Internal cluster quality index

$$G3(u) = \frac{D(u) - r \cdot D_{\min}}{r \cdot D_{\max} - r \cdot D_{\min}}, \ D_{\min} \neq D_{\max},$$

$$G3(u) \in (0, 1),$$

where: D(u) – all within-cluster dissimilarities,

r – number of within-cluster dissimilarities,

 D_{\min} – smallest within-cluster dissimilarity,

 $D_{\rm max}$ – largest within-cluster dissimilarity,

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

The value of u, which minimizes G3(u), is regarded as specifying the number of clusters.

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