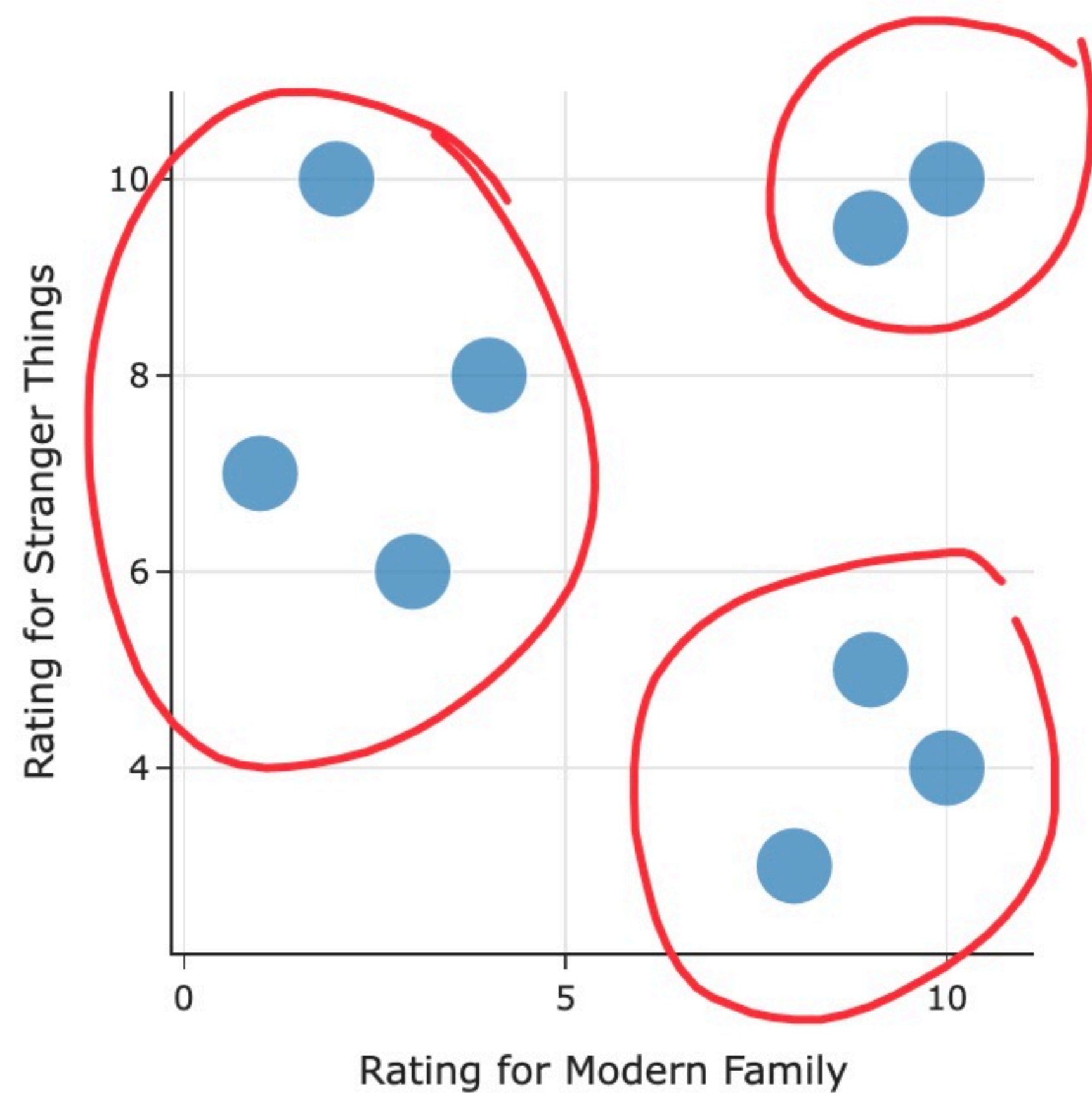


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3 natural groups?

