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Introduction to Image Processing:

# Global Operators: PCA

Principal Component Analysis

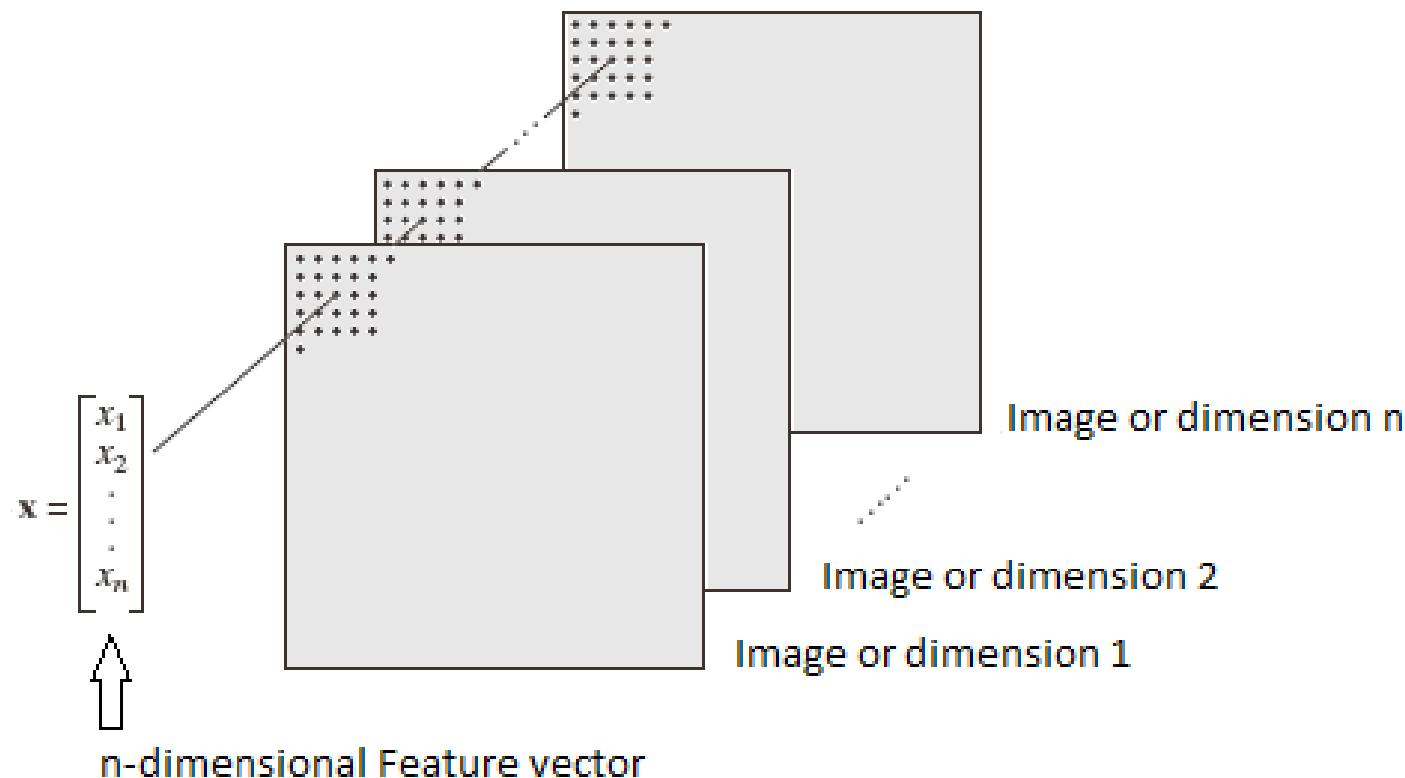
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# Global Operators: Principal Component Analysis

- The **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)** or **Principal Component Transform (PCT)** transforms a multidimensional (=multivariate) dataset.
- In image processing it is sometimes called **Karhunen-Loève** transform.
- The new **dimensions are ordered by variance**.
- The **variance of an image** can be interpreted as **contrast**.

# Global Operators: Principal Component Analysis

- The color channels of an RGB image are e.g. 3 dimensions.
- The PCA is used mostly for higher dimensionality.
- The **PCA is a statistical transform** where a single value must correspond with the values in the other dimensions at the same position:
- All values at the same position form a **feature vector**:



# Global Operators: Principal Component Analysis

- The PCA is a simple multiplication of:
  - a linear **matrix  $E$**  with **eigenvectors in the rows** with the
  - data **matrix  $X$**  with **n-dimensional feature vectors in columns**

$$X_{PC} = E \cdot X = \begin{bmatrix} e_{1x}, e_{1y}, \dots, e_{1n} \\ e_{2x}, e_{2y}, \dots, e_{2n} \\ \dots, \dots, \dots, \dots \\ e_{mx}, e_{my}, \dots, e_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1m} \\ x_{21}, x_{22}, \dots, x_{2m} \\ \dots, \dots, \dots, \dots \\ x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

- There are two methods to derive the transform matrix:
  - Eigenvalue & eigenvector decomposition with the covariance matrix.**
  - Singular Value Decomposition

# Global Operators: Principal Component Analysis

- The PCA has **similarities to the Fourier Transform (FT)**:
  - The **FT** splits a signal into a **weighted sum of orthogonal sine & cosine frequencies**.
  - The **PCA** splits a signal up into a **weighted sum of PC vectors**.

# PCA: Variance, Covariance & Covariance Matrix

- The **variance** of a 1D dataset X is defined as:

$$var(X) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$



- For two dimensions you can calculate the **covariance**:

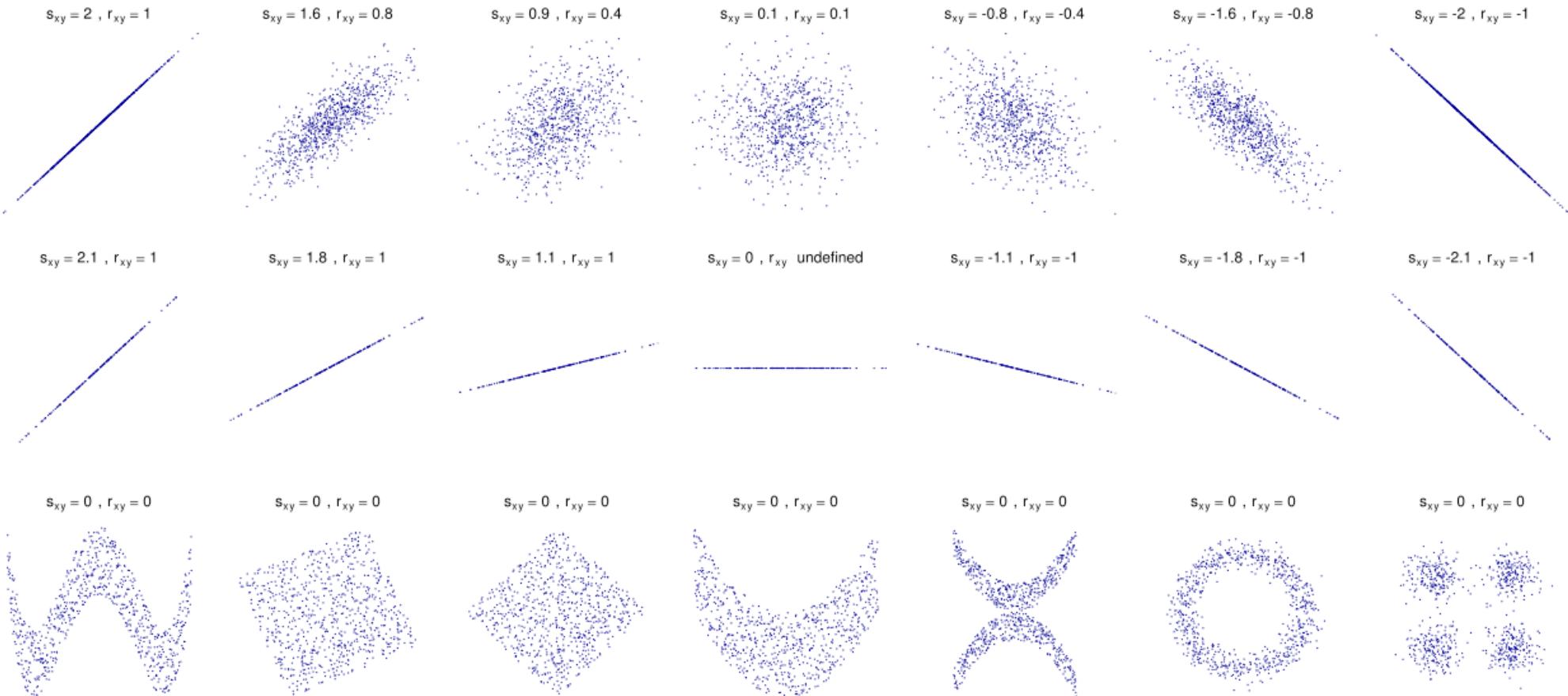
$$cov(X, Y) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})$$

- The **covariance** value can be interpreted as follows:

- A **positive value** mean a **strong positive correlation**:  
Low values in X correspond in low values in Y and vice versa.
- A **negative value** mean a **strong negative correlation**:  
Low values in X correspond to high values in Y and vice versa.
- A **zero value** mean **no correlation** at all.

