SML 201 – Week 12

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High-Dimensional Data

Definition

 $\bf High\mbox{-}dimensional\mbox{ data}$ (HD data) typically refers to data sets where $many\ variables$ are simultaneously measured on any number of observations.

The number of variables is often represented by p and the number of observations by n.

HD data are collected into a $p \times n$ or $n \times p$ matrix.

Many methods exist for "large p, small n" data sets.

Examples

- Clinical studies
- Genomics (e.g., gene expression)
- Neuroimaging (e.g., fMRI)
- Finance (e.g., time series)
- Environmental studies
- Internet data (e.g., Netflix movie ratings)

Big Data vs HD Data

"Big data" are data sets that cannot fit into a standard computer's memory.

HD data were defined above.

They are not necessarily equivalent.

Cluster Analysis

Definition

Cluster analysis is the process of grouping objects (variables or observations) into groups based on measures of similarity.

Similar objects are placed in the same cluster, and dissimilar objects are placed in different clusters.

Cluster analysis methods are typically described by algorithms (rather than models or formulas).

Types of Clustering

Clustering can be categorized in various ways:

- · Hard vs. soft
- Top-down vs bottom-up
- $\bullet\,$ Partitioning vs. hierarchical agglomerative

Top-Down vs Bottom-Up

We will discuss two of the major clustering methods – $hierarchical\ clustering$ and K-means clustering.

Hierarchical clustering is an example of *bottom-up* clustering in that the process begings with each object being its own cluster and then objects are joined in a hierarchical manner into larger and larger clusters.

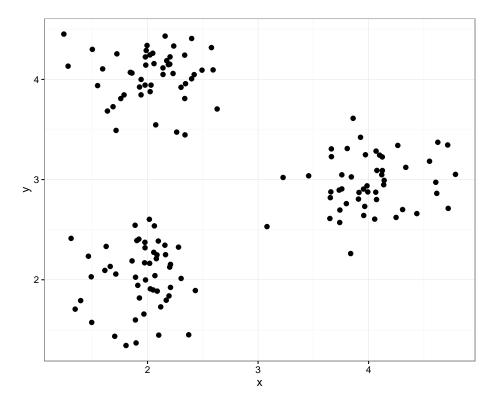
K-means clustering is an example of top-down clustering in that the number of clusters is chosen beforehand and then object are assigned to one of the K clusters.

Challenges

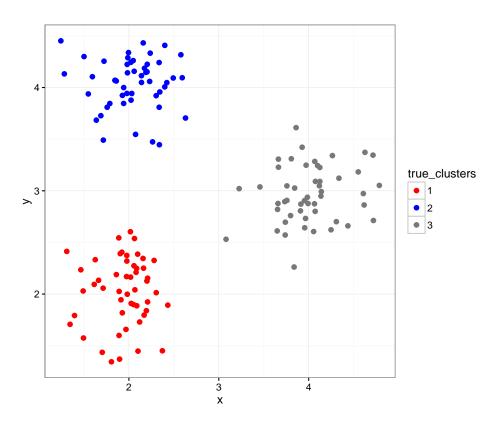
- Cluster analysis method
- Distance measure
- Number of clusters
- Convergence issues

Illustrative Data Sets

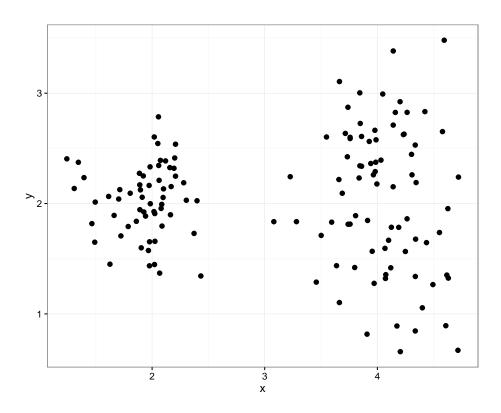
Simulated data1



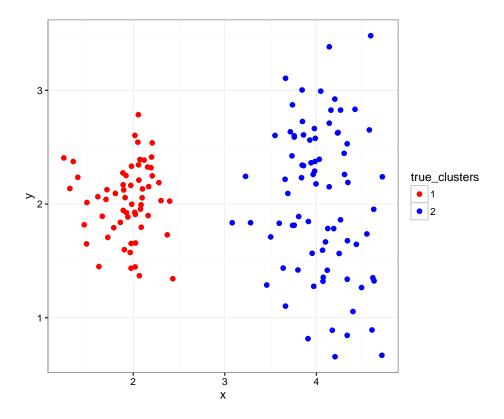
"True" Clusters data1



Simulated data2



"True" Clusters data2



Distance Measures

Objects

Most clustering methods require calculating a "distance" between two objects. Let $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ be one object and $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ be another object. We will assume both objects are composed of real numbers.

Euclidean

Euclidean distance is the shortest spatial distance between two objects in Euclidean space.

Euclidean distance is calculated as:

$$d(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (a_i - b_i)^2}$$

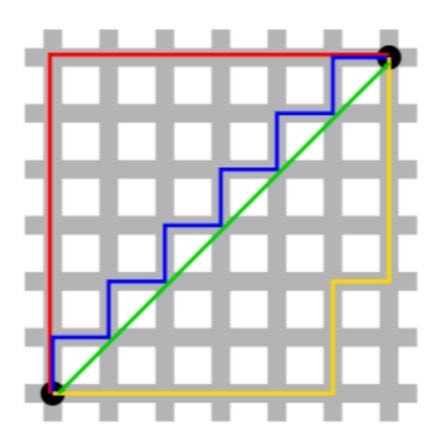
Manhattan

Manhattan distance is sometimes called taxicab distance. If you picture two locations in a city, it is the distance a taxicab must travel to get from one location to the other.

