

3.8.1 Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

We begin by considering the problem of representing all of the vectors in a set of n d -dimensional samples $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ by a single vector \mathbf{x}_0 . To be more specific, suppose that we want to find a vector \mathbf{x}_0 such that the sum of the squared distances between \mathbf{x}_0 and the various \mathbf{x}_k is as small as possible. We define the squared-error criterion function $J_0(\mathbf{x}_0)$ by

$$J_0(\mathbf{x}_0) = \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_k\|^2, \quad (78)$$

and seek the value of \mathbf{x}_0 that minimizes J_0 . It is simple to show that the solution to this problem is given by $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{m}$, where \mathbf{m} is the sample mean,

$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{x}_k. \quad (79)$$

This can be easily verified by writing

$$\begin{aligned} J_0(\mathbf{x}_0) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \|(\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{m}) - (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m})\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{m}\|^2 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{m})^t (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}) + \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{m}\|^2 - 2(\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{m})^t \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}) + \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{m}\|^2 + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}\|^2}_{\text{independent of } \mathbf{x}_0}. \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

Since the second sum is independent of \mathbf{x}_0 , this expression is obviously minimized by the choice $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{m}$.

The sample mean is a zero-dimensional representation of the data set. It is simple, but it does not reveal any of the variability in the data. We can obtain a more interesting, one-dimensional representation by projecting the data onto a line running through the sample mean. Let \mathbf{e} be a unit vector in the direction of the line. Then the equation of the line can be written as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{m} + a\mathbf{e}, \quad (81)$$

where the scalar a (which takes on any real value) corresponds to the distance of any point \mathbf{x} from the mean \mathbf{m} . If we represent \mathbf{x}_k by $\mathbf{m} + a_k\mathbf{e}$, we can find an "optimal" set of coefficients a_k by minimizing the squared-error criterion function

$$\begin{aligned} J_1(a_1, \dots, a_n, \mathbf{e}) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \|(\mathbf{m} + a_k\mathbf{e}) - \mathbf{x}_k\|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \|a_k\mathbf{e} - (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m})\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \|\mathbf{e}\|^2 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \mathbf{e}^t (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}) + \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

Recognizing that $\|\mathbf{e}\| = 1$, partially differentiating with respect to a_k , and setting the derivative to zero, we obtain

$$a_k = \mathbf{e}'(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}). \quad (83)$$

Geometrically, this result merely says that we obtain a least-squares solution by projecting the vector \mathbf{x}_k onto the line in the direction of \mathbf{e} that passes through the sample mean.

SCATTER MATRIX

This brings us to the more interesting problem of finding the *best* direction \mathbf{e} for the line. The solution to this problem involves the so-called *scatter matrix* \mathbf{S} defined by

$$\mathbf{S} = \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m})'. \quad (84)$$

The scatter matrix should look familiar—it is merely $n - 1$ times the sample covariance matrix. It arises here when we substitute a_k found in Eq. 83 into Eq. 82 to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_1(\mathbf{e}) &= \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}\|^2 \\ &= - \sum_{k=1}^n [\mathbf{e}'(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m})]^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}\|^2 \\ &= - \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{e}'(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m})'\mathbf{e} + \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}\|^2 \\ &= -\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{e} + \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{m}\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (85)$$

Clearly, the vector \mathbf{e} that minimizes J_1 also maximizes $\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{e}$. We use the method of Lagrange multipliers (described in Section A.3 of the Appendix) to maximize $\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{e}$ subject to the constraint that $\|\mathbf{e}\| = 1$. Letting λ be the undetermined multiplier, we differentiate

$$u = \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{e} - \lambda(\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} - 1) \quad (86)$$

with respect to \mathbf{e} to obtain

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{e}} = 2\mathbf{S}\mathbf{e} - 2\lambda\mathbf{e}. \quad (87)$$

Setting this gradient vector equal to zero, we see that \mathbf{e} must be an eigenvector of the scatter matrix:

$$\mathbf{S}\mathbf{e} = \lambda\mathbf{e}. \quad (88)$$

In particular, because $\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{e} = \lambda\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} = \lambda$, it follows that to maximize $\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{e}$, we want to select the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue of the scatter matrix. In other words, to find the best one-dimensional projection of the data (best in the least-

