Computational Data Analysis

Machine Learning

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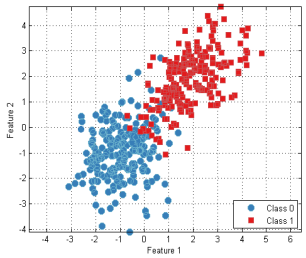
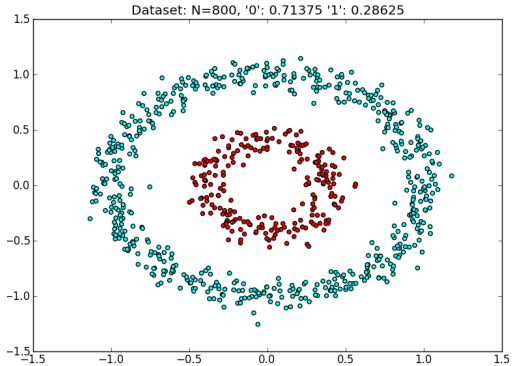
Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction

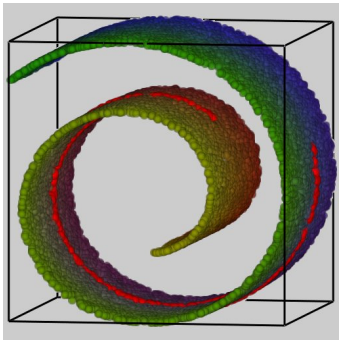
Limitation of PCA and SVD

- Suitable when variables are linearly correlated



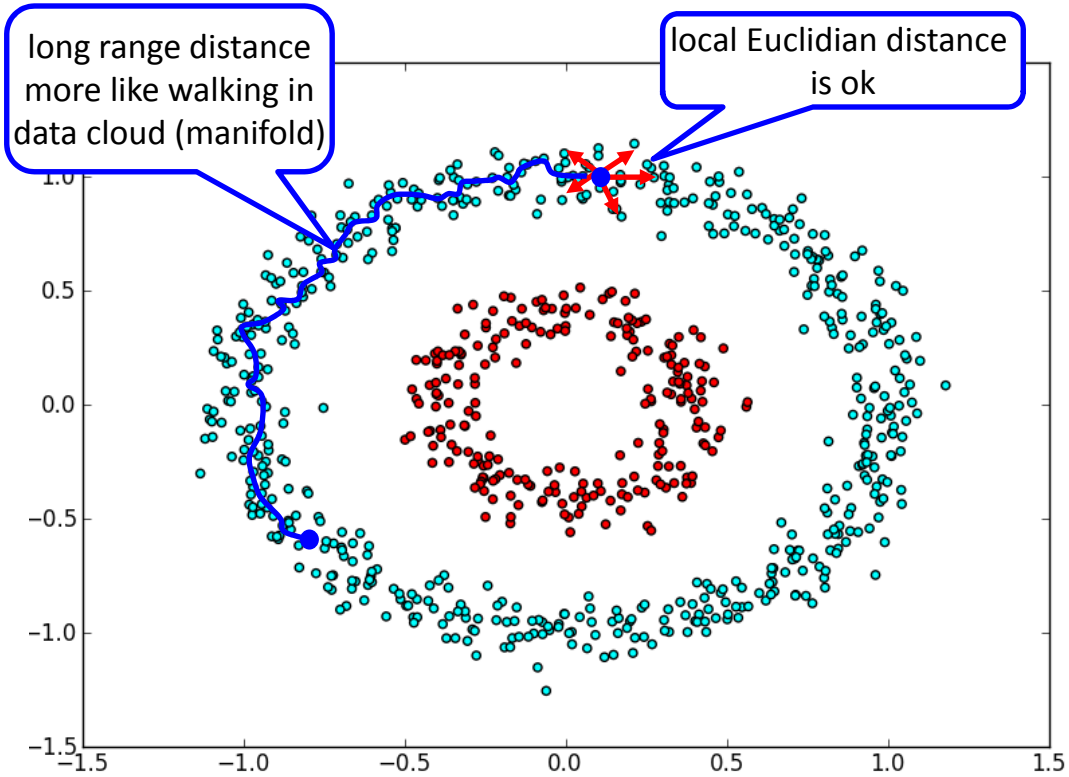
- Not suitable when nonlinear structures are present





