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# Lecture 8.

# Dimensionality Reduction

Pattern Recognition and Computer Vision

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# What we will learn today?

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- Singular value decomposition
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- Image compression

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

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- There are several computer algorithms that can “factorize” a matrix, representing it as the product of some other matrices
- The most useful of these is the Singular Value Decomposition.
- Represents any matrix  $A$  as a product of three matrices:
$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$
- Python command:
  - `[U, S, V] = numpy.linalg.svd(A)`

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- Any  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  can be decomposed into

$$Y = U\Sigma V^T$$

where  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are orthogonal.

- i.e.,  $U^T U = V^T V = I$ ,  $U^T = U^{-1}$ ,  $V^T = V^{-1}$
- $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is not a square matrix, but looks like the form of diagonal matrix

$$\Sigma = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_k & \\ \hline & 0 & & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

- The algorithm always sorts the entries  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k$  from high to low

# How to compute SVD?

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## 1. Eigenvector definition

- Suppose we have a square matrix  $A$ . We can solve for vector  $x$  and scalar  $\lambda$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x$
- In other words, find vectors where, if we transform them with  $A$ , the only effect is to scale them with no change in direction.
- These vectors are called eigenvectors, and the scaling factors  $\lambda$  are called eigenvalues

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

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## 2. Finding SVD

- Eigenvectors are for square matrices, but SVD is for all matrices
- To do  $\text{svd}(A)$ , computers can do this:
  - Take eigenvectors of  $AA^T$  (matrix is always square).
    - These eigenvectors are the columns of  $U$ .
  - Square root of eigenvalues are the singular values (the entries of  $\Sigma$ ).
  - Take eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  (matrix is always square).
    - These eigenvectors are columns of  $V$  (or rows of  $V^T$ )
- SVD is fast, even for large matrices
- There are also other algorithms to compute SVD or part of the SVD
  - Python's `np.linalg.svd()` command has options to efficiently compute only what you need, if performance becomes an issue

# SVD Applications

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- We've discussed SVD in a very general way
- But SVD of an image matrix can be very useful for image compression.
- To understand this, we'll look at a less geometric interpretation of what SVD is doing



# SVD Applications

- For example.

$$\begin{matrix} U & & \Sigma & & V^T & & A \\ \begin{bmatrix} -.39 & -.92 \\ -.92 & .39 \end{bmatrix} & \times & \begin{bmatrix} 9.51 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & .77 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \times & \begin{bmatrix} -.42 & -.57 & -.70 \\ .81 & .11 & -.58 \\ .41 & -.82 & .41 \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{matrix}$$

- Look at how the multiplication works out, left to right:
- Column 1 of  $U$  gets scaled by the first value from  $\Sigma$ .

$$\begin{matrix} & \swarrow & & & V^T & & \\ & U\Sigma & & & & & A_{\text{partial}} \\ \begin{bmatrix} -3.67 & -.71 & 0 \\ -8.8 & .30 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \times & \begin{bmatrix} -.42 & -.57 & -.70 \\ .81 & .11 & -.58 \\ .41 & -.82 & .41 \end{bmatrix} & \rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} 1.6 & 2.1 & 2.6 \\ 3.8 & 5.0 & 6.2 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{matrix}$$

- The resulting vector gets scaled by row 1 of  $V^T$  to produce a contribution to  $A$

# SVD Applications

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 \end{aligned}$$

- Each product of (column  $i$  of  $U$ ) · (value  $i$  from  $\Sigma$ ) · (row  $i$  of  $V^T$ ) produces a component of the final  $A$ .

# SVD Applications

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- We're building the columns of  $A$  as a linear combination of the columns of  $U$
- Using all columns of  $U$ , we'll rebuild the original matrix perfectly
- But, in real-world data, often we can just use the first few columns of  $U$  and we'll get something close (e.g. the first  $A_{\text{partial}}$ , above)

# SVD Applications

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- We can call those first few columns of  $U$  the **Principal Components** of the data
- They show the major patterns that can be added to produce the columns of the original matrix
- The rows of  $V^T$  show how the principal components are mixed to produce the columns of the matrix

# SVD Applications

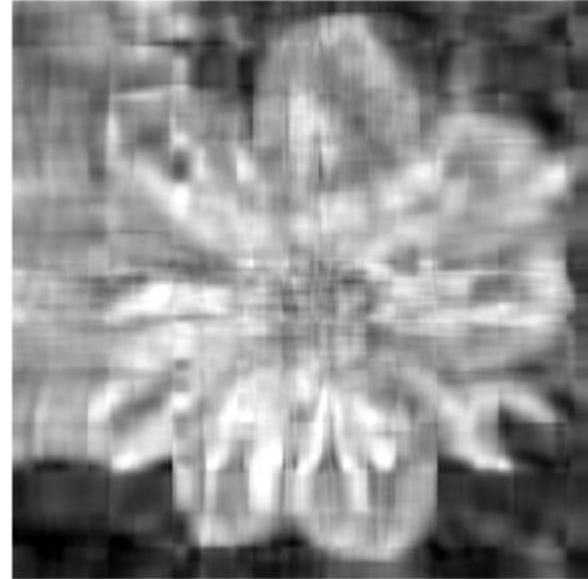
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We can look at  $\Sigma$  to see that the first column has a large effect

while the second column has a much smaller effect in this example

# SVD Applications

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- For this image, using only the first 10 of 300 principal components produces a recognizable reconstruction
- So, SVD can be used for image compression

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# Covariance

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- Variance and Covariance are a measure of the “spread” of a set of points around their center of mass (mean)
- Variance
  - $Var(x) = E[(x - E[x])^2] = E[x^2] - E[x]^2$
  - A measure of the deviation from the mean for points in one dimension
- Covariance
  - $Cov(x, y) = E[(x - E(x))(y - E(y))^T]$
  - A measure of how much each of the dimensions vary from the mean with respect to each other.
  - Covariance is measured between 2 dimensions to see if there is a relationship between the 2 dimensions e.g. number of hours studied & marks obtained.
  - The covariance between one dimension and itself is the variance



# Covariance

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$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = E[(x - E(x))(y - E(y))^T]$$

- So, if you had a 3-dimensional data set (x, y, z), then you could measure the covariance between the x and y dimensions, the y and z dimensions, and the x and z dimensions. Measuring the covariance between x and x , or y and y , or z and z would give you the variance of the x , y and z dimensions respectively

# Covariance matrix

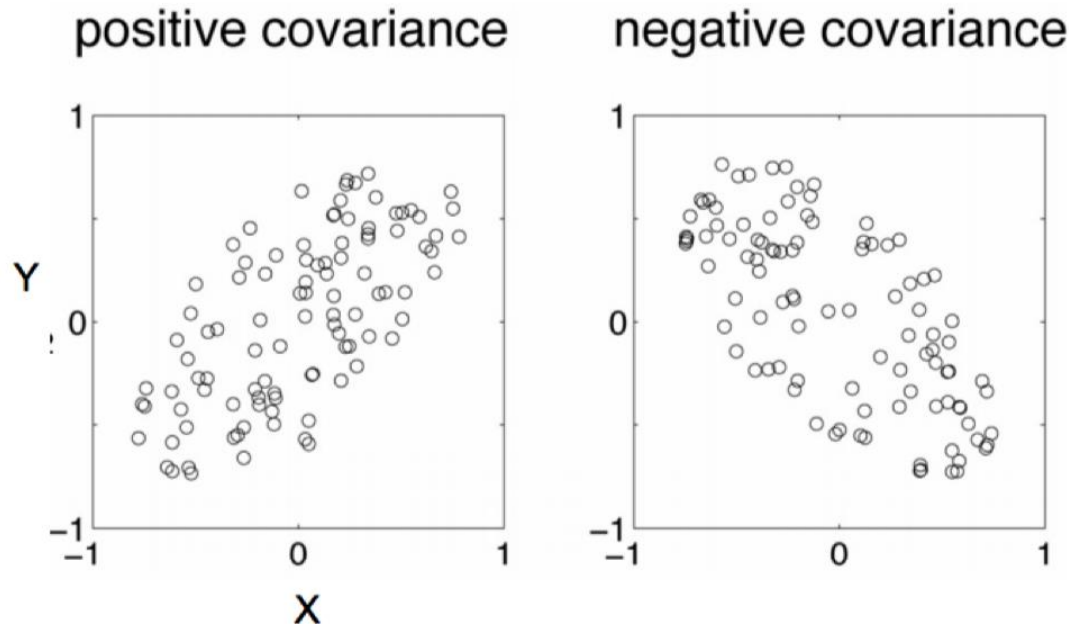
- Representing Covariance between dimensions as a matrix  
e.g. for 3 dimensions

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \text{cov}(x,x) & \text{cov}(x,y) & \text{cov}(x,z) \\ \text{cov}(y,x) & \text{cov}(y,y) & \text{cov}(y,z) \\ \text{cov}(z,x) & \text{cov}(z,y) & \text{cov}(z,z) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Variances**

- $\text{Cov}(x, y) = \text{Cov}(y, x)$ , hence matrix is symmetrical about the diagonal
- N-dimensional data will result in  $N \times N$  covariance matrix

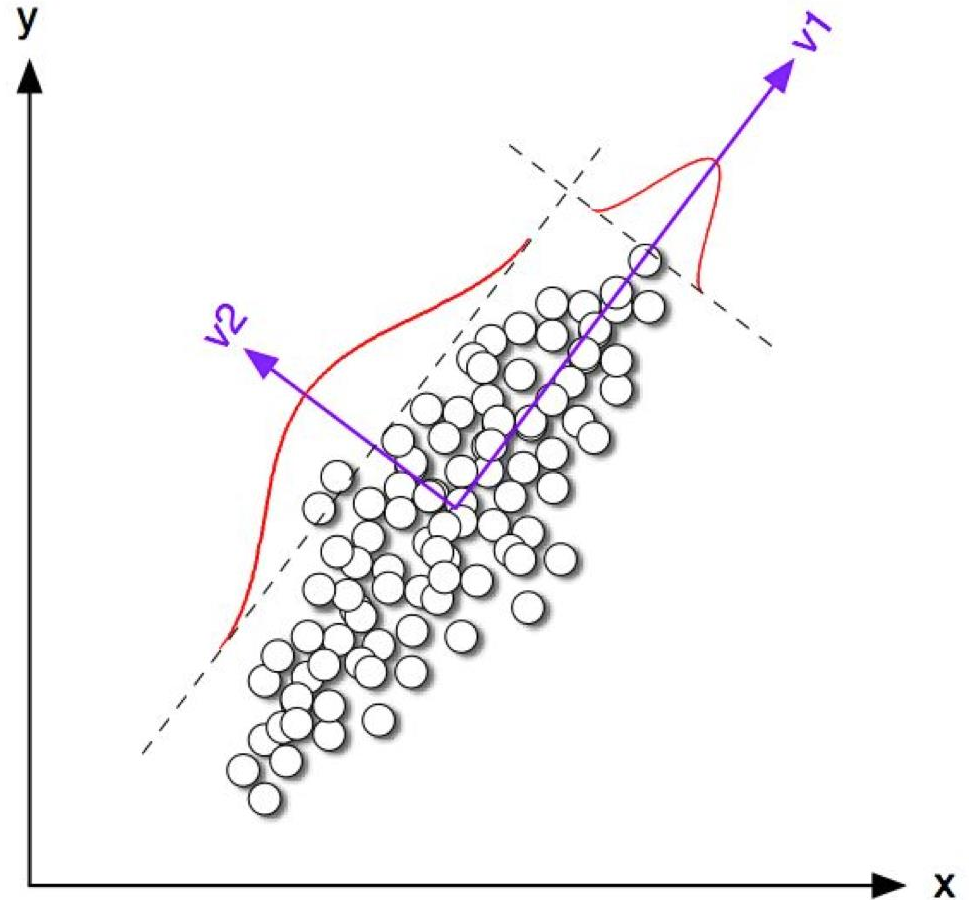
# Covariance Interpretation



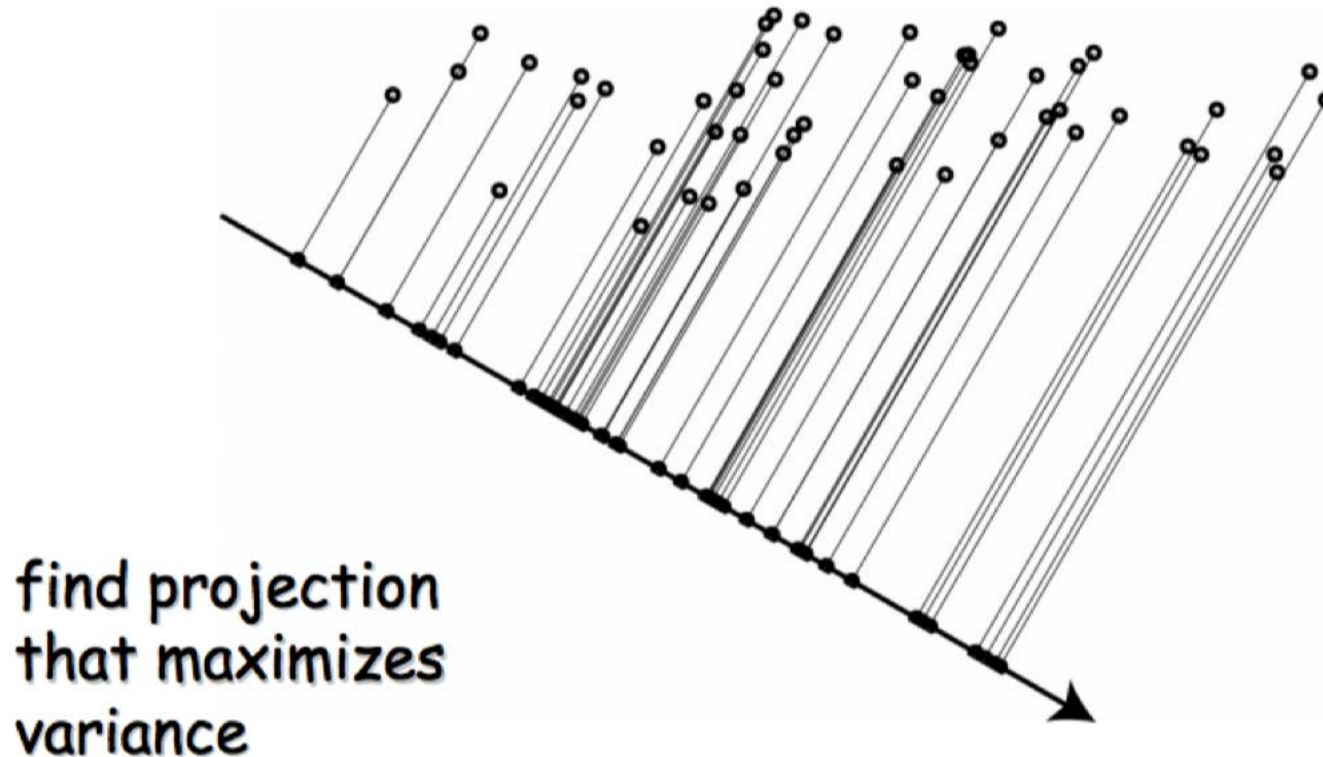
- The sign of covariance between two variables reveals the relation of them
- A positive value of covariance indicates both dimensions increase or decrease together e.g. as the number of hours studied increases, the marks in that subject increase.
- A negative value indicates while one increases the other decreases, or vice-versa e.g. active social life at university vs performance in CS dept.
- If covariance is zero: the two dimensions are independent of each other e.g. heights of students vs the marks obtained in a subject

