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# How can I use a neural network for clustering analysis?

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John Fisher, software engineer, youtuber

Answered Jul 25 2018 · Author has 84 answers and 52.1k answer views

An autoencoder combined with a traditional clustering algorithm such as K-Means would be an option.

An autoencoder is an encoder-decoder neural network.

The encoder takes an N-dimensional input vector and compresses that input vector into a lower dimensional vector. The decoder attempts to best reconstruct the initial input, receiving that compressed lower dimensional vector as input. As the encoder and decoder are trained end to end, the encoder learns better representations of the features in the input vector, which can then be extracted.

A clustering algorithm can then be applied to the dataset of compressed representations, possibly revealing some insights that may not have been observable clustering the raw data itself.

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Shawn Farris, Data Scientist/Mathematician Answered Jun 9, 2018

In doing unsupervised learning with neural networks, I first choice for me would be autoencoders . You can think of autoencoders as a generalization of PCA, in which you can learn both higher and lower dimensional, non-linear representations of your

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visualize this representation with either PCA or tSNE. Further, you can use your usual clustering algorithms (such as kMeans), which should perform better on your now lower-dimensional feature set.

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Babita koundal Answered May 2, 2018

Clustering is the function of supervised and unsupervised type of learning that is part of Artificial Neural Network . It is the base of data analysis, forecasting , making decision , designing and problem finding applications for neural networks.

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Rollin Omari, PhD student studying cognition and AGI/ASI Answered May 30, 2015 · Author has **117** answers and **152k** answer views

The following paper should help: Cluster Analysis and Neural Network

They did their work in Matlab and they also have source code available.

Or you can use the Neural Network tool in Matlab: Cluster Data with a Self-Organizing Map

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