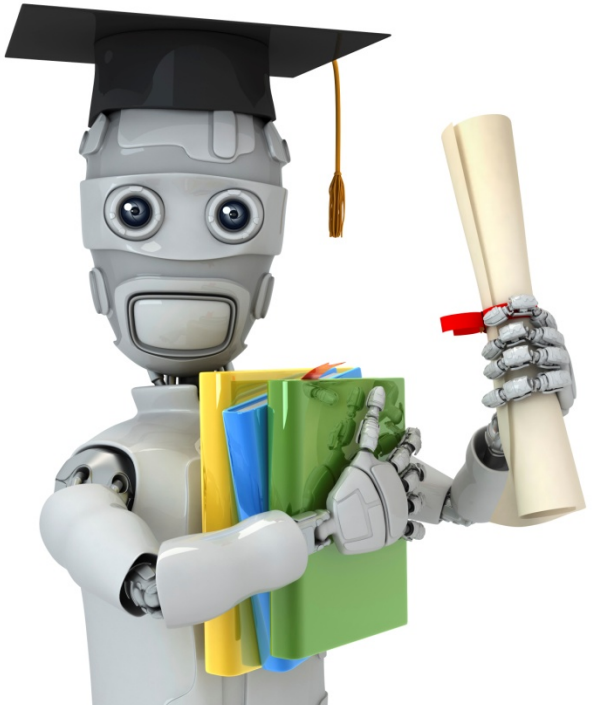

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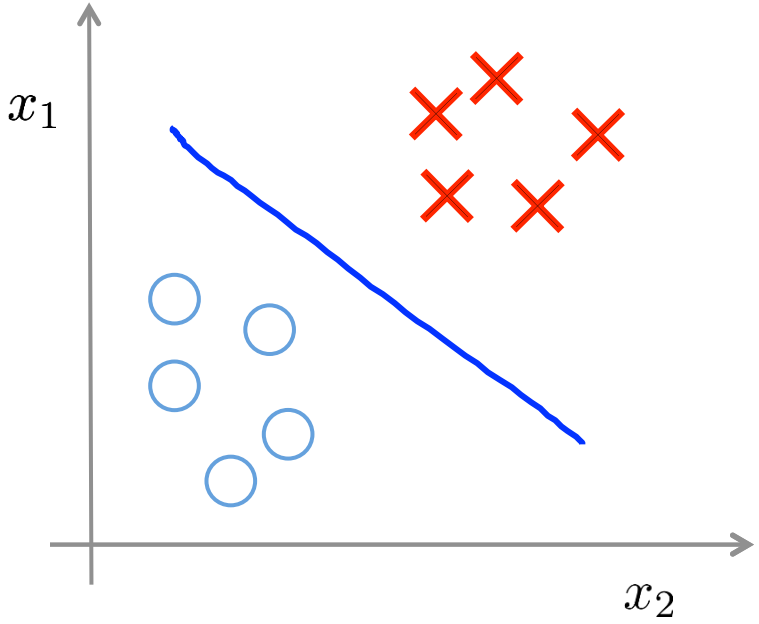
Unsupervised learning introduction

Supervised learning



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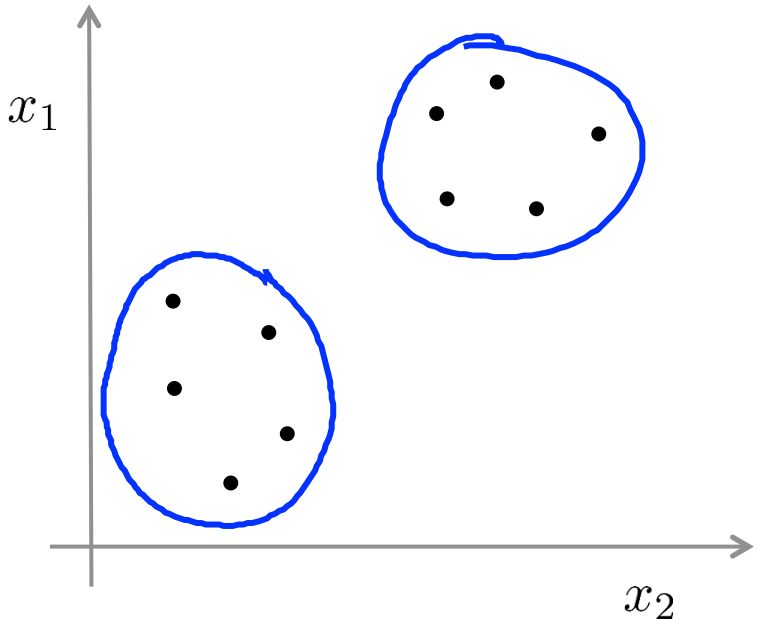
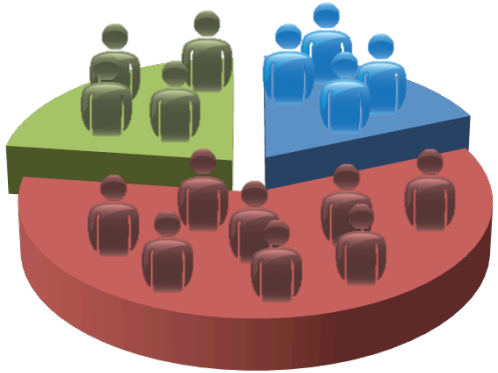
Unsupervised learning



Clustering algorithm

Training set: $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, x^{(3)}, \ldots, x^{(m)}\}$

Applications of clustering



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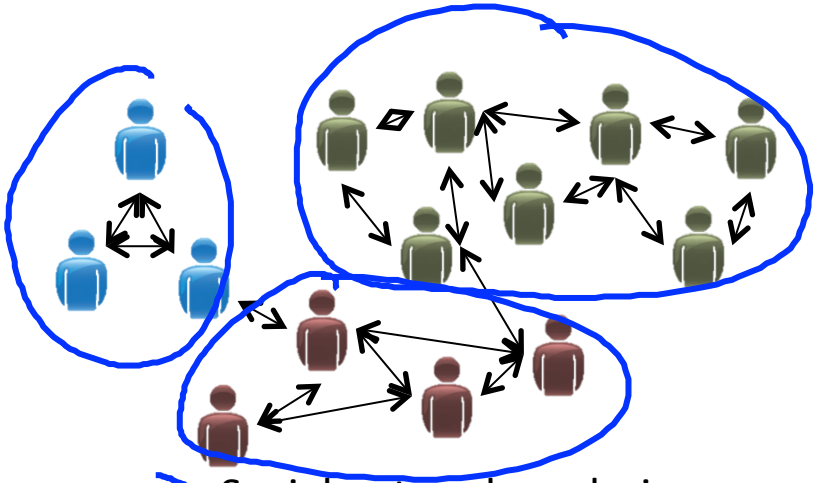
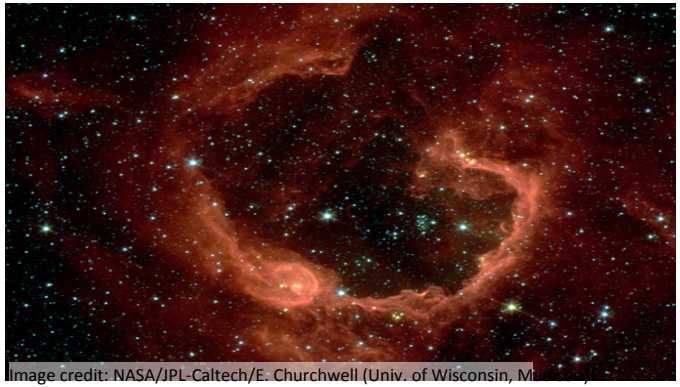


