# customer\_segments

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# 1 Machine Learning Engineer Nanodegree

# 1.1 Unsupervised Learning

# 1.2 Project 3: Creating Customer Segments

Welcome to the third project of the Machine Learning Engineer Nanodegree! In this notebook, some template code has already been provided for you, and it will be your job to implement the additional functionality necessary to successfully complete this project. Sections that begin with 'Implementation' in the header indicate that the following block of code will require additional functionality which you must provide. Instructions will be provided for each section and the specifics of the implementation are marked in the code block with a 'TODO' statement. Please be sure to read the instructions carefully!

In addition to implementing code, there will be questions that you must answer which relate to the project and your implementation. Each section where you will answer a question is preceded by a 'Question X' header. Carefully read each question and provide thorough answers in the following text boxes that begin with 'Answer:'. Your project submission will be evaluated based on your answers to each of the questions and the implementation you provide.

**Note:** Code and Markdown cells can be executed using the **Shift + Enter** keyboard shortcut. In addition, Markdown cells can be edited by typically double-clicking the cell to enter edit mode.

# 1.3 Getting Started

In this project, you will analyze a dataset containing data on various customers' annual spending amounts (reported in *monetary units*) of diverse product categories for internal structure. One goal of this project is to best describe the variation in the different types of customers that a wholesale distributor interacts with. Doing so would equip the distributor with insight into how to best structure their delivery service to meet the needs of each customer.

The dataset for this project can be found on the UCI Machine Learning Repository. For the purposes of this project, the features 'Channel' and 'Region' will be excluded in the analysis — with focus instead on the six product categories recorded for customers.

Run the code block below to load the wholesale customers dataset, along with a few of the necessary Python libraries required for this project. You will know the dataset loaded successfully if the size of the dataset is reported.

```
In [97]: # Import libraries necessary for this project
   import numpy as np
   import pandas as pd
   import renders as rs
   from IPython.display import display # Allows the use of display() for Data
   # Show matplotlib plots inline (nicely formatted in the notebook)
   %matplotlib inline

# Load the wholesale customers dataset
   try:
        data = pd.read_csv("customers.csv")
        data.drop(['Region', 'Channel'], axis = 1, inplace = True)
        print "Wholesale customers dataset has {} samples with {} features eace
   except:
        print "Dataset could not be loaded. Is the dataset missing?"
```

# 1.4 Data Exploration

In this section, you will begin exploring the data through visualizations and code to understand how each feature is related to the others. You will observe a statistical description of the dataset, consider the relevance of each feature, and select a few sample data points from the dataset which you will track through the course of this project.

Wholesale customers dataset has 440 samples with 6 features each.

Run the code block below to observe a statistical description of the dataset. Note that the dataset is composed of six important product categories: 'Fresh', 'Milk', 'Grocery', 'Frozen', 'Detergents\_Paper', and 'Delicatessen'. Consider what each category represents in terms of products you could purchase.

	Fresh	Milk	Grocery	Frozen	\
count	440.000000	440.000000	440.000000	440.000000	
mean	12000.297727	5796.265909	7951.277273	3071.931818	
std	12647.328865	7380.377175	9503.162829	4854.673333	
min	3.000000	55.000000	3.000000	25.000000	
25%	3127.750000	1533.000000	2153.000000	742.250000	
50%	8504.000000	3627.000000	4755.500000	1526.000000	
75%	16933.750000	7190.250000	10655.750000	3554.250000	
max	112151.000000	73498.000000	92780.000000	60869.000000	
	Detergents_Pap	er Delicatess	en		
count	440.0000	00 440.0000	00		
mean	2881.4931	82 1524.8704	55		
std	4767.8544	48 2820.1059	37		
min	3.0000	00 3.0000	00		

25%	256.750000	408.250000
50%	816.500000	965.500000
75%	3922.000000	1820.250000
max	40827.000000	47943.000000

