k-means-clustering-with-python

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1 K-Means Clustering with Python

K-Means clustering is the most popular unsupervised machine learning algorithm. K-Means clustering is used to find intrinsic groups within the unlabelled dataset and draw inferences from them. In this lab exercise, we will implement K-Means clustering to find intrinsic groups within the dataset that display the same status_type behaviour. The status_type behaviour variable consists of posts of a different nature (video, photos, statuses and links).

So, let's get started.

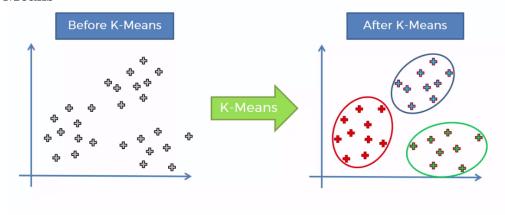
2 Introduction to K-Means Clustering

Machine learning algorithms can be broadly classified into two categories - supervised and unsupervised learning. There are other categories also like semi-supervised learning and reinforcement learning. But, most of the algorithms are classified as supervised or unsupervised learning. The difference between them happens because of presence of target variable. In unsupervised learning, there is no target variable. The dataset only has input variables which describe the data. This is called unsupervised learning.

K-Means clustering is the most popular unsupervised learning algorithm. It is used when we have unlabelled data which is data without defined categories or groups. The algorithm follows an easy or simple way to classify a given data set through a certain number of clusters, fixed apriori. K-Means algorithm works iteratively to assign each data point to one of K groups based on the features that are provided. Data points are clustered based on feature similarity.

K-Means clustering can be represented diagrammatically as follows:-

2.1 K-Means



3 Applications of clustering

- K-Means clustering is the most common unsupervised machine learning algorithm. It is widely used for many applications which include-
 - 1. Image segmentation
 - 2. Customer segmentation
 - 3. Species clustering
 - 4. Anomaly detection
 - 5. Clustering languages

4 K-Means Clustering intuition

K-Means clustering is used to find intrinsic groups within the unlabelled dataset and draw inferences from them. It is based on centroid-based clustering.

Centroid - A centroid is a data point at the centre of a cluster. In centroid-based clustering, clusters are represented by a centroid. It is an iterative algorithm in which the notion of similarity is derived by how close a data point is to the centroid of the cluster. K-Means clustering works as follows:- The K-Means clustering algorithm uses an iterative procedure to deliver a final result. The algorithm requires number of clusters K and the data set as input. The data set is a collection of features for each data point. The algorithm starts with initial estimates for the K centroids. The algorithm then iterates between two steps:-

4.1 Data assignment step

Each centroid defines one of the clusters. In this step, each data point is assigned to its nearest centroid, which is based on the squared Euclidean distance. So, if ci is the collection of centroids in set C, then each data point is assigned to a cluster based on minimum Euclidean distance.

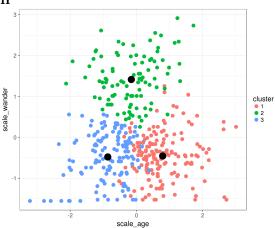
4.2 Centroid update step

In this step, the centroids are recomputed and updated. This is done by taking the mean of all data points assigned to that centroid's cluster.

The algorithm then iterates between step 1 and step 2 until a stopping criteria is met. Stopping criteria means no data points change the clusters, the sum of the distances is minimized or some maximum number of iterations is reached. This algorithm is guaranteed to converge to a result. The result may be a local optimum meaning that assessing more than one run of the algorithm with randomized starting centroids may give a better outcome.

The K-Means intuition can be represented with the help of following diagram:-

4.3 K-Means intuition

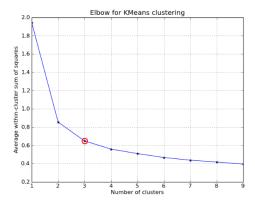


5 Choosing the value of K

The K-Means algorithm depends upon finding the number of clusters and data labels for a predefined value of K. To find the number of clusters in the data, we need to run the K-Means clustering algorithm for different values of K and compare the results. So, the performance of K-Means algorithm depends upon the value of K. We should choose the optimal value of K that gives us best performance. There are different techniques available to find the optimal value of K. The most common technique is the **elbow method** which is described below.

