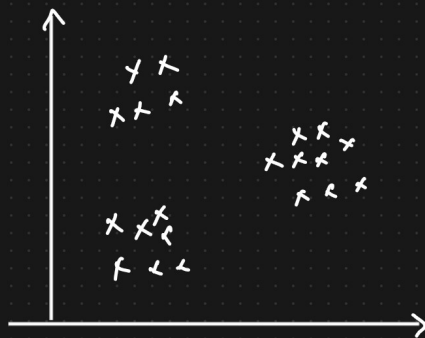
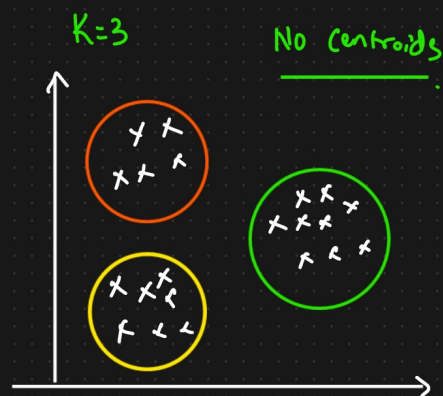


Hierarchical Clustering



⇒ Hierarchical Clustering

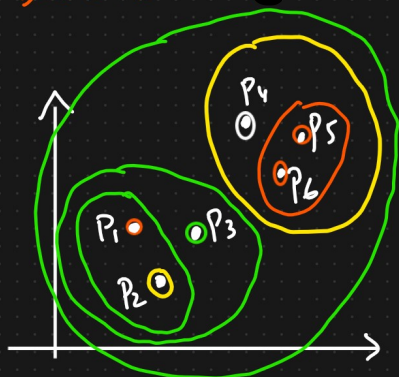


HC

Combining

① Agglomerative (Bottom-Up)

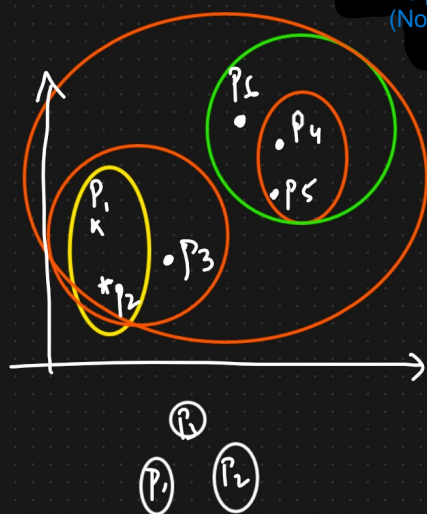
② Divisive (Top-Down)



Steps For Agglomerative :-

- ① For each point initially will consider it as a separate cluster
- ② Find the nearest point and create a new cluster
- ③ Keep on doing the same process until we get a single cluster.

Dendrogram



Helps to find k value (No. of cluster)

Threshold

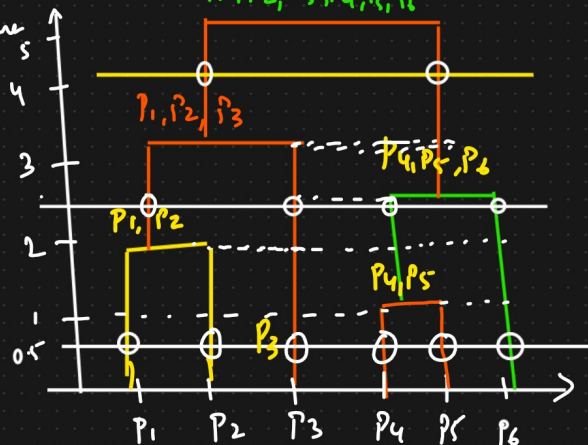
K=2

↑↑↑↑

K=4

Function

Distance



Agglomerative

Divisive

- (*) Select the longest vertical line such that no horizontal line passes through it } → For threshold

Threshold {Success, an Distance}.

- ★ Draw a horizontal line that cuts across the largest gap — number of vertical lines it intersects = number of clusters k.

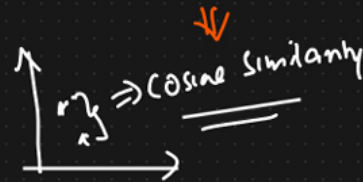
K Means Vs Hierarchical Clustering

Scalability And Flexibility

- ① Dataset size → Huge → K Means
Small → Hierarchical clustering



- ② Kmean → Numerical data
Hierarchical clustering → Variety of data.



Cosine Similarity :-

- A measure of how similar two vectors are, based on the angle between them — not their magnitude.

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{A \cdot B}{|A| \cdot |B|}$$

- ③ Centroids → Elbow method → No. of centroids
→ No. of clusters

- 1 → Very similar
- 0 → No similarity
- -1 → vectors are opposite.