Consumer Market Segmentation – Clustering using RapidMiner

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DATA MINING - PART A

The given data is collected from market research across different cities and towns in India to track consumer purchase behavior in consumer goods.

Problem Definition:

- Segment market based on two key variables:
 - Purchase Behavior (Brand loyalty, volume, frequency)
 - Basis for Purchase (price, selling proposition)
- Enable clients to deploy more effective promotional campaigns based on effective market segmentation.

General Description:

The given data consists of multiple transactions whereby each transaction represents a household (Unique ID). The data was clean by performing a series of operation like Filter Example, Generate Attributes, and Normalize.

Answer 1-a:

In order to identify clusters using K-means approach, the following variables were selected to construct the model:

Table 1: Purchase Behavior Variables

Attribute Name	Description	Туре
Avg. Price	Avg. price (rupees per 100	Real
	gram)	
Brand Runs	Number of runs (streaks) of	Integer
	purchasing the same brand	
Brand_Royalty	Whether customer is Brand	Binomial
	loyal or not (Max_Br_Cd > 30%)	
Max_Br_Cd	Maximum Brand loyalty	Numeric
	amongst the given Brands	
No. of Trans	Number of transactions	Integer
No. of Brands	Number of brands purchased	Integer
Others 999	Brand Codes other than (55,	Numeric
	272, 286, 24, 481, 352, 5)	
Total Volume	Volume of product purchased	Integer
	(grams)	
Value	Value in paise (100 paise = 1	Numeric
	rupee)	

The model was constructed with different values of k. The following table summarizes the model details for different values of k:

Table 2: Cluster models for Purchase Behavior

	K = 2	K = 3	K = 4	K = 5
Cluster Model	Cluster 0 = 260	Cluster 0 = 211	Cluster 0 = 163	Cluster 0 = 142
	Cluster 1 = 340	Cluster 1 = 249	Cluster 1 = 231	Cluster 1 = 145
		Cluster 2 = 140	Cluster 2 = 151	Cluster 2 = 40
			Cluster 3 = 55	Cluster 3 = 223
				Cluster 4 = 50
Within Centroid	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
	= 6.429	= 5.171	= 4.558	= 4.227
	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
	(Cluster 0) = 5.029	(Cluster 0) = 4.827	(Cluster 0) = 3.866	(Cluster 0) = 3.872
	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
	(Cluster 1) = 7.499	(Cluster 1) = 4.416	(Cluster 1) = 3.872	(Cluster 1) = 3.405
		Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
		Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
		(Cluster 2) = 7.844	(Cluster 2) = 4.744	(Cluster 2) = 7.741
			Avg. within	Avg. within
			Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
			(Cluster 3) = 8.896	(Cluster 3) = 3.788
				Avg. within
				Centroid Distance
				(Cluster 4) = 6.769
Between Cluster	1-2= 3.226	1 – 2 = 3.296	1 – 2 = 3.372	1 - 2 = 2.425
Distance		1 - 3 = 3.067	1 - 3 = 2.779	1 – 3 = 4.683
		2 - 3 = 3.880	1 – 4 = 4.396	1 - 4 = 3.465
			2 – 3 = 3.826	1 – 5 = 4.425
			2 – 4 = 3.948	2 – 3 = 2.847
			3 – 4 = 3.360	2 – 4 = 3.375
				2 – 5 = 3.437
				3 – 4 = 5.609
				3 – 5 = 3.763
				4 – 5 = 3.517

- For k=2, there is a significant difference between the Others 999 (brand code other than the given brand columns), Brand royalty and Maximum brand loyalty (%) of the customer. Thus, the people who buy more from the Others 999 segment have lesser brand royalty and those who buy less from the Others 999 segment have more brand royalty.
- For k=3, the cluster sizes do not vary too much. People having large brand runs and large number of transactions are less brand loyal. Rest of the criteria remain same as those observed in clustering model with K =2.

• For k=4 and k=5, we observe that the difference in the cluster sizes is very large. Also, it divides the data into more number of groups that have varying patterns but decreased number of observations indicates lesser authenticity as compared to the previous models.

Answer 1-b:

The variables used to describe basis-for-purchase are as follows:

Table 3: Basis-for-purchase Variables

Attribute Name	Description	Туре
Pur Vol No Promo - %	Percent of volume purchased	Numeric
	under no-promotion	
Pur Vol Other Promo %	Percent of volume purchased	Numeric
	under other promotions	
Pur Vol Promo 6 %	Percent of volume purchased	Numeric
	under Promotion Code 6	
Max_SP	Maximum selling proposition	Real
	amongst different brands	
Pr_Cat 1	Any Premium soap	Numeric
Pr_Cat 2	Any Popular soap	Numeric
Pr_Cat 3	Any economic/carbolic soap	Numeric
Pr_Cat 4	Any sub-popular soap	Numeric

Table 4: Cluster Models for Basis-for-purchase

	K = 2	K = 3	K = 4	K = 5
Cluster	Cluster 0 = 105	Cluster $0 = 398$	Cluster $0 = 78$	Cluster $0 = 60$
Model	Cluster $1 = 495$	Cluster 1 = 118	Cluster 1 = 19	Cluster 1 = 111
		Cluster $2 = 84$	Cluster $2 = 208$	Cluster $2 = 16$
			Cluster $3 = 295$	Cluster $3 = 286$
				Cluster 4 = 127
Within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
Centroid	Centroid Distance =	Centroid Distance =	Centroid Distance =	Centroid Distance =
Distance	5.615	4.565	4.126	3.125
	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
	(Cluster 0) = 11.022	(Cluster 0) = 2.728	(Cluster 0) = 6.790	(Cluster 0) = 6.930
	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
	(Cluster 1) = 4.468	(Cluster 1) = 5.856	(Cluster 1) = 14.221	(Cluster 1) = 5.256
		Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
		Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
		(Cluster 2) = 11.455	(Cluster 2) = 6.074	(Cluster 2) = 14.880
			Avg. within	Avg. within
			Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
			(Cluster 3) = 1.398	(Cluster 3) = 1.358
				Avg. within
				Centroid Distance
				(Cluster 4) = 1.965

Between	1 - 2 = 3.084	1 - 2 = 2.689	1 - 2 = 4.463	1 - 2 = 4.218
Cluster		1 - 3 = 3.367	1 - 3 = 3.422	1 - 3 = 4.837
Distance		2 - 3 = 3.940	1 - 4 = 3.403	1 - 4 = 3.751
			2 - 3 = 4.959	1 - 5 = 3.791
			2-4=5.105	2 - 3 = 5.515
			3 - 4 = 2.216	2-4=2.821
				2 - 5 = 3.257
				3 - 4 = 5.445
				3 - 5 = 5.499
				4 - 5 = 2.600

- K=2: There are two distinct clusters which can be seen with one having four times the observations of the second one. There is high distinction amongst the percent of volume purchased by different means. The other three factors do not significantly differentiate amongst the clusters. Thus people in one cluster buy items which are a part of other promotion and promotion 6 and people in the other cluster buy items which are under no promotion category.
- K=3: When a new cluster emerges it is similar to the second cluster but people in this cluster buy items which are under economic/carbolic pricing group.
- K=4: When we increase the cluster size the clusters are similar and can be distinguished as two major clusters since the other 3 are not differentiated by a large margin.
- K=5: It has similar observation like K = 4 signifying that increase in K is not distinguishing the clusters more.

Answer 1-c:

In order to identify clusters using K-means approach that describe both purchase behavior and basis for purchase, all the variables listed in Tables 1 and 3 were used.

