

K-Means Clustering

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Unsupervised Machine Learning

Clustering

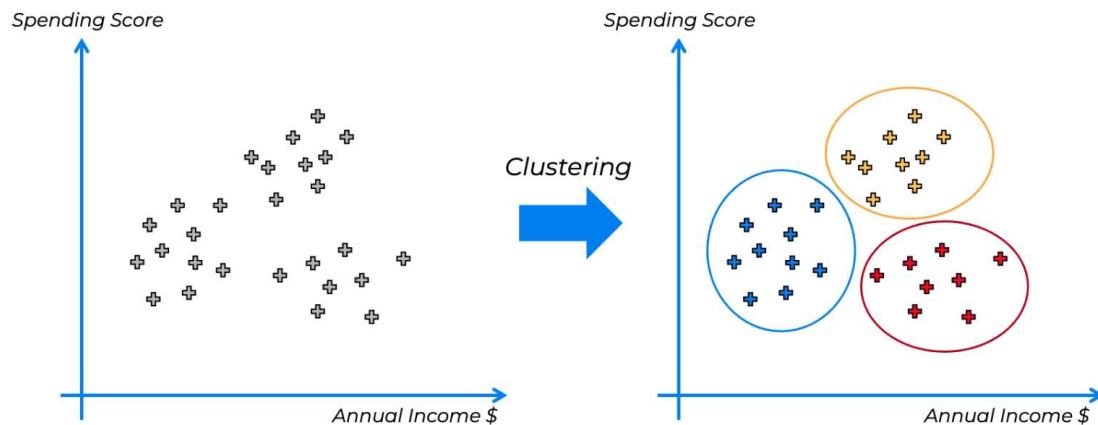
- Grouping unlabeled data

Supervised Learning

- You have training data and answers to that data

Unsupervised Learning

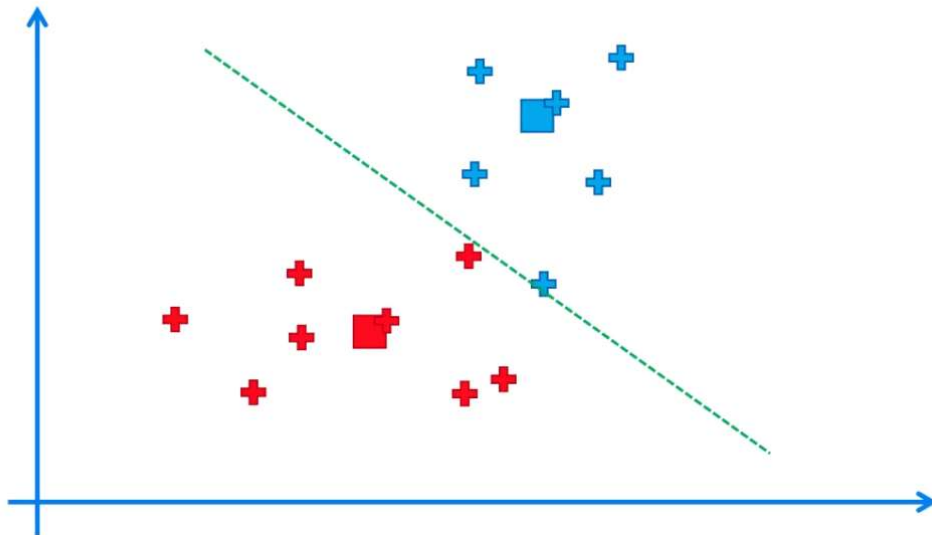
- We don't have answers and the model needs to figure it out itself
- The model can still group fruits together, but they don't know the fruit category



- You can dig deeper to learn more about those groups

K-Means Clustering

- Given a scatter plot, we want to make clusters
- You want to decide how many clusters you want
- For each cluster you can place a random point on the graph
- Find the equidistant line between each randomly placed points
- You need to calculate the central mass or gravity of each point and find the average
 - o Move the randomly placed points to those positions
- Now find the equidistant line again and do the same things with finding the average
 - o Do this until doing the process again doesn't change anything



The Elbow Method

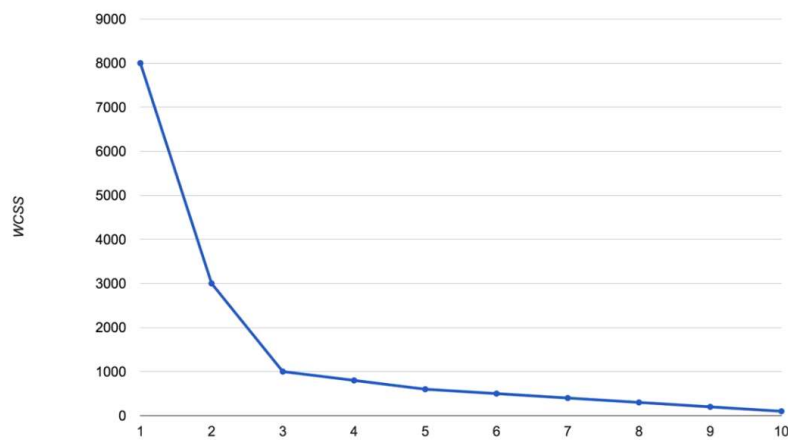
- K-means clustering doesn't need to always be in 2 dimensions, it can work in multiple dimensions
- How to decide how many clusters you want

Within Cluster Sum of Squares:

$$WCSS = \sum_{P_i \text{ in Cluster 1}} \text{distance}(P_i, C_1)^2 + \sum_{P_i \text{ in Cluster 2}} \text{distance}(P_i, C_2)^2 + \dots$$

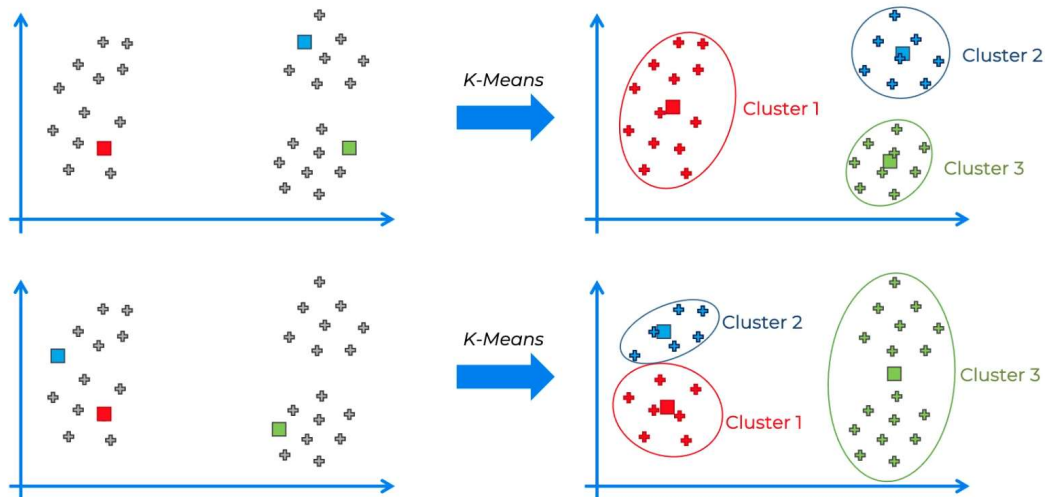
- The more clusters we have the smaller WCSS

The Elbow Method



- Look for where is the kink in this chart
- 3 is the optimal number of clusters

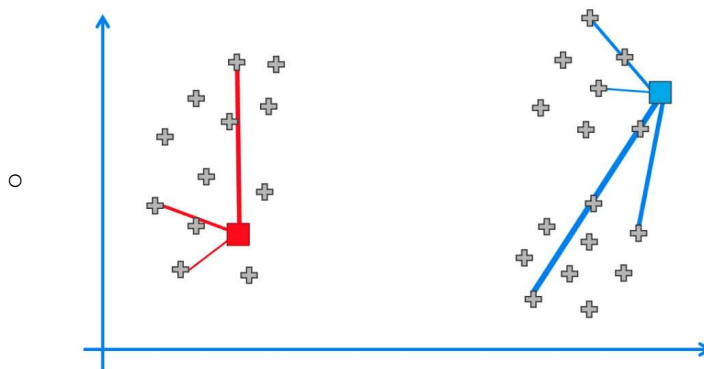
K-Means++



- The bottom graph is not good. Two of the random points are placed in the first cluster, making them into two separate clusters
- Results are different because the initialization of the random points are different

K-Means++ Initialization Algorithm

- Step 1: Chose first centroid at random among points
- Step 2: For each of the remaining data points compute the distance (D) to the nearest out of already selected centroids
- Step 3: Choose next centroid among remaining data points using weighted random selection -- weighted by D^2
- Step 4: Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until all k centroids have been selected
- Step 5: Proceed with standard k-means clustering
- What this will do:
 - After placing a centroid, find all data points and find the distance of each. When you square the distance, which ever has the highest distance you place another centroid



