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Aim: To analyze and evaluate the performance of different clustering algorithms using WEKA (data mining tool)

Related Course outcome: CO3

Upon completion of this course students will be able to evaluate the performance of different

data mining algorithms using latest tools

Theory: WEKA contains "clusterers" for finding groups of similar instances in a dataset. The clustering schemes available in WEKA are k-means, Cobwebs, DBSCAN, OPTICS. Clusters can be visualized and compared to true clusters. Evaluation is based on log likelihood if clustering scheme produces a probability distribution. In 'preprocess' window click on 'open file...' button to select data file.

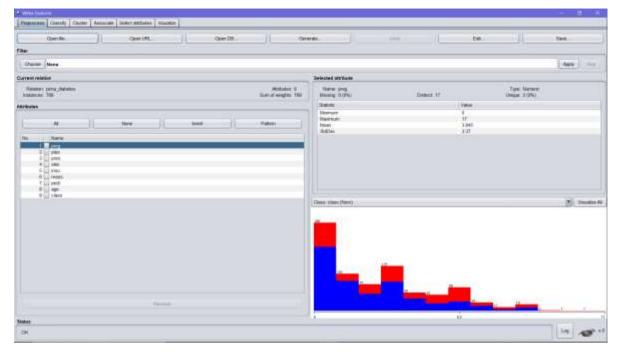
Choosing Clustering scheme: In the 'clusterer' box click on 'choose' button. In pull-down menu select WEKA — Clusteres, and select the cluster scheme 'simple K means'. Some implementations of K -means only allow numerical values for attributes; therefore we do not need to use a filter.

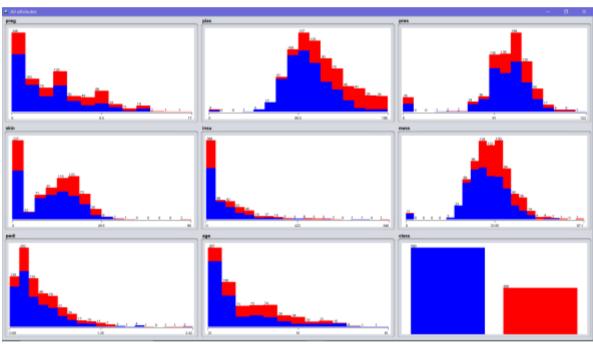
Once the clustering algorithm is chosen, right click on algorithm, 'weak.gui.GenericObjectEditor' comes up to the screen. Set the value in 'numclusters' box to number of clusters required. The seed value is used in generating a random number, which is used for making the initial assignments of instances to clusters. Before we run the clustering algorithm, we need to select 'cluster mode'. Click on 'Classes to cluster evaluation' radio-button in 'Cluster mode' box. Click the start button to run the program. When training set is complete, the 'Cluster' output area on the right panel of 'Cluster' window is filled with text describing the results of training and testing. A new entry appears in the 'Result list' box on the left of the result. Run information gives the information about : the clustering scheme used, the relation name, the number of instances, number of attributes. The clustering model shows the centroid of each cluster and statistics on the number and percentage of instances assigned to different clusters. Cluster centroid is the mean vector of each cluster so each dimension value and centroid represents mean value for that dimension in the cluster. Thus centroids can be used to characterize the cluster.

Another way of representation of results of clustering is through visualization. Right click on the entry in the 'Result list' and select ' Visualize cluster assignments' in the pull-down window. This brings up Weka clusterer visualize window. This window displays clusters in different colors for better visibility.

