

AI Final Project

CLARA: A Lightweight Contrastive Embedding Approach for Retail E-Commerce Clustering

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GitHub: <https://github.com/Yourui-droid/AI-final-project>

Project Summary

CLARA improves clustering by combining baseline K-Means with an LDA projection learned from K-Means pseudo-labels. Workflow: preprocess & standardize features → K-Means → LDA embedding → K-Means in LDA space → evaluate (Elbow, Silhouette) and visualize (PCA 2D, LDA 2D).

Key Results (Silhouette Score)

Dataset	K-Means	CLARA
Mall Customers	0.289	0.469
Amazon	0.212	0.411
Flipkart	0.204	0.531
Walmart	0.039	0.209

Execution Instructions (Reproducibility)

1) Clone

```
git clone https://github.com/Yourui-droid/AI-final-project.git
```

```
cd AI-final-project
```

2) Install

```
python -m venv .venv
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```
pip install -r requirements.txt
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3) Dataset Use the existing CSVs under dataset/ (or follow dataset/README.md to download/place files).

4) Run Run notebooks in notebooks/ in numeric order (01 → 04 ...).

5) Outputs Figures: results/figures/ | Metrics: printed and/or saved (if implemented).

Notes

- If Jupyter is missing: pip install jupyter, then run jupyter notebook.
- If datasets are not committed, download links and placement rules are provided in dataset/README.md.