

# Document Clustering

## - BERTopic -

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# INTRODUCTION

## Background

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- To uncover common themes and the underlying narrative in text, topic models have proven to be a powerful unsupervised tool.
  - Conventional models, such as Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) (Blei et al., 2003) and Non-Negative Matrix Factorization (NMF) (Févotte and Idier, 2011), describe a document as a bag-of-words and model each document as a mixture of latent topics.
- One limitation of these models is that through **bag-of-words representations**, they **disregard semantic relationships among words**.
- As an answer to this issue, **text embedding techniques** have rapidly **become popular** in the natural language processing field.
  - Although embedding techniques have been used for a variety of tasks, ranging from classification to neural search engines, researchers have started to adopt these powerful contextual representations for topic modeling.
  - \* Similarly, Top2Vec leverages Doc2Vec's word- and document representations to learn jointly embedded topic, document, and word vectors (Angelov, 2020; Le and Mikolov, 2014).



# INTRODUCTION

## Limitations of Previous method

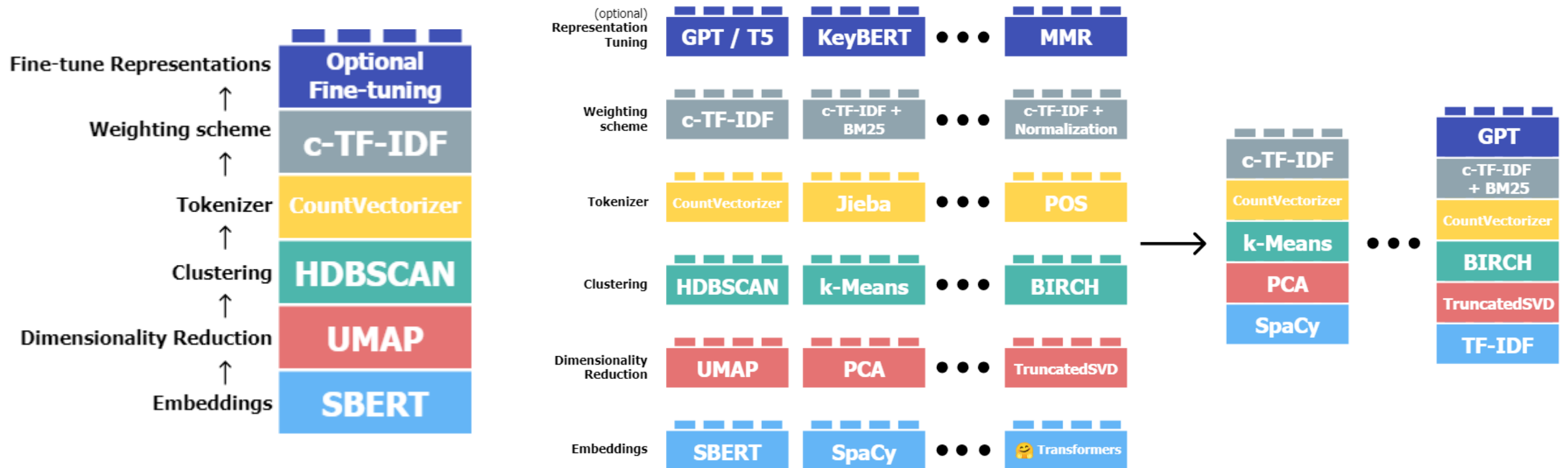
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- The aforementioned topic modeling techniques assume that words in close proximity to a cluster's centroid are most representative of that cluster, and thereby a topic.
  - In practice, however, **a cluster will not always lie within a sphere around a cluster centroid.**
- As such, the assumption cannot hold for every cluster of documents, and the representation of those clusters, and thereby the topic might be misleading. Although (Sia et al., 2020) attempts to overcome this issue by re-ranking topic words based on their frequency in a cluster, the initial candidates are still generated from a centroid-based perspective.
- In this paper, we introduce BERTopic, a topic model that leverages clustering techniques and a class-based variation of TF-IDF to generate coherent topic representations.

# FRAMEWORK

## Module

- BERTopic can be viewed as a sequence of steps to create its topic representations. There are five steps to this process.
  - Although these steps are the default, there is some modularity to BERTopic.

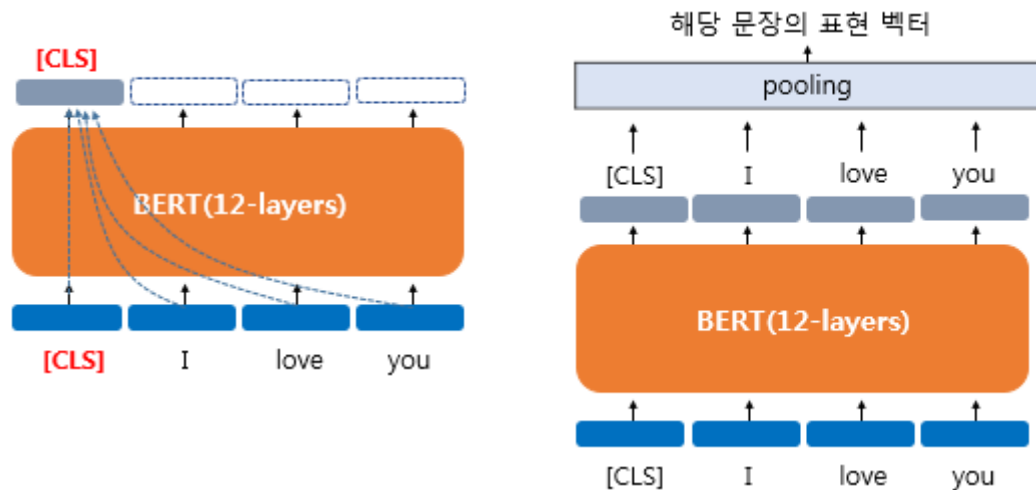


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## 1. Embedding

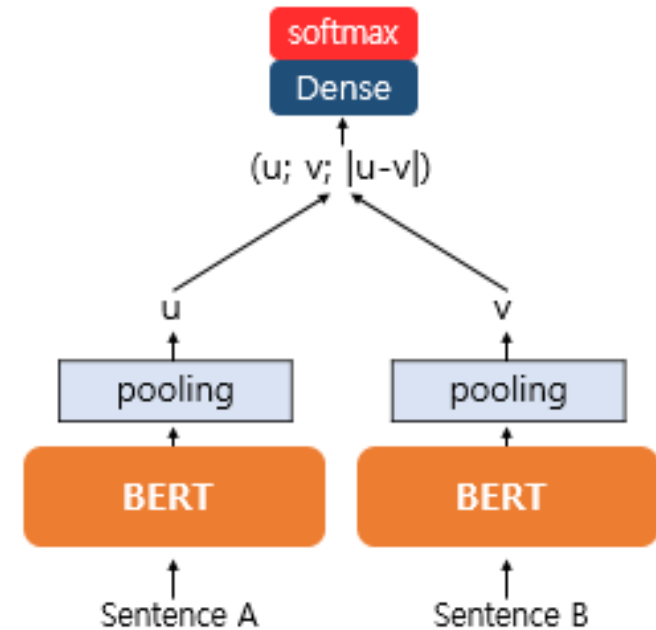
- BERTopic starts with transforming our input documents into numerical representations.
  - Although there are many methods for doing so the default in BERTopic is sentence-transformers.

### BERT based Sentence Embedding



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$$h = (u; v; |u - v|)$$



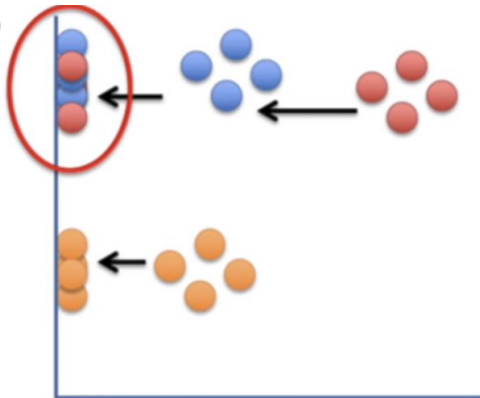
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## 2. Dimensionality Reduction

- After having created our numerical representations of the documents we have to reduce the dimensionality of these representations.
  - There are great approaches that can reduce dimensionality, such as PCA, but as a default UMAP is selected in BERTopic.
- UMAP : It is a technique that can keep some of a dataset's local and global structure when reducing its dimensionality.
  - This structure is important to keep as it contains the information necessary to create clusters of semantically similar documents.

