

PCA :

Principal Component Analysis

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o. Introduction

Dimension reduction technique
is commonly used to pre-process the
dataset.

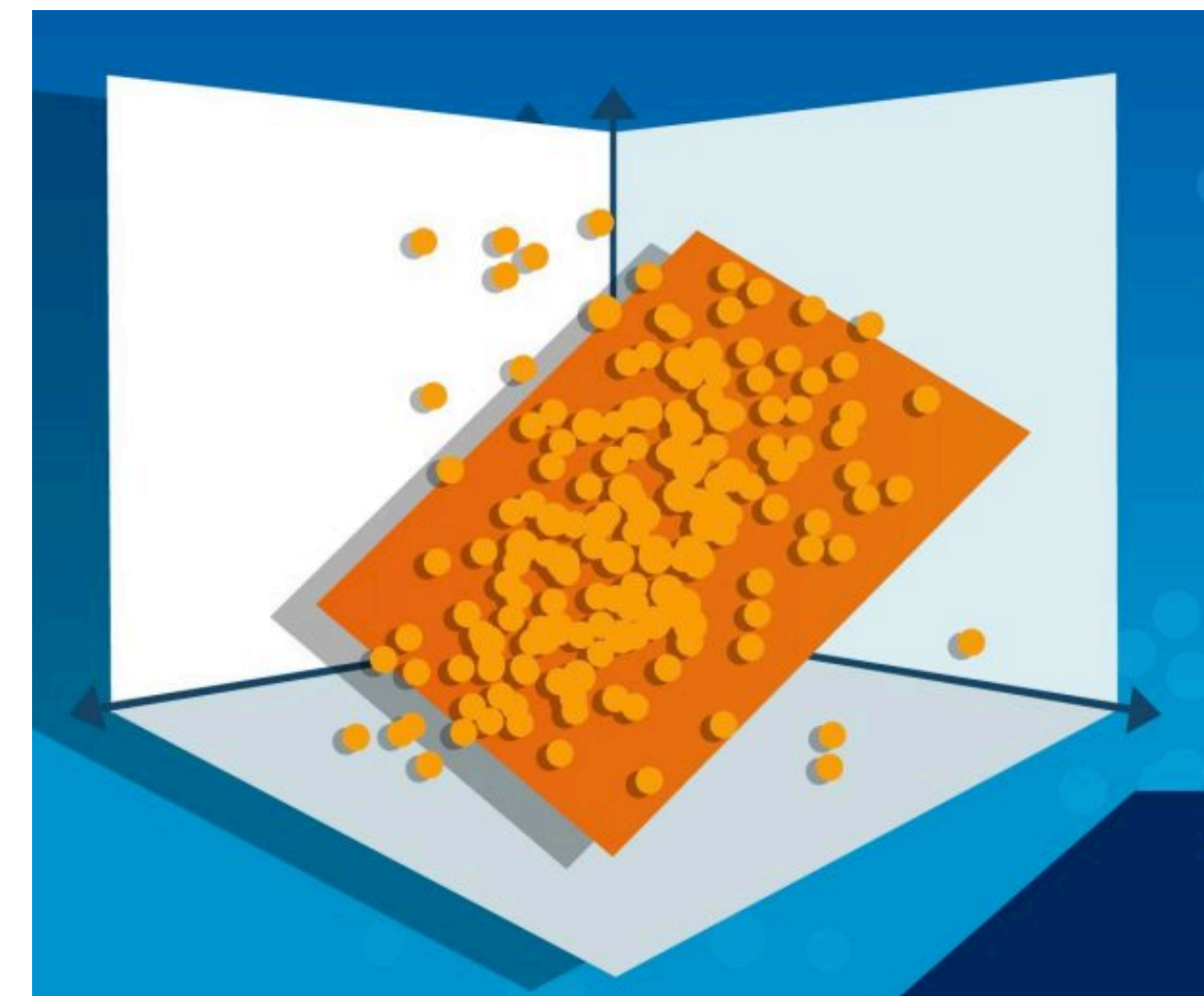
Why is dimension reduction used?

- Takes less computation or training time
- Takes care of multicollinearity by removing redundant features.
- Helps in visualizing data.

