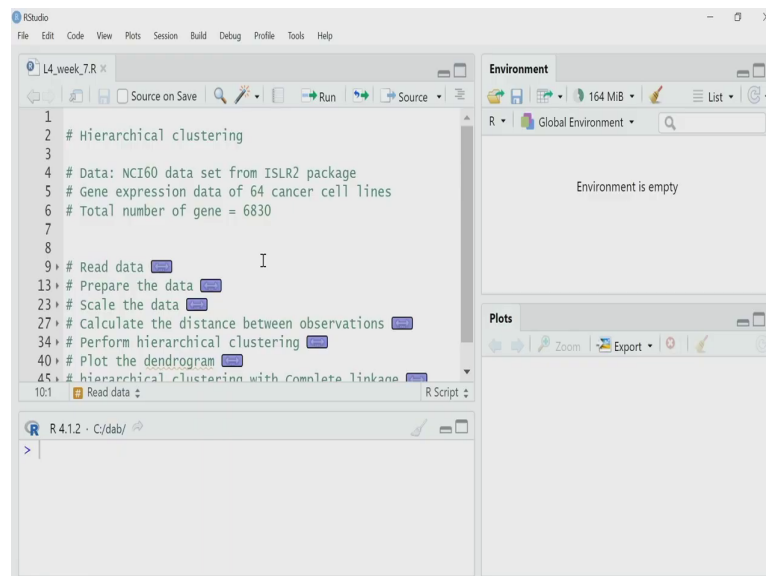


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Hierarchical Clustering using R

Hello everyone. In this lecture, we will perform hierarchical clustering of a data using R. So, for this particular demonstration, I have chosen a data set, where we have gene expression data of 64 different cancer cell lines, there are lots of gene more than 6000 genes are there. So, what do you want to do, we want to cluster the cell line based upon their gene expression features. And I want to do it like a hierarchical clustering, I want to create a tree I want to create a dendrogram. So, that will show the relation between different cell types. So, let us go to R studio and perform that.

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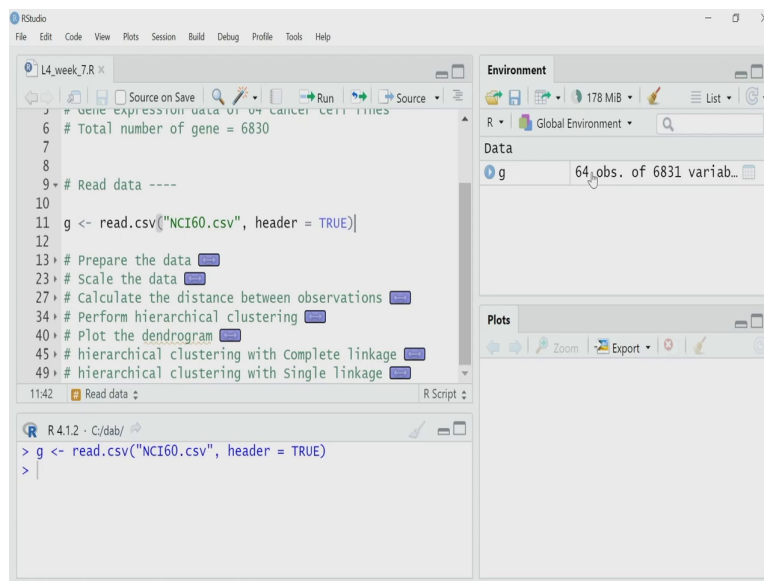


The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with a script editor containing the following R code:

```
1  
2 # Hierarchical clustering  
3  
4 # Data: NCI60 data set from ISLR2 package  
5 # Gene expression data of 64 cancer cell lines  
6 # Total number of gene = 6830  
7  
8  
9 # Read data  
13 # Prepare the data  
23 # Scale the data  
27 # calculate the distance between observations  
34 # Perform hierarchical clustering  
40 # Plot the dendrogram  
45 # hierarchical clustering with complete linkage
```

So, as I said, the data set is called NCI 60 data set and it is taken from ISLR2 package. So, it has gene expression data for gene of 6830 genes from 64 cancer cell lines. So, I have stored it as a csv file in my machine. So, I will first read it, and then I will look into the data. And then I will process the data before I go into for hierarchical clustering.

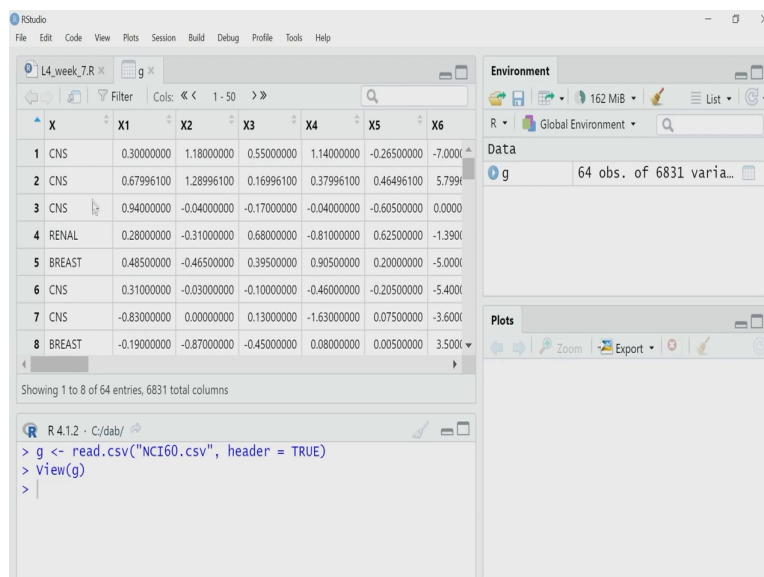
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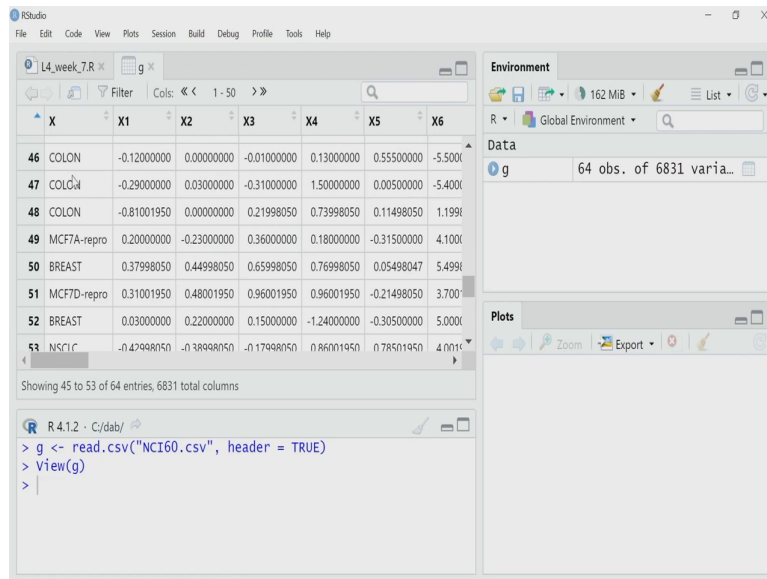