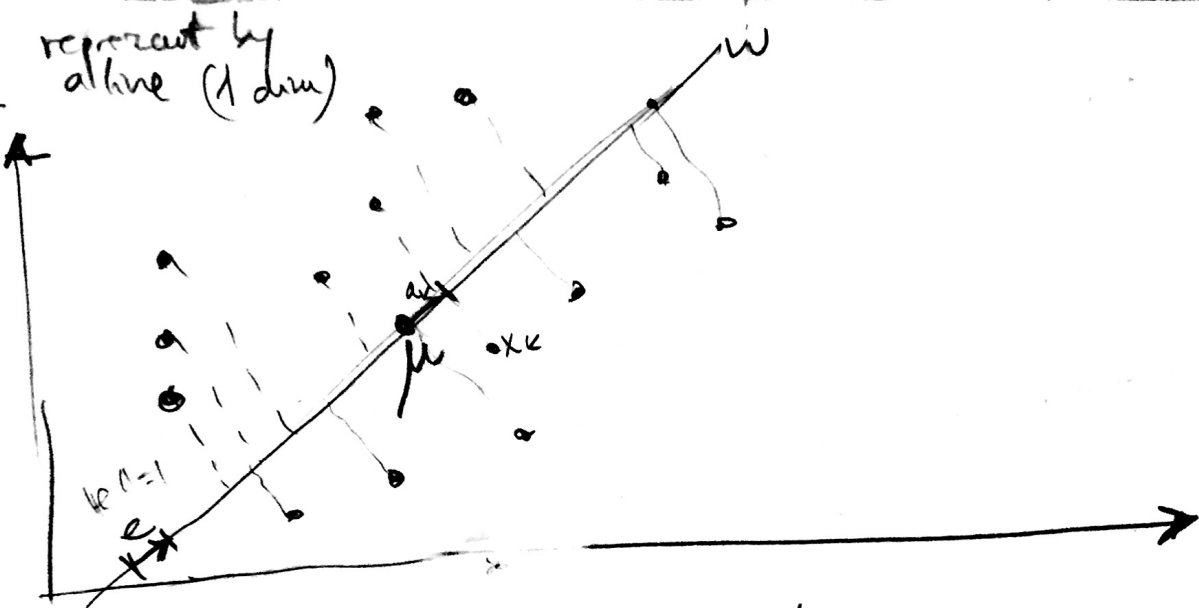
PCA

① REPRESENT BY A POINT (0 dimensions)
→ that would be the mean

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_k x_k$$

$$\mu = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_k \|x - x_k\|^2$$

② PCA represent by a line (1 dim)



the line will pass through the mean

we need to define and find a good w .

$$x_k = \mu + a_k e$$

$\|e\|=1$ is the direction of the line
 $a_k = \text{scalar}$

$$J(a_1, a_2, \dots, e) = \sum_k \|\mu + a_k e - x_k\|^2 = \sum_k \|a_k e - (x_k - \mu)\|^2 =$$

$$= \sum_k a_k^2 \|e\|^2 - 2 \sum_k a_k e^T (x_k - \mu) + \sum_k \|x_k - \mu\|^2$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial a_i} = 0 \Rightarrow a_k = e^T (x_k - \mu) \quad \parallel \quad E[\mu + a_k e] = \mu + E[a_k e] = \mu + e^T E[x_k - \mu] e = \mu$$

MOST IMPORTANT: what \boxed{e} is a good direction?

- minimize J

- maximize the variance of the projections on e .

