CUSTOMER SEGMENTATION CLASSIFICATION

Introduction

Customer Segmentation is one the most important applications of unsupervised learning. Using clustering techniques, companies can identify the several segments of customers allowing them to target the potential user base. In this machine learning project, we will make use of k-mean Clustering which is the essential algorithm for clustering unlabelled dataset.

SCOPE

Whenever you need to find your best customer, customer segmentation is the ideal methodology. We will perform one of the most essential applications of machine learning – Customer Segmentation. In this project, we will implement customer segmentation in R.

PLATFORM: R STUDIO

R was specifically designed for statistical analysis, which makes it highly suitable for data science applications. Although the learning curve for programming with R can be steep, especially for people without prior programming experience, the tools now available for carrying out text analysis in R make it easy to perform powerful, cutting-edge text analytics using only a few simple commands. One of the keys to R's explosive growth has been its densely populated collection of extension software libraries, known in R terminology as packages, supplied and maintained by R's extensive user community. Each package extends the functionality of the base R language and core packages, and in addition to functions and data must include documentation and examples, often in the form of vignettes demonstrating the use of the package. The best-known package repository, the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN), currently has over 10,000 packages that are published.

Text analysis in particular has become well established in R. There is a vast collection of dedicated text processing and text analysis packages, from low-level string operations to advanced text modelling techniques such as fitting Latent Dirichlet Allocation models, R provides it all. One of the main advantages of performing text analysis in R is that it is often possible, and relatively easy, to switch between different packages or to combine them. Recent efforts among the R text analysis developers' community are designed to promote this interoperability to maximize flexibility and choice among users. As a result, learning the basics for text analysis in R provides access to a wide range of advanced text analysis features.

PROJECT SPECIFICATION

- R Studio version 1.2.5033

HARDWARE SPECIFICATIONS

- Microsoft® Windows® 7/8/10 (32- or 64-bit)
- 3 GB RAM minimum, 8 GB RAM recommended;
- 2 GB of available disk space minimum
- core processor of i3 minimum or above.

DATASET

- Mall_Customers.csv

PACKAGES REQURIED:

- plotrix
- purr
- cluster
- gridExtra
- grid
- nbClust
- factoextra
- ggplot2
- dplyr

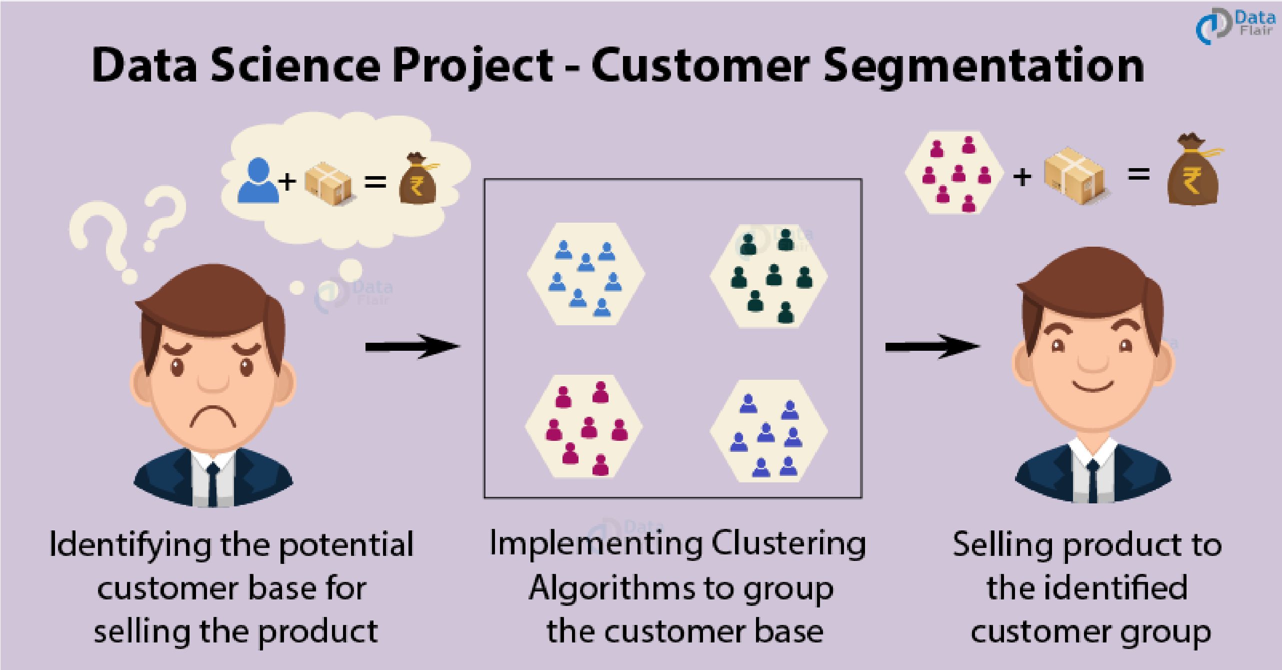
CHAPTER NO: 1

What is Customer Segmentation?

