CS559 Machine Learning
Fisher Linear Discriminant
Principal Component Analysis

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Outline

- Fisher's Linear Discriminant
- Principal Component Analysis
  - High-dimensional data, Eigenfaces
  - PCA vs FLD

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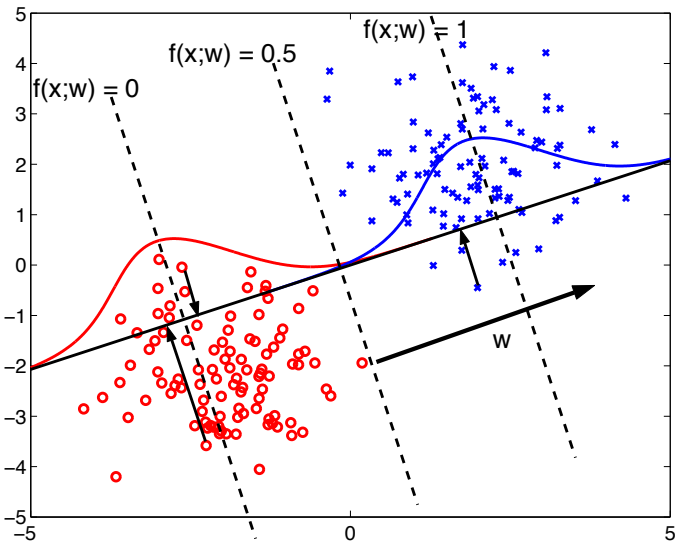

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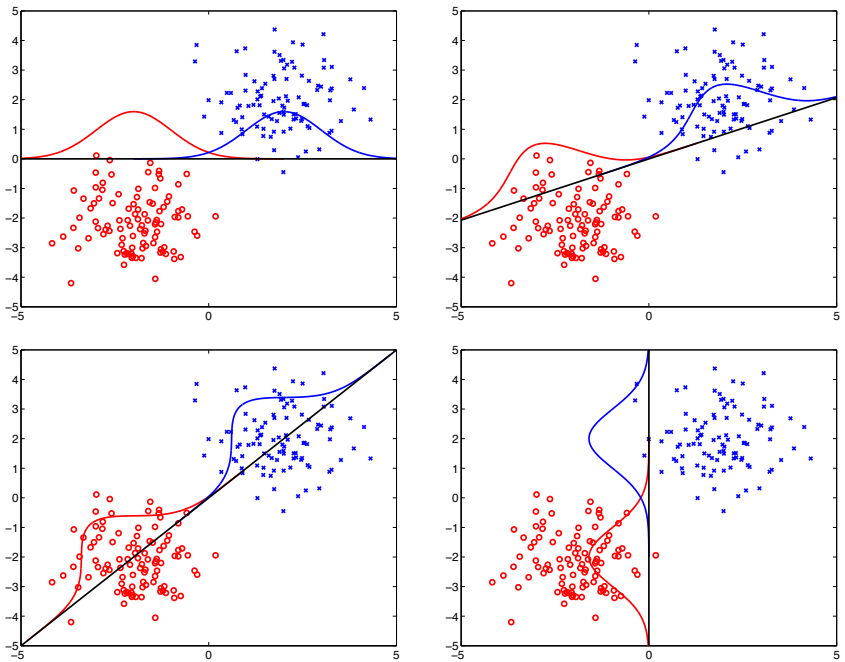