6 The elbow method

The elbow method is used to determine the optimal number of clusters in K-means clustering. The elbow method plots the value of the cost function produced by different values of K. The below diagram shows how the elbow method works:-



We can see that if K increases, average distortion will decrease. Then each cluster will have fewer constituent instances, and the instances will be closer to their respective centroids. However, the improvements in average distortion will decline as K increases. The value of K at which improvement in distortion declines the most is called the elbow, at which we should stop dividing the data into further clusters.

7 Import libraries

```
[145]: import numpy as np # linear algebra
import pandas as pd # data processing, CSV file I/O (e.g. pd.read_csv)
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # for data visualization
import seaborn as sns # for statistical data visualization
%matplotlib inline
```

8 Import dataset

Facebook Live sellers in Thailand, UCI ML Repo . Live selling is increasingly getting popular in Asian countries.

```
[146]: df = pd.read_csv('Live.csv')
```

9 Exploratory data analysis

9.0.1 Check shape of the dataset

```
[147]: df.shape
[147]: (7050, 16)
```

We can see that there are 7050 instances and 16 attributes in the dataset. In the dataset description, it is given that there are 7051 instances and 12 attributes in the dataset.

So, we can infer that the first instance is the row header and there are 4 extra attributes in the dataset. Next, we should take a look at the dataset to gain more insight about it.

9.0.2 Preview the dataset

```
[148]: df.head()
[148]:
                                 status id status type status published \
         246675545449582 1649696485147474
                                                 video
                                                         4/22/2018 6:00
      1 246675545449582 1649426988507757
                                                 photo
                                                       4/21/2018 22:45
      2 246675545449582 1648730588577397
                                                 video
                                                         4/21/2018 6:17
      3 246675545449582_1648576705259452
                                                 photo
                                                         4/21/2018 2:29
      4 246675545449582_1645700502213739
                                                photo
                                                         4/18/2018 3:22
         num_reactions num_comments num_shares num_likes num_loves num_wows \
```

0	529	512	262	432	92	3
1	150	0	0	150	0	0
2	227	236	57	204	21	1
3	111	0	0	111	0	0
4	213	0	0	204	9	0

	num_hahas	num_sads	num_angrys	Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4
0	1	1	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
1	0	0	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
2	1	0	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
3	0	0	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
4	0	0	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

9.0.3 View summary of dataset

[149]: df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 7050 entries, 0 to 7049
Data columns (total 16 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	status_id	7050 non-null	object
1	status_type	7050 non-null	object
2	status_published	7050 non-null	object
3	num_reactions	7050 non-null	int64
4	num_comments	7050 non-null	int64
5	num_shares	7050 non-null	int64
6	num_likes	7050 non-null	int64
7	num_loves	7050 non-null	int64
8	num_wows	7050 non-null	int64
9	num_hahas	7050 non-null	int64
10	num_sads	7050 non-null	int64
11	num_angrys	7050 non-null	int64
12	Column1	0 non-null	float64
13	Column2	0 non-null	float64
14	Column3	0 non-null	float64
15	Column4	0 non-null	float64

dtypes: float64(4), int64(9), object(3)

memory usage: 881.4+ KB

9.0.4 Check for missing values in dataset

[150]: df.isnull().sum()

```
status_published
                        0
                        0
num_reactions
num_comments
                        0
                        0
num_shares
num_likes
                        0
                        0
num_loves
num_wows
                        0
                        0
num_hahas
                        0
num_sads
num_angrys
                        0
Column1
                     7050
Column2
                     7050
Column3
                     7050
Column4
                     7050
dtype: int64
```

We can see that there are 4 redundant columns in the dataset. We should drop them before proceeding further.

