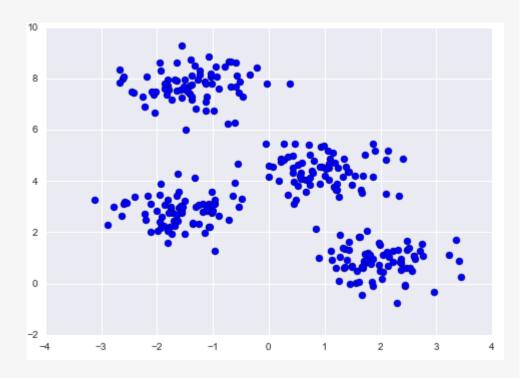
Clustering

- Unsupervised Learning
- Goal of clustering is to group set of objects based on similar characteristics
- Help find meaningful structure among your data, group similar data together and discover underlying patterns

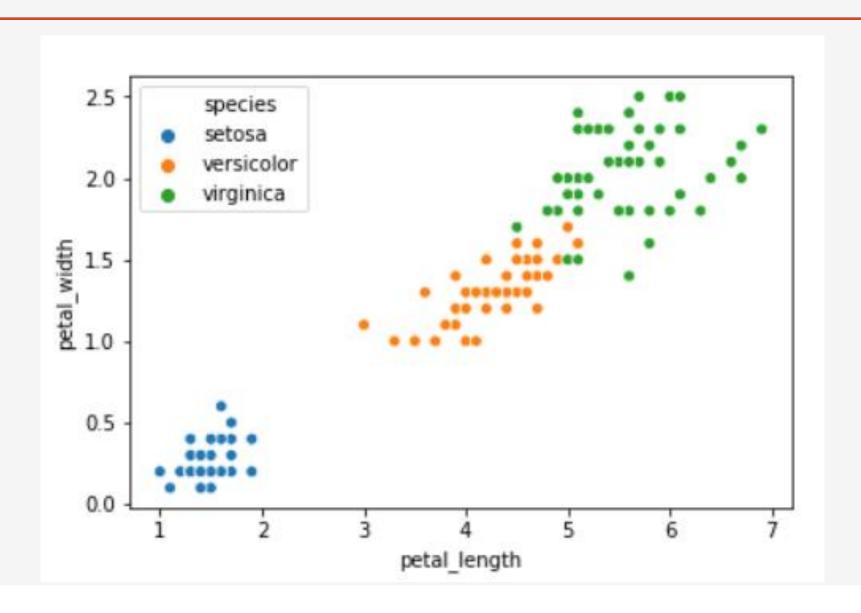


Iris dataset

	sepal_length	sepal_width	petal_length	petal_width	species
0	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
1	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	setosa
2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa







- 1. Pick a value for k (the number of clusters to create)
- 2. Initialize k 'centroids' (starting points) in your data
- 3. Create your clusters. Assign each point to the nearest centroid.
- 4. Make your clusters better. Move each centroid to the center of its cluster.
- 5. Repeat steps 3–4 until your centroids converge.

Video shows how K-Cluster works

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= aWzGGNrcio
Starting from 4:20

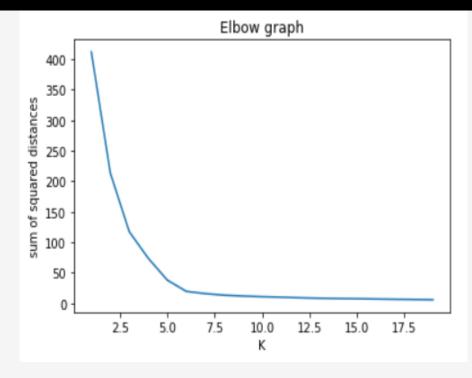
How to choose K?

In the beginning, the centroid is picked randomly. The centroid is moved until no data points move to another cluster. At K clusters there is very little movement of clusters so there is no point in trying to try more clusters because the tradeoff isn't worth it

In this example, K = 5 would be best because after the tradeoff isn't worth it

- Sum of squared distance of each data point to its closest centroid should be small if our clusters make sense
- So if try different value of K, this sum of squared should decreases
- After certain value of K, the marginal benefit of adding more cluster would not help
- The resulting graph looks like an elbow and one can pick K by looking at the point of inflection. The graph is called an elbow graph

This is the ELBOW METHOD for determining the amount of K clusters to have when we CANT determine a good amount of clusters



The more clusters the smaller the sum of squared distance

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