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Krzanowski and Lai index

(for metric data only)

$$KL(u) = \left| \frac{DIFF_u}{DIFF_{u+1}} \right|,$$

$$DIFF_u = (u-1)^{2/m} tr \mathbf{W}_{u-1} - u^{2/m} tr \mathbf{W}_u,$$

where: \mathbf{W} – within-group dispersion matrix,

u – number of clusters ($u = 2, \dots, n-2$),

n – number of objects,

m – number of variables.

The value of u , which maximizes $KL(u)$, is regarded as specifying the number of clusters.

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