

# BBM406: Fundamentals of Machine Learning

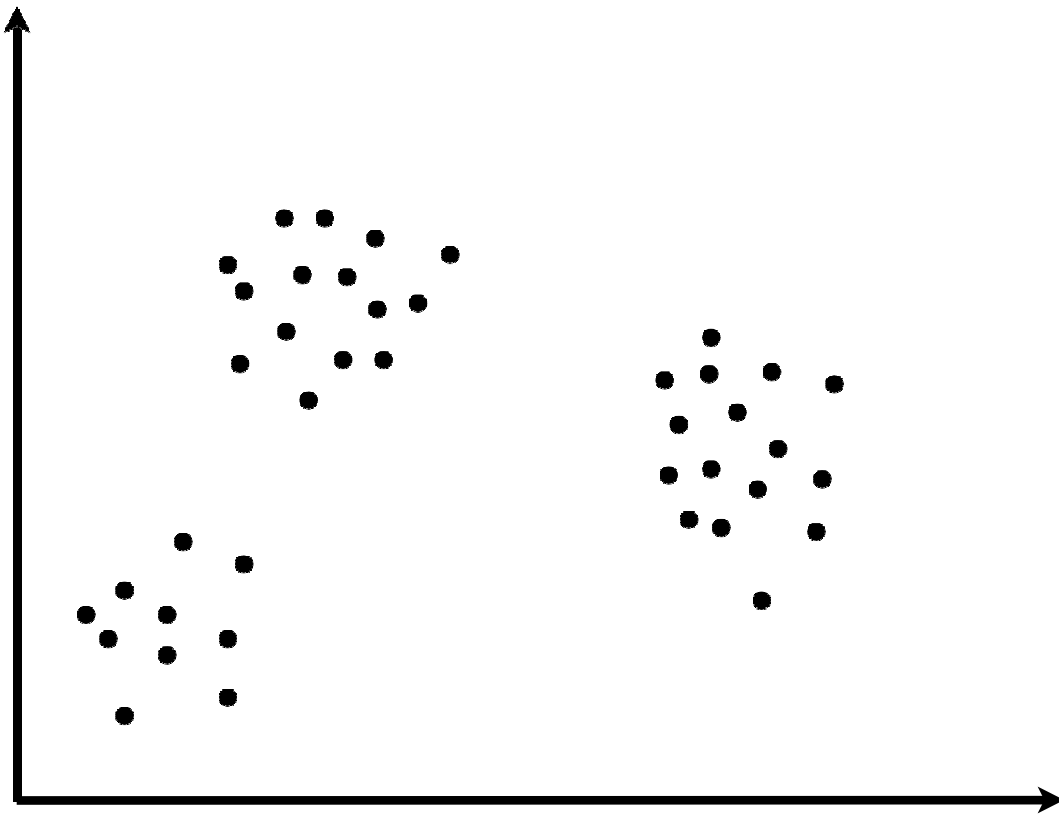
## Unsupervised Learning

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- Supervised learning used labeled data pairs  $(x, y)$  to learn a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ 
  - But, what if we don't have labels?
- No labels = **unsupervised learning**
- Only some points are labeled = **semi-supervised learning**
  - Labels may be expensive to obtain, so we only get a few
- **Clustering** is the unsupervised grouping of data points. It can be used for **knowledge discovery**.
  - For example, finding internal representations of data and grouping of data.

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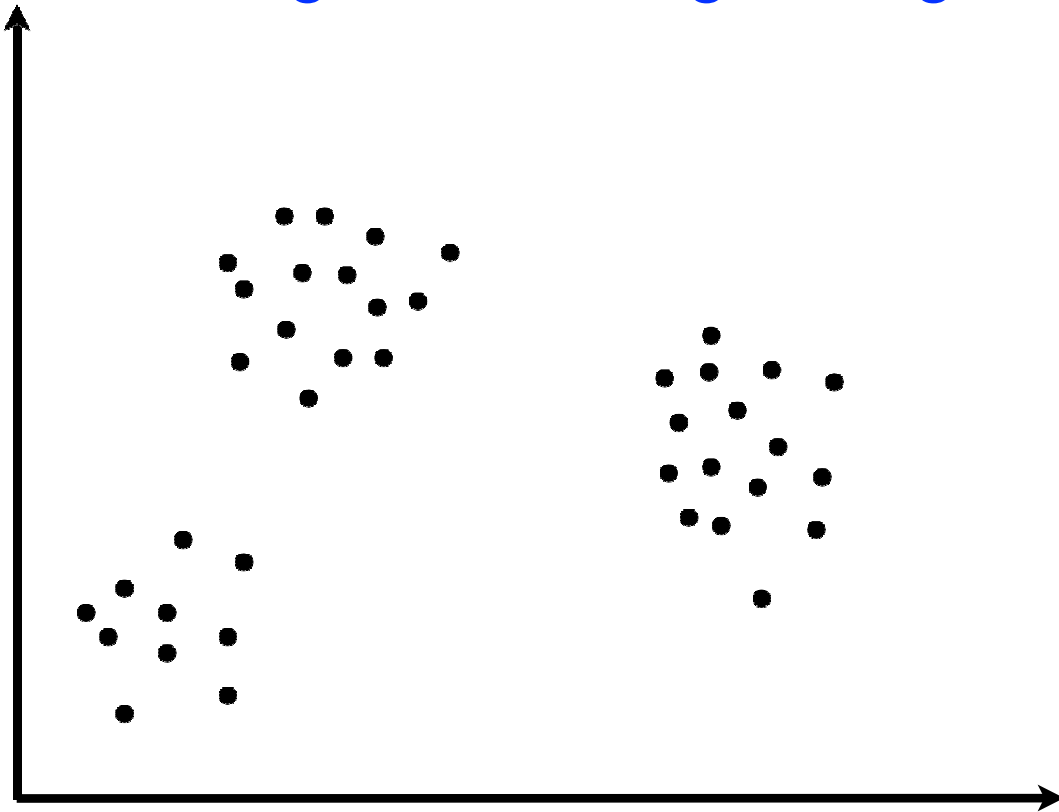
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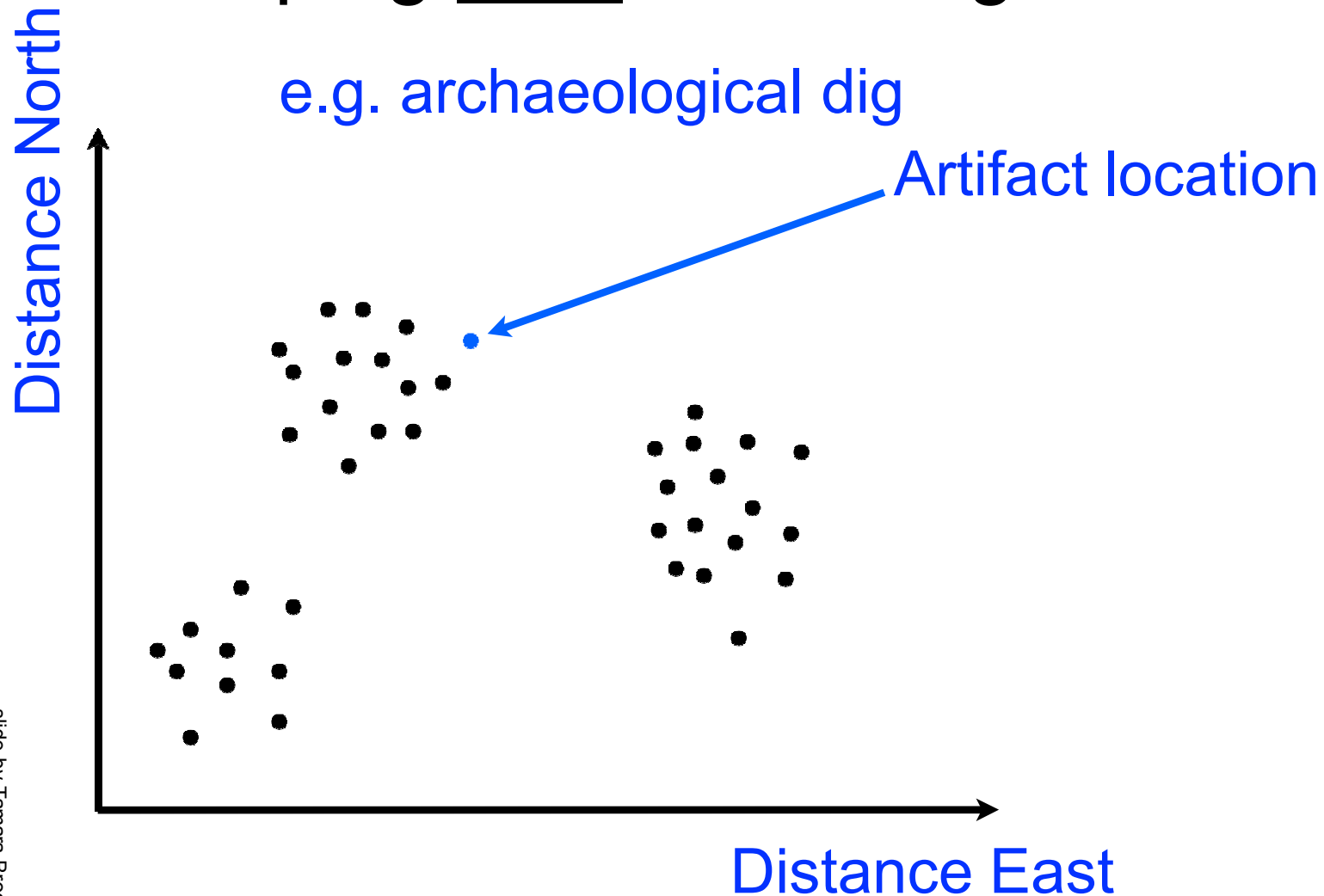
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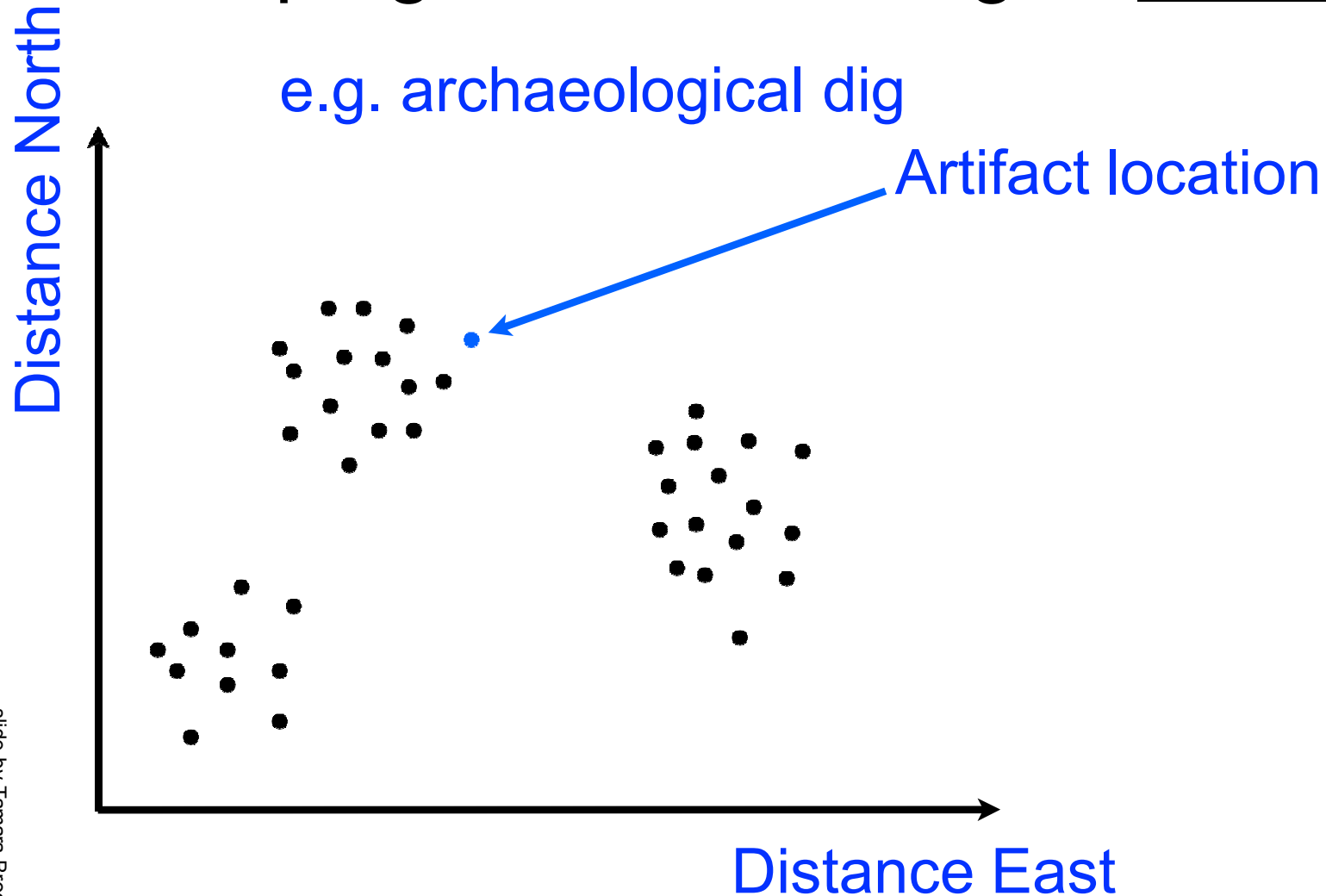
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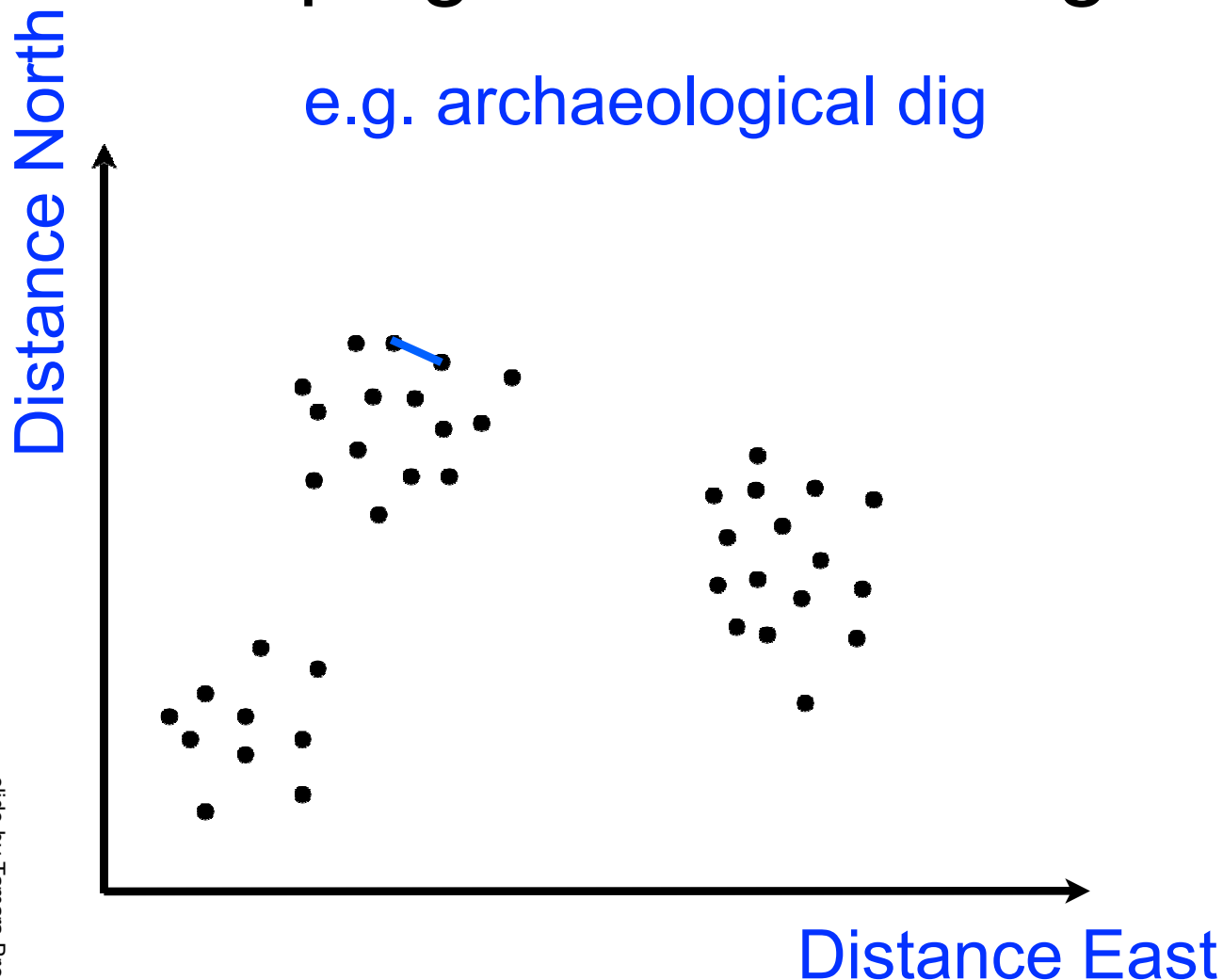
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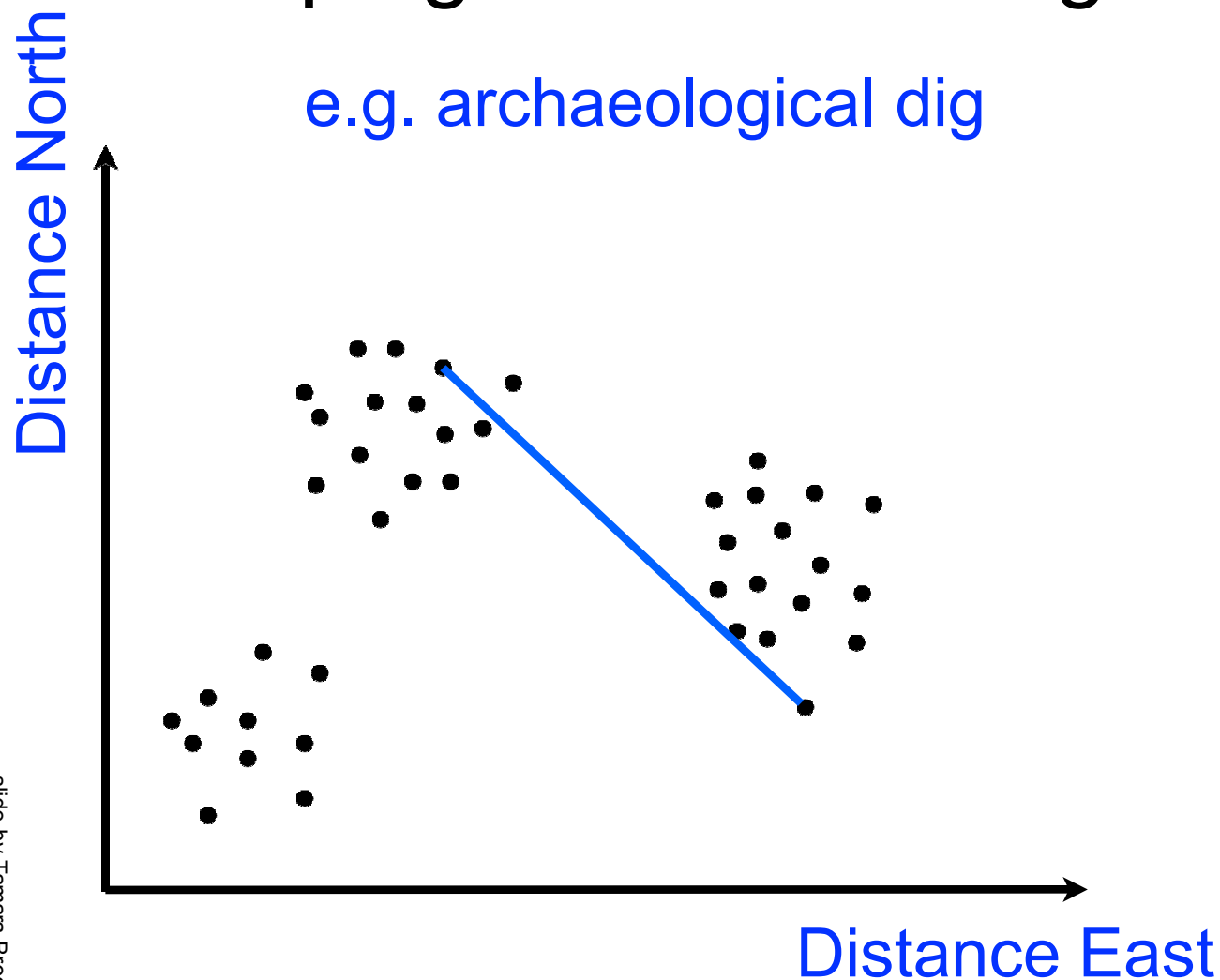
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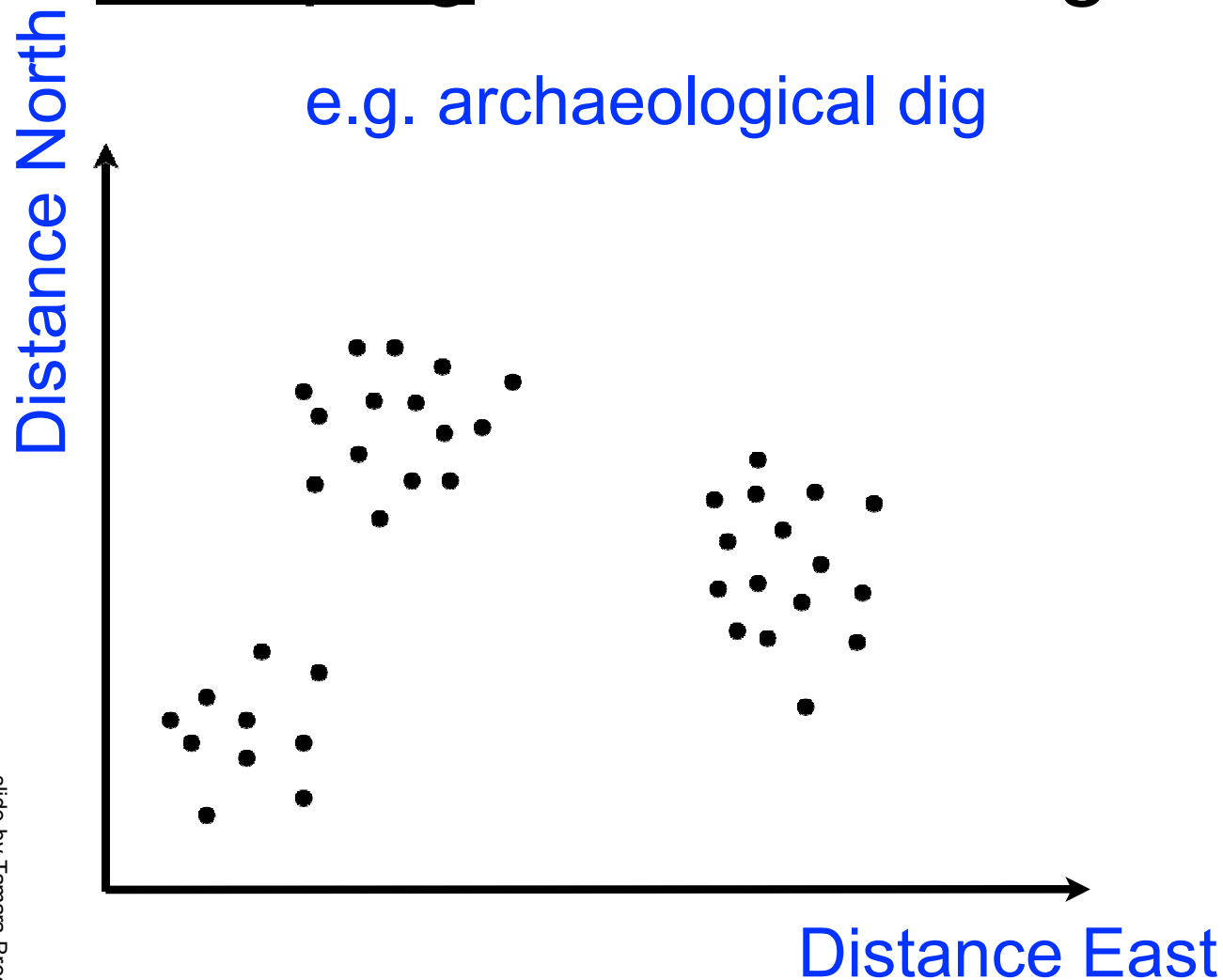




