Worksheet 3

Problem 1 (Clustering)

We use again the protein.txt dataset, available from https://www.math.uzh.ch/furrer/download/sta121/protein.txt.

- (a) Conduct a cluster analysis, using all the three agglomeration methods of hierarchical clustering seen during the lesson. Discuss the figures.
- (b) Select one method. Is it possible to cut the tree such that the resulting classification can be interpreted in a meaningful way?
- (c) Compare the results obtained from the application of a PCA analysis and a clustering method. Can you see any similarities or dissimilarities in the analysis performed?

Problem 2

Write a function my.kmean(), which takes as inputs a vector x and the number of clusters k, does the kmeans clustering in one dimension, and returns a data frame with (1) the original x as one column, and (2) the assigned cluster numbers as the second column.

For simplicity, you can specify the number of iterations after which the algorithm stops.

Apply your function with: $x \leftarrow c(1,2,1,3,2,6,5,7,6,12), k = 3$