Social network analysis

Organize computing clusters



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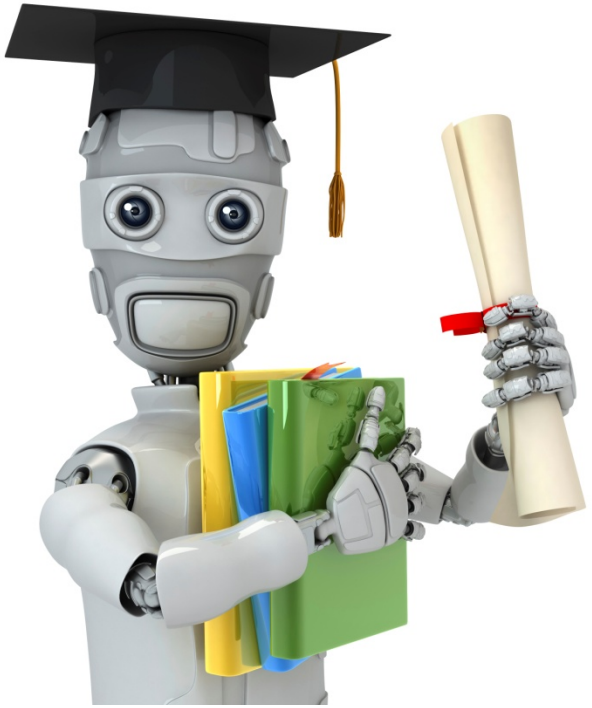