Manhattan distance is calculated as:

$$d(\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_i - b_i|$$

Euclidean vs Manhattan



Green is Euclidean. All others are Manhattan (and equal). Figure from $Exploratory\ Data\ Analysis\ with\ R.$

dist()

A distance matrix – which is the set of values resulting from a distance measure applied to all pairs of objects – can be obtained through the function dist(). Default arguments for dist():

The key argument for us is method= which can take values method="euclidean" and method="manhattan" among others. See ?dist.

Distance Matrix data1

```
> (sub_data1[1,] - sub_data1[2,])^2 %>% sum() %>% sqrt()
[1] 0.8986772
```

Hierarchical Clustering

Strategy

Hierarchical clustering is a hierarchical agglomerative, bottom-up clustering method that strategically joins objects into larger and larger clusters, until all objects are contained in a single cluster.

Hierarchical clustering results are typically displayed as a dendrogram.

The number of clusters does not necessarily need to be known or chosen by the analyst.

Example: Cancer Subtypes

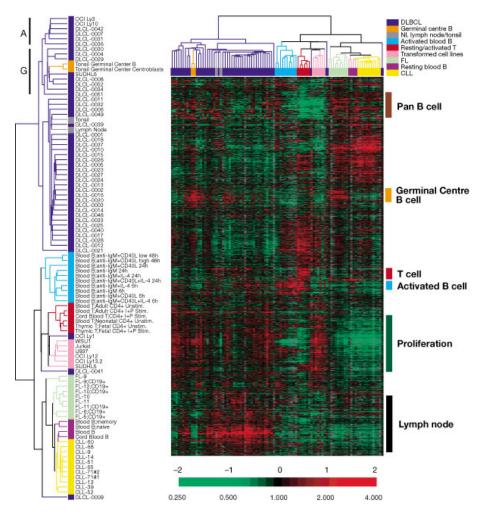


Figure from Alizadeh et al. (2000) Nature.

Algorithm

The algorithm for hierarchical clustering works as follows.

- 1. Start with each object assigned as its own cluster.
- 2. Calculate a distance between all pairs of clusters.
- 3. Join the two clusters with the smallest distance.
- 4. Repeat steps 2–3 until there is only one cluster.

At the very first iteration of the algorithm, all we need is some distance function (e.g., Euclidean or Manhattan) to determine the two objects that are closest.

But once clusters with more than one object are present, how do we calculate the distance between two clusters? This is where a key choice called the *linkage method or criterion* is needed.

Linkage Criteria

Suppose there are two clusters A and B and we have a distance function $d(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b})$ for all objects $\boldsymbol{a} \in A$ and $\boldsymbol{b} \in B$. Here are three ways (among many) to calculate a distance between clusters A and B:

Complete:
$$\max\{d(\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b}): \boldsymbol{a} \in A, \boldsymbol{b} \in B\}$$
 (1)

Single:
$$\min\{d(\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b}): \boldsymbol{a} \in A, \boldsymbol{b} \in B\}$$
 (2)

Average:
$$\frac{1}{|A||B|} \sum_{\boldsymbol{a} \in A} \sum_{\boldsymbol{b} \in B} d(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b})$$
 (3)

hclust()

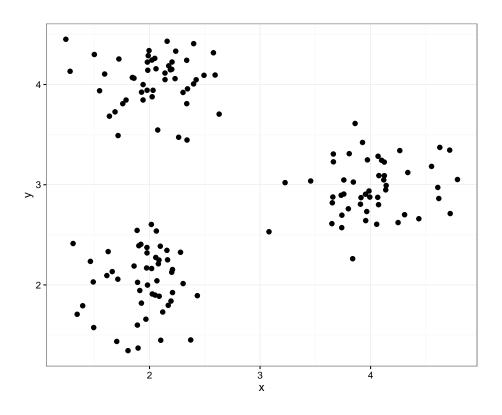
The hclust() function produces an R object that contains all of the information needed to create a complete hierarchical clustering.

Default arguments for hclust():

```
> str(hclust)
function (d, method = "complete", members = NULL)
```

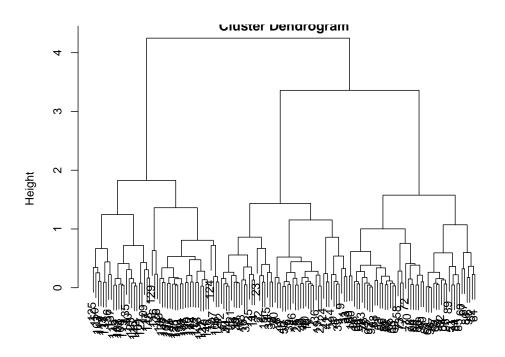
The primary input for hclust() is the d argument, which is a distance matrix (usually obtained from dist()). The method argument takes the linkage method, which includes method="complete", method="single", method="average", etc. See ?hclust.

Hierarchical Clustering of data1



Standard hclust() Usage

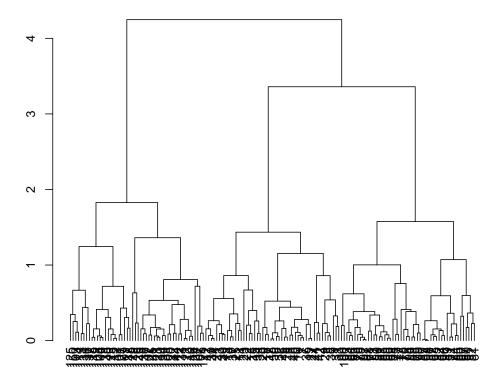
```
> mydist <- dist(data1, method = "euclidean")
> myhclust <- hclust(mydist, method="complete")
> plot(myhclust)
```



mydist

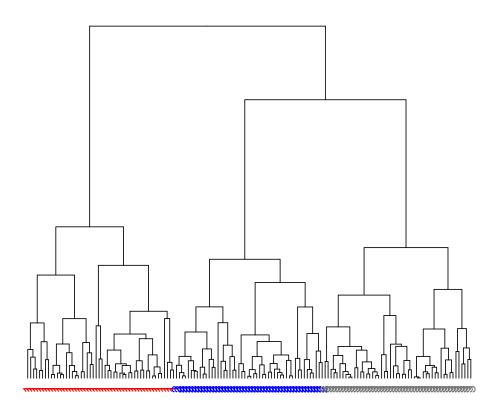
as.dendrogram()

```
> plot(as.dendrogram(myhclust))
```



