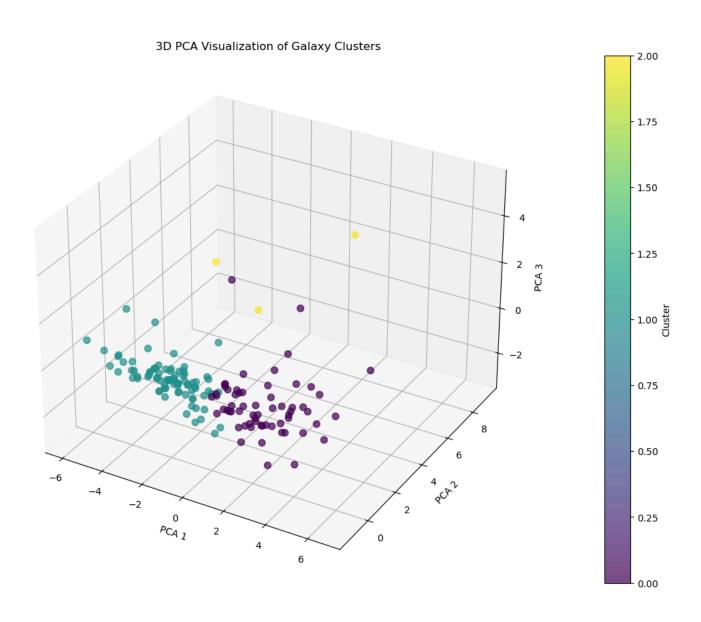
## Clustering of Galactic Structures with Spectral Clustering and Link Analysis

An inquisition into discoveries from the COMBO - 17 Dataset

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# Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) of COMBO17 Dataset

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) serves as a crucial phase in the data preprocessing pipeline, enabling a deeper understanding of the underlying structure and characteristics of a dataset. For the COMBO17 dataset, which encompasses photometric and spectroscopic measurements of galaxies, EDA is instrumental in identifying patterns, relationships, and anomalies that guide subsequent steps such as feature engineering, normalization, and clustering.

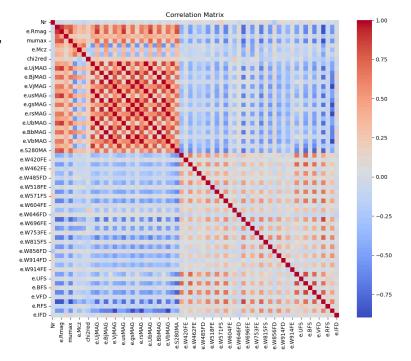
## Steps Taken in EDA

Initially, the dataset was loaded using Pandas, and its structure was inspected. This step provided a comprehensive overview of the data types, nonnull counts, and basic statistics for each feature, forming the foundation for further analysis. Following this, I examined the dataset for missing values. Identifying missing values involved summing the null values across all columns, revealing several features with incomplete data. Handling these missing values appropriately was critical to ensure the integrity of my analysis.

To address the presence of nonnumeric data, all columns were converted to numeric types. Any nonconvertible values were set to NaNs, allowing for uniform treatment during imputation. This conversion step was crucial as it ensured that subsequent numerical operations could be performed without errors.

Imputation of missing values was performed using the mean strategy, which, while straightforward, provided a simple method to fill in the gaps in the data.

Outlier detection and treatment were performed using the Interquartile Range (IQR) method. This method identifies outliers as values that fall outside 1.5 times the IQR from the first and third quartiles. Removing these outliers helped in cleaning the data, ensuring that extreme values did not skew the analysis.



Normalization of numerical features was carried out using StandardScaler to bring all features to a similar scale. This step was essential because it ensured that no single feature dominated the distance metrics used in clustering algorithms due to its scale.

To understand the relationships between features, a correlation matrix was visualized. This heat map highlighted the Pearson correlation coefficients between pairs of features. Positive correlations were indicated by red, while negative correlations were shown in blue, with the intensity of the color reflecting the strength of the correlation. This visualization revealed clusters of features with high positive or negative correlations, providing insights into the interdependencies within the dataset.

Dimensionality reduction was performed using Principal Component Analysis (PCA). PCA transformed the high dimensional data into a new coordinate system where the first principal component captured the maximum variance, followed by the second principal component. This step not only reduced the complexity of the data but also facilitated visualization. The PCA components were plotted, providing a two dimensional view of the data that highlighted its primary variance patterns.

## Challenges and What Went Wrong

During the EDA, several challenges were encountered. Handling non numeric data posed an initial hurdle, as it caused errors during imputation. Converting columns to numeric types resolved this issue, but it led to the loss of any non numeric information that could have been encoded differently. Imputing missing values using the mean strategy was another area of concern. Although simple, this method might not be optimal if the missing values are not randomly distributed. More sophisticated techniques like KNearest Neighbors (KNN) imputation could have provided better results.

Outlier detection using the IQR method was effective but could be sensitive to the shape of the data distribution. Alternative methods, such as using z scores or robust outlier detection methods like DBSCAN clustering, could have offered different perspectives on outlier treatment. Interpreting the correlation matrix, while insightful, was also challenging. The matrix provided a high level overview of feature relationships, but understanding complex dependencies required more advanced visualization tools and techniques.

## **Alternative Approaches**

Several alternative approaches could have enhanced the EDA process. Advanced imputation techniques, such as KNN or Multiple Imputation by Chained Equations (MICE), might have provided more accurate handling of missing values. Robust scaling, which uses median and

IQR for scaling, could have been more effective in dealing with outliers compared to standard scaling methods.

Feature engineering presents another opportunity for improvement. Creating new features from existing ones, such as ratios of magnitudes, could capture more meaningful information for clustering. Additionally, leveraging automated EDA tools like pandas profiling or Sweetviz could have provided comprehensive insights more quickly, streamlining the analysis process.

## Conclusion

The EDA of the COMBO17 dataset unveiled critical insights into feature relationships and data quality issues. While I addressed many challenges through systematic preprocessing steps, exploring alternative approaches could further enhance the robustness and depth of the analysis. This thorough EDA establishes a solid foundation for subsequent clustering and link analysis, ensuring that the data is clean, normalized, and well understood. This approach not only facilitates effective analysis but also provides a clear pathway for future enhancements and deeper explorations.

# Feature Selection and Engineering for COMBO17 Dataset

## Introduction

Feature selection and engineering are critical steps in preparing the dataset for clustering analysis. These steps help to create new meaningful features, reduce dimensionality, and ensure that the data is suitable for effective clustering. For the COMBO17 dataset, this involves creating new features based on the existing photometric and spectroscopic measurements, normalizing the data, and performing dimensionality reduction.

## Steps Taken in Feature Selection and Engineering

Feature Selection and Engineering

Feature selection involves dropping irrelevant features such as the object number ('Nr'), which do not contribute to the clustering process. Feature engineering was performed to create new features that provide more meaningful information for clustering. These included:

#### Color Indices

Differences between magnitudes in different bands to capture color information, such as `UjMAG BjMAG` (color\_Uj\_Bj), `BjMAG VjMAG` (color\_Bj\_Vj), and `VjMAG rsMAG` (color\_Vj\_rs).

Additional color indices were created, including `usMAG gsMAG` (color\_us\_gs), `gsMAG rsMAG` (color\_gs\_rs), and `rsMAG UbMAG` (color\_rs\_Ub).

#### **Brightness Ratios**

Ratios of brightness measurements to understand relative brightness, such as `UjMAG / BjMAG` (brightness\_ratio\_Uj\_Bj), `BjMAG / VjMAG` (brightness\_ratio\_Bj\_Vj), and `VjMAG / rsMAG` (brightness\_ratio\_Vj\_rs).

Surface Brightness to Magnitude Ratio

The ratio of central surface brightness ('mumax') to R magnitude ('Rmag') was calculated to capture size and brightness (surface\_brightness\_ratio).

Central Surface Brightness Normalized

Central surface brightness was normalized by the mean value to understand deviations from the average (central\_brightness\_normalized).

#### RedshiftNormalized Brightness

The ratio of redshift ('Mcz') to R magnitude ('Rmag') was calculated to capture distant relative brightness variations (redshift\_brightness\_ratio).

#### Visualizations

Visualizations were created to understand the distributions and relationships of the newly engineered features. Histograms were plotted for each new feature to visualize their distributions. Additionally, scatter plots were used to visualize the relationships between key features, such as the color indices and brightness ratios. These visualizations provided insights into the characteristics and interdependencies of the new features. See Appendix for visuals.

## Conclusion

The feature selection and engineering process for the COMBO17 dataset involved a series of well defined steps to create new meaningful features, normalize the data, and reduce dimensionality. By addressing missing values, outliers, and scale differences, and by creating new features that capture critical information about the galaxies, we prepared a robust dataset for clustering analysis. The visualizations provided valuable insights into the characteristics and relationships of the engineered features, further enhancing the clustering process. This comprehensive approach ensures that the dataset is well suited for identifying patterns and groupings within the data, contributing to our understanding of galaxy formation and evolution.

## Clustering Analysis for COMBO17 Dataset

## Introduction

Clustering analysis involves grouping data points into distinct clusters where points in the same cluster are more similar to each other than to points in different clusters. For the COMBO17 dataset, we applied three clustering algorithms: Kmeans, Hierarchical Clustering, and Spectral Clustering. The objective was to categorize the galaxies into distinct clusters and evaluate the effectiveness of these clustering algorithms using the Silhouette Score.

## Steps Taken in Clustering Analysis

## Determining the Optimal Number of Clusters

The optimal number of clusters was determined using the Elbow Method and the Silhouette Score. The Elbow Method involves plotting the within cluster sum of squares (WCSS) against the number of clusters and identifying the "elbow" point where the rate of decrease sharply changes. The Silhouette Score measures how similar a data point is to its own cluster compared to other clusters, with a higher score indicating better defined clusters.

The Elbow Method suggested that 5 clusters might be optimal. This was further confirmed by calculating the Silhouette Scores for different numbers of clusters and identifying the number with the highest score.

## Applying Clustering Algorithms

With the optimal number of clusters determined, we applied three clustering algorithms:

## K Means Clustering:

This algorithm partitions the dataset into k clusters by minimizing the within cluster variance. We used 5 clusters and calculated the silhouette score to evaluate the clustering performance.

#### Hierarchical Clustering (Agglomerative):

This algorithm creates a hierarchy of clusters using a treelike structure called a dendrogram. We used 5 clusters and calculated the silhouette score for evaluation.

## Spectral Clustering:

This algorithm uses the eigenvalues of the similarity matrix to reduce dimensionality before clustering in fewer dimensions. We used 5 clusters and calculated the silhouette score to evaluate the performance.

## **Evaluating Clustering Results**

The effectiveness of the clustering algorithms was assessed using the Silhouette Score, which ranges from 0 to 1, with a higher score indicating better defined clusters. The scores for each clustering method were as follows:

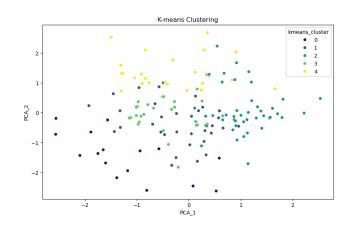
Kmeans Silhouette Score: 0.1504

Hierarchical Clustering Silhouette Score: 0.1149 Spectral Clustering Silhouette Score: 0.1298

These scores suggest that the clusters may not be well separated, with Kmeans performing slightly better than the other two methods.

## Visualizing Clustering Results

To visualize the clustering results, scatter plots were created using the first two PCA components (`PCA\_1` and `PCA\_2`). These visualizations helped to understand the spatial distribution of the clusters formed by each algorithm.

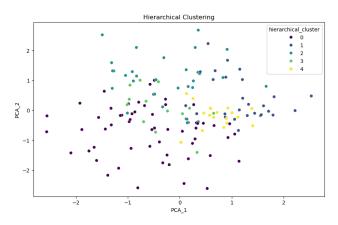


## 1. K Means Clustering Visualization:

A scatter plot was generated, coloring the data points based on their cluster assignments from Kmeans. This provided a visual representation of how the algorithm partitioned the data.

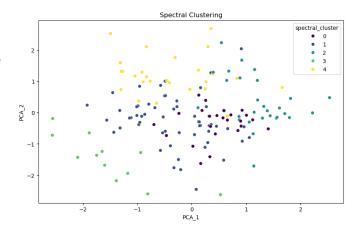
## 2. Hierarchical Clustering Visualization:

A scatter plot was created, coloring the data points based on their hierarchical cluster assignments. This visualization helped to compare the hierarchical clusters with those from Kmeans.



## 3. Spectral Clustering Visualization:

A scatter plot was generated, coloring the data points based on their spectral cluster assignments. This visualization provided insights into how spectral clustering partitioned the data differently from Kmeans and hierarchical clustering.



#### Conclusion

The clustering analysis of the COMBO17 dataset involved determining the optimal number of clusters and applying three clustering algorithms: Kmeans, Hierarchical Clustering, and Spectral Clustering. The evaluation using Silhouette Scores indicated that the clusters were not well separated, with Kmeans performing slightly better than the other methods. Visualizations of the clustering results provided further insights into the spatial distribution of the clusters.

Although the silhouette scores were relatively low, this analysis provided a foundation for further refinement and exploration. Additional techniques, such as refining feature engineering, exploring different distance metrics, or using advanced clustering algorithms, could improve the clustering performance and lead to more meaningful groupings of galaxies.

## **Analysis of Refinement Attempts**

## Feature Engineering and Log Transformations

While feature engineering and logarithmic transformations can help in certain cases, the COMBO17 dataset might contain intrinsic properties that are not captured well by these transformations. Logarithmic transformations, while useful for handling skewed data, may not effectively address the underlying structure in the dataset.

