

COMP90014

Algorithms for Bioinformatics

Week 10B: Unsupervised Learning - Clustering II

Machine learning: clustering

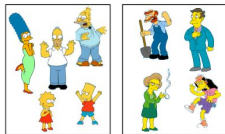
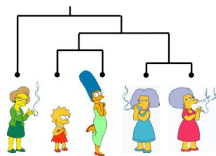
1. Clustering approaches
2. Density-based clustering
3. Divisive clustering

Clustering approaches

Exclusive Clustering



Overlapping Clustering



Exclusive

- ☑ Data points belong to only one cluster

Overlapping

- ☑ Data points may belong to many clusters

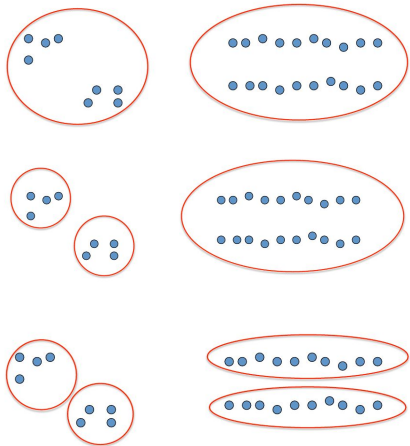
Hierarchical

- ☑ Assign points to “nested” clusters
- ☑ Get all possible clusters for given metric

Partitional

- ☑ Split points into “flat” independent clusters
- ☑ How many?

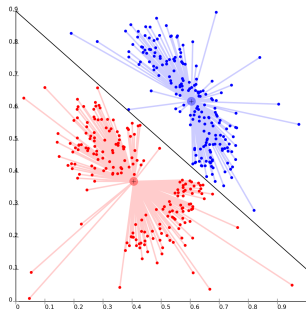
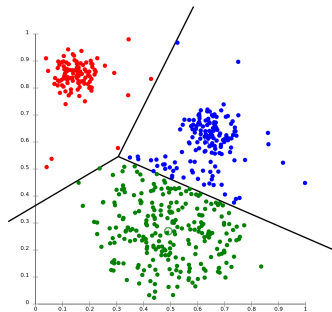
Ingredients for clustering



1. similarity metric
 - e.g. Euclidean distance
 2. a function to evaluate the quality of the clusters
 3. clustering algorithm
- 🧠 clustering is subjective
e.g. how many clusters?
- fixed k clusters
 - find the best k to optimize a function

Clustering approaches by cluster definition

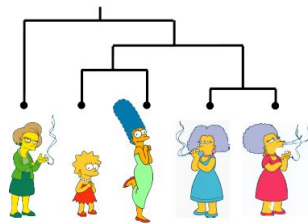
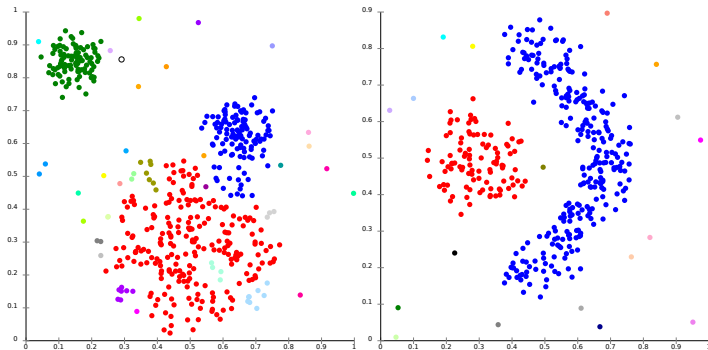
1. Centroid-based (k -means, k -medoids)



