

Complete task 2 (from scratch)

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The following chunk of code cleans the data and then splits it into training and testing subsets.

```
spotify <- import %>%
  mutate(AlbumReleaseDate = parse_date_time(AlbumReleaseDate,
                                             orders = c("y", "ym", "ymd"))) %>%

  #Old-school grepl method
  mutate(Artist = ifelse(grepl("Beyonc*", Artist), 'Beyonce', Artist)) %>%
  #Tidyverse str_detect method
  mutate(Artist = ifelse(Artist %>%
                        str_detect("Janelle Mon*", 'Janelle Monae', Artist)) %>%
  mutate(AlbumBestChartPosition = ifelse(AlbumBestChartPosition %>%
                        str_detect("#N/A"), 0, AlbumBestChartPosition)) %>%

  na.omit() %>%
  mutate(id = row_number()) %>%
  mutate(id = as.character(id))
sapply(data, class)

test_data <- subset(spotify,
  ((AlbumName == "A Girl Called Dusty") |
   (AlbumName == "Action!") |
   (AlbumName == "Selling England By The Pound") |
   (AlbumName == "Carpenters") |
   (AlbumName == "Ride On") |
   (AlbumName == "Autoamerican") |
   (AlbumName == "Selected Ambient Works 85-92") |
   (AlbumName == "Different Class") |
   (AlbumName == "Q") |
   (AlbumName == "The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion: Original Game Soundtrack") |
   (AlbumName == "AM") |
   (AlbumName == "An Awesome Wave")))

training_data <- subset(spotify,
  ((AlbumName != "A Girl Called Dusty") &
   (AlbumName != "Action!") &
   (AlbumName != "Selling England By The Pound") &
   (AlbumName != "Carpenters") &
   (AlbumName != "Ride On") &
   (AlbumName != "Autoamerican") &
   (AlbumName != "Selected Ambient Works 85-92") &
   (AlbumName != "Different Class") &
   (AlbumName != "Q") &
   (AlbumName != "The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion: Original Game Soundtrack") &
   (AlbumName != "AM") &
   (AlbumName != "An Awesome Wave")))
```

The next code chunk finds the tags that appear more than a given number of times in the training data (under the variable ArtistGenres), produces a table of these words and then prints a bar plot showing their respective frequencies.

```

genres <- mutate(training_data,
                  ArtistGenres = strsplit(ArtistGenres, ",")$ArtistGenres %>%
                    unlist() %>%
                    unique() %>%
                    na.omit())

split_genres <- NULL

for(i in 1:length(genres)) {
  split_genres[i] <- strsplit(genres[i], " ")
}

genre_words <- unlist(split_genres)

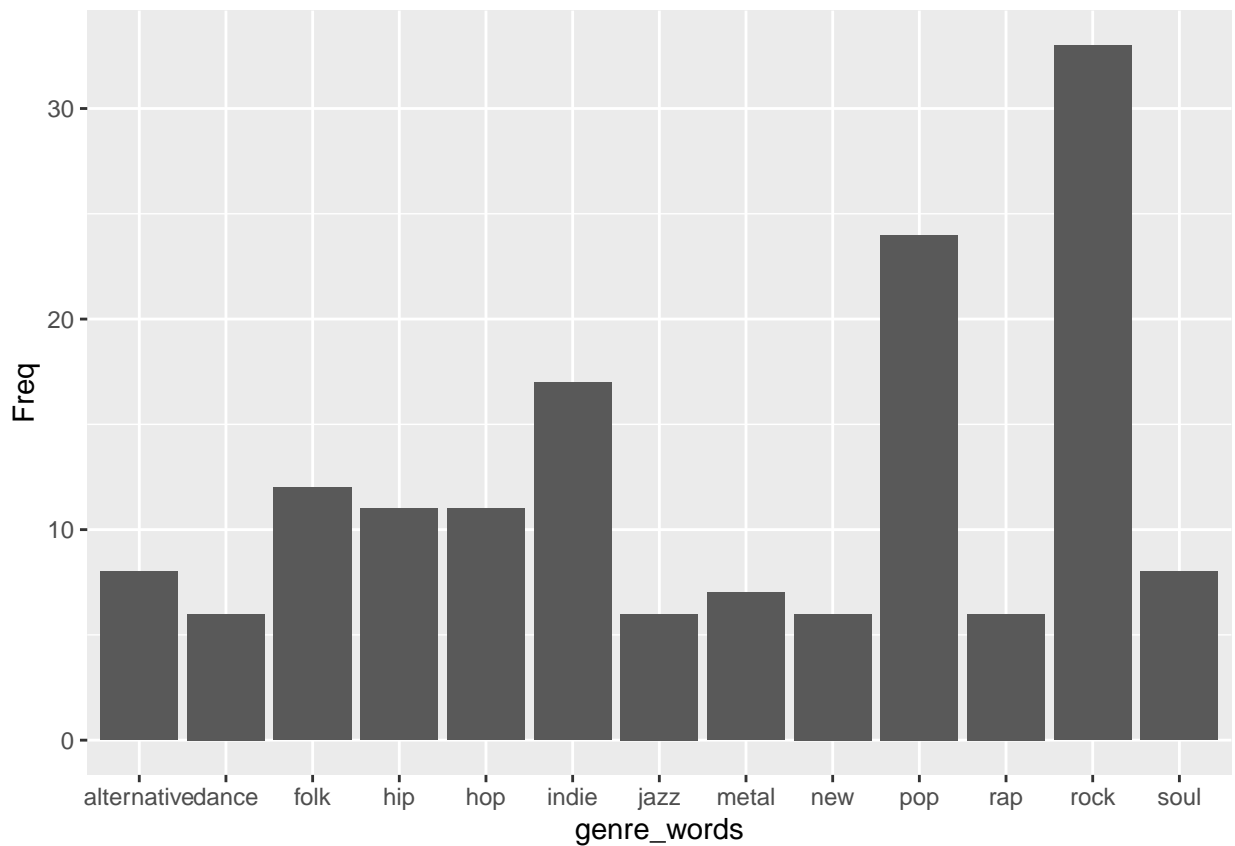
cutoff_freq <- 5

most_frequent_words <- subset(as.data.frame(table(genre_words)), (Freq > cutoff_freq))

genre_freq_plot <- most_frequent_words %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=genre_words, y=Freq)) + geom_col()

print(genre_freq_plot)

