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Combining Mixture Components for Clustering

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- Different clustering models can be obtained by constraining each of volume, shape and orientation to be constant across clusters, or by allowing them to vary (Banfield & Raftery, 93, Celeux & Govaert 95)

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4	49	48	34	50	30	14
5	49	46	33	49	19	16
6	23	29	35	0	40	20
7	50	42	46	19	34	23
8	47	45	45	16	33	14
9	50	41	37	39	22	10
10	50	43	39	50	7	20
Total	468	441	394	373	308	176
% Correct	94	88	79	75	62	35

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4	0.48	0.51	1.30	0.48	1.35	2.24
5	0.60	1.00	1.58	0.60	2.75	3.20
6	1.53	1.13	0.86	2.31	0.77	0.76
7	0.23	0.24	0.23	2.18	0.25	0.28
8	0.55	0.39	0.37	2.45	0.42	0.61
9	0.37	0.75	0.47	0.61	0.58	0.77
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Mean	0.48	0.53	0.62	0.97	0.79	1.11

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(Biernacki, Celeux & Govaert 2000)

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 - Only the number and definition of clusters are different
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 - substantive grounds, or
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