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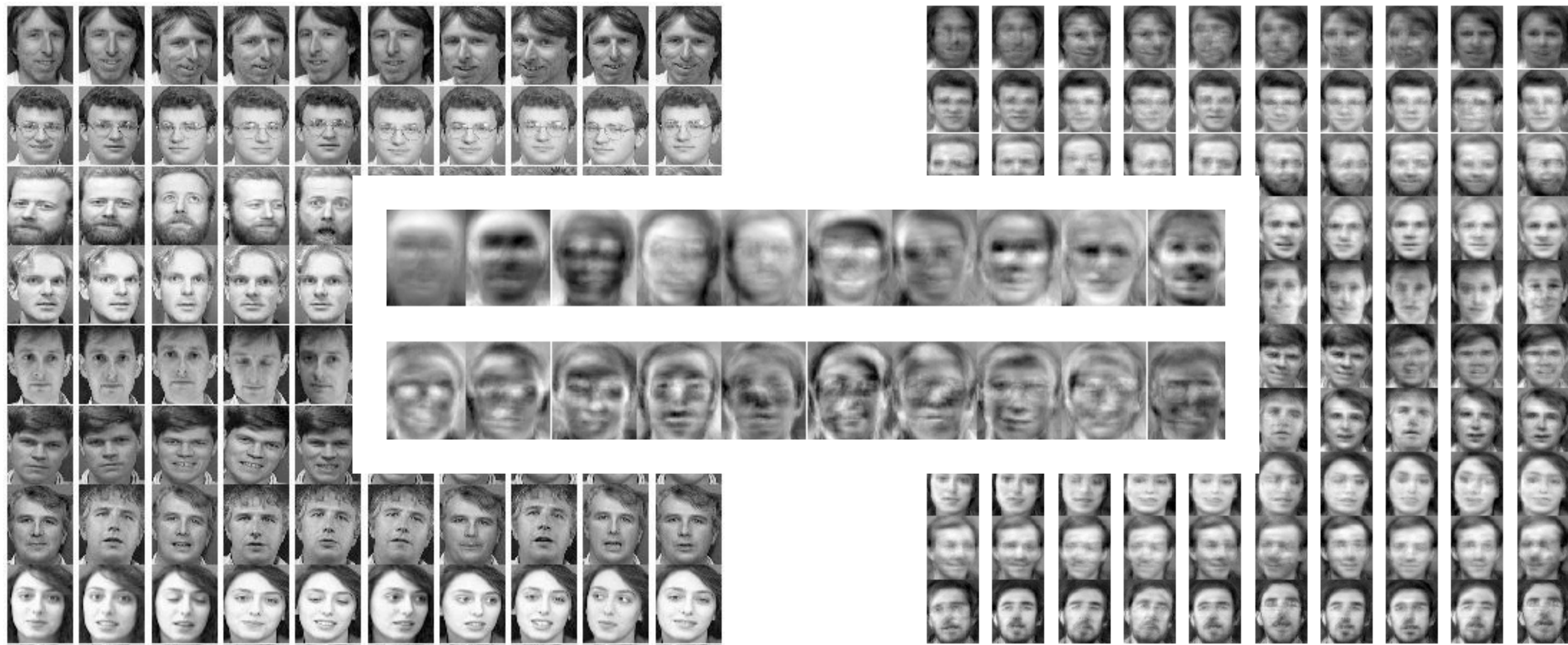
Statistical procedure that allows you to **summarize the information content** in large data tables **by means of** a smaller set of “**summary indices**” that can be more easily visualized and analyzed.



What is: PCA? (365datascience.com)