9.0.5 Drop redundant columns

```
[151]: df.drop(['Column1', 'Column2', 'Column3', 'Column4'], axis=1, inplace=True)
```

9.0.6 Again view summary of dataset

```
[152]: df.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 7050 entries, 0 to 7049
Data columns (total 12 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	status_id	7050 non-null	object
1	status_type	7050 non-null	object
2	status_published	7050 non-null	object
3	num_reactions	7050 non-null	int64
4	num_comments	7050 non-null	int64
5	num_shares	7050 non-null	int64
6	num_likes	7050 non-null	int64
7	num_loves	7050 non-null	int64
8	num_wows	7050 non-null	int64
9	num_hahas	7050 non-null	int64
10	num_sads	7050 non-null	int64
11	num_angrys	7050 non-null	int64

dtypes: int64(9), object(3)
memory usage: 661.1+ KB

Now, we can see that redundant columns have been removed from the dataset.

We can see that, there are 3 character variables (data type = object) and remaining 9 numerical variables (data type = int64).

9.0.7 View the statistical summary of numerical variables

df.des	df.describe()					
	num_reaction	s num_commen	ts num_shar	res num_likes	num_loves	
count	7050.00000	0 7050.0000	00 7050.0000	7050.000000	7050.000000	
mean	230.11716	3 224.3560	28 40.0225	553 215.043121	12.728652	
std	462.62530	9 889.6368	20 131.5999	65 449.472357	39.972930	
min	0.00000	0.0000	0.0000	0.000000	0.000000	
25%	17.00000	0.0000	0.0000	17.000000	0.000000	
50%	59.50000	0 4.0000	0.0000	58.00000	0.000000	
75%	219.00000	0 23.0000	00 4.0000	184.750000	3.000000	
max	4710.00000	0 20990.0000	00 3424.0000	4710.000000	657.000000	
	num_wows	num_hahas	num_sads	num_angrys		
count	7050.000000	7050.000000	7050.000000	7050.000000		
mean	1.289362	0.696454	0.243688	0.113191		
std	8.719650	3.957183	1.597156	0.726812		
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000		
25%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000		
50%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000		
75%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000		
max	278.000000	157.000000	51.000000	31.000000		

There are 3 categorical variables in the dataset. I will explore them one by one.

9.0.8 Explore status_id variable

[155]: 6997

We can see that there are 6997 unique labels in the status_id variable. The total number of instances in the dataset is 7050. So, it is approximately a unique identifier for each of the instances. Thus this is not a variable that we can use. Hence, I will drop it.

9.0.9 Explore status_published variable

[157]: 6913

Again, we can see that there are 6913 unique labels in the status_published variable. The total number of instances in the dataset is 7050. So, it is also a approximately a unique identifier for each of the instances. Thus this is not a variable that we can use. Hence, I will drop it also.

9.0.10 Explore status type variable

```
[158]: # view the labels in the variable

df['status_type'].unique()

[158]: array(['video', 'photo', 'link', 'status'], dtype=object)

[159]: # view how many different types of variables are there

len(df['status_type'].unique())
```

[159]: 4

We can see that there are 4 categories of labels in the status_type variable.

9.0.11 Drop status_id and status_published variable from the dataset

```
[160]: df.drop(['status_id', 'status_published'], axis=1, inplace=True)
```

9.0.12 View the summary of dataset again

```
[161]: df.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 7050 entries, 0 to 7049
Data columns (total 10 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	status_type	7050 non-null	object
1	num_reactions	7050 non-null	int64
2	num_comments	7050 non-null	int64
3	num_shares	7050 non-null	int64
4	num_likes	7050 non-null	int64
5	num_loves	7050 non-null	int64
6	num_wows	7050 non-null	int64
7	num_hahas	7050 non-null	int64
8	num_sads	7050 non-null	int64
9	num_angrys	7050 non-null	int64
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dtypes: int64(9), object(1)
memory usage: 550.9+ KB

