



BGGN 213

Unsupervised Learning Lecture 8

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Recap of Lecture 7

- Reviewed the major steps for R function writing
- Introduced the CRAN & Bioconductor repositories for packages that extend R functionality
- Explored installing and using the ggplot2, bio3d, rgl, rentrez, igraph, blogdown, shiny, and circlize packages
- Discussed how to judge the utility, usability and development status of R packages.

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How does k-means attempt to define this grouping?

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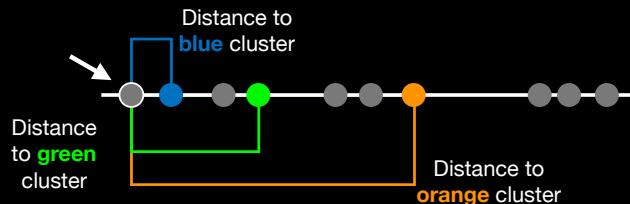


Step 2.
Select **$k=3$** distant data points at random
These are the initial clusters



Step 3.

Measure distance between the 1st point and the **k=3** initial clusters



Step 4.

Assign the 1st point to the nearest cluster



Step 5.

Update cluster centers

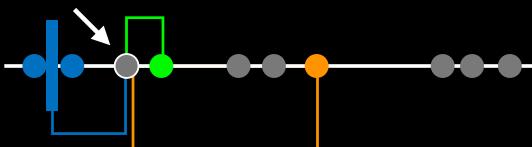
Calculate the mean value for the blue cluster including the new point



Step 6.

Assign next point to closest cluster

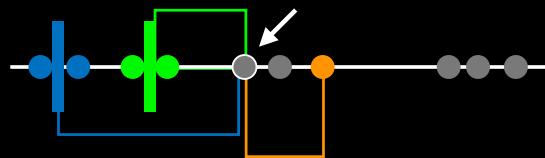
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Step 7.

Update cluster centers and move to next point

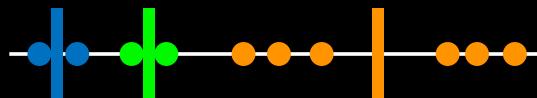
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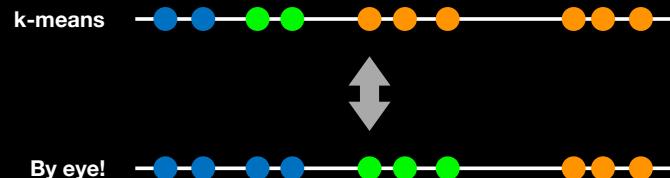
Repeat for each point

Each time updating cluster centers



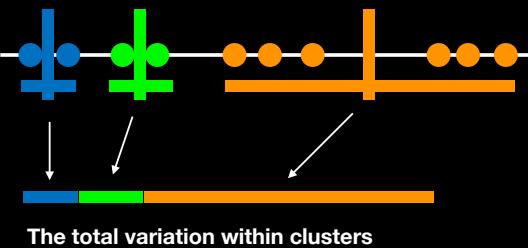
Hmm....

Here the k-means result does not look as good as what we were able to do by eye!



Step 9.

Assess the quality of the clustering by adding up the variation within each cluster

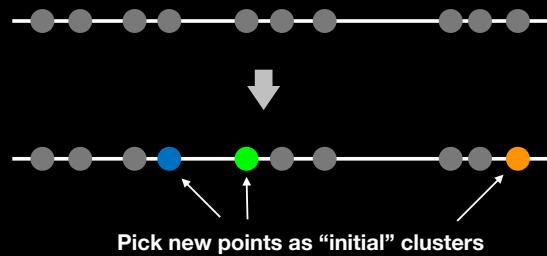


K-means keeps track of these clusters and their total **variance** and then does the whole thing over again with different starting points

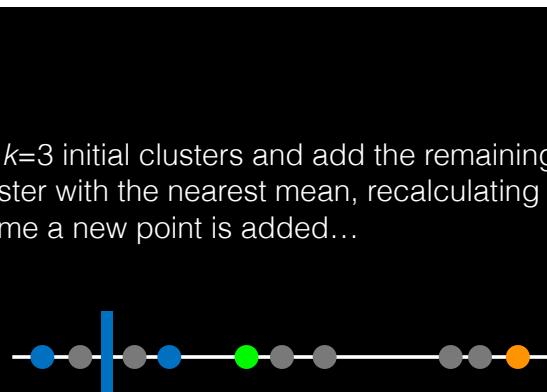
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Repeat with different starting points

Back to the beginning and do all steps over again...



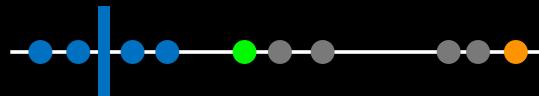
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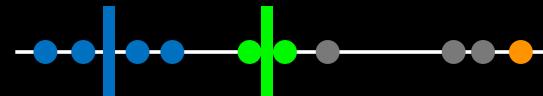
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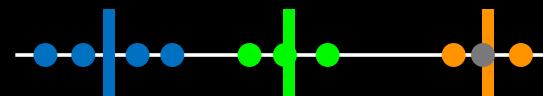
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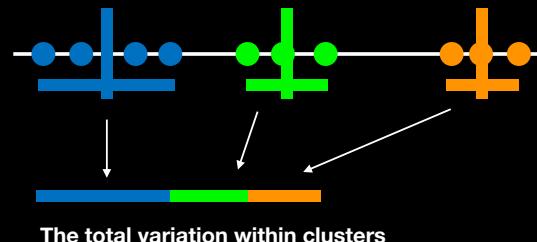
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Now the data are all assigned to clusters, we again sum the variation within each cluster

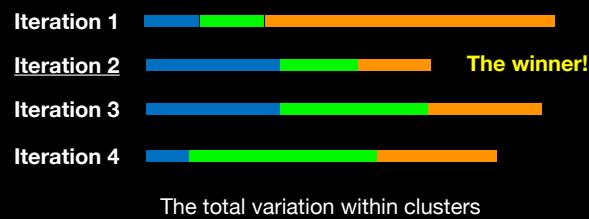


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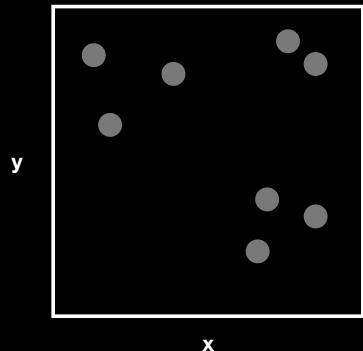


After several iterations k-means clustering knows it has the *best clustering so-far* based on the smallest total variation with clusters.

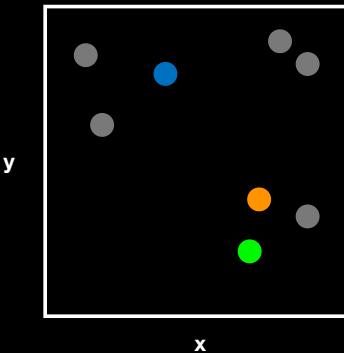
However, it does not know if it has found the *best overall*. So it will perform several more iterations with different starting points...



