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finishing up visualization of multivariate data.

Hierarchical clustering.

Snapshot: dendrograms: a tree diagram to show groups within data.

Need a notion of distance  
b/w data points

ex.  $x_i, x_j$

$$d_{ij} = |x_i - x_j| \quad (\text{euclidean distance})$$

e.g. say  $x_i = (a, b)$   
 $x_j = (c, d)$

$$d_{ij} = \sqrt{(a-c)^2 + (b-d)^2}$$

$$d_{ij} = |x_i - x_j|^2$$

You also need a notion of distance b/w groups

Agglomerative or bottoms up.

In the beginning, we will have  $n \times n$  distance matrix  
where we have pairwise distances

Now join groups

Suppose  $x_i, x_j$  are in a group (or cluster)

and  $x_k$  is outside.

we could update by joining  $x_k$  to the existing  
group with  $x_i, x_j$

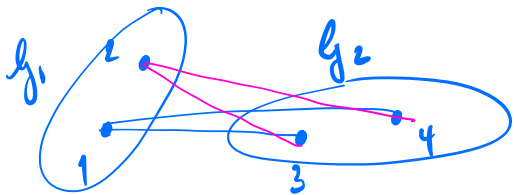
or make more groups.

generally, the default notion of distance b/w groups is called Complete Linkage

$$\underbrace{d(g_1, g_2)}_{\text{2 groups}} = \text{maximum distance b/w points in } g_1, g_2$$

$$= \max_{\substack{i \in g_1 \\ j \in g_2}} d_{ij}$$

$d_{ij} = \text{dist b/w points } i \text{ \& } j$



$d_{24}: \max$

$d(g_1, g_2) = d_{24}$

Say  $g_1 = \{x_k\}$

Average Linkage: to measure distance b/w  $g_1, g_2$ .  
look at all pairwise distances b/w points in  $g_1$  with pts in  $g_2$  & take average.

Single Linkage

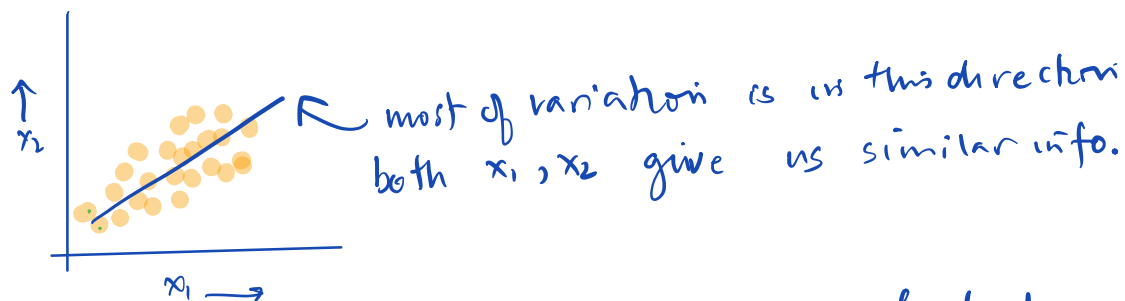
$$d_{sl}(g_1, g_2) = \min_{\substack{i \in g_1 \\ j \in g_2}} d_{ij}$$

$$d_{avg}(g_1, g_2) = \text{mean}(d_{ij})_{\substack{i \in g_1 \\ j \in g_2}}$$

Using complete linkage (max) does not allow very large clusters

## PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS (PCA)

- for dimension reduction
- PCA refers to the process by which we compute "principal components" and how we interpret them
- We often have redundancy in variables (different variables give us similar information)  
(Even 10 variables give 45 pair wise plots)
- PCs are NEW variables that are linear combinations of the old ones. (not subsets of old variables)
- Goal : dimension reduction : look for underlying structure in data set to simplify original data set.



Try to extract one or more dimensions which have most of the variation, creating new variables which are linear combinations of the original variables.

2 equivalent methods to think about this:

- ① Capture direction of max. variability
- ② Look for line that is closest to the points.

