# Principal Component Analysis

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#### Motivations

Raw data representations are over-complete

Dimensionality reduction reduces the footprint of data without losing useful important information

#### Problem Statement

Consider a dataset  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, ..., x_N\}$ ,  $x_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$  with mean  $\mathbf{0}$  and data covariance matrix:

$$S = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n x_n^T$$

There exists a low-dimensional compression representation (code) of  $x_n$ :

$$\mathbf{z}_n = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

The projection matrix:

$$\boldsymbol{B} := [\boldsymbol{b}_1, ..., \boldsymbol{b}_M] \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times M}$$

With orthonormal basis  $\boldsymbol{b}_i^T \boldsymbol{b}_j = 0$  with  $i \neq j$  and  $\boldsymbol{b}_i^T \boldsymbol{b}_i = 1$ 

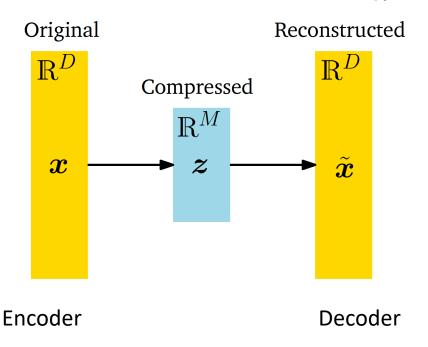
We project  $x_n$  into a low-dimensional subspace  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^D$  with dim(U) = M < D

The projected data is  $\widetilde{m{x}}_n$  with  $m{z}_n$  as the coordinates on basis  $m{B}$ 

## Dimensionality Reduction

The objective is to find  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$  or  $\boldsymbol{z}_n = [z_{1n}, \dots, z_{Mn}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 1}$  and basis  $\boldsymbol{B} = [\boldsymbol{b}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{b}_M] \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times M}$  that minimizes the loss due to compression

Example loss: squared reconstruction loss  $\|\mathbf{x}_n - \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_n\|^2$ 



## Finding Projective Coordinates

## Projective Perspective

Assume ONB  $B = (\boldsymbol{b}_1, ..., \boldsymbol{b}_D) \in \mathbb{R}^D$ 

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{M} k_i \boldsymbol{b}_i + \sum_{j=M+1}^{D} k_j \boldsymbol{b}_j$$

$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n \in U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^D$$

where  $k_i \in \mathbb{R}$ 

## Objective Function

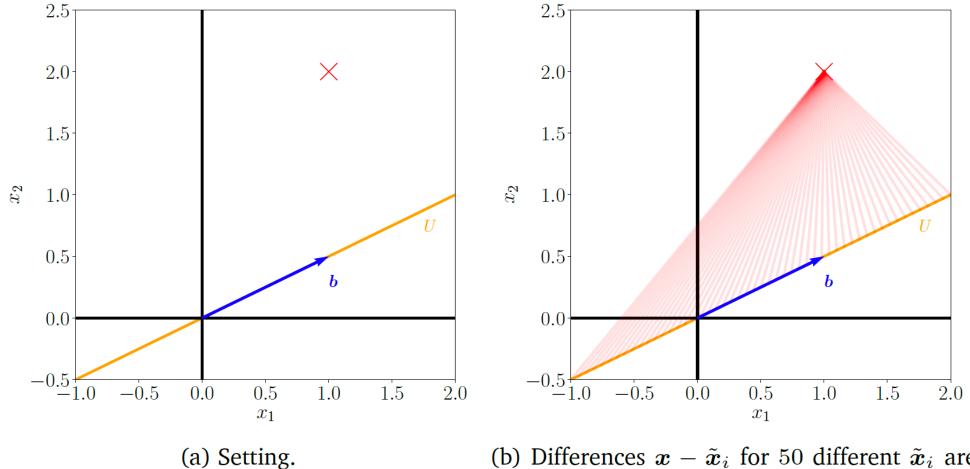
Minimize the average Euclidean reconstruction error:

$$J_M := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \| \mathbf{x}_n - \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_n \|^2$$