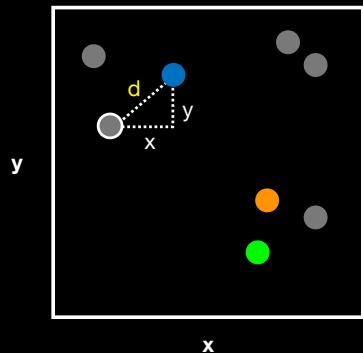
What if we have more dimensions?



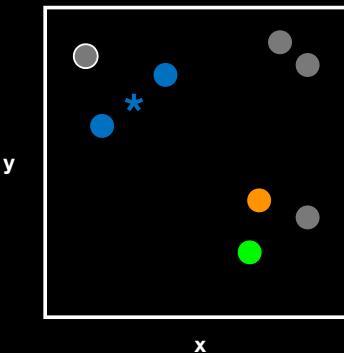
Just like before, we pick 3 random points...



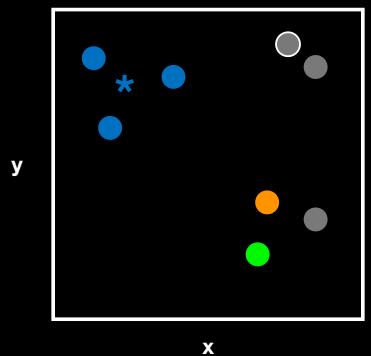
...and use the Euclidean distance.
In 2 dimensions the Euclidean distance is the same as the Pythagorean theorem $d = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$



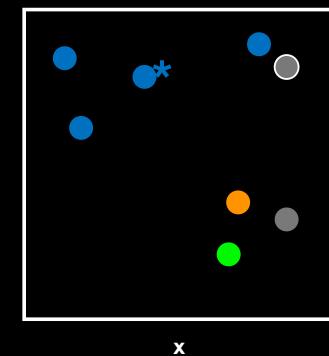
...assign point to nearest cluster and update cluster center *



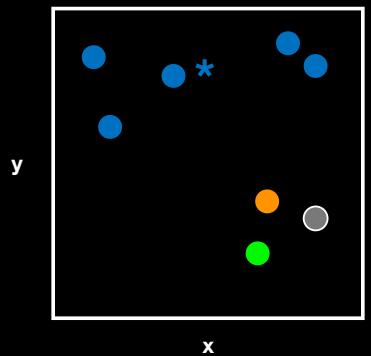
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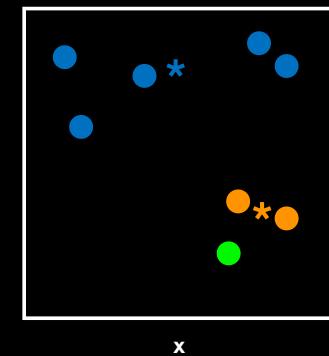
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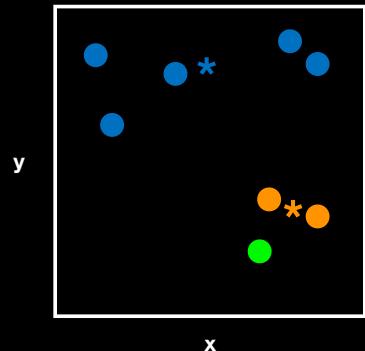
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Again we have to use a number of different starting conditions before deciding on a good clustering!



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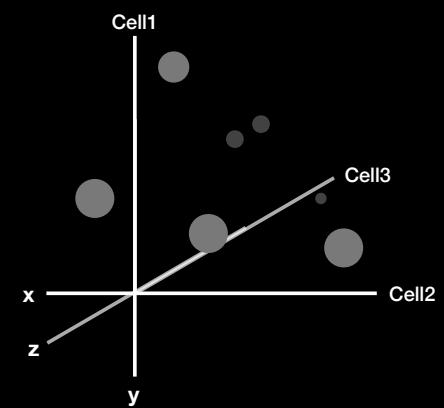
We could simply plot them by relabeling the cell samples as **x**, **y**, and **z** (i.e. a 3D plot)

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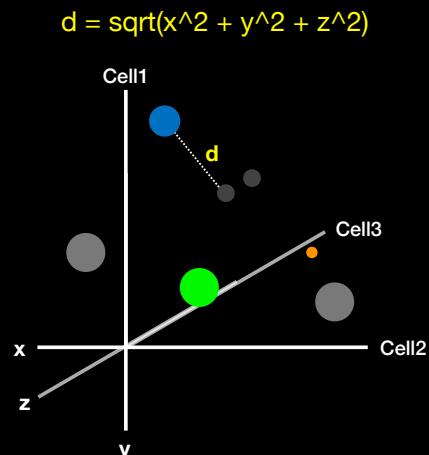
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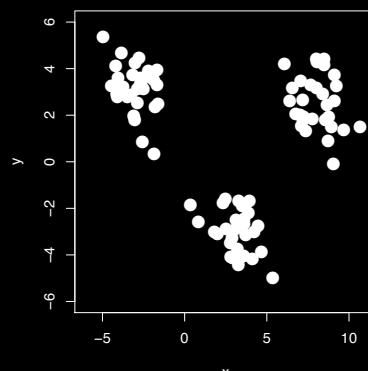
Of course we don't actually need to plot anything.

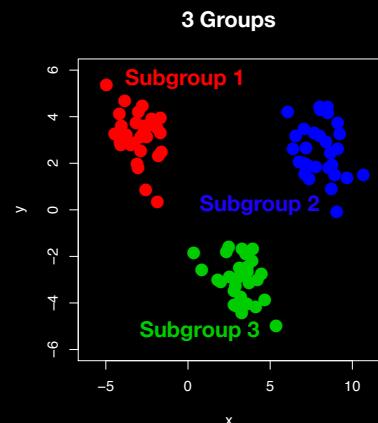
We can just calculate the Euclidean distance along any number of dimensions and perform our k-means clustering in the same way.

k-means in R

```
# K-means algorithm with 3 centers, run 20 times
kmeans(x, centers= 3, nstart= 20)
```

- Input **x** is a numeric matrix, or data.frame, with one observation per row, one feature per column
- k-means has a random component
- Run algorithm multiple times to improve odds of the best model





