
PCA Subspaces are not always optimal for Bayesian Learning

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Abstract

1 Bayesian Neural Networks are often sought after for their strong and trustworthy
2 predictive power. However, inference in these models is often computationally
3 expensive and can be reduced using dimensionality reduction where the key goal is
4 to find an appropriate subspace in which to perform the inference, while retaining
5 significant predictive power. In this work, we propose a theoretical comparative
6 study of the Principal Component Analysis versus the random projection for
7 Bayesian Linear Regression. We find that the PCA is not always the optimal
8 dimensionality reduction method and that the random projection can actually be
9 superior, especially in cases where the data distribution is shifted and the labels
10 have a small norm. We then confirm these results experimentally. Therefore, this
11 work suggests to consider dimension reduction by random projection for Bayesian
12 inference when noisy data are expected.

13 1 Introduction

14 Bayesian methods and especially Bayesian Neural Networks (BNN) [16, 18, 7] are often sought
15 after for their strong and trustworthy predictive power. However, inference in these models is often
16 computationally expensive, be it via Laplace inference [16, 14, 13], variational inference [11, 1, 6],
17 Markov chain Monte Carlo [18, 19, 9, 8, 10], or ensemble-based inference [3, 5, 4]. To reduce the
18 cost of this inference, different methods of dimensionality reduction have been studied where the key
19 goal is to find an appropriate subspace in which to perform the inference, while retaining significant
20 predictive power. This is similar to approaches known from Gaussian Processes [e.g., 2]. For BNNs,
21 the methods based on the Principal Component Analysis (PCA) of the Stochastic Gradient Descent
22 (SGD) trajectory or random projections seem to provide promising computational results as discussed
23 in Maddox et al. [17] and Izmailov et al. [15].

24 In this work, we propose a theoretical comparative analysis of these different dimensionality reduction
25 methods. Namely, we will focus on the comparison between the PCA of the SGD trajectory and
26 the random projection. Since deep learning models are theoretically hard to study, we will focus on
27 Bayesian Linear Regression, which offers the advantage of having a tractable posterior distribution.
28 Moreover, we will use predictive inference distribution as the criterion for comparison. We find,
29 possibly surprisingly, that the PCA is not always the optimal dimensionality reduction method and
30 that the random projection can actually be superior, especially in cases where the data is noisy and
31 the labels have a small norm.

32 2 Methods

33 In this section we will introduce the problem and notation. Let us consider training inputs $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$
34 with associated labels $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and test inputs $X^* \in \mathbb{R}^{n^* \times d}$ with labels $Y^* \in \mathbb{R}^{n^*}$. We will denote

35 the singular values of X as $(r_i)_{i \in 1, \dots, d}$ and the ones of X^* as $(r_i^*)_{i \in 1, \dots, d}$. The parameters of our
 36 model are $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$, the noise variance is σ^2 , and the prior variance is λ^2 . The main problem we are
 37 interested in here is to project the data into a subspace of dimension $k < d$.

38 2.1 Assumptions

39 **Assumption A:** We assume a classical Bayesian Linear Regression model with $d \leq n$ and ho-
 40 moscedastic Gaussian noise, such that $Y = X\theta + \nu$, $\nu \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$ and Gaussian prior with
 41 parameter λ independent of X such that $\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda^2 I)$.

42 **Assumption B1:** $\sigma = \lambda = 1$.

43 2.2 Predictive Distribution in the Global Space

44 The predictive distribution in the global space $\Pr(Y^*|X^*, X, Y)$ is Gaussian: $\mathcal{N}_{global} :=$
 45 $Y^*|X^*, X, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_S, S)$. Using Bayesian model averaging (the proof is detailed in Appendix 5),
 46 we obtain

$$S = (I - X^*(X^\top X + X^{*\top} X^* + I)^{-1} X^{*\top})^{-1} \quad (1)$$

$$\mu_S = S X^*(X^\top X + X^{*\top} X^* + I)^{-1} X^\top Y \quad (2)$$

47 2.3 Projected distribution

48 Let $P_E \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$ be the matrix such that its columns are generating the subspace E . We have
 49 $P_E^\top P_E = I_k$ and $P_E P_E^\top = H$ a projection matrix ($H^2 = H$). Then, we can take both formulas
 50 for the global space 1,2 and multiply X and X^* by P_E to the right to compute the distribution of
 51 $\mathcal{N}_E := Y^*|X^* P_E, X P_E, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_E, S_E)$ with $\mu_E \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $S_E \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

52 **PCA projection** Izmailov et al. [15] proposed to use a PCA on the SGD trajectory to select the
 53 subspace. As described in Gur-Ari et al. [12], this method is similar to keeping the eigenvectors
 54 associated with the largest eigenvalues of the Hessian, which in our Bayesian Linear Regression
 55 setup is similar to performing the PCA on X . If we use the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)
 56 of X : $X = URV$ with U, V being two orthogonal matrices of dimension $n \times n$ and $d \times d$ and R
 57 a diagonal matrix of dimension $n \times d$ containing the singular values $(r_i)_{i \in 1, \dots, d}$ of X . Rearranging
 58 U, R, V , we will assume that R contains the singular values in increasing order. Thus, the projection
 59 matrix P_{PCA} for the PCA method is a submatrix of V containing the k eigenvectors associated to
 60 the k largest eigenvalues r_i .