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also analyzed ar	a comparea.		
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Dataset:





1. Clustering K-means

Use training set

=== Run information ===

Scheme: weka.clusterers.SimpleKMeans -init 0 -max-candidates 100 -periodic-

pruning 10000 -min-density 2.0 -t1 -1.25 -t2 -1.0 -N 2 -A

"weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R first-last" -I 500 -num-slots 1 -S 10

Relation: pima_diabetes

Instances: 768
Attributes: 9
preg
plas
pres
skin
insu
mass
pedi
age

class

Test mode: evaluate on training data

=== Clustering model (full training set) ===

kMeans

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Number of iterations: 4

Within cluster sum of squared errors: 149.5177664581119

Initial starting points (random):

Cluster 0: 1,126,56,29,152,28.7,0.801,21,tested_negative Cluster 1: 8,95,72,0,0,36.8,0.485,57,tested_negative

Missing values globally replaced with mean/mode

Final cluster centroids:

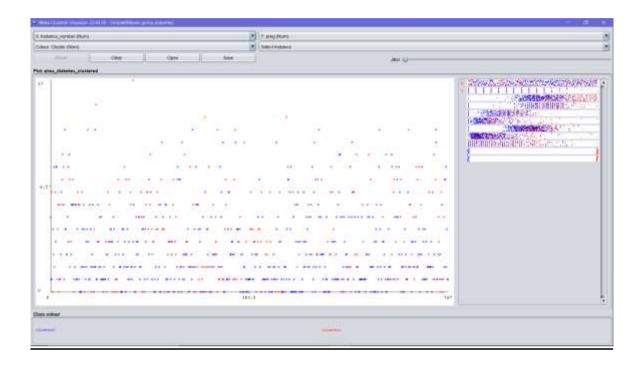
	Clu	ster#			
Attribute	Full Data	a 0	1		
	(768.0)	(500.0)	(268.0)		
=======				=======	=======
preg	3.8451	3.298	4.8657		
plas	120.8945	109.98	141.2575		
pres	69.1055	68.184	70.8246		
skin	20.5365	19.664	22.1642		
insu	79.7995	68.792	100.3358		
mass	31.9926	30.3042	35.1425		
pedi	0.4719	0.4297	0.5505		
age	33.2409	31.19	37.0672		
class	tested_negati	ve tested_ne	egative tested_	_positive	

Time taken to build model (full training data): 0.03 seconds

=== Model and evaluation on training set ===

Clustered Instances

- 0 500 (65%)
- 1 268 (35%)



Percentage split

=== Run information ===

Scheme: weka.clusterers.SimpleKMeans -init 0 -max-candidates 100 -periodic-

pruning 10000 -min-density 2.0 -t1 -1.25 -t2 -1.0 -N 2 -A

"weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R first-last" -I 500 -num-slots 1 -S 10

Relation: pima diabetes

Instances: 768
Attributes: 9
preg
plas
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insu
mass
pedi

age class

Test mode: split 66% train, remainder test

=== Clustering model (full training set) ===

kMeans

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Number of iterations: 4

Within cluster sum of squared errors: 149.5177664581119

Initial starting points (random):

Cluster 0: 1,126,56,29,152,28.7,0.801,21,tested_negative Cluster 1: 8,95,72,0,0,36.8,0.485,57,tested negative

Missing values globally replaced with mean/mode

Final cluster centroids:

	Clu	ster#		
Attribute	Full Data	a 0	1	
	(768.0)	(500.0)	(268.0)	
preg	3.8451	3.298	4.8657	
plas	120.8945	109.98	141.2575	
pres	69.1055	68.184	70.8246	
skin	20.5365	19.664	22.1642	
insu	79.7995	68.792	100.3358	
mass	31.9926	30.3042	35.1425	
pedi	0.4719	0.4297	0.5505	
age	33.2409	31.19	37.0672	
class	tested_negati	ve tested_ne	egative tested_	_positive

Time taken to build model (full training data): 0.02 seconds

=== Model and evaluation on test split ===

kMeans

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Number of iterations: 2

Within cluster sum of squared errors: 115.21146310581545

Initial starting points (random):

Cluster 0: 10,148,84,48,237,37.6,1.001,51,tested_positive Cluster 1: 6,154,74,32,193,29.3,0.839,39,tested_negative

Missing values globally replaced with mean/mode

Final cluster centroids:

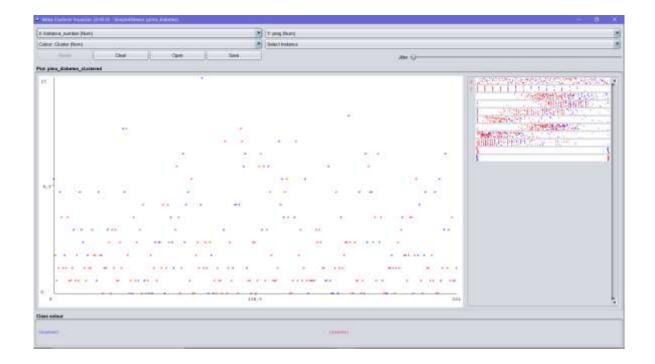
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	(506.0)	(184.0)	(322.0)		
preg	3.919	4.7826	3.4255		
plas	121.164	139.3967	110.7453		
pres	69.1779	70.8587	68.2174		
skin	19.9486	21.962	18.7981		
insu	78.585	90.0217	72.0497		
mass	32.0275	35.2766	30.1708		
pedi	0.4798	0.5516	0.4388		
age	33.7925	37.4674	31.6925		
class	tested negativ	ve tested po	sitive tested	negative	

Time taken to build model (percentage split): 0.01 seconds

Clustered Instances

0 84 (32%)

1 178 (68%)



Classes to clusters evaluation === Run information === Scheme: weka.clusterers.SimpleKMeans -init 0 -max-candidates 100 -periodicpruning 10000 -min-density 2.0 -t1 -1.25 -t2 -1.0 -N 2 -A "weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R first-last" -I 500 -num-slots 1 -S 10 Relation: pima diabetes Instances: 768 Attributes: 9 preg plas pres skin insu mass pedi age Ignored: class Test mode: Classes to clusters evaluation on training data === Clustering model (full training set) === **kMeans** ===== Number of iterations: 7 Within cluster sum of squared errors: 121.2579017999101 Initial starting points (random): Cluster 0: 1,126,56,29,152,28.7,0.801,21 Cluster 1: 8,95,72,0,0,36.8,0.485,57 Missing values globally replaced with mean/mode Final cluster centroids: Cluster# Attribute Full Data 0 (768.0) (515.0) (253.0) 3.8451 2.0835 7.4308 preg 120.8945 115.3282 132.2253 plas 69.1055 65.9903 75.4466 pres 20.5365 21.8194 17.9249 skin insu 79.7995 85.0194 69.1739 31.9926 31.7751 32.4352 mass 0.4719 0.4708 0.4741 pedi

33.2409 26.7728 46.4071

age

Time taken to build model (full training data): 0.01 seconds

=== Model and evaluation on training set ===

Clustered Instances

0 515 (67%)

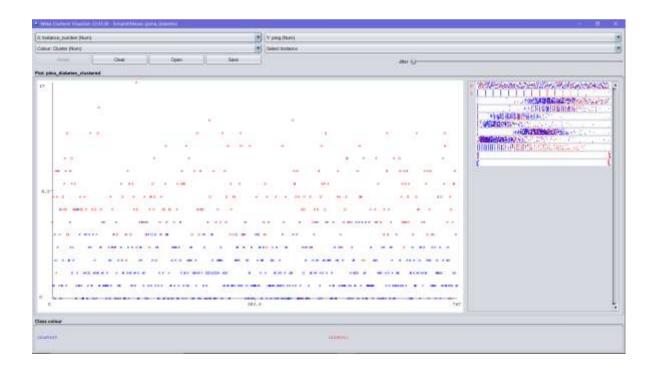
1 253 (33%)

Class attribute: class Classes to Clusters:

0 1 <-- assigned to cluster380 120 | tested_negative135 133 | tested_positive

Cluster 0 <-- tested_negative Cluster 1 <-- tested_positive

Incorrectly clustered instances: 255.0 33.2031 %



2. DB Scan

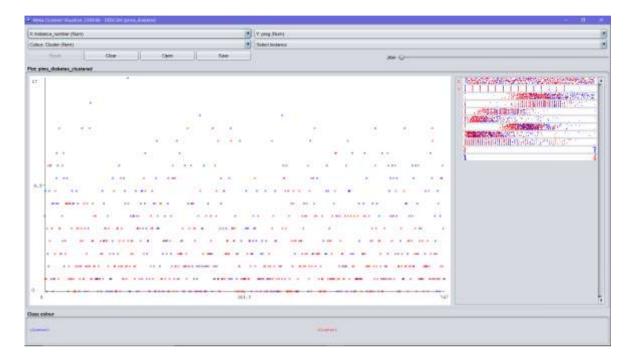
Use training set === Run information === Scheme: weka.clusterers.DBSCAN -E 0.9 -M 6 -A "weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R first-last" Relation: pima diabetes Instances: 768 Attributes: 9 preg plas pres skin insu mass pedi age class Test mode: evaluate on training data === Clustering model (full training set) === **DBSCAN** clustering results ______ ============== Clustered DataObjects: 768 Number of attributes: 9 Epsilon: 0.9; minPoints: 6 Distance-type: Number of generated clusters: 2 Elapsed time: .14 (0.) 6,148,72,35,0,33.6,0.627,50,tested positive --> 0 (1.) 1,85,66,29,0,26.6,0.351,31,tested negative --> 1 (2.) 8,183,64,0,0,23.3,0.672,32,tested positive --> 0 (3.) 1,89,66,23,94,28.1,0.167,21,tested_negative --> 1 (4.) 0,137,40,35,168,43.1,2.288,33,tested positive --> 0 (5.) 5,116,74,0,0,25.6,0.201,30,tested negative --> 1 (6.) 3,78,50,32,88,31,0.248,26,tested positive --> 0 (761.) 9,170,74,31,0,44,0.403,43,tested positive --> 0 (762.) 9,89,62,0,0,22.5,0.142,33,tested_negative --> 1 (763.) 10,101,76,48,180,32.9,0.171,63,tested negative --> 1 (764.) 2,122,70,27,0,36.8,0.34,27,tested negative --> 1 (765.) 5,121,72,23,112,26.2,0.245,30,tested negative --> 1 (766.) 1,126,60,0,0,30.1,0.349,47,tested positive --> 0 (767.) 1,93,70,31,0,30.4,0.315,23,tested_negative --> 1

Time taken to build model (full training data): 0.14 seconds

=== Model and evaluation on training set ===

Clustered Instances

- 0 268 (35%)
- 1 500 (65%)



Percentage split === Run information === Scheme: weka.clusterers.DBSCAN -E 0.9 -M 6 -A "weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R first-last" Relation: pima diabetes Instances: 768 Attributes: 9 preg plas pres skin insu mass pedi age class Test mode: split 66% train, remainder test === Clustering model (full training set) === **DBSCAN** clustering results ______ ============== Clustered DataObjects: 768 Number of attributes: 9 Epsilon: 0.9; minPoints: 6 Distance-type: Number of generated clusters: 2 Elapsed time: .09 (0.) 6,148,72,35,0,33.6,0.627,50,tested positive --> 0 (1.) 1,85,66,29,0,26.6,0.351,31,tested negative --> 1 (2.) 8,183,64,0,0,23.3,0.672,32,tested positive --> 0 (3.) 1,89,66,23,94,28.1,0.167,21,tested_negative --> 1 (4.) 0,137,40,35,168,43.1,2.288,33,tested positive --> 0 (5.) 5,116,74,0,0,25.6,0.201,30,tested_negative --> 1 (500.) 1,124,60,32,0,35.8,0.514,21,tested negative --> 0 (501.) 2,197,70,99,0,34.7,0.575,62,tested positive --> 1 (502.) 0,151,90,46,0,42.1,0.371,21,tested_positive --> 1

