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# Clustering, K-Means and EM

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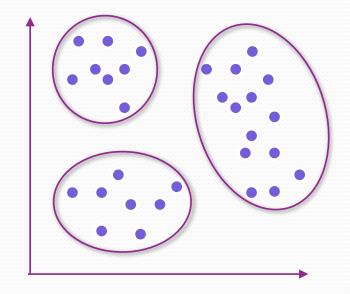
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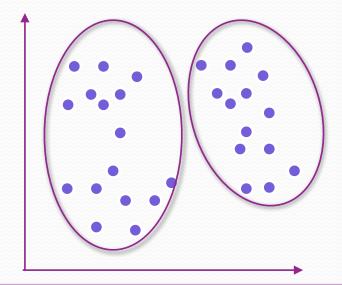
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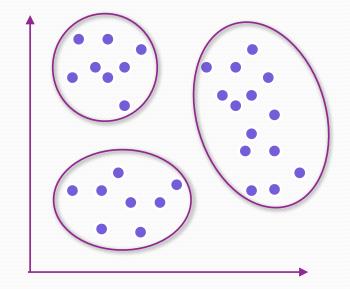
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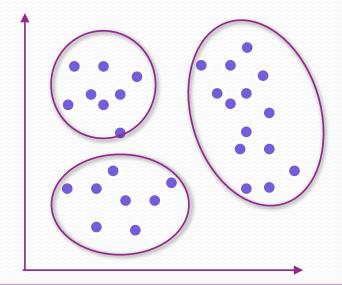
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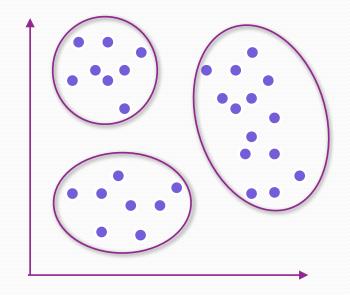
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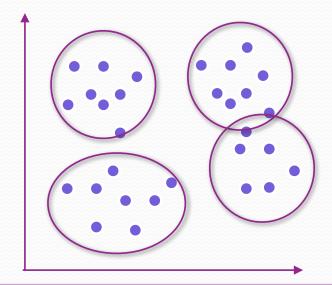
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# The goal is to have examples in the same cluster be "close" to each other

# Some clustering applications

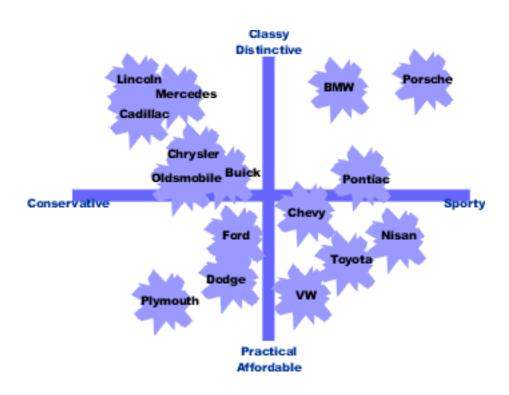
- Customer segmentation based on their purchases and activities. Allows targeted marketing for different clusters
- Dimensionality reduction: If there are k cluster each example will have k new features. Each feature is a measure of how well the example fits into a cluster
- Impute missing values
- Anomaly detection (aka outlier detection)
- Semi-supervised learning (you receive a small amount of labeled data). Label the unlabeled data in the cluster according to the labeled data
- Search engines
- Segmentation

# Clustering

- Clustering is a classic unsupervised learning task.
  - Organizing data
- There are many algorithms for clustering highdimensional data

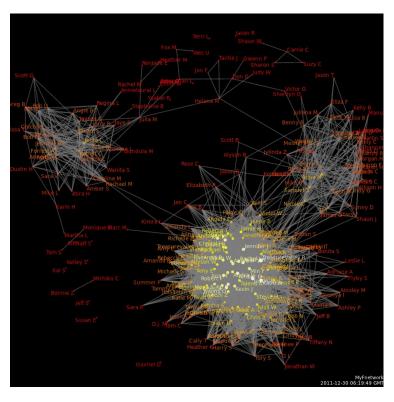
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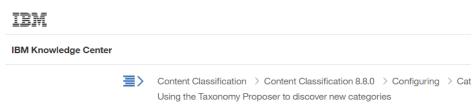