61 **Random Projection** Instead of using PCA, we can alternatively project into a random subspace.
 62 To do so, we can construct a matrix P_{rand} of dimension $d \times k$ containing d independent Gaussian
 63 vectors of dimension k : $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_d \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_k)$ and $P_{rand} = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_d)^\top$.

64 2.4 KL-Divergence as Comparison Tool

65 A good projection is a projection whose predictive distribution is as close as possible to the distribution
 66 in the global space, that is, whose expectation and covariance matrices are as close as possible to μ_S
 67 and S respectively. Different tools can be used to compare these distributions and we have chosen the
 68 *Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence* which offers the nice advantage of being tractable and simple for
 69 Gaussian distributions. It gives for a subspace E :

$$D_E := D_{KL}(\mathcal{N}_E || \mathcal{N}_{global}) = \frac{1}{2} (\text{Tr}(S^{-1} S_E) + (\mu_S - \mu_E)^\top S^{-1} (\mu_S - \mu_E) - n + \ln(\frac{|S|}{|S_E|})) \quad (3)$$

70 Our problem therefore consists of comparing D_{PCA} with D_{rand} .

71 3 Results

72 3.1 PCA is not perfect: a counter-example

73 By the Eckart-Young theorem, PCA is the best low-rank approximation in terms of the Frobenius
 74 norm. However, here we instead care about the KL divergence between the global space and the

75 subspace, therefore the Eckart-Young theorem does not apply and PCA is not necessarily the best
76 low-rank approximation. Here, we will derive a simple counter-example which proves that PCA is
77 not optimal. To do so, we assume that $n = 3$, $d = 2$, and $X = X^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $P_{PCA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and
78 we compare it with the projection in the span of $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. As detailed in Appendix 6 if we choose
79 the labels to be $y_2 = 0$ and $y_1 = 0$:

$$D_\gamma \approx 0.08 \geq D_{PCA} \approx 0.07$$

80 However, if instead we take $y_2 = 1$ and $y_1 = 0$:

$$D_\gamma \approx 0.17 \leq D_{PCA} \approx 0.24$$

81 This shows that the PCA is not a generally optimal solution.

82 3.2 Study in Expectation

83 3.2.1 The KL Divergence for PCA

84 **Theorem 1** Using the SVD decomposition of $X = URV$ and noting that $Q := U^\top Y$ we can derive
85 the following equation under assumptions A, B1. The proof is given in Appendix 7.

$$D_{PCA} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=k+1}^d -\frac{r_i^{*2}}{1+r_i^2+r_i^{*2}} - \log\left(1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{r_i^2+r_i^{*2}+1}\right) + Q_i^2 \frac{r_i^2 r_i^{*2}}{(1+r_i^2+r_i^{*2})(1+r_i^2)} \right) \quad (4)$$

86 3.2.2 The KL Divergence for Random Projection

87 **Assumption B2:** $\sigma = \lambda = 1$ and d is large enough.

88 **Assumption C:** If $P_{rand} = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_d)^\top$, we assume that $\sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 \epsilon_i \epsilon_i^\top$ and $\sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2} \epsilon_i \epsilon_i^\top$ are
89 respectively equal to their expectations $\sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 I_k$ and $\sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2} I_k$.

90 Under assumption A, B2, C, we can derive the KL divergence for the random projection in equation
91 5:

$$D_{rand} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^d -\frac{r_i^{*2}}{1+r_i^2+r_i^{*2}} - \log\left(1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1+r_i^2+r_i^{*2}}\right) - \hat{\Sigma}_{rand} \frac{r_i^{*4} \epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_i}{1+r_i^2+r_i^{*2}} + \sum_{i,j=1}^d Q_i Q_j G_{ij} \right) \quad (5)$$

92 with $\hat{\Sigma}_{rand} := (1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 \epsilon_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2} \epsilon_i^2)^{-1}$ and G a matrix the coefficients of which are
93 detailed in the proof in Appendix 8.

94 3.2.3 Comparison of PCA and Random Projection

95 To compare the PCA with the random projection we chose to evaluate their expected behaviour.
96 Hence, we need to compare the values of D_{PCA} with the expectation of D_{rand} according to ϵ :
97 $\mathbb{E}_\epsilon(D_{rand})$. We first observe with equations 4 and 5 that both KL divergences behave quite similarly.
98 Yet, PCA seems to be more dependent on the data X as seen in the equation 4 with the sum beginning
99 at $k + 1$. Thus, if the testing data X^* is perturbed along the other axes of the projection, PCA
100 should underperform compared to the random projection which does not depend on the choice of the
101 projection eigenvector. In the following, we will assume that the testing data X^* is perturbed with
102 a small value δ and compare D_{PCA} with the $E_\epsilon(D_{rand})$ as functions of δ . We will thus make the
103 following assumptions:

104 **Assumption D:** X is the identity, i.e., $X = \text{diag}(1, \dots, 1)$ and $P_{PCA} = I^{d \times k}$. We then perturb
105 the test data X^* by adding a small perturbation δ to the $(k + 1)$ -th singular value of X : $X^* =$
106 $\text{diag}(1, \dots, 1, 1 + \delta, 1, \dots, 1)$.

107 **Small-norm outputs:** The KL divergences of the two methods seem to have different behaviours
108 depending on the norm of the Y outputs. We will therefore separate different cases starting by
109 focusing firstly on small-norm outputs.