### PCA

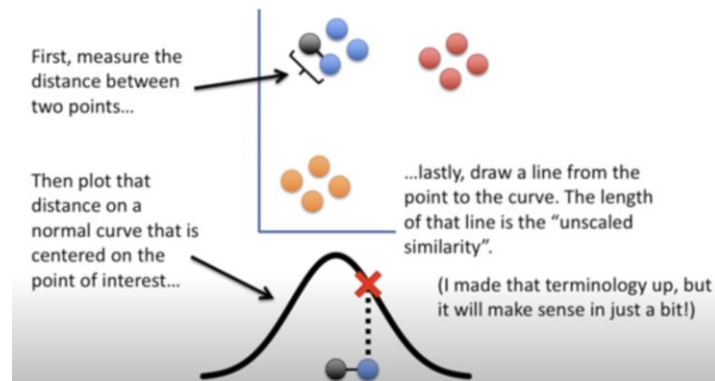
Instead of two distinct clusters, we just see a mishmash.



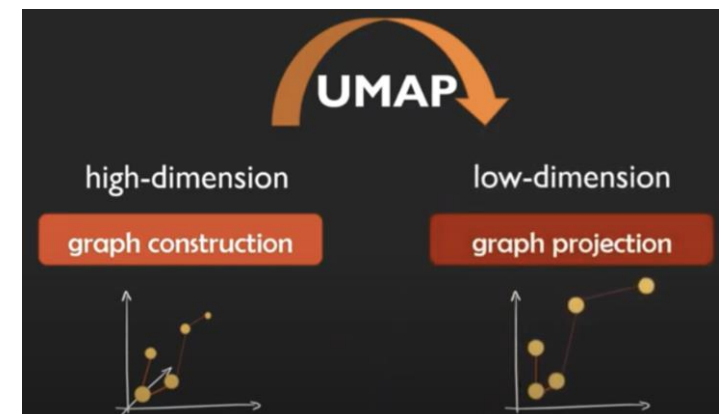
### T-SNE

First, measure the distance between two points...

Then plot that distance on a normal curve that is centered on the point of interest...



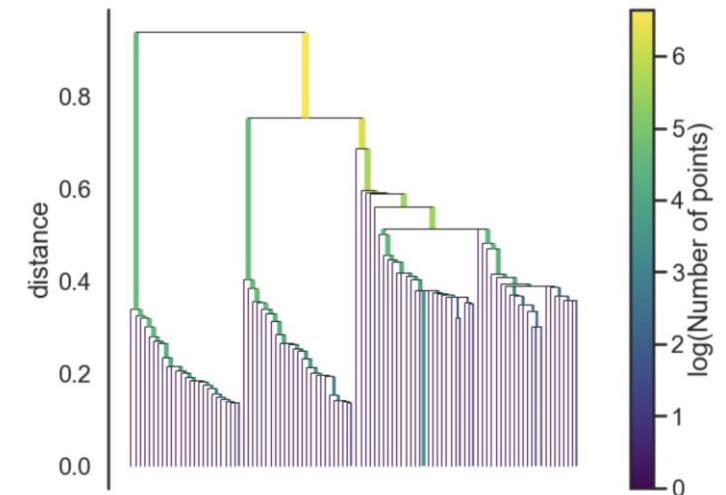
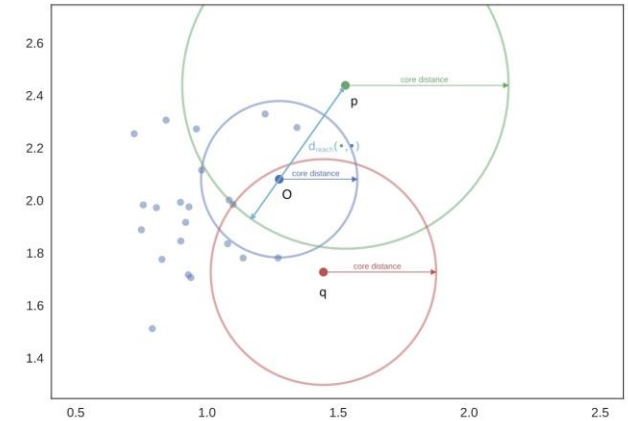
### UMAP



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## 3. Clustering

- After reducing the dimensionality of our input embeddings, we need to cluster them into groups of similar embeddings to extract our topics.
- For that, we leverage a density-based clustering technique, HDBSCAN.
  - It is an extension of DBSCAN that finds clusters of varying densities by converting DBSCAN into a hierarchical clustering algorithm.
  - It can find clusters of different shapes and has the nice feature of identifying outliers where possible.
  - Moreover, (Allaoui et al., 2020) demonstrated that reducing high dimensional embeddings with UMAP can improve the performance of well-known clustering algorithms, such as k-Means and HDBSCAN, both in terms of clustering accuracy and time







# FRAMEWORK

## 4. Vectorizers

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- In topic modeling, the quality of the topic representations is key for interpreting the topics, communicating results, and understanding patterns.
  - In practice, there is not one correct way of creating topic representations.
- One often underestimated component of BERTopic is the CountVectorizer and c-TF-IDF calculation.
  - Together, they are responsible for creating the topic representations and luckily can be quite flexible in parameter tuning.
  - `ngram_range`, `stop_words`, `min_df`, `max_features`, `tokenizer`.

# FRAMEWORK

## 5. c-TF-IDF

- In BERTopic, we can model this behavior by leveraging the c-TF-IDF representations of topics. Here, we assume that the temporal nature of topics should not influence the creation of global topics.

### c-TF-IDF

For a term  $x$  within class  $c$ :

$$\mathbf{W}_{x,c} = \|\mathbf{tf}_{x,c}\| \times \log\left(1 + \frac{\mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{f}_x}\right)$$

$\mathbf{tf}_{x,c}$  = frequency of word  $x$  in class  $c$

$\mathbf{f}_x$  = frequency of word  $x$  across all classes

$\mathbf{A}$  = average number of words per class

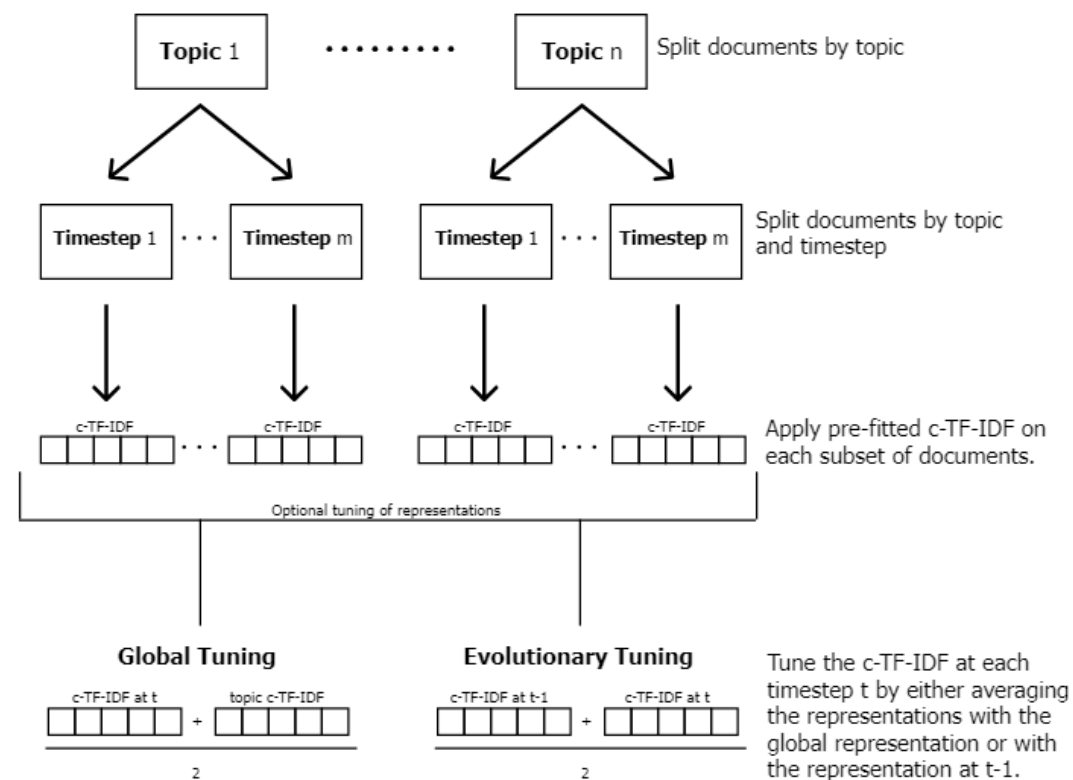
$$\text{idf}(t, D) = \log \frac{N}{|\{d \in D : t \in d\}|}$$

