

# Australia Next Day Rain Prediction

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## 1 Introduction

## 2 Methods and Analysis

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Table 1: Results of Kolmogorov-Smirnov test on Conditional Distributions (RainTomorrow = 0 vs. RainTomorrow = 1)

| NumericVariable | D    |
|-----------------|------|
| MinTemp         | 0.09 |
| MaxTemp         | 0.14 |
| Rainfall        | 0.34 |
| Evaporation     | 0.14 |
| Sunshine        | 0.47 |
| WindGustSpeed   | 0.23 |
| WindSpeed9am    | 0.08 |
| WindSpeed3pm    | 0.08 |
| Humidity9am     | 0.29 |
| Humidity3pm     | 0.46 |
| Pressure9am     | 0.26 |
| Pressure3pm     | 0.23 |
| Cloud9am        | 0.34 |
| Cloud3pm        | 0.41 |
| Temp9am         | 0.04 |
| Temp3pm         | 0.17 |

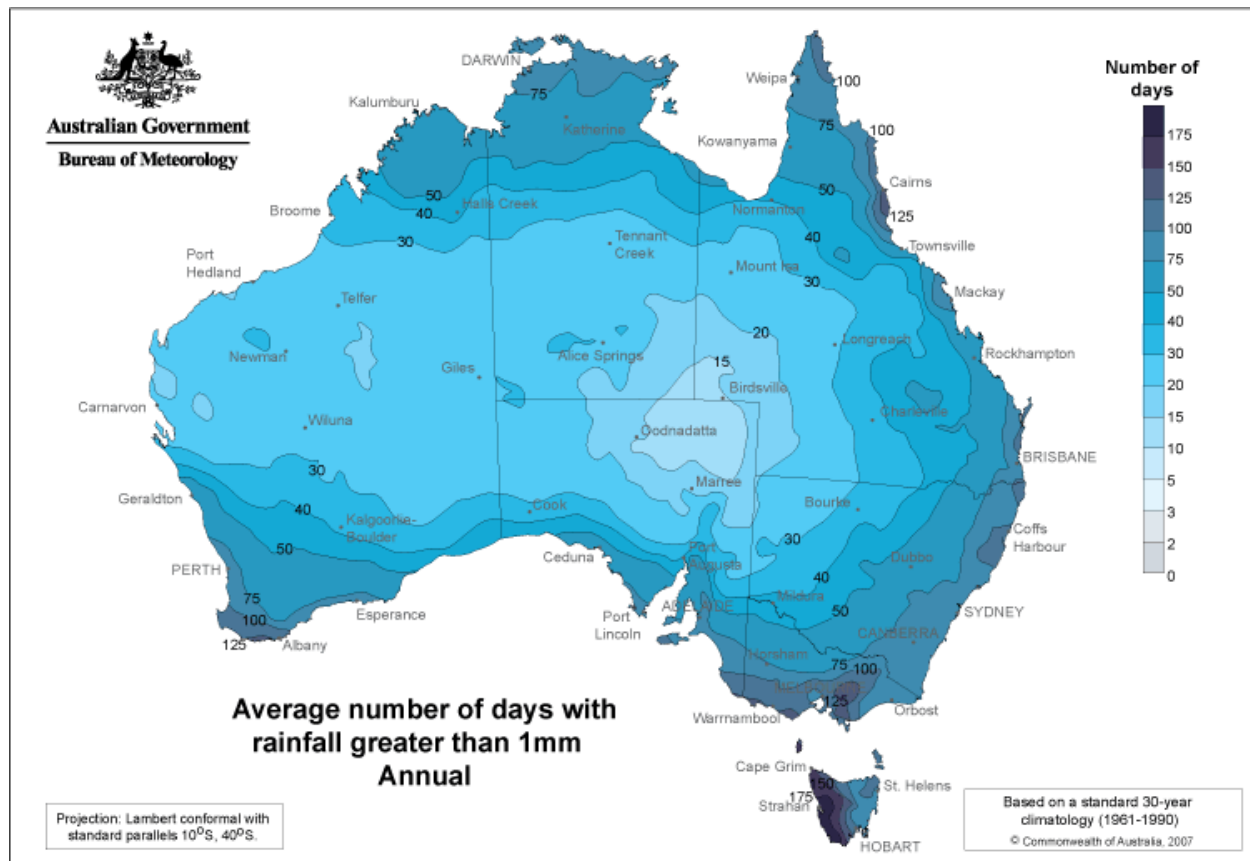


Figure 1: Rain Days across Australia Source: [http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/ncc/climate\\_averages/raindays/index.jsp](http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/ncc/climate_averages/raindays/index.jsp)

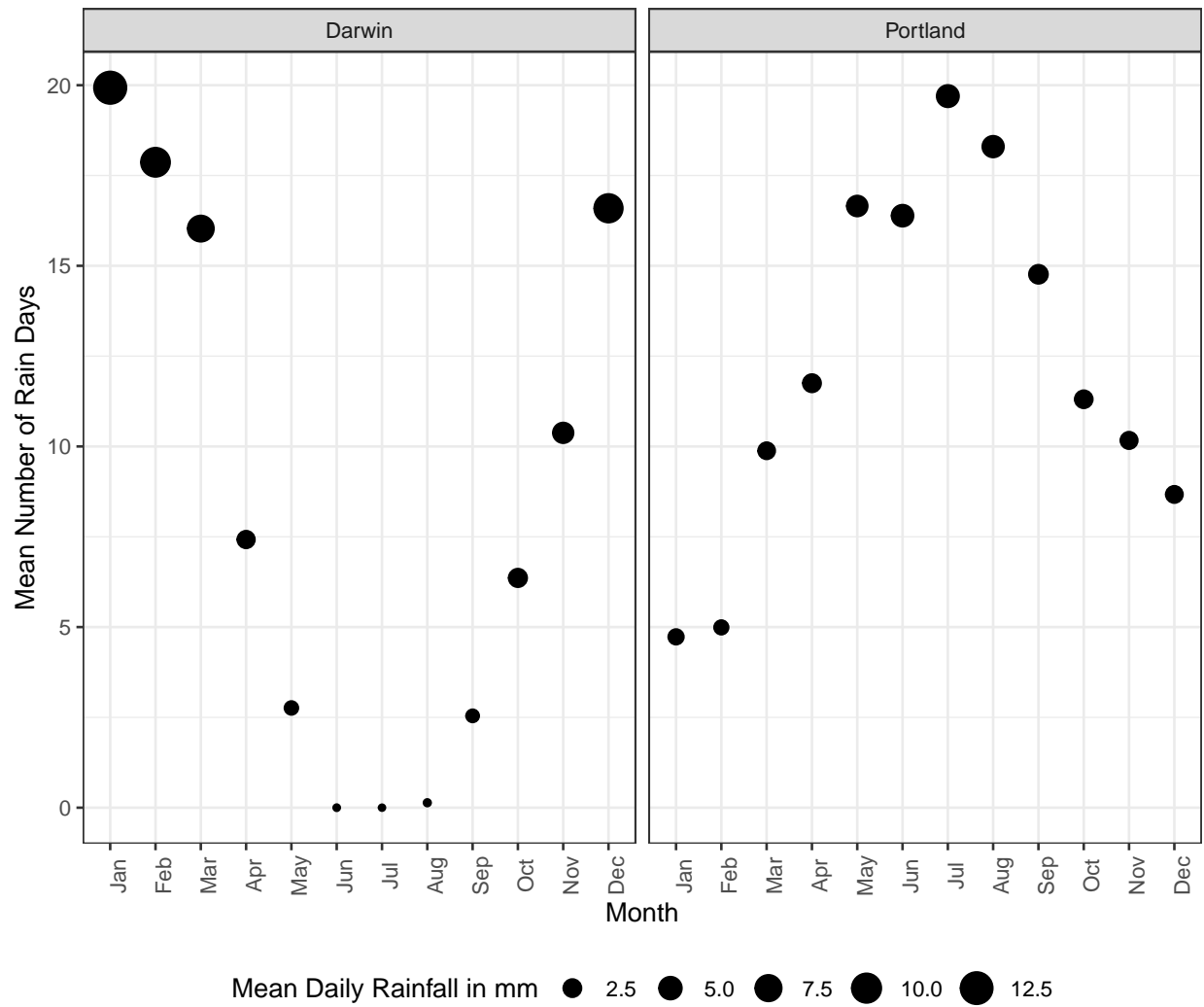


Figure 2: Monthly Rainfall Patterns by Location

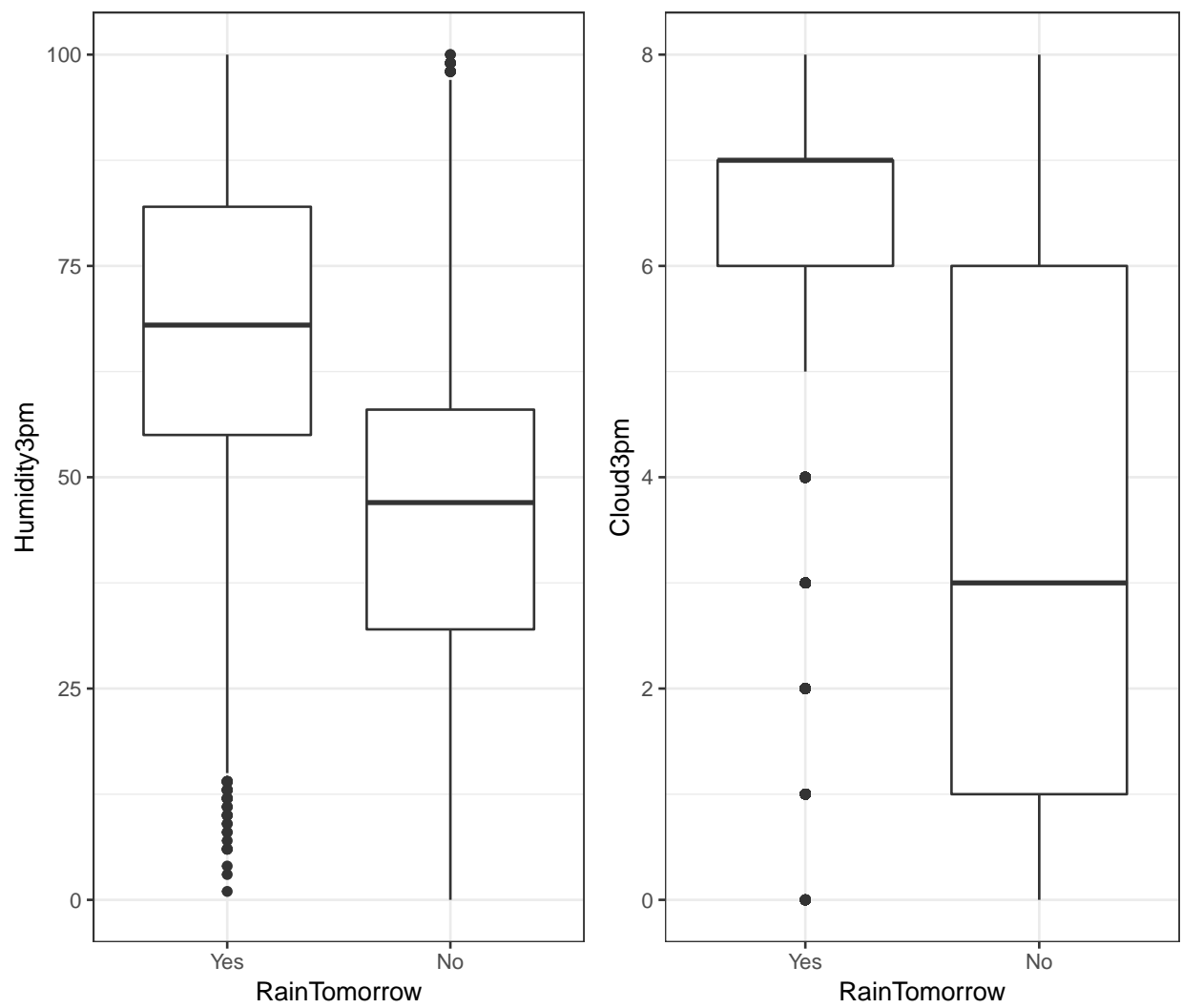


Figure 3: Examples of Some Well Separated Cases

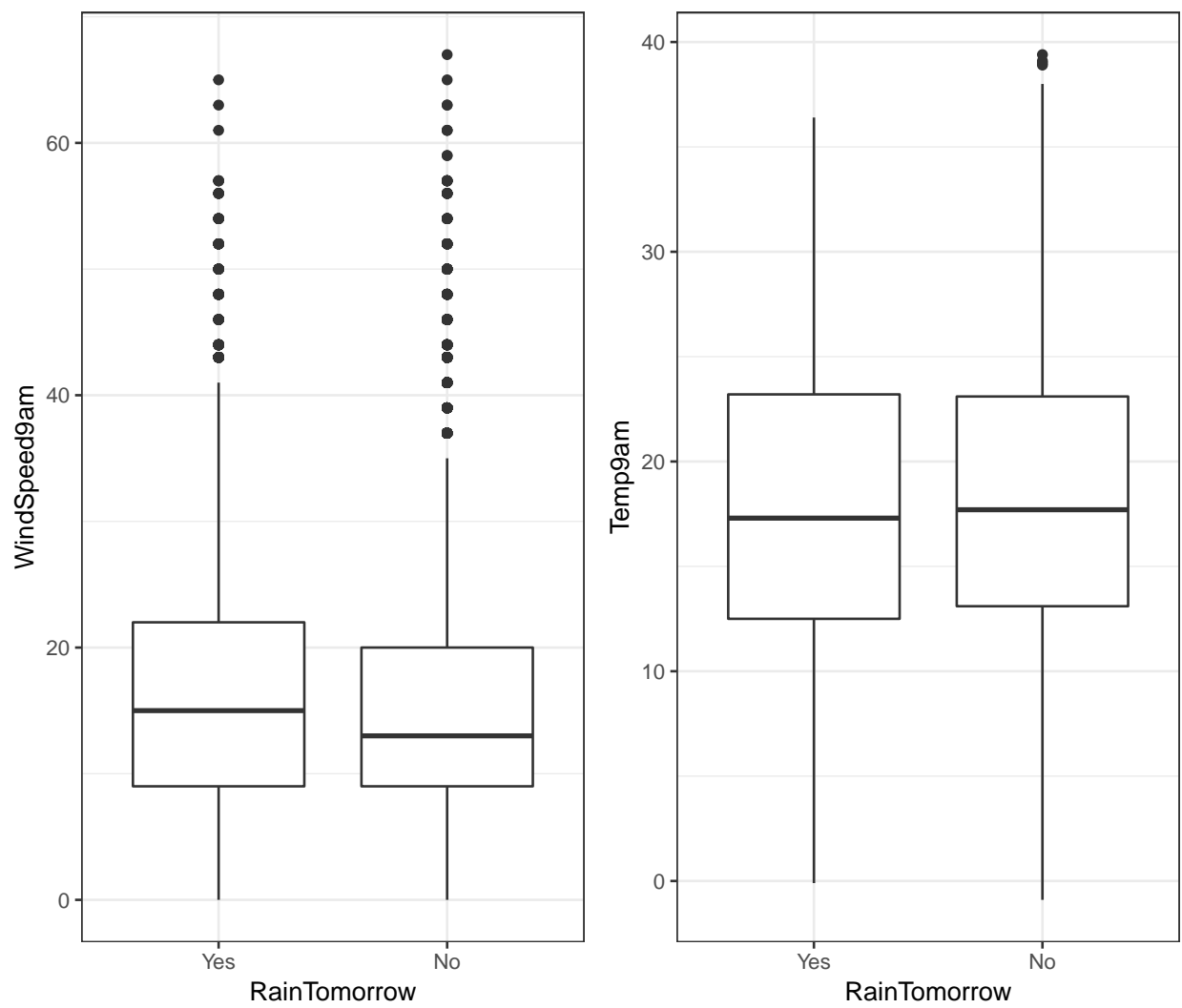


Figure 4: Examples of Some **NOT** Well Separated Cases

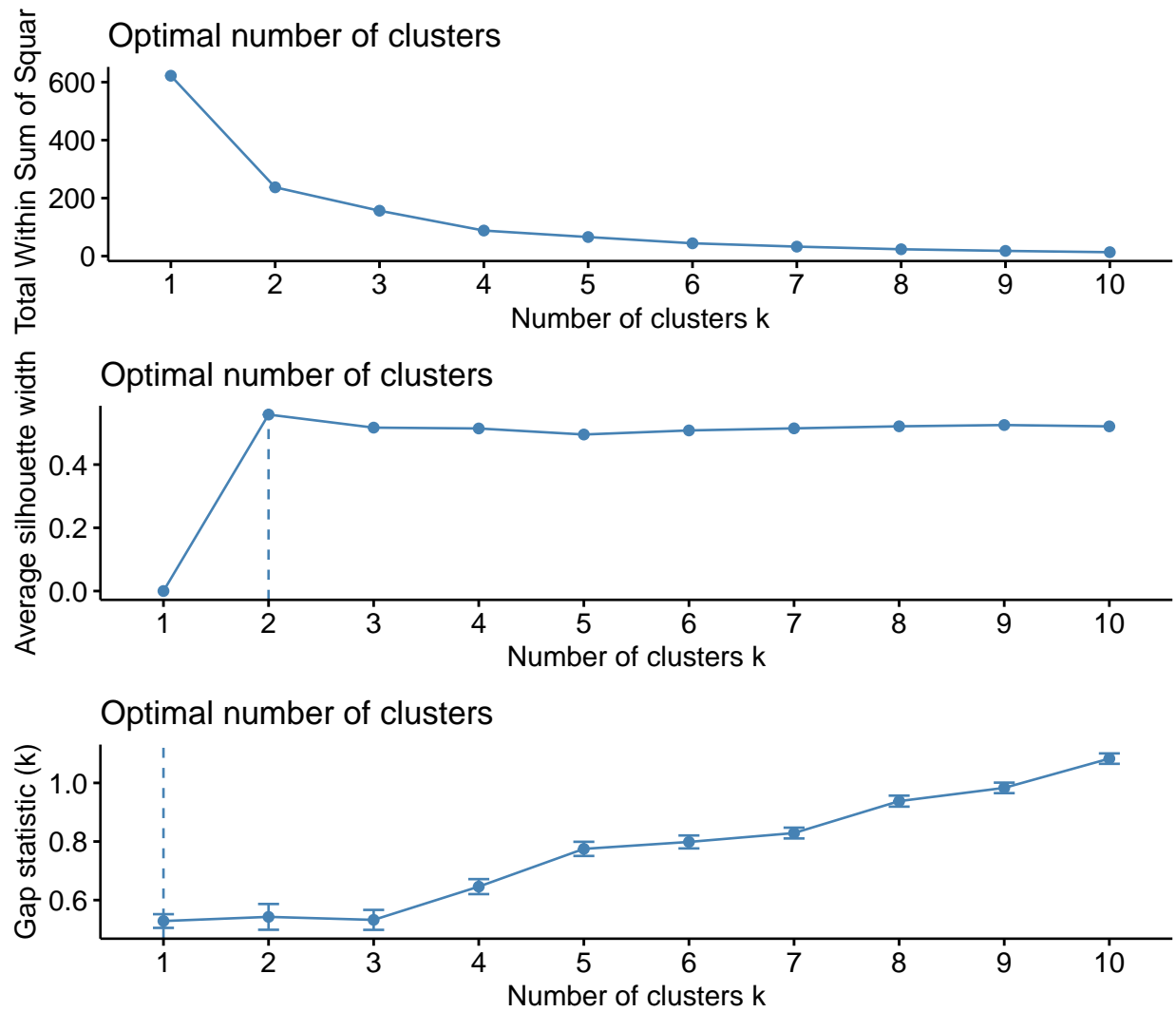


Figure 5: Finding Optimal Number for Location - Month Clustering

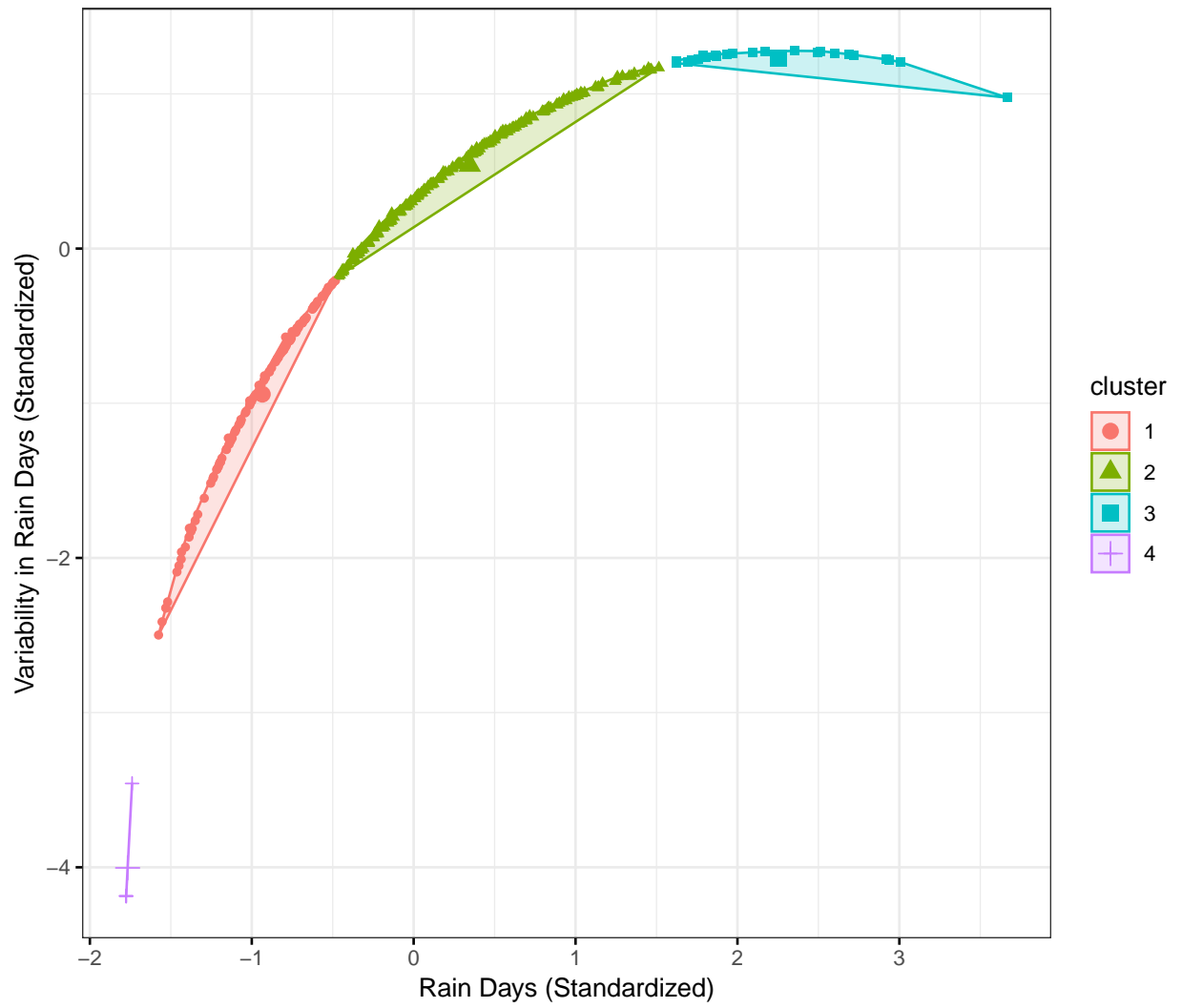


Figure 6: Number of Rain Days and Variability in Rain Days accross Clusters

Table 2: Location-Month Clusters

| Location         | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| AliceSprings     | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| Brisbane         | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   |
| Cairns           | 3   | 3   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Canberra         | 1   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Cobar            | 1   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 4   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| CoffsHarbour     | 2   | 2   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 3   |
| Darwin           | 3   | 3   | 3   | 2   | 1   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 3   |
| Hobart           | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Melbourne        | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| MelbourneAirport | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Mildura          | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| Moree            | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| MountGambier     | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| NorfolkIsland    | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Nuriootpa        | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| Perth            | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| PerthAirport     | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| Portland         | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Sale             | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Sydney           | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   |
| SydneyAirport    | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Townsville       | 2   | 3   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   |
| WaggaWagga       | 1   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| Watsonia         | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Williamtown      | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Woomera          | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   |

