Class08_Mini_Project

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Background

This source provides materials for a class mini-project focused on unsupervised learning analysis of human breast cancer cell data. Students will conduct principal component analysis (PCA) for dimensionality reduction and then apply hierarchical and k-means clustering techniques. The project involves exploratory data analysis, interpreting PCA results, evaluating clustering performance by comparing cluster assignments to actual diagnoses, and optionally combining PCA with clustering. The goal is to identify potential groupings within the cell data based on their characteristics without prior knowledge of malignancy, and the project concludes with an application of the PCA model to classify new patient samples.

Data Import

Our data came from the U. of Wisconsin Medical Center

```
wisc.df <- read.csv("WisconsinCancer.csv", row.names = 1)</pre>
```

Q1. How many patients/samples are in this dataset?

```
nrow(wisc.df)
```

[1] 569

Q2. How many of the observations have a malignant diagnosis?

```
table(wisc.df$diagnosis)
```

B M 357 212

Q3. How many variables/features in the data are suffixed with _mean?

colnames(wisc.df)

```
[1] "diagnosis"
                                "radius mean"
 [3] "texture_mean"
                                "perimeter_mean"
                                "smoothness_mean"
 [5] "area_mean"
 [7] "compactness_mean"
                                "concavity_mean"
 [9] "concave.points_mean"
                                "symmetry_mean"
[11] "fractal_dimension_mean"
                                "radius_se"
[13] "texture_se"
                                "perimeter_se"
[15] "area_se"
                                "smoothness_se"
                                "concavity_se"
[17] "compactness_se"
                                "symmetry_se"
[19] "concave.points_se"
[21] "fractal_dimension_se"
                                "radius_worst"
[23] "texture_worst"
                                "perimeter_worst"
[25] "area_worst"
                                "smoothness_worst"
[27] "compactness_worst"
                                "concavity_worst"
[29] "concave.points_worst"
                                "symmetry_worst"
[31] "fractal_dimension_worst"
```

That listed them but did not say how many. Let's try again.

```
length(grep("mean", colnames(wisc.df), value = TRUE))
```

[1] 10

There is a diagnosis column that is the clinician consensus that I want to exclude from any further analysis. We will come back later and compare our results to this diagnosis.

```
diagnosis <- as.factor(wisc.df$diagnosis)
head(diagnosis)</pre>
```

[1] M M M M M M M Levels: B M

Now we can remove it from the wisc.df

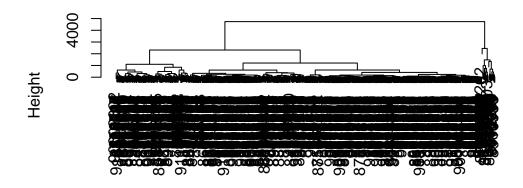
```
wisc.data <- wisc.df[,-1]
```

Clustering

Let's try a hclust()

```
hc <- hclust(dist(wisc.data))
plot(hc)</pre>
```

Cluster Dendrogram



dist(wisc.data) hclust (*, "complete")

We can extract clusters from this rather bad dendrogram/tree with the cutree()

```
grps \leftarrow cutree(hc, k=2)
```

How many individuals in each cluster?

table(grps)

grps

1 2

549 20

table(diagnosis)

diagnosis

B M

357 212

We can generate a cross-table that compares our cluster grps vector with our diagnosis vector values

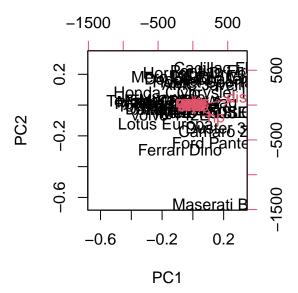
table(diagnosis, grps)

grps diagnosis 1 2 B 357 0 M 192 20

Principal Component Analysis

The importance data scaling

The main function for PCA in base R is prcomp() it has a default input parameter of scale=FALSE.



We could do a PCA of this data as is and it could be mis-leading...

Let's look at the mean value of each column and standard deviation

colMeans(mtcars)

```
cyl
                            disp
                                                   drat
                                                                          qsec
      mpg
                                          hp
                                                                 wt
20.090625
            6.187500 230.721875 146.687500
                                                                    17.848750
                                               3.596563
                                                           3.217250
                            gear
                                        carb
 0.437500
            0.406250
                        3.687500
                                   2.812500
```

apply(mtcars, 2, sd)

```
cyl
                               disp
                                              hp
                                                         drat
                                                                        wt
      mpg
6.0269481
            1.7859216 123.9386938
                                     68.5628685
                                                   0.5346787
                                                                0.9784574
     qsec
                                                         carb
                    VS
                                 am
                                            gear
1.7869432
            0.5040161
                         0.4989909
                                      0.7378041
                                                   1.6152000
```

We can "scale" this data before PCA to get a much better representation and analysis of all the columns.

```
mtscale <- scale(mtcars)</pre>
```

round(colMeans(mtscale))

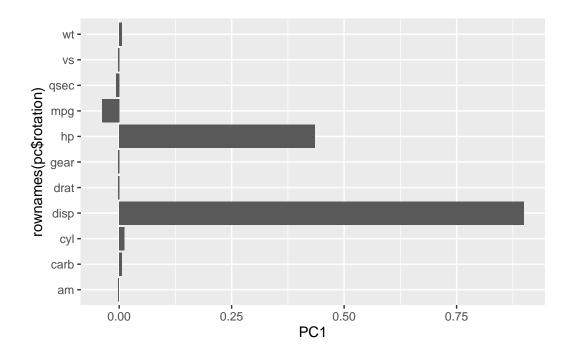
```
apply(mtscale, 2, sd)
```

```
pc.scale <- prcomp(mtscale)</pre>
```

We can look at the two main results figures from PCA - the "PC plot" (aka score plot, orientation plot, or PC1 vs PC2 plot). The "loadings plot" is how the original variables contribute to the new PCs.

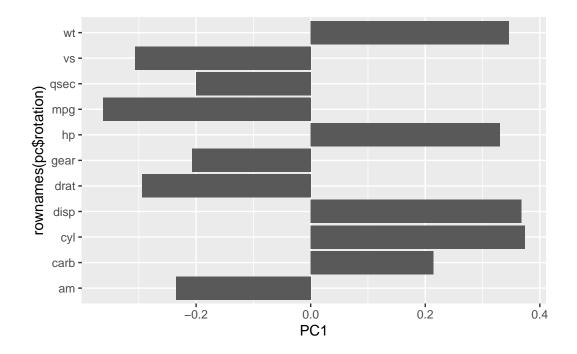
A loadings plot of the unscaled PCA results

```
ggplot(pc$rotation) +
  aes(PC1, rownames(pc$rotation)) +
  geom_col()
```



Loadings plot of the scaled data.

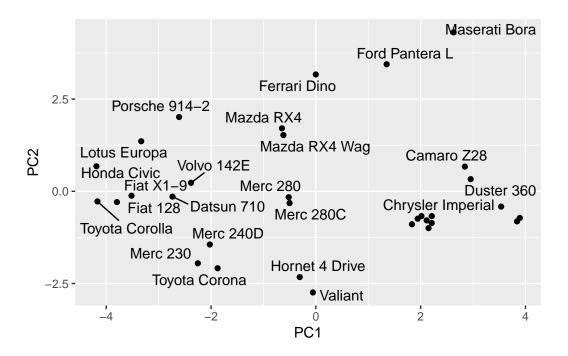
```
ggplot(pc.scale$rotation) +
  aes(PC1, rownames(pc$rotation)) +
  geom_col()
```



PC plot of scaled PCA results

```
ggplot(pc.scale$x) +
  aes(PC1, PC2, label=rownames(pc.scale$x)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_text_repel()
```

Warning: ggrepel: 9 unlabeled data points (too many overlaps). Consider increasing max.overlaps



Key Point: In general we will set scale=TRUE when we do PCA. This is not the default but probably should be...

We can check the SD and mean of the different columns in wisc.data to see if we need to scale - hint: we do!

PCA of wisc.data

```
wisc.pr <- prcomp(wisc.data, scale=TRUE)
```

TO see how well PCA is doing here in terms of capturing the variance (or spread) in the data we can use the summary() function.

```
summary(wisc.pr)
```

