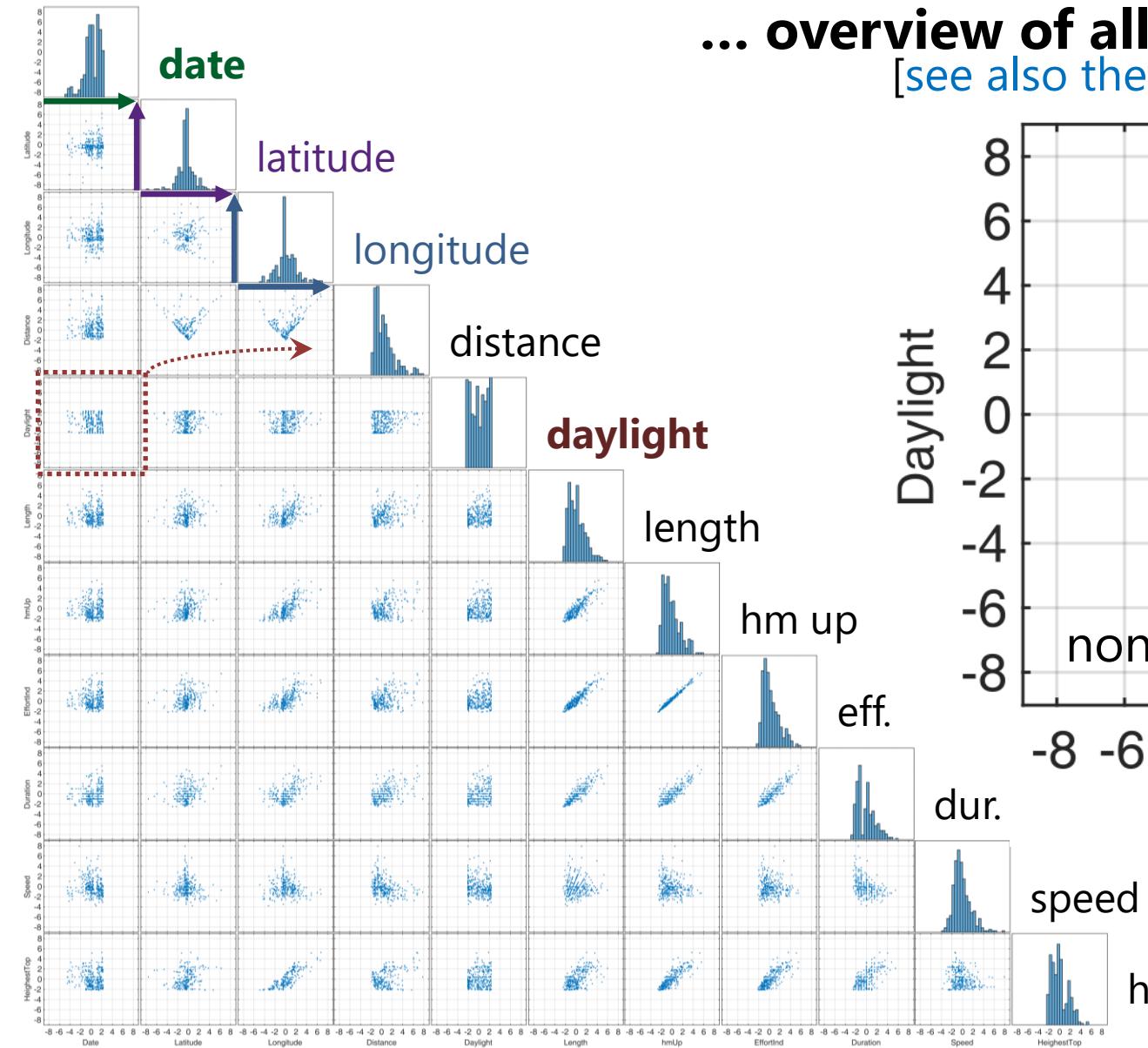


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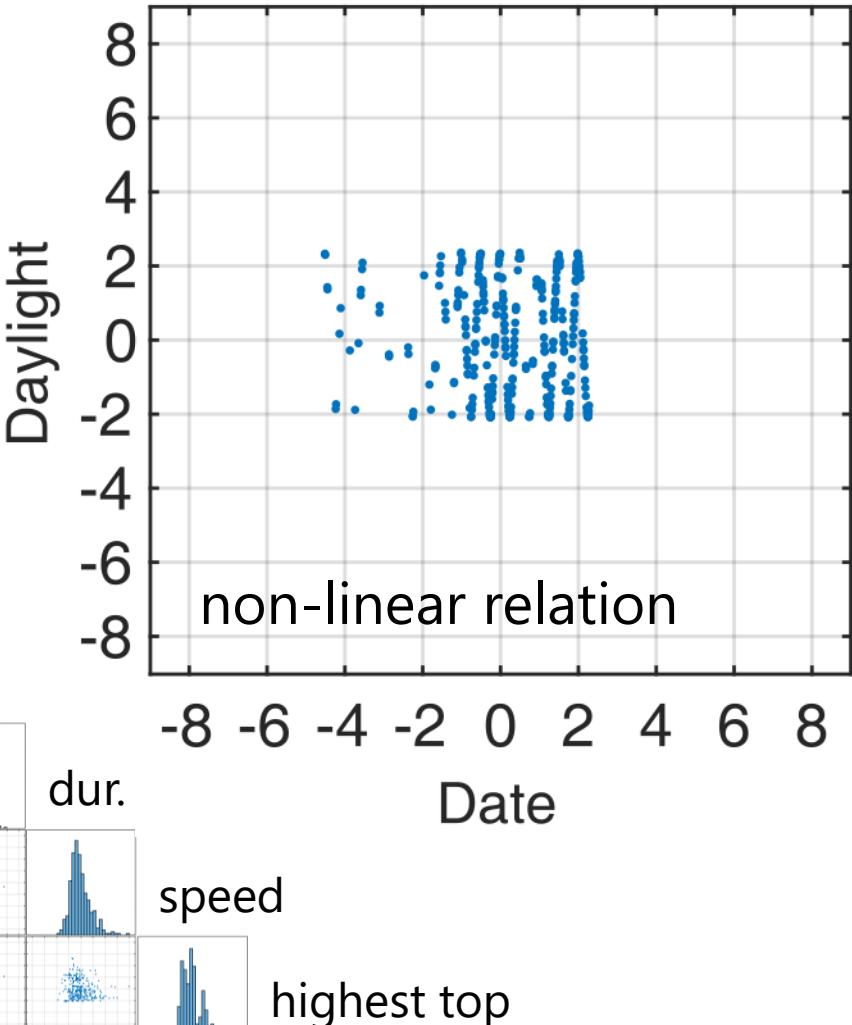
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negatively correlated(?)

# Example: Hiking around Bergen etc.



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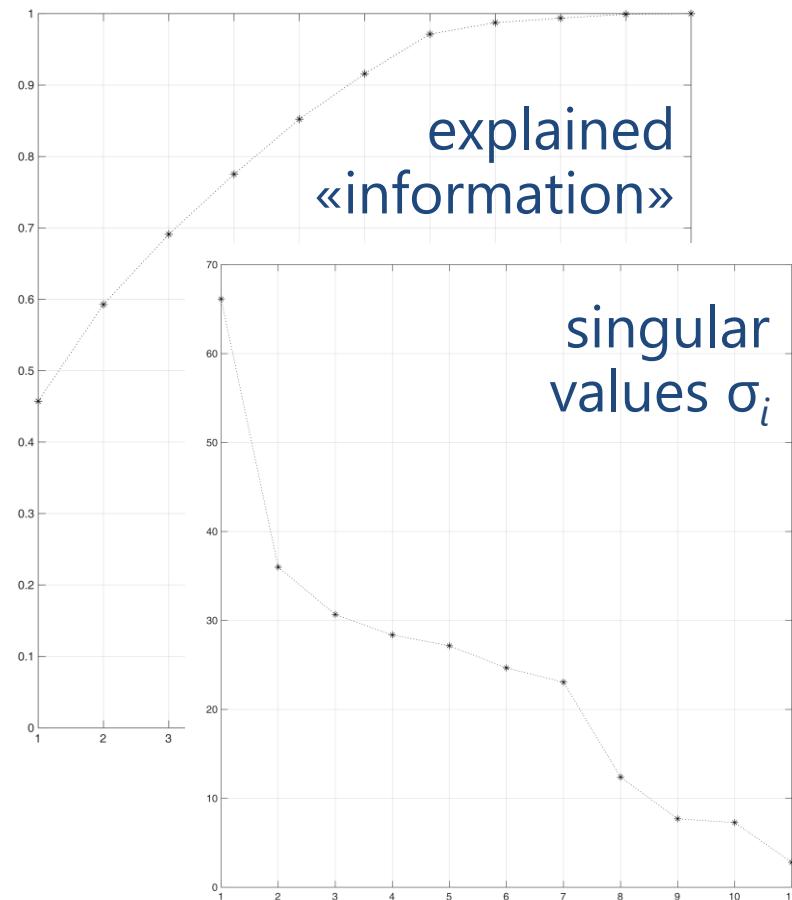
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[see also the MATLAB example 2c\_A]

