

CS150A Database

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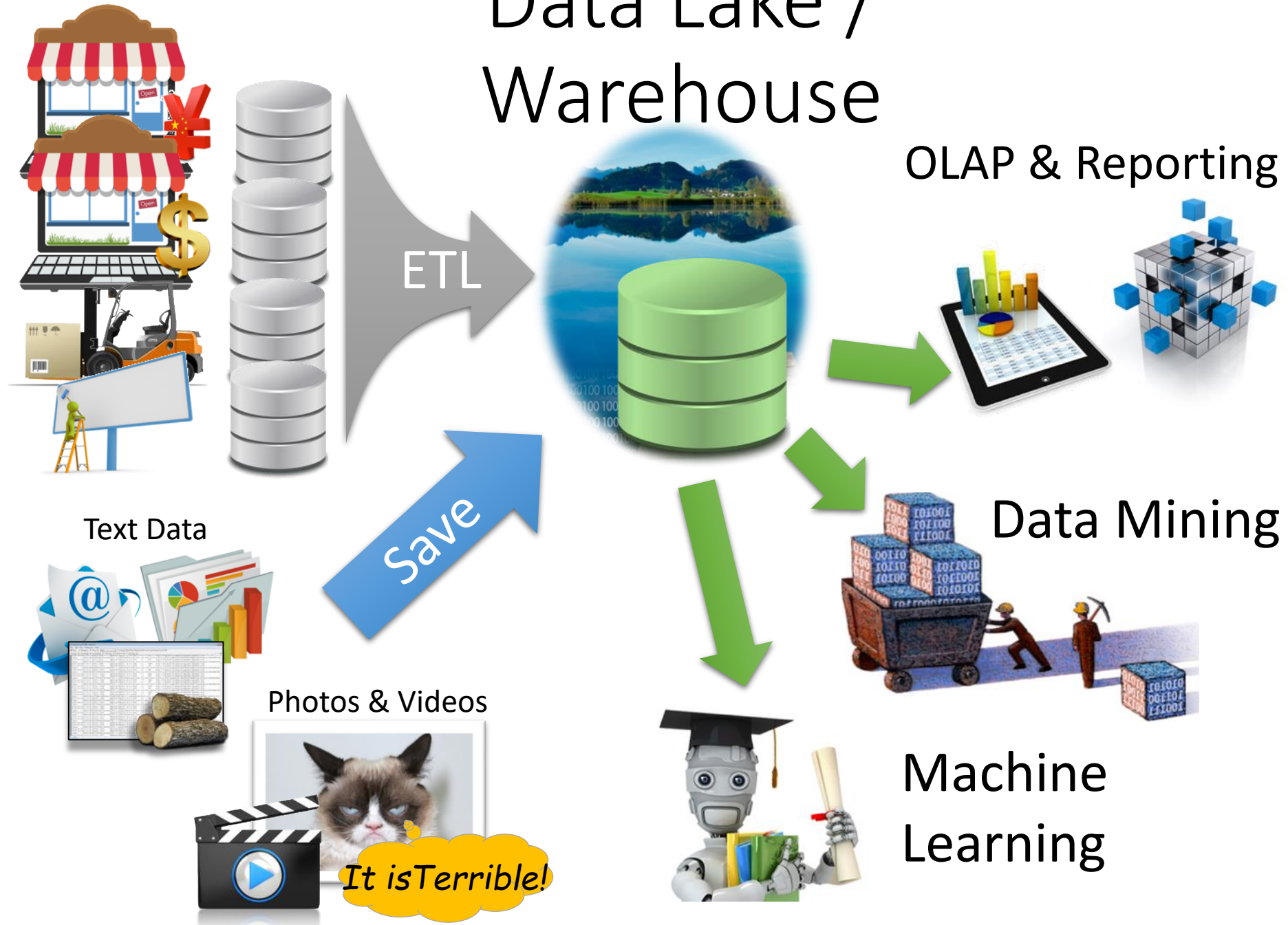
Today:

- Analytics and ML in Data Systems:
 - Part 2
 - Clustering

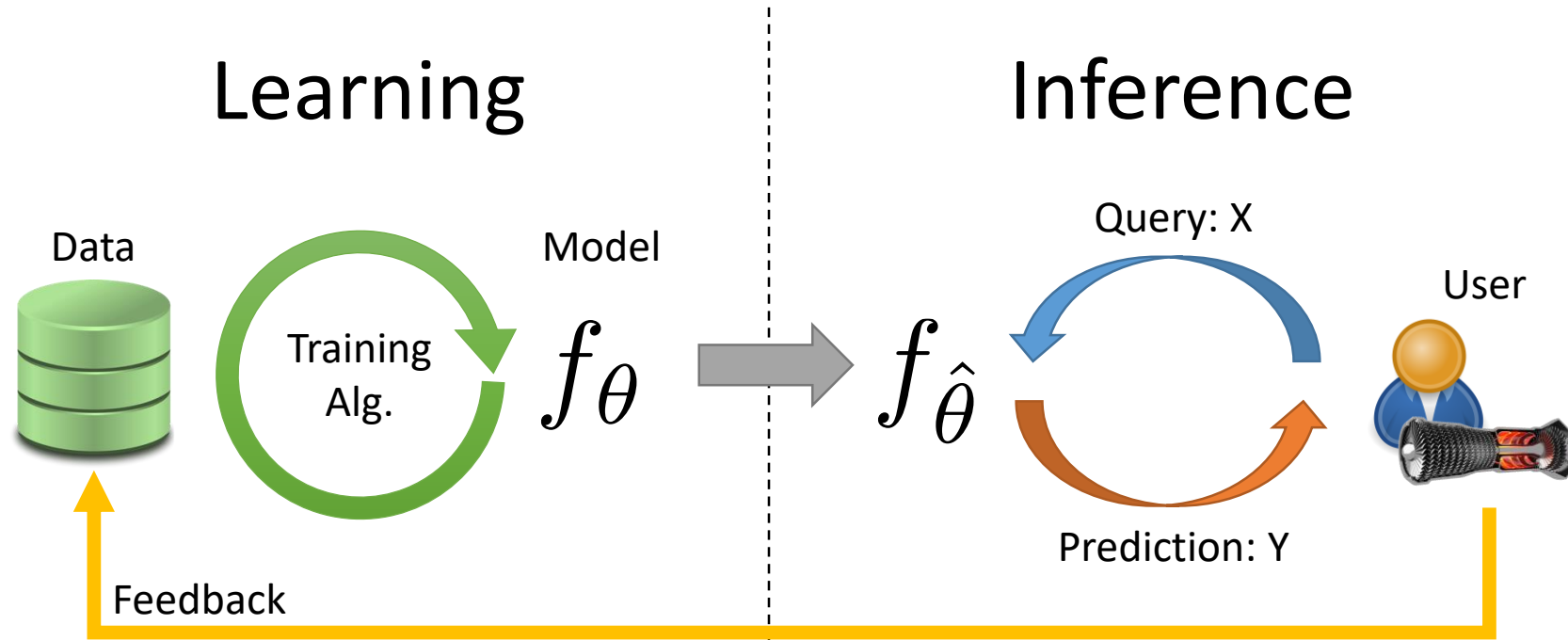
Readings:

- Database Management Systems (DBMS), Chapter 26

Data Lake / Warehouse



Machine Learning Lifecycle

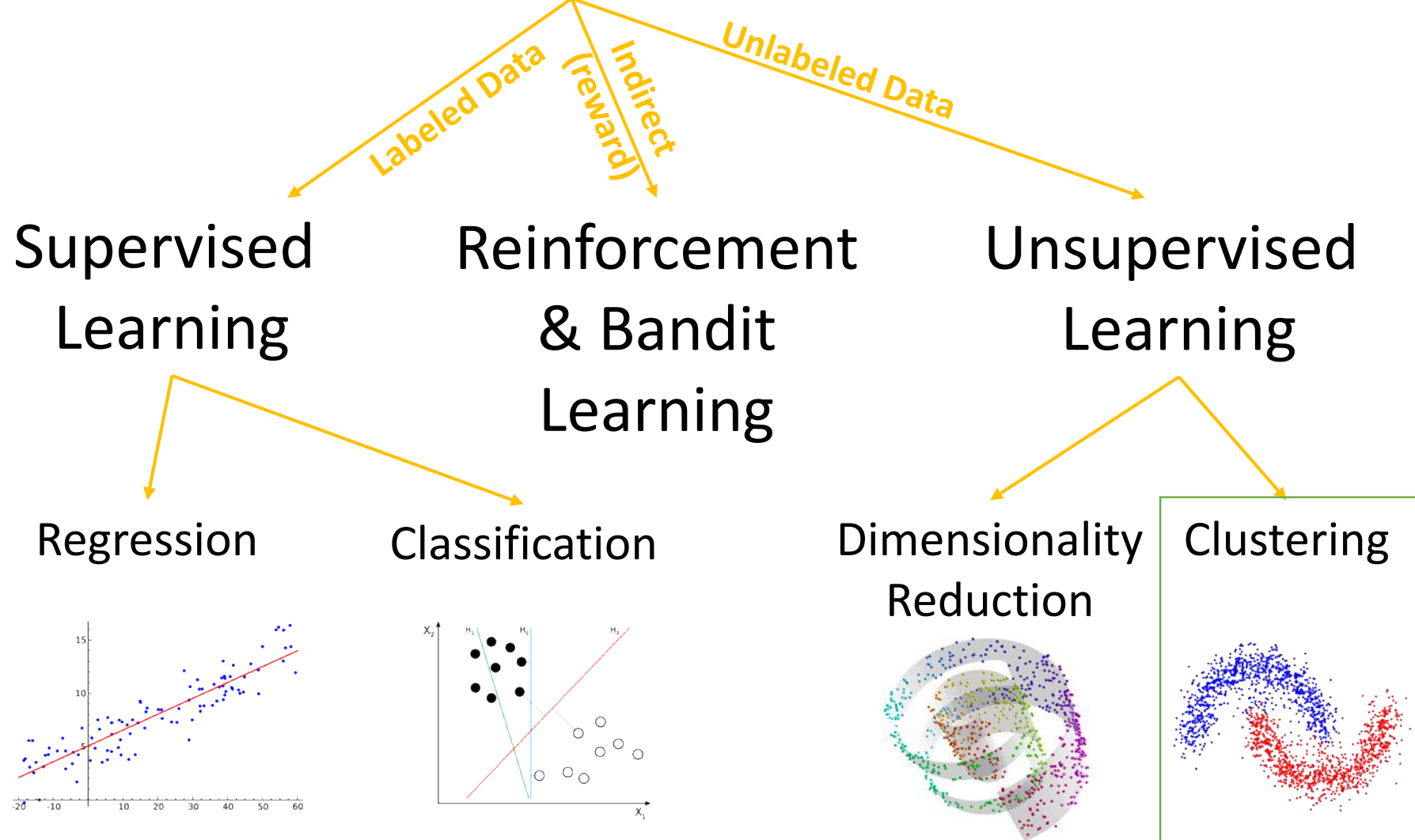


- Typically a time consuming iterative batch process
 - Feature engineering
 - Validation

- Focus is on making fast robust predictions
 - Monitoring and tracking feedback
 - Materialization + fast model inference



Taxonomy of Machine Learning



Clustering Images

- Given a collection of images cluster them into *meaningful groups*.



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“Mountains”



“Forest”



“Beaches”



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- **Unsupervised:** The labels of the groups are not given in the training data
- **Exploratory:** overlaps with data mining

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Simplified Illustration

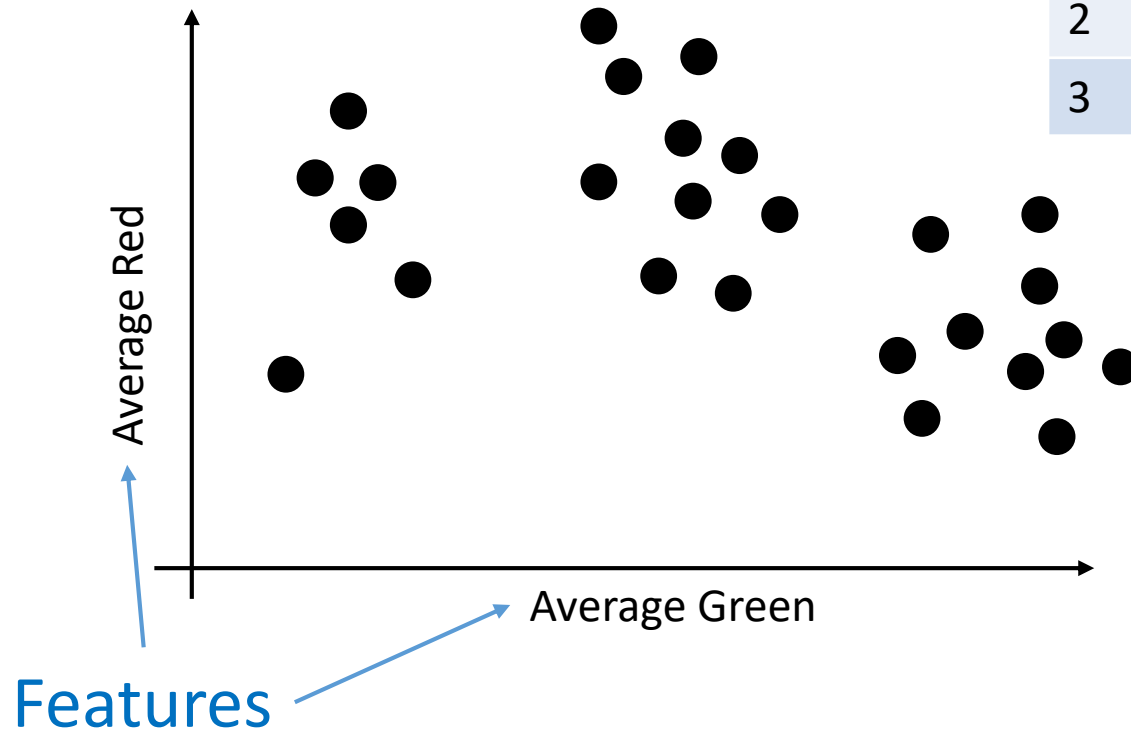


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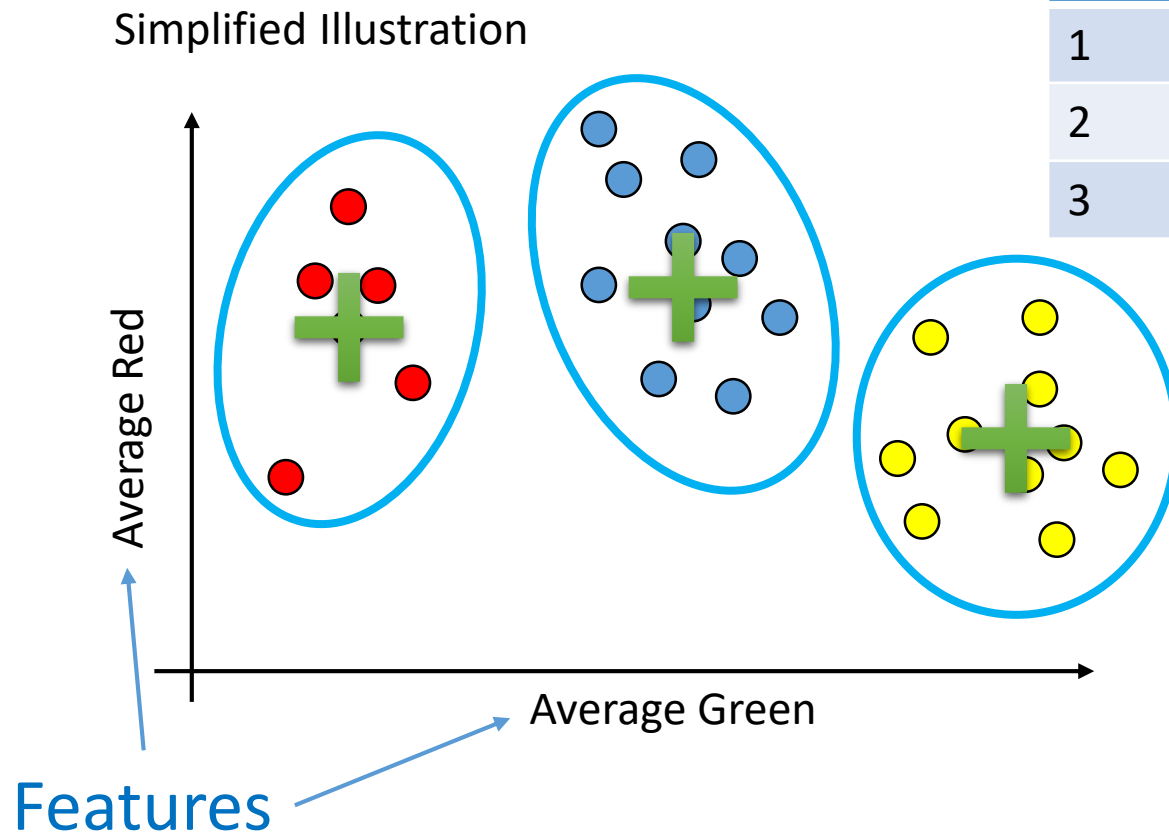


