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## Course: Machine Learning for Economists and Business Analysts
## Topic: Unsupervised Learning - PCA, Clustering
#setwd("")
# Load data
load("rollcall-votes.Rdata")
load("rollcall-members.Rdata")
### Exercise 1: Data Description and Visualization ###
#Task 1
# Counts of Democrats, Republicans and one special politician
table(members$party)
# Shares of Democrats, Republicans and one special politician
round(table(members$party)/nrow(members),3)
#Task 2
# Count missing votings for each politician and plot the counts
missings <- rowSums(votes==0)
# No. politicians who always voted
sum(missings == 0)
# Shares of missing votings
s_missings <- missings/ncol(votes)</pre>
# Histogram with 100 bins
hist(s missings, breaks = 100)
# Task 3
# Counts - yes and nos
yeas <- rowSums(votes==1)</pre>
nays <- rowSums(votes==-1)</pre>
# Plots - Party
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plot(yeas, nays, col = members$party)
legend('topleft', legend = levels(members$party), col = 1:3, pch = 1)
### Exercise 2: Principal Component Analysis (PCA) ###
#Task 1
# PCA
pr.out = prcomp(votes , center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)
# No of principal components
dim(pr.out$rotation)[2]
# Task 2
# variance explained by each component
pr.var = pr.out$sdev^2
# Proportion of variance explained
pve=pr.var/sum(pr.var)
# Print first 10 PC
pve[1:10]
# Plot the first 10 PC
barplot(pve[1:10], xlab=" Principal Component ", ylab=" Proportion of Variance Explained ",
ylim=c(0,1)
barplot(cumsum(pve[1:10]), xlab=" Principal Component ", ylab = "Cumulative Proportion of Variance
Explained ", vlim=c(0,1))
# Task 3
# Plot the first two principal components color the party membership
plot(pr.out$x[,1], pr.out$x[,2], xlab = "PC1", ylab = "PC2", col = members$party, main = "Top two PC
directions")
legend('bottomright', legend = levels(members$party), col = 1:3, pch = 1)
# Task 4
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## Far right (very conservative)

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head(sort(pr.out$x[,1]))
## Far left (very liberal)
head(sort(pr.out$x[,1], decreasing=TRUE))
# Task 5
# PC 2
head(sort(pr.out$x[,2]))
# No clear pattern based on party and state information
# Look at the largest loadings in PC2 to discern an interpretation.
loadings <- pr.out$rotation
loadings[order(abs(loadings[,2]), decreasing=TRUE)[1:5],2]
# Analyze voting behavior
table(votes[,1146])
table(votes[,658])
table(votes[,1090])
# Either everyone voted "yea" or missed the voting.
# These votes all correspond to near-unanimous symbolic action.
# Mystery Solved: the second PC is just attendance!
head(sort(rowSums(votes==0), decreasing=TRUE))
### Exercise 3: k-means Clustering ###
#Task 1
set.seed(11122019)
# K-means clustering with 2 clusters
km.out = kmeans(votes, 2, nstart = 20)
km.out$cluster
# Tabulate party vs cluster
table(members$party, km.out$cluster)
# Task 2
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# How to analyze the optimal number of clusters

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sse <- c()
sse[1] <- Inf
for (ind_cl in c(2:20)) {
set.seed(3)
km.out = kmeans (votes, ind_cl, nstart = 20)
sse[ind cl] = km.out$tot.withinss
}
plot(sse)
# Optimum 4-5 clusters
# Task 3
# Plot the 5 clusters on the PC components graph
set.seed(3)
km.out = kmeans (votes, 5, nstart = 20)
# Plot the first two principal components color the party membership
plot(pr.out$x[,1], pr.out$x[,2], xlab = "PC1", ylab = "PC2", col = km.out$cluster, main = "Top two PC
directions with 5 clusters")
legend('bottomright', legend = c("Cluster 1", "Cluster 2", "Cluster 3", "Cluster 4", "Cluster 5"), col =
1:5, pch = 1)
# Task 4
# Analyzing how the number of starts work
set.seed (3)
km.out = kmeans (votes,6, nstart = 1)
km.out$tot.withinss
km.out =kmeans (votes,6, nstart = 20)
km.out$tot.withinss
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