

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 behaviour
# 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 relevant 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
# optionaly 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

      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

      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
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[35]: # exploratory data analysis
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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  gradyyear           15000 non-null  int64
 1  gender              13663 non-null  object
 2  age                 12504 non-null  object
 3  NumberOfffriends   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	NumberOfffriends	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	
	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	
	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		
	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	
	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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[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]: # convertage 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  
NumberOfffriends 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
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df["gender"] = df["gender"].map({"M":0, "F":1})
df["gender"].value_counts()
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[42]: gender
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1    12394
0    2606
Name: count, dtype: int64
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[43]: # select feature for scaling
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features = df.columns      #all columns are going 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)

scaler = StandardScaler()
x_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(x)

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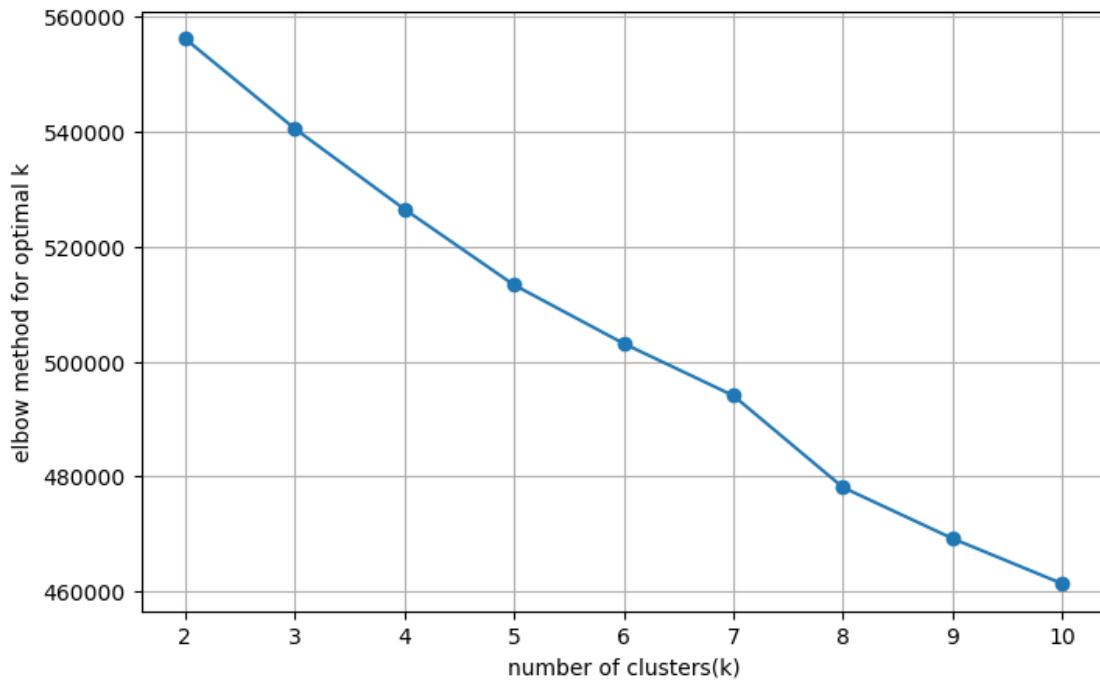
Data scaling done

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[30]: # elbow method to find optimal k

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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[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  
  
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  
  
[3 rows x 40 columns]
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[50]: # heatmap for cluster interpretation  
  
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
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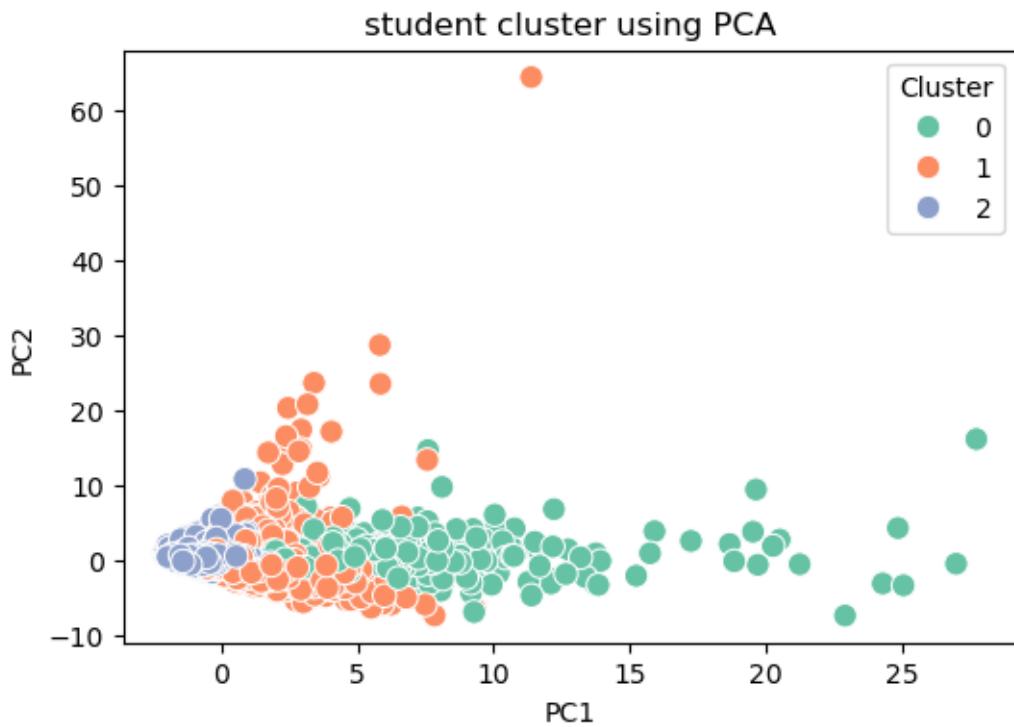
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from sklearn.decomposition import PCA

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
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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))
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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

[]: # Cluster 0 : Appearance & Social Media Focused Students

Behaviour Pattern

High mentions of : cute, hot, clothes, mall, shopping

Moderate sports

High online presence or footprints

These students are :

1) Image Conscious

2) Fashion & Lifestyle driven

3) Social Media expressive

Business Insights :

#1) Target for fashion brands

#2) Influencer campaigns

#3) Lifestyle Marketing

#4) Youth- Oriented advertising

cluster 1 (Orange):

Risk prone / Emotionally Expressive Students

Higher mention of : drugs, drinks, die, death

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.