# Example

Covariance between the two axis is high. Can we reduce the number of dimensions to just 1?



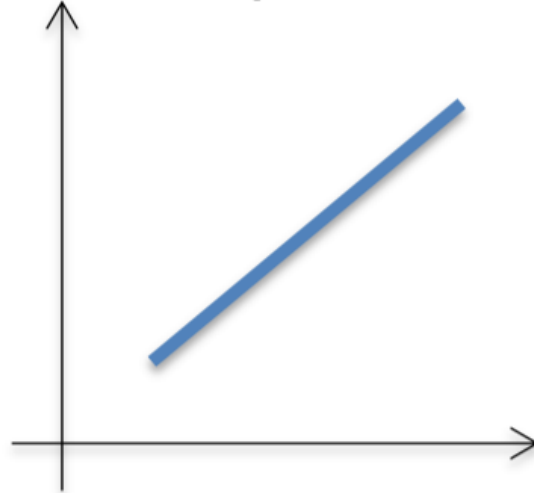
# Geometric interpretation of PCA



# Geometric interpretation of PCA

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1D subspace in 2D



- Let's say we have a set of 2D data points  $x$ . But we see that all the points lie on a line in 2D.
- So, 2 dimensions are redundant to express the data. We can express all the points with just one dimension.

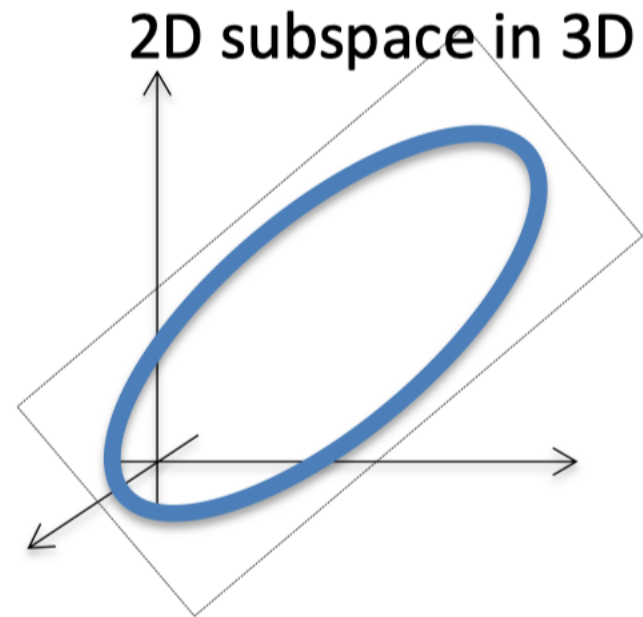
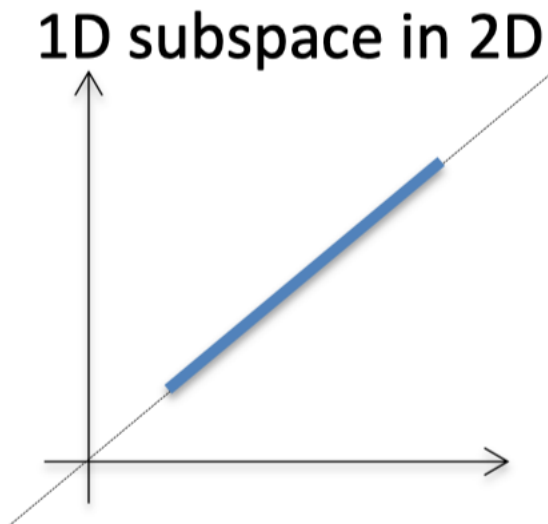
# PCA: Principle Component Analysis

