

Principle Component Analysis

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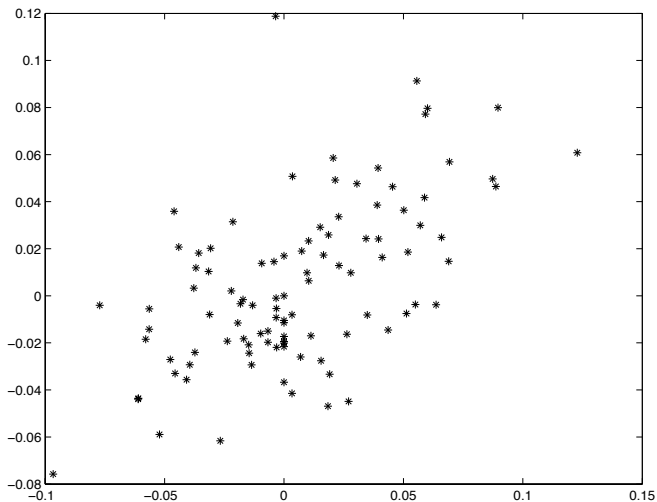
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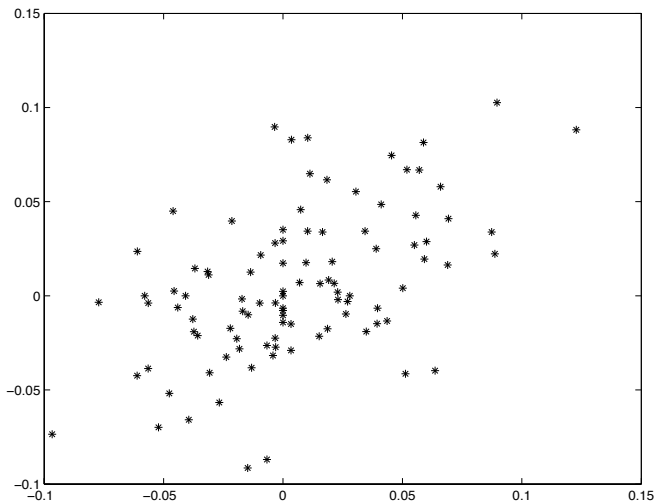
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Week	Allied Chemical	Du Pont	Union Carbide	Exxon	Texaco
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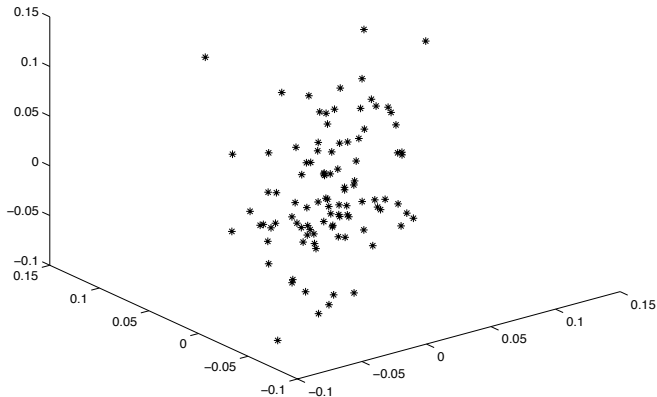
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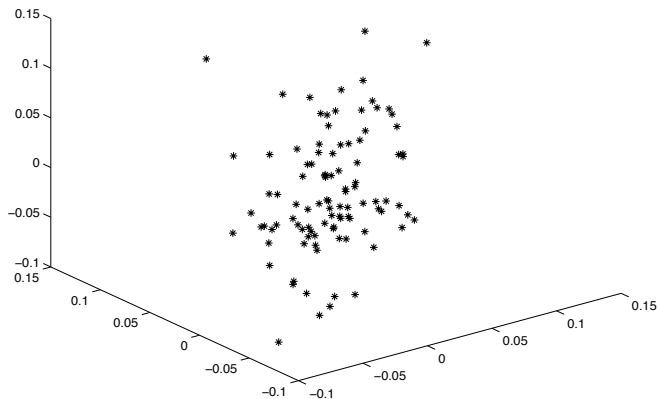
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where \mathbf{X}_j is the j th row in the data matrix.

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$$\rho = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \dots & \rho \\ \rho & 1 & \dots & \rho \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ \rho & \rho & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\lambda_1 = 1 + (p-1)\rho$, $\mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{1}_p/\sqrt{p}$, $\lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_p = 1 - \rho$.

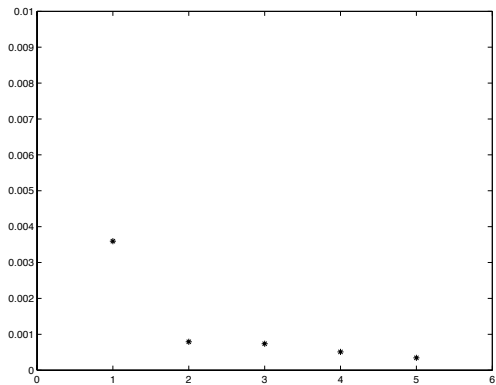
How many principal components?

If we want to “reduce dimension” in the problem we use the k first principal components. How to choose k without losing too much information in the data?

Screeplot

Plot the eigenvalues $\hat{\lambda}_i$ against i . This will give a tool for determining the number of principal components for data reduction.

“Elbow” criteria – Look at the shape created by the points.



Other methods

1 With

$$\psi_k = \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_k}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_p}$$

(where the eigenvalues are ordered in decreasing order)
choose k such that $\psi_k \geq c$ for some c . (Often $c = 0.9$.)

