

How does k-NN work?

Consider the dataset
having two variables:
height(cm) and **weight(kg)**
and each datapoint is
classified as **Normal** or
Underweight

Weight(x2)	Height(y2)	Class
51	167	Underweight
62	182	Normal
69	176	Normal
64	173	Normal
65	172	Normal
56	174	Underweight
58	169	Normal
57	173	Normal
55	170	Normal

How does k-NN work?

Assuming we do not know how to calculate the **body mass index (BMI)**, we need to classify this unseen data as **Normal** or **Underweight**

57 kg	170 cm	?
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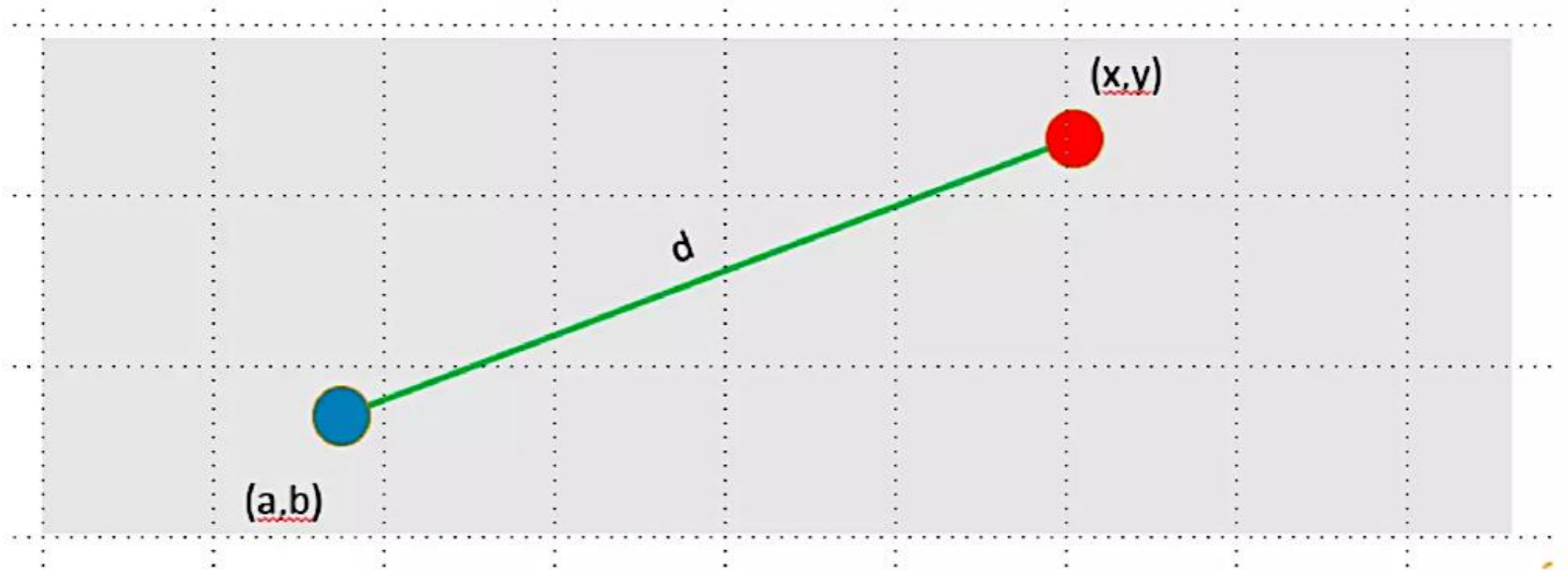
KNN finds the nearest neighbor by calculating the **Euclidean distance**

