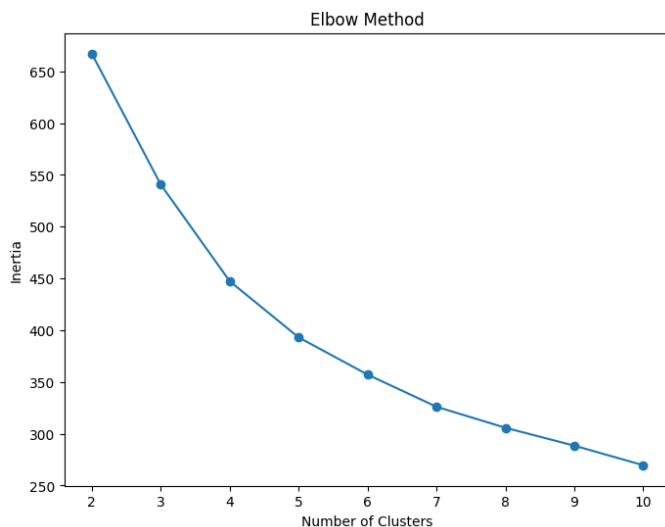


Report on Clustering Results

1. **Goal:** Customer segmentation based on profile information (from Customers.csv) and transaction information (from Transactions.csv)
2. **Data Preprocessing:** Merged the Customers.csv and Transactions.csv datasets to create a customer profile (customer_profile.csv). Applied necessary preprocessing steps (encoding categorical data, handling missing values, scaling features).
3. **Feature Set:** Listed features used for clustering, such as TotalSpent, AvgOrderValue, TotalOrders, UniqueProducts, TotalQuantity, and region variables.
4. **Clustering Algorithm:** I have chosen KMeans clustering due to its efficiency and interpretability.
5. **Number of Clusters (k):** Number of clusters (k) was selected using the Elbow method, which identified a reasonable range for k between 2 and 10.

I have tested for 3 different k values: k = [4, 5, 6]

Below is the plot using the Elbow method:



6. **Evaluation Metrics:** I have measured the DB index and also the Silhouette score for the list of k values.

```
k = 4
Silhouette Score: 0.2496
DB Index: 1.3322

k = 5
Silhouette Score: 0.4219
DB Index: 0.8929

k = 6
Silhouette Score: 0.3762
DB Index: 1.0339
```

From the above result, $k = 5$ has the lowest DB index and highest Silhouette score. So I choose 5 as my k value.

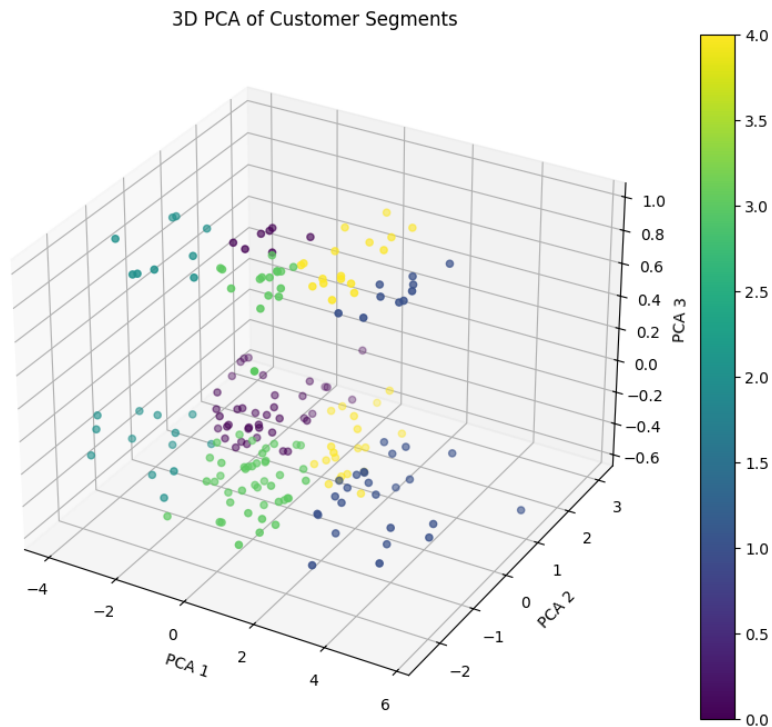
7. **Visualization:** I have created a 2D plot of Clusters after performing PCA to reduce the dimensions.

Below is my clustering visualizations:

A) 2D plot:



B) 3D plot:



C) Cluster centers heatmap:

