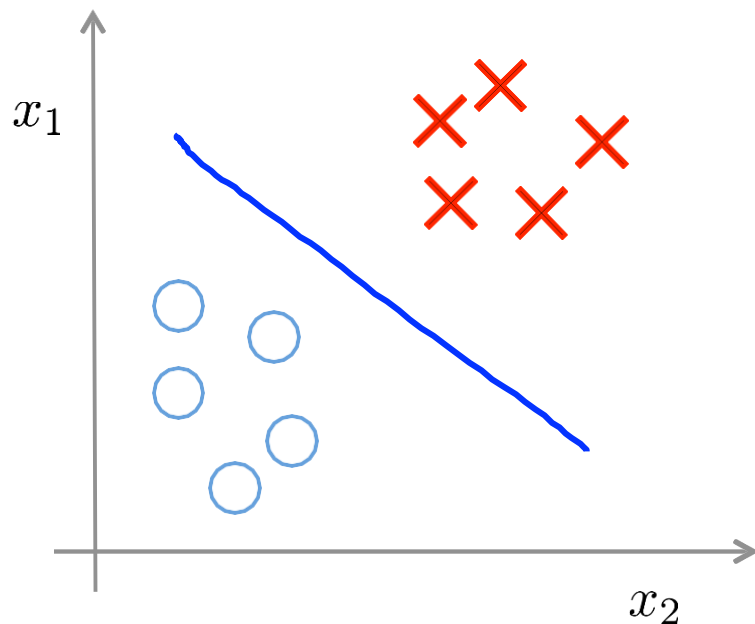


Machine Learning

Clustering

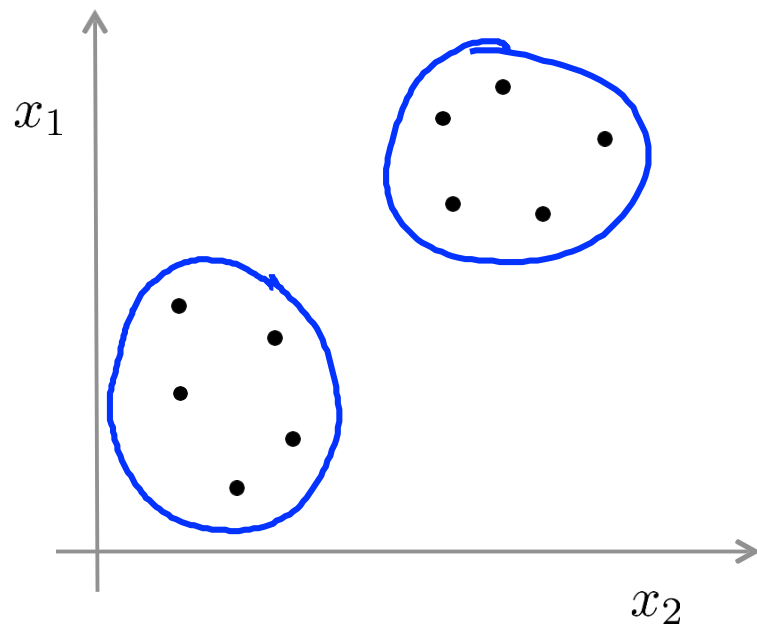
Unsupervised learning
introduction

Supervised learning



Training set: $\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), (x^{(3)}, y^{(3)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$

