

# Clustering and Fitting (40%)

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| <b>Weighting %:</b>            | 40                 | <b>Submission deadline (for students):</b>                          | 25/4/24 at 12pm (Midday) |
| <b>Authorship:</b>             | Individual         | <b>Target date for returning marked coursework:</b>                 | 17/5/24                  |
| <b>Tutor setting the work:</b> | Dr. William Cooper | <b>Number of hours you are expected to work on this assignment:</b> | 20                       |

## **This Assignment assesses the following module Learning Outcomes (from Definitive Module Document):**

1. Be able to maintain and develop code using the git version control system.
2. Be able to apply different techniques for cleaning data and preparing it for analysis.
3. Be able to design and implement algorithms for clustering, classification and regression problems.
4. Be able to communicate their findings to others, including a critical assessment of performance.
5. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the concepts of version control for code development.
6. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key data manipulation techniques for data preparation.
7. Understand how to approach a range of different data science problems to obtain an efficient solution.

## **Assignment Tasks:**

You will create a well-written report performing clustering and fitting within a dataset. You can download any dataset from Kaggle/Worldbank/etc. Be sure to include your name, student number and a link to your GitHub repository in the report. There will be at least four plots: a histogram/bar chart/pie chart; a line/scatter graph; a confusion matrix/heatmap/corner/box/violin plot; an elbow/silhouette plot. The code will contain evidence of the creation of any displayed graphs (one graph per function) and the creation of any shown clustering/fitting technique. The minimum expected techniques will be that of k-means clustering and line fitting.

This will build on the statistics and trends assignment into a full report as would be produced by a professional data scientist. However, do **not** use the same report/dataset as previously (this will be checked), as self-plagiarism is still academic misconduct.

### Submission Requirements:

A three page PDF report, including a functional link to your GitHub repository containing your python code (either notebooks or plain python). Check that your repository link is both clickable and links to a **public** repository.


### Marks awarded for:

See rubric.

### Type of Feedback to be given for this assignment:

Written feedback within the rubric.

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## Assignment 2: Clustering and Fitting

| Criteria  | Ratings   |   |   |   |  |   | Pts   |
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| Relational Graph Quality<br><br>The quality of the relational graph, e.g. line/scatter graph.                                     | <b>2 Pts</b><br><b>Full marks</b><br><br>The graph will convey an xy relation. The axes labels will be fully readable without effort and the relation(s) will be clear.             |   | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Fair quality</b><br><br>The graph will convey an xy relation. The axes labels may be too small to read comfortably. There may be an overcrowding of the figure.              |   | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br><br>Missing graph or missing axes labels.         |   | 2 pts |
| Categorical Graph Quality<br><br>The quality of the categorical graph, e.g. bar chart/histogram/pie chart.                        | <b>2 Pts</b><br><b>Full marks</b><br><br>The graph will compare multiple categories. The axes labels will be fully readable without effort and the appearance will be clear.        |   | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Fair quality</b><br><br>The graph will compare multiple categories. The axes labels may be too small to read comfortably. There may be an overcrowding of the figure.        |   | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br><br>Missing graph or missing axes labels.         |   | 2 pts |
| Statistical Graph Quality<br><br>The quality of the statistical graph, e.g. heatmap/confusion matrix/corner plot/violin/box plot. | <b>2 Pts</b><br><b>Full marks</b><br><br>The graph will communicate a statistical relation. The axes labels will be fully readable without effort and the appearance will be clear. |   | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Fair quality</b><br><br>The graph will communicate a statistical relation. The axes labels may be too small to read comfortably. There may be an overcrowding of the figure. |   | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br><br>Missing graph or missing axes labels.         |   | 2 pts |
| Quality of Analysis<br><br>How accurate and meaningful the data analysis is.  | <b>5 Pts</b><br><b>Full marks</b><br><br>The explanation is clear and coherent. Statistics are used to  | <b>4 Pts</b><br><b>Very high marks</b><br><br>The explanation is clear and coherent. Statistics are used to | <b>3 Pts</b><br><b>High marks</b><br><br>The explanation is mostly clear and coherent. There may  | <b>2 Pts</b><br><b>Fair marks</b><br><br>The explanation is mostly coherent. There may be a | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Poor quality</b><br><br>The report is almost entirely descriptive | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br><br>No description of any merit. | 5 pts |