(dist. from the line to the points is measured along orthogonal projections)

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Our original variables are  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$ .

$\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n$   $\vec{x}_i = (x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, \dots, x_i^{(p)}) \in \mathbb{R}^p$

$$\begin{matrix} & X_1 & X_2 & \dots & X_p \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & x_1^{(2)} & \dots & x_1^{(p)} \\ x_2^{(1)} & x_2^{(2)} & \dots & x_2^{(p)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_n^{(1)} & x_n^{(2)} & \dots & x_n^{(p)} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

No response variable, want a new variable  $z_i$  that incorporates info from existing  $x_i$ .

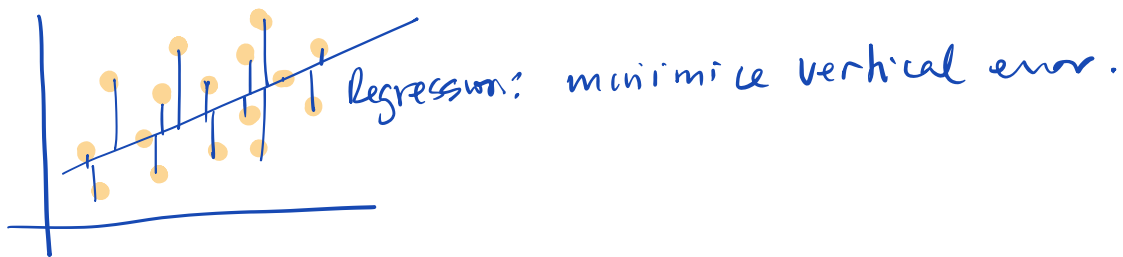
$$z_i = a_1 x_i^{(1)} + a_2 x_i^{(2)} + \dots + a_p x_i^{(p)}$$

Need to find  $a_i$ , or the vector of coefficients that is "best".

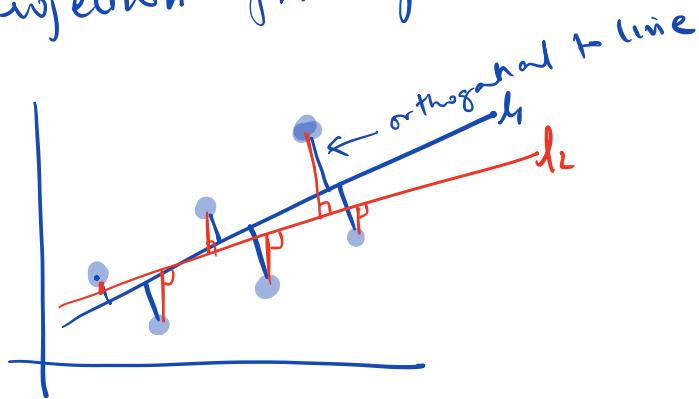
Maybe find  $a_i$  that maximizes sample variance of  $z_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Idea 1} \left\{ \begin{aligned} \text{Find} \\ \text{direction} \\ \text{of max} \\ \text{variance} \end{aligned} \right. & \begin{aligned} \text{Var}(z_i) &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (a_1 x_i^{(1)} + a_2 x_i^{(2)} + \dots + a_p x_i^{(p)} - \bar{z})^2 \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

Idea 2: Find the "best" line that fits the data cloud. (line "l" that is closest to all the points)



Now look for line that minimizes distance from all the points, where distance is orthogonal projection from point to line



Idea 1. looking for direction of max. variability  
Look for a new coordinate system with fewer variables

Look for  $a_i$  as described.

Compute  $a_i$  by maximizing sample variance of  $z_i$ .

Usually constrain vector  $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_p)$  to have magnitude 1.  $\sum_{j=1}^p a_j^2 = 1$

$$\text{Max} \quad \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})^2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \sum_{j=1}^p a_j^2 = 1$$

First  $k$ -principal components give us a coordinate system ("span a subspace") that gives us a  $k$ -dimensional view of the data.

Scree plot or elbow plot

