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# Hierarchical Clustering

Disadvantage of K-Means:

- It needs to pre-enter the number of cluster( $k$ ).

Hierarchical Clustering creates a beautiful tree based structure for visualization.

Here, we are going to discuss bottom-up (agglomerative) approach of cluster building. We start by defining any sort of similarity bet<sup>n</sup> the datapoints. Generally, we consider the 'Euclidean distances'. The point which are closer to each other are more similar than the point which are farther away. The algorithm starts with considering all points as separate clusters and then grouping points together to form clusters.

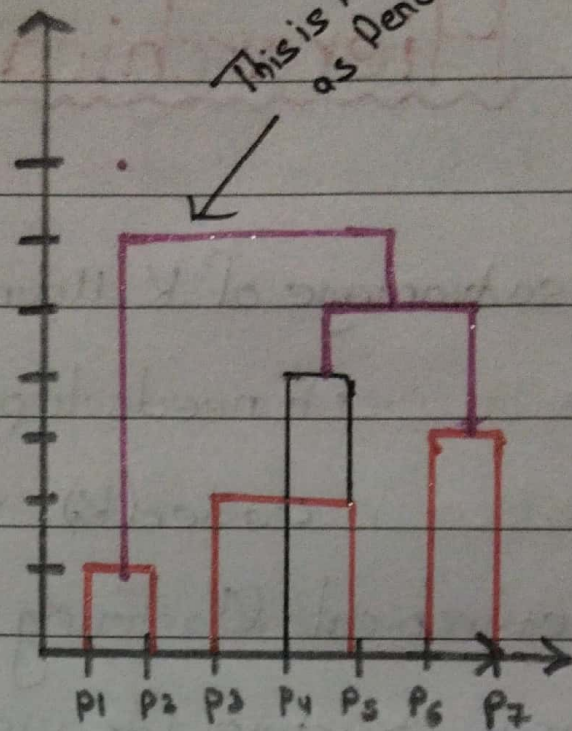
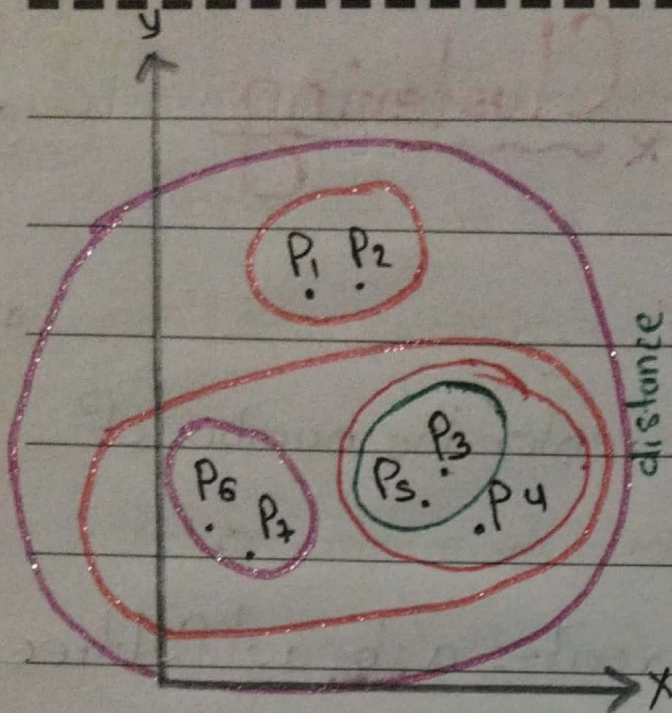




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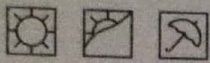
## Algorithm

1) Begin with  $n$  observation and a measure (such as Euclidean distance) of all the  $n(n-1)/2$  pairwise dissimilarities. Treat each possible pair among  $n$  data set observation as its own cluster.

Initially, we have  $n$  clusters.

2) Compare all the distances and put the two closest clusters in the same cluster. The dissimilarity between these two clusters





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indicates the height in the dendrogram at which the fusion line should be placed.

3. Compute the new pairwise inter-cluster dissimilarities (or the Euclidean distances) among the remaining clusters.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 till we have only one cluster left.

How many group will be formed?

We need to find the longest vertical line that has no horizontal line passed through it.

Max time is taken by K-Means or Hierarchical clustering?

→ K-Means Clustering.





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## Validating Clustering Method:

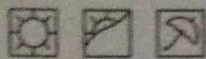
The validation of clusters created is a troublesome task. The problem here is

"Clusters are in the eyes of beholder"

A good cluster will have

- a) High inter-class similarities
- b) low interclass similarities





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# DBSCAN

- Density based spatial clustering of  
Application with noise.

• It is an unsupervised machine learning algorithm.

This algorithm defines clusters as continuous regions of high density.

Some definition first:

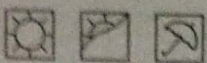
**Epsilon**: This is the distance till which we look  
for the neighbours point. Radius

**Min. points**: The minimum number of point speci-  
fied by the user. hyperparameter cluster at minimum points

**Core Points**: If the number of points inside the  
epsilon of a point is greater than or  
equal to the min points then it's called  
a core point.

**Border Points**: If the number of points inside the  
epsilon radius of a point is less than





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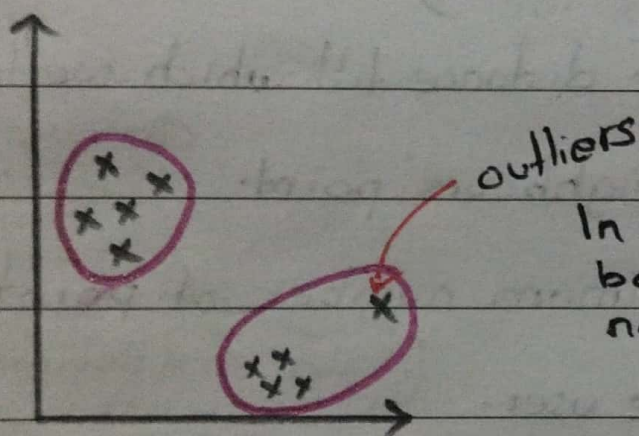
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the min points and it lies within the epsilon radius region of a core points, it's called a border point.

**Noise**: A point which is neither a core nor a border point is a noise point.

In case of Kmeans



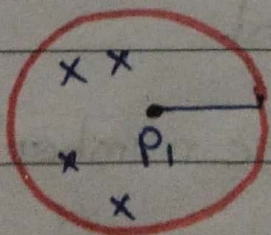
In DB scan, this point will be noise and we will neglect this.

min point = 4

Suppose,  $P_i$  be the point, in Epsilon distance  $\epsilon$  we draw a circle.

if in that circle, we have min point's number data, then

$P_i \rightarrow$  core point







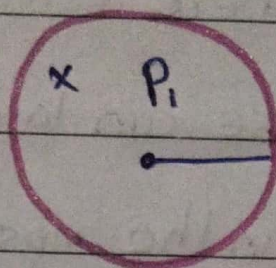
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If there is less datapoint than min-point  
then, it is border point

$P_i \rightarrow$  border point



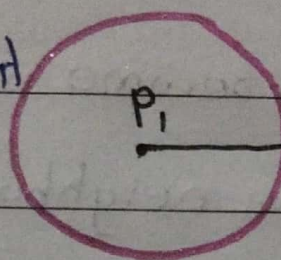
If no data point exist within epsilon. and it's  
not a part of core point

21111 cluster of 11301

min point  $\epsilon$  or if

or a core point of epsilon

$P_i \rightarrow$  border else noise



it will be  
outliers  
and it won't  
be taking in the  
model. Neglected.

## Algorithm:

1. The algorithm starts with a random point in  
the dataset which has been visited yet and  
It's neighboring points are identified based  
on epsilon value.

2. If the point contains greater than or  
equal to min points, then cluster formation  
starts. This point becomes a core point else  
it's considered as noise. The thing to





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note here is that point initially classified as noise can later become a border point if it's in the epsilon of a core point.

3. If the point is a core point, then all it's neighbours become a part of cluster. If the points in the neighbours turn out to be core points then their neighbours are also part of the cluster.

4. Repeat the steps above until all points are classified into different clusters or noise