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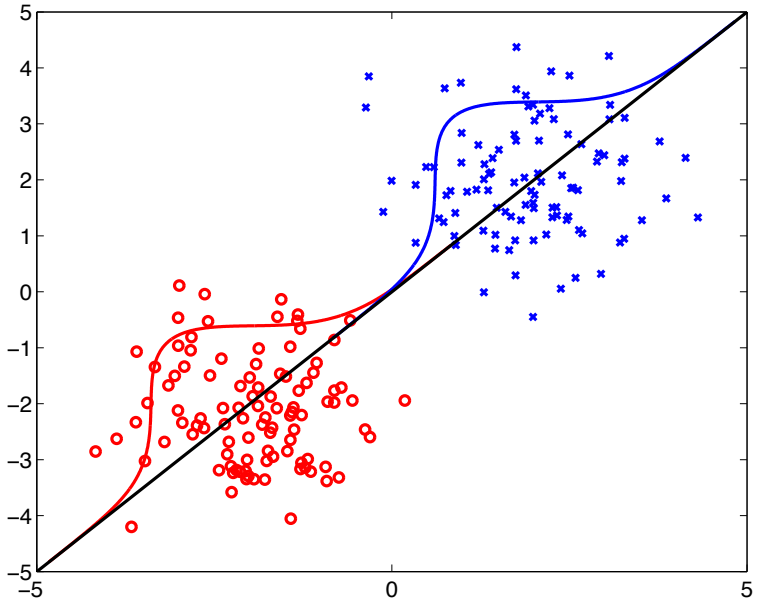

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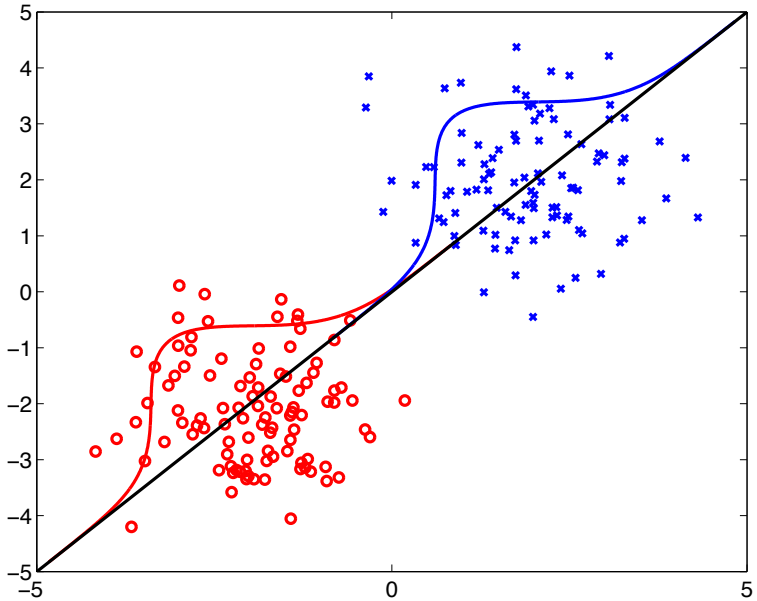

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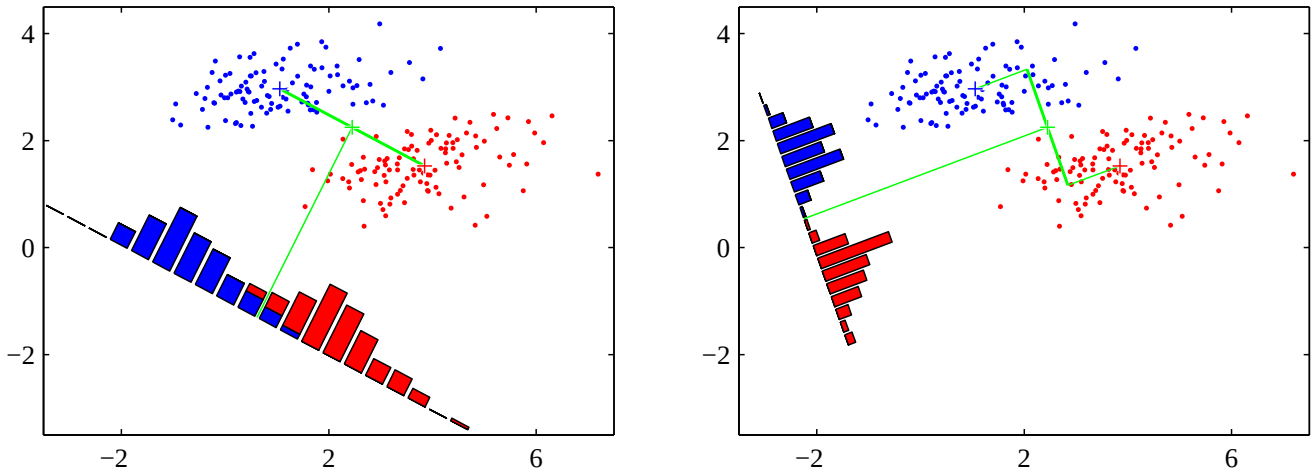