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--> 0

(503.) 7,178,84,0,0,39.9,0.331,41,tested positive

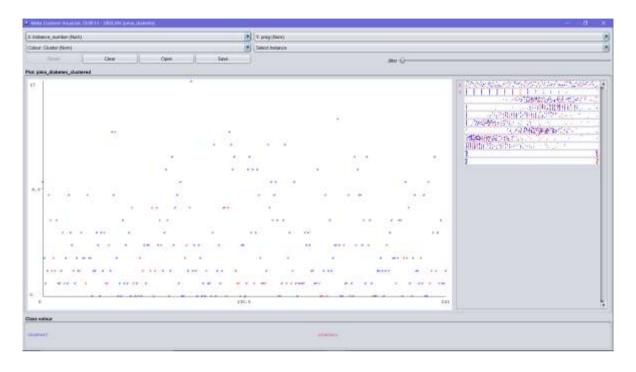
(504.) 2,83,65,28,66,36.8,0.629,24,tested negative

(505.) 3,99,62,19,74,21.8,0.279,26,tested_negative

Time taken to build model (percentage split): 0.07 seconds

Clustered Instances

- 0 164 (63%)
- 1 98 (37%)



=== Run information === Scheme: weka.clusterers.DBSCAN -E 0.9 -M 6 -A "weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R first-last" Relation: pima diabetes Instances: 768 Attributes: 9 preg plas pres skin insu mass pedi age Ignored: class Test mode: Classes to clusters evaluation on training data === Clustering model (full training set) === **DBSCAN** clustering results ______ Clustered DataObjects: 768 Number of attributes: 8 Epsilon: 0.9; minPoints: 6 Distance-type: Number of generated clusters: 1 Elapsed time: .1 (0.) 6,148,72,35,0,33.6,0.627,50 --> 0 (1.) 1,85,66,29,0,26.6,0.351,31 --> 0 (2.) 8,183,64,0,0,23.3,0.672,32 --> 0 (3.) 1,89,66,23,94,28.1,0.167,21 --> 0 (4.) 0,137,40,35,168,43.1,2.288,33 --> 0 (5.) 5,116,74,0,0,25.6,0.201,30 --> 0 (762.) 9,89,62,0,0,22.5,0.142,33 --> 0 (763.) 10,101,76,48,180,32.9,0.171,63 --> 0 --> 0 (764.) 2,122,70,27,0,36.8,0.34,27 --> 0 (765.) 5,121,72,23,112,26.2,0.245,30 (766.) 1,126,60,0,0,30.1,0.349,47 --> 0 (767.) 1,93,70,31,0,30.4,0.315,23 --> 0

Classes to clusters evaluation

Time taken to build model (full training data): 0.1 seconds

=== Model and evaluation on training set ===

Clustered Instances

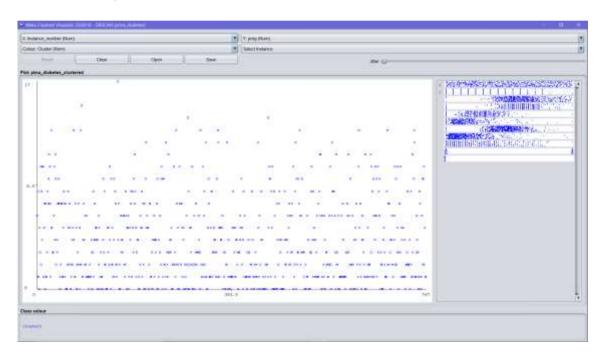
0 768 (100%)

Class attribute: class Classes to Clusters:

0 <-- assigned to cluster500 | tested_negative268 | tested_positive

Cluster 0 <-- tested_negative

Incorrectly clustered instances: 268.0 34.8958 %



3. OPTICS

Use training set

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=== Run information ===
           weka.clusterers.OPTICS -E 0.9 -M 6 -A "weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R
Scheme:
first-last" -db-output.
Relation: pima diabetes
Instances: 768
Attributes: 9
       preg
       plas
       pres
       skin
       insu
       mass
       pedi
       age
       class
Test mode: evaluate on training data
=== Clustering model (full training set) ===
OPTICS clustering results
______
  ============
Clustered DataObjects: 768
Number of attributes: 9
Epsilon: 0.9; minPoints: 6
Write results to file: no
Distance-type:
Number of generated clusters: 0
Elapsed time: .19
(0.) 6,148,72,35,0,33.6,0.627,50,tested posit --> c dist: 0.284
                                                               r dist:
UNDEFINED
(417.) 4,144,82,32,0,38.5,0.554,37,tested posit --> c dist: 0.279
                                                                 r dist: 0.284
(171.) 6,134,70,23,130,35.4,0.542,29,tested pos --> c dist: 0.257
                                                                  r dist: 0.279
(189.) 5,139,80,35,160,31.6,0.361,25,tested_pos --> c_dist: 0.226
                                                                  r dist: 0.257
(110.) 3,171,72,33,135,33.3,0.199,24,tested_pos --> c_dist: 0.212
                                                                  r dist: 0.226
(132.) 3,170,64,37,225,34.5,0.356,30,tested pos --> c dist: 0.212
                                                                  r dist: 0.212
(425.) 4,184,78,39,277,37,0.264,31,tested posit --> c dist: 0.238
                                                                 r dist: 0.212
(622.) 6,183,94,0,0,40.8,1.461,45,tested negati --> c dist: 0.535
                                                                 r dist: 0.445
(744.) 13,153,88,37,140,40.6,1.174,39,tested_ne --> c_dist: 0.487
                                                                  r dist: 0.445
(487.) 0,173,78,32,265,46.5,1.159,58,tested neg --> c dist: 0.58
                                                                 r dist: 0.447
(58.) 0,146,82,0,0,40.5,1.781,44,tested_negati --> c_dist: 0.545
                                                                r dist: 0.494
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(453.) 2,119,0,0,0,19.6,0.832,72,tested_negativ --> c_dist: 0.632

r dist: 0.499

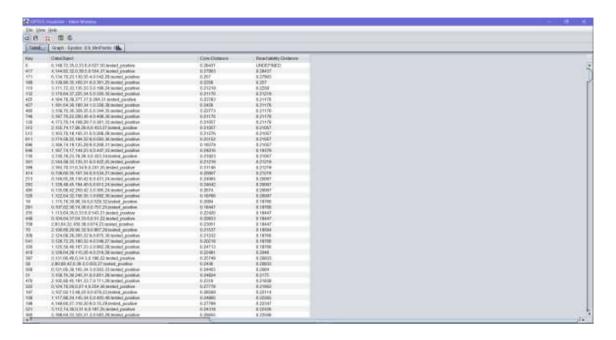
(228.) 4,197,70,39,744,36.7,2.329,31,tested_neg --> c_dist: 0.88 r_dist: 0.776

