

# Computational Data Analysis

## Machine Learning

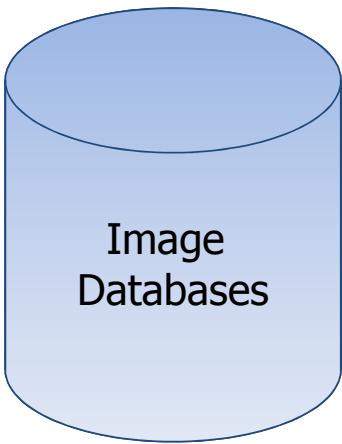
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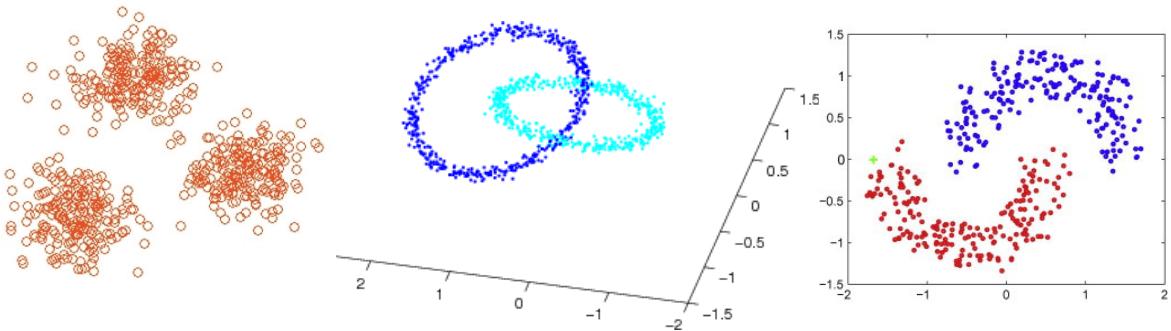
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Dimensionality Reduction  
Principal Component Analysis





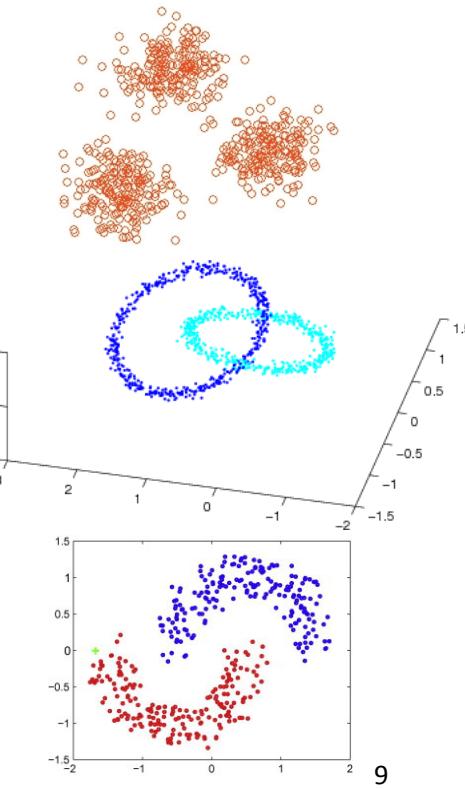
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# Handwritten digits

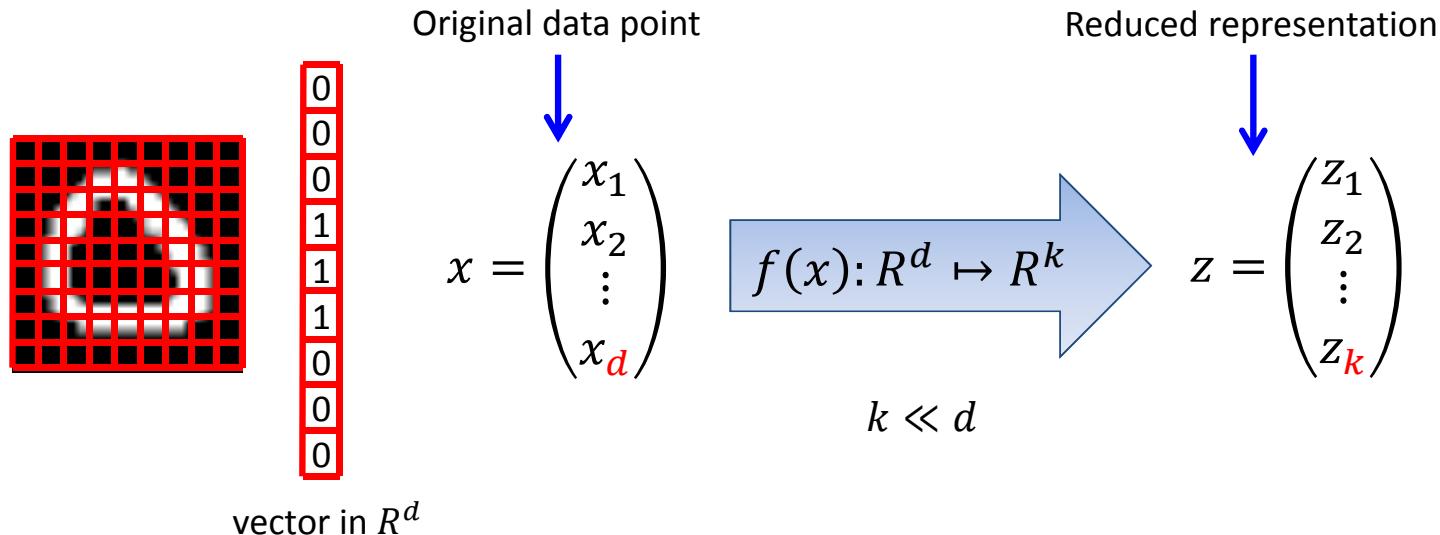
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# What is dimensionality reduction?

