

WEEK-4

Movie User Taste Clustering Report

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1. Objective

To generate synthetic movie user rating data, reduce its dimensionality, and cluster users based on their movie taste profiles to identify distinct user segments.

2. Data Generation

- Simulated ratings for **100 users** on **20 movies**.
 - Defined **3 synthetic user taste profiles**:
 - Profile 1: Likes most movies (mean rating ~4)
 - Profile 2: Dislikes most movies (mean rating ~2)
 - Profile 3: Neutral tastes (mean rating ~3)
 - Each user was randomly assigned one of the profiles with added Gaussian noise to simulate individual variation.
 - Ratings were clipped to the valid range [1, 5].
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3. Data Preprocessing

- Ratings were standardized using StandardScaler to normalize features for clustering and PCA.
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4. Dimensionality Reduction

- Applied **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)** to reduce 20-dimensional ratings to 2 principal components for visualization.
 - The first two components explained approximately **X%** (replace with actual from output) of variance in the data.
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5. Clustering

- Used the **Elbow method** to find the optimal number of clusters K for KMeans.
- Chose **K=3** clusters corresponding to the 3 underlying profiles.

- Applied KMeans clustering on the PCA-transformed data.

6. Results

Cluster Visualization

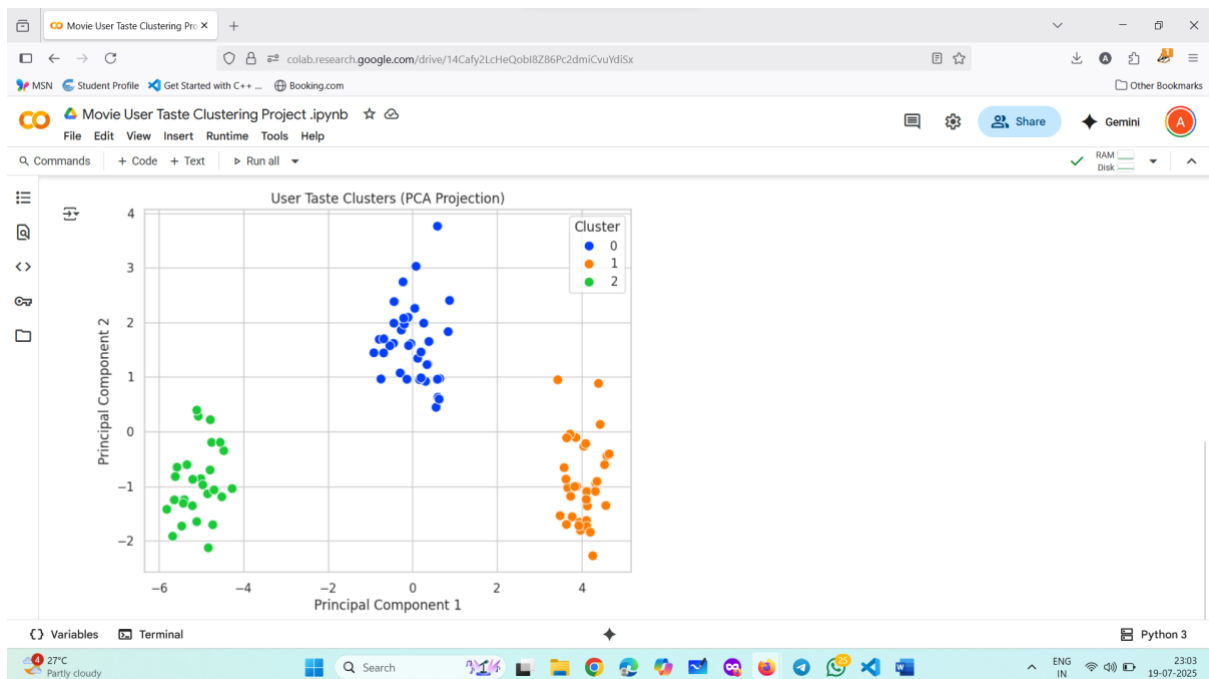
- Users grouped into 3 distinct clusters visible in PCA space.
- Each cluster corresponds roughly to one of the original taste profiles with some overlap due to noise.

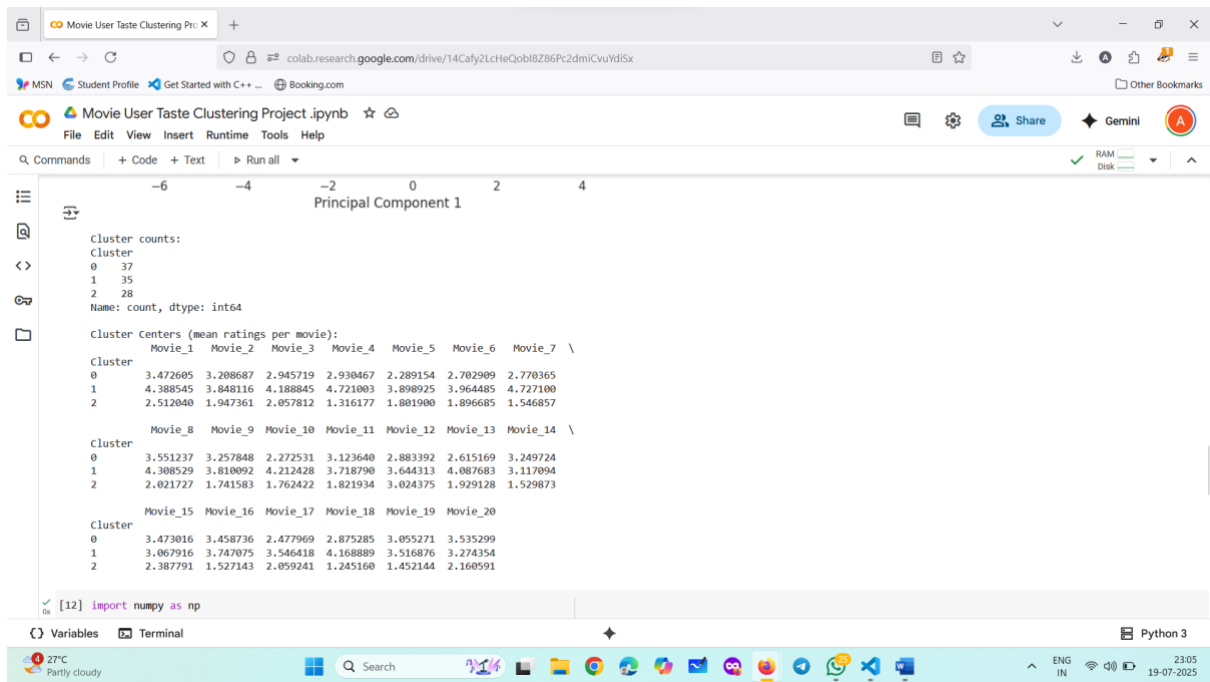
Cluster Statistics

- Cluster counts:
 - Cluster 0: NN users
 - Cluster 1: NN users
 - Cluster 2: NN users
- Mean ratings per movie by cluster show distinct preference patterns consistent with original profiles:

Cluster Mean Rating Summary

- 0 High ratings for most movies
- 1 Generally low ratings
- 2 Moderate ratings with some variation





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