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- Given a set of points, how do we know if they can be compressed like in the previous example?
- The answer is to look into the correlation between the points
- The tool for doing this is called PCA

# PCA Formulation

- Basic idea:
  - If the data lives in a subspace, it is going to look very flat when viewed from the full space, e.g.





# PCA Formulation

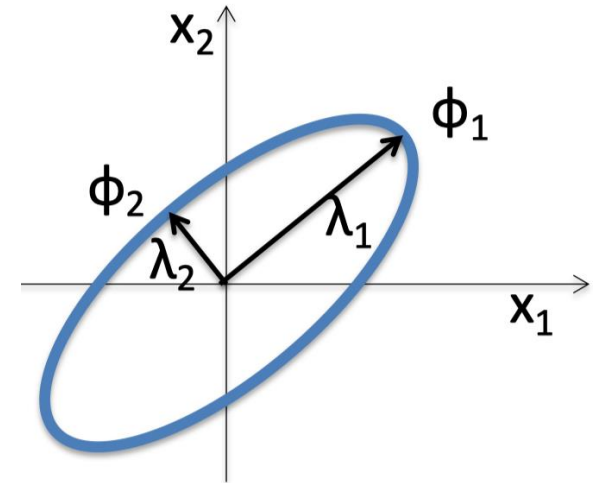
- Assume  $x$  is Gaussian with covariance  $\Sigma$ .

- Recall that a gaussian is defined with it's mean and variance:

$$x \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$$

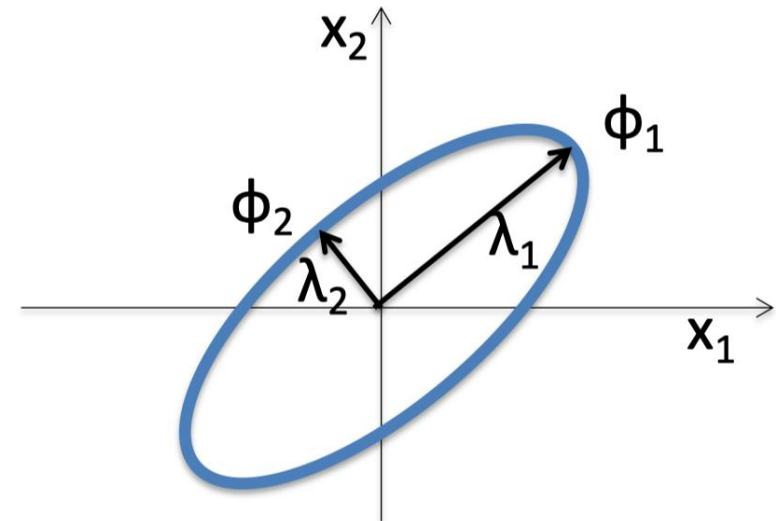
- Recall that  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  of a gaussian are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= E[x] \\ \Sigma &= E[(x - \mu)(x - \mu)^T]\end{aligned}$$



# PCA Formulation

- If  $x$  is Gaussian with covariance  $\Sigma$ ,
  - Principal components  $\phi_i$  are the eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$
  - Principal lengths  $\lambda_i$  are the eigenvalues of  $\Sigma$
- by computing the eigenvalues we know the data is
  - Not flat if  $\lambda_1 \approx \lambda_2$
  - Flat if  $\lambda_1 \gg \lambda_2$



$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right]$$

1. 现在我们有  $m$  个样本数据，每个样本有  $n$  个特征，那么设这些原始数据为  $X$ ， $X$  为  $n$  行  $m$  列的矩阵。
2. 想要找到一个基  $P$ ，使  $Y_{r \times m} = P_{r \times n} X_{n \times m}$ ，其中  $r < n$ ，达到降维的目的。

设  $X$  的协方差矩阵为  $C$ ， $Y$  的协方差矩阵为  $D$ ，且  $Y = PX$ 。

我们的目的变为：对原始数据  $X$  做PCA后，得到的  $Y$  的协方差矩阵  $D$  的各个方向方差最大，协方差为0。

那么  $C$  与  $D$  是什么关系呢？

$$\begin{aligned}
 D &= \frac{1}{m} Y Y^T \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} (P X) (P X)^T \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} P X X^T P^T \\
 &= P C P^T \\
 &= P \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m a_i^2 & \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m a_i b_i \\ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m a_i b_i & \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m b_i^2 \end{bmatrix} P^T
 \end{aligned}$$

找到能让原始协方差矩阵对角化的  $P$ ！

# PCA Algorithm (training)

- Given sample  $D = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ ,  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$

- Compute sample mean

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

- Compute sample variance

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T$$

- Compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$

$$\Sigma = \Phi \Lambda \Phi^T, \Lambda = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2), \Phi^T \Phi = I$$

- Order eigenvalues  $\sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2 > \dots > \sigma_n^2$
- If, for a certain  $k$ ,  $\sigma_k \ll \sigma_1$ . We can eliminate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors above  $k$ .

