Chapter 7. Cluster Analysis

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What is Cluster Analysis?

- Cluster: a collection of data objects
 - □ Similar to one another within the same cluster
 - Dissimilar to the objects in other clusters

Cluster analysis

- □ Finding similarities between data according to the characteristics found in the data
 - Here, the similarity measure must be defined first
- Grouping similar data objects into clusters
- Unsupervised learning: no predefined classes



What is Cluster Analysis?

■ **Dissimilarity/Similarity metric:** Similarity is expressed in terms of a distance function, typically metric: d(i, j)

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- The definitions of distance functions
 - □ Usually very different for interval-scaled, Boolean, categorical, ordinal ratio, and numerical features

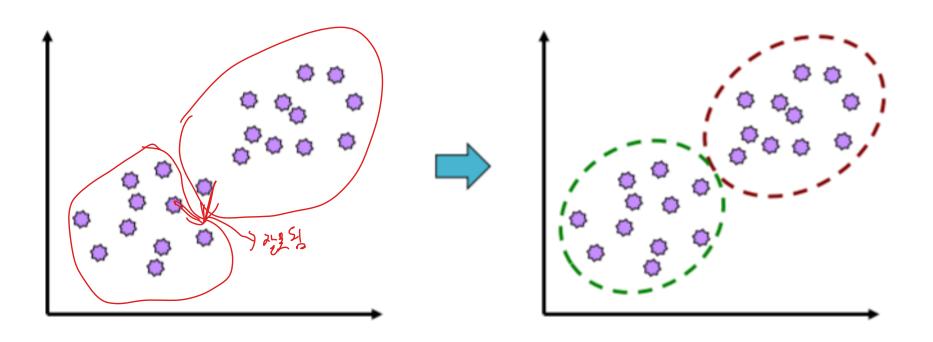
- Hard to define "similar enough" or "good enough" of a cluster analysis
 - The answer is typically highly subjective

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Quality: What Is Good Clustering?

- A good clustering method will produce high quality clusters with
 - □ high <u>intra-cluster</u> similarity
 - low <u>inter-cluster</u> similarity





Applications

- Data visualization and distribution analysis
 - To know the data itself

□ Spatial Data Analysis । o cation अन्या अभिष्ठ अञ्चाल्याला अध्या

- Detect spatial clusters or for other spatial mining tasks
- Economic Science (especially market research)
 - Identify customers whose behaviors are similar

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Cluster Weblog data to discover groups of similar access patterns



Requirements of Clustering / Distance Functions

- □ Ability to deal with different types of features
- Ability to handle dynamic data
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- Some algorithm may look for circle shapes, while others may not
- Minimal requirements for domain knowledge to determine hyper-parameters
- Able to deal with noises and outliers
- □ Insensitive to the order of input data બલ જો જો હેરે ખેરમ અને માના મુદ્રેમ ખર્મા
- High dimensionality
- Scalability
- Incorporation of user-specified constraints

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Major Clustering Approaches

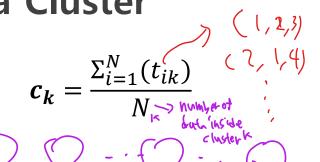
- □ Partitioning approach: 7 clusters

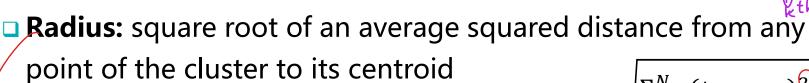
- Construct various partitions and then evaluate them by some criterion, e.g., minimizing the sum of pairwise-distances within a cluster
- Examples: k-means, k-medoids, CLARANS
- Hierarchical approach:
 - Create a hierarchical decomposition of the set of data (or objects) using some criterion
 - Examples: Diana, Agnes, BIRCH, ROCK, CHAMELEON
- Density-based approach:
 - Based on some density functions
 - Examples: DBSACN, OPTICS



Centroid, Radius, and Diameter of a Cluster

- □ Centroid: the "middle" of a cluster
 - \Box t_{ik} : a data point associated with the k-th cluster



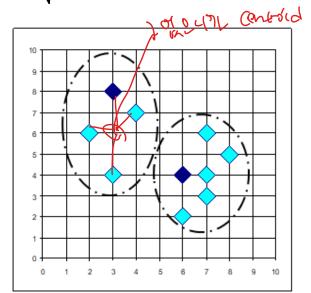


$$R_k = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (t_{ik} - c_k)^2}{N}}$$

Diameter: square root of an average squared distance between all possible pairs of points in the cluster

$$D_{k} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=i+1}^{N} (t_{ik} - t_{jk})^{2}}{N(N-1)/2}}$$

$$N(N-1)/2$$



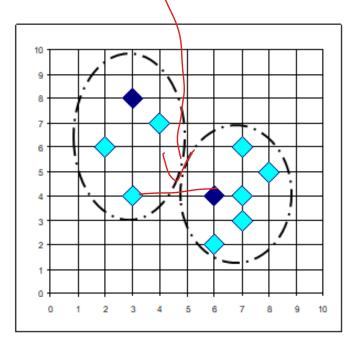
Distance between Clusters

■ Single link: smallest distance between an element in one cluster and an element in the other

$$\Box$$
 dis(K_i, K_j) = min(t_{ip}, t_{jq})