- The process of reducing the number of random variables under consideration
  - One can combine, transform or select variables
  - One can use linear or nonlinear operations



# Why dimensionality reduction and how to think

- The dimension-reduced data can be used for
  - Visualizing, exploring and understanding the data
  - Aggregating weak signals in the data
  - Cleaning the data
  - Speeding up subsequent learning task
  - Building simpler model later
- Key questions of a dimensionality reduction algorithm
  - What is the criterion for carrying out the reduction process?
  - What are the algorithm steps?

# Principal component analysis

- Given  $m$  data points,  $\{x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m\} \in R^d$ , with mean
- Step 1: Estimate the mean and covariance matrix from data

$$\mu = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x^i \quad \text{and} \quad C = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x^i - \mu)(x^i - \mu)^\top$$

“weights”  
to combine  
features:  
**Principal  
directions**

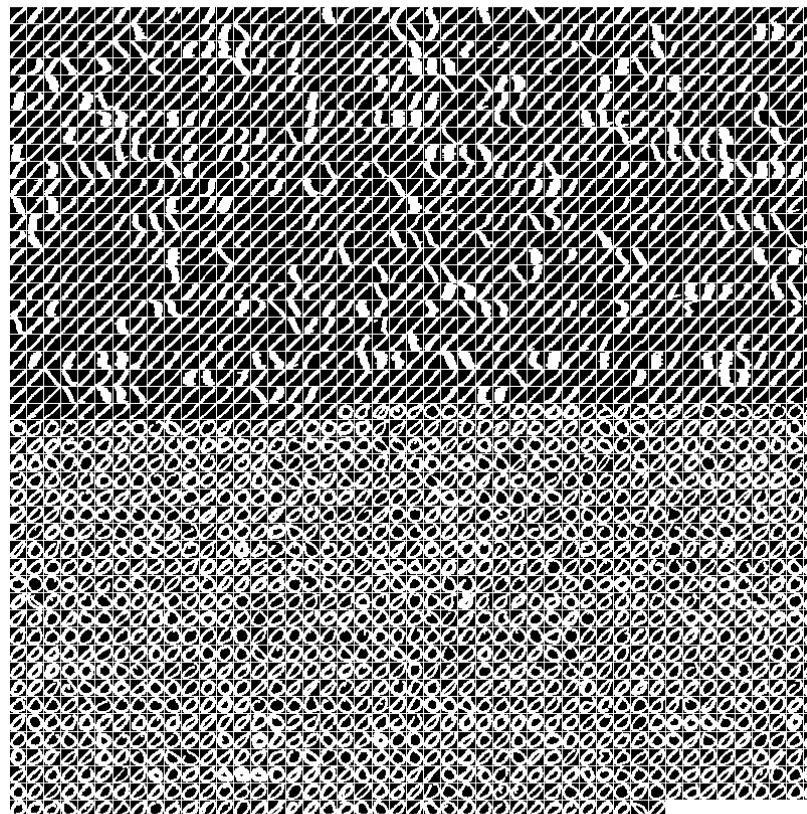
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- Step 2: Take the eigenvectors  $w^1, w^2, \dots$  of  $C$  corresponding to the largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ , the second largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$  ...
  - Step 3: Compute reduced representation (**principle components**)

$$z^i = \begin{pmatrix} w^1^\top (x^i - \mu) / \sqrt{\lambda_1} \\ w^2^\top (x^i - \mu) / \sqrt{\lambda_2} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Good youtube on calculating eigenvectors and eigenvalue  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHOsd2PhkqE>

# Run demo PCA\_digits.m

digit 1 and 0



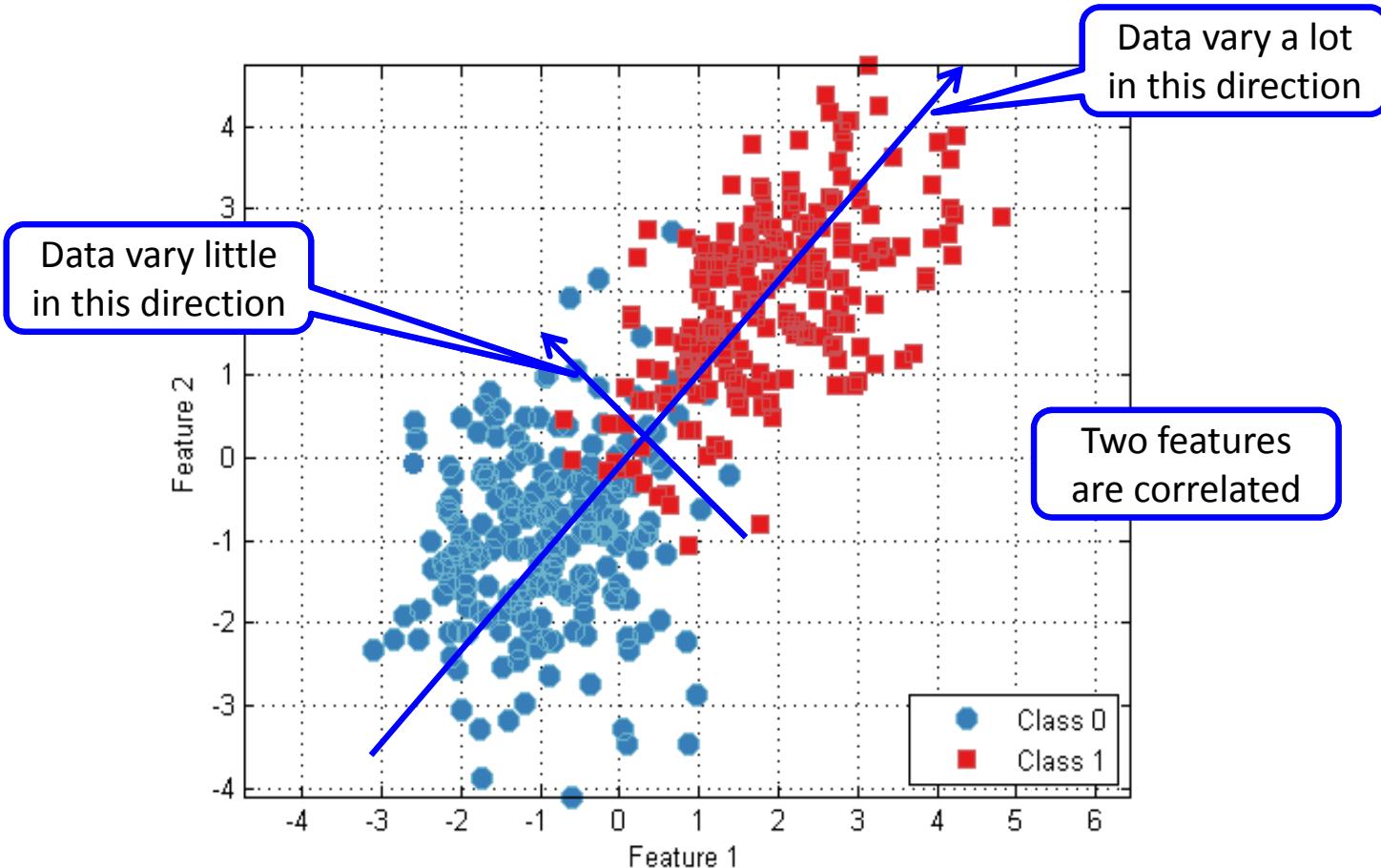
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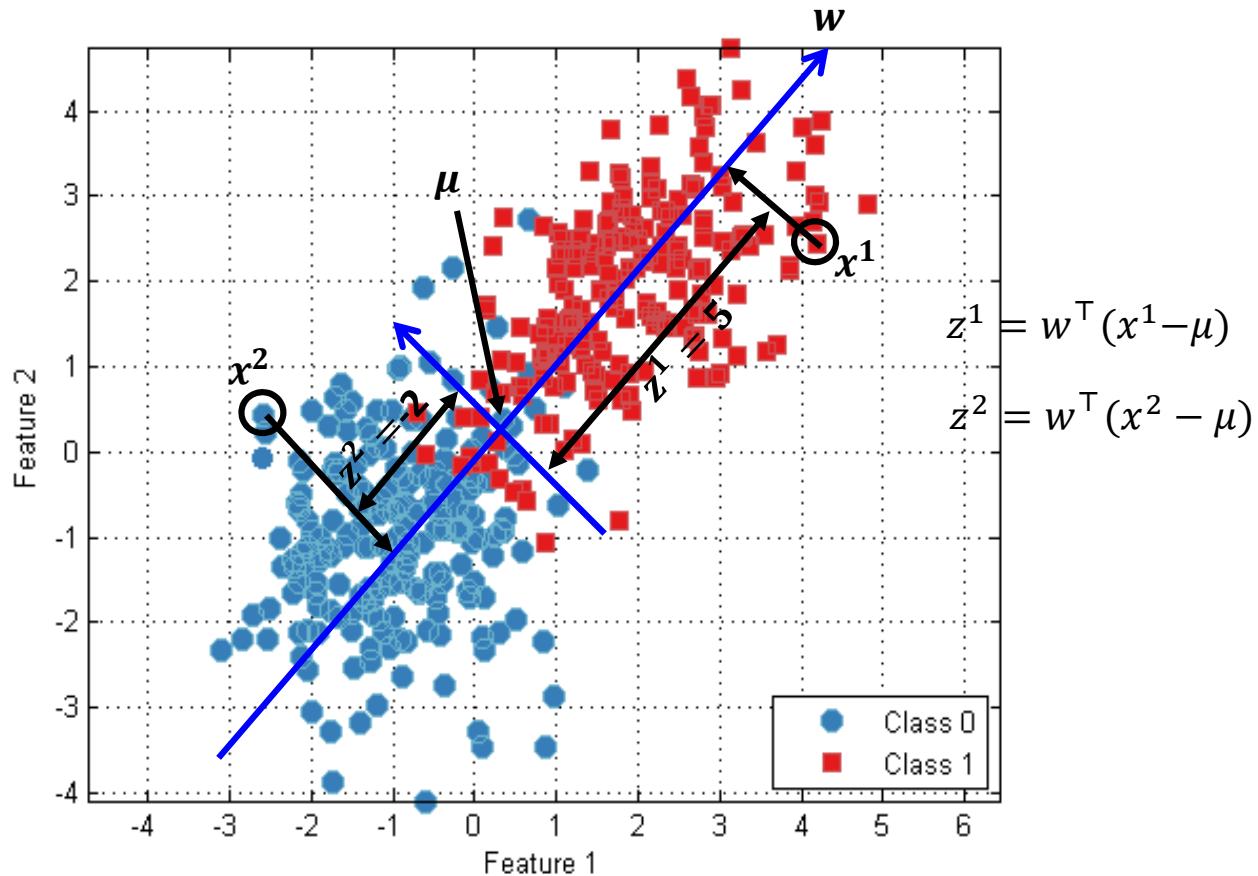
# Use what criterion for reduction?

