**Project 4 – Clustering**

**CS548 / BCB503 Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining - Fall 2017**

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| **Dataset :**   * Dataset Description * Data Exploration * Initial Data Preprocessing (if any) | **Dataset** | |
| /05  /10  /05 | |
| **Code Description:** At leasttwo Clustering algorithms | **Weka**  /20 | **Python**  /10 |
| **Experiments:**   * Guiding Questions | /10 | |
| K-means - Sufficient & coherent set of experiments | /05 | /05 |
| * Objectives, Parameters, Additional Pre/Post-processing | /05 | /05 |
| * Presentation of results | /05 | /05 |
| * Analysis of individual experiments’ results | /05 | /05 |
| Hierarchical - Sufficient & coherent set of experiments | /05 | /05 |
| * Objectives, Parameters, Additional Pre/Post-processing | /05 | /05 |
| * Presentation of results | /05 | /05 |
| * Analysis of individual experiments’ results | /05 | /05 |
| DBSCAN - Sufficient & coherent set of experiments | N/A | /05 |
| * Objectives, Parameters, Additional Pre/Post-processing | N/A | /05 |
| * Presentation of results | N/A | /05 |
| * Analysis of individual experiments’ results | N/A | /05 |
| Quantitative Analysis of Results and Discussion | /30 | |
| Qualitative Analysis of Results, Discussion, and Visualizations | /30 | |
| Advanced Topic | /30 | |
| Total Written Report Project 4 | /250 = /100 | |

**Dataset Description, Exploration, and Initial Preprocessing: (at most 1 page)**

**[05 points] Dataset Description: (e.g., dataset domain, number of instances, number of attributes, distribution of target attribute, % missing values, …)**

**[10 points] Data Exploration: (e.g., comments on interesting or salient aspects of the dataset, visualizations, correlation, issues with the data, …)**

**[05 points] Initial data preprocessing, if any, based on data exploration findings: (e.g., removing IDs, strings, necessary dimensionality reduction, …)**

**Note: This section is for BCB503 students. CS548 students should not need to do any initial preprocessing to their dataset.**

**Weka Code Description: Inputs, output, and process followed by Weka’s code for clustering (at most 2/3 page)**

**[10 points] Code Description of the K-means clustering algorithm implementation in Weka:**

**[10 points] Code Description of the hierarchical clustering algorithm in Weka: (you can pick just one “link” type: min, max, Ward’s method, …)**

**[10 points] Python Packages and Functions used for Clustering. Describe inputs & outputs (at most 1/3 page)**

**[10 points] Three Guiding Questions about the dataset domain (at most 1/4 page): This is for BCB503 students. CS584 questions are specified already.**

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| **[40 points] Summary of Experiments with Partitional Clustering (k-means).** *At most 1 page total, including the guiding questions above.* | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **Tool** | **Pre-process** | **# clusters** | **Distance**  **function** | **#**  **iterations** | **SSE** | **% of instances**  **per cluster** | **Observations about experiment**  **Observations about visualization**  **Interpretation of centroids**  **Classes to cluster evaluation?** | **You can add**  **other columns**  **or remove this one** |
| P1 | Weka?  Python? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **[40 points] Summary of Experiments with Hierarchical Clustering (single link, complete link, average, centroid, Ward).** *At most 1 page.* | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **Tool** | **Pre-process** | **# clusters** | **Link**  **type** | **#**  **iterations** | **Time**  **taken** | **% of instances**  **per cluster** | **Observations about experiment**  **Observations about visualization**  **Classes to cluster evaluation?** | **You can add**  **other columns**  **or remove this one** |
| H1 | Weka?  Python? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **[20 points] Summary of Experiments with DBSCAN in Python.** *At most 1/2 page.* | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **Pre-process** | **Epsilon** | **minPts** | **#**  **clusters** | **Time taken** | **% of instances**  **per cluster** | **Observations about experiment**  **Observations about visualization**  **Interpretation of means & std dev**  **Classes to cluster evaluation?** | **You can add**  **columns** |
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**[30 points] Quantitative Analysis of Weka and Python Results and Discussion (at most 1/2 page).**

Include here for example calculations of good initial parameter values and quantitative results across experiments, datasets, and clustering methods.

**[30 points] Qualitative Analysis of Weka and Python Results on and Visualizations (at most 1 page)**

(Remember also to analyze the results from the point of view of the dataset domain, and discuss the answers that the experiments provided to your guiding questions.)

**Advanced Topic: <include name of the topic here>**

**[7 points] List of sources/books/papers used for this topic (include URLs if available):**

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**[20 points] In your own words, provide an in-depth, yet concise, description of your chosen topic. Make sure to cover all relevant data mining aspects of your topic.**

**[3 points] How does this topic relate to clustering?**

**Authorship:** Although each student on the team is expected to be involved in every aspect of the project, describe in detail here the main contributions that each of the team members made to this project. This authorship description must accurately reflect the work done by each team member, and must be approved by all of the members of the team (at most 1/3 page)