# PCA Algorithm (testing)

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- Given the first  $k$  eigenvectors as principle components  $\{\phi_i \mid i \in 1, 2, \dots, k\}$  and a test sample  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}, t_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ 
  - Subtract mean to each point
$$t'_i = t_i - \mu$$
  - Project onto eigenvector space  $y_i = At'_i$ , where
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \phi_k^T \end{bmatrix}$$
  - $T' = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  is the result of PCA.

# PCA by SVD

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- An alternative manner to compute the principal components, based on singular value decomposition
- Quick reminder: SVD
  - Any real  $n \times m$  matrix  $A$  can be decomposed as

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

where  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are orthogonal,

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$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_k & \\ & 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA by SVD

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- To relate this to PCA, we consider the data matrix

$$X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$$

- The sample mean is

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i = \frac{1}{n} [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Center the data by subtracting the mean to each column of  $X$ . The centered data matrix is

$$X_c = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] - [\mu, \mu, \dots, \mu] = [x_1^c, x_2^c, \dots, x_n^c]$$

# PCA by SVD

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- The sample covariance matrix is

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i^c (x_i^c)^T$$

where  $x_i^c$  is the  $i$  column of  $X_c$

- This can be written as

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} [x_1^c, x_2^c, \dots, x_n^c] \begin{bmatrix} (x_1^c)^T \\ \vdots \\ (x_n^c)^T \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{n} X_c X_c^T$$



# PCA by SVD

- $X_c^T = \begin{bmatrix} (x_1^c)^T \\ \vdots \\ (x_n^c)^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$
- We can decompose  $X_c^T$  by SVD

$$\begin{aligned} X_c^T &= U\Lambda V^T, \\ U^T U &= V^T V = I, \\ \Lambda &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Hence

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} X_c X_c^T = \frac{1}{n} U \Lambda V^T V \Lambda U^T = \frac{1}{n} U \Lambda^2 U^T$$

# PCA by SVD

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$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} U \Lambda^2 U^T$$

- Note that  $U$  is  $(d \times d)$  and orthonormal, and  $\Lambda^2$  is diagonal. This is just the eigenvalue decomposition of  $\Sigma$
- It follows that
  - The eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$  are the columns of  $U$
  - The eigenvalues of  $\Sigma$  are  $\lambda_i = \frac{1}{n} \sigma_i^2$
- This gives an alternative algorithm for PCA

# PCA by SVD

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- In summary, computation of PCA by SVD
- Given  $X$  with one example per column

- Create the centered data matrix

$$X_c = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] - [\mu, \mu, \dots, \mu] = [x_1^c, x_2^c, \dots, x_n^c]$$

- Compute its SVD

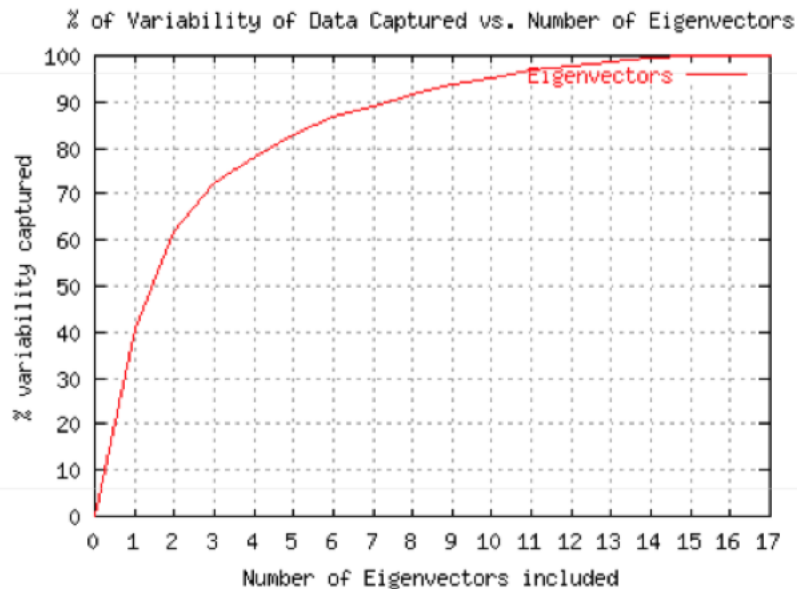
$$X_c^T = U \Lambda V^T$$

- Principal components are columns of  $U$ , eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_i = \frac{1}{n} \sigma_i^2$$

