Clustering in a nutshell

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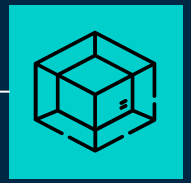

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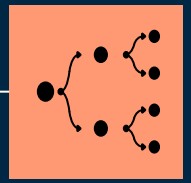
General approach of clustering



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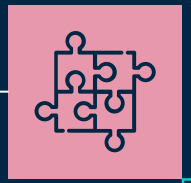
K-means Algorithm



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Final thoughts

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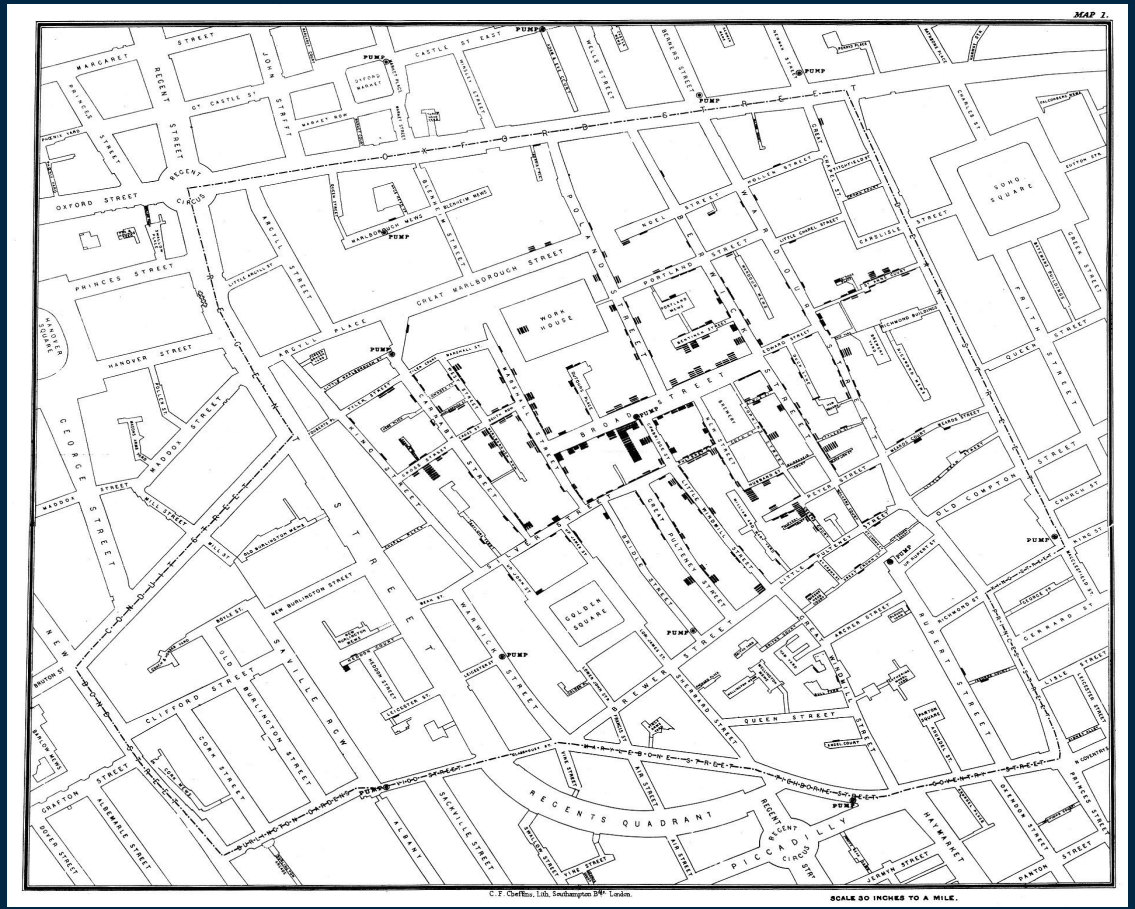

