Data Mining

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Agenda

- Cluster analysis
- Variables to use
- Similarity criterion
- Clustering algorithms
  - A Priori Grouping
  - RFM Analysis

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Cluster Analysis

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Clustering

- **Cluster Analysis**
  - Cluster Analysis is a **basic conceptual activity of human beings**;
  - A **fundamental process**, common to many sciences, essential to the development of scientific theories;
  - The possibility of **reducing the infinite complexity of real** to sets of objects or similar phenomena, is one of the most powerful tools in the service of mankind.

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- **Cluster Analysis**
  - Cluster analysis is a generic name for a variety of methods that are used to **group entities**;
  - Objective: **To form groups of objects that are similar to each other**;
  - From a data collection about a group of entities, seeks to organize them **in homogeneous groups**, assessing a "frame" of similarities/differences between units.

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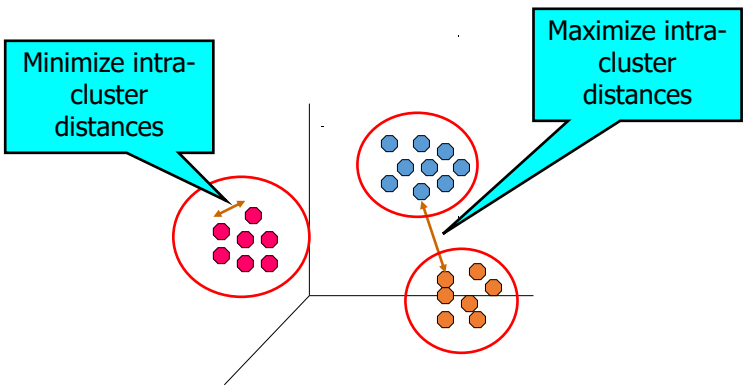
- **Cluster Analysis**



Source: Tan, Steinbach, Kumar, Introduction to Data Mining 2004

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- **Cluster Analysis**
  - Classification:
    - Starts out with a **pre-classified training set**, that is, the method has a set of data which contains not only the variables to use in classification but also the class to which each of the records belongs;
    - Attempts to develop a model capable of predicting how a new record will be classified.

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- **Cluster Analysis**
  - Clustering:
    - There is **no pre-classified data**;
    - We search for groups of records (clusters) that are similar to one another;
    - Underlying is the expectation that similar customers in terms of the variables used will behave in similar ways.

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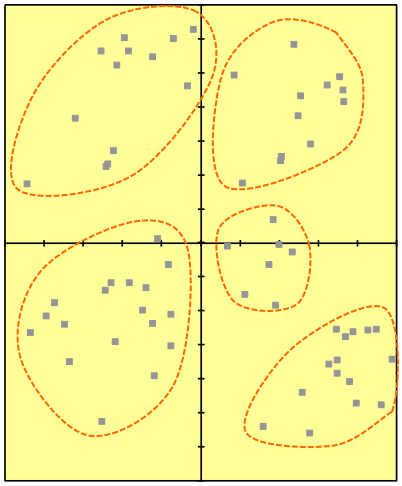

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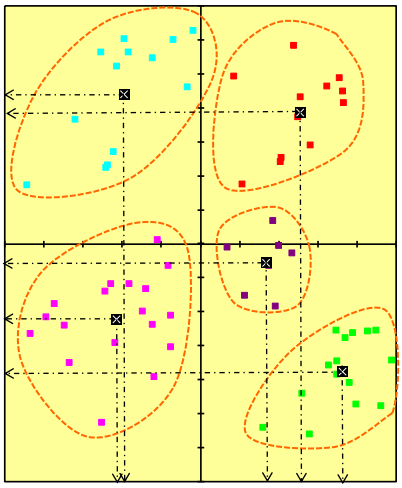

