



# Computer Vision

**CSC-455**

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## Image Segmentation Algorithms (Techniques)

- Thresholding: Global vs Adaptive.
- Region Growing
- Region Splitting and Merging
- Cluster Analysis:

k-Mean Clustering

k-Mode Clustering

Hierarchical Clustering

Fuzzy C-Mean Clustering

Mean Shift Segmentation

# Image Segmentation

- Group similar components (such as, pixels in an image, image frames in a video)
- Applications: Finding tumors, veins, etc. in medical images, finding targets in satellite/aerial images, finding people in surveillance images, summarizing video, etc.

# Image Segmentation

- Segmentation algorithms are based on one of two basic properties of gray-scale values:
  - Discontinuity
    - Partition an image based on abrupt changes in gray-scale levels.
    - Detection of isolated points, lines, and edges in an image.
  - Similarity
    - Thresholding, region growing, and region splitting/merging.

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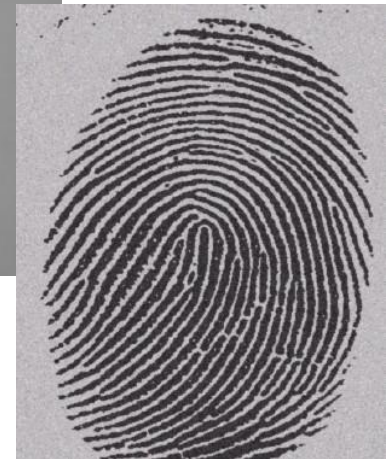
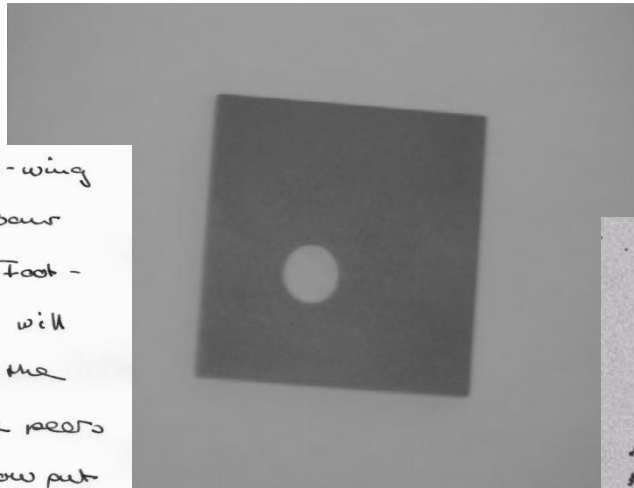
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# Thresholding

- Segmentation into two classes/groups
  - Foreground (Objects)
  - Background

Though they may gather some left-wing support, a large majority of Labour MPs are likely to turn down the Foot-Griffiths resolution. Mr. Foot's line will be that as Labour MPs opposed the Government Bill which brought life peers into existence, they should not now put forward nominees. He believes that the House of Lords should be abolished and that Labour should not take any steps which would appear to "prop up" an out-



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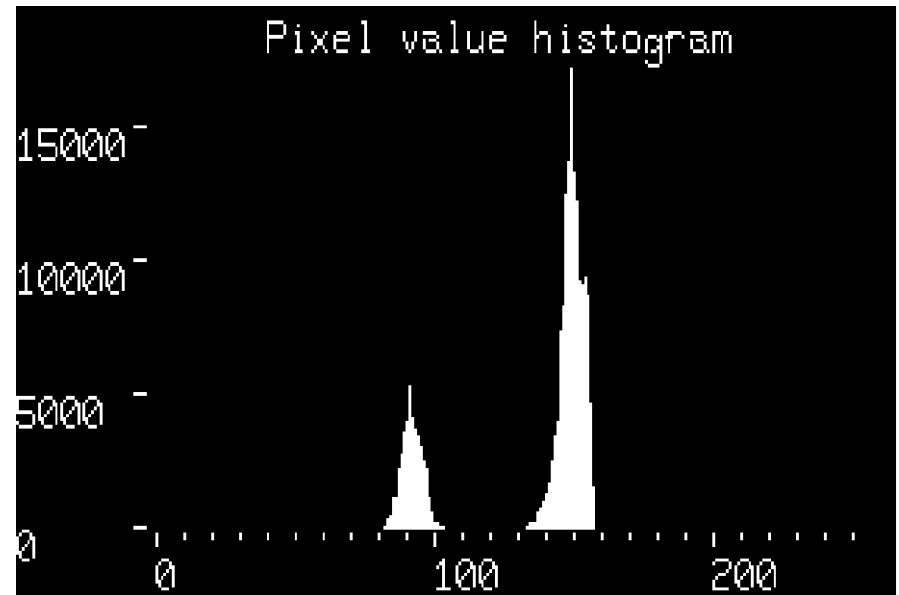
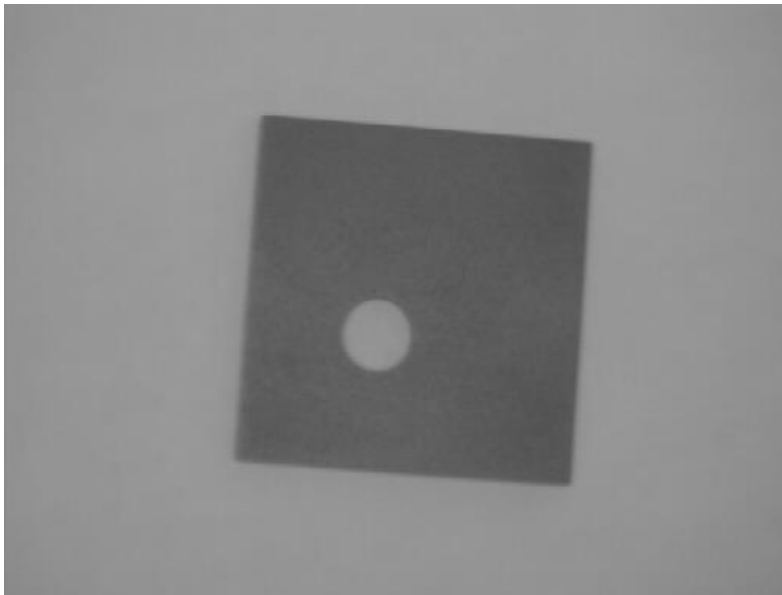
$$g(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(x, y) > T \\ 0 & \text{if } f(x, y) \leq T \end{cases}$$

## Objects & Background

- Global Thresholding
- Local/Adaptive Thresholding

# Global Thresholding

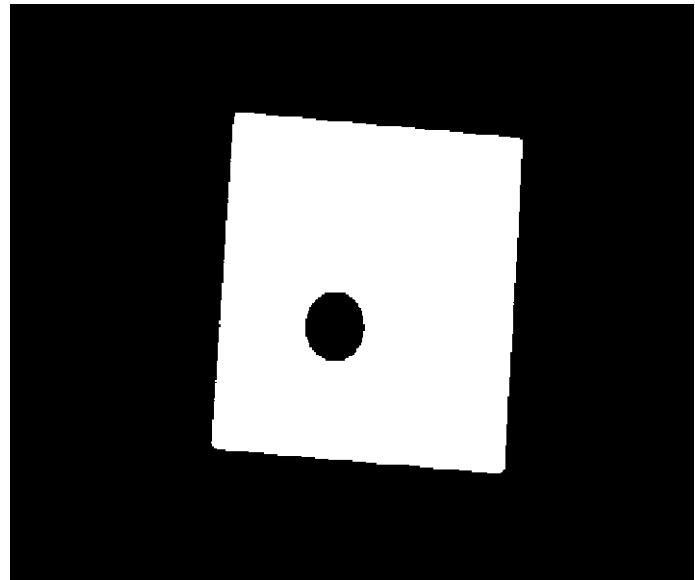
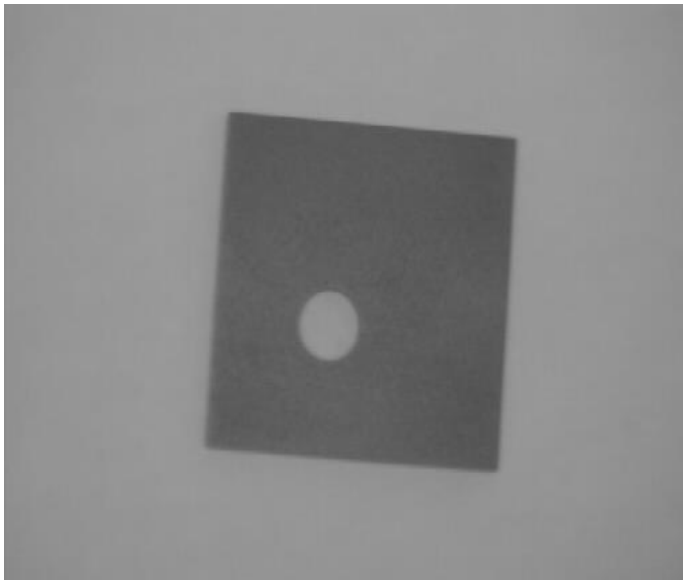
- Single threshold value for entire image
- Fixed ?
- Automatic
  - Intensity histogram





# Global Thresholding

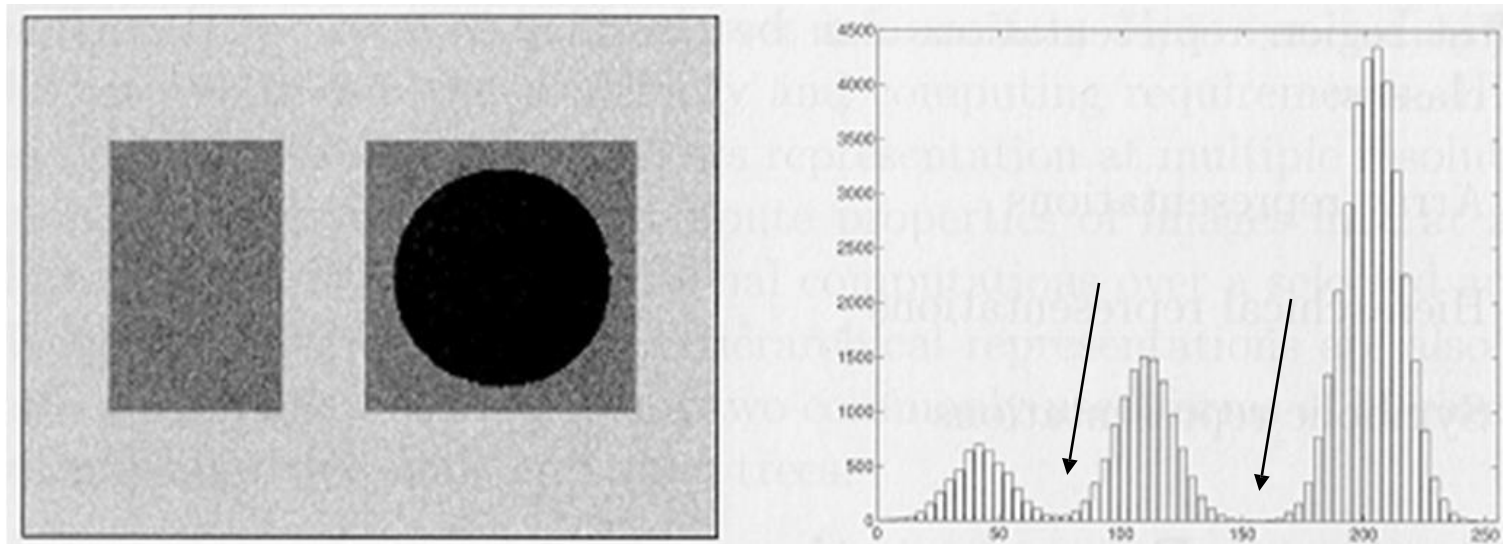
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# Global Thresholding

- Estimate an initial  $T$
- Segment Image using  $T$ : Two groups of pixels  $G1$  and  $G2$
- Compute average gray values  $m1$  and  $m2$  of two groups
- Compute new threshold value  $T = 1/2(m1 + m2)$
- Repeat steps 2 to 4 until:  $\text{abs}(T_i - T_{i-1}) < \text{epsilon}$

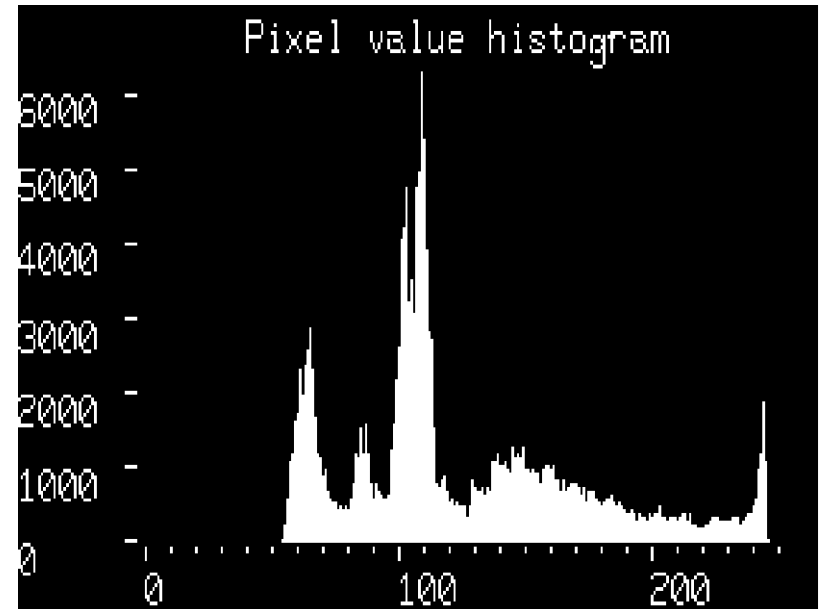
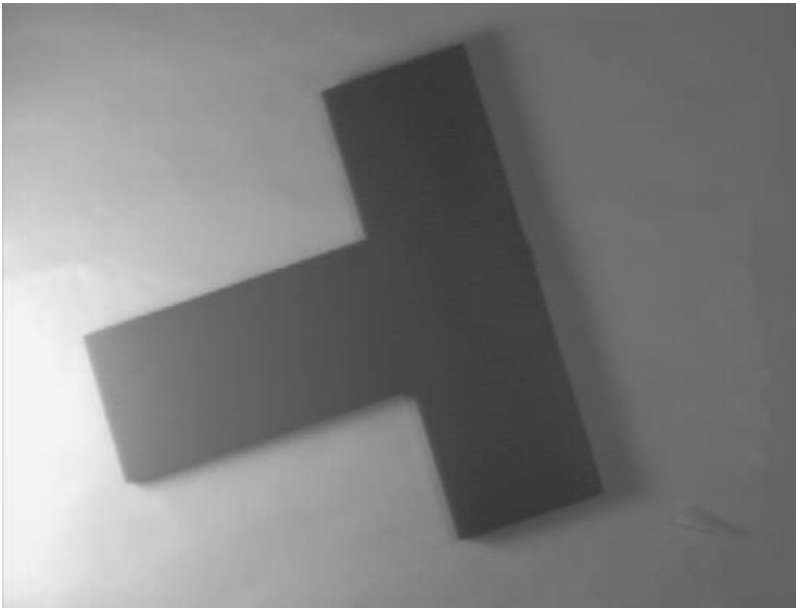
# Global Thresholding



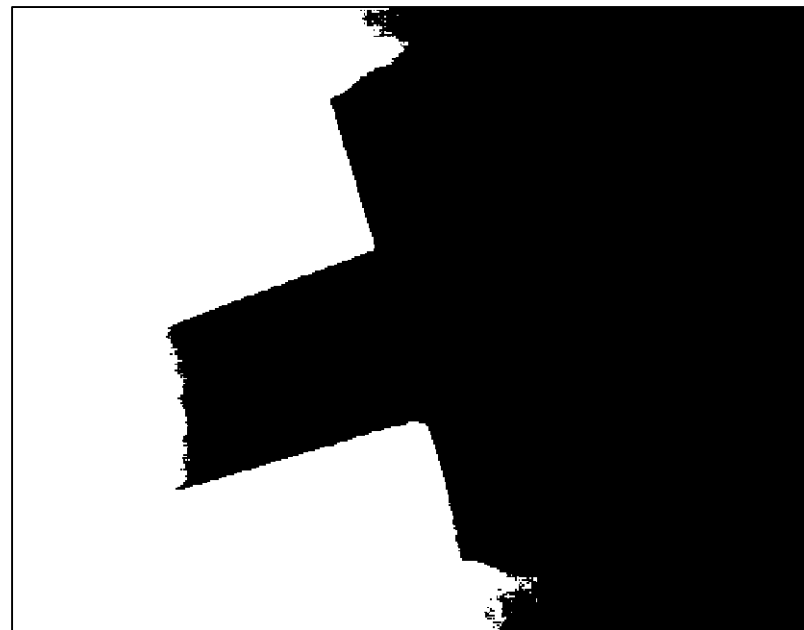
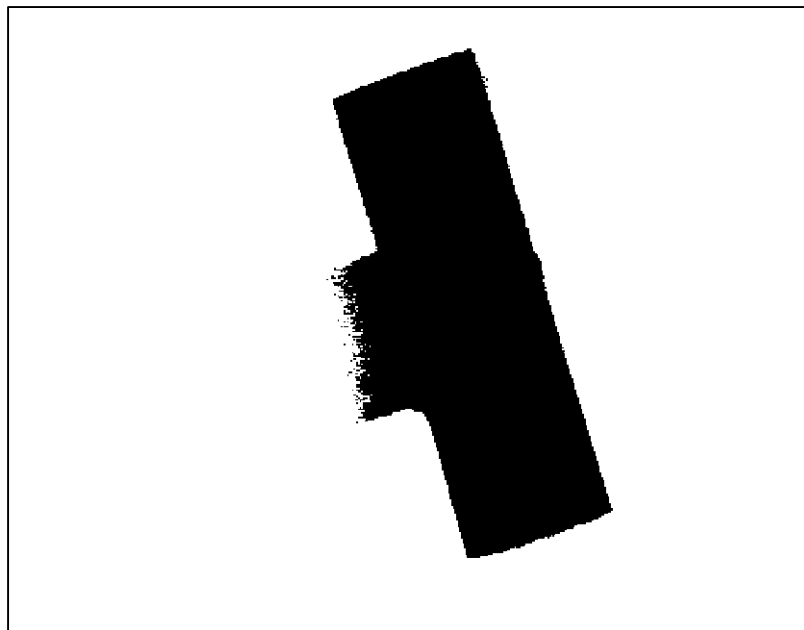
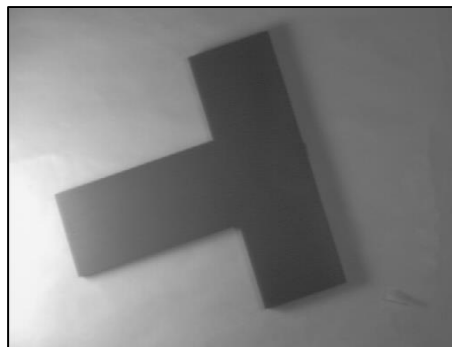
Multilevel thresholding

# Thresholding

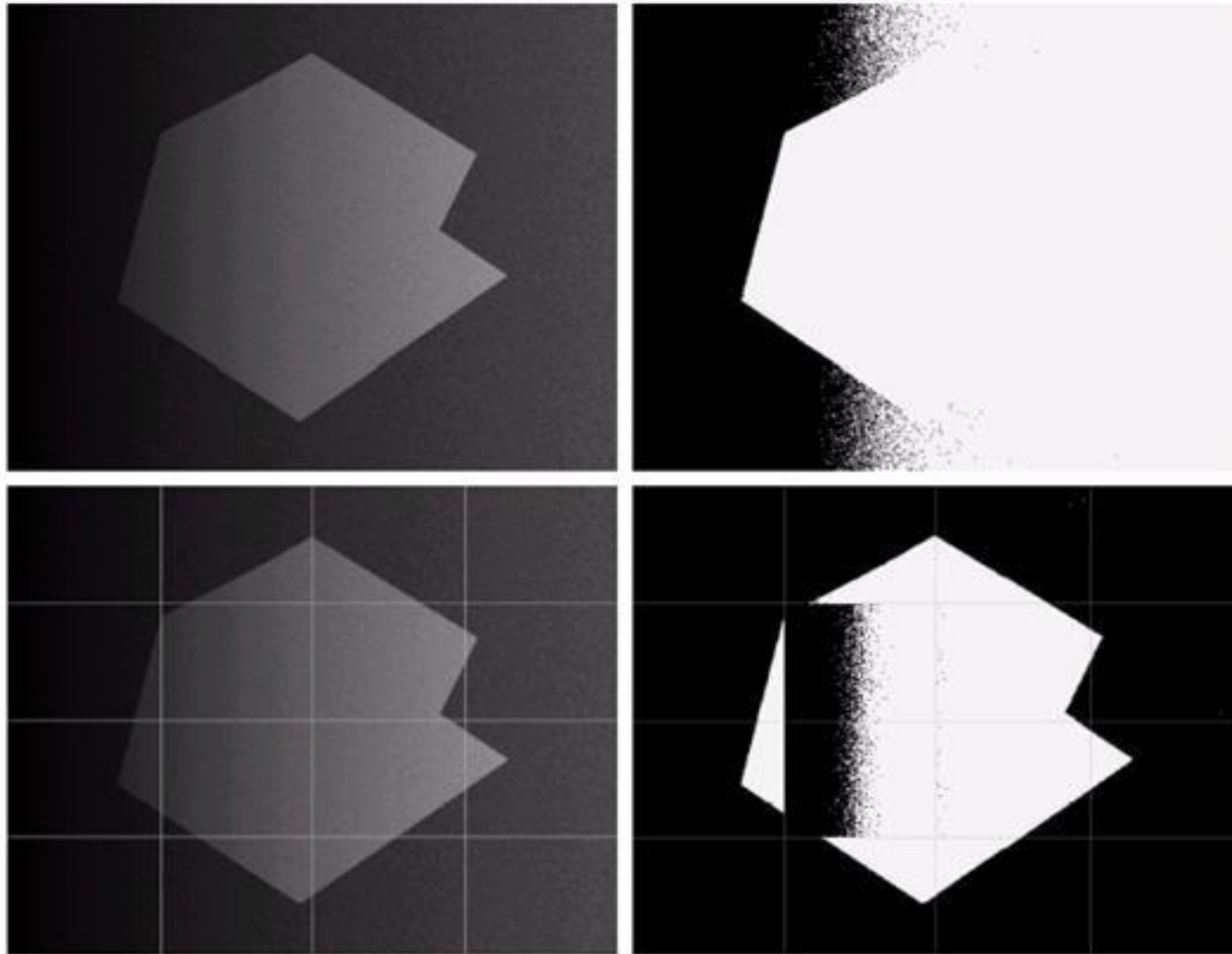
- Non-uniform illumination:



# Global Thresholding



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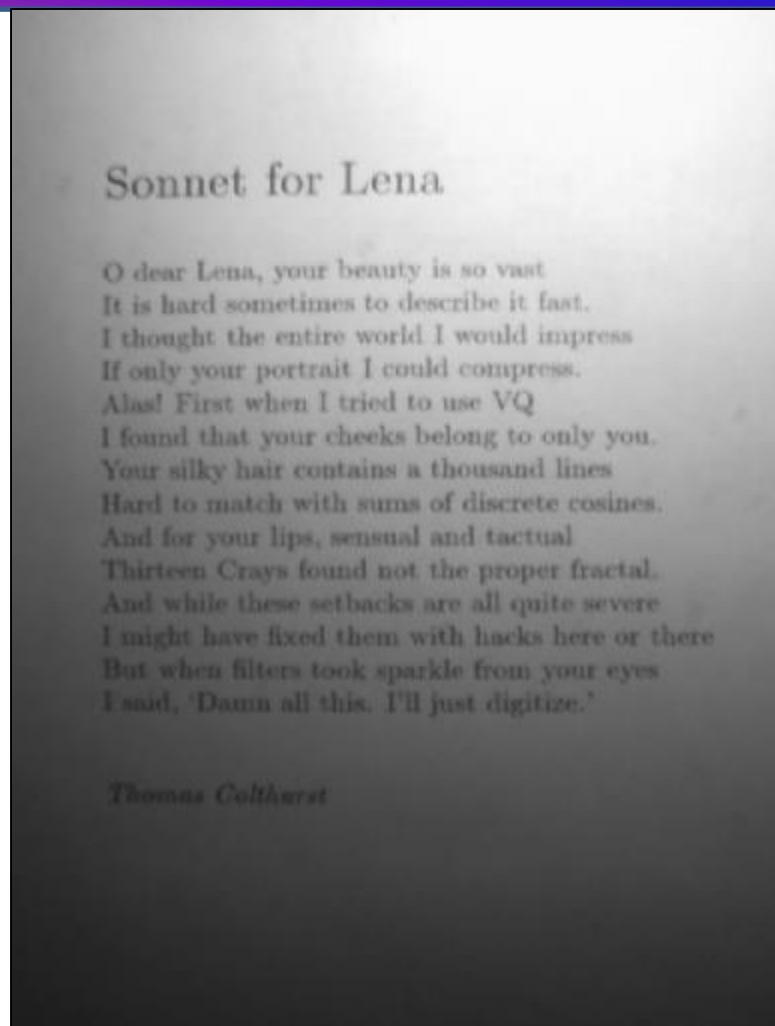
- Threshold: function of neighboring pixels

$$T = \text{mean } T$$

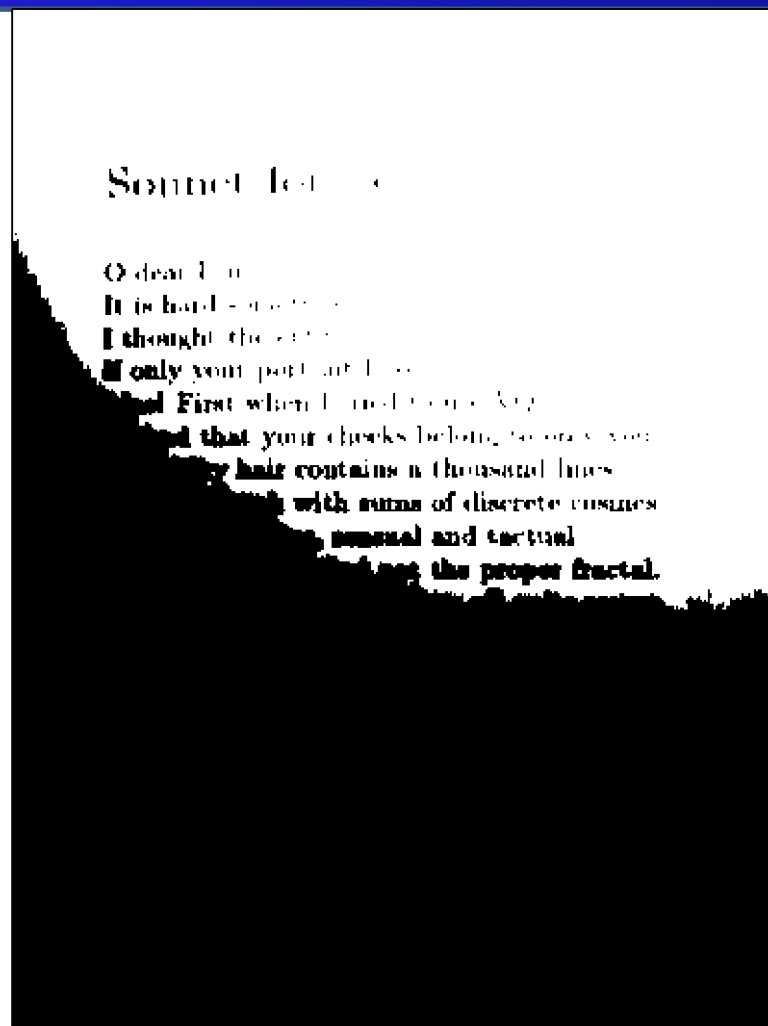
$$= \text{median}$$

$$T = \frac{\text{max} + \text{min}}{2}$$

# Adaptive Thresholding



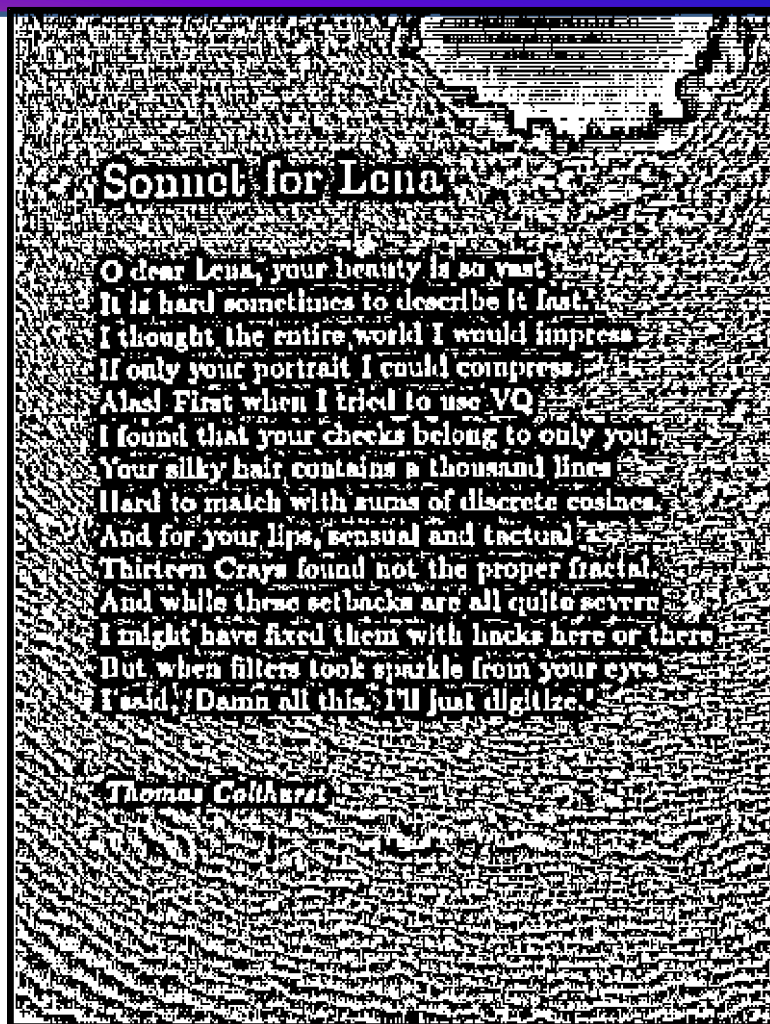
Original Image



Global Thresholding



# Adaptive Thresholding



T=mean, neighborhood=7x7

## Sonnet for Lena

O dear Lena, your beauty is so vast  
It is hard sometimes to describe it fast.  
I thought the entire world I would impress  
If only your portrait I could compress.  
Alas! First when I tried to use VQ  
I found that your cheeks belong to only you.  
Your silky hair contains a thousand lines  
Hard to match with sums of discrete cosines.  
And for your lips, sensual and tactual  
Thirteen Crays found not the proper fractal.  
And while these setbacks are all quite severe  
I might have fixed them with hacks here or there.  
But when filters took sparkle from your eyes  
I said, 'Damn all this. I'll just digitize.'

*Thomas Calhoun*

T=mean-Const., neighborhood=7x7

# Adaptive Thresholding

- Niblack Algorithm

$$T = m + k \times s$$

$m$  = mean

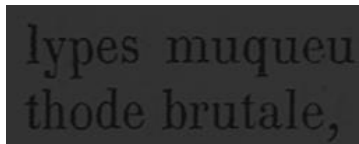
$s$  = standard deviations

$k$  = Niblack constant

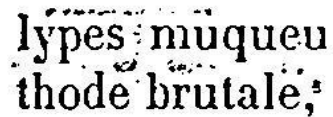
- Neighborhood size???

# Document Binarization

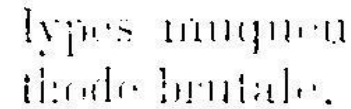
- Local Thresholding – Examples

The image shows a snippet of text from a document, rendered in a dark, slightly noisy font. The text is "lypes muqueu thode brutale,". The background is dark, and the text is light.

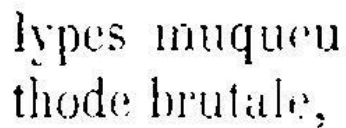
Original

The image shows the same text snippet as the original, but with Niblack thresholding applied. The text is now white on a black background, with some noise visible around the characters.

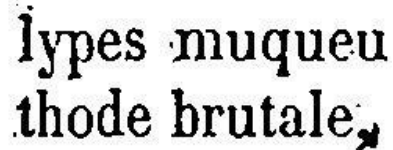
Niblack

The image shows the same text snippet as the original, but with Sauvola thresholding applied. The text is white on a black background, with some noise visible around the characters.

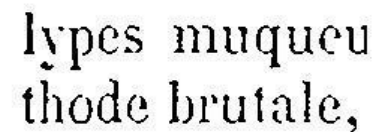
Sauvola

The image shows the same text snippet as the original, but with Wolf thresholding applied. The text is white on a black background, with some noise visible around the characters.

Wolf

The image shows the same text snippet as the original, but with Feng thresholding applied. The text is white on a black background, with some noise visible around the characters.

Feng

The image shows the same text snippet as the original, but with NICK thresholding applied. The text is white on a black background, with some noise visible around the characters.

NICK

# Region-Based Segmentation

- Divide the image into regions
  - $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N$
- Following properties must hold:

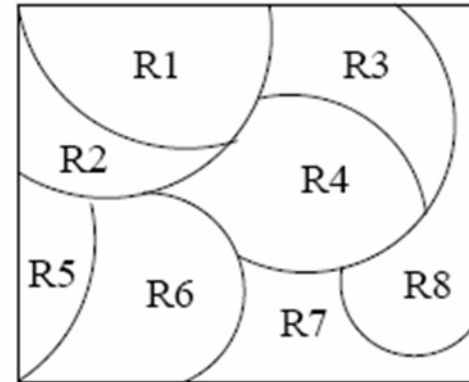
$$(1) R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \dots \cup R_n = R$$

(2)  $R_i$  is connected

$$(3) R_i \cap R_j = \text{empty}$$

$$(4) P(R_i) = \text{True}$$

$$(5) P(R_i \cup R_j) = \text{False} \quad (\text{For adjacent regions})$$



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# Region-Based Segmentation

## ■ Region Growing

- Region growing: groups pixels or subregions into larger regions.
- *Pixel aggregation*: starts with a set of “seed” points and from these grows regions by appending to each seed points those neighboring pixels that have similar properties (such as gray level).

1. Choose the seed pixel(s).
2. Check the neighboring pixels and add them to the region if they are similar to the seed
3. Repeat step 2 for each of the newly added pixels; stop if no more pixels can be added

Predicate: for example  $\text{abs}(z_j - \text{seed}) < \text{Epsilon}$

# Region-Based Segmentation

- Example

10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10	10	10	69	70	10	10
59	10	60	64	59	56	60
10	59	10	<u>60</u>	70	10	62
10	60	59	65	67	10	65
10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10	10	10	10	10	10	10

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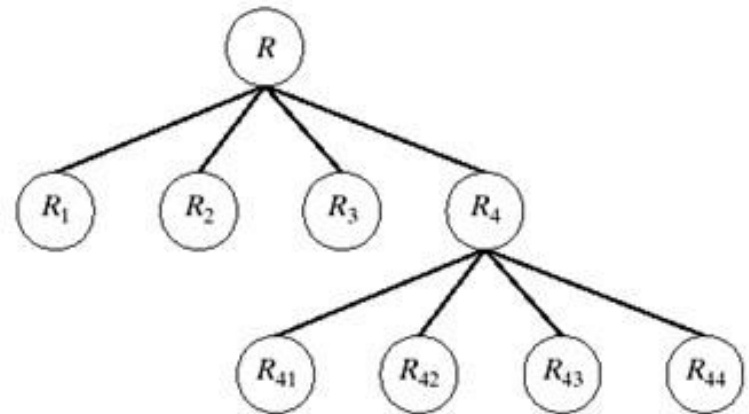
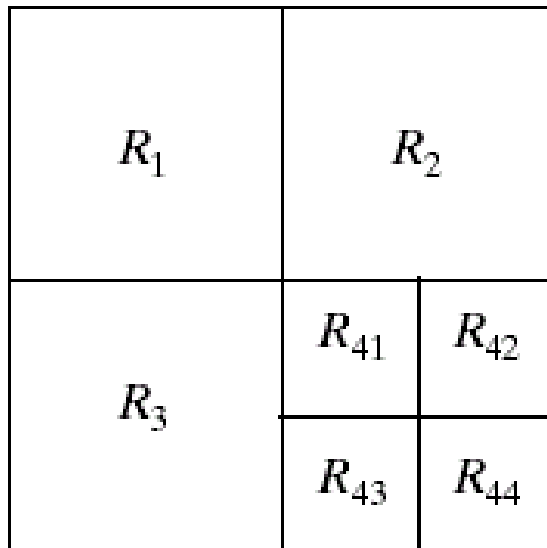
## ■ Region Splitting

- Region Growing: Starts from a set of seed points.
- Region Splitting: Starts with the whole image as a single region and subdivide the regions that do not satisfy a condition.
- Image = One Region R
- Select a predicate P (gray values etc.)
- Successively divide each region into smaller and smaller quadrant regions so that:

$$P(R_i) = \text{true}$$

# Region-Based Segmentation

- Region Splitting



**Problem?** Adjacent regions could be same

**Solution?** Allow Merge

# Region-Based Segmentation

- Region Merging

- Region merging is the opposite of region splitting.
- Merge adjacent regions  $R_i$  and  $R_j$  for which:

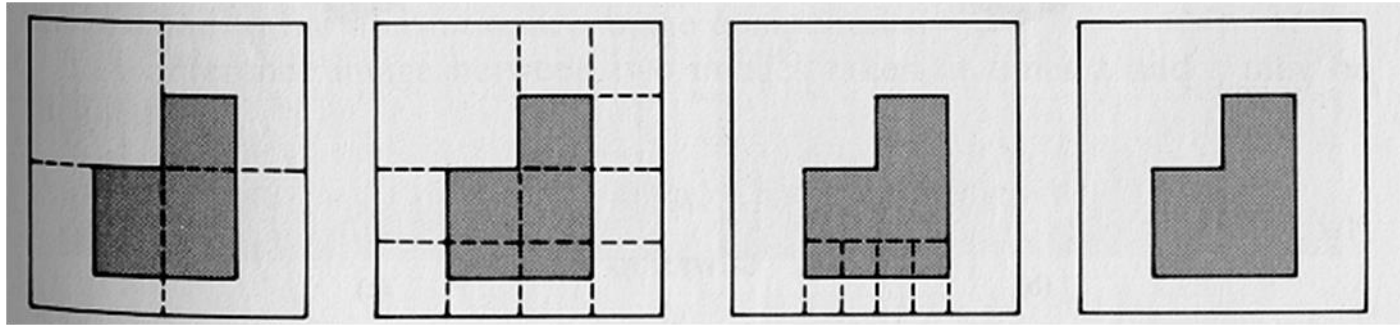
$$P(R_i \cup R_j) = \text{True}$$

- Region Splitting/Merging

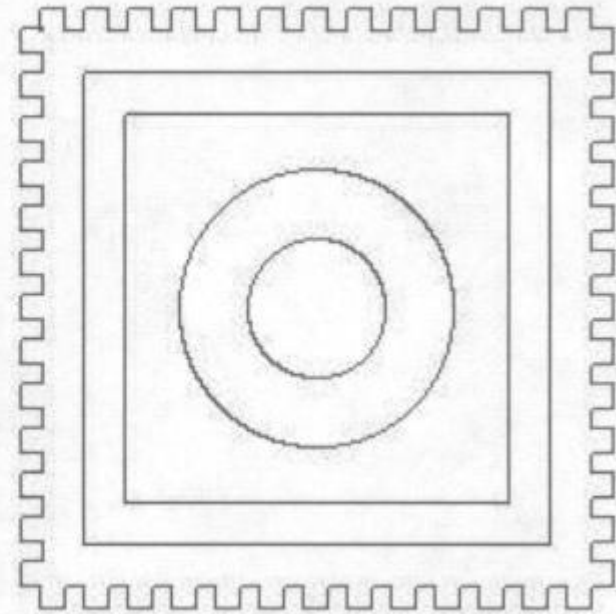
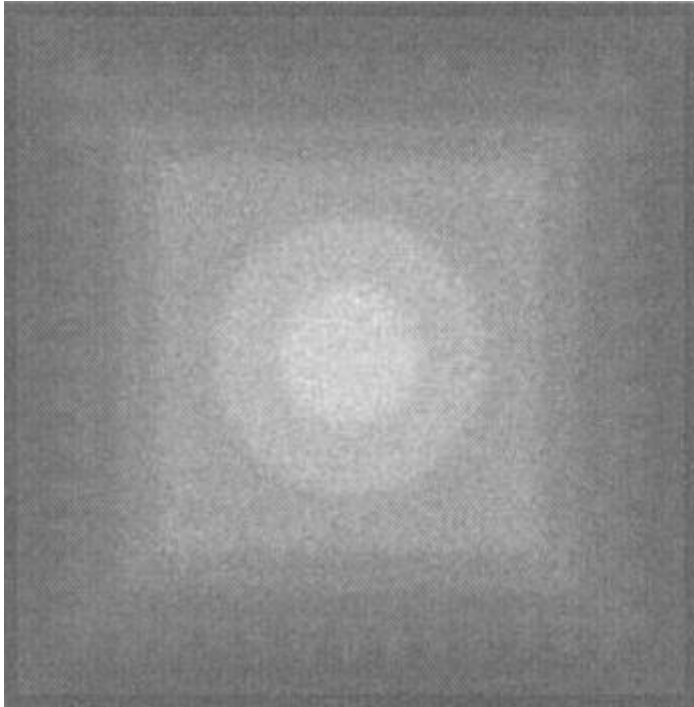
- Stop when no further split or merge is possible

# Region-Based Segmentation

## ■ Example



1. Split into four disjointed quadrants any region  $R_i$  where  $P(R_i)=\text{False}$
2. Merge any adjacent regions  $R_j$  and  $R_k$  for which  $P(R_j \cup R_k)=\text{True}$
3. Stop when no further merging or splitting is possible



Finding the outline and shape of image objects,  
e.g. character recognition.

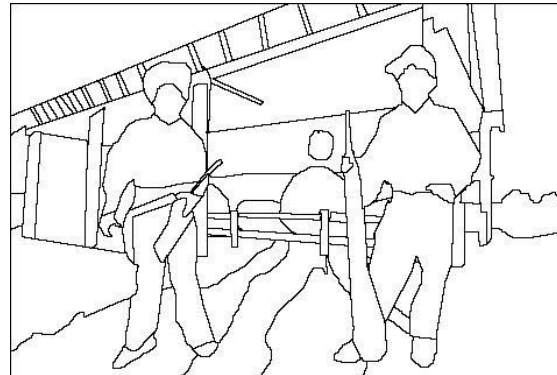
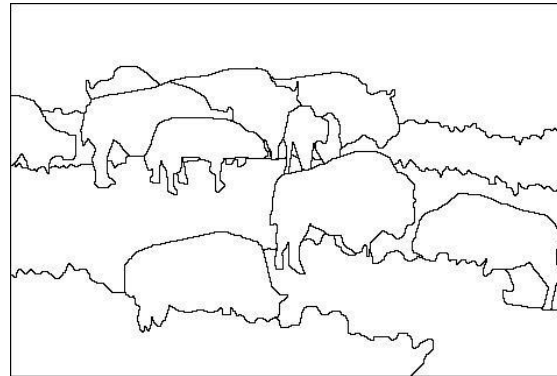
# The goals of segmentation

- Separate image into coherent “objects”

image



human segmentation



Berkeley segmentation database:

<http://www.eecs.berkeley.edu/Research/Projects/CS/vision/grouping/segbench/>

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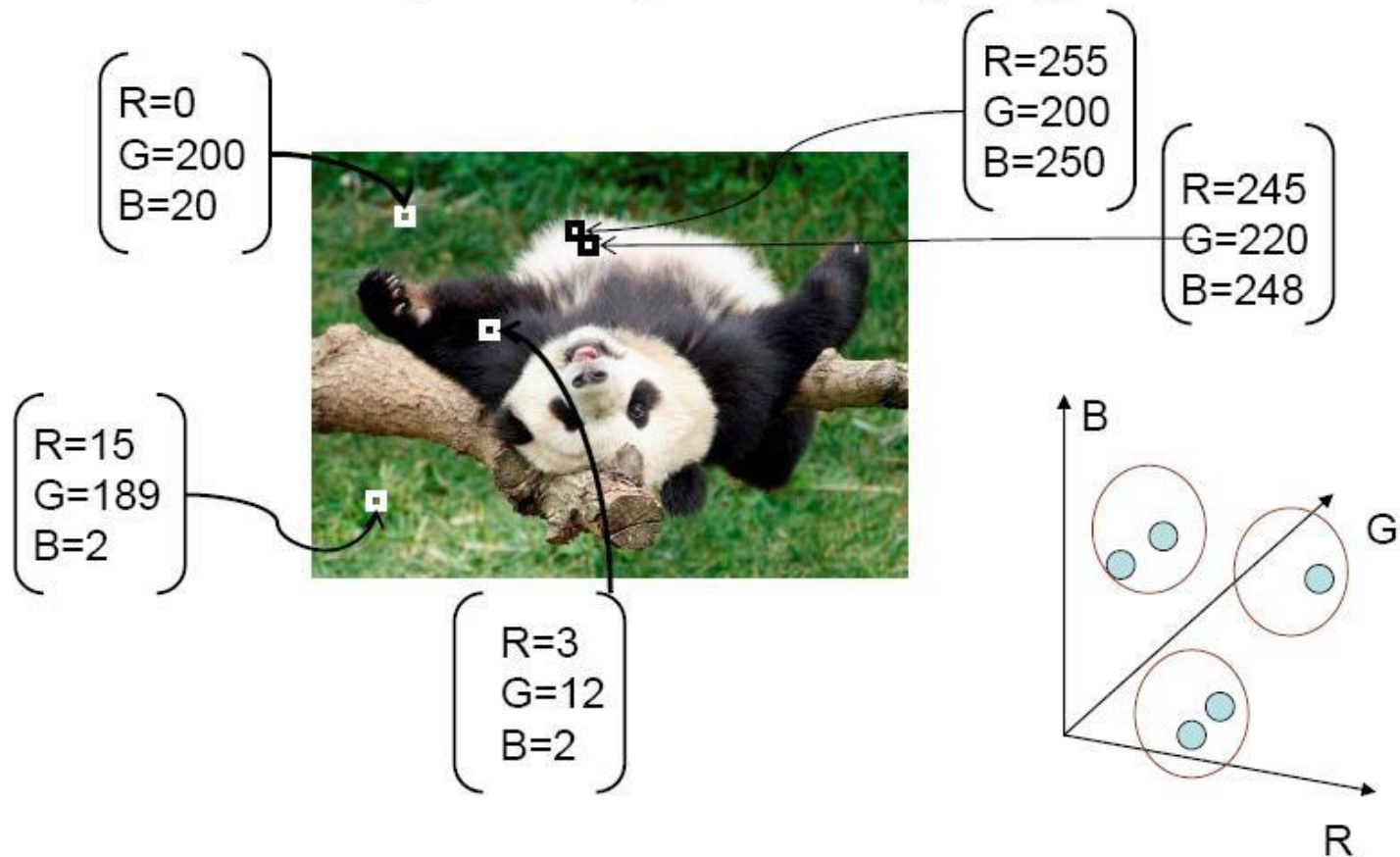
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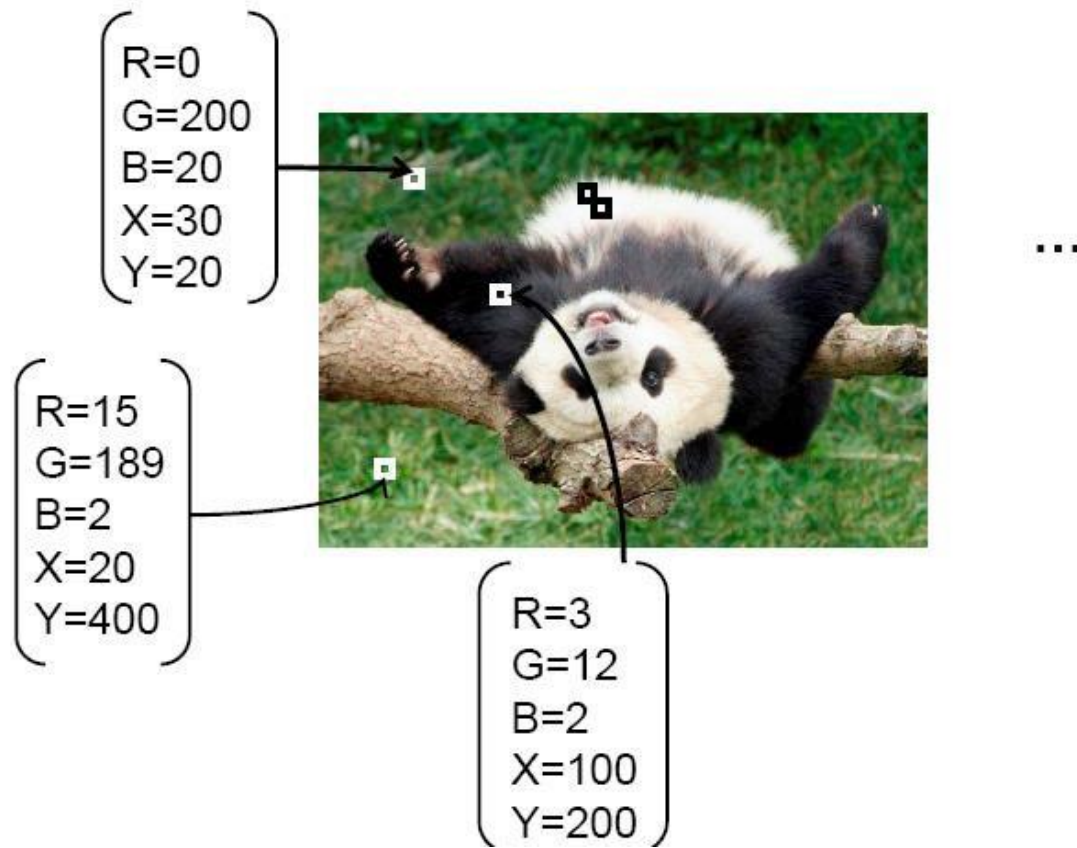
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# What is Cluster Analysis?

