

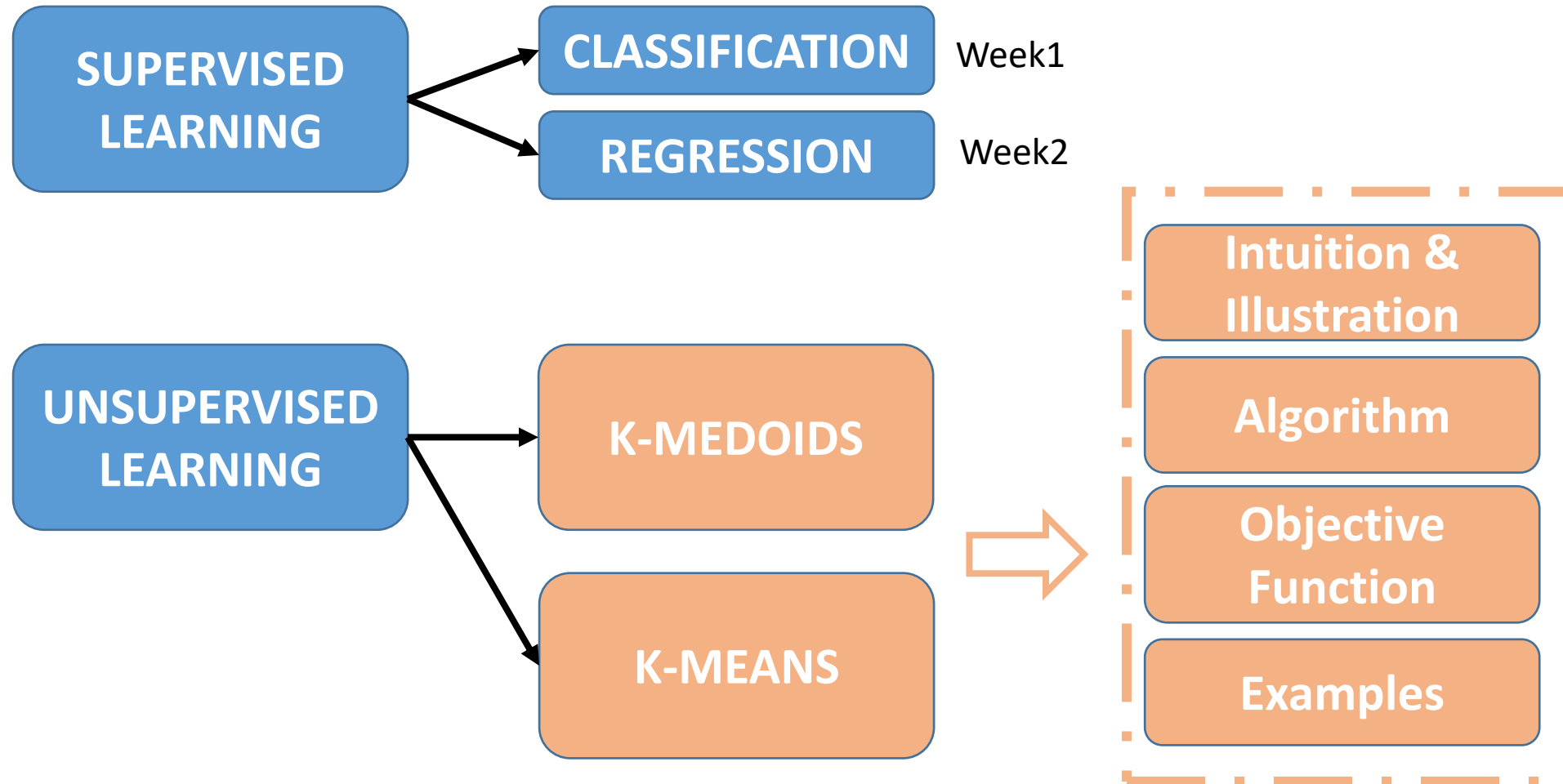
50.007 Machine Learning

K-Means & K-Medoids

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BIG PICTURE



You will learn all these by the end of this week :)

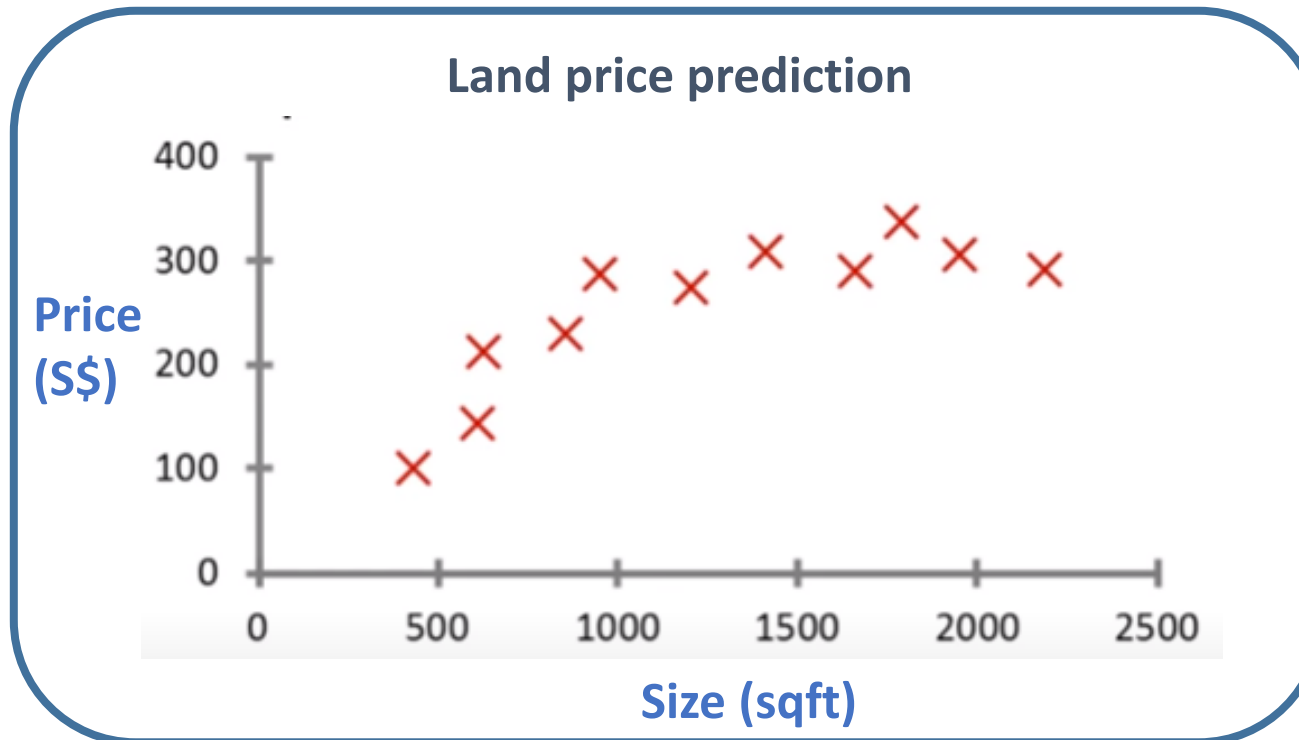
Supervised Learning

Supervised Learning: Regression

Recap of Supervised Learning

- In supervised learning, the machine learning model is trained on a **labeled dataset**. After training, we can predict the outcome of a new data point.
- Very common in machine learning! We'll study some examples together.

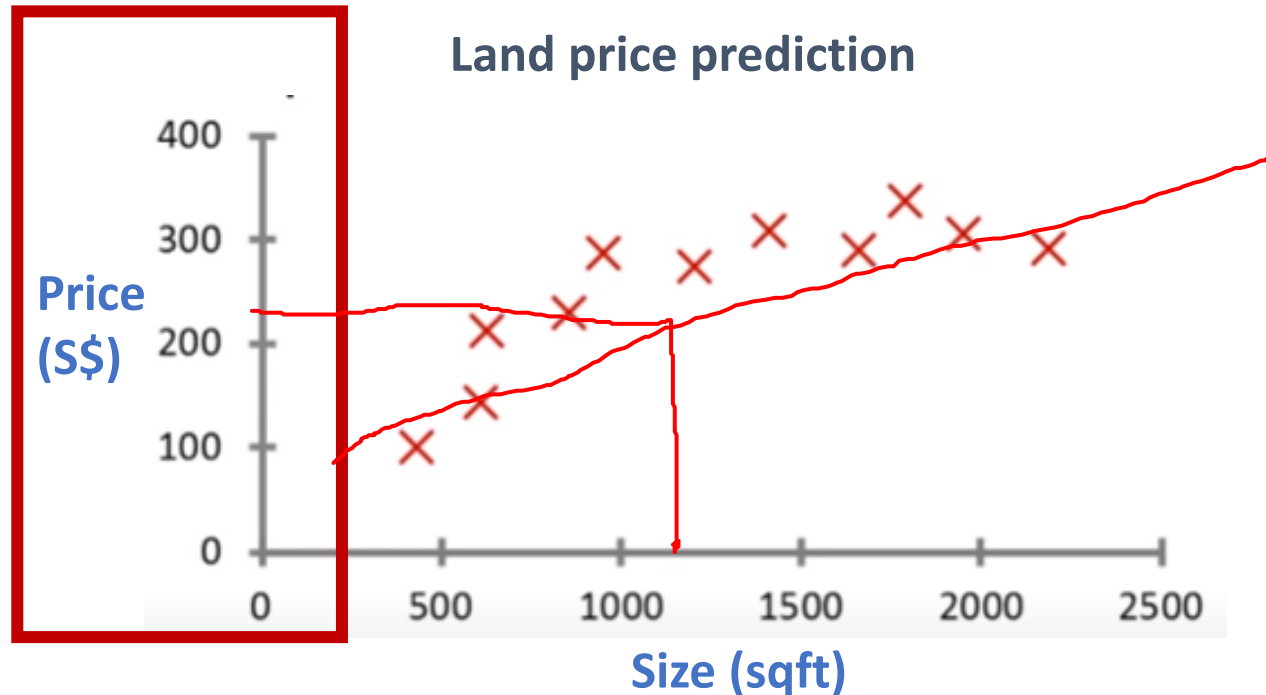
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TRAINING DATA

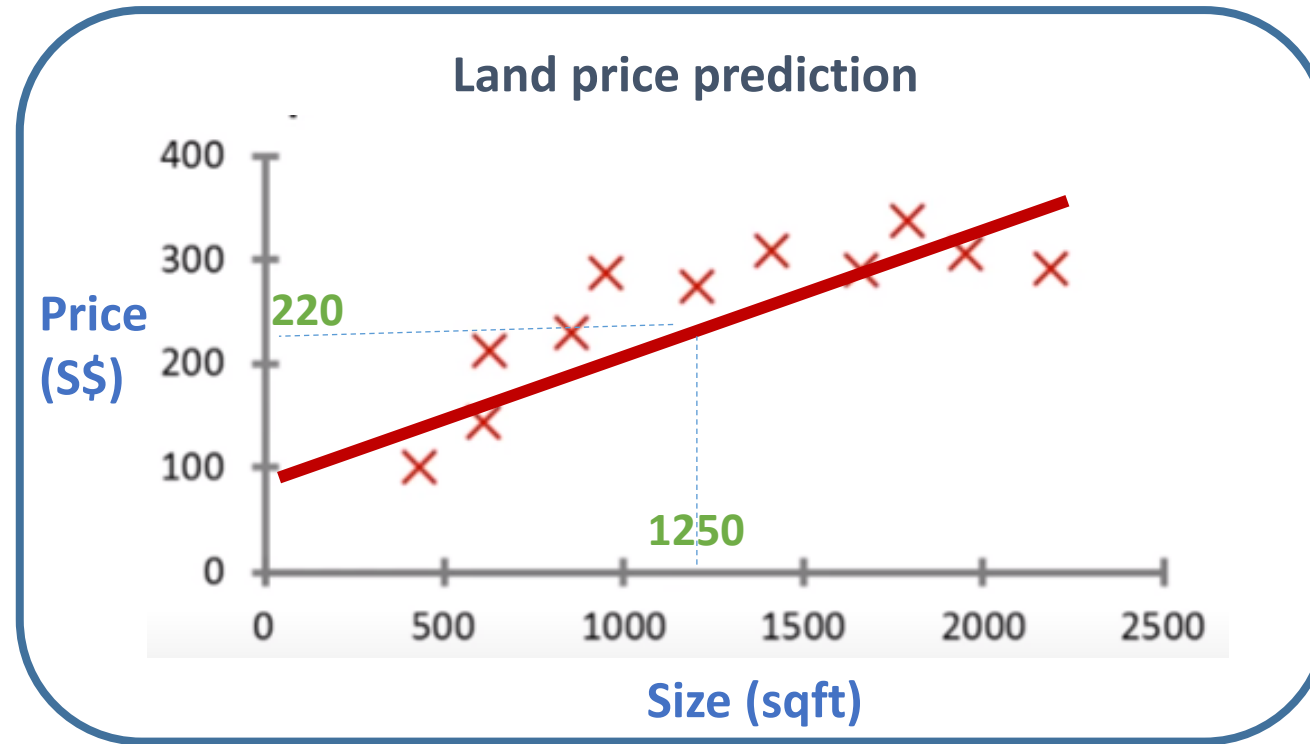
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In supervised learning, right answers are given during training.



We have a dataset for lands, and in this dataset we have the price of each land.

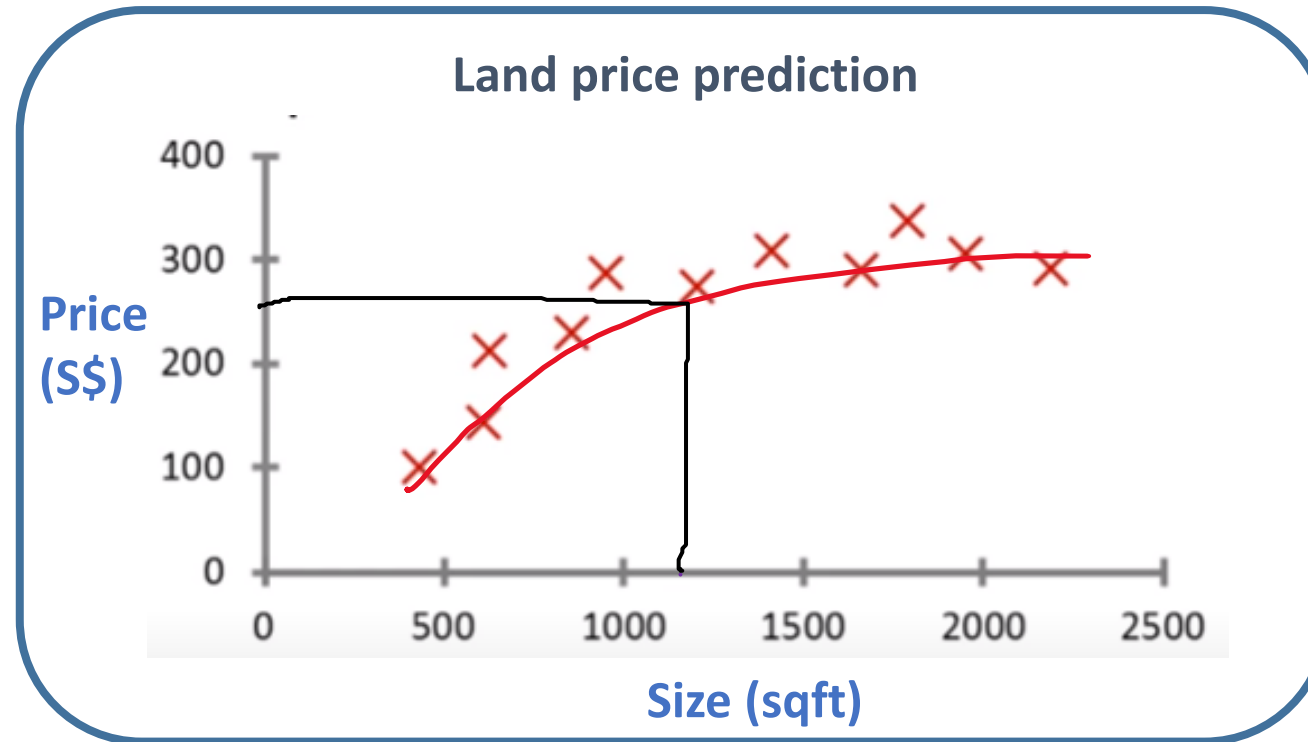
Introduction to Supervised Learning



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We'll study more sophisticated algorithms to perform prediction.

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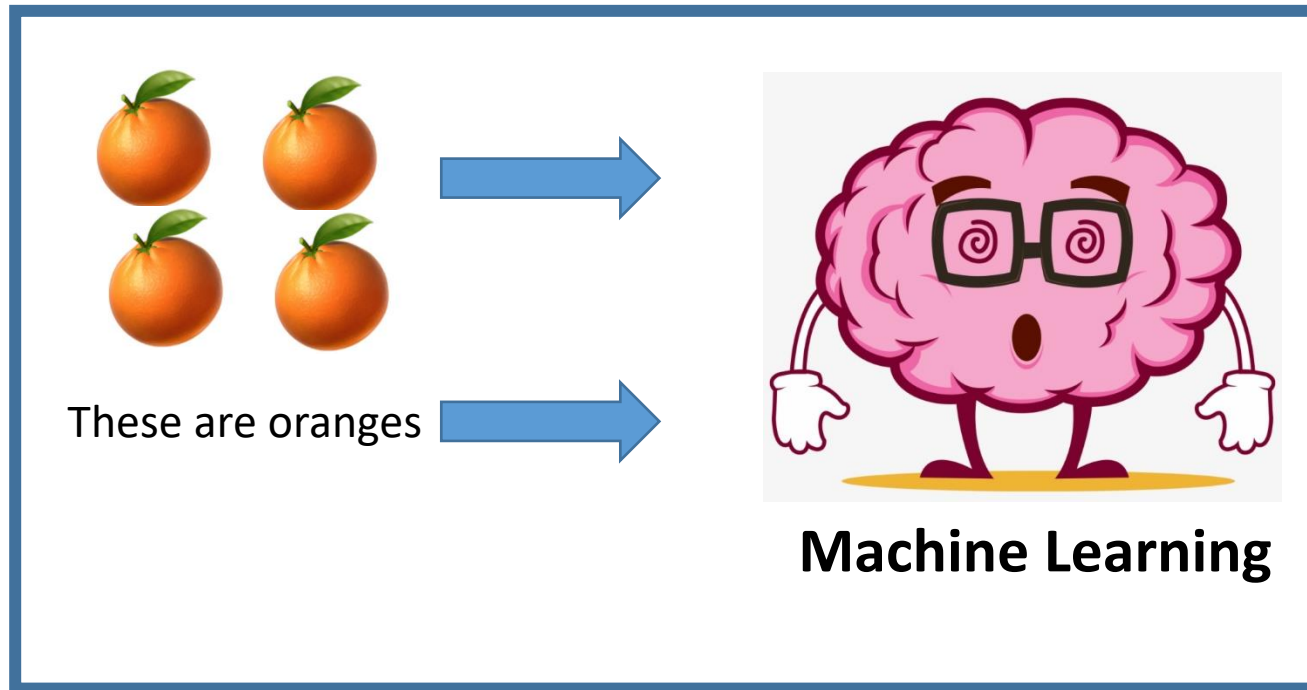
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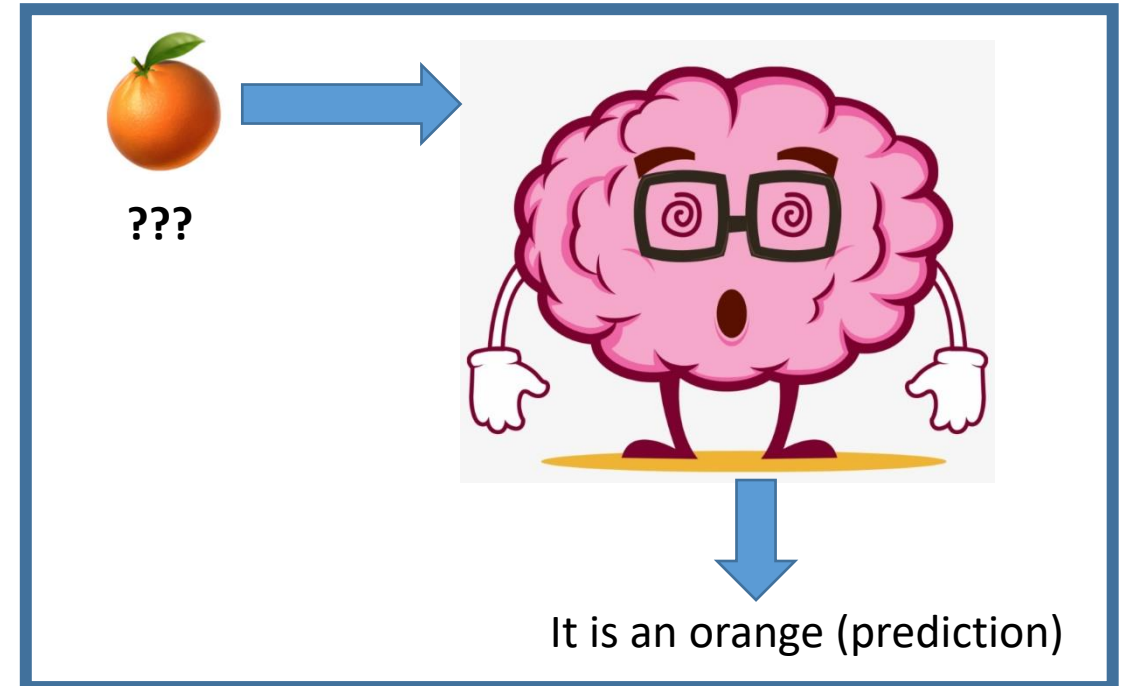
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Another simple example:

During training, we
have the labels!



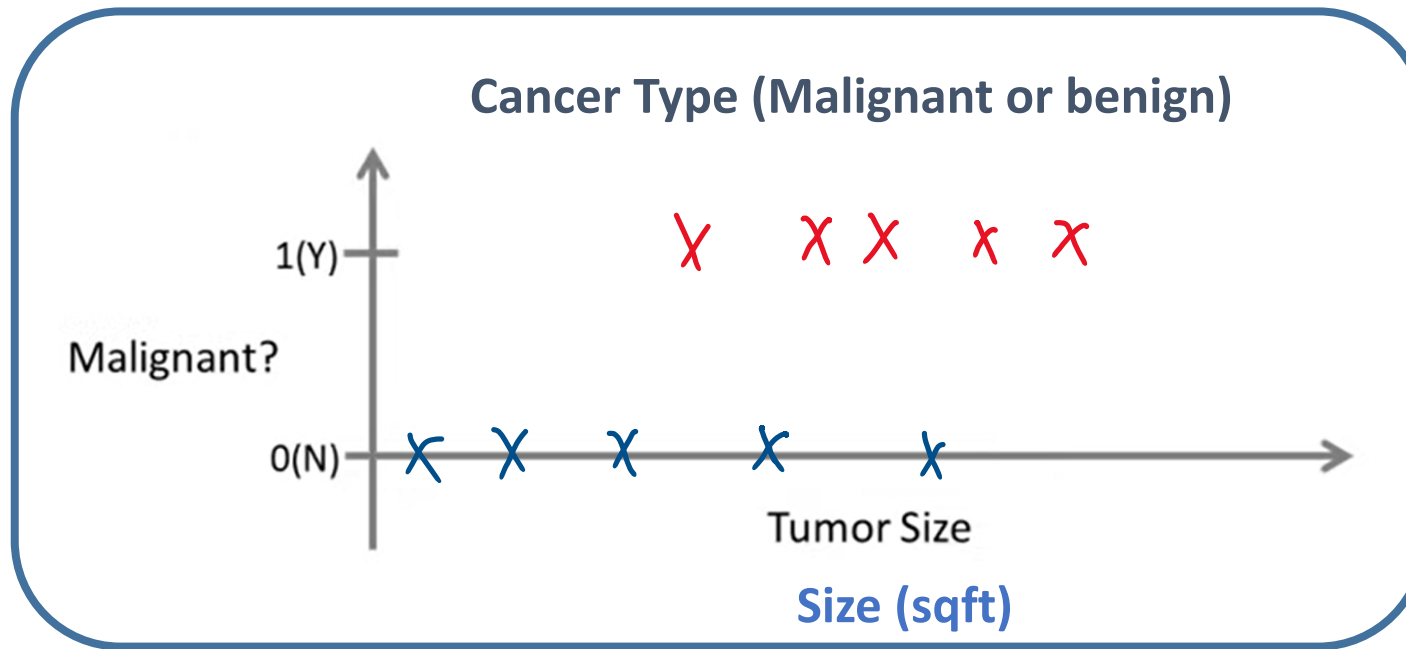
TRAINING



TESTING

Supervised learning: regression, Naïve Bayes theorem, SVM (we'll study later)

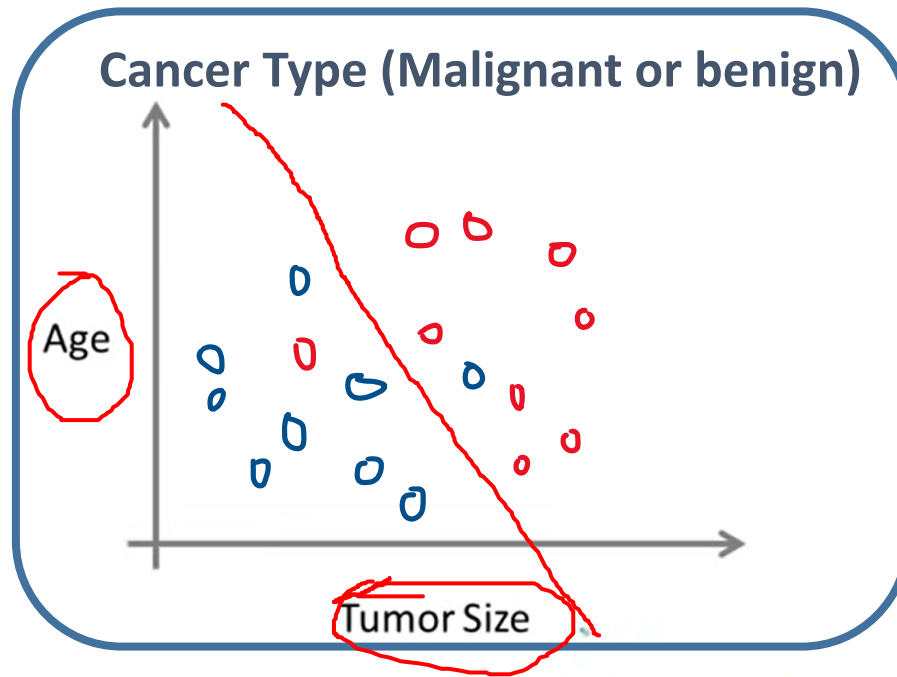
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Imagine someone got breast cancer, we want to know whether it's a malignant or benign tumor based on tumor size.

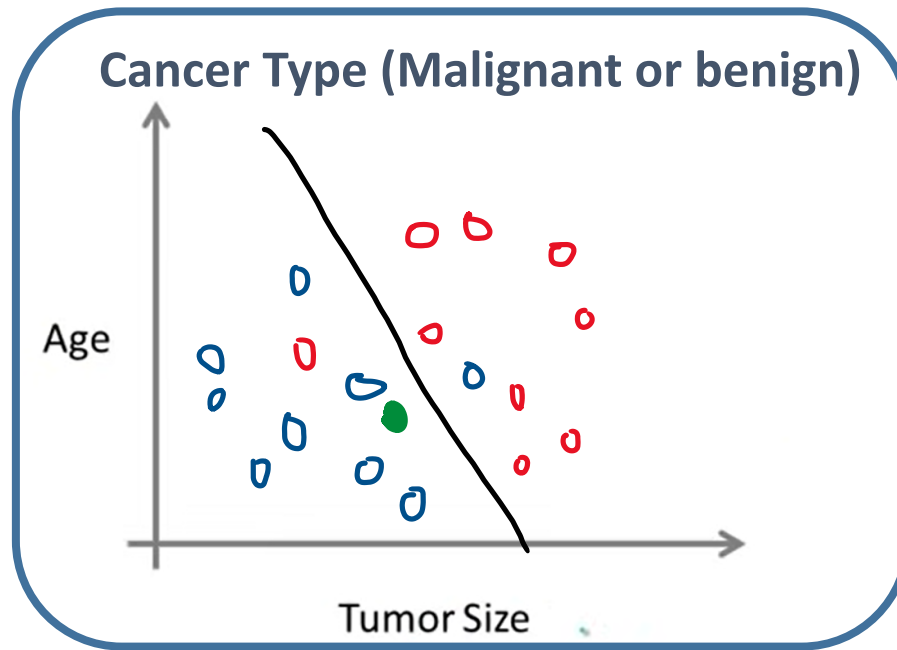
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For instance, SVM could help us to deal with infinite number of features for a classification problem.

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Quick Question:

- Problem 1: You have a large inventory of identical items. You want to predict how many of these items will sell over the next 3 months
- Problem 2: You would like software to examine individual customer accounts and for each account decide if it has been hacked or compromised.

What kind of supervised learning problems are problem 1 and problem 2? (regression or clustering?)

Quick Question:

Of the following examples, which would you address using the unsupervised learning algorithm?

1. Given email labeled as spam/not spam: learning a spam filter.
2. Given a set of new articles found on the web, group them into sets of articles about the same story.
3. Given a data set of customer data, automatically discover market segments and group customers into different market segments.
4. Given a data set of patients diagnosed as either having diabetes or not, learn to classify new patients as having diabetes or not.

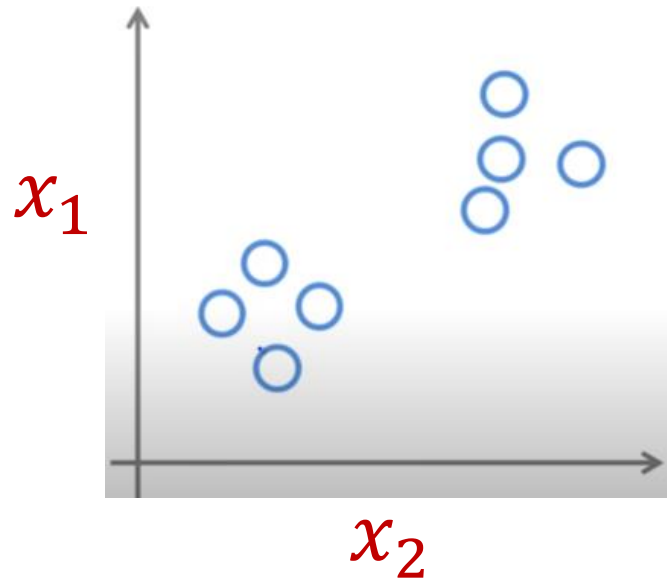
Unsupervised Learning

Introduction to Unsupervised Learning

- In unsupervised learning, the machine learning model is trained on **unlabeled dataset**.
- In supervised learning, we know what kind of data we are dealing (because we have the labels of data).
- Unsupervised learning is often more difficult than supervised learning as we know little about the training data.
- With unsupervised learning, we are trying to find groups and clusters; density estimation, dimensionality reduction.

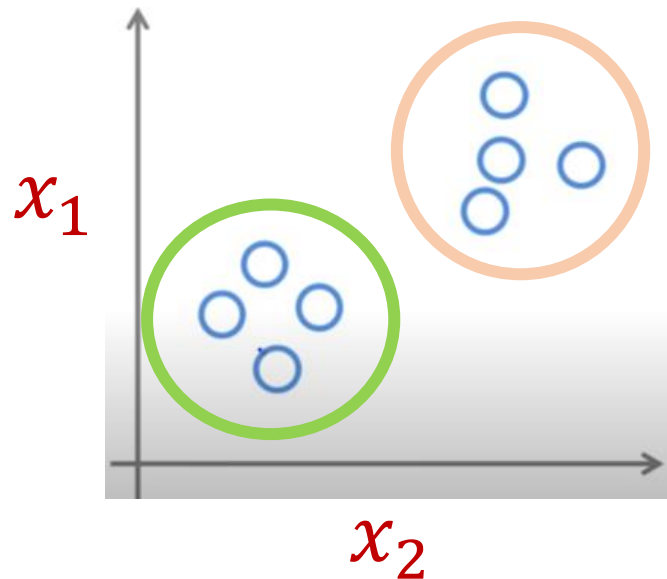
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Given this dataset, an unsupervised learning algorithm may decide that the data has 2 different clusters!

Unsupervised Learning - Example

Imagine you have some data that you can plot on a line.



You also know that there will be 3 clusters.

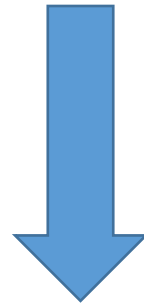
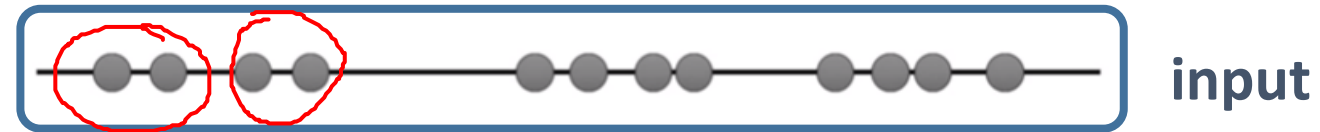
Imagine that these data points are from 3 different tumor types.

Very obvious (to human eye) clusters:

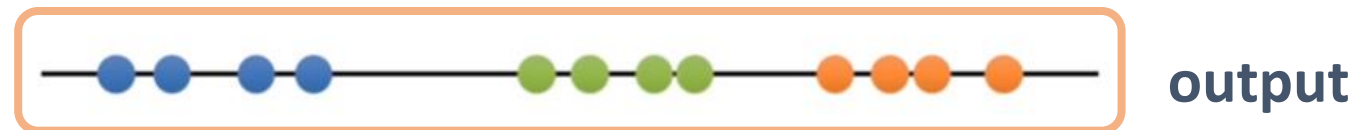


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Can computer identify the same 3 clusters?

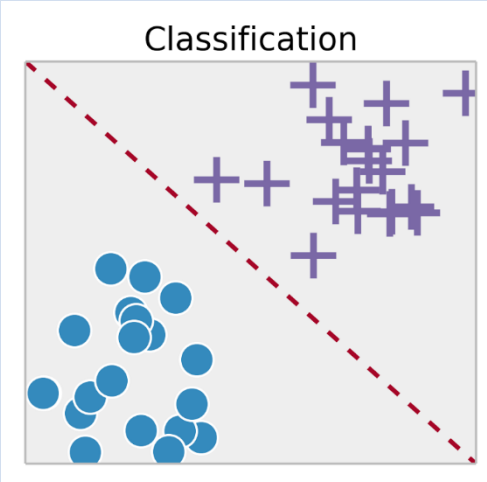
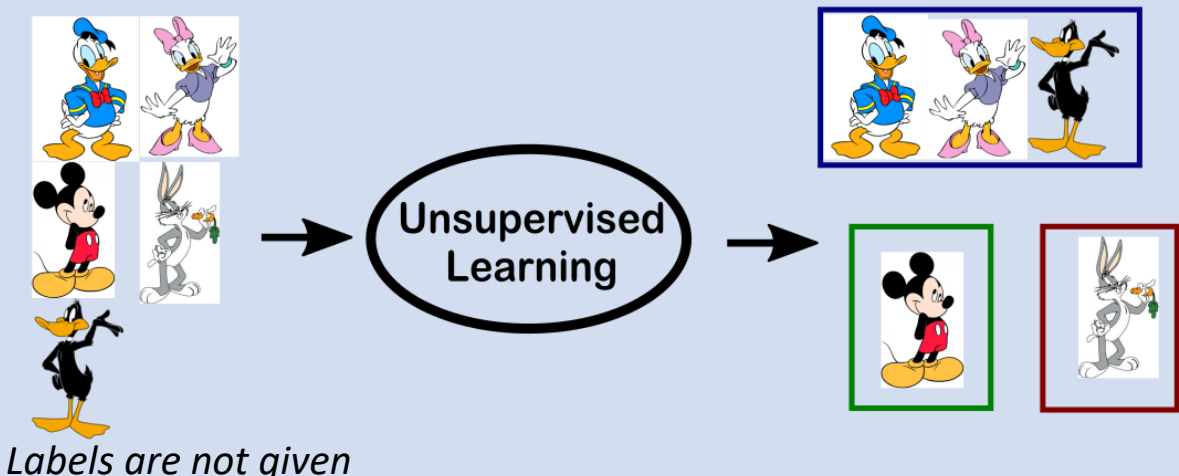


COMPUTER (K-means clustering)



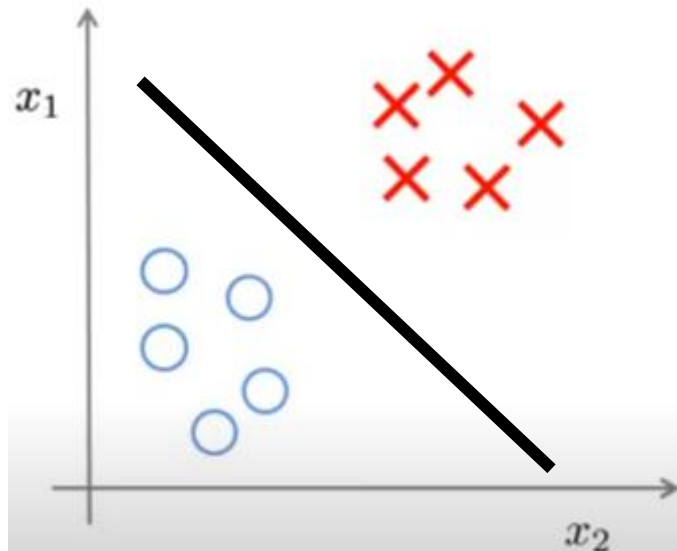
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Supervised Learning	Unsupervised Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classification: classifying labeled data• Regression: Predicting trends using previous labeled data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clustering: Finding patterns and groupings from unlabeled data  <p>Labels are not given</p>

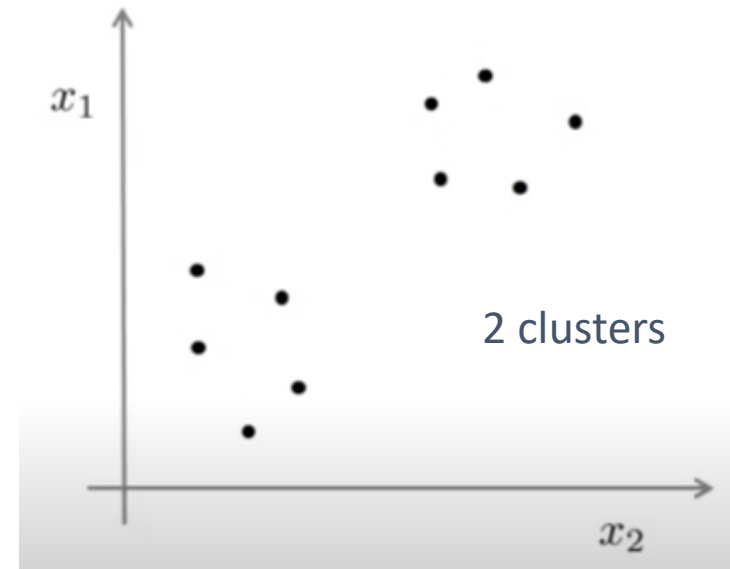
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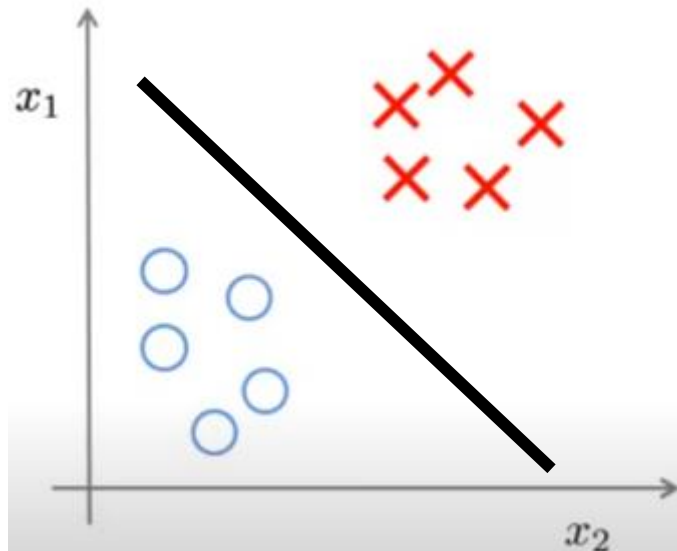
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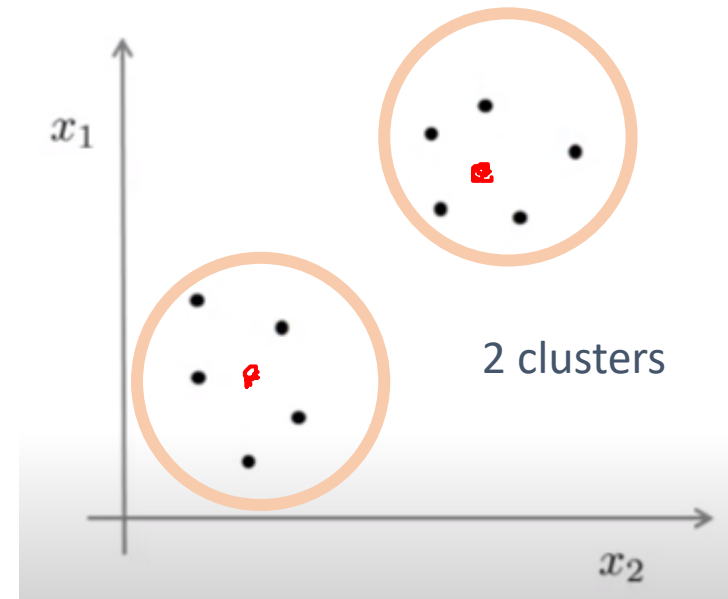
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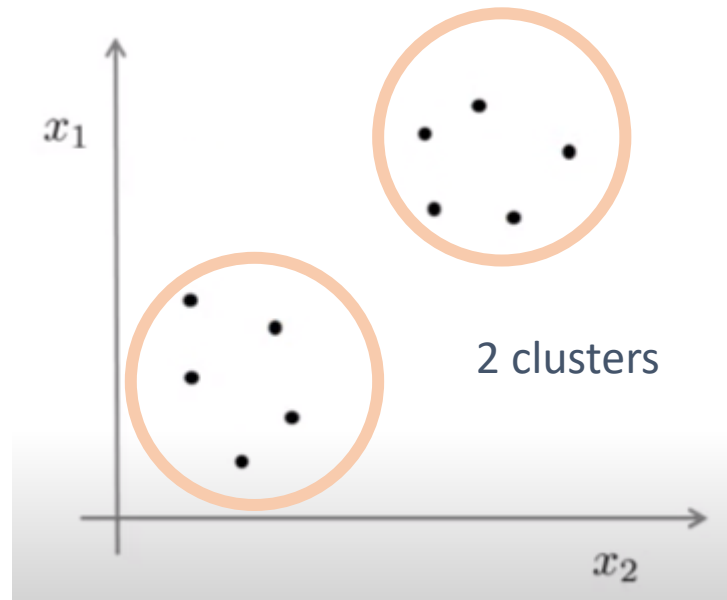
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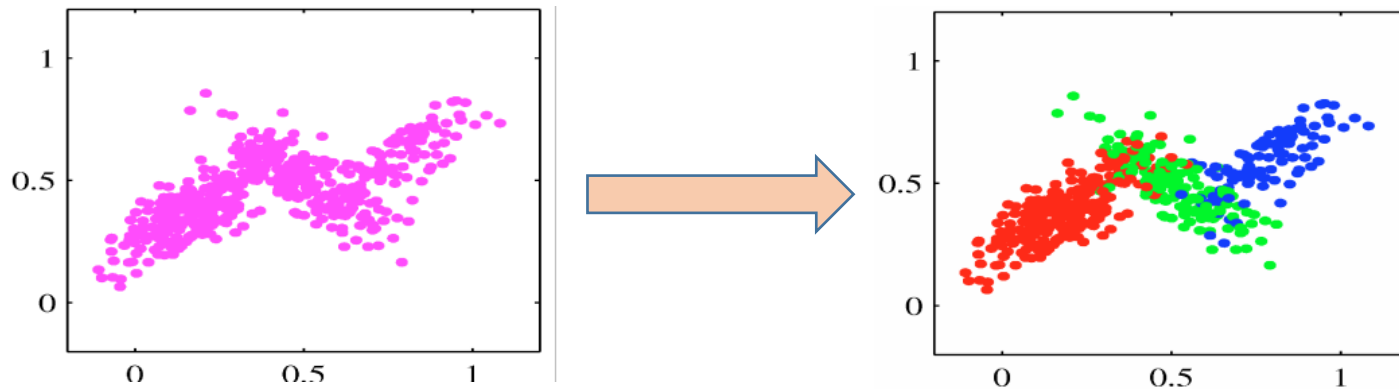
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Clustering

Goal: Segment data into groups of similar points



- Segment pixels in an image by object
- Group network participants into communities
- Identify cancer subtypes from gene expression patterns

MANY MORE APPLICATIONS 😊

Begin with one of the simplest and most popular clustering algorithm: k-means

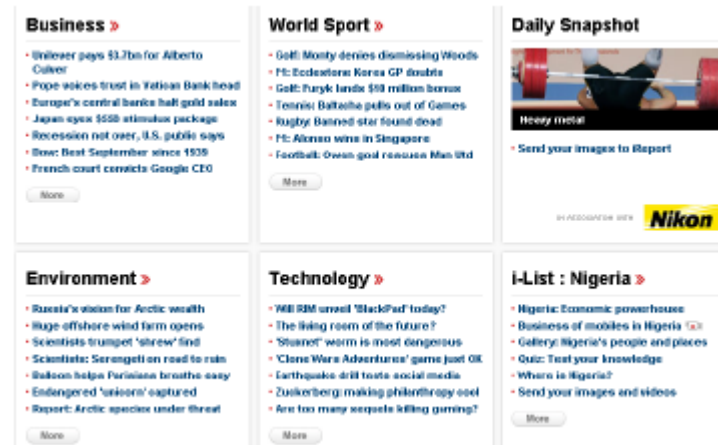
Clustering

Finding groups of objects such that the objects in a group will be **similar** (or related) to one another and **different** from (or unrelated to) the objects in other groups.

Segment image into regions



Better understanding and search



Group related documents for browsing, group genes and proteins that have similar functionality, or group stocks with similar price fluctuations

Clustering & Unsupervised Learning

- The goal of unsupervised learning is to uncover useful structure in the data such as identify groups or clusters of similar examples.
- **Clustering** is one of the key problems in exploratory data analysis.
- Examples of clustering applications include:
 - mining customer purchase patterns,
 - market segmentation,
 - modeling language families,
 - grouping search results according to topics, and
 - data compression.



Clustering (mathematical aspect)

A bit more formally, the clustering problem can be written as:

Input: Training set $S_n = \{x^{(i)}; i = 1, \dots, n\}$, where $x^{(i)} \in \mathcal{R}^d$, integer k

Output: A set of clusters C_1, \dots, C_k .



How to find these clusters?

Clustering - Distance Metric

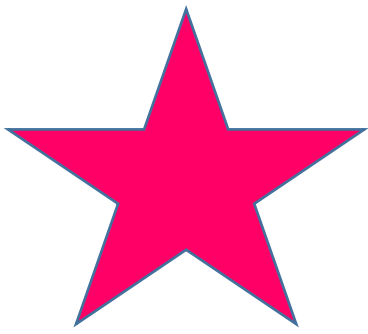
- Note that we have yet to specify any criterion for selecting clusters or cluster representatives.
- In clustering algorithms, we should be able to compare pairs of points to determine whether:
 - they are indeed similar (should be in the same cluster), or
 - not (should be in a different cluster).
- The comparison can be either in terms of similarity such as **cosine similarity** or dissimilarity as in **Euclidean distance**.

Clustering - Distance Metric

- **Cosine similarity** is simply the angle between two vectors (elements):

$$\cos(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)}) = \frac{x^{(i)} \cdot x^{(j)}}{\|x^{(i)}\| \|x^{(j)}\|} = \frac{\sum_{l=1}^d x_l^{(i)} x_l^{(j)}}{\sqrt{\sum_{l=1}^d (x_l^{(i)})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{l=1}^d (x_l^{(j)})^2}}$$

- Cosine similarity measures the **similarity** between two vectors of an inner product space.
- It is measured by the cosine of the angle between two vectors and determines whether two vectors are pointing in roughly the same direction.
- The **smaller** the angle, **higher** the cosine similarity.



Clustering - Distance Metric

- In this lecture, we will primarily use **squared Euclidian distance**

$$\text{dist}(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)}) = \|x^{(i)} - x^{(j)}\|^2 = \sum_{l=1}^d (x_l^{(i)} - x_l^{(j)})^2$$

- In clustering, the choice of which distance metric to use is important as it will determine the type of clusters we will find.
- Once we have the distance metric, we can specify an objective function for clustering. In other words, we specify the cost of choosing any particular set of clusters or their representatives (a.k.a. centroids).
- The “optimal” clustering is then obtained by minimizing this cost.

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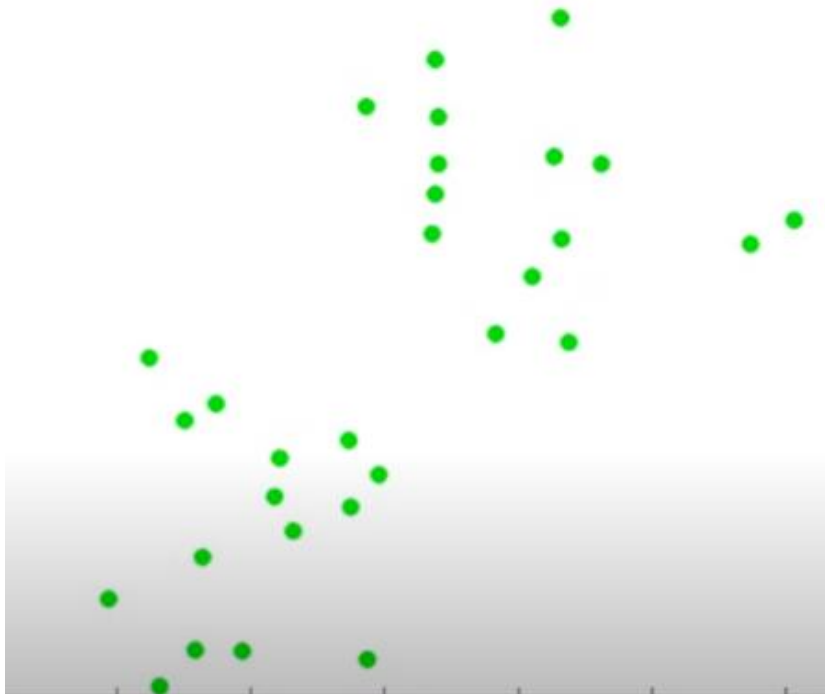
- In clustering problem, we are given unlabelled dataset and we would like to have an algorithm that groups the data into subsets.
- K-Means algorithm is the most popular & widely-used clustering algorithm.
- Let's study with pictures to understand how k-means algorithm works. (believe me, you'll all understand!)



- We'll then write the objective function & mathematical formulation.

K-Means (illustration)

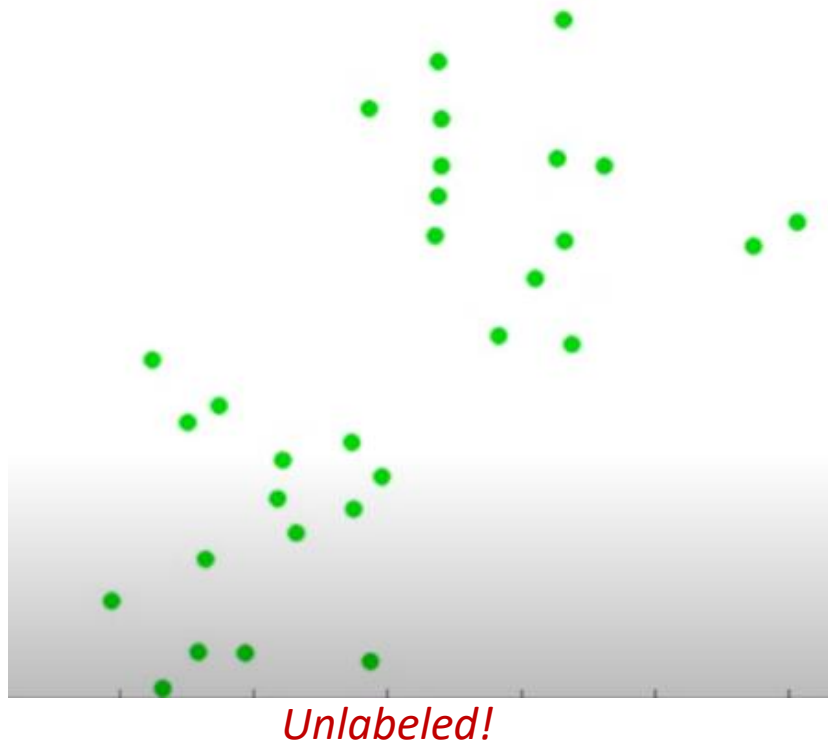
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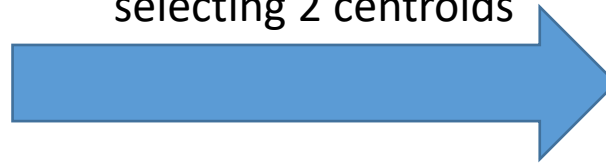
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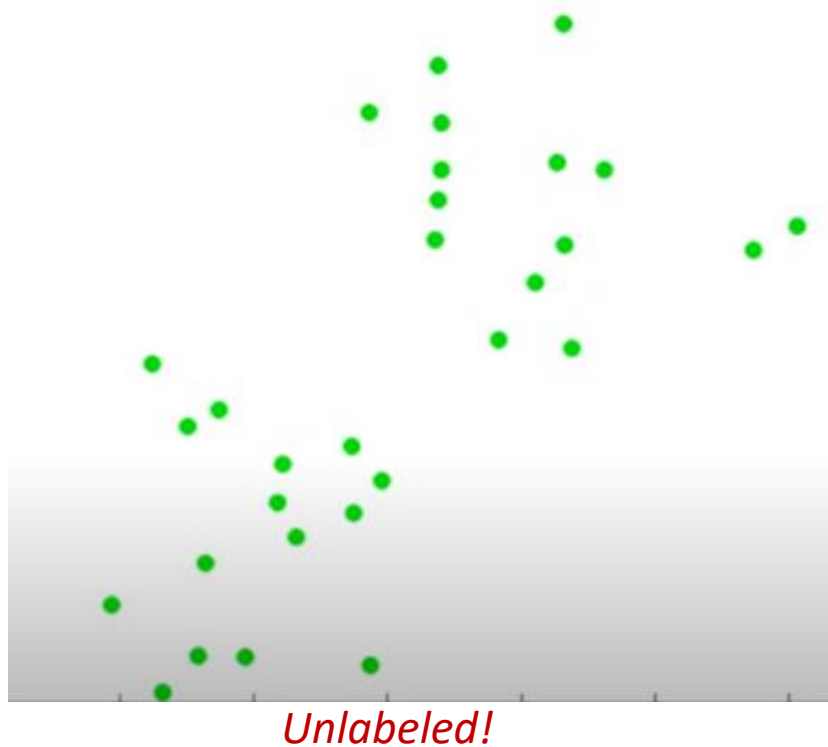


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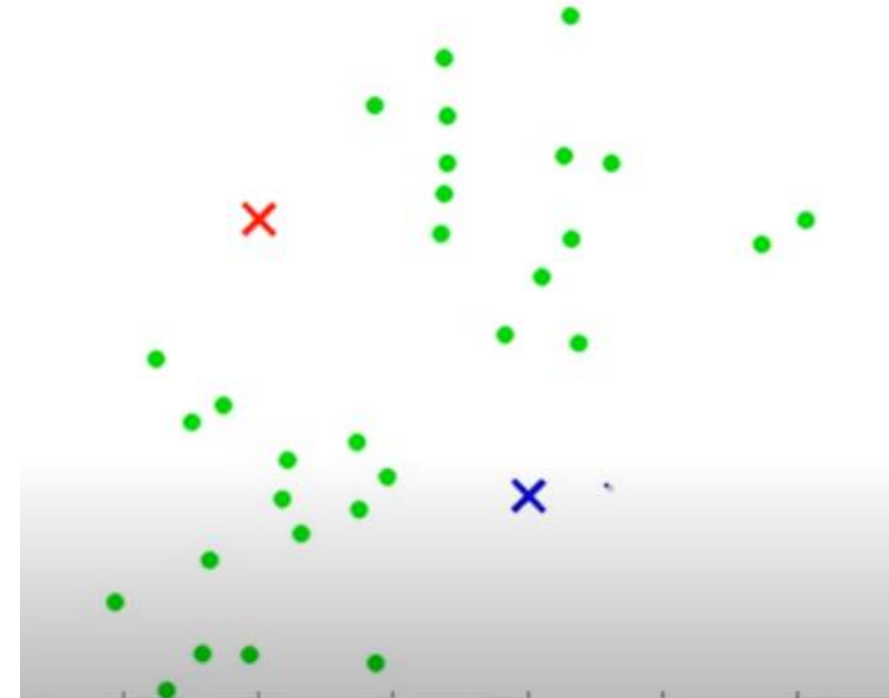
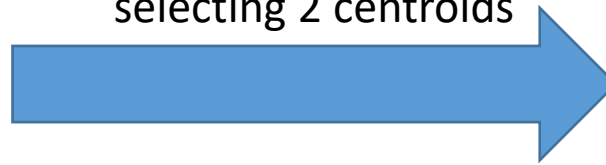


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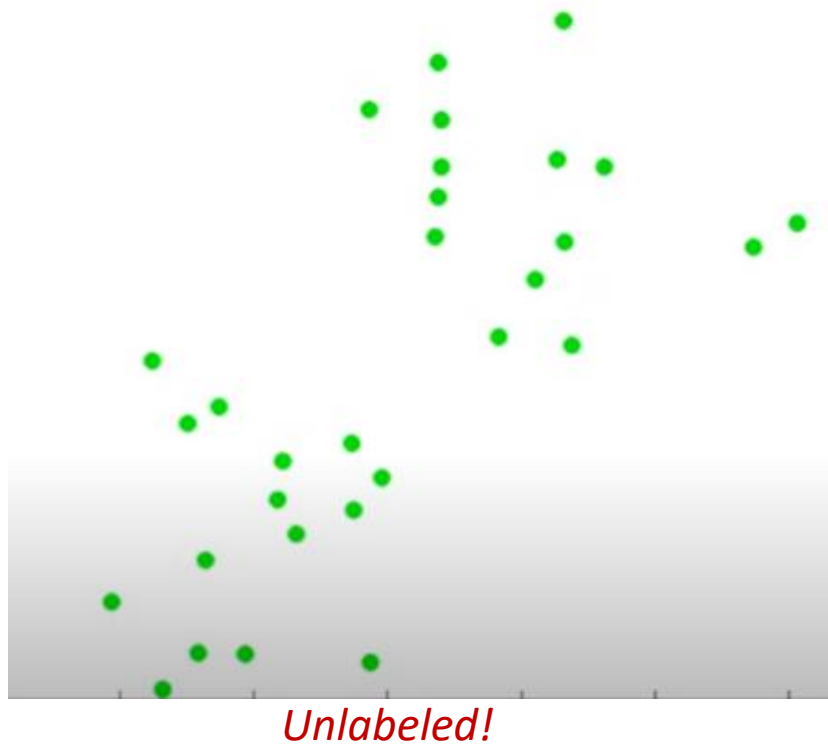
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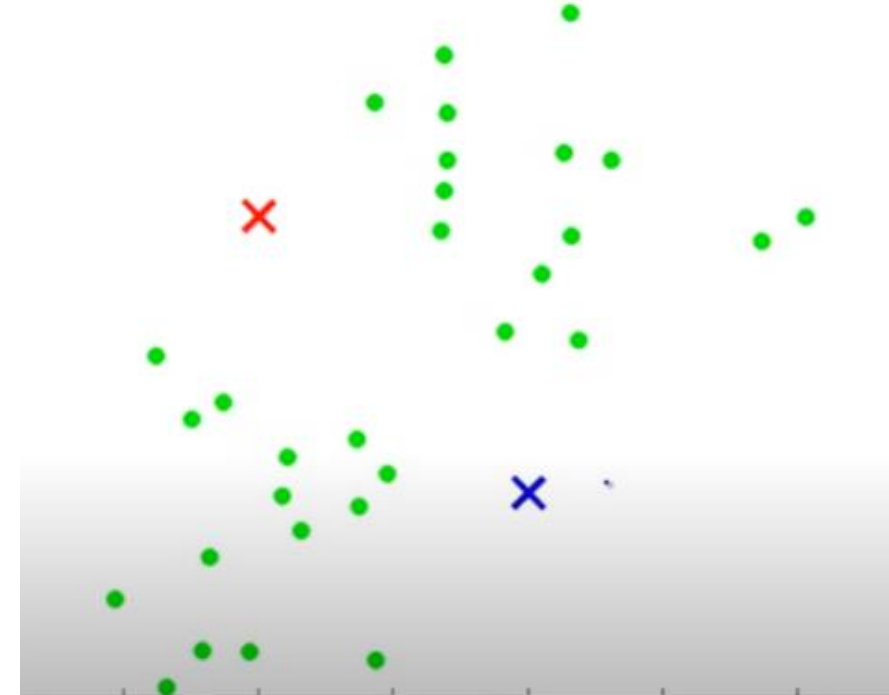
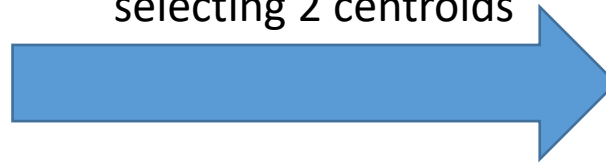
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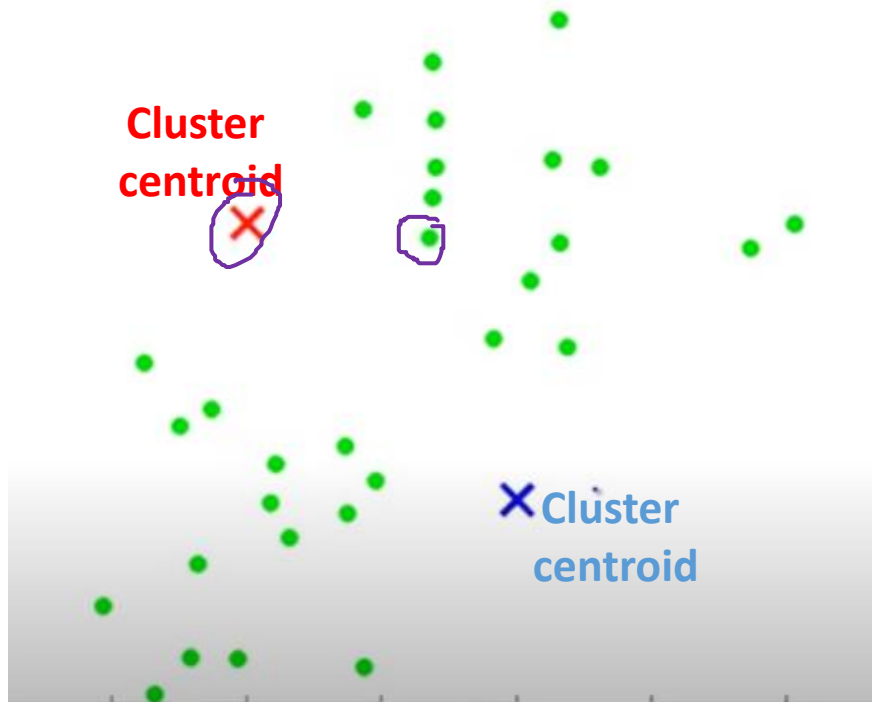


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- We have **2 cluster centroids**, because we would like to group the data into **2 clusters**.



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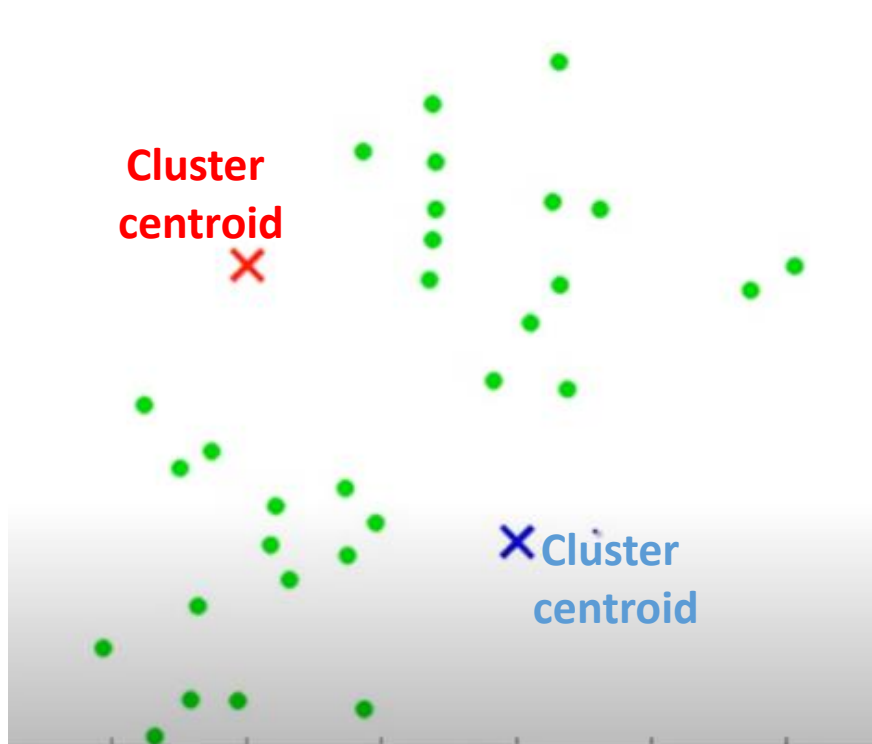
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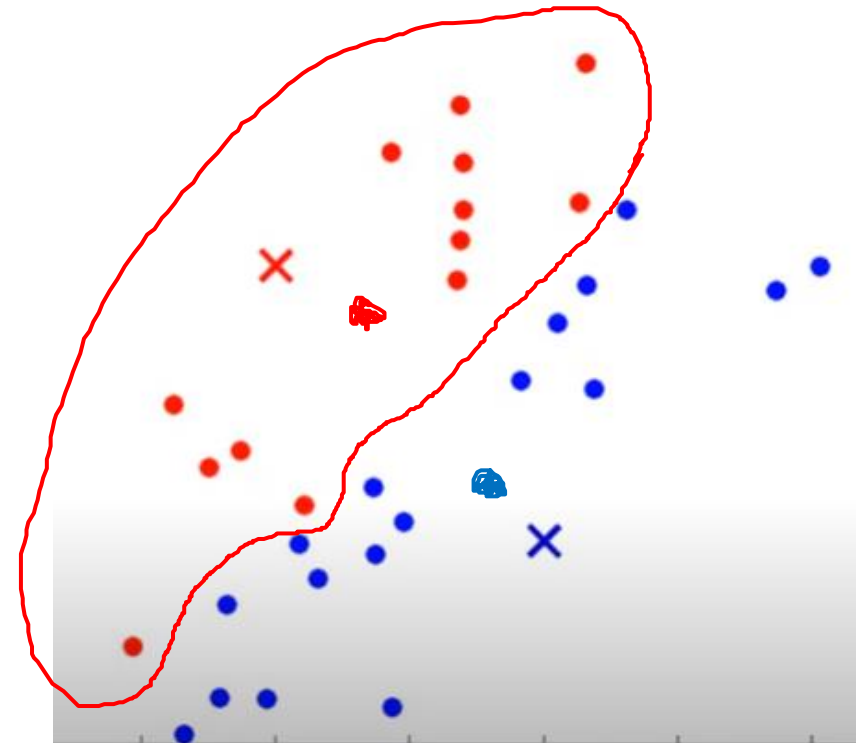
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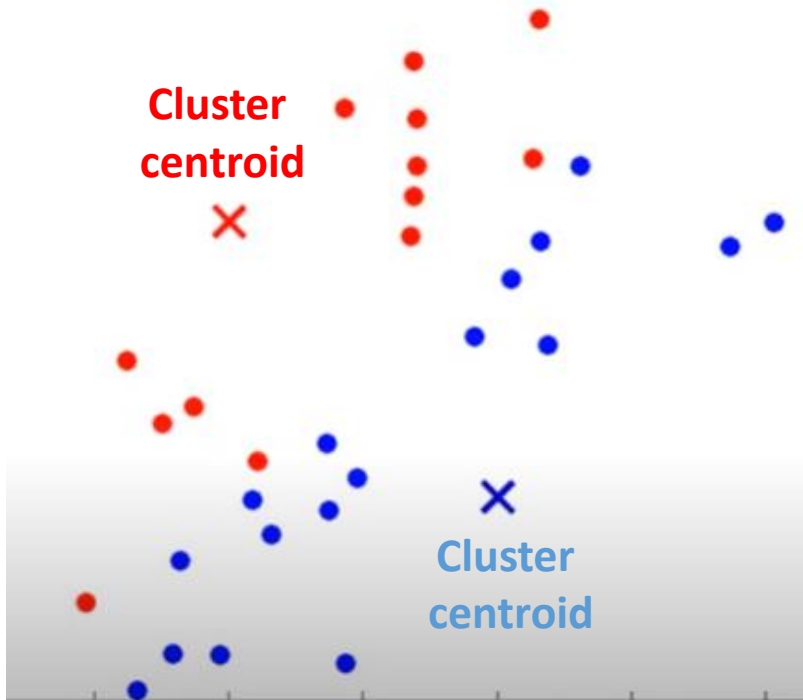
cluster centroids do NOT change in this step!

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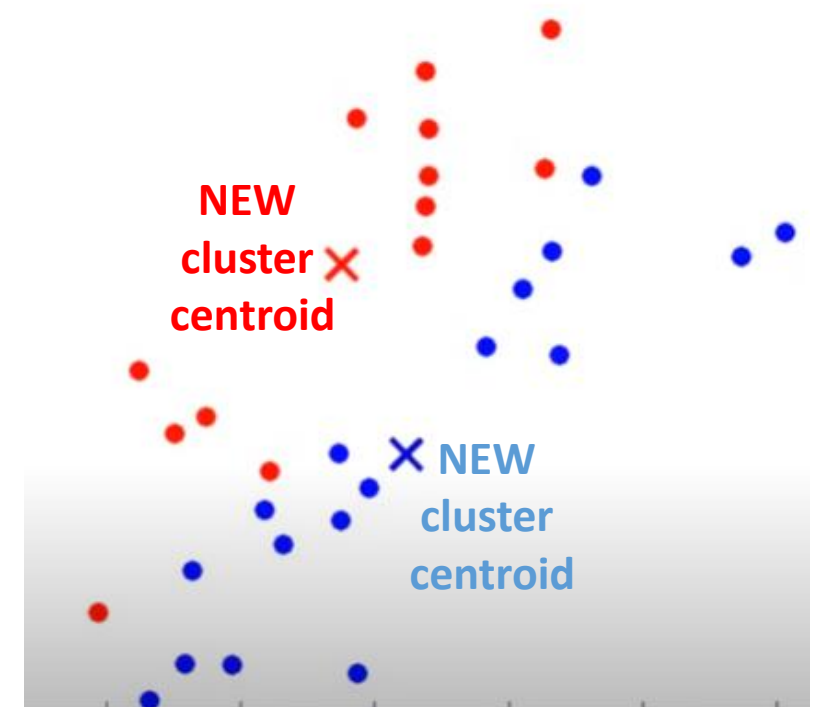
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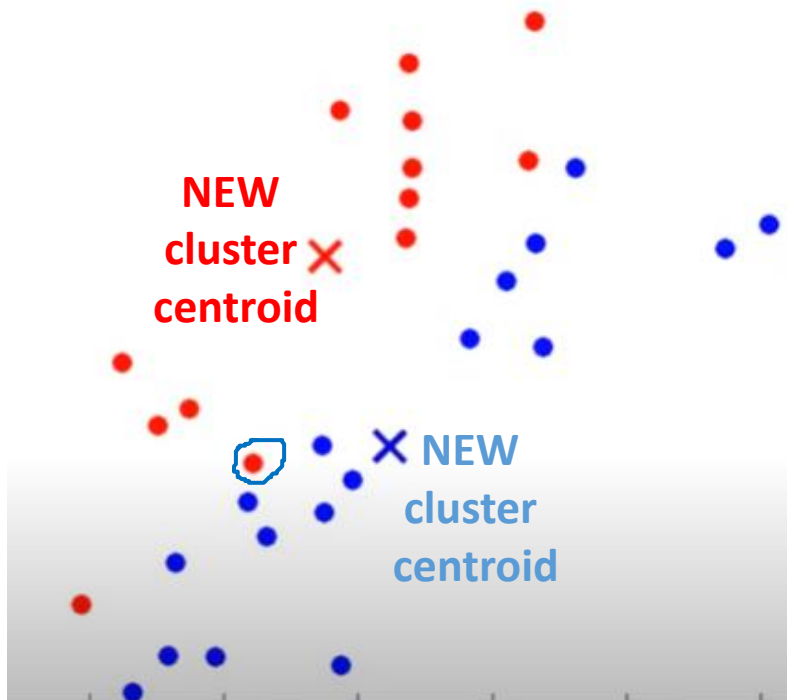


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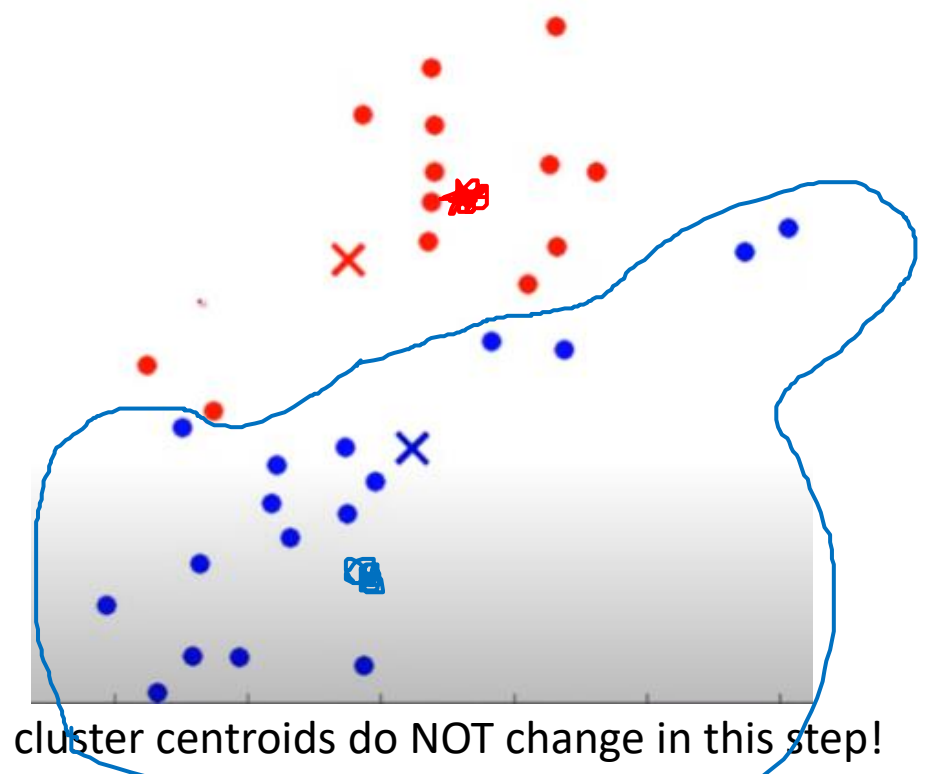
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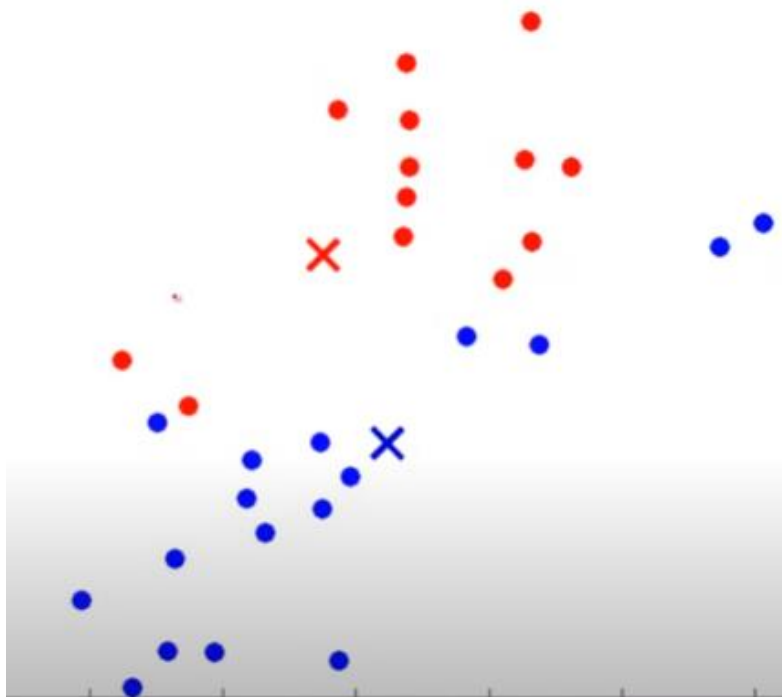


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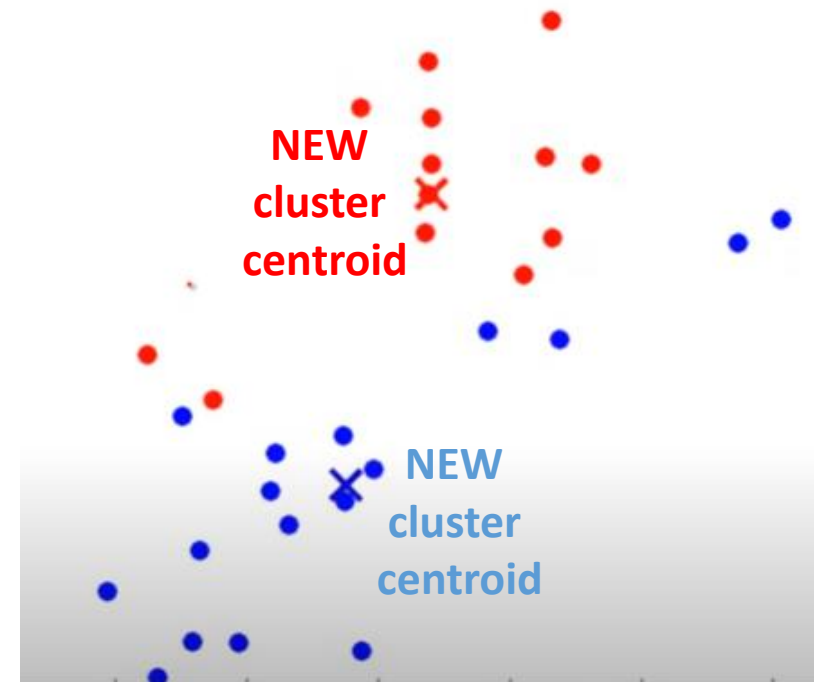
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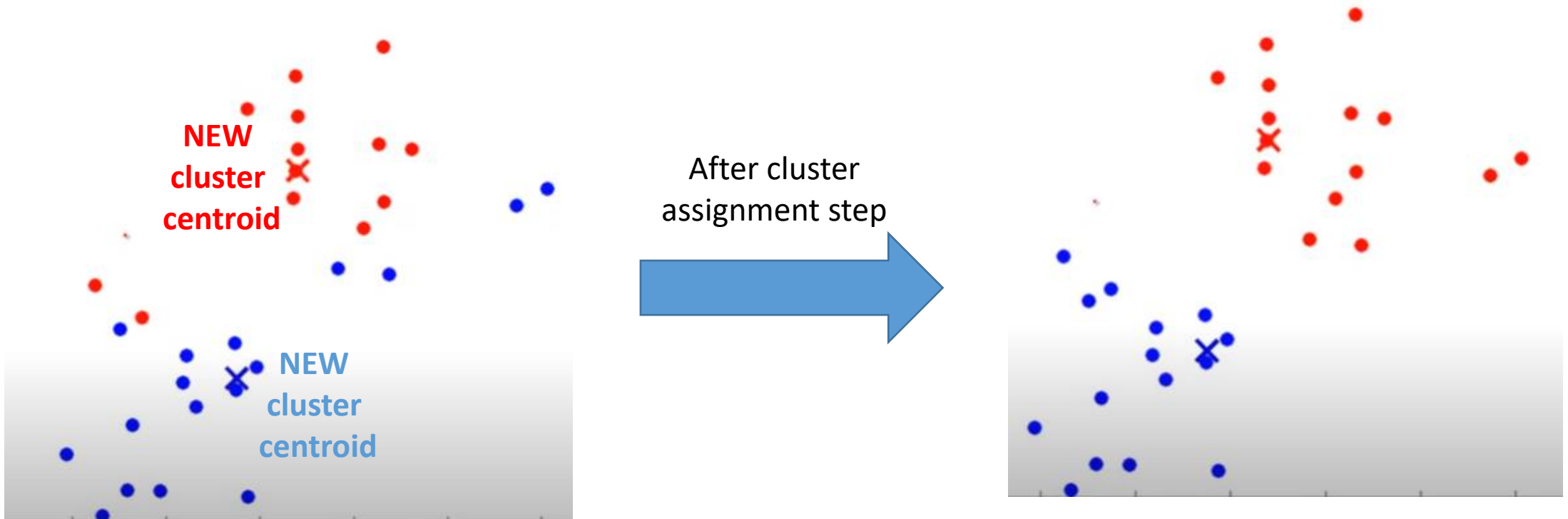


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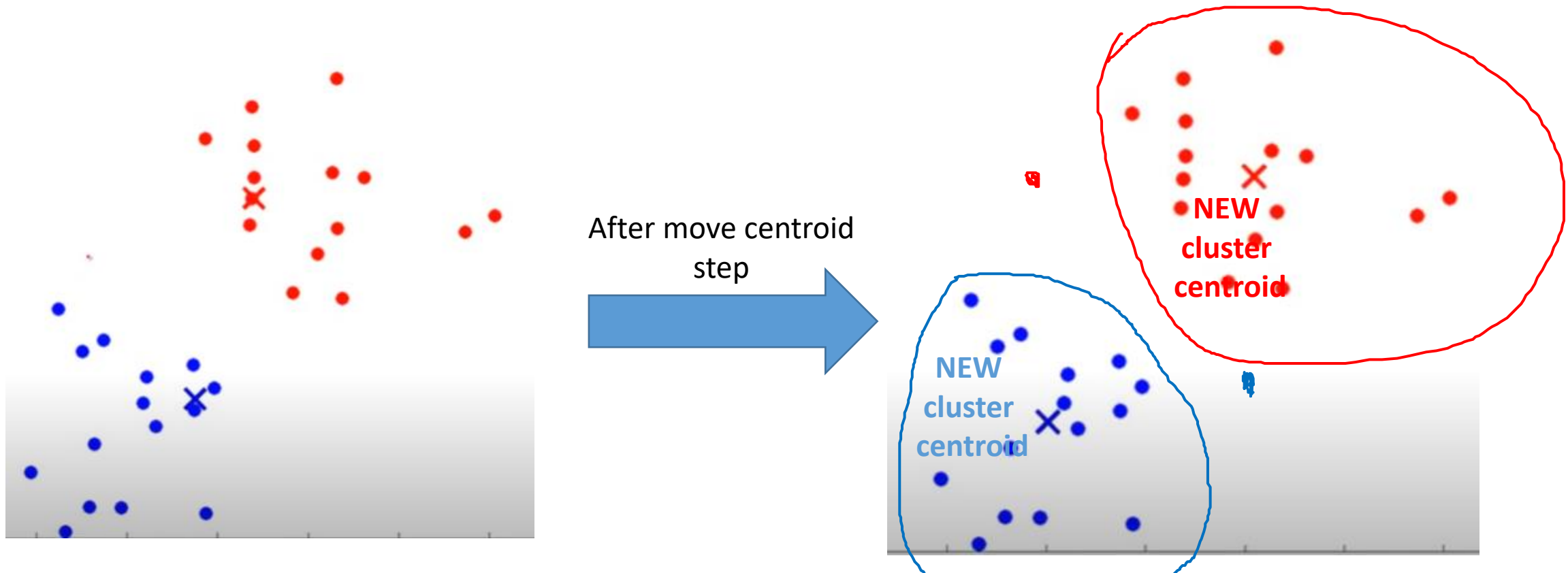


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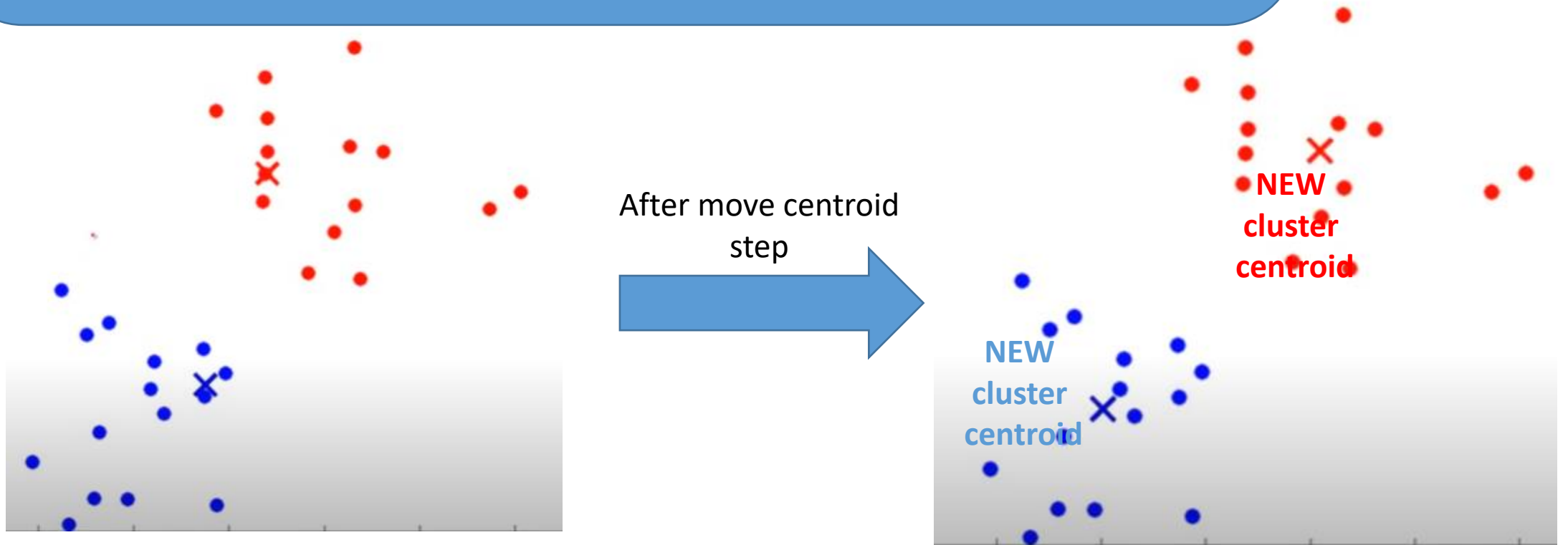
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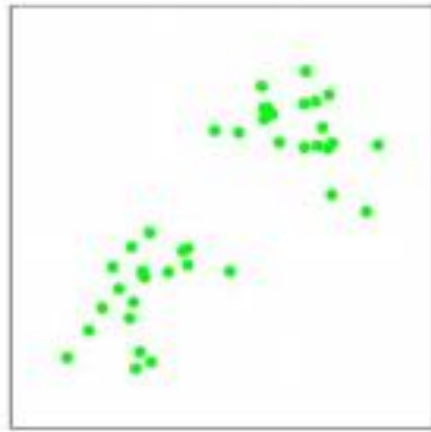
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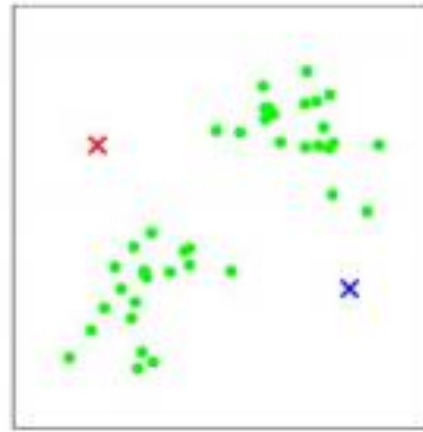
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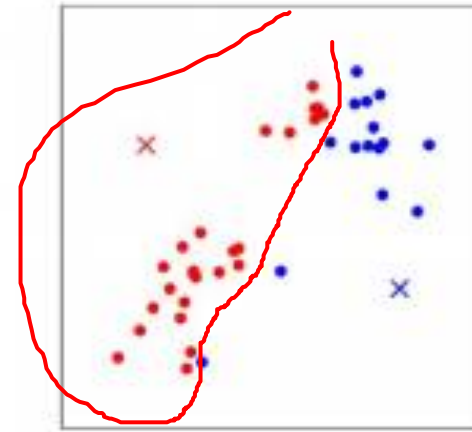
K-Means finds the best centroids by alternating between (1) assigning data points to clusters based on the current centroids (2) choosing centroids (points which are the center of a cluster) based on the current assignment of data points to clusters.



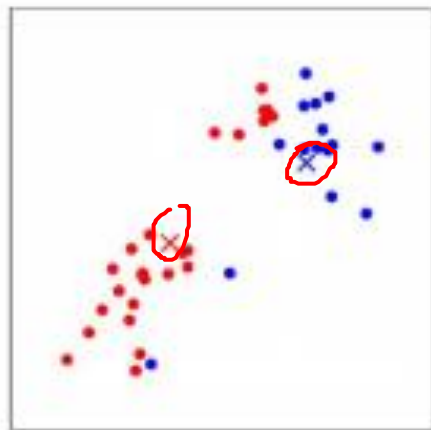
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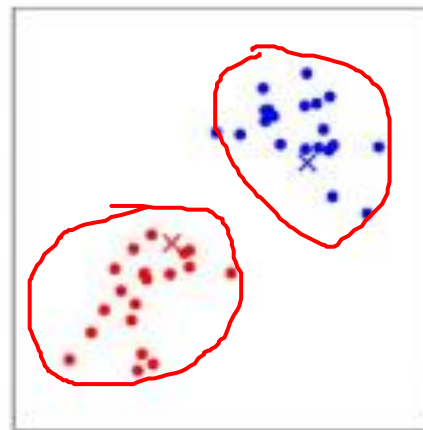
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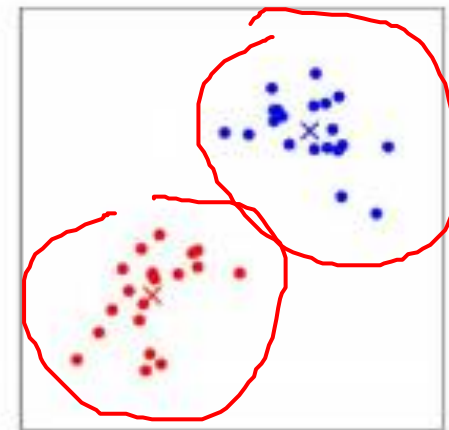
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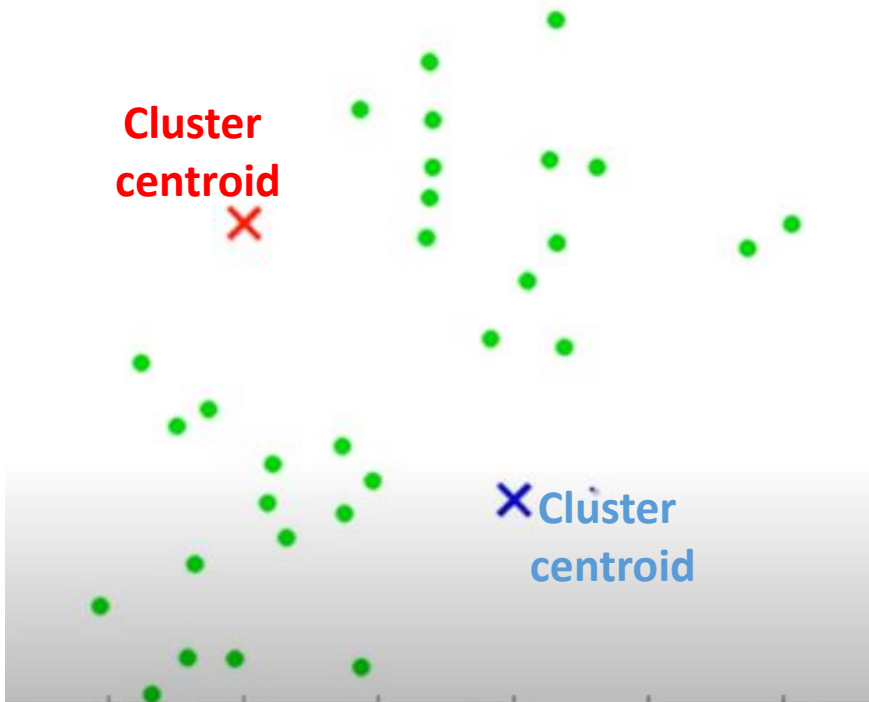
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