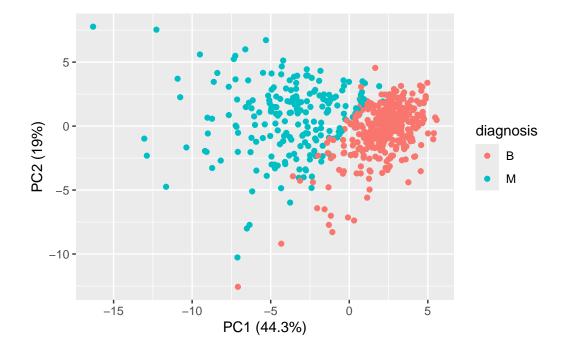
Importance of components:

```
PC1
                                  PC2
                                          PC3
                                                   PC4
                                                           PC5
                                                                   PC6
                                                                            PC7
                       3.6444 2.3857 1.67867 1.40735 1.28403 1.09880 0.82172
Standard deviation
Proportion of Variance 0.4427 0.1897 0.09393 0.06602 0.05496 0.04025 0.02251
Cumulative Proportion
                       0.4427 0.6324 0.72636 0.79239 0.84734 0.88759 0.91010
                            PC8
                                   PC9
                                          PC10
                                                 PC11
                                                          PC12
                                                                  PC13
                                                                           PC14
```

```
0.69037 0.6457 0.59219 0.5421 0.51104 0.49128 0.39624
Standard deviation
Proportion of Variance 0.01589 0.0139 0.01169 0.0098 0.00871 0.00805 0.00523
                       0.92598\ 0.9399\ 0.95157\ 0.9614\ 0.97007\ 0.97812\ 0.98335
Cumulative Proportion
                          PC15
                                   PC16
                                           PC17
                                                   PC18
                                                           PC19
                                                                    PC20
                                                                           PC21
                       0.30681 0.28260 0.24372 0.22939 0.22244 0.17652 0.1731
Standard deviation
Proportion of Variance 0.00314 0.00266 0.00198 0.00175 0.00165 0.00104 0.0010
                       0.98649\ 0.98915\ 0.99113\ 0.99288\ 0.99453\ 0.99557\ 0.9966
Cumulative Proportion
                                          PC24
                                                          PC26
                          PC22
                                   PC23
                                                  PC25
                                                                   PC27
                                                                           PC28
Standard deviation
                       0.16565 0.15602 0.1344 0.12442 0.09043 0.08307 0.03987
Proportion of Variance 0.00091 0.00081 0.0006 0.00052 0.00027 0.00023 0.00005
                       0.99749\ 0.99830\ 0.9989\ 0.99942\ 0.99969\ 0.99992\ 0.99997
Cumulative Proportion
                          PC29
                                   PC30
Standard deviation
                       0.02736 0.01153
Proportion of Variance 0.00002 0.00000
Cumulative Proportion 1.00000 1.00000
```

Let's make the main PC1 vs PC2

```
ggplot(wisc.pr$x) +
  aes(PC1, PC2, col=diagnosis) +
  geom_point() +
  xlab("PC1 (44.3%)") +
  ylab("PC2 (19%)")
```



Q4. From your results, what proportion of the original variance is captured by the first principal components (PC1)?

summary(wisc.pr)\$importance[2,1]

[1] 0.44272

Q5. How many principal components (PCs) are required to describe at least 70% of the original variance in the data?

Answer: To describe at least 70%, need 3.

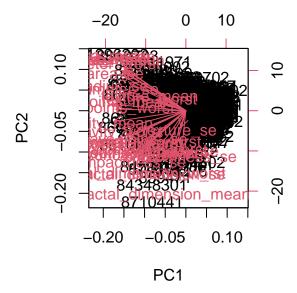
Q6. How many principal components (PCs) are required to describe at least 90% of the original variance in the data?

Answer: To describe at least 90%, need 7

Interpreting PCA Results

Create a biplot of the wisc.pr using the biplot() function.

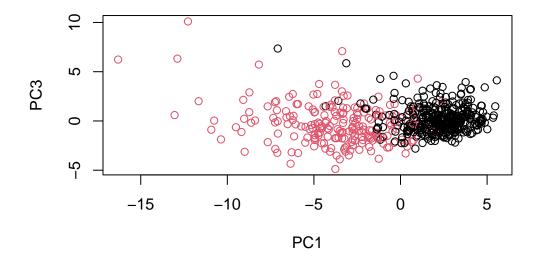
biplot(wisc.pr)



Q7. What stands out to you about this plot? Is it easy or difficult to understand? Why?

Answer: Row names are used as plotting characters. Plot is difficult to understand, too much going on.

Q8. Generate a similar plot for principal components 1 and 3. What do you notice about these plots?



Answer: Plots have more clearer separation of malignant and benign samples.

Communicating PCA Results

Q9. For the first principal component, what is the component of the loading vector (i.e. wisc.pr\$rotation[,1]) for the feature concave.points_mean?

```
wisc.pr$rotation["concave.points_mean", 1]
```

[1] -0.2608538

Q10. What is the minimum number of principal components required to explain 80% of the variance of the data?

```
cumul_var <- summary(wisc.pr)$importance[3,]
cumul_var</pre>
```

```
PC1
                     PC3
                             PC4
                                     PC5
                                              PC6
                                                      PC7
                                                               PC8
                                                                       PC9
            PC2
                                                                              PC10
0.44272 0.63243 0.72636 0.79239 0.84734 0.88759 0.91010 0.92598 0.93988 0.95157
   PC11
                                                                      PC19
           PC12
                   PC13
                            PC14
                                    PC15
                                             PC16
                                                     PC17
                                                             PC18
                                                                              PC20
0.96137 0.97007 0.97812 0.98335 0.98649 0.98915 0.99113 0.99288 0.99453 0.99557
   PC21
           PC22
                   PC23
                            PC24
                                    PC25
                                             PC26
                                                     PC27
                                                             PC28
                                                                      PC29
                                                                              PC30
0.99657 0.99749 0.99830 0.99890 0.99942 0.99969 0.99992 0.99997 1.00000 1.00000
```

Answer: 5 principal components.