## Let's use the SVD:

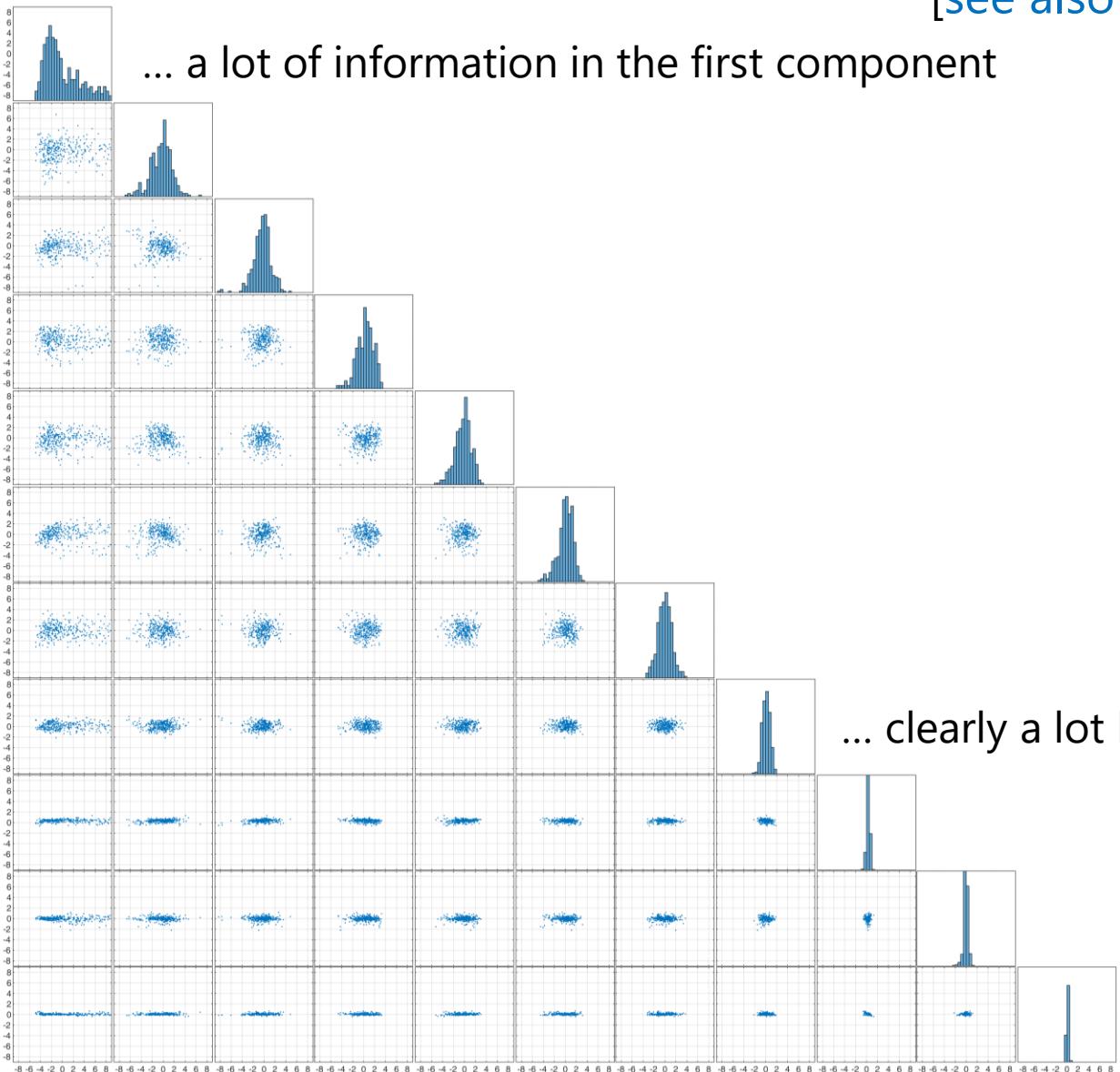
- $[\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, \mathbf{V}] = \text{svd}(\mathbf{D})$  leads to  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{331 \times 331}$ ,  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{331 \times 11}$ ,  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{11 \times 11}$
- since  $\mathbf{D}$  hosts row vectors, we “construct”  $\mathbf{D}$  from the left:  

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{I} \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^*$$
- first, we look at the singular values using `plot( diag( Σ ), ... )`
  - $\sigma_1$  about twice as large as  $\sigma_2$
  - about 45% “energy” in  $c_1$  ( $\sigma_1^2$ ), ~60% in  $c_1+c_2$  ( $\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$ ), >90% in  $c_1 \dots c_6$
  - how many dimensions to represent  $\mathbf{D}$  well?



# Example: Hiking around Bergen etc.

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**D** in **V**-coordinates

... clearly a lot less information

... very little information

in the last component

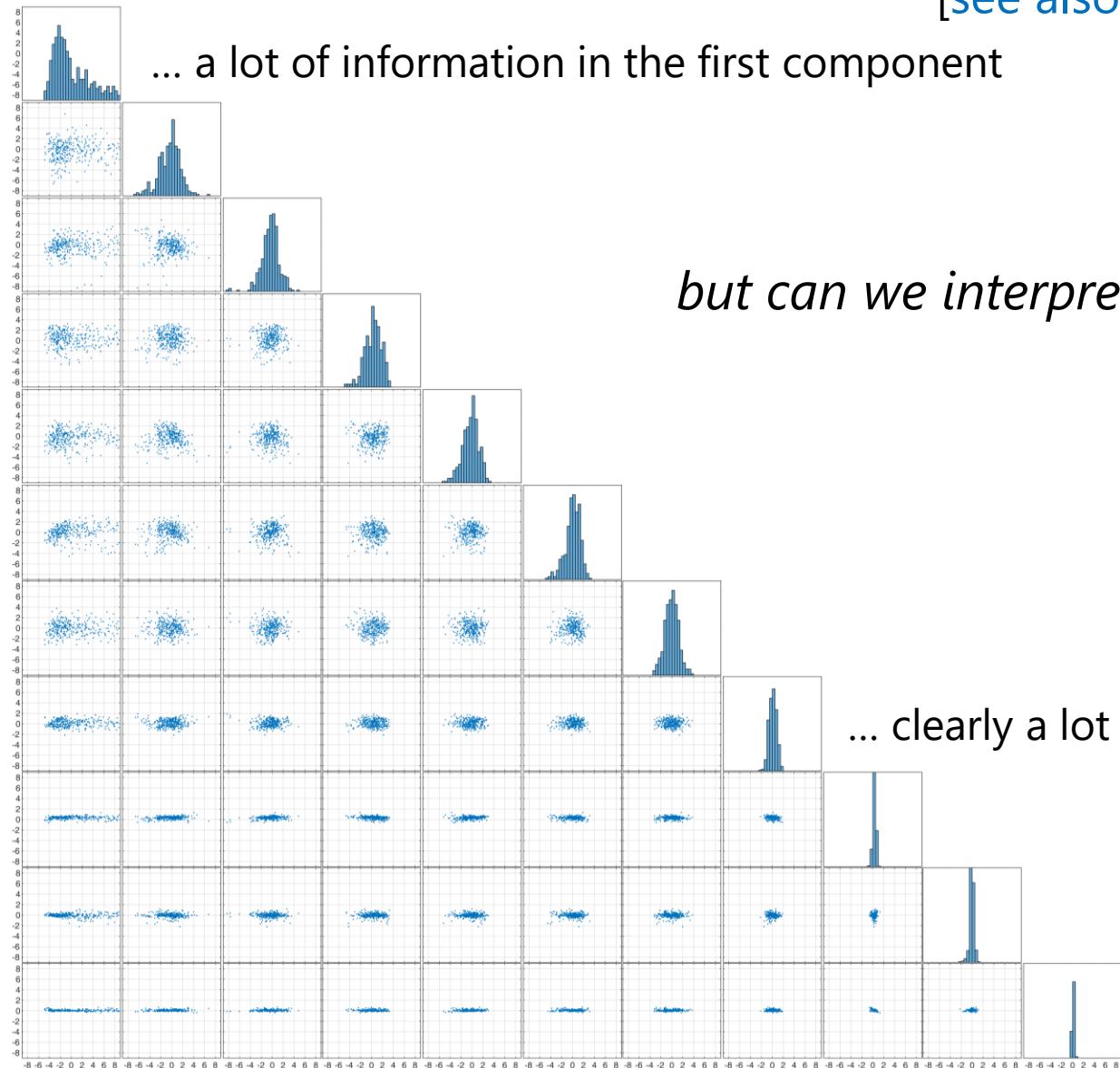
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... a lot of information in the first component

**D** in **V**-coordinates

*but can we interpret the new axes?*



... clearly a lot less information

... very little information

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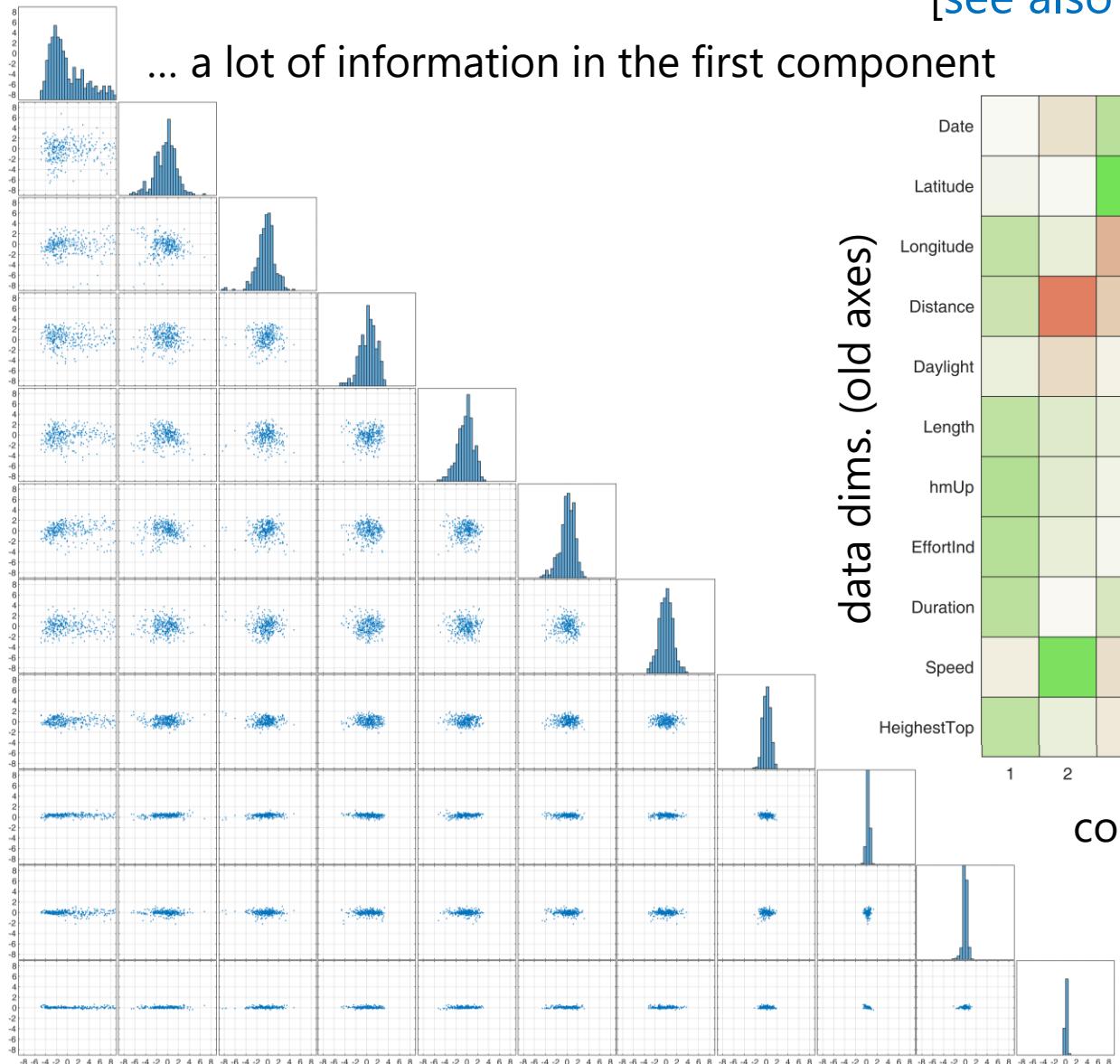
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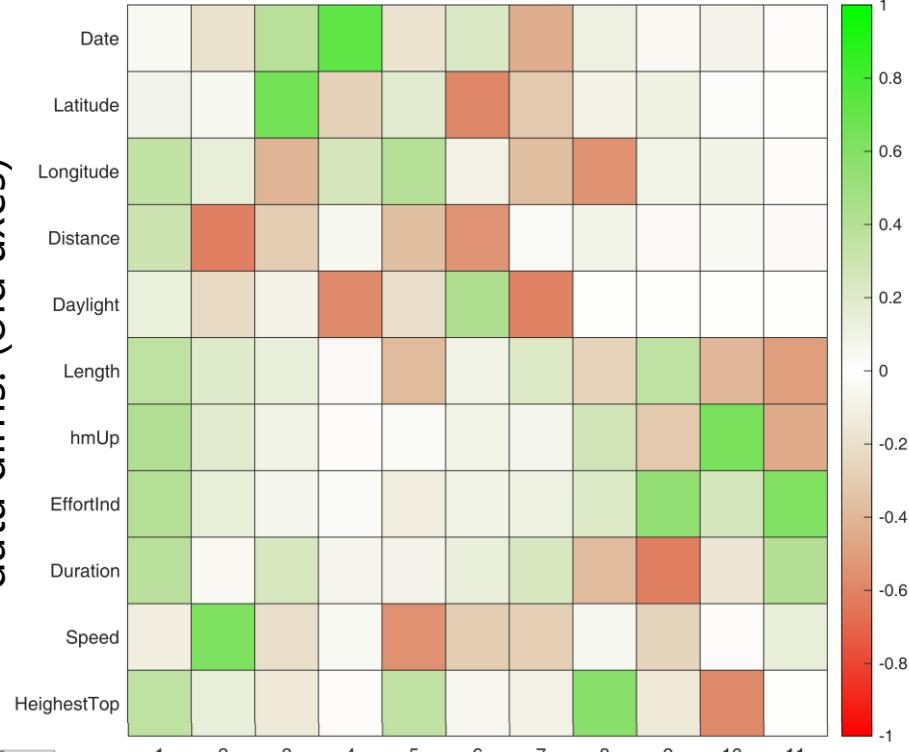
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we look at  $V!$

... a lot of information in the first component



data dims. (old axes)

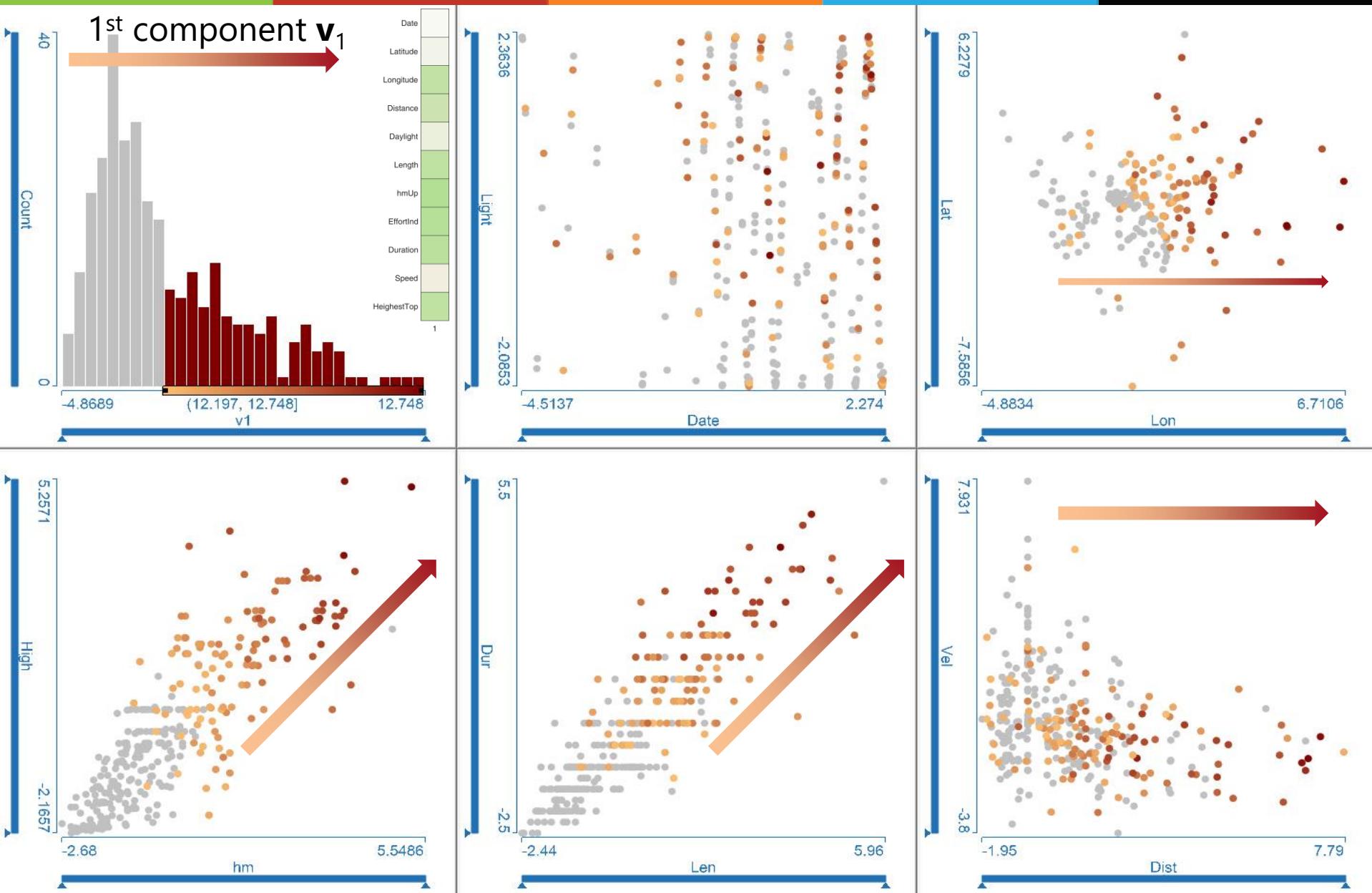


components (new axes)