- There are many criteria (geometric based, information theory based, etc.)
- One useful criterion: want to capture **variation** in data
  - variations are “signals” or information in the data
  - need to normalize each variables first
- In the process, also discover variables or dimensions highly **correlated**
  - represent highly related features
  - combine them to form a stronger signal
  - lead to simpler presentation

# An example



# Reduce to 1 dimension



# How to formulate the problem

- Given  $m$  data points,  $\{x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m\} \in R^n$ , with their mean  $\mu = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x^i$
- Find a direction  $w \in R^n$  where  $\|w\| \leq 1$
- Such that the variance (or variation) of the data along direction  $w$  is maximized

$$\max_{w: \|w\| \leq 1} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (w^\top x^i - w^\top \mu)^2$$



variance

# Is it an easy optimization problem?

- Manipulate the objective with linear algebra

$$\begin{aligned}& \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (w^\top x^i - w^\top \mu)^2 \\&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (w^\top (x^i - \mu))^2 \\&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m w^\top (x^i - \mu)(x^i - \mu)^\top w \\&= w^\top \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x^i - \mu)(x^i - \mu)^\top \right) w\end{aligned}$$



covariance matrix  $C$

# Landscape of the optimization problem

- Suppose the data has two dimension ( $n = 2$ )
- $C$  is a diagonal matrix

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The optimization problem becomes

