

# students\_groups\_clustering\_project

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[ ]: # Project: Segmenting Students Based on Their Social Network Profiles
# this is a unsupervised learning(clustering) project.
# we are going to tell the model what groups to create.
# buisness question: can we feagure out what student groups we have similar
    ↳online behave
# and interests.
# project objective: the is to group students meaningful cluster based on:
    # profile keywords
    # interest and behaviour patterns
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[ ]: # steps:
    # import libraries and load data
    # exploration the dataset (EDA)
    # cleaning the data(if applicable)
    # select relevent numeric columns to be used in the model (feature
    ↳engineering)
    # scaling the data (if values are on different ranges)
    # apply k means clustering
    # use elbow method to decide the optimal number of clusters
    # apply clusters with that value of k
    # optionally use PCA to visualize clusters
    # feature weightage in each PC1, PC2
    # interpret each cluster i buisness decision
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[34]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans

# load the data

df = pd.read_csv("Clustering_Marketing.csv")
df.head(10)
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[34]:   gradyear  gender    age  NumberOfFriends  basketball  football  soccer  \
0      2007    NaN     NaN                0           0         0         0
1      2007     F    17.41                49           0         0         1
2      2007     F    17.511               41           0         0         0
3      2006     F     NaN                36           0         0         0
4      2008     F    16.657                 1           0         0         0
5      2008     M    18.034                32           0         5         0
6      2006     M    18.53                 18           0         0         0
7      2006     F     NaN                 0           0         0         0
8      2006     F    19.168                 0           0         0         0
9      2007    NaN     NaN                21           0         0         0
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      softball  volleyball  swimming  ...  blonde  mall  shopping  clothes  \
0            0            0          0  ...      0     0          0          0
1            0            0          1  ...      0     0          0          0
2            0            0          0  ...      0     1          0          0
3            0            0          0  ...      0     0          0          0
4            0            0          1  ...      0     0          0          3
5            0            0          0  ...      0     0          0          0
6            0            0          0  ...      0     0          0          1
7            0            0          0  ...      0     0          0          0
8            0            0          1  ...      0     0          0          0
9            0            0          0  ...      0     0          1          1
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      hollister  abercrombie  die  death  drunk  drugs
0            0            0    0      0      0      0
1            0            0    0      0      1      0
2            0            0    0      0      1      1
3            0            0    0      0      0      0
4            0            0    0      0      0      0
5            0            0    0      0      0      0
6            0            0    0      0      0      0
7            0            0    0      0      0      0
8            0            0    0      0      0      0
9            0            0    0      0      0      0
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[10 rows x 40 columns]

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[35]: # exploratory data analysis

print("Initial dataset info: ")
df.info()
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Initial dataset info:
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 15000 entries, 0 to 14999
Data columns (total 40 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
#   ...
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0  gradyear      15000 non-null  int64
1  gender        13663 non-null  object
2  age           12504 non-null  object
3  NumberOffriends 15000 non-null  int64
4  basketball    15000 non-null  int64
5  football      15000 non-null  int64
6  soccer        15000 non-null  int64
7  softball      15000 non-null  int64
8  volleyball    15000 non-null  int64
9  swimming      15000 non-null  int64
10 cheerleading  15000 non-null  int64
11 baseball      15000 non-null  int64
12 tennis        15000 non-null  int64
13 sports        15000 non-null  int64
14 cute          15000 non-null  int64
15 sex           15000 non-null  int64
16 sexy          15000 non-null  int64
17 hot           15000 non-null  int64
18 kissed        15000 non-null  int64
19 dance         15000 non-null  int64
20 band          15000 non-null  int64
21 marching      15000 non-null  int64
22 music         15000 non-null  int64
23 rock          15000 non-null  int64
24 god           15000 non-null  int64
25 church        15000 non-null  int64
26 jesus         15000 non-null  int64
27 bible         15000 non-null  int64
28 hair          15000 non-null  int64
29 dress         15000 non-null  int64
30 blonde        15000 non-null  int64
31 mall          15000 non-null  int64
32 shopping      15000 non-null  int64
33 clothes       15000 non-null  int64
34 hollister     15000 non-null  int64
35 abercrombie   15000 non-null  int64
36 die           15000 non-null  int64
37 death         15000 non-null  int64
38 drunk         15000 non-null  int64
39 drugs         15000 non-null  int64
dtypes: int64(38), object(2)
memory usage: 4.6+ MB

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[36]: df.describe()
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[36]:      gradyear  NumberOffriends  basketball  football  soccer \
count  15000.000000      15000.000000  15000.000000  15000.000000  15000.000000
mean    2007.496933          29.834533      0.267000      0.255467      0.22200
std      1.116516          35.386649      0.788851      0.702260      0.92042
min      2006.000000          0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.00000
25%      2006.000000          3.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.00000
50%      2008.000000         20.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.00000
75%      2008.000000         44.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.00000
max      2009.000000        605.000000     22.000000      9.000000     22.00000
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      softball  volleyball  swimming  cheerleading  baseball \
count  15000.000000  15000.000000  15000.000000  15000.000000  15000.000000
mean    0.159667      0.142933      0.135000      0.105133      0.104133
std      0.737344      0.638747      0.548691      0.502491      0.519205
min      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000
25%      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000
50%      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000
75%      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000
max      17.000000     14.000000     31.000000      8.000000     14.000000
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      ...      blonde      mall      shopping      clothes \
count  ...  15000.000000  15000.000000  15000.000000  15000.000000
mean    ...      0.112867      0.259467      0.357267      0.150267
std      ...      2.708619      0.704398      0.728512      0.478716
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      1.000000      0.000000
max      ...      327.000000     12.000000     11.000000      8.000000
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      hollister  abercrombie      die      death      drunk \
count  15000.000000  15000.000000  15000.000000  15000.000000  15000.000000
mean    0.071800      0.051467      0.185867      0.118067      0.091733
std      0.356258      0.280755      0.609928      0.455200      0.420631
min      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000
25%      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000
50%      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000
75%      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000      0.000000
max      8.000000      8.000000     16.000000     14.000000      8.000000
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      drugs
count  15000.000000
mean    0.061067
std      0.349112
min      0.000000
25%      0.000000
50%      0.000000
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75%      0.000000
max      16.000000
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[8 rows x 38 columns]
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[37]: # fix each column object to numeric

df["age"] = pd.to_numeric(df["age"], errors="coerce")

# fill missing age values with mean age

df["age"] = df["age"].fillna(df["age"].mean())
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[38]: # convert age to integer

df["age"] = df["age"].astype(int)
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[39]: # fix gender column ( categorical plus missing values )

# check for missing values
df["gender"].value_counts(dropna=False)
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[39]: gender
F      11057
M       2606
NaN     1337
Name: count, dtype: int64
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[40]: # fill missing values with the mode

df["gender"] = df["gender"].fillna(df["gender"].mode()[0])
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[41]: df.isnull().sum()
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[41]: gradyear      0
gender          0
age             0
NumberOfriends  0
basketball      0
football        0
soccer          0
softball        0
volleyball      0
swimming        0
cheerleading    0
baseball        0
tennis          0
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sports      0
cute        0
sex          0
sexy        0
hot          0
kissed      0
dance       0
band        0
marching    0
music       0
rock        0
god         0
church      0
jesus       0
bible       0
hair        0
dress       0
blonde      0
mall        0
shopping    0
clothes     0
hollister   0
abercrombie 0
die         0
death       0
drunk       0
drugs       0
dtype: int64
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[42]: # encode gender : male = 0, female:1

df["gender"] = df["gender"].map({"M":0, "F":1})

df["gender"].value_counts()
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[42]: gender
1      12394
0       2606
Name: count, dtype: int64
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[43]: # select feature for scaling

features = df.columns      #all columns are goint to be used as features in the
                             ↪clustering

x = df[features]
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[44]: # features scaling (to make sure all the features are in the same range)
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scaler = StandardScaler()
x_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(x)

print("\n Data scaling done")
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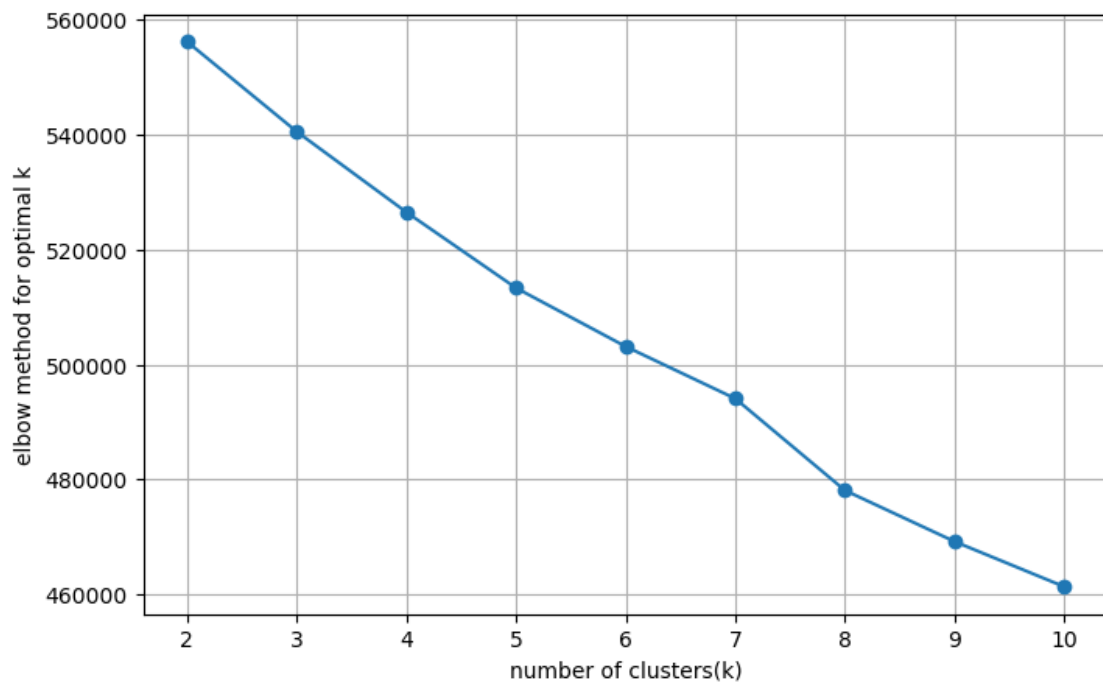
Data scaling done

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[30]: # elbow methos to find optimal k
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wcss = []

for k in range(2, 11):
    clusters = KMeans(n_clusters=k, random_state = 42)
    clusters.fit(x_scaled)
    wcss.append(clusters.inertia_)

plt.figure(figsize =(8,5))
plt.plot(range(2,11), wcss, marker = "o")
plt.xlabel("number of clusters(k)")
plt.ylabel("elbow method for optimal k")
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
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[45]: # train the final k mean (k = 3)

clusters = KMeans(n_clusters = 3, random_state = 42)

df["Cluster"] = clusters.fit_predict(x_scaled)

df.head(10)
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[45]:   gradyear  gender  age  NumberOfFriends  basketball  football  soccer  \
0      2007      1   17           0           0           0           0
1      2007      1   17           49           0           0           1
2      2007      1   17           41           0           0           0
3      2006      1   17           36           0           0           0
4      2008      1   16            1           0           0           0
5      2008      0   18           32           0           5           0
6      2006      0   18           18           0           0           0
7      2006      1   17            0           0           0           0
8      2006      1   19            0           0           0           0
9      2007      1   17           21           0           0           0

   softball  volleyball  swimming  ...  mall  shopping  clothes  hollister  \
0          0           0          0  ...   0          0          0          0
1          0           0          1  ...   0          0          0          0
2          0           0          0  ...   1          0          0          0
3          0           0          0  ...   0          0          0          0
4          0           0          1  ...   0          0          3          0
5          0           0          0  ...   0          0          0          0
6          0           0          0  ...   0          0          1          0
7          0           0          0  ...   0          0          0          0
8          0           0          1  ...   0          0          0          0
9          0           0          0  ...   0          1          1          0

   abercrombie  die  death  drunk  drugs  Cluster
0             0    0      0      0      0        2
1             0    0      0      1      0        2
2             0    0      0      1      1        0
3             0    0      0      0      0        2
4             0    0      0      0      0        1
5             0    0      0      0      0        2
6             0    0      0      0      0        2
7             0    0      0      0      0        2
8             0    0      0      0      0        2
9             0    0      0      0      0        2
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[10 rows x 41 columns]

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[47]: df["Cluster"].value_counts()
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[47]: Cluster
      2    10863
      1     3533
      0       604
      Name: count, dtype: int64
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[49]: # cluster profiling
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cluster_profile = df.groupby("Cluster").mean().round(2)

print("\n cluster profile: ")
print(cluster_profile)
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cluster profile:
      gradyear  gender  age  NumberOfFriends  basketball  football \
Cluster
0      2007.64   0.88  17.17           30.47           0.62     0.55
1      2007.80   0.95  16.83           45.40           0.54     0.51
2      2007.39   0.78  17.59           24.74           0.16     0.15

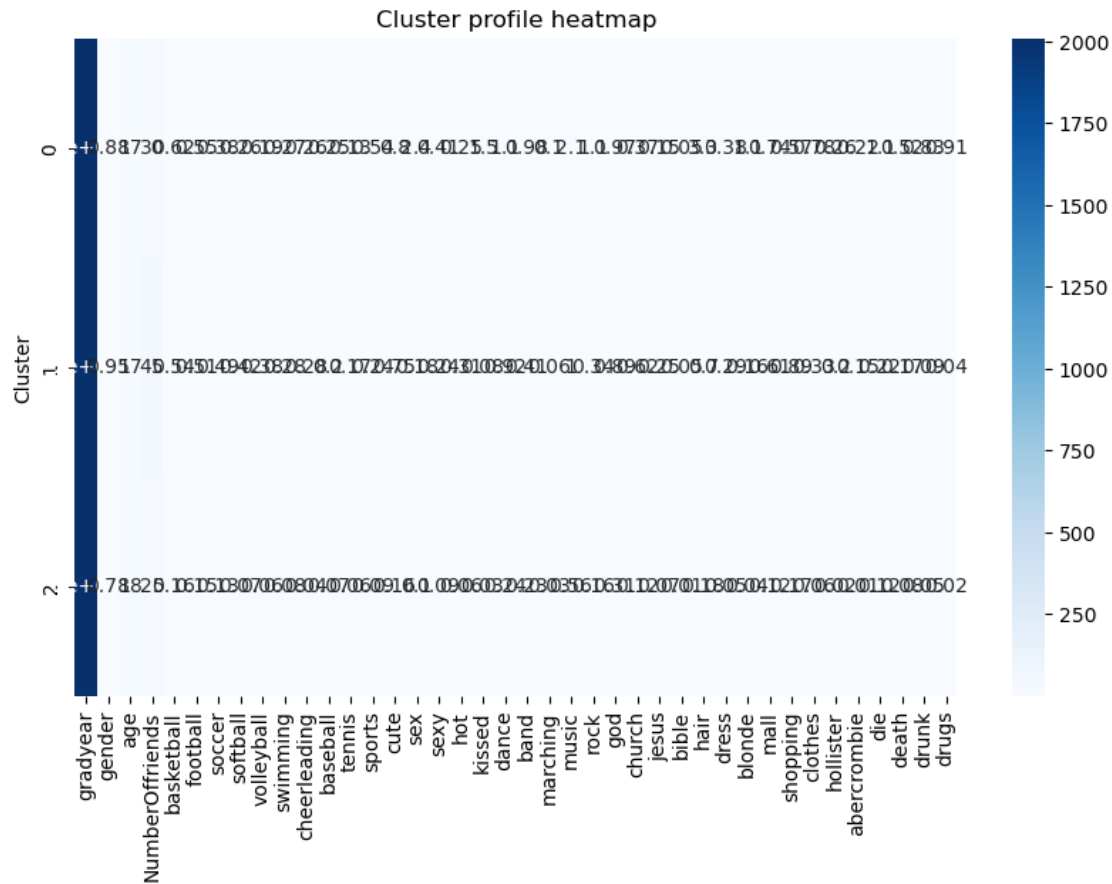
      soccer  softball  volleyball  swimming  ...  blonde  mall  shopping \
Cluster
0      0.38      0.26      0.19      0.27  ...    1.10  0.74      0.57
1      0.49      0.42      0.38      0.28  ...    0.16  0.61      0.89
2      0.13      0.07      0.06      0.08  ...    0.04  0.12      0.17

      clothes  hollister  abercrombie  die  death  drunk  drugs
Cluster
0      0.78      0.26      0.22  1.15   0.52   0.83   0.91
1      0.33      0.20      0.15  0.22   0.17   0.09   0.04
2      0.06      0.02      0.01  0.12   0.08   0.05   0.02
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[3 rows x 40 columns]
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[50]: # heatmap for cluster interpretation
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plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.heatmap(cluster_profile, annot=True, cmap="Blues")
plt.title("Cluster profile heatmap")
plt.show()
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[56]: # PCA

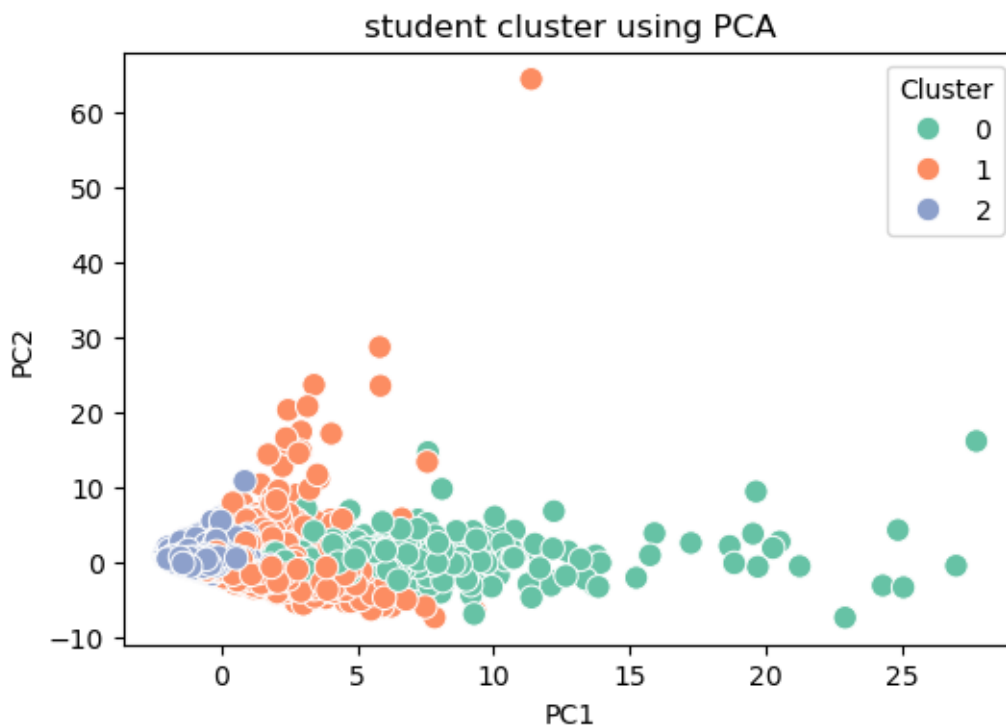
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA

pca = PCA(n_components = 2, random_state=42)
pca_components = pca.fit_transform(x_scaled)

df["PC1"] = pca_components[:,0]
df["PC2"] = pca_components[:,1]
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[58]: # cluster scatter plot

plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
sns.scatterplot(x="PC1", y="PC2", data=df, hue="Cluster", palette = "Set2", s=80)
plt.title("student cluster using PCA")
plt.show()
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[60]: # PCA loading
loadings = pd.DataFrame(pca.components_.T, columns=["PC1_Loading", "PC2_Loading"], index=x.columns)
print("\n PCA Loadings:")
print(loadings.sort_values("PC1_Loading", ascending=False))
```

PCA Loadings:

	PC1_Loading	PC2_Loading
hair	0.354240	-0.031398
kissed	0.271048	0.017065
clothes	0.243650	-0.069296
music	0.243065	0.056458
cute	0.212697	-0.113617
sex	0.211653	0.077365
drugs	0.210783	0.060319
rock	0.209763	0.056976
die	0.205658	0.116437
shopping	0.189704	-0.202601
mall	0.186774	-0.145188
drunk	0.179327	0.053652
abercrombie	0.177930	-0.201746
sports	0.166879	-0.011217
hollister	0.162856	-0.213837

dress	0.160581	-0.051493
death	0.157719	0.129744
dance	0.156162	-0.057945
basketball	0.142203	-0.041466
god	0.138168	0.452918
football	0.134018	-0.007072
sexy	0.132376	-0.025298
church	0.119531	0.175640
band	0.117378	0.153170
hot	0.111366	-0.102637
swimming	0.094189	-0.051586
cheerleading	0.092703	-0.103323
blonde	0.091906	0.066744
gender	0.091287	-0.187506
NumberOfFriends	0.084543	-0.051955
baseball	0.076688	0.027079
volleyball	0.075063	-0.093942
soccer	0.074119	-0.030439
softball	0.073512	-0.064422
gradyear	0.070842	-0.112303
jesus	0.069986	0.461508
bible	0.060816	0.435937
tennis	0.049839	0.013654
marching	0.045574	0.125134
age	-0.022015	0.053242

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[ ]: # Cluster 0 : Appearance & Social Media Focused Students
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# Behaviour Pattern
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# High mentions of : cute, hot, clothes, mall, shopping
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# Moderate sports
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# High online presence or footprints
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# These students are :
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# 1) Image Concious
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# 2) Fashion & Lifestyle driven
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# 3) Social Media expressive
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# Business Insights :
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#1) Target for fashion brands
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#2) Influencer campaigns
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#3) Lifestyle Marketing
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#4) Youth- Oriented advertising
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# Cluster 1 (Orange):
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# Risk prone / Emotionally Expressive Students
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# Higher mention of : drugs, drinks, die, death
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# lower sports & social activity  
# Emotional expression visible

# These students may:

- #1) Be under stress
- #2) Show risk-taking behaviour
- #3) Need attention or guidance

# Business/ Social Insights :

- #1) Important for counselling programs
- # 2) Awareness campaigns
- #3) Mental Health Initiatives

# Cluster 2: Sports & Socially Active Students

- #1) High Sports mentions (basketball, football, soccer)
- #2) Active social life ( dance band, music)
- #3) High number of friends

# Interpretation :

# These students are :

- #1. Energetic
- #2. Socially Active
- #3. Team- Oriented
- #4. Participate in outdoor & group activities

# Business Insights

- #1. Ideal for sports events, college tournaments
- #2. Good target for group activities, clubs/communities, college fests.