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Unsupervised Learning (II)
Dimension Reduction

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- What is dimension reduction?
- Why dimension reduction?
- Dimension reduction algorithms
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- Local linear embedding
- Feature selection

What is dimension reduction?

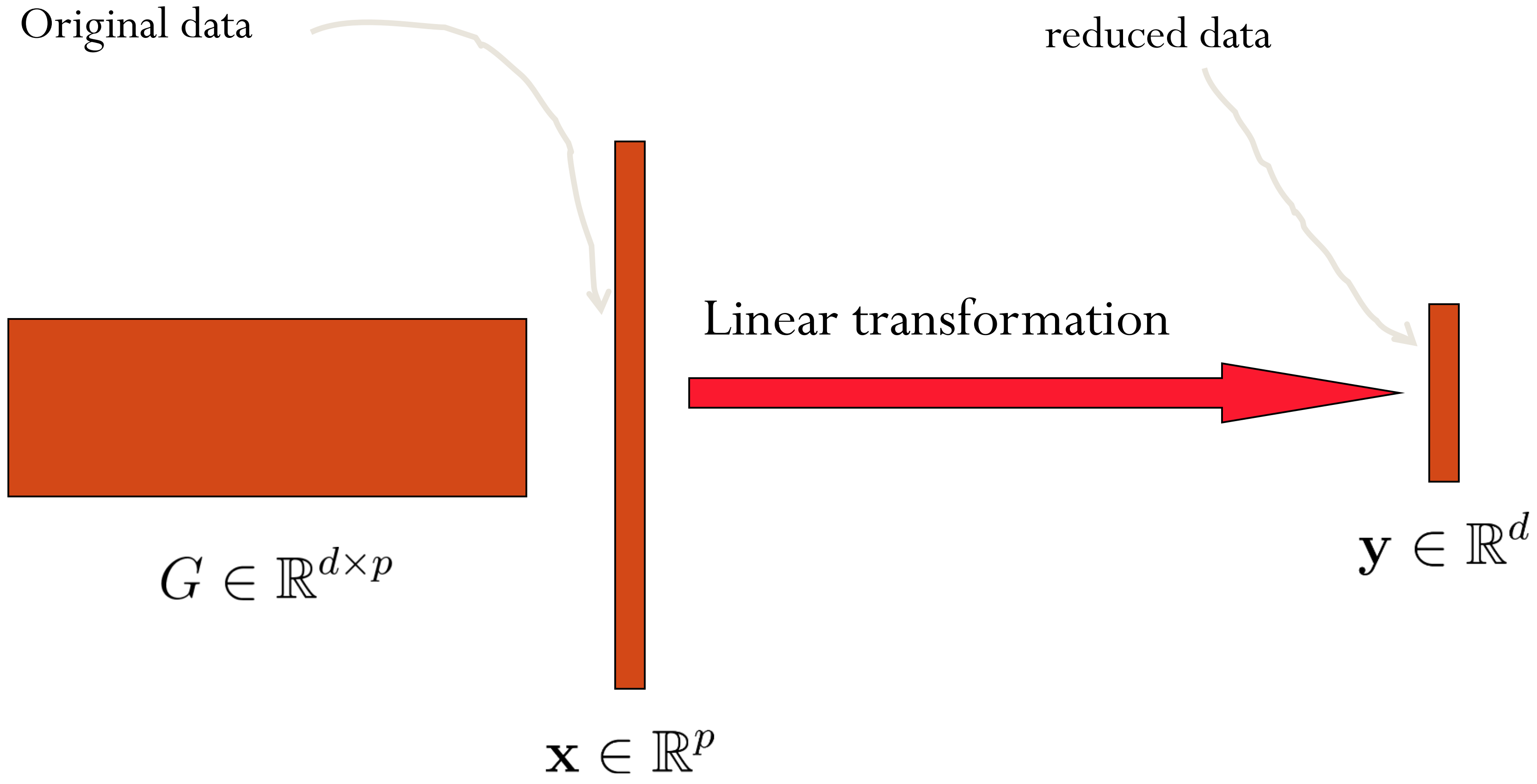
- Dimension reduction refers to the mapping of the original high-dim data onto a lower-dim space
  - Criterion for dimension reduction can be different based on different problem settings
    - Unsupervised setting: minimize the information loss
    - Supervised setting: maximize the class discrimination

- Given a set of data points of *p* variables

  Compute the linear transformation (projection)

$$G \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p} : \ \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y} = G\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$$

What is dimension reduction? – linear case


Original data
reduced data
Linear transformation
$G \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$
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$\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

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Why dimension reduction?

- Most machine learning and data mining techniques may not be effective for high-dimensional data
  - Curse of Dimensionality
  - Query accuracy and efficiency degrade rapidly as the dimension increases.

- The intrinsic dimension may be small.
  - For example, the number of genes responsible for a certain type of disease may be small.

Why dimension reduction?

- Visualization: projection of high-dimensional data onto 2D or 3D.
- Data compression: efficient storage and retrieval.
- Noise removal: positive effect on query accuracy.

Example: a job satisfaction questionnaire

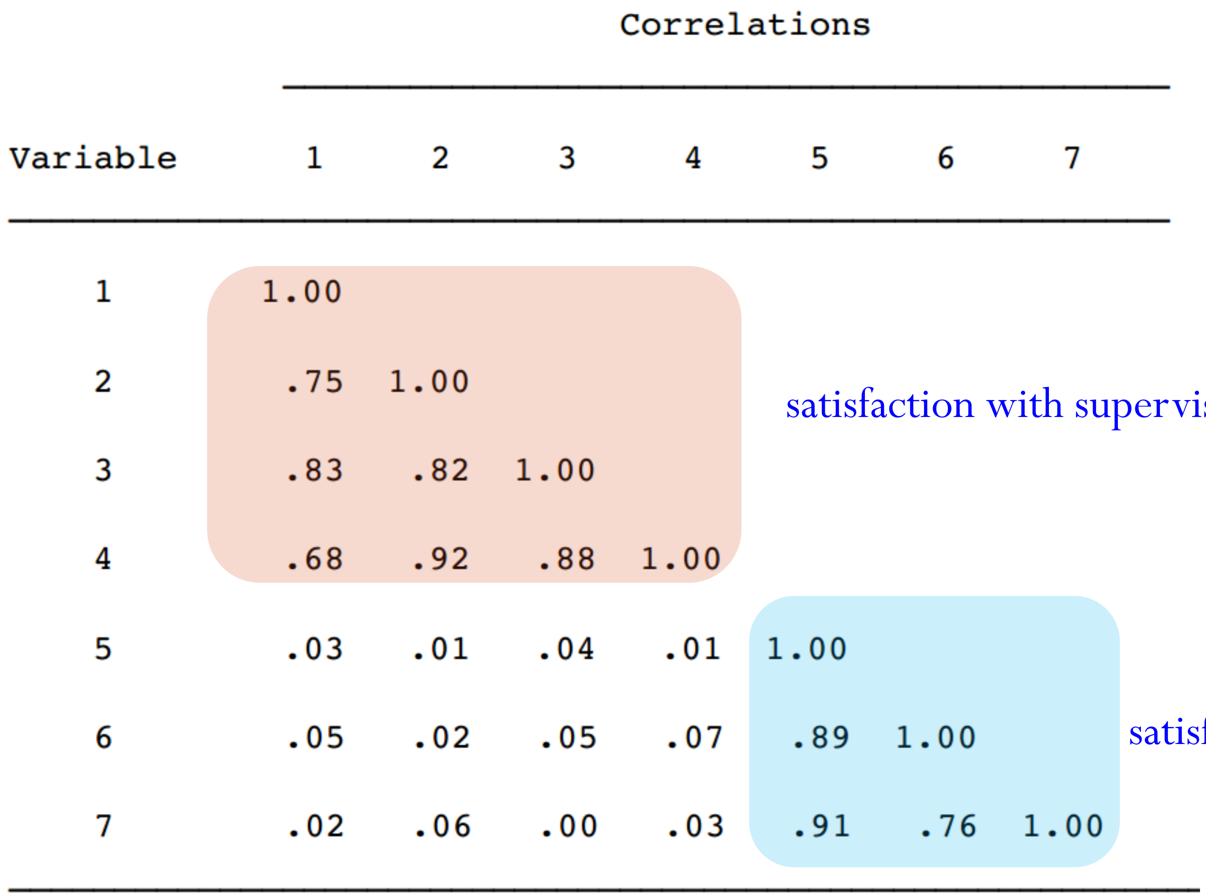
- A questionnaire with 7 items

Please respond to each of the following statements by placing a rating in the space to the left of the statement. In making your ratings, use any number from 1 to 7 in which 1="strongly disagree" and 7="strongly agree."

_____ 1. My supervisor treats me with consideration.
_____ 2. My supervisor consults me concerning important decisions that affect my work.
_____ 3. My supervisors give me recognition when I do a good job.
_____ 4. My supervisor gives me the support I need to do my job well.
_____ 5. My pay is fair.
_____ 6. My pay is appropriate, given the amount of responsibility that comes with my job.
_____ 7. My pay is comparable to the pay earned by other employees whose jobs are similar to mine.

Example: a job satisfaction questionnaire

- A questionnaire with 7 items, each item corresponds to a variable
- N = 200 (participants)



Correlations

Variable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1.00						
2	.75	1.00					
3	.83	.82	1.00				
4	.68	.92	.88	1.00			
5	.03	.01	.04	.01	1.00		
6	.05	.02	.05	.07	.89	1.00	
7	.02	.06	.00	.03	.91	.76	1.00

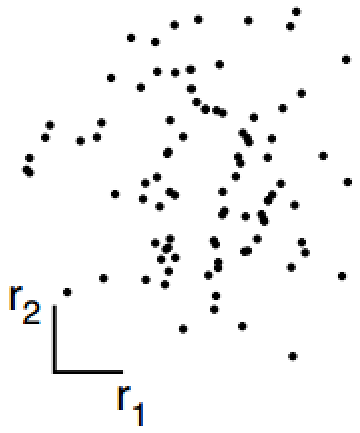
Strong correlation means high redundancy

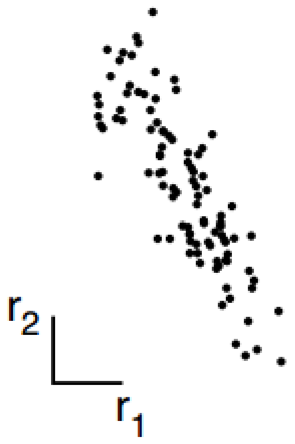
satisfaction with supervision

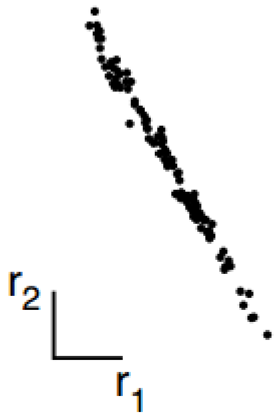
satisfaction with pay

Redundant?

- which one is redundant?







- highly redundant data are likely to be compressible -- essential idea for dimension reduction

More examples

- **Face recognition**:
  - Representation: a high-dimensional vector (e.g., 20 x 28 = 560) where each dimension represents the brightness of one pixel

  - Underlying structure parameters: different camera angles, pose and lighting condition, face expression, etc.

More examples

- **Character recognition**:
  - Representation: a high-dimensional vector (e.g., 28 x 28 = 784) where each dimension represents the brightness of one pixel

  - Underlying structure parameters: orientation, curvature, style (e.g., 2 with/without loops)

More examples

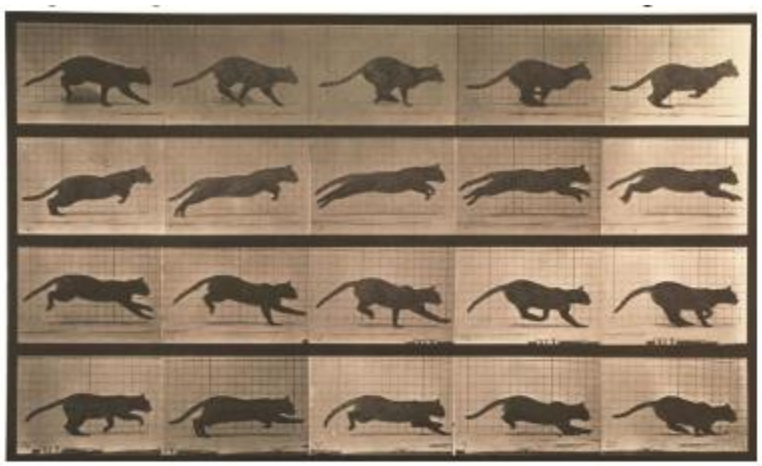
- **Text document analysis**:
  - Representation: a high-dimensional vector (e.g., 10K) of term frequency over the vocabulary of the word

Term	D1	D2
game	1	0
decision	0	0
theory	2	0
probability	0	3
analysis	0	2
…		

  - Underlying structure parameters: topic proportions, clustering structure

More examples

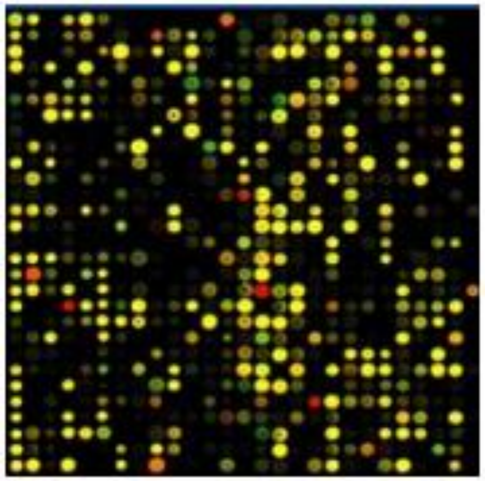
- **Motion capture**:
  - Representation: pose is determined, e.g., by the 3D coordinates of multiple points on the body



  - Underlying structure parameters: pose type
  - Motion can be viewed as a trajectory on the manifold

More examples

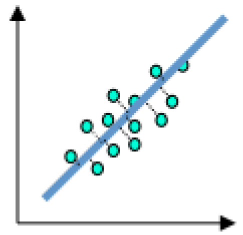
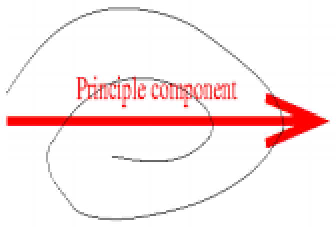
- **Microarray gene expression**:
  - Representation: vector of gene expression values or sequences of such vectors



  - Underlying structure parameters: correlated (or dependent) gene groups

Dimension reduction algorithms

- Many methods have been developed

		Unsupervised	Supervised
	**Linear**	PCA, ICA, SVD, LSA (LSI)	LDA, CCA, PLS
	**Non-linear**	Isomap, LLE, MDR	Learning with Non-linear kernels

- We will cover PCA and LLE as examples

PCA: Principal Component Analysis

- probably the most widely-used and well-known of the “standard” multivariate methods

- invented by Karl Pearson (1901) and independently developed by Harold Hotelling (1933)

- first applied in ecology by Goodall (1954) under the name “factor analysis” (“principal factor analysis” is a synonym of PCA).

