

1. Heating vectors (Set 1)

ACS 2006-2010

* Run information:

Number of parallel heated chains: 4
 Swap acceptance rate: 54%
 Total number of iterations: 15000
 Burn-in period: 5000
 Thinning: 10.

* Estimated posterior distribution of the number of clusters:

| | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 0.156 | 0.428 | 0.256 | 0.100 | 0.043 | 0.013 | 0.004 |

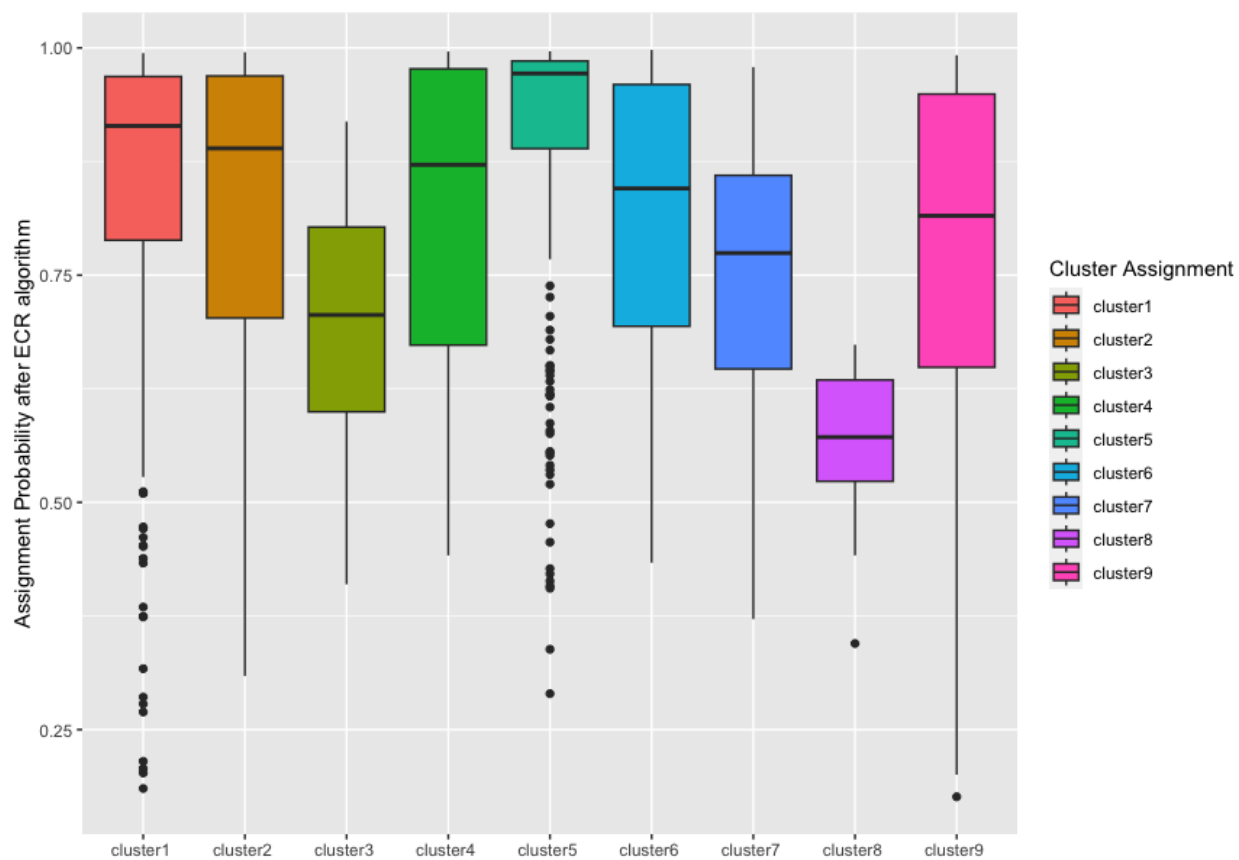
* Most probable model: $K = 9$ with $P(K = 9 | \text{data}) = 0.428$

* Estimated number of observations per cluster conditionally on $K = 9$ (3 label switching algorithms):

| | STEPHENS | ECR | ECR.ITERATIVE.1 |
|---|----------|-----|-----------------|
| 1 | 324 | 324 | 324 |
| 2 | 167 | 167 | 167 |
| 3 | 161 | 152 | 161 |
| 4 | 145 | 145 | 145 |
| 5 | 209 | 209 | 209 |
| 6 | 135 | 135 | 135 |
| 7 | 73 | 73 | 73 |
| 8 | 22 | 28 | 22 |
| 9 | 242 | 245 | 242 |

Mixing weights

| | Mean | SD | 2.5% | 97.5% |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| p.1 | 0.2043 | 0.0175 | 0.1712 | 0.2404 |
| p.2 | 0.1054 | 0.0140 | 0.0774 | 0.1322 |
| p.3 | 0.1126 | 0.0392 | 0.0000 | 0.1666 |
| p.4 | 0.1003 | 0.0132 | 0.0754 | 0.1266 |
| p.5 | 0.1380 | 0.0136 | 0.1098 | 0.1636 |
| p.6 | 0.1005 | 0.0146 | 0.0721 | 0.1315 |
| p.7 | 0.0530 | 0.0107 | 0.0345 | 0.0741 |
| p.8 | 0.0284 | 0.0227 | 0.0000 | 0.0829 |
| p.9 | 0.1573 | 0.0319 | 0.1044 | 0.2212 |



| | cluster1 (N=324) | cluster2 (N=167) | cluster3 (N=152) | cluster4 (N=145) | cluster5 (N=209) | cluster6 (N=135) | cluster7 (N=73) | cluster8 (N=28) | cluster9 (N=245) |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Average Assignment Probability (ECR Algorithm) | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 0.841 (0.174) | 0.828 (0.170) | 0.704 (0.130) | 0.815 (0.176) | 0.891 (0.161) | 0.817 (0.156) | 0.744 (0.153) | 0.566 (0.0796) | 0.785 (0.191) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 0.914 [0.185, 0.994] | 0.890 [0.309, 0.995] | 0.706 [0.410, 0.919] | 0.871 [0.442, 0.996] | 0.972 [0.290, 0.996] | 0.845 [0.434, 0.998] | 0.774 [0.372, 0.979] | 0.572 [0.345, 0.673] | 0.815 [0.176, 0.992] |

ACS 2011-2015

* Run information:

Number of parallel heated chains: 4
 Swap acceptance rate: 56.8%
 Total number of iterations: 15000
 Burn-in period: 5000
 Thinning: 10.

* Estimated posterior distribution of the number of clusters:

| | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 0.088 | 0.328 | 0.343 | 0.174 | 0.049 | 0.018 |

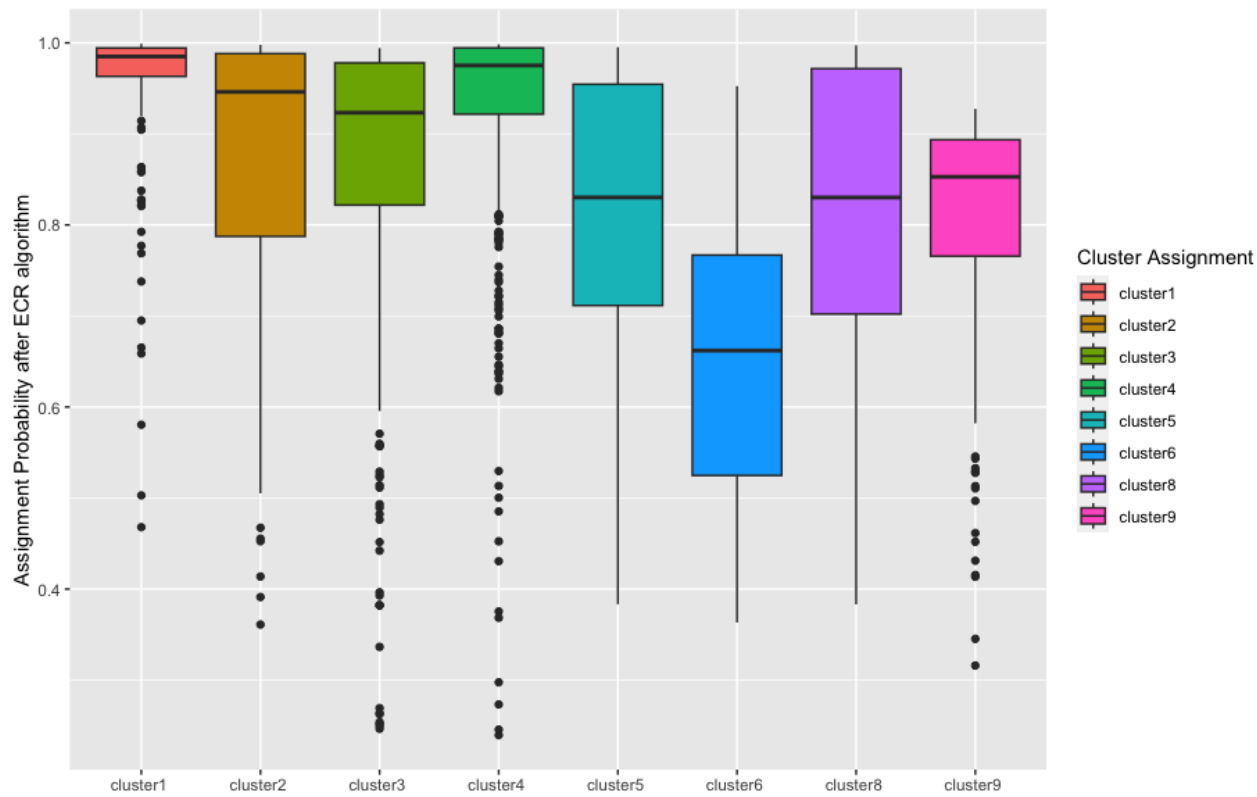
* Most probable model: $K = 9$ with $P(K = 9|data) = 0.343$

* Estimated number of observations per cluster conditionally on $K = 9$ (3 label switching algorithms):

| | STEPHENS | ECR | ECR.ITERATIVE.1 |
|---|----------|-----|-----------------|
| 1 | 181 | 181 | 181 |
| 2 | 156 | 156 | 154 |
| 3 | 315 | 315 | 321 |
| 4 | 406 | 406 | 406 |
| 5 | 165 | 165 | 165 |
| 6 | 96 | 96 | 92 |
| 8 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| 9 | 114 | 114 | 114 |

*No observations in cluster 7

| | Mean | SD | 2.5% | 97.5% |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| p.1 | 0.1292183 | 0.0175580 | 0.1037124 | 0.1893165 |
| p.2 | 0.1035116 | 0.0112210 | 0.0823009 | 0.1255278 |
| p.3 | 0.1984312 | 0.0178423 | 0.1662735 | 0.2365589 |
| p.4 | 0.2639759 | 0.0151615 | 0.2333685 | 0.2933483 |
| p.5 | 0.1124291 | 0.0156044 | 0.0857048 | 0.1462296 |
| p.6 | 0.0715279 | 0.0220546 | 0.0000000 | 0.1154052 |
| p.7 | 0.0108511 | 0.0183613 | 0.0000000 | 0.0562619 |
| p.8 | 0.0397064 | 0.0108644 | 0.0225403 | 0.0666677 |
| p.9 | 0.0703486 | 0.0209471 | 0.0000000 | 0.0957974 |



| | cluster1 (N=181) | cluster2 (N=156) | cluster3 (N=315) | cluster4 (N=406) | cluster5 (N=165) | cluster6 (N=96) | cluster8 (N=45) | cluster9 (N=114) |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Average Assignment Probability (ECR Algorithm) | | | | | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 0.955 (0.0839) | 0.866 (0.159) | 0.857 (0.174) | 0.924 (0.128) | 0.807 (0.164) | 0.657 (0.150) | 0.807 (0.164) | 0.794 (0.147) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 0.985 [0.468, 0.999] | 0.946 [0.361, 0.998] | 0.923 [0.247, 0.994] | 0.975 [0.240, 0.998] | 0.830 [0.383, 0.995] | 0.662 [0.363, 0.953] | 0.830 [0.383, 0.997] | 0.853 [0.316, 0.927] |

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* Run information:

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 Swap acceptance rate: 56.7%
 Total number of iterations: 15000
 Burn-in period: 5000
 Thinning: 10.

* Estimated posterior distribution of the number of clusters:

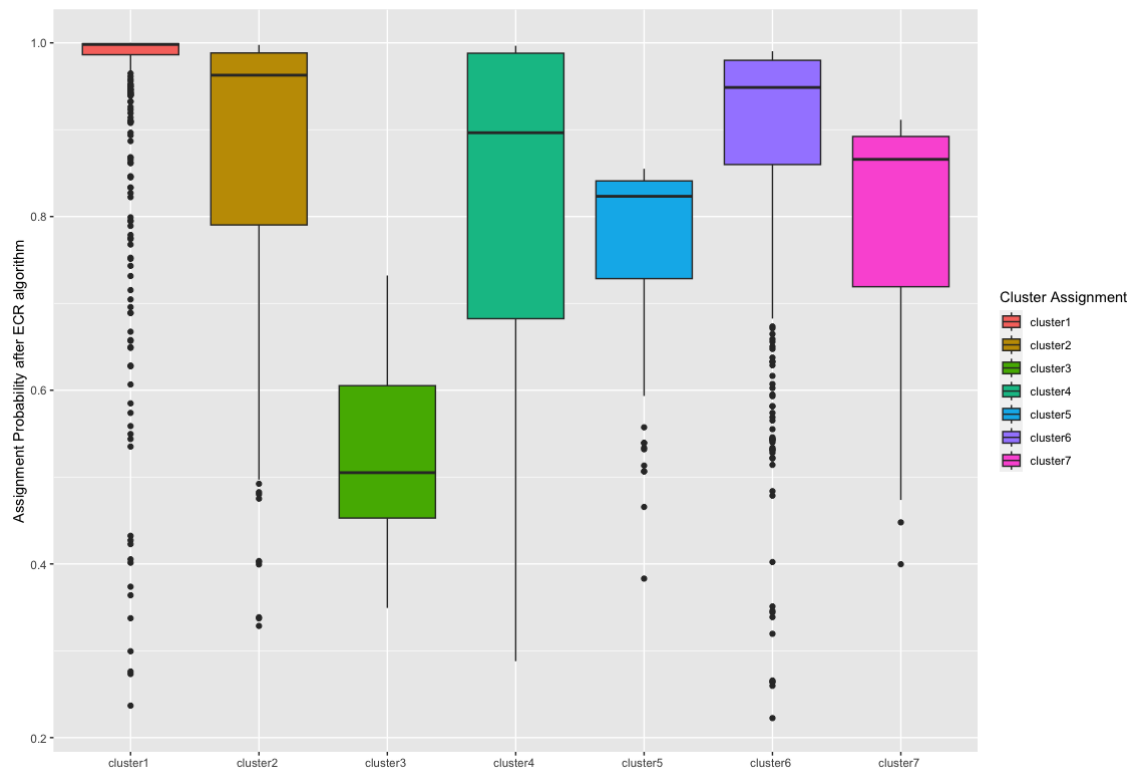
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 0.081 | 0.347 | 0.328 | 0.163 | 0.064 | 0.017 |

* Most probable model: $K = 7$ with $P(K = 7 | \text{data}) = 0.347$

* Estimated number of observations per cluster conditionally on $K = 7$ (3 label switching algorithms):

| | STEPHENS | ECR | ECR.ITERATIVE.1 |
|---|----------|-----|-----------------|
| 1 | 449 | 448 | 449 |
| 2 | 152 | 154 | 152 |
| 3 | 45 | 39 | 45 |
| 4 | 170 | 171 | 170 |
| 5 | 178 | 167 | 178 |
| 6 | 376 | 379 | 376 |
| 7 | 108 | 120 | 108 |

| | Mean | SD | 2.5% | 97.5% |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| p.1 | 0.2946242 | 0.0138141 | 0.2684068 | 0.3216439 |
| p.2 | 0.1032780 | 0.0133154 | 0.0781711 | 0.1286903 |
| p.3 | 0.0373058 | 0.0276428 | 0.0000000 | 0.0873315 |
| p.4 | 0.1129444 | 0.0142592 | 0.0857370 | 0.1430624 |
| p.5 | 0.1080820 | 0.0404868 | 0.0073321 | 0.1969131 |
| p.6 | 0.2419764 | 0.0241896 | 0.1995722 | 0.2896869 |
| p.7 | 0.1017891 | 0.0437053 | 0.0350052 | 0.2070201 |



| | cluster1 (N=448) | cluster2 (N=154) | cluster3 (N=39) | cluster4 (N=171) | cluster5 (N=167) | cluster6 (N=379) | cluster7 (N=120) |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Average Assignment Probability (ECR Algorithm) | | | | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 0.949 (0.131) | 0.856 (0.187) | 0.519 (0.102) | 0.822 (0.186) | 0.773 (0.0984) | 0.877 (0.161) | 0.798 (0.131) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 0.998 [0.237, 1.00] | 0.963 [0.329, 0.998] | 0.505 [0.349, 0.732] | 0.896 [0.288, 0.997] | 0.823 [0.383, 0.855] | 0.949 [0.222, 0.990] | 0.866 [0.400, 0.911] |

2. Heating vectors (Set 2)

ACS 2006-2010

* Run information:

Number of parallel heated chains: 4
 Swap acceptance rate: 22.2%
 Total number of iterations: 15000
 Burn-in period: 5000
 Thinning: 10.

* Estimated posterior distribution of the number of clusters:

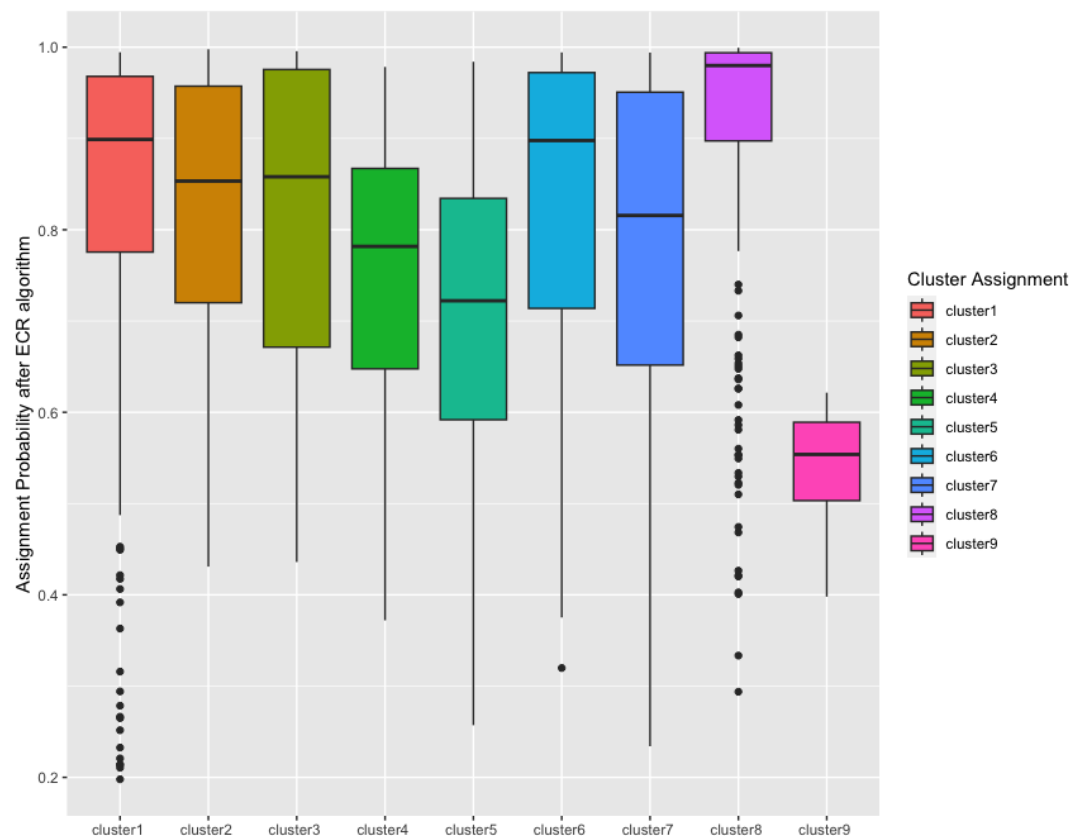
| | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | 0.127 | 0.446 | 0.286 | 0.107 | 0.027 | 0.002 | 0.003 | 0.002 |

* Most probable model: $K = 9$ with $P(K = 9 | \text{data}) = 0.446$

* Estimated number of observations per cluster conditionally on $K = 9$ (3 label switching algorithms):

| | | | |
|---|----------|-----|-----------------|
| | STEPHENS | ECR | ECR.ITERATIVE.1 |
| 1 | 331 | 331 | 331 |
| 2 | 131 | 131 | 131 |
| 3 | 144 | 144 | 144 |
| 4 | 72 | 72 | 72 |
| 5 | 162 | 162 | 162 |
| 6 | 166 | 167 | 166 |
| 7 | 240 | 241 | 240 |
| 8 | 209 | 209 | 209 |
| 9 | 23 | 21 | 23 |

