

Clustering

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This notebook tests 3 clustering algorithms: kMeans, Hierarchical and Model-Based.

I am using a dataset on patient survival. (<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/mitishaagarwal/patient>)

As there is a lot of data in the dataset, I am going to limit the amount of data used for our clustering algorithms by only using the first 2000 rows and specific relevant columns. I am also making sure I get rid of the NA and invalid fields.

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data <- read.csv("dataset.csv", header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE) # read in csv
patientData <- data[c(1:2000), c(4, 6, 27, 29, 34, 37, 41, 42, 43, 49, 54, 61, 69, 70, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, 81, 85)] # select relevant columns
patientData <- patientData[complete.cases(patientData), ] # remove all rows with NA in any column
patientData <- patientData[patientData$apache_4a_hospital_death_prob >= 0,] #remove invalid values
patientData <- patientData[patientData$apache_4a_icu_death_prob >= 0,] #remove invalid values
patientData <- scale(patientData)
head(patientData)
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	age	elective_surgery	resprate_apache	ventilated_apache	d1_heartrate_max	d1_mbp_min	
1	0.3296004	-0.5609668	0.3060610	-0.6754347	0.6469094	-1.5208080	
2	0.8935729	-0.5609668	0.1106804	1.4795236	0.6021883	-2.0689944	
4	1.1442273	1.7814272	-1.7779994	1.4795236	0.5127459	1.0830771	
6	0.2669368	-0.5609668	0.2409341	-0.6754347	0.3785825	0.8089840	
7	-0.2343721	-0.5609668	1.4132181	1.4795236	0.3338613	1.9738799	
8	0.4549276	-0.5609668	-0.2149541	1.4795236	0.6021883	-0.5614819	
	d1_resprate_min	d1_spo2_max	d1_spo2_min	d1_temp_min	h1_heartrate_max	h1_resprate_min	d1_glucose_min
1	-0.404197416	0.5714806	-1.6378217	1.2451357	1.1258059	0.2118341	-0.1284017
2	0.005982957	0.5714806	-2.0529092	-1.4705956	0.9071942	1.8612974	0.4132487
4	-1.019467976	0.5714806	0.5413879	-1.8585572	0.2950813	-0.9427903	-0.7270678
6	-0.404197416	-2.4226986	0.1263004	0.4692125	-0.4481985	-0.7778439	0.3277250
7	0.826343703	0.5714806	-0.2887872	-1.5999161	-0.6230879	0.2118341	0.4417566
8	0.005982957	0.5714806	0.2300723	0.4692125	1.0820836	1.5314047	0.4417566
	d1_potassium_max	apache_4a_hospital_death_prob	apache_4a_icu_death_prob	cirrhosis	diabetes_mellitus		
1	-0.35363526		0.07027375	-0.04754737	-0.1489172		1.646513
2	-0.03666452		2.58674774	1.91286724	-0.1489172		1.646513
4	1.23121840		-0.33780311	-0.21091525	-0.1489172		-0.606932
6	-0.51212062		-0.26979030	-0.29259920	-0.1489172		1.646513
7	1.23121840		0.07027375	-0.04754737	-0.1489172		1.646513
8	2.49910133		0.13828656	0.03413657	-0.1489172		-0.606932
	immunosuppression	solid_tumor_with_metastasis	hospital_death				
1	-0.2609018		-0.1930605	-0.2518908			
2	-0.2609018		-0.1930605	-0.2518908			
4	-0.2609018		-0.1930605	-0.2518908			
6	-0.2609018		-0.1930605	-0.2518908			
7	-0.2609018		-0.1930605	-0.2518908			
8	3.8302599		-0.1930605	-0.2518908			

kMeans Clustering

kMeans clustering is a centroid-based algorithm that uses Euclidean distances between observations/points to assign to its nearest centroid.

First, I should determine the best number of clusters. I can use the NbClust() function to find the best k value.