## 1.4.1 Implementation: Selecting Samples

To get a better understanding of the customers and how their data will transform through the analysis, it would be best to select a few sample data points and explore them in more detail. In the code block below, add **three** indices of your choice to the indices list which will represent the customers to track. It is suggested to try different sets of samples until you obtain customers that vary significantly from one another.

```
In [99]: # TODO: Select three indices of your choice you wish to sample from the do
    indices = [1,3, 4]

# Create a DataFrame of the chosen samples
    samples = pd.DataFrame(data.loc[indices], columns = data.keys()).reset_inc
    print "Chosen samples of wholesale customers dataset:"
    display(samples)
```

Chosen samples of wholesale customers dataset:

	Fresh	Milk	Grocery	Frozen	Detergents_Paper	Delicatessen
0	7057	9810	9568	1762	3293	1776
1	13265	1196	4221	6404	507	1788
2	22615	5410	7198	3915	1777	5185

#### **1.4.2** Question 1

Consider the total purchase cost of each product category and the statistical description of the dataset above for your sample customers.

What kind of establishment (customer) could each of the three samples you've chosen represent?

**Hint:** Examples of establishments include places like markets, cafes, and retailers, among many others. Avoid using names for establishments, such as saying "McDonalds" when describing a sample customer as a restaurant.

**Answer:** - 0, retail, the total purchase is larger than mean total of whole dataset. - 1, HoReCa, the total purchase is smaller than mean total of whole dataset. - 2, retail, the total purchase is larger than mean total of whole dataset.

#### 1.4.3 Implementation: Feature Relevance

One interesting thought to consider is if one (or more) of the six product categories is actually relevant for understanding customer purchasing. That is to say, is it possible to determine whether customers purchasing some amount of one category of products will necessarily purchase some proportional amount of another category of products? We can make this determination quite

easily by training a supervised regression learner on a subset of the data with one feature removed, and then score how well that model can predict the removed feature.

In the code block below, you will need to implement the following: - Assign new\_data a copy of the data by removing a feature of your choice using the DataFrame.drop function. - Use sklearn.cross\_validation.train\_test\_split to split the dataset into training and testing sets. - Use the removed feature as your target label. Set a test\_size of 0.25 and set a random\_state. - Import a decision tree regressor, set a random\_state, and fit the learner to the training data. - Report the prediction score of the testing set using the regressor's score function.

# **1.4.4** Question 2

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Which feature did you attempt to predict? What was the reported prediction score? Is this feature is necessary for identifying customers' spending habits?

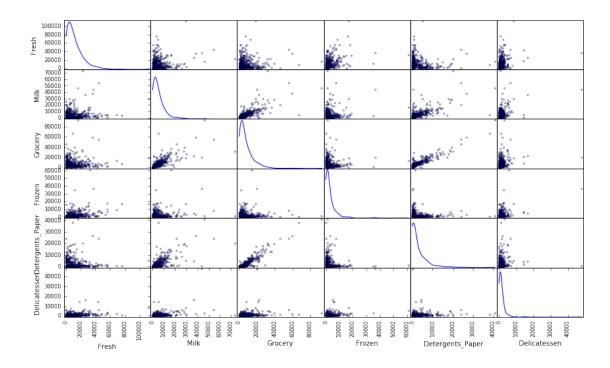
**Hint:** The coefficient of determination,  $R^2$ , is scored between 0 and 1, with 1 being a perfect fit. A negative  $R^2$  implies the model fails to fit the data.

**Answer:**Grocery. 0.698006221946. No, the score is high, which means it has high correlation with other features, and make small contribution to identifying customers's spending haits.

