

MAT 345 - PROJECT #4  
due Monday, November 23, 2020 at 10:00PM.

OBJECTIVE: In this project, you will perform  $k$ -means clustering.

GRADING: The assignment is worth 8% of your course grade.

INSTRUCTIONS: Students will work individually on this project, but they may ask questions and clarification from classmates and the instructor. Students must submit their projects on Moodle.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING: A copy of your code and a Project Report. Make sure your name is on all files submitted.

PROJECT: You will run the  $k$ -means clustering algorithm to re-color an image with  $k$  colors only. Run the clustering algorithm for 3 different images, with different features.

1. Choose a picture and read each pixel's RGB info. This will be your data set  $\mathcal{D}$ .
2. For  $3 \leq k \leq 10$ 
  - cluster the data set  $\mathcal{D}$  into  $k$  clusters.
  - use the centroids from each cluster to re-color the image.
  - run the algorithm a few times and observe the resulting image.
3. Print the resulting image for each  $k$  and include in the written report.
4. Decide which  $k$  would be better to use for your image. Explain your choice in the written report.

**Project Report:** in your report, you must include, but are not limited to:

- Your Name
- The programming language you used for the project
- For each of the 3 images:
  - printout of a resulting clustering for each  $k$ ;
  - best choice of  $k$  and explanation why;
  - any relevant discussion of changes in output for specific choices of  $k$ , and when  $k$  varies.