

Exercise 14: Intermediate clusterings - how many clusters?

Consider the dendrogram below - it is the result of your hierarchical clustering of some of the grain samples.

Question: If the hierarchical clustering were stopped at height 6 on the dendrogram, how many clusters would there be?

Hint: Imagine a horizontal line at this height.

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In [3]: import pandas as pd

seeds_df = pd.read_csv('seeds-less-rows.csv')

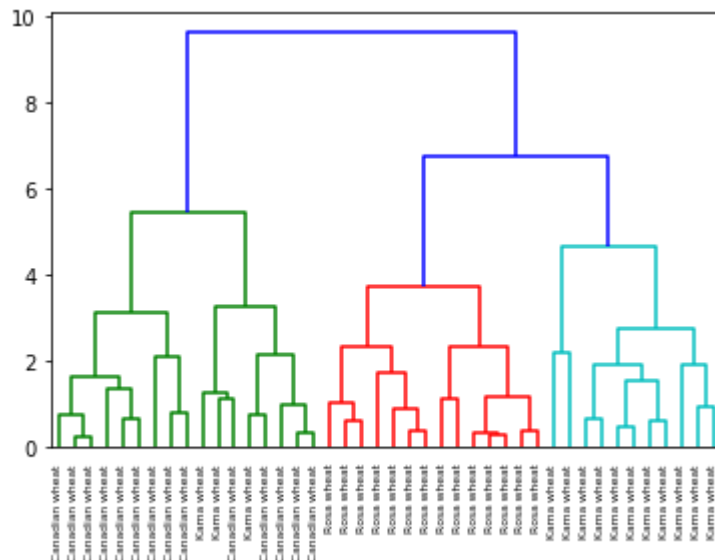
# remove the grain species from the DataFrame, save for later
varieties = list(seeds_df.pop('grain_variety'))

# extract the measurements as a NumPy array
samples = seeds_df.values

from scipy.cluster.hierarchy import linkage, dendrogram
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

mergings = linkage(samples, method='complete')

dendrogram(mergings,
            labels=varieties,
            leaf_rotation=90,
            leaf_font_size=6,
            )
plt.show()
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Answer: 3