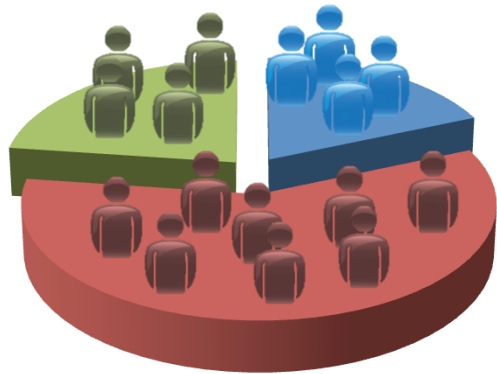
Unsupervised learning



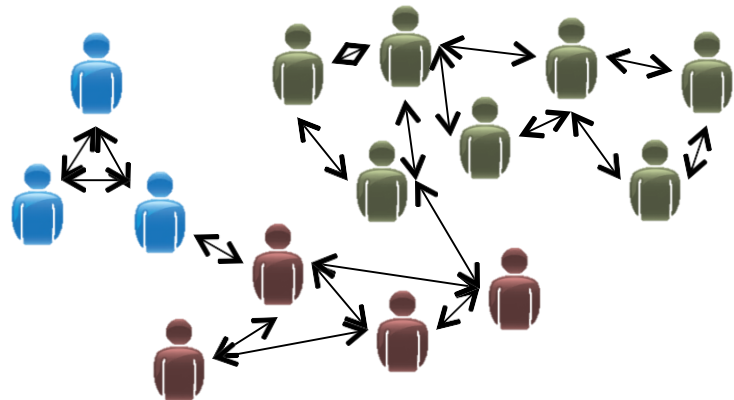
Clustering algorithm

Training set: $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, x^{(3)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$

Applications of clustering



Market segmentation



Social network analysis



Organize computing clusters

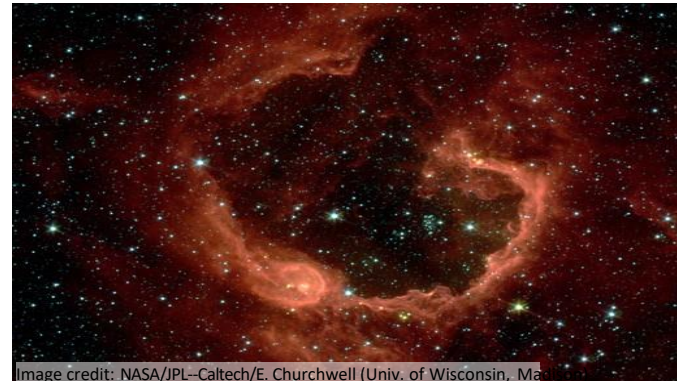
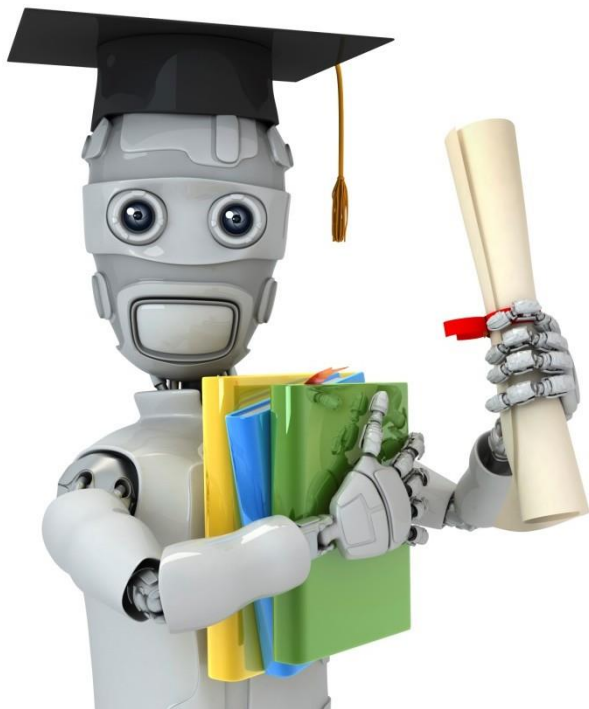


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Astronomical data analysis

Which of the following statements are true? Check all that apply.