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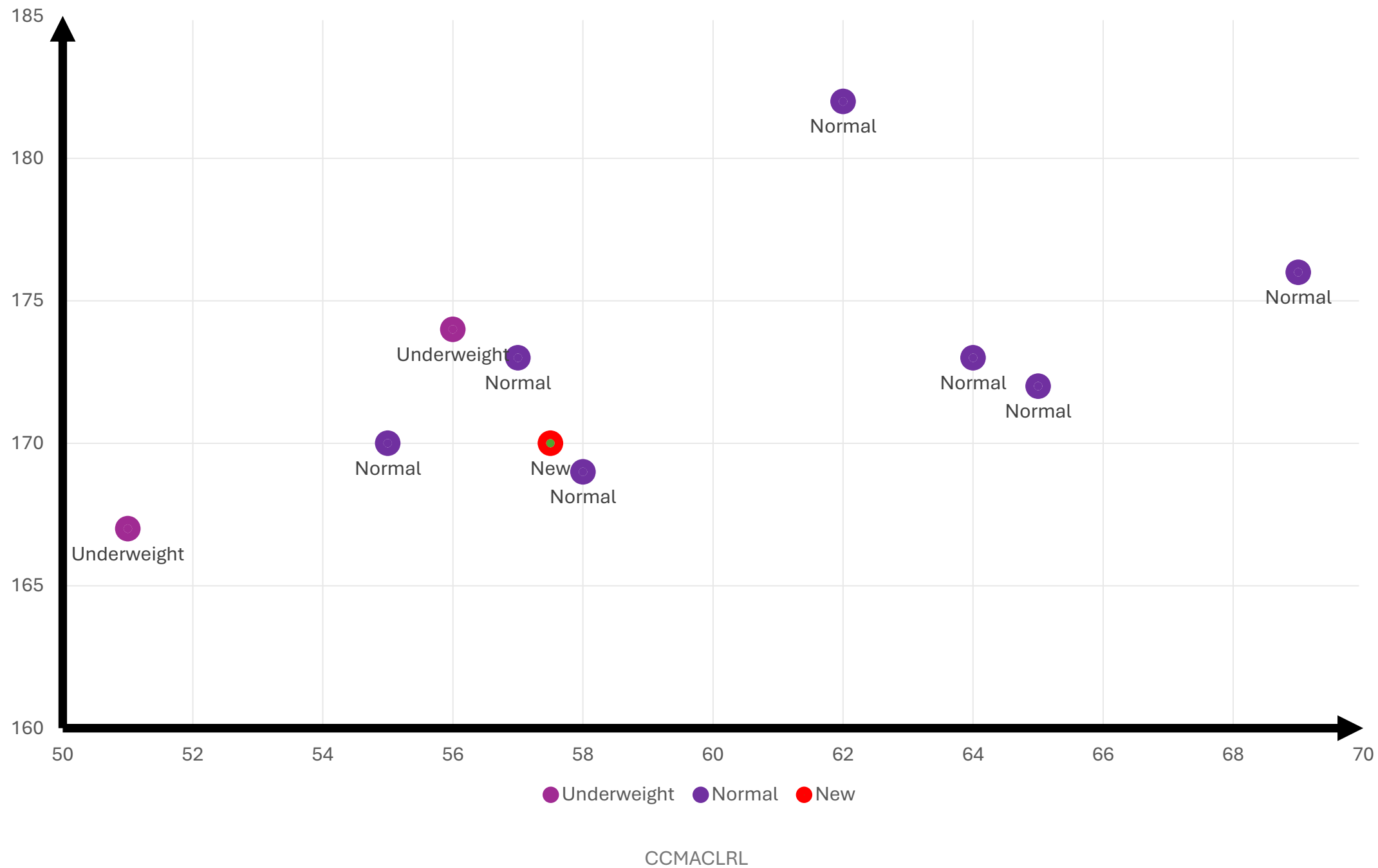
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