

Problem 1

Problem Description

In this problem you will use DBSCAN to cluster two melt pool images from a powder bed fusion metal 3D printer. Often times during printing there can be spatter around the main melt pool, which is undesirable. If we can successfully train a model to identify images with large amounts of spatter, we can automatically monitor the printing process.

Fill out the notebook as instructed, making the requested plots and printing necessary values.

You are welcome to use any of the code provided in the lecture activities.

Summary of deliverables:

- Bitmap visualization of melt pool images 1 and 2
- Visualization of final DBSCAN clustering result for both melt pool images
- Discussion of tuning, final number of clusters, and the sensitivity of the model parameters for the two images.

Imports and Utility Functions:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.colors import ListedColormap
from sklearn.cluster import DBSCAN

def points_to_bitmap(x):
    bitmap = np.zeros((64, 64), dtype=int)
    cols, rows = x[:, 0], x[:, 1]
    bitmap[rows, cols] = 1
    return bitmap

def plot_bitmap(bitmap):
    _, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(3,3), dpi = 200)
    colors = ListedColormap(['black', 'white'])
    ax.imshow(bitmap, cmap = colors, origin = 'lower')
    ax.axis('off')

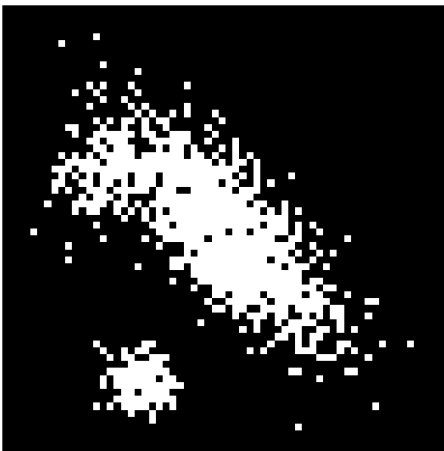
def plot_points(x, labels):
    fig = plt.figure(figsize = (5,4), dpi = 150)
    for i in range(min(labels), max(labels)+1):
        plt.scatter(x[labels == i, 0], x[labels == i, 1], alpha = 0.5,
marker = 's')
    plt.gca().set_aspect('equal')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
```

Melt Pool Image #1

Load the first meltpool scan from the `m11-hw1-data1.txt` file using `np.loadtxt()`, and pass the `dtype = int` argument to ensure all values are loaded with their integer coordinates. You can convert these points to a binary bitmap using the provided `points_to_bitmap()` function, and then visualize the image using the provided `plot_bitmap()` function.

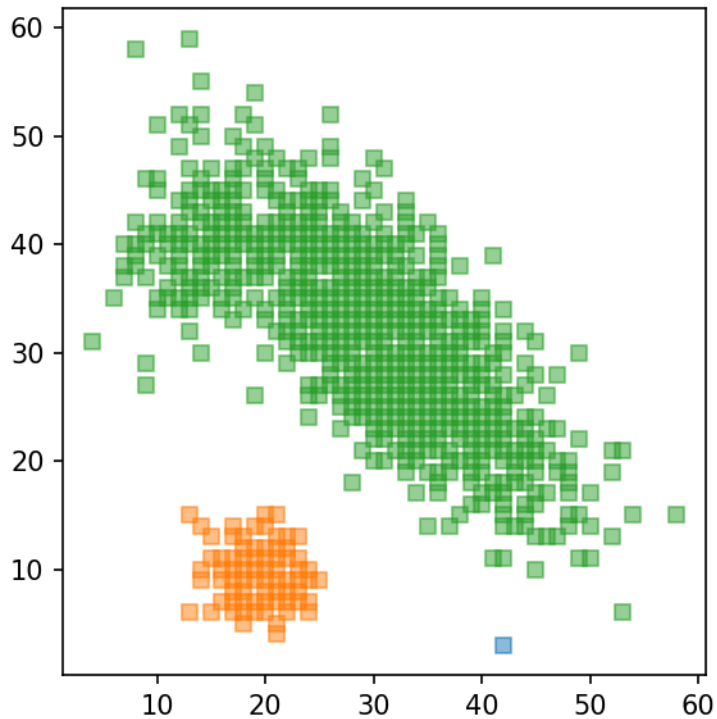
Note: you will use the integer coordinates for clustering, the bitmap is just for visualizing the data.

```
## YOUR CODE GOES HERE
# load the given data
data = np.loadtxt("data/m11-hw1-data1.txt", dtype=int)
bitmap = points_to_bitmap(data)
plot_bitmap(bitmap)
```



Using the `sklearn.cluster.DBSCAN()` function, cluster the melt pool until you get well defined clusters. You will have to modify the `eps` and `min_samples` parameters to get satisfactory results. You can visualize the clustering with the provided `plot_points(x, labels)` function, where `x` is the integer coordinates of all the points, and `labels` are the labels assigned by `DBSCAN`. Plot the results of your final clustering using the `plot_points()` function

```
## YOUR CODE GOES HERE
# cluster the data using DBSCAN
dbscan = DBSCAN(eps=7, min_samples=3)
labels = dbscan.fit_predict(data)
plot_points(data, labels)
```



Melt Pool Image #2

Now load the second melt pool scan from the `m11-hw1-data2.txt` file using `np.loadtxt()`, and the `dtype = int` argument to ensure all values are loaded with their integer coordinates. Again, convert the points to a binary bitmap, and visualize the bitmap using the provided functions.

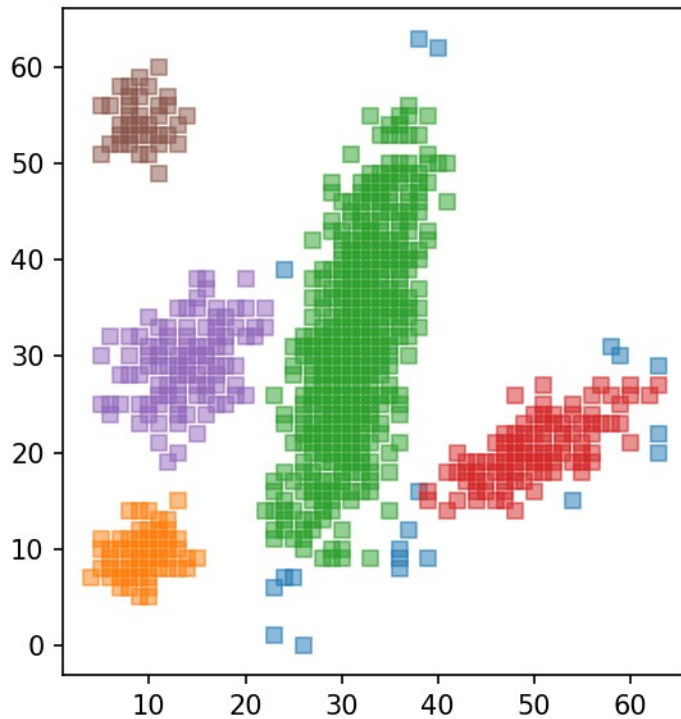
```
## YOUR CODE GOES HERE
# load the given data
data = np.loadtxt("data/m11-hw1-data2.txt", dtype=int)
bitmap = points_to_bitmap(data)
plot_bitmap(bitmap)
```



Using the `sklearn.cluster.DBSCAN()` function, cluster the meltpool until you get well defined clusters. You will have to modify the `eps` and `min_samples` parameters to get satisfactory results. You can visualize the clustering with the provided `plot_points(x, labels)` function, where `x` is the integer coordinates of all the points, and `labels` are the labels assigned by DBSCAN. Plot the results of your final clustering using the `plot_points()` function.

Note: this melt pool is significantly noisier than the last and therefore requires more sensitive tuning of the two DBSCAN parameters.

```
## YOUR CODE GOES HERE
# cluster the data using DBSCAN
dbscan = DBSCAN(eps=3, min_samples=6)
labels = dbscan.fit_predict(data)
plot_points(data, labels)
```



Discussion

Discuss how you tuned the `eps` and `min_samples` parameters for the two models. How many clusters did you end up finding in each image? Why does a wider range of `eps` and `min_samples` values successfully cluster melt pool image #1 compared to melt pool image #2?

I used the trial-and-error method when tuning the `eps` and `min_samples` parameters.

For image number 1, the `eps` is set to 7 and the `min_sample` is set to 3. The model identified 3 clusters but I believe the ground truth should be only 2 clusters with blue points being false classification.

For image number 2, the `eps` is set to 3 and the `min_sample` is set to 6. The model identified 6 clusters but I believe the ground truth should be only 5 with blue points being false classification.

A wider range of `EPS` and `min_samples` values can successfully classify clusters for image number 1 compared to image number 2. This is because the given ground truth dataset for image 1 has more distance cluster characteristics with less overlapping, which gives more flexibility in parameter tuning. On the other hand, the ground truth dataset for image 2 is more complete with more closely distributed clusters, which requires a more definite parameter declaration.