# Workshop: Data science with R (ZEW)

Session #6: Unsupervised learning

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#### End-to-end machine learning project

- 1- Look at the big picture.
- 2- Get the data.
- 3- Discover and visualize the data to gain insights.
- 4- Prepare the data for Machine Learning algorithms.
- 5- Select a model and train it.
- 6- Fine-tune your model.
- 7- Present your solution.
- 8- Launch, monitor, and maintain your system

#### Unsupervised learning

#### Definition

- 1. Subsumes all kinds of machine learning where there is no known output
- 2. "Learning without a teacher"

#### Types

- 1. Unsupervised transformations (UT): algorithms that create new representation of high dimensional data, which output is potentially easier for other algorithms as well as human to understand the underlying structure.
  - 1. Dimensionality reduction is the most common application of UT. It summarises the data by creating a smaller feature space that contains as much as possible the variance of the original representation.
  - 2. Clustering algorithms: partition of data into different groups according to a similarity rule.

#### Challenges

- 1. Evaluate if the algorithm is learning something salient
- 2. With unlabeled data is hard to tell if the we have done right.
  - 1. In psychological studies is common to construct factors from a set of features.
- 3. Is considered as "pre-processing" the data which is going to be used for supervised learning models.
- 4. Unsupervised learning algorithms are highly sensitive to scales.

#### Definition

- 1. The process of grouping similar objects together.
- 2. Grouping/segmenting a collection of objects into subsets or "clusters", such that those within each cluster are more closely related to one another than objects assigned to different clusters.

#### Inputs

- 1. Similarity-based clustering (N imes N)
  - 1. Instrument are typically dissimilarity or distance matrices.
- 2. Feature-based clustering  $(N imes X_p)$

#### **Outputs**

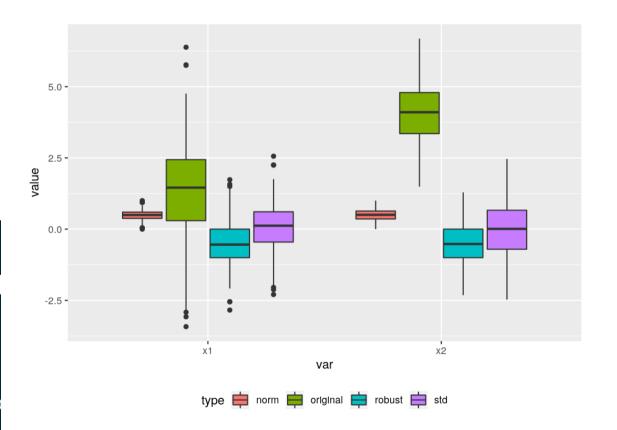
- 1. Flat clustering: partition into disjoint sets
  - 1. It is necessary to provide ex-ante the number of sets
- 2. Hierarchical clustering: nested tree sets
  - 1. It is not required to specify the number of sets

#### **Transformations**

- 1. As stated, clustering algorithms are sensitive to scales. It is a common practice to transforma the features.
  - 1. Normalize  $x_i \in (0,1)$ :  $rac{x_i min(x_i)}{max(x_i) min(x_i)}$
  - 2. Standardize  $x_i \sim (0,1)$ :  $\frac{x_i E(x_i)}{\sigma_{x_i}}$
  - 3. Robust scaler:  $\frac{x_i Q_1(x_i)}{Q_3(x_i) Q_1(x_i)}$

```
x1=1*rep(1, 100)+rnorm(100, sd = 2)
x2=4*rep(1, 100)+rnorm(100)
```

```
stdF <- function(x){
    (x-mean(x, na.rm = T))/sd(x, na.rm = T)
}
normF <- function(x){
    (x-min(x, na.rm = T))/(max(x, na.rm = T)-min(x, na.rm = T))}
}</pre>
```



#### Measuring (dis)similarity

- 1. A clustering method attempts to group the objects based on the definition of similarity supplied to it.
- 2. Data is defined in terms of proximity between a pair of objects. Proximity can be measure either by affinity (similarities) or lack of it (dissimilarities).
  - 1. D of size  $N \times N$ , where N is the number of objects.
  - 2. Matrix D is used as an input for the algorithm
  - 3. Algorithms assumes that the matrix D is simmetric
- 3. A dissimilarity matrix D is a matrix where  $d_{i,i}=0$  and  $d_{i,j}\geq 0$ , that is, it measures the distance between elements i and j.

#### Measuring (dis)similarity based on attributes

- 1. Most often we have measurements  $x_{ij}$  for  $i=1,2,\ldots,N$ , on variables  $j=1,2,\ldots,p$  (also called attributes)
- 2. Step 1: construct pairwise dissimilarities between the observations and used as input.
- 3. Step 2: We define a dissimilarity  $d_i(x_{ij}, x_{i'j})$  between values of the jth attribute.
- 4. Step 3: Define the measure according to the type of attribute (feature)

#### Quantitative

| Measure     | Formula                                                                                                                               |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Absolute    | $d(x_i,x_i') = abs(x_i-x_i')$                                                                                                         |
| Squared     | $d(x_i,x_i^\prime)=(x_i-x_i^\prime)^2$                                                                                                |
| Correlation | $rac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_{i}-\overline{x})(y_{i}-\overline{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_{i}-\overline{x})^{2}(y_{i}-\overline{y})^{2}}}$ |

#### Measuring (dis)similarity based on attributes

#### Categorical

1. Ordinal: Ordered set of elements eg likert scales. Error measures for ordinal features are generally defined by replacing their M original values following:

$$rac{i-1/2}{M},\;i=1,\ldots,M$$

1. Categorical: With unordered categorical (nomimal) we must assess the degree-of-difference between pairs of values by creating  $M \times M$  matrix of distinct elements. Distance is given by  $L_{rr'} = 1$  if the elements match.

One can create a correlation of categorical variables with **tetrachoric** (binary) and **polychoric** (ordinal) correlations. Nice description

In the appendix I have included more distance measures.

#### Algorithms

- 1. Combinatorial: work directly on the observed data with no direct reference to an underlying probability model
  - 1. Most popular
  - 2. Hard to assess the quality of grouping output
- 2. Mixture modeling: data is an i.i.d sample from some population described by a probability density function.
- 3. Mode seekers ("bump hunters") take a nonparametric perspective, attempting to directly estimate distinct modes of the probability density function.

#### Combinatorial

- 1. Each observation is uniquely labeled by an integer  $i \in \{1, \cdot \cdot \cdot, N\}$ .
- 2. Prespecified number of clusters K < N is postulated, and each one is labeled by an integer  $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$
- 3. Each observation is assigned to one and only one cluster.
- 4. Heuristic procedure
- 5. Popular algorithms
  - 1. K-means clustering
  - 2. Hierarchical clustering

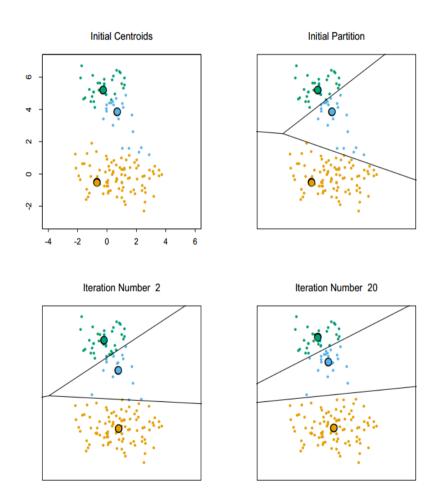
#### K-means

#### K-means Clustering.

- 1. For a given cluster assignment C, the total cluster variance is minimized with respect to  $\{m_1, \ldots, m_K\}$  yielding the means of the currently assigned clusters
- 2. Given a current set of means  $\{m_1, \ldots, m_K\}$ , is minimized by assigning each observation to the closest (current) cluster mean. That is,

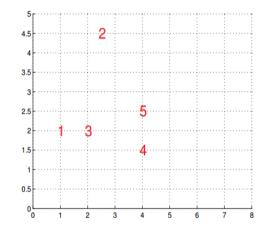
$$C(i) = \underset{1 \le k \le K}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||x_i - m_k||^2.$$

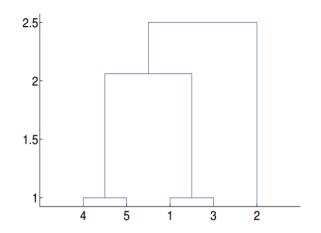
3. Steps 1 and 2 are iterated until the assignments do not change.



#### Hierarchical clustering (HC)

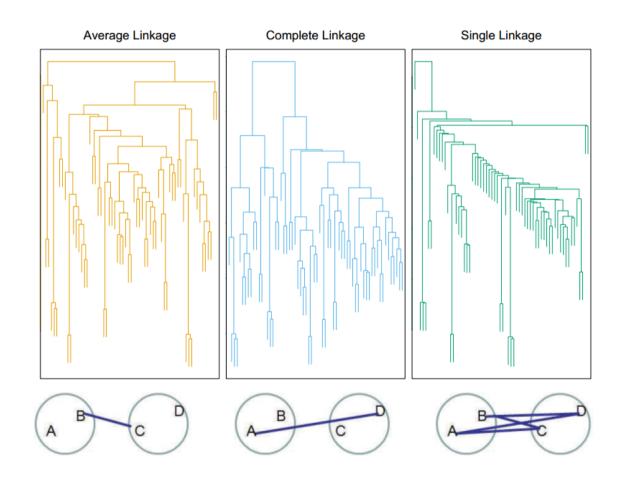
- 1. K-means demand to establish the number of clusters beforehand. In contrast, hierarchical clustering methods do no require such specifications.
- 2. With HC the user have to specify a measure of dissimilarity between (disjoint) groups of observations, based on the pairwise dissimilarities among the observations in the two groups.
- 3. Produces hierarchical reprentation of the data



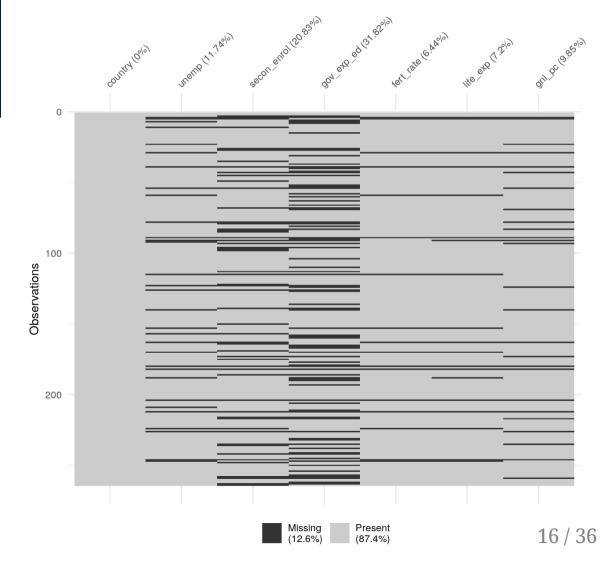


#### Hierarchical clustering (HC)

- 1. Agglomerative (bottom-up): it starts by merging two set of clusters, then repeat the process in the next level.
  - 1. Step 1: Every observation represents a cluster
  - 2. Step 2: Cluster merge into a single cluster in the next level
  - 3. The dissimilarity at each level could be:
    - 1. Single linkage (SL) or nearest-neighbor
    - 2. Complete linkage (CL)
    - 3. Average linkage (AL)
    - 4. Centroid linkage (CeL)
    - 5. Ward's minimum variance method (ward)



```
## # A tibble: 1,320 x 9
      iso2c country year unemp secon_enrol gov_exp_ed fert_rate life_exp
      <chr> <chr>
                     <int> <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
                                                   <dbl>
                                                              <dbl>
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            Arab W...
                      2014 10.3
                                         70.2
                                                   NA
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            Arab W...
                      2015 10.3
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                                                               3.37
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    3 1A
            Arab W...
                      2016 10.0
                                         70.9
                                                               3.33
                                                                        69.5
                                                   NA
    4 1A
            Arab W...
                      2017 9.93
                                         71.1
                                                   NA
                                                              NA
                                                                        NA
    5 1A
            Arab W...
                      2018 9.81
                                                   NA
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                                         NA
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    6 1W
            World
                      2014 5.44
                                         76.3
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                      2018 5.38
## 10 1W
            World
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## # ... with 1,310 more rows, and 1 more variable: gni_pc <dbl>
```



```
## # A tibble: 116 x 7
                  unemp secon_enrol gov_exp_ed fert_rate life_exp gni_pc
##
      country
##
      <chr>
                  <dbl>
                               <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
                                                    <dbl>
                                                              <dbl> <dbl>
                                                               62.0
    1 afghanistan 8.81
                                53.6
                                           3.76
                                                     4.81
                                                                      595
    2 albania
                  15.8
                               95.8
                                           3.19
                                                     1.71
                                                               76.2 4392.
    3 argentina
                   7.96
                               107.
                                           5.57
                                                     2.31
                                                               72.6 12488.
    4 armenia
                  18.1
                               86.0
                                           2.60
                                                     1.62
                                                               71.1 3985
    5 australia
                   5.78
                               156.
                                           5.25
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                                                               80.4 57708.
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                                                               78.8 47335
    6 austria
                               100.
                   4.99
                               91.7
                                           2.83
                                                     1.95
                                                               68.9 5772.
    7 azerbaijan
    8 bahrain
                   1.21
                               102.
                                           2.60
                                                     2.06
                                                               75.9 21538.
                                                               70.6 1265
    9 bangladesh
                   4.39
                                66.6
                                           1.54
                                                     2.13
## 10 barbados
                  10.5
                                           5.33
                                                     1.80
                                                               73.3 15365
                               108.
## # ... with 106 more rows
```

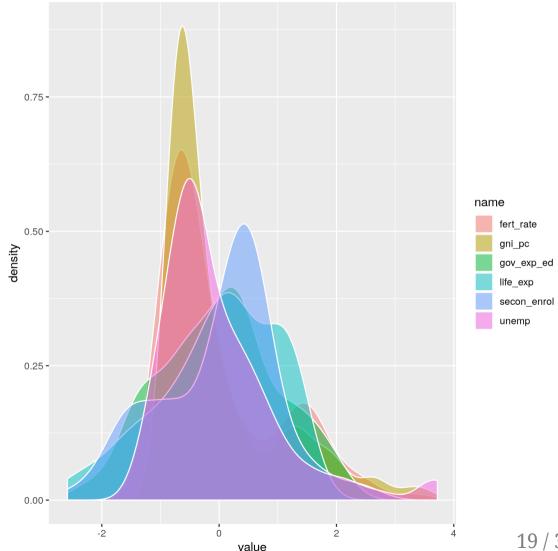
## Necessary packages for this session

```
library(tidyverse)
library(knitr)
library(magrittr)
library(factoextra)
library(cluster)
library(gridExtra)
```

#### **Transformations**

```
(wdi_case %<>%
 mutate_at(.vars = vars(-country), .funs = ~stdF(.))) %>%
 pivot_longer(cols = -country) %>%
 ggplot(aes(fill=name, value))+
 geom_density(alpha=.5, col="white")
```

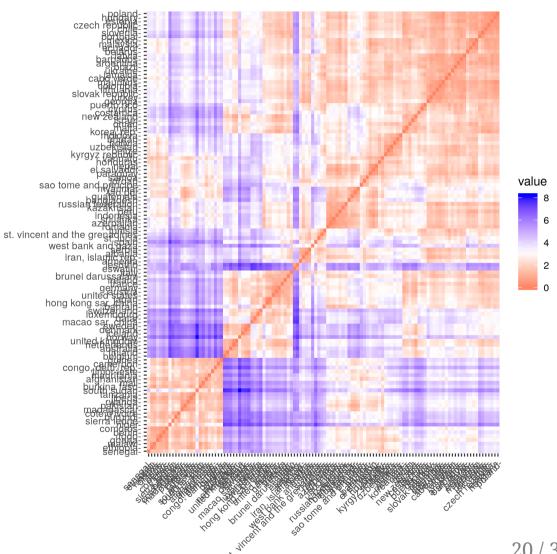
Tip: The build-in function scale(x) does the same as the user-defined function stdF(x)



#### Distance

```
(wdi_case_df <- wdi_case %>%
  tibble::column_to_rownames("country")) %>%
get_dist(method = "euclidean") %>%
  fviz_dist()
```

Tip: The package factoextra is a good tool to visualize clusters in R.

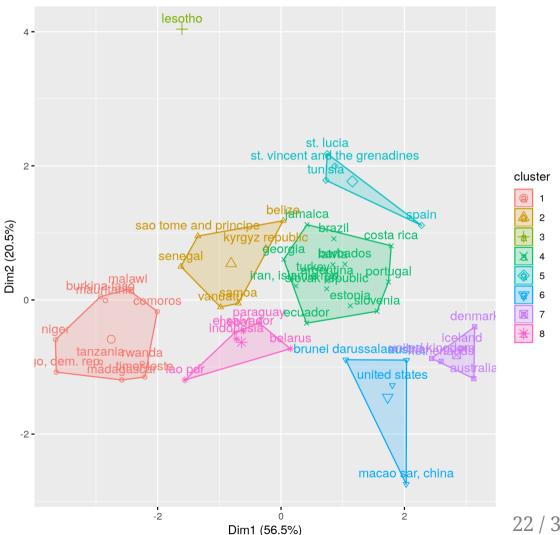


```
kmeans$k_means[[1]] %>% summary()
                Length Class Mode
## cluster
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## centers
                       -none- numeric
## totss
                       -none- numeric
## withinss
                       -none- numeric
## tot.withinss
                       -none- numeric
                       -none- numeric
## betweenss
## size
                       -none- numeric
## iter
                       -none- numeric
## ifault
                       -none- numeric
```

```
## # A tibble: 9 x 2
     centers k means
       <int> <list>
## 1
           2 <S3: kmeans>
## 2
           3 <S3: kmeans>
## 3
           4 <S3: kmeans>
           5 <S3: kmeans>
## 5
           6 <S3: kmeans>
## 6
           7 <S3: kmeans>
## 7
           8 <S3: kmeans>
## 8
           9 <S3: kmeans>
## 9
          10 <S3: kmeans>
```

```
kmeans %<>%
 mutate(k_graph=map(k_means
                     , ~fviz_cluster(object = .
                                      , data = wdi1)+
                       labs(title="")
```





- 1. tidy: Summarizes the model's statistical findings (varies across models)
- 2. augment: Add predictions, residuals, and cluster assignments.
- 3. glance: construct a concise one-row summary of the model.

#### kmeans\$tidy[[1]]

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 9
        x1
              x2
                     х3
                                        x6 size withinss clus
                                  x5
                        <dbl> <dbl> <int>
     <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                                    <dbl> <fct
                  0.410 - 0.587
## 1 0.359 0.715
                               0.548
                                      0.346
                                                     93.2 1
## 2 -0.251 -1.06 -0.421 1.09 -0.842 -0.694
                                                     74.0 2
```

#### kmeans\$augment[[1]] %>% head(3)

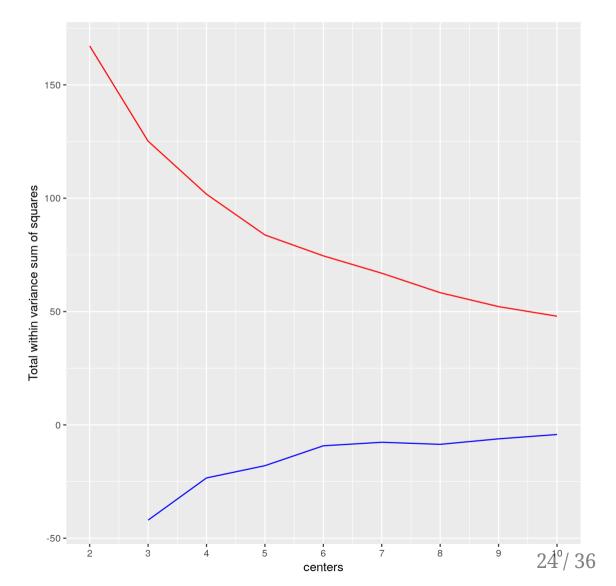
```
## # A tibble: 3 x 2
## .rownames .cluster
## <chr> <fct>
## 1 estonia 1
## 2 rwanda 2
## 3 iceland 1
```

#### kmeans\$glance[[1]]

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 4
## totss tot.withinss betweenss iter
## <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1 288. 167. 121. 1
```

#### Optimal number of clusters

- 1. The rule of thumb (also named Elbow Method) for choosing the K amount of clusters is to visualize gaps in the total within variance inside the cluster.
  - 1. The total within cluster sum of square (wss) measures the closeness (minimum as possible)
  - 2. Alternatives method: Gap statistic, Silhouette.

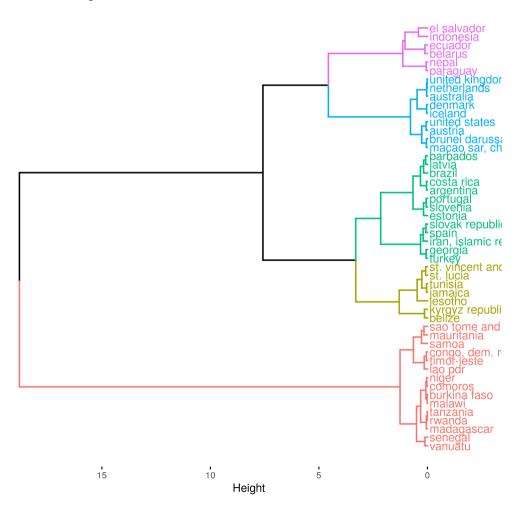


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fviz\_dend(hclust\$h\_clust[[4]], horiz = T)

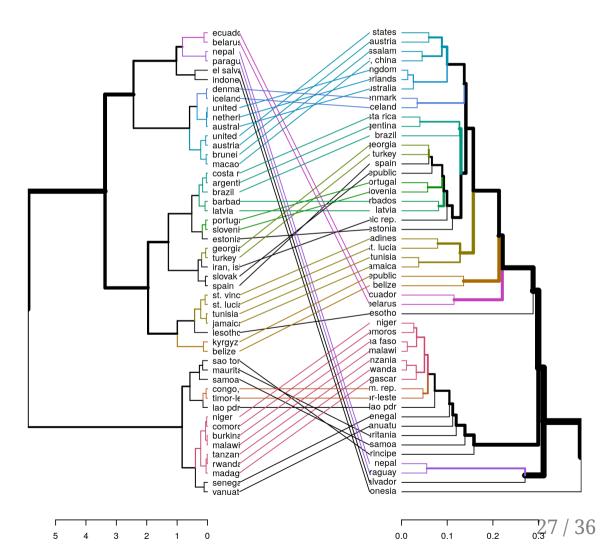
Cluster Dendrogram



### Hierarchical clustering: segmentating the countries according to WDI

How sensitive are the cluster affinity to the agglomeration measure?

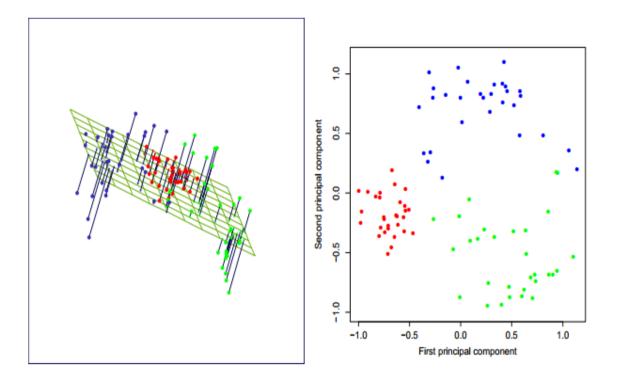
Entanglement measures the correspondency between two trees. It goes from 1 (full entanglement) to 0 (no entanglement).



- 1. Principal components are a sequence of projections of the data, mutually uncorrelated and ordered in variance.
- 2. First it identifies the hyperplane that lies closest to the data, and then it projects the data onto it.
- 3. Given a set of data  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , a PC provides a linear approximation to the data  $(x_1,\ldots,x_N)$ , of all ranks  $q\leq p$ .

 $\overline{1}$ .  $f(\lambda)=\mu+V_q\lambda$ 

where:  $\mu$  is a location vector in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $V_q$  a  $p \times q$  matrix with q orthogonal unit vector as columns, and  $\lambda$  is a q vector of parameters.



- 1. Components are orthogonal to each other, therefore, there is no common variance among the total set.
- 2. Typically, one applies Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) to decompose the original data in terms of eigenvalue and eigenvectors.

```
(pca <- prcomp(wdi1)) %>%
  summary()
```

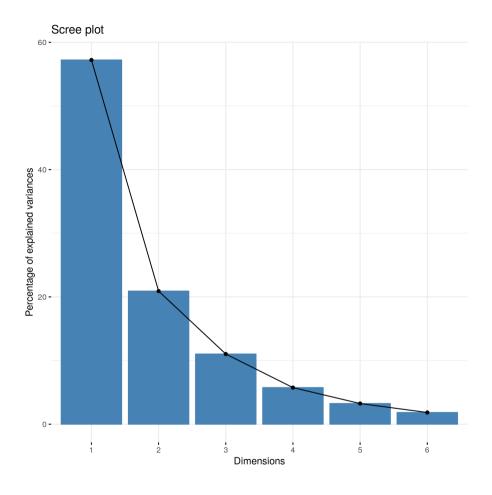
```
## Importance of components:

## PC1 PC2 PC3 PC4 PC5 PC6

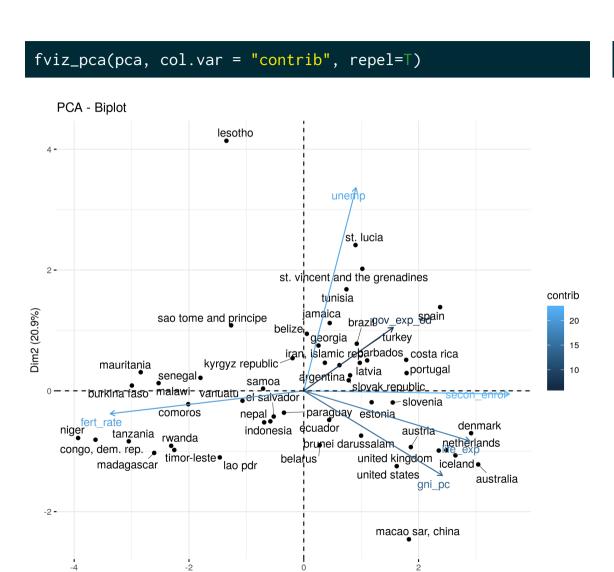
## Standard deviation 1.8336 1.1084 0.8048 0.58128 0.43670 0.3287

## Proportion of Variance 0.5723 0.2091 0.1103 0.05751 0.03246 0.0184

## Cumulative Proportion 0.5723 0.7814 0.8916 0.94914 0.98160 1.0000
```



How many factors include?

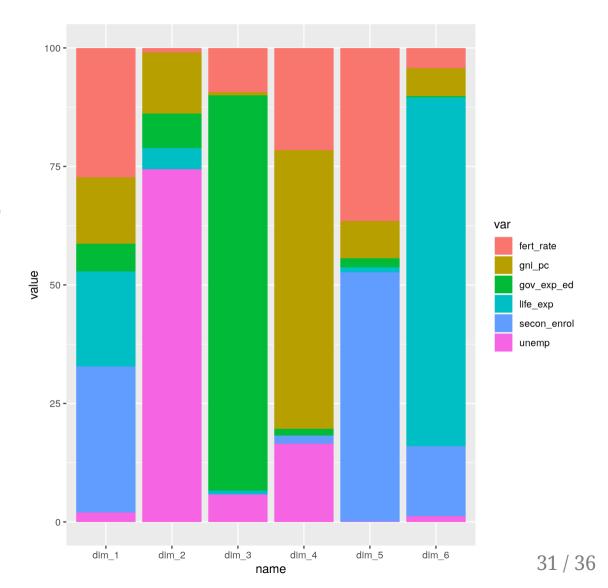


Dim1 (57.2%)

pheatmap::pheatmap(cor(wdi1))

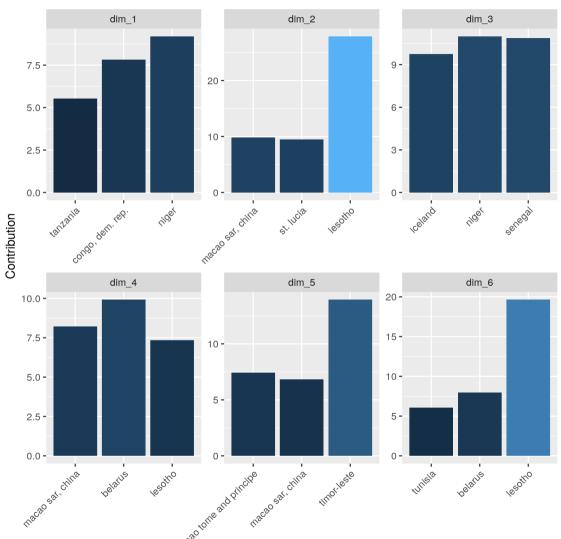
#### Variables

```
(pca_var <- get_pca_var(pca))</pre>
## Principal Component Analysis Results for variables
                Description
     Name
   1 "$coord"
                "Coordinates for the variables"
## 2 "$cor"
                "Correlations between variables and dimensions"
## 3 "$cos2"
                "Cos2 for the variables"
## 4 "$contrib" "contributions of the variables"
 pca_var$contrib %>%
   as.data.frame() %>%
   tibble::rownames_to_column("var") %>%
   janitor::clean_names() %>%
   pivot_longer(cols = dim_1:dim_6) %>%
   ggplot(aes(name, value, fill=var))+
   geom_col()
```



#### **Observations**

```
pca_var$contrib %>%
    as.data.frame() %>%
    tibble::rownames_to_column("obs") %>%
    janitor::clean_names() %>%
    pivot_longer(cols = dim_1:dim_6, names_to = "comp") %>%
    group_by(comp) %>%
    top_n(n = 3, wt = value) %>%
    mutate(rank=rank(desc(value))) %>%
    ggplot(aes(reorder(obs, value), value))+
    geom_col(aes(fill=value))+
    facet_wrap(~comp, scales = "free")+
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1),
    labs(x="", y="Contribution")
```



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# Appendix

|              |         | ]     | Individual i |                   |
|--------------|---------|-------|--------------|-------------------|
|              | Outcome | 1     | 0            | Total             |
| Individual j | 1       | а     | b            | a+b               |
|              | 0       | c     | d            | c + d             |
|              | Total   | a + c | b+d          | p = a + b + c + d |

Counts of binary outcomes for two individuals (source: Everitt et al 2011)

# Appendix

| Measure                                 | Formula                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| S1: Matching coefficient                | $s_{ij} = (a+d)/(a+b+c+d)$                                 |
| S2: Jaccard coefficient (Jaccard, 1908) | $s_{ij} = a/(a+b+c)$                                       |
| S3: Rogers and Tanimoto (1960)          | $s_{ij} = (a+d)/[a+2(b+c)+d]$                              |
| S4: Sneath and Sokal (1973)             | $s_{ij} = a/[a+2(b+c)]$                                    |
| S5: Gower and Legendre (1986)           | $s_{ij} = (a+d) / \left[ a + \frac{1}{2}(b+c) + d \right]$ |
| S6: Gower and Legendre (1986)           | $s_{ij} = a / \left[ a + \frac{1}{2}(b+c) \right]$         |

Similarity measures for binary data (source: Everitt et al 2011)

# Appendix

| Measure                                                   | Formula                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| D1: Euclidean distance                                    | $d_{ij} = \left[\sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k^2 (x_{ik} - x_{jk})^2\right]^{1/2}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| D2: City block distance                                   | $d_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k \left  x_{ik} - x_{jk} \right $                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| D3: Minkowski<br>distance                                 | $d_{ij} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k^r  x_{ik} - x_{jk} ^r\right)^{1/r}  (r \ge 1)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| D4: Canberra<br>distance<br>(Lance and<br>Williams, 1966) | $d_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x_{ik} = x_{jk} = 0\\ \sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k  x_{ik} - x_{jk}  / ( x_{ik}  +  x_{jk} ) & \text{for } x_{ik} \neq 0 \text{ or } x_{jk} \neq 0 \end{cases}$                                                                                                                                                                       |
| D5: Pearson correlation                                   | $\delta_{ij} = \left(1 - \phi_{ij}\right)/2 \text{ with}$ $\phi_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k (x_{ik} - \bar{x}_{i} \cdot) \left(x_{jk} - \bar{x}_{j} \cdot\right) / \left[\sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k (x_{ik} - \bar{x}_{i} \cdot)^2 \sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k (x_{jk} - \bar{x}_{j} \cdot)^2\right]^{1/2}$ where $\bar{x}_{i} \cdot = \sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k x_{ik} / \sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k$ |
| D6: Angular separation                                    | $\delta_{ij} = \left(1 - \phi_{ij}\right)/2 \text{ with}$ $\phi_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k x_{ik} x_{jk} / \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k x_{ik}^2 \sum_{k=1}^{p} w_k x_{jk}^2\right)^{1/2}$                                                                                                                                                                               |