110 **Assumption E1:** $\|Y\|_\infty \leq 0.1$ with high probability.

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112 We can prove (Appendix 9) using assumptions A, B2, C, D, E1 that if we denote
 113 $f(\delta) := D_{PCA} - \mathbb{E}_\epsilon(D_{rand})$:

$$f(0) \lesssim 0 \text{ and } f \text{ is an increasing function} \quad (6)$$

114 Result 6 shows that without perturbation, PCA is better than random projection, however the latter
 115 is more responsive to perturbed data. We will now study experimentally the behaviour of both KL
 116 divergences as a function of δ and for small-norm outputs Y . To do so, we will generate vectors
 117 $\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.01I_d)$ and obtain outputs such that $Y = X\beta$. Averaging over 10,000 runs, we obtain
 118 Figure 1, where we notice that the difference between both KL divergences increases with δ as proven
 in equation 6. Moreover, we can indeed see that for $\delta = 0$, i.e., without perturbation, $f(\delta) \leq 0$ and

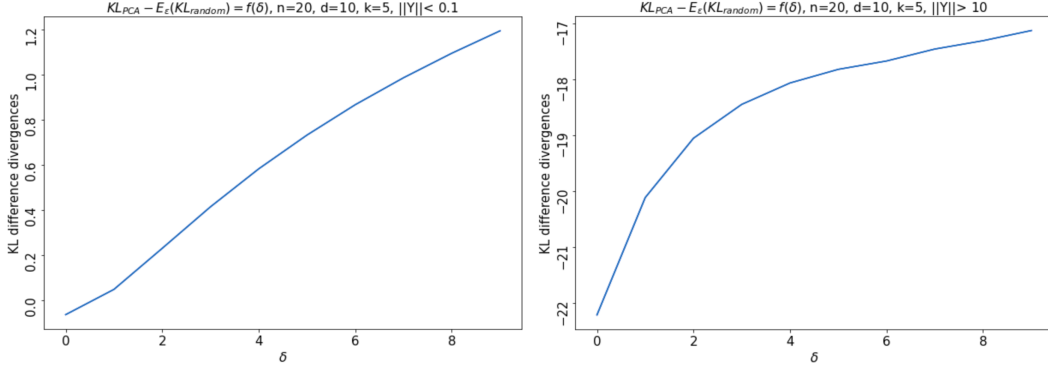


Figure 1: D_{rand} and D_{PCA} as function of δ for $n = 20$ with $\|Y\|_\infty \leq 0.1$.
 Figure 2: D_{rand} and D_{PCA} as function of δ for $n = 20$ with $\|Y\|_\infty \geq 10$.

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120 therefore PCA is better. As δ increases, $f(\delta)$ becomes quickly positive as shown on equation 6 and
 121 random projection is then better. Hence, PCA is better without perturbation but random projection
 122 reacts better to perturbations in δ for small outputs Y .

123 **Large-norm outputs:**

124 **Assumption E2:** $\|Y\|_\infty \geq 10$ with high probability.

125 Using Assumption E2, we can reconsider the KL divergence for a subspace E to be only:

$$D_E = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_S - \mu_E)^\top S^{-1}(\mu_S - \mu_E) \quad (7)$$

126 The behaviour of this term is much more difficult to study than in the previous paragraph because it
 127 involves the outputs Y whose distribution is unknown. However, we are still able to prove that for
 128 large perturbations, the PCA performs better than the random projection as seen in the equation 8
 129 proven in Appendix 10 under Assumptions A, B2, C2, D, E2.

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} D_{PCA} - \mathbb{E}_\epsilon(D_{rand}) = - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{Q_i^2}{12} \leq 0 \quad (8)$$

130 We repeated the same experiment as above with large-norm outputs, that is, we generate vectors
 131 $\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(10, 0.01I_d)$ and obtain outputs such that $Y = X\beta$. Again averaging over 10,000 runs, we
 132 obtain Figure 2, where we can notice that $f(\delta)$ increases and is always negative, thus the PCA is
 133 always better than the random projection for large-norm outputs.

134 **4 Conclusion**

135 In this study, we compared two dimensionality reduction methods for Bayesian linear regression:
 136 the PCA of the data (or similarly the SGD trajectory) and the random projection. We showed
 137 experimentally and theoretically that the PCA is better for noiseless data and also for large-norm
 138 outputs. However, for small-norm outputs and noisy data, the random projection can be superior.

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184 **Supplementary Material**

185 **5 Appendix: Proof of equations 1 and 2**

186 We use the notation $cste(\cdot)$ for constant depending on the parameters (\cdot).

187 **5.1 Assumptions**

188 **Assumption 1:** We take the classical Bayesian Linear Regression model:

$$Y = X\theta + \nu$$

189 with homeostatic Gaussian noise:

$$\nu \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I) \quad (9)$$

190 Finally we have:

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(X\theta, \sigma^2 I)$$

191 And therefore our log-likelihood is:

$$-2 \log \Pr(Y|X, \theta) = \frac{(Y - X\theta)^\top (Y - X\theta)}{\sigma^2} + cste \quad (10)$$

192 **Assumption 2:** We only considers Gaussian prior of parameter λ independent of X such that:

$$\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda^2 I)$$

193 **5.2 Computation of the distributions in the global space**

194 **5.2.1 Posterior distribution**

195 Now that the model is fixed, we want to find the best weights θ given a dataset of inputs and outputs
 196 (X, Y) . With a Bayesian perspective we want to compute the posterior $\Pr(\theta|X, Y)$. Then we will be
 197 able to compute the predictive distribution, *i.e* the distribution of unseen data.