# PCA: Variance, Covariance & Covariance Matrix

- The **covariance  $s_{xy}$**  of the 2D datasets X & Y:



(The  $r_{xy}$  values are the correlation value that is normalized between -1 & 1)

# PCA: Variance, Covariance & Covariance Matrix

- The  $n$  dimensions you get  $\frac{n!}{2(n-2)!}$  covariances.
- For 3 dimensions you get:  $cov(X, Y)$ ,  $cov(X, Z)$ ,  $cov(Y, Z)$
- The **covariance matrix** is the assembly of all covariances in a matrix.
- For 2D- and 3D-Data they are:

$$C_{XY} = \begin{bmatrix} cov(X, X), cov(X, Y) \\ cov(Y, X), cov(Y, Y) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{XYZ} = \begin{bmatrix} cov(X, X), cov(X, Y), cov(X, Z) \\ cov(Y, X), cov(Y, Y), cov(Y, Z) \\ cov(Z, X), cov(Z, Y), cov(Z, Z) \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA: Variance, Covariance & Covariance Matrix

- The **covariance matrix** has important properties:
  - It is symmetric: All 'real' covariances appear doubled and mirrored
  - On the diagonal are all positive variances of the single dimensions

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- These properties allow to extract the **eigenvectors & eigenvalues!**

# PCA: Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues

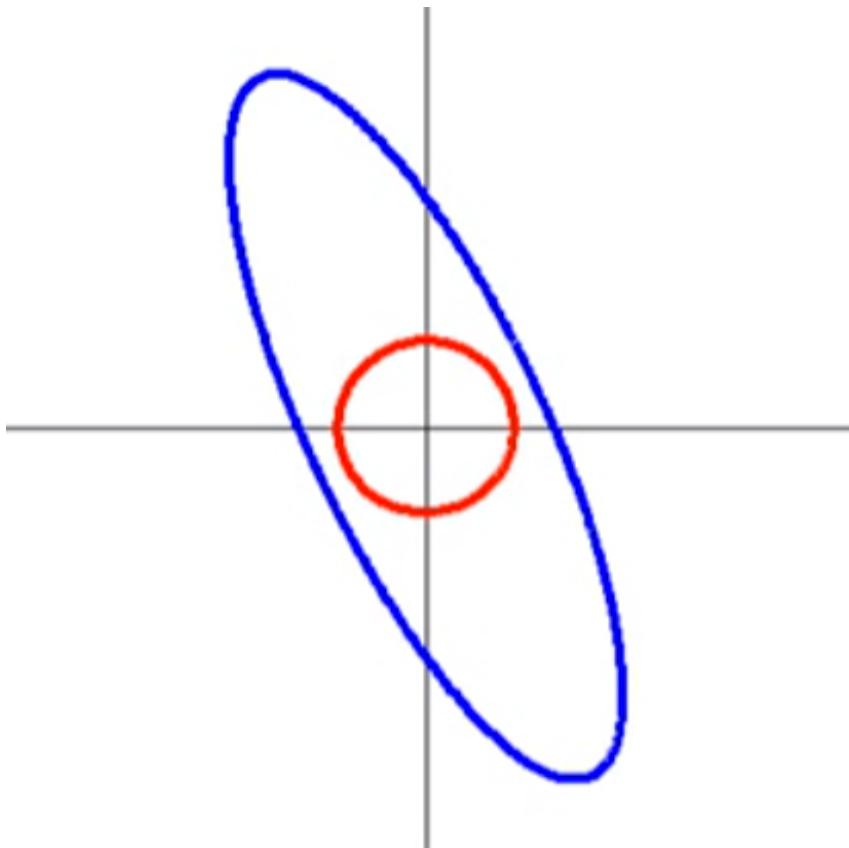
- **Eigenvectors** and **eigenvalues** can be calculated from the covariance matrix.
- An **eigenvector**  $\vec{v}$  is a **vector** and is '*eigen*' to a matrix because if you multiply it with the matrix you get the same vector scaled by the **eigenvalue**  $\lambda$  (lambda):

$$A \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}$$

# PCA: Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues

## Geometric interpretation:

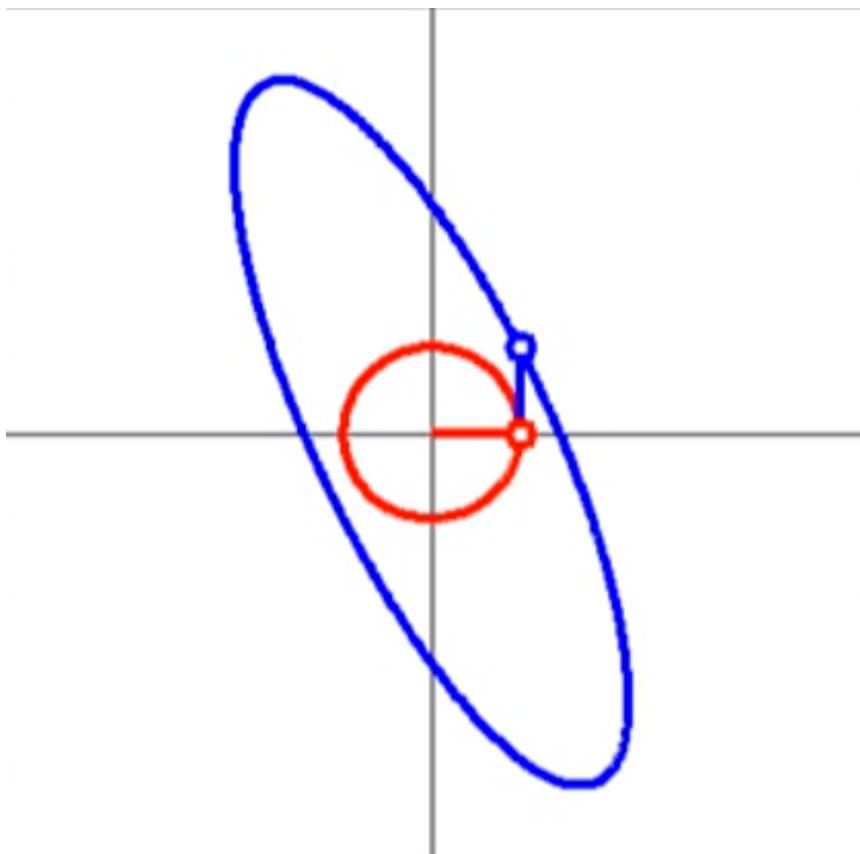
- What are the eigenvectors & eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1, -2 \\ 1, 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- If we multiply all **red points** by the matrix we get the **blue ellipse**:



# PCA: Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues

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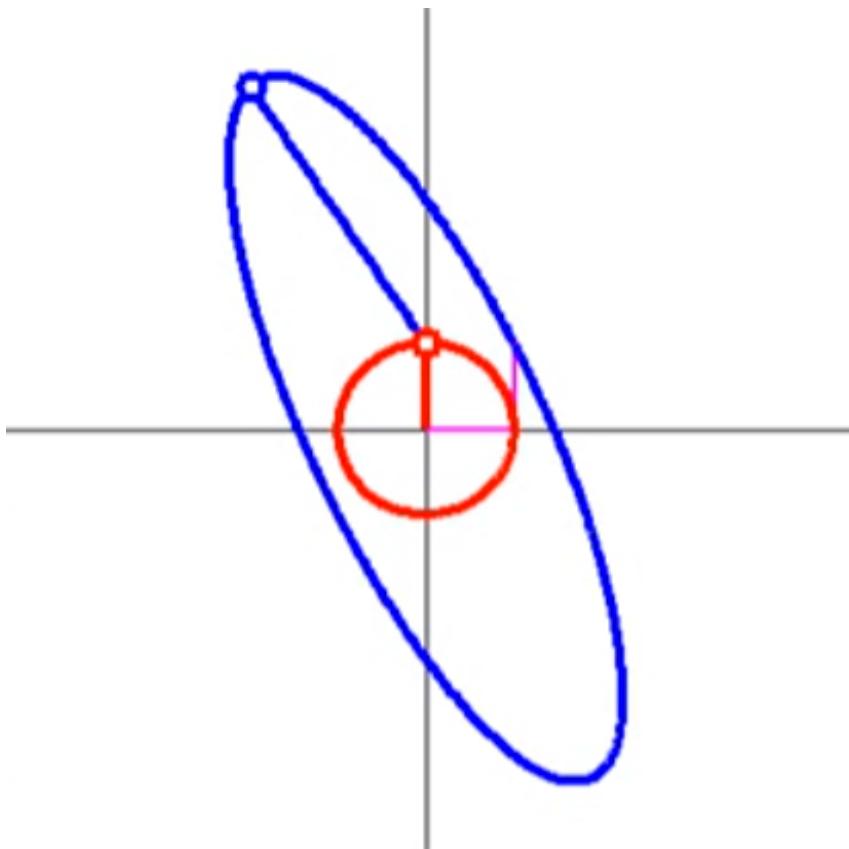
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- E.g. point [1,0] gets point [1,1]:



# PCA: Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues

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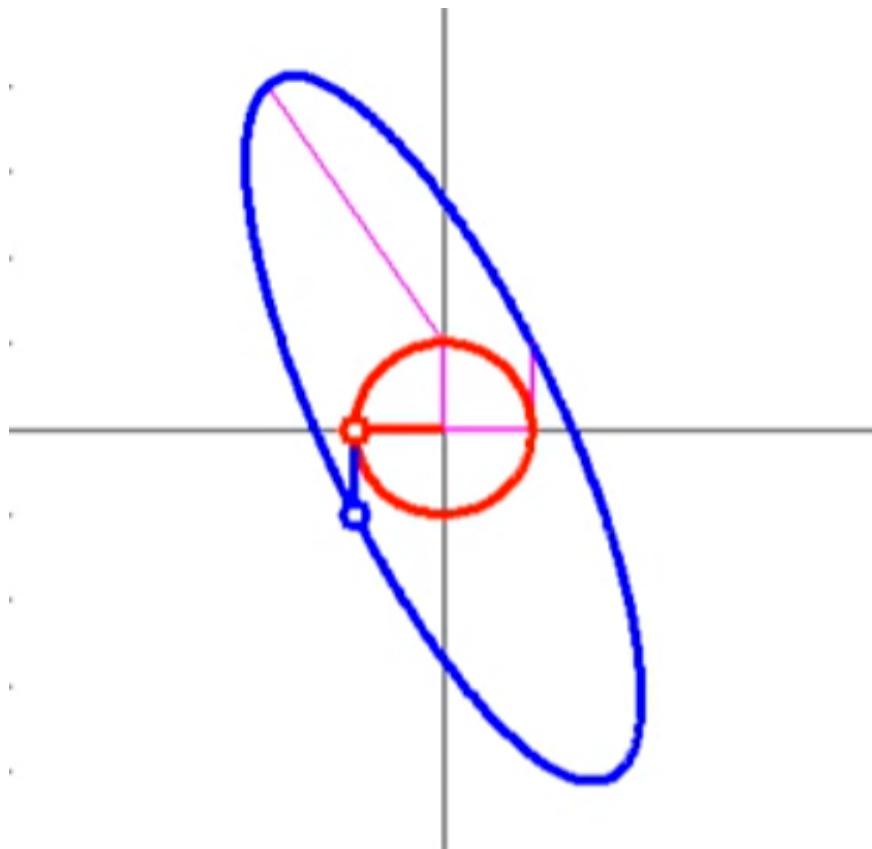
- What are the eigenvectors & eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1, -2 \\ 1, 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- or point [0,1] gets point [-2,4]:



# PCA: Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues

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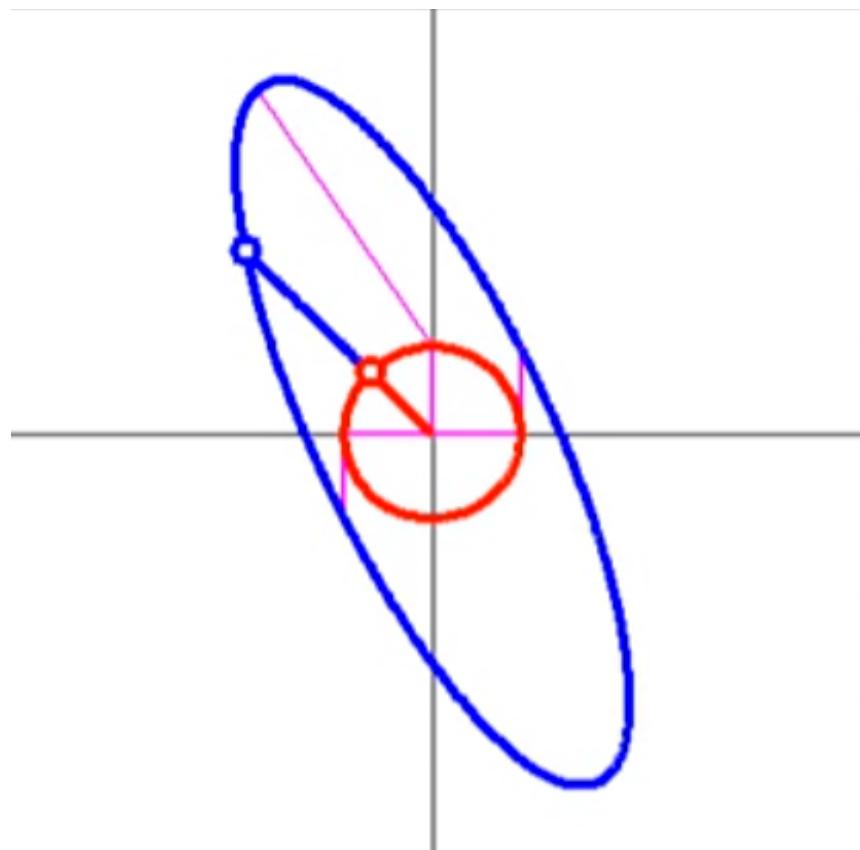
- What are the eigenvectors & eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1, -2 \\ 1, 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- or point  $[-1, 0]$  gets point  $[-1, -1]$ :



# PCA: Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues

## Geometric interpretation:

- What are the eigenvectors & eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1, -2 \\ 1, 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- but point  $[-0.71, 0.71]$  gets point  $[-2.1, 2.1]$ . It has the same direction!



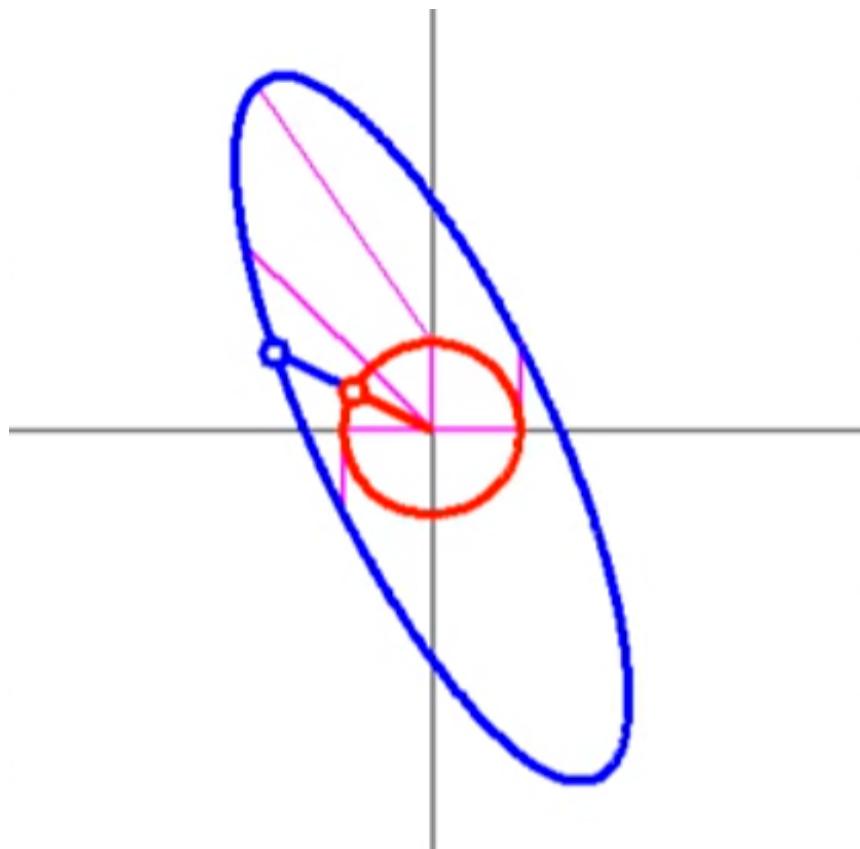
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1, -2 \\ 1, 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -0.71 \\ 0.71 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2.1 \\ 2.1 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} -0.71 \\ 0.71 \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvector  
eigenvalue

# PCA: Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues

## Geometric interpretation:

- What are the eigenvectors & eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1, -2 \\ 1, 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- and point  $[-0.89, 0.45]$  gets point  $[-1.8, 0.89]$ . It has the same direction!