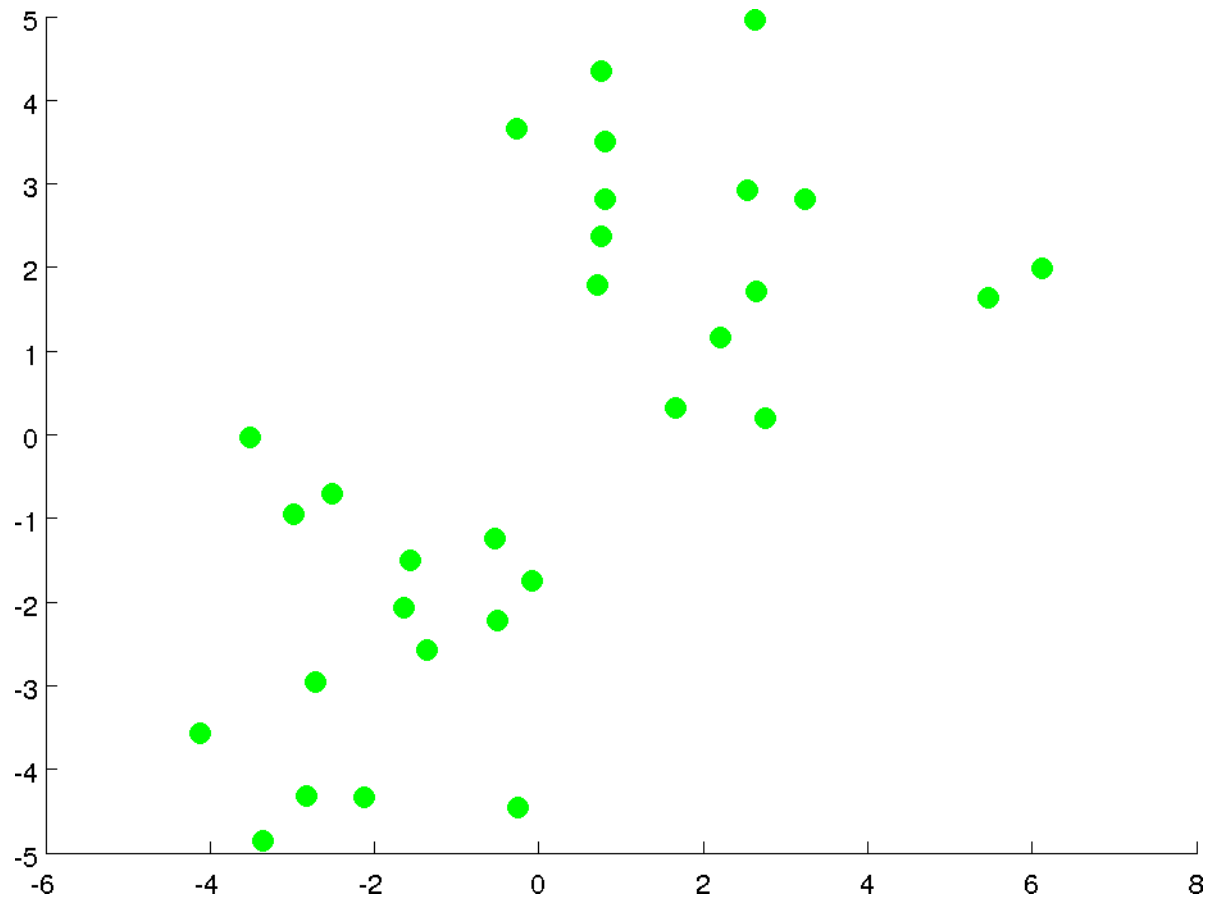
- ☐ In unsupervised learning, the training set is of the form $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$ without labels $y^{(i)}$.
- ☐ Clustering is an example of unsupervised learning.
- ☐ In unsupervised learning, you are given an unlabeled dataset and are asked to find "structure" in the data.
- ☐ Clustering is the only unsupervised learning algorithm.

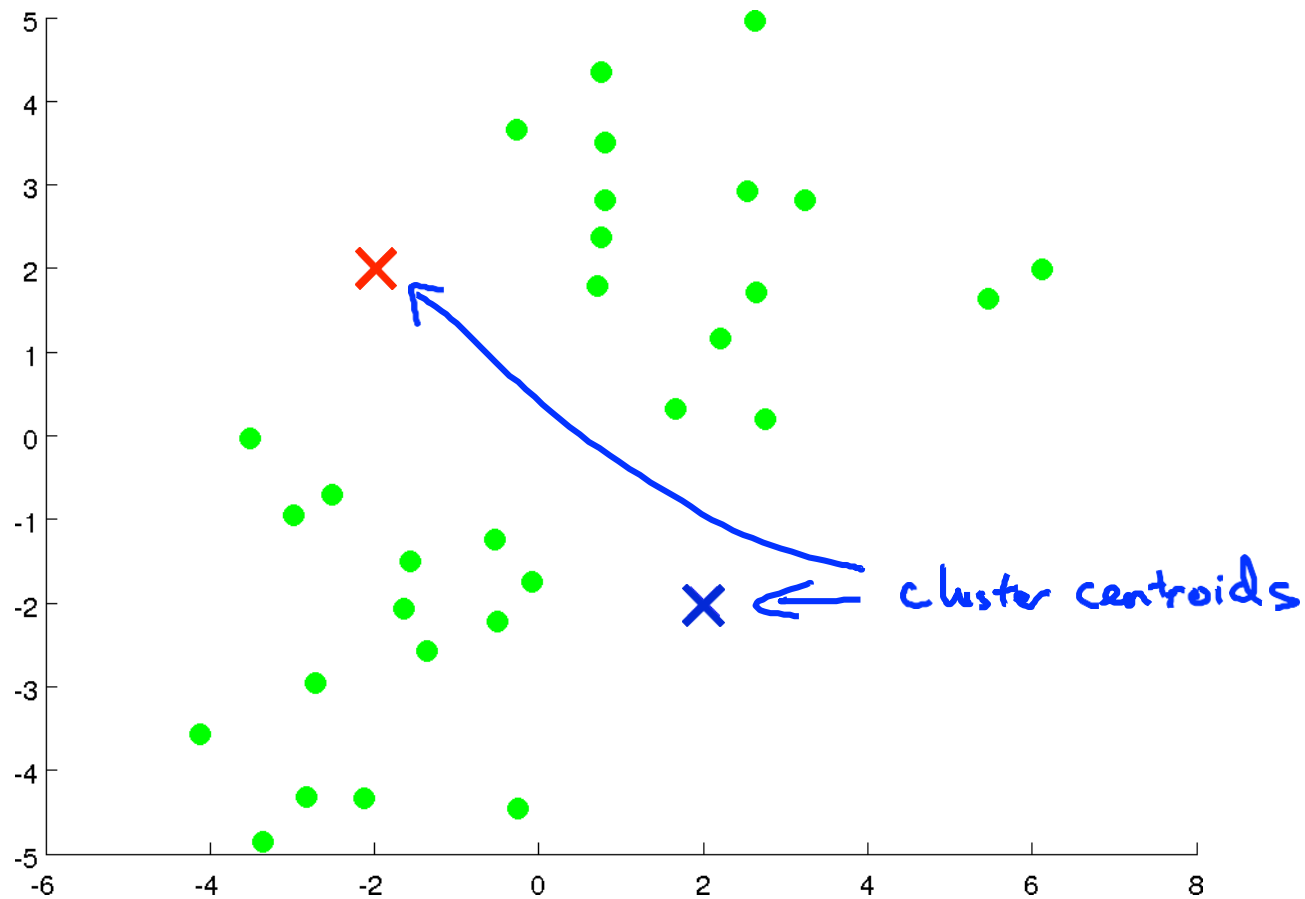


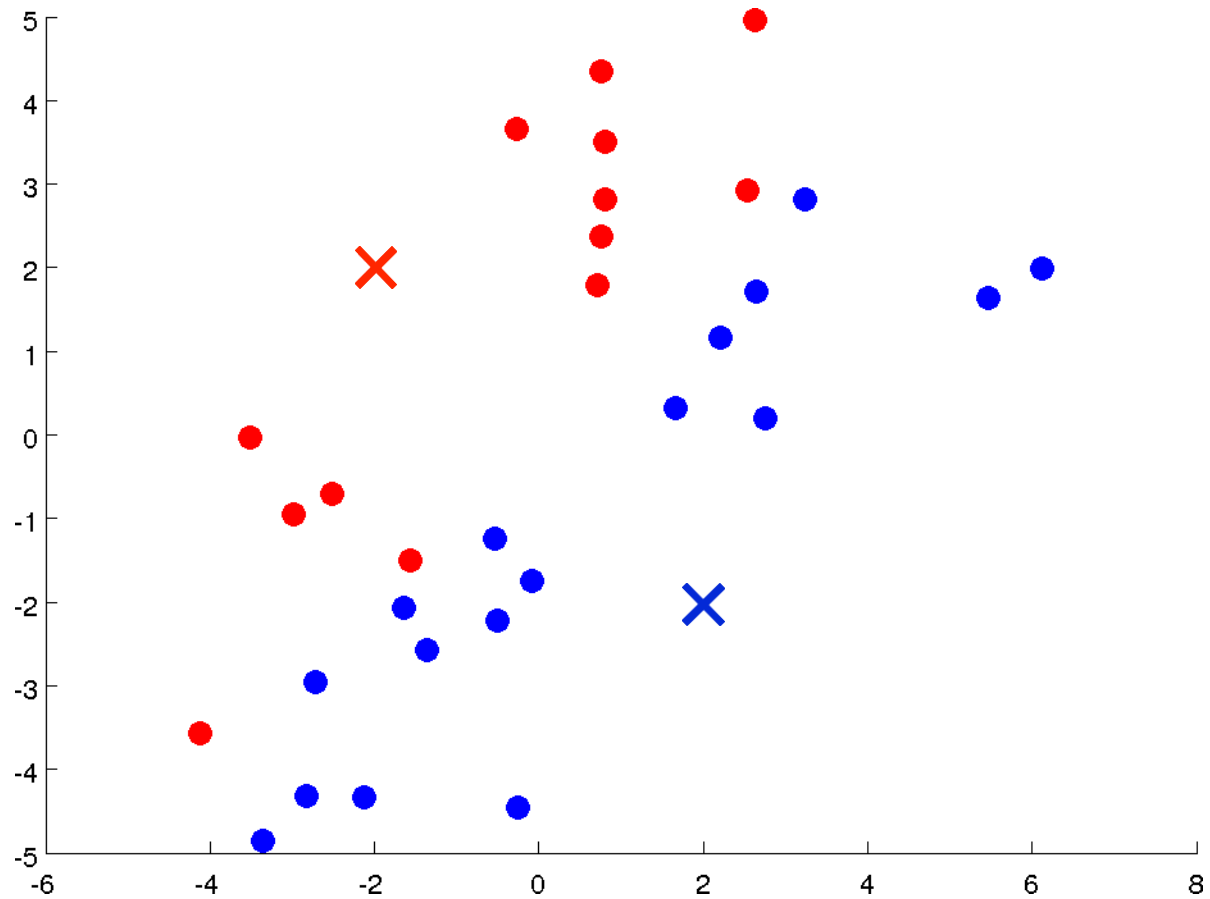