The model was constructed with different values of k. The following table summarizes the model details for different values of k:

Table 5: Cluster models for Purchase Behavior

	K = 2	K = 3	K = 4	K = 5
Cluster Model	Cluster 0 = 340	Cluster 0 = 169	Cluster 0 = 62	Cluster 0 = 58
	Cluster 1 = 260	Cluster 1 = 226	Cluster 1 = 169	Cluster 1 = 116
		Cluster 2 = 205	Cluster 2 = 156	Cluster 2 = 190
			Cluster 3 = 213	Cluster 3 = 82
				Cluster 4 = 154
Within Centroid	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
	= 12.957	= 11.612	= 10.699	= 9.642
	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
	(Cluster 0) = 13.84	(Cluster 0) =	(Cluster 0) =	(Cluster 0) =
	Avg. within	10.733	16.332	15.439
	Centroid Distance	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	(Cluster 1) = 11.79	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
		(Cluster 1) =	(Cluster 1) =	(Cluster 1) = 8.533
		10.668	10.561	

		Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
		Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
		(Cluster 2) =	(Cluster 2) =	(Cluster 2) = 8.461
		13.370	10.332	Avg. within
			Avg. within	Centroid Distance
			Centroid Distance	(Cluster 3) = 9.268
			(Cluster 3) = 9.346	Avg. within
			,	Centroid Distance
				(Cluster 4) = 9.951
Between Cluster	1 – 2 = 3.505	1 – 2 = 3.868	1-2=3.709	1-2=4.211
Distance		1-3=3.144	1 – 3 = 4.123	1 – 3 = 5.063
		2 – 3 = 3.764	1 – 4 = 4.960	1 – 4 = 4.198
			2 – 3 = 3.279	1 – 5 = 4.056
			2 – 4 = 3.773	2 – 3 = 4.196
			3 – 4 = 3.802	2 – 4 = 3.790
				2 – 5 = 3.781
				3 – 4 = 4.080
				3 – 5 = 3.861
				4 – 5 = 3.681

The above table shows that

- For K = 2, the two clusters have large observations within them with significant differences in Brand loyalty, Maximum Brand loyalty (%), Brand Codes other than the given Brand columns (Others 999) as well the Selling proposition (Max_SP).
- Also, for K = 3, the same variables differ amongst the 3 generated clusters. The new cluster generated has the highest values for these attributes. Moreover, the Centroid Plot view (Figure 19) tells us that Other 999 (Brands other than the given Brand columns) and Brand Loyalty have an inverse relation.
- For K = 4, one of the clusters has a very small cluster size suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.
- Based on the distance computations, the K-means clustering with K = 5 gives the best results.

Answer 1-d:

In order to select the set of variables which we think will be useful for addressing the segmentation needed, we compared the different characteristics of the clusters formed by these variables. The clusters were compared based on the following characteristics:

- Cluster Size: Data points should be evenly distributed across all Clusters.
- Average within Centroid Distance: Clusters should have lower values of average within centroid distance signifying tight coupling within the cluster.
- Variations between clusters in terms of the attributes that define the model: There should be
 distinguishable variations between the various clusters formed in a model from the point of view
 of the selected model attributes.

Based on all these factors we found that the set of variables which describes the Purchase behavior provides best segmentation with evenly distributes clusters, lower values of average within centroid distance, and distinguishable variations between the various clusters formed in a model compared to

other set of variables. So, we pick the set of variables which describes the Purchase behavior for obtaining segmentation using the k-medoids, kernel k-means, agglomerative clustering, and DBSCAN clustering.

k-medoids:

The model was constructed with different values of k. The following table summarizes the model details for different values of k:

Table 6: k-medoids Cluster models for Purchase Behavior

	K = 2	K = 3	K = 4	K = 5
Cluster Model	Cluster 0 = 296	Cluster 0 = 136	Cluster 0 = 78	Cluster 0 = 57
	Cluster 1 = 304	Cluster 1 = 188	Cluster 1 = 117	Cluster 1 = 117
		Cluster 2 = 276	Cluster 2 = 155	Cluster 2 = 139
			Cluster 3 = 250	Cluster 3 = 47
				Cluster 4 = 240
Within Centroid	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
	= 9.05	= 7.210	= 6.146	= 5.644
	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance
	(Cluster 0) = 10.01	(Cluster 0) = 5.350	(Cluster 0) =	(Cluster 0) = 8.820
	Avg. within	Avg. within	10.871	Avg. within
	Centroid Distance	Centroid Distance	Avg. within	Centroid Distance
	(Cluster 1) = 8.108	(Cluster 1) = 9.568	Centroid Distance	(Cluster 1) = 3.981
		Avg. within	(Cluster 1) = 3.981	Avg. within
		Centroid Distance	Avg. within	Centroid Distance
		(Cluster 2) = 6.520	Centroid Distance	(Cluster 2) = 5.392
			(Cluster 2) = 7.081	Avg. within
			Avg. within	Centroid Distance
			Centroid Distance	(Cluster 3) =
			(Cluster 3) = 5.104	11.145
				Avg. within
				Centroid Distance
				(Cluster 4) = 4.819
Between Cluster	1 - 2 = 3.84	1 - 2 = 2.862	1 - 2 = 4.710	1 - 2 = 4.710
Distance		1 - 3 = 3.840	1 – 3 = 4.521	1 - 3 = 4.521
		2 – 3 = 4.124	1 - 4 = 4.423	1 - 4 = 3.960
			2 – 3 = 2.862	1 - 5 = 4.243
			2 – 4 = 3.840	2 – 3 = 2.862
			3 – 4 = 4.124	2 – 4 = 5.719
				2 – 5 = 3.840
				3 - 4 = 5.000
				3 – 5 = 4.124
				4 – 5 = 4.607

The above table shows that

• For K = 2, the two clusters have large observations within them with significant differences in Brand loyalty, Maximum Brand loyalty (%), Brand Codes other than the given Brand columns (Others 999).

- Also, for K = 3, the same variables differ amongst the 3 generated clusters. The new cluster generated has the highest values for these attributes. Moreover, the Centroid Plot view (Figure 19) tells us that Other 999 (Brands other than the given Brand columns) and Brand Loyalty have an inverse relation.
- For K = 4, one of the clusters has a very small cluster size suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.
- Based on the distance computations, the K-means clustering with K = 5 gives the best results but two of the clusters has a very small cluster size suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.

kernel k-means:

As k-means using kernel clustering is a non-centroid based cluster model we made use of the Cluster Density Performance operator to evaluate the model. The cluster density performance operator calculates the average distance between points in a cluster and multiplies this by the number of points minus 1.

Kernel k-means uses kernels to estimate the distance between objects and clusters. We set the kernel type as dot operator as it was giving a better cluster distribution compared to other kernel types. The model was constructed with different values of k. The following table summarizes the model details for different values of k:

Table 7: Kernel k-means Clustering Cluster models for Purchase Behavior

	K = 2	K = 3	K = 4	K = 5
Cluster Model	Cluster 0 = 283	Cluster 0 = 249	Cluster 0 = 100	Cluster 0 = 85
	Cluster 1 = 317	Cluster 1 = 152	Cluster 1 = 144	Cluster 1 = 166
		Cluster 2 = 199	Cluster 2 = 145	Cluster 2 = 90
			Cluster 3 = 211	Cluster 3 = 108
				Cluster 4 = 151
Within Cluster	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
Distance	Cluster Distance =	Cluster Distance =	Cluster Distance =	Cluster Distance =
	3887.940	2058.061	1441.377	1038.626
	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance
	(Cluster 0) =	(Cluster 0) =	(Cluster 0) =	(Cluster 0) =
	3313.644	2198.135	1445.321	1445.844
	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance
	(Cluster 1) =	(Cluster 1) =	(Cluster 1) =	(Cluster 1) =
	4400.60	2340.351	1277.166	1157.633
		Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
		Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance
		(Cluster 2) =	(Cluster 2) =	(Cluster 2) =
		1667.173	1073.347	797.012
			Avg. within	Avg. within
			Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance
			(Cluster 3) =	(Cluster 3) =
			1804.488	819.015

		Avg. within
		Cluster Distance
		(Cluster 4) =
		979.649

The above table shows that

- For K = 2, we get an evenly distributed cluster size. However, within the cluster distance is large for both the clusters, which means that points within the clusters are not that close to each other. This suggests that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.
- For K = 3, also we get evenly distributes cluster size but within the cluster distance is large.
- For K = 4, also we get evenly distributes cluster size but within the cluster distance is large.
- For K=5, we don't get an evenly distributes cluster and also within the cluster distance is large, suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.

