

Working with Image Data

Bootcamp Section 1

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Acquiring image data

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    {
      "farm": "3",
      "id": "4220856234",
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      "owner": "36587311@N08",
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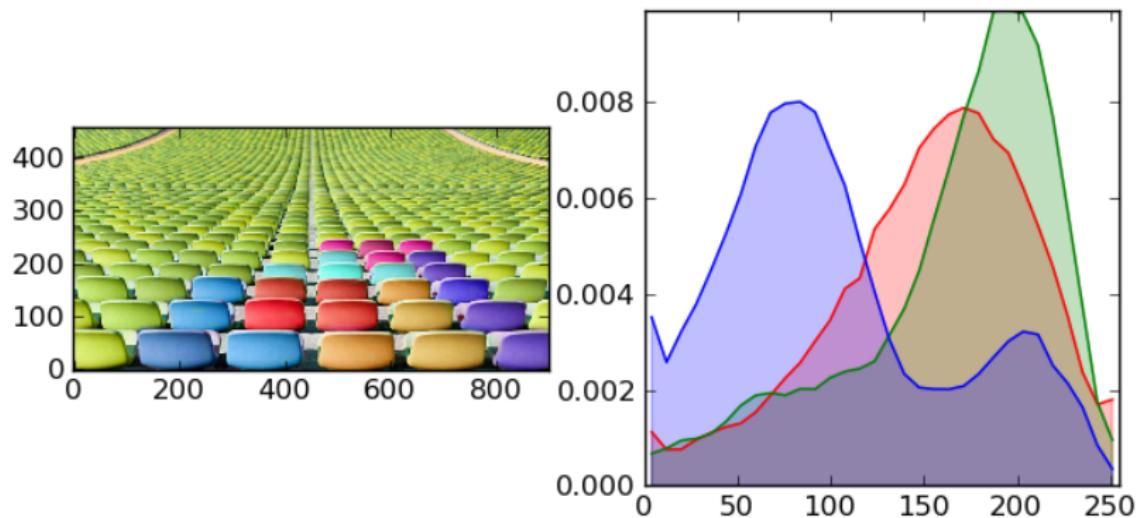
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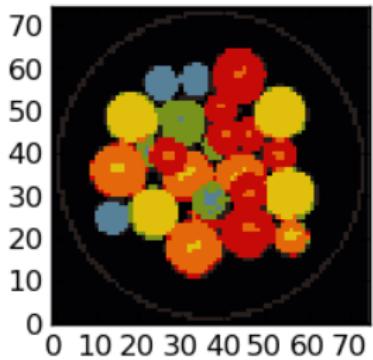
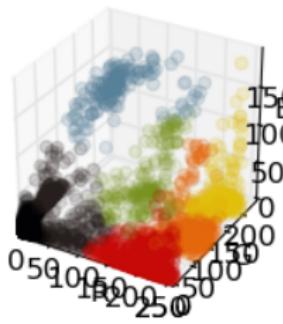
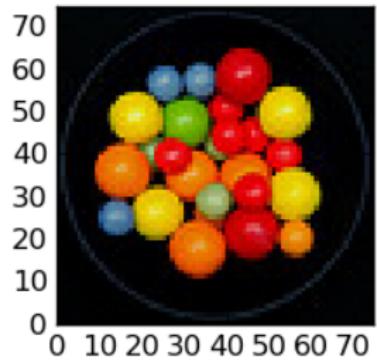
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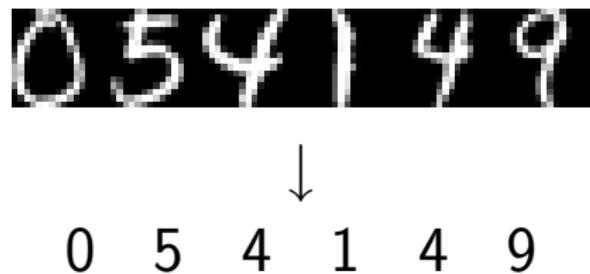
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- ▶ get page source
- ▶ translate quotes and = to newlines
- ▶ match urls with image extensions
- ▶ download qualifying images

Simple screen scraping

One-liner to download ESL digit data

```
wget -Nr --level=1 --no-parent http://bit.ly/fsymq6
```

"cat flickr | xargs wget"?

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Getting Started

To begin using the [Flickr API](#):

1 Request an API key, to sign your API requests.

2 Read the [Community Guidelines](#) and the [API Terms of Use](#).

3 Build, build, build. Test, test, test.

4 Launch (and if it's an app of interest to the Flickr community, create a profile for your app in the [Flickr App Garden](#)).

YQL: SELECT * FROM Internet¹

What is YQL?

The Yahoo! Query Language is an expressive SQL-like language that lets you query, filter, and join data across Web services. With YQL, *apps run faster with fewer lines of code and a smaller network footprint.*

<http://developer.yahoo.com/yql>

¹<http://oreillynet.com/pub/e/1369>

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<http://developer.yahoo.com/yql/console>

Python function for public YQL queries

```
YQL_PUBLIC = 'http://query.yahooapis.com/v1/public/yql'

def yql_public(query):
    # escape query
    query_str = urlencode({'q': query, 'format': 'json'})

    # fetch results
    url = '%s?%s' % (YQL_PUBLIC, query_str)
    result = urlopen(url)

    # parse json and return
    return json.load(result)['query']['results']
```

²See <http://python-yql.org/> for a more robust client

YQL + Python + Flickr

Fetch info for “interestingness” photos

```
./simpleyql.py ``select * from  
flickr.photos.interestingness(100)''
```

Download thumbnails for photos tagged with “vivid”

```
./download_flickr.py vivid 500
```

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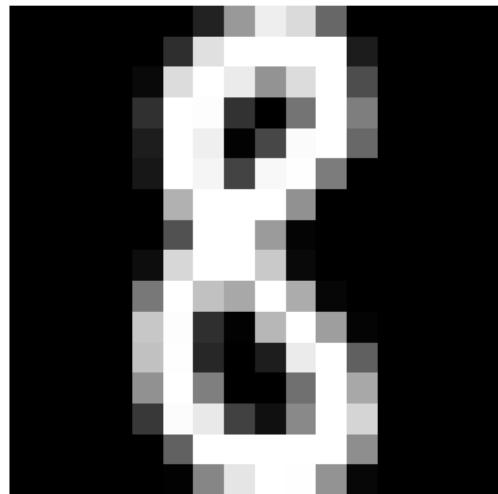
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Grayscale images \leftrightarrow 2-d arrays of $M \times N$ pixel intensities



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```
array([[ -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ,
       -0.643,  0.625,  0.815, -0.533, -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -0.441,
       0.951,  1. ,  0.902, -0.111, -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -0.724,  0.776,
        1. ,  0.622, -0.736, -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ,  0.389,  1. ,
        0.739, -0.908, -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -0.387,  0.985,
       0.943, -0.598, -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -0.824,  0.728,
        1. ,  -0.044, -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ,  0.364,  1. ,
        0.54,  -0.972, -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -0.441,  0.999,
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      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -0.925,  0.8 ,
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      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -0.495,  0.999,
       0.782, -0.99, -0.852, -0.172,  0.208, -0.038, -0.516, -1. ,
       -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -0.179,  1. ,  0.125, -0.242,  0.773,  1. ,
        1. ,  1. ,  0.998,  0.534, -0.628, -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -0.339,  1. ,  0.756,  0.993,  0.99,  0.571,
       -0.05, -0.317, -0.106,  0.666,  0.845, -0.699, -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -0.773,  0.945,  1. ,  0.858, -0.304, -1. ,
       -1. , -1. , -0.967,  0.327,  1. ,  -0.079, -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -1. ,  0.418,  1. ,  -0.126, -0.995, -1. ,
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      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -0.752,  0.297,  0.995,  0.698,  0.646,
       0.724,  1. ,  1. ,  0.912, -0.358, -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ],
      [-1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. , -0.607,  0.351,  0.585,
       0.841,  0.595,  0.312, -0.797, -1. , -1. , -1. , -1. ]])