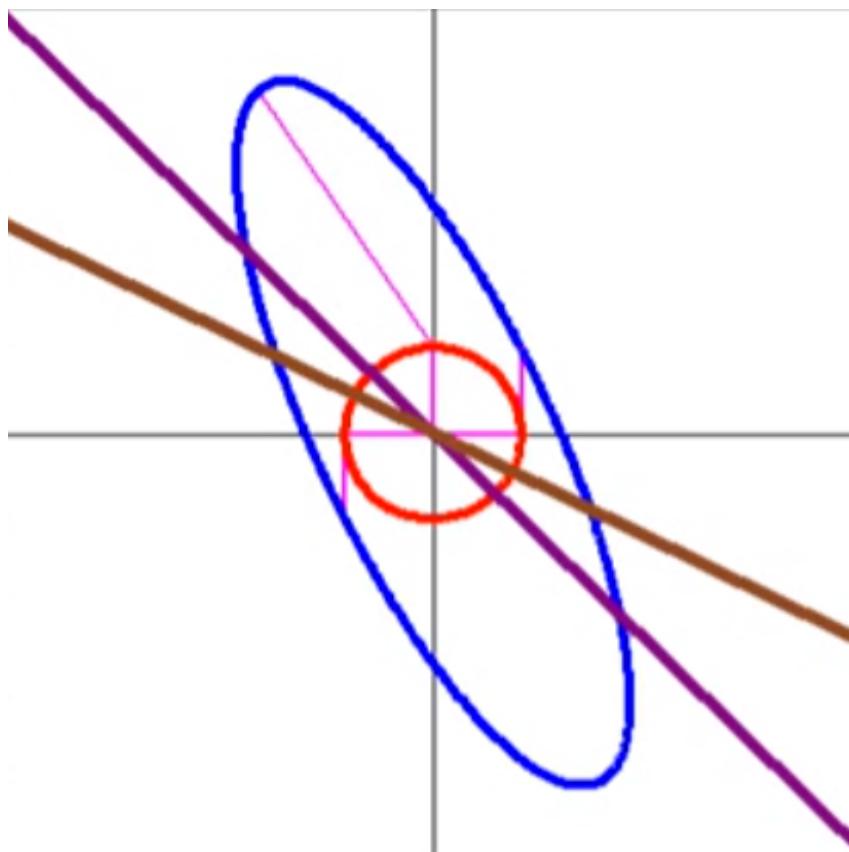


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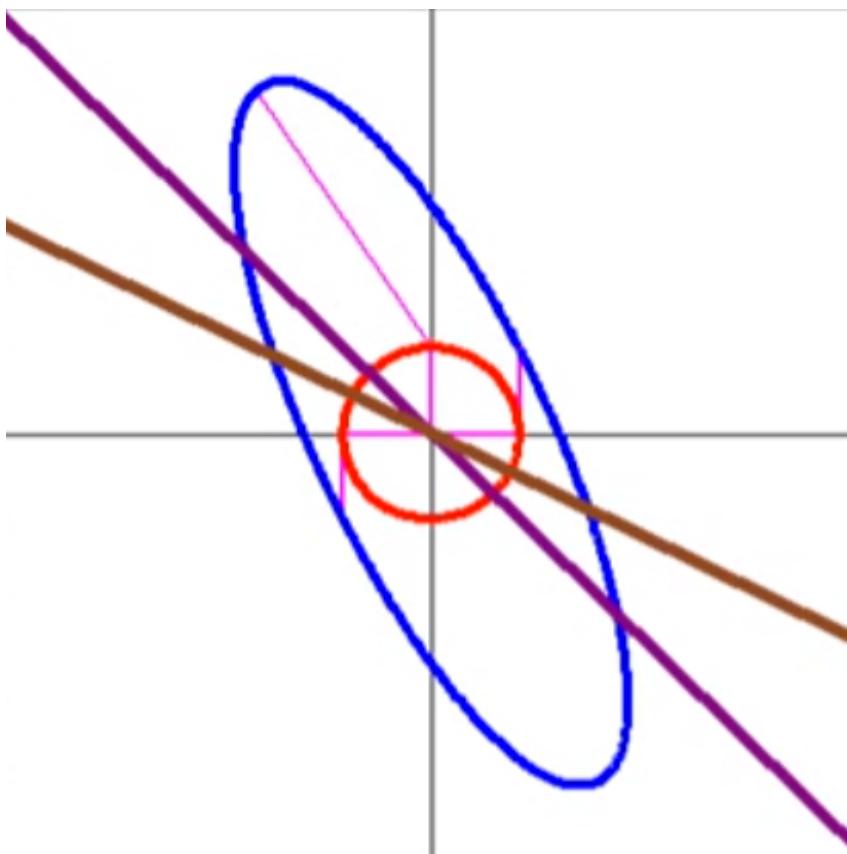
# PCA: Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues

- **Geometric interpretation:**
- What are the eigenvectors & eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1, -2 \\ 1, 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- All points on the eigenvector directions remain on it and get scaled by the eigenvalues:



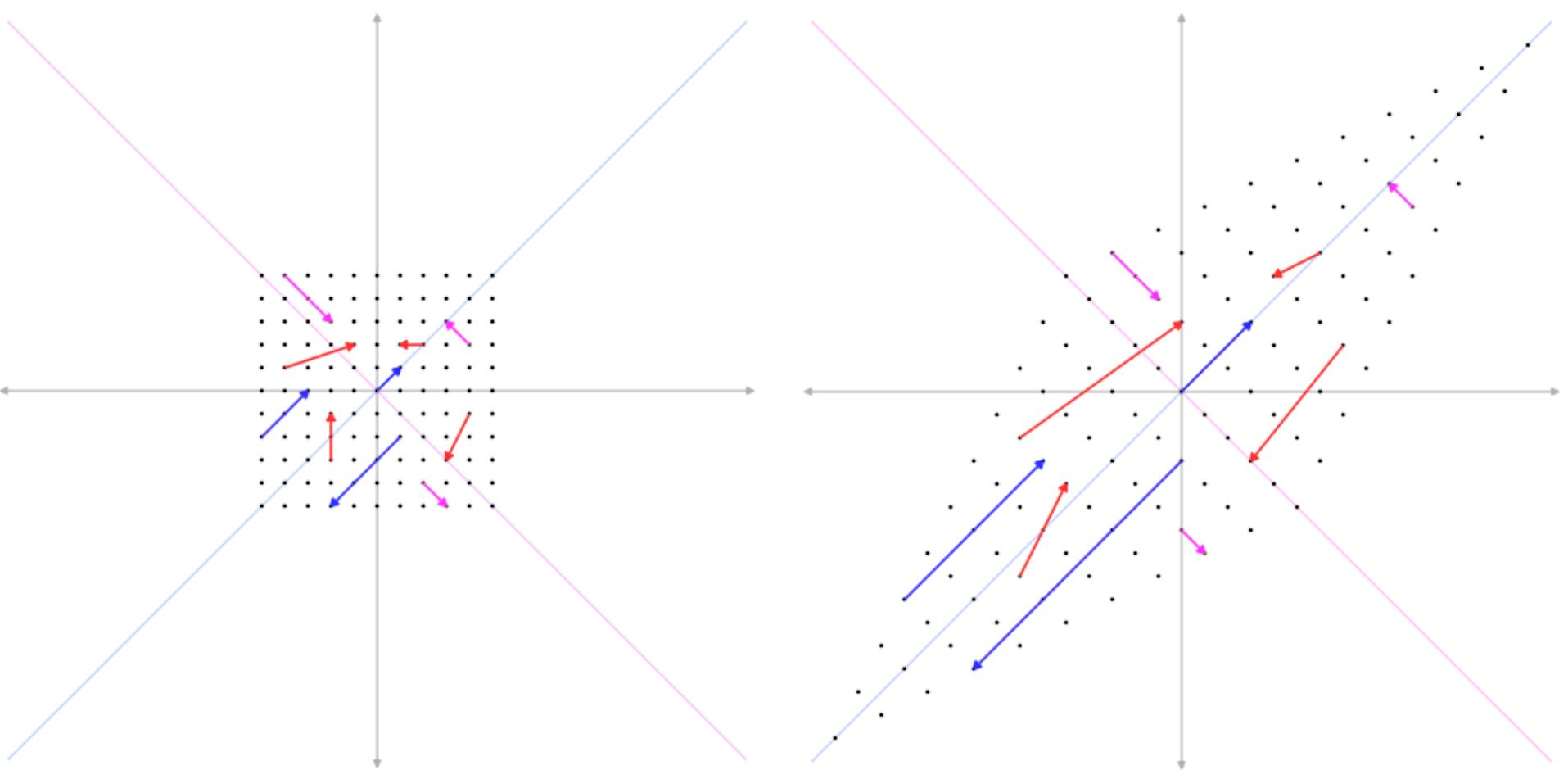
# PCA: Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues

- **Geometric interpretation:**
- What are the eigenvectors & eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1, -2 \\ 1, 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- The eigenvectors are here not orthogonal because of the **asymmetric** matrix.



# PCA: Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues

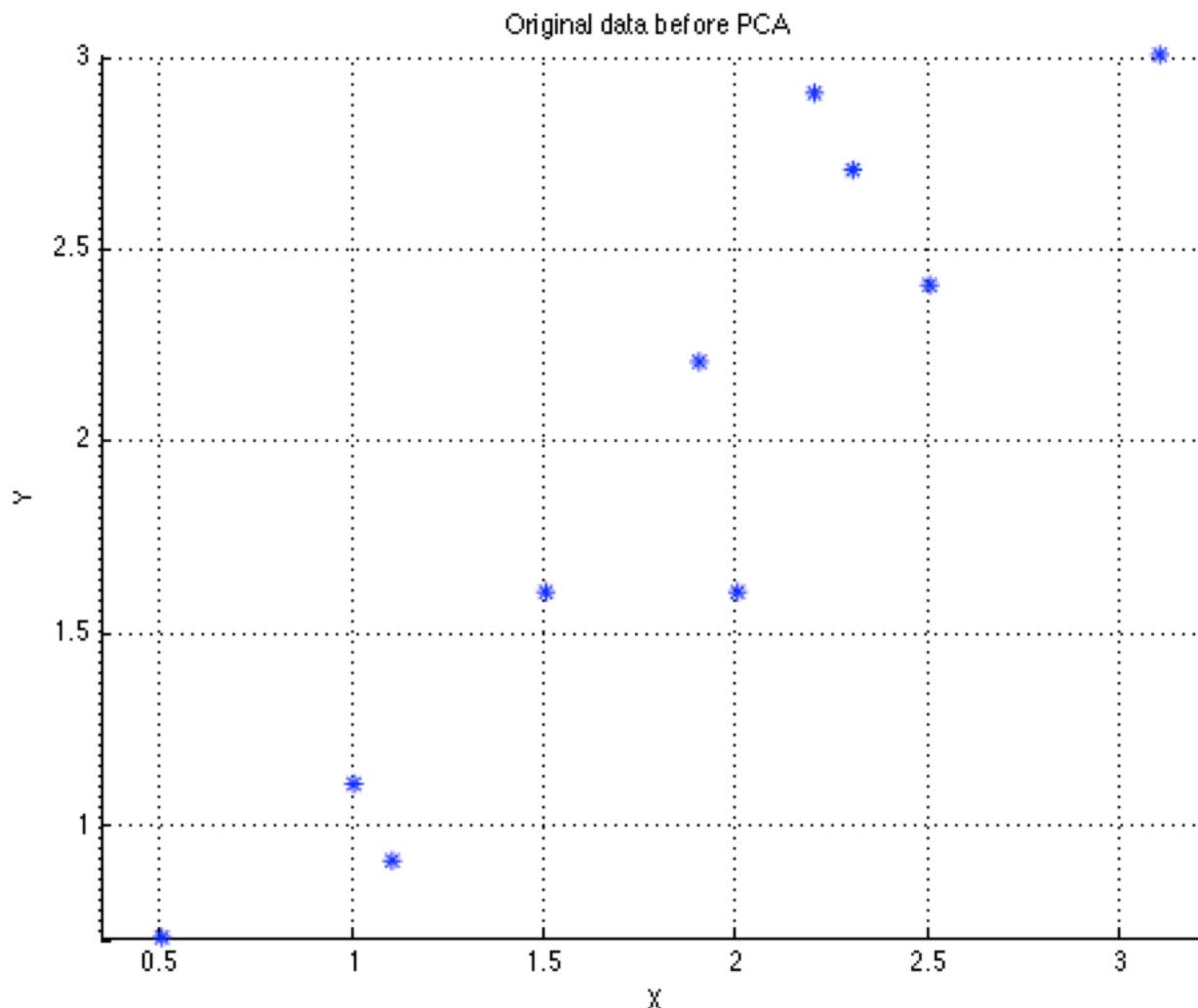
- The transformation matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2, 1 \\ 1, 2 \end{bmatrix}$  preserves the vectors parallel to the eigenvectors:
- Red vectors are not eigenvectors:



Source: Wikipedia

# PCA: Simple Example

- For demo purpose we use a very simple 2D dataset (PCAExample1.m)
- X & Y are columns in the data matrix XY
- X & Y Variable are **positive correlated**:



$$XY = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5, 2.4 \\ 0.5, 0.7 \\ 2.2, 2.9 \\ 1.9, 2.2 \\ 3.1, 3.0 \\ 2.3, 2.7 \\ 2.0, 1.6 \\ 1.0, 1.1 \\ 1.5, 1.6 \\ 1.1, 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA: Simple Example

- **Step 1: Covariance Matrix, Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues**

- From the data matrix XY we build the covariance matrix C:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6166, 0.6154 \\ 0.6154, 0.7166 \end{bmatrix}$$

- From the covariance matrix C we extract the eigenvectors & eigenvalues.
- Both are packed in matrices:

$$eigvec = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7352, 0.6779 \\ 0.6779, 0.7352 \end{bmatrix} \quad eigval = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0491, 0 \\ 0, 1.2840 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA: Simple Example

- **Step 2: Extract & Sort Eigenvalues**
- We extract the eigenvalues from the diagonal and sort them:

$$eigval = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0491, 0 \\ 0, 1.2840 \end{bmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad eigval = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2840 \\ 0.0491 \end{bmatrix}$$

- We sort the eigenvectors accordingly:

$$eigvec = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7352, 0.6779 \\ 0.6779, 0.7352 \end{bmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad eigvec = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6779, -0.7352 \\ 0.7352, 0.6779 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The eigenvector of the principal component is now in the left column.

# PCA: Simple Example

- **Step 3a: PCA with all eigenvectors**

- We first **subtract** the mean from the dataset XY:

$$XY = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5, 2.4 \\ 0.5, 0.7 \\ 2.2, 2.9 \\ 1.9, 2.2 \\ 3.1, 3.0 \\ 2.3, 2.7 \\ 2.0, 1.6 \\ 1.0, 1.1 \\ 1.5, 1.6 \\ 1.1, 0.9 \end{bmatrix} - [1.81, 1.91] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.69, 0.49 \\ -1.31, -1.21 \\ 0.39, 0.99 \\ 0.09, 0.29 \\ 1.29, 1.09 \\ 0.49, 0.79 \\ 0.19, -0.31 \\ -0.81, -0.81 \\ -0.31, -0.31 \\ -0.71, -1.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Then we **transpose** the shifted dataset:

$$XY0^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.69, -1.31, 0.39, 0.09, 1.29, 0.49, 0.19, -0.81, -0.31, -0.71 \\ 0.49, -1.21, 0.99, 0.29, 1.09, 0.79, -0.31, -0.81, -0.31, -1.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA: Simple Example

- **Step 3a: PCA with all eigenvectors**

- We also transpose the eigenvectors.

The major eigenvector is now in the top row:

$$eigvec = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6779, -0.7352 \\ 0.7352, 0.6779 \end{bmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad eigvec^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6779, 0.7352 \\ -0.7352, 0.6779 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The PCA is now **a simple matrix multiplication**:

$$XY2 = eigvec^T \cdot XY0^T$$

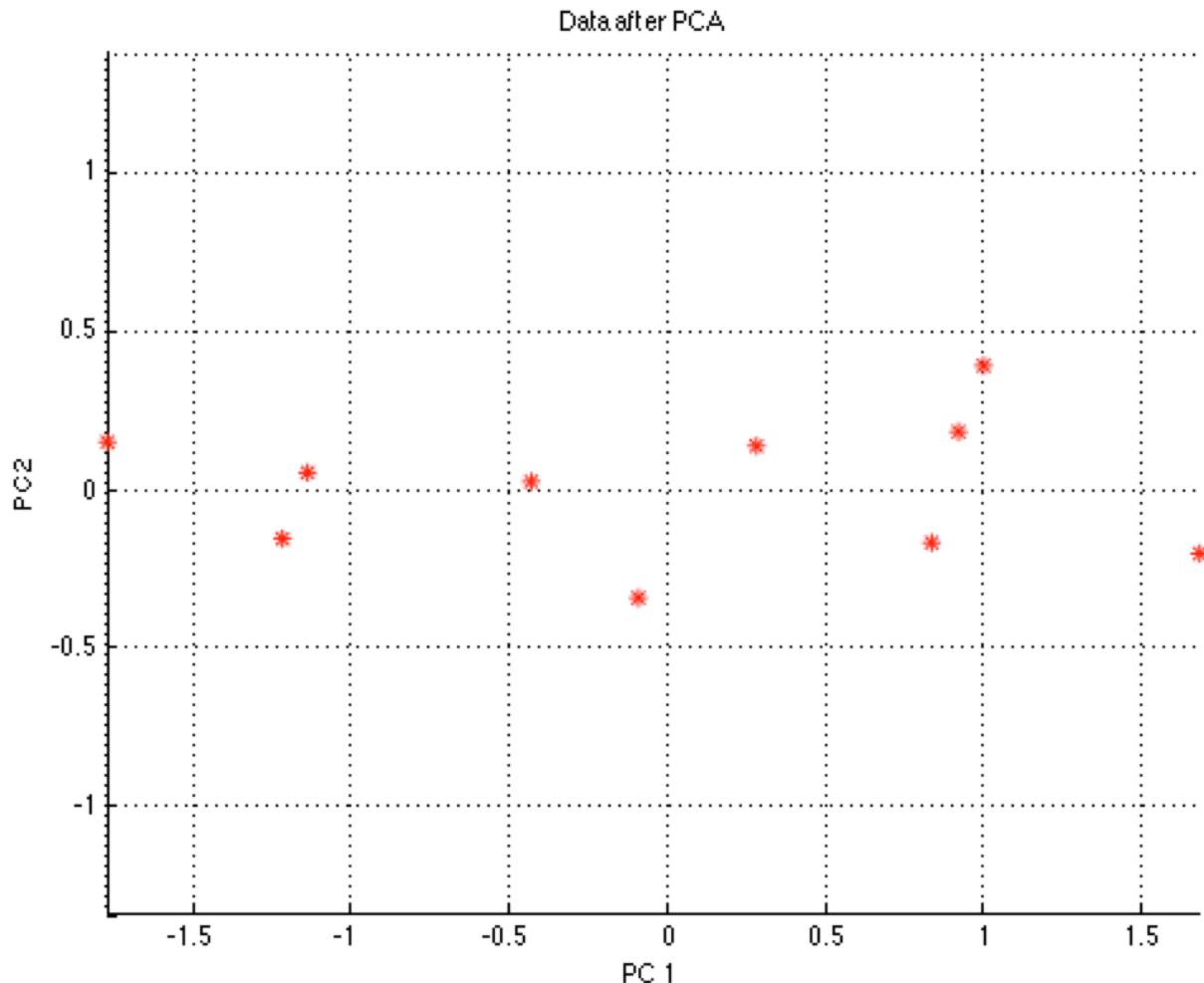
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$$XY2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8280, -1.7776, 0.9922, 0.2742, 1.6758, 0.9129, -0.0991, -1.1446, -0.4380, -1.2238 \\ -0.1751, 0.1429, 0.3844, 0.1304, -0.2095, 0.1753, -0.3498, 0.0464, 0.0178, -0.1627 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA: Simple Example

- **Step 3a: PCA with all eigenvectors**

- For visualization we have to transpose it back to a column data matrix.
- The **x-axis** became the **principal component**.
- PC1 & PC2 values are now **decorrelated**:



$$XY2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8280, -0.1751 \\ -1.7776, 0.1429 \\ 0.9922, 0.3844 \\ 0.2742, 0.1304 \\ 1.6758, -0.2095 \\ 0.9129, 0.1753 \\ -0.0991, -0.3498 \\ -1.1446, 0.0464 \\ -0.4380, 0.0178 \\ -1.2238, -0.1627 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA: Simple Example

- **Step 3b: PCA with only the major eigenvector**

- We simply multiply only the major component (the top row) with the dataset  $XY0^T$ :

$$XY1 = \text{eigvec}(:,1)^T \cdot XY0^T$$

$$XY1 = [0.6779, 0.7352] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0.69, -1.31, 0.39, 0.09, 1.29, 0.49, 0.19, -0.81, -0.31, -0.71 \\ 0.49, -1.21, 0.99, 0.29, 1.09, 0.79, -0.31, -0.81, -0.31, -1.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

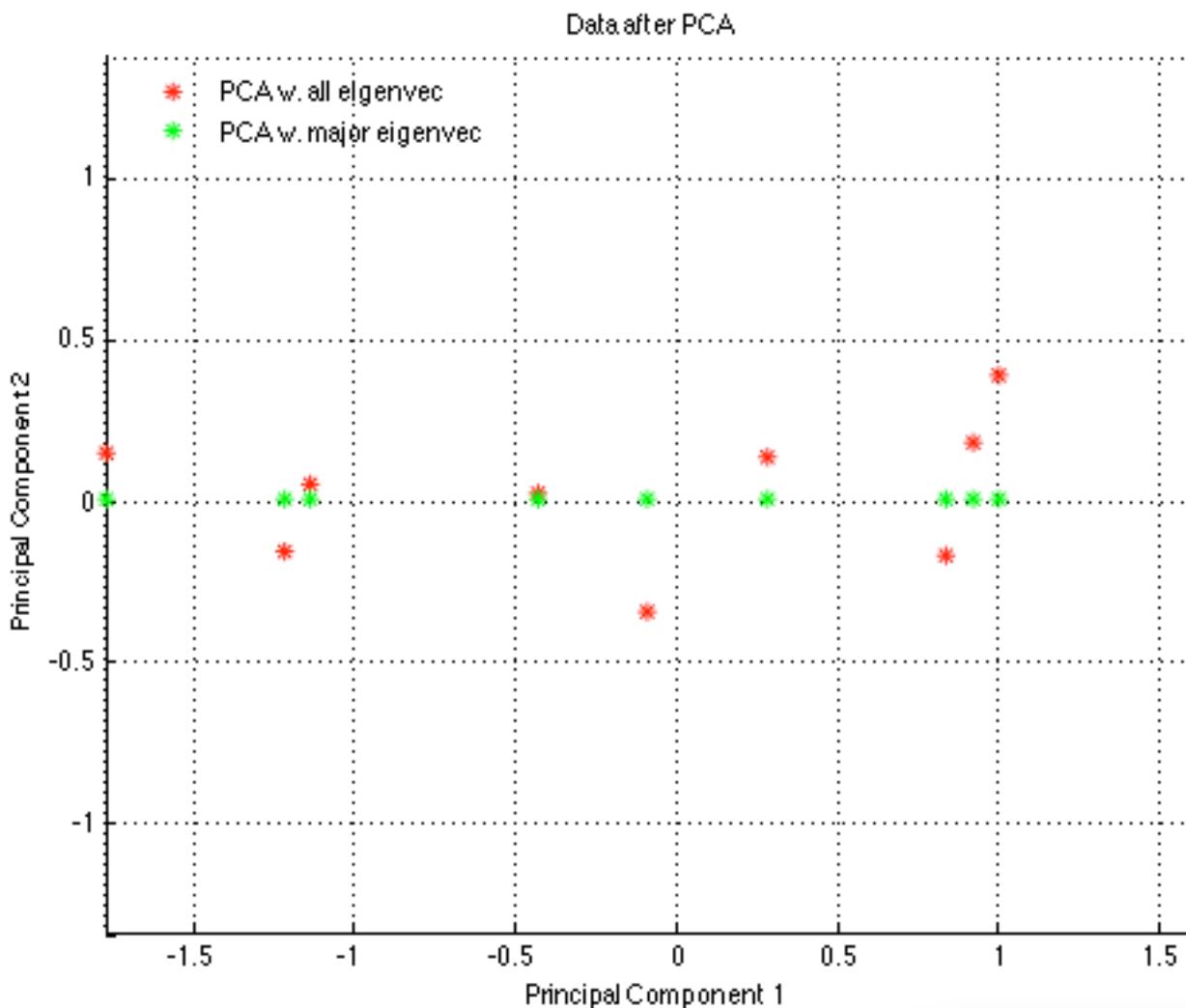
- We loose one dimension (the y-values):