`g ← read.csv("NCI60.csv", header = TRUE)`

So, let us first read the data using read dot csv, because that is how I have stored the data. It may take a few seconds, because it is a large data file. Let me open it, I have stored this as g.

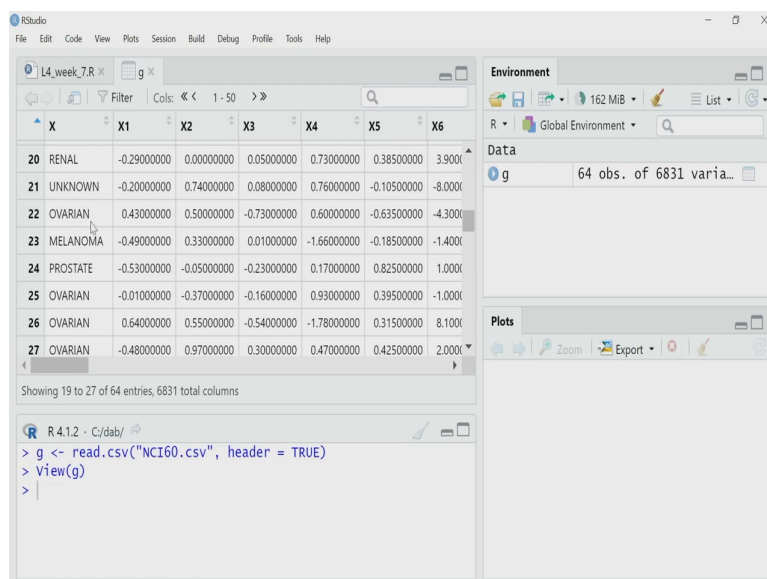
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So, `g` is the variable where I am storing the data, as I said, is a bit a large file, so it may take a slight time delayed for loading. So, what do we have? I have 64 rows here, each of those are labels for, this first column is the label for each of these cell lines a CNS, CNS, Renal, Breast, these are the type of cell line, cancer cell and so.

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X	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6	
1	CNS	0.30000000	1.18000000	0.55000000	1.14000000	-0.26500000	-7.00000000
2	CNS	0.67996100	1.28996100	0.16996100	0.37996100	0.46496100	5.79961000
3	CNS	0.94000000	-0.04000000	-0.17000000	-0.04000000	-0.60500000	0.00000000
4	RENAL	0.28000000	-0.31000000	0.68000000	-0.81000000	0.62500000	-1.39000000
5	BREAST	0.48500000	-0.46500000	0.39500000	0.90500000	0.20000000	-5.00000000
6	CNS	0.31000000	-0.03000000	-0.10000000	-0.46000000	-0.20500000	-5.40000000
7	CNS	-0.83000000	0.00000000	0.13000000	-1.63000000	0.07500000	-3.60000000
8	BREAST	-0.19000000	-0.87000000	-0.45000000	0.08000000	0.00500000	3.50000000

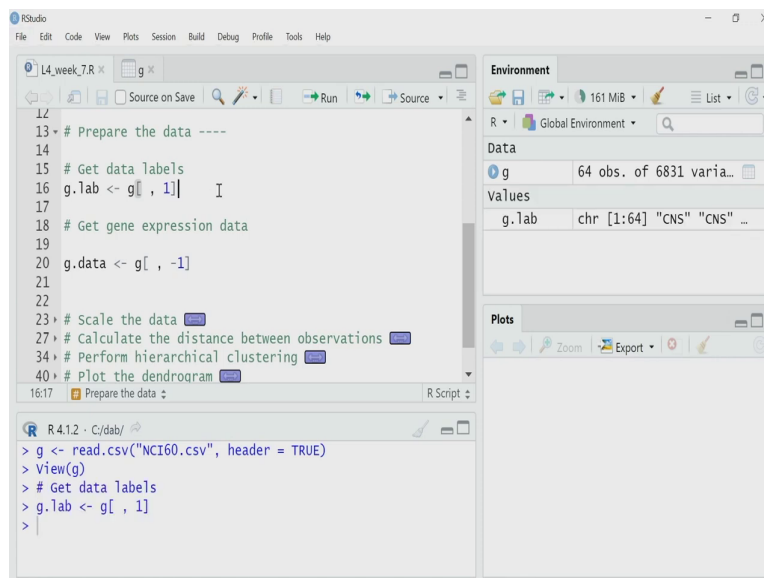
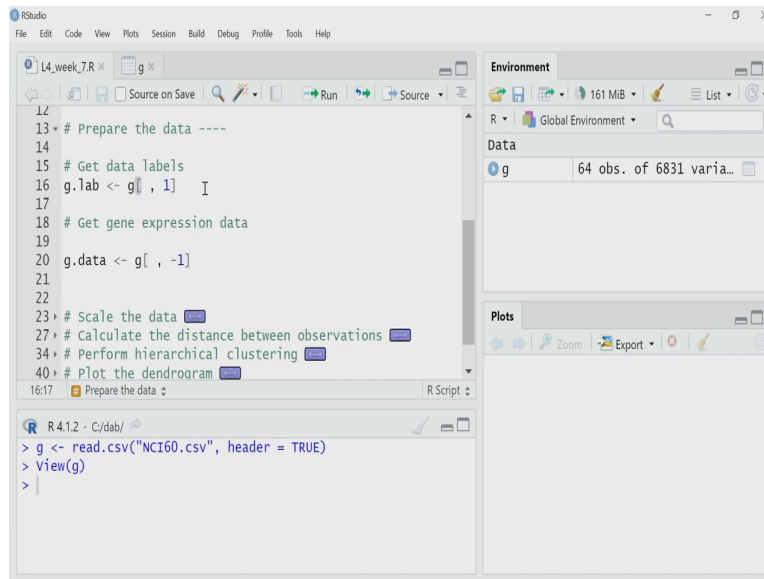
The fifth one is a breast cancer cell line. Whereas your the 22nd one is the ovarian cancer cell line like that. Whereas the other column, from the second one to up to the rest of the 6830 columns, those are for each of the genes for which the gene expression data has been measured. Now, the first thing that I have to do for this whole data, what I will do, I will separate this label column, because this has a label for the each of the cell type, label data I will separate out. And whereas I will keep this numeric data for gene expression as a separate part, so I will create two different variables and store them separately.

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```

# gene expression data of 64 cancer cell lines
6 # Total number of gene = 6830
7
8
9 # Read data ----
10
11 g <- read.csv("NCI60.csv", header = TRUE)
12
13 # Prepare the data
23 # Scale the data
27 # Calculate the distance between observations
34 # Perform hierarchical clustering
40 # Plot the dendrogram
45 # hierarchical clustering with complete linkage
49 # hierarchical clustering with single linkage

```



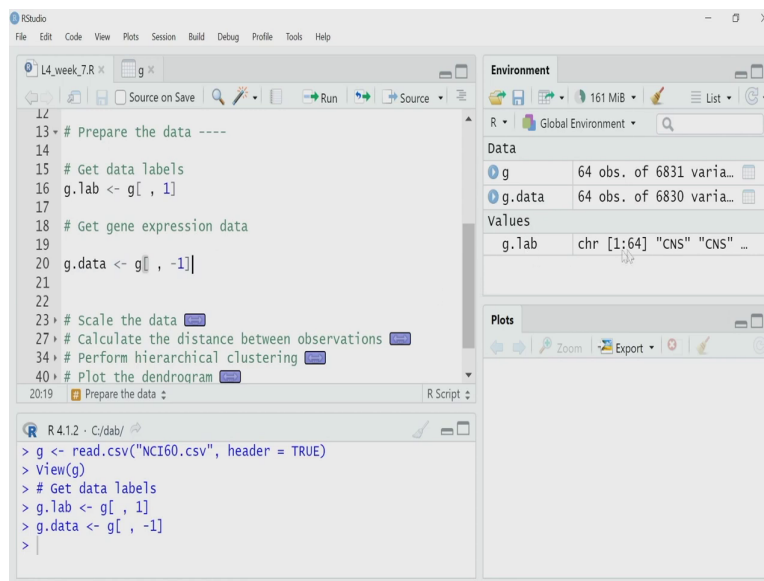
`g.lab ← g[, 1]`

`g.data ← g[, -1]`

So, to do that, what I am doing, I will first get the label data. So, `g` if you consider is a table or a data frame, or a matrix, whatever you imagine it so it has indexes, the row and column. So, I want the first column data. And I want all rows, so the index of row is kept blank. And so, `g` in the square bracket blank comma 1 that will fetch me all the row data for column 1, and those are the labels. And I am assigning that to `g dot lab`. So, that will store where that variable is told me the label.

Now, I will fetch the gene expression data. So, that means I want to start from the column 2 and rest of that. So, I can always write 2 colon and the final column number, but I will not do that, I have used it with a trick to discard the first column and fetch rest of the columns.

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```
12
13 # Prepare the data ----
14
15 # Get data labels
16 g.lab <- g[, 1]
17
18 # Get gene expression data
19
20 g.data <- g[, -1]
21
22
23 # Scale the data
27 # Calculate the distance between observations
34 # Perform hierarchical clustering
40 # Plot the dendrogram
```

Environment

Data

- g 64 obs. of 6831 varia...
- g.data 64 obs. of 6830 varia...

Values

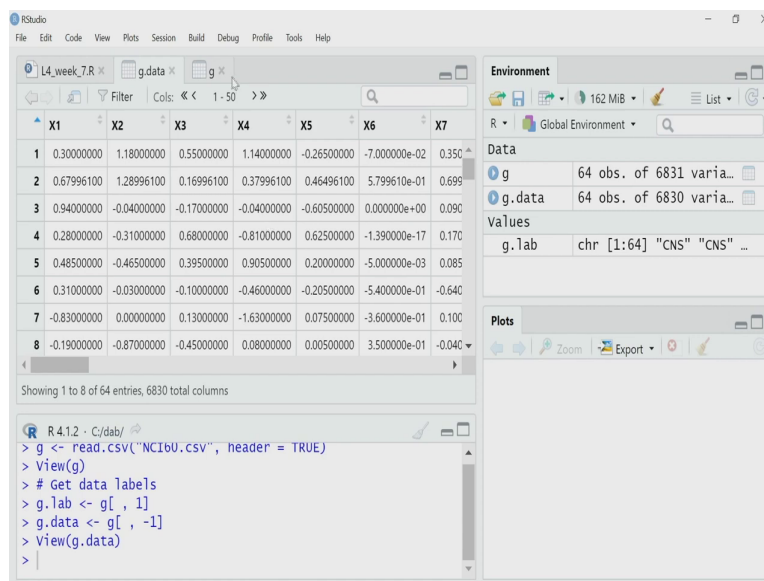
g.lab chr [1:64] "CNS" "CNS" ...

`g.lab <- g[, 1]`

`g.data <- g[, -1]`

So, what I have done within the square bracket obvious is that all the rows I want so I have leave the index for row empty and the index of column I have written minus 1 that will tell R that okay, you discard the column 1 and fetch rest of the columns. So, and then store that to g dot data. So, that will give you the numerical data for gene expression for all these 6830 genes in these 64 cell types. So, I have done that you can see you can check the g dot data, it will take some time to open.

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	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6	X7
1	0.30000000	1.18000000	0.55000000	1.14000000	-0.26500000	-7.000000e-02	0.350
2	0.67996100	1.28996100	0.16996100	0.37996100	0.46496100	5.799610e-01	0.699
3	0.94000000	-0.04000000	-0.17000000	-0.04000000	-0.60500000	0.000000e+00	0.090
4	0.28000000	-0.31000000	0.68000000	-0.81000000	0.62500000	-1.390000e-17	0.170
5	0.48500000	-0.46500000	0.39500000	0.90500000	0.20000000	-5.000000e-03	0.085
6	0.31000000	-0.03000000	-0.10000000	-0.46000000	-0.20500000	-5.400000e-01	-0.640
7	-0.83000000	0.00000000	0.13000000	-1.63000000	0.07500000	-3.600000e-01	0.100
8	-0.19000000	-0.87000000	-0.45000000	0.08000000	0.00500000	3.500000e-01	-0.040

Showing 1 to 8 of 64 entries, 6830 total columns

```
> g <- read.csv("NCI60.csv", header = TRUE)
> View(g)
> # Get data labels
> g.lab <- g[, 1]
> g.data <- g[, -1]
> View(g.data)
```

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the following content:

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23 # Scale the data
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```

The Environment pane shows:

Object	Class	Attributes
g	matrix	64 obs. of 6831 varia...
g.data	matrix	64 obs. of 6830 varia...

The console shows the following R commands:

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> View(g)
> # Get data labels
> g.lab <- g[, 1]
> g.data <- g[, -1]
> View(g.data)
>
```

So, now you do not have label, you can imagine its a data matrix. So, I have fetched that data which I have to analyze. So, before you move for hierarchical clustering, it is wiser to scale the data. What do I mean by scaling data? By scaling data, see I have all these genes as columns, 6830 columns for each of these gene. Within the column, the data have variations. So, what do we do, we calculate the mean and the variance and the standard deviation for each column.

And then we transform the data for each column, the raw data of each column in such a way that the mean of each column will become 0. So, that is called centering of the data. And the standard deviation for each column will also become 1. So, I will get a centered scaled data. So, it is a good practice to do that, it may not be required always. But if your data dispersion gene has different dispersion level, and the mean may be quite large, the variation between means of different gene expression is very large, then your clustering algorithm may give some aberration.

So, that is why it is always better to scale the data, center and scale. So, what I will do, I will use the scale function. So, I will use that g dot data, which stored the numerical data for gene expression for all these genes to scale and store that at g dot sc.

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The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the following code in the editor:

```
16 g.lab <- g[, 1]
17
18 # Get gene expression data
19
20 g.data <- g[, -1]
21
22
23 # Scale the data ----
24
25 g.sc <- scale(g.data)
26
27 # Calculate the distance between observations
34 # Perform hierarchical clustering
40 # Plot the dendrogram
```

The Environment pane on the right shows the following objects:

Object	Description
g	64 obs. of 6831 varia...
g.data	64 obs. of 6830 varia...
g.sc	Large matrix (437120 ...)
g.lab	chr [1:64] "CNS" "CNS" ...

The console shows the following commands:

```
> View(g)
> # Get data labels
> g.lab <- g[, 1]
> g.data <- g[, -1]
> View(g.data)
> g.sc <- scale(g.data)
>
```

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the following code in the editor:

```
18 # Get gene expression data
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20 g.data <- g[, -1]
21
22
23 # Scale the data ----
24
25 g.sc <- scale(g.data)
26
27 # Calculate the distance between observations |I-
28
29 # Use dist() function to pairwise distance
30 # between observations
31
```

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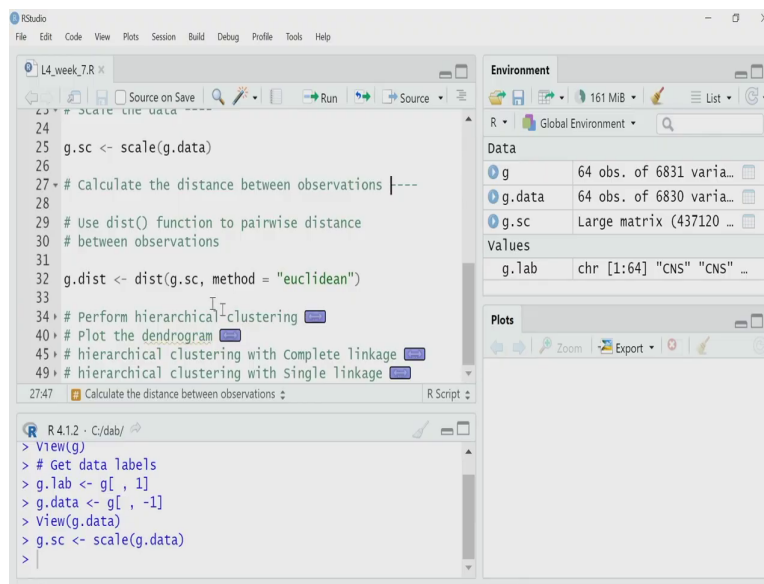
The console shows the following commands:

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> View(g)
> # Get data labels
> g.lab <- g[, 1]
> g.data <- g[, -1]
> View(g.data)
> g.sc <- scale(g.data)
>
```

`g.sc ← scale(g.data)`

So, now I have the scaled data. So, I will perform clustering not on the row data, but on the scaled data. So, before I move forward move for clustering, I have to calculate the distance pairwise distance between each of these cells, each of these cells is observation. So, for each pair of the cell type, we have to calculate the pairwise distance.

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24
25 g.sc <- scale(g.data)
26
27 # Calculate the distance between observations |---
28
29 # Use dist() function to pairwise distance
30 # between observations
31
32 g.dist <- dist(g.sc, method = "euclidean")
33
34 # Perform hierarchical clustering
35 # Plot the dendrogram
36 # hierarchical clustering with Complete linkage
37 # hierarchical clustering with Single linkage
38
```

Environment

R - Global Environment	
Data	
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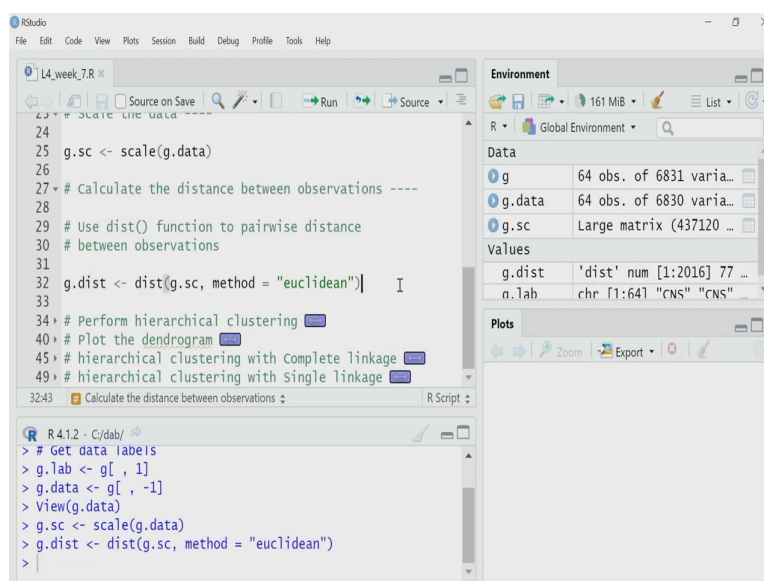
Plots

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> View(g)
> # Get data labels
> g.lab <- g[, 1]
> g.data <- g[, -1]
> View(g.data)
> g.sc <- scale(g.data)
>
```

`g.dist ← dist(g.sc, method = “euclidean”)`

So, how do I do I use the distance function to calculate the pairwise distance between these 64 cell types. So, I use the scale data g.sc. And the method of distance if you remember, there are many distance metrics, we have learned few of them. So, here I am using the Euclidean. So, I am telling you calculate the distance between the cell types using the Euclidean distance as a metric. So, I am writing method equal to Euclidean and that distance data is stored in g dot dist.

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25 g.sc <- scale(g.data)
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38
```

Environment

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Data	
g	64 obs. of 6831 varia...
g.data	64 obs. of 6830 varia...
g.sc	Large matrix (437120 ...)
Values	
g.dist	'dist' num [1:2016] 77 ...
n.lab	chr [1:64] "CNS" "CNS" ...

Plots

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> # Get data labels
> g.lab <- g[, 1]
> g.data <- g[, -1]
> View(g.data)
> g.sc <- scale(g.data)
> g.dist <- dist(g.sc, method = "euclidean")
>
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33
34 # Perform hierarchical clustering ----
35
36 # use hclust() function with Average Linkage
37
```

Environment

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g.sc	matrix	Large matrix (437120 ...)
g.dist	'dist' num	[1:2016] 77 ...
n.lab	chr	[1:64] "CNS" "CNS" ...

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> g.sc <- scale(g.data)
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```

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29 # Use dist() function to pairwise distance
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32 g.dist <- dist(g.sc, method = "euclidean")
33
34 # Perform hierarchical clustering ----
35
36 # use hclust() function with Average Linkage
37
38 hc <- hclust(g.dist, method = "average")
39
40 # Plot the dendrogram
41 # hierarchical clustering with Complete linkage
42 # hierarchical clustering with Single linkage
```

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>
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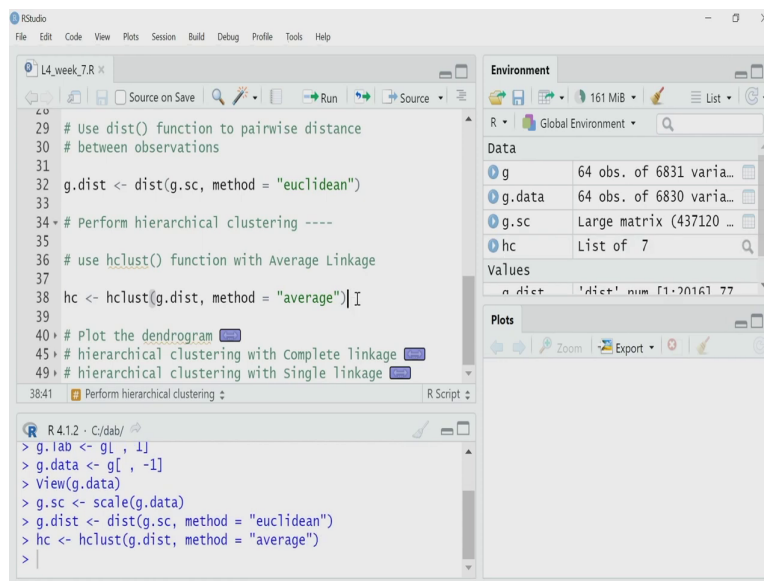
`g.dist ← dist(g.sc, method = "euclidean")`

So, now I am ready. I have scaled data from that data, I have calculated the distance pairwise distance. So, now I will perform hierarchical clustering. So, to perform hierarchical clustering, I will use `hclust` the default `hclust` function, way of R. Now obviously, the distance measure here will be the arguments for this function, not the original scale data. So, `g.dist` will be used as an input as an argument for this function. And if you remember, there are broadly 3 methods of calculating distance between clusters.

One is called complete linkage, one is called single linkage, and other one is the average one. So, what I am doing here in `method`, I am specifying that use average linkage as a method of

calculating distance between clusters. So, I am using `h clust` with average linkage, and I will store the output of this clustering to the variable `hc`.

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29 # Use dist() function to pairwise distance
30 # between observations
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32 g.dist <- dist(g.sc, method = "euclidean")
33
34 # Perform hierarchical clustering ----
35
36 # use hclust() function with Average Linkage
37
38 hc <- hclust(g.dist, method = "average")
39
40 # Plot the dendrogram
41
42 # hierarchical clustering with Complete linkage
43
44 # hierarchical clustering with Single linkage
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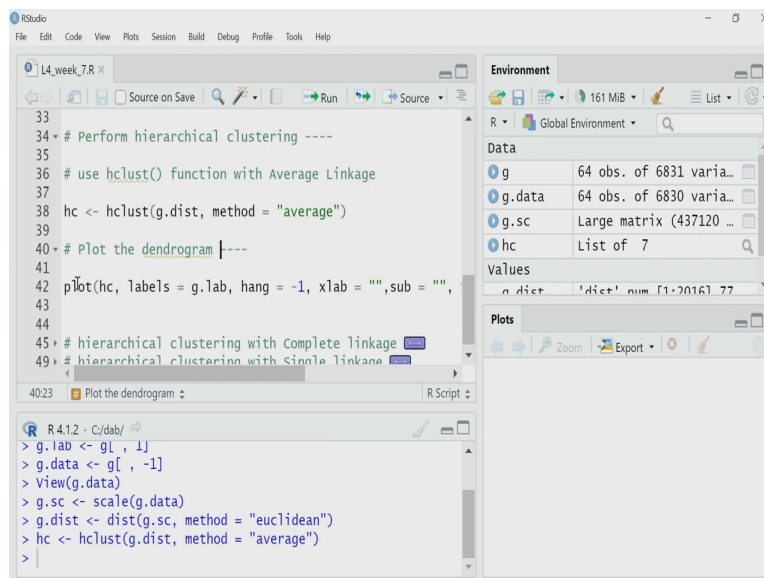
Environment

Object	Value
g	64 obs. of 6831 varia...
g.data	64 obs. of 6830 varia...
g.sc	Large matrix (437120 ...)
hc	List of 7

`hc ← hclust(g.dist, method = "average")`

I perform, hc has all the information, but I will not dig into that I will go for plotting the dendrogram. If you remember, the hierarchical clustering will eventually give me a tree showing the relation between different clusters.

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```
33
34 # Perform hierarchical clustering ----
35
36 # use hclust() function with Average Linkage
37
38 hc <- hclust(g.dist, method = "average")
39
40 # Plot the dendrogram ----
41
42 plot(hc, labels = g.lab, hang = -1, xlab = "", sub = "",
43
44
45 # hierarchical clustering with Complete linkage
46
47 # hierarchical clustering with Single linkage
```

Environment

Object	Value
g	64 obs. of 6831 varia...
g.data	64 obs. of 6830 varia...
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hc	List of 7

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42 xlab = "", sub = "", ylab = "", main = "Average Linkage")
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> g.lab <- g[, 1]
> g.data <- g[, -1]
> View(g.data)
> g.sc <- scale(g.data)
> g.dist <- dist(g.sc, method = "euclidean")
> hc <- hclust(g.dist, method = "average")
>

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Environment: 161 MiB

Data: g (64 obs. of 6831 varia...), g.data (64 obs. of 6830 varia...), g.sc (Large matrix (437120 ...)), hc (List of 7)

Values: g.dist (dist' num [1,2016] 77)

Plots: Plot the dendrogram

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Plots: Plot the dendrogram

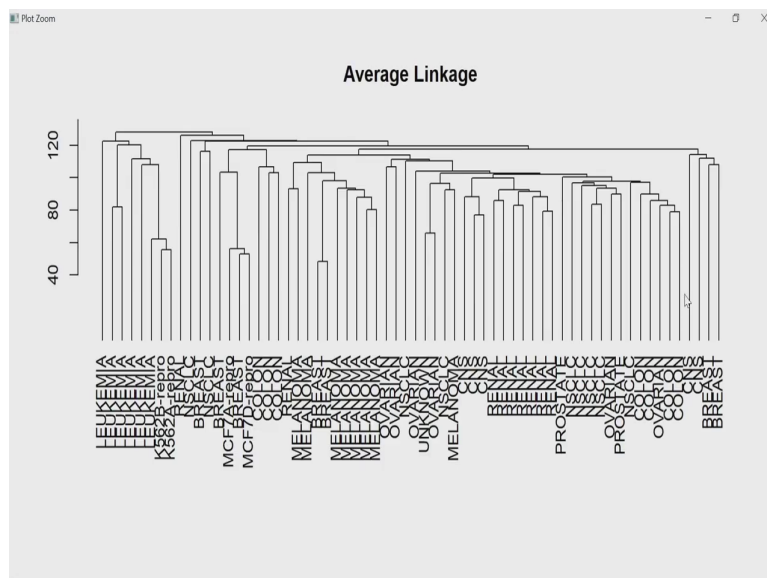
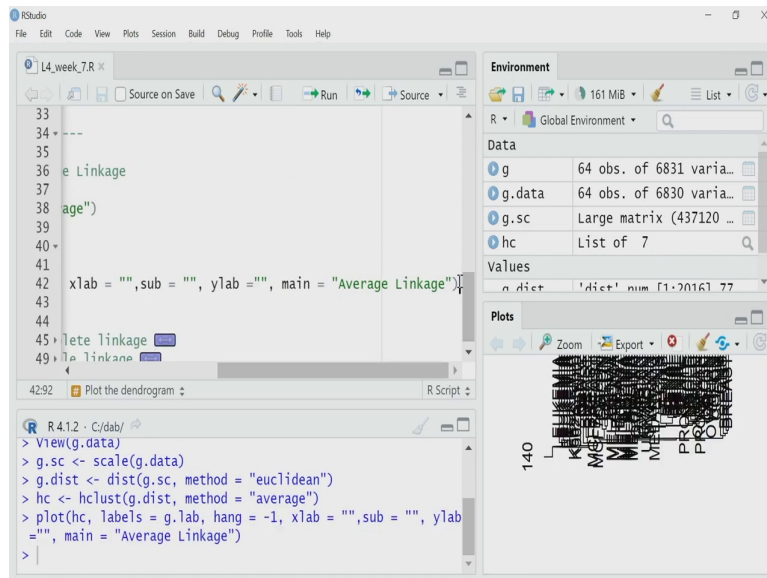
`plot(hc, labels = g.lab, hang = -1, xlab = "", sub = "", ylab = "", main = "Average Linkage")`

So, I will plot the dendrogram. To plot the dendrogram. I will use the plot function, it is quite versatile and powerful. So, the input will have all the argument the first argument will be hc that is the output coming from my h cluster function. And what I will do I have to label the leaves, if you remember, a tree will have leaves. So, each of these leaves should be labelled. What will be the label? Label will be the name of the cell line. And I have stored that information in g.lab, I created that few lines back.

So, I will use that information that label information present in my original data set as labels for these leaves. I will put on the top I will name of the dendrogram is average linkage. I do not want any horizontal axis vertical axis label. I do not want the subject as also I do not want

to print the subject. So, I keep those empty, this is interesting, I put hang equal to minus 1. So, in that case, what will happen in dendrogram, all the leaves will be on the same horizontal line.

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`plot(hc, labels = g.lab, hang = -1, xlab = "", sub = "", ylab = "", main = "Average Linkage")`

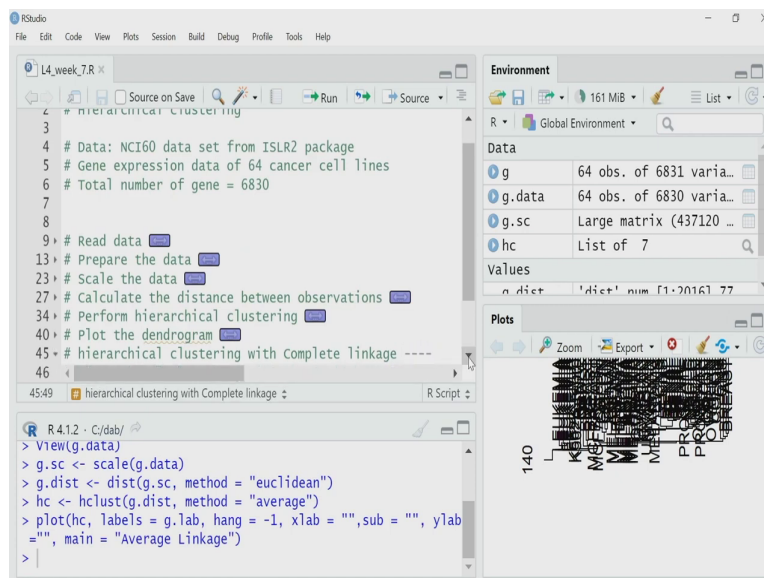
So, I will execute this plot function. Let me zoom it, make it full screen. So, this is my dendrogram or tree of hierarchical clustering for this gene expression data set. And we have done average linkage to calculate the distance between 2 clusters. Now let us look into it. On the left-hand side, I have K562B, K562A these 2 are leukemia cell line, they form one

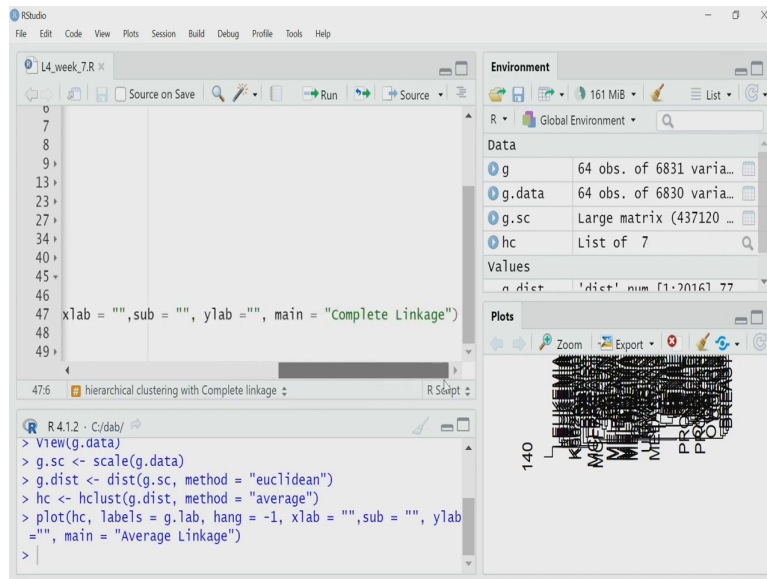
clusters. And then that cluster fuse with another leukemia cell line. And you can see all these are on the left-hand side are all leukemia cell line, and they are all clustered fused together.

And that is what we want we expect that is not it. Similarly, here, if you see you have the 2-breast cancer cell line, they have formed a cluster whereas, here, we have a stretch of long stretch of renal cancer cell line, which are forming cluster and those clusters again fusing to get bigger clusters. So, that seems that there is a hierarchical clustering using average linkage has worked pretty well for this particular data set. And now, within this I can see that the gene expression data, I can conclude the gene expression data can actually segregate different cell types, based upon the gene expression data, I could segregate these different cell types in different clusters.

So, that was also the purpose of performing the gene expression analysis. Now, I have performed this using average linkage. What about complete linkage and single linkage? So, I will perform the same thing using complete linkage and in also single linkage.

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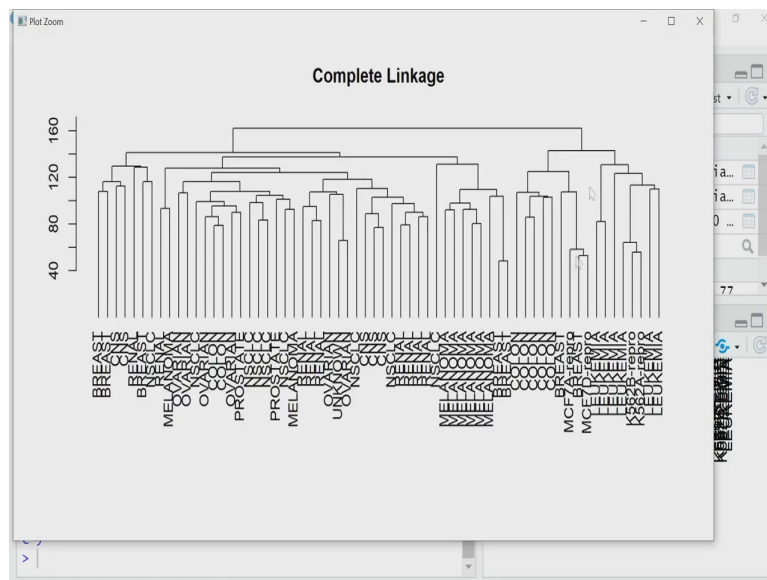
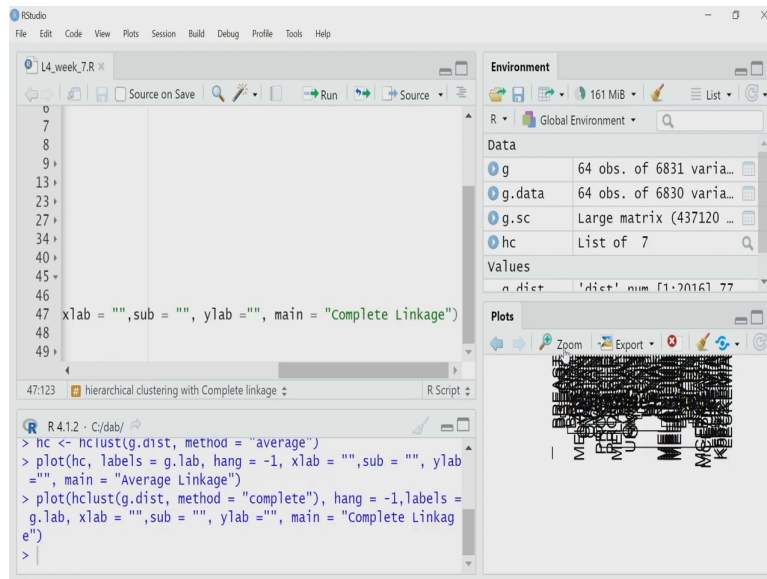
`labels = g.lab, hang = -1, xlab = "", sub = "", ylab = "",`

`main = "Complete Linkage")`

If you remember in complete linkage what we are doing in contrast to average linkage, we will not be taking the distance between the average distance between 2 cluster as a distance between clusters. What we will do? We will calculate the pairwise distance between 2 cluster and I will take the maximum one whereas in the single linkage method, we will take the minimum pairwise distance.

So, I will perform first the complete linkage algorithm, so, I will not separately perform it while plotting I am performing it. So, I am calling the plot function and the first input is I will perform the h clust hierarchical clustering using h clust where the data will be the distance data and the method will be complete. So, this part will be executed before plotting the data and the rest of the thing remains same except the title of the plot I have changed to complete linkage.

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So, again, I will zoom make it full screen. Here also you can see nicely for example, this colon cancer cell all are stuck together melanoma are all stick together, leukemia is again cluster on the right-hand side. Obviously, this complete linkage dendrogram is quite different from what we got in the average linkage and that is quite expected, but broadly both complete linkage and single linkage has given me separation or clustering of cell type based upon the gene expression, same cell types are in same cluster. So, that way both complete linkage and average linkage is working for us in this particular data set.

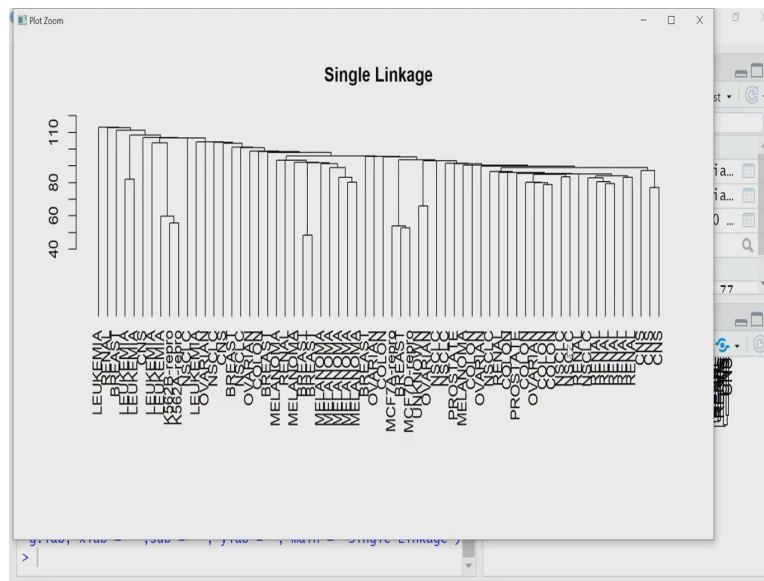
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plot(hclust(g.dist, method = "single"),
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  labels = g.lab, hang = -1, xlab = "", sub = "", ylab = "",
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  main = "Single Linkage")
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Now, let us perform the same thing with single linkage. Again, I will not perform the clustering separately while plotting I will do that let me see, now, we have some trouble. In some cases for example melanoma they are close they are in a tight cluster. But you can see lots of mix up has happened and what we have achieved we got a dendrogram which has something called trailing in a thing, you get a long chain of the cluster getting fused with one another. That is quite an aberration of clustering.

And we discussed this problem while discussing hierarchical clustering in our previous lecture, and that is why single linkage is usually not the preferred choice of distance measure while performing hierarchical clustering. Just like here we have seen the good dendrogram we have got a very balanced dendrogram when we are using average linkage and complete linkage for our data set most of the time, people try to use average linkage or complete linkage to create a more balanced dendrogram.

And in this case also I will go for either the average linkage or for the complete linkage. So, that brings me to the end of this lecture, what we have seen in this lecture is that we have performed hierarchical clustering using h clust the default function that we have and we have created the dendrogram. In this lecture, we have shown that all these three methods you can

use you know all these three linkages average, complete and single, but as I said, it is better to use average linkage or complete linkage to get a better dendrogram.

You can extract the data for each of these clusters from these also from this hierarchical clustering also, I will not go into them they will be similar to how we have worked earlier for data extraction. So, that is all for this lecture. Thank you for learning with me today.