

APPLIED MACHINE LEARNING

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Part II – To find the right projections - Intuition

Formalism: Projection

Let $X = [x^1 \dots x^M]$ a set of M N -dim. datapoints, $x^i \in \mathbb{R}^N$, $i = 1 \dots M$.

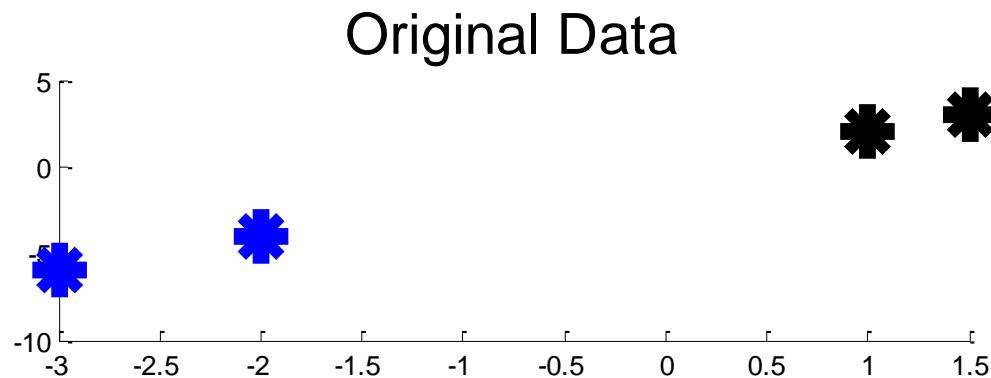
A projection Y of X through a linear map $A : x \in \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow y \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $p \leq N$ is given by: $Y = A \cdot X$.

$$X : N \times M$$

$$A : p \times N \text{ and } p \leq N$$

$$Y : p \times M$$

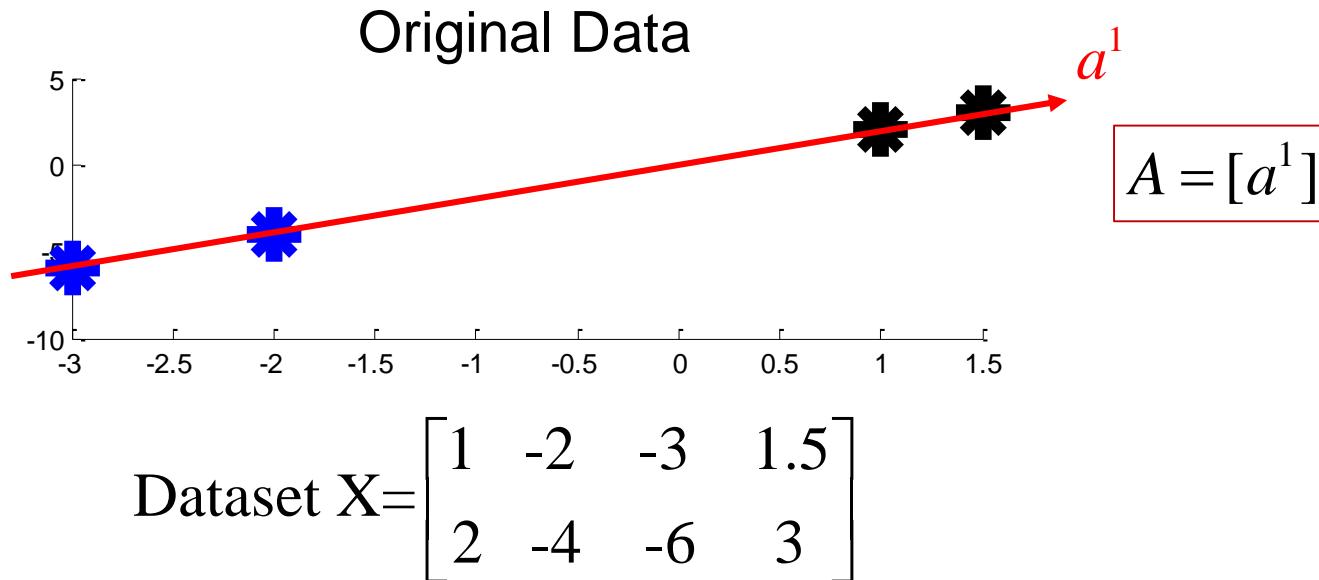
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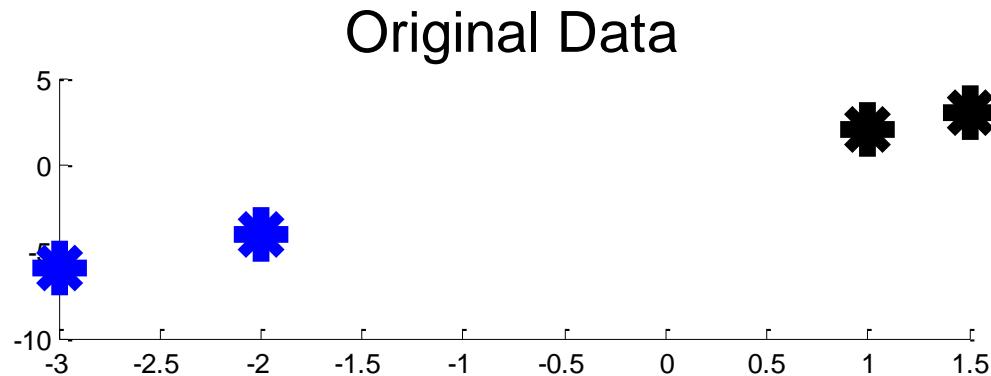
Can you find a way to reduce the amount of information needed to store the coordinates of these 4 datapoints?

