

# Unsupervised learning

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## Objectives

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# Clustering

K-means, agglomerative clustering, DBSCAN and GMM

# Clustering

## Applications

Set of unsupervised techniques that identify groups of data (named **clusters**)

- No universal definition of cluster: Centroid, medoid, dense regions, etc

### Applications

- Customer segmentation
- Data analysis
- Dimensionality reduction
- Anomaly detection
- Semi-supervised learning
- Search engines
- Image segmentation

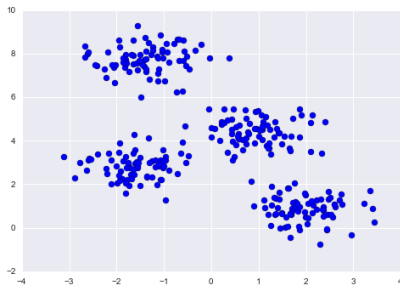
### Main algorithms

- K-means, DBScan, GMM, hierarchical clustering, EM, ...

# K-means

## Overview

Original data



Clustered data



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In k-means, clusters are identified by a centroid

# K-means

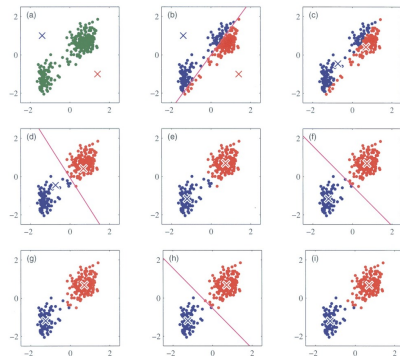
## K-means algorithm (I)

### K-means algorithm

1. Set  $k$  random centroids
2. Assign each data point to its closest centroid
3. Recompute centroids
4. Go to 2 until no point reassignment

$k$  is an hyperparameter

- Number of clusters

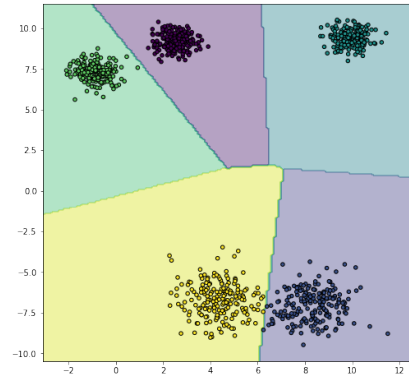


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# K-means

## K-means algorithm (II)

New data points are assigned to its closest centroid



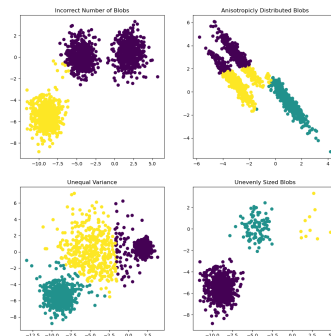


# K-means

## K-means limitations

K-means can fail in several conditions

- Incorrect number of clusters
- Different clusters variance
- Non-spheric clusters  $\Rightarrow$  normalization



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# K-means

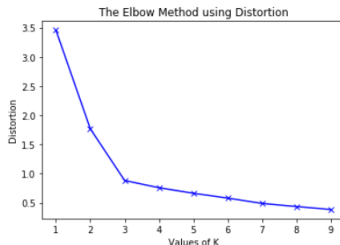
## Elbow's method

### Election of $k$

- Not a problem when domain information is available
- ... that is rarely the case

### Elbow's method

1. Select  $K = 1, \dots, n$
2. Visualize performance for each  $k$
3. Choose  $K$  where metric stabilizes



### Performance measures

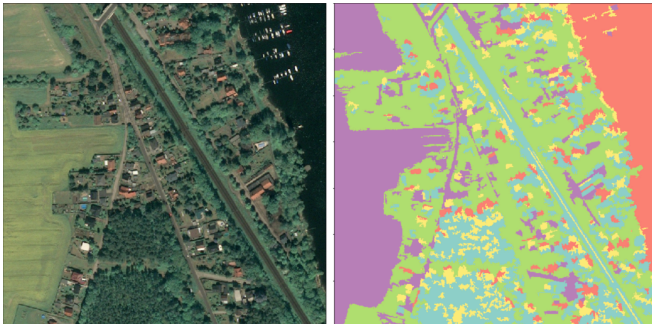
- Inertia: mean squared error between each instance and its closest centroid
- Silhouette:  $(b - a) / \max(a, b)$ , where  $a$  mean intra-cluster distance, and  $b$  is the mean nearest-cluster distance

# K-means

## Application: Image segmentation



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# K-means

## Application: Clustering for semi-supervised learning

Semi-supervised learning: Only a subset of the dataset is labeled

- Supervised and unsupervised learning
- Quite common in real-world applications (labels use to be expensive)

$f_1$	$f_2$	$\dots$	$f_n$	$\gamma$
$a_{1,1}$	$a_{2,1}$	$\dots$	$a_{n,1}$	$\gamma_1$
$a_{1,2}$	$a_{2,2}$	$\dots$	$a_{n,2}$	
$a_{1,3}$	$a_{2,3}$	$\dots$	$a_{n,3}$	
$a_{1,4}$	$a_{2,4}$	$\dots$	$a_{n,4}$	$\gamma_4$
$a_{1,5}$	$a_{2,5}$	$\dots$	$a_{n,5}$	

## Label propagation

1. Obtain  $k$  clusters
2. Get a representative instance of each cluster (**medoid**) measuring the distance to the centroid
3. Label the members of each cluster with its medoid's label

# Clustering

## K-means: Scikit-learn

TODO: SCikit-Learn

# K-means

## K-means: Summary

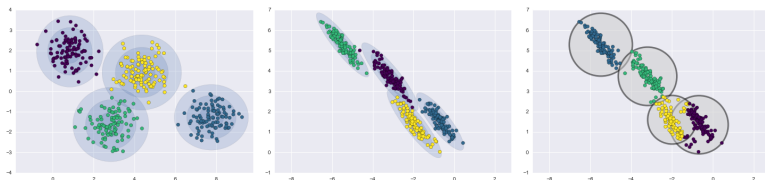
Hyperparameters	Advantages	Disadvantages
$k$	Fast Few hyperparameters Scalable	Simple shapes Determine $k$ Random initialization

# Other clustering algorithms

## Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

GMM builds a probabilistic model of our data

- GMM is a generative clustering algorithm
- Assumes data coming from a set of multidimensional gaussian distributions
  - GMM fits a set  $\{(\mu_i, \sigma_i)\}_{i=1, \dots, K}$
  - $\mu$  is a vector
  - $\sigma$  is a covariance matrix



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# Other clustering algorithms

## DBSCAN (I)

DBSCAN: Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise

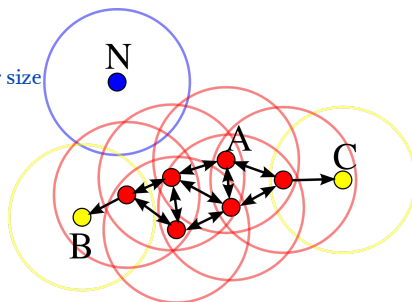
- Identifies high density regions (dense regions) in feature space
- Asumtion: Clusters form dense regions separated by empty areas

Hyperparameters

- $\epsilon$ : Radius of a neighborhood
- `min_samples`: Minumun cluster size

Type of points

- Core instance
- Outliers



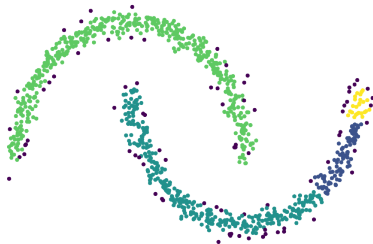
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# Other clustering algorithms

## DBSCAN (II)

$\epsilon=0.05$ ,  $\text{min\_samples} = 5$



$\epsilon=0.2$ ,  $\text{min\_samples} = 5$



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# Other clustering algorithms

## DBSCAN: Scikit-learn

TODO: SCikit-Learn

# Other clustering algorithms

## DBSCAN: Summary

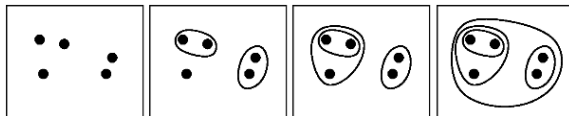
Hyperparameters	Advantages	Disadvantages
$\epsilon$	No explicit number of clusters	Slower than K-means
min_samples	Scales relatively well	Clusters with different densities
	Almost deterministic	
	Robust to outliers	

# Other clustering algorithms

## Agglomerative clustering (I)

### Agglomerative clustering

1. Initially, each instance forms a cluster
2. Merge the two most similar clusters according to a metric
3. Repeat 2 until a stop criterion is satisfied



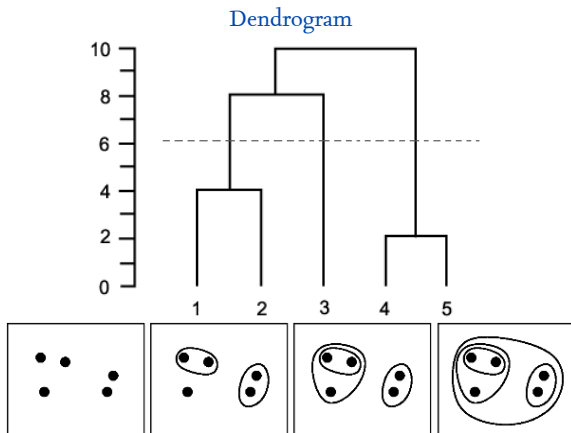
We need a similarity measure between two clusters

- Ward: Minimizes variance within merged clusters. Leads to equally sized clusters
- Average: Minimizes average distances between their points
- Complete: Minimizes maximum distance between their points

# Other clustering algorithms

## Agglomerative clustering (II)

Agglomerative clustering is a special case of hierarchical clustering



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# Other clustering algorithms

## DBSCAN: Scikit-learn

TODO: SCikit-Learn

# Algorithms

## K-means: Summary

Hyperparameters	Advantages	Disadvantages
	Complex shapes	
$\epsilon$		

# Algorithms

## PCA and manifold learning



# Algorithms

## Principal Components Analysis (I)

Dimensionality reduction transforms data into more convenient representations

- Reduce data dimensionality
- Visualize multidimensional data

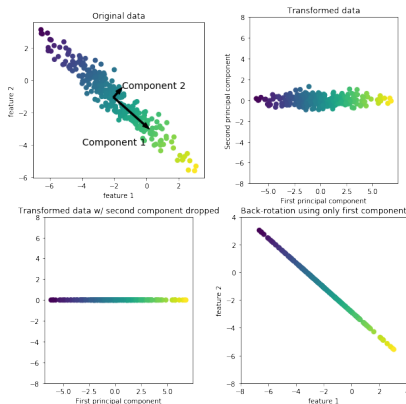
Main algorithms

- Isomap
- T-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE)
- Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

# Algorithms

## Principal Components Analysis (II)

PCA maximizes data variance



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# Algorithms

## Principal Components Analysis (III)

Example: Hand-written digits recognition

- Images of hand-written digits
- 8x8 images (64 dimensions)
- 10 digits
- Classification problem

