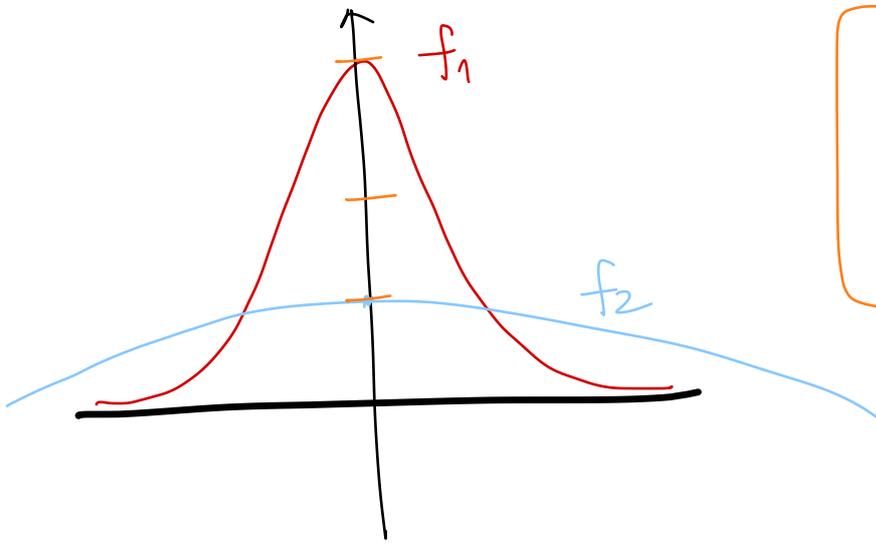


Lecture 21

Do Well!
20 min

PCA
CV



$$\sigma_1 = 1$$

$$\sigma_2 = 3$$

$$f_1(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$f_3(0) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

on Q3 Pb 4

Predictors

Bias - Variance

Training

Neural
Architectures

Unsupervised

Statistical
CV
Regularization

ML & People



Lecture Notes VII – Principal Component Analysis

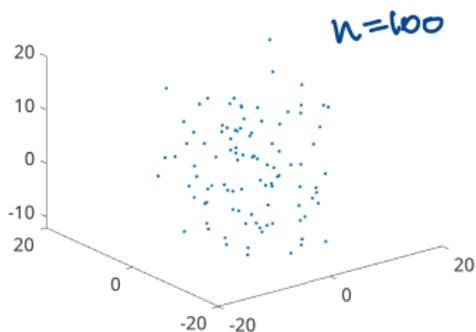
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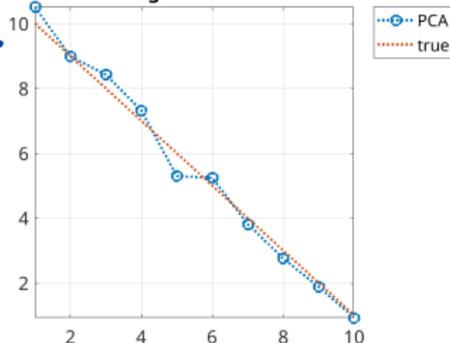
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Example – Gaussian data

