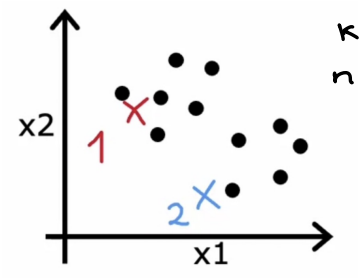
First randomly initialize cluster centroids

$\mu_1, \mu_2, \ldots, \mu_K$

centroid will have the same dimension as training set.



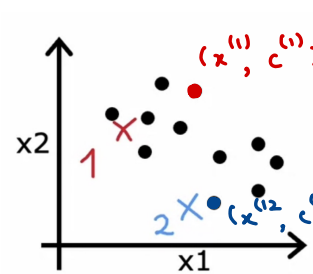
$K = 2$ (previous example)
$n = 2$ (means μ_1 and μ_2 are two dimensional)

First step : Assign points to cluster

basically checking which cluster centroid is close to each point by its index.

for i = 1 to m
/* $c^{(i)}$:- index (from 1 to K) of cluster centroid closest to $x^{(i)}$ */
$c^{(i)} := \min_K \| x^{(i)} - \mu_K \|^2$
↳ finding value of K such μ_K is the nearest centroid for all K.
}

eg.



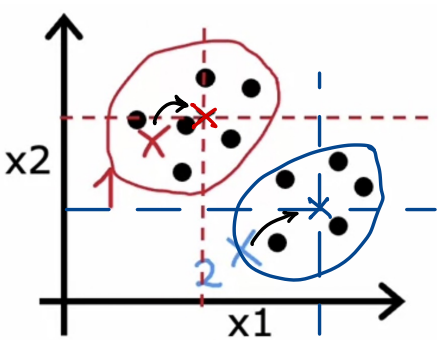
$(x^{(1)}, c^{(1)}) = 1$ → closer to centroid 1 ∴ assigned 1.

$(x^{(12)}, c^{(12)}) = 2$ → closer to centroid 2.

Second step : Rearrange cluster points by moving the centroid

for $K = 1$ to K

μ_K :- average mean of points assigned to cluster K.



We'll look at the points' average location on horizontal and vertical axis.

Mathematically, an average would be $\underbrace{\frac{x^{(1)} + x^{(2)} + x^{(3)} + x^{(4)}}{4}}_{\text{new location of } \mu_1}$

In summary, the algorithm works like this:

Repeat {

 # Assign points to cluster centroids

for $i = 1$ to m

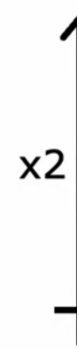
$c^{(i)}$:= index (from 1 to K) of cluster centroid closest to $x^{(i)}$

 # Move cluster centroids

for $k = 1$ to K

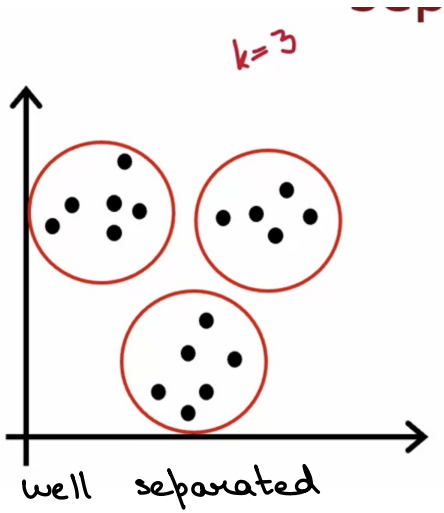
μ_k := average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k

}

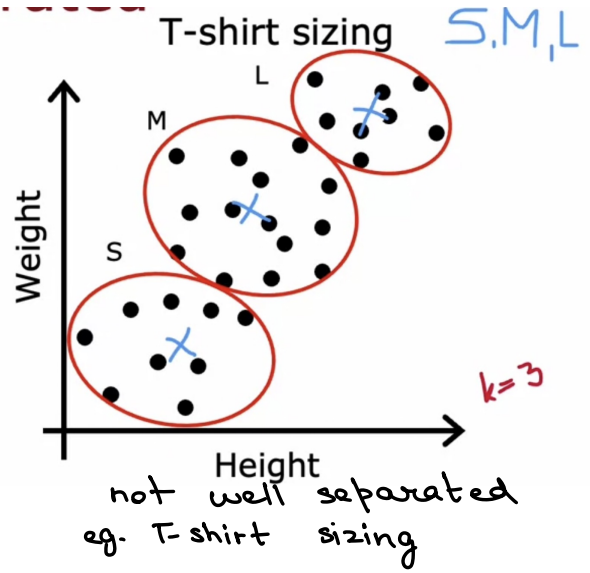


If no points are assigned to a cluster centroid then it is removed i.e. ~~K=2~~ K=1 or we reinitialize the $\mu_1 \ldots \mu_K$ hoping it gets assigned some points but in majority cases we just remove it

K means will also work for points that are not well separated



well separated



not well separated

eg. T-shirt sizing