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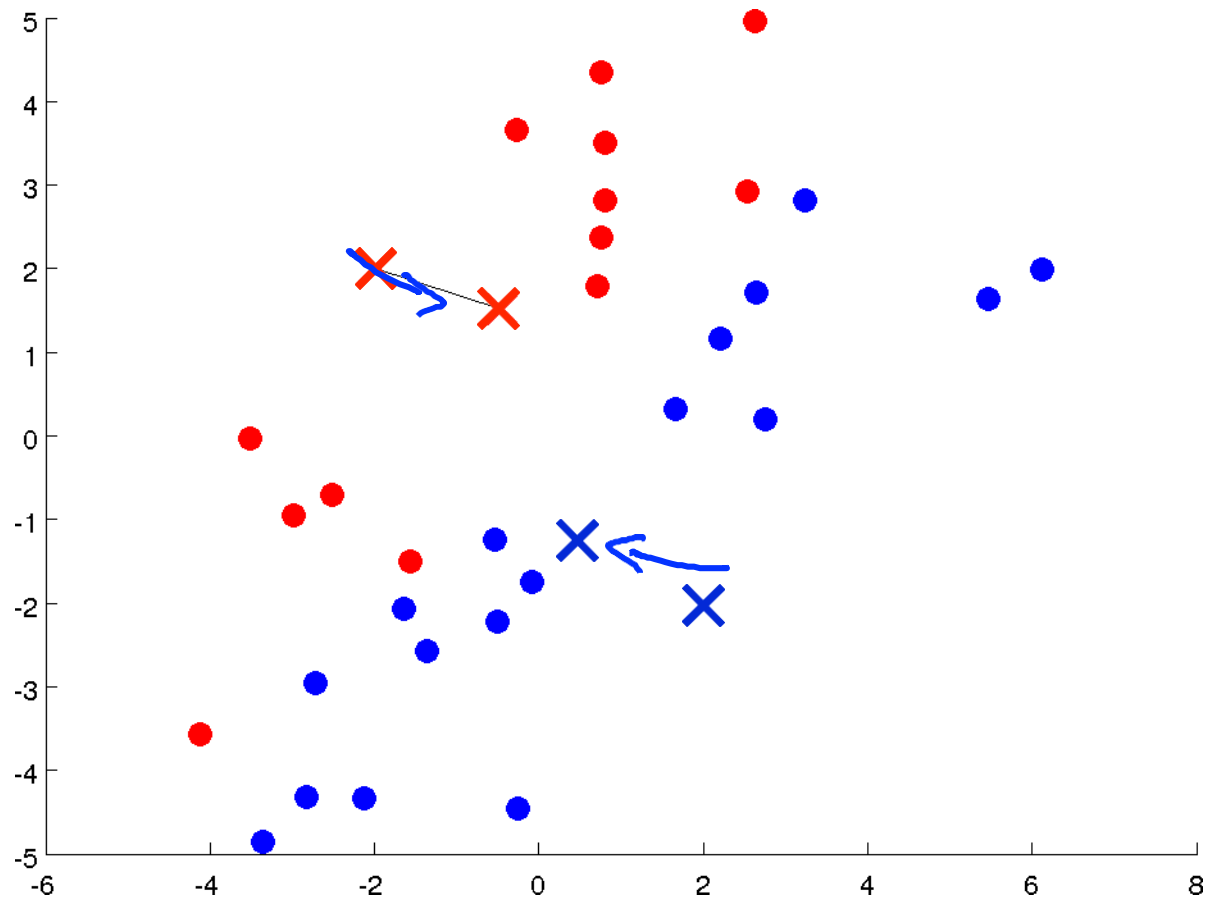