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The optimal projection is a line that entails the correlation across the first and second coordinates: $x_2 = 2x_1$

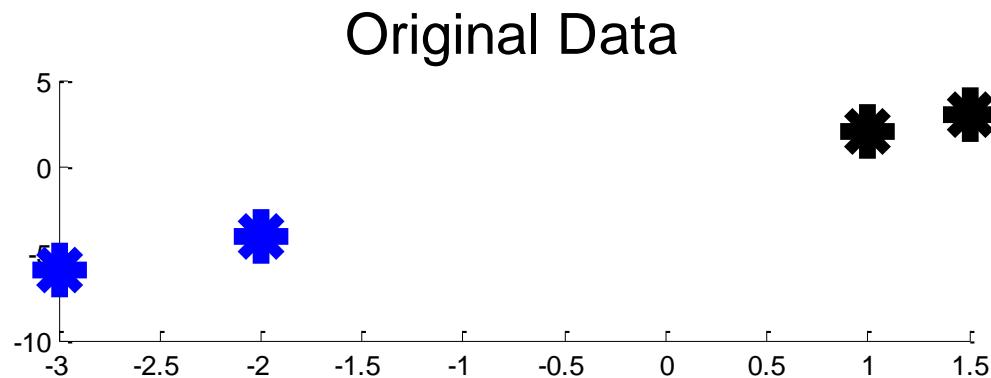
Exercise 2 Reducing dimensionality of dataset



Dataset $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1.1 & -2 & -2.9 & 1.5 \\ 2 & -4 & -6.2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

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Root MSQ: $\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1.1 & -2 & -2.9 & 1.5 \\ 2 & -4 & -6.2 & 3 \end{array} \right]$ versus $\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1.1 & -2 & -2.9 & 1.5 \\ 2.2 & -4 & -5.8 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

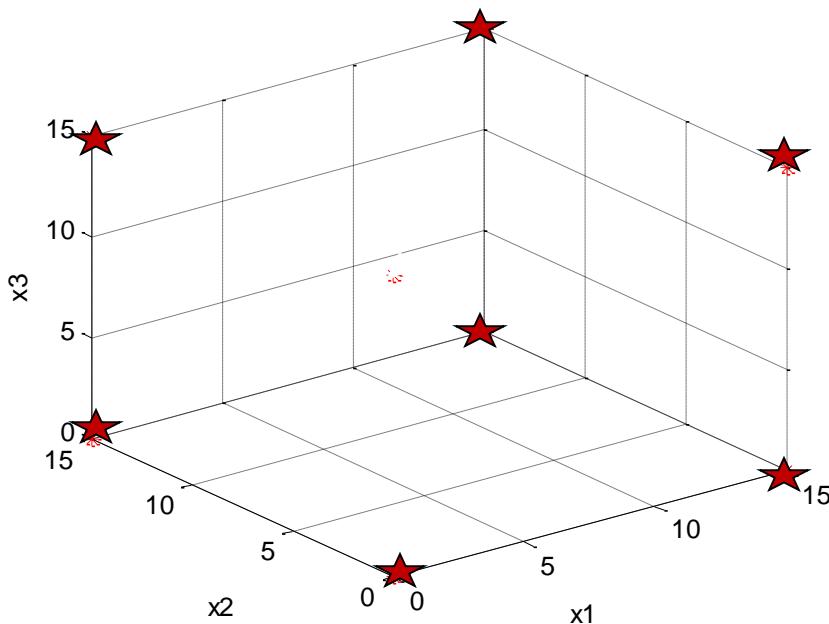
Error is 0.45.

Constructing a projection: Exercise 3

Example: 2-dimensional projection through a matrix A

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Original data X



Find a matrix A which groups the points into 4 groups.

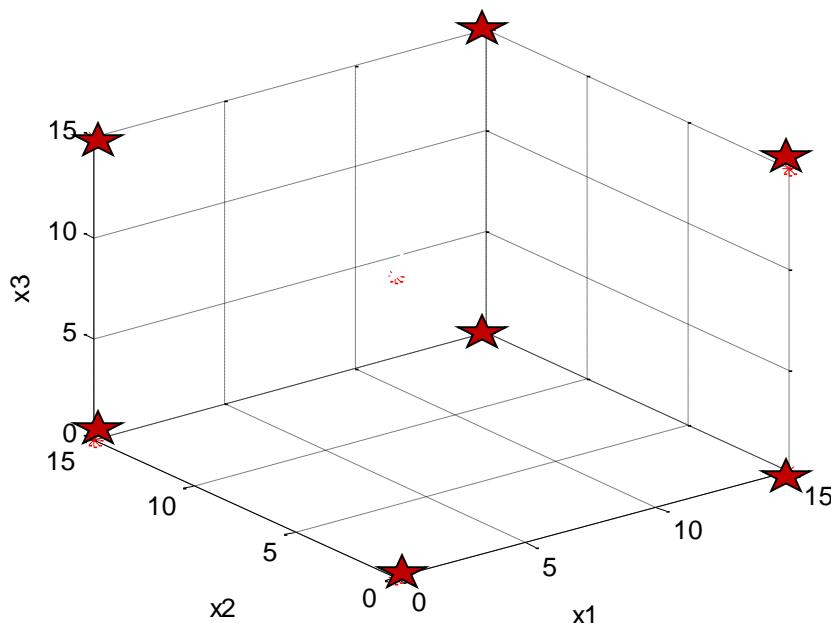
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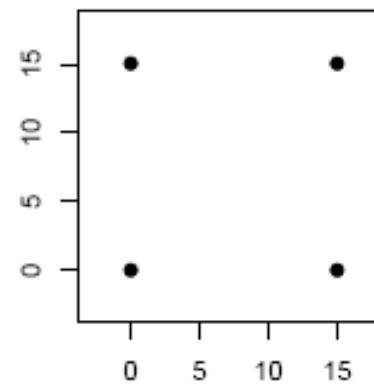
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$Y = AX = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 15 & 15 & 0 & 0 & 15 & 15 \\ 0 & 15 & 0 & 15 & 0 & 15 & 0 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

Projected data Y



The data are well grouped into 4 tiny clusters

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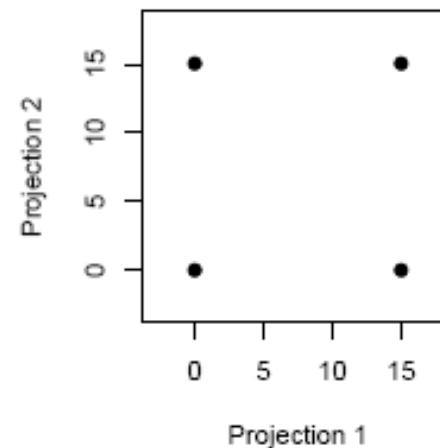
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The rows of A are composed of two orthonormal vectors: (a^1, a^2) .

The product of each a^j with each datapoint x^i corresponds to the coordinate of the image y^i of the point x^i in the projected space.



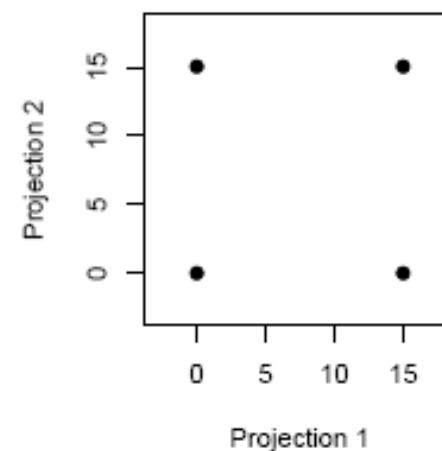
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Projections 1 & 2

The columns of A represent the images (in the projected space) of the axes of the original space (\mathbb{R}^3); in the example, the first two columns form a basis of \mathbb{R}^2 .

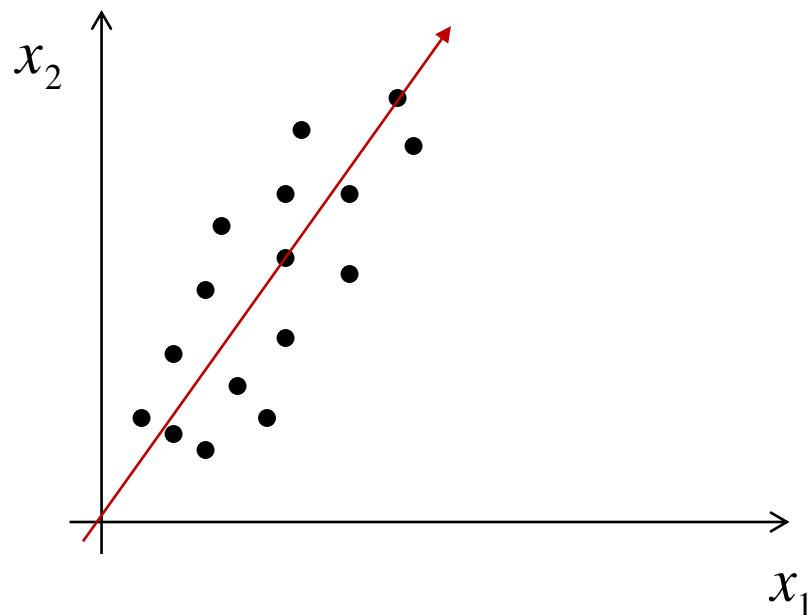


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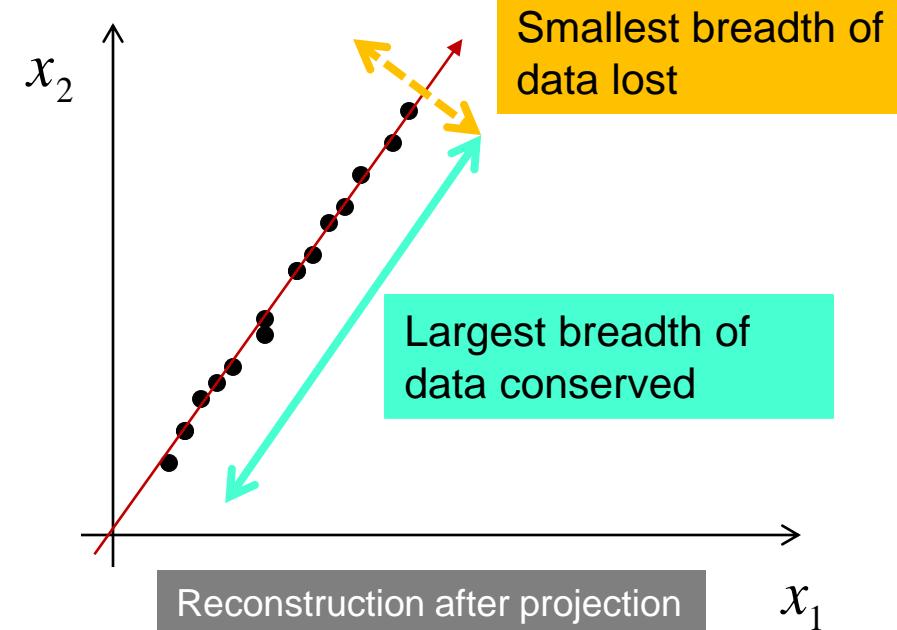
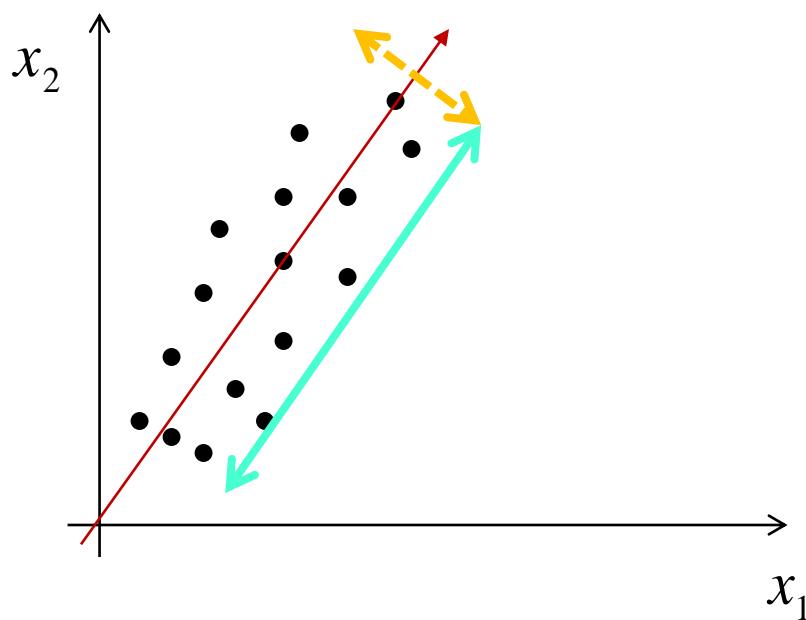
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2: equivalent to finding the direction with maximum variance



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