Agglomerative clustering:

As Agglomerative clustering is a non-centroid based cluster model we made use of the Cluster Density Performance operator to evaluate the model. Also, as Agglomerative clustering is a hierarchical clustering technique we made use of the Flatten Clustering operator to obtain the number of clusters of our choice.

It is a bottom-up strategy of Hierarchical clustering. Three different strategies are supported by this operator: single-link, complete-link and average-link. We select the mode parameter as Complete link for our model and measure type as Mixed Measures and mixed measure parameter as MixedEuclideanDistance which gives us the best performance for this modeling technique. The result of this operator is a hierarchical cluster model, providing distance information to plot as a dendrogram.

The model was constructed with different values of k by setting the number of clusters parameter in Flatten Clustering operator. The following table summarizes the model details for different values of k:

Table 8: Agglomerative Clustering Cluster models for Purchase Behavior

	K = 2	K = 3	K = 4	K = 5
Cluster Model	Cluster 0 = 587	Cluster 0 = 565	Cluster 0 = 228	Cluster 0 = 13
	Cluster 1 = 13	Cluster 1 = 13	Cluster 1 = 13	Cluster 1 = 22
		Cluster 2 = 22	Cluster 2 = 337	Cluster 2 = 337
			Cluster 3 = 22	Cluster 3 = 203
				Cluster 4 = 25
Within Cluster	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
Distance	Cluster Distance =	Cluster Distance =	Cluster Distance =	Cluster Distance =
	2182.784	1963.451	892.938	820.343
	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance
	(Cluster 0) =	(Cluster 0) =	(Cluster 0) =	(Cluster 0) =
	2229.860	2080.832	707.122	57.116
	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance
	(Cluster 1) = 57.16	(Cluster 1) =	(Cluster 1) =	(Cluster 1) =
		57.116	57.116	75.367
		Avg. within	Avg. within	Avg. within
		Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance

(Cluster 2) =	(Cluster 2) =	(Cluster 2) =
75.367	1104.267	1104.267
	Avg. within	Avg. within
	Cluster Distance	Cluster Distance
	(Cluster 3) =	(Cluster 3) =
	75.367	572.125
		Avg. within
		Cluster Distance
		(Cluster 4) =
		61.030

The above table shows that

- For K = 2, we don't get an evenly distributes cluster and also within the cluster distance is large, suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.
- For K = 3, also we don't get an evenly distributes cluster and also within the cluster distance is large, suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.
- For K = 4, also we don't get an evenly distributes cluster and also within the cluster distance is large, suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.
- For K=5, we don't get an evenly distributes cluster and also within the cluster distance is large, suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.

DBSCAN:

As DBSCAN is a non-centroid based cluster model we made use of the Cluster Density Performance operator to evaluate the model. We changed the various values of min points in the DBSCAN operator by keeping the measure type as Mixed Measures and mixed measure parameter as MixedEuclideanDistance which gives us the best performance for this modeling technique.

The following table summarizes the model details for different values of min points:

Table 9: DBSCAN Cluster models for Purchase Behavior

	min points = 10	min points = 12	min points = 20
Cluster Model	Cluster 0 = 369	Cluster 0 = 447	
	Cluster 1 = 9	Cluster 1 = 71	Cluster 1 = 21
	Cluster 2 = 85	Cluster 2 = 21	
	Cluster 3 = 51	Cluster 3 = 25	
	Cluster 4 = 27	Cluster 4 = 36	
	Cluster 5 = 11		
	Cluster 6 = 28		
	Cluster 7 = 10		
	Cluster 8 = 10		
Within Cluster Distance	Avg. within Cluster	Avg. within Cluster	Avg. within Cluster
	Distance = 1013.274	Distance = 1401.149	Distance = 2204.768
	Avg. within Cluster	Avg. within Cluster	Avg. within Cluster
	Distance (Cluster 0) =	Distance (Cluster 0) =	Distance (Cluster 0) =
	1595.000	1855.300	2283.951
	Avg. within Cluster	Avg. within Cluster	Avg. within Cluster
	Distance (Cluster 1) =	Distance (Cluster 1) =	Distance (Cluster 1) =
	9.356	116.940	21.600

Avg. within Cluster	Avg. within Cluster	
Distance (Cluster 2) =	Distance (Cluster 2) =	
150.082	25.045	
Avg. within Cluster	Avg. within Cluster	
Distance (Cluster 3) =	Distance (Cluster 3) =	
84.190	29.408	
Avg. within Cluster	Avg. within Cluster	
Distance (Cluster 4) =	Distance (Cluster 4) =	
36.142	50.169	
Avg. within Cluster		
Distance (Cluster 5) =		
11.049		
Avg. within Cluster		
Distance (Cluster 6) =		
34.933		
Avg. within Cluster		
Distance (Cluster 7) =		
9.802		
Avg. within Cluster		
Distance (Cluster 8) =		
10.092		

- For min points = 10, we get 9 clusters with uneven cluster size and even the avg. distance within the cluster is high, suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.
- For min points = 12, we get 5 clusters with uneven cluster size and again the avg. distance within the cluster is high, suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.
- For min points = 20, we get just 2 clusters with uneven cluster size and again the avg. distance within the cluster is high, suggesting that the given model is not feasible to consider for clustering of the given data.

Based on the analysis of various clustering technique by using the various performance criteria, it can be concluded that k-medoids and k-means clustering technique gives better results with evenly distributed cluster, small average within the centroid distance and distinguishable variations between the various clusters formed in a model. For both these models we see K=3 gives the best result. However, k-medoids outperforms k-means with a better Average within the centroid distance. Also, the medoid as used by k-medoids is roughly comparable to the median which is more robust to outliers than the arithmetic mean.

Best Model: k-medoids with K = 3 for Purchasing Behavior

Answer 2:

In order to choose the best segmentation, the following key elements were considered:

- Purchase behavior
- Basis-for-purchase
- Both

The different characteristics of the clusters formed by these elements were compared to select the best model. The clusters were compared based on the following characteristics:

- Cluster Size: Data points should be evenly distributed across all Clusters.
- Average within Centroid Distance: Clusters should have lower values of average within centroid distance signifying tight coupling within the cluster.
- Variations between clusters in terms of the attributes that define the model: There should be
 distinguishable variations between the various clusters formed in a model from the point of view
 of the selected model attributes.

If we consider both the basis-for-purchase and purchasing behavior for the best segmentation, the model with K = 5 gives the least Average within cluster distance, however the model is not evenly distributed with clusters of varying size as well the within centroid distance for different clusters has a wide range.

Based on the distance calculation, purchasing behavior with K =5 seems the best model. However, since that model has abnormal distribution (cluster size) across different clusters as well as minimum variations amongst clusters with respect to Brand royalty, the model with K = 3 seems the best Model.

