



Report - Hackathon

Strategic deployment of straight-line segments for gas pipeline construction, aiming to efficiently serve n serve n houses while minimizing environmental impact impact and construction costs.

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Challenges encountered:

1. **Cluster Representation:** Ensuring accurate representation of houses through latitude and longitude coordinates in the clustering process.
2. **Objective Function Optimization:** Recognizing limitations in estimating objective function values based on cluster centroids rather than actual pipeline placements.
3. **Computational Resources:** Managing computational resources, resources, especially for large datasets, when conducting cost cost estimations using Clustering and Regression algorithms.

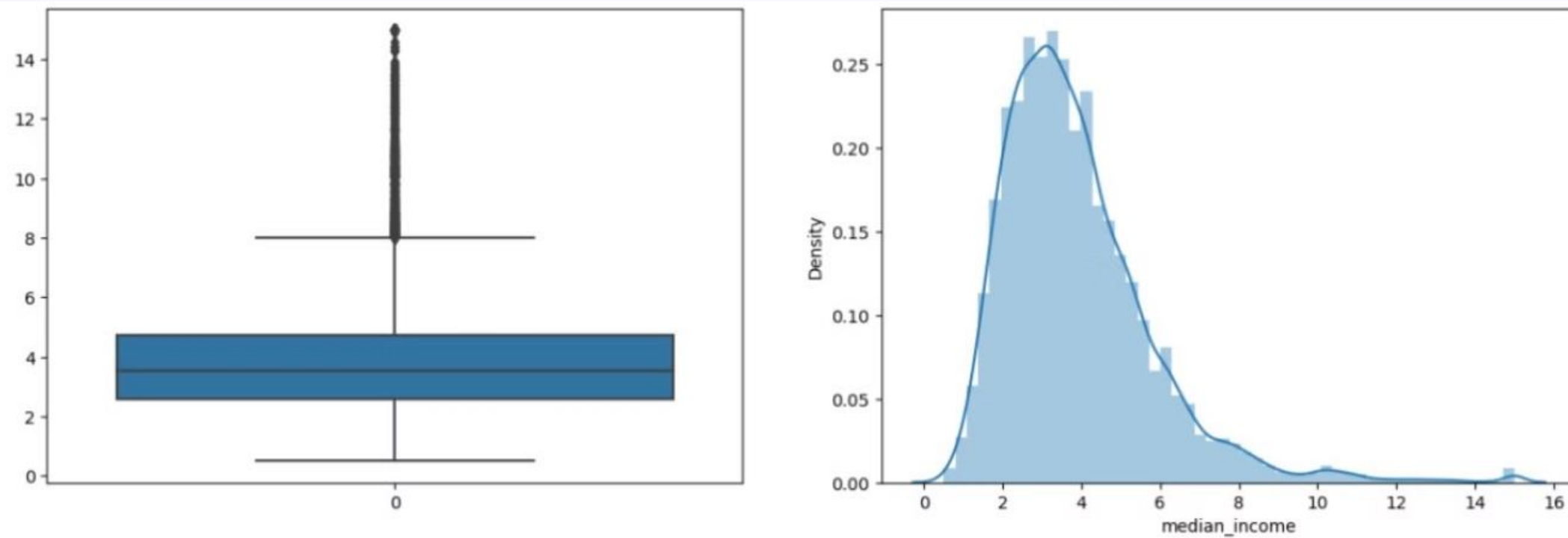


Solution and Approach:



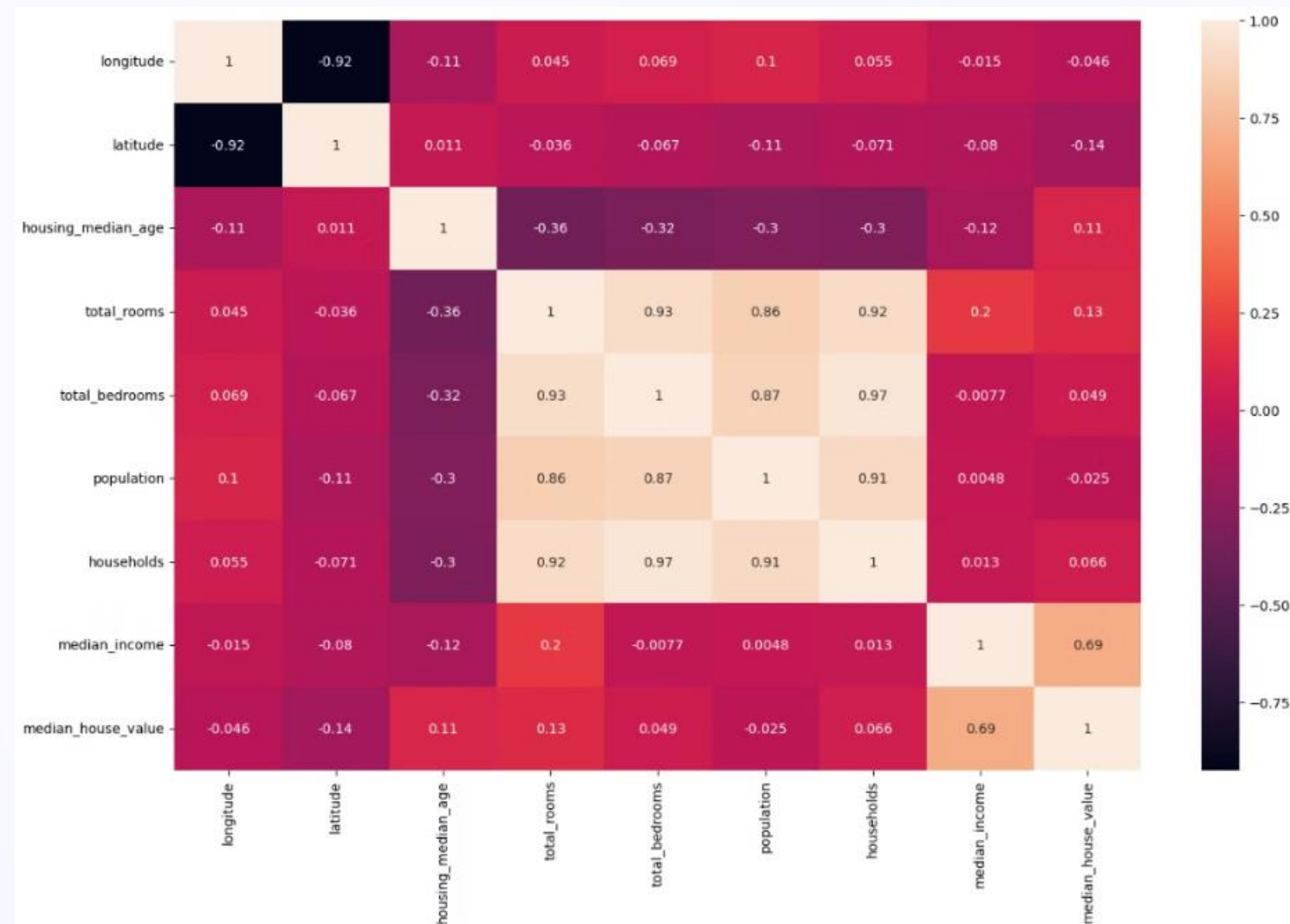
1. Outlier Identification:

- Initial step involved identifying outliers within the dataset through graphical analysis.
- Outliers could potentially skew clustering results or affect cost estimations.



Correlation Heatmap Analysis:

- Analyzed a correlation heatmap to understand the relationship primarily between longitude and latitude.
- Assisted in formulating clustering strategies and pipeline alignment decisions.

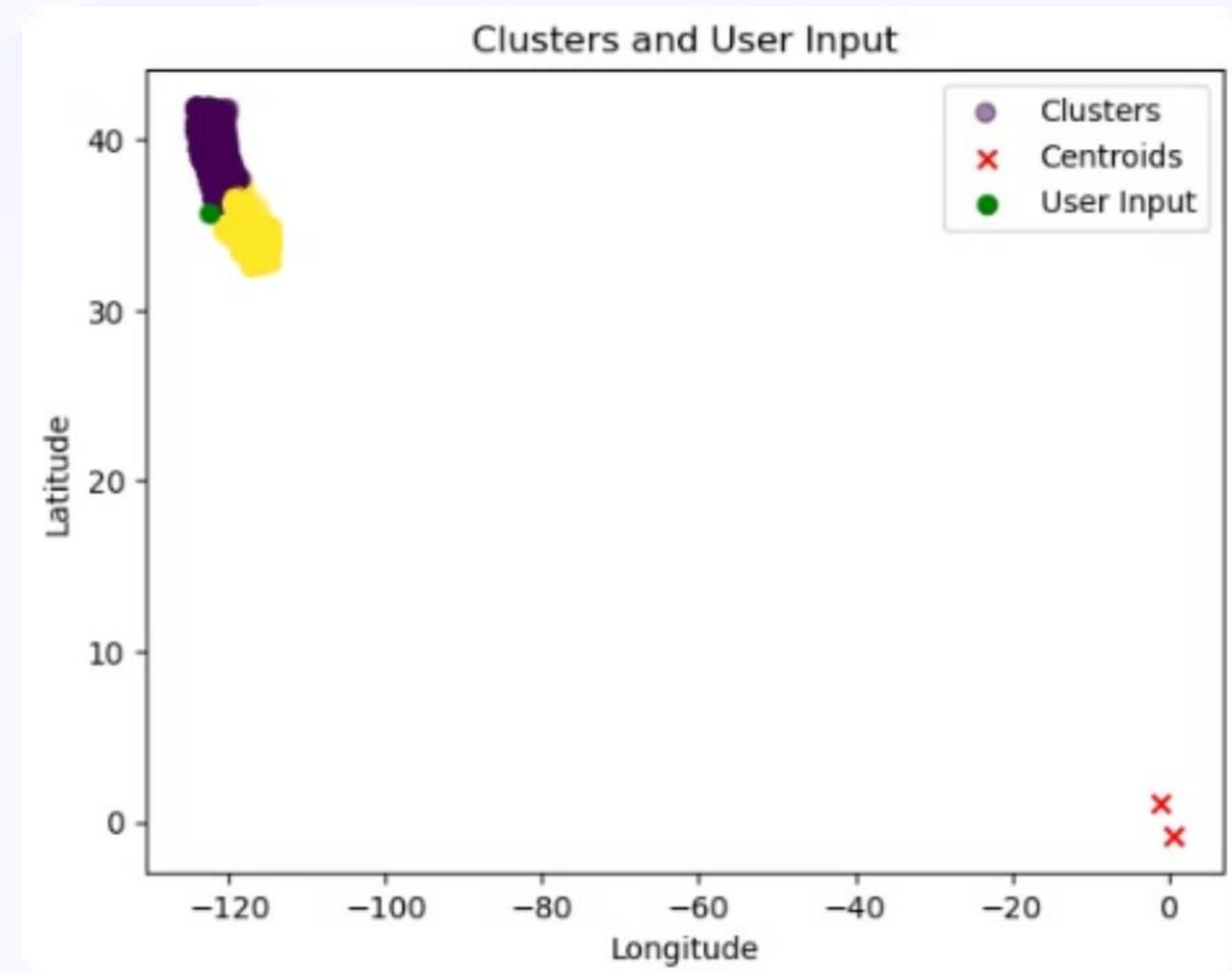


Objective 1: Efficient Line:

- Applied K-Means clustering to group houses into clusters for efficient pipeline routing.
- Clustering results provided insights into spatial distribution and potential pipeline alignments.
- Constructed a predictive model that predicts Median House Value by taking Longitude and Latitudes as input.
- Following is an output :

```
Enter the number of clusters (k): 2
C:\Users\amir\anaconda3\Lib\site-packages\sklearn
warnings.warn(
Enter longitude: -122.5
Enter latitude: 35.65
Predicted median house value: 413264.7180300597
```

- Presence of outliers in the dataset cause the centroids to be pulled towards them. Causing them to be located outside the cluster.
- In higher-dimensional spaces, concept of a centroid becomes less intuitive, and may appear to be outside the cluster even if it is technically within the cluster dimensions.

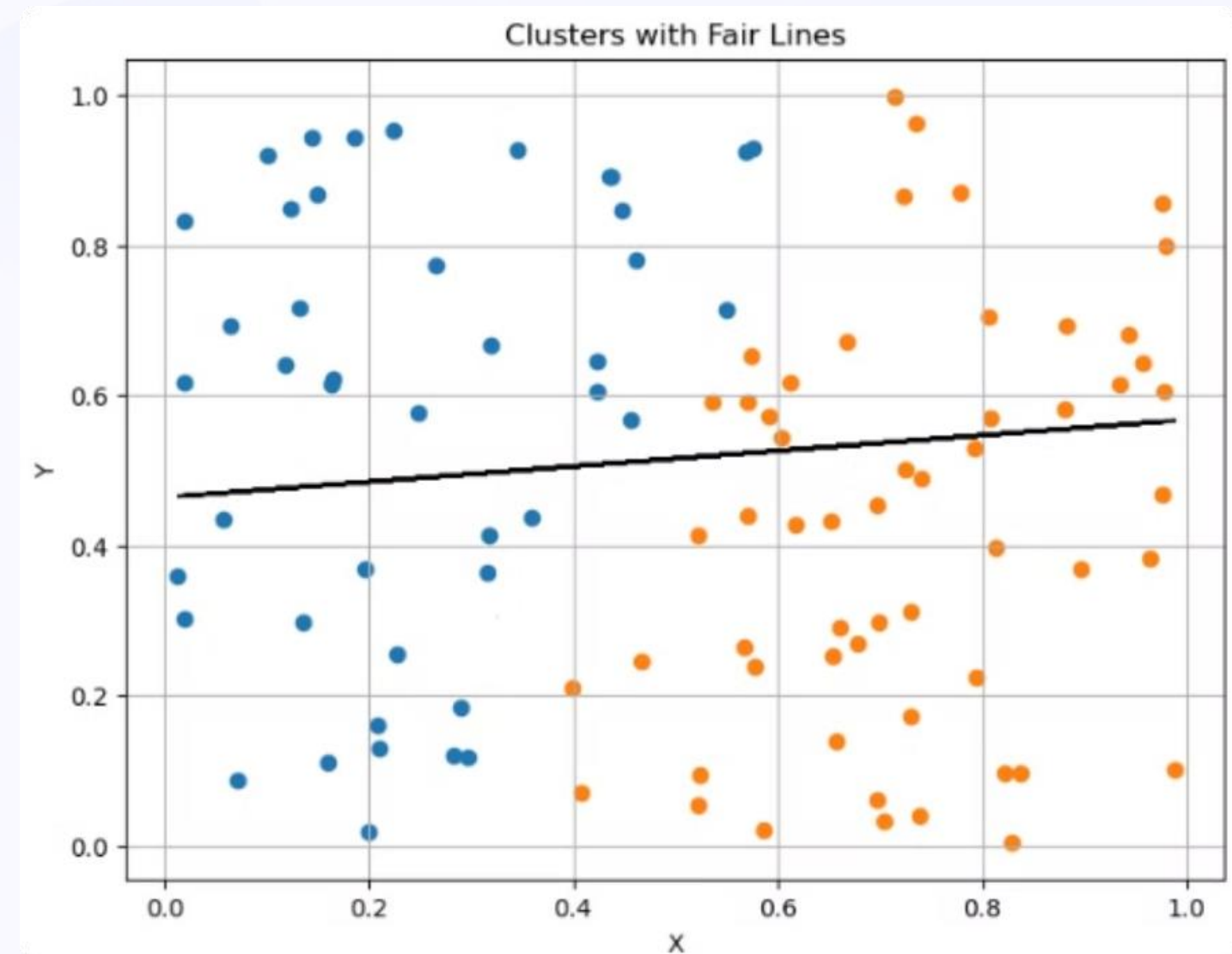


Objective 2: Fair Line:

- Employed K-Means clustering to determine centroids representing fair pipeline alignments.
- Utilized slope-intercept optimization to find the optimal line that minimizes the maximum distance to any house. (Each time the file is run arbitrary values are taken, resulting in different outputs) O/p :-

```
Optimal slope and intercept: [-3.36755043  0.06088739]  
Minimized maximum distance to any house: 2.145561378154791
```

- Graphical representation facilitated the selection of pipeline routes minimizing maximum distance to any house.

