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Principal Component Analysis and Singular Value Decomposition

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Some mental images



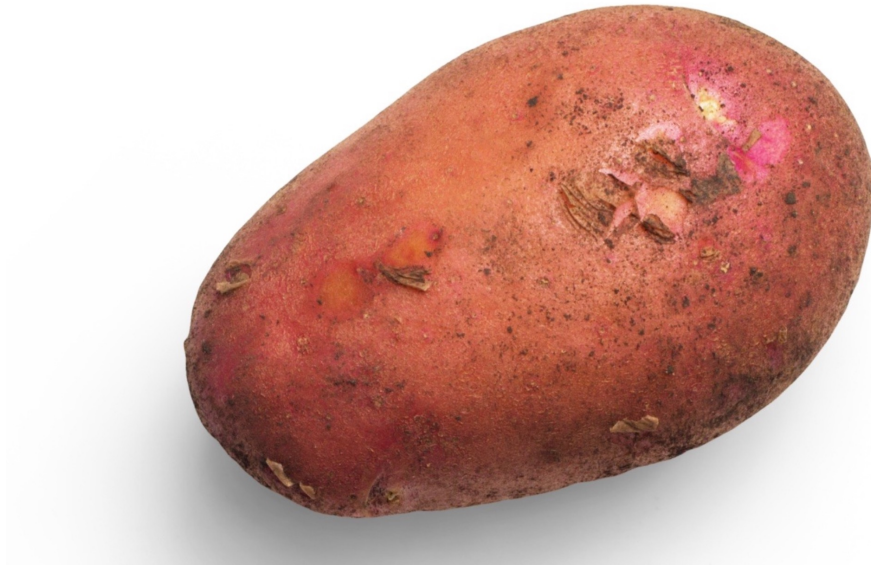
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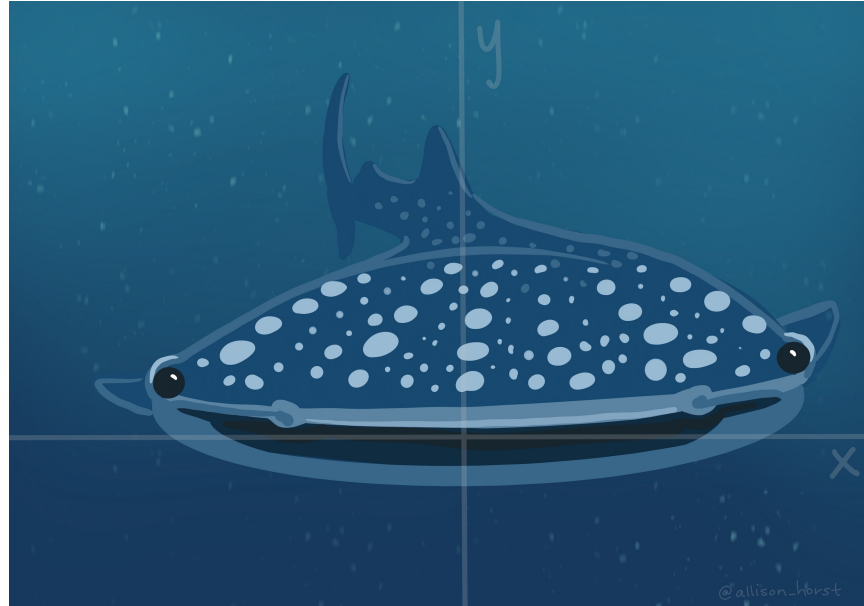


Potato Chips Analysis



Cut the yummiest French fries

Whale versus krill: this is you (credit: Allison Horst)



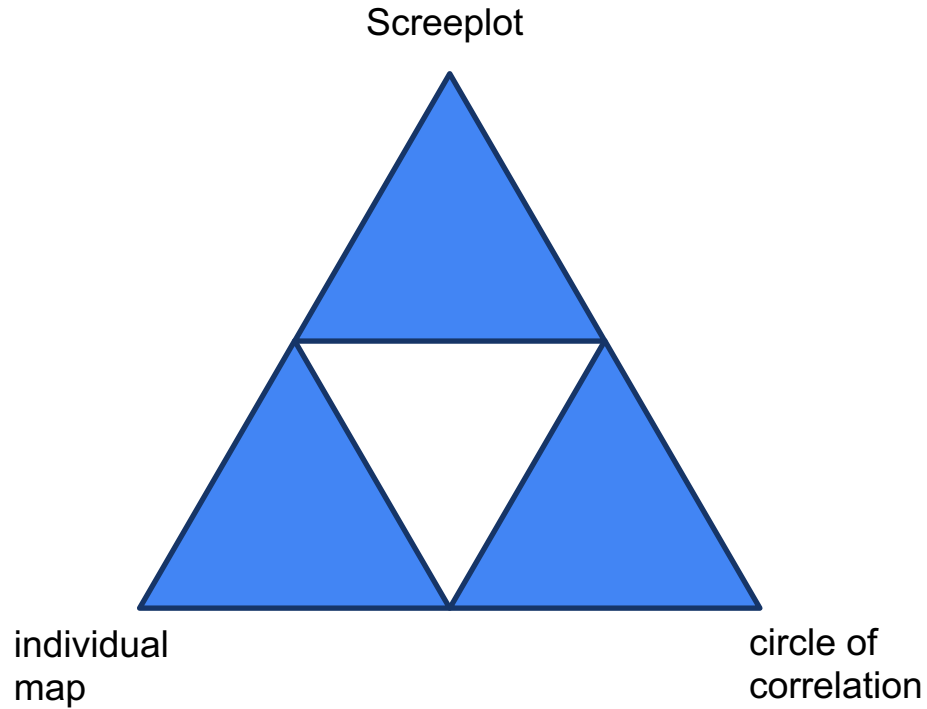
Eat the most krill (put on your 3D glasses)

Whale versus krill: this is your data (credit: Allison Horst)



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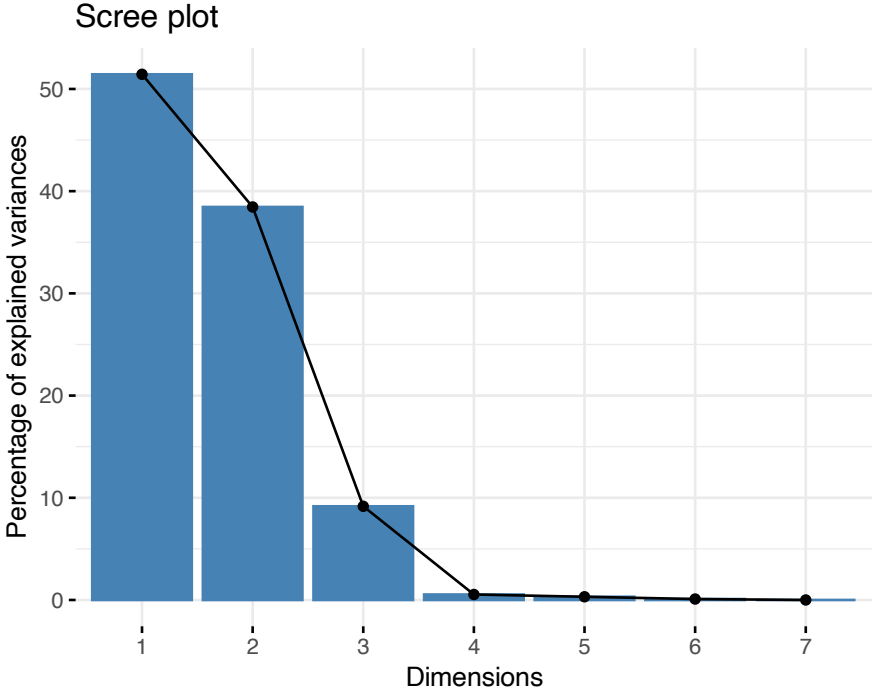
