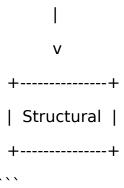
Here is a study guide on clustering:
Main Headings
* Clustering
* Introduction
* Characteristics
* Applications
* K-Means Algorithm
* Convergence Theorem
* Dimensionality Reduction
* Related Problems
Sub-Headings
* Clustering: Partitioning a set of objects into subsets according to some desired criterion
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☐+ Can be used to identify natural clusters that exist
☐+ Can be subjective or have a well-defined correct answer
* Applications:
☐+ Partitioning news articles based on topics
☐+ Grouping protein sequences according to function
□+ Identifying clusters in images
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☐+ Assign each data point to the closest center
☐+ Re-estimate the mean of each cluster
☐+ Repeat until convergence

* Convergence Theorem:
□+ The K-Means algorithm converges in a finite number of iterations
$\hfill +$ Convergence is measured by the sum of squared distances from each data point to its assigned center
* Dimensionality Reduction:
$\hfill\square+$ Choosing an appropriate representation for the data before running a clustering algorithm
$\hfill\square+$ Examples include vector representations in Rd and "bag of words" representation for documents
* Related Problems:
+ Identifying tight-knit groups in friendship relations
☐+ Clustering photographs based on who is in the image
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Examples + Diagram Suggestions (ASCII)
* Example: Clustering news articles based on topics
□+ ASCII Diagram:

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Politics
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Sports
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Entertainment
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]+ ASCII Diagram:
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Enzymes
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Transport
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Clear Elaboration

- * Clustering is a technique used to partition a set of objects into subsets according to some desired criterion.
- * The characteristics of clustering include its subjective or well-defined correct answer, and its ability to identify natural clusters that exist.
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Summary of Key Points (Bullets)

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Flashcards (Q&A)

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