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Quiz 8

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Problem 1

1/1 point (graded)

Clustering refers to which of the following?

- ☒ Grouping similar data points together
- ☐ Assigning data points to some mean value
- ☐ Excluding outliers from the data set
- ☐ Finding commonalities between groups of data points



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Problem 2

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When does the k -means algorithm terminate?

- ☐ After n iterations, where n is defined by the user
- ☐ After the average distance from each point to its mean is minimized
- ☒ After no additional updates are made in grouping data points
- ☐ After each point has been assigned to a mean value



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Problem 3

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What does the value k represent in the k -means algorithm?

- ☐ The number of iterations that the algorithm will run
- ☒ The number of clusters we want our solution to have
- ☐ The number of data points that will be clustered
- ☐ The number of data points that can be assigned to each cluster



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Problem 4

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Suppose we use clustering to come up with a representation for images. If there are k clusters, each image is represented by first extracting a large collection of image patches from it, and then using these to map the image to a k -dimensional vector. What is the i 'th coordinate of this vector?

- ☐ The number of image patches that were associated with the i 'th cluster
- ☒ The fraction of image patches that were associated with the i 'th cluster
- ☐ The i 'th coordinate of the i 'th cluster center
- ☐ A cumulative sum, over all k -means iterations, of the number of image patches associated with the i 'th cluster



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Problem 5

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True or false: in the streaming model of computation, the dataset used for clustering is required to be small enough to fit in main memory.

- ☐ True
- ☒ False



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Problem 6

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The EM algorithm stands for expectation maximization algorithm and it will find what kind of solution?

- ☒ Local maximum
- ☐ Global maximum



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Problem 7

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Which of the following values are updated with each iteration of the EM algorithm?

- ☐ number of clusters k

☐ number of clusters, κ

☒ cluster mixing weights, i.e. π_j

☒ cluster means, i.e. μ_j

☒ cluster covariance matrices, i.e. Σ_j



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Problem 8

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True or false: Using the single linkage algorithm, the tree is built in a top down manner by first grouping all of the data points together, then dividing the data points into two or more clusters, and then further subdividing those clusters.

☐ True

☒ False



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Problem 9

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How does the complete linkage algorithm differ from the single linkage algorithm?

☐ Complete linkage algorithm can only group up to two clusters together while single linkage algorithm can group multiple clusters

☐ Complete linkage generates fewer clusters than single linkage

☒ Complete linkage merges clusters based on maximum distance (between those clusters) while single linkage merges clusters based on minimum distance

☐ Complete linkage builds the tree in a bottom up manner, while single linkage builds the tree in a top down manner



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