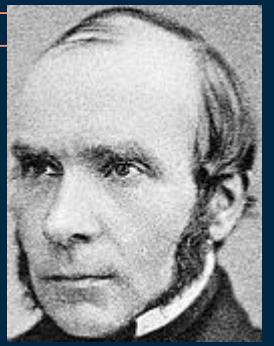

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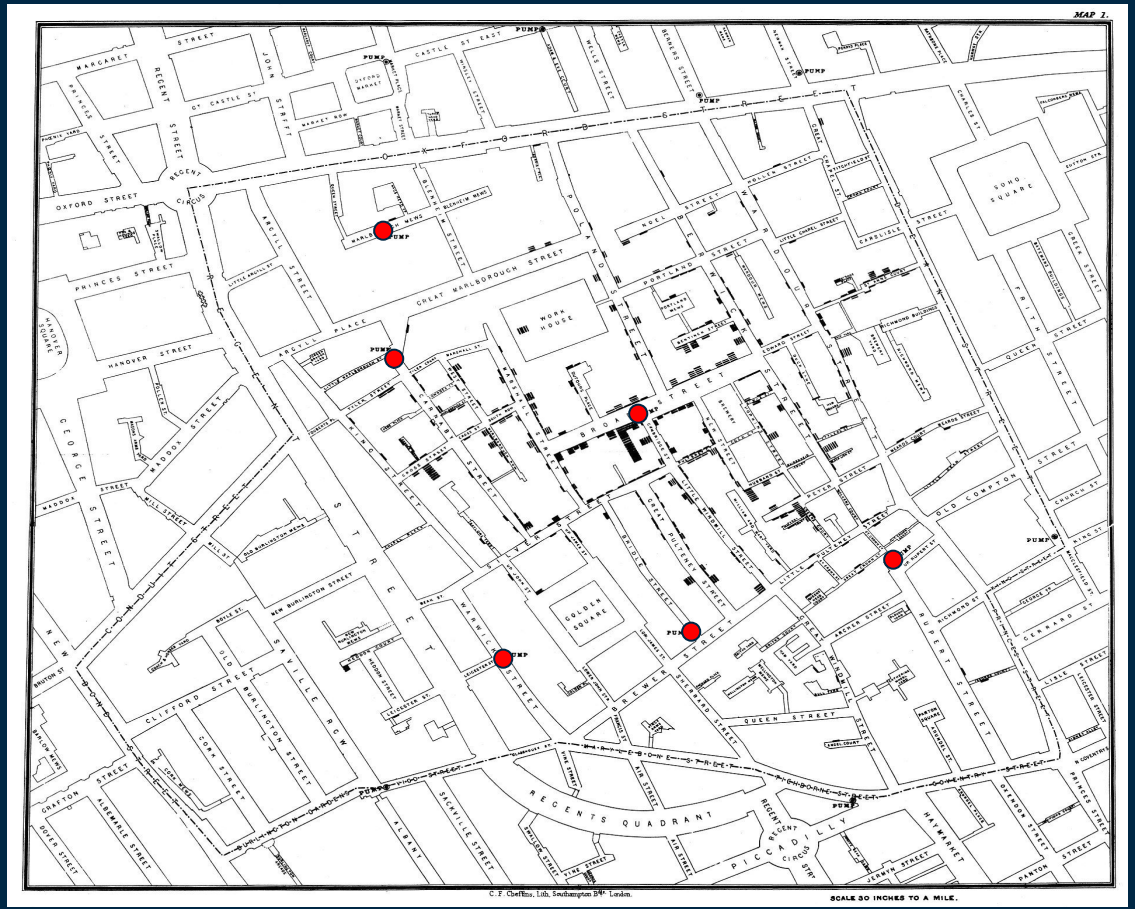