Table 3: Conditional Probabilities No Rain Tomorrow vs. Rain Tomorrow Given WindGust Direction (Location = Cobar)

|       | E    | ENE | ESE  | N    | NE   | NNE  | NNW  | NW   | S    | SE   | SSE  | SSW  | SW   | W | WNW  | WSW  | Total |
|-------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---|------|------|-------|
| Yes   | 0.14 | 0.1 | 0.15 | 0.05 | 0.41 | 0.33 | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0 | 0.11 | 0.08 | 0.12  |
| No    | 0.86 | 0.9 | 0.85 | 0.95 | 0.59 | 0.67 | 0.86 | 0.88 | 0.94 | 0.93 | 0.92 | 0.98 | 0.93 | 1 | 0.89 | 0.92 | 0.88  |
| Total | 1.00 | 1.0 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00  |

Table 4: Probabilites of Rain Tomorrow Conditioned on rainDir9am

|               | RainTomorrow=0 | RainTomorrow=1 | Total |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| rainDirGust=0 | 0.13           | 0.87           | 1     |
| rainDirGust=1 | 0.32           | 0.68           | 1     |
| Total         | 0.22           | 0.78           | 1     |

### 3 Results

result from Logistic hyper parameter tuning



Table 5: Probabilites of Rain Tomorrow Conditioned on rainDir3pm

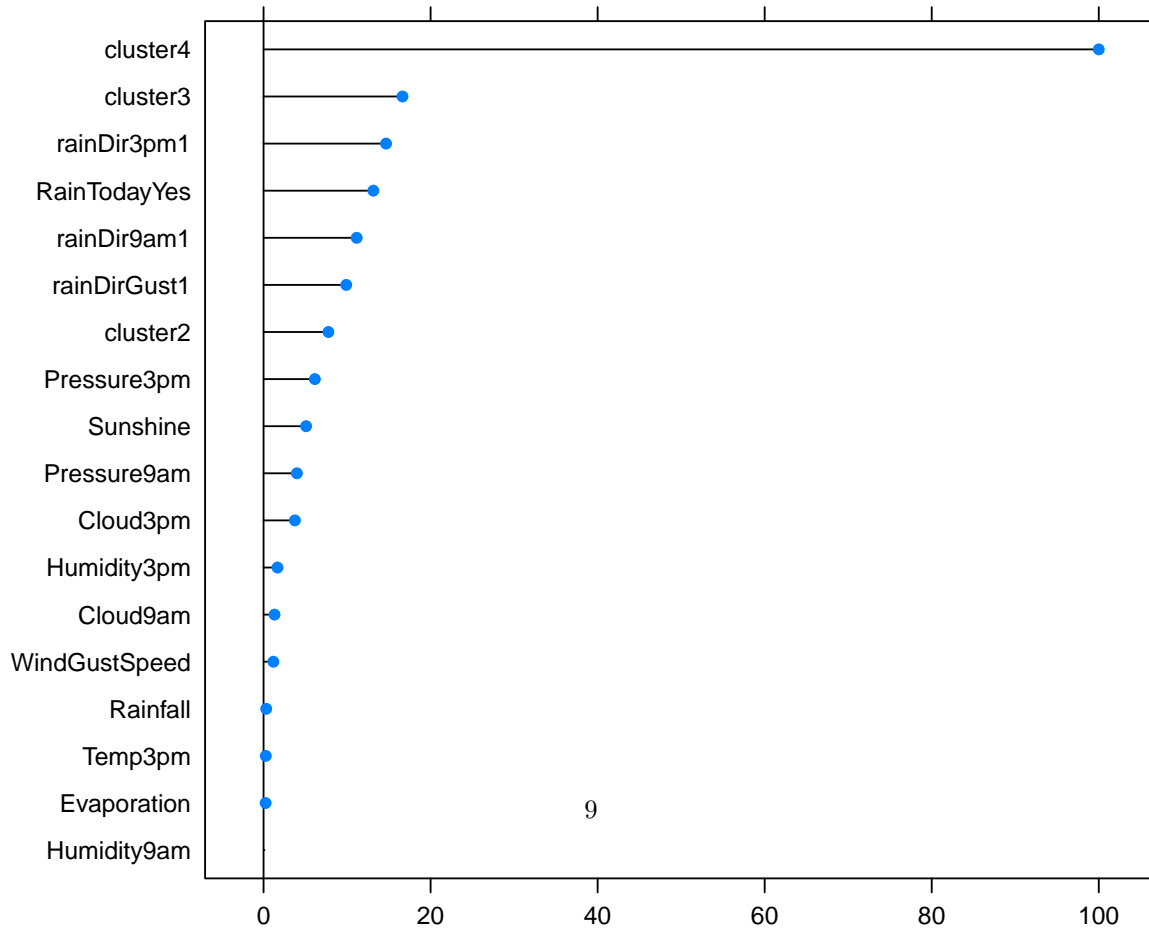
|              | RainTomorrow=0 | RainTomorrow=1 | Total |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| rainDir9am=0 | 0.14           | 0.86           | 1     |
| rainDir9am=1 | 0.31           | 0.69           | 1     |
| Total        | 0.22           | 0.78           | 1     |

Table 6: Probabilites of Rain Tomorrow Conditioned on rainDirGust

|              | RainTomorrow=0 | RainTomorrow=1 | Total |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| rainDir3pm=0 | 0.14           | 0.86           | 1     |
| rainDir3pm=1 | 0.33           | 0.67           | 1     |
| Total        | 0.22           | 0.78           | 1     |

Table 7: Optimal Hyperparameter Selection Using Logistic Model 10-fold nested Cross Validation

| alpha | lambda    | ROC       |
|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 0.10  | 0.0003750 | 0.8915252 |
| 0.10  | 0.0037499 | 0.8903169 |
| 0.10  | 0.0374991 | 0.8864241 |
| 0.55  | 0.0003750 | 0.8915066 |
| 0.55  | 0.0037499 | 0.8892782 |
| 0.55  | 0.0374991 | 0.8856168 |
| 1.00  | 0.0003750 | 0.8914790 |
| 1.00  | 0.0037499 | 0.8879022 |
| 1.00  | 0.0374991 | 0.8806607 |



we drop ... the optimal hyperparameters values were the same with no significant change in ROC

Table 8: Expected Performance of the Logistic Model

| ROC   | Sens  | Spec  | alpha | lambda              | Resample |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|----------|
| 0.891 | 0.565 | 0.946 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Fold01   |
| 0.895 | 0.560 | 0.937 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Fold02   |
| 0.895 | 0.556 | 0.939 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Fold03   |
| 0.886 | 0.535 | 0.942 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Fold04   |
| 0.879 | 0.523 | 0.940 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Fold05   |
| 0.902 | 0.556 | 0.938 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Fold06   |
| 0.884 | 0.523 | 0.936 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Fold07   |
| 0.885 | 0.542 | 0.937 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Fold08   |
| 0.898 | 0.527 | 0.944 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Fold09   |
| 0.897 | 0.556 | 0.944 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Fold10   |
| 0.891 | 0.544 | 0.940 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | Mean     |
| 0.007 | 0.016 | 0.003 | 0.1   | 0.00037499130337396 | STD      |

### 3.1 Adaptive Boosting Model

Tuning parameter ‘shrinkage’ was held constant at a value of 0.1 Tuning parameter ‘n.minobsinnode’ was held constant at a value of 10 ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value. The final values used for the model were n.trees = 150, interaction.depth = 3, shrinkage = 0.1 and n.minobsinnode = 10.

Table 9: Optimal Hyperparameter Selection for AdaBoost Model Using 5-fold nested Cross Validation

|   | shrinkage | interaction.depth | n.minobsinnode | n.trees | ROC       | Sens      | Spec      |
|---|-----------|-------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 0.1       | 1                 | 10             | 50      | 0.8755141 | 0.7953763 | 0.7862473 |
| 4 | 0.1       | 2                 | 10             | 50      | 0.8845487 | 0.7986227 | 0.7978730 |
| 7 | 0.1       | 3                 | 10             | 50      | 0.8878713 | 0.8044270 | 0.8010411 |
| 2 | 0.1       | 1                 | 10             | 100     | 0.8843780 | 0.8034432 | 0.7973496 |
| 5 | 0.1       | 2                 | 10             | 100     | 0.8899918 | 0.8051156 | 0.8040164 |
| 8 | 0.1       | 3                 | 10             | 100     | 0.8926029 | 0.8102312 | 0.8070744 |
| 3 | 0.1       | 1                 | 10             | 150     | 0.8875259 | 0.8046237 | 0.8015921 |
| 6 | 0.1       | 2                 | 10             | 150     | 0.8923524 | 0.8068864 | 0.8076804 |
| 9 | 0.1       | 3                 | 10             | 150     | 0.8946120 | 0.8109198 | 0.8096365 |

Table 10: Optimal Hyperparameter Selection for AdaBoost (Reduced) Model Using 5-fold nested Cross Validation

|   | shrinkage | interaction.depth | n.minobsinnode | n.trees | ROC       | Sens      | Spec      |
|---|-----------|-------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 0.1       | 1                 | 10             | 50      | 0.8755141 | 0.7953763 | 0.7862473 |
| 4 | 0.1       | 2                 | 10             | 50      | 0.8844778 | 0.7988195 | 0.7983964 |
| 7 | 0.1       | 3                 | 10             | 50      | 0.8874715 | 0.8036399 | 0.8006830 |
| 2 | 0.1       | 1                 | 10             | 100     | 0.8843780 | 0.8034432 | 0.7973496 |
| 5 | 0.1       | 2                 | 10             | 100     | 0.8891172 | 0.8051156 | 0.8044021 |
| 8 | 0.1       | 3                 | 10             | 100     | 0.8909592 | 0.8097393 | 0.8061928 |
| 3 | 0.1       | 1                 | 10             | 150     | 0.8871446 | 0.8049188 | 0.8018951 |
| 6 | 0.1       | 2                 | 10             | 150     | 0.8909410 | 0.8087555 | 0.8065509 |
| 9 | 0.1       | 3                 | 10             | 150     | 0.8928238 | 0.8090507 | 0.8083968 |

