



*Lecture Slides for*

INTRODUCTION TO

*Machine Learning*

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CHAPTER 6:

*Dimensionality  
Reduction*



## *Why Reduce Dimensionality?*

1. Reduces time complexity: Less computation
2. Reduces space complexity: Less parameters
3. Saves the cost of observing the feature
4. Simpler models are more robust on small datasets
5. More interpretable; simpler explanation
6. Data visualization (structure, groups, outliers, etc) if plotted in 2 or 3 dimensions



# *Feature Selection vs Extraction*

- **Feature selection:** Choosing  $k < d$  important features, ignoring the remaining  $d - k$   
Subset selection algorithms

- **Feature extraction:** Project the original  $x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$  dimensions to new  $k < d$  dimensions,  $z_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, k$

Principal components analysis (PCA), linear discriminant analysis (LDA), factor analysis (FA)



# Subset Selection

- There are  $2^d$  subsets of  $d$  features
- Forward search: Add the best feature at each step
  - Set of features  $F$  initially  $\emptyset$ .
  - At each iteration, find the best new feature
$$j = \operatorname{argmin}_i E ( F \cup x_i )$$
  - Add  $x_j$  to  $F$  if  $E ( F \cup x_j ) < E ( F )$
- Hill-climbing  $O(d^2)$  algorithm
- Backward search: Start with all features and remove one at a time, if possible.
- Floating search (Add  $k$ , remove  $l$ )




# Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

- Find a low-dimensional space such that when  $\mathbf{x}$  is projected there, information loss is minimized.
- The projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  on the direction of  $\mathbf{w}$  is:  $z = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$
- Find  $\mathbf{w}$  such that  $\text{Var}(z)$  is maximized

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(z) &= \text{Var}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = \text{E}[(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\mu})^2] \\ &= \text{E}[(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\mu})] \\ &= \text{E}[\mathbf{w}^T (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{w}] \\ &= \mathbf{w}^T \text{E}[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T] \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{w}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{Var}(\mathbf{x}) = \text{E}[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$

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- Maximize  $\text{Var}(z)$  subject to  $\|\mathbf{w}\|=1$

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_1} \mathbf{w}_1^T \Sigma \mathbf{w}_1 - \alpha (\mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{w}_1 - 1)$$

$\Sigma \mathbf{w}_1 = \alpha \mathbf{w}_1$  that is,  $\mathbf{w}_1$  is an eigenvector of  $\Sigma$

Choose the one with the largest eigenvalue for  $\text{Var}(z)$  to be max

- Second principal component: Max  $\text{Var}(z_2)$ , s.t.,  $\|\mathbf{w}_2\|=1$  and orthogonal to  $\mathbf{w}_1$

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_2} \mathbf{w}_2^T \Sigma \mathbf{w}_2 - \alpha (\mathbf{w}_2^T \mathbf{w}_2 - 1) - \beta (\mathbf{w}_2^T \mathbf{w}_1 - 0)$$

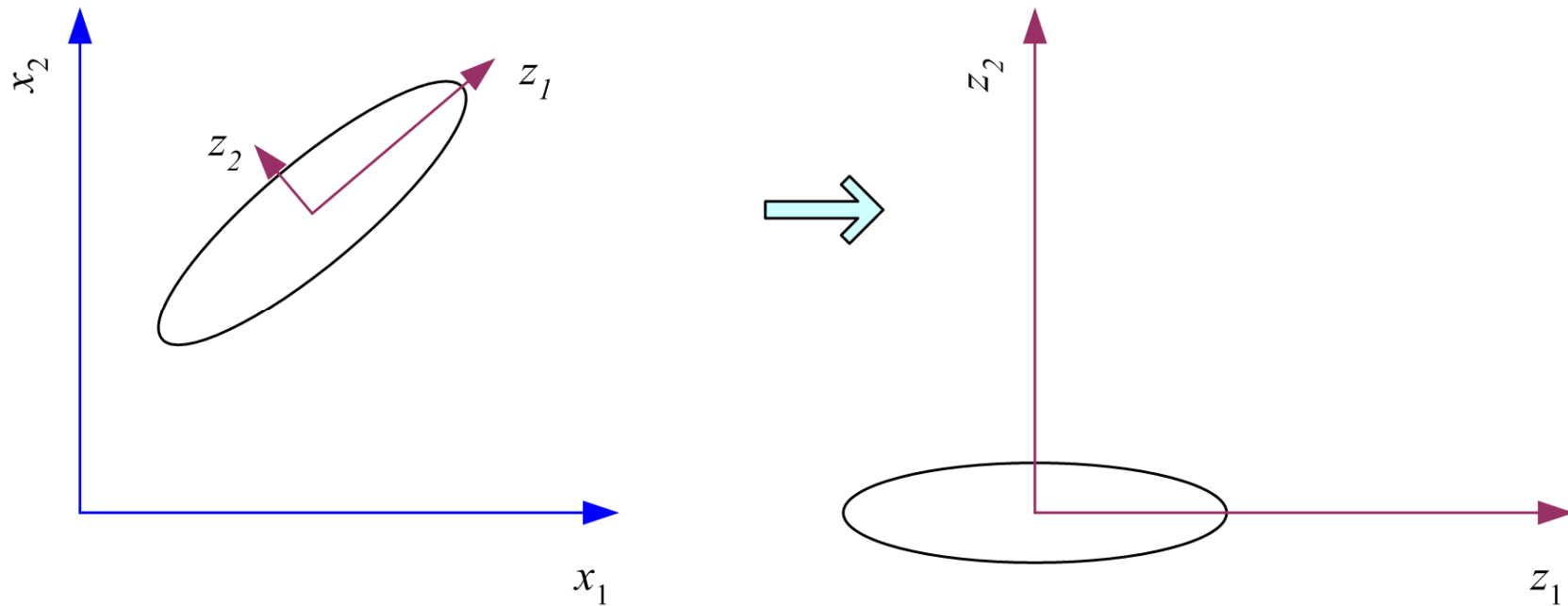
$\Sigma \mathbf{w}_2 = \alpha \mathbf{w}_2$  that is,  $\mathbf{w}_2$  is another eigenvector of  $\Sigma$  and so on.

# What PCA does

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m})$$

where the columns of  $\mathbf{W}$  are the eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$ ,  
and  $\mathbf{m}$  is sample mean

Centers the data at the origin and rotates the axes







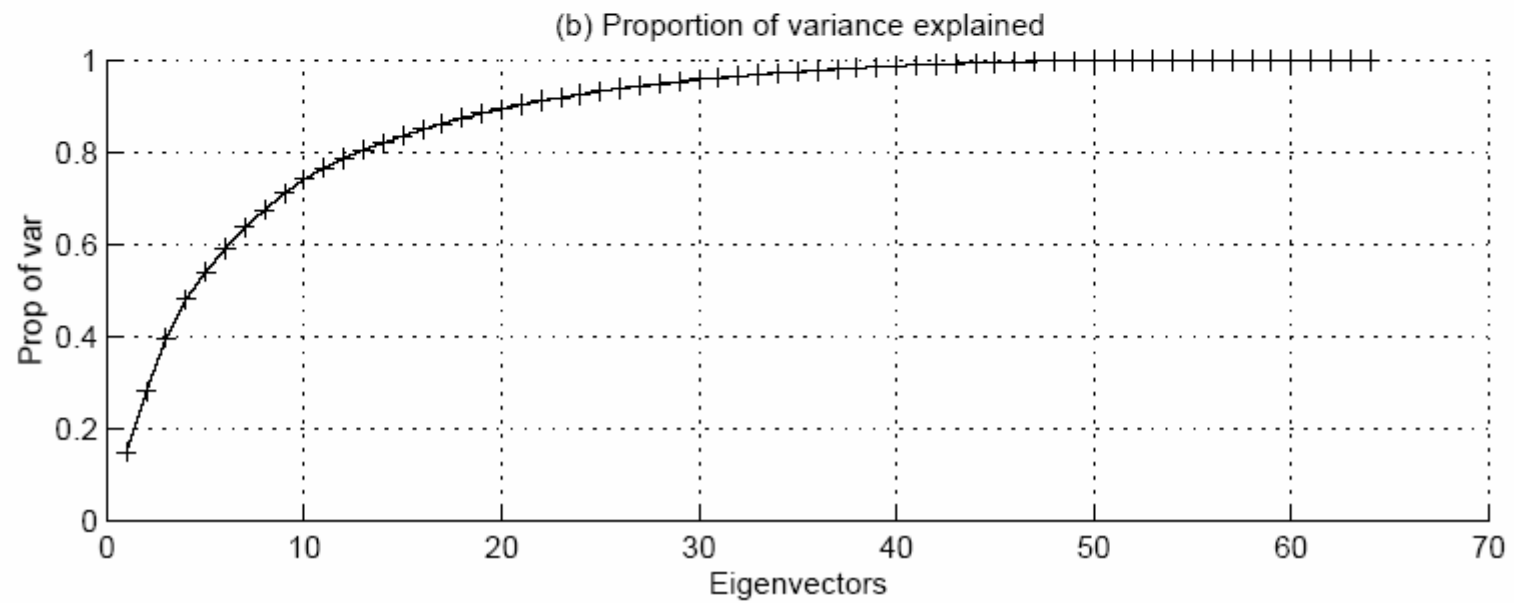
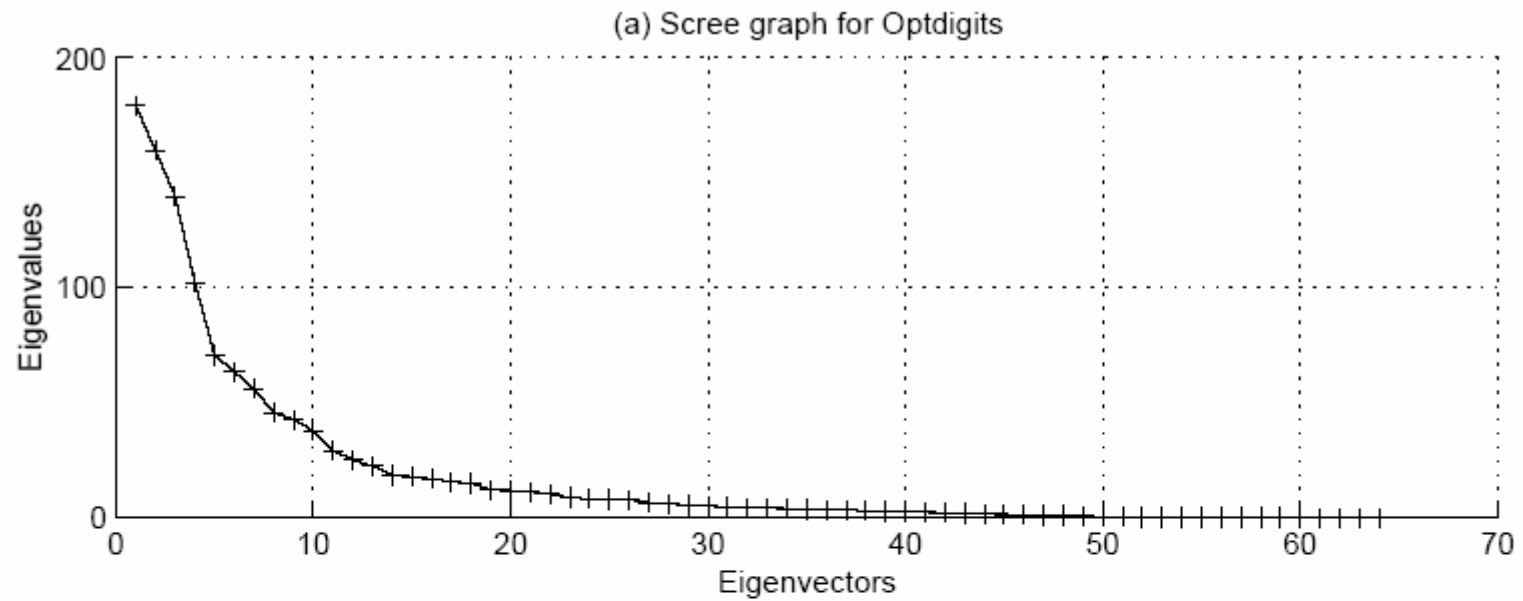
## *How to choose $k$ ?*

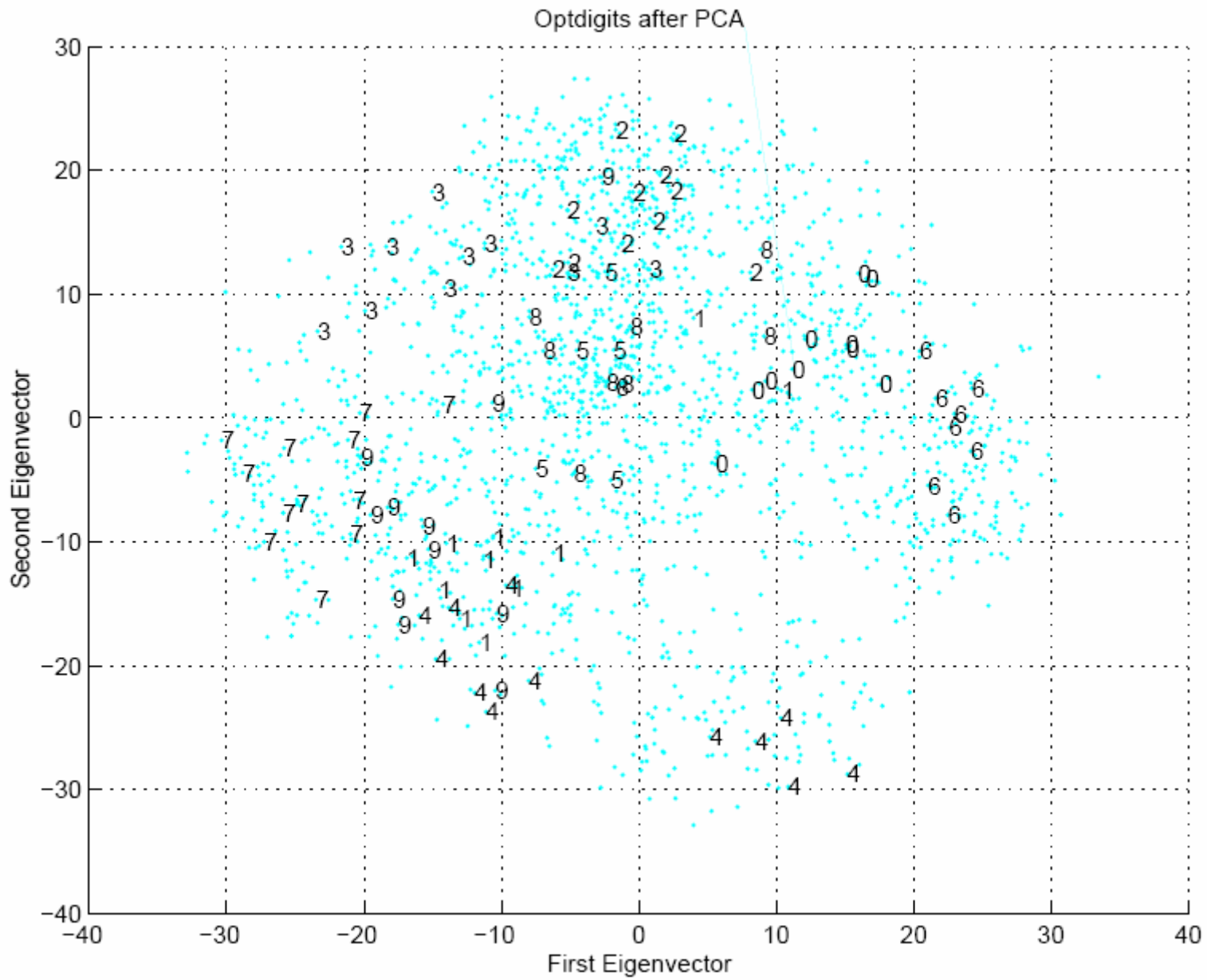
- Proportion of Variance (PoV) explained

$$\frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_k}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_k + \dots + \lambda_d}$$

when  $\lambda_i$  are sorted in descending order

- Typically, stop at  $\text{PoV} > 0.9$
- Scree graph plots of PoV vs  $k$ , stop at “elbow”







# Factor Analysis

- Find a small number of **factors**  $\mathbf{z}$ , which when combined generate  $\mathbf{x}$  :

$$x_i - \mu_i = v_{i1}z_1 + v_{i2}z_2 + \dots + v_{ik}z_k + \varepsilon_i$$

where  $z_j, j=1, \dots, k$  are the **latent factors** with

$$E[z_j]=0, \text{Var}(z_j)=1, \text{Cov}(z_i, z_j)=0, i \neq j,$$

$\varepsilon_i$  are the **noise sources**

$$E[\varepsilon_i]=\psi_i, \text{Cov}(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j)=0, i \neq j, \text{Cov}(\varepsilon_i, z_j)=0,$$

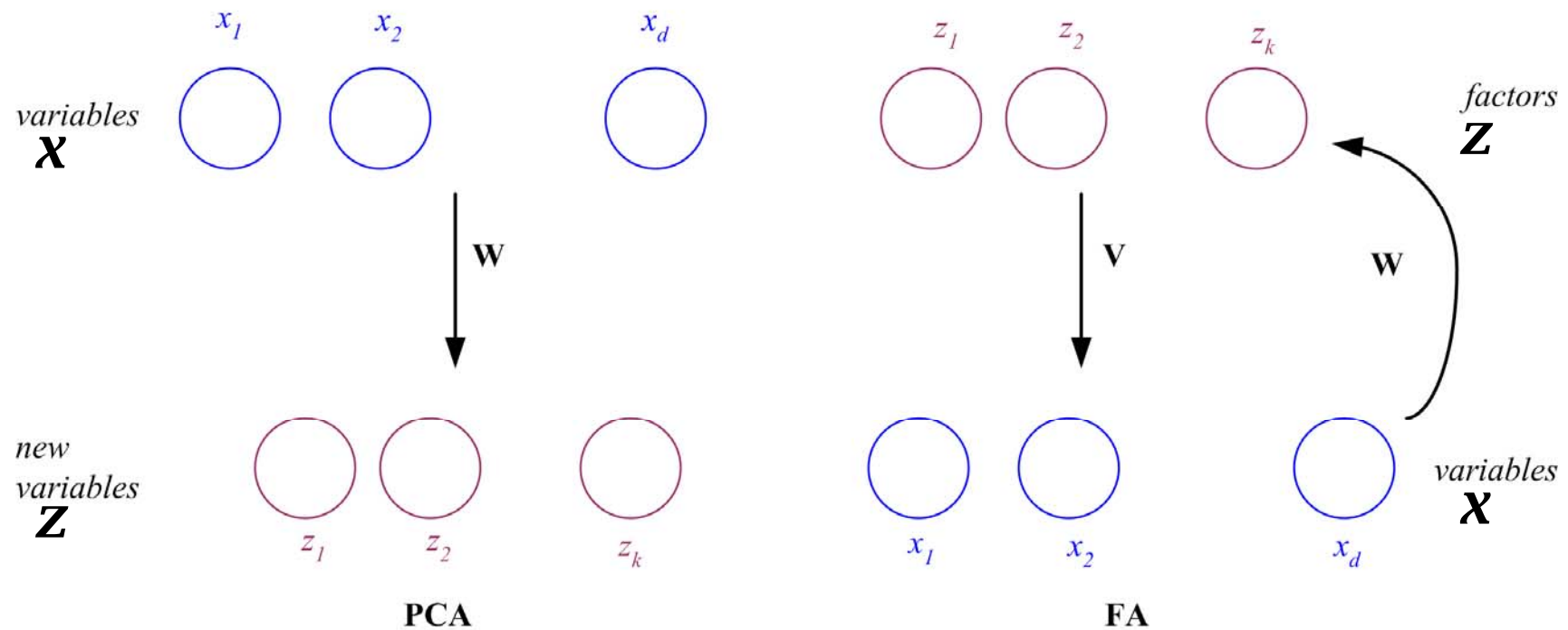
and  $v_{ij}$  are the **factor loadings**

# PCA vs FA

- PCA From  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\mathbf{z}$
- FA From  $\mathbf{z}$  to  $\mathbf{x}$

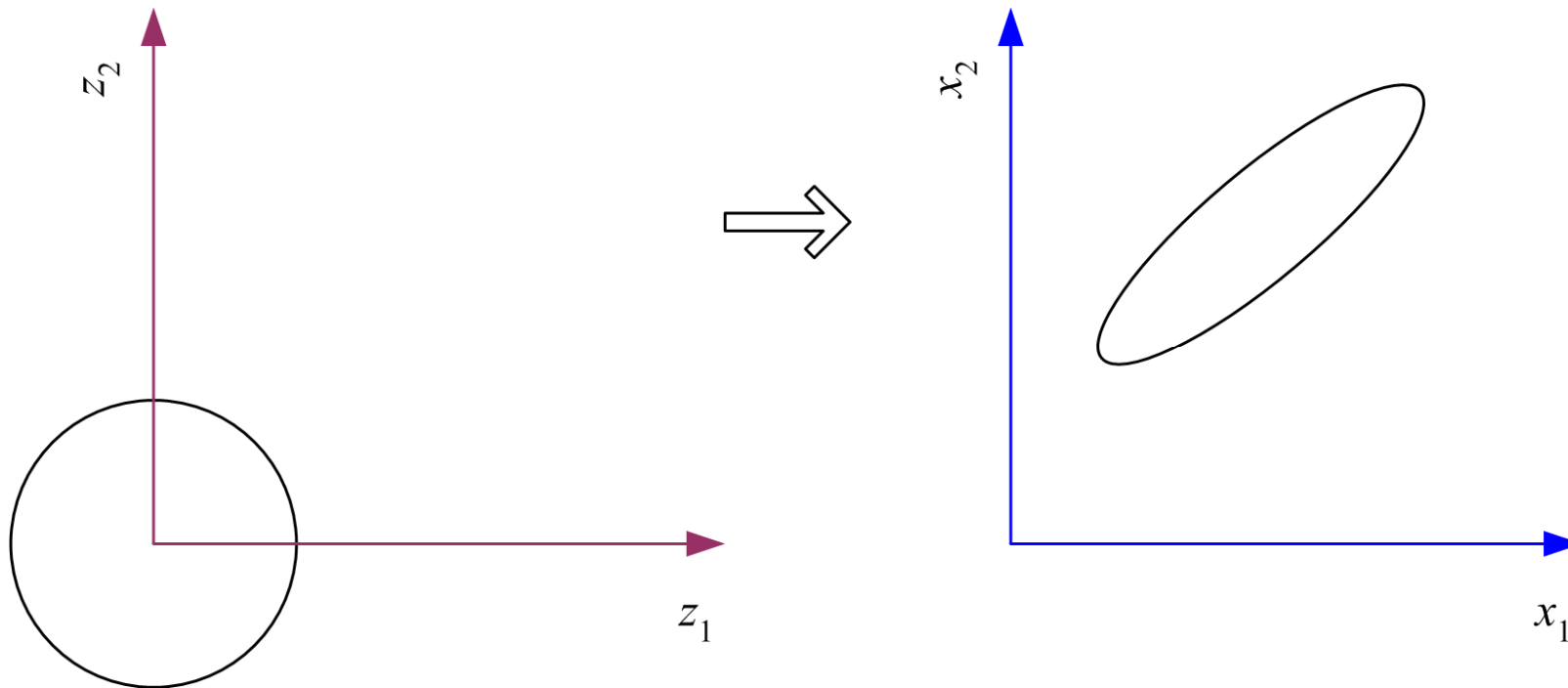
$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}^T(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$



# Factor Analysis

- In FA, factors  $z_j$  are stretched, rotated and translated to generate  $\mathbf{x}$

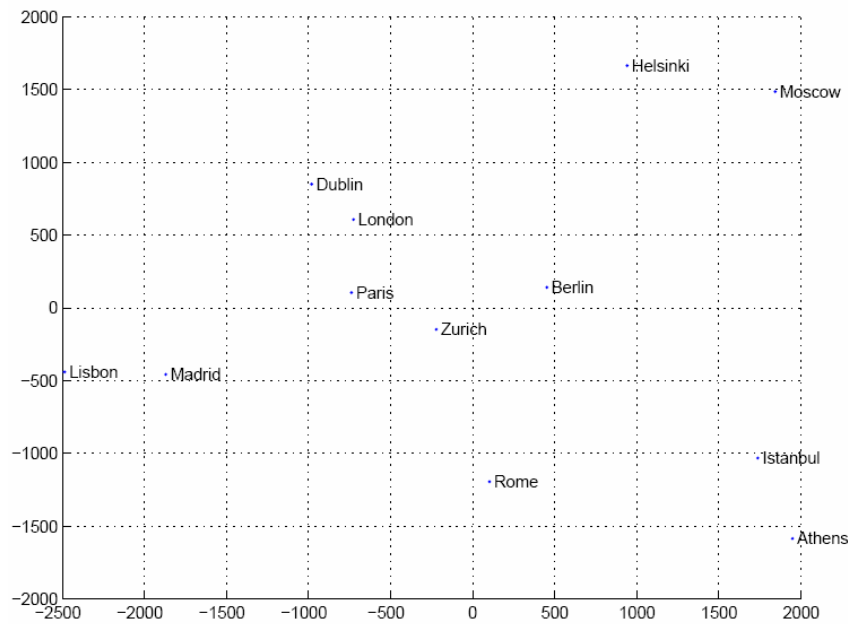


# Multidimensional Scaling

- Given pairwise distances between  $N$  points,  
 $d_{ij}, i, j = 1, \dots, N$   
place on a low-dim map s.t. distances are preserved.
- $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x} | \theta)$  Find  $\theta$  that min **Sammon stress**

$$\begin{aligned} E(\theta | \mathcal{X}) &= \sum_{r,s} \frac{\left( \|\mathbf{z}^r - \mathbf{z}^s\| - \|\mathbf{x}^r - \mathbf{x}^s\| \right)^2}{\|\mathbf{x}^r - \mathbf{x}^s\|^2} \\ &= \sum_{r,s} \frac{\left( \|\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}^r | \theta) - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}^s | \theta)\| - \|\mathbf{x}^r - \mathbf{x}^s\| \right)^2}{\|\mathbf{x}^r - \mathbf{x}^s\|^2} \end{aligned}$$

# Map of Europe by MDS



Map from CIA – The World Factbook: <http://www.cia.gov/>

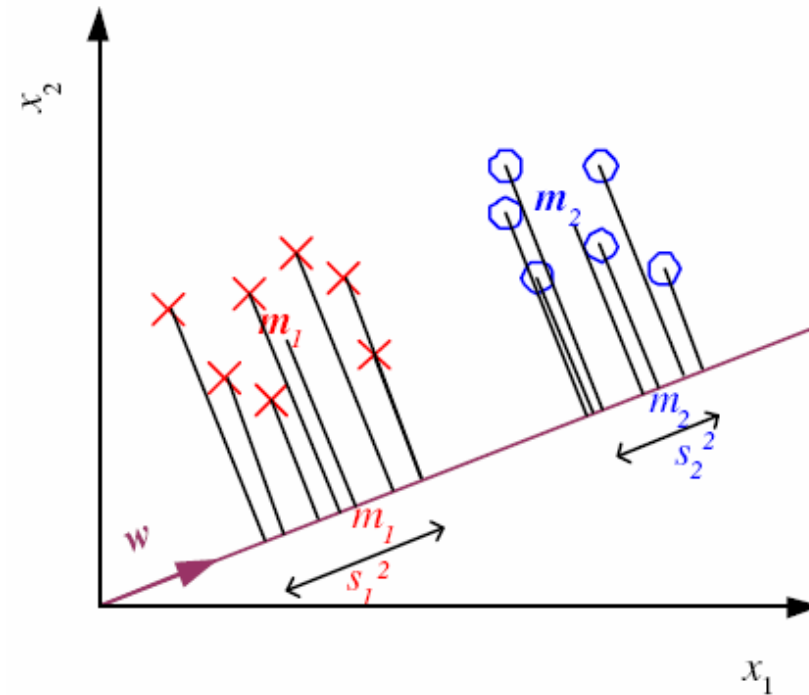


# Linear Discriminant Analysis

- Find a low-dimensional space such that when  $\mathbf{x}$  is projected, classes are well-separated.
- Find  $\mathbf{w}$  that maximizes

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{(m_1 - m_2)^2}{s_1^2 + s_2^2}$$

$$m_1 = \frac{\sum_t \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t r^t}{\sum_t r^t} \quad s_1^2 = \sum_t (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t - m_1)^2 r^t$$



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- Between-class scatter:

$$\begin{aligned}(m_1 - m_2)^2 &= (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{m}_2)^2 \\ &= \mathbf{w}^T (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2) (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w} \text{ where } \mathbf{S}_B = (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2) (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)^T\end{aligned}$$

- Within-class scatter:

$$\begin{aligned}s_1^2 &= \sum_t (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t - m_1)^2 r^t \\ &= \sum_t \mathbf{w}^T (\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{m}_1) (\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \mathbf{w} r^t = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{w}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{S}_1 = \sum_t (\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{m}_1) (\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{m}_1)^T r^t$

$$s_1^2 + s_2^2 = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_W \mathbf{w} \text{ where } \mathbf{S}_W = \mathbf{S}_1 + \mathbf{S}_2$$



# Fisher's Linear Discriminant

- Find  $\mathbf{w}$  that max

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_W \mathbf{w}} = \frac{|\mathbf{w}^T (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)|^2}{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_W \mathbf{w}}$$

- LDA soln:

$$\mathbf{w} = c \cdot \mathbf{S}_W^{-1} (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)$$

- Parametric soln:

$$\mathbf{w} = \Sigma^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_2)$$

$$\text{when } p(\mathbf{x} | C_i) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \Sigma)$$

## *K > 2 Classes*

- Within-class scatter:

$$\mathbf{S}_W = \sum_{i=1}^K \mathbf{S}_i \quad \mathbf{S}_i = \sum_t r_i^t (\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{m}_i)(\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{m}_i)^T$$

- Between-class scatter:

$$\mathbf{S}_B = \sum_{i=1}^K N_i (\mathbf{m}_i - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{m}_i - \mathbf{m})^T \quad \mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K \mathbf{m}_i$$

- Find  $\mathbf{W}$  that max

$$J(\mathbf{W}) = \frac{|\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{W}|}{|\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{S}_W \mathbf{W}|}$$

The largest eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{S}_W^{-1} \mathbf{S}_B$   
Maximum rank of  $K-1$

