# **Clustering Results Report**

#### Number of Clusters Formed:

The clustering analysis was performed using **KMeans** with a range of cluster numbers from **2 to 10**. Based on the evaluation metrics, several cluster configurations were tested, and **5 clusters** emerged as an alternative clustering solution.

## Davies-Bouldin Index (DB Index):

The **Davies-Bouldin Index** measures the average similarity ratio between each cluster and the cluster most similar to it. A lower DB Index value indicates that the clusters are well-separated. For the **5-cluster solution**, the **Davies-Bouldin Index** was calculated as:

• DB Index for 5 clusters: 1.2289

This DB Index suggests that the 5 clusters are more distinctly separated compared to the 4-cluster solution, with a lower index value indicating improved cluster cohesion.

### **Other Clustering Metrics:**

- 1. **Silhouette Score:** The **Silhouette Score** measures how similar each data point is to its own cluster in comparison to other clusters. A higher score indicates well-separated clusters. For the **5-cluster solution**, the **Silhouette Score** was:
  - a. Silhouette Score for 5 clusters: 0.2442

A Silhouette Score of **0.2442** is relatively low, indicating that although the clusters are distinguishable, the data points within the clusters are not strongly cohesive. This suggests there is room for improvement in the cluster structure.

- 2. Calinski-Harabasz Index (CH Index): The Calinski-Harabasz Index evaluates the overall quality of the clustering by comparing the within-cluster variance to the between-cluster variance. A higher value indicates better clustering. For the 5-cluster solution, the Calinski-Harabasz Index was:
  - a. Calinski-Harabasz Index for 5 clusters: 83.35

This relatively lower CH Index indicates that while the clusters are somewhat distinct, the overall clustering structure is not optimal and may require further refinement.

## **Summary of DB Index for Different Cluster Numbers:**

Here is a summary of the **Davies-Bouldin Index** for cluster configurations from **2 to 10** clusters:

2 clusters: 1.2236
3 clusters: 1.4923
4 clusters: 1.3811
5 clusters: 1.2289
6 clusters: 1.4584
7 clusters: 1.4522
8 clusters: 1.4416
9 clusters: 1.4601
10 clusters: 1.4147

The **lowest DB Index** of **1.2236** was achieved with **2 clusters**, suggesting that 2 clusters provide the most distinct separation. However, as the number of clusters increases, the DB Index increases, indicating a slight deterioration in cluster separation, although it stabilizes after 5 clusters.

### **Conclusion:**

- The 5-cluster solution offers a better cluster separation with a DB Index of 1.2289 compared to other configurations, though the Silhouette Score and Calinski-Harabasz Index suggest that further improvements can be made.
- The **2-cluster solution** performed best in terms of the Davies-Bouldin Index, but it did not provide a satisfactory structure based on other metrics.
- **5 clusters** represent a reasonable balance between cluster coherence and separation. However, the clustering structure could be further optimized by considering alternative clustering algorithms or tuning hyperparameters.