

Assignment 5: FCM

Description

The goal of this assignment was to implement Fuzzy C-Means (FCM) clustering on the datasets from Assignment 4, and explore the hyperparameters' effects on the outcome.

Technical Details

FCM is a soft-partition clustering algorithm, meaning that each point in the dataset belongs to each cluster with some probability that is not necessarily one. We can use these probabilities to filter data out that we are not sure belongs to a certain cluster, and obtain better performance on data with overlapping clusters.

The following is my code for this assignment, followed by links to references:

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% Cleanup close all; clear all; clc;
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numClusters = [4, 5, 0, 0, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2]; % From assignment 4 datasets = LoadDataSets(); % Load all datasets
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for setNum=1:length(numClusters) if numClusters(setNum) ~= 0 % Input Data C = numClusters(setNum); % Number of clusters its = 30; % Max iterations Q = 1.5; % Fuzzifier
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testSet = datasets{setNum};
dims = size(testSet);
n = dims(1); % Number of datapoints
d = dims(2); % Dimensions of data

pd = makedist('normal');

u = zeros(C, n);
for i=1:n
 w = abs(random(pd,[C, 1]));
 w = w ./ sum(w);
 u(:, i) = w;
end

% u = repelem(w, 1, n); % Initialize membership matrix

cc = testSet(1:C, :); % Initialize cluster centers

% Prep Figure
datasetString = ['Dataset ' num2str(setNum)];
ss = get(0,'screensize');
fig = figure();
set(fig, 'visible', 'off');
fig.Position = [0, 0, ss(3), ss(4)];
set(gca,'XColor', 'none','YColor','none')
set(gca,'XTickLabel',[]);
set(gca,'YTickLabel',[]);
disableDefaultInteractivity(gca);

dist = [];
colors = ['r', 'g', 'b', 'c', 'm', 'y'];

for it=1:its
 % Distances
 dist(:, :, it) = pdist2(cc, testSet);
 % s2 = subplot(2, 2, 2);
 % s2.Position = [.55, .55, .4, .4];
 % set(s2,'xtick',[],'ytick',[])
 % disableDefaultInteractivity(s2);
 %
 % heat0 = heatmap(dist);
 % title([datasetString ' Dist Plot']);
 % heat0.GridVisible = 'off';
 % colormap('jet');
 % heat0.XDisplayLabels = nan(size(heat0.XDisplayData));
 % heat0.YDisplayLabels = nan(size(heat0.YDisplayData));
 for i=1:C
 vi = zeros(1, d);
 num = vi;
 den = 0;
 for j=1:n
 num = num + ((u(i, j)^Q) .* testSet(j, :));
 den = den + (u(i, j)^Q);
 end
 cc(i, :) = num ./ den;
 end
 hold on

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 scatter(cc(i, 1), cc(i,2), 10 + (it / its * 300), 'ok', 'MarkerF
aceColor', colors(i));
 hold on
 end

 for i=1:n
 for j=1:C
 uSum = 0;
 for k=1:C
 uSum = uSum + (dist(j, i, it) / dist(k, i, it)) ^ (1 /
(Q - 1));
 end
 u(j, i) = 1 / uSum;
 end
 end
 if it > 1
 if sum(sum(abs(dist(:, :, it) - dist(:, :, it - 1)))) < 2
 break
 end
 end
end

[argvalue, argmax] = max(u);

% Datapoints
R1 = testSet(:, 1);
C1 = testSet(:, 2);
% s1 = subplot(2, 2, 1);
% s1.Position = [.05, .55, .4, .4];
allBelongs = zeros(1, n);
threshold = .50;
for i=1:C
 hold on
 inCluster = argmax == i;
 meetThreshold = argvalue > threshold;
 belongs = inCluster .* meetThreshold;
 allBelongs = belongs + allBelongs;
 plot0 = plot(R1(belongs == 1), C1(belongs == 1), ['x' colors(i)]);
 hold on
end

noCluster = [R1(allBelongs == 0), C1(allBelongs == 0)];

plot(noCluster(:, 1), noCluster(:, 2), 'xk')
title([datasetString ' Threshold membership: ' num2str(threshold * 100)
'%'])
saveas(fig, ['dataset_' num2str(setNum) '_threshold_' num2str(threshold
* 100) '.png'])
shg
end

end'''

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1. [Fuzzy C Means \(FCM\) using simple example and Python \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FA-hJBu5Bkc&ab\\_channel=TheAcademician\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FA-hJBu5Bkc&ab_channel=TheAcademician)

2. [Fuzzy C-Means Clustering with Python \(https://towardsdatascience.com/fuzzy-c-means-clustering-with-python-f4908c714081#:~:text=So%2C%20%E2%80%9Cfuzzy%E2%80%9D%20here%20means,to%20make%20i](https://towardsdatascience.com/fuzzy-c-means-clustering-with-python-f4908c714081#:~:text=So%2C%20%E2%80%9Cfuzzy%E2%80%9D%20here%20means,to%20make%20i)
3. Week 5 Lecture

## **Methods**

I wanted to see how the cluster center moved as we updated it, so I plotted the starting center as a smaller size, and increased the size with each iteration. I also wanted to see the way that altering a threshold probability would exclude points from belonging to a cluster, so I used varying thresholds, and plotted cluster-less datapoints in black, while those datapoints that belong to a cluster are plotted with that cluster's color. This created a nice visualization of the update steps and the results.

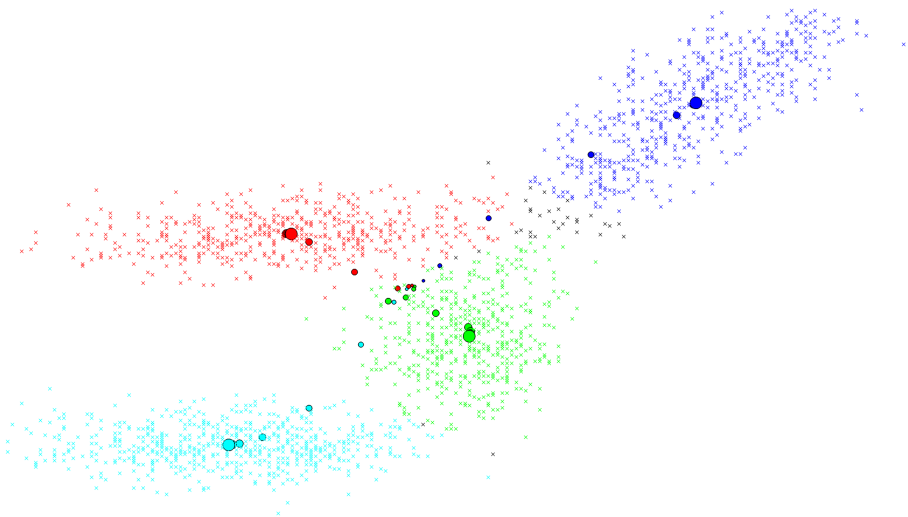
## **Results**



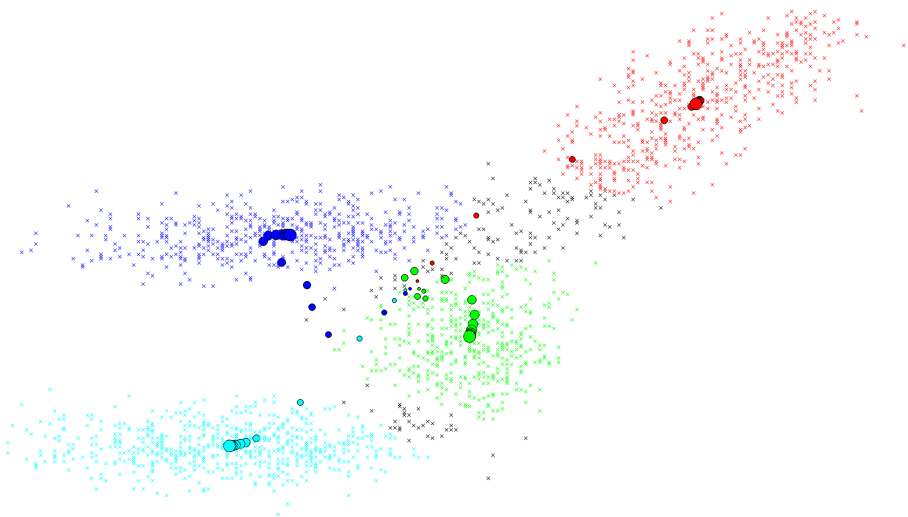
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In [2]: from IPython.display import Image, display