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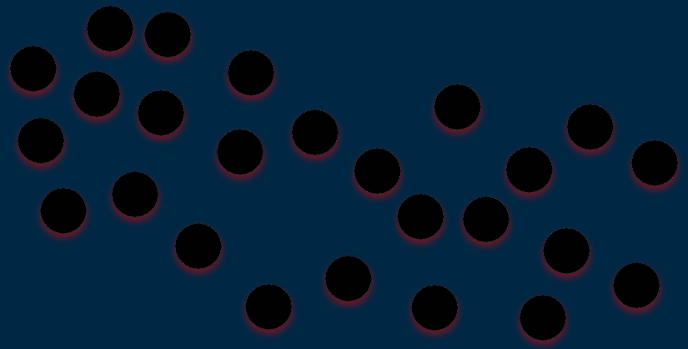
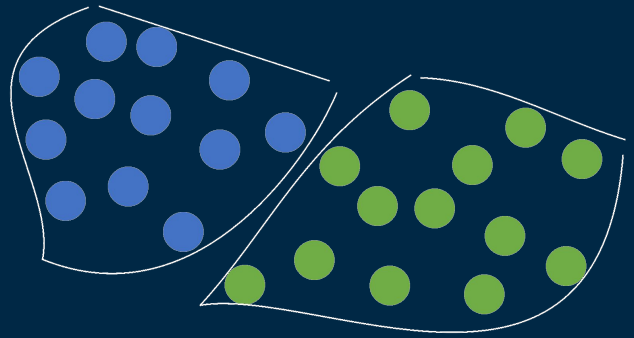
Clustering

- The organization of **unlabeled data** into **similarity** groups called **clusters**.
- A cluster is a collection of data items which are “similar” between them, and “dissimilar” to data items in other clusters





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- Proximity measure
- Criterion function
- Algorithm

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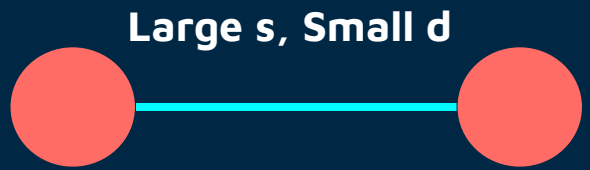
1 . Proximity measure

- Similarity s(x,y) : Large if x and y are similar.

- Dissimilarity (distance) d(x,y) : small if x and y are similar.



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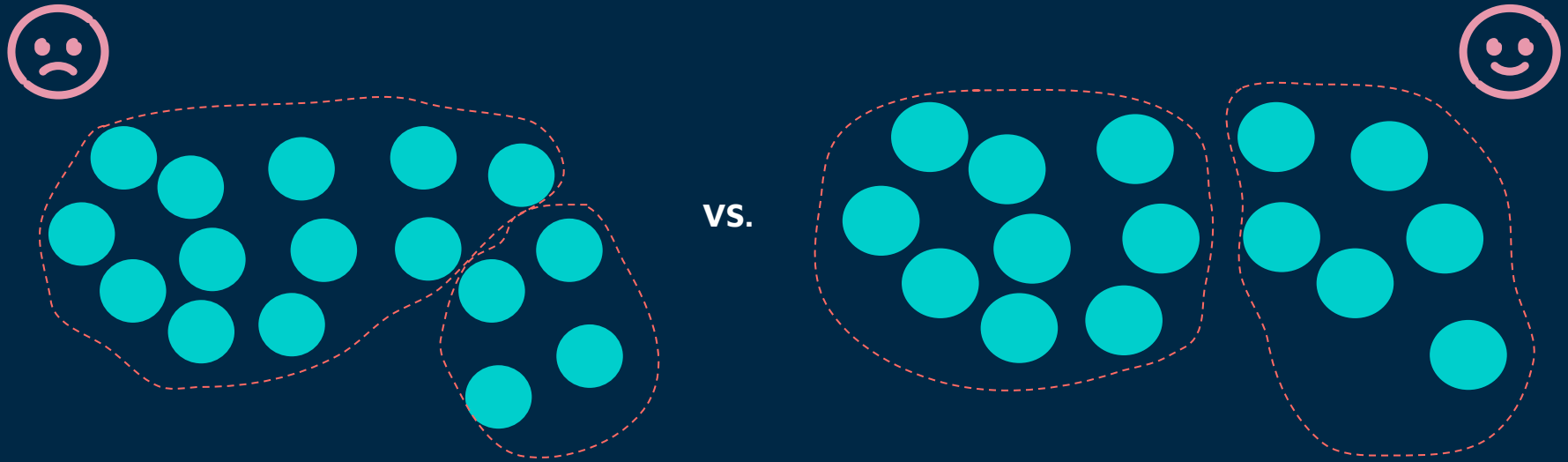
2 . Criterion function