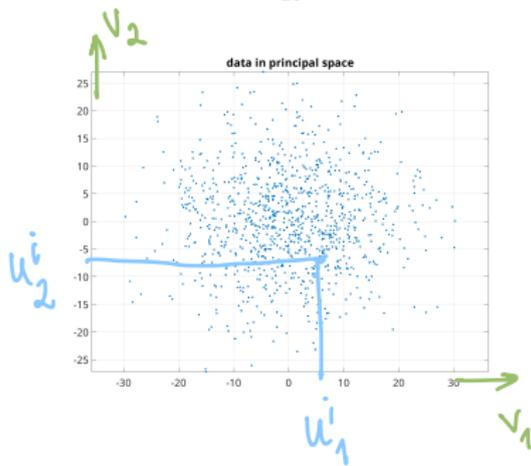
data in dimensions 1:3



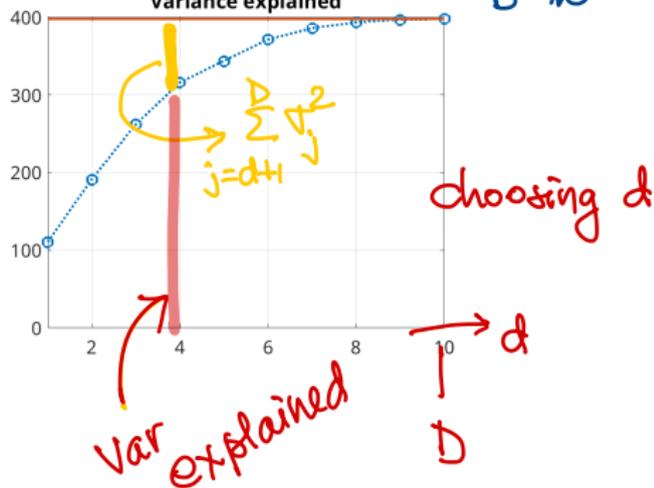
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data in principal space

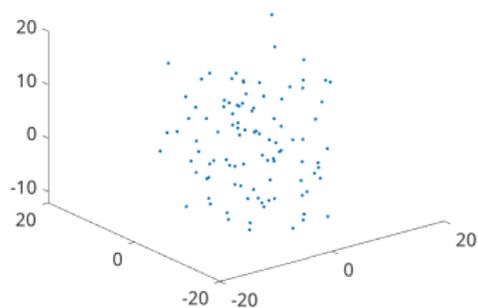


Variance explained

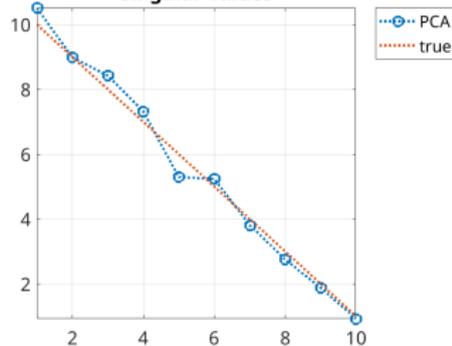


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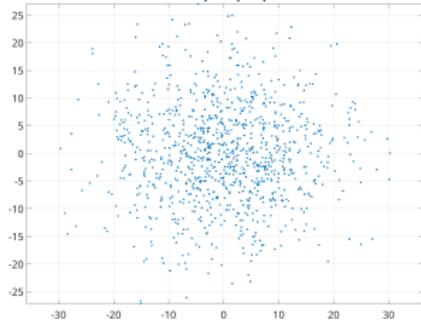
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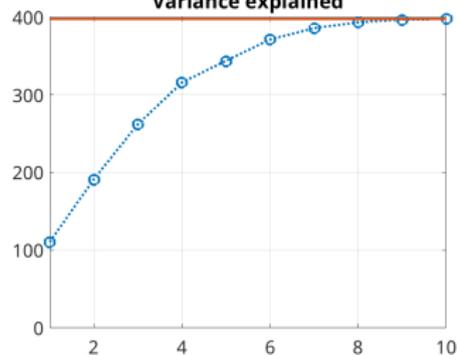
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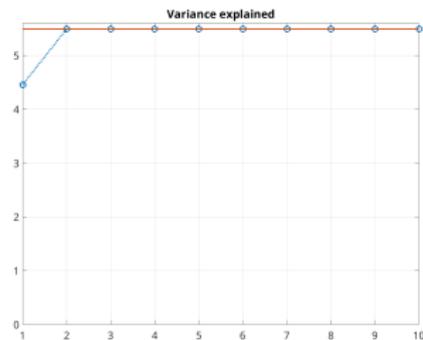
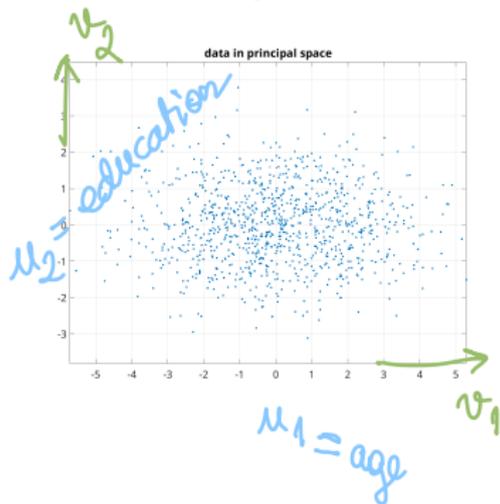
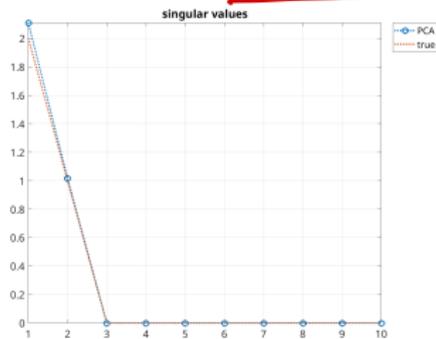
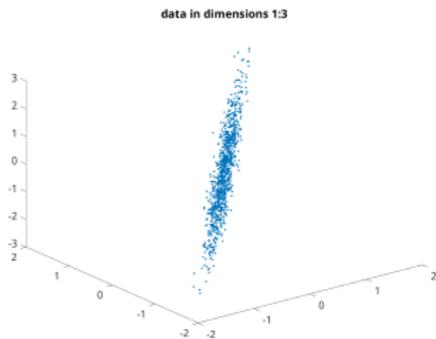