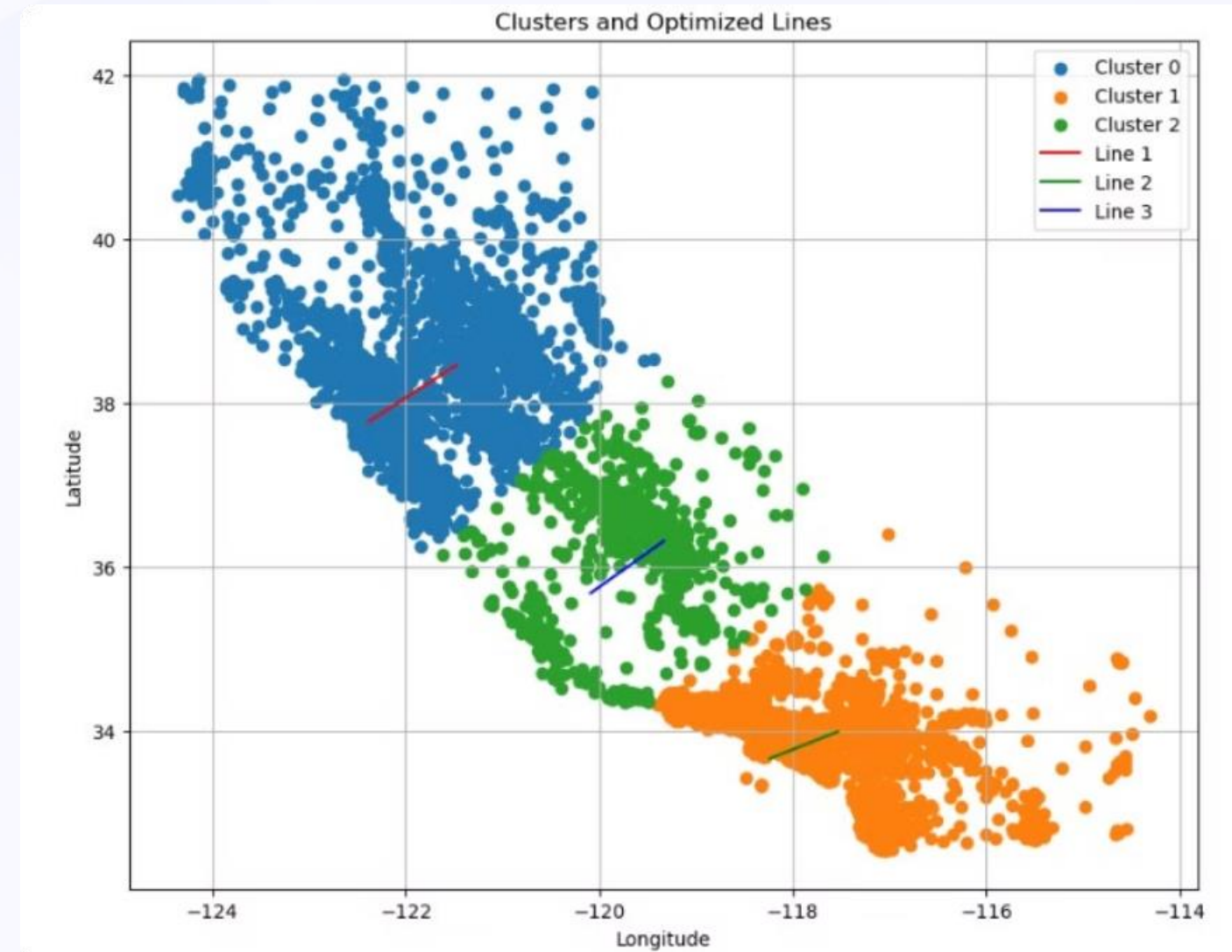


Objective 3 : Multiple Efficient Lines:

- Utilized K-Means clustering to identify centroids representing potential pipeline alignments for multiple efficient lines.
- Calculated the minimum distance from each house to each centroid.
- Estimated the minimum cost of multiple efficient lines by summing the minimum distances from each house to the nearest centroid for each line.
- The output generated would be different each time as it takes the values arbitrarily. O/p :-

Efficient Lines:

```
Line 1: Direction = [0.90404439 0.69002502], Point = [-121.93029495 38.11365147]
Line 2: Direction = [0.69962205 0.3277204 ], Point = [-117.88493836 33.82435098]
Line 3: Direction = [0.75677864 0.63606106], Point = [-119.71000542 35.99619848]
Total Cost: 11511.599397055554
```



Silhouette score

It is an extension of k means clustering algorithm where the values range from -1 to 1. And in which the value closer to 1 denotes that better clustering has been performed.

1. Objective 1 Silhouette score:

Silhouette Score: 0.7549172189258013

2. Objective 2 Silhouette score:

Silhouette Score: 0.7562423686755555

3. Objective 3 Silhouette score

Silhouette Score: 0.6471818705345762



Conclusion:

- **Comprehensive Approach:** Our methodology integrated outlier identification, correlation analysis, and K-Means clustering to address the objectives efficiently.
- **Optimized Pipeline Routing:** By leveraging clustering techniques and optimization algorithms, we achieved efficient and fair pipeline routing solutions.
- **Cost-Effective Solutions:** Our approach enabled the estimation of pipeline costs while considering spatial distribution and fairness objectives.
- **Future Directions:** Further research could explore advanced clustering algorithms and optimization techniques for enhanced pipeline design and cost estimation.