```

Images as arrays

Color images \leftrightarrow 3-d arrays of $M \times N \times 3$ RGB pixel intensities



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import matplotlib.image as mpimg  
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```
array([[[106, 114,  63],
       [119, 129,  69],
       [135, 146,  77],
       ...,
       [ 12,   12,  12],
       [ 12,   12,  12],
       [ 12,   12,  12]],

      [[126, 134,  87],
       [129, 138,  83],
       [132, 143,  77],
       ...,
       [ 19,   19,  19],
       [ 19,   19,  19],
       [ 19,   19,  19]],

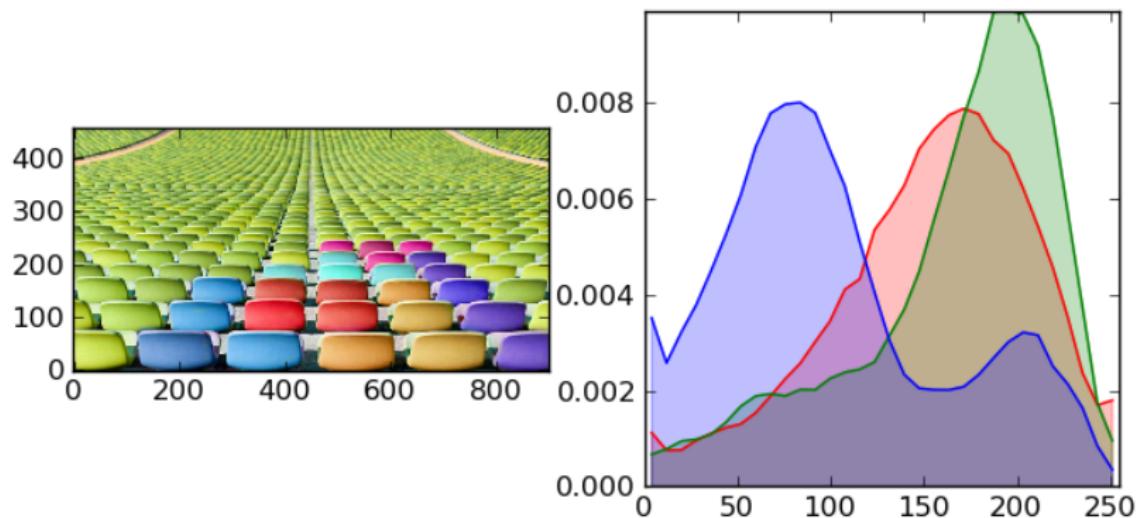
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       [121, 129,  78],
       [116, 126,  63],
       ...,
       [ 31,   31,  31],
       [ 31,   31,  31],
       [ 31,   31,  31]],

      ...,
      [[122, 156,  69],
       [128, 162,  75],
       [144, 178,  91],
       ...,
       [157, 187, 127],
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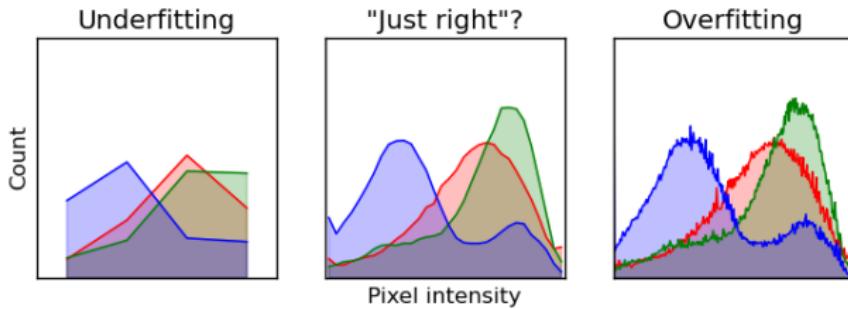
Intensity histograms

Disregard all spatial information, simply count pixels by intensities
(e.g. lots of bright green and dark blue pixels)



Intensity histograms

How many bins for pixel intensities?



Too many bins gives a noisy, **overly complex** representation of the data, while using **too few** bins results in an **overly simple** one

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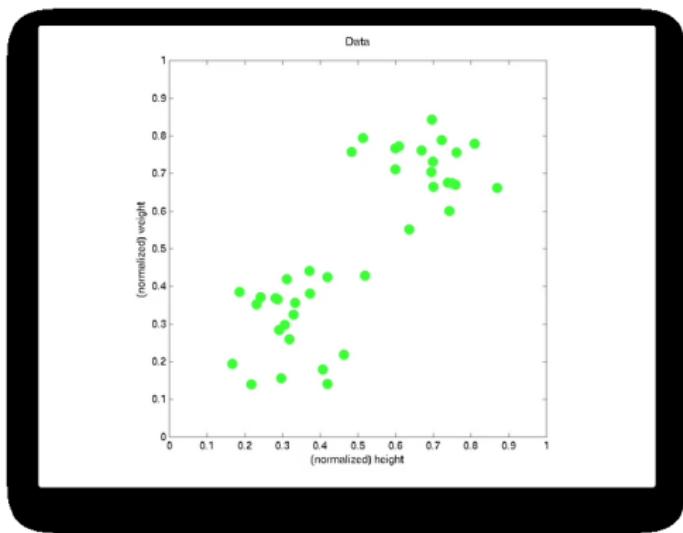
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e.g., find groups of similar images across a collection of images

K-means clustering

K-means: represent each cluster by the average of its points



Learn by iteratively updating cluster means and point assignments

K-means clustering

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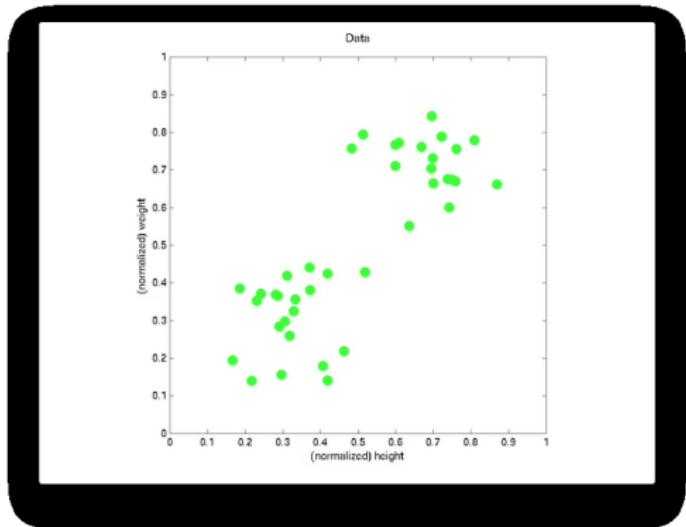
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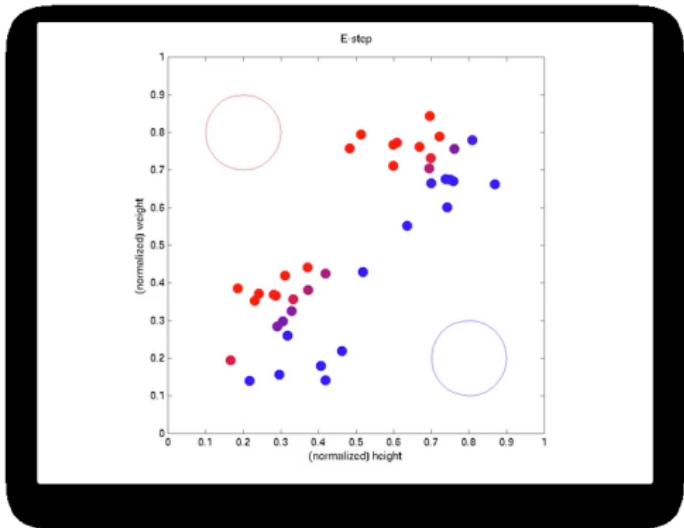
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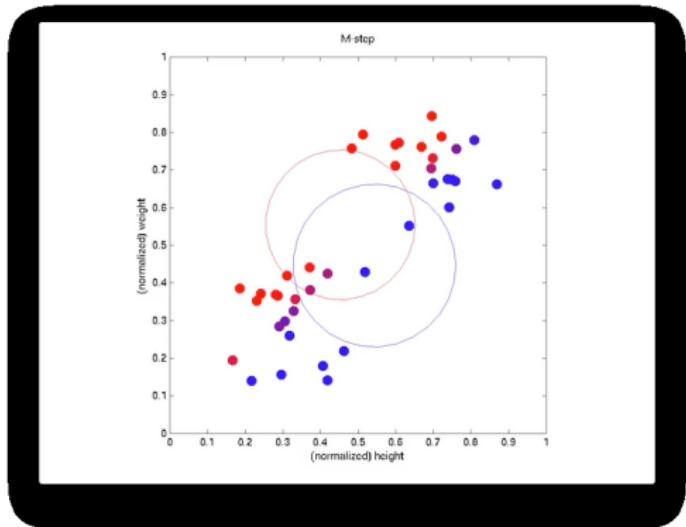
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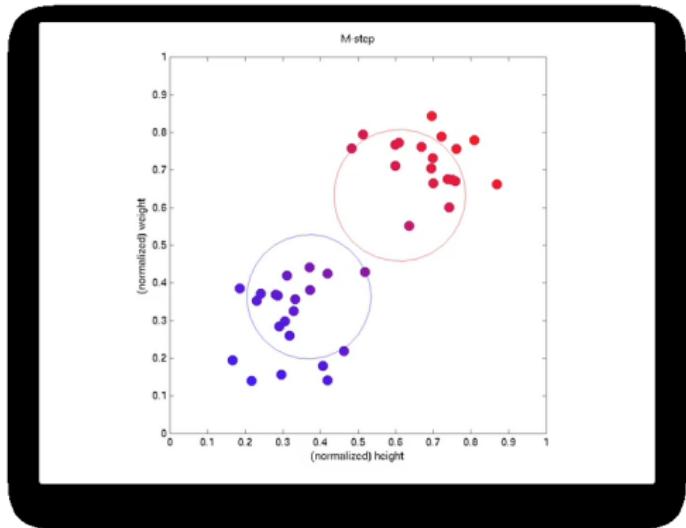
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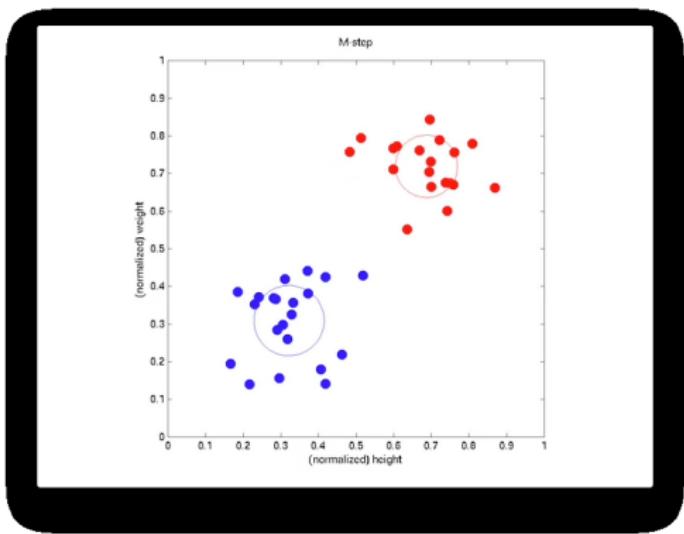
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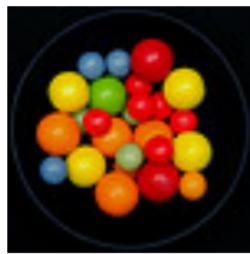
K-means Clustering and Vector Quantization Module

Provides routines for k-means clustering, generating code books from k-means models, and quantizing vectors by comparing them with centroids in a code book.

The k-means algorithm takes as input the number of clusters to generate, k , and a set of observation vectors to cluster. It returns a set of centroids, one for each of the k clusters. An observation vector is classified with the cluster number or centroid index of the centroid closest to it.

Clustering pixels

Find groups of similar pixels within a single image
(e.g. “the bright red circles”)

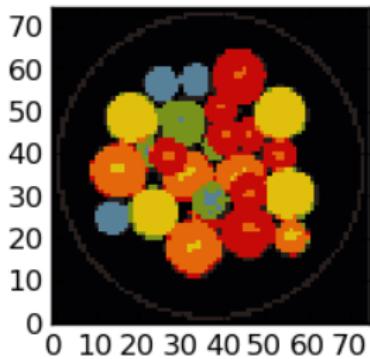
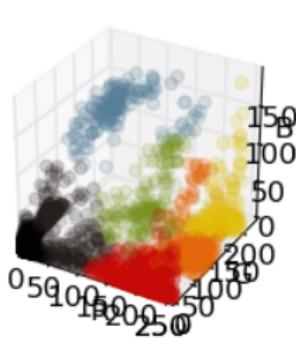
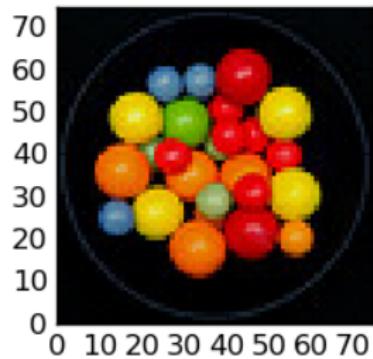


Represent each pixel as a separate example
with its (R,G,B) value as a 3-d feature vector

Clustering pixels

Group pixels within candy.jpg into 7 clusters

```
./cluster_pixels.py candy.jpg 7
```



Clustering images

Find groups of similar images within a collection of images
(e.g. “warm” photos)



Represent each image with a binned RGB intensity histogram

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Group 'vivid' images into 3 clusters

```
./cluster_flickr.py flickr_vivid 7 10
```



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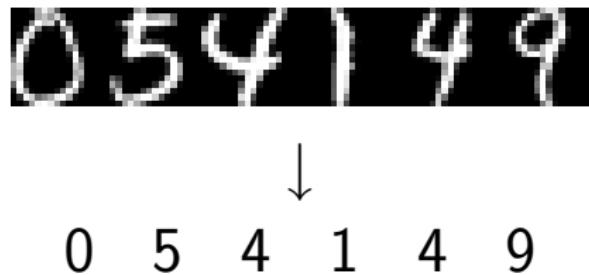
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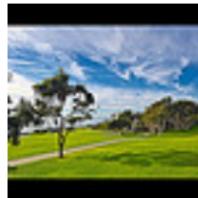
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e.g. determine which digit $\{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ is in depicted in each image

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→ 'landscape'



→ 'headshot'

e.g. determine if an image is a landscape or headshot

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