```



The following code creates a short function defined as follows: $f : A \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $f(x) = \frac{x - \min(A)}{\max(A) - \min(A)}$. This will be used later in the code.

```
standardise <- function(x){(x-min(x))/(max(x)-min(x))}
```

This code chunk keeps only the relevant variables for clustering and normalises the values of each variable.

```
clustering_training_data <- training_data[c("TrackDuration", "TrackDanceability",
                                             "TrackEnergy", "TrackKey", "TrackLoudness",
                                             "TrackSpeechiness", "TrackAcousticness",
                                             "TrackInstrumentalness", "TrackLiveness",
                                             "TrackValence", "TrackTempo")] %>%
  mutate(TrackDuration = standardise(TrackDuration)) %>%
  mutate(TrackKey = standardise(TrackKey)) %>%
  mutate(TrackLoudness = standardise(TrackLoudness)) %>%
  mutate(TrackTempo = standardise(TrackTempo))
```

This code produces a matrix of agglomerative coefficients for 4 different linkage methods and 6 different distance metrics to use with the hierarchical agglomerative clustering method. It takes ages to run so this chunk has been included but does not evaluate; the evaluated table is included in the technical appendix .zip file.

```
# matrix of methods to compare
m <- c("average", "single", "complete", "ward")
names(m) <- c("average", "single", "complete", "ward")

distances <- c("euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan", "canberra",
               "binary", "minkowski")
names(distances) <- c("euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan",
                      "canberra", "binary", "minkowski")

clust_comps <- matrix(nrow = length(distances), ncol = length(m),
                      dimnames = list(distances, m))

# function to compute coefficient
ac <- function(distance, linkage) {
  dista <- dist(clustering_training_data, method = distance)
  agnes(dista, method = linkage)$ac
}

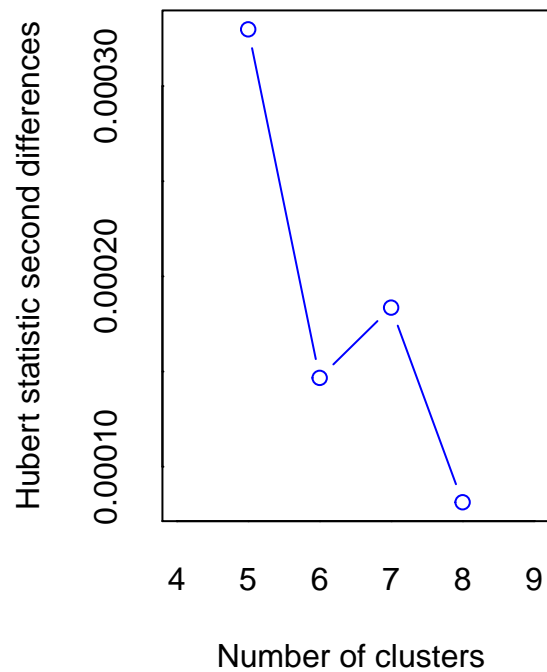
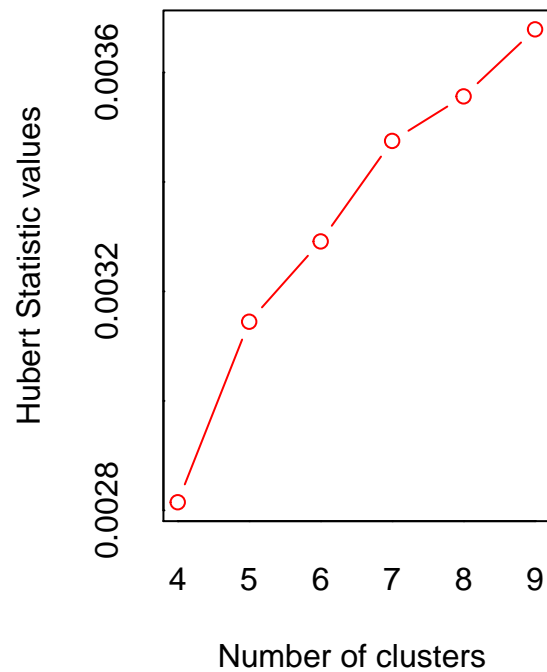
for(i in 1:length(distances)) {
  for(j in 1:length(m)) {
    clust_comps[i,j] <- ac(distances[i], m[j])
  }
}
```

