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- show that as a byproduct of our algorithm we obtain a sparse approximate PCA with near optimal approximation property.


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Figure: $\nu=1, I=0.4$

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## Data on low dimensional manifold






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| 1.8 | $9.891 \mathrm{e}-03$ | $3.362 \mathrm{e}-06$ | $3.088 \mathrm{e}-02$ | $2.147 \mathrm{e}-06$ | $2.776 \mathrm{e}+07$ | $1.003 \mathrm{e}-01$ |
| 2.0 | $1.238 \mathrm{e}-02$ | $4.180 \mathrm{e}-06$ | $3.892 \mathrm{e}-02$ | $2.662 \mathrm{e}-06$ | $2.776 \mathrm{e}+07$ | $1.003 \mathrm{e}-01$ |

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