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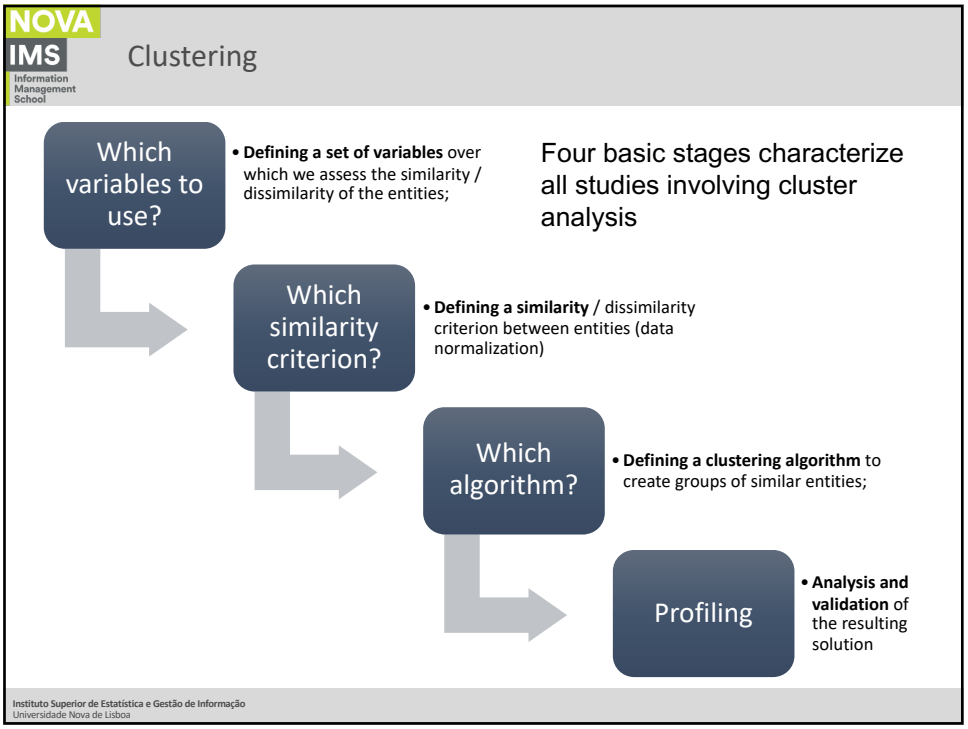
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Clustering
Which variables to use?
• Defining a set of variables over which we assess the similarity / dissimilarity of the entities;
Four basic stages characterize all studies involving cluster analysis
Which similarity criterion?
• Defining a similarity / dissimilarity criterion between entities (data normalization)
Which algorithm?
• Defining a clustering algorithm to create groups of similar entities;
Profiling
• Analysis and validation of the resulting solution
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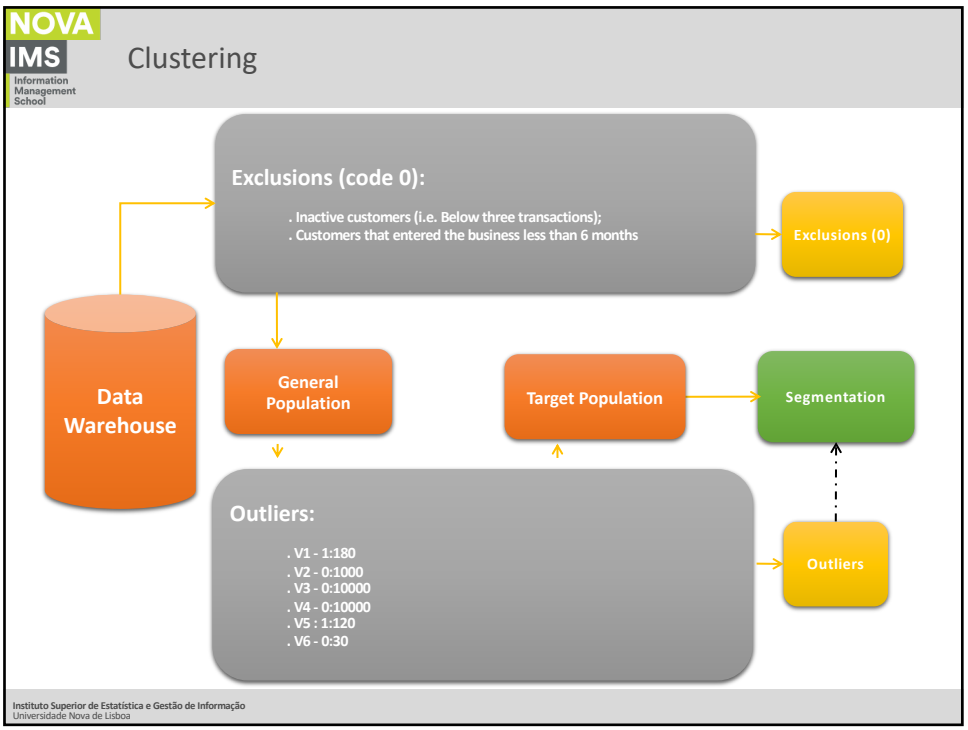
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Exclusions (code 0):
. Inactive customers (i.e. Below three transactions);
. Customers that entered the business less than 6 months
Exclusions (0)
Data Warehouse
General Population
Target Population
Segmentation
Outliers:
. V1 - 1:180
. V2 - 0:1000
. V3 - 0:10000
. V4 - 0:10000
. V5 : 1:120
. V6 - 0:30
Outliers
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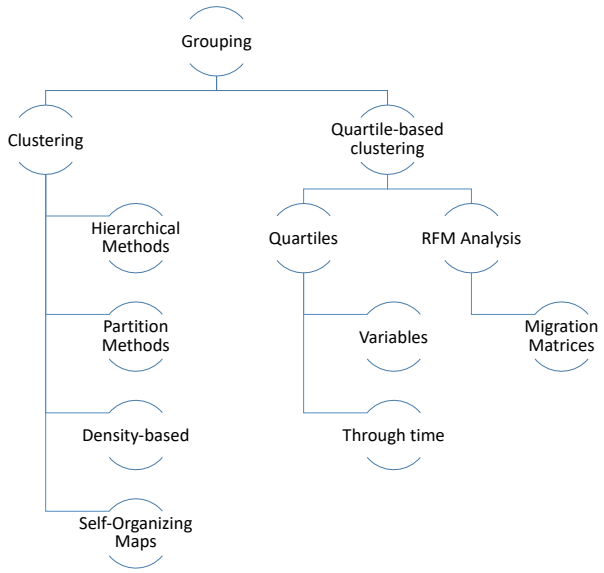

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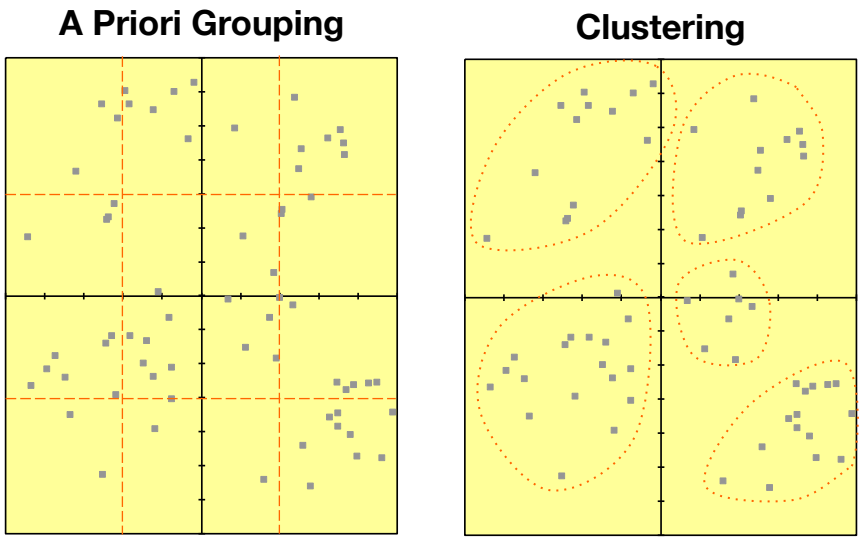

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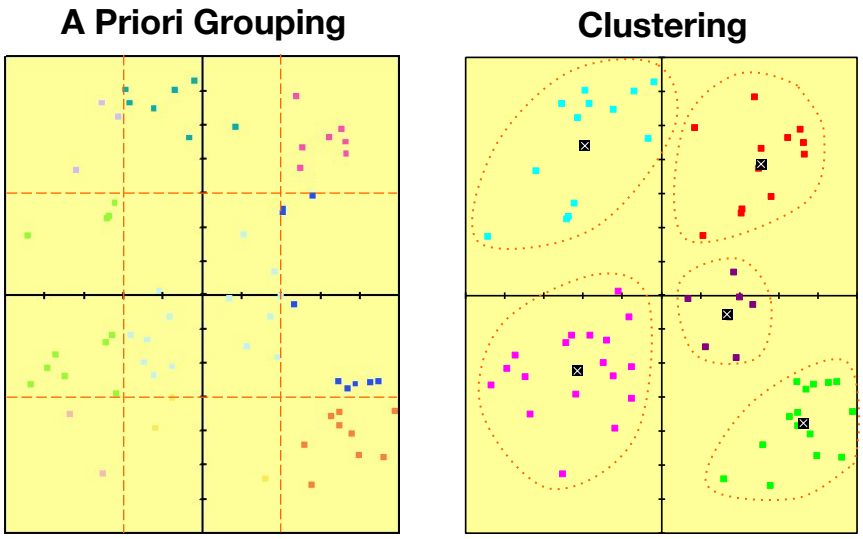

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Decide on the Variables to Use

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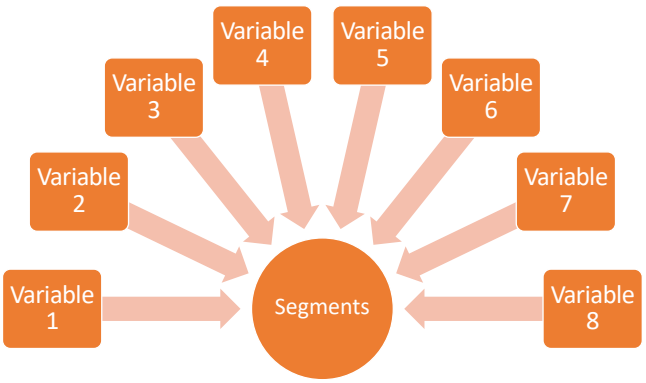

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- **Deciding which variables to use:**
  - **Objective of the segmentation**
    - Value/Engagement;
    - Needs;
    - Behaviors/Consumption;
    - GeoDemographics/Socio-economic characteristics.

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- **Deciding which variables to use:**
  - The type of problem determines the variables to choose;
  - If the purpose is to group objects, the choice of variables with discrimination ability is crucial;
  - The quality of any cluster analysis is, first of all, conditioned by the variables used.