$$c - TF - IDF_i = \frac{t_i}{w_i} \times \log \frac{m}{\sum_j^n t_j}$$

# FRAMEWORK

## Variations : Dynamic Topic modelling

- In BERTopic, we assume that the temporal nature of topics should not influence the creation of global topics.
  - A topic representation at timestep  $t$  can be fine-tuned globally by averaging its c-TF-IDF representation with that of the **global representation**.
  - This allows each topic representation to move slightly towards the global representation whilst still keeping some of its specific words.
- A topic representation at timestep  $t$  can be fine-tuned **evolutionary** by averaging its c-TF-IDF representation with that of the c-TF-IDF representation at timestep  $t-1$ . This is done for each topic representation allowing for the representations to evolve over time.



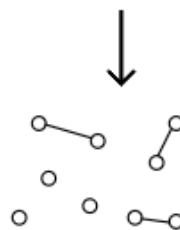
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## Variations : Hierarchical Topic Modelling

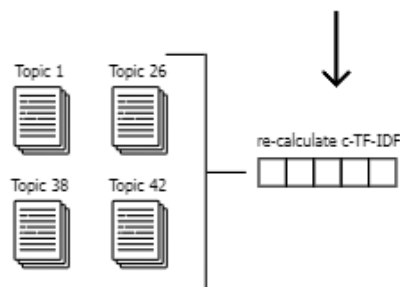
- In BERTopic, we can approximate this potential hierarchy by making use of our topic-term matrix (c-TF-IDF matrix).
  - This matrix contains information about the importance of every word in every topic and makes for a nice numerical representation of our topics.
  - The smaller the distance between two c-TF-IDF representations, the more similar we assume they are

Topic	1	2	3	...	n
1	1	.12	.53	...	.24
2	.12	1	.74	...	.89
3	.53	.74	1	...	.01
:	...	...	...	1	...
n	.24	.89	.01	...	1

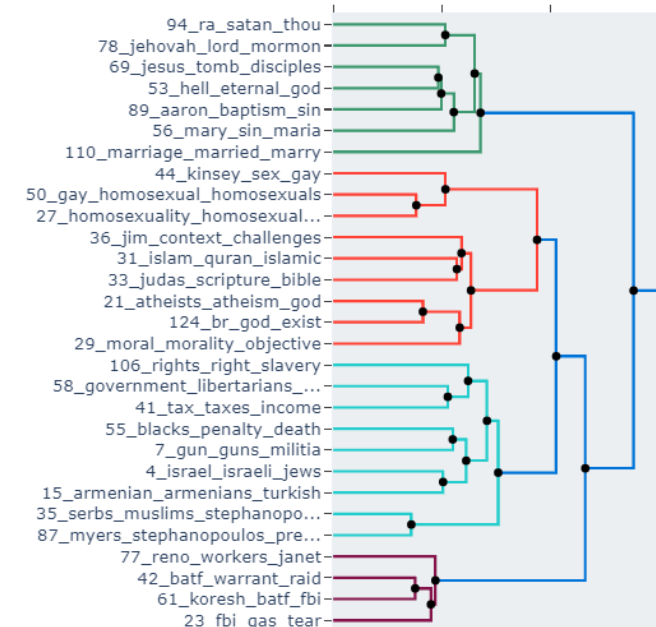
Create a distance matrix by calculating the cosine similarity between c-TF-IDF representations of each topic.



Apply a linkage function of choice on the distance matrix to model the hierarchical structure of topics.



Update the c-TF-IDF representation based on the collection of documents across the merged topics.



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## HDBSCAN 성능 평가

DEFINITION 8. (VALIDITY INDEX OF A CLUSTERING)  
*The Validity Index of the Clustering Solution  $C = \{C_i\}, 1 \leq i \leq l$  is defined as the weighted average of the Validity Index of all clusters in  $C$ .*

$$(3.5) \quad DBCV(C) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=l} \frac{|C_i|}{|O|} V_C(C_i)$$

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~~HDBSCAN 조정(Clustering method - EOM)~~

Cluster\_selection\_method

- EOM(Excess of Mass) : 클러스터 트리에서 가장 큰 클러스터들을 선택
- Leaf(Leaf) : 클러스터 트리에서 가장 아래쪽에 위치한 노드들을 선택

## 결과

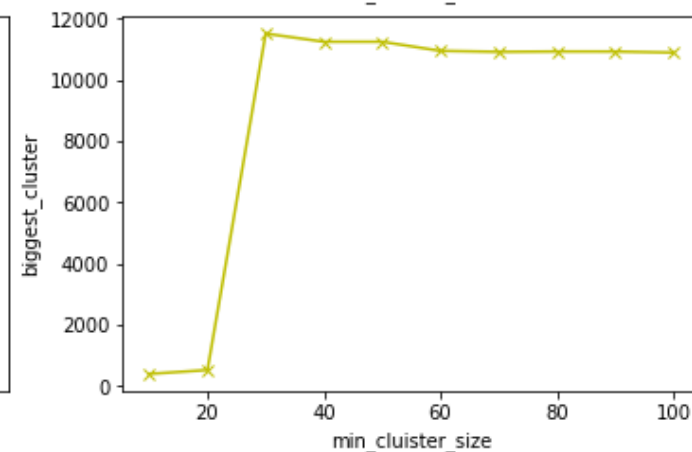
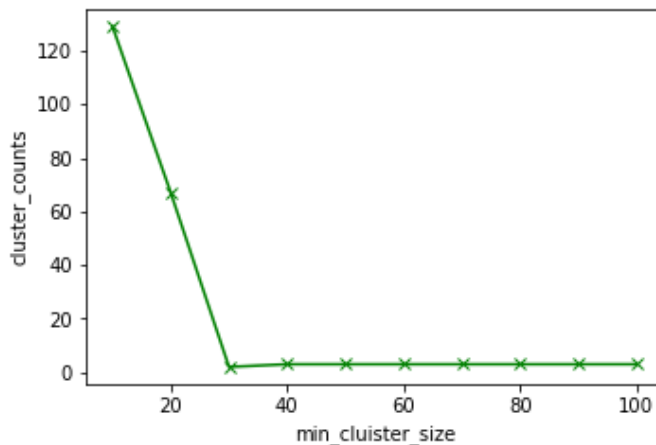
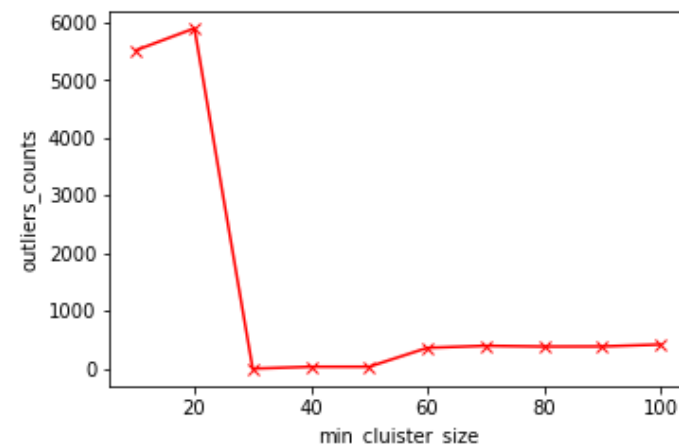
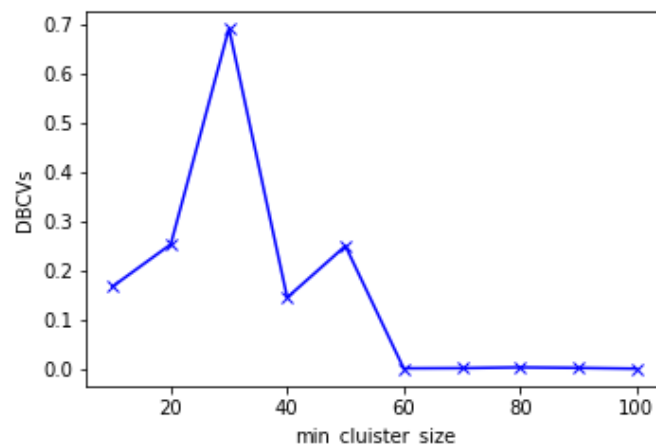
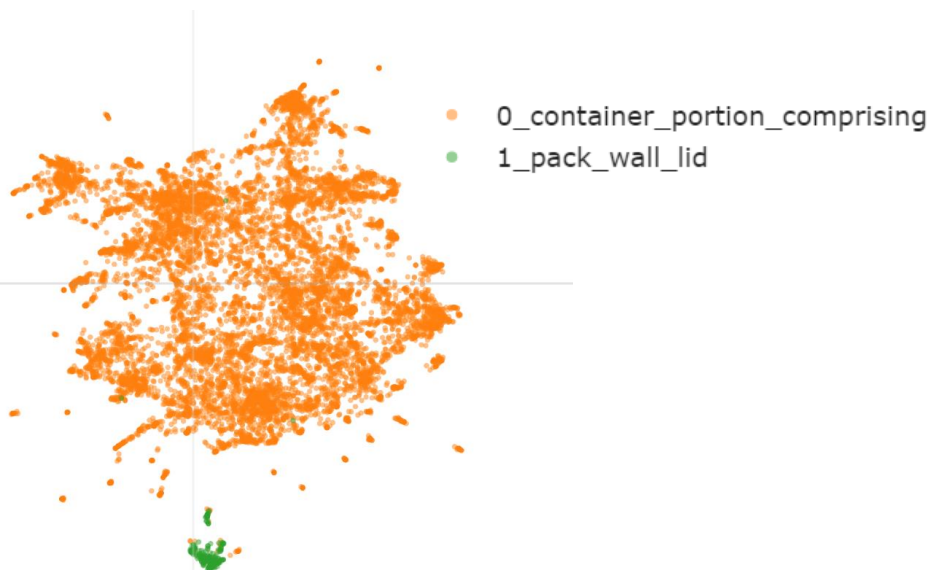
최소 클러스터 사이즈 : 30

최대 DBCVs : 0.693

아웃라이어 비율 : 0.0

클러스터 수 : 2

최대 클러스터의 전체 비율 : 0.997



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## HDBSCAN 조정(Clustering method – leaf)

### Cluster\_selection\_method

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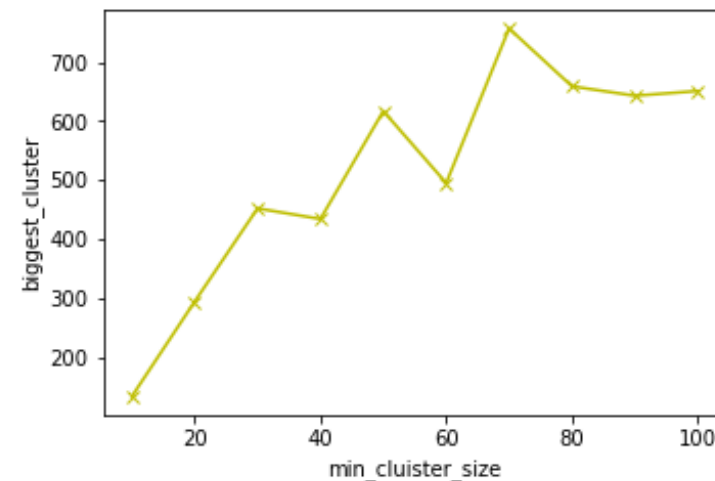
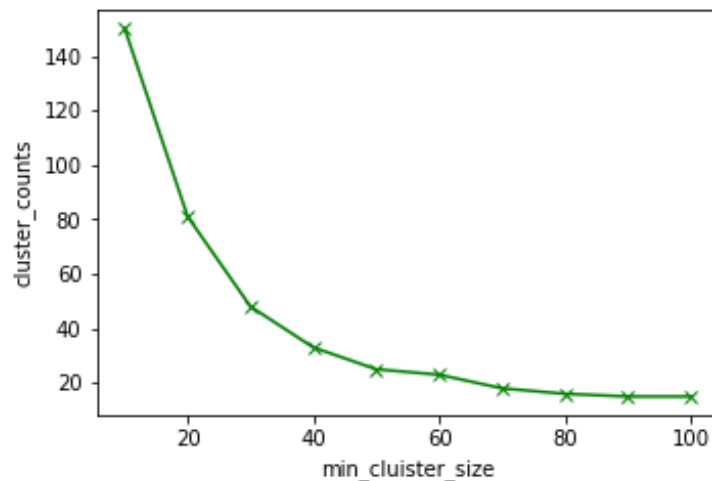
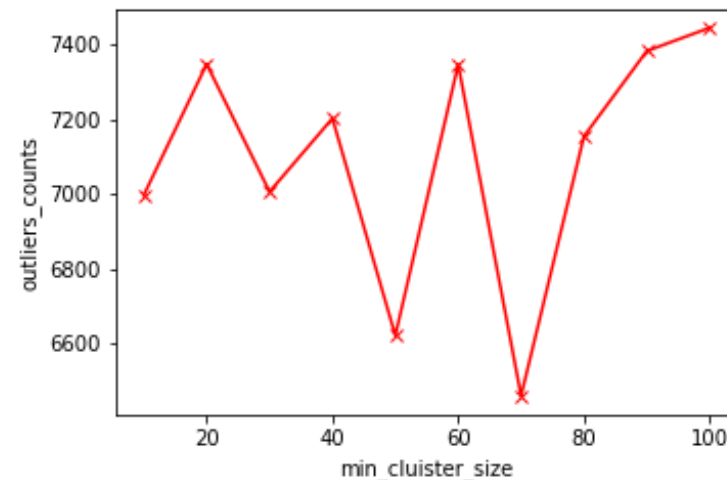
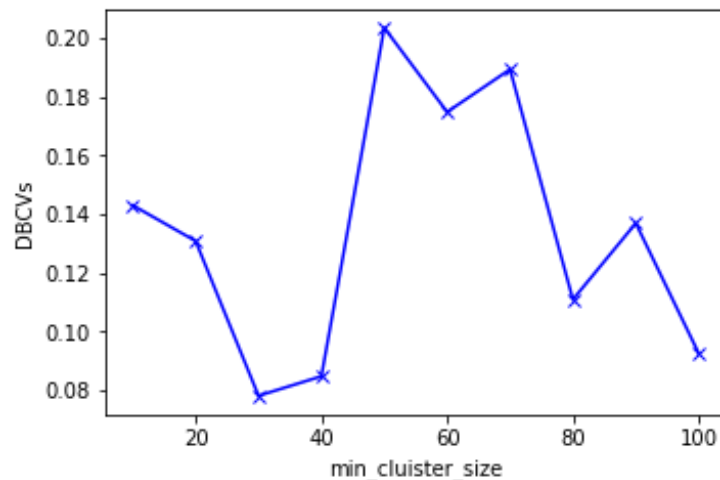
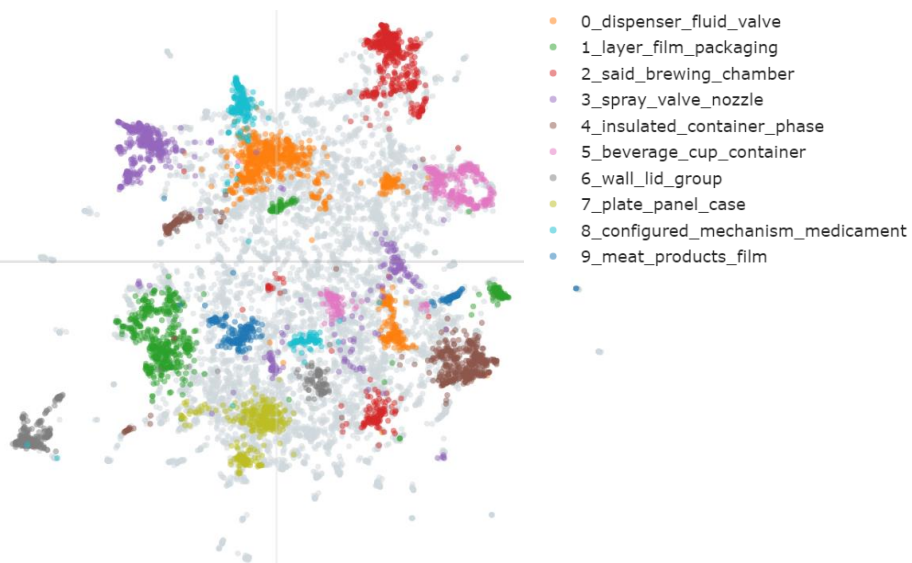
최소 클러스터 사이즈 : 50

최대 DBCVs : 0.203

아웃라이어 비율 : 0.573

클러스터 수 : 25

최대 클러스터의 전체 비율 : 0.053



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~~HDBSCAN 조정(min\_sample = 0 → 5)~~

min\_sample

핵심 샘플을 결정하기 위한 최소 샘플 수로 클러스터의 밀도를 경정하여 높은 값은 더 높은 밀도의 클러스터를 생성

## ■ 결과

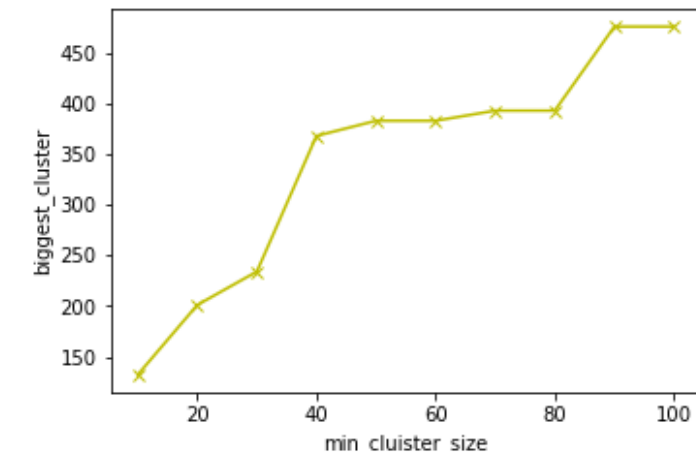
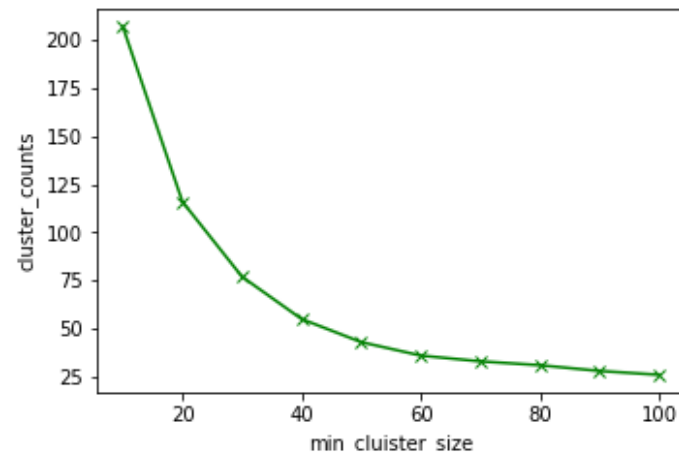
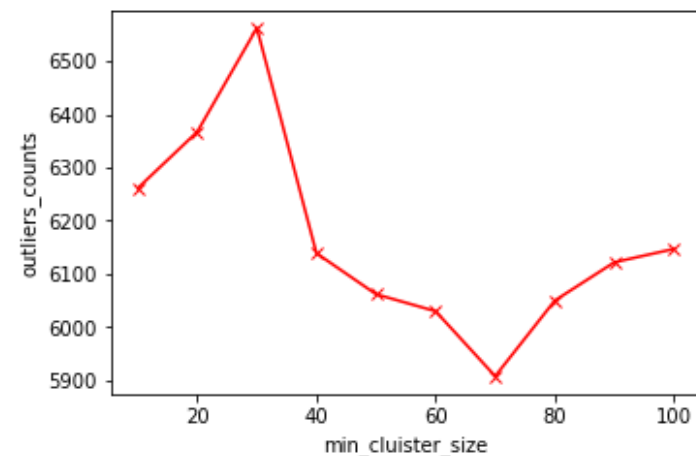
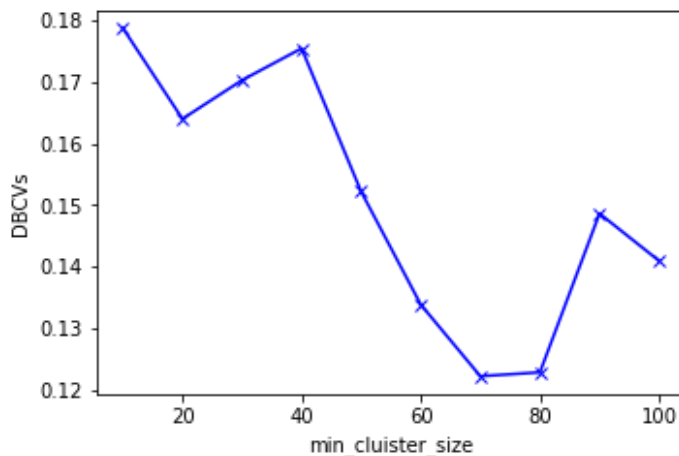
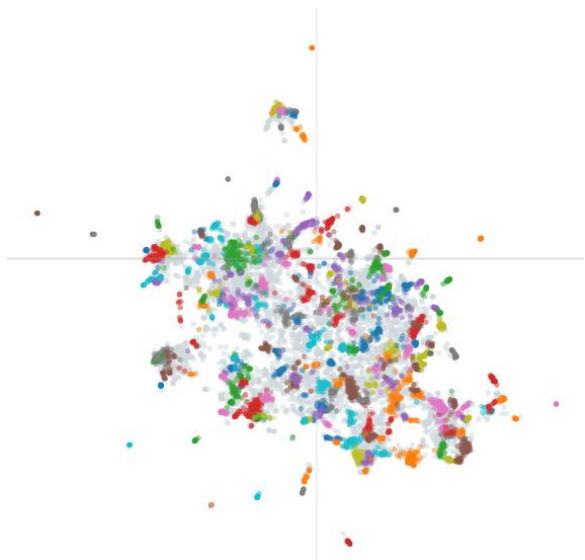
최소 클러스터 사이즈 : 10

최대 DBCVs : 0.179

아웃라이어 비율 : 0.542

클러스터 수 : 207

최대 클러스터의 전체 비율 : 0.011





# EXPERIMENT

HDBSCAN 조정(min\_sample = 0 → 10)

## ■ 결과

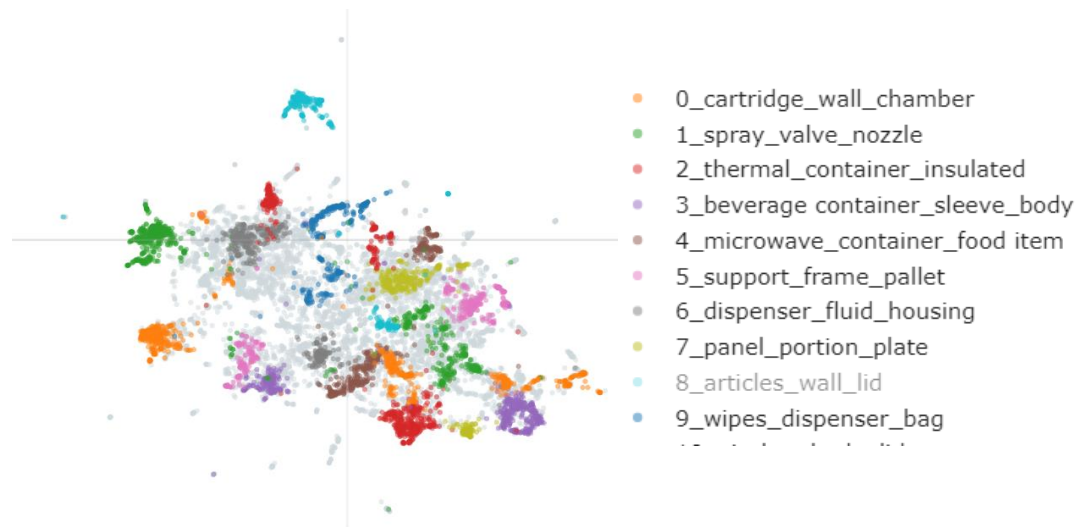
최소 클러스터 사이즈 : 100

최대 DBCVs : 0.221

아웃라이어 비율 : 0.538

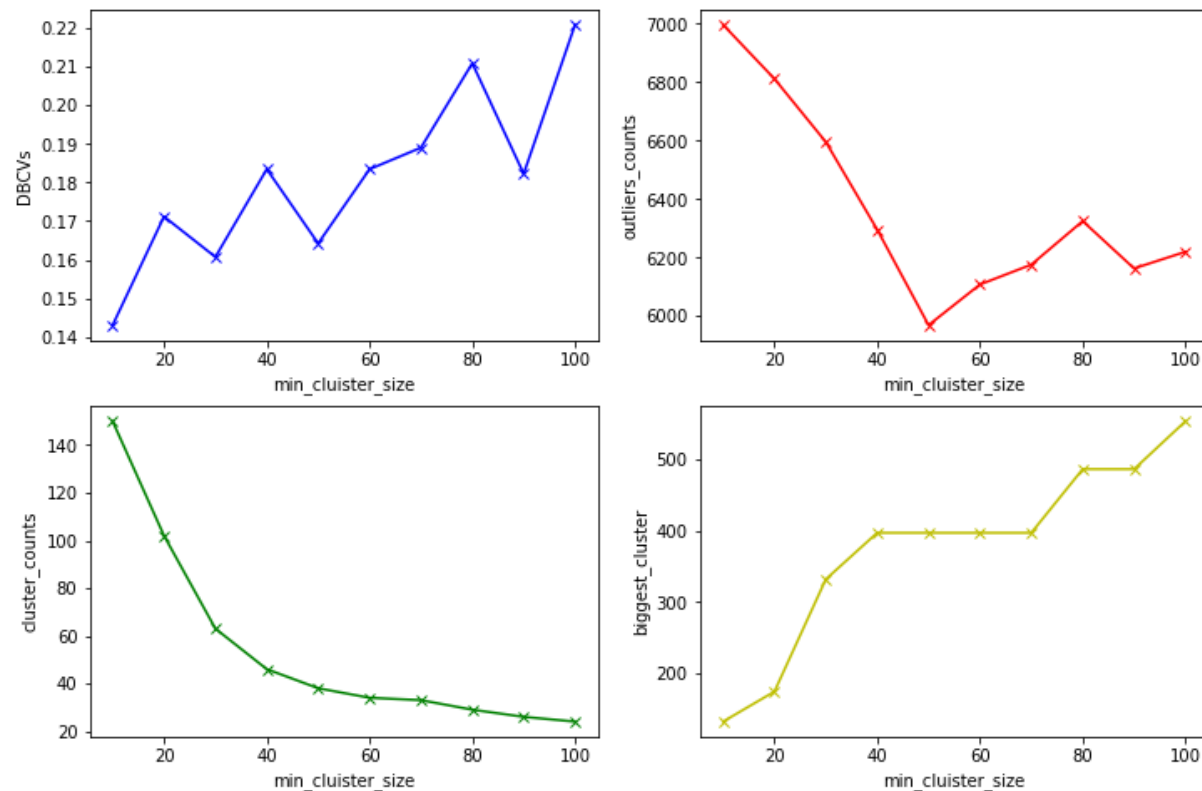
클러스터 수 : 24

최대 클러스터의 전체 비율 : 0.048



min\_sample

핵심 샘플을 결정하기 위한 최소 샘플 수로 클러스터의 밀도를 경정하여 높은 값은 더 높은 밀도의 클러스터를 생성



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UMAP 조정(~~n\_neighbor = 15~~ → 50)

n\_neighbors

UMAP 알고리즘에서 각 데이터 포인트를 고려할 때 주변을 탐색하는 이웃의 수를 정의하여, 값이 크면 글로벌 한 구조를 포착

## ■ 결과

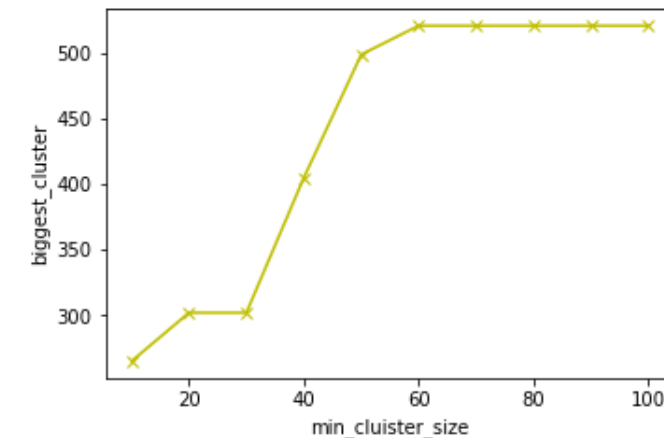
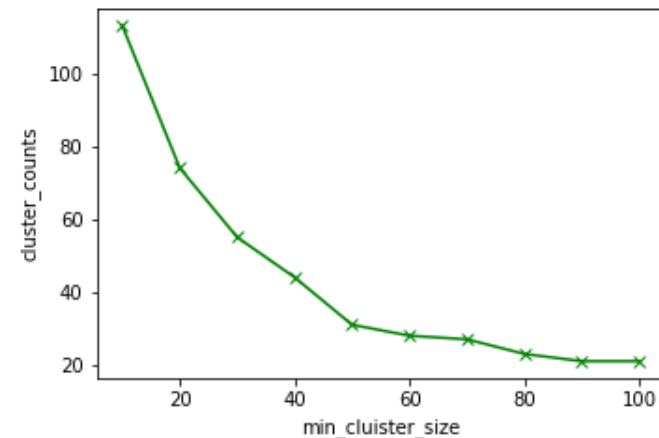
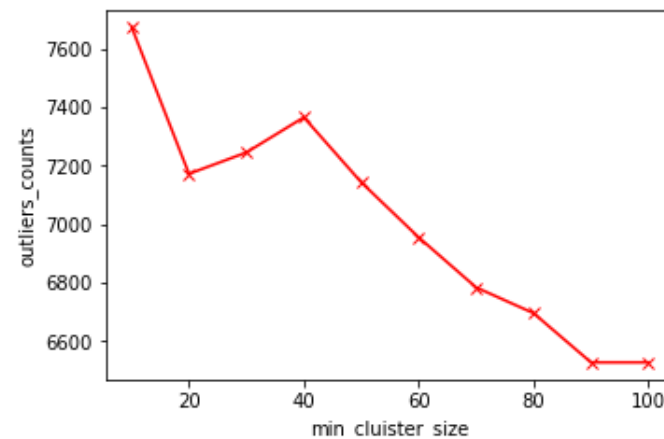
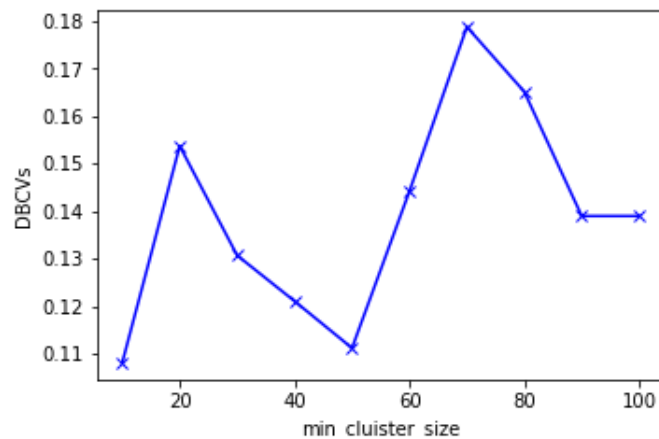
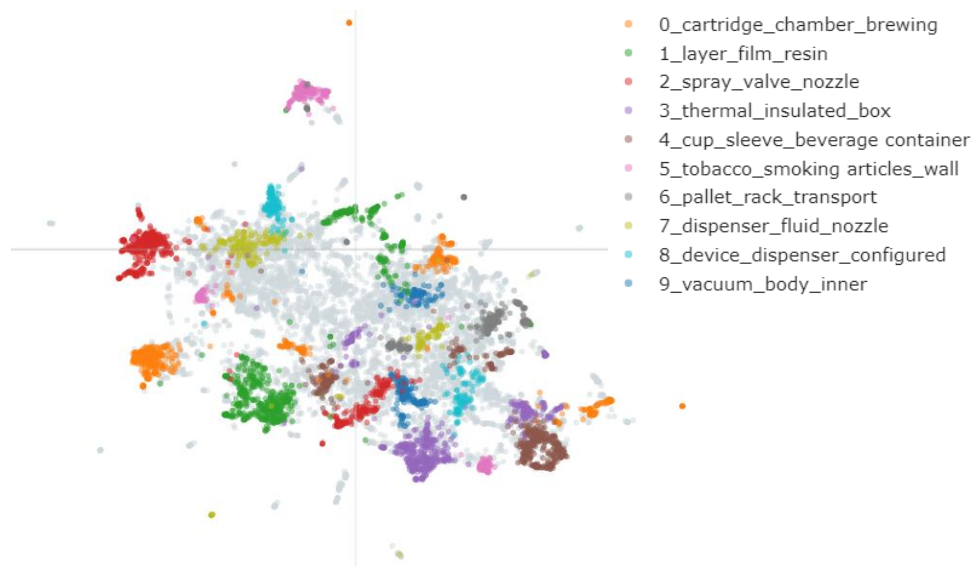
최소 클러스터 사이즈 : 70

