Statistical Methods for High Dimensional Biology STAT/BIOF/GSAT 540

Lecture 13 – Cluster Analysis

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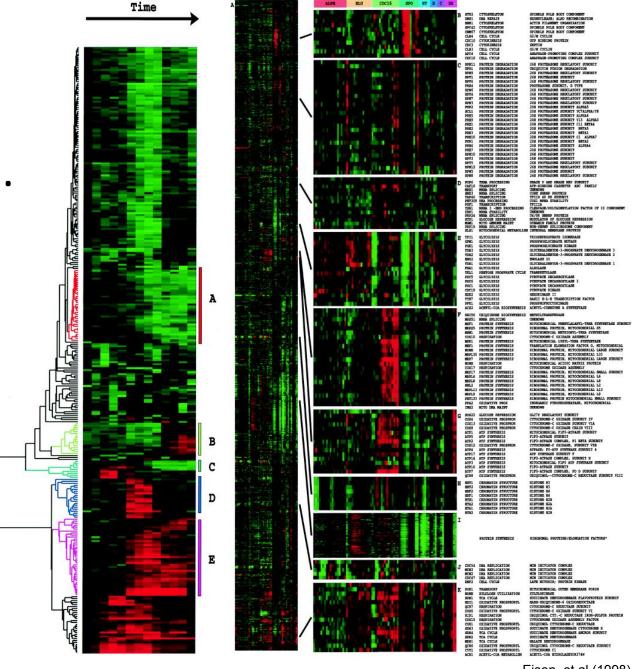
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A familiar scene in an 'omic' paper ...

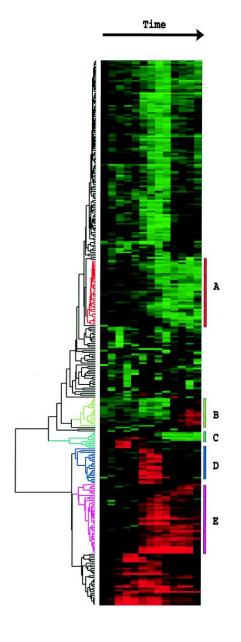
Behind the scenes...

Cluster Analysis (CA)

was used to organize genes into groups (clusters) and to create dendograms.



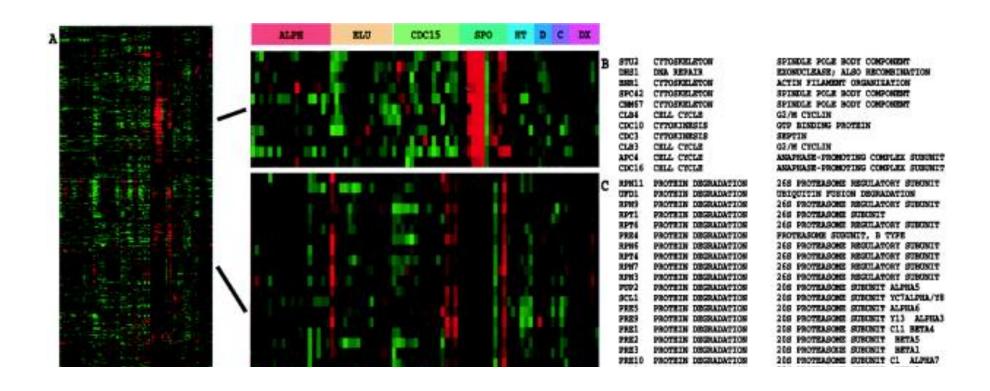
Cluster analysis in genomics



- "Cluster analysis and display of genome-wide expression patterns" by Eisen, et al. (PNAS, Vol. 95, pp. 14863–14868, December 1998)
- Imprinted CA on the microarray community
- This precedent + explosion of array data + ease of application = widespread (over?)use of CA
- Currently, CA is used similarly in many other –omics studies.

Utility of clustering in -omics studies

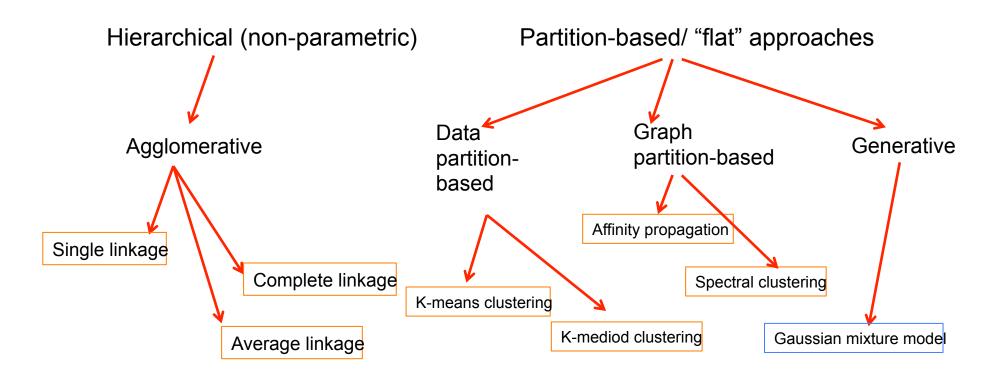
 Eisen, et al., showed that coexpression (thus, cluster co-membership) is often exhibited by genes with similar roles in cellular processes



What is Clustering?

- "Clustering" Colloquially means placing/grouping a set of objects into groups/clusters.
- Clustering is a formal problem in Computer Science and in Statistics, with formal definitions and "solutions".
- Clustering is often used as a tool for visualization, hypothesis generation, selection of variables for further analysis.
 - Keep in mind, with typical use of clustering: there is no measure of "strength of evidence" or "strength of clustering structure" provided.