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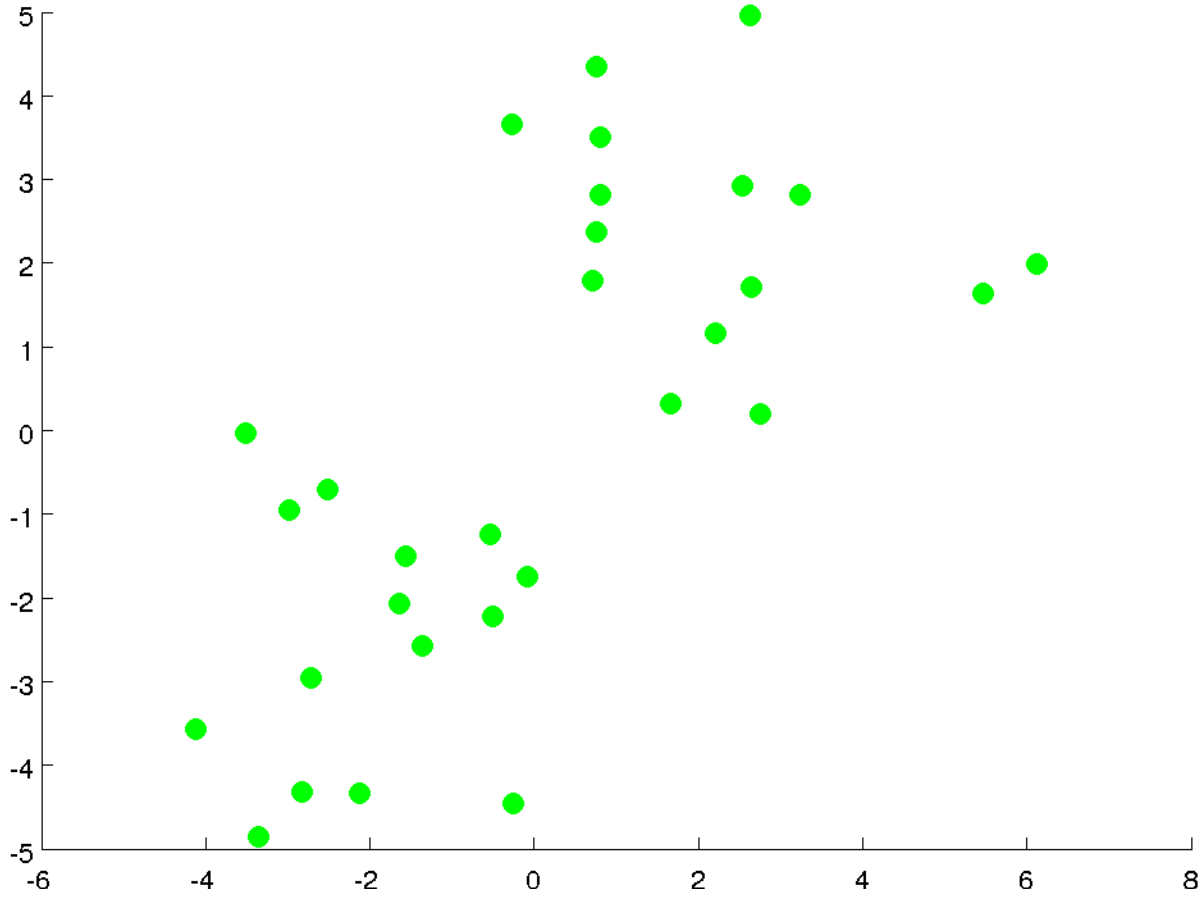
K-means algorithm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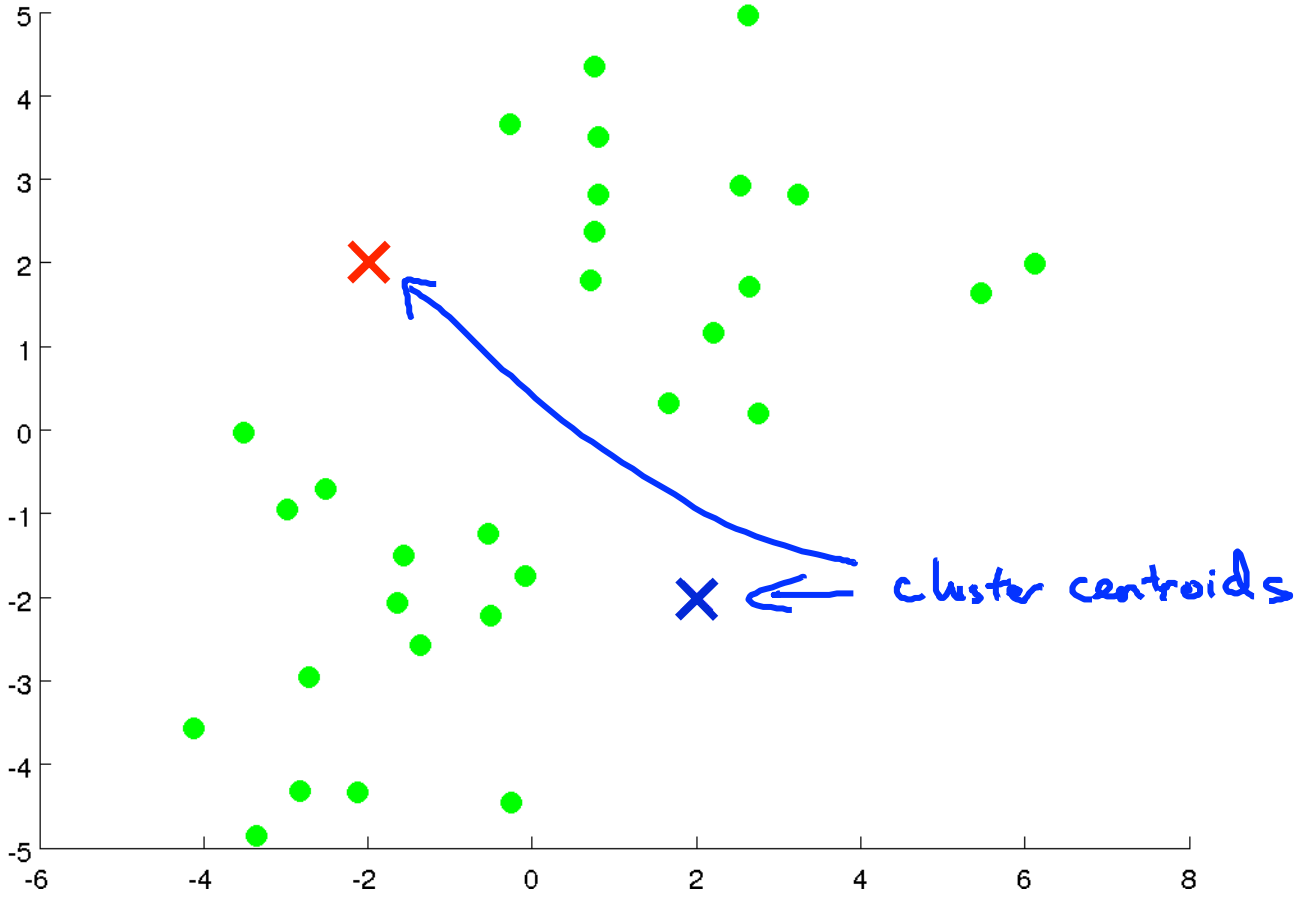
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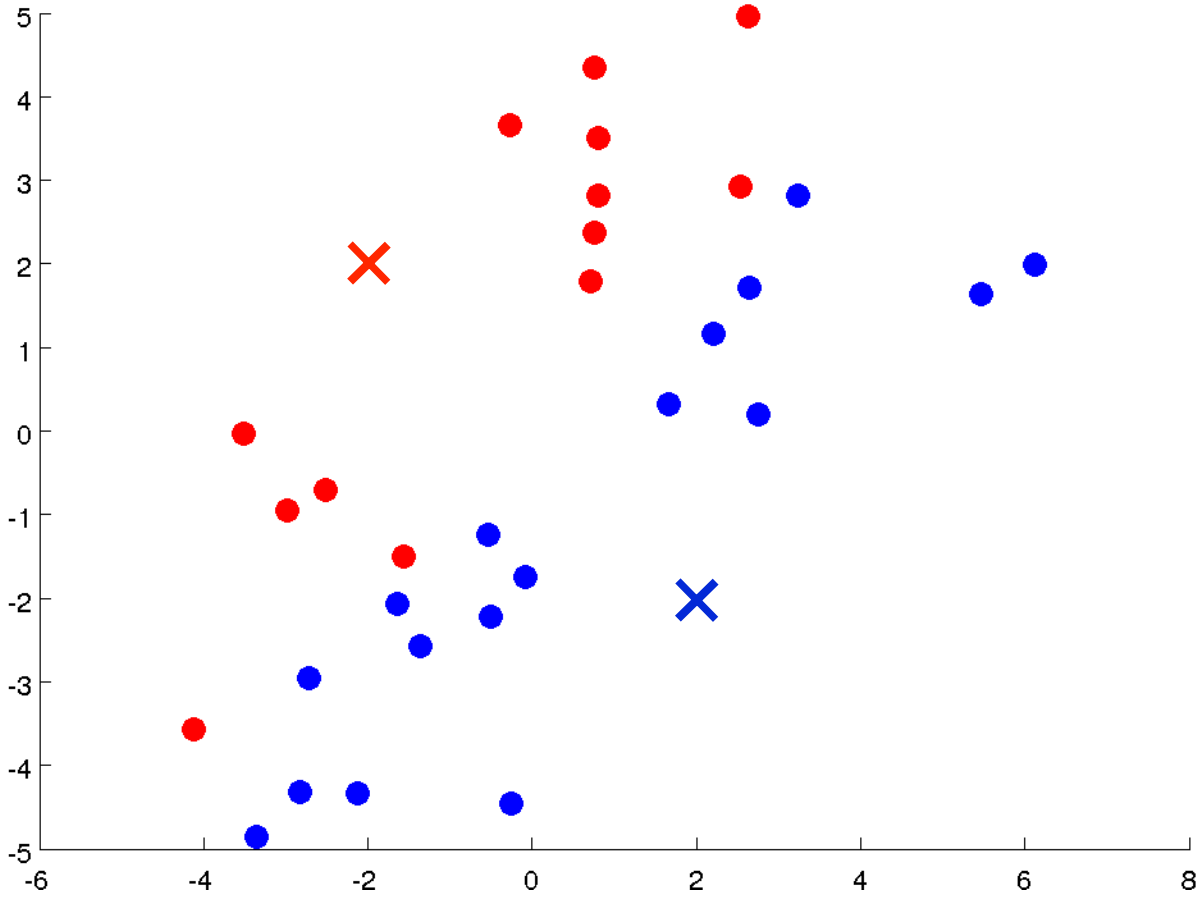
cluster centroids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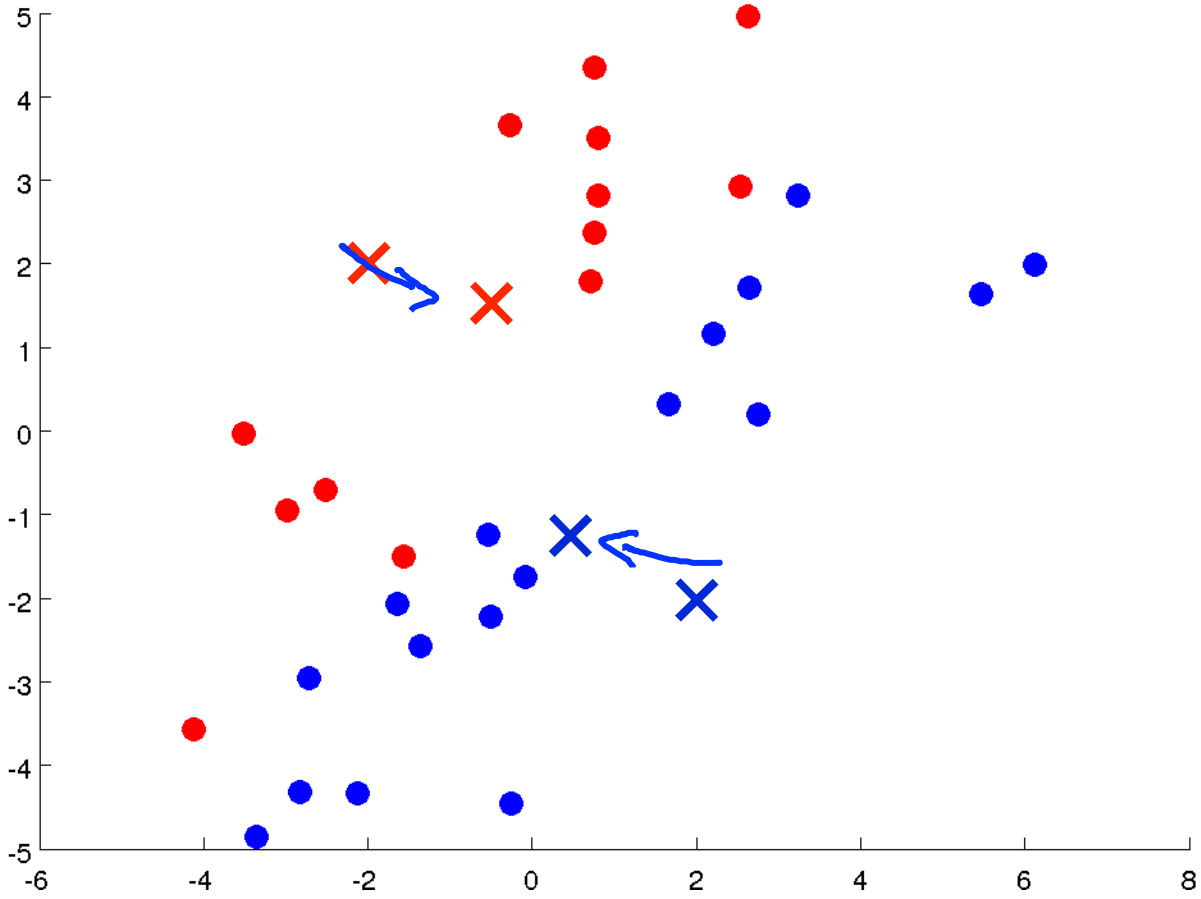
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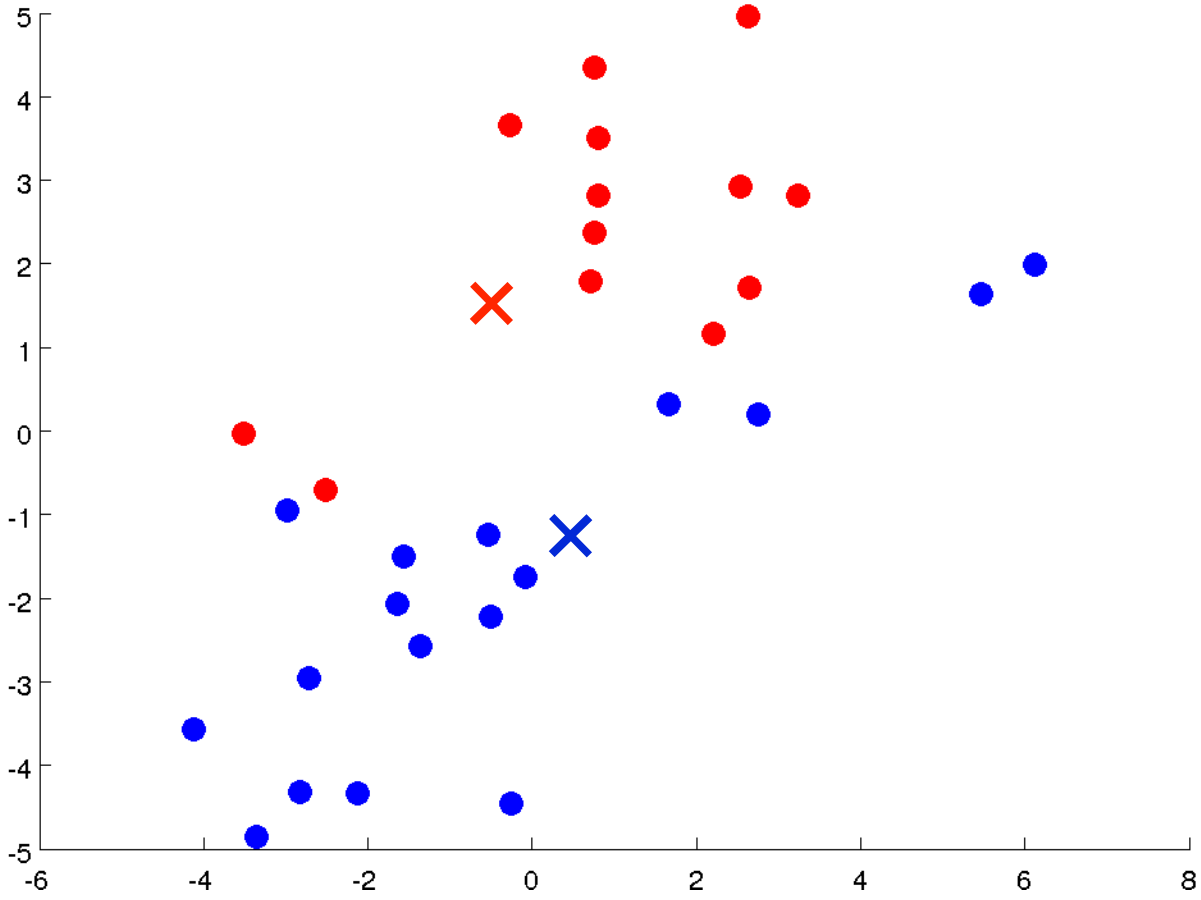
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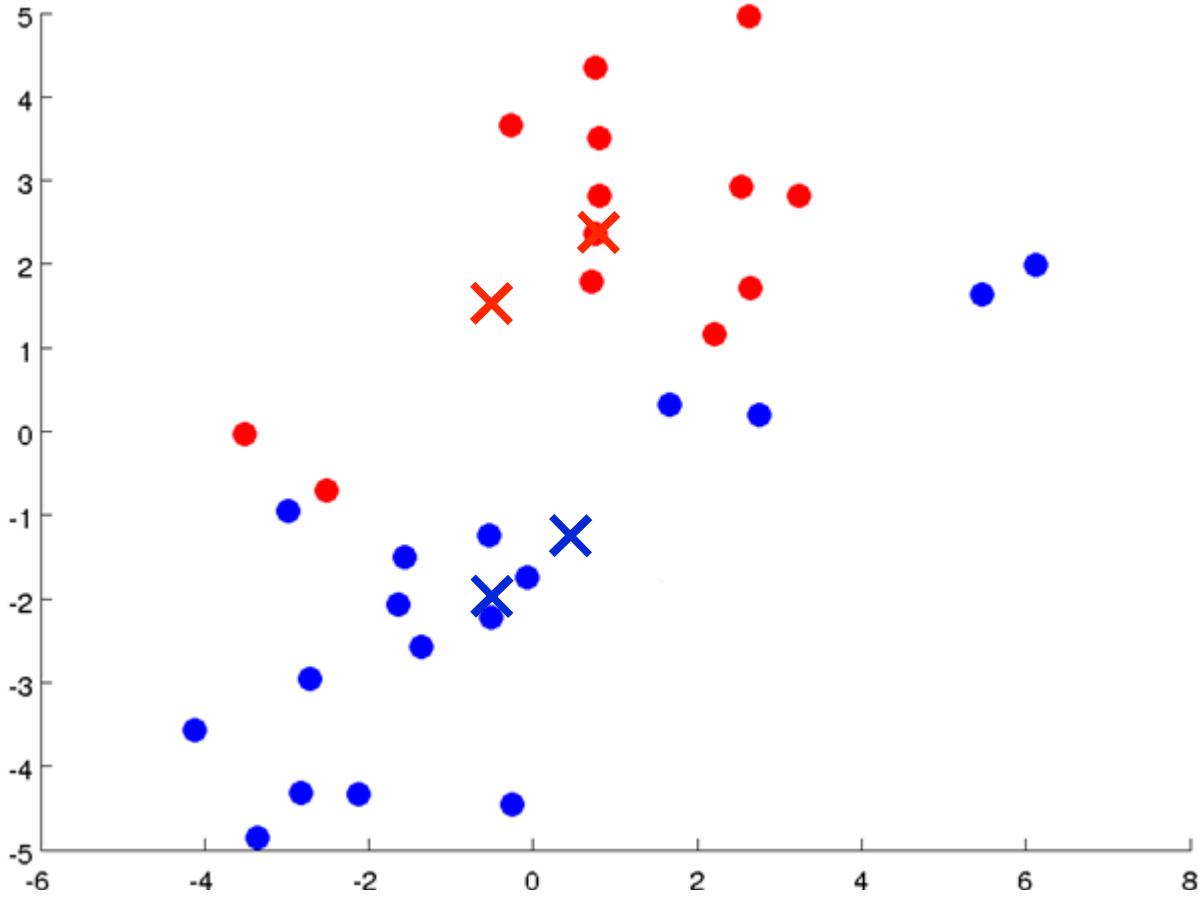
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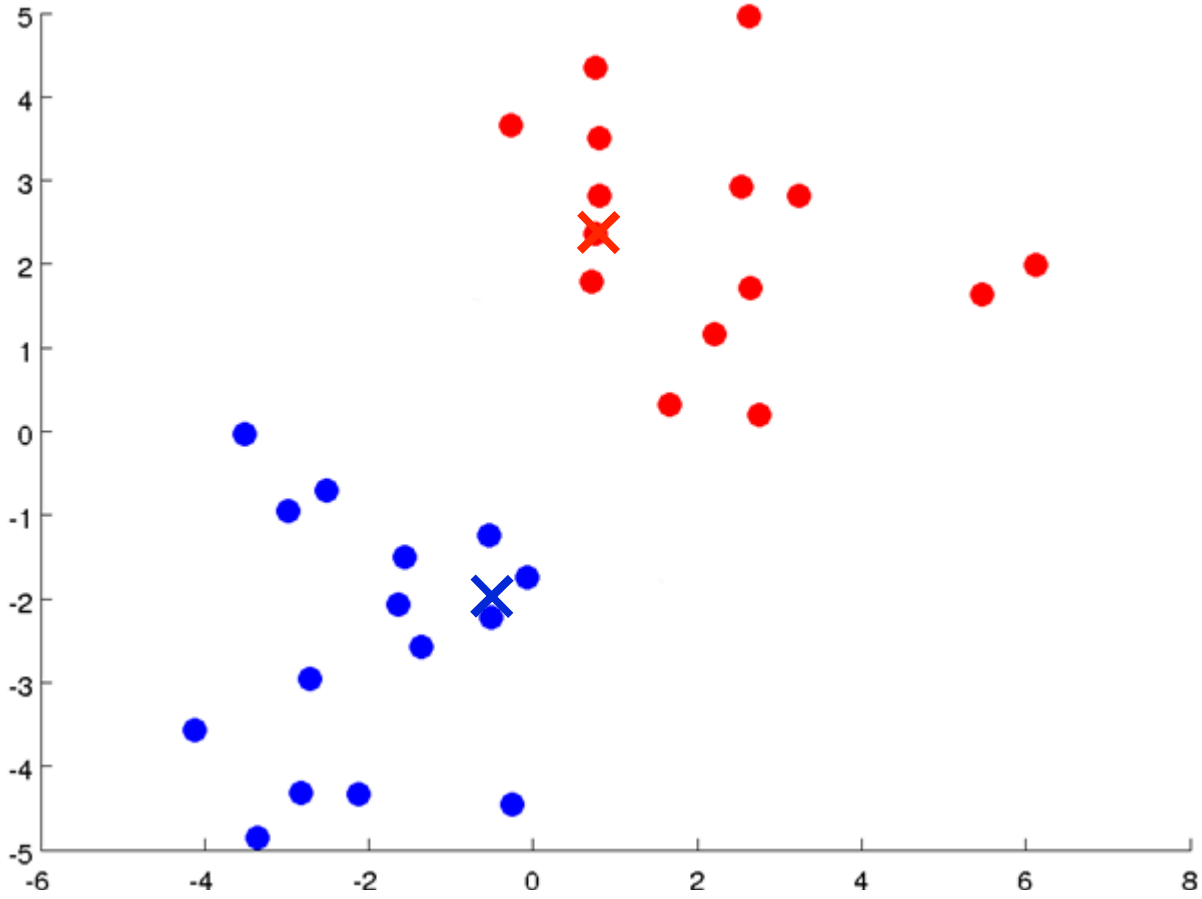
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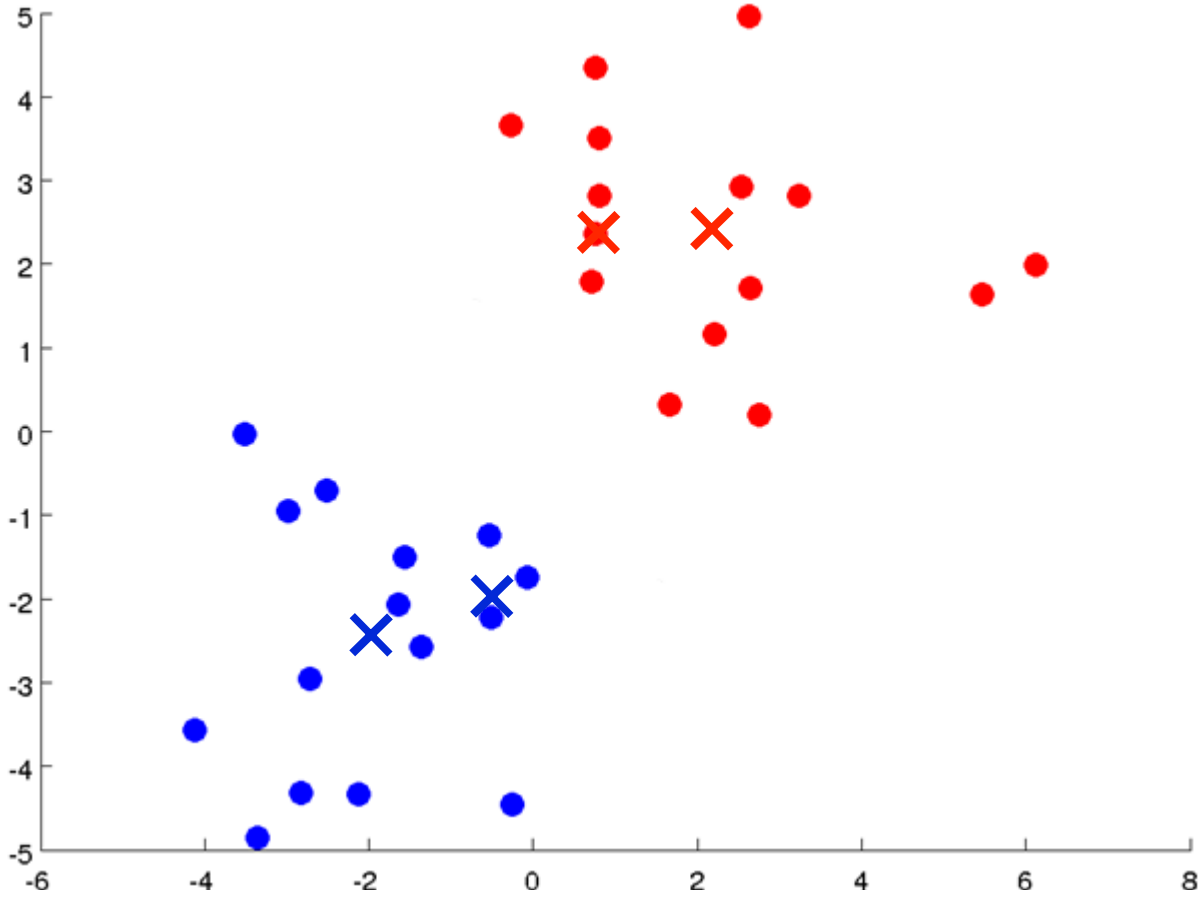
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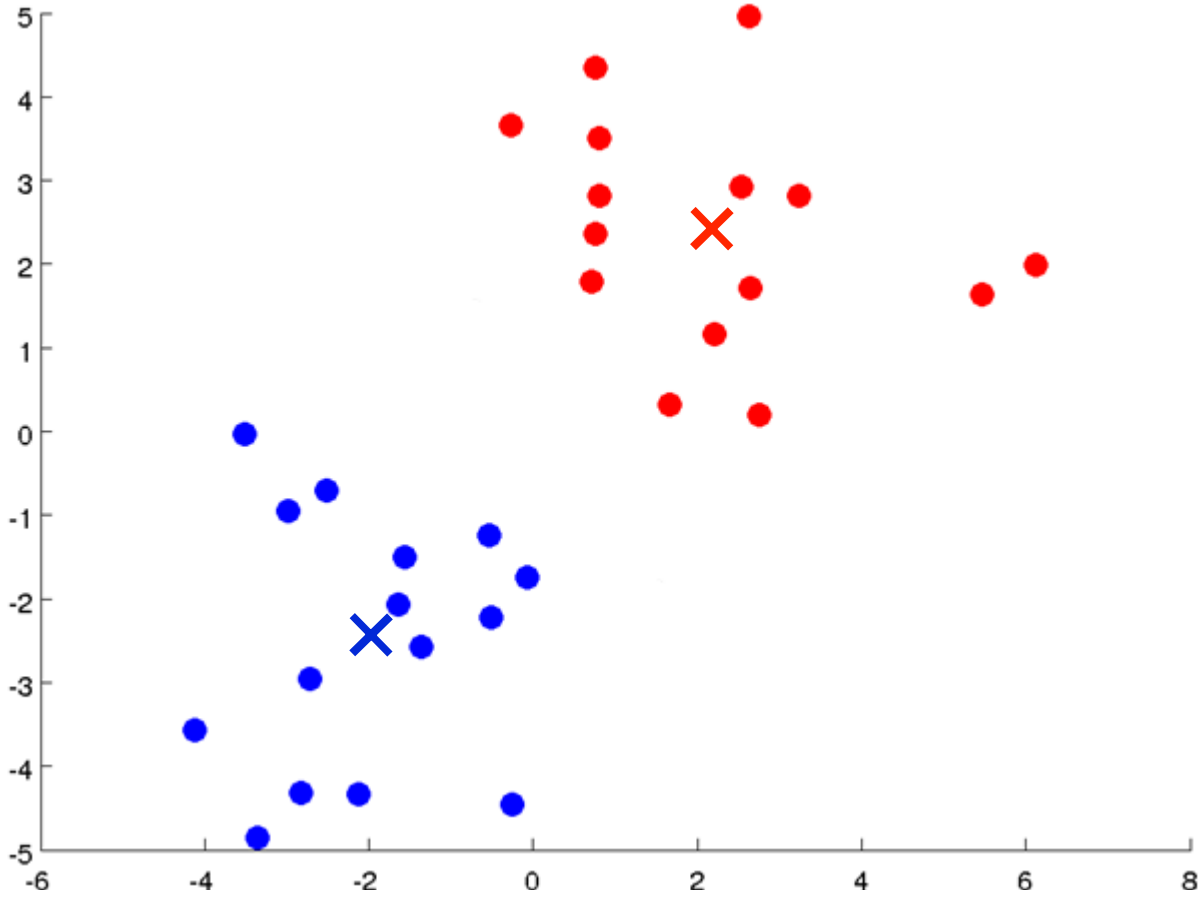
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K-means algorithm

Input:

- K (number of clusters)
- Training set $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \ldots, x^{(m)}\}$

$x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (drop $x_0 = 1$ convention)

K-means algorithm

Randomly initialize K cluster centroids $\mu_1, \mu_2, \ldots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Repeat {

Cluster assignment step

for i = 1 to m

$c^{(i)}$:= index (from 1 to K) of cluster centroid closest to $x^{(i)}$

Move centroid

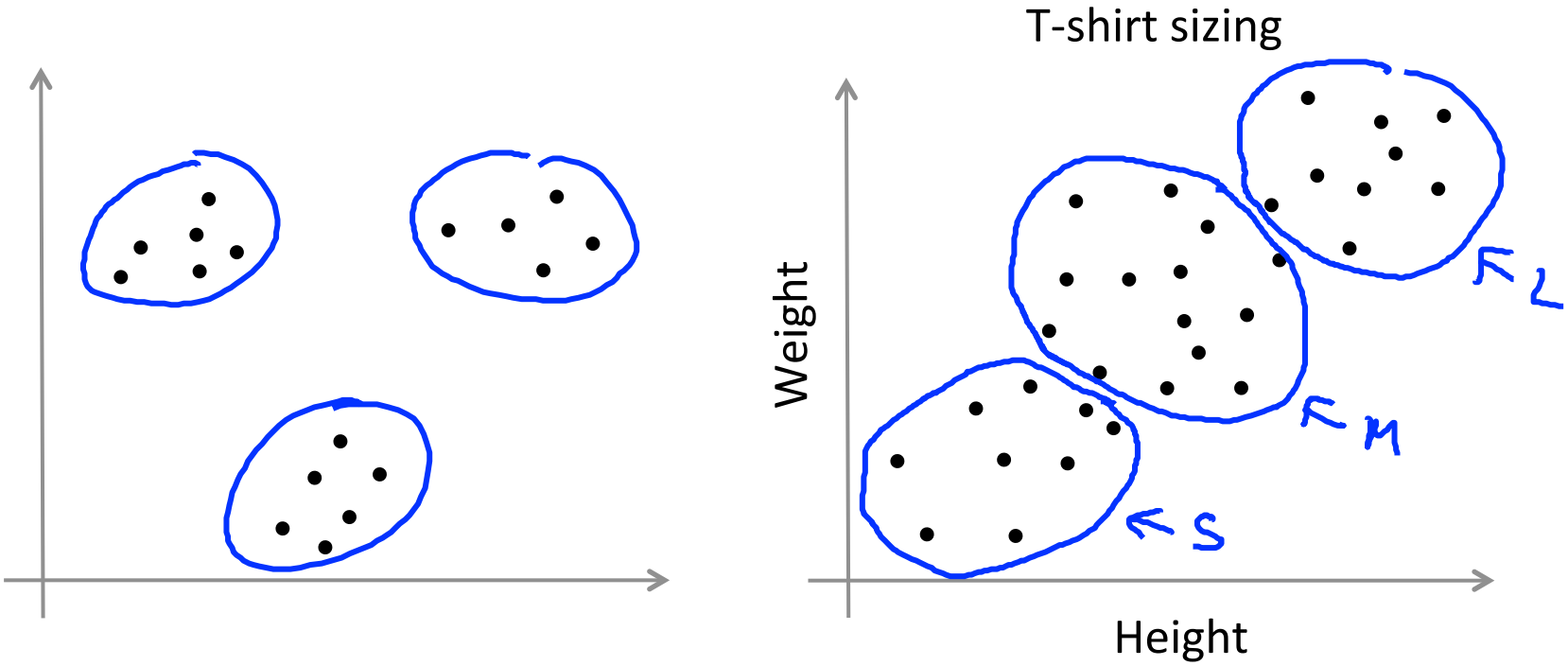
for k = 1 to K

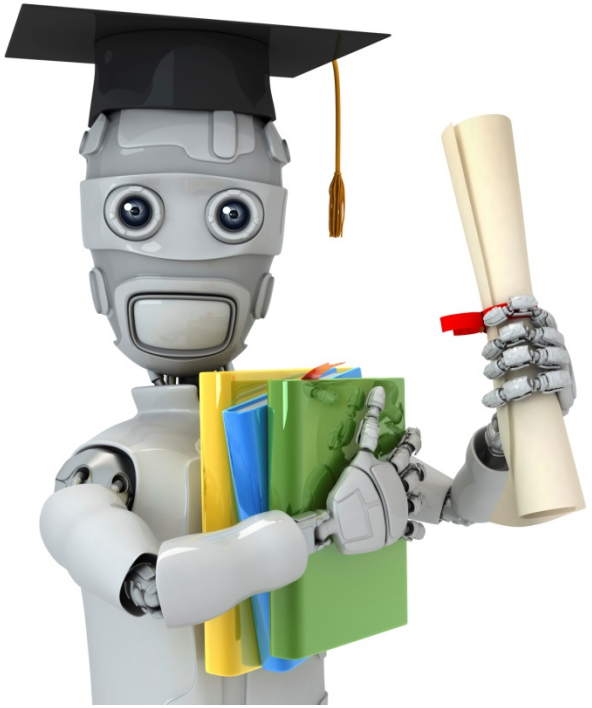
μ_k := average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k

}

K-means for non-separated clusters

S, M, L





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Clustering

Optimization objective

K-means optimization objective

$c^{(i)}$ = index of cluster (1,2,…,K) to which example $x^{(i)}$ is currently assigned

μ_k = cluster centroid k ($\mu_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$)

$\mu_{c^{(i)}}$ = cluster centroid of cluster to which example $x^{(i)}$ has been assigned

K $\quad k \in \{1, 2, \ldots, K\}$

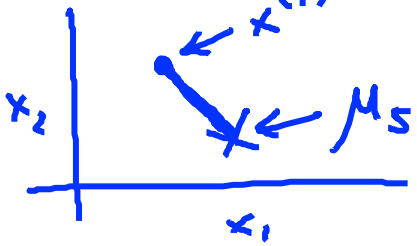
$x^{(i)} \rightarrow 5$ $\quad c^{(i)} = 5$ $\quad \mu_{c^{(i)}} = \mu_5$

Optimization objective:

$$J(c^{(1)}, \ldots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \ldots, \mu_K) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} ||x^{(i)} - \mu_{c^{(i)}}||^2$$

$$\min_{c^{(1)}, \ldots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \ldots, \mu_K} J(c^{(1)}, \ldots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \ldots, \mu_K)$$

Distortion



K-means algorithm

Randomly initialize K cluster centroids $\mu_1, \mu_2, \ldots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Repeat {

Cluster assignment step

Minimize $J(\ldots)$ wrt $c^{(1)}, c^{(2)}, \ldots, c^{(m)}$ (holding $\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_K$ fixed)

for i = 1 to m

$c^{(i)}$:= index (from 1 to K) of cluster centroid closest to $x^{(i)}$

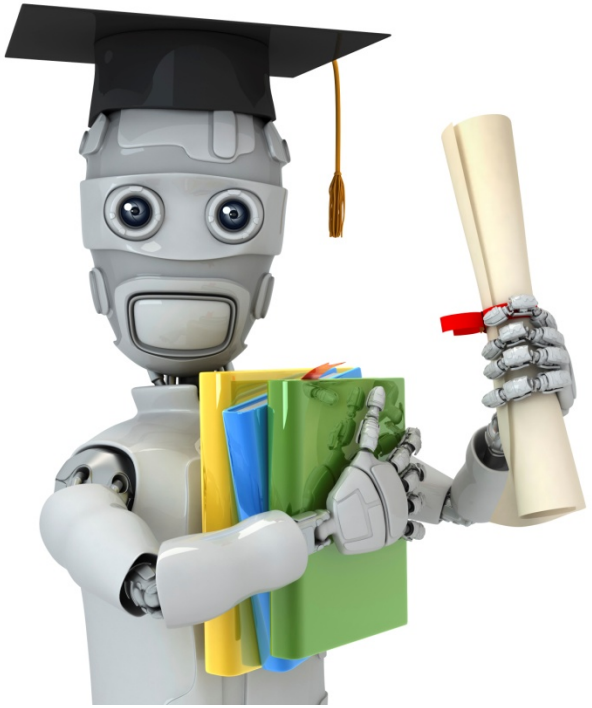
move centroid

for k = 1 to K

μ_k := average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k

}

minimize $J(\ldots)$ wrt $\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_K$



Machine Learning

Clustering

Random initialization

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Repeat {

for i = 1 to m

$c^{(i)}$:= index (from 1 to K) of cluster centroid closest to $x^{(i)}$

for k = 1 to K

μ_k := average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k

}

Random initialization

Should have $K < m$

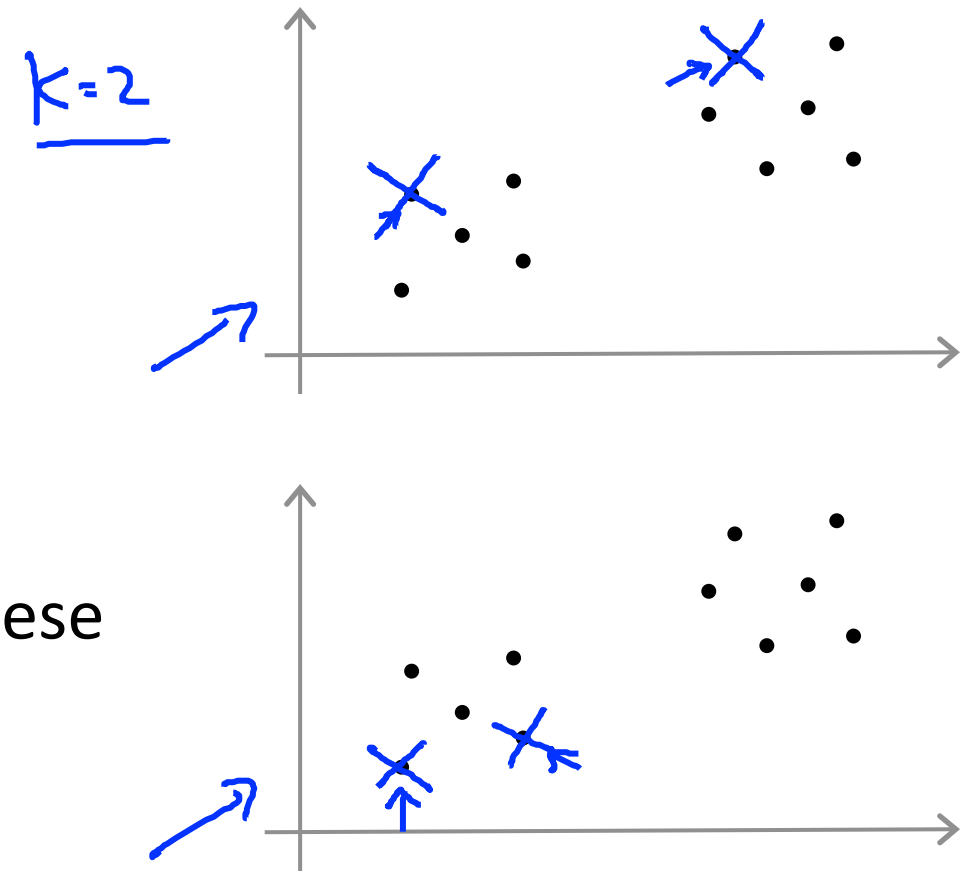
Randomly pick K training examples.

Set $\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_K$ equal to these K examples.

$\mu_1 = x^{(i)}$

$\mu_2 = x^{(j)}$

$\vdots$



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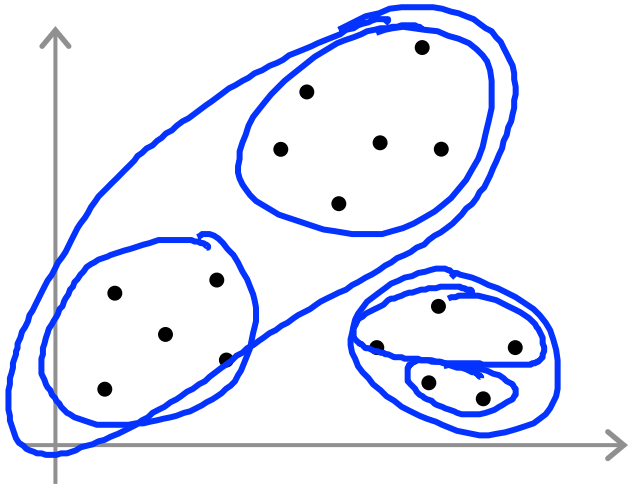
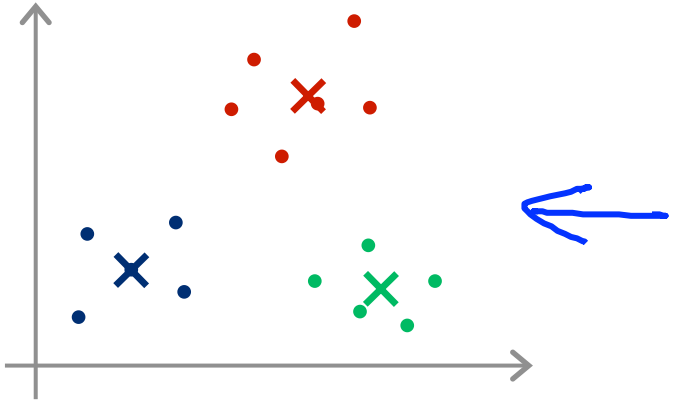
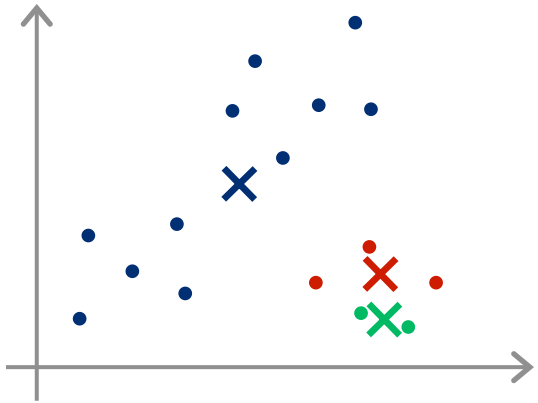
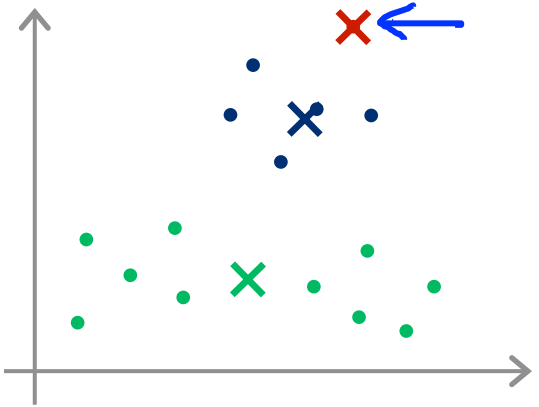


$J(c^{(1)}, \ldots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \ldots, \mu_K)$







Random initialization

For i = 1 to 100 {

Randomly initialize K-means.

Run K-means. Get $c^{(1)}, \ldots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \ldots, \mu_K$.

Compute cost function (distortion)

$J(c^{(1)}, \ldots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \ldots, \mu_K)$

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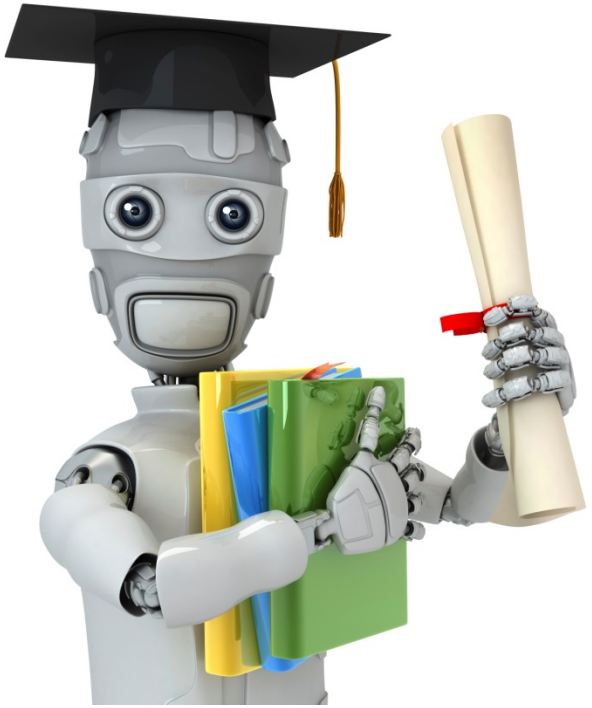
Pick clustering that gave lowest cost $J(c^{(1)}, \ldots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \ldots, \mu_K)$