#### 1.4.5 Visualize Feature Distributions

To get a better understanding of the dataset, we can construct a scatter matrix of each of the six product features present in the data. If you found that the feature you attempted to predict above is relevant for identifying a specific customer, then the scatter matrix below may not show any correlation between that feature and the others. Conversely, if you believe that feature is not relevant for identifying a specific customer, the scatter matrix might show a correlation between that feature and another feature in the data. Run the code block below to produce a scatter matrix.

```
In [29]: # Produce a scatter matrix for each pair of features in the data
    pd.scatter_matrix(data, alpha = 0.3, figsize = (14,8), diagonal = 'kde');
```



#### **1.4.6** Question 3

Are there any pairs of features which exhibit some degree of correlation? Does this confirm or deny your suspicions about the relevance of the feature you attempted to predict? How is the data for those features distributed?

**Hint:** Is the data normally distributed? Where do most of the data points lie?

**Answer:** Yes, Milk and Grocery, Milk and Detergents\_Paper, Grocery and Detergents\_Paper. It confirms my suspicions. The distribution is positive skewed distribution.

## 1.5 Data Preprocessing

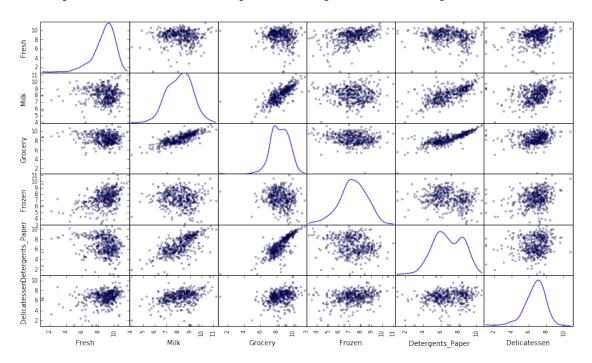
In this section, you will preprocess the data to create a better representation of customers by performing a scaling on the data and detecting (and optionally removing) outliers. Preprocessing data is often times a critical step in assuring that results you obtain from your analysis are significant and meaningful.

#### 1.5.1 Implementation: Feature Scaling

If data is not normally distributed, especially if the mean and median vary significantly (indicating a large skew), it is most often appropriate to apply a non-linear scaling — particularly for financial data. One way to achieve this scaling is by using a Box-Cox test, which calculates the best power transformation of the data that reduces skewness. A simpler approach which can work in most cases would be applying the natural logarithm.

In the code block below, you will need to implement the following: - Assign a copy of the data to log\_data after applying a logarithm scaling. Use the np.log function for this. - Assign a copy of the sample data to log\_samples after applying a logrithm scaling. Again, use np.log.

# Produce a scatter matrix for each pair of newly-transformed features
pd.scatter\_matrix(log\_data, alpha = 0.3, figsize = (14,8), diagonal = 'kde



#### 1.5.2 Observation

After applying a natural logarithm scaling to the data, the distribution of each feature should appear much more normal. For any pairs of features you may have identified earlier as being correlated, observe here whether that correlation is still present (and whether it is now stronger or weaker than before).

Run the code below to see how the sample data has changed after having the natural logarithm applied to it.

	Fresh	Milk	Grocery	Frozen	Detergents_Paper	Delicatessen
0	8.861775	9.191158	9.166179	7.474205	8.099554	7.482119
1	9.492884	7.086738	8.347827	8.764678	6.228511	7.488853
2	10.026369	8.596004	8.881558	8.272571	7.482682	8.553525

#### 1.5.3 Implementation: Outlier Detection

Detecting outliers in the data is extremely important in the data preprocessing step of any analysis. The presence of outliers can often skew results which take into consideration these data points. There are many "rules of thumb" for what constitutes an outlier in a dataset. Here, we will use Tukey's Method for identfying outliers: An *outlier step* is calculated as 1.5 times the interquartile range (IQR). A data point with a feature that is beyond an outlier step outside of the IQR for that feature is considered abnormal.

In the code block below, you will need to implement the following: - Assign the value of the 25th percentile for the given feature to Q1. Use np.percentile for this. - Assign the value of the 75th percentile for the given feature to Q3. Again, use np.percentile. - Assign the calculation of an outlier step for the given feature to step. - Optionally remove data points from the dataset by adding indices to the outliers list.

