Unsupervised_final_project

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1 Final Project for Unsupervised Learning

This project is based on a Kaggle competition of Disease Symptom Prediction and can be found here (https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/itachi9604/disease-symptom-description-dataset). The original competition was designed to see if students could come up with a disease prediction score associated with symptoms. Here, I am using the data a bit differently as to not come up with the same exact project. My project here is to just do an unsupervised clustering of symptoms to see if there are general trends in disease and symptom correlation.

I will use a hierarchical clustering and some other dimensionality reduction techniques to put the patients with similar symptoms together and to see if the clustering of symptoms leads to unique disease groups. Overall, the theroy is that patients with the exact same set of symptoms will separate from each other. This in reality isn't practical, but we'll see how well the symptoms separate.

1.1 Data Acquisition and EDA

Path to dataset files:

 $\label{lem:c:symptom-description-dataset} $$ C:\Users\dvanbooven\. cache\kagglehub\datasets\itachi9604\disease-symptom-description-dataset\versions\2$

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[154]: # Import relevant libraries and then load in the dataset into data

import pandas as pd
import os
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
from scipy.cluster.hierarchy import linkage, dendrogram
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

data = pd.read_csv(os.path.join(path, "dataset.csv"))
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print(data.head())
print(data.shape)
print(data['Disease'].nunique())
            Disease
                       Symptom_1
                                                Symptom_2
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 Fungal infection
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Here we have 18 columns in total. There is 1 disase column, and 17 symptom columns. There are 4920 patients.

print(data)

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Disease
                                                              Symptom_1
0
                               Fungal infection
                                                                itching
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                                                              skin_rash
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4915
      (vertigo) Paroymsal
                            Positional Vertigo
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                                            Acne
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                       Urinary tract infection
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                                       Psoriasis
                                                              skin_rash
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                                        Impetigo
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                                                         continuous_feel_of_urine
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       skin_rash nodal_skin_eruptions dischromic _...
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      itching nodal_skin_eruptions dischromic _pat...
3
                itching skin_rash dischromic _patches
4
               itching skin_rash nodal_skin_eruptions
       vomiting headache nausea spinning_movement...
4915
       skin_rash pus_filled_pimples blackheads sc...
4916
4917
       burning_micturition bladder_discomfort foul...
4918
       skin_rash joint_pain skin_peeling silver_l...
4919
       skin_rash high_fever blister red_sore_arou...
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[4920 rows x 19 columns]

Now the combined_symptoms column contains a concatenated version of all of the symptoms in symptom columns 1 through 17

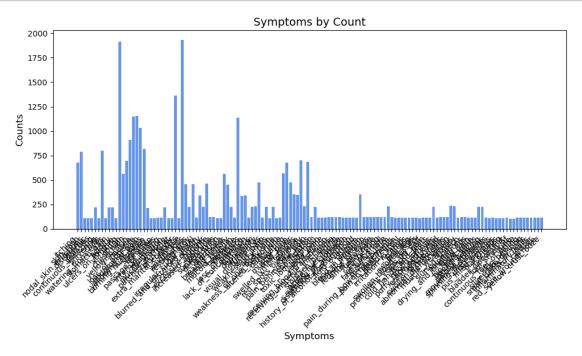
Empty DataFrame

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Columns: [Disease, Symptom_1, Symptom_2, Symptom_3, Symptom_4, Symptom_5, Symptom_6, Symptom_7, Symptom_8, Symptom_9, Symptom_10, Symptom_11, Symptom_12, Symptom_13, Symptom_14, Symptom_15, Symptom_16, Symptom_17, combined_symptoms]
Index: []
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This is an empty dataframe which means we have at least 1 symptom within each of the rows of the combined symptoms column.