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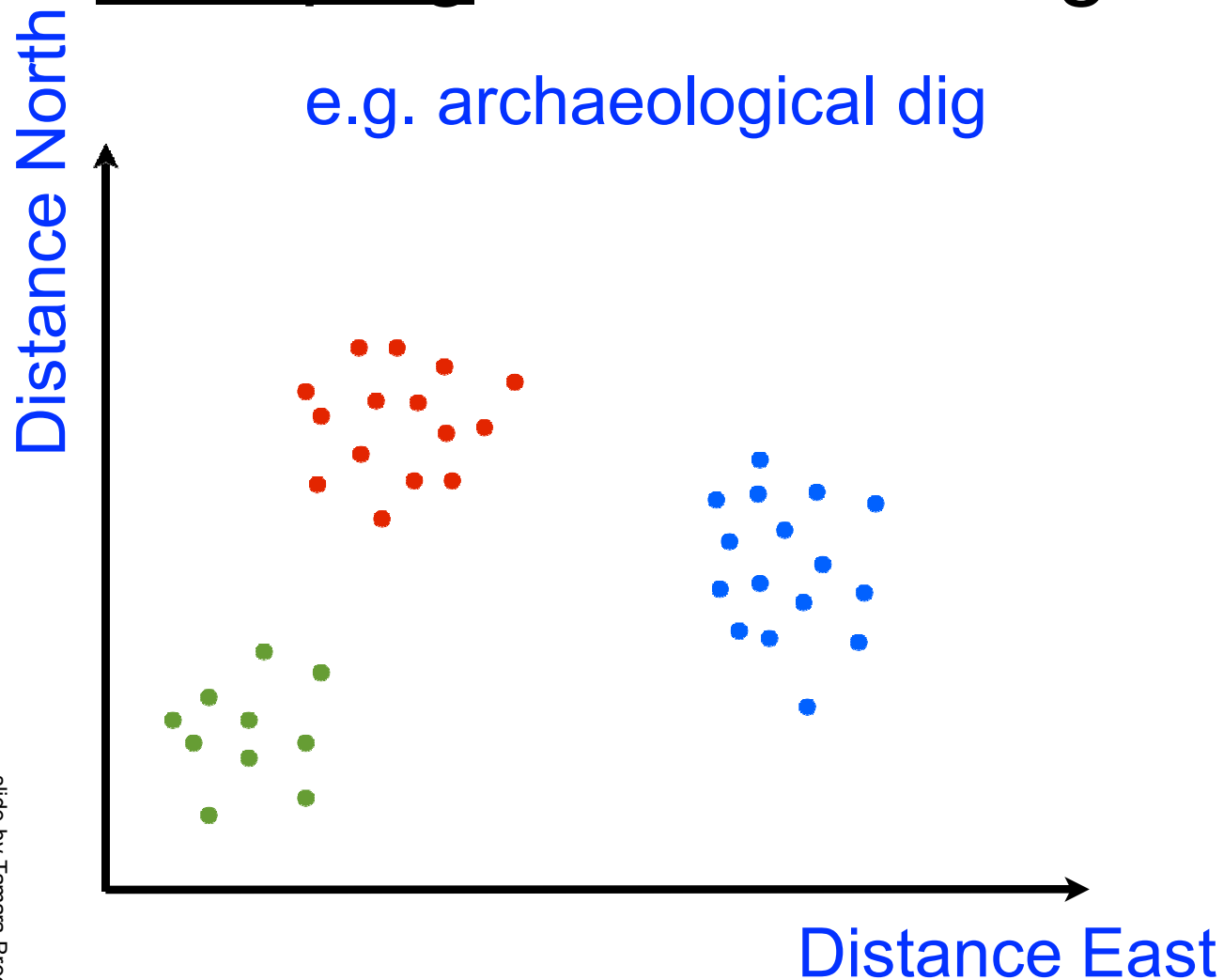
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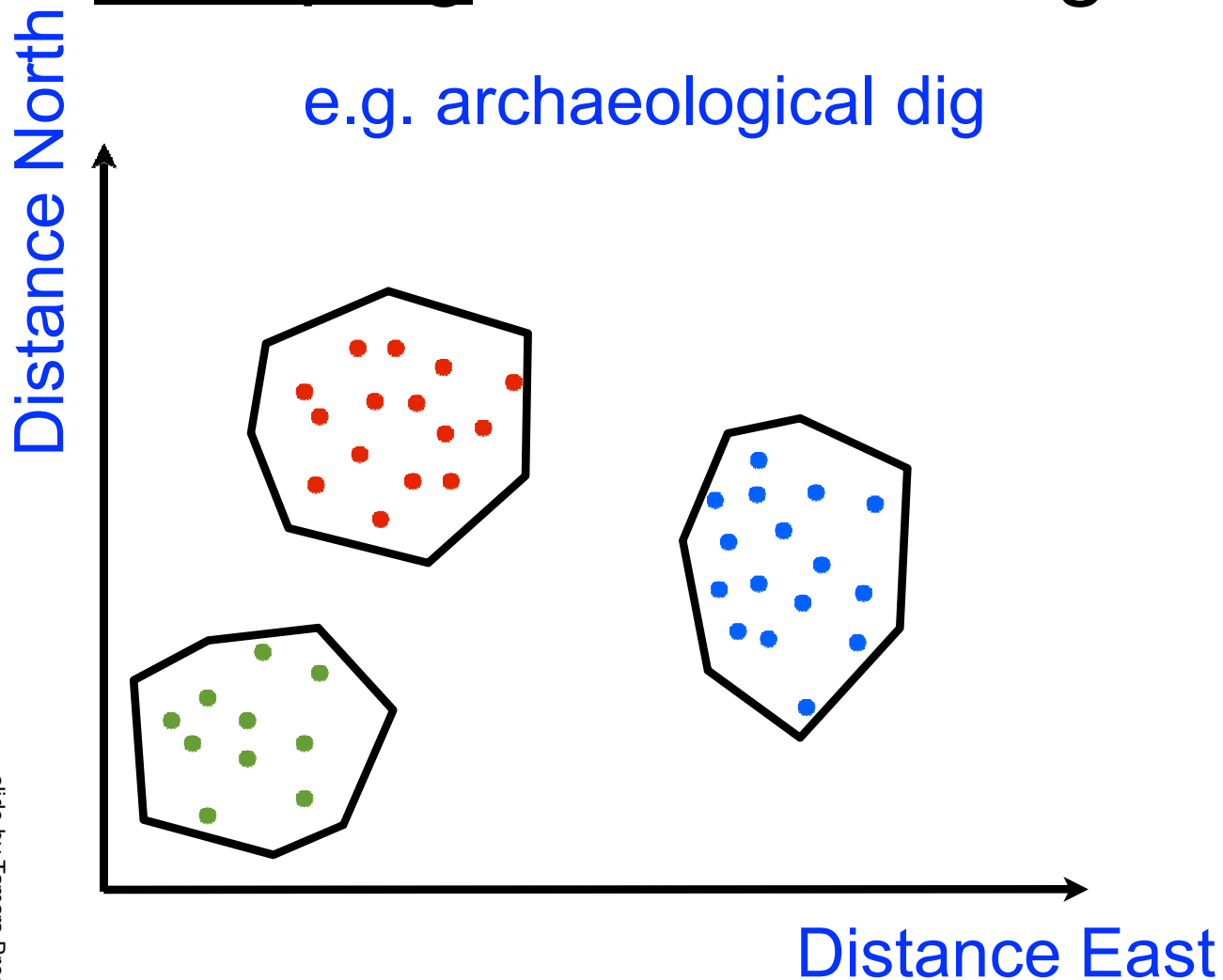
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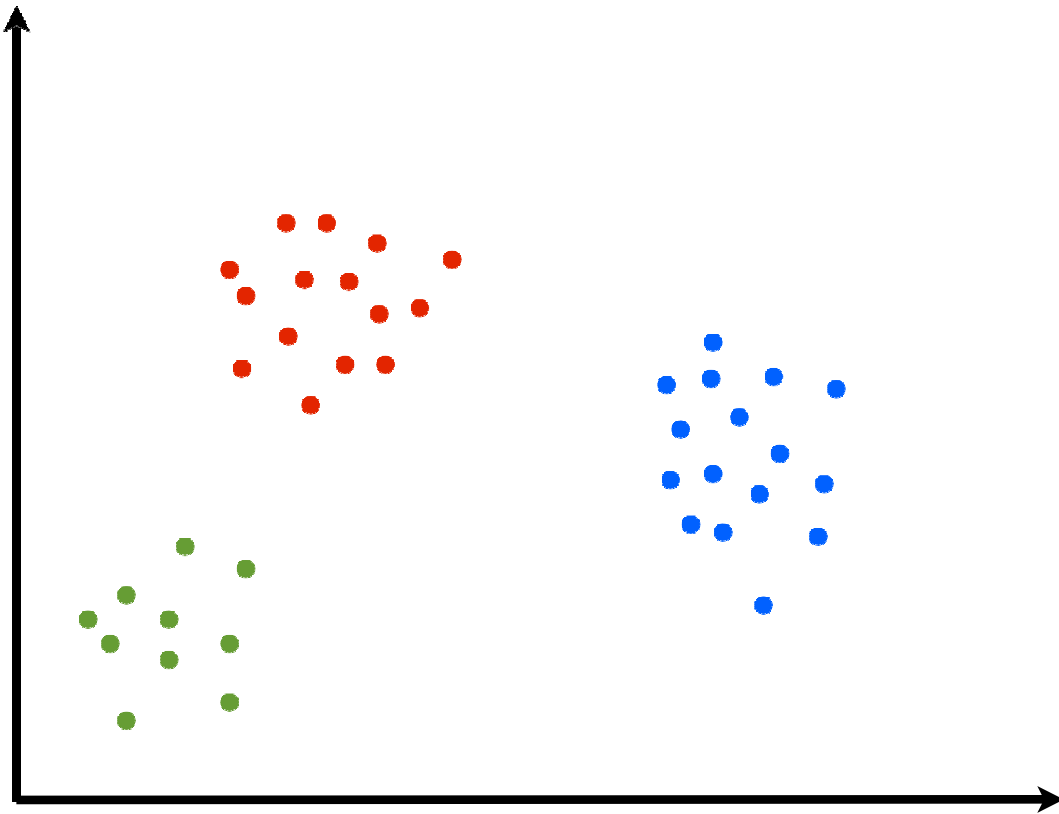
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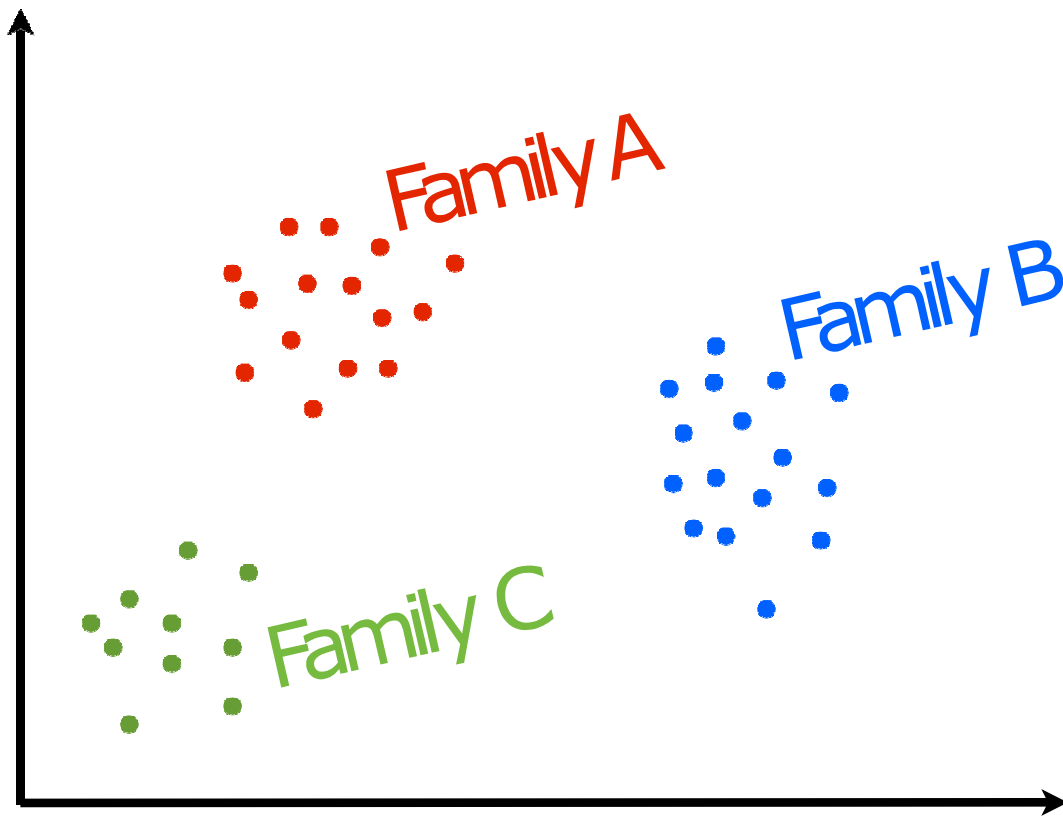
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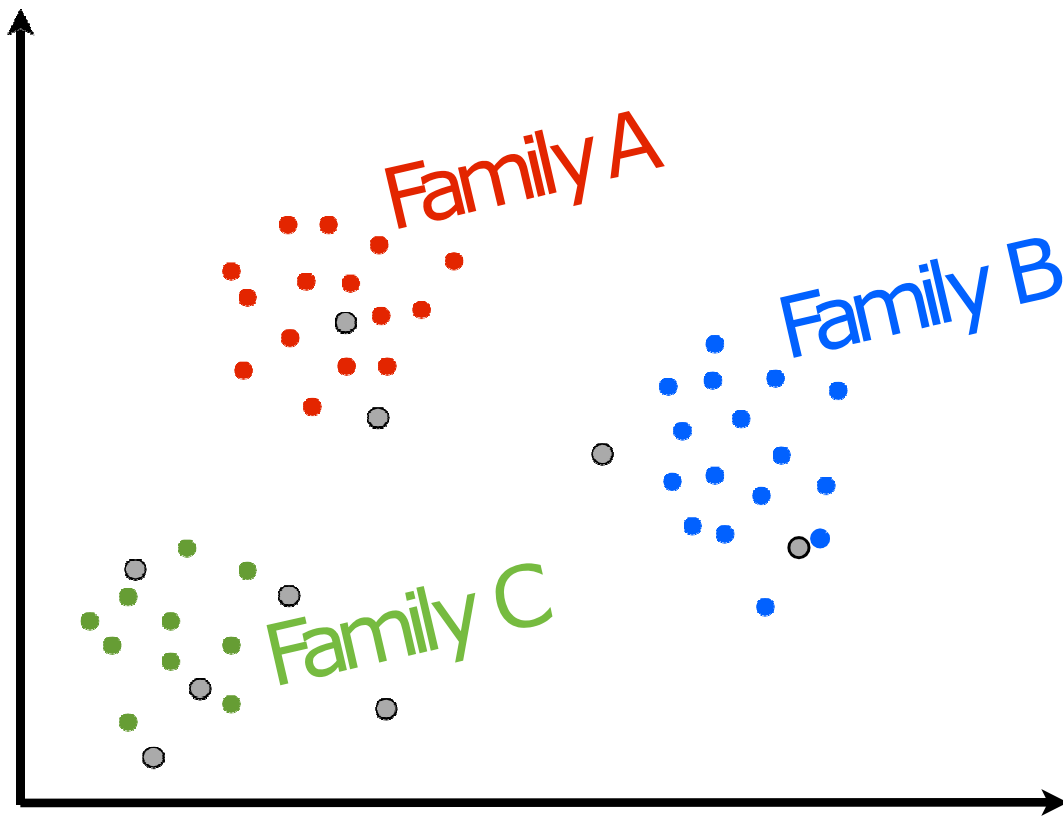
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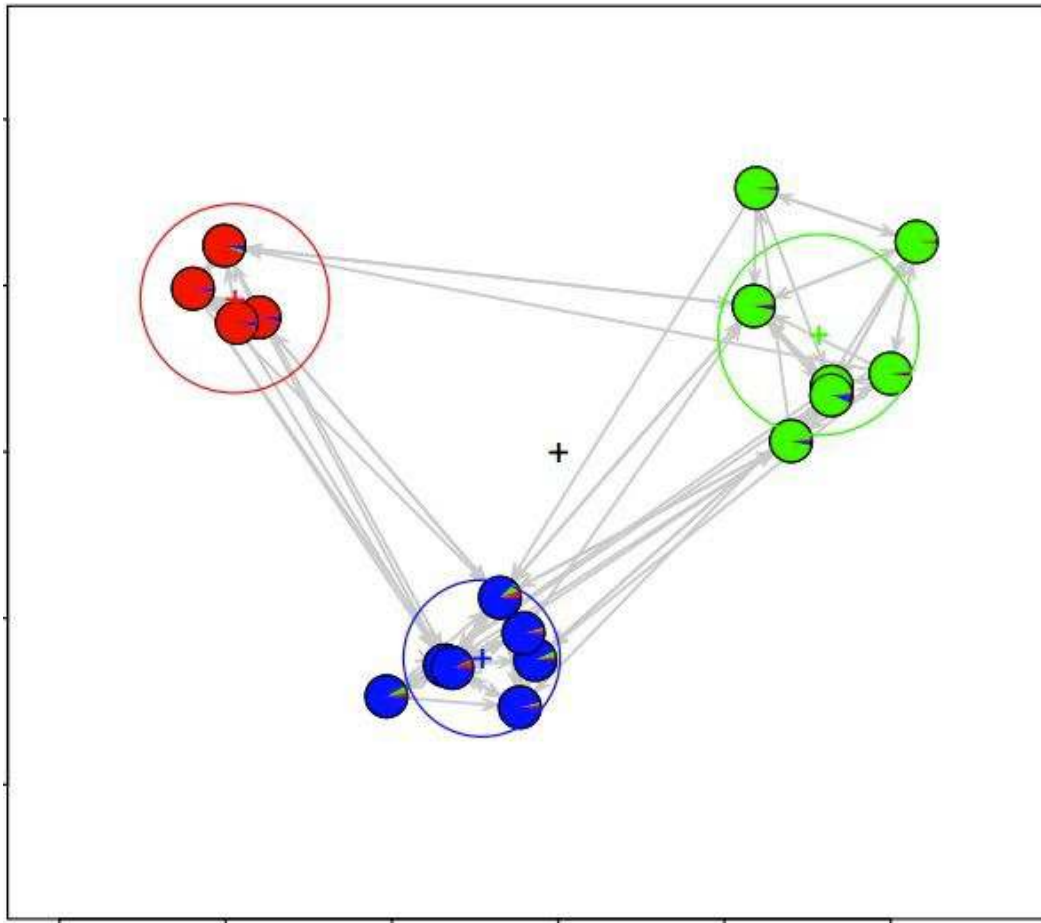
## ...instead of classification

When classes are unspecified (unknown, expensive to label data, or data is changing too quickly), we might prefer clustering.

- Clustering helps us to learn about hidden properties of data.

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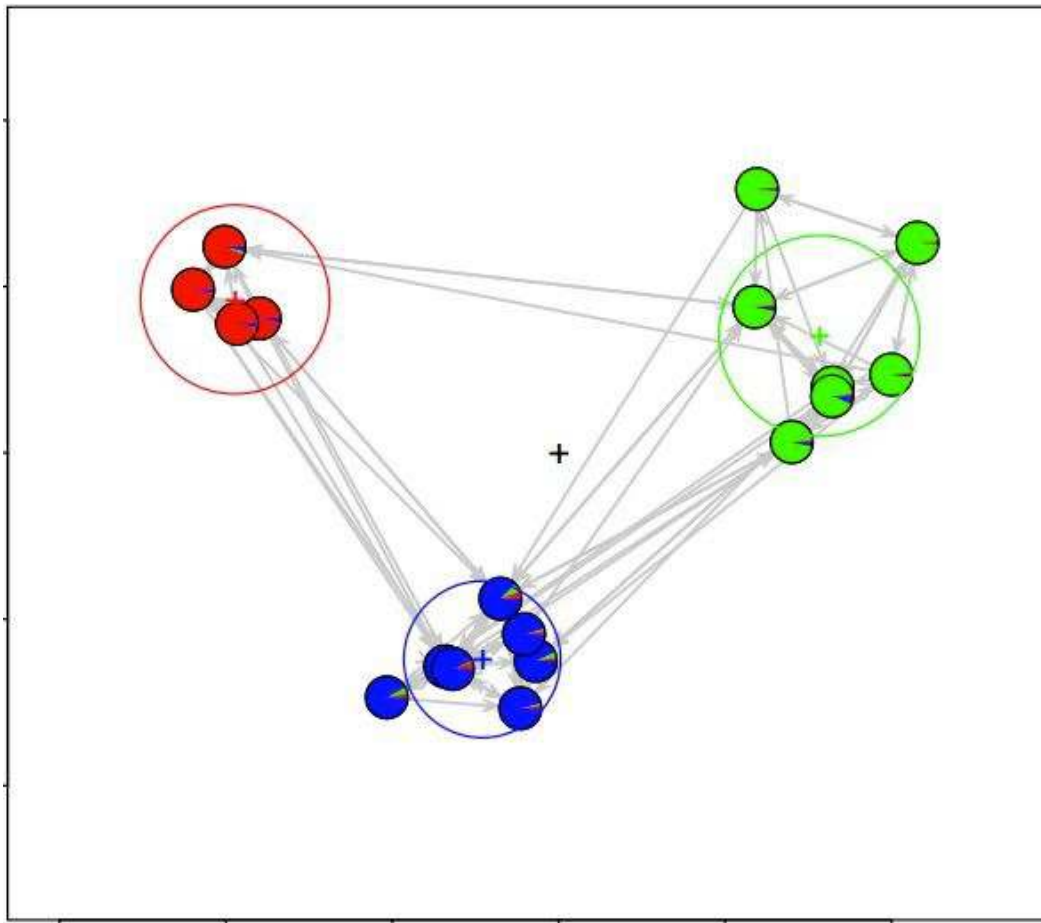




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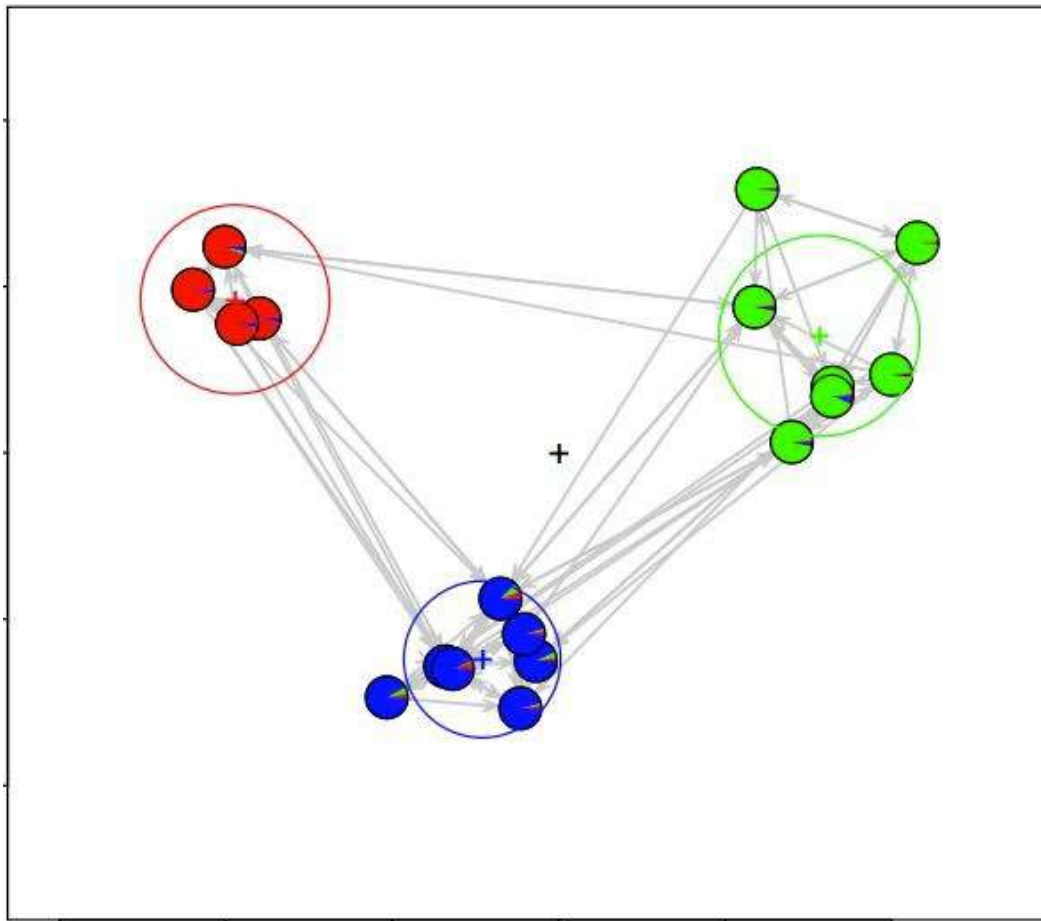


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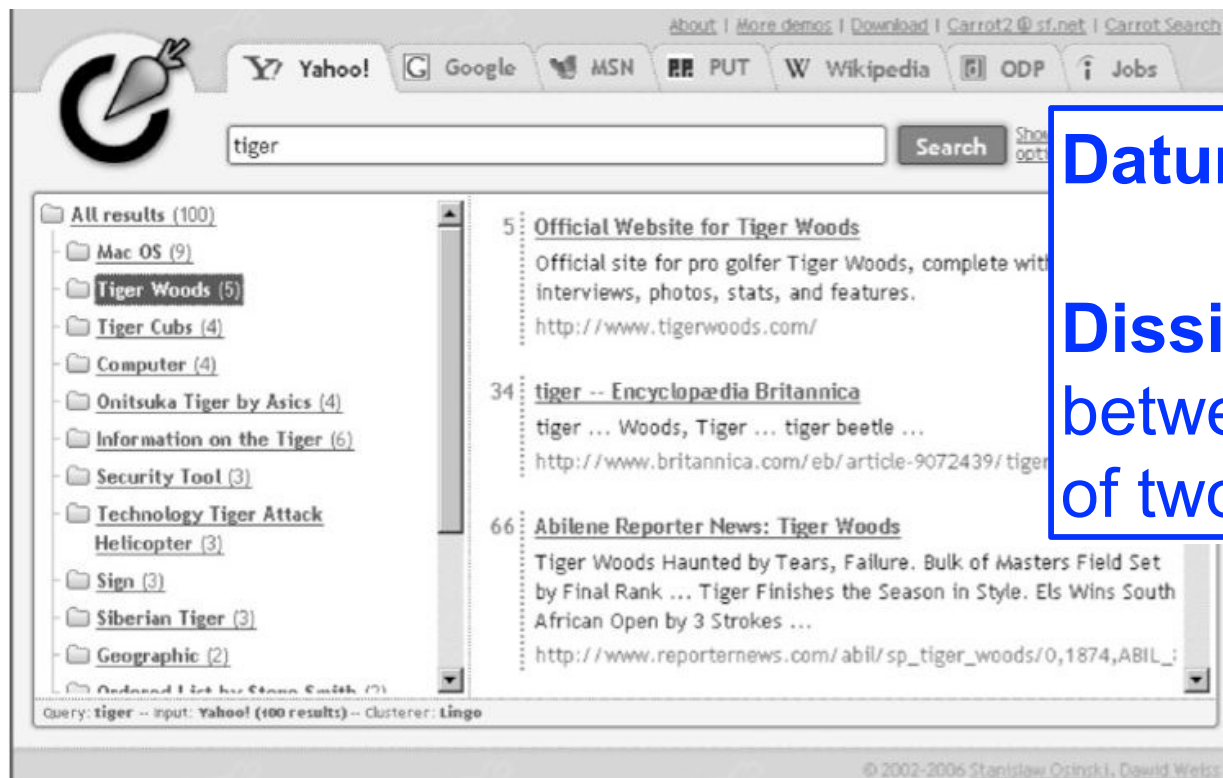
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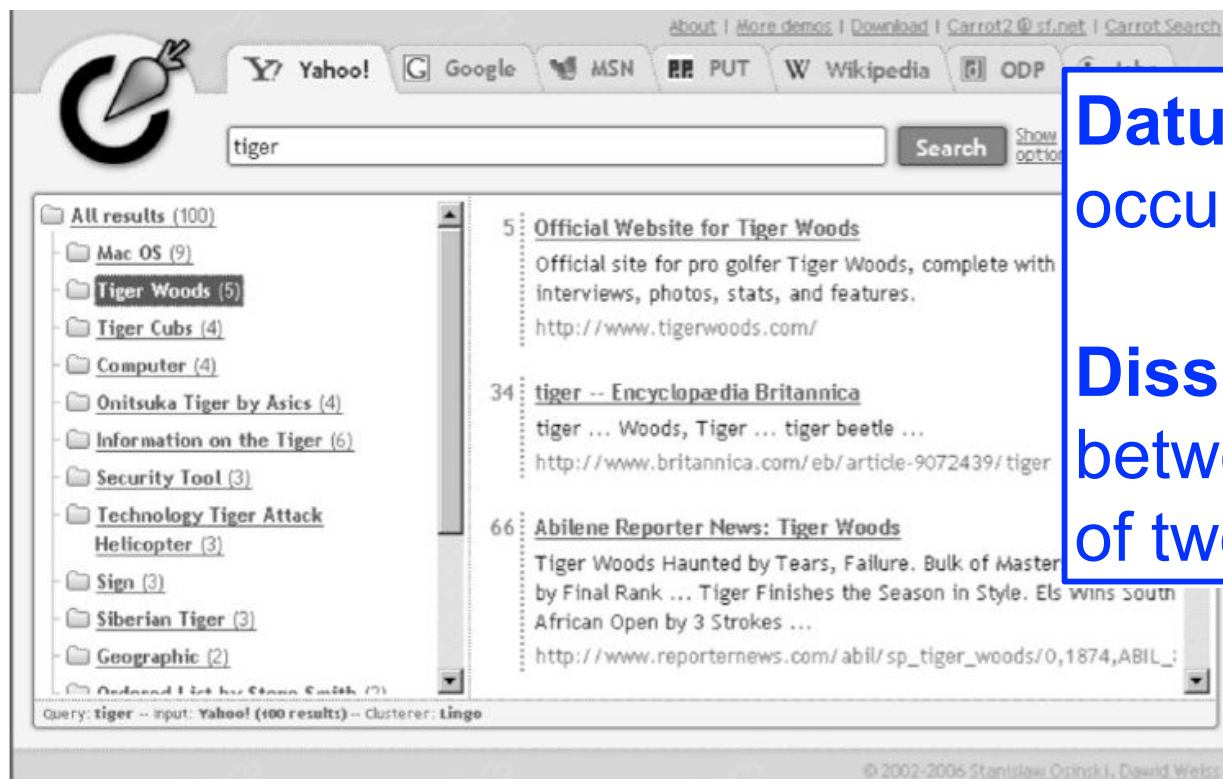
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**Dissimilarity:** distance between topic distributions of two documents

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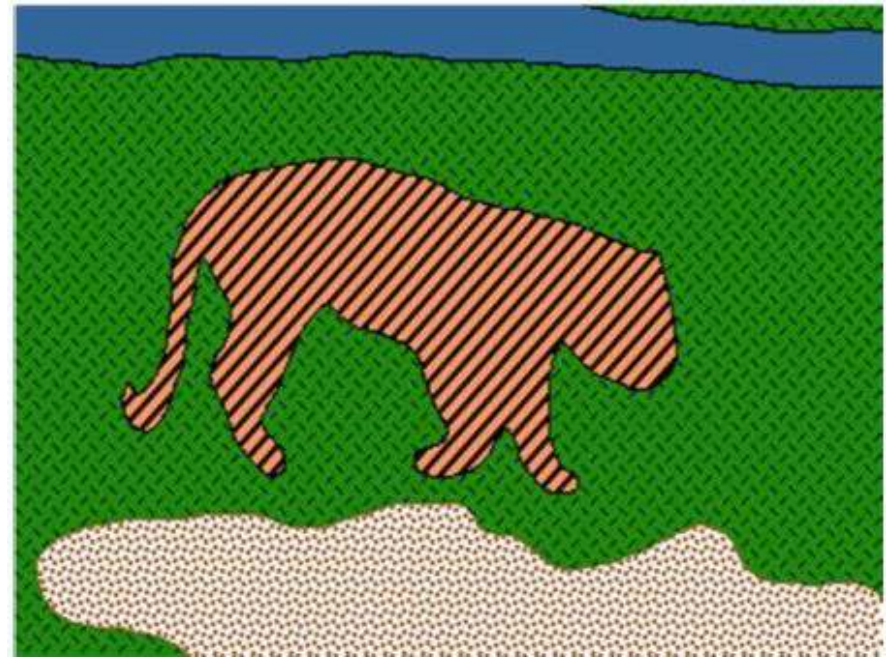
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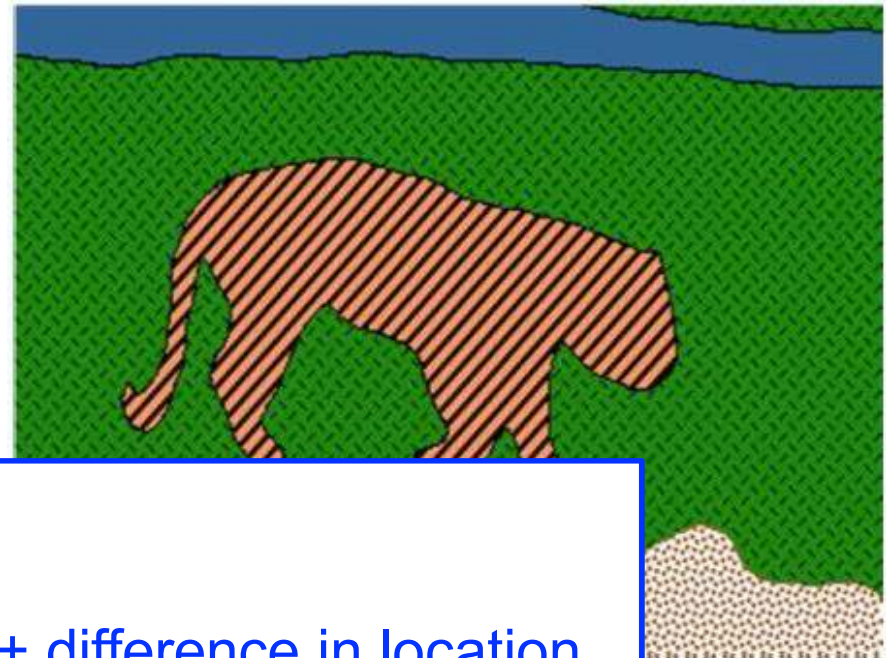