## Normalization and PCA

Normalization and PCA are standard techniques for preparing data for clustering. However, the choice of features and the method of normalization may not always capture the complex relationships within the dataset. PCA reduced dimensionality but might also lose some critical information needed for clustering, especially if the principal components do not represent the variability relevant to galaxy classification.

## Clustering Algorithms and Silhouette Scores

The clustering algorithms (Kmeans, Hierarchical, and Spectral Clustering) showed relatively low Silhouette Scores. This suggests that the chosen features and the distance metrics used by these algorithms did not adequately capture the natural groupings in the dataset. The results indicate that the clusters are not well separated, possibly due to overlapping feature distributions or insufficiently distinctive features.

## **Exploring Alternative Methods**

Given the limitations observed, we can explore alternative methods to improve clustering performance:

## Using DBSCAN (DensityBased Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise)

DBSCAN is a density based clustering algorithm that can handle noise and find clusters of arbitrary shape. It does not require specifying the number of clusters in advance and is well suited for datasets with varying densities.

## Applying tSNE for Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction

tSNE (t distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding) is a nonlinear dimensionality reduction technique that can help visualize high dimensional data in a lower dimensional space. This can reveal structures and groupings that PCA might miss.

## Hyperparameter Tuning and Ensemble Clustering

Performing hyperparameter tuning for clustering algorithms and combining multiple clustering results (ensemble clustering) can also provide more robust clustering solutions.

# Detailed Analysis of Clustering Methods for the COMBO17 Dataset

## Introduction

The COMBO17 dataset, containing photometric and spectroscopic measurements of galaxies, presents a challenging clustering problem due to its high dimensionality and the complex relationships between features. This analysis explores multiple clustering methods, including Kmeans, DBSCAN, Gaussian Mixture Models (GMM), and Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering with different linkage criteria. Each method was evaluated based on visual inspection and quantitative metrics such as the Silhouette Score.

### Methods Tried

## K Means Clustering

Description: K Means is a partition based clustering algorithm that minimizes the within cluster variance.

Steps: Applied K Means with varying numbers of clusters and evaluated using the Elbow Method and Silhouette Scores.

Results: The Silhouette Score was low, indicating that the clusters were not well separated. Visual inspection showed overlapping clusters, suggesting that Kmeans struggled to capture the complex structure of the dataset.

DBSCAN (DensityBased Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise)

Description: DBSCAN is a density based clustering algorithm that identifies clusters based on the density of data points and can handle noise.

Steps: Applied DBSCAN with different values for 'eps' and 'min\_samples'.

Results: All points were labeled as noise, indicating that DBSCAN failed to identify any meaningful clusters. Adjusting the parameters did not significantly improve the results, suggesting that the dataset does not have well defined dense regions suitable for DBSCAN.

## Gaussian Mixture Models (GMM)

Description: GMM is a probabilistic model that assumes the data is generated from a mixture of several Gaussian distributions.

Steps: Applied GMM with varying numbers of components and used BIC to determine the optimal number. Visualized results using tSNE.

Results: GMM identified two main clusters with some overlap. The Silhouette Score was moderate, indicating that the clusters were somewhat distinct but not perfectly separated.

## Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering

Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering builds clusters by iteratively merging or splitting clusters based on a specific criterion (linkage method). We applied this method using different linkage criteria: 'ward', 'complete', 'average', and 'single'.

#### Ward Linkage

Description: Ward linkage minimizes the variance of the clusters being merged.

Steps: Applied Agglomerative Clustering with Ward linkage, visualized results using tSNE, and calculated the Silhouette Score.

Results: The Silhouette Score for Ward linkage was 0.3174. Visual inspection showed more compact and well separated clusters compared to other methods.

#### Complete Linkage

Description: Complete linkage merges clusters based on the maximum distance between points in the clusters.

Steps: Applied Agglomerative Clustering with Complete linkage, visualized results using tSNE, and calculated the Silhouette Score.

Results: The Silhouette Score for Complete linkage was 0.3385. The clusters were fairly well separated but not as compact as with Ward linkage.

#### Average Linkage

Description: Average linkage uses the average distance between all pairs of points in the clusters to determine the merge.

Steps: Applied Agglomerative Clustering with Average linkage, visualized results using tSNE, and calculated the Silhouette Score.

Results: The Silhouette Score for Average linkage was the highest at 0.3447. The clusters were more spread out and less distinct, with significant overlap.

### Single Linkage

Description: Single linkage merges clusters based on the minimum distance between points. Steps: Applied Agglomerative Clustering with Single linkage, visualized results using tSNE, and calculated the Silhouette Score.

Results: The Silhouette Score for Single linkage was the lowest at 0.1104. The clusters were less distinct, with many points forming elongated shapes or being considered noise.

## Detailed Analysis of Ward Linkage

Ward linkage provided a good balance between compactness and separation of clusters. It yielded a moderate Silhouette Score of 0.3174 and produced visually distinct clusters when plotted using tSNE.

#### Visual Analysis:

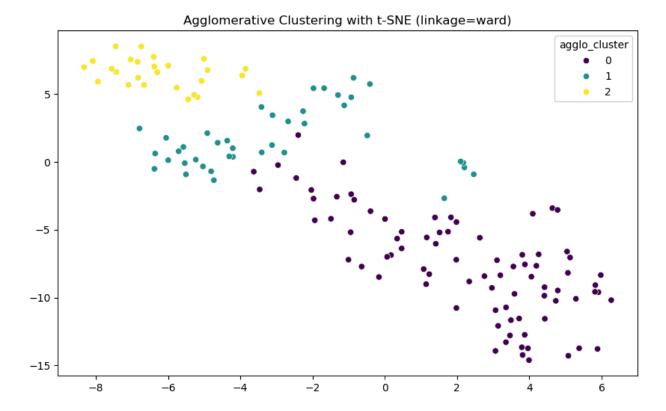
Three Distinct Clusters: The plot showed three main clusters, with one cluster (yellow) slightly overlapping with the others. The clusters were more compact compared to other linkage methods.

Better Separation: Ward linkage managed to separate the data points better than the other methods, indicating that it captured the underlying structure of the dataset more effectively.

#### Conclusion

Advantages: Ward linkage is effective in creating compact and spherical clusters, which makes it suitable for datasets where clusters have roughly equal variance.

Limitations: Despite better performance, there was still some overlap between clusters, suggesting that the dataset's complexity requires further refinement or alternative methods to achieve clearer separation.



## Conclusion and Next Steps

## Summary of Findings

K Means: Struggled with the dataset's complexity, resulting in low Silhouette Scores and overlapping clusters.

DBSCAN: Failed to identify meaningful clusters, with all points labeled as noise.

GMM: Identified two main clusters but with moderate overlap, achieving a moderate Silhouette Score.

Agglomerative Clustering: Average linkage performed the best with the highest Silhouette Score, followed by Complete and Ward linkages. Single linkage had the poorest performance.

## **Future Directions**

- Refining Feature Engineering:
   Identify additional features or transformations to better capture the data's structure.
   Explore dimensionality reduction techniques like PCA or tSNE with different parameters.
- 2. Advanced Clustering Algorithms:

Explore other clustering algorithms such as HDBSCAN or OPTICS that can handle varying densities and cluster shapes more effectively.

Revisit spectral clustering with different affinity matrices.

#### 3. Ensemble Clustering:

Combine results from multiple clustering methods to create a more robust clustering solution.

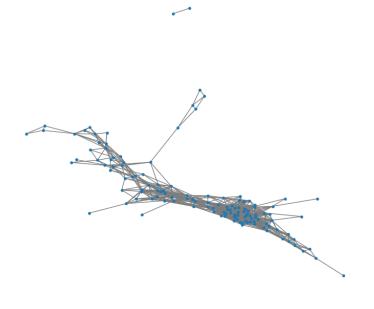
#### 4. Hyperparameter Tuning:

Perform further hyperparameter tuning for the clustering algorithms to optimize their performance.

By continuing to refine and explore different methods, we can achieve better clustering performance and gain more meaningful insights into the galactic structures in the COMBO17 dataset.

# Analysis of the Galaxy Network Graph with Filtered Edges







## **Graph Structure:**

The graph is sparse, with few edges. The graph shows a main connected component, along with smaller, isolated components.

## **Connected Components:**

The main connected component includes the majority of the galaxies, indicating that these galaxies are more closely related to each other based on the selected features. The isolated components and outliers suggest galaxies that are significantly different from the main group or have fewer connections.

## Clusters and Substructures:

Within the main connected component, there are visible substructures or clusters. These substructures can represent groups of galaxies with similar characteristics. The presence of subclusters indicates that even within the closely connected galaxies, there are further groupings based on specific attributes.

## Node and Edge Distribution:

The nodes (galaxies) are distributed unevenly, with some regions being denser than others. This density can indicate regions with higher similarity. The edges (connections) are fewer but more meaningful, representing the most significant relationships.

## **Centrality Measures Analysis**

### 1. Degree Centrality:

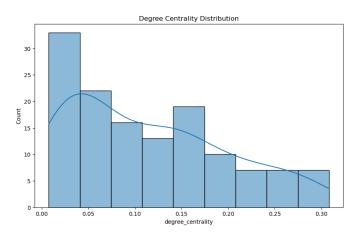
Degree centrality measures the number of connections a node has. Higher degree centrality indicates galaxies that are more connected to others.

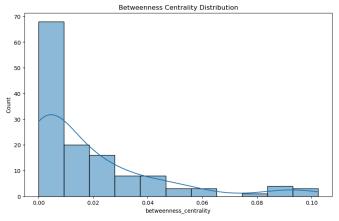
#### 2. Betweenness Centrality:

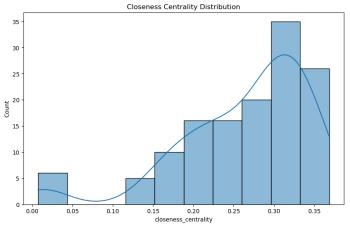
Betweenness centrality measures how often a node appears on the shortest paths between other nodes. Higher betweenness indicates a node that acts as a bridge between different parts of the graph.

#### 3. Closeness Centrality:

Closeness centrality measures how close a node is to all other nodes in the graph. Higher closeness centrality indicates that a galaxy can reach other galaxies more quickly.







#### Insights

#### 1. Main Connected Component:

The main connected component indicates a significant group of galaxies that are closely related. This can be a focus for further analysis to understand the common characteristics of these galaxies.

#### 2. Isolated Components:

The isolated components highlight galaxies that are different from the main group. These could be interesting cases for studying unique or rare types of galaxies.

#### 3. Graph Sparsity:

The sparsity of the graph helps in focusing on the most significant relationships, making it easier to identify patterns and structures.

## Analysis of Temporal Evolution of Galaxy Properties

The series of plots generated show the temporal evolution of various galaxy properties within different clusters, using redshift as a proxy for time. The properties analyzed include 'log\_mumax', 'log\_Mcz', 'Rmag\_to\_mumax', and 'Mcz\_diff'. Each plot provides insights into how these properties change over time within the identified clusters.

## **General Insights**

Temporal Variability: The properties of galaxies in both clusters show significant variability over time, reflecting the dynamic nature of galaxy evolution.

Cluster Differences: The patterns of evolution differ between the clusters, suggesting that they may represent different types of galaxies or different evolutionary paths.

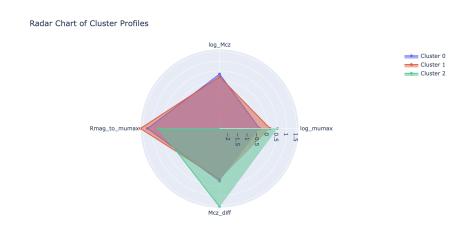
Redshift Trends: The increasing trends in properties like `log\_Mcz` and `Mcz\_diff` with redshift align with the understanding of cosmic expansion and increasing observational uncertainties at higher redshifts.

## Analysis of Radar Chart for Cluster Profiles

The radar chart visualizes the average values of selected properties ('log\_mumax', 'log\_Mcz', 'Rmag\_to\_mumax', and 'Mcz\_diff') for each cluster, providing insights into the characteristics and differences between the clusters.

## Properties Analyzed:

- 1. `log\_mumax`: The logarithm of the maximum surface brightness of the galaxy.
- 2. `log\_Mcz`: The logarithm of the redshift corrected distance.
- 3. 'Rmag to mumax': The ratio of the total red magnitude to the central surface brightness.
- 4. `Mcz\_diff`: The difference in redshift estimates.



## Cluster Analysis:

#### Cluster 0

`log\_mumax`: Has the highest average value among the clusters, indicating that galaxies in Cluster 0 generally have higher central surface brightness.

`log\_Mcz`: Shows a moderate value, suggesting that these galaxies are at a moderate redshift distance.

`Rmag\_to\_mumax`: Exhibits a lower value, indicating smaller ratios of total red magnitude to central surface brightness.

`Mcz diff`: Has a low value, suggesting less variability in redshift estimates.

#### Cluster 1

`log\_mumax`: Displays intermediate values, indicating moderate central surface brightness.

`log\_Mcz`: Similar to Cluster 0, but slightly higher, suggesting these galaxies are observed at somewhat larger distances.

`Rmag\_to\_mumax`: Shows the highest value, indicating larger ratios of total red magnitude to central surface brightness.

`Mcz\_diff`: Also exhibits low values, similar to Cluster 0.

#### Cluster 2

`log\_mumax`: Has the lowest average value, indicating lower central surface brightness in these galaxies.

`log\_Mcz`: Exhibits the highest value among the clusters, suggesting these galaxies are at the greatest redshift distances.

`Rmag\_to\_mumax`: Shows moderate values, indicating intermediate ratios of total red magnitude to central surface brightness.

'Mcz diff': Displays the highest value, indicating higher variability in redshift estimates.

