Introduction to Machine Learning

Hierarchical Clustering and Large Data Set Clustering

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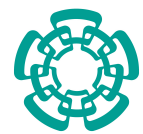

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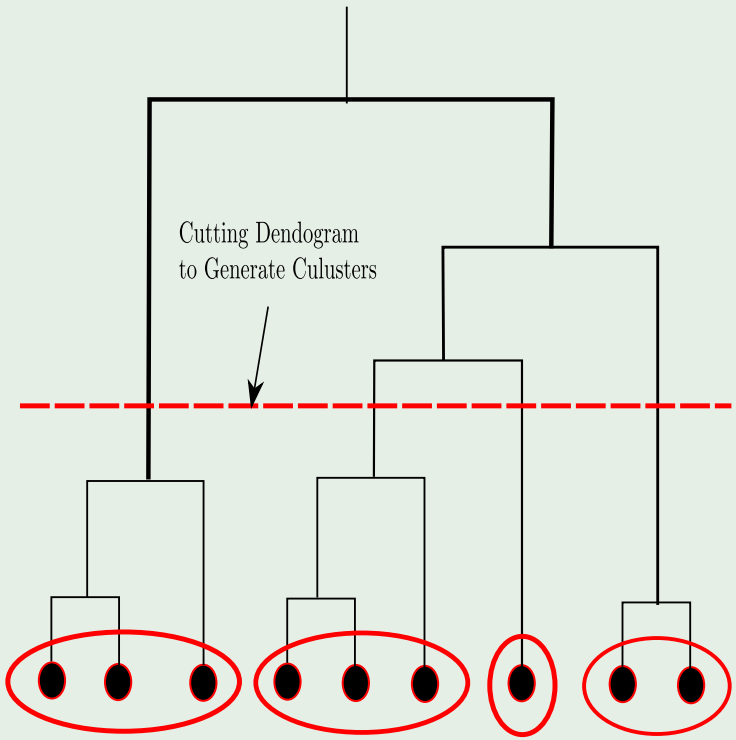

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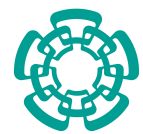
As Kaufman and Rousseeuw (1990) colourfully comment (Similar to Forward Feature Selection)

- "A hierarchical method suffers from the defect that it can never repair what was done in previous steps."



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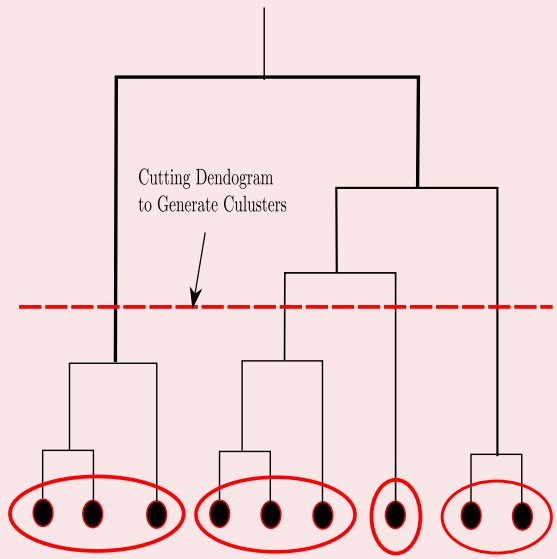

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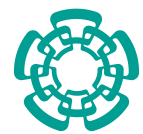

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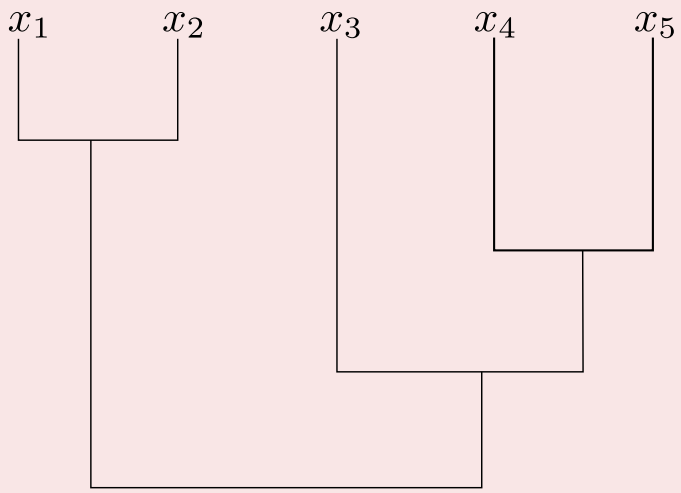

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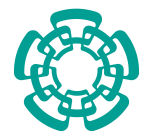

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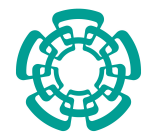

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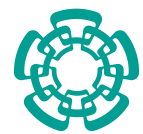

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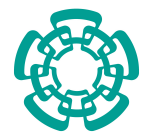

What clusters are produced?

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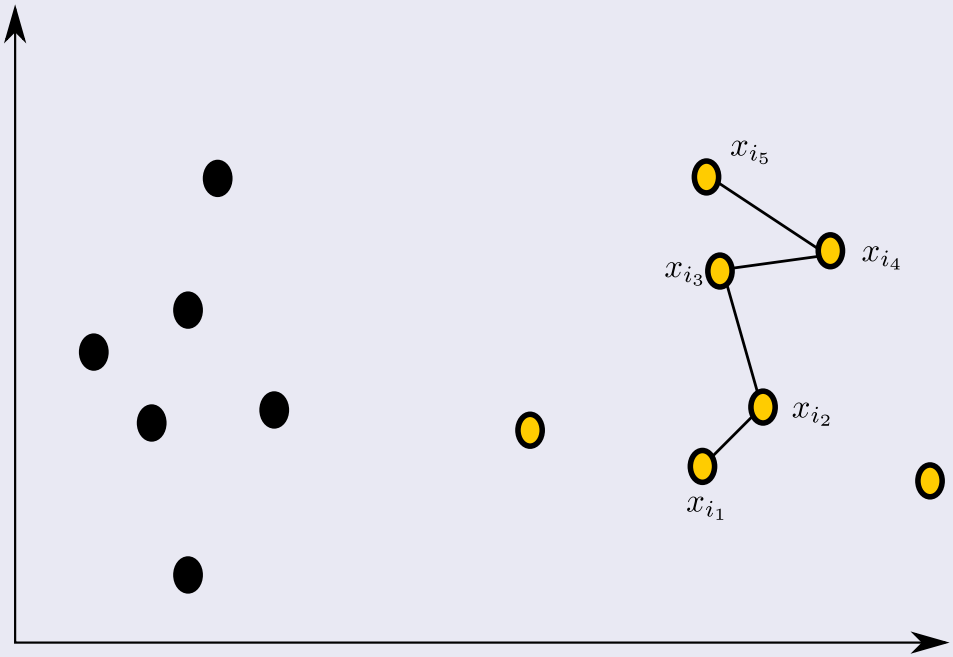

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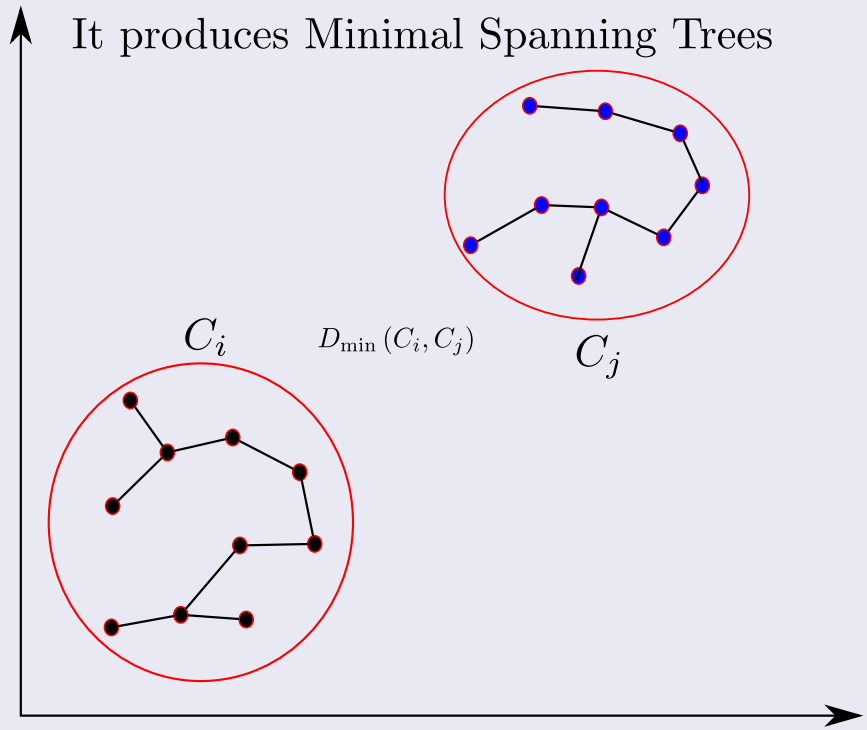

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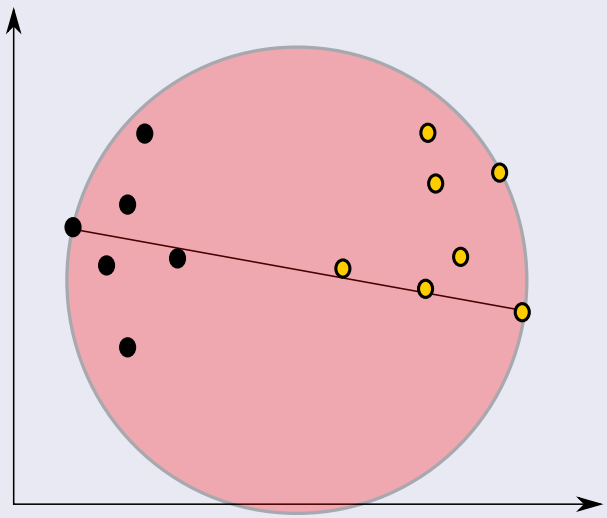

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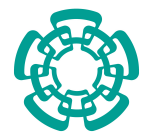

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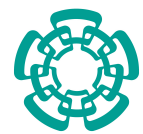

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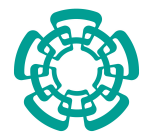

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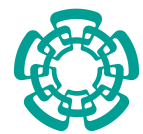

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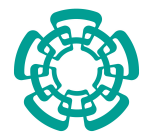

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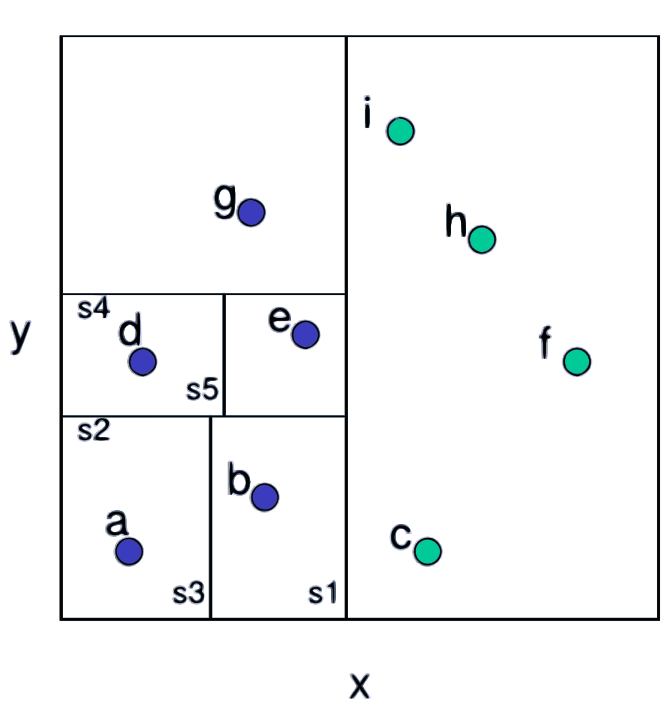

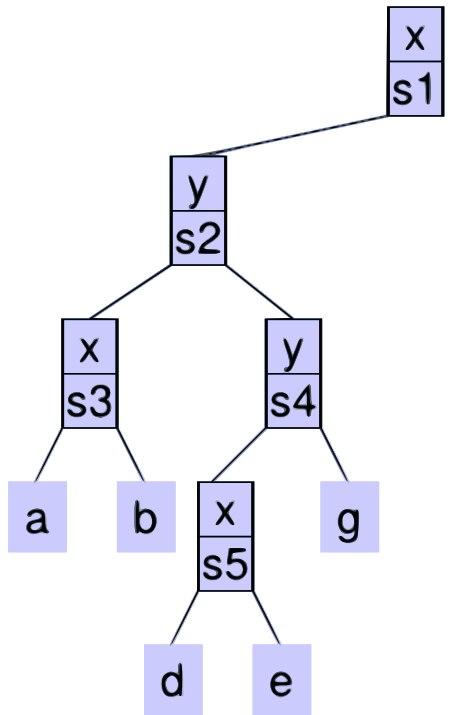

In order to keep performance, Logarithmic Rebuilding

We maintain at most $h = O(\log N)$ Kd-trees

- $T_0, T_1, ..., T_{h-1}$ such that the i^{th} $(i \in [1, h])$ tree stores precisely 2^i points.
- **Each point is stored in only one Kd-tree.**

Procedure

We have the following procedure

- To insert a new point $\boldsymbol{p}$, we
  1. Identify the smallest $i \geq 0$ such that T_i is empty
  2. Destroy all of $T_0, T_1, ..., T_{i-1}$. Collect all the points there into a set S.
  3. Construct T_i in $S \cup \{p\}$
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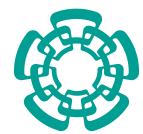

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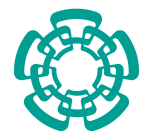

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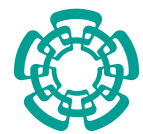

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- Similar to the search on the original Kd-tree.

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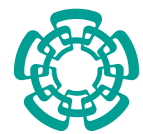

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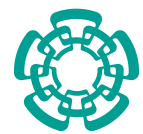

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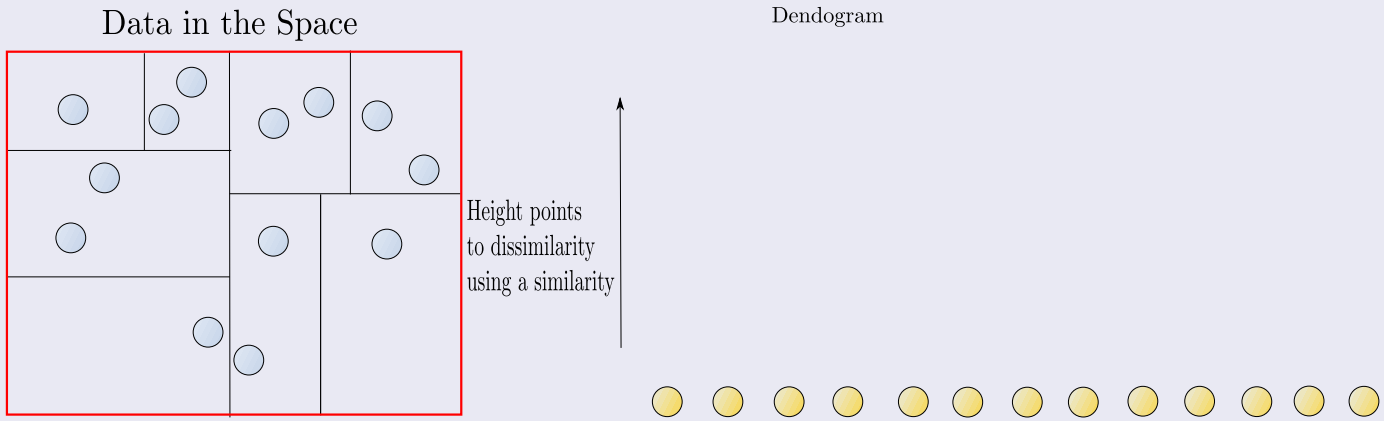

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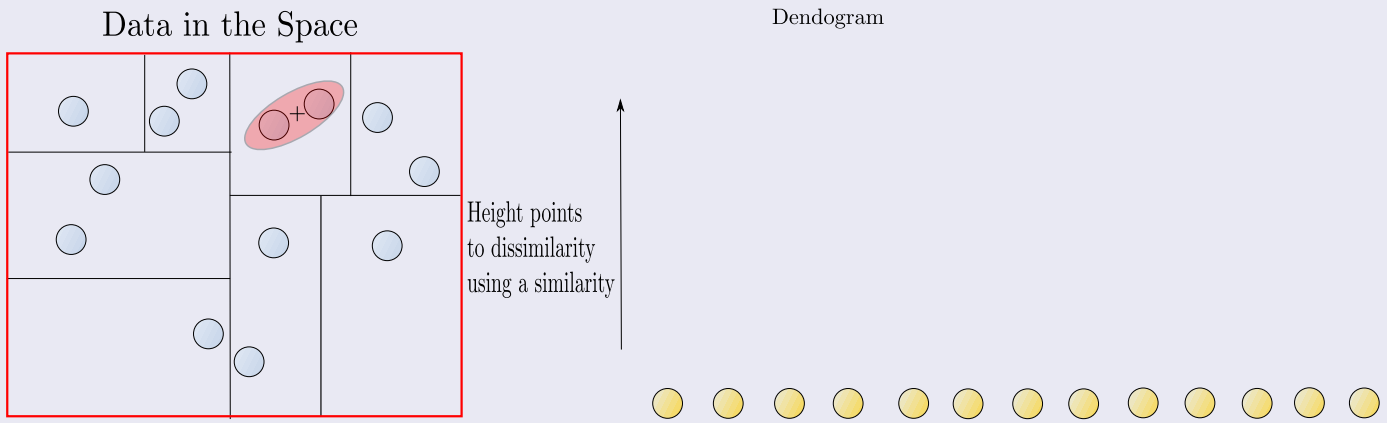

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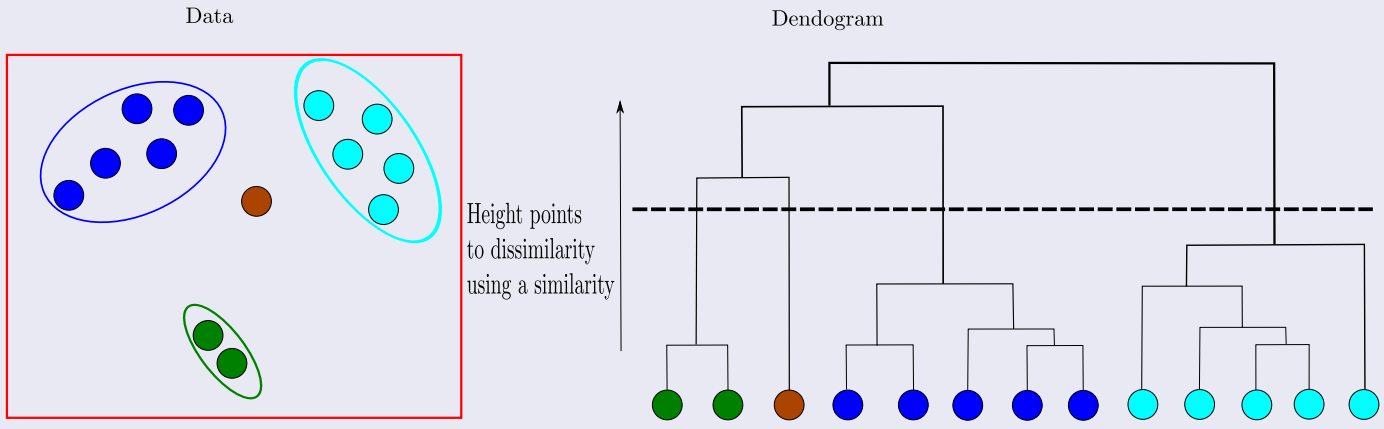

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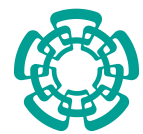

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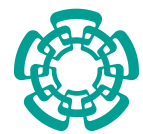

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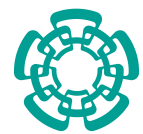

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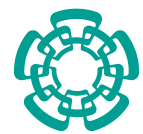

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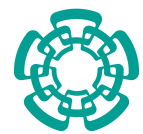

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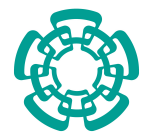

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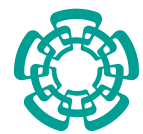

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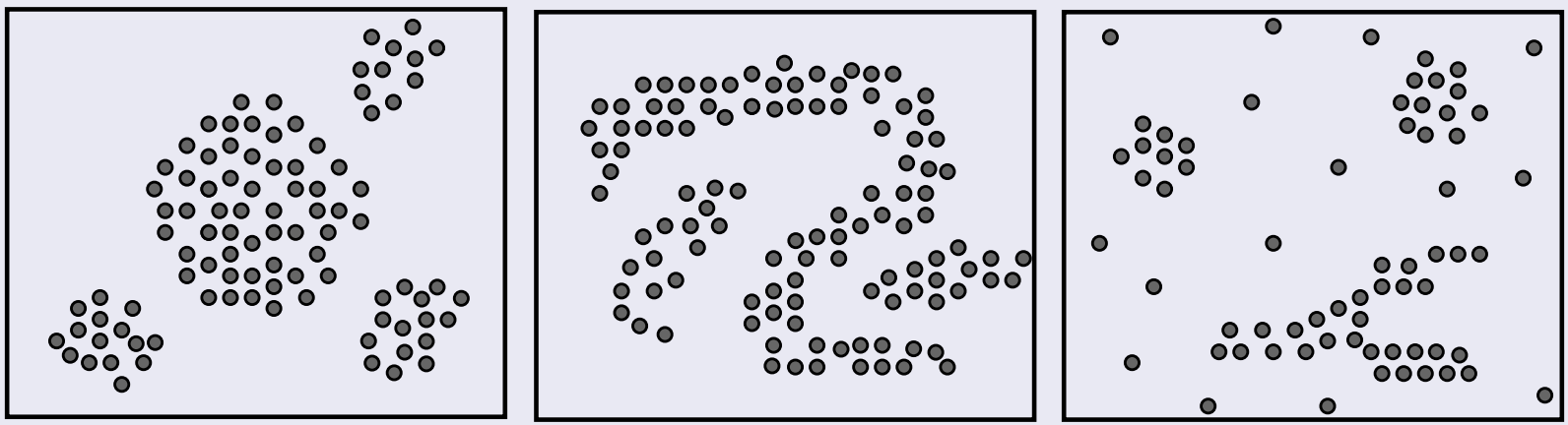

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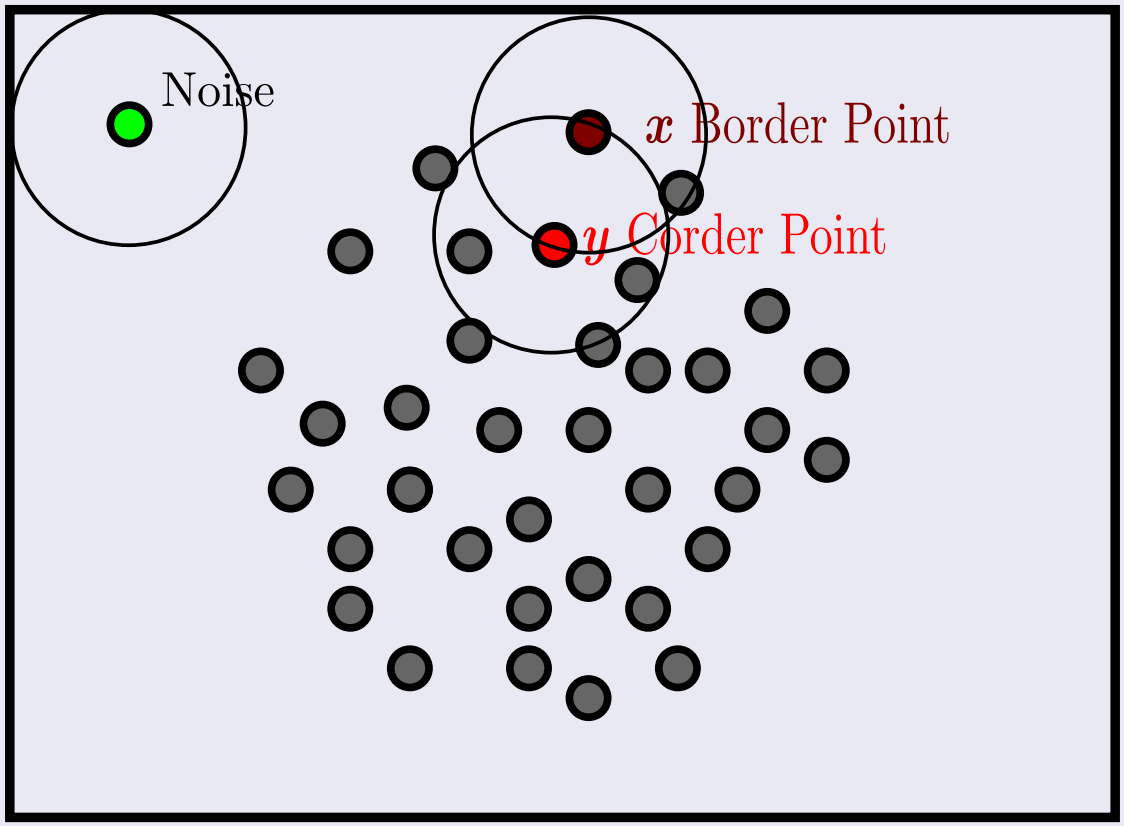

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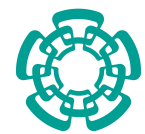

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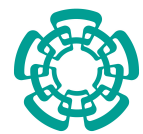

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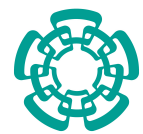

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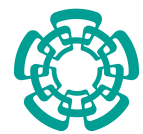

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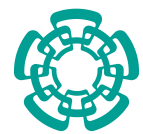

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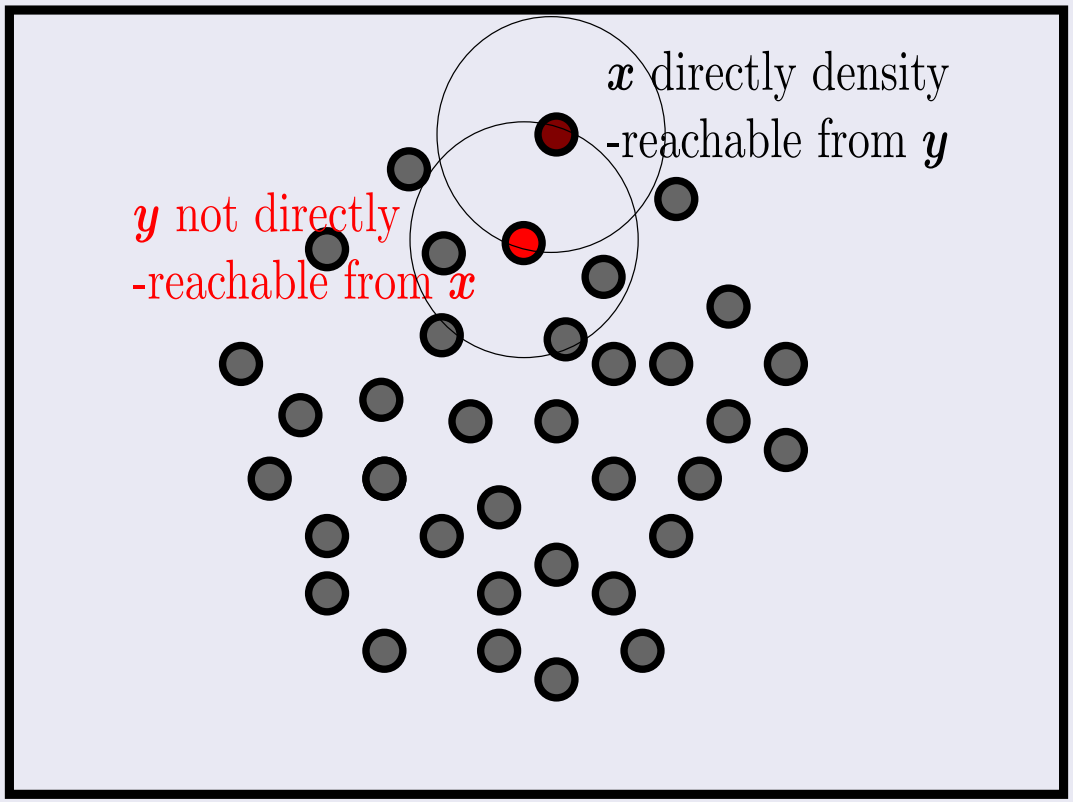

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such that $\boldsymbol{p}_{i+1}$ is directly density-reachable from $\boldsymbol{p}_i$.

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Density-Reachability is a canonical extension of **Direct Density-Reachability**

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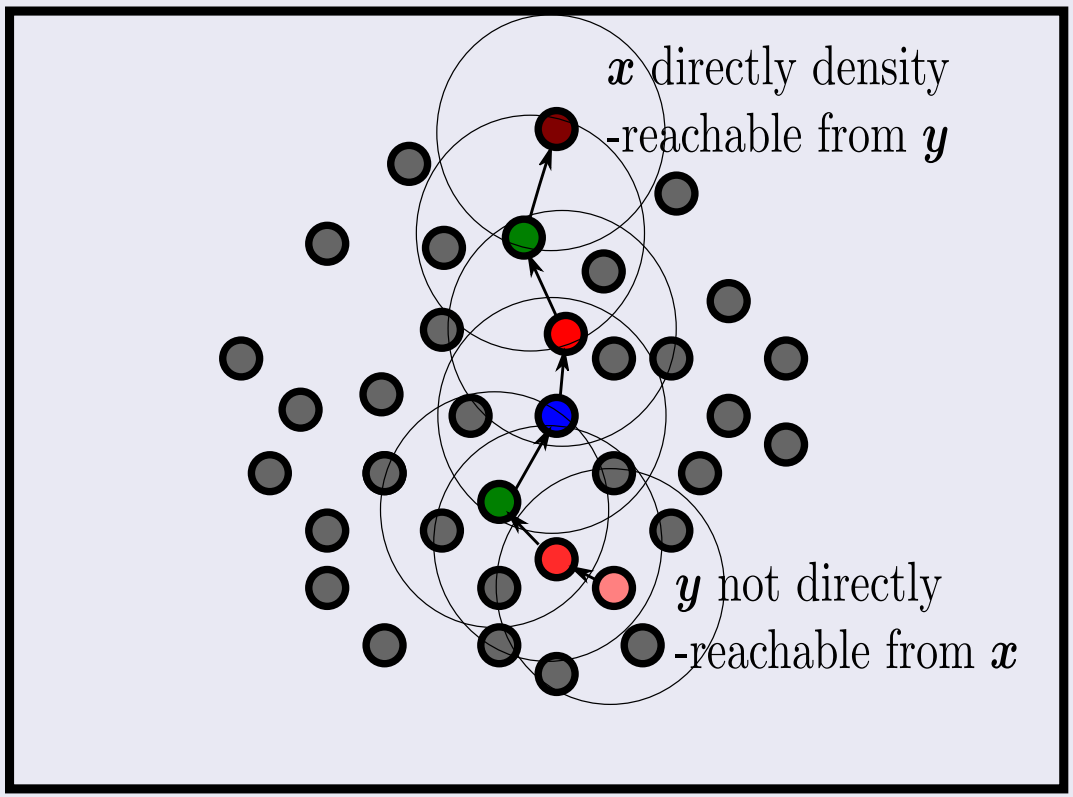

