

# *K-means Clustering*

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# Problem Definition

## Input:

- $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  : A data set in d-dim. space
- $m$ : Number of clusters (we avoid using  $k$  here to avoid confusion with other summation indices...)

## Output:

- $m$  cluster centers:  $c_j, 1 \leq j \leq m$
- Assignment of each  $x_i$  to one of the  $m$  clusters:

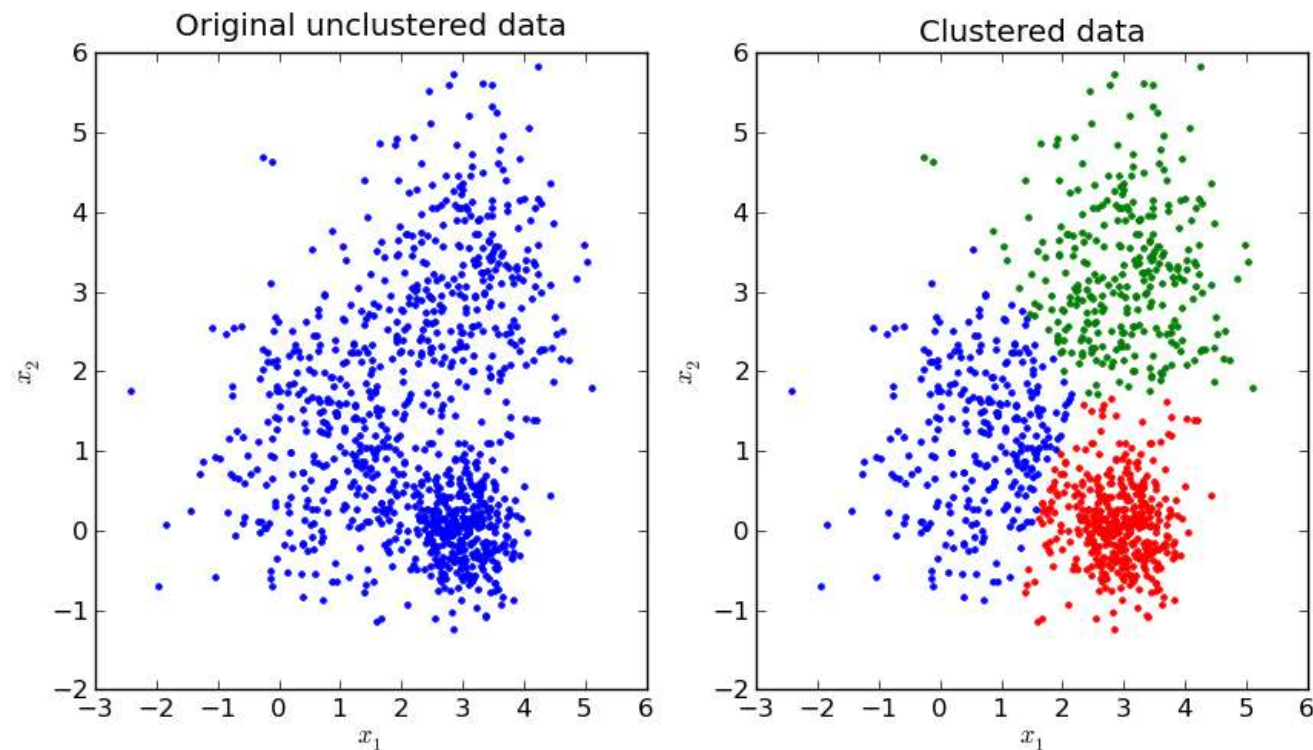
$$a_{ij} \in \{0,1\}, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} = 1, \forall i$$

## Requirement:

- The output should minimize the objective function...

# Goal of K-means Clustering



## Objective Function

Objective function (aka. distortion)

$$e_j = \sum_{x_i \in G_j} \|x_i - c_j\|^2$$

每个 group 和中心  
距离平方和

好微分

$$J(X; C, A) = \sum_{j=1}^m e_j = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{x_i \in G_j} \|x_i - c_j\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \|x_i - c_j\|^2, \text{ where}$$

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$$

$$a_{ij} = 1 \text{ iff } x_i \in G_j, \text{ with } \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} = 1, \forall i$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_{100} \end{bmatrix}^T, C = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

2x3

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

100x3

共306  
参数

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目标函数

只有  $x_i \in G_j$   
 $a_{ij} = 1$   
 $\therefore$  还是属于在  $G_j$  内的  $x$   
其它是 0

- $d \cdot m$  (for matrix C) plus  $n \cdot m$  (for matrix A) tunable parameters with certain constraints on matrix A
- Np-hard problem if exact solution is required

# Strategy for Minimization

## Observation

- $J(X; C, A)$  is parameterized by  $C$  and  $A$
- Joint optimization is hard, but separate optimization with respect to  $C$  and  $A$  is easy

## Strategy

先定C優化A. 再定A優化C → iteratively

- Fix  $C$  and find the best  $A$  to minimize  $J(X; C, A)$
- Fix  $A$  and find the best  $C$  to minimize  $J(X; C, A)$
- Iterate the above two steps until convergence

## Properties

- The approach is also known as “coordinate optimization”

# Task 1: How to Find Assignment A?

## Goal

- Find **A** to minimize  $J(X; C, A)$  with fixed **C**

## Facts

- Analytic (close-form) solution exists:**

$$\hat{a}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = \arg \min_q \|x_i - c_q\|^2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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- $\hat{A} = \arg \min_A J(X; C, A) \Leftrightarrow J(X; C, A) \geq J(X; C, \hat{A}), \forall C$

argument → 取 q. 不是取 min

$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y - x_i|$ , 绝对值  
 $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6$   
 $x_1, x_2$  的 min  
 $x_3, x_4$  在 ② 附近  
 $x_5, x_6$  在 ③ 附近

## Task 2: How to Find Centers in C?

### Goal

- Find  $C$  to minimize  $J(X; C, A)$  with fixed  $A$

### Facts

- Analytic (close-form) solution exists:

$$\hat{c}_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}}$$

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$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$  直行  $\Sigma$   
 = group 了数

- $\hat{C} = \arg \min_C J(X; C, A) \Leftrightarrow J(X; C, A) \geq J(X; \hat{C}, A), \forall A$

# Algorithm

## 1. Initialize

- Select initial  $m$  cluster centers

## 2. Find clusters

- For each  $x_i$ , assign the cluster with nearest center
- → Find  $A$  to minimize  $J(X; C, A)$  with fixed  $C$

## 3. Find centers

- Recompute each cluster center as the mean of data in the cluster
- → Find  $C$  to minimize  $J(X; C, A)$  with fixed  $A$

## 4. Stopping criterion

- Stop if clusters stay the same. Otherwise go to step 2.

2.3 对第 2 步  
↓ 要先切区域

given

given



# Stopping Criteria

## Two stopping criteria

- Repeating until no more change in cluster assignment
- Repeat until distortion improvement is less than a threshold

objective  
function

## Facts

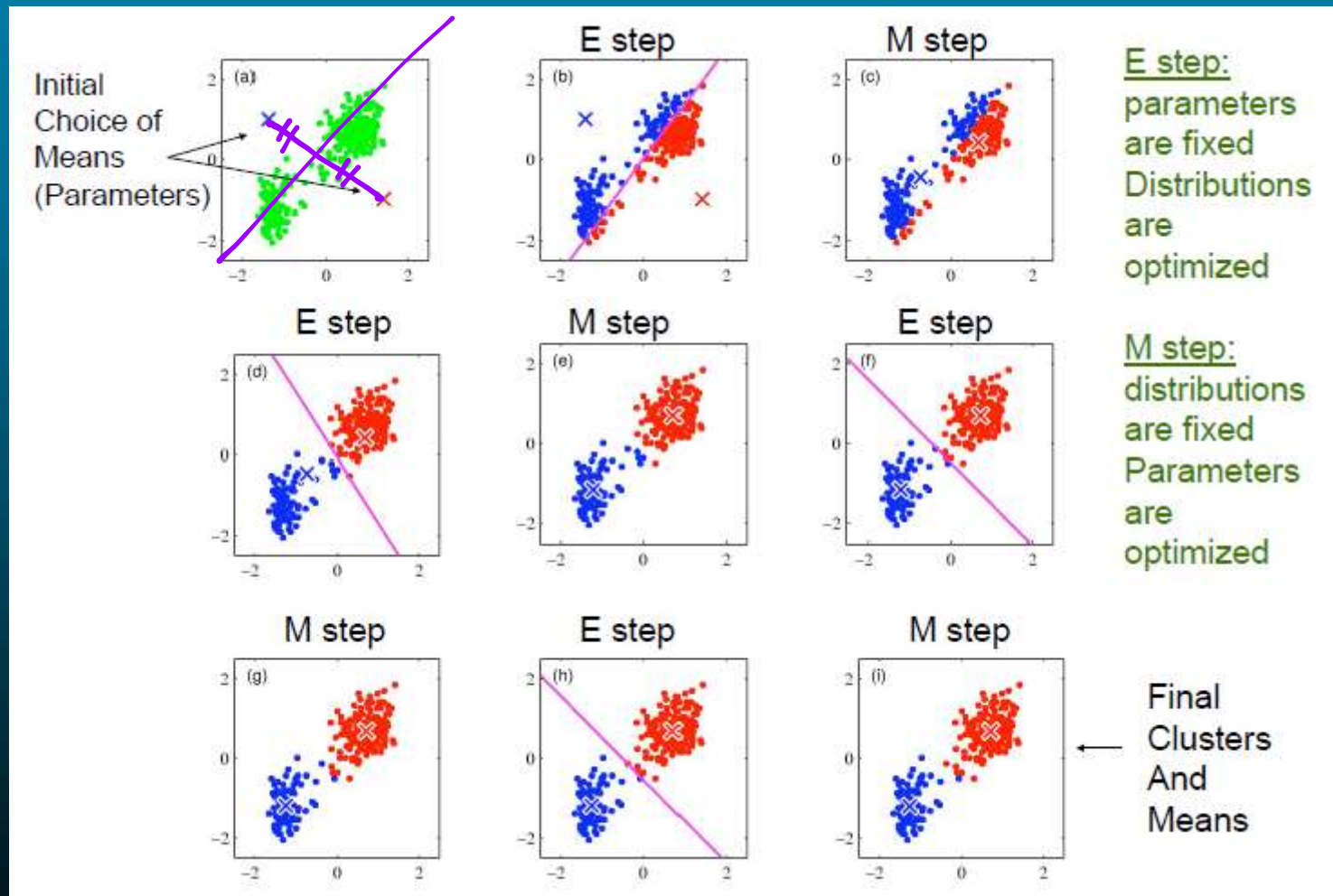
- Convergence is assured since J is reduced repeatedly.

$$J(X; C_1, \_) \geq J(X; C_1, A_1) \geq J(X; C_2, A_1) \geq J(X; C_2, A_2) \geq J(X; C_3, A_2) \geq J(X; C_3, A_3) \geq \dots$$

# Properties of K-means Clustering

- K-means can find the approximate solution efficiently.
- The distortion (squared error) is a monotonically non-increasing function of iterations.
- The goal is to minimize the square error, but it could end up in a local minimum.
- To increase the probability of finding the global minimum, try to start k-means with different initial conditions.
- “Cluster validation” refers to a set of methods which try to determine the best value of  $k$ .
- Other distance measures can be used in place of the Euclidean distance, with corresponding change in center identification.

# K-means Snapshots

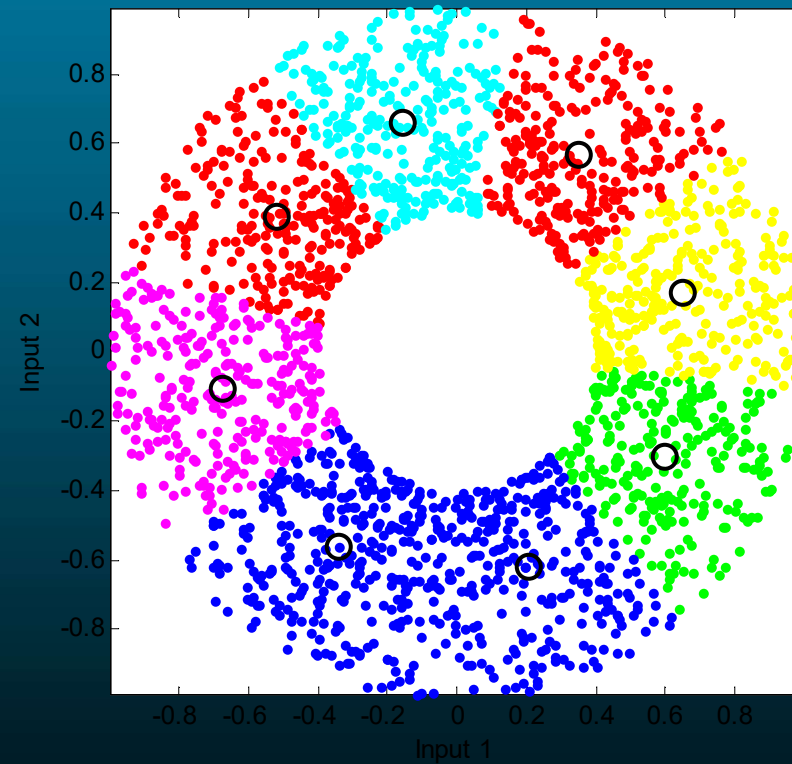
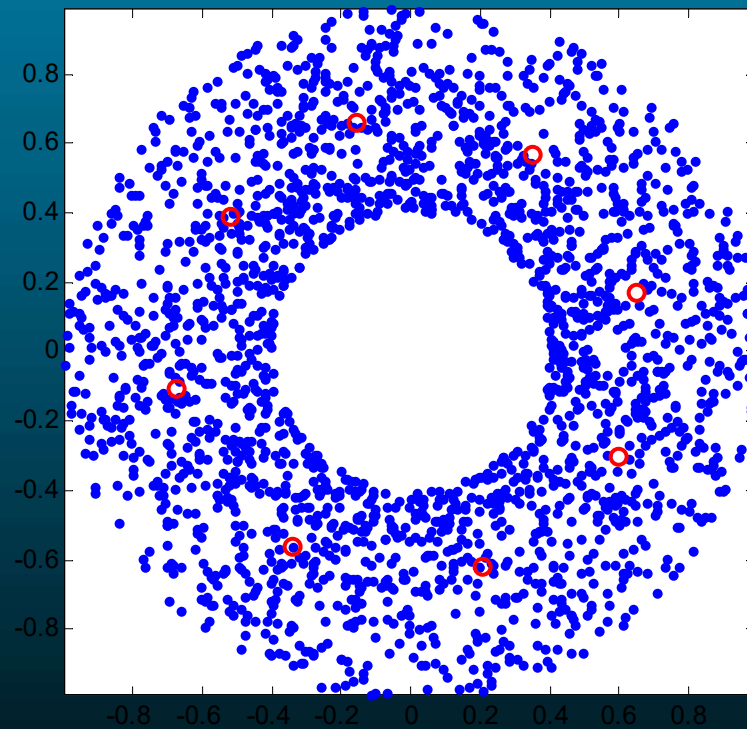


# Demo of K-means Clustering

- **Toolbox download**
  - Utility Toolbox
  - Machine Learning Toolbox
- **Demos**
  - kMeansClustering.m
  - vecQuantize.m

# Demos of K-means Clustering

**kMeansClustering.m**



# Application: Image Compression

## Goal

- Convert a image from true colors to indexed colors with minimum distortion.

## Steps

- Collect data from a true-color image
- Perform k-means clustering to obtain cluster centers as the indexed colors
- Compute the compression rate

$before = m * n * 3 * 8 \text{ bits}$   *$c \sim 255 \rightarrow \lg c \uparrow \text{bit 数}$*

$after = m * n * \log_2(c) + c * 3 * 8 \text{ bits}$   *$\text{map size}$*

$$\rho = \frac{before}{after} = \frac{m * n * 3 * 8}{m * n * \log_2(c) + c * 3 * 8} = \frac{24}{\log_2(c) + \frac{24c}{m * n}} \approx \frac{24}{\log_2(c)}$$

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# True-color vs. Index-color Images

## True-color image

- Each pixel is represented by a vector of 3 components [R, G, B]

## Index-color image

- Each pixel is represented by an index into a color map

## Example: Image Compression



**Date: 1998/04/05**

**Dimension: 480x640**

**Raw data size:  
 $480 \times 640 \times 3$  bytes =  
900KB**

**File size: 49.1KB**

**Compression ratio =  
 $900/49.1 = 18.33$**



## Example: Image Compression



**Date: 2015/11/01**

**Dimension: 3648x5472**

**Raw data size:  
 $3648 \times 5472 \times 3$  bytes =  
57.1MB**

**File size: 3.1MB**

**Compression ratio =  
 $57.1/3.1 = 18.42$**

## Example: Image Compression

Some quantities of the k-means clustering

$n = 480 \times 640 = 307200$  (no of vectors to be clustered)

$d = 3$  (R, G, B)

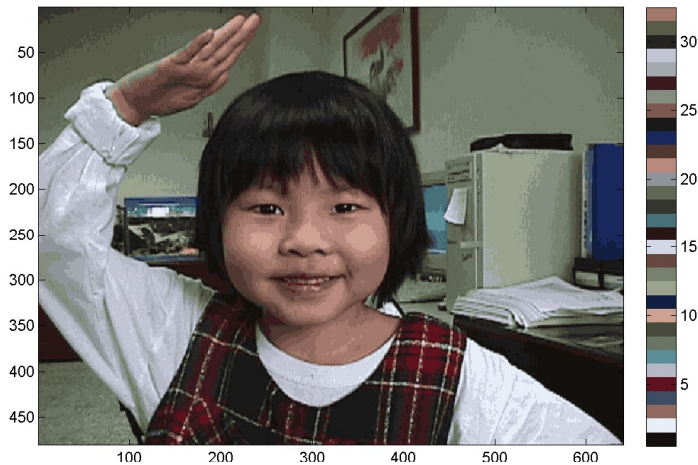
$m = 256$  (no. of clusters)