Best Model: k-medoids with K = 3 for Purchasing Behavior Characteristics:

- Evenly distributed cluster size.
- Small Average within centroid distance signifying tightly coupled clusters.
- Evident variations between the clusters in terms of the model attributes. (Refer Figure 27 and 28 in Part B)
- Clusters:
 - Cluster 0: These consumers are the least brand loyal as they purchase most of their products from the other category. Also, their total volume of products purchased is the low amongst the clusters. Other characteristics include low average value, high average volume by transaction and high percent of volume purchased under promotion Code 6.
 - Cluster 1: These consumers are not brand loyal as they purchase most of their products from the Other category. Also, their total volume of products purchased is the lowest amongst the clusters. Other characteristics include highest no. of brands, low no. of transactions, lowest average value, highest percent of volume purchased under promotion Code 6, lowest average volume by transaction and highest average price.
 - Cluster 2: These consumers are the ones that represent the target customers for CRISA clients regarding their brand promotions. They have high brand loyalty with most of the products belonging to the Brands specified in the data columns (Br Cd. 144,55, 286 etc.). They have lowest value for Other brands, lowest percent of volume purchased under promotion Code 6, highest average volume by transaction and highest percent of volume purchased under no-promotion.

In addition, the above clusters have nearly the same selling Affluence Index range and percent of volume purchased under other promotions.

Answer 3:

After deciding on the "best" cluster size and the cluster variable we consider building a decision tree to obtain rules and descriptions for the different clusters of the model.

The following variables were selected to compute the decision tree:

- Avg. Price
- Brand Runs
- Brand_Royalty
- Max_Br_Cd
- No. of Trans
- No. of Brands
- Others 999
- Total Volume
- Value

The leaf node of the tree is the cluster number. Thus, each household in the dataset will be placed in the corresponding cluster leaf nodes based on the generated rules.

The decision tree (Part B - Figure 25) was built on the criteria of **information gain** with the following parameters:

Minimum size of split: 10 Minimum leaf size: 10 Minimum gain: 0.1 Maximum Depth: 20 Confidence: 0.25

The main characteristics of the tree are:

- The root element for the decision tree is Max_Br_Cd (Brand Loyalty %).
- The other key attributes at the top of the tree are No. of Brands, Brand Runs and Avg_Price.
- The effectiveness of the tree in classifying the data can be viewed in terms of the Decision tree Accuracy performance. The performance of this tree is 94.50% (Refer to Part B Figure 45) which is a good indication of the effectiveness of the Decision tree.
- Also, the root nodes for the tree are relatively large with almost pure nodes, thereby avoiding the issue of Over-fit to the current dataset.
- The tree also helps in defining the clusters with more concrete rules / definitions as compared to
 the cluster model which provides only an approximation (high, low, medium) to interpret the
 results.
- Sample rule: Households whose Max_Br_Cd is less than or equal to -0.240 and No_of Brands is less than or equal to -0.87 and Avg_Price is less than and equal to 0.264 then cluster_0.

DATA MINING - PART B

Answer 1-a:

• K= 2

Figure 1: Centroid Plot View K = 2

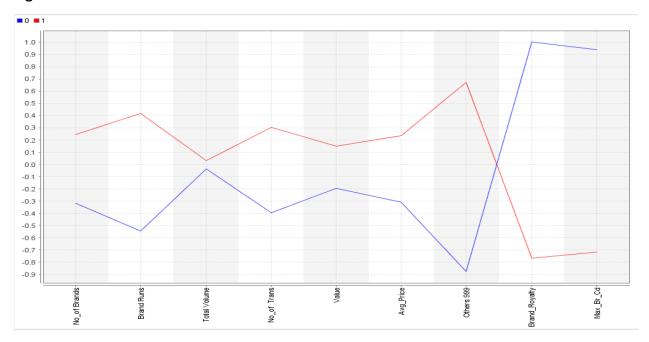


Figure 2: 3D Scatter chart K = 2

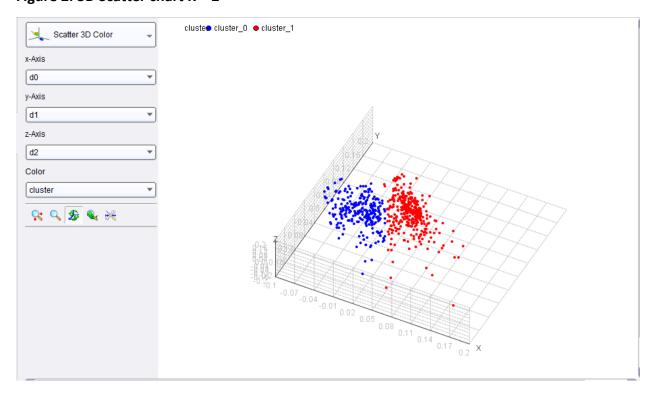


Figure 3: Centroid Plot View K = 3

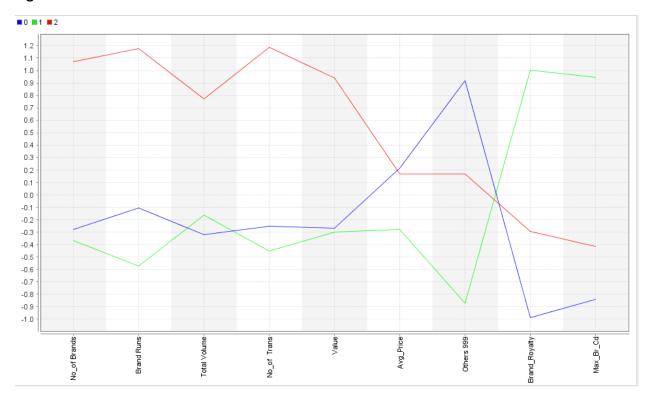


Figure 4: 3D Scatter chart K = 3

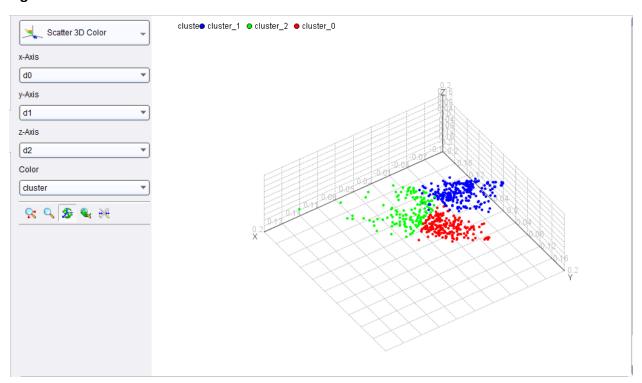


Figure 5: Centroid Plot View K = 4

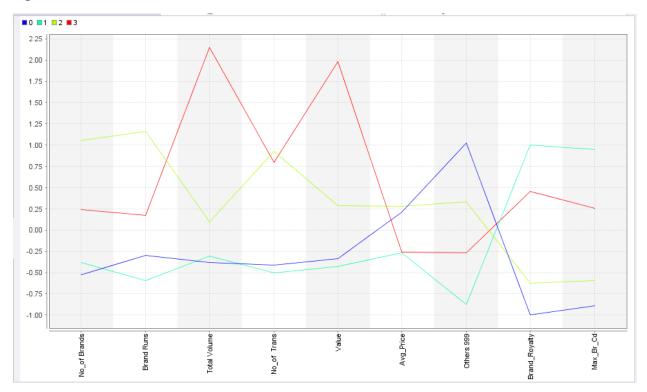


Figure 6: 3D Scatter Chart K = 4

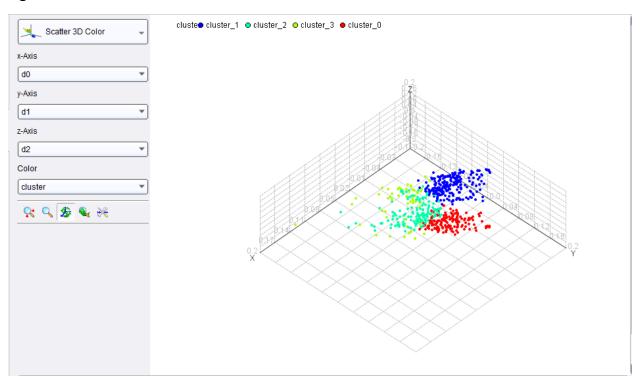


Figure 7: Centroid Plot View K = 5

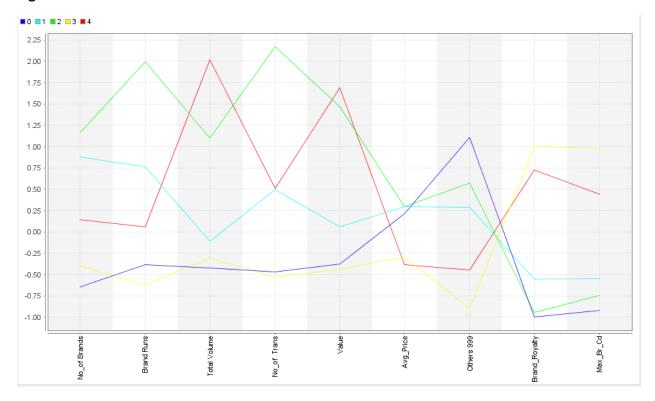
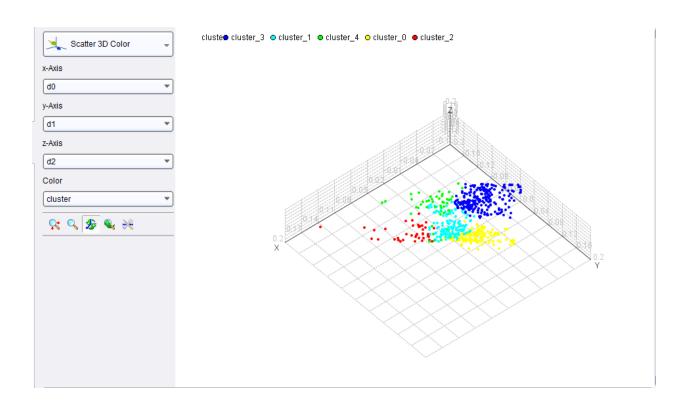


Figure 8: Centroid Plot View K = 5



Answer 1-b:

• K=2

Figure 9: Centroid Plot View K = 2

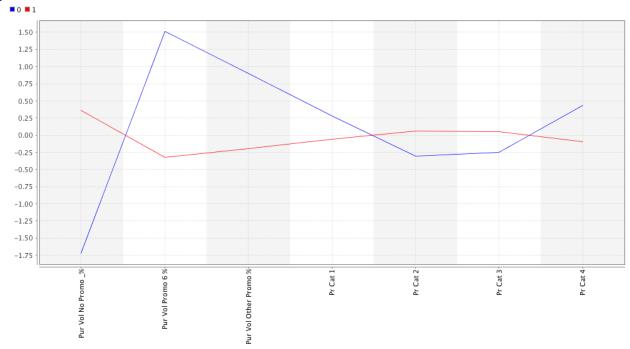
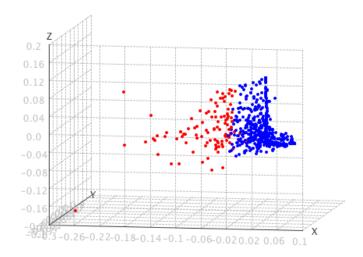


Figure 10: 3D Scatter chart K = 2

cluster• cluster_1 • cluster_0



• K=3

Figure 11: Centroid Plot View K = 3

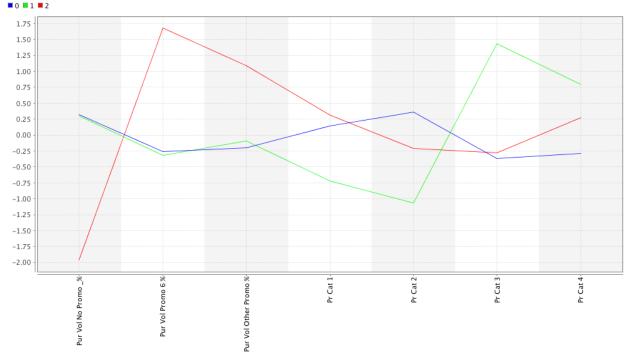
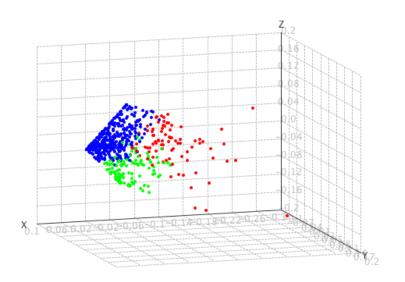


Figure 12: 3D Scatter chart K = 3

cluster• cluster_0 • cluster_1 • cluster_2



• K=4

Figure 13: Centroid Plot View K = 4

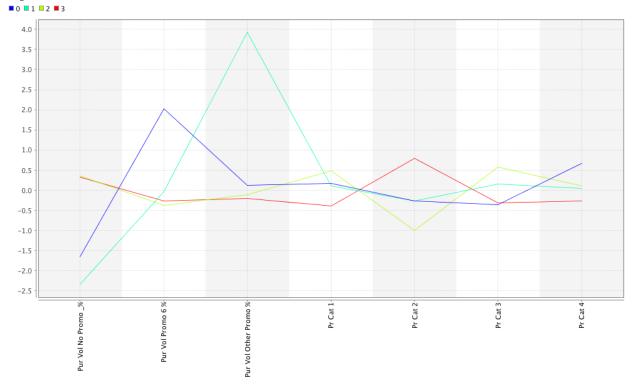
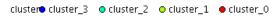
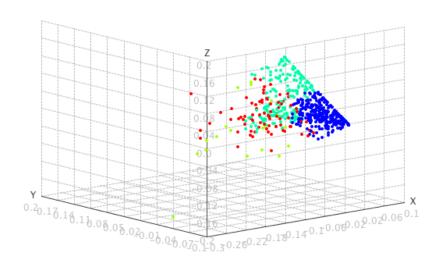


Figure 14: 3D Scatter chart K = 4





• K=5

Figure 15: Centroid Plot View K = 5

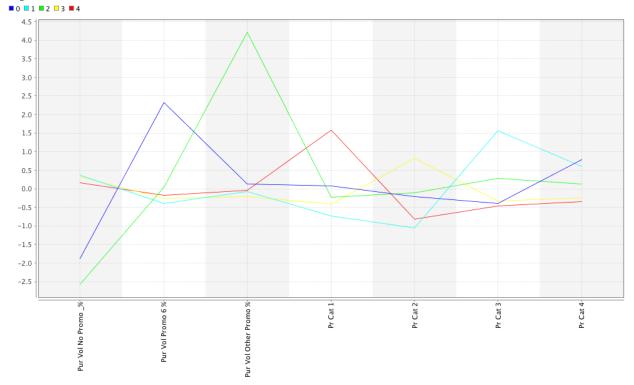
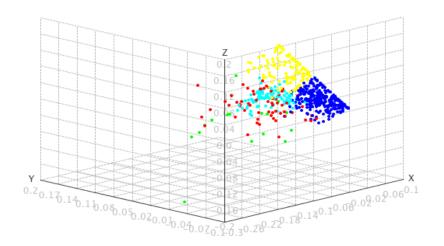


Figure 16: 3D Scatter chart K = 5





Answer 1-c:

• K= 2

Figure 17: Centroid Plot View K = 2

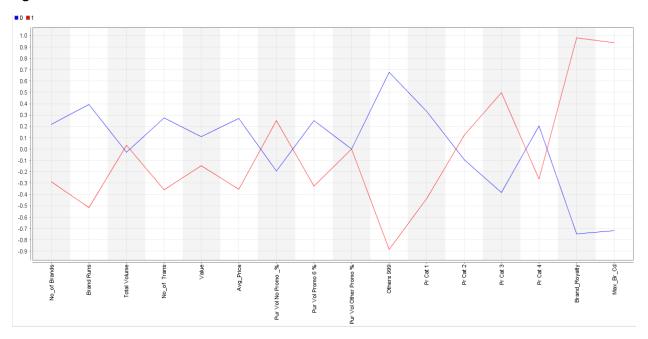


Figure 18: 3D Scatter chart K = 2

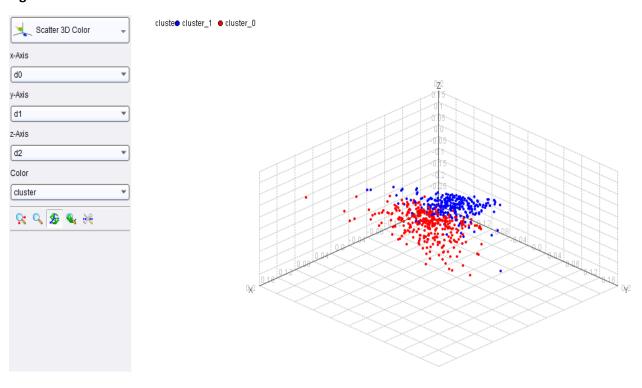


Figure 19: Centroid Plot View K = 3

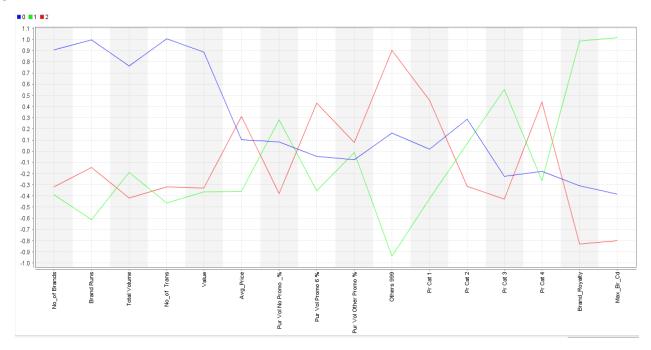


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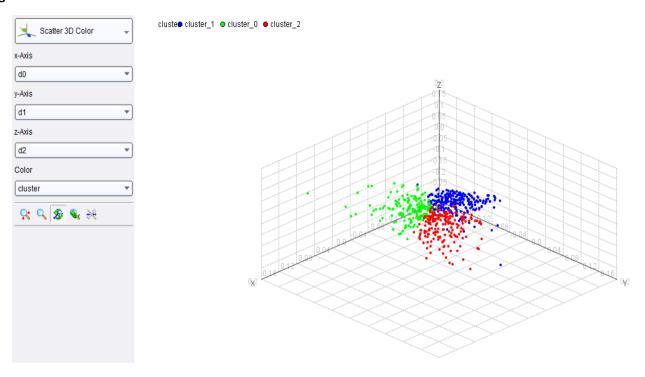


Figure 21: Centroid Plot View K = 4

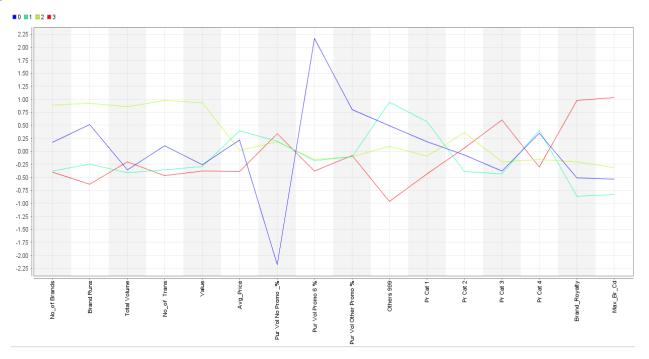


Figure 22: 3D Scatter chart K = 4

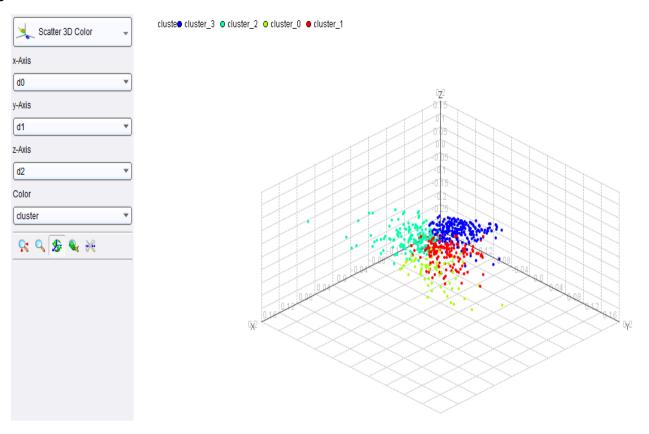


Figure 23: Centroid Plot View K = 5

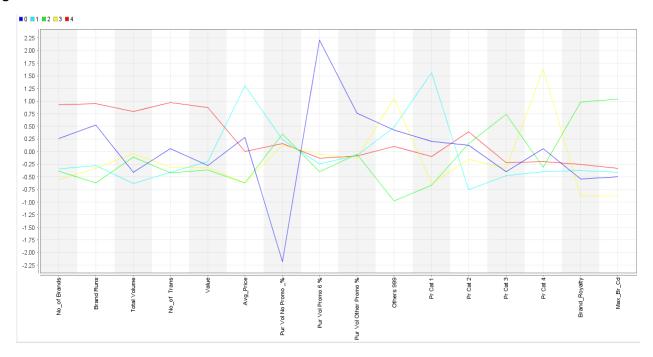
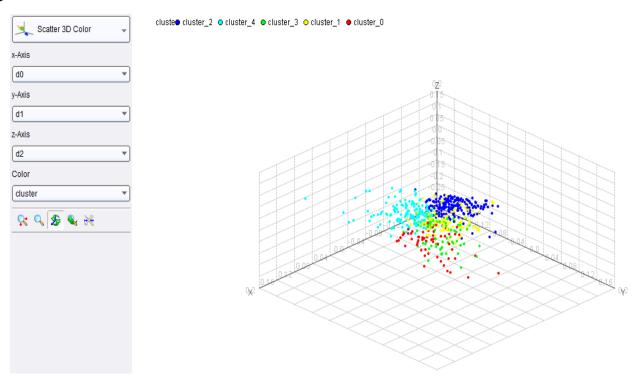


Figure 24: 3D Scatter chart K = 5



Answer 1-d:

k-medoids:

Figure 25: Centroid Plot View K = 2

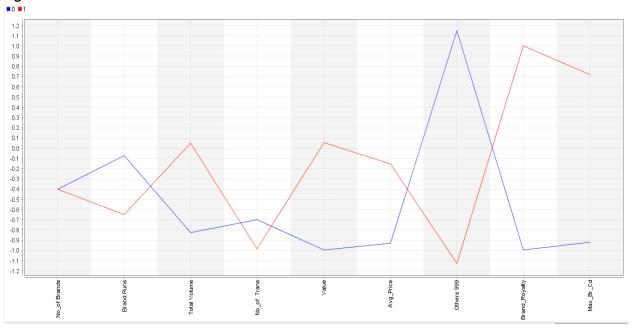
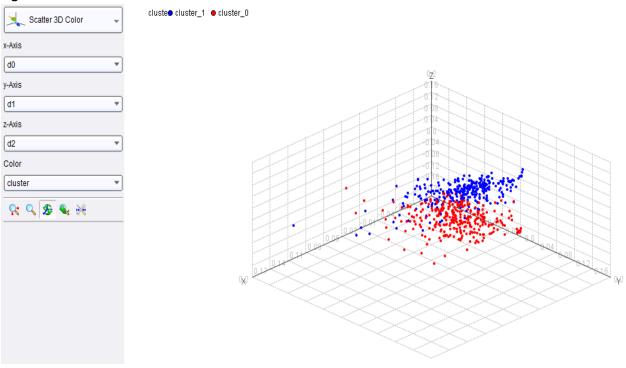


Figure 26: 3D Scatter chart K = 2



K = 3

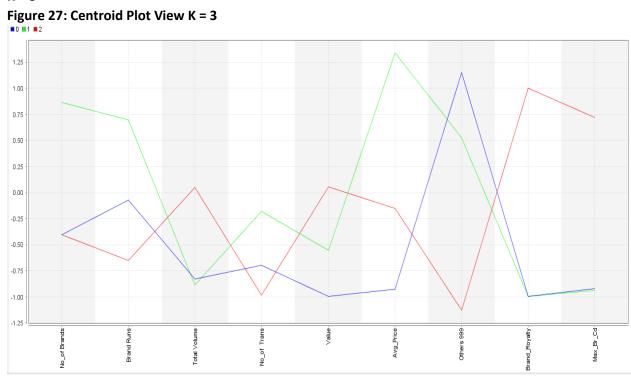
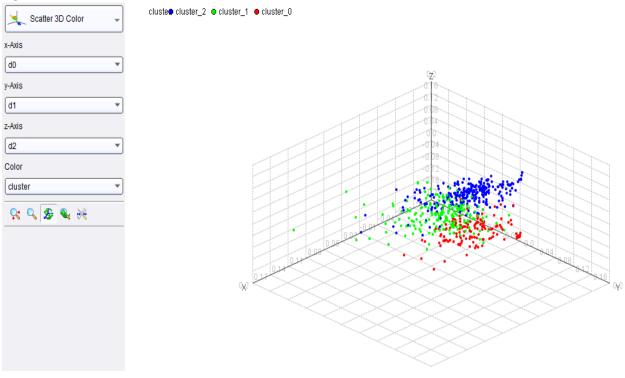


Figure 28: 3D Scatter chart K = 3



K = 4

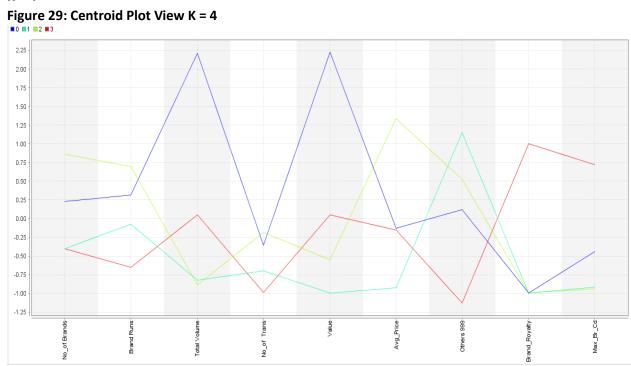
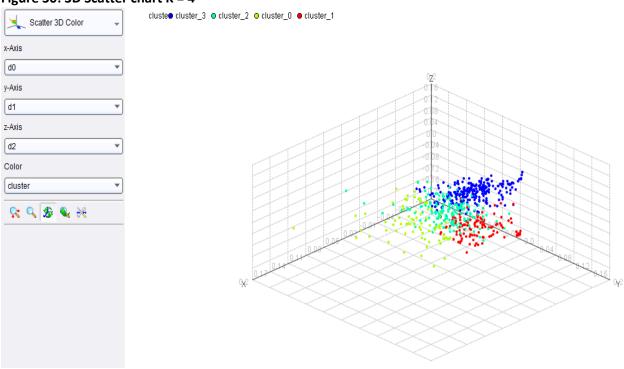


Figure 30: 3D Scatter chart K = 4



K = 5

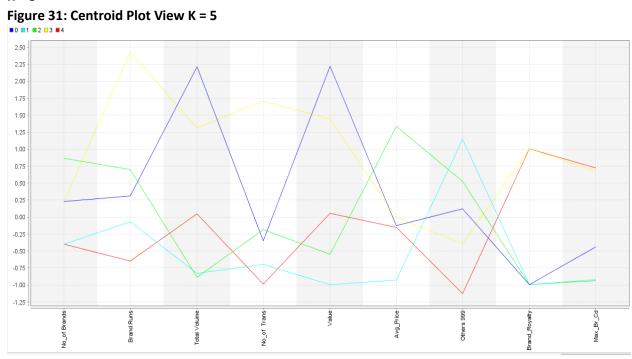
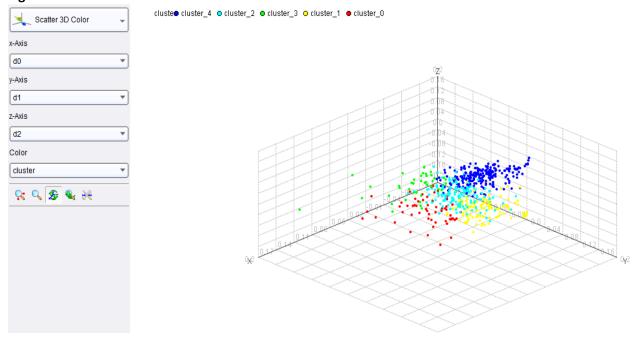


Figure 32: 3D Scatter chart K = 5



kernel k-means:

• K = 2

Figure 33: 3D Scatter chart K = 2

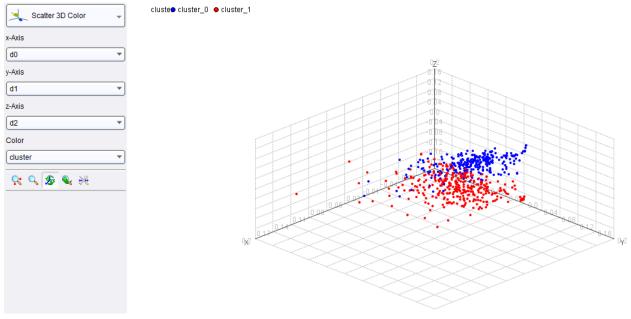
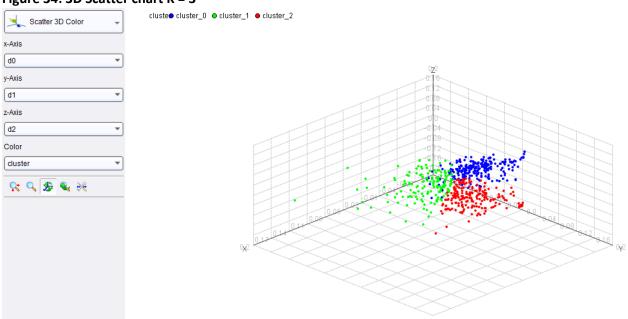


