
Problem 1: Hierarchical Clustering

The data set EMP.txt contains employment data in 9 different sectors in 10 different countries. The data is in percentages and it is from the year 1979.

- a) Scatter plot the variables. Can you find the different clusters?
- b) Calculate the euclidean distances between the countries.
- c) Perform the "bottom up" hierarchical clustering by hand. Aggregate two clusters using the minimum distance (single linkage).
- d) Repeat (c) using the function `hclust()`.
- e) Plot the classification tree (dendrogram).
- f) Repeat the steps by aggregating the clusters using the average (average linkage) and the maximum (complete linkage). Compare the results.
- g) Where would you cut the tree? Note that there is no real answer to this.

Problem 2: K-means clustering

Use the data BANK.txt. The first column contains the true classification.

- a) Apply the k-means algorithm to obtain 2 clusters
- b) Make a table of the misclassification with respect to the true classifications.
- c) Change the seed number and see if it affects the results. How about the case where we want to obtain 3 clusters?

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Repeat the steps from problem 1 (do not repeat (c)) to the IRIS-data. The data set can be accessed from the package MASS by writing: `data(iris)`. Use the whole data set.