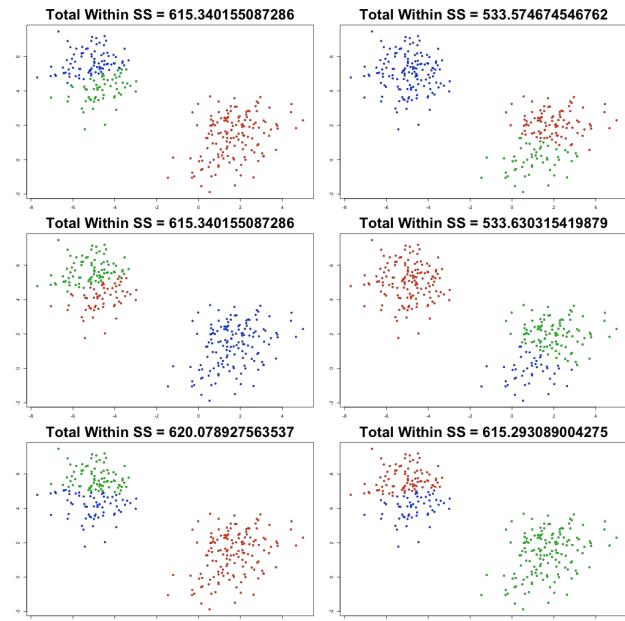
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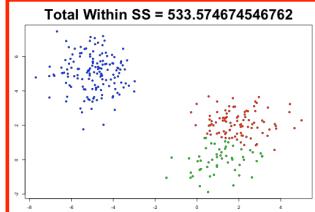
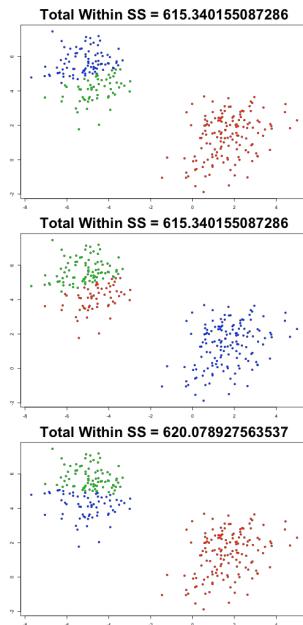
- Recall k-means has a random component
- Best outcome is based on total within cluster sum of squares:
 - For each cluster
 - For each observation in the cluster
 - Determine squared distance from observation to cluster center
 - Sum all of them together

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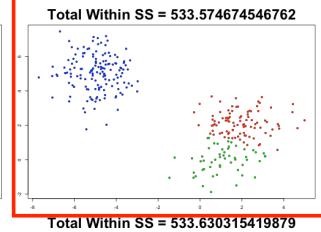
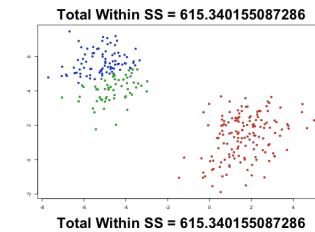
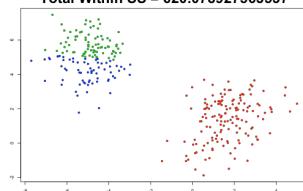
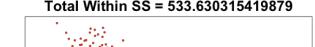
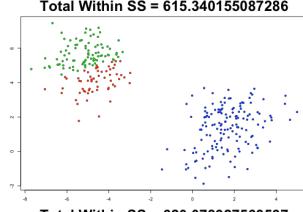
```
# k-means algorithm with 5 centers, run 20 times
kmeans(x, centers=5, nstart=20)
```

- Running algorithm multiple times (i.e. setting `nstart`) helps find the global minimum total within cluster sum of squares
- Increasing the default value of `nstart` is often sensible





Winner has the smallest within cluster SS



Total Within SS = 615.340155087286

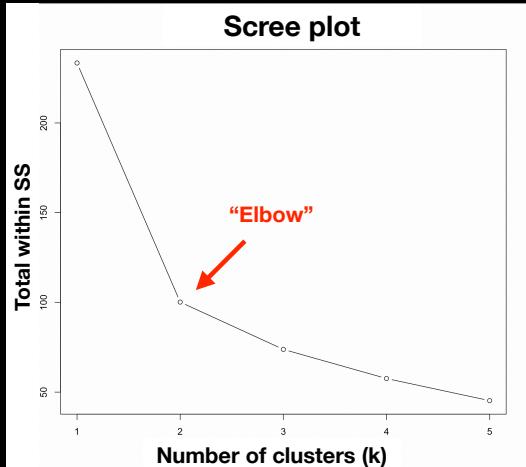
Total Within SS = 533.630315419879

Total Within SS = 620.078927563537

Total Within SS = 615.293089004275

Note. k-means will always give you the renumber of clusters you request!
(Here for example, k=2 may be better but we asked for k=3)

Determining number of clusters



Trial and error is not the best approach

Systematically try a range of different k values and plot a “scree plot”.

Here there is a large reduction in SS with **k=2** but after that the values do not go down as quickly!

Your Turn!

```
# Generate some example data for clustering
tmp <- c(rnorm(30,-3), rnorm(30,3))
x <- cbind(x=tmp, y=rev(tmp))

plot(x)
```

Use the kmeans() function setting k to 2 and nstart=20

Inspect/print the results

- Q. How many points are in each cluster?
- Q. What ‘component’ of your result object details
 - cluster size?
 - cluster assignment/membership?
 - cluster center?

Plot x colored by the kmeans cluster assignment and add cluster centers as blue points

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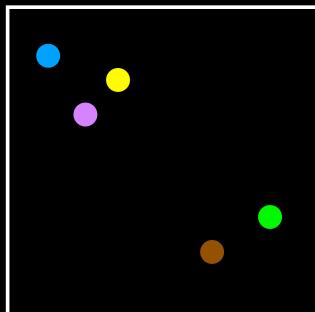
Hierarchical clustering

- Number of clusters is not known ahead of time
- Two kinds of hierarchical clustering:
 - bottom-up
 - top-down

Hierarchical clustering

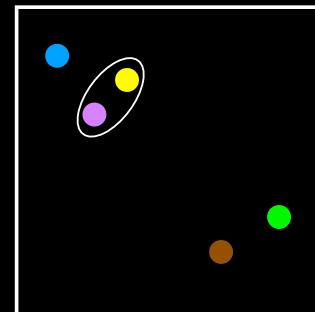
Simple example:

5 clusters: Each point starts as its own “cluster”!