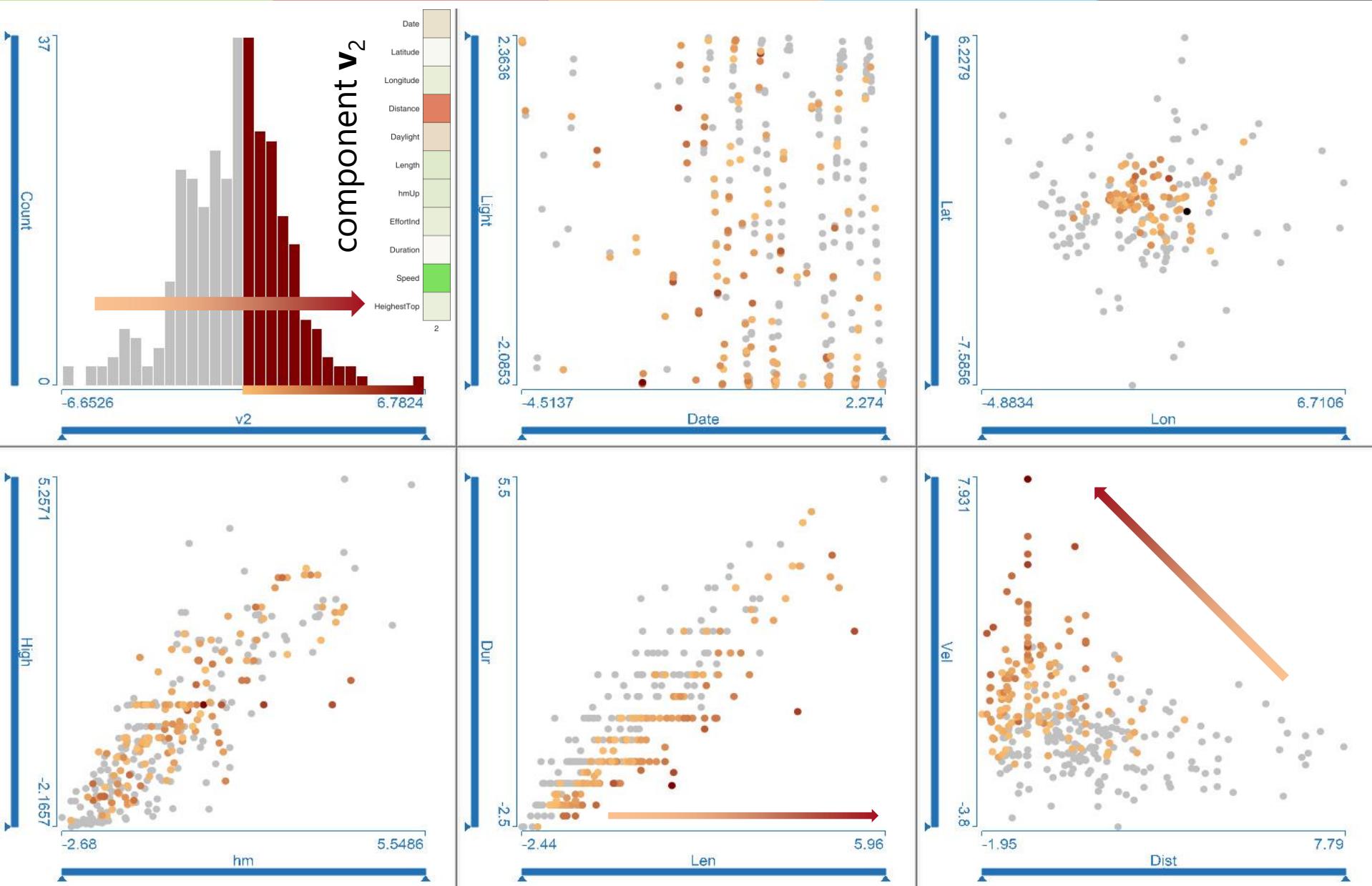
**contributions:**

- **green:** positively
- **red:** negatively
- **white:** none

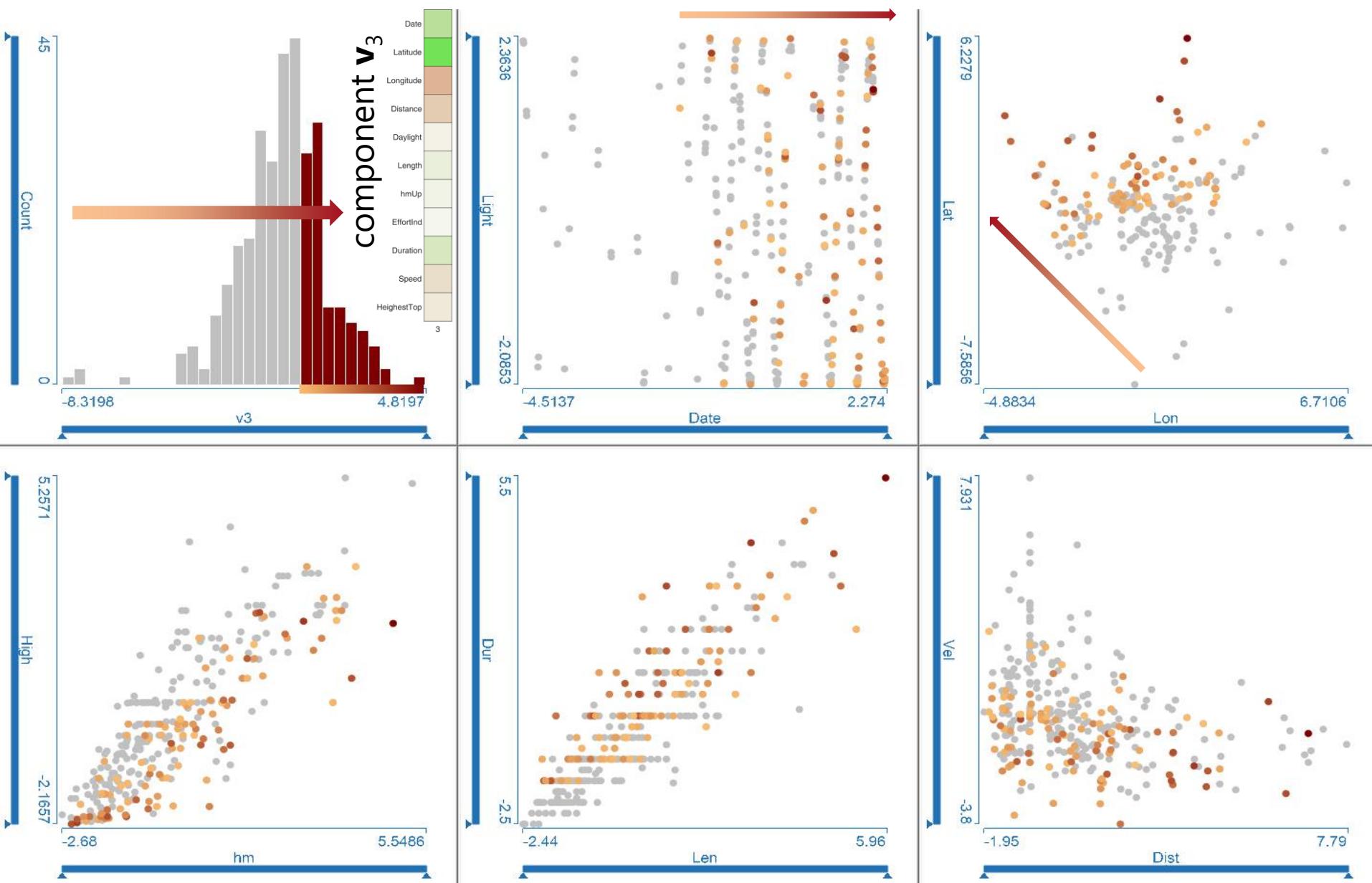
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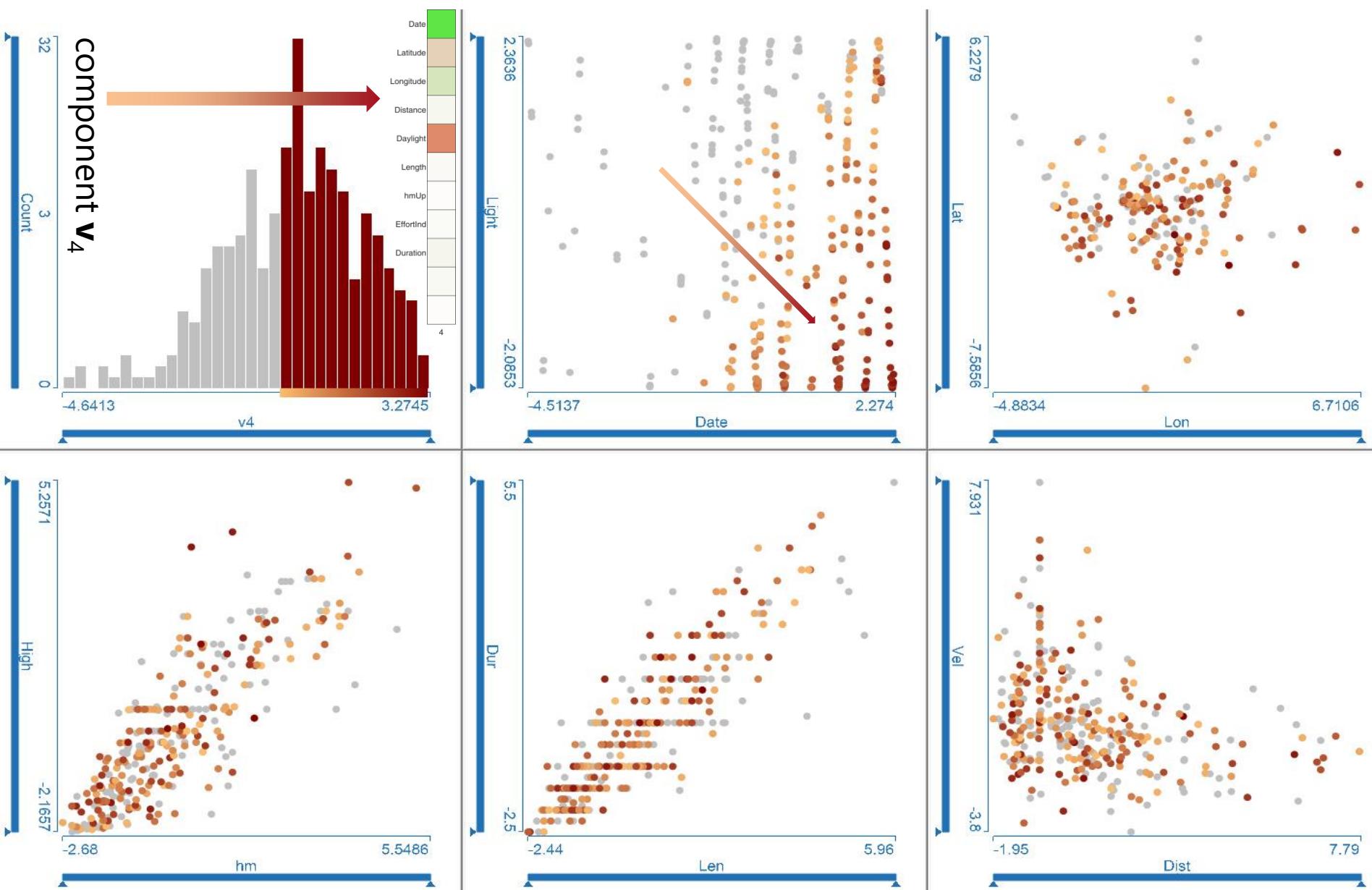
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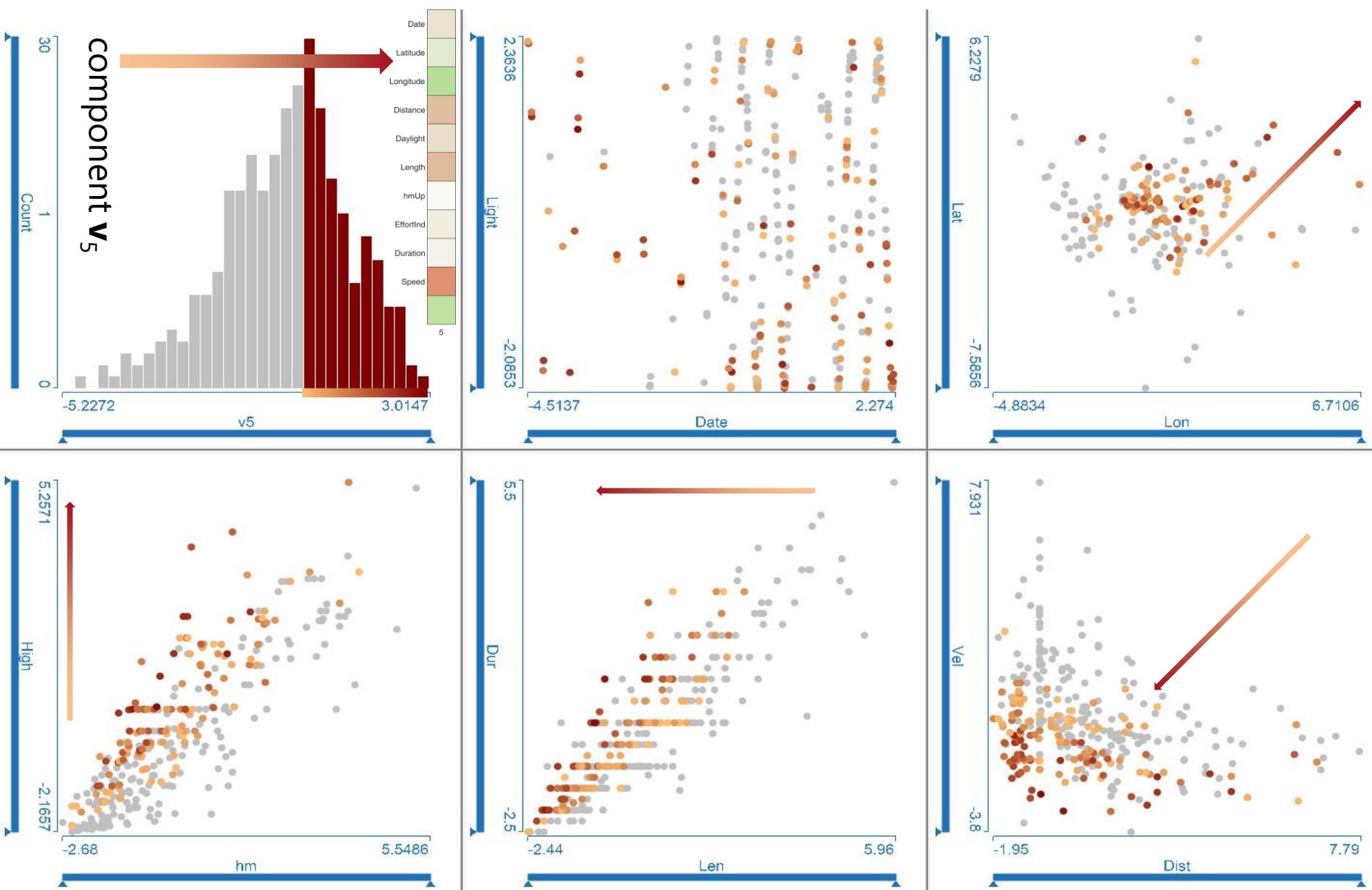
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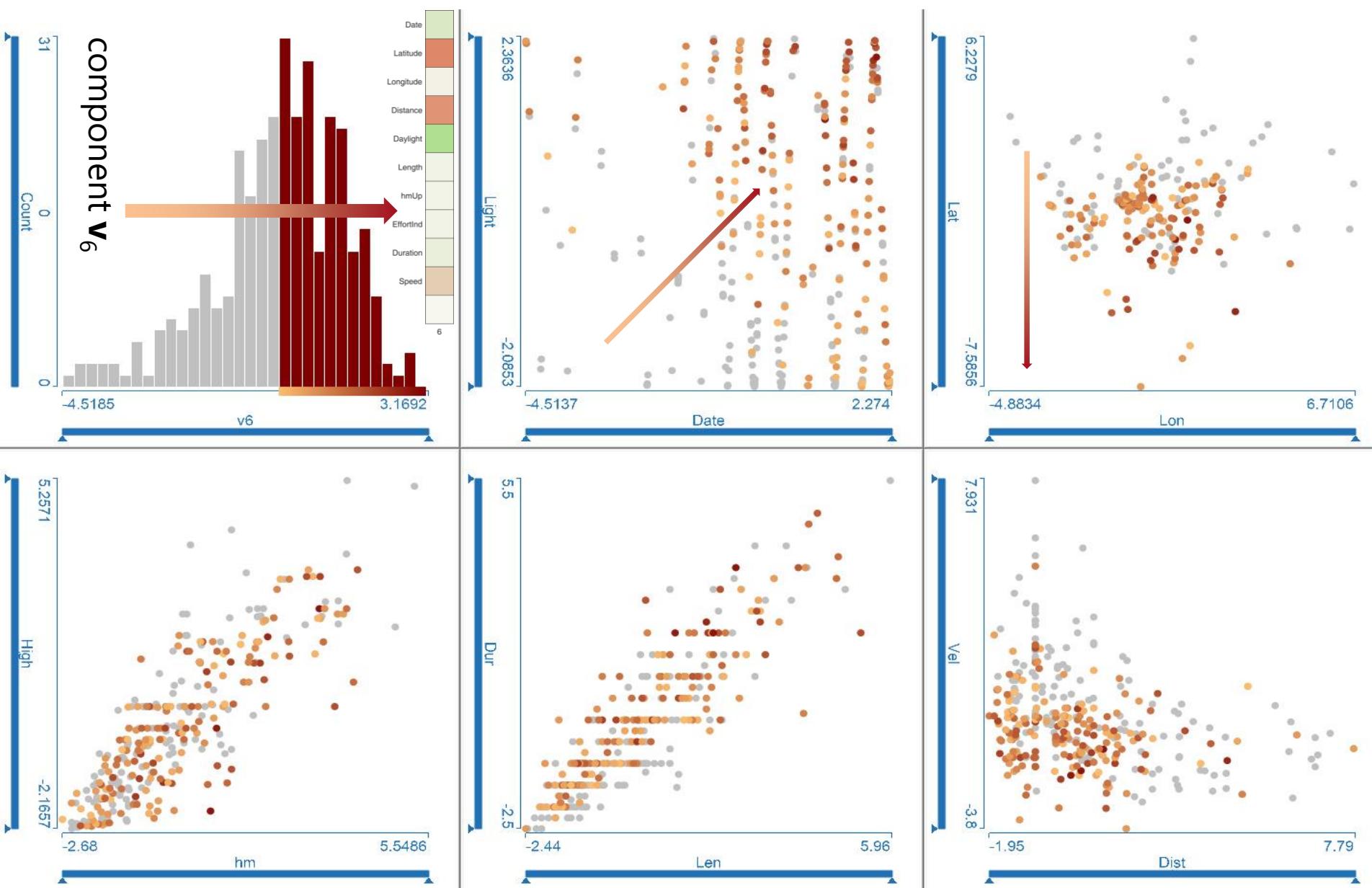
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## What have we learned?