Notion of clusters: Voronoi tessellation/diagram

Clustering approaches by cluster definition

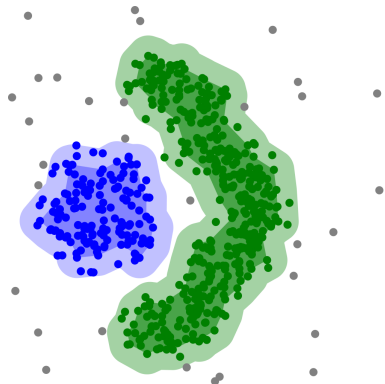
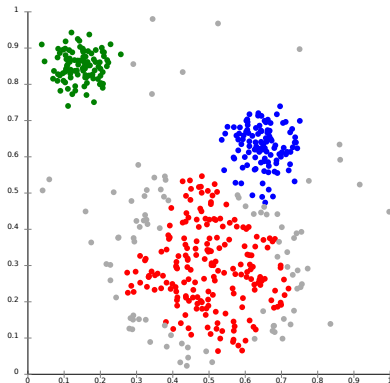
2. Connectivity-based (hierarchical)



Notion of clusters: cut dendrogram at some depth

Clustering approaches by cluster definition

3. Density-based (DBSCAN, OPTICS)

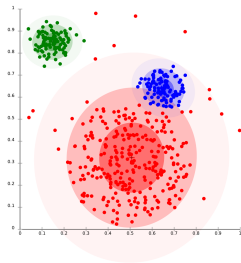


Notion of clusters: connected regions of high density

在一定深度上剪切树枝图

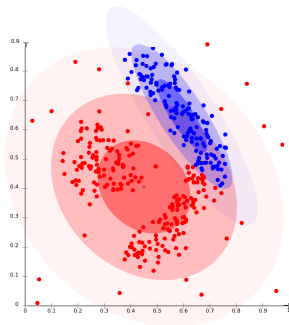
Clustering approaches by cluster definition

4. Distribution-based (Mixture Models)



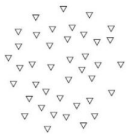
Notion of clusters: distributions on features

5. Network-based

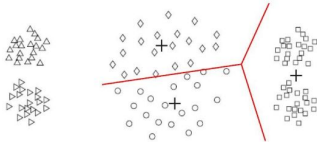


Notion of clusters: graph connectivity

When k -means fails



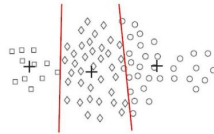
(a) Original points.



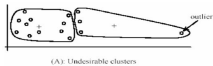
(b) Three K-means clusters.



(a) Original points.



(b) Three K-means clusters.



(A): Undesirable clusters



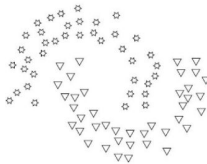
(B): Ideal clusters



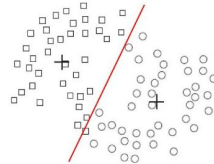
(A): Two natural clusters



(B): k -means clusters



(a) Original points.

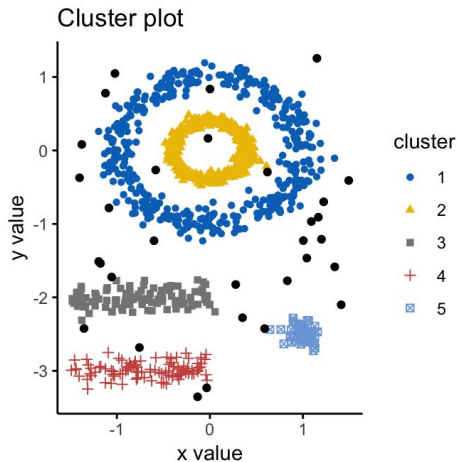


(b) Two K-means clusters.

Machine learning: clustering

1. Clustering approaches
2. Density-based clustering
3. Divisive clustering

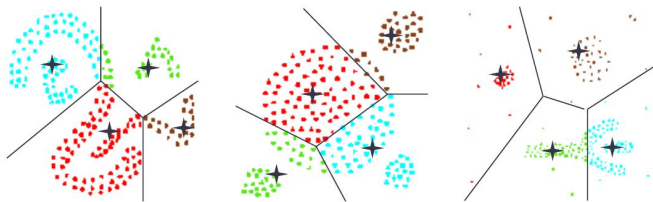
Concepts



- clusters are **dense regions in the data space**, separated by regions of lower object density
- for any point in a cluster, the local point density around that point has to exceed some threshold (ϵ)
- the set of points from one cluster is spatially connected