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- **Deciding which variables to use:**
  - The choice of variables should replicate a theoretical context, a reasoning;
  - This process is carried out based on a set of variables that we know to be good discriminators for the problem at hand;
  - First of all, the quality of the cluster analysis reflects the discrimination ability of the variables we decided to use in our study.

Similarity criterion

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- **Similarity criterion:**
  - The analysis of similarity relations has been dominated by metrics based on Euclidean Spaces;
  - Objects as points in a multidimensional space, in a way that the observed dissimilarities between the objects correspond to distances between the respective points;
  - Thus, the use of clustering methods most times means the use of similarity ratios that respect these metrics:

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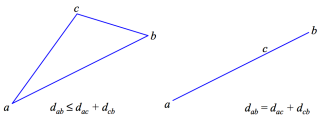
- **Similarity criterion:**

- In mathematics, a true measure of distance, called a *metric*, obeys three properties. These metric axioms are as follows, where d_{ab} denotes the distance between objects *a* and *b*:

  1. $d_{ab} = d_{ba}$ *(measure is symmetric)*
  2. $d_{ab} \geq 0$ and = 0 if and only if *a* = *b (distances are always positive except when the objects are identical)*
  3. $d_{ab} \leq d_{ac} + d_{ca}$ *(triangle inequality)*

Exhibit 5.1 Illustration of the triangle inequality for distances in Euclidean space.



- **Similarity criterion:**

- Euclidian distance: the distance between two elements (*i,j*) is the square root of the sum of the squares of the differences between *i* and *j* values for all variables (*v=1, 2,...., p*):

$$d_{ij} = \sqrt{\sum_{v=1}^{p} \left(X_{iv} - X_{jv}\right)^2} \; euclidean \, also \, known \, as \; L_2$$

$$d_{ij} = \sum_{v=1}^{p} \left|X_{iv} - X_{jv}\right| City \, Block \, or \, L_1$$

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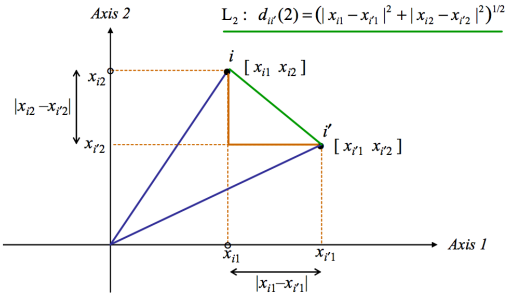
$$L_1: \; d_{ii'}(1) = |x_{i1} - x_{i'1}| + |x_{i2} - x_{i'2}|$$

$$L_2: \; d_{ii'}(2) = \left(|x_{i1} - x_{i'1}|^2 + |x_{i2} - x_{i'2}|^2\right)^{1/2}$$



- **Similarity criterion:**

- Minkowski distance: is defined from the absolute distance, and can be considered as a generalization of both the Euclidean distance and the Manhattan distance. It coincides with Euclidean distance when *r=2* and with Manhattan distance when *r=1*:

$$d_{ij} = \left(\sum_{v=1}^{p} \left| X_{iv} - X_{jv} \right|^r \right)^{1/r}$$

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- **Similarity criterion:**
- If a weight is assigned to each variable, according to their importance for the analysis, the weighted Euclidean distance takes the following form:

$$d_{ij} = \sqrt{\sum_{v=1}^{p} w_v \left(X_{iv} - X_{jv}\right)^2}$$

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- **Similarity criterion:**
- Pearson correlation coefficient: its function is to measure the degree of linear correlation between two elements, for a number of variables:

Correlation

$$\rho(x_i, x_{i'}) = \frac{\sum_j (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)(x_{i'j} - \bar{x}_{i'})}{\sqrt{\sum_j (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)^2 \sum_j (x_{i'j} - \bar{x}_{i'})^2}}$$

Choose the Algorithm

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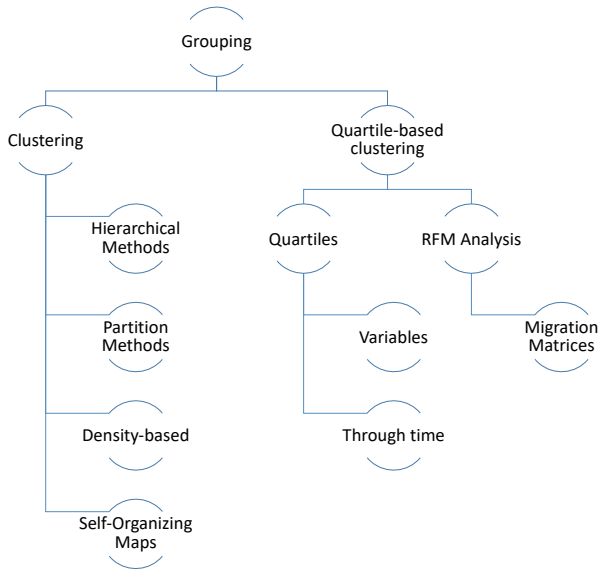

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A Priori Grouping

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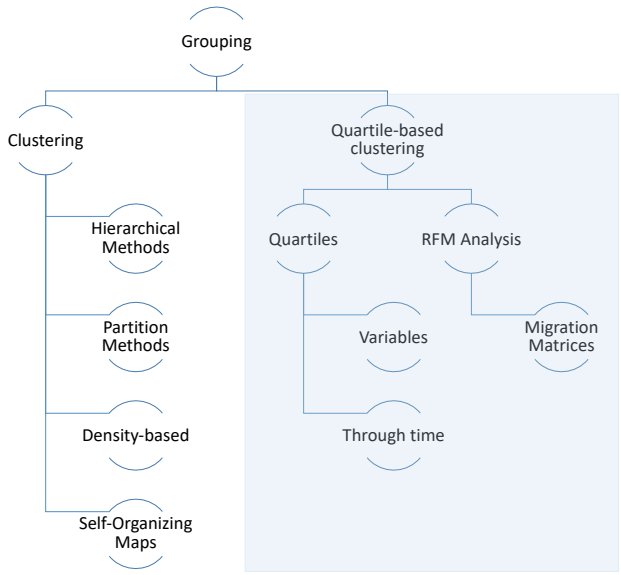

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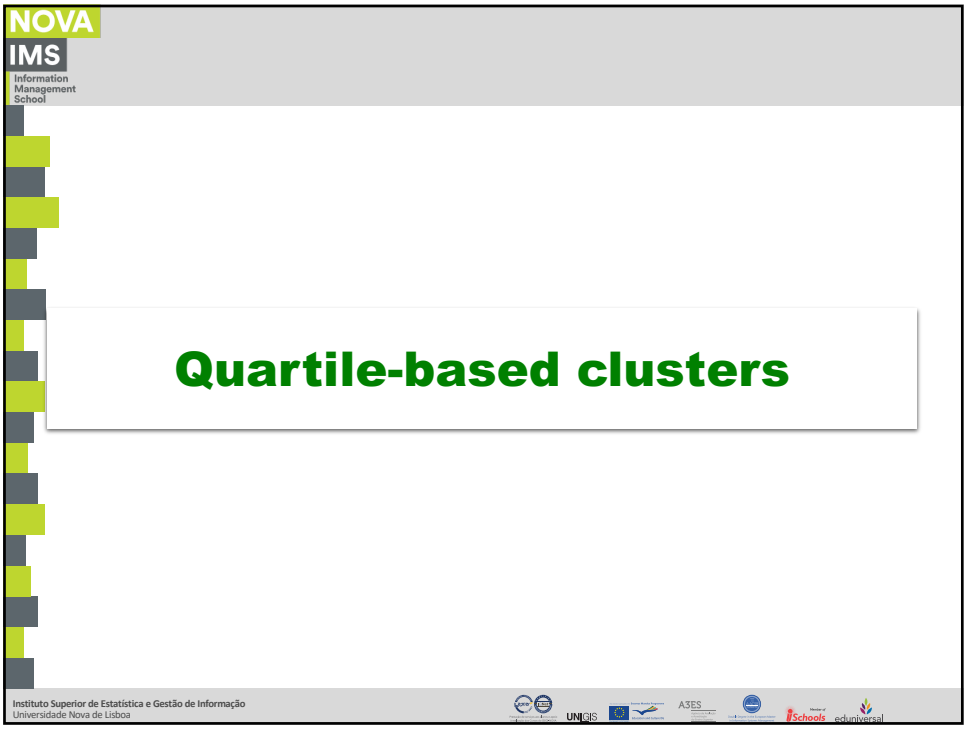
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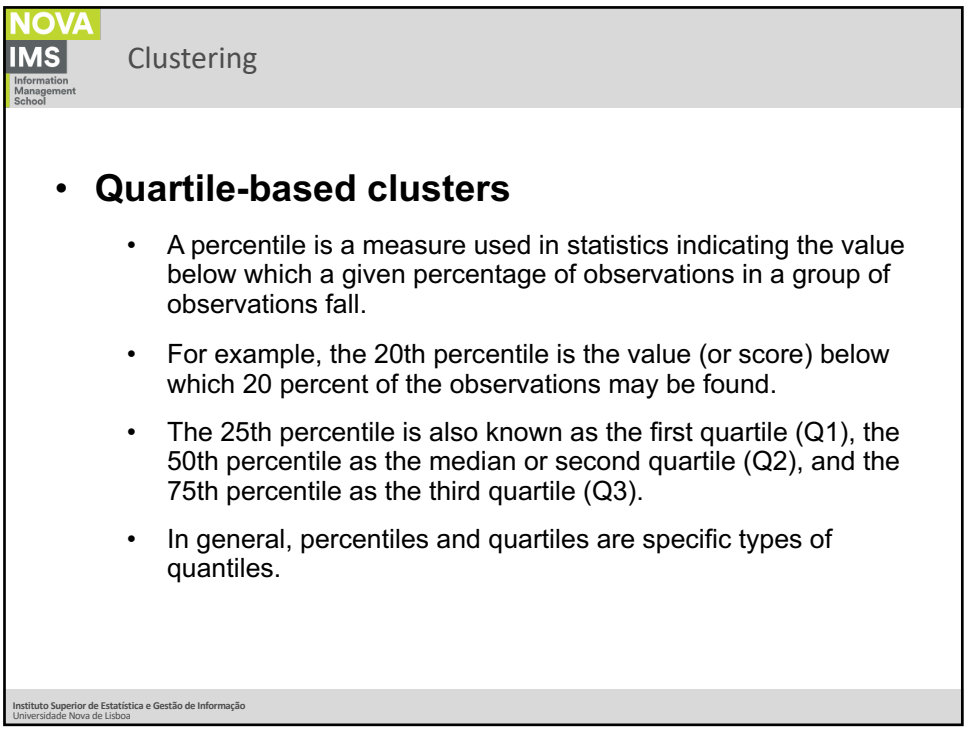
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A percentile is a measure used in statistics indicating the value below which a given percentage of observations in a group of observations fall.
For example, the 20th percentile is the value (or score) below which 20 percent of the observations may be found.
The 25th percentile is also known as the first quartile (Q1), the 50th percentile as the median or second quartile (Q2), and the 75th percentile as the third quartile (Q3).
In general, percentiles and quartiles are specific types of quantiles.
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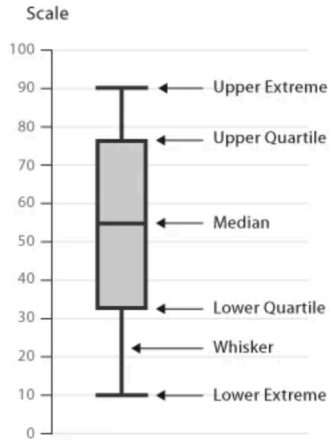
- **Quartile-based clusters**