최대 DBCVs : 0.179

아웃라이어 비율 : 0.587

클러스터 수 : 27

최대 클러스터의 전체 비율 : 0.045



# EXPERIMENT

UMAP 조정(~~n\_components = 5~~ → 15)

## ■ 결과

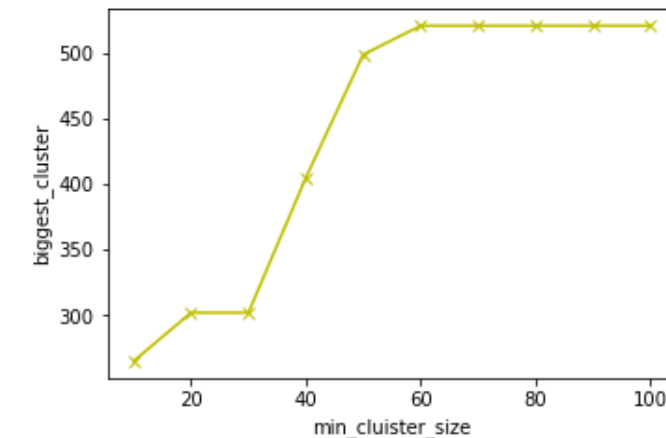
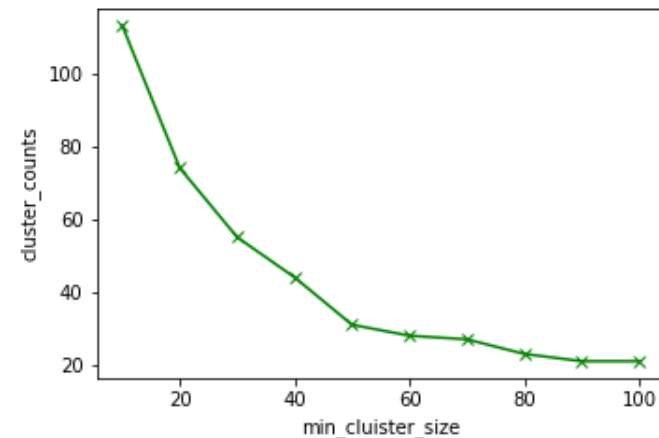
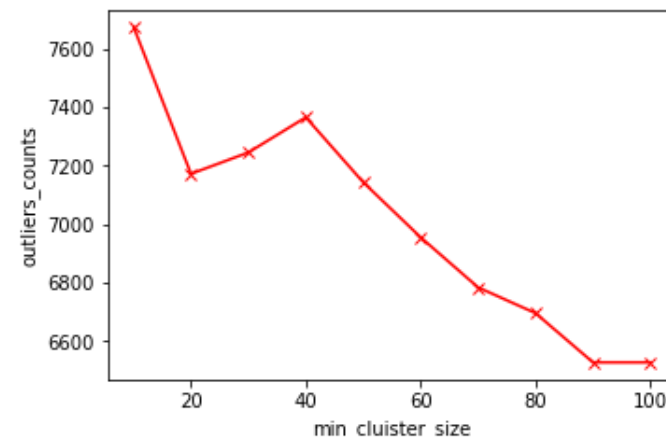
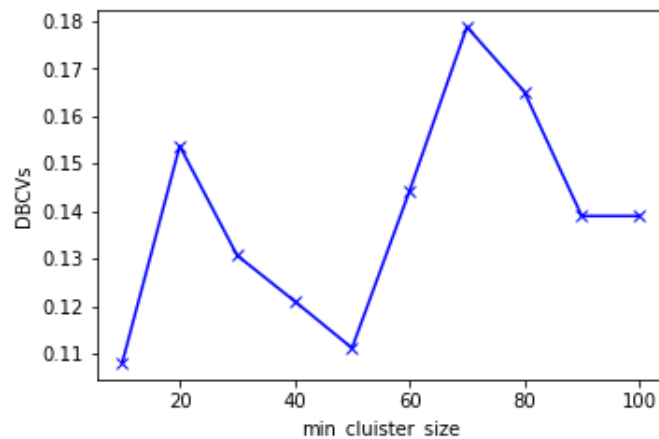
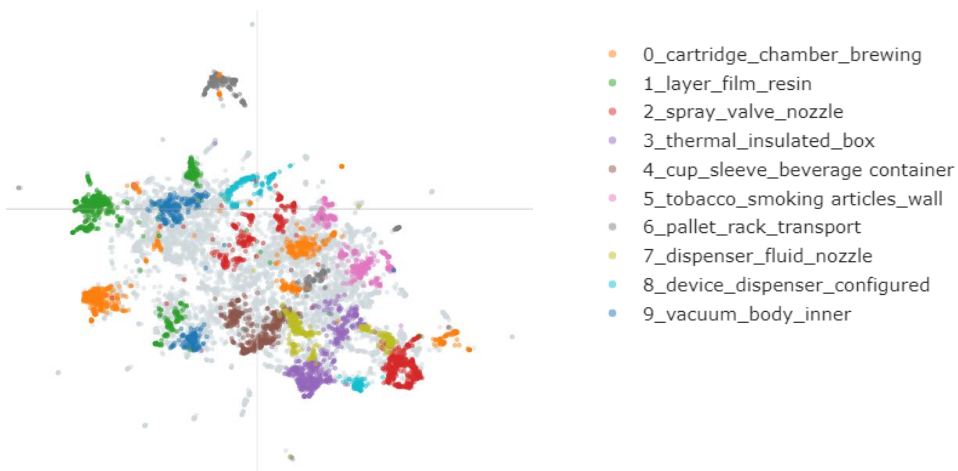
최소 클러스터 사이즈 : 100

최대 DBCVs : 0.208

아웃라이어 비율 : 0.557

클러스터 수 : 24

최대 클러스터의 전체 비율 : 0.049



# EXPERIMENT

Embedding model 교체 (bge-large-en-v1.5)

## Embedding model

- PatentsBERTa : S-BERT를 특허 청구항으로 튜닝한 모델
- bge-large-en-v1.5 : MTEB 리더보드에서 SOTA성능을 보이는 모델