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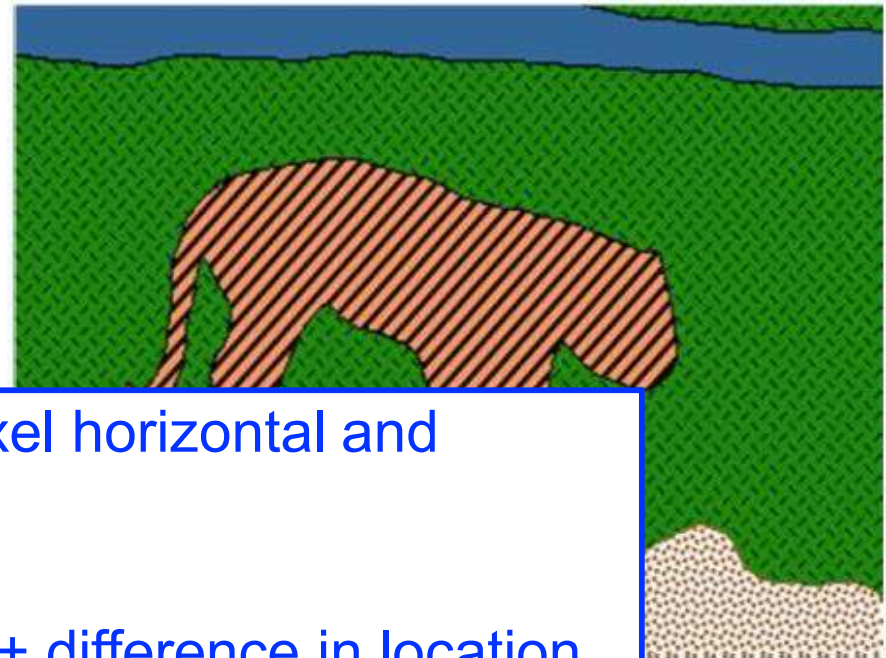
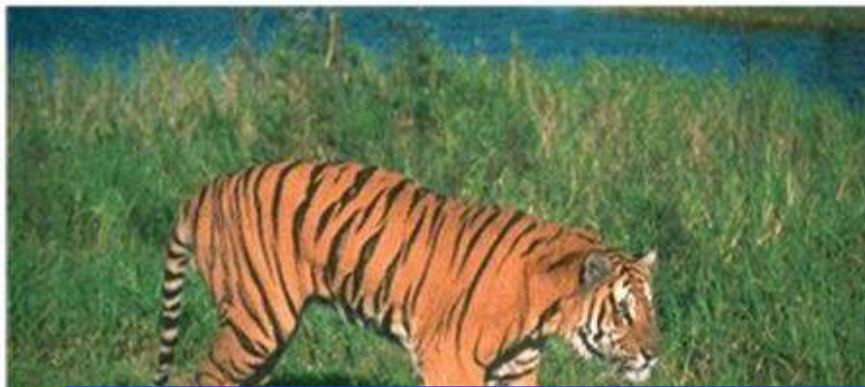
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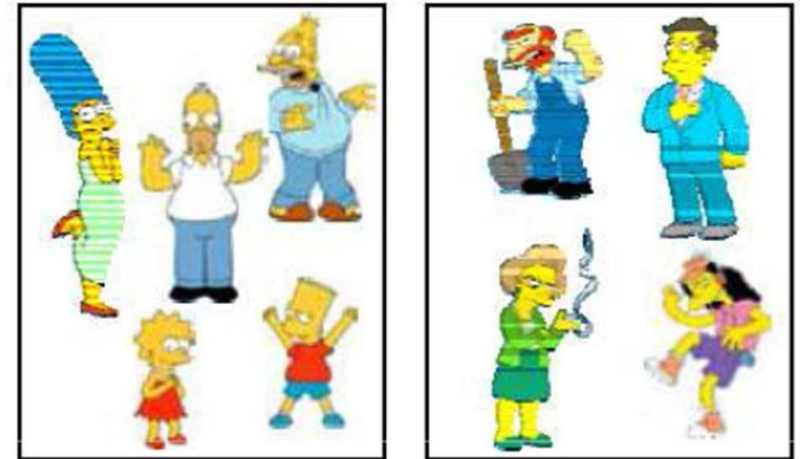
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# Clustering algorithms

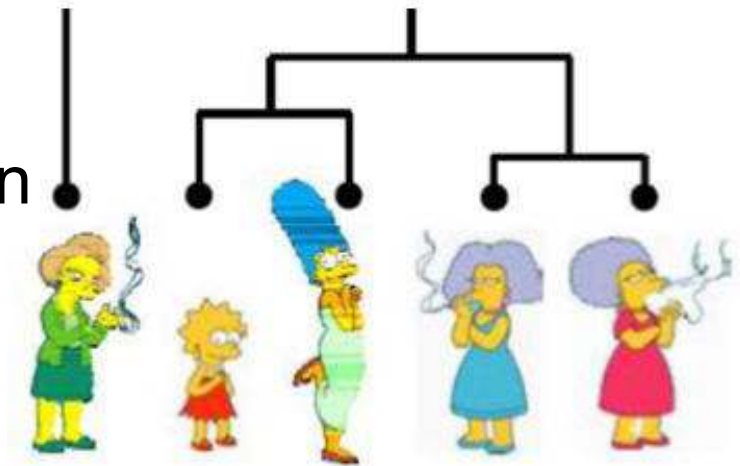
- **Partitioning algorithms**

- Construct various partitions and then evaluate them by some criterion
  - K-means
  - Mixture of Gaussians
  - Spectral Clustering



- **Hierarchical algorithms**

- Create a hierarchical decomposition of the set of objects using some criterion
- Bottom-up – agglomerative
- Top-down – divisive





# Desirable Properties of a Clustering Algorithm

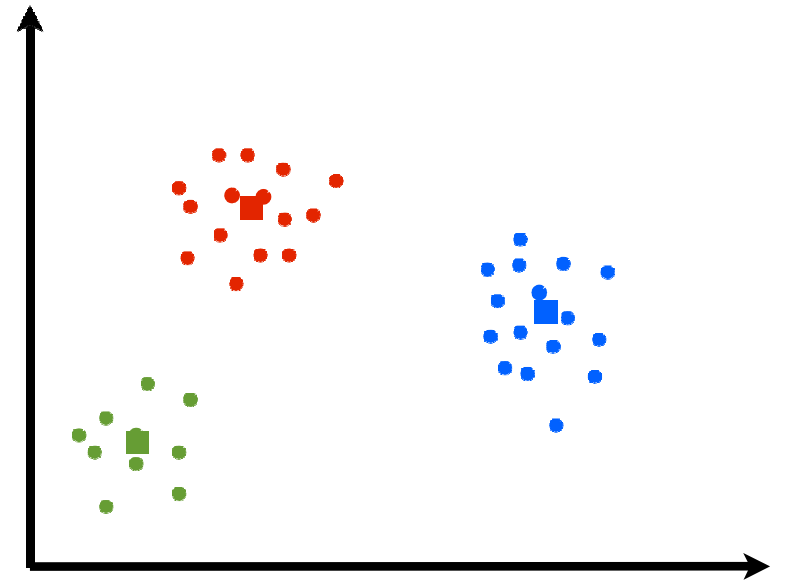
- Scalability (in terms of both time and space)
- Ability to deal with different data types
- Minimal requirements for domain knowledge to determine input parameters
- Ability to deal with noisy data
- Interpretability and usability
- Optional
  - Incorporation of user-specified constraints

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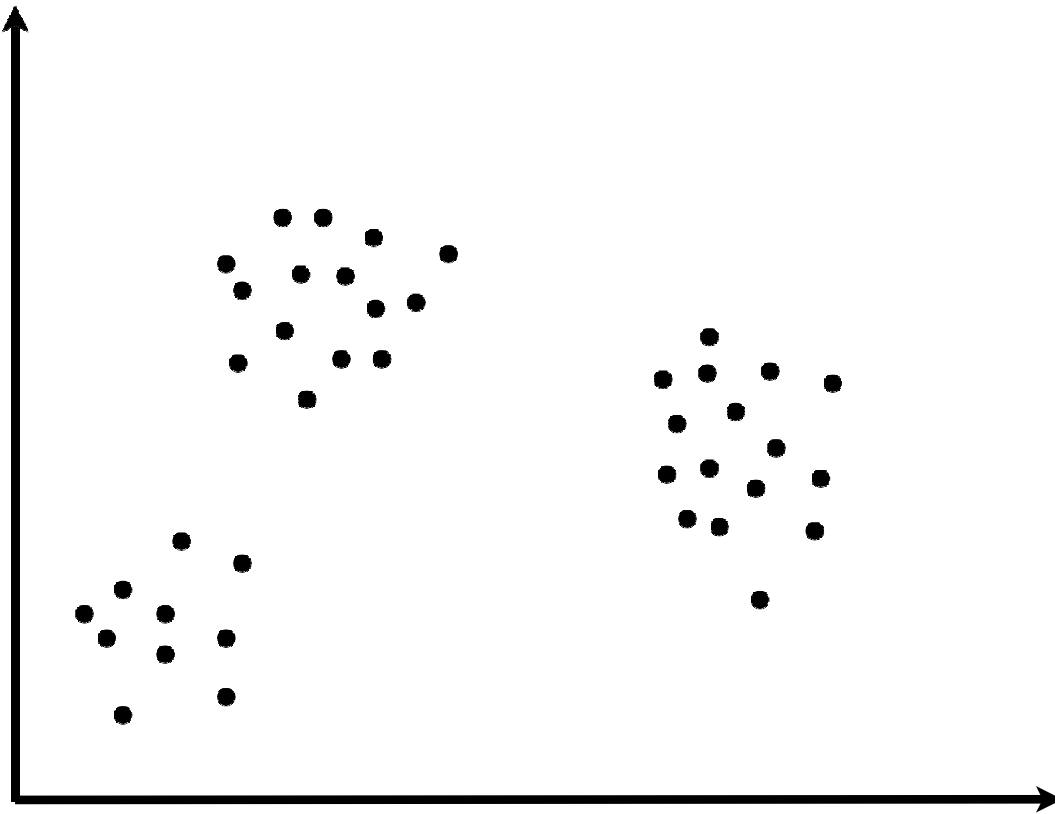
## Benefits

- Fast
- Conceptually straightforward
- Popular



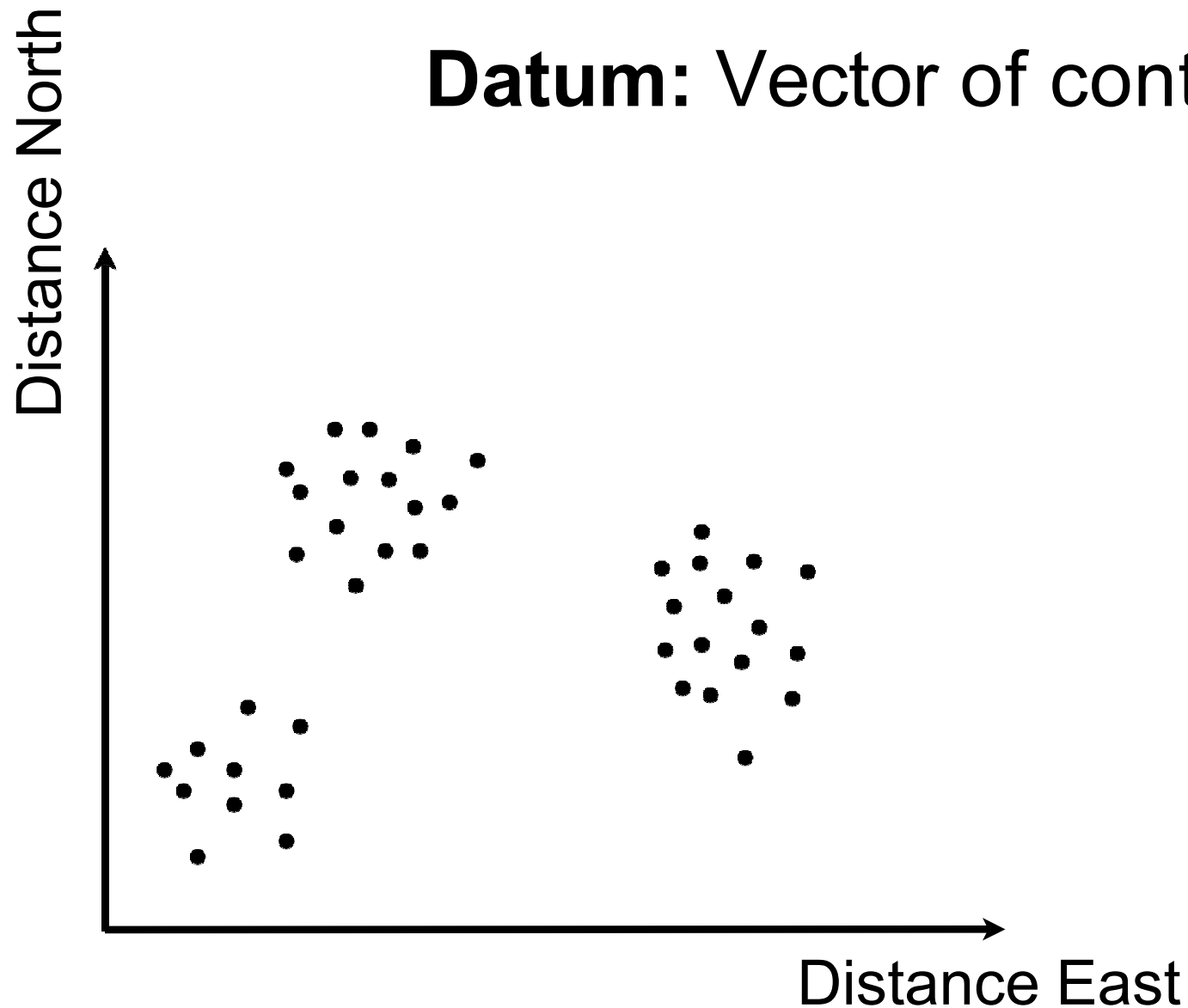
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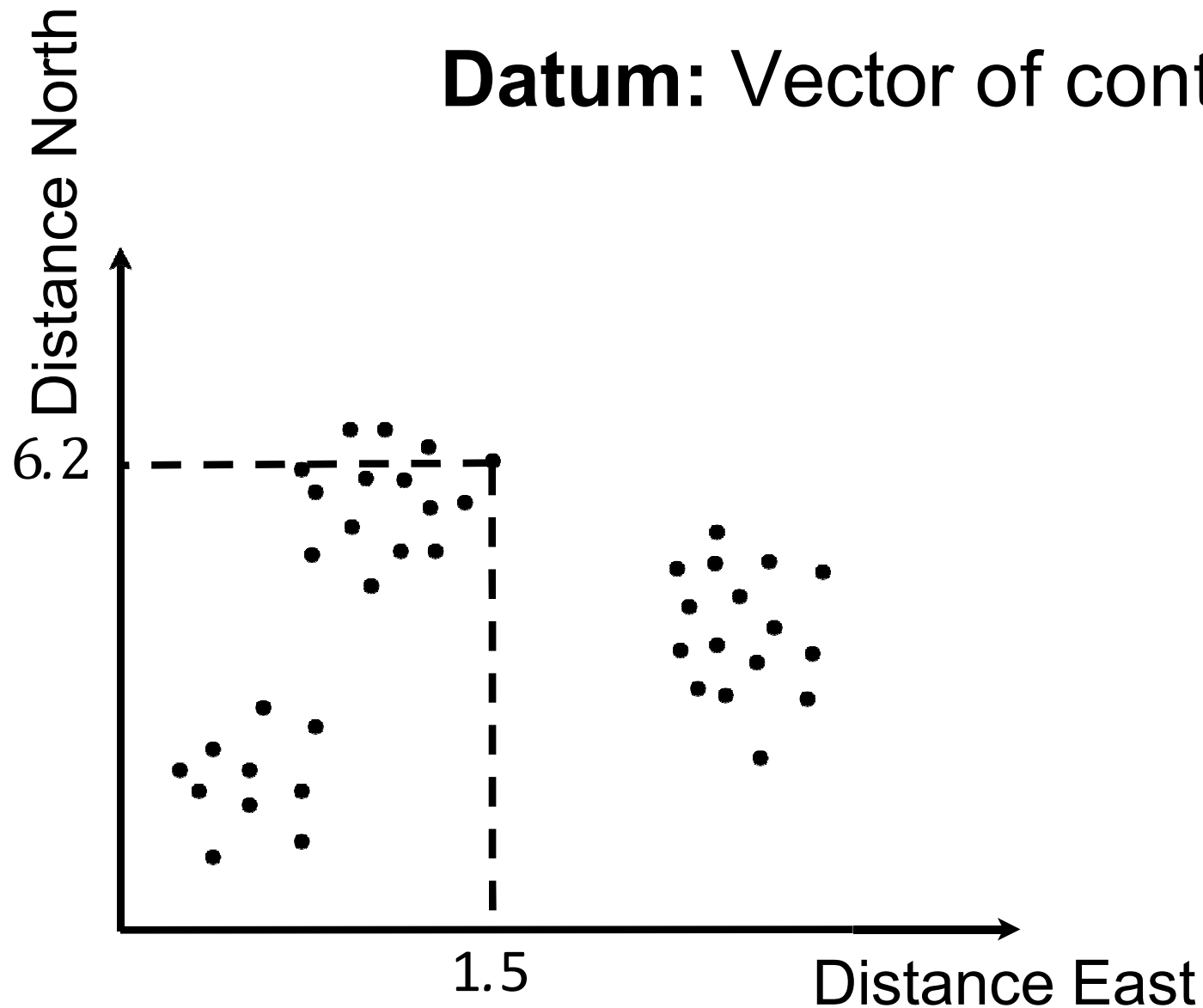
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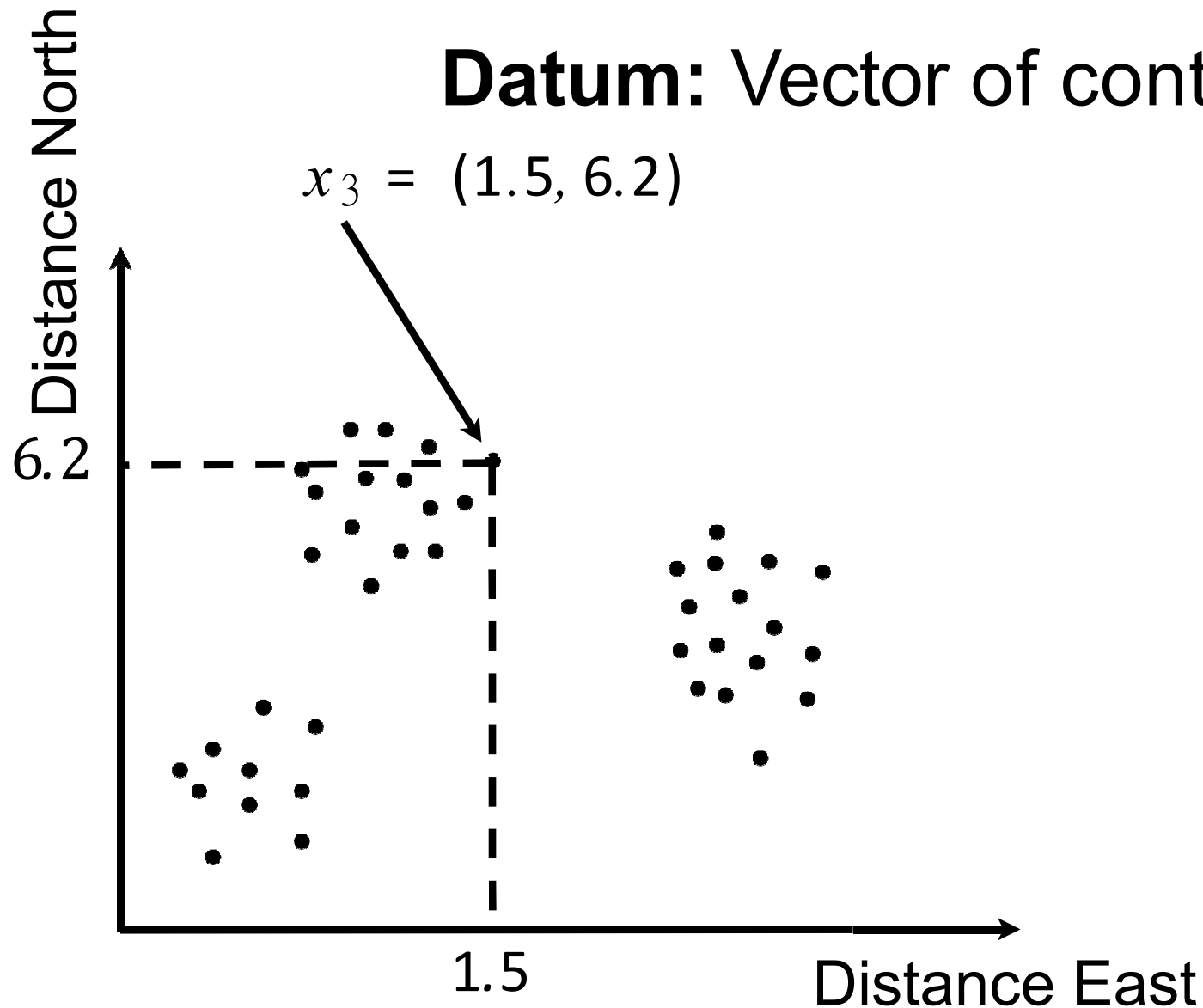
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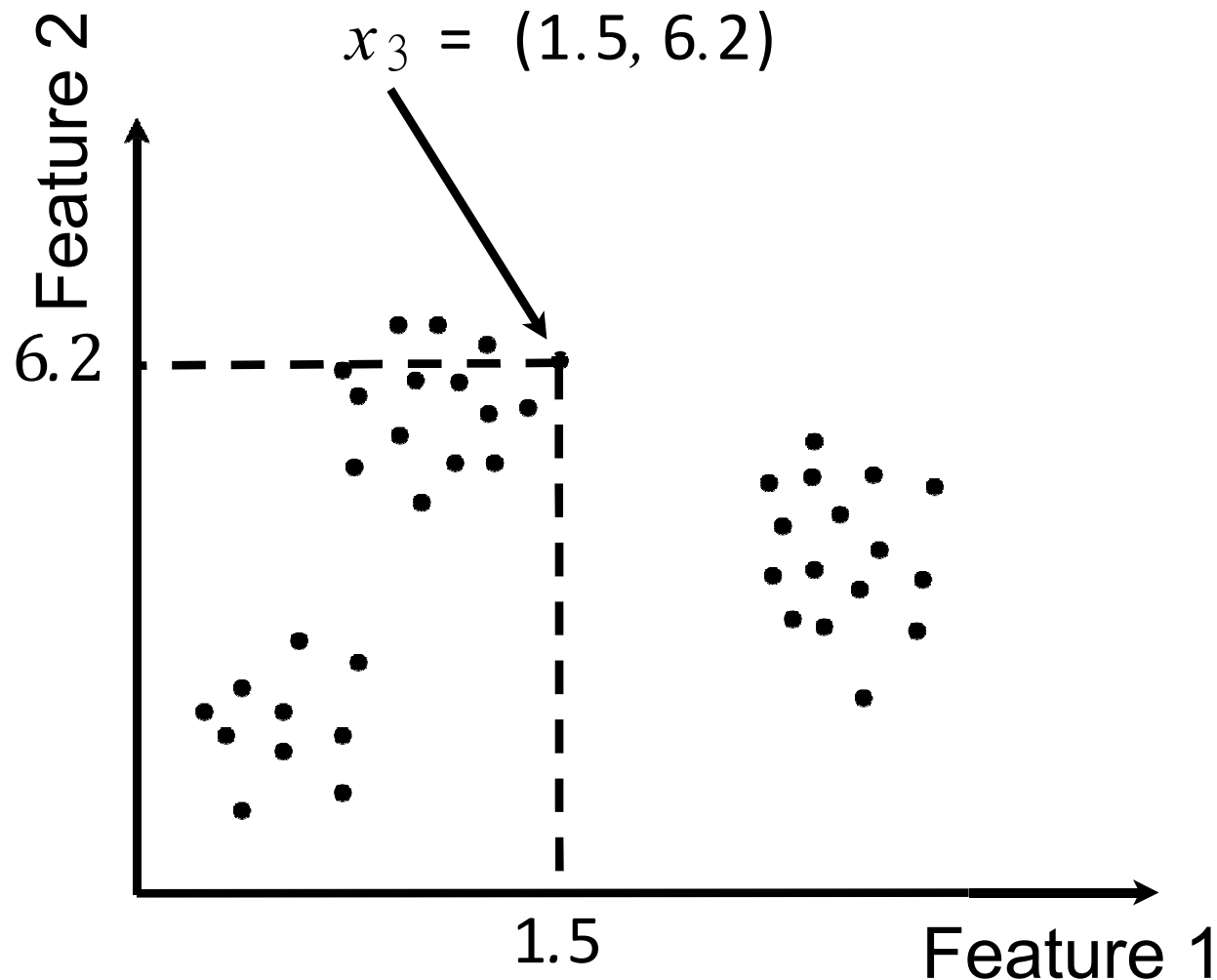
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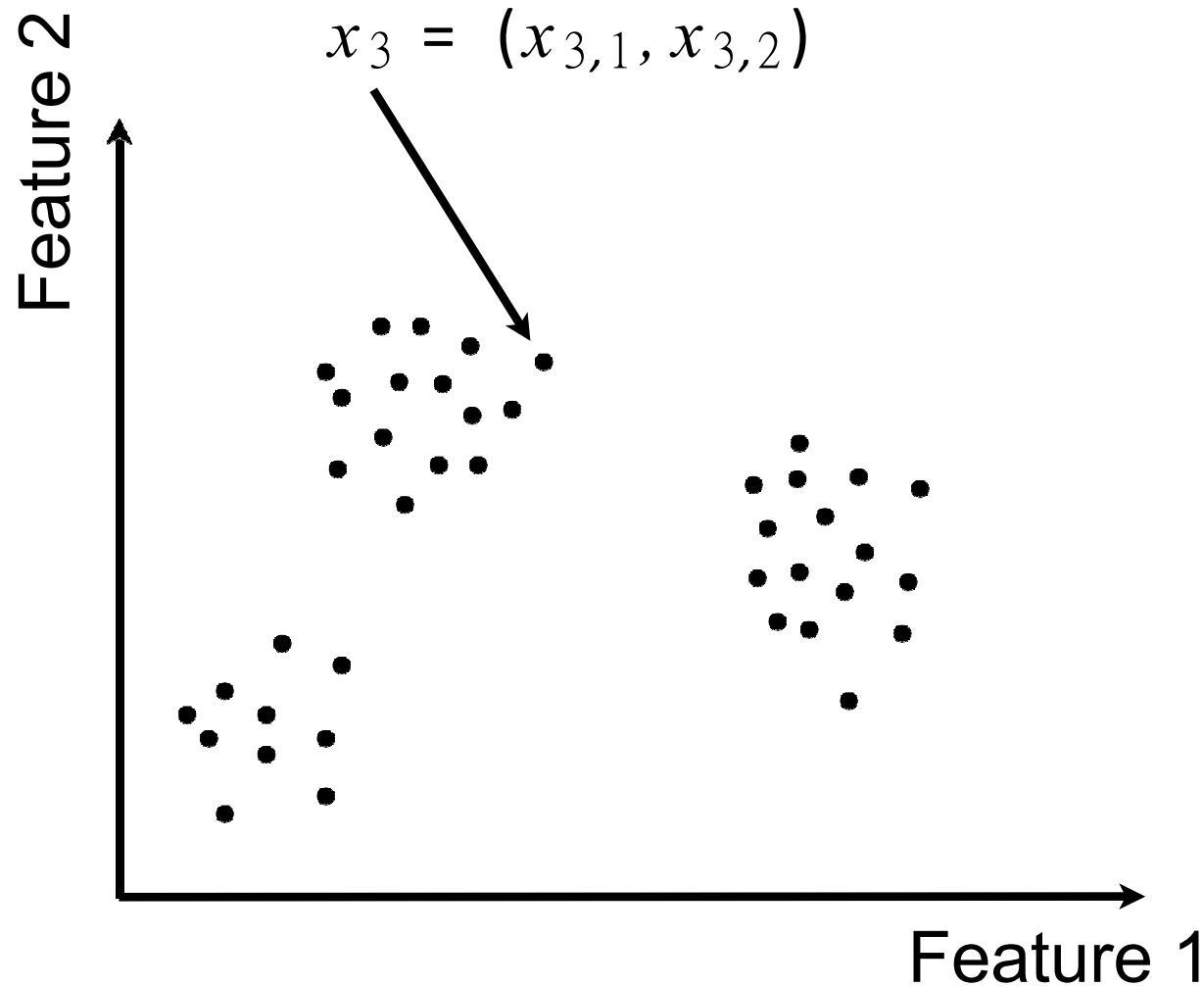