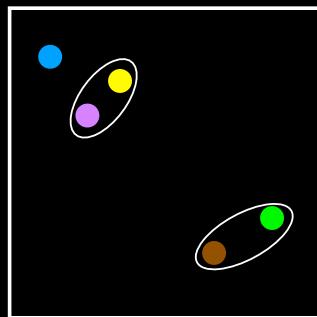
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4 clusters



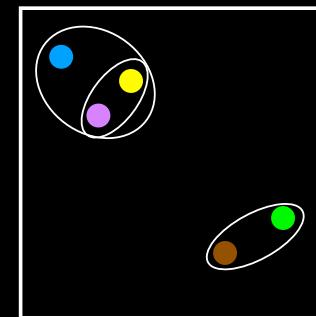
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3 clusters



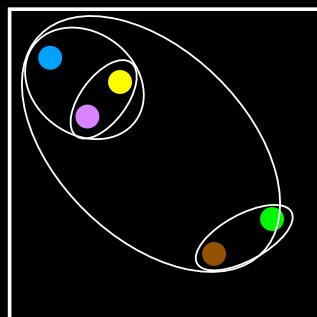
Hierarchical clustering

2 clusters



Hierarchical clustering

End: 1 cluster



Hierarchical clustering in R

```
# First we need to calculate point (dis)similarity
#   as the Euclidean distance between observations
dist_matrix <- dist(x)

# The hclust() function returns a hierarchical
#   clustering model
hc <- hclust(d = dist_matrix)

# the print method is not so useful here
hc

Call:
hclust(d = dist_matrix)

Cluster method : complete
Distance       : euclidean
Number of objects: 60
```

Lets have a closer look...

```
# Our input is a distance matrix from the dist()
# function. Lets make sure we understand it first
dist_matrix <- dist(x)

dim(dist_matrix)
NULL

View( as.matrix(dist_matrix) )

dim(x)
[1] 60  2

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[1] 60 60

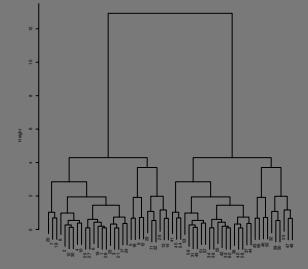
# Note, symmetrical pairwise distance matrix
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Interpreting results

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# Create hierarchical cluster model: hc
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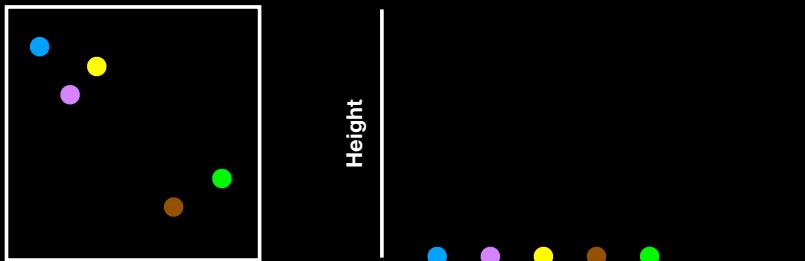
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# We can plot the results as a dendrogram
plot(hc)
```

```
# What do you notice?
# Does the dendrogram
# make sense based on
# your knowledge of x?
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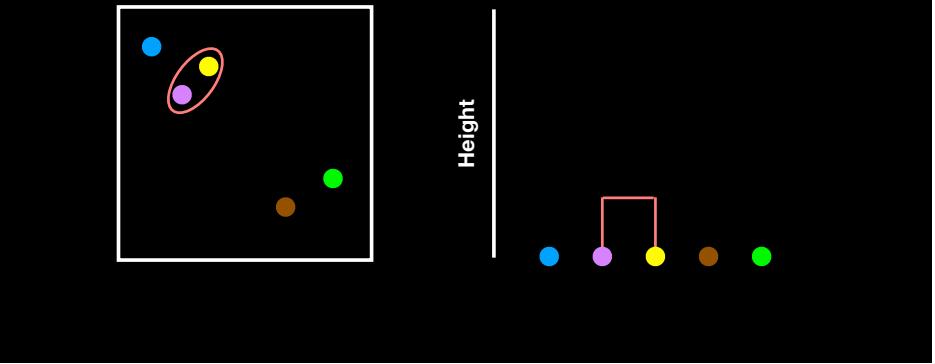