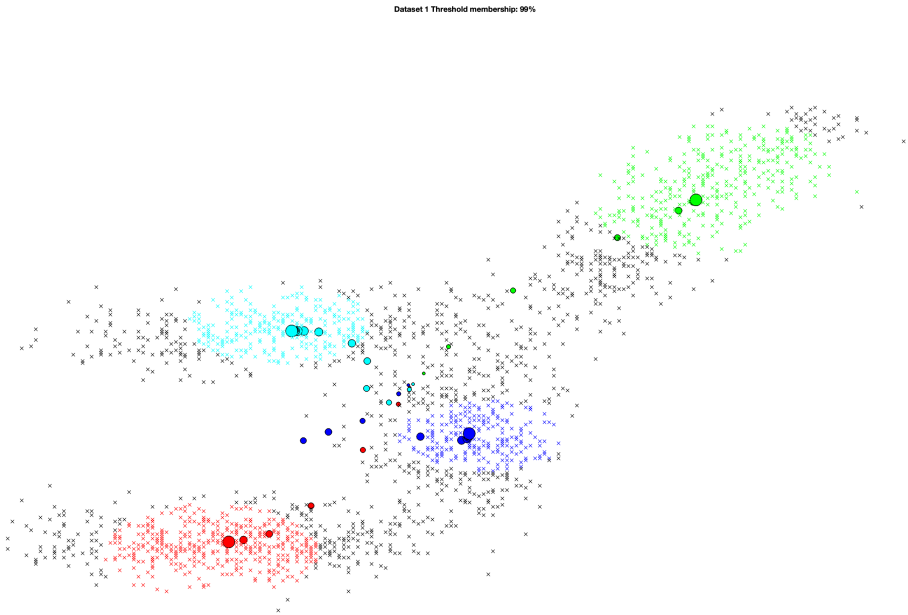
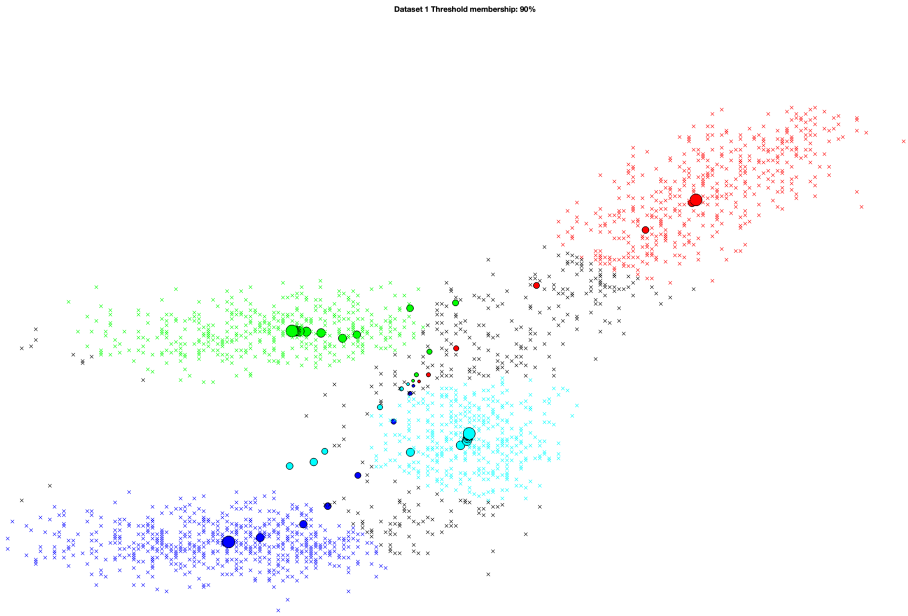
thresholds = [50, 75, 90, 99]
for i in range(1, 13):
 for threshold in thresholds:
 try:
 display(Image(filename=f'./dataset_{i}_threshold_{threshold}
.png'))
 except:
 print(f'No data found for Dataset {i}')
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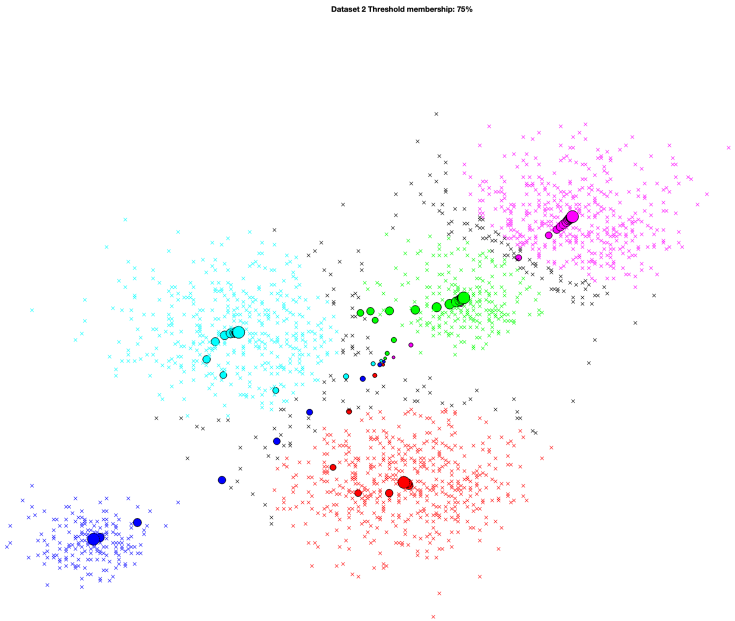
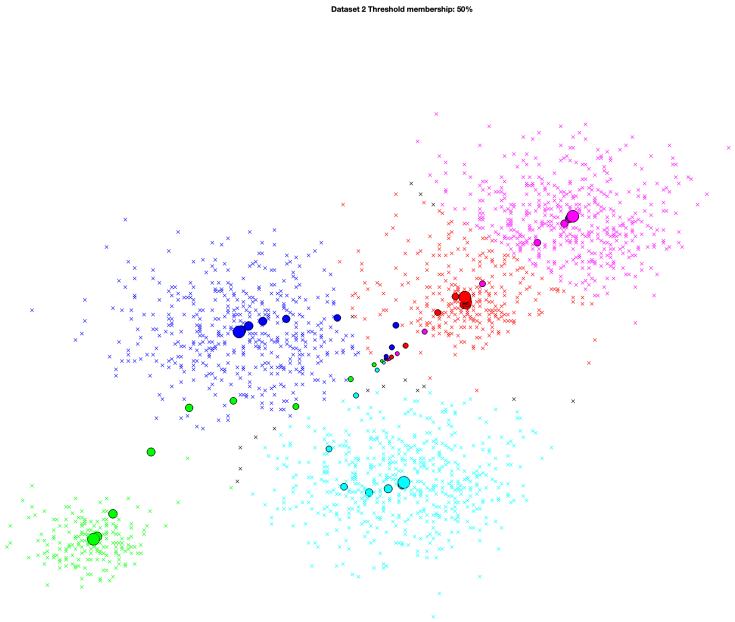
Dataset 1 Threshold membership: 50%



Dataset 1 Threshold membership: 75%

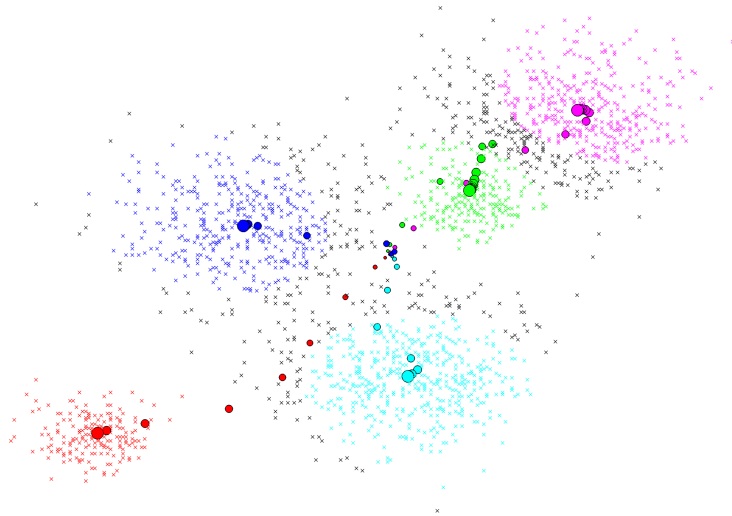




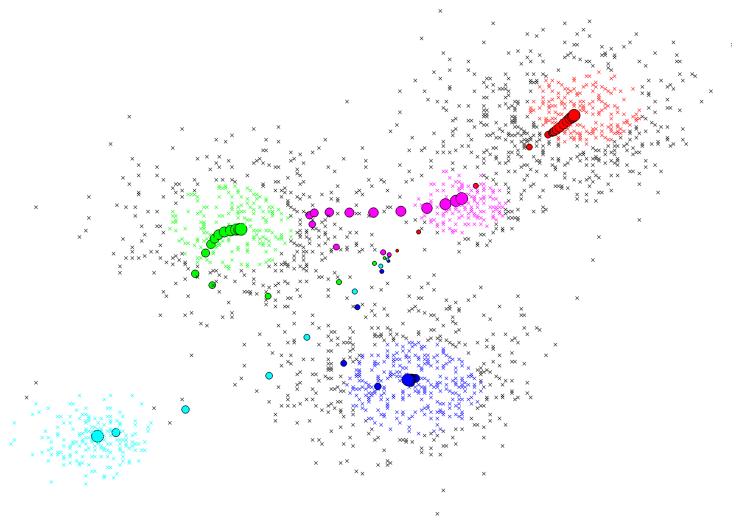




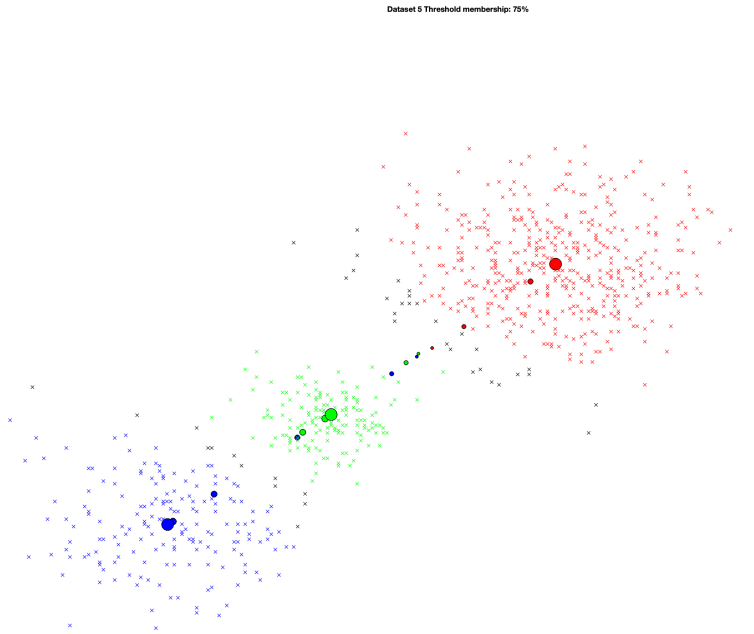
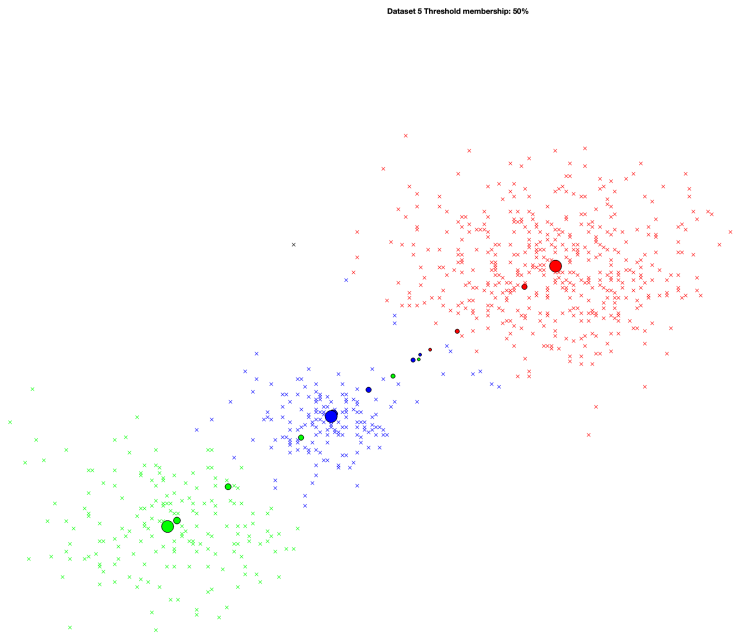
Dataset 2 Threshold membership: 90%

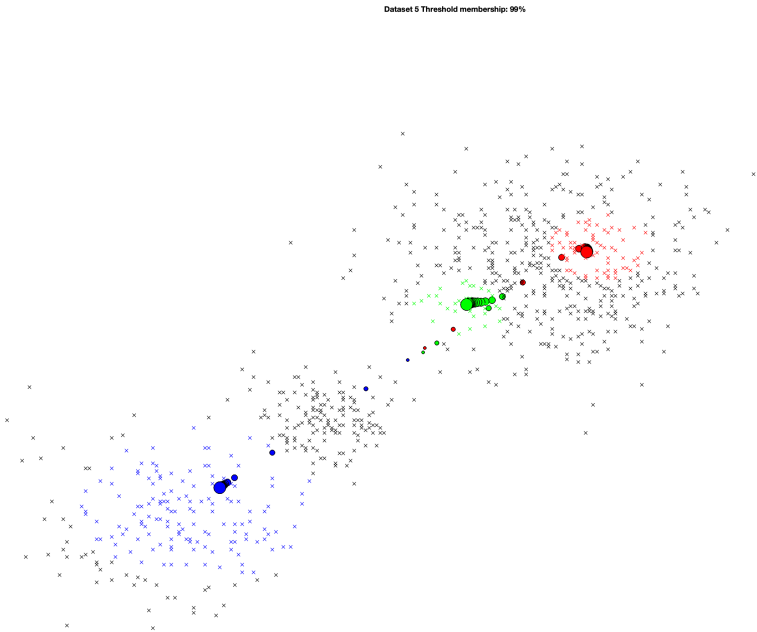
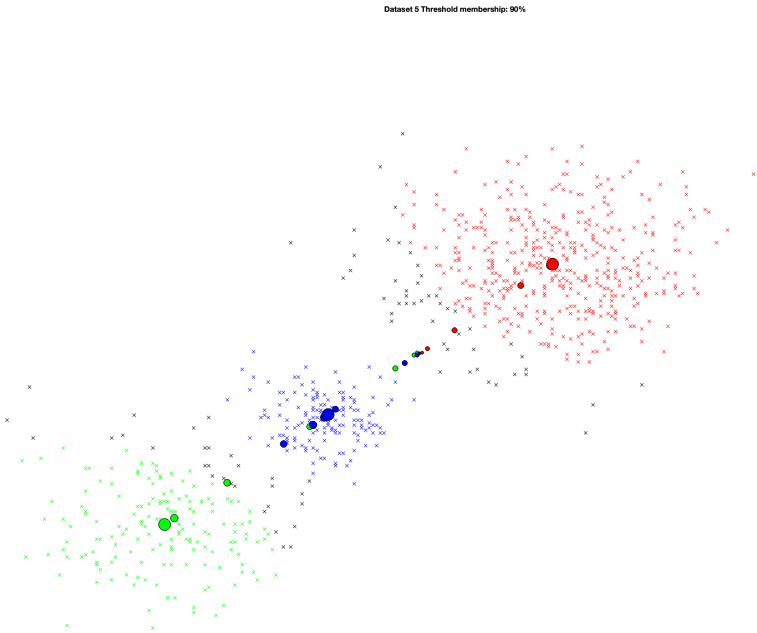


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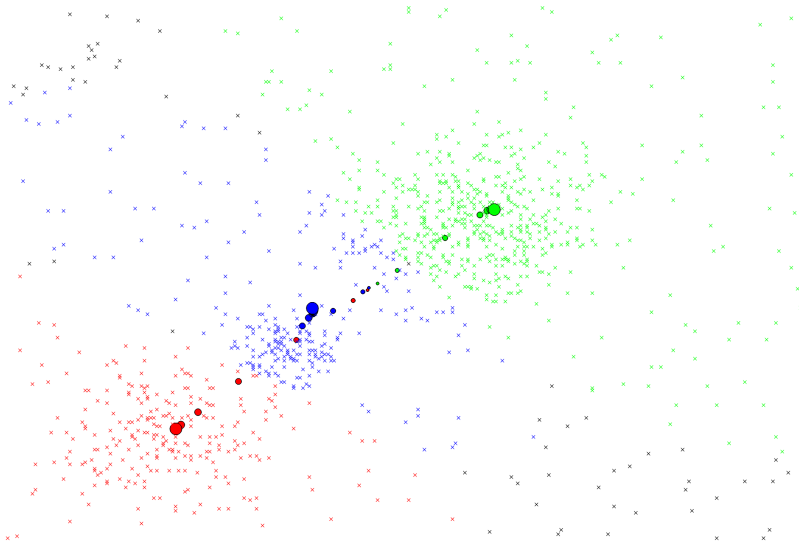


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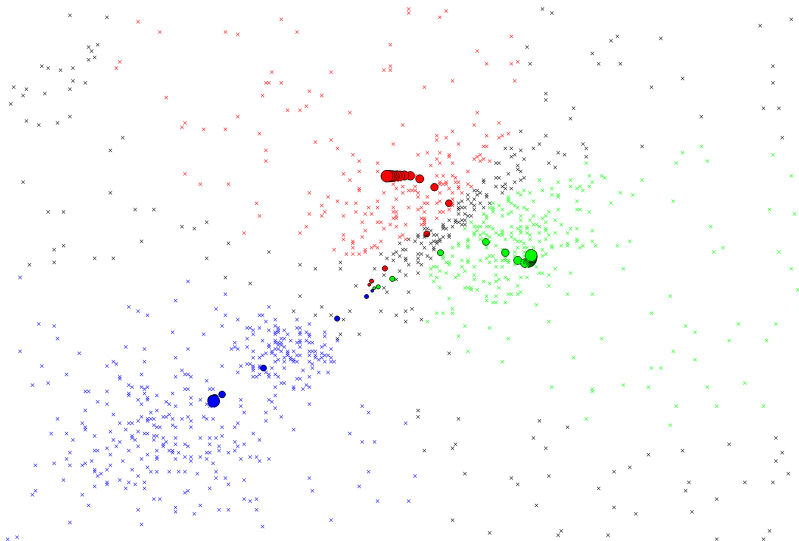




