

# Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering (HAC)

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## HAC

Good Friday

- Starts with one cluster, individual item in its own cluster and iteratively merge clusters until all the items belong to one cluster.

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- Bottom up approach is followed to merge the clusters together.

- Dendrograms are pictorially used to represent HAC.

## Methods

- Single-nearest distance (or) Single linkage
- Complete-farthest distance (or) Complete linkage
- Average-average distance (or) Average linkage.

Single linkage - This is the distance b/w the closest members of the two clusters.

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Complete linkage - This is the distance b/w the members that are farthest apart.

Average linkage - This method involves looking at the distance b/w all pairs and averaging all of these distances.

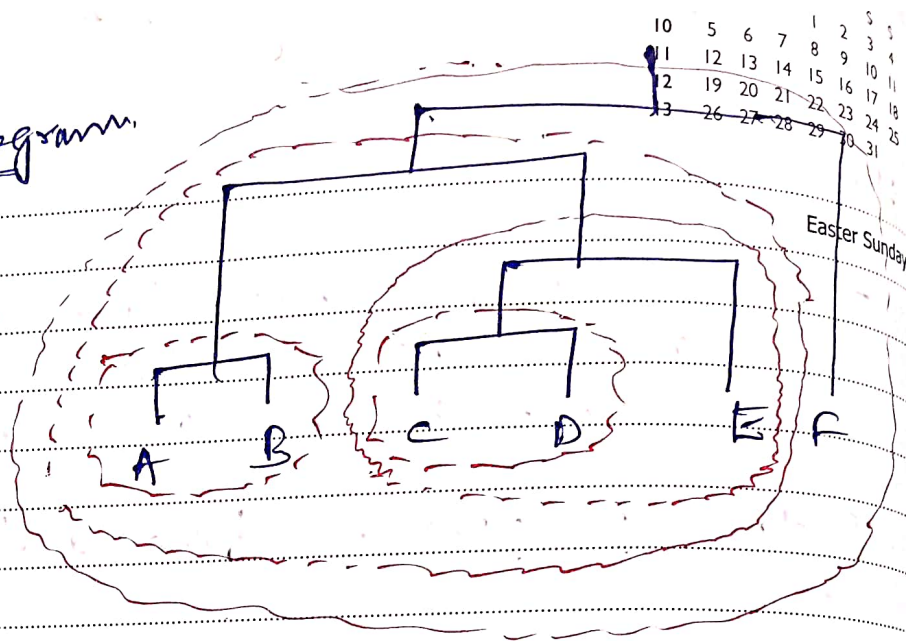
This is also called Unweighted Pair Group Mean Averaging.

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## Sample Dendrogram.

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→ Clusters using a Single link Technique

→ Dataset

Sample no	X	Y
P1	0.40	0.53
P2	0.22	0.38
P3	0.35	0.32
P4	0.26	0.19
P5	0.08	0.41
P6	0.45	0.30

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Monday

Family Day / Easter Monday (Kenya / South Africa)

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Problem definition:

For the given dataset find the clusters using a single link technique.

Use Euclidean distance and draw the dendrogram.

Solution

Steps 1: Compute the distance matrix

• So we have to find the Euclidean distance between each and every points.

• Let  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$  are two points

• Then Euclidean distance between

$$d(A, B) = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$



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P3	0.35	0.32
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Calculate the distance b/w

(P1, P2) (P1, P3) (P1, P4)  
(P1, P5) (P1, P6)  
(P2, P3) (P2, P4) (P2, P5)  
(P2, P6)  
(P3, P4) (P3, P5) (P3, P6)  
(P4, P5) & (P4, P6)  
(P5, P6)

sample distance calculation

$$d(P1, P2) = \sqrt{(0.22 - 0.40)^2 + (0.38 - 0.53)^2}$$

$$= 0.23$$

$$d(P1, P3) = \sqrt{(0.35 - 0.40)^2 + (0.32 - 0.53)^2}$$

$$= 0.22$$

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Distance Matrix

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
P1	0					
P2	0.23	0				
P3	0.22	0.14	0			
P4	0.39	0.19	0.13	0		
P5	0.34	0.14	0.28	0.23	0	
P6	0.24	0.24	0.10	0.24	0.39	0

Step 2: Merging the two closest members

Here the minimum value is 0.10 and hence we combine P3 and P6 (P3 column & P6 column)

Now form clusters of element corresponding to the minimum value & include the distance matrix

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$P_1$   $P_2$   $P_3$   $P_4$   $P_5$   $P_6$

P1	0				
P2	0.23	0			
P3	0.22	0.14	0		
P4	0.37	0.19	0.13	0	
P5	0.34	0.14	0.28	0.23	0
P6	0.24	0.24	0.10	0.22	0.39

	P1	P2	P3	P6	P4	P5
P1	0					
P2	0.23	0				
P3, P6	0.22	0.14	0			
P4	0.37	0.19	0.13	0		
P5	0.34	0.14	0.28	0.23	0	

Ans 2: 0.13 is the smallest value

Updated distance matrix is below.

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	P1	P2	P3 P6 P4	P5
P1	0			
P2	0.23	0		
P3, P6, P4	0.22	0.14	0	
P5	0.24	0.14	0.28	0

$$\{(P_3, P_6), P_4 \text{ and } (P_2, P_5)\}$$

0.14 is the minimum value

Updated distance matrix is below  $P_3$



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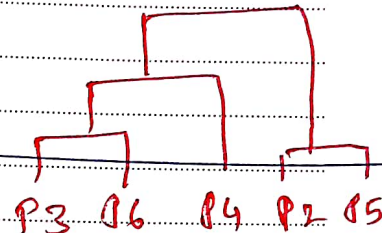
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	P1	P2 P5	P3 P6 P4
P1	0		
P2, P5	0.23	0	
P3, P6, P4	0.22	0.14	0

Iter 3:  $\{(P3, P6), P4\}, (P2, P5)\}$



$\therefore (P3, P6), P4$  is merged with  $P2, P5$  &  
 $(P3, P6), P4$  is removed.

	P1	$\{(P3, P6), P4\} \cup \{P2, P5\}$
P1	0	
$\{(P3, P6), P4\} \cup \{P2, P5\}$	0.22	0

$(P3, P6), P4 \cup \{P2, P5\}$  is the minimum value

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$\therefore (P3, P6), P4 \cup \{P2, P5\}$  is merged with P1 &

$(P3, P6), P4 \cup \{P2, P5\}$  is removed

Updated distance matrix is

	P1 $\cup \{(P3, P6), P4\} \cup \{P2, P5\}$
P1 $\cup \{(P3, P6), P4\} \cup \{P2, P5\}$	0