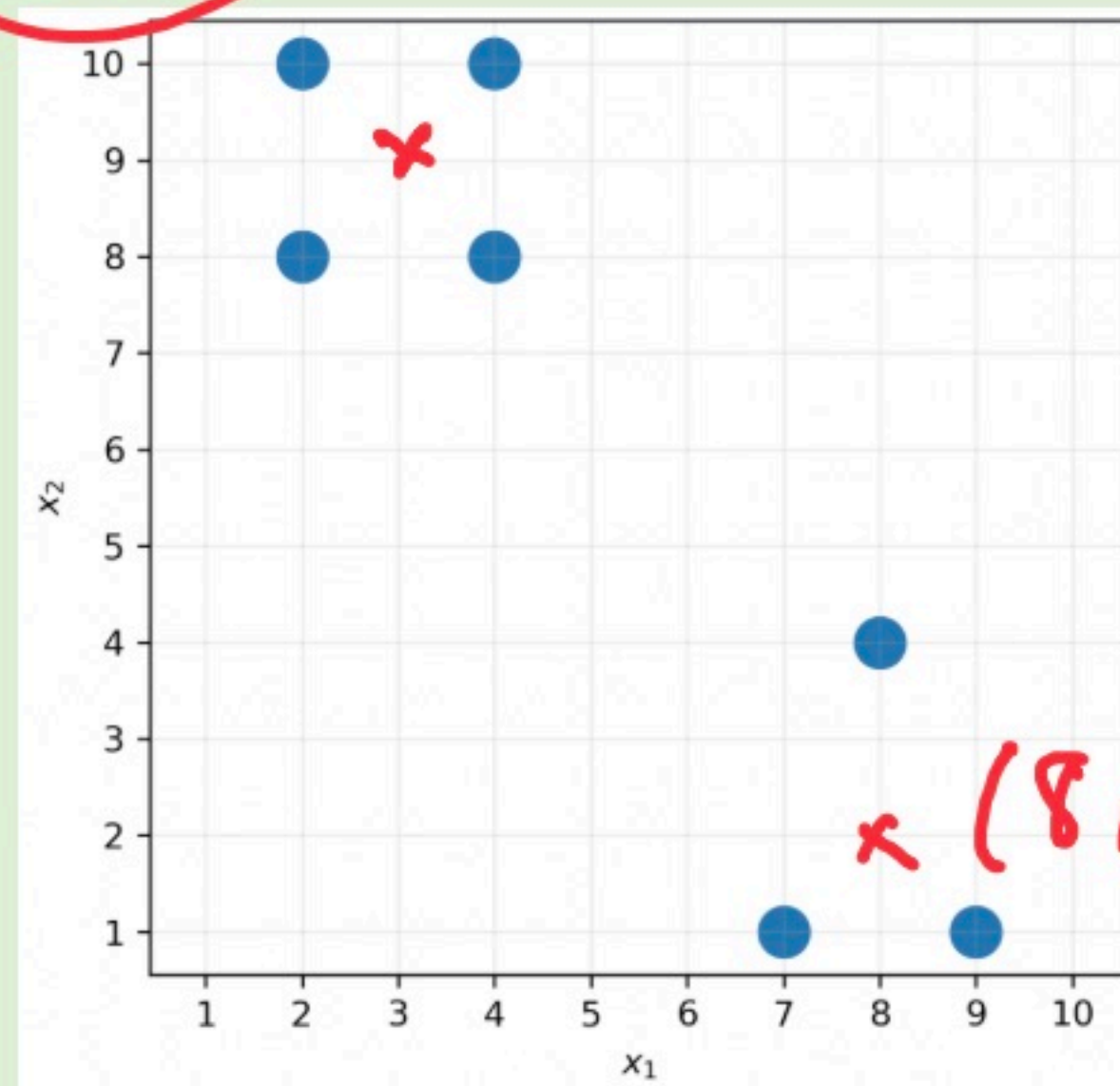
Activity

Recall, inertia is defined as follows:

$I(\vec{\mu}_1, \vec{\mu}_2, \dots, \vec{\mu}_k) =$ total squared distance
of each point \vec{x}_i
to its closest centroid $\vec{\mu}_j$

why?
mean
minimizes
MSE.

Suppose we arrange the dataset below into $k = 2$ clusters. What is the minimum possible inertia?



(avg x , avg y)

(8, 2)



k -means clustering (i.e. Lloyd's algorithm)

- Fortunately, there's an efficient algorithm that (tries to) find the centroid locations that minimize inertia.

The resulting clustering technique is called **k -means clustering**.

Note that this has no relation to k -nearest neighbors, which we used for both regression and classification. Remember that clustering is an unsupervised technique!

0. **Randomly** initialize k centroids.

There are other ways of initializing the centroids as well.

1. Assign each point to the nearest centroid.

"color"

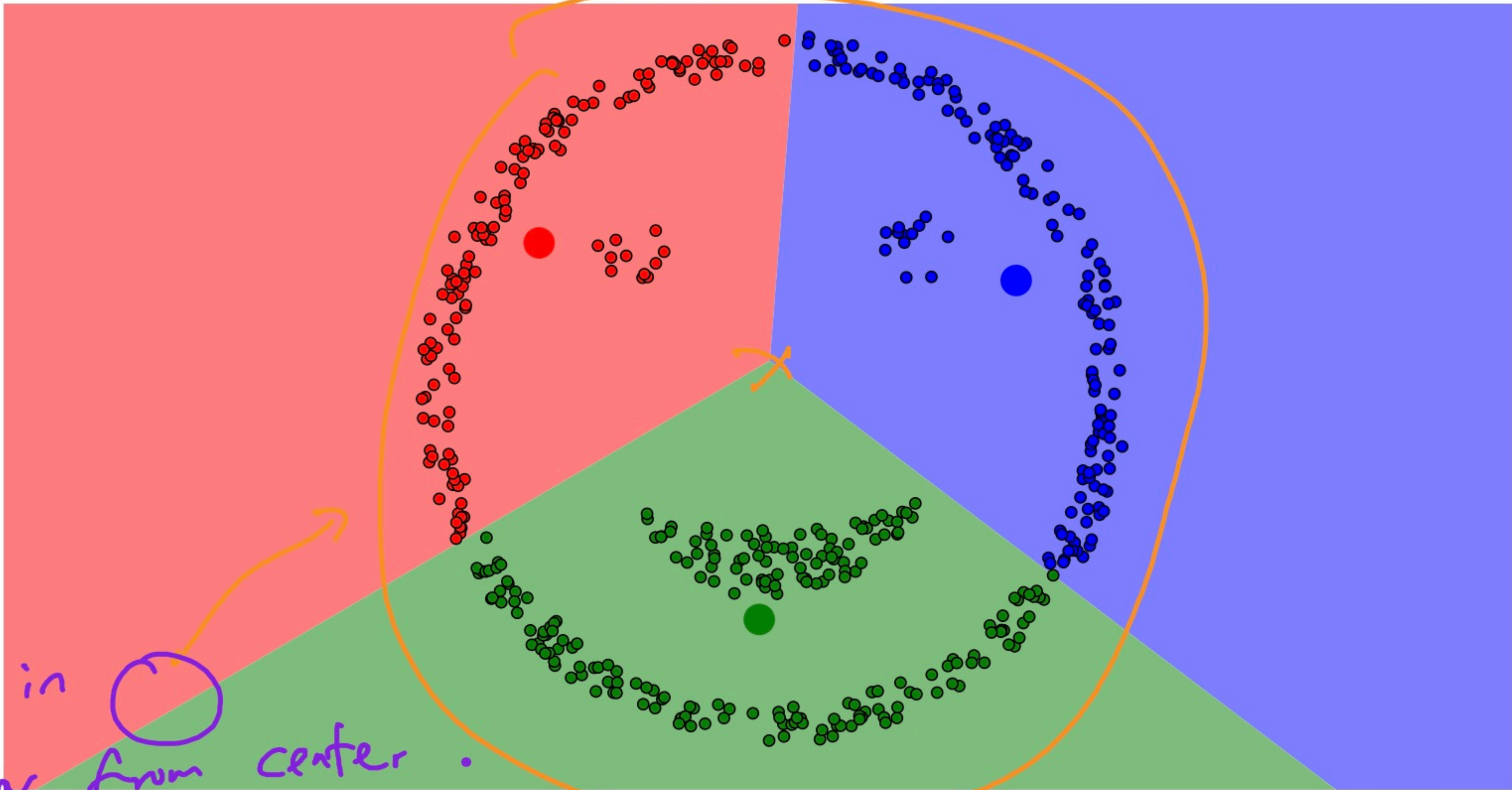
2. Move each centroid to the **center** of its group.

We compute the center of a group by taking the mean of the group's coordinates.

