



Lecture 12: Clustering 101

Recap

- Multivariate Gaussian distributions
 - Mahalanobis distance
 - Minimum Covariance Determinant
- Using Bayes Rule for generative ML
- Different kind of decision boundaries & corresponding covariance matrix

AML class logistics for next week

- ALA portion for sessional 1 completed
- Using ALA next week hours for AML
 - Tuesday – 11-12 as usual
 - Thursday - 9-10, 11-12

Sessional 1 – Theory

- 20 marks: 10+ questions objective type: +2/-1
- 30 marks: No negative marks
 - Problems
 - 1-2 sentences answer of type “why/justify”
 - Given a formula, why is it the best choice?
 - Complexity of algorithm
- Disclaimer: There may be some variations

Sessional 1 – Lab

- 30 minutes: No API (from scratch) coding on paper
 - 1 of 3 algorithms (definitely a variation)
 - NearestCentroid, KNN, Kmeans – with CV
 - Using class, methods
 - Submit at 30 minutes
- 60 minutes: Coding on computer
 - Dataset will be given
 - Sklearn pipelining for EDA and fit/predict
 - Can use sklearn if your code does not work



Clusters, properties & basic metrics

unlabeled data
(no answers)

fit

structure

new
unlabeled +
data

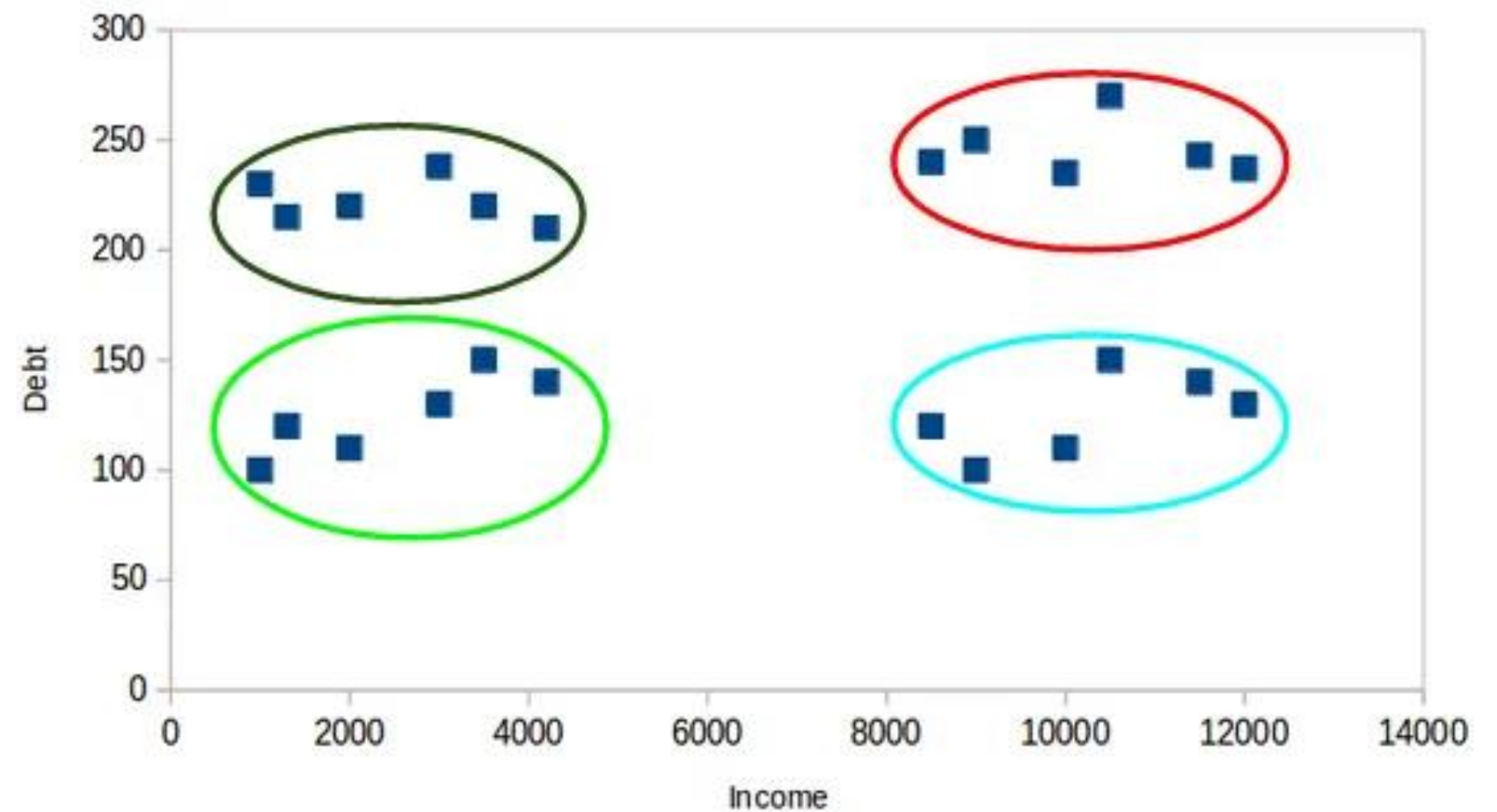
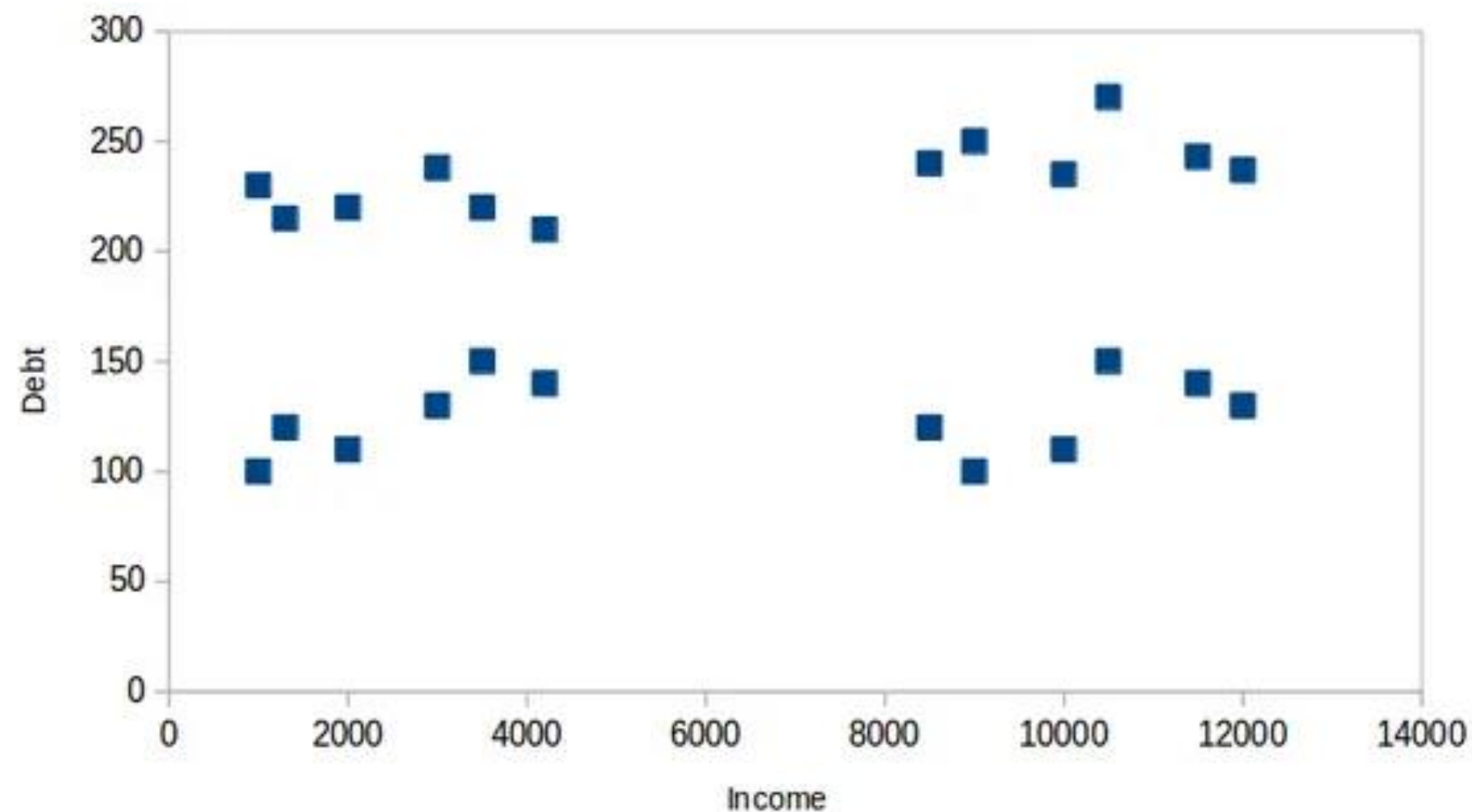
model

predict

map new
data to
structure

Clustering Intro

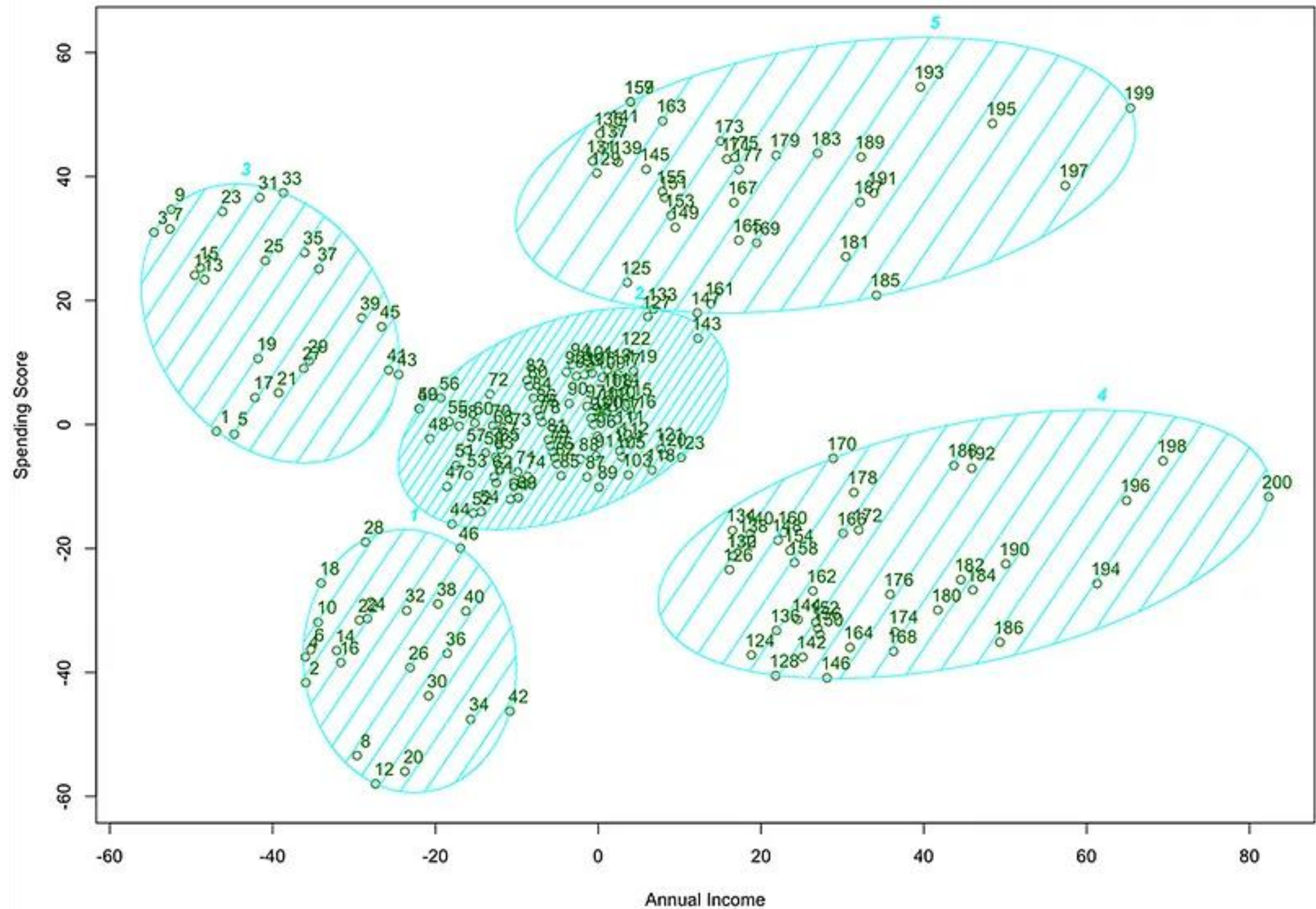
- Unsupervised Learning
 - No labels. Only data
- Dividing data into groups based on some underlying pattern

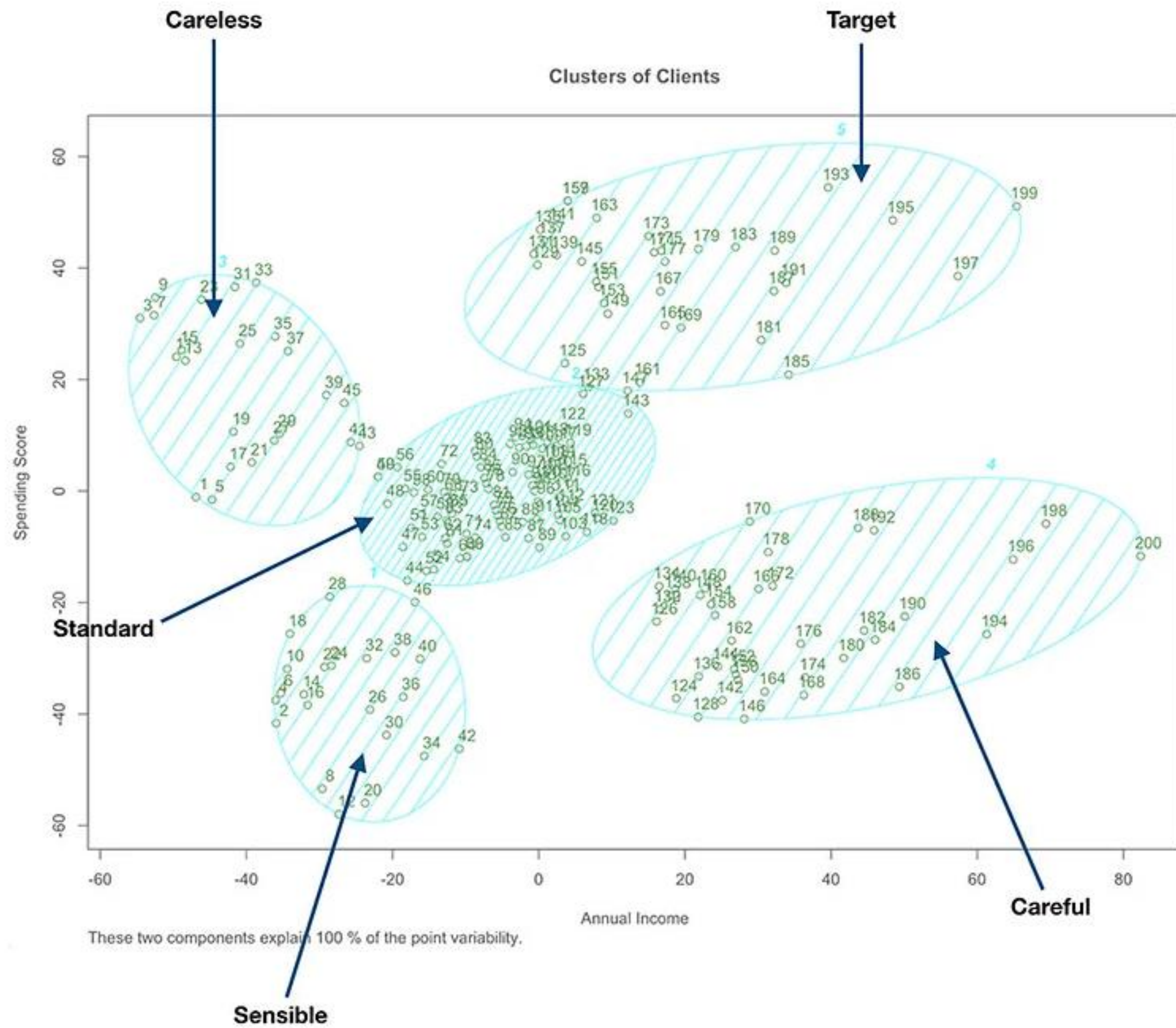


Clustering used in

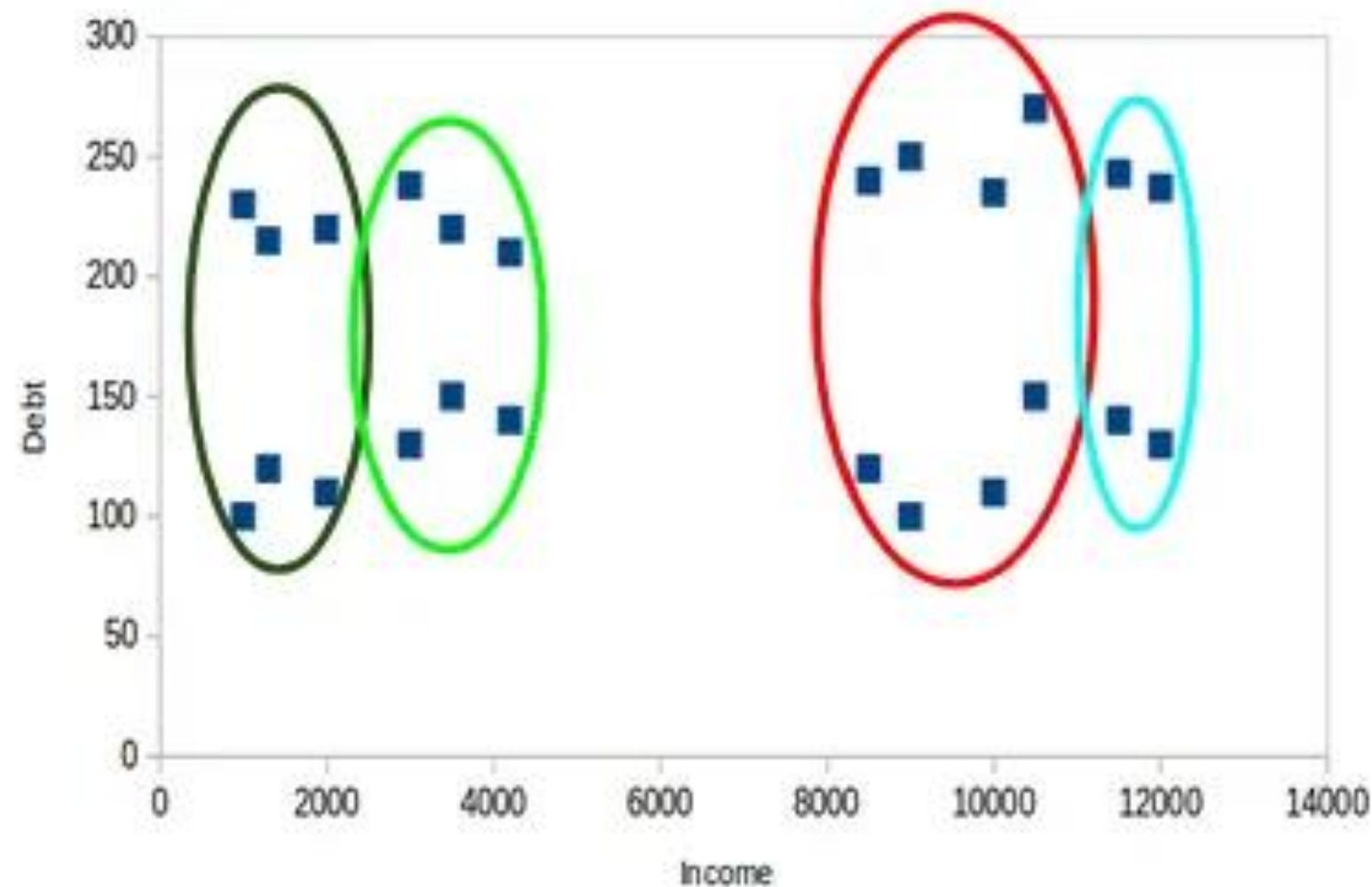
- Customer segmentation
 - Targeted marketing & advertising
- Document clustering
- A computationally easy way for image segmentation
- Recommender systems

Clusters of Clients

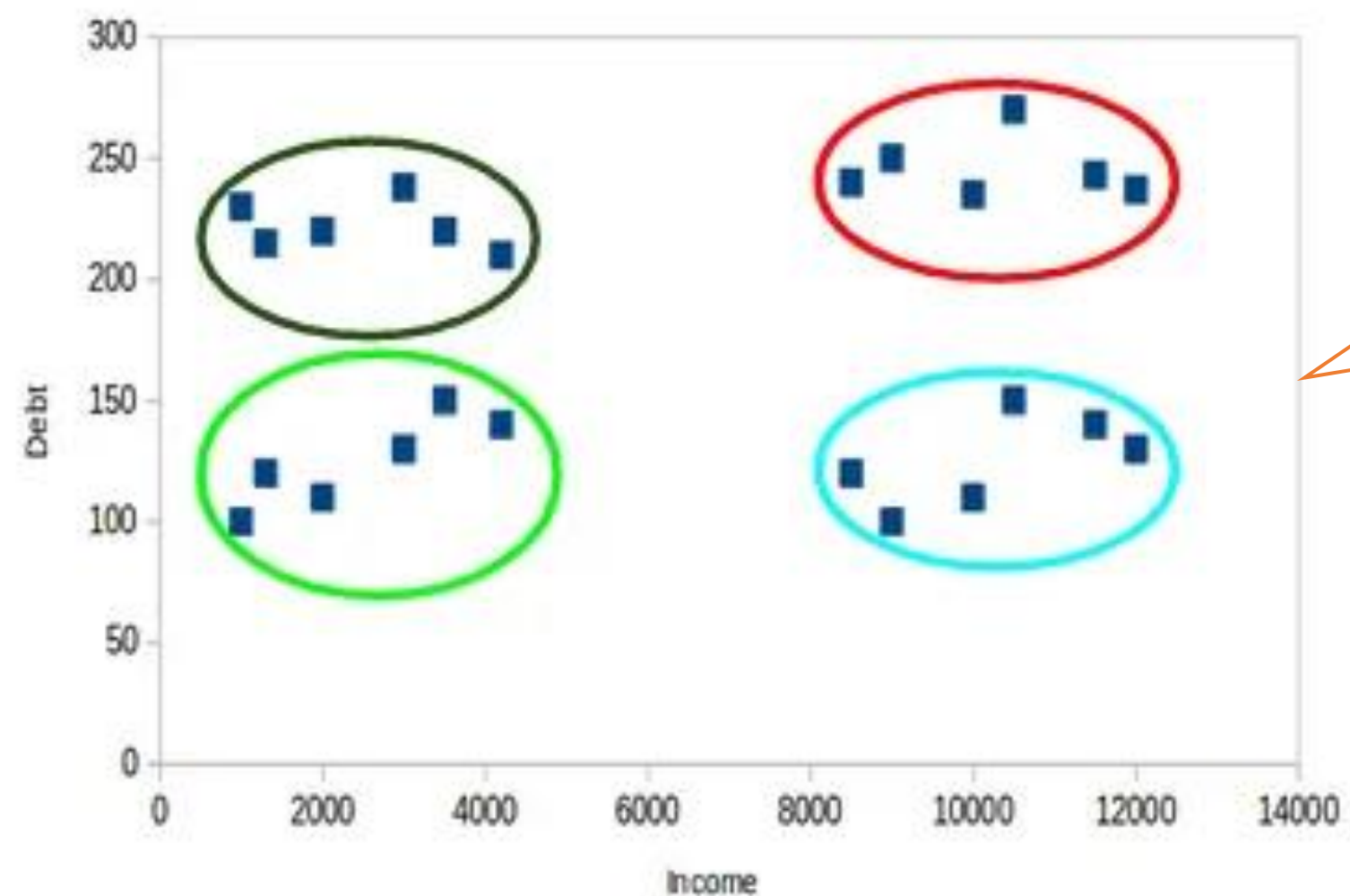




Cluster properties



Case - I



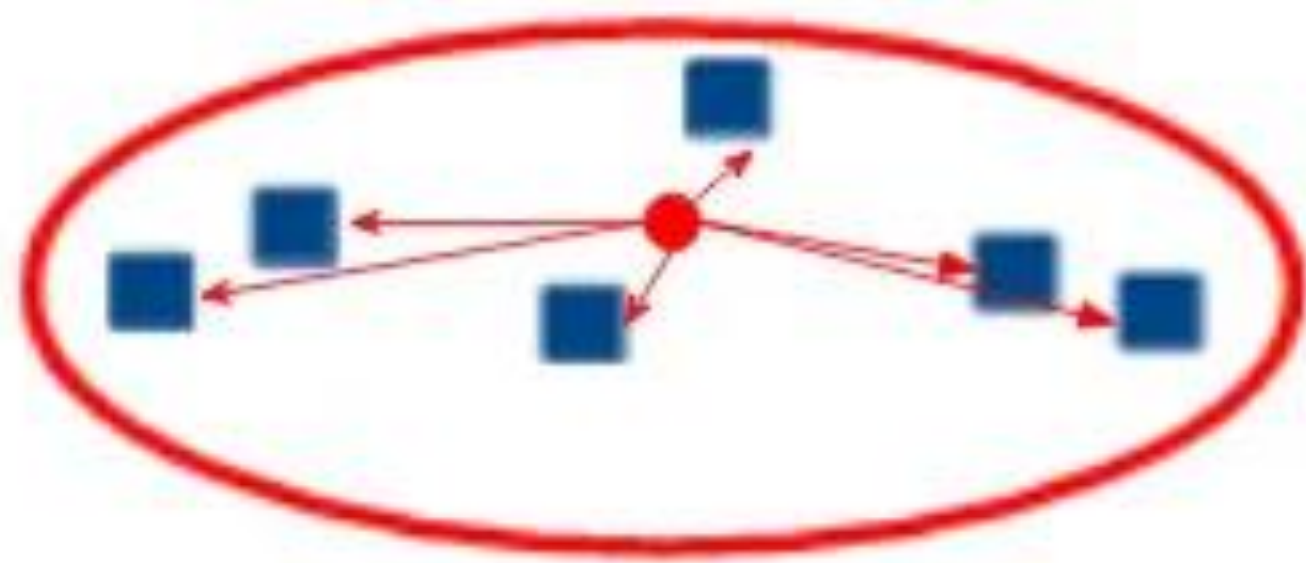
Case - II

**Which is
better
cluster?**

- Data points in cluster should have as many similar properties as possible (compactness)
- Data points in different clusters should be as different as possible (separation)

Cluster properties – Similar data points

- Data points in cluster should have as many similar properties as possible
- How to quantify this?
 - Distance between intra-cluster points should be as low as possible



Intra cluster distance

- Sum/avg of Euclidean distances from centroid

$$\frac{1}{|C_i|} \sum_{x \in C_i} (x - \mu_i)^2$$

- This is nothing but variance
- Variance is a metric!

Cluster metric – Inertia

- How far the points are within a cluster

Optional
normalizing term

$$\frac{1}{|C_i|} \sum_{x \in C_i} (x - \mu_i)^2$$

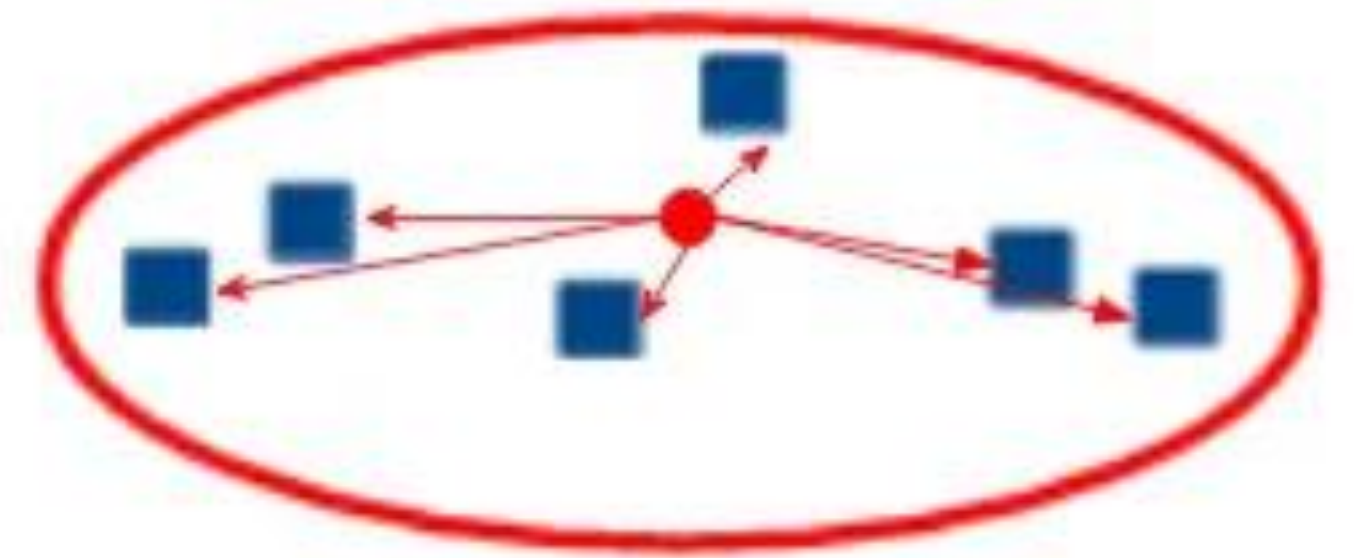
- Across all clusters

$$Inertia = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{|C_i|} \sum_{x \in C_i} (x - \mu_i)^2$$

Also an
optional
normalizing
term

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{x \in C_i} (x - \mu_i)^2$$

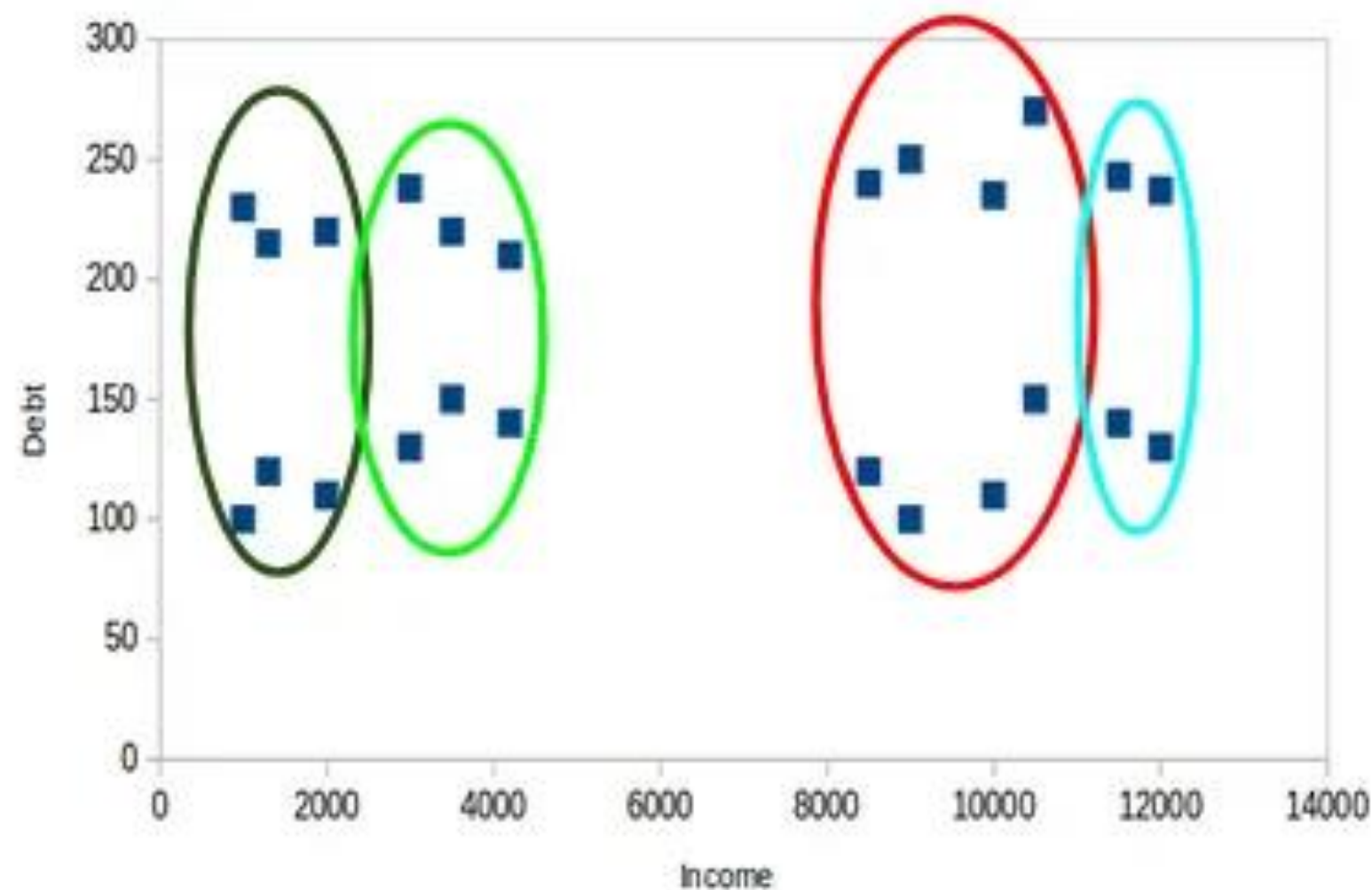
Sklearn calculates
inertia without
normalizing term



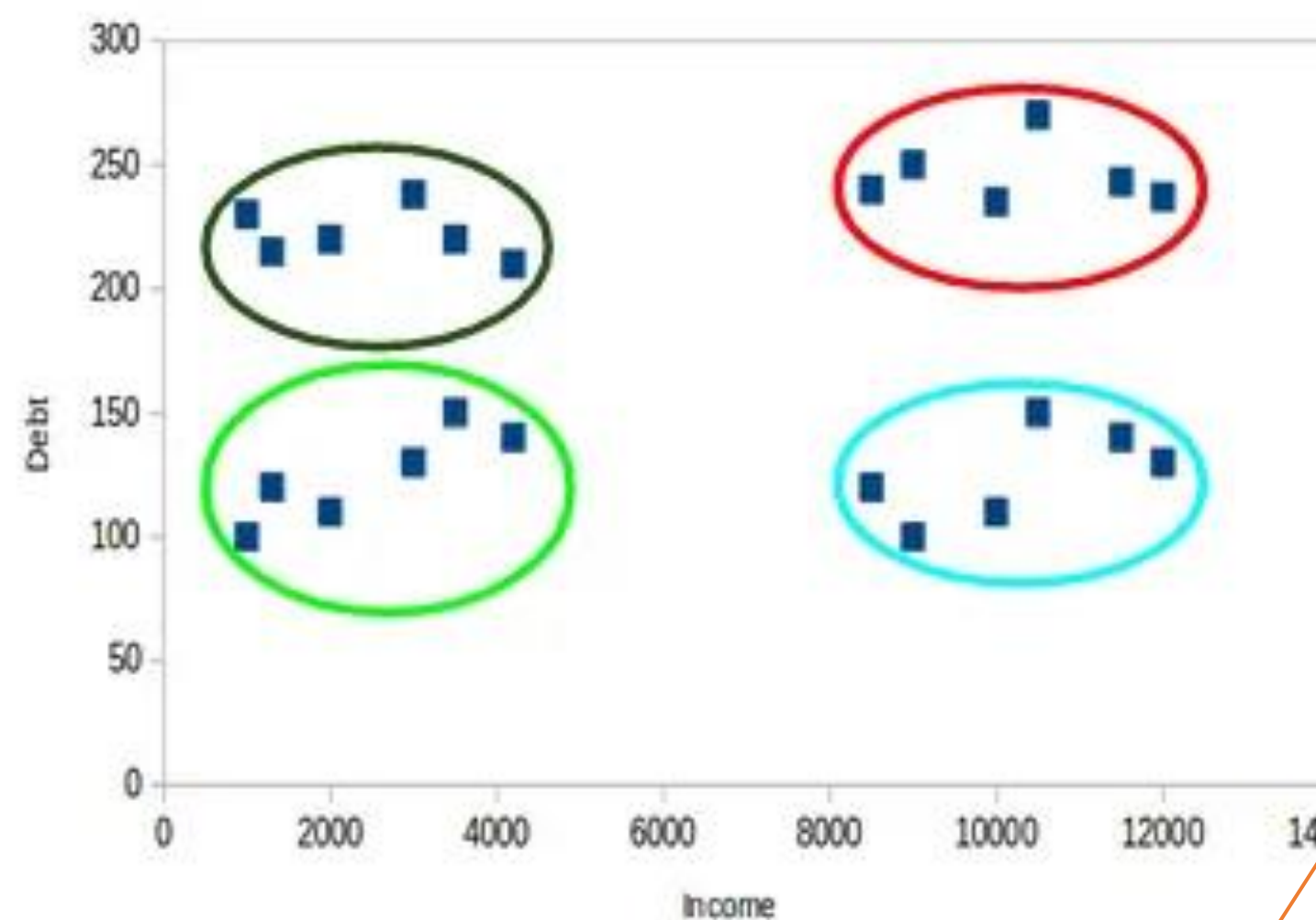
Intra cluster distance

- Inertia also known as WCSS (Within cluster sum of squares)
- Low inertia = better cluster

Cluster metric - Recap



Case - I



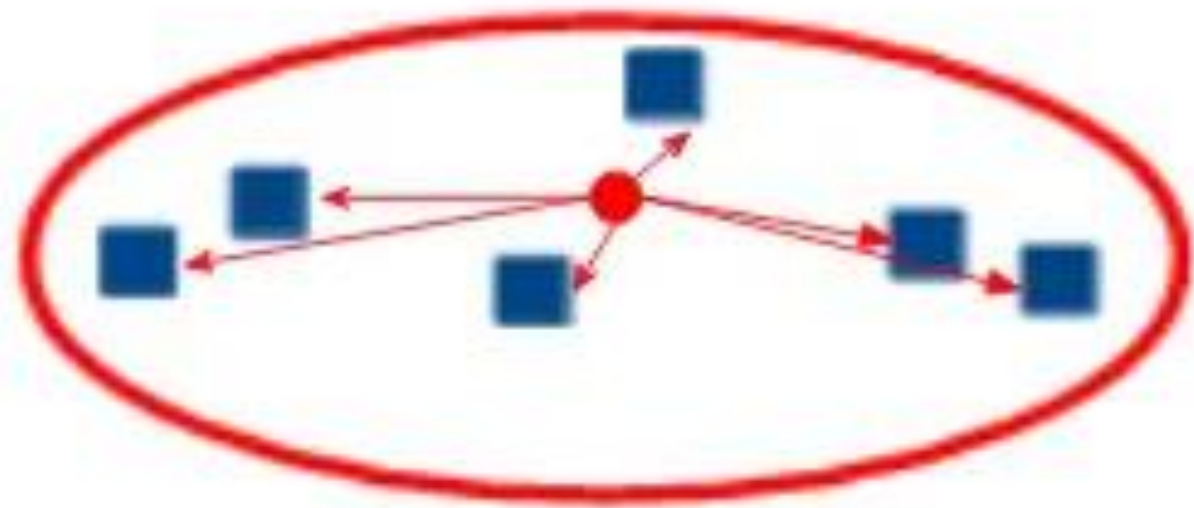
Case - II

**Inertia only
accounted
for this**

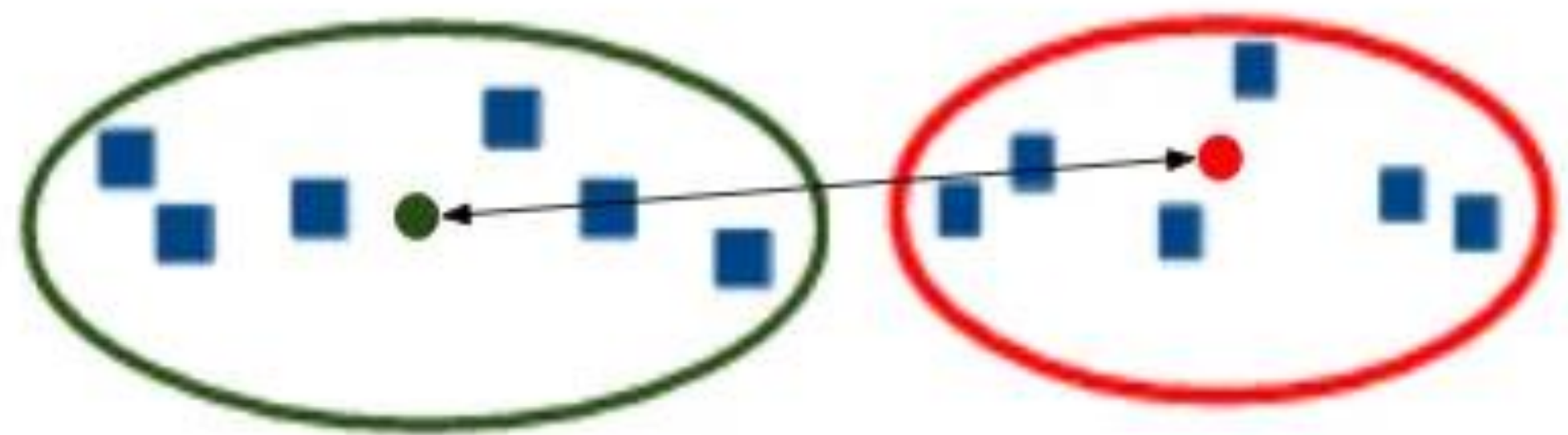
**What
about this?**

- Data points in cluster should have as many similar properties as possible
- Data points in different clusters should be as different as possible

Cluster metric – Dunn Index



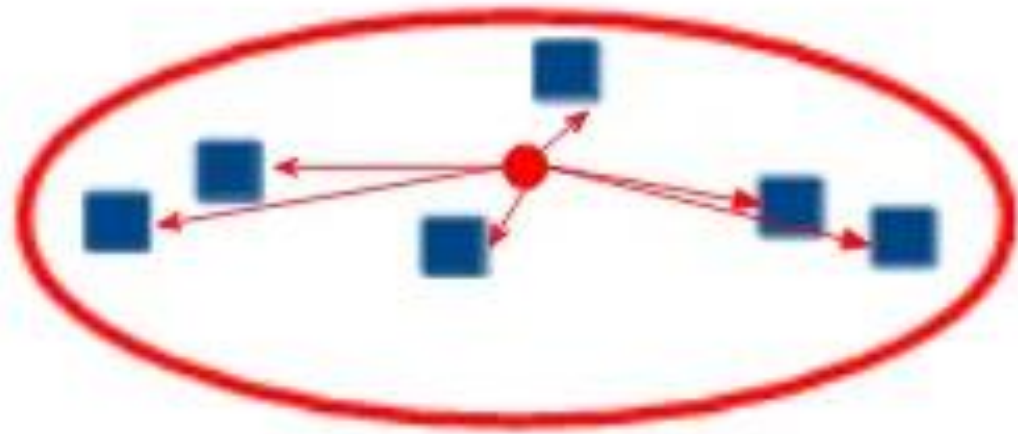
Intra cluster distance



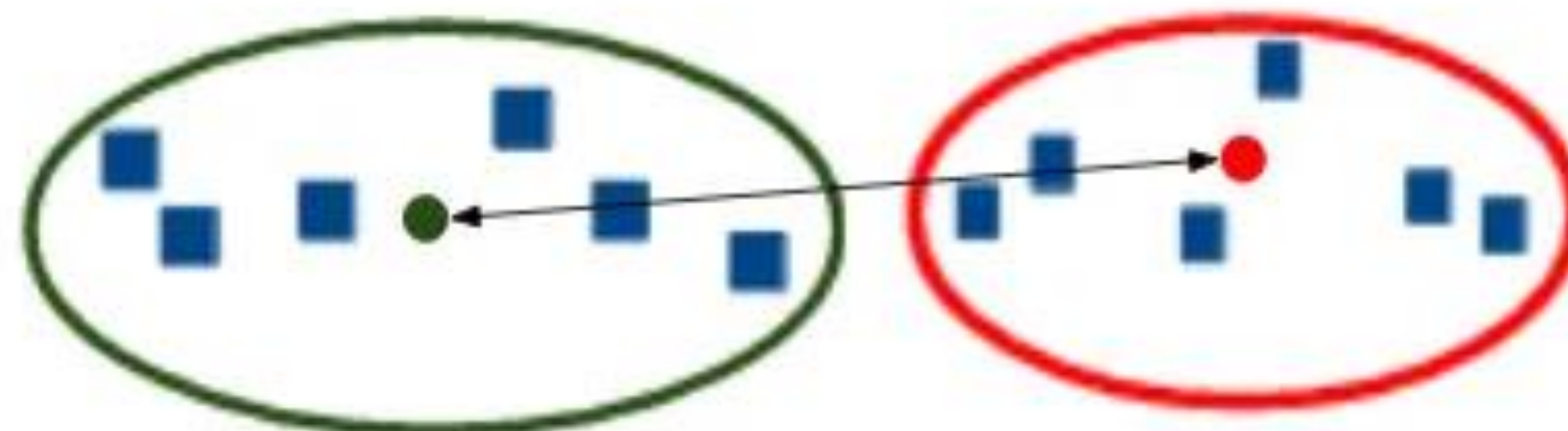
Inter cluster distance

$$\text{Dunn Index} = \frac{\min(\text{Inter cluster distance})}{\max(\text{Intra cluster distance})}$$

Cluster metric – Dunn Index (one of many)



Intra cluster distance



Inter cluster distance

Clusters are far apart

$$\text{Dunn Index} = \frac{\min(\text{Inter cluster distance})}{\max(\text{Intra cluster distance})}$$

Clusters are compact

**Dunn Index
considers worst
case of Davis
Bouldin index**

Cluster metrics recap

- Inertia (WCSS) – Lower the better

$$Inertia = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{|C_i|} \sum_{x \in C_i} (x - \mu_i)^2$$

Used for
choosing K

- Dunn Index – Higher the better

Used for
cluster
evaluation

Clusters are far apart

$$\text{Dunn Index} = \frac{\text{min(Inter cluster distance)}}{\text{max(Intra cluster distance)}}$$

Clusters are compact

Selecting the best K for clustering

- Selecting by Cross validation with one of:

- Elbow method
- Silhouette score

- Gap Statistic (not part of syllabus)

- Davis-Bouldin Index, Dunn Index not used

- Cluster Validation Indices (CVI)

- Internal Validation Indices

- External Validation Indices

- Relative Validation Indices

Relies on cluster goodness labels to measure clustering efficacy

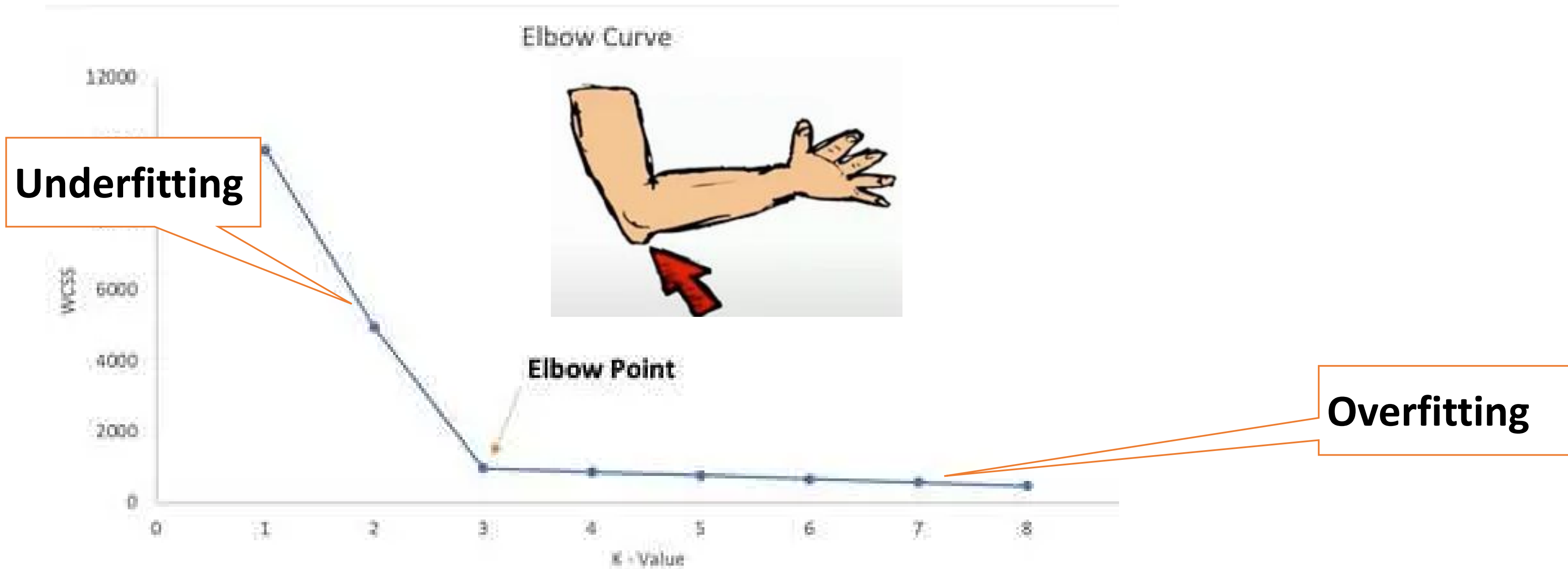
Relies on labels to measure clustering efficacy

For choosing K, Internal validation index should also function as a good relative validation index



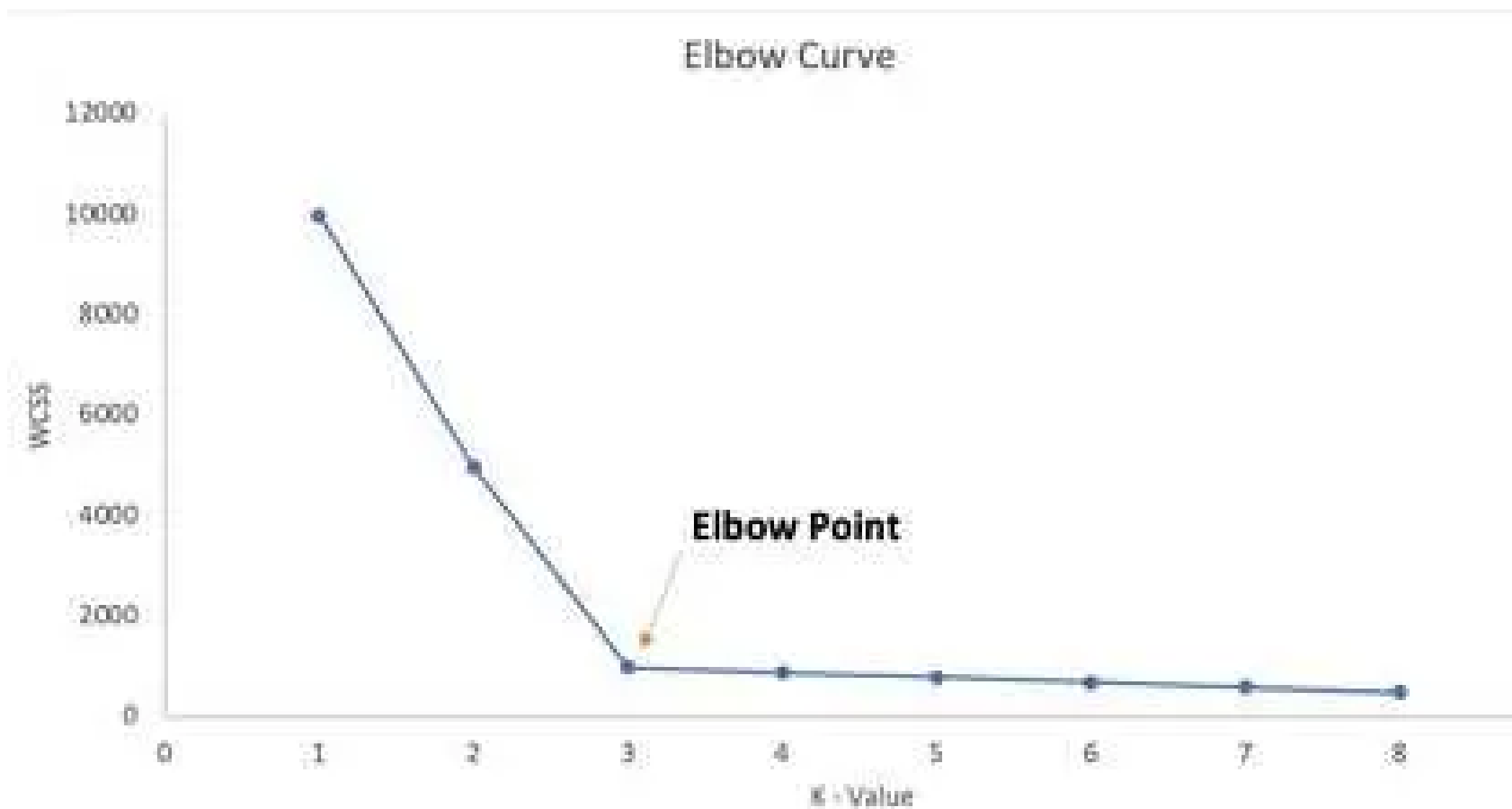
Selecting the best k with elbow method

Elbow plot



- Increasing k decreases inertia. But is it worth it?
- Cost of tuning parameter is no longer worth the benefit

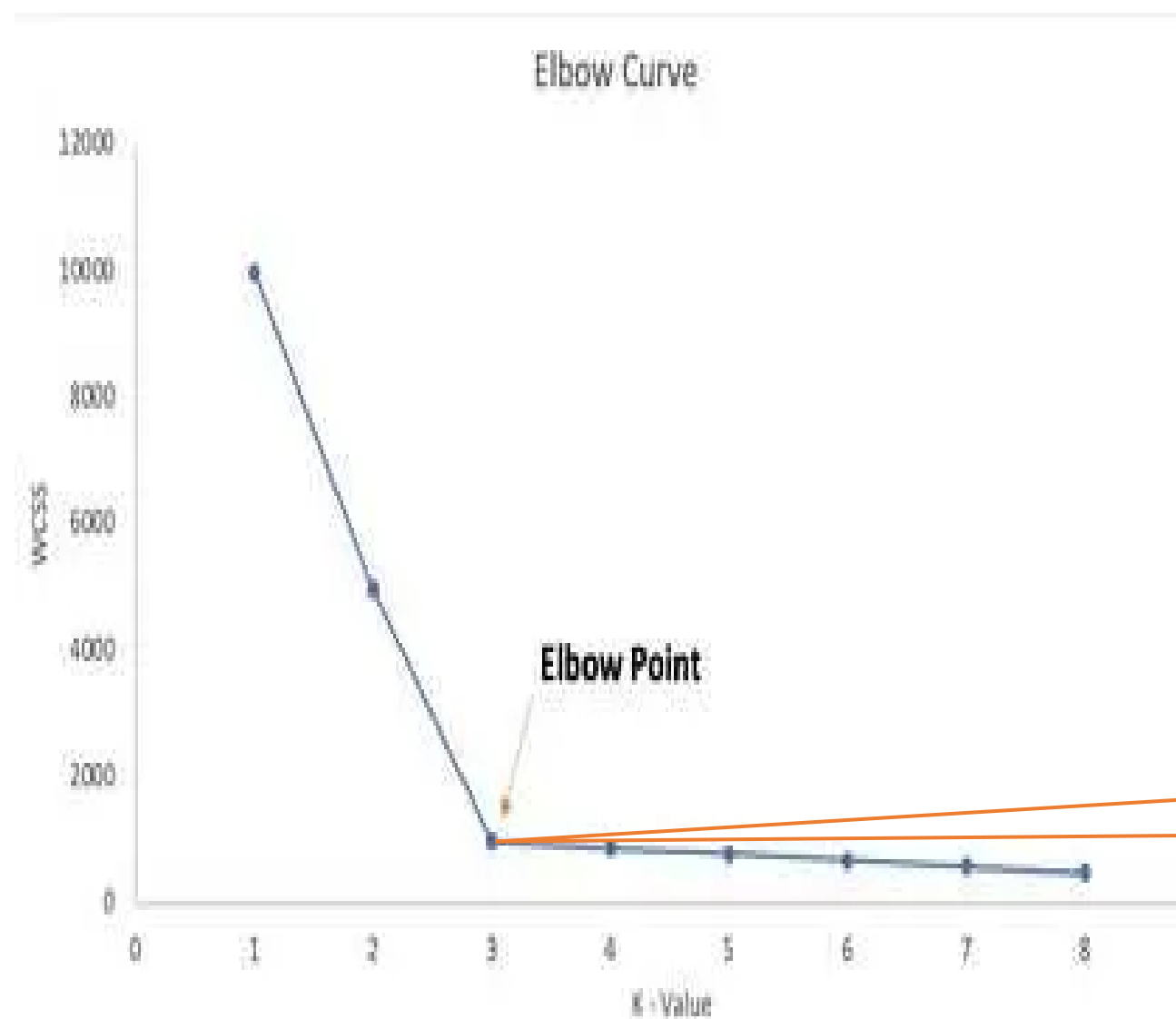
Elbow plot: Cons



- Needs visual examination
- Not possible in automated environments

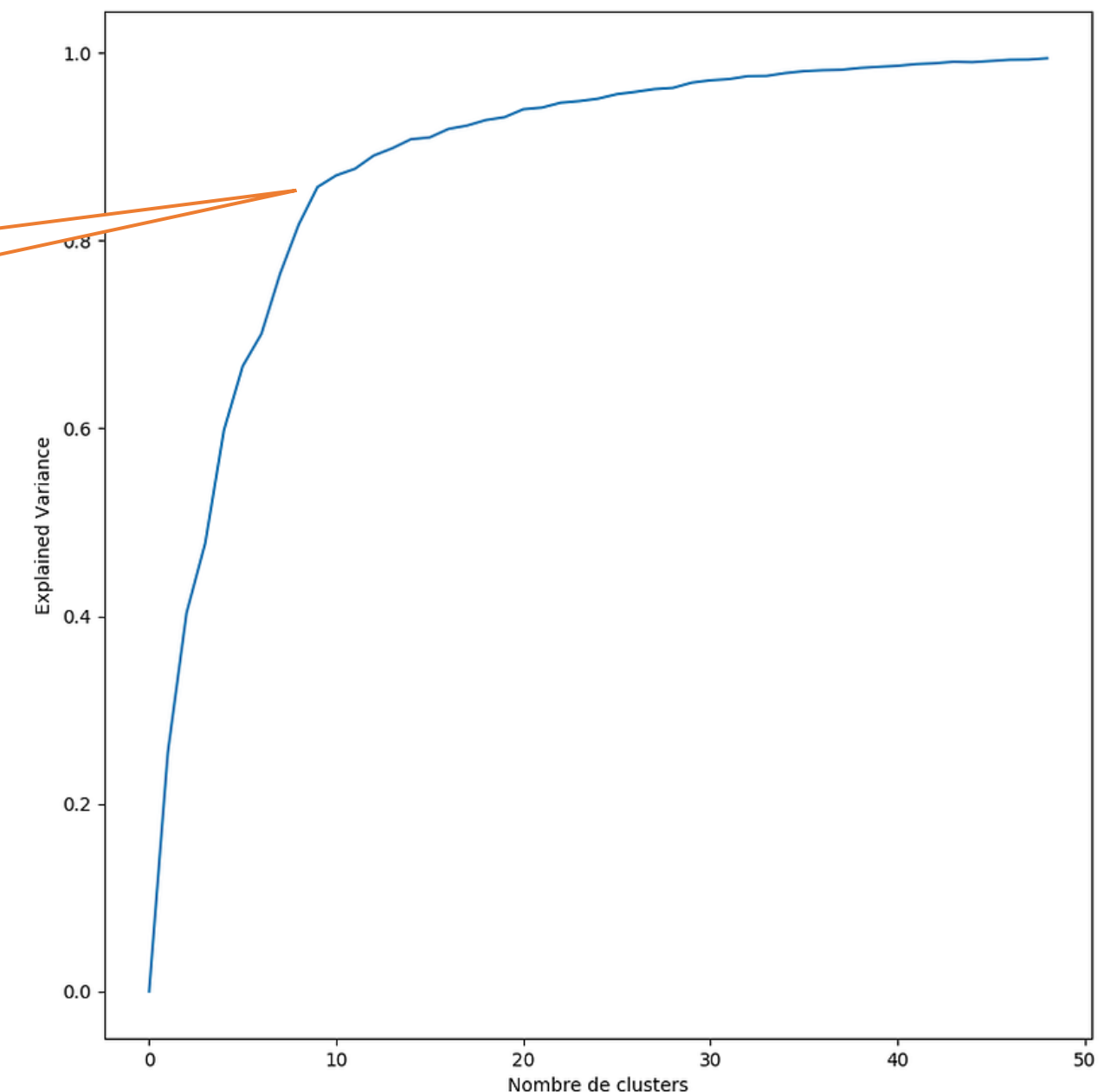
Knees & Elbows

- Automated detection based on curvature
- Elbow – Decrease in rate of decrease of WCSS
- Knee – Decrease in rate of increase of “explained variance”

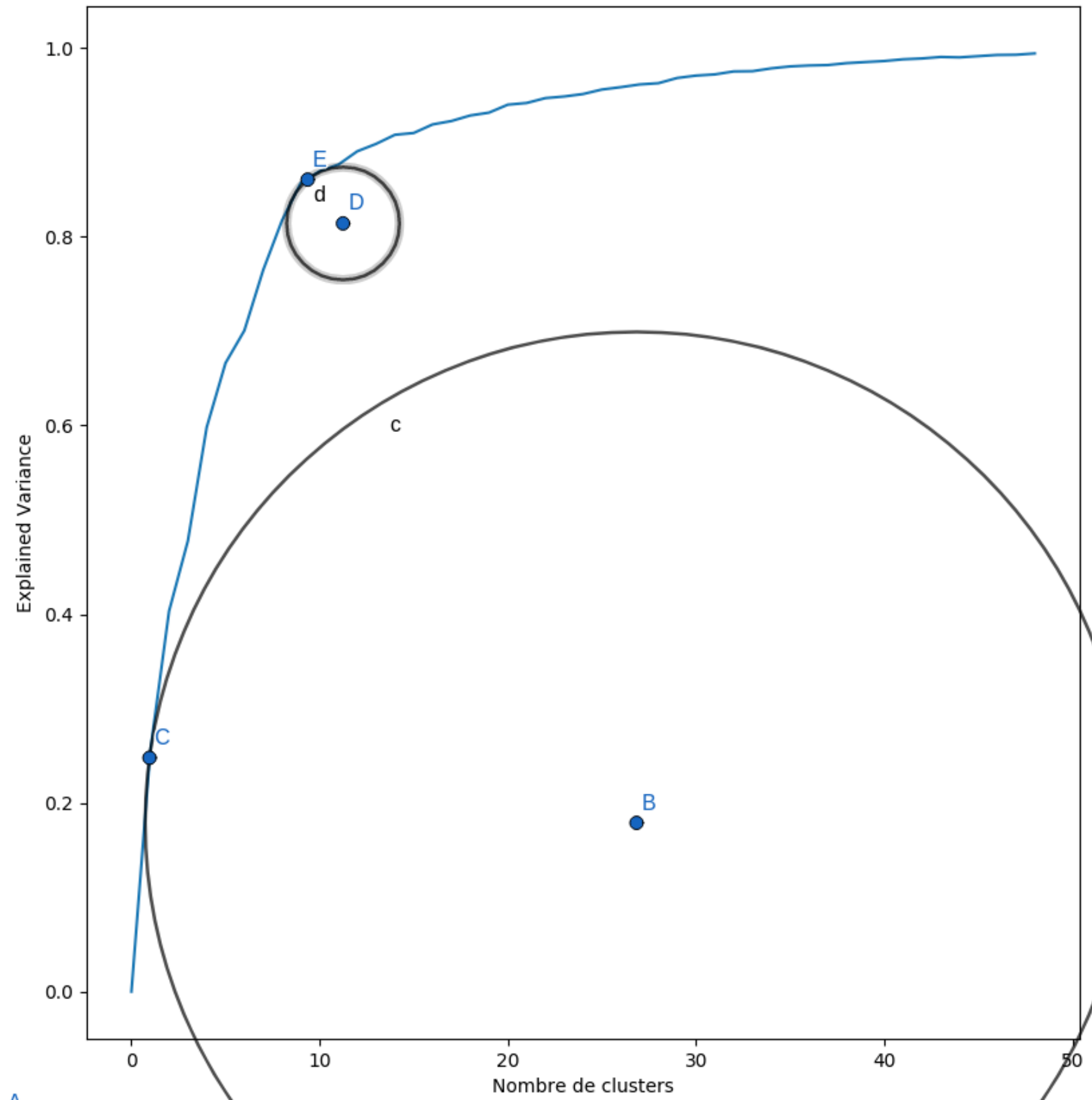


**Negative
concavity**

**Positive
concavity**

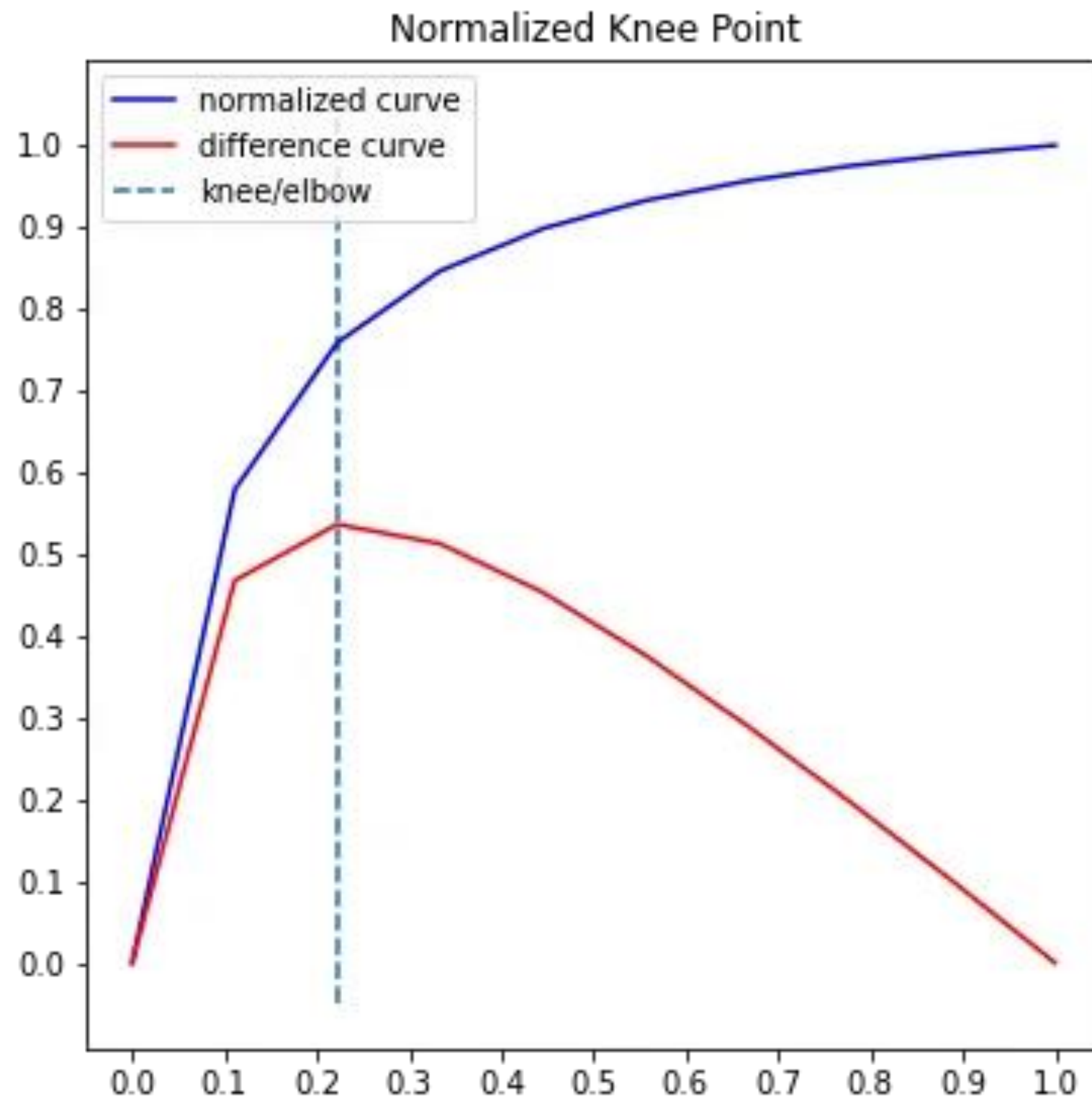


Curvature at Knees & Elbows



- Curvature: Draw **largest** circle where the tangent touches the curve
 - Such that circle touches the curve only at one point
- Smaller the circle, larger the curvature
- Knees & elbows – Region where curvature is most drastic

Curvature at Knees & Elbows conceptually

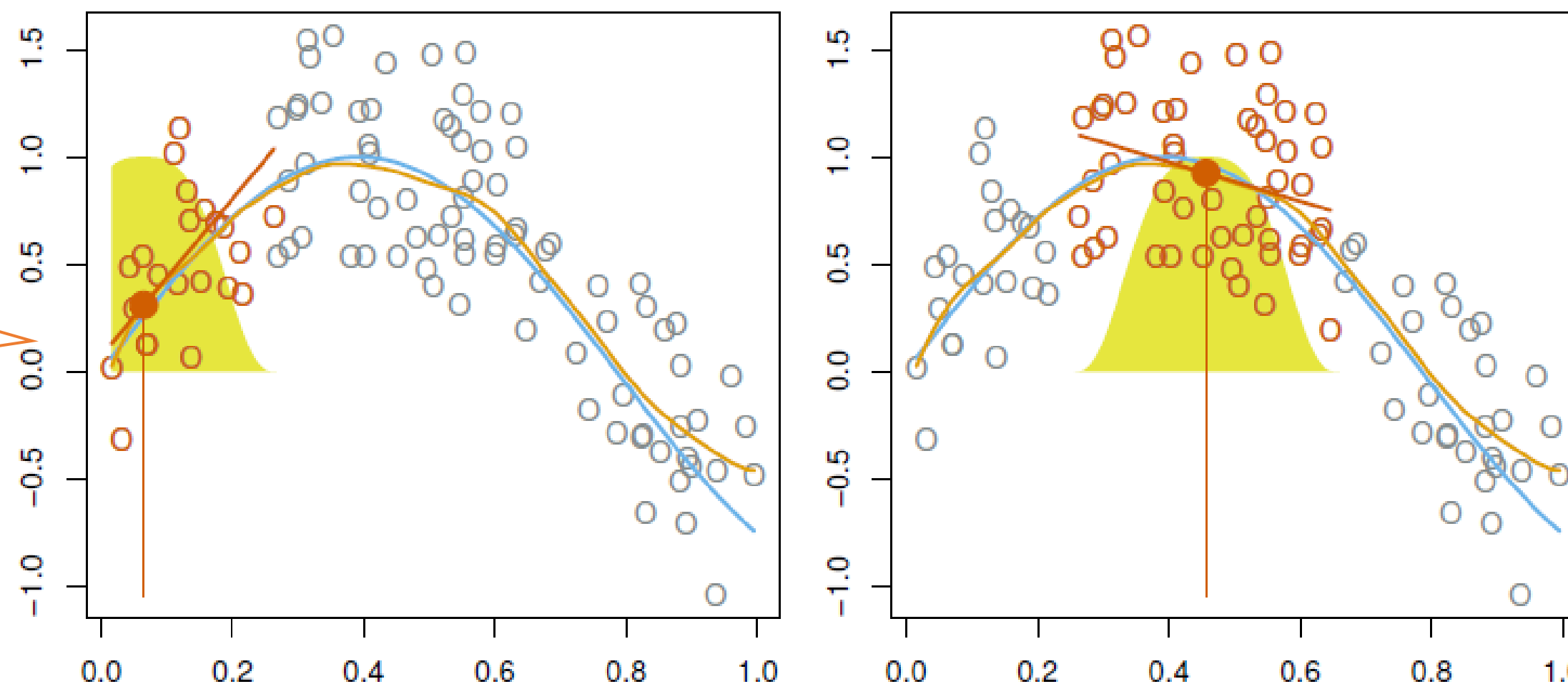


- Second derivative
- Knee – Maxima of second derivative
- Elbow – Minima of second derivative
- Kneed library available
- Based on paper IEEE
- [Finding a Kneedle in haystack](#)
- Paper is slightly more involved than simple second derivative

Problems to address in applying kneedle

- Need to find second derivative. Knots aren't differentiable
- Smoothing spline should be applied first
- Smoothing spline = Regression Spline + Regularization
- Regression Spline = Piecewise continuous polynomial regression

**Learn more about
spline in Intro to
Statistical Learning
in Gareth,
Tibshirani etal.**



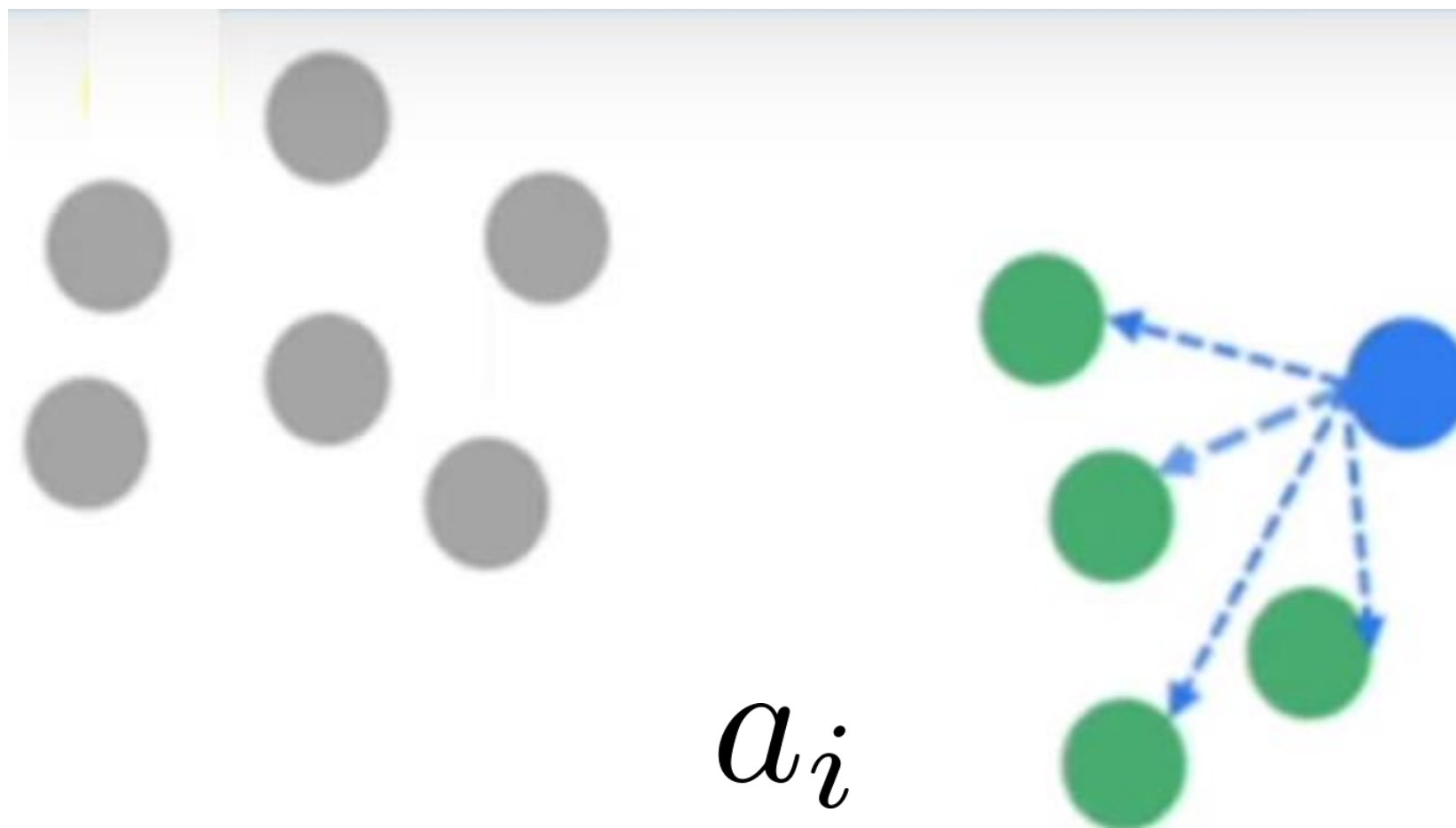


Silhouette score intuition

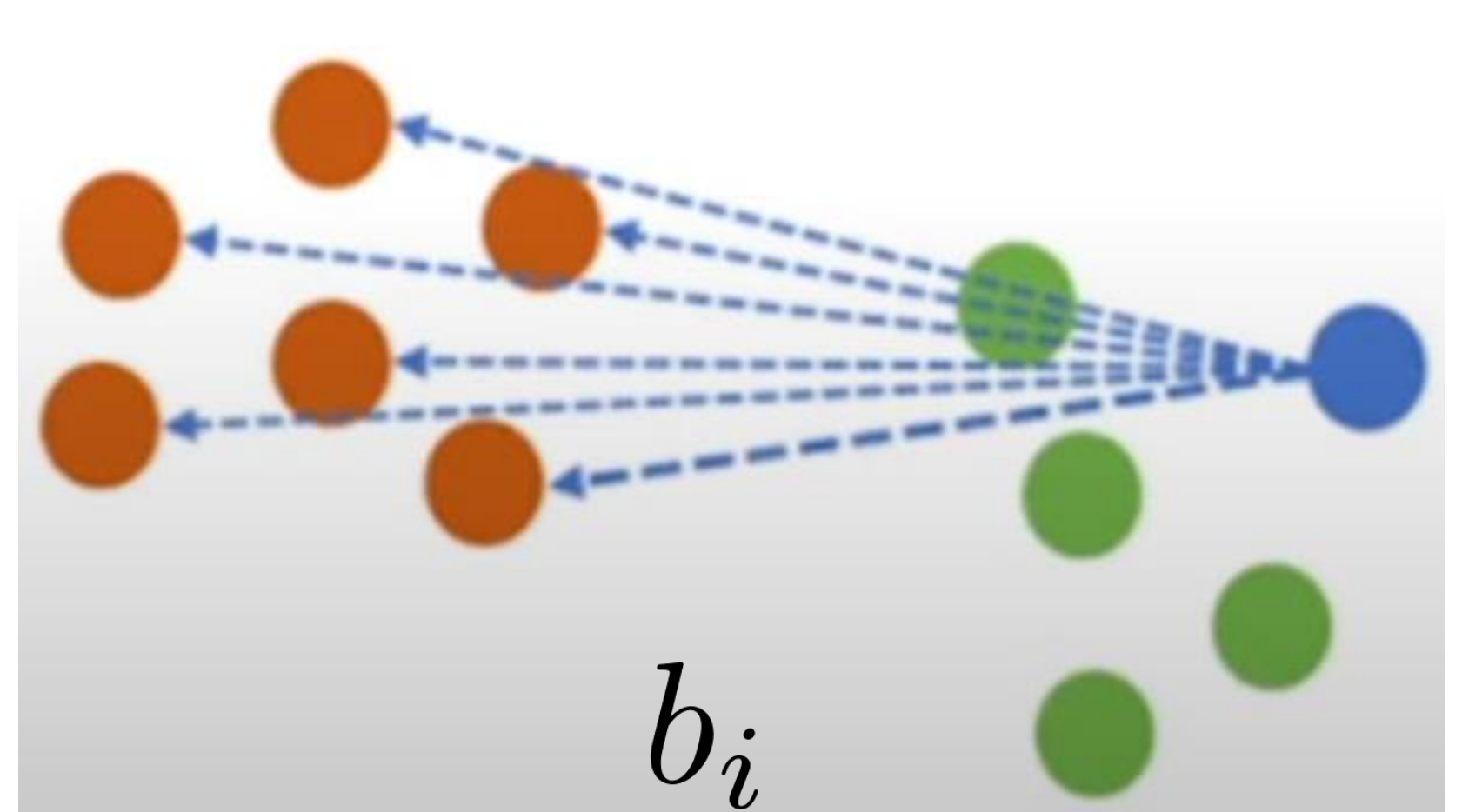
- Overall representative score of clustering using
 - Compactness of individual clusters (intra cluster distance)
 - Separation between clusters (inter cluster distance)
- Uses both intra cluster cohesion & inter cluster separation

$$s_i = \frac{b_i - a_i}{\max(b_i, a_i)}$$

Silhouette score intuition



Avg distance between i & data points in same cluster

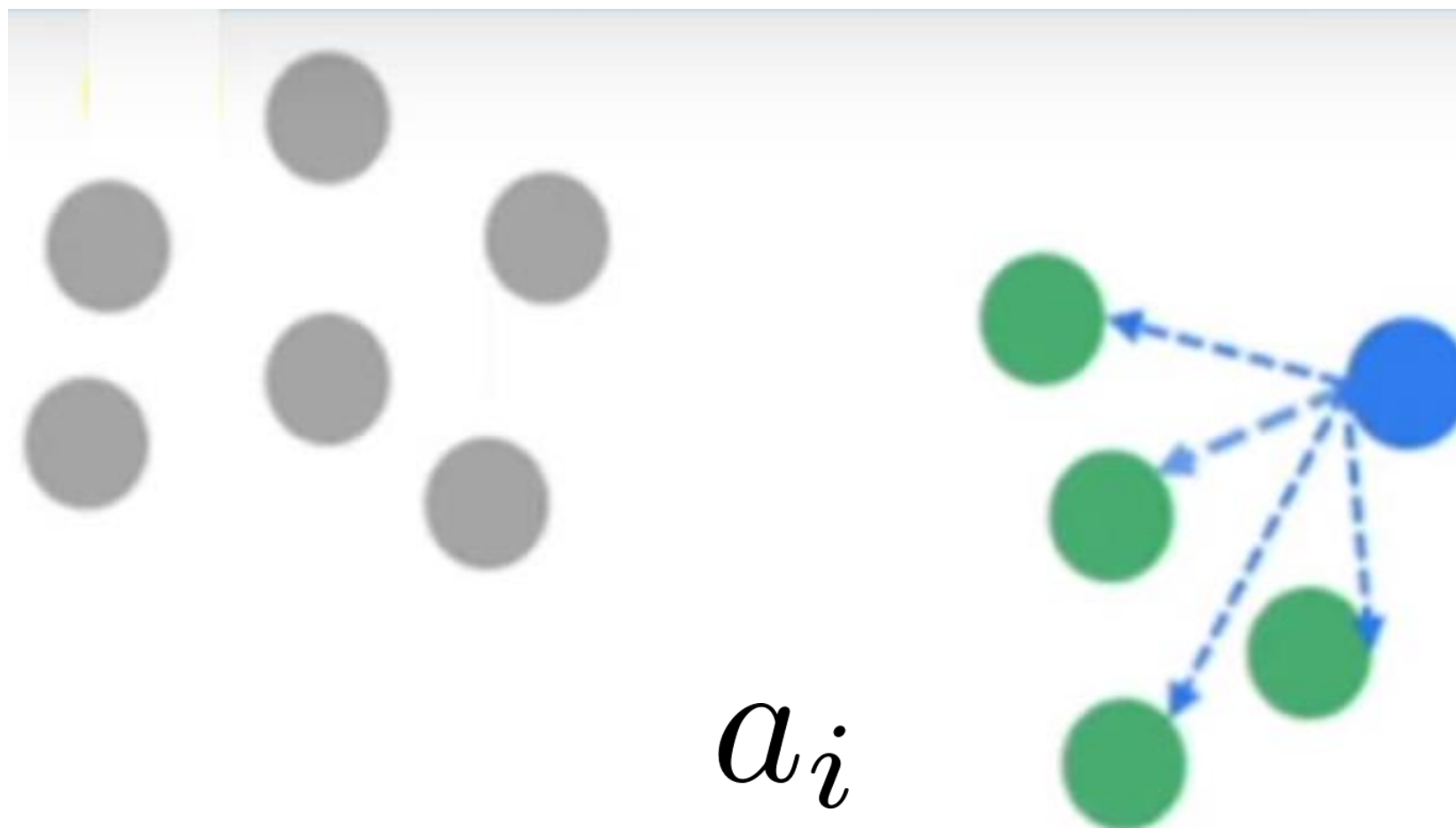


Avg distance between i & data points in other clusters

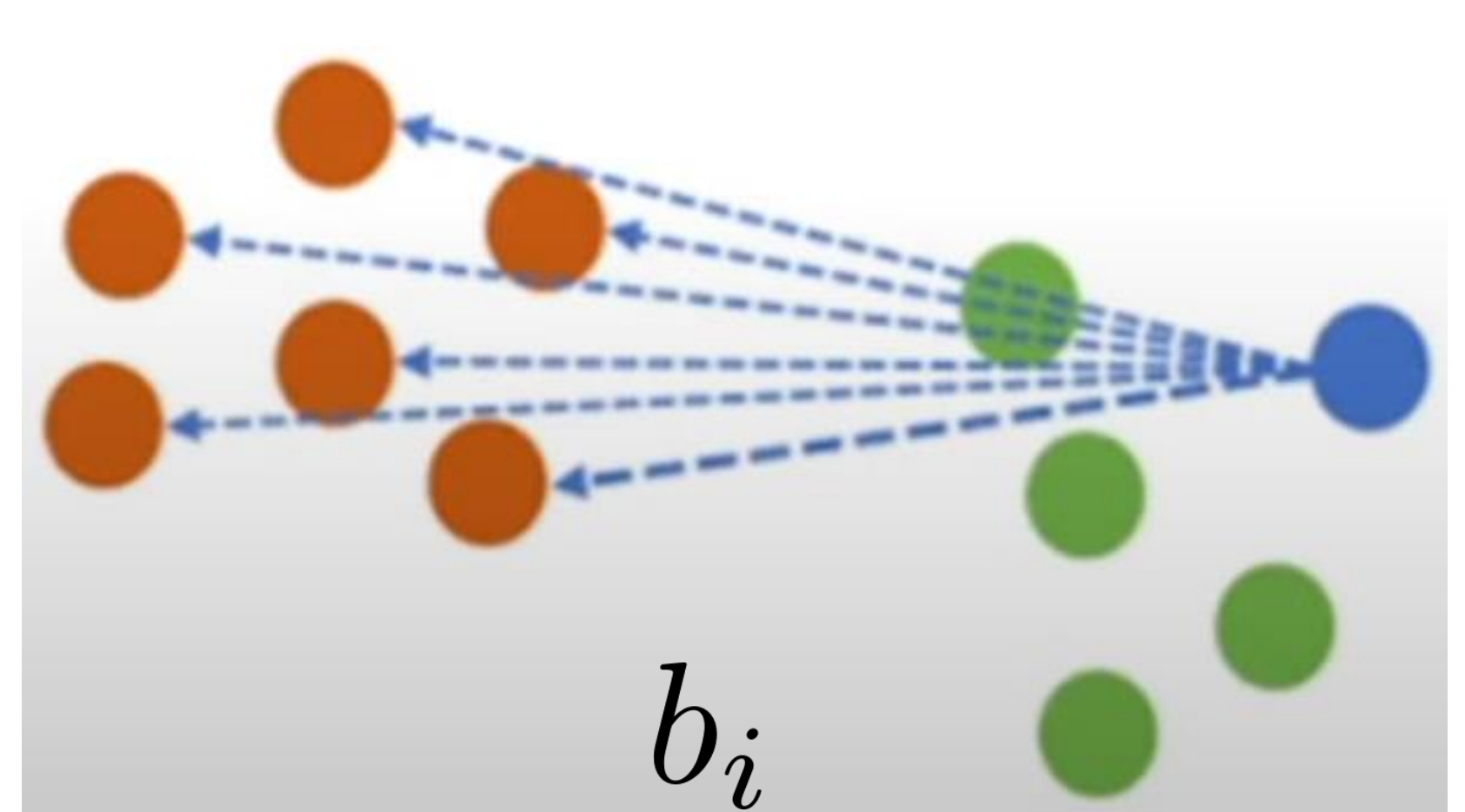
$$s_i = \frac{b_i - a_i}{\max(b_i, a_i)}$$

- Measured for each data point
- Between -1 and +1

Silhouette score intuition (contd.)



Avg distance between i & data points in same cluster



Avg distance between i & data points in other clusters

$$s_i = \frac{b_i - a_i}{\max(b_i, a_i)}$$

$$\text{Silhouette Score} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n s_i$$

Silhouette score summary

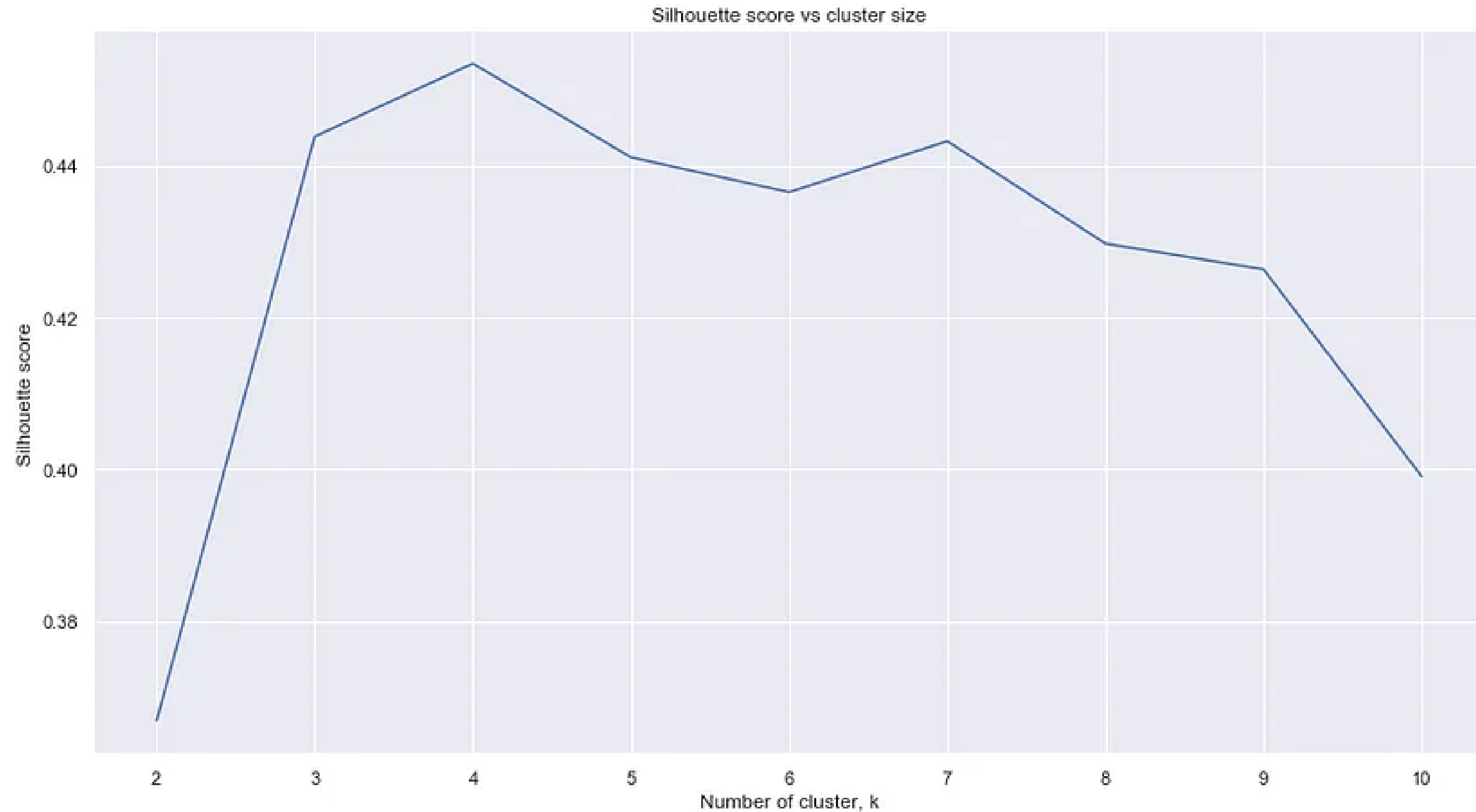
$$s_i = \frac{b_i - a_i}{\max(b_i, a_i)}$$

$$a_i = \frac{1}{|C_i| - 1} \sum_{j \in C_i, i \neq j} d(i, j) \quad b_i = \min_{k \neq i} \frac{1}{|C_k|} \sum_{j \in C_k} d(i, j)$$

$$\text{Silhouette Score} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n s_i$$

- Implementation available in sklearn

Silhouette score plot

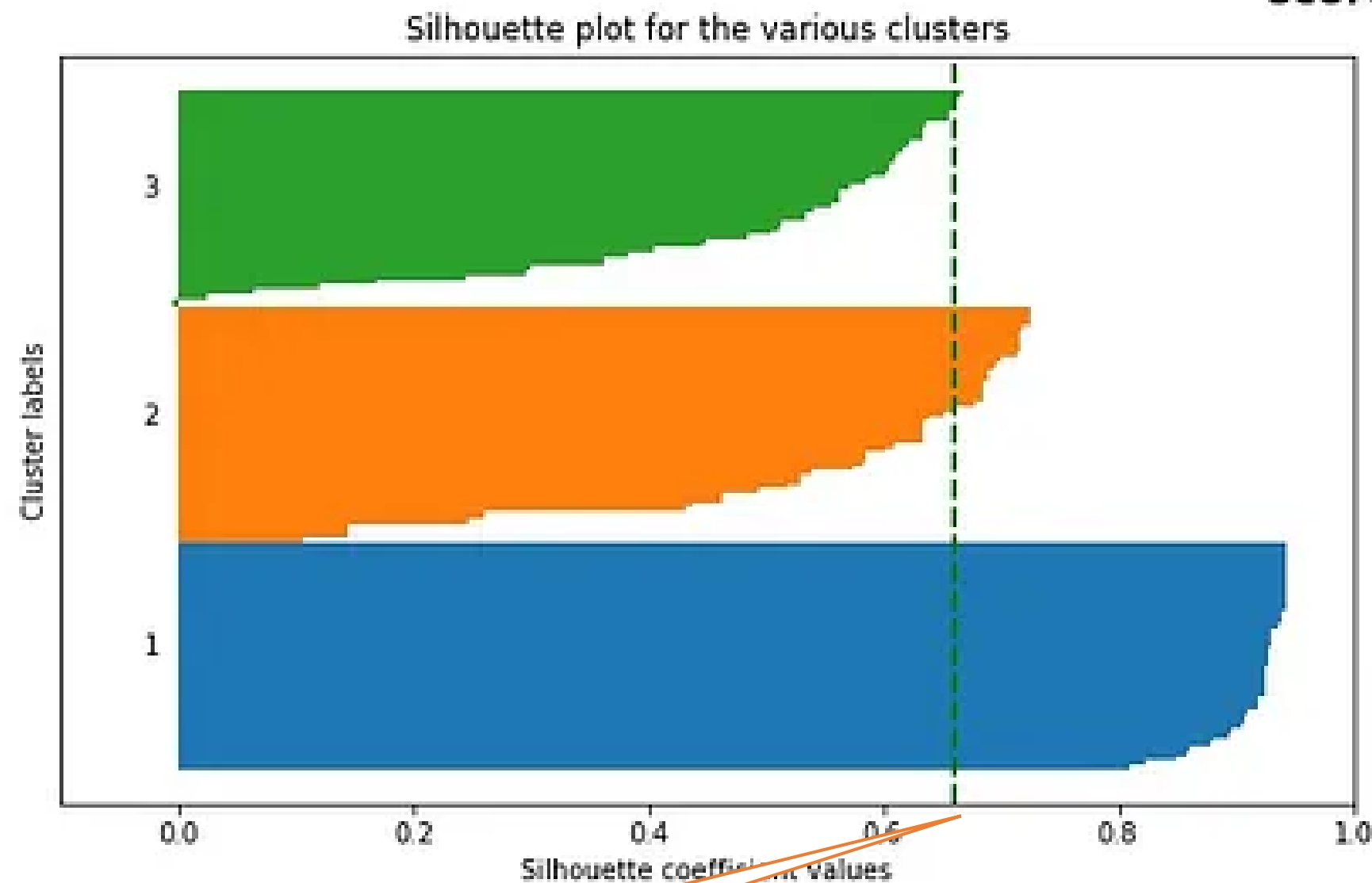


- Choose k with largest Silhouette score

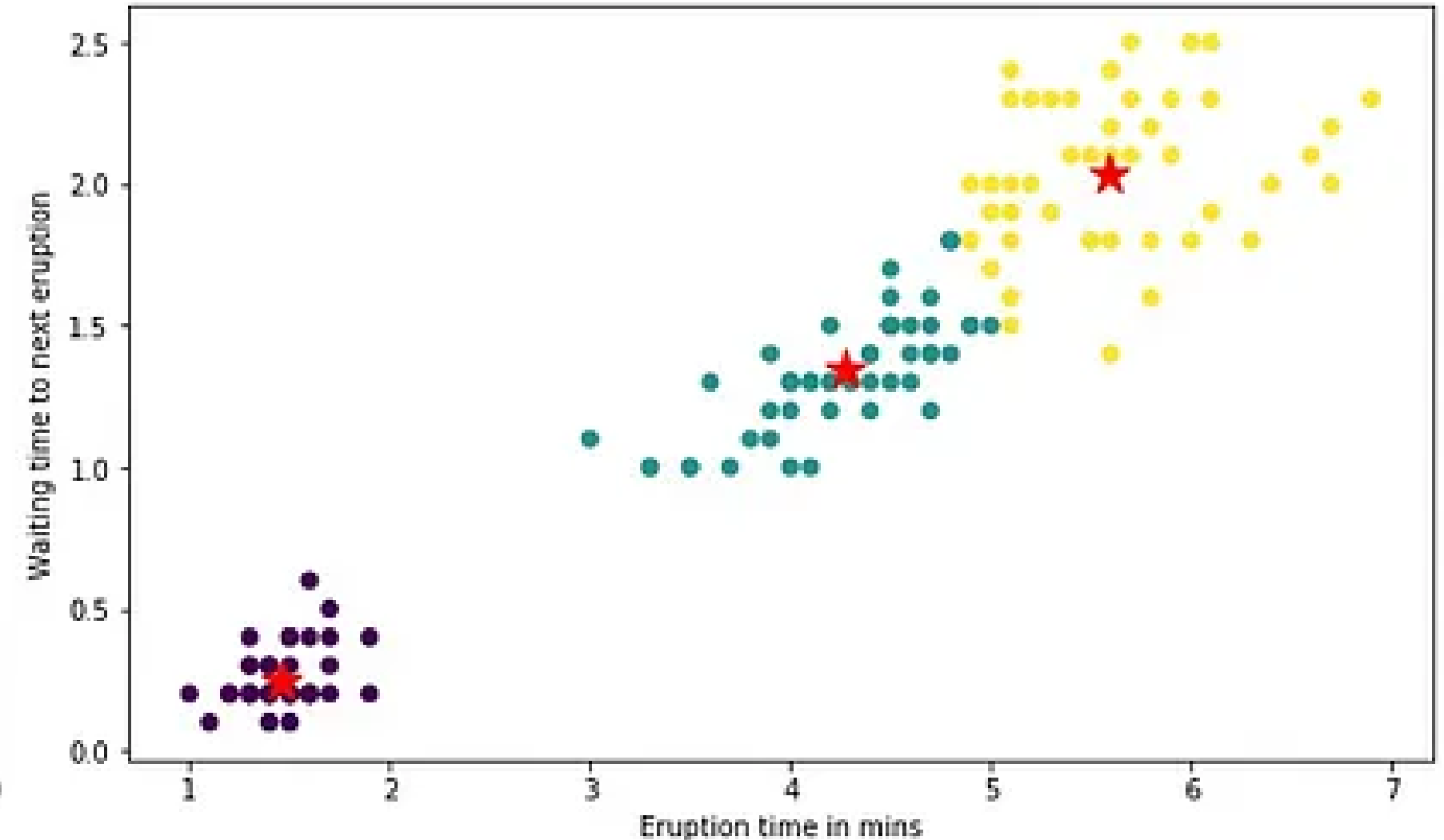
Silhouette analysis with silhouette plot

- How to read a silhouette plot?

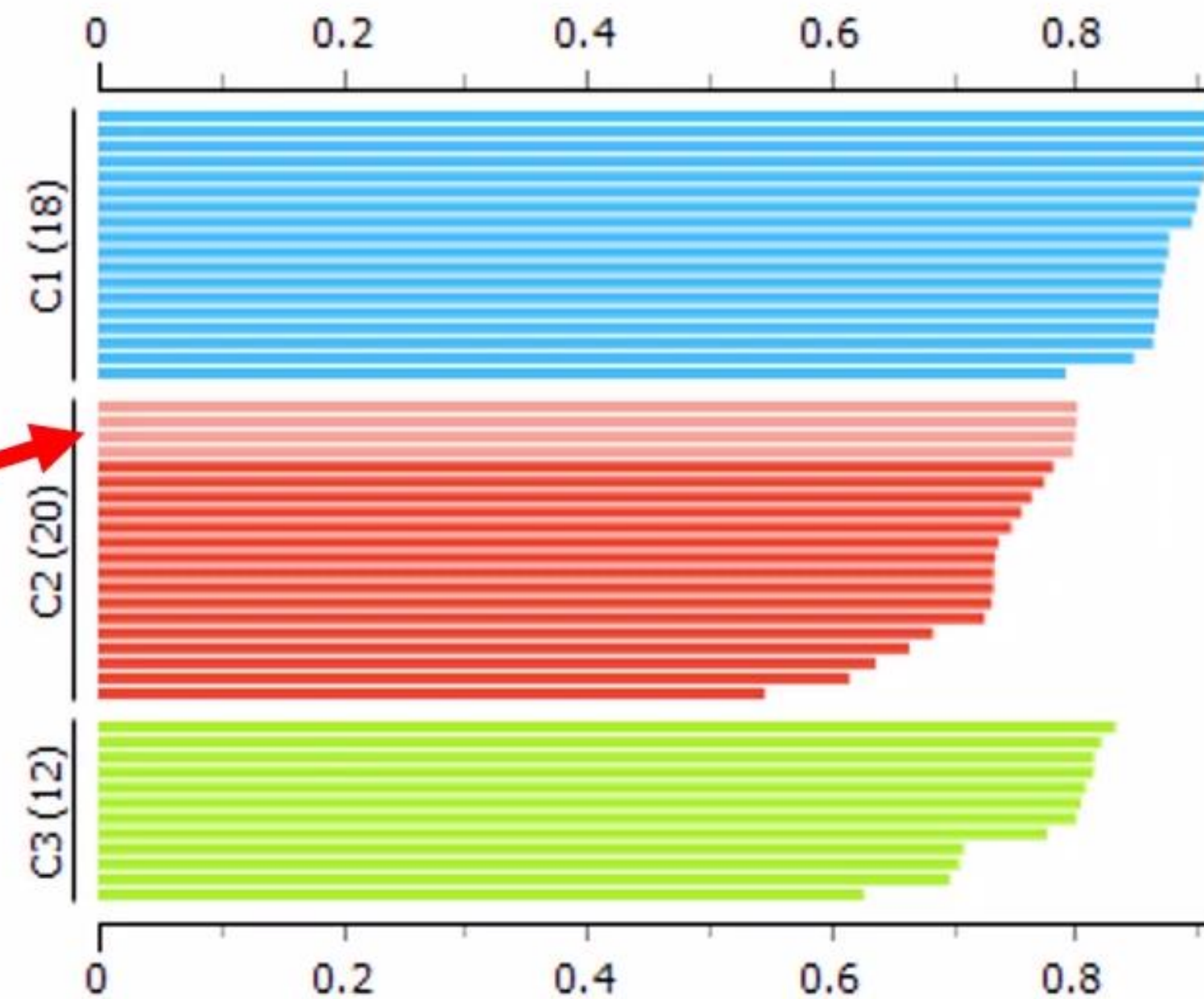
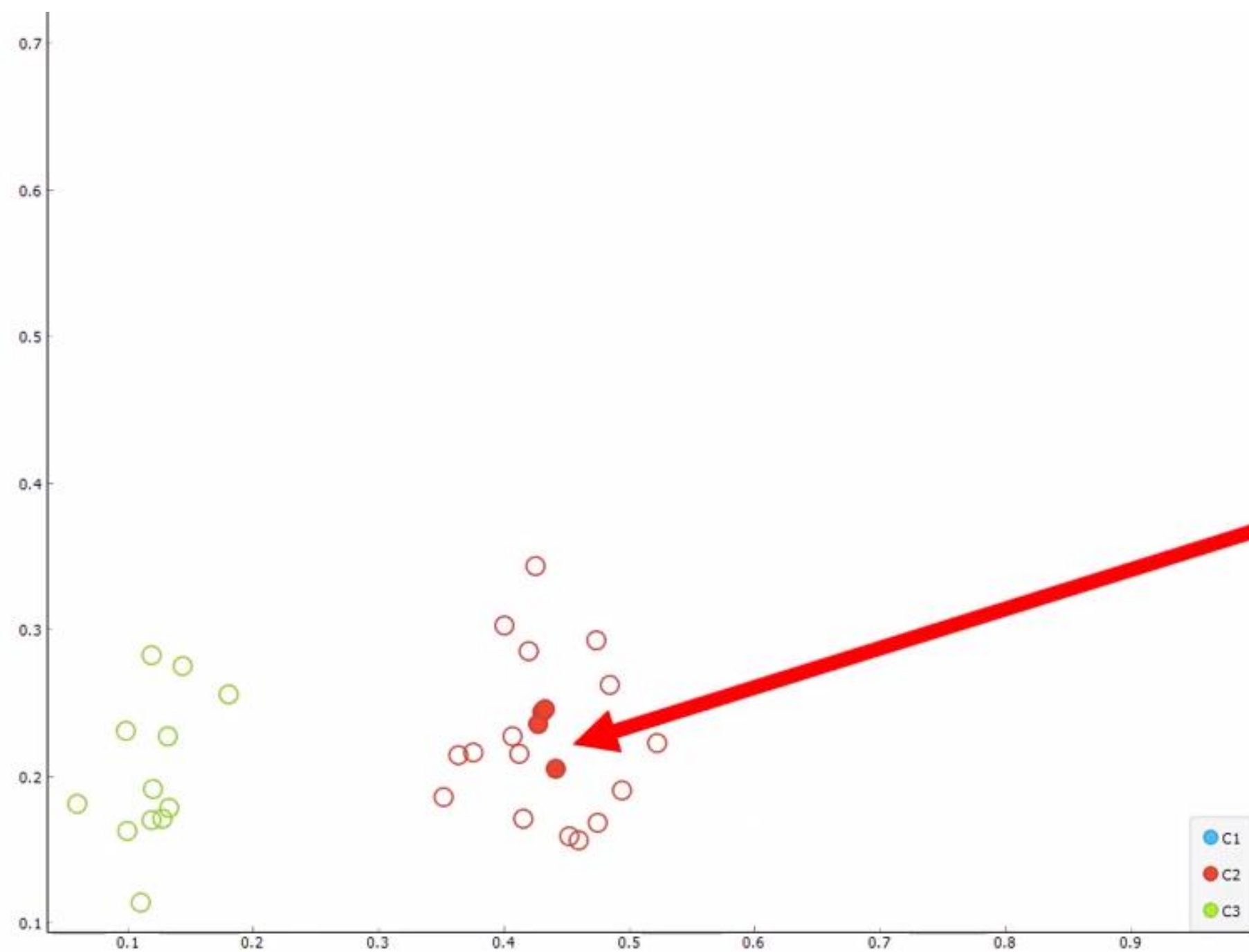
Silhouette analysis using $k = 3$
score = 0.66

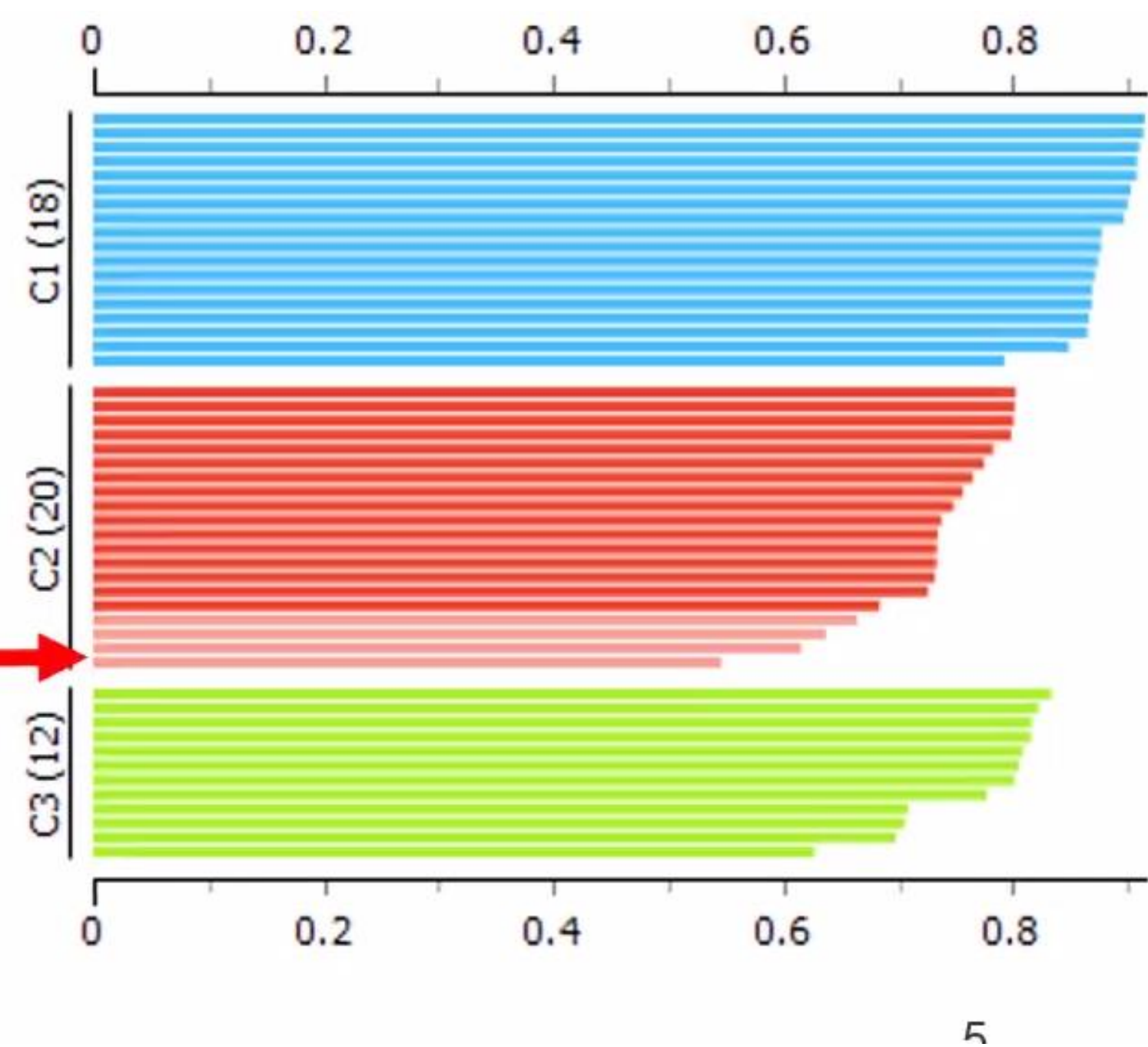
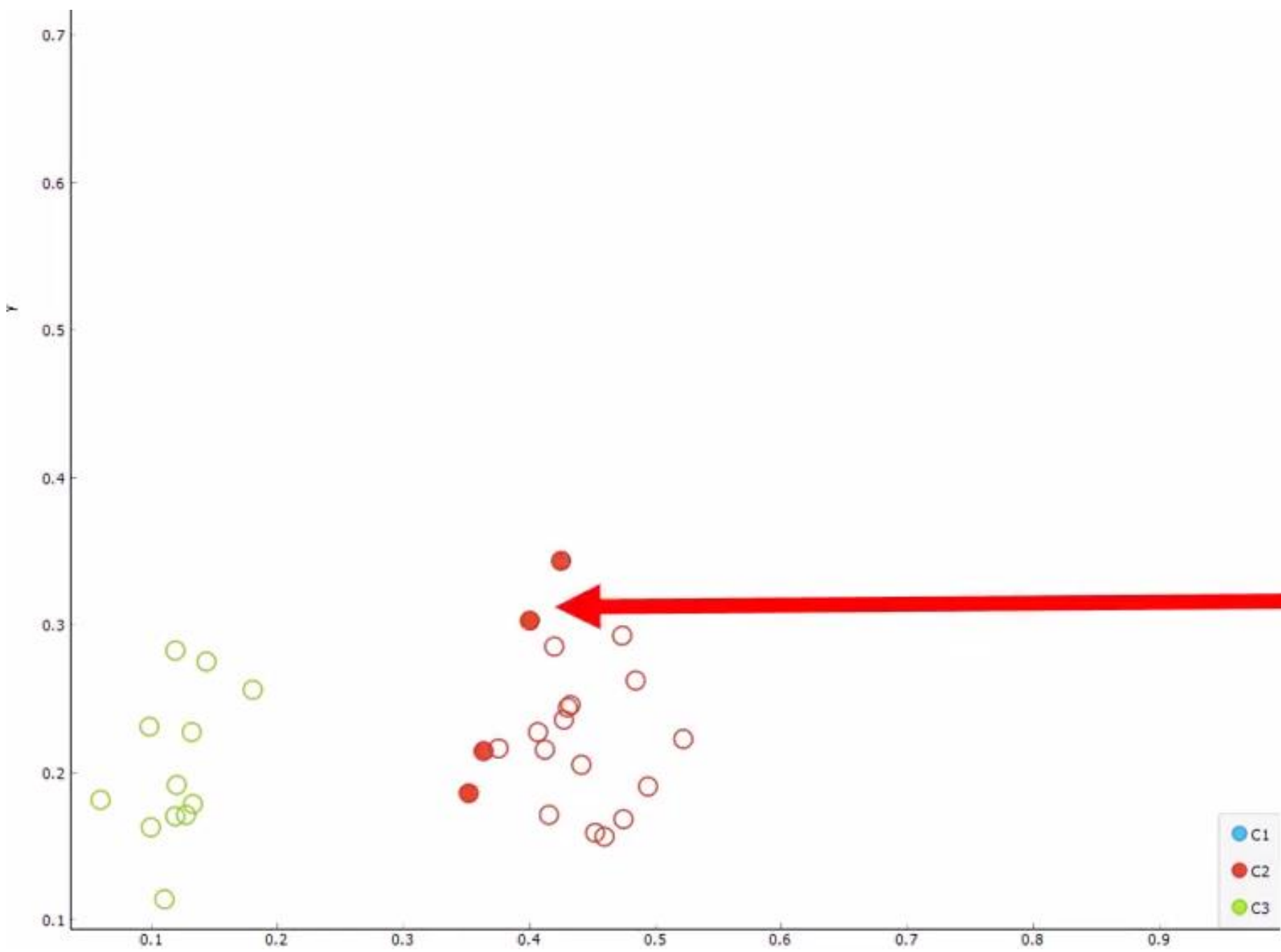


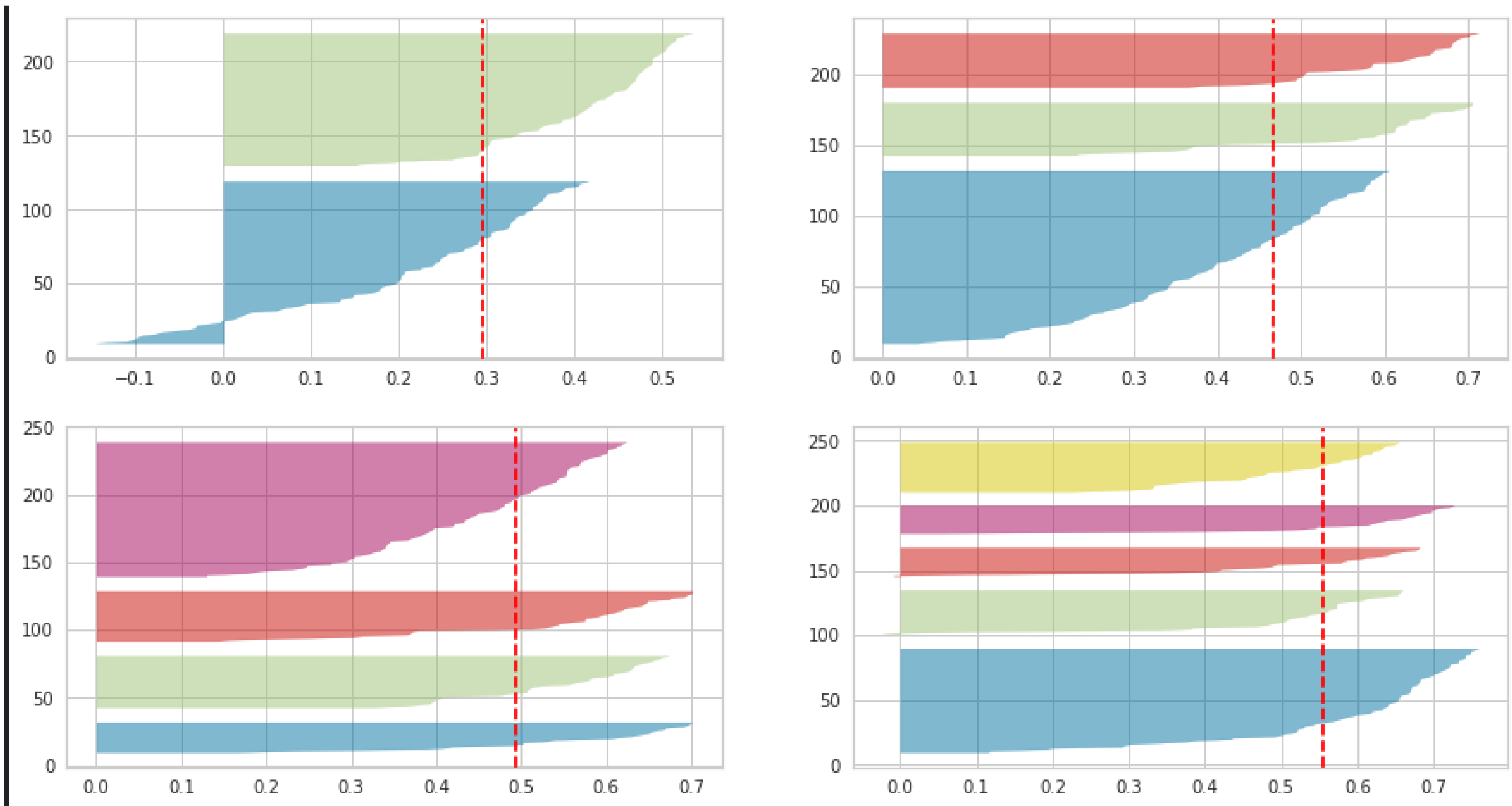
Visualization of clustered data



Silhouette
score (avg)







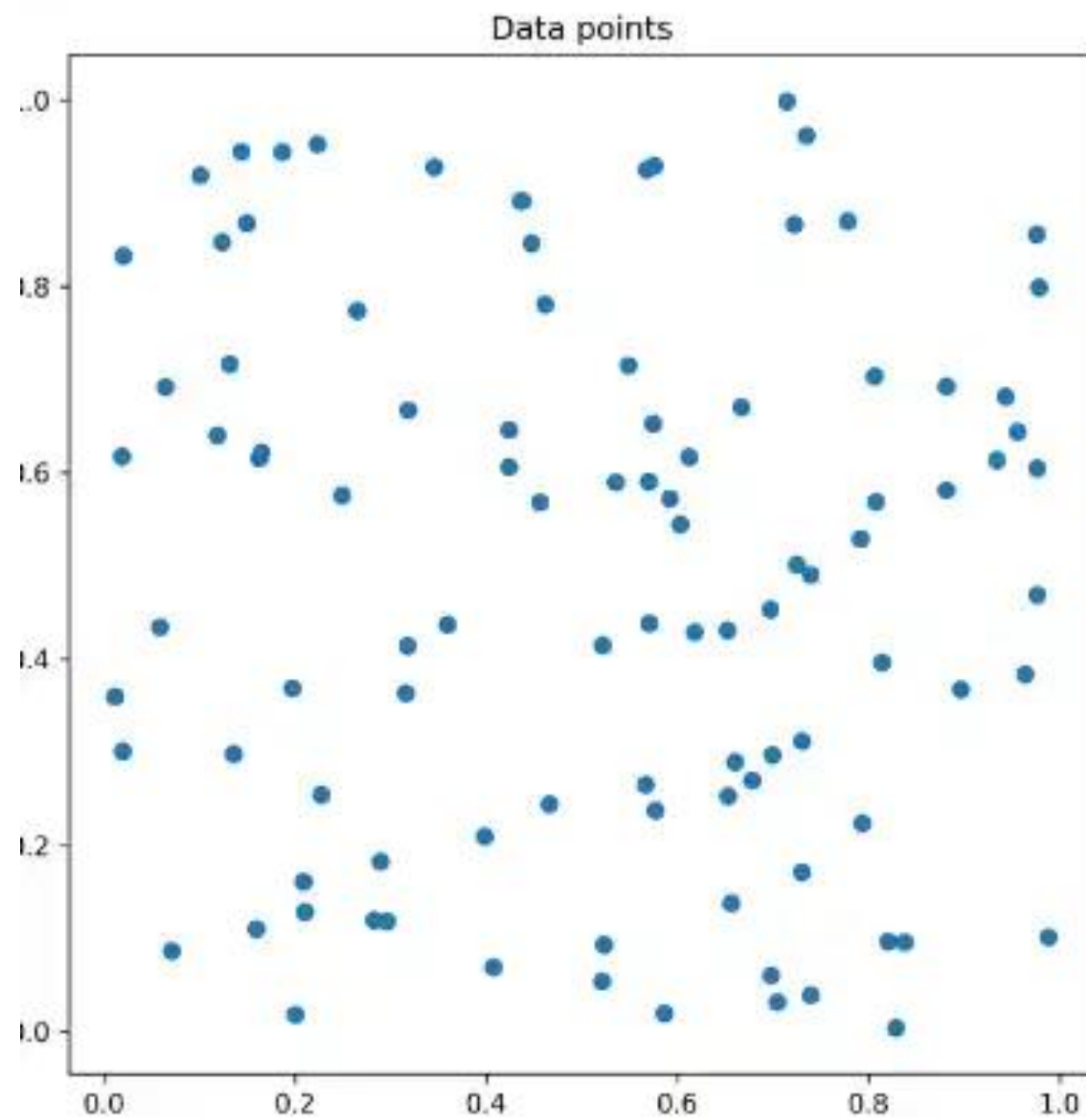
- Sub optimal cluster will show
 - Clusters below avg. score
 - Wide fluctuation in plot



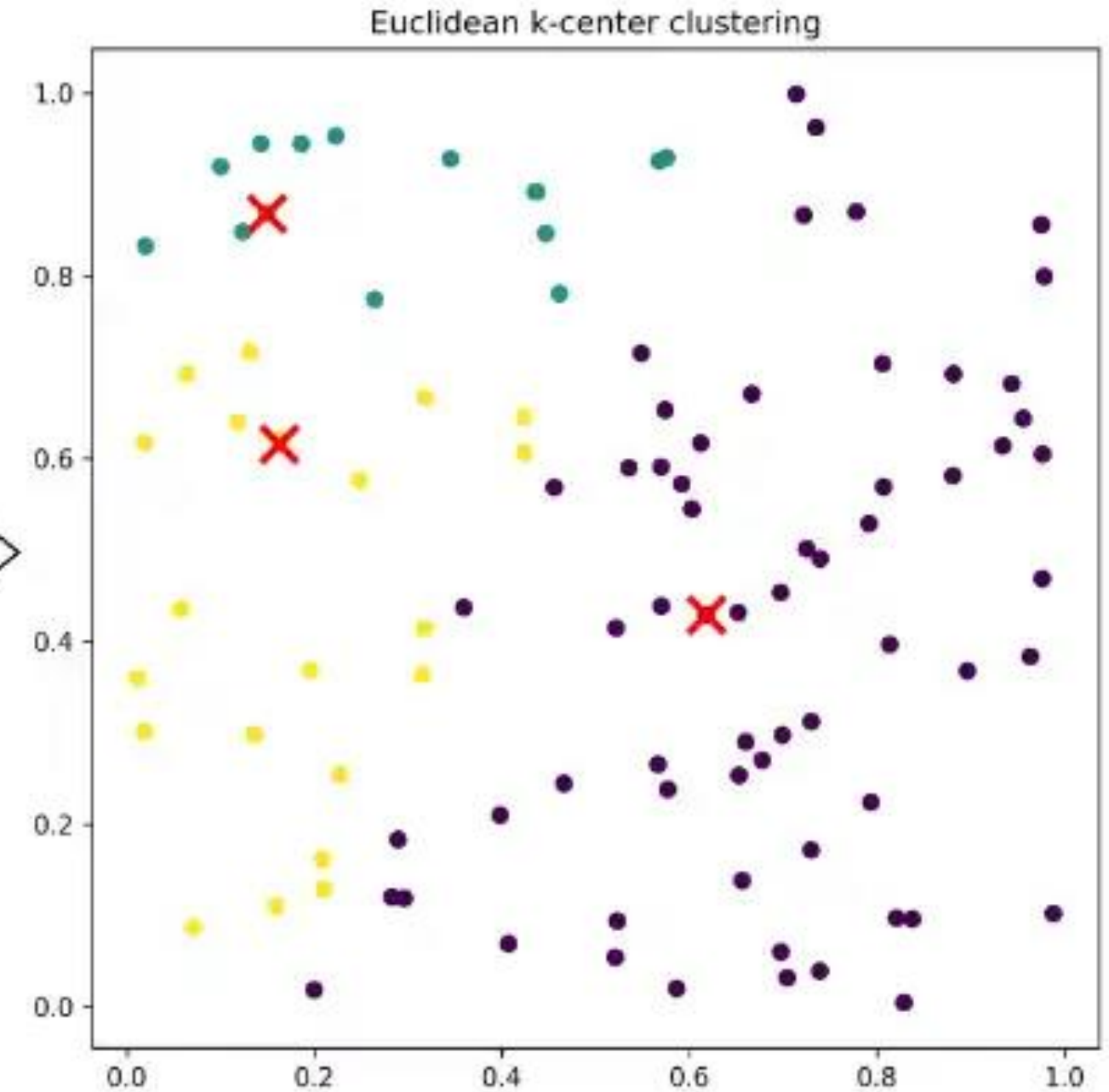
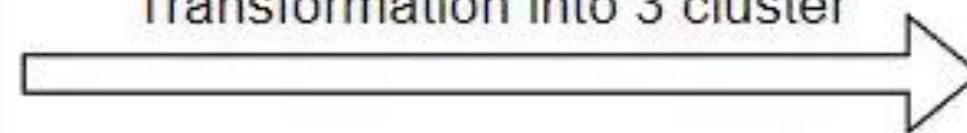
P, NP, NP-hard, NP-complete refresher & clustering complexity

K-means demo

What is the cost of K-Center Clustering?



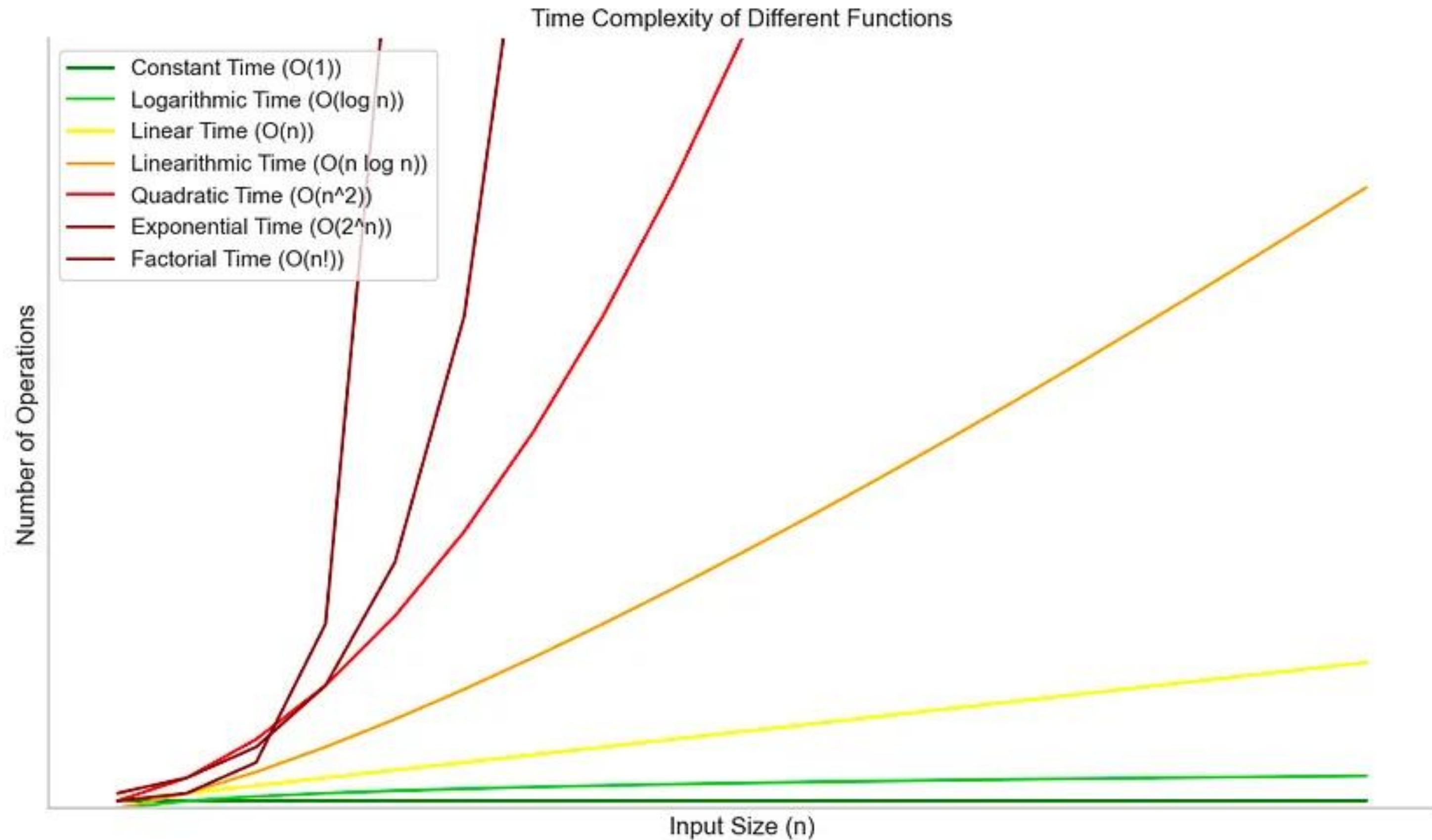
Transformation into 3 cluster



$$\binom{100}{3} = \frac{100!}{3! \, 97!}$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! \, (n - k)!}$$

Analyzing time complexity



Analyzing time complexity of K-Centers

time complexity function	n = 5	n = 10	n = 20	n = 50	n = 100
n	0.000005 s	0.00001 s	0.00002 s	0.00005 s	0.0001 s
n ²	0.000025 s	0.0001 s	0.0004 s	0.0025 s	0.01 s
n ³	0.000125 s	0.001 s	0.008 s	0.125 s	1 s
2 ⁿ	0.000032 s	0.001024 s	1.048576 s	13,016 days	40,000,000 years
n!	0.00012 s	3.6288 s	77,126,992,365 years	9.6 x 10 ⁵² centuries	2.95 x 10 ¹⁴⁷ centuries

- It didn't take us centuries to execute K-Means. Why?
- We used non-deterministic algorithm
 - Expectation-Maximization (EM)
- K-centers is NP-Complete problem with deterministic approach
- We used heuristic (initial centroid selection)

P versus NP decision problem

P	NP
Solvable in polynomial time	Solvable in exponential time
Linear search – n Binary search – $\log n$ Bubble sort – n^2 Merge sort – $n \log n$ Matrix multiplication – n^3	0/1 Knapsack Travelling salesman Hamiltonian cycle CNF
Verified in polynomial time	Verified in polynomial time
Deterministic in polynomial time	Non-deterministic in polynomial time

- What is non-deterministic?

Non-deterministic

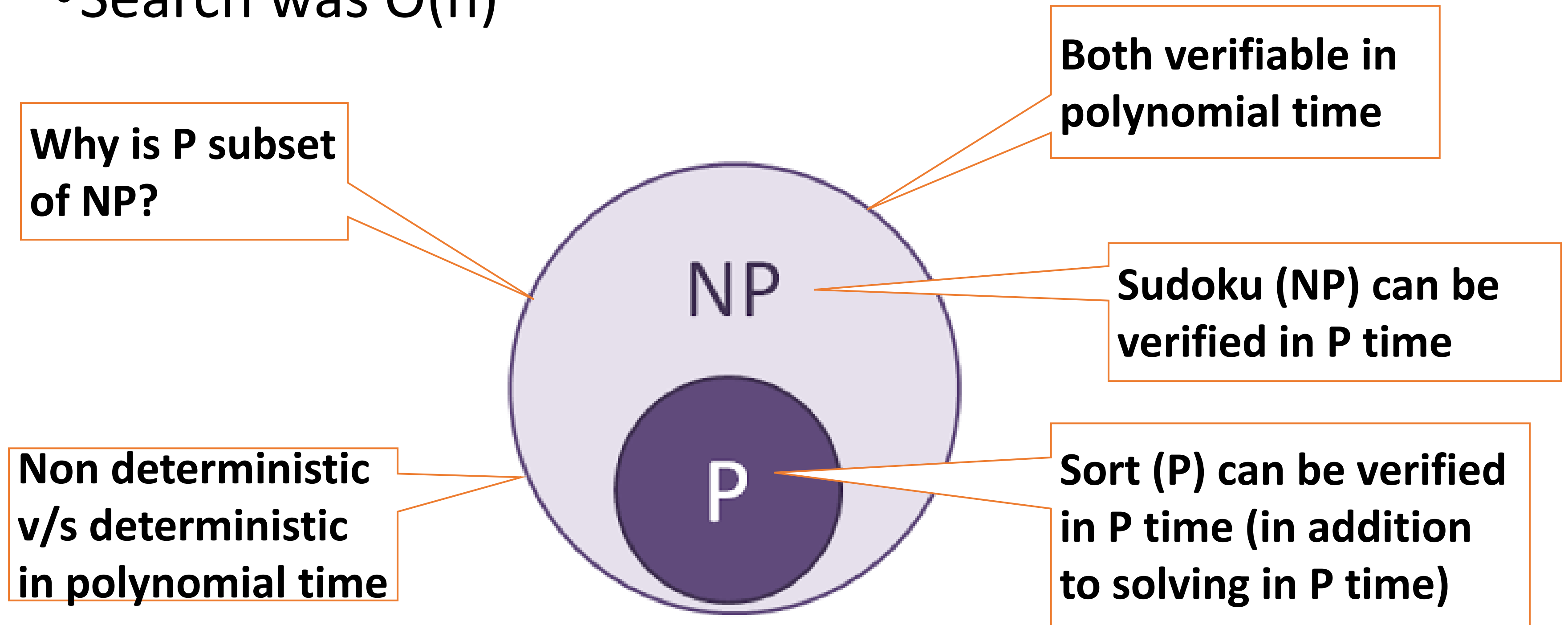
- Deterministic: We clearly know how every statement we code behaves
- Non Deterministic: Most of the statements in algorithm may be deterministic. Some may be non deterministic
- $A = [10, 15, 20, 2, 4, 6]$
- $\text{key} = 20$
- Returns $j = 2$ in $O(1)$
- How?
 - We don't know (yet)

```
def NewSearch(A, key): # Search in  $O(1)$ 
    j = choice() # ----->  $O(1)$ 
    if key == A[j]:
        # key found, return j
        return j
    else:
        # key not found, return -1
        return -1
```

✓ 0.0s

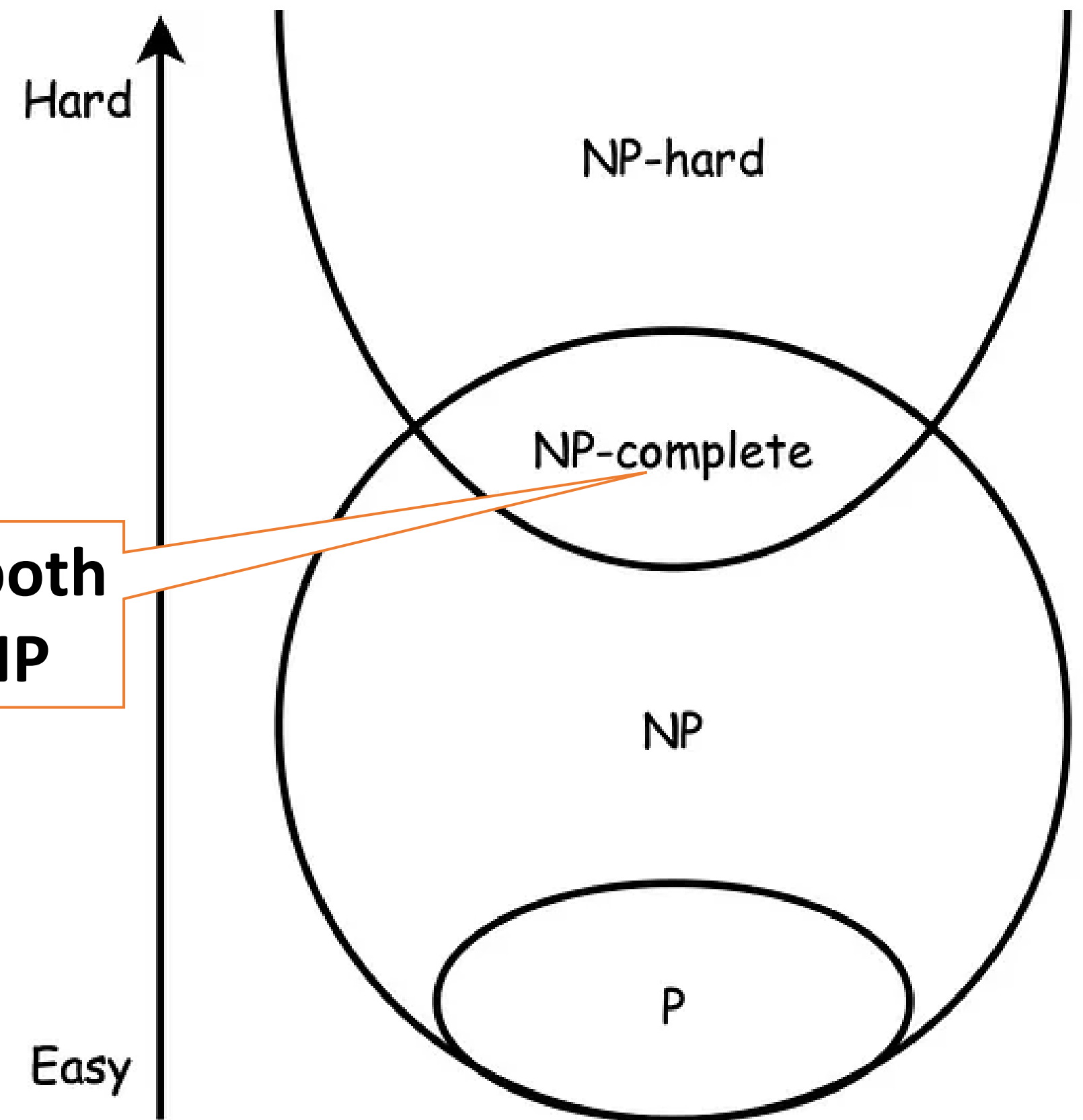
NP becoming P

- Before the advent of Binary search
 - Search was $O(n)$



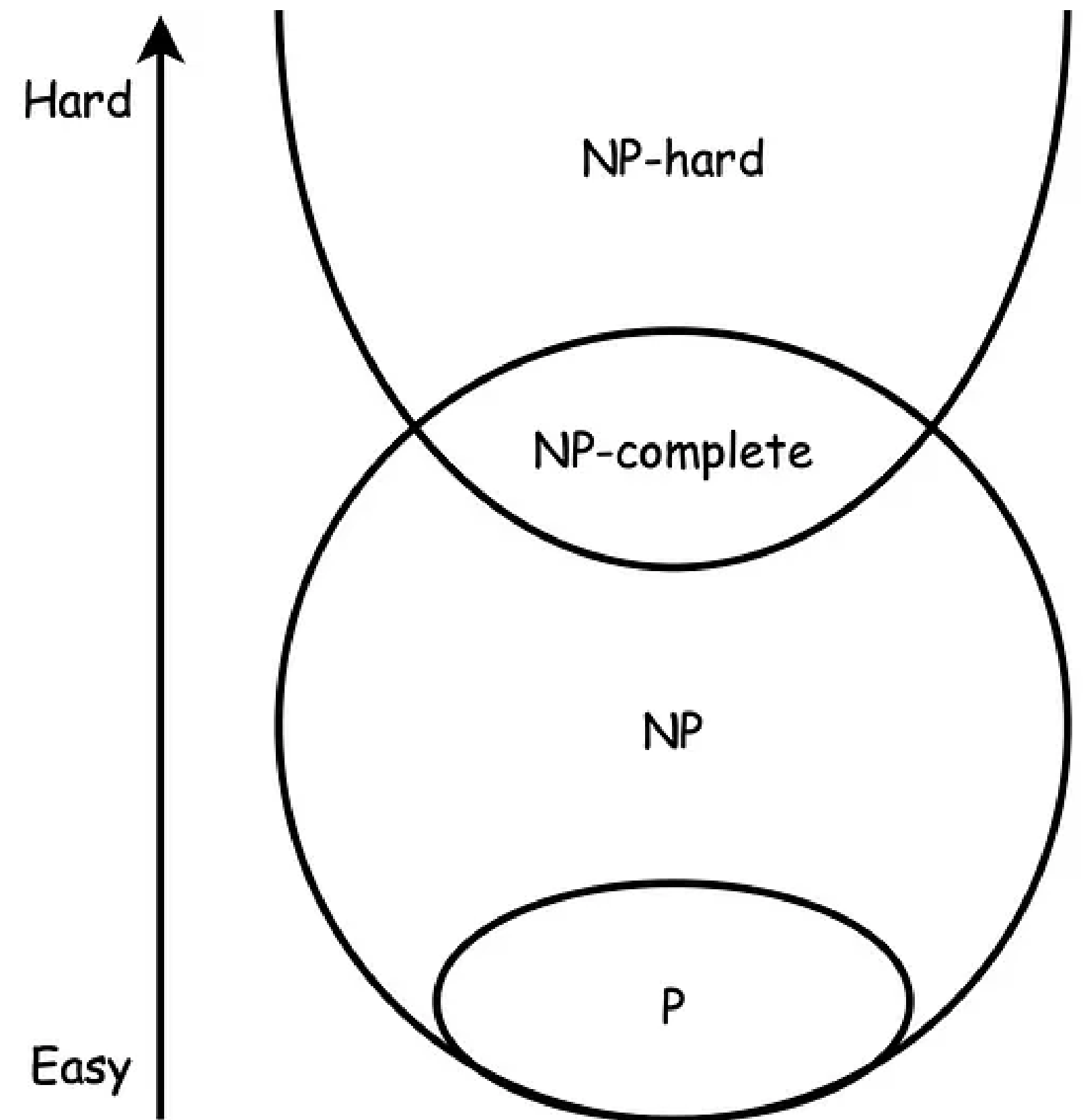
NP-hard NP-complete

- NP-hard problem: Any problem that is at least as hard as the hardest problem in NP
- NP-complete problem is NP-hard that can be verified in polynomial time.
 - E.g. Sudoku, K-centers
- How to determine NP-hard v/s NP-complete
- Reducing NP-hard problems
 - Take a base problem. E.g. CNF



NP-hard NP-complete (contd.)

- CNF – Conjunctive Normal Form
- Express logical operations using propositional logic
$$(\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3 \vee \neg x_4)$$
- What values of x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 satisfy this?
- Solve in 2^4 time. Verify in $O(n)$
- NP-complete problem
- K-centers can be reduced to planar 3-SAT





QUESTIONS