Where

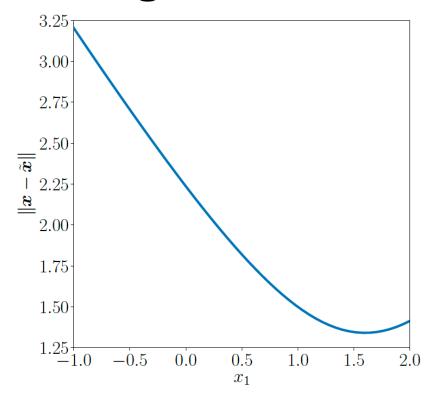
$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n = \sum_{m=1}^M z_{mn} \boldsymbol{b}_m = \boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{z}_n \in U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^D$$

## Visualizing Distance Minimization

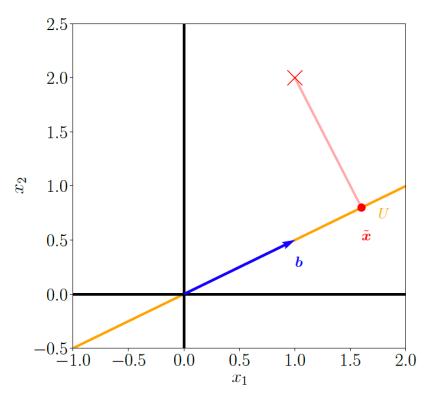


(b) Differences  $\boldsymbol{x} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_i$  for 50 different  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_i$  are shown by the red lines.

### Visualizing Distance Minimization



(a) Distances  $\|\boldsymbol{x} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}\|$  for some  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}} = z_1 \boldsymbol{b} \in U = \operatorname{span}[\boldsymbol{b}]$ ; see panel (b) for the setting.



(b) The vector  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}$  that minimizes the distance in panel (a) is its orthogonal projection onto U. The coordinate of the projection  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}$  with respect to the basis vector  $\boldsymbol{b}$  that spans U is the factor we need to scale  $\boldsymbol{b}$  in order to "reach"  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}$ .

## **Optimal Coordinates**

Find coordinates of  $\mathbf{z}$  of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_n$  for  $n=1,\ldots,N$ Assume, ONB  $[\mathbf{b}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{b}_M]$  of  $U\subseteq\mathbb{R}^D$ Such that  $||\mathbf{x}_n-\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_n||^2$  is minimized

Assume we are given dataset:  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, ..., x_N\}$  where  $x_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$  and  $\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{X}] = 0$  or all data are zero centered

## Zero Centering

Assuming the mean  $\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{X}] = \mu$ 

$$x_n = x_n - \mu$$

## **Optimal Coordinates**

$$\frac{\partial J_M}{\partial z_{in}} = \frac{\partial J_M}{\partial \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n} \frac{\partial \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n}{\partial z_{in}}$$

$$\frac{\partial J_M}{\partial \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n} = -\frac{2}{N} (\boldsymbol{x}_n - \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times D}$$

$$\frac{\partial \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n}{\partial z_{in}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{in}} \left( \sum_{m=1}^M z_{mn} \boldsymbol{b}_m \right) = \boldsymbol{b}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times 1}$$

## Optimal Projection $z_{in}$

$$\frac{\partial J_M}{\partial z_{in}} = -\frac{2}{N} (\boldsymbol{x}_n - \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n)^T \boldsymbol{b}_i = -\frac{2}{N} \left( \boldsymbol{x}_n - \sum_{m=1}^M z_{mn} \boldsymbol{b}_m \right)^T \boldsymbol{b}_i$$

$$\frac{\partial J_M}{\partial z_{in}} = -\frac{2}{N} (\boldsymbol{x}_n^T \boldsymbol{b}_i - z_{in} \boldsymbol{b}_i^T \boldsymbol{b}_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial J_M}{\partial z_{in}} = -\frac{2}{N} (\boldsymbol{x}_n^T \boldsymbol{b}_i - z_{in}) = 0$$