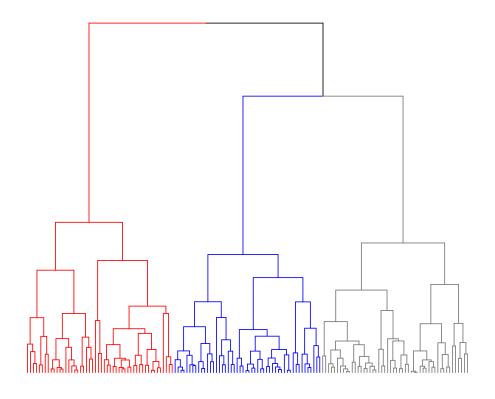
Modify the Labels

```
> library(dendextend)
> dend1 <- as.dendrogram(myhclust)
> labels(dend1) <- data1$true_clusters
> labels_colors(dend1) <-
+ c("red", "blue", "gray47")[as.numeric(data1$true_clusters)]
> plot(dend1, axes=FALSE, main=" ", xlab=" ")
```



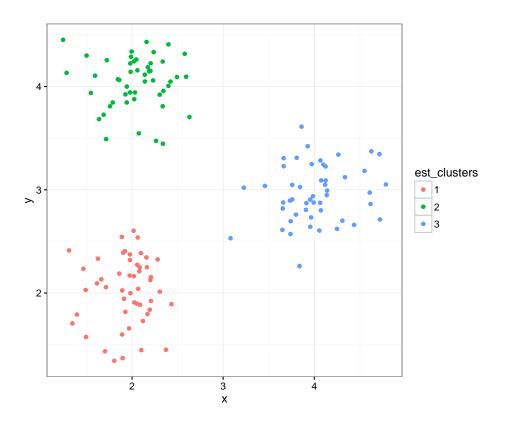
Color the Branches

```
> dend2 <- as.dendrogram(myhclust)
> labels(dend2) <- rep(" ", nrow(data1))
> dend2 <- color_branches(dend2, k = 3, col=c("red", "blue", "gray47"))
> plot(dend2, axes=FALSE, main=" ", xlab=" ")
```



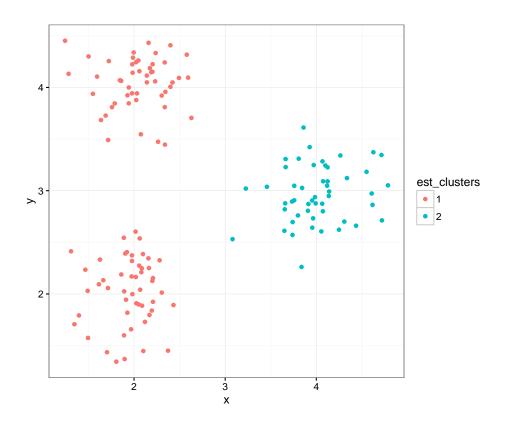
Cluster Assignments (K = 3)

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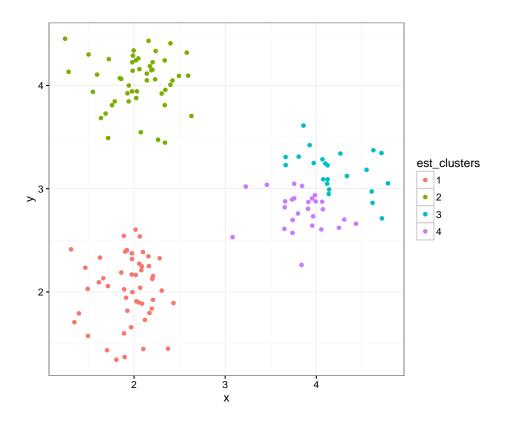
Cluster Assignments (K = 2)

```
> (data1 %>%
+ mutate(est_clusters=factor(cutree(myhclust, k=2))) %>%
+ ggplot()) + geom_point(aes(x=x, y=y, color=est_clusters))
```



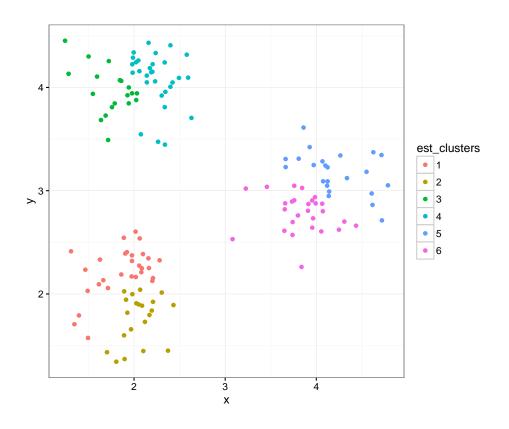
Cluster Assignments (K = 4)

```
> (data1 %>%
+ mutate(est_clusters=factor(cutree(myhclust, k=4))) %>%
+ ggplot()) + geom_point(aes(x=x, y=y, color=est_clusters))
```