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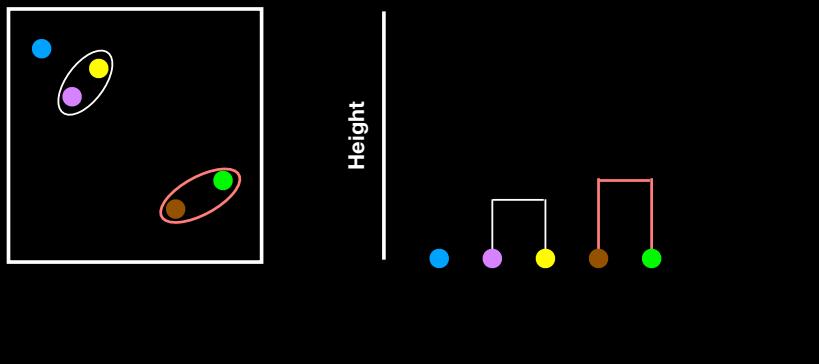
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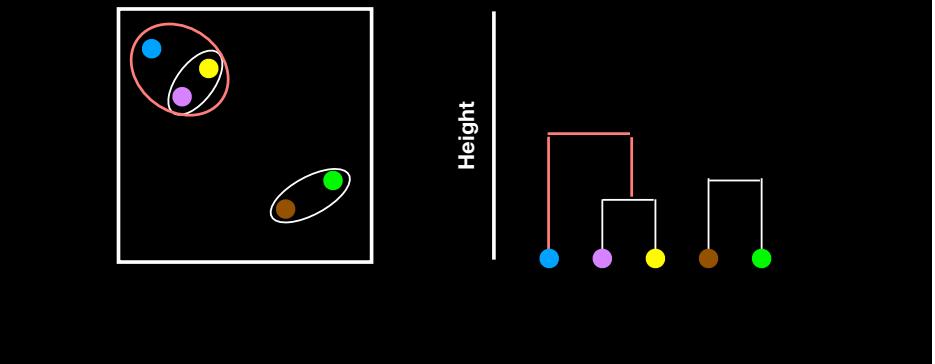
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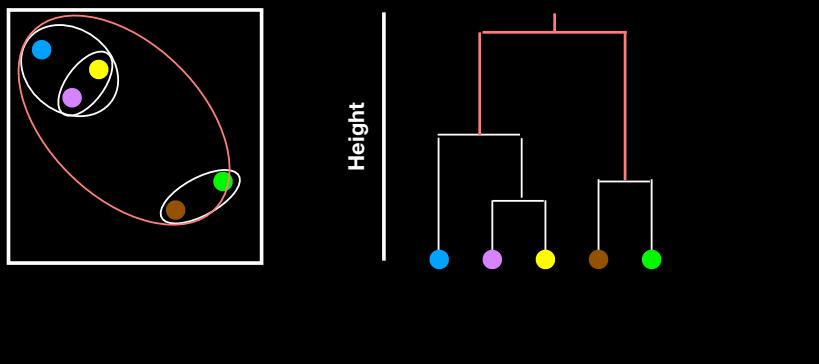
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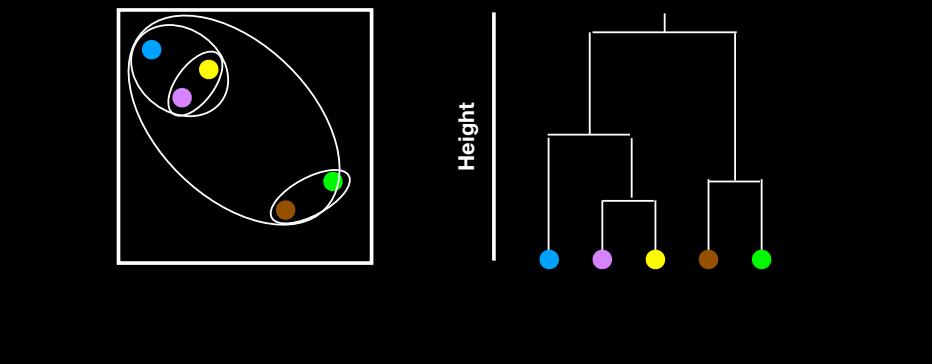
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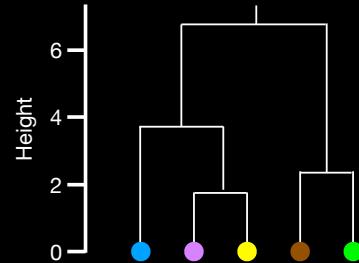
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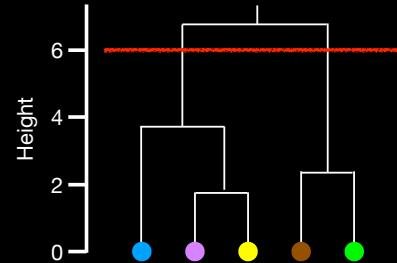
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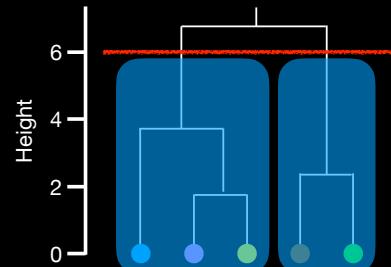
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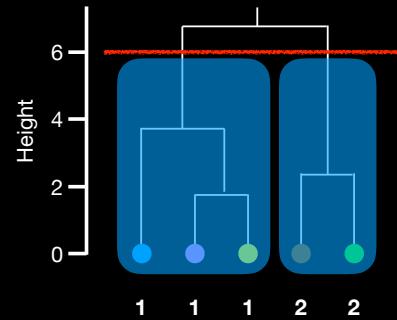
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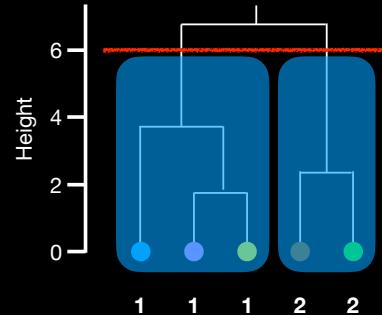
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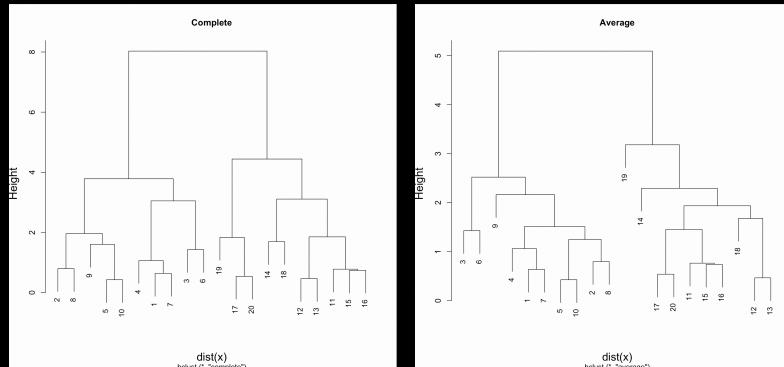


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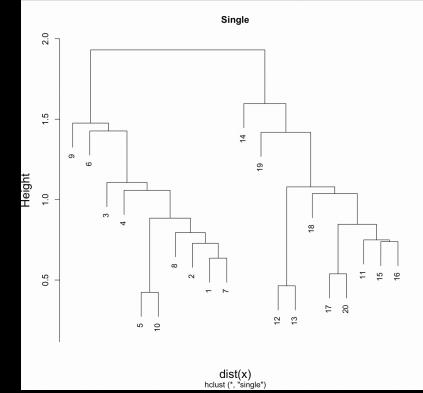
Linking methods: complete and average



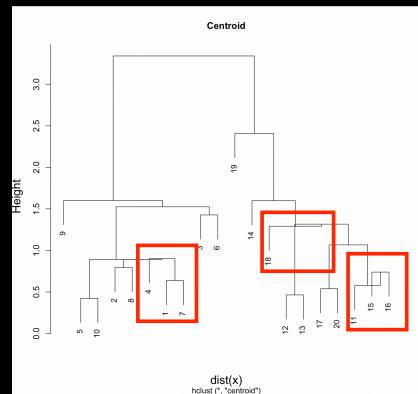
Linking clusters in hierarchical clustering

- How is distance between clusters determined?
- There are four main methods to determine which cluster should be linked:
 - **Complete**: pairwise similarity between all observations in cluster 1 and cluster 2, and uses largest of similarities
 - **Single**: same as above but uses smallest of similarities
 - **Average**: same as above but uses average of similarities
 - **Centroid**: finds centroid of cluster 1 and centroid of cluster 2, and uses similarity between two centroids

Linking method: single



Linking method: centroid



Linkage in R