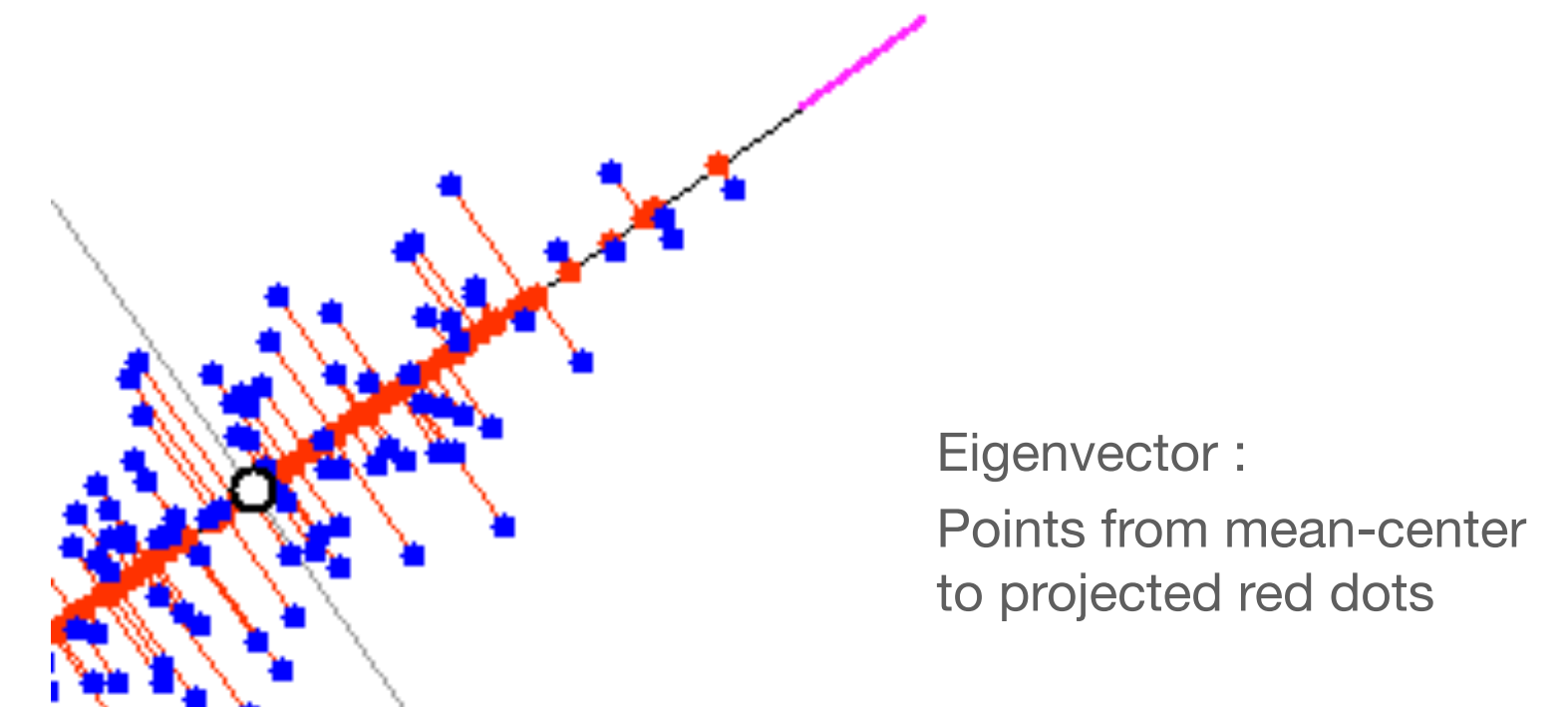
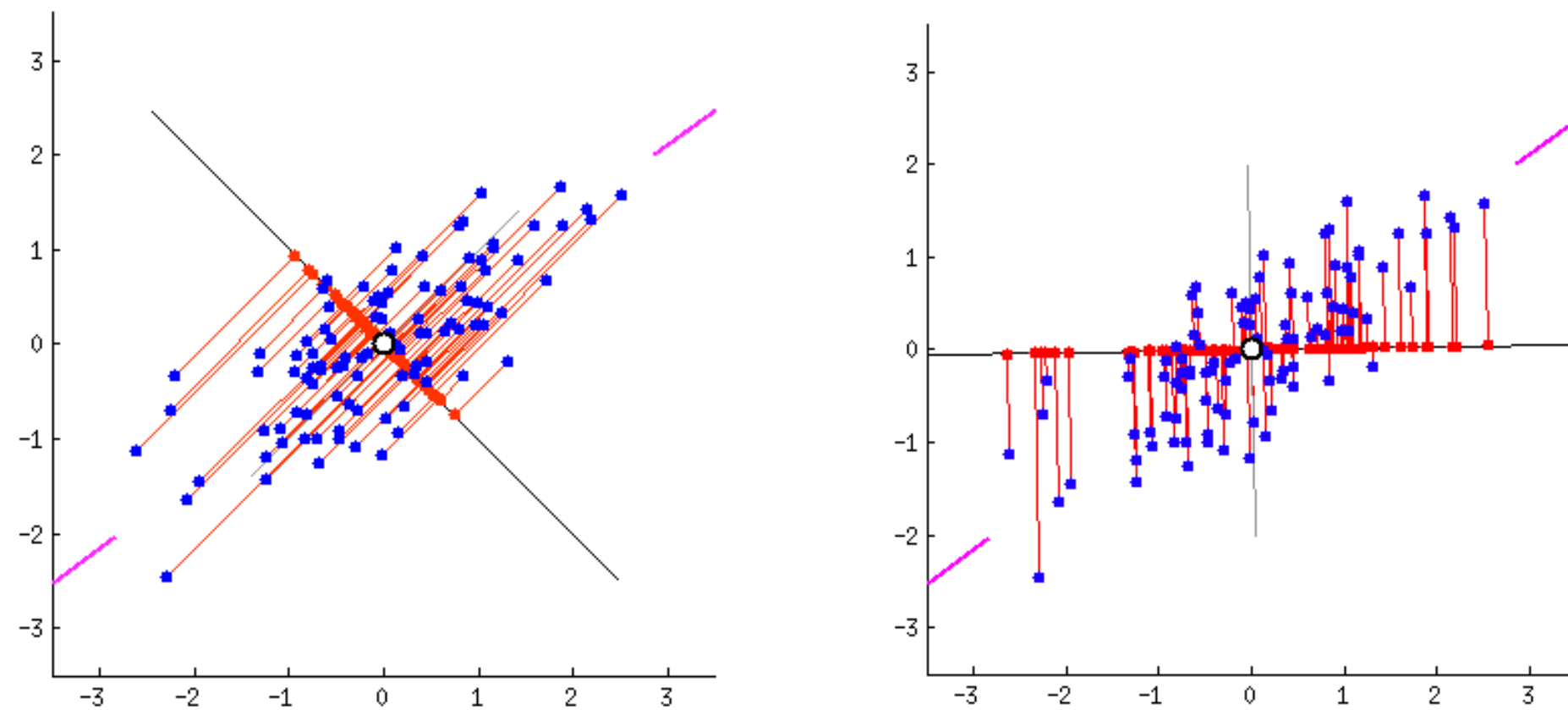
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PCA can be used to reduce dimensions of a dataset into a smaller set of dimensions by using eigenvectors of the matrices to recreate the matrices in smaller dimension.