**NOTE:** If you choose to remove any outliers, ensure that the sample data does not contain any of these points!

Once you have performed this implementation, the dataset will be stored in the variable good\_data.

```
In [101]: # For each feature find the data points with extreme high or low values
                                 for feature in log_data.keys():
                                                # TODO: Calculate Q1 (25th percentile of the data) for the given feat
                                               Q1 = np.percentile(log_data[feature], 25)
                                               # TODO: Calculate Q3 (75th percentile of the data) for the given feat
                                               Q3 = np.percentile(log_data[feature], 75)
                                               # TODO: Use the interquartile range to calculate an outlier step (1.3
                                               step = (Q3-Q1) *1.5
                                               # Display the outliers
                                               print "Data points considered outliers for the feature '{}':".format
                                               display(log_data[~((log_data[feature] >= Q1 - step) & (log_data[feature])
                                  # OPTIONAL: Select the indices for data points you wish to remove
                                 outliers = [66]
                                  # Remove the outliers, if any were specified
                                 good_data = log_data.drop(log_data.index[outliers]).reset_index(drop = Transfer = T
Data points considered outliers for the feature 'Fresh':
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	Fresh	Milk	Grocery	Frozen	Detergents_Paper	Delicatessen
65	4.442651	9.950323	10.732651	3.583519	10.095388	7.260523
66	2.197225	7.335634	8.911530	5.164786	8.151333	3.295837
81	5.389072	9.163249	9.575192	5.645447	8.964184	5.049856
95	1.098612	7.979339	8.740657	6.086775	5.407172	6.563856
96	3.135494	7.869402	9.001839	4.976734	8.262043	5.379897

128	4.941642	9.087834	8.248791	4.955827	6.967909	1.098612
171	5.298317	10.160530	9.894245	6.478510	9.079434	8.740337
193	5.192957	8.156223	9.917982	6.865891	8.633731	6.501290
218	2.890372	8.923191	9.629380	7.158514	8.475746	8.759669
304	5.081404	8.917311	10.117510	6.424869	9.374413	7.787382
305	5.493061	9.468001	9.088399	6.683361	8.271037	5.351858
338	1.098612	5.808142	8.856661	9.655090	2.708050	6.309918
353	4.762174	8.742574	9.961898	5.429346	9.069007	7.013016
355	5.247024	6.588926	7.606885	5.501258	5.214936	4.844187
357	3.610918	7.150701	10.011086	4.919981	8.816853	4.700480
412	4.574711	8.190077	9.425452	4.584967	7.996317	4.127134

Data points considered outliers for the feature 'Milk':

	Fresh	Milk	Grocery	Frozen	Detergents_Paper	Delicatessen
86	10.039983	11.205013	10.377047	6.894670	9.906981	6.805723
98	6.220590	4.718499	6.656727	6.796824	4.025352	4.882802
154	6.432940	4.007333	4.919981	4.317488	1.945910	2.079442
356	10.029503	4.897840	5.384495	8.057377	2.197225	6.306275

Data points considered outliers for the feature 'Grocery':

	Fresh	Milk	Grocery	Frozen	Detergents_Paper	Delicatessen
75	9.923192	7.036148	1.098612	8.390949	1.098612	6.882437
154	6.432940	4.007333	4.919981	4.317488	1.945910	2.079442

Data points considered outliers for the feature 'Frozen':

	Fresh	Milk	Grocery	Frozen	Detergents_Paper	Delicatessen
38	8.431853	9.663261	9.723703	3.496508	8.847360	6.070738
57	8.597297	9.203618	9.257892	3.637586	8.932213	7.156177
65	4.442651	9.950323	10.732651	3.583519	10.095388	7.260523
145	10.000569	9.034080	10.457143	3.737670	9.440738	8.396155
175	7.759187	8.967632	9.382106	3.951244	8.341887	7.436617
264	6.978214	9.177714	9.645041	4.110874	8.696176	7.142827
325	10.395650	9.728181	9.519735	11.016479	7.148346	8.632128
420	8.402007	8.569026	9.490015	3.218876	8.827321	7.239215
429	9.060331	7.467371	8.183118	3.850148	4.430817	7.824446
439	7.932721	7.437206	7.828038	4.174387	6.167516	3.951244

Data points considered outliers for the feature 'Detergents\_Paper':