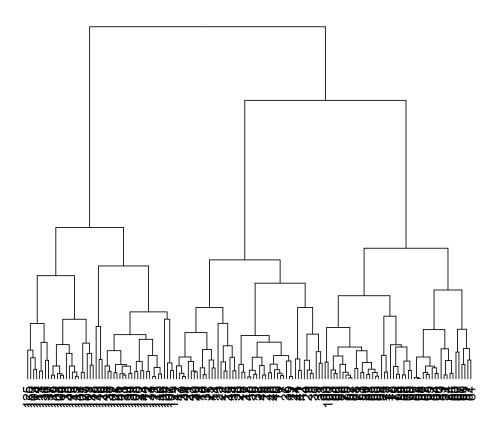
Cluster Assignments (K = 6)

```
> (data1 %>%
+ mutate(est_clusters=factor(cutree(myhclust, k=6))) %>%
+ ggplot()) + geom_point(aes(x=x, y=y, color=est_clusters))
```



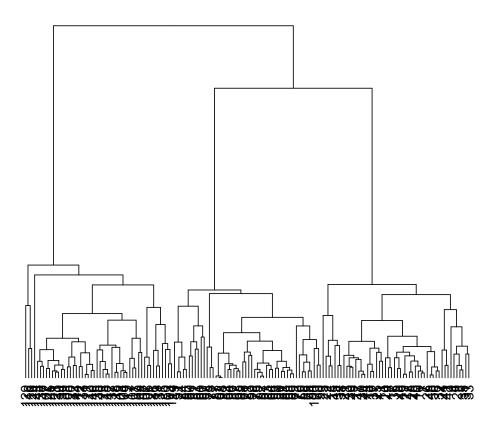
Linkage: Complete (Default)

```
> data1 %>% dist() %>% hclust(method="complete") %>%
+ as.dendrogram() %>% plot(axes=FALSE)
```



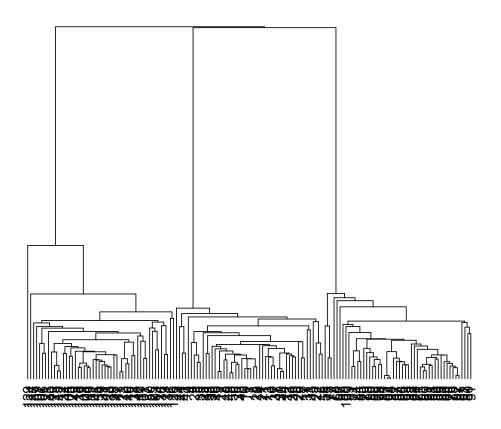
Linkage: Average

```
> data1 %>% dist() %>% hclust(method="average") %>%
+ as.dendrogram() %>% plot(axes=FALSE)
```



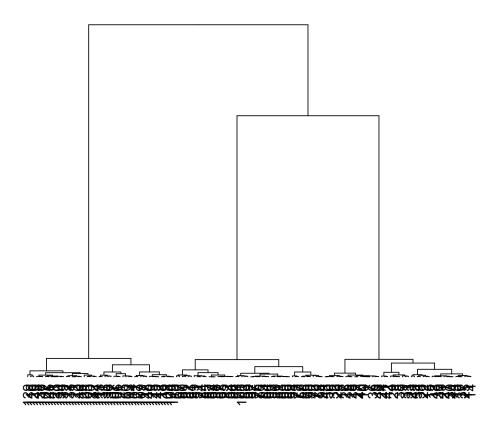
Linkage: Single

```
> data1 %>% dist() %>% hclust(method="single") %>%
+ as.dendrogram() %>% plot(axes=FALSE)
```

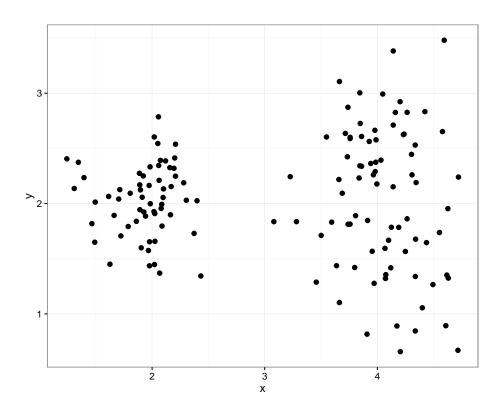


Linkage: Ward

```
> data1 %>% dist() %>% hclust(method="ward.D") %>%
+ as.dendrogram() %>% plot(axes=FALSE)
```

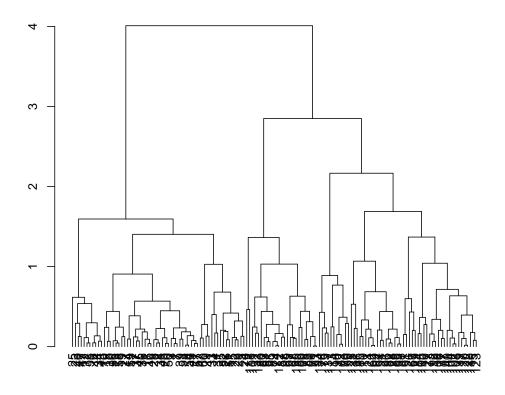


Hierarchical Clustering of data2



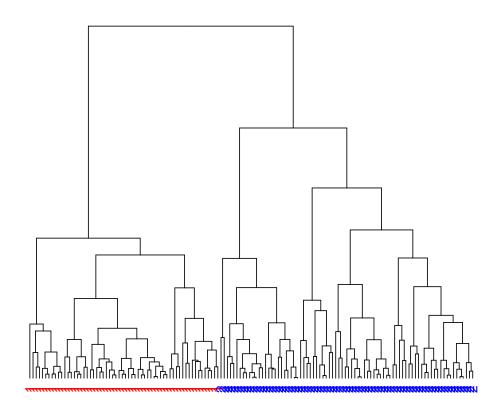
as.dendrogram()

```
> mydist <- dist(data2, method = "euclidean")
> myhclust <- hclust(mydist, method="complete")
> plot(as.dendrogram(myhclust))
```