Customer Segmentation is the process of division of customer base into several groups of individuals that share a similarity in different ways that are relevant to marketing such as gender, age, interests, and miscellaneous spending habits.

Companies that deploy customer segmentation are under the notion that every customer has different requirements and require a specific marketing effort to address them appropriately. Companies aim to gain a deeper approach of the customer they are targeting. Therefore, their aim has to be specific and should be tailored to address the requirements of each and every individual customer. Furthermore, through the data collected, companies can gain a deeper understanding of customer preferences as well as the requirements for discovering valuable segments that would reap them maximum profit. This way, they can strategize their marketing techniques more efficiently and minimize the possibility of risk to their investment.

The technique of customer segmentation is dependent on several key differentiators that divide customers into groups to be targeted. Data related to demographics, geography, economic status as well as behavioral patterns play a crucial role in determining the company direction towards addressing the various segments.



IMPLEMENTATION:

In the first step of this data science project, we will perform data exploration. We will import the essential packages required for this role and then read our data. Finally, we will go through the input data to gain necessary insights about it.

READING EVENTS FROM MALL_CUSTOMERS.CSV:-

Before going to customer segmentation analysis, the first step is to read the data for performing analysis on. The data is saved in dataset named as Mall_Customers.csv. This dataset contains 400 record of various type of customers. The events saved in dataset are unstructured. To perform analysis, reading of data set is done using command “read.csv”.

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customer_data=read.csv("C:/home/desktop/Mall_Customers.csv")
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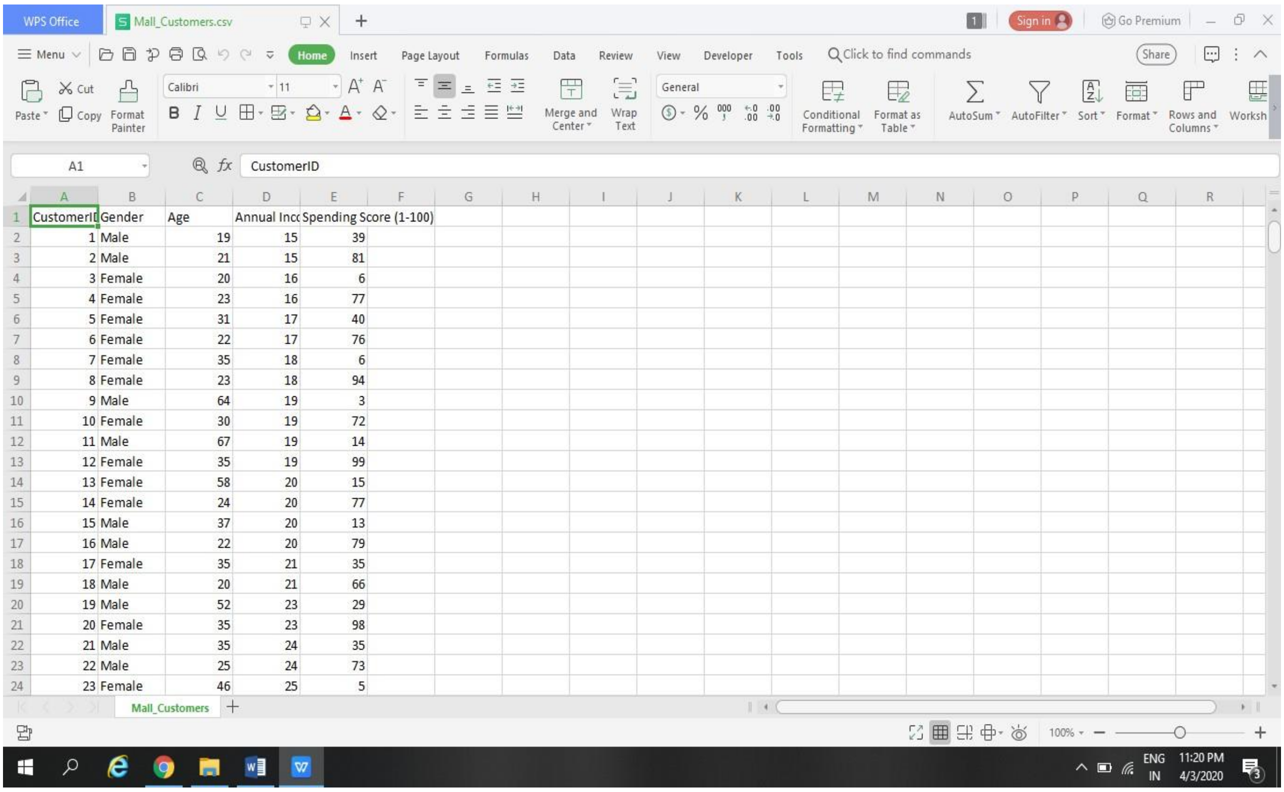

