

Modern Machine Learning

Computer Assignment #6

1. *K-means algorithm*: Implementing the K-means algorithm for clustering

Background: The K-means algorithm can be summarized in two steps that are performed repeatedly until convergence.

- **Cluster assignment:** Every example \mathbf{x}_i , for $i = 1, \dots, m$, is assigned a clustered centroid $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{c_i}$, where $c_i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ is the cluster label assigned to \mathbf{x}_i .

$$c_i = \arg \min_k \|\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2, \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, K$$

- **Cluster position update:** Update the cluster position as

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{j:c_j=k}^K \mathbf{x}_j,$$

where N_k is the number of elements assigned to cluster k . Therefore we update the cluster positions taking the mean of the elements in the cluster.

The above two steps are repeated until convergence is achieved or a certain number of iterations is reached.

Python files: The script `Kmeans_example.py` uses the pre-defined function `Kmeans.get_centroids(data, K, centroids)` to perform K-means clustering.

Submission guidelines:

- Your submission should be a unique **zip folder**, which is a modified version of `Kmeans_example.py` and includes your own function implementing the K-means clustering. Your own function should realize the same functionality as `Kmeans.get_centroids`.
- `Kmeans.get_centroids(data, K, centroids)` function has three inputs: (i) `data` is a matrix with $(m \times 2)$ dimension containing the dataset; (ii) `K` is the number of clusters; (iii) `centroids` is a matrix with $(K \times 2)$ dimension containing the centroid of each cluster.

- *Kmeans.get_centroids(data, K, centroids)* function has two outputs: (i) *new_centroids* is a matrix with $(K \times 2)$ dimension containing the centroid of each cluster derived from the above two steps; and (ii) *classes* is a vector with $m \times 1$ dimension to indicate each data point belongs to which cluster.
- Please rename the modified file *Kmeans.example.py* replacing the word 'example' in the provided script with your last name, e.g., *Kmeans.smith.py*. **This should be the main function.**
- A pdf file with a figure showing the dataset and the trajectories of the centroids until convergence.

MATLAB files: The script *Kmeans.example.m* uses the matlab function *kmeans(.)* to perform K-means clustering.

Submission guidelines: Your submission should include:

- A unique **zip folder**, which should include a modified version of *Kmeans.example.m* and the three following functions that implement your own version of K-means: the first function is $\mathbf{c} = \text{cluster_assignment}(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\mu})$, where \mathbf{X} is a matrix containing the m data points (examples), $\mathbf{c} = [c_1, \dots, c_m]^T$ are the cluster labels for the examples in \mathbf{X} , and $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ are the positions of the centroids, the second function is $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{new} = \text{cluster_update}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{c}, K)$, where \mathbf{X} , and \mathbf{c} are as defined above, K is the number of centroids, and $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{new}$ are the updated positions of the centroids. The third function is $[\mathbf{c}_{opt}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{opt}] = \text{myKmeans}(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_0, K)$, where \mathbf{X} , and K are as defined above, and $\boldsymbol{\mu}_0$ are the initial positions of the centroids. The function *myKmeans(.)* should utilize the functions *cluster_assignment(.)* and *cluster_update(.)* to implement K-means. You should insert this function where indicated in the script. Make sure the results you obtain are very close to the ones returned by the MATLAB function *kmeans(.)*. Please rename the modified file *Kmeans.example.m* replacing the word 'example' in the provided script with your last name. For example *Kmeans.smith.m*. **This should be the main function.**
- A pdf file with a figure showing the training data and the trajectories of the centroids until convergence.