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Week 8

Exercises

1) Why is it good practice to center and scale before applying k-means clustering?

As a distance-based clustering algorithm, K-means clustering puts data points in groups according to how far apart they are from one another. Features with bigger sizes will impact the clustering results more if the data is not centered and scaled. This may result in clusters where certain qualities predominate, and other features are disregarded.

2) Print the cluster sizes and centers to the R console. Include a screenshot of the output.

Description: df [6,537 x 34]

	27<dbl>	28<dbl>	29<dbl>	30<dbl>	31<dbl>	32<dbl>	33<dbl>	cluster_number<int>
	-0.1452031	-0.1418732	-0.1220747	-0.05254272	-0.1077244	-0.01749279	-0.0410525	4
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	-0.1452031	-0.1418732	-0.1220747	-0.05254272	-0.1077244	-0.01749279	-0.0410525	2
	-0.1452031	-0.1418732	-0.1220747	-0.05254272	-0.1077244	-0.01749279	-0.0410525	1
	-0.1452031	-0.1418732	-0.1220747	-0.05254272	-0.1077244	-0.01749279	-0.0410525	1
	-0.1452031	-0.1418732	-0.1220747	-0.05254272	-0.1077244	-0.01749279	-0.0410525	2
	-0.1452031	-0.1418732	-0.1220747	-0.05254272	-0.1077244	-0.01749279	-0.0410525	2
	-0.1452031	-0.1418732	-0.1220747	-0.05254272	-0.1077244	-0.01749279	-0.0410525	3
	-0.1452031	-0.1418732	-0.1220747	-0.05254272	-0.1077244	-0.01749279	-0.0410525	1
	-0.1452031	-0.1418732	-0.1220747	-0.05254272	-0.1077244	-0.01749279	-0.0410525	2

1-10 of 6,537 rows | 27-34 of 34 columns

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3) Use the aggregate() function to calculate the mean of each variable within each cluster. Include a screenshot of the output.

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aggregate(training_features, by = list(training_features$cluster_number), FUN = mean)
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Description: df [4 x 11]

Group.1<int>	1<dbl>	2<dbl>	3<dbl>	4<dbl>	5<dbl>	6<dbl>	7<dbl>	8<dbl>	9<dbl>	10<dbl>
1	0.49889886	0.07153053	-0.219586682	-0.1837835	-0.2118742	1.2557161	0.02470631	0.19154454	0.11493409	-0.16395139
2	-0.40199535	0.01548620	0.171326972	-0.5019119	-0.2357299	-0.6065510	-0.05515246	-0.11734354	-0.04577641	-0.40053284
3	0.45637053	-0.01232526	0.002190882	1.4514153	0.9055627	-0.3393422	-0.03675198	0.01391206	0.04248792	-0.08035263
4	0.02488351	-0.16947116	-0.344378240	-0.1039736	-0.2222989	0.9630331	0.25496610	0.13654215	-0.08249717	2.12611788

4 rows | 1-11 of 11 columns

