# Gov 2018: Unsupervised Learning <br> Lecture 6: Dimension Reduction 

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## Unsupervised Learning

## Dimension reduction:

- A particular form of unsupervised learning
- Take high-dimensional features and create a lower-dimensional representation
- Useful for:
- Visualizing high-dimensional data
- Preprocessing features for methods that perform poorly in high dimensions (e.g. kNN)
- Discovering latent concepts underlying the data
- Combining multiple noisy measurements
- Start with principal component analysis (PCA) and then explore related methods


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## Decompose a High Dimensional Matrix



SVD re-expresses a $N \times K$ matrix $\mathbf{X}$ in the following form:

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Figure: Note: Y axis is DW-Nominate Score

## Probabilistic PCA



- An observation draws its score in the 1D latent space from standard normal (left)
- This score is mapped to the 2D observed space and noise is added (center)
- This implies that overall observed data follows the green distribution (right)
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## Does Exposure to the Refugee Crisis Make Natives More Hostile?

- Causal evidence regarding the impact of the refugee crisis on natives' attitudes, policy preferences, and political engagement. (Hangartner et al, 2018, APSR)
- Leveraging a targeted survey of 2,070 island residents.
- Results show mere exposure suffices in generating lasting increases in hostility.


## Use PCA to Reduce Outcome Dimensionality

- Use a set of questions to measure opinion towards Native opinion.
- Built a summary scale that combines the different measures by extracting the first component of a PCA.


Figure: Black color shows the PCA first component for each set of questions

## Fingerprints of Fraud

- How does a non-democratic regime rely on fraud? (Cantu, 2019, APSR)
- Documenting the alteration of vote tallies during the 1988 presidential election in Mexico.
- Authors find evidence of blatant alterations in about a third of the tallies in the country, using image data.


## Vote Data



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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 29 |  |  |
| 120 |  |  |
| 361 |  |  |
| 1 |  |  |
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Military \& Veterans' Affairs

| Iraq \& Afghanistan Veterans of America <br> Fleet Reserve Assn. <br> Retired Enlisted Assn. <br> United Spinal Assn. <br> American Legion | Jeff Miller ( $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{FL}$ ) <br> Richard Burr (R-NC) <br> Mike Coffman (R-CO) <br> Dina Titus (D-NV) <br> Rick Larsen (D-WA) <br> Beto O'Rourke (D-TX) |
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| Energy |  |
| Berkshire Hathaway Energy <br> Koch Co. Public Sector <br> National Grid USA <br> Renewable Fuels Assn. <br> Alliance of Automobile Mnf. <br> Arch Coal <br> BP America <br> Chevron USA | Pompeo, Mike (R-TX) <br> Flake, Jeff (R-AZ) <br> McKinley, David (R-WV) <br> Barrasso, John (R-WY) <br> Edward Markey (D-MA) <br> Shaheen, Jeanne (D-NH) |

## Conservation \& Land Use

| Earthjustice Legal Defense | Rand Paul (R-KY) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Fund | David Viter (R-A) |
| Blue Green Alliance | Paul Gossar (L-AZ) |
| Sierra Club | Barbara Boxer (D-CA) |
| The Wilderness Society | Tom Udall (D-NM) |
| Safari Club International | Robert Casey (D-PA) |
| American Chemistry |  |
| $\quad$ Council |  |


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| :--- | :--- |
| NtI. Assn. of Broadcasters | Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) |
| Cincinnatti Bell | Mike Rogers (R-M1) |
| AT\&T Corporation | Michael McCaul (R-TX) |
| Time Warner Cable | John Rockefeller (D-WV) |
| Verizon Gov. Relations | Ron Wyden (D-OR) |
| Twenty-First Century Fox | Doris Matsui (D-CA) |


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| Gooogle Darrell Issa (R-CA) <br> Yahoo! Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) <br> Amazon Jothn Cornnn (R-TX) <br> Mastercard Orrin Hatch (R-UT) <br> Dell Patrick Leahy (D-VT) <br> Texas Instruments Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) <br> Oracle Charles Schumer (D-NY) <br> Hewlett Packard  |



## Gun Rights

| Gun Owners of America |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Everytown for Gun Safety | Steve Stockman (R-TX) <br> Aim Jordan (R-OH) <br> Action Fund <br> Nobl. Rifle Assn. of <br> America | | Robin Kelly (D-IA) |
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| Danny Davis (D-IL) |

## Health

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| American College of Michael Burgess (R-TX) <br> Emergency Physicians Diane Black (R-TN) <br> Thomas Coburn (R-OK)  <br> AARP  <br> Healthcare Leadership Larry Bucchon (R-IN) <br> $\quad$ Council Thomas Harkin (D-LA) <br> Assn. of American Joseph Crowley (D-NY) <br> Medical Colleges Donna Edwards (D-MD) <br> American Assn. of Nurse  <br> Practitioners  |

Universities

| Northwestern University | Virginia Foxx (R-NC) |
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| Vanderbilt University | Luke Messer (R-IN) |
| University of Virginia | Chris Collins (R-NY) |
| Massachusetts Institute | Spencer Bachus (R-AL) |
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| McGraw Hill Education | Joe Manchin (D-WV) |
|  | Henry Johnson (D-GA) |

## Finance <br> Capital One Financial American Bankers Assn. Bank of America Seriter <br> Bank of America

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Scott Garrett (R-NJ)
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## Insurance

| Mutual of Omaha | Michael Grimm (R-NY) |
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| Aflac Corporation | R. Neugebauer (R-TX) |
| Nationwide Mutual | Bill Huizenga (R-MI) |
| Allstate Insurance | M. Capuano (D-MA) |
| American Family Mutual | R. Menendez (D-ND) |

Travel

| US Travel Assn. | Joseph Heck (R-NV) |
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| Marriott International | Candice Miller (R-MI) |
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