| | Mean | SD | 2.5% | 97.5% |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| p.1 | 0.2040 | 0.0174 | 0.1630 | 0.2347 |
| p.2 | 0.0996 | 0.0157 | 0.0714 | 0.1310 |
| p.3 | 0.0996 | 0.0128 | 0.0756 | 0.1253 |
| p.4 | 0.0537 | 0.0107 | 0.0345 | 0.0752 |
| p.5 | 0.1188 | 0.0300 | 0.0596 | 0.1742 |
| p.6 | 0.1069 | 0.0133 | 0.0808 | 0.1322 |
| p.7 | 0.1579 | 0.0339 | 0.1027 | 0.2259 |
| p.8 | 0.1376 | 0.0128 | 0.1122 | 0.1626 |
| p.9 | 0.0219 | 0.0180 | 0.0000 | 0.0568 |



| | cluster1 (N=331) | cluster2 (N=131) | cluster3 (N=144) | cluster4 (N=72) | cluster5 (N=162) | cluster6 (N=167) | cluster7 (N=241) | cluster8 (N=209) | cluster9 (N=21) |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Average Assignment Probability (ECR Algorithm) | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 0.831 (0.187) | 0.823 (0.148) | 0.811 (0.177) | 0.755 (0.149) | 0.717 (0.158) | 0.834 (0.169) | 0.793 (0.177) | 0.896 (0.165) | 0.536 (0.0635) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 0.899 [0.198, 0.994] | 0.853 [0.431, 0.998] | 0.858 [0.436, 0.996] | 0.782 [0.372, 0.978] | 0.722 [0.257, 0.984] | 0.898 [0.320, 0.994] | 0.816 [0.234, 0.994] | 0.980 [0.294, 0.999] | 0.554 [0.398, 0.621] |

ACS 2011-2015

* Run information:

Number of parallel heated chains: 4
 Swap acceptance rate: 25.7%
 Total number of iterations: 15000
 Burn-in period: 5000
 Thinning: 10.

* Estimated posterior distribution of the number of clusters:

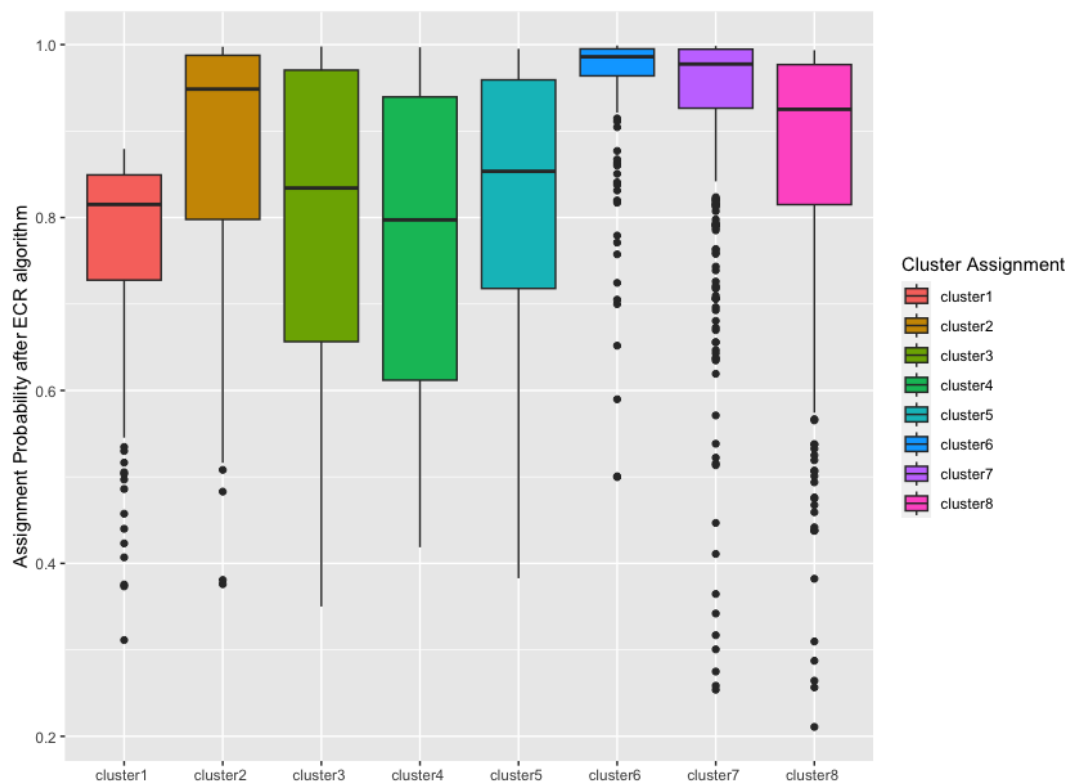
| | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 0.074 | 0.432 | 0.255 | 0.152 | 0.065 | 0.020 | 0.002 |