Review: Eigenvector, Eigenvalue

- For a square matrix *A* (*p x p*), the eigenvector is defined as

$$A\boldsymbol{\mu} = \lambda\boldsymbol{\mu}$$

  - where *u* is an eigenvector and λ is the corresponding eigenvalue

- Put in a matrix form

$$AU = U\Lambda$$

$$U = [\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \cdots, \boldsymbol{\mu}_p] \quad \Lambda = \mathrm{diag}(\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_p)$$

- For symmetric matrices, the eigenvectors can be orthogonal

$$UU^\top = U^\top U = I$$

  - Thus:

$$U^\top AU = \Lambda \qquad A = U\Lambda U^\top$$

PCA for dimension reduction

An eigen-decomposition process to data covariance matrix

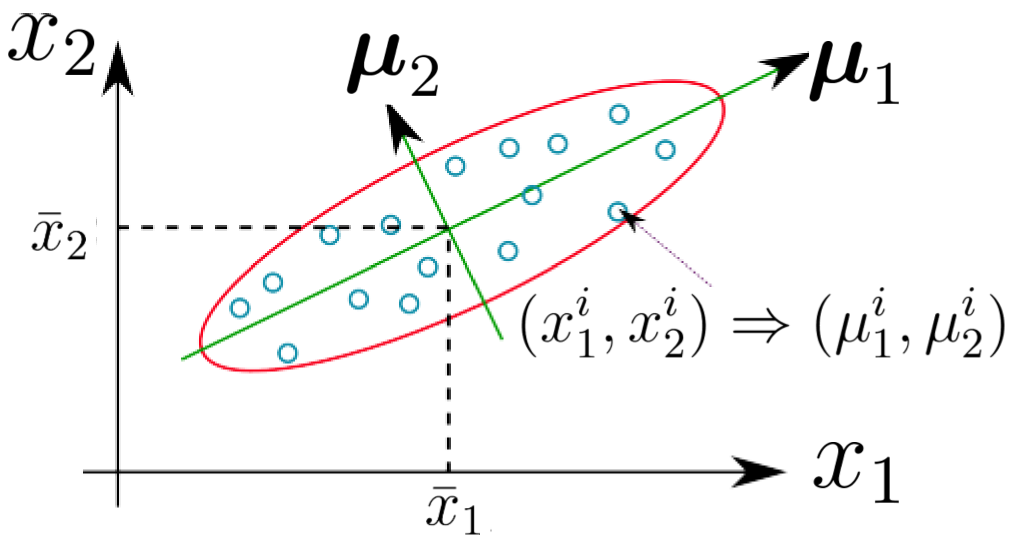
- Minus the empirical mean to get centered data
- Compute the covariance

$$S = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^\top$$

- Doing eigenvalue decomposition
  - Let *U* be the eigenvectors of *S* corresponding to the top *d* eigenvalues
- Encode data $Y = U^\top X$
- Reconstruct data $\hat{X} = UY = UU^\top X$

Apply to data covariance -- eigensystem

- The eigenvectors of the covariance Σ define a new axis system

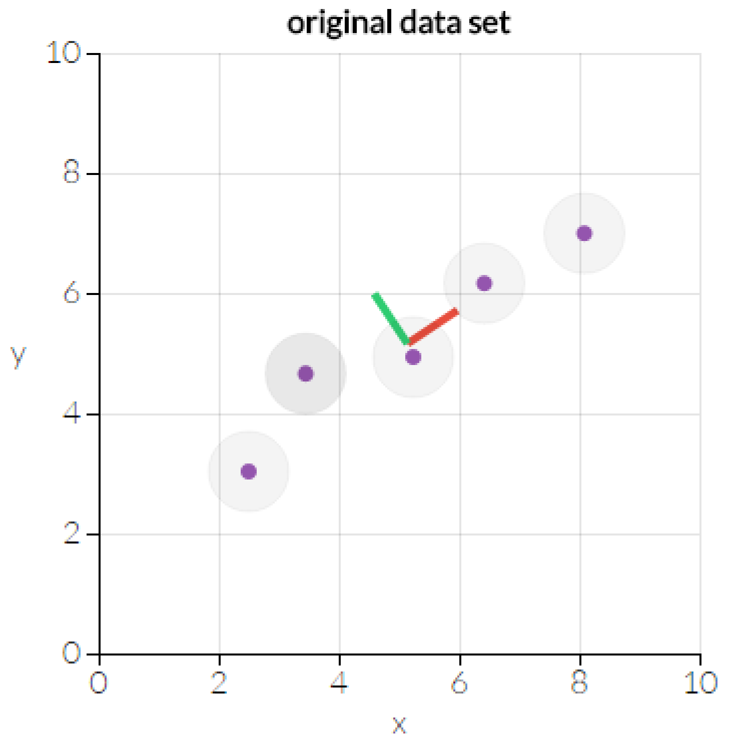


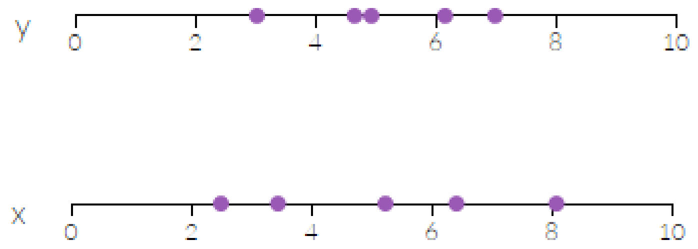
- Any point p_x in the X-axis system, $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ is the data mean, the coordinate in the *U*-axis system is:

$$p_\mu = U^\top (p_x - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

A 2D Example

- 2D data represented in 1D dimensions





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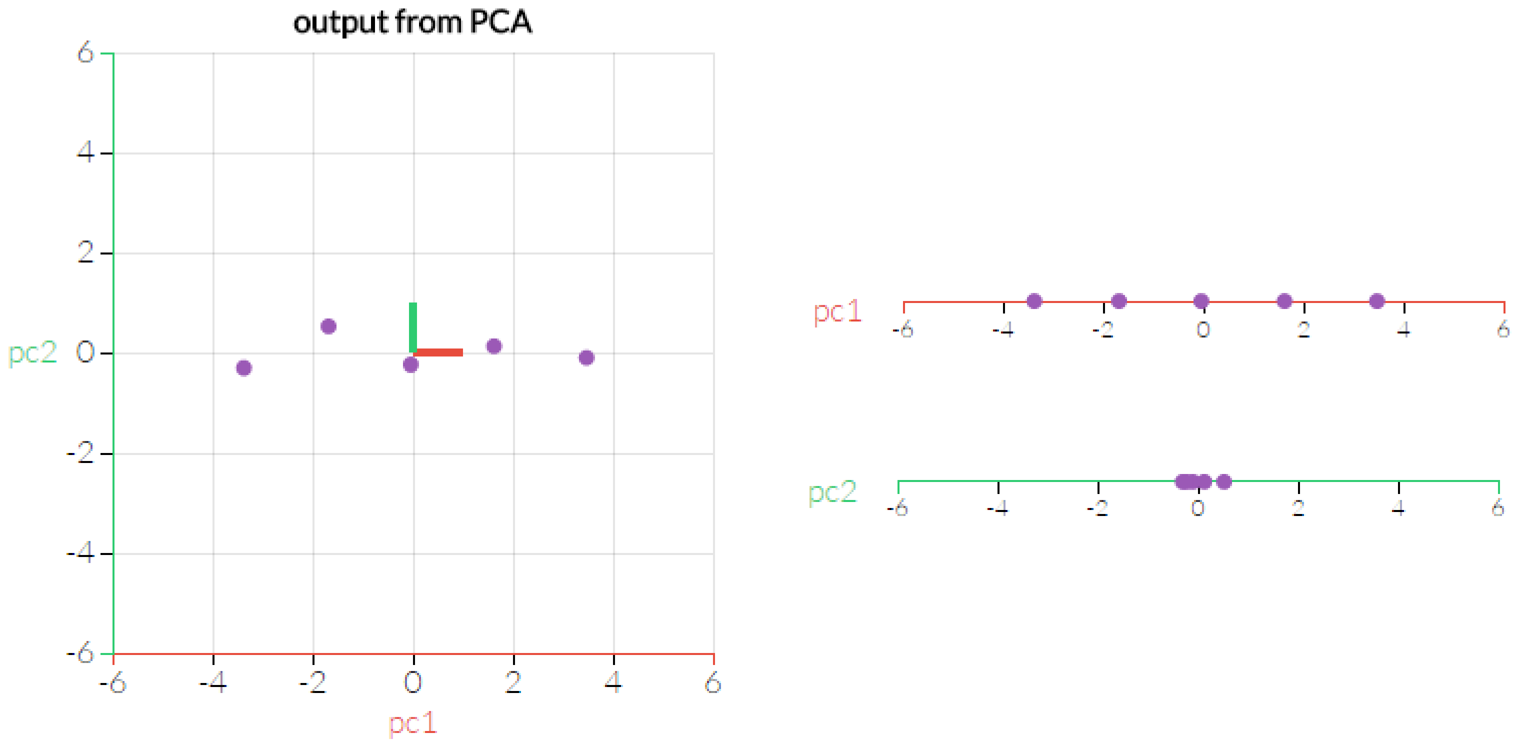

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A 3D Example

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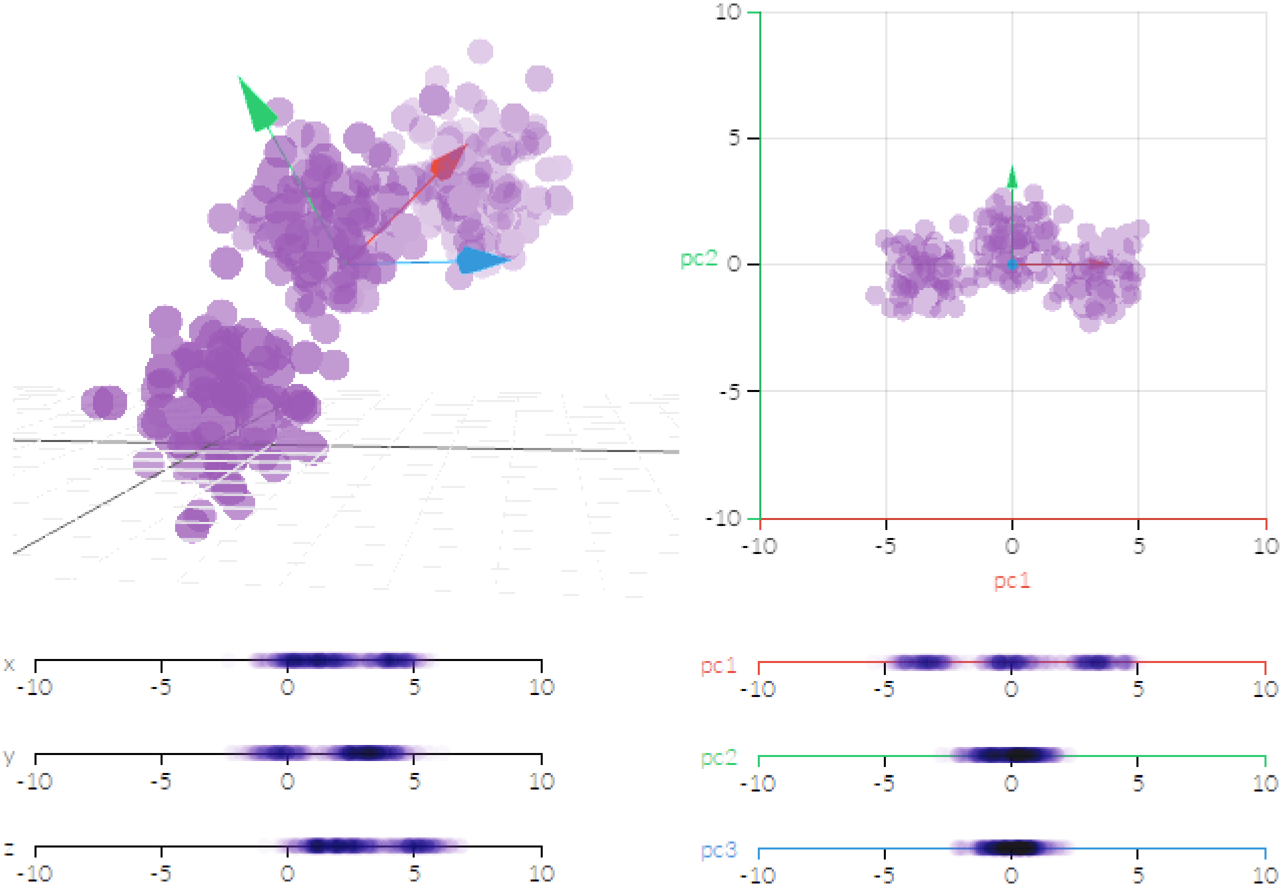

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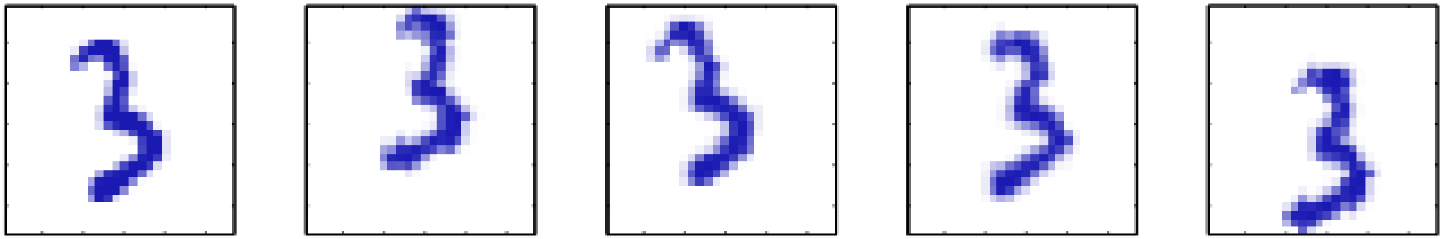
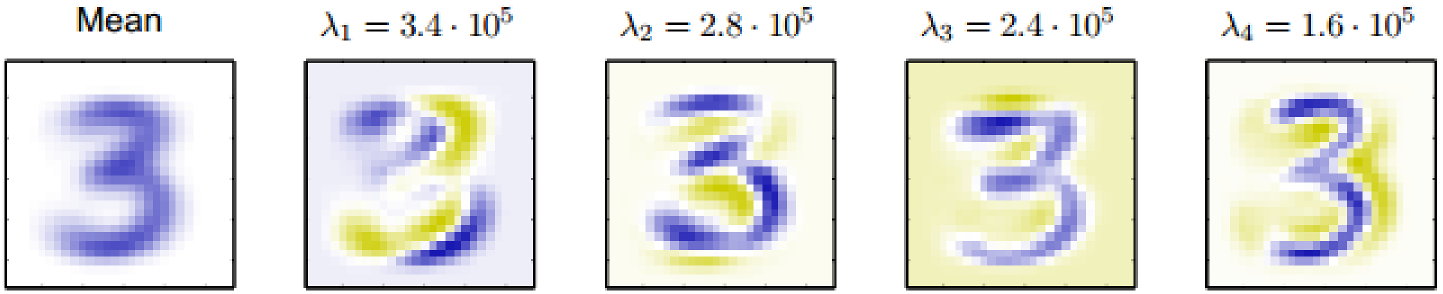
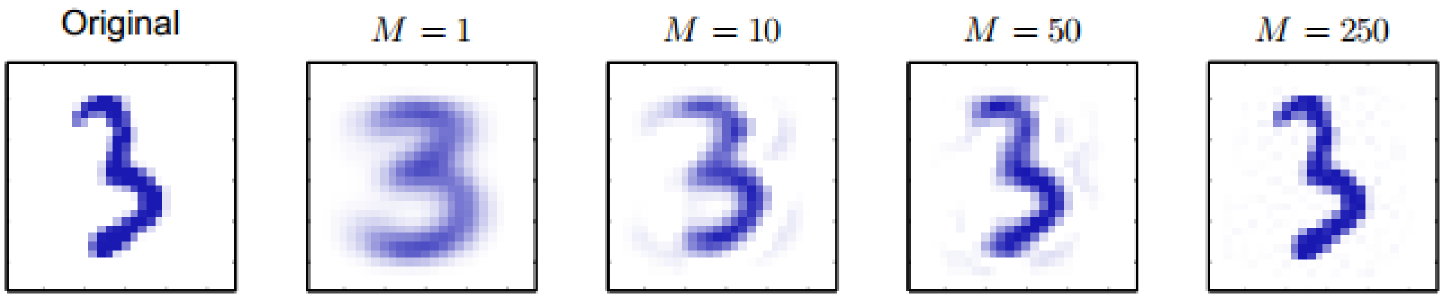
A high-dimensional Example