```
# Using different hierarchical clustering methods
hc.complete <- hclust(d, method="complete")
hc.average   <- hclust(d, method="average")
hc.single    <- hclust(d, method="single")
```

Your Turn!

```
# Step 1. Generate some example data for clustering
x <- rbind(
  matrix(rnorm(100, mean=0, sd = 0.3), ncol = 2), # c1
  matrix(rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 0.3), ncol = 2), # c2
  matrix(c(rnorm(50, mean = 1, sd = 0.3),
           rnorm(50, mean = 0, sd = 0.3)), ncol = 2))
colnames(x) <- c("x", "y")

# Step 2. Plot the data without clustering
plot(x)

# Step 3. Generate colors for known clusters
#         (just so we can compare to hclust results)
col <- as.factor(rep(c("c1","c2","c3"), each=50))

plot(x, col=col)
```

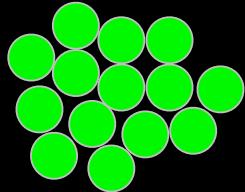
- Q. Use the **dist()**, **hclust()**, **plot()** and **cutree()** functions to return 2 and 3 clusters
- Q. How does this compare to your known 'col' groups?

Today's Menu

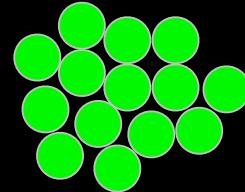
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PCA: The absolute basics

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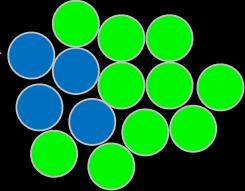


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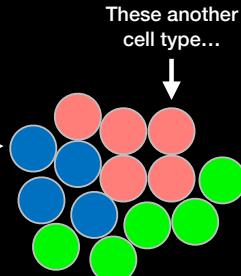


Even though they look the same we suspect that there are differences...

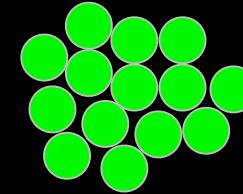
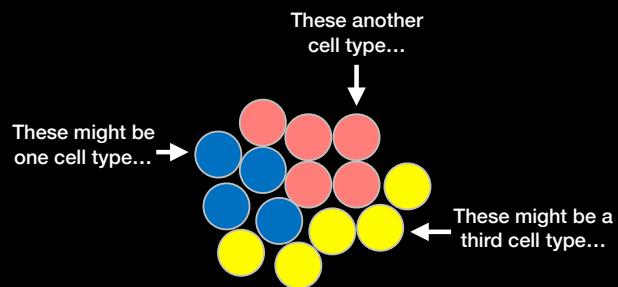
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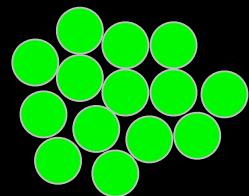
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So we sequence the mRNA in each cell to identify which genes are active and at what levels.

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Gene2	2.9	0.8	2.2	1.8	...
Gene3	2.2	1	1.5	3.2	...
Gene4	2	1.4	2	0.3	...
Gene5	1.3	1.6	1.6	0	...
Gene6	1.5	2	2.1	3	...
Gene7	1.1	2.2	1.2	2.8	...
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Gene9	0.4	3	0.6	0.1	...

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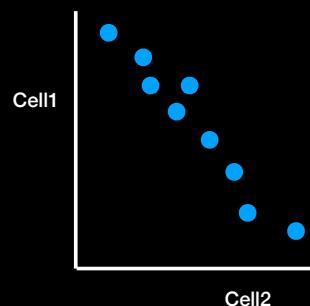
Each column shows how much each gene is transcribed in each cell

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For now lets consider only two cells

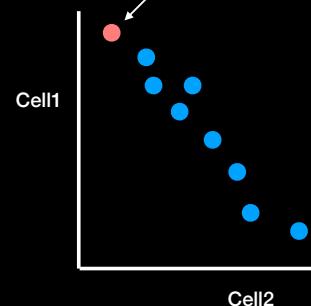
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Gene8	1	2.7
Gene9	0.4	3

We have just 2 cells so we can plot the measurements for each gene



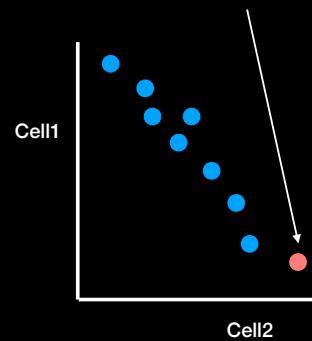
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This gene (Gene1) is highly transcribed in Cell1 and lowly transcribed in Cell2...



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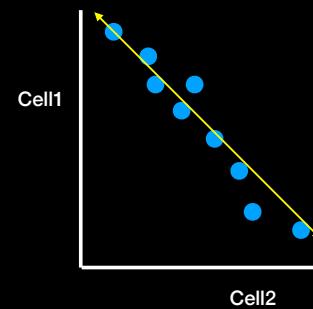
This gene (Gene9) is lowly transcribed in Cell1 and highly transcribed in Cell2...



	Cell1	Cell2
Gene1	3	0.25
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Gene4	2	1.4
Gene5	1.3	1.6
Gene6	1.5	2
Gene7	1.1	2.2
Gene8	1	2.7
Gene9	0.4	3

In general, Cell1 and Cell2 have an **inverse correlation**.

This suggests that they may be two different types of cells as they are using different genes

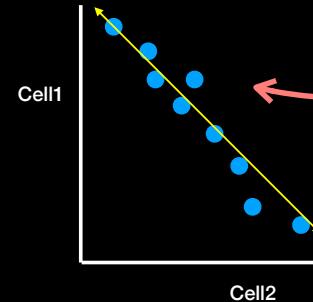


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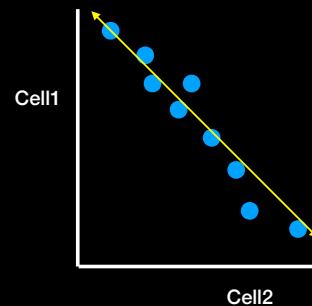
Now lets imagine there are three cells

	Cell1	Cell2	Cell3
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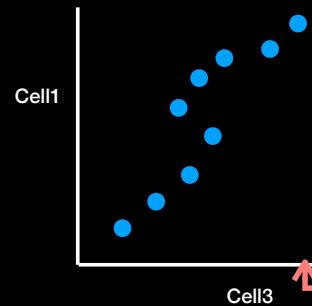
We have already seen how we can plot the first two cells to see how closely related they are



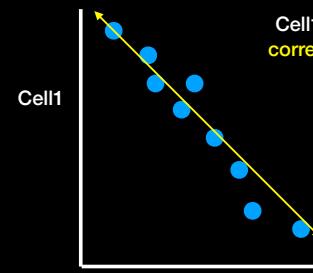
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Now we can also compare Cell1 to Cell3

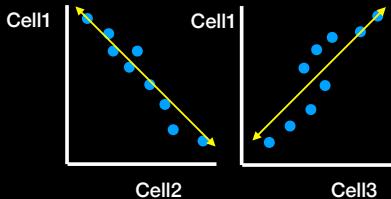


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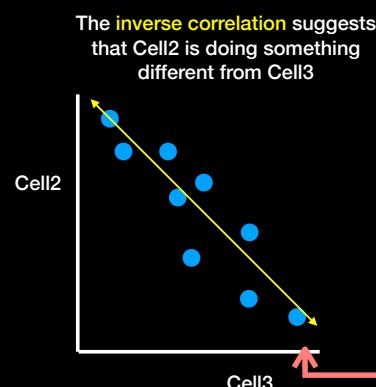


Cell1 and Cell3 are **positively correlated** suggesting they are doing similar things