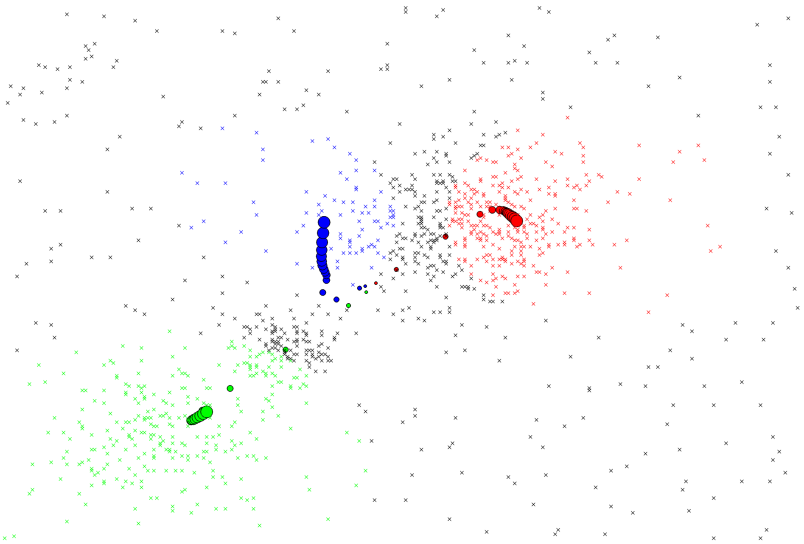
Dataset 6 Threshold membership: 50%



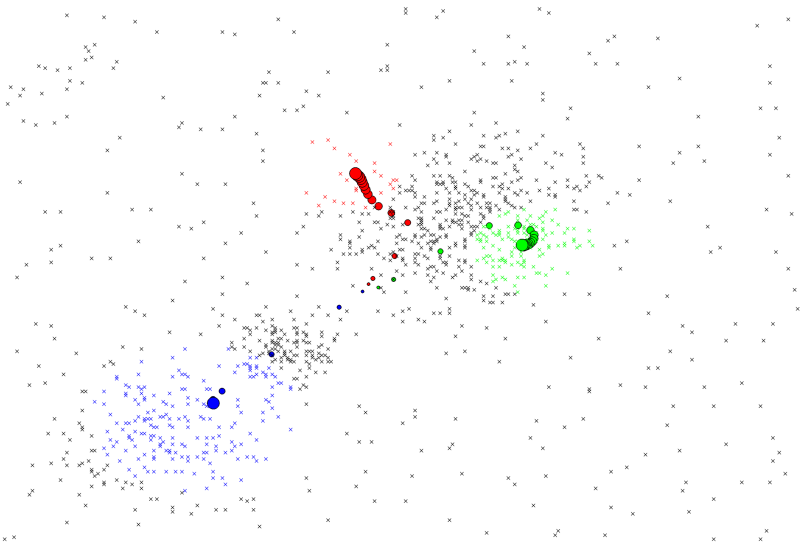
Dataset 6 Threshold membership: 75%

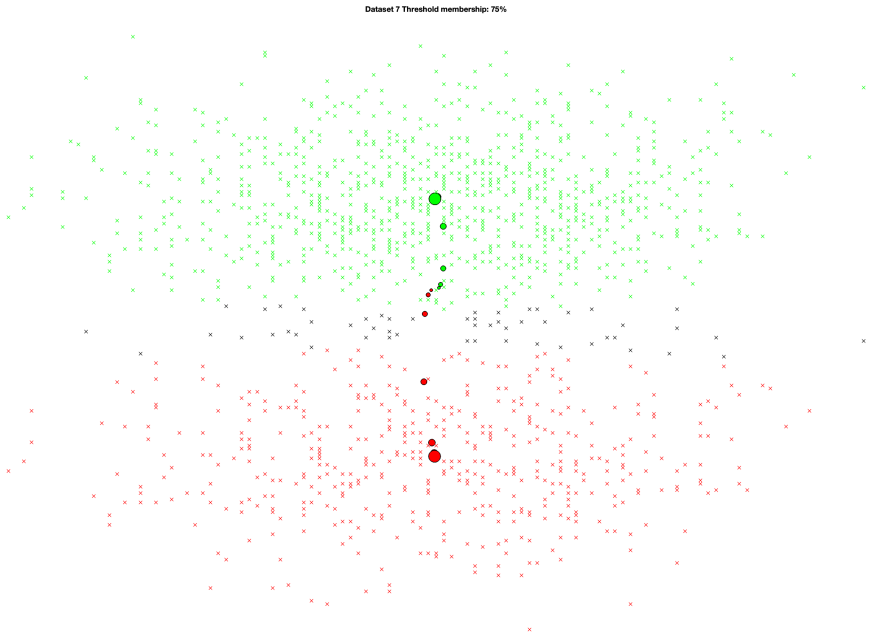
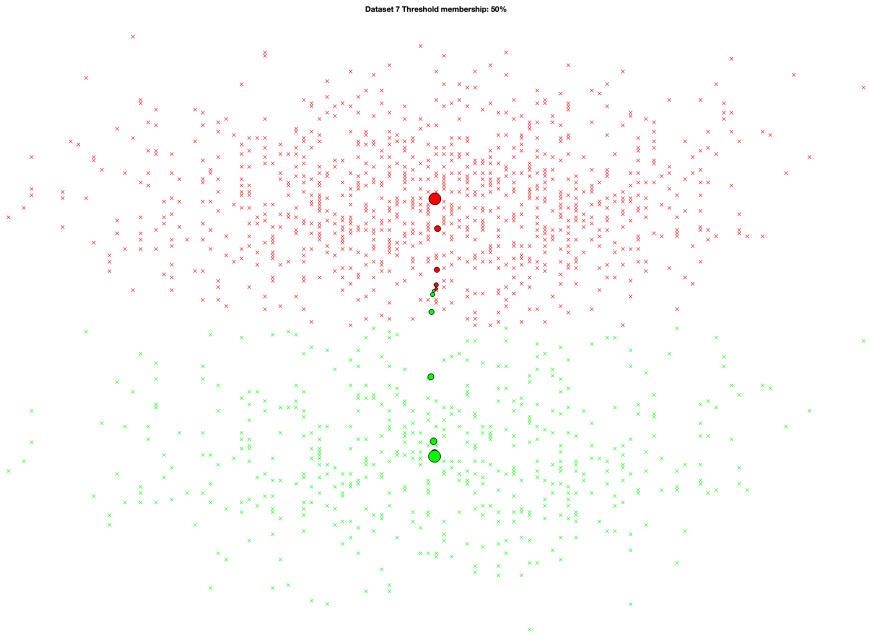


