

## Analysis of the Clustering Results

### 1. Elbow Method for Optimal k in K-Means

- The **Elbow Method** was used to determine the optimal number of clusters for K-Means.
- The inertia (sum of squared distances to the nearest cluster center) was plotted against different values of  $k$  (from 1 to 9).
- Based on the elbow method, the optimal number of clusters was identified as **3**, since the inertia shows a noticeable drop at  $k=3$ , after which the rate of decrease slows down.

### 2. K-Means Clustering Results

- After determining  $k=3$ , K-Means was applied to the dataset.
- The scatter plot shows three distinct clusters, each represented by a different color.
- The **red 'X' markers** represent the centroids of each cluster.
- K-Means successfully grouped data points into well-defined clusters, aligning with the original data distribution.

### 3. DBSCAN Clustering Results

- **DBSCAN (Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise)** was applied with parameters  $\text{eps}=0.7$  and  $\text{min\_samples}=5$ .
- Unlike K-Means, DBSCAN does not require specifying the number of clusters beforehand and instead groups points based on density.
- The results show clusters of different shapes and sizes.
- Any points that did not fit into a dense cluster were labeled as **outliers (typically assigned -1)**.

### 4. Comparison of K-Means and DBSCAN

Aspect	K-Means	DBSCAN
<b>Cluster Shape</b>	Works well for spherical clusters	Handles arbitrary shapes well
<b>Noise Handling</b>	No explicit noise handling	Identifies outliers (labeled -1)
<b>Requires k?</b>	Yes, must specify $k$	No, determines clusters based on density
<b>Centroids</b>	Yes, finds cluster centers	No centroids, density-based

### 5. Key Observations

- **K-Means performed well** because the dataset consists of well-separated clusters.

- **DBSCAN detected some noise** or smaller, less-dense clusters depending on eps and min\_samples.
- If the dataset had more irregularly shaped clusters or varying densities, DBSCAN would likely perform better than K-Means.