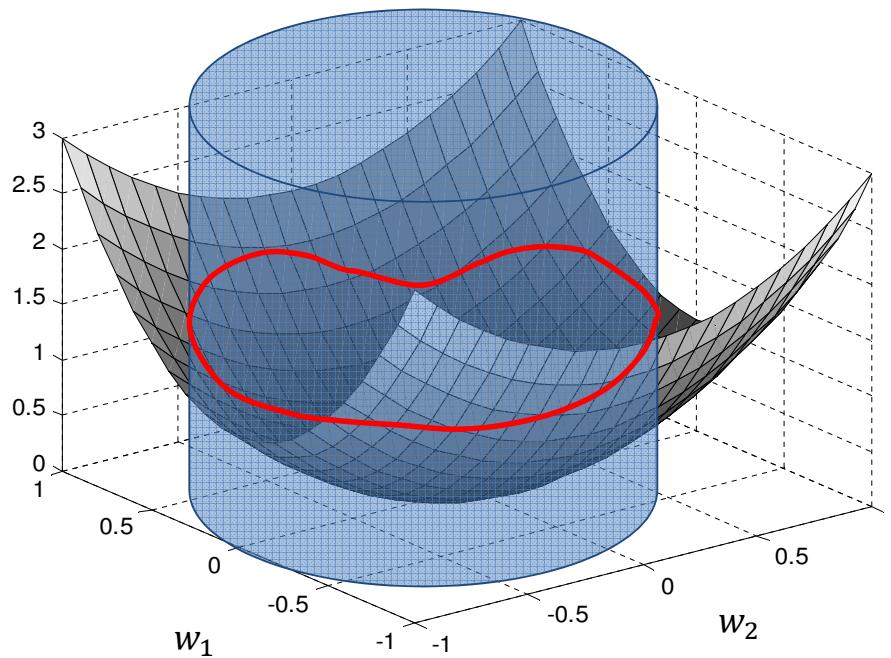
$$\max_{w: \|w\| \leq 1} w^T C w$$

$$= \max_{w: \|w\| \leq 1} (w_1, w_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \max_{w: \|w\| \leq 1} w_1^2 + 2w_2^2$$

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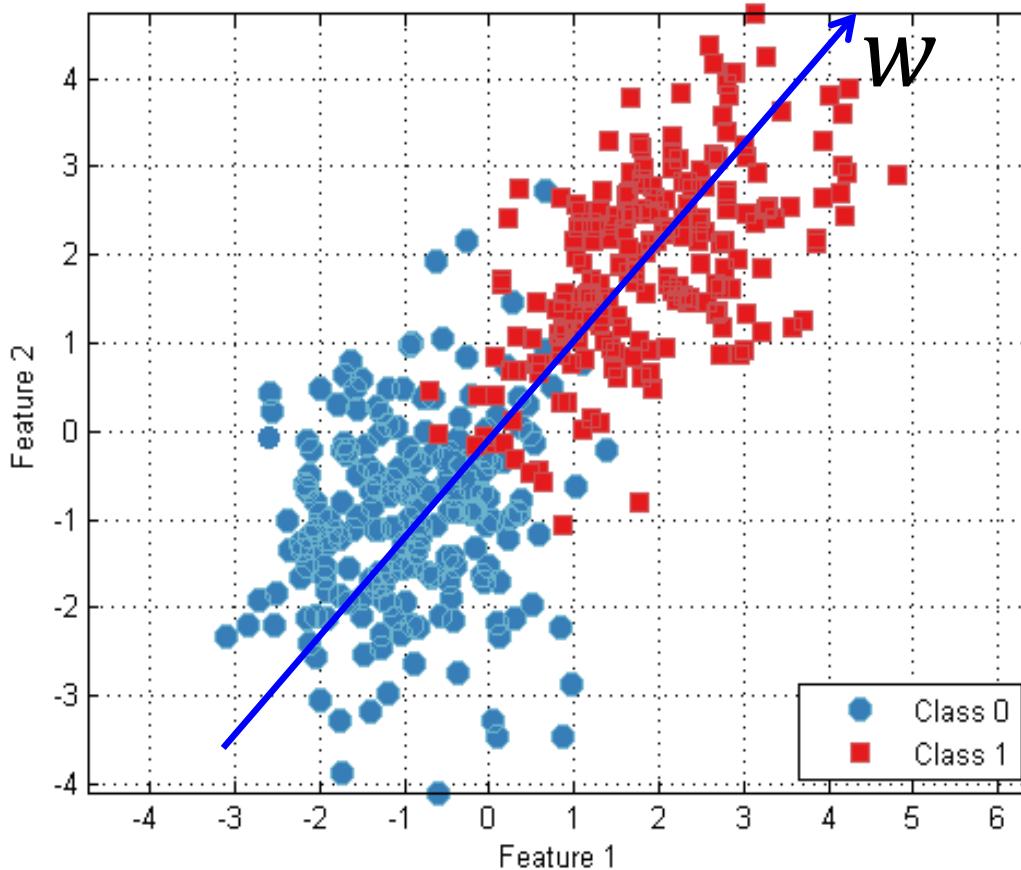
- $f(w_1, w_2) = w_1^2 + 2w_2^2$



# Eigen-value problem

- Eigen-value problem
  - Given a symmetric matrix  $C \in R^{n \times n}$
  - Find a vector  $w \in R^n$  and  $\|w\| = 1$
  - Such that
$$Cw = \lambda w$$
- There will be multiple solution of  $w^1, w^2, \dots$  with different  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ 
  - They are ortho-normal:  $w^{i^\top} w^i = 1, w^{i^\top} w^j = 0$

# Principal direction of the data



# Variance of in the principal direction

- Principal direction  $w$  satisfies

$$Cw = \lambda w$$

- Variance in principal direction is

$$w^\top C w$$

$$= \lambda w^\top w$$

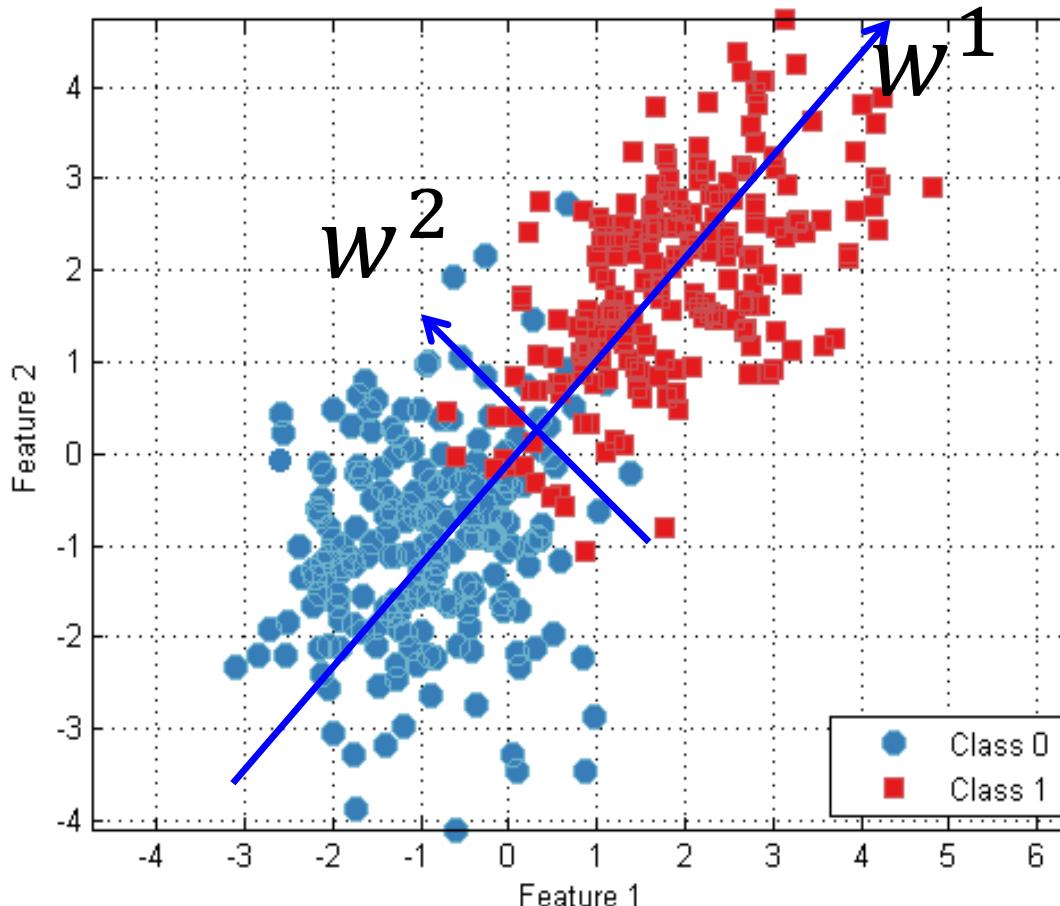
$$= \lambda$$

eigen-value

# Find multiple principal directions

- Directions  $w^1, w^2, \dots$  which has
  - the largest variances
  - but are **orthogonal** to each other
- Take the eigenvectors  $w^1, w^2, \dots$  of  $C$  corresponding to
  - the largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ ,
  - the second largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$
  - ...