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[157]: #Let's look at the most and least frequent symptoms in the dataset.
       from collections import Counter
       # Step 1: Create the 'combined_symptoms' column if it doesn't exist
       data['combined_symptoms'] = data.loc[:, 'Symptom_1':'Symptom_17'].apply(
           lambda row: ' '.join(row.dropna()), axis=1
       all_symptoms = ' '.join(data['combined_symptoms'])
       symptoms_list = all_symptoms.split()
       symptom_counts = Counter(symptoms_list)
       top_10_symptoms = symptom_counts.most_common(10)
       print(top_10_symptoms)
       lowest 10 symptoms = symptom counts.most common()[-10:] # Slice to get the
        ⇔last 10 (least common)
       print(lowest_10_symptoms)
       number_of_unique_symptoms = len(symptom_counts.keys())
       print(f"Number of unique symptoms: {number_of_unique_symptoms}")
      [('fatigue', 1932), ('vomiting', 1914), ('high_fever', 1362),
      ('loss_of_appetite', 1152), ('nausea', 1146), ('headache', 1134),
      ('abdominal_pain', 1032), ('yellowish_skin', 912), ('yellowing_of_eyes', 816),
      ('chills', 798)]
      [('dehydration', 108), ('weakness_in_limbs', 108), ('weakness_of_one_body_side',
      108), ('swollen_blood_vessels', 108), ('spinning_movements', 108),
      ('pus filled pimples', 108), ('blackheads', 108), ('scurring', 108),
      ('foul_smell_of', 102), ('urine', 102)]
      Number of unique symptoms: 134
[175]: # Plot the above distribution
       symptoms, counts = zip(*symptom_counts.items())
       # Create a bar chart
       plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
       plt.bar(symptoms, counts, color='cornflowerblue')
       plt.xlabel('Symptoms', fontsize=12)
       plt.ylabel('Counts', fontsize=12)
       plt.title('Symptoms by Count', fontsize=14)
```

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plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right') # Rotate x-axis labels for readability
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Word Cloud of Disease Symptoms



1.2 Convert text data to numerical form using TF-IDF

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[177]: # Text data being unstructured cannot be directly processed by these clustering

→algorithms unless it is transformed into numerical format

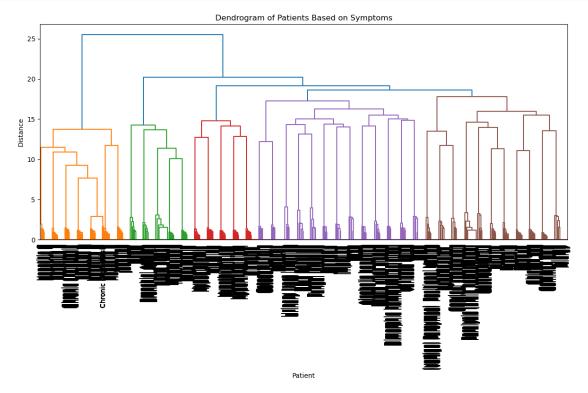
vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english')

tfidf_matrix = vectorizer.fit_transform(data['combined_symptoms'])
```

1.3 Model Generation

[178]: AgglomerativeClustering(distance_threshold=1.5, n_clusters=None)

Now we will perform a simple hierarchical clustering to see how the patients separate from each other.



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[180]: # Sanity check and to put the clusters within the main table
data['Cluster'] = model.labels_
print(data[['Disease', 'Cluster']])
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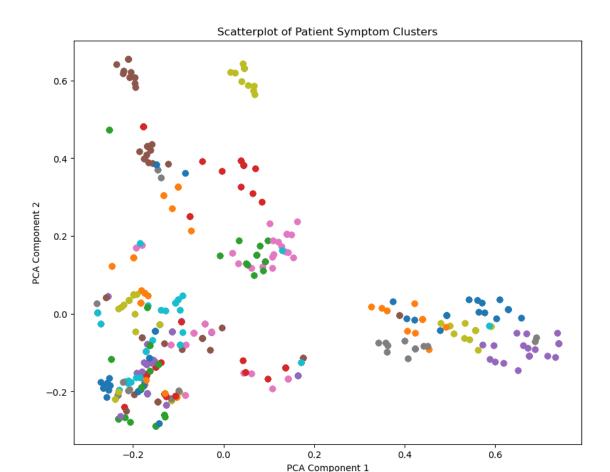
				Disease	Cluster
0			Fungal	infection	18
1			Fungal	infection	114
2			Fungal	infection	18
3			Fungal	infection	61
4			Fungal	infection	86
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4915	(vertigo)	Paroymsal	Positiona	l Vertigo	5
4916				Acne	50

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      4917
      Urinary tract infection
      30