The tri-force of PCA



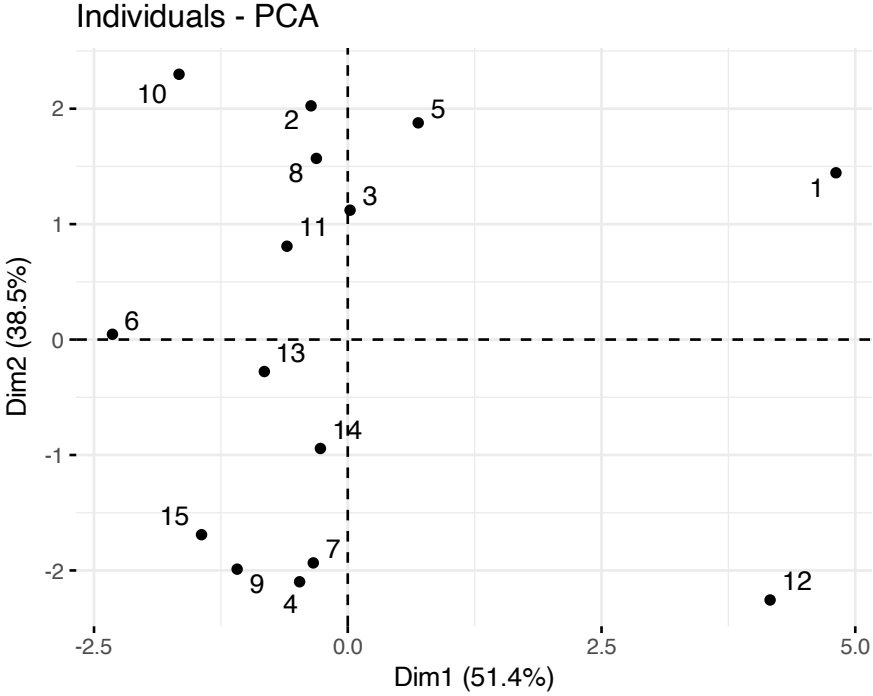
Example data

```
n <- 15
dat.ex <- tibble(
  X1 = rnorm(n),
  X2 = rnorm(n),
  X3 = -X1,
  X4 = 2 * X2 + 0.25 * rnorm(n),
  X5 = X1 + X2 + 0.25 * rnorm(n),
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  X7 = rnorm(n)
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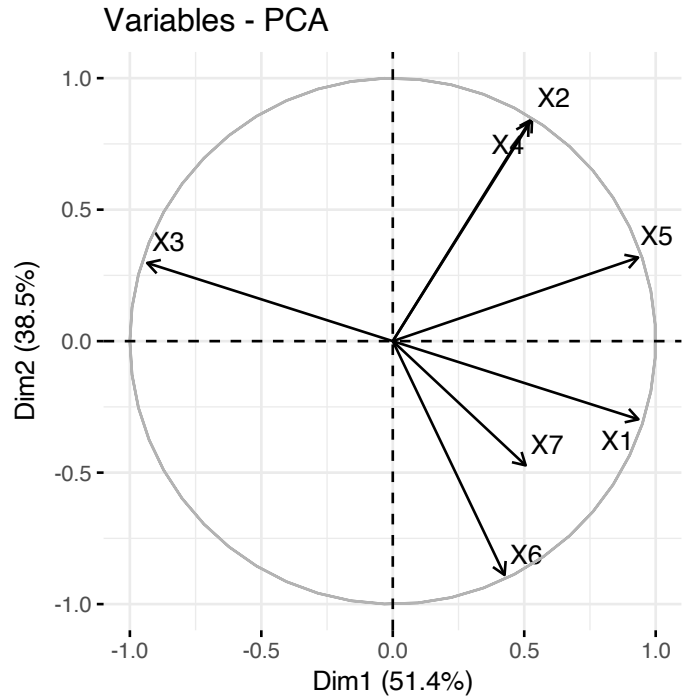
Example screeplot



Example individual map



Example circle of correlation





Vocabulary



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French versus English

“Aaaaah, mais acépé en fait
c’est la PCA !”

*(Anonymous student, after 6 hours
of teaching PCA in French)*

English	French
PCA = principal component analysis	ACP = analyse en composantes principales
SVD = singular value decomposition	SVD = décomposition en valeurs singulières
EVD = eigenvalue decomposition	décomposition en éléments propres
ICA = independent component analysis	ICA = analyse en composantes indépendantes
MDS = multidimensional scaling	MDS = multidimensional scaling

R vocabulary

Base methods:

- `eigen` for eigenvalue decomposition, `svd` for singular value decomposition,
- `prcomp` and `princomp` for PCA,
- `biplot`

Nice packages:

- `FactoMineR`: PCA, MFA, CA, MCA and associates. In earlier versions, the graphs were “crude”...