CustomerID	Gender	Age	Annual Inc	Spending Score (1-100)
1	Male	19	15	39
2	Male	21	15	81
3	Female	20	16	6
4	Female	23	16	77
5	Female	31	17	40
6	Female	22	17	76
7	Female	35	18	6
8	Female	23	18	94
9	Male	64	19	3
10	Female	30	19	72
11	Male	67	19	14
12	Female	35	19	99
13	Female	58	20	15
14	Female	24	20	77
15	Male	37	20	13
16	Male	22	20	79
17	Female	35	21	35
18	Male	20	21	66
19	Male	52	23	29
20	Female	35	23	98
21	Male	35	24	35
22	Male	25	24	73
23	Female	46	25	5

Figure 1. Mall_Customerscsv

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Customer Gender Visualization:

In this, we will create a barplot and a piechart to show the gender distribution across our customer_data dataset. A bar chart represents data in rectangular bars with length of the bar proportional to the value of the variable. R uses the function **barplot()** to create bar charts. R can draw both vertical and Horizontal bars in the bar chart. In bar chart each of the bars can be given different colors

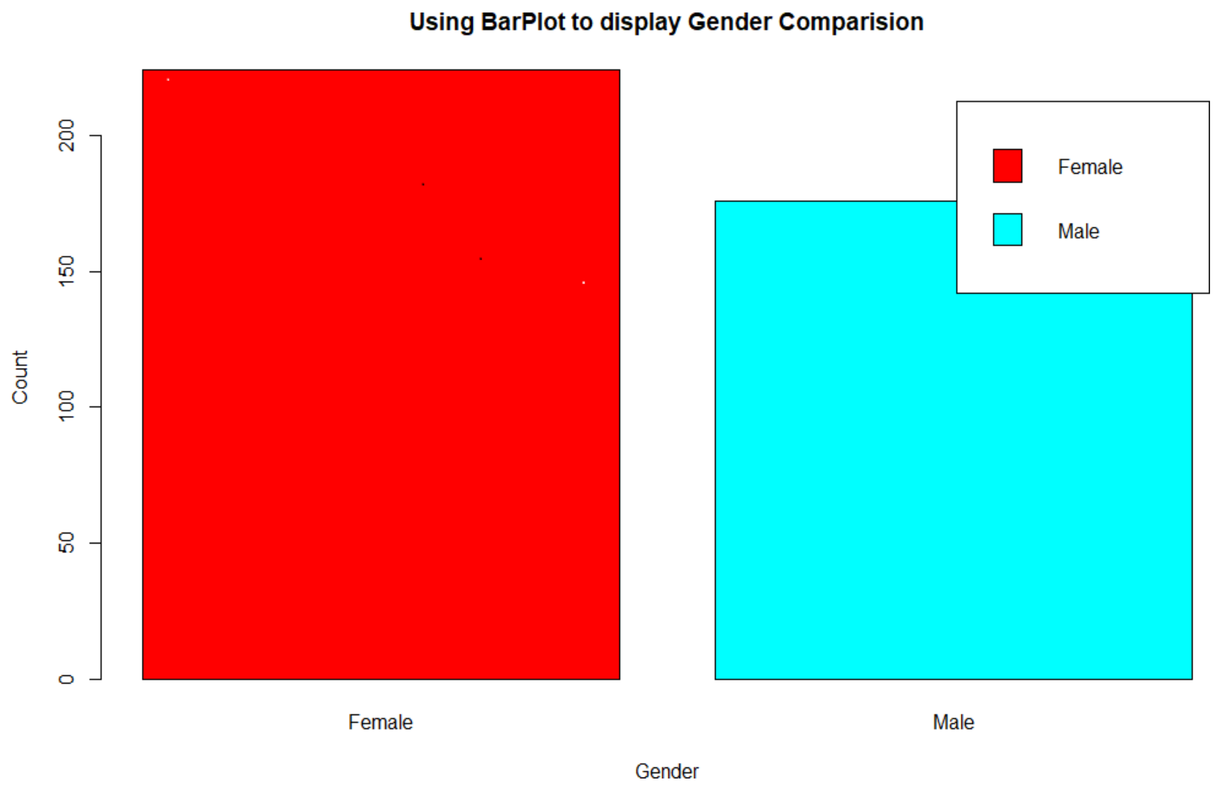

Fig no- 2 Gender Comparison

From the below graph, we conclude that the percentage of females is **56%**, whereas the percentage of male in the customer dataset is **44%**.