Time taken to build model (full training data): 0.39 seconds

=== Model and evaluation on training set ===

Clustered Instances

Unclustered instances: 768



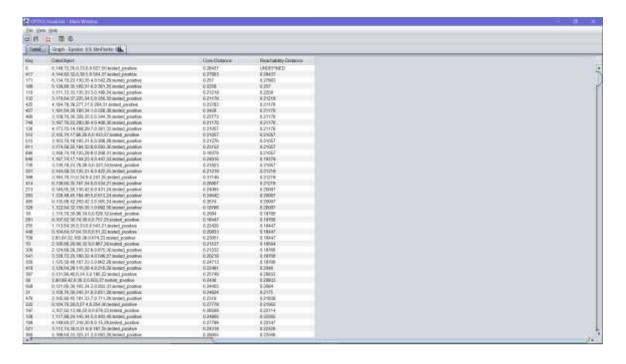
Percentage split=== Run information ===

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Scheme:
           weka.clusterers.OPTICS -E 0.9 -M 6 -A "weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R
first-last" -db-output.
Relation:
           pima diabetes
Instances: 768
Attributes: 9
       preg
       plas
       pres
       skin
       insu
       mass
       pedi
       age
       class
Test mode: split 66% train, remainder test
=== Clustering model (full training set) ===
OPTICS clustering results
______
Clustered DataObjects: 768
Number of attributes: 9
Epsilon: 0.9; minPoints: 6
Write results to file: no
Distance-type:
Number of generated clusters: 0
Elapsed time: .14
(0.) 6,148,72,35,0,33.6,0.627,50,tested posit --> c dist: 0.284
                                                                 r dist:
UNDEFINED
(417.) 4,144,82,32,0,38.5,0.554,37,tested posit --> c dist: 0.279
                                                                  r dist: 0.284
(171.) 6,134,70,23,130,35.4,0.542,29,tested_pos --> c_dist: 0.257
                                                                   r_dist: 0.279
(189.) 5,139,80,35,160,31.6,0.361,25,tested pos --> c dist: 0.226
                                                                   r dist: 0.257
(110.) 3,171,72,33,135,33.3,0.199,24,tested pos --> c dist: 0.212
                                                                   r dist: 0.226
(132.) 3,170,64,37,225,34.5,0.356,30,tested pos --> c dist: 0.212
                                                                   r dist: 0.212
(425.) 4,184,78,39,277,37,0.264,31,tested_posit --> c_dist: 0.238
                                                                   r dist: 0.212
(74.) 0,137,40,35,168,43.1,2.288,33,tested_pos --> c_dist: 0.649
                                                                   r_dist: 0.537
(4.) 6,0,68,41,0,39,0.727,41,tested positive --> c dist: 0.588
                                                                r dist: 0.549
(175.) 0,180,78,63,14,59.4,2.42,25,tested posit --> c dist: 0.752
                                                                  r dist: 0.559
(397.) 1,189,60,23,846,30.1,0.398,59,tested_pos --> c_dist: 0.861
                                                                   r dist: 0.561
(146.) 13,129,0,30,0,39.9,0.569,44,tested posit --> c dist: 0.665
                                                                  r dist: 0.565
(469.) 11,135,0,0,0,52.3,0.578,40,tested_positi --> c_dist: 0.658
                                                                  r dist: 0.62
(501.) 2,197,70,99,0,34.7,0.575,62,tested_posit --> c_dist: 0.823
                                                                  r dist: 0.745
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Time taken to build model (percentage split): 0.29 seconds

Clustered Instances

Unclustered instances: 262



Classes to clusters evaluation === Run information === weka.clusterers.OPTICS -E 0.9 -M 6 -A "weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R Scheme: first-last" -db-output. Relation: pima diabetes Instances: 768 Attributes: 9 preg plas pres skin insu mass pedi age Ignored: class Test mode: Classes to clusters evaluation on training data === Clustering model (full training set) === **OPTICS** clustering results ______ Clustered DataObjects: 768 Number of attributes: 8 Epsilon: 0.9; minPoints: 6 Write results to file: no Distance-type: Number of generated clusters: 0 Elapsed time: .14 --> c dist: 0.237 (0.) 6,148,72,35,0,33.6,0.627,50 r dist: UNDEFINED (285.) 7,136,74,26,135,26,0.647,51 --> c dist: 0.212 r dist: 0.237 (14.) 5,166,72,19,175,25.8,0.587,51 --> c dist: 0.258 r dist: 0.212 (603.) 7,150,78,29,126,35.2,0.692,54 --> c_dist: 0.21 r_dist: 0.212 --> c dist: 0.239 r dist: 0.21 (236.) 7,181,84,21,192,35.9,0.586,51 --> c dist: 0.223 r dist: 0.21 (670.) 6,165,68,26,168,33.6,0.631,49 --> c dist: 0.263 (516.) 9,145,88,34,165,30.3,0.771,53 r dist: 0.21 (4.) 0,137,40,35,168,43.1,2.288,33 --> c dist: 0.53 r dist: 0.459 (357.) 13,129,0,30,0,39.9,0.569,44 --> c_dist: 0.552 r_dist: 0.479 (13.) 1,189,60,23,846,30.1,0.398,59 --> c dist: 0.703 r dist: 0.481 (453.) 2,119,0,0,0,19.6,0.832,72 --> c dist: 0.632 r dist: 0.499 (228.) 4,197,70,39,744,36.7,2.329,31 --> c dist: 0.776 r dist: 0.588 (579.) 2,197,70,99,0,34.7,0.575,62 --> c dist: 0.771 r dist: 0.646

Time taken to build model (full training data): 0.25 seconds

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Post-lab Questions:

1. What is an outlier?

Ans:

- a. In statistics, an outlier is a data point that differs significantly from other observations.
- b. An outlier may be due to variability in the measurement or it may indicate experimental error; the latter are sometimes excluded from the data set. An outlier can cause serious problems in statistical analyses.
- c. Sometimes outliers might be errors that we want to exclude or an anomaly that we don't want to include in our analysis.
- d. But at other times it can reveal insights into special cases in our data that we may not otherwise notice.
- e. Outliers can be of two types: Univariate and Multivariate.
- f. Univariate outliers are outliers in a 1 dimensional space.
- g. Multivariate outliers are outliers in an n-dimensional space.
- h. Most common causes of outliers on a data set:
 - Data entry errors (human errors)
 - Measurement errors (instrument errors)
 - Experimental errors (data extraction or experiment planning/executing errors)
 - Intentional (dummy outliers made to test detection methods)
 - Data processing errors (data manipulation or data set unintended mutations)
 - Sampling errors (extracting or mixing data from wrong or various sources)
 - Natural (not an error, novelties in data)
- 2. Give any method to detect an outlier.

Ans:

- a. Most commonly used method to detect outliers is visualization.
- b. We use various visualization methods, like Box-plot, Histogram, Scatter Plot
- c. Use capping methods. Any value which out of range of 5th and 95th percentile can be considered as outlier 3.Data points, three or more standard deviation away from mean are considered outlier
- d. d.Outlier detection is merely a special case of the examination of data for influential datapoint sanditals depends on the business understanding
- e. Bivariate and multivariate outliers are typically measured using either an index of influence or leverage, or distance. Some of the most popular methods for outlier detection are:

Z-Score or Extreme Value Analysis (parametric)

Probabilistic and Statistical Modeling (parametric)

Linear Regression Models (PCA, LMS)

Proximity Based Models(non-parametric)

Information Theory Models

High Dimensional Outlier Detection Methods (high dimensional sparse data)

Z-Score

- a. The z-score or standard score of an observation is a metric that indicates how many standard deviations a data point is from the sample's mean, assuming a gaussian distribution. This makes z-score a parametric method. Very frequently data points are not to described by a gaussian distribution, this problem can be solved by applying transformations to data i.e.: scaling it.
- SomePython libraries likeSciPy and Sci-kit Learn have easy to use functions and classes for easy implementation along with Pandas andNumPy.

- c. After making the appropriate transformations to the selected feature space of the dataset, the z-score of any data point can be calculated with the following expression: $Z = x \mu / \text{sigma}$
- d. When computing the z-score for each sample on the dataset a threshold must be specified. Some Good Thumbrule' thresholds can be: 2.5, 3, 3.5 or more standard deviations.
- e. By 'tagging' or removing the data points that lay beyond a given threshold We are classifying data into outliers and not outliers
- f. Z-scoreisasimple, yet powerful method to get rid of outliers in data if are dealing with parametric distributions in a low dimensional feature space