聚类是数据空间中的密集区域，它们被低对象密度的区域所分隔。对于簇中的任意点，围绕该点的局部点密度必须超过某个阈值（ ϵ ）。一个簇中的点集在空间上是相互连接的。

Density-based clustering



☹ When k -means fails ($K = 4$)

☹ DBSCAN:

- discover clusters of arbitrary shape
- handle noise and outliers

DBSCAN

SEMANTIC SCHOLAR Search 206,085,385 papers from all fields of science

A Density-Based Algorithm for Discovering Clusters in Large Spatial Databases with Noise

Martin Ester, H. P. Kriegel, J. Sander, O. Schödl - Published in KDD 2 August 1996 - Computer Science

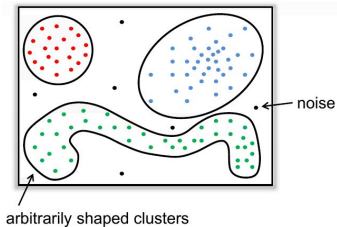
Highlight Information Methods Results

Clustering algorithms are attractive for the task of class identification in spatial databases. However, the application to large spatial databases raises the following requirements for clustering algorithms: minimal requirements of domain knowledge to determine the input parameters, discovery of clusters with arbitrary shape and good efficiency on large databases. The well-known clustering algorithms offer no solution to the combination of these requirements. In this paper, we present the new clustering algorithm DBSCAN relying on a density-based notion of clusters which is designed to discover clusters of arbitrary shape. DBSCAN requires only one input parameter and supports the user in determining an appropriate value for it. We performed an experimental evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of DBSCAN using synthetic data and real data of the SEQUOIA 2000 benchmark. The results of our experiments demonstrate that (1) DBSCAN is significantly more effective in discovering clusters of arbitrary shape than the well-known algorithm CLARANS, and that (2) DBSCAN outperforms CLARANS by a factor of more than 100 in terms of efficiency. Collapse

17,985 Citations
Highly Influential Citations 2,794
Background Citations 3,629
Methods Citations 7,749
Results Citations 100

View All

PDF CLARANS Save to Library Create Alert Cite



- first density-based clustering algorithm
- one of the most widely used/cited clustering algorithms

Intuition:

- a cluster is a region of high density**
- noise points lie in regions of low density

We need to:

- define neighbourhood of a data point
- define high density

Definitions

对于点 p ，其 ϵ -邻域包括了所有与 p 的距离不超过 ϵ 的点 q 。

ϵ -neighbourhood: objects within a radius ϵ of an object.

$$N_{\epsilon}(p) : \{q \mid d(p, q) \leq \epsilon\}$$

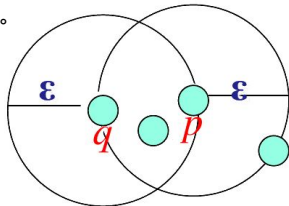
ϵ : input parameter.

High-density: ϵ -neighbourhood of an object contains at least minpts of objects.

minpts : input parameter.

如果一个对象的 ϵ -邻域至少包含了 minpts 个对象，那么这个邻域被认为是高密度的。

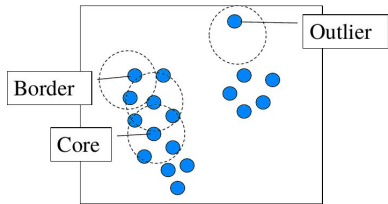
ϵ -neighbourhood of p and q : Density of p is “high” ($\text{minpts} = 4$);
Density of q is “low” ($\text{minpts} = 4$)



展示了两个点 p 和 q 及它们各自的 ϵ -邻域。点 p 的密度被认为是“高”的，因为它的 ϵ -邻域至少包含了 minpts 数量（4个）的点。而点 q 的密度被认为是“低”的，尽管它的 ϵ -邻域和点 p 是一样的，但是它自己并没有被足够数量的其他点所包围

Definitions

Given ϵ and minpts, categorize the objects into three exclusive categories.



Core point: It has more than minpts objects within ϵ .