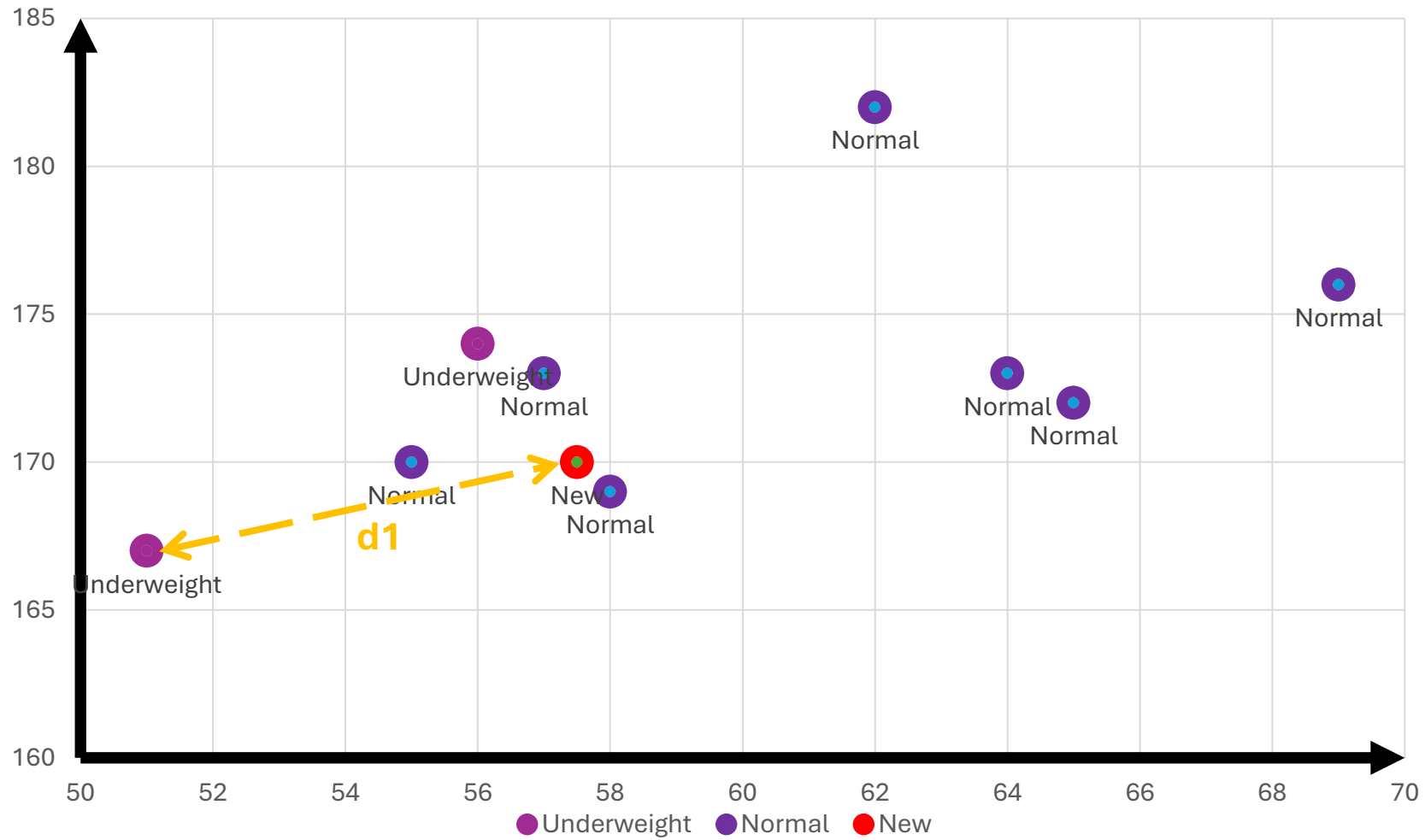
k-NN uses **Euclidean distance formula**, to calculate the distance between two data points