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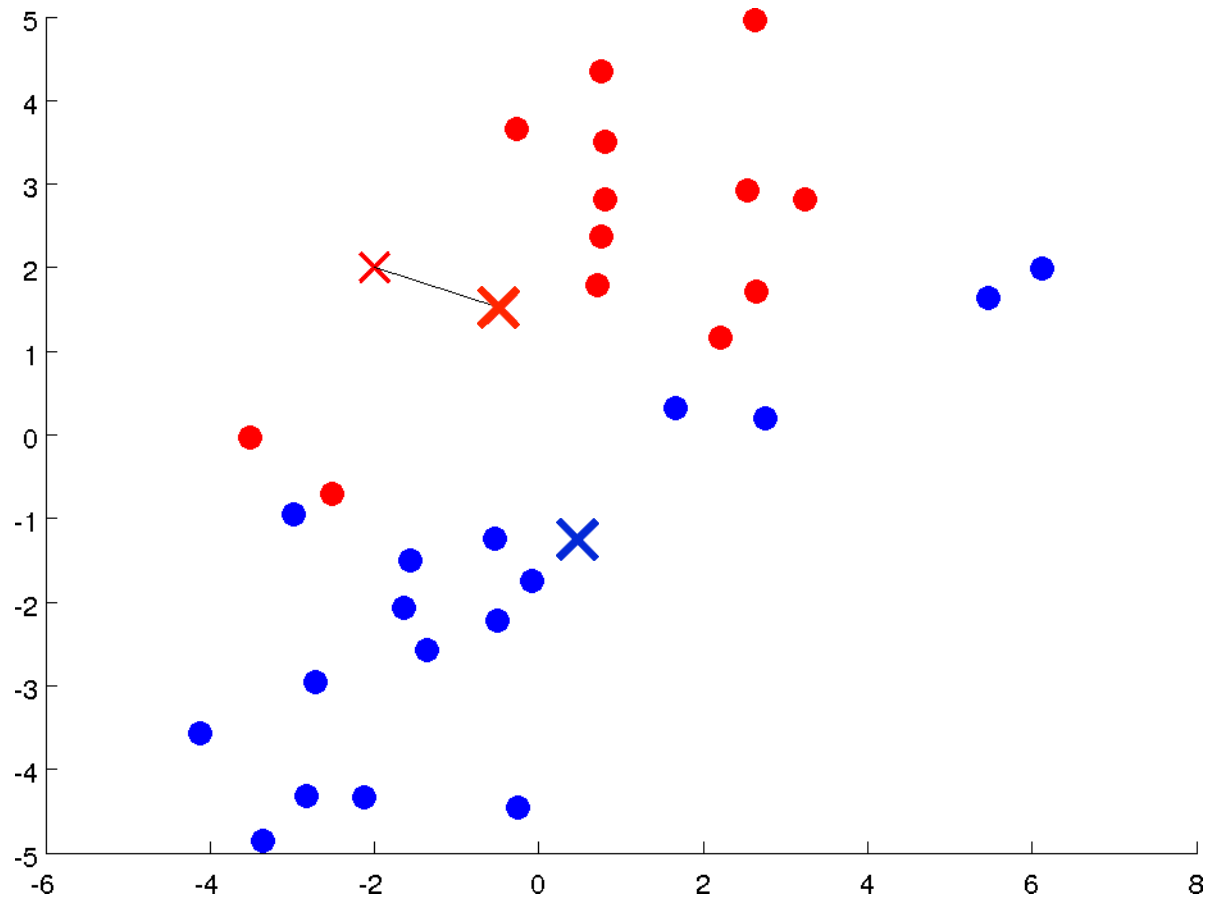
K-means
algorithm

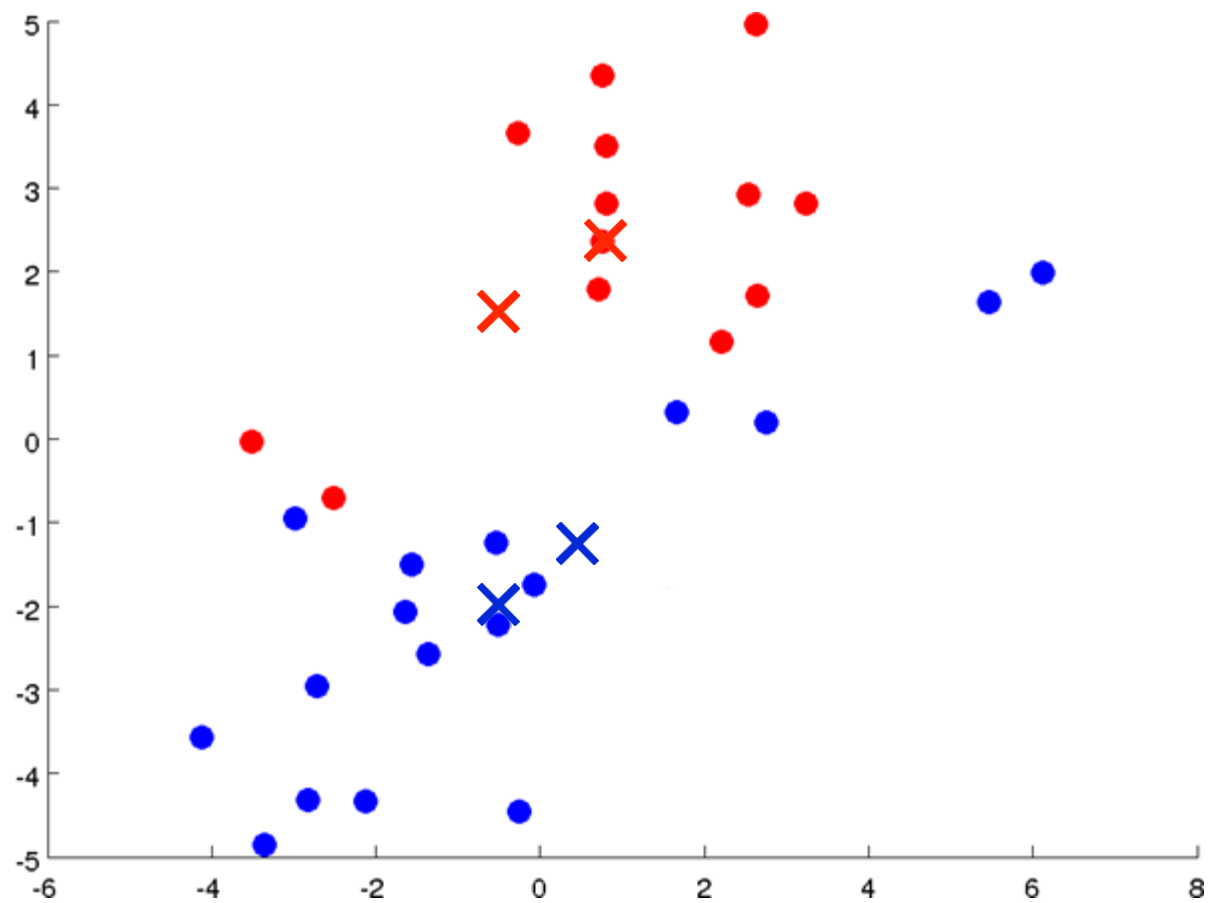