* Most probable model: $K = 8$ with $P(K = 8|data) = 0.432$

* Estimated number of observations per cluster conditionally on $K = 8$ (3 label switching algorithms):

| | STEPHENS | ECR | ECR.ITERATIVE.1 |
|---|----------|-----|-----------------|
| 1 | 113 | 113 | 113 |
| 2 | 154 | 154 | 154 |
| 3 | 46 | 46 | 46 |
| 4 | 91 | 91 | 91 |
| 5 | 169 | 169 | 169 |
| 6 | 181 | 181 | 181 |
| 7 | 407 | 407 | 407 |
| 8 | 317 | 317 | 317 |

| | Mean | SD | 2.5% | 97.5% |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| p.1 | 0.0662 | 0.0255 | 0.0000 | 0.0956 |
| p.2 | 0.1053 | 0.0108 | 0.0847 | 0.1276 |
| p.3 | 0.0396 | 0.0095 | 0.0238 | 0.0591 |
| p.4 | 0.0752 | 0.0145 | 0.0474 | 0.1031 |
| p.5 | 0.1164 | 0.0157 | 0.0886 | 0.1499 |
| p.6 | 0.1322 | 0.0226 | 0.1042 | 0.1943 |
| p.7 | 0.2657 | 0.0155 | 0.2377 | 0.2990 |
| p.8 | 0.1994 | 0.0163 | 0.1681 | 0.2313 |



| | cluster1 (N=113) | cluster2 (N=154) | cluster3 (N=46) | cluster4 (N=91) | cluster5 (N=169) | cluster6 (N=181) | cluster7 (N=407) | cluster8 (N=317) |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Average Assignment Probability (ECR Algorithm) | | | | | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 0.760 (0.135) | 0.881 (0.145) | 0.800 (0.175) | 0.772 (0.173) | 0.813 (0.165) | 0.957 (0.0823) | 0.925 (0.130) | 0.863 (0.163) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 0.815 [0.311, 0.879] | 0.949 [0.376, 0.998] | 0.834 [0.350, 0.998] | 0.797 [0.419, 0.997] | 0.853 [0.383, 0.995] | 0.986 [0.500, 0.999] | 0.978 [0.254, 0.998] | 0.925 [0.211, 0.994] |

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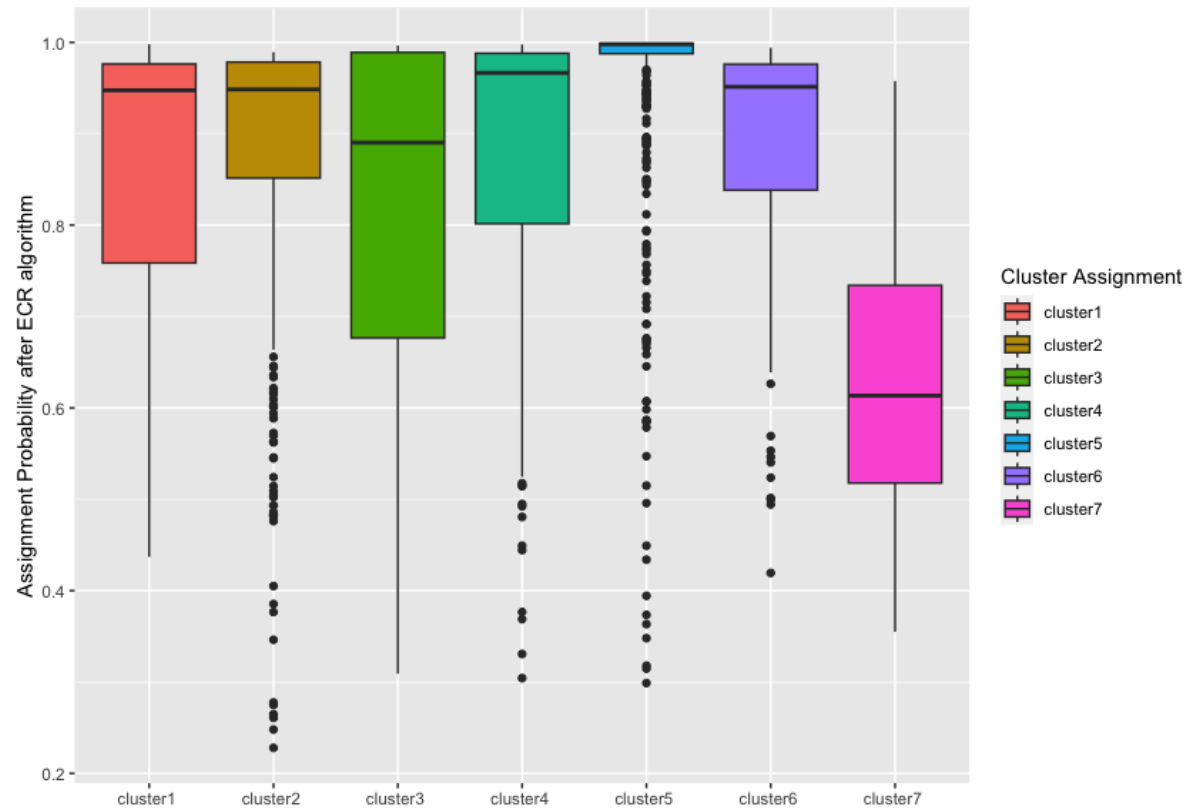
* Estimated posterior distribution of the number of clusters:

| | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 0.366 | 0.354 | 0.205 | 0.058 | 0.010 | 0.004 | 0.003 |

* Most probable model: $K = 7$ with $P(K = 7 | \text{data}) = 0.366$ * Estimated number of observations per cluster conditionally on $K = 7$ (3 label switching algorithms):

| | STEPHENS | ECR | ECR.ITERATIVE.1 |
|---|----------|-----|-----------------|
| 1 | 122 | 122 | 122 |
| 2 | 371 | 371 | 371 |
| 3 | 176 | 176 | 176 |
| 4 | 147 | 147 | 147 |
| 5 | 445 | 445 | 445 |
| 6 | 166 | 166 | 166 |
| 7 | 51 | 51 | 51 |

| | Mean | SD | 2.5% | 97.5% |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| p.1 | 0.0914563 | 0.0143482 | 0.0655128 | 0.1203082 |
| p.2 | 0.2372000 | 0.0227225 | 0.1923662 | 0.2802821 |
| p.3 | 0.1153369 | 0.0153521 | 0.0867634 | 0.1443147 |
| p.4 | 0.1008468 | 0.0140745 | 0.0743414 | 0.1302943 |
| p.5 | 0.2940215 | 0.0128921 | 0.2664334 | 0.3188759 |
| p.6 | 0.1101795 | 0.0136717 | 0.0833982 | 0.1382458 |
| p.7 | 0.0509591 | 0.0222961 | 0.0128554 | 0.0961418 |



| | cluster1 (N=122) | cluster2 (N=371) | cluster3 (N=176) | cluster4 (N=147) | cluster5 (N=445) | cluster6 (N=166) | cluster7 (N=51) |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Average Assignment Probability (ECR Algorithm) | | | | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 0.860 (0.161) | 0.876 (0.160) | 0.822 (0.184) | 0.867 (0.178) | 0.952 (0.123) | 0.885 (0.133) | 0.636 (0.156) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 0.948 [0.437, 0.998] | 0.949 [0.228, 0.989] | 0.890 [0.309, 0.997] | 0.967 [0.304, 0.998] | 0.998 [0.299, 1.00] | 0.951 [0.419, 0.994] | 0.613 [0.355, 0.958] |

Summary

- Found a method in [Altekar\(2004\)](#) to do this more efficiently by using incremental heating where the heat of the m chain is $h_m = 1/[1 + \Delta T * (m - 1)]$, and the parameter ΔT is chosen s.t swaps are accepted 20%- 60% of time.
- I set $\Delta T = \{0.01, 0.025, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2\} \rightarrow$ for these datasets smaller ΔT seemed to work better (i.e., higher swap acceptance rates). The results shown above are for $\Delta T = \{0.01$ (Set 1), 0.025 (Set 2)}
- Using Set 1 yielded swap acceptance ratios ranging from **54%-56.8%** which is pretty good. This also had shorter runtime as chains that were stuck in a local optima were able to jump to another one. However,
 - o Mixing weights including zero in the credible interval
 - o For ACS 2011-2015 (under Set 1), one cluster is empty.
- In terms of the above “problems”, Set 2 seems to be more stable, and the swap acceptance ratios are still good.
- Remember that some census tracts (“fuzzycts”) were not being classified to the cluster with highest posterior probability. You were right; it is a rounding issue! \rightarrow should we communicate this the developers?
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