

# Orthogonality

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(If  $u_1, \dots, u_d$  is a basis, then  $A^t A$  is invertible).

### Corollary

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with  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$  and  $r = \text{rank } A$ .  
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$$A = M_e(f) = \underbrace{U}_{A_{u \rightarrow e}} * \underbrace{D}_{M_{v,u}(f)} * \underbrace{V^t}_{A_{e \rightarrow v}}$$

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Incompatible

$$Ax = b \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad b \notin \text{Im}(A)$$

system

Want:  $\tilde{x}$  such that  $A\tilde{x}$  is as close to  $b$  as possible.

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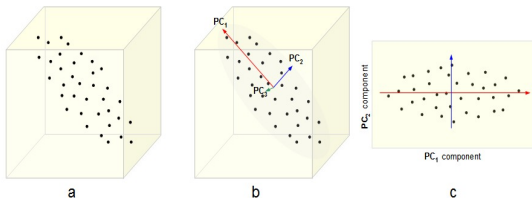
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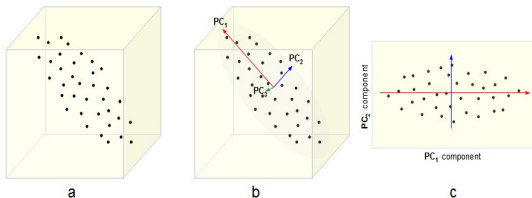
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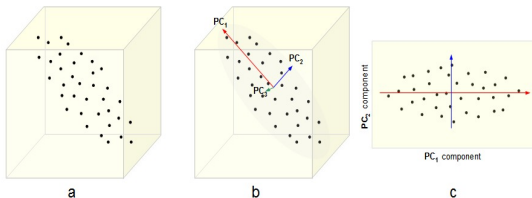
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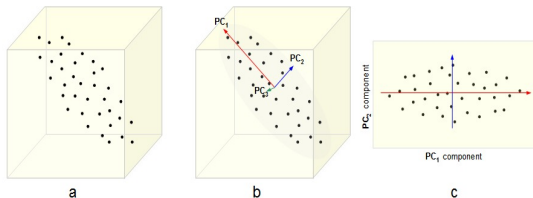
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```

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```
>>> U,d,Vt = svd(A)
```

$d$  is not a matrix, it is an array that contains the singular values.

To convert it to a matrix we can do:

```
>>> D=np.diag(d)
```

if  $A$  is a square matrix; if not, we can do:

```
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```

```
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```