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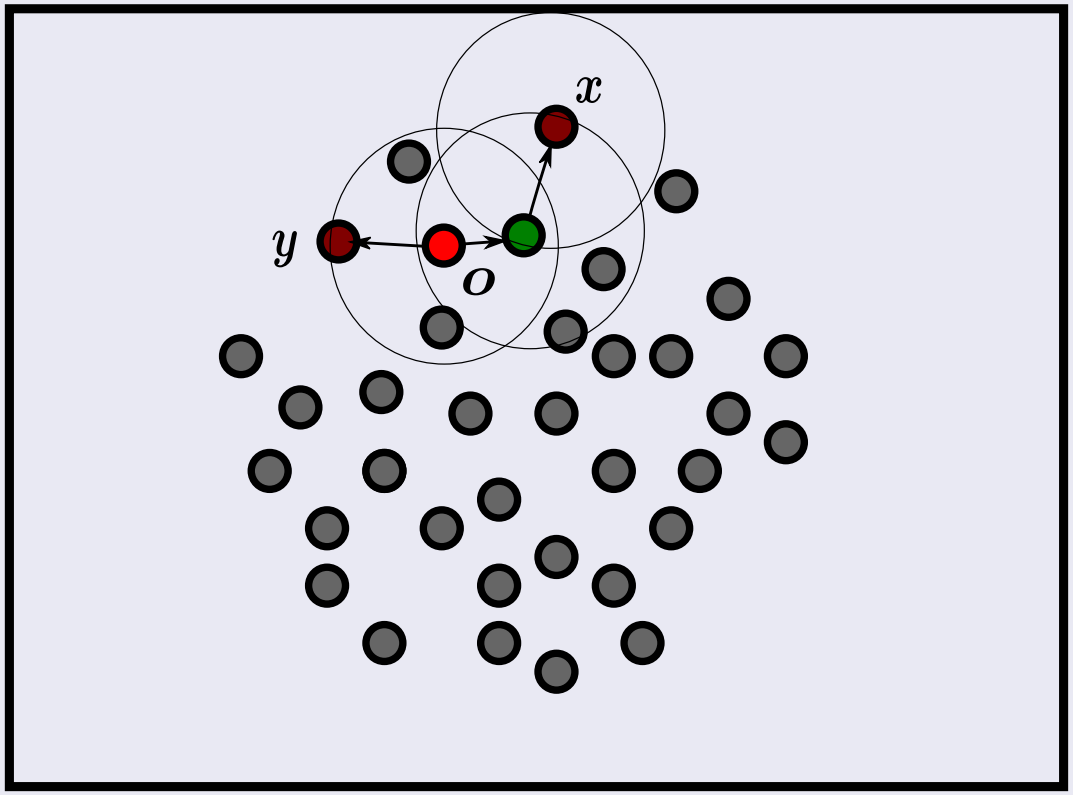

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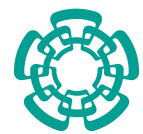

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- Let $C_1, ..., C_k$ be the clusters in $\mathbb{R}^d$ w.r.t. parameters ϵ_i and $MinPts_i$, $i = 1, ..., k$.
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Supporting the idea of cluster

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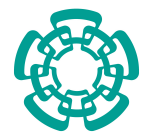

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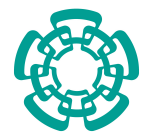

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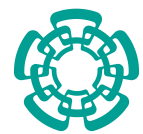

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The average Complexity of DBSCAN

- $O(dn \log n)$ to build the structure for query using a heapsort or mergesort
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Example of 4-dist

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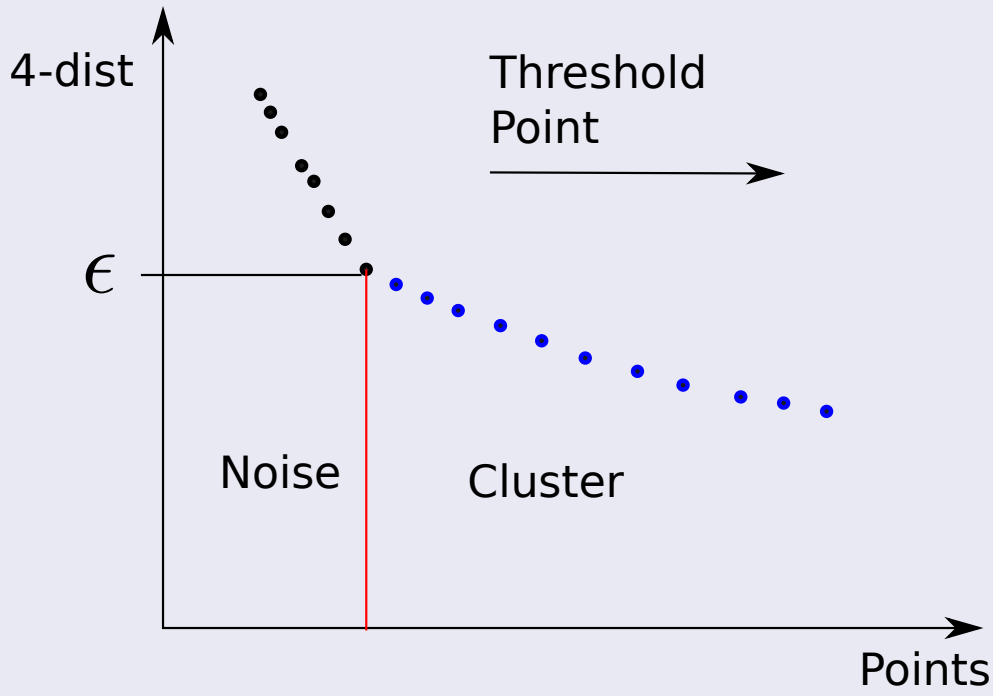

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- Spectral Clustering - Using the Graph Structure
- Dirichlet Processes - Based in the Generation of a Distribution
- etc