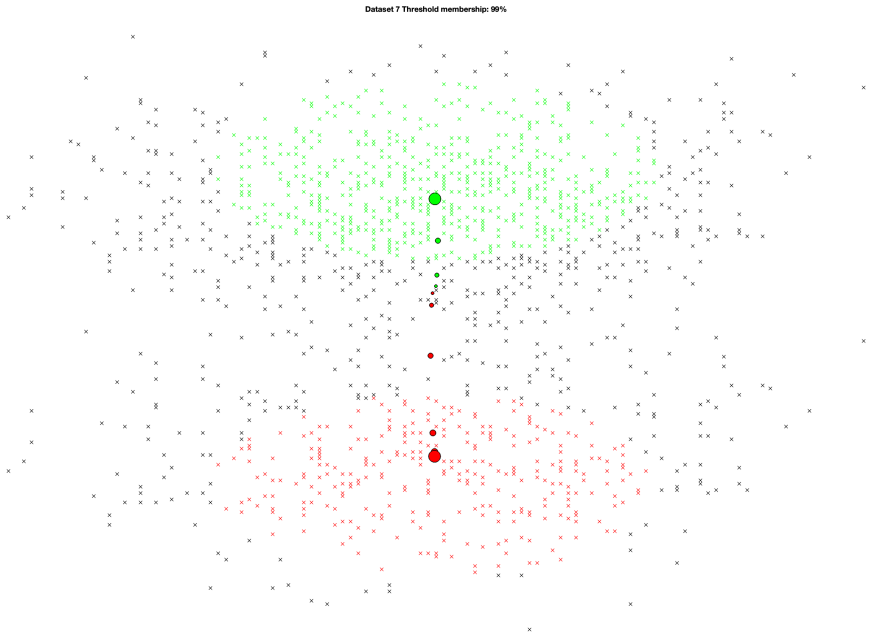
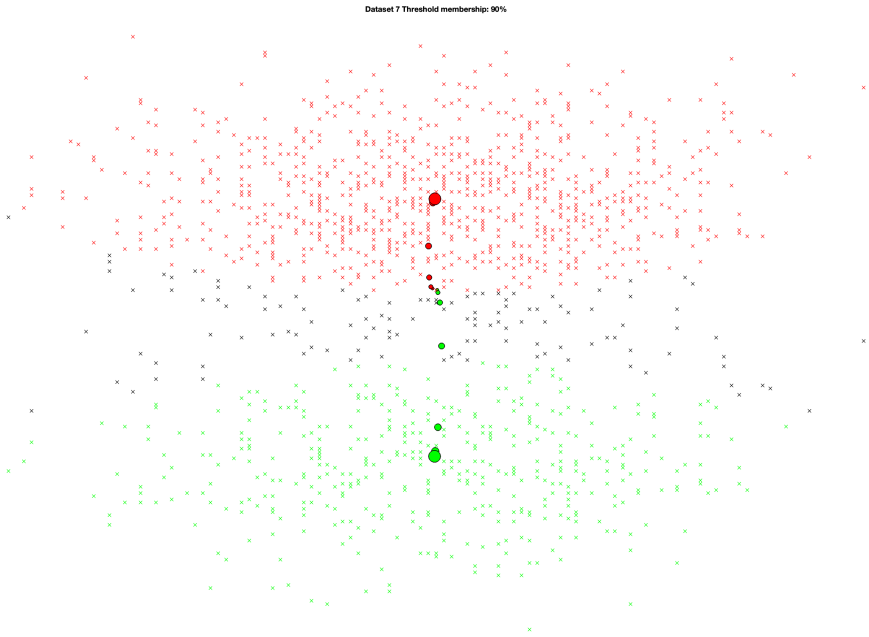
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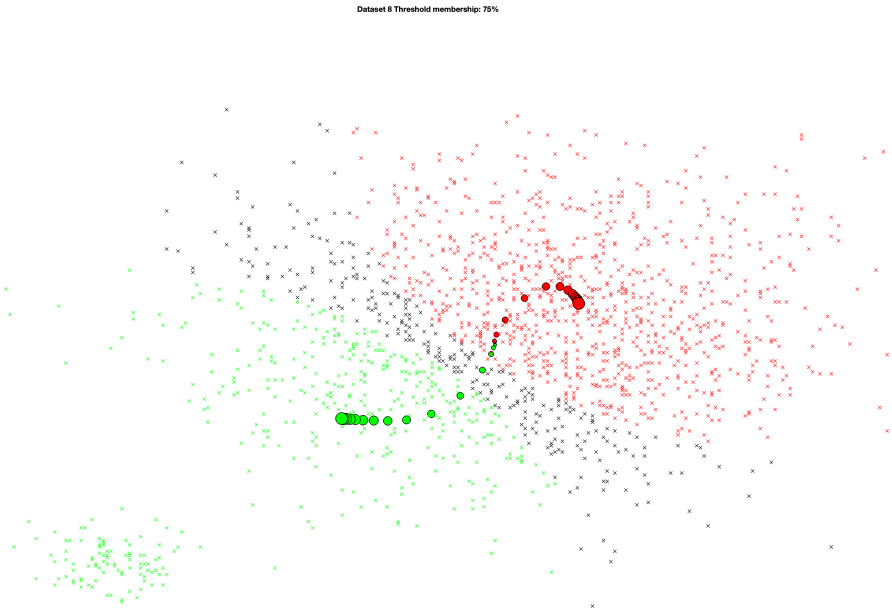
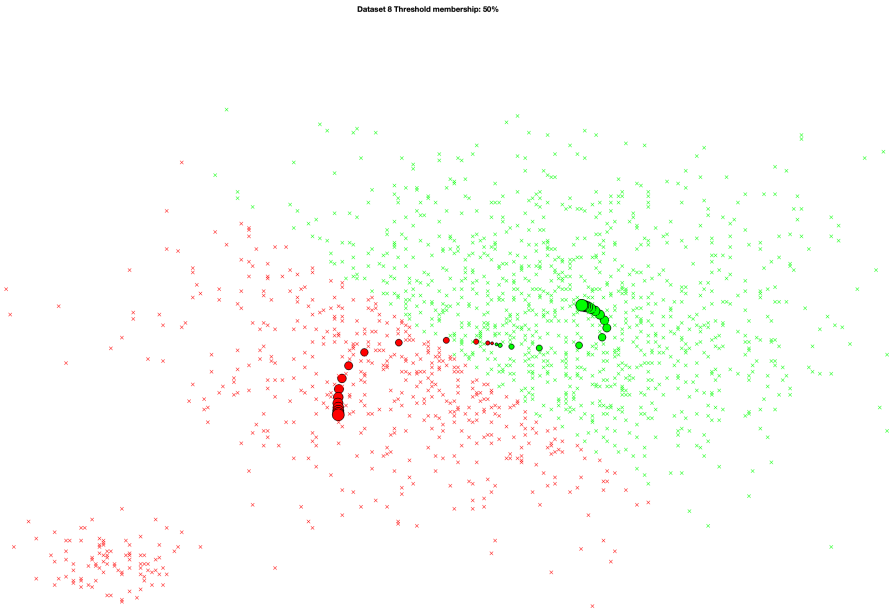


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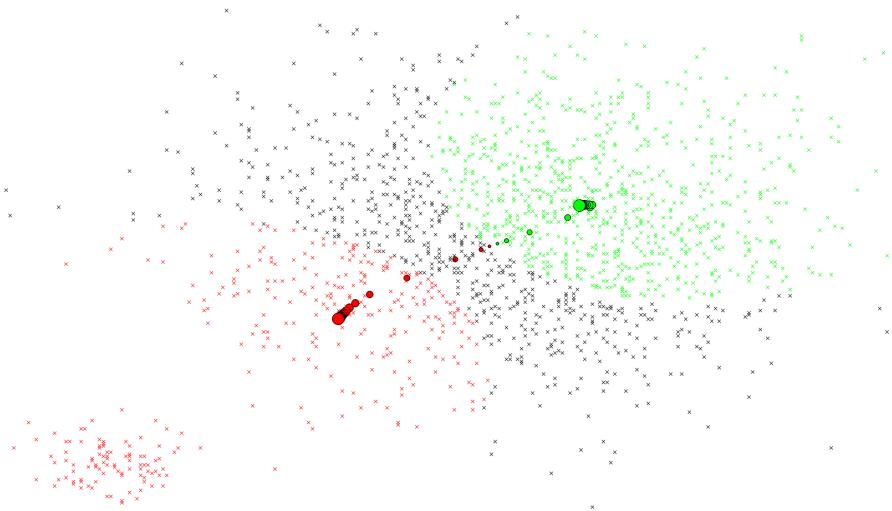




