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## **LECTURE 8: UNSUPERVISED LEARNING (K-MEANS CLUSTERING AND PCA)**

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# **Outline**

## **Unsupervised learning**

**1. K-means clustering**

**2. Data dimensionality reduction**

**- data compression / data visualization**

**3. Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**

# SUPERVISED vs. UNSUPERVISED LEARNING

**Supervised Learning** - (given DATA + LABELS):

ML method is trained with labeled data to predict the labels of new examples (learning by labeled examples)

Matrix X	feature $x_0$	feature $x_1$	.....	feature $x_n$	Vector $y$ - output (label)
Example 1	1	$x^{(1)}$		$x_n^{(1)}$	$y^{(1)}$
Example 2	1	$x^{(2)}$		$x_n^{(2)}$	$y^{(2)}$
	1				
				$x_n^{(i)}$	
Example m	1	$x^{(m)}$		$x_n^{(m)}$	$y^{(m)}$

**Unsupervised Learning** - given UNLABELED DATA

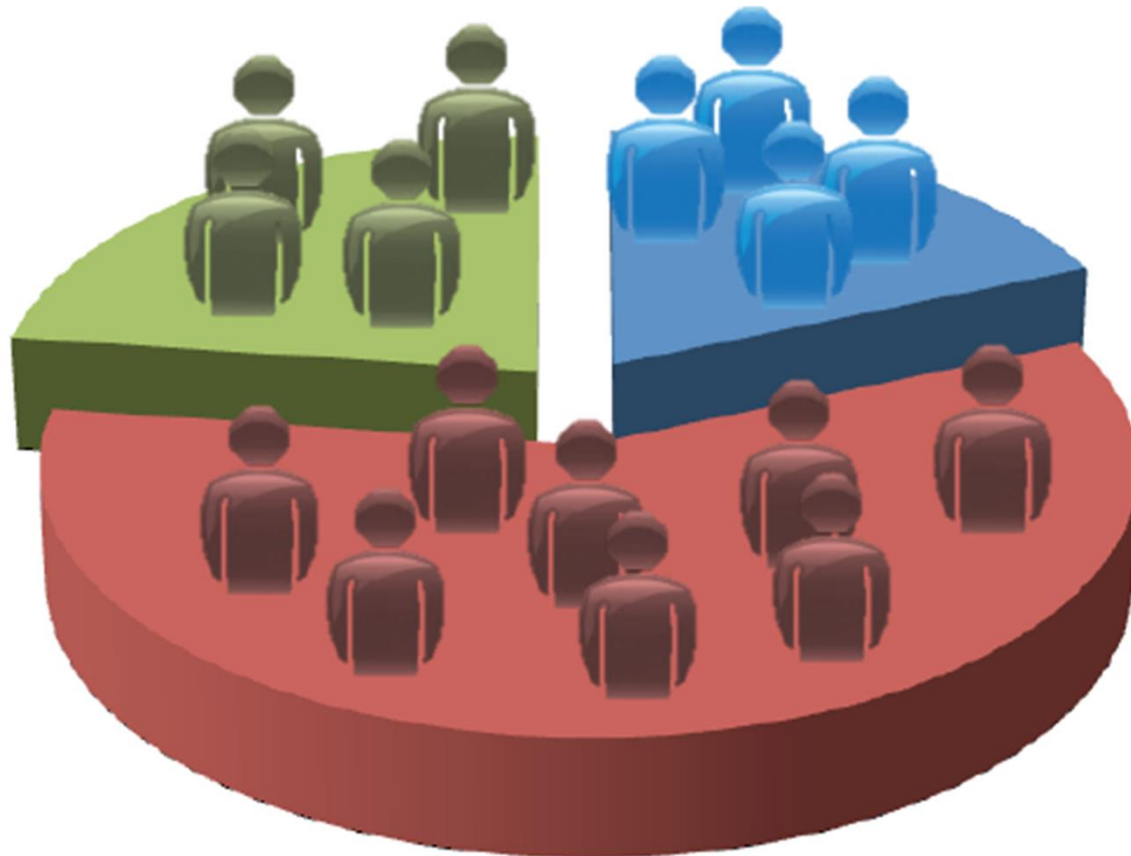
ML method to discover the data internal (statistical) structure

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# Unsupervised learning -

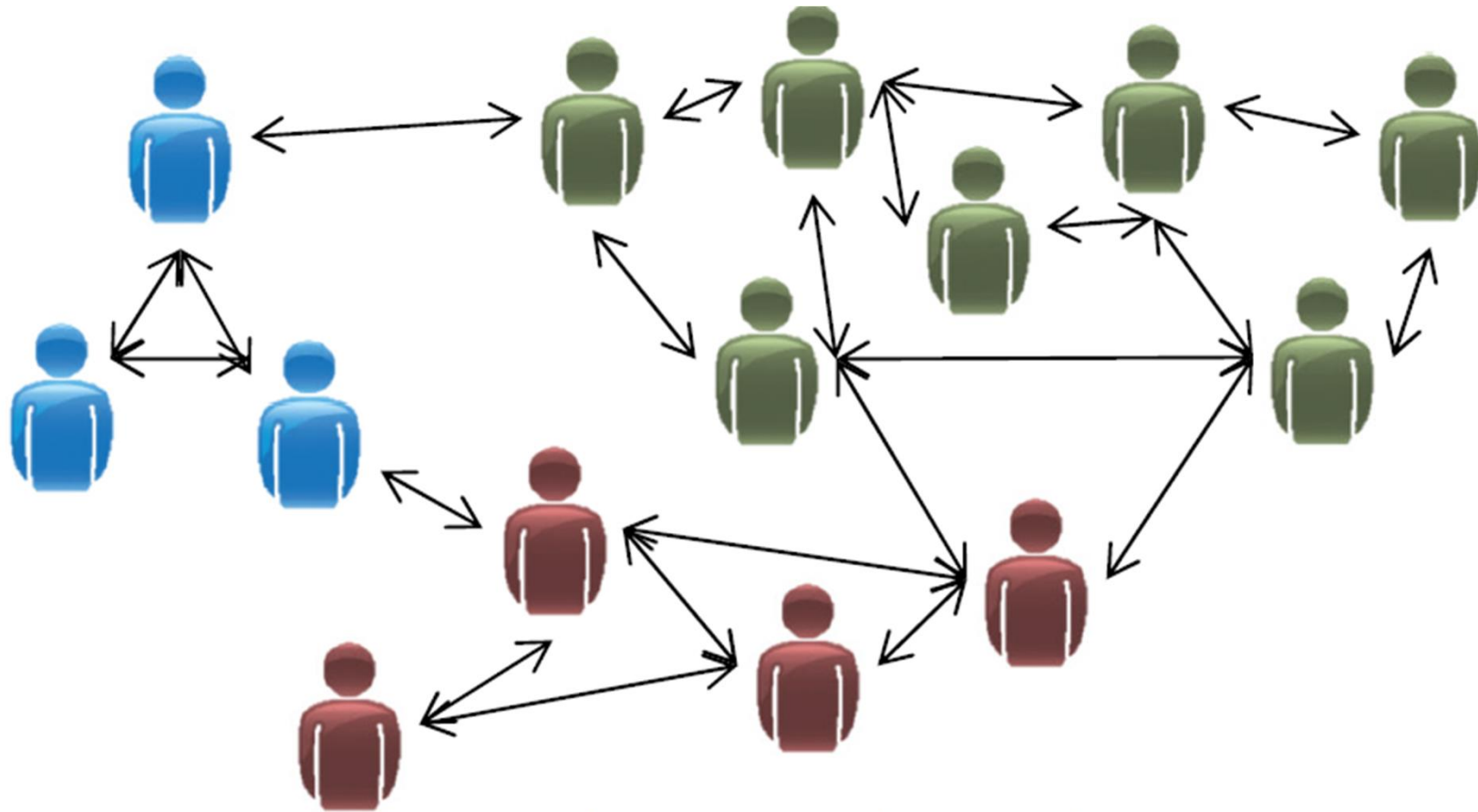
**Market segmentation: data base of customers => division in target groups**

**Features: education, job, age, marital status, etc.**

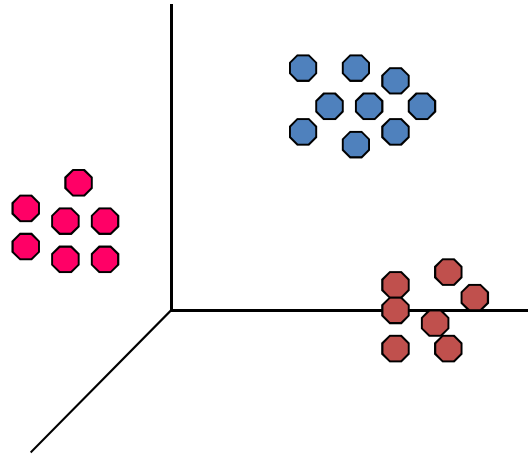


# Unsupervised learning

**Social network analysis: user grouping, group-specific advertising**



# Clustering intuition

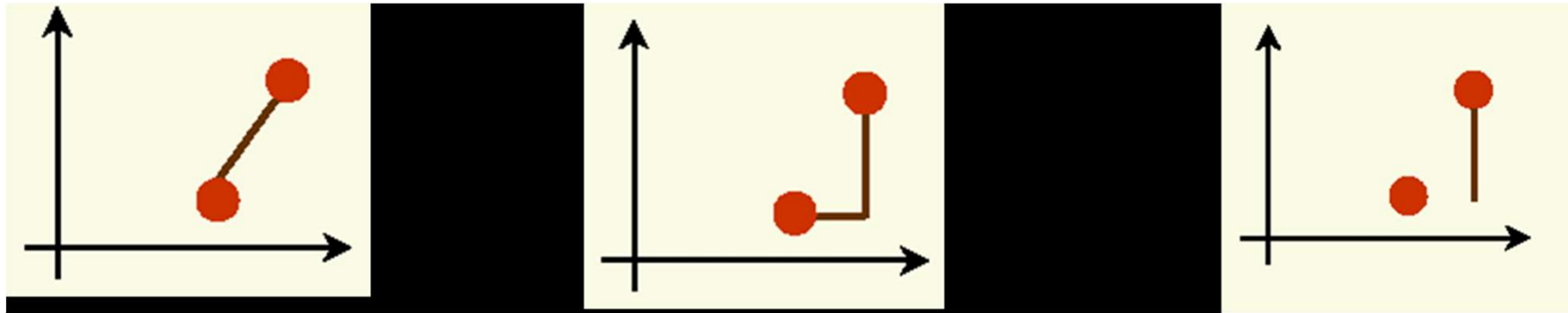


- Given a set of not labeled examples
- Find a relevant grouping of the examples into clusters such that:
  - Examples in the same cluster have **high similarity**
  - Examples from different clusters have **high dissimilarity**

## Similarity measures –

Euclidian distance; Chebyshev distance; Manhattan distance

# Distance (similarity) measures



**Euclidian Distance  
(L2 norm)**

$$d(p, q) = \sqrt{(x_p - x_q)^2 + (y_p - y_q)^2}$$

**Manhattan Distance  
(L1 norm)**

$$d(p, q) = |x_p - x_q| + |y_p - y_q|$$

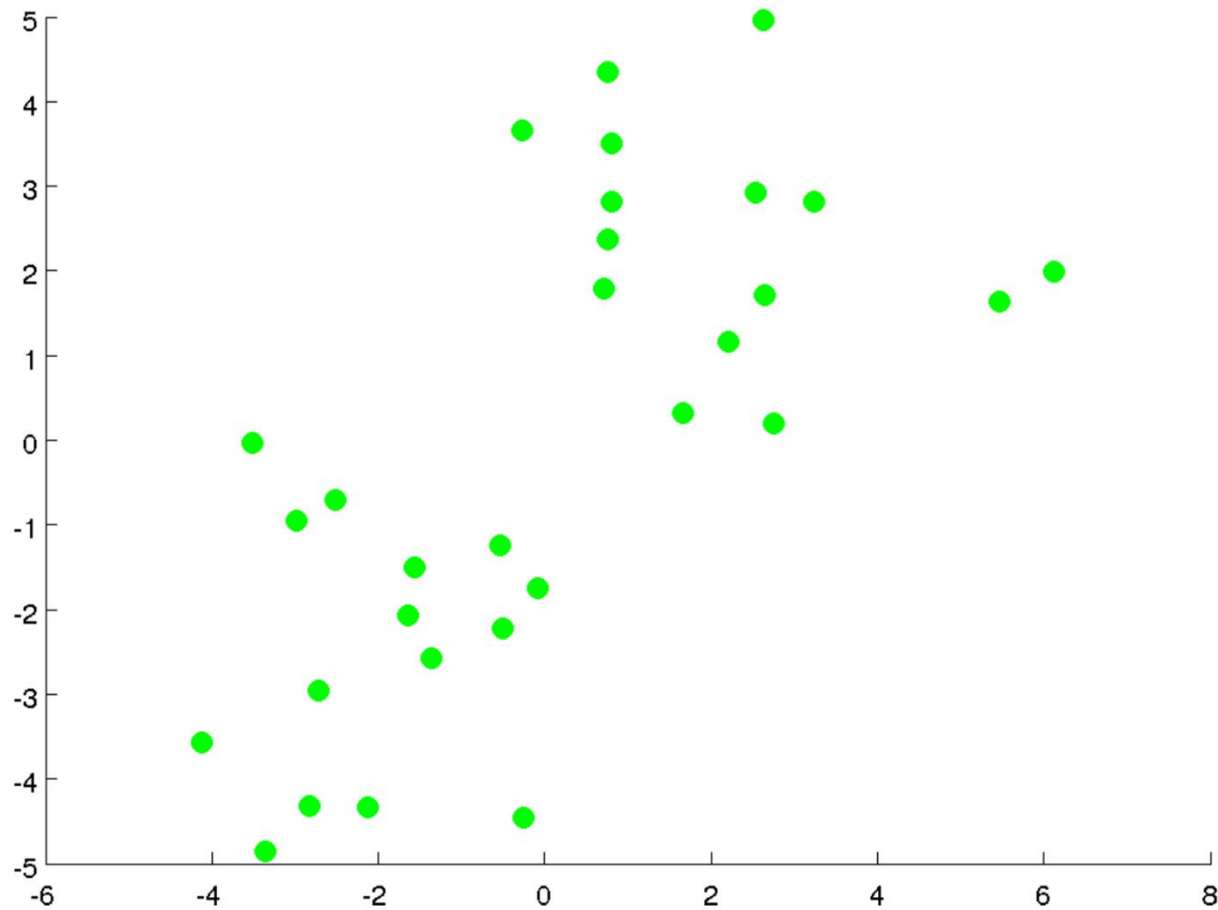
**Chebyshev distance**

$$d(p, q) = \max(|x_p - x_q|, |y_p - y_q|)$$

# K-means algorithm

**Given:**

- **K** – the number of clusters
- **Training set** - no labels

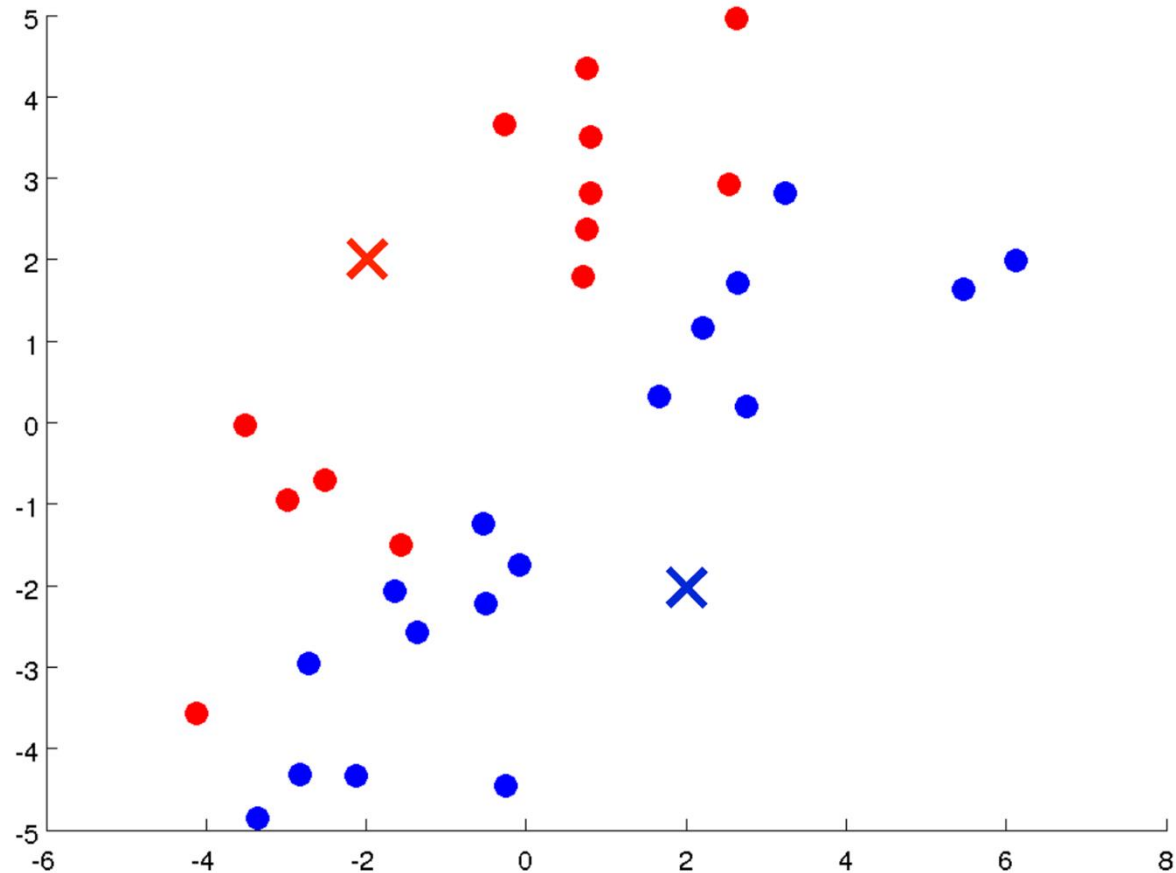




# K-means algorithm

**Randomly initialize K cluster centroids (e.g. K=2)**

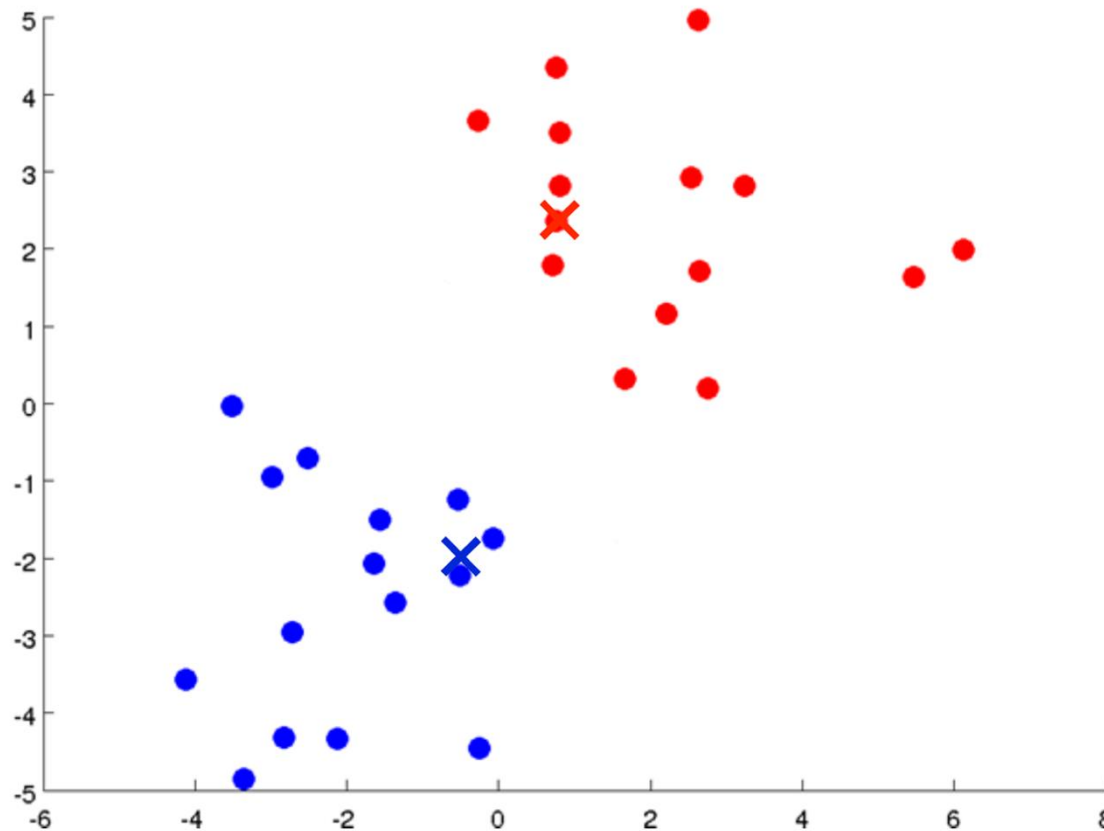
**Assign data points to their closest centroid (Euclidian distance)**



# K-means algorithm

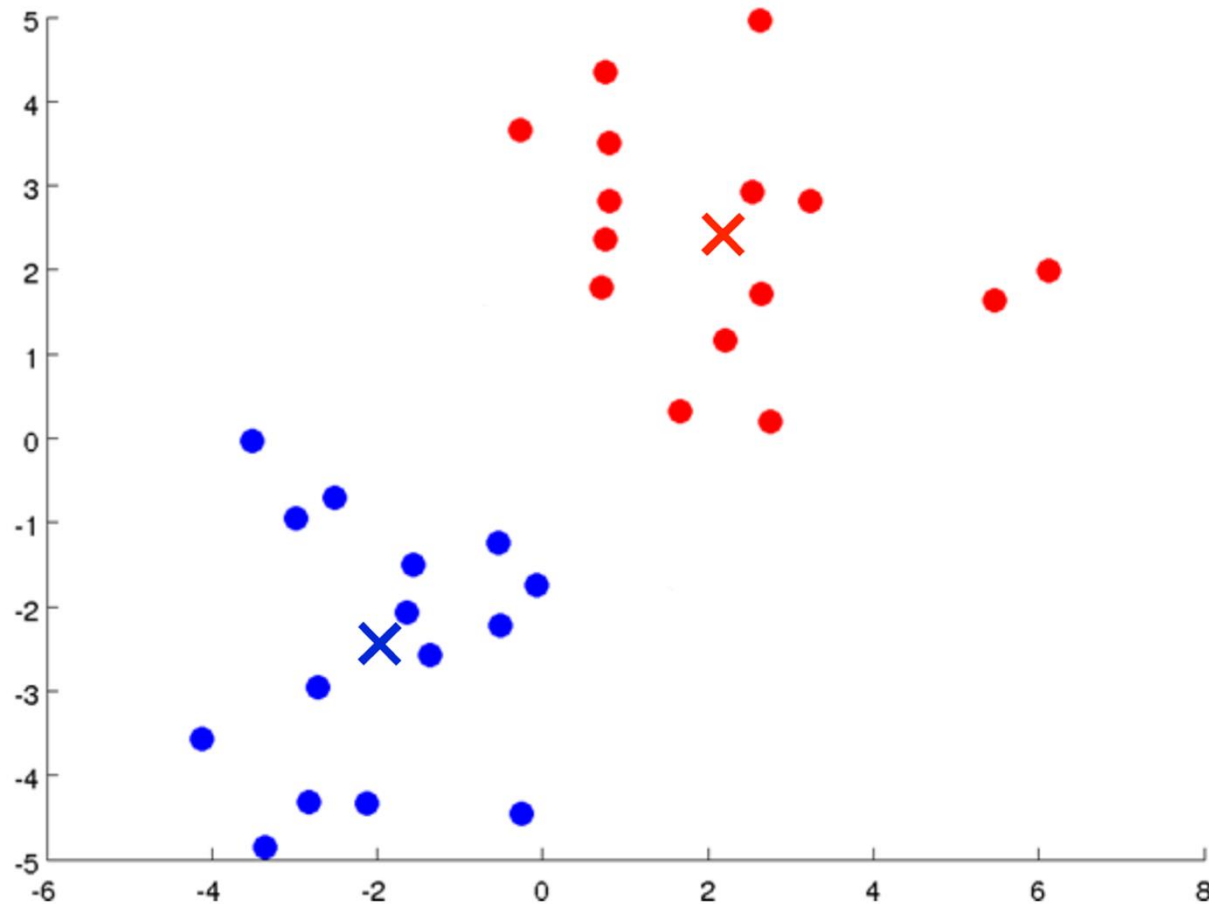
**Compute new centroids = mean of the points assigned to that cluster.**

**Assign data points to the new closest centroid.**



# K-means algorithm

**Repeat until convergence**



# K-means algorithms

Input:

- $K$  (number of clusters)
- Training set (no labels)

Randomly initialize  $K$  cluster centroids  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Repeat {

for  $i = 1$  to  $m$

$c^{(i)} :=$  index (from 1 to  $K$ ) of cluster centroid  
closest to  $x^{(i)}$

for  $k = 1$  to  $K$

$\mu_k :=$  average (mean) of points assigned to cluster  $k$

}

*Cluster*

*assignment =>*  
*step*

*Move centroid =>*  
*step*

# K-means optimization objective (distortion = average distance)

$$J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m ||x^{(i)} - \mu_{c^{(i)}}||^2$$

$$\min_{\substack{c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \\ \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K}} J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)$$

Stop K-means learning (different criteria):

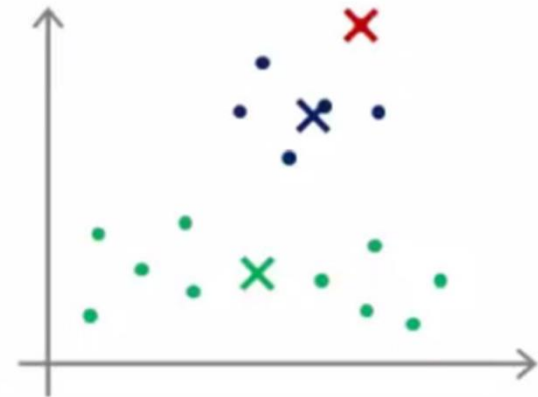
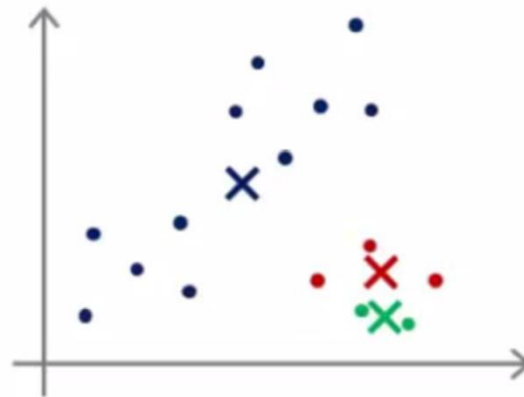
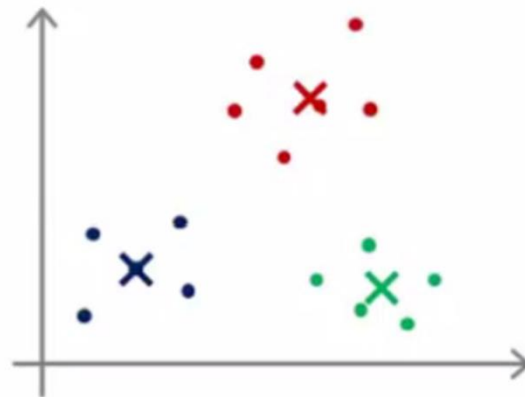
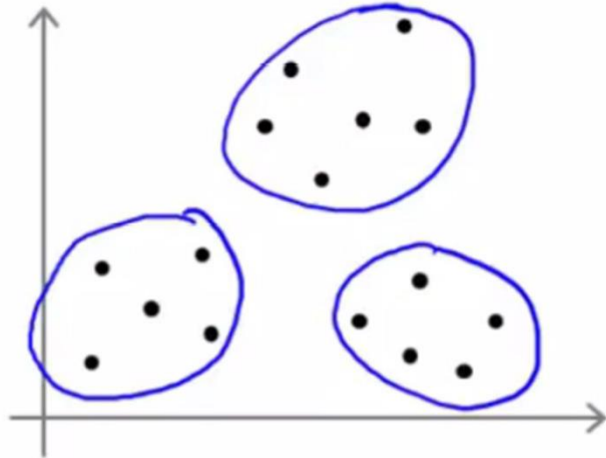
- Achieved Max number of iterations
- $J < \text{some threshold}$
- No improvement of  $J$  between subsequent iterations

# Single (Random) Initialization

Choose number of clusters  $K$

Initialize  $K$  cluster centroids = randomly picked  $K$  training examples

Local optima



# Repeat Random Initializations

For  $i = 1$  to 100 {

Randomly initialize K-means.

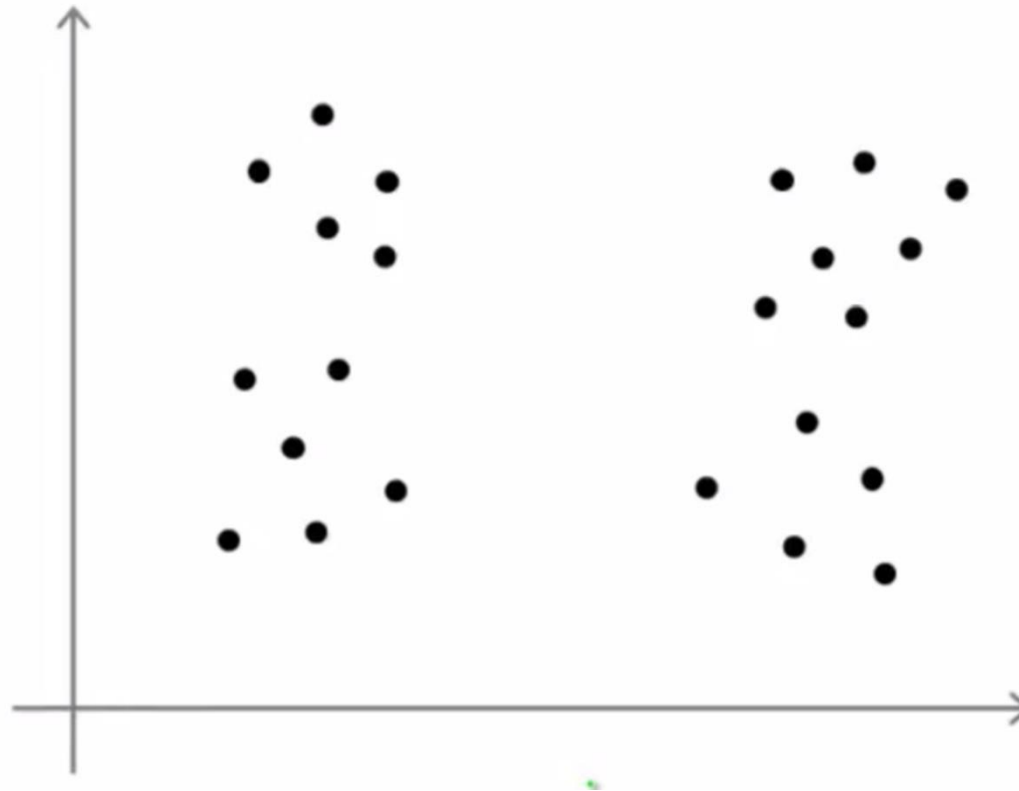
Run K-means. Get  $c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K$ .

Compute cost function (distortion)  
 $J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)$

}

Pick clustering that gave lowest cost  $J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)$

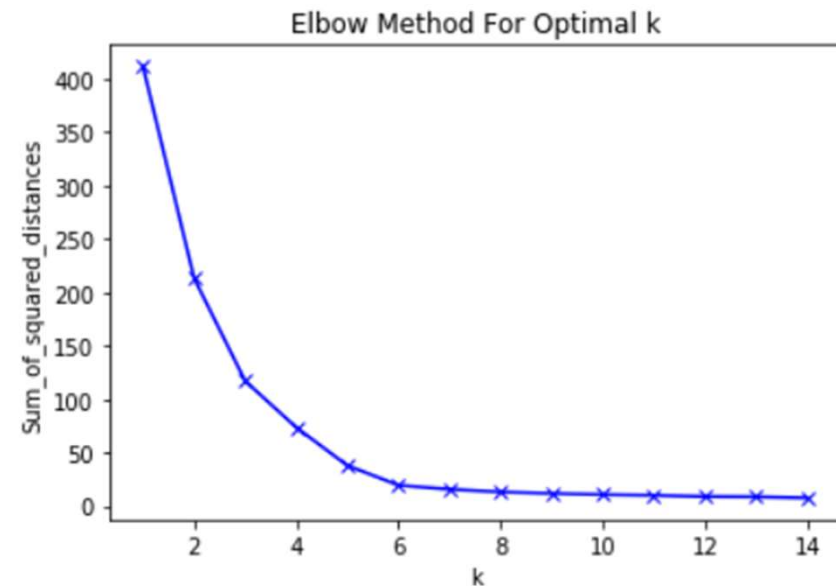
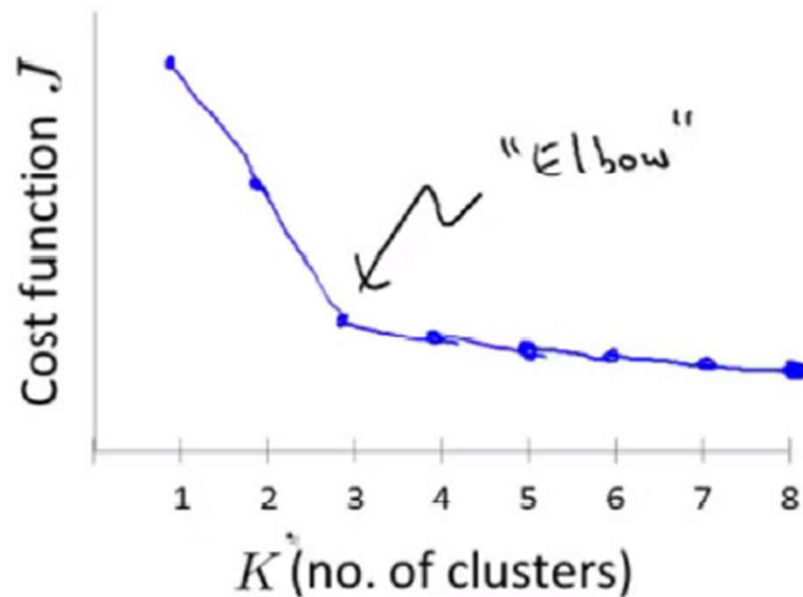
# How to Choose # of clusters



- Choose K by data visualisation (if possible)
- Ask domain experts (highly recommendable) , e.g. anomaly detection (experts should know how many types of anomalies are expected)
- Choose K automatically (e.g. Elbow method)



# Choosing the number of clusters (Elbow method)



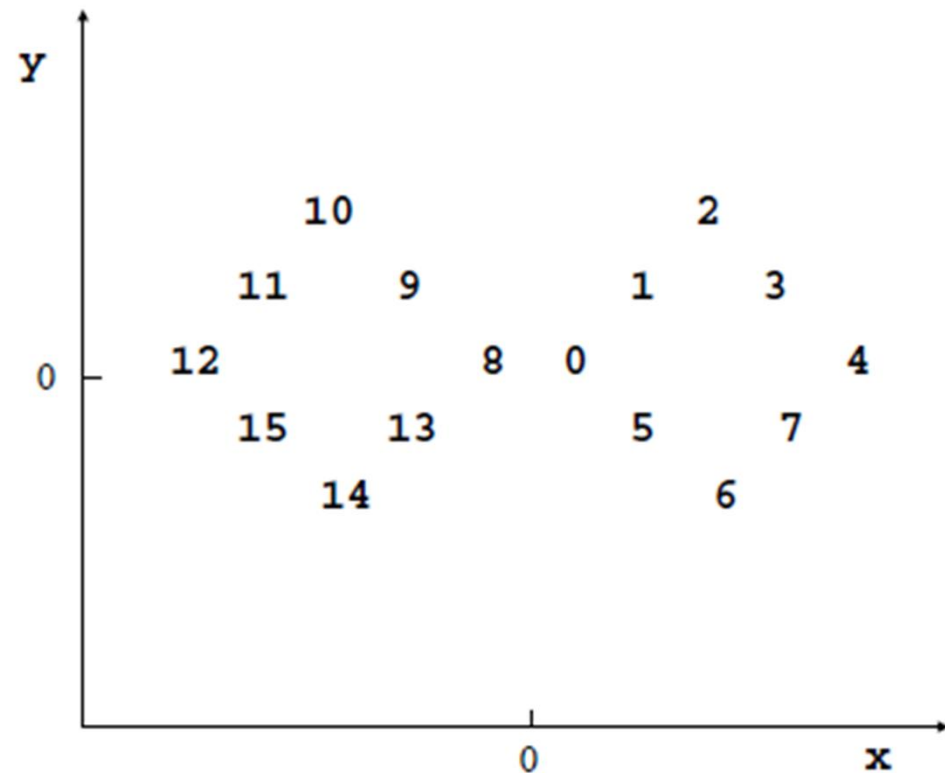
[Tutorial: How to determine the optimal number of clusters for k-means clustering | by Tola Alade | Cambridge Spark](https://blog.cambridgespark.com/how-to-determine-the-optimal-number-of-clusters-for-k-means-clustering-14f27070048f)



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# K-MEANS CLUSTERING – Example

Id	x	y
0:	1.0	0.0
1:	3.0	2.0
2:	5.0	4.0
3:	7.0	2.0
4:	9.0	0.0
5:	3.0	-2.0
6:	5.0	-4.0
7:	7.0	-2.0
8:	-1.0	0.0
9:	-3.0	2.0
10:	-5.0	4.0
11:	-7.0	2.0
12:	-9.0	0.0
13:	-3.0	-2.0
14:	-5.0	-4.0
15:	-7.0	-2.0



- find the best 2 clusters

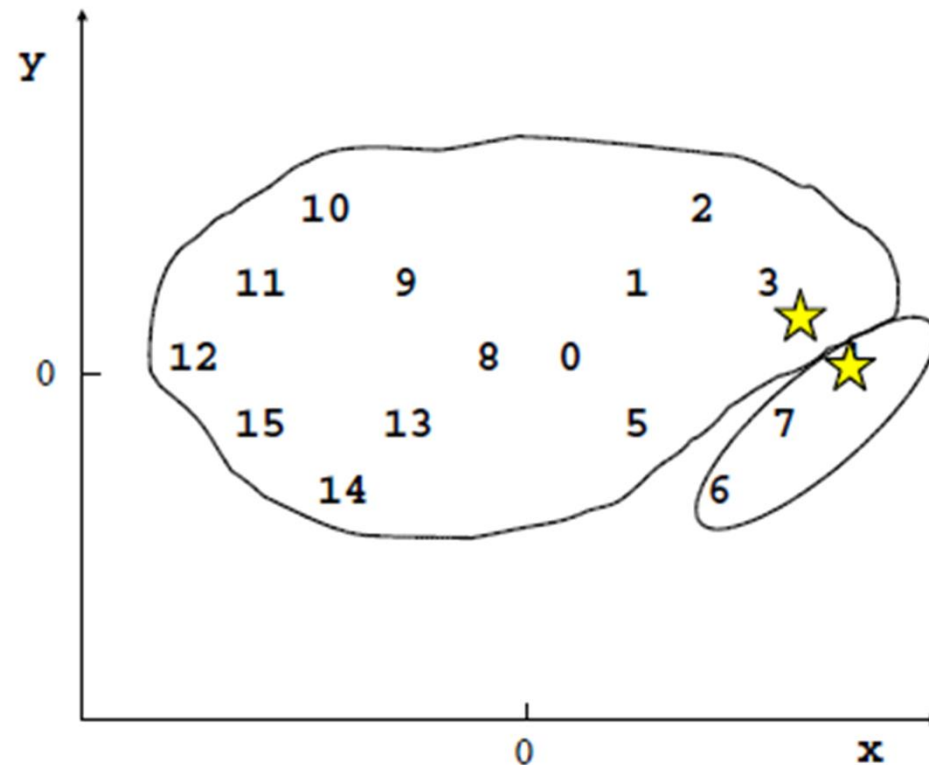
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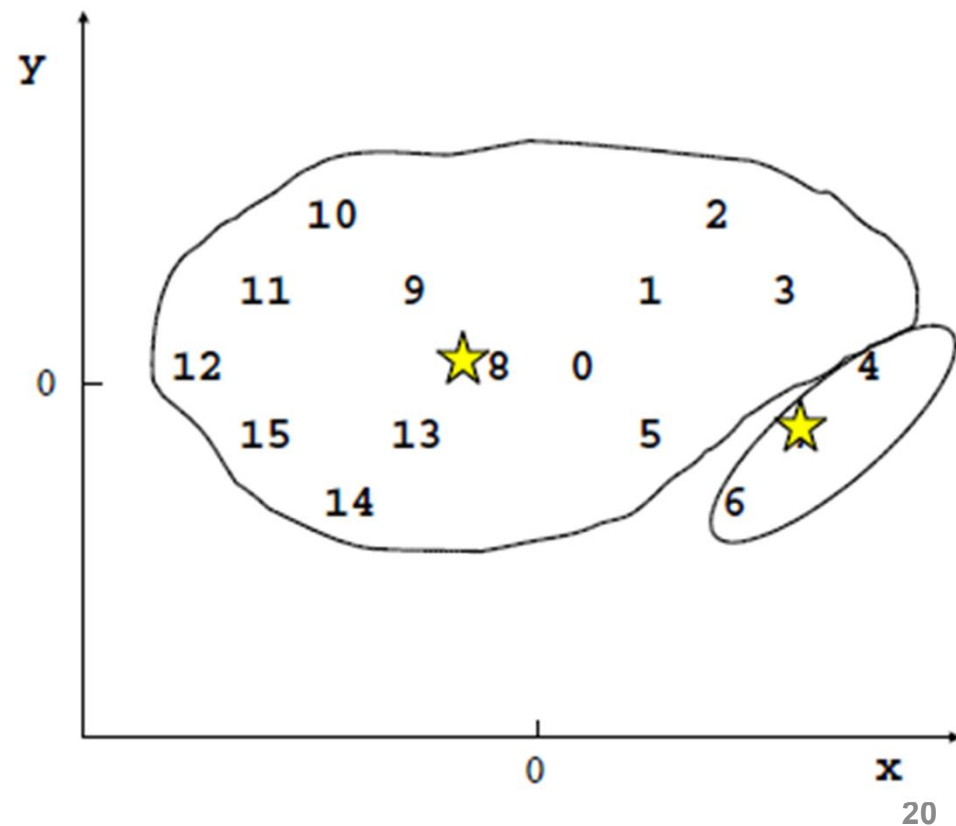
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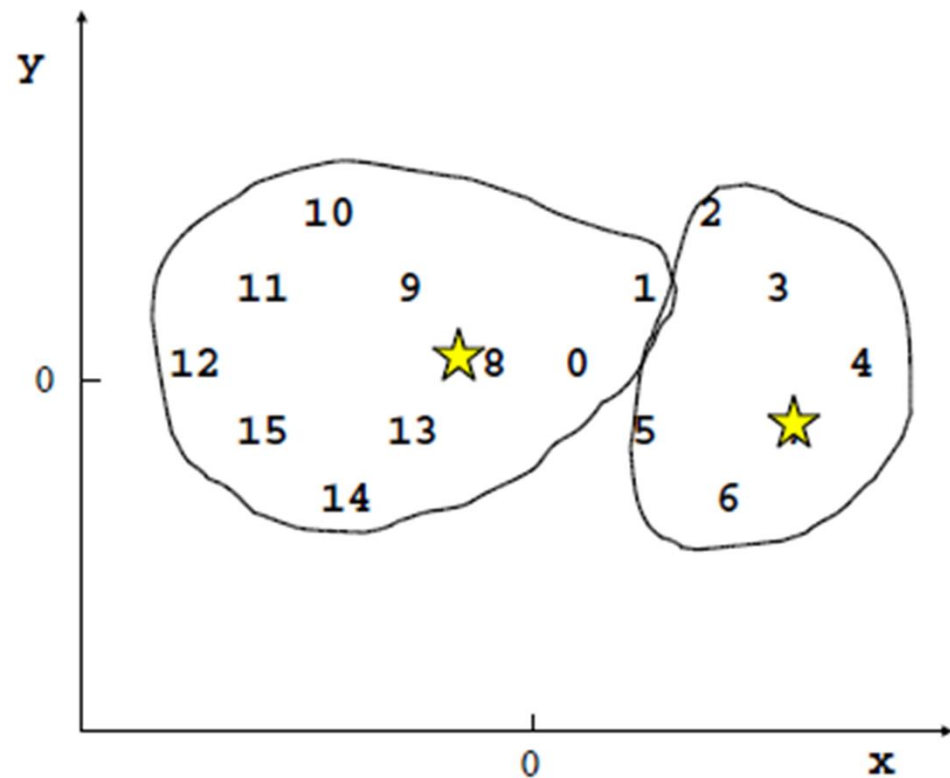
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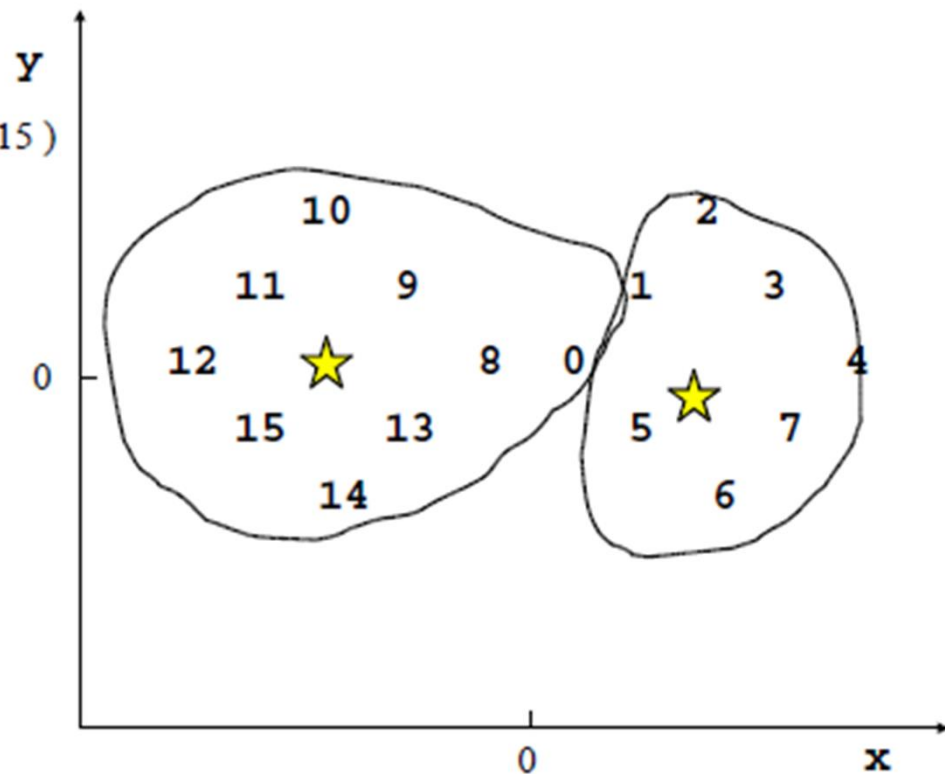
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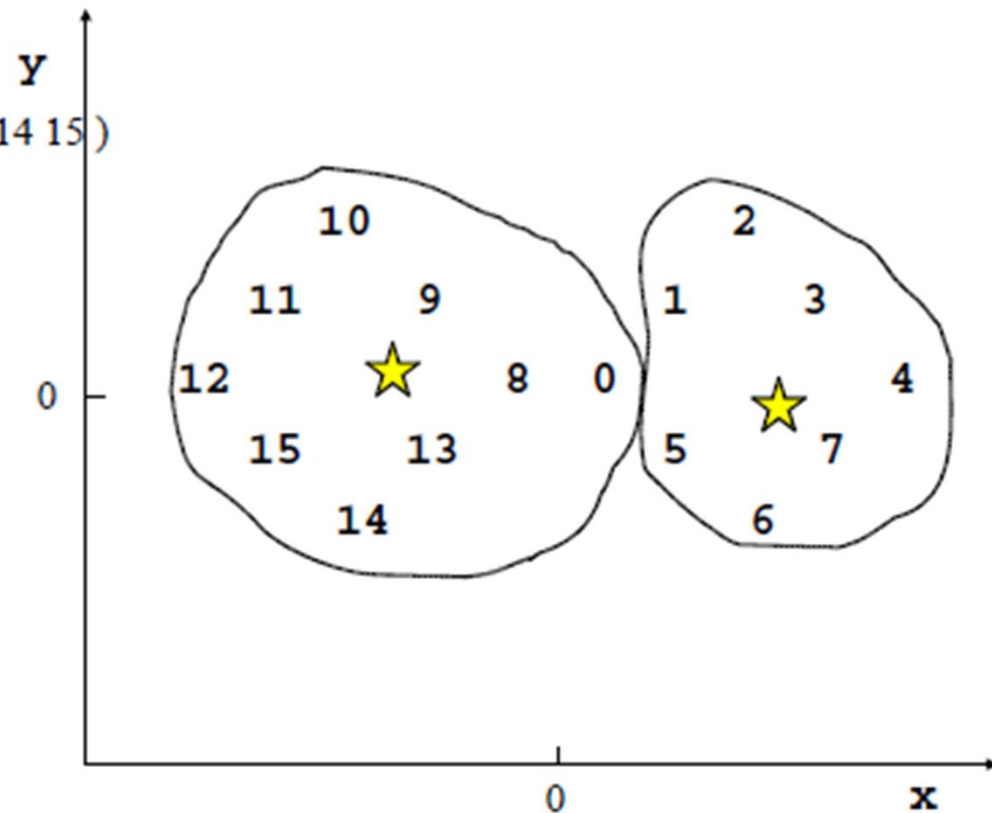
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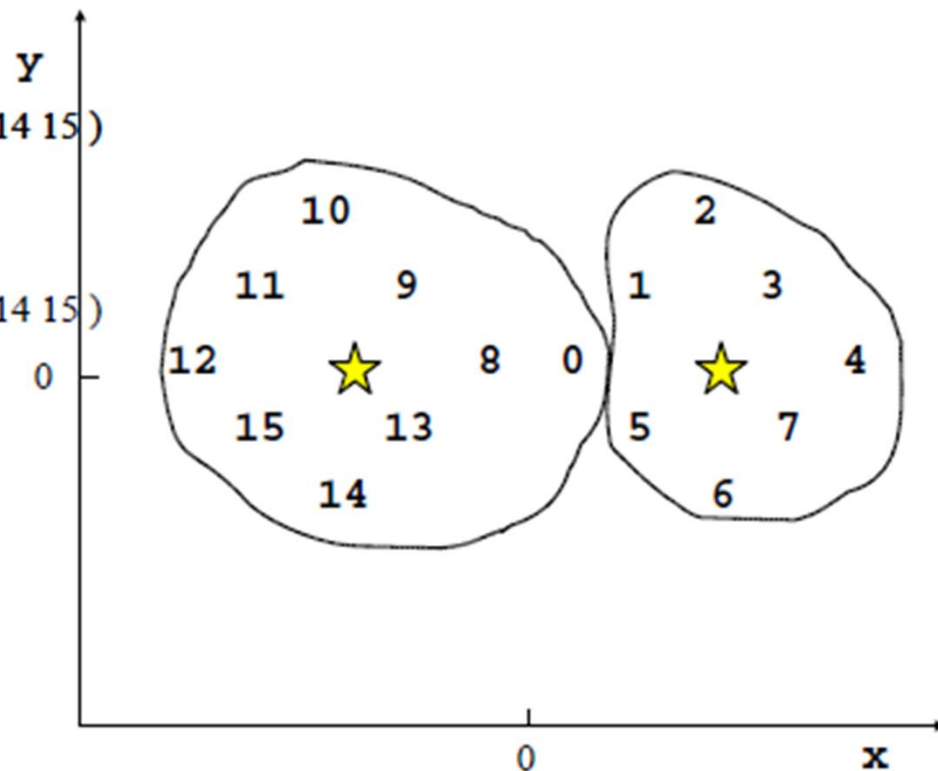
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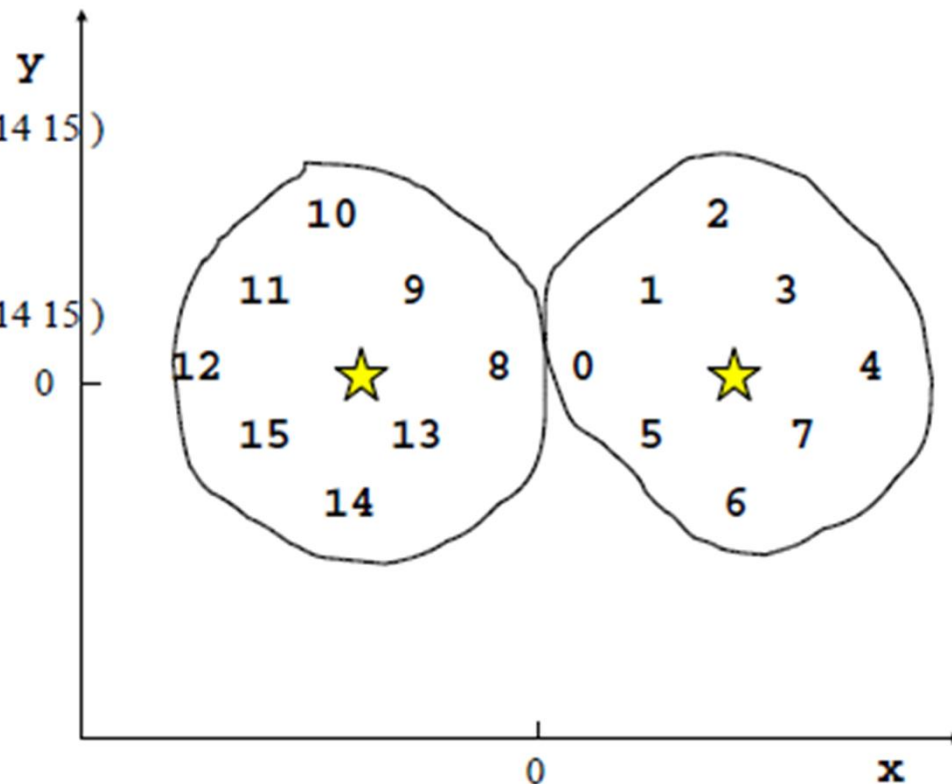
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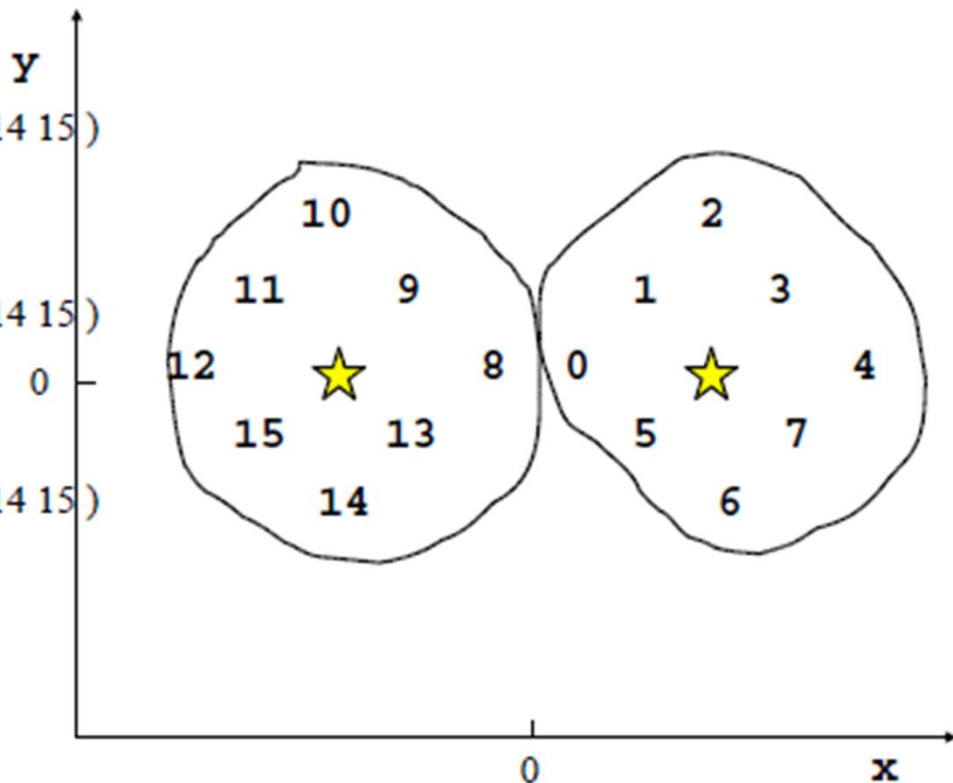
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No improvement.



# K-MEANS -summary

- The most popular clustering method.
- Need to know K.
- May converge to a Local Minimum .
- High number of computations.

# K-means for dimensionality reduction

dimensionality reduction is useful for:

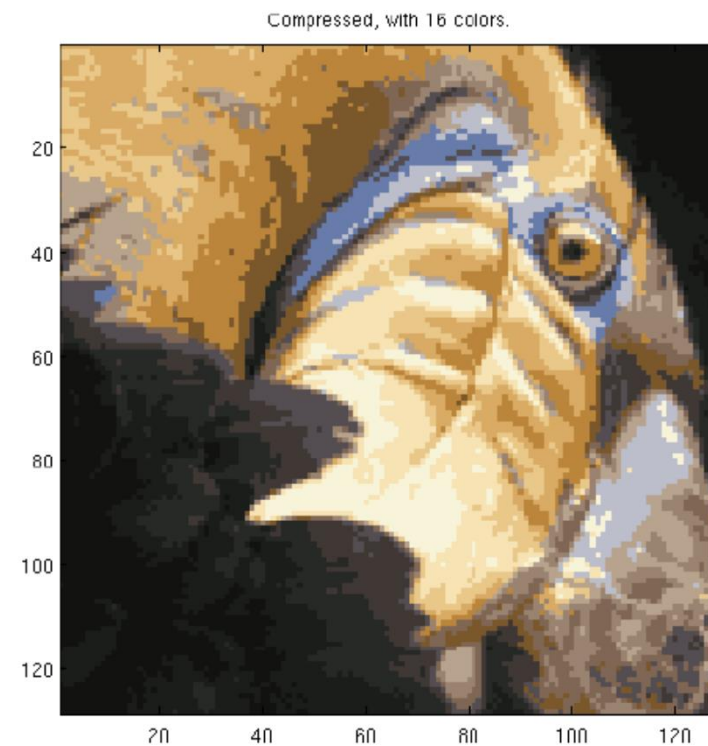
**Data compression (from 10000-1000 D to) 100 D**

Reduce memory/ disk needed to store data  
Speed up learning algorithm

**Data visualization (from 100-50D to 2-3D)**

# Image compression with K-means

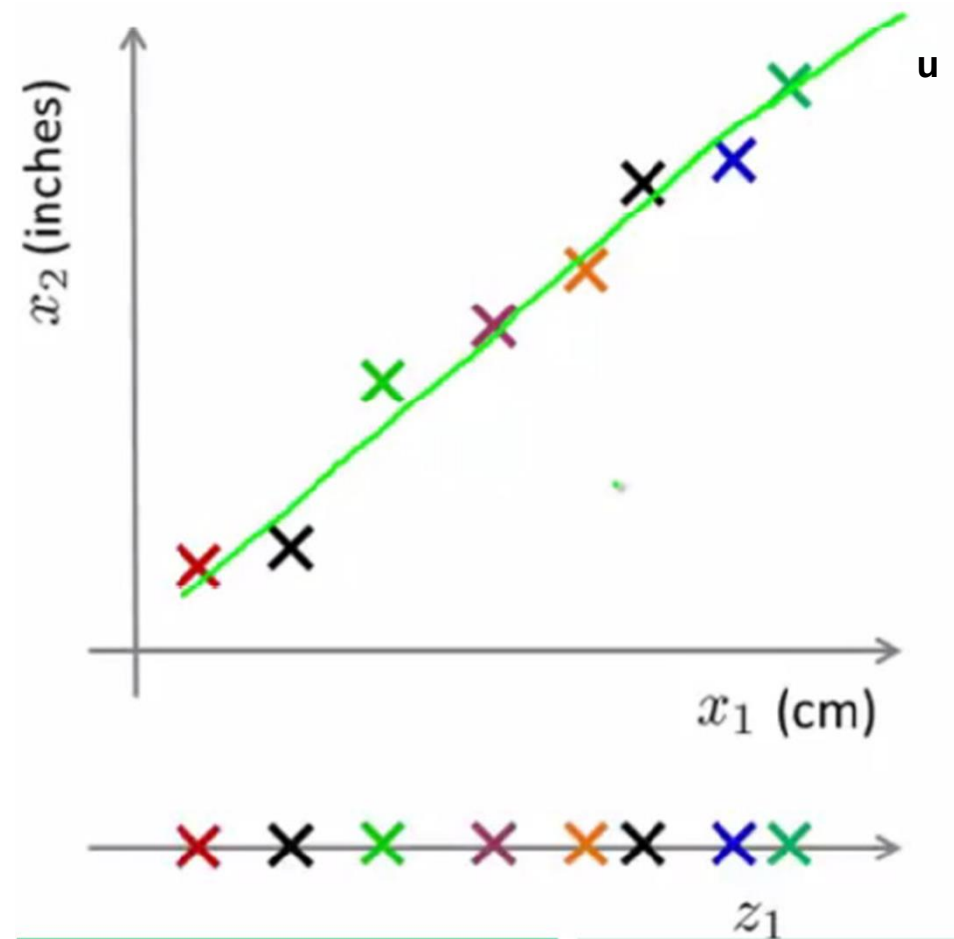
RGB image:  $3 \times 8$  bits/pixel    Compressed image: 16 colors(clusters)  $\Rightarrow$  4 bits



# DATA COMPRESSION

## Example: reduce data from 2D to 1D

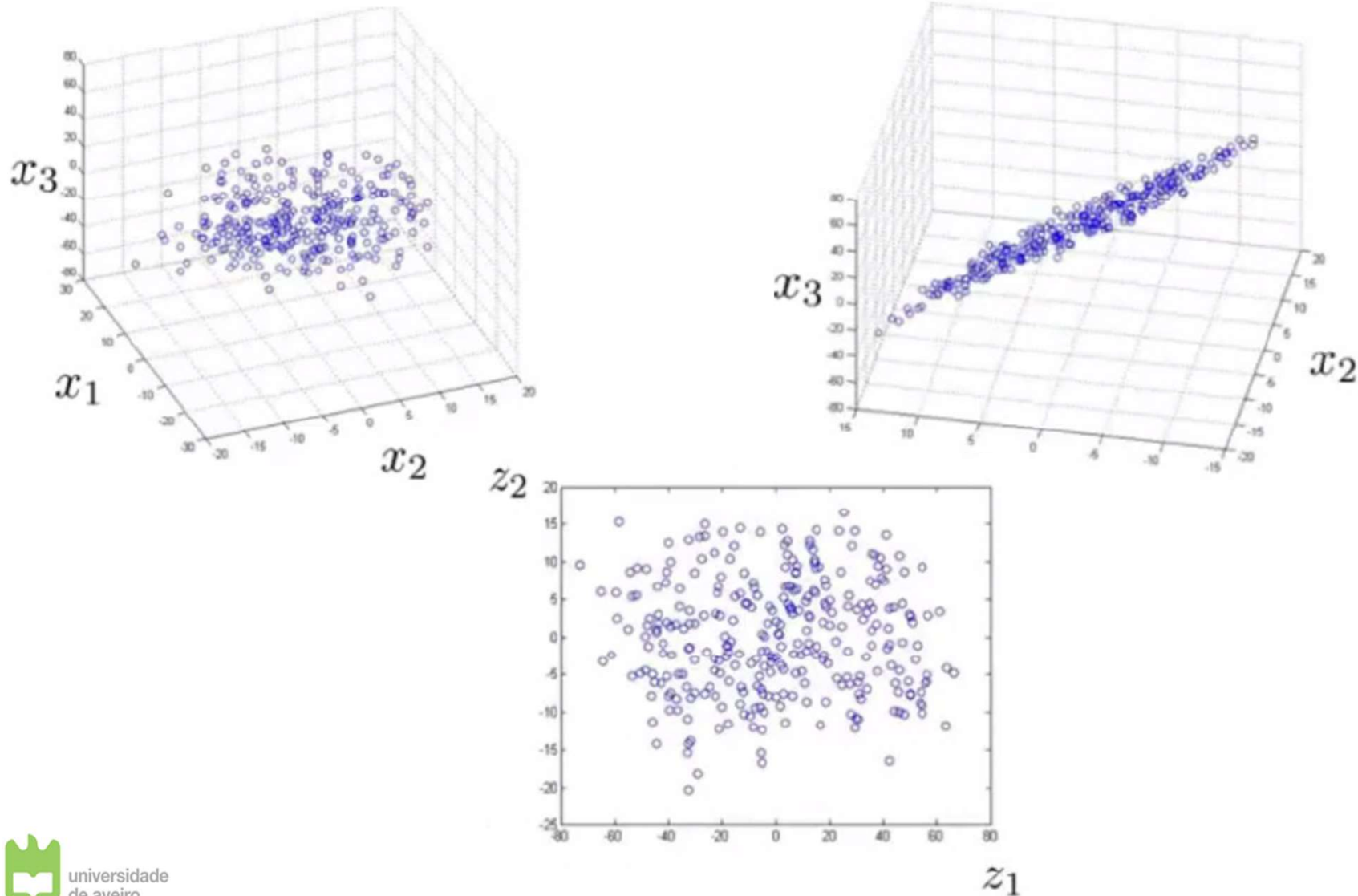
If 2D data is located along a line, the second dimension is redundant



# DATA COMPRESSION

## Example: reduce data from 3D to 2D

If 3D data is located along a plane, the 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension is redundant

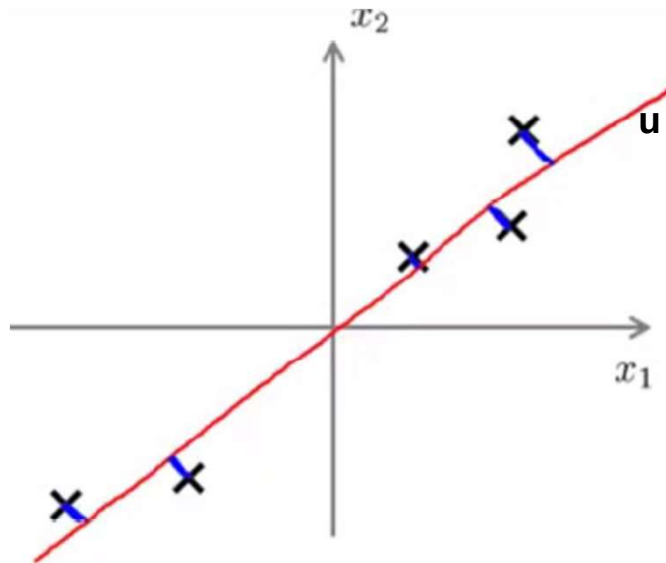




# PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS (PCA)

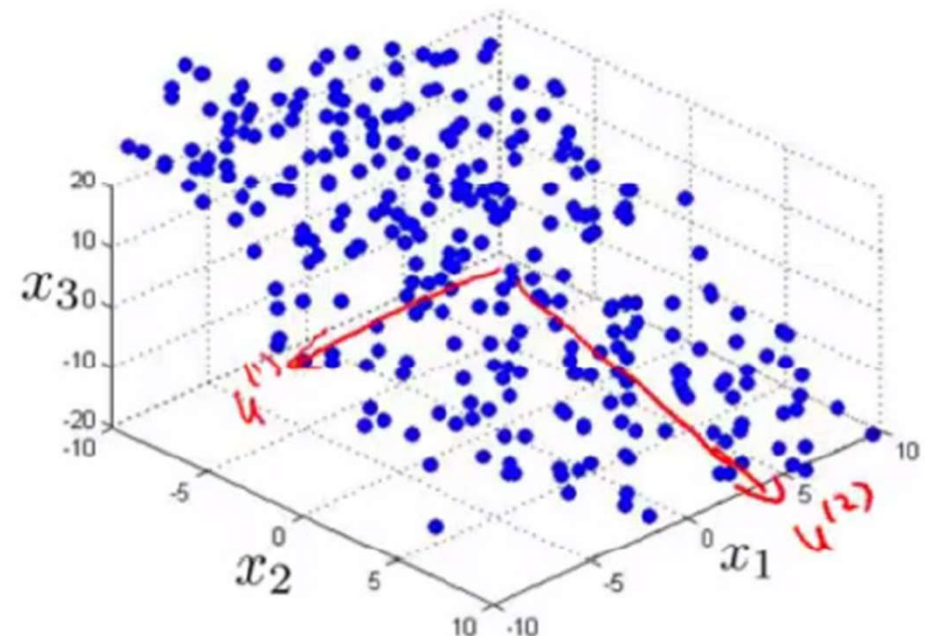
## Reduce from 2D to 1D:

find the best direction (vector  $u$ ) onto which to project data such that to minimize the projection error



## Reduce from 3D to 2D:

find the orientation of the best plane (vectors  $u_1, u_2$ ) onto which to project data such that to minimize the projection error



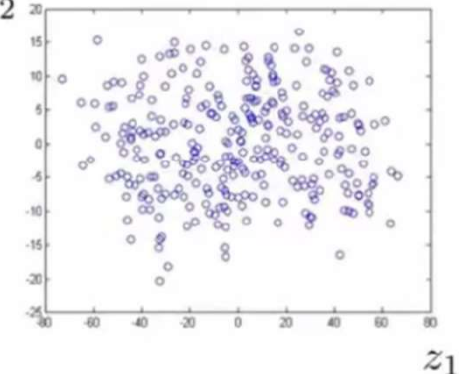
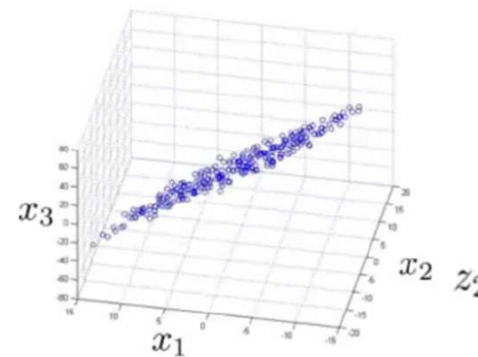
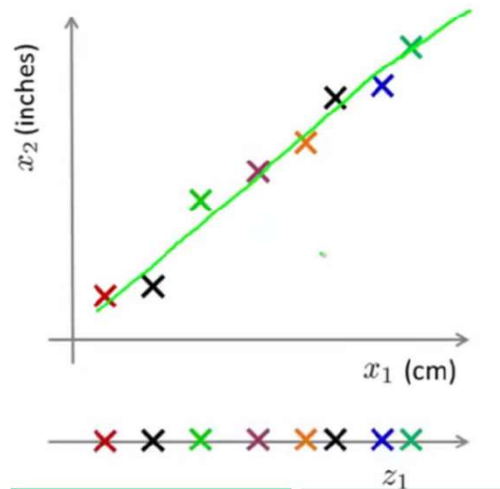


# PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS (PCA)

**Reduce from n-dimension to k-dimension ( $k < n$ ):**

**Two tasks:**

- **Task 1:** Compute the coordinate system of the best k-dimensional surface (represented by vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_k$ ) onto which to project data such that to minimize the projection error.
- **Task 2:** Compute the values of the projected data in the lower dimensional space (z values)



# PCA – DATA PREPROCESSING (step 1)

Training set:  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}$

Preprocessing (feature scaling/mean normalization):

$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_j^{(i)}$$

Replace each  $x_j^{(i)}$  with  $x_j - \mu_j$ .

**Thus, all features have zero mean !**

If the features have significantly different range of values, normalize them., e.g. in the interval  $[0,1]$  or  $[-1,1]$  or mean=0 & std=1

matrix $X$ ( $m \times n$ )	feature $x_1$	feature $x_2$	.....	feature $x_n$
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# DATA NORMALIZATION

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
```

```
mms = MinMaxScaler()
```

```
mms.fit(data)
```

```
data_transformed = mms.transform(data)
```

MinMaxScaler?

```
MinMaxScaler(feature_range=(0, 1), copy=True)
```

Transforms features by scaling each feature to a given range.

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
```

```
sc=StandardScaler()
```

```
sc.fit(data)
```

```
data_transformed =sc.transform(data)
```

Standardize features by removing the mean and scaling to unit variance.



## PCA – Singular Value Decomposition (step 2)

- Compute Covariance matrix of the mean normalized data matrix  $X$  (dimension  $m \times n$  -  $m$  examples,  $n$  features):

$$\mathbf{Cov} = \mathbf{X}^T * \mathbf{X}$$

- Compute Singular Value Decomposition(SVD) of Covariance matrix:

$$\mathbf{Cov} = \mathbf{U} * \mathbf{S} * \mathbf{V}$$

$U (n \times n)$  - matrix of eigenvectors:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ u^{(1)} & u^{(2)} & \dots & u^{(n)} \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$S (n \times n)$  – diagonal matrix of singular values in decreasing order:

$$S_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & S_{22} & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & S_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

SVD is equivalent to eigen-values/eigen-vector decomposition.

# PCA

The projection vectors are the first  $k$  columns of  $U$  ( $k < n$ ): - **Task 1**

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ u^{(1)} & u^{(2)} & \dots & u^{(n)} \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad Ureduce_{n \times k} = U(:, 1:k)$$

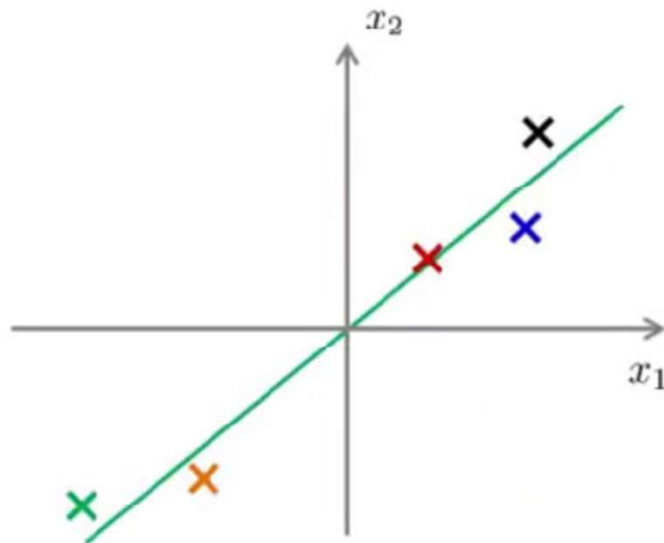
**Step 3:** Compute the new (projected) data matrix  $Z$  ( $m$  examples,  $k$  features): - **Task 2**

$$Z_{m \times k} = X_{m \times n} * Ureduce_{n \times k}$$

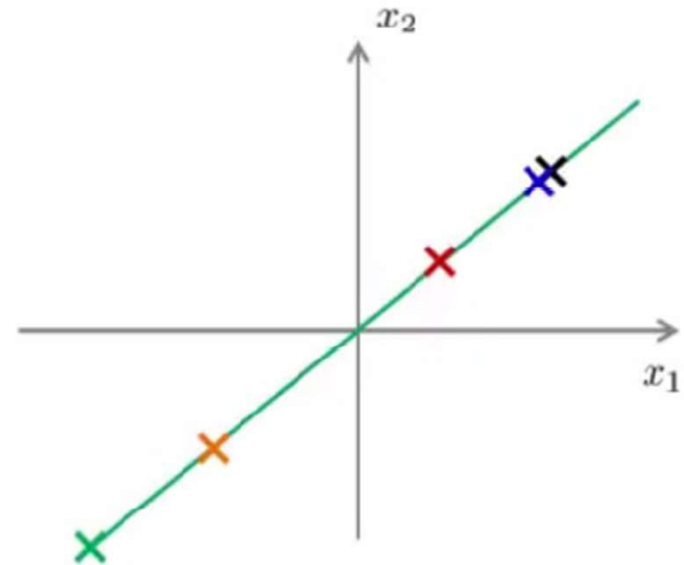
**Step 4:** Reconstruct data matrix  $X$  from the projected  $Z$  matrix :

$$X_{approx(m \times n)} = Z_{m \times k} * Ureduce_{k \times n}^T$$

# Reconstruction from compressed representation



$$z = U_{reduce}^T x$$



$$x_{approx} = U_{reduce} z$$

# Choosing $k$ (number of principal components)

**Average squared approximation error:**

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - x_{approx}^{(i)}\|^2$$

**Total data variation:**

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)}\|^2$$

Typically, choose  $k$  to be smallest value so that

$$\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - x_{approx}^{(i)}\|^2}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)}\|^2} \leq 0.01 \quad (1\%)$$

“99% of variance is retained”

(typically the desired retained variance is between 90-99%)

# Choosing k (number of principal components)

**Compute SVD once:**  $[U, S, V] = \text{svd}(\text{Cov})$

Choose  $k < n$  such that you get the desired retained variance  
(e.g. 99 %):

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k S_{ii}}{\sum_{i=1}^n S_{ii}} \geq 0.99$$

$$S_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & S_{22} & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & S_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$



# PCA – summary

PCA is used to reduce the dimensionality of the original feature space and, at the same time, to maximise the orthogonality between the features in the transformed feature space.

The new set of features obtained through the PCA process are the principal components, which are computed by applying a linear transform to the original features.

Such principal components correspond to largest eigenvalues of the co-variance matrix of features. Then a reduced set of principal components can be used to reconstruct most of the original data with maximum variance, thus keeping most of its information.

The orthogonality between components ensures decorrelation in the transformed feature space.