Variance explained

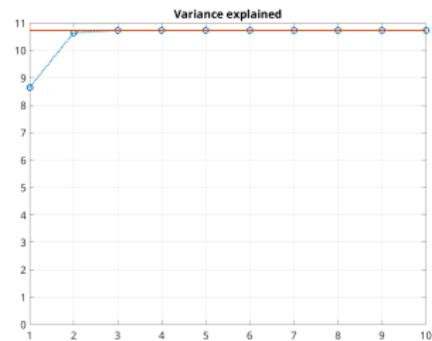
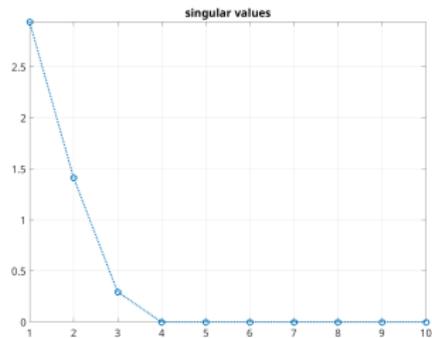
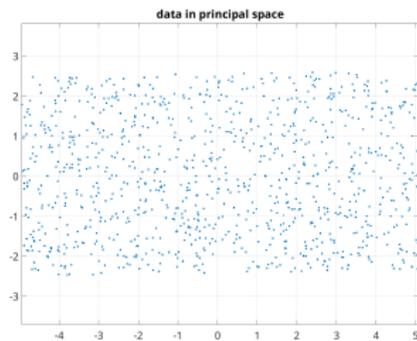
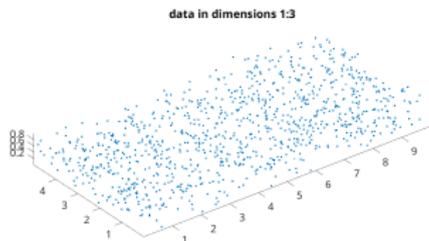


Example – Gaussian data 2D

PCA Analysis

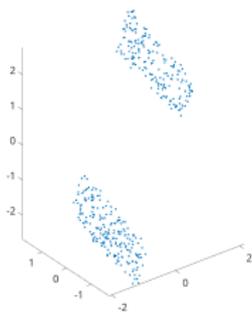


Example – Brick



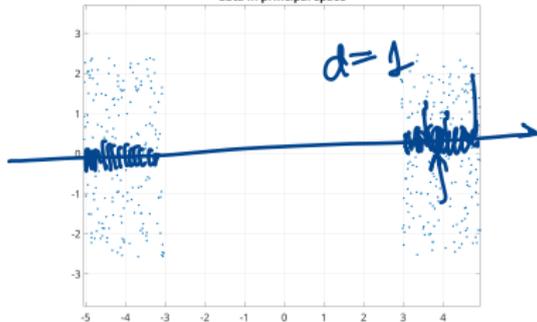
Example – clusters

data in dimensions 1:3



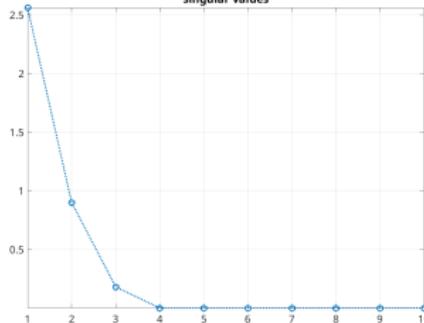
$k=2$

data in principal space

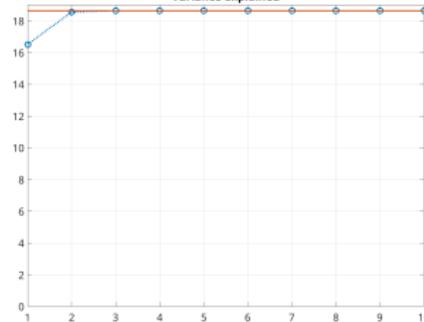


$d=1$

singular values



Variance explained



In general

k clusters

PCA($k-1$)