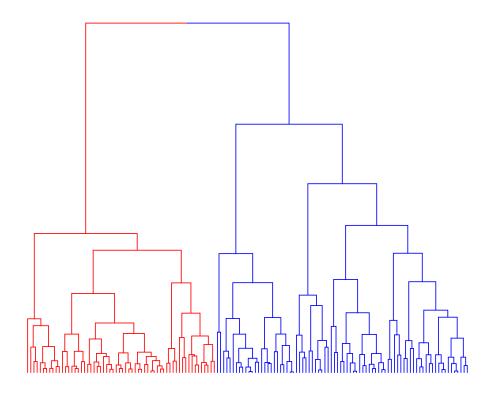
Modify the Labels

```
> library(dendextend)
> dend1 <- as.dendrogram(myhclust)
> labels(dend1) <- data2$true_clusters
> labels_colors(dend1) <-
+ c("red", "blue")[as.numeric(data2$true_clusters)]
> plot(dend1, axes=FALSE, main=" ", xlab=" ")
```



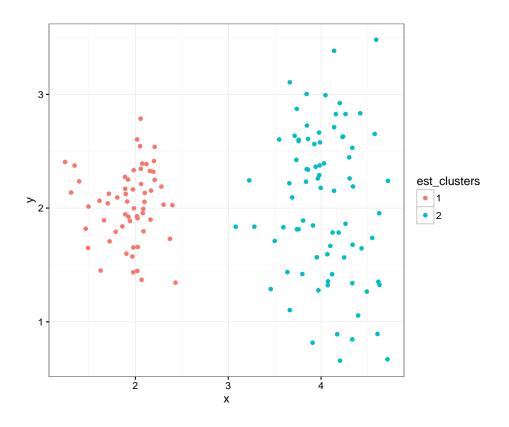
Color the Branches

```
> dend2 <- as.dendrogram(myhclust)
> labels(dend2) <- rep(" ", nrow(data2))
> dend2 <- color_branches(dend2, k = 2, col=c("red", "blue"))
> plot(dend2, axes=FALSE, main=" ", xlab=" ")
```



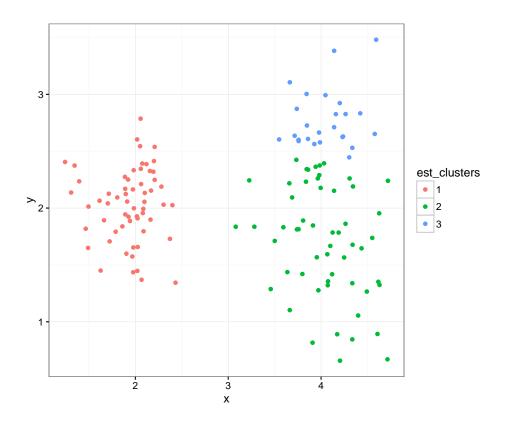
Cluster Assignments (K = 2)

```
> (data2 %>%
+ mutate(est_clusters=factor(cutree(myhclust, k=2))) %>%
+ ggplot()) + geom_point(aes(x=x, y=y, color=est_clusters))
```



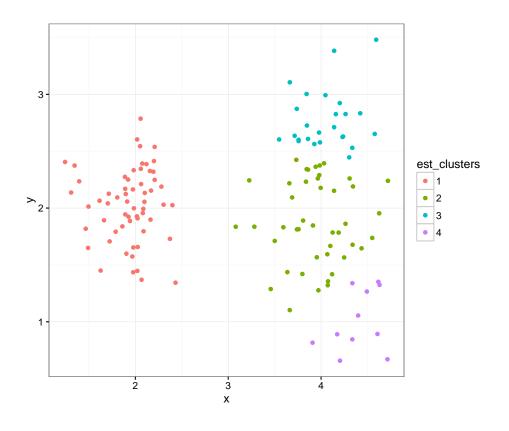
Cluster Assignments (K = 3)

```
> (data2 %>%
+ mutate(est_clusters=factor(cutree(myhclust, k=3))) %>%
+ ggplot()) + geom_point(aes(x=x, y=y, color=est_clusters))
```



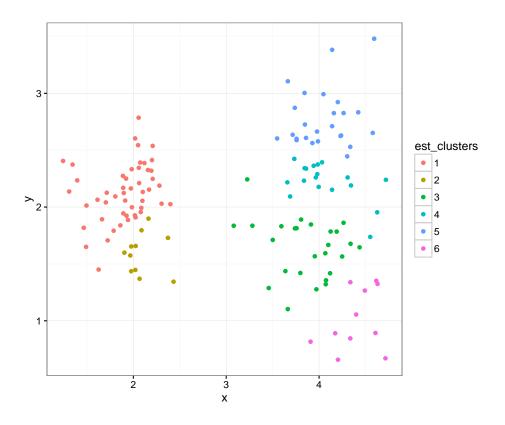
Cluster Assignments (K = 4)

```
> (data2 %>%
+ mutate(est_clusters=factor(cutree(myhclust, k=4))) %>%
+ ggplot()) + geom_point(aes(x=x, y=y, color=est_clusters))
```



Cluster Assignments (K = 5)

```
> (data2 %>%
+ mutate(est_clusters=factor(cutree(myhclust, k=6))) %>%
+ ggplot()) + geom_point(aes(x=x, y=y, color=est_clusters))
```



K-Means Clustering

Strategy

K-means clustering is a top-down, partitioning cluster analysis method that assigns each object to one of K clusters based on the distance between each object and the cluster centers, called centroids.

This is an iterative algorithm with potential random initial values.

The value of K is typically unknown and must be determined by the analyst.

Centroid

A centroid is the coordinate-wise average of all objects in a cluster.