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|  | support statements.<br>There is a connecting storyline.  | support statements.<br>There may be some connecting storyline. | be some statistics supporting some statements. There may be some storyline.  | majority of statements without statistical support. The report is more descriptive. | without meaningful statistics.   |  |       |
| Spelling and Grammar<br><br>The quality of the overall use of English.                         | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Good</b><br><br>The spelling and grammar is acceptable enough to communicate complex ideas. |  | <b>0.5 Pts</b><br><b>Acceptable</b><br><br>The spelling and grammar use is acceptable enough to communicate basic ideas. |   | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br><br>Very poor English, making idea communication challenging. |  | 1 pts |
| Relational Graph Function<br><br>The function in the code that creates the relational graph.   | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Good</b><br><br>Function with docstring which only creates one plot.                        |  | <b>0.5 Pts</b><br><b>Acceptable</b><br><br>Function without docstring or function produces multiple plots.               |   | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br><br>No/not useable GitHub link or no function.                |  | 1 pts |
| Categorical Graph Function<br><br>The function in the code that creates the categorical graph. | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Good</b><br><br>Function with docstring which only creates one plot.                        |  | <b>0.5 Pts</b><br><b>Acceptable</b><br><br>Function without docstring or function produces multiple plots.               |   | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br><br>No/not useable GitHub link or no function.                |  | 1 pts |

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| <p>Statistical Graph Function</p> <p>The function in the code that creates the statistical graph.</p> | <p><b>1 Pts</b><br/><b>Good</b></p> <p>Function with docstring which only creates one plot.</p>   | <p><b>0.5 Pts</b><br/><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Function without docstring or function produces multiple plots.</p>  | <p><b>0 Pts</b><br/><b>No marks</b></p> <p>No/not useable GitHub link or no function.</p>      |  | 1 pts |
| <p>Statistical Depth</p> <p>The depth of the statistics used in the code.</p>                         | <p><b>3 Pts</b><br/><b>Full marks</b></p> <p>All major moments shown (mean/median, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis). Correlation matrix and basic 'describe' used.</p> | <p><b>2 Pts</b><br/><b>High marks</b></p> <p>First two major moments shown (mean/median, standard deviation). Correlation matrix and basic 'describe' used.</p> | <p><b>1 Pts</b><br/><b>Fair marks</b></p> <p>Correlation matrix and basic 'describe' used.</p> | <p><b>0 Pts</b><br/><b>No marks</b></p> <p>No/not useable GitHub link or no function or no use of 'describe' and correlation matrix.</p> | 3 pts |

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| Code Quality<br>The appearance of the code and adherence to PEP-8.            | <b>2 Pts</b><br><b>Full marks</b><br>Code is easy to read and follows the major PEP-8 recommendations: import > functions > variables order; functions separated by exactly two lines (one if in a class) or sole occupier of notebook cell; spaces after commas and around assignment/mathematical operators. |  | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Fair marks</b><br>Code is mostly easy to read and may have a few slips from the major PEP-8 recommendations: import > functions > variables order; functions separated by exactly two lines (one if in a class) or sole occupier of notebook cell; spaces after commas and around assignment/mathematical operators. |                                   | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br>No/not useable GitHub link or code is difficult to read with many divergences from the major PEP-8 recommendations: import > functions > variables order; functions separated by exactly two lines (one if in a class) or sole occupier of notebook cell; spaces after commas and around assignment/mathematical operators. |  |                                 | 2 pts |
| Clustering Function<br>The function in the code that performs the clustering. | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Good</b><br>Function with docstring which does not create a plot.   |  | <b>0.5 Pts</b><br><b>Acceptable</b><br>Function without docstring or function also creates plots.   |                                   | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br>No/not useable GitHub link or no function.  |  |                                 | 1 pts |
| Fitting Function<br>The function in the code that performs the fitting.       | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Good</b><br>Function with docstring which does not create a plot.   |  | <b>0.5 Pts</b><br><b>Acceptable</b><br>Function without docstring or function also creates plots.   |                                   | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br>No/not useable GitHub link or no function.  |  |                                 | 1 pts |
| Clustering Quality<br>How well the clustering has been                        | <b>6 Pts</b><br><b>Full marks</b>  | <b>5 Pts</b><br><b>Very high marks</b> | <b>4 Pts</b><br><b>High marks</b>   | <b>3 Pts</b><br><b>Fair marks</b> | <b>2 Pts</b><br><b>Poor quality</b>  | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Very poor quality</b> | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b> | 6 pts |

