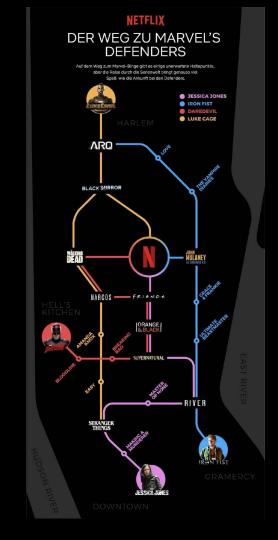


Clustering Introduction to Clustering

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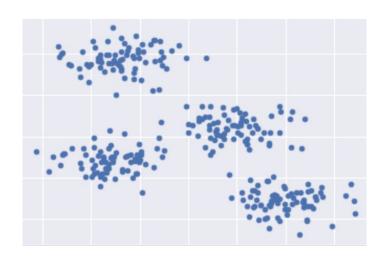




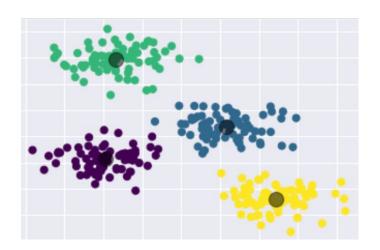


Discover unknown subgroups in data.

Unlabeled examples (observations)



Grouping unlabeled examples is called clustering.



Clustering is unsupervised learning

The goal is to discover interesting things about the observations:

- is there an informative way to visualize the data?
- Can we discover subgroups among the variables or among the observations?

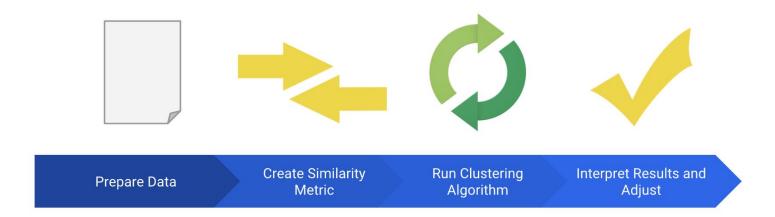
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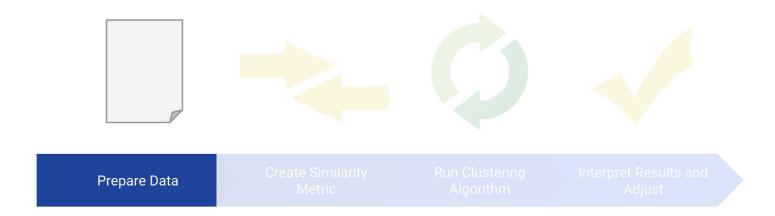
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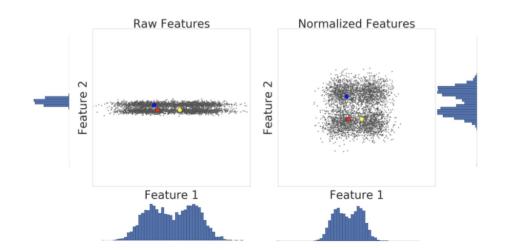
Exclude all missing values and outliers

Normalizing Data

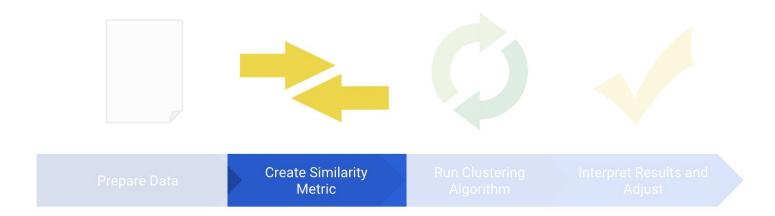
$$x'=(x-\mu)/\sigma$$

where: $\mu = \text{mean}$

 $\sigma = \text{standard deviation}$



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- Feature X_1 : shoe size (numeric)
- Feature X₂: price (numeric)



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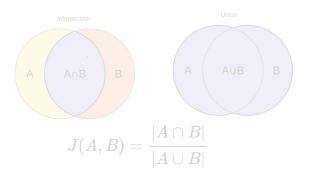
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Feature with multiple levels (multivalent)

- Movie genres: comedy, action, drama, non-fiction, biographical
- Can be "action" and "comedy" simultaneously, or just "action"

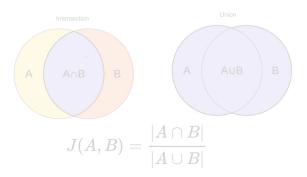
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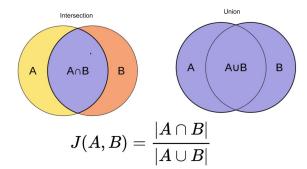
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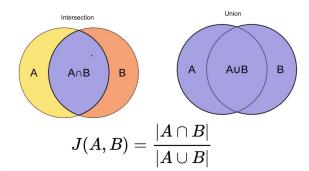
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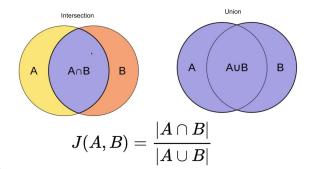
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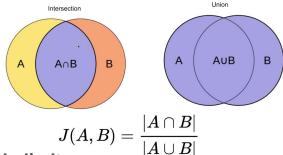


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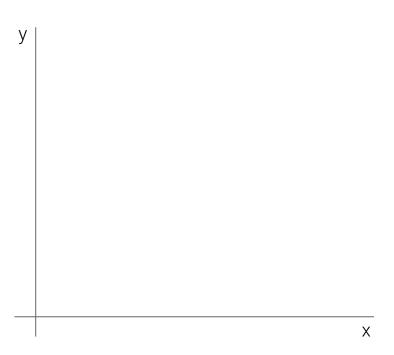
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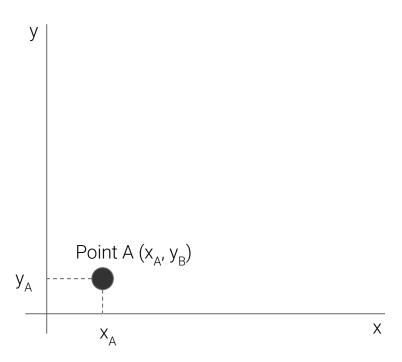
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Popular distance metrics for numerical features

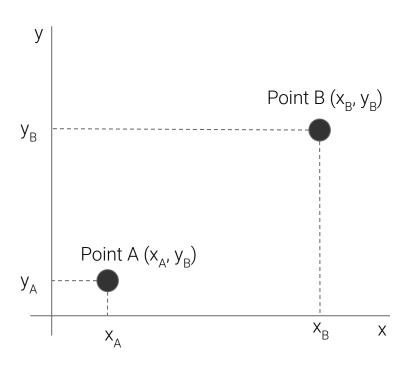
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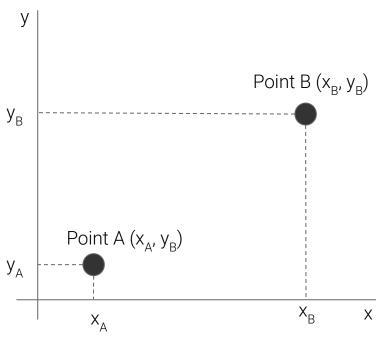
We include one observation "A"



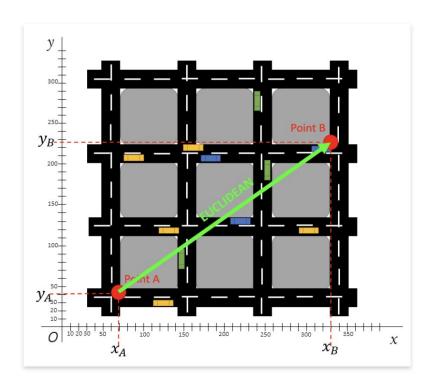
And another observation "B"



How can we measure the distance between A and B?



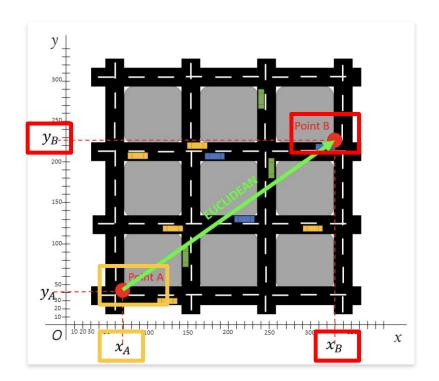
Imagine there are streets on the CS



This would be the shortest distance

$$d(A,B) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (A_i - B_i)^2}$$

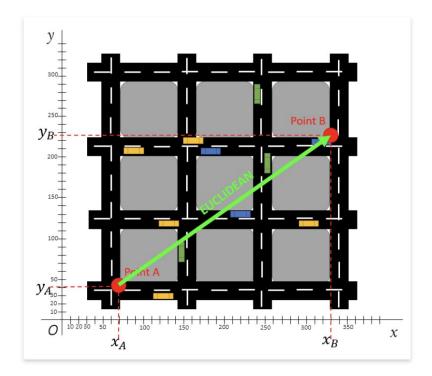
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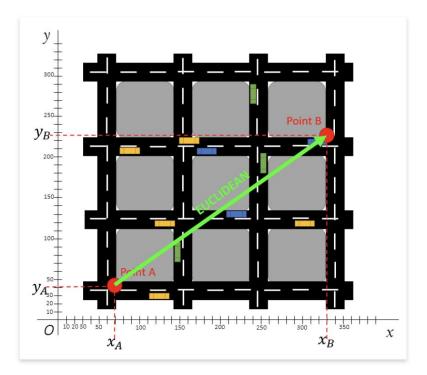


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Squared Euclidean distance (L₂)

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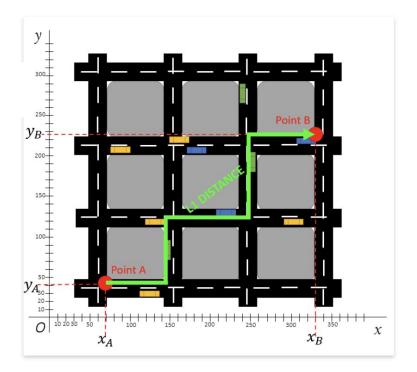


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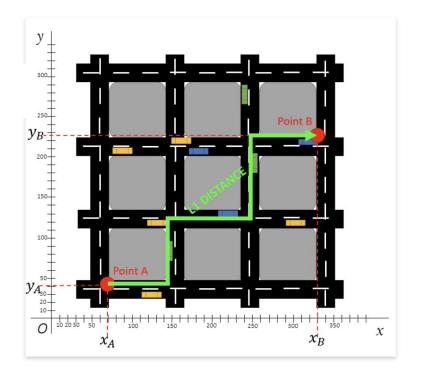
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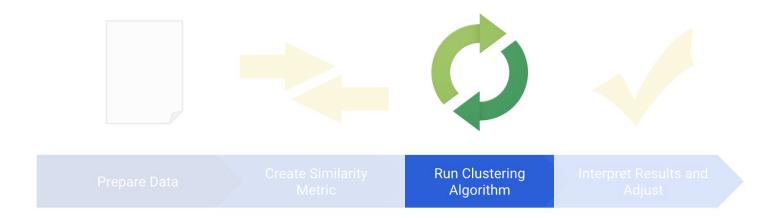
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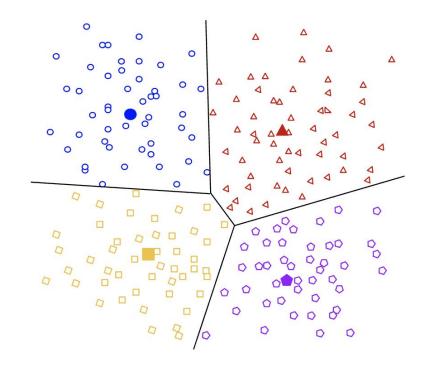
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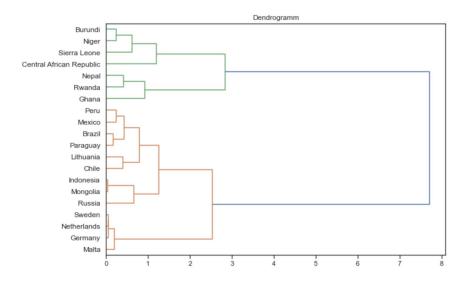
Centroid-based Clustering

- Centroid-based algorithms are efficient
- But sensitive to initial conditions and outliers.
- k-means is the most widely-used centroid-based clustering algorithm.



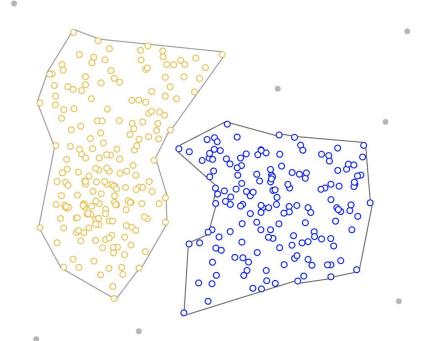
Hierarchical Clustering

- Hierarchical clustering creates a tree of clusters.
- One advantage is that any number of clusters can be chosen by cutting the tree at the right level.

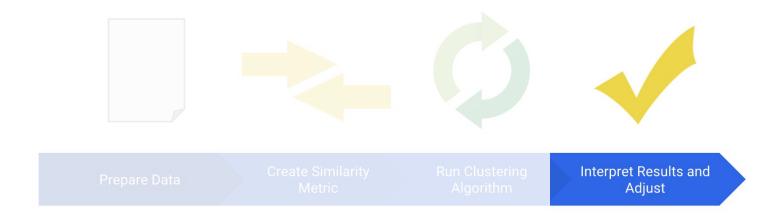


Density-based Clustering

- Density-based clustering connects areas of high example **density** into clusters
- Advantage: they do not assign outliers to clusters.
- Disadvantage: have difficulty with data of varying densities and high dimensions.



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Because clustering is unsupervised, no "truth" is available to verify results

- It mainly depends on the subjective interpretability
- We have some kind of quality measures for some algorithms (like k-Means)