- the strongest information in these 331 hiking-data is a (combined) measure for the *extent of the activity* (considering length, hm, duration, etc.)
- secondly, the variation between “distant and slow” and “nearby and fast” seems to be informative
- a 1D, 4( $\pm 1$ )D, or 7D approximation seems to be appropriate – dependent on how much information should be recovered

# Rewriting the SVD

## Separating the $\sigma$ in $\Sigma$

(into a sum of  $\Sigma_i$  with one  $\sigma$  per matrix),  
 we get:

$$-\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^* = \left( \mathbf{u}_1 \underbrace{\mathbf{u}_2 \dots}_{\text{zeroed!}} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \sigma_1 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{v}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{v}_2^\top \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \text{zeroed!}$$

$$+ \left( \underbrace{\mathbf{u}_1}_{\text{zeroed!}} \mathbf{u}_2 \underbrace{\mathbf{u}_3 \dots}_{\text{zeroed!}} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{v}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{v}_2^\top \\ \mathbf{v}_3^\top \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \text{zeroed!} + \dots$$

$$= \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^\top + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^\top + \dots$$

outer product

$$\boxed{\mathbf{A} = \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^*}$$

# SVD – Facts (1b)

**If matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is of rank  $r$ , then  $r$   $\sigma_j$  are non-zero.**

**Given**  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})=r$ ,

- $\text{range}(\mathbf{A}) = (\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r)$       in MATLAB: „`range(A)`“
- $\text{null}(\mathbf{A}) = (\mathbf{v}_{r+1}, \mathbf{v}_{r+2}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$       and „`null(A)`“

**A's norm is given by the SVD:**

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \sigma_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum \sigma_k^2}$$

**If  $\mathbf{A}$  is square, then**

$$|\det(\mathbf{A})| = \prod \sigma_k$$

**Based on  $\mathbf{A} = \sum \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^*$ , A's best rank- $k$  approximation is**

- with  $\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}$

and  $\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^2}$

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^*$$

# Rank- $k$ Approximation

[MATLAB example 2c\_B]

**Given some**  $(n \times d)$ -dimensional data  $\mathbf{D}$

$(n$  data items,  $d$  dimensions per item, rank  $r \approx \min(n, d)$ ),

- we can approximate  $\mathbf{D}$  with a lower-rank matrix  $\mathbf{D}_k$  by only using the  $k$  first (largest) singular values

$$(\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_n) \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma_m \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{v}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_m^\top \end{pmatrix}$$

**Leaving**  $\mathbf{D}_k = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^*$

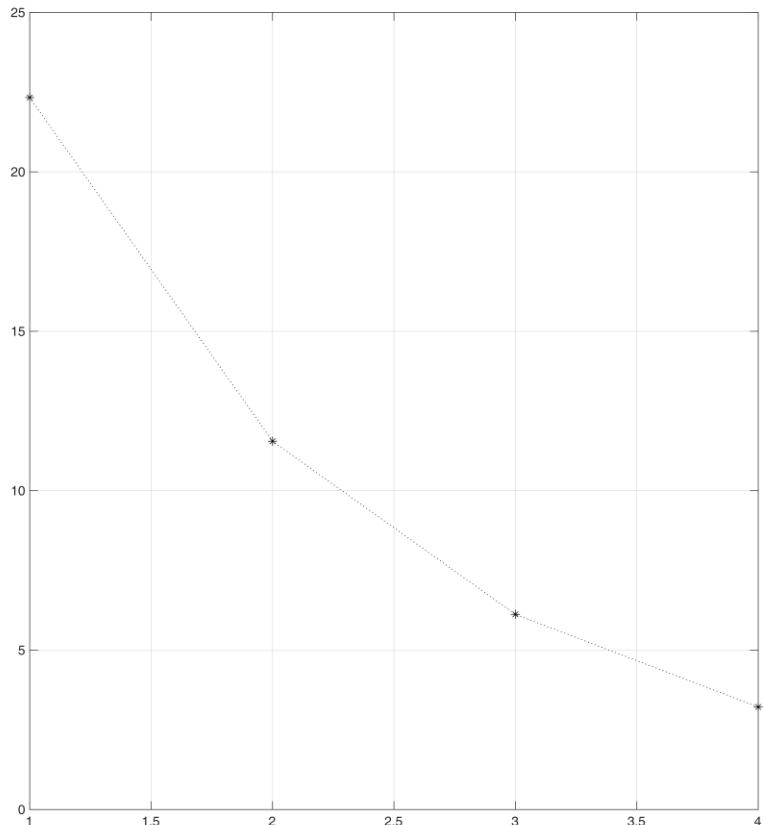
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and plot the singular values,  
for ex.:



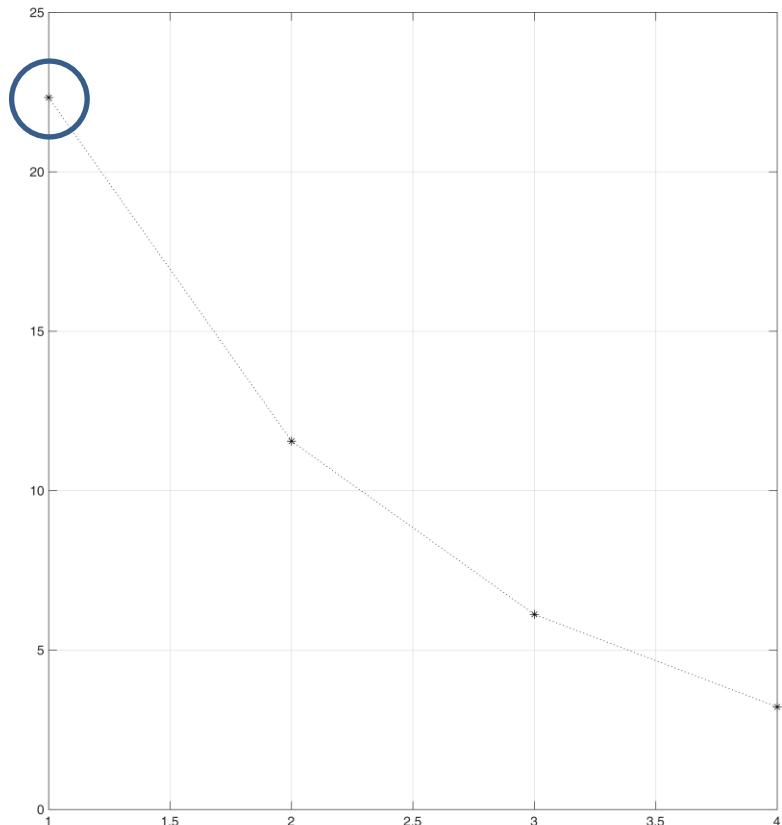
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  - as  $\sigma_1$  clearly dominates all other singular values, we start with a rank-1 approximation, for ex., by
- `D1 = U(:,1) * s(1,1) * v(:,1)';`  
in MatLab

