

# **UVA CS 4501: Machine Learning**

## **Lecture 24:** Unsupervised Clustering (III)

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# Where are we ? ➔

## major sections of this course

- ❑ Regression (supervised)
- ❑ Classification (supervised)
  - ❑ Feature selection
- ❑ Unsupervised models
  - ❑ Dimension Reduction (PCA)
  - ➔ ❑ Clustering (K-means, GMM/EM, Hierarchical )
- ❑ Learning theory
- ❑ Graphical models

|       | $X_1$ | $X_2$ | $X_3$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $s_1$ |       |       |       |
| $s_2$ |       |       |       |
| $s_3$ |       |       |       |
| $s_4$ |       |       |       |
| $s_5$ |       |       |       |
| $s_6$ |       |       |       |

# An unlabeled Dataset X

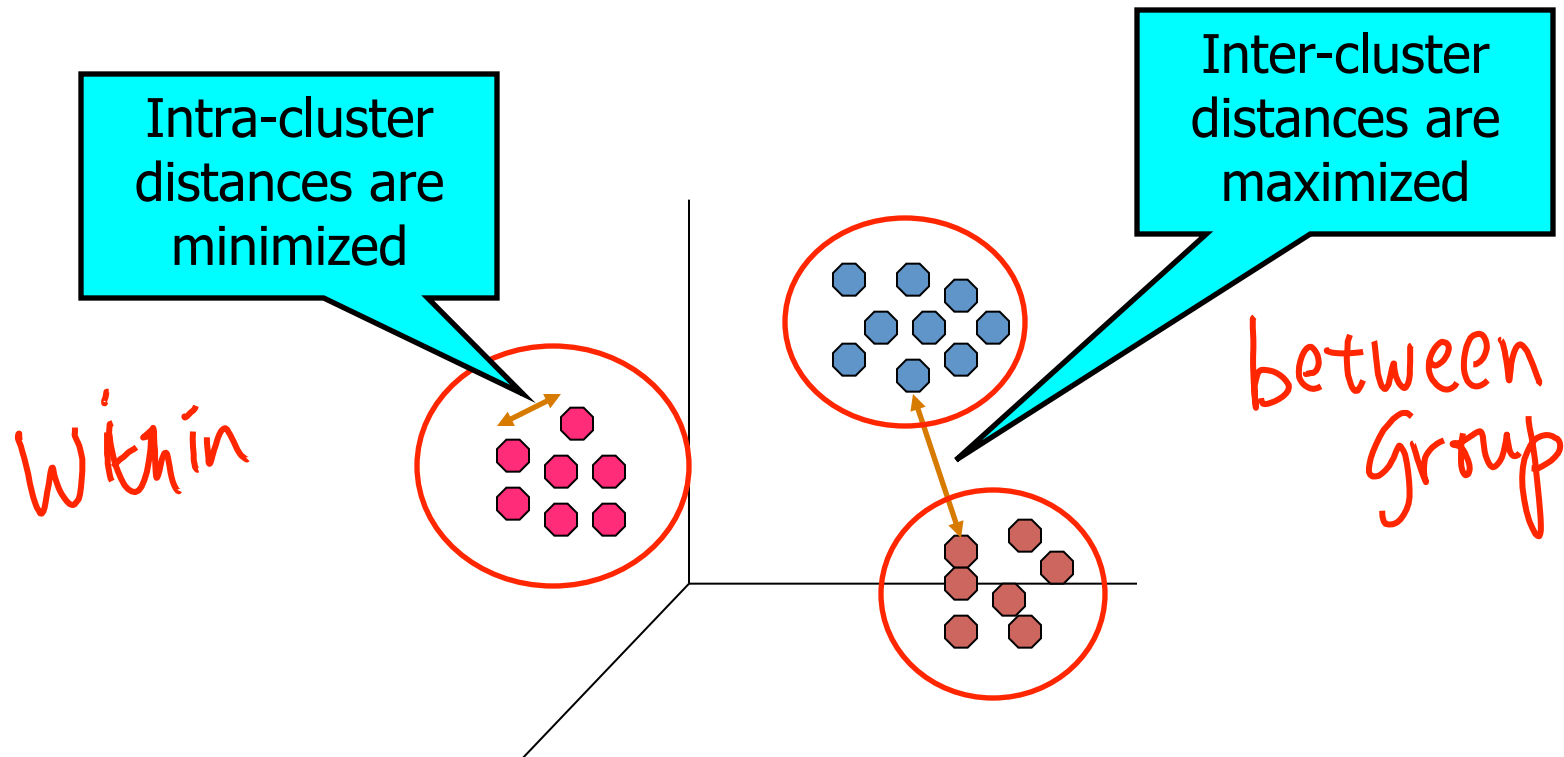
a data matrix of  $n$  observations on  $p$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$

**Unsupervised learning** = learning from raw (unlabeled, unannotated, etc) data, as opposed to supervised data where a classification label of examples is given

- **Data/points/instances/examples/samples/records:** [ rows ]
- **Features/attributes/dimensions/independent variables/covariates/predictors/regressors:** [ columns ]

# What is clustering?

- Find groups (clusters) of data points such that data points in a group will be similar (or related) to one another and different from (or unrelated to) the data points in other groups

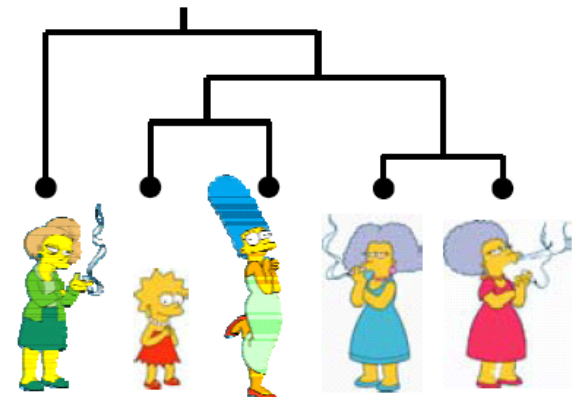
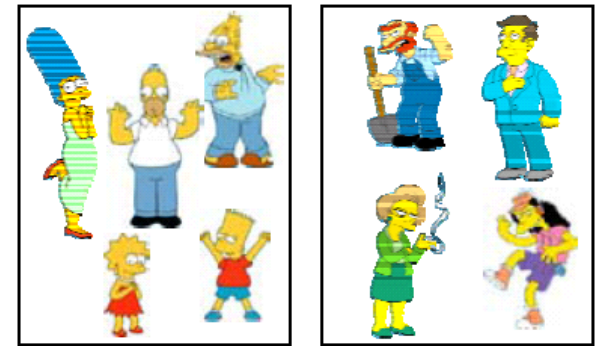


# Roadmap: clustering

- Definition of "groupness"
- Definition of "similarity/distance"
- Representation for objects
- How many clusters?
- Clustering Algorithms
  - ➔ ■ Partitional algorithms
    - Hierarchical algorithms
- Formal foundation and convergence

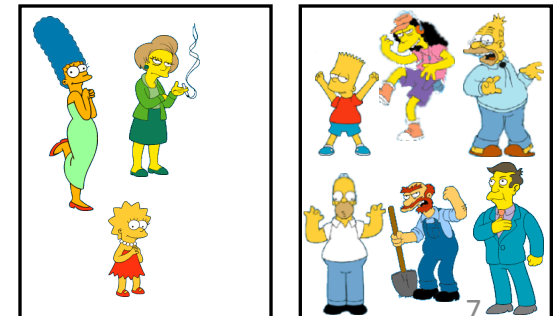
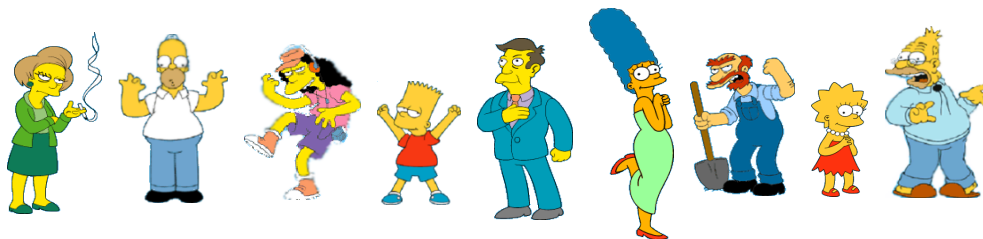
# Clustering Algorithms

- Partitional algorithms
  - Usually start with a random (partial) partitioning
  - Refine it iteratively
    - K means clustering
    - Mixture-Model based clustering
- Hierarchical algorithms
  - Bottom-up, agglomerative
  - Top-down, divisive



## (2) Partitional Clustering

- Nonhierarchical
- Construct a partition of  $n$  objects into a set of  $K$  clusters
- User has to specify the desired number of clusters  $K$ .



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- ➔ • **Mixture-based clustering: implemented through an EM** (Expectation-Maximization) algorithm. This provides **soft** partitioning, and allows **for modeling of cluster centroids and shapes**. (Yeung et al. (2001), McLachlan et al. (2002))

$$m_{ij} \in \{1, 0\} \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

# Partitional : Gaussian Mixture Model

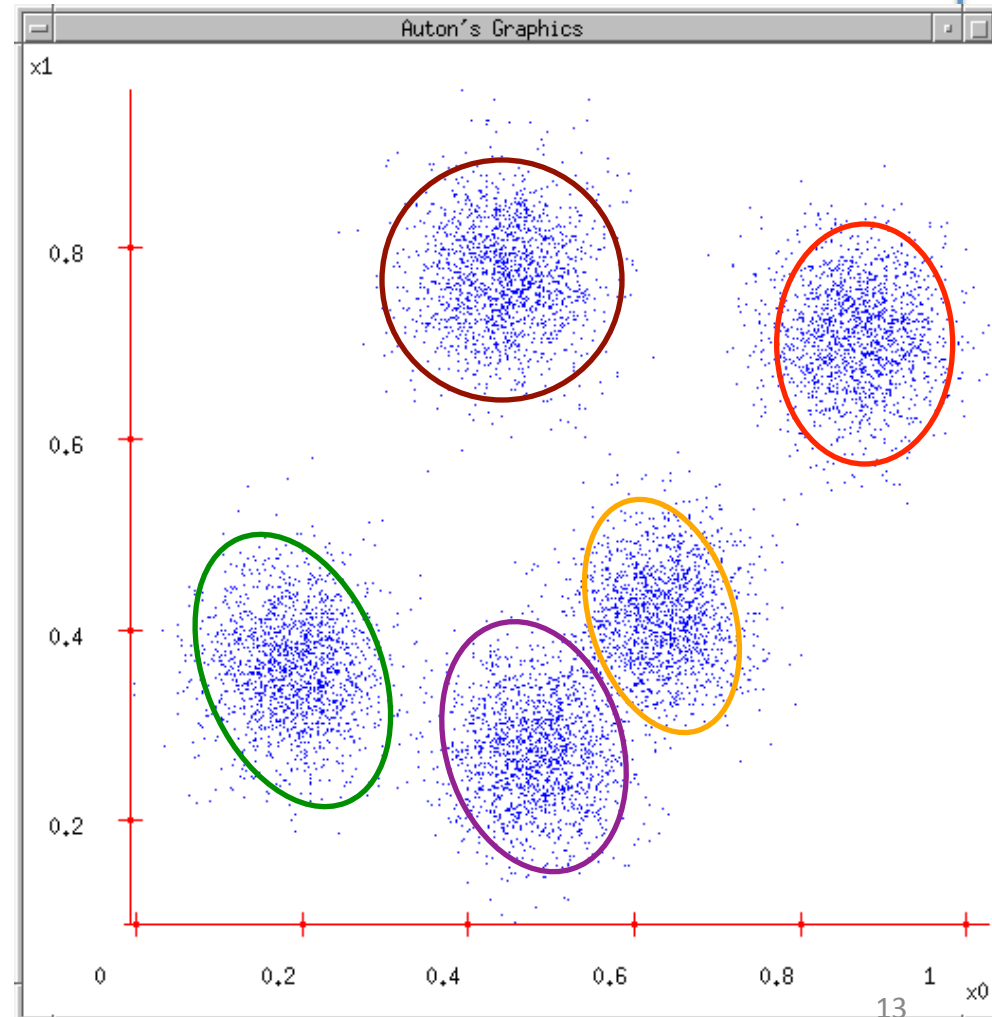


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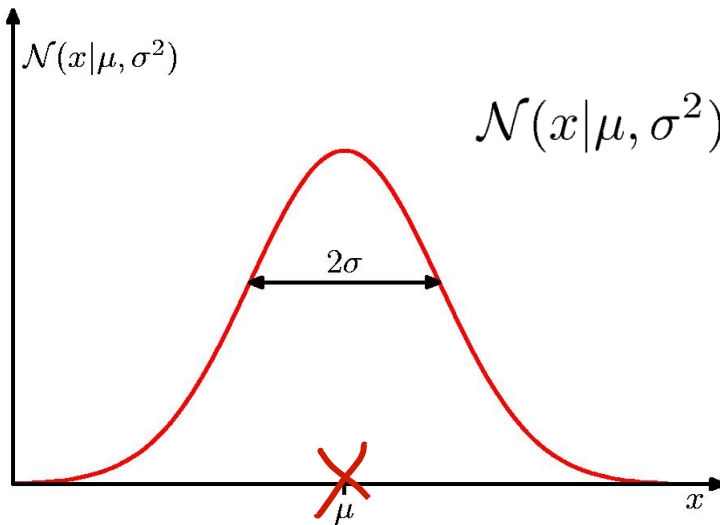
# A Gaussian Mixture Model for Clustering

- Assume that data are generated from a mixture of Gaussian distributions
- For each Gaussian distribution
  - Center:  $\mu_i$
  - covariance:  $\Sigma_i$
- For each data point
  - Determine membership

$z_{ij}$  : if  $x_i$  belongs to  $j$ -th cluster

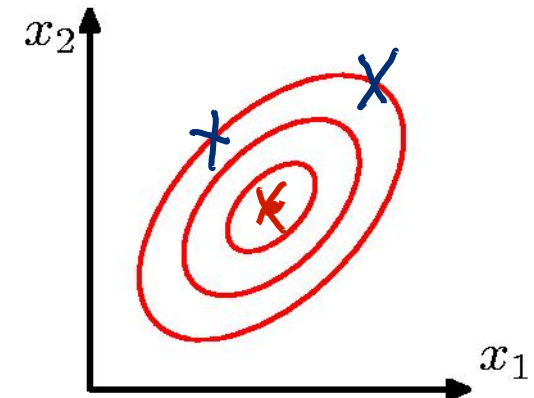


# Gaussian Distribution



$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x - \mu)^2 \right\}$$

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$



$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

Mean
Covariance Matrix

# Example: the Bivariate Normal distribution

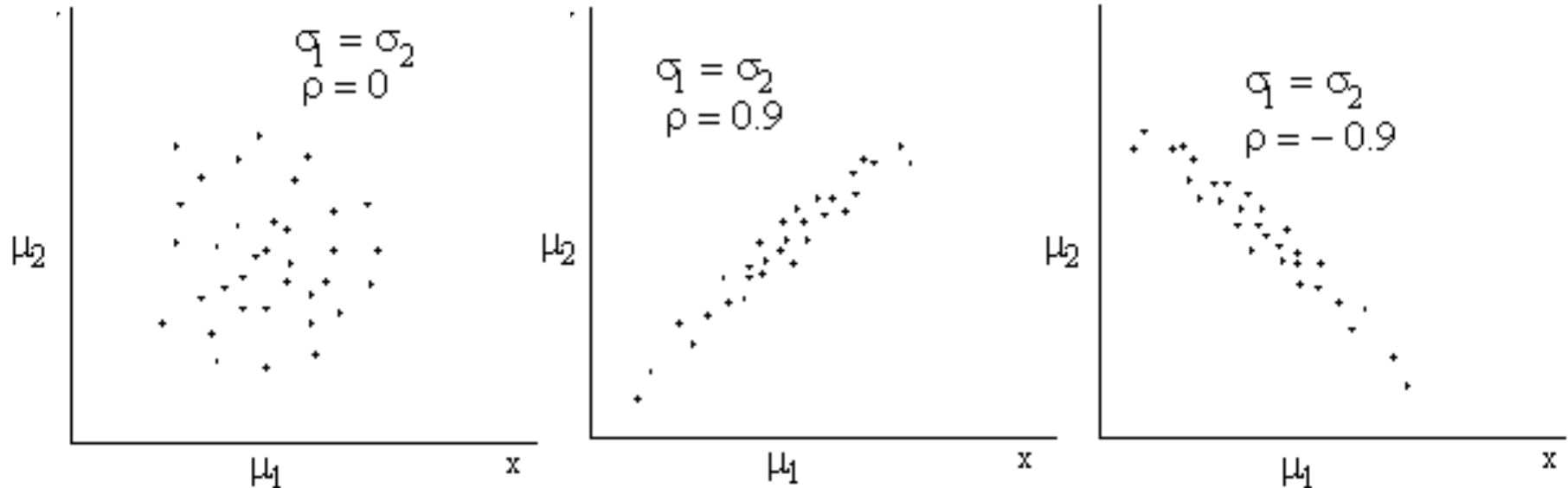
$$p(\vec{x}) = f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)|\Sigma|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}-\vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\vec{x}-\vec{\mu})}$$

with  $\vec{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$\Sigma_{2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \overset{\text{Var}(X_1)}{\sigma_1^2} & \overset{\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)}{\rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2} \\ \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 & \overset{\text{Var}(X_2)}{\sigma_2^2} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

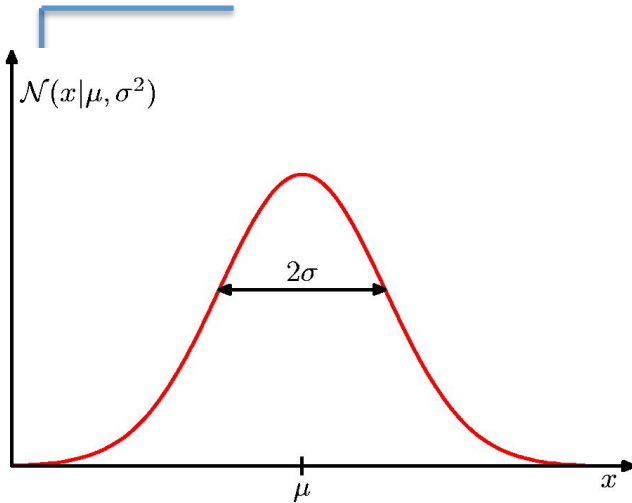
$$|\Sigma| = \sigma_{11}\sigma_{22} - \sigma_{12}^2 = \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2)$$

# Scatter Plots of data from the bivariate Normal distribution





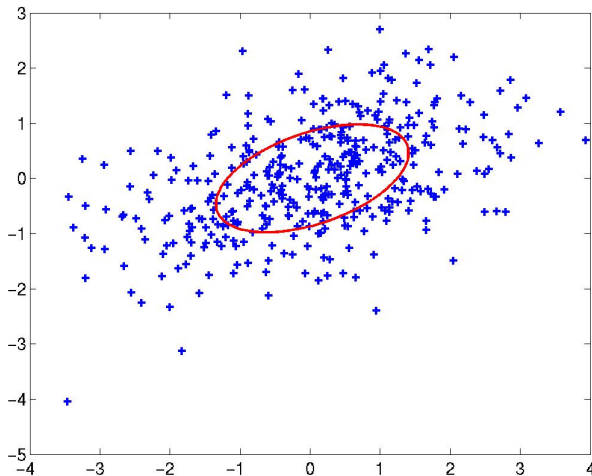
# How to Estimate Gaussian: MLE



- In the 1D Gaussian case, we simply set the mean and the variance to the **sample mean** and the **sample variance**:

$$\bar{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\bar{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{\mu})^2$$



# The p-multivariate Normal distribution

$$\langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p \rangle \sim N(\vec{\mu}, \Sigma)$$

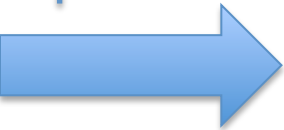
$$\vec{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_p \end{bmatrix} \quad p \times 1$$

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^N X_{ij}^{(i)}$$

$i \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$   
*i-th feature*  
*j-th sample*  
 $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_p) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(X_i, X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_i, X_2) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_i, X_p) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(X_p, X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_p, X_2) & \dots & \text{Var}(X_p) \end{bmatrix} \quad p \times p$$

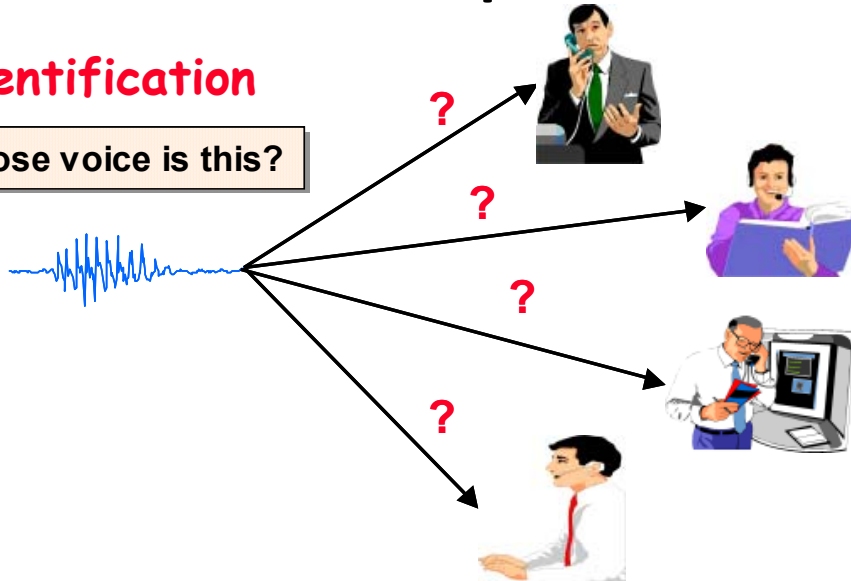
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# Application: Three Speaker Recognition Tasks

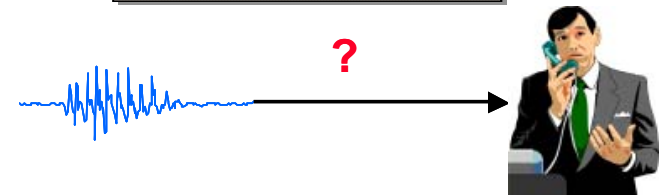
## Identification

Whose voice is this?



## Verification/Authentication/ Detection

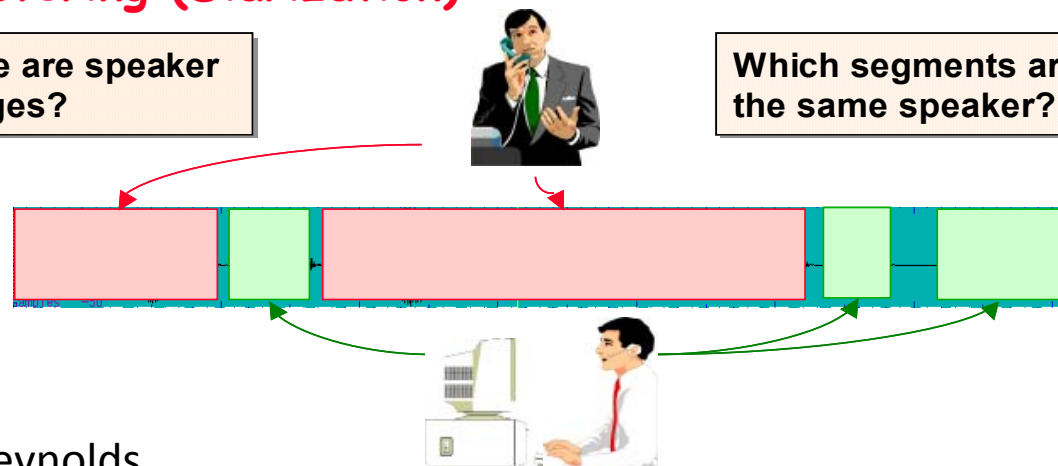
Is this Bob's voice?



## Segmentation and Clustering (Diarization)

Where are speaker changes?

Which segments are from the same speaker?

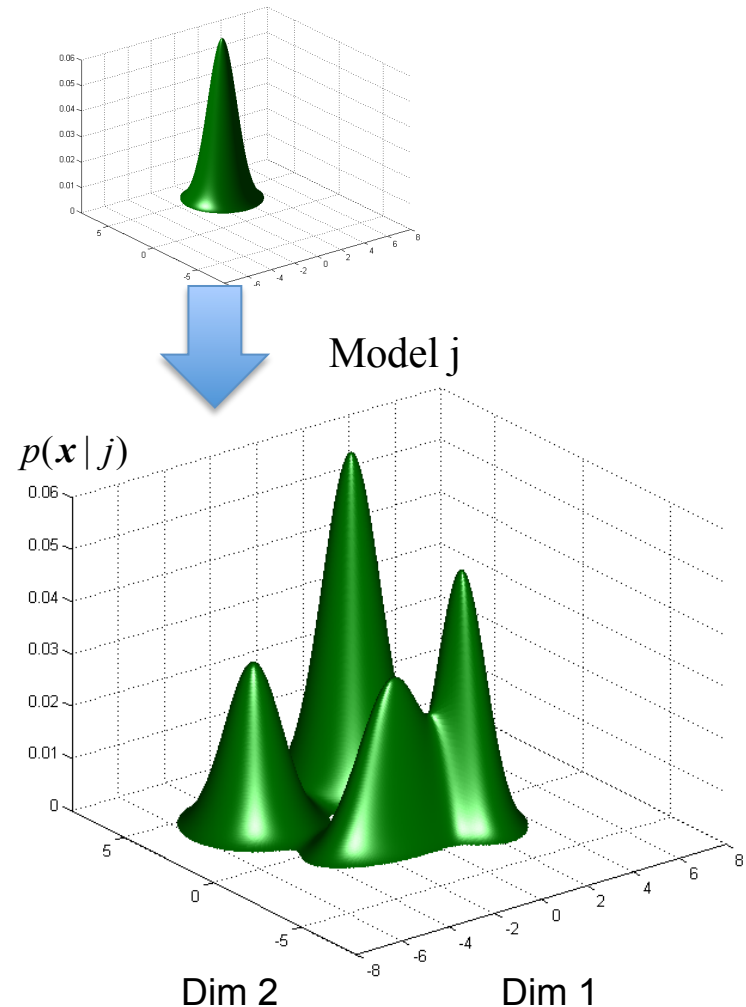


# Application :

## GMMs for speaker recognition

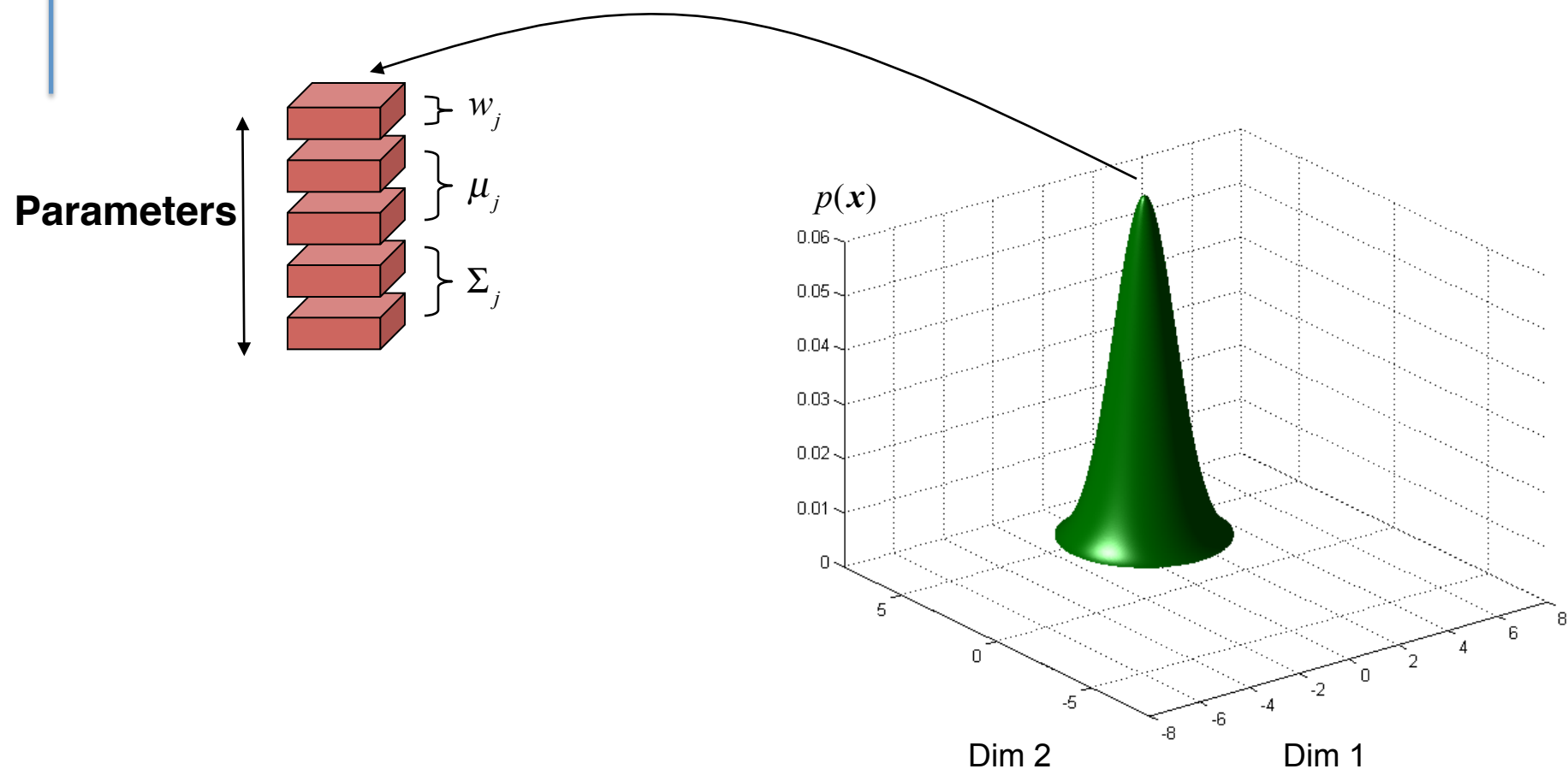
- A Gaussian mixture model (GMM) represents as the weighted sum of multiple Gaussian distributions
- Each Gaussian state  $i$  has a
  - Mean
  - Covariance  $\mu$
  - Weight  $\Sigma_j$

$$w_j \equiv p(\mu = \mu_j)$$



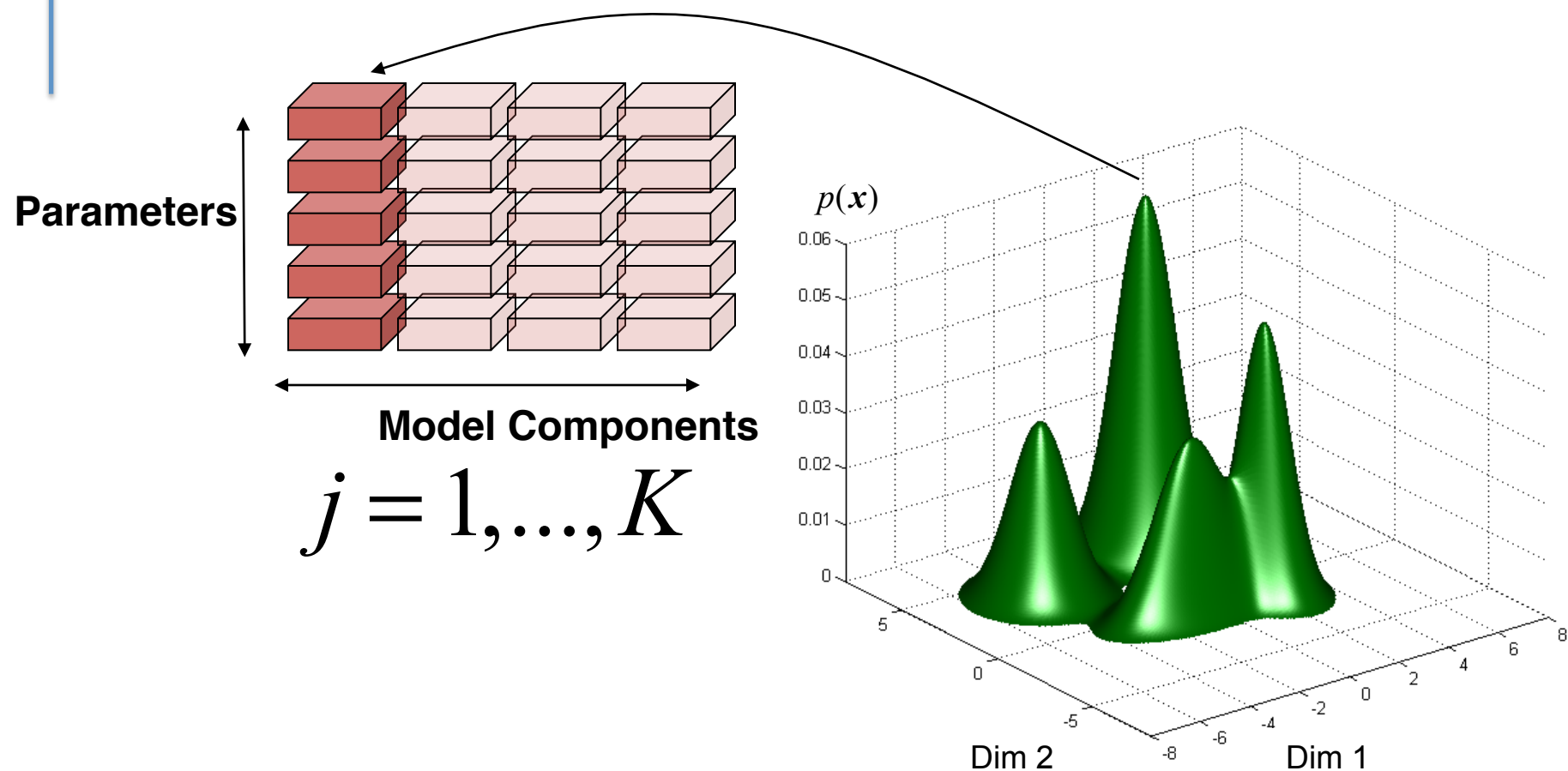
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# Learning a Gaussian Mixture

- Probability Model

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$$p(\vec{x} = \vec{x}_i)$$

$$= \sum_j p(\vec{x} = \vec{x}_i, \vec{\mu} = \vec{\mu}_j)$$

Total law of probability

$$= \sum_j p(\vec{\mu} = \vec{\mu}_j) p(\vec{x} = \vec{x}_i | \vec{\mu} = \vec{\mu}_j)$$


Chain rule

$$= \sum_j p(\vec{\mu} = \vec{\mu}_j) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma_j|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu}_j)^T \Sigma_j^{-1} (\vec{x} - \vec{\mu}_j)}$$



# Learning a Gaussian Mixture

(when **assuming with known shared covariance**)

$$\begin{aligned} p(\vec{x} = \vec{x}_i) &= \sum_{\mu_j} p(\vec{x} = \vec{x}_i, \vec{\mu} = \vec{\mu}_j) \\ &= \sum_j p(\vec{\mu} = \vec{\mu}_j) p(\vec{x} = \vec{x}_i \mid \vec{\mu} = \vec{\mu}_j) \\ &= \sum_j p(\vec{\mu} = \vec{\mu}_j) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}_j)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}_j)} \end{aligned}$$


# Max Log-likelihood of Observed Data Samples

□ Log-likelihood of data  $\log p(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) =$

$$\log \prod_{i=1..n} \sum_{j=1..K} p(\vec{\mu} = \vec{\mu}_j) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma_j|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}_j)^T \Sigma_j^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}_j)}$$

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Apply MLE to find

optimal Gaussian parameters

$$\{\{p(\vec{\mu} = \mu_j)\}, j = 1 \dots K\}$$

$$\{\vec{\mu}_j, \Sigma_j, j = 1 \dots K\}$$

# Expectation-Maximization for training GMM

- Start:
  - "Guess" the centroid and covariance for each of the  $K$  clusters
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- Loop
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# Learning a Gaussian Mixture

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**E-Step**

$$E[z_{ij}] = p(\vec{\mu} = \mu_j \mid x = x_i)$$

[Bayes Rule]  
assignment. soft

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{p(x = x_i \mid \mu = \mu_j) p(\mu = \mu_j)}{\sum_{s=1}^k p(x = x_i \mid \mu = \mu_s) p(\mu = \mu_s)} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}_j)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}_j)} p(\mu = \mu_j)}{\sum_{s=1}^k \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}_s)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}_s)} p(\mu = \mu_s)}
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$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases}$$

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Soft assignment  
 $p(\mu = \mu_j \mid x = x_i)$

How  $x_i$  belongs  
 in proportion  
 to cluster  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$

VS.  $m_{ij}$  Hard  
 assignment in  
 K-means

# Learning a Gaussian Mixture

when assuming with known shared covariance

**M-Step**

$$\mu_j^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n E[z_{ij}]} \sum_{i=1}^n E[z_{ij}^{(t)}] x_i$$

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## M-Step

$\leftarrow \text{mean} \Rightarrow \text{centroid} = \frac{1}{N_j} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_{ij} x_i$

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$\rightarrow [0, 1]$   
 $\sum_{j=1}^K E[z_{ij}] = 1$

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# M-step for Estimating unknown Covariance Matrix (more general, details in EM-Extra lecture)

$$\Sigma_j^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E[z_{ij}]^{(t)} (x_i - \mu_j^{(t+1)}) (x_i - \mu_j^{(t+1)})^T}{\sum_{i=1}^n E[z_{ij}]^{(t)}}$$

for small TrainSet  
too many parameters  
to estimate

$$j = 1, \dots, K$$

$$\Sigma_j \Rightarrow O(p^2/2)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Sigma_j \leftarrow O(p^2/2) \\ \mu_j \leftarrow O(p+K) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow O(Kp^2/2 + Kp + K^2)$$

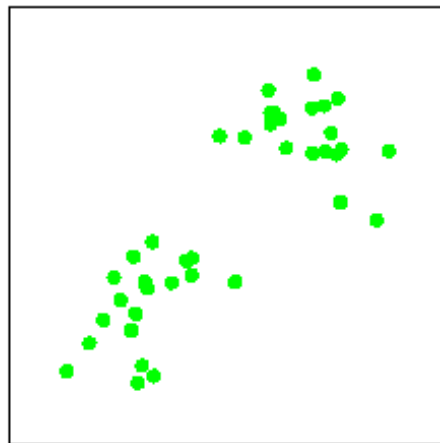
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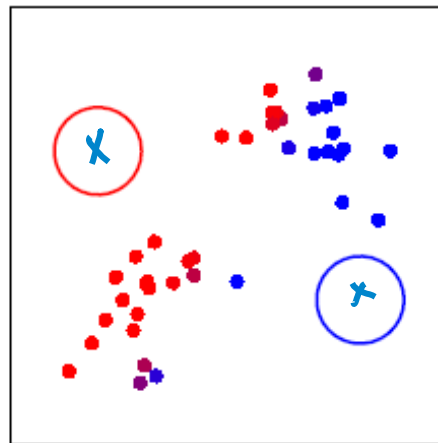
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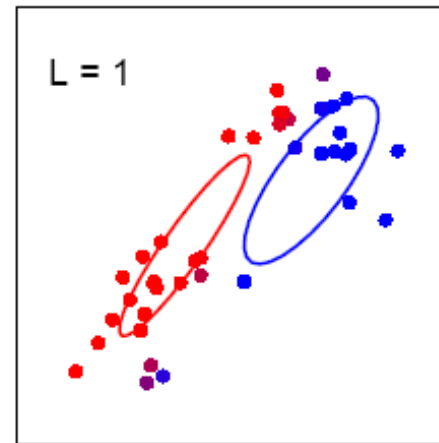
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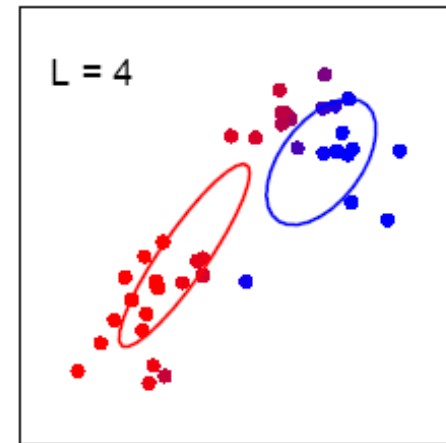
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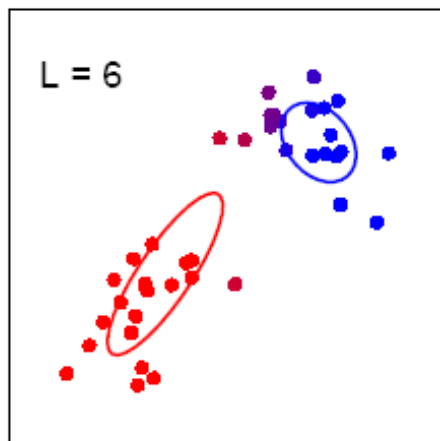
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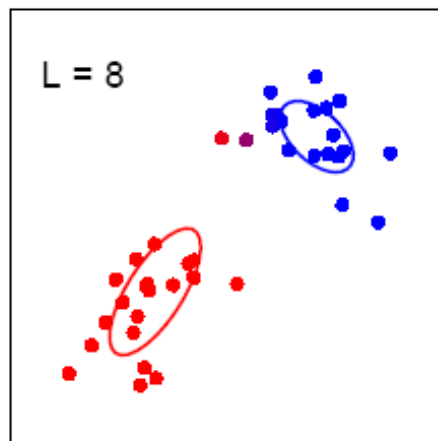
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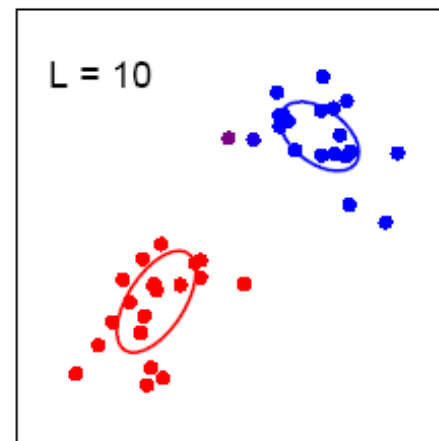
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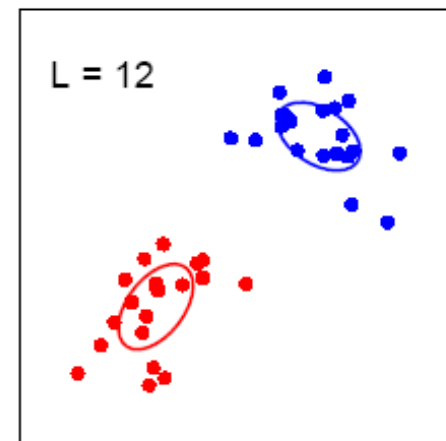
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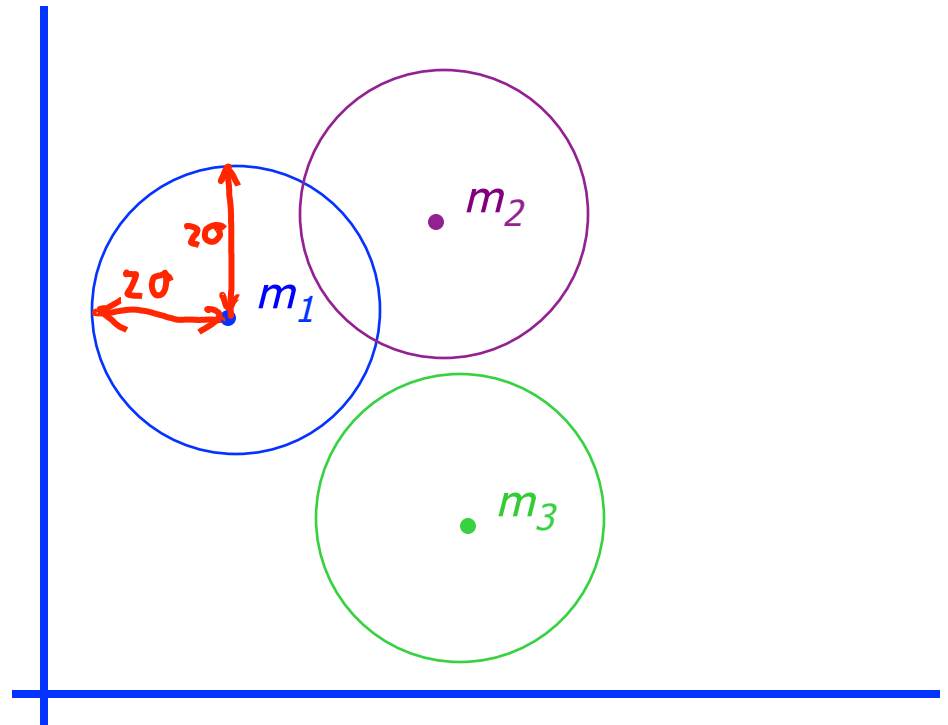
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# The Simplest GMM assumption

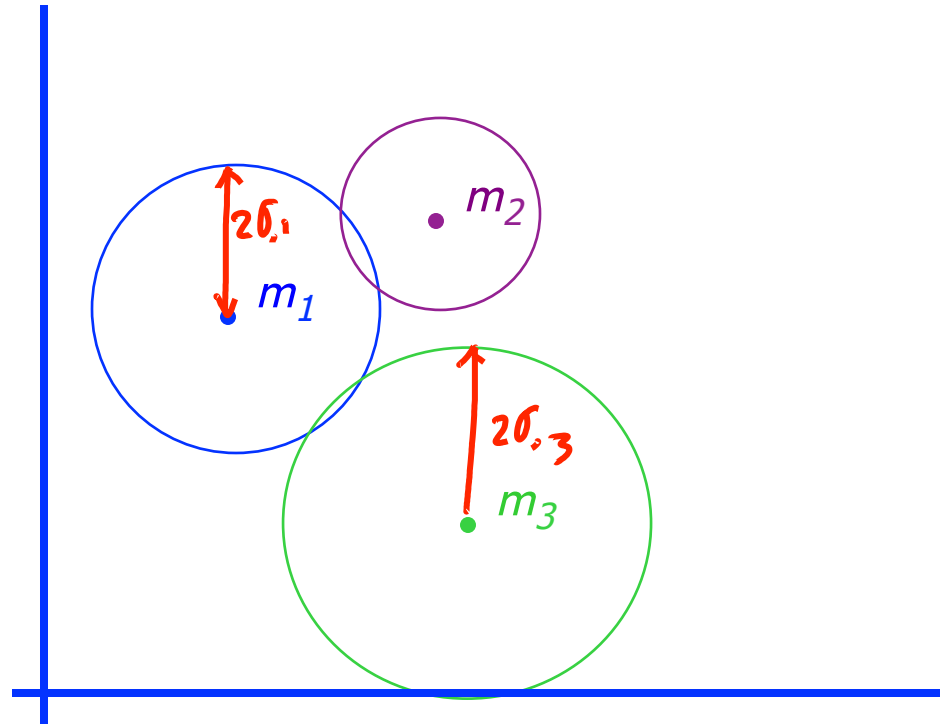
- Each component generates data from a Gaussian with
  - mean  $\mu_i$
  - Shared covariance matrix  $\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$



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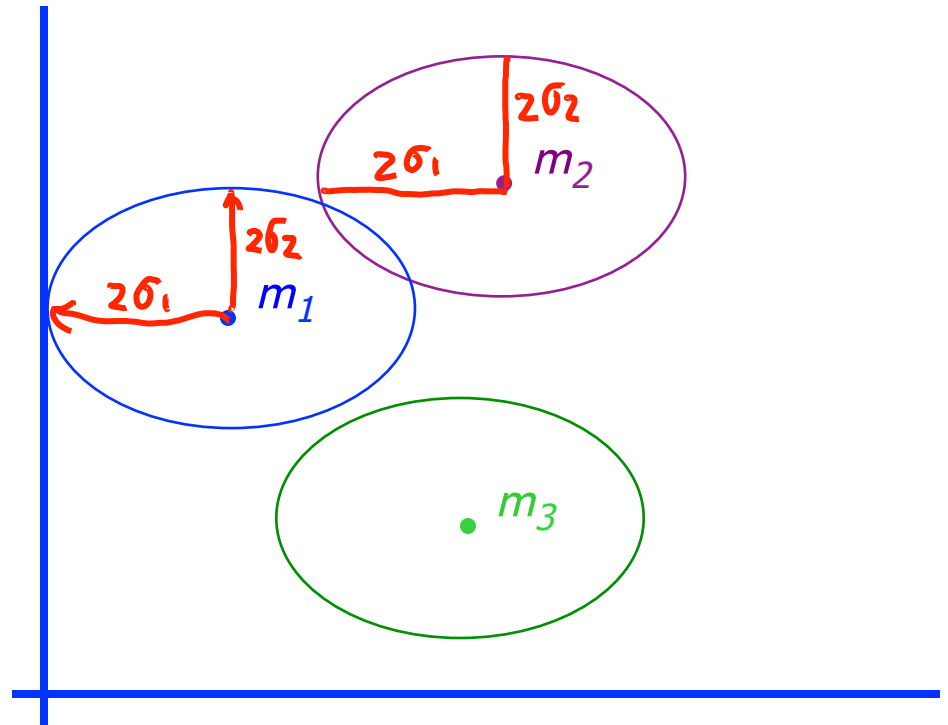
- Each component generates data from a Gaussian with
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  - Cluster-specific covariance matrix as  $\sigma_j^2 \mathbf{I}$



$$\Sigma_j = \sigma_j^2 \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_j^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_j^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Another Simple GMM assumption

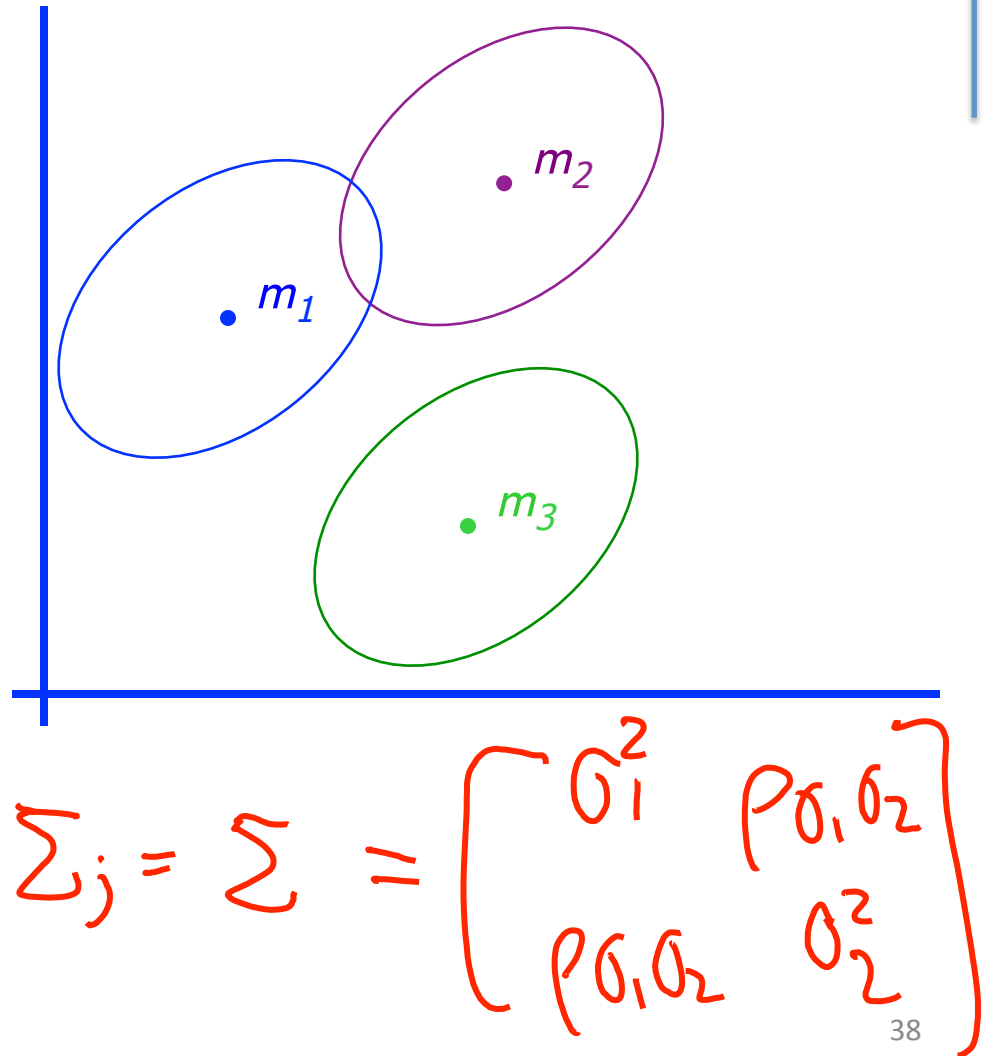
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  - Shared covariance matrix as diagonal matrix



$$\Sigma_j = \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

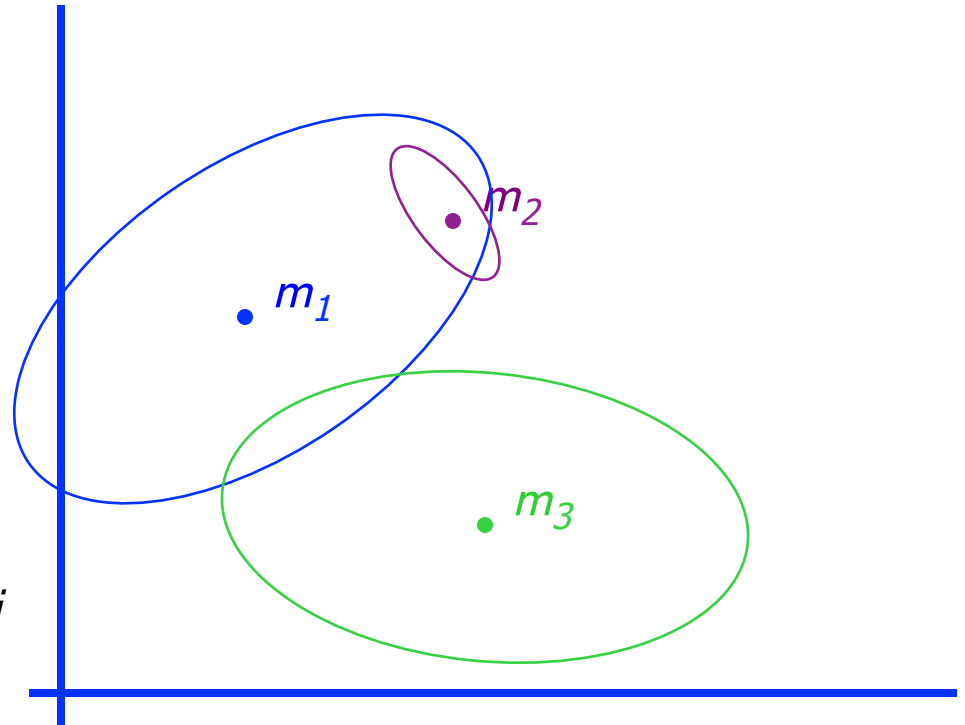
# A bit More General GMM assumption

- Each component generates data from a Gaussian with
  - mean  $\mu_i$
  - Shared covariance matrix as full matrix




# The **General** GMM assumption

- Each component generates data from a Gaussian with
  - mean  $\mu_i$
  - covariance matrix  $\Sigma_i$



$$\Sigma_j = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1j} & \text{cov}_j(x_1, x_2) \\ \text{cov}_j(x_1, x_2) & \sigma_{2j} \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Recap: K-means iterative learning

$$\arg \min_{\{\vec{C}_j, m_{i,j}\}} \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^n m_{i,j} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{C}_j)^2$$

Memberships  $\{m_{i,j}\}$  and centers  $\{C_j\}$  are correlated.

**E-Step**

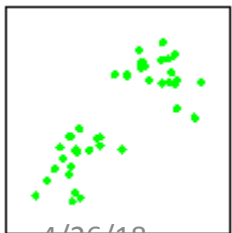
Given centers  $\{\vec{C}_j\}$ ,  $m_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & j = \arg \min_k (\vec{x}_i - \vec{C}_j)^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

**M-Step**

Given memberships  $\{m_{i,j}\}$ ,  $\vec{C}_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_{i,j} \vec{x}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_{i,j}}$

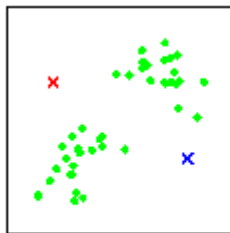
# Compare: K-means

- The EM algorithm for mixtures of Gaussians is like a "soft version" of the K-means algorithm.
- In the K-means “E-step” we do hard assignment:
- In the K-means “M-step” we update the means as the weighted sum of the data, but now the weights are 0 or 1:

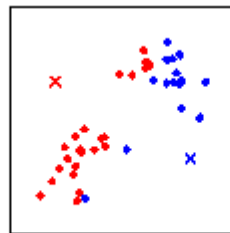


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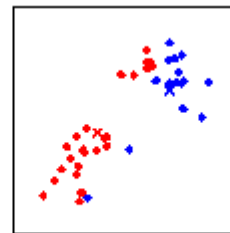
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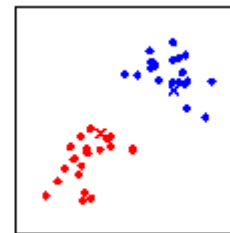
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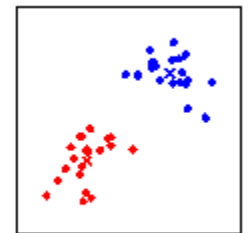
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(f)


**K-means:**  $\arg \min_{\{\vec{C}_j, m_{i,j}\}} \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^n m_{i,j} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{C}_j)^2$

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases}$$

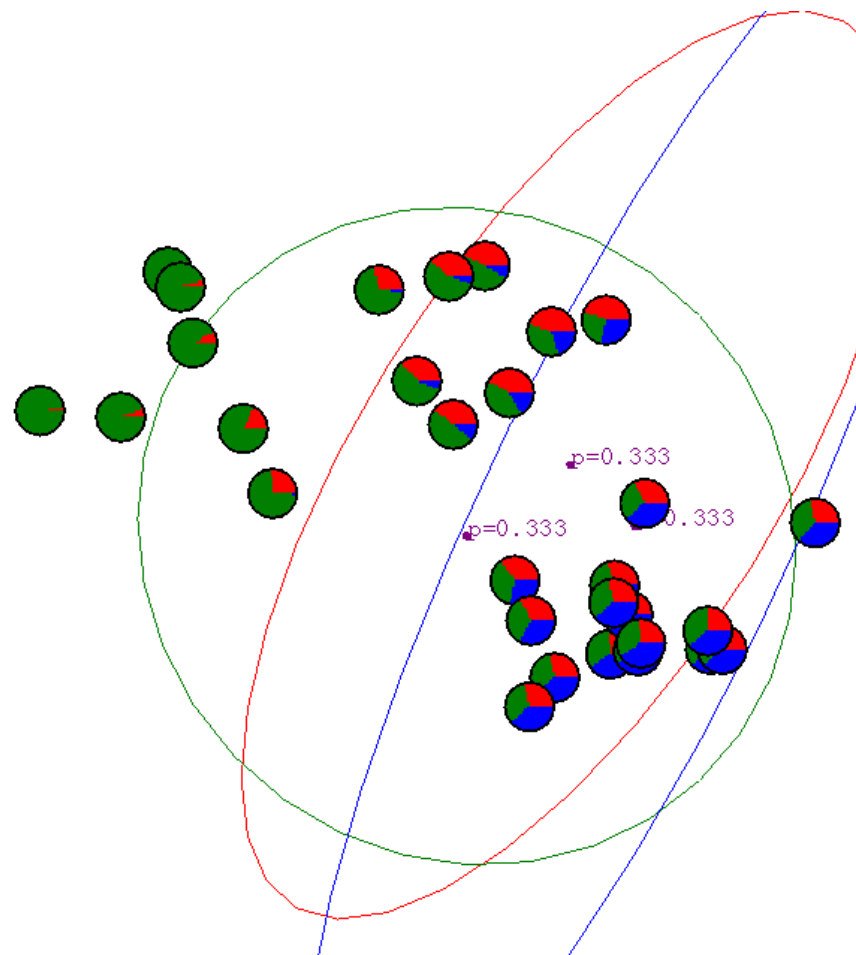
**GMM:**  $\sum_i \log \prod_{i=1}^n p(x = x_i) = \sum_i \log \left[ \sum_{\mu_j}^{j=1..K} p(\mu = \mu_j) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu}_j)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \vec{\mu}_j)} \right]$

- K-Mean only detect spherical clusters.
- GMM can adjust its self to elliptic shape clusters.

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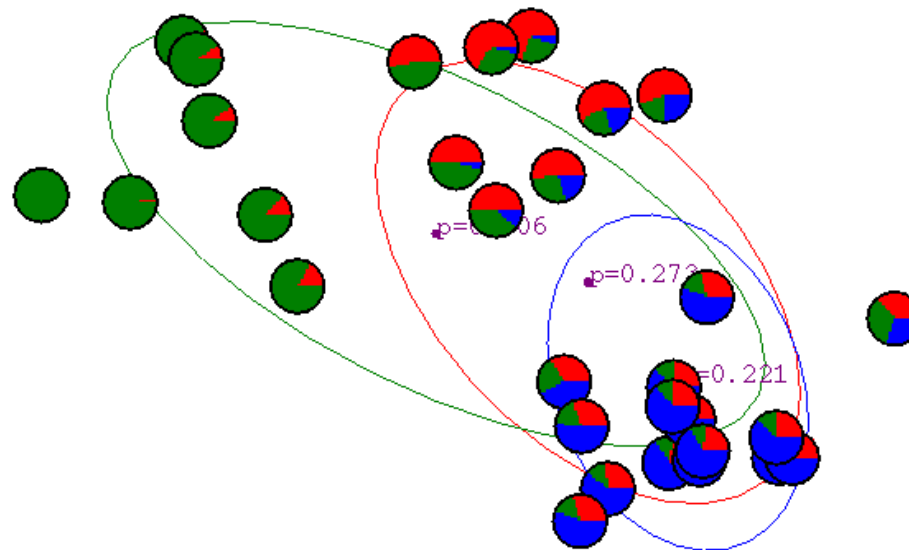
# Gaussian Mixture Example: Start



$$p(\mu_i | x_i)$$

# After First Iteration

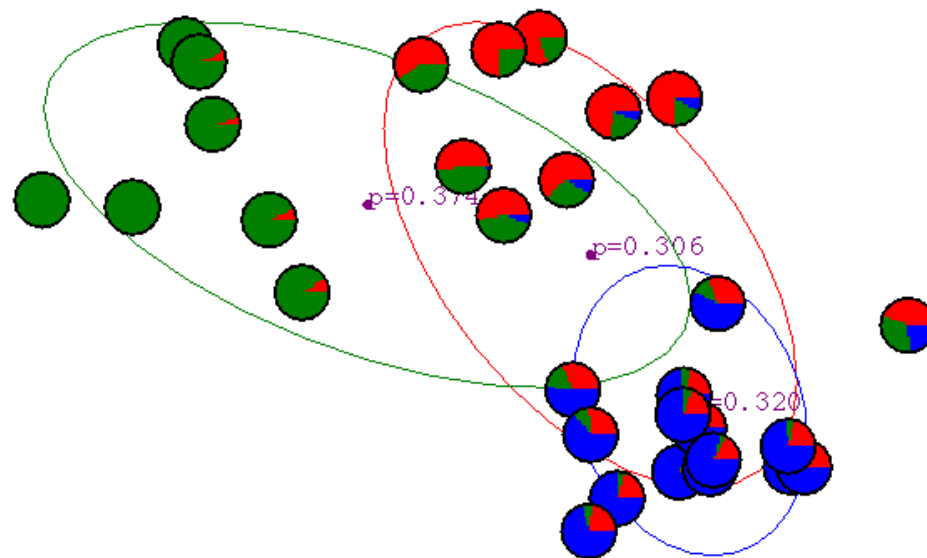
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For each cluster, revising its mean (centroid position), covariance (shape) and proportion in the mixture

# After 2nd Iteration

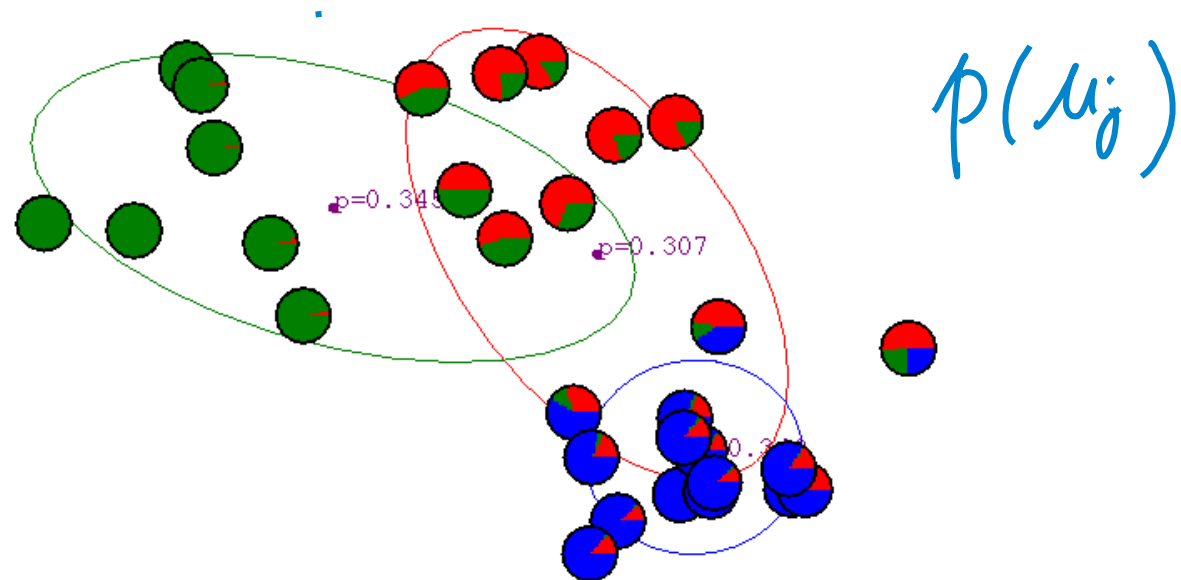
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# After 3rd Iteration

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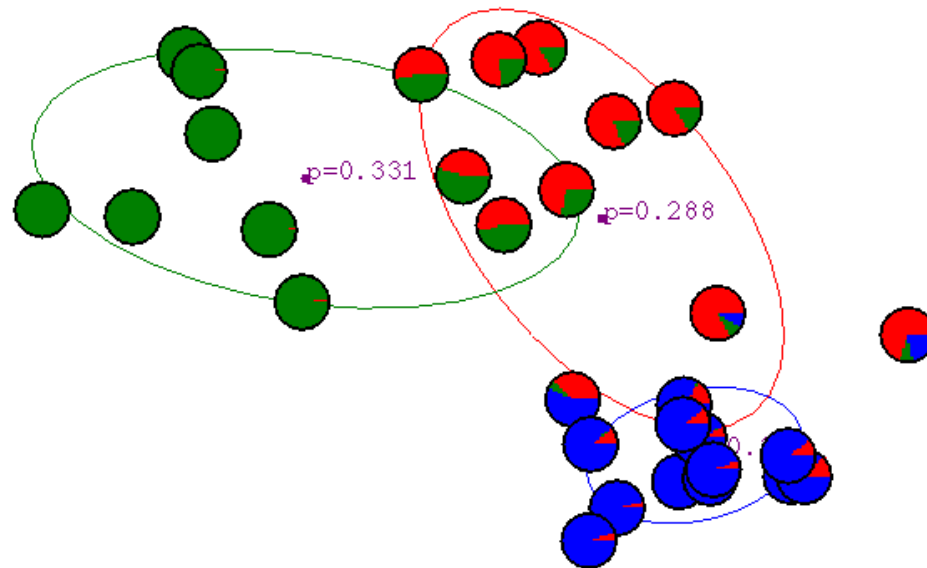


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# After 4th Iteration

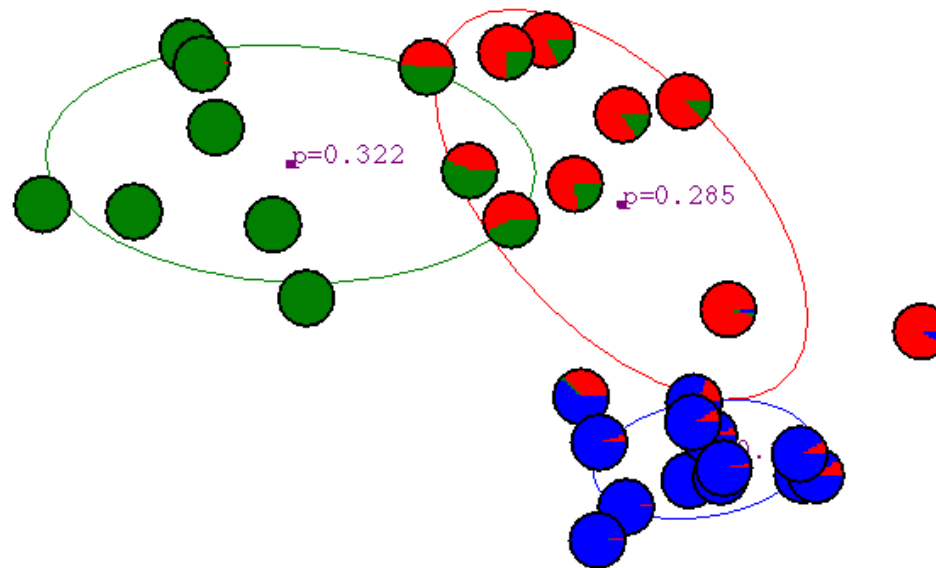
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# After 5th Iteration

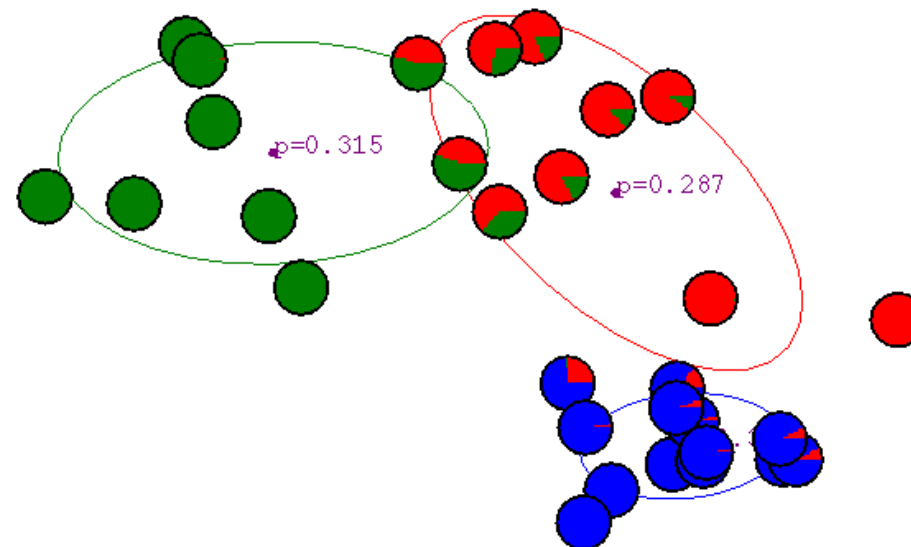
For each point, revising its proportions belonging to each of the K clusters



