

Clustering Example

Problem: given observations X_i for $i = 1, \dots, n$
group the observations into k populations.

Parallel to discriminant analysis but: no training data.

Here: just show some example analyses:

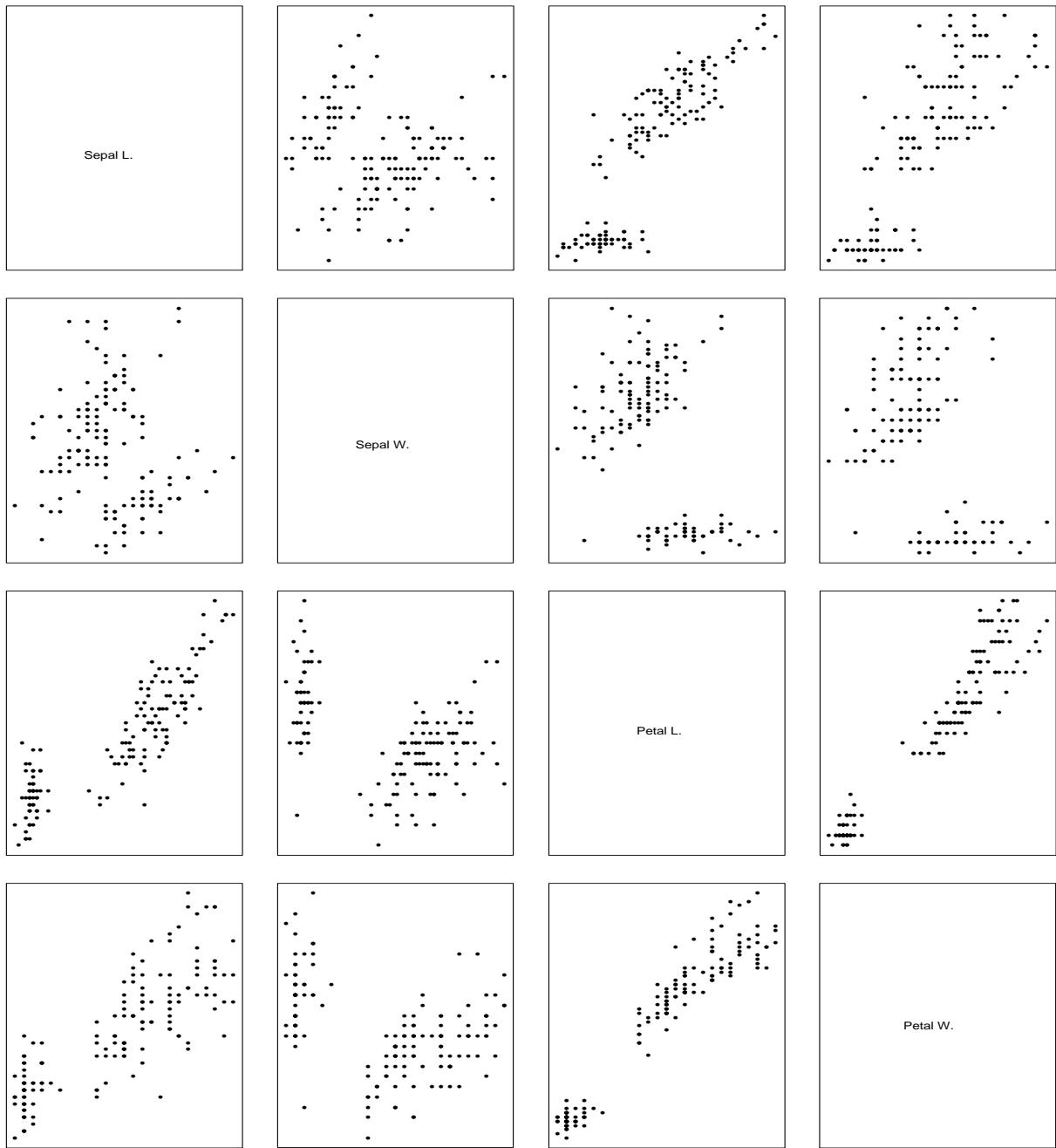
Cluster iris data: so $k = 3$ presumably.

Often: k not known.

Many possible SPlus functions including: `agnes`,
`clara`, `pam`, `hclust`

Example: Cluster the iris data.

Put all 150 observations into 150×4 matrix.
(Remove species labels.)



Cluster into 2, 3 ,4 groups using pam:

```
pamiris2 <- pam(x,2)  
pamiris3 <- pam(x,3)  
pamiris4 <- pam(x,4)
```

Output for two clusters:

Notice that the algorithm correctly groups together the first 50 observations. The other two species are then lumped together.

Notice difficulty with 2 versus 3. Total of two from group 2 clustered into group 3; total of 14 from group 3 clustered into group 2.

Now a method which does not require specification of number of classes but doesn't estimate number of classes either. Hierarchical clustering.