Border point: It has fewer than minpts within ϵ , but is in the neighbourhood of a core point.

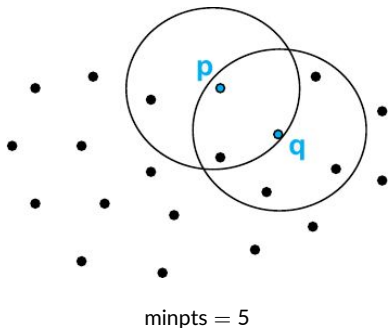
Noise/outlier point: Any point that is not a core point nor a border point.

核心点 (Core point) : 在一个点的邻域内, 如果存在超过minpts数量的点, 那么这个点就被称为核心点。这意味着核心点周围有足够的邻近点, 从而形成一个稠密区域。

边界点 (Border point) : 如果一个点在核心点的邻域内, 但其自己的邻域内的点数少于minpts, 那么它就是一个边界点。边界点位于核心区域的边缘, 而不足以自成一个稠密区域。

噪声/离群点 (Noise/outlier point) : 不属于核心点或边界点的任何点都被认为是噪声或离群点。这些点既没有足够的邻近点构成稠密区域, 也不是任何核心区域的一部分。

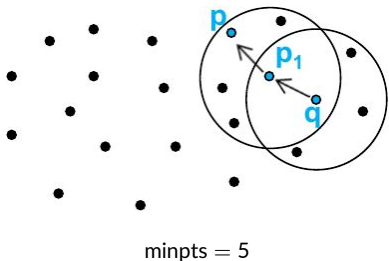
Direct density reachability



An object p is **directly density-reachable** from object q if:

- q is a core object and
 - p is in its ϵ -neighborhood
- is p directly density-reachable from q ?
- is q directly density-reachable from p ?
- Density-reachability is an asymmetric relationship

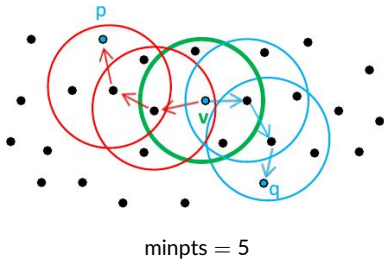
Density reachability



A point p is **density-reachable** from a point q if:

- There is a chain of points p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k , with $p_1 = q$ and $p_k = p$, such that p_{i+1} is directly density-reachable for all $1 < i < k - 1$
- Asymmetric

Density connectivity



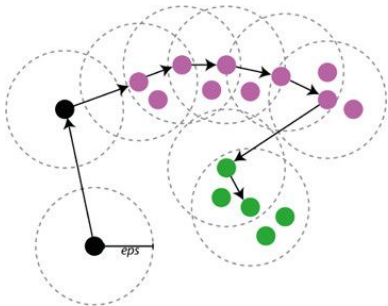
A point p is *density-connected* to a point q if:

- 📍 there is a point v , such that both p and q are *density-reachable* from v
- 📍 Symmetric

Cluster definition

Given a data set D of points, parameter ϵ and minpts:

- a cluster C is a subset of D satisfying two criteria.



Maximality:

- $\forall p, q$ if $p \in C$
and if q is density-reachable from p ,
then also $q \in C$

Connectivity:

- $\forall p, q \in C$,
 p and q are density-connected

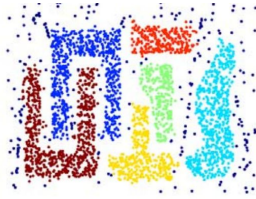
- clusters will contain both core and border points
- noise/outliers:
 - points in D not belonging to any cluster

