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Clustering Large and High Dimensional Data

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Abstract

and an introduction to some recently developed clustering techniques. We as more efficient, retrieval. The tutorial provides an overview of clustering, suggests that document clustering should result in more effective, as well documents tend to be relevant to the same requests (van Rijsbergen 1979) design, data mining, bio-informatics (e.g. gene expression analysis), and inand available. Clustering techniques are used to discover natural groups in place particular attention on document clustering, and on the applications of known "cluster hypothesis", for example, which says that closely associated clustering has been a subject of interest in IR for many years. The wellbeen applied in text mining and web page clustering, among others. Indeed formation retrieval, to name just a few. Within IR, clustering techniques have tering has been used in a variety of areas, including: computer vision, VLSI having any background knowledge of the characteristics of the data. Clusdata sets, and to identify abstract structures that might reside there, without modern nonlinear optimization methods. Large and often high dimensional data sets are now increasingly common

Overview of this Tutorial

Introduction and Basic concepts

Hierarchical algorithms, e.g. single-link

Examples from IR

Clustering software

ullet Non-hierarchical algorithms, e.g. k-means

Partition algorithms, e.g. spherical

Clustering as an optimization problem

Why study clustering?

disciplines Practical applications abound, in computer science, and other

entity ferring to lots of items, refer to them as a single (aggregate) Clustering is an important form of abstraction: instead of re-

Every computer scientist should know something about it!

Cross lingual	Document summarisation	Text categorisation	Latent semantic indexing	Topic distillation & Linkage retrieval	Evaluation	Distributed IR	Signature files	Visualisation	Users & Search	DBMS & IR	Japanese & Chinese IR	Boolean & extended Boolean	Probabilistic & Language models	lmage retrieval	Hypertext IR, Multiple evidence	Filtering	Message understanding & TDT	Term weighting	Inverted files & Implementations	Relevance feedback	Clustering	Compression	Conceptual IR, KB IR	Syntactic phrases & SDR	Question answering	Models	General !	Databases, NL Interfaces	Cluster \ Year
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ties, as well as many others Clustering is a hot area, in both the IR and database communi-

(Table on previous slide from Smeaton et al., SIGIR 2002)

Similar numbers from other conferences:

CIKM 1993,1; 95,1; 98,3; 99,4; 2000,4; 01,2; 02,5

2000,2; 02,2; 03,1 SIGMOD 1980,1; 85,1; 90,1; 91,2; 92,1; 96,1; 98,1; 99,1;

trieval? Why is clustering important in Database? or Information

indexing and retrieval operations can be optimized. If records can be clustered together in a sensible fashion, then

to certain nodes topic, language, source, or other attributes, and then allocated In particular, in distributed systems, records can be clustered by

Cluster Hypothesis

the same requests." The "Cluster Hypothesis", proposed by van Rijsbergen in 1971, "states that closely associated documents tend to be relevant to

for many years. How well the CH applies in practice has been a research question

and what structure there is in it, before the issue of query processing even comes up. Perhaps more important, clustering tells you about the corpus,

What do we want in a clustering algorithm?

- it should produce "good" clusters, whatever that means
- reasonable performance, in terms of time and space complexity
- scales as the number of points increases
- scales as the dimensionality of points increases
- amenable to parallelization

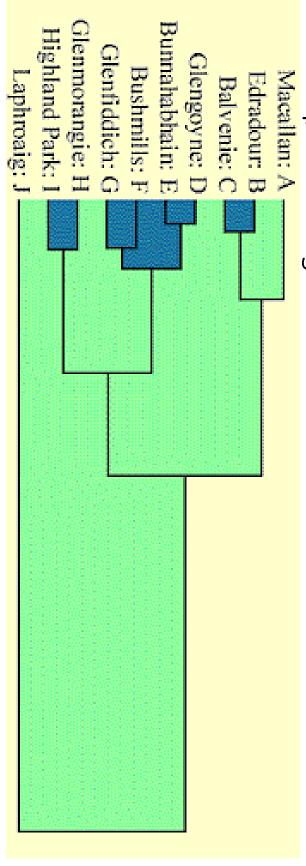
Taxonomy of clustering algorithms

next several slides) (Credit to Edie Rasmussen for much of the material on these

Hierarchical algorithms produce a nested data set

- graphical output via dendrogram, for example
- relatively slow
- "clusters within clusters"

An example dendrogram



from http://www.clustan.com

Taxonomy of clustering algorithms (continued)

data Non-hierarchical algorithms produce a simple partition of the

- graphical output via colors on a CRT, for example
- can achieve linear time and space complexity
- structure within clusters, if any, may not be apparent

hierarchical algorithm. Recursive application of a non-hierarchical algorithm results in a

Hierarchical algorithms may be divisive, (top-down) or agglomerative (bottom-up)

for example. (Cutting et al., SIGIR 92, SIGIR 93) a divisive hierarchical algorithm is at the heart of Scatter/Gather, Agglomerative algorithms have received more attention, although

Hierarchical Agglomerative Clustering Methods (HACMs)

single link

complete link

group average link

Ward's method

Single Link

dendrogram. when the last two objects are joined, i.e. at the root of the single points) not yet in the same cluster. Similarity of objects is based on the similarity of their most similar points. Stop At each step, join the most similar pair of objects (clusters or

computed. Easy to implement, and runs quickly once similarity matrix is

Tends to form "long straggly" clusters.

able on tutorial web site Refer to one page of code for singleLink in handout. Also avail-

The code shown here runs on Octave.

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                                                                                                              % represent the points in an m\ast n array called d, so that each point % is a row of the d matrix
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            assert( n \ge 2 );
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                                                                       = rand(m, n);
                                                                                                                                                                                           generate random points in the 0:1 hypercube
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             = input('number of data points (vectors in R^n) to generate:');
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                = input('dimensionality of data space n (n >= 2):');
if dimension is 2 or 3, we can do a plot
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clear the old plots, if any

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zlabel("z axis");
% keep the same plot going through each pass
                    endif
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% loop through the data
% at each step, join the most similar pair of objects (points or clusters)
% that are not yet in the same cluster
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        endif
                                                                                                                               % make a vector which says which cluster a given point is in
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                           for i=1:m
                                                   cluster = zeros(1,m);
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cluster(i) = i;
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endif;

hold on;

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% closestj,cluster(closestj), closesti, cluster(closesti));
                                     %printf ("the two closest points are %d in cluster %d and %d in cluster %d\n",
                                                                    assert(cluster(closesti) != cluster(closestj));
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closestj = j;
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printf("merge cluster %d into cluster %d\n", oldc, newc); endif
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       newLink = zeros(2,n);
newLink(1,:) = d(closesti,:);
newLink(2,:) = d(closestj,:);
                                                                                            for k=1:m
                                                                                                                                       \% connect the clusters by making each point in closesti's cluster a member of \% closestj's cluster
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endfor
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                        endif
                                                                     if cluster(k) == oldc
                                               cluster(k) = newc;
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endfor

Complete Link

joined, i.e. at the root of the dendrogram. their least similar points. Stop when the last two objects are same cluster. Similarity of objects is based on the similarity of At each step, join the most similar pair of objects not yet in the

performance is about the same Implementation is slightly more complicated than single link, but

Tends to form compact clusters.

Code example available on tutorial web site.

The Similarity Matrix

each pair of points in the data Hierarchical algorithms often need to know the similarity between

in each pass of the algorithm similarity matrix will need to be modified as clusters are created In document clustering, using cosine similarity, documents with of the similarity matrix depends on the data. Furthermore, the no terms in common have similarity zero. Therefore, the density

similarity computations on the fly, and therefore require a little space in a naive implementation. Some algorithms allow for more time, but significantly less space To build the similarity matrix obviously requires $O(n^2)$ time and

Comparing single link vs. complete link

and facilities permit) Code is available on tutorial web site. (Demo Octave, if time

start octave singleLink completeLink

compareLink

results. On random data, the two algorithms seem to produce very similar

Group Average Link

is based on average similarity of component points. Like single link and complete link, except that similarity of objects

Implementation very much like complete link.

Ward's Method

smallest increase in total intra-cluster sum of squares. that at each step, the two objects being joined result in the Like the single link, complete link, and group average link, except

archy" "tends to produce homogeneous clusters and a symmetric hier-

Evaluation of HACMs

calculate the similarity between two clusters The algorithms are fairly similar, differing mostly in how they

culating, a similarity matrix. All rely on calculating (perhaps on-the-fly), and perhaps recal-

Complexity $O(n^2 log n)$

rithm calculate the similarities between newly formed clusters The Lance-Williams dissimilarity update formula lets an algo-

and O(n) space) are known. These include SLINK and Primgle link, for which several optimal algorithms (i.e. $O(n^2)$ time Improvements have been made to various HACMs, especially sin-Dijkstra

Algorithms for Non-hierarchical methods

Single pass is simple, but sensitive to order of input data, e.g. batch k-means

e.g incremental k-means Reallocation lets documents move from one cluster to another,

Uses of clustering in IR

- decrease collection is a single document, or if the similarity starts to taking branches where similarity with the query is greatest **Query Processing**: Given a query q, work down the tree Continue until some stopping criterion is met, e.g. sub-
- See (or demo) http://www.vivisimo.com the results. Some search engines do this, but not very many. **Results Presentation**: Process query q as usual, but cluster
- able derstand what documents (or topics or languages) are avail-**Exploring the Corpus**: Find clusters in order to better un-



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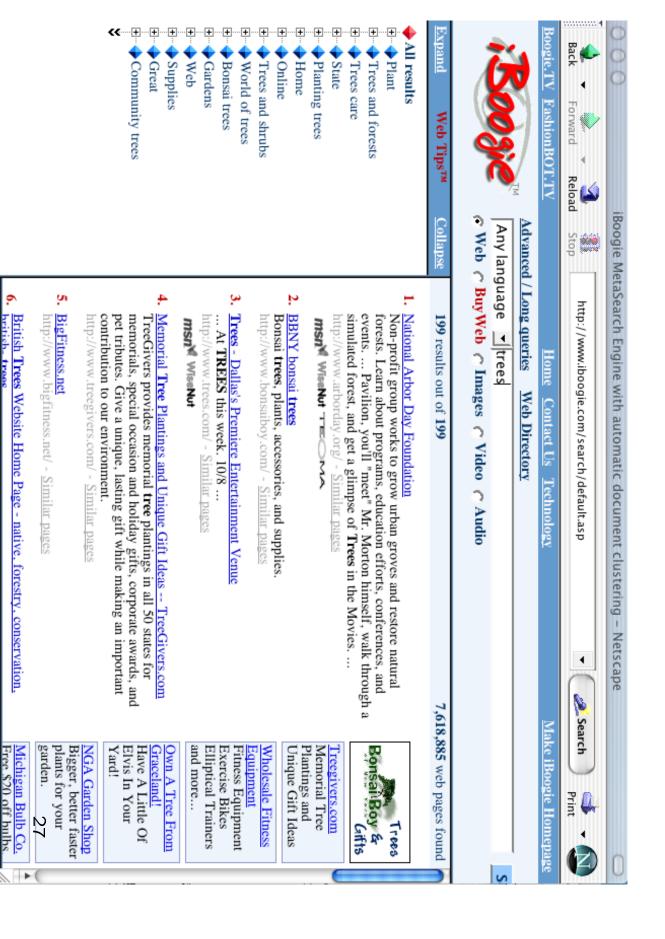
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Smeaton's SIGIR paper study

- Abstracts from 853 SIGIR papers were collected.
- Stopwords were removed, and terms stemmed and weighted, and similarity matrix calculated
- glomerative method Document vectors were clustered using a hierarchical, ag-
- Similarity threshold was adjusted to produce a desirable number of clusters, which were then labeled by inspection

What about the whisky example?

from http://www.whiskyclassified.com/

- Twelve characteristics of whisky were identified
- and the reviewers' ratings were noted Reviews of 86 different single malt whiskies were collected,
- across all 12 sensory variables... [the algorithm] minimizes tween clusters the variance within clusters and maximizes the variance beter when they have broadly the same taste characteristics The clustering software grouped whiskies into the same clus-

Scatter/Gather

own right, apart from retrieval. Key idea: clustering can be effective as an access method in its

- Data is divided into a small number of clusters
- Short summaries are presented to user, who selects one more clusters for further study
- peats Those clusters are gathered, clustered, and the process re-

chical. Since system is interactive, speed of clustering is critical The process is user-driven, divisive (i.e. top-down) and hierar-

Buckshot Algorithm

- documents k is the number of clusters, and n is the total number of Take a random sample of the data of size $\sqrt{(kn)}$, where
- Find k "centers" in the sample using e.g. group average link
- distance Assign each document to one of the clusters, e.g. by closest
- twice Cluster centers may shift, so repeat assignment once

Fractionation Algorithm

- with m > k. Divide the document set into N/m groups of fixed size m,
- repeat, until only k groups remain Cluster the data in each of the buckets using some clustering algorithm. Treat these N/m groups as individuals, and
- shot Assign each document to one of these k clusters, as in buck-
- Cluster centers may shift, so repeat assignment once or twice

centers, let m = 100. Example: start with N=100000 documents. To choose k=10

link. Cost: $O(100^2)$, with a factor of 1000. Find the "center" each of these sets, using e.g. group average Make N/m=1000 document sets, 100 documents in each set.

sets of 100. Find the centers of these 10 sets, and the resulting factor of 10 10 cluster centers are what we wanted. Cost: $O(100^2)$, with a Treating these 1000 "centers" as individuals, divide them into 10

better than $O(n^2)$ for n = 100000Total cost is still $O(n^2)$ for n=100, which is a million times

Fractionation vs. Buckshot

complexity is the same, but doesn't have the randomness of buckshot Fractionation takes longer than buckshot, although asymptotic

results. Buckshot can be run several times, in the hopes of getting better

clusters According to Cutting et al, Fractionation seems to make better

for documents than for widgets :-) Stratified vs. random sampling is perhaps even more important

Star Clusters - another IR application of clustering

A hierarchical technique for browsing an information collection.

threshold between pairs of documents. Each level in the hierarchy is determined by a minimum similarity

is greater than the minimum for that level of the hierarchy. each "satellite" document and the "star" at the cluster's center possibly more than one!) subgraph, where the distance between Find star-shaped subgraphs such that each document is one (and

From Jain's 1999 Survey on Data Clustering

Components of a Clustering Task:

1. Choose a representation of the data

2. Define a similarity measure

3. Clustering algorithm

4. Data abstraction, if needed

5. Assess output, if needed (and it usually is - CKN)

Data representation

Feature selection

Dimension reduction

Transformation e.g. Cartesian to polar coordinates for points in \mathbb{R}^2

Speaking of Dimension Reduction...

High-dimensionality can be an issue

similarities that the vector space representation misses, e.g. no this happen? terms in common, but term frequencies are identical. How could Documents "live" in high dimensional spaces, and they may have

spaces, then cluster. Lots of recent work on projecting data into lower dimensional

Similarity measures

similarity measures For document clustering, one can use Cosine, Dice, or Jaccard

$$S_{D_i,D_j} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{L} weight_{i,k} weight_{j,k}}{\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{L} weight_{i,k}^2 \sum_{k=1}^{L} weight_{j,k}^2}}$$
(1)

types of data have been developed. (Jain, pg. 272) ued metadata, similarity measures that account for the different For semi-structured data, e.g. text with nominal or ordinal val-

Similarity vs. distance

sented as points on a hyper-sphere cations, including (length-normalized) documents when repre-Euclidean distance is another reasonable choice in many appli-

properties of A metric space is a space in which a distance metric has

symmetry, $d(a,b) = d(b,a) \forall a,b$ strict positiveness, $d(x,y) = 0iffx = y, \forall x, y$,

and the triangle inequality $d(a,b) + d(b,c) \ge d(a,c) \forall a,b,c$

satisfy the Triangle Inequality, but may still produce good results However, measures such as Mutual Neighbor Distance

Assessing the Output: what is a "good" clustering?

How does one measure the quality of a clustering?

similarity. total intra-cluster similarity while minimizing total inter-cluster as an optimization, e.g. find the cluster centers that maximize From an objective standpoint, cluster quality is usually expressed

ages, as well as objective functions Image processing papers use subjective assessment of test im-

Using clusters package in Matlab

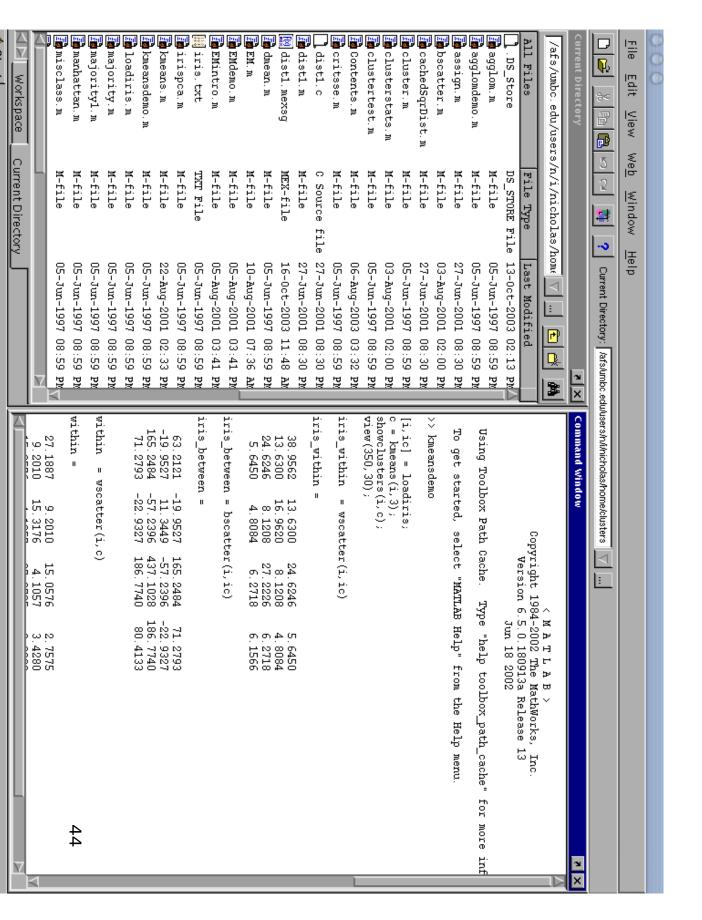
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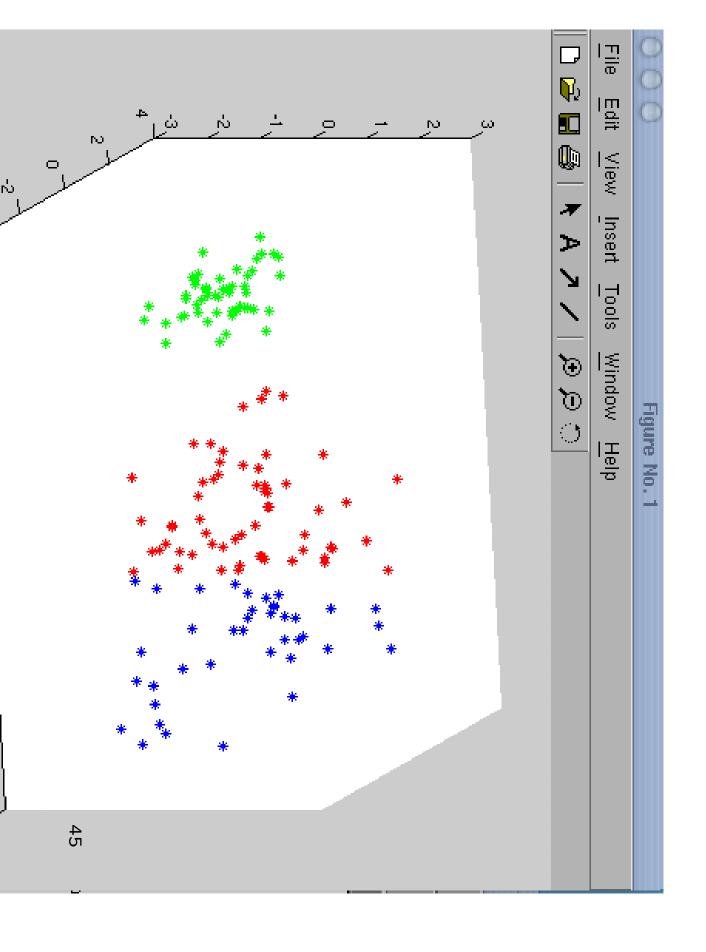
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MAJORITY1: returns weighted majority vote for a *row vector*
PRINTCLUSTERS: print out j-component of the data in each cluster
irispca: show first two principal components of iris data
DMEAN: distance between means of two clusters
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NEAREST: return the vector zj in z that is nearest to xi MOVE: move sample x(s) from its current cluster c(s) to cluster j
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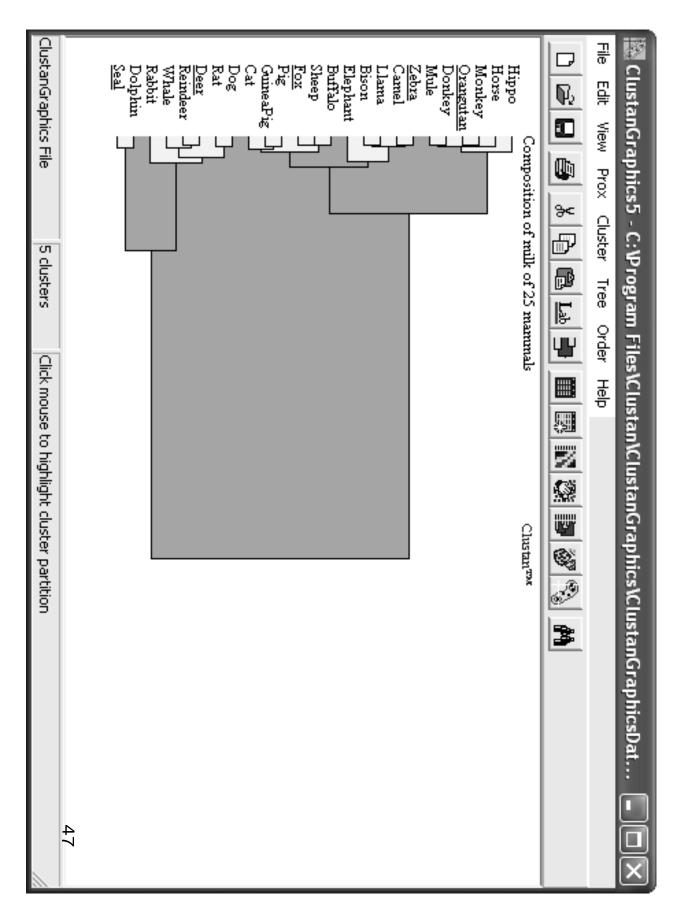


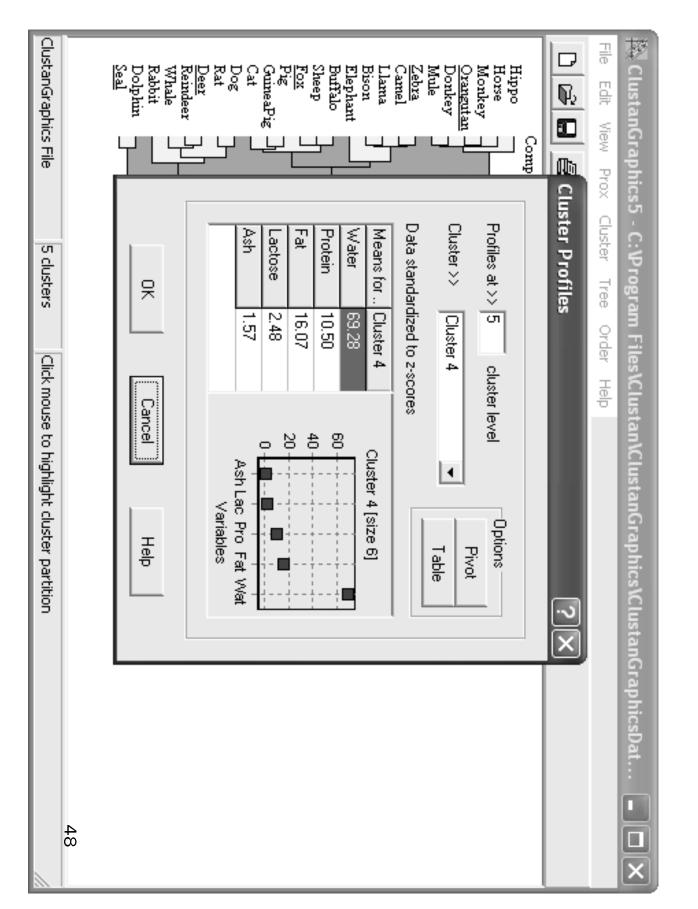


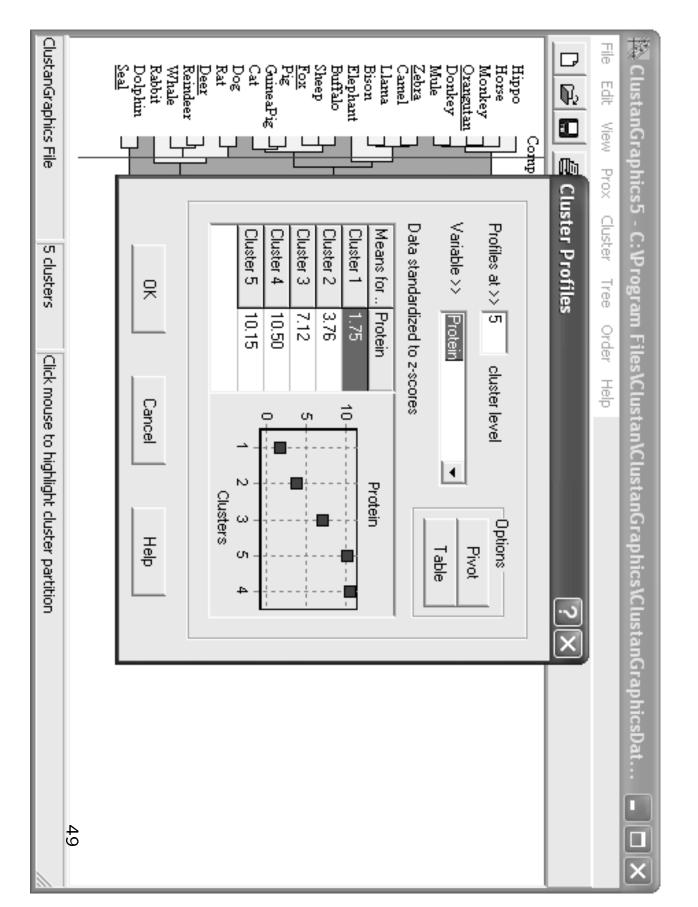
Using Clustan

strate varying number of clusters, and pivoting of data. der the file menu, open (or reopen) mammals. We can demon-Need a Windows platform. Click on Clustan Graphics 6 icon. Un-

at clusters across variables. Pivoting refers to looking at variables across clusters, or looking







Using Cluto

cmd.exe. From cluto's matrices directory, Need a Windows (or Unix) platform. Open a run window, run

..\Win32\vcluster sports.mat 10

Related software

http://www.cs.umbc.edu/~nicholas/clustering

http://www.cc.gatech.edu/~dellaert/html/software.html

http://www.clustan.com/

http://www-users.cs.umn.edu/~karypis/cluto/index.html

http://www.octave.org