- 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 and grouping similar data objects into clusters

# What is Cluster Analysis?

- Clustering analysis is an important human activity
- Early in childhood, we learn how to distinguish between cats and dogs
- **Unsupervised learning**: no predefined classes
- Typical applications
  - As a **stand-alone tool** to get insight into data distribution
  - As a **preprocessing step** for other algorithms

# Types of Clustering

Hierarchical: clusters form a tree

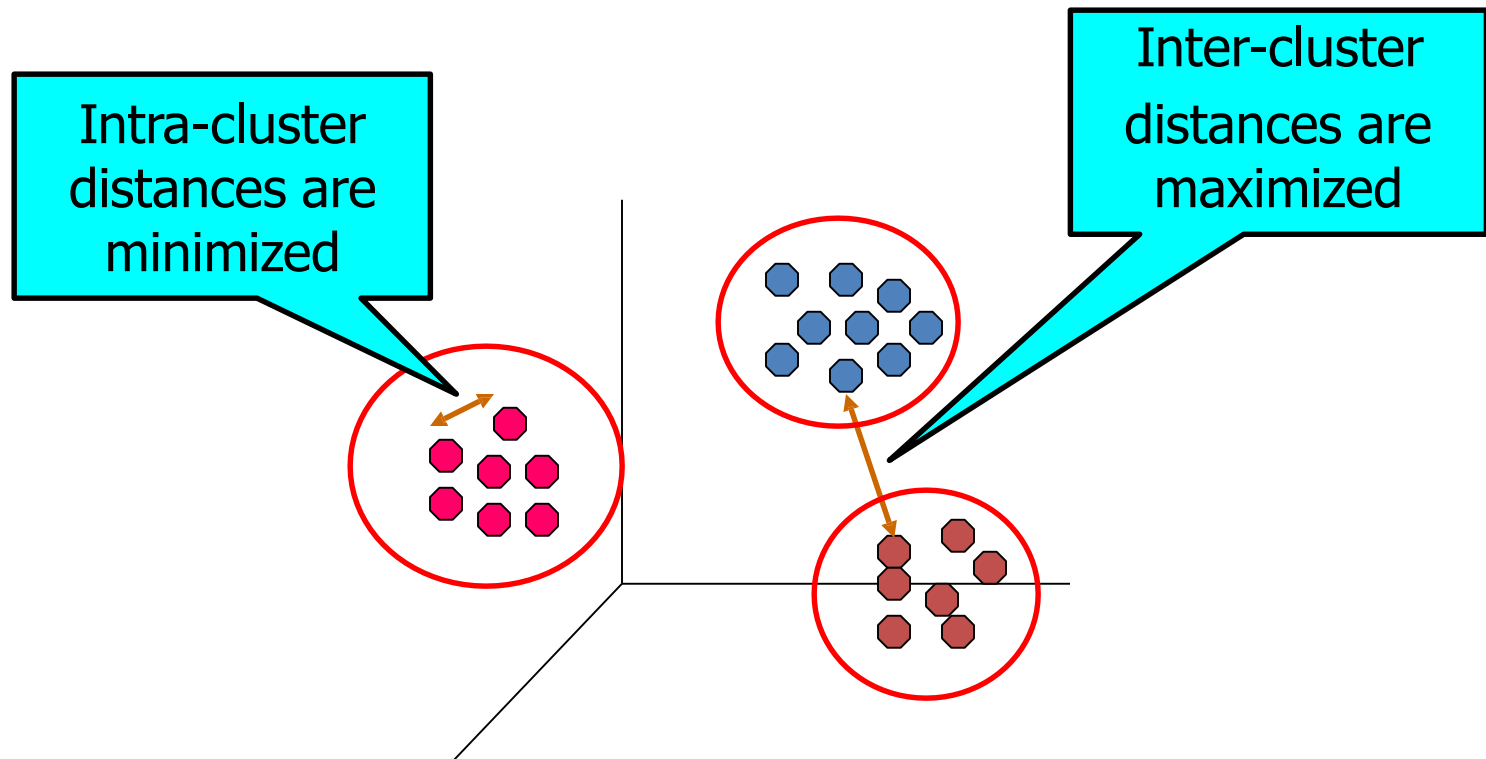
- Agglomerative
- Divisive
- Hard vs. Soft
  - Hard: same object can only belong to single cluster i.e. k-Mean, k-Medoid etc.
  - Soft: same object can belong to different clusters i.e. Fuzzy C Mean Clustering.

# Quality: What Is Good Clustering?

- A good clustering method will produce high quality clusters with
  - high intra-class similarity  
(Similar to one another within the same cluster)
  - low inter-class similarity  
(Dissimilar to the objects in other clusters)

# Quality: What Is Good Clustering?

- Finding groups of objects such that the objects in a group will be similar (or related) to one another and different from (or unrelated to) the objects in other groups



# Similarity and Dissimilarity Between Objects

- Distances are normally used to measure the similarity or dissimilarity between two data objects
- Some popular ones include: *Minkowski distance*:

$$d(i, j) = \sqrt[q]{(|x_{i1} - x_{j1}|^q + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}|^q + \dots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|^q)}$$

where  $i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ip})$  and  $j = (x_{j1}, x_{j2}, \dots, x_{jp})$  are two  $p$ -dimensional data objects, and  $q$  is a positive integer

- If  $q = 1$ ,  $d$  is Manhattan distance

$$d(i, j) = |x_{i1} - x_{j1}| + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}| + \dots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|$$

# Similarity and Dissimilarity Between Objects

- If  $q = 2$ ,  $d$  is Euclidean distance:

$$d(i, j) = \sqrt{(|x_{i1} - x_{j1}|^2 + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}|^2 + \dots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|^2)}$$

- Also, one can use weighted distance, parametric Pearson correlation, or other dissimilarity measures



# Clustering Algorithms: Basic Concept

- Given a  $k$ , find a partition of  $k$  *clusters* that optimizes the chosen partitioning criterion
- *k-means* and *k-medoids* algorithms
  - *k-means* (MacQueen'67): Each cluster is represented by the center of the cluster
  - *k-medoids* or PAM (Partition around medoids) (Kaufman & Rousseeuw'87): Each cluster is represented by one of the objects in the cluster

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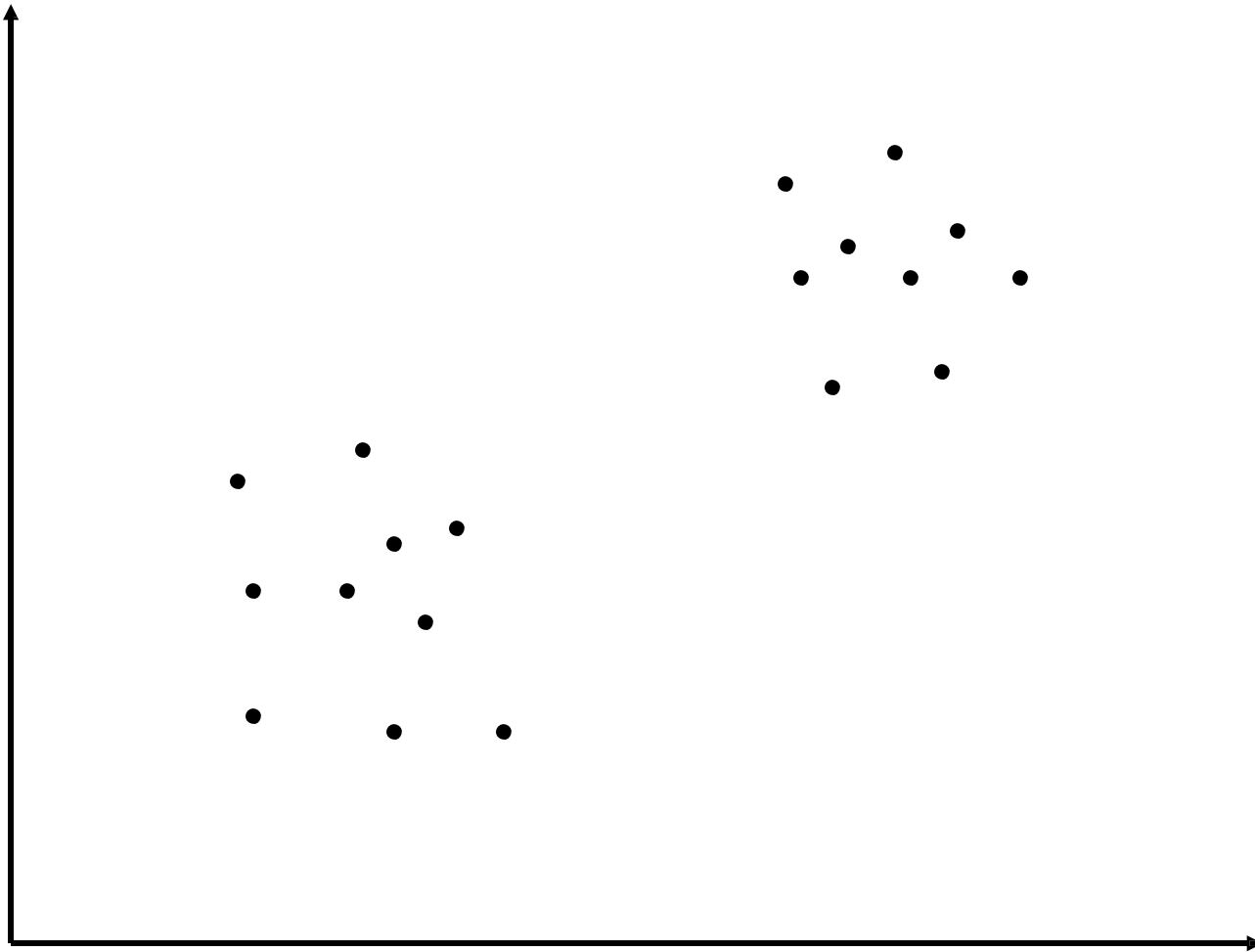
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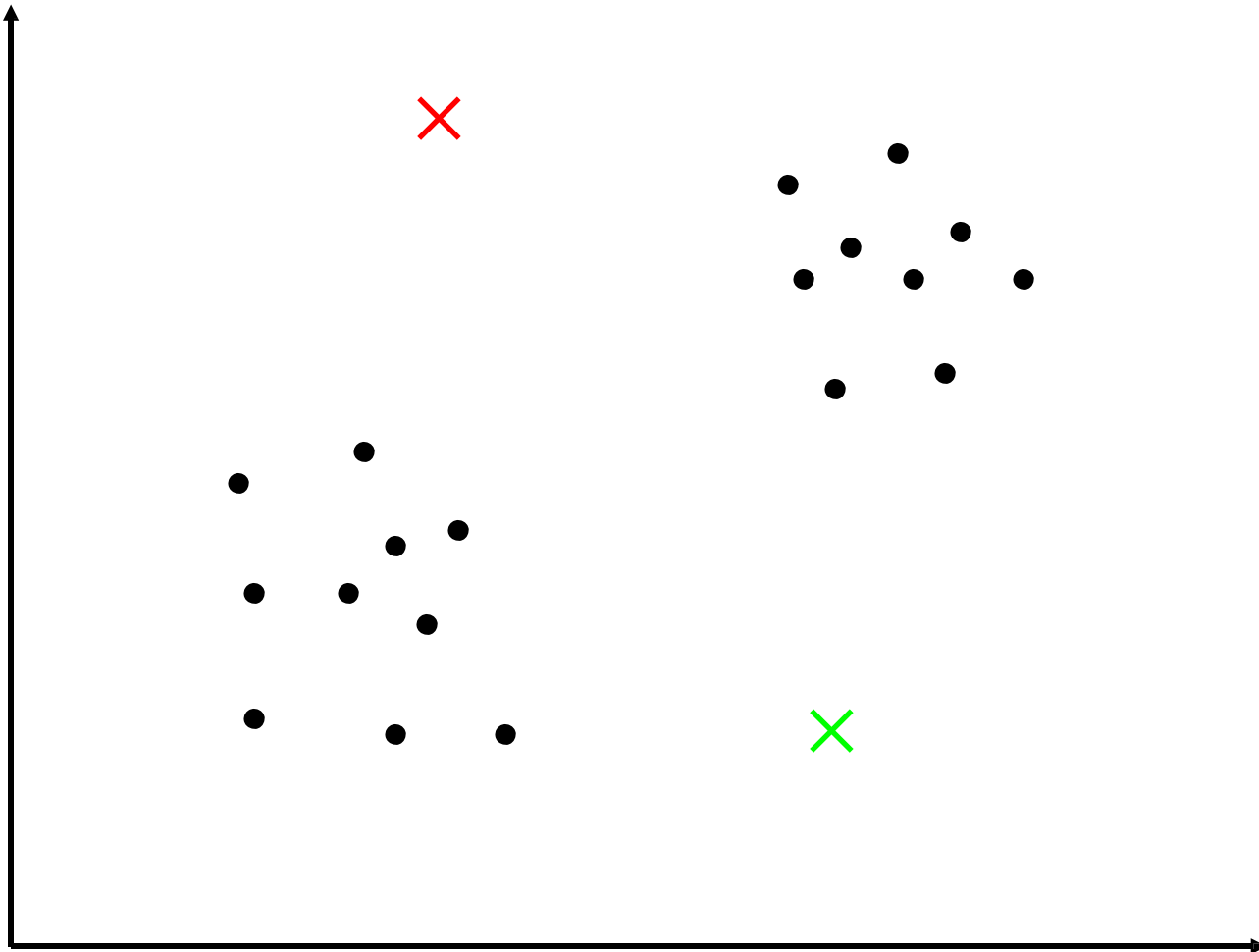
# K-Means Clustering

1. Chose the number ( $K$ ) of clusters and randomly select the centroids of each cluster.
2. For each data point:
  - Calculate the distance from the data point to each cluster.
  - Assign the data point to the closest cluster.
3. Recompute the centroid of each cluster.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until there is no further change in the assignment of data points (or in the centroids).

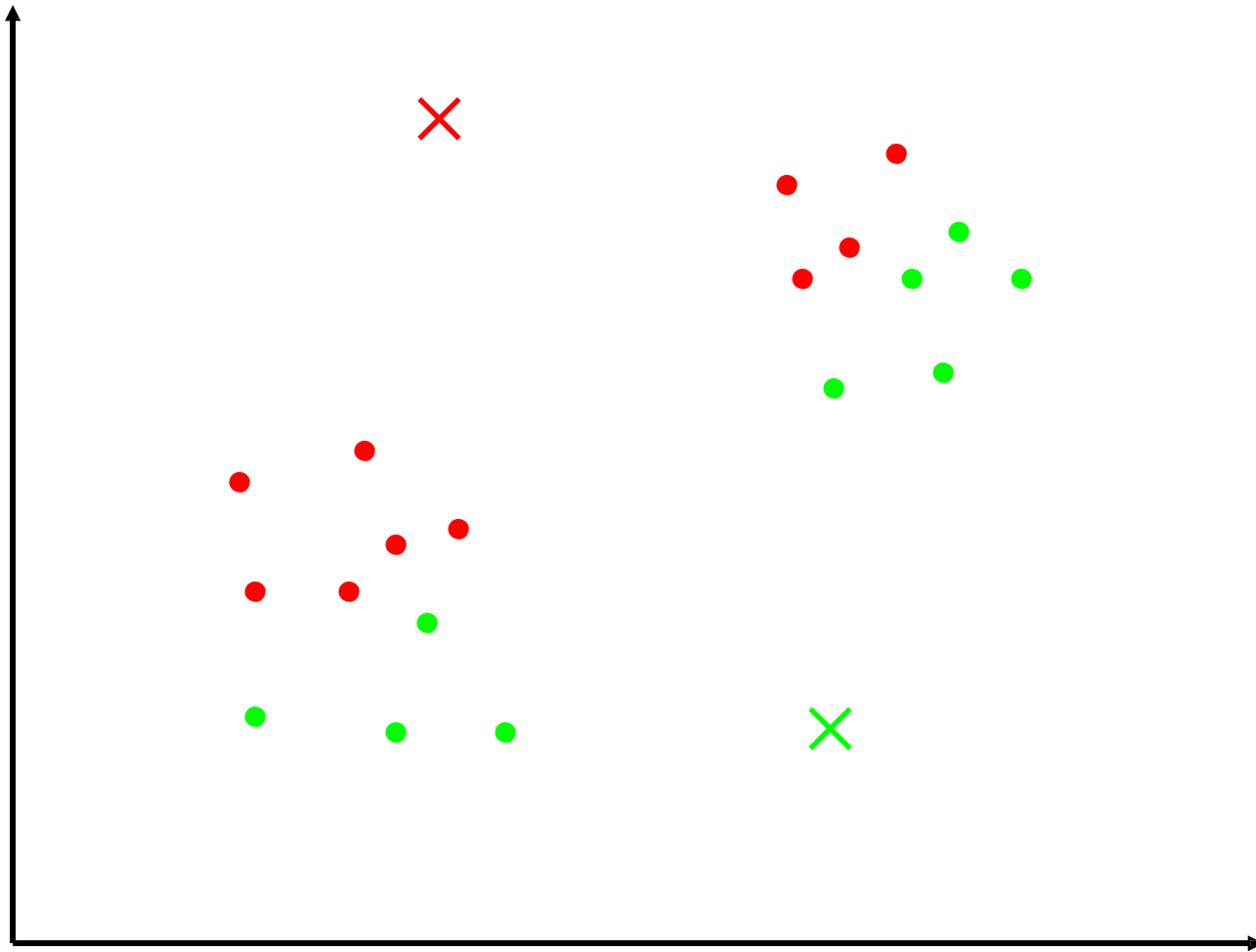
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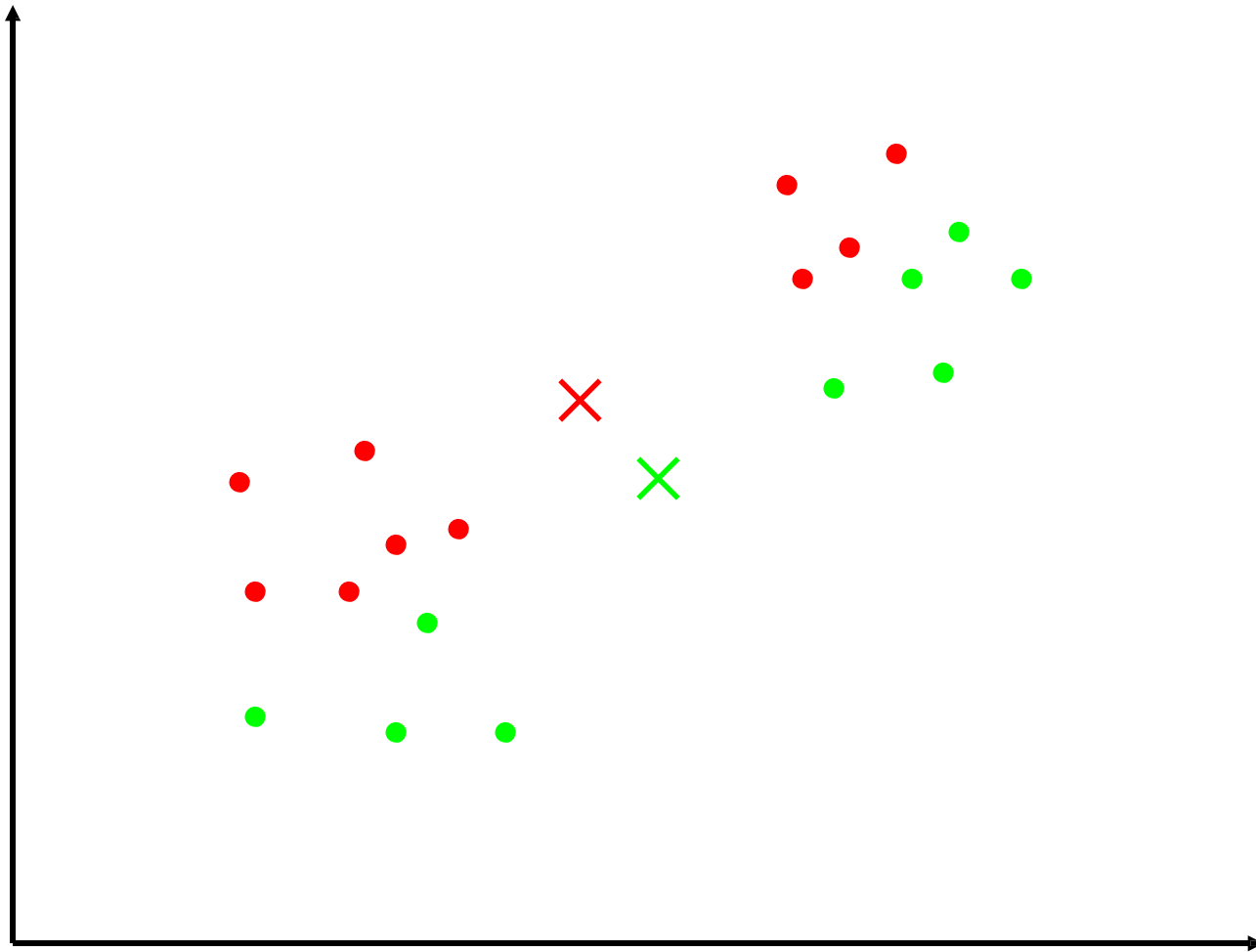
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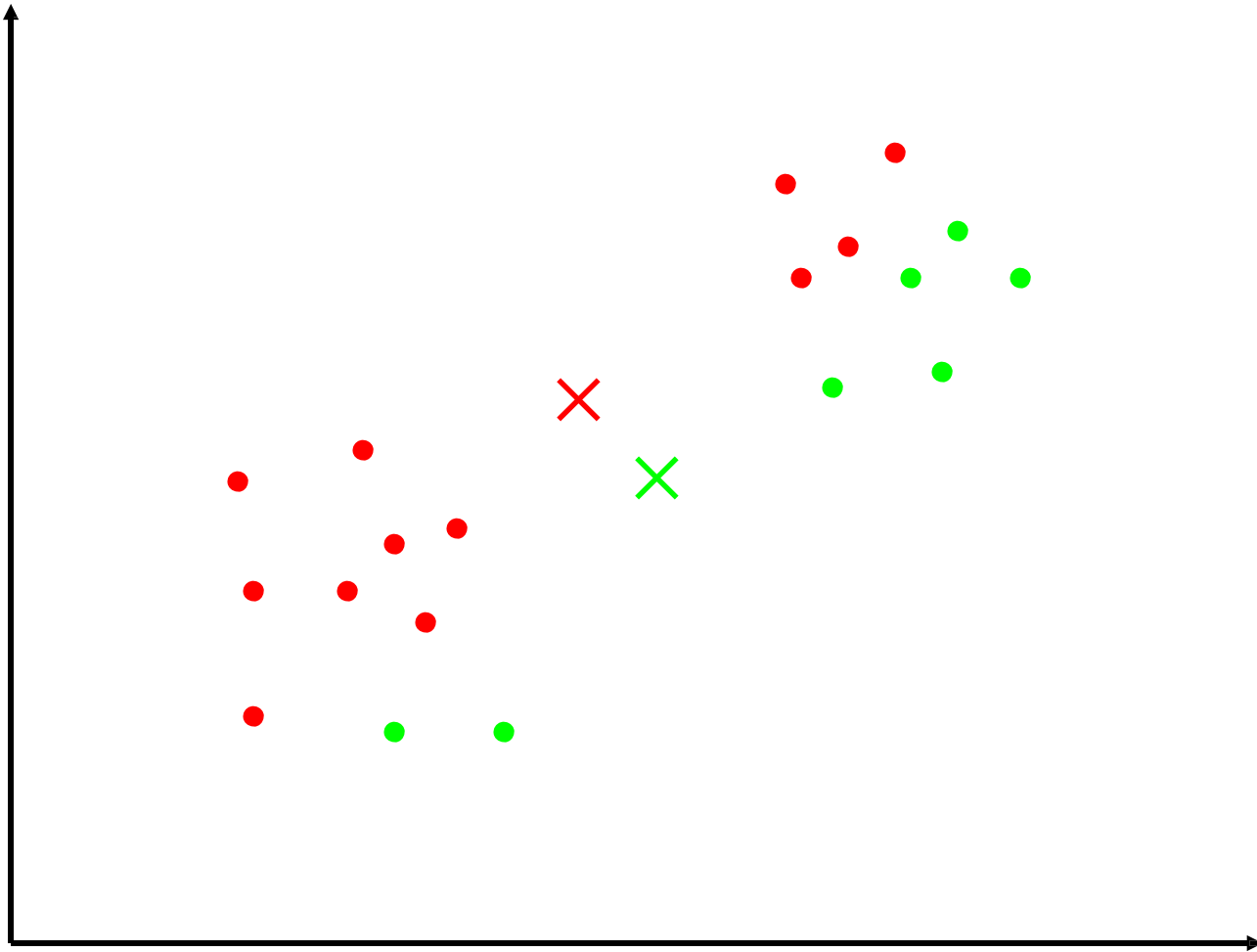
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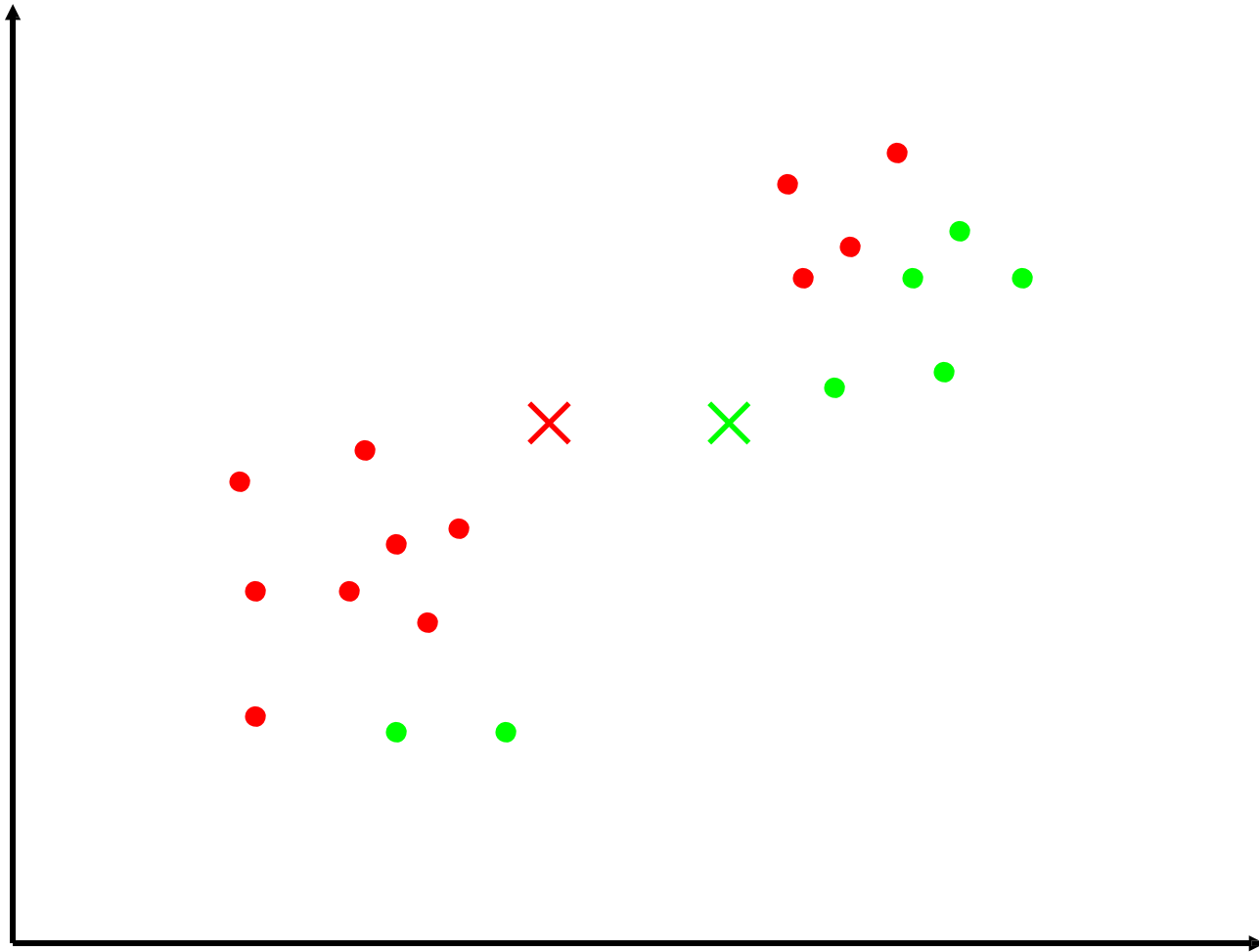