http://www.datawrangling.org/python-montage-code-for-displaying-arrays/

What's a reasonable distance measure

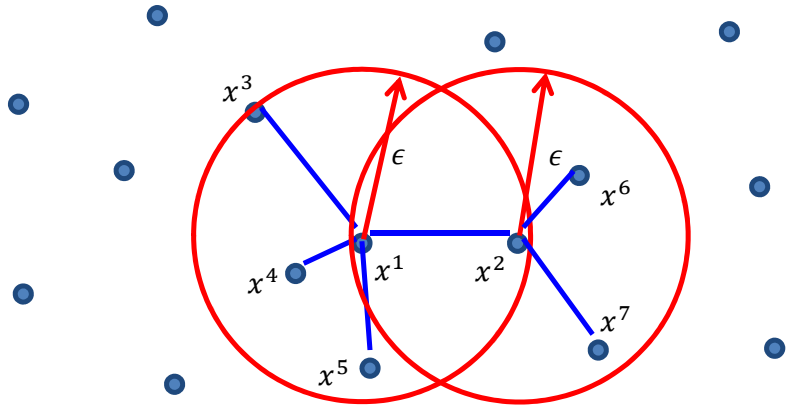


Recall: nearest neighbor graph

(p.23, spectral clustering)

- Given m data points, threshold ϵ, construct matrix $A \in R^{m \times m}$

$$A^{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, \text{if } \left\| x^i - x^j \right\| \leq \epsilon \\ 0, \qquad \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Isomap

- Given m data points, $\{x^1, x^2, \ldots x^m\} \in R^n$
- Step 1: build a weighted graph A using nearest neighbors, and compute pairwise shortest distance matrix D
- Step 3: use a centering matrix $H = I - \frac{1}{m} 11^\top$ to get