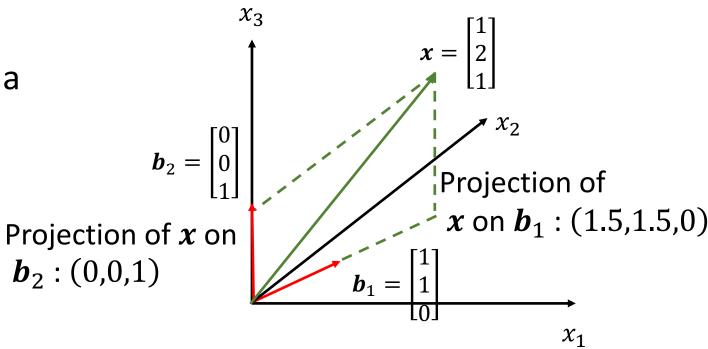
$$z_{in} = \boldsymbol{x}_n^T \boldsymbol{b}_i = \boldsymbol{b}_i^T \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

#### Observations

The optimal projection  $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n$  of  $\boldsymbol{x}_n$  is an orthogonal projection The coordinates of  $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n$  with respect to  $[\boldsymbol{b}_1,\dots,\boldsymbol{b}_M]$  are the coordinates of the orthogonal projection of  $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n$  on the principal subspace An orthogonal projection is the best linear mapping given the objective The coordinates  $z_{in}$  for  $i=1,\dots,m$  must be the same as  $k_{in}$  for  $i=1,\dots,m$ 

#### PCA on 2-dim

The coordinates of  $\boldsymbol{x}$  on  $\boldsymbol{b}_1$  has a length  $\boldsymbol{z}_1 = \sqrt{5}$ .



Projection of x on  $b_1$  has length  $\sqrt{1+2^2}=\sqrt{5}$ . This is split to:

$$x_1 = \sqrt{5}\cos\frac{\pi}{4} = 1.5$$
 and  $x_2 = \sqrt{5}\sin\frac{\pi}{4} = 1.5$ 

## Orthogonal Projection with ONB

Recall projection of a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  onto U that is closest to  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $\pi_U(\mathbf{x})$  with a basis vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 

$$\pi_U(x) = \lambda b = b\lambda = b\frac{b^T x}{\|b\|^2} = \frac{bb^T}{\|b\|^2} x = P_{\pi} x$$

Then:

#### General ONB

Assume, ONB  $\boldsymbol{B} = [\boldsymbol{b}_1, ..., \boldsymbol{b}_M]$  of  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^D$ 

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_n = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{x}_n$$

 $oldsymbol{B}^T oldsymbol{x}_n$  is the projection of  $oldsymbol{x}_n$  on ONB

Note that  $\widetilde{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$  but our coordinates  $[z_1, ..., z_M]$  with respect to basis vectors  $[\boldsymbol{b}_1, ..., \boldsymbol{b}_M]$  is of dimensions M < D

The other coordinates  $[z_{M+1}, ..., z_D]$  with respect to basis vectors  $[\boldsymbol{b}_{M+1}, ..., \boldsymbol{b}_D]$  have zero values

# Finding ONB

## Find the Basis $\boldsymbol{b}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{b}_M$

$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n = \sum_{m=1}^{M} z_{mn} \boldsymbol{b}_m$$
 $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n = \sum_{m=1}^{M} (\boldsymbol{x}_n^T \boldsymbol{b}_m) \boldsymbol{b}_m$ 
 $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n = \left(\sum_{m=1}^{M} \boldsymbol{b}_m \boldsymbol{b}_m^T\right) \boldsymbol{x}_n$ 

$$\boldsymbol{x}_n = \sum_{m=1}^{M} z_m \boldsymbol{b}_m + \sum_{j=M+1}^{D} z_j \boldsymbol{b}_j$$

$$\boldsymbol{x}_n = \left(\sum_{m=1}^{M} \boldsymbol{b}_m \boldsymbol{b}_m^T\right) \boldsymbol{x}_n + \left(\sum_{j=M+1}^{D} \boldsymbol{b}_j \boldsymbol{b}_j^T\right) \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{x}_n - \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_n = \left(\sum_{j=M+1}^{D} \mathbf{b}_j \mathbf{b}_j^T\right) \mathbf{x}_n = \sum_{j=M+1}^{D} (\mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{b}_j) \mathbf{b}_j$$