	Fresh	Milk	Grocery	Frozen	Detergents_Paper	Delicatessen
75	9.923192	7.036148	1.098612	8.390949	1.098612	6.882437
161	9.428190	6.291569	5.645447	6.995766	1.098612	7.711101

Data points considered outliers for the feature 'Delicatessen':

	Fresh	Milk	Grocery	Frozen	Detergents_Paper	\
66	2.197225	7.335634	8.911530	5.164786	8.151333	
109	7.248504	9.724899	10.274568	6.511745	6.728629	
128	4.941642	9.087834	8.248791	4.955827	6.967909	
137	8.034955	8.997147	9.021840	6.493754	6.580639	
142	10.519646	8.875147	9.018332	8.004700	2.995732	
154	6.432940	4.007333	4.919981	4.317488	1.945910	
183	10.514529	10.690808	9.911952	10.505999	5.476464	
184	5.789960	6.822197	8.457443	4.304065	5.811141	
187	7.798933	8.987447	9.192075	8.743372	8.148735	
203	6.368187	6.529419	7.703459	6.150603	6.860664	
233	6.871091	8.513988	8.106515	6.842683	6.013715	
285	10.602965	6.461468	8.188689	6.948897	6.077642	
289	10.663966	5.655992	6.154858	7.235619	3.465736	
343	7.431892	8.848509	10.177932	7.283448	9.646593	

	Delicatessen
66	3.295837
109	1.098612
128	1.098612
137	3.583519
142	1.098612
154	2.079442
183	10.777768
184	2.397895
187	1.098612
203	2.890372
233	1.945910
285	2.890372
289	3.091042
343	3.610918

# 1.5.4 **Question 4**

Are there any data points considered outliers for more than one feature? Should these data points be removed from the dataset? If any data points were added to the <code>outliers</code> list to be removed, explain why. **Answer:**Yes, like 66.Yes, because 66's fresh is too small and delicatessen is too large.

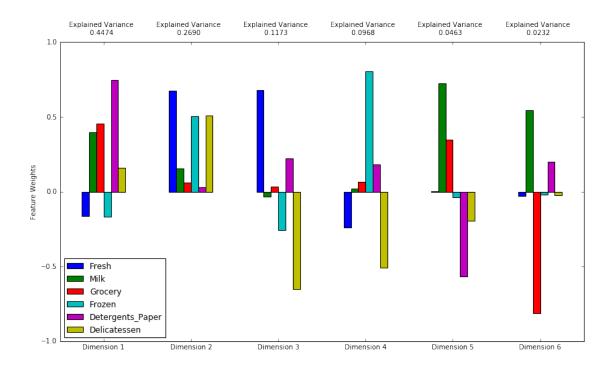
#### 1.6 Feature Transformation

In this section you will use principal component analysis (PCA) to draw conclusions about the underlying structure of the wholesale customer data. Since using PCA on a dataset calculates the dimensions which best maximize variance, we will find which compound combinations of features best describe customers.

## 1.6.1 Implementation: PCA

Now that the data has been scaled to a more normal distribution and has had any necessary outliers removed, we can now apply PCA to the <code>good\_data</code> to discover which dimensions about the data best maximize the variance of features involved. In addition to finding these dimensions, PCA will also report the *explained variance ratio* of each dimension — how much variance within the data is explained by that dimension alone. Note that a component (dimension) from PCA can be considered a new "feature" of the space, however it is a composition of the original features present in the data.

In the code block below, you will need to implement the following: - Import sklearn.decomposition.PCA and assign the results of fitting PCA in six dimensions with good\_data to pca. - Apply a PCA transformation of the sample log-data log\_samples using pca.transform, and assign the results to pca\_samples.



#### 1.6.2 **Question 5**

How much variance in the data is explained **in total** by the first and second principal component? What about the first four principal components? Using the visualization provided above, discuss what the first four dimensions best represent in terms of customer spending.

**Hint:** A positive increase in a specific dimension corresponds with an *increase* of the *positive-weighted* features and a *decrease* of the *negative-weighted* features. The rate of increase or decrease is based on the indivdual feature weights.

**Answer:**0.7164. 0.9305. Dimension 1 represent daily supplies, dimension 2 represent food market, dimension 3 represent fresh food market, dimension 4 represent frozen food market.

#### 1.6.3 Observation

Run the code below to see how the log-transformed sample data has changed after having a PCA transformation applied to it in six dimensions. Observe the numerical value for the first four dimensions of the sample points. Consider if this is consistent with your initial interpretation of the sample points.

	Dimension 1	Dimension 2	Dimension 3	Dimension 4	Dimension 5	/
0	1.8183	0.8255	-0.2080	0.0083	0.1190	
1	-1.1010	1.4763	-0.4947	0.4506	-0.6778	
2	0.8410	2.4330	-0.4502	-0.3166	-0.2953	