A formula to evaluate the quality of the clustering



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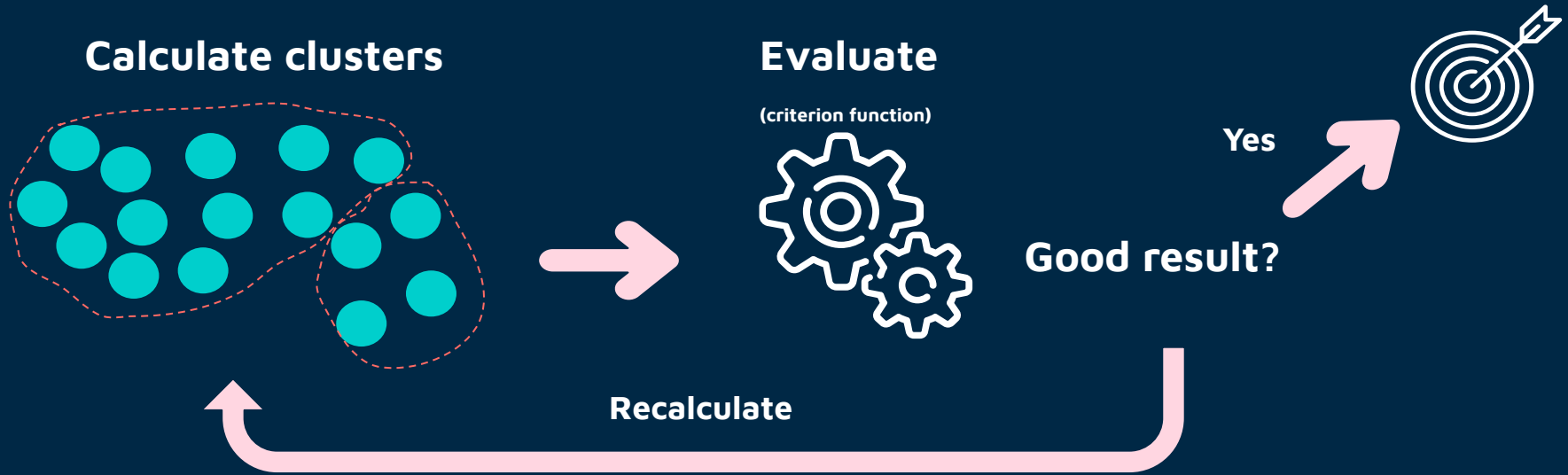
3 . Algorithm to compute the clustering

