

Introduction to Machine Learning with Python

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Introduction to Machine Learning:

- What is Machine Learning?
- Machine Learning Project Checklist

Intro's:

- Colab
- Python
- Numpy
- Matplotlib

Supervised Learning:

- Classification (Binary|Multiclass)
- Regression
- Support Vector Machines
- Decision Trees (Random Forest)

Unsupervised Learning:

- Dimensionality Reduction
- **Clustering (k-means, DBSCAN)**

Performances Measures:

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- F1-Score
- ROC Curve
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Supervised vs Unsupervised Learning

- Supervised Learning:

- Dataset is labeled
- Labels:
 - Spam/Not Spam
- Applications:
 - Spam filter
 - Image classification

Pro:

- Easy to understand and interpret

Con's:

- Dependency on high quality labeled data

Algorithms:

- Decision Trees
- Random Forest
- Support Vector Machines
- ...

- Unsupervised Learning:

- Training data is unlabeled
- Applications:
 - Grouping customers by purchasing behavior
 - Recommender systems f.e. Netflix, Spotify

Pro:

- No need for labeled data

Con's:

- More difficult to understand and interpret

Algorithms:

- Clustering
- Dimensionality Reduction
- ...



Clustering

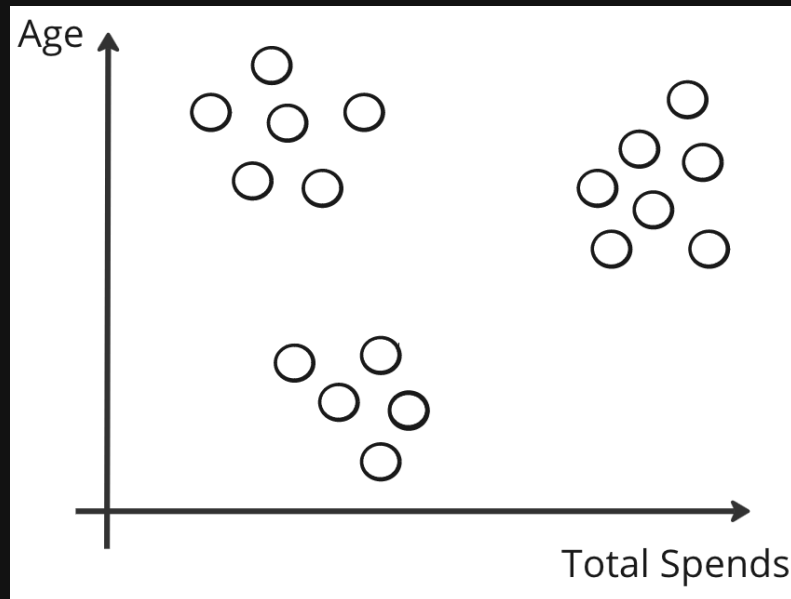
- Method to group similar objects together
- Goal: Objects in the same group are more similar to each other than to those in other groups
- Characteristics:
 - Unsupervised Learning
 - No predefined classes
 - No labeled data
- Applications:
 - Market Segmentation: Grouping customers by purchasing behavior
 - Social Network Analysis: Identifying communities of interest
 - Anomaly Detection: Identifying unusual patterns f.e. fraud detection
- Types of Clustering:
 - Hierarchical Clustering
 - **K-Means Clustering**
 - DBSCAN



k-means Clustering

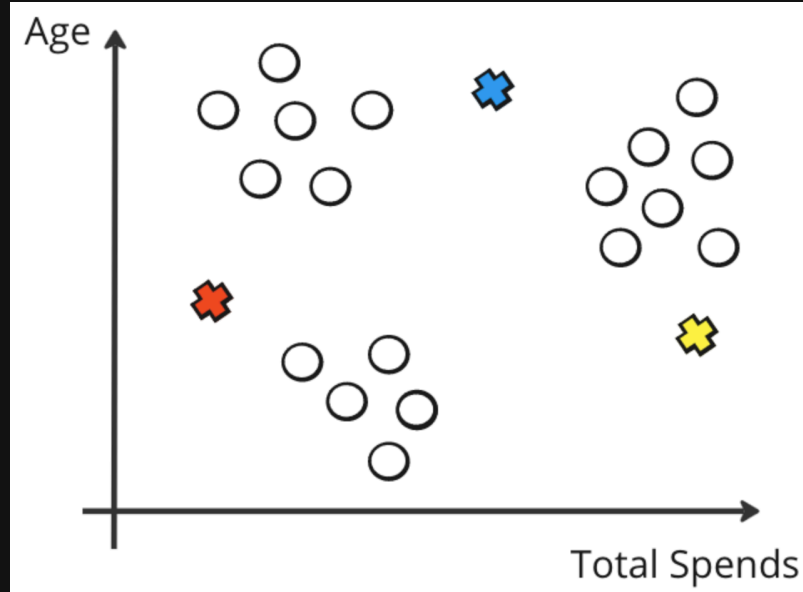
- Steps:

- 1. Pick a number of clusters (k)
- 2. Initialize centroids (center of clusters)
- 3. Calculate the distance between each data point and the centroids
- 4. Assign each data point to the closest centroid
- 5. Move the centroids to the center of the points assigned to it
- 6. Repeat steps 3, 4 and 5 until the centroids don't move anymore



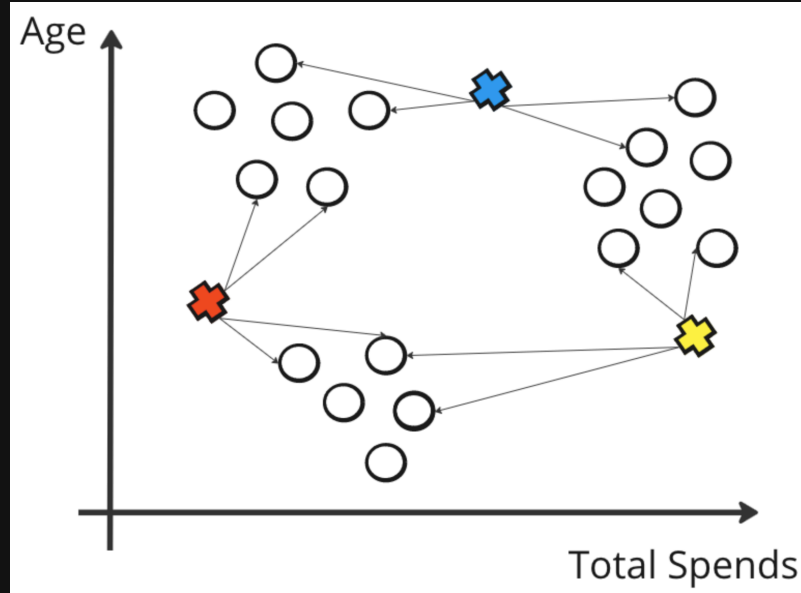
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- Example
 - Step 1: Pick a number of clusters (k)
 - $k = 3$
 - Step 2: Initialize centroids (center of clusters)



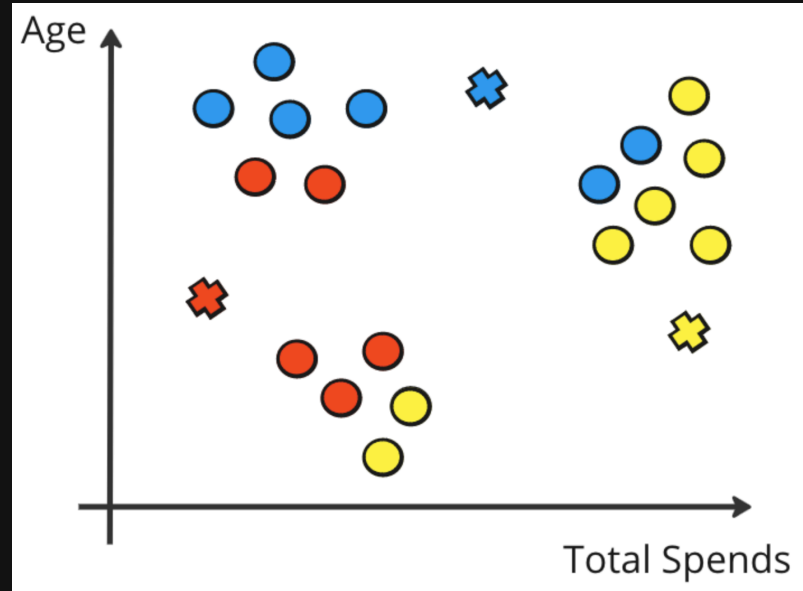
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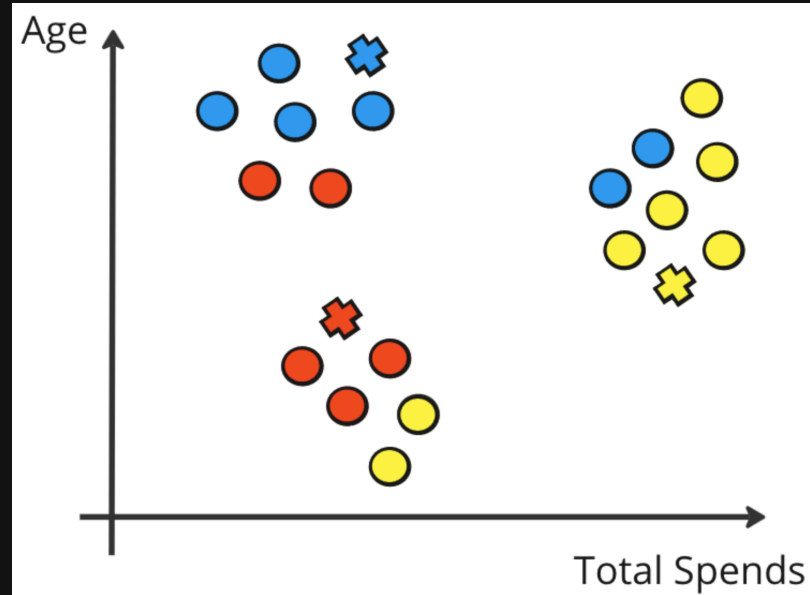
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 - Step 4: Assign each data point to the closest centroid



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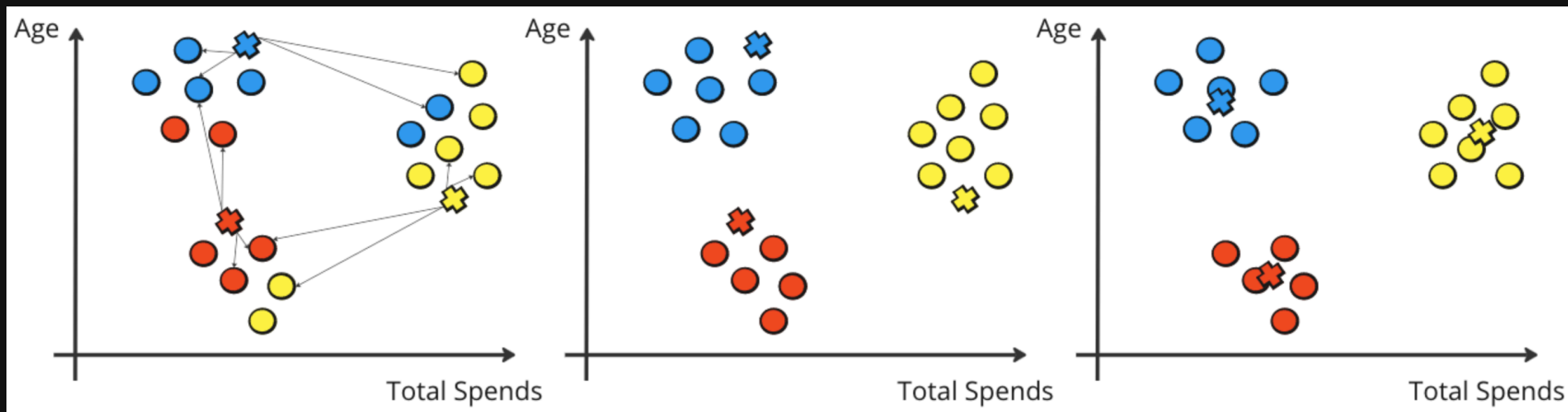
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 - Step 5: Move the centroids to the center of the points assigned to it



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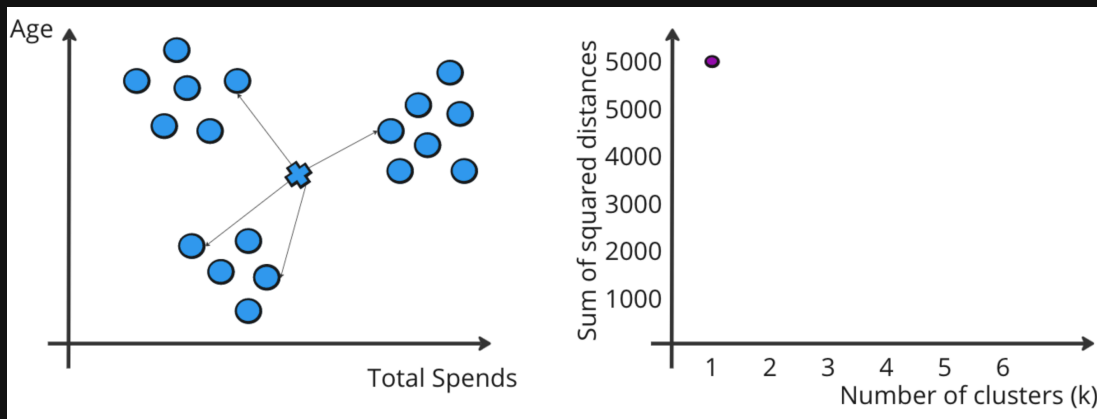
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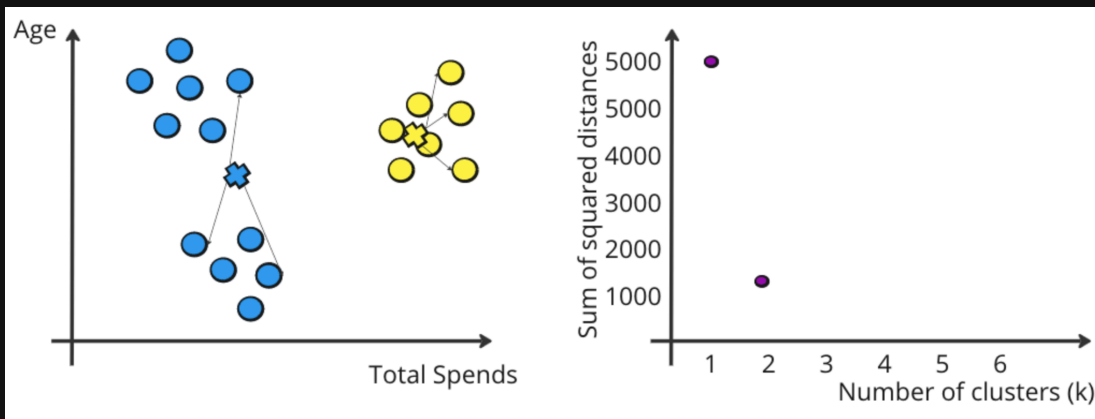
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 - How to pick the right number of clusters k?
 - Elbow Method
 - Plot the number of clusters vs. the sum of squared distances
 - Pick the number of clusters where the sum of squared distances doesn't decrease significantly anymore
- **Steps:**
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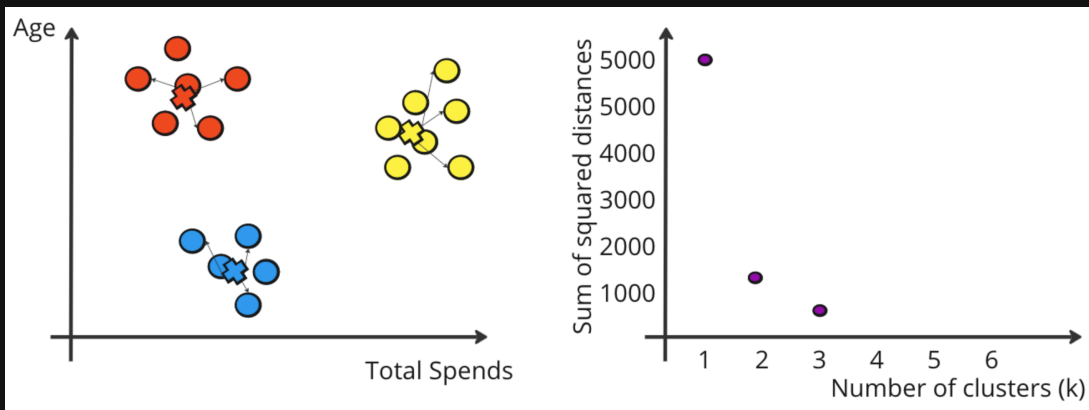
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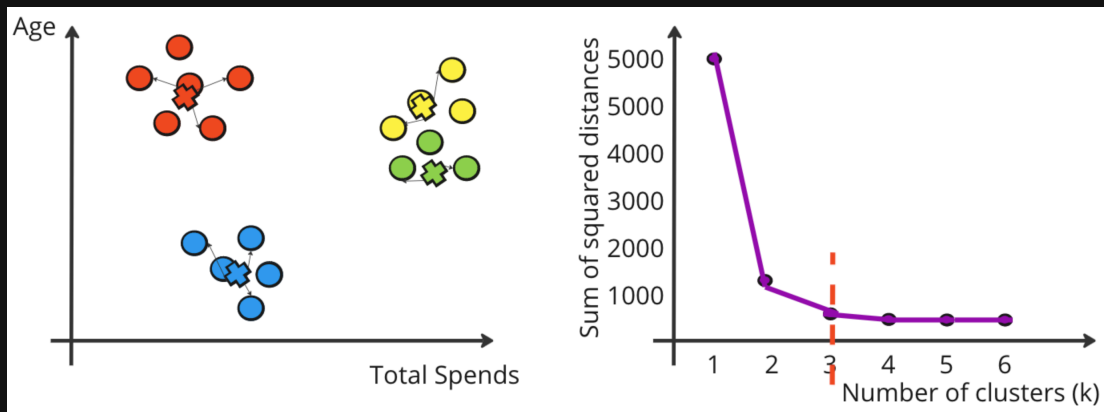
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