Observation on 
$$\boldsymbol{x}_n - \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_n = \sum_{j=M+1}^D (\boldsymbol{x}_n^T \boldsymbol{b}_j) \boldsymbol{b}_j$$

The difference is exactly the projection of the data point on the orthogonal complement of the principal subspace

#### Maximum Variance

Project to low-dimensional subspace while maximizing variance to retain as much information as possible

## Finding the 1st Basis Vector $\boldsymbol{b}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^D$

Assumind i.i.d., maximize the variance of the first coordinate  $z_1$  of  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ :

$$V_1 = \mathbb{V}[z_1] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} z_{1n}^2$$

Where

$$z_{1n} = \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

$$V_1 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (\boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{x}_n)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{x}_n \, \boldsymbol{x}_n^T \boldsymbol{b}_1$$

$$V_1 = \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \boldsymbol{x}_n \, \boldsymbol{x}_n^T \right) \boldsymbol{b}_1 = \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{b}_1$$

Where S is the data covariance matrix defined earlier.

We restrict  $||\boldsymbol{b}_1||^2 = 1$  so that the variance comes from  $\boldsymbol{S}$  only

#### Direction of Maximum Variance

$$\max_{\boldsymbol{b}_1} \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{b}_1$$

Subject to:  $\| \boldsymbol{b}_1 \|^2 = 1$ 

The Lagrange:

$$\mathfrak{L}(\boldsymbol{b}_1, \lambda) = \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{b}_1 + \lambda (1 - \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{b}_1)$$

The partial derivative:

$$\frac{d\Omega}{d\boldsymbol{b}_1} = 2\boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{S} - 2\lambda \boldsymbol{b}_1^T$$

$$\frac{d\mathfrak{Q}}{d\lambda} = (1 - \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{b}_1)$$

$$2\boldsymbol{b}_{1}^{T}\boldsymbol{S} - 2\lambda\boldsymbol{b}_{1}^{T} = 0 \text{ and } 1 - \boldsymbol{b}_{1}^{T}\boldsymbol{b}_{1} = 0$$
:

$$m{b}_1^T m{S} = \lambda m{b}_1^T ext{ or } m{S} m{b}_1 = \lambda m{b}_1$$
  
 $m{b}_1^T m{b}_1 = 1$ 

Rewriting:

$$V_1 = \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \boldsymbol{x}_n \, \boldsymbol{x}_n^T \right) \boldsymbol{b}_1 = \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{b}_1 = \lambda \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{b}_1 = \lambda$$

The variance is equal to the eigenvalue.

To maximize the variance, we choose the eigenvector as the basis vector with the maximum eigenvalue.

This eigenvector  $\boldsymbol{b}_1$  is called first principal component

#### What we have so far...

We have one basis vector  $m{b}_1$  which is the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue of  $m{S}$ 

Problem: We need m-1 more basis vectors  ${m b}_2$ , ...,  ${m b}_m$ 

## Finding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Basis Vector $\boldsymbol{b}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^D$

Subtract the effect of the first principal component  $\boldsymbol{b}_1$  from the data:

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_n = \boldsymbol{x}_n - \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_1 = \boldsymbol{x}_n - \boldsymbol{b}_1 \boldsymbol{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

Then we can use the same argument:

$$V_2 = \boldsymbol{b}_2^T \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_n \widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_n^T \right) \boldsymbol{b}_2 = \boldsymbol{b}_2^T \widehat{\boldsymbol{S}} \boldsymbol{b}_2$$

