

Objective:

In this session, multiple distance computation methods, implementation of k-means clustering, identifying number of clusters and interpreting the results.

Key takeaways:

- Multiple Distance Computation Methods
- Data understanding and preparation for cluster analysis
- Implementing cluster analysis
 - Steps to form clusters from the given data
- Interpreting the results

Problem Statement:

“Cereals.csv” contains dietary characteristics of 77 products. Segment the products based on their characteristics.

1. Import the data into R
2. Data Exploration and preparation
 - a. Understand the attributes and the data
 - b. Drop the attributes which are not required
 - c. Check for missing values
 - d. Impute the missing values (if any) using KNN imputation
3. Standardize the data using ‘z-score’
4. Implementing k-means clustering
 - a. Execute algorithm with random ‘k’

```
#K-means clustering
fit<-kmeans(mydata,centers=5)
```

- b. Extracting output of the model and interpretation

```
fit
#With-in sum of squares in each cluster
fit$withinss
sum(fit$withinss)
#Cluster Centers
fit$centers
#To check cluster number of each row in data
fit$cluster
```

- c. Determine number of clusters

```
# K-means: Determine number of clusters
wss <- 0
for (i in 1:15) {
  set.seed(1234)
  wss[i] <- sum(kmeans(data,centers=i)$withinss)
}

# Plot the cluster number and withinness error
plot(1:15, wss,
     type="b",
     xlab="Number of Clusters",
     ylab="Total within-cluster sum of squares")
```

- d. Fit the model with selected cluster number

```
set.seed(1234)
fit <- kmeans(data, centers = 6)
#Within sum of squares in each cluster
fit$withinss
sum(fit$withinss)
```