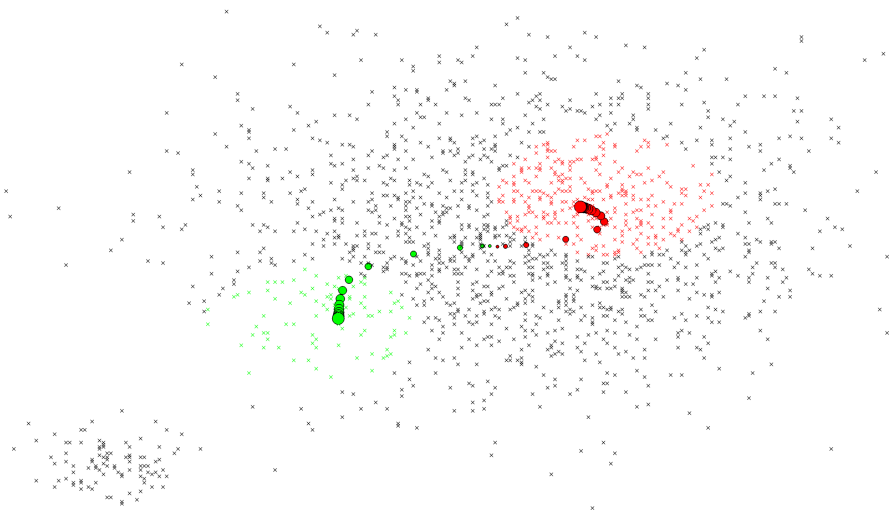


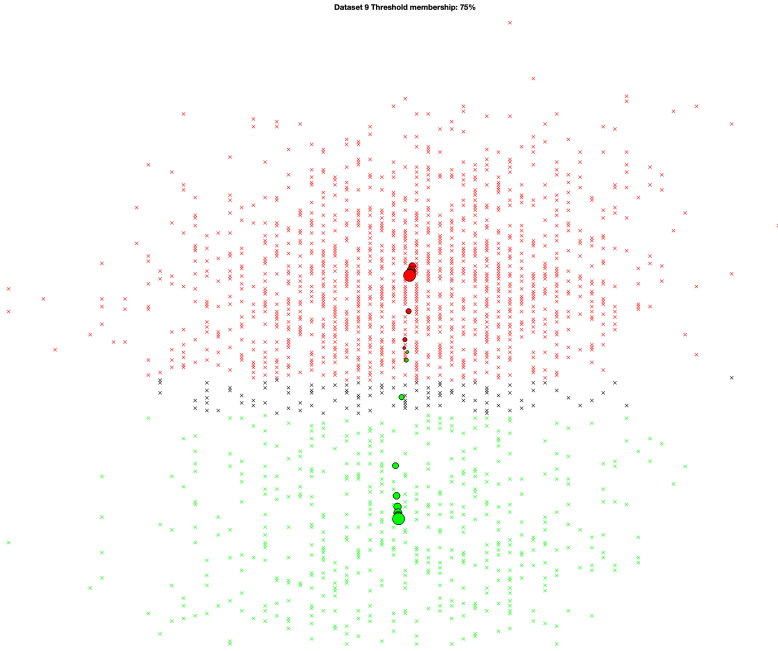
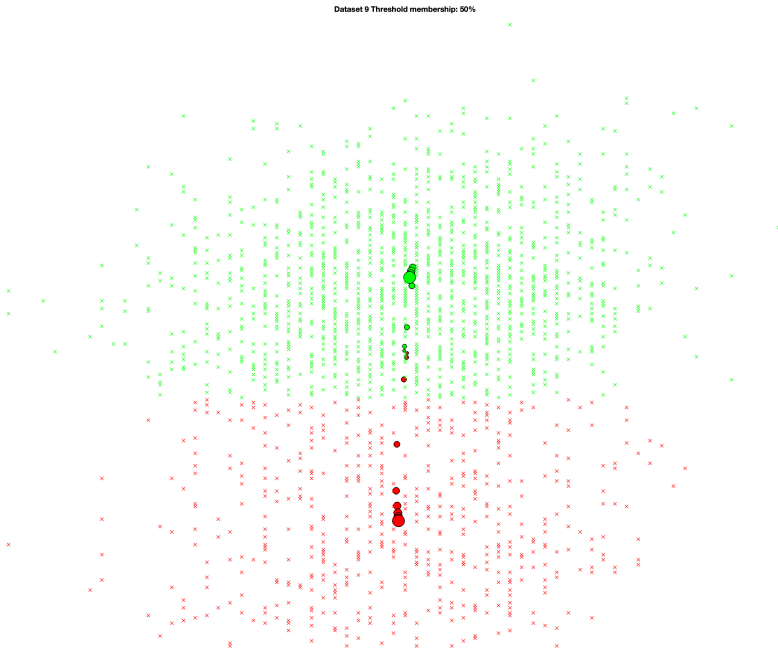


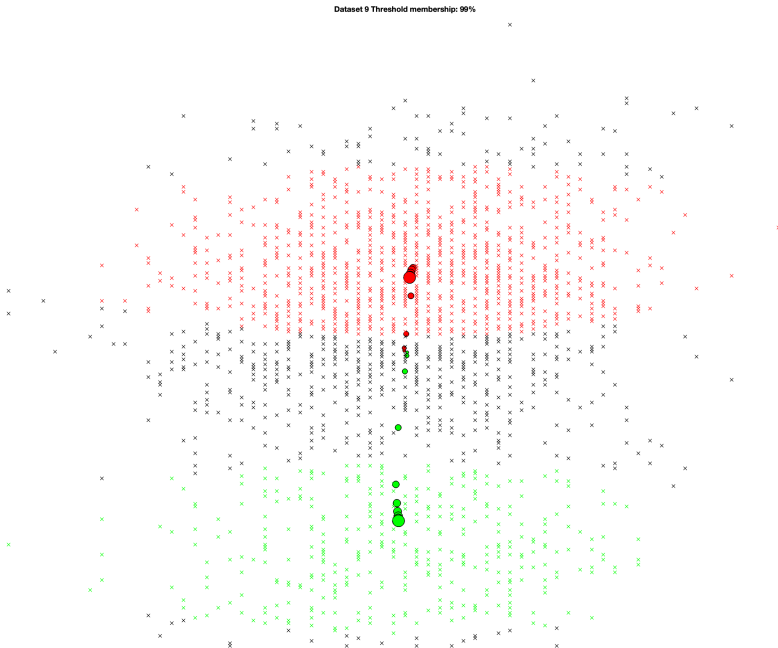
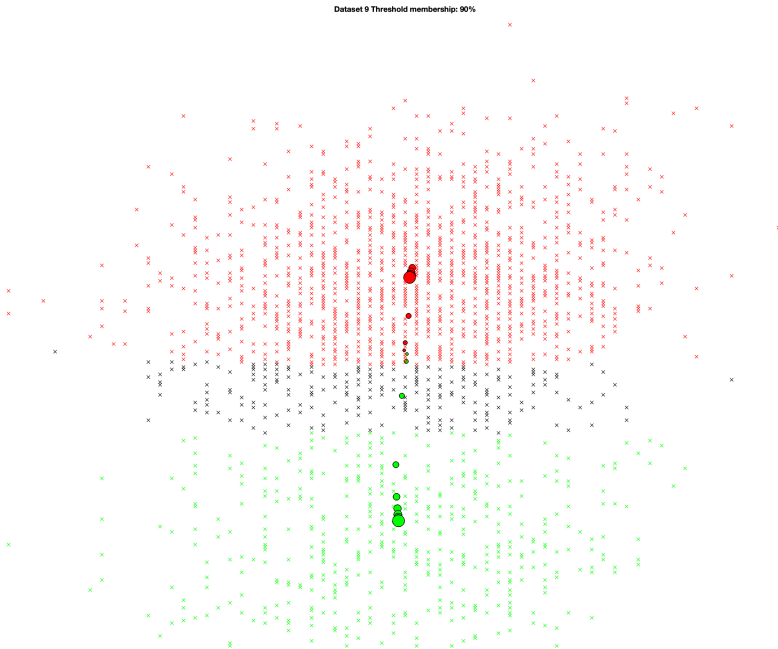
Dataset 8 Threshold membership: 90%

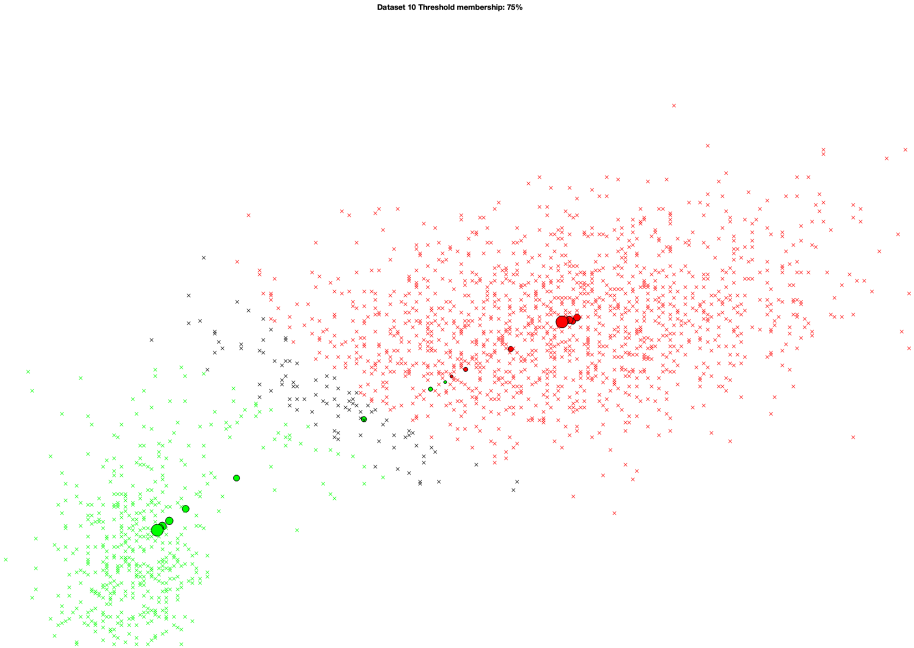
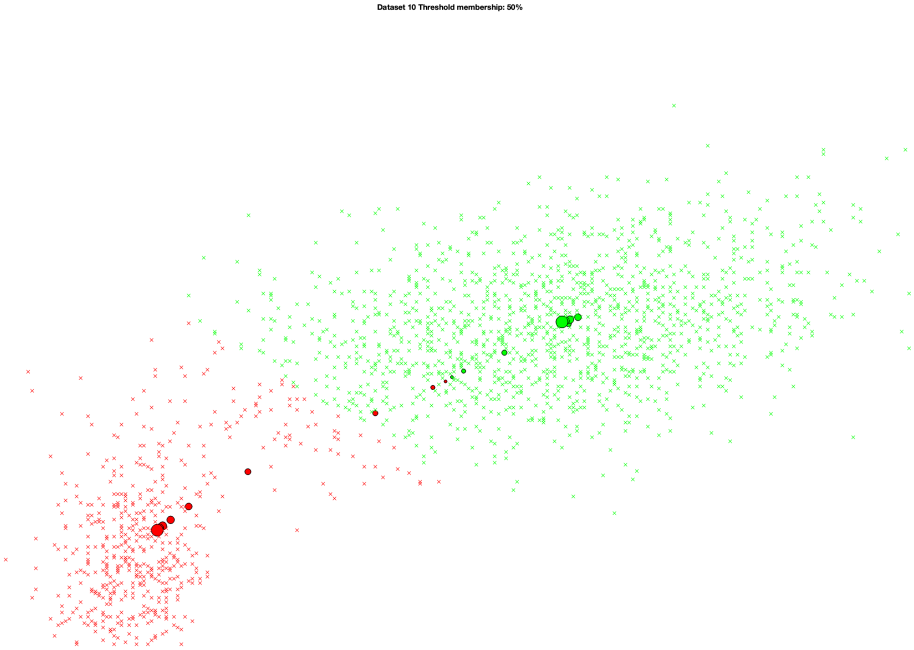