- `factoextra`: “helper” package to make beautiful plots, and much more!
- `ade4`: more than “one block” type of analyses. Made by ecologists so ⇒ PCOA, coinertia analysis, STATIS, etc.
- `ExPosition`: made for psychometricians (they like PLS)

And a few nice books and papers

MOOC analyse de données de François Husson :

https://husson.github.io/MOOC_AnaDo/index.html

(also in English)

PCA paper(s) by Hervé Abdi:

<https://personal.utdallas.edu/~herve/abdi-awPCA2010.pdf>

(more?)



A little bit of Math



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Notations

(non-universal) Conventions: matrices and vectors are **bold**

- n = number of observations, p = number of variables (only quantitative)
- i for an individual observation, and j for a single variable
- \mathbf{X} = data matrix, with n rows and p columns, sometimes already centered, and scaled, to make our life easy
- \mathbf{X}_j = variable j , and j th column of \mathbf{X}
- \mathbf{w} a set of weights

A little detour: matrix multiplication

Take a pen and paper, and do this multiplication:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

[Cool video: 5 ways to see matrix multiplication](#)

PCA

“Find a linear combination of the columns of the data that would capture the most information.”

In mathematical words, find

$$\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} = w_1\mathbf{X}_1 + \cdots + w_p\mathbf{X}_p$$

that maximizes... wait a minute! What are the dimensions?

- \mathbf{X} : n rows and p columns,
- \mathbf{w} : p rows and 1 columns,
- $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$: n rows and 1 column.



The mathematical translation of the intuitions behind PCA



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Most popular intuition of PCA: how does it translate?

“PCA creates a linear combination of variables that maximizes variance.”

$$\arg \max_{\|\mathbf{w}\|_2=1} \text{var}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})$$

- Why $\|\mathbf{w}\|_2 = 1$?
- Dirty trick: $\text{var}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}$

Least “well-known” intuition of PCA: how does it translate?

“PCA creates a linear combination of variables that maximizes correlation.”

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}} \sum_{j=1}^p \operatorname{cor}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X}_j)^2$$

Second least “well-known” intuition of PCA: how does it translate?

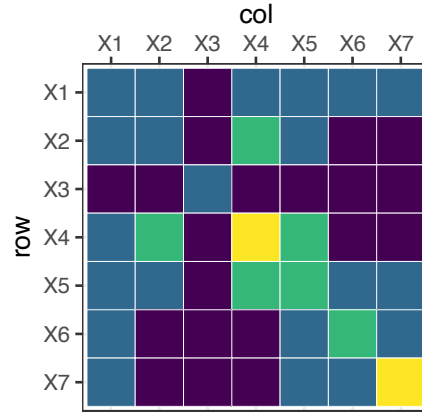
“PCA creates the best lower rank approximation of the covariance matrix.”