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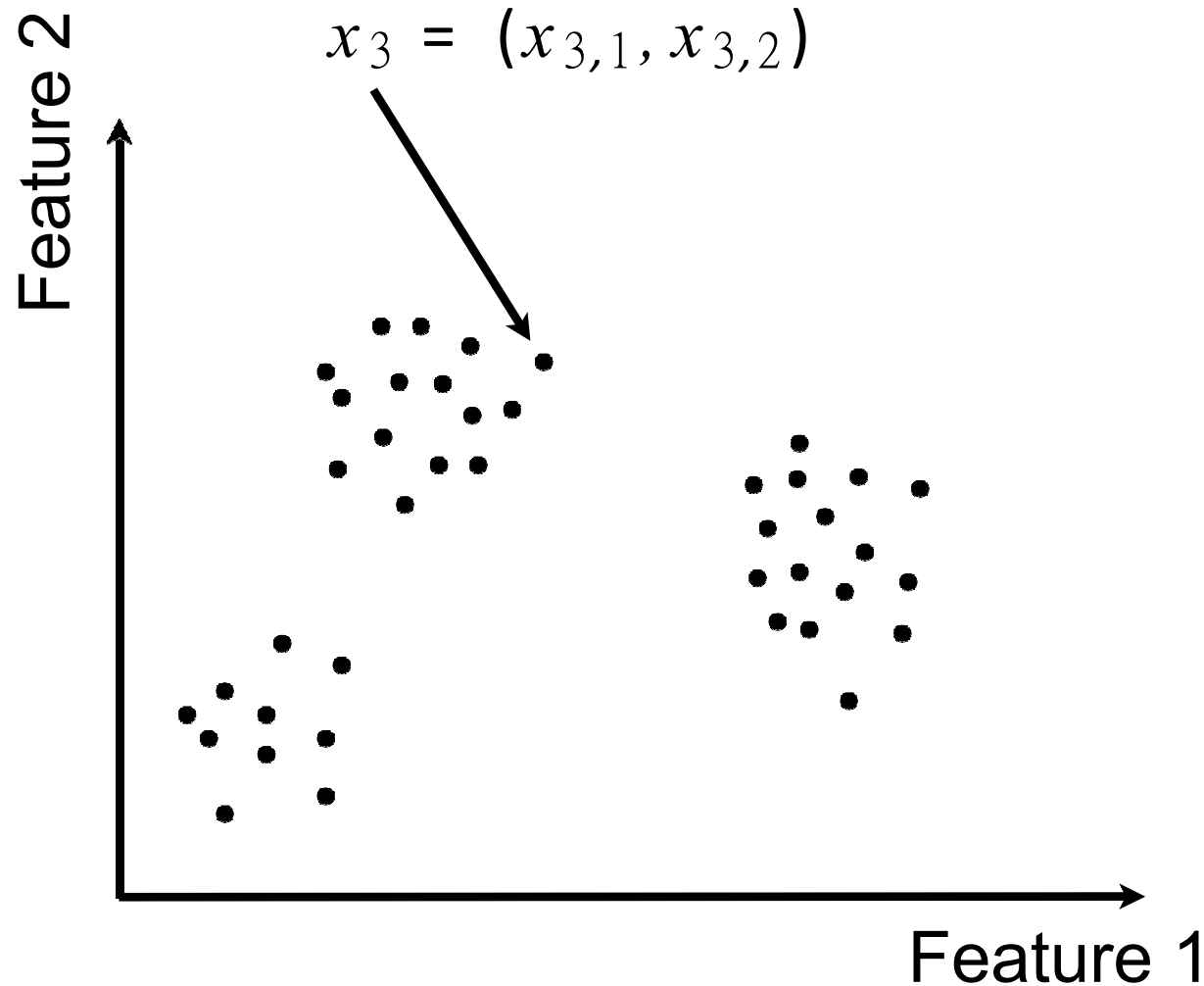
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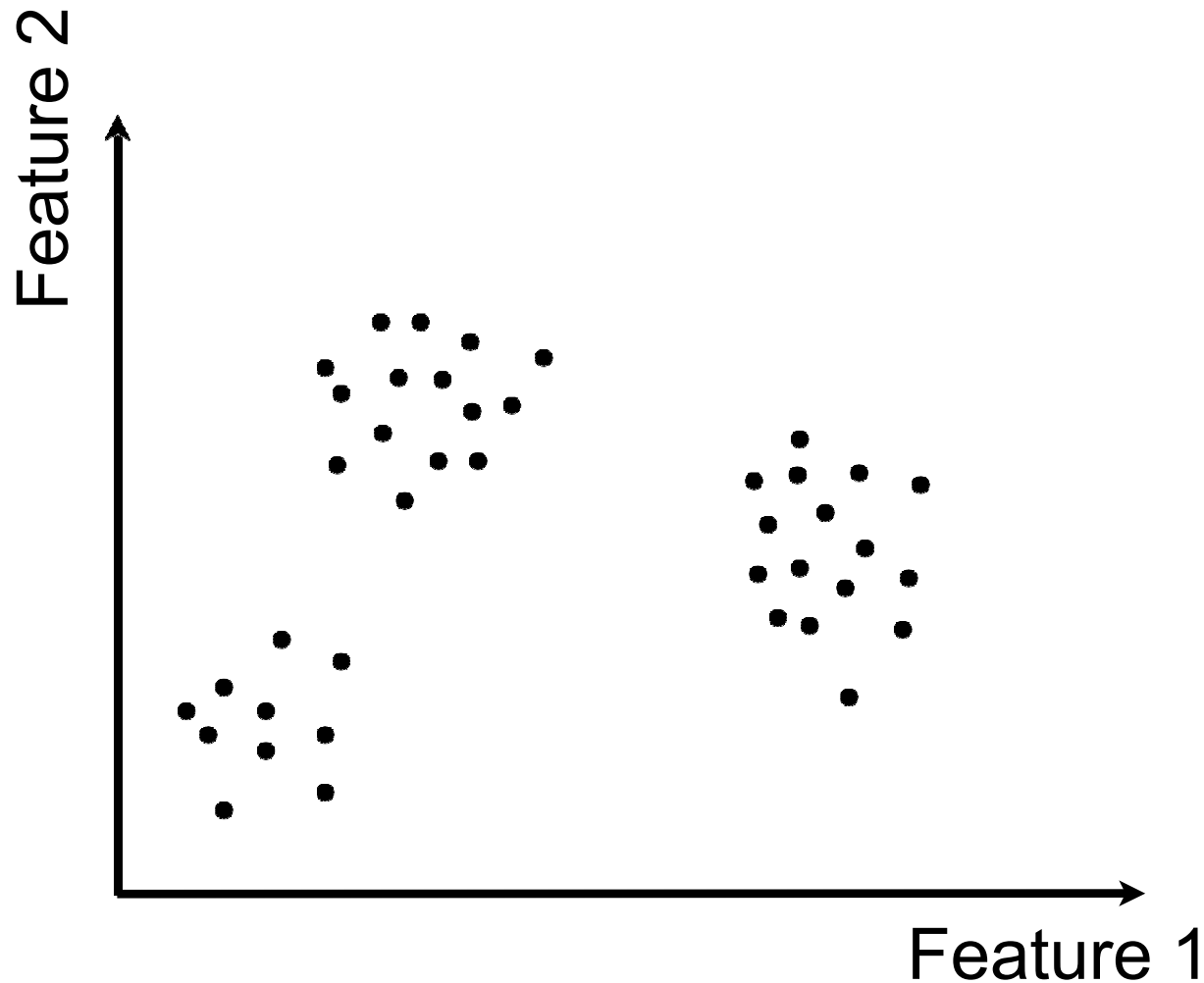
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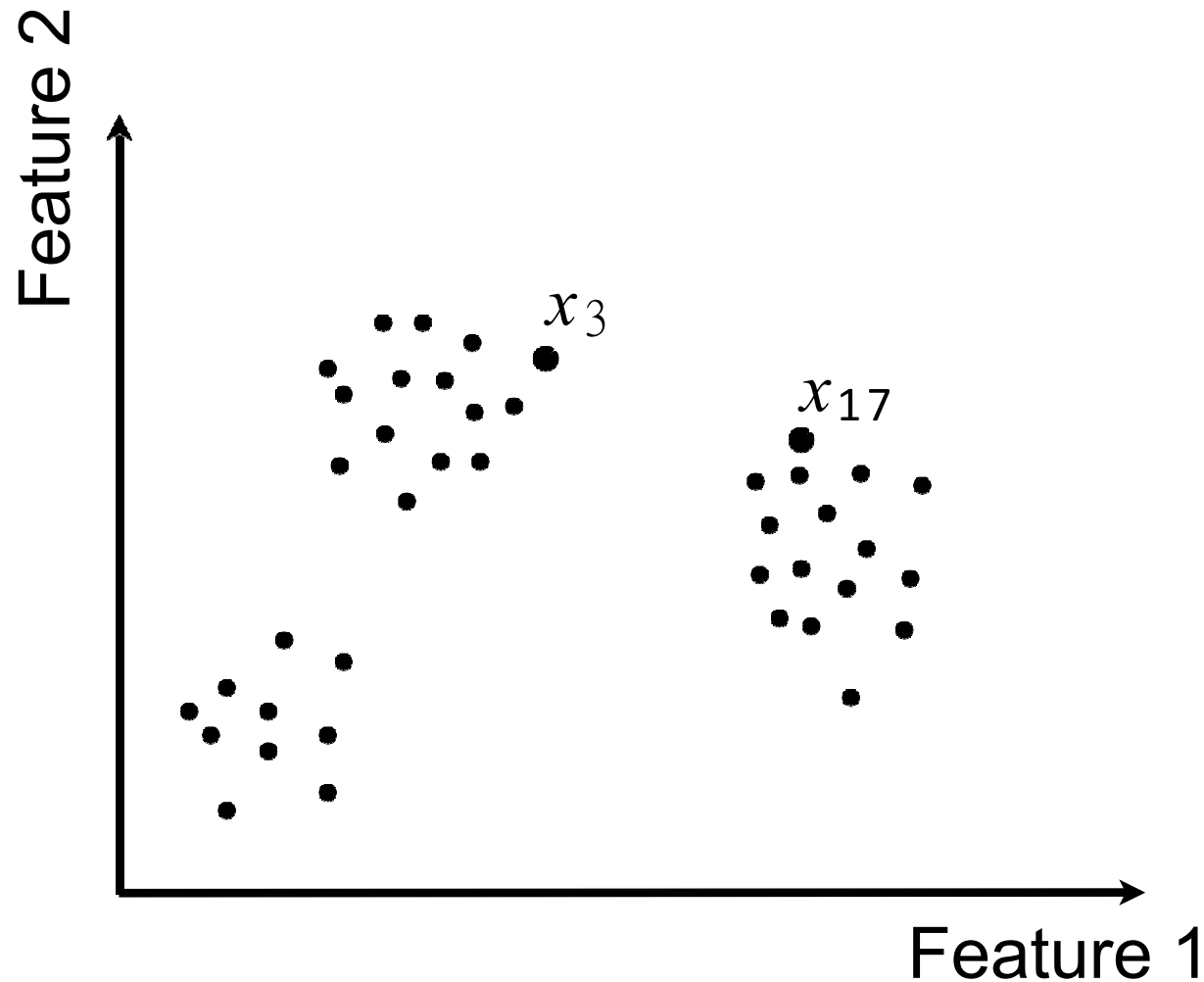
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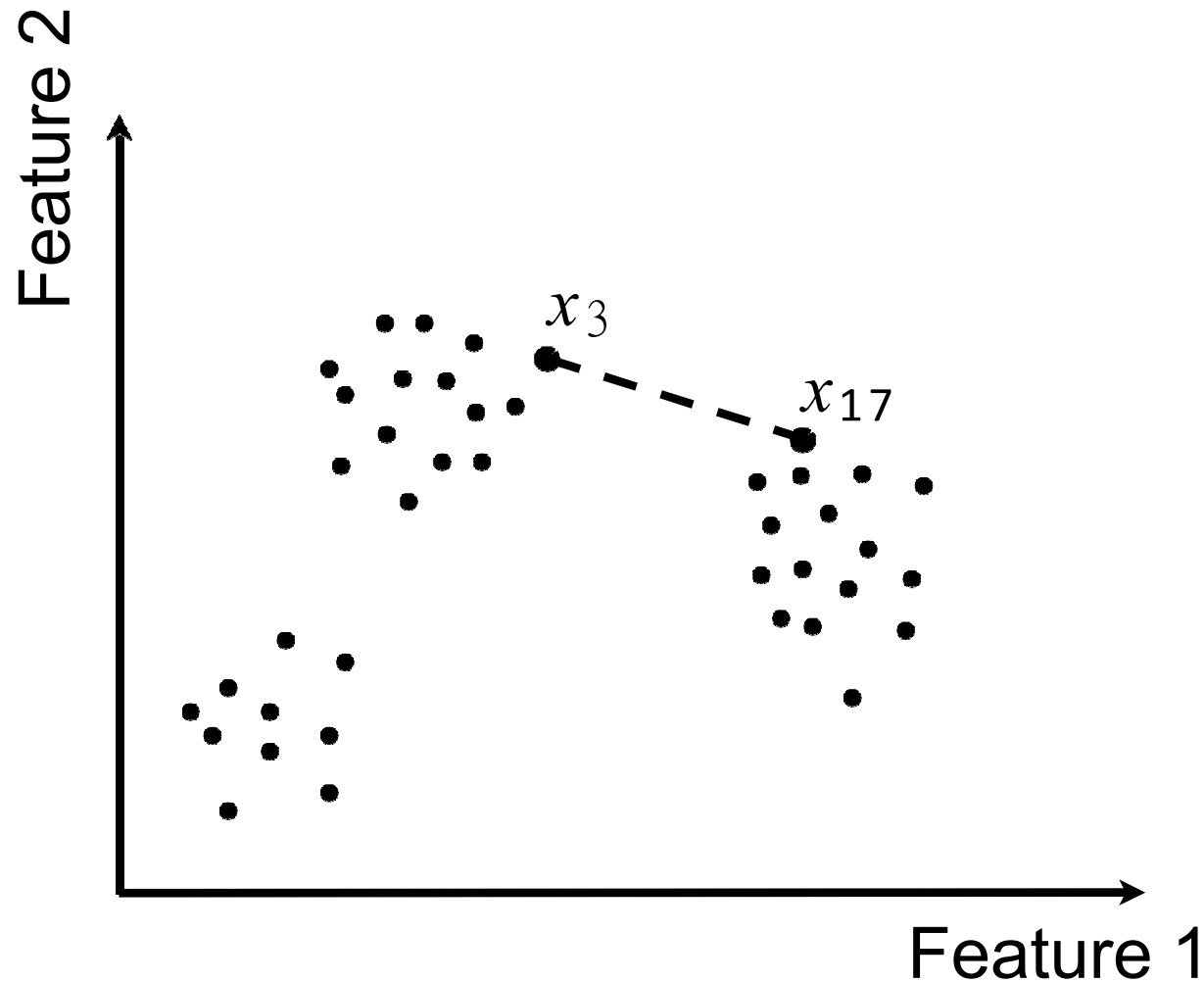
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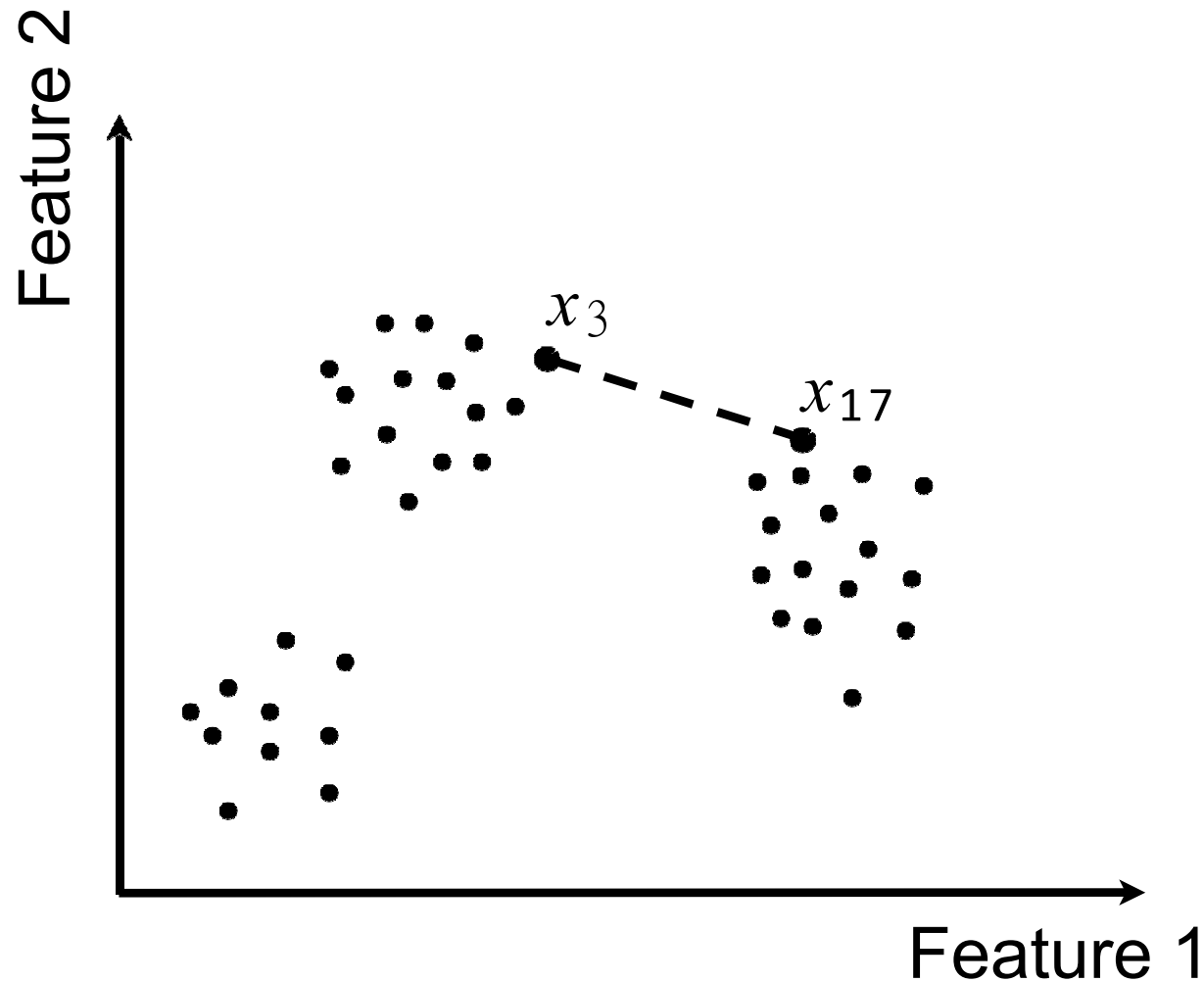
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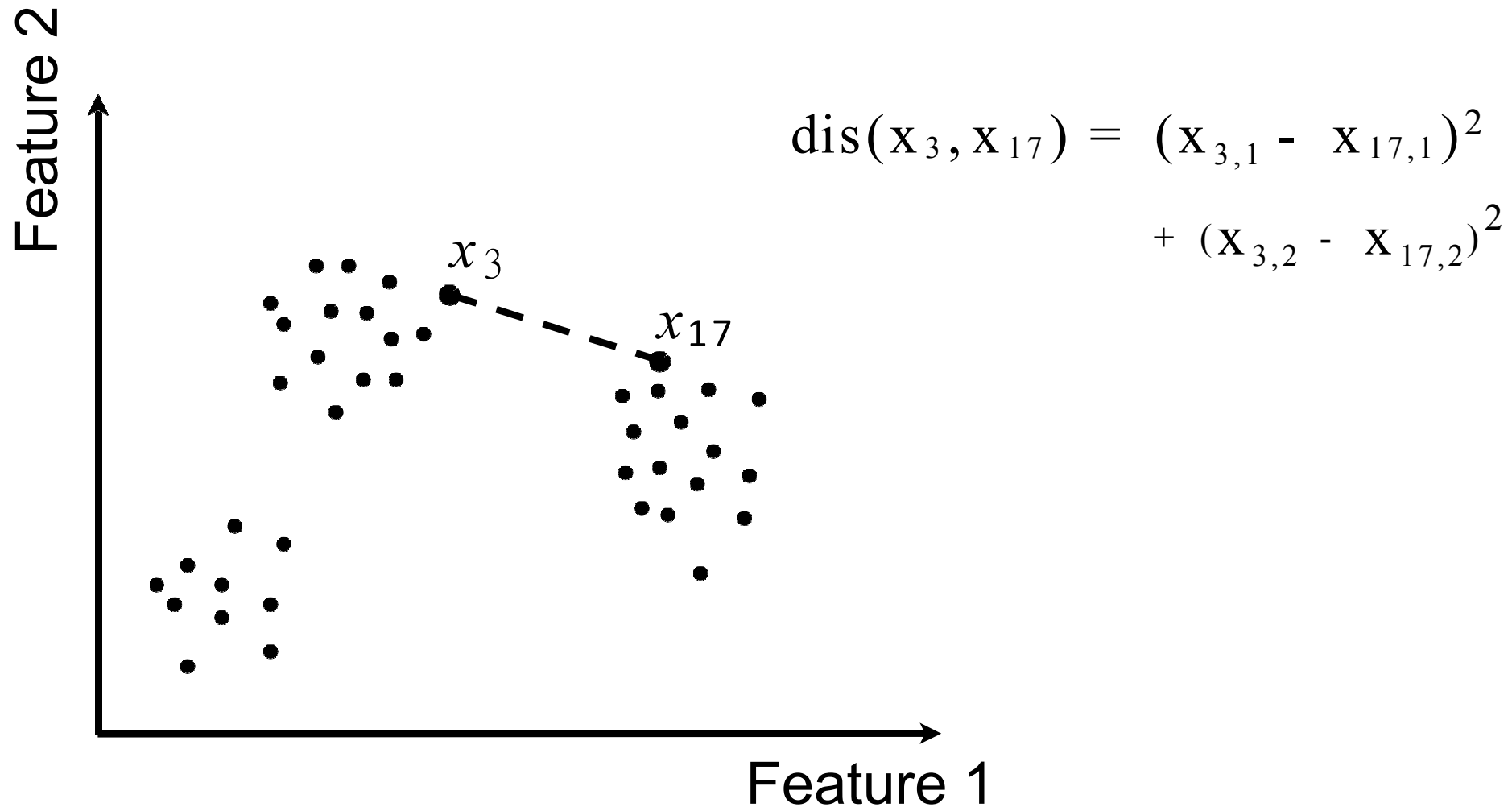
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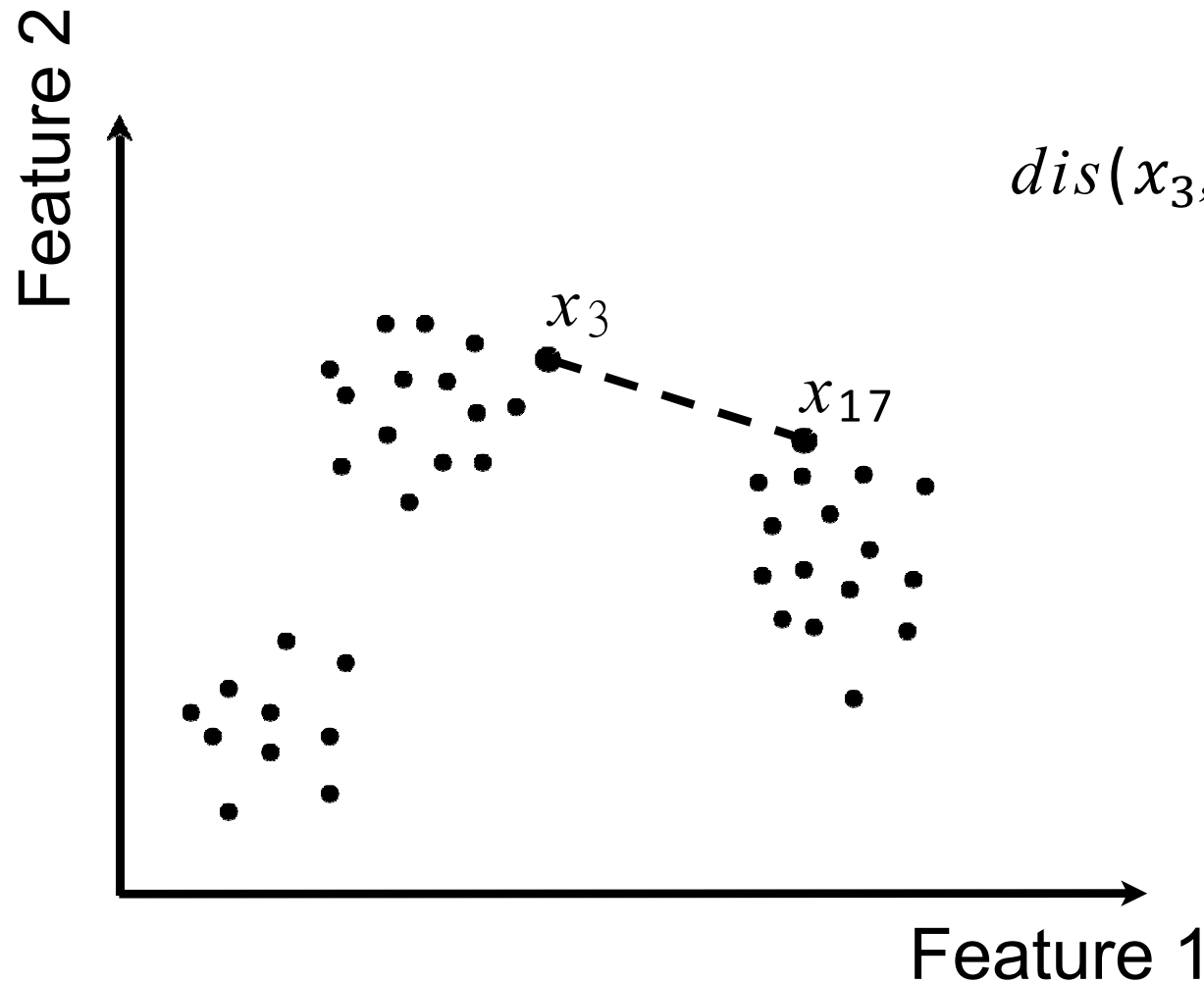
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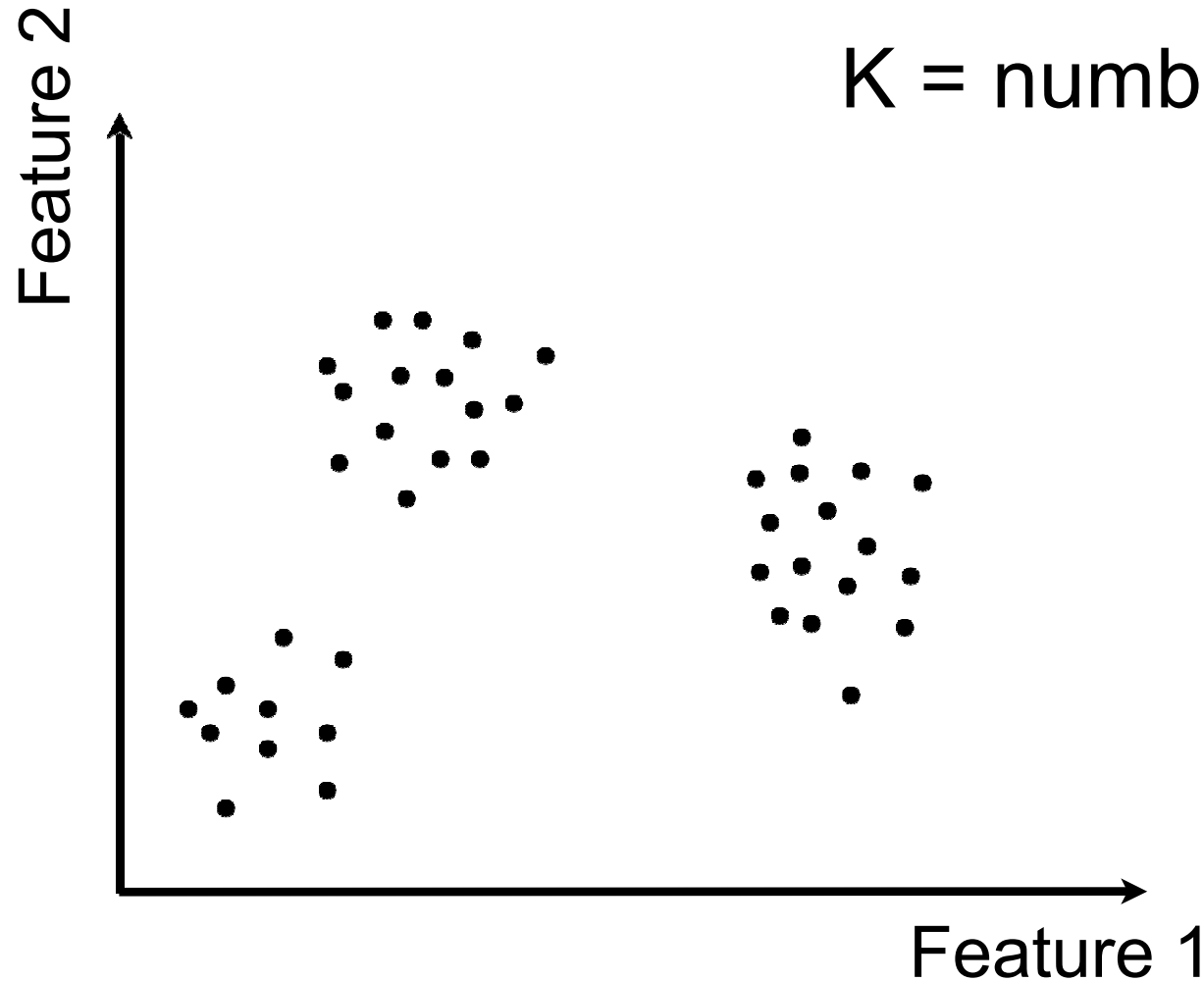
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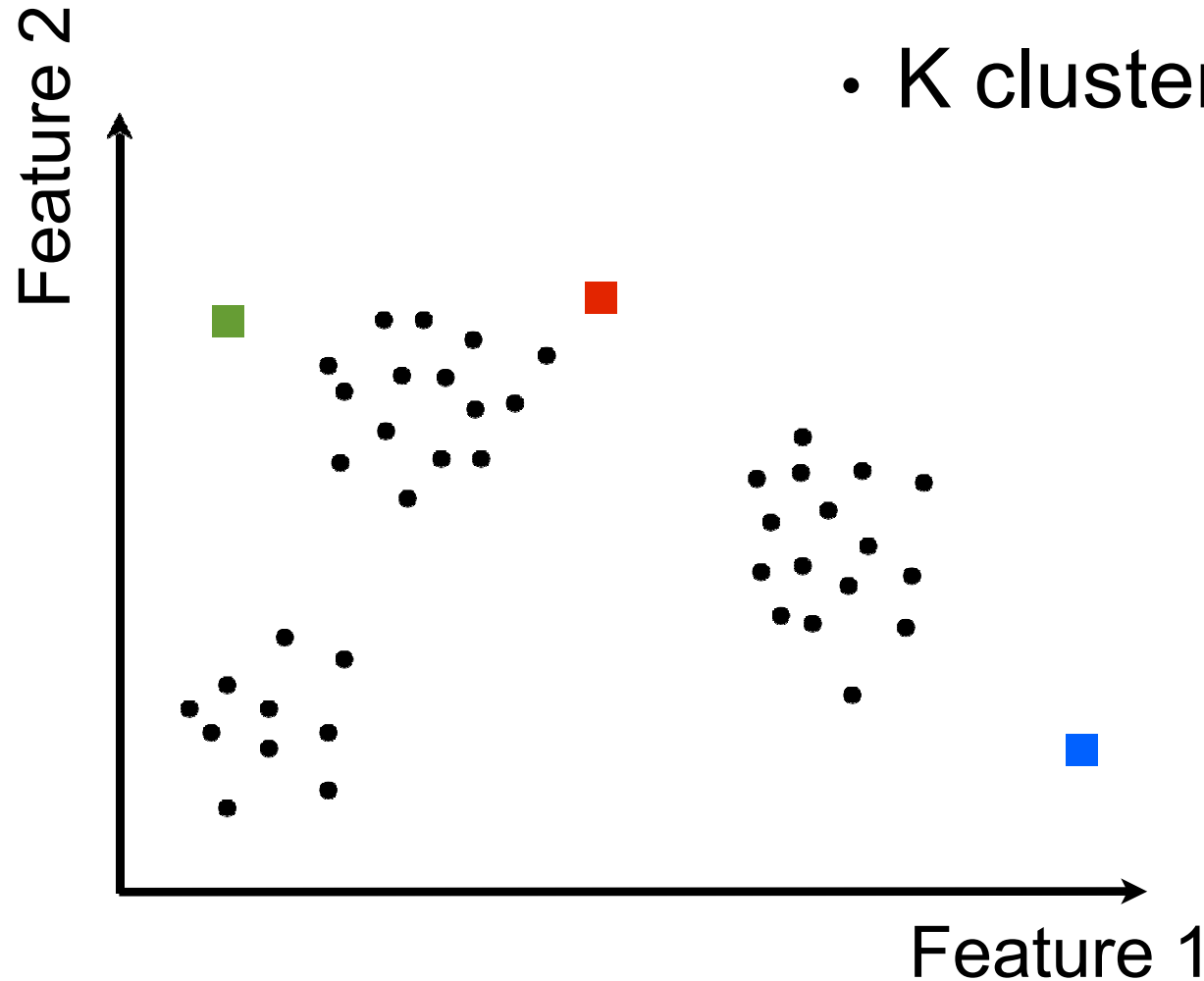
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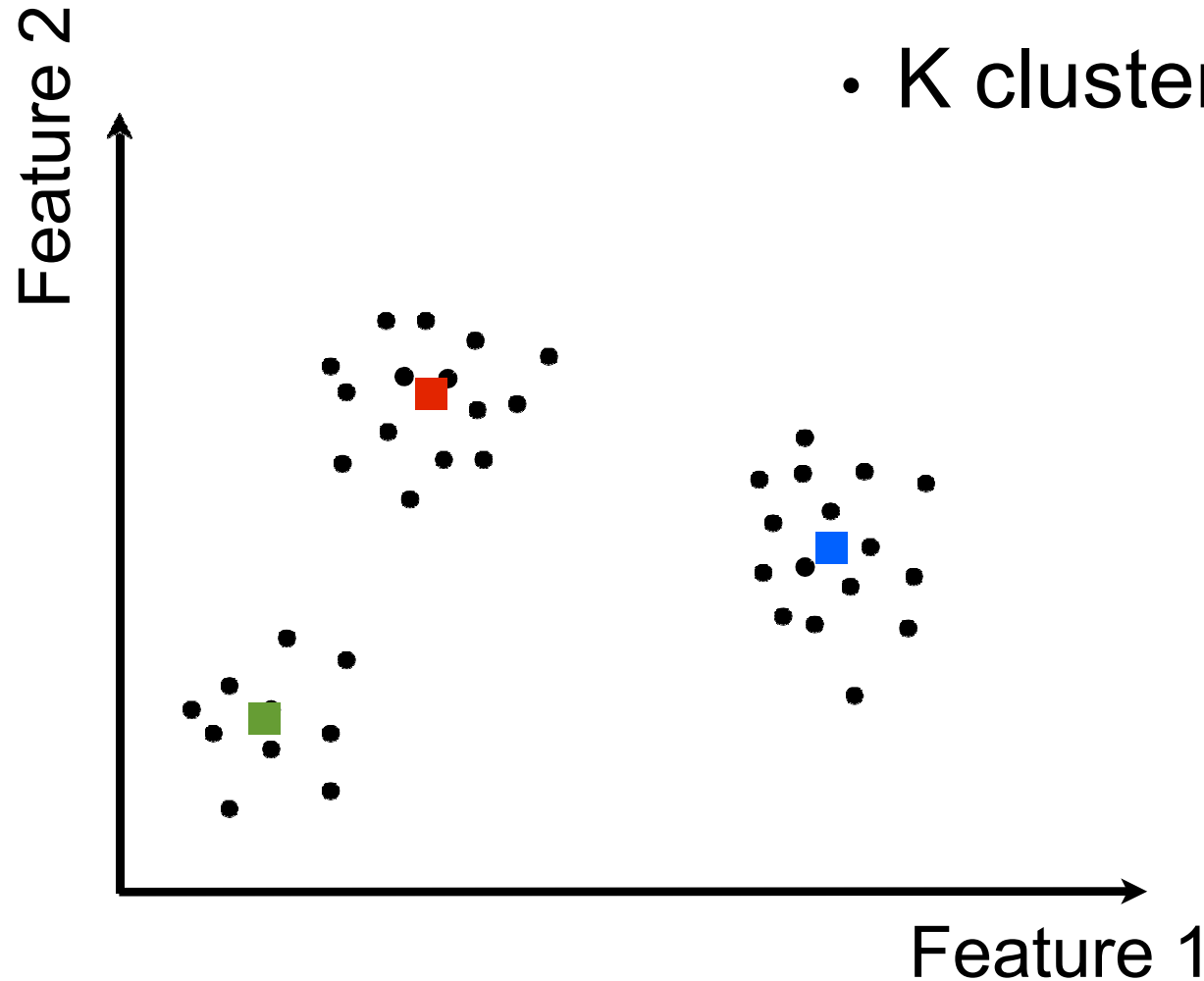
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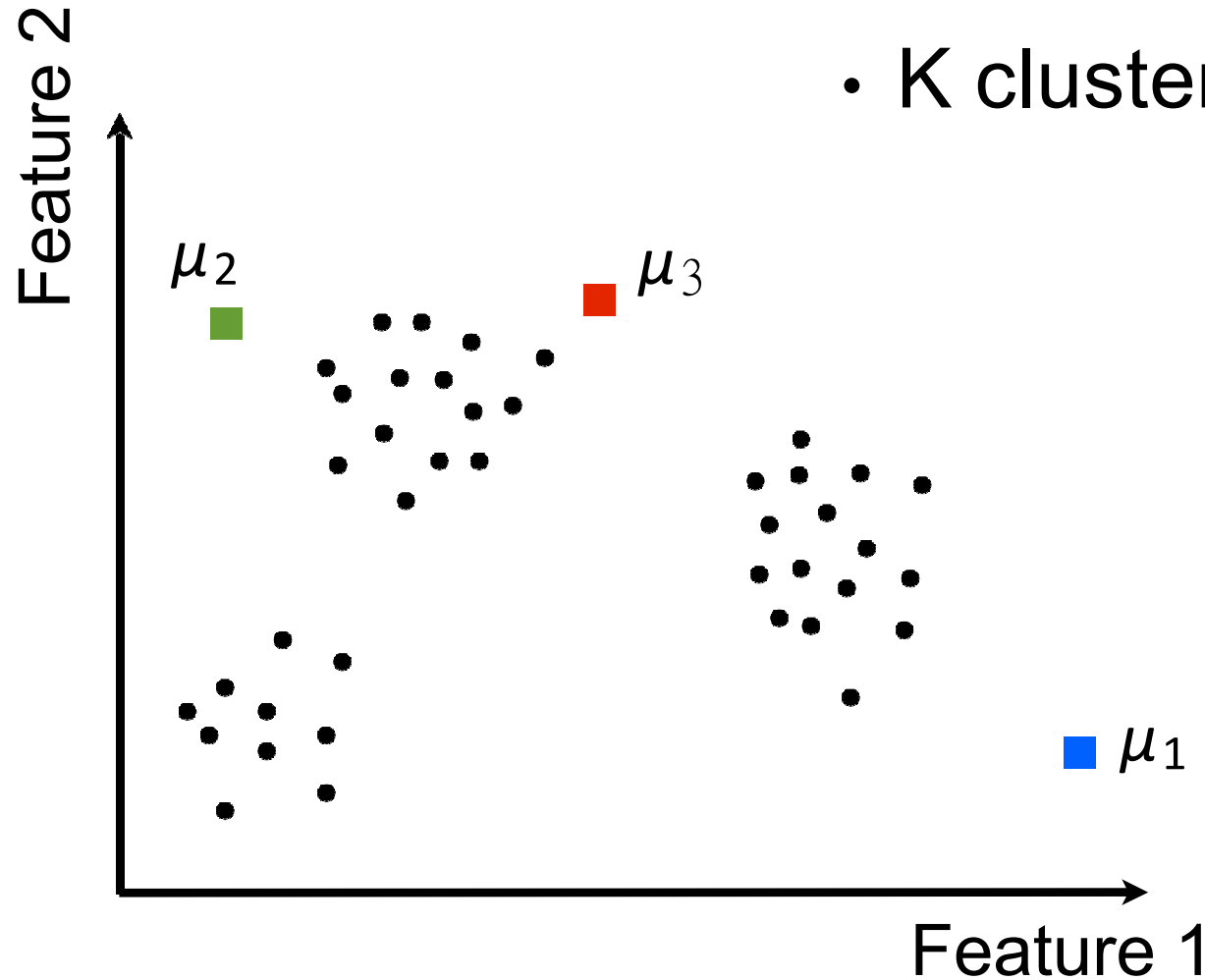
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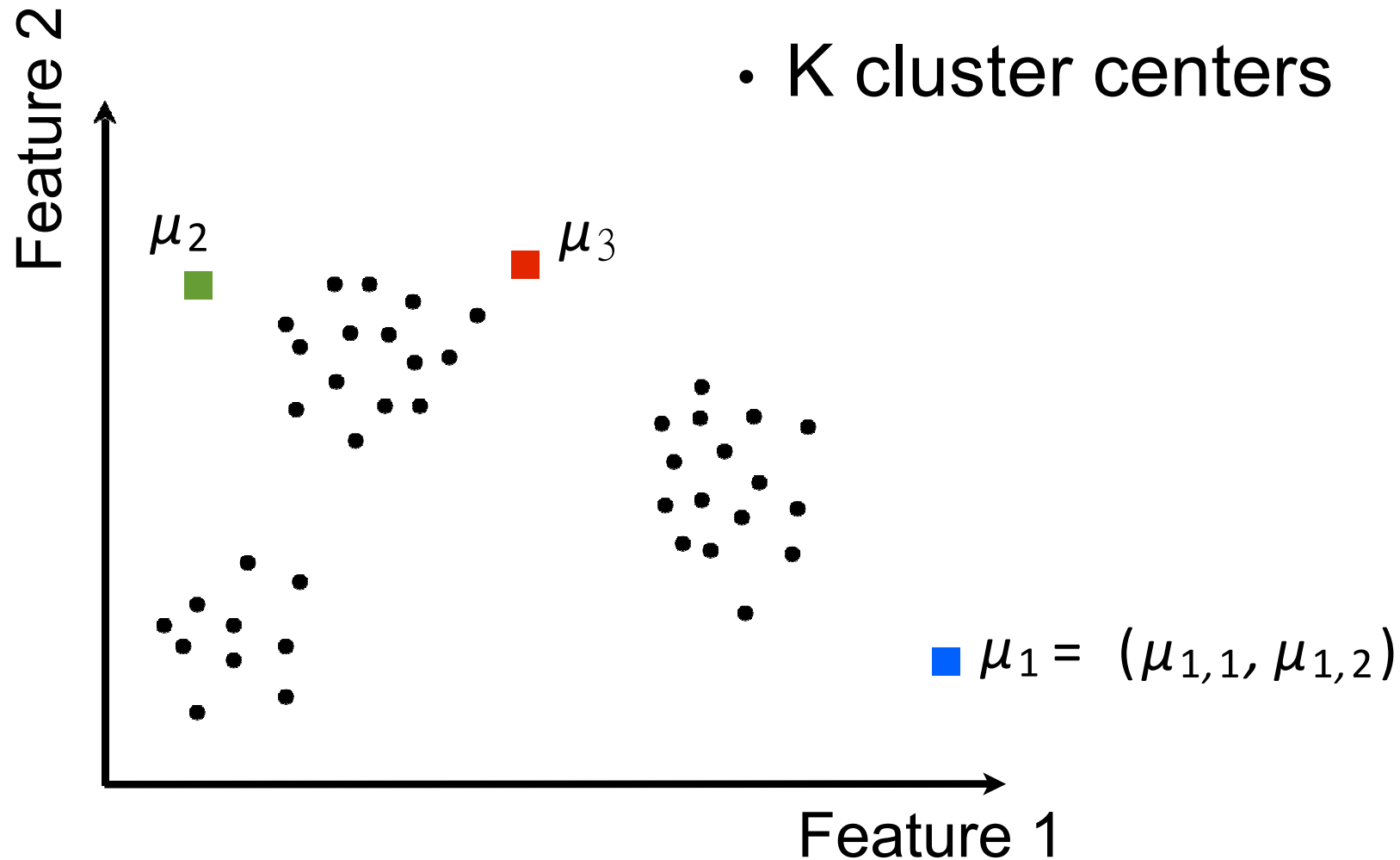
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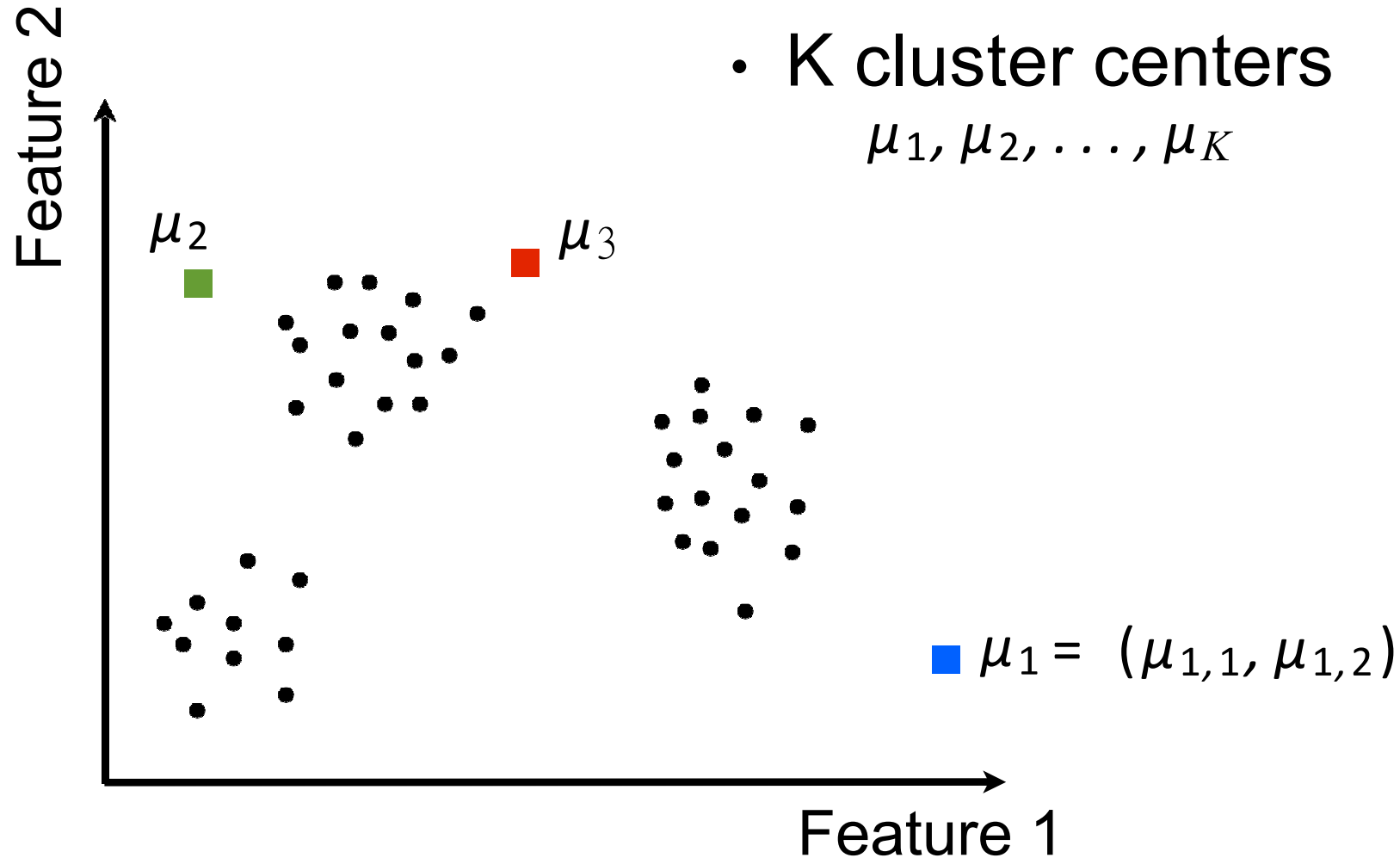


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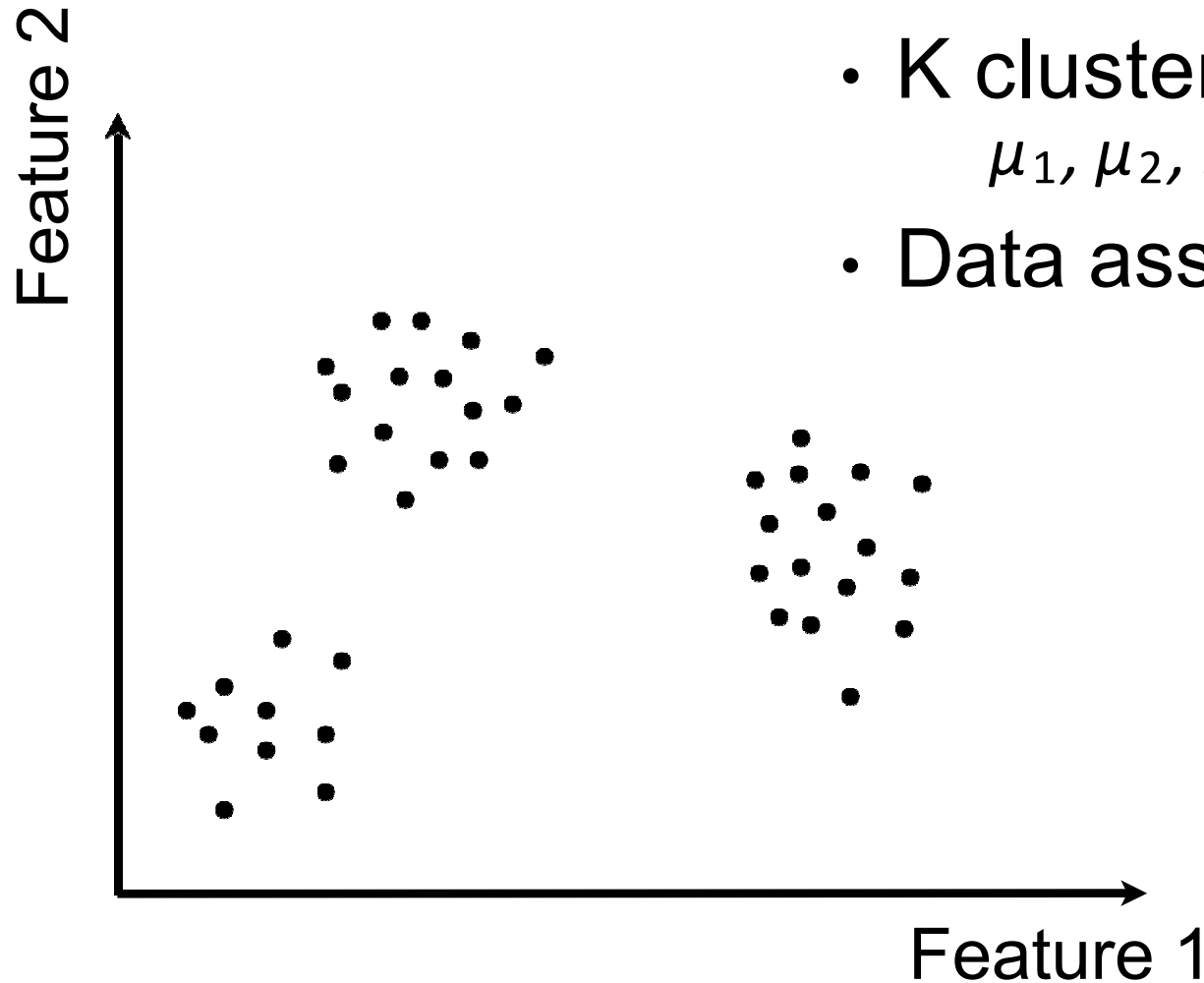
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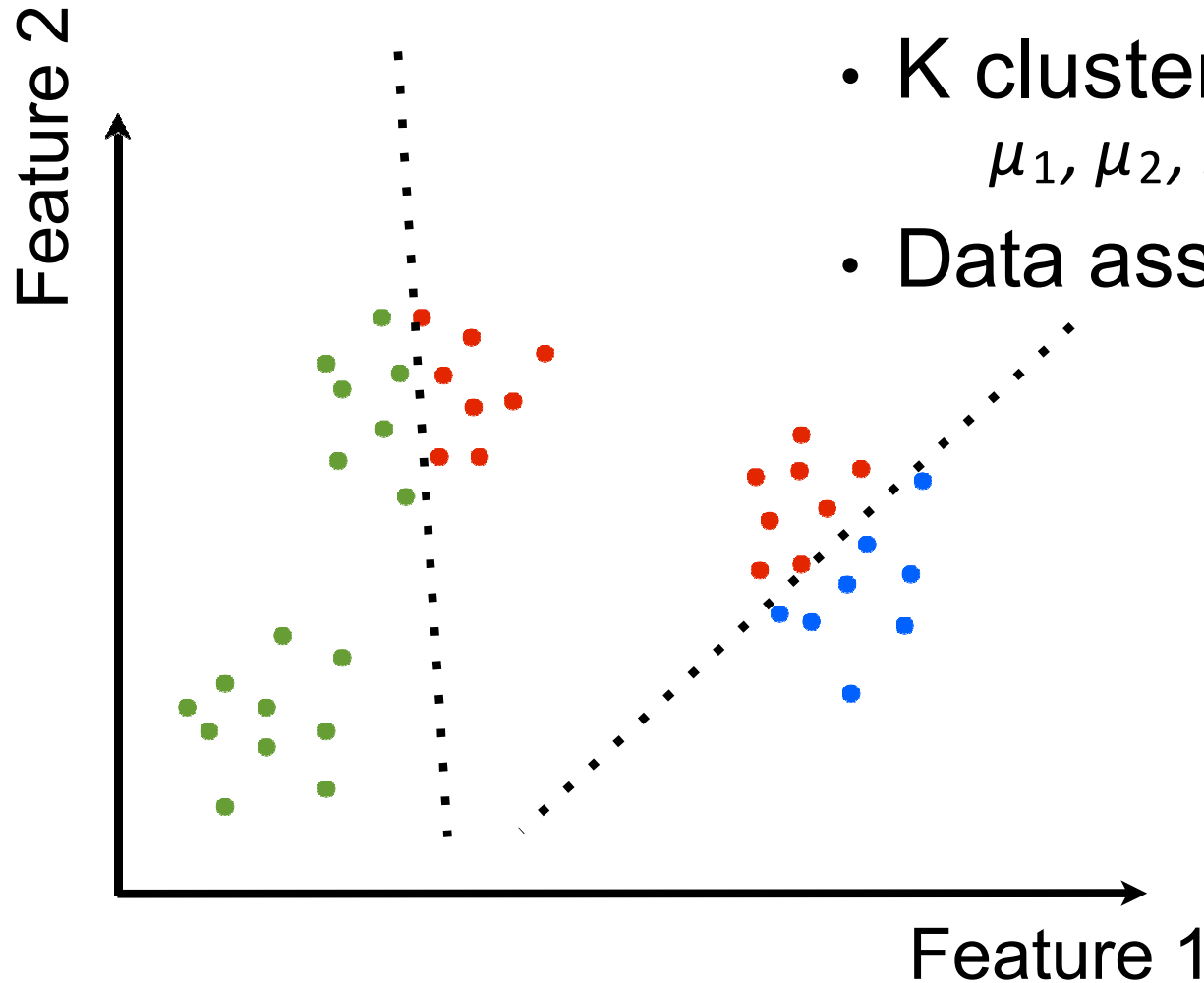
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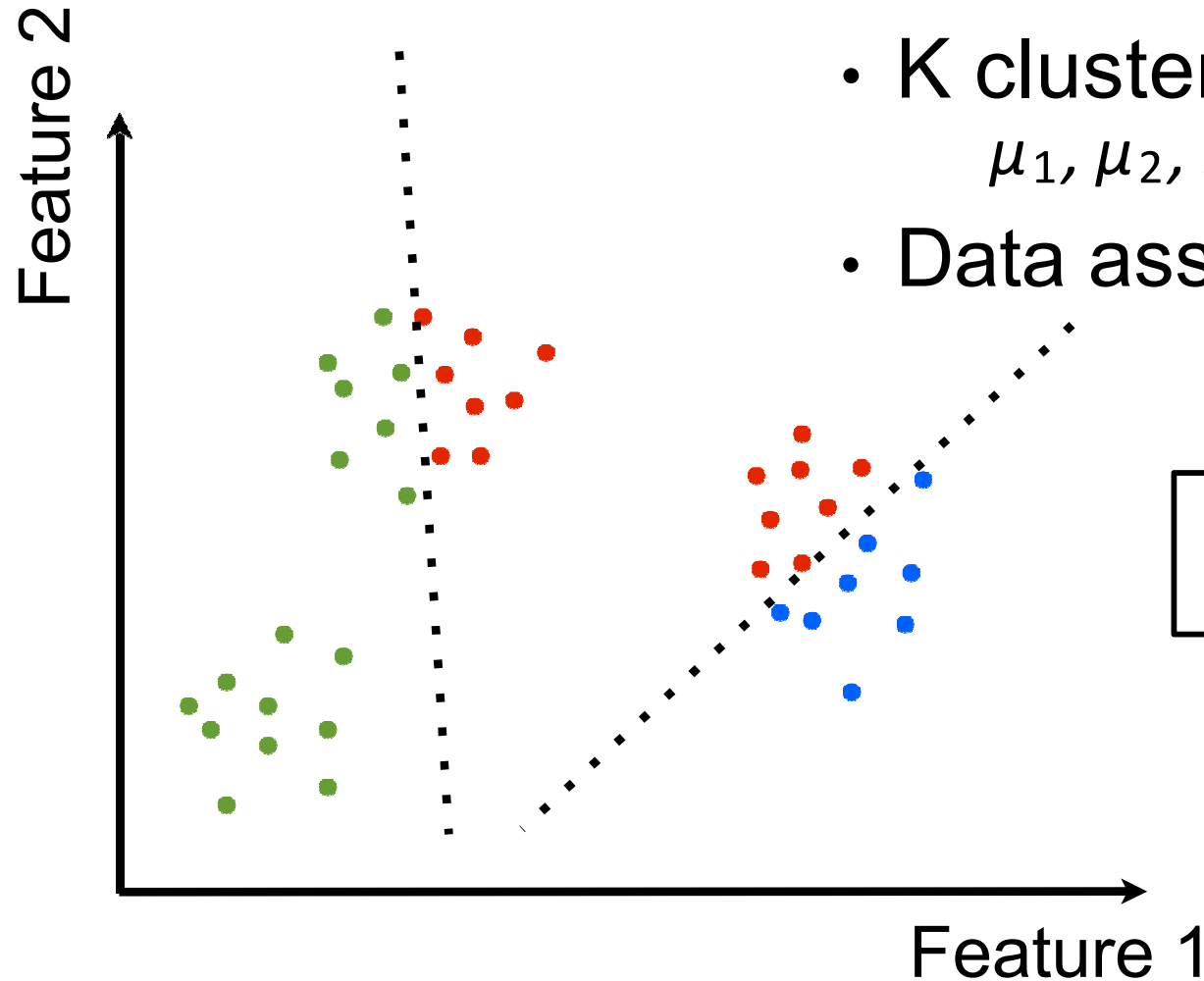




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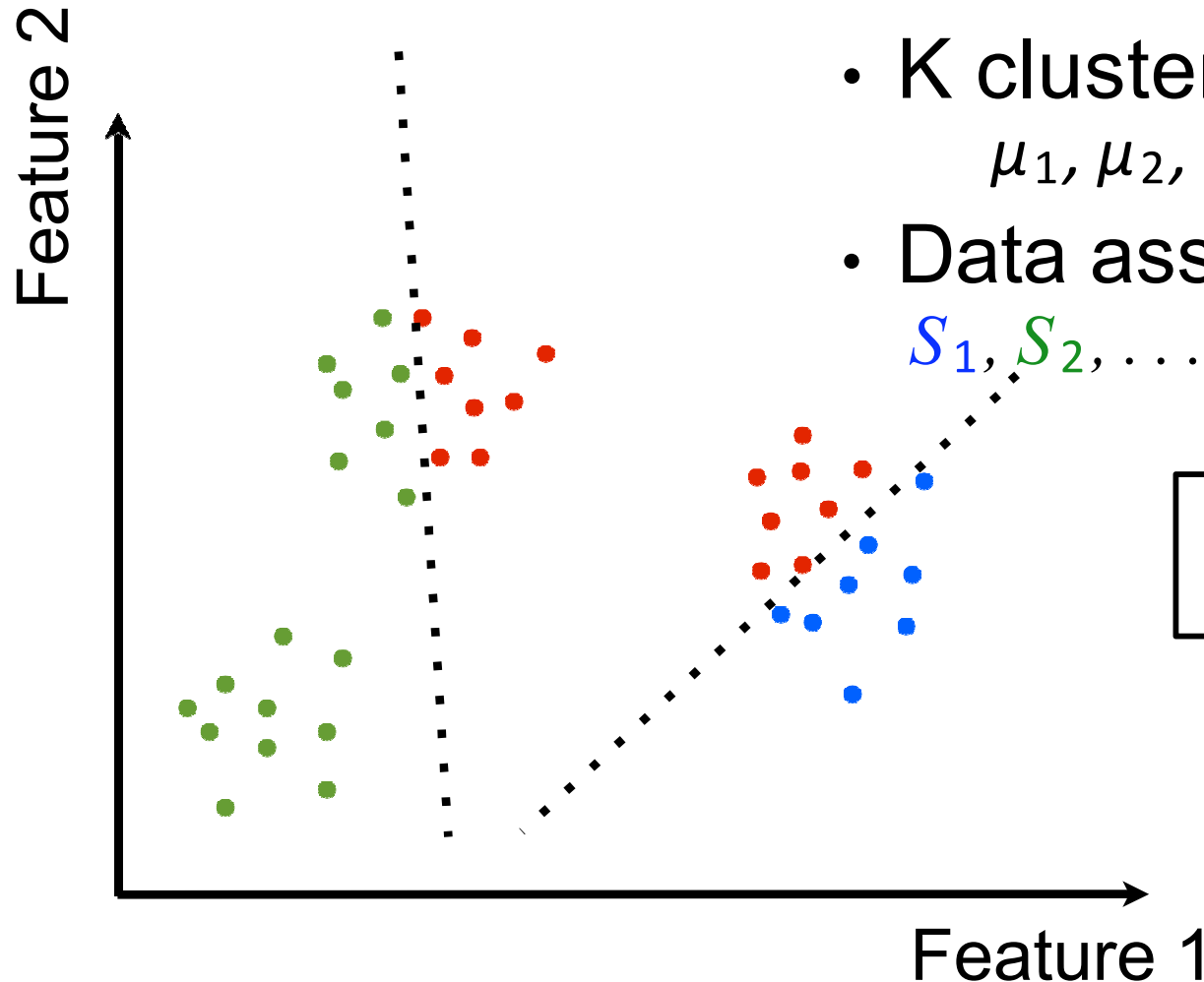
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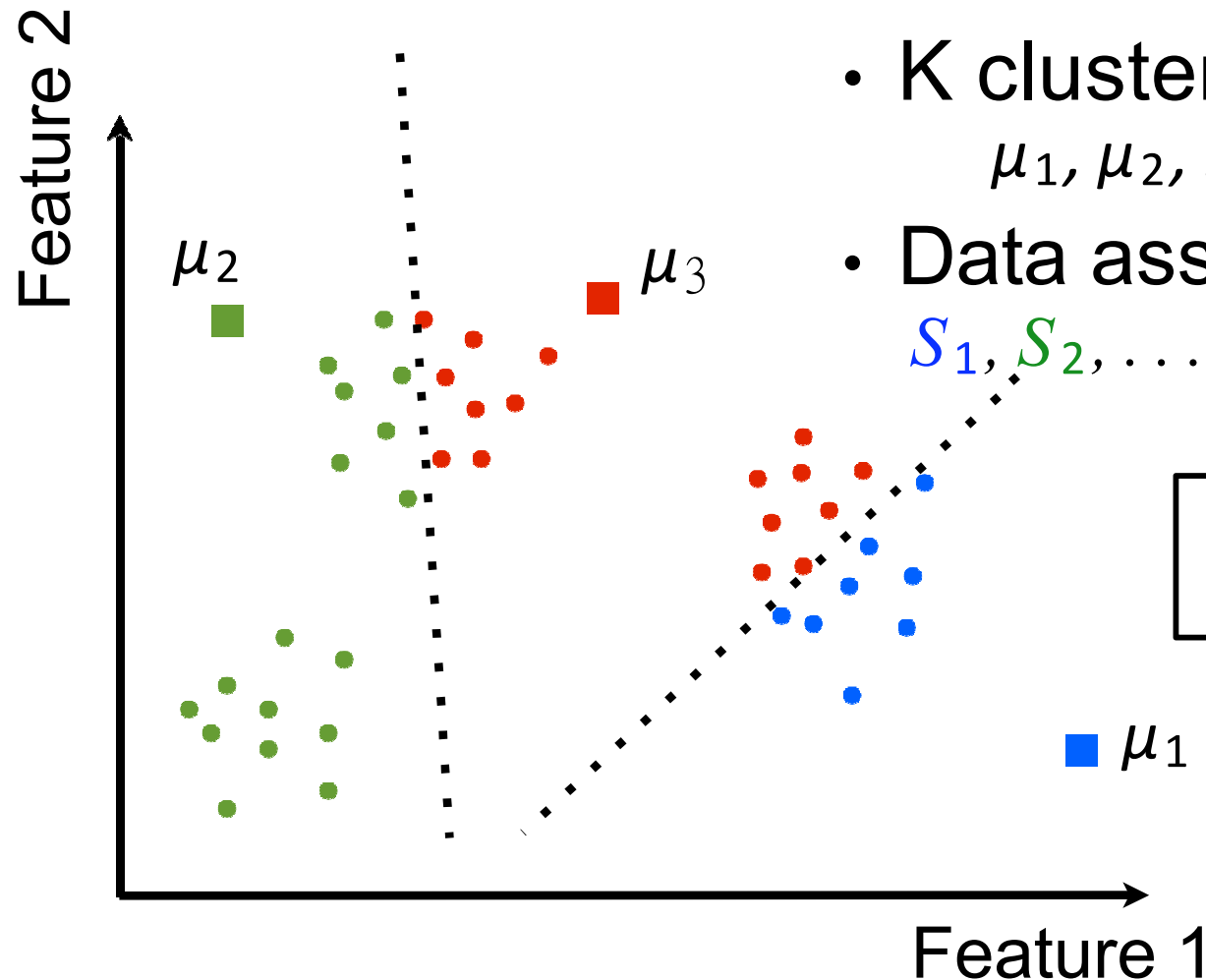
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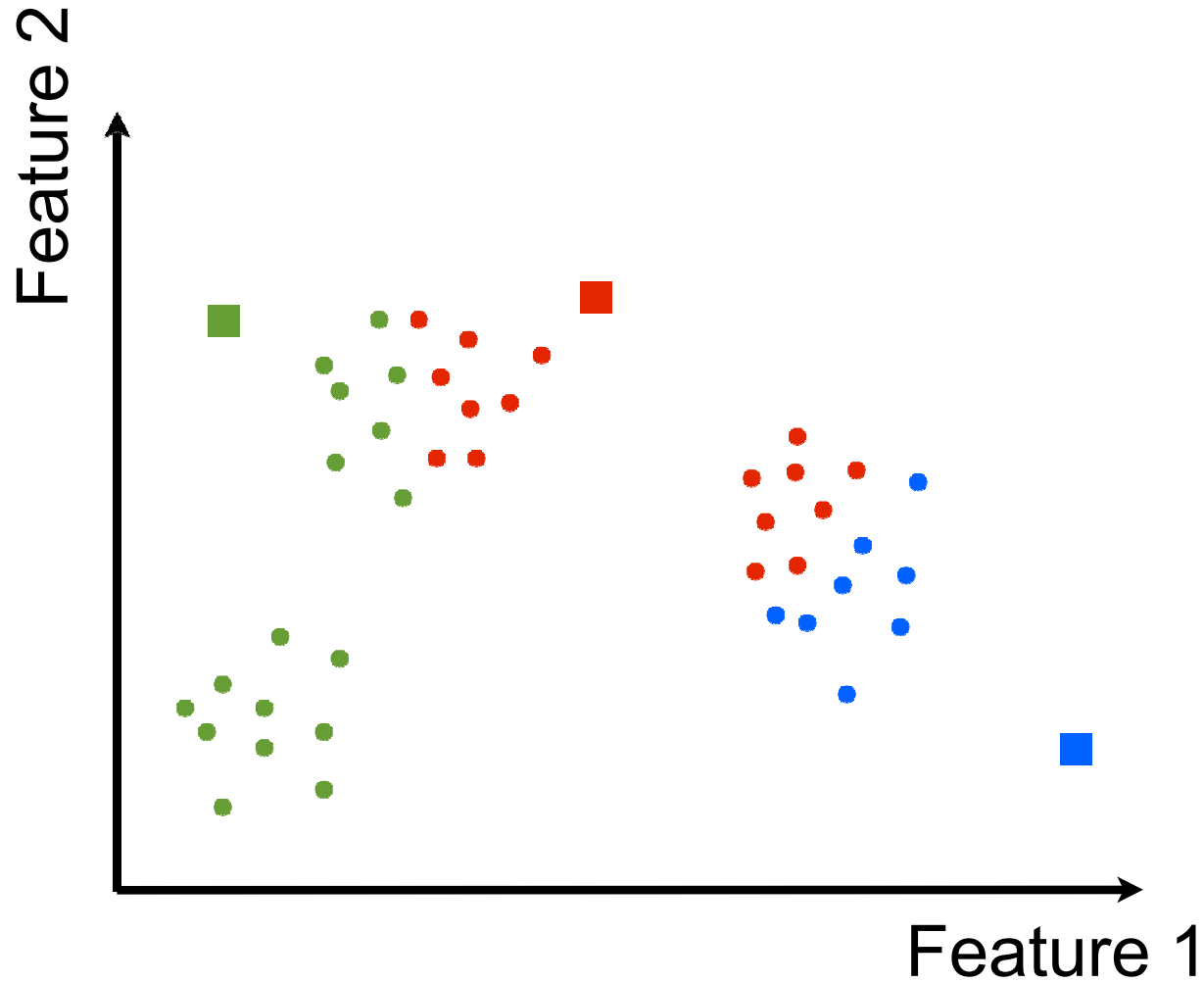
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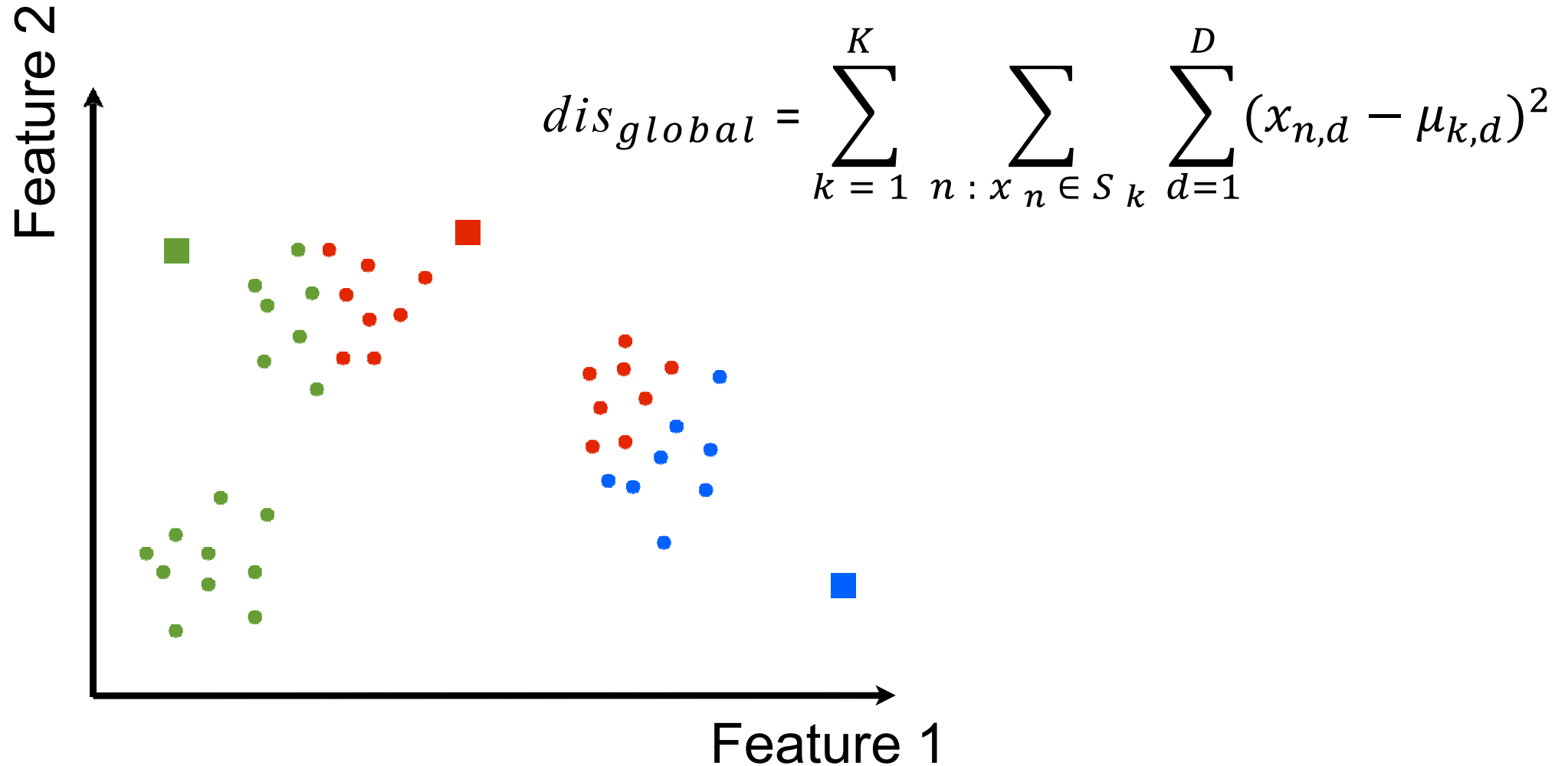
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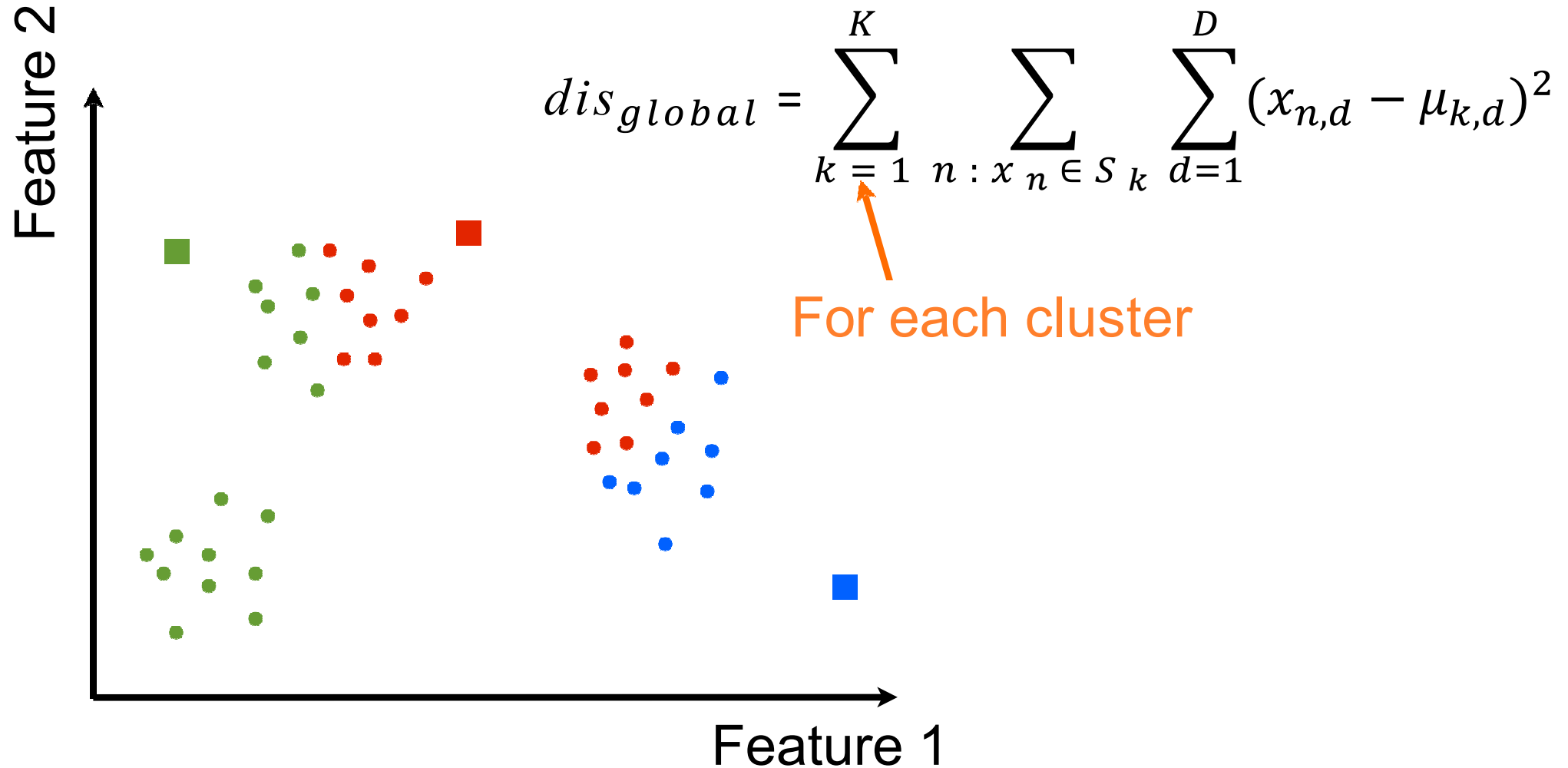
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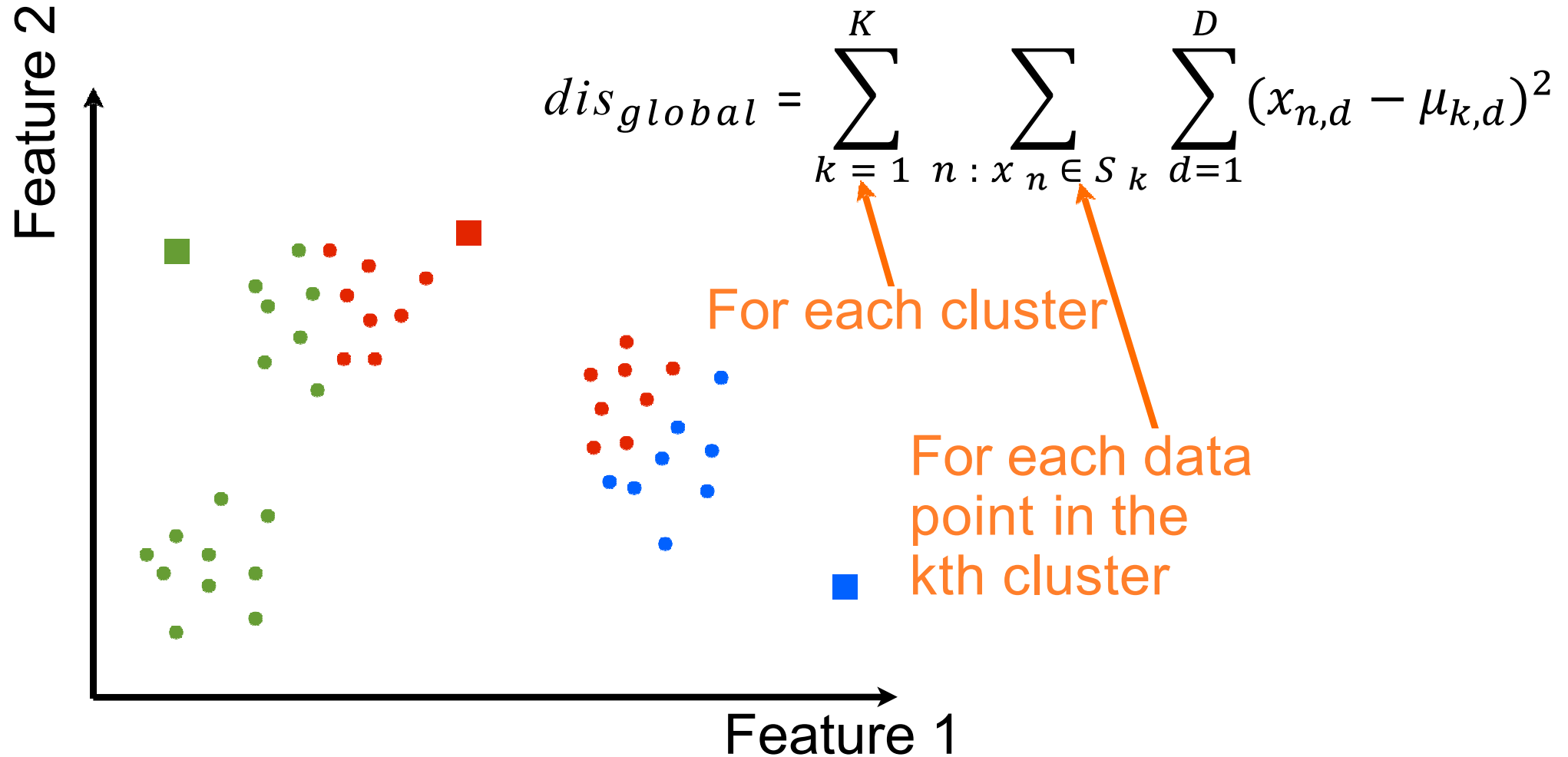
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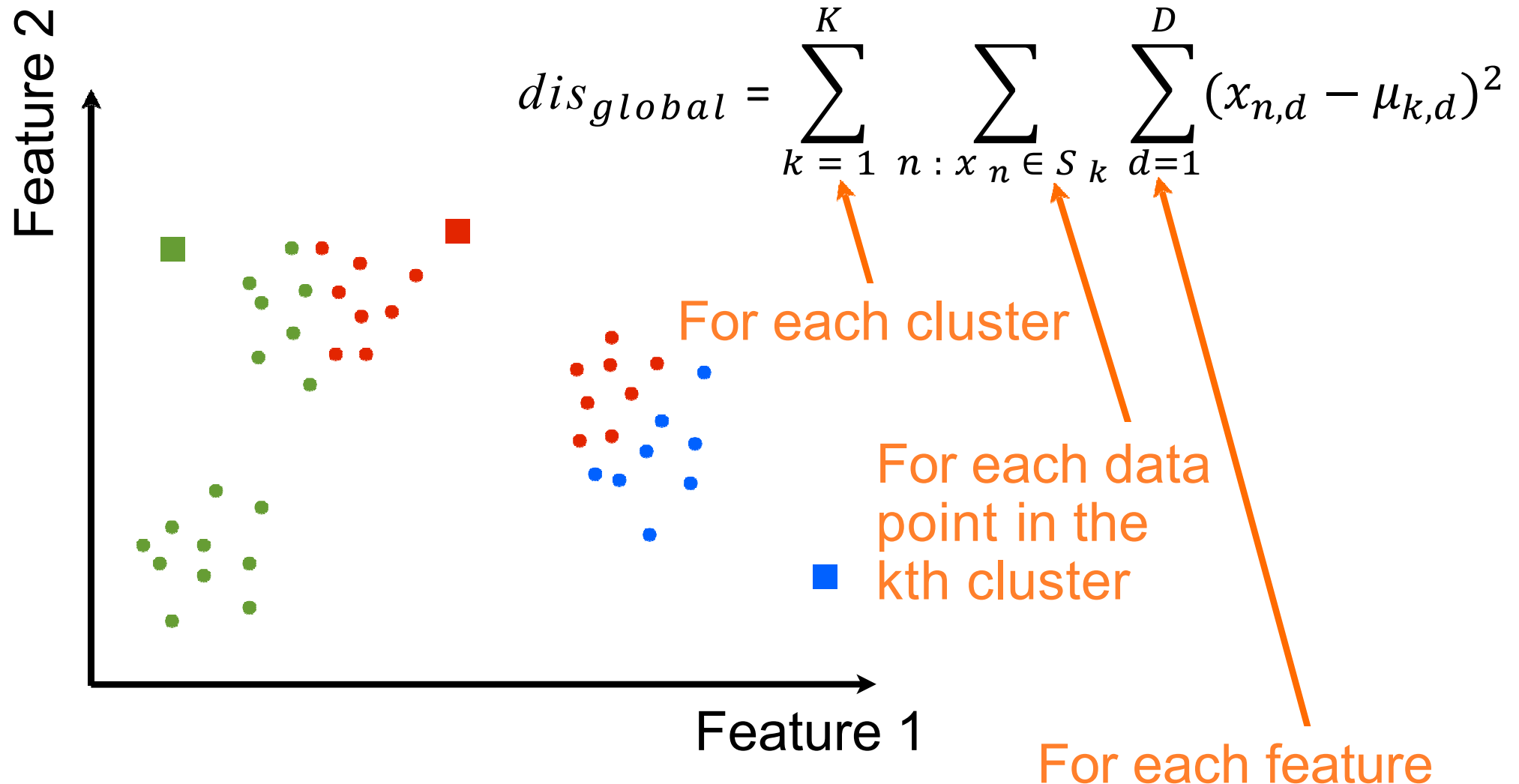
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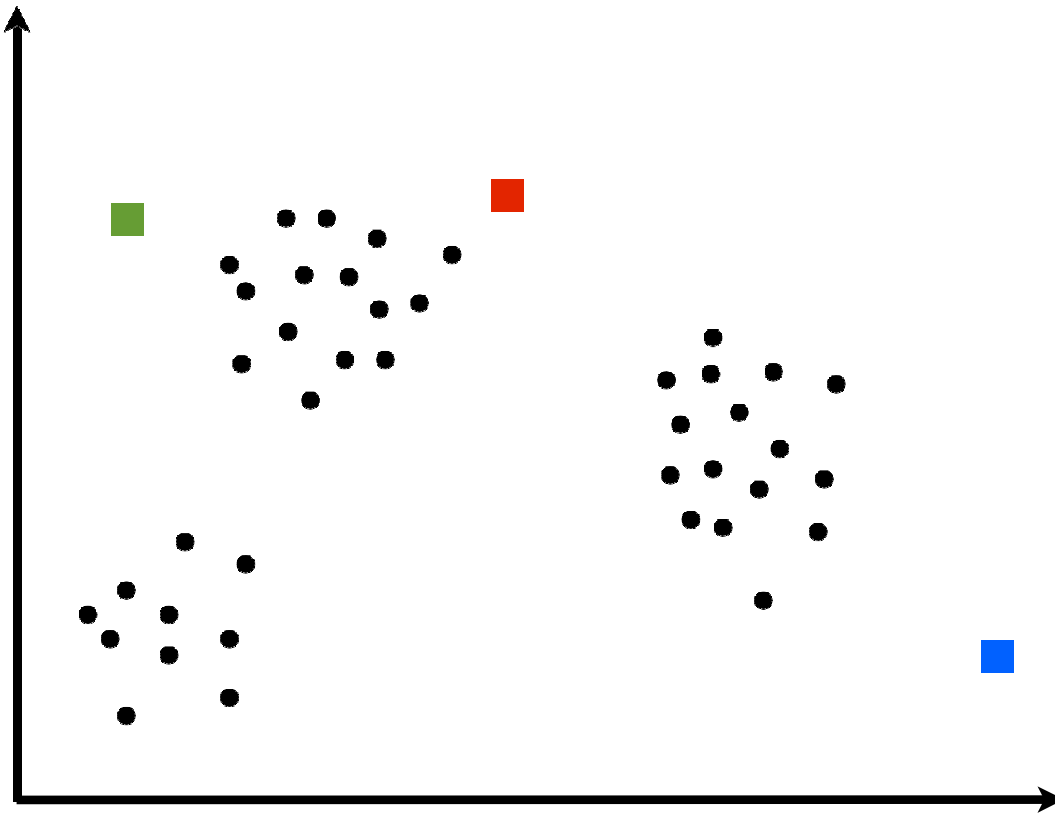
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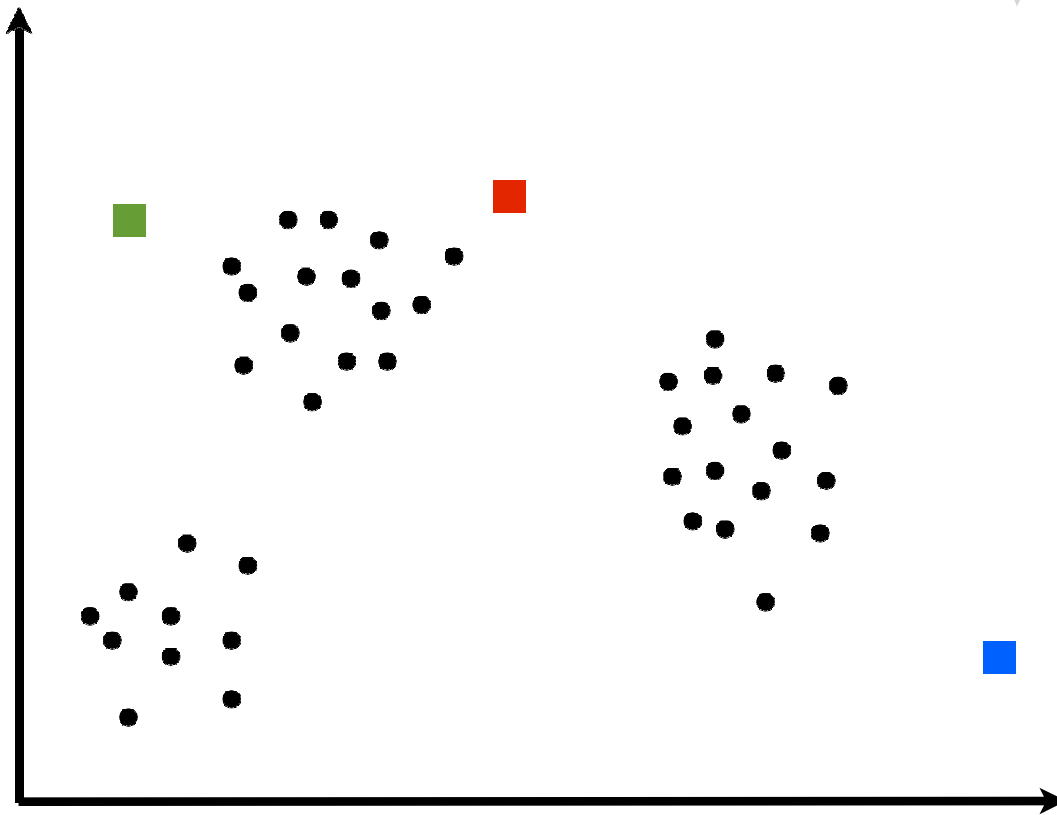
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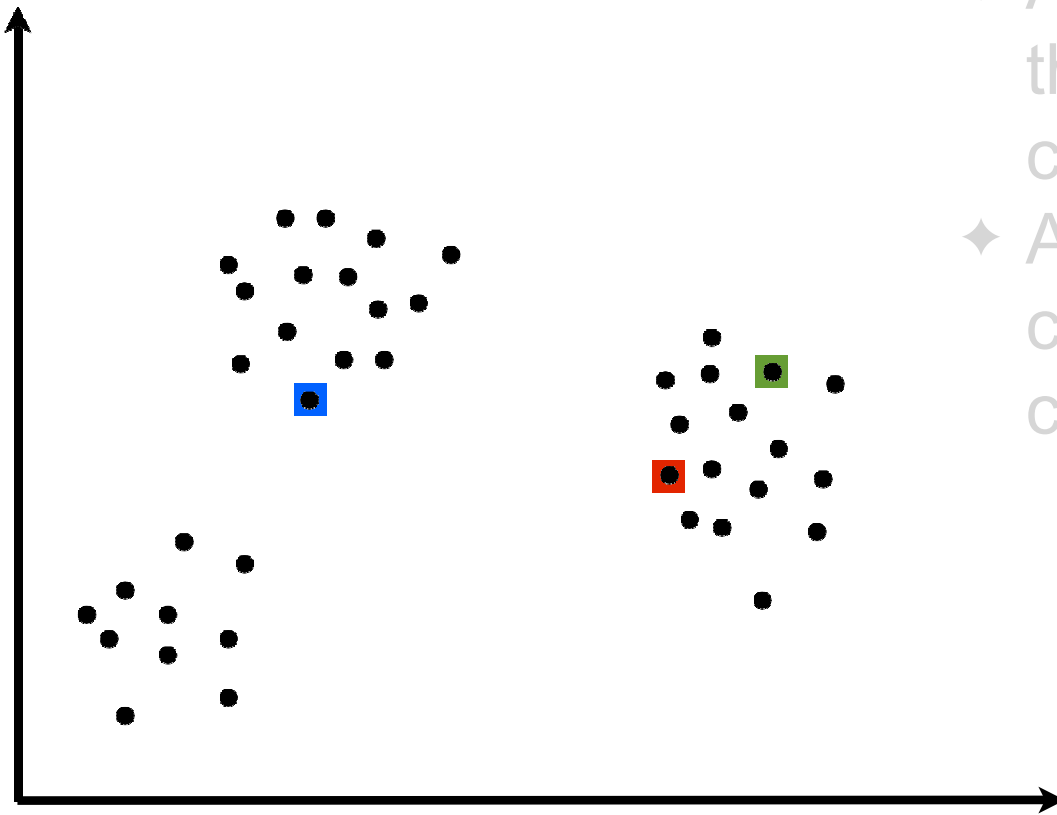
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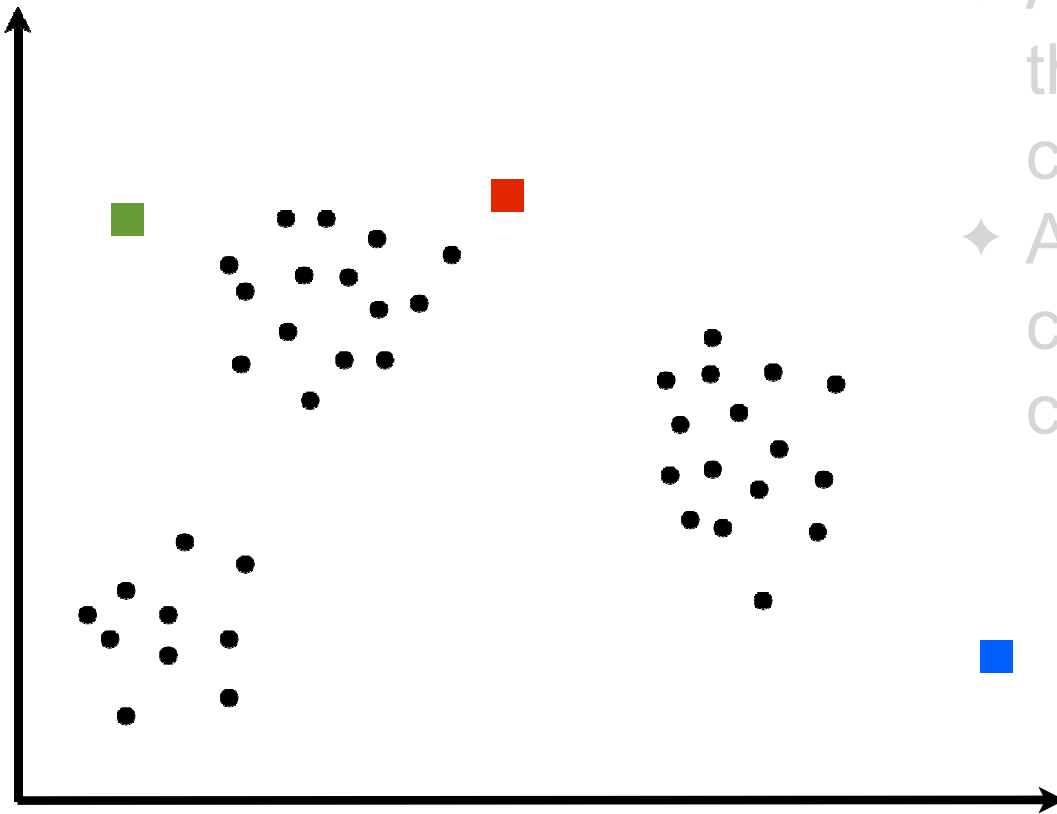
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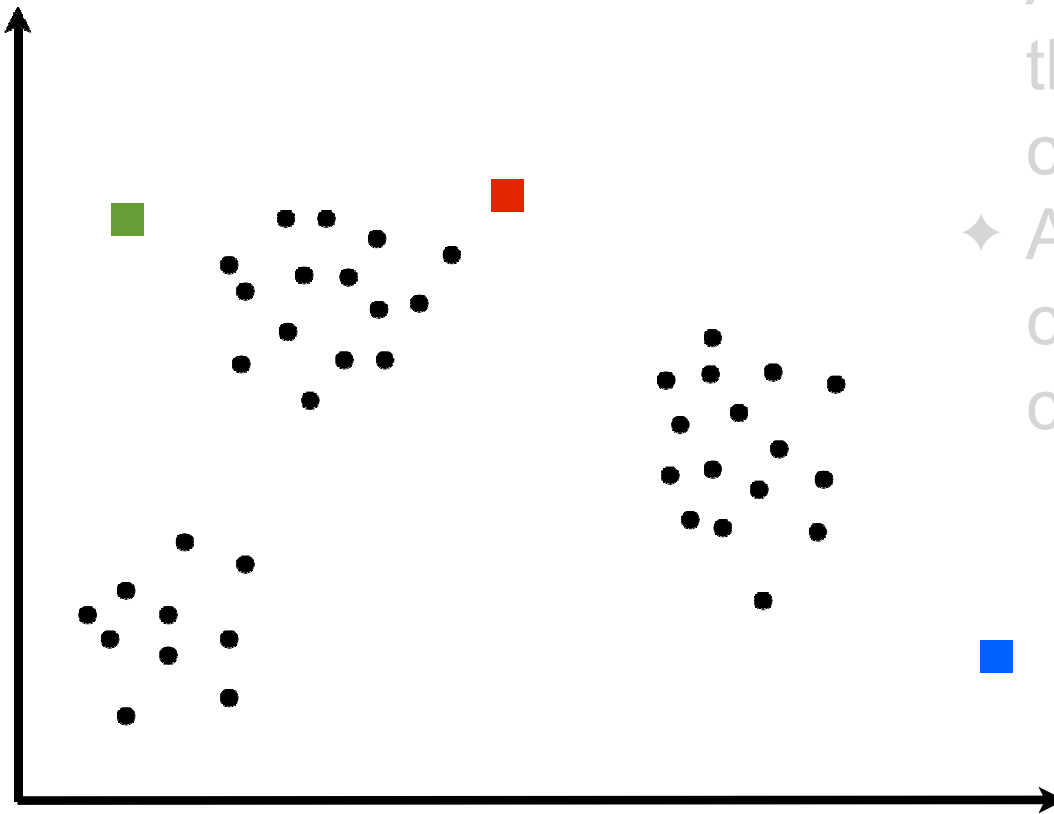
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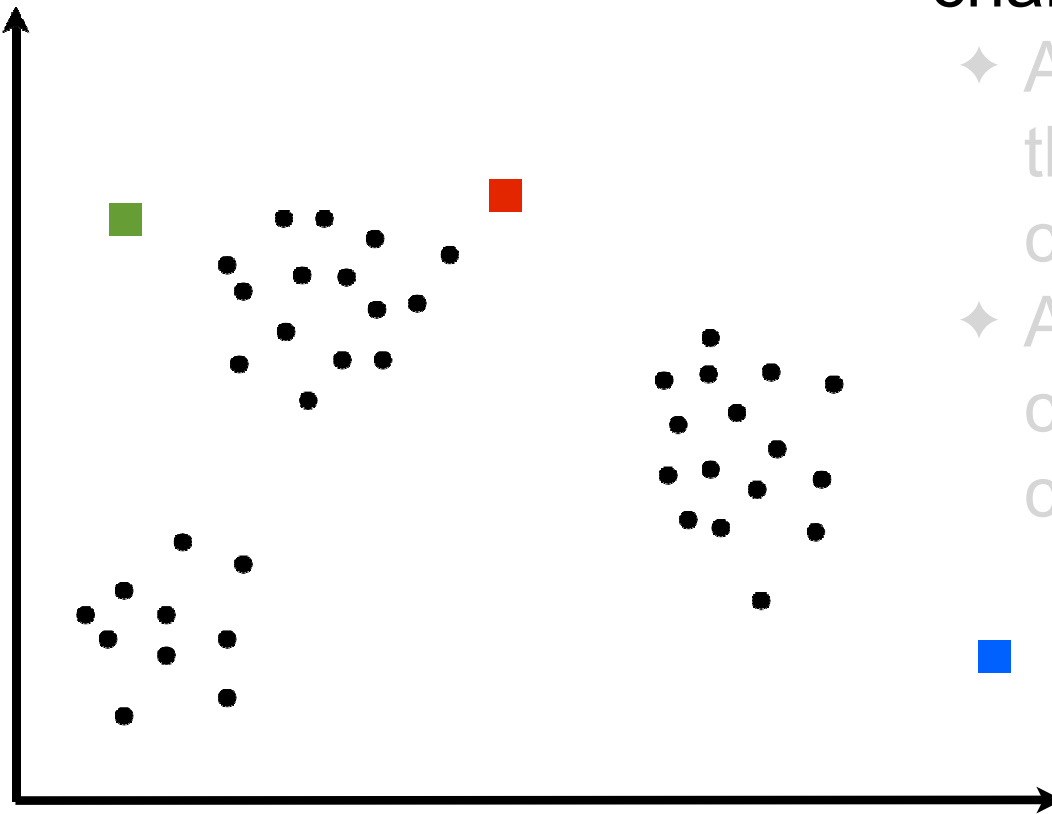
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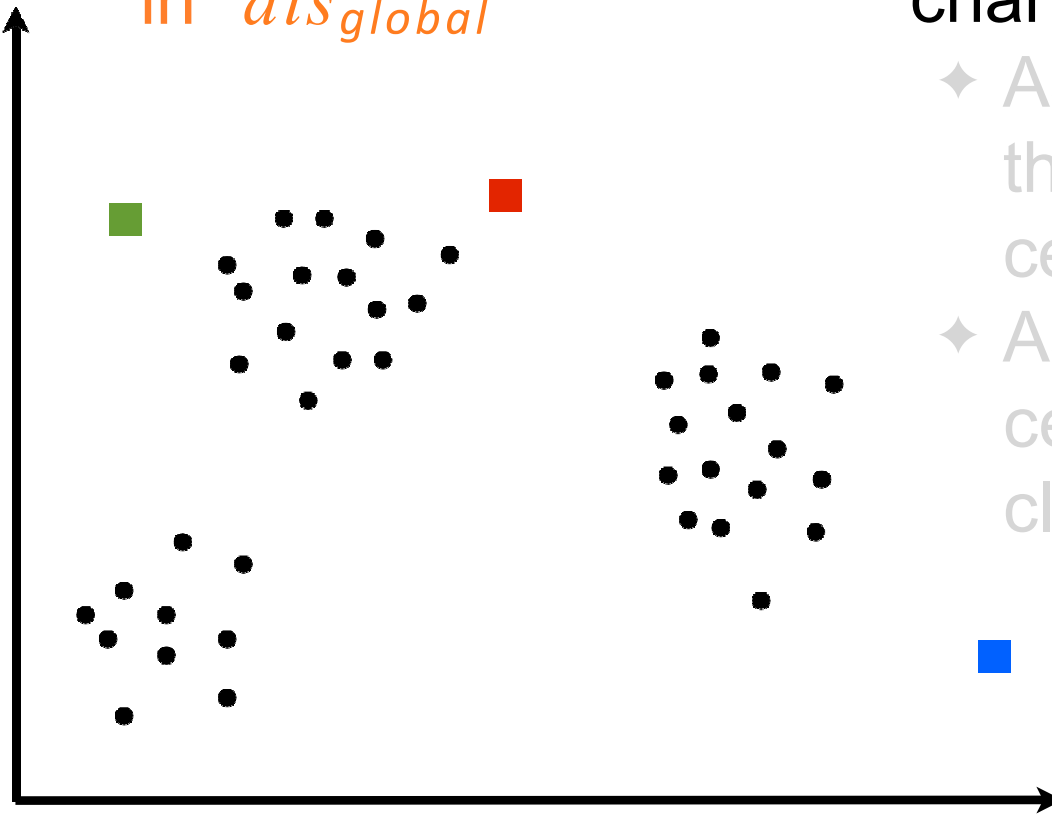
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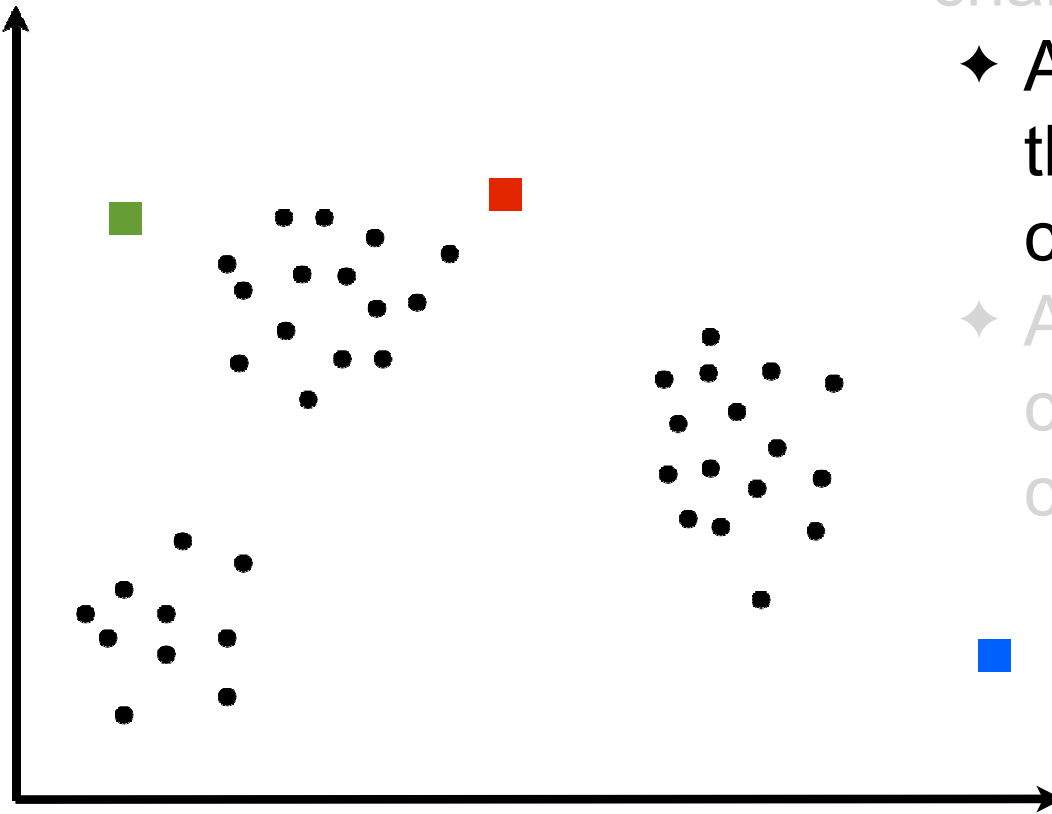
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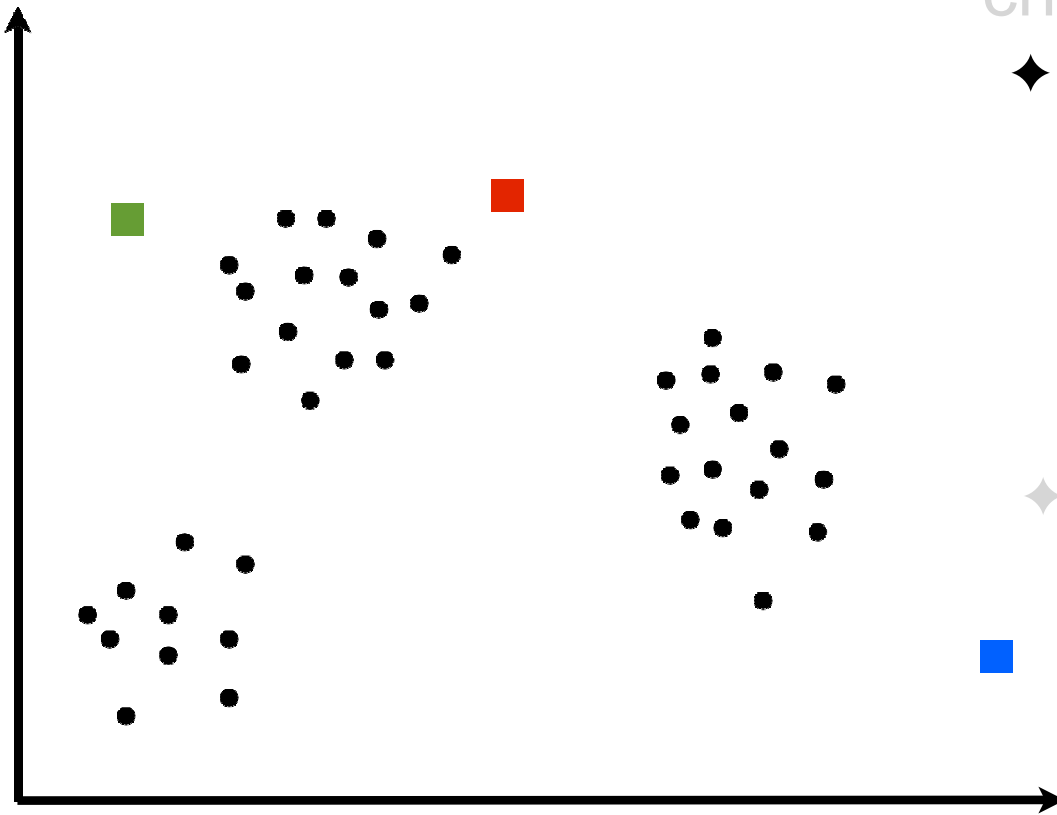
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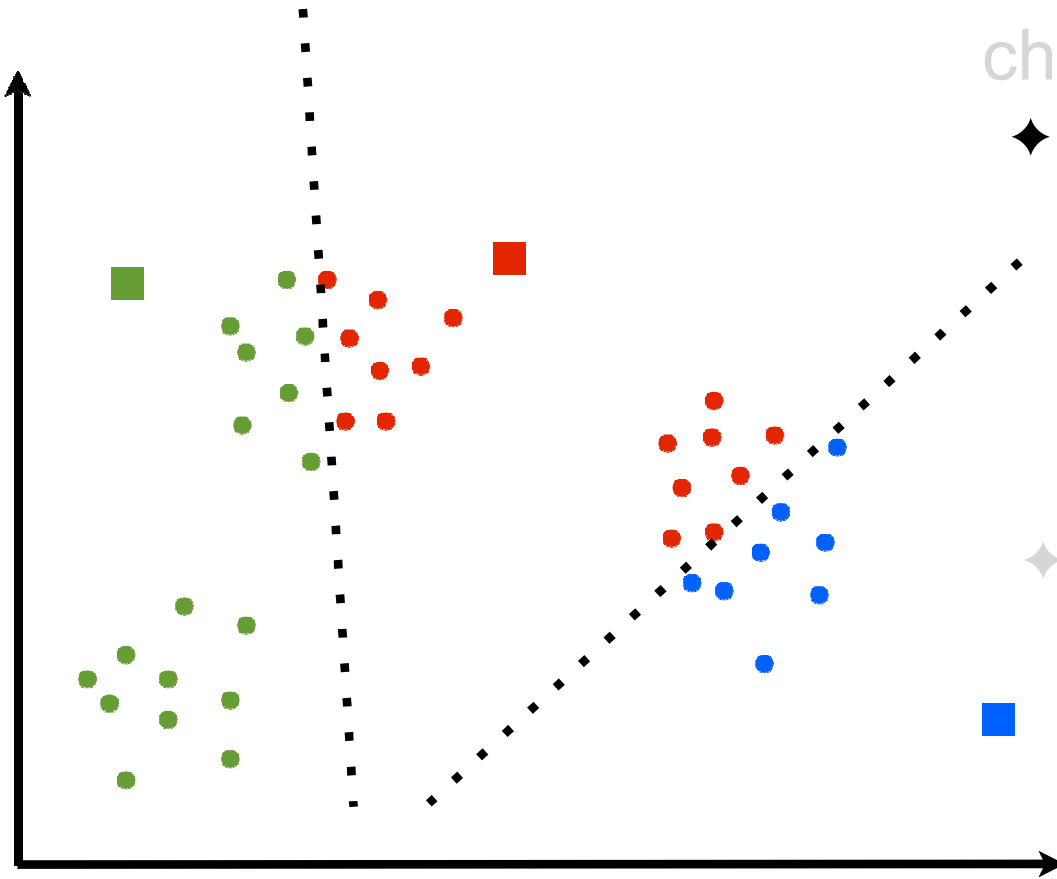


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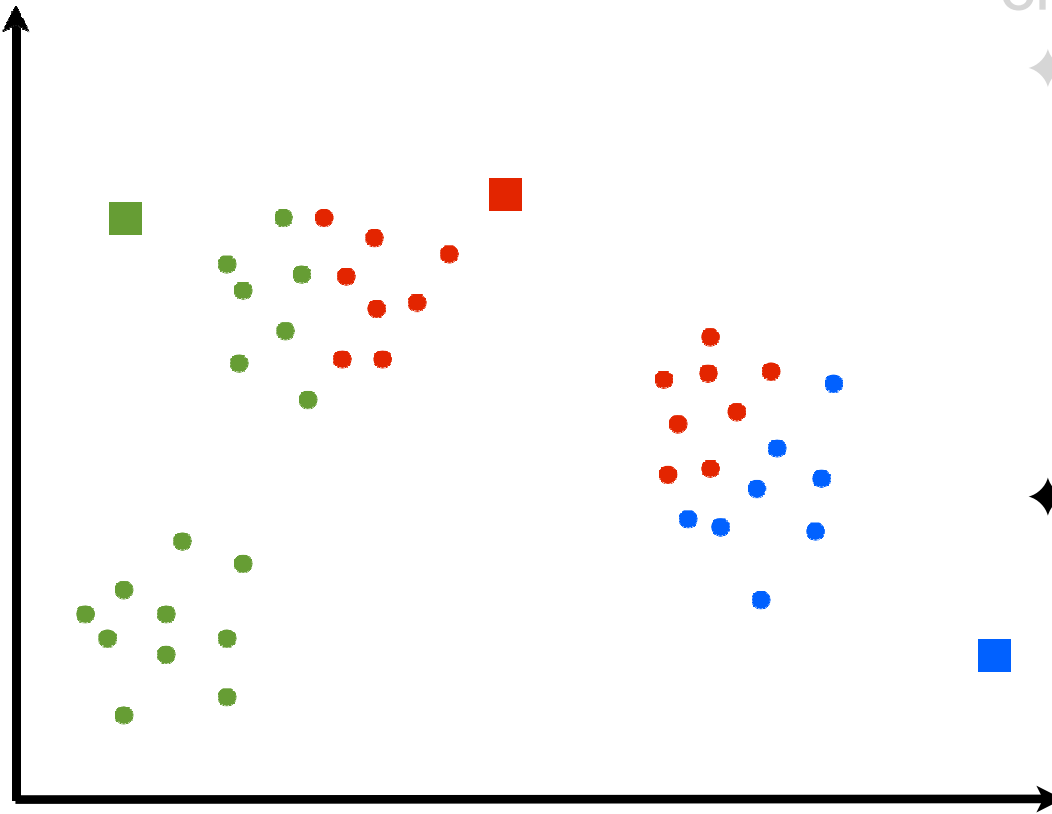
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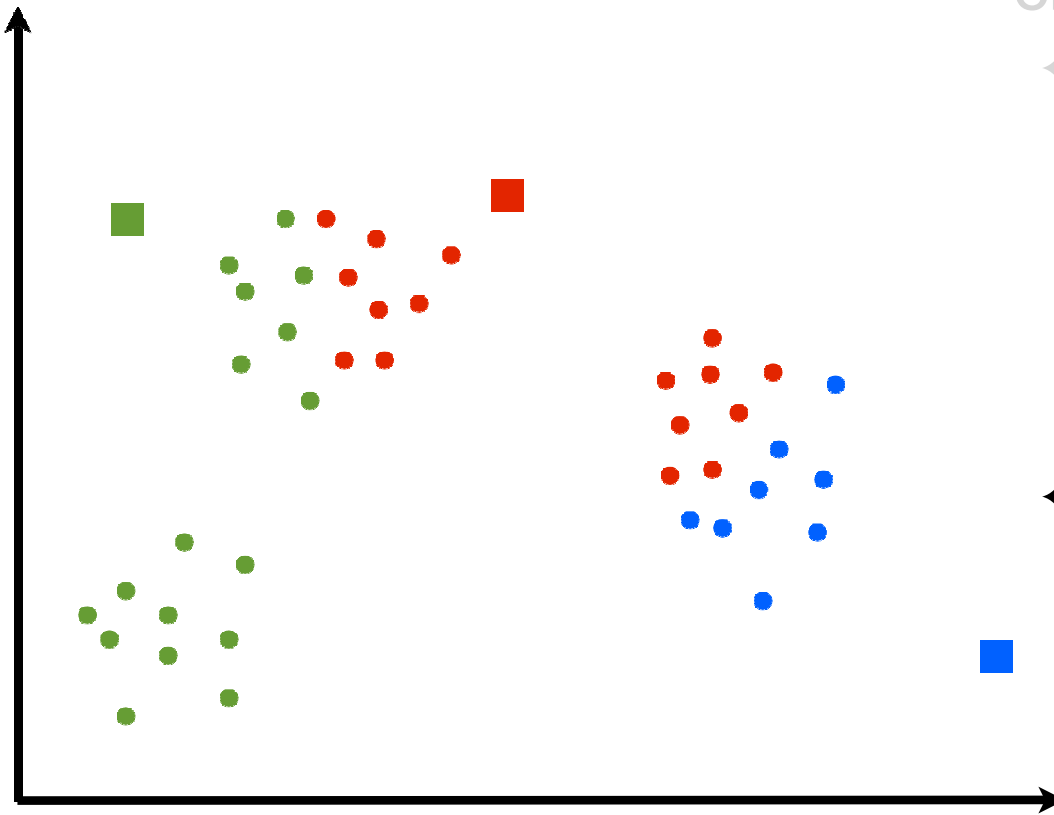
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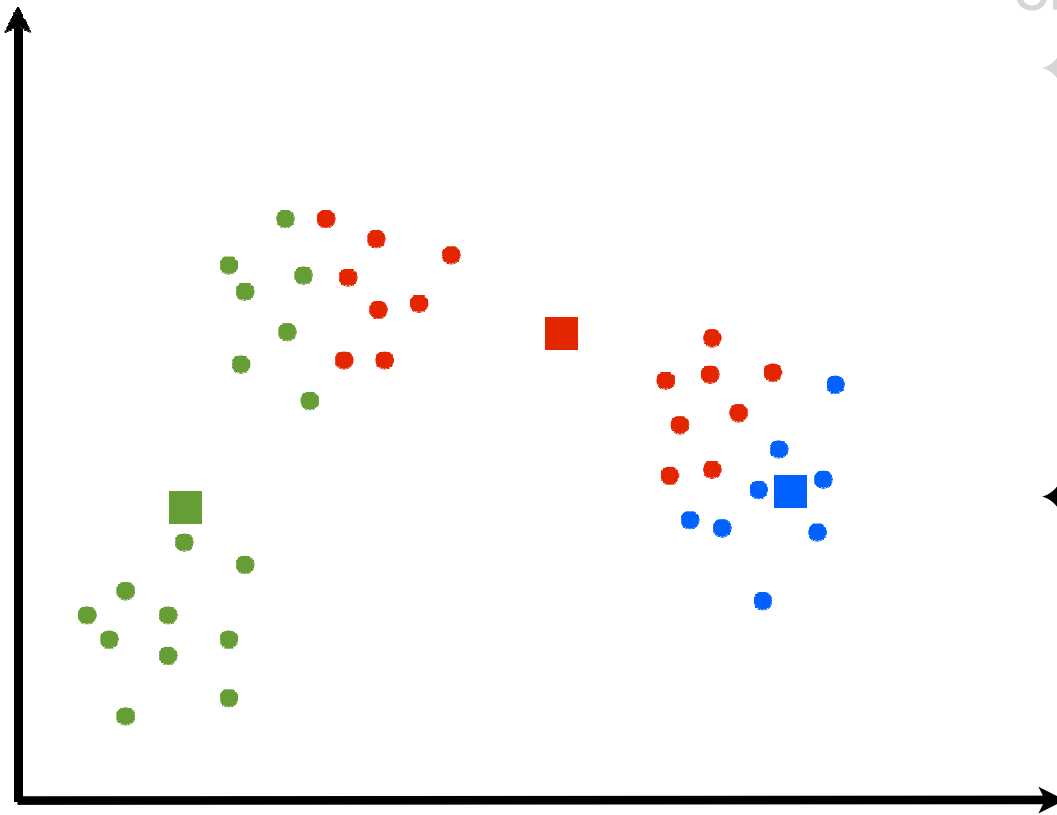


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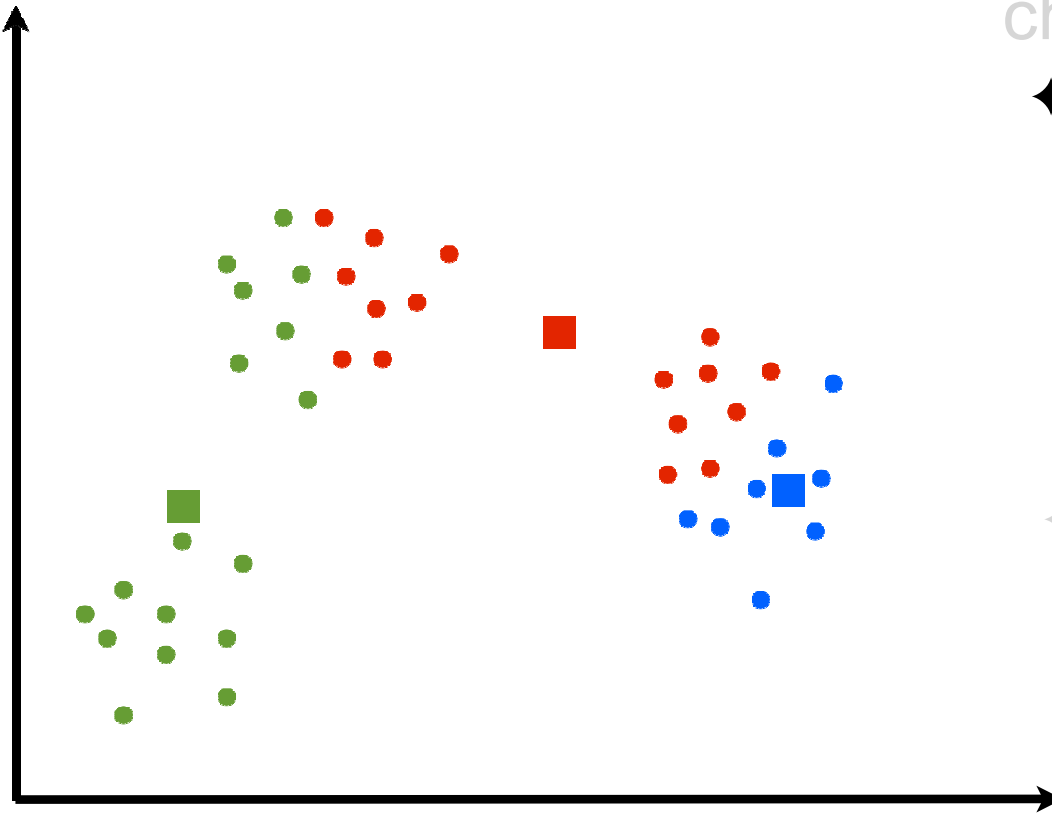
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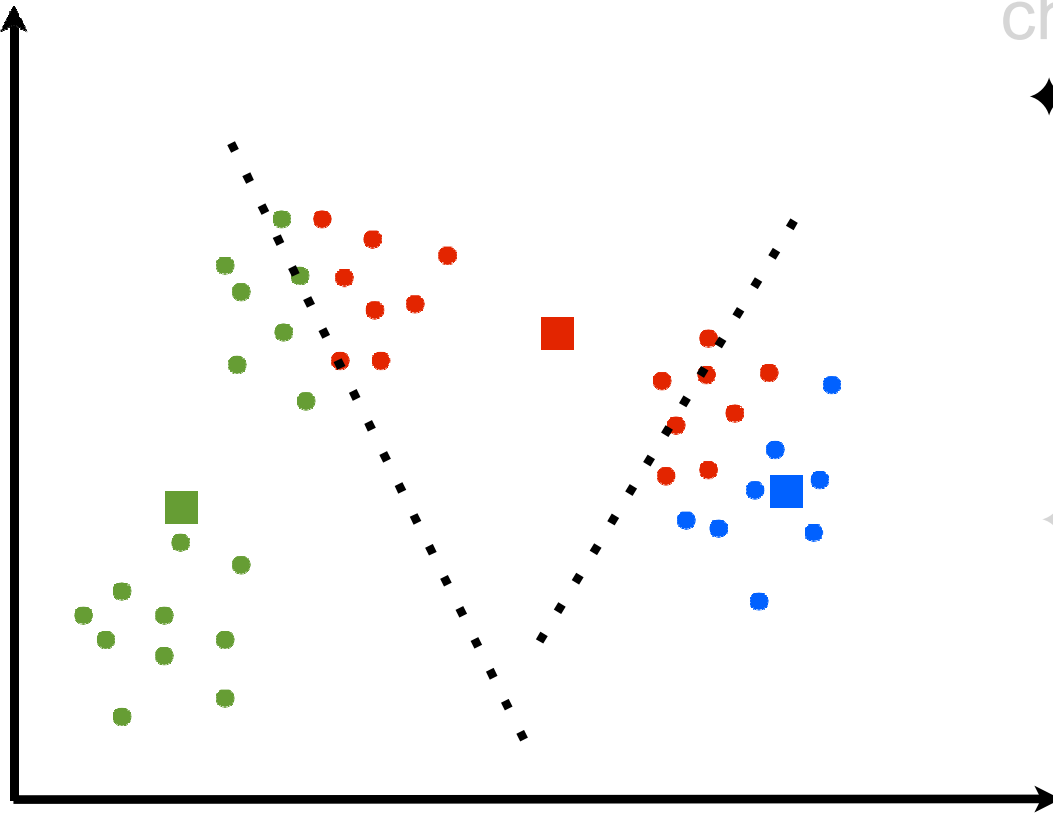
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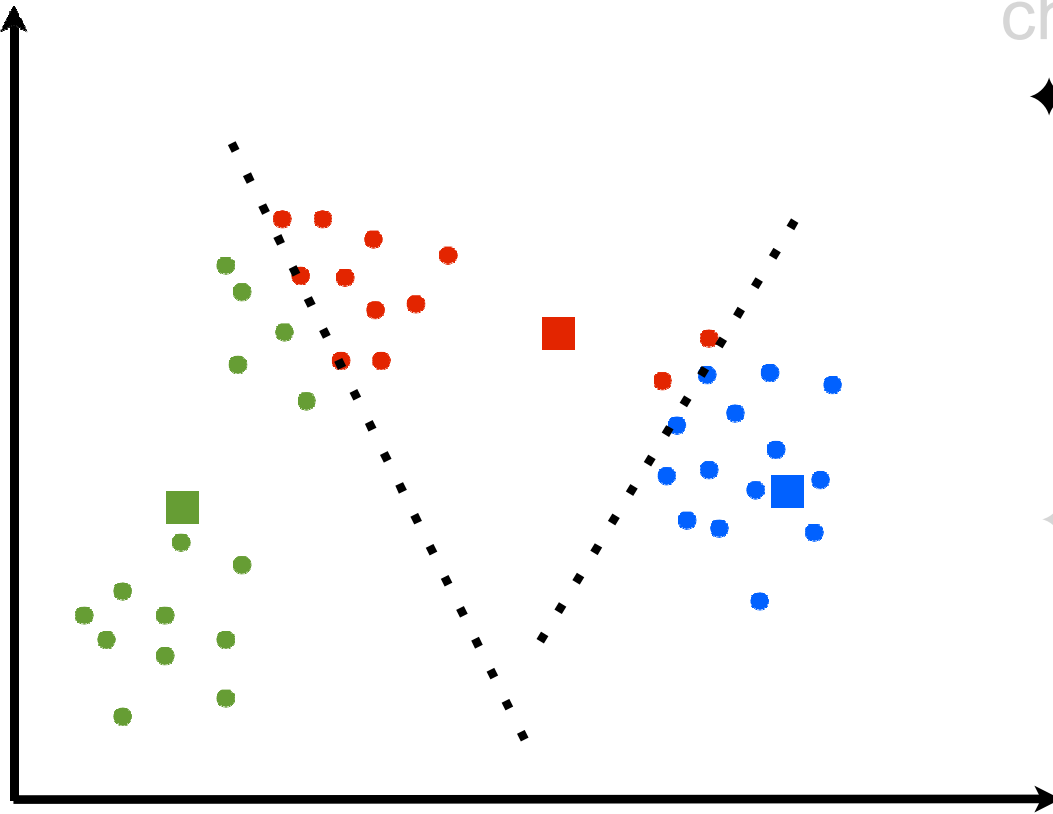
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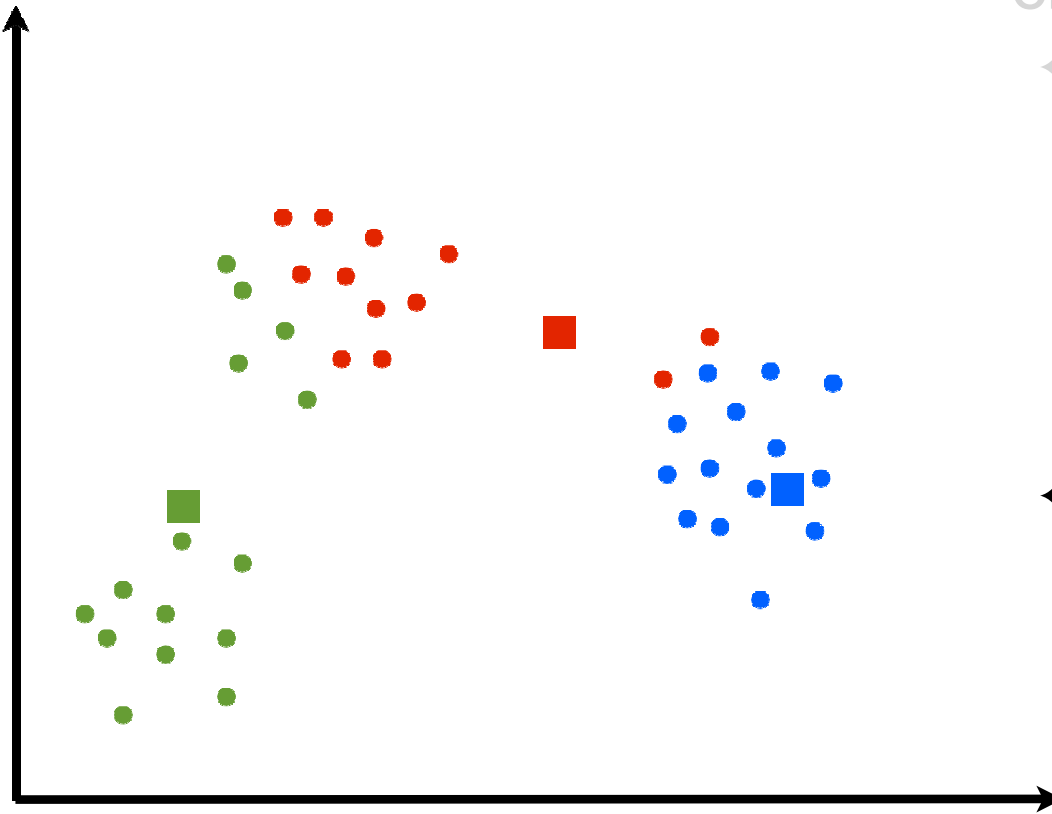
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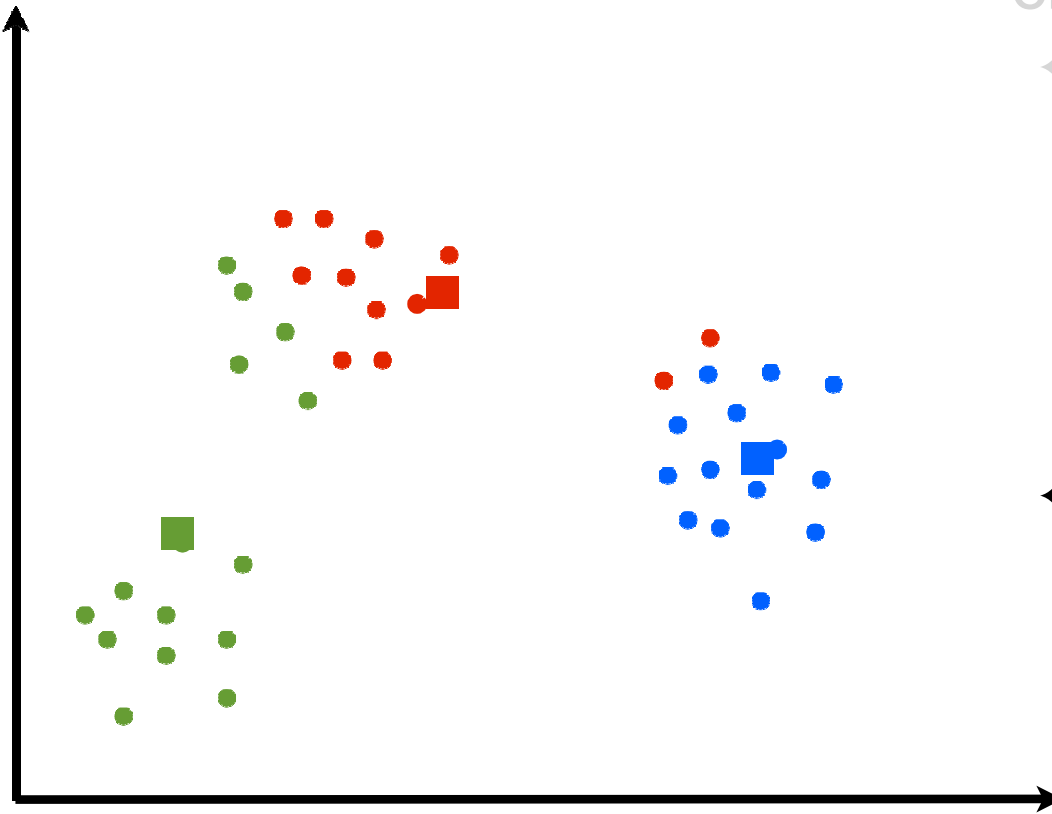
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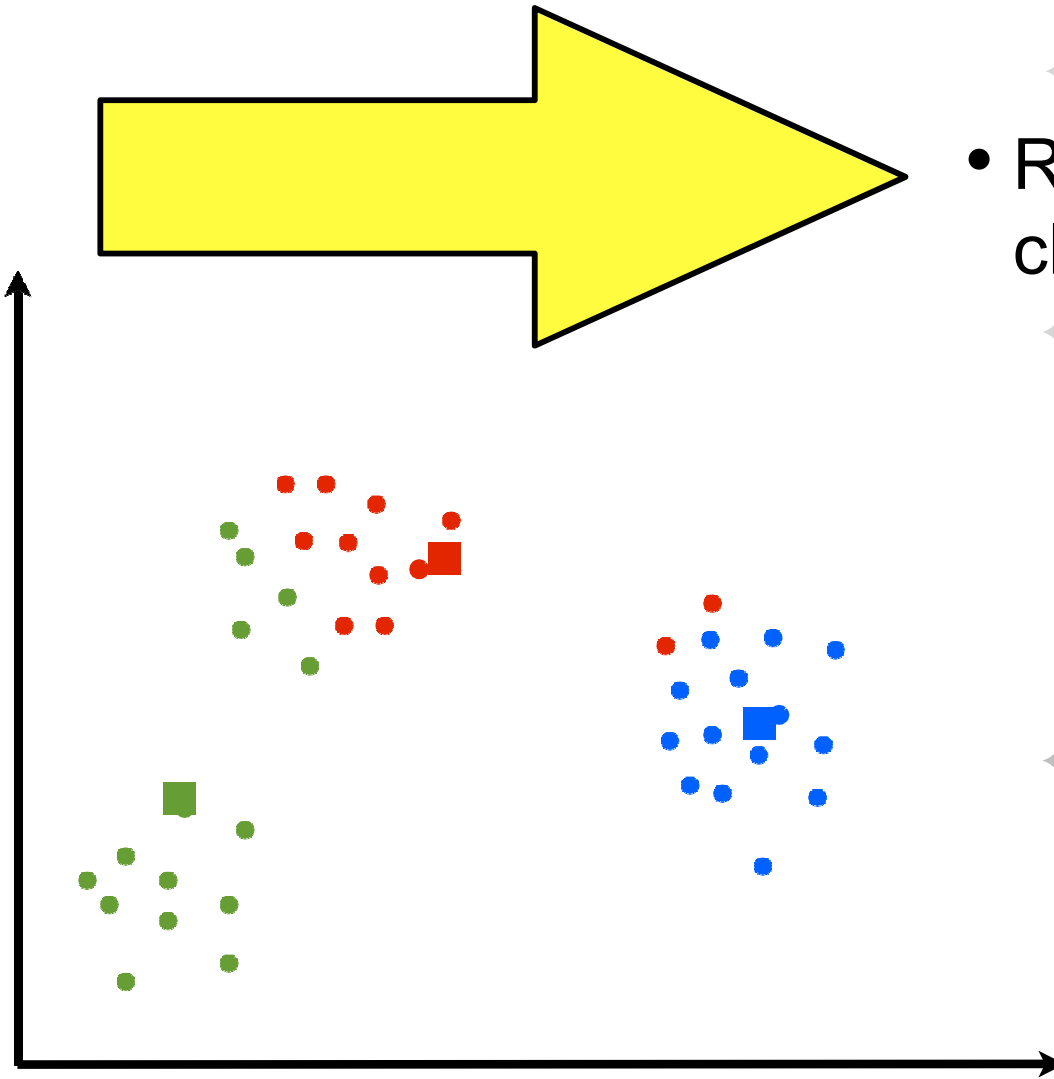
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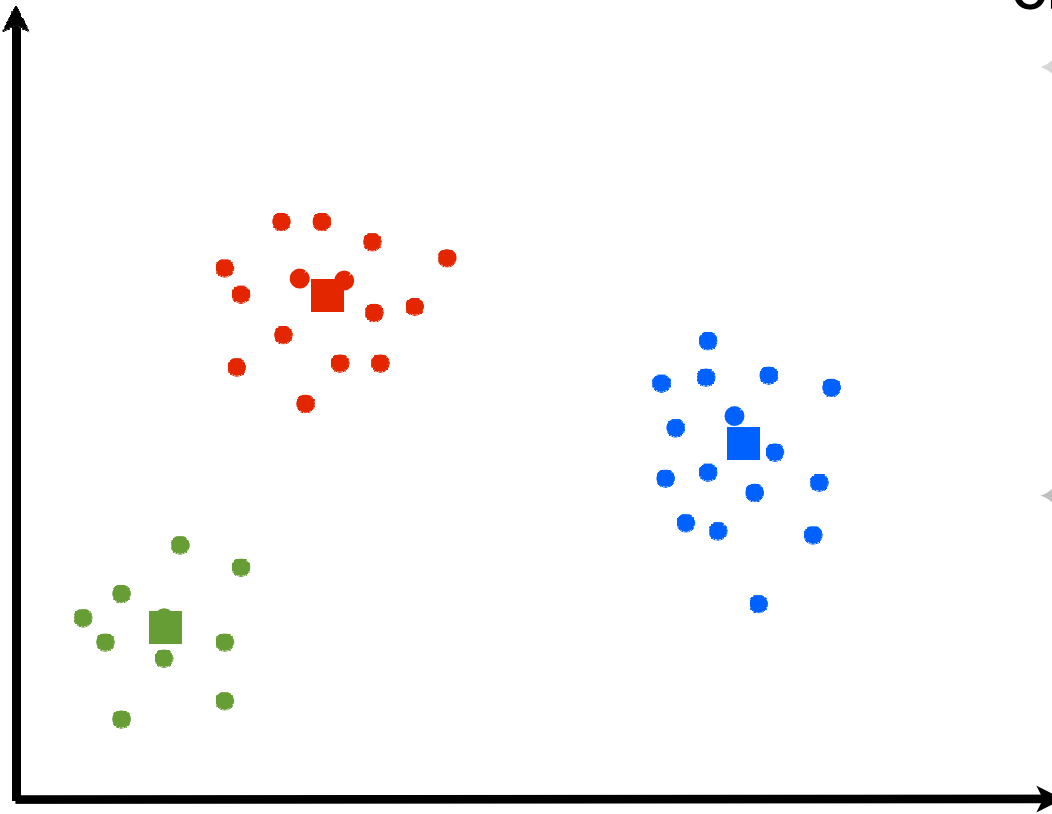


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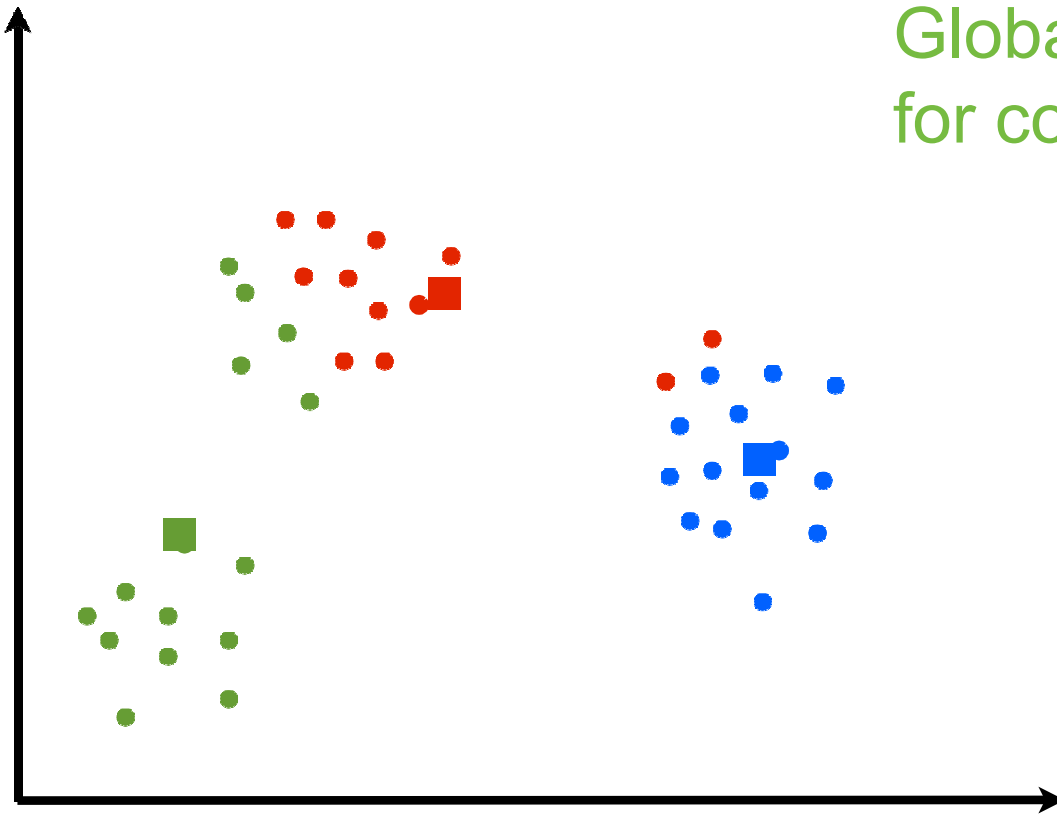
# K-Means: Evaluation

- Will it terminate?

Yes. Always.

- Is the clustering any good?

Global dissimilarity only useful for comparing clusterings.



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- Guaranteed to converge in a finite number of iterations
- Running time per iteration:
  1. Assign data points to closest cluster center  
 $O(KN)$  time
  2. Change the cluster center to the average of its assigned points  
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# K-Means: Evaluation

**Objective**  $\min_{\mu} \min_C \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{x \in C_i} |x - \mu_i|^2$

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$$\min_C \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{x \in C_i} |x - \mu_i|^2 = \min_c \sum_i^n |x_i - \mu_{x_i}|^2$$

**Step 1 of kmeans**

2. Fix  $C$ , optimize  $\mu$ :

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– Take partial derivative of  $\mu_i$  and set to zero, we have

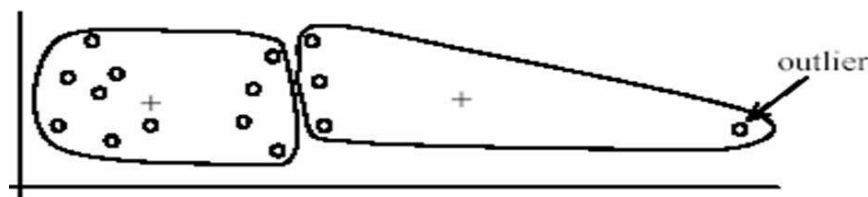
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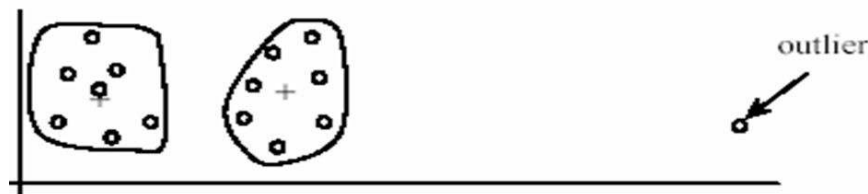
K-Means takes an alternating optimization approach, each step is guaranteed to decrease the objective – thus guaranteed to converge

# K-Means Algorithm: Some Issues

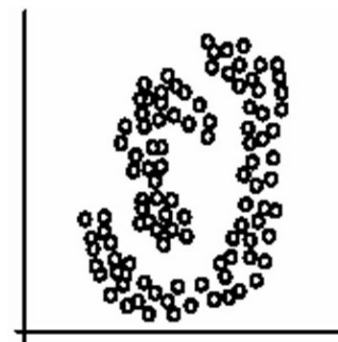
- How to set  $k$ ?
- Sensitive to initial centers
  - Multiple initializations
- Sensitive to outliers
- Detects spherical clusters
- Assuming means can be computed
  - It requires continuous, numerical features



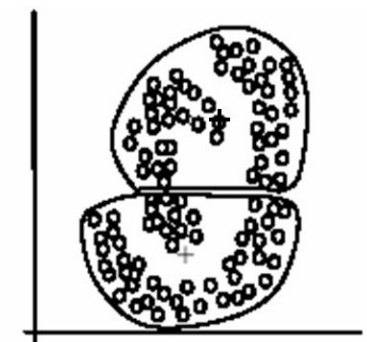
(A): Undesirable clusters



(B): Ideal clusters



(A): Two natural clusters



(B):  $k$ -means clusters



# K-means Demo

Execution of K-means algorithm with various cluster center selections:

<http://shabal.in/visuals/kmeans/1.html>