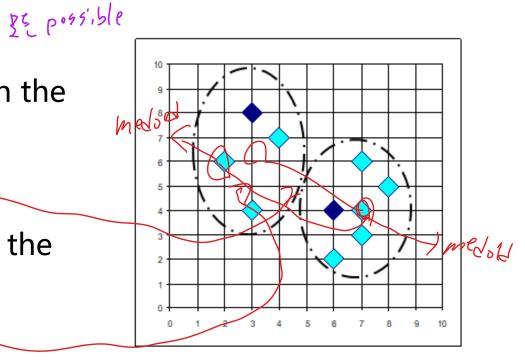
■Complete link: largest distance between an element in one cluster and an element in the other

 \Box dis(K_i, K_j) = max(t_{ip}, t_{jq})



Distance between Clusters

- Average: average distance between an element in one cluster and an element in the other
 - \Box dis(K_i, K_j) = avg(t_{ip}, t_{jq})
- Centroid: distance between the centroids of two clusters
 - \Box dis(K_i, K_j) = dis(c_i, c_j)
- **Medoid:** distance between the medoids of two clusters
 - \Box dis(K_i, K_j) = dis(M_i, M_j)
 - Medoid: one chosen, centrally located (real) object in the cluster





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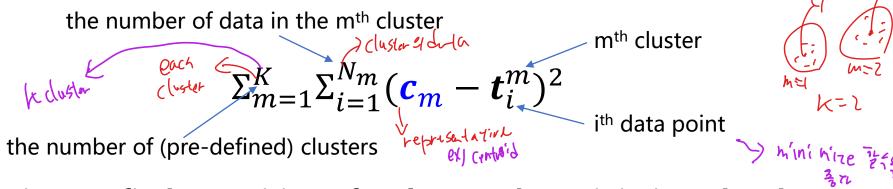
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Partitioning Methods: Basic Concept

■ **Partitioning methods:** Construct a partition of *N* data points into a set of *K* clusters, having the minimum sum of squared distances of objects to their representative (e.g., centroid, medoid) of a cluster



- □ Given *K*, find a partition of *K* clusters that minimizes the above partitioning criterion
 - Global optimal: evaluate "all" possible partitions (impossible!)
 - Heuristic methods: *k-means* and *k-medoids* algorithms
 - **k-means**: Each cluster is represented by the centroid of the cluster
 - k-medoids: Each cluster is represented by one of the objects (medoid) in the cluster



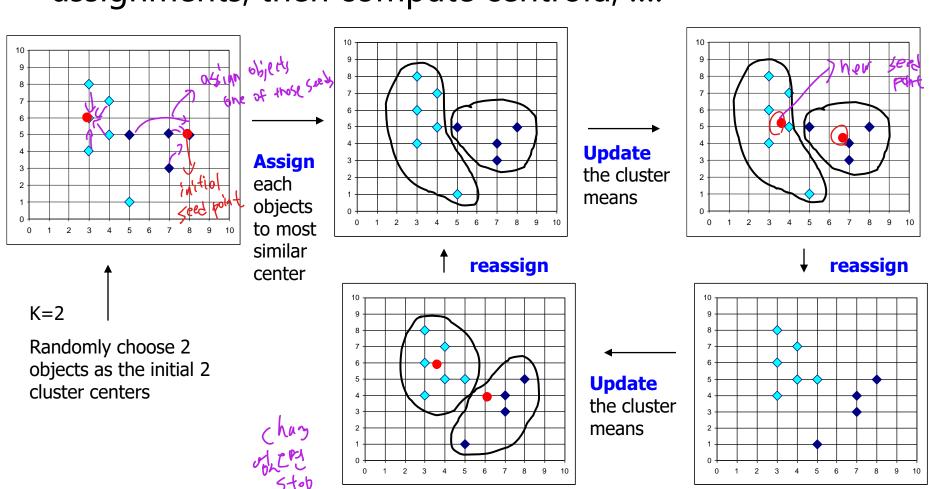
The K-Means Clustering Method

- □ K-means clustering algorithm is implemented in four steps:
 - 1. Randomly select k seed points, and assign objects to one of those seeds.
 - 2. **Compute** seed points as the centroids of the clusters of the current partition
 - Assign each object to the nearest centroid, forming new clusters
 - 4. Go back to Step 2, stop when no more new assignment



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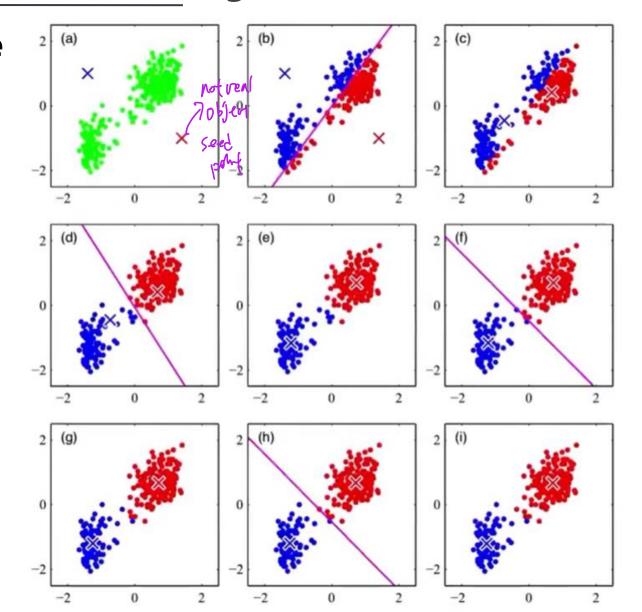
□ **Iterative solution:** compute centroid, then compute assignments, then compute centroid,





The K-Means Clustering Method

Example



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