(a) Samples of digit ‘3’

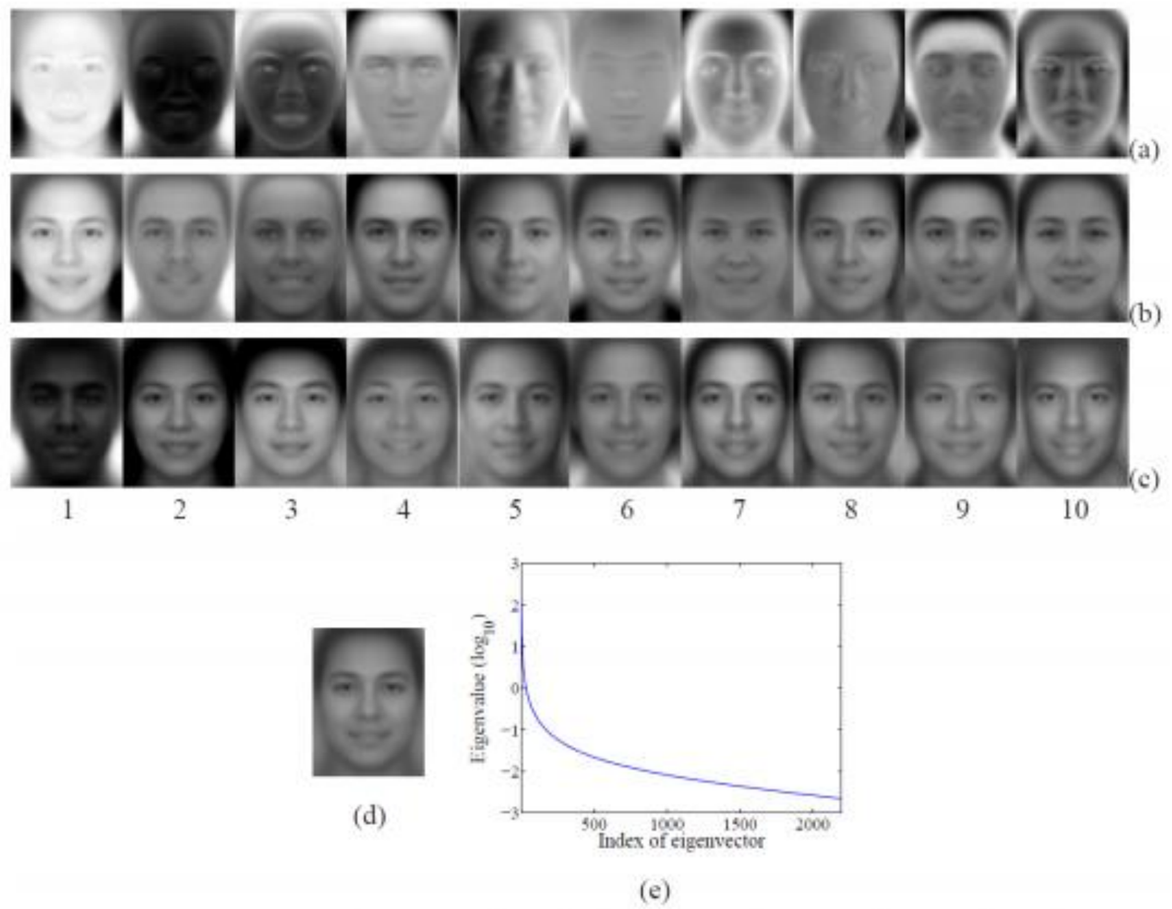

Mean
$\lambda_1 = 3.4 \cdot 10^5$
$\lambda_2 = 2.8 \cdot 10^5$
$\lambda_3 = 2.4 \cdot 10^5$
$\lambda_4 = 1.6 \cdot 10^5$

(b) Eigenvectors and corresponding eigenvalues



(c) PCA Reconstruction

Eigenfaces



(a) Top 10 eigenvectors corresponding to the 10 largest eigenvalues. (b) Eigenvectors (eigenfaces) are multiplied by 3σ where σ is the square root of eigenvalue and added to the mean face. (c) Eigenvectors are multiplied by 3σ and added to the mean face. (d) Mean face. (e) The logarithm of eigenvalues.

How to choose *d*?

- Measure the total variance accounted for by the *d* principal components
  - the percentage of the variance accounted for by the i-th eigenvector:

$$r_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum_{j=1}^{p} \lambda_j} \times 100$$

  - Account for a minimum percentage of total variance, e.g., 95%:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{d} r_i \geq 95$$

Theory of PCA

- There are three types of interpretation

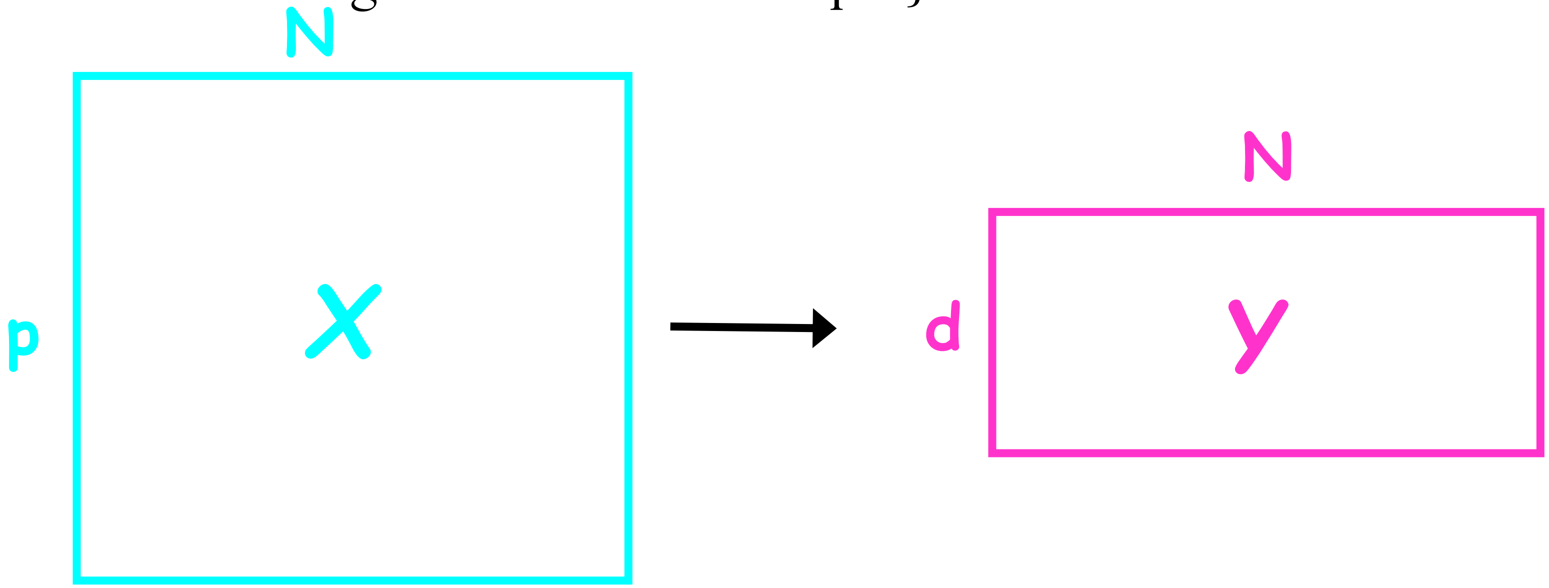
  - Minimum variance
  - Least reconstruct error
  - Probabilistic model

Maximum Variance Formulation

- Given a set of data points $\{\mathbf{x}_n\},\ n = 1, \ldots, N$

$$\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^p$$

- **Goal**:
  - Project the data into an *d*-dimensional (d < p) space while maximizing the variance of the projected data



Maximum Variance Formulation

- Let's start with the 1-dimensional projection, i.e., d = 1
- We only care about the projection direction, not the scale, so we assume

$$\mu_1^\top \mu_1 = 1$$

- The projection is

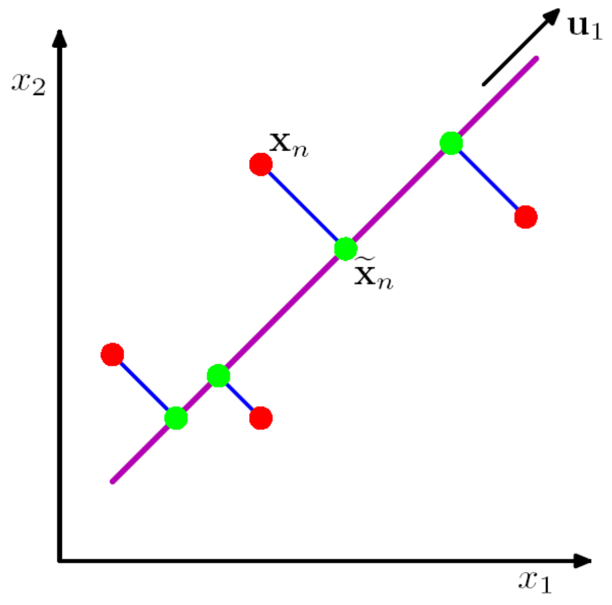
$$y_n = \mu_1^\top \mathbf{x}_n$$

- Mean and variance of projected data:

$$\bar{y} = \mu_1^\top \bar{\mathbf{x}}, \quad \text{where } \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_n \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\mathrm{var}(y) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_n (\mu_1^\top \mathbf{x}_n - \mu_1^\top \bar{\mathbf{x}})^2 = \mu_1^\top S \mu_1$$

  - sample covariance $S = \frac{1}{N}\sum_n (\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top$



Maximum Variance Formulation

- Now, we get a constrained optimization problem

$$\max_{\mu_1} \quad \mathrm{var}(y) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_n (\mu_1^\top \mathbf{x}_n - \mu_1^\top \bar{\mathbf{x}})^2 = \mu_1^\top S \mu_1$$

  - where $\mu_1^\top \mu_1 = 1$

- Solve it using Lagrangian methods, we get
  - The eigenvector problem

$$S\mu_1 = \lambda_1 \mu_1$$

  - The lagrange multiplier is the eigenvalue

$$\mu_1^\top S \mu_1 = \lambda_1$$

  - The eigenvector corresponds to largest eigenvalue is 1^{st} PC.

$$\boxed{\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_n \mathbf{x}_n \qquad S = \frac{1}{N}\sum_n (\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top}$$

Maximum Variance Formulation

- Additional components can be incrementally found

$$\max_{\mu_2} \quad \mathrm{var}(y) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_n (\mu_2^\top \mathbf{x}_n - \mu_2^\top \bar{\mathbf{x}})^2 = \mu_2^\top S \mu_2$$

  - where $\mu_2^\top \mu_2 = 1$ and $\mu_1^\top \mu_2 = 0$

- Solve this problem with Lagrangian method, we have

$$2S\mu_2 - 2\lambda_2\mu_2 + \gamma\mu_1 = 0$$

  - which leads to

$$S\mu_2 - \lambda_2\mu_2 - \gamma\mu_1 = 0$$

  - Left multiplying $\mu_1^\top$, we get (remember μ_1 is eigenvector)

$$\gamma = \mu_1^\top S \mu_2 = \lambda_1 \mu_1^\top \mu_2 = 0$$

  - Thus, $S\mu_2 = \lambda_2\mu_2 \qquad \mu_2^\top S \mu_2 = \lambda_2$

Maximum Variance Formulation

- For the general case of an *d* dimensional subspace, it is obtained by the *d* eigenvectors $\mu_1, \mu_2, \ldots, \mu_d$ of the data covariance matrix *S* corresponding to the d largest eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_d$

Minimum Error Formulation

- A set of complete orthonormal basis

$$\{\mu_i\},\ i = 1, \ldots, p$$

$$\mu_i^\top \mu_j = \delta_{ij}$$

- Each data point can be represented as

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \sum_i \alpha_{ni} \mu_i$$

  - Due to the orthonormal property, we can get

$$\alpha_{ni} = \mathbf{x}_n^\top \mu_i$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \sum_i (\mathbf{x}_n^\top \mu_i) \mu_i$$

Minimum Error Formulation

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- We consider a low-dimensional approximation

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n = \sum_{i=1}^{d} z_{ni}\mu_i + \sum_{i=d+1}^{p} b_i\mu_i$$

  - where b_i are constants for all data points

- The best approximation is to minimize the error

$$\min_{U,\mathbf{z},\mathbf{b}} J := \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n\|^2$$

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  - we get (*proof?*)

$$z_{ni} = \mathbf{x}_n^\top \mu_i,\ i = 1, \ldots, d \qquad b_i = \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top \mu_i,\ i = d+1, \ldots, p$$

  - Use the general representation $\mathbf{x}_n = \sum_i (\mathbf{x}_n^\top \mu_i)\mu_i$, we get that the displacement lines in the orthogonal subspace

$$\mathbf{x}_n - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n = \sum_{i=d+1}^{p} \{(\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top \mu_i\}\mu_i$$

Minimum Error Formulation

- With the result

$$\mathbf{x}_n - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n = \sum_{i=d+1}^{p} \{(\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top \mu_i\}\mu_i$$

- We get the error

$$J = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n\|^2 = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n}\sum_{i=d+1}^{p} (\mathbf{x}_n^\top \mu_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top \mu_i)^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=d+1}^{p} \mu_i^\top S \mu_i$$

- The optimization problem

$$\min_{\mu_i} J$$

  - where $\mu_i^\top \mu_i = 1$

Minimum Error Formulation

- Consider a 2-dimensional space (p=2) and a 1-dimensional principal subspace (d=1). Then, we choose μ_2 that minimizes

$$\min_{\mu_2} J = \mu_2^\top S \mu_2$$

$$\text{s.t.: } \mu_2^\top \mu_2 = 1$$

  - We have:

$$S\mu_2 = \lambda_2 \mu_2$$

- We therefore obtain the minimum value of *J* by choosing μ_2 as the eigenvector corresponding to the smaller eigenvalue
- We choose the principal subspace by the eigenvector with the large eigenvalue

Minimum Error Formulation

- The general solution is to choose the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix with d largest eigenvalues

$$S\mu_i = \lambda_i \mu_i$$

  - where $i = 1, \ldots, d$

- The distortion measure (i.e., reconstruction error) becomes

$$J = \sum_{i=d+1}^{p} \lambda_i$$

PCA Reconstruction

- By the minimum error formulation, the PCA approximation can be written as:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n = \sum_{i=1}^{d} z_{ni}\mu_i + \sum_{i=d+1}^{p} b_i\mu_i$$

$$z_{ni} = \mathbf{x}_n^\top \mu_i,\ \ i = 1, \dots, d \qquad b_i = \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top \mu_i,\ \ i = d+1, \dots, p$$

- We have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n &= \sum_{i=1}^{d} (\mathbf{x}_n^\top \mu_i)\mu_i + \sum_{i=d+1}^{p} (\bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top \mu_i)\mu_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{d} (\mathbf{x}_n^\top \mu_i + \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top \mu_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top \mu_i)\mu_i + \sum_{i=d+1}^{p} (\bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top \mu_i)\mu_i \\ &= \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{i=1}^{d} (\mathbf{x}_n^\top \mu_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top \mu_i)\mu_i\end{aligned}$$

- Essentially, this representation implies compression of p-dim data into a d-dim vector with components $(\mathbf{x}_n^\top \mu_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top \mu_i)$