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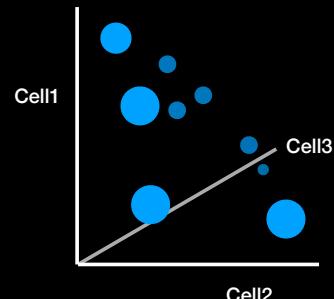
We can also compare Cell2 to Cell3...



The **inverse correlation** suggests that Cell2 is doing something different from Cell3

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Alternatively, we could try to plot all 3 cells at once on a 3-dimensional graph.

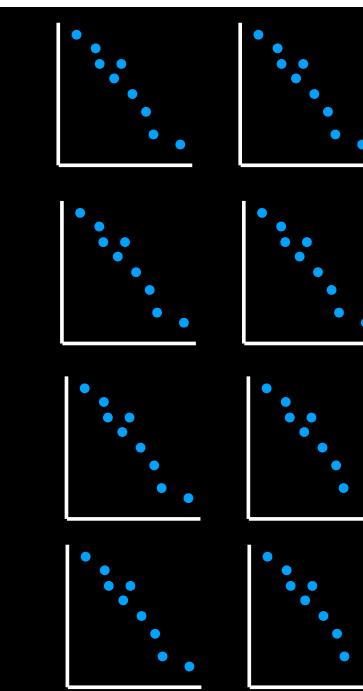


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But what if we have 4 or more Cells?

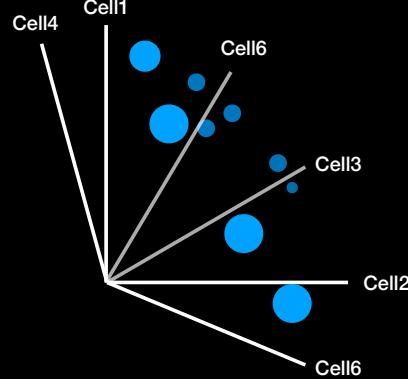
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Draw lots of 2 cell plots and try to make sense of them all?

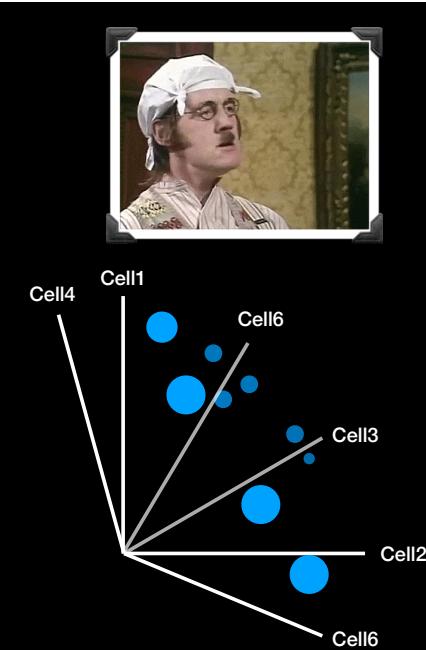


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Or draw some crazy graph that has an axis for each cell and makes or brains hurt!

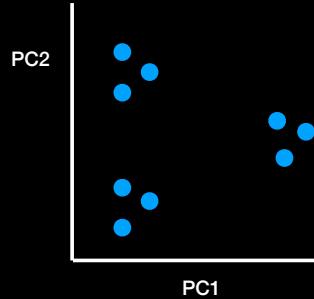


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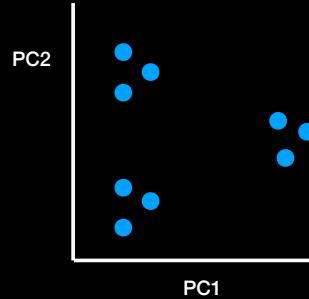
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Enter Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



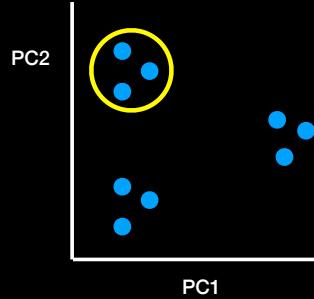
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PCA converts the correlations (or lack thereof) among all cells into a representation we can more readily interpret (e.g. a 2D graph!)



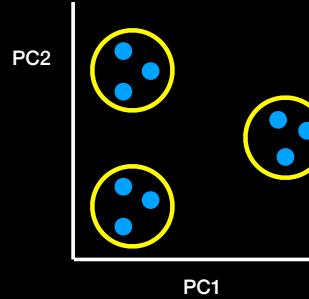
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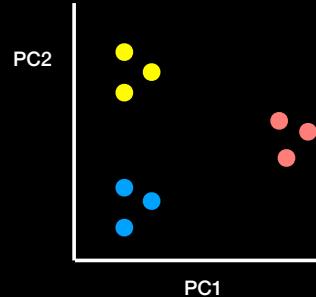
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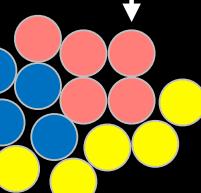
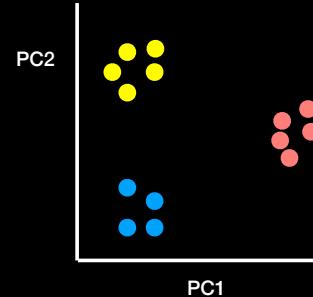
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To make the clusters easier to see we can color code them...

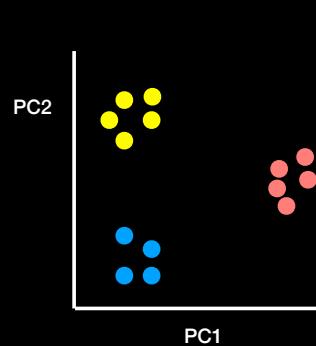


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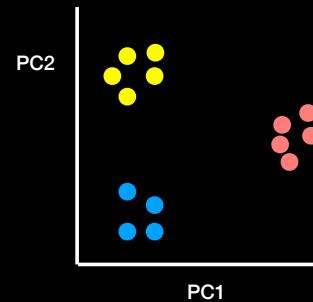
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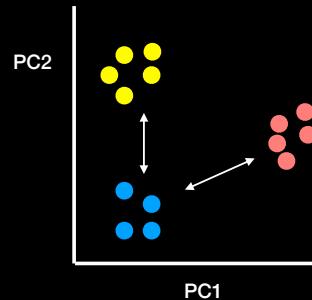
...and see they represent three different types of cells doing three different things with their genes!



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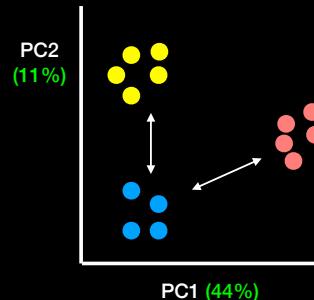


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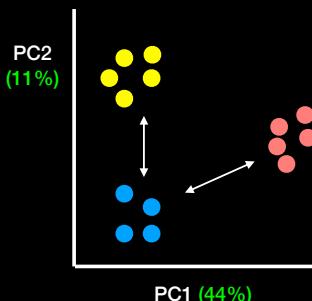
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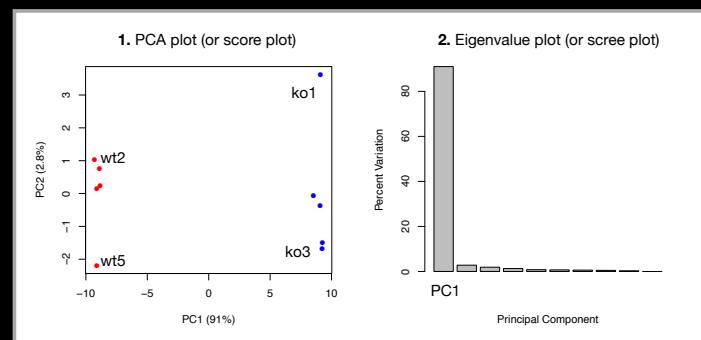
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In this example PC1 'captures' 4x more of the original variance than PC2 ($44/11 = 4$)

- We actually get two main things out of a typical PCA
 - The new axis (called PCs or **Eigenvectors**) and
 - **Eigenvalues** that detail the amount of variance captured by each PC



Bonus: PC Loadings

- Another cool thing we can get out of PCA is a quantitative report on how the original variables contributed to each PC
 - In other words, which were the most important genes that lead to the observed clustering in PC-space
 - These are often called the **loadings** and we can plot them to see which are the most important genes for the observed separation as well as outputting ranked lists of genes that act to discriminate the samples

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Do it Yourself!

Hands-on time!

https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_W19/class-material/pca/

Outline: How to do PCA in R

- How to use the **prcomp()** function to do PCA.
- How to draw and interpret PCA plots
- How to determine how much variation each principal component accounts for and the the “intrinsic dimensionality” useful for further analysis
- How to examine the **loadings** (or loading scores) to determine what variables have the largest effect on the graph and are thus important for discriminating samples.

- First lets read our example data to work with.