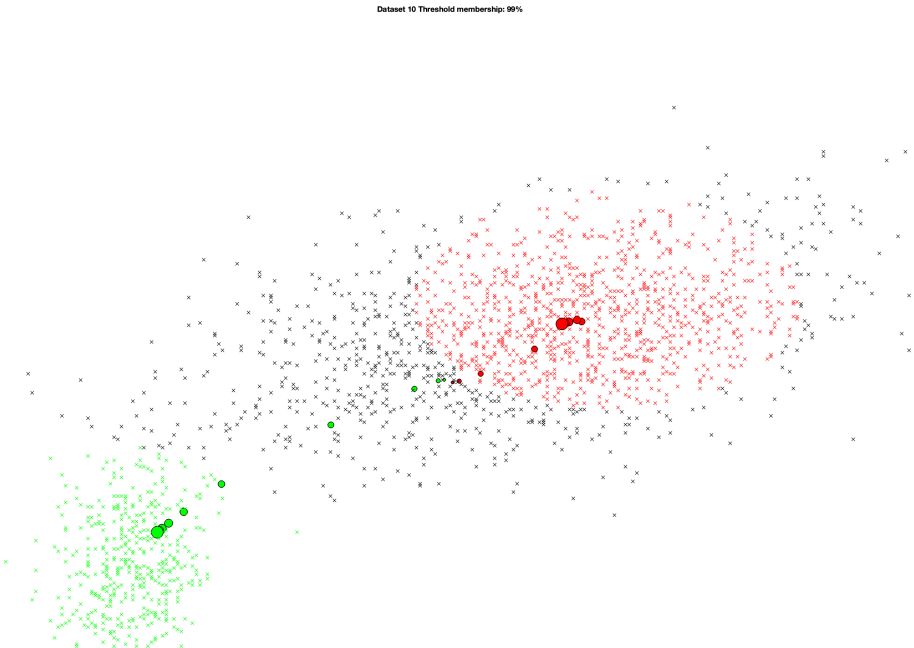
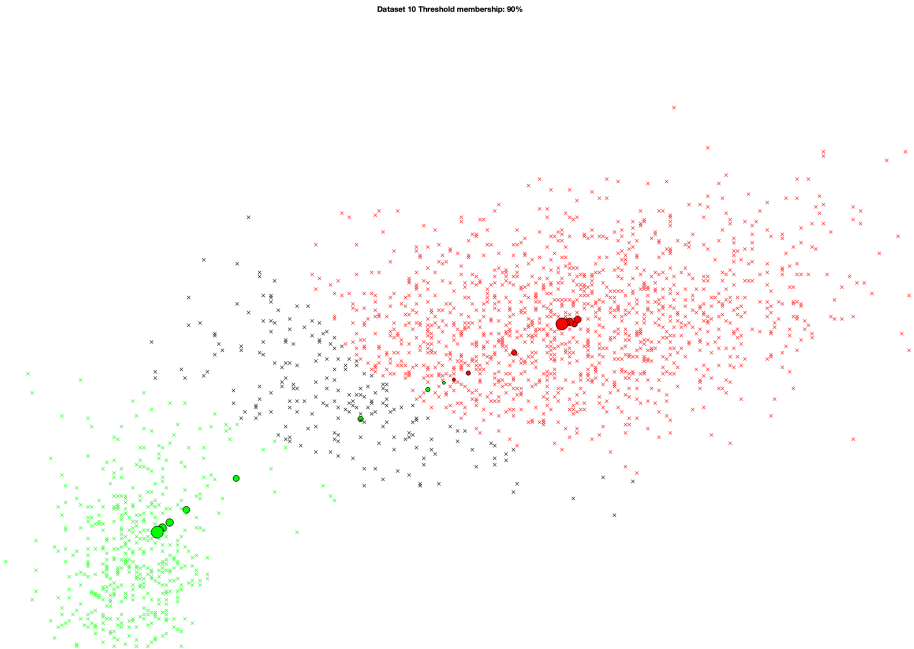
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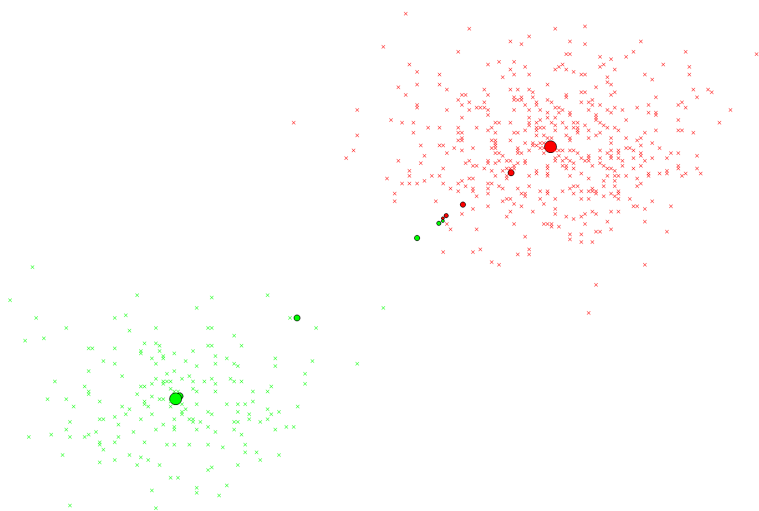