$$XY1 = [0.69, -1.31, 0.39, 0.09, 1.29, 0.49, 0.19, -0.81, -0.31, -0.71]$$

# PCA: Simple Example

- **Step 3b: PCA with only the major eigenvector**

- For visualization we have to transpose it back to a column data matrix.
- **All values lie on the x-axis (the principal component):**



$$XYI = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8280 \\ -1.7776 \\ 0.9922 \\ 0.2742 \\ 1.6758 \\ 0.9129 \\ -0.0991 \\ -1.1446 \\ -0.4380 \\ -1.2238 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA: Simple Example

- **Step 4: Reconstruction**

- Most transforms make only sense if we can back transform the data.

- **Foreward <> Backward**

- **Analysis <> Synthesis**

- **PCA: Principal Component Analysis**

- **PCS: Principal Component Synthesis**

# PCA: Simple Example

## • Step 4: Reconstruction

- We simply **use the inverse of the forward eigenvector matrix**.
- Because it is a **linear transform** we get the inverse by **transposing** it:
  - For the full back transform:

$$\text{inverse}(\text{eigvec}^T) = \text{inverse} \begin{pmatrix} 0.6779, 0.7352 \\ -0.7352, 0.6779 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6779, -0.7352 \\ 0.7352, 0.6779 \end{pmatrix}$$



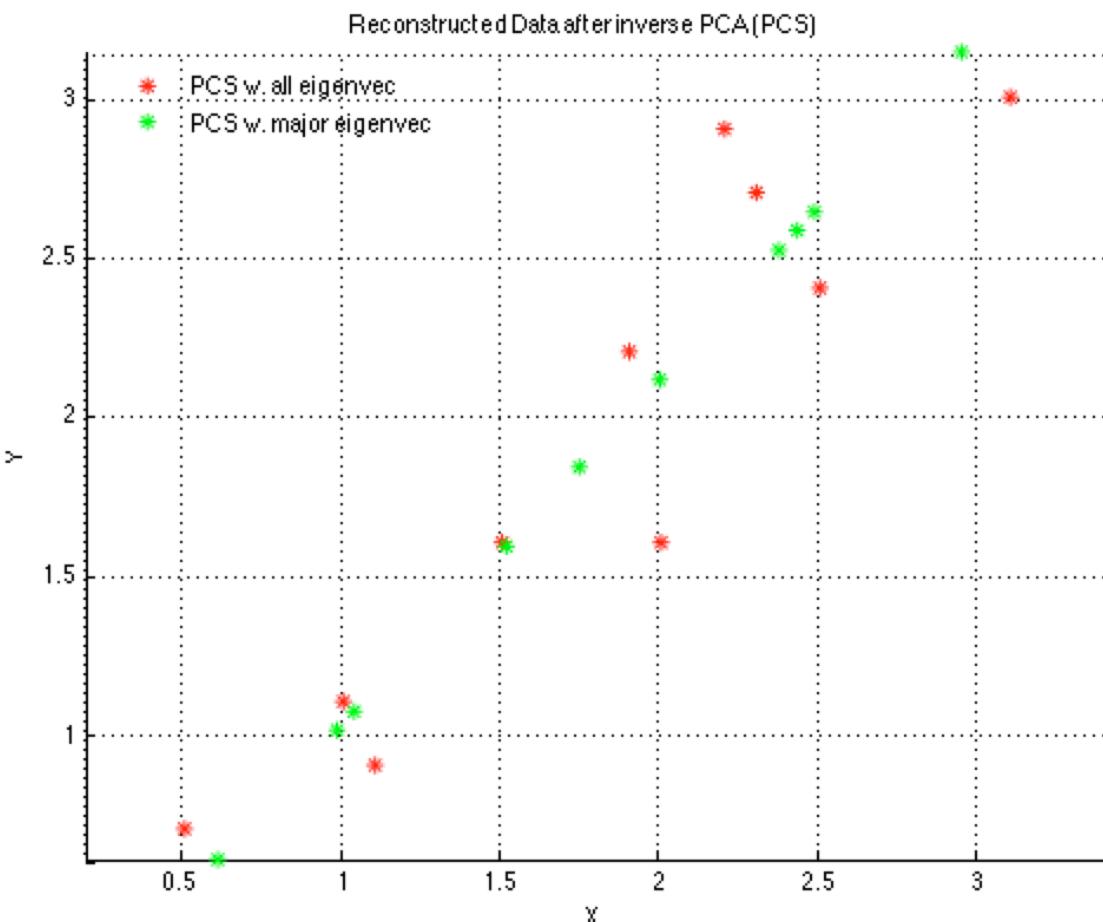
- For the back transform with only the major eigenvector:

$$\text{inverse}(\text{eigvec}(:, 1)^T) = \text{inverse} ([0.6779, 0.7352]) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6779 \\ 0.7352 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA: Simple Example

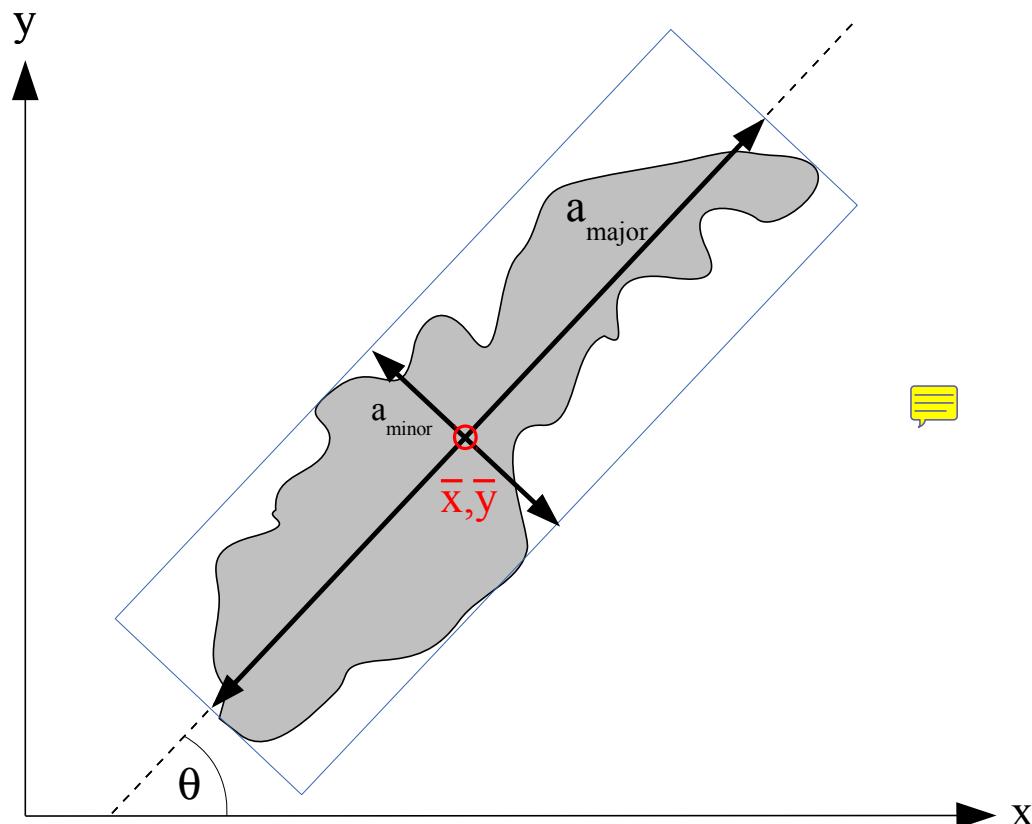
## • Step 4: Reconstruction

- We have to transpose and add back the mean.
- The **original data** has no data loss.
- The **principal component** data lost its 2nd component:



# PCA Applications: Determine Orientation & Axis

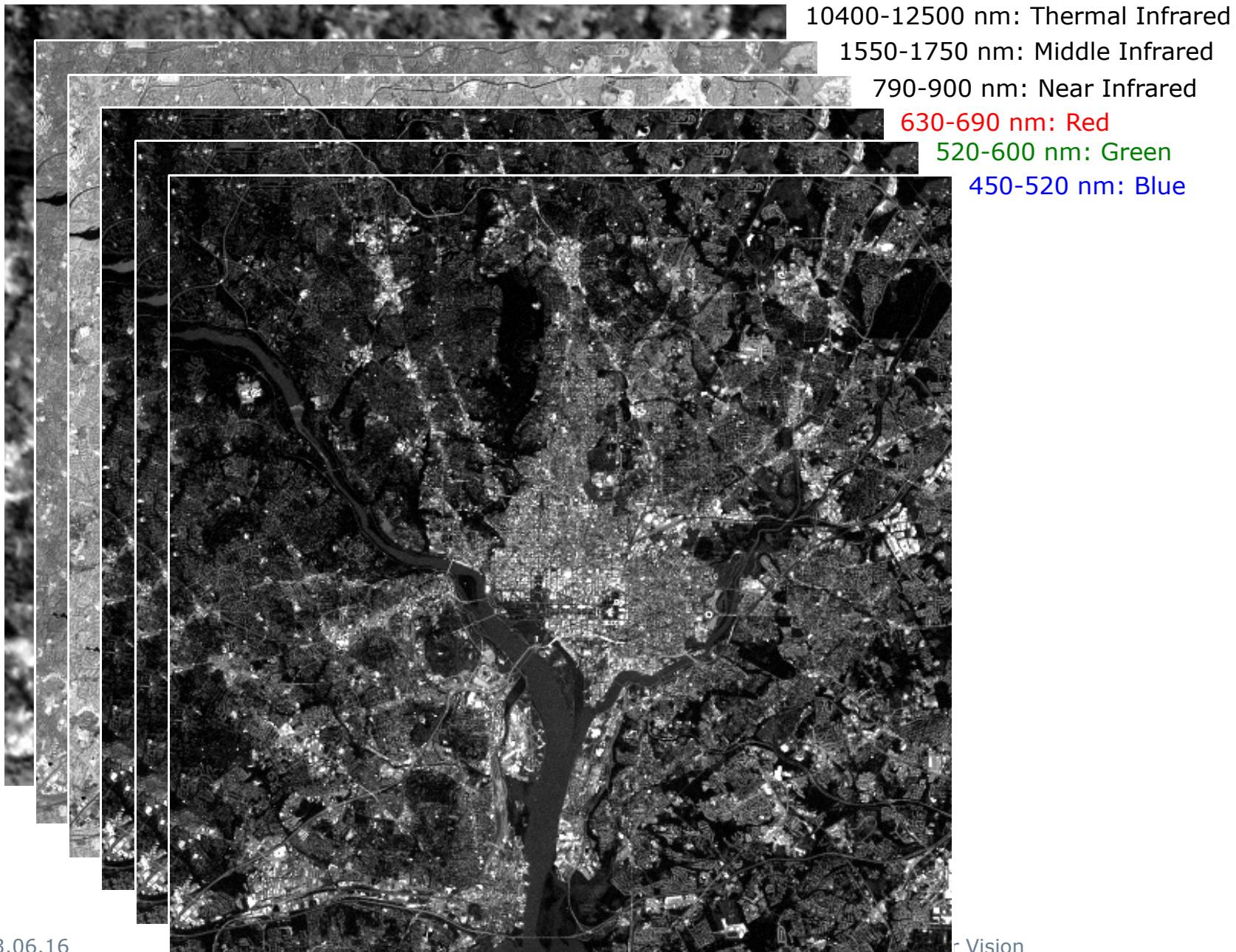
- For a square & symmetric  $n \times n$  Matrix you get  $n$  eigenvectors & values.
- Eigenvectors are always **orthogonal** & correspond to **the major axis**.
- Eigenvectors are normally returned as **unit vectors**.
- Eigenvalues correspond to **standard deviation  $\sigma=1$**



See **PCAExample2.m**

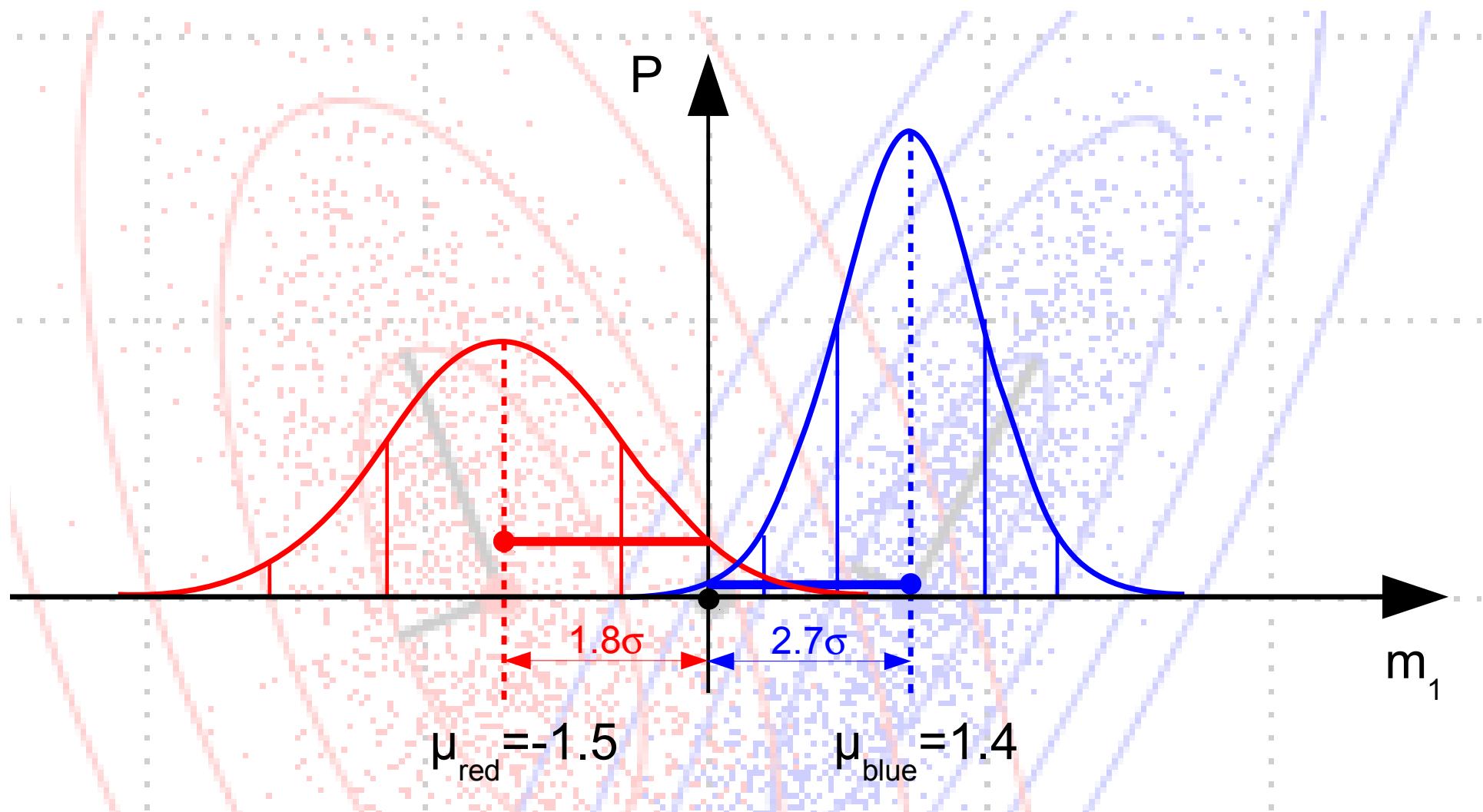
# PCA Applications: Dimensionality Reduction

- We can use the PCA to reduce the six-dimensional satellite data:



# PCA Applications: Statistical Classification

- We can use the PCA for better classification using the **probability density for the class assignment**:



# PCA Applications: Pattern Matching

- We can use the PCA for **Face Recognition**:

