

Dimensionality reduction: PCA

Predictive Analytics

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High-Dimensional Data: Why Reduce?

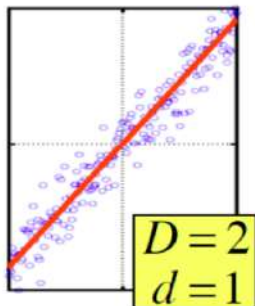
- ▶ Real datasets often have **thousands to millions** of features.
 - ▶ *Text*: one dimension per vocabulary term (e.g., bag-of-words/TF-IDF).
 - ▶ *Social networks*: one dimension per user/connection.
- ▶ High dimensionality brings the **curse of dimensionality**:
 - ▶ Data are extremely **sparse**; density notions become unreliable
⇒ density-based clustering degrades.
 - ▶ Algorithmic **complexity grows with** dimensionality d ⇒ time/memory blow up.

Can we compress?

		Week days				
Customers	Customer	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	George	1	1	1	0	0
	Maria	2	2	2	0	0
	Ian	5	5	5	0	0
	Zoe	0	0	0	2	2
	Helen	0	0	0	3	3
	Marc	0	0	0	1	1

change axis

- Goal of dimensionality reduction is to discover the axis of data



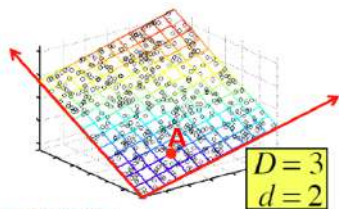
- Rather than representing every point with 2 coordinates we represent each point with 1 coordinate (corresponding to the position of the point on the red line)
- By doing this we incur a bit of **error** as the points do not exactly lie on the line

From 3D to 2D

- Cloud of points 3D space
 - Think of point positions as a matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} \end{matrix}$$

1 row per point:



- We can rewrite coordinates more efficiently
 - Old basis vectors: $[1 \ 0 \ 0]$ $[0 \ 1 \ 0]$ $[0 \ 0 \ 1]$
 - New basis vectors: $[1 \ 2 \ 1]$ $[-2 \ -3 \ 1]$
 - Then **A** has new coordinates: $[1 \ 0]$. **B**: $[0 \ 1]$, **C**: $[1 \ 1]$
 - Notice: We reduced the number of coordinates

Why reduce dimensions

- ▶ Aim: uncover the **true dimension** of the data.
- ▶ Real datasets are messy, but **useful reduction is still possible**.
- ▶ Working assumption: data = **signal** + **noise**; the signal is well-approximated in a **lower-dimensional** subspace/manifold.
- ▶ Dimensionality reduction not only **shrinks** data size, it often **reveals structure**—making the informative part more salient.

Why reduce dimensions

- ▶ **Find hidden patterns:** discover words or features that often go together (e.g., in texts).
- ▶ **Remove useless noise:** throw away features that don't help (not every word is important).
- ▶ **Easier to understand:** results are simpler to explain.
- ▶ **Better visuals:** easier to draw and see patterns on plots.
- ▶ **Less storage:** fewer numbers to save.
- ▶ **Faster computing:** algorithms run quicker and use less memory.

Matrix setup for dimensionality reduction

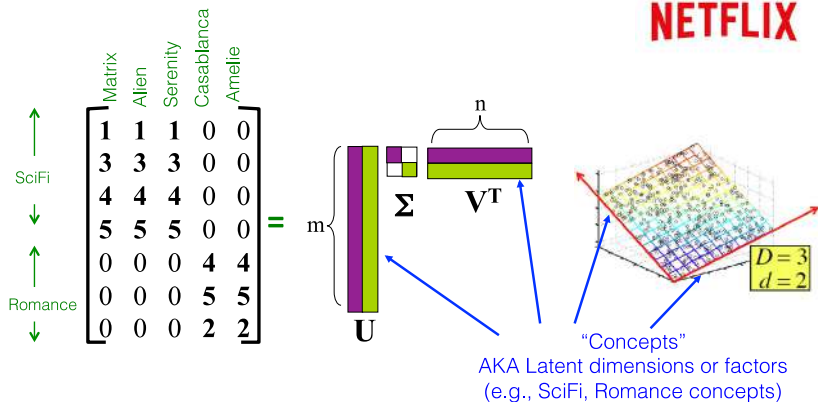
- ▶ **Data:** m objects described by n numeric attributes.
- ▶ Represent as a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ (rows = objects, columns = attributes).
- ▶ Use **linear algebra** on A to analyze/transform the data.
- ▶ **Goal:** build a new matrix $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$ with $k \ll n$ such that:
 - ▶ it preserves as much information from A as possible;
 - ▶ it **reveals structure** (latent patterns, groups, topics) present in A .

