

# PCA and Kernel PCA basics

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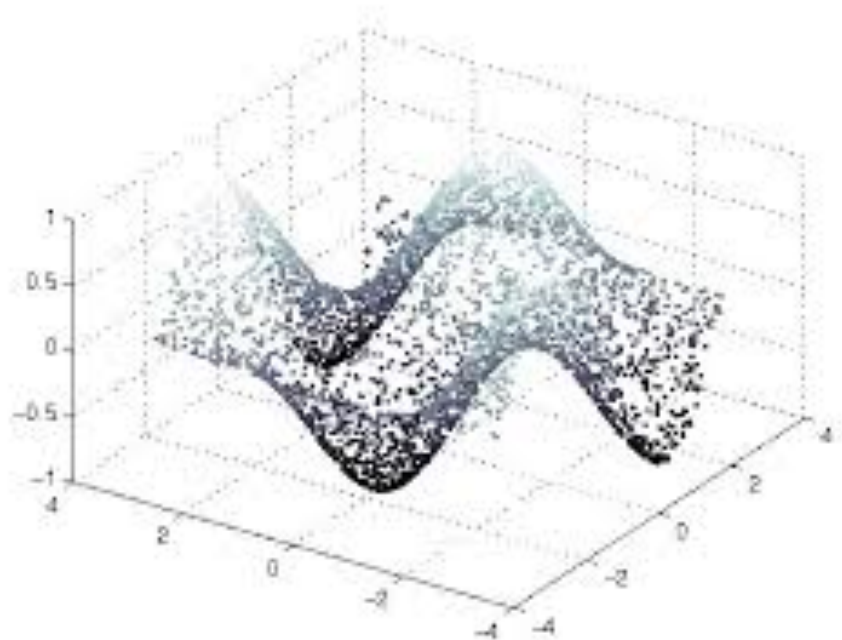
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# Continuous Latent variables , PCA

Motivations :

- Curse of dimensionality: it is not possible to get enough data to cover all the observation space. High dimensional spaces are mostly empty !
- Multivariate data live mostly in a (unknown) lower dimensional space : Intrinsic Dimensionality  $\ll$  representation dimensionality
- Noise "visits" all possible dimensions : dimension reduction  $\simeq$  noise reduction

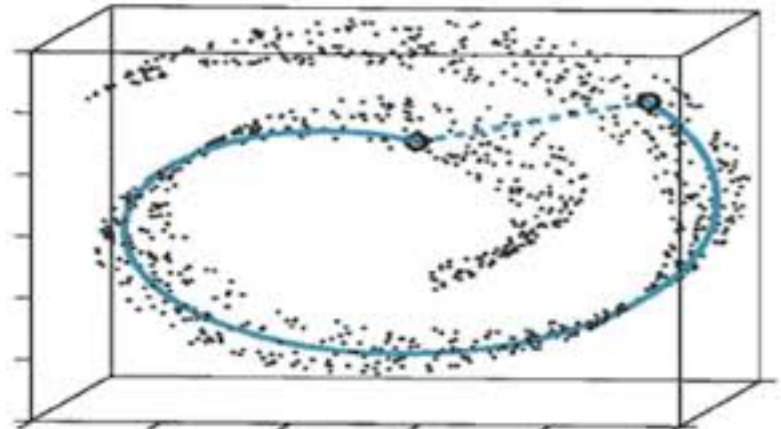


Motivations (cont'd) :

- features extraction (+ reduction of redundancy)
- Lossy compression (reduction of the size of the data)
- data visualization

Extraction techniques (manifold learning)

- Physically based methods, geodesic distances
- Statistical methods, dictionary learning
- filtering (linear/non linear)



# Classical (non probabilistic) PCA

Simplest approach : assumes

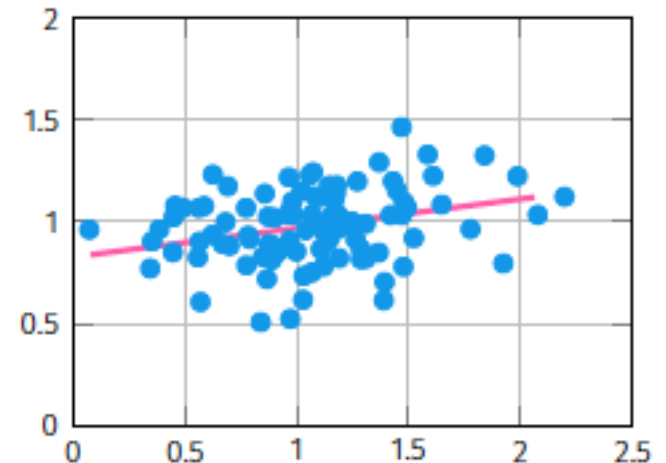
- Euclidean subspace
- Gaussian dist. for latent variables
- linear Gaussian dependancies of observed variables and state of latent var.