Many clustering methods ...



- Discrete clustering assignment
- Probabilistic cluster assignment

Clustering problem

 Goal: place a set of objects into groups or clusters in a way that similar objects are in the same cluster.





Rocks were clustered according to their color and texture.

Clustering problem (cont.)

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Cluster some rocks:

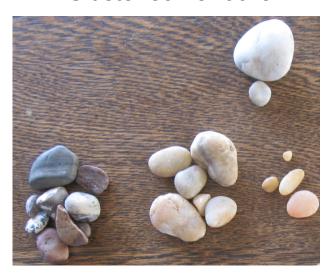


Note that you could have also considered a 2-cluster solution.

Clustering problem (cont.)

 Goal: place a set of objects into groups or clusters in a way that similar objects are in the same cluster.





OR, we could have also clustered the rocks according to their size

Key elements

- Goal: place a set of objects in groups or clusters
- The variables used to compare objects are called the attributes (e.g., color, texture, size)
- The analysis is based on a (dis)similarity/distance measure of the attributes

Attributes of objects within a cluster are more 'similar' than attributes of objects among different clusters

Objects

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Example: PhotoRec Data

- Gene expression of purified photoreceptors at distinct developmental stages and from different genetic backgrounds
- Almost 30K genes and 39 samples (mice)
- 5 developmental stages: day 16 of embryonic development (E16), postnatal days 2,6 and 10 (P2, P6 and P10) as well as 4_weeks.
- 2 genetic backgrounds: wild type Nrl mice (wt) and knockout Nrl mice (NrlKO).

A peak at the data...

	Wild Type			Knock-out			•••			Wild Type			Knock-out		
		E1					4_weeks								
	Sample_20		Sample_23	Sample_16		Sample_17		Sample i		Sample_36		Sample_39	Sample_11		Sample_9
1415670_at	7.24		7.07	7.38		7.34				7.25		7.13	7.42		7.32
1415671_at	9.48		10.13	7.64		10.03				9.66		8.73	9.83		9.80
1415672_at	10.01		9.91	8.42		10.24				9.51		9.53	10.00		9.85
1415673_at	8.36		8.49	8.36		8.37				8.49		8.65	8.60		8.40
1415674_a_at	8.59		8.64	8.51		8.89				8.42		8.28	8.43		8.46
1415675_at	9.59		9.70	9.66		9.61				9.67		9.45	9.60		9.51
1415676_a_at	9.68		10.19	8.05		10.02				9.95		8.70	9.23		9.82
1415677_at	7.24		7.49	7.34		7.34				7.28		6.84	7.33		7.45
1415678_at	11.71		11.57	10.46		11.75				11.56		11.80	12.04		11.81
1415679_at	9.21		9.92	8.22		9.60				9.13		8.08	9.06		9.29
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Column-driven analyses

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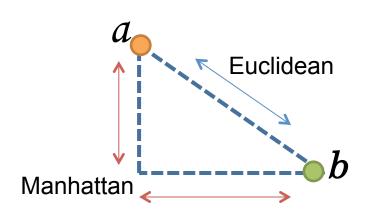
Dissimilarity and Distance

- We need to compute pairwise (dis)similarities/distances between all objects.
- Many clustering algorithms use a distance to measure proximity between objects
- These measures are collect into a symmetric matrix -- the distance or dissimilarity matrix

Typical distance measures for continuous data:

Euclidean distance*

$$a \in R^p, b \in R^p : d(a,b) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^p (a_i - b_i)^2}$$

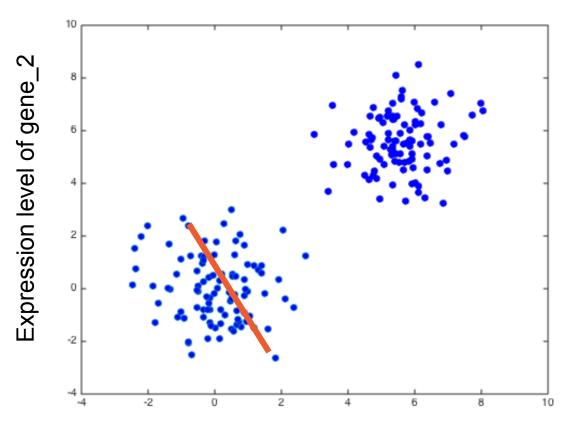


Manhattan distance *

$$a \in R^p, b \in R^p : d(a,b) = \sum_{i=1}^p |a_i - b_i|$$

^{*} The data need to be standardized if variables are measured in very different scales

Suppose you measured protein activity levels (expression) for 2 genes (gene A and gene B) for 200 individuals



How close are these individuals?