Let A be a given cluster with objects $\boldsymbol{a} \in A$. Its centroid is:

$$\overline{\boldsymbol{a}} = \frac{1}{|A|} \sum_{\boldsymbol{a} \in A} \boldsymbol{a}$$

Algorithm

The number of clusters K must be chosen beforehand.

- 1. Initialize K cluster centroids.
- 2. Assign each object to a cluster by choosing the cluster with the smalllest distance (e.g., Euclidean) between the object and the cluster centroid.
- 3. Calculate new centroids based on the cluster assignments from Step 2.
- 4. Repeat Steps 2–3 until convergence.

Notes

The initialization of the centroids is typically random, so often the algorithm is run several times with new, random initial centroids.

Convergence is usually defined in terms of neglible changes in the centroids or no changes in the cluster assignments.

kmeans()

K-means clustering can be accomplished through the following function:

- x: the data to clusters, objects along rows
- centers: either the number of clusters K or a matrix giving initial centroids
- iter.max: the maximum number of iterations allowed
- \bullet ${\tt nstart:}$ how many random intial K centroids, where the best one is returned

fitted()

The cluster centroids or assignments can be extracted through the function fitted(), which is applied to the output of kmeans().

The input of fitted() is the object returned by kmeans(). The key additional argument is called method.

When method="centers" it returns the centroids. When method="classes" it returns the cluster assignments.

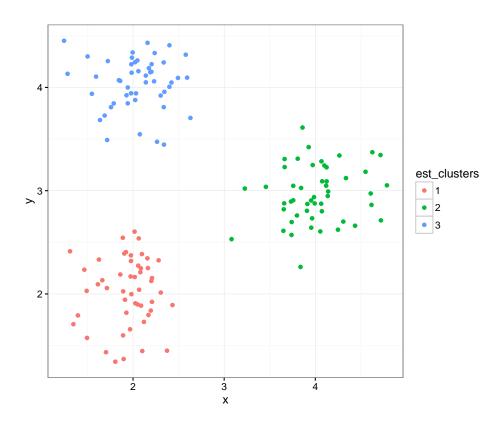
K-Means Clustering of data1

Centroids of data1

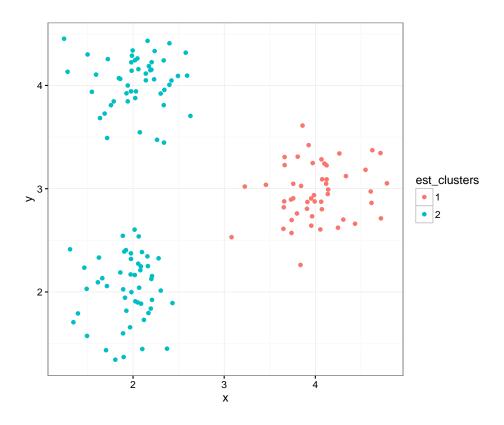
```
> centroids1 <- fitted(km1, method="centers") %>% unique()
> centroids1
1 1.943184 2.028062
3 2.042872 4.037987
2 4.015934 2.962279
> est_clusters <- fitted(km1, method="classes")</pre>
> data1 %>% mutate(est_clusters = factor(est_clusters)) %>%
    group_by(est_clusters) %>% summarize(mean(x), mean(y))
Source: local data frame [3 x 3]
  est_clusters mean(x) mean(y)
        (fctr)
                  (dbl)
                            (dbl)
             1 1.943184 2.028062
1
2
             2 4.015934 2.962279
             3 2.042872 4.037987
```

Cluster Assignments (K = 3)

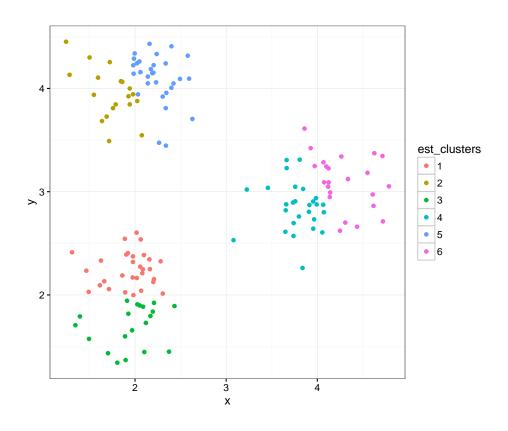
```
> est_clusters <- factor(est_clusters)
> ggplot(data1) + geom_point(aes(x=x, y=y, color=est_clusters))
```



Cluster Assignments (K = 2)



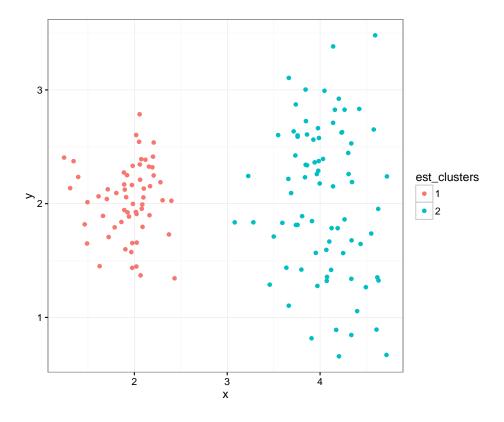
Cluster Assignments (K = 6)



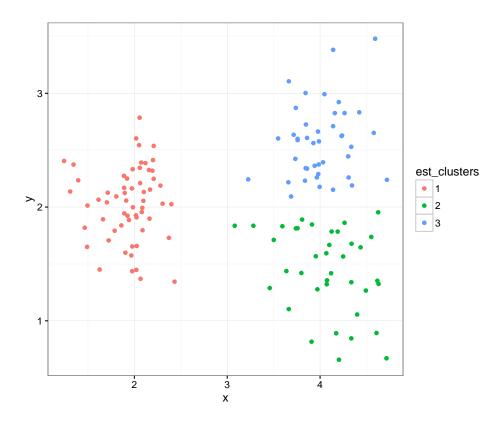
K-Means Clustering of data2

Cluster Assignments (K = 2)

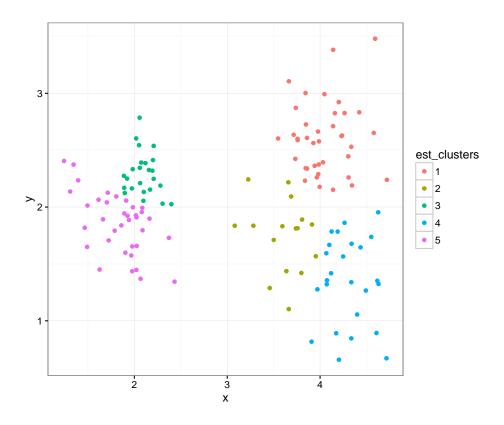
```
> est_clusters <- factor(est_clusters)
> ggplot(data2) + geom_point(aes(x=x, y=y, color=est_clusters))
```



Cluster Assignments (K = 3)



Cluster Assignments (K = 5)



Dimensionality Reduction

Weather Data

This is a subset of the weather data from Project 3:

This matrix contains temperature data on 50 days and 2811 stations that were randomly selected.

Goal

The goal of dimensionality reduction is to extract low dimensional representations of high dimensional data that are useful for visualization, exploration, inference, or prediction.

The low dimensional representations should capture key sources of variation in the data.

Some Methods

- Principal component analysis
- Singular value decomposition
- Vector quantization
- Self-organizing maps
- Multidimensional scaling
- Latent variable modeling

Principal Component Analysis

Goal

For a given set of variables, principal component analysis (PCA) finds (constrained) weighted sums of the variables that capture the maximum level of variation in the data.

Specifically, the first principal component is the weighted sum of the variables that results in a component with the highest variation.

This component is then regressed out of the data, and the second principal component is obtained on the resulting residuals.

This process is repeated until there is no variation left in the data.

Procedure

Suppose we have p variables, each with n observations:

$$\mathbf{x_1} = (x_{11}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1n}) \tag{4}$$

$$\mathbf{x_2} = (x_{21}, x_{22}, \dots, x_{2n}) \tag{5}$$

$$(6)$$

$$\boldsymbol{x_p} = (x_{p1}, x_{p2}, \dots, x_{pn}) \tag{7}$$

Consider all possible weighted sums of these variables

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}} = \sum_{i=1}^{p} w_i \boldsymbol{x_i}$$

where we constrain $\sum_{i=1}^{p} w_i^2 = 1$.

Procedure

The first principal component (PC1) is the set of weights that produces a vector $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}$ that maximizes

$$\tilde{x}_1^2 + \tilde{x}_2^2 + \cdots \tilde{x}_n^2.$$

One this is found, then a least squares linear regression of each x_i on \tilde{x} (with no intercept) is performed and the residuals are obtained. The next principal component (PC2) is then calculated using the same procedure.

This process is repeated up to min(p, n) times.

Singular Value Decomposition

Singular value decomposition (SVD) is a numerical matrix decomposition that can find all PCs at once.

This is an advanced topic.

See *Principal Component Analysis* by I.T. Jolliffe for a thorough account of PCA, including a clear explanation on the relationship between PCA and SVD (in Chapter 1).

Mean Centering and Covariance

PCA can be motivated and derived in terms of covariance matrices.

We will not cover that here, but it is definitely worth learning.

One thing we want to note is that it is usually the case that one centers each variable by its sample mean before performing PCA (i.e., subtract the variable's sample mean from each observation on that variable). This allows the optimization to be about maximizing sample variance of the component and provides the underlying connection to covariances.

My PCA Function

```
> pca <- function(x, space=c("rows", "columns"),</pre>
                    center=TRUE, scale=FALSE) {
    space <- match.arg(space)</pre>
    if(space=="columns") \{x \leftarrow t(x)\}
    x <- t(scale(t(x), center=center, scale=scale))</pre>
    s \leftarrow svd(x)
   loading <- s$u
    colnames(loading) <- paste0("Loading", 1:ncol(loading))</pre>
    rownames(loading) <- rownames(x)</pre>
    pc <- diag(s$d) %*% t(s$v)
    rownames(pc) <- paste0("PC", 1:nrow(pc))</pre>
    colnames(pc) <- colnames(x)</pre>
    pve <- s$d^2 / sum(s$d^2)
   if(space=="columns") {pc <- t(pc); loading <- t(loading)}</pre>
    return(list(pc=pc, loading=loading, pve=pve))
+ }
```

How It Works (Input)

Input:

- x: a matrix of numerical values
- space: either "rows" or "columns", denoting which dimension contains the variables
- center: if TRUE then the variables are mean centered before calculating PCs
- $\bullet\,$ scale: if TRUE then the variables are std dev scaled before calculating PCs

How It Works (Output)

Output is a list with the following items:

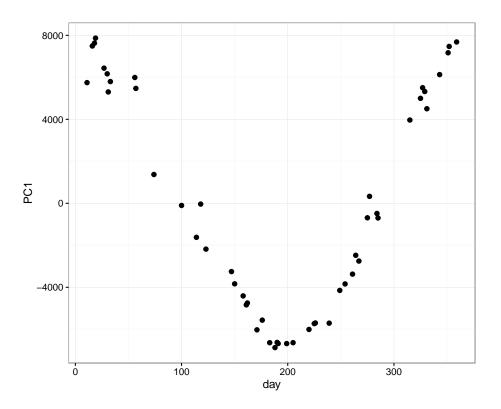
- pc: a matrix of all possible PCs
- loading: the weights or "loadings" that determined each PC
- pve: the proportion of variation explained by each PC

Note that the rows or columns of pc and loading have names to let you know on which dimension the values are organized.

Application to Weather Data

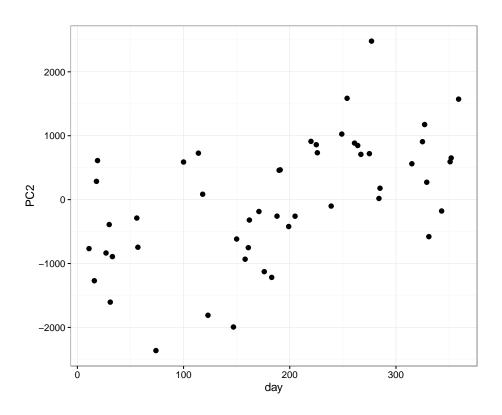
PC1 vs Time

```
> day_of_the_year <- as.numeric(colnames(weather_data))
> data.frame(day=day_of_the_year, PC1=mypca$pc[1,]) %>%
+ ggplot() + geom_point(aes(x=day, y=PC1), size=2)
```



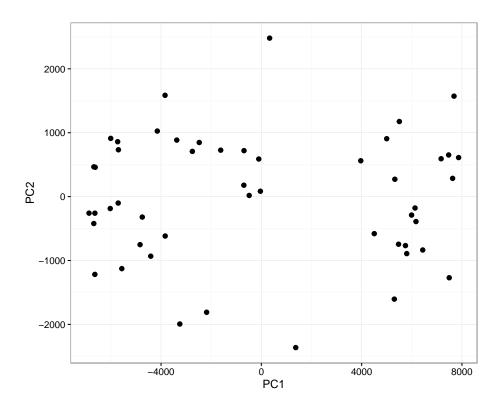
PC2 vs Time

```
> data.frame(day=day_of_the_year, PC2=mypca$pc[2,]) %>%
+ ggplot() + geom_point(aes(x=day, y=PC2), size=2)
```



PC1 vs PC2

```
> data.frame(PC1=mypca$pc[1,], PC2=mypca$pc[2,]) %>%
+ ggplot() + geom_point(aes(x=PC1, y=PC2), size=2)
```



PC Biplots

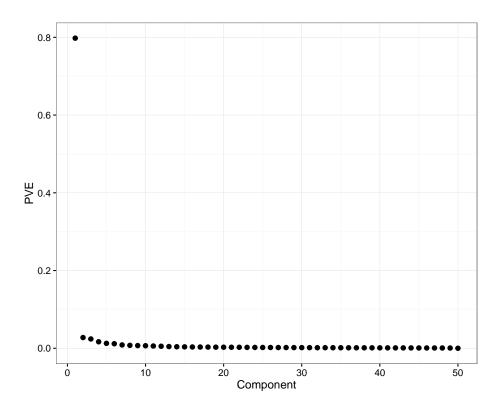
Sometimes it is really informative to plot a PC versus another PC (as in the previous slide). This is called a $PC\ biplot$.

It is possible that interesting subgroups or clusters of observations will emerge.

This does not appear to be the case in the weather data set, however, due to what we observe on the next slide.

Proportion of Variance Explained

```
> data.frame(Component=1:length(mypca$pve), PVE=mypca$pve) %>%
+ ggplot() + geom_point(aes(x=Component, y=PVE), size=2)
```



PCs Reproduce the Data

We can multiple the loadings matrix by the PCs matrix to reproduce the data:

```
> # mean centered weather data
> weather_data_mc <- weather_data - rowMeans(weather_data)
>
> # difference between the PC projections and the data
> # the small sum is just machine imprecision
> sum(abs(weather_data_mc - mypca$loading %*% mypca$pc))
[1] 3.572175e-08
```

Loadings

The sum of squared weights – i.e., loadings – equals one for each component:

```
> sum(mypca$loading[,1]^2)
[1] 1
>
> apply(mypca$loading, 2, function(x) {sum(x^2)})
```

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```

Pairs of PCs Have Correlaton Zero

PCs by contruction have sample correlation equal to zero:

```
> cor(mypca$pc[1,], mypca$pc[2,])
[1] 1.858194e-16
> cor(mypca$pc[1,], mypca$pc[3,])
[1] 9.762562e-17
> cor(mypca$pc[1,], mypca$pc[12,])
[1] -7.921241e-17
> cor(mypca$pc[5,], mypca$pc[27,])
[1] -2.43523e-16
> # etc...
```

Summary of SML 201

What Did We Learn?

- Basics of R
- Data wrangling
- Data visualization
- Exploratory data analysis
- Probability and random variables
- Statistical inference

- Formulating and fitting models
- Prediction / supervised learning
- Clustering / unsupervised learning
- Real data sets and questions are tough

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SML UG Certificate

http://csml.princeton.edu/education/undergraduate-certificate-program

- Requires five courses in total
- One fundamentals of statistics, one fundamentals of ML
- SML 201 currently counts as one of the three additional courses
- See the web site for further details

Extras

License

https://github.com/SML201/lectures/blob/master/LICENSE.md

Source Code

https://github.com/SML201/lectures/tree/master/week12

Session Information

```
> sessionInfo()
R version 3.2.3 (2015-12-10)
Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin13.4.0 (64-bit)
Running under: OS X 10.11.4 (El Capitan)
locale:
[1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8
attached base packages:
             graphics grDevices utils
[1] stats
                                           datasets methods
[7] base
other attached packages:
                                   dplyr_0.4.3
[1] dendextend_1.1.8 broom_0.4.0
[4] ggplot2_2.1.0
                    knitr_1.12.3
                                     magrittr_1.5
[7] devtools_1.11.1
```

```
loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
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[31] stringi_1.0-1
                       scales_0.4.0
```