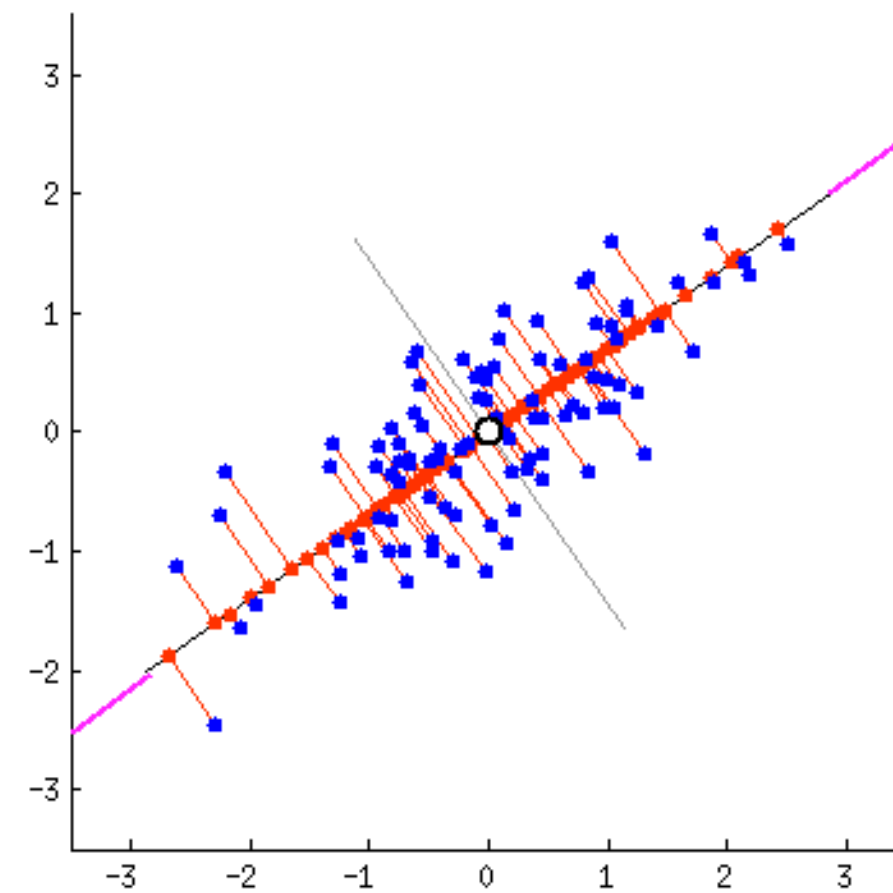
Sebastian Norena (2018) PCA applied to images of faces