Expression level of gene_1

Typical **similarity** measures in genomics

Centered correlation

$$a \in R^p, b \in R^p : \operatorname{corr}(a,b) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p \left(\frac{a_i - \overline{a}}{\hat{\sigma}_a} \right) \left(\frac{b_i - \overline{b}}{\hat{\sigma}_b} \right)$$

Uncentered correlation

$$a \in R^p, b \in R^p : \operatorname{corr}(a,b) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p \left(\frac{a_i}{\hat{\sigma}_a^{(0)}} \right) \left(\frac{b_i}{\hat{\sigma}_b^{(0)}} \right); \qquad \hat{\sigma}^{(0)} : \text{the center is set to 0}$$

– Correlation **Distances**:

$$dist(a,b) = 1 - corr(a,b)$$
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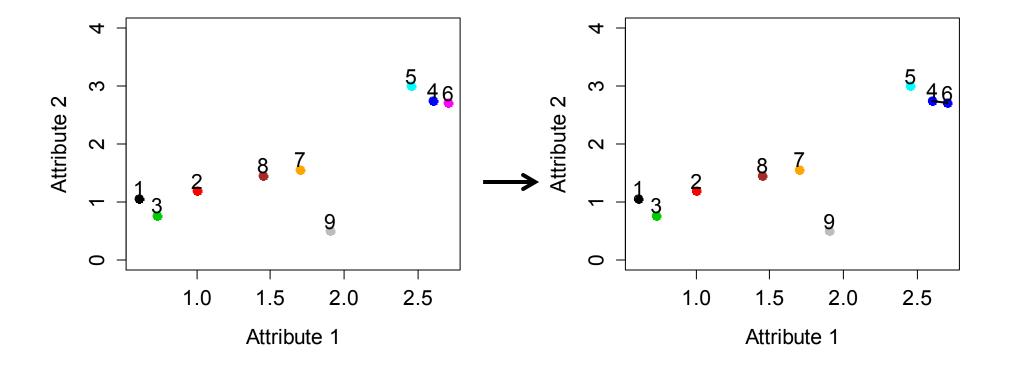
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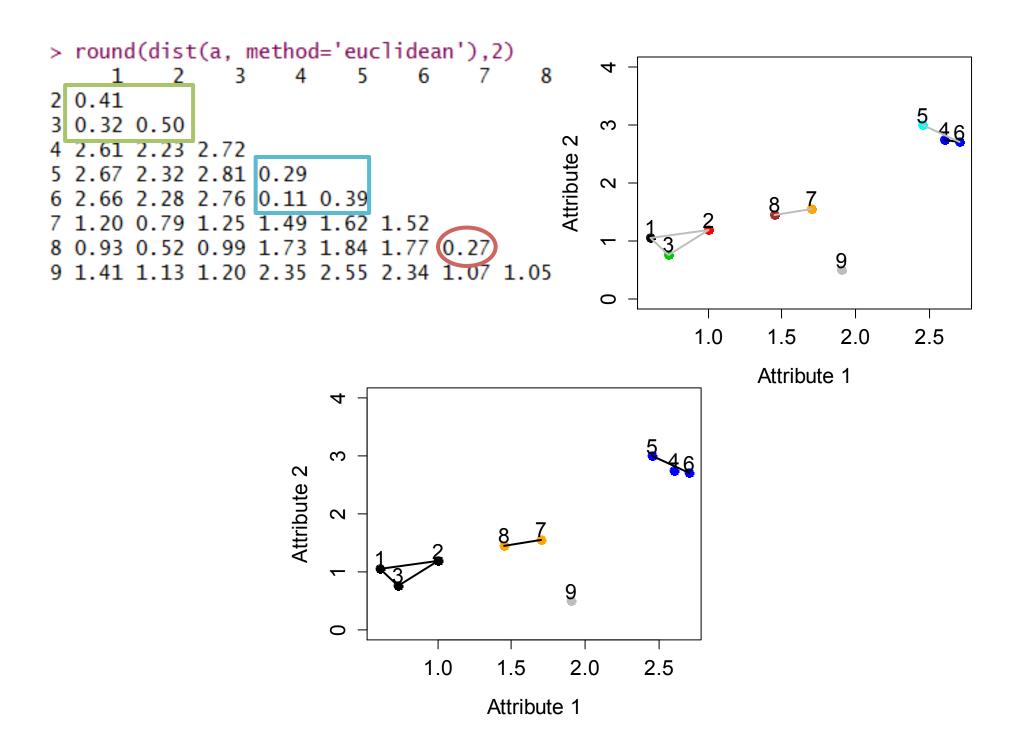
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Algorithms: Hierarchical

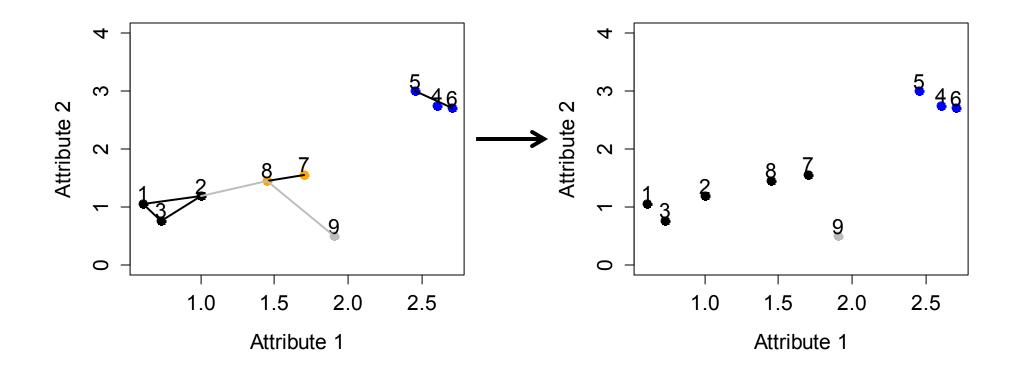
Given *N objects* with *H attributes* and a *distance metric*:

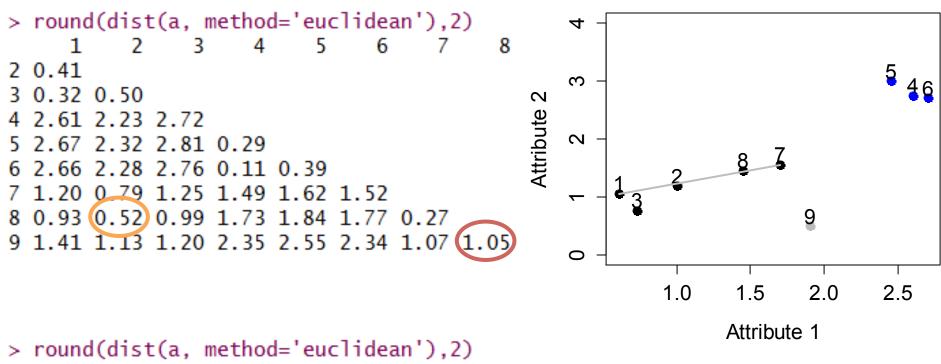
- 1. Assign each object to a cluster and compute the pairwise distances between all clusters
- 2. Find the "closest" pair of *clusters* and *merge* them into a single cluster
- 3. Compute new distances between clusters
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until all objects belong to a single cluster.

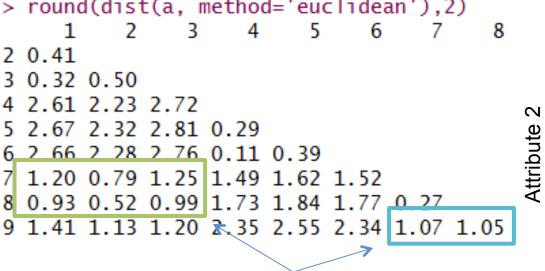


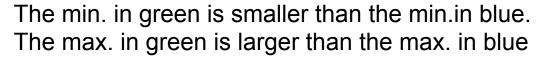


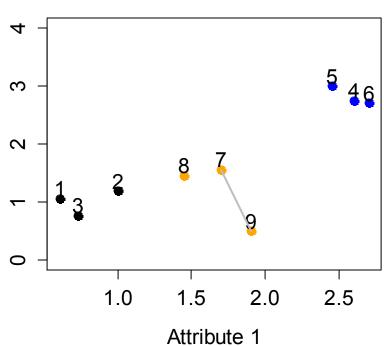
```
> round(dist(a, method='euclidean'),2)
    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8
2  0.41
3  0.32  0.50
4  2.61  2.23  2.72
5  2.67  2.32  2.81  0.29
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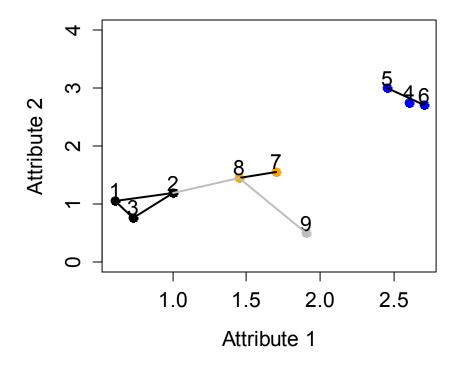






Single Linkage: The distance between two clusters is the *minimum* distance between any two elements

Complete Linkage: The distance between two clusters is the *maximum* distance between any two elements



Note: the distance between objects is the same (e.g., Euclidean)

Single Linkage

Complete Linkage

```
# Dendogram
dist.euclidean = dist(a, method = "euclidean")
# Single
ex1.hcS <- hclust(dist.euclidean, method = "single")
plot(ex1.hcS)
# identify 3 clusters
ex1.hcS.3 <- rect.hclust(ex1.hcS, k = 3)</pre>
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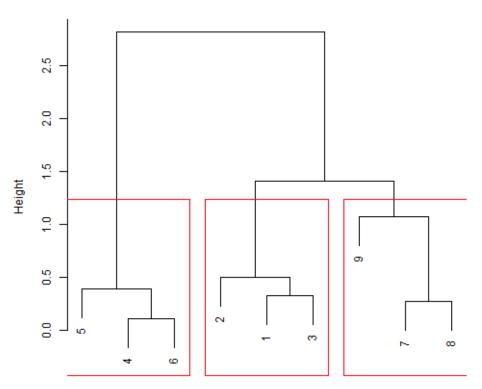
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# Complete
ex1.hcC <- hclust(dist.euclidean, method = "complete")
plot(ex1.hcC)

# identify 3 clusters
ex1.hcC.3 <- rect.hclust(ex1.hcC, k = 3)</pre>
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Cluster Dendrogram

Height 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4 5 7 7 8 1 2 3 3

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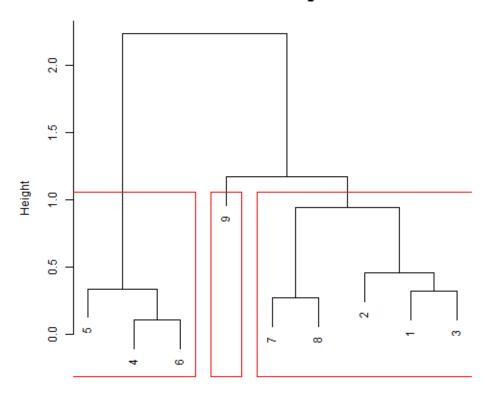
dist.euclidean hclust (*, "single") dist.euclidean hclust (*, "complete")

Is there an intermediate solutions?

