

Unsupervised Learning: Clustering validity



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- The elbow method and the silhouette index
- Dunn and Davies-Bouldin indices
- Homogeneity, completeness and V-measure

- The three fundamental questions that need to be addressed in any typical clustering scenario are:
 1. **how many clusters** are present, if any
 2. which **clustering technique** is suitable for the given data set, and
 3. **how real or good** is the clustering itself.
- The tasks of determining the number of clusters [1.] and also the **validity of the clusters** formed [3.] are generally addressed by means of the so-called **validity indices**
 - They can also be useful for **comparing** the output of different clustering algorithms [2.]
- There are validity indices for specific algorithms, e.g. *fuzzy partition coefficient*
- Validity indices can be classified as:
 - **internal**: they assess only clusters plausibility, most of them quantify how good a particular partitioning is in terms of
 - **compactness**, considered as the overall proximity among the cluster elements, and
 - **separation** between clusters
 - **external**: they assume the availability of class labels (\equiv ground truth)

- In the following, we will overview some clustering validation approaches:

- **clusterability measures:**

- Scatter Plot Matrix (SPLOM) and the Parallel Coordinates Plot
 - Hopkins statistic
 - Visual Assessment of [clustering] Tendency (VAT)

- **visual tools:** Elbow method and the Silhouette coefficient

- **internal indices:** Dunn index and Davies-Bouldin index

- **external indices:** Homogeneity, Completeness and V-measure

clusterability

adequacy
of the
clustering

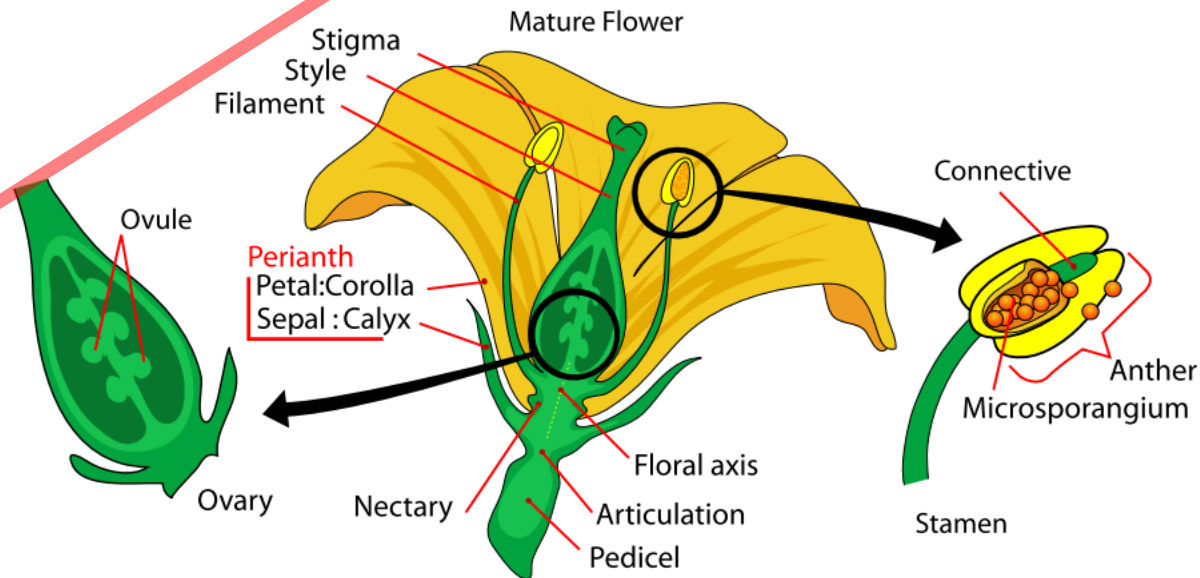
among many others:

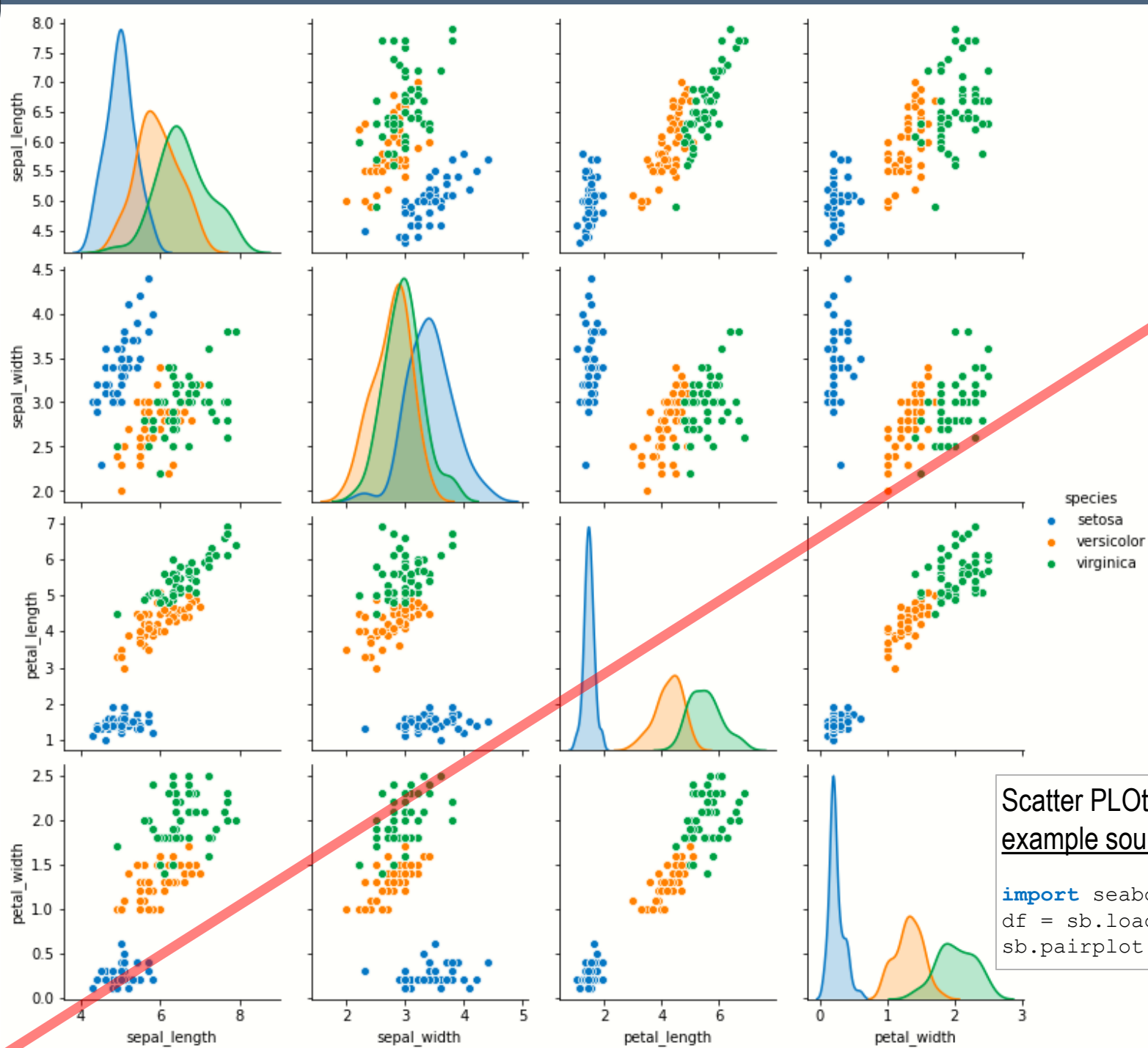
- Calinski-Harabasz Index - internal
 - Fowlkes-Mallows score - external
 - Rand Index and Adjusted Rand Index (ARI) - external
 - Mutual Information, Normalized Mutual Information (NMI) and Adjusted Mutual Information (AMI) – external
 - etc.

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Is there structure in the data?

- Before attempting any clustering task on the data, we should test whether the data is structured in clusters
- Among many others, the **Scatter Plot Matrix (SPLOM)** and the **parallel coordinates plot** are standard visualization tools, though of limited capability
 - e.g. for the Iris flower data set (Fisher's Iris data set)
 - multivariate data set by the British statistician and biologist Ronald Fisher (1936)
 - 150 samples under four attributes:
 - sepal length
 - sepal width
 - petal length
 - petal width
 - 3 species:
 - setosa
 - versicolor
 - virginica

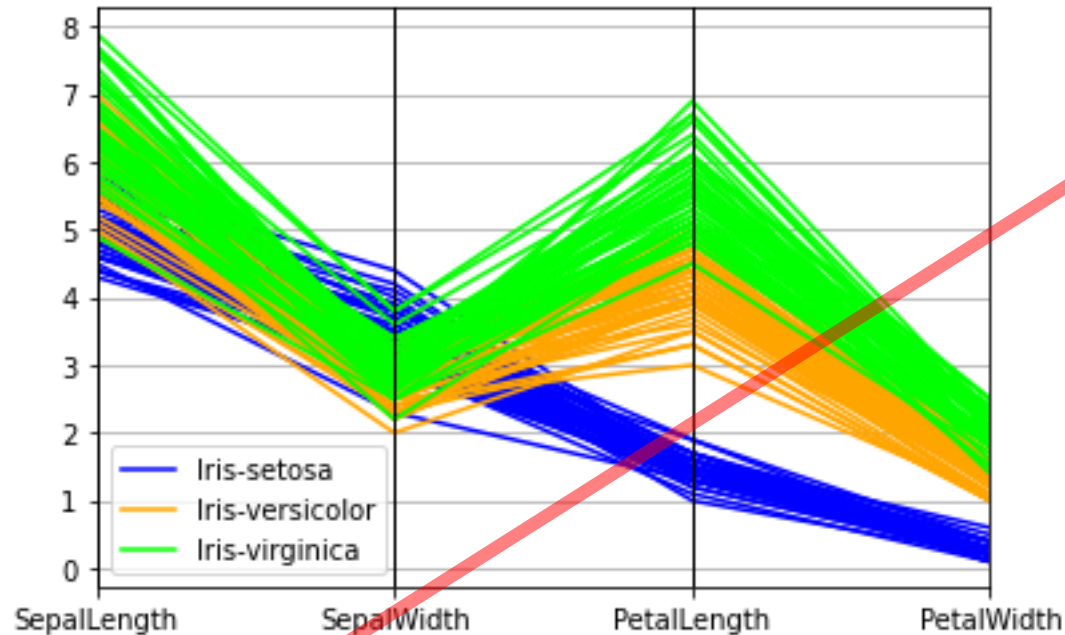




Scatter PLOt Matrix
example source code:

```
import seaborn as sb
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
sb.pairplot(df, hue='species')
```

Is there structure in the data?



example source code (of parallel coordinates plot):

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sb
df = sb.load_dataset('iris')
pd.plotting.parallel_coordinates(df, 'species', color=('#0000FF', '#FFA500', '#00FF00'))
plt.legend(loc='lower left')
plt.show()
```


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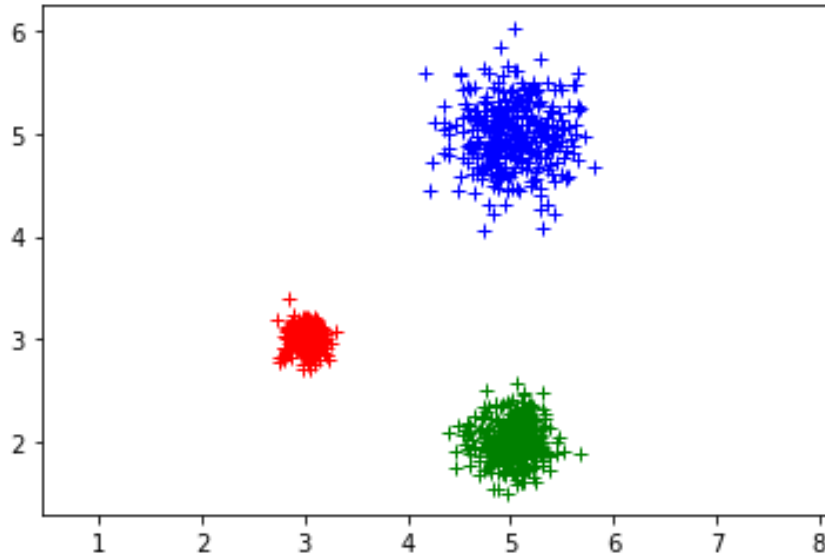
- We can also test the hypothesis of the existence of groups versus a dataset consisting of samples uniformly distributed – **Hopkins statistic**:
 1. Get n samples p_i from the dataset D and compute the distance to the nearest neighbor $d(p_i)$
 2. Generate n points q_i uniformly distributed in the feature space and compute their distance $d(q_i)$ to the nearest neighbor in D
 3. Compute any of the two following quotients:

$$H_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n d(p_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n d(p_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n d(q_i)} \quad H_2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n d(q_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n d(p_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n d(q_i)}$$

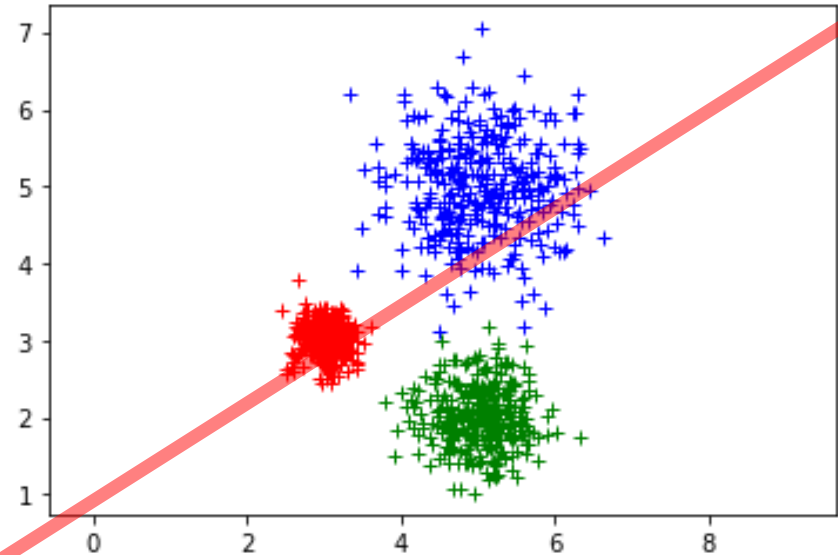
4. If data are uniformly distributed (= no structure) the values of H_1 and H_2 get around 0.5. Otherwise:
 - H_1 takes values close to 0 for *clusterable* datasets
 - H_2 takes values close to 1 for *clusterable* datasets

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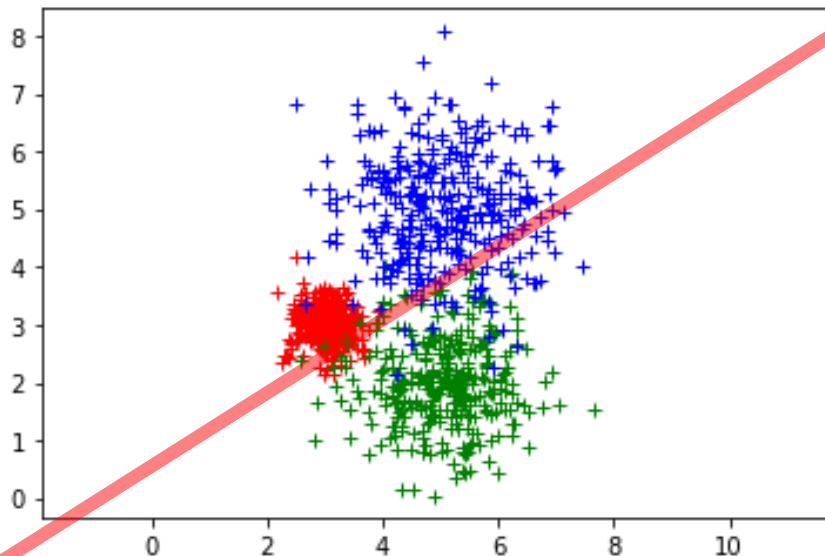
H1 = 0.062569 - H2 = 0.940707



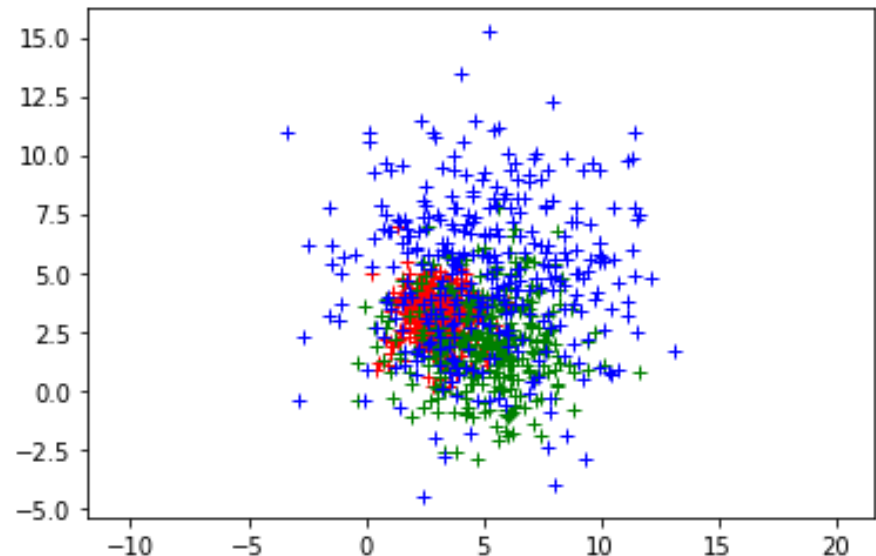
H1 = 0.173332 - H2 = 0.832491



H1 = 0.219586 - H2 = 0.768110

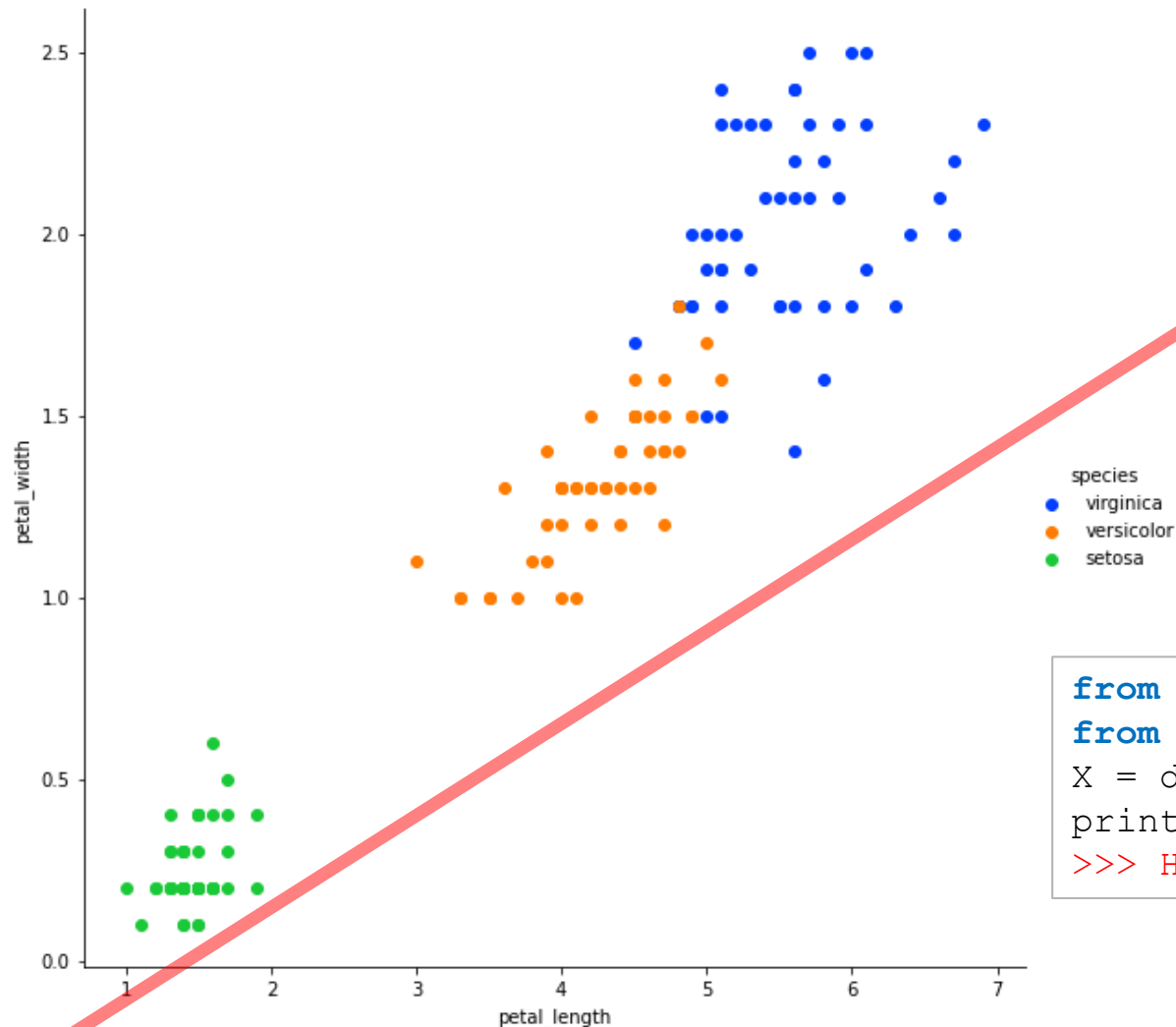


H1 = 0.173051 - H2 = 0.829245



Is there structure in the data?

- Example source code (Iris dataset):



```
from sklearn import datasets
from pyclustertend import hopkins
X = datasets.load_iris().data
print('H1 = ', hopkins(X,150))
>>> H1 = 0.1764
```

Is there structure in the data?

- **VAT** (Visual Assessment of [clustering] Tendency) follows a visual approach based on re-ordering the proximity matrix, e.g. using a dissimilarity

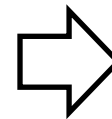
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x3	0.19	0.59	0	0.55	0.19
x4	0.71	0.12	0.55	0	0.74
x5	0.16	0.78	0.19	0.74	0



	x2	x4	x3	x1	x5
x2	0	0.12	0.59	0.73	0.78
x4	0.12	0	0.55	0.71	0.74
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- By reordering the elements of this matrix we get a reordered proximity matrix which tries to accumulate smaller dissimilarity values around the diagonal of the matrix in square contiguous regions

black = min. distance
white = max. distance
⇒ 2 clusters



Is there structure in the data?

- **VAT** (Visual Assessment of [clustering] Tendency)

1. $K = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}, I \leftarrow \emptyset, J \leftarrow \emptyset, O = [0, \dots, 0]$

2. $(i, j) = \arg \max_{p \in K, q \in K} \{\wp_{pq}\}$

$$I \leftarrow \{i\}, J \leftarrow K - \{i\}, O[1] = i$$

3. **for** $r = 2, \dots, N$

$$(i, j) = \arg \min_{p \in I, q \in J} \{\wp_{pq}\}$$

$$I \leftarrow I \cup \{j\}, J \leftarrow J - \{j\}, O[r] = j$$

end

4. Reorder the proximity matrix \mathcal{P} using the reordering array O as:

$$\tilde{\wp}_{ij} = \wp_{O[i]O[j]}, \quad \forall i, j$$

Is there structure in the data?

- **VAT** (Visual Assessment of [clustering] Tendency)
 - Example:

- 1) $I = x_2, J = \{x_1, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$
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- $\Rightarrow O = [2, 4, 3, 1, 5]$

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4)	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5
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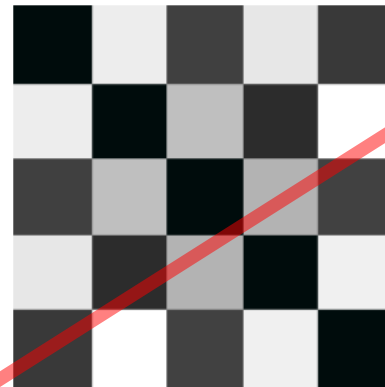
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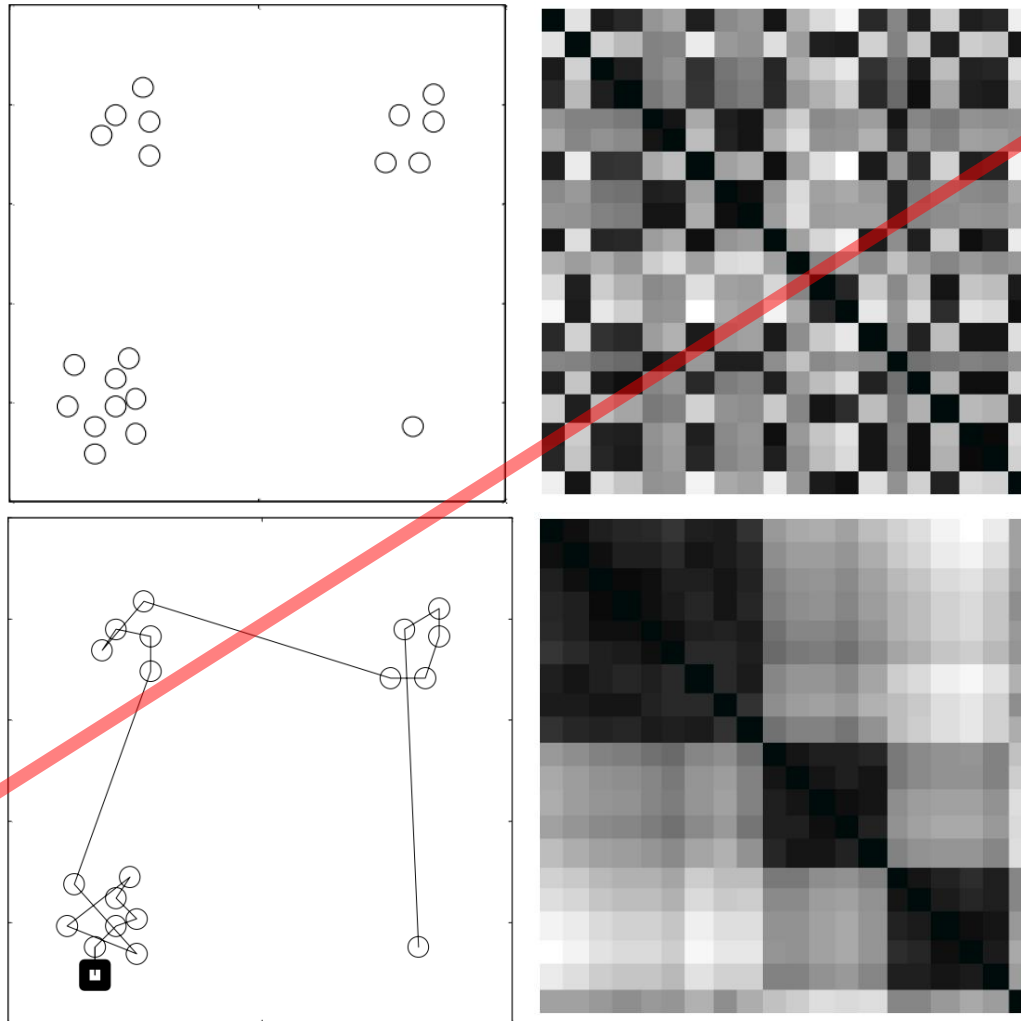


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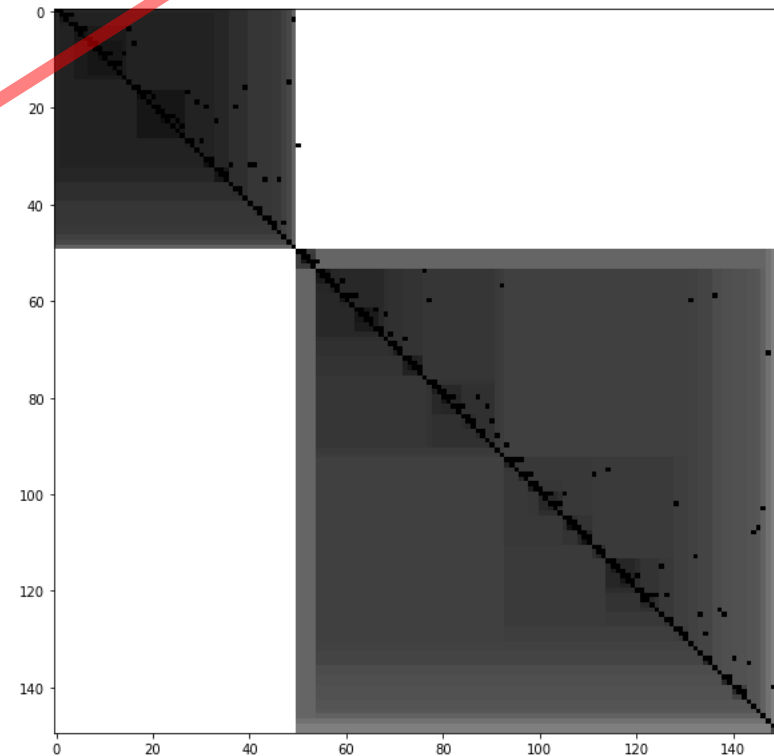
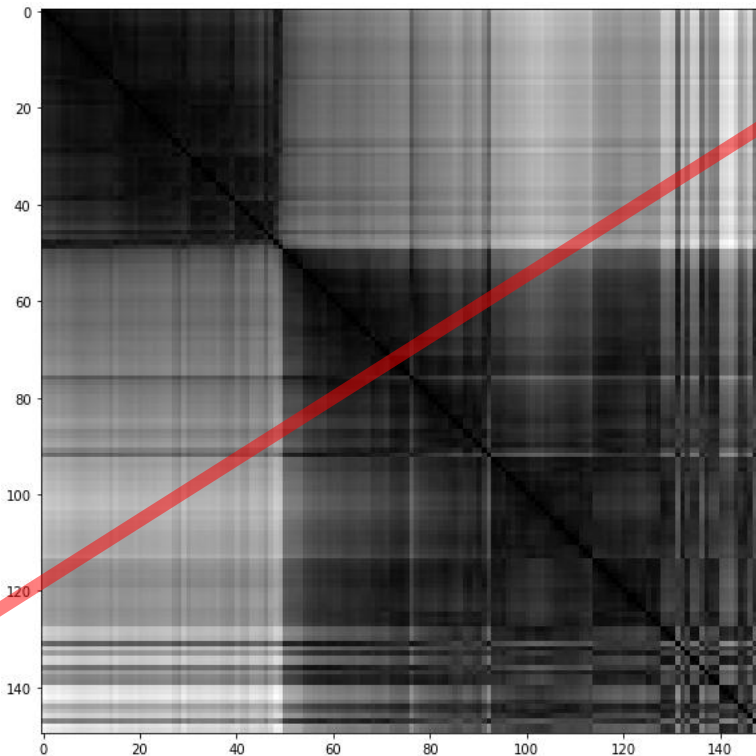


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- Example (Iris dataset):

```
from sklearn import datasets
from pyclustertend import vat, ivat
from sklearn.preprocessing import scale
X = scale(datasets.load_iris().data)
print(vat(X), ivat(X))
```



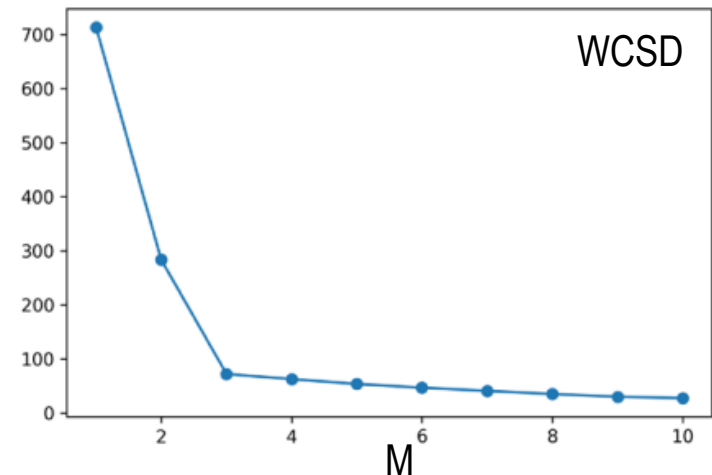
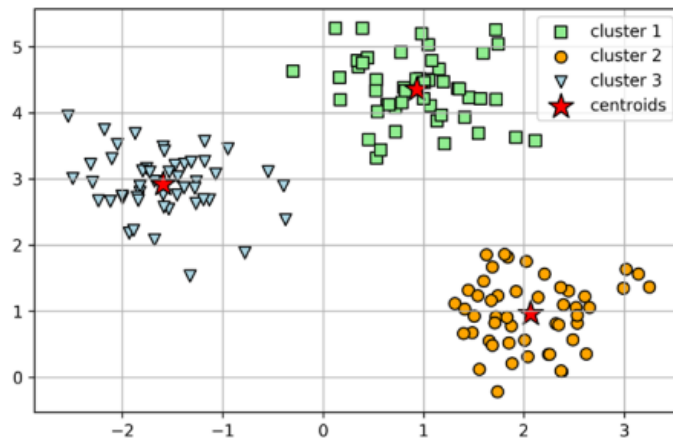
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The elbow method and the silhouette coefficient

- The **elbow method** analyzes how clusters compactness varies as **the number of clusters M increases**, and selects the minimum M^* for which clusters compactness stops increasing
- **Compactness** is measured as the *within-cluster-sum of distances* (WCSD) for different values of M :

$$\text{WCSD}(M) = \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{x_i \in C_j} \varphi(x_i, C_j)$$

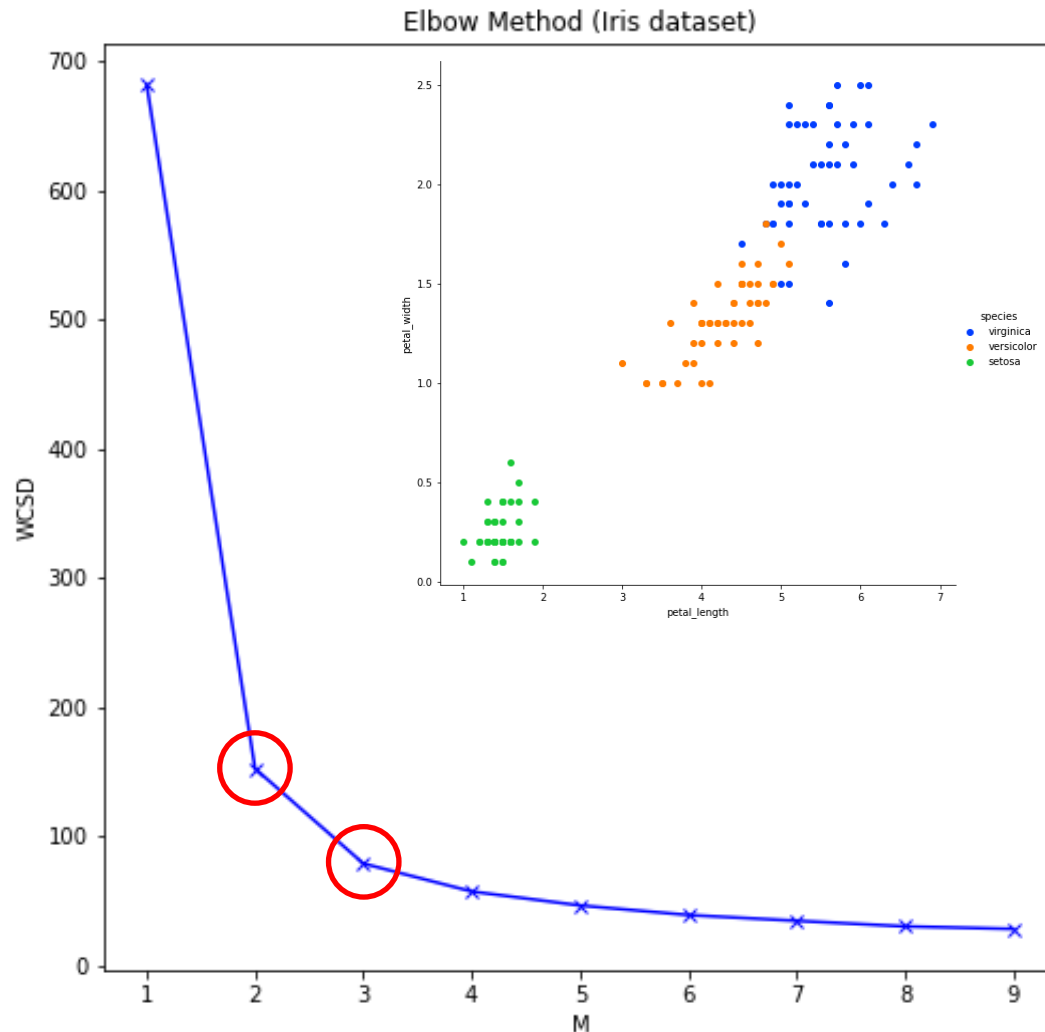
- Example:



- As expected for this example, WCSD decreases most for $M = 2$ and 3 , while the rate of decrease gets almost 0 from $M = 3$. The plot looks as an arm and the critical point as an **elbow** (at $M = 3$).

The elbow method and the silhouette coefficient

- **Example**: Elbow method, k-means and Iris dataset



```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn import datasets

iris = datasets.load_iris()
df = pd.DataFrame(iris['data'])

wcssd = []
M = range(1,10)
for j in M:
    kmeansModel = KMeans(n_clusters=j)
    kmeansModel.fit(df)
    wcssd.append(kmeansModel.inertia_)

plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
plt.plot(M, wcssd, 'bx-')
plt.show()
```

The elbow method and the silhouette coefficient

- Unfortunately, we do not always have such clearly clustered data
 - This means that the elbow may not be that clear and sharp for each case
- In more ambiguous cases, we may use the **Silhouette index / coefficient**:

given $x_i \in C_r$:

$$s(i) = \frac{b(i) - a(i)}{\max\{a(i), b(i)\}} \in [-1, +1] \quad [s(i) = 0 \text{ if } n_r = 1]$$

$$a(i) = \frac{1}{n_r - 1} \sum_{x_j \in C_r, i \neq j} \wp(x_i, x_j) \quad (\text{compactness})$$

$$b(i) = \min_{s \neq r} \left\{ \frac{1}{n_s} \sum_{x_j \in C_s} \wp(x_i, x_j) \right\} \quad (\text{separation})$$

- $a(i)$ can be interpreted as a measure of **how well x_i is assigned to its cluster**
 - The smaller $a(i)$, the better is the assignment of x_i to its cluster (\wp is DM)
- $b(i)$ is the smallest mean distance of x_i to all points in any other cluster, of which x_i is not a member
 - The cluster with this smallest mean dissimilarity is said to be the **neighboring cluster** of x_i because it is the next best fit cluster for sample x_i
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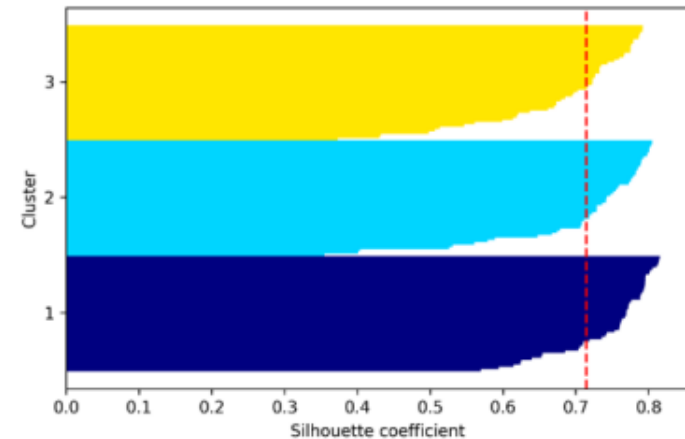
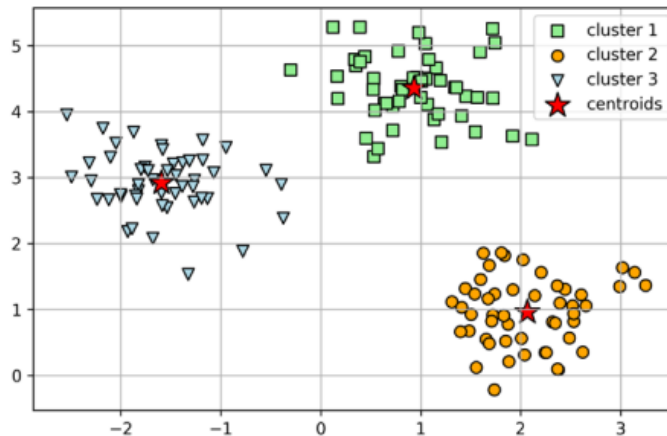
$$s(i) = \frac{b(i) - a(i)}{\max\{a(i), b(i)\}}$$

- A $s(i)$ close to +1 means that the data is appropriately clustered:
 - A small value of $a(i)$ means x_i is similar to its own cluster and hence well clustered.
 - A large $b(i)$ means x_i is dissimilar to its neighbouring cluster.
- A $s(i)$ close to –1 indicates that x_i should be rather clustered in its neighbouring cluster.
- A $s(i)$ near zero means the sample is at the border of two natural clusters.
- The **mean of $s(i)$ over all points of a cluster** is a measure of the cluster compactness:
$$AVS(k) = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{x_i \in C_k} s(i)$$
 - The closer to +1, the better
- The **mean of $s(i)$ over all data** of the entire dataset is a measure of how appropriately the data have been clustered:

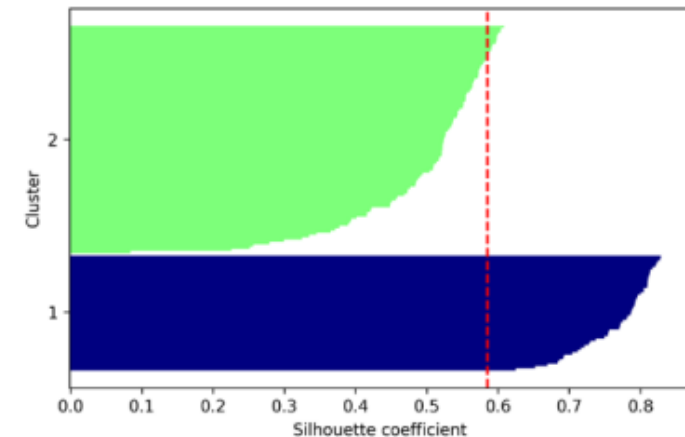
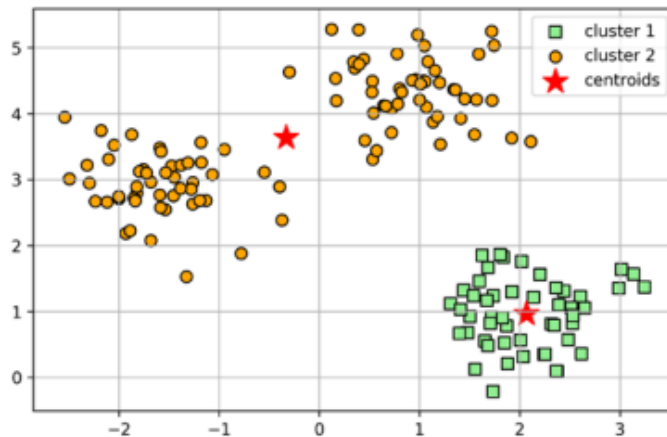
$$AVS = \frac{1}{M} \sum_k^M AVS(k)$$

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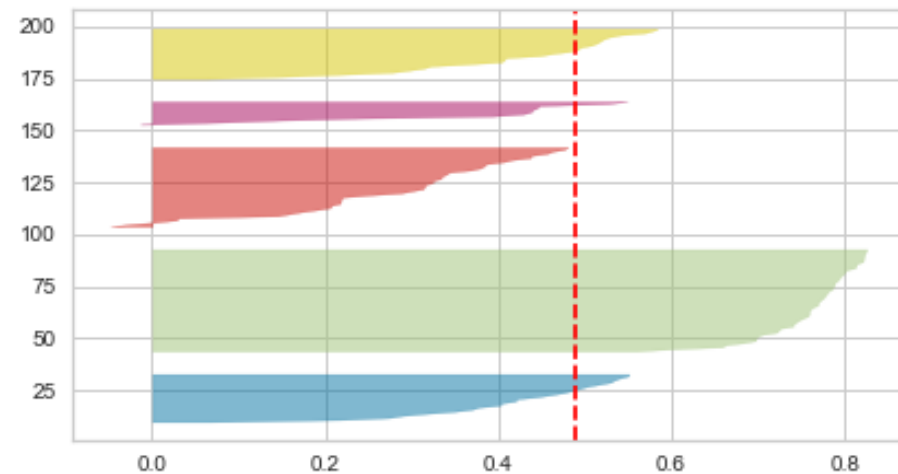
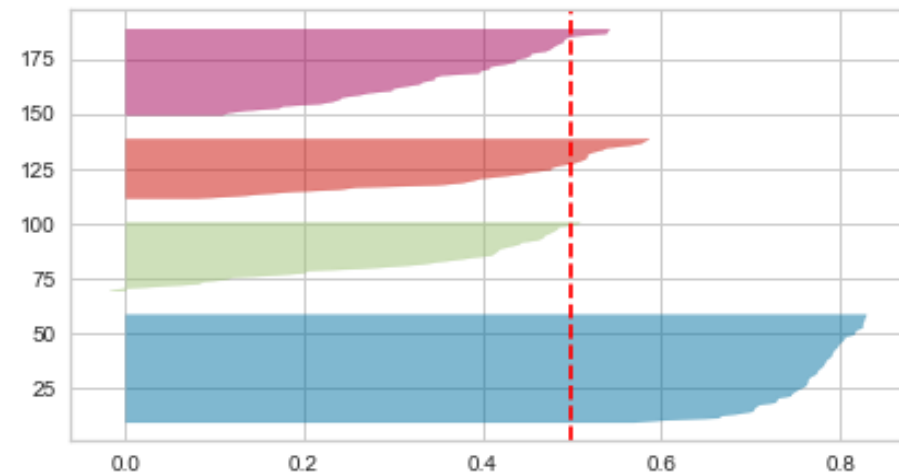
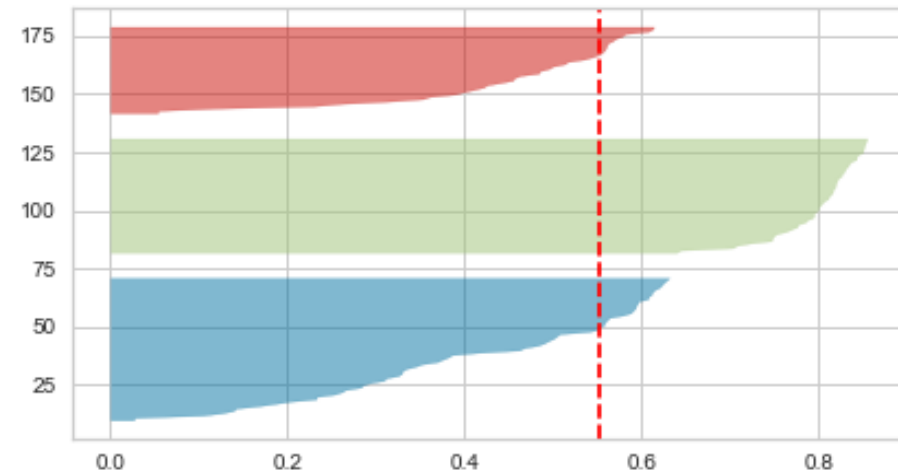
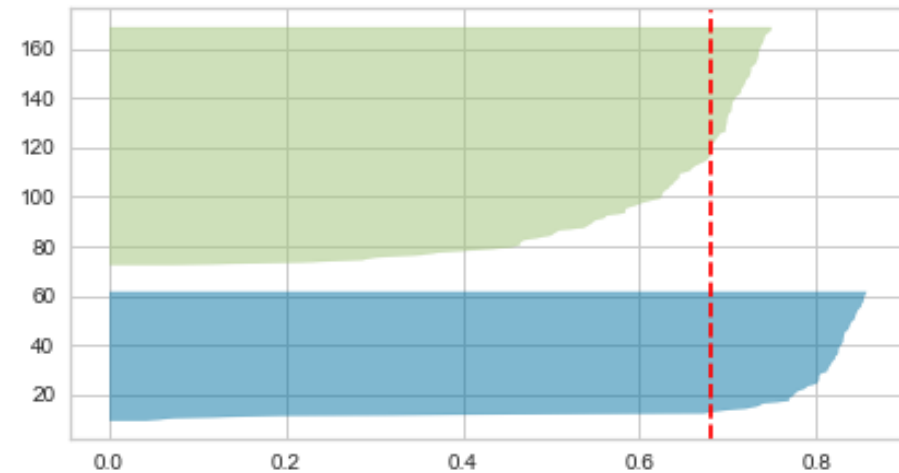
- If there are too many or too few clusters, as may occur for a poor choice of M , some of the clusters will typically display much narrower silhouettes than the rest.



- Silhouette plots and averages can thus be used to determine the natural number of clusters within a dataset.

The elbow method and the silhouette coefficient

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```
from sklearn import datasets
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score
from yellowbrick.cluster import SilhouetteVisualizer

iris = datasets.load_iris()
X = iris.data
y = iris.target
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(15,8))
for i in [2, 3, 4, 5]:
    km = KMeans(n_clusters=i, init='k-means++', n_init=10, max_iter=100)
    q, mod = divmod(i, 2)
    visualizer = SilhouetteVisualizer(km, colors='yellowbrick', ax=ax[q-1][mod])
    visualizer.fit(X)

km = KMeans(n_clusters=3, random_state=42)
score = silhouette_score(X, km.labels_, metric='euclidean')
km.fit_predict(X)
print('Silhouette coefficient: %.3f' % score)
>>> Silhouette coefficient: 0.553
```

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Dunn and Davies-Bouldin indices

- Cluster the dataset for different values of the number of clusters M and select the M^* that optimizes a certain expression involving the resulting clusters

– Davies-Bouldin index:

$$DB(M) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \max_{j \neq i} \left\{ \frac{S_i + S_j}{\|\mu_i - \mu_j\|} \right\} \quad \text{p.e. } DB(2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\overbrace{\max \left\{ \frac{S_1 + S_2}{\|\mu_1 - \mu_2\|} \right\}}^{i=1} + \overbrace{\max \left\{ \frac{S_2 + S_1}{\|\mu_2 - \mu_1\|} \right\}}^{i=2} \right)$$

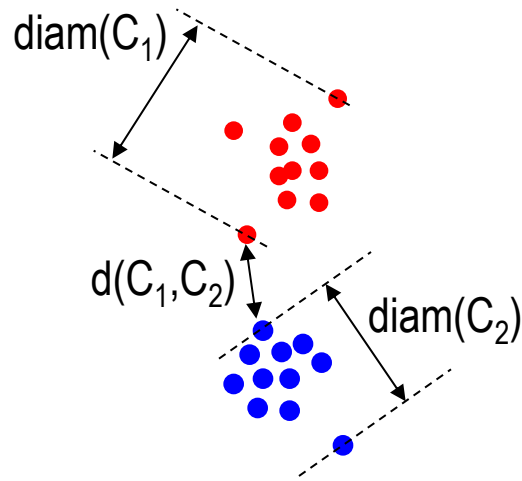
- S_i^2 = intra-cluster variance
(it is assumed the use of the Euclidean distance for measuring dissimilarity)
- Compact and well-separated clusters
 $\Rightarrow DB \downarrow \downarrow$
- Take the M^* that **minimizes** $DB(M)$

$$\text{p.e. } DB(3) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\overbrace{\max \left\{ \frac{S_1 + S_2}{\|\mu_1 - \mu_2\|}, \frac{S_1 + S_3}{\|\mu_1 - \mu_3\|} \right\}}^{i=1} + \overbrace{\max \left\{ \frac{S_2 + S_1}{\|\mu_2 - \mu_1\|}, \frac{S_2 + S_3}{\|\mu_2 - \mu_3\|} \right\}}^{i=2} + \overbrace{\max \left\{ \frac{S_3 + S_1}{\|\mu_3 - \mu_1\|}, \frac{S_3 + S_2}{\|\mu_3 - \mu_2\|} \right\}}^{i=3} \right)$$

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– **Dunn index:**



$$DI(M) = \min_{i=1, \dots, M; j > i} \left\{ \frac{d(C_i, C_j)}{\max_{k=1, \dots, M} \{ \text{diam}(C_k) \}} \right\}$$

$$d(C_i, C_j) = \min_{x \in C_i, y \in C_j} d(x, y)$$

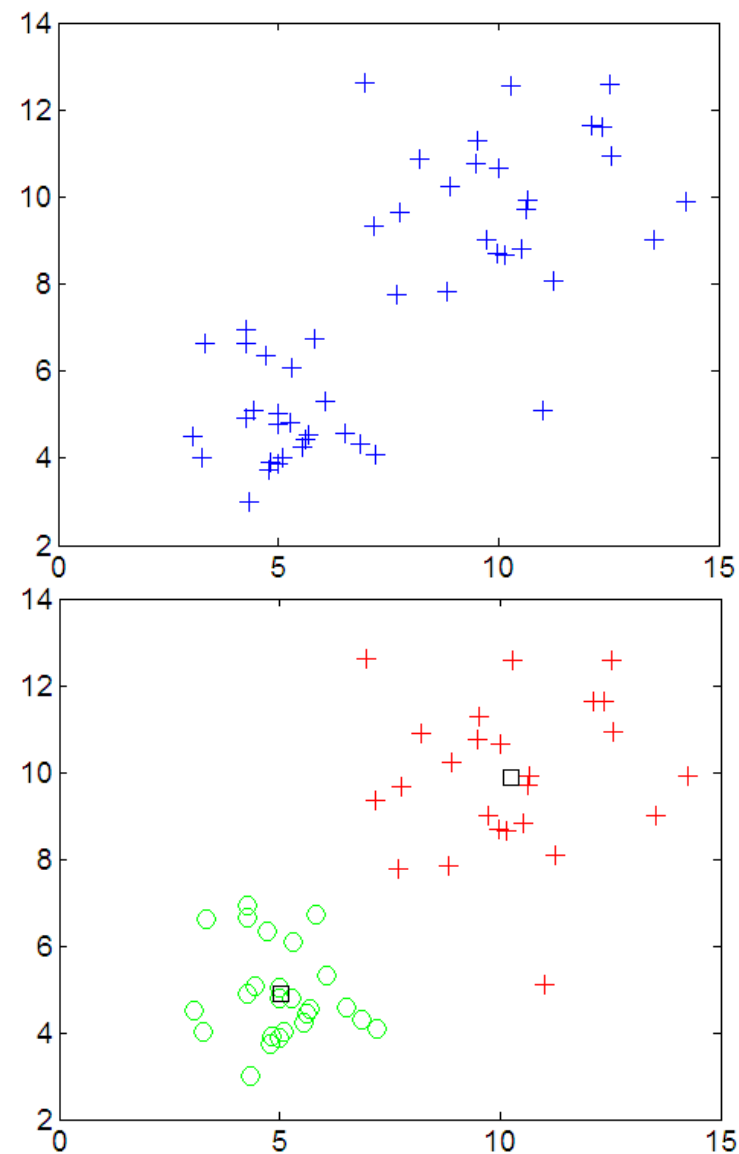
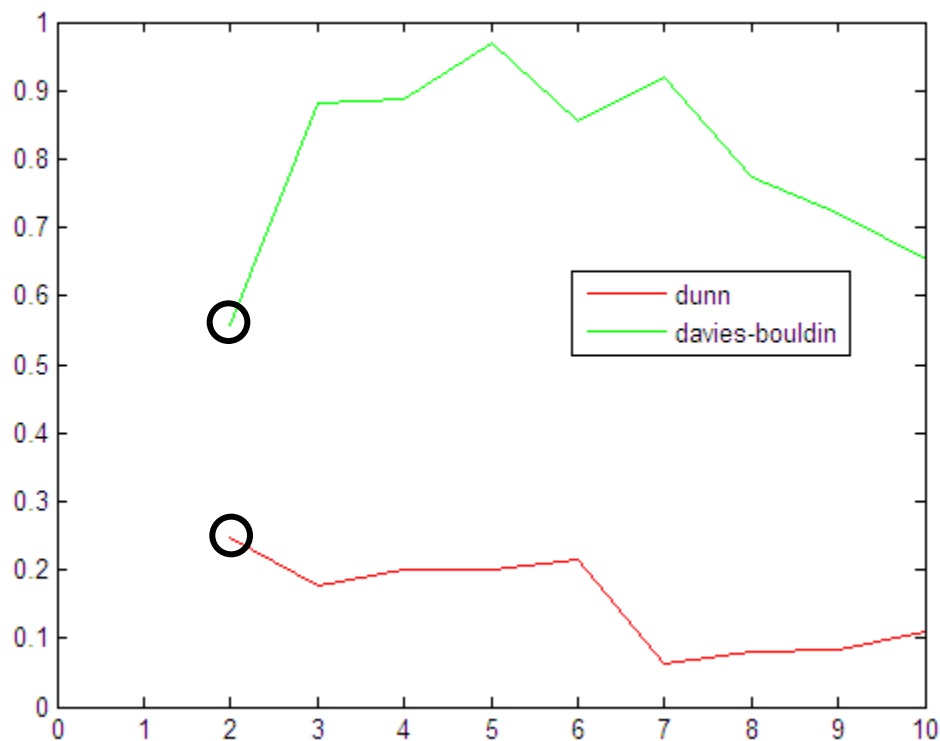
$$\text{diam}(C_k) = \max_{x, y \in C_k} d(x, y)$$

- compact and separated clusters $\Rightarrow DI \uparrow \uparrow$
- expressed for a **generic dissimilarity** d

- Choose M^* that maximizes **DI(M)**

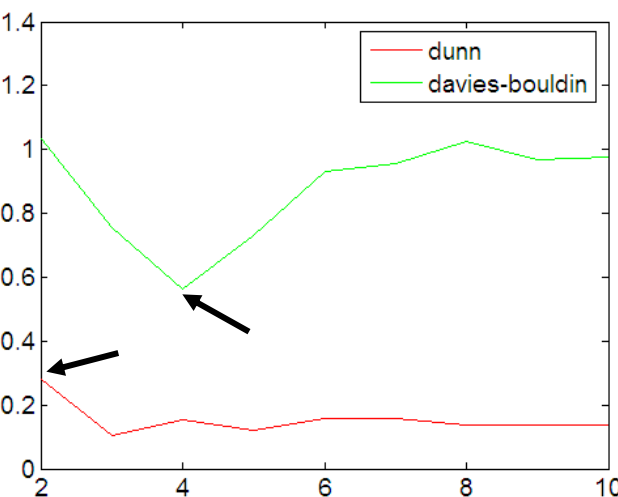
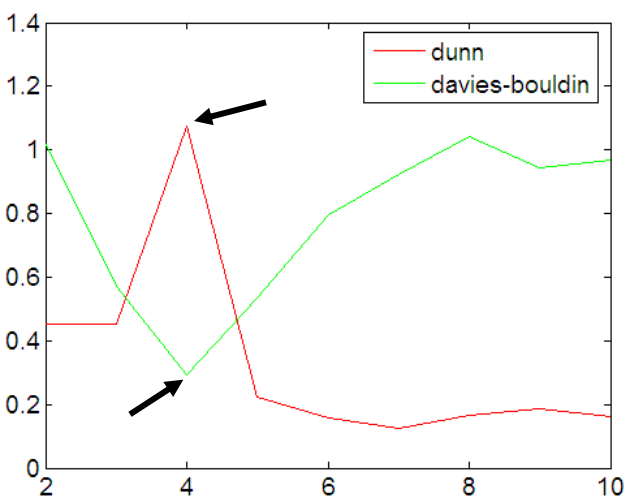
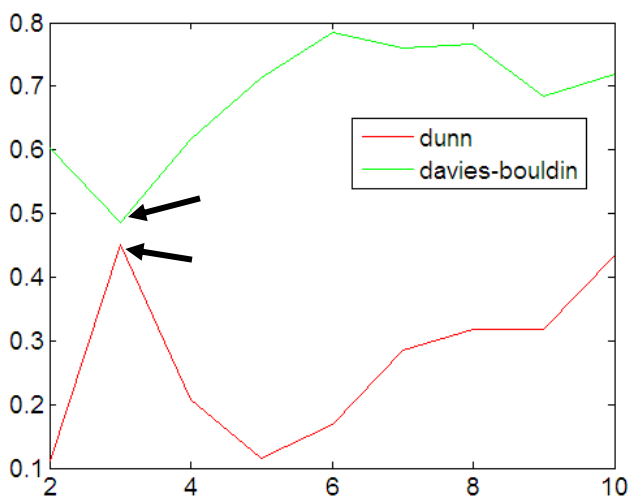
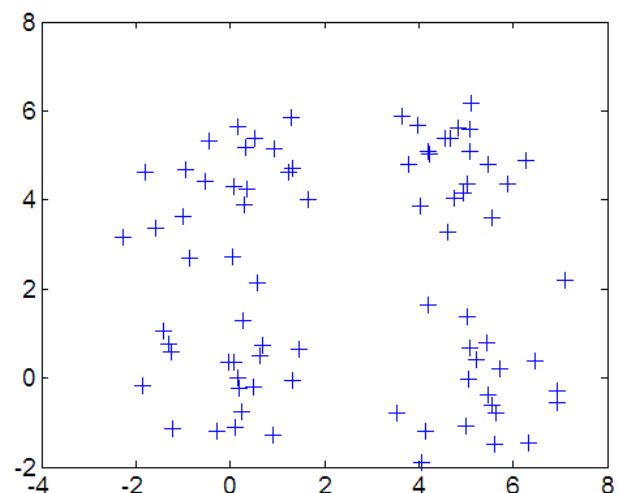
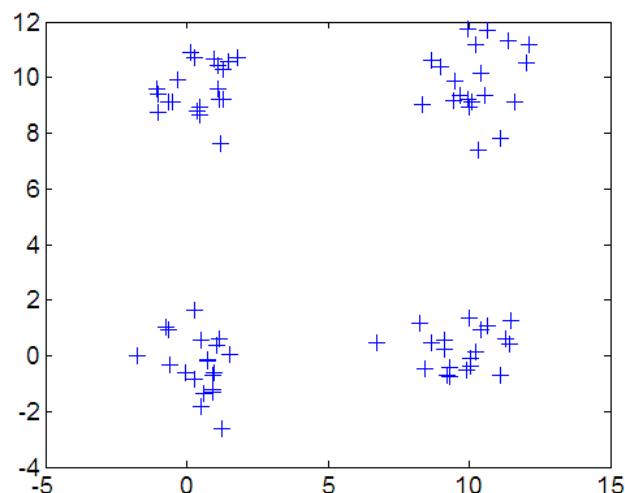
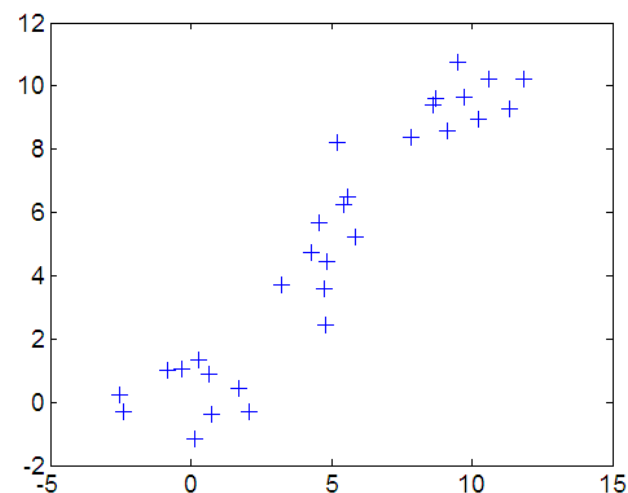
Dunn and Davies-Bouldin indices

- Example 1



Dunn and Davies-Bouldin indices

- Example 2**



Dunn and Davies-Bouldin indices

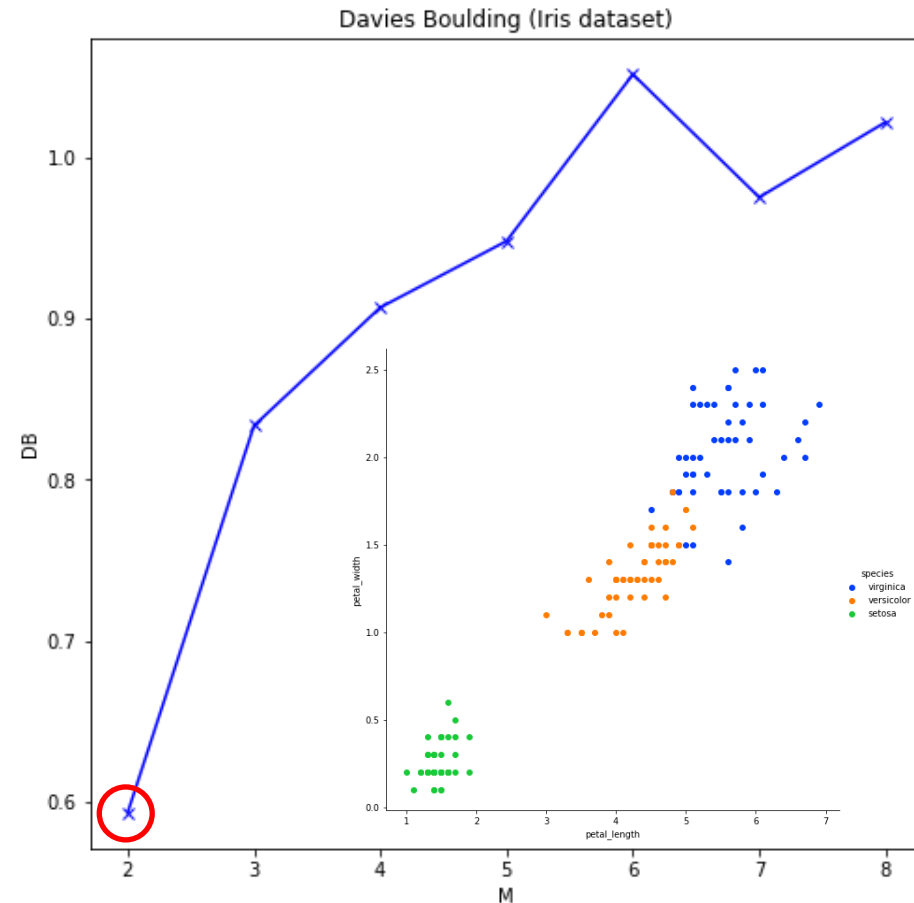
- **Example 3**: Davis-Bouldin index, k-means and Iris dataset

```
from sklearn import datasets
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn.metrics import davies_bouldin_score
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.preprocessing import scale

iris = datasets.load_iris()
X = scale(iris.data)
y = iris.target

db = []
M = [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
for j in M:
    km = KMeans(n_clusters=j, init='k-means++',
                n_init=10, max_iter=100)
    labels = km.fit_predict(X)
    db.append(davies_bouldin_score(X, labels))

plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
plt.plot(M, db, 'bx-')
plt.show()
```



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Homogeneity, completeness and V-measure

- The V-measure is the **weighted harmonic mean** of the **homogeneity** h and the **completeness** c of a clustering:

$$V_{\beta} = \frac{(1 + \beta) h c}{\beta h + c}, \quad \text{if } \beta = 1 \Rightarrow V = \frac{2 h c}{h + c}$$

- The V-measures has been proved to be equivalent to another metric, the so-called **Normalized Mutual Information (NMI)**

- Homogeneity and completeness are defined on the basis of a clustering C and the true classes G , from the so-called **contingency table** \rightarrow

		clustering C				
		C_1	C_2	\dots	C_K	
true classes G	G_1	$a_{1,1}$	$a_{1,2}$	\dots	$a_{1,K}$	$\leftarrow c$
	G_2	$a_{2,1}$	$a_{2,2}$	\dots	$a_{2,K}$	$\leftarrow c$
	\vdots			\ddots		
	G_M	$a_{M,1}$	$a_{M,2}$	\dots	$a_{M,K}$	$\leftarrow c$
		$\uparrow h$	$\uparrow h$		$\uparrow h$	

- the **homogeneity** h is maximized when each cluster contains elements of as few different classes as possible, ideally one single class $\rightarrow h = 1$
- the **completeness** c is maximized when elements of each class lie in as few different clusters as possible, ideally one single cluster $\rightarrow c = 1$
- V-measure for the ideal case is $v = 1$

Homogeneity, completeness and V-measure

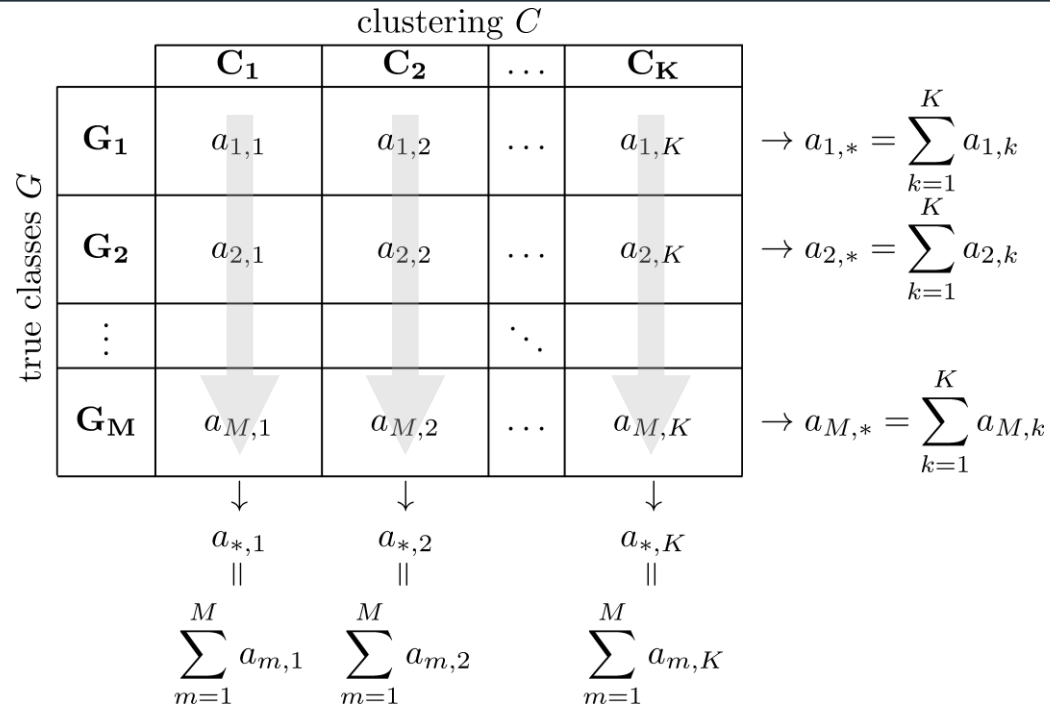
homogeneity

$$h = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } H(G) = 0 \\ 1 - \frac{H(G|C)}{H(G)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$H(G|C) = - \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{a_{m,k}}{N} \log \frac{a_{m,k}}{a_{*,k}}$$

$$H(G) = - \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{a_{m,*}}{N} \log \frac{a_{m,*}}{N}$$

$$\forall k, \exists m \left| \frac{a_{m,k}}{a_{*,k}} = 1 \Rightarrow h = 1 \right.$$



entropy and conditional entropy

$$H(X) = - \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log_2 p(x_i)$$

$$H(X|Y) = - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^{n, m} p(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \frac{p(x_i, y_j)}{p(y_j)}$$

Homogeneity, completeness and V-measure

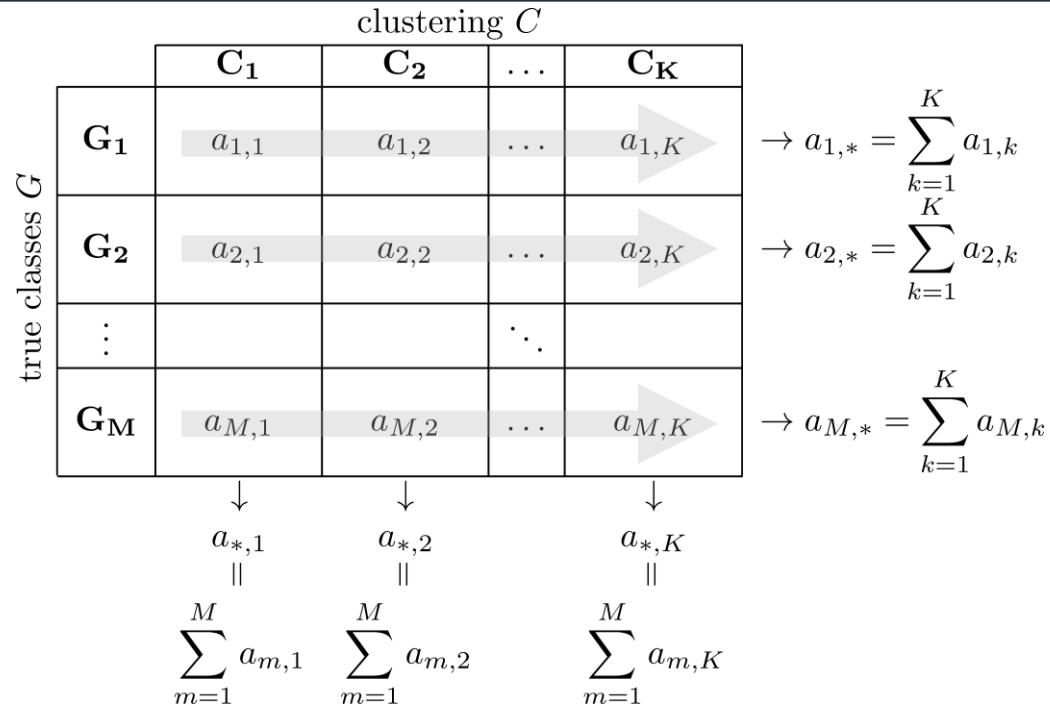
completeness

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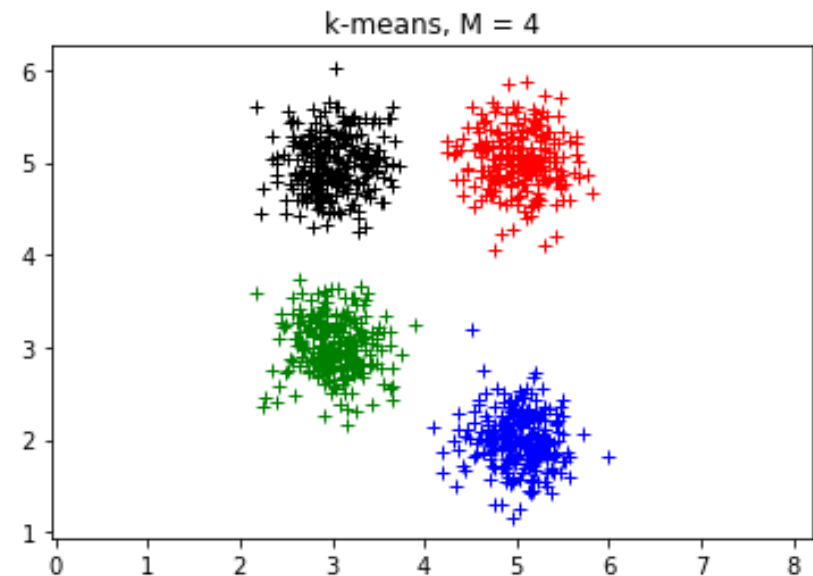
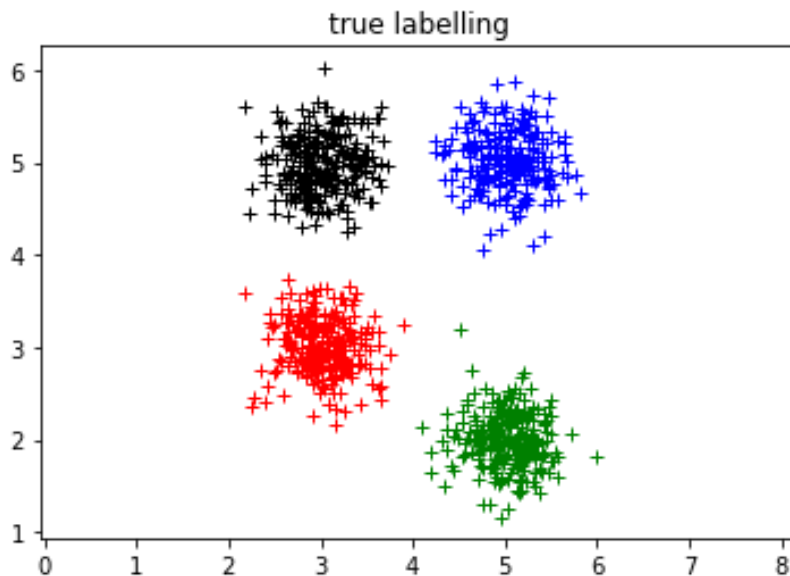
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Homogeneity, completeness and V-measure

- Example: 4 classes, 250 samples/class



```
km = KMeans(n_clusters=4, init='k-means++', n_init=10, max_iter=100)
km.fit_predict(X)
cm = contingency_matrix(y, km.labels_)
print(cm)
s = homogeneity_completeness_v_measure(y, km.labels_, beta=1.0)
print('h = ', s[0], ', c = ', s[1], ', v = ', s[2])
```

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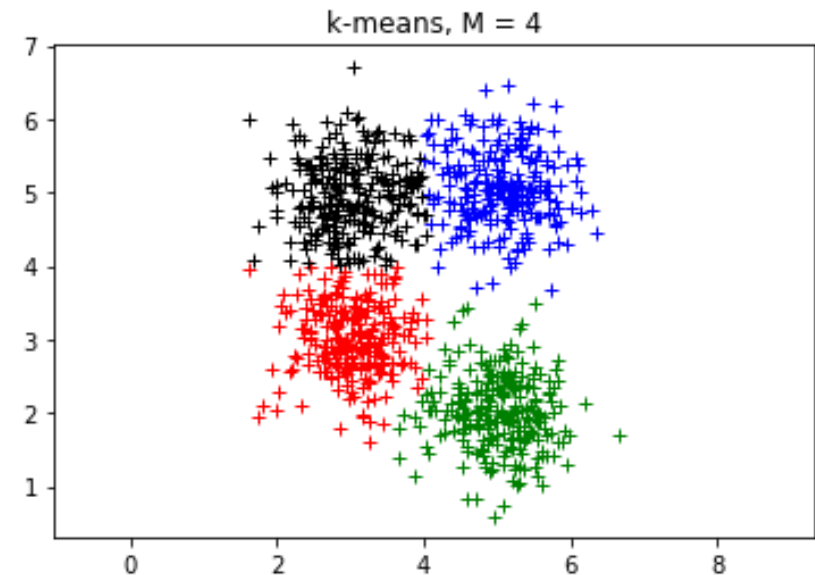
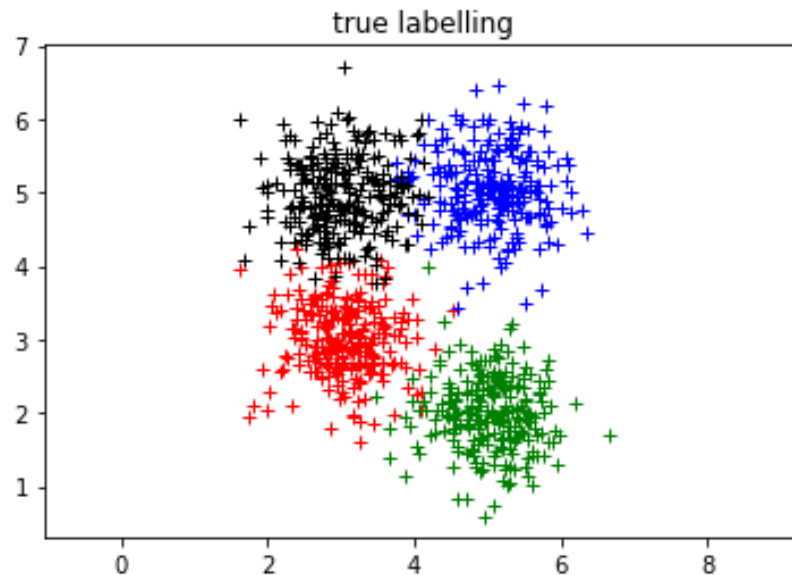
results:

```
[[ 0 250  0  0]
 [ 0  0 250  0]
 [250  0  0  0]
 [ 0  0  0 250]]
```

```
h = 1.0,
c = 1.0,
v = 1.0
```

Homogeneity, completeness and V-measure

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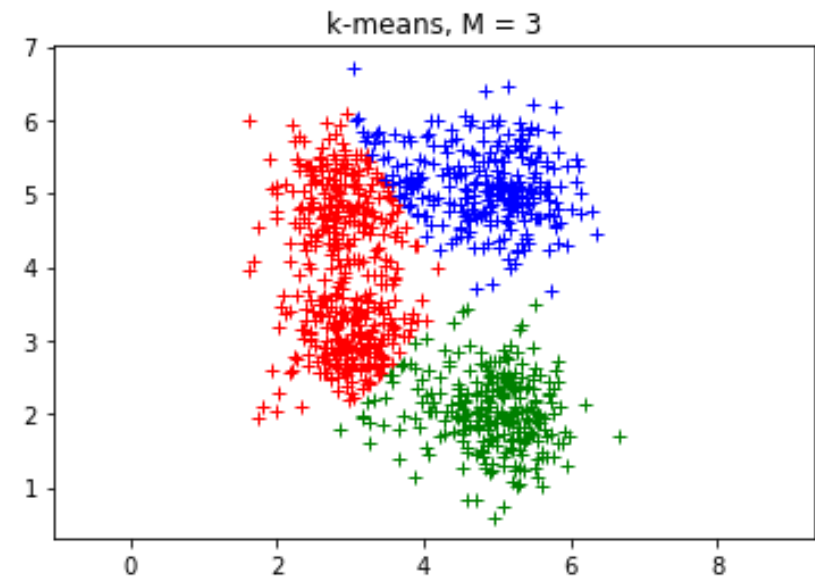
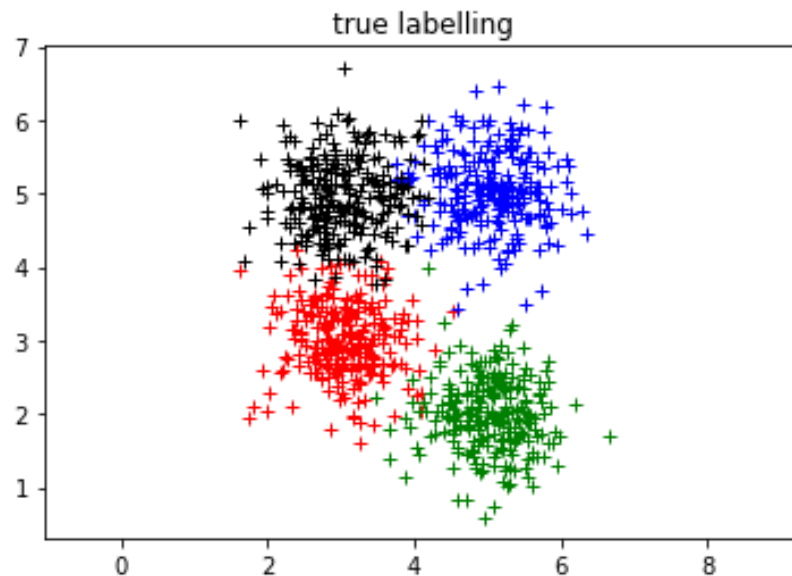
results:

```
[[238  7  0  5]
 [ 2 247  1  0]
 [ 0  2 239  9]
 [ 4  0  7 239]]
```

```
h = 0.8721128057576535,
c = 0.8722260670609913,
v = 0.8721694327322493
```

Homogeneity, completeness and V-measure

- Example: 4 classes, 250 samples/class



```
km = KMeans(n_clusters=3, init='k-means++', n_init=10, max_iter=100)
km.fit_predict(X)
cm = contingency_matrix(y, km.labels_)
print(cm)
s = homogeneity_completeness_v_measure(y, km.labels_, beta=1.0)
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```

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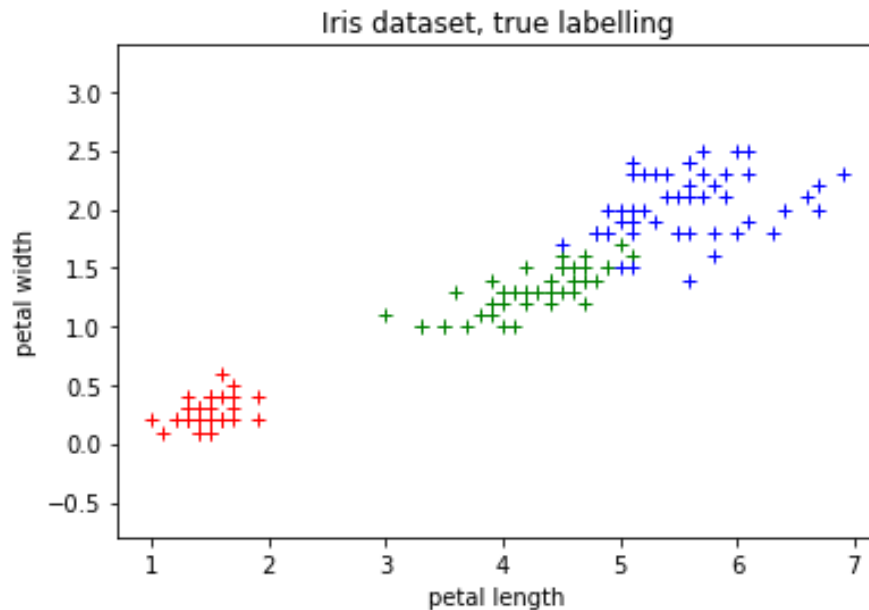
results:

```
[[226  0  24]
 [  1  0 249]
 [  0 248   2]
 [202  48   0]]
```

```
h = 0.6195907856538674,
c = 0.7964668735209744,
v = 0.6969822629958449
```

Homogeneity, completeness and V-measure

- Example (Iris dataset):



results (M = 2)

```
[[ 50  0]
 [ 3 47]
 [ 0 50]]
```

h = 0.5223,
c = 0.8835,
v = 0.6565

results (M = 3)

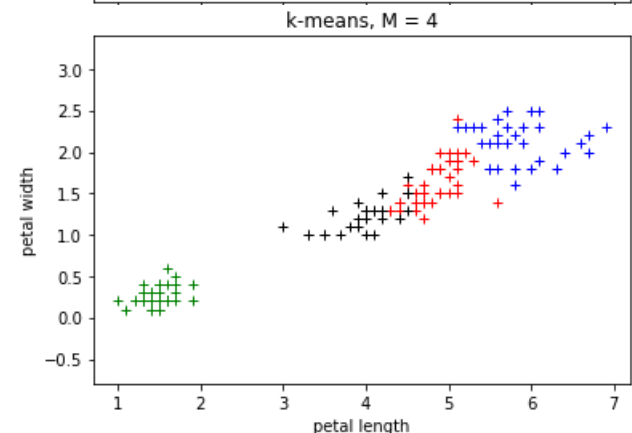
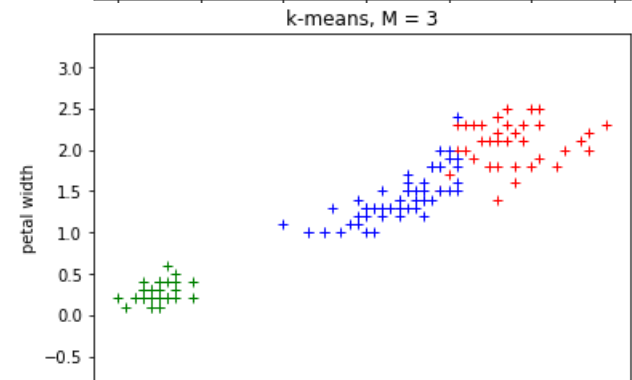
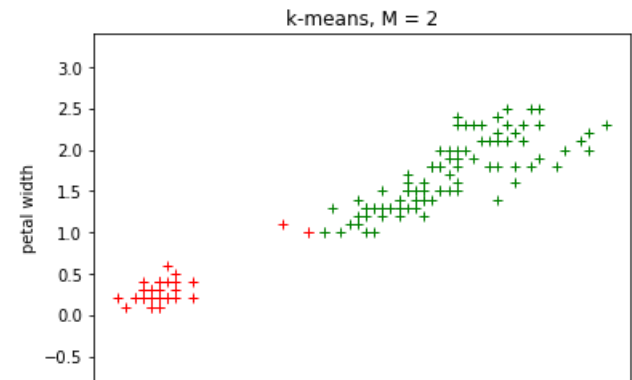
```
[[ 0 50  0]
 [ 2  0 48]
 [36  0 14]]
```

h = 0.7515,
c = 0.7650,
v = 0.7582

results (M = 4)

```
[[ 0 50  0  0]
 [23  0  0 27]
 [17  0 32  1]]
```

h = 0.8083,
c = 0.6522,
v = 0.7219



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