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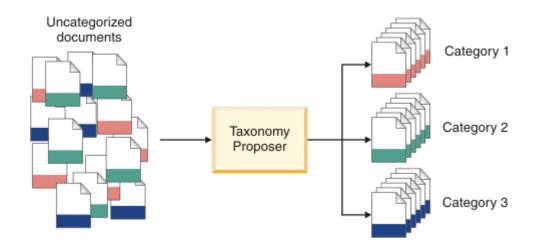
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## Document Clustering



Using the Taxonomy Proposer to discover new categories



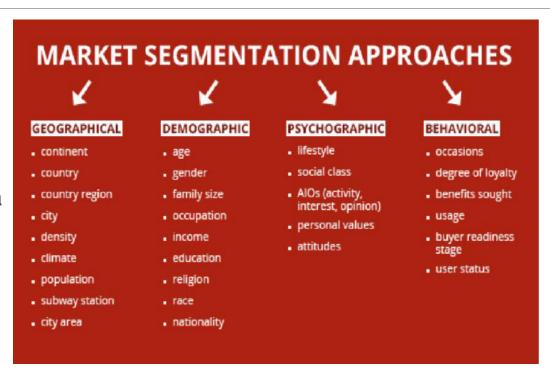
- □Data mining
- □Often have huge numbers of documents
- ☐ How can we organize this?
- □Key idea: documents are often in clusters
- □Can we detect these clusters?
- □Can be a lucrative service
  - See IBM service to left

# Clustering

- □Clustering has many applications
  - Any time you want to segment data
  - Uncovering latent discrete variables

#### □Examples:

- Segmenting sections of an image
- Segmenting customers in market data



From: Market segmentation possibilities in the tourism market context of South Africa

# Image Segmentation

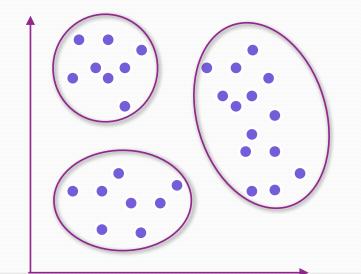


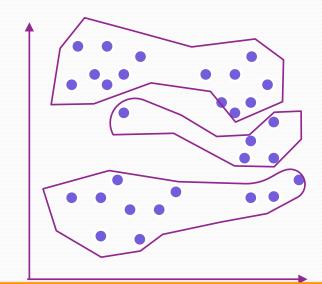
- □Also from Bishop.
- ☐Use K-means on the RGB values (dimension = 3)

# How can we find clusters in the data?

# What makes a "good" cluster?

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, ..., \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\} \\ & c^{(1)}, c^{(2)}, ..., c^{(N)} & 1 \leq c^{(i)} \leq K \end{aligned}$$



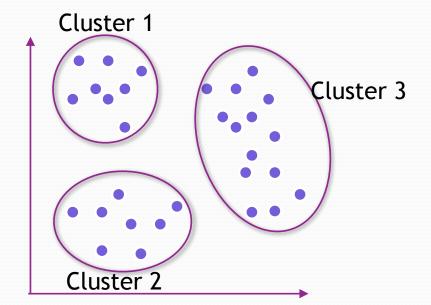


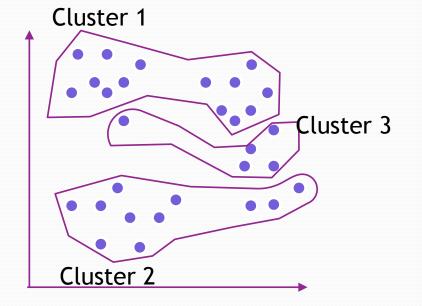
Pair share: which clustering do you like better? Why?

Mathematically what makes one clustering assignment better than another?

#### "Goodness" Metric

$$\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, ..., \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}\$$
 $c^{(1)}, c^{(2)}, ..., c^{(N)}$ 
 $1 \le c^{(i)} \le K$ 





$$\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \text{ cluster 1}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mu_1\|_2^2 + \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \text{ cluster 2}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mu_2\|_2^2 + \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \text{ cluster 3}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mu_3\|_2^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{3} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \text{cluster i}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mu_i\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \|\mathbf{x}^{(j)} - \mu_{c^{(j)}}\|_2^2$$

Minimizes distortion function, J

## Goal: minimize our objective function

$$J(c,\mu) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \|\mathbf{x}^{(j)} - \mu_{c^{(j)}}\|_{2}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \text{cluster i}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mu_{i}\|_{2}^{2}$$

$$(2,3)$$
 •  $(7/3, 7/3)$   $(2,2)$  •  $(3,2)$ 

Pair share: Let K=2.

Where would you make the cluster centers:  $\mu_1, \mu_2$ ?

Pair share: For each point, which cluster would you assign it to?

Pair share What is  $J(c, \mu)$  for this cluster assignment?

$$J(c, \mu) = (1/2)^2 + (1/2)^2 + 2/9 + 2/9 + 5/9$$

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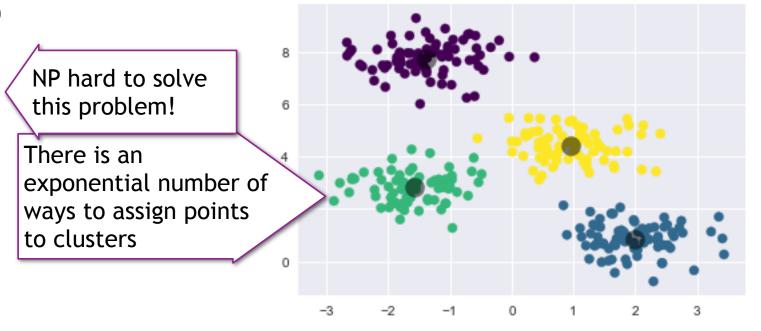
One clustering method is K-means clustering. It finds a predetermined (K) number of clusters in an unlabeled dataset

#### K-Means

Assigns each example examples one of K clusters, where  $\mu_j$  is the center of cluster j (i.e., the *mean* of its cluster)

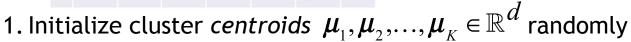
 $c^{(i)}$  is the cluster  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  belongs to

$$J(c,\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left| \left| x^{(i)} - \mu_{c^{(i)}} \right| \right|^{2}$$



## Lloyd's Algorithm (Stuart Lloyd, 1957)

Psendo code from CS229 Lecture notes



2. Repeat until convergence:

For every i, set

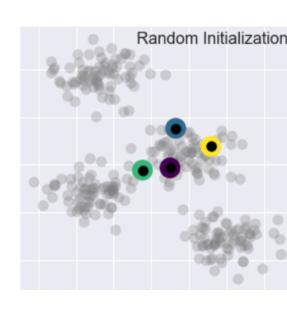
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For every 
$$j \in \{1,...,K\}$$
, set
$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} 1\{c^{(i)} = j\}x^{(i)}$$

$$\mu_j := \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} 1\{c^{(i)} = j\}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} 1\{c^{(i)} = j\}}$$

Update cluster membership of every example. Every example belongs to the cluster it is closest to.

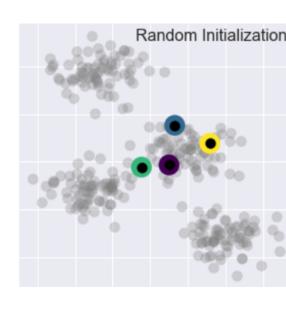
Suppose 
$$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \mathbf{x}^{(9)}, \mathbf{x}^{(21)}$$
 were assigned to cluster 1 then  $\mu_1 = (\mathbf{x}^{(2)} + \mathbf{x}^{(9)} + \mathbf{x}^{(21)})/3$ 



**Definition:** 

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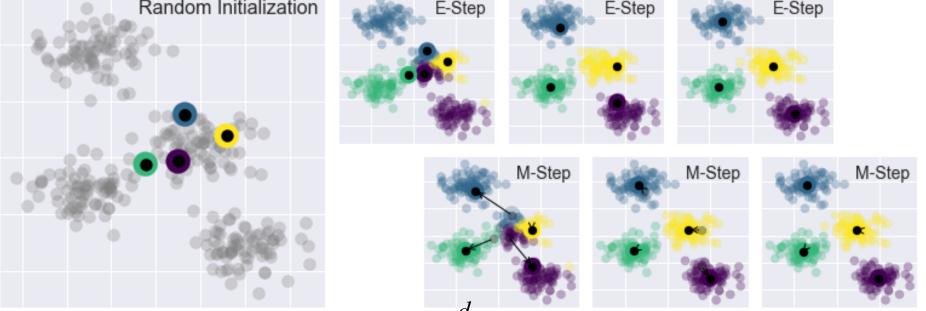
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Update *centroid* of each cluster to be the average(mean) of examples assigned to cluster j **Definition:** 



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$$= 2(\mu_j - \mathbf{p})^T \left( \left( \sum_{\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in S_j} \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \right) - |S_j| \mu_j \right)$$

Now notice that:  $|S_j|\mu_j=\sum_{j}\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ 

Thus  $\left[\sum_{\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in S_i} \mathbf{x}^{(i)}\right] - |S_j| \mu_j = 0$ 

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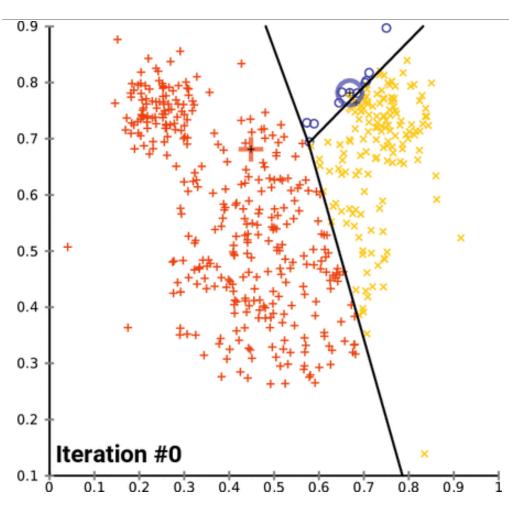
Here a, b are vectors. Notice that:  $\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{b}$ 

Adding 0= $-\mu_i + \mu_j$ 

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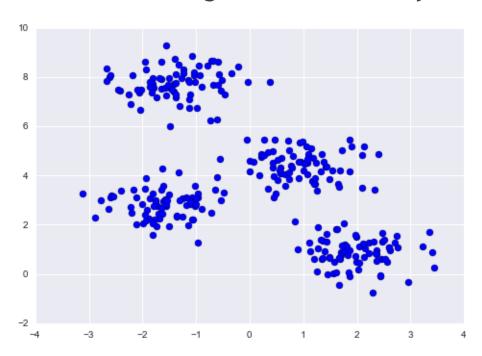
#### K-Means illustrated

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#### Uh Oh...

- □The K-means clustering algorithm is guaranteed to improve the result on each step...and converge but not to a globally optimal solution.
- □However, K-means is not guaranteed to find a global minimum only a local minimum.
- □Finding the global minimum K-means error is NP-hard...
- □Run the algorithm with many initial configurations and keep the one that performs best





## E-M Algorithm

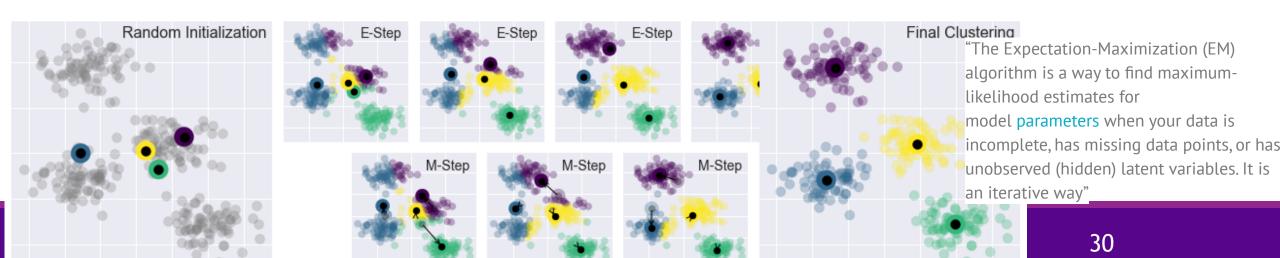
- ☐ The K-means algorithm is a variant of the E-M algorithm.
  - The E step (Expectation step) involves updating our expectation of what cluster each example belongs to.
  - The M step (Maximization step) involves maximizing the best location of the cluster centers.
- ☐ The algorithm works by minimizing a complex error function by separating the data into two steps: If one step is known, it is easy to optimize the other step

Given an assignment of points to clusters, could we find a better cluster center than taking the average of the points in a cluster to be its center?

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) Maybe

# K-Means Converges

- □The algorithm converges to a partition that is "locally optimal."
  - Given the cluster centers  $\mu_i$ , we cannot find a better assignment of the examples to clusters.
  - Given the cluster assignments ( $c^{(i)}$  for all  $i \in 1...N$ ), we cannot find better centers.



# Proof of convergence (to a local min) Proof of convergence on page 179 from http://ciml.info/

☐Theorem (K - Means Convergence Theorem)

We update  $\mu$  and we update c. For each update we show that they never increase the value of

$$J(c, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\| \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{c^{(i)}} \right\|^{2}$$

There are only a finite number of values that can be assigned to  $\mu$  and c. ( $\mu$  is is the mean of a subset of the examples and c  $\in$  {1, 2, ..., K}).

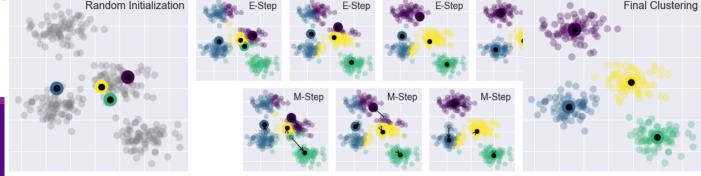
We also know that  $J(c, \mu) \ge 0$ .

Thus  $J(c, \mu)$  can only decrease a finite number of times. When it stops decreasing the algorithm has converged (to a local minimum)

When we update  $c^{(i)}$ , it must be that  $\left\| \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{c^{(i \text{ new})}} \right\|^2 \le \left\| \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{c^{(i)}} \right\|^2$ 

When we update  $\mu_j$  as the mean of the points which are in this cluster - it directly minimizes  $\sum_{c^{(i)}=j} (x^{(i)} - \mu_j)^2$ 

Thus every iteration decreases the cost function

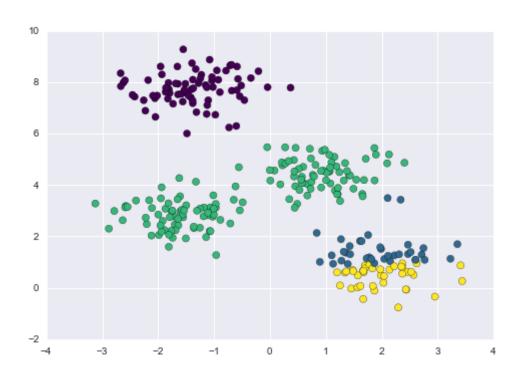


Since it is possible to converge to a local minimum instead of a global minimum, you should run the algorithm 10 times and choose the clustering with the lowest  $J(c, \mu)$ 

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# The big concern is poor initialization at the start of the algorithm.



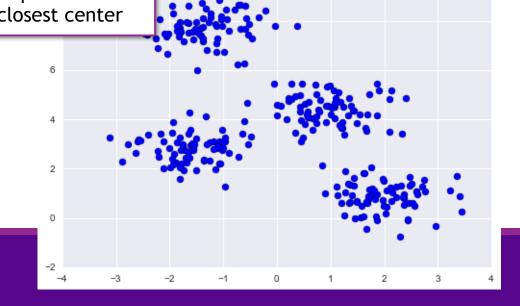
#### How to choose the initial values...

- □One heuristic (we will refine it on the next slide) is to use the *furthest-first* algorithm
- 1. Pick a random example j and set  $\mu_1 = \mathbf{x}^{(j)}$
- 2. For k'' = 2..K:

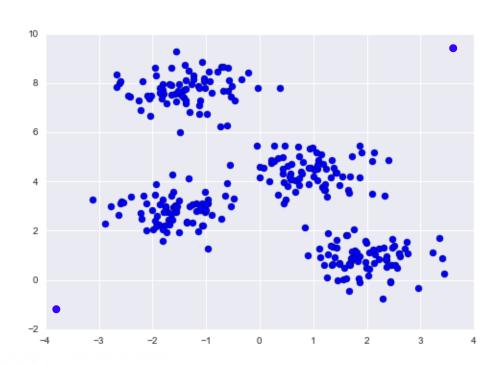
Find the example *j* that is as far as possible from all previously selected means; namely:

$$j = \mathop{\arg\max}_{j} \min_{k' < k''} \left| \left| \boldsymbol{x}^{(j)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{k'} \right|^2 \right|^2 \\ \text{find index of the training example is farthest from its closest center}$$

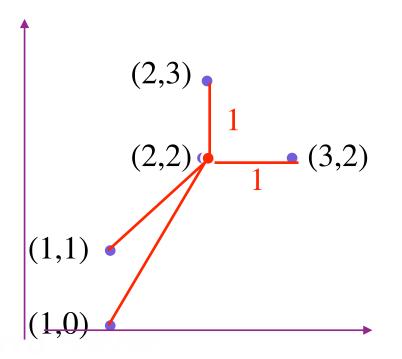
The problem is that this algorithm is sensitive to outliers.



## Outliers...



Instead of choosing the furthest example from your existing clusters, select the next center randomly with probability proportional to its distance squared.



Pair share: What are the distances? Compute one of the probabilities.

# K-means++ algorithm

#### □Algorithm k-means++

 $\mu_1 = \mathbf{x}^{(j)}$  for j chosen uniformly at random // randomly initialize first point

for k''=2 to K do

$$d_{j} = \min_{k' < k''} || \mathbf{x}^{(j)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{k'} || , \forall j$$
 // compute distances

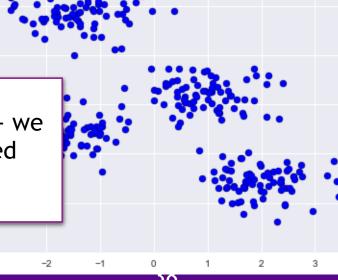
$$p_{j} = \frac{d_{j}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} d_{i}^{2}}, \forall j$$
 // normalize to probability distribution

j = random chosen with probability  $p_j$ 

$$\mu_{k''} = \mathbf{x}^{(j)}$$

Next run k-means using  $\mu$  as initial centers  $\langle$ 

After we find the initial centers - we run the K-means algorithm discussed earlier.



It can be proven that the expected value of the  $J(c, \mu)$  when running K-means++ is never more than  $O(\log K)$  times optimal  $J(c, \mu)$ 