The maximum variance is achieved at

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}\mathbf{b}_2 = \lambda \mathbf{b}_2$$

## Finding the $M^{th}$ Basis Vector $\boldsymbol{b}_M \in \mathbb{R}^D$

Subtract the effect of the first M-1 principal components  $\boldsymbol{b}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{b}_{M-1}$  from the data:

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_n = \boldsymbol{x}_n - \left(\sum_{m=1}^{M-1} \boldsymbol{b}_m \boldsymbol{b}_m^T\right) \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

Then we can use the same argument:

$$V_m = \boldsymbol{b}_m^T \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_n \widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_n^T \right) \boldsymbol{b}_m = \boldsymbol{b}_m^T \widehat{\boldsymbol{S}} \boldsymbol{b}_m$$

The maximum variance is achieved at

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}\boldsymbol{b}_{m}=\lambda\boldsymbol{b}_{m}$$

## Recall: Properties of Symmetric Matrix

Theorem (Spectral Theorem): If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric, there exists an **orthonormal basis** of vector space V from the eigenvectors of A and each eigenvalue is real.

Theorem: The eigenvectors  $\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$  of matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with distinct eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_n\}$  are linearly independent

Theorem (SPSD): For a given matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we can always obtain a symmetric positive semi-definite matrix  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ :  $S = A^T A$ If rank(A) = n, then S is a symmetric positive definite (SPD) matrix

## Eigenvalues/Eigenvectors

$$\mathcal{X} = \{\boldsymbol{x}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_N\}, \, \boldsymbol{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$$
:

$$S = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n x_n^T = \frac{1}{N} X X^T$$

$$X = [x_1 \quad \cdots \quad x_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times N}$$

# Typical Procedure to Obtain Eigenvalues/Eigenvectors

Perform Eigendecomposition on  $S = BDB^{-1}$ 

**D** are eigenvalues

**B** are eigenvectors

Perform SVD on X

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^{T}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^{T} = \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^{T}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{T}\mathbf{U}^{T} = \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{T}\mathbf{U}^{T}$$

Σ are eigenvalues

*U* are eigenvectors

## Low-Rank Approximations of **X**

Consider the SVD of  $X = U\Sigma V^T$ 

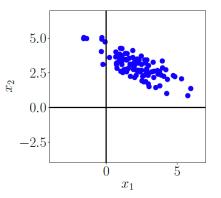
A low-rank approximation of X using the M largest eigenvalues:

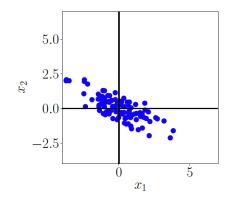
$$X = U_M \Sigma_M V_M^T \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times N}$$

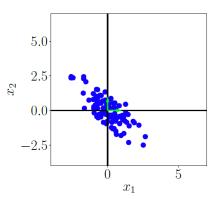
## PCA Algorithm

- 1. Mean Subtraction :  $\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_n \boldsymbol{\mu}$  where  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = [u_1 \quad \cdots \quad u_d]^T$ , d is the data dimension (eg d=3 for RGB image)
- 2. Standardization by dividing the data by standard deviation:  $x_n = \frac{x_n \mu}{\sigma}$ , where  $\sigma = [\sigma_1 \quad \cdots \quad \sigma_d]^T$
- 3. Eigendecomposition of covariance matrix  $S = BDB^{-1}$
- 4. Projection:  $\tilde{x}_n = B_M B_M^T x_n$  where the coordinates with respect to the M principal basis vectors subspace:  $\tilde{z}_n = B_M^T x_n$
- 5. Backprojection:  $\widetilde{x}_n = \widetilde{x}_n \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \boldsymbol{\mu}$

## PCA Algorithm



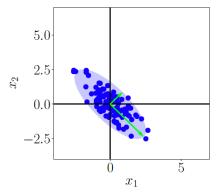


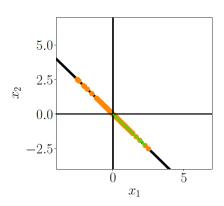


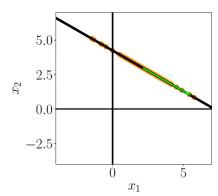
(a) Original dataset.

