

Written Report

A. Project Overview

- **Goal:** Can we use stat-based similarity to identify natural groupings of Pokemon using graph clustering techniques?
- **Dataset:** Kaggle, [Pokedex For All 1025 Pokemon](#)
 - **Size:** 1025 rows, 13 columns
 - Fields used: name, hp, attack, defense, s_attack, s_defense, speed

B. Data Processing

- How you **loaded** it into Rust.
 - The CSV file was loaded using `csv::Reader` and deserialized with `serde`
- Any **cleaning** or **transformations** applied.
 - I created a `Pokemon` struct to map relevant columns
 - Stats were normalized between 0-1 to ensure fair distance comparisons
 - Unused columns like height, weight, evo_set, type, and info were ignored
 - Each Pokemon is represented as a node with six normalized base stats

C. Code Structure

1. Modules

- `data.rs`: handles loading and normalizing the Pokemon dataset
- `graph.rs`: builds a k-nn graph between Pokemon based on stat similarity
- `clustering.rs`: implements BFS-based clustering to find connected components
- `analysis.rs`: summarizes and prints out clusters
- `tests.rs`: contains unit tests for core components
- `main.rs`: orchestrates the entire workflow

2. Key Functions & Types (Structs, Enums, Traits, etc)

- `struct Pokemon`
 - Represents a single Pokemon's base stats and type
 - Fields: name, hp, attack, defense, sp_atk, sp_def, speed
- `function load_pokemon_data()`
 - Input: csv file path
 - Output: `Vec<Pokemon>`
 - Purpose: deserialize all Pokemon from file
- `function normalize_pokemons()`

- Input: &mut Vec<Pokemon>
 - Purpose: normalize stats between 0.0-1.0 for fair comparison
- struct Graph
 - Adjacency list of Pokemon similarity connections
- function build_knn_graph()
 - Input: Pokemon list, k neighbors
 - Output: Graph
 - Purpose: connect each Pokemon to its k most similar others
- function find_clusters()
 - Input: Graph
 - Output: list of connected components
 - Purpose: group Pokemon into stat-based clusters using BFS
- function print_clusters()
 - Prints each cluster's size and example Pokemon

3. Main Workflow

- At a glance, how modules/functions interact to produce your results.
 - Load dataset from pokedex.csv
 - Normalize Pokemon stats
 - Construct k-NN similarity graph
 - Find clusters of similar Pokemon
 - Print summary of clusters

D. Tests

- **cargo test output** (paste logs or provide screenshots).

```
PS C:\Users\evelyn\Downloads\ds210project> cargo test
  Compiling ds210project v0.1.0 (C:\Users\evelyn\Downloads\ds210project)
  Finished `test` profile [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 2.07s
  Running unittests src\main.rs (target\debug\deps\ds210project-4134bb32d9c88d6d.exe)

running 3 tests
test tests::tests::test_pokemon_fields ... ok
test tests::tests::test_knn_graph_build ... ok
test tests::tests::test_load_pokemon_data_from_string ... ok

test result: ok. 3 passed; 0 failed; 0 ignored; 0 measured; 0 filtered out; finished in 0.00s
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- For each test: what it checks and why it matters.
 - test_knn_graph_build: confirms graph builds correctly with dummy Pokemon
 - test_pokemon_fields: checks that struct parsing works
 - test_load_pokemon_data_from_string: confirms deserialization works from csv data

E. Results

- All program outputs (screenshots or pasted).

