

# 3. Principal Component Analysis

See: Machine Learning: An Algorithmic Perspective by Stephen Marsland

## Data Compression:

- Reduce data from 2D to 1D

$$x^{(1)} \in R^2 \rightarrow z^{(1)}$$

$$x^{(2)} \in R^2 \rightarrow z^{(2)}$$

⋮

$$x^{(m)} \in R^2 \rightarrow z^{(m)}$$

e.g.: (work skill, work enjoyment) → work aptitude

- Reduce data from 3D to 2D

$$x^{(i)} \in R^3 \rightarrow z^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1^{(i)} \\ z_2^{(i)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Reduce data from 1000D to 100D.
- Reduce data from 1000D to 2D for data visualization.

# Example: Going from 2d → 1d

Fig. from Marsland (2014)

| $x$  | $y$   |
|------|-------|
| 2.00 | -1.43 |
| 2.37 | -2.80 |
| 1.00 | -3.17 |
| 0.63 | -1.80 |

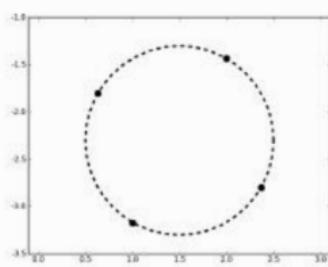
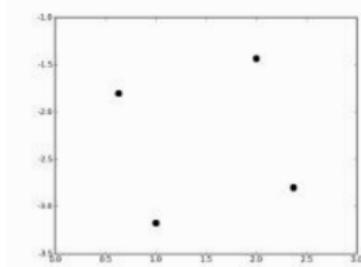


FIGURE 6.1 Three views of the same four points. *Left:* As numbers, where the links are unclear. *Centre:* As four plotted points. *Right:* As four points that lie on a circle.

# PCA — an example

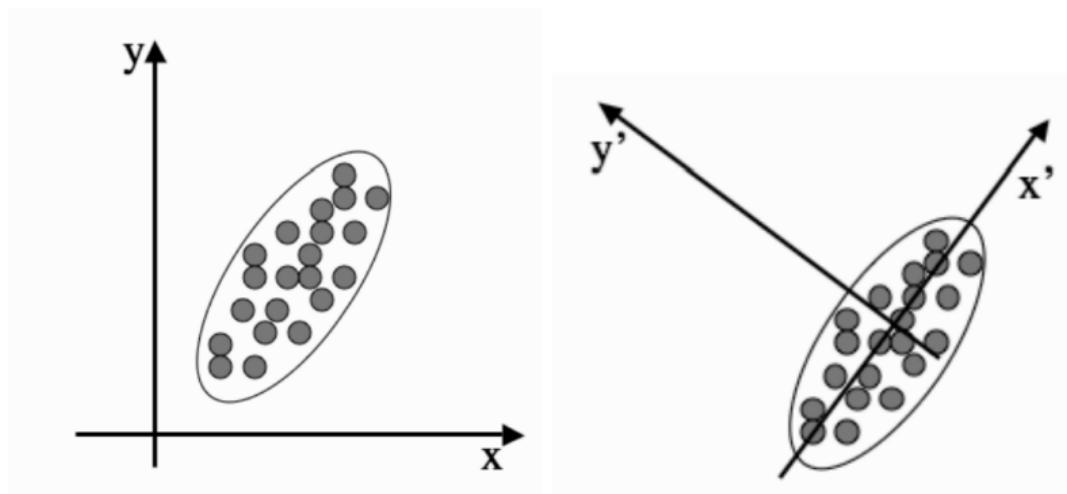


FIGURE 6.6 Two different sets of coordinate axes. The second consists of a rotation and translation of the first and was found using Principal Components Analysis.

→ Idea: Remove dimensions with little variability

# Principal Component Analysis (PCA) problem formulation

- ▶ Reduce from 2-dimension to 1-dimension: Find a direction (a vector  $u^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ) onto which to project the data so as to minimize the projection error.
- ▶ Reduce from  $n$ -dimension to  $k$ -dimension: Find  $k$  vectors  $u^{(1)}, u^{(2)}, \dots, u^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  onto which to project the data so as to minimize the projection error.
- ▶ 3D  $\rightarrow$  2d,  $K = 2$
- ▶ PCA is not linear regression  $x \rightarrow y$

|             |                                           |                                                                |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Regression: | vertical distance to $y$                  | a special variable $y$                                         |
| PCA:        | a shortest distance to projection surface | all variables $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ are treated symmetrically |

# Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- ▶ By finding particular sets of coordinates axes  $u^{(1)}, u^{(2)}, \dots, u^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , it will became clear that some of the dimensions are not required.
- ▶ In fact, it can make the results better, since we are often removing some of the noise in the data.
- ▶ The question is how to choose the directions  $u^{(1)}, u^{(2)}, \dots, u^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- ▶ The idea of the principal component is that it is a direction in the data with the largest variation.

