Question 1: Perform the clustering

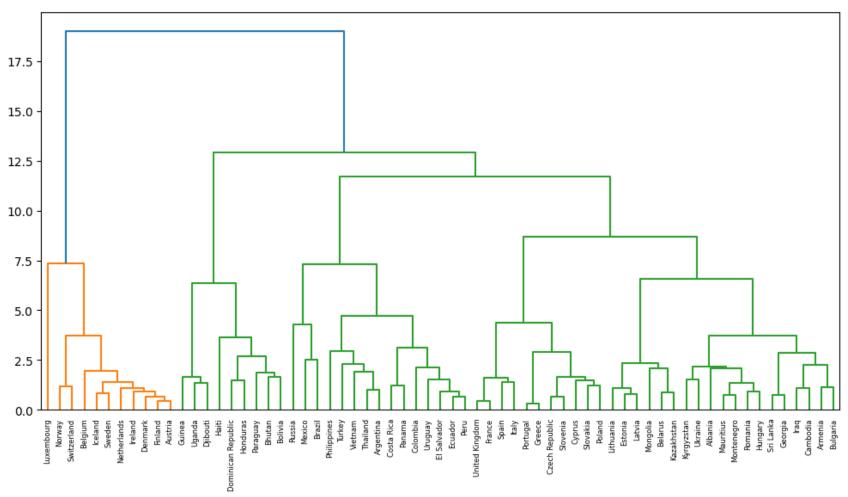
Following is a part of data from Happy Planet Index website, which provides some information about the 65 countries in 2016.

```
import pandas as pd
In [41]:
         data = pd.read_csv("happyplanet2016.csv")
         print(data.head())
                             Region Life_Expectancy Well_Being Happy_Life_Years \
              Country
        0 Costa Rica
                           Americas
                                              79.076
                                                             7.3
                                                                         48.174792
        1
               Mexico
                           Americas
                                              76.411
                                                             7.3
                                                                         44.262083
        2
             Colombia
                           Americas
                                              73.673
                                                             6.4
                                                                         35.070893
        3
              Vietnam Asia Pacific
                                              75.477
                                                             5.5
                                                                         32,770246
        4
               Panama
                           Americas
                                              77.215
                                                             6.9
                                                                         42.076665
           Environmental_Footprint Inequality HappyPlanetIndex
                                                                        GDP PC \
        0
                              2.84
                                      0.145568
                                                       44.714071
                                                                   9733.396931
        1
                              2.89
                                      0.187699
                                                       40.697292
                                                                   9703.371017
        2
                              1.87
                                      0.235044
                                                       40.695011
                                                                   7885,061292
        3
                              1.65
                                      0.185921
                                                       40.307589
                                                                   1754,547974
                                      0.189979
        4
                              2.79
                                                       39.502577 10138.521129
           Population GINIindex
        0
              4654148
                           48.61
        1
            122070963
                           48.07
        2
             46881018
                           53.54
        3
             88809200
                           38.70
              3743761
                           51.90
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1. Use the country names as the labels. Remove the Region information, then perfrom a Hierarchical clustering with ward linkage. Plot the dendrogram. (20)

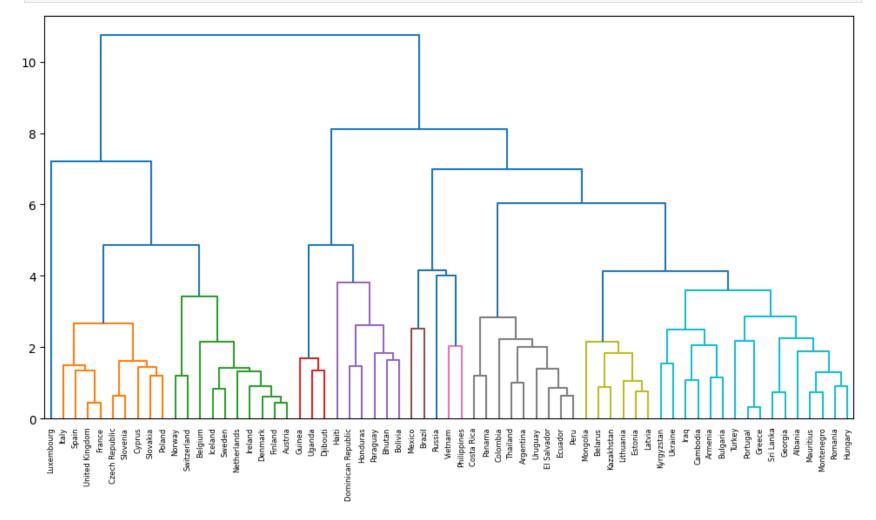
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In [35]: from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.cluster.hierarchy import dendrogram, linkage
labels = data.Country
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X = data.drop(['Region', 'Country'], axis = 1)
scalar = StandardScaler()
X_scaled = scalar.fit_transform(X)
linkage_matrix = linkage(X_scaled, method='ward') # ward linkage
plt.figure(figsize = (12,6))
dendrogram(linkage_matrix, labels=labels.values)
plt.show()
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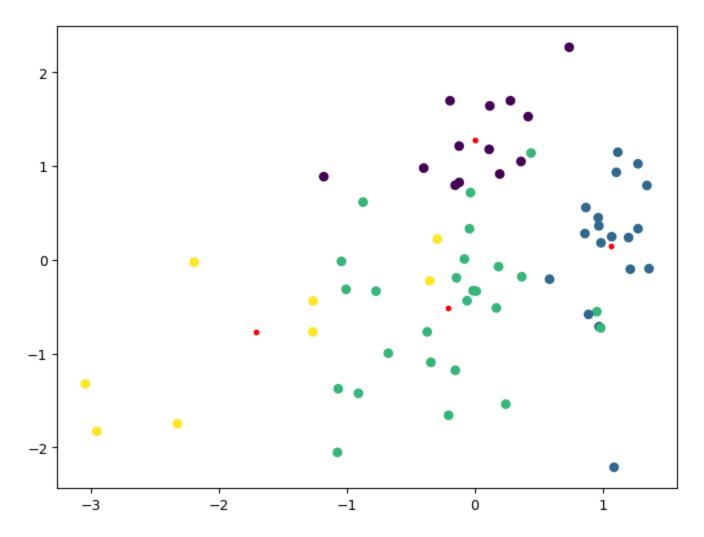


2. Show another dendrogram with complete linkage. Choose a cluster number to color the plot. (5)

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In [36]: linkage_matrix = linkage(X_scaled, method='complete') # complete linkage
    plt.figure(figsize = (12,6))
    dendrogram(linkage_matrix, labels=labels.values, color_threshold=4)
    plt.show()
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3. Perform the k-means clustering. Use the same cluster number in the previous question. Plot the clustering with "HappyPlanetIndex" and "Life_Expectancy". (20)



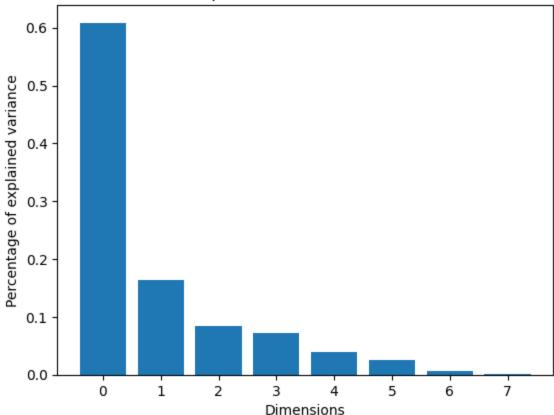
Question 2: Perform the PCA

1. Use the same data from Question 1. Remove the "HappyPlanetIndex" since it is a linear combination of all the other variables. Perform the PCA and plot the explained variance ratio for PCs. (20)

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
```

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
labels = data.Country
X = data.drop(['Region', 'Country', 'HappyPlanetIndex'], axis = 1)
scalar = StandardScaler()
X_scaled = scalar.fit_transform(X)
pca = PCA()
# transformed data, x_pca is now the pca columns
x_pca = pca.fit_transform(X_scaled)
# scaled eigenvalues so their sum is equal to one
explained_variance_ratio = pca.explained_variance_ratio_
eigenvalues = pca.explained_variance_
plt.bar(range(len(eigenvalues)), explained_variance_ratio)
plt.title('Explained Variance Bar Plot')
plt.xlabel('Dimensions')
plt.ylabel('Percentage of explained variance')
plt.show()
```



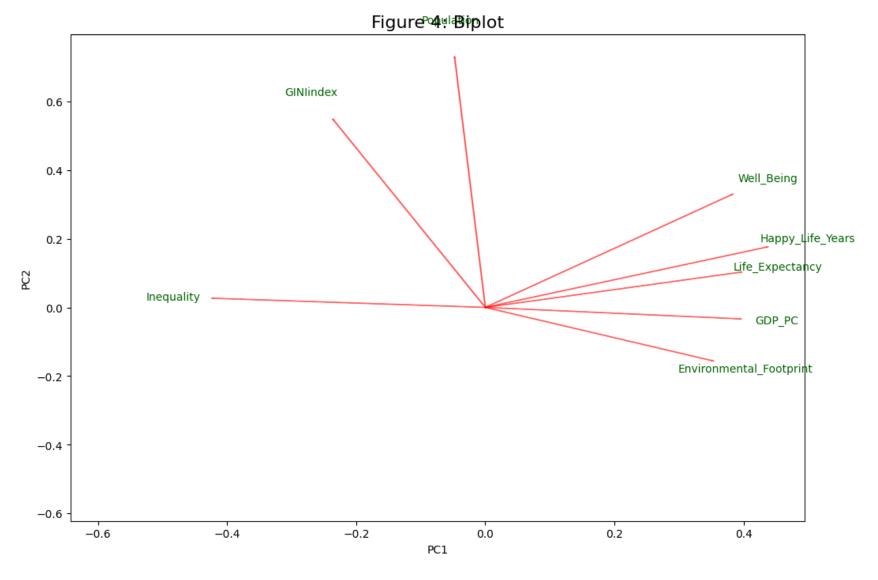


2. Use the code in the code demonstration and plot the bi-plot for the PCA. Discuss how the features are related with each other. (10)

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In [39]: PC1 = pca.components_[:,0] # change index to look at other pcs
PC2 = pca.components_[:,1]

def biplot(score,coef,labels=None):
    n = coef.shape[0]
    scalex = 1.0/(PC1.max() - PC2.min())
    scaley = 1.0/(PC1.max() - PC2.min())
    plt.scatter(PC1 * scalex,
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PC2 * scaley, c = 'w')
    for i in range(n):
        plt.arrow(0, 0,
                  coef[i,0],
                  coef[i,1],
                  color = 'red',
                  alpha = 0.5
        plt.text(coef[i,0]* 1.15,
                 coef[i,1] * 1.15,
                 labels[i],
                 color = 'darkgreen',
                 ha = 'center',
                 va = 'center')
    plt.xlabel("PC{}".format(1))
    plt.ylabel("PC{}".format(2))
plt.figure(figsize=(12,8))
plt.title("Figure 4: Biplot",
          fontsize=16)
feature_names = X.columns
biplot(pca,
       np.transpose(pca.components_),
       list(feature_names))
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Since GINIIndex and Inequality vectors point in the opposite direction from Environmental_Footprint, GDP_PC, Life_Expectancy, Happy_Life_Years, and Well_Being vectors, GINIIndex and Inequality are both negatively correlated with Environmental_Footprint, GDP_PC, Life_Expectancy, Happy_Life_Years, and Well_Being. GINIIndex and Inequality vectors are positively correlated with each other and Environmental_Footprint, GDP_PC, Life_Expectancy, Happy_Life_Years, and Well_Being are positively correlated with each other. Inequality is one of the longest vectors and thus is very important to the principal components.

3. Fit a linear regression with the first three PCs and report the MSE. (10)

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In [42]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
         from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression
         from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
         X = data.drop(['Region', 'Country', 'HappyPlanetIndex'], axis = 1)
         y = data.HappyPlanetIndex
         X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size = 0.2, random_state = 4400)
         scaler = StandardScaler()
         X train scaled = scaler.fit transform(X train)
         X_test_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_test)
         pca = PCA(n components = 3)
         X_train_pca = pca.fit_transform(X_train_scaled)
         X_test_pca = pca.fit_transform(X_test_scaled)
         lm pca = LinearRegression()
         lm pca.fit(X train pca, y train)
         y pred pca = lm pca.predict(X test pca)
         mse_pca = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_pca)
         print("MSE pca: ", mse_pca)
```

MSE pca: 47.52847813961134

Question 3: Compare the clustering methods

1. Discuss the difference between Hierarchical clustering and kmeans clustering. Please list at least three differences. (10)

Hierarchical clustering does not have a predefined number of clusters, is not sensitive to initialization, and is robust to noise due to complete linkage. However, it's also computationally and memory intensive because there are many pairwise distance calculations that must be stored. In contrast, k-means clustering is computationally efficient and more flexible than hierarchical clustering, but is sensitive to initialization and outliers and needs to have a pre-determined number of clusters.

2. Please summarize the pros and cons for using PCA instead of original data. (5)

PCA is a dimensionality reduction technique used to simplify high-dimensional data. It identifies directions in the data that represent the maximum amount of variation, and then transforms the original variables into a new set of uncorrelated variables called principal components. The principal components are ordered in terms of the amount of variation they explain, with the first component explaining the most variation and the last component explaining the least. Pros of PCAs is that they are good for simplifying high-dimensional data with many features and potential collinearity among variables. Cons are that PCAs assume linearity in the dataset, so if the data is non linear the results could be difficult to interpret. Furthermore, if the relationship between the original variables is not well understood it can be difficult to understand the PCA results, as they will further simplify the data.

In []: