#### PCA and ICA

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Example:

- Fit *n*-dimensional ellipsoid to data.
- By omitting axis with smallest variance (smallest principal component), we lose smallest amount of info.



# Principal Component Analysis (PCA) aka...

- Signal processing: discrete Kosambi-Karhunen-Loève transform (KLT)
- Multivariate quality control: the Hotelling transform
- Mechanical engineering: proper orthogonal decomposition (POD)
- Linear algebra: singular value decomposition (SVD) of X (Golub and Van Loan, 1983)
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- Psychometrics: factor analysis, Eckart-Young theorem (Harman, 1960), or Schmidt-Mirsky theorem
- Meteorological science: empirical orthogonal functions (EOF)
- Noise and vibration: empirical eigenfunction decomposition (Sirovich, 1987), empirical component analysis (Lorenz, 1956), quasiharmonic modes (Brooks et al., 1988), spectral decomposition
- Structural dynamics: empirical modal analysis

- Dimension construction
- Feature extraction
- Data visualization
- Image compression
- Medical imaging
- Lossy data compression

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• Project *X* on the primary and secondary principal direction.



# Application: Data Visualization

- Scattered set of points, presumably forms coherent surface.
- Display point cloud data in a pleasing way.



Figure 4.9. Example 4.18: a point cloud representing (a) a surface in three-dimensional space, and (b) together with its unsigned normals.

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(a) 1 principal component



(b) 5 principal component



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• **Problem**: Consecutively find the unit vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_D$  such that

$$Y_i = X^T \mathbf{u}_i$$

satisfies:

• var( $Y_1$ ) is the maximum.

- ② var( $Y_2$ ) is the maximum subject to  $cov(Y_2, Y_1) = 0$ .
- var( $Y_k$ ) is the maximum subject to  $cov(Y_k, Y_i) = 0$ , where k = 3, 4, ..., D and k > i.

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- To incorporate the prior knowledge of data to PCA, researchers have proposed dimension reduction techniques as extensions of PCA:
  - e.g., kernel PCA, multilinear PCA, and independent component analysis (ICA).

### General: How to do PCA?

**Goal**: Find the axes of the ellipse (i.e., the principal components).

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- Define the direction of this space using **u**<sub>1</sub>.
- Assume  $\mathbf{u}_1$  is a unit vector ( $\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_1 = 1$ ).

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where S is the covariance matrix of the data,

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• Differentiating with respect to **u**<sub>1</sub>, we have a stationary point when

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- Additional principal components can be defined in an incremental fashion.
- A similar problem can be formed for the minimum error formulation.
  - Solution is in terms of the D M smallest eigenvalues of the eigenvectors that are orthogonal to the principal subspace.

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  - Solving almost singular linear systems
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Let X be an  $(N \times D)$ -dimensional centered matrix.

- The *n*th row is  $(x_n \bar{x})^T$ .
- The covariance matrix can be written as  $S = \frac{1}{N}X^TX$ .

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- Extensions:
  - Probabilistic PCA
    - Maximum likelihood PCA, EM algorithm for PCA, Bayesian PCA, Factor analysis
  - Kernel PCA

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  - This is a necessary condition for independence, but not a sufficient condition.

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- These are the ONLY ambiguities assuming the sources  $s_i$  are non-Gaussian.
- As long as the data is non-Gaussian, we can recover the *n* independent sources.

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  - This implies the following density on  $x = As = W^{-1}s$ :

$$p(x) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} p_s(w_i^T x) \cdot |W|.$$

• Need to specify a density for the individual sources *p<sub>s</sub>*.

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• After the algorithm converges, we compute  $s^{(i)} = Wx^{(i)}$  to recover the original sources.

- FastICA [http://research.ics.aalto.fi/ica/fastica/]
- Implements the fast fixed-point algorithm for ICA and projection pursuit.
- Can download (for R, C++, Python and Matlab)



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Separated signals after 3 steps of FastICA



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- The source signals were sinusoidal and impulsive noise.
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