Average Linkage: The distance between two clusters is the *average* of all pairwise distances between any two objects

```
# Average
ex1.hcA <- hclust(dist.euclidean, method = "average")
plot(ex1.hcA)
# identify 3 clusters
ex1.hcA.3 <- rect.hclust(ex1.hcA, k = 3)</pre>
```

Cluster Dendrogram



Note: in this trivial example, average and single linkages give the same result. In general, this is not true.

dist.euclidean hclust (*, "average") Ward's Criterion: The distance between two clusters is the *sum* of all pairwise distances between any two objects

```
> round(dist(a, method='euclidean'),2)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 0.41

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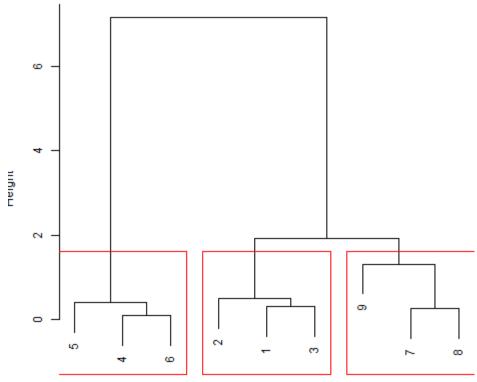
8 0.93 0.52 0.99 1.73 1.84 1.77 0.27

9 1.41 1.13 1.20 2.35 2.55 2.34 1.07 1.05
```