The training data is then clustered using the following line of code.

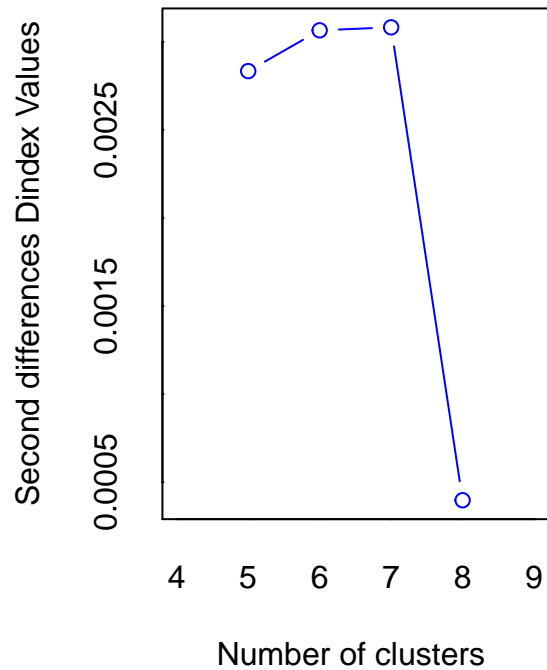
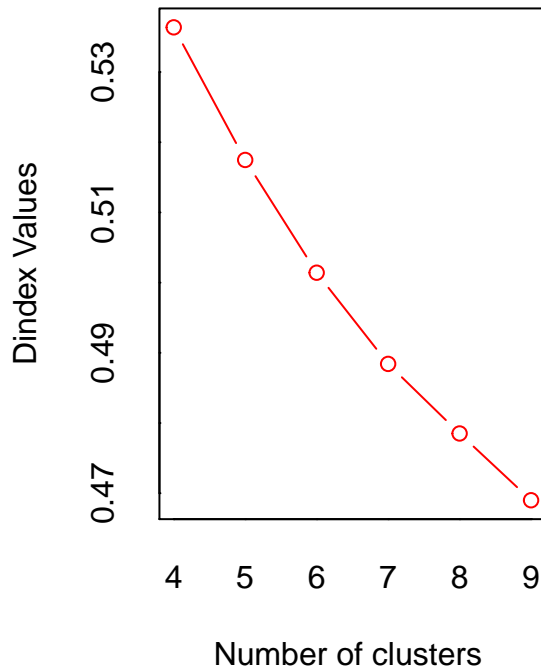
```
clustered <- agnes(dist(clustering_training_data, method = "euclidian"),
                   diss=TRUE, method = "ward")
```

Then the NbClust() function is used to find the best number of clusters for the clustered data.

```
fviz_nbclust(NbClust(clustering_training_data, distance="euclidean",
                     min.nc=4, max.nc=9, method="ward.D2", index="all"))
```



