Krzanowski and Lai index

$$\begin{split} KL(u) &= \left|\frac{{}_{DIFF_u}}{{}_{DIFF_{u+1}}}\right|,\\ DIFF_u &= (u-1)^{2/m} tr \pmb{W}_{u-1} - u^{2/m} tr \pmb{W}_u, \end{split}$$

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

n – number of objects,

m – number of variables,

 $W_u = \sum_r \sum_{i \in C_r} (x_{ri} - \bar{x}_r) (x_{ri} - \bar{x}_r)^T$ — within-group dispersion matrix for data clustered into u clusters,

 x_{ri} – m-dimensional vector of observations of the i-th object in cluster r,

 \bar{x}_r – centroid or medoid of cluster r,

r = 1, ..., 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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