Customer Segmentation Using K-Means Clustering

### **🔍 What This Project Is About**

Imagine you're a business owner with thousands of customers. You want to understand their behavior better so you can offer them more personalized services—kind of like how Netflix recommends shows or how a store sends you coupons for things you might like.

But here's the problem: **not all customers are the same**. Some might be big spenders, others might visit often but spend less, and so on. Instead of treating everyone the same, wouldn’t it be great to **group similar customers together** and market to them differently?

That’s exactly what this project does.

### **🤖 What I Did**

1. **Collected Customer Info:**
   * I started with a dataset of customers, which includes details like their age, income, and how much they spend.
2. **Cleaned Up the Data:**
   * I checked if anything was missing or messy, and made sure all the numbers were usable.
3. **Found Patterns Using Math (Clustering):**
   * I used a method called **K-Means Clustering**—this is a way to **automatically group similar customers together**.
   * Think of it like sorting a pile of mixed candy into piles of chocolates, gummies, and lollipops—but done by a computer.
4. **Chose the Right Number of Groups:**
   * I used a smart trick called the **Elbow Method** to figure out how many customer types (clusters) made the most sense—like deciding if 3 or 5 types of customers is the best split.
5. **Labeled Customers by Group:**
   * Once grouped, each customer got a label like “Group 1”, “Group 2”, etc., based on which type they most closely matched.
6. **Visualized the Results:**
   * I created colorful graphs to **see how the customer groups are different**—maybe one group is mostly young high-spenders, and another is older low-spenders.

### **🧠 Why It’s Useful**

Businesses can now:

* Send tailored promotions to each group.
* Focus their energy and budget on the most profitable customers.
* Improve customer satisfaction by offering more relevant services.

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### **📌 Project Overview**

This notebook performs **unsupervised customer segmentation** using the **K-Means clustering algorithm**. The objective is to identify natural groupings within customer data that can inform targeted marketing strategies and customer relationship management.

### **🧾 Dataset Description**

The dataset contains customer-level features from a retail setting. Common features typically include:

* Demographics (e.g., age, gender, income)
* Behavioral data (e.g., annual spending, product preference)

These features form the basis for clustering.

### **🔄 Workflow Summary**

1. **Data Preprocessing**
   * Handled missing values and ensured all features were numeric.
   * Scaled/standardized the data (likely via StandardScaler or similar) to normalize feature influence in Euclidean space, which K-Means relies on.
2. **Optimal K Selection**
   * Implemented the **Elbow Method** to determine the optimal number of clusters (k) by plotting Within-Cluster Sum of Squares (WCSS) versus k.
   * Possibly supplemented by **Silhouette Score** or **Gap Statistic** (if included in the notebook) for further validation.
3. **K-Means Clustering**
   * Applied the K-Means algorithm to segment the customers.
   * Assigned each customer a cluster label based on centroid proximity.
4. **Post-Clustering Analysis**
   * Performed dimensionality reduction (likely PCA or t-SNE) for 2D visualization of the cluster distribution.
   * Analyzed cluster centroids and distributions to interpret customer profiles:  
     + High spenders vs. low spenders
     + Young professionals vs. older clients, etc.
5. **Visualization**
   * Used scatter plots and cluster maps to visualize clusters and their separability.
   * Color-coded plots to distinguish clusters and highlight behavioral/demographic characteristics.

### **✅ Outcomes & Business Relevance**

* Successfully segmented the customer base into distinct behavioral/demographic groups.
* Enabled downstream actions like:  
  + Targeted marketing campaigns
  + Personalized recommendations
  + Prioritization of high-value segments

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### **📌 Potential Extensions**

* Incorporate additional features (RFM metrics, purchase history)
* Try other clustering algorithms (e.g., DBSCAN, hierarchical clustering)
* Use cluster outputs as features in a supervised model (e.g., churn prediction)