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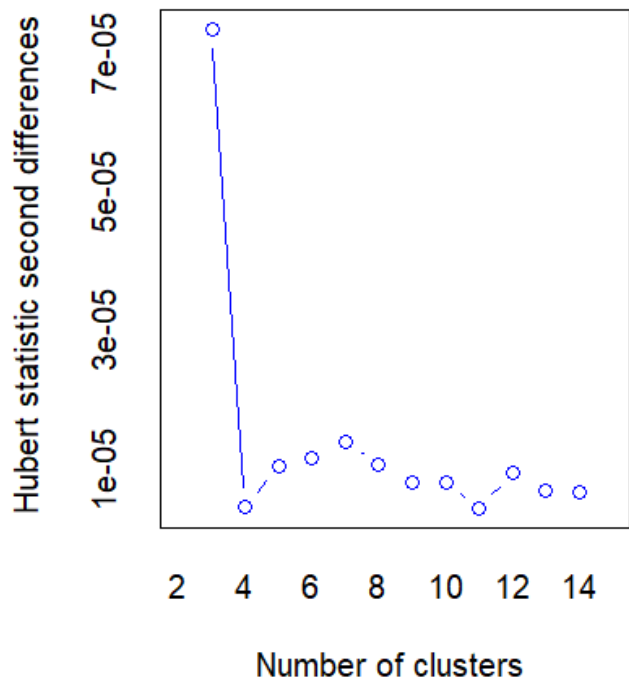
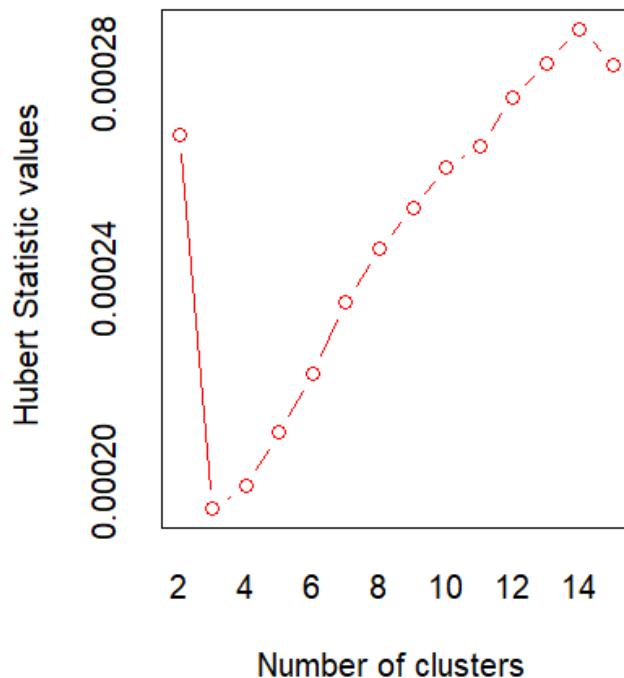
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library(NbClust)
set.seed(1234)
nc <- NbClust(patientData, min.nc=2, max.nc=15, method ="kmeans")
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Registered S3 methods overwritten by 'htmltools':

method	from
print.html	tools:rstudio
print.shiny.tag	tools:rstudio
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In the plot of Hubert index, we seek a significant knee that corresponds to a significant increase of the value of the measure i.e the significant peak in Hubert index second differences plot.

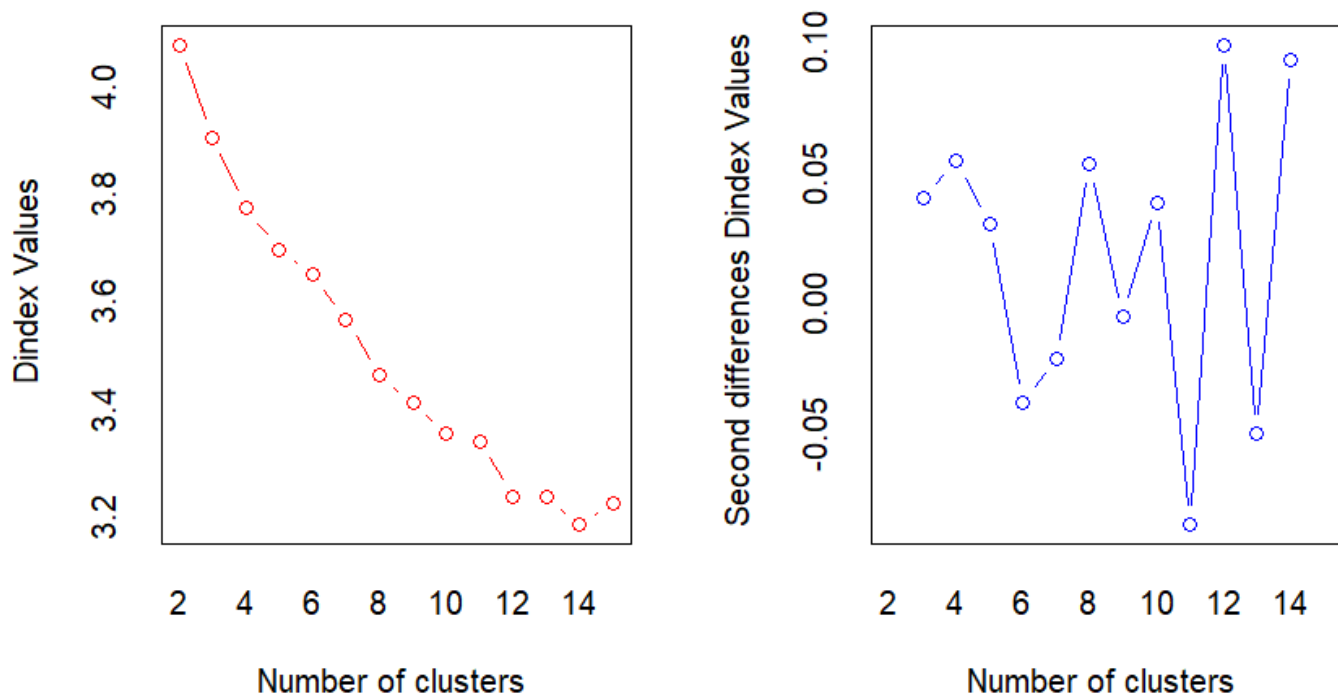


*** : The D index is a graphical method of determining the number of clusters.
 In the plot of D index, we seek a significant knee (the significant peak in D index second differences plot) that corresponds to a significant increase of the value of the measure.

* Among all indices:
 * 10 proposed 2 as the best number of clusters
 * 3 proposed 3 as the best number of clusters
 * 1 proposed 4 as the best number of clusters
 * 2 proposed 7 as the best number of clusters
 * 1 proposed 12 as the best number of clusters
 * 6 proposed 14 as the best number of clusters
 * 1 proposed 15 as the best number of clusters

***** Conclusion *****

* According to the majority rule, the best number of clusters is 2

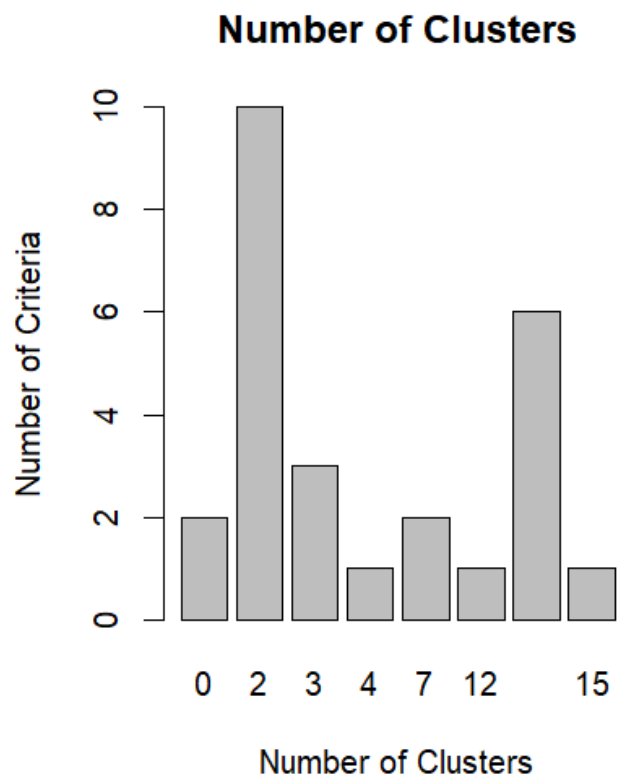


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table(nc$Best.n[1,])
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0  2  3  4  7 12 14 15
2 10  3  1  2  1  6  1
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barplot(table(nc$Best.n[1,]),
        xlab="Number of Clusters", ylab="Number of Criteria",
        main="Number of Clusters")
```



The NbClust() function showed that 2 clusters are optimal. Now I will try clustering with kmeans().

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```
set.seed(1234)
patientCluster <- kmeans(patientData, 2, nstart=24)
patientCluster
```

