

## **K-Means Clustering: Grouping Made Simple!**

Clustering is at the heart of unsupervised learning, and K-Means is one of the simplest yet most effective algorithms for identifying groups (or clusters) in your data. Let's break it down! 

### **Summary**

K-Means Clustering is an unsupervised learning algorithm that groups data into K clusters based on feature similarity. The goal is to minimize the distance between points in a cluster and their cluster's center, called the centroid.

### **Highlights**

 **Centroid-Based Clustering:** K-Means iteratively adjusts cluster centroids to find the best grouping.

 **K Parameter:** The number of clusters (K) needs to be defined upfront (e.g., 3 clusters for customer segmentation).

 **Fast and Scalable:** Works efficiently with large datasets when implemented well.

### **Common Use Cases:**

Customer segmentation for marketing campaigns.

Image compression by clustering pixel values.

Grouping similar documents in text analysis.

### **Key Insights**

#### **Choosing K:**

Use the Elbow Method: Plot the Within-Cluster Sum of Squares (WCSS) against K values. Look for the "elbow point" where adding more clusters doesn't significantly reduce WCSS.

Silhouette Score: A metric to evaluate the quality of clusters.

### **Strengths:**

Simple to implement and interpret.

Adaptable to various types of numerical data.

## ⚠️ Limitations:

Requires pre-specifying K, which isn't always intuitive.  
Sensitive to outliers and initial centroid placement.  
Doesn't work well with non-spherical clusters or highly imbalanced data.

## 🔑 Key Takeaways from the Code

**Cluster Labels:** Each data point is assigned to one of the K clusters.  
**Centroids:** Red dots represent the centroids, which adjust during training for optimal clustering.  
**Feature Selection:** Visualizing clusters works best with 2D or 3D projections.

**GitHub Code:** <https://github.com/NafisAnsari786/Machine-Learning-Algorithms/blob/main/12%20KMeans%20Clustering/K%20Means%20clustering.ipynb>