

EXP NO:9 Implement clustering techniques – Hierarchical and K-Means

AIM:

To Implement clustering techniques – Hierarchical and K-Means using R.

PROCEDURE:

- Collect and load the dataset from sources like CSV files or databases.
- Clean and preprocess the data, including handling missing values and scaling features.
- Determine the number of clusters (K) for K-Means, or decide on the stopping criterion for Hierarchical Clustering.
- Choose the appropriate clustering algorithm: K-Means for partitioning, Hierarchical for nested clustering.
- Apply the K-Means algorithm using `fit_predict` to assign data points to clusters.
- Apply the Hierarchical Clustering algorithm using Agglomerative Clustering for hierarchical clusters.
- Visualize the clusters with scatter plots for K-Means, and dendrograms for Hierarchical Clustering.
- Evaluate clustering performance using metrics like silhouette score or inertia (for K-Means).
- Fine-tune the clustering by adjusting the number of clusters or linkage criteria.
- Interpret the results to understand the structure and relationships within the data.

CODE:

Hierarchical Clustering.R:

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# Load the iris dataset
data(iris)
# Use only the numeric columns for clustering (exclude the Species column)
iris_data <- iris[, -5]
# Standardize the data
iris_scaled <- scale(iris_data)
# Compute the distance matrix
distance_matrix <- dist(iris_scaled, method = "euclidean")
# Perform hierarchical clustering using the "complete" linkage method
hc_complete <- hclust(distance_matrix, method = "complete")
# Plot the dendrogram
plot(hc_complete, main = "Hierarchical Clustering Dendrogram", xlab = "", sub = "", cex = 0.6)
# Cut the tree to form 3 clusters
clusters <- cutree(hc_complete, k = 3)
# Print the cluster memberships
print(clusters)
# Add the clusters to the original dataset
iris$Cluster <- as.factor(clusters)
# Display the first few rows of the updated dataset
head(iris)
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