CSC-691 — Data Mining Assignment 4

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Summary

For this assignment, everything related to the k-Means algorithm was implemented successfully. This time, a consensus has been reached between the two different versions of the algorithm (the one self-implemented and the one from the sklearn library), meaning that the generated clusters are almost always the same for both. However, it has been noted that in a small amount of scenarios, the elements belonging to the clusters vary slightly due to the nature of the algorithm. Either way, the results are satisfactory. Refer to Figure 1 for details about the program's output.

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Cluster 1 (with 9 elements and SSE of 7386.67):

[Program10.java', Program16.java', 'Program25.java', 'Program35.java', 'Program36.java', 'Program36.java',
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Figure 1: Final results for both k-Means algorithms (custom and sklearn)

k-Means comparison

As it can be seen in Figure 2, the results are very similar for both implementations of the k-Means algorithm. All scores are within are reasonable range, save for k = 5 & k = 6, which differ a little bit between both algorithms. To see the actual values used for plotting, refer to Figure 1.

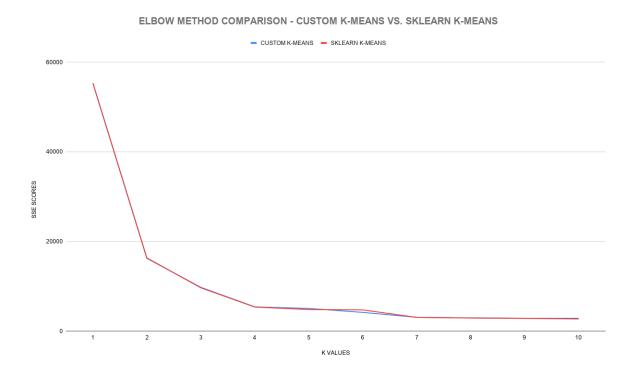


Figure 2: k-Means elbow method comparison — self-implemented vs. sklearn

Notes

- To modify the behavior of the program, change values in *config.py* accordingly
- Remember to run code using the version 3 of the *Python* interpreter

References

[1] Beyond the k-Means – the Right k. Retrieved on October 24th from https://www.edupristine.com/blog/beyond-k-means