Principal Component Analysis

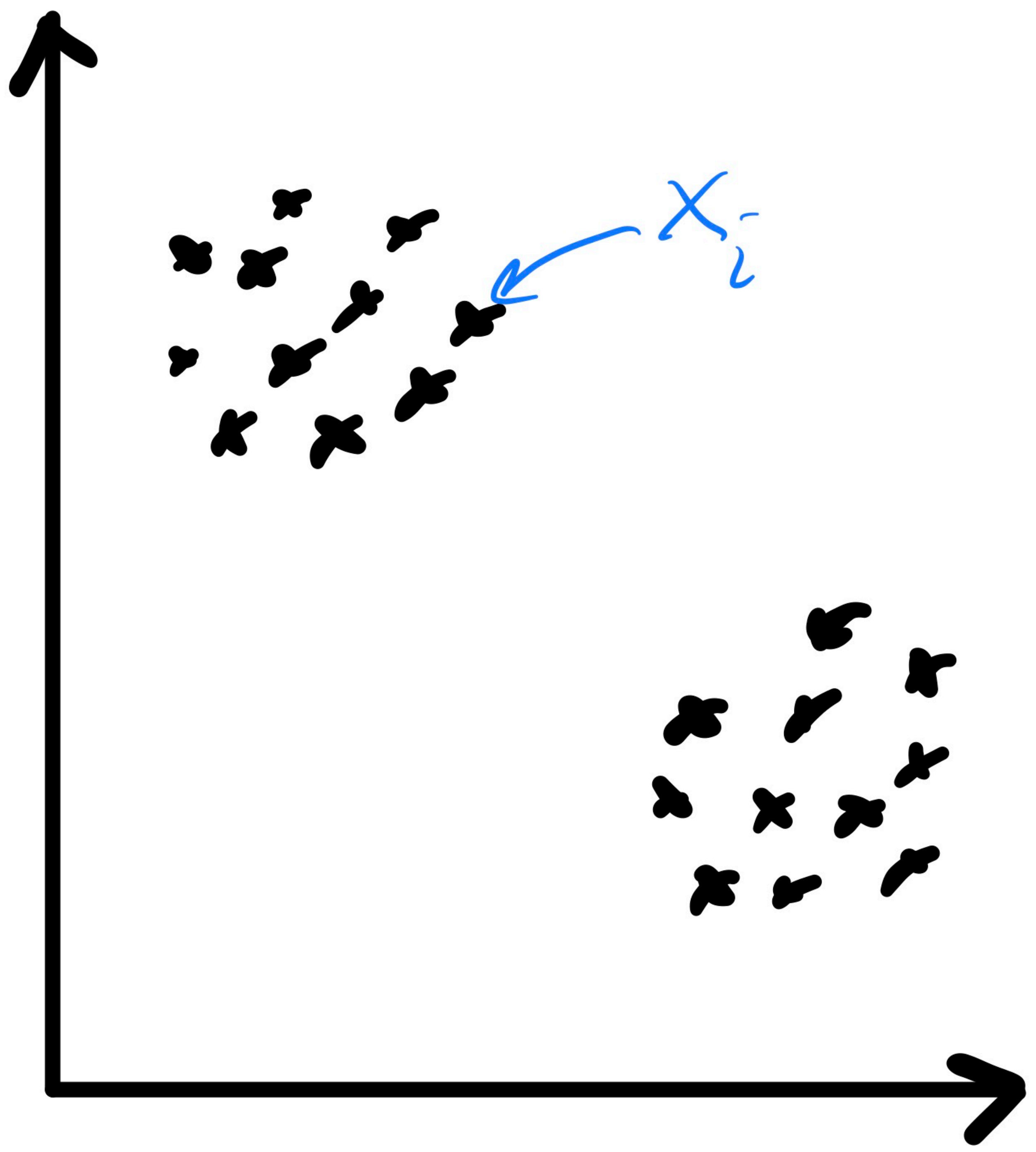
Announcement:

1. P2 will be out later this week

Recap on K-means

T/F: K-means also has curse of dimensionality

T/F: K-means solution depends on its initialization



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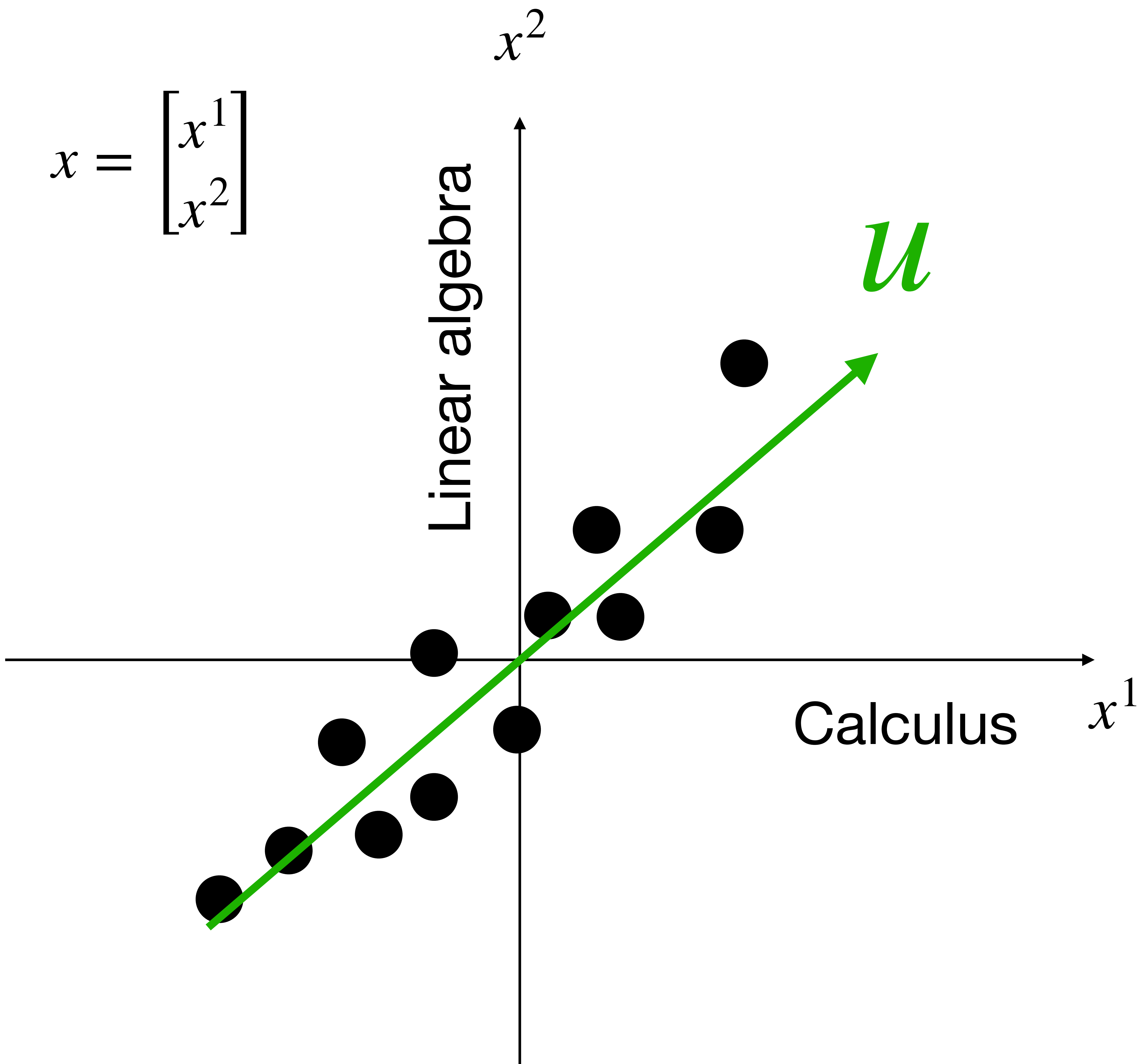