- This initialization does not guarantee there won't be an issue
 - This is because it is still random, but it's an weighted random to the probability of working is much higher

Hierarchical Clustering

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Can result the same as K-Means but a different process

Agglomerative and Divisive Approaches

Agglomerative

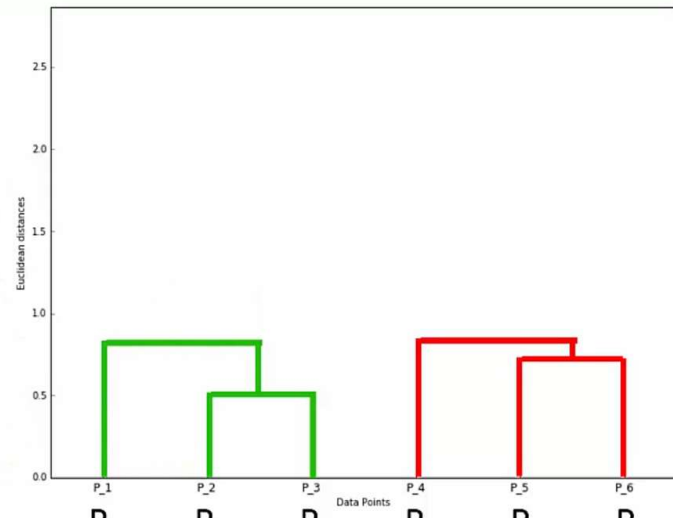
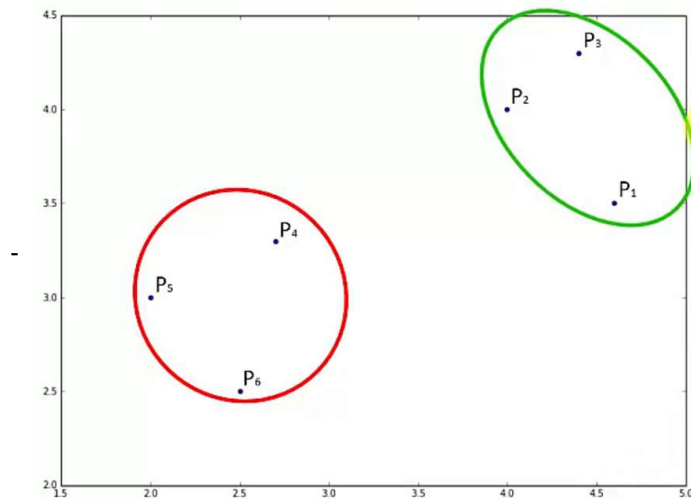
- STEP 1: Make each data point a single-point cluster
 - o This forms N clusters
- STEP 2: Take the two closest data points and make them one cluster
 - o That forms N-1 clusters
- STEP 3: Take the two closest clusters and make them one cluster
 - o Forms N -2 clusters
- STEP 4: Repeat STEP 3 until there is only one cluster

Distance Between Two Clusters:

- Option 1: Closest points
- Option 2: Furthest points
- Option 3: Average Distance
- Option 4: Distance between centroids

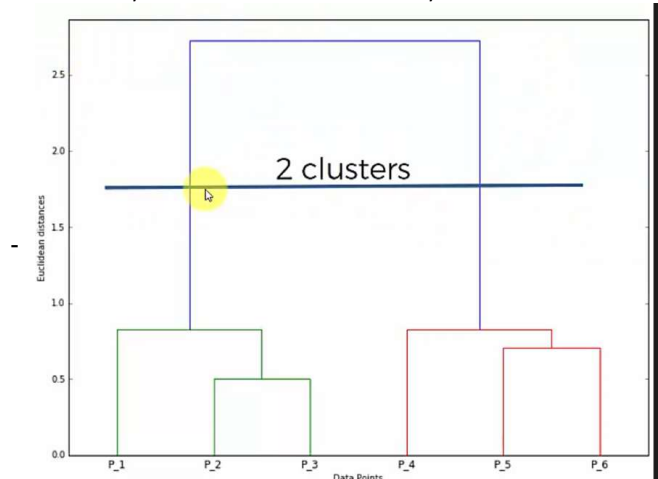
Dendrograms

- A graph that is the memory of the Hierarchical clustering algorithm



Using Dendrograms

- Look at the vertical levels and create thresholds
- We can say we don't want the dissimilarity above a certain level



- We can tell how many clusters we have by seeing how many vertical lines the threshold crosses

How to find the optimal number of clusters

- Find the highest vertical distance, and add the threshold through that line

