

ECE421 - Winter 2022
Homework Problems - Tutorial #7

Theme: K-means algorithm

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Question 1 (Problem 6 - Final Exam 2018)

Consider the K -means algorithm. Let $K = 2$ and let \mathcal{D} be a dataset consisting of four data points with $\mathcal{D} = \{0, 0.5, 0.5 + \Delta, 1.5 + \Delta\}$, where $\Delta \geq 0$ is a problem parameter. All data points lie on the real line.

- (a) For this part, let $\Delta = 0.5$ and initialize K -means by initializing the two cluster centers at $\mu_1[0] = 1$ and $\mu_2[0] = 2$. Run K -means till convergence. For each iteration l until convergence, describe your set membership $\{\mathcal{B}_1[l], \mathcal{B}_2[l]\}$ and cluster centers $\{\mu_1[l], \mu_2[l]\}$. Make sure you identify the final values of the cluster centers and set membership at convergence.
- (b) For this part, find a condition that Δ must satisfy, such that Δ has a small positive value, and K -means (initialized in the same manner as in part (a), i.e., $\mu_1[0] = 1$ and $\mu_2[0] = 2$) converges to a different solution from that obtained in part (a). In your solution, describe,
 - (i) What is this condition on Δ and explain your reasoning/derivation.
 - (ii) As in part (a), run the cluster algorithm, describe the values of cluster centers and set membership for each iteration until convergence.