



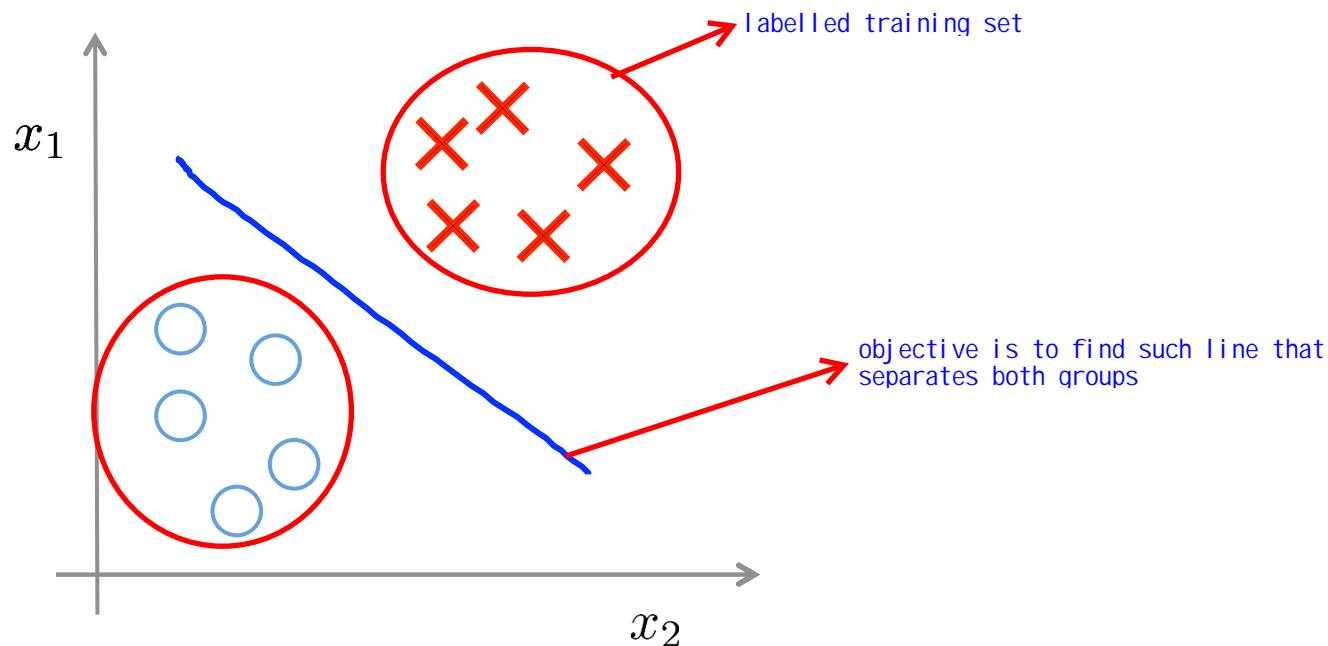
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Clustering

Unsupervised learning introduction

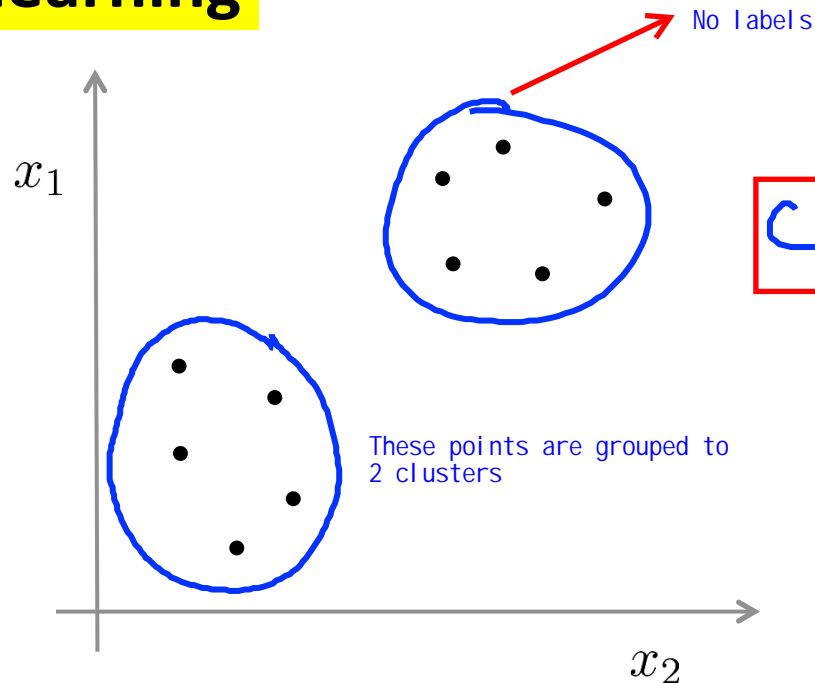
Learn From unlabelled data!

Supervised learning



Training set: $\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), (x^{(3)}, y^{(3)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$ ↩

Unsupervised learning



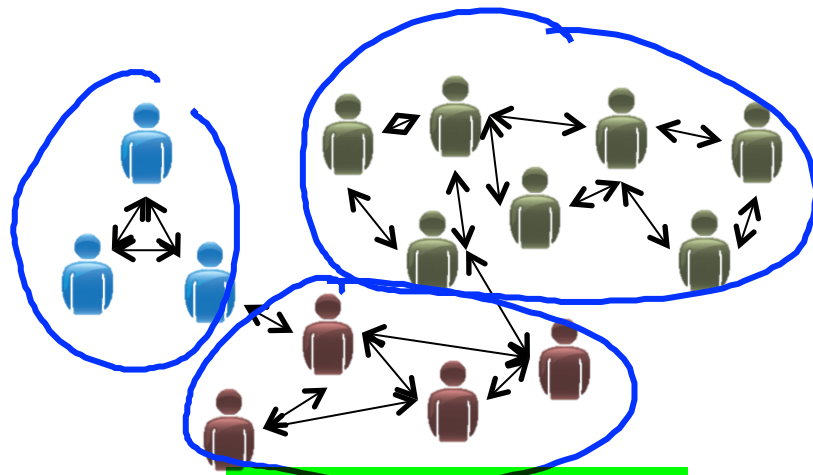
Clustering algorithm

Training set: $\{\underline{x^{(1)}}, \underline{x^{(2)}}, x^{(3)}, \dots, \underline{x^{(m)}}\}$ ←

Applications of clustering



Market segmentation



Social network analysis



In data center, some computers tend to work together.

Organize computing clusters

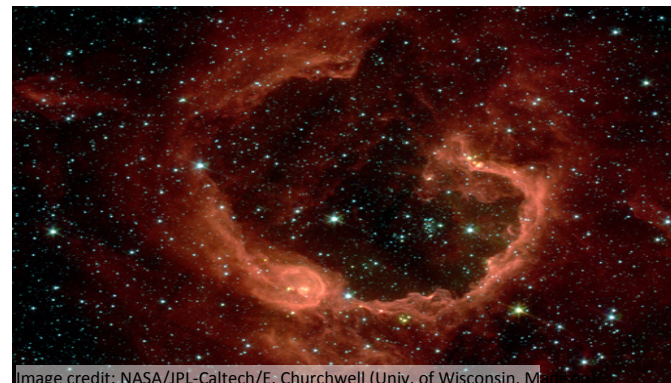


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Astronomical data analysis



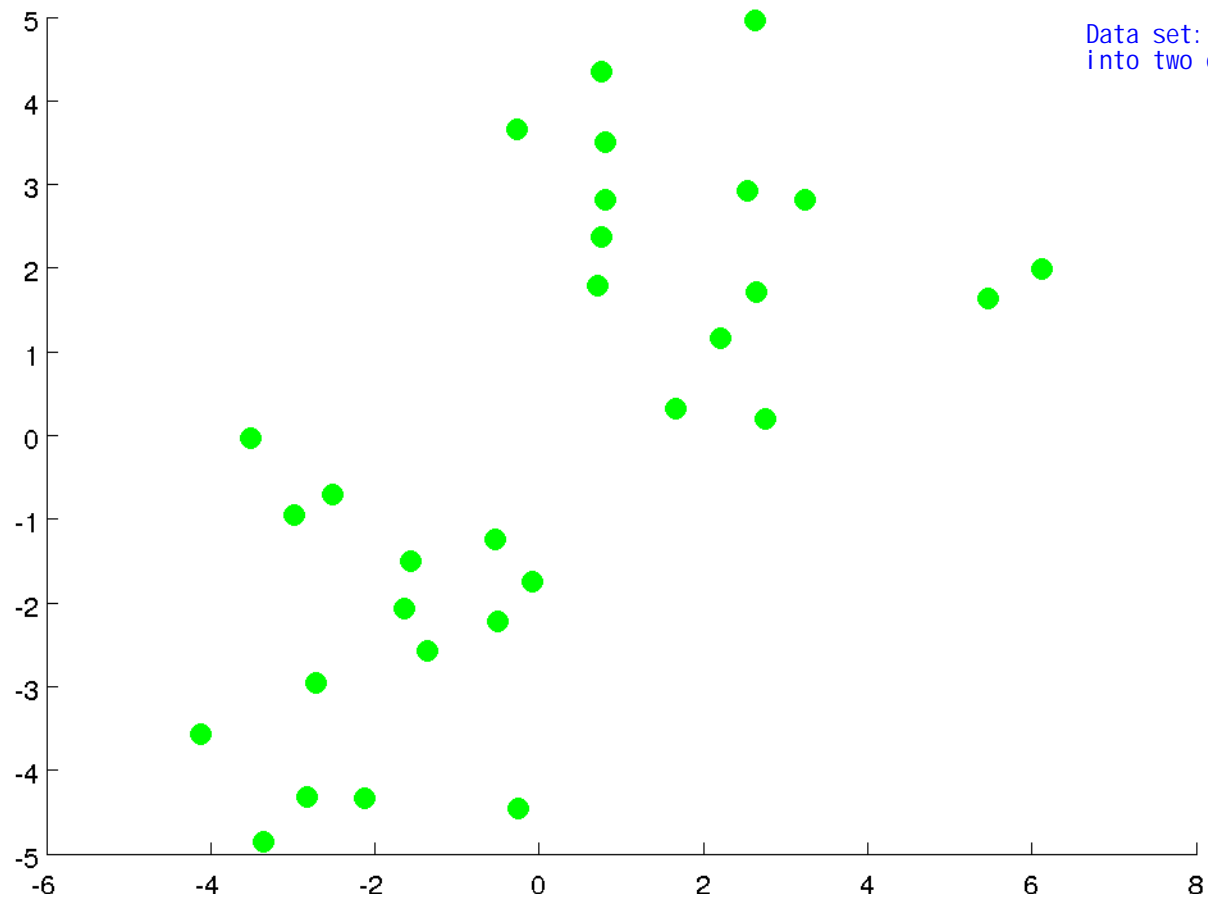
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K-means
algorithm

→ iterative
algorithm

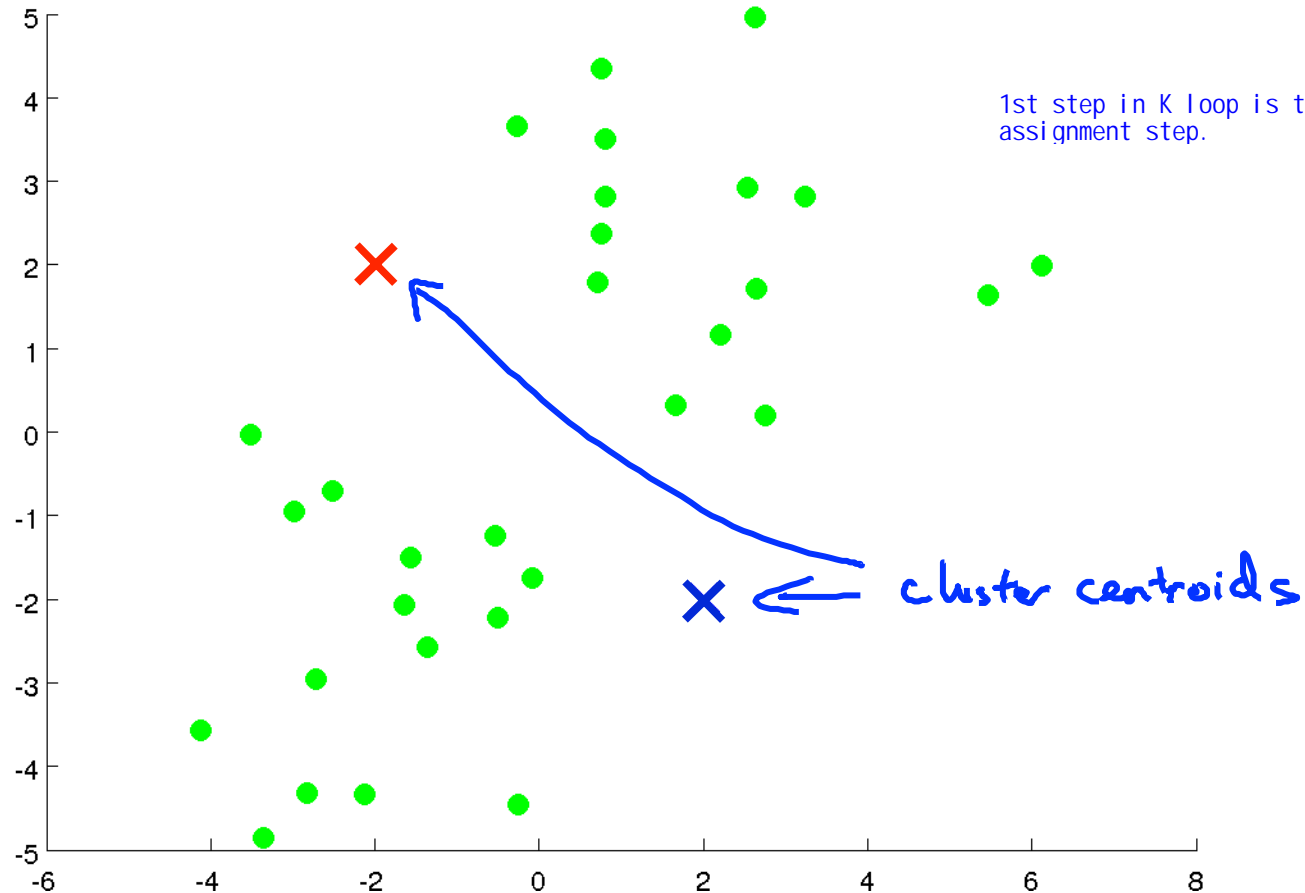
By far, the most popular and most commonly used algorithm

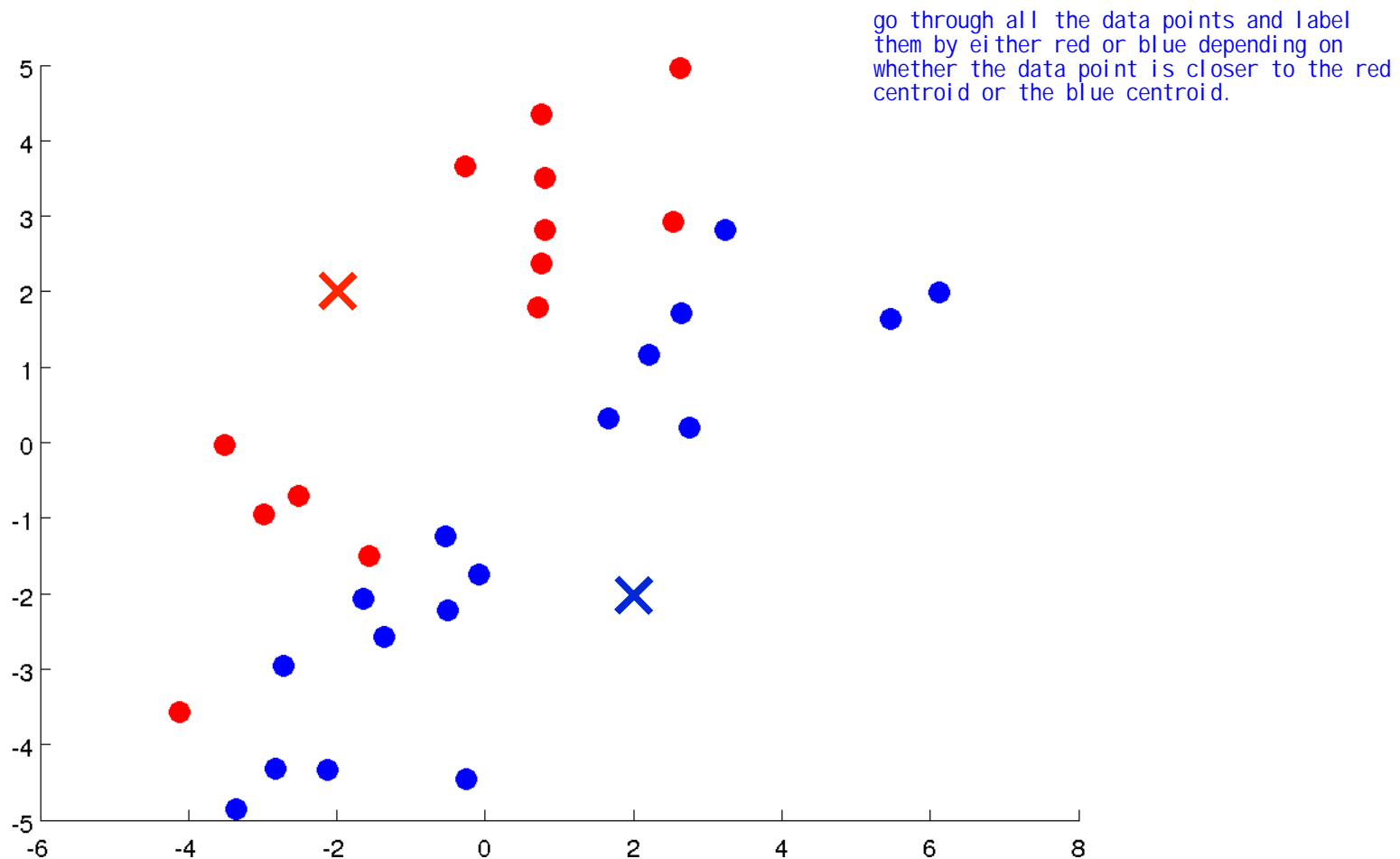


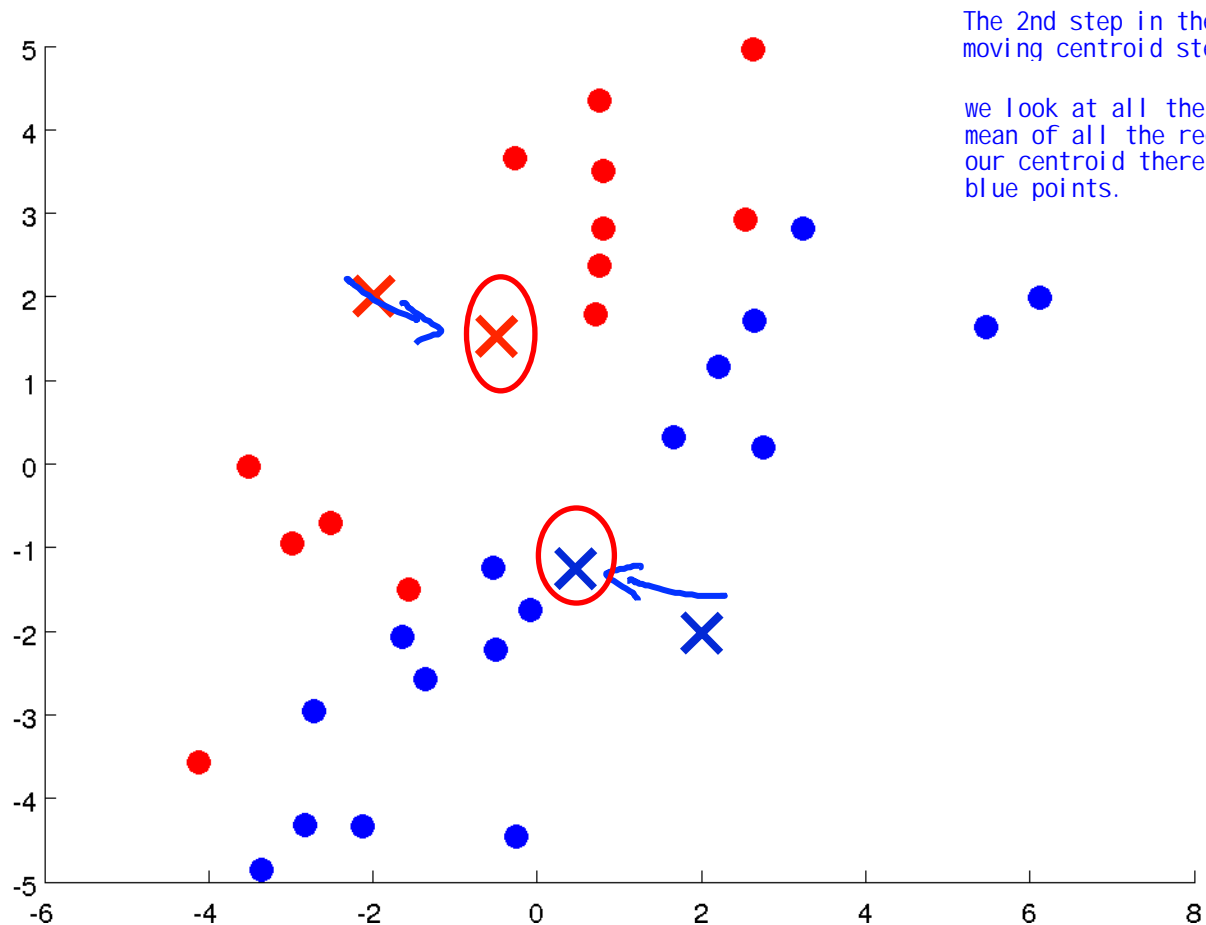
Data set: the goal is to group them
into two clusters

1st step: randomly initialize two points called cluster centroids.

1st step in K loop is the cluster assignment step.

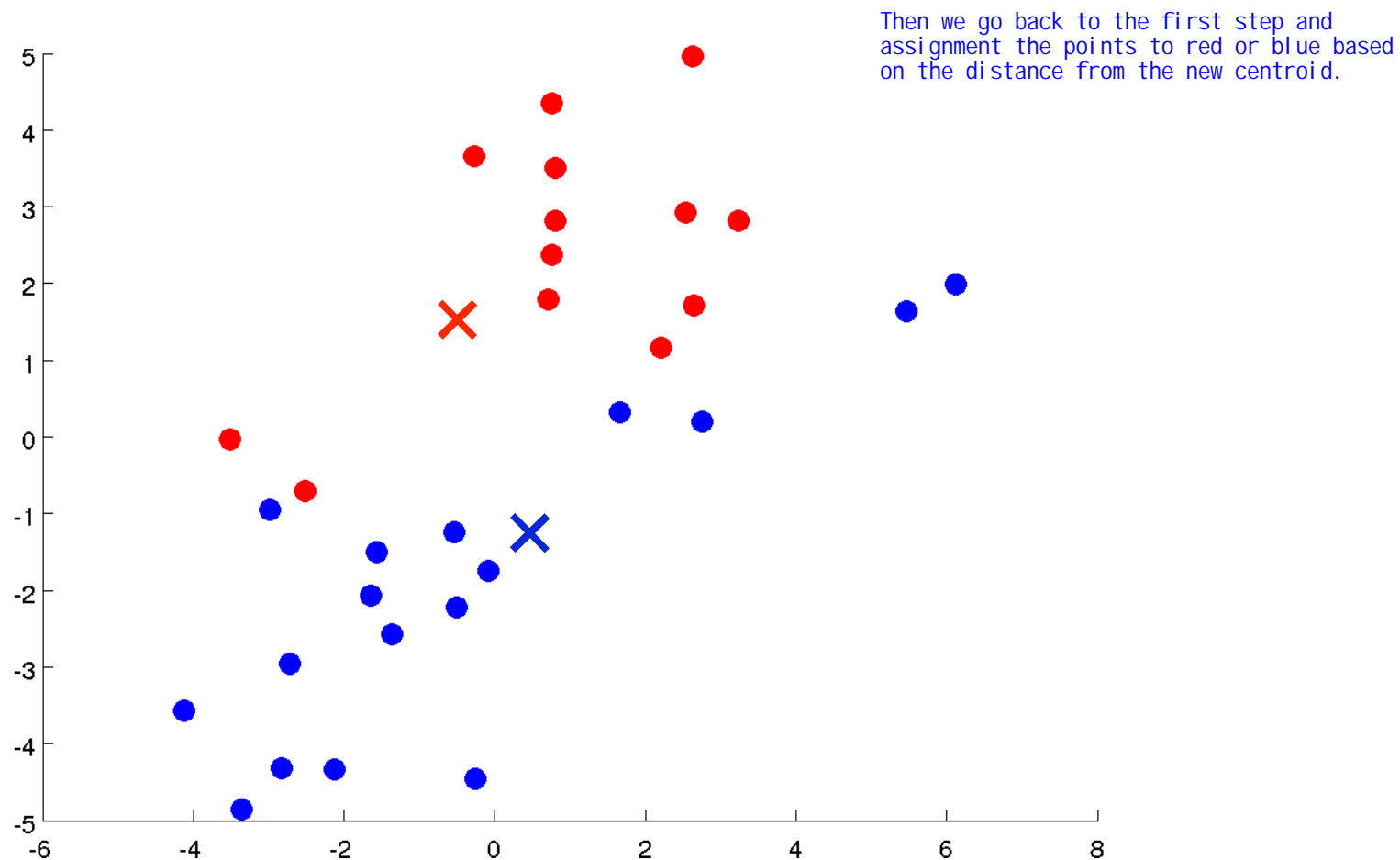




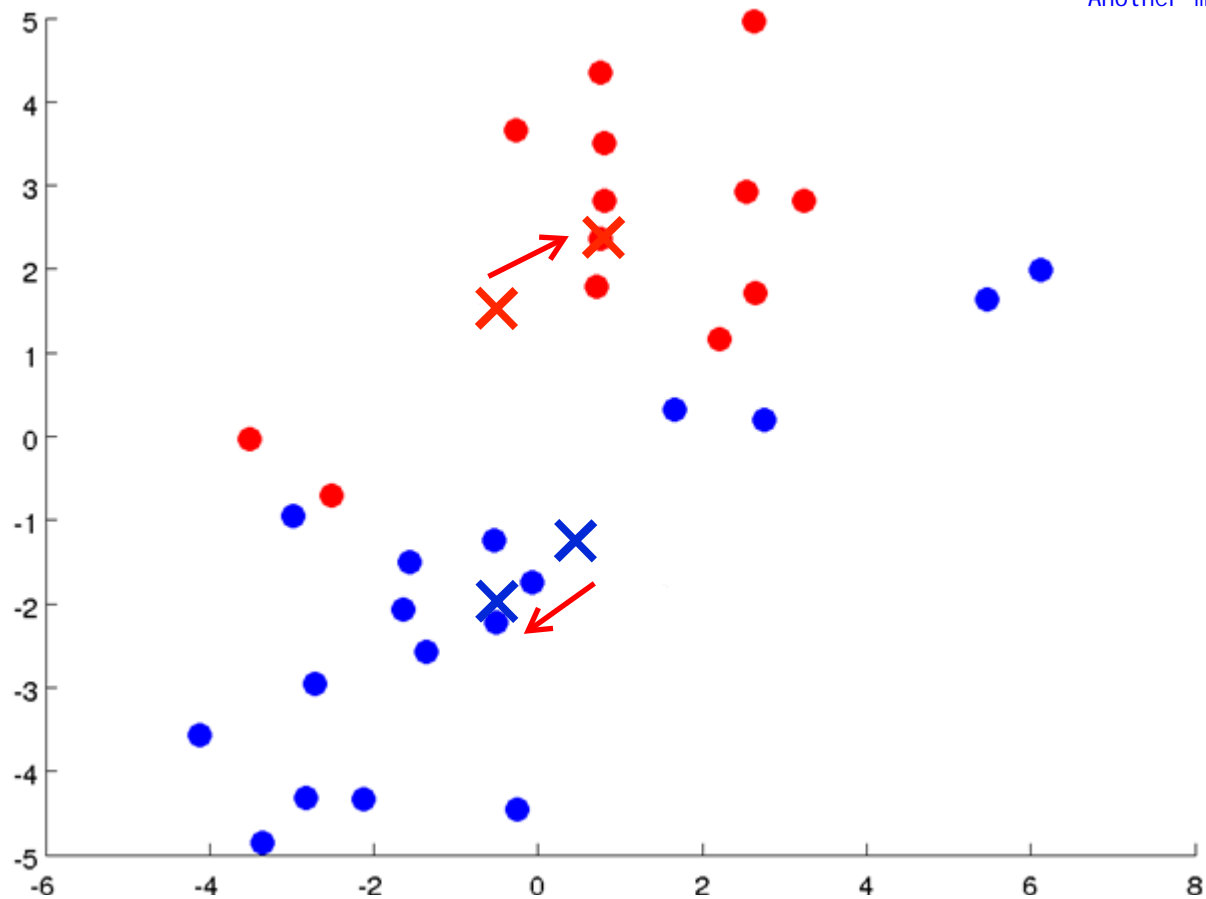


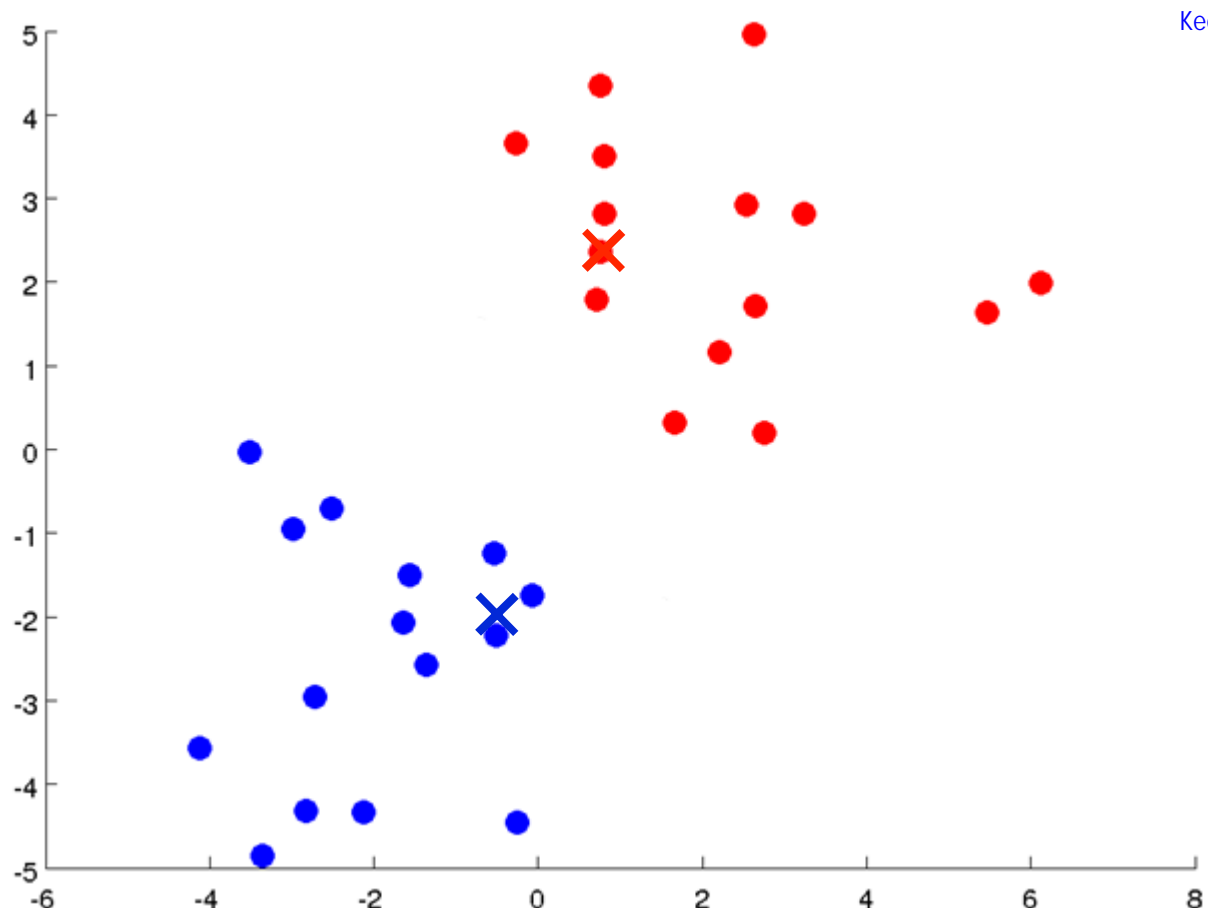
The 2nd step in the K means loop is the moving centroid step.

we look at all the red points and compute the mean of all the red points and we then move our centroid there. We perform the same for blue points.



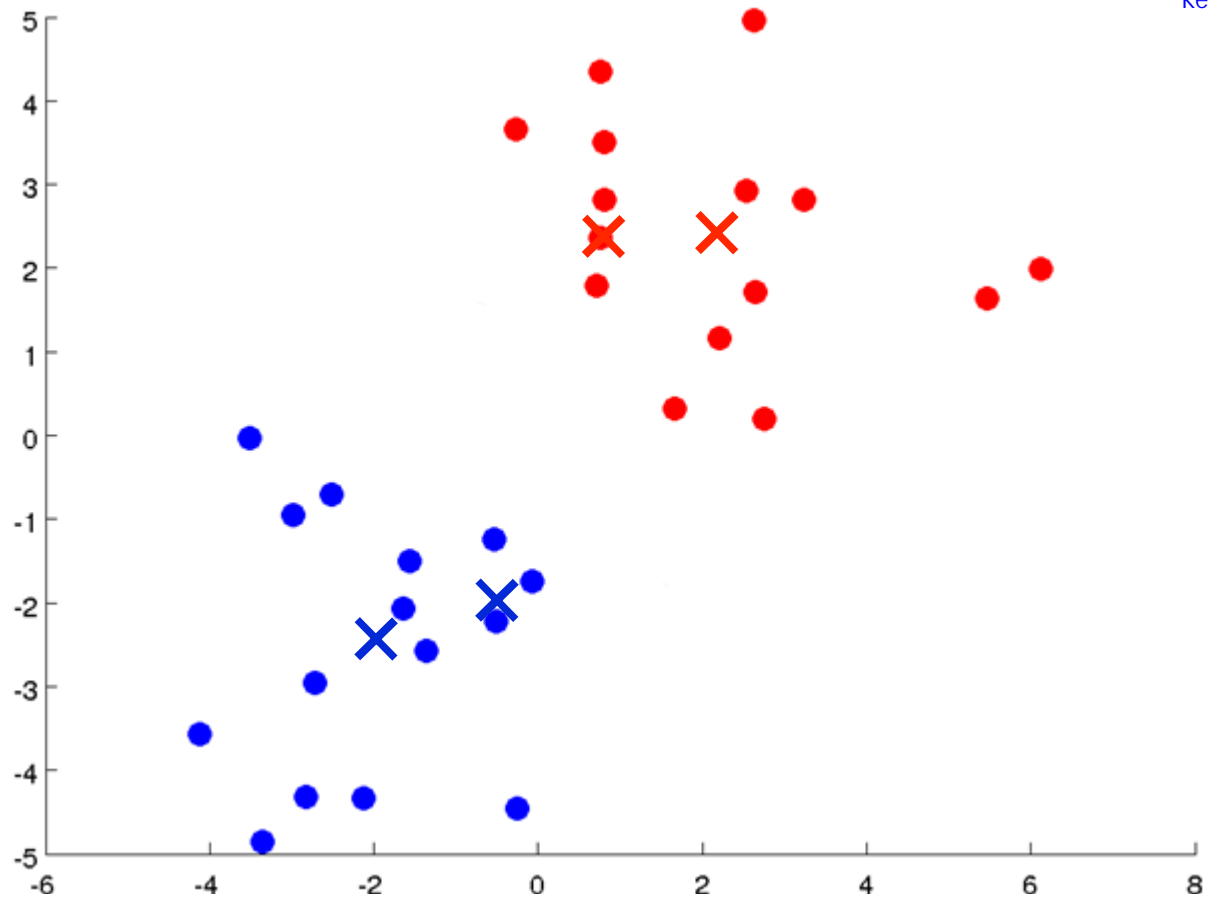
Another move centroid step!

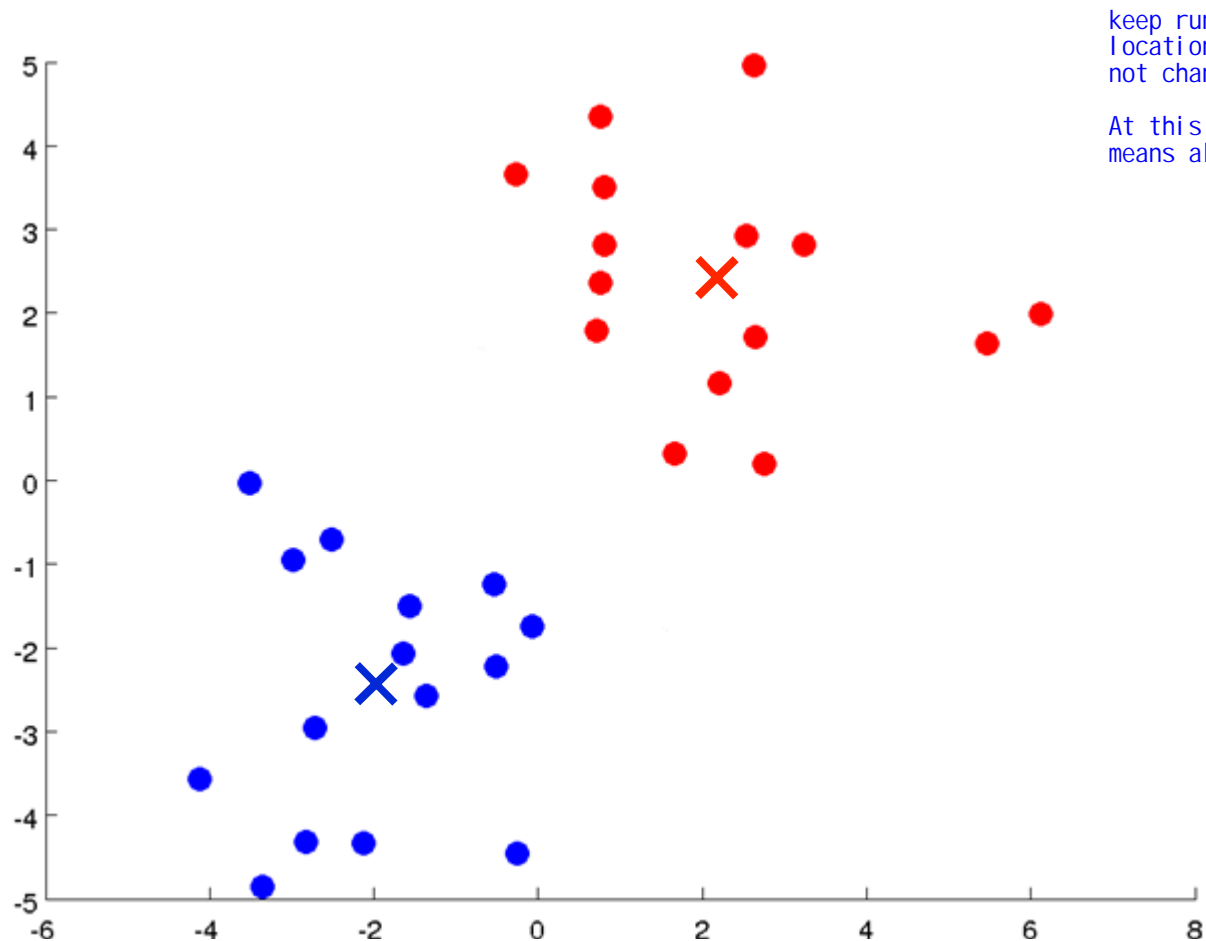




Keep running

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keep running, eventually, the locations of the centroids will not change further.



At this stage, we say that the K means algorithm has converged.

K-means algorithm

formal statement/steps of K means algorithm

Input:

For now, we just decide certain number for K.

- K (number of clusters) 
- Training set $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$ 

$x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (drop $x_0 = 1$ convention)

K-means algorithm

cluster assignment step

1st step

$$\mu_1 \quad \mu_2$$

Randomly initialize K cluster centroids $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Repeat {

for $i = 1$ to m

$c^{(i)}$

$c^{(i)}$:= index (from 1 to K) of cluster centroid closest to $x^{(i)}$

is a number from 1 to K , which indicates which centroid it is closet to x_i

$$\min_k \|x^{(i)} - \mu_k\|^2$$

for $k = 1$ to K

μ_k := average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k

$$x^{(1)}, x^{(5)}, x^{(6)}, x^{(10)}$$

$$\rightarrow c^{(1)}=2, c^{(5)}=2, c^{(6)}=2, c^{(10)}=2$$

$$\mu_2 = \frac{1}{4} [x^{(1)} + x^{(5)} + x^{(6)} + x^{(10)}] \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

average

when there is cluster with no points: we can just eliminate that cluster then we have $K-1$ clusters

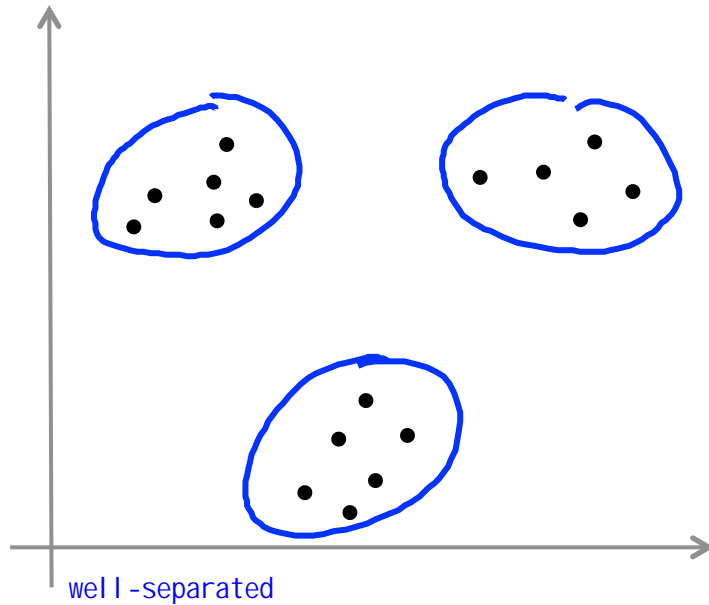
Cluster assignment step

Move centroid

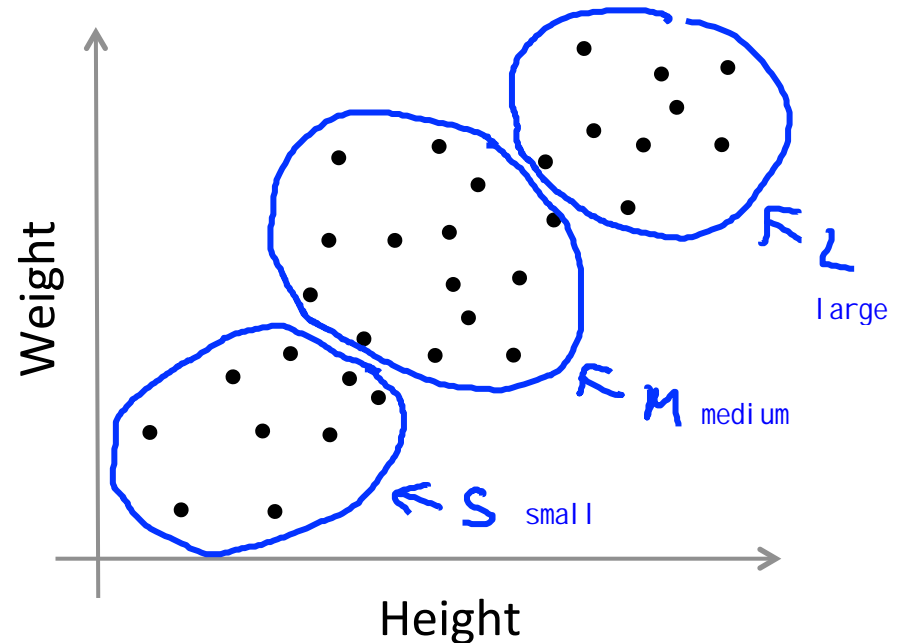
move centroid step

K-means for non-separated clusters

One other common application of K means



An example of market segregation
T-shirt sizing



not well-separated data set
we can also apply K-means



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Optimization objective

K means algorithm also has an optimization objective!

K-means optimization objective

- $c^{(i)}$ = index of cluster (1,2,...,K) to which example $x^{(i)}$ is currently assigned
- μ_k = cluster centroid k ($\mu_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$)
- $\mu_{c^{(i)}}$ = cluster centroid of cluster to which example $x^{(i)}$ has been assigned

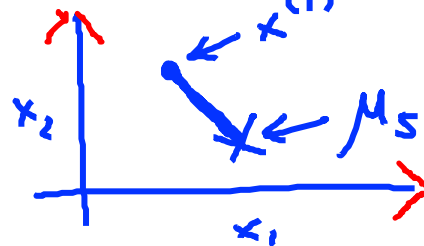
Optimization objective:

$$\rightarrow J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m ||x^{(i)} - \mu_{c^{(i)}}||^2$$

objective!

$$\min_{c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K} J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)$$

Distortion



K-means algorithm

Randomly initialize K cluster centroids $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Repeat {
Cluster assignment step
Minimize $J(\dots)$ w.r.t $c^{(1)}, c^{(2)}, \dots, c^{(m)}$ ← obvious!
(holding μ_1, \dots, μ_K fixed)

for $i = 1$ to m

$c^{(i)} :=$ index (from 1 to K) of cluster centroid
closest to $x^{(i)}$

move
centroid

for $k = 1$ to K

$\mu_k :=$ average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k

}

Minimize $J(\dots)$ w.r.t μ_1, \dots, μ_K
holding c_i with respect to



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Random
initialization

To make K-means avoid local optima

K-means algorithm

Randomly initialize K cluster centroids $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Repeat {

 for $i = 1$ to m

$c^{(i)} :=$ index (from 1 to K) of cluster centroid
 closest to $x^{(i)}$

 for $k = 1$ to K

$\mu_k :=$ average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k

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Random initialization

Should have $K < m$

$K=2$

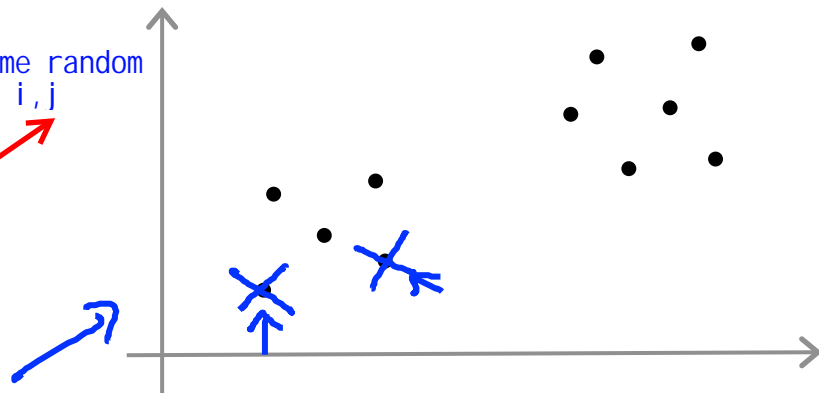
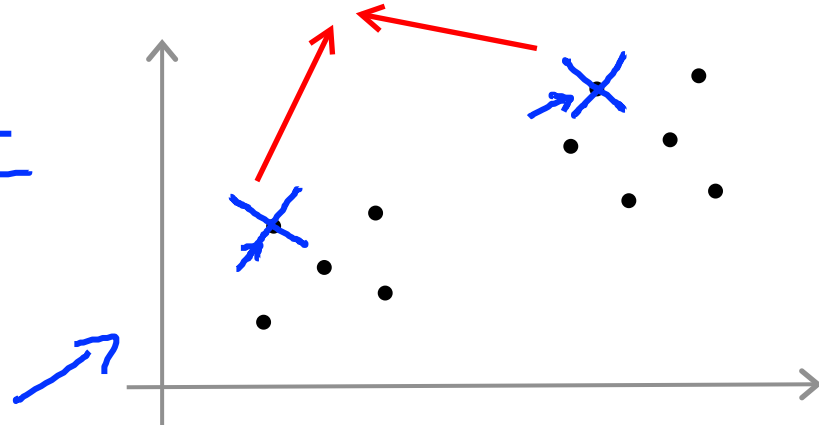
Randomly pick K training examples.

Set μ_1, \dots, μ_K equal to these K examples.

for some random values i, j

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1 &= x^{(i)} \\ \mu_2 &= x^{(j)} \\ &\vdots\end{aligned}$$

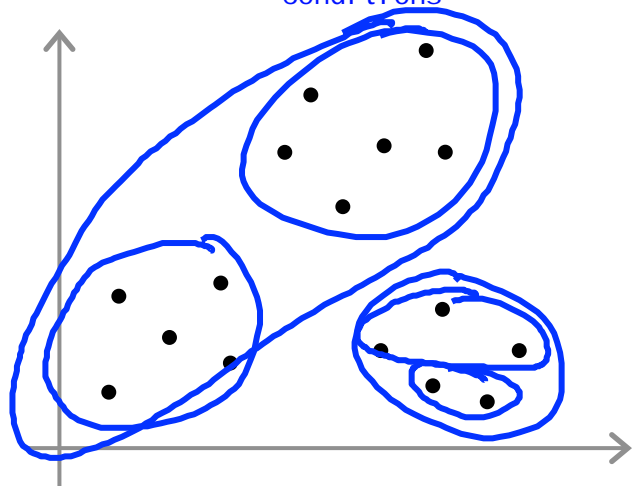
randomly pick two initial centroid



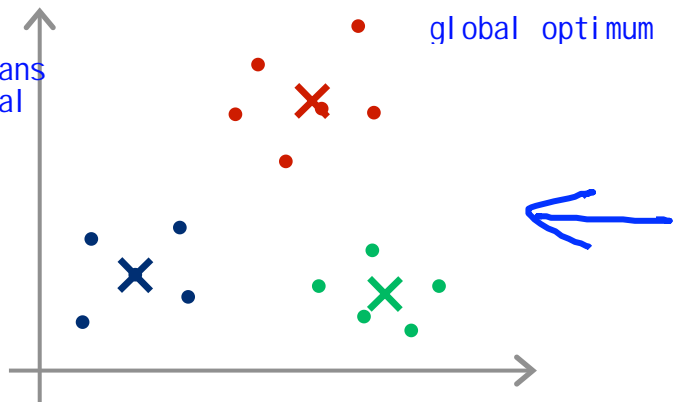
K-means can end up with different solution depending on your initial conditions

Local optima

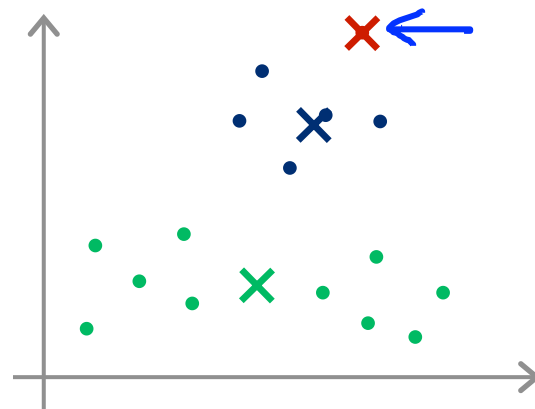
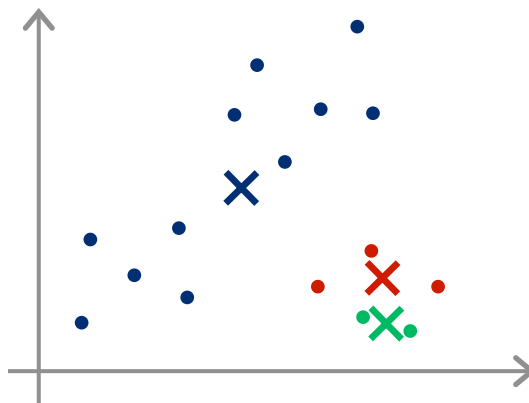
Can end up at local optima
To avoid this, we can run K-means
multiple times with diff initial
conditions



$$J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)$$



different local optima



Random initialization

For $i = 1$ to 100 {  Run K-means 100 times

Randomly initialize K-means.

Run K-means. Get $c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K$.

Compute cost function (distortion)

$$J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)$$

}

Pick clustering that gave lowest cost $J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)$

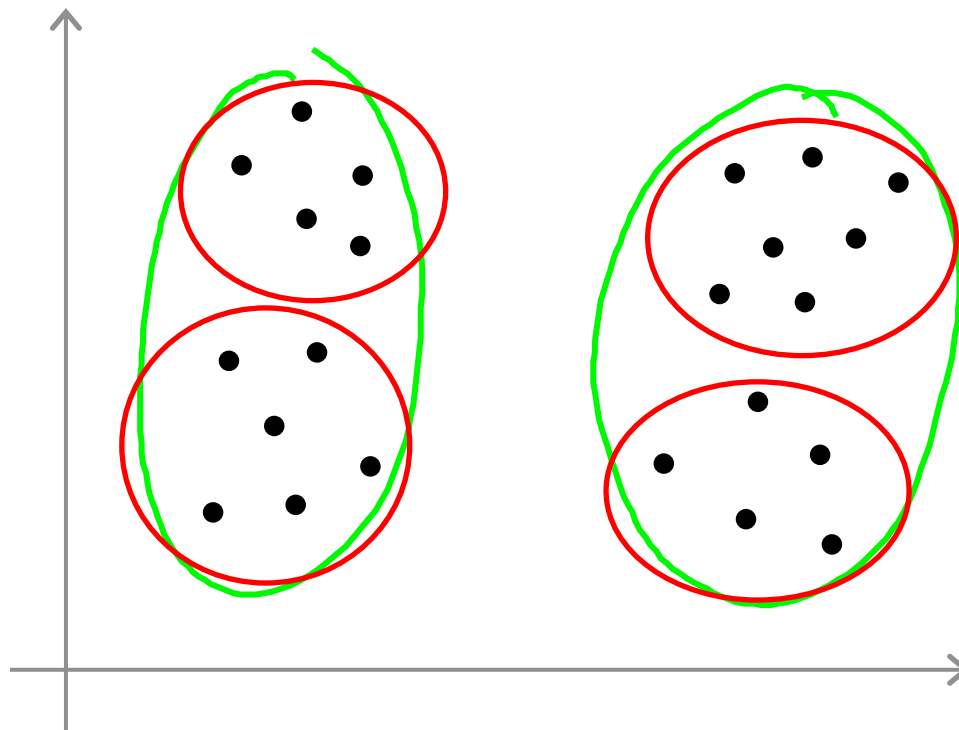


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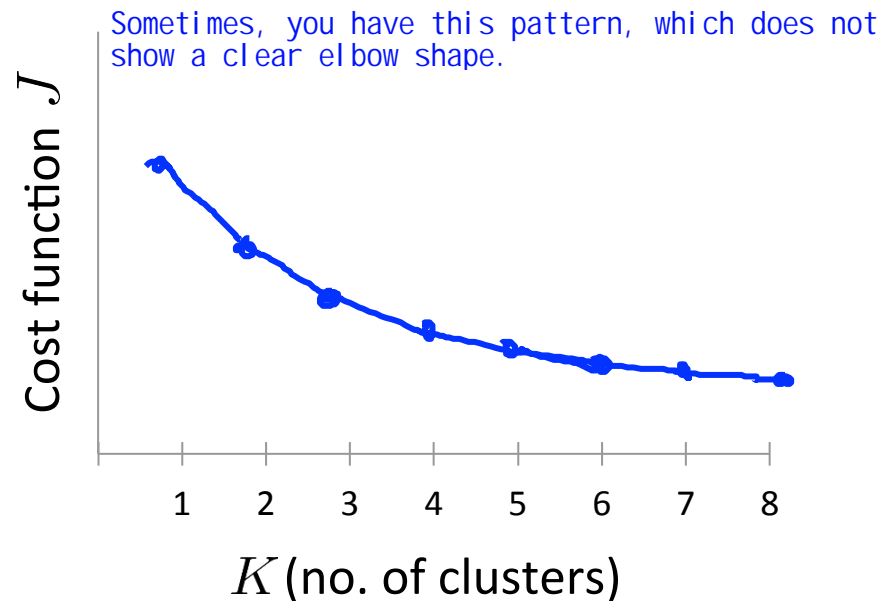
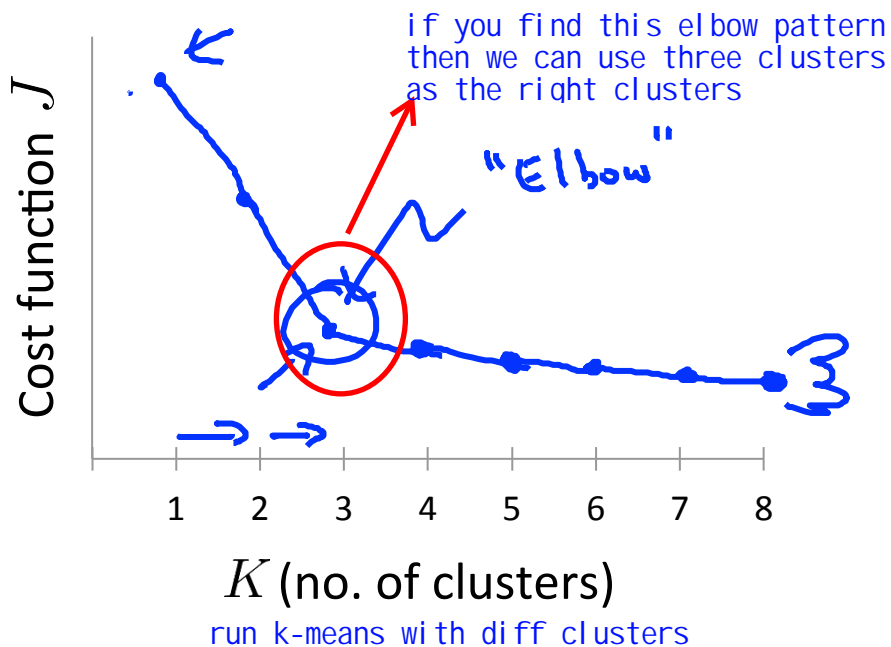
Choosing the
number of clusters

What is the right value of K? So far, the most common way is to choose k by hand!



Choosing the value of K

Elbow method: \longrightarrow No high expectation for any particular problem

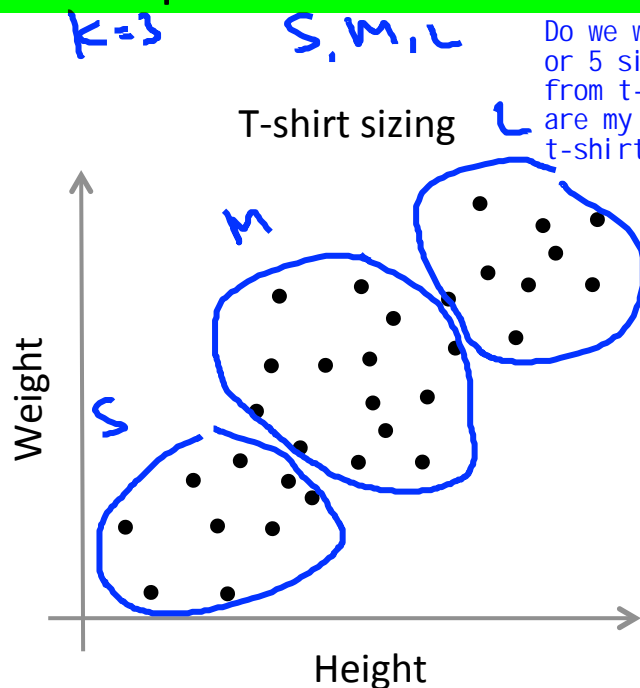


Choosing the value of K

Another way to choose number of clusters

Sometimes, you're running K-means to get clusters to use for some later/downstream purpose. Evaluate K-means based on a metric for how well it performs for that later purpose.

E.g.



Do we want to choose 3 sizes or 5 sizes? We can decide this from t-shirt sale business. e.g. are my customer happier with 5 t-shirt sizes?

