

machine learning

03 - k-means

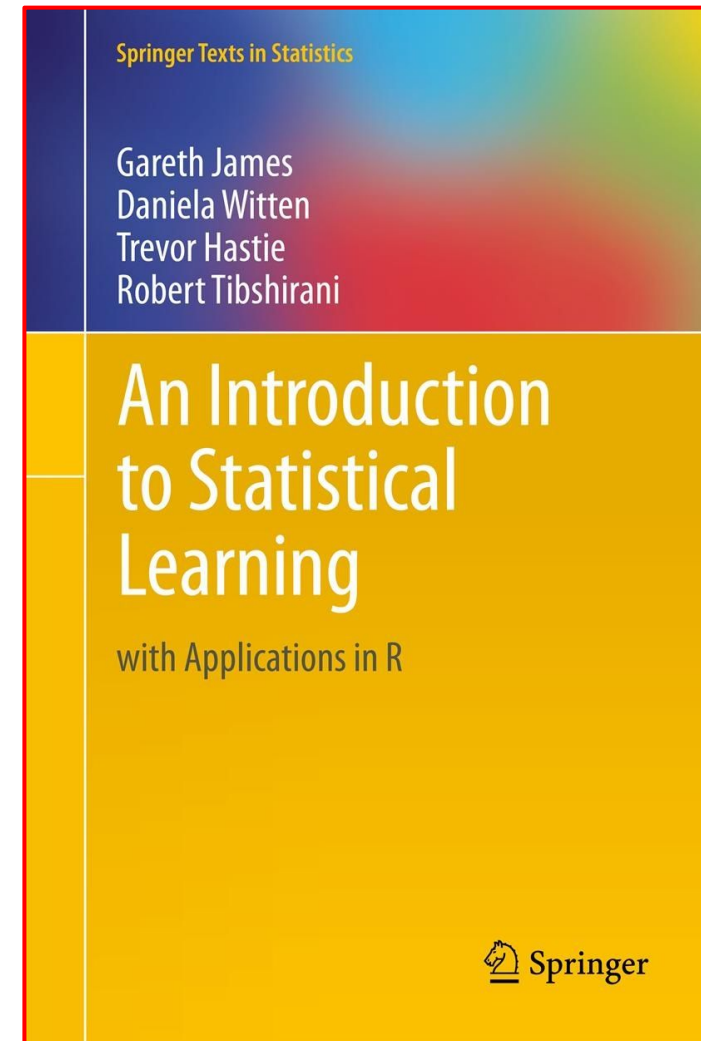
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Chapter 10

An Introduction to Statistical Learning

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- **Unsupervised** learning algorithm
- It is one of the simplest way to solve a **clustering** problem
- typical clustering problems:
 - cluster similar documents
 - cluster customers
 - market segmentation
 - identify similar physical groups

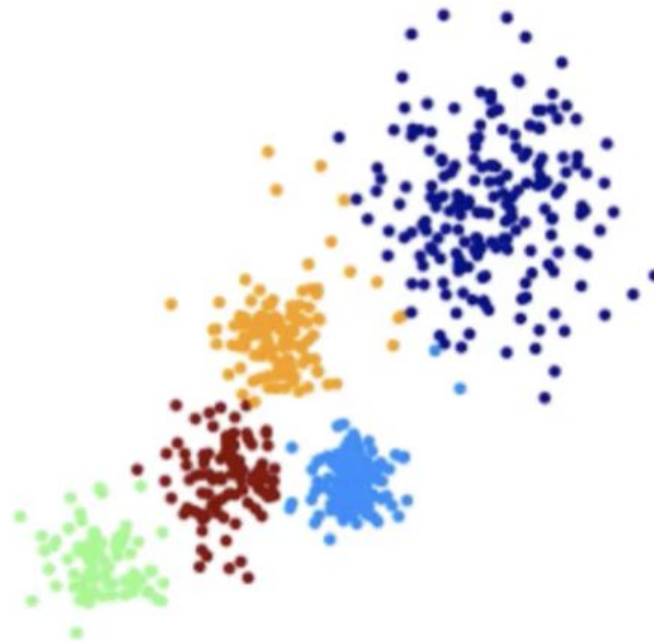
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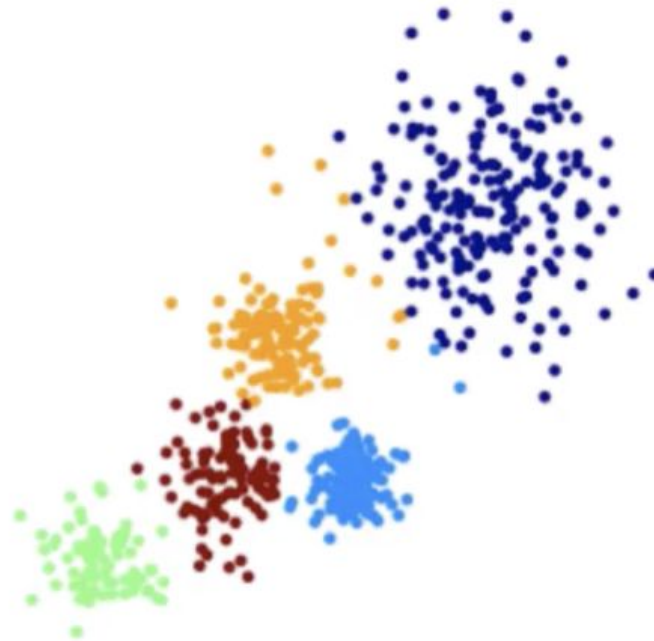


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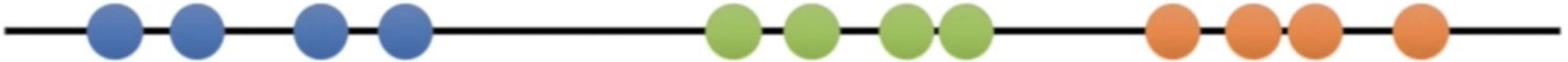
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- In this case, the clusters are easy to see



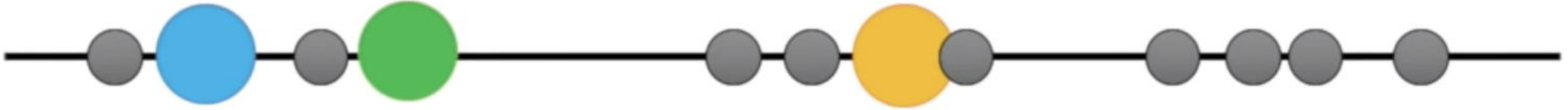
0. Let's start with the raw data



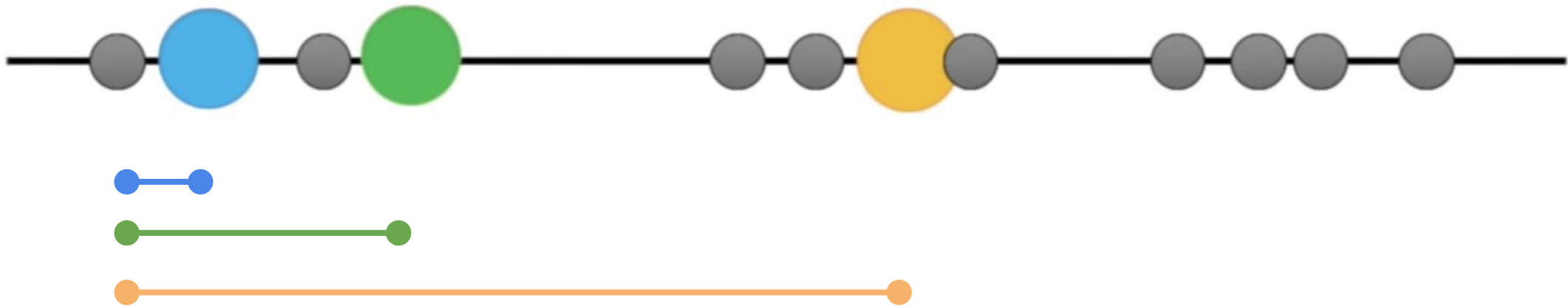
1. Select the number of clusters you want to identify.
This is the “K” in K-Means clustering
Let's select $k = 3$



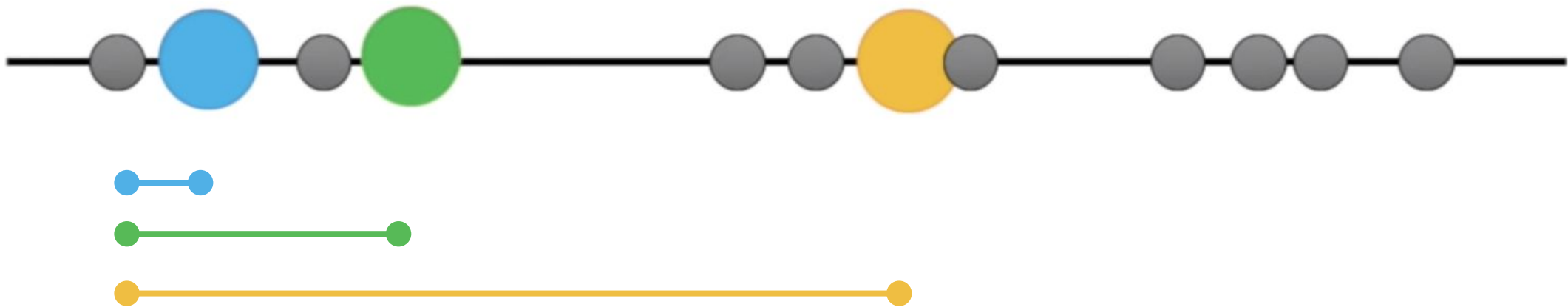
2. Randomly select 3 distinct data points
These are the initial clusters centroids



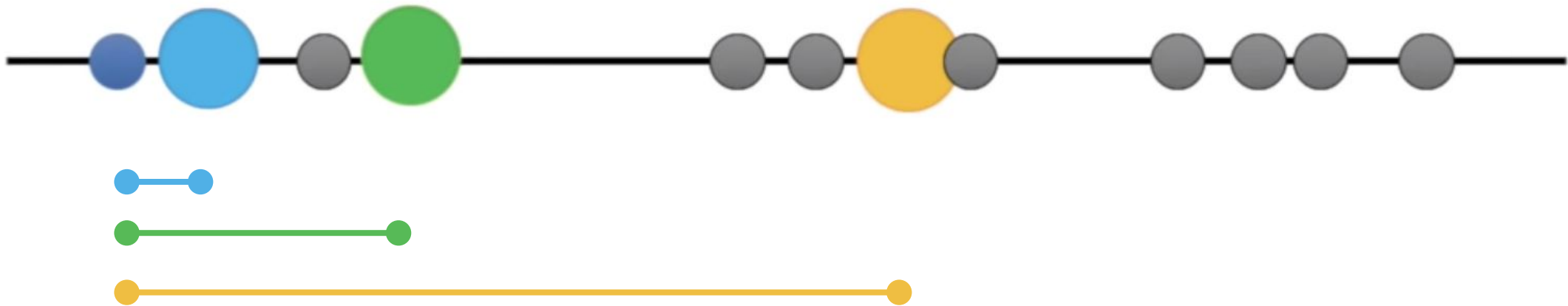
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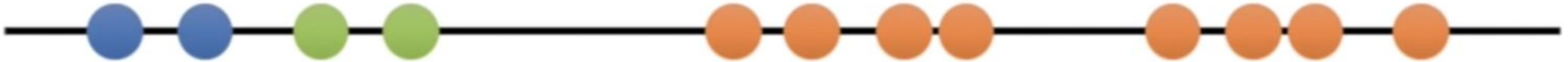
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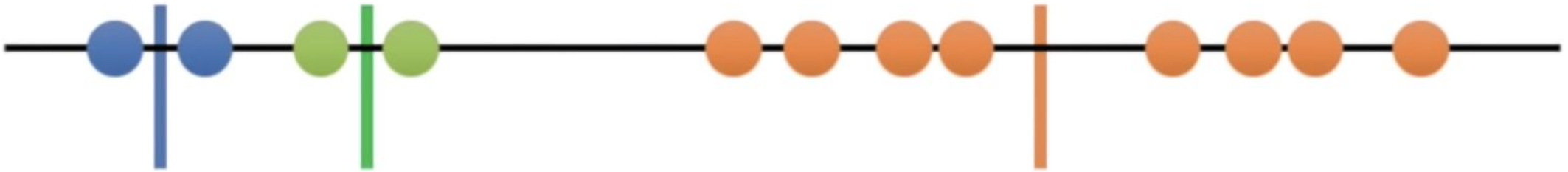
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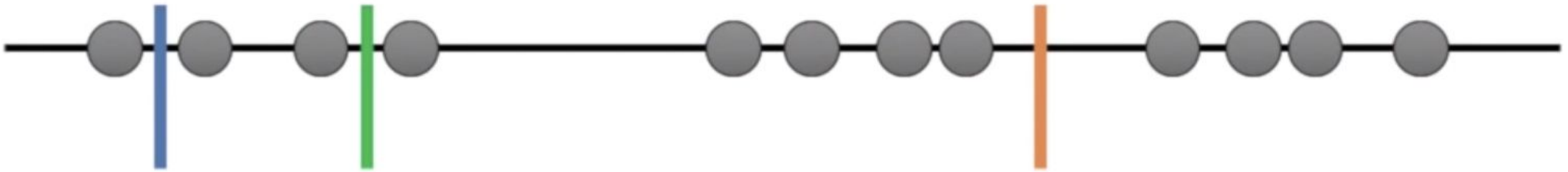
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Do the same thing for the rest of points



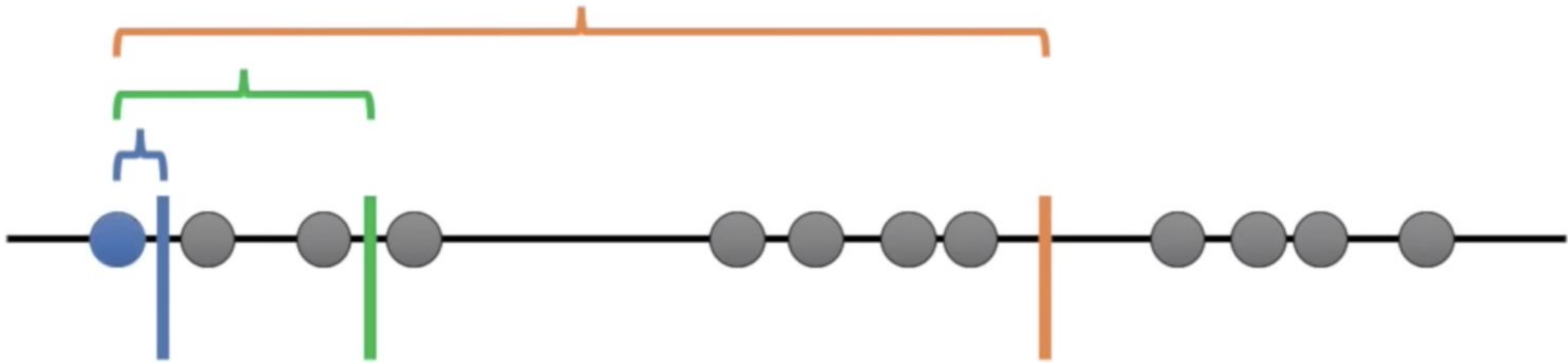
5. Calculate the mean of each cluster



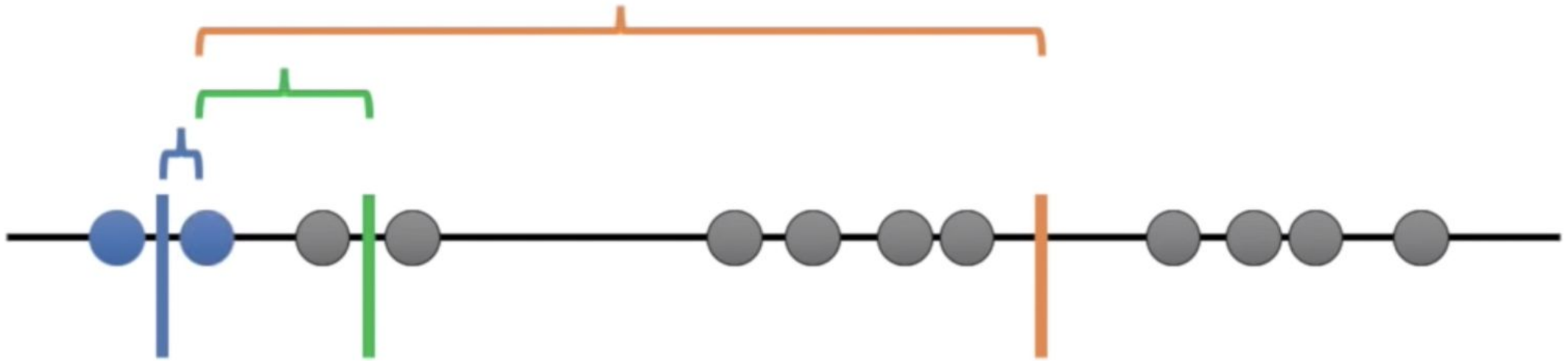
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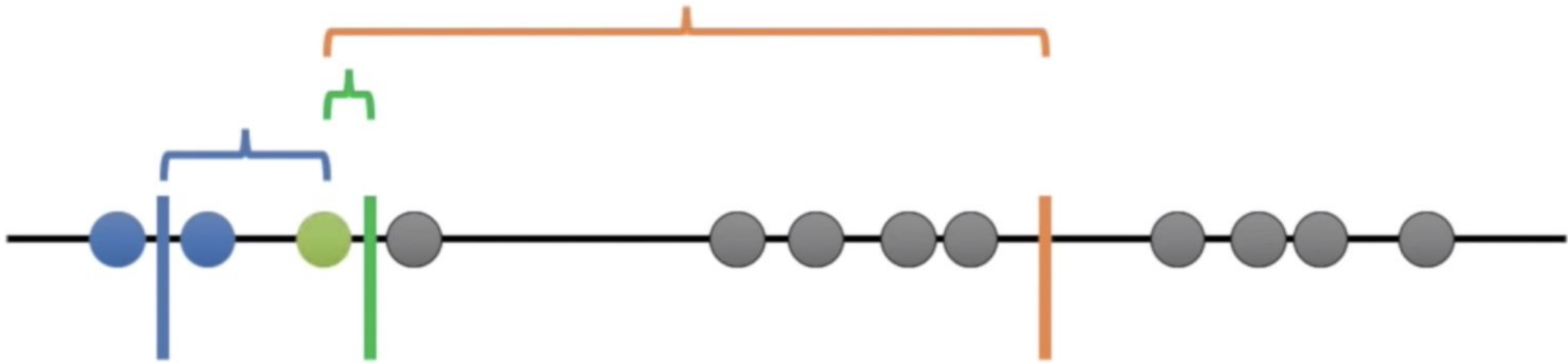
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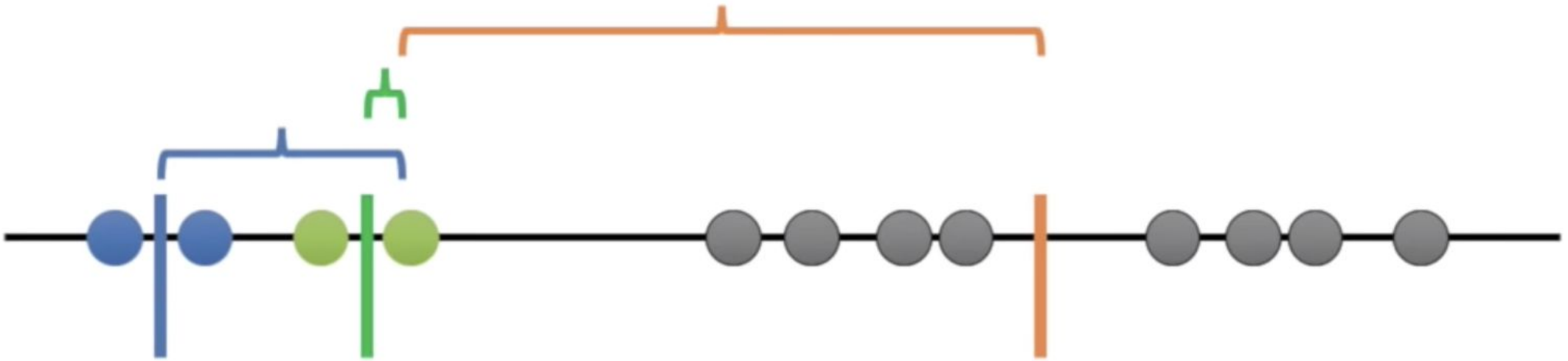
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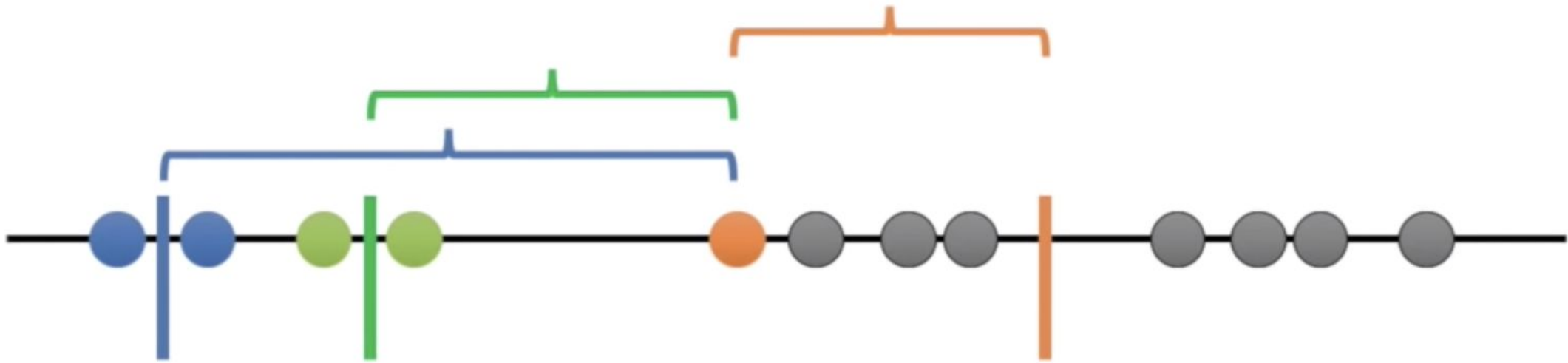
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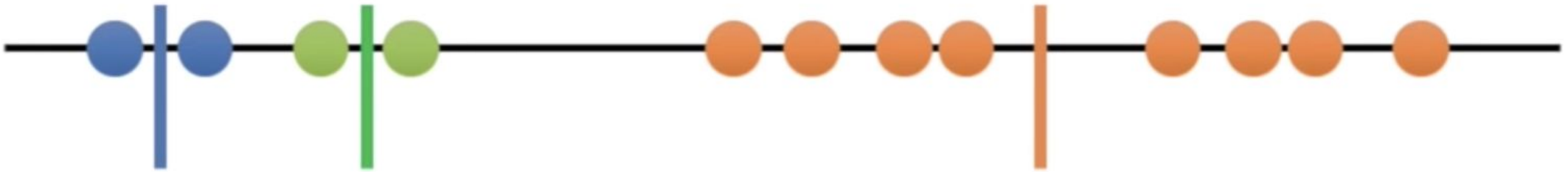
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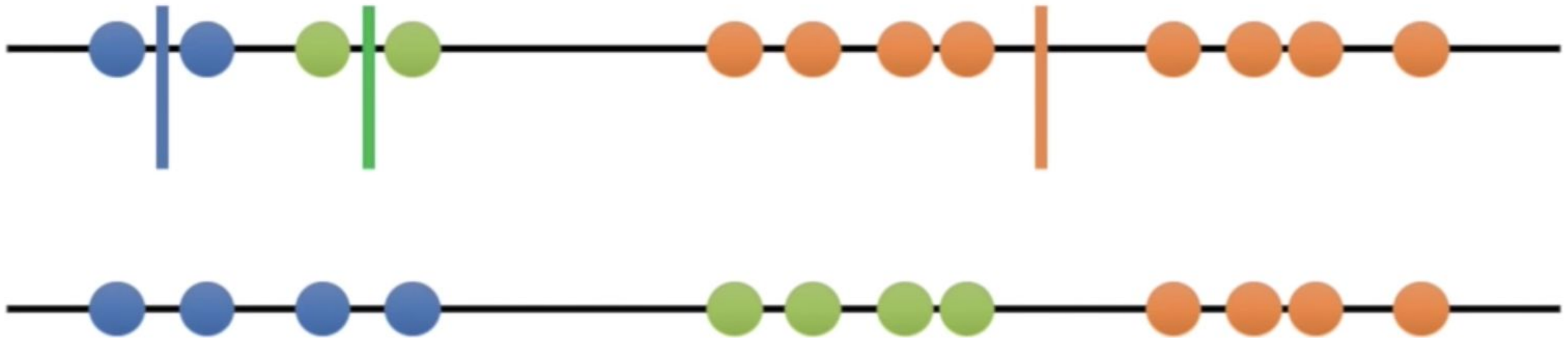
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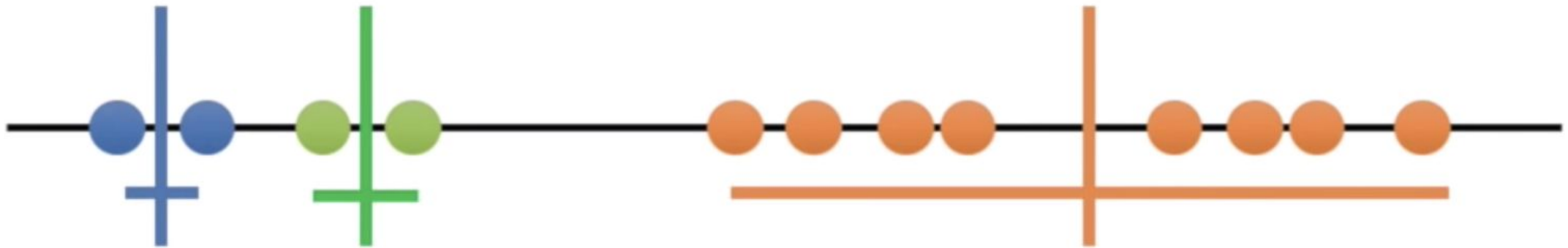
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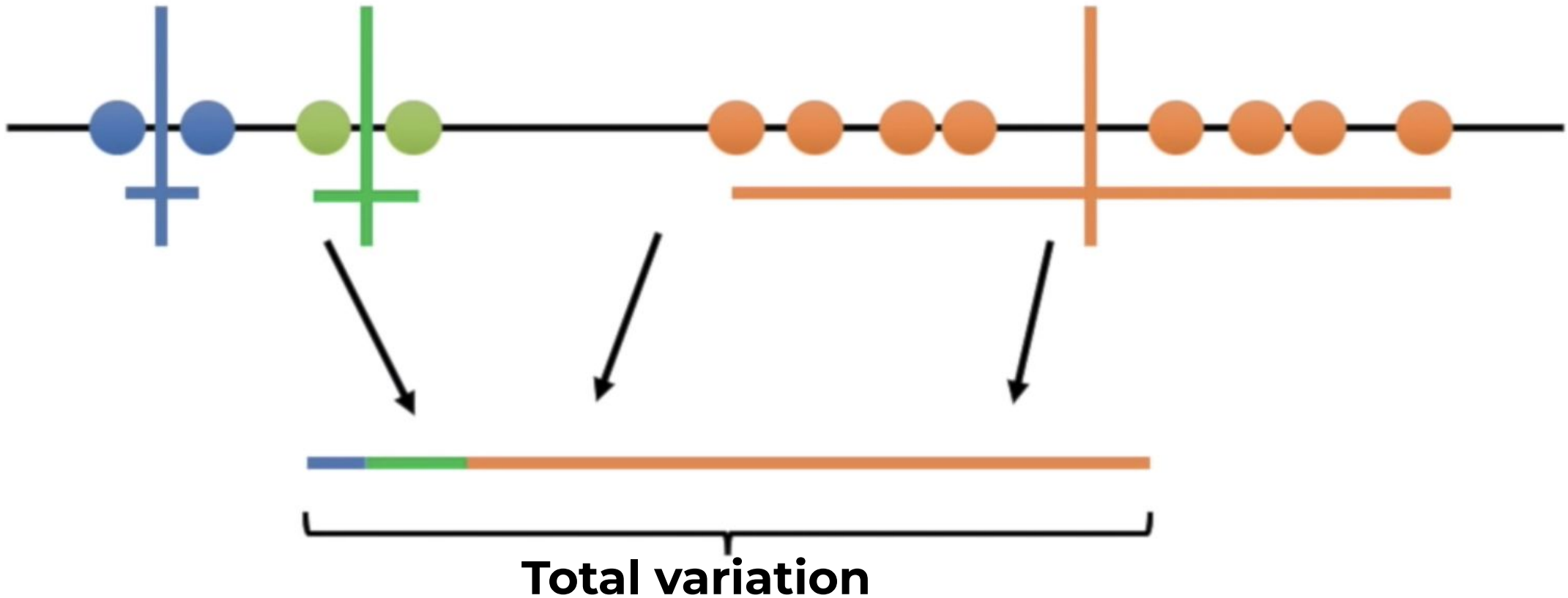
But this is not what we expected to have!



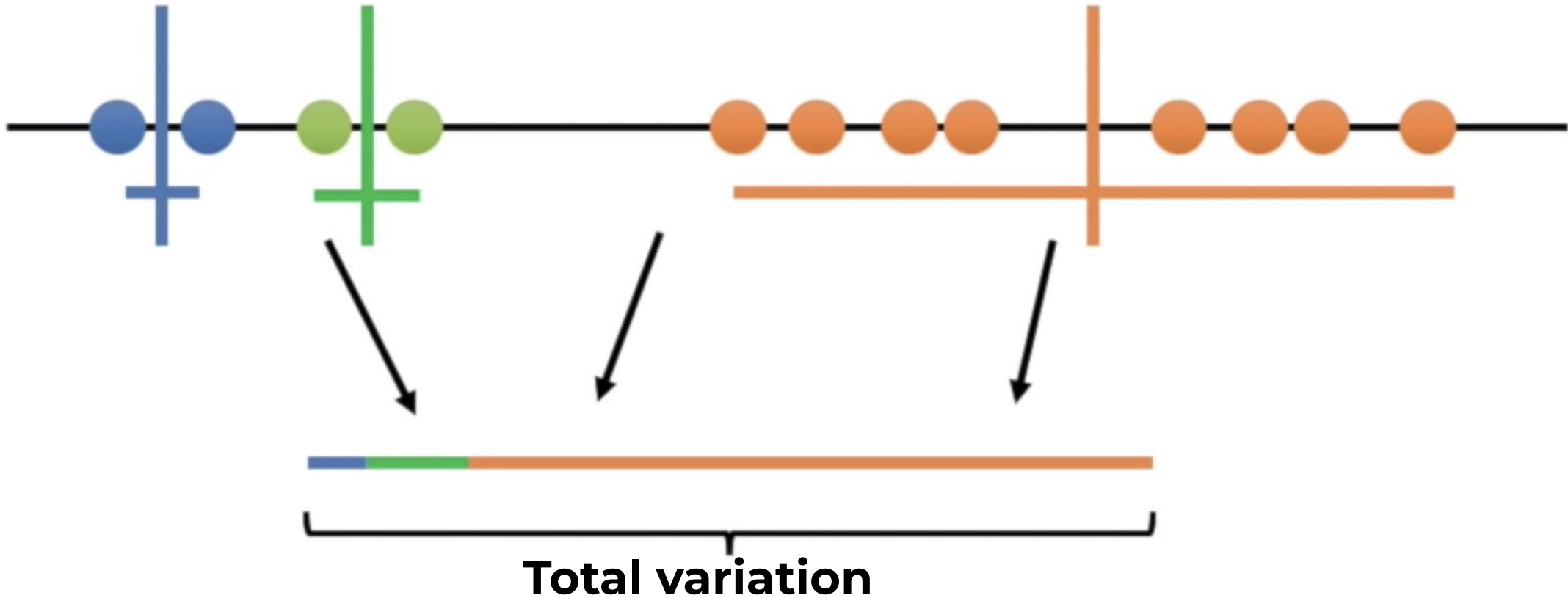
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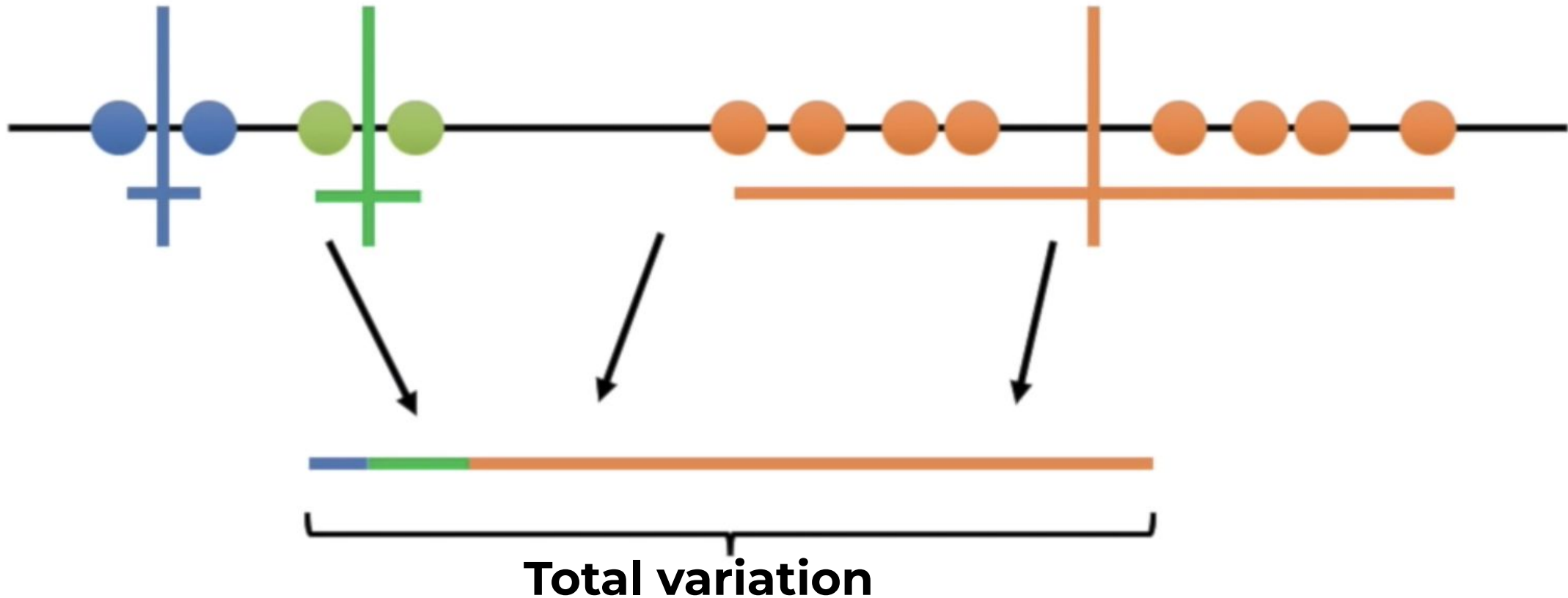


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The goal now is to minimize the total variation. How?? -> **Iterate**



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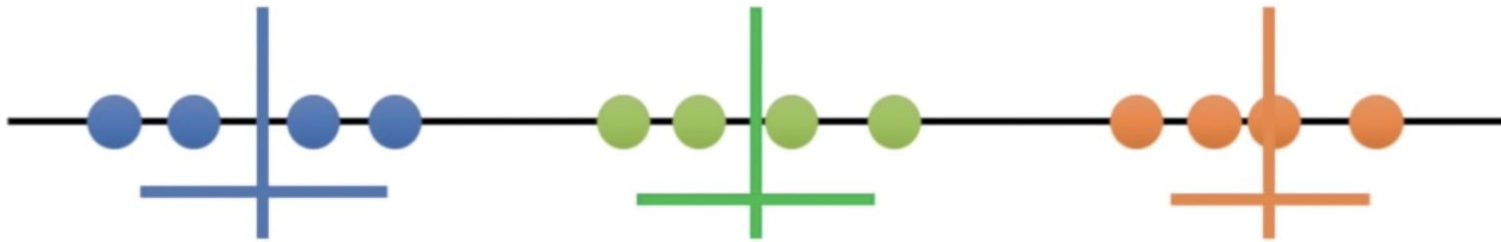
We have finally reach the cluster that minimize the total variation



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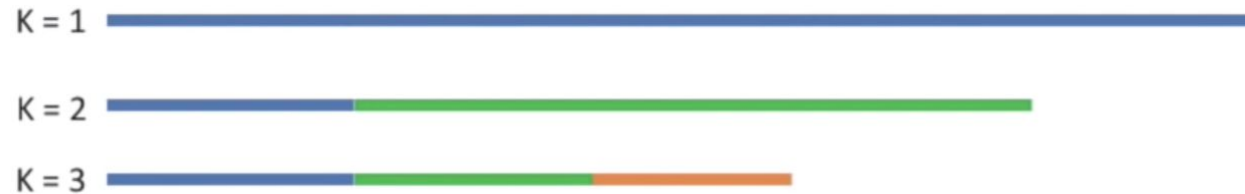
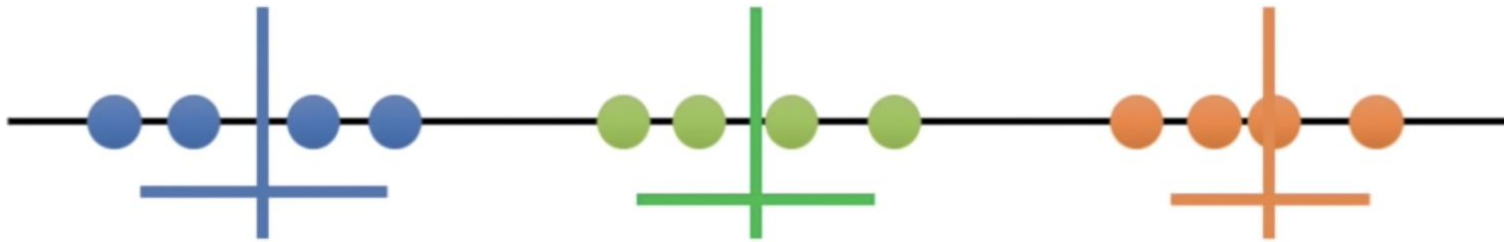
K = 3 is even better! We can quantify how much better by comparing the total variation within the 3 clusters to K = 2



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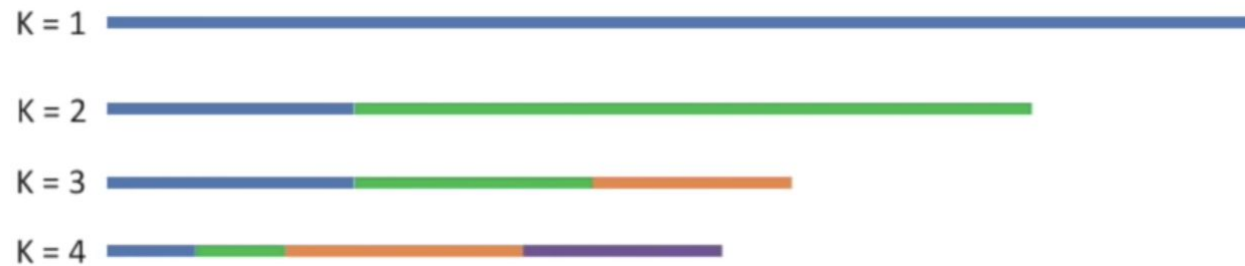
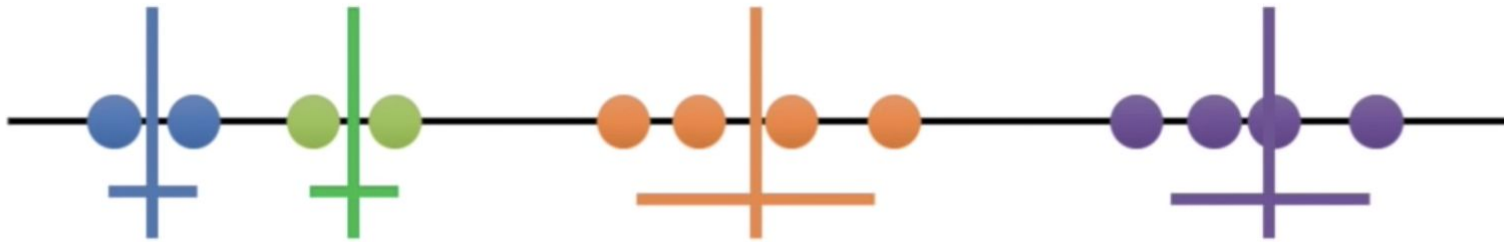
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What if we try $k = 4$?

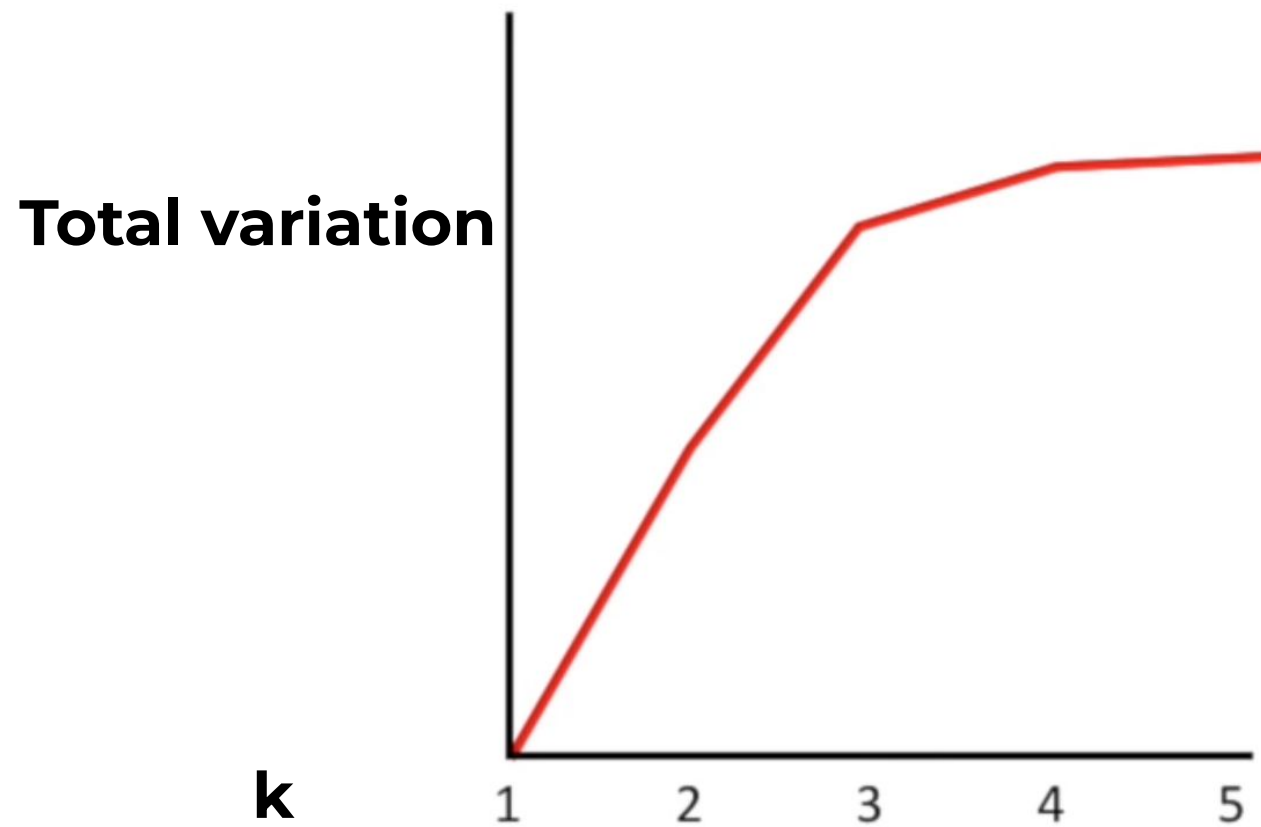


Each time we add a cluster (increases k by 1) the total variation is smaller.

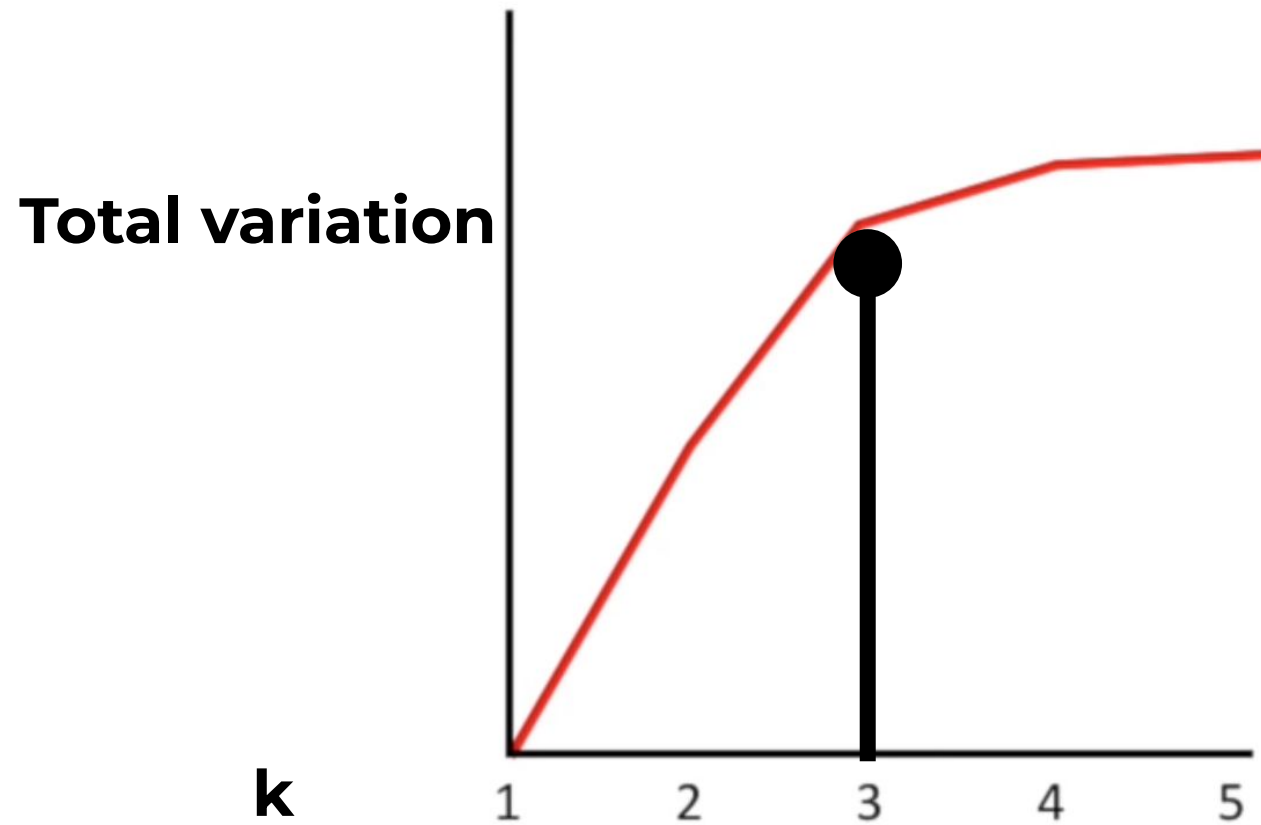
So the best solution is when there is only one cluster per data point, innit??

If $K=N$ then the variation is 0

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1. Initialize **cluster centroids** $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ randomly.

2. Repeat until convergence: {

For every i , set

$$c^{(i)} := \arg \min_j \|x^{(i)} - \mu_j\|^2.$$

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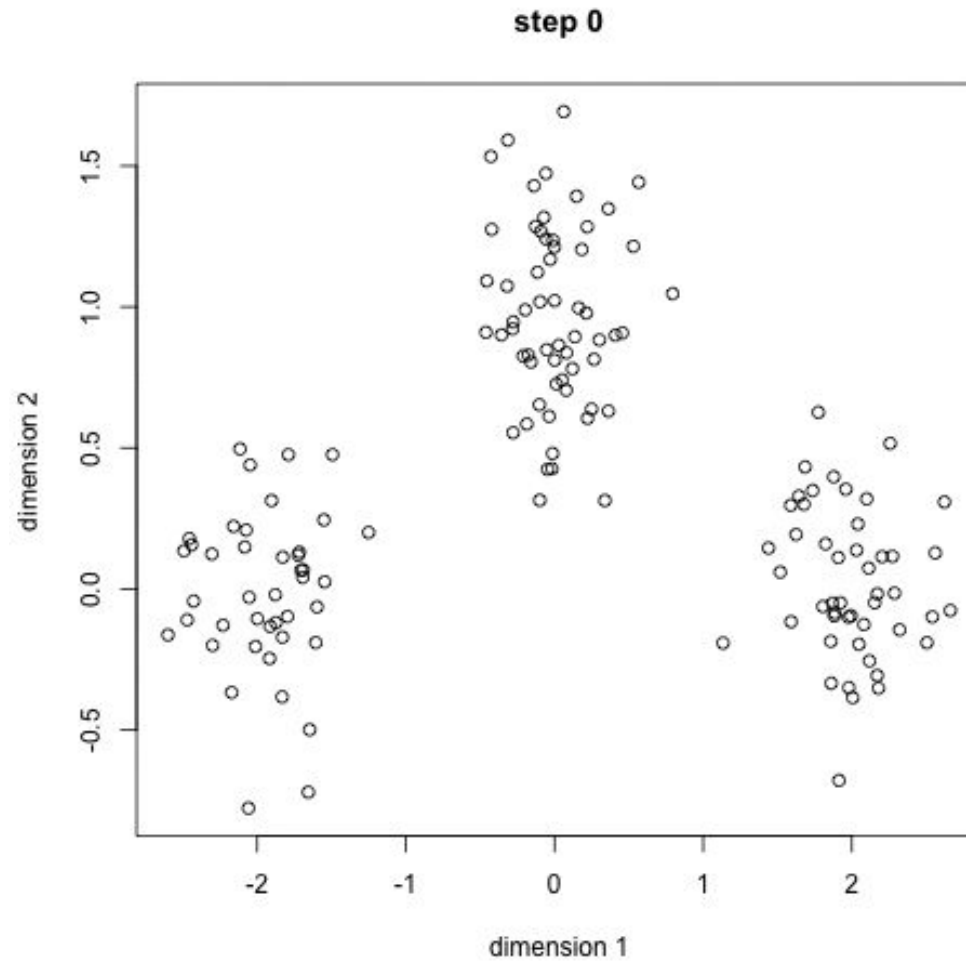
$$\mu_j := \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{c^{(i)} = j\} x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{c^{(i)} = j\}}.$$

}

1. **you** choose a number of clusters **K**
2. kmeans randomly create K centroids (which are the imaginary data point that represent the cluster) and assign each data point to the cluster which centroid is closest
3. Until convergence repeat:
 - a. for each cluster, compute the cluster centroid by taking the **mean** vector of data points in the cluster
 - b. assign each data point to the cluster for which the centroid is the closest.

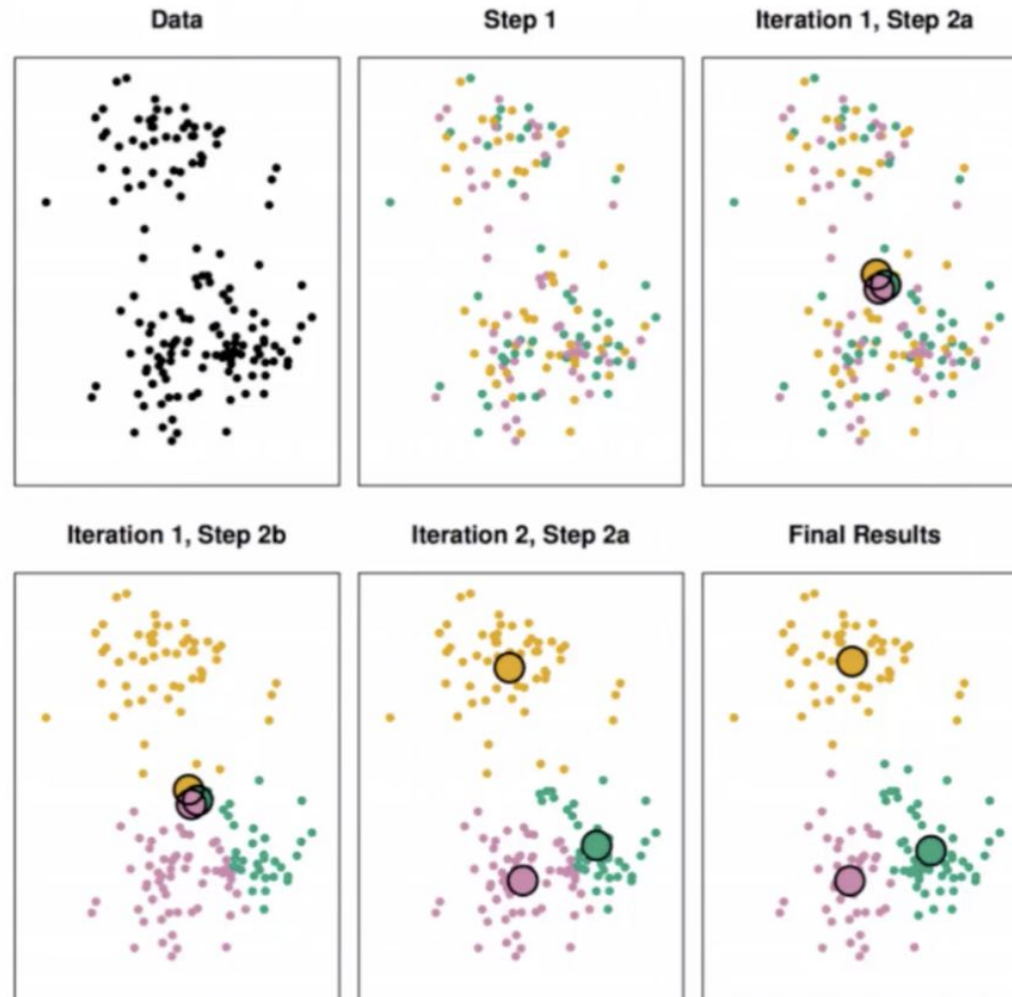
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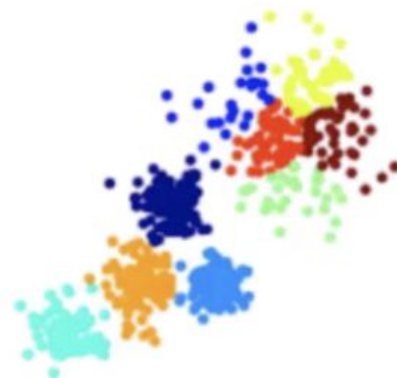
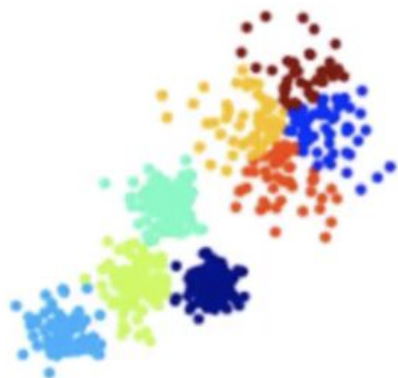
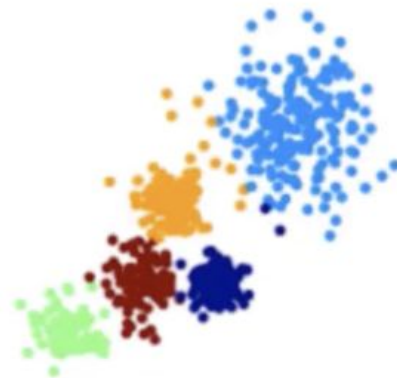
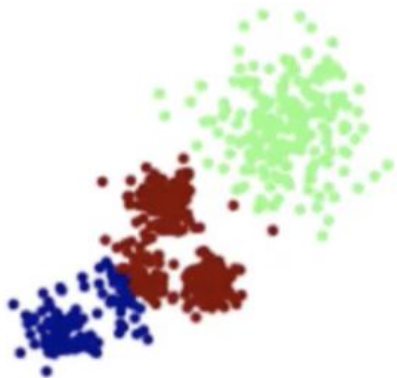
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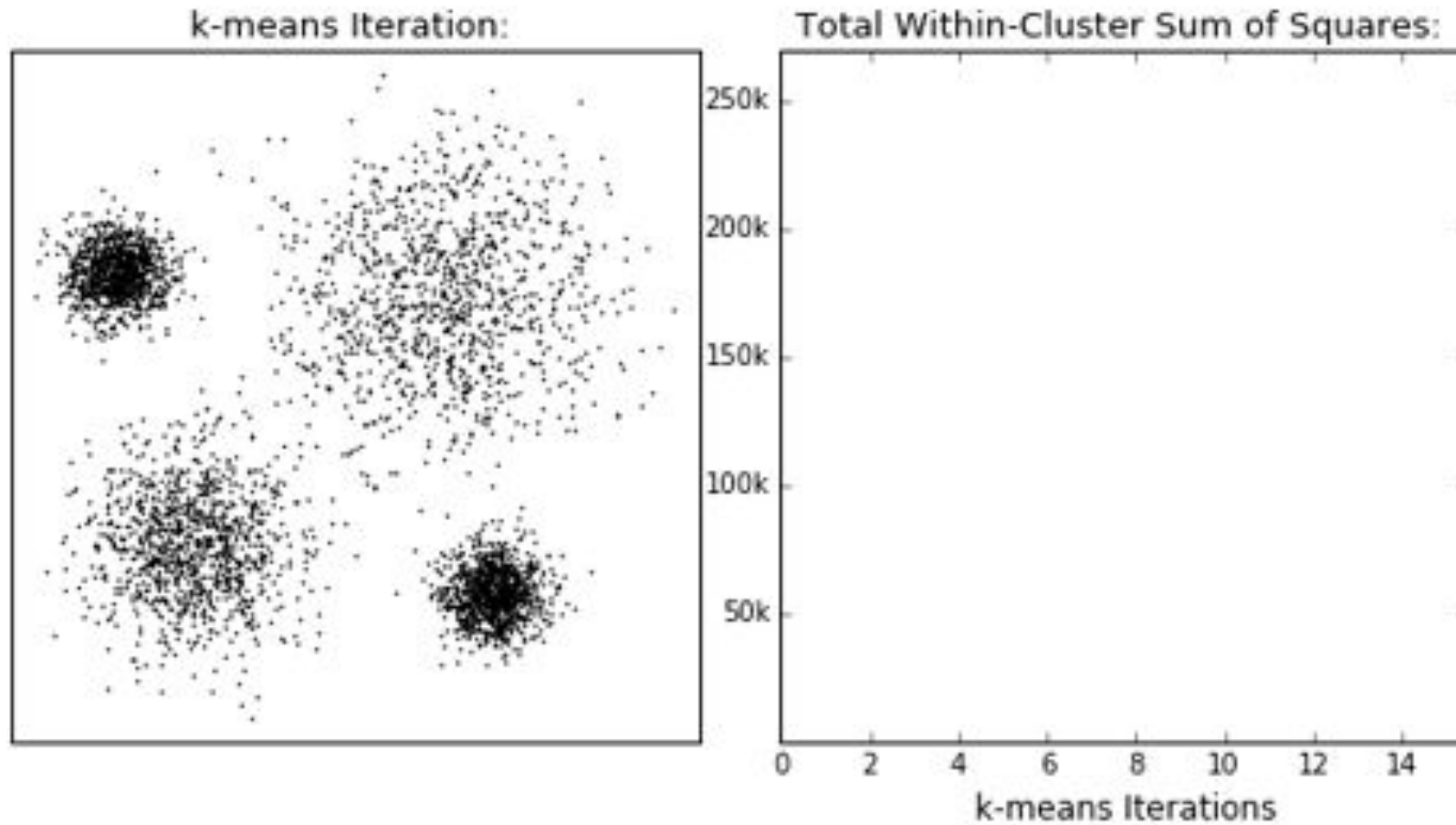
