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Aim : To Implement K-means Algorithm

Theory

K-means

K-means is an unsupervised learning method for clustering data points. The algorithm iteratively divides data points into K clusters by minimizing the variance in each cluster.

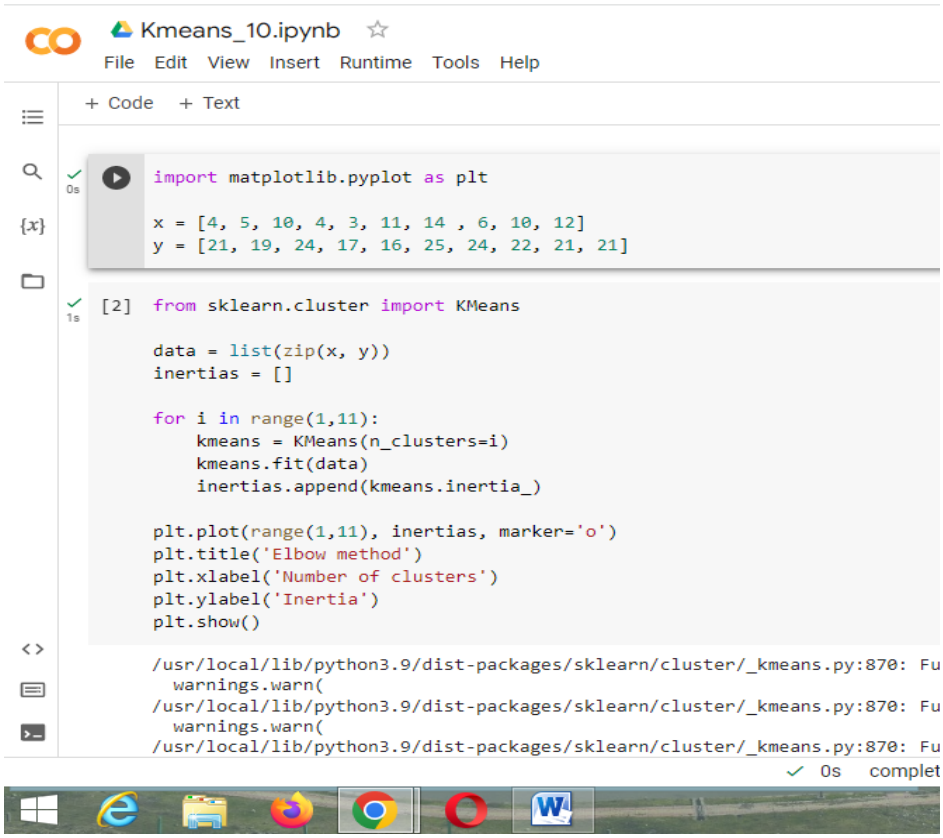
Here, we will show you how to estimate the best value for K using the elbow method, then use K-means clustering to group the data points into clusters.

How does it work?

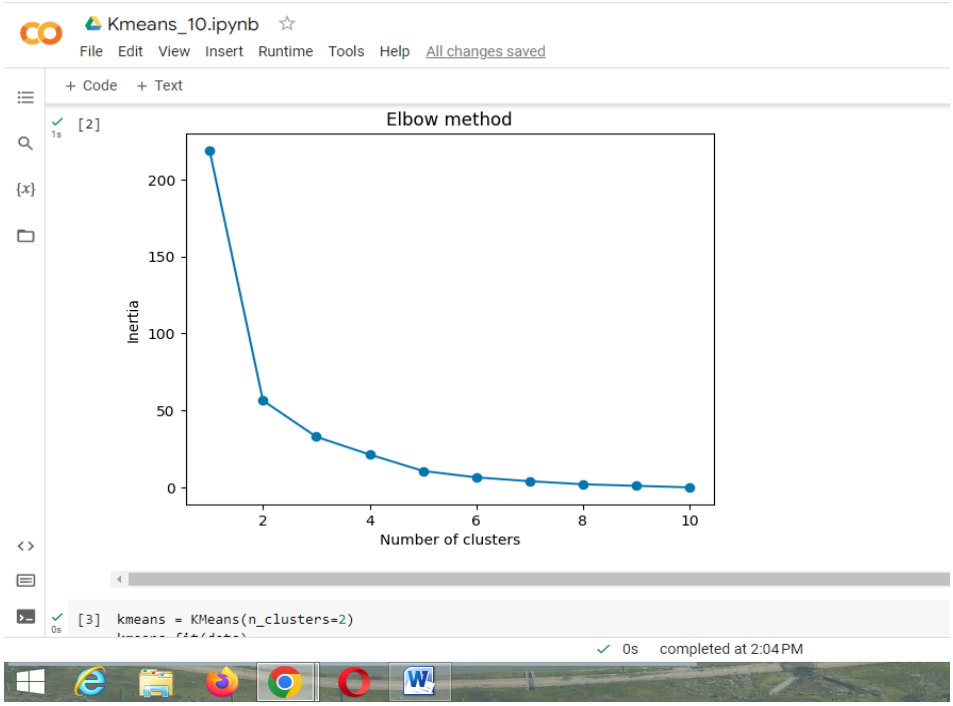
First, each data point is randomly assigned to one of the K clusters. Then, we compute the centroid (functionally the center) of each cluster, and reassign each data point to the cluster with the closest centroid. We repeat this process until the cluster assignments for each data point are no longer changing.

K-means clustering requires us to select K, the number of clusters we want to group the data into. The elbow method lets us graph the inertia (a distance-based metric) and visualize the point at which it starts decreasing linearly. This point is referred to as the "eblow" and is a good estimate for the best value for K based on our data.

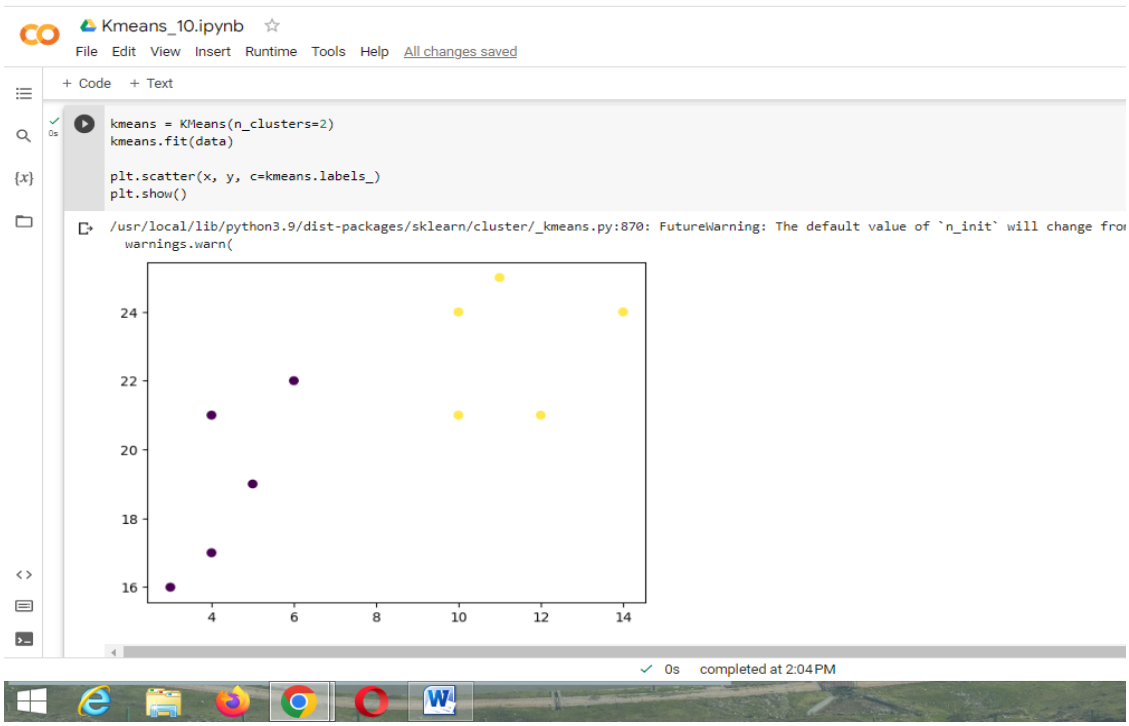
Program



Now we utilize the elbow method to visualize the intertia for different values of K:



The elbow method shows that 2 is a good value for K, so we retrain and visualize the **result:**



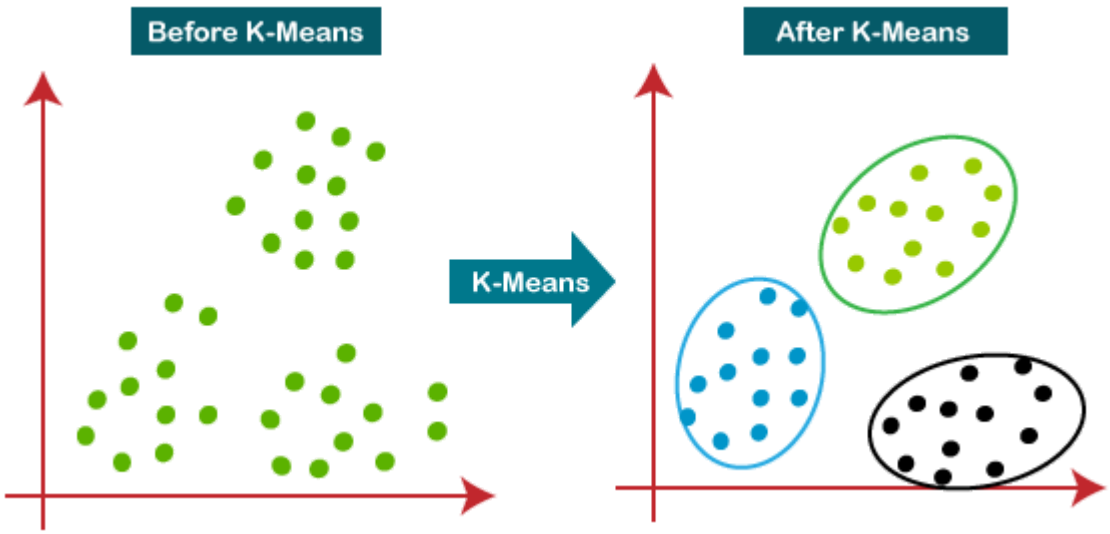
The k-means clustering algorithm mainly performs two tasks:

- Determines the best value for K center points or centroids by an iterative process.

- Assigns each data point to its closest k-center. Those data points which are near to the particular k-center, create a cluster.

Hence each cluster has datapoints with some commonalities, and it is away from other clusters.

The below diagram explains the working of the K-means Clustering Algorithm:



How does the K-Means Algorithm Work?

The working of the K-Means algorithm is explained in the below steps:

Step-1: Select the number K to decide the number of clusters.

Step-2: Select random K points or centroids. (It can be other from the input dataset).

Step-3: Assign each data point to their closest centroid, which will form the predefined K clusters

Step-4: Calculate the variance and place a new centroid of each cluster.

Step-5: Repeat the third steps, which means reassign each datapoint to the new closest centroid of each cluster.

Step-6: If any reassignment occurs, then go to step-4 else go to FINISH.

Step-7: The model is ready

Elbow Method

The Elbow method is one of the most popular ways to find the optimal number of clusters. This method uses the concept of WCSS value. **WCSS** stands for **Within Cluster Sum of**

Squares, which defines the total variations within a cluster. The formula to calculate the value of WCSS (for 3 clusters) is given below:

$$WCSS= \sum_{Pi \text{ in Cluster1}} distance(P_i\ C_1)^2 + \sum_{Pi \text{ in Cluster2}} distance(P_i\ C_2)^2 + \sum_{Pi \text{ in CLuster3}} distance(P_i\ C_3)^2$$

Conclusion: Hence To Implement K-means Algorithm.