CS589 Machine Learning

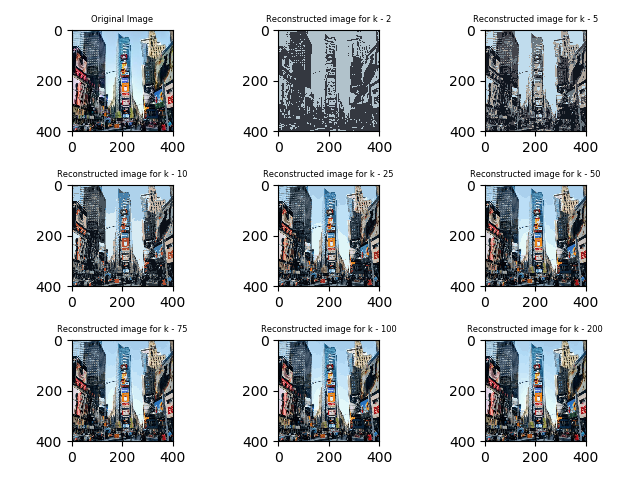
Homework 5

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2 a. The elbow method in the k mean clustering is way to find the optimal number of k for the k-mean clustering. The main idea of the elbow method is to run the k-mean clustering method for the range of values of k and for each value of the k calculate the sum of squared error (SEE). When plotting the SSE for the values of the k, it looks like an arm and the elbow of that arm provide the best value of the k.

2 b: The K-mean++ is an extension to the k-mean clustering algorithm. The approach leads to the constant factor improvement. The typical approach is to choose a data example as the center for cluster, choose another data example which is at least ε distance away from the first example as center for cluster.

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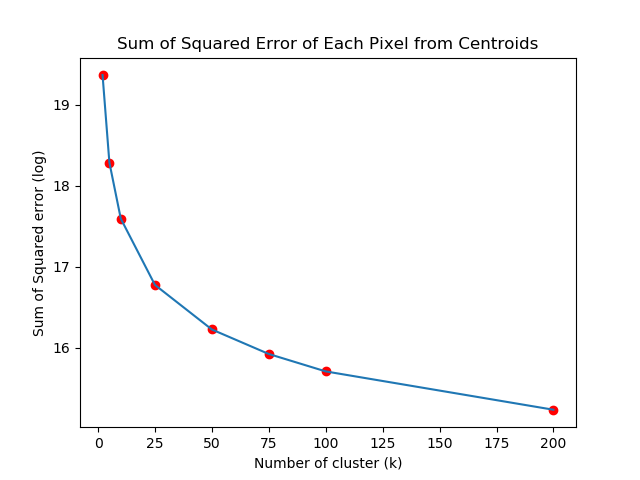
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| **K** | **Reconstruction Error** |
| 2 | 10.325 |
| 5 | 9.594 |
| 10 | 8.824 |
| 25 | 7.589 |
| 50 | 6.676 |
| 75 | 6.092 |
| 100 | 5.688 |
| 200 | 4.728 |

2 c 3. The Compressed image needs:

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| **K** | **Compression Rate** |
| 2 | 0.041 |
| 5 | 0.096 |
| 10 | 0.138 |
| 25 | 0.193 |
| 50 | 0.235 |
| 75 | 0.260 |
| 100 | 0.277 |
| 200 | 0.319 |

2 c 4:



The K-means is very powerful tool for the image compression, but finding the right k can be troublesome. If the K-means is performed with very small k then we may end up with very high Reconstruction error, Sum of Squared error (SSE) or very low compression rate. If we choose k very high then the algorithms will work very well on compression without losing information but will take a long time to compress the image. The elbow graph as shown above is a great technique to found the right k to get the fast compression, without losing information.