# Example: Image Compression

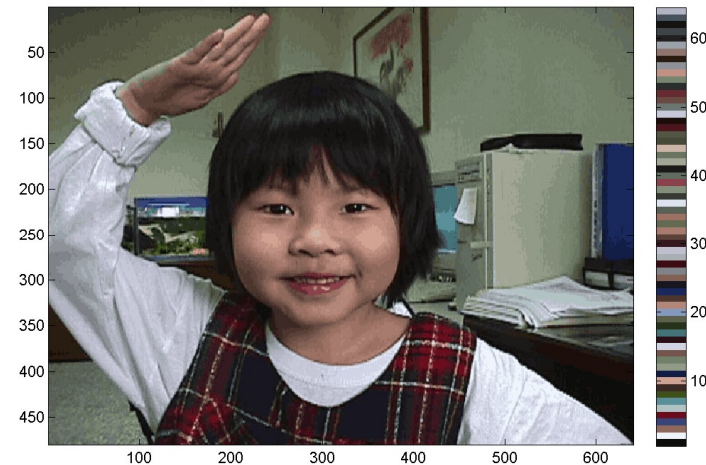


# Example: Image Compression

Code book size=32, compression ratio=4.797601 (Created at 20111108.125401)



Code book size=64, compression ratio=3.996669 (Created at 20111108.125537)

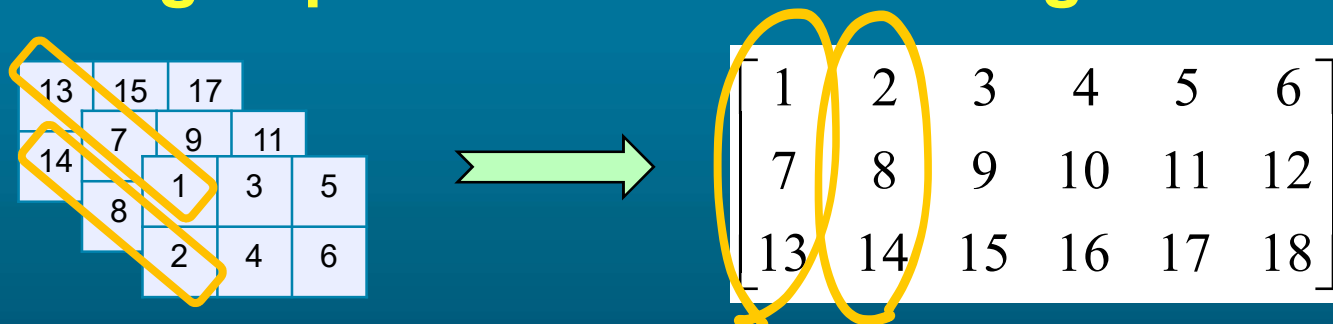


Code book size=128, compression ratio=3.423680 (Created at 20111108.141727)



# Indexing Techniques

## Indexing of pixels for an 2\*3\*3 image



## Related command: reshape

```
X = imread('annie19980405.jpg');  
image(X);  
[m, n, p]=size(X);  
index=reshape(1:m*n*p, m*n, 3)';  
data=double(X(index));
```

# Code

```
X = imread('annie19980405.jpg');
image(X)
[m, n, p]=size(X);
index=reshape(1:m*n*p, m*n, 3)';
data=double(X(index));
maxl=6;
for i=1:maxl
    centerNum=2^i;
    fprintf('i=%d/%d: no. of centers=%d\n', i, maxl, centerNum);
    center=kMeansClustering(data, centerNum);
    distMat=distPairwise(center, data);
    [minValue, minIndex]=min(distMat);
    X2=reshape(minIndex, m, n);
    map=center'/255;
    figure; image(X2); colormap(map); colorbar; axis image;
end
```



# Extensions to Image Compression

## Extensions to image data compression via clustering

1. **Use blocks as the unit for VQ (see exercise)**
  - Smart indexing by creating the indices of the blocks of page 1 first.
  - True-color image display (No way to display the compressed image as an index-color image)
2. **Use separate code books for RGB**

What are the corresponding compression ratios?

## Extension: K-medians Clustering

### Difference from k-means clustering

Use L1 norm instead of L2 in the objective function

### Optimization strategy

Same as k-means clustering, except that the centers are found by the median operator

### Advantage

Less susceptible to outliers

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# Quiz



## Extension to Circle Finding

How to find circles via a k-means like algorithm?