## Insights

Central Surface Brightness (`log\_mumax`): Cluster 0 has the highest central surface brightness, while Cluster 2 has the lowest.

Redshift Distance (`log\_Mcz`): Galaxies in Cluster 2 are at the greatest redshift distances, indicating they are the farthest.

Magnitude Ratio (`Rmag\_to\_mumax`): Cluster 1 has the highest ratios, which might suggest larger, more extended galaxies compared to other clusters.

Redshift Variability (`Mcz\_diff`): Cluster 2 shows the greatest variability in redshift estimates, possibly indicating more diverse or complex structures.

The radar chart effectively highlights the distinctive characteristics of each cluster, providing a visual summary of how the selected properties vary between the clusters. This can help in understanding the underlying differences in galaxy types and their evolutionary paths.

## **Dendrogram for Hierarchical Clustering**

#### Overview

A dendrogram is a treelike diagram that visualizes the arrangement of the clusters produced by hierarchical clustering. The dendrogram presented here shows the hierarchical clustering of a

subset of the dataset, illustrating how individual data points are merged into clusters based on their similarities.

## Key Elements of the Dendrogram

#### 1. Leaves (Terminal Nodes):

Each leaf represents an individual data point from the dataset. In this dendrogram, leaves are the points at the bottom, each labeled with a sample index.

#### 2. Branches:

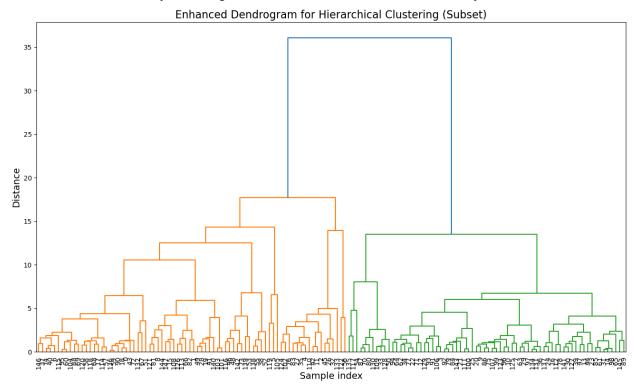
Branches represent clusters formed by merging data points or smaller clusters. The hierarchical structure is built from the leaves (individual samples) upwards to the root (entire dataset).

#### 3. Height (Yaxis):

The y axis indicates the distance or dissimilarity at which clusters are merged. Higher branches indicate greater dissimilarity between the clusters being combined.

#### 4. Clusters:

Clusters can be identified by cutting the dendrogram at a specific height. The number of clusters is determined by counting the number of branches intersected by this cut line.



## Interpretation of the Dendrogram

#### 1. Hierarchical Relationships:

The dendrogram displays the hierarchical relationships between data points, showing how they group together at various levels of similarity. This nested structure allows us to see subclusters within larger clusters, providing a detailed view of the data's internal structure.

#### 2. Cluster Similarity:

The height at which branches merge provides information about cluster similarity. Clusters that merge at lower heights are more similar than those that merge at higher heights.

#### 3. Optimal Number of Clusters:

To determine the optimal number of clusters, you can look for a large jump in the height of merges, indicating a significant increase in dissimilarity. In this dendrogram, the major split occurs at a height of approximately 35, suggesting a natural division into two main clusters. Further analysis at lower heights can reveal more granular clusters.

#### 4. Substructure within Clusters:

The dendrogram shows detailed substructure within the main clusters. For instance, within the two primary clusters, several subclusters are visible, indicating smaller groups of more closely related data points.

## Conclusion

The dendrogram effectively illustrates the hierarchical clustering of the dataset subset, revealing the nested structure of clusters. By examining the height at which branches merge, we can identify the most similar groupings and determine the optimal number of clusters. This visualization is a powerful tool for understanding the relationships within the data, providing insights into its internal structure and guiding further analysis.

This enhanced dendrogram serves as a crucial component in the hierarchical clustering analysis, offering a clear and detailed visualization of the clustering process. It enables the identification of meaningful clusters and subclusters, facilitating a deeper understanding of the data's underlying patterns and relationships.

## Future Steps and Further Research

#### 1. Advanced Feature Engineering

NonLinear Features: Investigate the creation of nonlinear features using techniques like polynomial feature generation, kernel methods, or interaction terms.

DomainSpecific Features: Collaborate with domain experts to derive features that capture astrophysical properties relevant to galaxy classification, such as morphological parameters or environmental factors.

Deep Learning Embeddings: Utilize deep learning models to extract features from raw data, such as images of galaxies, and incorporate these embeddings into the clustering analysis.

#### 2. Integration of Additional Data Sources

Multimodal Data: Combine the COMBO17 dataset with other astronomical datasets (e.g., Sloan Digital Sky Survey) to enrich the feature space and improve clustering performance.

Temporal Data: Incorporate time series data to study the evolution of galaxies and their clustering behavior over time.

#### 3. Enhanced Clustering Techniques

Ensemble Clustering: Explore ensemble methods that combine multiple clustering algorithms to achieve more robust and stable clustering results.

Deep Clustering: Investigate the application of deep learning based clustering techniques, such as autoencoder based clustering or deep embedded clustering.

Adaptive Clustering: Develop adaptive clustering algorithms that can dynamically adjust the number of clusters based on the data's structure.

#### 4. Validation and Evaluation

CrossValidation: Implement cross validation techniques to assess the stability and reliability of clustering results.

#### 5. Interpretability and Explainability

Visualization Techniques: Develop advanced visualization techniques, such as interactive visualizations or dimensionality reduction methods (e.g., tSNE, UMAP), to make the clustering results more interpretable.

#### 6. Graph Theory and Network Analysis

Community Detection: Apply advanced community detection algorithms to the galaxy network to identify densely connected subgraphs and study their properties.

Centrality Measures: Investigate additional centrality measures (e.g., eigenvector centrality, PageRank) to identify key galaxies or influential clusters within the network.

Network Dynamics: Study the dynamics of the galaxy network over time, analyzing how the structure and properties of the network evolve.

## **Final Conclusion**

This project on clustering galactic structures using multiple algorithms and link analysis has laid a strong foundation for understanding the complex relationships and patterns within astronomical data. The future steps and further research directions outlined above aim to build upon this foundation, exploring advanced techniques, integrating additional data sources, and enhancing the interpretability and applicability of the clustering results. By pursuing these directions, we can gain deeper insights into the nature of galaxies, improve the robustness of clustering methodologies, and contribute to the broader scientific and data science communities.

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## **Appendix**

#### Original Feature Names:

- Nr: Object number
- Rmag: Total R (red band) magnitude
- e.Rmag: Error in Rmag
- ApDRmag: Difference between total and aperture magnitude in the R band
- mumax: Central surface brightness in the R band
- Mcz: Preferred redshift estimate
- e.Mcz: Error in Mcz
- MCzml: Alternative redshift estimate
- chi2red: Reduced chisquared value of the leastsquares fit
- UjMAG: Absolute magnitude in Uj band
- e.UjMAG: Error in UjMAG
- BjMAG: Absolute magnitude in Bj band
- e.BjMAG: Error in BjMAG
- VjMAG: Absolute magnitude in Vj band
- e.VjMAG: Error in VjMAG
- usMAG: Absolute magnitude in us band
- e.usMAG: Error in usMAG
- gsMAG: Absolute magnitude in gs band
- e.gsMAG: Error in gsMAG
- rsMAG: Absolute magnitude in rs band
- e.rsMAG: Error in rsMAG
- UbMAG: Absolute magnitude in Ub band
- e.UbMAG: Error in UbMAG
- BbMAG: Absolute magnitude in Bb band
- e.BbMAG: Error in BbMAG
- VnMAG: Absolute magnitude in Vn band
- e.VbMAG: Error in VbMAG
- S280MAG: Absolute magnitude in S280 band
- e.S280MA: Error in S280MAG

- UFS, e.UFS: Observed brightness and its error in UFS band
- BFS, e.BFS: Observed brightness and its error in BFS band
- VFD, e.VFD: Observed brightness and its error in VFD band
- RFS, e.RFS: Observed brightness and its error in RFS band
- IFD, e.IFD: Observed brightness and its error in IFD band

#### Newly Engineered Feature Names:

- color\_Uj\_Bj: Difference between UjMAG and BjMAG
- color Bj Vj: Difference between BjMAG and VjMAG
- color Vj rs: Difference between VjMAG and rsMAG
- color us gs: Difference between usMAG and gsMAG
- color gs rs: Difference between gsMAG and rsMAG
- color\_rs\_Ub: Difference between rsMAG and UbMAG
- brightness ratio Uj Bj: Ratio of UjMAG to BjMAG
- brightness\_ratio\_Bj\_Vj: Ratio of BjMAG to VjMAG
- brightness\_ratio\_Vj\_rs: Ratio of VjMAG to rsMAG
- surface\_brightness\_ratio: Ratio of central surface brightness (mumax) to R magnitude (Rmag)
- central\_brightness\_normalized: Central surface brightness normalized by the mean value
- redshift\_brightness\_ratio: Ratio of redshift (Mcz) to R magnitude (Rmag)