      4918
      Psoriasis
      27

      4919
      Impetigo
      19
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[4920 rows x 2 columns]
[181]: # The dendrogram is nice, but let's do a PCA that will show us a scatterplot of \Box
        → the disease clusters
       from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
       pca = PCA(n_components=2)
       reduced_data = pca.fit_transform(tfidf_matrix.toarray())
       plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
       for cluster in sorted(data['Cluster'].unique()):
           cluster_data = reduced_data[data['Cluster'] == cluster]
           plt.scatter(
               cluster_data[:, 0], cluster_data[:, 1],
               label=f'Cluster {cluster}', alpha=0.7
           )
       plt.title("Scatterplot of Patient Symptom Clusters")
       plt.xlabel("PCA Component 1")
       plt.ylabel("PCA Component 2")
       plt.show()
```



1.4 Model Refinement

This is a lot of clusters. You can kind of see the patterns if you look closely, but this is very noisy. So let's see if we can reduce the number of clusters.

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[182]: # Let's apply the elbow method to find the optimal number of clusters.

from sklearn.cluster import KMeans

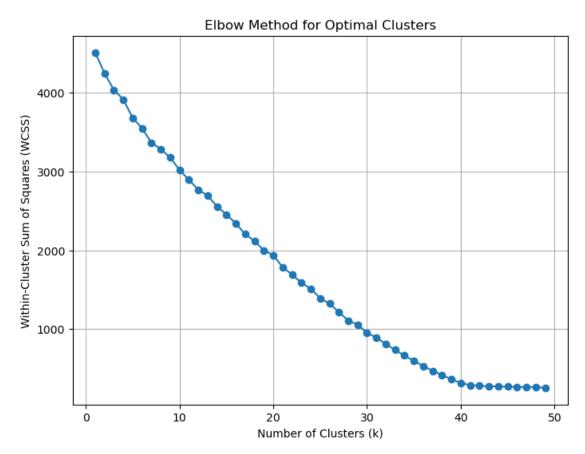
wcss = [] # List to store WCSS for each k
k_values = range(1, 50) # Number of clusters to try (1 to 50)

for k in k_values:
    kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=k, random_state=42)
    kmeans.fit(tfidf_matrix)
    wcss.append(kmeans.inertia_) # Inertia is the WCSS

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.plot(k_values, wcss, marker='o')
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plt.title("Elbow Method for Optimal Clusters")
plt.xlabel("Number of Clusters (k)")
plt.ylabel("Within-Cluster Sum of Squares (WCSS)")
plt.grid()
plt.show()
```

C:\Users\dvanbooven\AppData\Local\anaconda3\lib\sitepackages\sklearn\cluster_kmeans.py:870: FutureWarning: The default value of
`n_init` will change from 10 to 'auto' in 1.4. Set the value of `n_init`
explicitly to suppress the warning
 warnings.warn(



```
[183]: # Find the max value of cluster...

n_clusters = len(set(data['Cluster'])) # Count unique cluster labels

print(f"Number of clusters found: {n_clusters}")
```

Number of clusters found: 116

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Disease Cluster
                              Fungal infection
0
1
                              Fungal infection
                                                       3
2
                              Fungal infection
                                                       3
3
                              Fungal infection
                                                       3
4
                              Fungal infection
                                                       3
      (vertigo) Paroymsal Positional Vertigo
                                                      12
4915
4916
                                          Acne
                                                       8
4917
                      Urinary tract infection
                                                       1
4918
                                                      33
                                     Psoriasis
4919
                                      Impetigo
                                                      21
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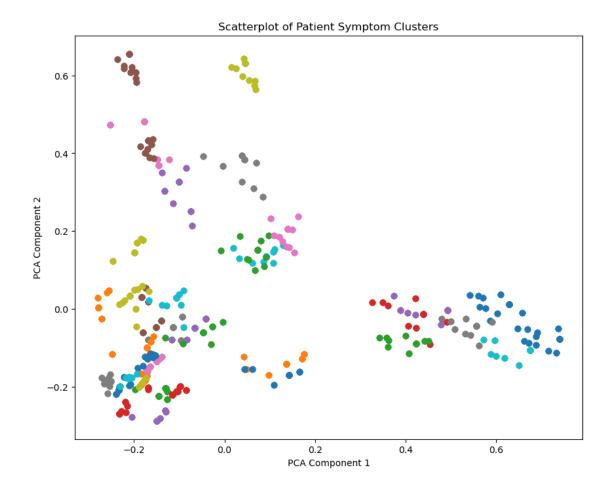
[4920 rows x 2 columns]

The top 5 values for "fungal infection" now all appear to be headed towards cluster 3 which is a good sign

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[185]: # Let's redo the scatterplot PCA to show the 40 cluster model
    pca = PCA(n_components=2)
    reduced_data = pca.fit_transform(tfidf_matrix.toarray())