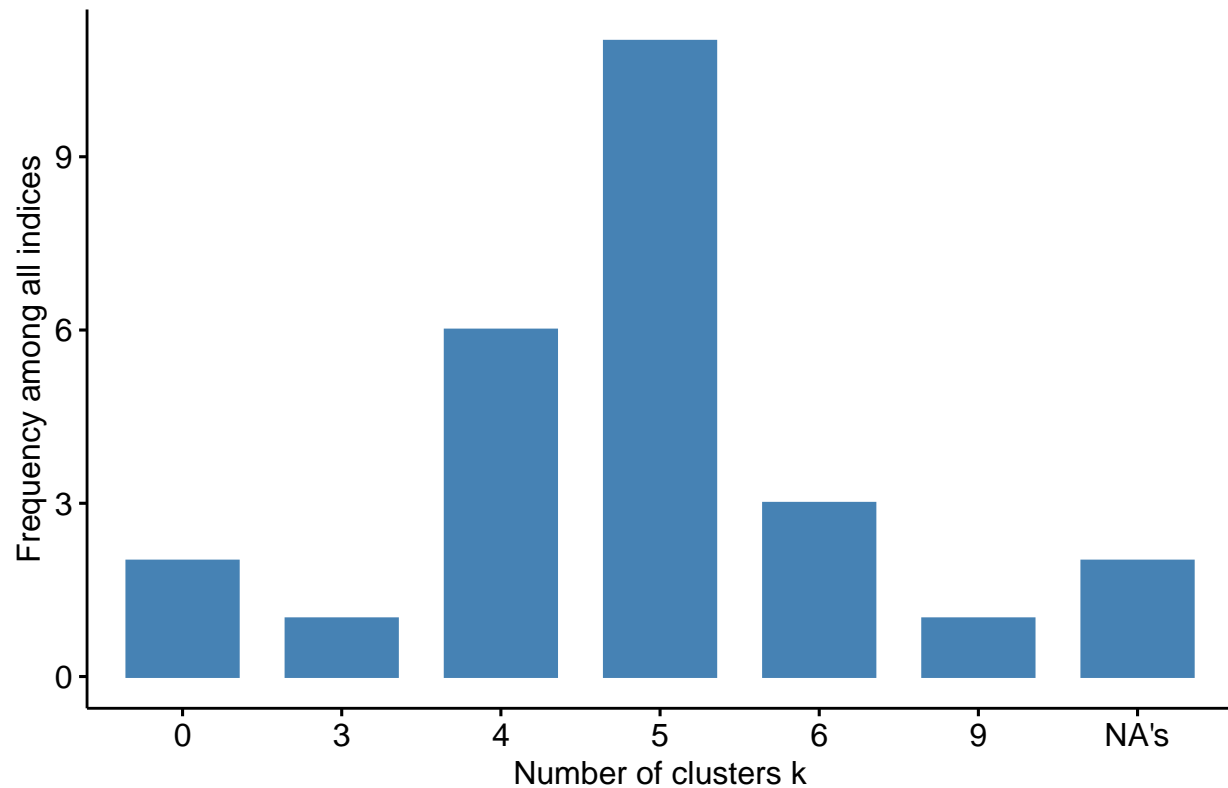
```
## *** : The Hubert index is a graphical method of determining the number of clusters.
##       In the plot of Hubert index, we seek a significant knee that corresponds to a
##       significant increase of the value of the measure i.e the significant peak in Hubert
##       index second differences plot.
##
```



```
## *** : The D index is a graphical method of determining the number of clusters.
##           In the plot of D index, we seek a significant knee (the significant peak in Dindex
##           second differences plot) that corresponds to a significant increase of the value of
##           the measure.
##
## *****
## * Among all indices:
## * 6 proposed 4 as the best number of clusters
## * 11 proposed 5 as the best number of clusters
## * 3 proposed 6 as the best number of clusters
## * 1 proposed 9 as the best number of clusters
##
##           ***** Conclusion *****
##
## * According to the majority rule, the best number of clusters is 5
##
## *****
## Among all indices:
## =====
## * 2 proposed 0 as the best number of clusters
## * 1 proposed 3 as the best number of clusters
## * 6 proposed 4 as the best number of clusters
## * 11 proposed 5 as the best number of clusters
## * 3 proposed 6 as the best number of clusters
## * 1 proposed 9 as the best number of clusters
```

```
## * 2 proposed NA's as the best number of clusters
##
## Conclusion
## =====
## * According to the majority rule, the best number of clusters is 5 .
```

Optimal number of clusters – k = 5



The code below produces the dendrogram found in the technical appendix .zip file but is not evaluated in this markdown file for time reasons.

```
fviz_dend(clustered, k=5, show_labels = FALSE)
```