9.0.13 Preview the dataset again

```
[162]: df.head()
```

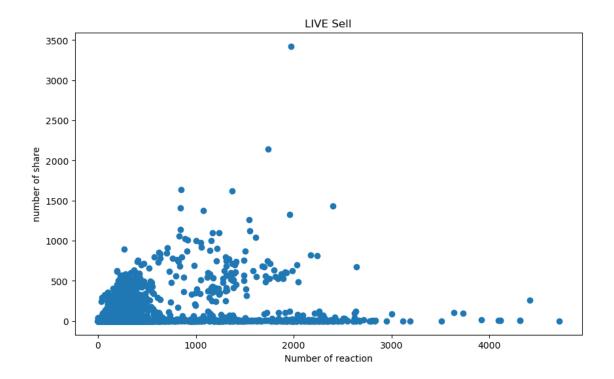
[162]:	status_type	num_reactions	num_comments	num_shares	num_likes	num_loves	\
0	video	529	512	262	432	92	
1	photo	150	0	0	150	0	
2	video	227	236	57	204	21	
3	photo	111	0	0	111	0	
4	photo	213	0	0	204	9	

```
num_wows num_hahas num_sads num_angrys
0
           3
                       1
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2
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```

We can see that there is 1 non-numeric column status_type in the dataset. I will convert it into integer equivalents.

```
[163]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
  plt.scatter(df['num_reactions'],df['num_shares'])
  plt.xlabel('Number of reaction')
  plt.ylabel('number of share')
  plt.title('LIVE Sell')
```

[163]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'LIVE Sell')



10 Declare feature vector and target variable

```
[164]: df.head(2)
[164]:
                                      num_comments num_shares num_likes
         status_type
                      num_reactions
                                                             262
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       1
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```

11 Convert categorical variable into integers

```
[165]: from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
    le = LabelEncoder()
    df['status_type'] = le.fit_transform(df['status_type'])

[171]: y=df
    cols = y.columns

    from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
    ms = MinMaxScaler()
```

```
y = ms.fit_transform(y)
y = pd.DataFrame(y, columns=[cols])
```

11.0.1 View the summary of X

```
[173]: X = y.values
      X[:5] # Show first 5 records only
                        , 0.11231423, 0.02439257, 0.07651869, 0.09171975,
[173]: array([[1.
              0.14003044, 0.01079137, 0.00636943, 0.01960784, 0.
              [0.33333333, 0.03184713, 0.
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              0.03196347, 0.00359712, 0.00636943, 0.
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 []:
```

11.0.2 Preview the dataset X

12 Feature Scaling

```
[174]: from sklearn.cluster import KMeans

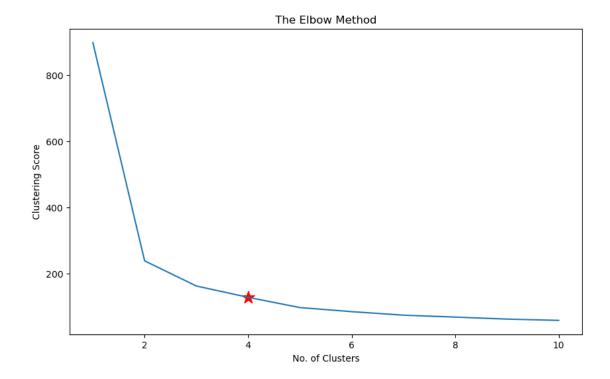
clustering_score = []
for i in range(1, 11):
    kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters = i, init = 'random', random_state = 42)
    kmeans.fit(X)
    clustering_score.append(kmeans.inertia_) # inertia_ = Sum of squared_u
    distances of samples to their closest cluster center.

plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
plt.plot(range(1, 11), clustering_score)
plt.scatter(4,clustering_score[3], s = 200, c = 'red', marker='*')
plt.title('The Elbow Method')
plt.xlabel('No. of Clusters')
plt.ylabel('Clustering Score')
plt.show()
```

