## Linear Dimensionality Reduction

## Practical Machine Learning (CS294-34)

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## Lots of high-dimensional data...


face images

gene expression data


According to media reports, a pair of hackers said on Saturday that the Firefox Web browser, commonly perceived as the safer and more customizable alternative to market leader Internet Explorer, is critically flawed. A presentation on the flaw was shown during the ToorCon hacker conference in San Diego
documents


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Dimensionality reduction in this course:

- Linear methods (this week)
- Clustering (last week)
- Feature selection (next week)
- Nonlinear methods (later)


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