$$\arg \min_{\|w\|_2=1} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} - \lambda \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w}^T \right\|_F^2$$

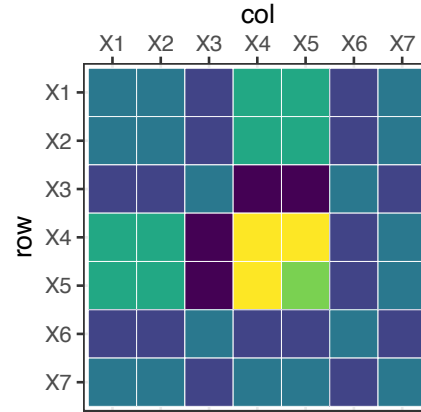
- $\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$
- λ : the [blank] of the covariance matrix
- \mathbf{w} : the [blank] of the covariance matrix

A little image

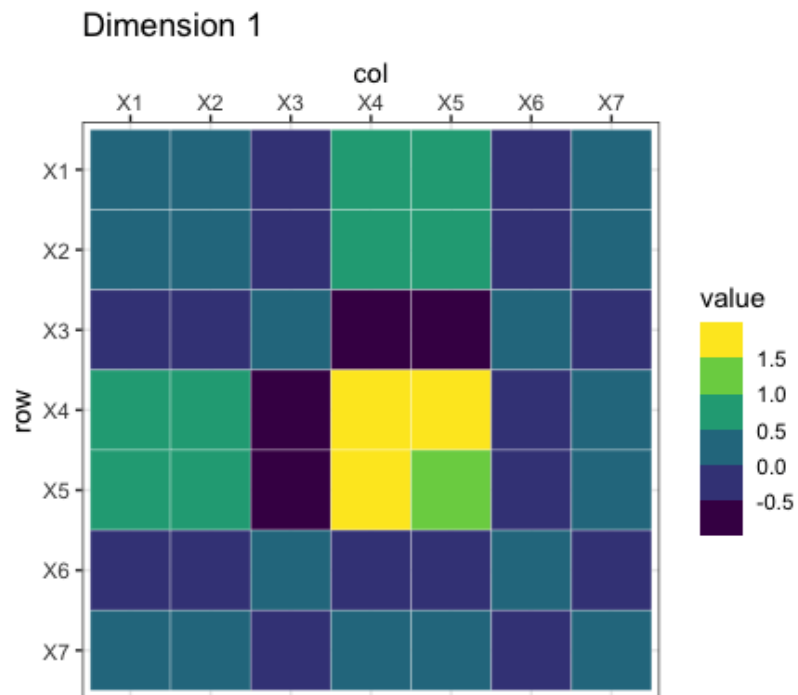
Covariance matrix



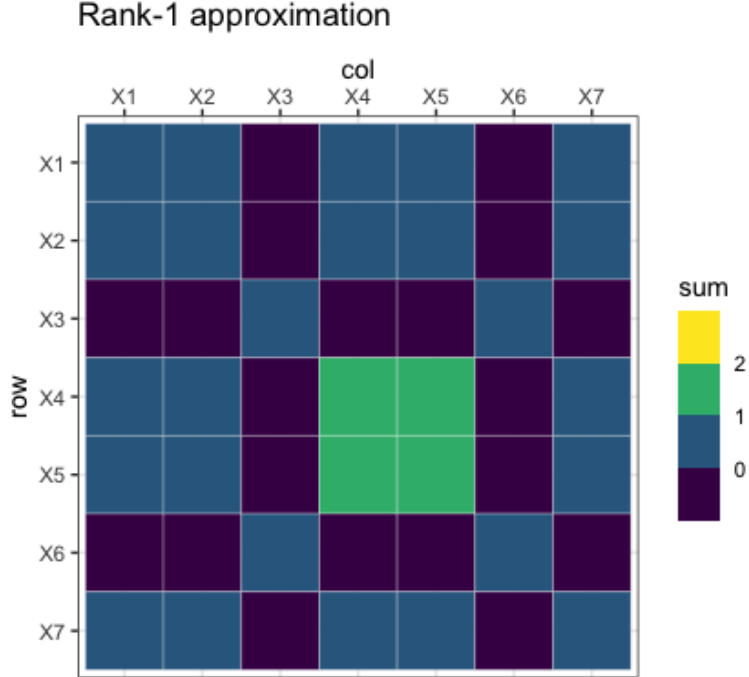
Rank 1 approximation



Rank-1 approximations



Increasing rank approximations



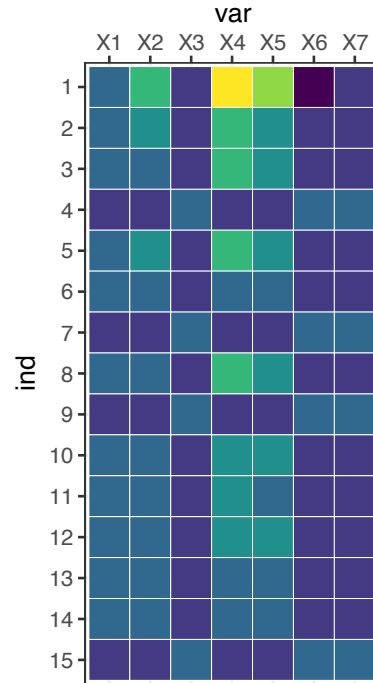
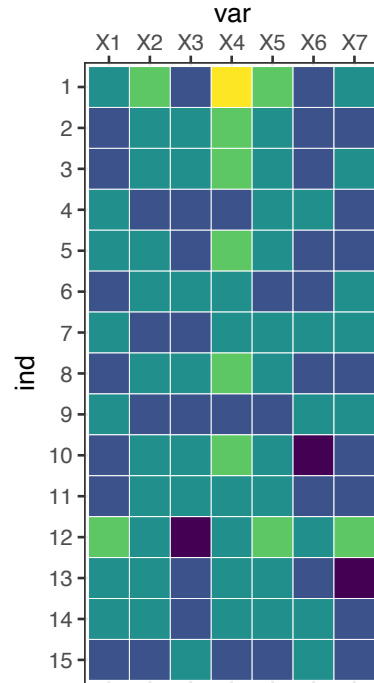
We can do the same kind of magic with the data itself