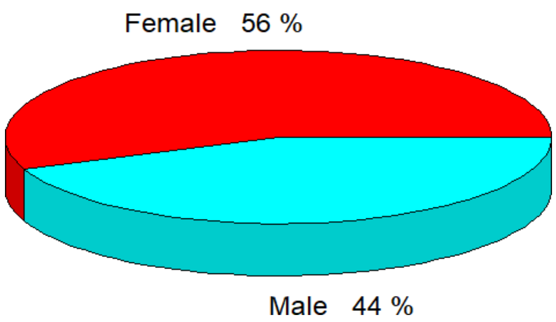

Fig no- 3 Gender ratio

Visualization of Age Distribution

Let us plot a histogram to view the distribution to plot the frequency of customer ages. We will first proceed by taking summary of the Age variable.

Code:

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summary(customer_data$Age)
hist(customer_data$Age,
    col="blue",
    main="Histogram to Show Count of Age Class",
    xlab="Age Class",
    ylab="Frequency",
    labels=TRUE)
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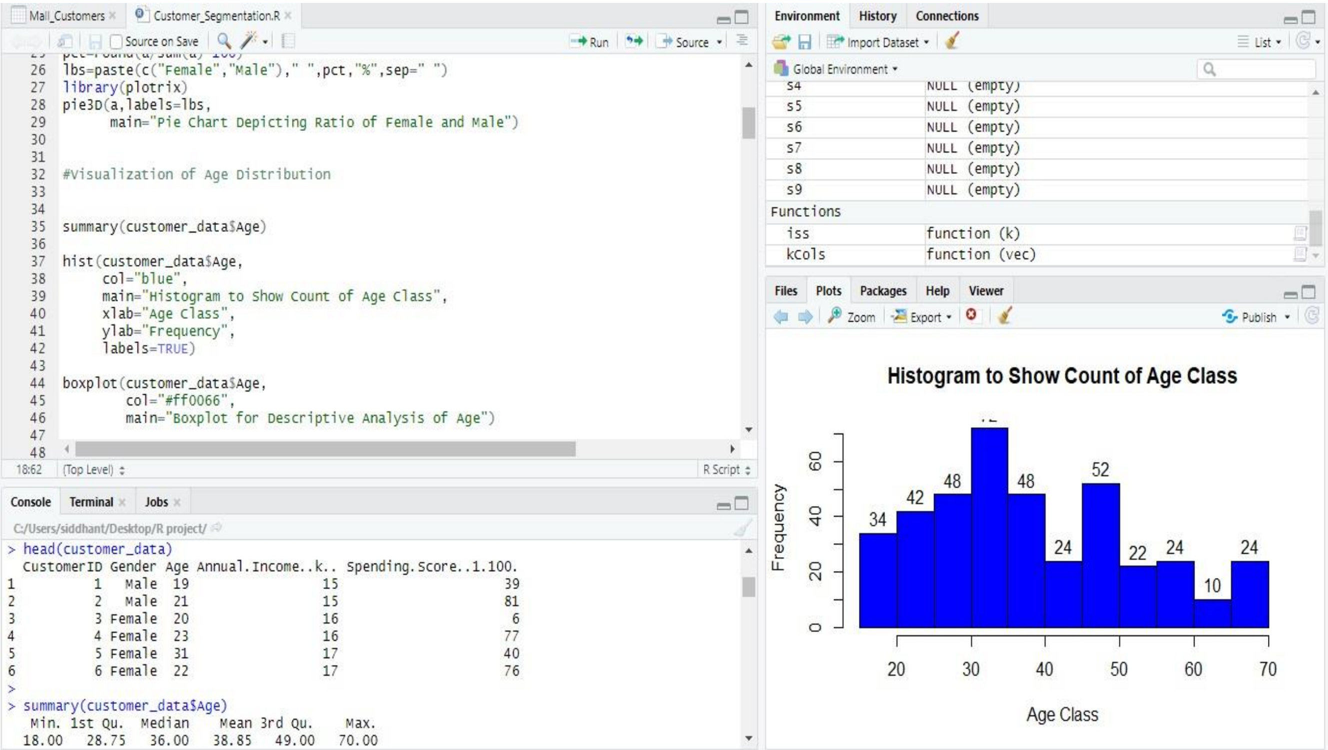

Fig no- 4 Age Distribution

From the above two visualizations, we conclude that the maximum customer ages are between 30 and 35. The minimum age of customers is 18, whereas, the maximum age is 70.