198 Using Bayes' rule and assumption 5.1 we obtain:

$$\Pr(\theta|X, Y) \propto \Pr(Y|X, \theta) \Pr(\theta) \quad (11)$$

199 Both right terms are Gaussian, thus our posterior is also Gaussian. Hence, $\exists \Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ and $\exists \mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$
 200 such that:

$$-2 \log \Pr(\theta|X, Y) = (\theta - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\theta - \mu) + cste = \theta^\top \Sigma^{-1} \theta - 2\theta^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mu + cste \quad (12)$$

201 Using assumption 5.1 and equations 10, 12 and 11:

$$\begin{aligned} -2 \log \Pr(\theta, |X, Y) &= \frac{(Y - X\theta)^\top (Y - X\theta)}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\theta^\top \theta}{\lambda^2} + cste \\ &= \theta^\top \left(\frac{I_p}{\lambda^2} + \frac{X^\top X}{\sigma^2} \right) \theta - 2\theta^\top \frac{X^\top Y}{\sigma^2} + cste \\ &= \theta^\top \Sigma^{-1} \theta - 2\theta^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mu + cste \end{aligned}$$

202 By equalizing the terms in θ^\top and $\theta^\top \theta$ we obtain:

$$\Sigma = \left(\frac{X^\top X}{\sigma^2} + \frac{I}{\lambda^2} \right)^{-1} \quad (13)$$

203

$$\mu = \Sigma \frac{X^\top Y}{\sigma^2} \quad (14)$$

204 **5.2.2 Predictive distribution**

205 Now we have the keys to compute the predictive distribution, *i.e* for new data Y^*, X^* compute
 206 $\Pr(Y^*|X^*, X, Y)$ which is Gaussian. To take some notation, $Y^*|X^*, X, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_S, S)$. To do so
 207 we will use the Bayesian model averaging technique:

$$\Pr(Y^*|X^*, X, Y) = \int \Pr(Y^*|X^*, \theta, X, Y) \Pr(\theta|X, Y) d\theta$$

208 We first focus on the term in the integral

$$C(\theta) := \Pr(Y^*|X^*, \theta, X, Y) \Pr(\theta|X, Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\Sigma}) \quad (15)$$

209 and we need now to find $\hat{\mu}, \hat{\Sigma}$.

210 **i. Find $\hat{\mu}, \hat{\Sigma}$:** To do so, we will separate the constant part between $cste$, which depends neither on
 211 Y^* nor on θ , and $cste_{Y^*}$ which is a sum of terms depending from Y^* . Intuitively $cste_{Y^*}$ will actually
 212 represent the predictive distribution.

$$\begin{aligned} -2 \log C(\theta) &= -2 \log[\Pr(Y^*|X^*, \theta, X, Y) \Pr(\theta|X, Y)] \\ &= (\theta - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\theta - \mu) + \frac{(Y^* - X^* \theta)^\top (Y^* - X^* \theta)}{\sigma^2} + cste \\ &= \theta^\top (\Sigma^{-1} + \frac{X^{*\top} X^*}{\sigma^2}) \theta - 2\theta^\top (\Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{X^{*\top} Y^*}{\sigma^2}) + \frac{Y^{*\top} Y^*}{\sigma^2} + cste \\ &= (\theta - \hat{\mu})^\top \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (\theta - \hat{\mu}) + cste_{Y^*} + cste \\ &= \theta^\top \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \theta - 2\theta^\top \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{\mu} + \hat{\mu}^\top \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{\mu} + cste_{Y^*} + cste \end{aligned}$$

213 where we successively used equations [10,12], separate the terms in θ and $\theta^\top \theta$, used the definition of
 214 the distribution of $C(\theta)$.

215 By taking the third and last lines and by equalizing the terms in $\theta^\top \theta$ and θ^\top , we obtain:

$$\hat{\Sigma} = (\Sigma^{-1} + \frac{X^{*\top} X^*}{\sigma^2})^{-1} \quad (16)$$

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$$\hat{\mu} = \hat{\Sigma} (\Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{X^{*\top} Y^*}{\sigma^2}) \quad (17)$$

217 Thus,

$$C(\theta) \propto e^{\frac{-1}{2} (\theta - \hat{\mu})^\top \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (\theta - \hat{\mu}) + cste_{Y^*}} \quad (18)$$

218 **ii. Integration**

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(Y^*|X^*, X, Y) &= \int \Pr(Y^*|X^*, \theta, X, Y) \Pr(\theta|X, Y) d\theta \\ &= \int C(\theta) d\theta \\ &\propto \int e^{\frac{-1}{2} [(\theta - \hat{\mu})^\top \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (\theta - \hat{\mu}) + cste_{Y^*}]} d\theta \\ &\propto e^{\frac{-1}{2} cste_{Y^*}} \text{ using the normalization property} \end{aligned}$$

219 This proves that $cste_{Y^*}$ contains all the information about the distribution of $Y^*|X^*, X, Y$. Hence,

$$cste_{Y^*} = (Y^* - \mu_S)^\top S^{-1} (Y^* - \mu_S) \quad (19)$$

220 **iii. Find $cste_{Y^*}$:** By taking the previous computation of $-2 \log C(\theta)$ and equalizing again the third
 221 and last lines we can obtain:

$$\frac{Y^{*\top} Y^*}{\sigma^2} = \hat{\mu}^\top \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{\mu} + cste_{Y^*} + cste$$

222 Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
cste_{Y^*} &= \frac{Y^{*\top}Y^*}{\sigma^2} - \hat{\mu}^\top \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{\mu} + cste \\
&= \frac{Y^{*\top}Y^*}{\sigma^2} - (\Sigma^{-1}\mu + \frac{X^{*\top}Y^*}{\sigma^2})^\top \hat{\Sigma} \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{\Sigma} (\Sigma^{-1}\mu + \frac{X^{*\top}Y^*}{\sigma^2}) + cste \\
&= \frac{Y^{*\top}Y^*}{\sigma^2} - (\frac{X^tY}{\sigma^2} + \frac{X^{*\top}Y^*}{\sigma^2})^\top \hat{\Sigma} (\frac{X^tY}{\sigma^2} + \frac{X^{*\top}Y^*}{\sigma^2}) + cste \\
&= \frac{Y^{*\top}Y^*}{\sigma^2} - \frac{Y^{*\top}X^*}{\sigma^2} \hat{\Sigma} \frac{X^{*\top}Y^*}{\sigma^2} - 2 \frac{Y^{*\top}X^*}{\sigma^2} \hat{\Sigma} \frac{X^tY}{\sigma^2} + cste \\
&= Y^{*\top} (\frac{I}{\sigma^2} - \frac{X^* \hat{\Sigma} X^{*\top}}{\sigma^4}) Y^* - 2 \frac{Y^{*\top} X^* \hat{\Sigma} X^t Y}{\sigma^4} + cste \\
&= (Y^* - \mu_S)^\top S^{-1} (Y^* - \mu_S) + cste
\end{aligned}$$

223 Therefore by equalizing terms in Y^* and $Y^{*\top}Y^*$ we obtain:

$$S = (\frac{I}{\sigma^2} - \frac{X^* \hat{\Sigma} X^{*\top}}{\sigma^4})^{-1} \quad (20)$$

224

$$\mu_S = S (\frac{X^* \hat{\Sigma} X^\top Y}{\sigma^4}) \quad (21)$$

225 6 Appendix: Proof of the Counter Example 3.1

226 In this paragraph we will find a projection which can be more precise than the projection in the eigen
227 vectors. To do so, we assume that $\sigma = 1$, $\lambda = 1$ and

$$X = X^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (22)$$

228 Moreover we are projecting only in 1 dimension. Thus we first project in the span of the first eigen
229 vector P :

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (23)$$

230 and we compare it with the projection in the span of ϵ :

$$\epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (24)$$

231 First we compute all matrices from paragraph 5.2:

232 using equation 13 and 16.

$$\hat{\Sigma} = (2 \frac{X^\top X}{\sigma^2} + \frac{I}{\lambda^2})^{-1} = (2 \frac{I_2}{1} + \frac{I_2}{1})^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} I_2 \quad (25)$$

233 using equation 1:

$$S = (\frac{I}{\sigma^2} - \frac{X^* \hat{\Sigma} X^{*\top}}{\sigma^4})^{-1} = (\frac{I}{1} - \frac{X^* X^{*\top}}{3})^{-1} = (\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (26)$$

234 using equation 2

$$\mu_S = S X^\top \hat{\Sigma} X Y = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y \quad (27)$$

235 Now for the span of P with the exact same computation as above but with only one vector:

$$\hat{\Sigma}_P = \frac{1}{3} \quad (28)$$

$$S_P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (29)$$

$$\mu_P = S_P X_P^\top \hat{\Sigma}_P X_P Y = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y \quad (30)$$

236 Now for ϵ :

$$\hat{\Sigma}_\epsilon = \left(2 \frac{\epsilon^\top X^\top X \epsilon}{\sigma^2} + \frac{I}{\lambda^2} \right)^{-1} = \left(2 \frac{\epsilon^\top \epsilon}{1} + \frac{I}{1} \right)^{-1} = \left(2 \frac{2}{1} + \frac{I}{1} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \quad (31)$$

$$S_\epsilon = \left(\frac{I}{\sigma^2} - \frac{X^* \epsilon \hat{\Sigma}_\epsilon \epsilon^\top X^{*\top}}{\sigma^4} \right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{I}{1} - \frac{X^* \epsilon \epsilon^\top X^{*\top}}{5} \right)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (32)$$

$$\mu_\epsilon = S_\epsilon (X^* \epsilon) \hat{\Sigma}_\epsilon (X \epsilon)^\top Y = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y \quad (33)$$

237 Now we can compute the KL divergence terms:

$$(\mu_S - \mu_P)^\top S^{-1} (\mu_S - \mu_P) = Y^\top \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y = \frac{y_2^2}{6}$$

238

$$\text{Tr}(S^{-1} S_P) = \text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{8}{3}$$

239

$$\log\left(\frac{|S|}{|S_P|}\right) = \log\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

240 Now for ϵ :

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_S - \mu_\epsilon)^\top S^{-1} (\mu_S - \mu_\epsilon) &= Y^\top \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & \frac{-1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{3} & \frac{2}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & \frac{-1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{3} & \frac{2}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y \\ &= \frac{1}{54} (5y_1^2 + 5y_2^2 - 8y_1 y_2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Tr}(S^{-1} S_\epsilon) = \text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{25}{9}$$

242

$$\log\left(\frac{|S|}{|S_\epsilon|}\right) = \log\left(\frac{27}{20}\right)$$

243 Finally:

$$D_P \approx \frac{y_2^2}{6} + 0.07$$

244

$$D_\epsilon \approx \frac{1}{54} (5y_1^2 + 5y_2^2 - 8y_1 y_2) + 0.08$$

245 If we take $y_2 = 0$ and $y_1 = 0$:

$$D_\epsilon \approx 0.08 \geq D_P \approx 0.07$$

246 If we take $y_2 = 1$ and $y_1 = 0$:

$$D_\epsilon \approx 0.17 \leq D_P \approx 0.24$$

247 **7 Appendix: Computation of equation 4**

248 First we are taking the Singular Value Decomposition of X and X^* :

$$X = URV \text{ and } X^* = UR^*V$$

249 with $R = \text{diag}(r_i)_{i=1,\dots,n} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$, $R^* = \text{diag}(r_i^*)_{i=1,\dots,n} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ and U, V 2 orthogonal matrices
250 of respectively size n and d . Using equation 1 we obtain:

$$S = UD_S U^\top \quad (34)$$

251 with

$$D_S = (I - R^*(R^\top R + R^{*\top} R^* + I)^{-1} R^{*\top})^{-1}$$

252 Using equation 2 we obtain with the notation $Q = U^\top Y$:

$$\mu_S = UD_S R^*(R^\top R + R^{*\top} R^* + I)^{-1} R^\top Q \quad (35)$$

253 For the PCA projection we can notice with the notation $P = P_{PCA}$ that P is containing the first k
254 eigenvectors of $X^\top X$ which are the first k lines of V , even if it means rearranging the order of its
255 lines. Thus,

$$PP^\top = V^\top \begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V$$

256 PP^\top and $X^\top X$ are symmetric, have the same eigen vectors and thus they commute. Therefore, we
257 have:

$$(P^\top X^\top X P + P^\top X^{*\top} X^* P + I)^{-1} = P^\top ((X^\top X + X^{*\top} X^* + I))^{-1} P$$

258 Hence,

$$S_{PCA} = UD_{PCA} U^\top \quad (36)$$

259 with

$$\begin{aligned} D_{PCA} &= (I - R^* V P P^\top V^\top (R^\top R + R^{*\top} R^* + I)^{-1} V P P^\top V^\top R^{*\top})^{-1} \\ &= (I - R^*(R^\top R + R^{*\top} R^* + I)_k^{-1} R^{*\top})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

260 with the notation $_k$ which is equivalent to the multiplication by $\begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ or the selection to the first
261 k diagonal terms. Moreover,

$$\mu_{PCA} = UD_{PCA} R^*(R^\top R + R^{*\top} R^* + I)_k^{-1} R^\top Q \quad (37)$$

262 Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_S - \mu_{PCA} &= U(D_S R^*(R^\top R + R^{*\top} R^* + I)^{-1} - D_{PCA} R^*(R^\top R + R^{*\top} R^* + I)_k^{-1}) R^\top Q \\ &:= UD_k R^\top Q \end{aligned}$$

263 Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_S - \mu_{PCA})^\top S^{-1} (\mu_S - \mu_{PCA}) &= Q^\top R D_k D_S^{-1} D_k R^\top Q \\ &:= Q^\top \Delta Q \end{aligned}$$

264 If we look at a diagonal coefficients of Δ : if $i \in$ the chosen K eigen vectors

$$\Delta_i = 0$$

265 Otherwise:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_i &= r_i^2 \left(\frac{d_i^S r_i^*}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{d_i^S} \\ &= \frac{r_i^2 r_i^{*2}}{(1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2})^2 \left(1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}} \right)} \\ &= \frac{r_i^2 r_i^{*2}}{(1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2})(1 + r_i^2)} \end{aligned}$$

266 Then,

$$(\mu_S - \mu_K)^\top S^{-1}(\mu_S - \mu_K) = \sum_{i \in K} q_i^2 \Delta_i$$

267 Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(S^{-1}S_{PCA}) &= \text{Tr}(D_S^{-1}D_{PCA}) \\ &= k + \sum_{i \in \bar{K}} 1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}} + n - d \\ &= n - \sum_{i \in \bar{K}} \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}} \end{aligned}$$

268

$$\log\left(\frac{|S|}{|S_K|}\right) = - \sum_{i \in \bar{K}} \log\left(1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{r_i^2 + r_i^{*2} + 1}\right)$$

269 Finally,

$$D_{PCA} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i \in \bar{K}} -\frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}} - \log\left(1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{r_i^2 + r_i^{*2} + 1}\right) + Q_i^2 \frac{r_i^2 r_i^{*2}}{(1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2})(1 + r_i^2)} \right)$$

270 8 Appendix: Computation of equation 5

271 In this part we assume A, B2, C and still $\sigma = \lambda = 1$. We still have for the global space the equations
272 34 and 35.