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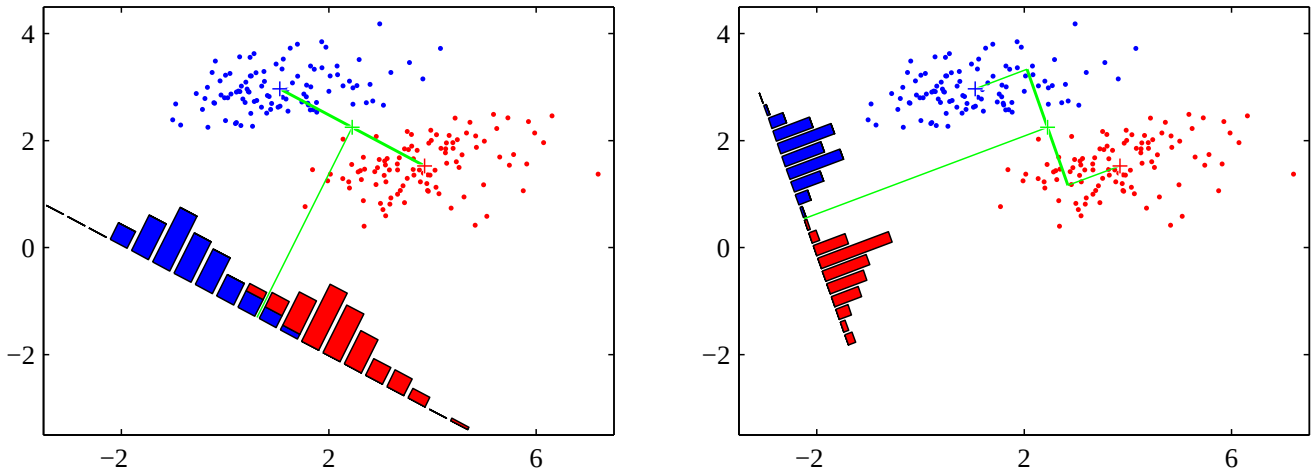

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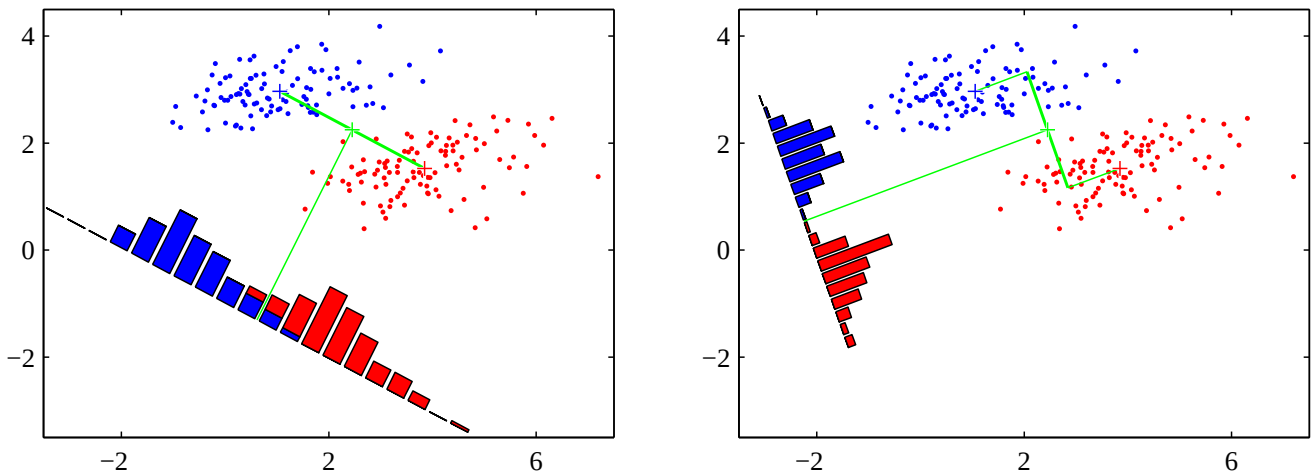

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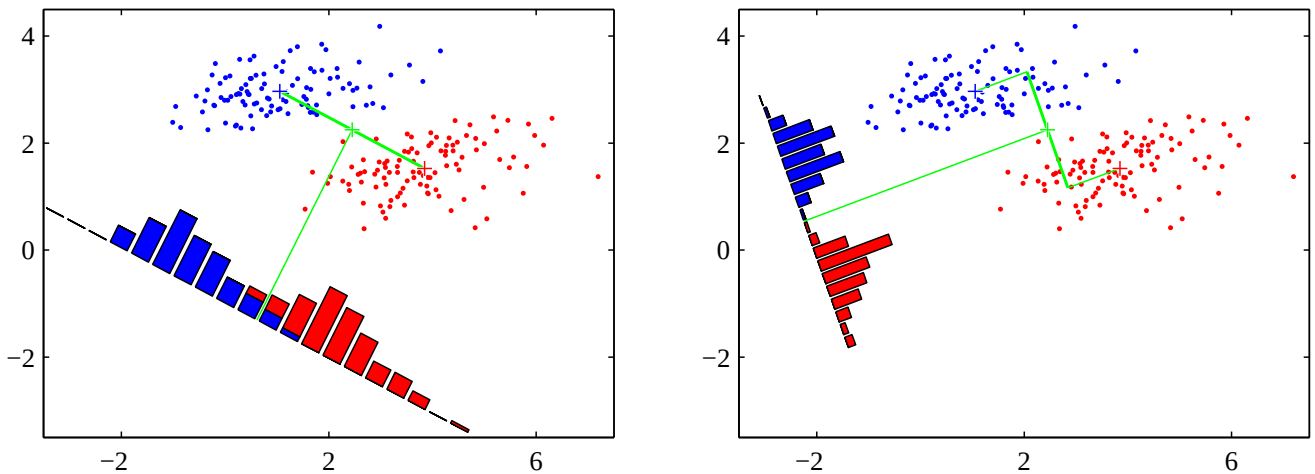

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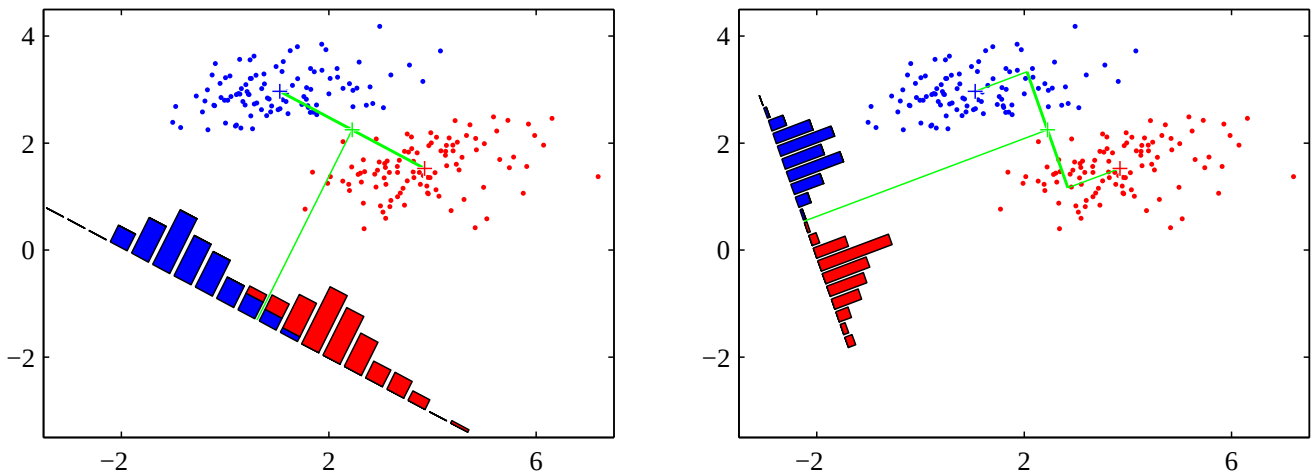

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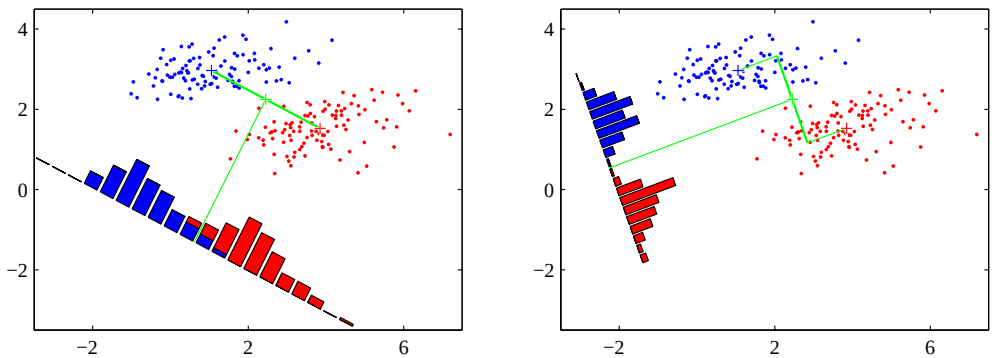

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FLD procedure for two class classification:

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1. Compute sample means for each class, i.e., μ_1, μ_2, and compute the S_W.
2. Compute $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow S_W^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$
3. Normalize: $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{w}}{||\mathbf{w}||}$
4. Select a suitable threshold θ, then classify $\mathbf{x}$ to be C_1 if $\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x} > \theta$, otherwise, classify it to be C_2.

Note:

- In the literature, people always use within class scatter matrix for S_W, which is:

$$S_W = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in C_1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu_1)(\mathbf{x} - \mu_1)^T + \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in C_2} (\mathbf{x} - \mu_2)(\mathbf{x} - \mu_2)^T$$

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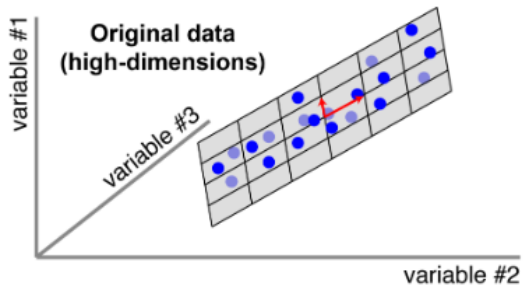

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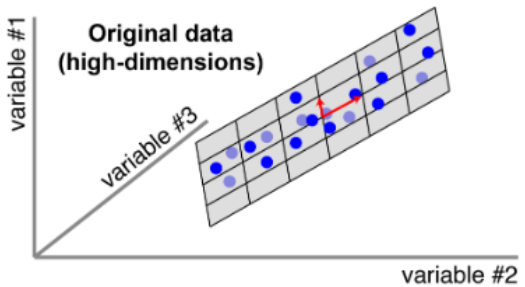

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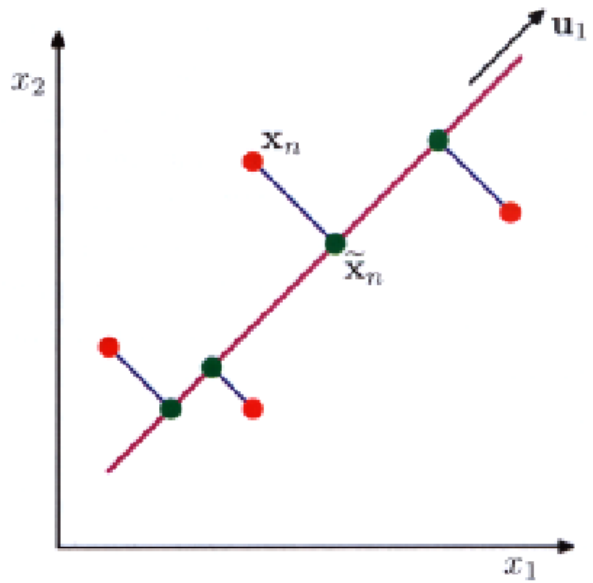

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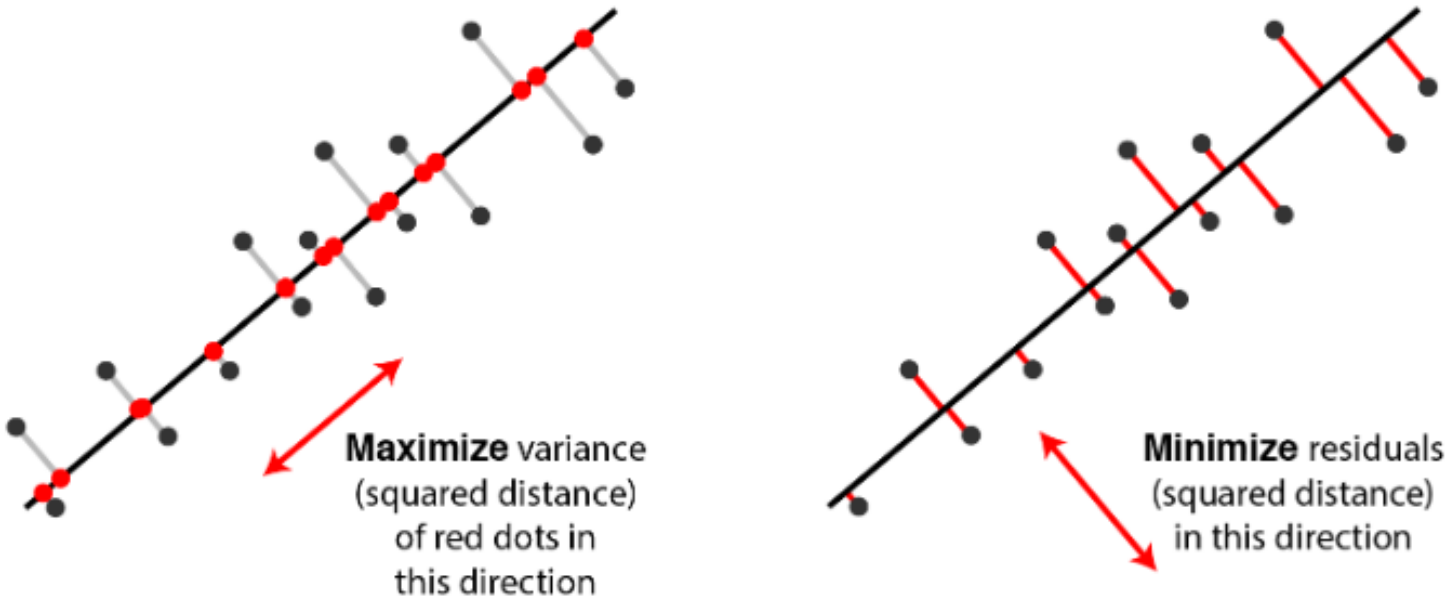

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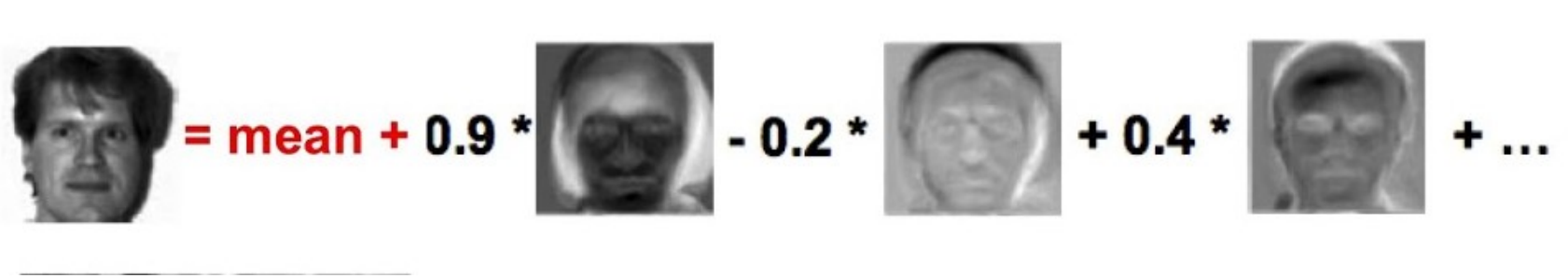

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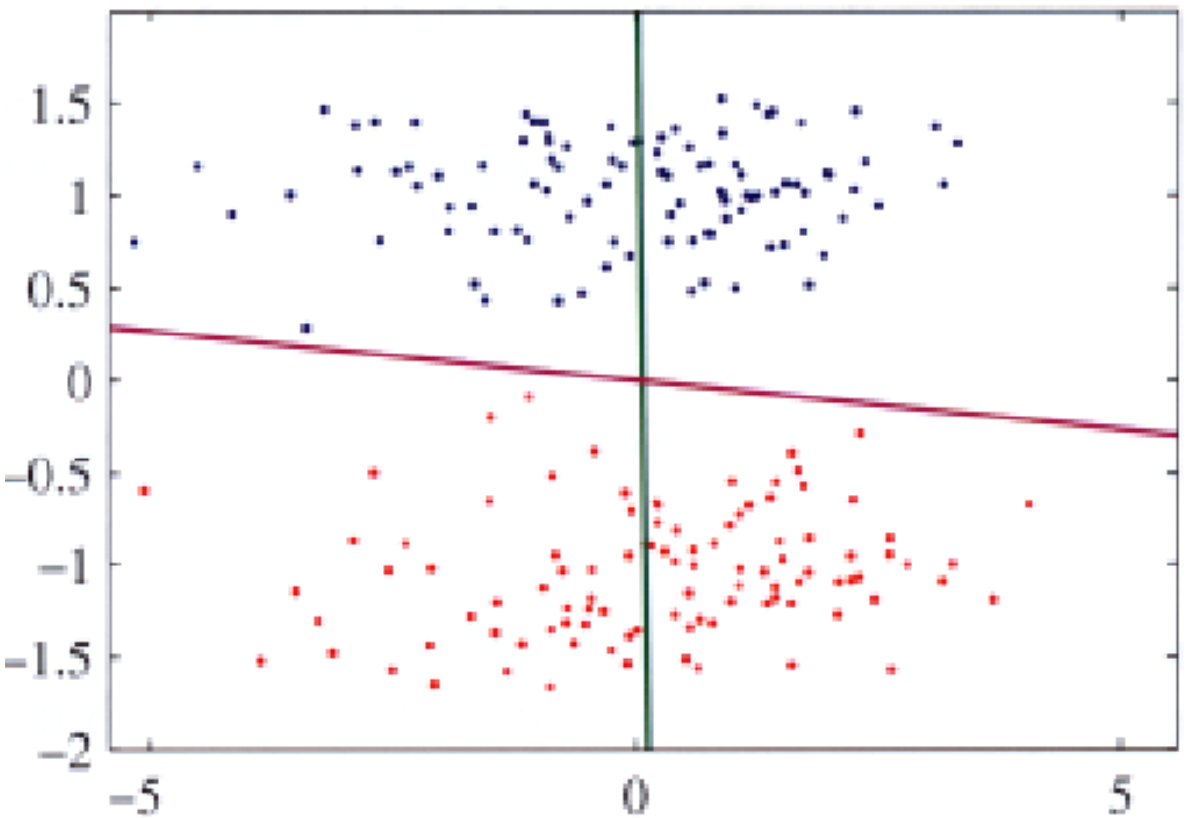

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