I. PCA : Extracting Principal Components

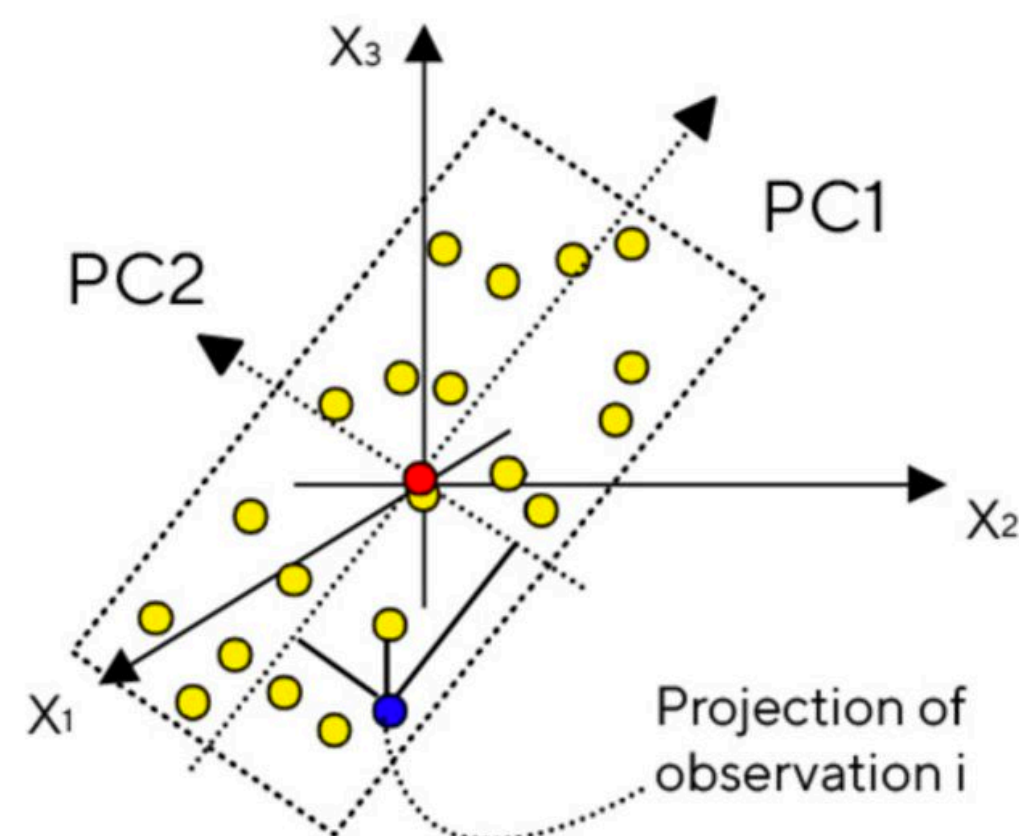
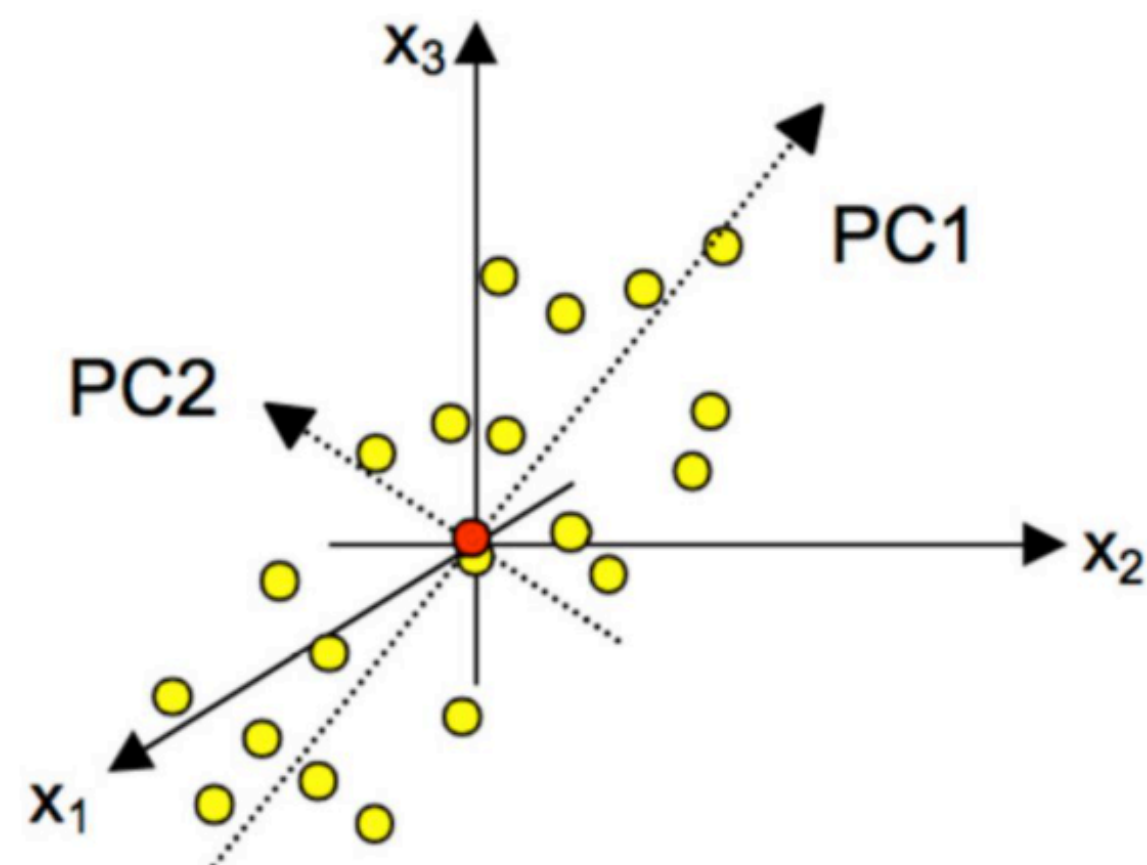


Extracting the first principal component

- Let's say there is a 2-dimensional graph with feature X and Y
- In order to find the first Principal Component, we need to find a mean-center and scale the rows to unit variance.
- Then a line is selected that has the most variance (spread of dots) - keeping the characteristic of the original features at its best.
- The eigenvectors are then calculated (vectors that start from the center to the red dot) and saved as a new feature - PC1



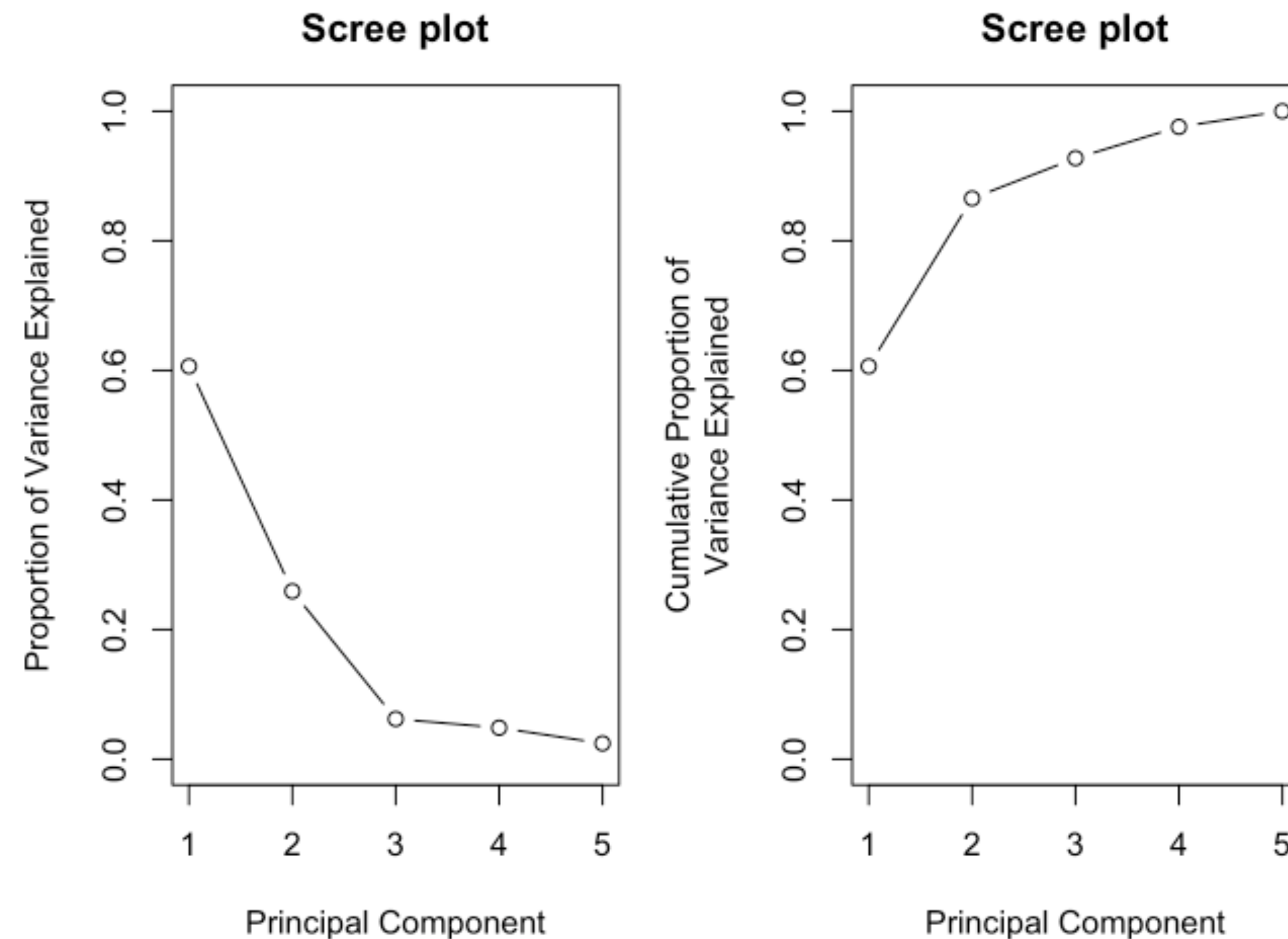
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Extracting other principal components

- The second principal component (PC2) is oriented such that it reflects the second largest source of variation in the data while being orthogonal to the first PC. PC2 also passes through the average point.
- Consequently the k-th component is calculated by finding another orthogonal principal components from the original matrix.

2. PCA : Choosing the most relevant principal components



How do we choose the number of principal components?

A widely applied approach is to decide on the number of principal components by examining a **scree plot**. By eyeballing the scree plot, and looking for a point at which the proportion of variance explained by each subsequent principal component drops off. This is often referred to as an *elbow* in the scree plot.

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Component	Initial Eigenvalues		
	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %
1	3.057	38.206	38.206
2	1.067	13.336	51.543
3	.958	11.980	63.523
4	.736	9.205	72.728
5	.622	7.770	80.498
6	.571	7.135	87.632
7	.543	6.788	94.420
8	.446	5.580	100.000

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

Kaiser rule

Other than the scree plot (elbow method) that addresses the explained variance of the principal components, we have **Kaiser's rule** to determine the number of PCs.

Kaiser rule chooses PCs with eigenvalues that are greater than 1.

3. Summary

PCA

- Powerful in dealing with multicollinearity
- Used when variables outnumber the samples ($d > n$)
- Highly affected by outliers
- Can decide on how much variance to preserve using eigenvalues

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