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Skills Bootcamp:

Q&A Session

The session will start shortly...

Questions? Drop them in the chat.
We'll have dedicated moderators
answering questions.

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- The use of disrespectful language is prohibited in the questions, this is a supportive, learning environment for all - please engage accordingly. **(Fundamental British Values: Mutual Respect and Tolerance)**

- No question is daft or silly - **ask them!**

- There are **Q&A sessions** midway and at the end of the session, should you wish to ask any follow-up questions. We will be answering questions as the session progresses as well.

- If you have any questions outside of this lecture, or that are not answered during this lecture, please do submit these for upcoming Academic Sessions. You can submit these questions here: **Questions**

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Skills Bootcamp Progression Overview

✅ Criterion 1 - Initial Requirements

Specific achievements within the first two weeks of the program.

To meet this criterion, students need to, by no later than **01 December 2024 (C11)** or **22 December 2024 (C12):**

- **Guided Learning Hours** (GLH)**:** Attend a minimum of 7-8 GLH per week (lectures, workshops, or mentor calls) for a total minimum of **15 GLH.**

- **Task Completion:** Successfully complete the **first 4 of the assigned tasks**.

✅ Criterion 2 - Mid-Course Progress

Progress through the successful completion of tasks within the first half of the program.

To meet this criterion, students should, by no later than **12 January 2025 (C11)** or **02 February 2025 (C12):**

- **Guided Learning Hours** (GLH)**:** Complete at least **60 GLH.**

- **Task Completion :** Successfully complete the **first 13 of the assigned tasks**.

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✅ Criterion 3 – End-Course Progress

Showcasing students' **progress nearing the completion of the course**.

To meet this criterion, students should:

- **Guided Learning Hours** (GLH)**:** Complete the **total minimum required GLH,** by the **support end date**.

- **Task Completion :** **Complete all mandatory tasks**, including any necessary resubmissions, by the end of the bootcamp, **09 March 2025 (C11)** or **30 March 2025 (C12)**.

✅ Criterion 4 - Employability

Demonstrating **progress to find employment**.

To meet this criterion, students should:

- **Record an Interview Invite:** Students are required to record proof of invitation to an interview by **30 March 2025 (C11)** or **04 May 2025 (C12)**.
  - **South Holland Students** are required to proof and interview by **17 March 2025**.

- **Record a Final Job Outcome :** Within 12 weeks post-graduation, students are required to record a job outcome.

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Assessment Questions

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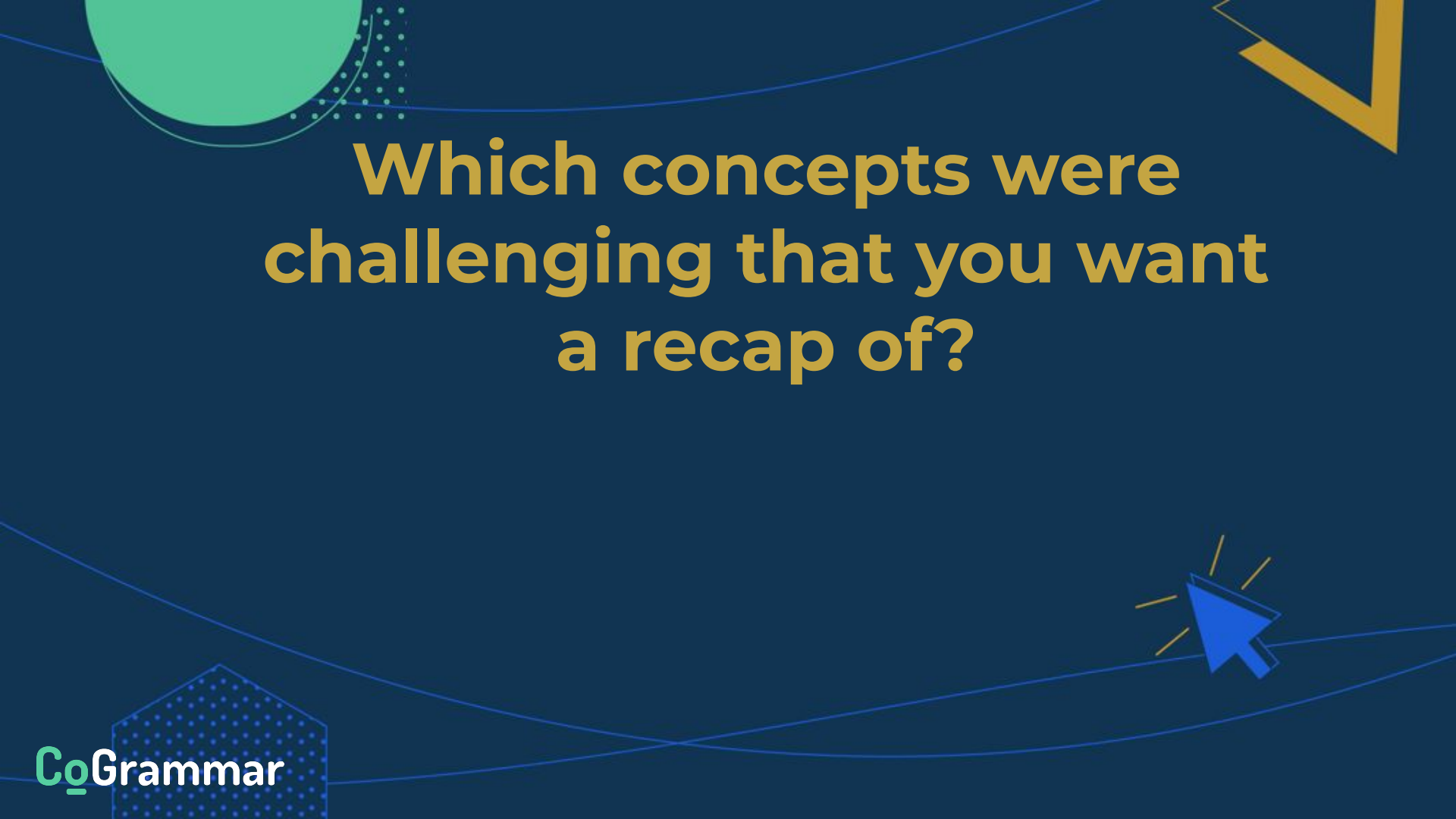# Which of the following is a challenge in causal inference?

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Learning Outcomes

- Discuss Causal Inference
- Explain counterfactual analysis
- Discuss the application of causal inference and counterfactual analysis to real-world datasets.

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Lecture Overview

→ This is a Q&A Session on causal inference and counterfactual analysis

Which concepts were challenging that you want a recap of?

Let's take a break

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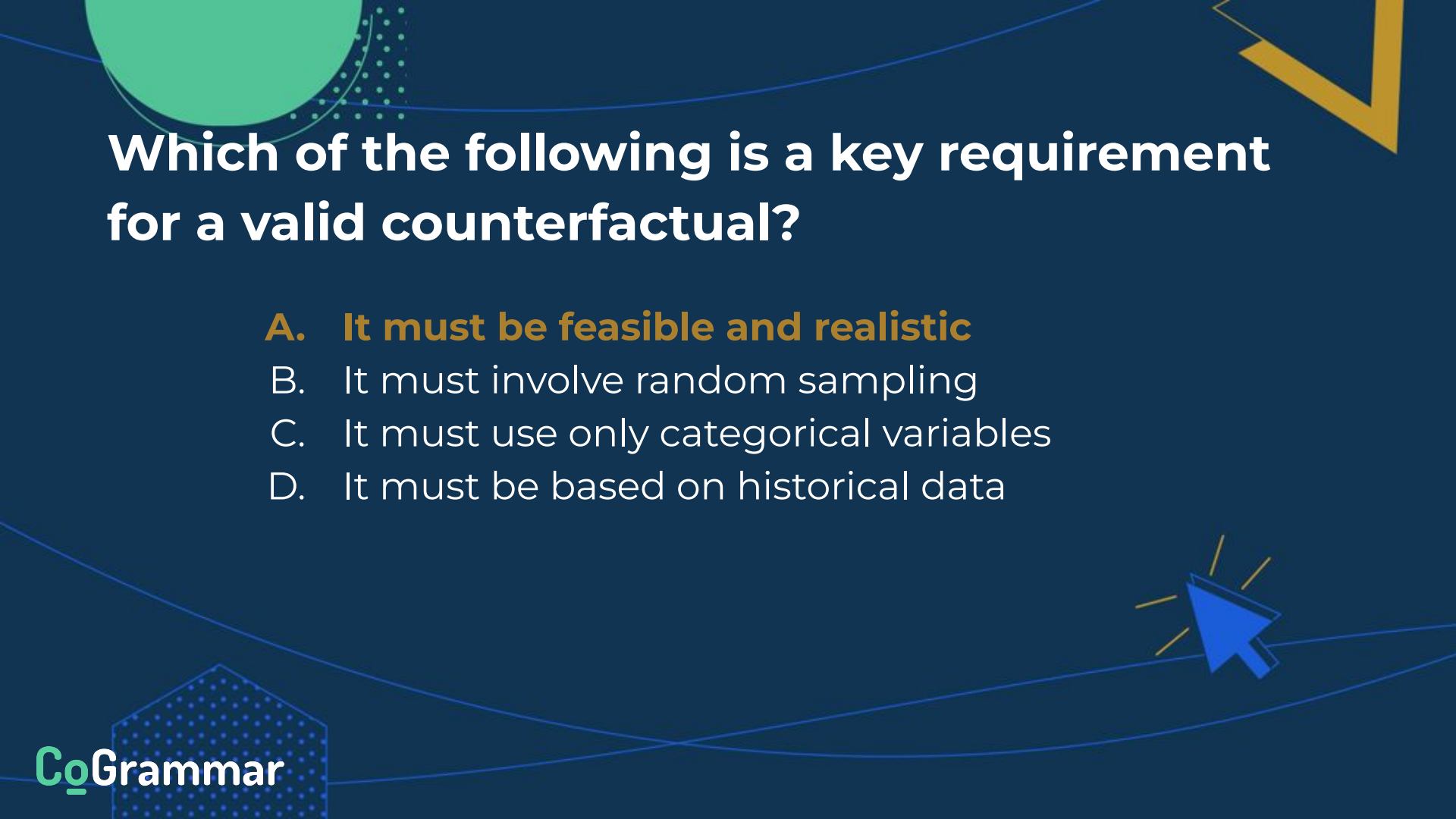D. To visualize data

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C. Clustering similar customers
D. Visualizing high-dimensional data

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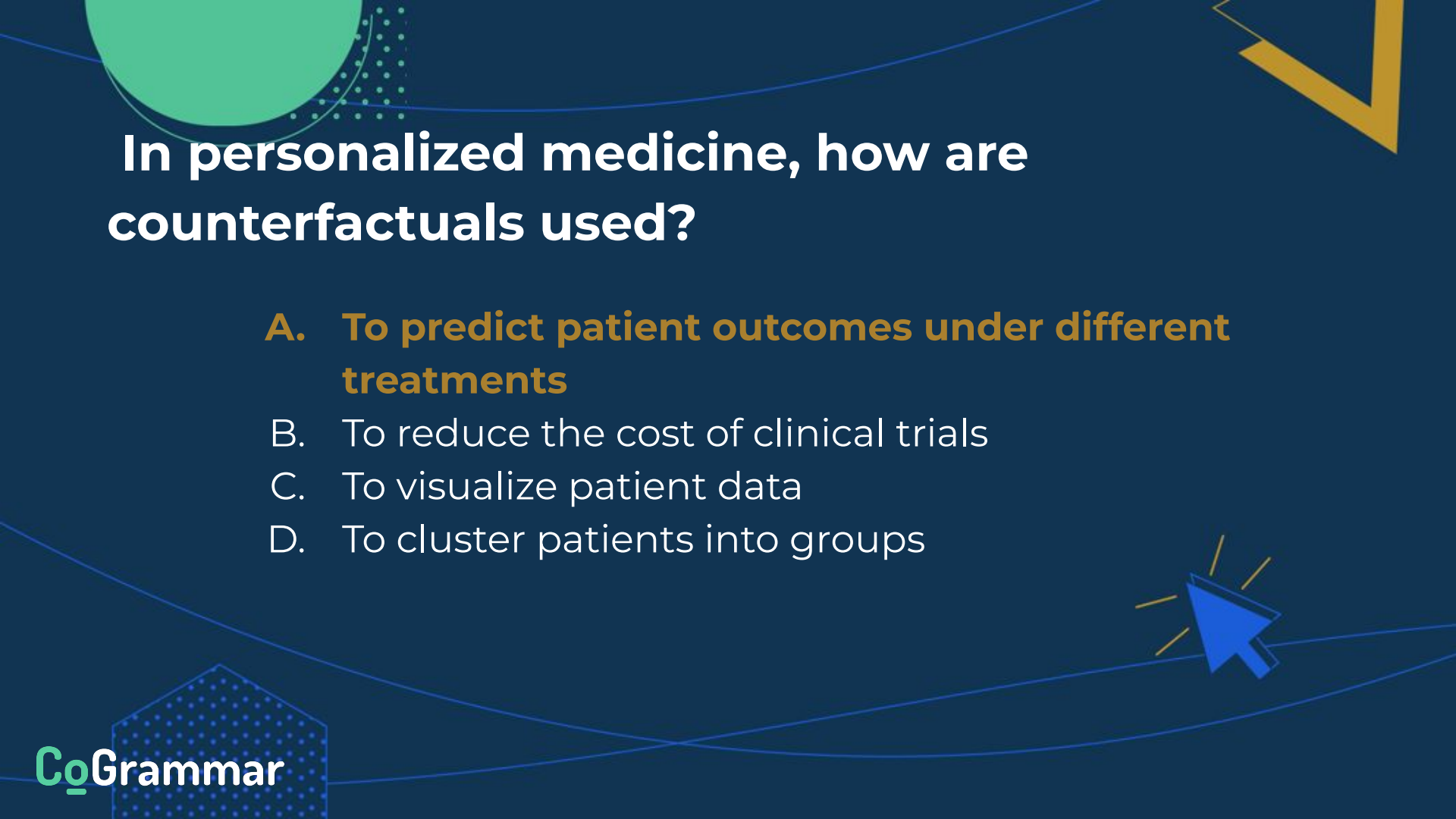C. Principal component analysis
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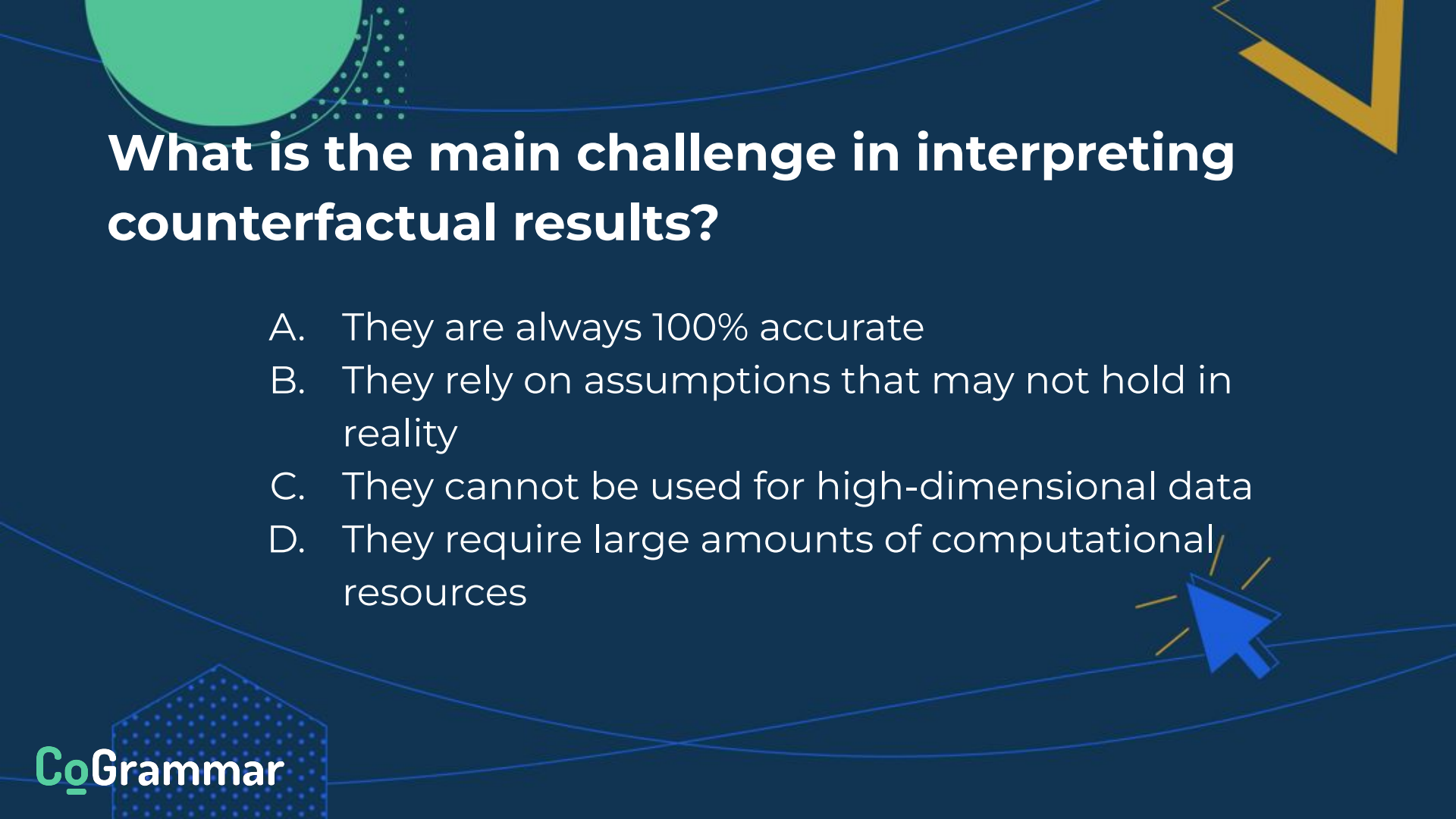C. Principal component analysis
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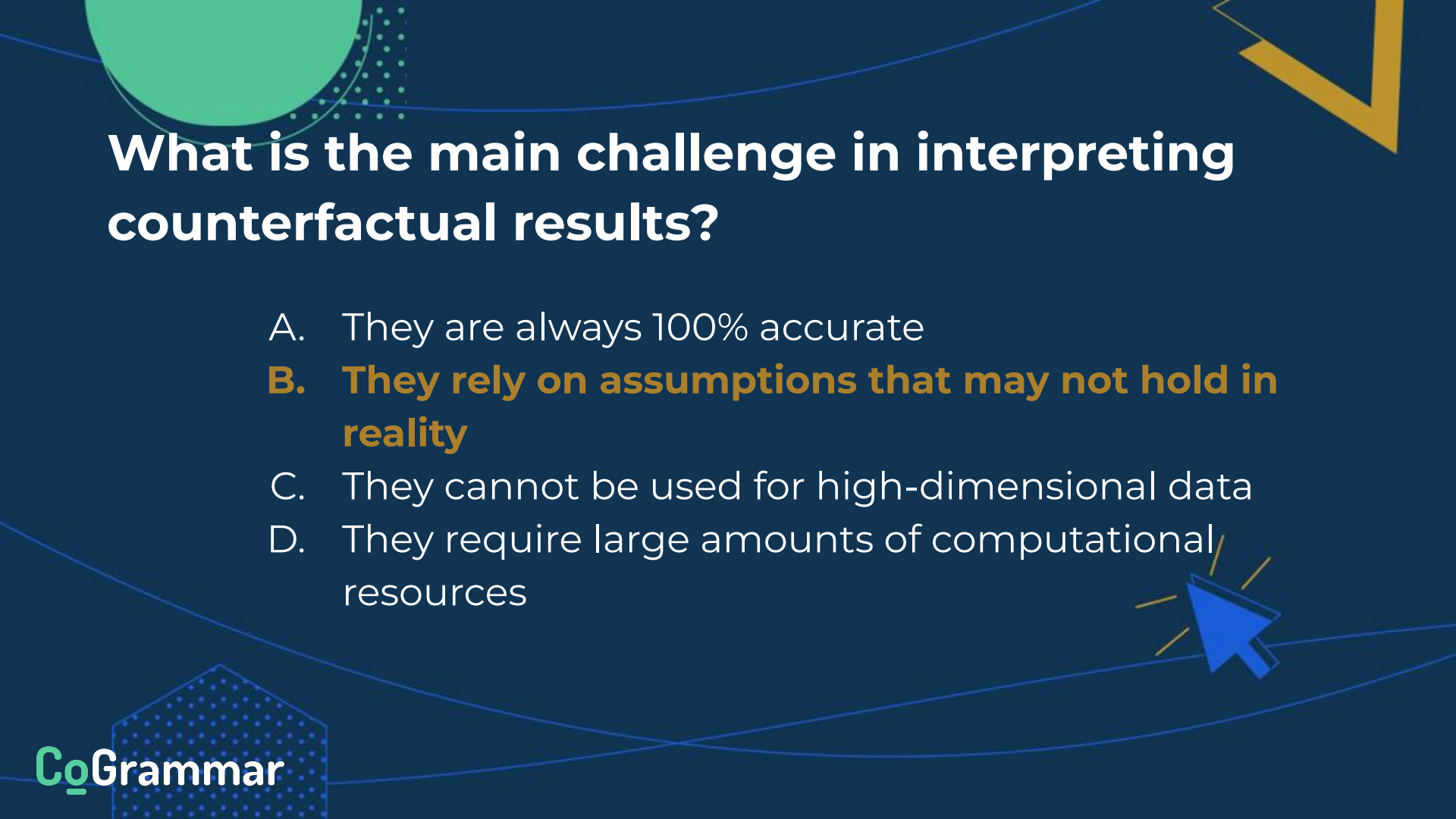D. To cluster patients into groups

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Questions and Answers

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