(b) Step 1: Centering by subtracting the mean from each data point.

(c) Step 2: Dividing by the standard deviation to make the data unit free. Data has variance 1 along each axis.







(d) Step 3: Compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors (arrows) of the data covariance matrix (ellipse).

(e) Step 4: Project data onto the principal subspace.

(f) Undo the standardization and move projected data back into the original data space from (a).

# Probabilistic Modelling

#### Probabilistic Model

Typical probabilistic model:

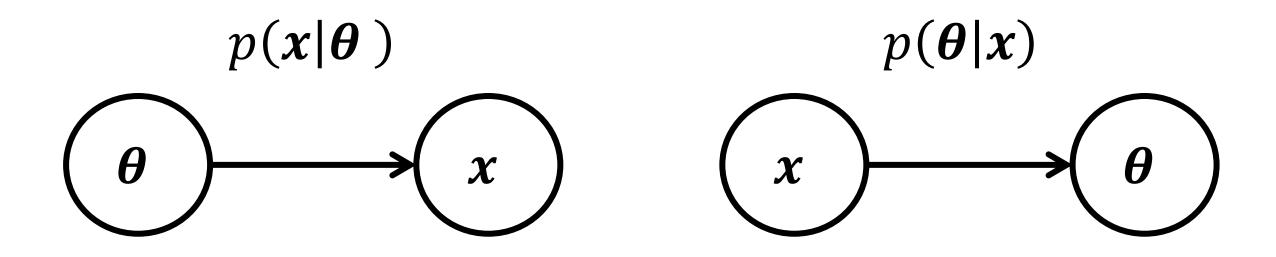
Joint probability likelihood prior 
$$p(x, \theta) = p(x|\theta)p(\theta)$$

Marginal: 
$$p(x) = \int p(x, \theta) d\theta$$

Posterior: 
$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{x}) = \frac{p(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{\theta})}{p(\boldsymbol{x})}$$

#### Probabilistic Model DGM

$$p(x, \theta) = p(x|\theta)p(\theta) = p(\theta|x)p(x)$$



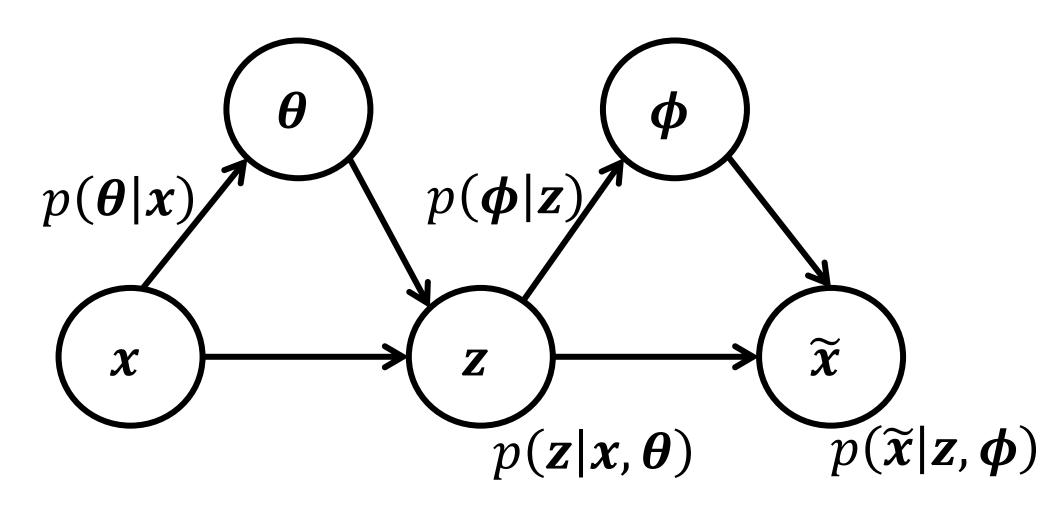
#### Latent Variable Model

An intermediate latent variable z is introduced as part of the model. The latent variable z is not a model parameter