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Principal directions

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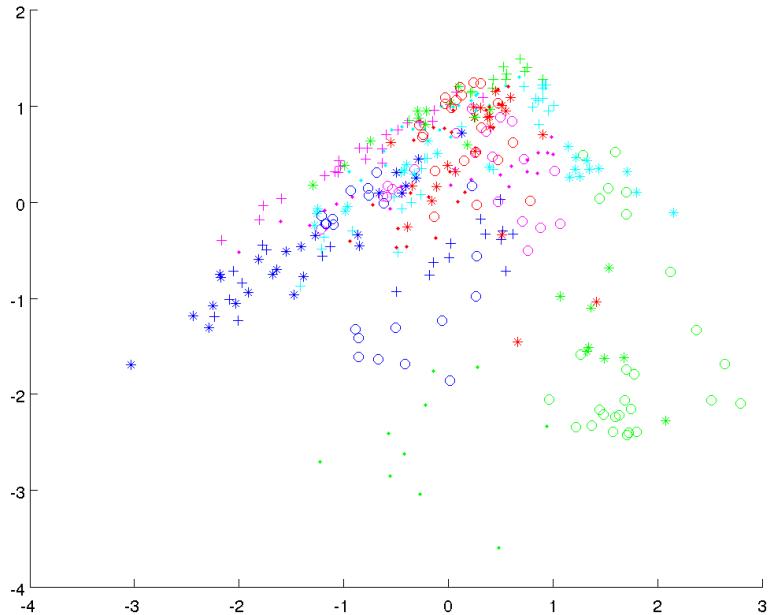
$$z^i = \begin{pmatrix} w^{1T}(x^i - \mu) / \sqrt{\lambda_1} \\ w^{2T}(x^i - \mu) / \sqrt{\lambda_2} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Normalize by  
standard deviation

# Look more into PCA\_leaf.m



# Interpreting the reduced representation



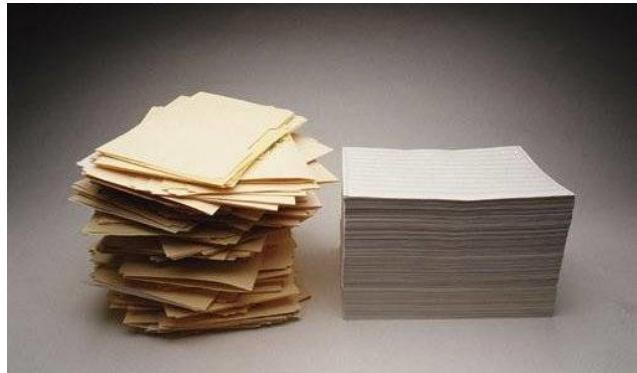
Texture  
features

Principal direction:  
 $W =$

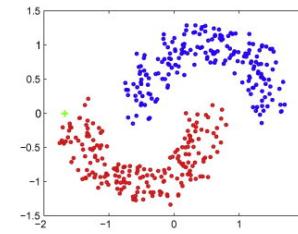
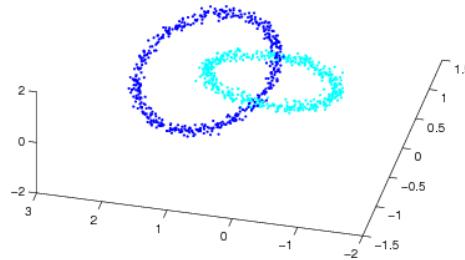
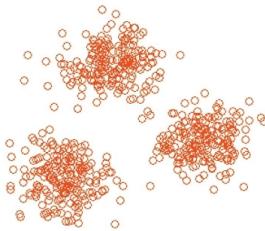
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0.1940	-0.4037
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-0.3657	-0.1974
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Shape  
features