- Find a linear transform to reduce the dimensionality of the data

$$z_i = \langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle$$

- Find ('new') low dimensional feature vector  $\mathbf{z}$  that account most of the variability of the data:

- $z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots$  are jointly uncorrelated
- $\text{var}(z_i)$  are as large as possible
- $\text{var}(z_1) \geq \text{var}(z_2) \geq \text{var}(z_3) \geq \dots$



## Computing PCA

- Find  $\mathbf{v}_1$  s.t.  $\text{var}(z_1)$  is max, and constraint  $\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2 = 1$

$$\text{var}(z_1) = \text{var}(\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{x} \rangle) = \mathbf{v}_1^T \Gamma \mathbf{v}_1$$

- Form the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{v}_1, \lambda_1) = \mathbf{v}_1^T \Gamma \mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda_1(1 - \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_1)$$

- Compute the gradient wrt  $\mathbf{v}_1$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}_1} \mathcal{L} = 2\Gamma \mathbf{v}_1 - 2\lambda \mathbf{v}_1$$

- $\mathbf{v}_1$  is an eigenvector of the cov. matrix of  $\mathbf{x}$  :

$$[\nabla_{\mathbf{v}_1} \mathcal{L} = 0] \Leftrightarrow [\Gamma \mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda \mathbf{v}_1]$$

- Maximize  $\text{var}(z_1)$  :

$$\text{var}(z_1) = \mathbf{v}_1^T \Gamma \mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda_1$$

- Find  $\mathbf{v}_2$  s.t.  $\text{var}(z_2)$  is max, but  $\|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2 = 1$  and  $\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = 0$
- Form the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{v}_2, \lambda_2, \beta_{12}) = \mathbf{v}_2^T \Gamma \mathbf{v}_2 + \lambda_2(1 - \mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{v}_2) + \beta_{12}(0 - \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2)$$

- Compute the gradient wrt  $\mathbf{v}_2$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}_2} \mathcal{L} = 2\Gamma \mathbf{v}_2 - 2\lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2 - \beta_{12} \mathbf{v}_1$$

- Solve  $\nabla_{\mathbf{v}_1} \mathcal{L} = 0$
- Use orthogonality constraint  $\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = 0$ , multiplying the equation below by  $\mathbf{v}_1^T$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \mathbf{v}_2 &= \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \frac{\beta_{12}}{2} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_1^T \Gamma \mathbf{v}_2 &= \frac{\beta_{12}}{2} \\ \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 &= \frac{\beta_{12}}{2} \\ 0 &= \beta_{12} \end{aligned}$$

- Finally:  $\Gamma \mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2$  is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest eigenvalue of  $\Gamma$

## Computing PCA in practice

1. Estimate (ML) the mean of  $\mathbf{x}$  ( $\in \mathbb{R}^d$ )

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i$$

2. Estimate (ML) the covariance matrix :

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)^T$$

3. Compute the  $p$  largest eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\Gamma$ , and select  $p < d$  wrt "explained variance" :

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^p \lambda_k}{\sum_{k=1}^d \lambda_k}$$

!Note! : STANDARDIZATION or SCALING MATTER

RK : Step 3 may be difficult / costly

See [PCA\\_IRIS\\_example.ipynb](#)

## PCA for high dimensional data ( $N < d$ )

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mu)^T \\ (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mu)^T \\ \vdots \\ (\mathbf{x}_N - \mu)^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^d \Rightarrow \Gamma = \frac{1}{N-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$$

Eigendecomposition équation ( $\Gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \mathbf{v}_i &= \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \\ \frac{1}{N-1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v}_i &= \lambda_i \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v}_i \end{aligned}$$

Equivalent to  $S \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i$  where  $\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v}_i$  and  $S = \frac{1}{N-1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$  :  
Eigenproblem in  $O(N^2)$  instead of  $O(d^2)$

In practice : Compute  $\mathbf{u}_i$  then  $\mathbf{v}_i$  s.t.  $\|\mathbf{v}_i\| = 1$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(N-1)\lambda_i}} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{u}_i$$