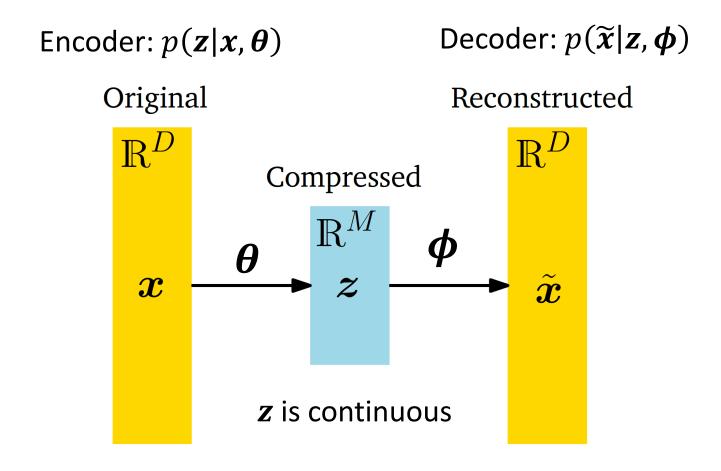
The latent variable z describes both the data distribution p(x), thus the data generating process  $p(\tilde{x}|z,\phi)$  where  $\phi$  represents the model parameters

#### Latent Variable Model DGM

$$p(\mathbf{x}, \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\phi}) = p(\mathbf{x})p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\phi}|\mathbf{z})p(\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\phi})$$



#### Latent Variable Model of PCA



## Probabilistic PCA (PPCA)

Can deal with noise

Can use Bayesian interpretation

Can use PCA decoder as a generator

Can generate new data points from the generator

Can extend to mixture of PCA

Can treat PCA as a special case

etc

#### **PPCA**

If  $p(\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$  and linear relationship between latent variable and observed data  $\mathbf{x}$ ,

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{R}^D$$

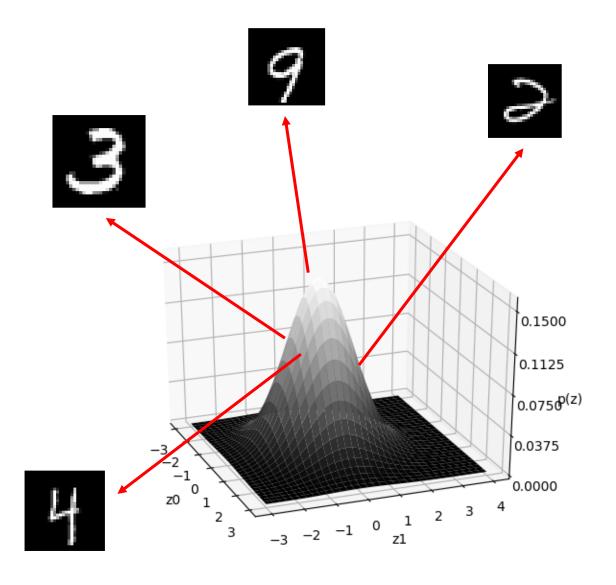
$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}), \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times M}, \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^D$$
:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{B},\mathbf{z},\boldsymbol{\mu},\sigma^2) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{B}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu},\sigma^2\mathbf{I})$$

#### Generative Model

 $\mathbf{z}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ 

$$\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{z}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{z}_n + \boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma^2 \boldsymbol{I})$$



#### Generative Model

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma^2) = \int p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{z}, \sigma^2) p(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$$
$$= \int \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{B}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) \,\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) d\mathbf{z}$$
$$= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$