Normalize u s.t. $\|u\|_2 = 1$

Math skill: $z := x^\top u$

Dim-reduction:

Given $\mathscr{D} = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^2$

We get a 1-d dataset

$\mathscr{Z} = \{z_1, \ldots, z_n\}$, where $z_i = u^\top x_i$

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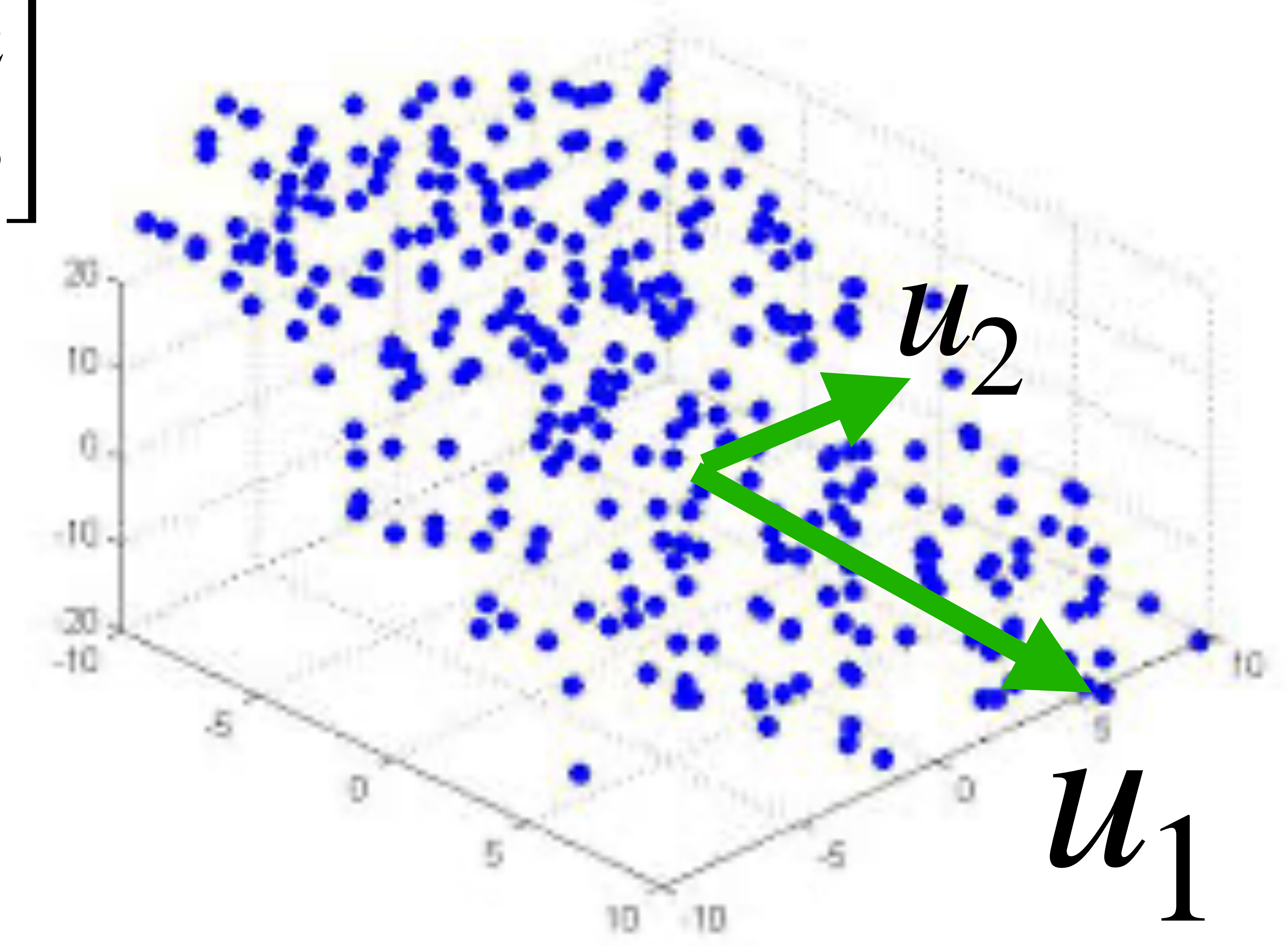
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{bmatrix}$$



Reduce data from 3-d to 2-d:

$$u_1 \in \mathbb{R}^3, u_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\mathscr{D} = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\mathscr{Z} = \{z_1, \ldots, z_n\}, z_i \in \mathbb{R}^3, z_i = [u_1^\top x_i, u_2^\top x_i]^\top$$

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Setup

Input: dataset $\mathcal{D} = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ $\quad X = [x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$

Output: K principle components $u_1, \ldots, u_K$ (they are orthonormal)

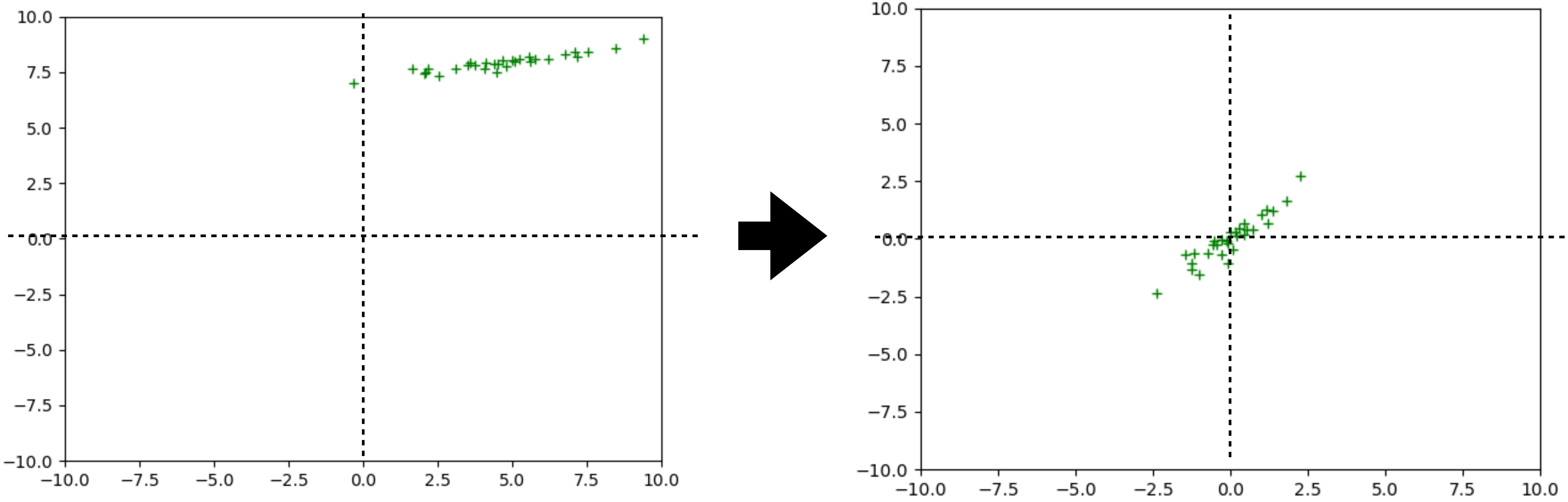
Step 1: data normalization

For each coordinate $k \in [d]$, compute data mean $\mu[k]$ and std $\sigma[k]$

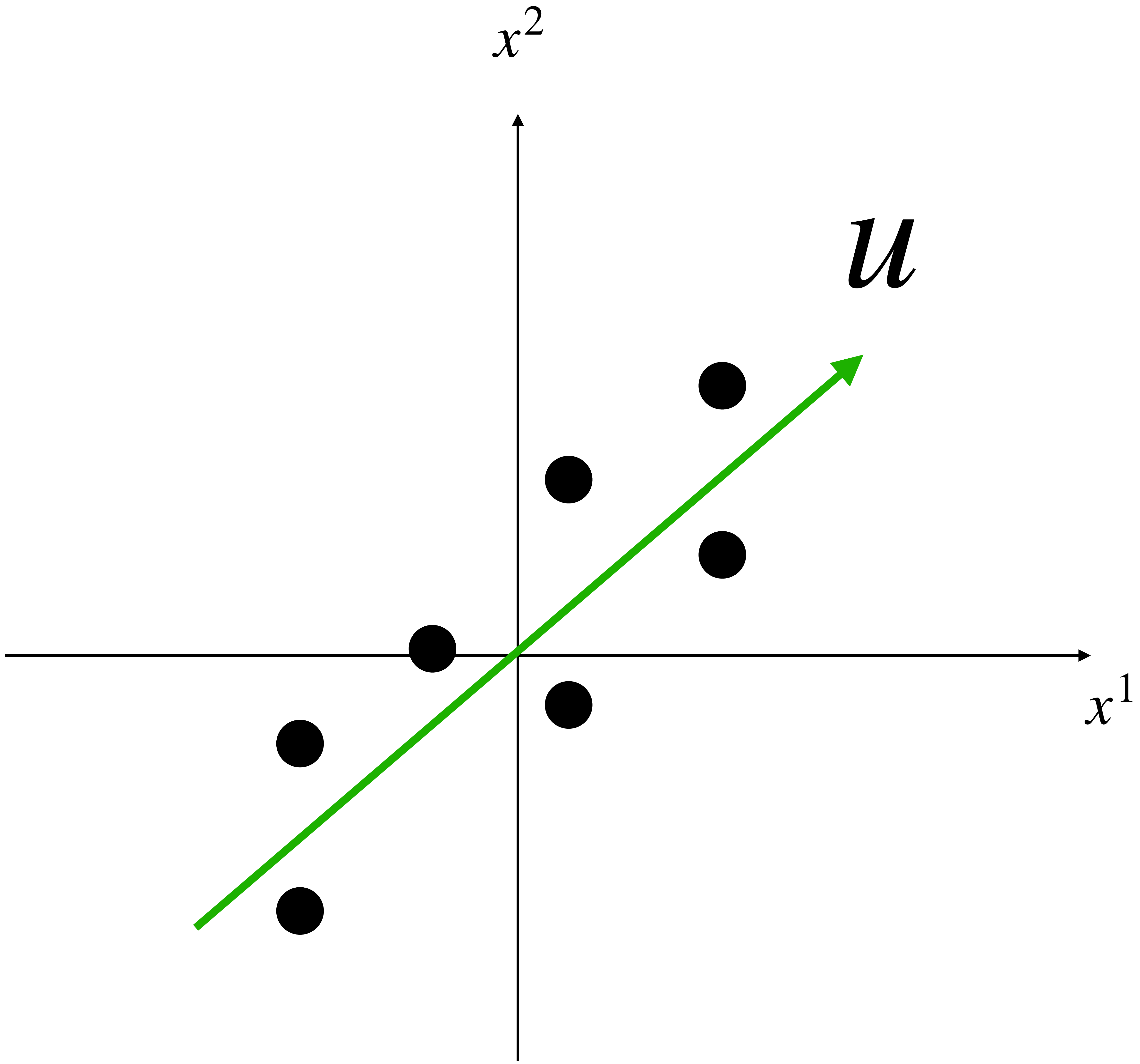
$$\forall i, k: \; x_i[k] \leftarrow \frac{x_i[k] - \mu[k]}{\sigma[k]}$$

Compute the Principal Component

The outcome of data normalization



Compute the Principal Component



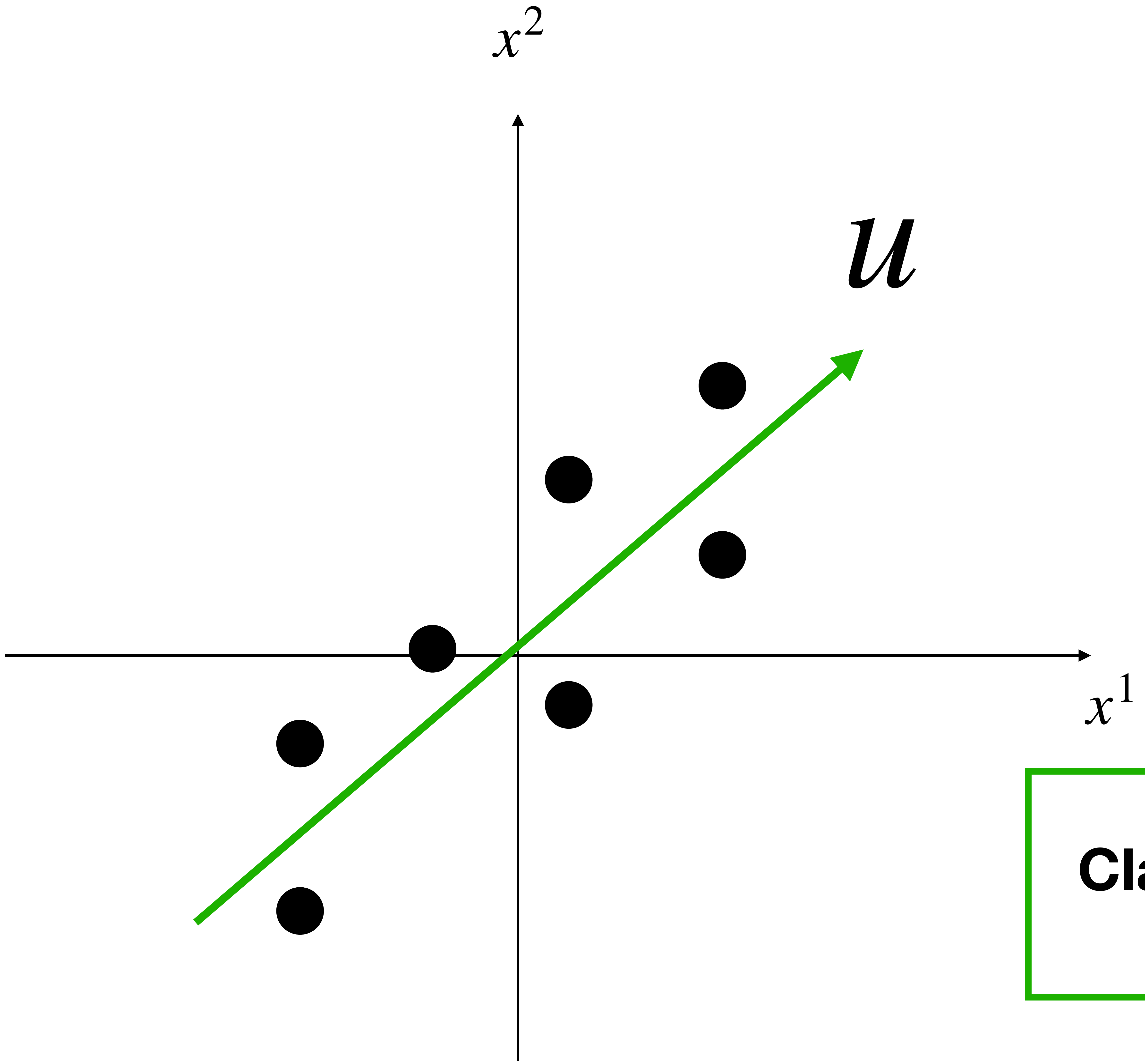
Step 2: compute first principle component

Intuition: find a direction such that the projected points are spread out

Mathematically, maximizes the variance of projected points

$$\max_{u:\|u\|_2=1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i^\top u)^2$$

Compute the Principal Component



$$\arg\max_{u:\|u\|_2=1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i^\top u)^2$$

$$= \arg\max_{u:\|u\|_2=1} u^\top \underbrace{\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i x_i^\top\right]}_{XX^\top} u$$

Claim: the maximizer is the first eigenvector of $XX^\top$

Compute the Principal Component

Definition of Eigenvalue/Eigenvectors

(λ, u) is a pair of eigenvalue / eigenvector of $XX^\top$ if:

$$(XX^\top)u = \lambda u \quad \Rightarrow u^\top(XX^\top)u = \lambda$$

Eigendecomposition:

$$XX^\top = U\Lambda U^\top$$

$$\arg \max_{u:\|u\|_2=1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i^\top u)^2$$

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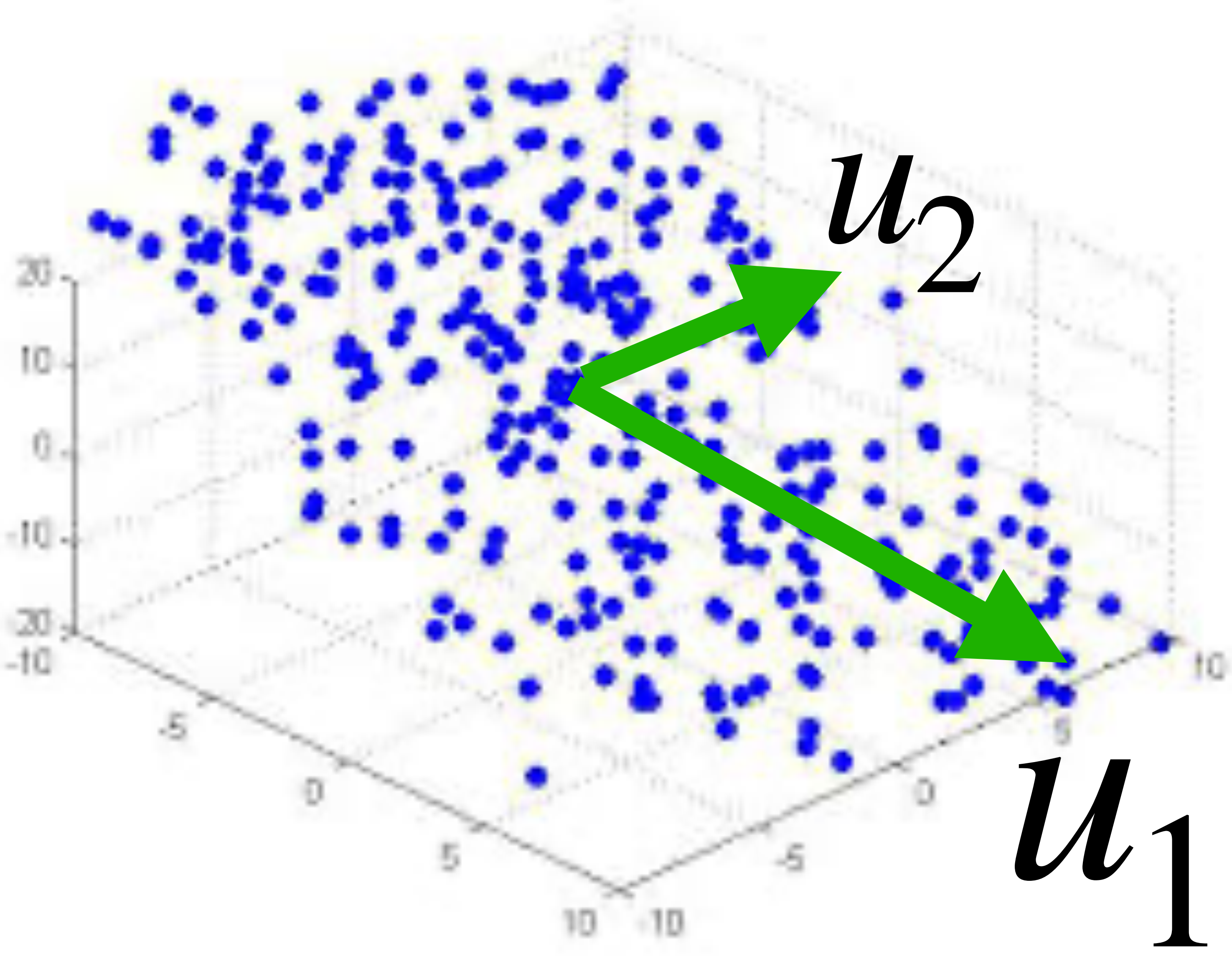
Solution:

The arg max returns the first eigenvector of $XX^\top$

What about computing the second Principal component?

First Principle component $u_1 = \arg\max_{u:\|u\|_2=1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i^\top u)^2$



To compute the second PC:

Force constraints: $\|u_2\|_2 = 1,\ u_2^\top u_1 = 0$

$$u_2 = \arg\max_{u:\|u\|_2=1, u^\top u_1=0} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i^\top u)^2$$

$$= \arg\max_{u:\|u\|_2=1, u^\top u_1=0} u^\top (XX^\top) u$$

Solution: u_2 will be the second eigenvector

Algorithm: PCA

Input: given the normalized dateset $\mathcal{D} = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and parameter $K < d$

1. Compute **Eigendecomposition** of $XX^\top := U\Lambda U^\top$

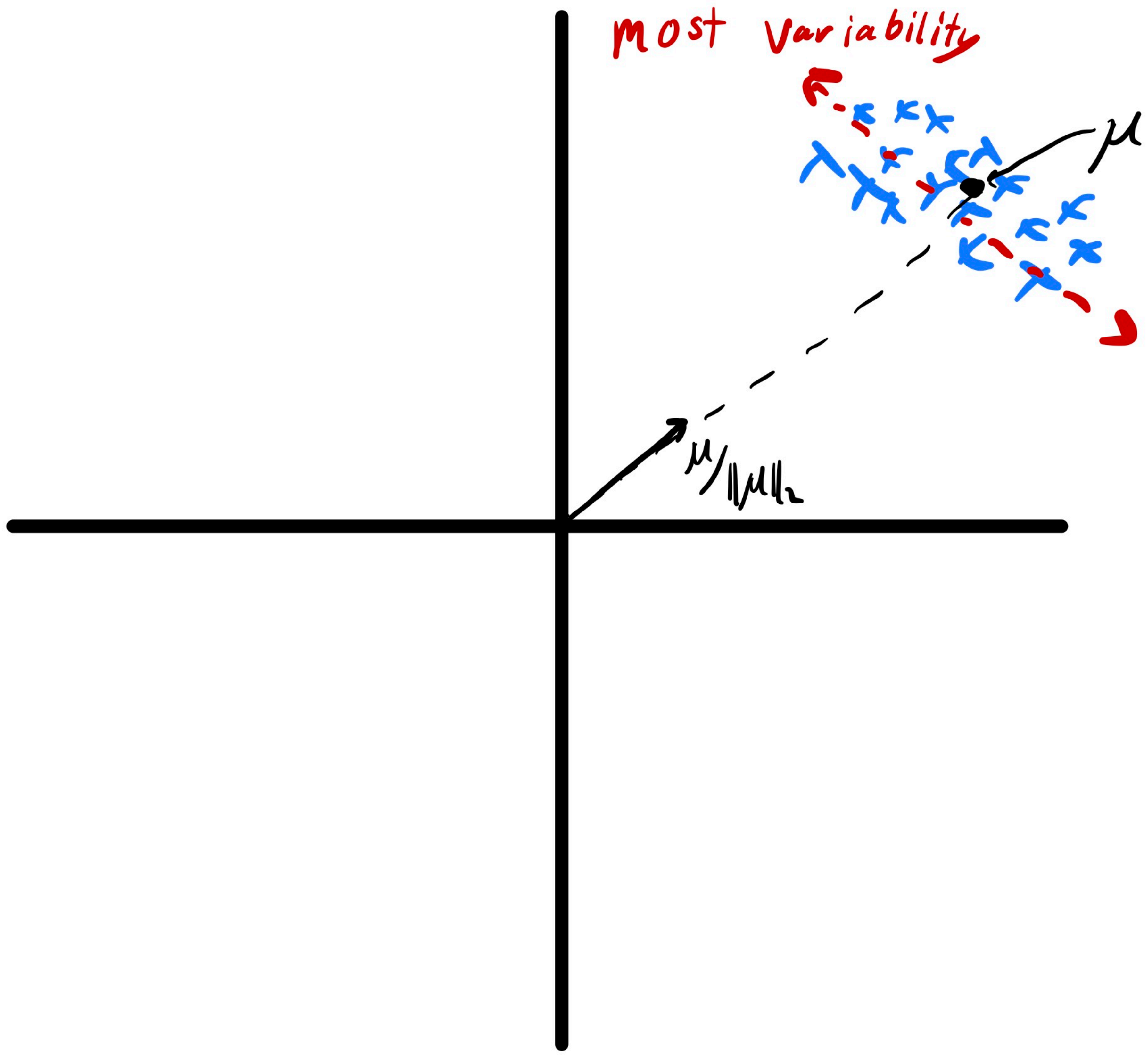
2. Return the **top K eigenvectors** (corresponding to the top k largest eigenvalues)

$$U = [\underbrace{u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_k,}_{\text{top k eigenvectors}} \quad u_{k+1} \ldots, u_d], u_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

PCA

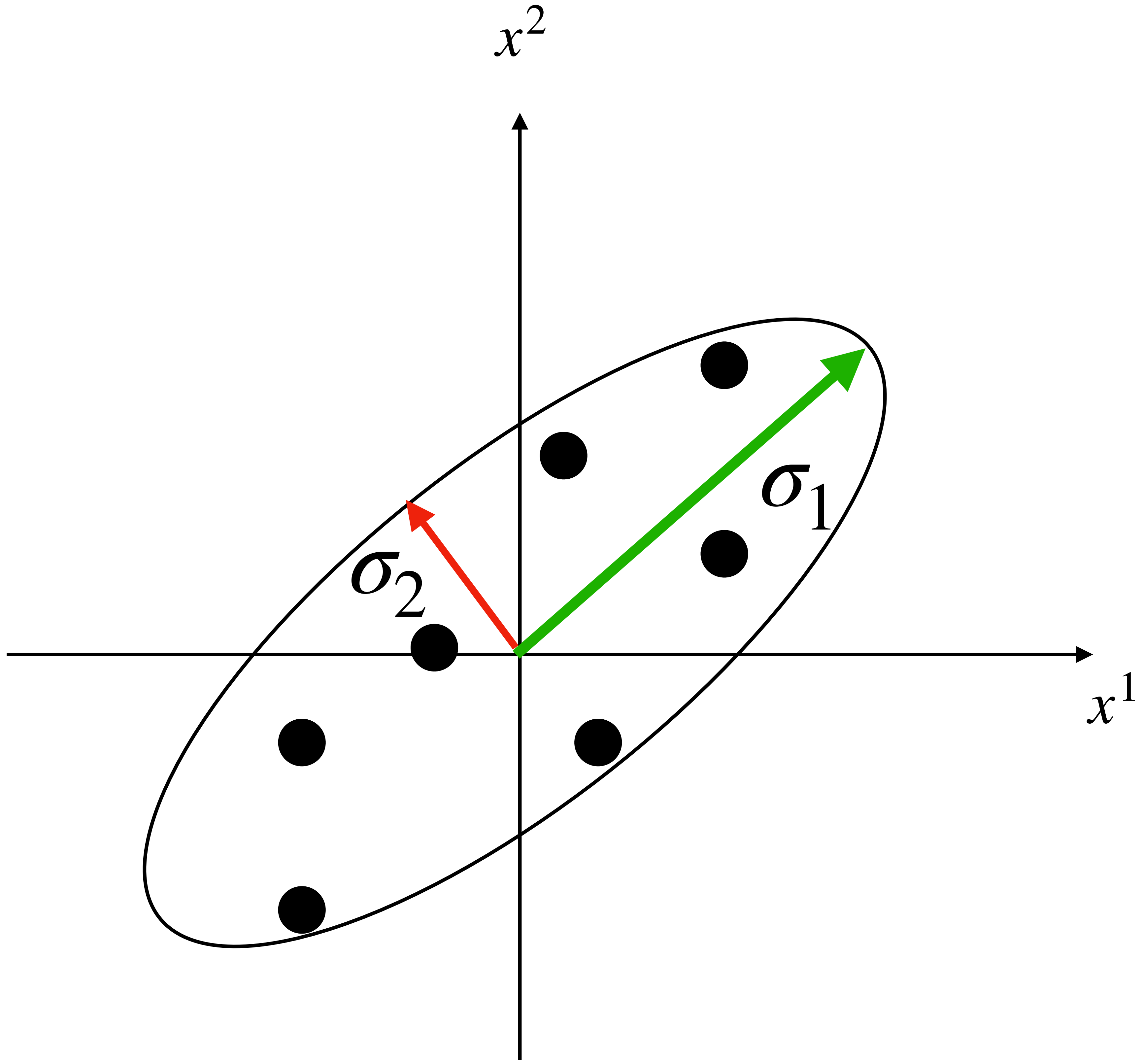
Q: what happens if we do not center the data?

A: the first principle might be just the mean of the data



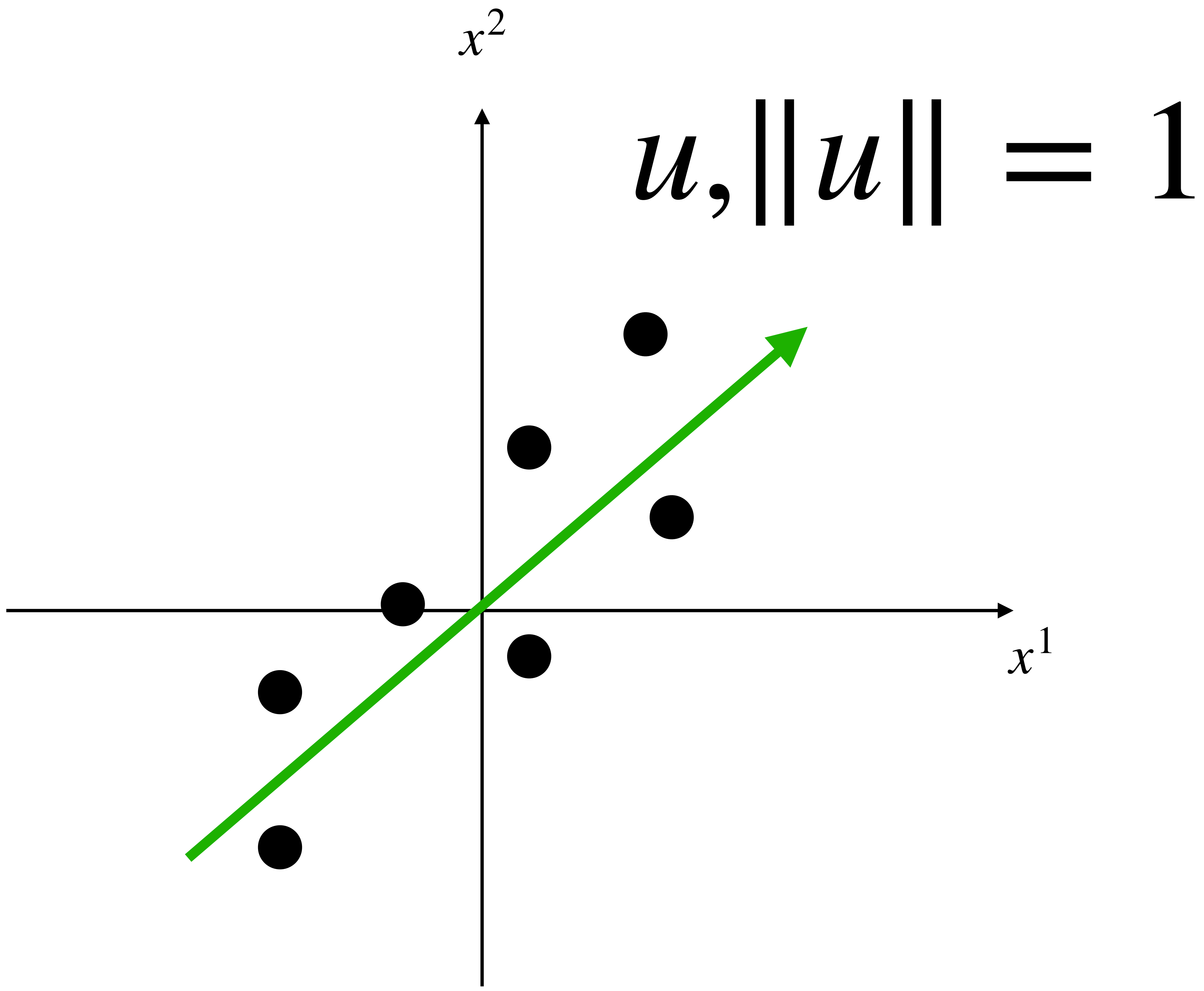
Geometric interpretation of the dataset

Denote $X = [x_1, \ldots, x_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$



$\det(XX^\top)$ can be interpreted as Volume of this d-dim ellipsoid

Think about PCA from a data re-construction perspective



Represent x using u: $x \rightarrow (x^\top u)u$
(i.e., project x on u)

Reconstruct error: $\|(x^\top u)u - x\|_2^2$

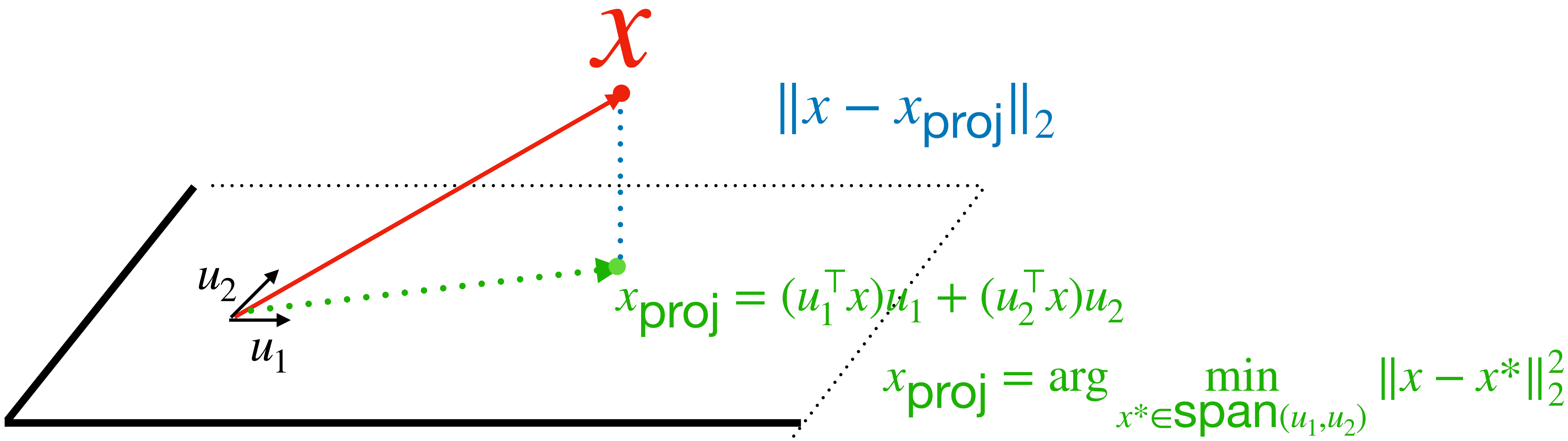
PCA first principle component procedure : find u that minimizes the total reconstruction error

$$\arg\min_{u:\|u\|_2=1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \|uu^\top x_i - x_i\|_2^2$$

Think about PCA from a data re-construction perspective

Another way to think about PCA is to find $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_k$ to minimize re-construction error

$$\min_{u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_k} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k} (u_j^\top x_i) u_j - x_i \right\|_2^2, \text{ s.t.} \forall i : u_i^\top u_i = 1, \text{ and } u_i^\top u_j = 0, \forall i \neq j$$



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$$\mathcal{D} = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{64^2}$$

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The top 15 Eigenfaces (top 15 eigenvectors reshaped into 64×64 matrices)

Application of PCA: Eigenfaces

Reconstruct original images using Eigenfaces

Given $x \in \mathbb{R}^{64^2}$, and top K eigenvectors $u_1, \ldots, u_k$, we can approximate x as follows:

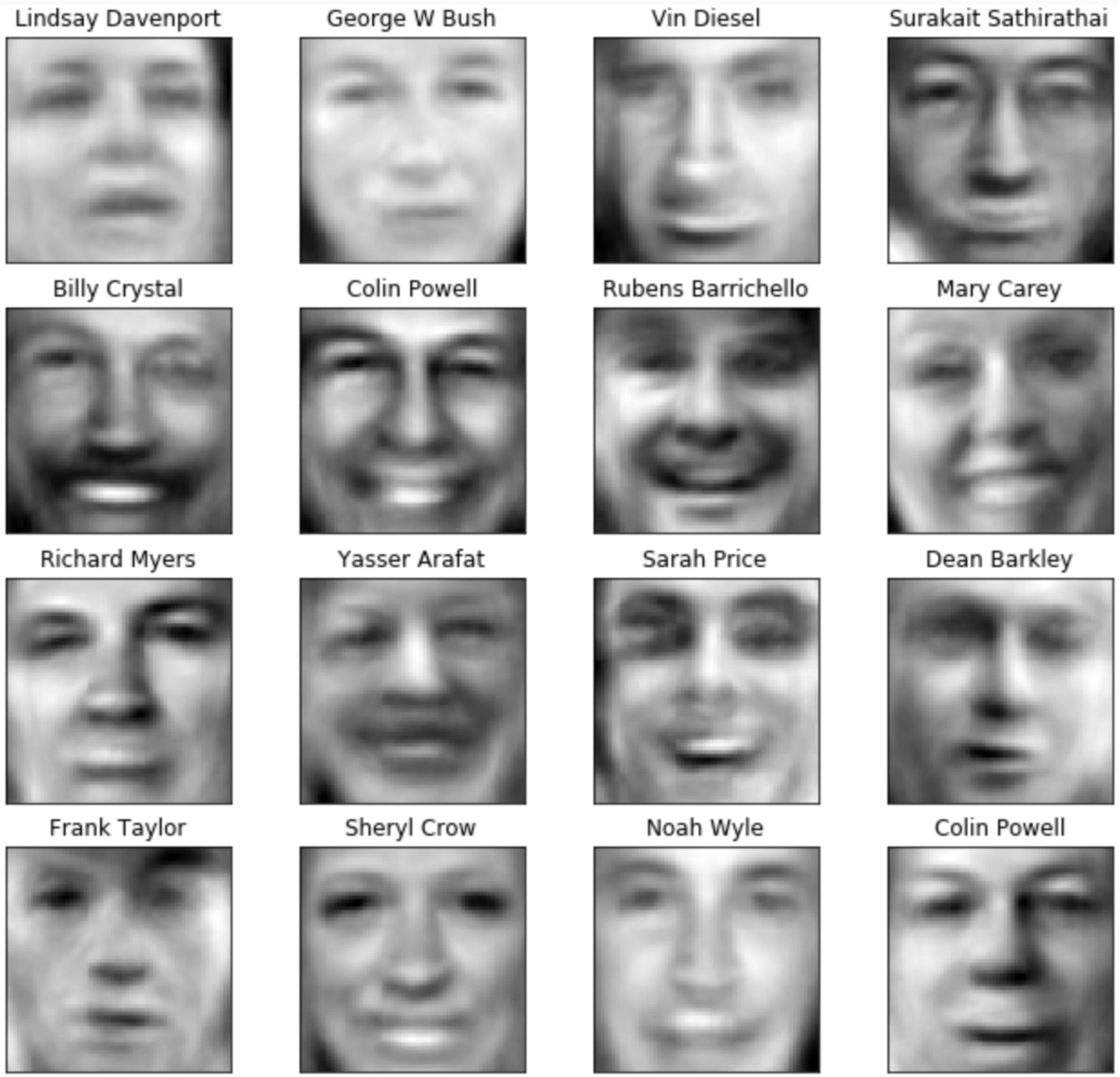
$$x' = (x^\top u_1)u_1 + (x^\top u_2)u_2 + \ldots + (x^\top u_k)u_k$$

(Q: when $k \to 64^2$, we should expect $x' \to x$, why?)

We will check if the visualization of x' is similar to that of x

Application of PCA: Eigenfaces

Reconstruct images using top 50 eigenfaces



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Reconstruct images using top 200 eigenfaces

Summary

1. The PCA algorithm: Eigendecomposition on $XX^\top$

2. Dimensionality reduction and Data reconstruction via PCA