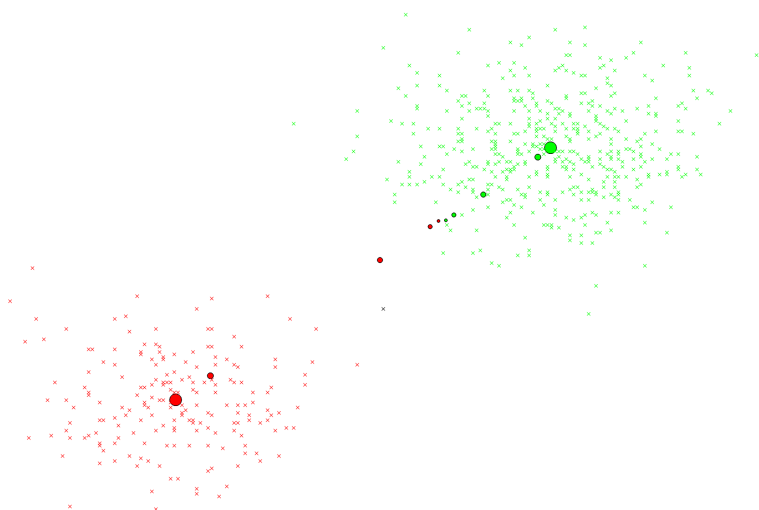




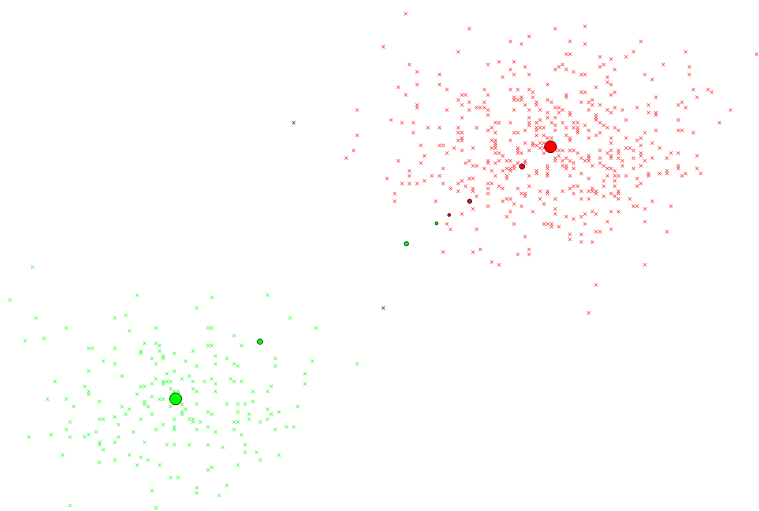
Dataset 11 Threshold membership: 60%



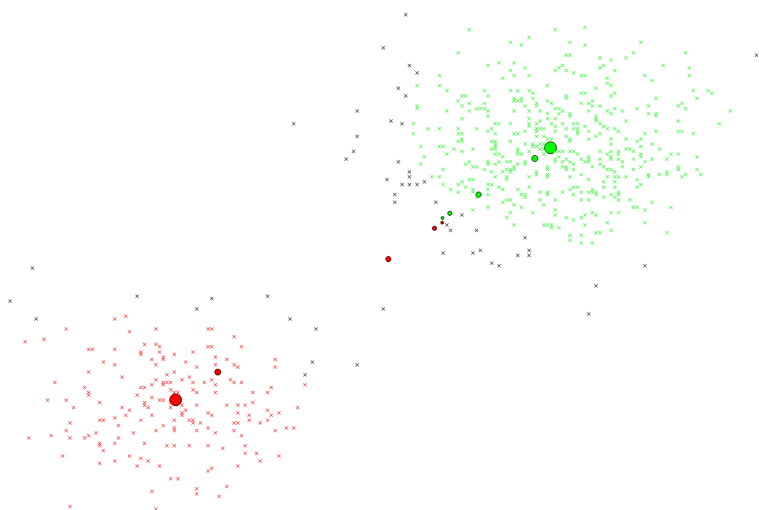
Dataset 11 Threshold membership: 75%

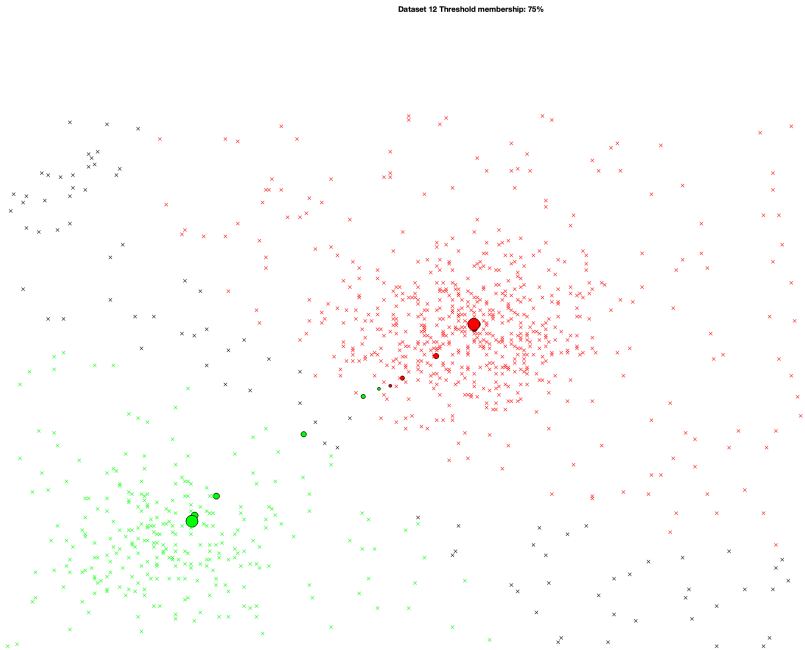
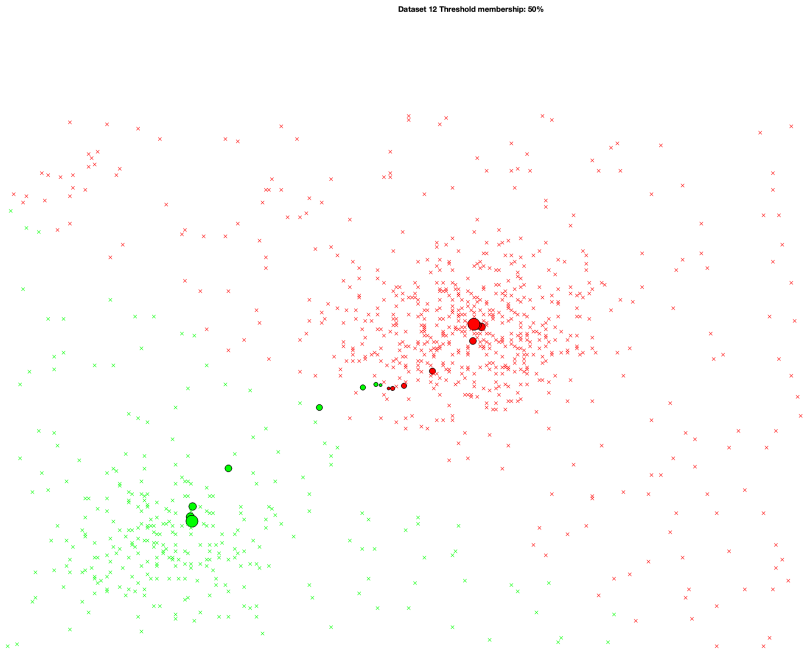


Dataset 11 Threshold membership: 90%



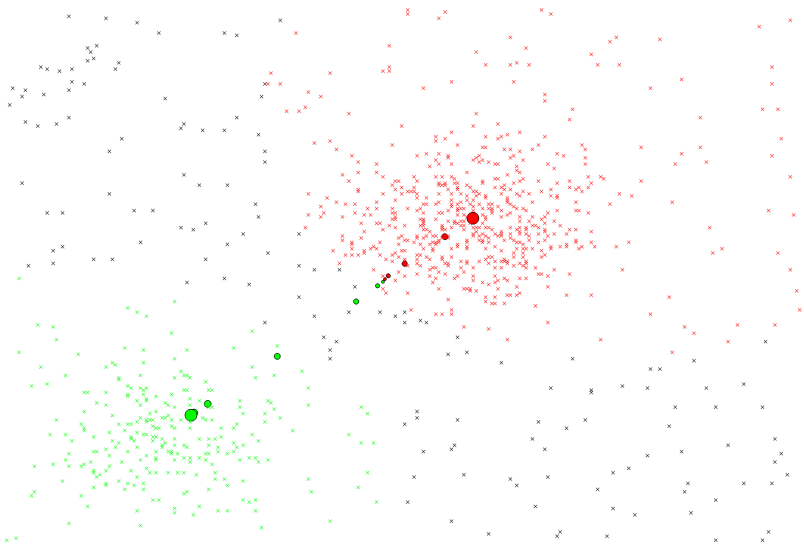
Dataset 11 Threshold membership: 90%



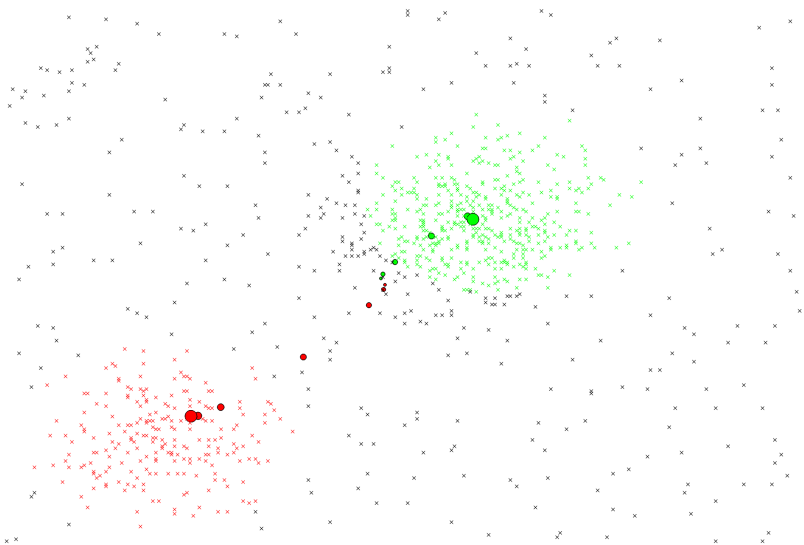




Dataset 12 Threshold membership: 90%



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We can see that the cluster centers start in a random position and migrate towards their final position as the iteration number increases. We can also see that as we increase the required membership probability, more and more points are excluded from the clusters. This is a nice way to visualize the usefulness of soft vs. hard partitions in clustering, and our ability to filter out datapoints that we don't want.

## ***Conclusion***

FCM clustering is a good technique for analyzing data with potentially overlapping clusters. In this assignment we were able to preclude FCM with iVAT in order to determine an appropriate number of clusters, and gather good insights and results from the datasets. We also created a nice way to visualize the iterative nature of FCM, and the usefulness of FCM in filtering out unwanted results.