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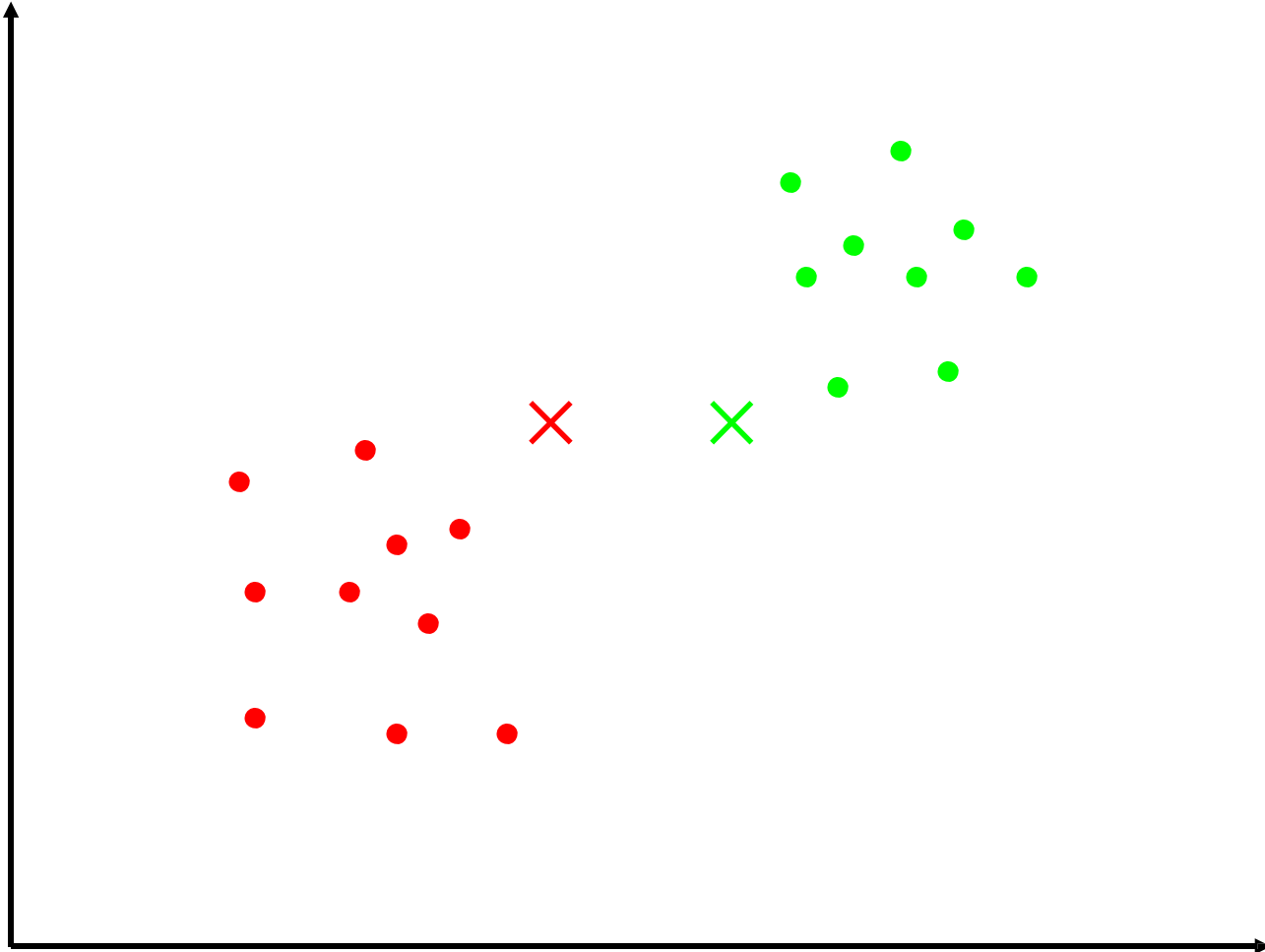




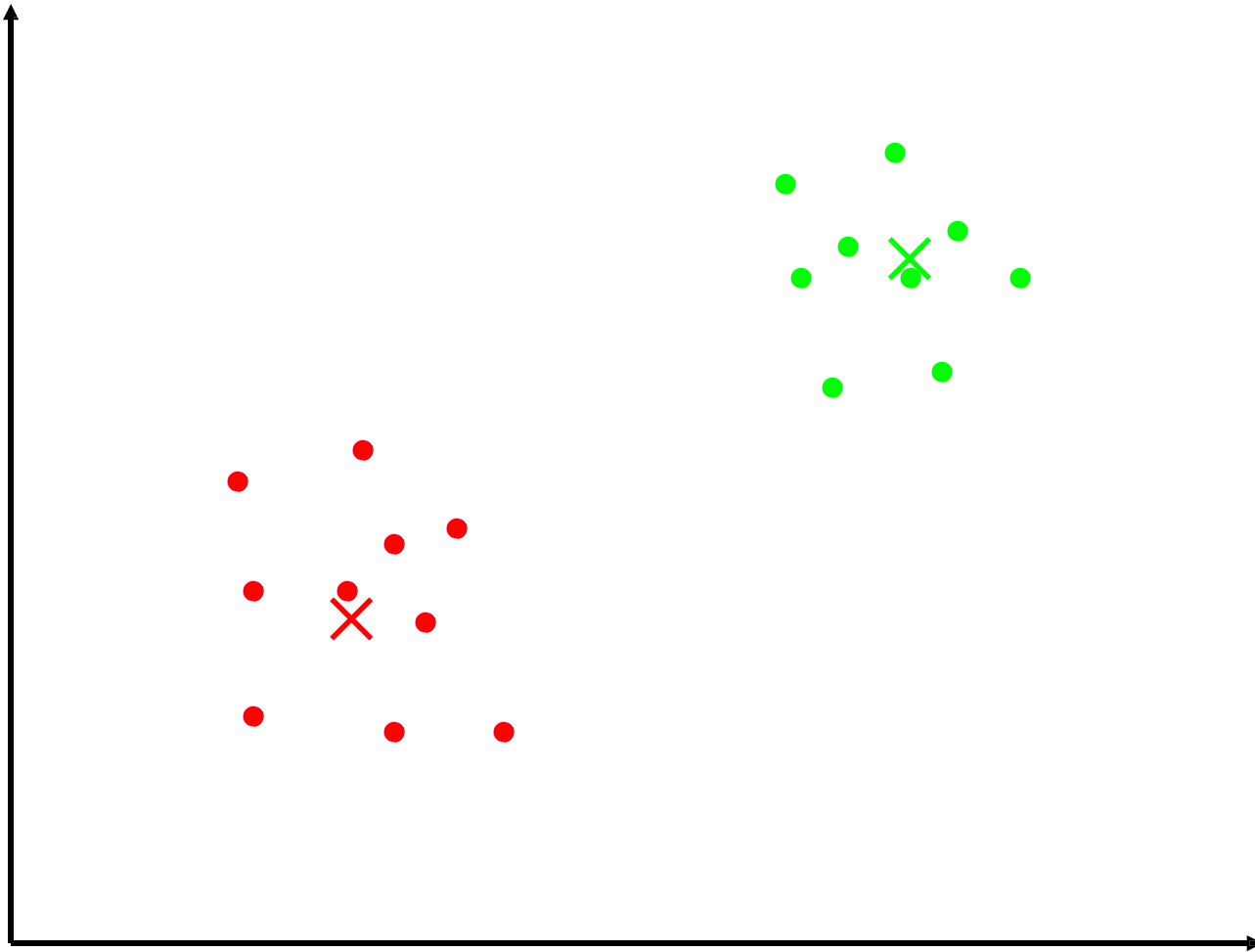
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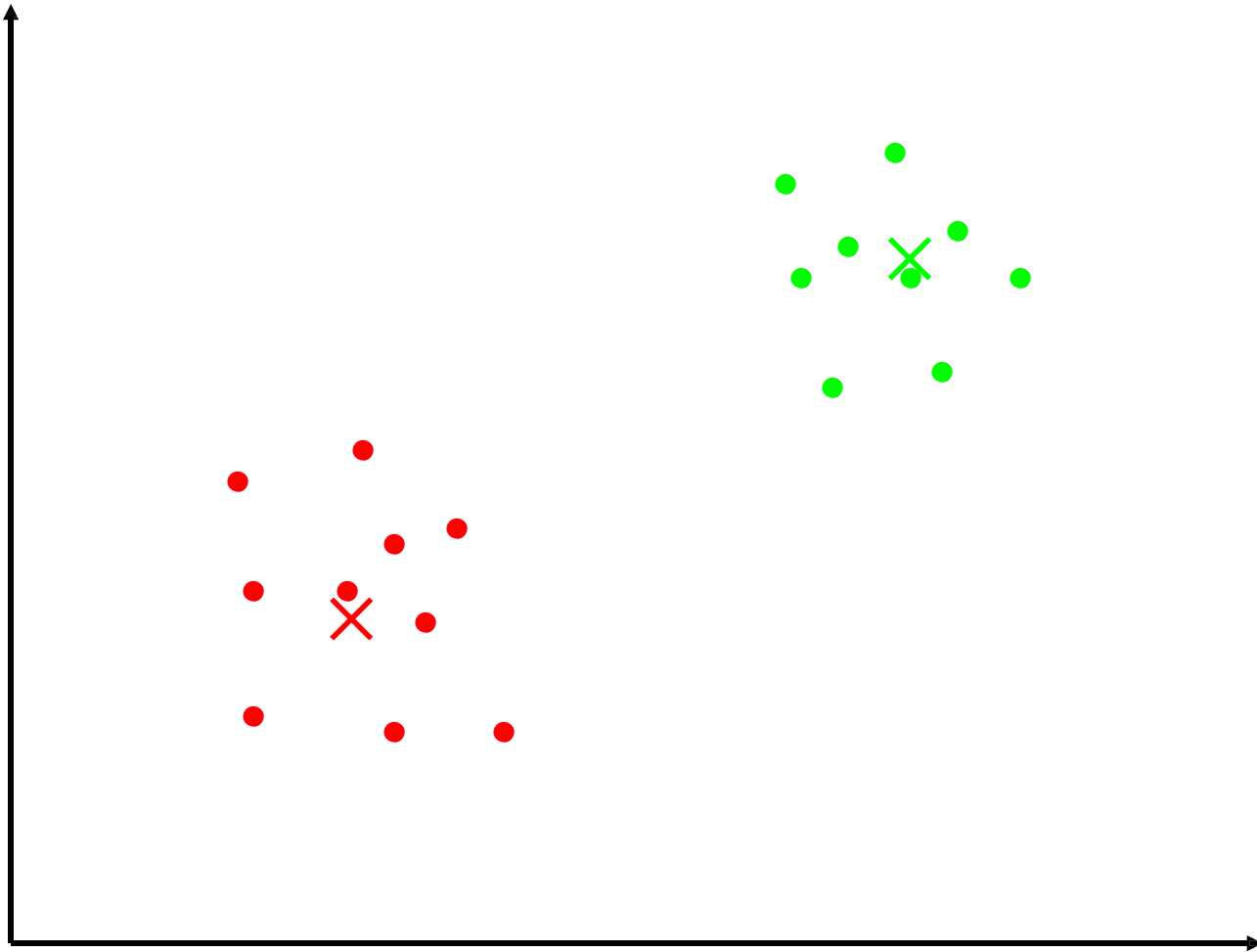
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# Clustering

- Example



D. Comaniciu and P. Meer, *Robust Analysis of Feature Spaces: Color Image Segmentation*, 1997.

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Original

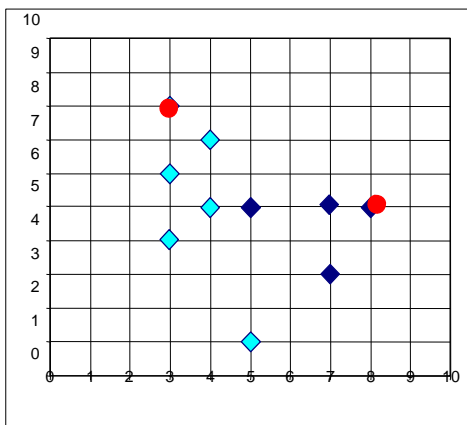


K=5



K=11

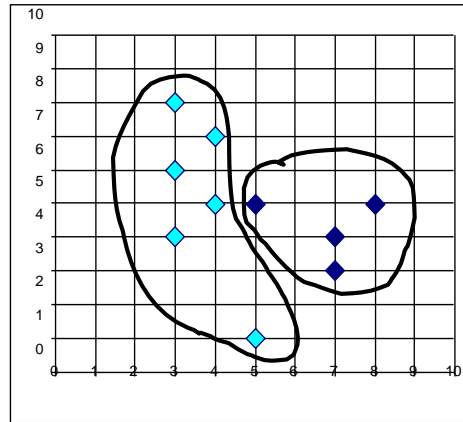
# The *K-Means* Clustering Method



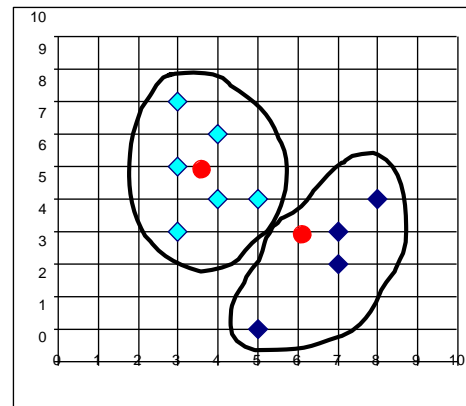
K=2

Arbitrarily choose K  
object as initial  
cluster center

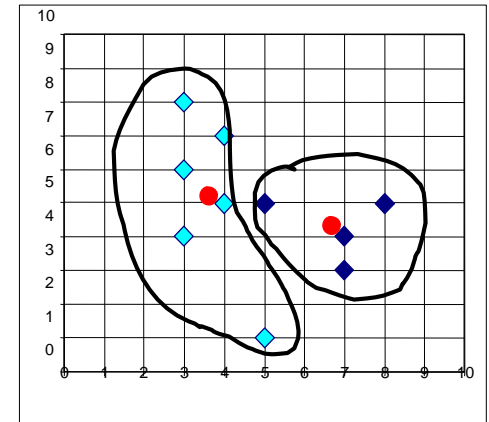
Assign each objects to most similar center



↑ reassign

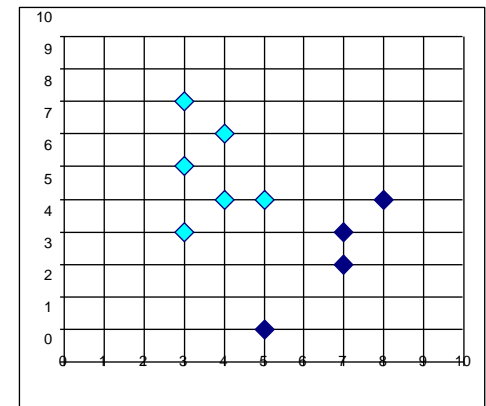


Update  
the  
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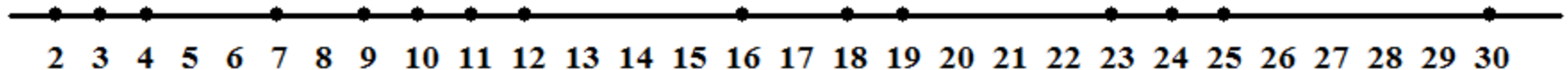
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# Example

- Run K-means clustering with 3 clusters (initial centroids: 3, 16, 25) for at least 2 iterations





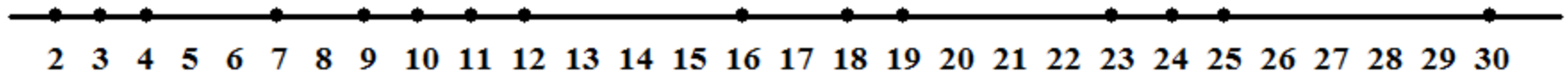
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- Centroids:

3 – 2 3 4 7 9 new centroid: 5

16 – 10 11 12 16 18 19 new centroid: 14.33

25 – 23 24 25 30 new centroid: 25.5



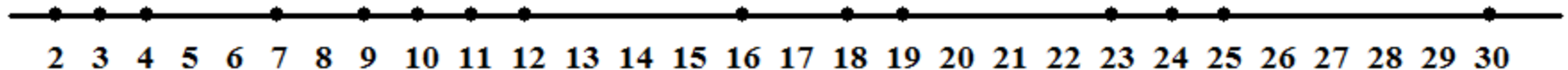
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- Centroids:

5 – 2 3 4 7 9 new centroid: 5

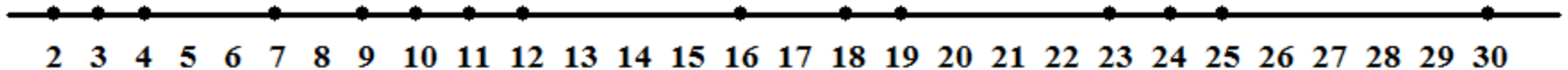
14.33 – 10 11 12 16 18 19 new centroid: 14.33

25.5 – 23 24 25 30 new centroid: 25.5



# In class Practice

- Run K-means clustering with 3 clusters (initial centroids: 3, 12, 19) for at least 2 iterations



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# Hierarchical Clustering

- Two main types of hierarchical clustering
  - Agglomerative:
    - Start with the points as individual clusters
    - At each step, merge the closest pair of clusters until only one cluster (or  $k$  clusters) left

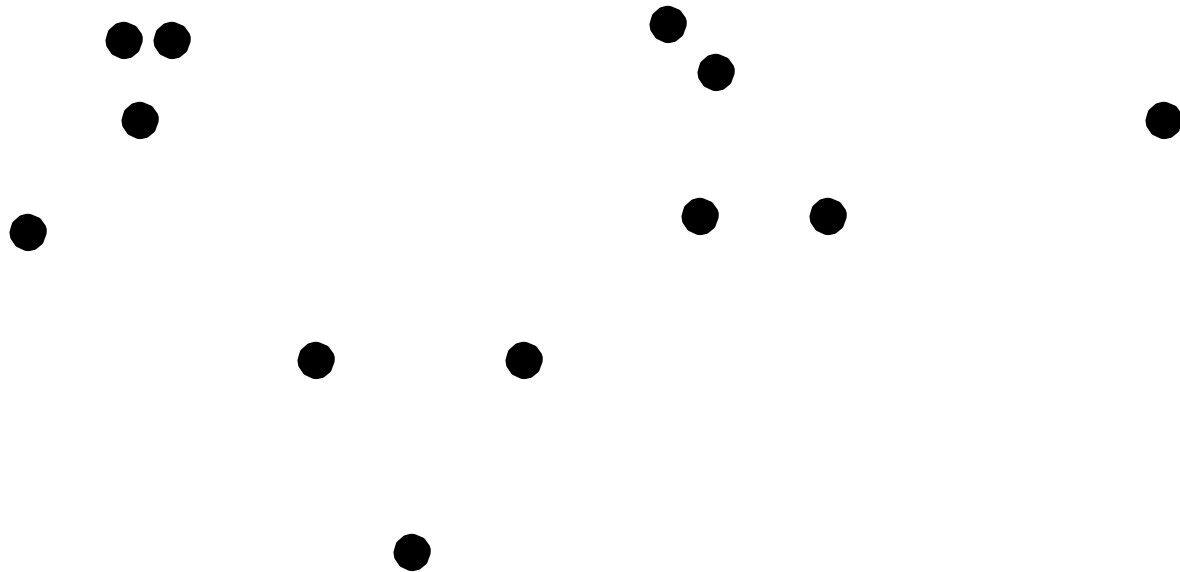
Matlab: Statistics Toolbox: `clusterdata`,  
which performs all these steps: `pdist`, `linkage`, `cluster`
  - Divisive:
    - Start with one, all-inclusive cluster
    - At each step, split a cluster until each cluster contains a point (or there are  $k$  clusters)
- Traditional hierarchical algorithms use a similarity or distance matrix
  - Merge or split one cluster at a time
  - Image segmentation mostly uses simultaneous merge/split

# Hierarchical Clustering

- Agglomerative (Bottom-up)
  - Compute all pair-wise pattern-pattern similarity coefficients
  - Place each of  $n$  patterns into a class of its own
  - Merge the two most similar clusters into one
    - Replace the two clusters into the new cluster
    - Re-compute inter-cluster similarity scores w.r.t. the new cluster
  - Repeat the above step until there are  $k$  clusters left ( $k$  can be 1)

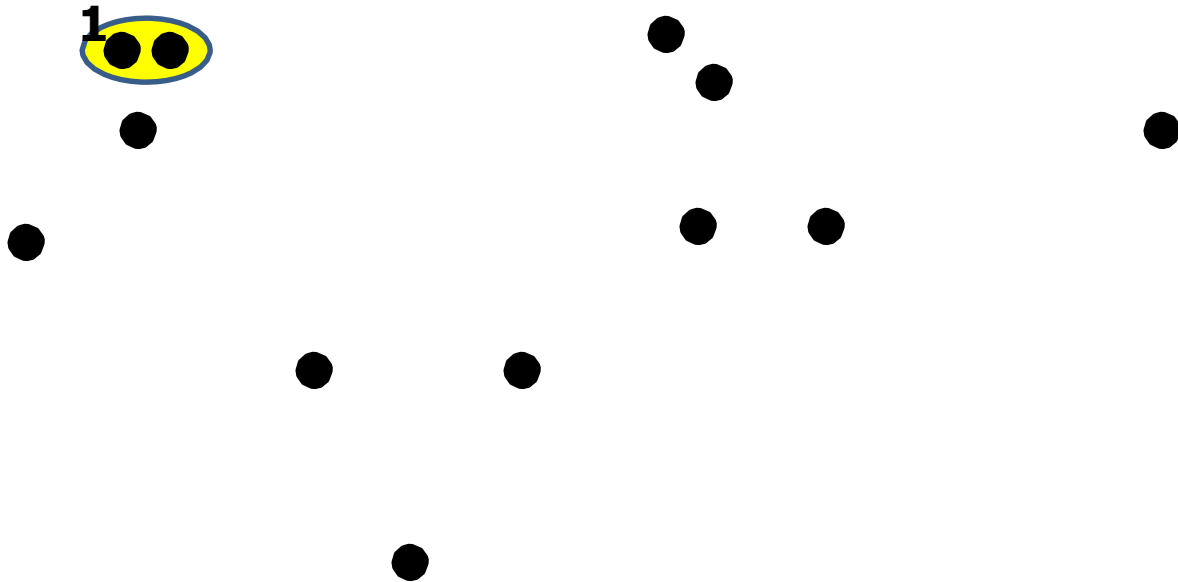
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- Agglomerative (Bottom up)



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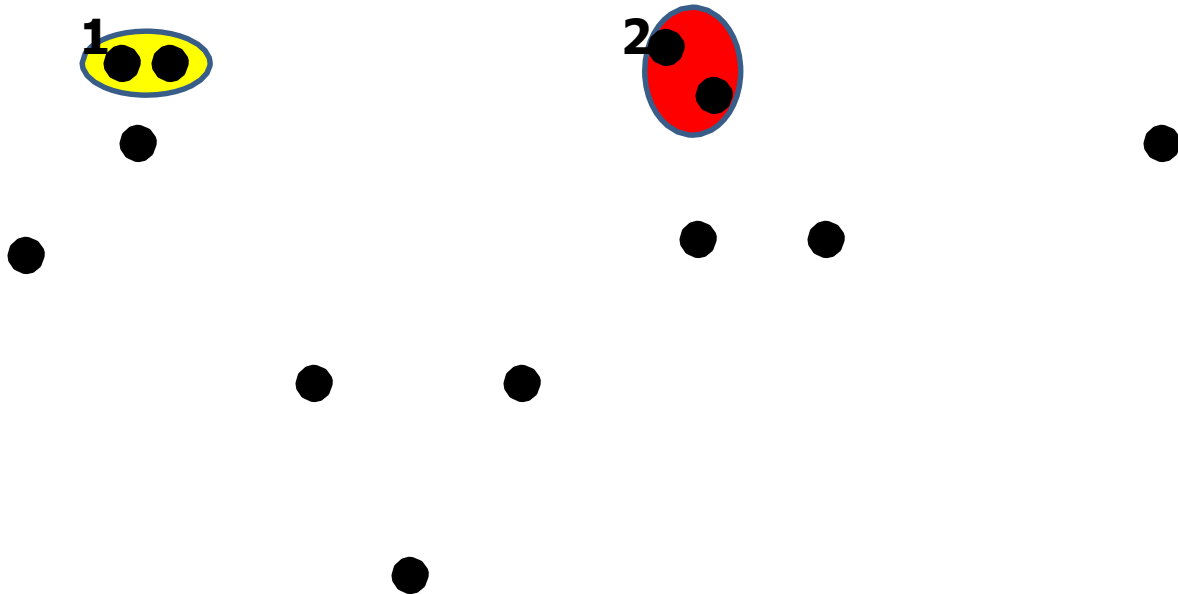
- Agglomerative (Bottom up)
- 1<sup>st</sup> iteration





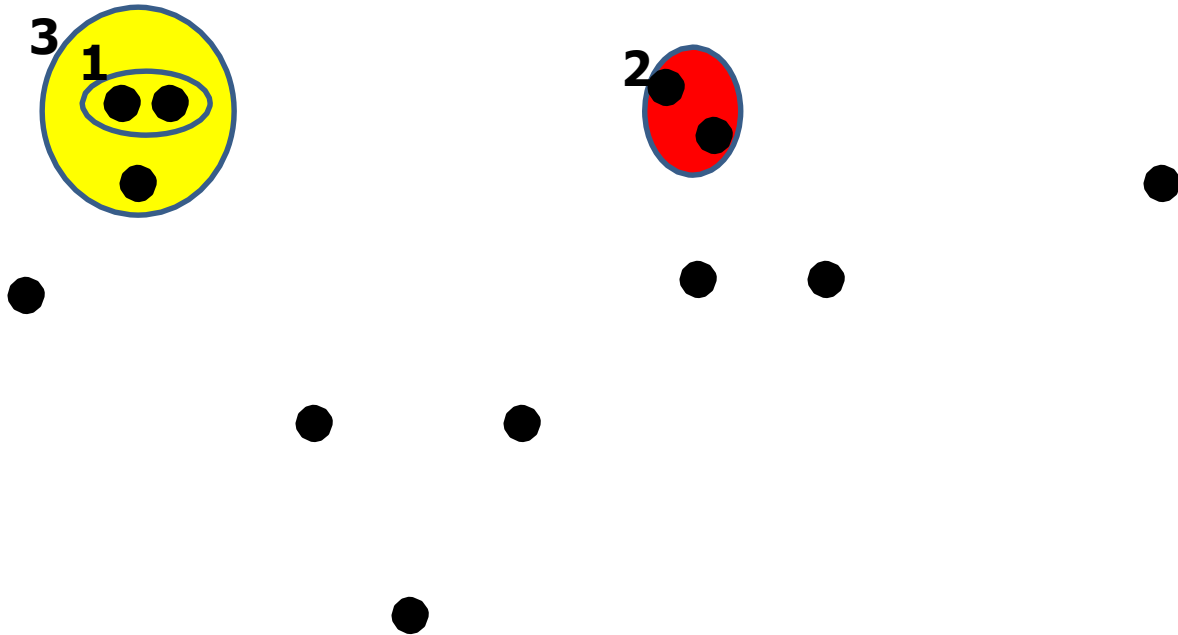
# Hierarchical clustering

- Agglomerative (Bottom up)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration



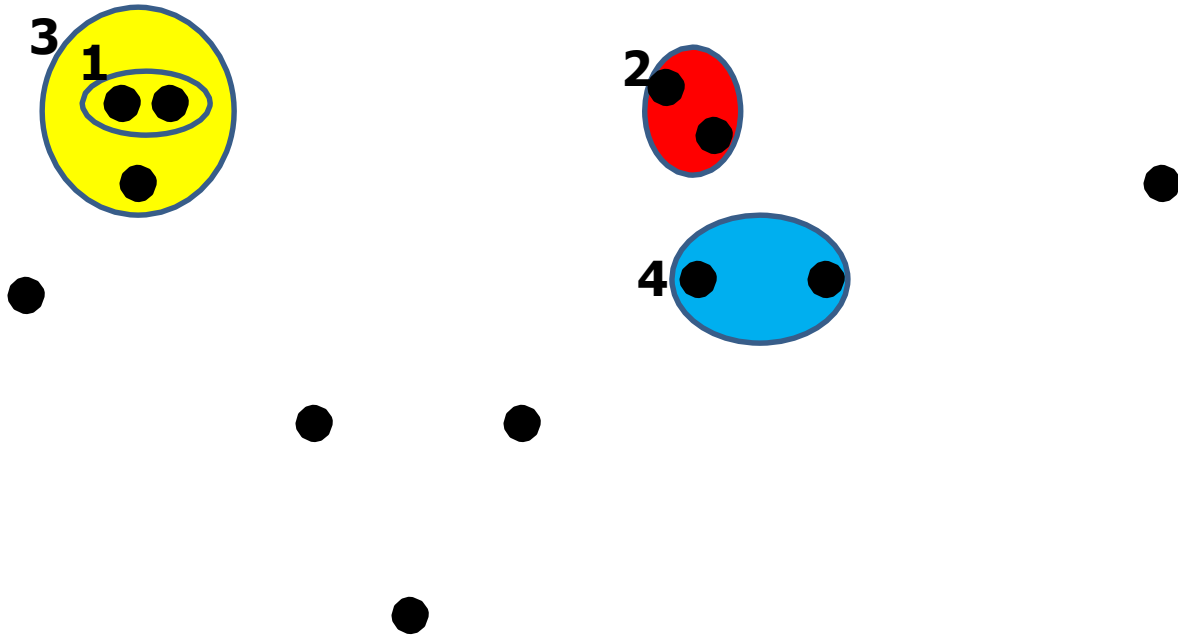
# Hierarchical clustering

- Agglomerative (Bottom up)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> iteration



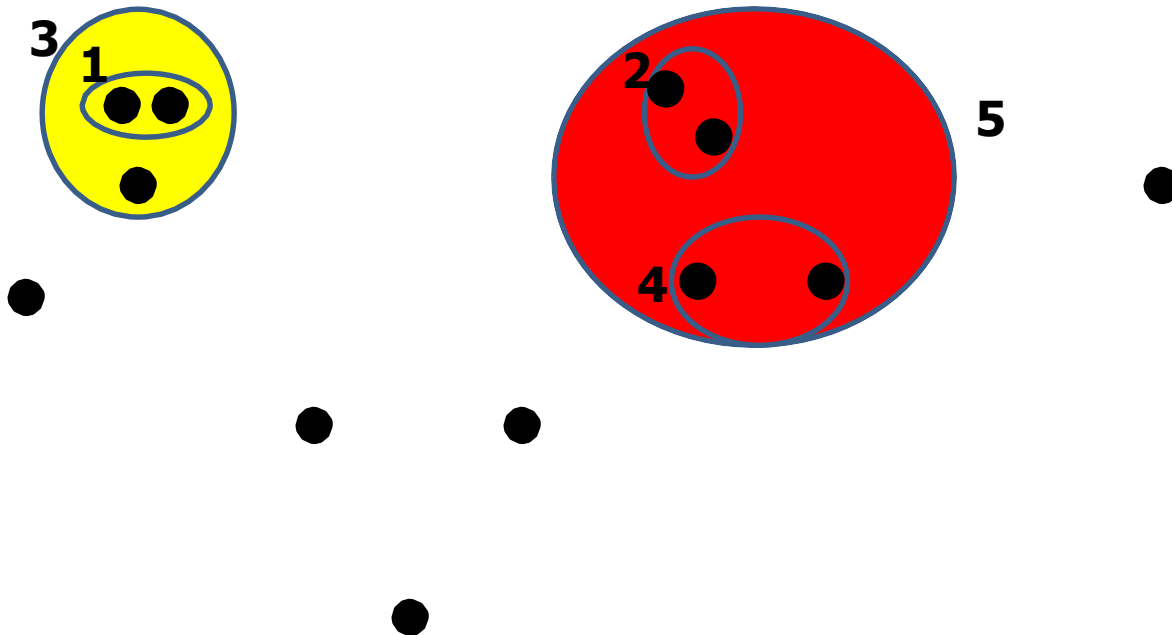
# Hierarchical clustering

- Agglomerative (Bottom up)
- 4<sup>th</sup> iteration



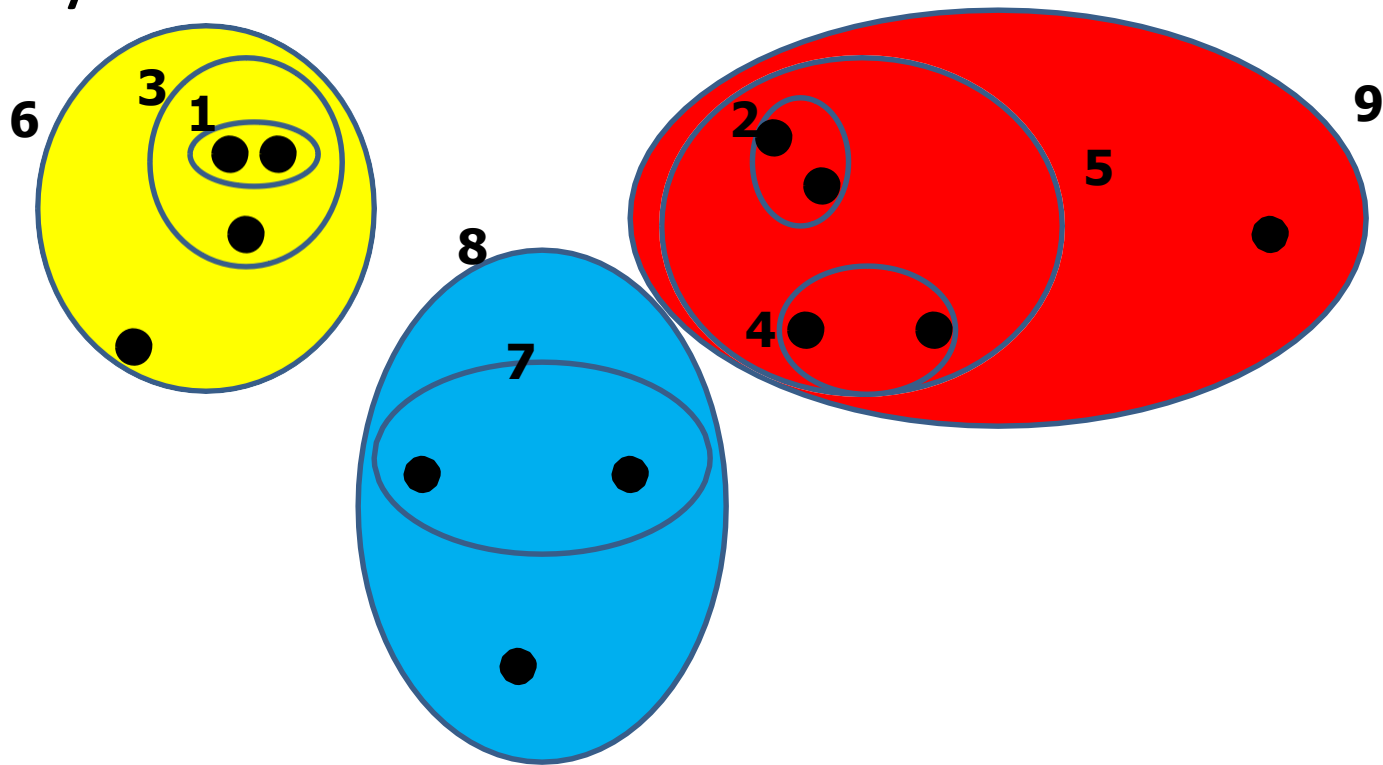
# Hierarchical clustering

- Agglomerative (Bottom up)
- 5<sup>th</sup> iteration



# Hierarchical clustering

- Agglomerative (Bottom up)
- Finally k clusters left

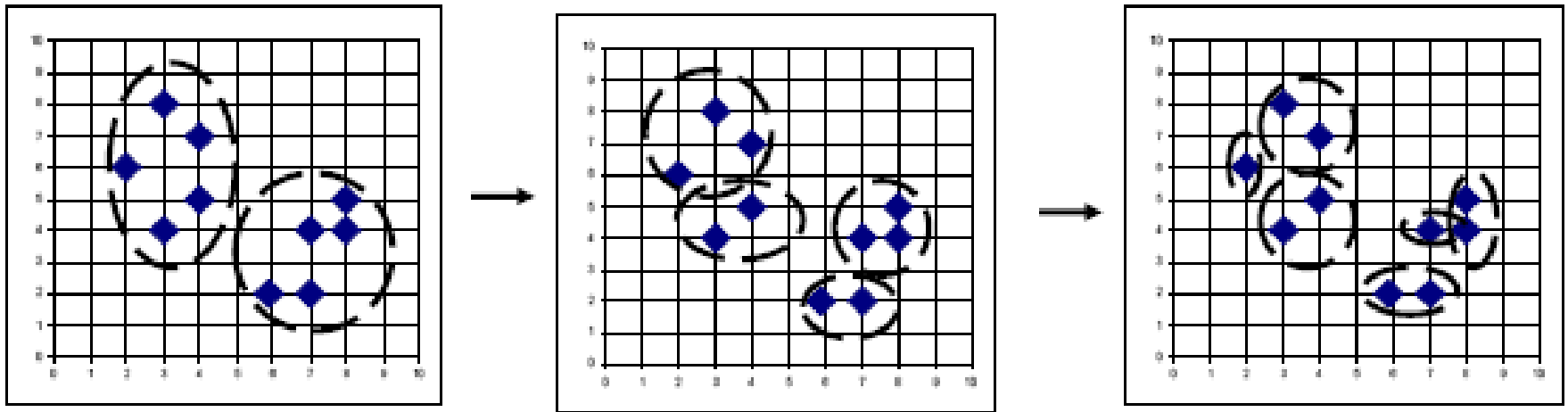


- Divisive (Top-down)

- Start at the top with all patterns in one cluster
- The cluster is split using a flat clustering algorithm
- This procedure is applied recursively until each pattern is in its own singleton cluster

# Hierarchical clustering

- Divisive (Top-down)



# Hierarchical Clustering: The Algorithm

- Hierarchical clustering takes as input a set of points
- It creates a tree in which the points are leaves and the internal nodes reveal the similarity structure of the points.
  - The tree is often called a “dendrogram.”
- The method is summarized below:

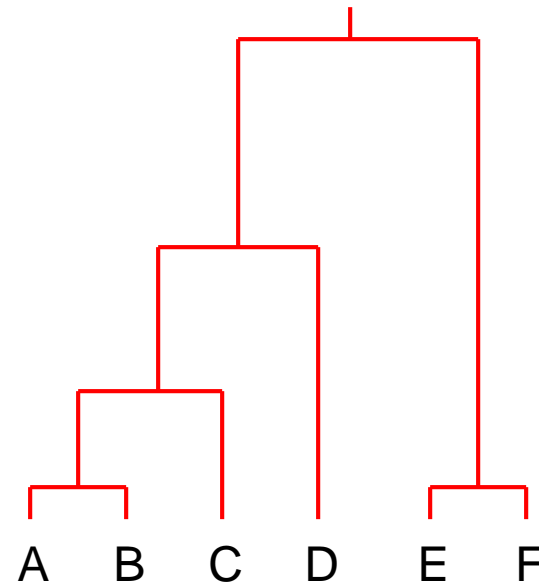
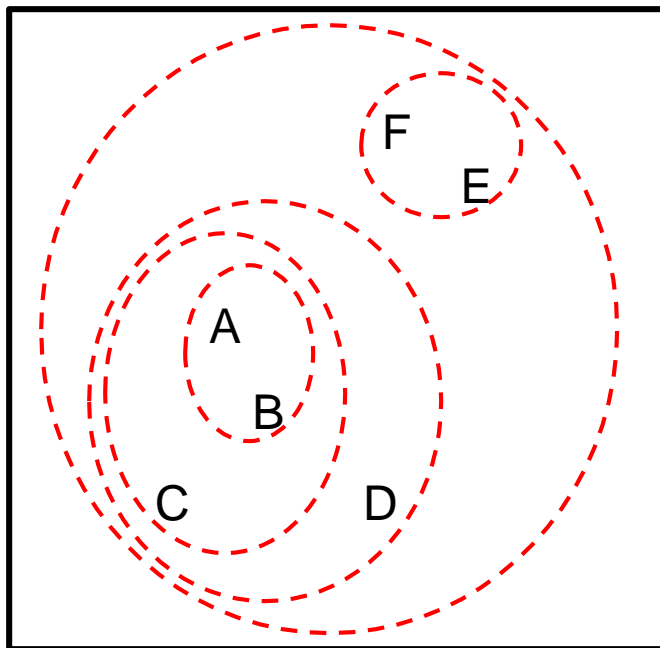
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Place all points into their own clusters
While there is more than one cluster,, do
    Merge the closest pair of clusters
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- The behavior of the algorithm depends on how “closest pair of clusters” is defined



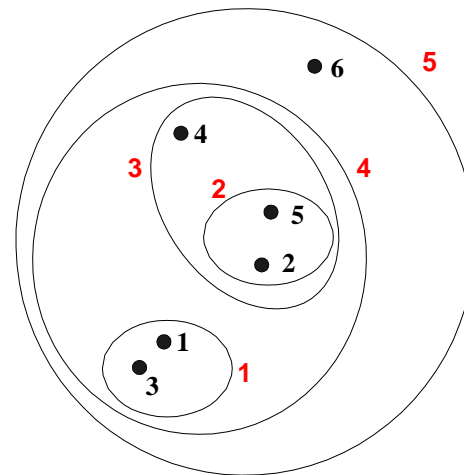
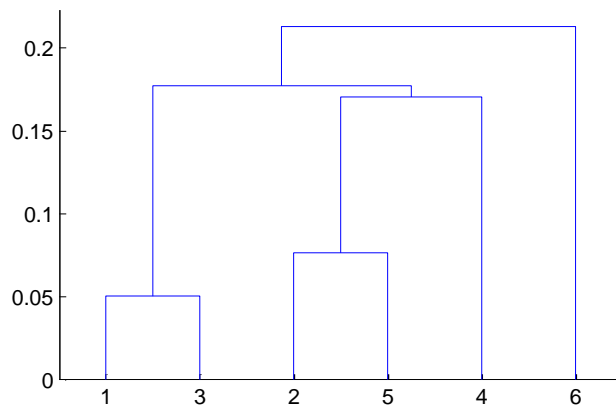
# Hierarchical Clustering: Example

This example illustrates single-link clustering in Euclidean space on 6 points.



# Hierarchical clustering

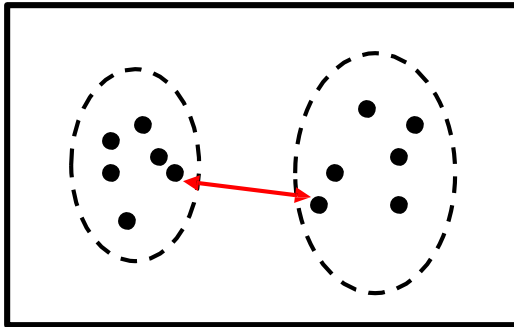
- Produces a set of nested clusters organized as a hierarchical tree
- Can be visualized as a dendrogram
  - A tree like diagram that records the sequences of merges or splits



# Strengths of Hierarchical Clustering

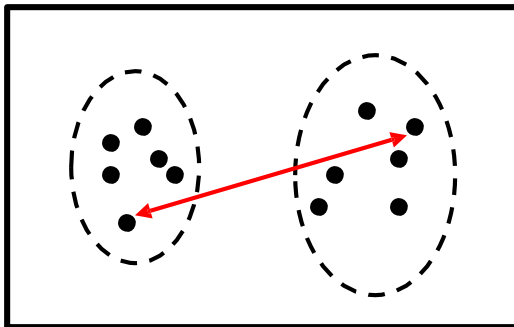
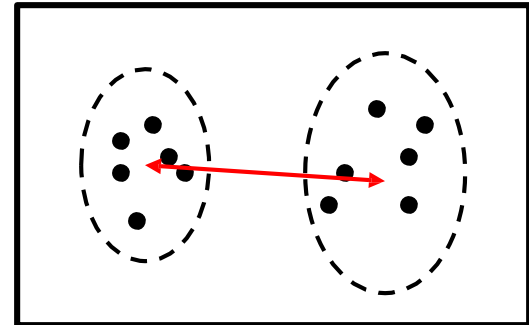
- Do not have to assume any particular number of clusters
  - Any desired number of clusters can be obtained by 'cutting' the dendrogram at the proper level

# Hierarchical Clustering: Merging Clusters



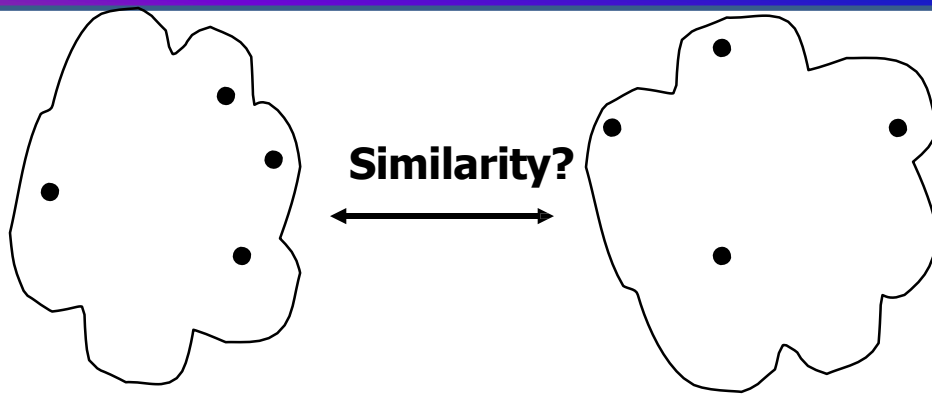
Single Link: Distance between two clusters is the distance between the closest points. Also called “neighbor joining.”

Average Link: Distance between clusters is distance between the cluster centroids.



Complete Link: Distance between clusters is distance between farthest pair of points.

# How to Define Inter-Cluster Similarity

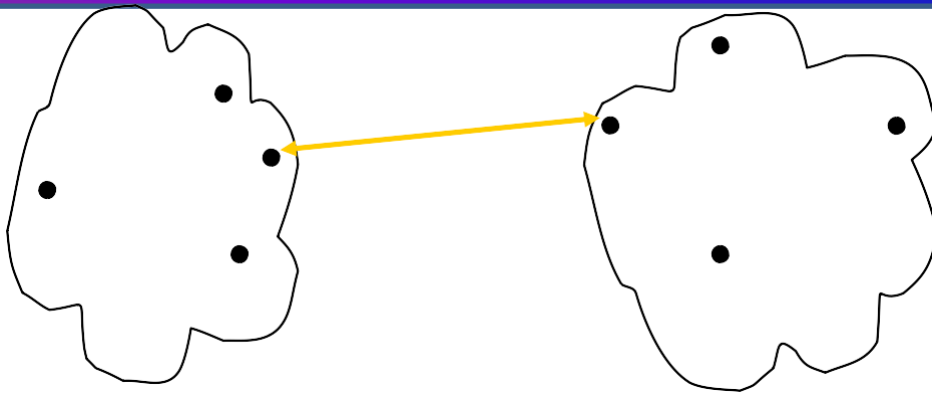


- MIN
- MAX
- Group Average
- Distance Between Centroids

	p1	p2	p3	p4	p5	...
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**Proximity Matrix**

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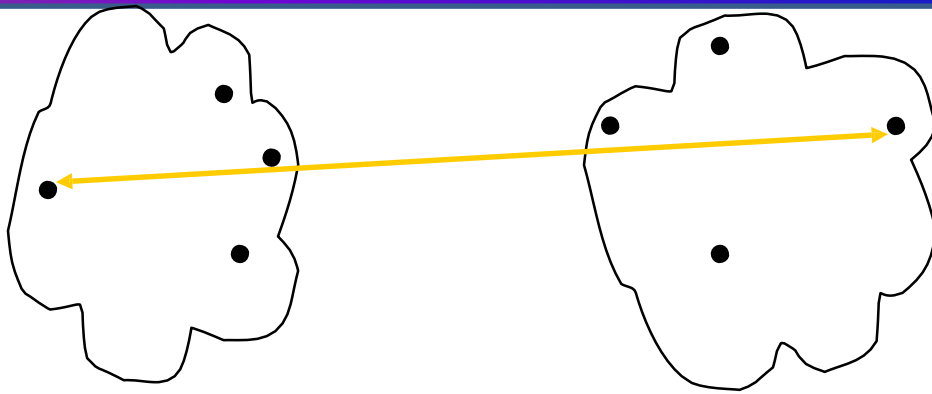


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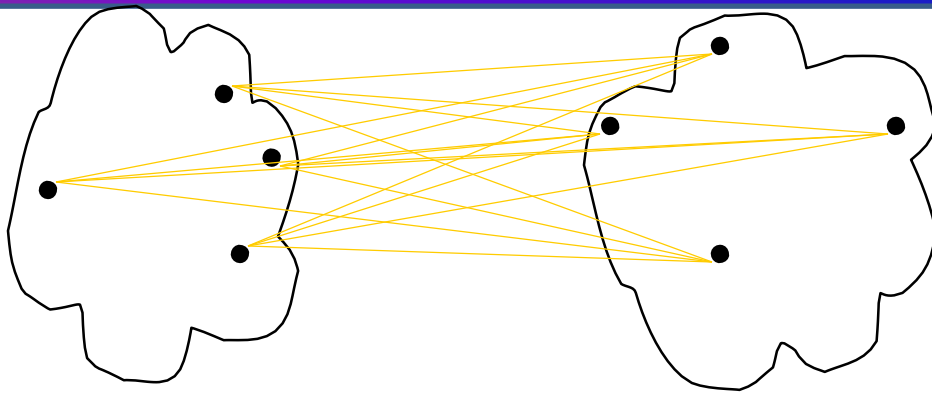


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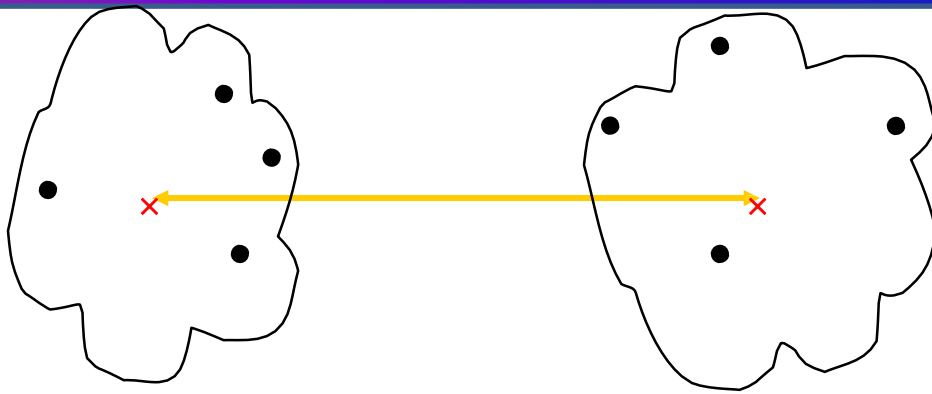
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**Proximity Matrix**

# Example

Let us consider a gene measured in a set of 5 experiments:

A,B,C,D and E. The values measured in the 5 experiments are:

A=100      B=200      C=500      D=900      E=1100

We will construct the hierarchical clustering of these values using Euclidean distance, centroid linkage and an agglomerative approach.

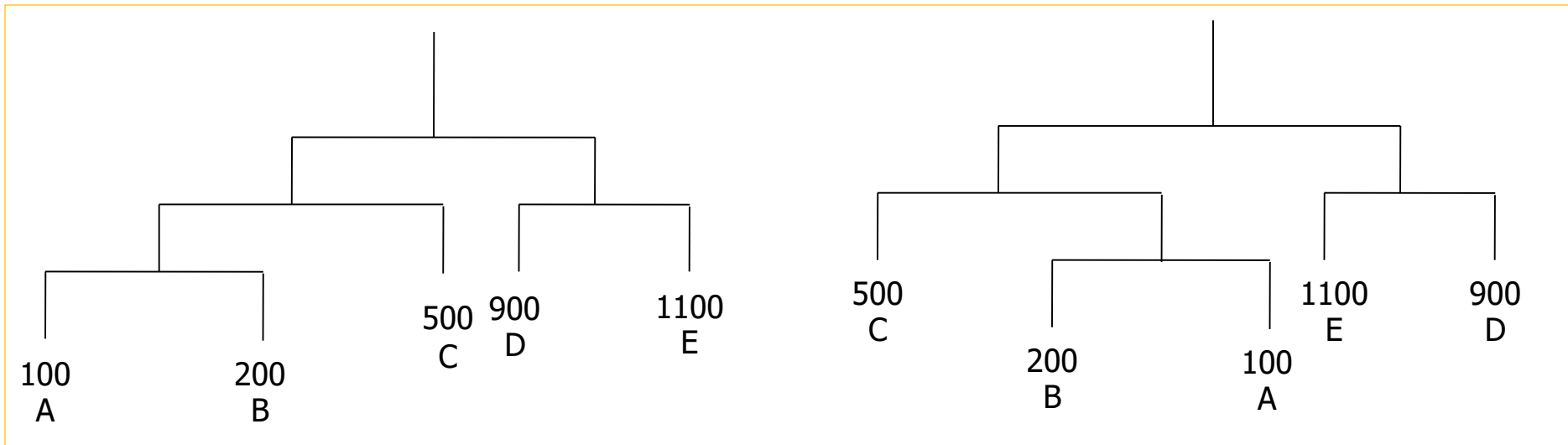
# Example

## SOLUTION:

- The closest two values are 100 and 200  
=>the centroid of these two values is 150.
- Now we are clustering the values: 150, 500, 900, 1100
- The closest two values are 900 and 1100  
=>the centroid of these two values is 1000.
- The remaining values to be joined are: 150, 500, 1000.
- The closest two values are 150 and 500  
=>the centroid of these two values is 325.
- Finally, the two resulting subtrees are joined in the root of the tree.

# An example:

Two hierarchical clusters of the expression values of a single gene measured in 5 experiments.



➤ The dendrograms are identical: both diagrams show that:

- A is most similar to B
- C is most similar to the group (A, B)
- D is most similar to E

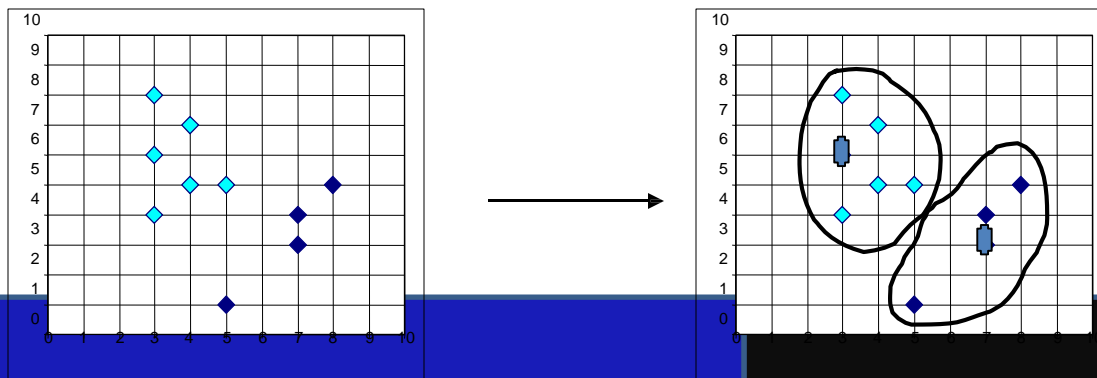
➤ In the left dendrogram A and E are plotted far from each other

➤ In the right dendrogram A and E are immediate neighbors

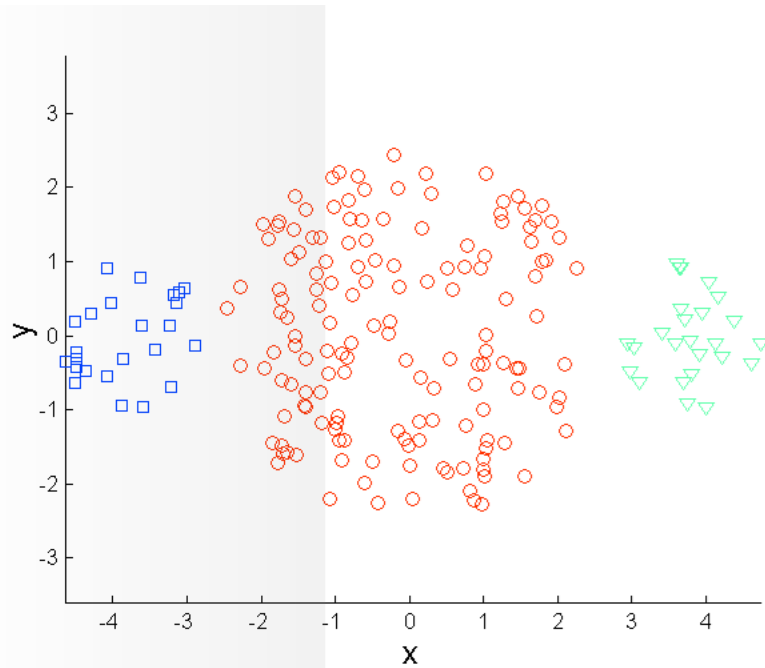
THE PROXIMITY IN A HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING DOES NOT NECESSARILY  
CORRESPOND TO SIMILARITY

# What Is the Problem of the K- Means Method?

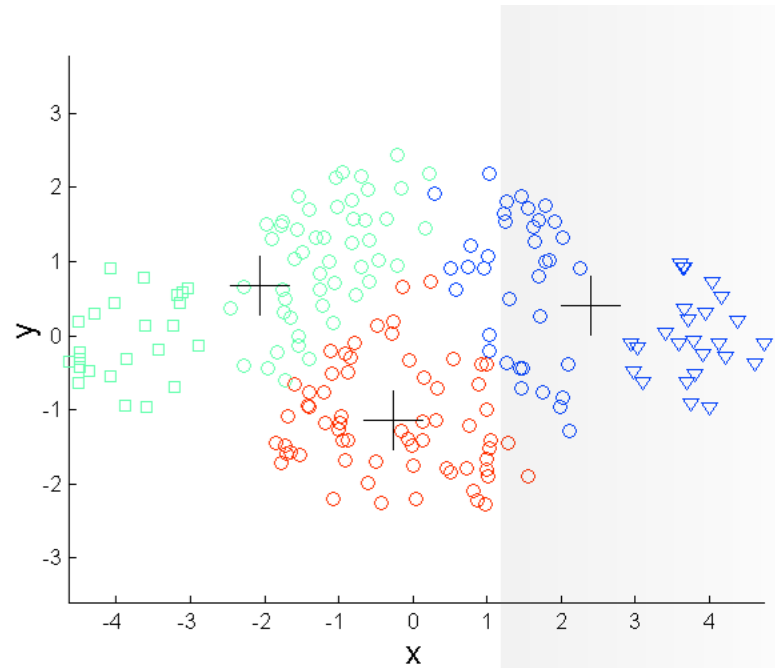
- The k-means algorithm is sensitive to outliers !
  - Since an object with an extremely large value may substantially distort the distribution of the data.
- K-Medoids: Instead of taking the **mean** value of the object in a cluster as a reference point, **medoids** can be used, which is the **most centrally located** object in a cluster.



# Limitations of K-means: Differing Sizes

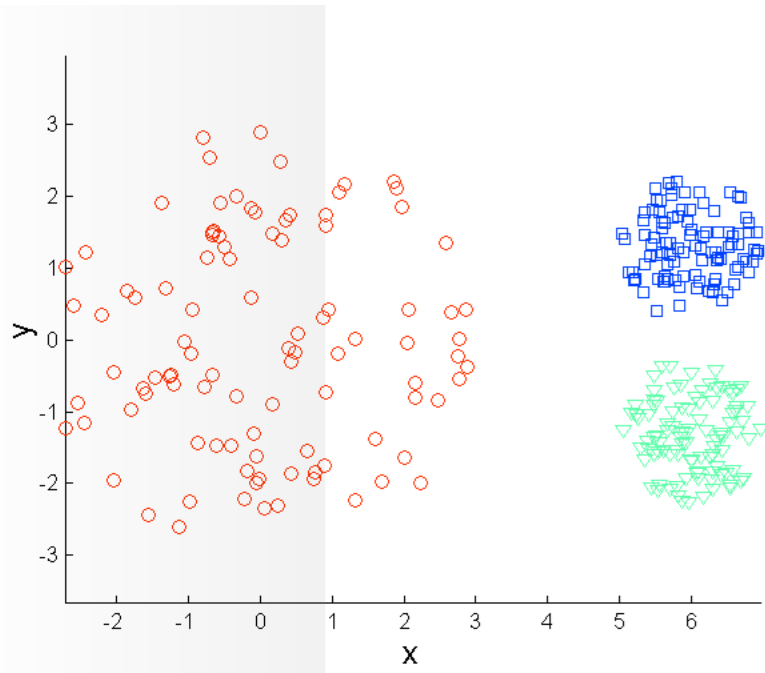


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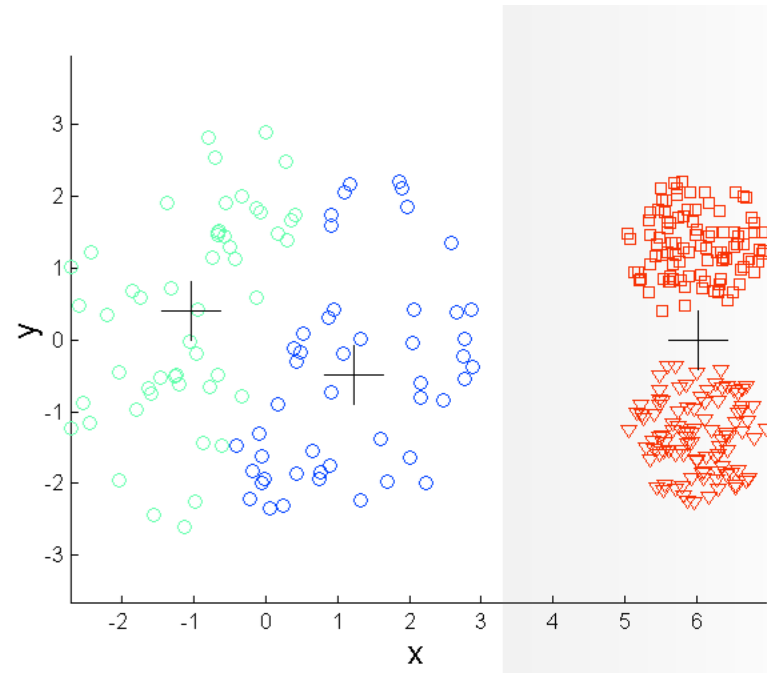


**K-means (3 Clusters)**

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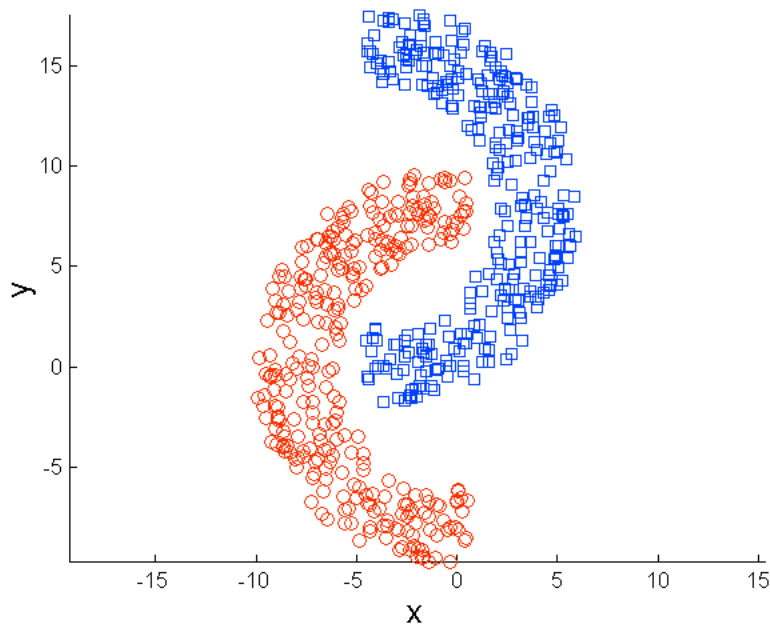


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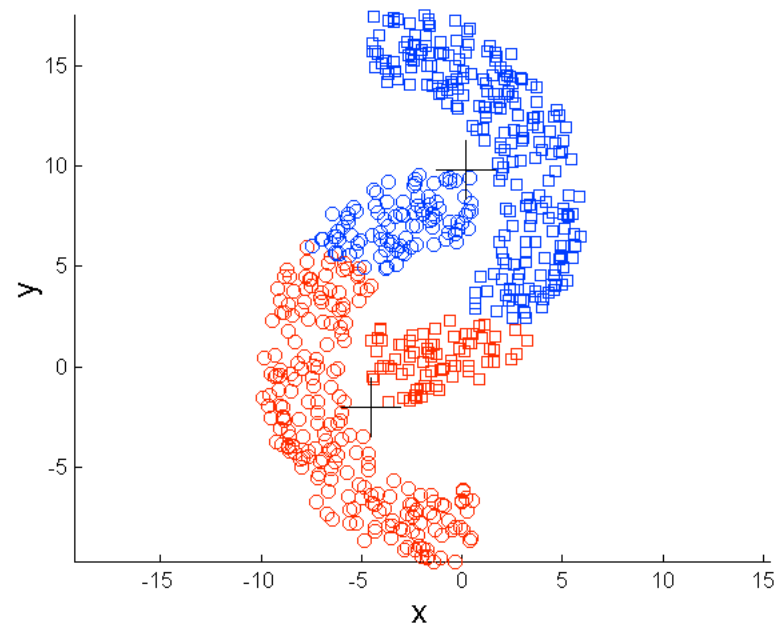


**K-means (3 Clusters)**

# Limitations of K-means: Non-globular Shapes



**Original Points**



**K-means (2 Clusters)**



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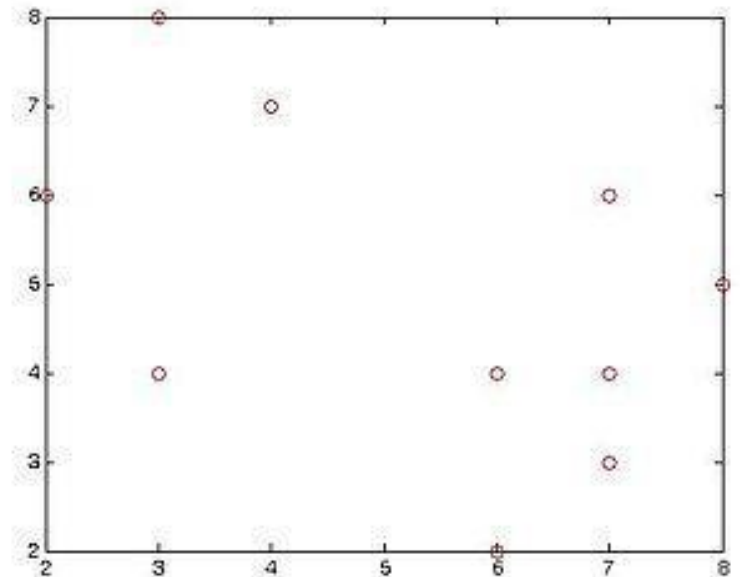
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# K-Mode

- Handling categorical data: *k-modes* (Huang'98)
  - Replacing means of clusters with modes
    - Mode of an attribute: most frequent value
    - Mode of instances: for an attribute A,  $\text{mode}(A)$  = most frequent value
    - K-mode is equivalent to K-means
  - Using a frequency-based method to update modes of clusters
  - A mixture of categorical and numerical data: *k-prototype* method

# K-mediods example

$X_1$	2	6
$X_2$	3	4
$X_3$	3	8
$X_4$	4	7
$X_5$	6	2
$X_6$	6	4
$X_7$	7	3
$X_8$	7	4
$X_9$	8	5
$X_{10}$	7	6



# K-mediods example

- Initialize  $k$  mediods
- Let us assume  $c_1 = (3,4)$  and  $c_2 = (7,4)$
- Calculate distance so as to associate each data object to its nearest medoid.

$i$	$c_1$		Data ts objec ( $X_i$ )		Cost (distance)
1	3	4	2	6	<b>3</b>
3	3	4	3	8	<b>4</b>
4	3	4	4	7	<b>4</b>
5	3	4	6	2	5
6	3	4	6	4	3
7	3	4	7	3	5
9	3	4	8	5	6
10	3	4	7	6	6

$i$	$c_2$		Data s object ( $X_i$ )		Cost (distance)
1	7	4	2	6	7
3	7	4	3	8	8
4	7	4	4	7	6
5	7	4	6	2	<b>3</b>
6	7	4	6	4	<b>1</b>
7	7	4	7	3	<b>1</b>
9	7	4	8	5	<b>2</b>
10	7	4	7	6	<b>2</b>

Cluster<sub>1</sub> = {(3,4)(2,6)(3,8)(4,7)}

Cluster<sub>2</sub> = {(7,4)(6,2)(6,4)(7,3)(8,5)(7,6)}

$$\text{cost}(x, c) = \sum_{i=1}^d |x_i - c_i|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{total cost} &= \{\text{cost}((3,4), (2,6)) + \text{cost}((3,4), (3,8)) + \text{cost}((3,4), (4,7))\} \\
 &\quad + \{\text{cost}((7,4), (6,2)) + \text{cost}((7,4), (6,4)) + \text{cost}((7,4), (7,3)) \\
 &\quad + \text{cost}((7,4), (8,5)) + \text{cost}((7,4), (7,6))\} \\
 &= (3 + 4 + 4) + (3 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 2) \\
 &= 20
 \end{aligned}$$

- Select one of the nonmedoids  $O'$ . Let us assume  $O' = (7,3)$
- Now the medoids are  $c_1(3,4)$  and  $O'(7,3)$

$i$	$c_1$		Data objects		Cost (distance)
			$(X_i)$		
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3	3	4	3	8	<b>4</b>
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$i$	$O'$		Data objects		Cost (distance)
			$(X_i)$		
1	7	3	2	6	8
3	7	3	3	8	9
4	7	3	4	7	7
5	7	3	6	2	<b>2</b>
6	7	3	6	4	<b>2</b>
8	7	3	7	4	<b>1</b>
9	7	3	8	5	<b>3</b>
10	7	3	7	6	<b>3</b>

$$\text{total cost} = 3 + 4 + 4 + 2 + 2 + 1 + 3 + 3 = 22$$

$$S = \text{current total cost} - \text{past total cost}$$

$$= 22 - 20$$

$$= 2 > 0.$$

- Do not change the mediod as  $S > 0$

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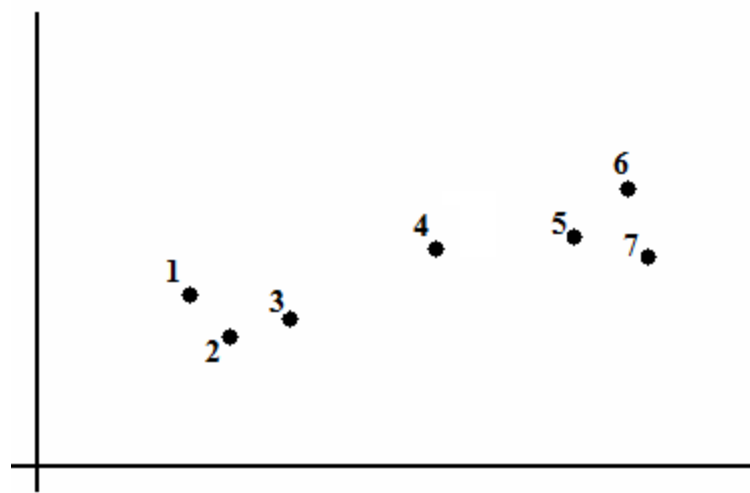
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# Fuzzy C-means Clustering

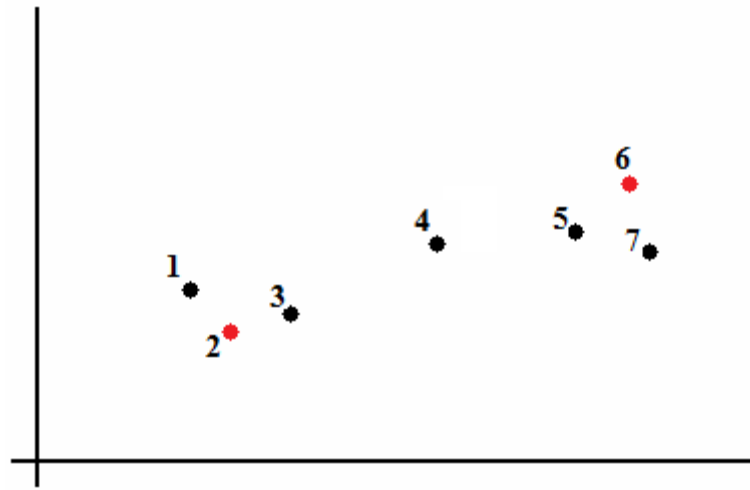
- Fuzzy C-means (FCM) is a method of clustering which allows one piece of data to belong to two or more clusters.
- This method (developed by [Dunn in 1973](#) and improved by [Bezdek in 1981](#)) is frequently used in pattern recognition.



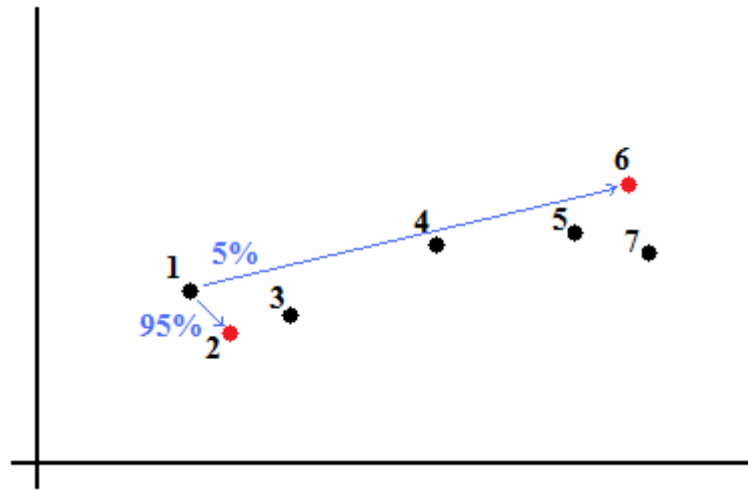
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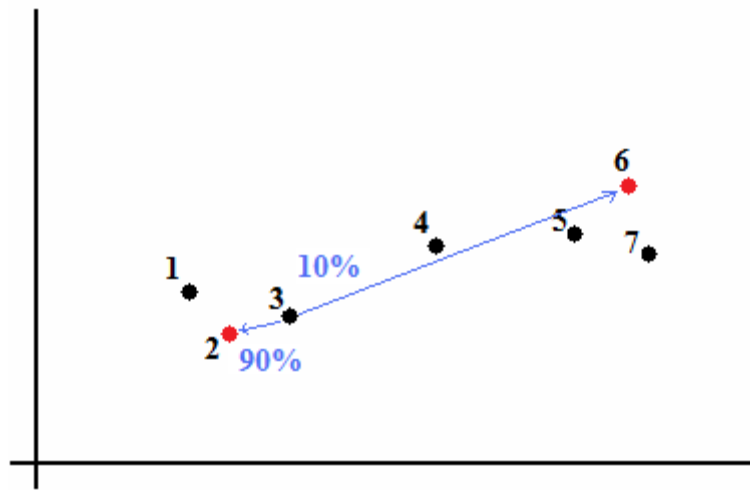
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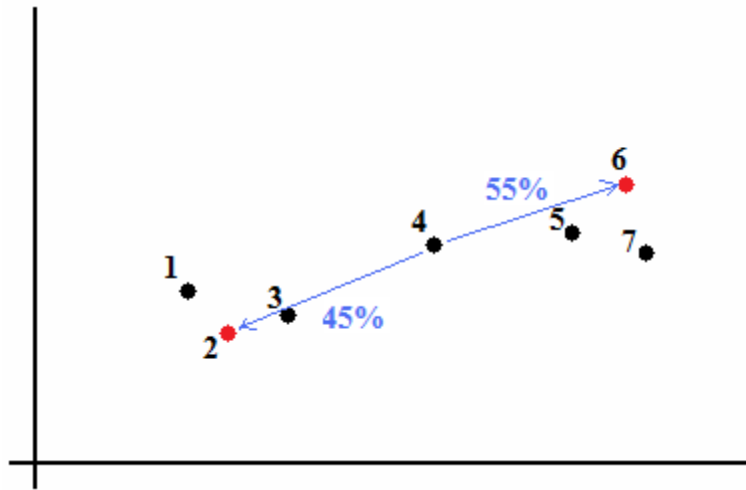
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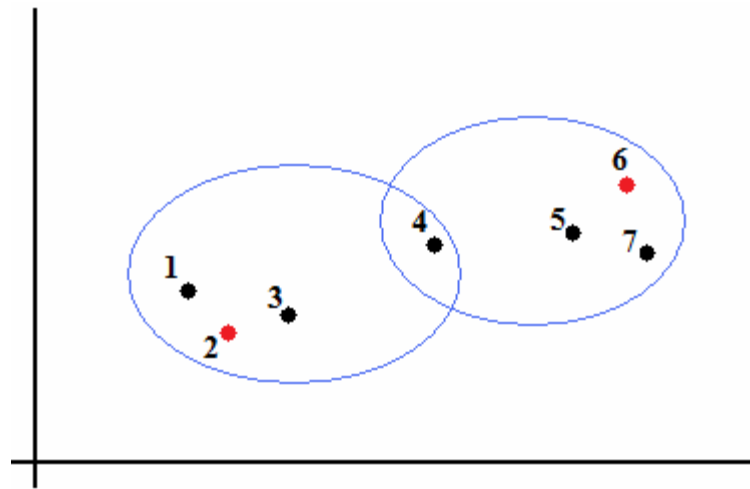
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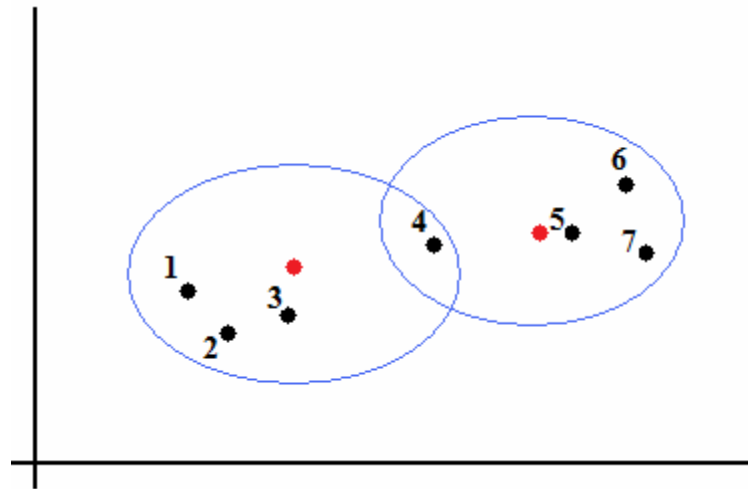
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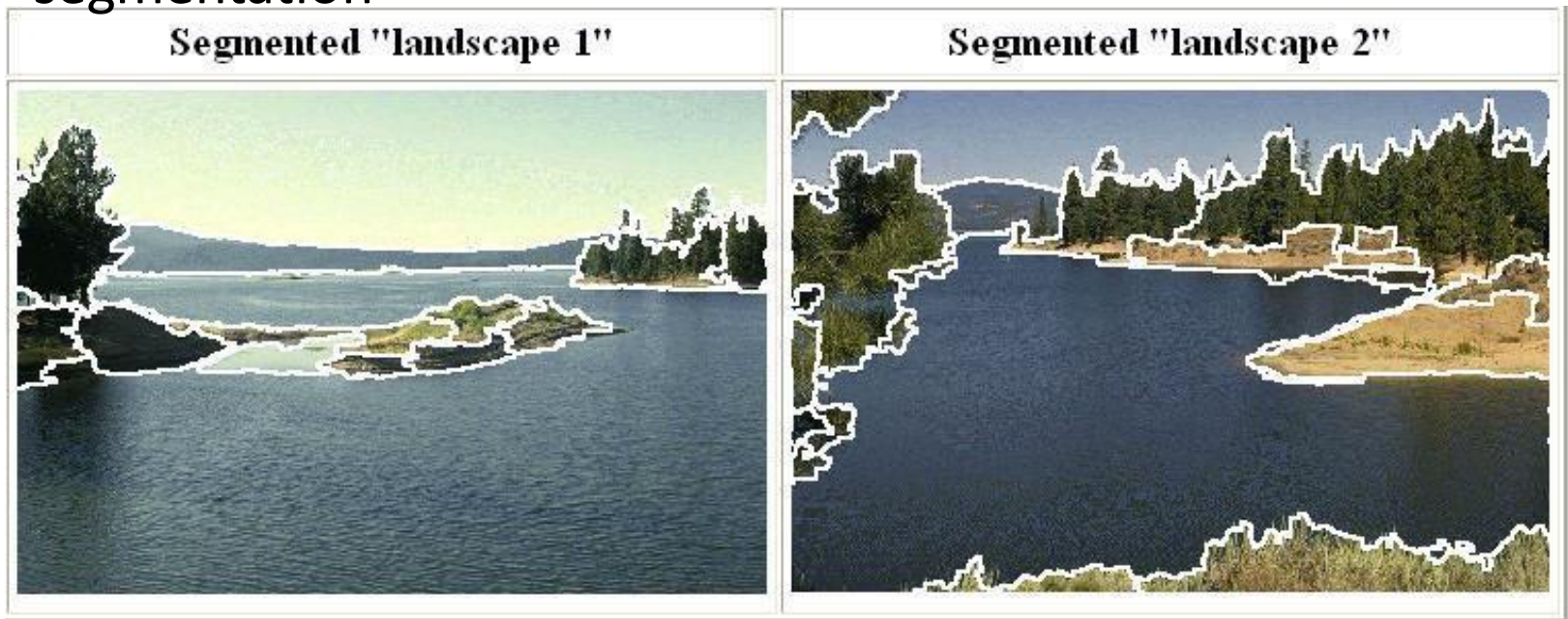
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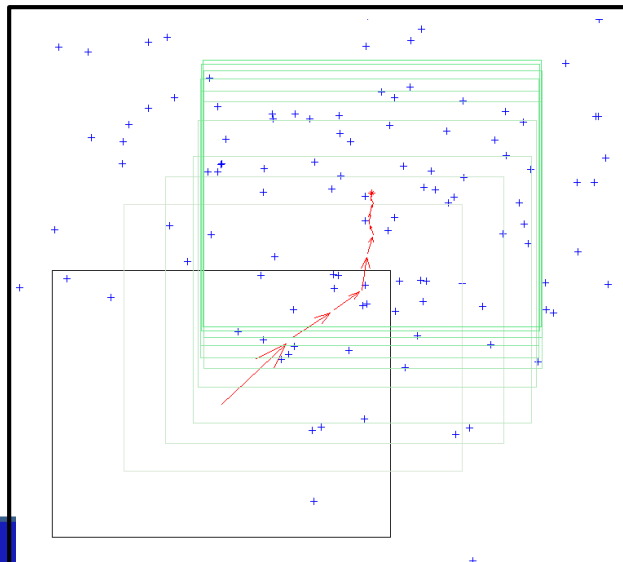
- An advanced and versatile technique for clustering-based segmentation



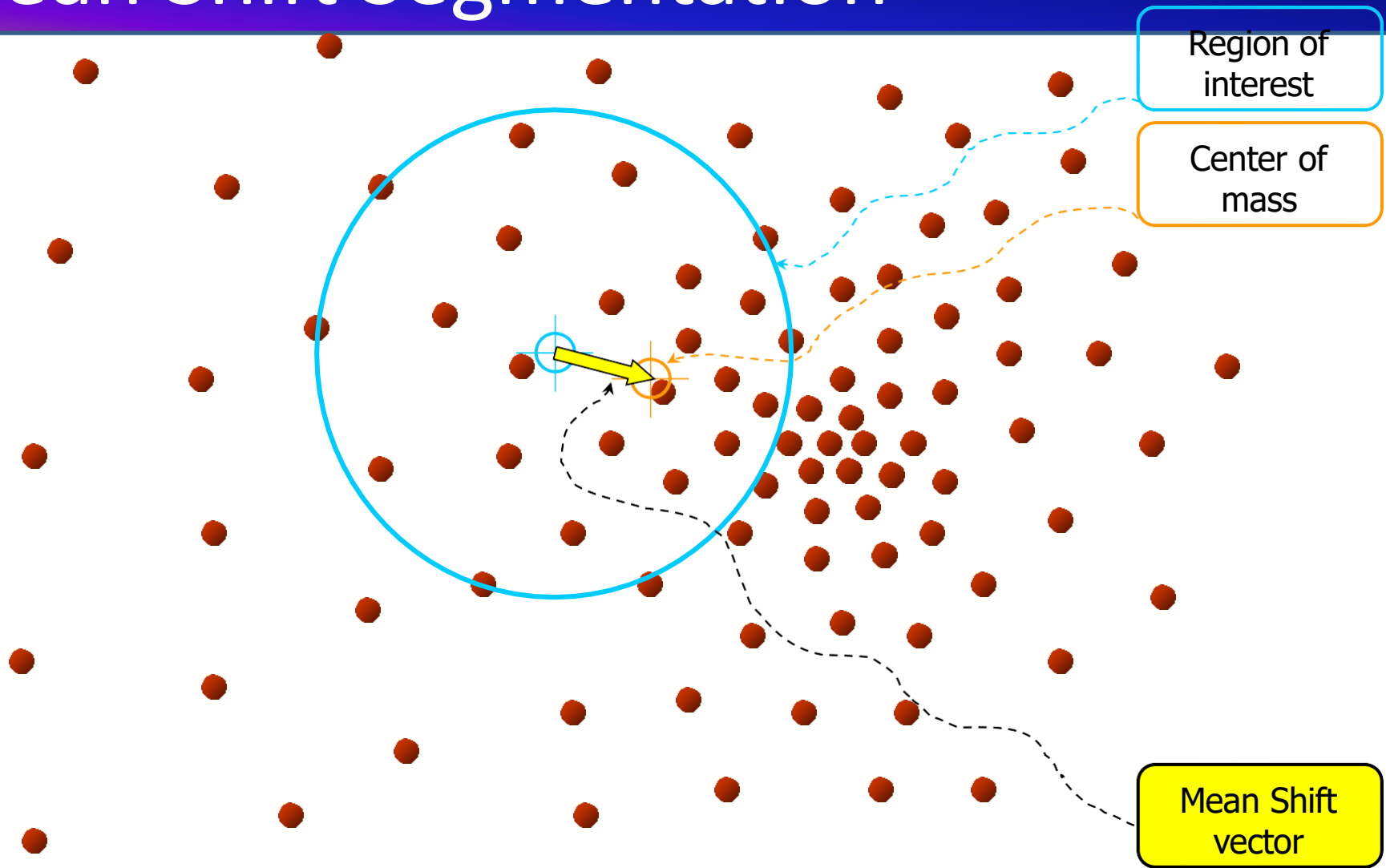
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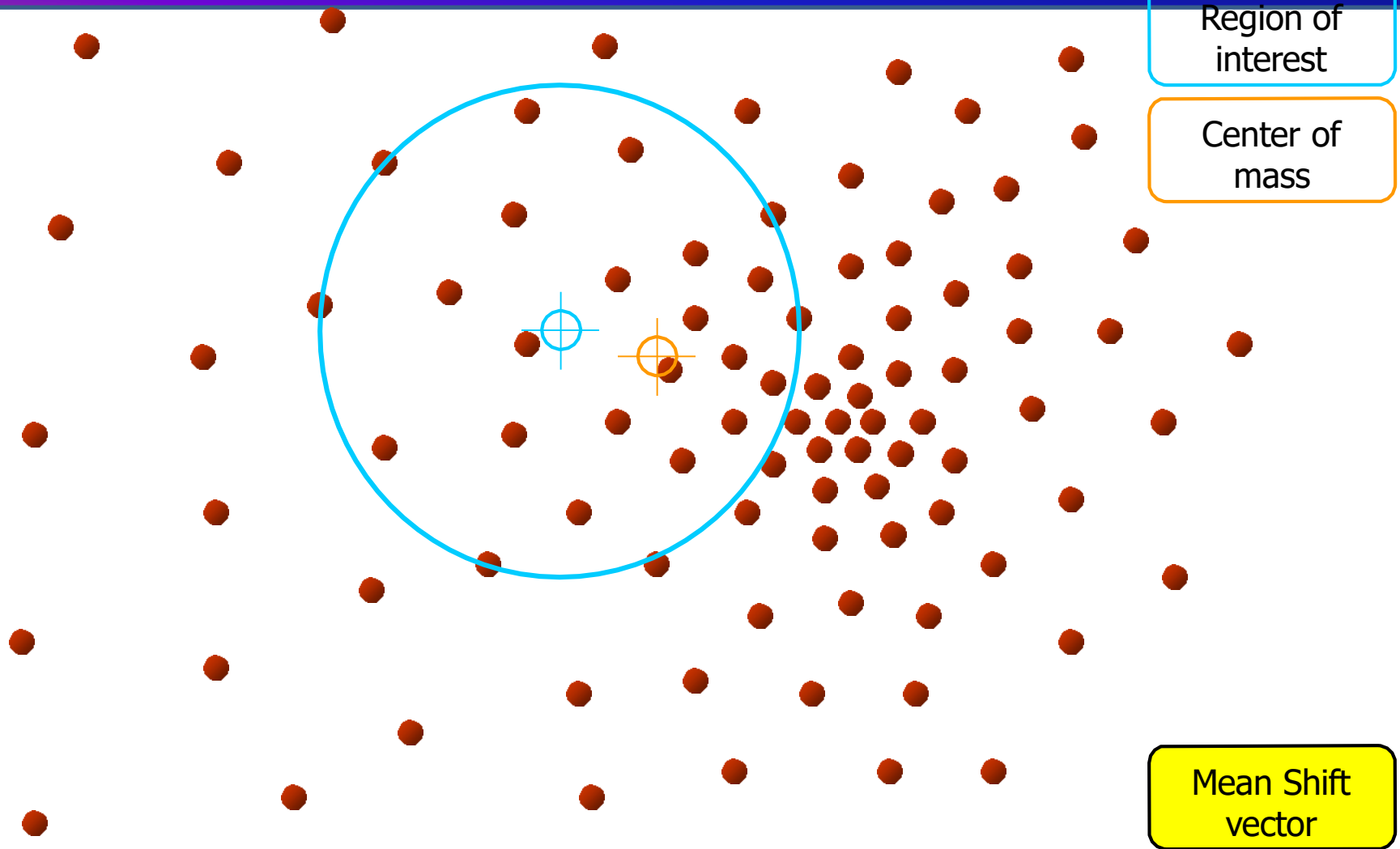
- The mean shift algorithm seeks a *mode* or local maximum of density of a given distribution
  - Choose a search window (width and location)
  - Compute the mean of the data in the search window
  - Center the search window at the new mean location
  - Repeat until convergence