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| performed.      | The clusters will appear well grouped. The data will have been normalised and back scaled to present. Clear use of silhouette score/elbow method to select cluster amount. The graph will have coloured groups and labelled cluster centres in the legend. The data will be appropriate for clustering. | The clusters will appear well grouped. The data will have been normalised. Clear use of silhouette score/elbow method to select cluster amount. The graph will have coloured groups and labelled cluster centres in the legend. The data will be appropriate for clustering. | The clusters will appear well grouped. The data may have been normalised. Use of silhouette score/elbow method to select cluster amount. The graph will have coloured groups and labelled cluster centres in the legend. The data will be appropriate for clustering. | The clusters will appear well grouped. The data may have been normalised. The graph will have coloured groups and labelled cluster centres in the legend. The data will be appropriate for clustering. | The clusters may appear well grouped. The data may have been normalised. The data will be appropriate for clustering. | The clusters are not well grouped. The data may be appropriate for clustering. | The clusters are not well grouped. The data is not appropriate for clustering, or no graph. |       |       |       |
| Fitting Quality | 5 Pts   |  | 4 Pts   |  | 3 Pts   |  | 2 Pts   | 1 Pts | 0 Pts | 5 pts |



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| How well the fitting has been performed.  | <b>Full marks</b><br>The data will be well fitted and suitable for fitting. The plot will include a good confidence interval and errorbars. | <b>High marks</b><br>The data will be well fitted and suitable for fitting. The plot will include a good confidence interval or errorbars.   | <b>Fair marks</b><br>The data will be well fitted and suitable for fitting. The plot may include reasonable errorbars. | <b>Poor quality</b><br>The data will be fitted and suitable for fitting.  | <b>Very poor quality</b><br>The data will be poorly fitted but suitable for fitting.  | <b>No marks</b><br>The data is not suitable for fitting, or no graph. |       |
| Clustering Prediction<br>Accuracy of clustering predictions.                    | <b>4 Pts</b><br><b>Full marks</b><br>Several predicted points will be attached to appropriate groups, and clearly labelled and coloured.    | <b>3 Pts</b><br><b>High marks</b><br>Several predicted points will be attached to appropriate groups.  | <b>2 Pts</b><br><b>Fair marks</b><br>Predictions will be made for different group memberships.                         | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Poor quality</b><br>An attempt at predictions will have been made for different group memberships. | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br>No predictions made or no/not useable GitHub link. |   | 4 pts |
| Fitting Prediction<br>Accuracy of fitting predictions.                          | <b>3 Pts</b><br><b>Full marks</b><br>Several predictions with good, associated uncertainties are shown.                                     | <b>2 Pts</b><br><b>Fair marks</b><br>Several predictions are given.  | <b>1 Pts</b><br><b>Poor quality</b><br>An attempt at predictions are made.   | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>No marks</b><br>No predictions made or no/not useable GitHub link.                                 |   |   | 3 pts |
| Submission Guidelines<br>Keeping normal text and margins whilst maintaining the | <b>0 Pts</b><br><b>Expected</b><br>The report is at the required length with no overly small text or minimised margins.                     | <b>-4 Pts</b><br><b>Not expected</b><br>The report is not at the required length, either overrunning or too short (by at least a third of a page). Alternatively, there may be overly small text or minimised margins. |  |   |   |   | 0 pts |

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|                       |         |  | Total points: 40 |