# Rule of thumb for finding the number of PCA components

- A natural measure is to pick the eigenvectors that explain p% of the data variability
  - Can be done by plotting the ratio  $r_k$  as a function of  $k$



$$r_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2}$$

- E.g. we need 3 eigenvectors to cover 70% of the variability of this dataset

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# Original Image

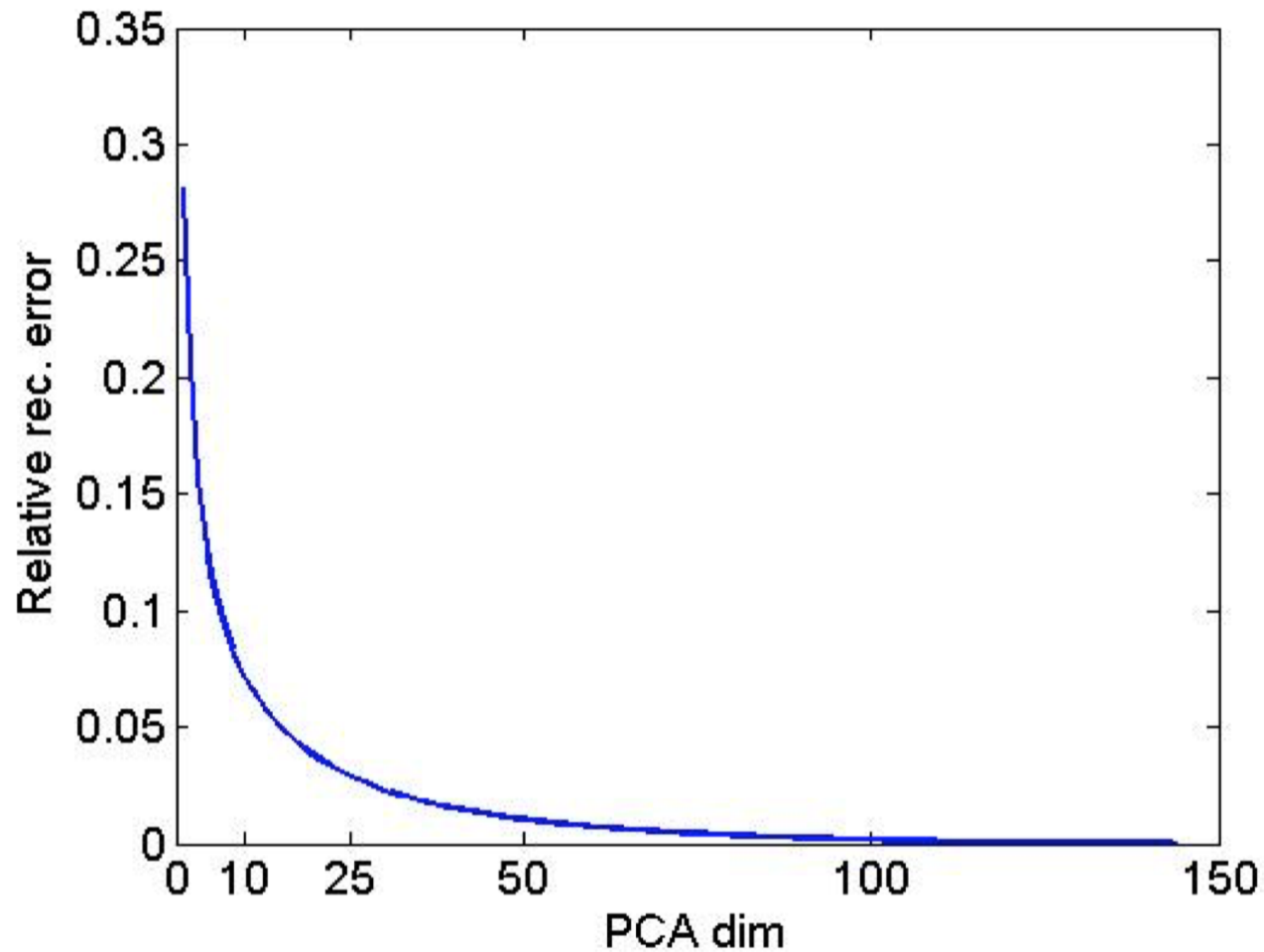
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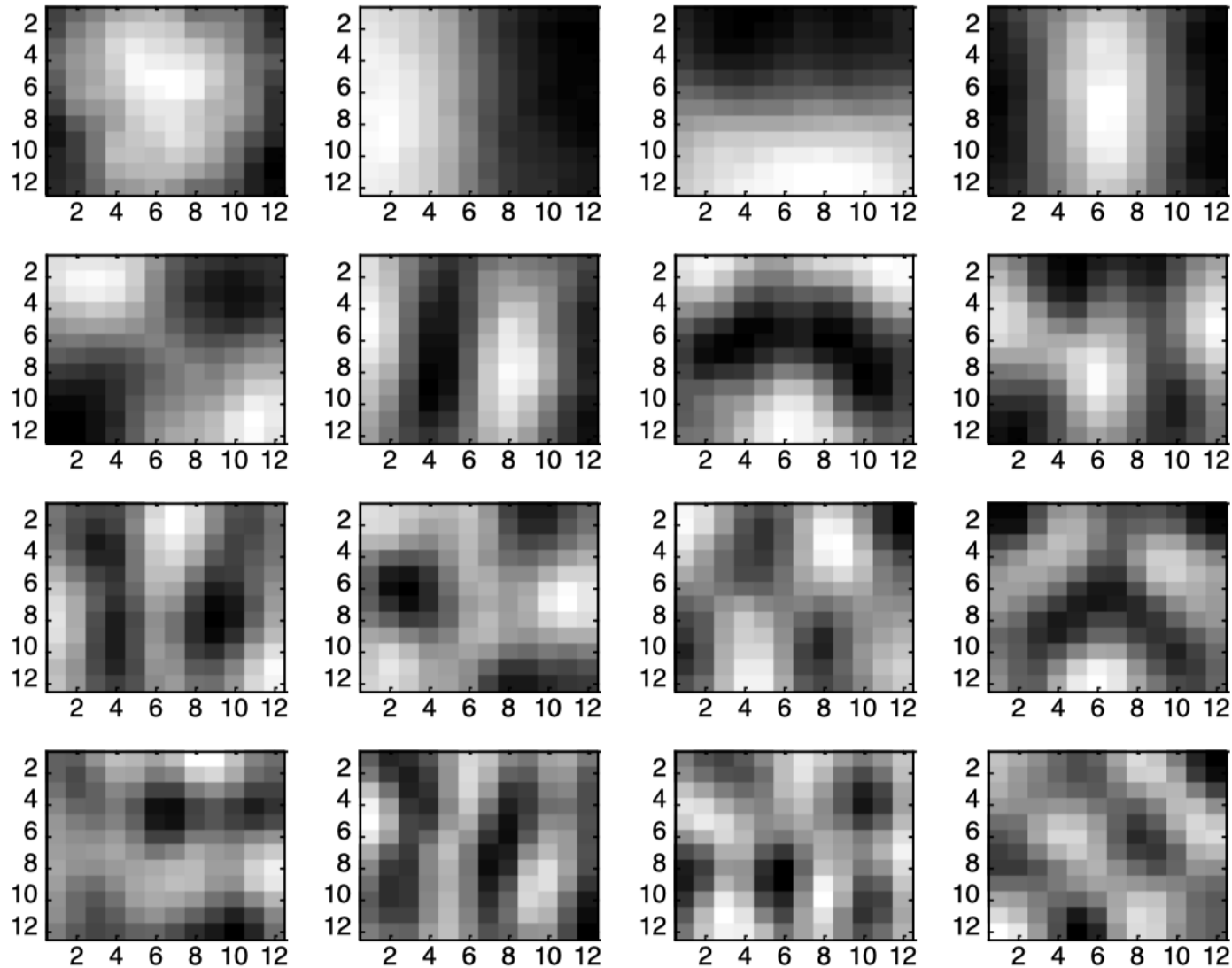
- Divide the original 372x492 image into patches:
  - Each patch is an instance that contains 12x12 pixels on a grid
- View each as a 144-D vector

# $L_2$ error and PCA dim

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# 16 most important eigenvectors





# PCA compression



144D



60D



16D



6D

# What we have learned today?

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- We have learned SVD for dimension reduction.
- We introduce PCA algorithm to obtain principle components of data. Combining with SVD, we can employ SVD to eigen-decompose covariance matrix efficiently.
- Besides, we introduce the application of image compression using PCA.

# PCA Algorithm

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总结一下PCA的算法步骤：

设有  $m$  条  $n$  维数据。

- 1) 将原始数据按列组成  $n$  行  $m$  列矩阵  $X$
- 2) 将  $X$  的每一行（代表一个特征）进行零均值化，即减去这一行的均值
- 3) 求出协方差矩阵  $C = \frac{1}{m} X X^T$
- 4) 求出协方差矩阵  $C$  的特征值及对应的特征向量
- 5) 将特征向量按对应特征值大小从上到下按行排列成矩阵，取前  $k$  行组成矩阵  $P$
- 6)  $Y = PX$  即为降维到  $k$  维后的数据