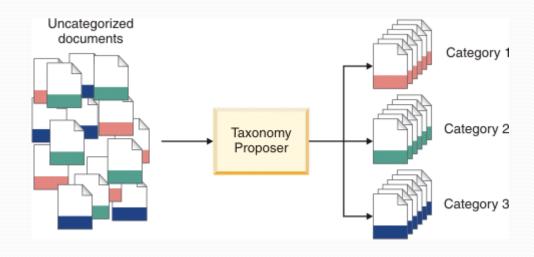
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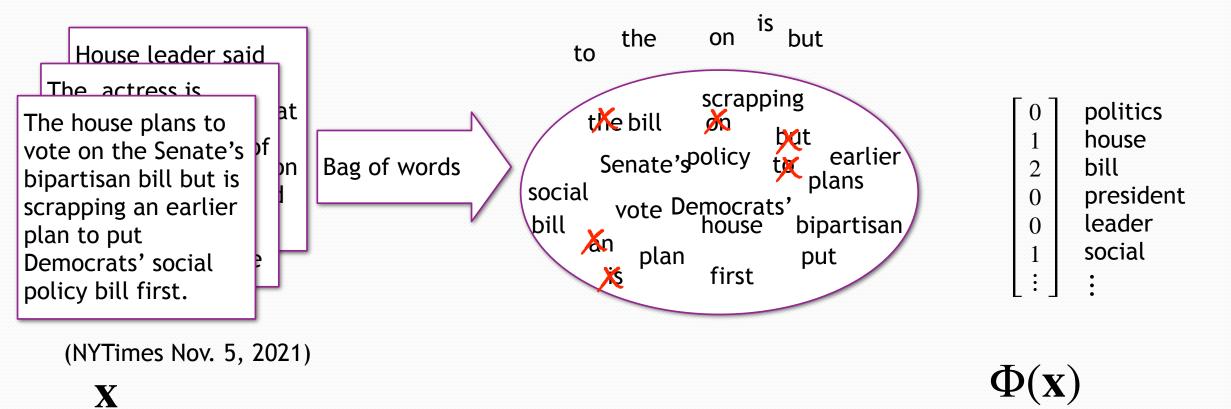
### Feature Extraction:



If we want to use K-means into cluster documents, we first need to convert text into a set of numerical values.

How can we do this?

#### Documents as feature vectors



Approach from mit.edu/6.034

# Transform the feature vectors to emphasize more "relevant" words

# Turning text into a feature vector

#### Document 1

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog's back.

#### Document 2

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party.

- □Document is natively text
- Must represent as a numeric vector
- □Represent by word counts
  - Enumerate all words
  - Each document is count of frequencies
- **□**Stopwords

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## **Discussion Questions**

- □ Is the absolute number of times a word appears the correct metric?
- ■What about the length of the document?
- ■What about the frequency of the word?
- ■What words "matter"?

the, for, a, in

convolutional, gradient

- ☐ Perhaps:
  - if a word appears frequently, it is important (give it a high score)
  - If a word appears in many documents, it is not important (give it a low score)

TF"this", 
$$d_1 = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$$

IDF"this" =  $\log(\frac{2}{2}) = 1$ 

TF"this",  $d_1 = \frac{1}{5} = 0.14$ 

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Example modified from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tf%E2%80%93id

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  - except if the word appears in many documents, it is not important (give it a low scor
- □Steps:
  - Count the frequency of every word in the document

Term frequency  $TF_{i,n} = \frac{\text{num times word } i \text{ in doc } n}{\text{total num words in doc } n}$ 

Determine how much information a word provides: Inverse Document Frequency (IDF

The more common a word is the lower its IDF score

Inverse doc frequency  $IDF_i = \log \left[ \frac{\text{Total num docs in corpus}}{\text{Num docs with word } i} \right]$  Document 1

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|    | ls      | 1            |
|    | another | 2            |
|    | example | 3            |

Document 2

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$$d_1 = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$$

$$\mathsf{TF}_{\mathsf{"this"},d_2} = \frac{1}{7} \approx 0.14$$

TF"example",
$$d_1 = \frac{0}{5}$$

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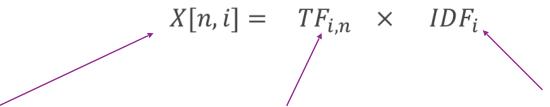
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### Term Frequency - Inverse Document Frequency

Use TF-IDF weight for vectors:



Document weight vector

Term frequency

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Inverse doc frequency

$$TF_{i,n} = \frac{\text{num times word } i \text{ in doc } n}{\text{total num words in doc } n} \qquad IDF_i = \log \left[ \frac{\text{Total num docs in corpus}}{\text{Num docs with word } i} \right]$$

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