## 결과

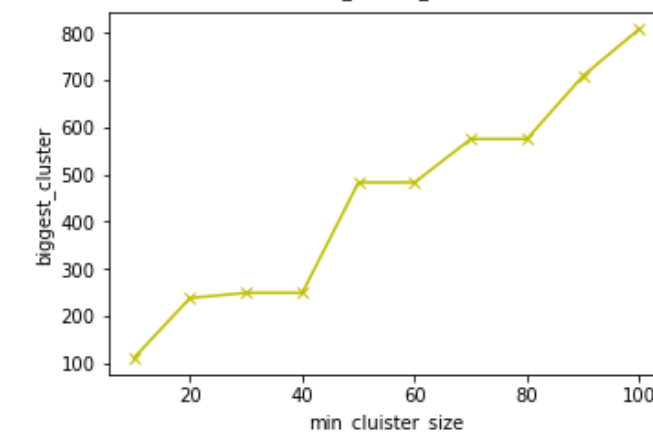
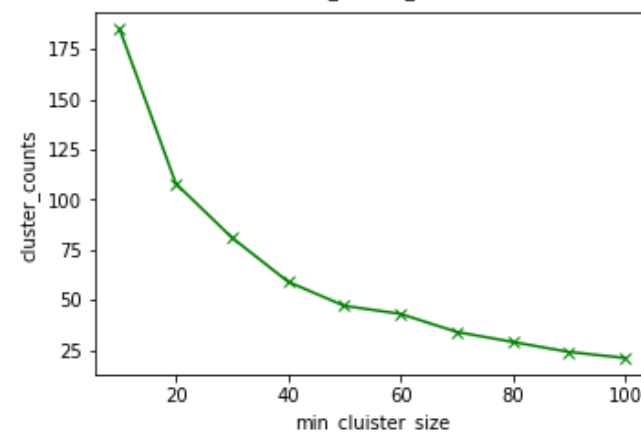
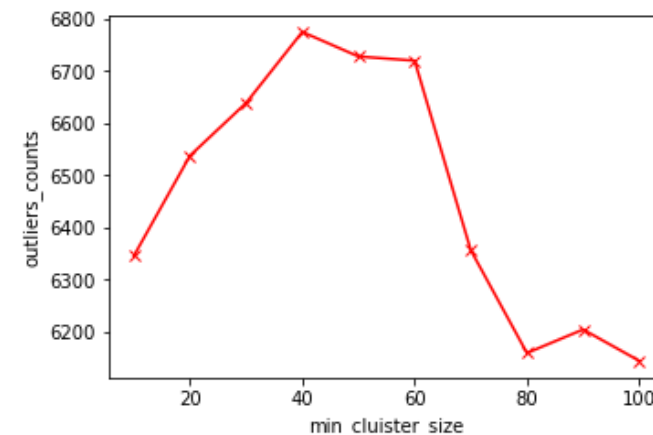
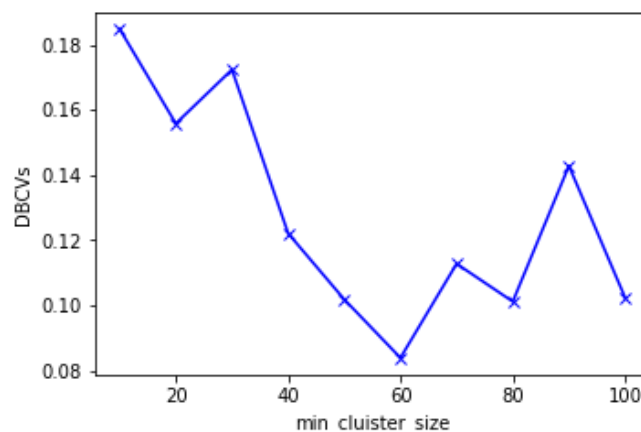
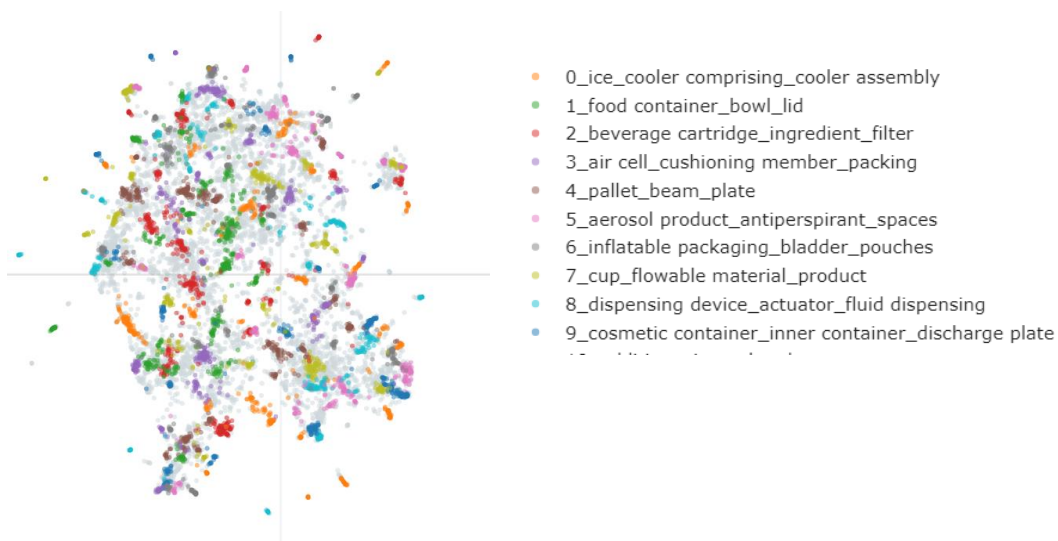
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아웃라이어 비율 : 0.549

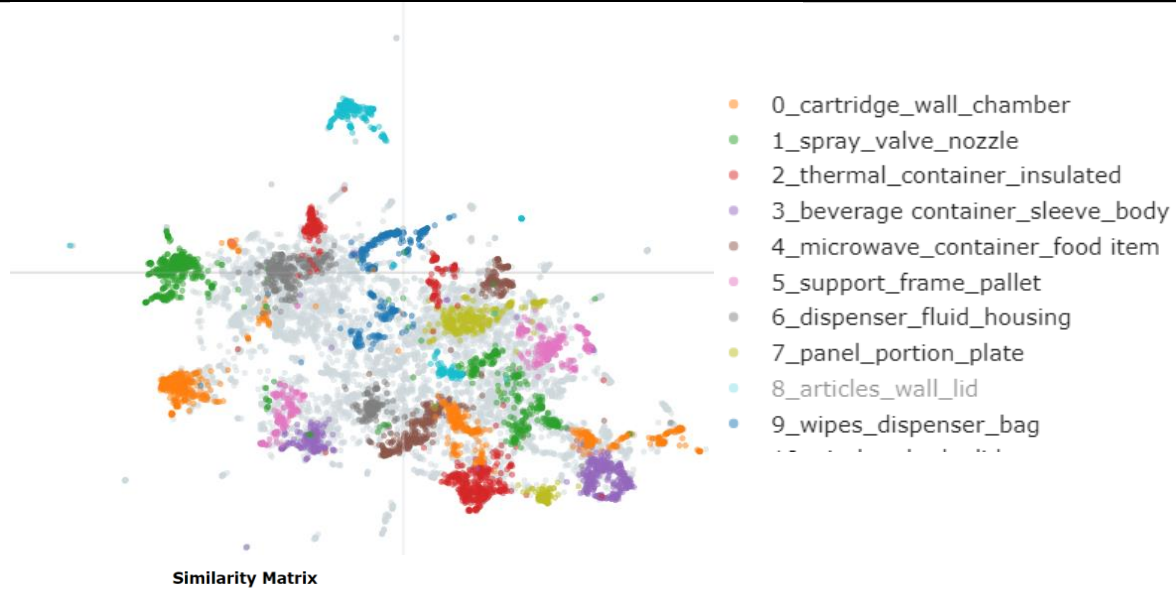
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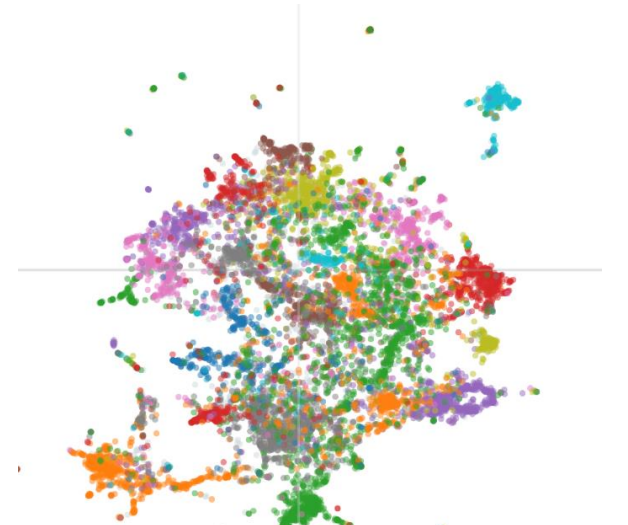


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## Outlier reduction 적용



Similarity Matrix



Similarity Matrix