# Data preprocessing

- ▶ Training set:  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(k)}$
- ▶ Preprocessing (feature scaling/mean normalization):

$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_j^{(i)}$$

- ▶ Replace each  $x_j^{(i)}$  with  $x_j^{(i)} - \mu_j$ .
- ▶ If different features on different scales (e.g.,  $x_1$  = size of house,  $x_2$  = number of bedrooms), scale features to have comparable range of values:

$$x_j^{(i)} \text{ with } \frac{x_j^{(i)} - \mu_j}{s_j}$$

$s_j$  is some measure of deviation like range = max – min or standard deviation.

# The PCA Algorithm

- ▶ Reduce data from  $n$  dimensions to  $k$  dimensions
- ▶ Write  $m$  data points  $x^{(i)} = \left(x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)}, \dots, x_n^{(i)}\right)$  as row vectors.
- ▶ Matrix  $X$  will have size  $m \times n$ .
- ▶ Center the data by subtracting off the mean of each column.

# The PCA Algorithm

- Compute **covariance matrix**:

$$C = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( x^{(i)} \right)^T \left( x^{(i)} \right)$$

$\left( x^{(i)} \right)^T$  is a  $n \times 1$  vector,  $x^{(i)}$  is a  $1 \times n$  vector, then  $C$  will be a  $n \times n$  matrix.

# The PCA Algorithm

- ▶ Rotate the data  $Y = P^T X$ .
- ▶  $P^T$  is a rotation matrix and  $P$  is chosen so that the covariance matrix of  $Y$  is diagonal:

$$\text{cov}(Y) = \text{cov}(P^T X) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_N \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Thus  $\lambda P = CP$

# The PCA Algorithm

- ▶ Compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $C$ , so  $V^{-1}CV = D$ , where  $V$  holds the eigenvectors of  $C$  and  $D$  is the  $n \times n$  diagonal eigenvalue matrix:

$$\text{evecs } = U = [ u^{(1)}; u^{(2)}; \dots; u^{(n)} ]$$

- ▶ Sort the columns of  $D$  into order of decreasing eigenvalues, and apply the same order to the columns of  $V$ .
- ▶ **Leave  $k$  dimensions in the data:**

$$U_{\text{reduce}} = [ u^{(1)}; u^{(2)}; \dots; u^{(k)} ]$$

# The PCA Algorithm

- The new components  $z^{(i)}$  will be calculated as:

$$(z^{(i)})^T = (U_{\text{reduce}})^T (x^{(i)})^T \text{ or } z^{(i)} = x^{(i)} U_{\text{reduce}}$$

$U_{\text{reduce}}$  is a  $n \times k$  matrix,  $x^{(i)}$  is a  $1 \times n$  vector, then  $z^{(i)}$  will be a  $1 \times k$  vector.

→ [demo/Principal\\_ComponentAnalysis\\_01.ipynb](#)

# Alternative derivation of PCA: Minimum error

We introduce a complete orthonormal set of D-dimensional basis vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}$  where  $i = 1, \dots, D$  that satisfy

$$\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j = \delta_{ij} \quad \alpha_{nj} = \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{u}_j \quad \mathbf{x}_n = \sum_{i=1}^D \alpha_{ni} \mathbf{u}_i$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \sum_{i=1}^D (\mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{u}_i) \mathbf{u}_i$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n = \sum_{i=1}^M z_{ni} \mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{i=M+1}^D b_i \mathbf{u}_i$$

# Alternative derivation of PCA: Minimum error

Minimize

$$J = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \|\mathbf{x}_n - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n\|^2.$$

$$z_{nj} = \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{u}_j \quad \text{where } j = 1, \dots, M.$$

setting the derivative of  $J$  with respect to  $b_i$  to zero

$$\rightarrow b_j = \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{u}_j \quad \text{where } j = M+1, \dots, D$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n = \sum_{i=M+1}^D \left\{ (\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^T \mathbf{u}_i \right\} \mathbf{u}_i$$

# Alternative derivation of PCA: Minimum error

$$J = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{i=M+1}^D (\mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{u}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{u}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=M+1}^D \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{u}_i.$$

constrained minimization otherwise we will obtain the vacuous result  $\mathbf{u}_i = 0$ . minimize  
 $J = \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{u}_2$ , subject to the normalization constraint  $\mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_2 = 1$

$$\tilde{J} = \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{u}_2 + \lambda_2 (1 - \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_2)$$

Setting the derivative with respect to  $\mathbf{u}_2$  to zero, we obtain  $\mathbf{S} \mathbf{u}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2$   $\mathbf{u}_2$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{S}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$ .

# Alternative derivation of PCA: Minimum error

The general solution to the minimization of  $J$  for arbitrary  $D$  and arbitrary  $M < D$  is obtained by choosing the  $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}$  to be eigenvectors of the covariance matrix given by

$$\mathbf{S}\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, D$ , and as usual the eigenvectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}$  are chosen to be orthonormal. The corresponding value of the distortion measure is then given by

$$J = \sum_{i=M+1}^D \lambda_i$$

# Alternative derivation of PCA: Minimum error

- ▶ This is simply the sum of the eigenvalues of those eigenvectors that are orthogonal to the principal subspace.
- ▶ We therefore obtain the minimum value of  $J$  by selecting these eigenvectors to be those having the  $D - M$  smallest eigenvalues, and hence the eigenvectors defining the principal subspace are those corresponding to the **M** largest eigenvalues.
- ▶ Although we have considered  $M < D$ , the PCA analysis still holds if  $M = D$ , in which case there is no dimensionality reduction but simply a rotation of the coordinate axes to align with principal components.

# Reconstruction from compressed representation

$(z^{(i)})^T = (U_{\text{reduce}})^T (x^{(i)})^T$  or  $z^{(i)} = x^{(i)} U_{\text{reduce}}$   $U_{\text{reduce}}$  is a  $n \times k$  matrix,  $x^{(i)}$  is a  $1 \times n$  vector, then  $z^{(i)}$  will be a  $1 \times k$  vector.

# Choosing $k$ (number of principal components)

- ▶ Average squared projection error:  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x^{(i)} - x_{\text{approx}}^{(i)}\|^2$
- ▶ Total variation in the data:  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x^{(i)}\|^2$
- ▶ Typically, choose  $k$  to be smallest value so that

$$\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x^{(i)} - x_{\text{approx}}^{(i)}\|^2}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x^{(i)}\|^2} \leq \eta = 0.01 \quad (1\%)$$

- ▶ 99% of variance is retained
- ▶ If  $\eta = 0.05$ (5%), then 95% of variance is retained.
- ▶ If  $\eta = 0.1$ (10%), then 90% of variance is retained.

# Choosing $k$ (number of principal components)

1. Try PCA with  $k = 1$

2. Compute  $U_{\text{reduce}}, z^{(1)}, z^{(2)}, \dots, z^{(m)}, x_{\text{approx}}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{\text{approx}}^{(m)}$

3. Check if

$$\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x^{(i)} - x_{\text{approx}}^{(i)}\|^2}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x^{(i)}\|^2} \leq 0.01?$$

4. If not, then try PCA with  $k = 2$ , with  $k = 3$  and so on until, for example, for  $k = 17$  check 3 will be satisfied

# Choosing $k$ (number of principal components)

- Another algorithm to choose  $k$  is to use a matrix

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_N \end{pmatrix}$$

- For given  $k$  the retained variance is

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

- Pick smallest value of  $k$  for which

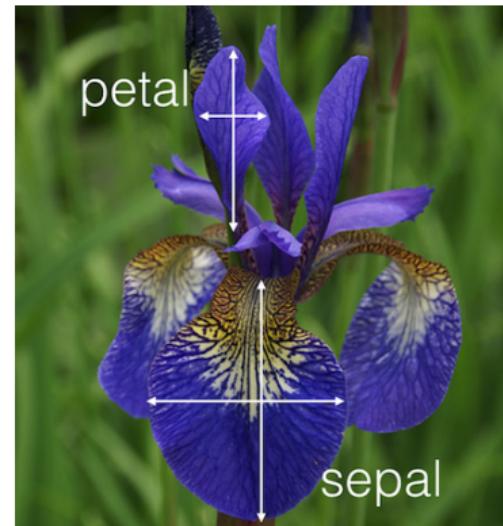
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i} \geq 0.99$$

( 99% of variance retained)

# Example for Principal Component Analysis (PCA): Iris data

`demo/iris/iris_pca.ipynb`

- ▶ Downloaded the file from here: <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/iris>
- ▶ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris\\_flower\\_data\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris_flower_data_set)
- ▶
- ▶ We have 150 iris flowers.
- ▶ For each flower we have 4 measurements
- ▶ sepal length, sepal width, petal length, petal width giving 150 points  $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(150)} \in \mathbb{R}^4$
- ▶ The flowers belong to three different species: 0 : setosa, 1: versicolor, 2: virginica



# Kernel PCA (read at home)

- ▶ One problem with PCA is that it assumes that the directions of variation are all straight lines.
- ▶ This is often not true.
- ▶ The Kernel PCA uses the kernel trick to get around this problem.
- ▶ We apply a (possibly non-linear) function  $\Phi(\bullet)$  to each data point  $x$  that transform the data into the kernel space, and then perform normal linear PCA in that space.

# Kernel PCA (read at home)

- The covariance matrix is defined in the kernel space:

$$C = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \Phi(x_n) \Phi(x_n)^T,$$

- which produces the eigenvector equation:

$$\lambda(\Phi(x_i)P) = (\Phi(x_i)CP) \quad i = 1 \dots N,$$

- Where

$$P = \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \Phi(x_j)$$

- are the eigenvectors of the original problem and the  $\alpha_j$  will turn out to be the eigenvectors of the kernelized problem. The projection of a new point  $x$  into the kernel PCA space:

$$(P_k \Phi(x)) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^k (\Phi(x_i) \Phi(x))$$