"move"

3. **Repeat** steps 1 and 2 until the centroids stop changing!

This is an iterative algorithm!



points in all far from center.

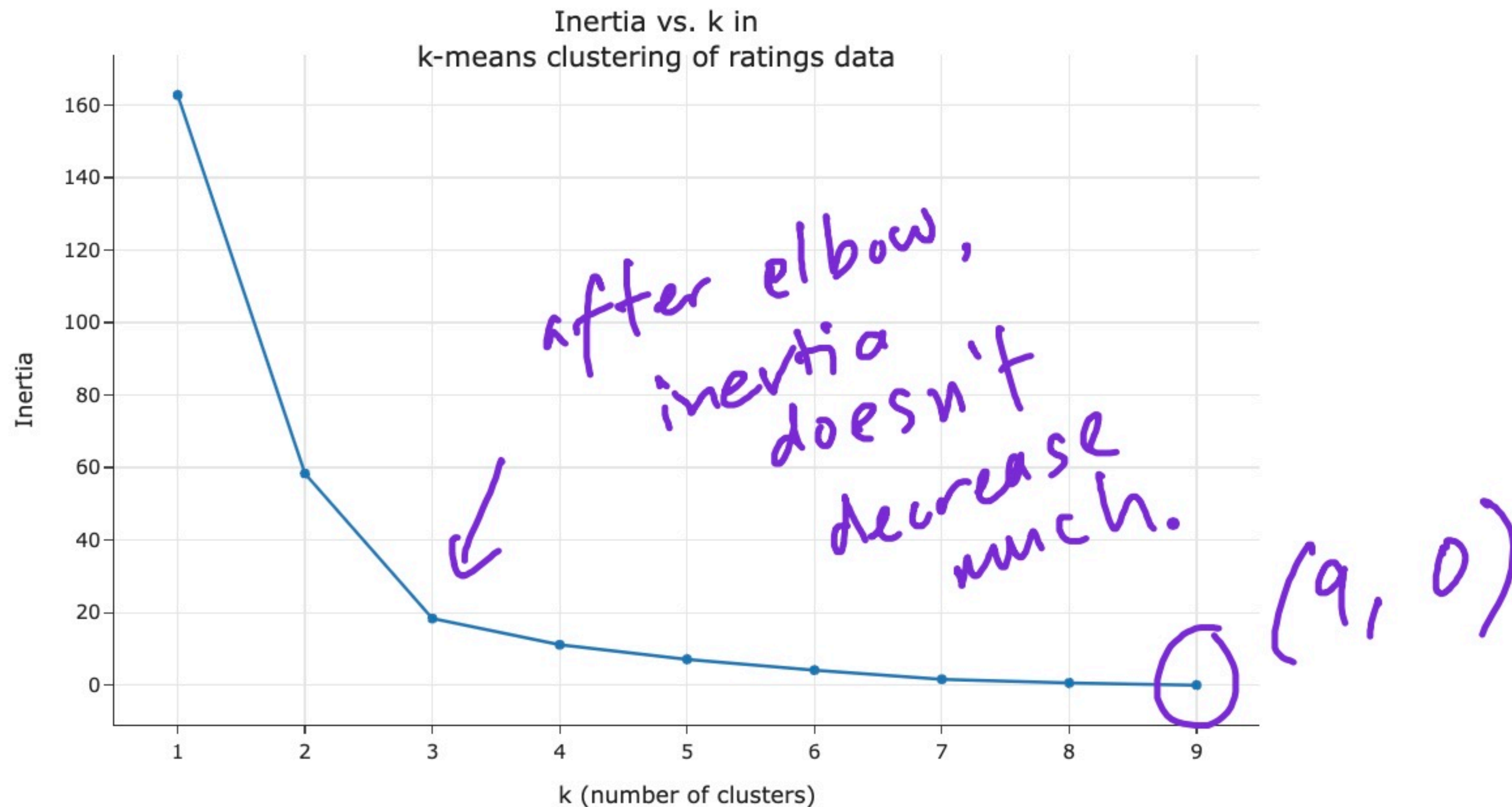
Restart Reassign Points

K-Means Algorithm

The k-means algorithm captures the insight that each point in a cluster should be near to the center of that cluster. It works like this: first we choose k , the number of clusters we want to find in the data. Then, the centers of those k clusters, called *centroids*, are

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