Variance of projections

$$E\left[\left(\mu + a_k e - E[\mu + a_k e]\right)^2\right] = E\left[\mu + a_k e - \mu\right] = E\left[(a_k e)^2\right]$$

$$= E\left[e^T (x_k - \mu) \cdot e^T (x_k - \mu)\right] = E\left[e^T (x_k - \mu) (x_k - \mu)^T e\right] =$$

$$= e^T \Sigma e$$

where $\Sigma = \sum_k (x_k - \mu)(x_k - \mu)^T$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_k (x_k^1 - \mu^1)(x_k^1 - \mu^1) & \dots & \sum_k (x_k^1 - \mu^1)(x_k^d - \mu^d) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_k (x_k^i - \mu^i)(x_k^i - \mu^i) & \dots & \sum_k (x_k^i - \mu^i)(x_k^d - \mu^d) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_k (x_k^d - \mu^d)(x_k^1 - \mu^1) & \dots & \sum_k (x_k^d - \mu^d)(x_k^d - \mu^d) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & & \sigma_{1d} \\ & \sigma_{ij} & \\ \sigma_{dd} & & \sigma_{dd} \end{bmatrix}$$

= covariance matrix

$$J(e) = \sum_k a_k^2 - 2 \sum_k a_k^2 + \sum_k \|x_k - \mu\|^2 =$$

$$= - \sum_k \left(\sum_i (x_k^i - \mu^i)\right)^2 + \sum_k \|x_k - \mu\|^2 =$$

$$= - \sum_k e^T (x_k - \mu) (x_k - \mu)^T e + \sum_k \|x_k - \mu\|^2$$

$$= e^T \Sigma e$$

So minimizing the error \Leftrightarrow maximize the variance of projections.

$$\text{maximize } e^T \Sigma e$$

$$\text{subject to } \|e\|=1 \Leftrightarrow e^T e = 1$$

$$\text{Lagrangian } L = \max \left[e^T \Sigma e - \alpha (e^T e - 1) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial e} = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2\Sigma e - 2\alpha e = 0 \rightarrow \Sigma e = \alpha e$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \Downarrow \\ e = \text{eigen vector of } \Sigma \\ \alpha = \text{eigen value of } \Sigma \end{array}$$

$$e^T \Sigma e = e^T \alpha e = \alpha$$

\Downarrow
we need to choose the (eigen vector, eigen value) pair with the biggest eigen value.

Say we want a second "biggest" dimension.

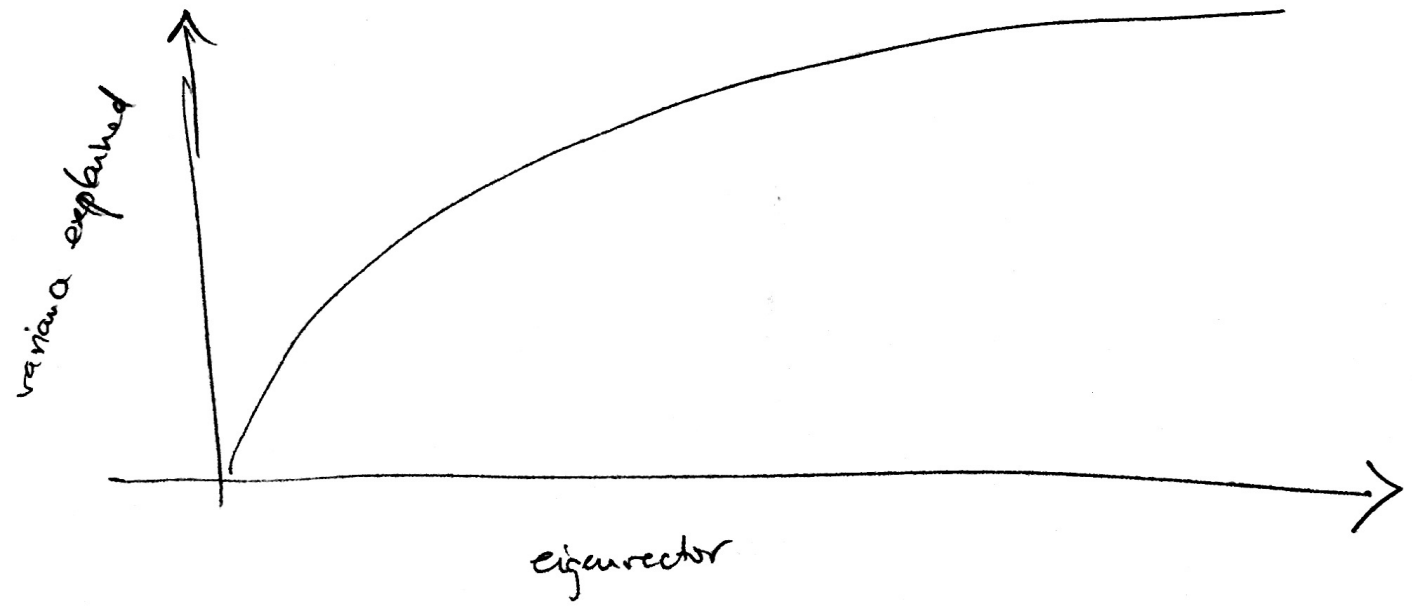
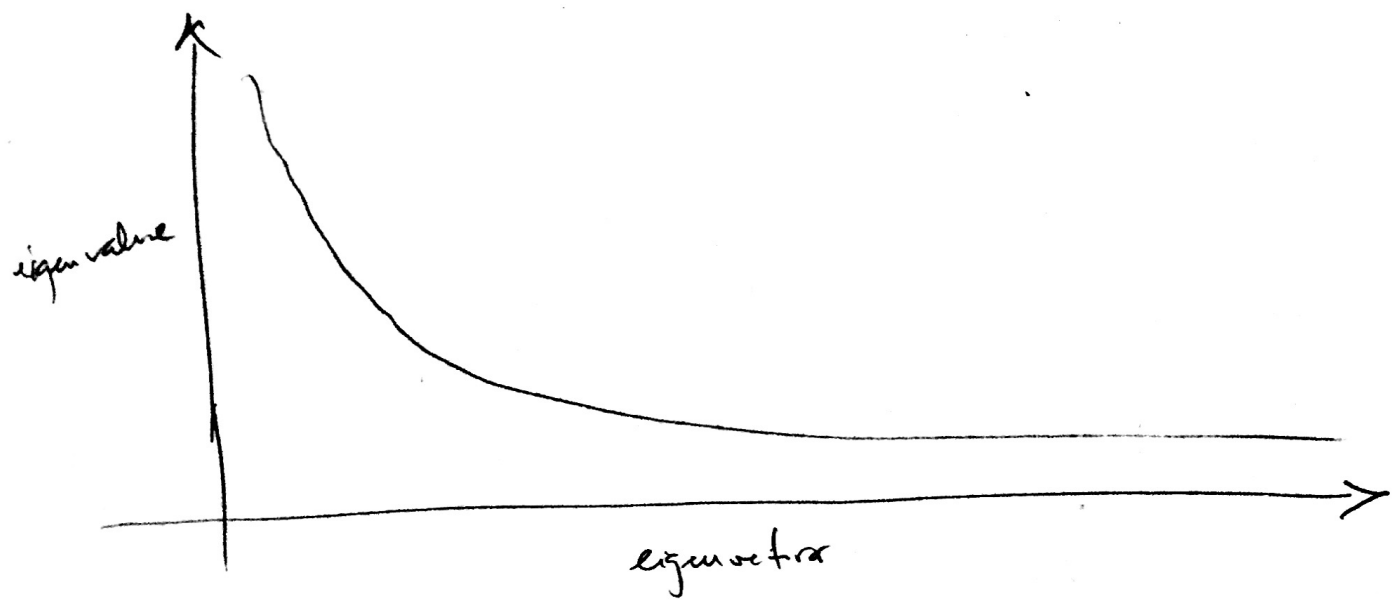
- constrained that is orthogonal on the first dim $e_1 = e$
so that measures a diff variance component

$$\text{Lagrangian: } \max \left[e_2^T \Sigma e_2 - \alpha (e_2^T e_2 - 1) - \beta (e_2^T e_1 - 0) \right]$$

$$\partial L = 0 \rightarrow 2\Sigma e_2 - 2\alpha e_2 - \beta e_1 = 0$$

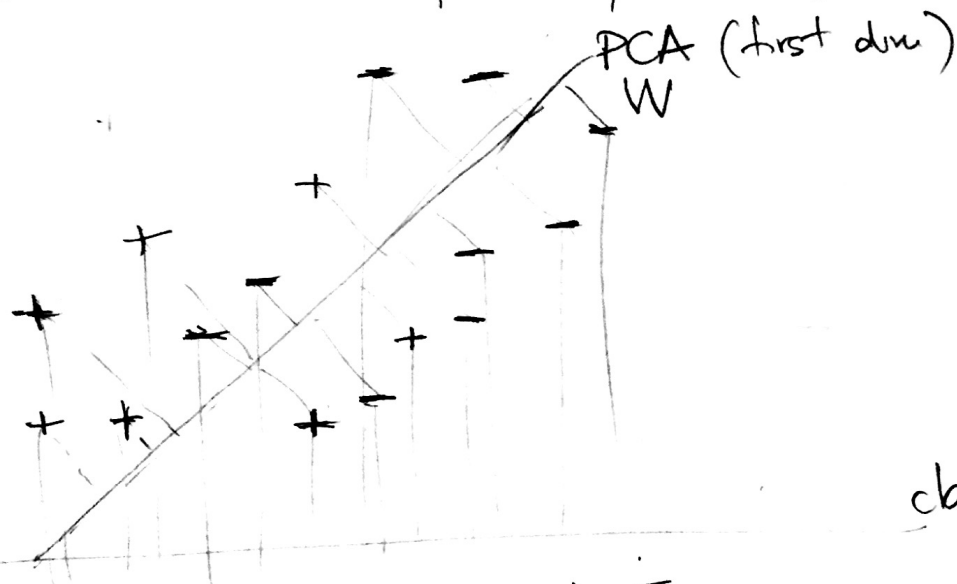
$$\begin{array}{c} \Downarrow \\ \underbrace{2e_1^T \Sigma e_2}_{e_1^T e_2 = 0} - \underbrace{2e_1^T \alpha e_2}_{e_1^T e_2 = 0} - e_1^T \beta e_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \Downarrow \\ \Sigma e_2 = \alpha e_2 \rightarrow e_2 \text{ eigen vector} \\ \alpha = \lambda_2 = \text{second eigenvalue.} \end{array}$$



FISHER LINEAR DISCRIMINANT

Find dimensions that help classify data. (PCA might lose these)



m_1 points $\in C_1$
 m_2 points $\in C_2$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{1}{m_1} \sum_{x \in C_1} x$$

$$\mu_2 = \frac{1}{m_2} \sum_{x \in C_2} x$$

$\|w\|=1$ w = the line; projected points $z = wx$

projected means: $\bar{\mu}_1 = \frac{1}{m_1} \sum_{C_1} w^T x = w^T \mu_1$

distance between projected means is $|\bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2| = |w^T (\mu_1 - \mu_2)|$

$$\Sigma_i = \sum_{C_i} (x - \mu_i)(x - \mu_i)^T$$

$$\Sigma_w = \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2$$

$$\sigma_i^2 = \text{Var}[w^T x] = w^T \Sigma_i w$$

$$\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 = w^T \Sigma_1 w + w^T \Sigma_2 w = w^T \Sigma_w w$$

$$\Sigma_B = (\mu_1 - \mu_2)(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^T$$

$$(\bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2)^2 = (w^T \mu_1 - w^T \mu_2)^2 = w^T \Sigma_B w$$

Fisher's linear discriminant

$$\text{(maximize)} \quad J(w) = \frac{|\bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2|^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} =$$

$$= \frac{w^T \Sigma_B w}{w^T \Sigma_W w} \quad \left(\text{sometimes called "Rayleigh" quotient} \right)$$

Solution must satisfy $\Sigma_B w = \lambda \Sigma_W w$
(max J)

(A) if Σ_W nonsingular $\Rightarrow \Sigma_W^{-1} \Sigma_B w = \lambda w \Rightarrow$
 (λ, w) eigens of $\Sigma_W^{-1} \Sigma_B$

(B) for us, we do not need $\Sigma_W^{-1} \Sigma_B$ because $\Sigma_B w$ is in the
direction of $(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$, so $w = \Sigma_W^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_2)$

(C) All it is left is to find a threshold on the projections.