From n columns to $k \ll n$ columns

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} a^{(1)} & a^{(2)} & \dots & a^{(n)} \\ \hline & & & \end{array} \right]_{m \times n} \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c} b^{(1)} & \dots & b^{(k)} \\ \hline & & \end{array} \right]_{m \times k}$$

SVD – Example: Users-to-Movies

- $A = U \Sigma V^T$ - example: Users to Movies rating



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Matrix A (Users to Movies rating):

	Matrix Alien	Serenity	Casablanca	Amelie
1	1	1	0	0
3	3	3	0	0
4	4	4	0	0
5	5	5	0	0
0	0	0	4	4
0	0	0	5	5
0	0	0	2	2

Annotations for Matrix A:

- SciFi (rows 1-4)
- Romance (rows 5-6)

Matrix U (User latent factors):

	SciFi-concept	Romance-concept
0.14	0.00	
0.42	0.00	
0.56	0.00	
0.70	0.00	
0.00	0.60	
0.00	0.75	
0.00	0.30	

matrix U

matrix Σ :

12.4	0
0	9.5

matrix V^T :

0.58	0.58	0.58	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.71

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Diagram illustrating the SVD decomposition for a Users-to-Movies rating matrix A .

The matrix A (Users to Movies) is shown with rows representing movies (SciFi, Romance) and columns representing users (Matrix, Alien, Serenity, Casablanca, Amelie). The matrix is:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix A is decomposed into three matrices:

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

Matrix U (User-to-concept similarity matrix) is:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 0.14 & 0.00 \\ 0.42 & 0.00 \\ 0.56 & 0.00 \\ 0.70 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 0.60 \\ 0.00 & 0.75 \\ 0.00 & 0.30 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Σ (Diagonal matrix) is:

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 12.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix V^T (Movie-to-concept similarity matrix) is:

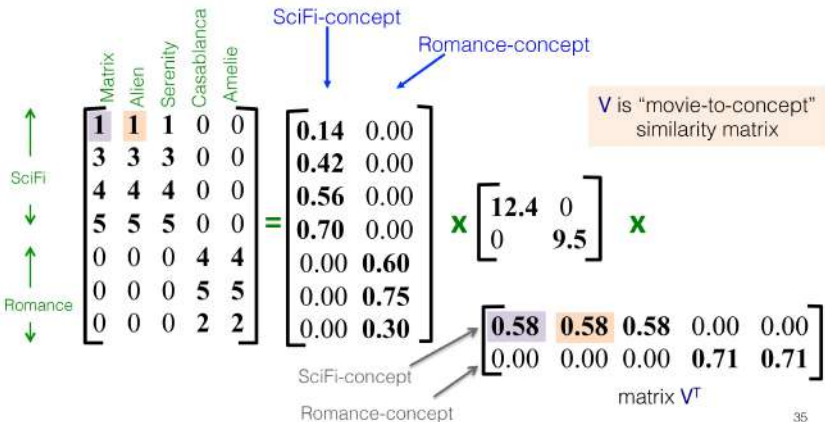
$$V^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.58 & 0.58 & 0.58 & 0.00 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 0.00 & 0.00 & 0.71 & 0.71 \end{bmatrix}$$

Annotations:

- SciFi-concept (points to the first column of U)
- Romance-concept (points to the second column of U)
- U is "user-to-concept" similarity matrix

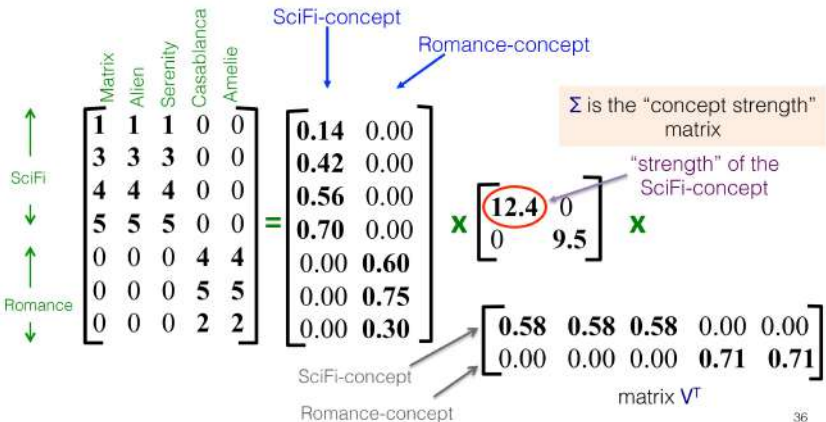
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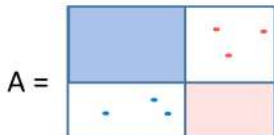
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A More Realistic Example

- User-Movie matrix



- There are two prototype users and movies but they are **noisy**

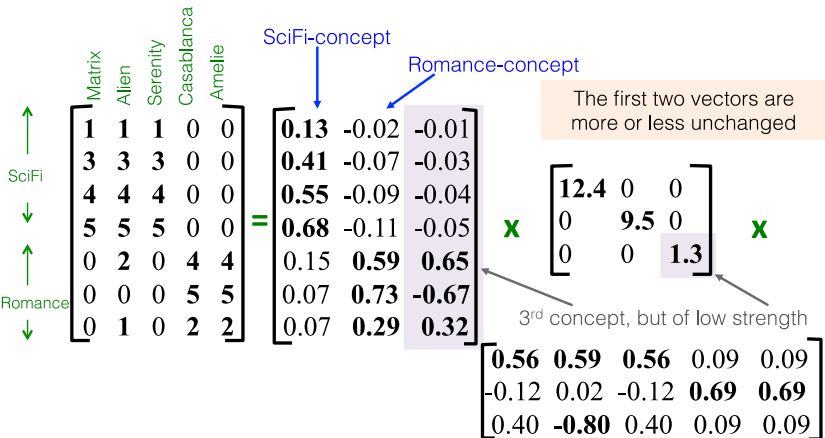
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 \uparrow \\
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 \downarrow \\
 \uparrow \\
 \text{Romance} \\
 \downarrow
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Matrix} \\
 \text{Alien} \\
 \text{Serenity} \\
 \text{Casablanca} \\
 \text{Amelie}
 \end{array}
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 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0.13 & -0.02 & -0.01 \\
 0.41 & -0.07 & -0.03 \\
 0.55 & -0.09 & -0.04 \\
 0.68 & -0.11 & -0.05 \\
 0.15 & 0.59 & 0.65 \\
 0.07 & 0.73 & -0.67 \\
 0.07 & 0.29 & 0.32
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 0.40 & -0.80 & 0.40 & 0.09 & 0.09
 \end{bmatrix}$$

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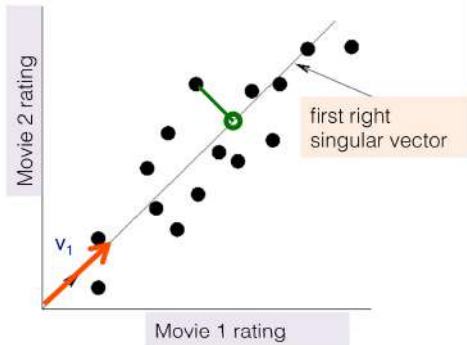


SVD – Interpretation #1

‘movies’, ‘users’ and ‘concepts’:

- U : user-to-concept similarity matrix
- V : movie-to-concept similarity matrix
- Σ : its diagonal elements: ‘strength’ of each concept

How to do Dimensionality Reduction with SVD?



Example of different users based on the rating on movies 1 and 2

How to choose v_1 ?

Minimize reconstruction error

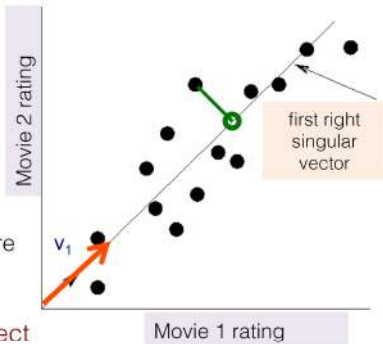
- Instead of using two coordinates (x,y) to describe point locations, let's use only one coordinate (z)
- Point's position is its location along vector v_1

SVD and Dimensionality Reduction

- **Goal:** minimize the sum of reconstruction errors

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^D \|x_{ij} - z_{ij}\|^2$$

- where x_{ij} are the 'old' and z_{ij} are the 'new' coordinates
- SVD gives the best axis to project on
 - 'best' = minimum sum of squares of projection errors



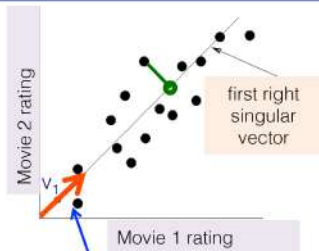
SVD - Interpretation #2

- $A = U \Sigma V^T$ - example:

- V : "movie-to-concept" matrix
- U : "user-to-concept" matrix

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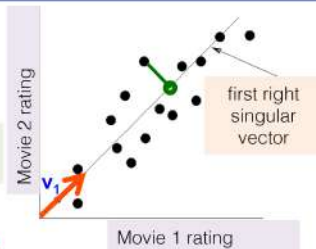
Defines the new projection space v_1

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variance ('spread')
on the v_1 axis



Example

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- **A:** Compute SVD

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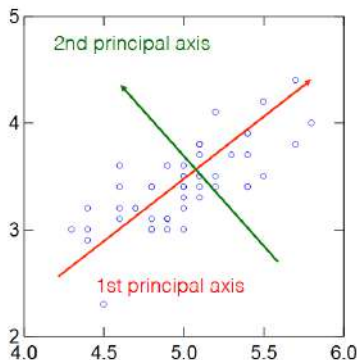
Frobenius norm:

$$\| \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{ij} (A_{ij} - B_{ij})^2}$$

PCA: Introduction

- ▶ **(Almost) like SVD:** PCA is closely related to the singular value decomposition.
- ▶ **Goal:** find a low-dimensional subspace so that projecting the data loses as little information as possible.
- ▶ **Principle:** choose directions (principal components) that **maximize variance**.
- ▶ **Standardize features** (zero-mean, unit-variance) when scales differ.

PCA



Input: 2-d dimensional points

Output:

1st (right) principal axis (vector):
direction of maximal variance

2nd (right) principal axis (vector):
direction of maximal variance,
after removing the projection of
the data along the first principal
axis