Analysis of the Annual Income of the Customers:

In this section of the R project, we will create visualizations to analyze the annual income of the customers. We will plot a histogram and then we will proceed to examine this data using a density plot.

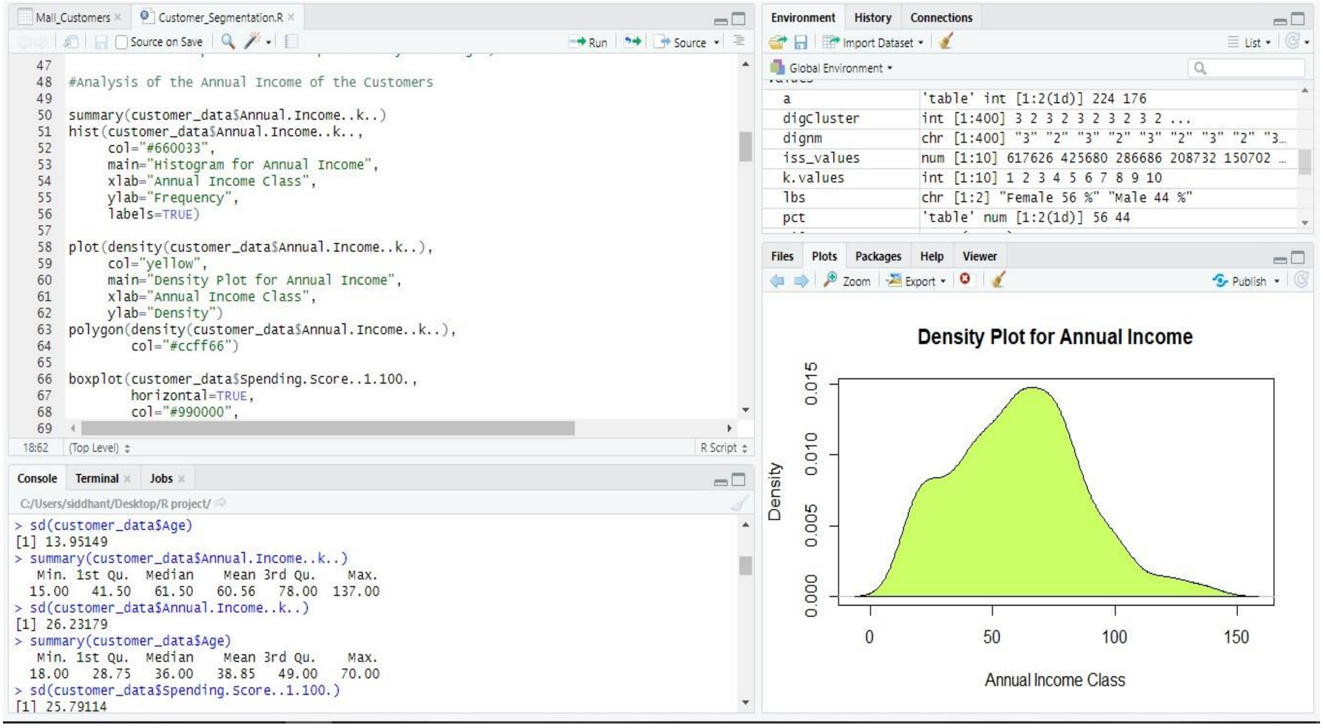

Fig no- 5 Annual Income

From the above descriptive analysis, we conclude that the minimum annual income of the customers is 15 and the maximum income is 137. People earning an average income of 70 have the highest frequency count in our histogram distribution. The average salary of all the customers is 60.56. In the Kernel Density Plot that we displayed above, we observe that the annual income has a normal distribution.