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# After 6th Iteration

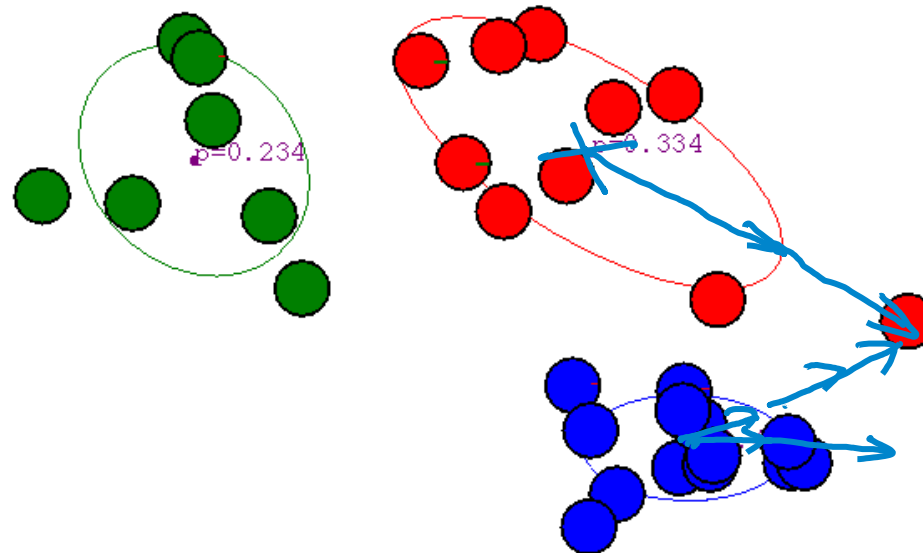
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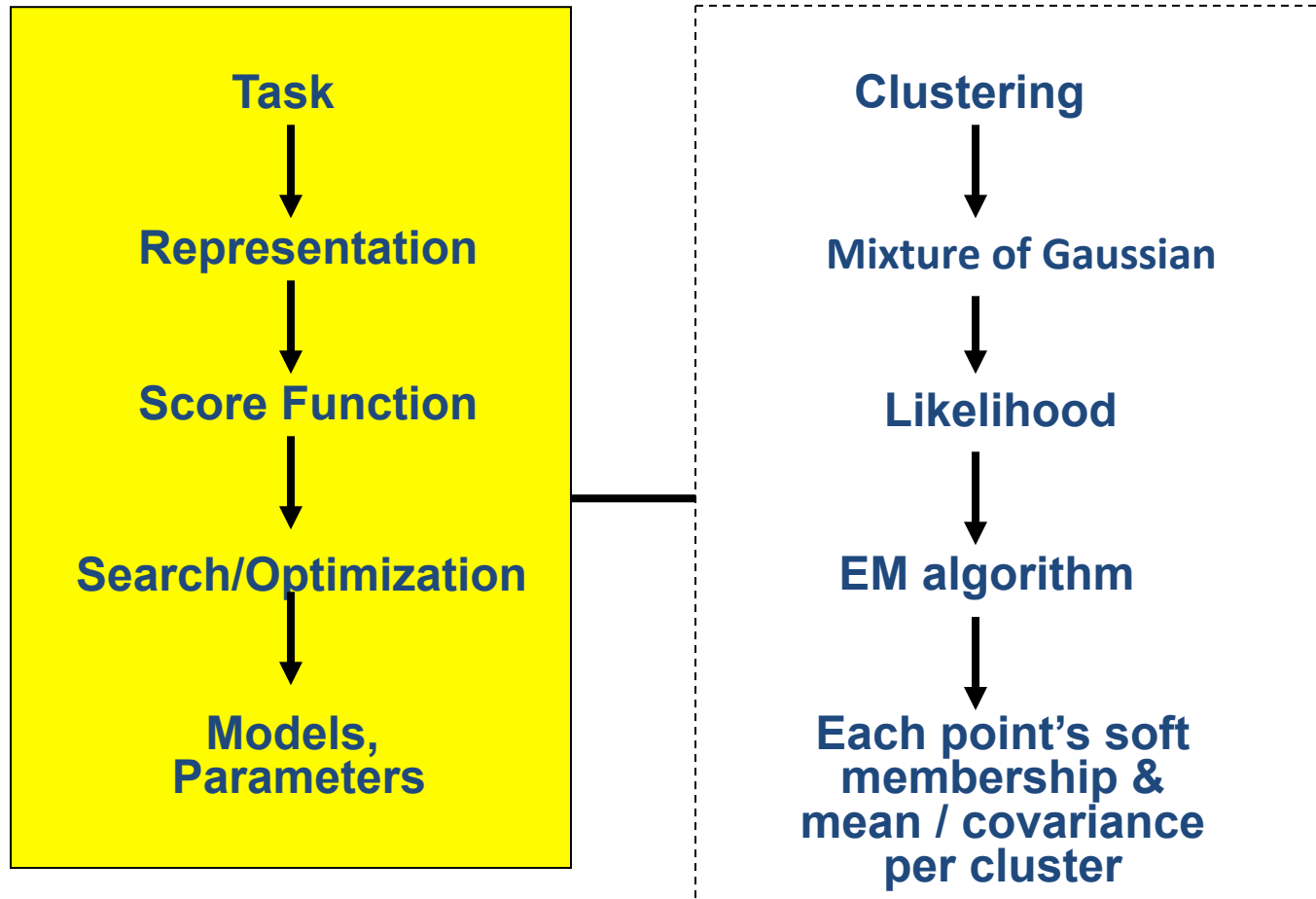
For each cluster, revising its mean (centroid position), covariance (shape) and proportion in the mixture

# After 20th Iteration

For each point, revising its proportions belonging to each of the K clusters

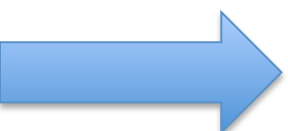


For each cluster, revising its mean (centroid position), covariance (shape) and proportion in the mixture

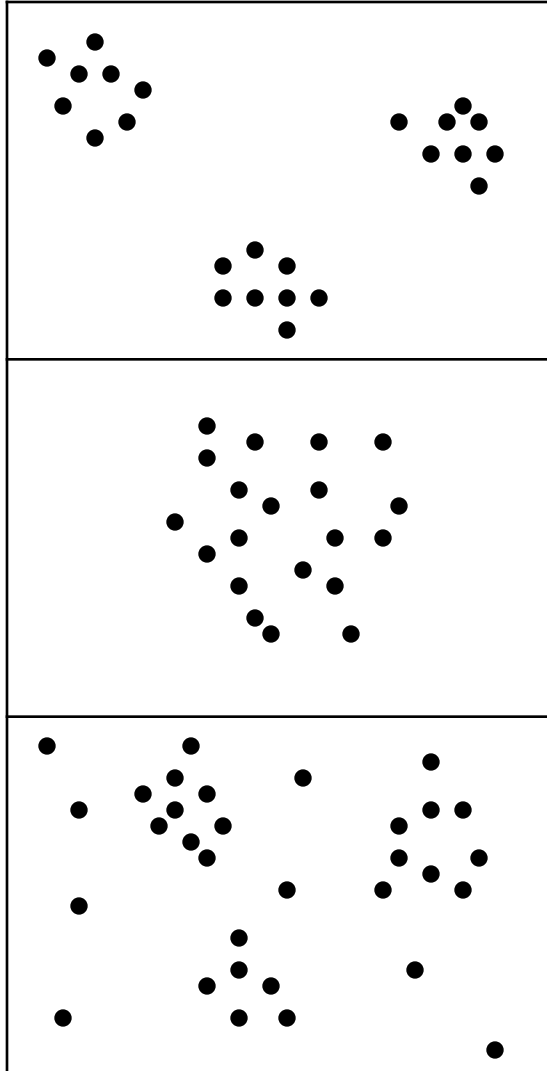


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# Unsupervised Learning: not as hard as it looks



Sometimes easy

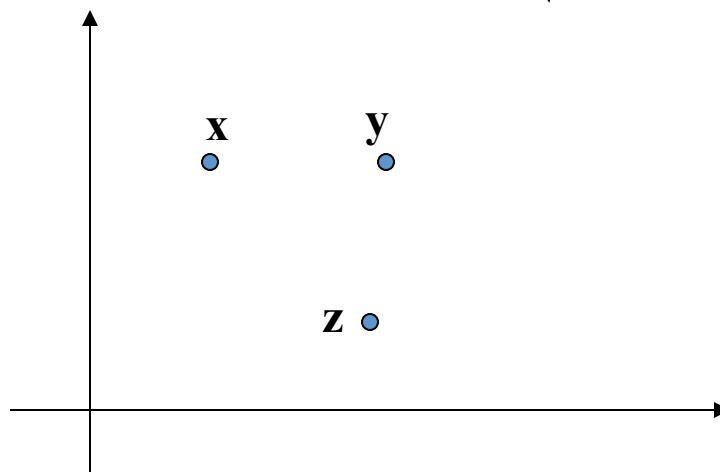
Sometimes impossible

and sometimes  
in between

# Problems (I)

- Both k-means and mixture models need to compute centers of clusters and explicit distance measurement
  - Given strange distance measurement, the center of clusters can be hard to compute

E.g., 
$$\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|_{\infty} = \max(|x_1 - x'_1|, |x_2 - x'_2|, \dots, |x_p - x'_p|)$$



$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_{\infty} = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_{\infty}$$

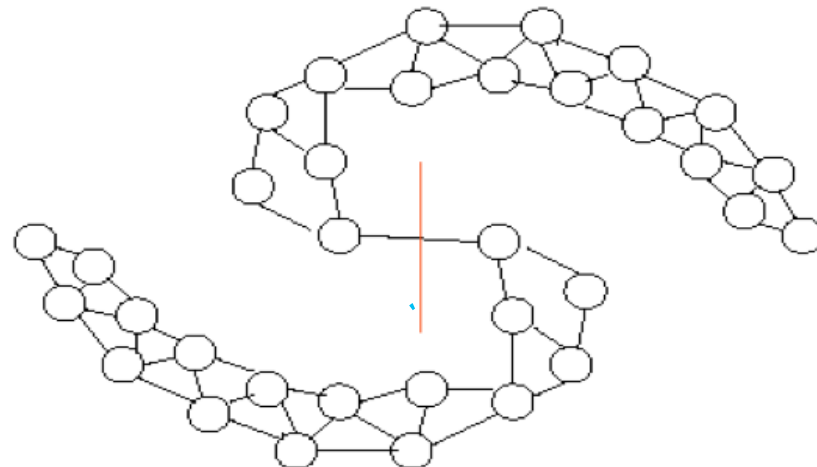


# Problem (II)

- Both k-means and mixture models look for compact clustering structures
- In some cases, connected clustering structures are more desirable

**Graph based  
clustering**

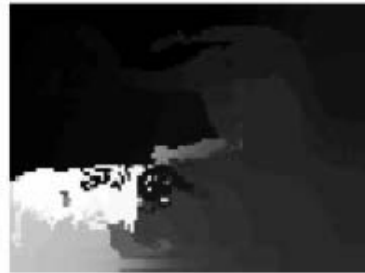
**e.g. MinCut,  
Spectral  
clustering**



# e.g. Image Segmentation through minCut



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



(e)



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