```
PS C:\Users\evelyn\Downloads\ds210project> cargo run
   Compiling ds210project v0.1.0 (C:\Users\evelyn\Downloads\ds210project)
   Finished `dev` profile [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.15s
   Running `target\debug\ds210project.exe`
Loaded 1025 Pokémon.
Cluster 1: 912 Pokémon
- lillipup
- tepig
- weavile
- latias
- gothitelle
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Cluster 2: 2 Pokémon
- great-tusk
- buzzwole
---
Cluster 3: 14 Pokémon
- phanpy
- wailord
- slowpoke
- wigglytuff
- cetoddle
---
Cluster 4: 1 Pokémon
- makuhita
---
Cluster 5: 5 Pokémon
- wynaut
- jigglypuff
- igglybuff
- whiskur
- marill
---
Cluster 6: 1 Pokémon
- sunflora
---
Cluster 7: 1 Pokémon
- ekans
---
Cluster 8: 1 Pokémon
- iron-bundle
---
Cluster 9: 3 Pokémon
- miraidon
- eternatus
- mewtwo
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Cluster 10: 1 Pokémon
- lugia
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Cluster 11: 4 Pokémon
- clodsire
- copperajah
- snorlax
- munchlax
---
Cluster 12: 1 Pokémon
- onix
---
Cluster 13: 1 Pokémon
- electrode
---
Cluster 14: 1 Pokémon
- happiny
---
Cluster 15: 1 Pokémon
- pawmi
---
Cluster 16: 3 Pokémon
- mr-mime
- orbeetle
- comfey
---
Cluster 17: 1 Pokémon
- raging-bolt
---
Cluster 18: 3 Pokémon
- cobalion
- pecharunt
- cloyster
---
Cluster 19: 2 Pokémon
- cryogonal
- nihilego
---
Cluster 20: 7 Pokémon
- wugtrio
- ninjask
- dugtrio
- sneasel
- togedemaru
---
Cluster 21: 1 Pokémon
- alakazam
---
Cluster 22: 1 Pokémon
- staryu
---
Cluster 23: 1 Pokémon
- rhyhorn
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---	- blissey	
Cluster 24: 2 Pokémon	- chansey	
- wiglett	---	
- diglett	Cluster 38: 2 Pokémon	
---	- luvdisc	
Cluster 25: 4 Pokémon	- voltorb	
- gastly	---	
- haunter	Cluster 39: 1 Pokémon	
- kadabra	- beedrill	
- abra	---	
---	Cluster 40: 2 Pokémon	
Cluster 26: 1 Pokémon	- magikarp	
- arceus	- feebas	
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Cluster 27: 1 Pokémon	Cluster 41: 3 Pokémon	
- fraxure	- blacephalon	
---	- deoxys	
Cluster 28: 1 Pokémon	- pheromosa	Cluster 52: 1 Pokémon
- spectrier	---	- shedinja
---	Cluster 42: 1 Pokémon	---
Cluster 29: 2 Pokémon	- giratina	Cluster 53: 1 Pokémon
- mantine	---	- pichu
- regice	Cluster 43: 1 Pokémon	---
---	- rampardos	Cluster 54: 1 Pokémon
Cluster 30: 1 Pokémon	---	- horsea
- smeangle	Cluster 44: 2 Pokémon	---
---	- kartana	Cluster 55: 2 Pokémon
Cluster 31: 1 Pokémon	- kingler	- goodra
- darumaka	---	- ho-oh
---	Cluster 45: 1 Pokémon	---
Cluster 32: 2 Pokémon	- drowzee	Cluster 56: 2 Pokémon
- regieleki	---	- duosion
- accelgor	Cluster 46: 1 Pokémon	- solosis
---	- flutter-mane	---
Cluster 33: 2 Pokémon	---	Cluster 57: 3 Pokémon
- mantyke	Cluster 47: 1 Pokémon	- zamazenta
- mime-jr	- xurkitree	- zacian
---	---	- koraidon
Cluster 34: 1 Pokémon	Cluster 48: 1 Pokémon	---
- stonjourner	- bonsly	Cluster 58: 1 Pokémon
---	---	- slugma
Cluster 35: 1 Pokémon	Cluster 49: 1 Pokémon	---
- diancie	- shuckle	Cluster 59: 1 Pokémon
---	---	- squawkabilly
Cluster 36: 2 Pokémon	Cluster 50: 1 Pokémon	---
- paras	- melmetal	Cluster 60: 1 Pokémon
- trapinch	---	- carvanha
---	Cluster 51: 1 Pokémon	---
Cluster 37: 3 Pokémon	- krabby	Cluster 61: 1 Pokémon
- wobbuffet	---	- cranidos

- Interpretation in project context (no need for "groundbreaking" results).
 - Most Pokemon fall into a large general cluster
 - Some small clusters capture niche groupings, such as:
 - Legendary Pokemon grouped by extreme stats
 - Special attack-based Pokemon grouped together
 - k-NN + normalization allowed us to group Pokemon by playstyle or stat profile

F. Usage Instructions

- How to build and run your code.
 - Rust installed, put pokedex.csv in the project root folder, and run!
- Description of any command-line arguments or user interaction in the terminal.
 - cargo run in terminal to run program
 - cargo test in terminal to run tests
- Include expected runtime especially if your project takes a long time to run.
 - Total run time: ~1–2 seconds through cargo run

G. AI-Assistance Disclosure and Other Citations

- Cite any **substantive** ChatGPT/GenAI you used (e.g. screenshot or description).
 - I mainly used GenAI for debugging and structuring my code
- For each cited snippet, include your own explanation to show understanding.
- You can also provide links to other sources you found useful that are not "common knowledge"