

Q1

1. For  $SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - c_j\|_2^2$ , it's minimized when its derivative with respect to  $c_j$  is equal to zero if we update the cluster means.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial SSE}{\partial c_j} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial c_j} \sum_{j=1}^k (x_j - c_j)^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{j=1}^k (x_j - c_j) = 0\end{aligned}$$

then, we can infer that  $c_j = \frac{1}{\text{\# points assigned to cluster } j} \sum x_j$ .

So, the best  $c_j$  happens when it's equal to the mean of data points assigned to current cluster and updating the SSE function will either remain unchanged or move toward local minima with respect to  $c_j$ .

Also, when we update the cluster assignment, we're reducing  $\ell_2$ -norm distance between each data point and cluster centers which will decrease SSE.

At last, optimizations of both cluster mean and assignments reach the best value and the algorithm converges.