# Documents collections

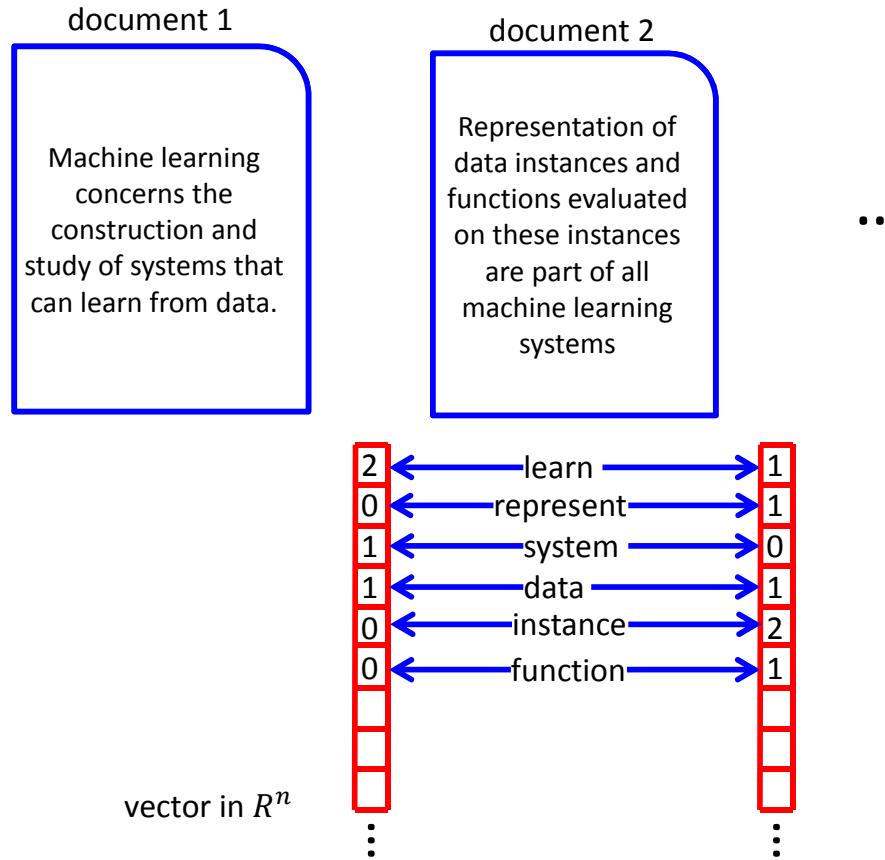


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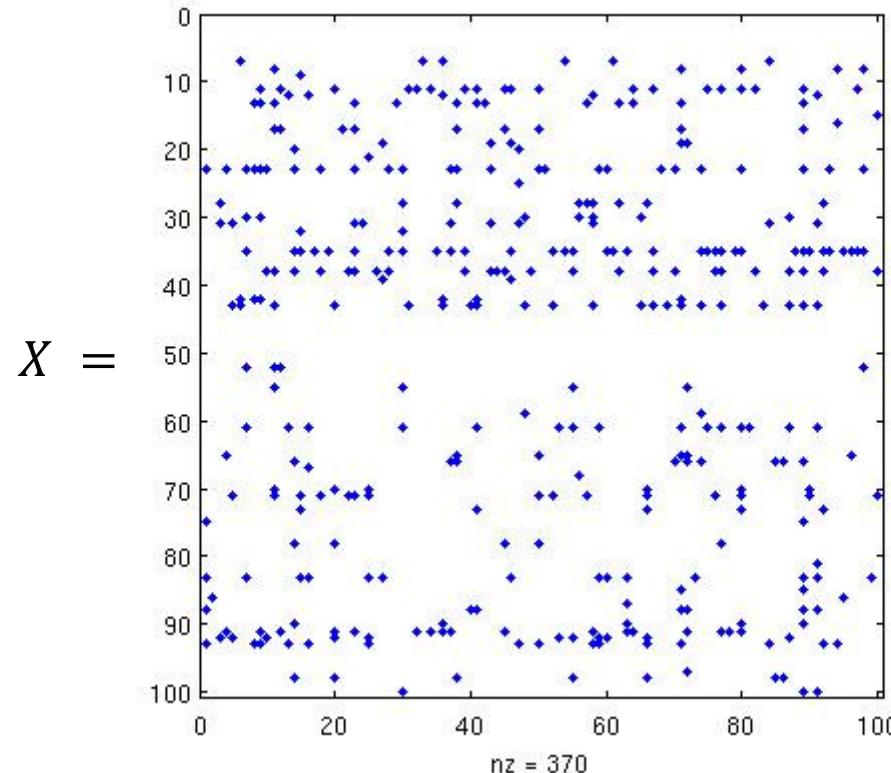
<http://submitpapers.com/misc/docCollection.html>

# Bag of words representation



# Experiments with 20 news groups

- Bag-of-words, or term-document matrix



# Singular Value Decomposition

- Singular value decomposition, known as SVD, is a factorization of a real matrix with applications in calculating pseudo-inverse, rank, solving linear equations, and many others.
- For a matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  assume  $n \leq m$ 
  - $M = U\Sigma V^T$  where  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $V^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
  - The  $m$  columns of  $U$ , and the  $n$  columns of  $V$  are called the left and right singular vectors of  $M$ . The diagonal elements of  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Sigma_{ii}$  are known as the singular values of  $M$ .
  - Let  $v$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $V$ , and  $u$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $U$ , and  $\sigma$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  diagonal element of  $\Sigma$

$$Mv = \sigma u \quad \text{and} \quad M^T u = \sigma v$$

# Singular Value Decomposition - II

$$\bullet M = [u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n] \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & & & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & & \ddots & \Sigma_{mn} \end{bmatrix} [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]^T$$

principal directions

Scaling factor

Projection in principal directions

- Singular value decomposition is related to eigenvalue decomposition
  - Suppose  $M = [x_1 - \mu \ x_2 - \mu \ \dots \ x_m - \mu] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
  - Then covariance matrix is  $C = \frac{1}{m} MM^T$
  - Starting from singular vector pair
    - $M^T u = \sigma v$
    - $\Rightarrow MM^T u = \sigma M v$
    - $\Rightarrow MM^T u = \sigma^2 u$
    - $\Rightarrow Cu = \lambda u$