Sum = 5.68

```
# Ward's
ex1.hcW <- hclust(dist.euclidean, method = "ward")
plot(ex1.hcW)
# identify 3 clusters
ex1.hcW.3 <- rect.hclust(ex1.hcW, k = 3)</pre>
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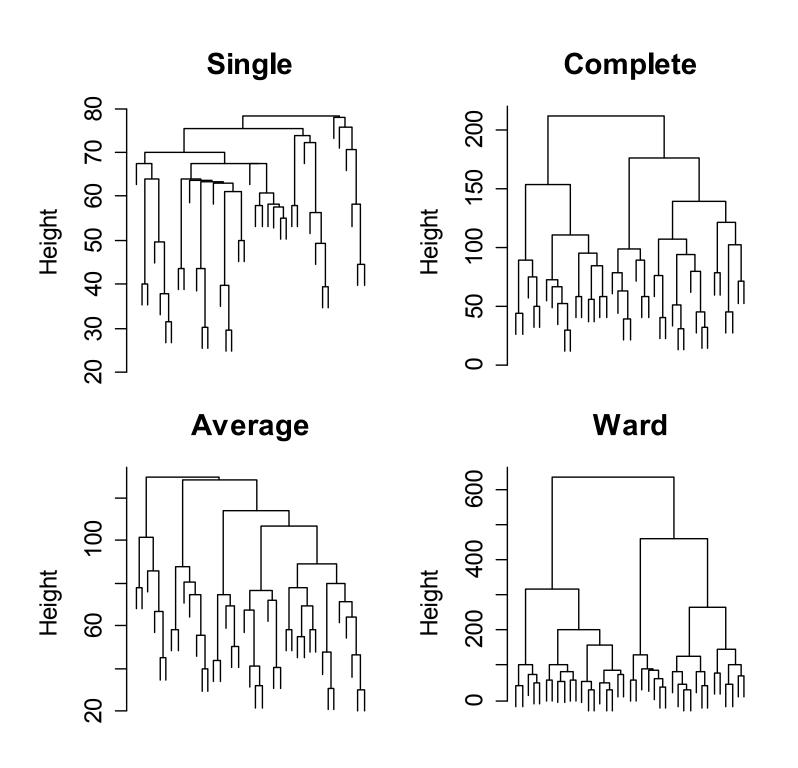
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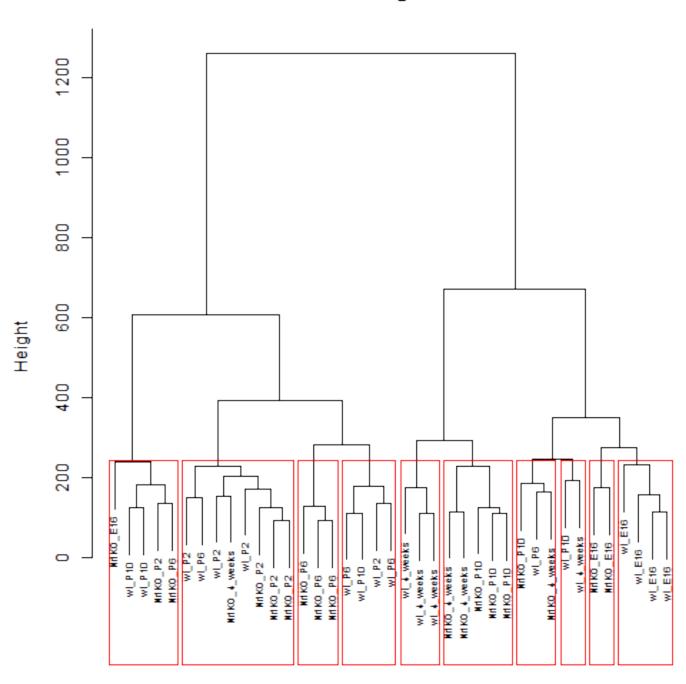
Sum=2 12

photoRec: Sample Clustering

- Data: each gene has been measured on 3 or 4 biological replicates of wild-type and knockout mice, for each of 5 time points (~30K genes, 39 samples)
- Objects: 39 mice samples
- Attributes: ~30K genes



Ward showing 8 clusters

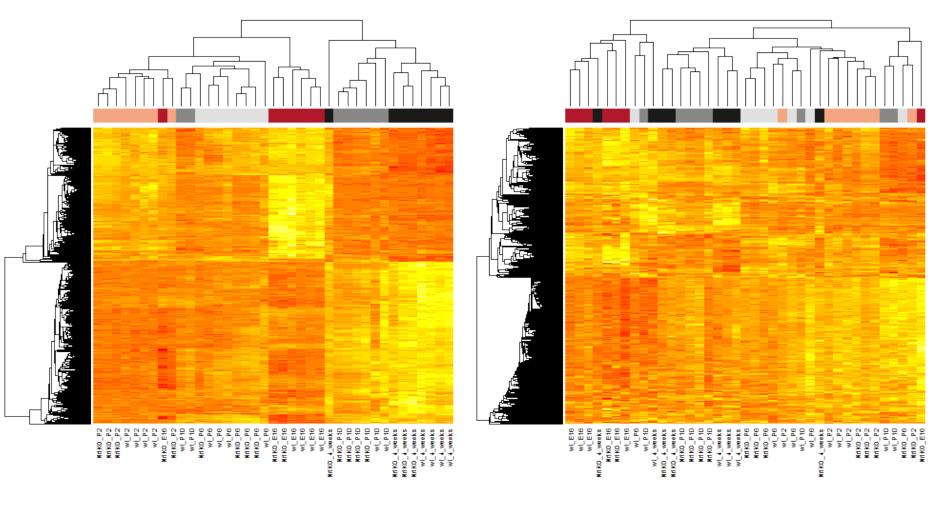


photoRec: Gene Clustering

- **Objects**: ~30K genes
- Attributes: 39 mice samples
- Since clustering genes is slow when you have a lot of genes, for the sake of time we will work with a smaller subset of genes.

Top-972 from LIMMA

972 randomly selected



week4 E16 P6 P10

P2

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Algorithms: Partitioning

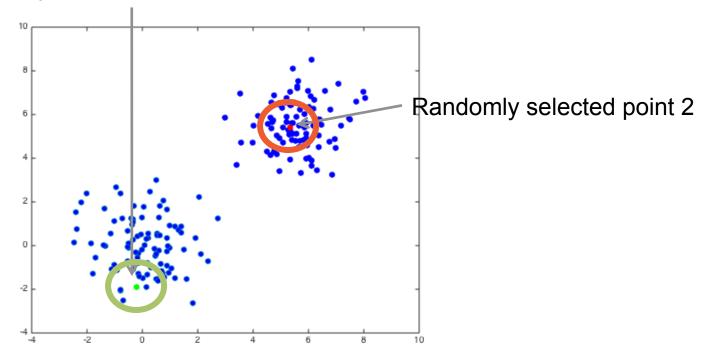
- These algorithms partition the objects into K groups
- Often motivated by an objective function that attains an extreme for the "correct" or "best" partition of the objects.
- K needs to be determined a priori.
- Most typical cases: k-means and partitioning around the medoids (PAM).

Partitioning algorithms: e.g., K-means

Algorithm: iterative procedure

1) Pick k random points as initial cluster centers

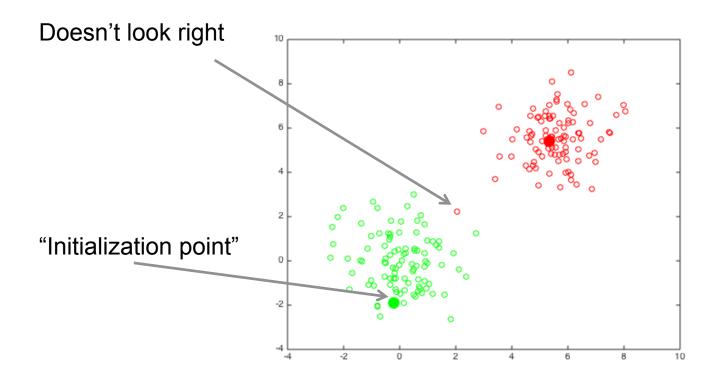
Randomly selected point 1



K-means algorithm (cont.)

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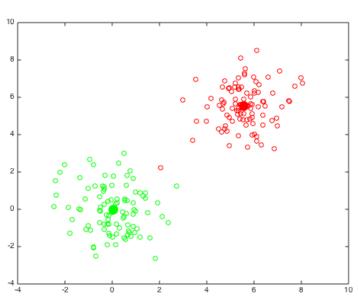
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K-means algorithm (cont.)

Algorithm: iterative procedure

- 1) Pick k random points as initial cluster centers
- 2) Measure distance between all points and the cluster centers assign points to nearest cluster
- 3) Compute cluster means
- 4) Reassign points to cluster based on distance
 - If not change from previous assignment, stop, else to go step 3



K-means algorithm: in words...

- Divide the data into K clusters
 Initialize the "centroids" with the mean of the object attributes in each cluster
- 2. Assign each item to the cluster with closest centroid
- When all objects have been assigned, recalculate the centroids (mean)
- Repeat 2-3 until the centroids no longer move

K-means objective function

Objective function: minimize the average squared Euclidean distance of objects from their assigned cluster centers.

* N objects, each have p attributes: $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n\}$

Cluster center for cluster k

* k-means objective function:
$$J = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1, i \in k}^K (x_i - \mu_k)^2$$

Euclidian distance between each point to the center

* Given C_1 , C_2 ,..., C_K , the minimum of within cluster distance is attained estimating the center of the cluster with its sample mean

Partitioning around Medoids (PAM)

- Kaufmann and Rousseeuw provide this as a partitioning method in the `cluster` library in R
- K representative objects (= medoids) are chosen as cluster centers and objects are assigned to the center with which they have minimum dissimilarity
- Objective function is total of all object-tomedoid dissimilarities
- Similar to K-means but more robust to outliers

photoRec: Sample Clustering

- Objects: 39 mice samples (5 time points)
- Attributes: ~30K genes
- Number of clusters: K=5 (although another K may be "better")

	C_1	C_2	C ₃	C ₄	C ₅
E16	0	0	6	0	1
P2	4	0	0	0	4
P6	5	1	0	0	2
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k-means

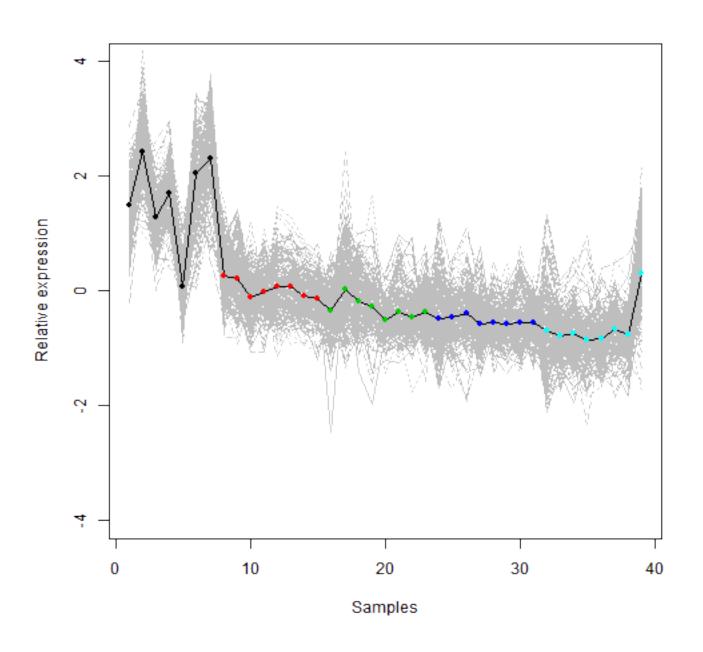
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photoRec: Gene Clustering

- Objects: ~1K genes (DE among 5 developmental stages, selected using limma)
- Attributes: 39 mice samples
- Number of clusters: K=5 (this value may be too low given that there are ~1K objects to cluster)

k-means: cluster 1



Algorithms to estimate K

- **GAP Statistic:** Tibshirani, Walther and Hastie, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, **63, 411-423.**
- http://www.jstor.org/stable/2680607
- Slightly modified code: http://stat.rutgers.edu/~rebecka
- Clest Algorithm: Dudoit, Fridlyand, 2002. *Genome Biology* **3**(7): research0036.1 -0036.21
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 - http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11928511

Early conclusions

- Different algorithms, different distance metrics will produce different clusterings
 - which is best?
- Algorithms may or may not produce what you would have picked "by eye"
- Algorithms may or may not actually optimize some relevant objective function

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- Partitioning methods (e.g., k-means)
- Model-based algorithms

Number of clusters???

Choosing the attributes

- When attributes are noisy, so is the resulting clustering
- photoRec: the attribute for each gene will be:

$$\mathbf{X}_g = (X_{g1,E16}, X_{g2,E16}, ..., X_{g39,4_\text{week}})$$

- Model: $X_{gi,DS} = \mu_{g,DS} + \varepsilon_{gi,DS}$
- Parameter-based attribute:

$$(\mu_{g,E16}, \mu_{g,P2}, \mu_{g,P6}, \mu_{g,P10}, \mu_{g,4w})$$

• **Estimated attribute**: use the within-DS averages (vectors of size 5, instead of vectors of size 39!)

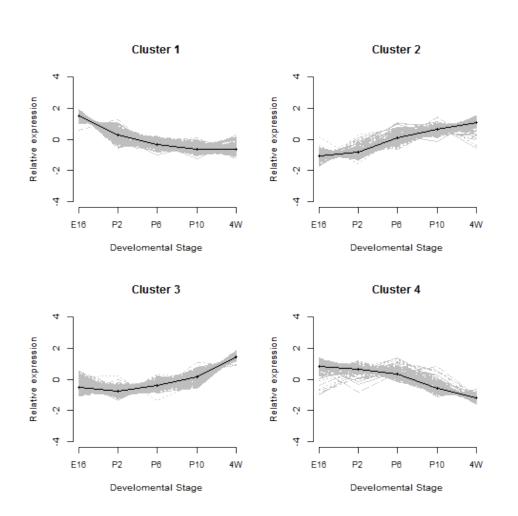
Other model-based alternatives

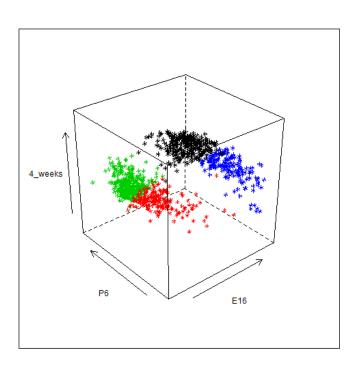
- If 'time' is a condition of interest, the attribute could be the time-specific expectations
- For example, we can fit a linear models and use the regression parameters as attributes:

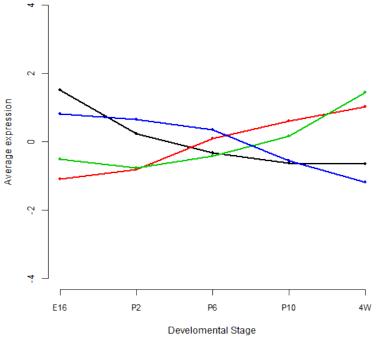
$$X_g(t) = \beta_{0g} + \beta_{1g}t + \beta_{2g}t^2 + \varepsilon_g(t)$$

$$Attr_g = (\beta_{1g}, \beta_{2g})$$