K-means clustering with 2 clusters of sizes 97, 1377

Cluster means:

	age	elective_surgery	resprate_apache	ventilated_apache	d1_heartrate_max	d1_mbp_min	
1	0.1500078	-0.51267004	0.29934691	1.27957903	0.81933943	-0.92034616	
2	-0.0105670	0.03611401	-0.02108689	-0.09013738	-0.05771672	0.06483194	
	d1_resprate_min	d1_spo2_max	d1_spo2_min	d1_temp_min	h1_heartrate_max	h1_resprate_min	d1_glucose_min
1	-0.14413460	0.32453799	-1.17566235	-1.36496605	0.5799527	0.3563747	-0.1998184
2	0.01015327	-0.02286143	0.08281717	0.09615229	-0.0408536	-0.0251041	0.0140758
	d1_potassium_max	apache_4a_hospital_death_prob	apache_4a_icu_death_prob		cirrhosis	diabetes_mellitus	
1	0.53192215		2.994123		3.0050742	0.133948758	
	0.2293982						
2	-0.03747019		-0.210915		-0.2116864	-0.009435751	-
	0.0161595						
	immunosuppression	solid_tumor_with_metastasis	hospital_death				
1	0.16086748		0.36047231		2.3579059		
2	-0.01133199		-0.02539275		-0.1660979		

Clustering vector:

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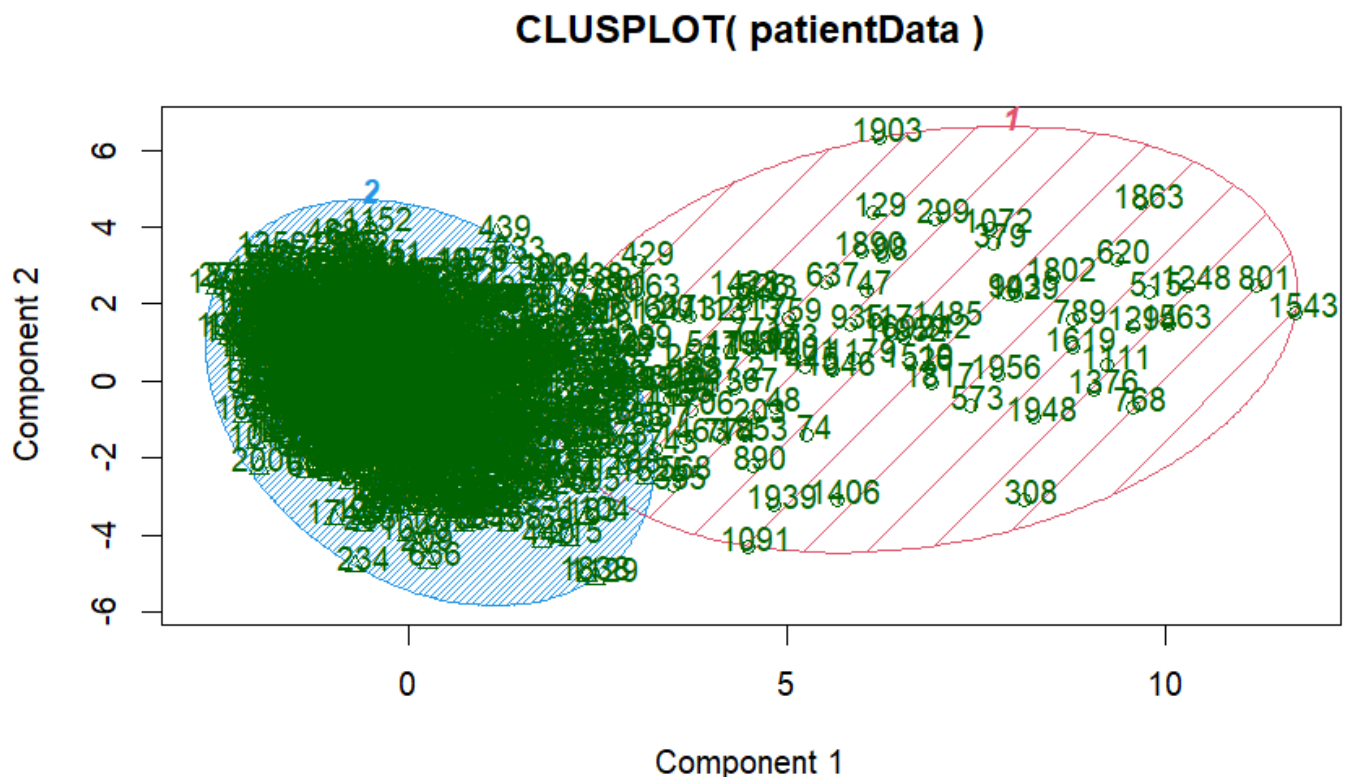
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Now I will plot the kmeans clustering.

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library(cluster)
clusplot(patientData, patientCluster$cluster, color=TRUE, shade=TRUE,
          labels=2, lines=0)
```



These two components explain 27.01 % of the point variability.

Hierarchical Clustering

Hierarchical Clustering uses distance to group observations/points into clusters organized in a hierarchy.

I am using the pvclust package. The pvclust() function performs hierarchical clustering based on p-values, values from 0 to 1 that shows how strong the cluster is supported by the data. I will use Euclidean distance and Ward's method to generate clusters. The pvrect() function then adds rectangles in the dendrogram to show the clusters.

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```
library(pvclust)
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fit <- pvclust(patientData, method.hclust = "ward", method.dist="euclidean")
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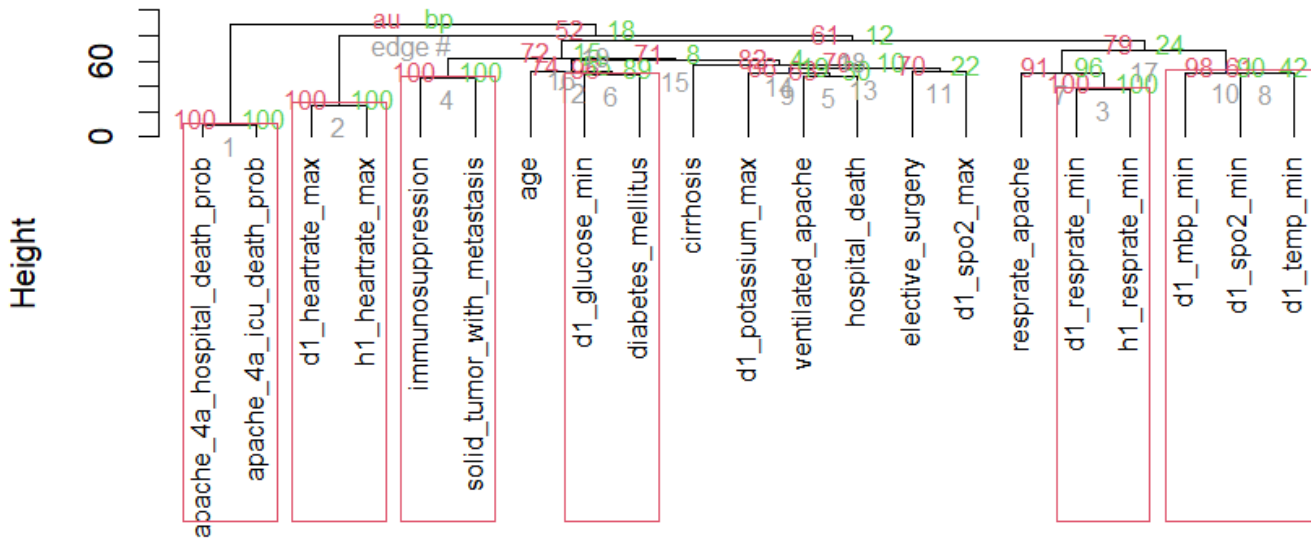
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      main="Hierarchical Clustering")  
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Hierarchical Clustering



Distance: euclidean
Cluster method: ward.D

Model-Based Clustering

Model-Based Clustering creates multiple data models and tries to identify the most likely clustering based of a maximum likelihood estimation.

I am using the mclust package. The Mclust() function provides model-based clustering based on parameterized Gaussian mixture models. The model with the largest Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) is picked as the most optimal.

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library(mclust)
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Type 'citation("mclust")' for citing this R package in publications.

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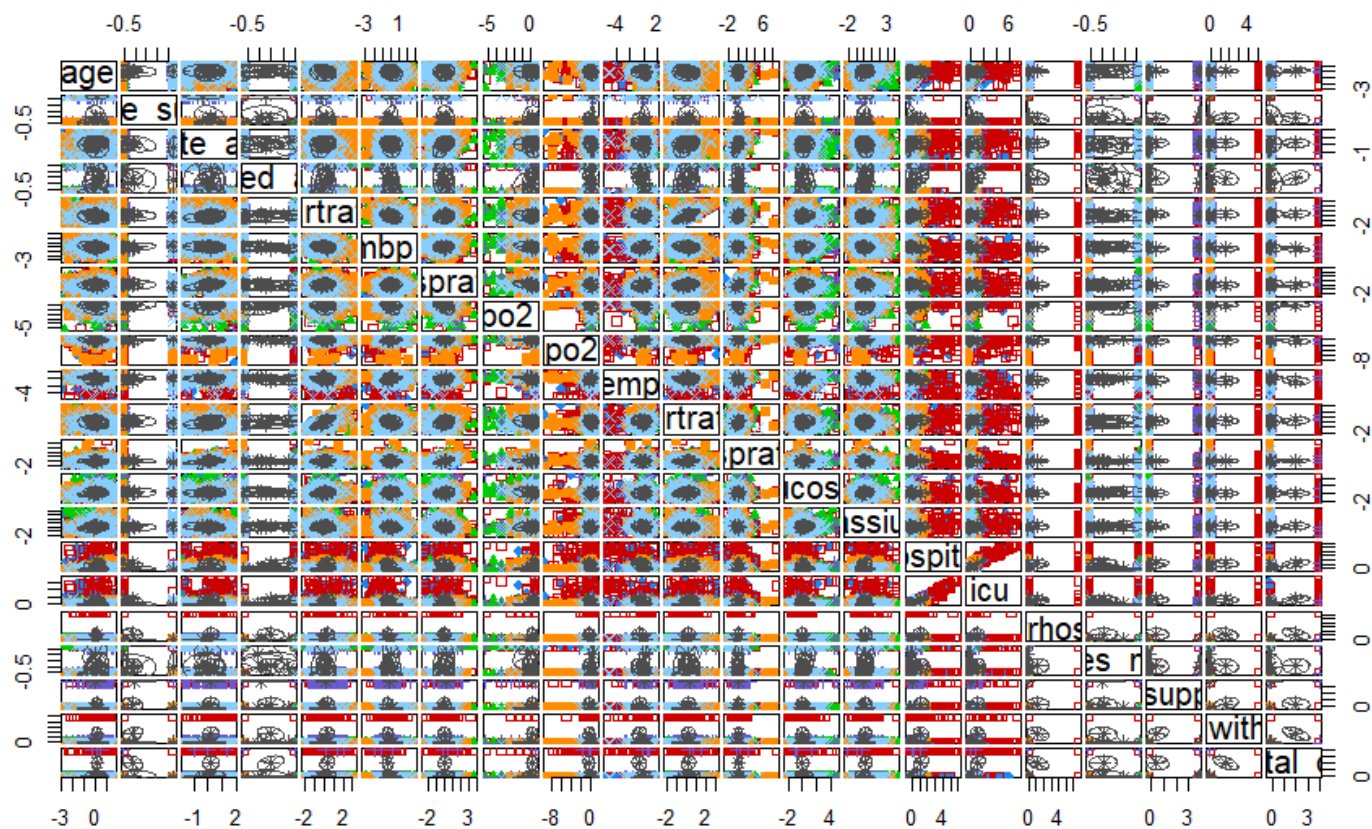
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plot(fit, what = "classification") # plot results
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summary(fit) # display the best model
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Gaussian finite mixture model fitted by EM algorithm
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Mclust EEV (ellipsoidal, equal volume and shape) model with 6 components:

log-likelihood	n	df	BIC	ICL
<dbl>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
-27106.63	1474	1412	-64514.85	-64608.75

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Clustering table:

1	2	3	4	5	6
151	162	291	68	496	306

Analysis

The kMeans, hierarchical and model-based clustering had varied results:

- KMeans Clustering: 2 Clusters
- Hierarchical Clustering: 6 Clusters
- Model-based Clustering: 6 Clusters

I think model-based clustering showed the best results. KMeans seemed to group most of the points in one cluster and the outliers in another cluster. Hierarchical clustering and model-based clustering provided the same result and had more relevant and useful clusters. However, there is no evidence of a hierarchical structure in our data so I think model-based clustering is more relevant. Model-based clustering also seems the most thorough.