Singular value decomposition can be used to approximate a rectangular matrix with a lower ranked matrix of the same dimension

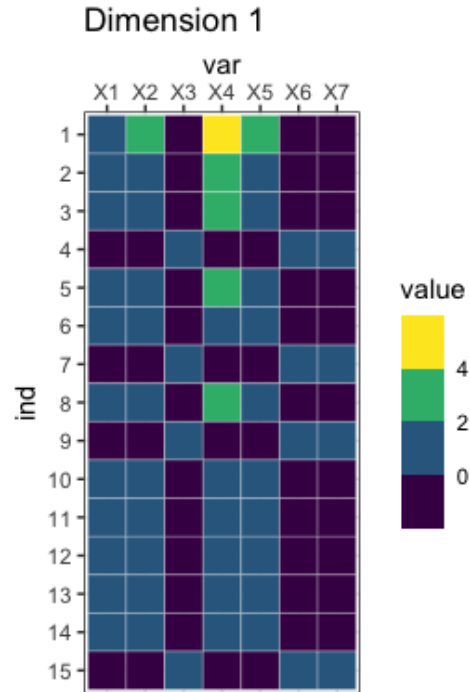
$$\arg \min_{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 = 1} \|\mathbf{X} - \delta \mathbf{u} \mathbf{w}^\top\|_F^2$$

- δ : singular value
- \mathbf{u} : left singular vector
- \mathbf{w} : right singular vector

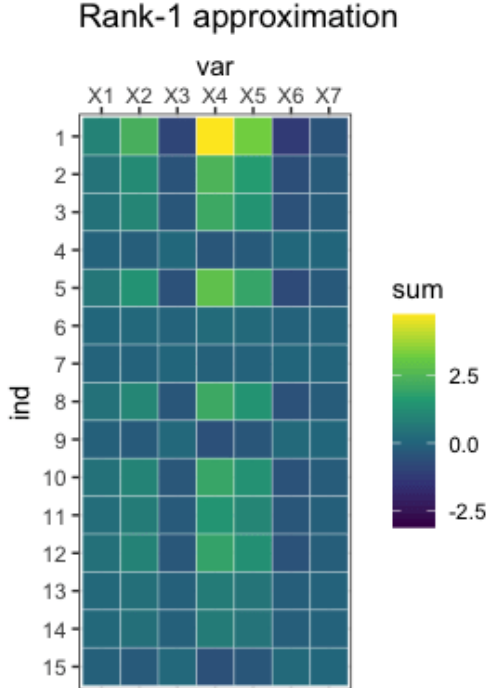
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library(dplyr)
library(FactoMineR)
library(factoextra)
library(ggplot2)
```

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```
res.pca.ex <- PCA(dat.ex, scale.unit = TRUE, graph = FALSE)
fviz_screplot(res.pca.ex)
fviz_pca_ind(res.pca.ex, repel = TRUE)
fviz_pca_var(res.pca.ex, repel = TRUE)
```