

K-Means Clustering - Anuran Calls Dataset

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1 Introduction

This report explores K-Means clustering applied to the Anuran Calls Dataset, consisting of MFCC coefficients of frog calls. The objective is to group frog species based on their acoustic features.

2 Data Preprocessing and Exploration

2.1 Exploratory Data Analysis

The dataset is analyzed for missing values, outliers, and feature distributions. Data scaling is applied using standardization to improve clustering performance.

2.2 Feature Engineering

Additional features are created using polynomial and interaction terms, with the aim of enhancing cluster separation.

3 K-Means Clustering

3.1 Elbow Method

The Elbow Method is used to determine the optimal number of clusters, where the optimal value of K is chosen based on the point where inertia starts to decrease linearly.

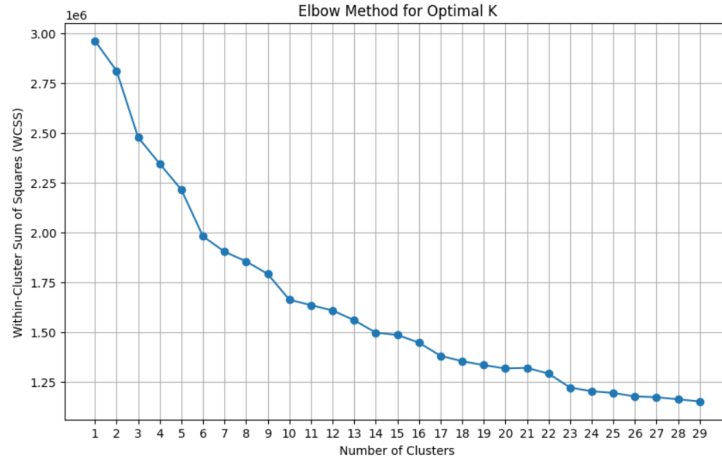


Figure 1: Elbow method for optimal K

3.2 Silhouette Score Evaluation

The silhouette score is calculated for each clustering result to assess the quality of clusters.

3.3 Cluster Initialization

A comparison of K-Means with random initialization vs. k-means++ initialization is presented, with silhouette scores reported for each method.

4 Cluster Visualization

4.1 Dimensionality Reduction

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is applied to reduce dimensionality for visualization purposes.

4.2 Cluster Plots

Clusters are visualized using 2D scatter plots, enabling an intuitive understanding of cluster structure and separation.

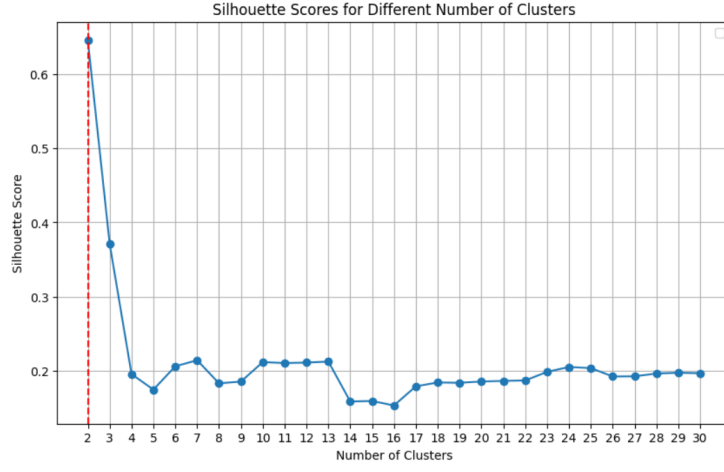


Figure 2: Silhouette Scores for different number of clusters

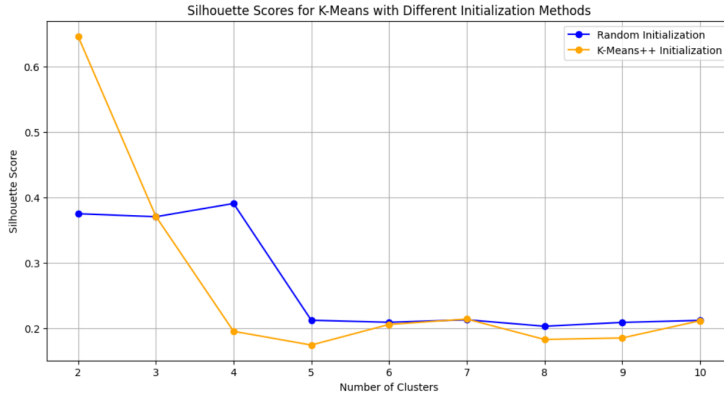


Figure 3: Silhouette Scores

5 Cluster Evaluation Metrics

Additional metrics, including the Davies-Bouldin Index and Calinski-Harabasz Index, are calculated for a thorough evaluation of cluster quality. These metrics validate the optimal number of clusters suggested by the Elbow Method and silhouette score.

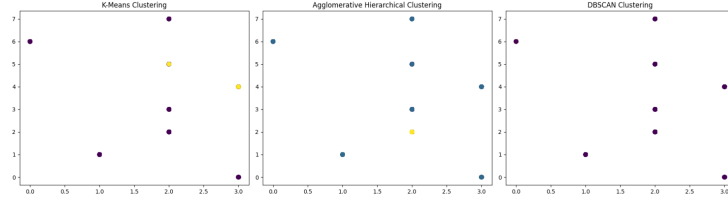


Figure 4: Clustering Results

6 Comparison with Other Clustering Algorithms

Agglomerative Clustering and DBSCAN are applied to the dataset. A comparison with K-Means is presented, discussing each algorithm’s strengths and weaknesses for this dataset.

7 Analysis and Report

7.1 Summary of Clustering Process

The overall clustering process is summarized, including insights from cluster visualizations and evaluation metrics.

7.2 Limitations of K-Means and Other Algorithms

The limitations of K-Means and other clustering algorithms are discussed in terms of their applicability to this dataset, especially concerning noise sensitivity and cluster shape assumptions.

8 Conclusion

K-Means provided effective clustering of frog calls, validated through multiple evaluation metrics. Future work could explore alternative clustering algorithms or further optimize feature engineering for improved separation.