```
## You can also download this file from the class website!  
mydata <- read.csv("https://tinyurl.com/expression-CSV",  
row.names=1)  
  
head(mydata)
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	wt1	wt2	wt3	wt4	wt5	ko1	ko2	ko3	ko4	ko5
gene1	147	171	160	175	187	63	57	58	55	59
gene2	151	134	148	126	134	838	831	894	847	830
gene3	702	672	653	681	701	593	579	644	596	610
gene4	319	297	310	296	304	754	807	734	750	774
gene5	168	147	162	142	152	787	811	814	869	784

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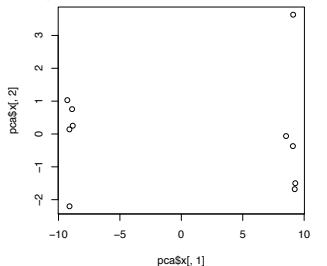
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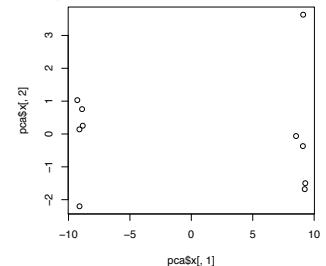


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- From the “scree plot” it is clear that **PC1** accounts for almost all of the variation in the data!



- Which means there are big differences between these two groups that are separated along the PC1 axis...

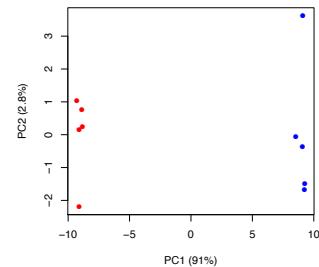
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- Lets make our plot a bit more useful...

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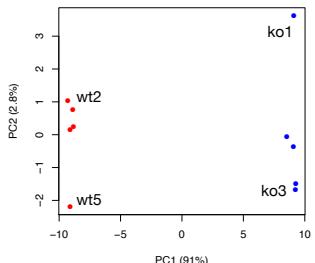


- And add some labels...

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## IN THE CONSOLE! Click to identify which sample is which
identify(pca$x[,1], pca$x[,2], labels=colnames(mydata))

## Press ESC to exit...
```



Do it Yourself!

Your turn!

Perform a PCA on the UK foods dataset

https://bioboot.github.io/bggm213_W19/class-material/lab-8-bggm213.html

Input: read, View/head,
PCA: prcomp,
Plots: PCA plot
 scree plot,
 loadings plot.

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-0.104763 -0.104276 -0.068784 -0.005656  0.103926  0.104797

## We are interested in the magnitudes of both plus
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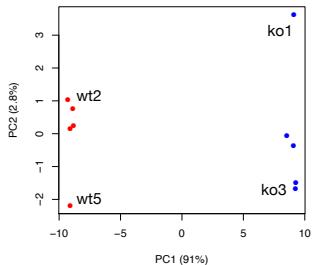
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PCA Summary

- PCA is classic “**multivariate statistical technique**” used to reduce the dimensionality of a complex data set to a more manageable number (typically 2D or 3D)
- For a matrix of m genes \times n samples, we mean center (i.e. subtract the sample mean from each sample column), optionally rescale the values for each sample column, then calculate a new **covariance matrix** of size $n \times n$
- We finally diagonalize the covariance matrix to yield our **Eigenvectors** (called principal components or PCs) and **Eigenvalues**.
- The top PCs (with largest Eigenvalues) retain the essential features of the original data and represent a useful subspace for further analysis (e.g. visualization, clustering, feature extraction, outlier detection etc...)

Main PCA objectives include:

- To reduce dimensionality
- To visualize multidimensional data
- To choose the most useful variables (features)
- To identify groupings of objects (e.g. genes/samples)
- To identify outliers

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Reference Slides

```
> data(mtcars)
> head(mtcars)

  mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
Mazda RX4   21.0   6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46  0  1    4    4
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Datsun 710  22.8   4 108  93 3.85 2.320 18.61  1  1    4    1
Hornet 4 Drive 21.4   6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44  1  0    3    1
Hornet Sportabout 18.7   8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02  0  0    3    2
Valiant    18.1   6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22  1  0    3    1

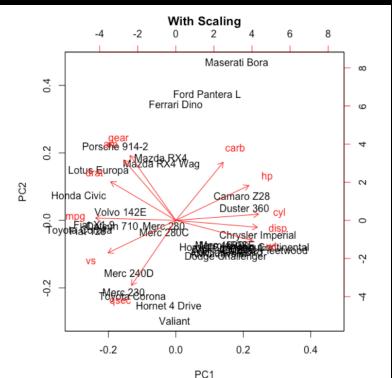
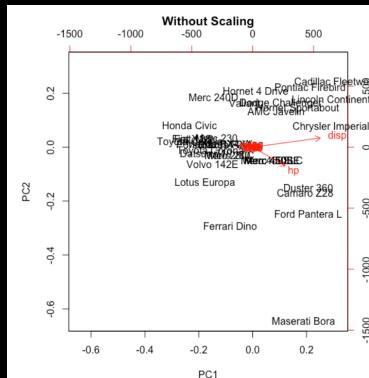
# Means and standard deviations vary a lot
> round(colMeans(mtcars), 2)
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 20.09 6.19 230.72 146.69 3.60 3.22 17.85 0.44 0.41 3.69 2.81
> round(apply(mtcars, 2, sd), 2)
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 - ➡ Impute / estimate missing values