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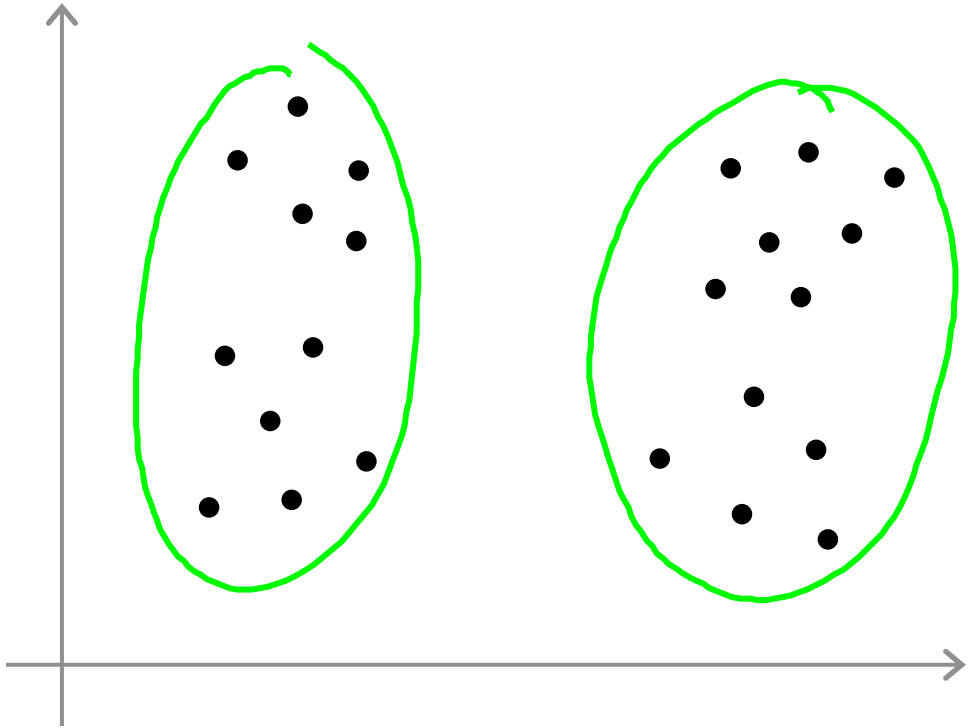
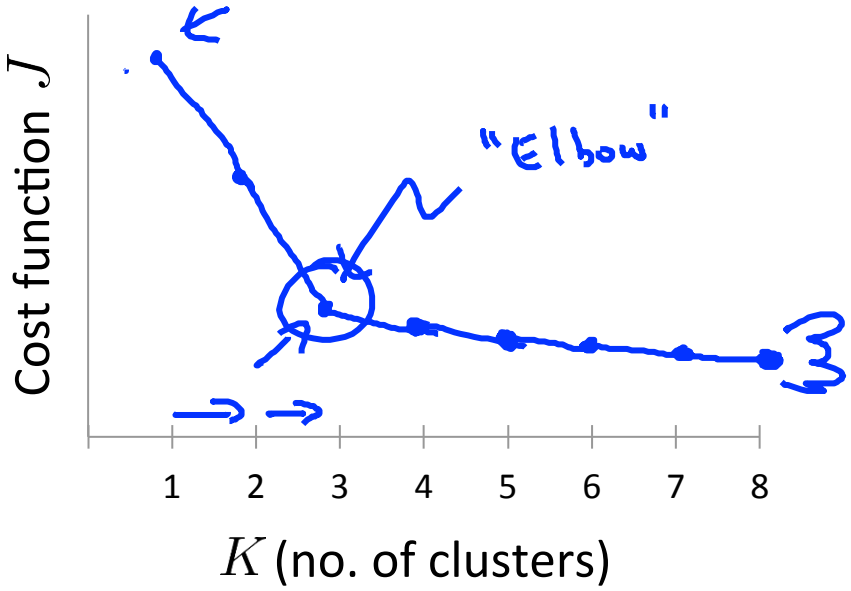
Choosing the number of clusters

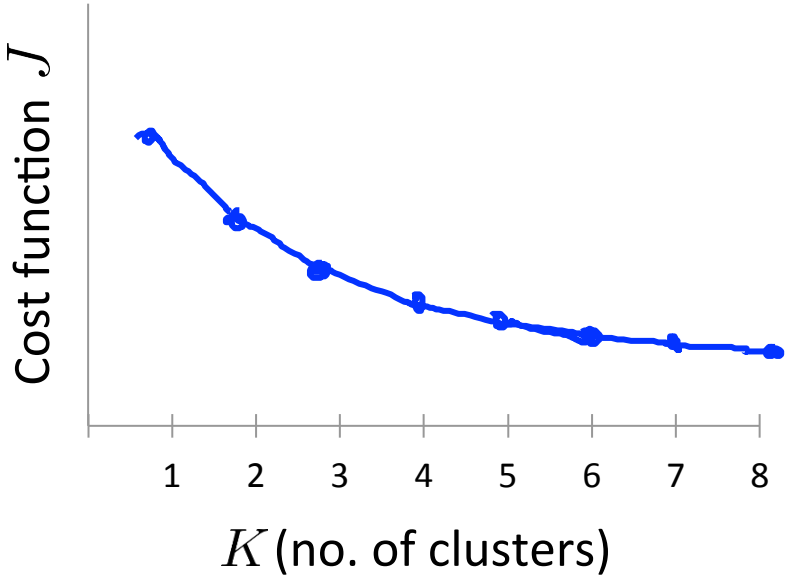
What is the right value of K?



Choosing the value of K

Elbow method:





Choosing the value of K

Sometimes, you're running K-means to get clusters to use for some later/downstream purpose. Evaluate K-means based on a metric for how well it performs for that later purpose.

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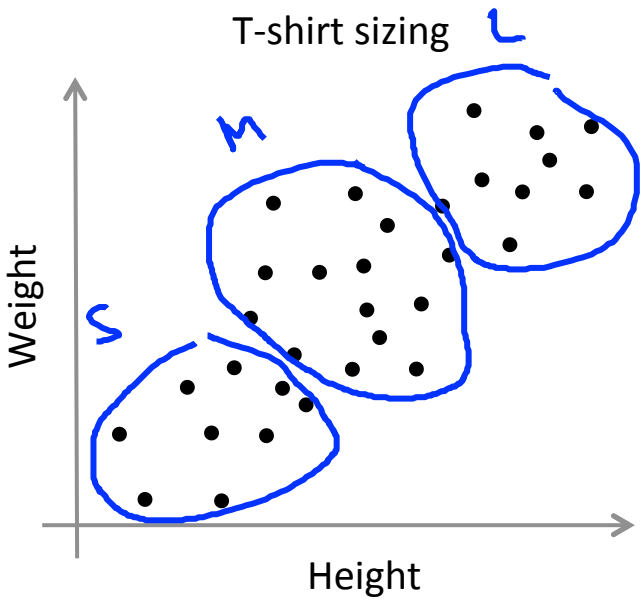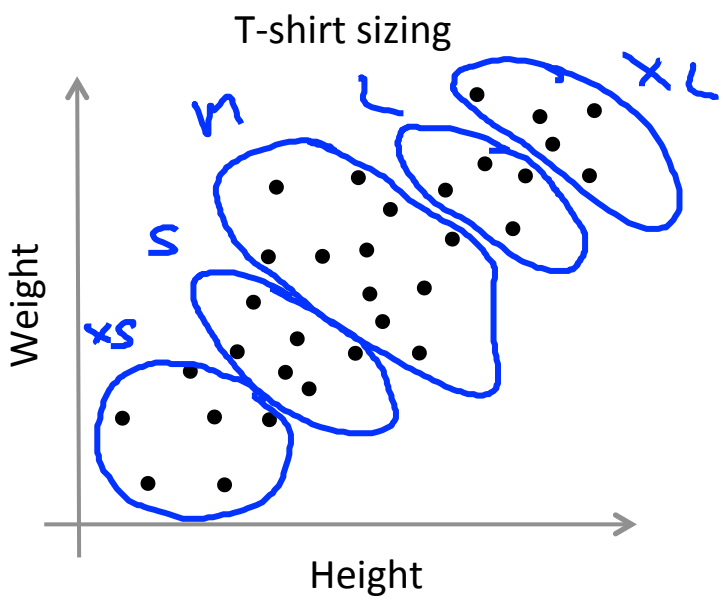
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