Krzanowski and Lai index

$$KL(u) = \left| \frac{DIFF_u}{DIFF_{u+1}} \right|,$$

$$DIFF_u = (u-1)^{2/m} tr \mathbf{W}_{u-1} - u^{2/m} tr \mathbf{W}_u,$$

where: $X = \{x_{ii}\}, i = 1,...,n; j = 1,...,m - \text{data matrix},$

n – number of objects,

m – number of variables,

 $\mathbf{W}_{u} = \sum_{r} \sum_{i \in C_{r}} (\mathbf{x}_{ri} - \overline{\mathbf{x}}_{r}) (\mathbf{x}_{ri} - \overline{\mathbf{x}}_{r})^{T} - \text{within-group dispersion matrix for data clustered into } u$

clusters,

 \mathbf{x}_{ri} – m-dimensional vector of observations of the i-th object in cluster r,

 $\overline{\mathbf{x}}_r$ – centroid or medoid of cluster r,

 $r = 1, \dots, u$ – cluster number,

u – number of clusters (u = 2, ..., n-2),

 C_r – the indices of objects in cluster r.

The value of u, which maximizes KL(u), is regarded as specifying the number of clusters.

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