$$d = \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2}$$



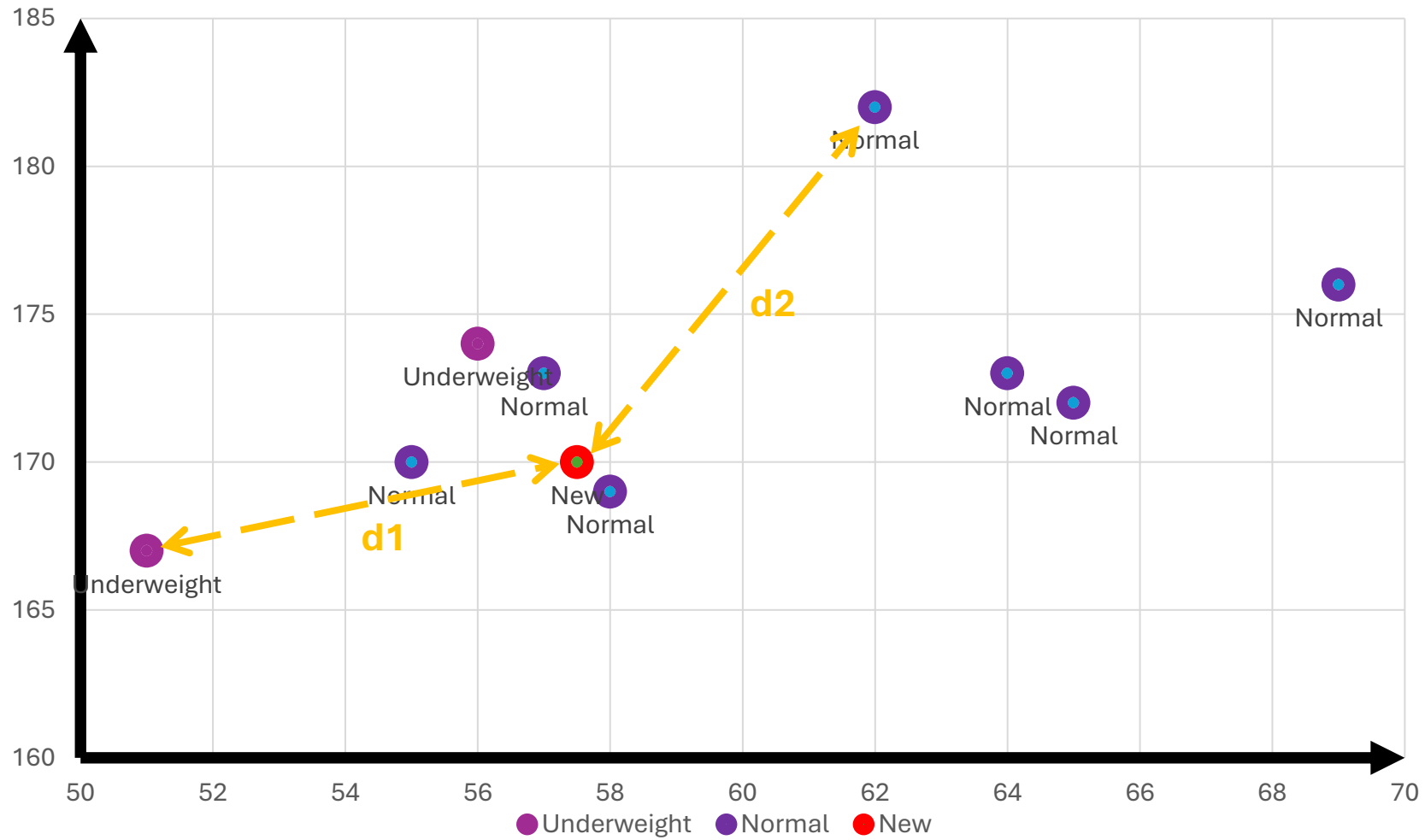
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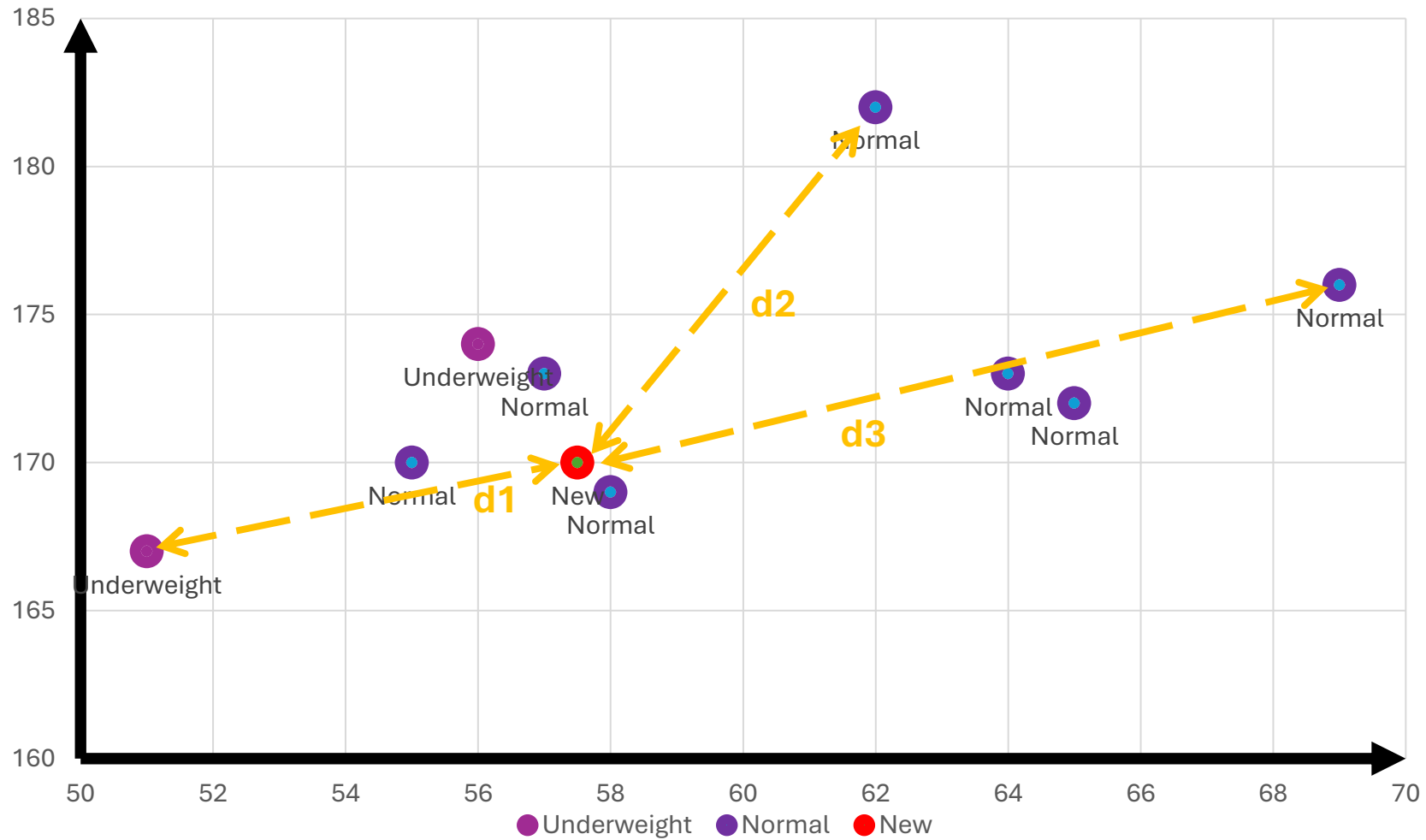
$$d1 = \sqrt{(170-167)^2 - (57-51)^2}$$

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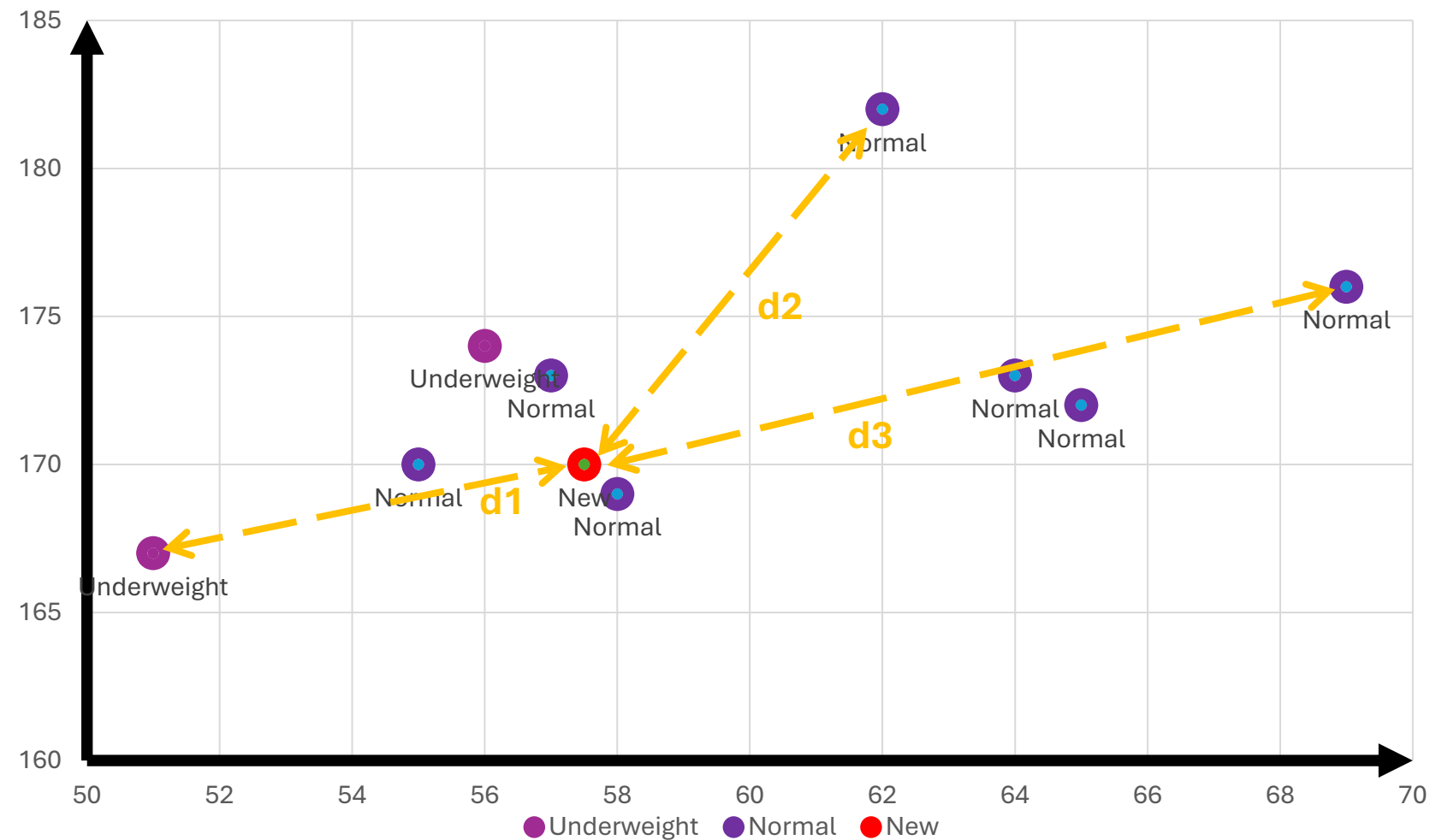
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Similarly, we calculate the **Euclidean distance** of the **unknown data** point from all points in the dataset

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After we calculate the **Euclidean distance** of the unknown datapoint from all the data points, we get...

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58	169	Normal	1.4
57	173	Normal	3
55	170	Normal	2

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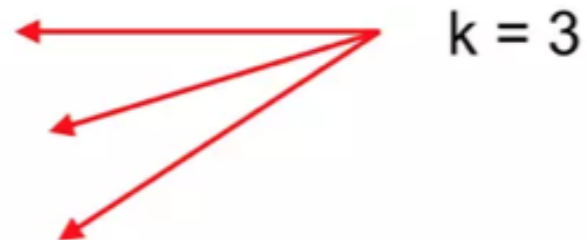
Let us calculate the nearest neighbor at **k=3**

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The majority of its nearest neighbors are **Normal**.

Hence, having a weight of **57 kg** and a height of **170 cm** is classified as **Normal**

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