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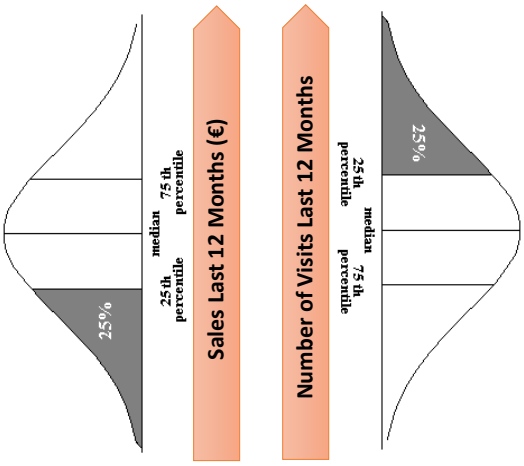

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Sales last 12M VL X Visits Last 12M NR

Tabela de Contingência		TICKETS_ULT_12M_NR				Totais
		<Q1	[Q1,Q2[	[Q2,Q3[	>=Q3	
VENDAS_ULT_12M_VL	<Q1			Buy very small amounts very frequently		
	[Q1,Q2[					
	[Q2,Q3[					
	>=Q3	A lot of money few times				
Totais						

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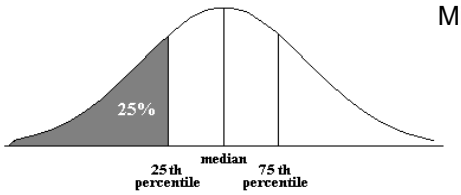

Migration Matrix

12/2012 – 12/2013

06/2013 – 06/2014

Evolution Sales Last 12 Months (12.2012 – 06.2014)

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Variable – Sales Last 12M VL

		Period 201412					Totais
		.	<Q1	[Q1,Q2[	[Q2,Q3[	>=Q3	
Period 201406	.				Positive Change		
	<Q1						
	[Q1,Q2[						
	[Q2,Q3[	Negative Change					
	>=Q3						
Totais							

Migration Matrix

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Tabela de Contingência		Period 06.2013/06.2014					Totais
		.	<Q1	[Q1,Q2[	[Q2,Q3[	>=Q3	
Periodo 12.2012/ 12.2013	.	0 a	30603 b	17050 c	8815 d	6427 e	62895 13.5%
	<Q1	28734 f	55411 g	13600 h	2772 i	178 j	100695 21.6%
	[Q1,Q2[	14834 k	15506 l	52421 m	16838 n	1097 o	100696 21.6%
	[Q2,Q3[	6540 p	3450 q	19346 r	59756 s	11608 t	100700 21.6%
	>=Q3	3765 u	760 v	1835 w	14733 x	79604 y	100697 21.6%
Totais		53873 11.6%	105730 22.7%	104252 22.4%	102914 22.1%	98914 21.2%	465683 100%

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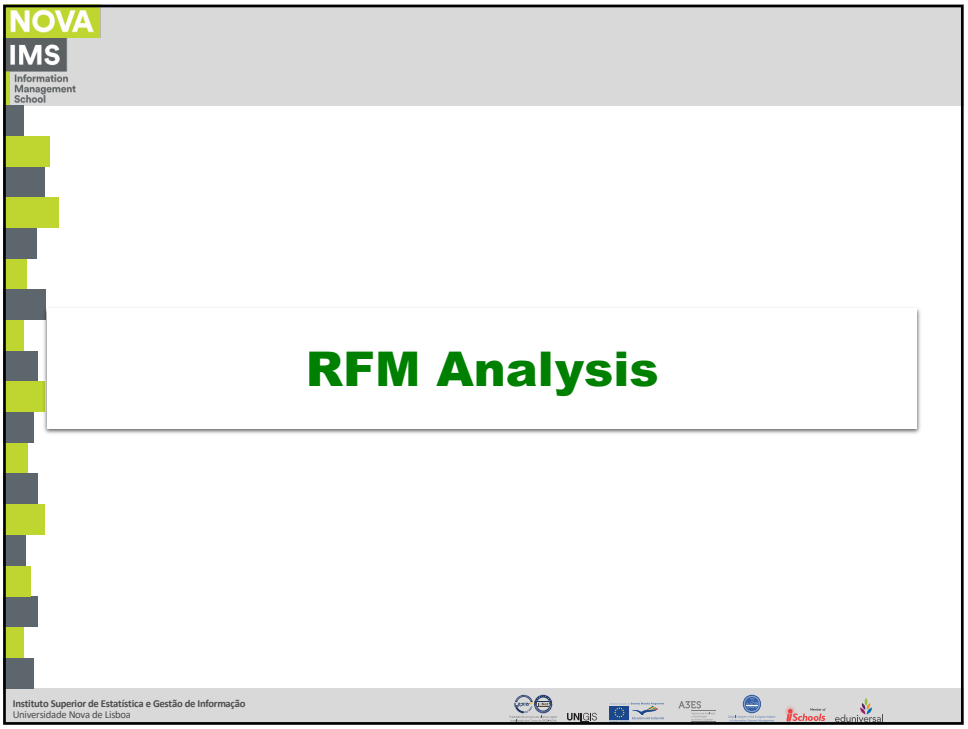
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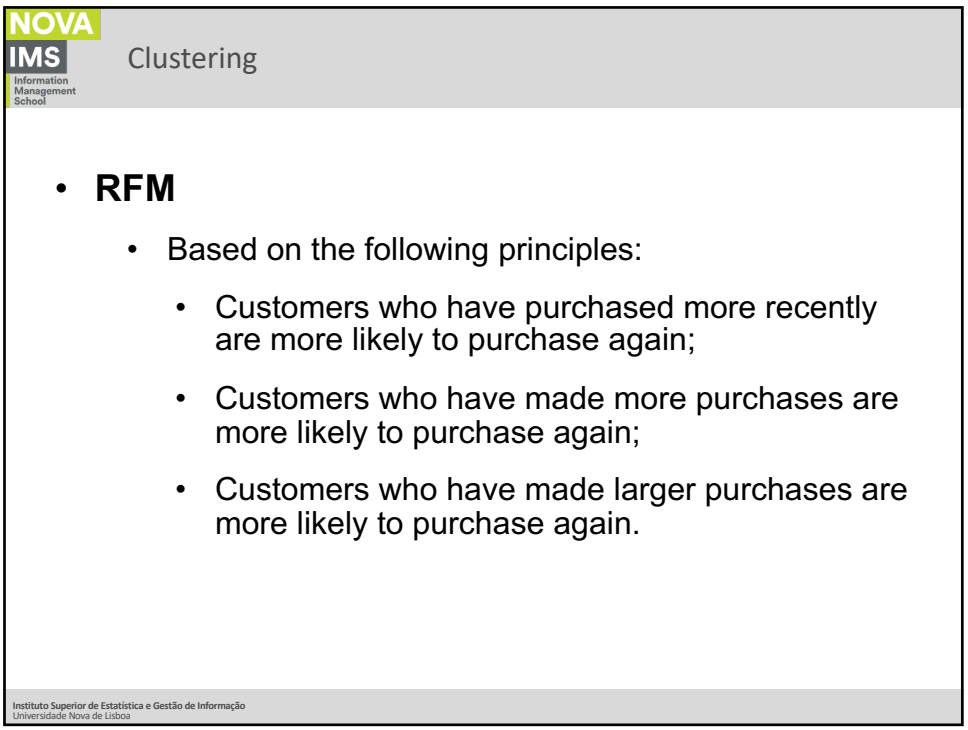
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RFM
Based on the following principles:
Customers who have purchased more recently are more likely to purchase again;
Customers who have made more purchases are more likely to purchase again;
Customers who have made larger purchases are more likely to purchase again.
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- **RFM**
  - Has been in active use in Direct Marketing for more than 40 years;
  - It can be used only for customer files that contain purchase history;
  - There are two methods:
    - Exact Quintiles;
    - Hard coding;

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- **RFM**
  - How to do it (Exact Quintiles)?
    - We sort the database according to recency and divide into 5 quintiles (5 equal segments);
    - Do the same for the variables frequency and monetary;
    - Result: 125 cells of equal size (5*5*5).

