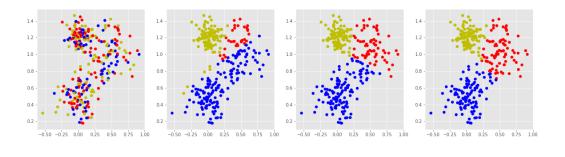
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Introduction to Data Science

19-Clustering



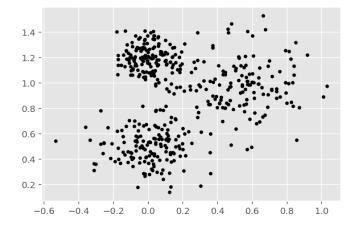
This Lecture

Clustering

Setup

The obligatory setup code.

Synthetic Clustering Example



Clustering

Simple idea:

- Choose [Math Processing Error] (decide how many clusters you think there ought to be)
- Partition the data into [Math Processing Error] disjoint clusters such that [Math Processing Error] is minimized.
 - W(C) is some measure of within-cluster variation
 - Common choice for W is the sum of Euclidean distances between pairs of points:

[Math Processing Error]

Solution Approaches

- · Brute force: try every possible partitions of the data
 - Advantage: globally optimal
 - Disadvantage: [Math Processing Error] different partitions (given [Math Processing Error] data points)
- · K-Means algorithm: iterative improvement
 - Advantage: efficient
 - Disadvantage: locally optimal, result depends on initialization

K-Means Algorithm

· Various initialization schemes

- One way is to assign each point a cluster identity at random
- Another is to choose K points to serve as initial cluster centers at random
- · Iterate until cluster assignments stop changing:
 - Compute the cluster *centroids*. The centroid is the mean point (vector of means of all features) for all points in the cluster
 - Re-assign each data point to the cluster associated with the nearest centroid

This algorithm is ridiculously easy to code up.

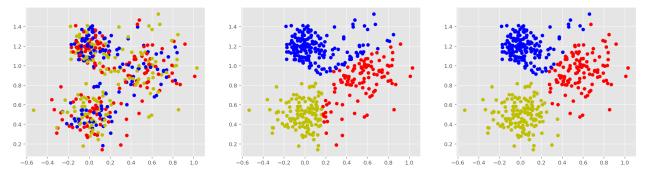
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In [5]:
            # a simple k-means implementation
          2
            # input: integer K, ndarray data
         3
            def KMeans(K, data):
          4
                n = data.shape[0]
                 # intialize data into random clusters
          5
                 c = np.random.randint(low=0, high=K, size=n)
          6
          7
                 C = [c]
          8
                 changed = True
         9
                 centroid = lambda k: np.mean(np.array([d for c,d in zip(c,data) if c == k]), a
         10
                while changed:
         11
                     centroids = np.array([centroid(k) for k in range(K)])
        12
                     dists = [[np.linalg.norm(d - centroids[k]) for k in range(K)] for d in date
        13
                     newc = np.argmin(np.array(dists), axis=1)
         14
                     changed = np.any(c != newc)
         15
                     C.append(newc)
         16
                     c = newc
        17
                 return C
```

Let's give it a spin:

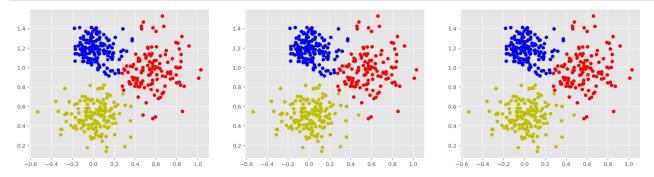
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In [6]: 1 C = KMeans(3, data)
   print("Iterations:", len(C))
```

Iterations: 7

Let's look at the first few iterations:



Look at the final four:



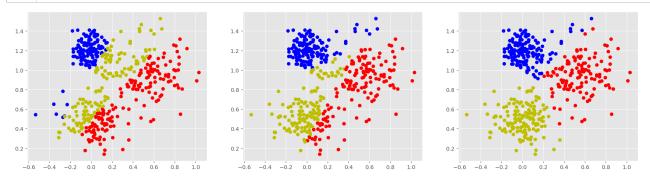
Here's an implementation that picks K points at random and clusters on those points initially:

```
\# a simple k-means implementation
In [4]:
            # input: integer K, ndarray data
          3
            def KMeans2(K, data):
          4
                 n = data.shape[0]
          5
                 # intialize data using normally distributed random centers
                 centroids = data[np.random.randint(low=0, high=n, size=3)]
          6
          7
                 dists = [[np.linalg.norm(d - centroids[k]) for k in range(K)] for d in data]
          8
                 c = np.argmin(np.array(dists), axis=1)
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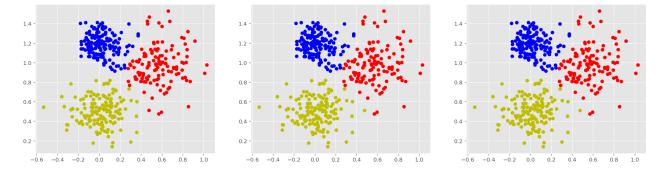
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In [5]: 1 C = KMeans2(3, data)
2 print("Iterations:", len(C))
```

Iterations: 5

First few interations:



Final four:



Of course, scikit-learn gives us a robust KMeans object.

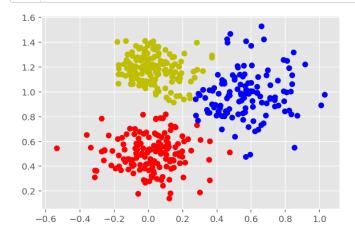
It behaves just like a classifier, except that you only give it inputs (no class labels).

The scikit-learn KMeans clusterer will actually try several random starts, and pick the "best" result.

Unfortunately, it doesn't give us a way to visualize the steps it went through.

```
In [13]: 1 from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
2 km = KMeans(3)
3 km.fit(data)
```

Out[13]: KMeans(n_clusters=3)



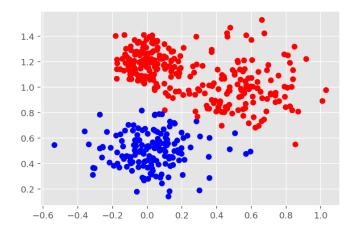
Guessing K

I know the data used above was generated from 3 Gaussian blobs, so we've been using K.

In general, though, how many clusters should there be?

How can we guess?

Let's try K=2:



Or K=4:

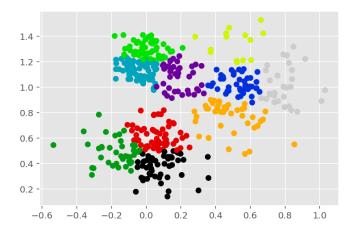
plt.show()

```
In [20]: 1 cmap = ListedColormap(['r','y','b','m'])
2 km4 = KMeans(4) # uses two clusters
3 km4.fit(data)
4 plt.scatter(data[:,0], data[:,1], c=km4.predict(data), cmap=cmap)
```

1.4 -1.2 -1.0 -0.8 -

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0.8 - 0.6 - 0.4 - 0.2 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0
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Or K=10:



Hierarchical Clustering

One answer to the problem of "how many clusters":

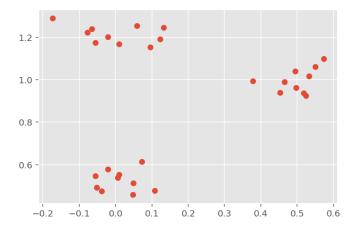
Try all of them!

Hierarchical algorithms are either top down or bottom up.

The bottom up algorithms (agglomerative) are the most popular.

The result of hierarchical clustering is a *dendrogram* plot, showing how the clusters break down (or build up, if you prefer).

Let's first get a smaller dataset to illustrate.



While scikit-learn has agglomerative clustering, it isn't capable of showing us a dendrogram.

We'll use SciPy instead for this example.