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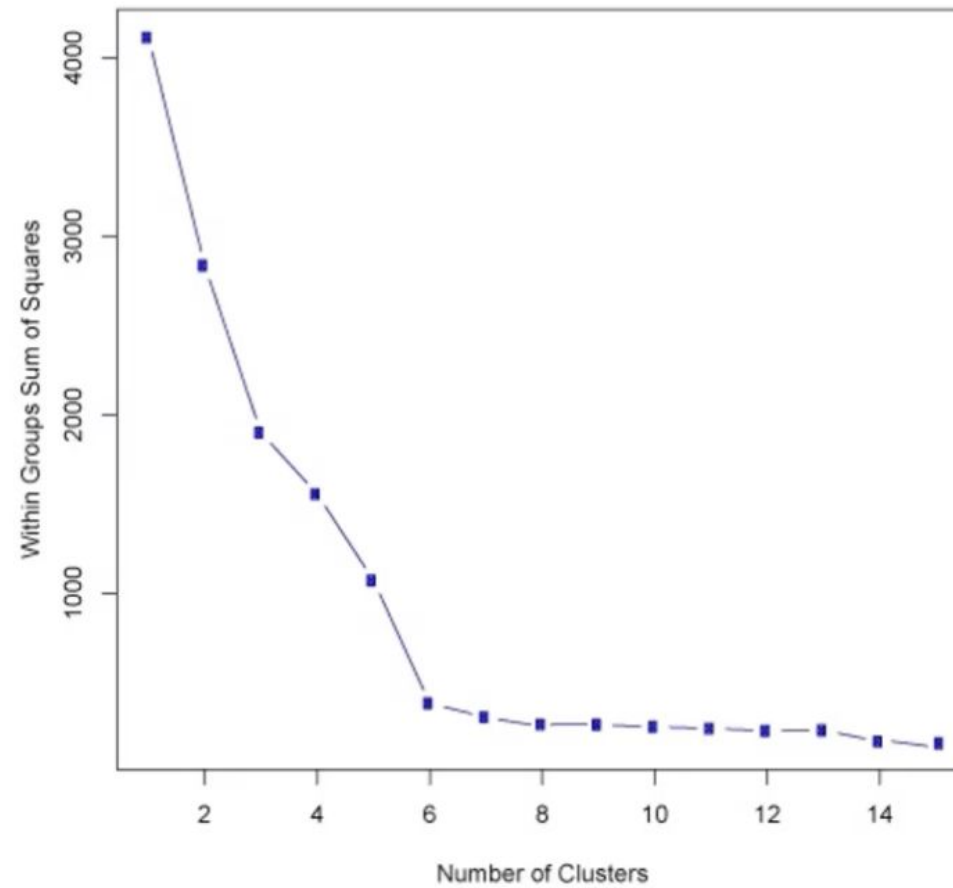
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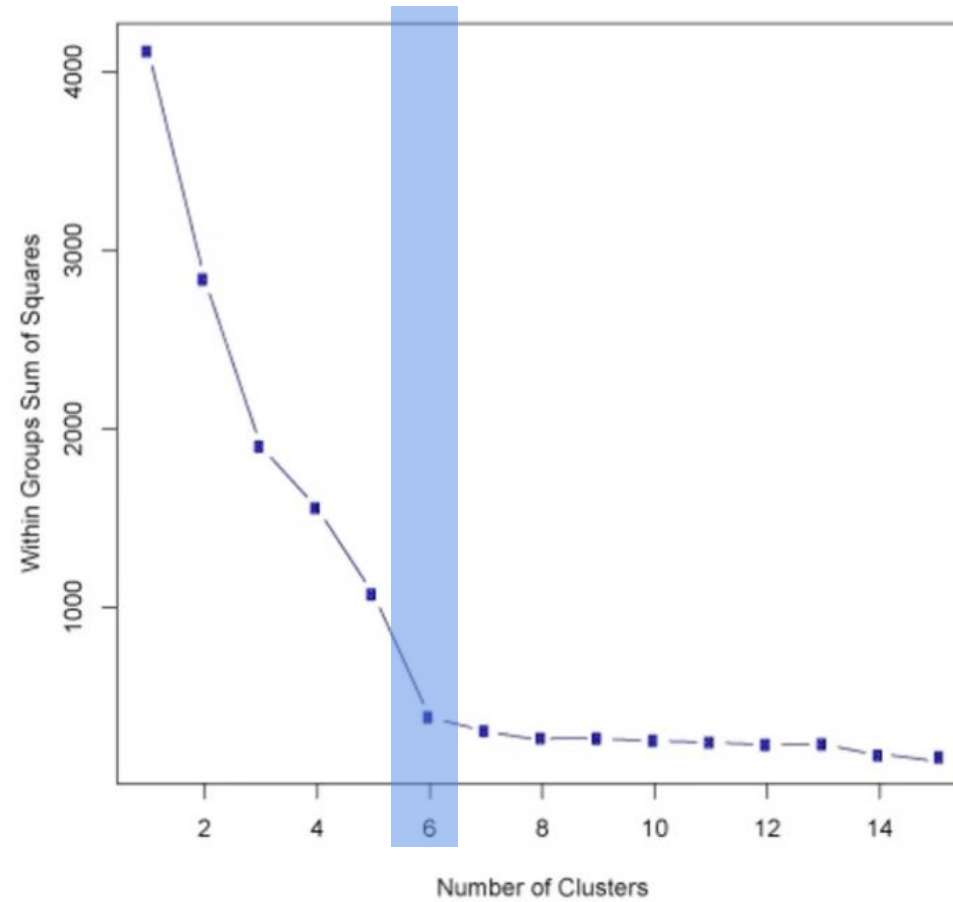
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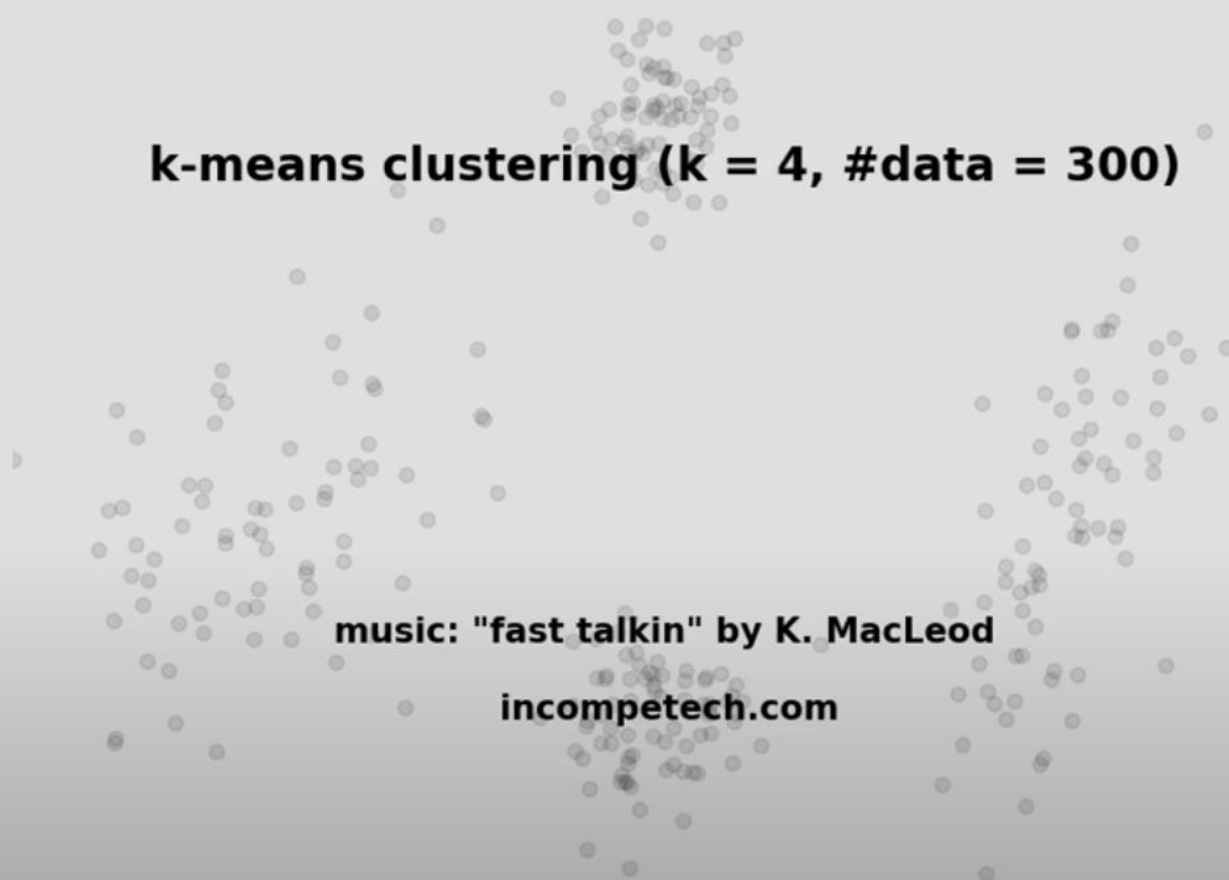
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k-means clustering (k = 4, #data = 300)



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