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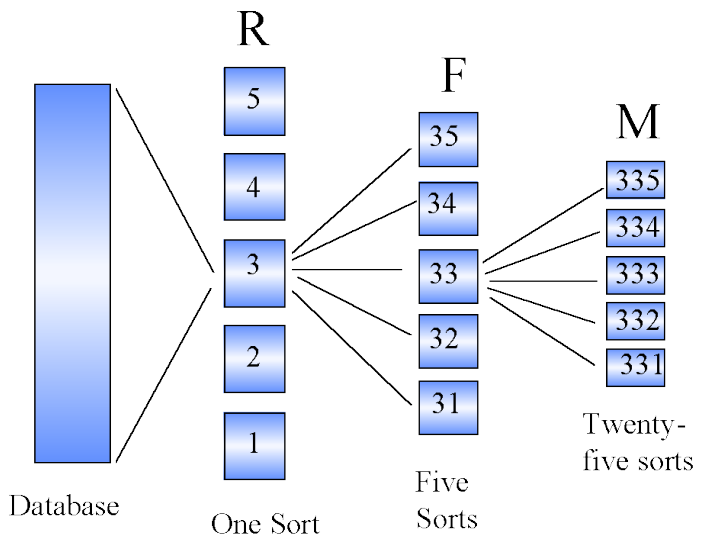

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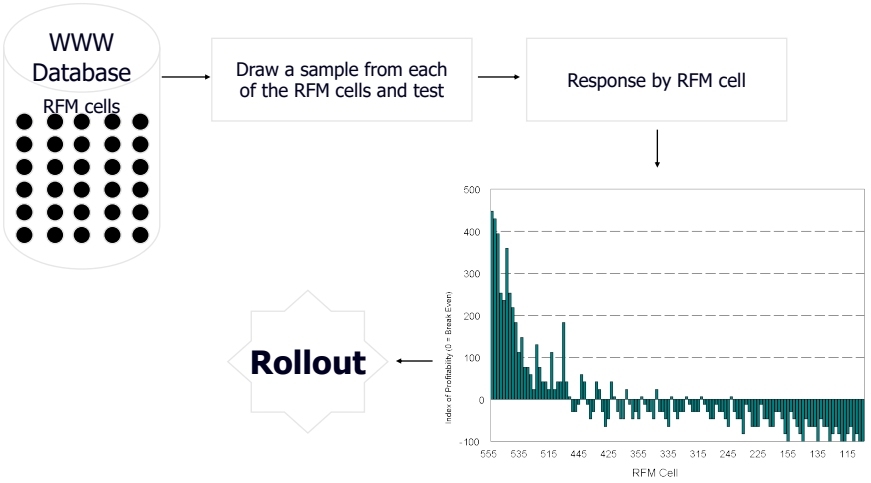
Typical use



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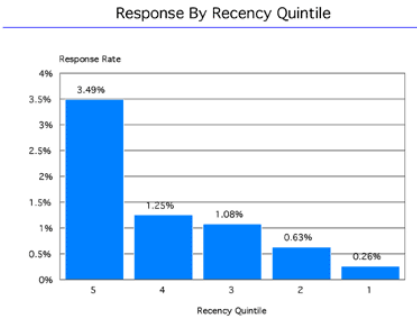

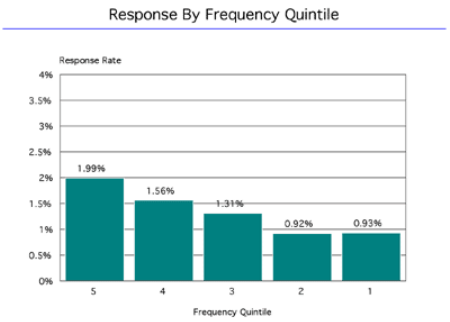

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Migration Matrix

Segment in YY/YY/YYYY	Segment 1 XX/XX/XXXX							
	44	**45**	**51**	**52**	**53**	**54**	**55**	**Total YYYY**
44	.	41914	209	4362	1862	253	22	48622
45	34200	**58714**	7875	14961	8968	1652	128	126498
51	505	9089	**7823**	4895	5420	30	.	27762
52	9109	7044	7151	**83963**	11103	8820	208	127398
53	3572	5758	4211	5578	**29736**	3691	9	52555
54	382	124	93	6507	2190	**36300**	4128	49724
55	69	10	22	156	62	4089	**14446**	18854
Total XXXX	47837	122653	27384	120422	59341	54835	18941	

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- **RFM**
  - Hard coding
    - Categories are divided by exact values (0-3 months; 4-6 months; 7-9 months; etc.);
    - More expensive in terms of programming, categories tend to change over time;
    - Very different quantities from cell to cell.

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- **RFM**
  - Its popularity comes from its simplicity, low cost and capacity to classify customers based on their behavior;
  - Opportunity to carry out tests in small, representative groups of each cell;
  - A more sophisticated modeling is almost always better, but is it worth it? Not always.

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