273 Now we need to compute the different terms of D_{rand} . The projection is $\epsilon := P_{rand} = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_d)^\top$
274 with $\forall i \in 1, \dots, d : \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_k)$. First we compute:

$$\begin{aligned} (\epsilon^\top X^\top X \epsilon + \epsilon^\top X^{*\top} X^* \epsilon + I_k)^{-1} &= (\epsilon^\top V^\top R^\top R V \epsilon + \epsilon^\top V^\top R^{*\top} R^* V \epsilon + I_k)^{-1} \\ &= (\epsilon^\top V^\top R^\top R V \epsilon + \epsilon^\top V^\top R^{*\top} R^* V \epsilon + I_k)^{-1} \\ &= (\tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^\top R \tilde{\epsilon} + \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^{*\top} R^* \tilde{\epsilon} + I_k)^{-1} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 \tilde{\epsilon}_i \tilde{\epsilon}_i^\top + r_i^{*2} \tilde{\epsilon}_i \tilde{\epsilon}_i^\top + I_k \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{I_k}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^d (r_i^2 + r_i^{*2})} \\ &:= \Sigma I_k \end{aligned}$$

275 where we used the notation: $\forall i \in 1, \dots, d, \tilde{\epsilon}_i := V \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_k)$ and assumption C.

276 Then:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{rand} &= (I_n - X^* \epsilon (\epsilon^\top X^\top X \epsilon + \epsilon^\top X^{*\top} X^* \epsilon + I_k)^{-1} X^{*\top})^{-1} \\ &= U(I - \Sigma R^* \tilde{\epsilon} \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^{*\top})^{-1} U^\top \\ &= U(I + \Sigma R^* \tilde{\epsilon} (I_k + \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^{*\top} \Sigma R^* \tilde{\epsilon})^{-1} \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^{*\top}) U^\top \\ &= U(I + \Sigma R^* \tilde{\epsilon} (I_k + \Sigma \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2} \tilde{\epsilon}_i \tilde{\epsilon}_i^\top)^{-1} \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^{*\top}) U^\top \\ &= U \left(I + \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^d (r_i^2 + r_i^{*2})} \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^d (r_i^2 + r_i^{*2})} \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} R^* \tilde{\epsilon} \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^{*\top} \right) U^\top \\ &= U \left(I + \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} R^* \tilde{\epsilon} \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^{*\top} \right) U^\top \end{aligned}$$

277 where we successively used equation 1, $\tilde{\epsilon} = V\epsilon$, Woodbury's identity and the previous result.
 278 Thus,

$$S_{rand} = U(I + \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} R^* \tilde{\epsilon} \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^{*\top}) U^\top \quad (38)$$

279 Then using equation 2 and the projection with ϵ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{rand} &= S_{rand}(X^* \epsilon \Sigma \epsilon^\top X^\top Y) \\ &= S_{rand} U (R^* \tilde{\epsilon} \Sigma \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^\top U^\top Y) \\ &= U(I + \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} R^* \tilde{\epsilon} \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^{*\top}) (R^* \tilde{\epsilon} \Sigma \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^\top U^\top Y) \\ &= \Sigma U(I + \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} R^* \tilde{\epsilon} \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^{*\top}) R^* \tilde{\epsilon} \tilde{\epsilon}^\top R^\top Q \end{aligned}$$

280 where we used successively $\tilde{\epsilon} = V\epsilon$, orthogonality of U and $Q = U^\top Y$.

281 As ϵ and $\tilde{\epsilon}$ are identically distributed, we will rename in the following $\tilde{\epsilon}$ as ϵ . Therefore using 35 and
 282 previous result we obtain:

$$\mu_S - \mu_{rand} = UFQ$$

283 with the notation: $F := ((I - R^*(R^\top R + R^{*\top} R^* + I)^{-1} R^{*\top})^{-1} R^*(R^\top R + R^{*\top} R^* + I)^{-1} -$
 284 $\Sigma(I + \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} R^* \epsilon \epsilon^\top R^{*\top}) R^* \epsilon \epsilon^\top R^\top$.

285 Then we have $\forall i, j \in 1, \dots, p$:

$$F_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{r_i r_i^*}{1+r_i^2} - \Sigma(1 + \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} r_i^{*2} \epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_i) r_i^* r_i \epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_i & \text{if } i = j \\ -\Sigma(1 + \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} r_i^* r_j^* \epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_j) r_i^* r_j \epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_j & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

286

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_S - \mu_{rand})^\top S^{-1} (\mu_S - \mu_{rand}) &= Q^\top F^\top U^\top U D_S^{-1} U^\top U F Q \\ &= Q^\top F (I - R^*(R^\top R + R^{*\top} R^* + I)^{-1} R^{*\top}) F Q \\ &:= Q^\top G Q \end{aligned}$$

287 Then we have $\forall i, j \in 1, \dots, d$:

$$G_{ij} = \begin{cases} (1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1+r_i^2+r_i^{*2}}) F_{ii}^2 + \sum_{k \neq i} (1 - \frac{r_k^{*2}}{1+r_k^2+r_k^{*2}}) F_{ik}^2 & \text{if } i = j \\ F_{ij} (F_{jj} (1 - \frac{r_j^{*2}}{1+r_j^2+r_j^{*2}}) + F_{ii} (1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1+r_i^2+r_i^{*2}})) + \sum_{k \neq i, j} (1 - \frac{r_k^{*2}}{1+r_k^2+r_k^{*2}}) F_{ik} F_{kj} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

288 Finally we have:

$$(\mu_S - \mu_{rand})^\top S^{-1} (\mu_S - \mu_{rand}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^d Q_i Q_j G_{ij}$$

289 Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(S^{-1} S_{rand}) &= \text{Tr}(D_S^{-1} (I + \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} R^* \epsilon \epsilon^\top R^{*\top})) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d (1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}}) (1 + \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} r_i^{*2} \epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_i) + n - d \end{aligned}$$

290 using equations 34, 38.