## Kernel PCA : PCA with the KERNEL Trick!

(as PCA depends only on inner products)

Let  $k$  be a positive semi-definitive kernel function

$$\begin{aligned} k : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') &\mapsto k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \equiv \langle \Phi(\mathbf{x}), \Phi(\mathbf{x}') \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^T \leftarrow C = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \Phi(\mathbf{x}_n), \Phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T$$

New eigenproblem :

$$C \mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \Phi(\mathbf{x}_n) [\Phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{v}_i] = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i$$

but  $\mathbf{v}_i = \sum_m a_{im} \Phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$  thus the eigenequation becomes

$$\left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \Phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \Phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \right) \left( \sum_m a_{im} \Phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \right) = \lambda_i \sum_m a_{im} \Phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

Multiplying both rhs and lhs terms in the preceding equality. by  $\Phi(\mathbf{x}_l)$  :

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_n k(\mathbf{x}_l, \mathbf{x}_n)^T \sum_m a_{im} k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_m) = \lambda_i \sum_m a_{im} k(\mathbf{x}_l, \mathbf{x}_m)$$

or in matrix form:

$$\begin{aligned} K^2 \mathbf{a}_i &= \lambda_i N K \mathbf{a}_i \\ \Rightarrow K \mathbf{a}_i &= \lambda_i N \mathbf{a}_i \end{aligned}$$

In practice :

- normalization

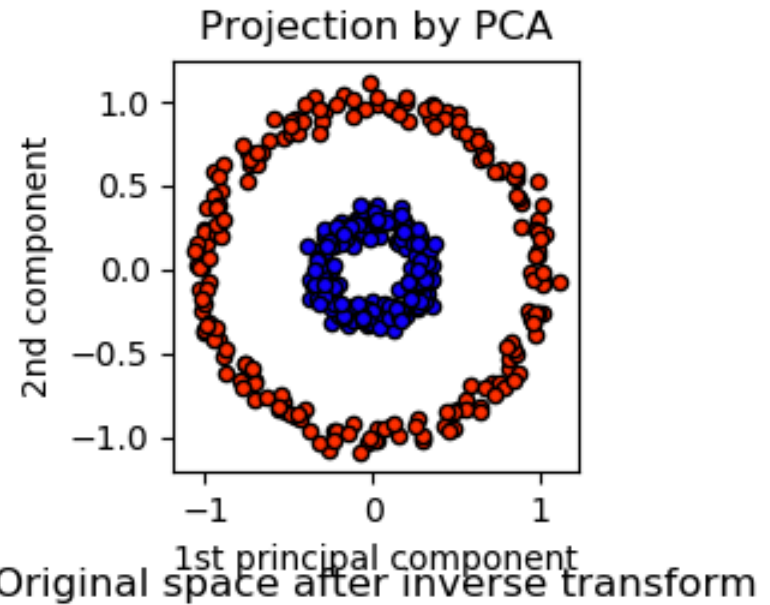
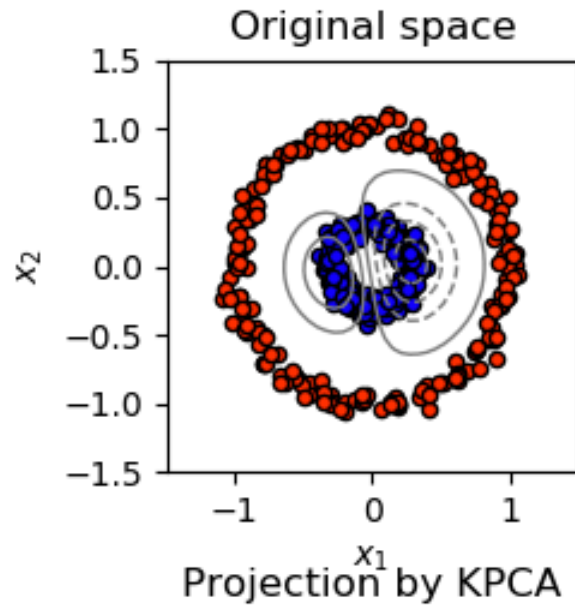
$$1 = \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{a}_i^T K \mathbf{a}_i = \lambda_i N \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_i$$

- Projection on eigenvector

$$\mathbf{y}_i(\mathbf{x}_i) = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}\mathbf{x}_n)$$

## Example of Kernel PCA with RBF (from Scikit-learn documentation)

This example shows that Kernel PCA is able to find a projection of the data that makes data linearly separable.



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