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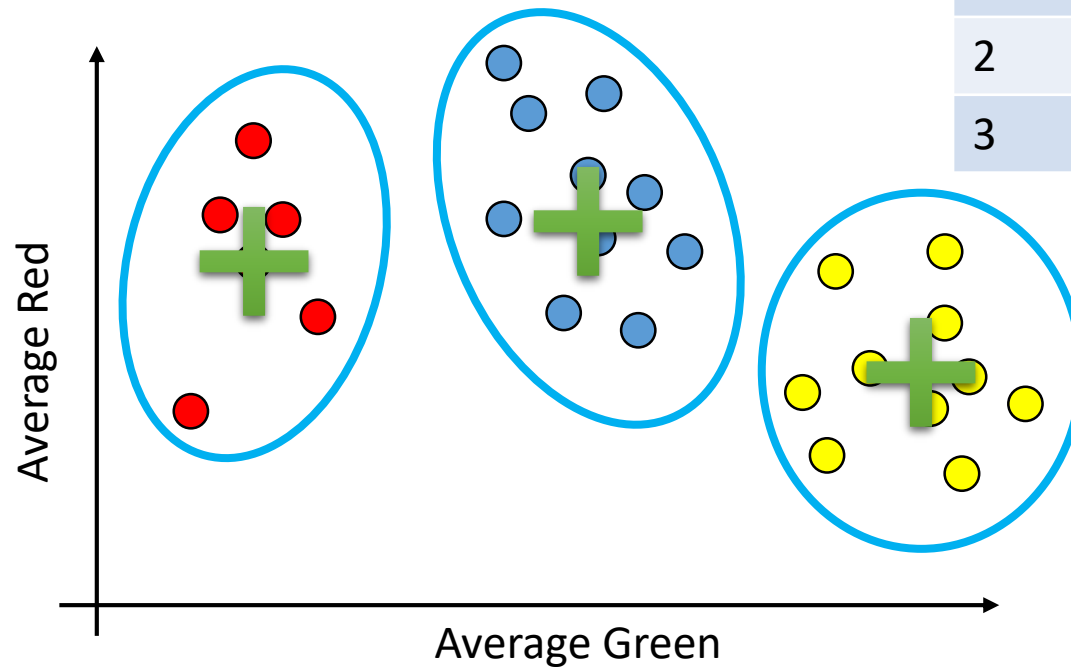


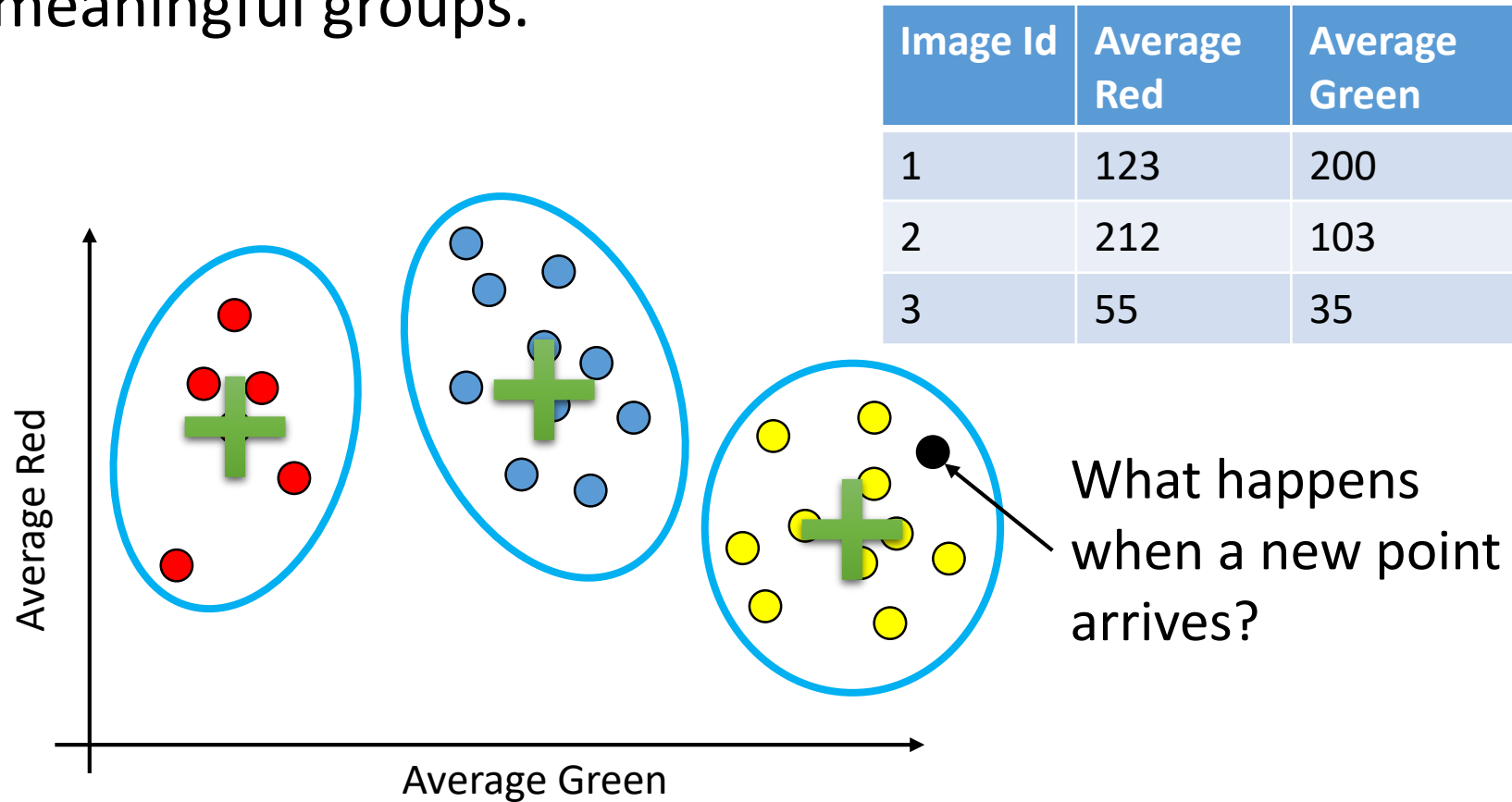
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What makes a **good** clustering?

- All points are **near** the cluster center
- Spread** between clusters > spread within clusters

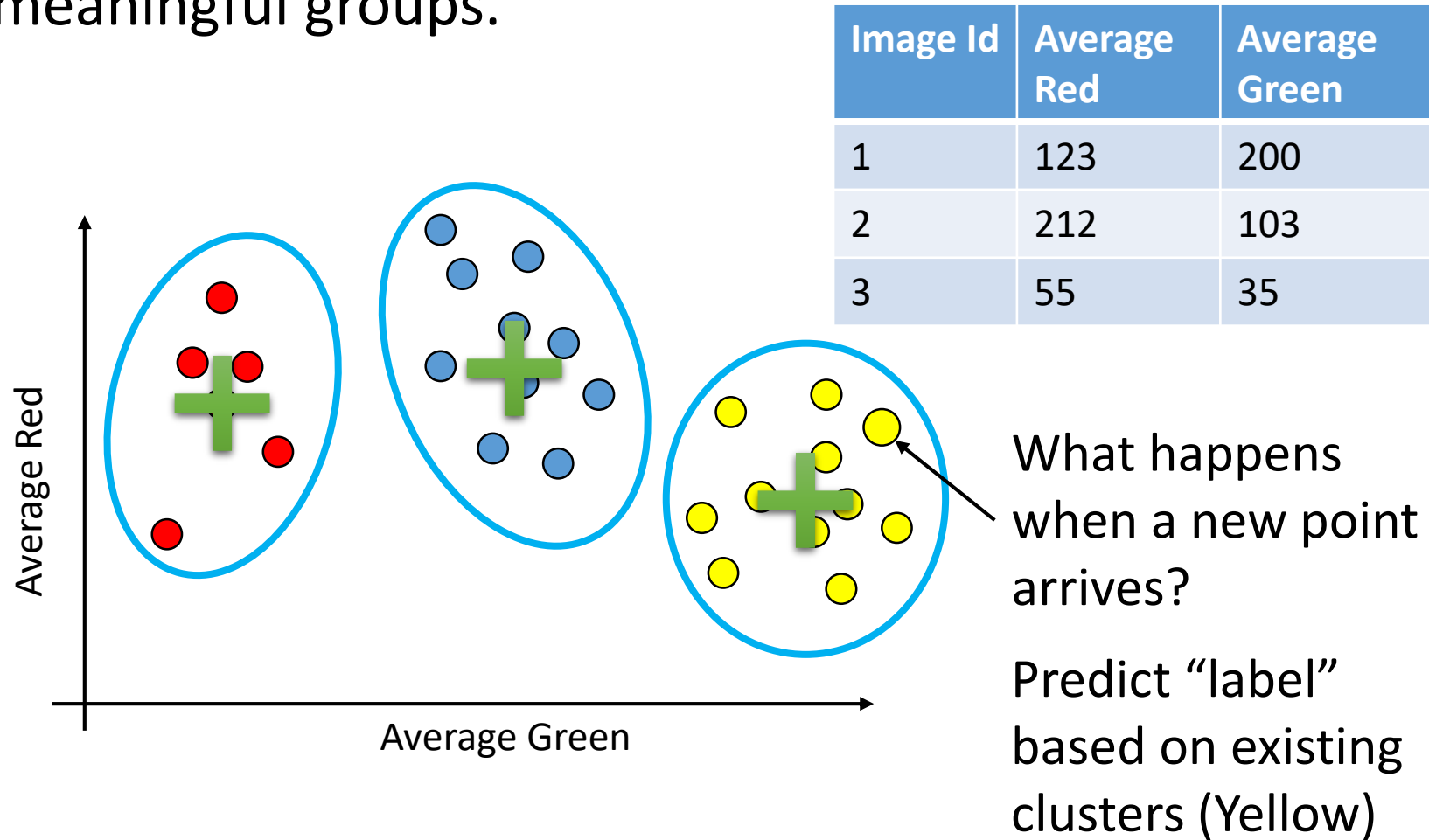
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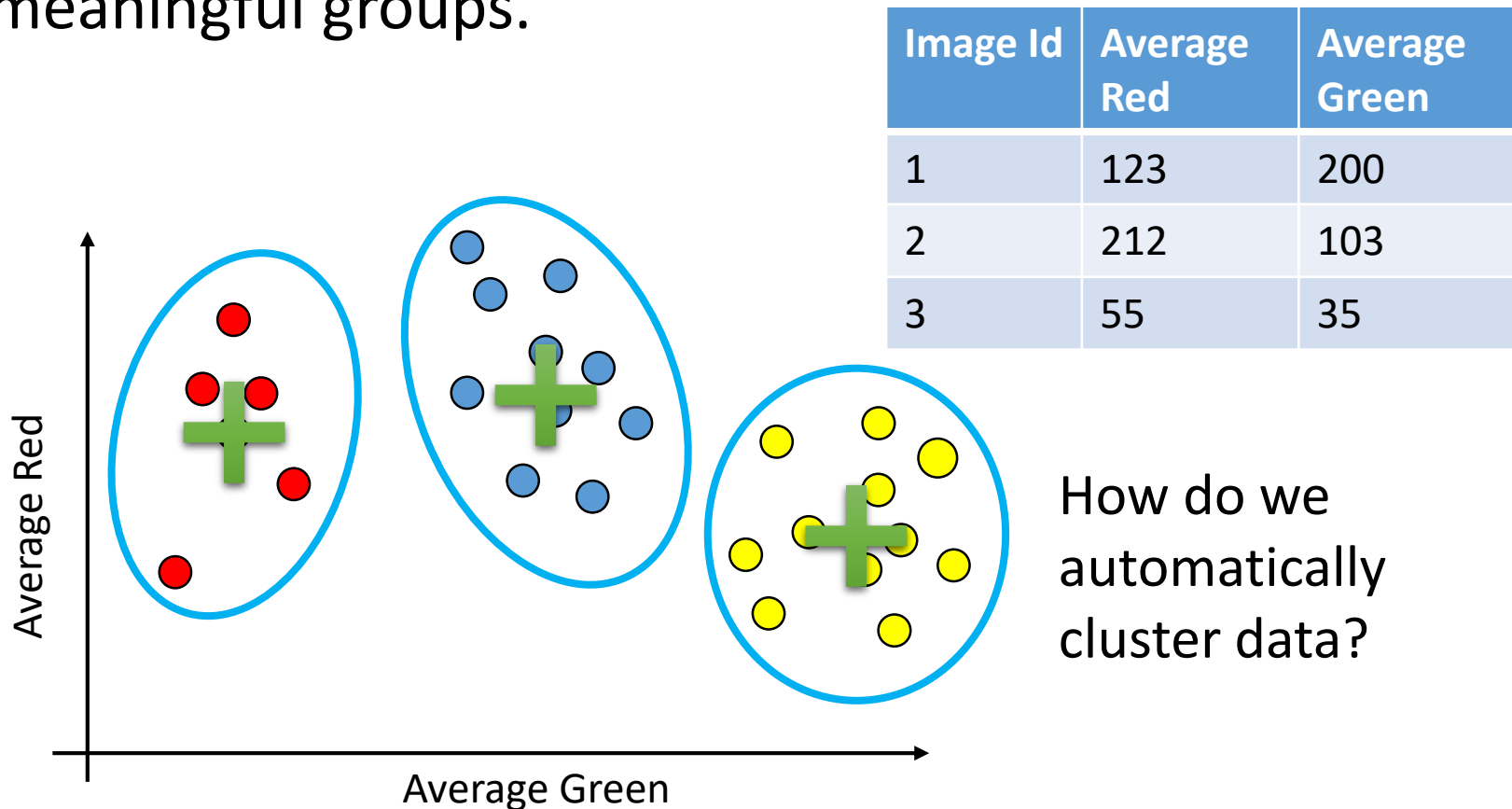
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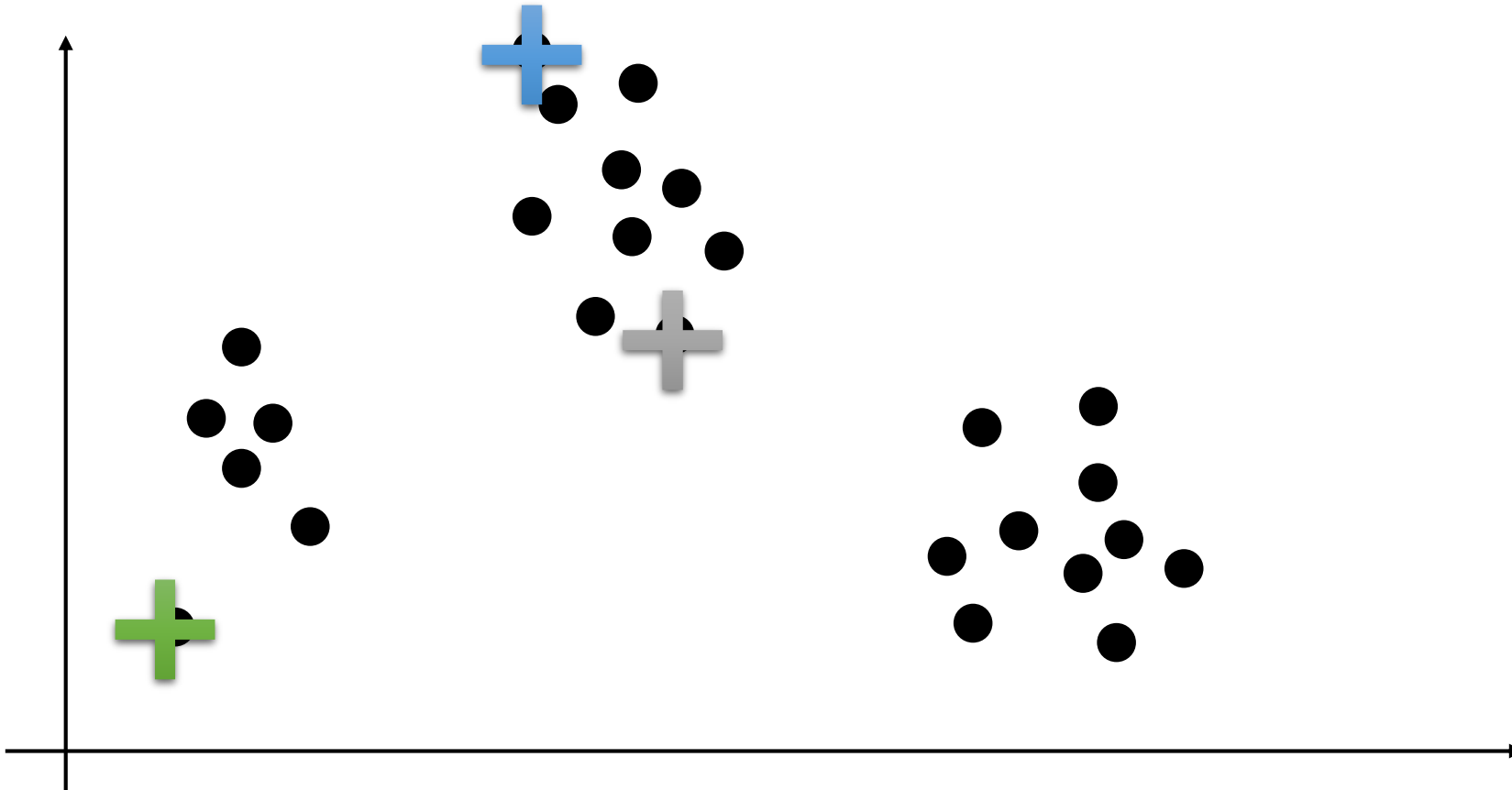
How do we Compute a Clustering?

Many different clustering models and algorithms:

- Feature Based Clustering: *Points in R^d*
 - **K-Means:** EM on Symmetric Gaussians ← We will learn this one
 - **Mixture Models:** Generalized k-means
 - ...
- Spectral Methods: *Similarity Function Between Items*
 - **Similarity based clustering:** *A and B are co-purchased*
 - **Graph clustering:** *Cities based on road network*
 - ...
- Hierarchical Clustering: *clustering nested items*
 - **Latent Dirichlet Allocation:** *Documents based on words*
 - *Developed at Berkeley and widely used!*
 - ...

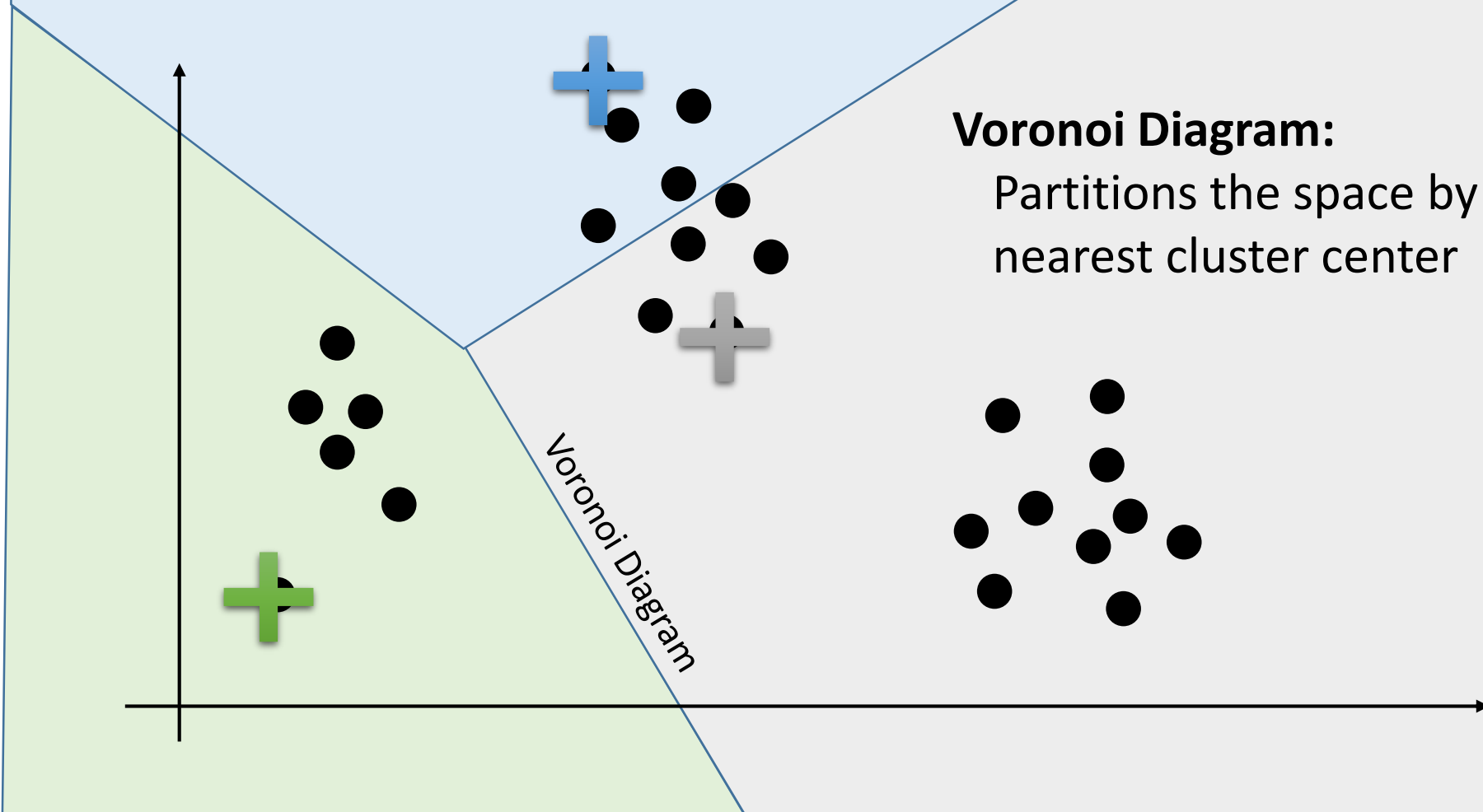
K-Means Clustering: *Intuition*

- Input K: The number of clusters to find
- Pick an initial set of points as cluster centers



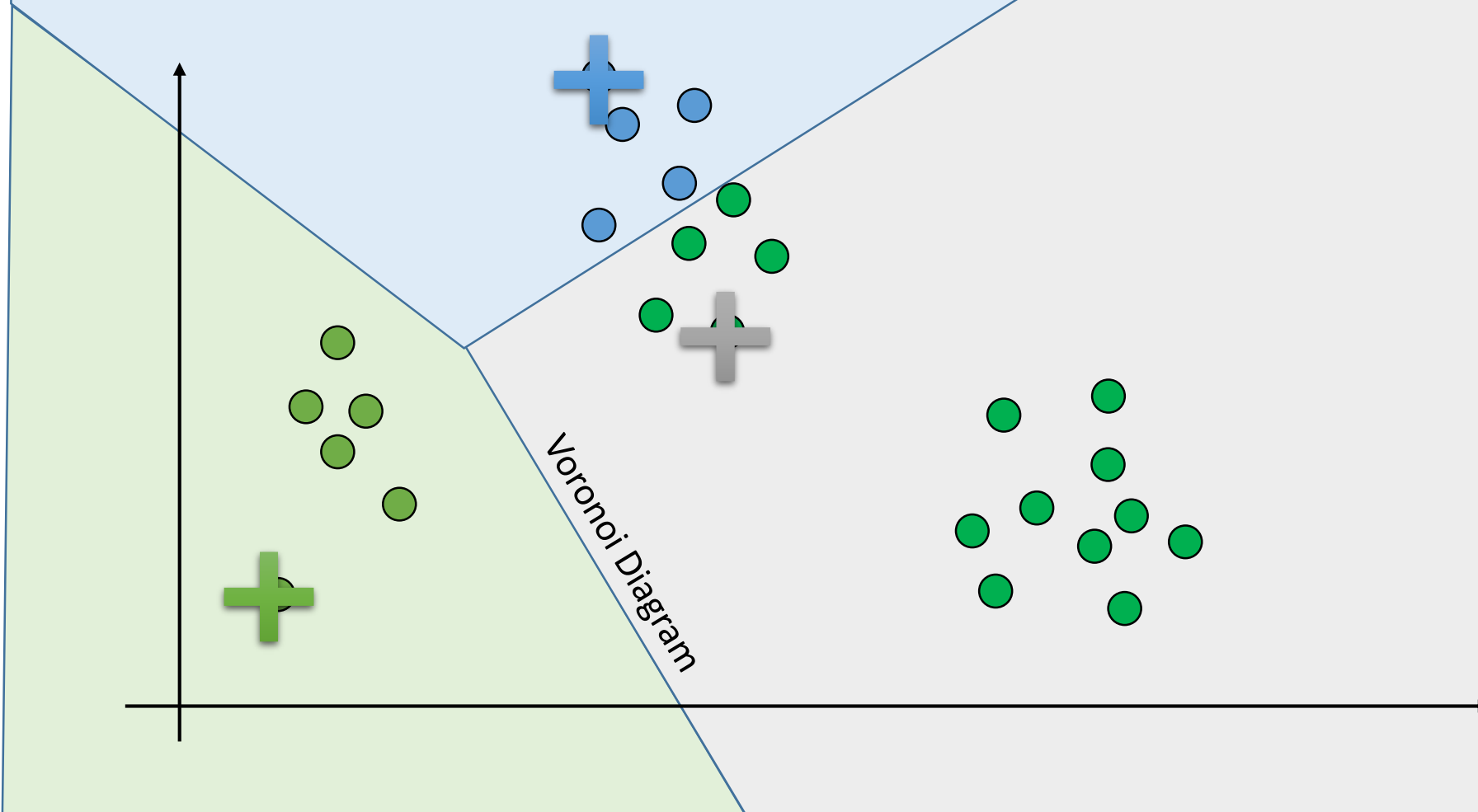
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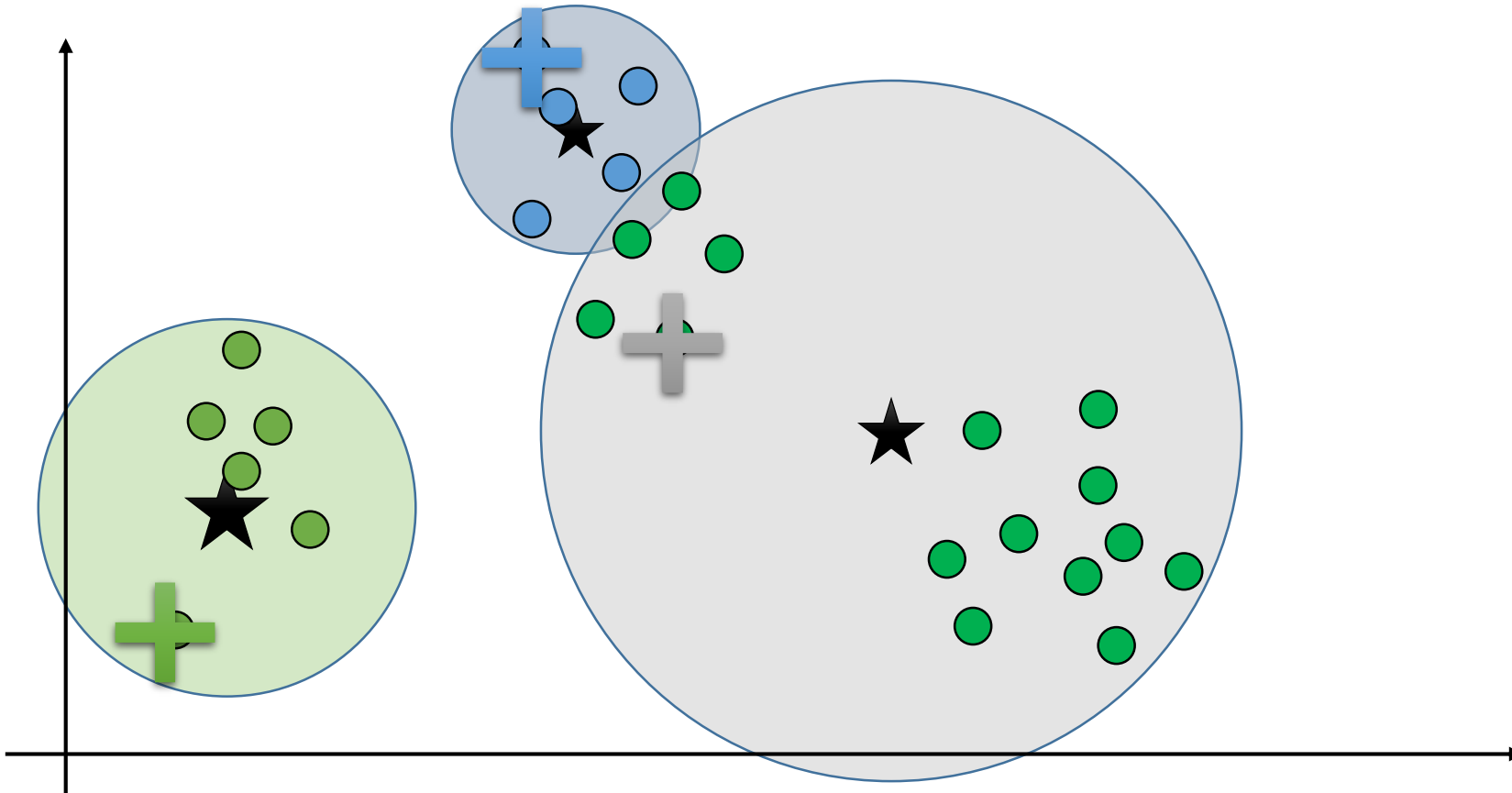
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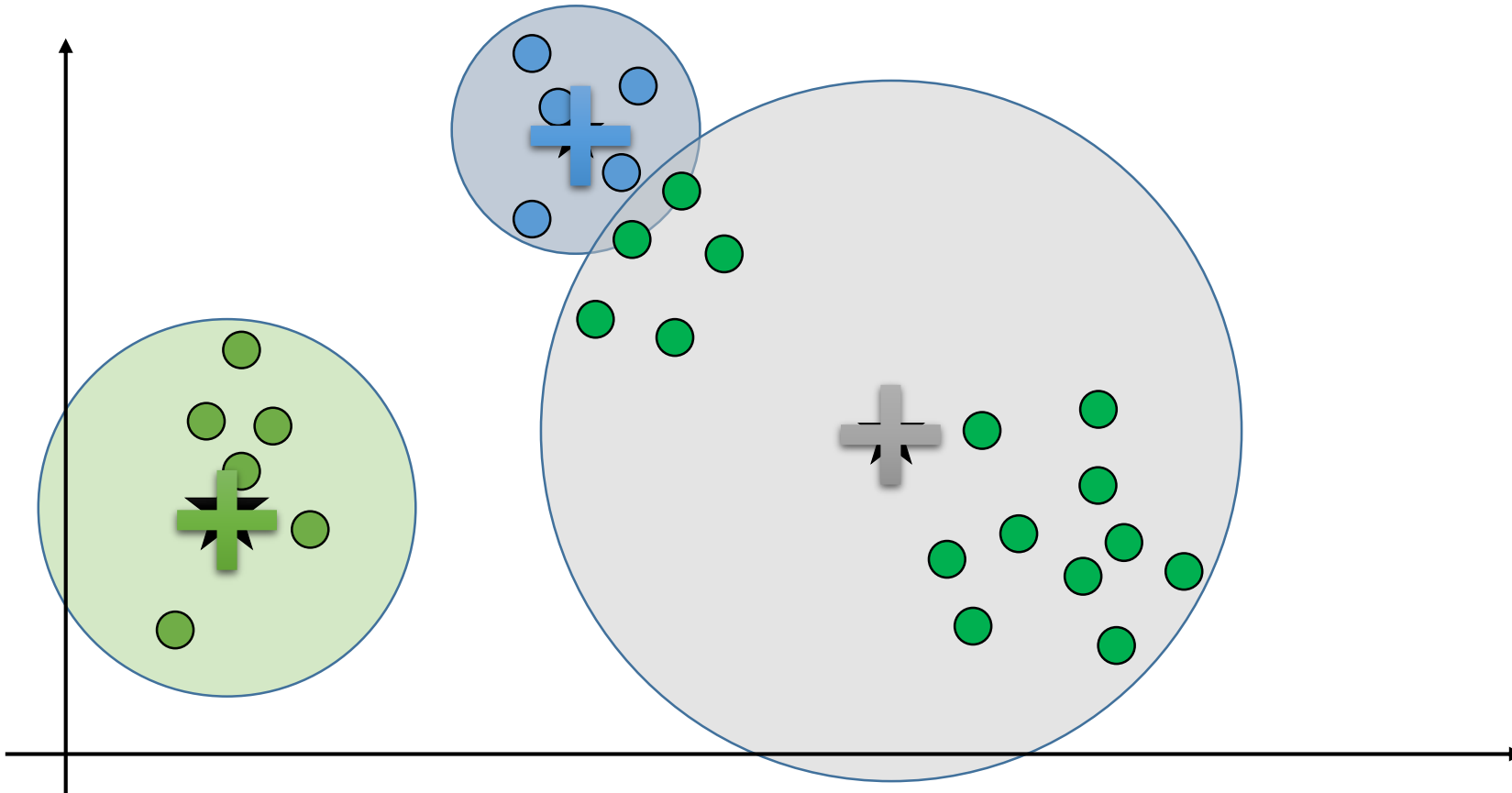
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- Compute mean of points in each “cluster”



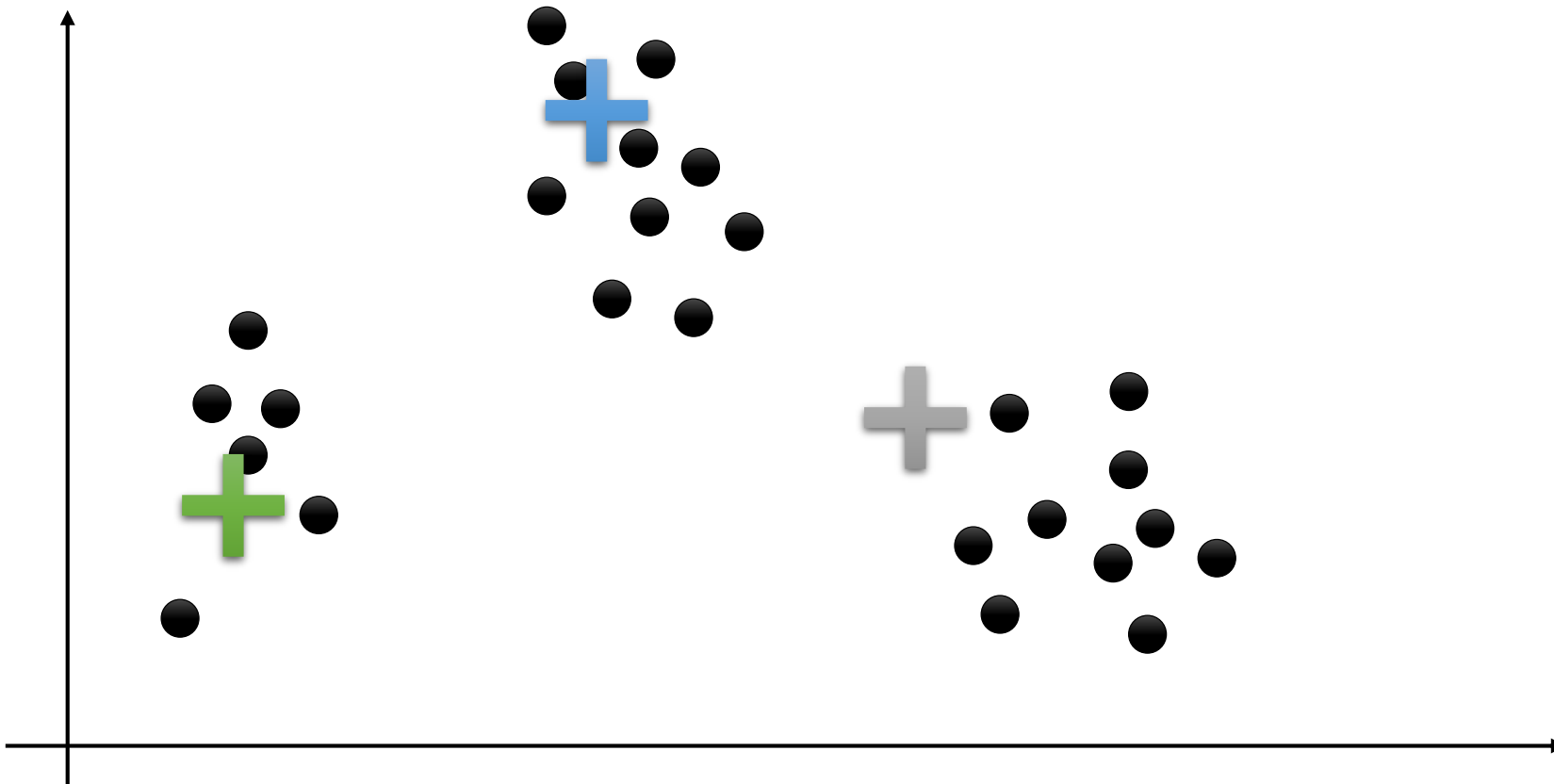
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- Adjust cluster centers to be the mean of the cluster



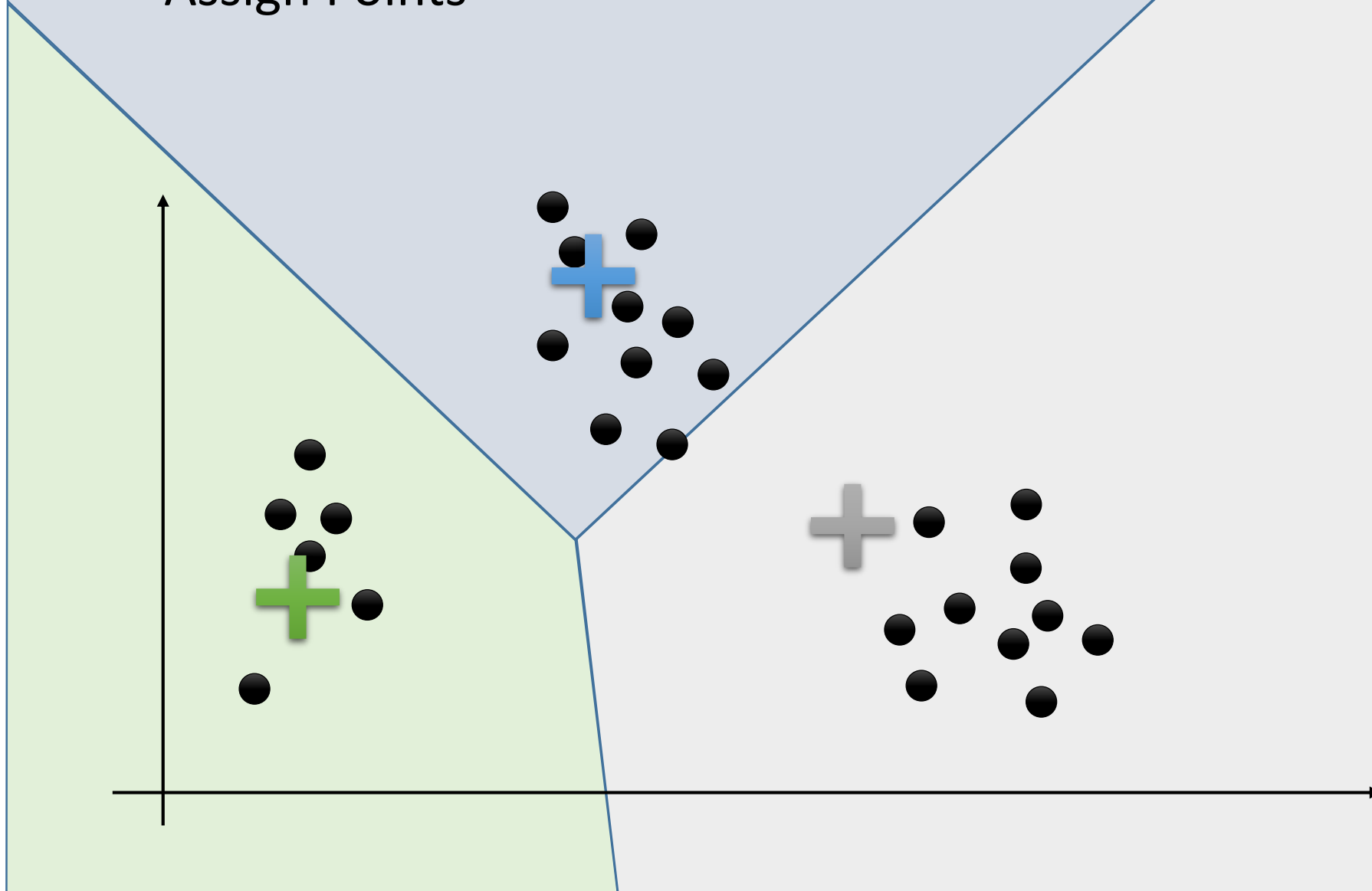
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- Improved?
- Repeat



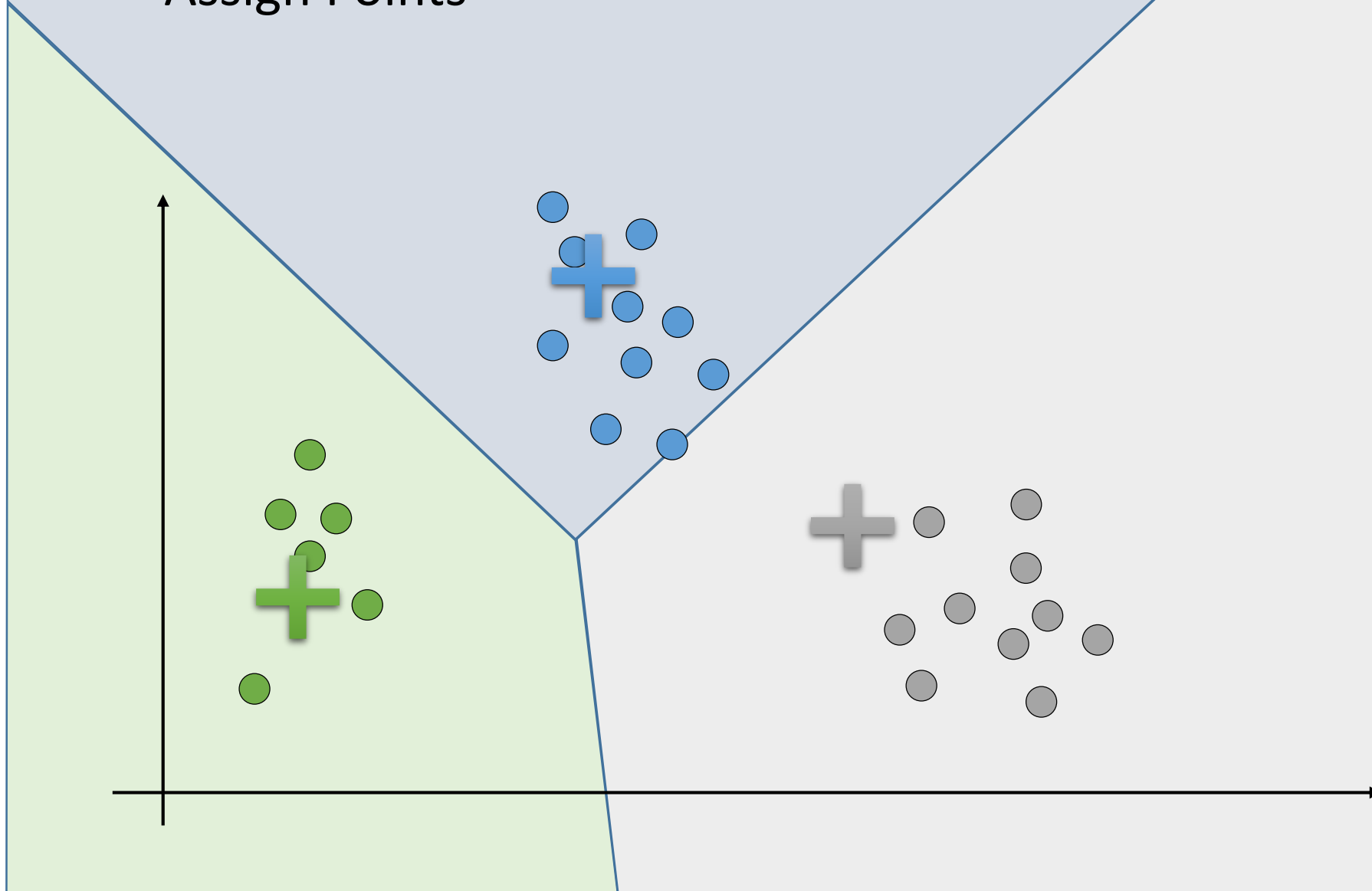
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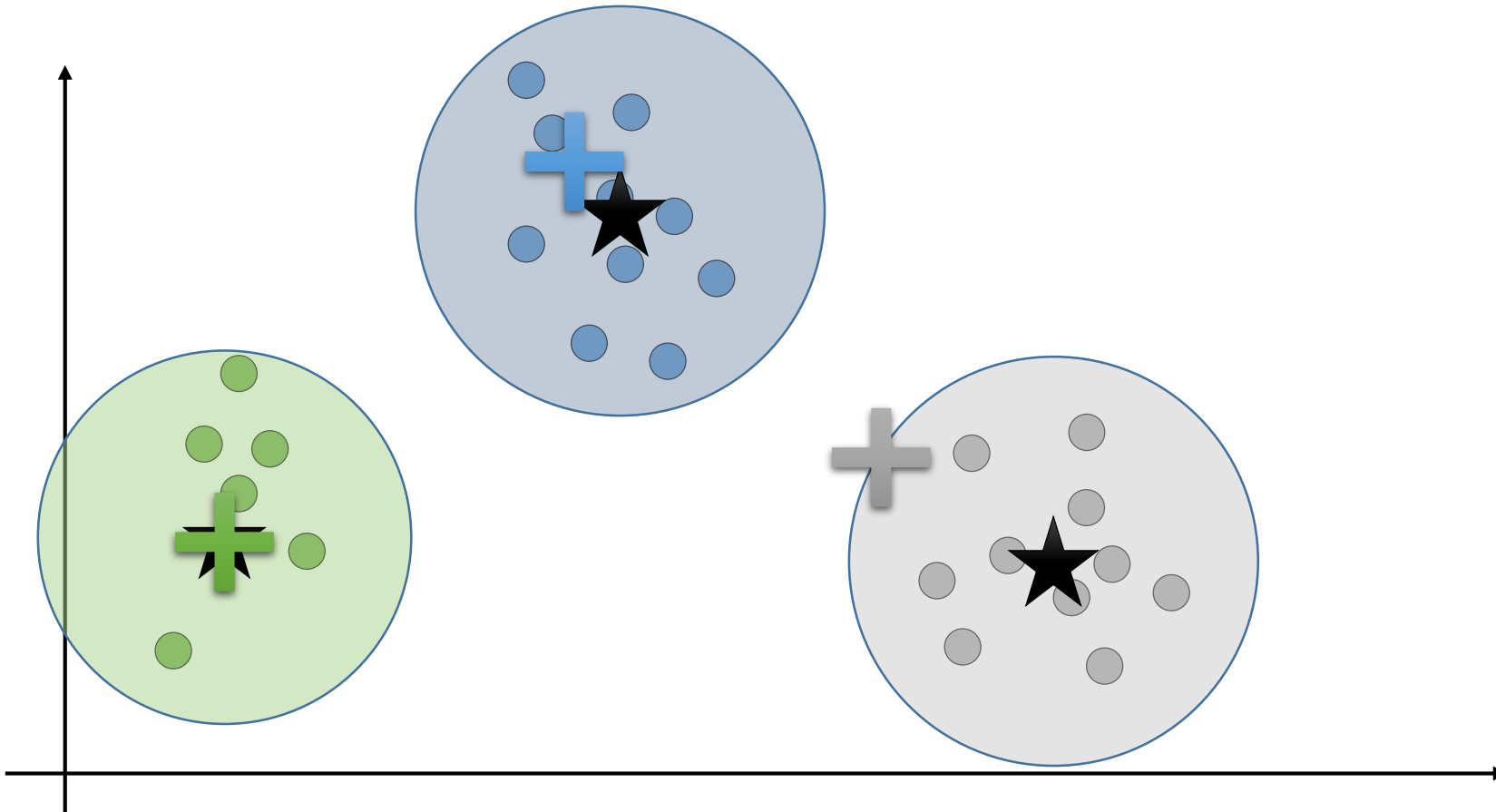
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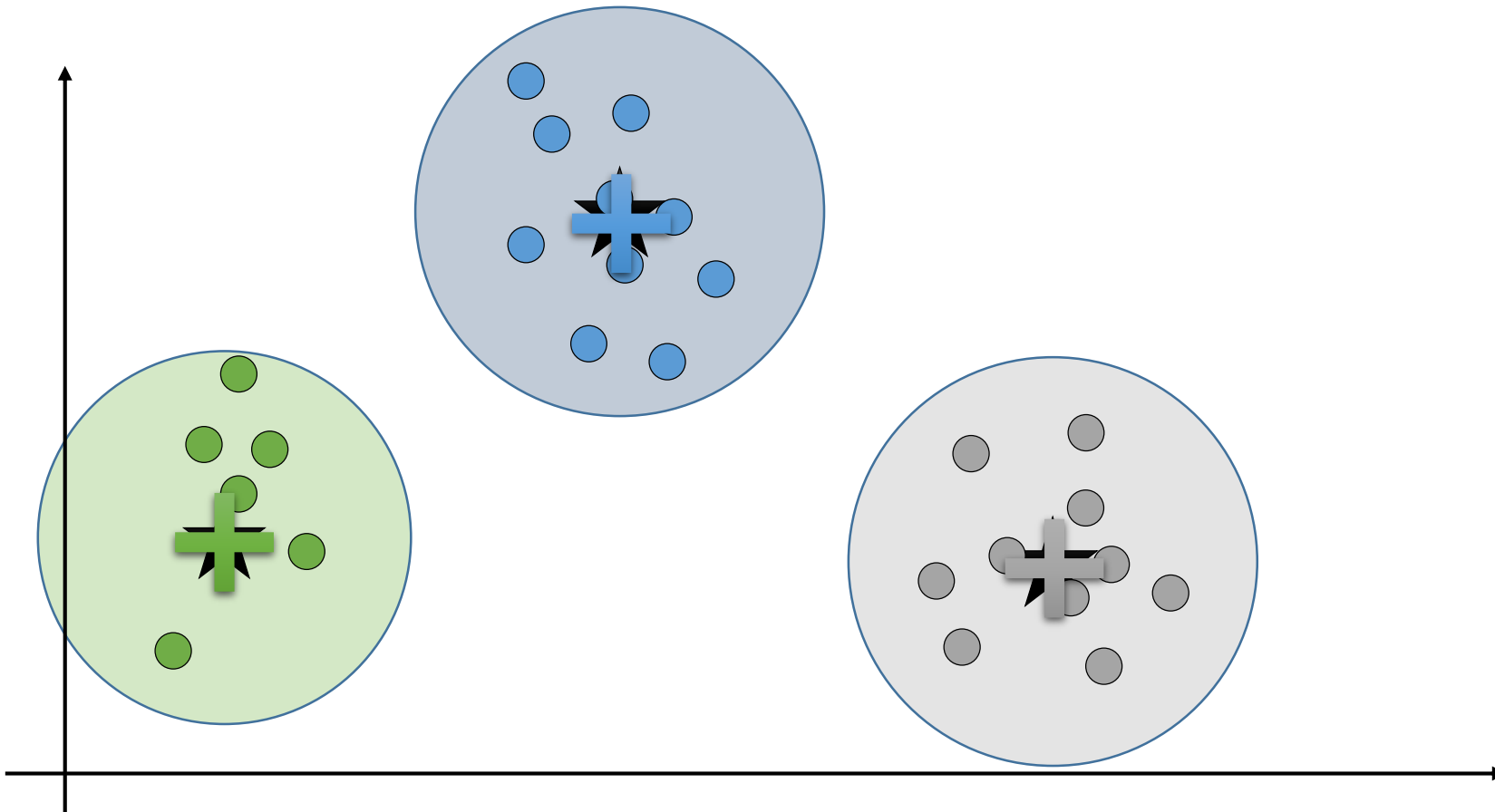
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- Compute cluster means



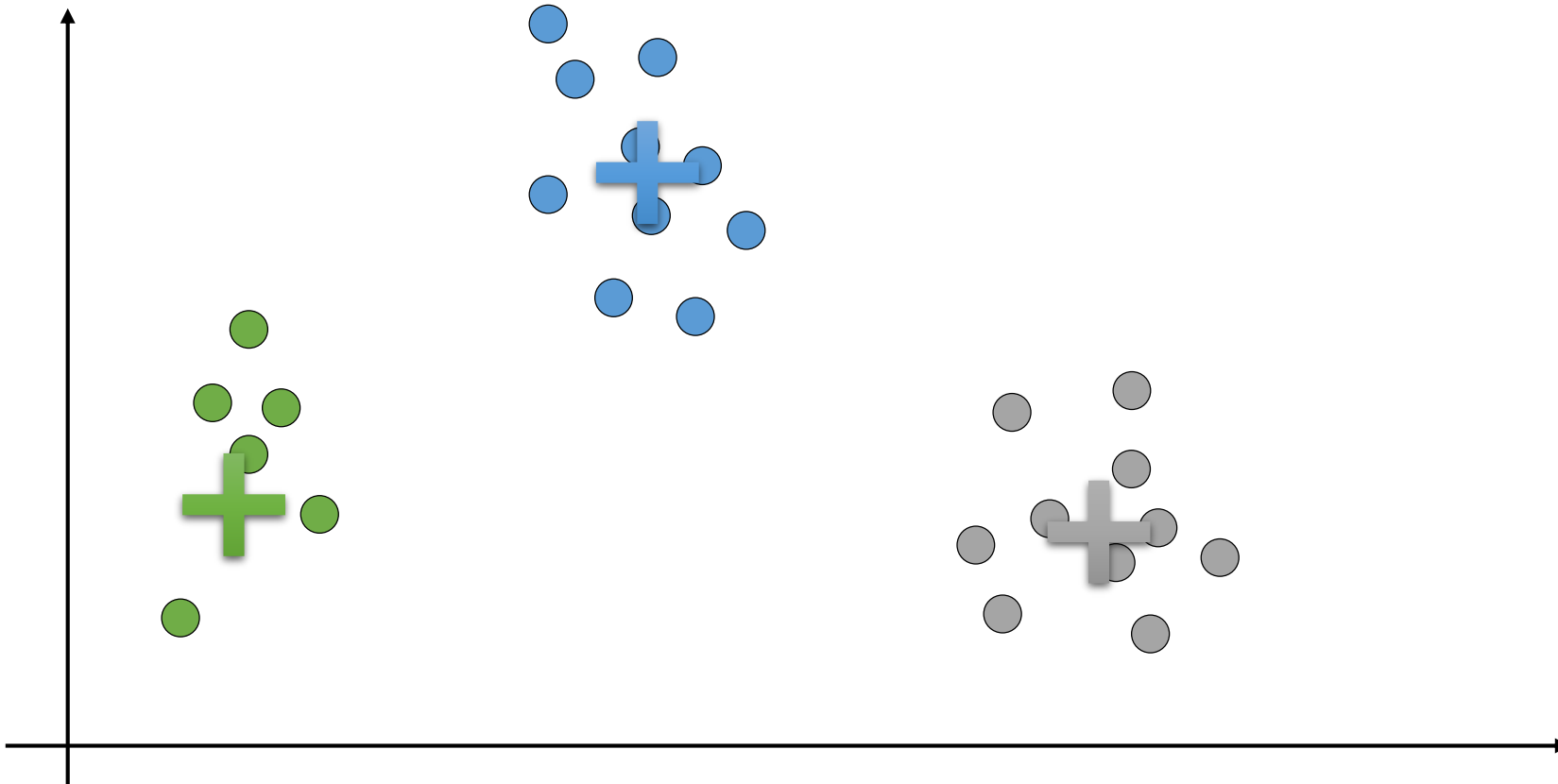
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- Update cluster centers



K-Means Clustering: *Intuition*

- Repeat?
 - Yes to check that nothing changes → Converged!



K-Means Algorithm: Details

`centers ← pick k initial Centers`

`while (centers are changing) {`

`// Compute the assignments (E-Step)`

`asg ← [(x, nearest(centers, x)) for x in data]`

What do we mean by “nearest”:

A: Euclidean Distance

$$\arg \min_{c \in \text{centers}} ||c - x||_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^d (c_i - x_i)^2$$

K-Means Algorithm: Details

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centers ← pick k initial Centers
```

Compute the
“Expected” Assignment

```
while (centers are changing) {
```

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    // Compute the assignments (E-Step)
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    asg ← [(x, nearest(centers, x)) for x in data]
```

```
    // Compute the new centers (M-Step)
```

```
    for i in range(k):
```

```
        centers[i] =
```

Find centers that maximize the
data “likelihood”

```
        mean([x for (x, c) in asg if c == i])
```

```
}
```

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Guaranteed to
converge!

... to what?

To a local
optimum. 😞

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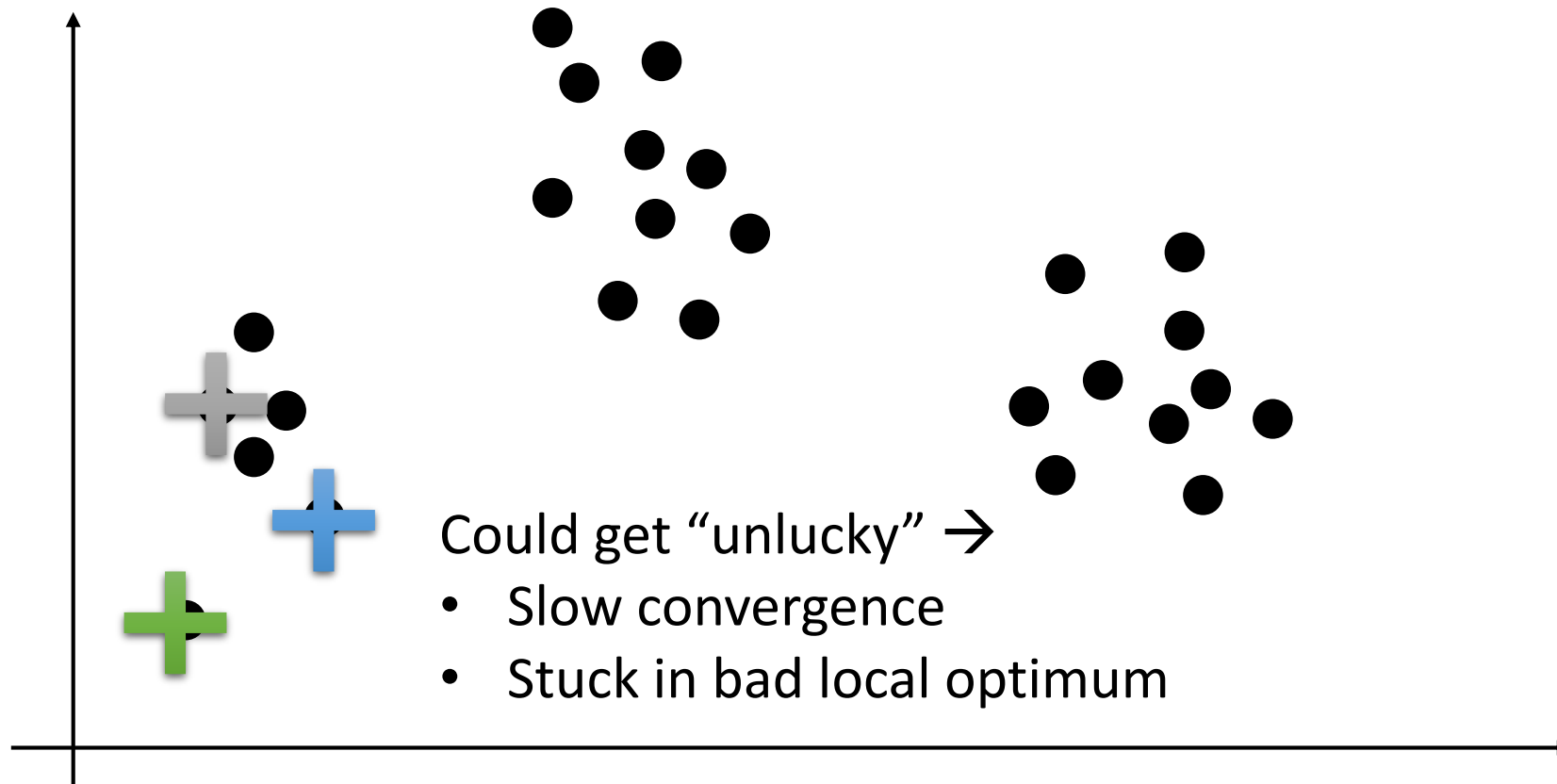
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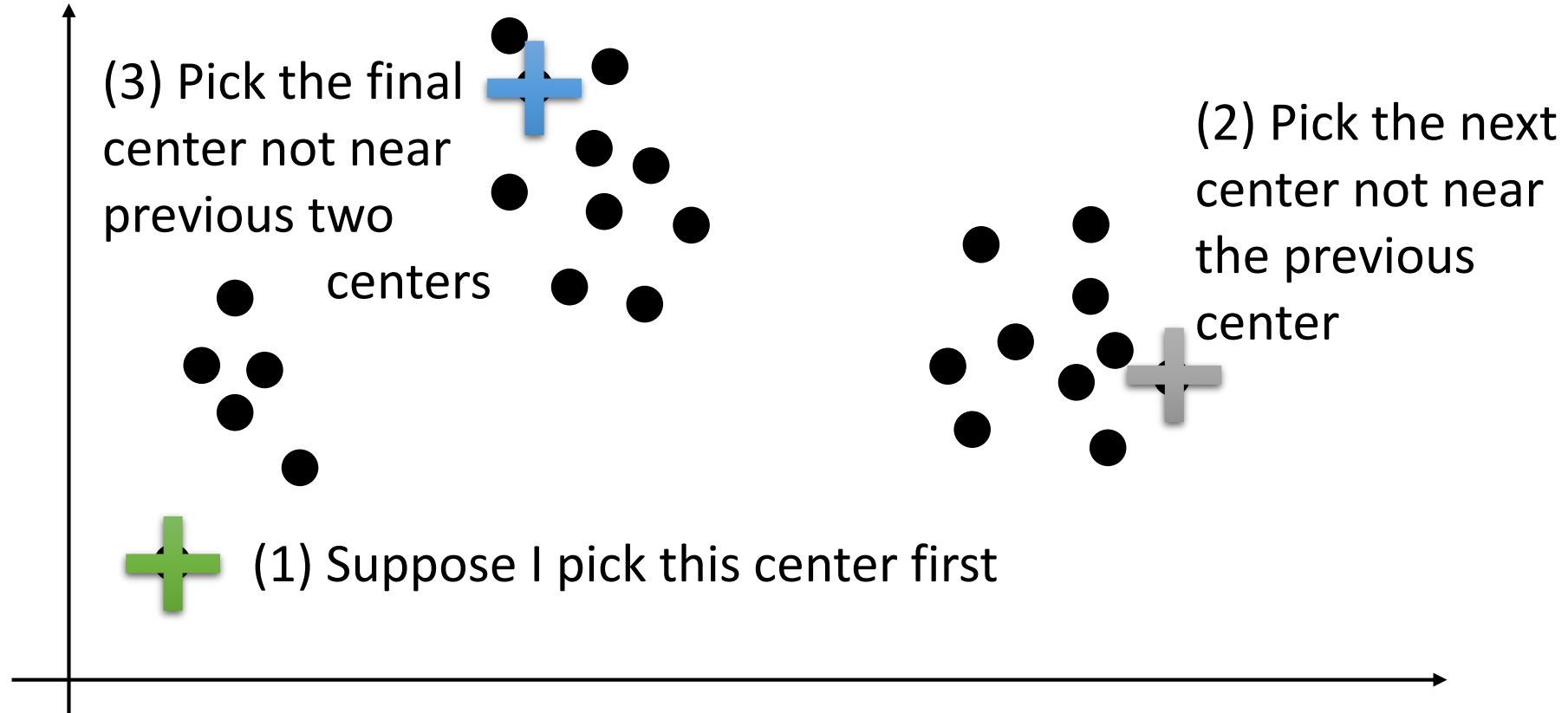
Picking the Initial Centers

- **Simple Strategy:** select k points at random
 - What could go wrong?



Picking the Initial Centers

- **Better Strategy:** kmeans++
 - Randomized approx. algorithm
 - Intuition select points that are not near existing centers



K-Means++ Algorithm

```
centers ← set(randomly select a single point)
```

```
while len(centers) < k:
```

```
    # Compute the distance of each point  
    # to its nearest center dSq = d^2
```

```
    dSq ← [(x, dist_to_nearest(centers, x)^2) for x in data]
```

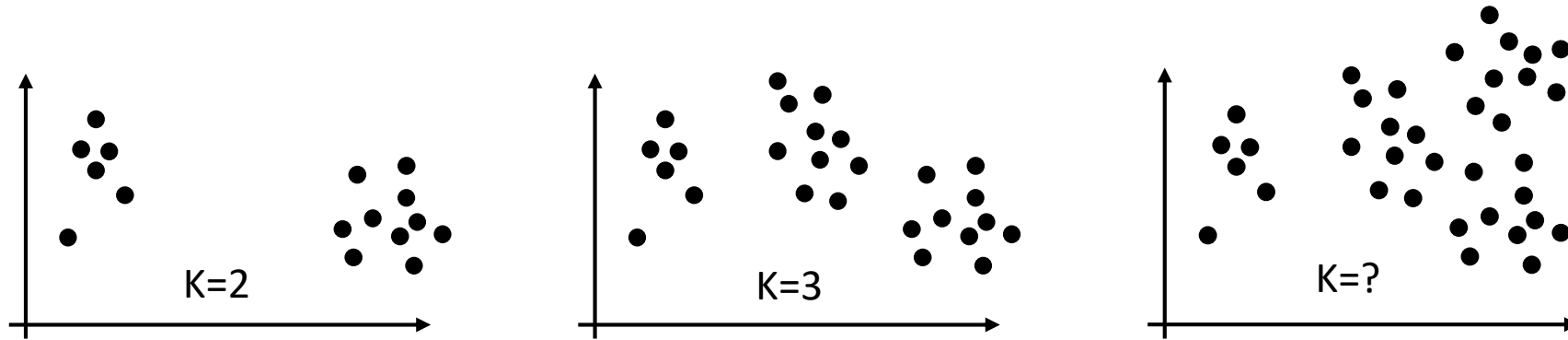
```
    # Sample a new point with probability  
    # proportional to dSq
```

```
    c ← sample_one(data, prob = dSq / sum(dSq))
```

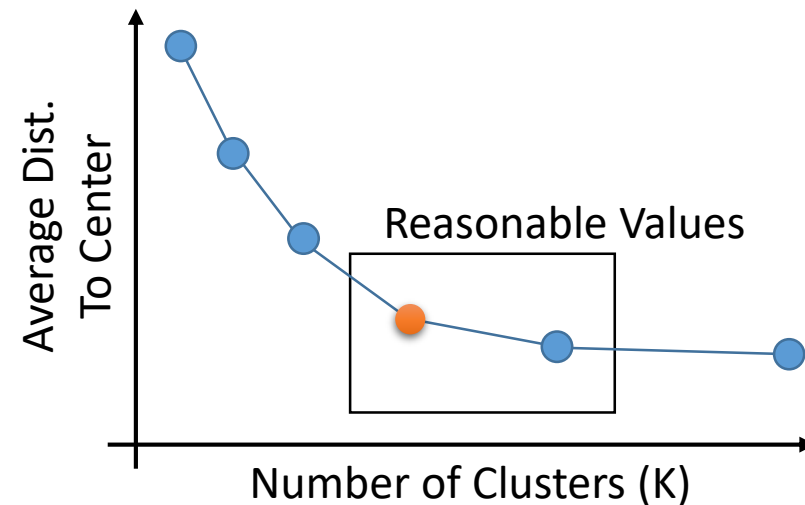
```
    # Update the clusters
```

```
    centers.add(c)
```


How do we choose K?



- Basic Elbow Method (Easy and what you do in HW)
 - Try range of K-values and plot average distance to centers
- Cross-Validation (Better)
 - Repeatedly split the data into training and validation datasets
 - Cluster the training dataset
 - Measure Avg. Dist. To Centers on validation data



K-Means +



How do we run k-means on the
data warehouse / data lake?

Interacting With the Data

Good for smaller datasets

- Faster more natural interaction
- Lots of tools!

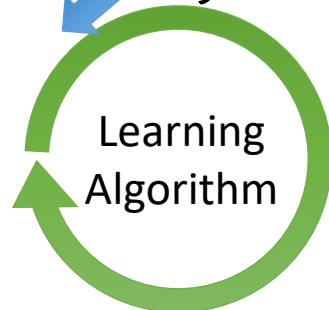
Compute
Locally

$$\Sigma = \bigoplus_{r \in \text{Data}} f_{\theta}(r)$$



Request Data Sample

Sample of Data



Can we send the
computation to
the data?

Yes!

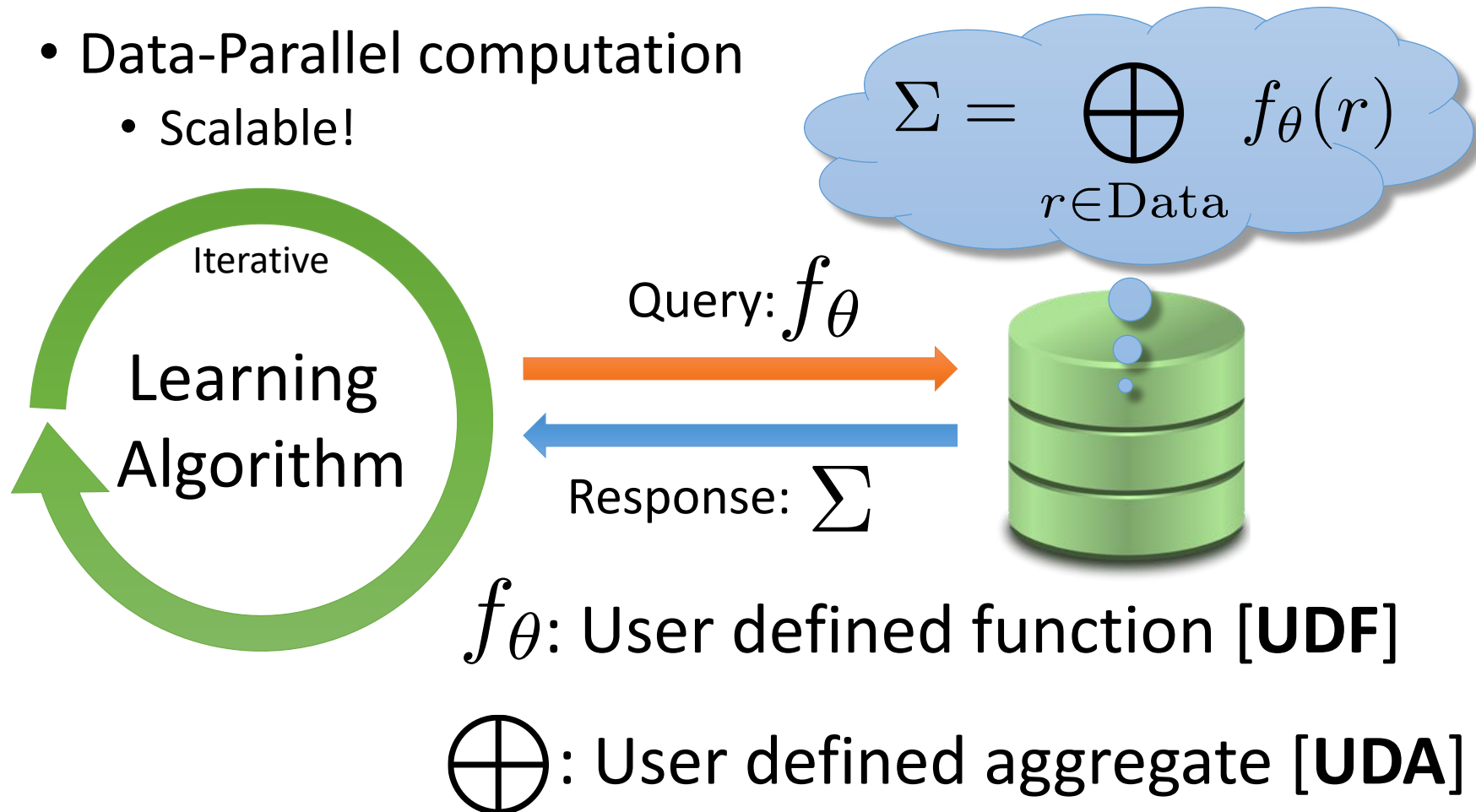
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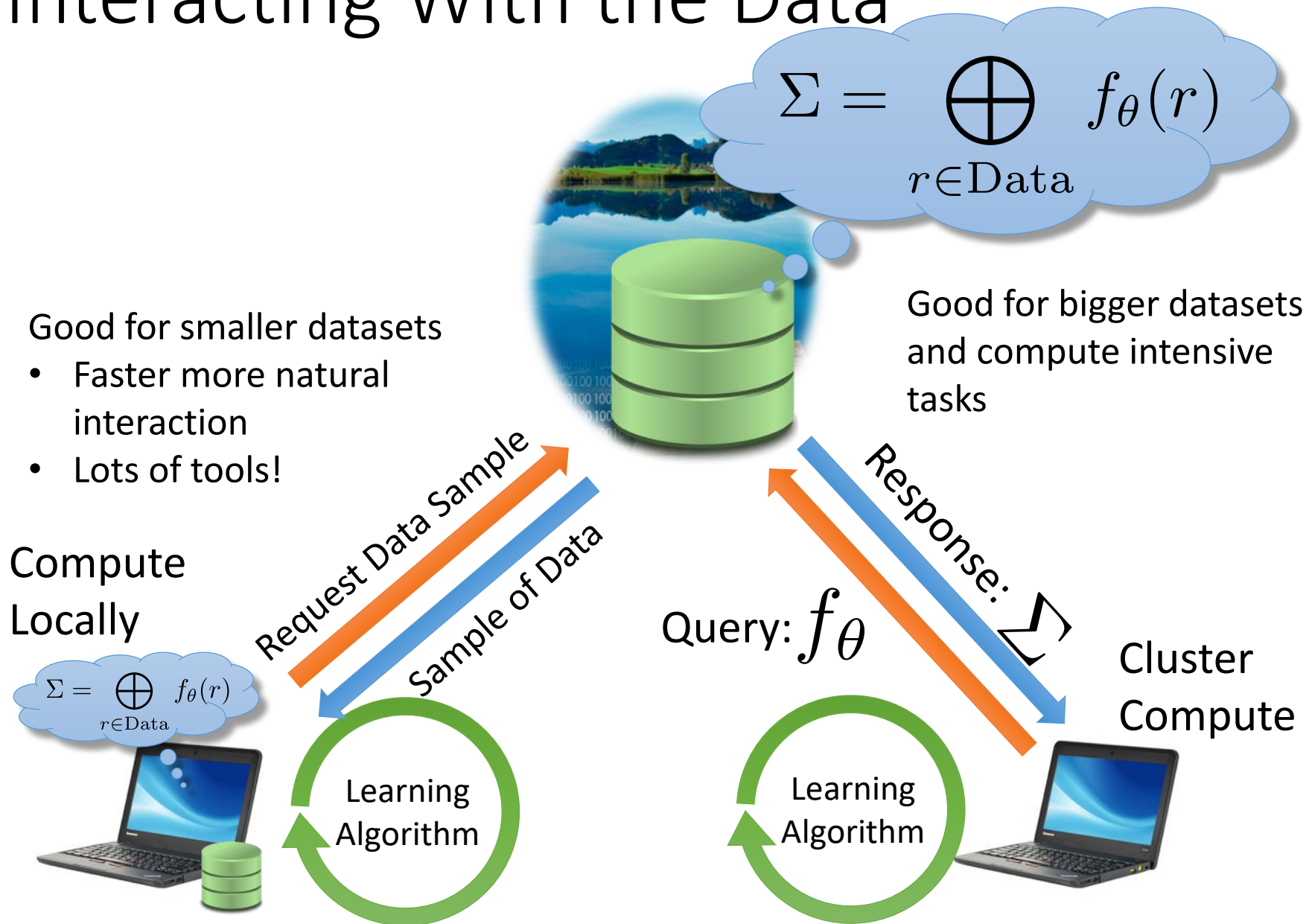
Statistical Query Pattern

Common Machine Learning Pattern

- Computing aggregates of user defined functions
- Data-Parallel computation
 - Scalable!



Interacting With the Data



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Query returns all
the data ...

Merge with M-Step
→
Statistical Query
Pattern

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Group by query:

```
SELECT nearest_UDF(centers, x) AS cid, mean_UDA(x)
FROM data GROUPBY cid
```

K-Means in Map-Reduce

- **MapFunction**(*old_centers*, *x*)
 - Compute the index of the nearest old center
 - Return (**key** = *nearest_centers*, **value** = (*x*, 1))
- **ReduceFunction** combines values and counts
 - For each cluster center (Group By)
- Data system returns aggregate statistics:

$$s_i = \sum_{x \in \text{Cluster } i} x_i \quad \text{and} \quad n_i = \sum_{x \in \text{Cluster } i} 1$$

- ML algorithm computes new centers: $\mu_i = s_i / n_i$

Can we express K-Means++ in the Statistical Query Pattern?

- *Yes*, however there is a better version: **K-Means||**
 - More complex but much faster
- Or you can parallelize **K-Means++** directly
 - Requires more passes
- Challenging Step?
 - Parallel weighted sampling:

```
sample_one(data, prob = dSq / sum(dSq))
```

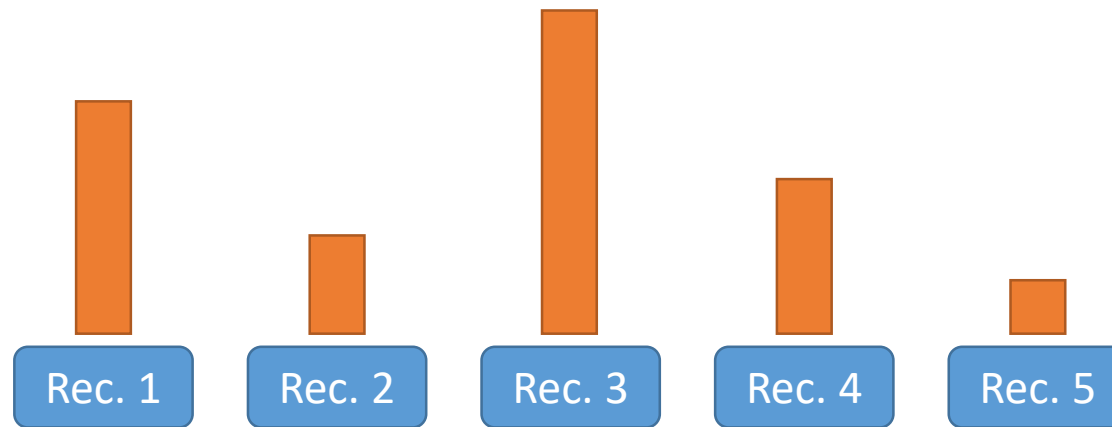
- How do you select one point uniformly at random?

Res-A: weighted reservoir sampling

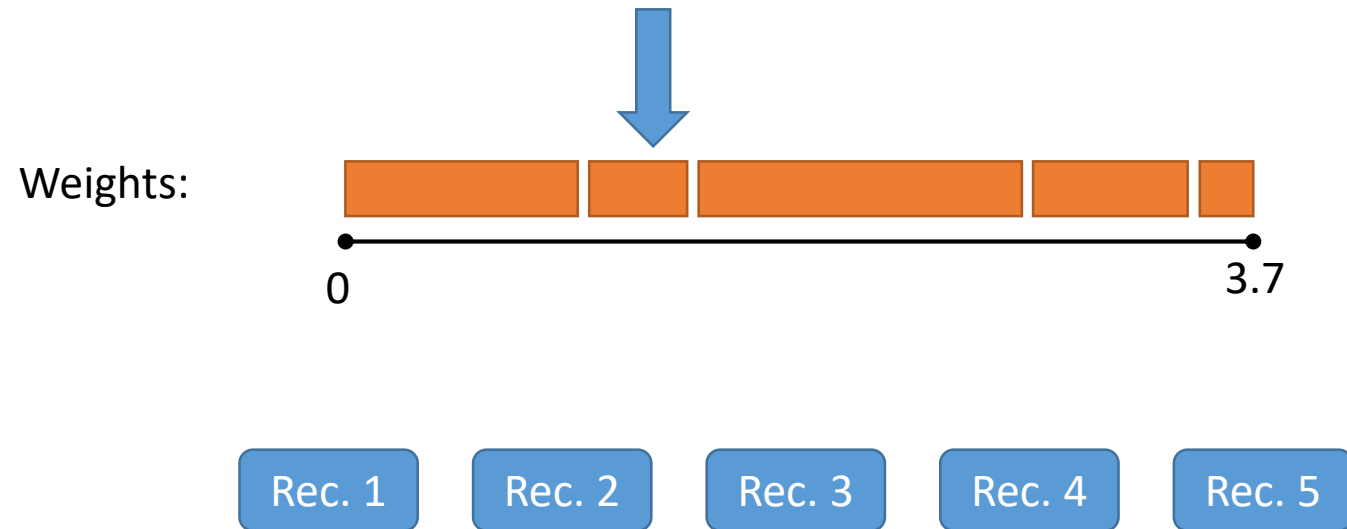
- **Goal:** Sample k records from a stream where record i is included in the sample with probability *proportional to w_i*

How would we normally sample k records?

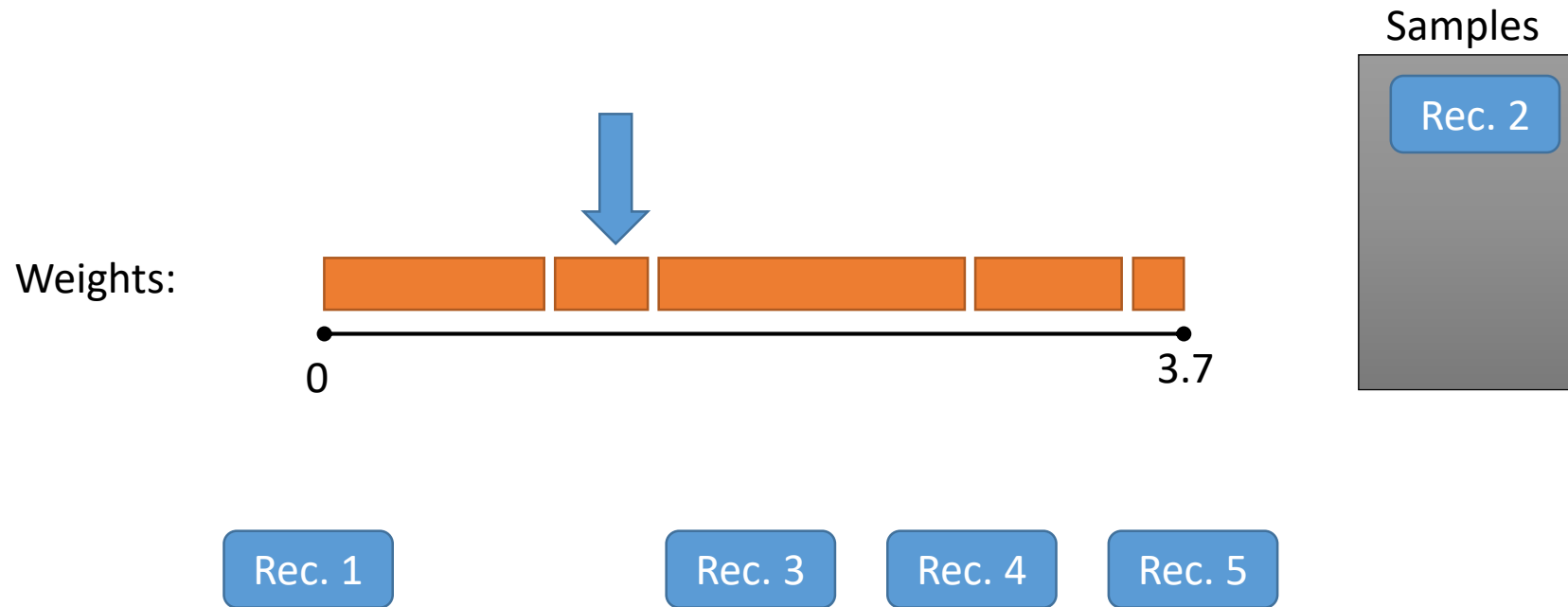
Weights:



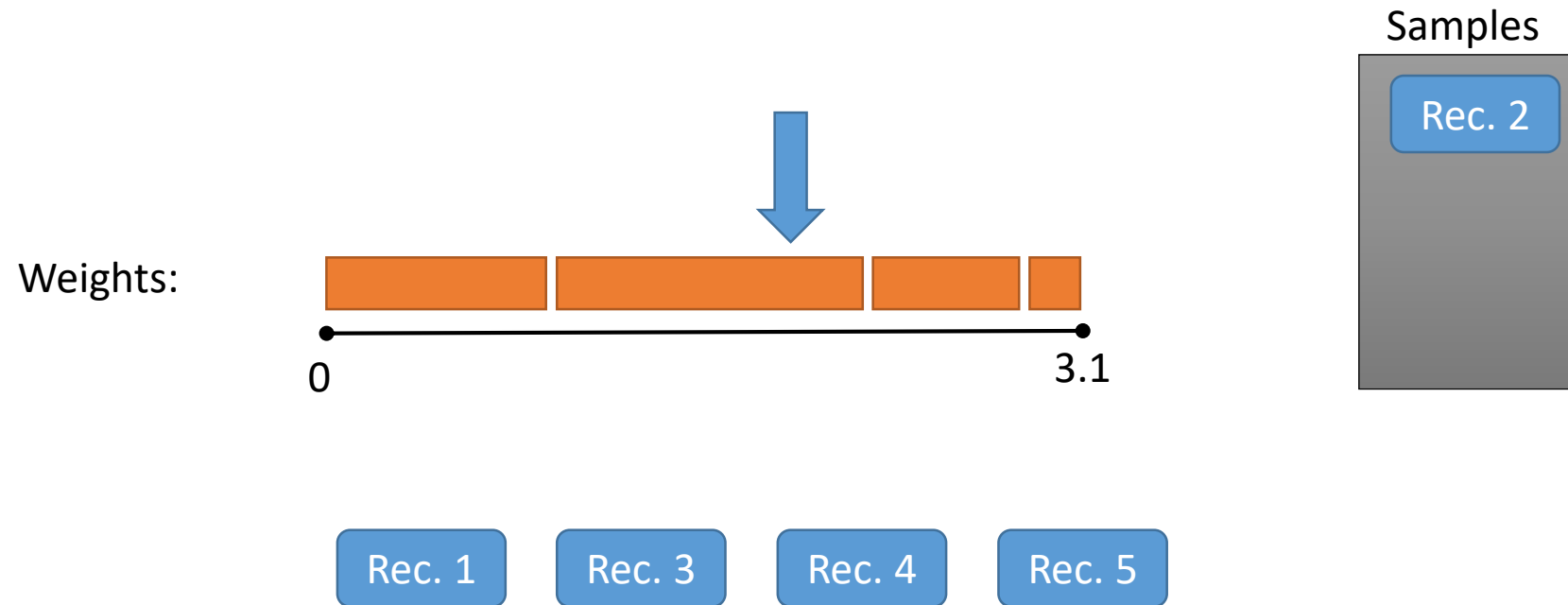
Draw a random number uniformly between **0** and **3.7**



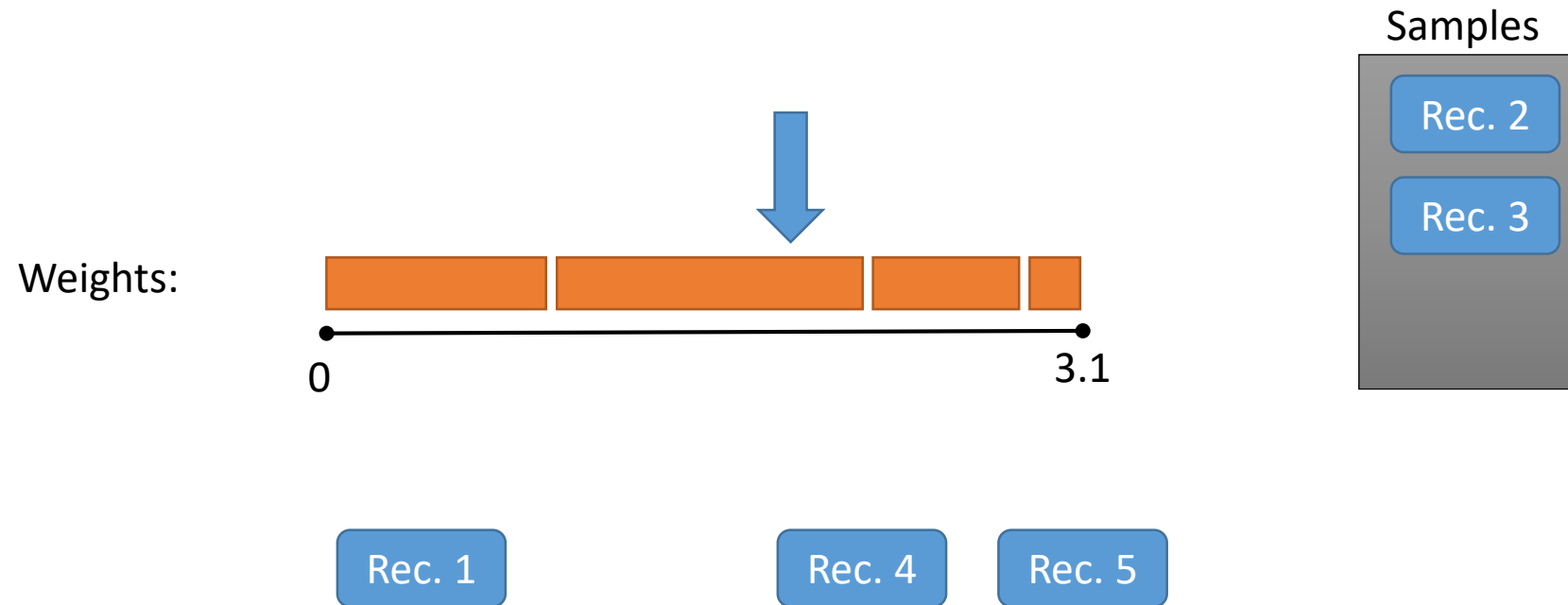
Sample the corresponding record and remove the weight.



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We want to do this in **one pass** *without* ever knowing the **sum** of the weights!



Res-A: weighted reservoir sampling

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- **Algorithm:**

- For each record i draw a uniform random number:

$$u_i \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$$

- Select the top- k records ordered by: u_i^{1/w_i}

- **Common ML Pattern?**

- **Query Function:** $[pow(rand(), 1 / record.w), record]$
 - **Agg. Function:** *top-k heap*

Illustrating Res-A Algorithm



Basic Analysis Behind Res-A

- Define the random variable: $X_i = u_i^{1/w_i}$
- Then:

$$\mathbf{P}(X_i < \alpha) = \mathbf{P}(u_i^{1/w_i} < \alpha) = \mathbf{P}(u_i < \alpha^{w_i}) = \alpha^{w_i}$$

$$\mathbf{p}(X_i = \alpha) = w_i \alpha^{w_i - 1}$$

Derivative of CDF \rightarrow PDF

- Suppose we want to pick just one element (k=1)
 - Probability of selecting X_i is:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \mathbf{p}(X_i = \alpha) \prod_{j \neq i} \mathbf{P}(X_j < \alpha) d\alpha &= \int_0^1 (w_i \alpha^{w_i - 1}) \prod_{j \neq i} \alpha^{w_j} d\alpha \\ &= \frac{w_i}{\sum_j w_j} \end{aligned}$$

We won't test you
on this derivation

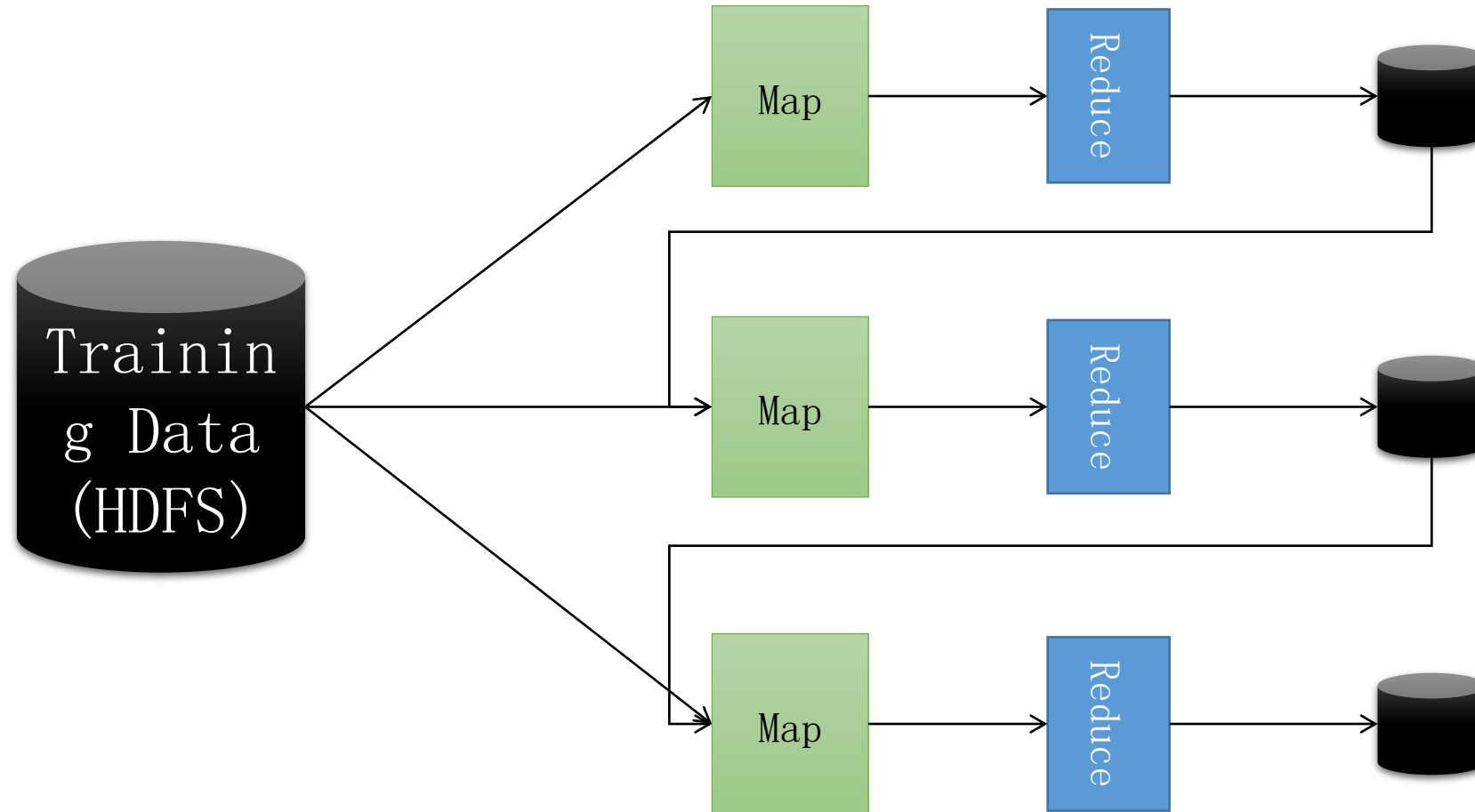
People who like Res-A also like...

- Algorithm R
 - Another reservoir filtering algorithm (recitation?)
- Bloom Filters
 - Efficient set membership with limited memory
- Count-Min
 - Efficient key-counting with limited memory
- Heavy Hitters Sketch
 - Top-k Elements with limited memory

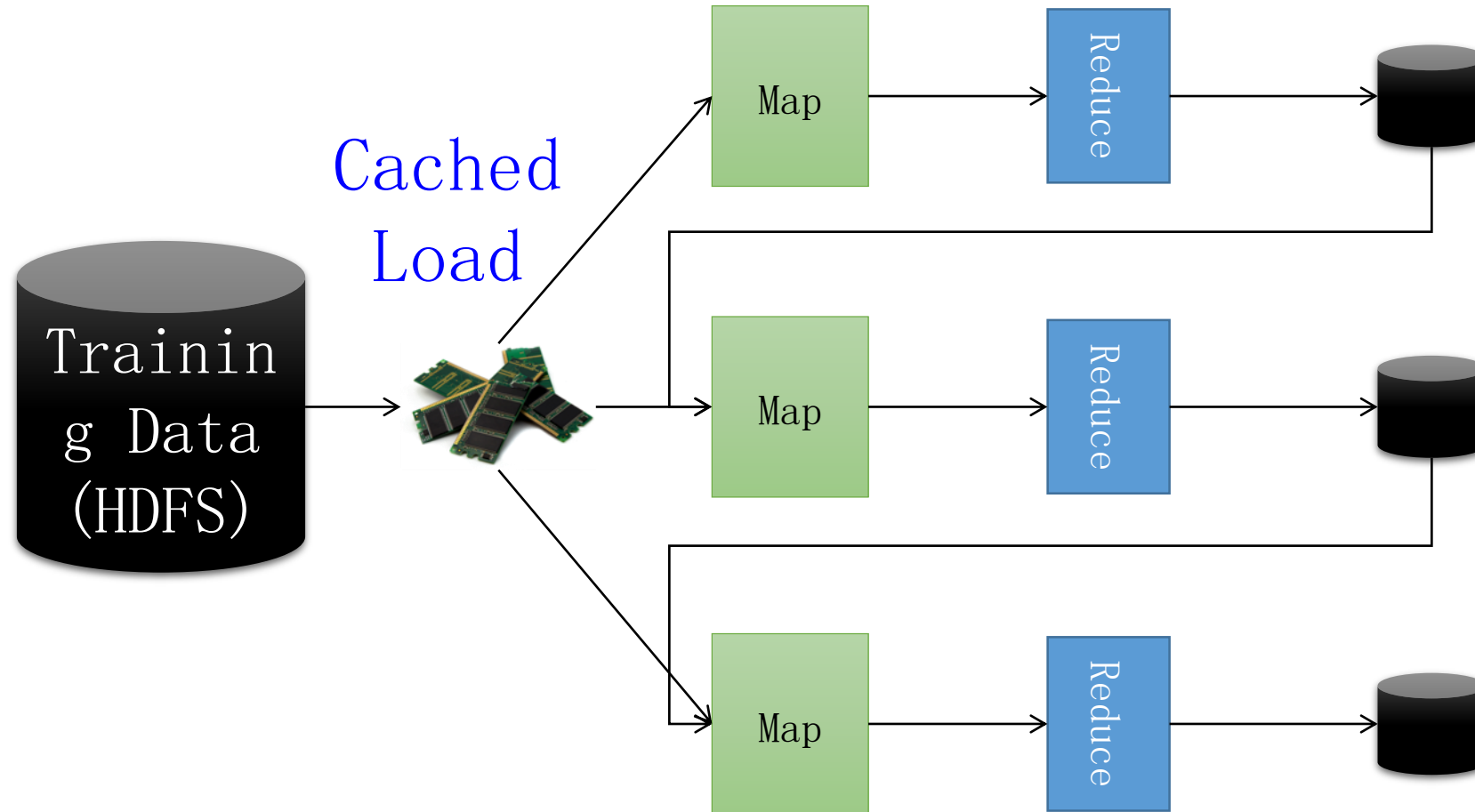
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Map Reduce Dataflow View

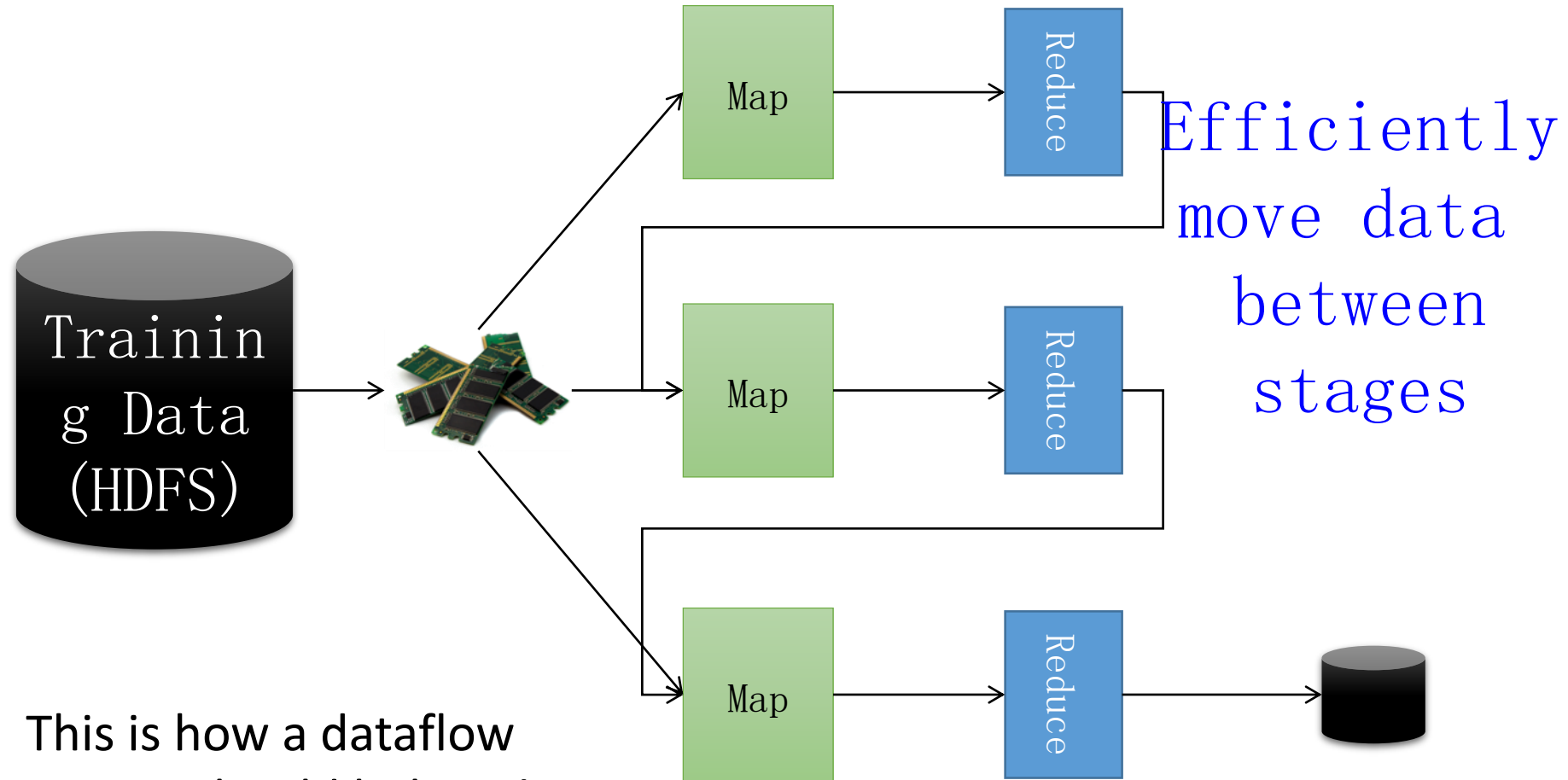


Spark Opt. Dataflow



10-100× faster than network and disk

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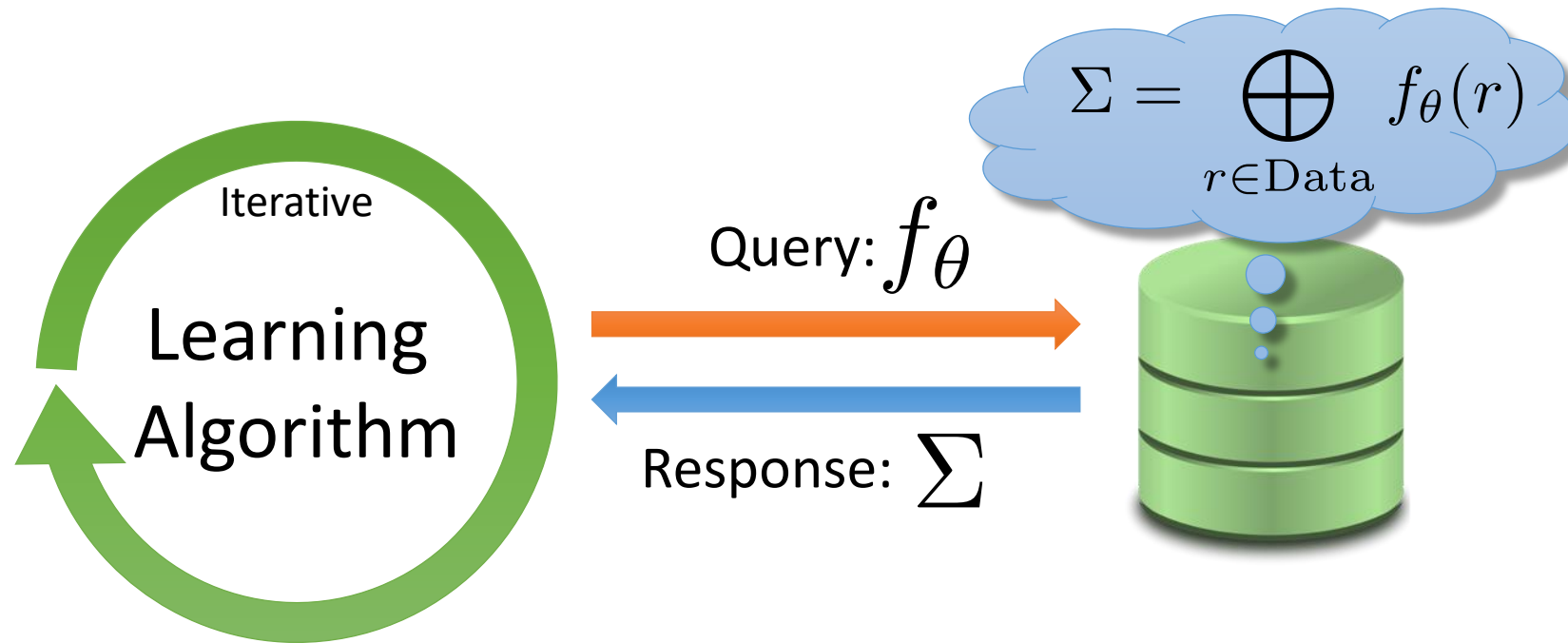


This is how a dataflow system should behave!

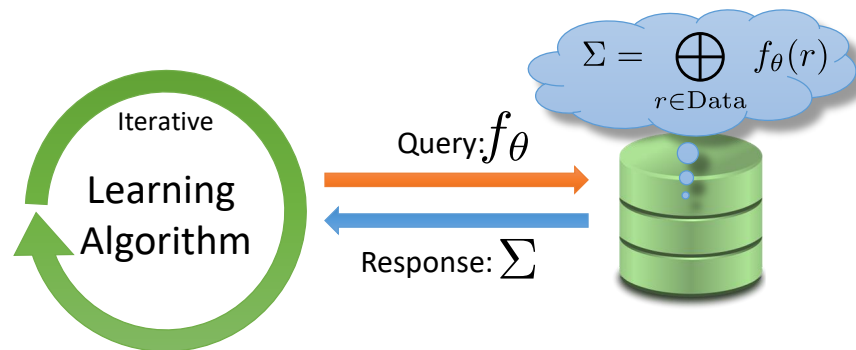
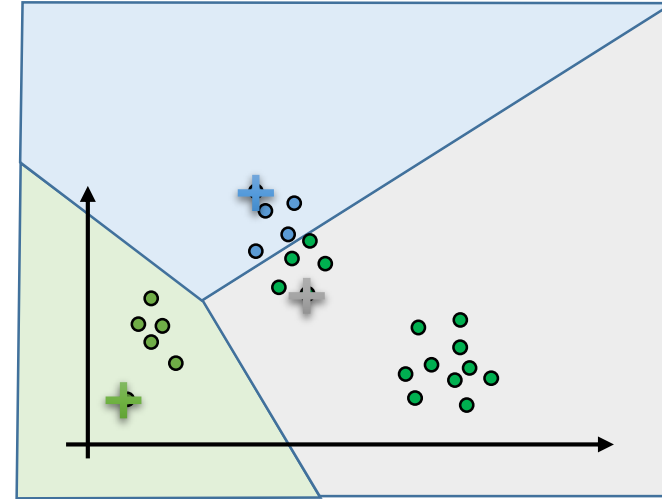
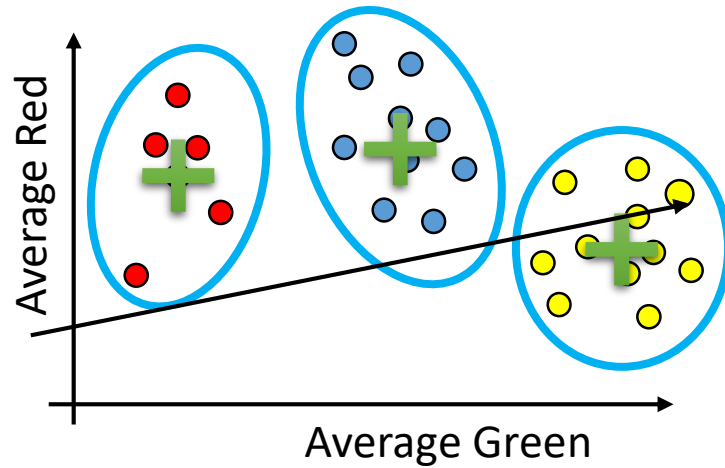
- What happened to map-reduce?

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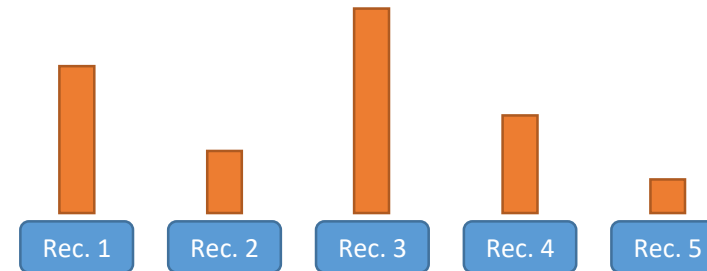
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- Need to watch out for large θ and Σ



Summary of Clustering



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