CHAPTER NO: 3

K-means Algorithm

While using the k-means clustering algorithm, the first step is to indicate the number of clusters (k) that we wish to produce in the final output. The algorithm starts by selecting k objects from dataset randomly that will serve as the initial centers for our clusters. These selected objects are the cluster means, also known as centroids. Then, the remaining objects have an assignment of the closest centroid. This centroid is defined by the Euclidean Distance present between the object and the cluster mean. We refer to this step as “cluster assignment”. When the assignment is complete, the algorithm proceeds to calculate new mean value of each cluster present in the data. After the recalculation of the centers, the observations are checked if they are closer to a different cluster. Using the updated cluster mean, the objects undergo reassignment. This goes on repeatedly through several iterations until the cluster assignments stop altering. The clusters that are present in the current iteration are the same as the ones obtained in the previous iteration.

Summing up the K-means clustering –

- We specify the number of clusters that we need to create.
- The algorithm selects k objects at random from the dataset. This object is the initial cluster or mean.
- The closest centroid obtains the assignment of a new observation. We base this assignment on the Euclidean Distance between object and the centroid.
- k clusters in the data points update the centroid through calculation of the new mean values present in all the data points of the cluster. The kth cluster’s centroid has a length of p that contains means of all variables for observations in the k-th cluster. We denote the number of variables with p.
- Iterative minimization of the total within the sum of squares. Then through the iterative minimization of the total sum of the square, the assignment stop wavering when we achieve maximum iteration. The default value is 10 that the R software uses for the maximum iterations.

we calculate the clustering algorithm for several values of k. This can be done by creating a variation within k from 1 to 10 clusters. We then calculate the total intra-cluster sum of square (iss). Then, we proceed to plot iss based on the number of k clusters. This plot denotes the appropriate number of clusters required in our model. In the plot, the location of a bend or a knee is the indication of the optimum number of clusters. Let us implement this in R as follows –

Code:

```
library(purrr)
set.seed(123)
# function to calculate total intra-cluster sum of square
iss <- function(k) {
  kmeans(customer_data[,3:5],k,iter.max=100,nstart=100,algorithm="Lloyd"      )$tot.withinss
}

k.values <- 1:10


iss_values <- map_dbl(k.values, iss)

plot(k.values, iss_values,
    type="b", pch = 19, frame = FALSE,
    xlab="Number of clusters K",
    ylab="Total intra-clusters sum of squares")
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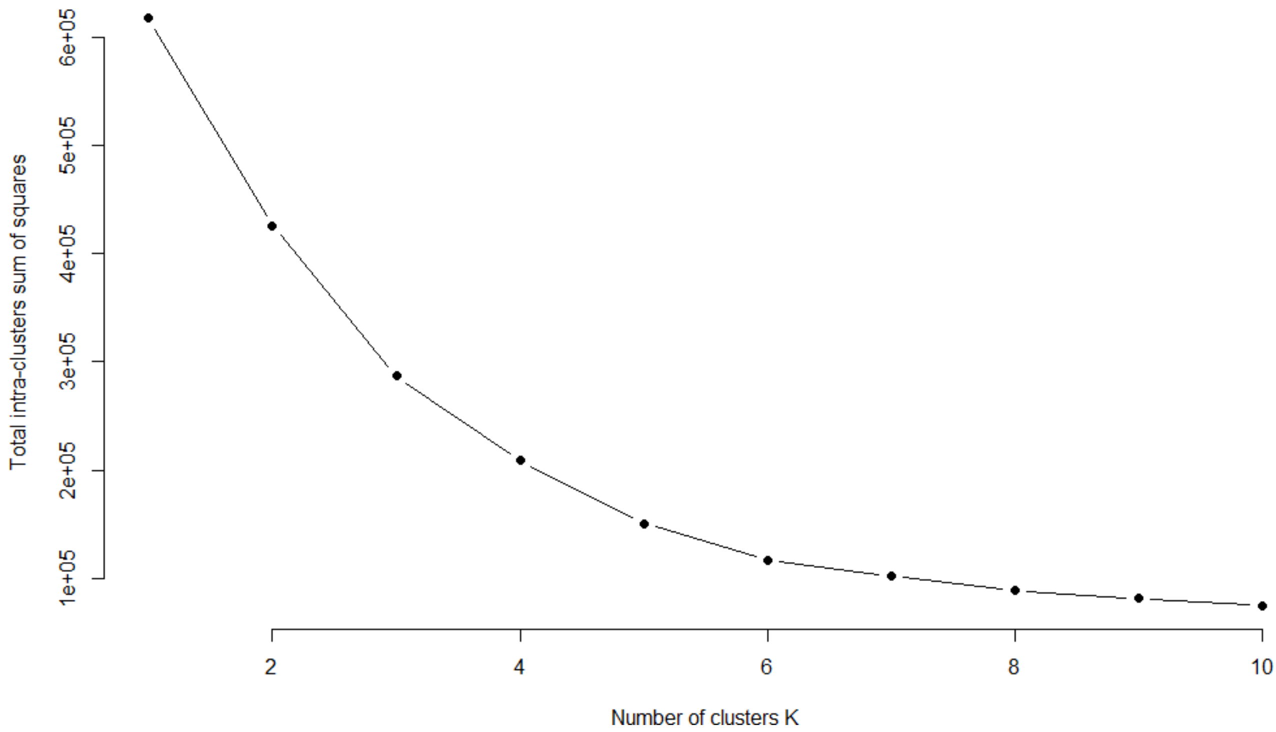

Fig no- 6 Culsters

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Visualizing the Clustering Results using the First Two Principle Components:

A line chart or line plot or line graph or curve chart is a type of chart which displays information as a series of data points called 'markers' connected by straight line segments. It is a basic type of chart common in many fields. Used across many fields, this type of graph can be quite helpful in depicting the changes in values over time. We are going to use ggplot for depicting the line plot.

Code:

```
set.seed(1)

ggplot(customer_data, aes(x =Annual.Income..k.., y = Spending.Score..1.100.)) +
  geom_point(stat = "identity", aes(color = as.factor(k6$cluster))) +
  scale_color_discrete(name=" ",
              breaks=c("1", "2", "3", "4", "5","6"),
              labels=c("Cluster 1", "Cluster 2", "Cluster 3", "Cluster 4", "Cluster 5","Cluster 6"))
+
  ggtitle("Segments of Mall Customers", subtitle = "Using K-means Clustering")
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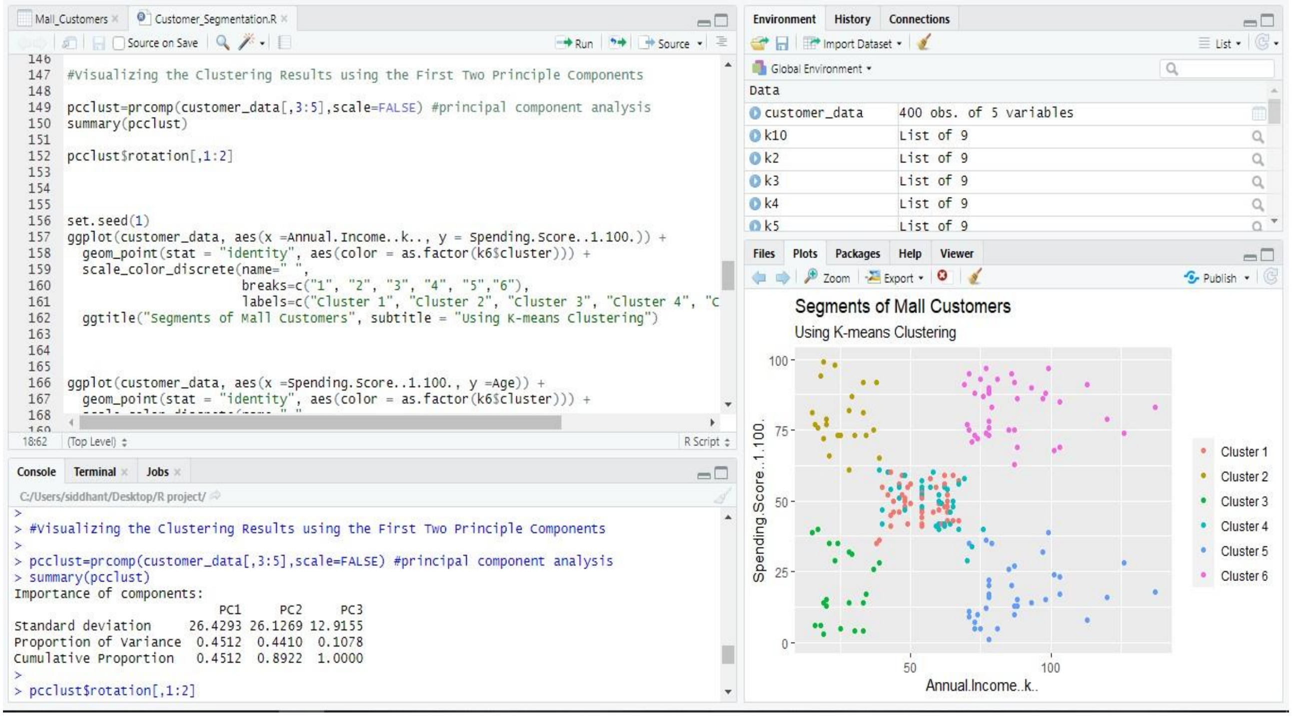

Fig no-7 visualization

From the above visualization, we observe that there is a distribution of 6 clusters as follows –

Cluster 6 and 4 – These clusters represent the customer_data with the medium income salary as well as the medium annual spend of salary.

Cluster 1 – This cluster represents the customer_data having a high annual income as well as a high annual spend.

Cluster 3 – This cluster denotes the customer_data with low annual income as well as low yearly spend of income.

Cluster 2 – This cluster denotes a high annual income and low yearly spend.

Cluster 5 – This cluster represents a low annual income but its high yearly expenditure.

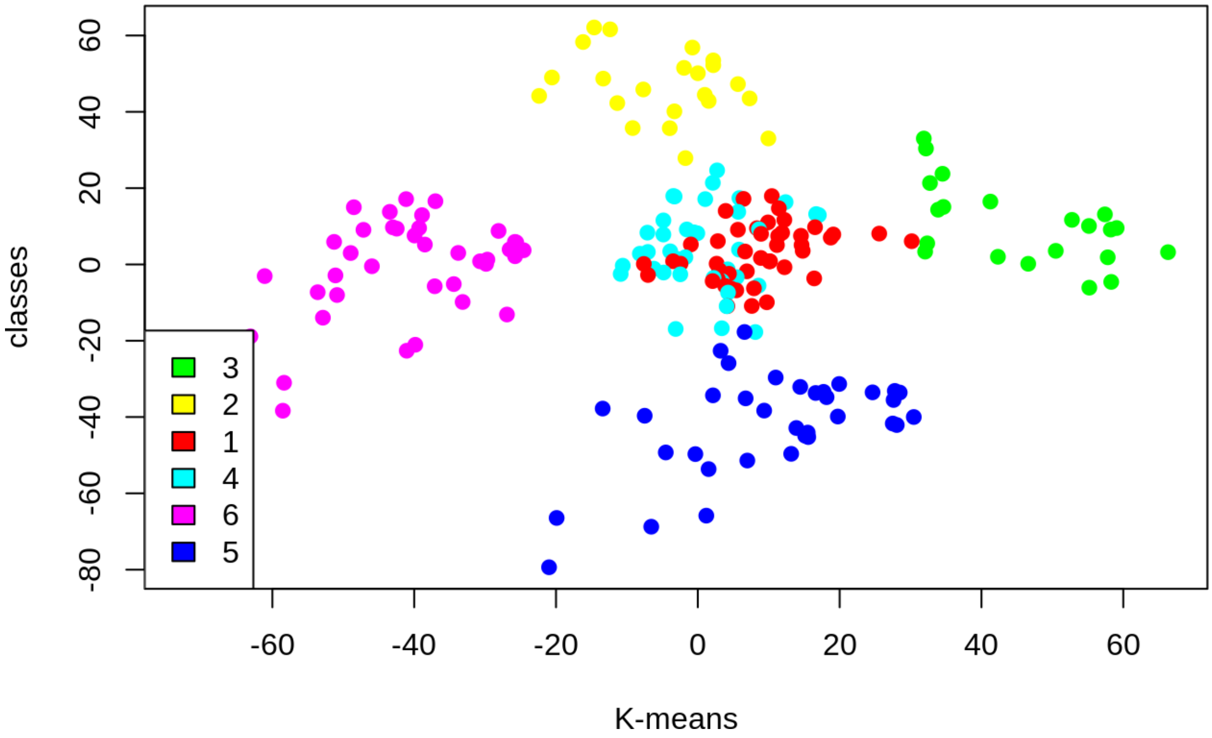

Fig no- 8 k-mean visualization

Cluster 4 and 1 – These two clusters consist of customers with medium PCA1 and medium PCA2 score.

Cluster 6 – This cluster represents customers having a high PCA2 and a low PCA1.

Cluster 5 – In this cluster, there are customers with a medium PCA1 and a low PCA2 score.

Cluster 3 – This cluster comprises of customers with a high PCA1 income and a high PCA2.

Cluster 2 – This comprises of customers with a high PCA2 and a medium annual spend of income.

With the help of clustering, we can understand the variables much better, prompting us to take careful decisions. With the identification of customers, companies can release products and services that target customers based on several parameters like income, age, spending patterns, etc. Furthermore, more complex patterns like product reviews are taken into consideration for better segmentation.

CONCLUSION

In this data science project, we went through the customer segmentation model. We developed this using a class of machine learning known as unsupervised learning. Specifically, we made use of a clustering algorithm called K-means clustering. We analysed and visualized the data and then proceeded to implement our algorithm. Hope you enjoyed this customer segmentation project of machine learning using R