Probabilistic PCA

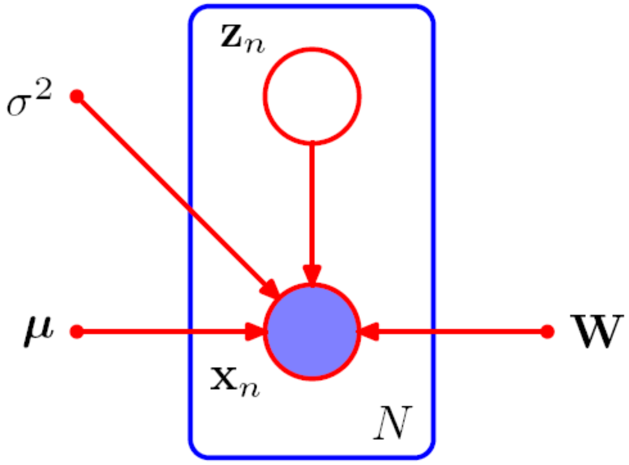
- A simple linear-Gaussian model
- Let z be a latent feature vector $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
  - In Bayesian, we assume it's prior $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$
- A linear-Gaussian model

$$\mathbf{x} = W\mathbf{z} + \mu + \epsilon \qquad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$$

  - this gives the likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|W\mathbf{z} + \mu, \sigma^2 I)$$

  - the columns of *W* span a linear subspace

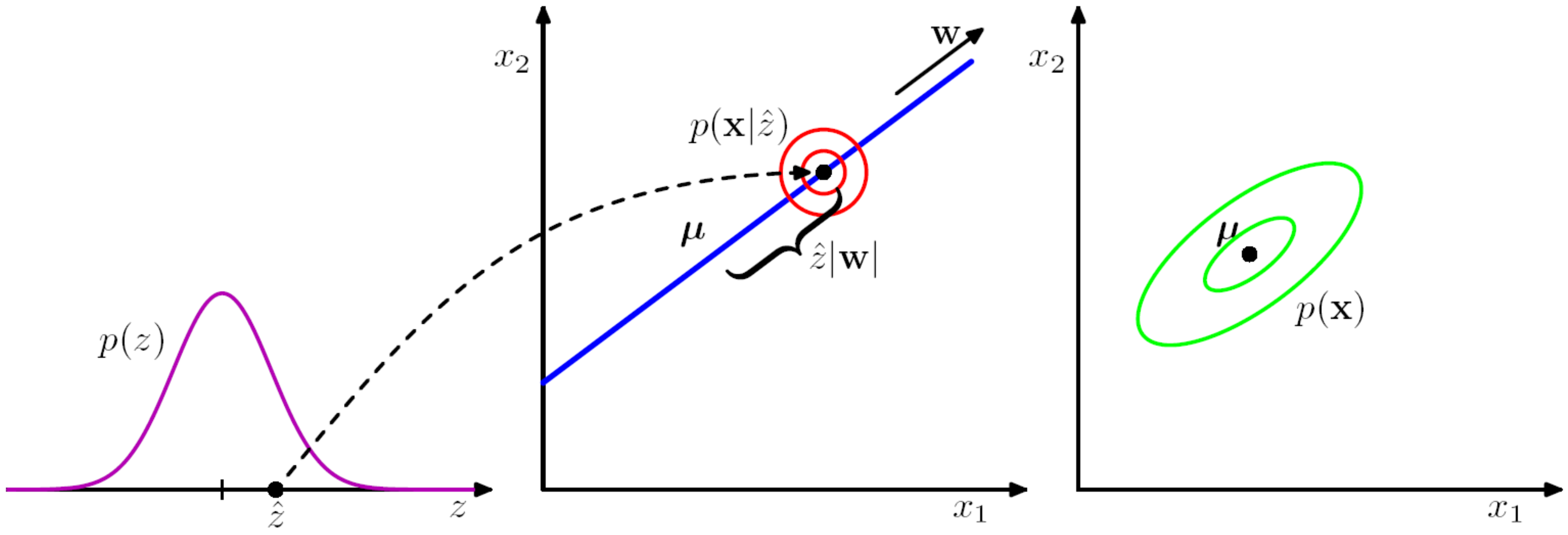


Probabilistic PCA

- By the properties of Gaussian, we can get the marginal

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \int p(\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})d\mathbf{z} = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mu, C)$$

$$C = WW^\top + \sigma^2 I$$



Unidentifiability issue

- Any rotation of the latent dimensions leads to invariance of the predictive distribution

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \int p(\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})d\mathbf{z} = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mu, C)$$

$$C = WW^\top + \sigma^2 I$$

  - Let R be an orthogonal matrix with $RR^\top = I$
  - Define $\widetilde{W} = WR$
  - Then, we have

$$\widetilde{W}\widetilde{W}^\top = WRR^\top W^\top = WW^\top$$

  - which is independent of R

Inverse of the Covariance matrix

- Evaluating the inverse of the covariance matrix C has complexity $O(p^3)$. We can do inversion as follows

$$C^{-1} = \sigma^{-2} I - \sigma^{-2} W M^{-1} W^\top$$

  - where the d x d matrix M is:

$$M = W^\top W + \sigma^2 I$$

- Evaluating the inverse of *M* has complexity $O(d^3)$

Probabilistic PCA

- By the properties of Gaussian, we can get the posterior

$$p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|M^{-1}W^\top(\mathbf{x}-\mu), \sigma^{-2}M)$$

$$M = W^\top W + \sigma^2 I$$

  - The posterior mean depends on x (a linear projection of x)

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}] = M^{-1}W^\top(\mathbf{x}-\mu)$$

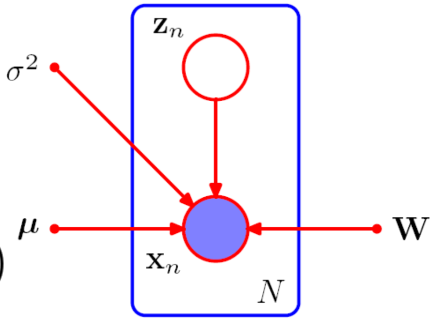
  - Posterior covariance is independent of x

Maximum Likelihood PCA

- Given a set of observations $X = \{\mathbf{x}_n\}$, the log-likelihood is

$$\log p(X|\mu, W, \sigma^2) = \sum_n \log p(\mathbf{x}_n|W, \mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$= -\frac{Np}{2}\log(2\pi) - \frac{N}{2}\log|C| - \frac{1}{2}\sum_n (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu)^\top C^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_n - \mu)$$



- We get the MLE: $\hat{\mu} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}$ and

$$\log p(X|\mu, W, \sigma^2) = -\frac{N}{2}\Big(p\log(2\pi) + \log|C| + \mathrm{Tr}(C^{-1}S)\Big)$$

Maximum Likelihood PCA

- Log-likelihood

$$\log p(X|\mu, W, \sigma^2) = -\frac{N}{2}\Big(p\log(2\pi) + \log|C| + \mathrm{Tr}(C^{-1}S)\Big)$$

  - The stationary points can be written as (Tipping & Bishop, 1999)

$$\hat{W} = U_d(L_d - \sigma^2 I)^{1/2} R$$

  - L_d is diagonal with eigenvalues λ_i; *R* is an arbitrary d x d orthogonal matrix; U_d is p x d matrix whose columns are eigenvectors of *S*
  - The maximum of likelihood is obtained while the *d* eigenvectors are chosen to be those whose eigenvalues are the *d* largest
  - MLE for σ^2 is:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{p-d}\sum_{i=d+1}^{p} \lambda_i$$

    - The average variance associated with the discarded dimensions

Read proof at [Tipping & Bishop. Probabilistic Principal Component Analysis, JRSS, 1999]

Maximum Likelihood PCA

- Since the choice of R doesn't affect the covariance matrix, we can simply choose $R = I$

- Recover the conventional PCA
  - Take the limit $\sigma^2 \to 0$, we get the posterior mean

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}] = M^{-1}W^\top(\mathbf{x} - \mu) = (\hat{W}^\top \hat{W})^{-1}\hat{W}^\top(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

  - which is an orthogonal projection of the data point into the latent space
  - So we recover the standard PCA

EM Algorithm for PPCA

- **E-step**: evaluate expectation of complete likelihood

$$\mathbb{E}[\log p(X, Z|\Theta)] = -\sum_n \Big\{\frac{p}{2}\log(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{Tr}(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_n\mathbf{z}_n^\top])$$

$$+\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\|\mathbf{x}_n - \mu\|^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_n]^\top W^\top(\mathbf{x}_n - \mu) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\mathrm{Tr}(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_n\mathbf{z}_n^\top]W^\top W)\Big\}$$

  - where

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_n] = M^{-1}W^\top(\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_n\mathbf{z}_n^\top] = \sigma^2 M^{-1} + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_n]\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_n]^\top$$

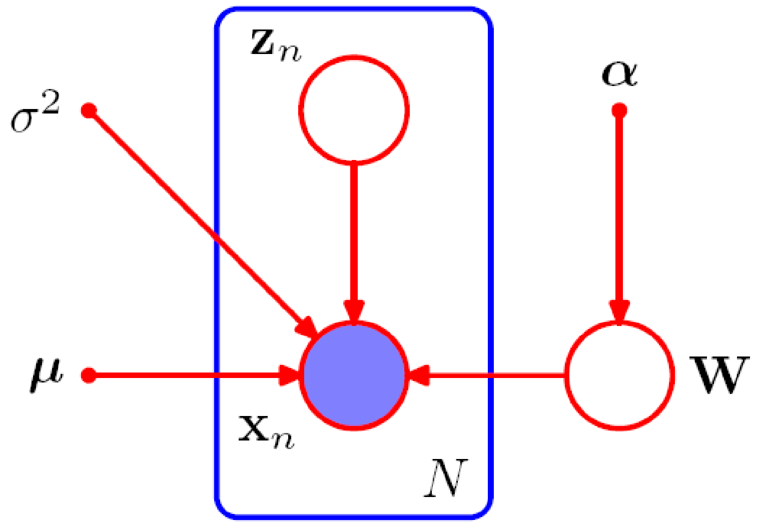
- **M-step**: optimizes over parameters

$$W = \Big[\sum_n(\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}})\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_n]\Big]^\top\Big[\sum_n \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_n\mathbf{z}_n^\top]\Big]^{-1}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{Np}\sum_n\Big\{\|\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\|^2 - 2\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_n]^\top W^\top(\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathrm{Tr}(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_n\mathbf{z}_n^\top]W^\top W)\Big\}$$

Bayesian PCA

- A prior is assumed on the parameters W



$$p(W|\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} \left(\frac{\alpha_i}{2}\right)^{p/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha_i \mathbf{w}_i^\top \mathbf{w}_i\right\}$$

- Inference can be done in closed-form, as in GP regression
- Fully Bayesian treatment put priors on $\mu, \sigma^2, \ \alpha$

Factor Analysis

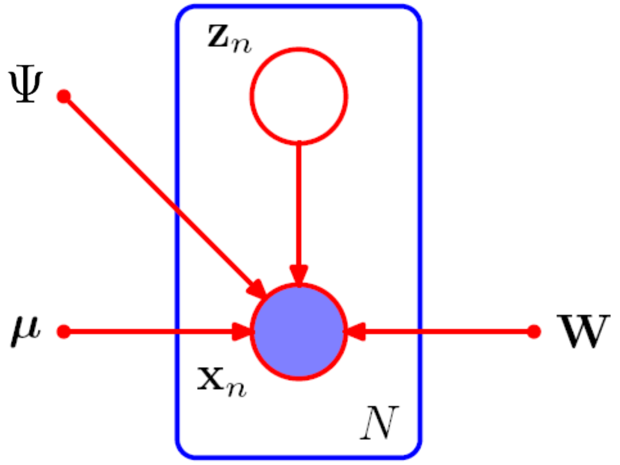
- Another simple linear-Gaussian model
- Let z be a latent feature vector $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
  - In Bayesian, we assume it's prior $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$
- A linear-Gaussian model

$$\mathbf{x} = W\mathbf{z} + \mu + \epsilon \qquad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Psi)$$

  - Ψ is a diagonal matrix
  - this gives the likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|W\mathbf{z} + \mu, \Psi)$$

  - the columns of W span a linear subspace



Factor Analysis

- We can the inference tasks almost the same as in PCA
- The predictive distribution is Gaussian
- EM algorithm can be applied to maximum likelihood estimation

PCA in high-dimensions

- What is *p* is very large, e.g., p >> N?

$$S = \frac{1}{N} X X^\top$$

  - which is a $p \times p$ matrix
  - Finding the eigenvectors typically has complexity $O(p^3)$
    - Computationally expensive
  - The number of nonzero eigenvalues is no larger than N
    - Waste of time to work with S
  - How about working with the $N \times N$ full rank Gram matrix?

$$G = X^\top X$$

Dual PCA – PCA in high-dimensions

- For centered data, we have
  - $S = \frac{1}{N} X X^\top$ with eigenvalues and eigenvectors (λ_i, μ_i)
  - $G = X^\top X$ with eigenvalues and eigenvectors (γ_i, ν_i)

- By left-multiplying $X^\top$ to $X X^\top \mu_i = N \lambda_i \mu_i$, we get

$$X^\top X (X^\top \mu_i) = N \lambda_i (X^\top \mu_i) \quad , \quad \nu_i = X^\top \mu_i \text{ and } \gamma_i = N \lambda_i$$

- Thus,

$$X \nu_i = X X^\top \mu_i = N \lambda_i \mu_i = \gamma_i \mu_i \qquad \mu_i = \frac{1}{\gamma_i} X \nu_i$$

Kernel PCA

- **PCA is linear**: the reduced dimension representation is generated by linear projections
- **Kernel PCA is nonlinear** by exploring kernel trick

$$\Phi : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{H}$$
$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto \Phi(\mathbf{x})$$

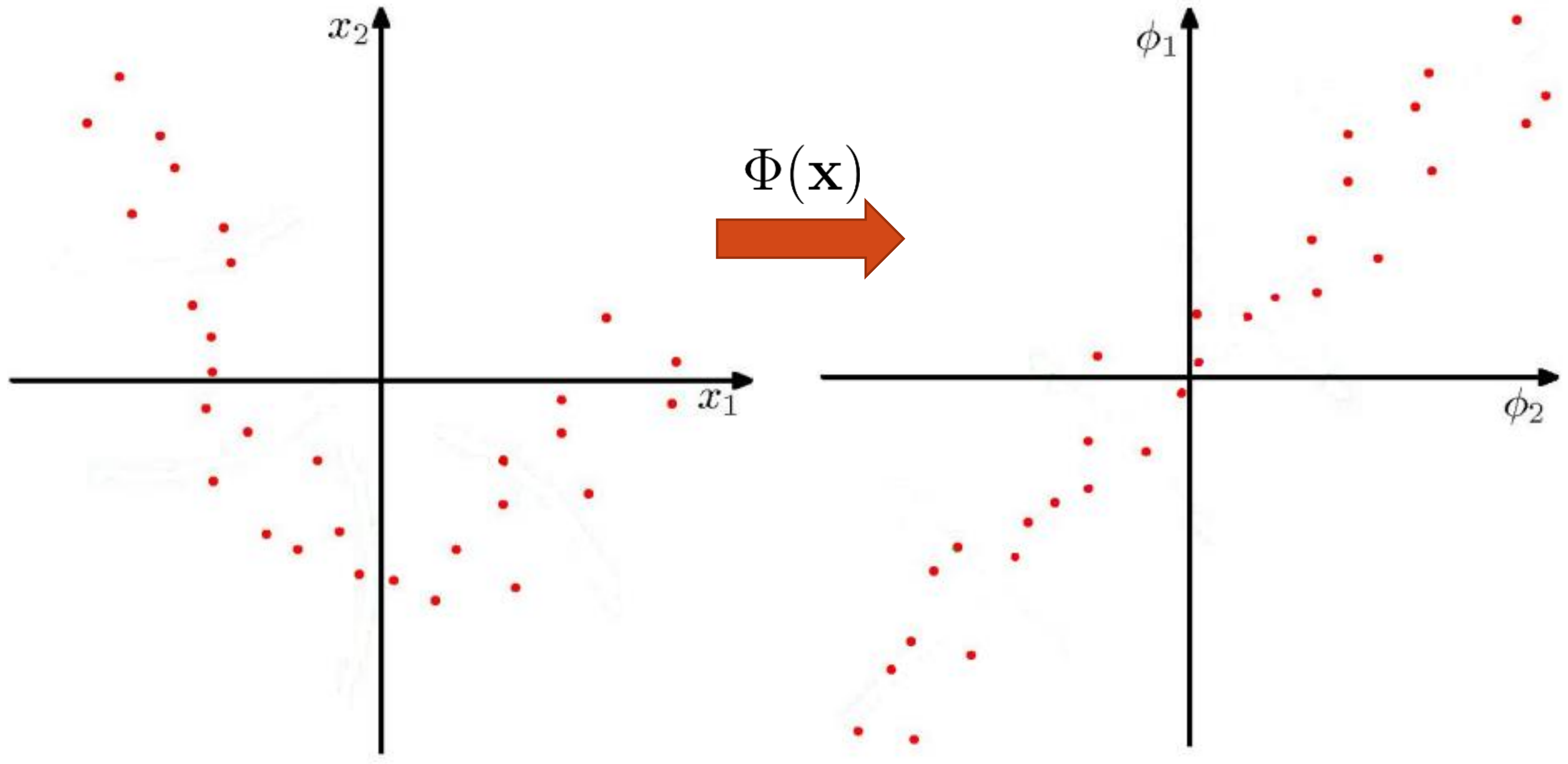
- Apply dual PCA in the Hilbert space

$$G = \Phi(X)^\top \Phi(X) = [k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)]_{i,j}$$

  - where k(.,.) is the reproducing kernel

[Scholkopf, Smola, Muller. Kernel Principal Component Analysis, 1999]

Example of Kernel PCA



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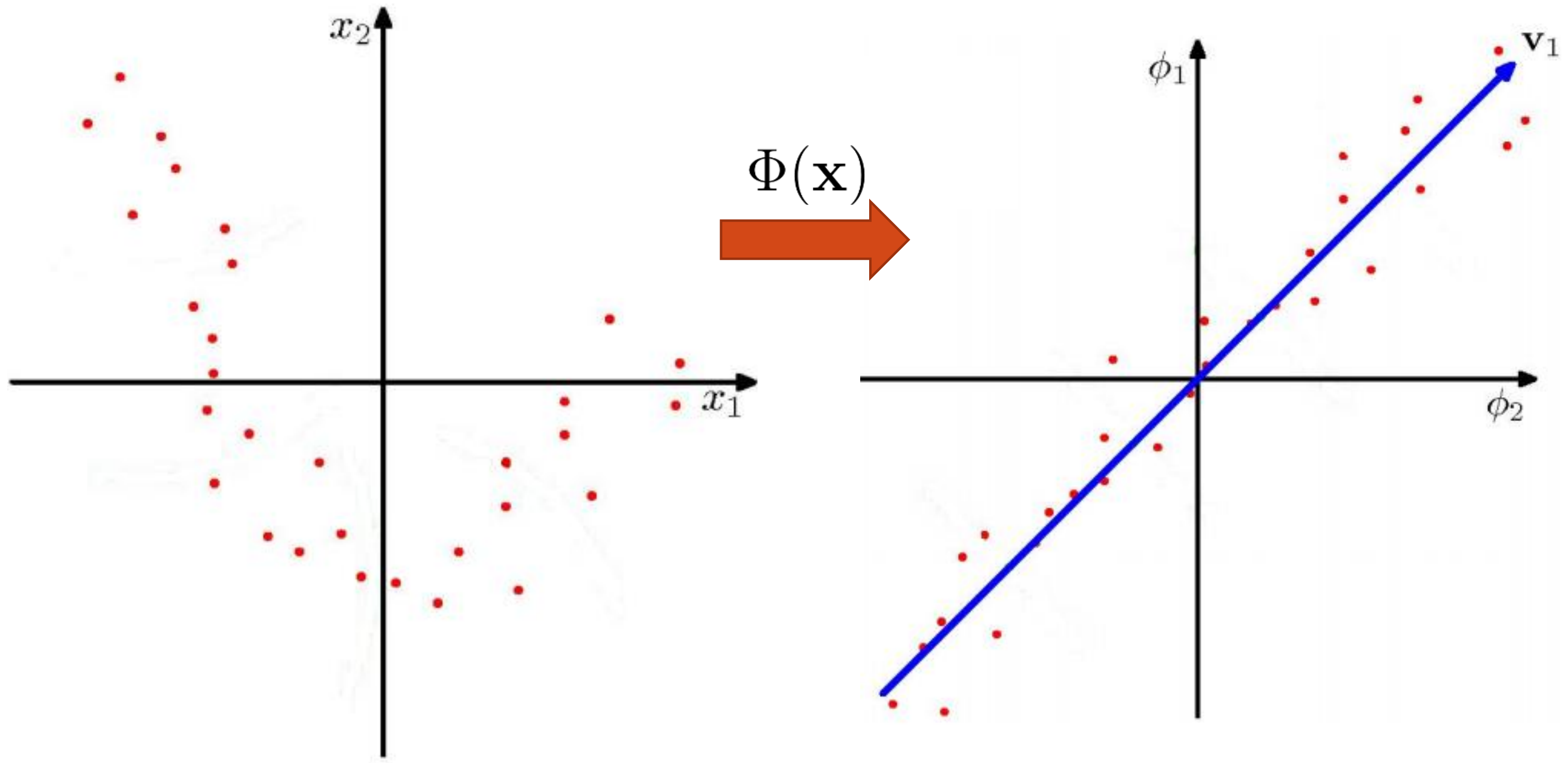
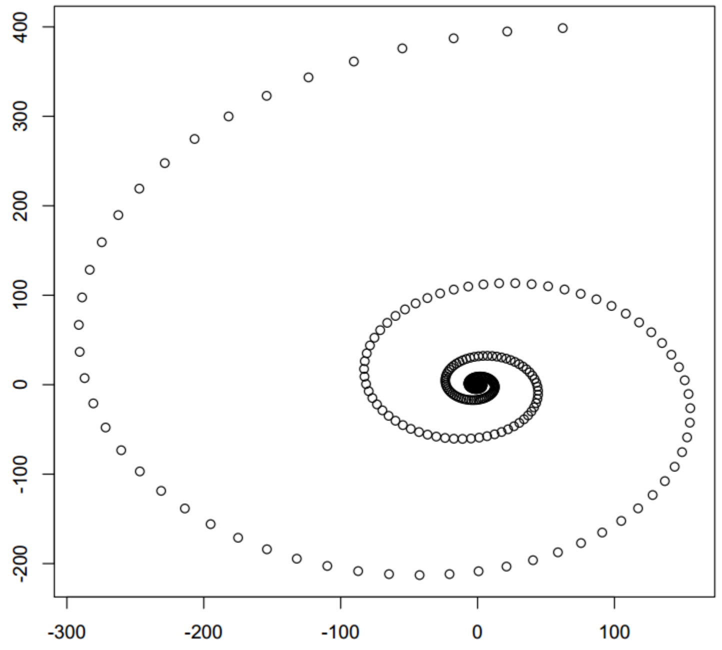


Nonlinear Dimension Reduction

(Manifold Learning)

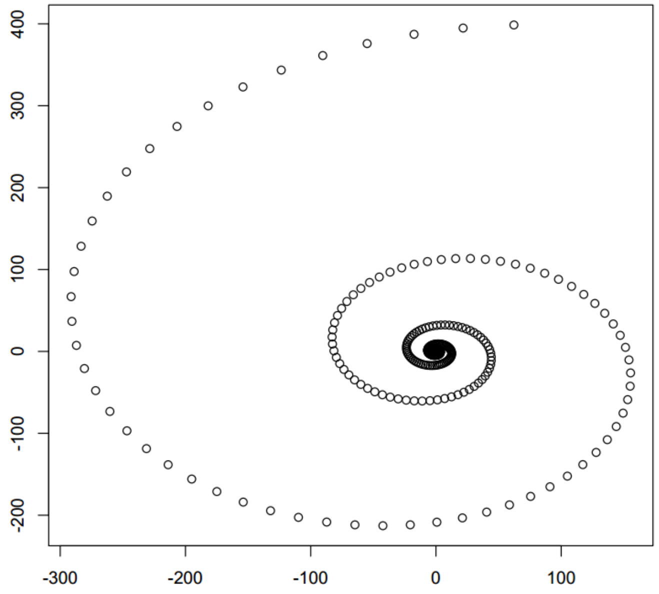
Manifold Learning

- **Manifold**: a smooth, curved subset of an Euclidean space, in which it is embedded



- A *d*-dim manifold can be arbitrarily well-approximated by a *d*-dim linear subspace, the tangent space, by taking a sufficiently small region about any point

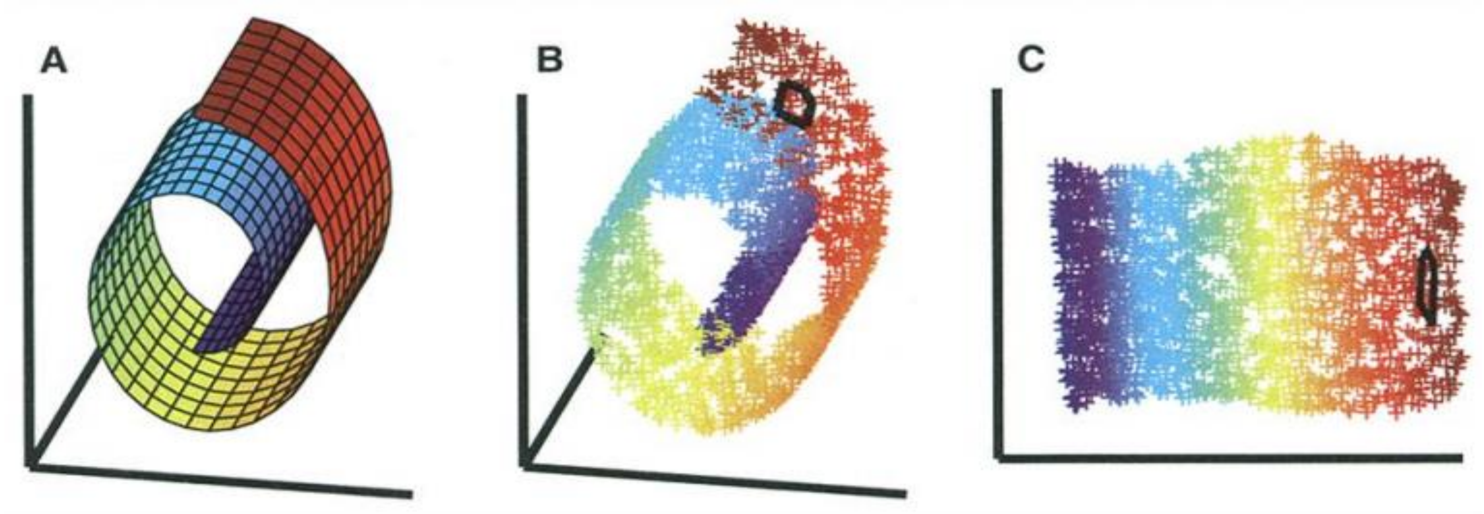
Manifold Learning



- If our data come from a manifold, we should be able to do a local linear approximation around each part of the manifold, and then smoothly interpolate them together into a single global system
- To do dimension reduction, we want to find the global low-dim coordinates

Locally linear embedding (LLE)

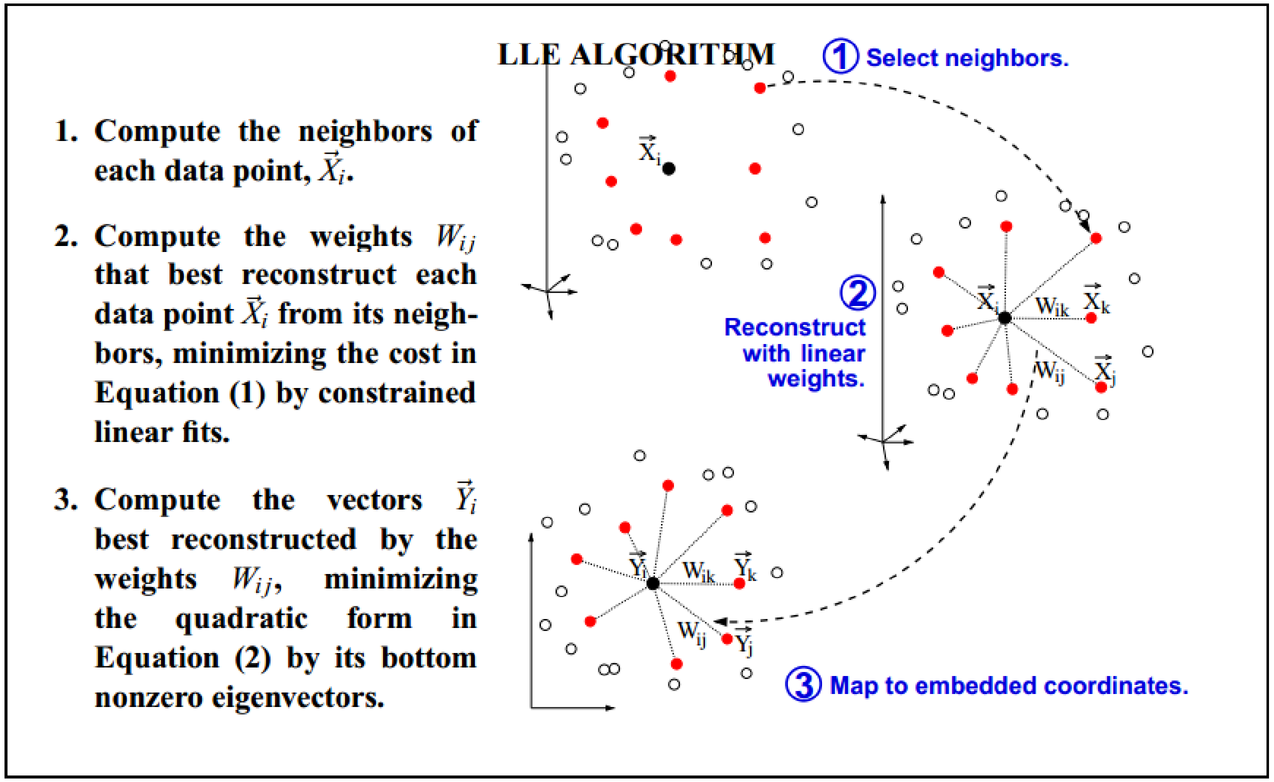
- A nonlinear dimension reduction technique to preserve neighborhood structure



- **Intuition**: nearby points in the high dimensional space remain nearby and similarly co-located w.r.t one another in the low dimensional space

[Roweis & Saul, Science, Vol 290, 2000; Saul & Roweis, JMLR 2003]

How does LLE work?



LLE ALGORITHM

1. Compute the neighbors of each data point, $\vec{X}_i$.

2. Compute the weights W_{ij} that best reconstruct each data point $\vec{X}_i$ from its neighbors, minimizing the cost in Equation (1) by constrained linear fits.

3. Compute the vectors $\vec{Y}_i$ best reconstructed by the weights W_{ij}, minimizing the quadratic form in Equation (2) by its bottom nonzero eigenvectors.

Step 2: minimize reconstruction error

$$\min_{W} \ \epsilon(W) = \sum_i \|\mathbf{x}_i - \sum_{j\in\mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij}\mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2$$

$$\text{s.t.:} \ \sum_j W_{ij} = 1, \ \forall i$$

geometric structure W

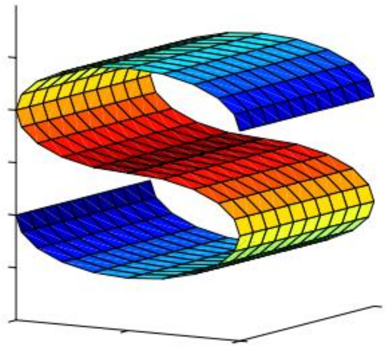
Step 3: neighborhood-preserving embedding

$$\min_{Y} \ \Phi(Y) = \sum_i \|\mathbf{y}_i - \sum_{j\in\mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij}\mathbf{y}_j\|_2^2$$

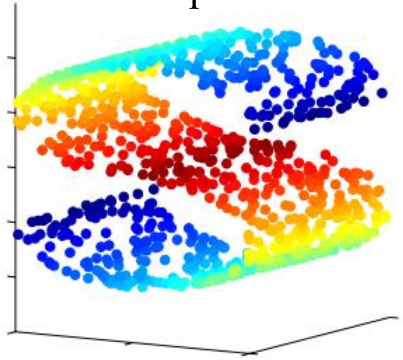
Implementation details

- Free parameter: *K* – number of neighbors per data point

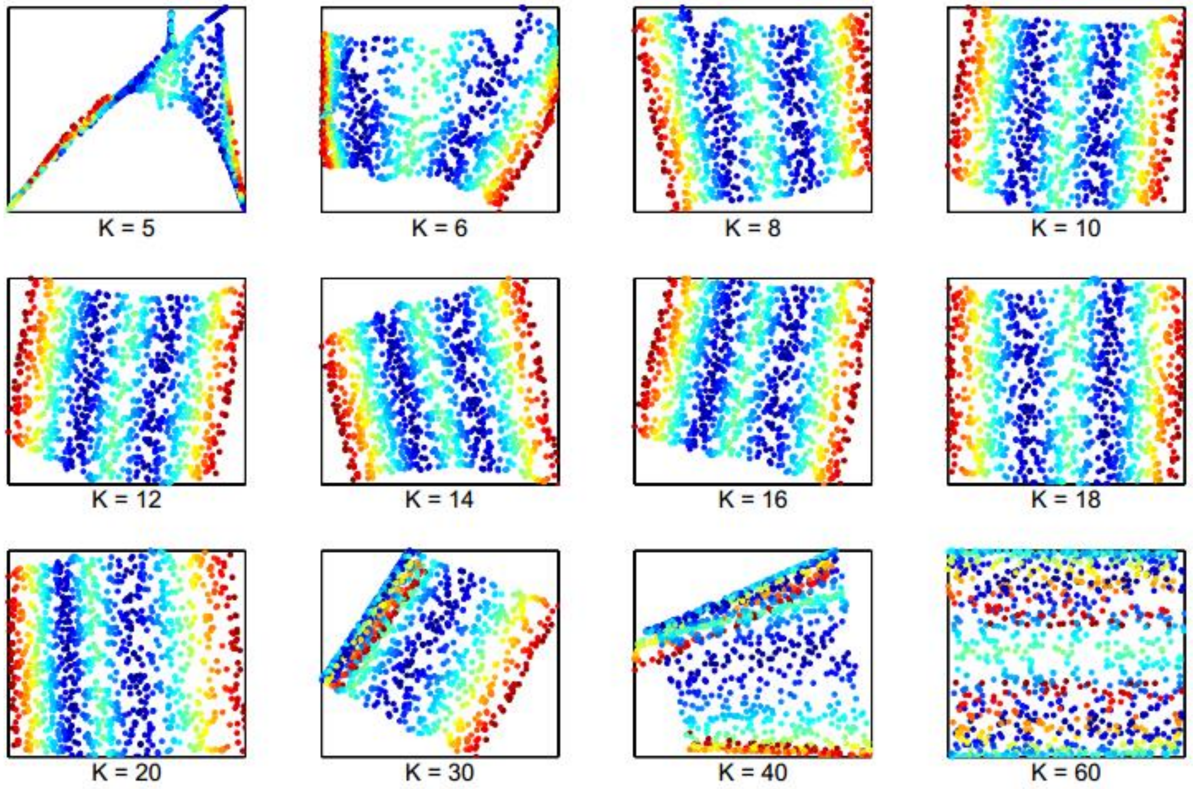
Original manifold



samples

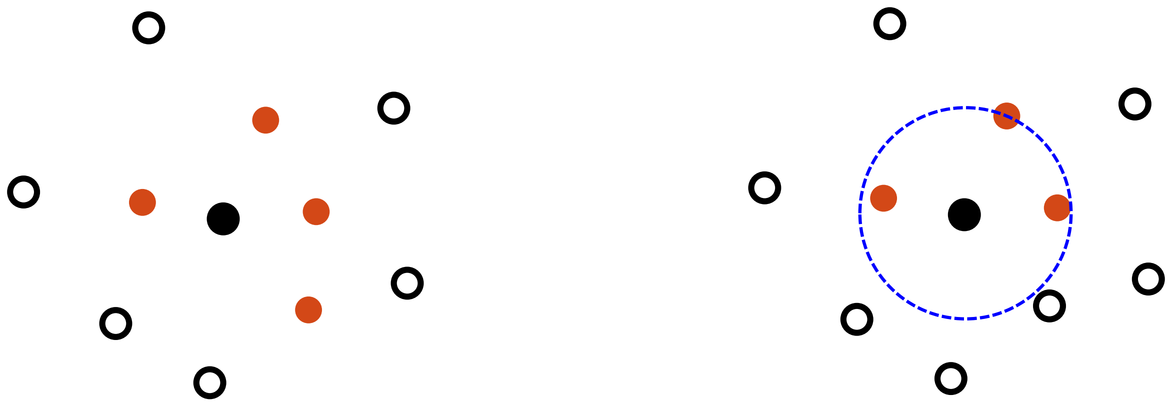


Embedding results by LLE with various K



Implementation details

- **Step 1**: choose neighborhood – many choices



- **Note**: different points can have different numbers of neighbors

Implementation details

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$$\text{s.t.:} \ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij} = 1, \ \forall i$$

  - each data point can be done in parallel – **locality**

$$\|\mathbf{x}_i - \sum_j W_{ij}\mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2 = \|\sum_j W_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)\|_2^2 = \sum_{jk} W_{ij}W_{ik}G_{jk} = W_i^\top G W_i$$

$$G_{jk} = (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)^\top(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_k), \ \forall j, k \in \mathcal{N}_i$$

  - Solution (Lagrange methods):

$$\begin{gathered} 2GW_i - \lambda I = 0 \\ \sum_j W_{ij} = 1 \end{gathered} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \boxed{W_i = \frac{G^{-1}1}{1^\top G^{-1}1}}$$

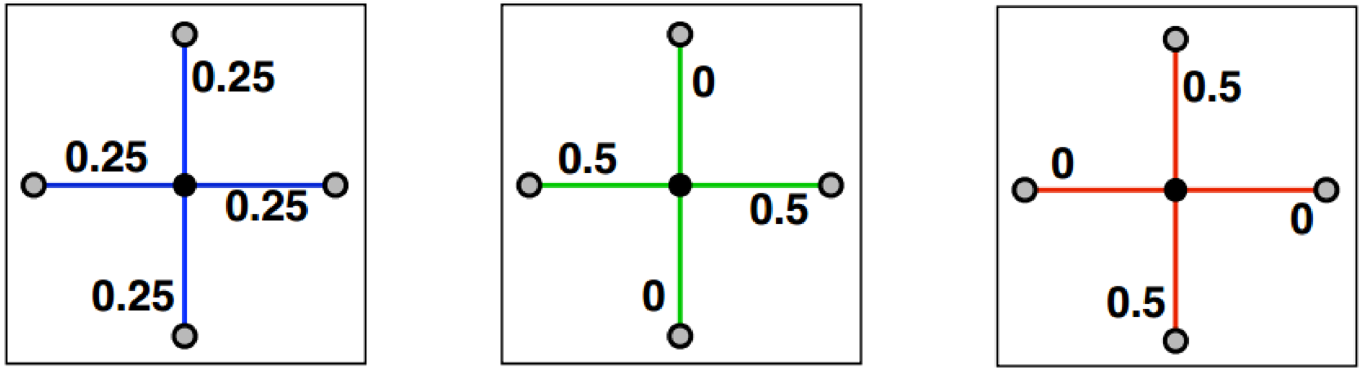
Implementation details

- ***What's happening if K > p?***
  - The space spanned by *k* distinct vectors is the whole space
  - Each data point can be perfectly reconstructed from its neighbors

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij} \mathbf{x}_j$$

  - *G* is singular! (fewer constraints than parameters)
  - The reconstruction weights are no longer uniquely defined

  - Example (D=2, K=4)



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  - G is singular!
  - The reconstruction weights are no longer uniquely defined
- Regularized opt. problem: (save ill-posed problems)

$$\min_{W_i} \; W_i^\top G W_i + \gamma W_i^\top W_i$$

$$\text{s.t.:} \; \sum_j W_{ij} = 1, \;\; \forall i$$

  - Solution (Lagrange methods):

$$2(G + \gamma I)W_i - \lambda I = 0$$

$$\sum_j W_{ij} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \boxed{W_i = \frac{(G + \gamma I)^{-1} 1}{1^\top (G + \gamma I)^{-1} 1}}$$

Implementation details

- **Step 3**: neighborhood-preserving embedding

$$\min_{Y} \; \Phi(Y) = \sum_i \|\mathbf{y}_i - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij}\mathbf{y}_j\|_2^2$$

$$\text{s.t.}: \quad \sum_i \mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{0}$$

centered around the origin

$$\frac{1}{N}\sum_i \mathbf{y}_i\mathbf{y}_i^\top = I$$

unit covariance

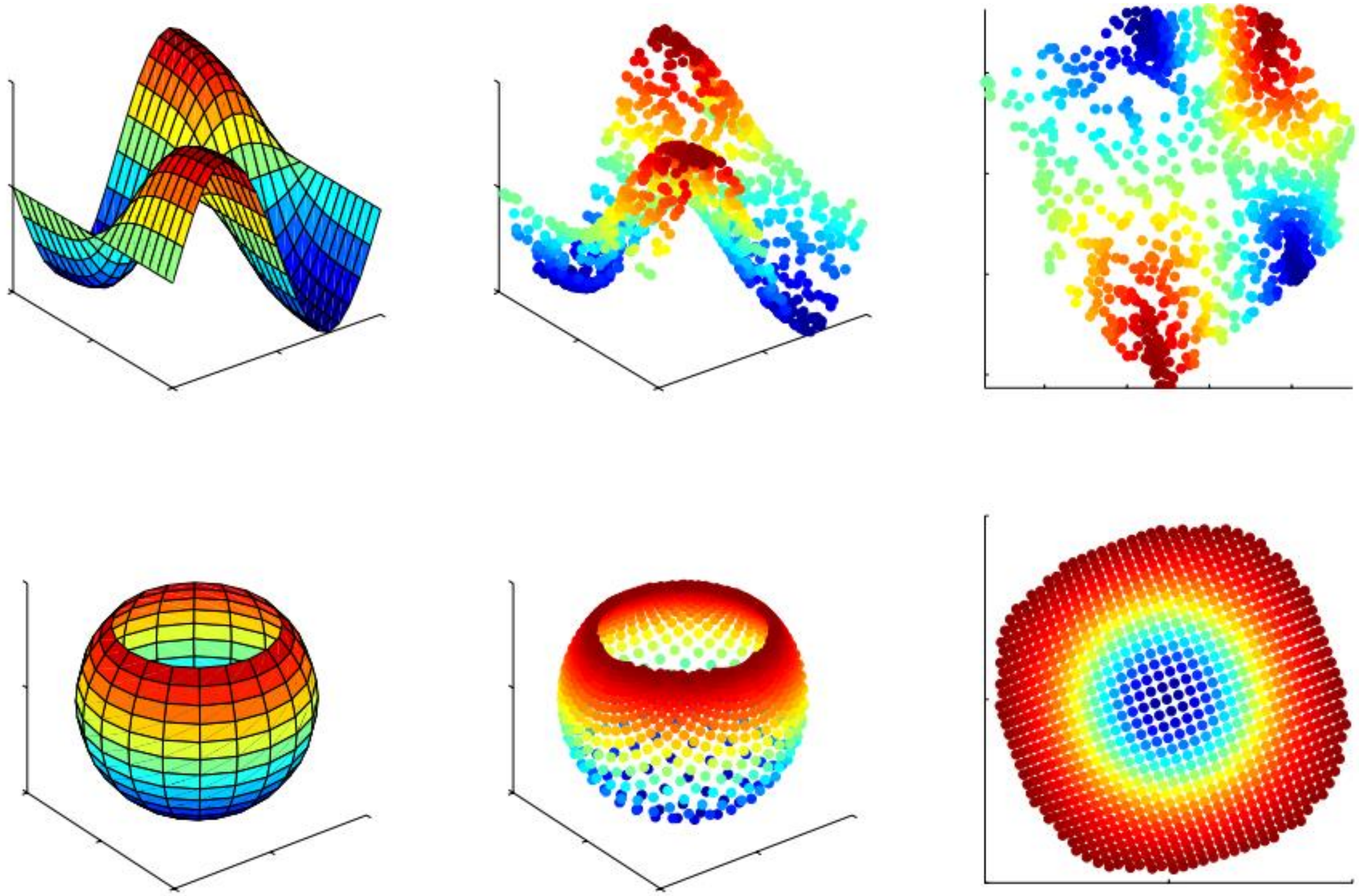
  - all data points are coupled together – **global coordinates**
  - Solution (Lagrange methods) – eigenvalue problem:

$$F = \frac{1}{2}\sum_i \|\mathbf{y}_i - \sum_j W_{ij}\mathbf{y}_j\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{\alpha\beta}\lambda_{\alpha\beta}\Big(\frac{1}{N}\sum_i y_{i\alpha}y_{i\beta} - \delta_{\alpha\beta}\Big)$$

$$(\mathbf{1} - W)^\top(\mathbf{1} - W)Y = \frac{1}{N}Y\Lambda, \;\; \text{where } \Lambda_{\alpha\beta} = \lambda_{\alpha\beta}$$

Find the *d* eigenvectors with the lowest eigenvalues

More examples



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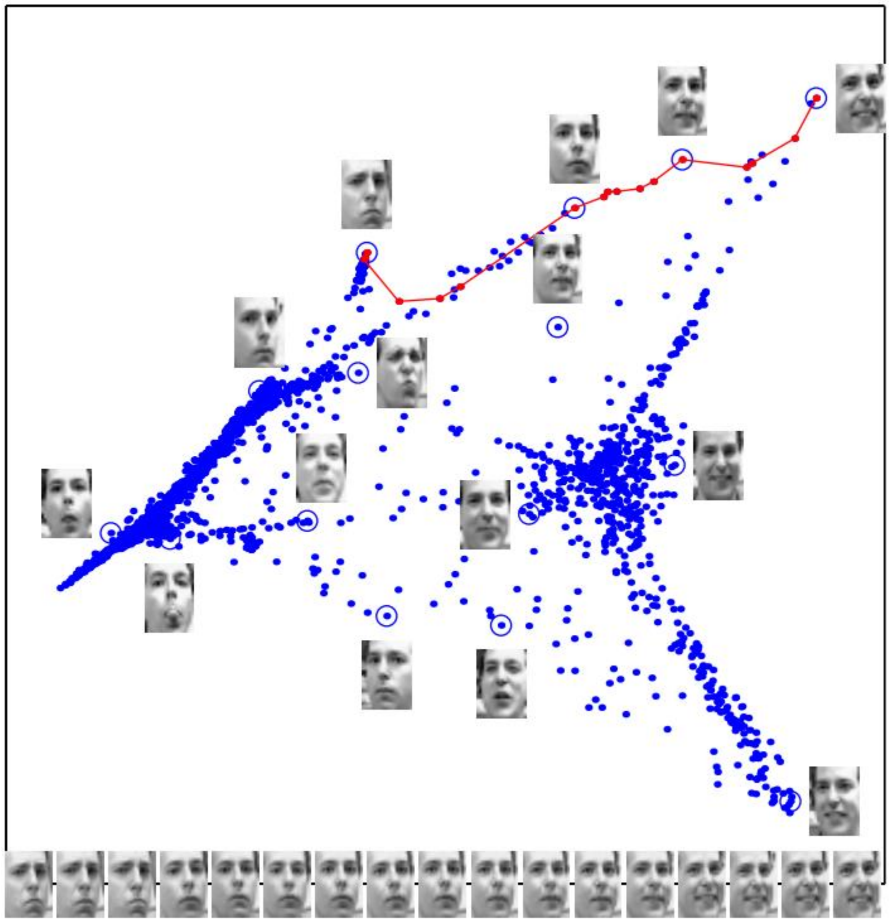
More examples

- 1965 grayscale 20 x 28 images (D=560); $K = 12$



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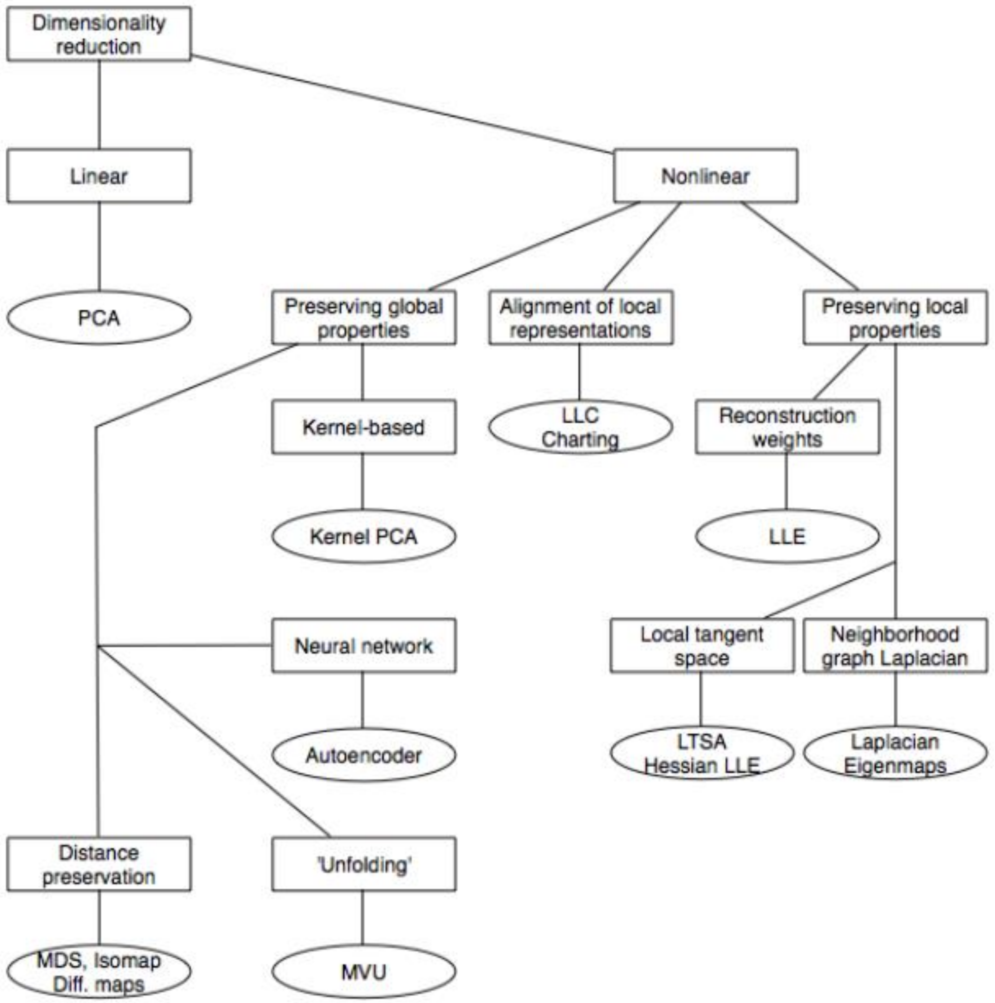
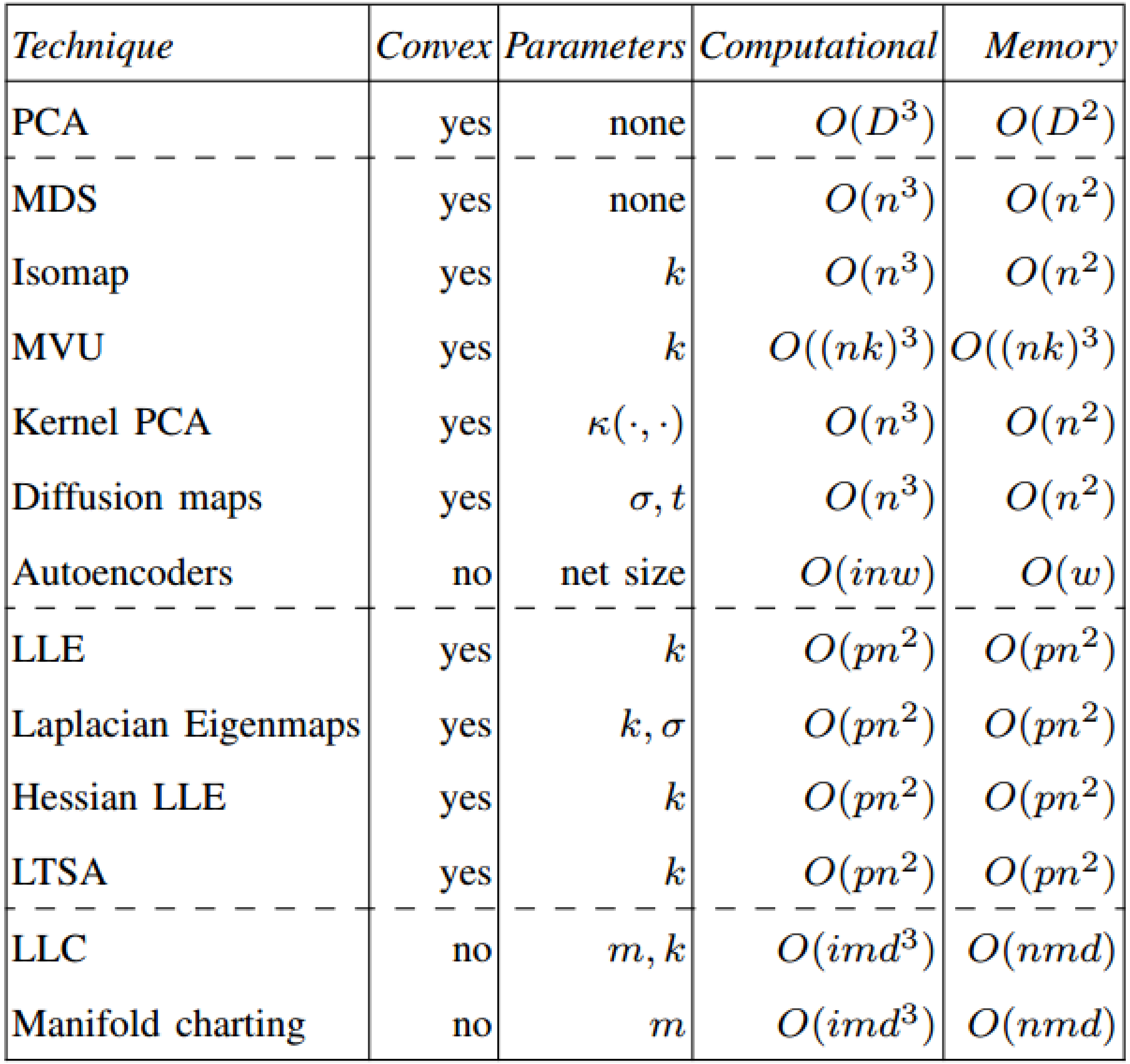
Many other algorithms



[van der Maaten et al., Dimension Reduction: A Comparative Review, 2008]



Technique	*Convex*	*Parameters*	*Computational*	*Memory*
PCA	yes	none	$O(D^3)$	$O(D^2)$
MDS	yes	none	$O(n^3)$	$O(n^2)$
Isomap	yes	k	$O(n^3)$	$O(n^2)$
MVU	yes	k	$O((nk)^3)$	$O((nk)^3)$
Kernel PCA	yes	$\kappa(\cdot,\cdot)$	$O(n^3)$	$O(n^2)$
Diffusion maps	yes	σ, t	$O(n^3)$	$O(n^2)$
Autoencoders	no	net size	$O(inw)$	$O(w)$
LLE	yes	k	$O(pn^2)$	$O(pn^2)$
Laplacian Eigenmaps	yes	k, σ	$O(pn^2)$	$O(pn^2)$
Hessian LLE	yes	k	$O(pn^2)$	$O(pn^2)$
LTSA	yes	k	$O(pn^2)$	$O(pn^2)$
LLC	no	m, k	$O(imd^3)$	$O(nmd)$
Manifold charting	no	m	$O(imd^3)$	$O(nmd)$

Note: n is *N*; *D* is *p* in our slides

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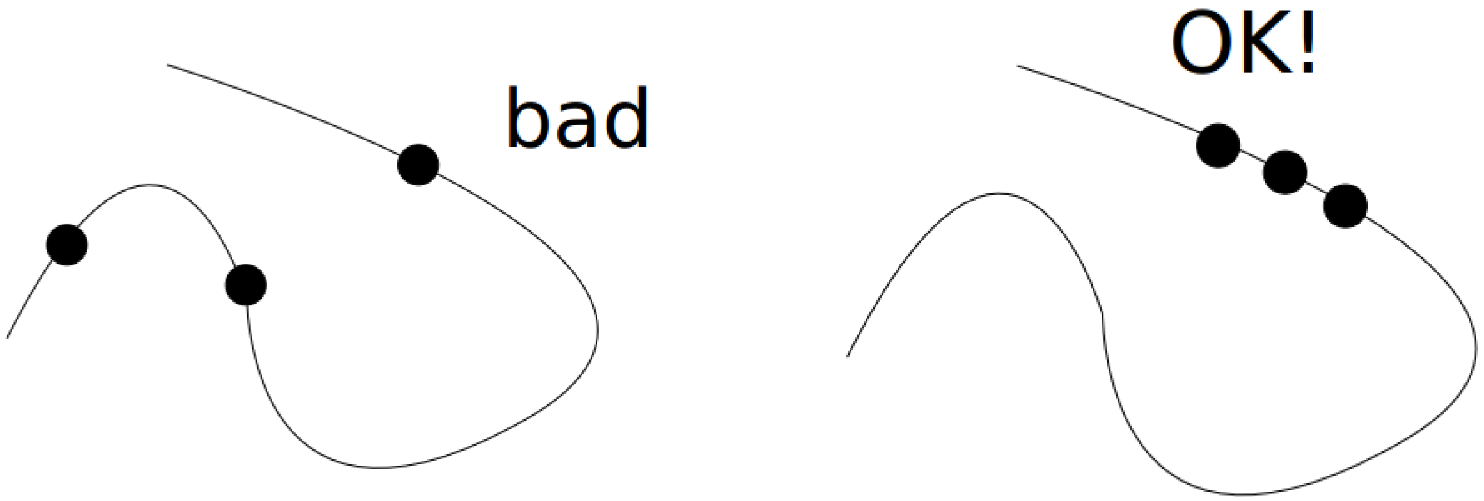
No Free Lunch

- The "curvier" your manifold, the denser your data must be!

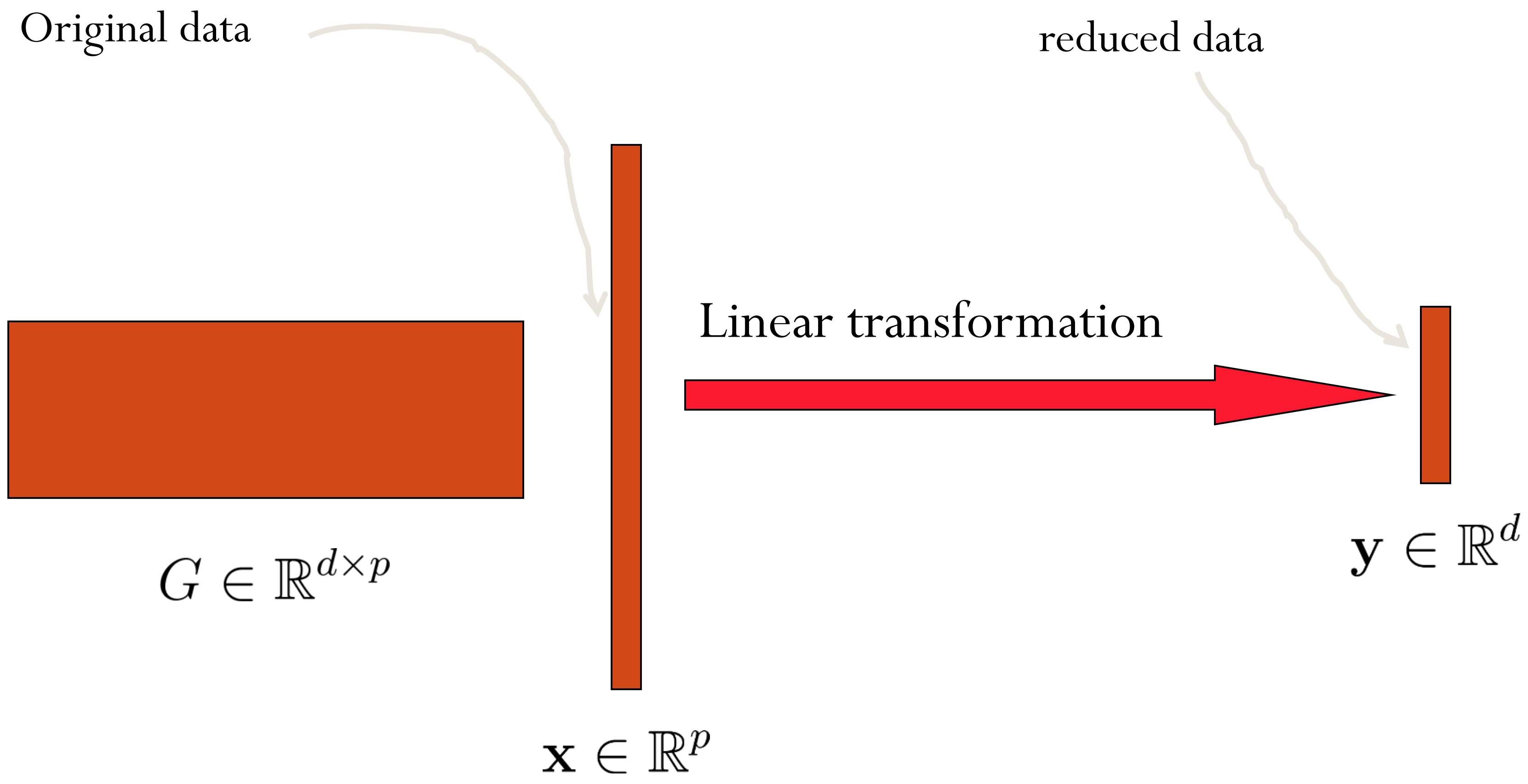


Matlab Toolbox

Laurens van der Maaten

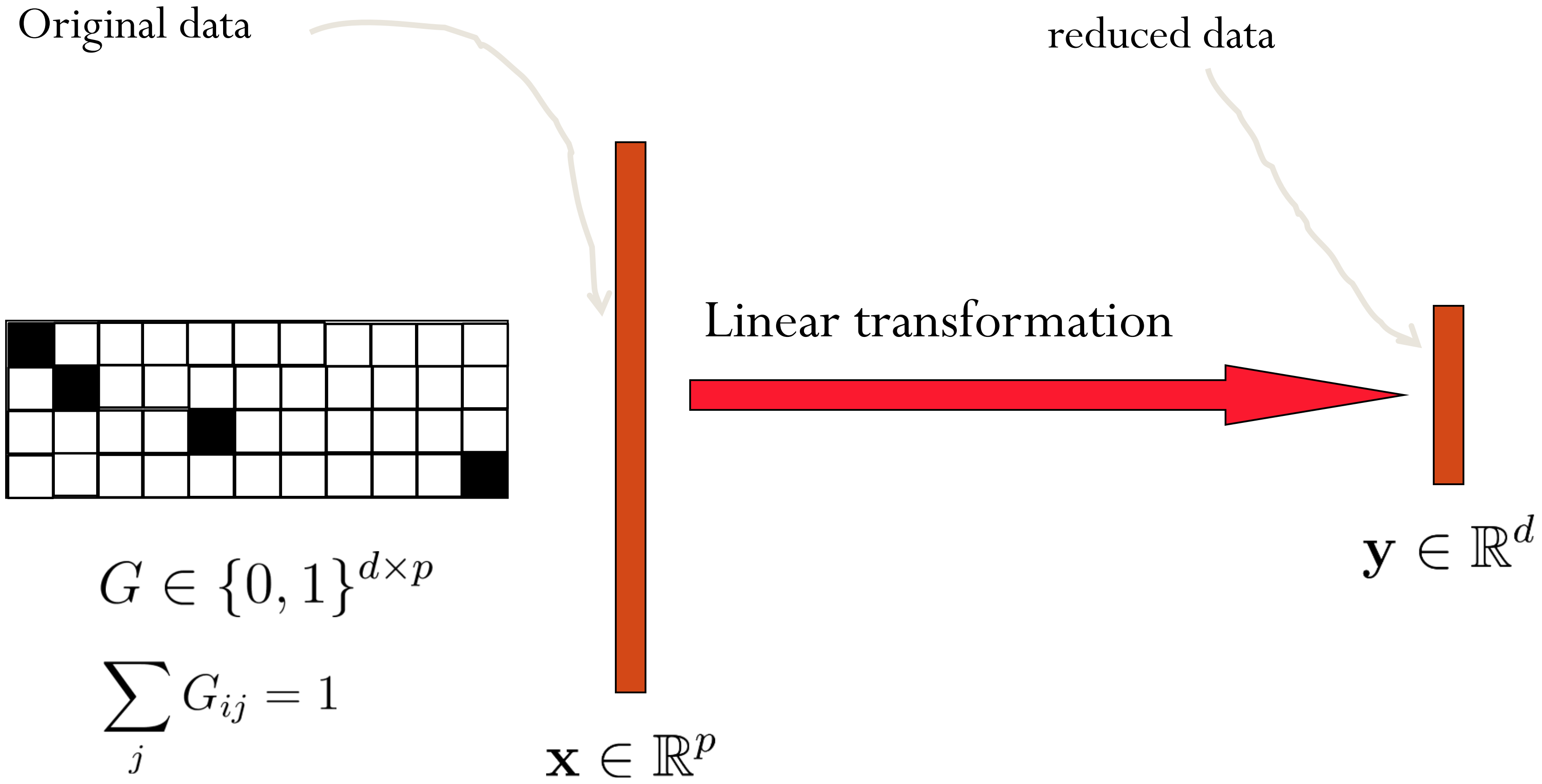
- http://lvdmaaten.github.io/drtoolbox/ (34 techniques for dimensionality reduction and metric learning)

What is dimension reduction? – linear case


Original data
reduced data
Linear transformation
$G \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$
$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$
$\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$G \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p} : \ \mathbf{x} \to \mathbf{y} = G\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

What is feature selection?



$$G \in \{0,1\}^{d\times p}$$

$$\sum_j G_{ij} = 1$$

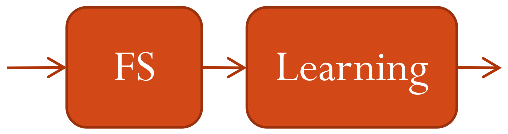
$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$$

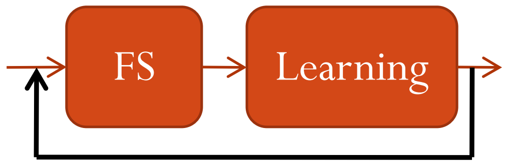
$$\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

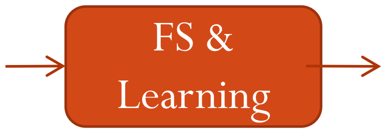
$$G \in \{0,1\}^{d\times p} : \ \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y} = G\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

Feature selection methods

- FS is popular in supervised learning by maximizing some function of predictive accuracy
- Selecting an optimal set of features is NP-hard (Weston et al., 2003)
- Approximate methods:
  - Filter methods [Kira & Rendell, 1992] (**Separate**)
    - Based on feature ranking (individual predictive power);
    - A pre-processing step and independent of prediction models (optimal under very strict assumptions!) [Guyon & Elisseeff, 2003]
  - Wrapper methods [Kohavi & John, 1997] (**Half-integrated**)
    - Use learning machine as a black box to score subsets of variables according to their predictive power
    - Can waste of resources to do many re-training!
  - Embedded methods (**Integrated**)
    - Perform FS during the process of training; Usually specific to given learning machines
    - Data efficient and Can avoid many re-training!

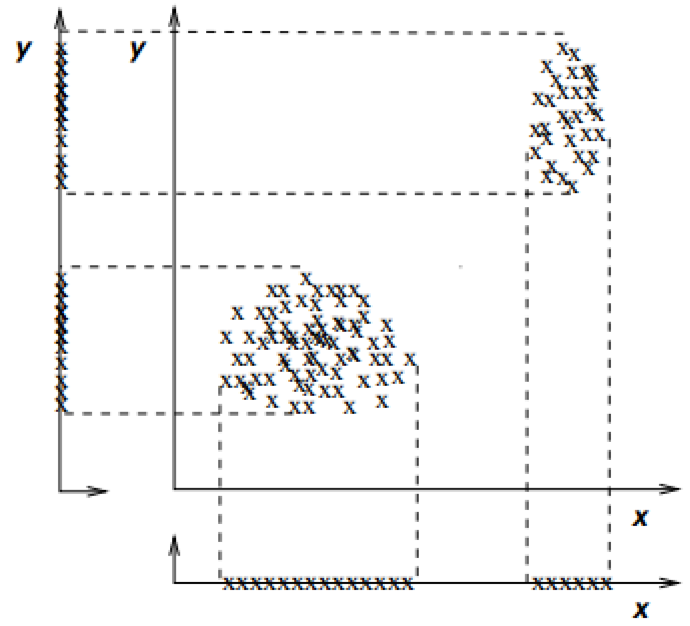






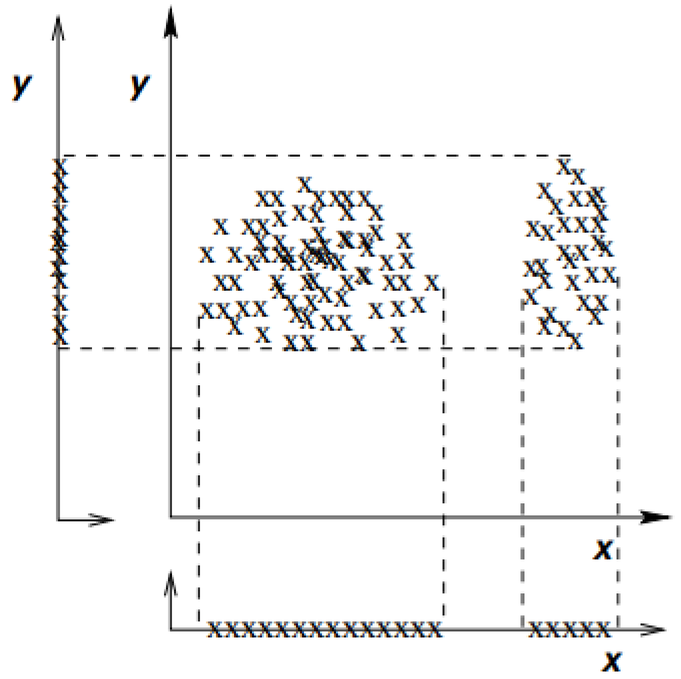
Unsupervised feature selection

- x and y are redundant in discriminating the two clusters (i.e., each one decides the clustering results)



Unsupervised feature selection

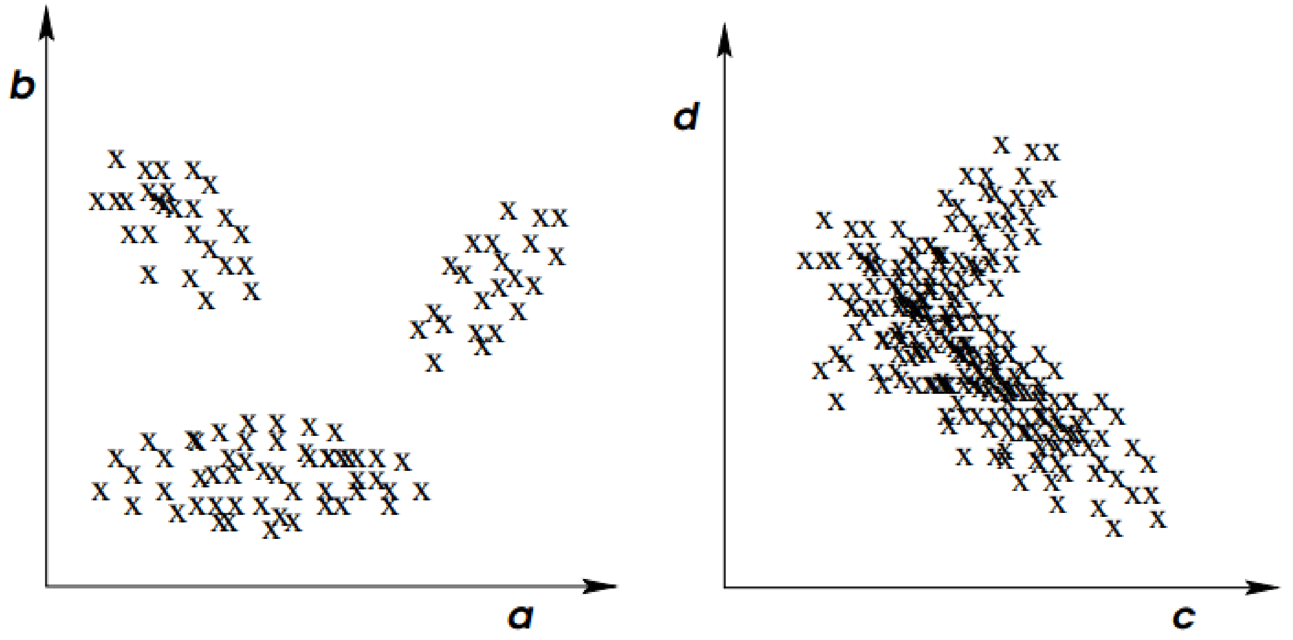
- y is irredundant in discriminating the two clusters



- **Note**: irrelevant features can misguide clustering

Unsupervised feature selection

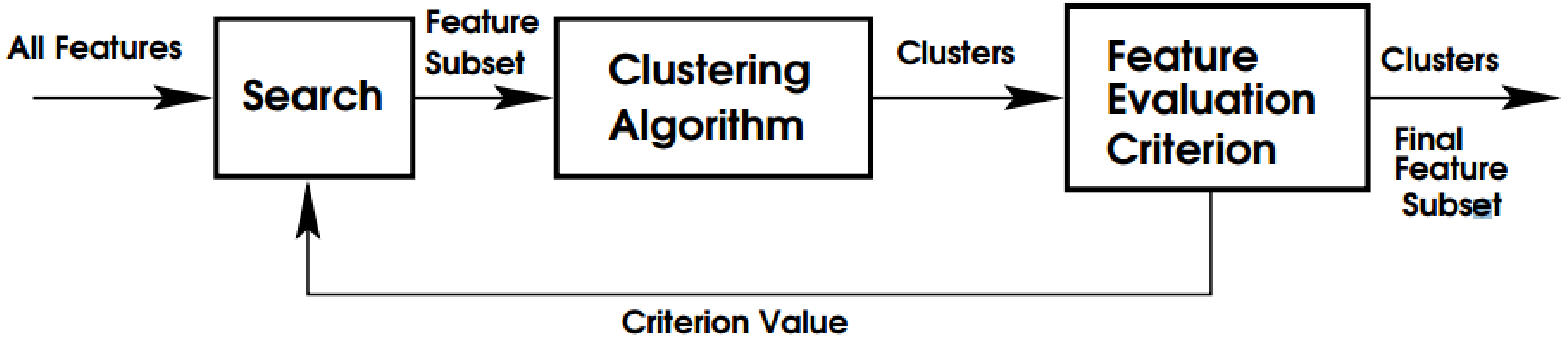
- Different feature subsets lead to different clustering



- Which one should we pick?

Unsupervised feature selection

- A wrapper framework for unsupervised feature selection



- **Some key issues**:
  - Different feature subsets have different numbers of clusters
  - The feature selection criteria have biases w.r.t feature subset dimensionality

Feature Search

- An exhaustive search is intractable (2^d possible feature subsets)
- Greedy search:
  - Sequential forward search
    - Starting from 0 features
    - Add one feature at a time to maximize the gain of some criterion
    - Stop when no improvement
  - Sequential backward elimination
    - Start from the full set
    - Eliminate one feature at a time to minimize the loss of some criterion
    - Stop when no change

Clustering algorithm

- Any clustering algorithms can be used in the wrapper framework

Feature subset section criteria

- "different classifications [clusterings] are right for different purpose, so we cannot say any one classification is best" (Hartigan, 1985)
- Some commonly used criteria:
  - Scatter separability (applicable for any clustering methods)

$$S_w = \sum_{j=1}^{K} \pi_j \mathbb{E}[(X-\mu_j)(X-\mu_j)^\top | C_j] = \sum_{j=1}^{K} \pi_j \Sigma_j$$

$$S_b = \sum_{j=1}^{K} \pi_j (\mu_j - M_0)(\mu_j - M_0)^\top \quad \Longrightarrow \quad trace(S_w^{-1} S_b)$$

$$M_0 = \mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{j=1}^{K} \pi_j \mu_j$$

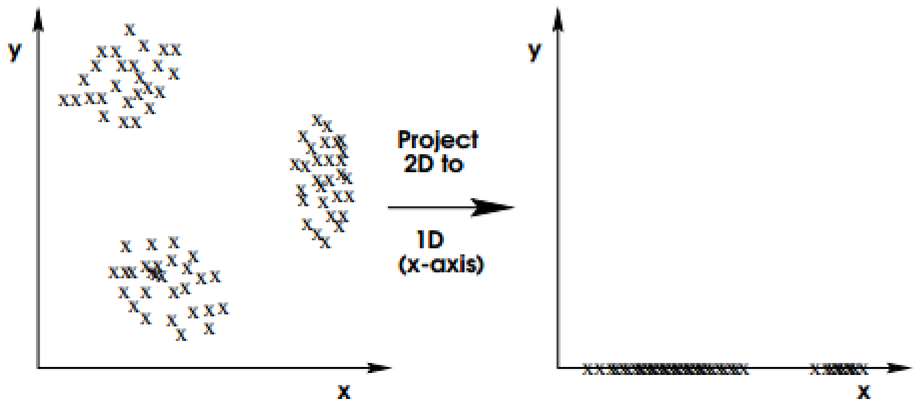
Feature subset section criteria

- "different classifications [clusterings] are right for different purpose, so we cannot say any one classification is best" (Hartigan, 1985)
- Some commonly used criteria:
  - Maximum likelihood (applicable for probabilistic methods)

$$P(D|\text{a feature subset})$$

The need for finding the number of clusters

- The number of clusters varies with dimension



- Some selection methods exist for K (Dy & Brodley, 2003)

[Dy & Brodley, Feature section for unsupervised learning, JMLR 2003]

What you need to know

- Motivations for dimension reduction
- Derivations of PCA
- LLE
- Feature selection

- Homework 1 out, due in two weeks!

- Reading materials:
  - Chapter 12 of Bishop's PRML
  - References in slides