## Code Repository (Python)

import pandas as pd

import numpy as np

from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer

from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

from sklearn.decomposition import PCA

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import seaborn as sns

from sklearn.cluster import KMeans, SpectralClustering, AgglomerativeClustering

from sklearn.metrics import silhouette score

from sklearn.manifold import TSNE

from sklearn.cluster import DBSCAN

from sklearn.metrics import pairwise distances

from sklearn.mixture import GaussianMixture

```
file path = '/Users/cameronsouza/Desktop/COMBO17.csv'
data = pd.read_csv(file_path)
#Basic info on df
print(data.info())
#summary
print(data.describe())
#Check missing values
missing values = data.isnull().sum()
print("\nMissing Values:")
print(missing values[missing values > 0])
data numeric = data.apply(pd.to numeric, errors='coerce')
#missing values
imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='mean')
data_imputed = pd.DataFrame(imputer.fit_transform(data_numeric), columns=data.columns)
#Outlier Treatment
def remove_outliers_iqr(df, columns):
  for column in columns:
    Q1 = df[column].quantile(0.25)
    Q3 = df[column].quantile(0.75)
    IQR = Q3 - Q1
    lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
    upper bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR
    df = df[(df[column] >= lower_bound) & (df[column] <= upper_bound)]</pre>
  return df
numerical columns = data imputed.select dtypes(include=[np.number]).columns
data_no_outliers = remove_outliers_iqr(data_imputed, numerical_columns)
#Normalize
scaler = StandardScaler()
data_normalized = data_no_outliers.copy()
data normalized[numerical columns] =
scaler.fit_transform(data_no_outliers[numerical_columns])
#EDA
#Correlation matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 10))
correlation matrix = data normalized.corr()
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sns.heatmap(correlation matrix, annot=False, cmap='coolwarm')
plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
plt.show()
#Distribution plots
selected features = ['Rmag', 'Mcz', 'mumax', 'UjMAG']
for feature in selected features:
  plt.figure()
  sns.histplot(data normalized[feature], kde=True)
  plt.title(f'Distribution of {feature}')
  plt.show()
#Dimensionality Reduction
pca = PCA(n_components=2)
pca components = pca.fit transform(data normalized[numerical columns])
#PCA results
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
plt.scatter(pca_components[:, 0], pca_components[:, 1], alpha=0.5)
plt.xlabel('PCA Component 1')
plt.ylabel('PCA Component 2')
plt.title('PCA of Galactic Data')
plt.show()
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11 BiMAG 424 non-null float64
12 e.BjMAG 424 non-null float64
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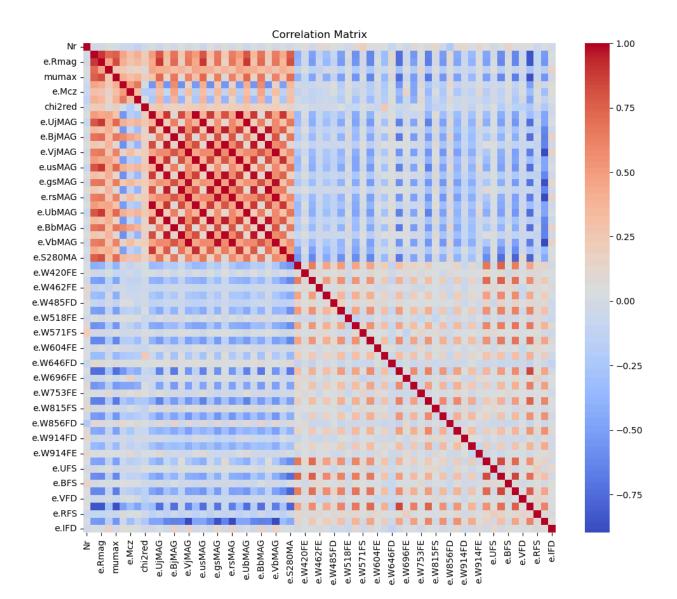
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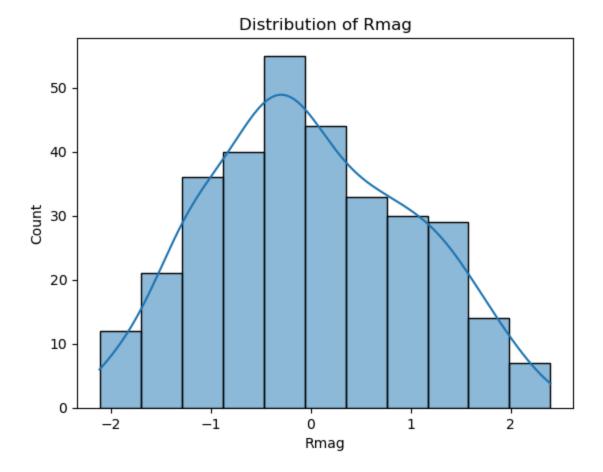
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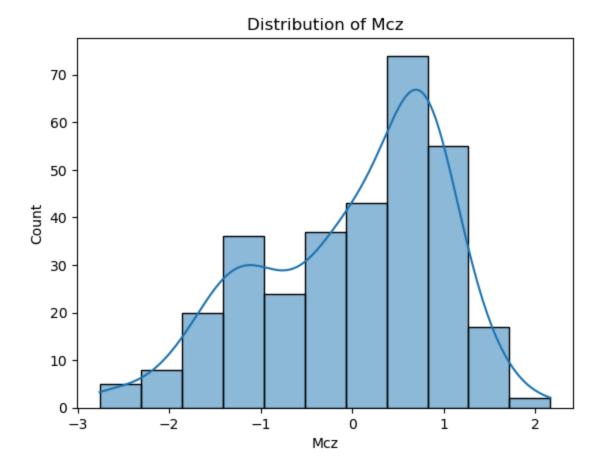
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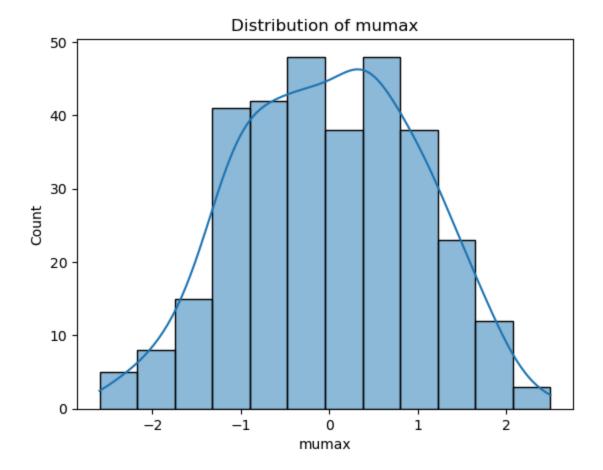
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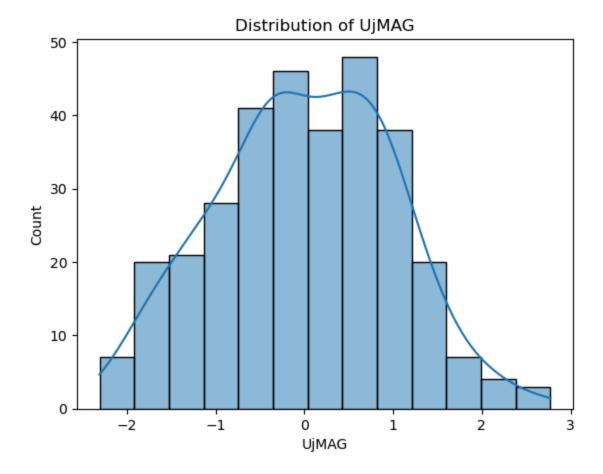
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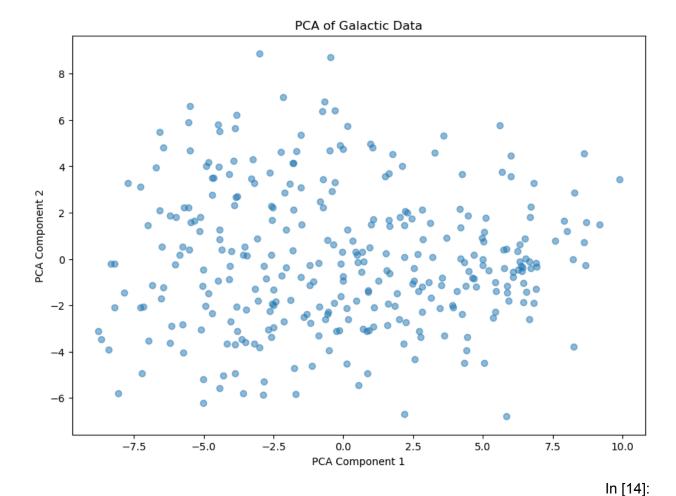












#### # Feature Selection

data = pd.read csv(file path)

features\_to\_drop = ['Nr']
data\_features = data\_normalized.drop(columns=features\_to\_drop)

#### # Create new features

data\_features['color\_Uj\_Bj'] = data\_features['UjMAG'] - data\_features['BjMAG'] data\_features['color\_Bj\_Vj'] = data\_features['BjMAG'] - data\_features['VjMAG'] data\_features['color\_Vj\_rs'] = data\_features['VjMAG'] - data\_features['rsMAG'] data\_features['color\_us\_gs'] = data\_features['usMAG'] - data\_features['gsMAG'] data\_features['color\_gs\_rs'] = data\_features['gsMAG'] - data\_features['rsMAG'] data\_features['color\_rs\_Ub'] = data\_features['rsMAG'] - data\_features['UbMAG']

#### #Brightness ratios

data\_features['brightness\_ratio\_Uj\_Bj'] = data\_features['UjMAG'] / (data\_features['BjMAG'] + 1e-10)

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data features['brightness ratio Bj Vj'] = data features['BjMAG'] / (data features['VjMAG'] +
1e-10)
data features['brightness ratio Vi rs'] = data features['VjMAG'] / (data features['rsMAG'] +