Gene Clustering (k-means, k=4) based on DS attributes

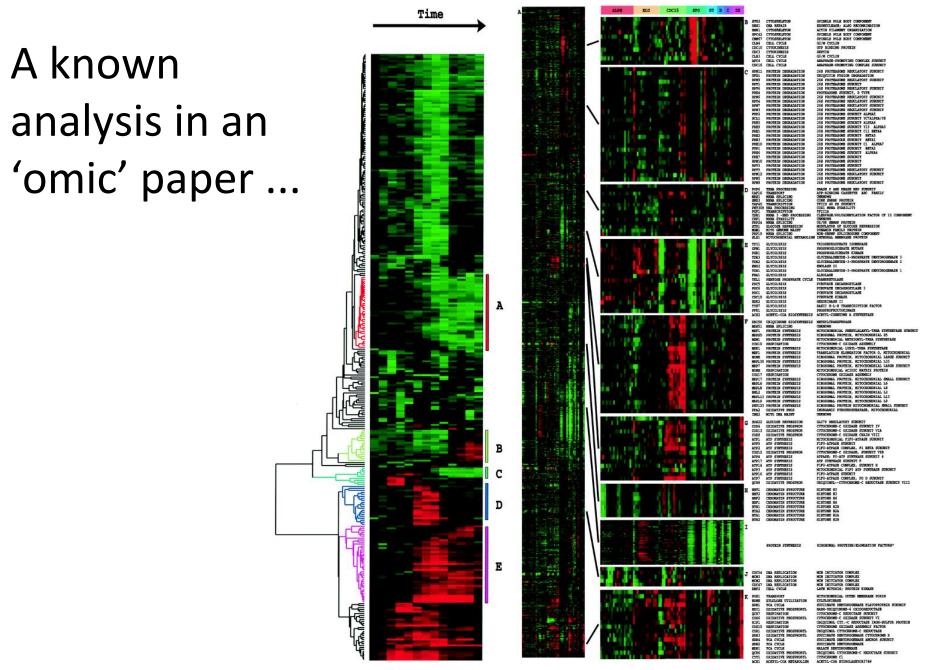






Summary Notes

- Many choices to make when you want to cluster a set of objects:
 - Objective, algorithm, attributes/features, distance metric, number of clusters.
- Not possible to say which method is best. It all depends on data and goal.
- Clustering is very powerful, but reckless application leads to misguided conclusions.
- CA is still a good way to explore the data and summarize results



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Bonus Slides

Algorithms: k-means

Note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} d(\mathbf{X}_{i}, \mathbf{X}_{j}) = \sum_{r=1}^{K} \sum_{i \in C_{r}} \sum_{j=1}^{n} d(\mathbf{X}_{i}, \mathbf{X}_{j})$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^{K} \sum_{i \in C_{r}} \left[\sum_{j \in C_{r}} d(\mathbf{X}_{i}, \mathbf{X}_{j}) + \sum_{j \notin C_{r}} d(\mathbf{X}_{i}, \mathbf{X}_{j}) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^{K} \sum_{i,j \in C_{r}} d(\mathbf{X}_{i}, \mathbf{X}_{j}) + \sum_{r=1}^{K} \sum_{i \in C_{r}} \sum_{j \notin C_{r}} d(\mathbf{X}_{i}, \mathbf{X}_{j})$$

$$T = W + B$$

When $d(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) = \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_j\|^2$

$$W = \sum_{r=1}^{K} \sum_{i,j \in C_r} \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_j\|^2 = \sum_{r=1}^{K} \sum_{i \in C_r} \|\mathbf{X}_i - \bar{\mathbf{X}}_r\|^2$$

- Given $\overline{X}_1, \overline{X}_2,..., \overline{X}_K$, the minimum of W is attained assigning X_i to the cluster C_r with the closest mean (\overline{X}_r) .
- Given C_1 , C_2 ,..., C_K , the minimum of W is attained estimating the center of the cluster with its sample mean $\overline{\mathbf{X}}_r$.

$$\min_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_1, \dots, \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_K} \sum_{r=1}^K \sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}_r} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_r\|^2 \longrightarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_r = \bar{\mathbf{X}}_r = \frac{1}{n_r} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}_r} \mathbf{x}_i$$

Distance measures for binary data are based on the number of matches and mismatches:

	0	1
0	m	r
1	S	t

$$a_i \in \{0,1\}, b_i \in \{0,1\}, i = 1,..., p$$

 $m = \#\{a_i = b_i = 0, i = 1,..., p\}$
 $r = \#\{a_i = 0, b_i = 1, i = 1,..., p\}$

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– Example:

	Gender	Race	Obese	Smoke
Subject a	0	0	1	1
Subject b	1	0	1	1

$$m = 1, t = 2$$

$$r = 1, s = 0$$

- Typical examples of distance measures for binary data are
 - Simple matching coefficient

$$a_i \in \{0,1\}, b_i \in \{0,1\}, i = 1,..., p : d(a,b) = \frac{m+t}{m+r+s+t}$$

Jaccard coefficient

$$a_i \in \{0,1\}, b_i \in \{0,1\}, i = 1,..., p : d(a,b) = \frac{m}{m+r+s}$$