## More on Algorithm Design for Divisive Clustering

- Choosing which cluster to split
  - Check the sums of squared errors of the clusters and choose the one with the largest value
- □ Splitting criterion: Determining how to split
  - One may use Ward's criterion to chase for greater reduction in the difference in the SSE criterion as a result of a split
  - For categorical data, Gini-index can be used
- ☐ Handling the noise
  - □ Use a threshold to determine the termination criterion (do not generate clusters that are too small because they contain mainly noises)