$d = k - 1$

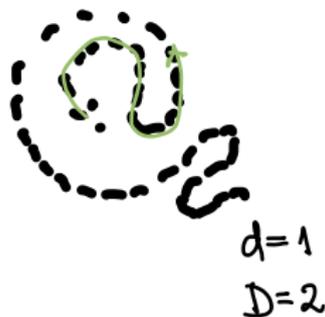
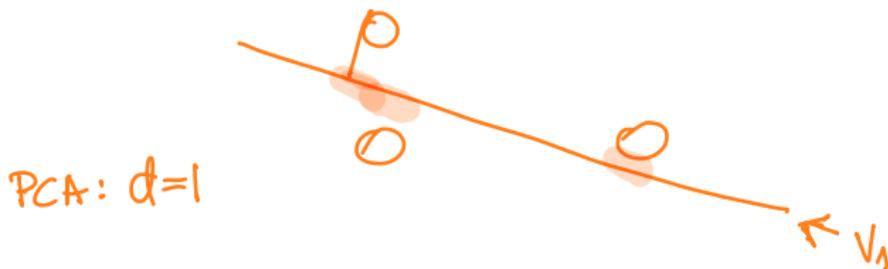
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clustering
easier
after PCA

⊆
in high
dim

PCA Summary

- ▶ Reduces data dimension from D to d
- ▶ Linear operation (projection) → manifold learning, embedding, non-linear dim reduction
- ▶ "Optimal" linear method to reduce dimension
- ▶ Can discover if data is low-dimensional
- ▶ For clustering – recommended pre-processing: PCA in $K-1$ dimensions
- ▶ Limitation: fails to discover non-linear low dimensional structure
 - Low Rank approx
 - Interpretation



Model Selection

- Selecting k for clustering
- \longrightarrow k in k -nearest n.
- **comparing** 2 neural networks
- **comparing** different types of predictors
{ DT, k-nn, logistic r, ... }

Given \mathcal{D} , Loss L_{01}, L_{LS}, \dots

1. Train predictors f_1, f_2, \dots, f_M

2. Do Model Selection (= compare $f_{1:M}$)

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BC} - \text{only for ML estimation, cheap} \rightarrow \text{score} \\ \text{CV} - \text{any predictors, expensive} \rightarrow \text{score} \end{array} \right.$

$L^{\text{valid}} = \text{validation loss}$

$$f^* = \underset{m=1:M}{\operatorname{argmax}} \{ \text{score}(f_m) \}$$

Cross Validation

Assume \mathcal{D}' available

$|\mathcal{D}'| = n'$ (from same distribution)

1. for $m=1:M$ train on \mathcal{D}
 f_m

2. \longrightarrow calculate $L(f_m; \mathcal{D}') = L_m^V$

3. choose $f^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{1:M} L_m^V$

$n' = \text{how large?} \sim 1000$

n

If $n \gg 1000$ k -fold CV (disjoint)

1. Partition $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_1 \cup \mathcal{D}_2 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{D}_k$
 $|\mathcal{D}_k| \approx \frac{n}{k}$

2. for $k=1:k$

train $f_{1:m}$ on $\mathcal{D}_{-k} \Rightarrow f_m^{(k)}$
calculate loss $L_m^{(k)} = \text{Loss}(f_m^{(k)}; \mathcal{D}_k)$

$$\bar{L}^v(f_m) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{k=1}^k L_m^{(k)}$$

$$m^* = \underset{m=1:M}{\text{argmin}} \bar{L}_m^v$$

retrain f_{m^*} on \mathcal{D}

$k \uparrow$ $|\mathcal{D}_{-k}| = \frac{k-1}{k} n$ more data for training

more computation
very small $n \ll 100 \rightarrow$

Leave-One-Out CV