Iterate over data to optimize the criterion function



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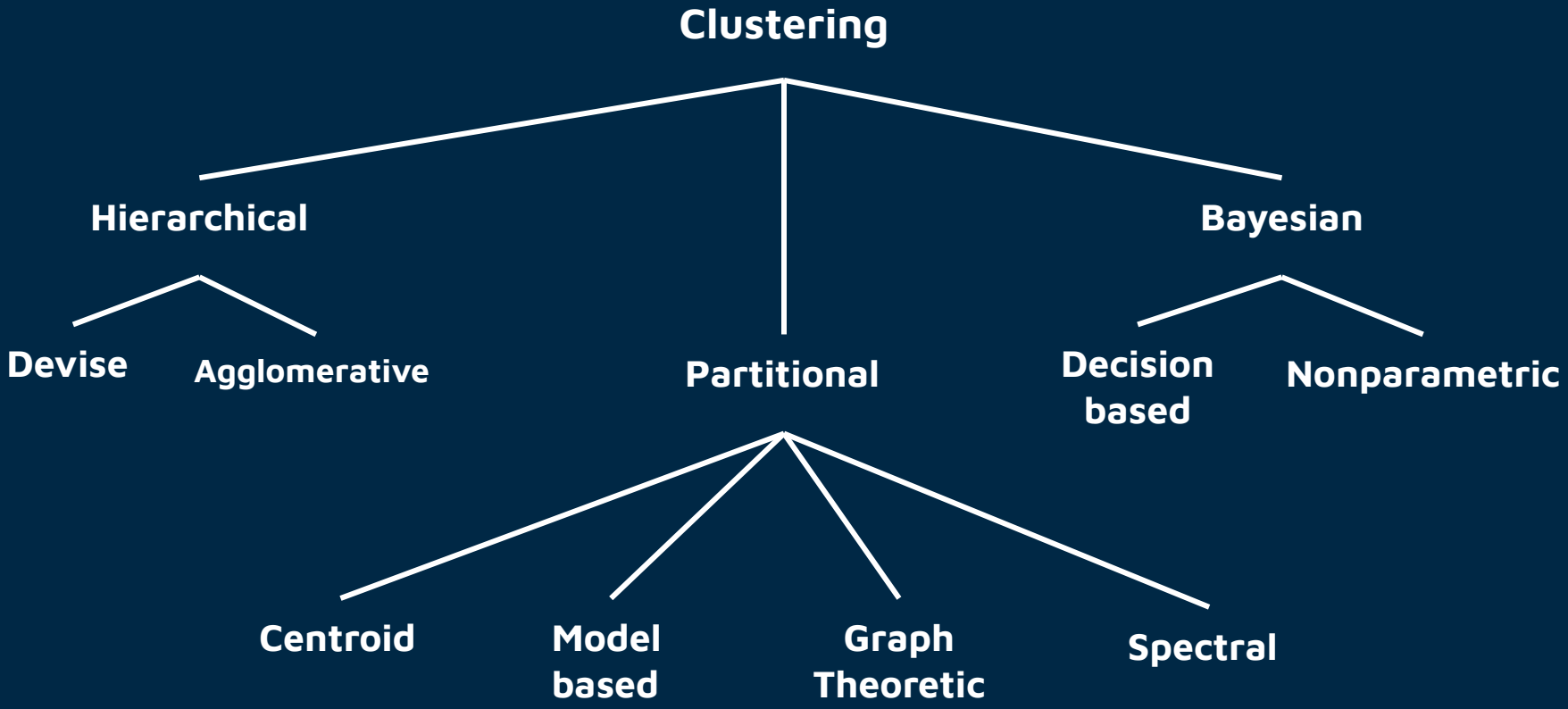

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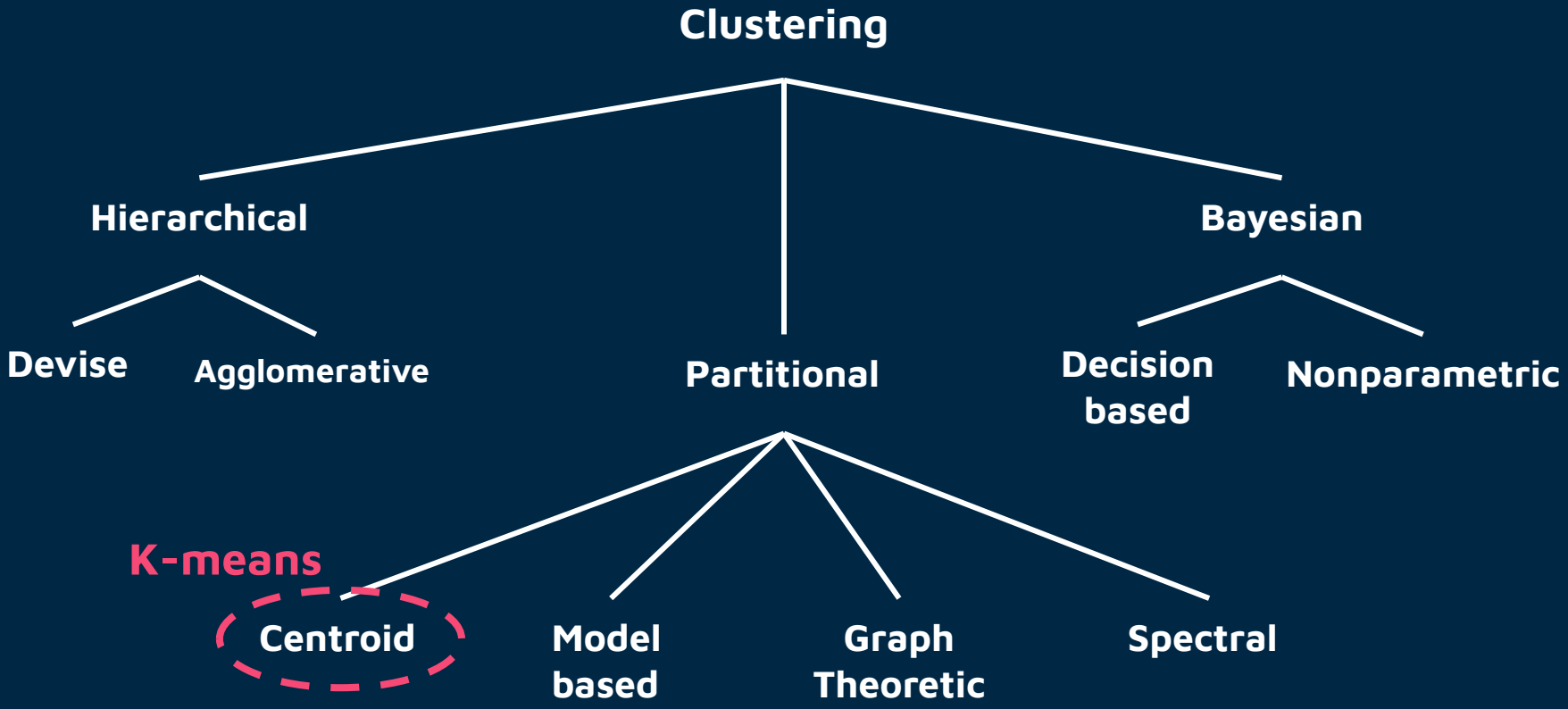

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How can we calculate the centroid of a cluster ?

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Sum of Squared Error **(SSE)**

$$SSE = \sum_{j=1}^{k} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in C_j} d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}_j)^2$$

1. **Cj** is the cluster number j.
2. **m_j** the **centroid** of cluster Cj.
3. **d(x,y)** is the **distance** between x and y.

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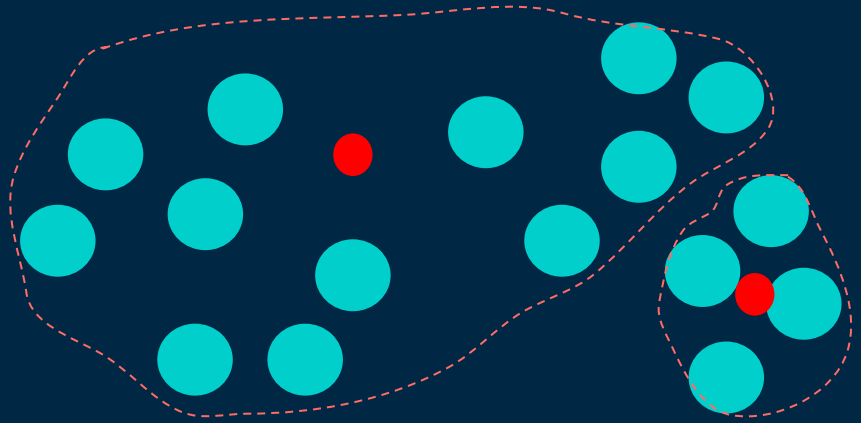

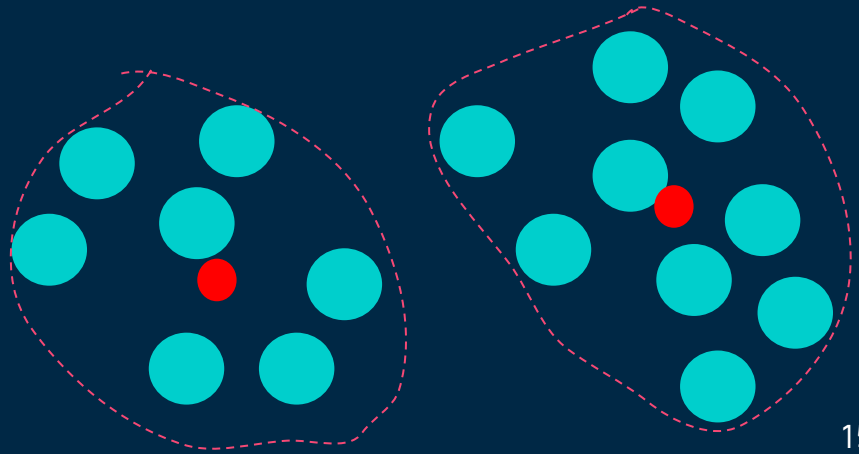

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Partitioning the given data into **k clusters** :

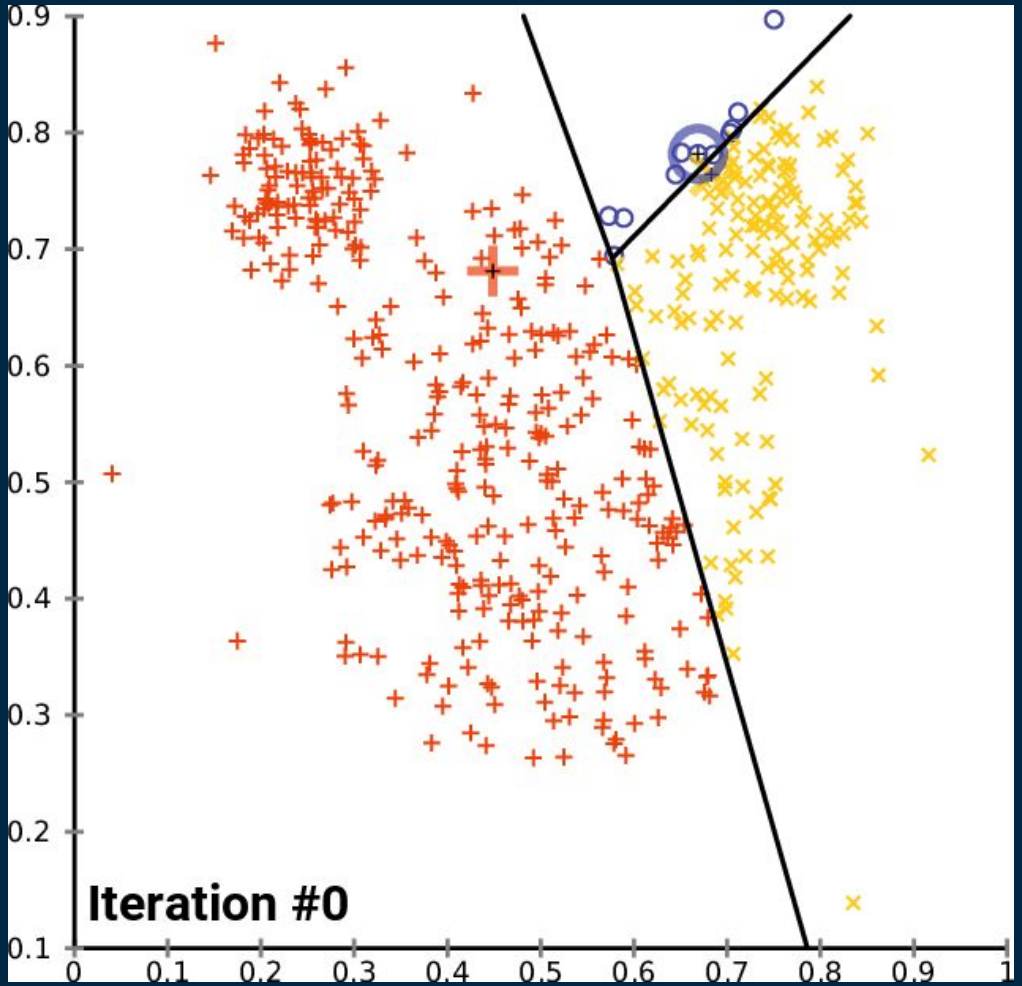
1. Choose **k (random)** data **points** as the **initial centroids**.
2. **Assign** each data point to the **closest centroid**.
3. **Re-compute** the **centroids** using the current cluster memberships.
4. Repeat 2 & 3 untill **SSE** is **minimized** or **stabillized**.