- ## 2 Kaisers rule: Exclude all principal components with eigenvalues less than the mean of the eigenvalues. (If PCA is based on the correlation matrix this mean is 1.)

Points to ponder:

- 1: Principal component i has variance λ_i .
- 2: Can compare λ_i to $\sum_i \lambda_i = \text{trace}(\mathbf{\Sigma})$.
- 3: Try to interpret components; often leading component is some sort of average then others are contrasts.
- 4: To estimate replace $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ by \mathbf{S} .
- 5: Process can be done on original \mathbf{X} or on standardized variates: $Z_i = (X_i - \mu_i)/\sigma_{ii}$ Covariance matrix of Z_i is ρ , correlation matrix.
- 6: General advice: use \mathbf{S} when different variables in \mathbf{X} are commensurate (same units, comparable). Use \mathbf{R} otherwise.

Outline

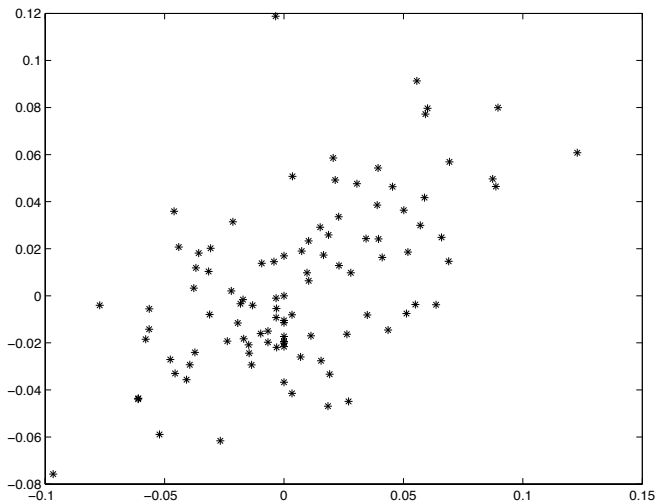
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NY Stock Exchange – Example

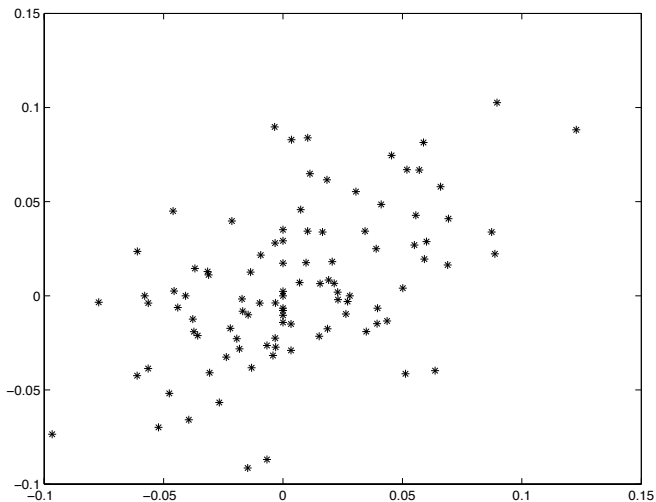
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Data available [here](#)

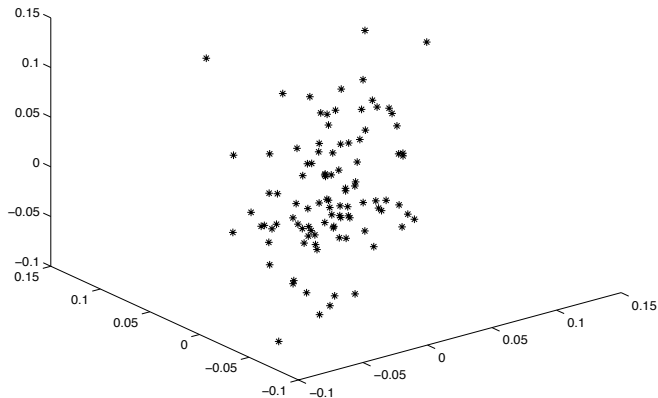
Allied Chemical vs Du Pont



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Allied Chemical, Du Pont and Union Carbide



Code to produce PCA

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SE=read.table("StockExchange.txt")

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R=cor(SE)

EV1=eigen(S)
EV2=eigen(R)

SEV1=sum(EV1$values)
SEV2=sum(EV2$values)

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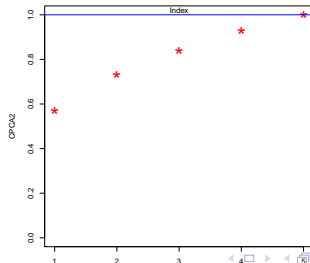
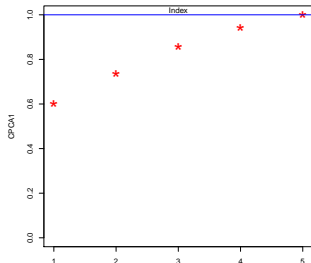
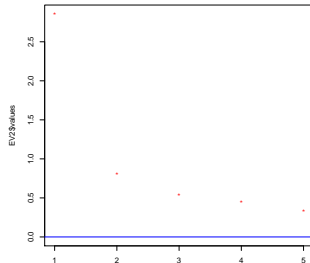
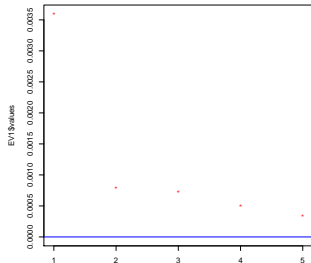
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- Note that for standardized PCA \mathbf{A} is the identity matrix.

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