

Q1 b) The k-means algo converges to a local optimum in finite steps.

$$J = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K r^{nk} \|x^n - \mu^k\|^2 \rightarrow \text{distortion function monotonically decreases}$$

Proof: Show that next iteration is smaller or equal to previous loss function.

Let  $J^{(t)} = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K r^{nk} \|x^n - \mu^k\|^2 = J$  where  $X^{(t)}$  is the current partition  $X_1^{(t)}, \dots, X_K^{(t)}$  with centroids  $\mu_1^{(t)}, \dots, \mu_K^{(t)}$  and assignment for  $A^{(t)}$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} J^{(t)} &\geq \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \|x^n - \mu_{A^{(t)}(x^n)}^k\|^2 \rightarrow A(x^n) \text{ min quantity } \|x^n - \mu^k\|^2 \text{ over all } k=1 \dots K \\ &\geq \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \|x^n - \mu^{k(t+1)}\|^2 \\ &\geq J^{(t+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  There is no infinite sequence of partitions such that the loss function decreases strictly since there is a finite number of partitions  $\binom{N}{K}$ .

Hence  $X^{(t)}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$  has a finite number of values.

There ~~are~~ exist  $X^{(t+1)} = X^{(t)}$