1e-10)
#Surface brightness to magnitude ratio
data features['surface brightness ratio'] = data features['mumax'] / (data features['Rmag'] +
1e-10)
#Central surface brightness normalized
data features['central brightness normalized'] = data features['mumax'] /
(data_features['mumax'].mean() + 1e-10)
#Redshift-normalized brightness
data features['redshift brightness ratio'] = data features['Mcz'] / (data features['Rmag'] +
1e-10)
#Visualize the new features
new_features = [
  'color Uj Bj', 'color Bj Vj', 'color Vj rs', 'color us gs', 'color gs rs', 'color rs Ub',
  'brightness ratio Uj Bj', 'brightness ratio Bj Vj', 'brightness ratio Vj rs',
  'surface_brightness_ratio', 'central_brightness_normalized', 'redshift_brightness_ratio'
]
for feature in new features:
  plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
  sns.histplot(data features[feature], kde=True)
  plt.title(f'Distribution of {feature}')
  plt.xlabel(feature)
  plt.ylabel('Frequency')
  plt.show()
#Visualize relationships
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x='color_Uj_Bj', y='color_Bj_Vj', data=data_features)
plt.title('Scatter plot between color_Uj_Bj and color_Bj_Vj')
plt.xlabel('color_Uj_Bj')
plt.ylabel('color Bj Vj')
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x='brightness_ratio_Uj_Bj', y='brightness_ratio_Bj_Vj', data=data_features)
plt.title('Scatter plot between brightness ratio Uj Bj and brightness ratio Bj Vj')
plt.xlabel('brightness_ratio_Uj_Bj')
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plt.ylabel('brightness_ratio_Bj_Vj')
plt.show()

#PCA

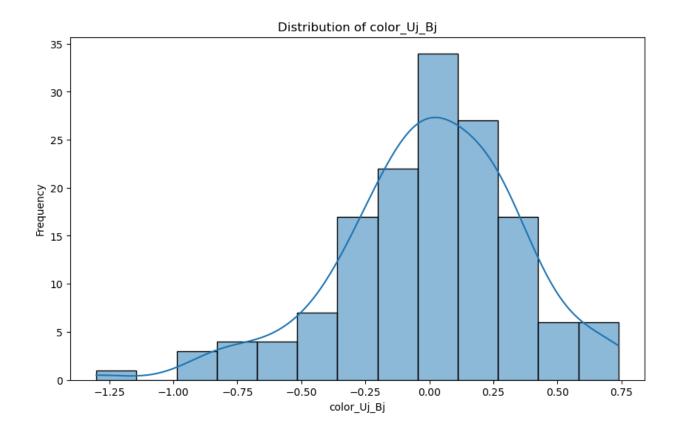
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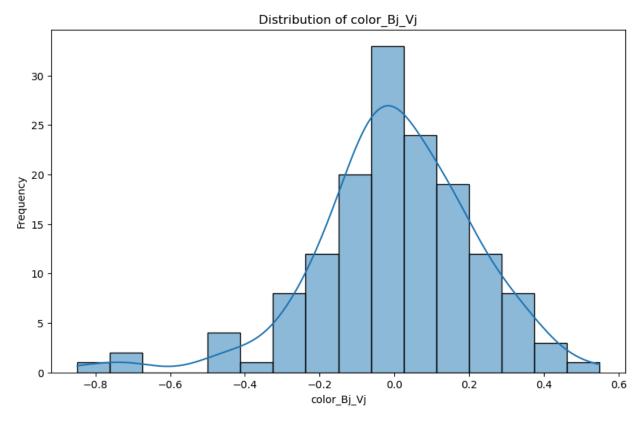
pca_components = pca.fit_transform(data_features)

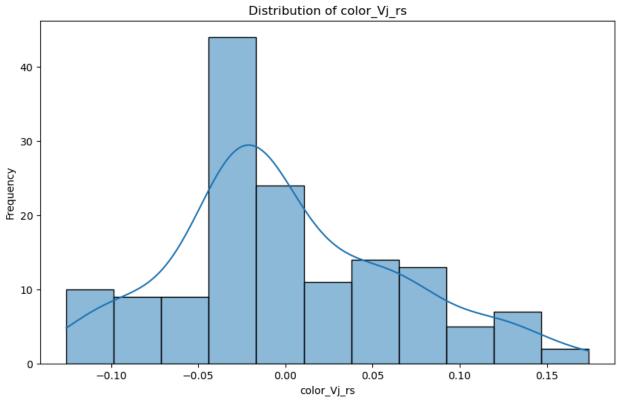
pca_df = pd.DataFrame(pca_components, columns=[f'PCA_{i+1}' for i in range(pca.n_components_)])

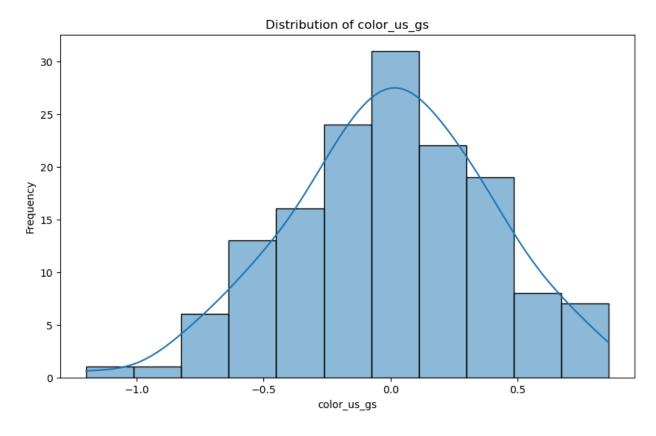
data_final = pd.concat([data_normalized.reset_index(drop=True), pca_df.reset_index(drop=True)], axis=1)
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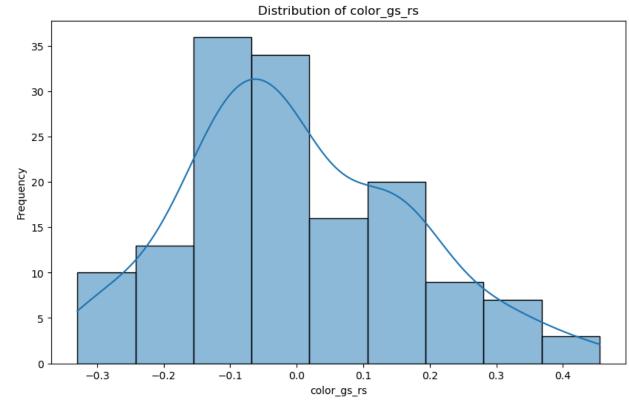
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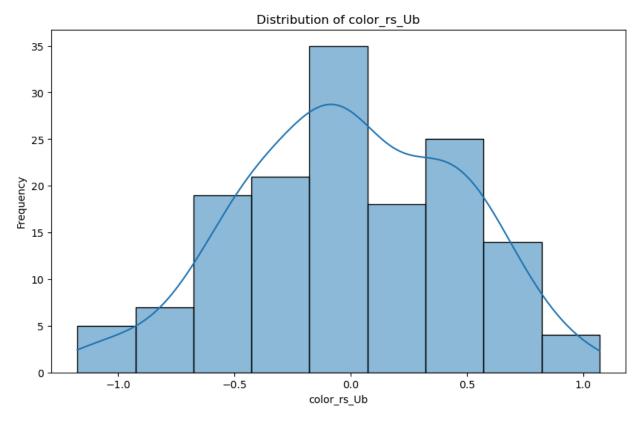


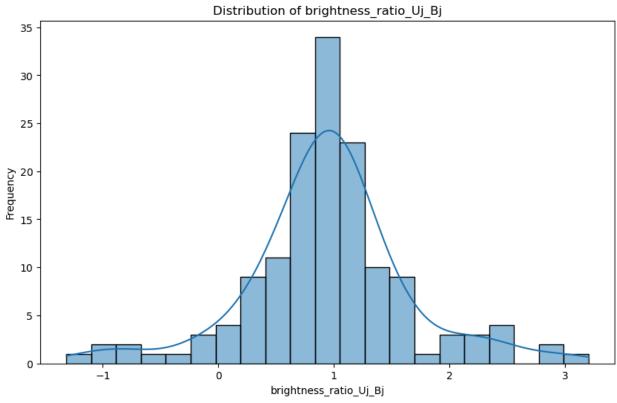


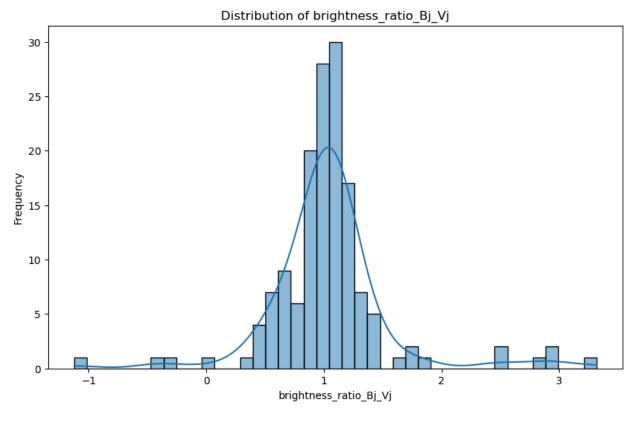


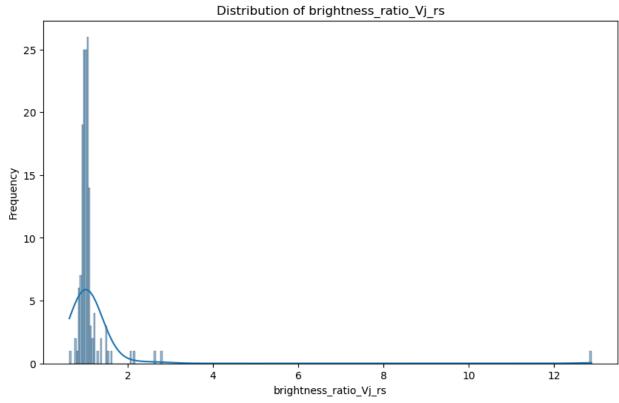


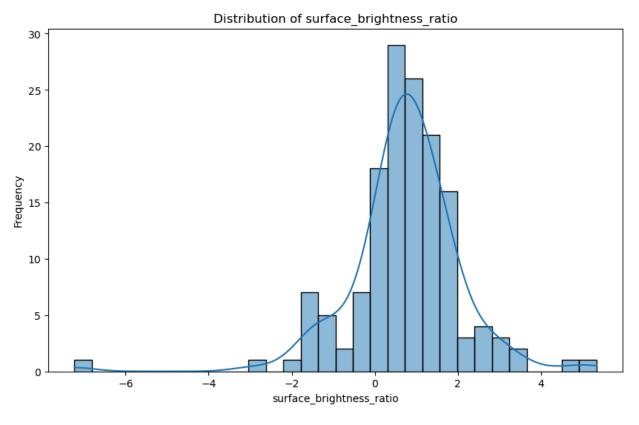


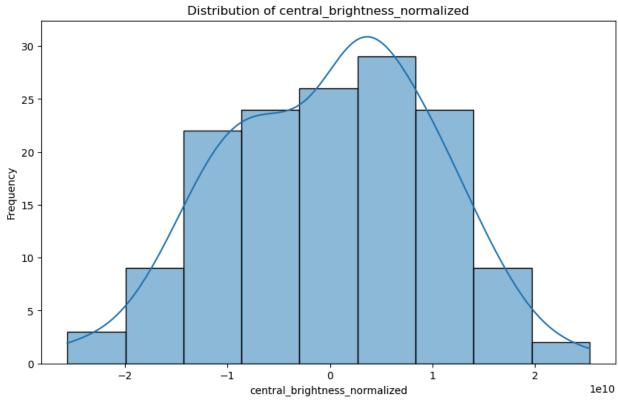


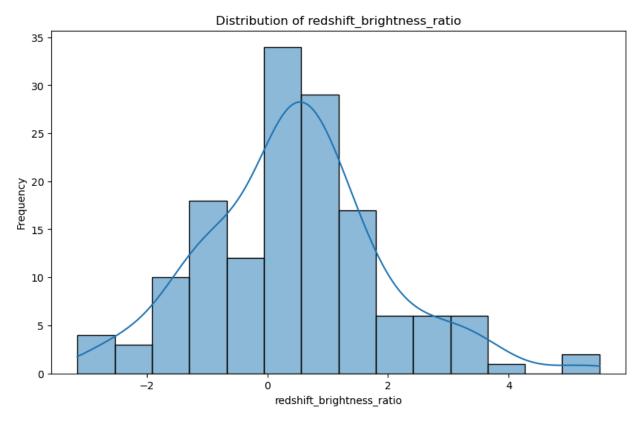


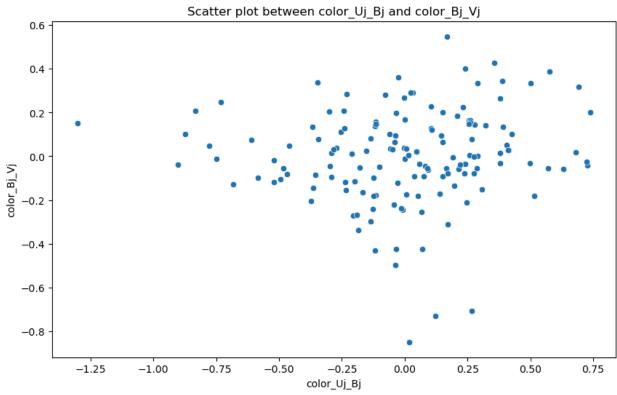


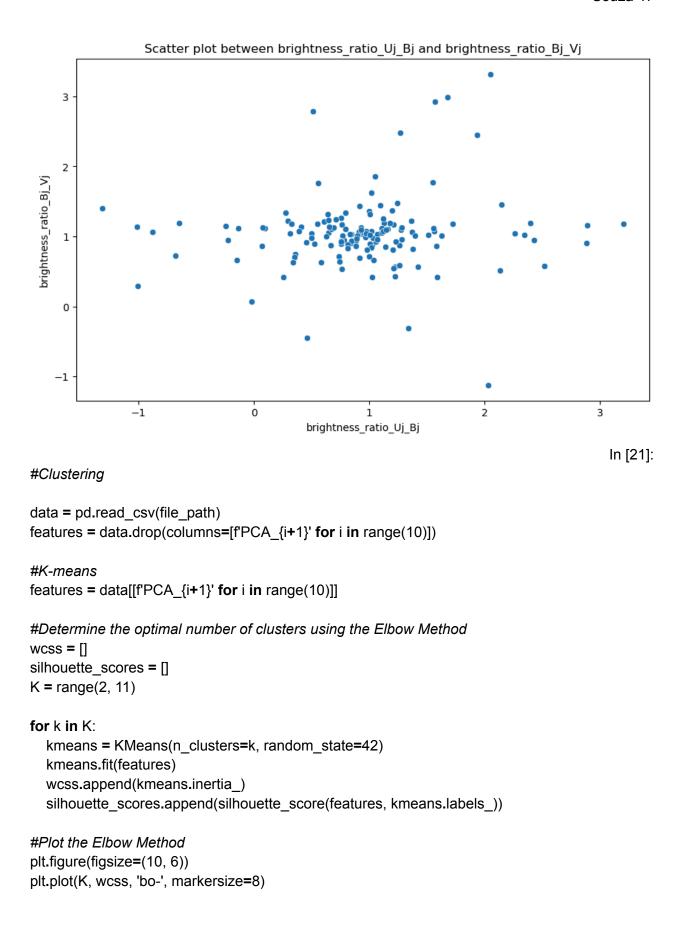




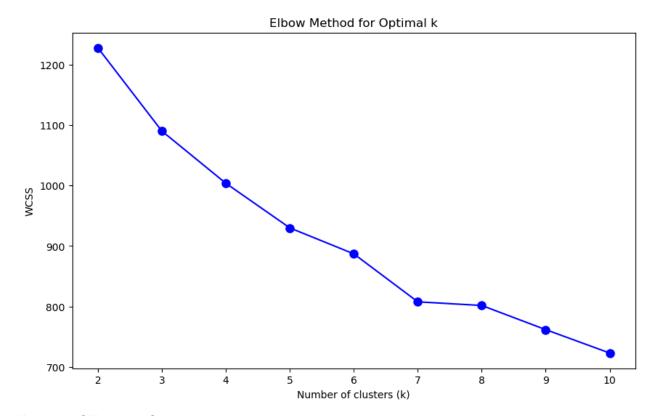




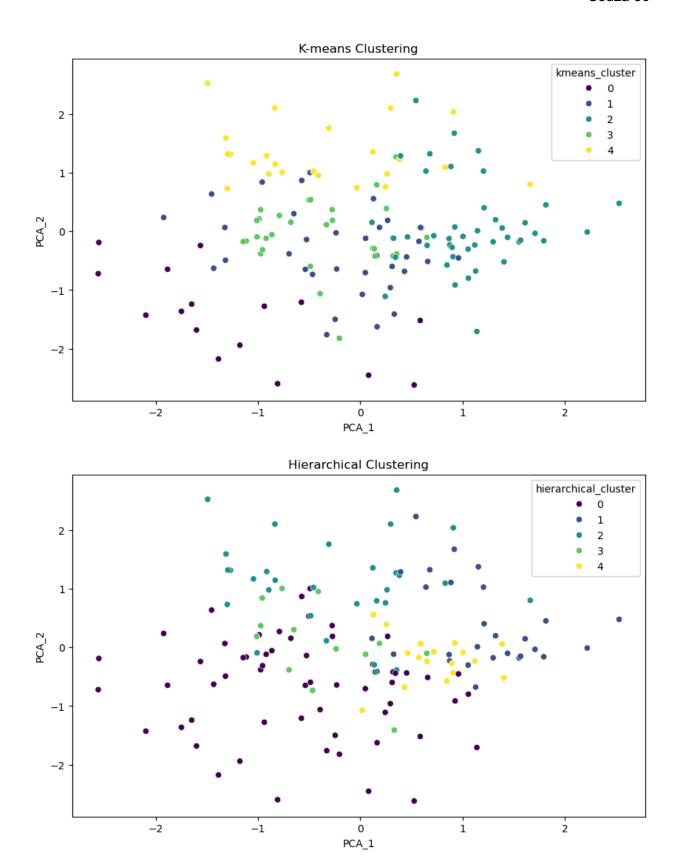


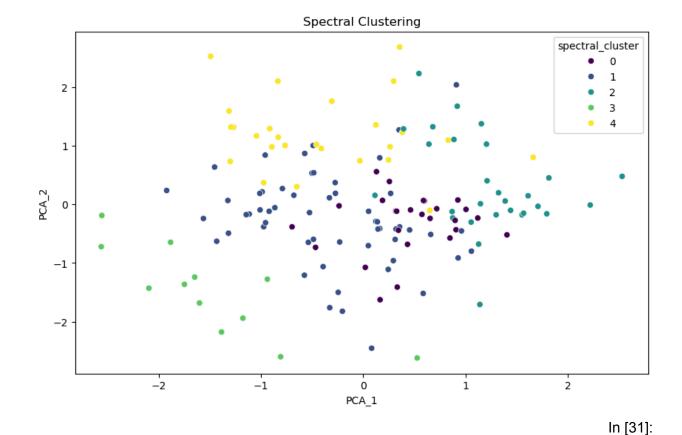


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plt.xlabel('Number of clusters (k)')
plt.ylabel('WCSS')
plt.title('Elbow Method for Optimal k')
plt.show()
kmeans = KMeans(n clusters=5, random state=42)
kmeans labels = kmeans.fit predict(features)
data['kmeans cluster'] = kmeans labels
kmeans silhouette = silhouette score(features, kmeans labels)
#Hierarchical Clustering
hierarchical = AgglomerativeClustering(n clusters=5)
hierarchical labels = hierarchical.fit predict(features)
data['hierarchical_cluster'] = hierarchical_labels
hierarchical silhouette = silhouette score(features, hierarchical labels)
#Spectral Clustering
spectral = SpectralClustering(n clusters=5, random state=42, affinity='nearest neighbors') #
Adjust the number of clusters as needed
spectral labels = spectral.fit predict(features)
data['spectral cluster'] = spectral labels
spectral_silhouette = silhouette_score(features, spectral_labels)
#silhouette scores
print(f"K-means Silhouette Score: {kmeans_silhouette}")
print(f"Hierarchical Clustering Silhouette Score: {hierarchical silhouette}")
print(f"Spectral Clustering Silhouette Score: {spectral_silhouette}")
#Visualize the clustering results
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x='PCA 1', y='PCA 2', hue='kmeans cluster', data=data, palette='viridis')
plt.title('K-means Clustering')
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x='PCA 1', y='PCA 2', hue='hierarchical cluster', data=data, palette='viridis')
plt.title('Hierarchical Clustering')
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x='PCA 1', y='PCA 2', hue='spectral cluster', data=data, palette='viridis')
plt.title('Spectral Clustering')
plt.show()
```