```
Dimension 6
0 0.2317
1 -0.6649
2 -0.0549
```

## 1.6.4 Implementation: Dimensionality Reduction

When using principal component analysis, one of the main goals is to reduce the dimensionality of the data — in effect, reducing the complexity of the problem. Dimensionality reduction comes at a cost: Fewer dimensions used implies less of the total variance in the data is being explained. Because of this, the *cumulative explained variance ratio* is extremely important for knowing how many dimensions are necessary for the problem. Additionally, if a signifiant amount of variance is explained by only two or three dimensions, the reduced data can be visualized afterwards.

In the code block below, you will need to implement the following: - Assign the results of fitting PCA in two dimensions with <code>good\_data</code> to <code>pca.</code> - Apply a PCA transformation of <code>good\_data</code> using <code>pca.transform</code>, and assign the reuslts to <code>reduced\_data.</code> - Apply a PCA transformation of the sample log-data <code>log\_samples</code> using <code>pca.transform</code>, and assign the results to <code>pca\_samples</code>.

```
In [104]: # TODO: Fit PCA to the good data using only two dimensions
    pca = PCA(n_components=2).fit(good_data)

# TODO: Apply a PCA transformation the good data
    reduced_data = pca.transform(good_data)

# TODO: Apply a PCA transformation to the sample log-data
    pca_samples = pca.transform(log_samples)

# Create a DataFrame for the reduced data
    reduced_data = pd.DataFrame(reduced_data, columns = ['Dimension 1', 'Dimension 1', 'Dimensio
```

#### 1.6.5 Observation

Run the code below to see how the log-transformed sample data has changed after having a PCA transformation applied to it using only two dimensions. Observe how the values for the first two dimensions remains unchanged when compared to a PCA transformation in six dimensions.

# 1.7 Clustering

In this section, you will choose to use either a K-Means clustering algorithm or a Gaussian Mixture Model clustering algorithm to identify the various customer segments hidden in the data. You will then recover specific data points from the clusters to understand their significance by transforming them back into their original dimension and scale.

#### 1.7.1 **Question 6**

What are the advantages to using a K-Means clustering algorithm? What are the advantages to using a Gaussian Mixture Model clustering algorithm? Given your observations about the wholesale customer data so far, which of the two algorithms will you use and why?

**Answer:** K-Means assumes spherical clusters with equal probability of a cluster, GMM can be used for non-spherical clusters and generate clusters with different probabilities. I choose K-Means, because the clusters in customer data is spherical.

# 1.7.2 Implementation: Creating Clusters

Depending on the problem, the number of clusters that you expect to be in the data may already be known. When the number of clusters is not known *a priori*, there is no guarantee that a given number of clusters best segments the data, since it is unclear what structure exists in the data — if any. However, we can quantify the "goodness" of a clustering by calculating each data point's *silhouette coefficient*. The *silhouette coefficient* for a data point measures how similar it is to its assigned cluster from -1 (dissimilar) to 1 (similar). Calculating the *mean* silhouette coefficient provides for a simple scoring method of a given clustering.

In the code block below, you will need to implement the following: - Fit a clustering algorithm to the reduced\_data and assign it to clusterer. - Predict the cluster for each data point in reduced\_data using clusterer.predict and assign them to preds. - Find the cluster centers using the algorithm's respective attribute and assign them to centers. - Predict the cluster for each sample data point in pca\_samples and assign them sample\_preds. - Import sklearn.metrics.silhouette\_score and calculate the silhouette score of reduced\_data against preds. - Assign the silhouette score to score and print the result.

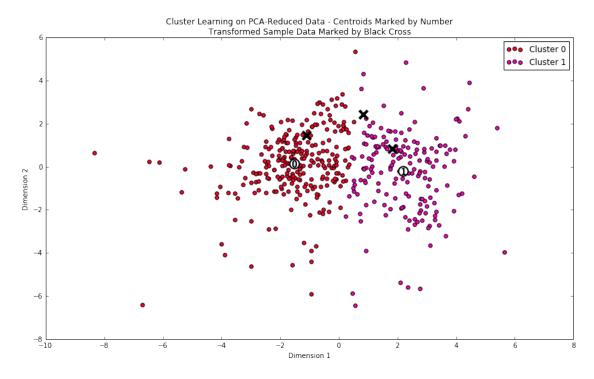
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Report the silhouette score for several cluster numbers you tried. Of these, which number of clusters has the best silhouette score?

**Answer:** - 2, 0.420539877 - 3, 0.392015609011 - 4, 0.330922679725 - 5, 0.351506396691 - 6, 0.357664690764 - 2 has the best silhouette.

#### 1.7.4 Cluster Visualization

Once you've chosen the optimal number of clusters for your clustering algorithm using the scoring metric above, you can now visualize the results by executing the code block below. Note that, for experimentation purposes, you are welcome to adjust the number of clusters for your clustering algorithm to see various visualizations. The final visualization provided should, however, correspond with the optimal number of clusters.



#### 1.7.5 Implementation: Data Recovery

Each cluster present in the visualization above has a central point. These centers (or means) are not specifically data points from the data, but rather the *averages* of all the data points predicted in the respective clusters. For the problem of creating customer segments, a cluster's center point corresponds to *the average customer of that segment*. Since the data is currently reduced in dimension and scaled by a logarithm, we can recover the representative customer spending from these data points by applying the inverse transformations.

In the code block below, you will need to implement the following: - Apply the inverse transform to centers using pca.inverse\_transform and assign the new centers to log\_centers. - Apply the inverse function of np.log to log\_centers using np.exp and assign the true centers to true\_centers.

```
In [112]: # TODO: Inverse transform the centers
         log_centers = pca.inverse_transform(centers)
         # TODO: Exponentiate the centers
         true_centers = np.exp(log_centers)
         # Display the true centers
         segments = ['Segment {}'.format(i) for i in range(0,len(centers))]
         true_centers = pd.DataFrame(np.round(true_centers), columns = data.keys()
         true_centers.index = segments
         display(true_centers)
           Fresh Milk Grocery Frozen Detergents_Paper Delicatessen
Segment 0 8836.0 1887.0 2343.0 2060.0
                                                    286.0
                                                                 670.0
Segment 1 3827.0 7827.0 12445.0 930.0
                                                   4527.0
                                                                1006.0
```

#### 1.7.6 Question 8

Consider the total purchase cost of each product category for the representative data points above, and reference the statistical description of the dataset at the beginning of this project. What set of establishments could each of the customer segments represent?

**Hint:** A customer who is assigned to 'Cluster X' should best identify with the establishments represented by the feature set of 'Segment X'.

**Answer:** Segment 0 represent HoReCa, beacuse the total puchase cost is 16082, smaller than mean of the whole dataset. Segment 1 represent retail, total purchase is 30562, far larger than segment 0 and nearly equal to mean of total purchase.

#### 1.7.7 **Question 9**

For each sample point, which customer segment from **Question 8** best represents it? Are the predictions for each sample point consistent with this?

Run the code block below to find which cluster each sample point is predicted to be.

**Answer:** sample point 0 is retail, sample point 1 is HoReCa, sample point 2 is retail. The predictions are consistent with this.

#### 1.8 Conclusion

### 1.8.1 Question 10

Companies often run A/B tests when making small changes to their products or services. If the wholesale distributor wanted to change its delivery service from 5 days a week to 3 days a week, how would you use the structure of the data to help them decide on a group of customers to test?

**Hint:** Would such a change in the delivery service affect all customers equally? How could the distributor identify who it affects the most?

**Answer:** test on customers in cluster 0 and cluster 1 separately.

#### 1.8.2 Question 11

Assume the wholesale distributor wanted to predict a new feature for each customer based on the purchasing information available. How could the wholesale distributor use the structure of the data to assist a supervised learning analysis?

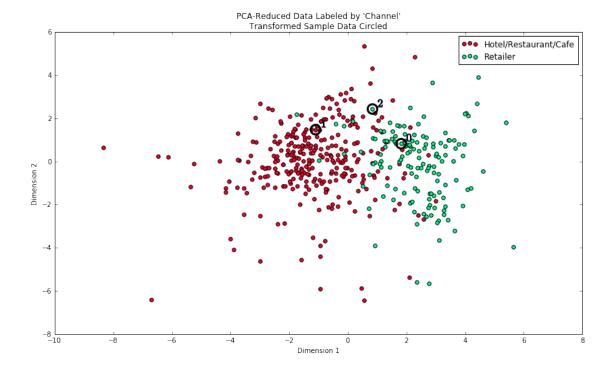
**Hint:** What other input feature could the supervised learner use besides the six product features to help make a prediction?

**Answer:** The whole purchase cost is a good feature, as shown above, it's convient to predict customer class using this feature.

## 1.8.3 Visualizing Underlying Distributions

At the beginning of this project, it was discussed that the 'Channel' and 'Region' features would be excluded from the dataset so that the customer product categories were emphasized in the analysis. By reintroducing the 'Channel' feature to the dataset, an interesting structure emerges when considering the same PCA dimensionality reduction applied earlier on to the original dataset.

Run the code block below to see how each data point is labeled either 'HoReCa' (Hotel/Restaurant/Cafe) or 'Retail' the reduced space. In addition, you will find the sample points are circled in the plot, which will identify their labeling.



#### 1.8.4 **Question 12**

How well does the clustering algorithm and number of clusters you've chosen compare to this underlying distribution of Hotel/Restaurant/Cafe customers to Retailer customers? Are there customer segments that would be classified as purely 'Retailers' or 'Hotels/Restaurants/Cafes' by this distribution? Would you consider these classifications as consistent with your previous definition of the customer segments?

**Answer:** These classifications are consistent with my previous definition besides the fact there are some noise points. No, there are not segments are purely.

**Note**: Once you have completed all of the code implementations and successfully answered each question above, you may finalize your work by exporting the iPython Notebook as an HTML document. You can do this by using the menu above and navigating to

**File -> Download as -> HTML (.html)**. Include the finished document along with this notebook as your submission.