

More on PCA

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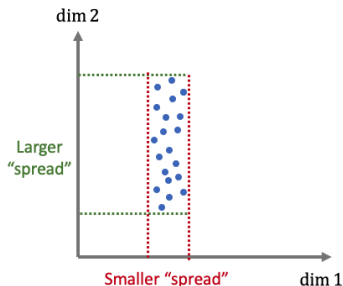
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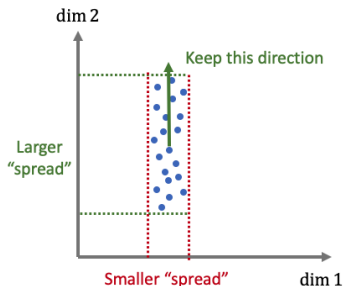
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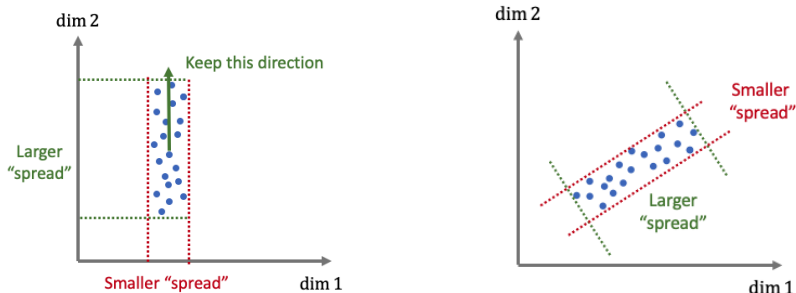
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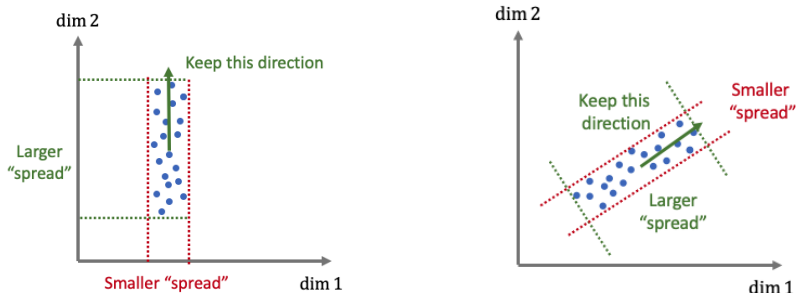
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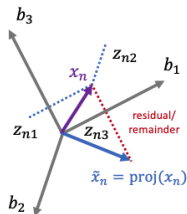
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\Rightarrow Projecting \mathbf{x}_n to a subspace

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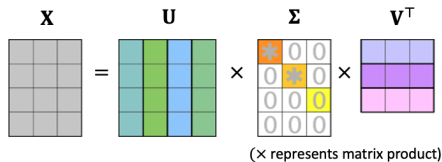
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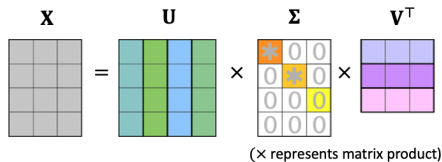


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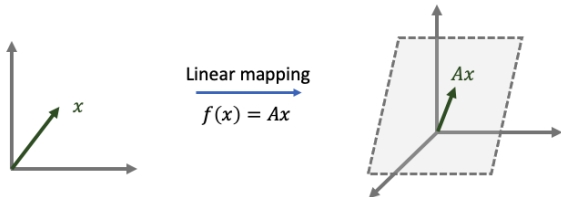
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- ▶ $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_D] \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D}$: orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^D
- ▶ $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$: orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^N
- ▶ Σ contains a diagonal block with singular values of \mathbf{X} :
 $\text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r), \sigma_i > 0$:
- ▶ $r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) \leq \min(D, N)$: rank of \mathbf{X}

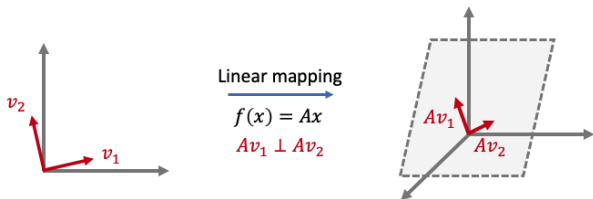
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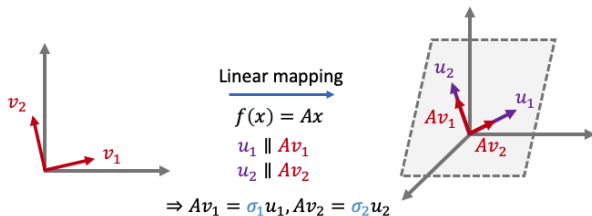
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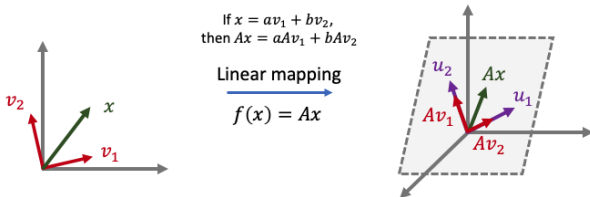
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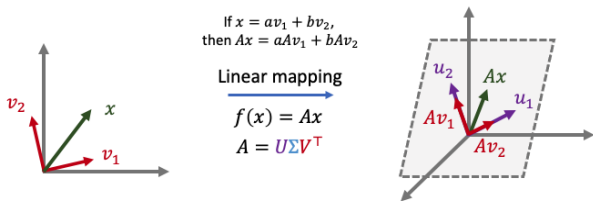
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Computing $\mathbf{A}x$ with $x \in \mathbb{R}^D$ represented using $\{e_d\}_{d=1}^D$ basis:

- ▶ $\mathbf{V}^T x$: compute the coordinates of x in $\{v_d\}_{d=1}^D$ basis
- ▶ $\Sigma \mathbf{V}^T x$: stretch/shrink the vector
- ▶ $\mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T x$: map to the output space \mathbb{R}^N whose basis is $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^N$, and compute the coordinates back in $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^N$ basis

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- ▶ PCA requires the **U basis vectors with largest singular values**

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- ▶ Read & understand eigenvalue decomposition & SVD
- ▶ Derive PCA solutions

Further aspects of PCA:

- ▶ constrained optimisation (later lectures)
- ▶ probabilistic view (MML book section 10.7)