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1.4. Set the value of `n_init` explicitly to suppress the warning
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13 K-Means model with five clusters

```
[188]: kmeans= KMeans(n_clusters = 5, random_state = 42)

# Compute k-means clustering
kmeans.fit(X)

# Compute cluster centers and predict cluster index for each sample.
pred = kmeans.predict(X)

pred

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1.4. Set the value of `n_init` explicitly to suppress the warning
    warnings.warn(

[188]: array([0, 1, 0, ..., 1, 1, 1])

[189]: df['Cluster'] = pd.DataFrame(pred, columns=['cluster'] )
    print('Number of data points in each cluster= \n', df['Cluster'].value_counts())
    df
```

Number of data points in each cluster=

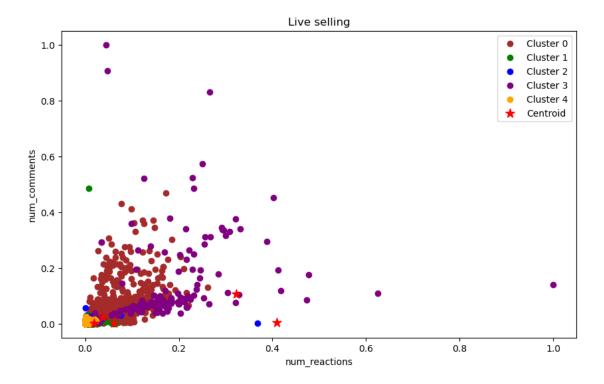
```
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              4131
       0
             2145
       4
              334
       2
              251
       3
              189
       Name: Cluster, dtype: int64
[189]:
               status_type
                              num_reactions
                                                num_comments num_shares num_likes \
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[7050 rows x 11 columns]

14 Vizualization

```
[193]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
   plt.scatter(X[pred == 0, 3], X[pred == 0, 2], c = 'brown', label = 'Cluster 0')
   plt.scatter(X[pred == 1, 3], X[pred == 1, 2], c = 'green', label = 'Cluster 1')
   plt.scatter(X[pred == 2, 3], X[pred == 2, 2], c = 'blue', label = 'Cluster 2')
   plt.scatter(X[pred == 3, 3], X[pred == 3, 2], c = 'purple', label = 'Cluster 3')
   plt.scatter(X[pred == 4, 3], X[pred == 4, 2], c = 'orange', label = 'Cluster 4')
```

[193]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Live selling')



15 K-Means model parameters study

```
[194]: labels1 = kmeans.labels_
    centroids1 = kmeans.cluster_centers_
    labels1
```

[194]: array([0, 1, 0, ..., 1, 1, 1])

- The KMeans algorithm clusters data by trying to separate samples in n groups of equal variances, minimizing a criterion known as **inertia**, or within-cluster sum-of-squares Inertia, or the within-cluster sum of squares criterion, can be recognized as a measure of how internally coherent clusters are.
- The k-means algorithm divides a set of N samples X into K disjoint clusters C, each described

by the mean j of the samples in the cluster. The means are commonly called the cluster **centroids**.

• The K-means algorithm aims to choose centroids that minimize the inertia, or within-cluster sum of squared criterion.

15.0.1 Inertia

- Inertia is not a normalized metric.
- The lower values of inertia are better and zero is optimal.
- But in very high-dimensional spaces, euclidean distances tend to become inflated (this is an instance of curse of dimensionality).
- Running a dimensionality reduction algorithm such as PCA prior to k-means clustering can alleviate this problem and speed up the computations.
- We can calculate model inertia as follows:-

[195]: kmeans.inertia_

[195]: 96.24989550305203

- The lesser the model inertia, the better the model fit.
- We can see that the model has very high inertia. So, this is not a good model fit to the data.

[]: