Class 7: Machine Learning 1

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Clustering Methods

Aim: find groupings (clusters) in your input dataset.

K means

K: Number of clusters

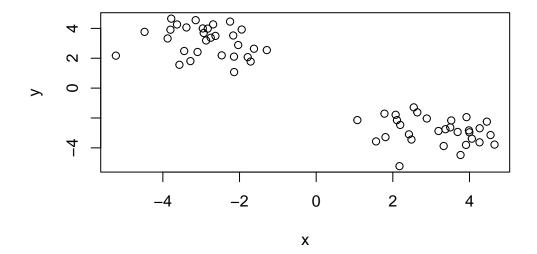
Let's make up some data to cluster.

Make a vector, tmp, of length 60 with 30 points clustered around -3, and another 30 points clustered around +3.

```
# To use rnorm: rnorm(num datapoints, mean = __, sd = __)
tmp <- c(rnorm(30, mean=-3), rnorm(30, mean=3))</pre>
```

I will now make a wee x and y dataset with 2 groups of points.

```
x <- cbind(x=tmp, y=rev(tmp))
wee <- plot(x)</pre>
```



```
k <- kmeans(x, centers=2)
k</pre>
```

K-means clustering with 2 clusters of sizes 30, 30

Cluster means:

x y 1 -2.863907 3.139532 2 3.139532 -2.863907

Clustering vector:

Within cluster sum of squares by cluster:

[1] 52.29998 52.29998 (between_SS / total_SS = 91.2 %)

Available components:

[1] "cluster" "centers" "totss" "withinss" "tot.withinss" [6] "betweenss" "size" "iter" "ifault"

Q. From your result object k, how many points are in each cluster?

k\$size

[1] 30 30

Q. What "component" of your result object details the cluster membership?

k\$cluster

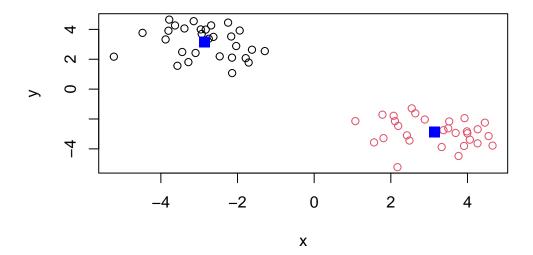
Q. Cluster centers?

k\$centers

```
x y
1 -2.863907 3.139532
2 3.139532 -2.863907
```

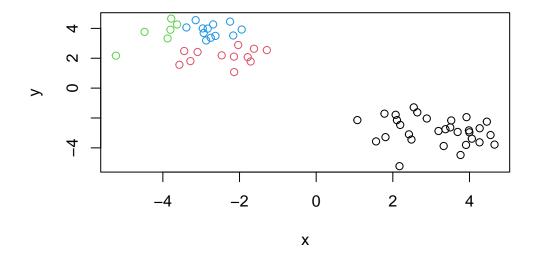
Q. Plot of our clustering results?

```
plot(x, col=k$cluster)
points(k$centers, col="blue", pch=15, cex=1.5)
```



What if we clustered this same data into 4 groups?

```
k4 <- kmeans(x, centers=4)
plot(x, col=k4$cluster)</pre>
```



A big limitation of kmeans is that it will use the number of centers you give it: even if this number of clusters doesn't make sense.

Hierarchical Clustering

The base R function for Hierarchical Clustering is hclust(). Unlike kmeans(), you must calculate a distance matrix before you can pass your data as input.

• kmeans() finds a distance matrix on its own (under the hood)

```
d <- dist(x)
hc <- hclust(d, method="complete")
hc</pre>
```

Call:

hclust(d = d, method = "complete")

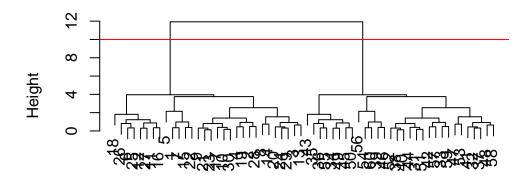
Cluster method : complete
Distance : euclidean

Number of objects: 60

Use plot() to view results.

```
plot(hc)
abline(h=10, col='red')
```

Cluster Dendrogram



d hclust (*, "complete")

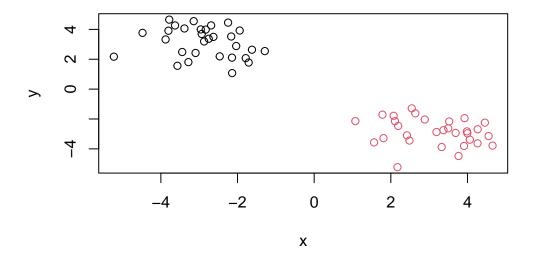
Note that in the dendrogram, the height represents the magnitude of distance between two clusters.

To make the cut and get the cluster membership, we can use the cutree() function.

```
grps <- cutree(hc, h=10)
grps</pre>
```

Make a plot of our data colored by hclust results.

```
plot(x, col=grps)
```



Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

PCA is a method that reduces the dimensionality of features while only losing a small amount of information.

- in a sense, we visualize the data spread by viewing the data in the context of PC's as the axes rather than the initial x and y axes
- PCA is a filtering method of sorts

PC1: First principal component

• variation in PC1 is always more significant than variation in PC2

PCA: Lab portion

Here we will do PCA on some food data from the UK.

Let's read the UK foods data and find out the dimensions ### Q1

```
url <- "https://tinyurl.com/UK-foods"
x <- read.csv(url, row.names=1)
dim(x)</pre>
```

[1] 17 4

Preview the dataframe

head(x)

	England	Wales	${\tt Scotland}$	N.Ireland
Cheese	105	103	103	66
Carcass_meat	245	227	242	267
Other_meat	685	803	750	586
Fish	147	160	122	93
Fats_and_oils	193	235	184	209
Sugars	156	175	147	139

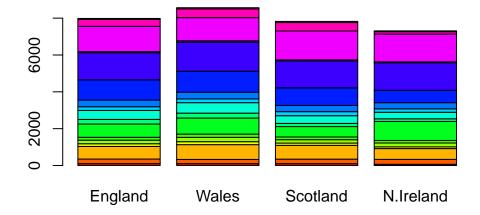
Q2

We could also have adjusted rownames and deleted the first column manually using x <-x[,-1] This approach is problematic because if you rerun it, you will keep trimming the dataframe and end up losing data (unless you reread the csv). It is better to read the csv with an argument to set rownames to column 1; this method is less destructive.

###Q3

Setting the beside= argument to false creates a single bar for each country.

```
barplot(as.matrix(x), beside=F, col=rainbow(nrow(x)))
```



Q5

In this plot, a point on the diagonal means that there is a match between the count of that category across 2 countries. This is confusing to interpret.

```
pairs(x, col=rainbow(10), pch=16)
```



Q6

The main difference in N. Ireland looks to be the blue and orange point categories since they differs more from the rest of the countries.

PCA to the rescue

The main base R function for PCA is called prcomp()

```
# Use the prcomp() PCA function pca \leftarrow prcomp(t(x)) # t(x) transposes the dataframe so the countries become the rows summary(pca)
```

Importance of components:

	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4
Standard deviation	324.1502	212.7478	73.87622	3.176e-14
Proportion of Variance	0.6744	0.2905	0.03503	0.000e+00
Cumulative Proportion	0.6744	0.9650	1.00000	1.000e+00

Q. How much variance is captured by the first 2 PCs?

96.5%

PC1 is capturing 67.44% of the variation.

PC2 is capturing 29.05% of the variation.

PC3 is capturing 3.5% of the variation.

Q7, Q8

To make our main "PC score plot" or "PC1 vs PC2 plot" or "PC plot" or "Ordination plot"

```
attributes(pca)
```

\$names

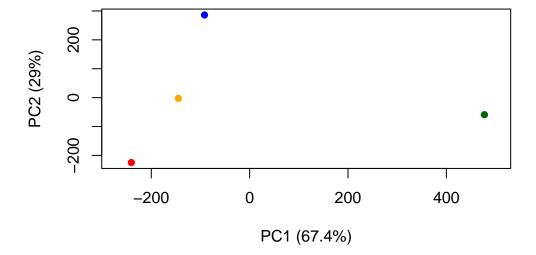
```
[1] "sdev" "rotation" "center" "scale" "x"
```

\$class

[1] "prcomp"

We are after the pca\$x result component to generate our main PCA plot

```
# Plot PC1 vs PC2
plot(pca$x[,1], pca$x[,2], xlab="PC1 (67.4%)", ylab="PC2 (29%)", xlim=c(-270,500), col=c('
```



```
#text(pca$x[,1], pca$x[,2], colnames(x), col=c('orange', 'red', 'blue', 'darkgreen'))
```

Another important result from PCA is how the original variables (example: foods) factor into the PC scores.

This is contained in the pca\$rotation object (often called the "loadings" or "contributions")

pca\$rotation

	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4
Cheese	-0.056955380	0.016012850	0.02394295	-0.694538519
Carcass_meat	0.047927628	0.013915823	0.06367111	0.489884628
Other_meat	-0.258916658	-0.015331138	-0.55384854	0.279023718
Fish	-0.084414983	-0.050754947	0.03906481	-0.008483145
Fats_and_oils	-0.005193623	-0.095388656	-0.12522257	0.076097502
Sugars	-0.037620983	-0.043021699	-0.03605745	0.034101334
Fresh_potatoes	0.401402060	-0.715017078	-0.20668248	-0.090972715
Fresh_Veg	-0.151849942	-0.144900268	0.21382237	-0.039901917
Other_Veg	-0.243593729	-0.225450923	-0.05332841	0.016719075
Processed_potatoes	-0.026886233	0.042850761	-0.07364902	0.030125166
Processed_Veg	-0.036488269	-0.045451802	0.05289191	-0.013969507
Fresh_fruit	-0.632640898	-0.177740743	0.40012865	0.184072217
Cereals	-0.047702858	-0.212599678	-0.35884921	0.191926714
Beverages	-0.026187756	-0.030560542	-0.04135860	0.004831876
Soft_drinks	0.232244140	0.555124311	-0.16942648	0.103508492
Alcoholic_drinks	-0.463968168	0.113536523	-0.49858320	-0.316290619
Confectionery	-0.029650201	0.005949921	-0.05232164	0.001847469

We can make a plot along PC1.

```
library(ggplot2)
contrib <- as.data.frame(pca$rotation)
ggplot(contrib, aes(PC1, rownames(contrib))) + geom_col()</pre>
```