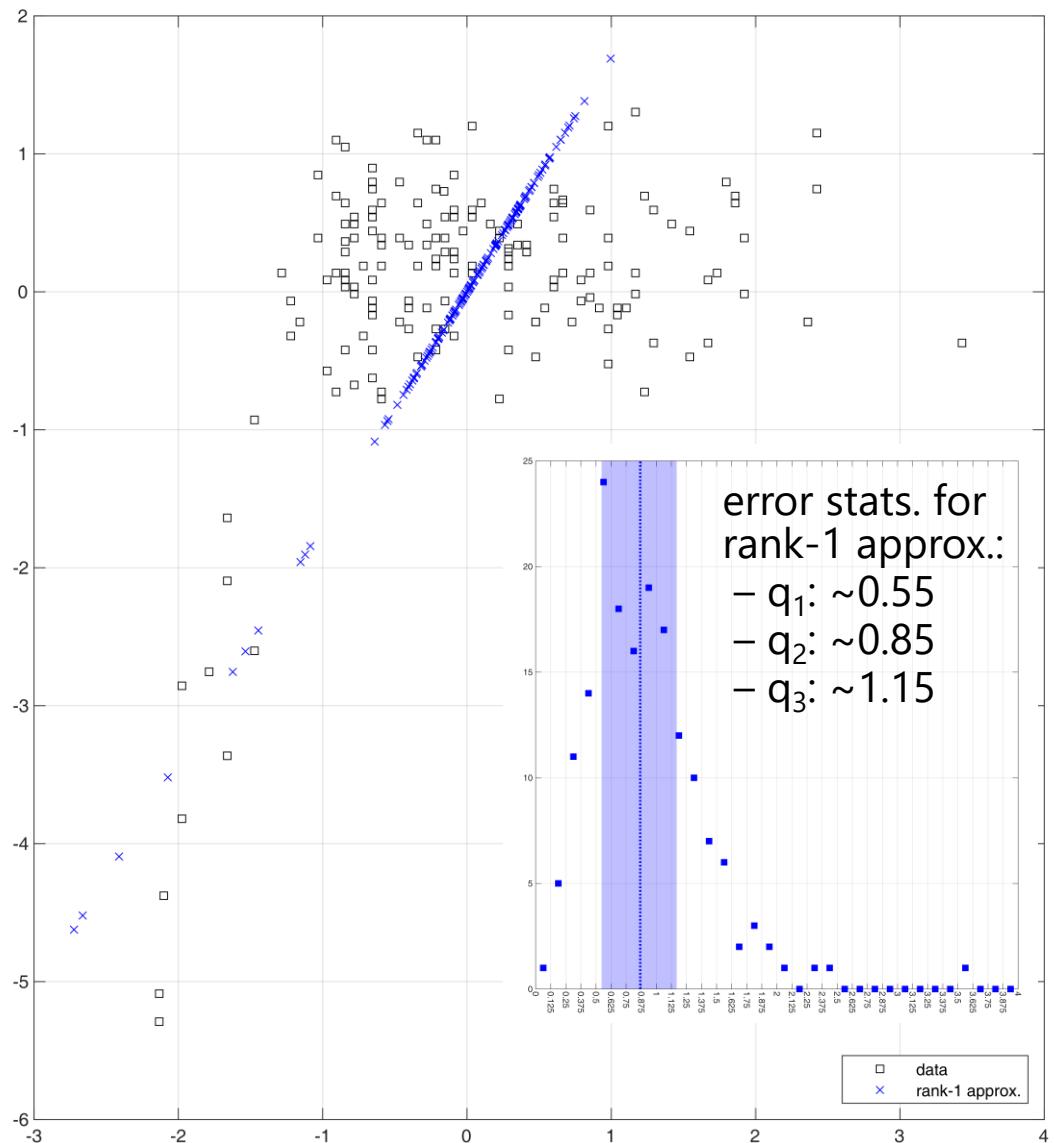


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- ```
D1 = U(:,1) * S(1,1) * V'
```
- in MatLab
- of course, we wish to see how well  $\mathbf{D}_1$  approximates  $\mathbf{D}$



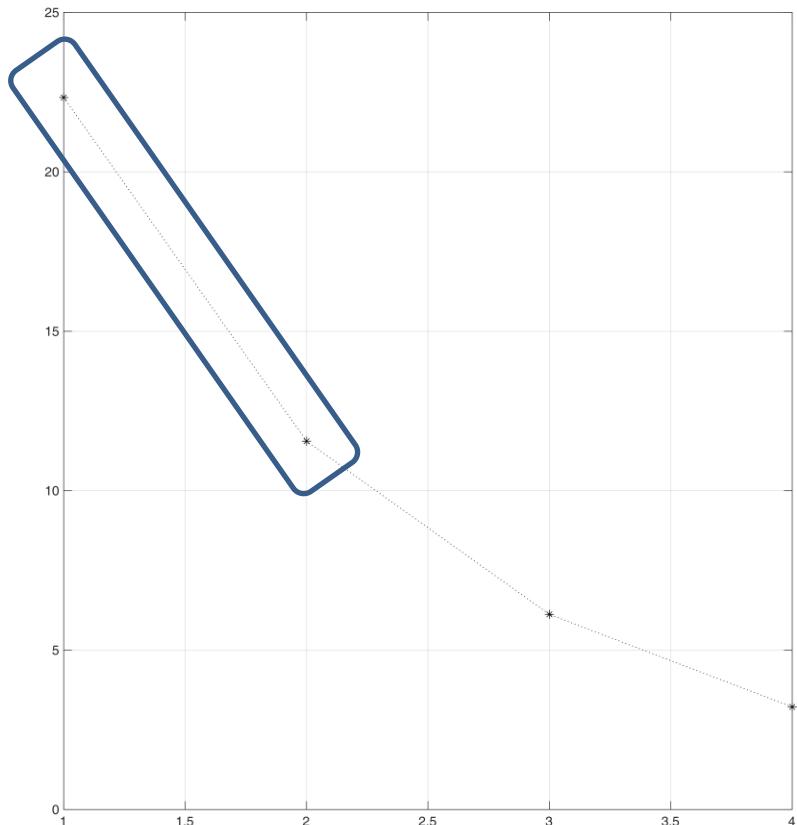
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- next, we follow up with a rank-2 approximation (with  $\mathbf{D2} = \mathbf{D1} + \mathbf{U}(:, 2) * \mathbf{S}(2, 2) * \mathbf{V}(:, 2)' ;$  in MatLab)

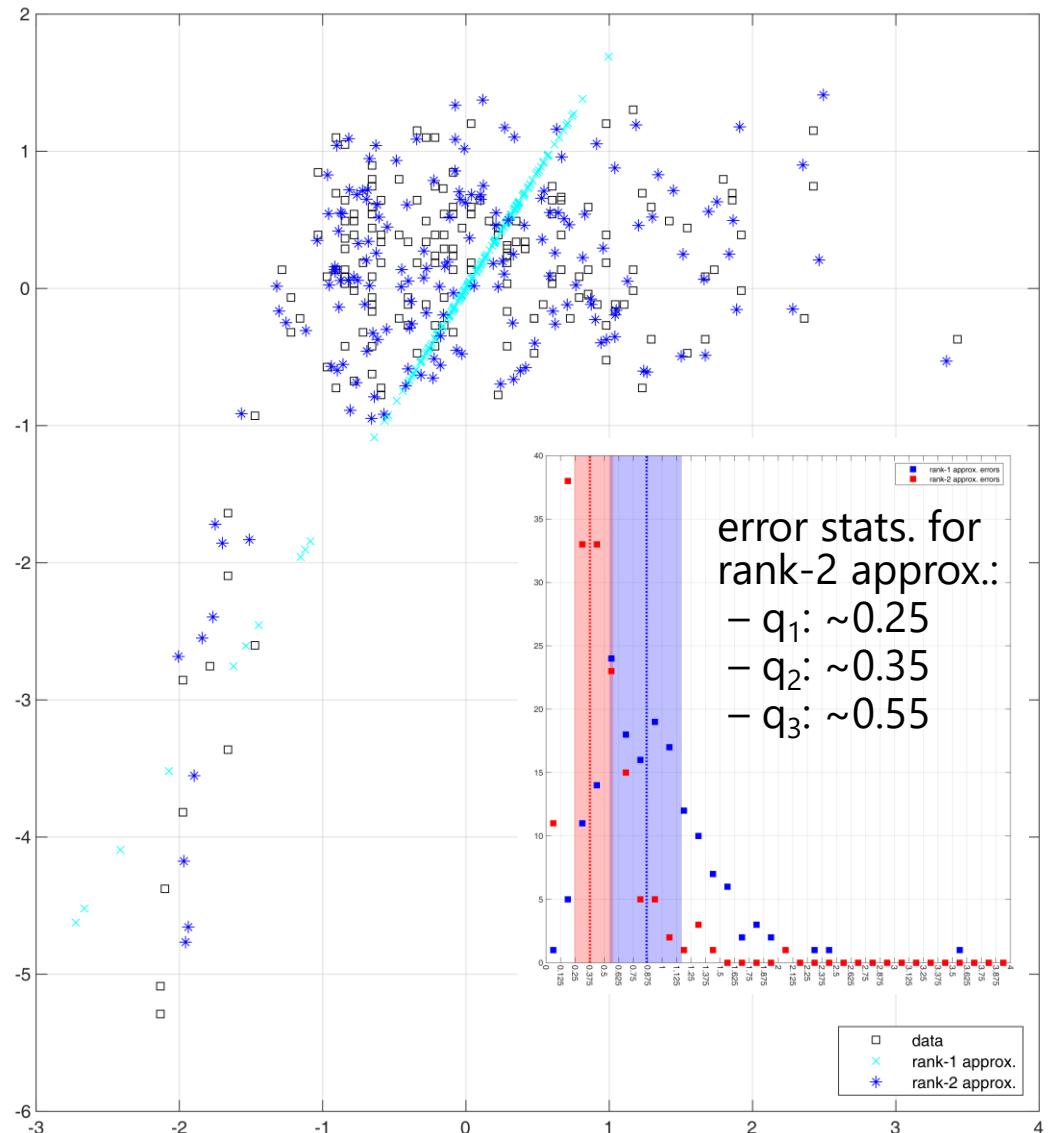


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- again, we wish to see how well  $\mathbf{D}_2$  approximates  $\mathbf{D}$
- much better!



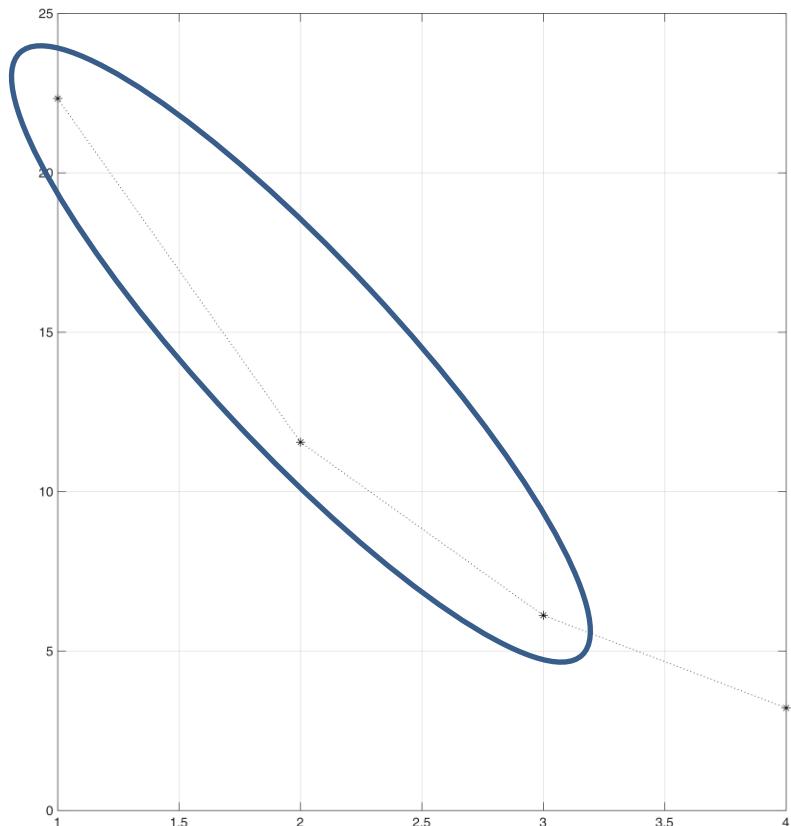
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- usually, we normalize (so that all dimensions relate to each other)
- we then compute the SVD and plot the singular values
- clearly, we also check a rank-3 approximation (with  $\mathbf{D3}=\mathbf{U}(:,1:3)*\mathbf{S}(1:3,1:3)*\mathbf{V}(:,1:3)'$ ;  
in MatLab)

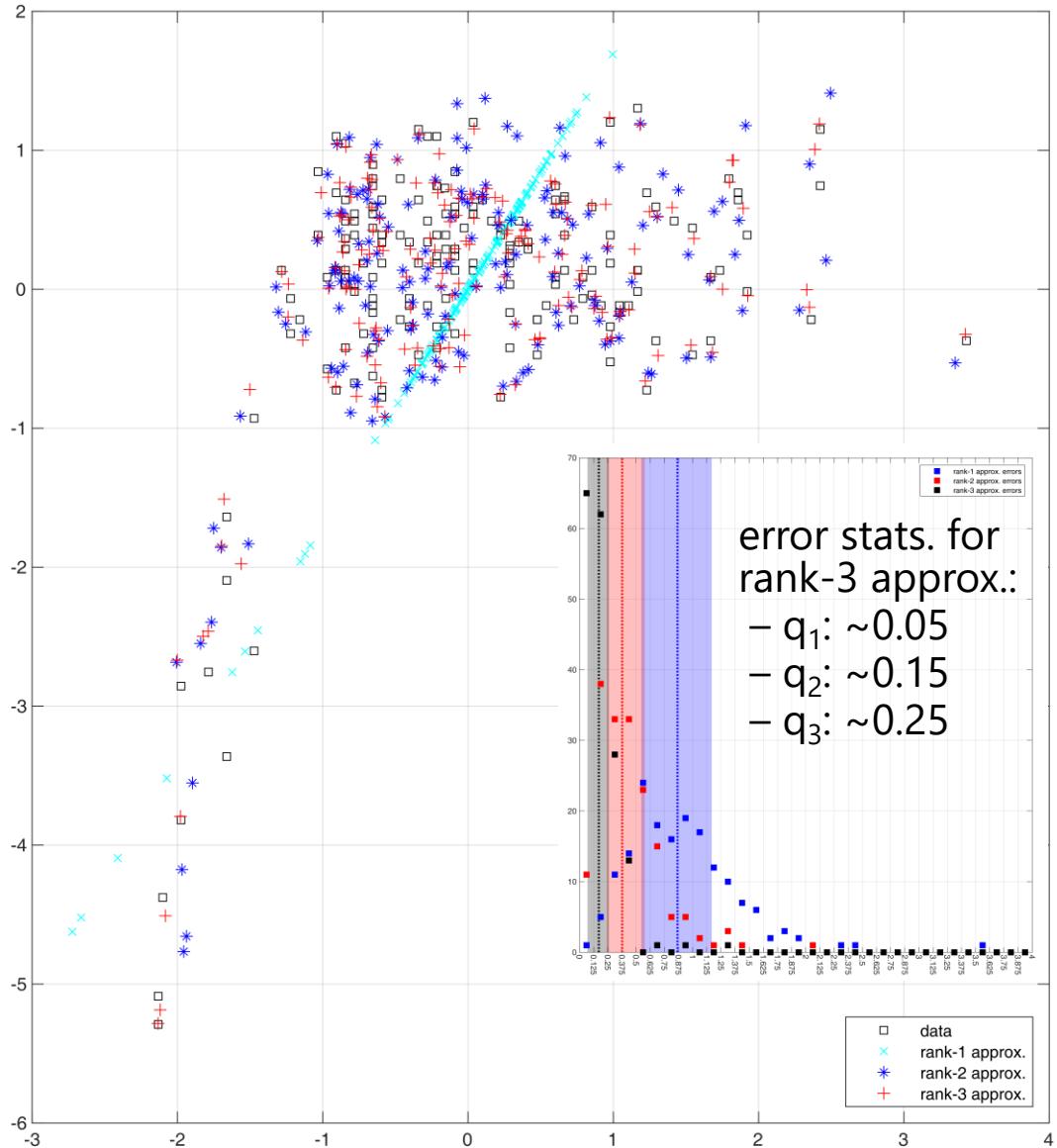


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- visualization!
- almost perfect!





# Outlook

## Next:

- eigenanalysis
- PCA



# Reading and Related Material

## In the book:

- chapter 2 (on linear systems), mostly section 2.1, and related parts
- chapter 15 (on SVD, etc.)

## Course notes:

- section 4

## An interactive online-book:

- <http://ImmersiveMath.com/>,  
chapters (1–4 &) 5 (on Gaussian elimination)  
and 6 (on The Matrix)

## On Wikipedia:

- many good pages