

Solutions Sheet

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Exercise 1

Let us consider z_n to be se from a previous previous iteration step. So we have :

$$J = \sum_n \sum_i z_n^i \|x - \mu_i\|^2$$

We will now show that this Loss function converges and therefore the k-means algorithm converges

Proof. (a) The reassiment step is give by

$$z_n^{i'} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = \operatorname{argmin}_j \|x_n - u_j\|^2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} J' &= \sum_n \sum_i z_n^{i'} \|x_n - u_i\|^2 \\ &= \sum_n \min_i \|x_n - u_i\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

So we have :

$$J' \leq J$$

Thus the e-step minimizes J

- b For the reassignment of the mean we reassine the μ'_i s by definition with teh average of those x , which already minimizes J , so by construction if we reassign :

$$\mu'_i = \frac{\sum_n z_n^i x_n}{\sum_n z_n^i}$$

and

$$J'' = \sum_n \sum_i z_n^{i'} \|x_n - \mu'_i\|^2$$

we have

$$0 \leq J'' \leq J' \leq J$$

- (c) We thus conclude that the distortion measure or i.e. the loss function of the k-means algo converges towards 0 and thus at a given point there will be no more need to reassign the z_n^i or expressed differently k-means is guaranteed to converge.

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Exercise 2

Exercise 3

Exercise 4