291 Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{|S|}{|S_{rand}|} &= \log |D_S| - \log |I + \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} R^* \epsilon \epsilon^\top R^{*\top}| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d -\log(1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}}) - \text{Tr}(\frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} R^* \epsilon \epsilon^\top R^{*\top}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d -\log(1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}}) - \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})} r_i^{*2} \epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_i \end{aligned}$$

292 using that $\log |I + X| \approx \text{Tr}(X)$ which is verified under assumption B2.

293 Finally with $\hat{\Sigma}_{rand} := \frac{1}{(1 + \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d r_i^{*2})}$,

$$D_{rand} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^d Q_i Q_j G_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^d -\log\left(1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}}\right) - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}} - \hat{\Sigma}_{rand} \frac{r_i^{*4} \epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_i}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}} \right) \quad (39)$$

294 9 Appendix: Proof of equation 6

295 For small outputs equations 4 and 5 become under assumption C2:

$$D_{PCA} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=k+1}^d -\frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}} - \log\left(1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{r_i^2 + r_i^{*2} + 1}\right) \right) \quad (40)$$

296 and

$$D_{rand} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^d -\frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}} - \log\left(1 - \frac{r_i^{*2}}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}}\right) - \hat{\Sigma}_{rand} \frac{r_i^{*4} \epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_i}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}} \right) \quad (41)$$

297 Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & D_{PCA} - E_\epsilon(D_{rand}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \log\left(1 - \frac{r_1^{*2}}{1 + r_1^2 + r_1^{*2}}\right) + \frac{r_1^{*2}}{1 + r_1^2 + r_1^{*2}} + E_\epsilon\left(\hat{\Sigma}_{rand} \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{r_i^{*4} \epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_i}{1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2}}\right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3} + E_\epsilon\left(\hat{\Sigma}_{rand} \sum_{i \neq k+1}^d \frac{\epsilon_i^\top \epsilon_i}{3} + \hat{\Sigma}_{rand} \frac{(1 + \delta)^4 \epsilon_1^\top \epsilon_1}{2 + (1 + \delta)^2}\right) \right) \\ &= \frac{k}{2} \left(\log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3} + \hat{\Sigma}_{rand} \sum_{i \neq k+1}^d \frac{k}{3} + \hat{\Sigma}_{rand} \frac{k(1 + \delta)^4}{2 + (1 + \delta)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{k}{2} \left(\log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{(d-1)}{12(1 + 3d + 4\delta + \delta^2)} + \frac{1}{4(1 + 3d + 4\delta + \delta^2)} \frac{(1 + \delta)^4}{2 + (1 + \delta)^2} \right) \\ &:= f(\delta) \end{aligned}$$

298 where we successively used assumption C2, D2, definition of ϵ . We have $f(0) = \frac{k}{2}(\log(\frac{2}{3})) + \frac{1}{3} +$
299 $\frac{d}{12(1+3d)}$. As $d \geq 1$:

$$-0.024 * k \leq f(0) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{36} \right) \leq 0 \quad (42)$$

300 Moreover:

$$\frac{df}{d\delta} \propto 18\delta^6 + (81 + 27d)\delta^5 + (244 + 134d)\delta^4 + (374d + 418)\delta^3 + (584d + 334)\delta^2 \quad (43)$$

$$+ (447d + 93)\delta + 126d \geq 0 \quad (44)$$

301 Hence, f is an increasing function.

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303 10 Appendix: Proof of equation 8

304 For large outputs equations 4 and 5 become:

$$D_{PCA} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=k+1}^d \frac{r_i^2 r_i^{*2}}{(1 + r_i^2 + r_i^{*2})(1 + r_i^2)} \right)$$

305

$$D_{rand} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^d Q_i Q_j G_{ij} \right)$$

306 Moreover:

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\Sigma}_{rand} = 0$$

307 and

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} \Sigma = 0$$

308 Thus $\forall i, j \in 1, \dots, d$:

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} F_{ij} = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} \frac{r_i r_i^*}{1+r_i^2} & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

309 Hence,

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} G_{ij} = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} \left(\frac{r_i^2 r_i^{*2}}{(1+r_i^2)(1+r_i^2+r_i^{*2})} \right) & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

310 Therefore:

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon}(D_{rand}) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^d Q_i^2 \left(\frac{r_i^2 r_i^{*2}}{(1+r_i^2)(1+r_i^2+r_i^{*2})} \right) \right)$$

311 Thus:

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} D_{PCA} - \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon}(D_{rand}) = - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{Q_i^2 r_i^4}{2(1+2r_i^2)(1+r_i^2)}$$

312 As X is the identity we obtain finally,

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} D_{PCA} - \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon}(D_{rand}) = - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{Q_i^2}{12}$$