K-means Silhouette Score: 0.1504098540782459 Hierarchical Clustering Silhouette Score: 0.11491170716351616 Spectral Clustering Silhouette Score: 0.12978258837807546





data = pd.read\_csv(file\_path)
data\_numeric = data.apply(pd.to\_numeric, errors='coerce')
data\_numeric = data\_numeric.fillna(data\_numeric.mean())

#### # Additional Feature Engineering

data\_numeric['log\_Rmag'] = np.log1p(data\_numeric['Rmag'].replace({0: np.nan}).dropna()) data\_numeric['log\_mumax'] = np.log1p(data\_numeric['mumax'].replace({0: np.nan}).dropna()) data\_numeric['log\_Mcz'] = np.log1p(data\_numeric['Mcz'].replace({0: np.nan}).dropna()) features = data\_numeric[['log\_Rmag', 'log\_mumax', 'log\_Mcz', 'UjMAG', 'BjMAG', 'VjMAG', 'usMAG', 'gsMAG', 'rsMAG', 'UbMAG']] scaler = StandardScaler()

features\_scaled = scaler.fit\_transform(features)

features\_scaled = pd.DataFrame(features\_scaled, columns=features.columns).fillna(0)

#### #t-SNE for non-linear dimensionality reduction

tsne = TSNE(n\_components=2, random\_state=42)

tsne\_components = tsne.fit\_transform(features\_scaled)

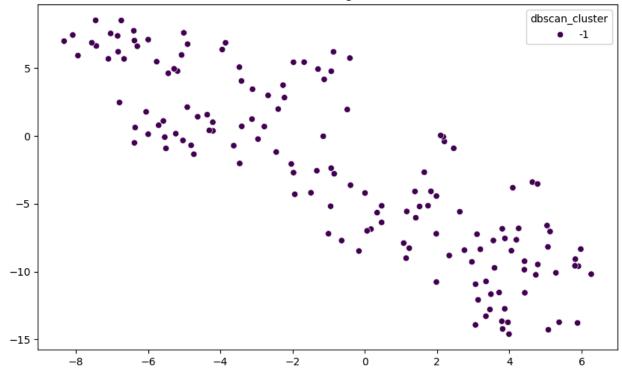
#### # Apply DBSCAN

dbscan = DBSCAN(eps=0.5, min\_samples=5) # Adjust eps and min\_samples as needed dbscan\_labels = dbscan.fit\_predict(features\_scaled)

```
# Evaluate DBSCAN
dbscan_silhouette = silhouette_score(features_scaled, dbscan_labels) if
len(set(dbscan labels)) > 1 else -1
data['dbscan cluster'] = dbscan labels
# Visualize the clustering results
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x=tsne_components[:, 0], y=tsne_components[:, 1], hue='dbscan_cluster',
data=data, palette='viridis')
plt.title('DBSCAN Clustering with t-SNE')
plt.show()
#silhouette score for DBSCAN
print(f"DBSCAN Silhouette Score: {dbscan_silhouette}")
/Users/cameronsouza/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/arraylike.py:399:
RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
 result = getattr(ufunc, method)(*inputs, **kwargs)
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RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
```

result = getattr(ufunc, method)(\*inputs, \*\*kwargs)

#### DBSCAN Clustering with t-SNE



DBSCAN Silhouette Score: -1

In [34]:

```
data = pd.read_csv(file_path)
data_numeric = data.apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')
data_numeric = data_numeric.fillna(data_numeric.mean())
```

#### # Additional Feature Engineering

data\_numeric['log\_Rmag'] = np.log1p(data\_numeric['Rmag'].replace({0: np.nan}).dropna()) data\_numeric['log\_mumax'] = np.log1p(data\_numeric['mumax'].replace({0: np.nan}).dropna()) data\_numeric['log\_Mcz'] = np.log1p(data\_numeric['Mcz'].replace({0: np.nan}).dropna()) features = data\_numeric[['log\_Rmag', 'log\_mumax', 'log\_Mcz', 'UjMAG', 'BjMAG', 'VjMAG', 'usMAG', 'gsMAG', 'rsMAG', 'UbMAG']]

#### # Normalize

scaler = StandardScaler()

features\_scaled = scaler.fit\_transform(features)

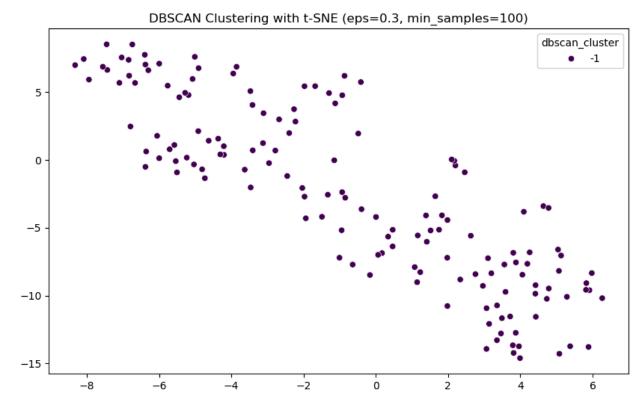
features\_scaled = pd.DataFrame(features\_scaled, columns=features.columns).fillna(0)

#### #t-SNE for non-linear dimensionality reduction

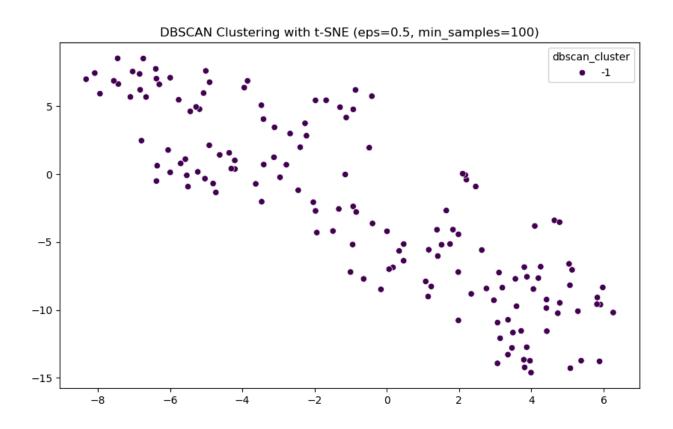
tsne = TSNE(n components=2, random state=42)

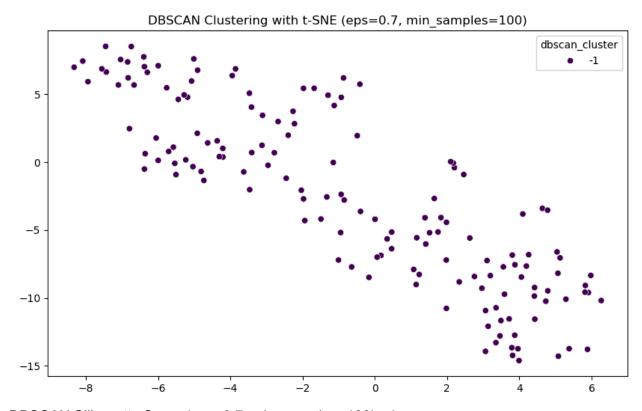
tsne components = tsne.fit transform(features scaled)

```
#run DBSCAN
def run_dbscan(eps, min_samples):
  dbscan = DBSCAN(eps=eps, min samples=min samples)
  dbscan labels = dbscan.fit predict(features scaled)
  if len(set(dbscan labels)) > 1:
    dbscan silhouette = silhouette score(features scaled, dbscan labels)
  else:
    dbscan silhouette = -1
  data['dbscan cluster'] = dbscan labels
  plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
  sns.scatterplot(x=tsne_components[:, 0], y=tsne_components[:, 1], hue='dbscan_cluster',
data=data, palette='viridis')
  plt.title(f'DBSCAN Clustering with t-SNE (eps={eps}, min_samples={min_samples})')
  plt.show()
  print(f"DBSCAN Silhouette Score (eps={eps}, min_samples={min_samples}):
{dbscan silhouette}")
#different values for eps and min_samples
run dbscan(eps=0.3, min samples=100)
run dbscan(eps=0.5, min samples=100)
run_dbscan(eps=0.7, min_samples=100)
run dbscan(eps=0.5, min samples=100)
/Users/cameronsouza/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/arraylike.py:399:
RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
 result = getattr(ufunc, method)(*inputs, **kwargs)
/Users/cameronsouza/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/arraylike.py:399:
RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
 result = getattr(ufunc, method)(*inputs, **kwargs)
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RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
 result = getattr(ufunc, method)(*inputs, **kwargs)
```



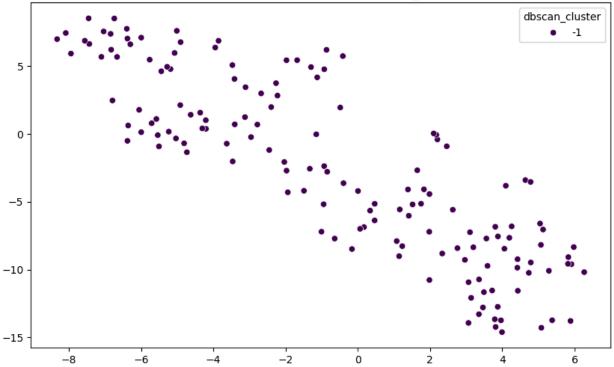
DBSCAN Silhouette Score (eps=0.3, min\_samples=100): -1





DBSCAN Silhouette Score (eps=0.7, min\_samples=100): -1





DBSCAN Silhouette Score (eps=0.5, min\_samples=100): -1

In [35]:

```
data = pd.read_csv(file_path)
data_numeric = data.apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')
data_numeric = data_numeric.fillna(data_numeric.mean())
```

#### # Additional Feature Engineering

#### #relevant features

features = data\_numeric[['log\_Rmag', 'log\_mumax', 'log\_Mcz', 'UjMAG', 'BjMAG', 'VjMAG', 'usMAG', 'gsMAG', 'rsMAG', 'UbMAG']]

#### # Normalize

scaler = StandardScaler()

features scaled = scaler.fit transform(features)

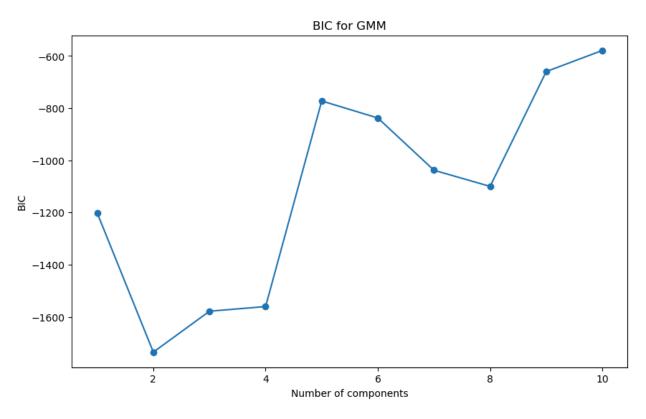
features\_scaled = pd.DataFrame(features\_scaled, columns=features.columns).fillna(0)

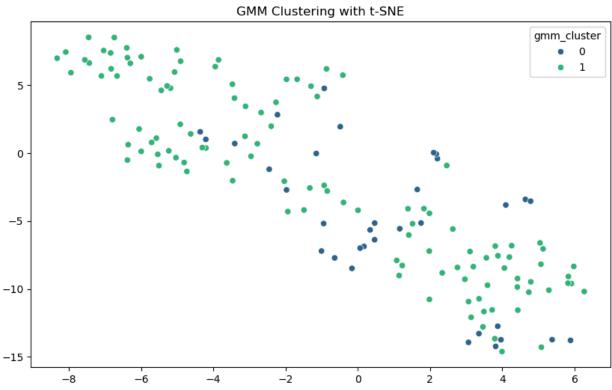
#### #t-SNE for non-linear dimensionality reduction

tsne = TSNE(n\_components=2, random\_state=42)

```
tsne components = tsne.fit transform(features scaled)
# Determine the optimal number of clusters using BIC
n components = np.arange(1, 11)
gmm models = [GaussianMixture(n, covariance type='full',
random state=42).fit(features scaled) for n in n components]
bics = [model.bic(features scaled) for model in gmm models]
#BIC values
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(n_components, bics, marker='o')
plt.xlabel('Number of components')
plt.ylabel('BIC')
plt.title('BIC for GMM')
plt.show()
# Use the optimal number of clusters
optimal n components = n components[np.argmin(bics)]
gmm = GaussianMixture(n_components=optimal_n_components, covariance_type='full',
random state=42)
gmm labels = gmm.fit predict(features scaled)
#Evaluate GMM clustering
gmm silhouette = silhouette score(features scaled, gmm labels)
data['gmm_cluster'] = gmm_labels
#Visualize the clustering results
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x=tsne_components[:, 0], y=tsne_components[:, 1], hue='gmm_cluster',
data=data, palette='viridis')
plt.title('GMM Clustering with t-SNE')
plt.show()
#silhouette score for GMM
print(f"GMM Silhouette Score: {gmm silhouette}")
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RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
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RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
```

