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(A) As is shown in the lecture.

(B) Actually one way to do reduce the size of a representation is to find and remove redundancies. Identifying and removing more redundancies allows the dimensionality reduction algorithms to achieve more compression while discarding less information. Usually noises will not lie in principal features, so can be filtered out.

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(B) The variance of projected data is maximized, so projected data can contain most information of original data.

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(A) We may lose some information if we ignore the components of small eigenvalues because there is still some variability at those directions. But they are of little significance due to small variability.

(B) The computation of PCA usually only involves eigenvalue decomposition, which includes no parameter tuning.

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As we can see  $XX^T$  is already a diagonal matrix, and its largest eigenvalue is 3. The corresponding eigenvector is  $e_3 = [0, 0, 1]^T$ .