DBSCAN algorithm

```
1 Procedure Dbscan( $X, \epsilon, \text{minpts}$ ):  
2   foreach unvisited point  $x \in X$  do  
3     mark  $x$  as visited  
4      $N \leftarrow \text{GetNeighbours}(x, \epsilon)$   
5     if  $|N| < \text{minpts}$  then  
6       mark  $x$  as noise  
7     else  
8        $C \leftarrow \{x\}$   
9       foreach point  $x' \in N$  do  
10         $N \leftarrow N \setminus x'$   
11        if  $x'$  is not visited then  
12          mark  $x'$  as visited  
13           $N' \leftarrow \text{GetNeighbours}(x', \epsilon)$   
14          if  $|N'| \geq \text{minpts}$  then  
15             $N \leftarrow N \cup N'$   
16        if  $x'$  is not yet member of any  
17          cluster then  
             $C \leftarrow C \cup \{x'\}$ 
```

- ☞ Input parameters:
 - X points, ϵ and minpts
- ☞ the algorithm proceeds by arbitrarily picking (scanning) up points in the dataset until all points have been visited
- ☞ if p is a core point (at least minpts points within a radius of ϵ) collect all density-reachable points from p and assign to a new cluster
- ☞ assign p to noise otherwise
- ☞ don't change p 's cluster assignment

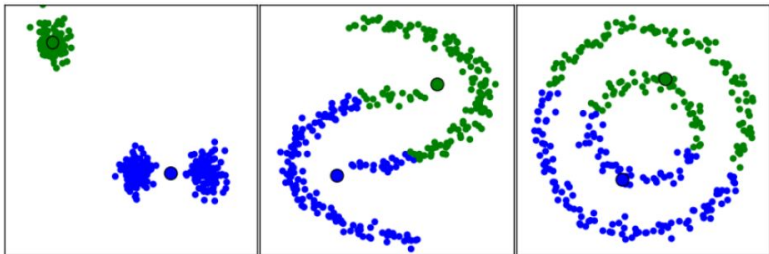
Complexity and strength of DBSCAN



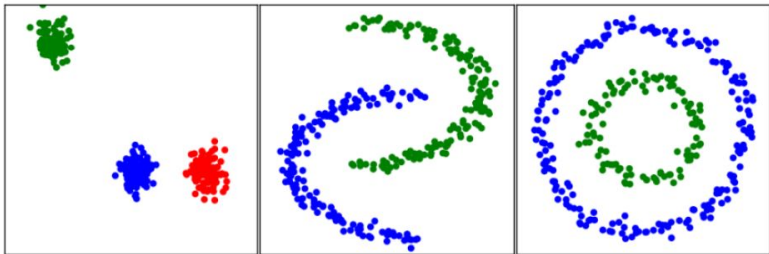
- ⌚ time complexity:
 - $O(n^2)$ if done naïvely
 - $O(n \times \log n)$ with a spatial index
 - only works in relatively low dimensions
- ⌚ space complexity: $O(n)$
- ⌚ can handle arbitrary shapes
- ⌚ can handle clusters of different sizes
- ⌚ resistant to noise

DBSCAN vs. *k*-means

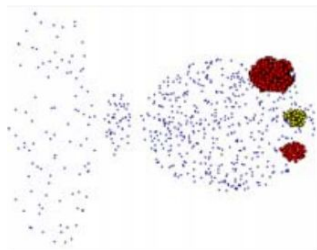
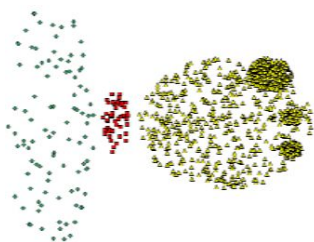
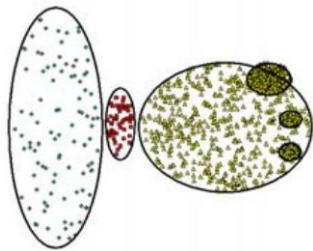
K-means



DBSCAN



Weaknesses of DBSCAN



设置 ϵ 和 minpts 可能会很棘手 (setting ϵ and minpts can be tricky) : 找到适合所有数据簇的 ϵ 值和 minpts 值可能很难, 特别是当簇具有不同密度或大小时

Goal:

- ☹️ varying densities
- ☹️ high dimensional data
- ☹️ overlapping clusters

Different ϵ configurations:

- ☹️ setting ϵ and minpts can be tricky

变化的密度 (varying densities) : DBSCAN可能在处理具有不同密度的数据簇时遇到困难。

高维数据 (high dimensional data) : 在高维空间中, 所有点之间的距离都倾向于相似, 这会影响DBSCAN算法的性能。

重叠的簇 (overlapping clusters) : 当不同簇的数据点在空间上重叠时, DBSCAN可能难以正确区分这些簇。

Determining ϵ

k-距离 (k-distance) :

计算每个点的第k近邻的距离 (calculate distance of kth nearest neighbor for each point)。
其中k等于minpts减去1 ($k = \text{minpts} - 1$)。

k-distance: calculate distance of k^{th} nearest neighbor for each point
 $k = \text{minpts} - 1$

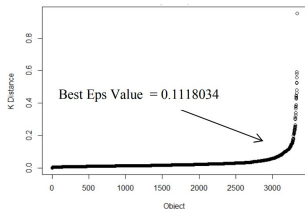
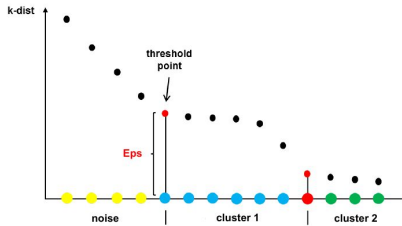


Figure 2 Points sorted by distance to the 3rd nearest neighbor

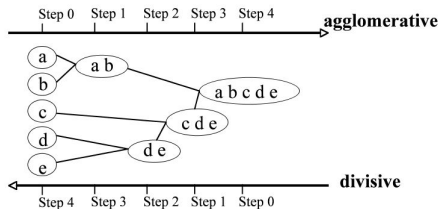


- plot in ascending / descending order
- set ϵ to the maximum distance before the threshold
- noise points have their k^{th} nearest neighbour at higher distances

Machine learning: clustering

1. Clustering approaches
2. Density-based clustering
3. Divisive clustering

Hierarchical clustering



What are the next clusters to merge?

Single linkage: $D_{k,g} = \min(D_{k,i}, D_{k,j})$

Complete linkage: $D_{k,g} = \max(D_{k,i}, D_{k,j})$

Average linkage: $D_{k,g} = \frac{D_{k,i} + D_{k,j}}{2}$

Agglomerative clustering (bottom-up)

- ☛ each data point starts as a single cluster
- ☛ join clusters into bigger clusters till we reach one single cluster with all points

Divisive clustering (top-down)

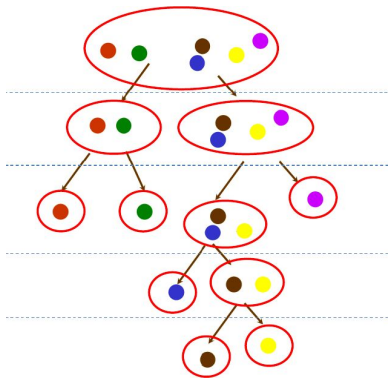
- ☛ start with one big cluster
- ☛ at each step, split into smaller clusters
- ☛ stop at desired number of clusters
- ☛ e.g. when points are in single clusters

Divisive hierarchical clustering

图片上的文字解释了如何使用任何生成固定数量簇的分区算法来实现分裂式层次聚类。例如，可以使用k-means算法，设置 $k=2$ 来不断迭代地对簇进行分

Any partitional algorithm that generates a fixed number of clusters can be used to implement divisive hierarchical clustering

- e.g. k -means, with $k = 2$
- keep partitioning clusters iteratively



Challenge: use k -means to implement divisive hierarchical clustering on a set of points X .

You can use assume the function `kmeans()` is available (you don't need to implement it yourself).

Hint: start by dividing X into two clusters, then recursively run `kmeans()` on the output until each cluster has only 1 item.

挑战提示是如何使用k-means来实现一个点集X的分裂式层次聚类。可以假设kmeans()函数是可用的，不需要自己实现它。提示是从将X分成两个簇开始，然后递归地对输出进行k-means算法，直到每个簇只有一个元素为止。

Thank you!

Today: Unsupervised Learning - Clustering II

Next time: Supervised Learning