### result = getattr(ufunc, method)(\*inputs, \*\*kwargs)

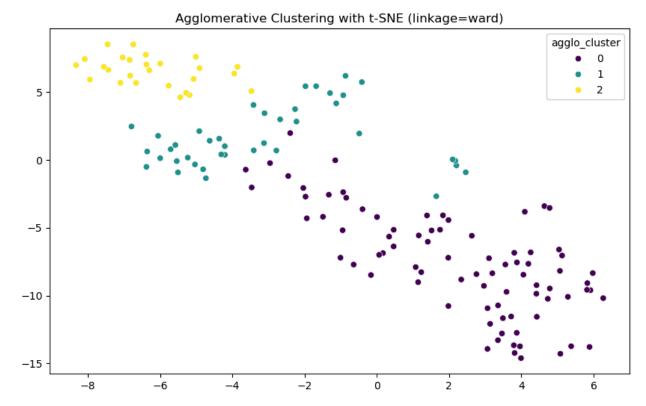


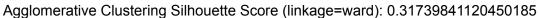


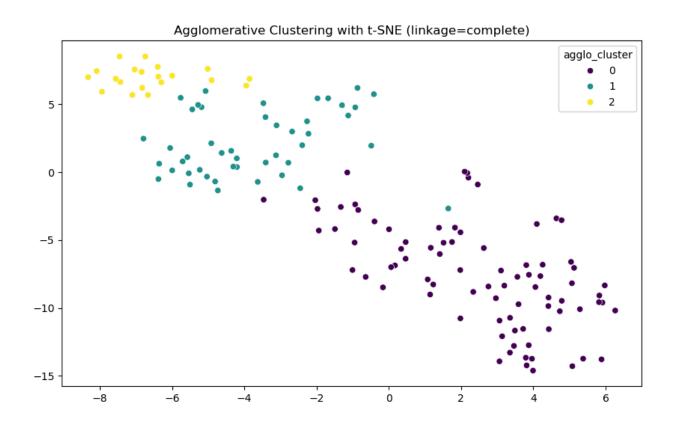
#different linkage criteria

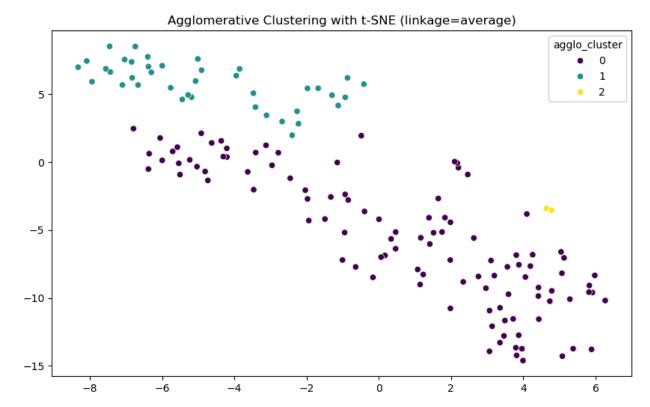
```
In [55]:
data = pd.read csv(file path)
data numeric = data.apply(pd.to numeric, errors='coerce')
data numeric = data numeric.fillna(data numeric.mean())
# Additional Feature Engineering
data numeric['log Rmag'] = np.log1p(data numeric['Rmag'].replace({0: np.nan}).dropna())
data numeric['log mumax'] = np.log1p(data numeric['mumax'].replace({0: np.nan}).dropna())
data_numeric['log_Mcz'] = np.log1p(data_numeric['Mcz'].replace({0: np.nan}).dropna())
#relevant features
features = data numeric[['log Rmag', 'log mumax', 'log Mcz', 'UjMAG', 'BjMAG', 'VjMAG',
'usMAG', 'gsMAG', 'rsMAG', 'UbMAG']]
# Normalize
scaler = StandardScaler()
features_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(features)
features scaled = pd.DataFrame(features scaled, columns=features.columns).fillna(0)
#t-SNE for non-linear dimensionality reduction
tsne = TSNE(n components=2, random state=42)
tsne_components = tsne.fit_transform(features_scaled)
#run Agglomerative Clustering
def run agglomerative clustering(linkage criteria, n clusters=3):
  agglo = AgglomerativeClustering(n clusters=n clusters, linkage=linkage criteria)
  agglo_labels = agglo.fit_predict(features_scaled)
  agglo silhouette = silhouette score(features scaled, agglo labels)
  data['agglo cluster'] = agglo labels
  plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
  sns.scatterplot(x=tsne_components[:, 0], y=tsne_components[:, 1], hue='agglo_cluster',
data=data, palette='viridis')
  plt.title(f'Agglomerative Clustering with t-SNE (linkage={linkage_criteria})')
  plt.show()
  print(f"Agglomerative Clustering Silhouette Score (linkage={linkage_criteria}):
{agglo silhouette}")
```

```
run agglomerative clustering('ward', n clusters=3)
run_agglomerative_clustering('complete', n_clusters=3)
run agglomerative clustering('average', n clusters=3)
run agglomerative clustering('single', n clusters=3)
#silhouette scores for each linkage method
def print silhouette scores(linkage criteria, n clusters=3):
  agglo = AgglomerativeClustering(n clusters=n clusters, linkage=linkage criteria)
  agglo labels = agglo.fit predict(features scaled)
  agglo silhouette = silhouette score(features scaled, agglo labels)
  print(f" (linkage={linkage criteria}): {agglo silhouette}")
print silhouette scores('ward', n clusters=3)
print_silhouette_scores('complete', n_clusters=3)
print silhouette scores('average', n clusters=3)
print_silhouette_scores('single', n_clusters=3)
/Users/cameronsouza/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/arraylike.py:399:
RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
 result = getattr(ufunc, method)(*inputs, **kwargs)
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RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
 result = getattr(ufunc, method)(*inputs, **kwargs)
```

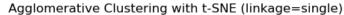


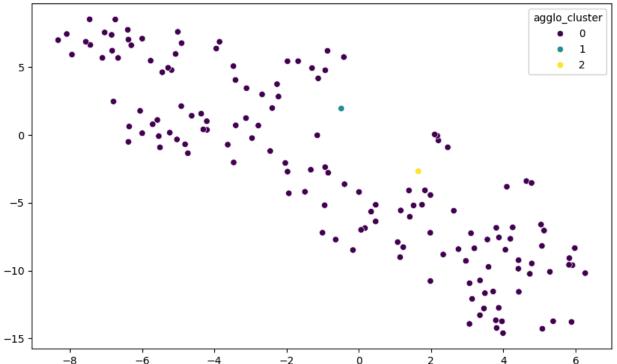






Agglomerative Clustering Silhouette Score (linkage=average): 0.34465057891510953





Agglomerative Clustering Silhouette Score (linkage=single): 0.11041841919998908

(linkage=ward): 0.31739841120450185 (linkage=complete): 0.3384611798451422 (linkage=average): 0.34465057891510953 (linkage=single): 0.11041841919998908

In [56]:

```
data = pd.read_csv(file_path)
data_numeric = data.apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')
data numeric = data numeric.fillna(data numeric.mean())
```

#### #Additional Feature Engineering

data\_numeric['log\_mumax'] = np.log1p(data\_numeric['mumax'].replace({0: np.nan}).fillna(1))
data\_numeric['log\_Mcz'] = np.log1p(data\_numeric['Mcz'].replace({0: np.nan}).fillna(1))
data\_numeric['Rmag\_to\_mumax'] = data\_numeric['Rmag'] / data\_numeric['mumax'].replace({0: np.nan}).fillna(1)
data\_numeric['Mcz\_diff'] = data\_numeric['Mcz'] - data\_numeric['log\_Mcz']

#### #relevant features

features = data\_numeric[['log\_mumax', 'log\_Mcz', 'Rmag\_to\_mumax', 'Mcz\_diff', 'UjMAG', 'BjMAG', 'VjMAG', 'usMAG', 'gsMAG', 'rsMAG', 'UbMAG']]

scaler = StandardScaler()

```
features scaled = scaler.fit transform(features)
#no NaNs
features_scaled = pd.DataFrame(features_scaled, columns=features.columns).fillna(0)
#similarity matrix using Euclidean distance
distance matrix = pairwise distances(features scaled, metric='euclidean')
#filter edges
threshold = np.percentile(distance matrix, 10) # Only keep the closest 10% edges
#distance matrix with edges below the threshold
G = nx.Graph()
for i in range(len(distance_matrix)):
  for j in range(i + 1, len(distance matrix)):
     if distance_matrix[i, j] < threshold:</pre>
       G.add_edge(i, j, weight=distance_matrix[i, j])
print("Number of nodes:", G.number_of_nodes())
print("Number of edges:", G.number_of_edges())
#Calculate centrality measures
degree centrality = nx.degree centrality(G)
betweenness centrality = nx.betweenness centrality(G)
closeness_centrality = nx.closeness_centrality(G)
#Add centrality measures
data['degree centrality'] = pd.Series(degree centrality)
data['betweenness_centrality'] = pd.Series(betweenness_centrality)
data['closeness_centrality'] = pd.Series(closeness_centrality)
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
pos = nx.spring_layout(G, seed=42) # Layout for visualization
nx.draw(G, pos, node_size=10, with_labels=False, edge_color='gray')
plt.title("Galaxy Network Graph with Filtered Edges")
plt.show()
#centrality measures
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.histplot(data['degree centrality'], kde=True)
plt.title('Degree Centrality Distribution')
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
```

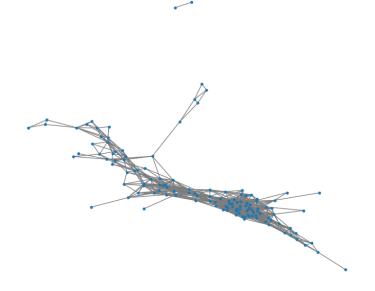
sns.histplot(data['betweenness\_centrality'], kde=True)
plt.title('Betweenness Centrality Distribution')
plt.show()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.histplot(data['closeness\_centrality'], kde=**True**)
plt.title('Closeness Centrality Distribution')
plt.show()

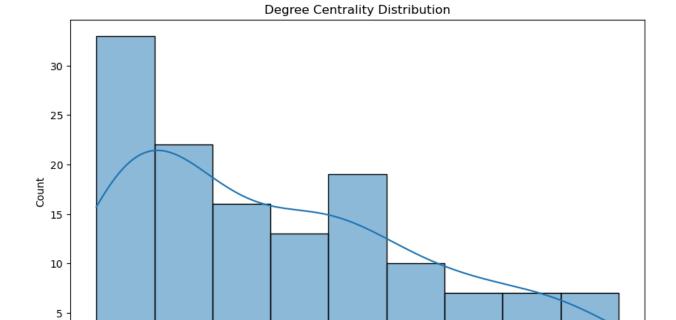
Number of nodes: 134 Number of edges: 1021

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RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
result = getattr(ufunc, method)(\*inputs, \*\*kwargs)
/Users/cameronsouza/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/arraylike.py:399:
RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log1p
result = getattr(ufunc, method)(\*inputs, \*\*kwargs)

Galaxy Network Graph with Filtered Edges







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0.20

0.25

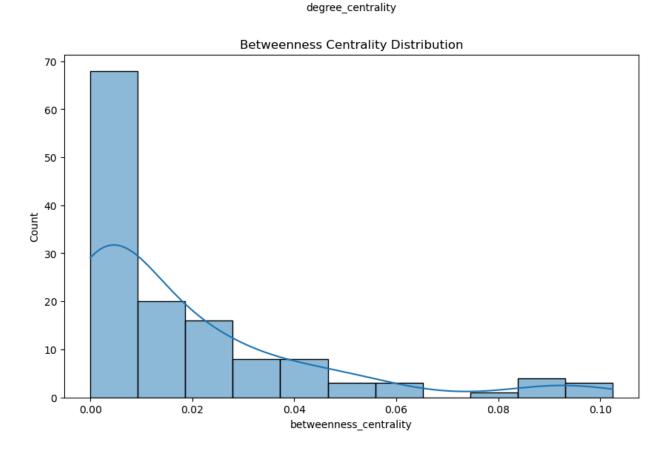
0.30

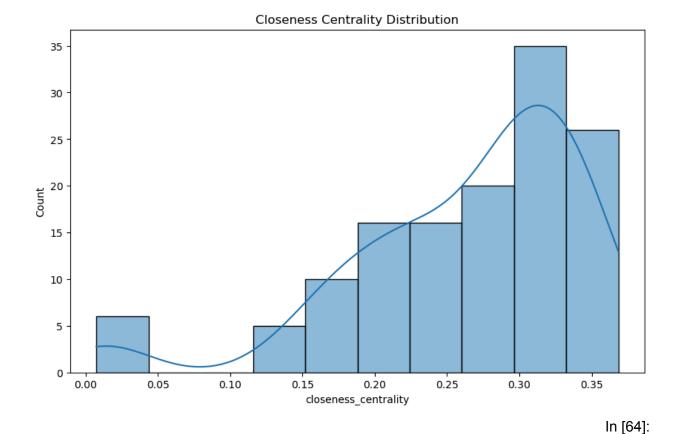
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0.05

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from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingClassifier

# Train a Gradient Boosting classifier to determine feature importance gbc = GradientBoostingClassifier(random\_state=42) gbc.fit(features\_scaled, dbscan\_labels)

#### # Get feature importances feature importances = gbc.feature importances

# Create a DataFrame for better visualization
feature\_importance\_df = pd.DataFrame({
 'feature': features.columns,
 'importance': feature\_importances
})

#### # Sort features by importance

feature\_importance\_df = feature\_importance\_df.sort\_values(by='importance', ascending=False)

# # Plot feature importances plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6)) sns.barplot(x='importance', y='feature', data=feature\_importance\_df) plt.title('Feature Importances for DBSCAN Clustering')

```
plt.show()
# Print the most important features
print("Most important features for clustering:")
print(feature importance df)
ValueError
                             Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[64], line 5
   3 # Train a Gradient Boosting classifier to determine feature importance
   4 gbc = GradientBoostingClassifier(random state=42)
----> 5 gbc.fit(features scaled, dbscan labels)
   7 # Get feature importances
   8 feature_importances = gbc.feature_importances_
File ~/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/sklearn/base.py:1474, in
_fit_context.<locals>.decorator.<locals>.wrapper(estimator, *args, **kwargs)
 1467
         estimator. validate params()
 1469 with config context(
 1470
         skip parameter validation=(
 1471
            prefer skip nested validation or global skip validation
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        )
 1473):
-> 1474
          return fit method(estimator, *args, **kwargs)
File ~/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/sklearn/ensemble/ gb.py:665, in
BaseGradientBoosting.fit(self, X, y, sample_weight, monitor)
  663 sample weight = check sample weight(sample weight, X)
  664 if sample weight is none:
--> 665
         y = self._encode_y(y=y, sample_weight=None)
  666 else:
  667
         y = self. encode y(y=y, sample weight=sample weight)
File ~/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/sklearn/ensemble/ gb.py:1520, in
GradientBoostingClassifier._encode_y(self, y, sample_weight)
         n trim classes = np.count nonzero(np.bincount(encoded y int, sample weight))
 1519 if n trim classes < 2:
-> 1520 raise ValueError(
 1521
            "y contains %d class after sample weight "
 1522
            "trimmed classes with zero weights, while a "
 1523
            "minimum of 2 classes are required." % n trim classes
 1524
 1525 return encoded y
```

ValueError: y contains 1 class after sample\_weight trimmed classes with zero weights, while a minimum of 2 classes are required.