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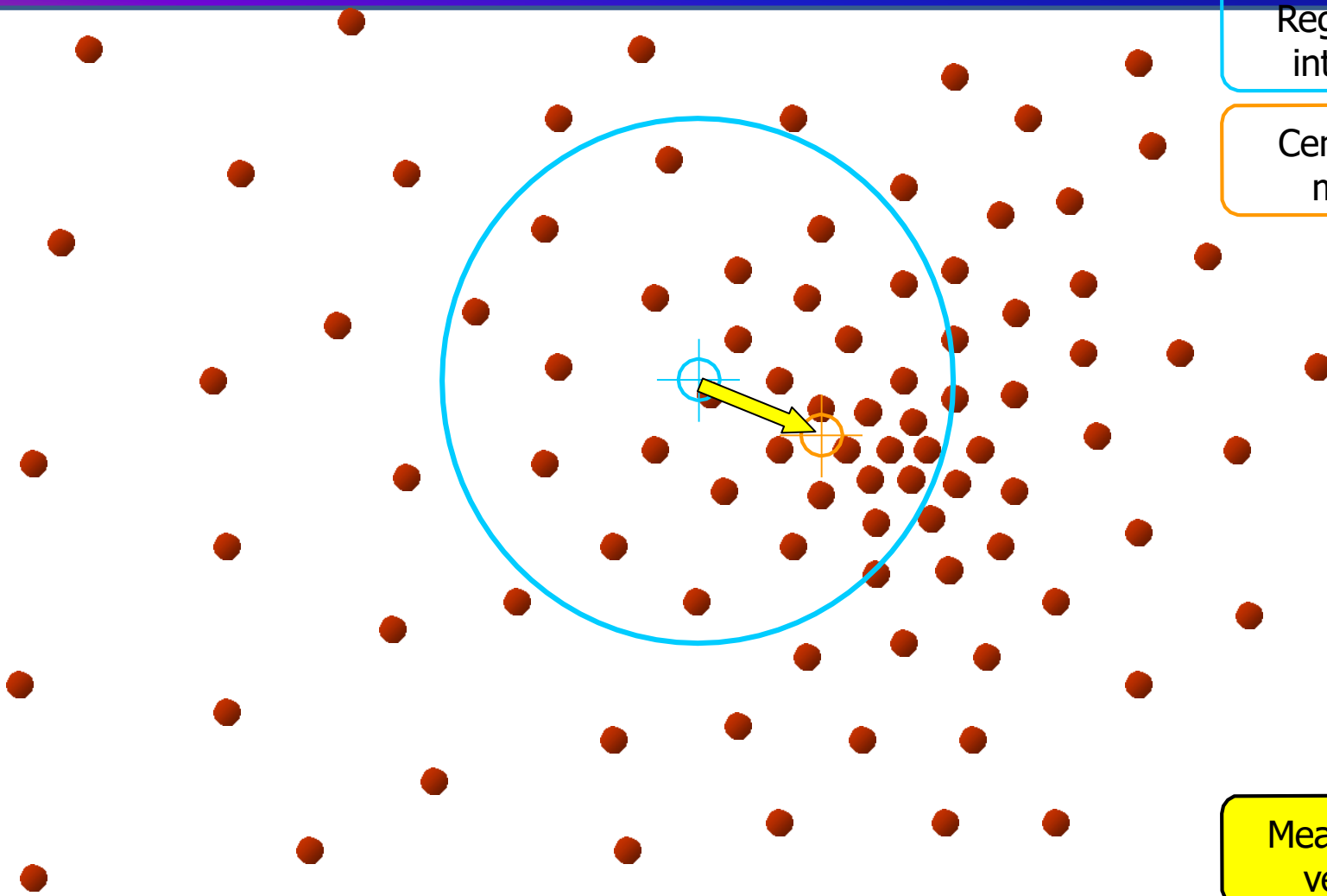


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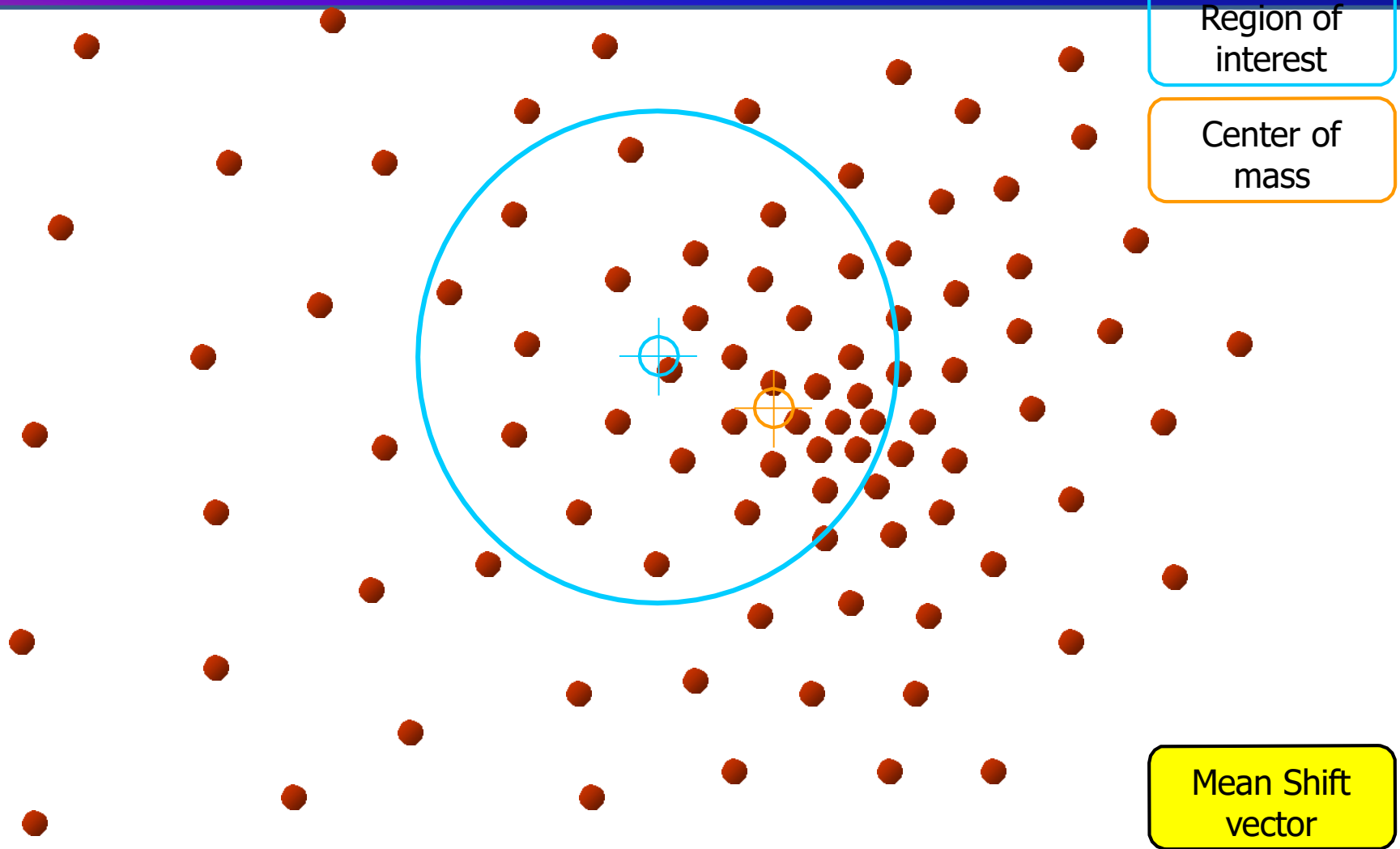
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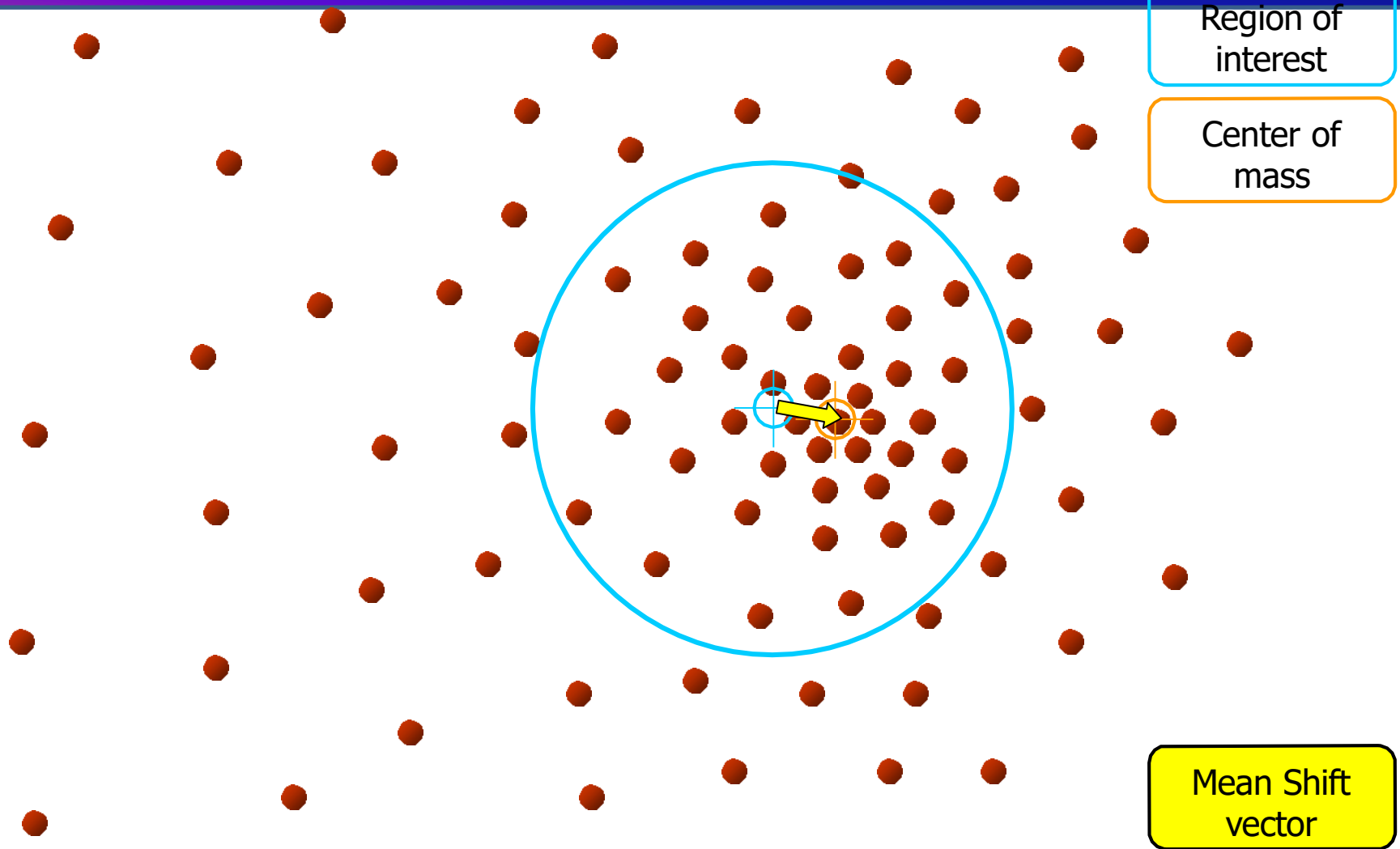
Mean Shift  
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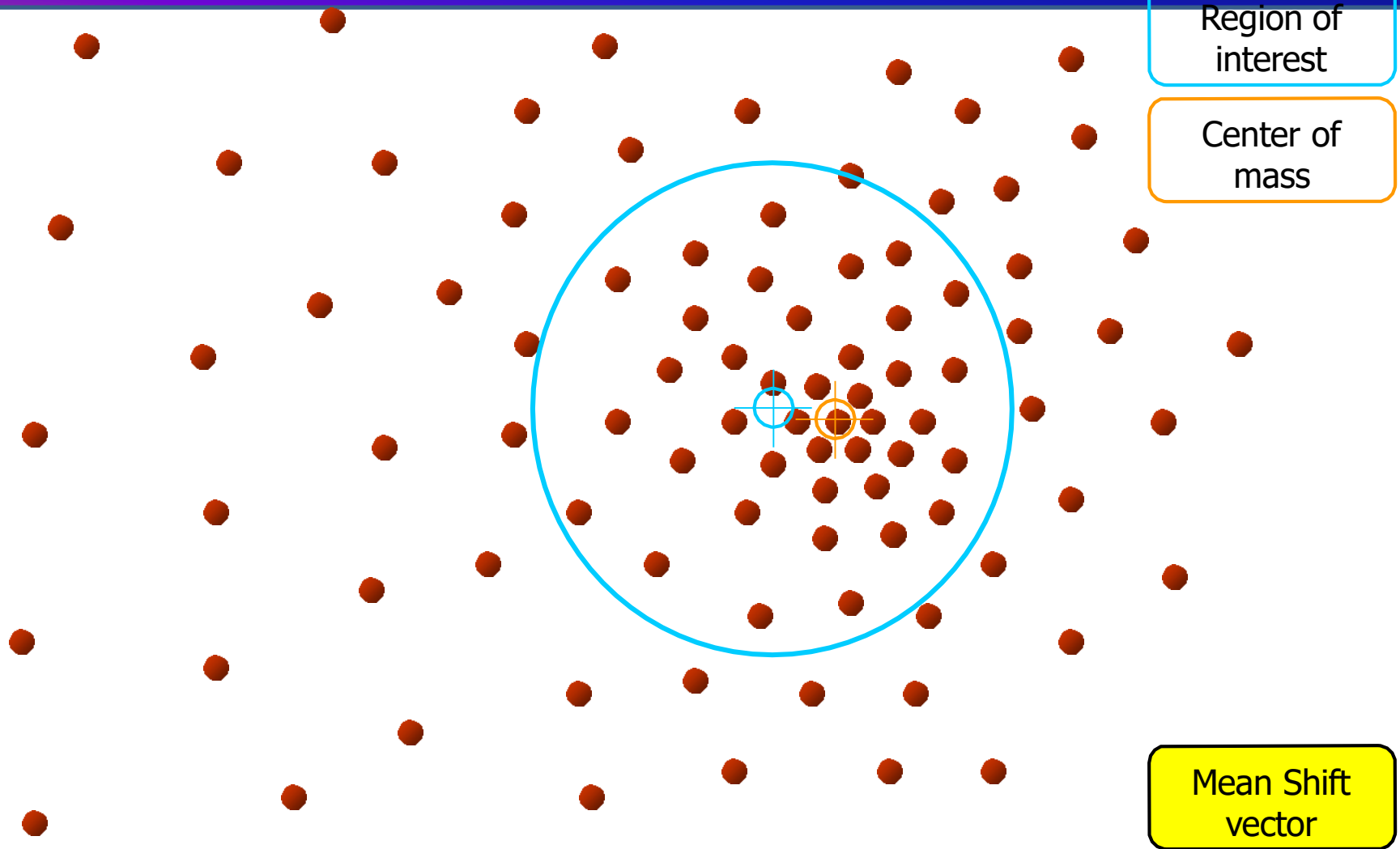
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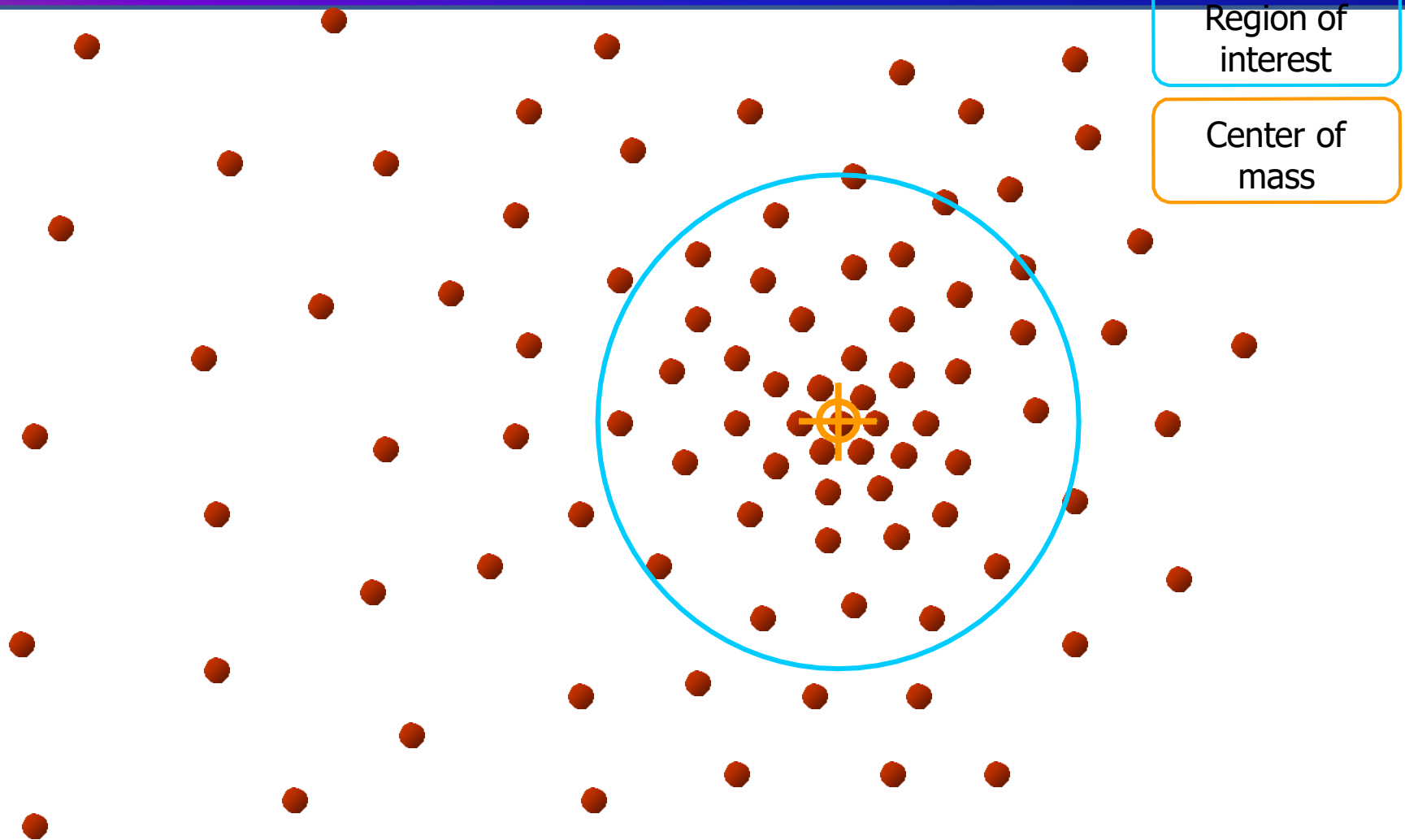


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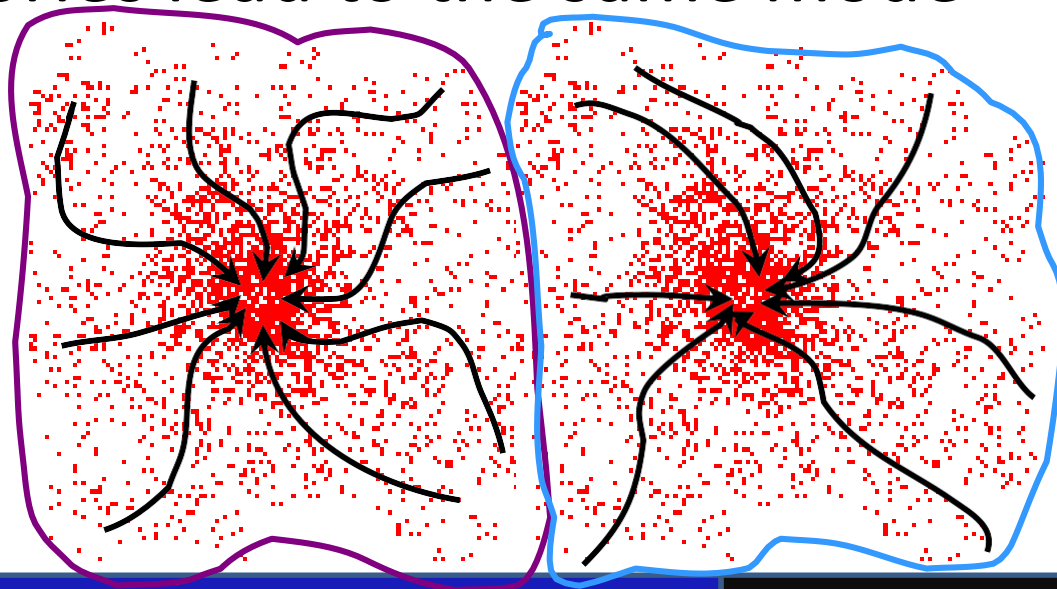


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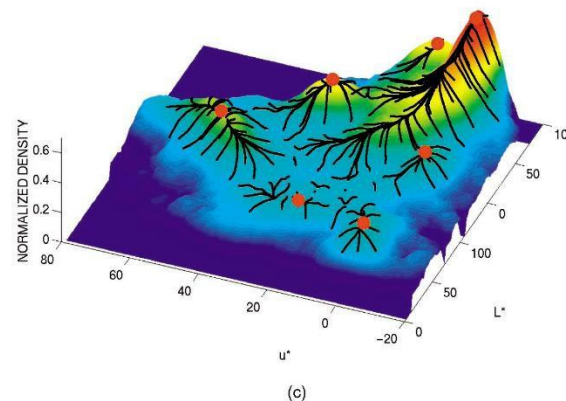
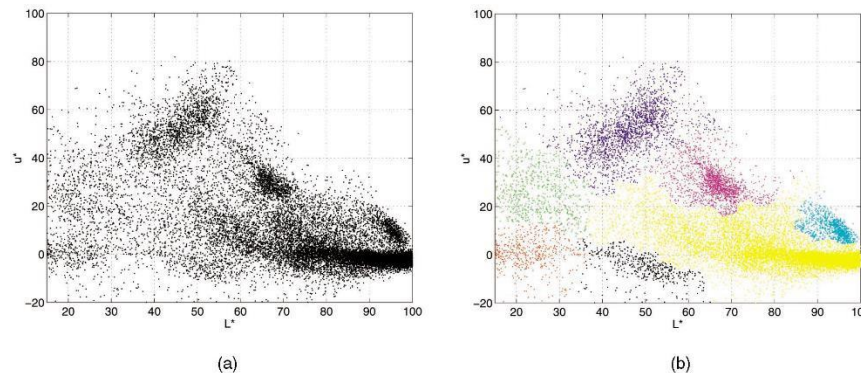
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- Cluster: all data points in the attraction basin of a mode
- Attraction basin: the region for which all trajectories lead to the same mode

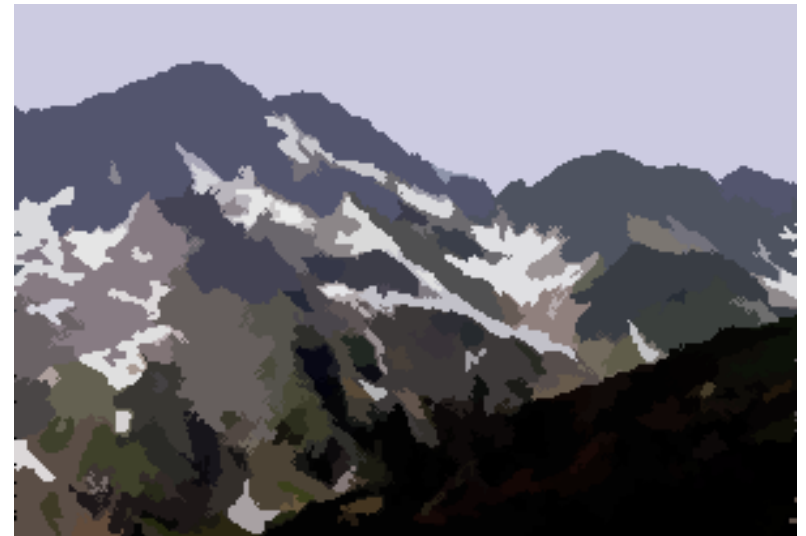


# Mean shift clustering/segmentation

- Find features (color, gradients, texture, etc)
- Initialize windows at individual pixel locations
- Perform mean shift for each window until convergence
- Merge windows that end up near the same “peak” or mode



# Mean shift segmentation results





# More results



# Mean shift pros and cons

- Pros
  - Does not assume spherical clusters
  - Just a single parameter (window size)
  - Finds variable number of modes
  - Robust to outliers
- Cons
  - Output depends on window size
  - Computationally expensive
  - Does not scale well with dimension of feature space

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