K-means

A cluster is a :

Centroid : C_i

Sum of Distances $d(C_i, X)$

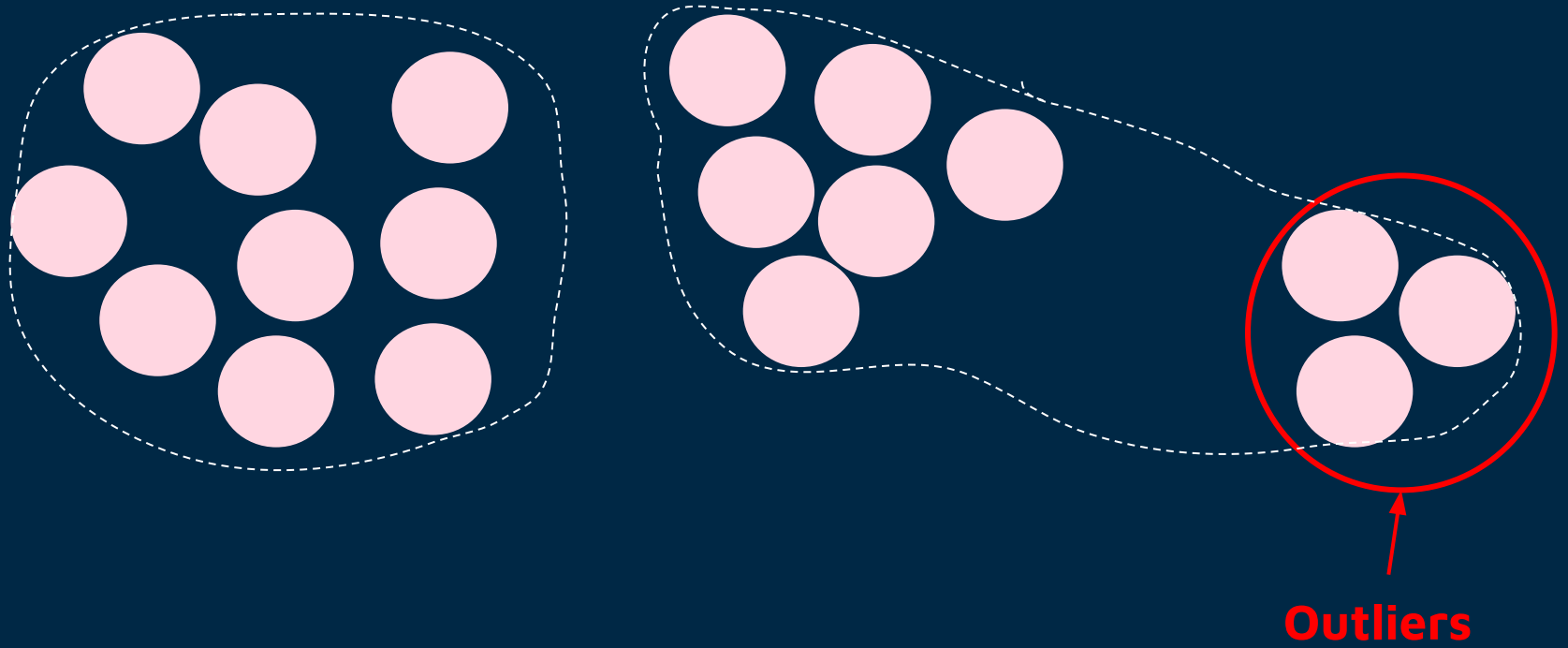


Why K-means ?

- **Simple**: easy to understand and to implement

- **Efficient** : time complexity :O(tkn) for the Euclidean distance
  - n : number of points
  - k : number of clusters
  - t : number of iterations

Yes! … BUT



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Code Demo

Check my github Repo :

https://github.com/Hamzandj/Open-Week-3.0

In a Nutshell

- **Clustering :** unsupervised machine learning.
- The clustering output can serve to **train a supervised model**.
- A good understanding of the data is mandatory.
- Results **interpretation** is a **key** to have a **good model that helps in decision making**.
- Clustering can be used to **solve complex problems**

THANKS

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