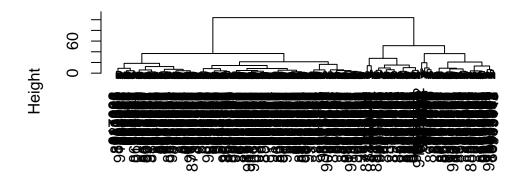
5. Combining Methods

We can take our PCA results and use them as a basis set for other analysis such as clustering.

Clustering on PCA results

```
wisc.pr.hclust <- hclust(dist( wisc.pr$x[,1:2]), method="ward.D2")
plot(wisc.pr.hclust)</pre>
```

Cluster Dendrogram



dist(wisc.pr\$x[, 1:2])
hclust (*, "ward.D2")

We can "cut" this tree to yield our clusters (groups):

```
pc.grps <- cutree(wisc.pr.hclust, k=2)
table(pc.grps)</pre>
```

pc.grps 1 2 195 374

How do my cluster grps compare to the diagnosis?

table(diagnosis, pc.grps)

```
pc.grps
diagnosis 1 2
B 18 339
M 177 35
```

table(diagnosis)

```
diagnosis
B M
357 212
```

Q15. How well does the newly created model with four clusters separate out the two diagnoses?

Newly created model with four clusters does a reasonably good job of separating the two diagnoses.

Q16. How well do the hierarchical clustering models you created in previous sections (i.e. before PCA) do in terms of separating the diagnoses? Again, use the table() function to compare the output of the model wisc.hclust.clusters with the vector containing the actual diagnoses.

```
table(pc.grps, diagnosis)
```

```
diagnosis
pc.grps B M
1 18 177
2 339 35
```

They did real bad. We do much better after PCA - the new PCA variables (what we call a basis set) give us much better separation of M and B

7. Prediction

We can use our PCA model for the analysis of the new "unseen" data. In this case from U. Mich.

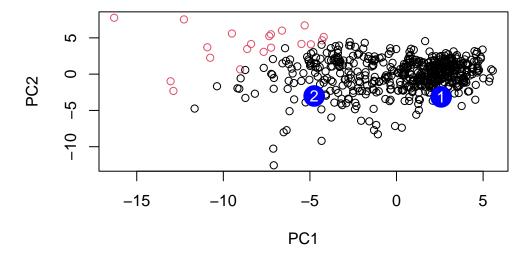
```
#url <- "new_samples.csv"
url <- "https://tinyurl.com/new-samples-CSV"
new <- read.csv(url)
npc <- predict(wisc.pr, newdata=new)
npc</pre>
```

```
PC1
                     PC2
                                 PC3
                                            PC4
                                                      PC5
                                                                  PC6
                                                                             PC7
     2.576616 -3.135913
                          1.3990492 -0.7631950
                                                 2.781648 -0.8150185 -0.3959098
[2,] -4.754928 -3.009033 -0.1660946 -0.6052952 -1.140698 -1.2189945
            PC8
                      PC9
                                 PC10
                                           PC11
                                                      PC12
                                                                PC13
                                                                         PC14
[1,] -0.2307350 0.1029569 -0.9272861 0.3411457 0.375921 0.1610764 1.187882
```

```
[2,] -0.3307423 0.5281896 -0.4855301 0.7173233 -1.185917 0.5893856 0.303029
          PC15
                      PC16
                                   PC17
                                                PC18
                                                             PC19
                                                                         PC20
[1,] 0.3216974 -0.1743616 -0.07875393 -0.11207028 -0.08802955 -0.2495216
 \hbox{\tt [2,]} \ \ 0.1299153 \quad 0.1448061 \ -0.40509706 \quad 0.06565549 \quad 0.25591230 \ -0.4289500 \\
           PC21
                       PC22
                                   PC23
                                               PC24
                                                            PC25
                                                                          PC26
[1,] 0.1228233 0.09358453 0.08347651
                                         0.1223396
                                                      0.02124121
                                                                  0.078884581
[2,] -0.1224776 0.01732146 0.06316631 -0.2338618 -0.20755948 -0.009833238
             PC27
                           PC28
                                         PC29
                                                       PC30
[1,] 0.220199544 -0.02946023 -0.015620933 0.005269029
[2,] -0.001134152  0.09638361  0.002795349 -0.019015820
```

Q18. WHich of these new patients should we prioritize for follow up? (make ggplot)

```
plot(wisc.pr$x[,1:2], col=as.factor(grps)
    )
points(npc[,1], npc[,2], col="blue", pch=16, cex=3)
text(npc[,1], npc[,2], c(1,2), col="white")
```



Patient 1 is clustered more in the black which represents malignant samples, so they should be prioritized.