In [66]:

from sklearn.cluster import AgglomerativeClustering

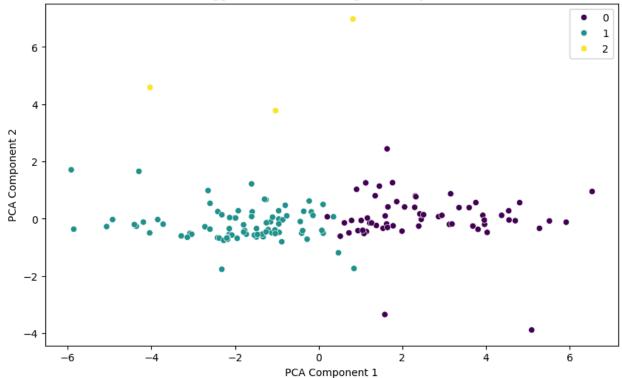
```
# Apply Agglomerative Clustering
agglo = AgglomerativeClustering(n_clusters=3)
agglo_labels = agglo.fit_predict(features_scaled)

# Apply PCA for visualization
pca = PCA(n_components=2)
pca_components = pca.fit_transform(features_scaled)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x=pca_components[:, 0], y=pca_components[:, 1], hue=agglo_labels, palette='viridis')
plt.title('Agglomerative Clustering on Galaxy Data')
plt.ylabel('PCA Component 1')
plt.ylabel('PCA Component 2')
plt.show()

# Add Agglomerative Clustering labels to the original data for further analysis
data['agglo_cluster'] = agglo_labels
```





In [67]:

from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier

plt.title('Feature Importances for Agglomerative Clustering')

```
# Train a Random Forest classifier to determine feature importance

rf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)

rf.fit(features_scaled, agglo_labels)

# Get feature importances

feature_importances = rf.feature_importances__

# Create a DataFrame for better visualization

feature_importance_df = pd.DataFrame({
    'feature': features.columns,
    'importance': feature_importances
})

# Sort features by importance

feature_importance_df = feature_importance_df.sort_values(by='importance', ascending=False)

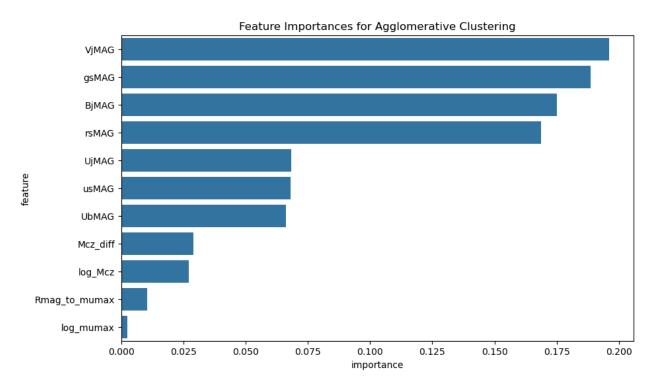
# Plot feature importances

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

sns.barplot(x='importance', y='feature', data=feature_importance_df)
```

#### plt.show()

# Print the most important features print("Most important features for clustering:") print(feature\_importance\_df)



Most important features for clustering:

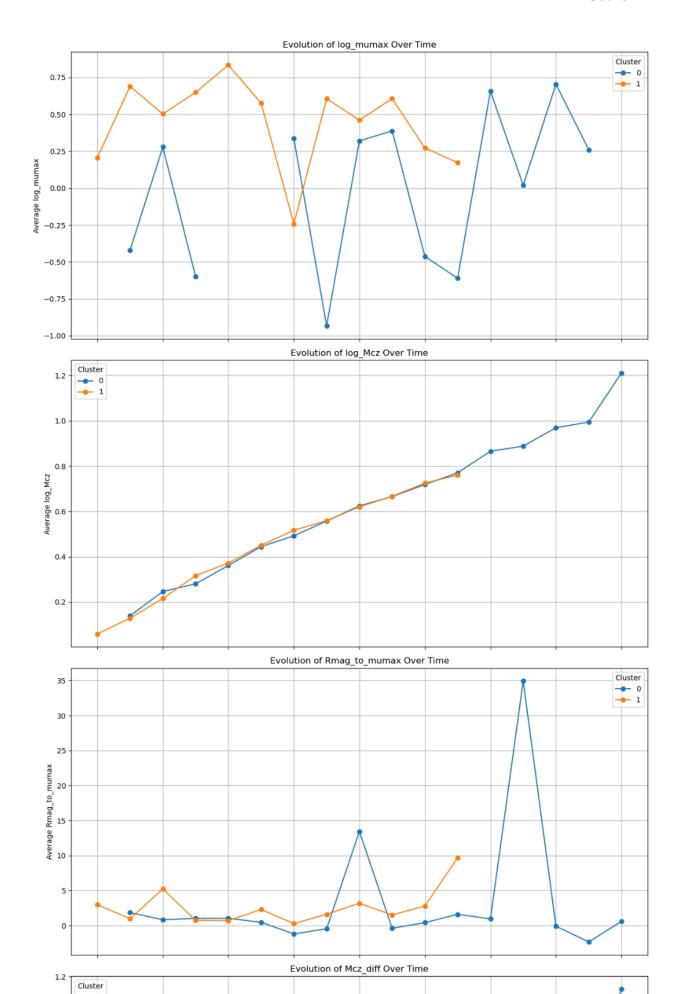
```
feature importance
6
      ViMAG 0.195959
8
      gsMAG 0.188482
5
      BjMAG 0.175149
9
      rsMAG 0.168760
4
      UjMAG 0.068384
7
      usMAG 0.068047
10
       UbMAG 0.066177
3
     Mcz_diff 0.028912
1
     log_Mcz 0.027183
2 Rmag_to_mumax 0.010412
0
    log_mumax 0.002535
```

In [75]:

# Ensure the 'agglo\_cluster' labels are present in the data data['agglo\_cluster'] = agglo\_labels

# Extract relevant columns including redshift and cluster labels

```
temporal_data = data[['Mcz', 'log_mumax', 'log_Mcz', 'Rmag_to_mumax', 'Mcz_diff',
'agglo_cluster']].copy()
# Bin the redshift values to create time intervals
temporal_data.loc[:, 'redshift_bin'] = pd.cut(temporal_data['Mcz'], bins=np.arange(0,
temporal_data['Mcz'].max() + 0.1, 0.1))
# Ensure no NaNs remain in the binned data
temporal data = temporal data.dropna(subset=['redshift bin'])
                                                                                           In [76]:
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
# Define the properties to be analyzed
properties = ['log_mumax', 'log_Mcz', 'Rmag_to_mumax', 'Mcz_diff']
# Create a figure for the subplots
fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(properties), 1, figsize=(12, 24), sharex=True)
for i, prop in enumerate(properties):
  # Aggregate the property by redshift bins and cluster labels
  agg_data = temporal_data.groupby(['redshift_bin', 'agglo_cluster'],
observed=True)[prop].mean().unstack()
  # Plot the aggregated data
  agg_data.plot(ax=axes[i], marker='o')
  axes[i].set title(f'Evolution of {prop} Over Time')
  axes[i].set_xlabel('Redshift Bin')
  axes[i].set_ylabel(f'Average {prop}')
  axes[i].legend(title='Cluster')
  axes[i].grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



In [77]:

```
import plotly.graph_objects as go
import pandas as pd
# Calculate mean values of properties for each cluster
cluster_means = data.groupby('agglo_cluster').mean()[['log_mumax', 'log_Mcz',
'Rmag to mumax', 'Mcz diff']]
# Create a radar chart for each cluster
fig = go.Figure()
for cluster in cluster_means.index:
  fig.add trace(go.Scatterpolar(
    r=cluster_means.loc[cluster].values,
    theta=cluster means.columns,
    fill='toself',
    name=f'Cluster {cluster}'
  ))
fig.update layout(
  polar=dict(
    radialaxis=dict(
       visible=True,
       range=[cluster means.values.min(), cluster means.values.max()]
    )),
  showlegend=True,
  title="Radar Chart of Cluster Profiles"
)
fig.show()
log_mumaxlog_MczRmag_to_mumaxMcz_diff-2-1.5-1-0.500.511.5
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                                                                                       In [81]:
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
# Create the 3D scatter plot
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14, 10))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
# Scatter plot with color representing clusters
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scatter = ax.scatter(data['log\_mumax'], data['log\_Mcz'], data['Mcz'], c=data['agglo\_cluster'], cmap='viridis', s=50, alpha=0.7)

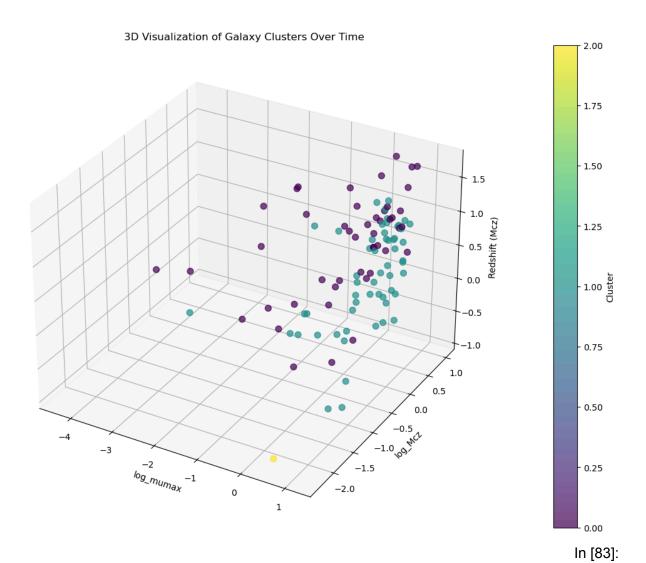
#### # Add color bar

cbar = plt.colorbar(scatter, ax=ax, pad=0.1)
cbar.set\_label('Cluster')

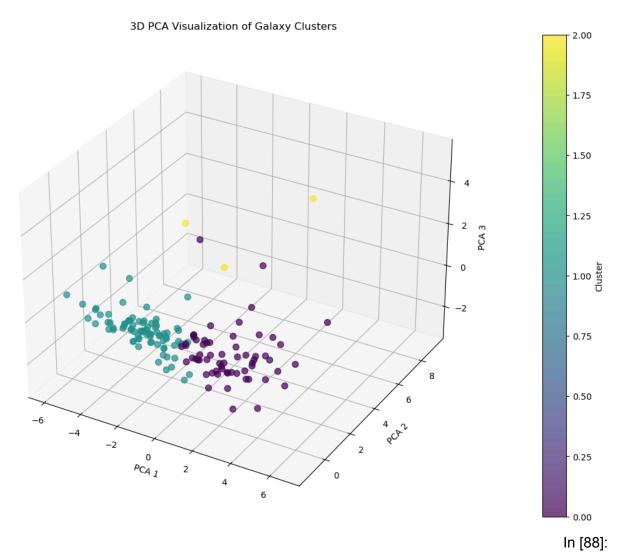
#### # Set labels

ax.set\_title('3D Visualization of Galaxy Clusters Over Time')
ax.set\_xlabel('log\_mumax')
ax.set\_ylabel('log\_Mcz')
ax.set\_zlabel('Redshift (Mcz)')

## # Show the plot plt.show()



```
scaler = StandardScaler()
features_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(features_scaled)
#reduce dimensions to 3D
pca = PCA(n components=3)
pca_results = pca.fit_transform(features_scaled)
# Add the PCA
data['pca_1'] = pca_results[:, 0]
data['pca 2'] = pca results[:, 1]
data['pca_3'] = pca_results[:, 2]
# Verify the added PCA components
print(data[['pca_1', 'pca_2', 'pca_3']].head())
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14, 10))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
# Scatter plot
scatter = ax.scatter(data['pca_1'], data['pca_2'], data['pca_3'], c=data['agglo_cluster'],
cmap='viridis', s=50, alpha=0.7)
cbar = plt.colorbar(scatter, ax=ax, pad=0.1)
cbar.set label('Cluster')
ax.set title('3D PCA Visualization of Galaxy Clusters')
ax.set_xlabel('PCA 1')
ax.set ylabel('PCA 2')
ax.set zlabel('PCA 3')
plt.show()
   pca_1 pca_2 pca_3
0 0.952662 -0.373512 0.629831
1 2.004353 0.225491 -0.318919
2 2.884568 0.257875 1.388798
3 -1.618907 0.010958 -0.625755
4 4.544640 -0.194846 0.544496
```



import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.cluster.hierarchy import dendrogram, linkage
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# Perform hierarchical/agglomerative clustering linked = linkage(features\_scaled, method='ward')

# Create a dendrogram without sample index labels plt.figure(figsize=(16, 9))

```
dendrogram(
    linked,
    orientation='top',
    distance_sort='descending',
    show_leaf_counts=False, # Hide leaf counts to reduce clutter
```

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no_labels=True, # Hide sample index labels
  color_threshold=20 # Set color threshold for different clusters
# Add title and labels
plt.title('Enhanced Dendrogram for Hierarchical Clustering', fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel('Sample index', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('Distance', fontsize=14)
# Show the plot
plt.show()
# Use a smaller subset of data (first 200 samples)
subset size = 200
features_subset = features_scaled[:subset_size]
# Perform hierarchical/agglomerative clustering on the subset
linked_subset = linkage(features_subset, method='ward')
# Create a dendrogram with the subset
plt.figure(figsize=(16, 9))
dendrogram(
  linked_subset,
  orientation='top',
  distance_sort='descending',
  show leaf counts=False, # Hide leaf counts to reduce clutter
  leaf_rotation=90, # Rotate x-axis labels for better readability
  leaf font size=10, # Increase font size of labels
  color_threshold=20 # Set color threshold for different clusters
)
# Add title and labels
plt.title('Enhanced Dendrogram for Hierarchical Clustering (Subset)', fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel('Sample index', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('Distance', fontsize=14)
# Show the plot
plt.show()
```