Figure 34: 3D Scatter chart K = 3



• K = 4

Figure 35: 3D Scatter chart K = 4

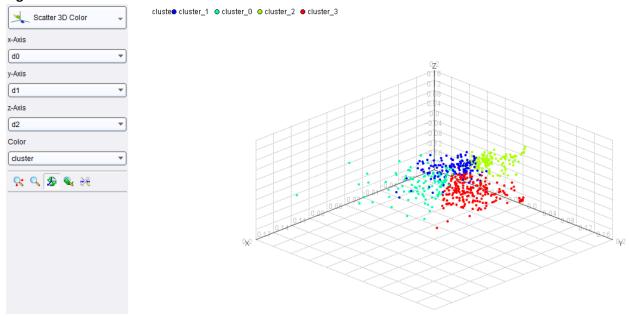
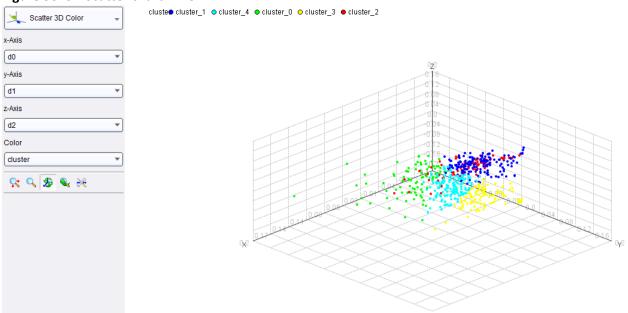


Figure 36: 3D Scatter chart K = 5



Agglomerative Clustering:

• K = 2

Figure 37: 3D Scatter chart K = 2

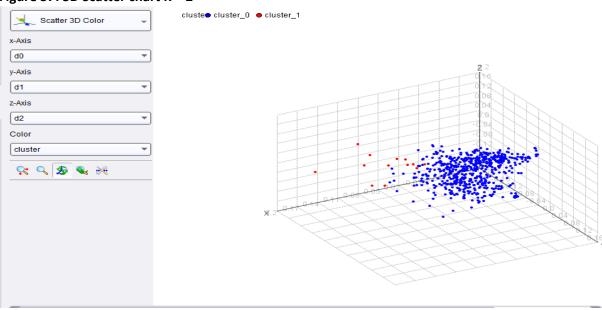
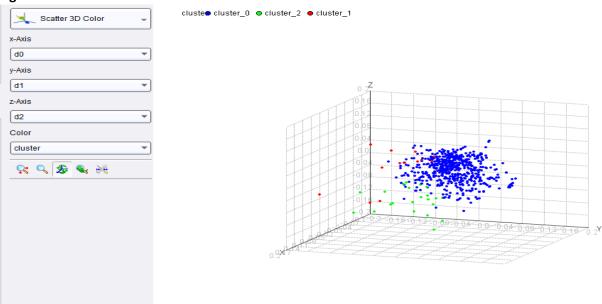


Figure 38: 3D Scatter chart K = 3



• K = 4

Figure 39: 3D Scatter chart K = 4

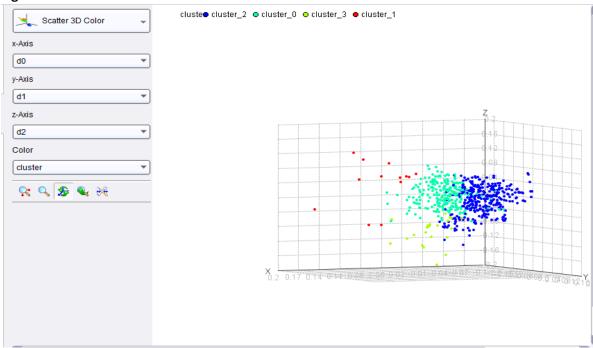
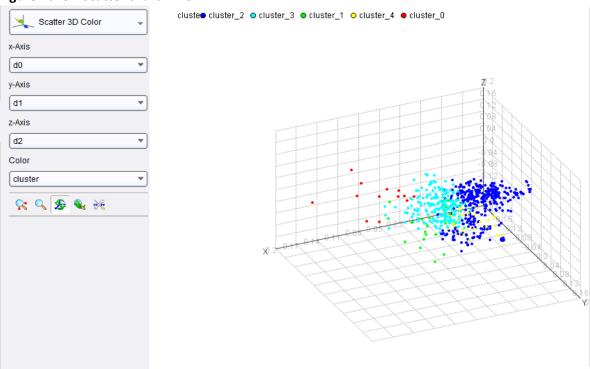
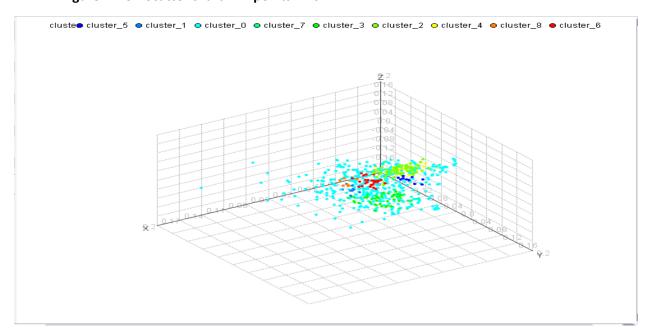


Figure 40: 3D Scatter chart K = 5

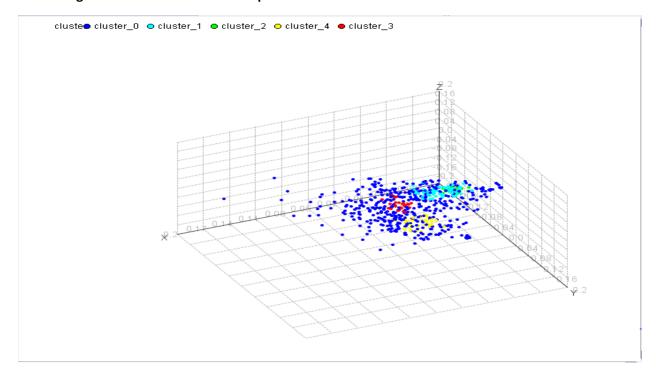


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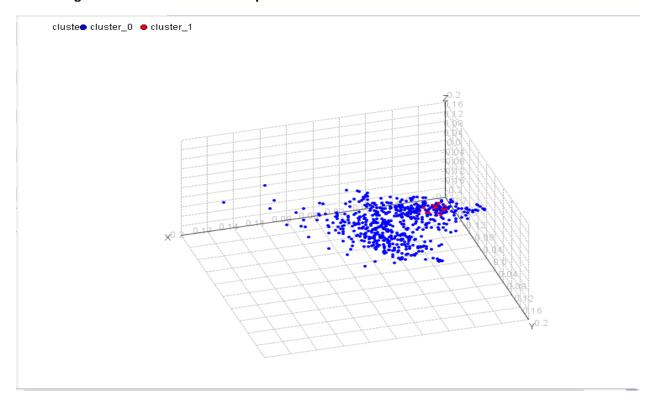
• min points = 10 Figure 41: 3D Scatter chart min points = 10



• min points = 12 Figure 42: 3D Scatter chart min points = 12



• min points = 20 Figure 43: 3D Scatter chart min points = 20



Answer 3:

Figure 44: Decision tree

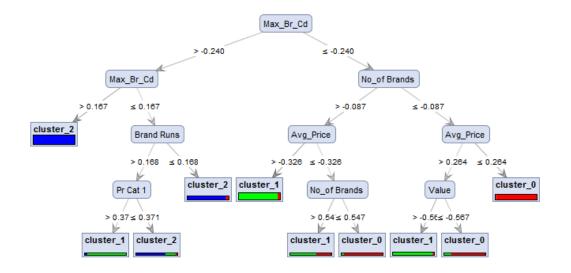


Figure 45: Performance table for Decision tree

accuracy: 94.50%						
	true cluster_2	true cluster_1	true cluster_0	class precision		
pred. cluster_2	274	5	4	96.82%		
pred. cluster_1	2	177	16	90.77%		
pred. cluster_0	0	6	116	95.08%		
class recall	99.28%	94.15%	85.29%			