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
for cluster in sorted(data['Cluster'].unique()):
    cluster_data = reduced_data[data['Cluster'] == cluster]
    plt.scatter(
        cluster_data[:, 0], cluster_data[:, 1],
        label=f'Cluster {cluster}', alpha=0.7
    )

plt.title("Scatterplot of Patient Symptom Clusters")
    plt.xlabel("PCA Component 1")
    plt.ylabel("PCA Component 2")
    plt.show()
```



1.5 Model Evaluation

Silhouette Score: 0.7698943712079074

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[187]: import numpy as np
       top_terms = {}
       feature_names = np.array(vectorizer.get_feature_names_out())
       for cluster in np.unique(labels):
           cluster_indices = np.where(labels == cluster)[0]
           cluster data = tfidf matrix[cluster indices]
          avg_tfidf_per_term = cluster_data.mean(axis=0).A1
          top terms[cluster] = feature names[np.argsort(avg tfidf per term)[::-1][:
        →10]] # Top 10 terms
       # Display top terms for each cluster
       for cluster, terms in top_terms.items():
          print(f"Cluster {cluster}: {', '.join(terms)}")
      Cluster 0: dark_urine, yellowing_of_eyes, joint_pain, yellowish_skin,
      abdominal_pain, nausea, loss_of_appetite, vomiting, mild_fever, muscle_pain
      Cluster 1: bladder_discomfort, continuous_feel_of_urine, urine, foul_smell_of,
      burning_micturition, extra_marital_contacts, family_history, fast_heart_rate,
      fatigue, increased_appetite
      Cluster 2: spotting, urination, burning micturition, stomach pain, itching,
      skin_rash, family_history, foul_smell_of, fluid_overload, fatigue
      Cluster 3: nodal_skin_eruptions, _patches, dischromic, itching, skin_rash,
      lethargy, high_fever, distention_of_abdomen, dizziness, drying_and_tingling_lips
      Cluster 4: dehydration, sunken_eyes, diarrhoea, vomiting, dizziness,
      drying_and_tingling_lips, enlarged_thyroid, excessive_hunger,
      extra_marital_contacts, hip_joint_pain
      Cluster 5: shivering, watering_from_eyes, continuous_sneezing, chills,
      fast heart rate, high fever, headache, foul smell of, fluid overload, fatigue
      Cluster 6: swollen_legs, cramps, prominent_veins_on_calf, bruising,
      swollen_blood_vessels, obesity, fatigue, excessive_hunger,
      extra_marital_contacts, family_history
      Cluster 7: altered_sensorium, weakness_of_one_body_side, headache, vomiting,
      fast heart rate, hip joint pain, high fever, foul smell of, fluid overload,
      fatigue
      Cluster 8: blackheads, scurring, pus filled pimples, skin rash, yellowish skin,
      high_fever, headache, foul_smell_of, fluid_overload, fatigue
      Cluster 9: belly_pain, toxic_look_, typhos, constipation, diarrhoea, chills,
      abdominal_pain, headache, nausea, high_fever
      Cluster 10: weakness_in_limbs, neck_pain, back_pain, dizziness, loss_of_balance,
      fast_heart_rate, high_fever, headache, foul_smell_of, fluid_overload
      Cluster 11: passage_of_gases, internal_itching, indigestion, abdominal_pain,
      loss_of_appetite, vomiting, fatigue, high_fever, headache, foul_smell_of
      Cluster 12: unsteadiness, spinning_movements, loss_of_balance, headache, nausea,
      vomiting, yellowish_skin, family_history, foul_smell_of, fluid_overload
      Cluster 13: weight_loss, dark_urine, itching, yellowish_skin, abdominal_pain,
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high_fever, vomiting, fatigue, headache, foul_smell_of
Cluster 14: knee_pain, hip_joint_pain, swelling_joints, painful_walking,
neck_pain, joint_pain, fast_heart_rate, headache, foul_smell_of, fluid_overload
Cluster 15: patches_in_throat, muscle_wasting, extra_marital_contacts,
high fever, yellowish skin, fatigue, hip joint pain, headache, foul smell of,
fluid overload
Cluster 16: breathlessness, chest pain, sweating, vomiting, fatigue, high fever,
headache, foul_smell_of, fluid_overload, yellowish_skin
Cluster 17: muscle pain, diarrhoea, sweating, chills, headache, nausea,
high_fever, vomiting, excessive_hunger, extra_marital_contacts
Cluster 18: ulcers_on_tongue, stomach_pain, acidity, cough, chest_pain,
vomiting, yellowish_skin, fluid_overload, high_fever, headache
Cluster 19: itching, yellowing_of_eyes, yellowish_skin, abdominal_pain, nausea,
loss_of_appetite, vomiting, high_fever, headache, foul_smell_of
Cluster 20: distention_of_abdomen, history_of_alcohol_consumption,
fluid_overload, swelling_of_stomach, yellowish_skin, abdominal_pain, vomiting,
loss_of_appetite, loss_of_smell, dizziness
Cluster 21: yellow_crust_ooze, blister, red_sore around_nose, skin_rash,
high_fever, yellowish_skin, fast_heart_rate, headache, foul_smell_of,
fluid overload
Cluster 22: red_spots_over_body, swelled_lymph_nodes, mild_fever, lethargy,
malaise, itching, skin rash, headache, loss of appetite, high fever
Cluster 23: movement_stiffness, swelling_joints, painful_walking, stiff_neck,
muscle_weakness, fast_heart_rate, headache, foul_smell_of, fluid_overload,
fatigue
Cluster 24: mucoid sputum, family_history, breathlessness, cough, high_fever,
fatigue, yellowish_skin, fluid_overload, hip_joint_pain, headache
Cluster 25: loss_of_smell, throat_irritation, redness_of_eyes, sinus_pressure,
congestion, runny nose, continuous sneezing, phlegm, swelled lymph nodes,
muscle_pain
Cluster 26: irritation_in_anus, bloody_stool, pain_in_anal_region,
pain_during_bowel_movements, constipation, yellowish_skin, high_fever, headache,
foul_smell_of, fluid_overload
Cluster 27: visual_disturbances, indigestion, acidity, stiff_neck, depression,
blurred_and_distorted_vision, excessive_hunger, irritability, headache,
loss_of_appetite
Cluster 28: muscle weakness, abnormal menstruation, mood swings, restlessness,
fast_heart_rate, irritability, weight_loss, excessive_hunger, diarrhoea,
sweating
Cluster 29: palpitations, slurred_speech, drying_and_tingling_lips, anxiety,
blurred_and_distorted_vision, excessive_hunger, irritability, sweating,
headache, nausea
Cluster 30: increased appetite, polyuria, irregular sugar level, restlessness,
obesity, blurred and distorted vision, lethargy, weight loss, excessive hunger,
fatigue
Cluster 31: lack_of_concentration, loss of_balance, dizziness, chest_pain,
headache, yellowish_skin, fatigue, high_fever, foul_smell_of, fluid_overload
Cluster 32: receiving blood transfusion, receiving unsterile injections,
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yellow_urine, lethargy, dark_urine, malaise, itching, yellowing_of_eyes,
      yellowish_skin, abdominal_pain
      Cluster 33: skin peeling, silver_like dusting, small_dents_in_nails,
      inflammatory_nails, joint_pain, skin_rash, extra_marital_contacts,
      fluid overload, fatigue, fast heart rate
      Cluster 34: family_history, yellowish_skin, yellowing_of_eyes, nausea,
      loss of appetite, fatigue, abnormal menstruation, fluid overload,
      history_of_alcohol_consumption, hip_joint_pain
      Cluster 35: rusty_sputum, fast_heart_rate, phlegm, breathlessness, cough,
      chest_pain, sweating, malaise, chills, high_fever
      Cluster 36: pain behind the eyes, back pain, red spots over body, muscle pain,
      joint_pain, malaise, skin_rash, chills, headache, nausea
      Cluster 37: coma, stomach_bleeding, acute_liver_failure, dark_urine, joint_pain,
      yellowing of eyes, abdominal pain, yellowish skin, loss of appetite, nausea
      Cluster 38: blood_in_sputum, swelled_lymph_nodes, mild_fever, phlegm,
      breathlessness, weight_loss, cough, chest_pain, malaise, sweating
      Cluster 39: brittle_nails, enlarged_thyroid, swollen_extremeties,
      puffy face and eyes, weight gain, cold hands and feets, depression,
      abnormal_menstruation, mood_swings, dizziness
[188]: | # proof of concept, let's look at a cluster and see if we can determine what
        ⇔the disease was...
       cluster 0 data = data[data['Cluster'] == 0]
       # give me a unique set of diseases for this cluster
       print(data['Disease'].unique())
      ['Fungal infection' 'Allergy' 'GERD' 'Chronic cholestasis' 'Drug Reaction'
       'Peptic ulcer diseae' 'AIDS' 'Diabetes ' 'Gastroenteritis'
       'Bronchial Asthma' 'Hypertension ' 'Migraine' 'Cervical spondylosis'
       'Paralysis (brain hemorrhage)' 'Jaundice' 'Malaria' 'Chicken pox'
       'Dengue' 'Typhoid' 'hepatitis A' 'Hepatitis B' 'Hepatitis C'
       'Hepatitis D' 'Hepatitis E' 'Alcoholic hepatitis' 'Tuberculosis'
       'Common Cold' 'Pneumonia' 'Dimorphic hemmorhoids(piles)' 'Heart attack'
       'Varicose veins' 'Hypothyroidism' 'Hyperthyroidism' 'Hypoglycemia'
       'Osteoarthristis' 'Arthritis' '(vertigo) Paroymsal Positional Vertigo'
       'Acne' 'Urinary tract infection' 'Psoriasis' 'Impetigo']
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