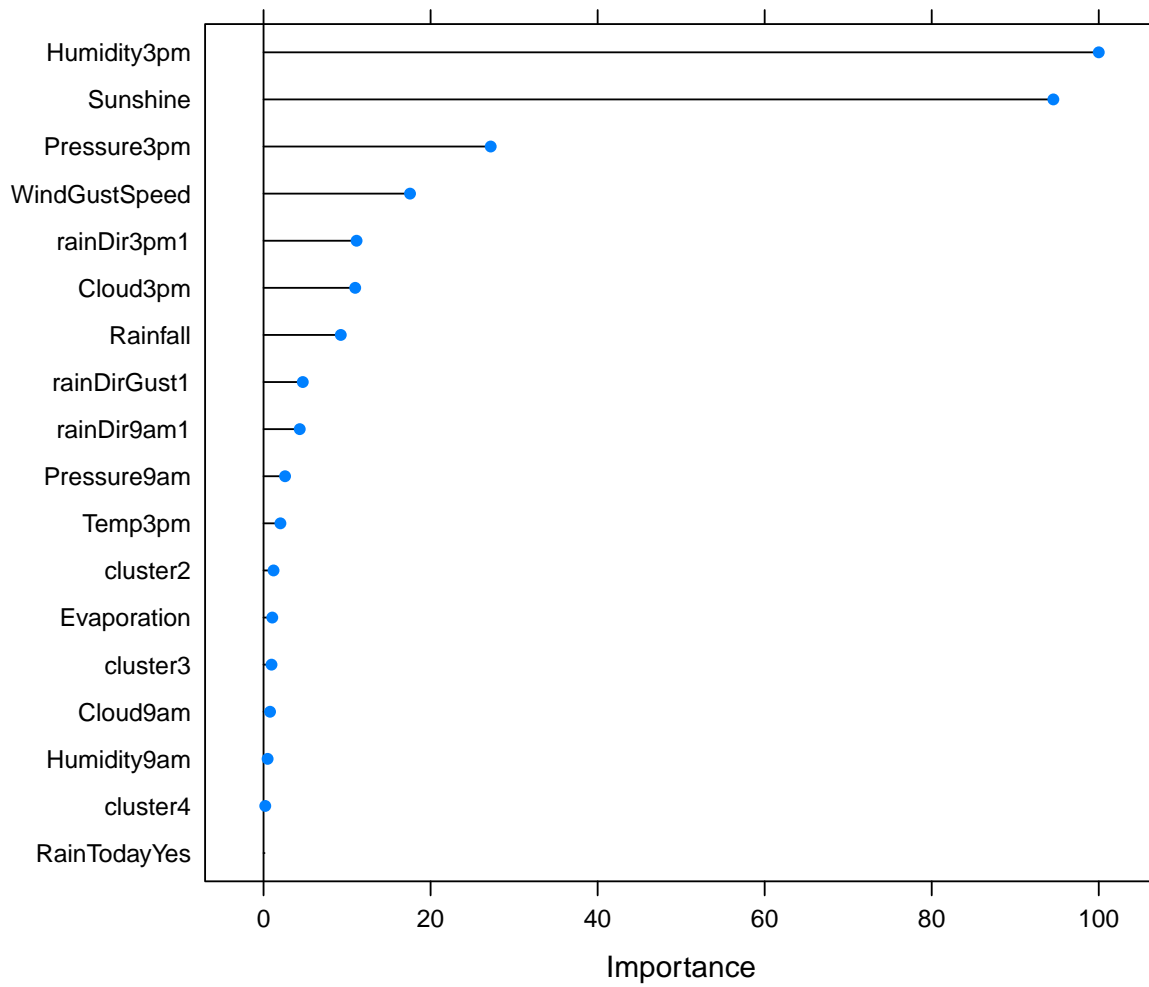


Figure 7: Variable Importance for AdaBoost Model

Table 11: Expected Performance of the AdaBoost Model

| ROC   | Sens  | Spec  | n.trees | interaction.depth | shrinkage | n.minobsinnode | Resample |
|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| 0.895 | 0.822 | 0.797 | 150     | 3                 | 0.1       | 10             | Fold1    |
| 0.888 | 0.802 | 0.805 | 150     | 3                 | 0.1       | 10             | Fold2    |
| 0.896 | 0.821 | 0.802 | 150     | 3                 | 0.1       | 10             | Fold3    |
| 0.892 | 0.805 | 0.808 | 150     | 3                 | 0.1       | 10             | Fold4    |
| 0.893 | 0.807 | 0.819 | 150     | 3                 | 0.1       | 10             | Fold5    |
| 0.893 | 0.811 | 0.806 | 150     | 3                 | 0.1       | 10             | Mean     |
| 0.003 | 0.010 | 0.008 | 150     | 3                 | 0.1       | 10             | STD      |

## 4 Conclusion