$$C = -\frac{1}{2m} H (D)^2 H$$

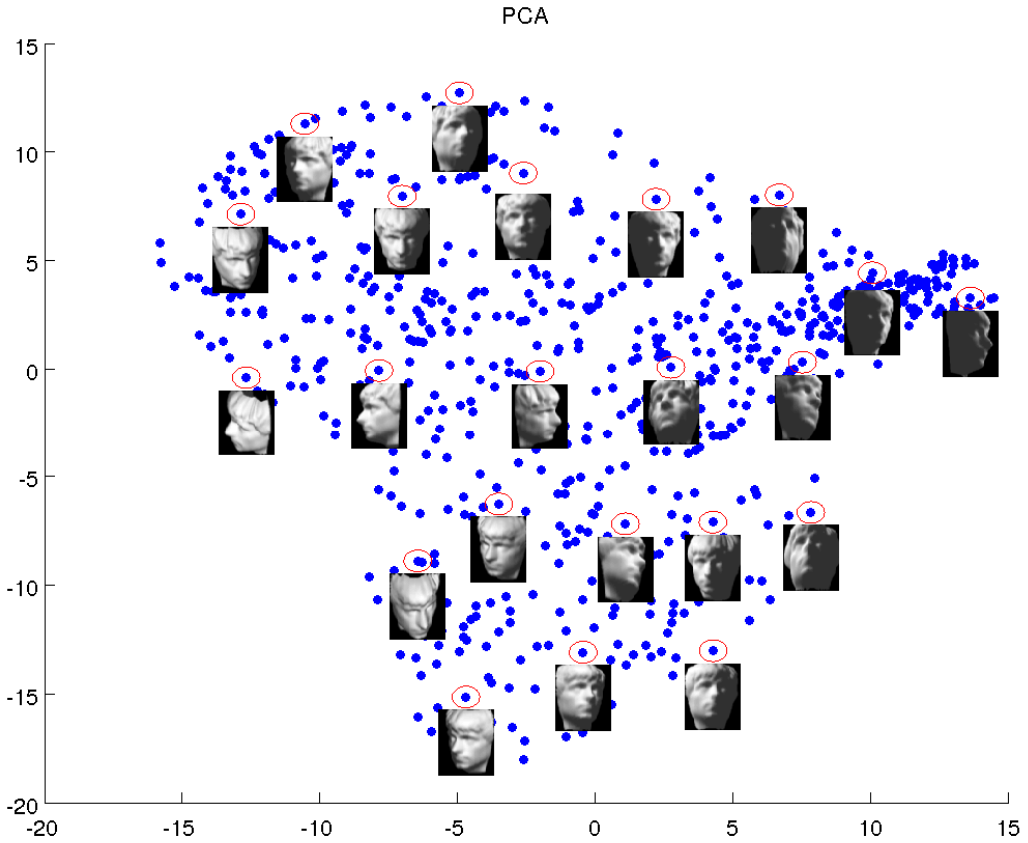
$$D_{ij}^2 := (D_{ij})^2$$

Is the entrywise square of the distance matrix

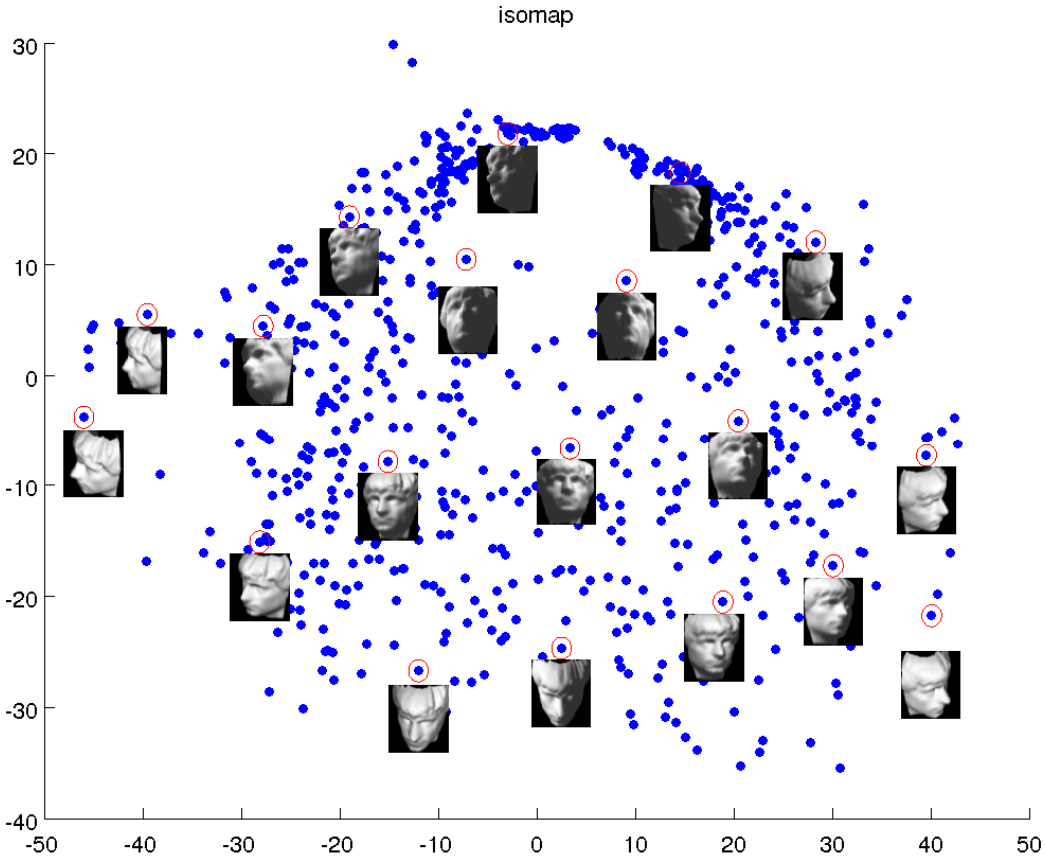
- Step 4: compute leading eigenvectors $w^1, w^2, \ldots$ and eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \ldots$ of C

$$Z^T = (w^1, w^2 \ldots) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^{1/2} & & \\ & \lambda_2^{1/2} & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Is the principal direction interpretable?



Result by isomap

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