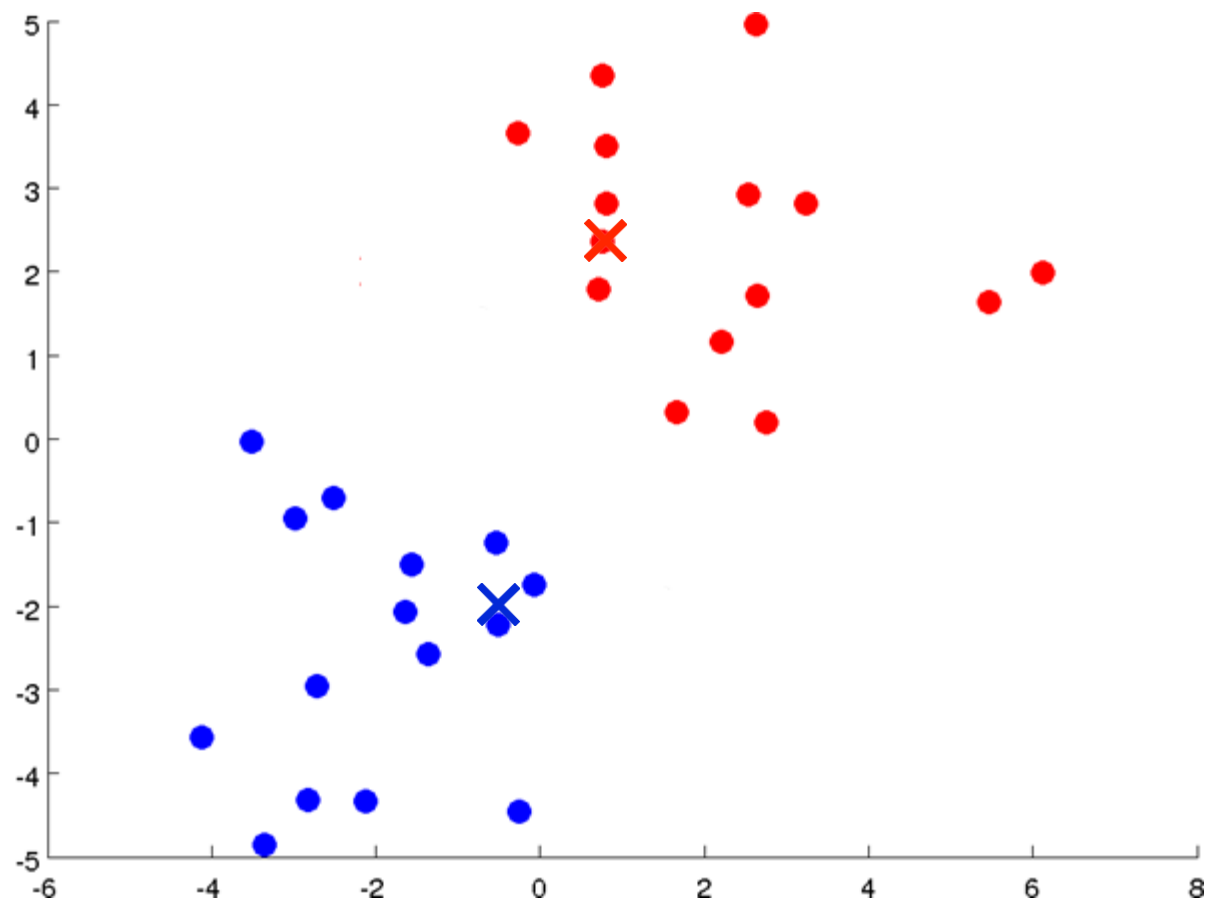


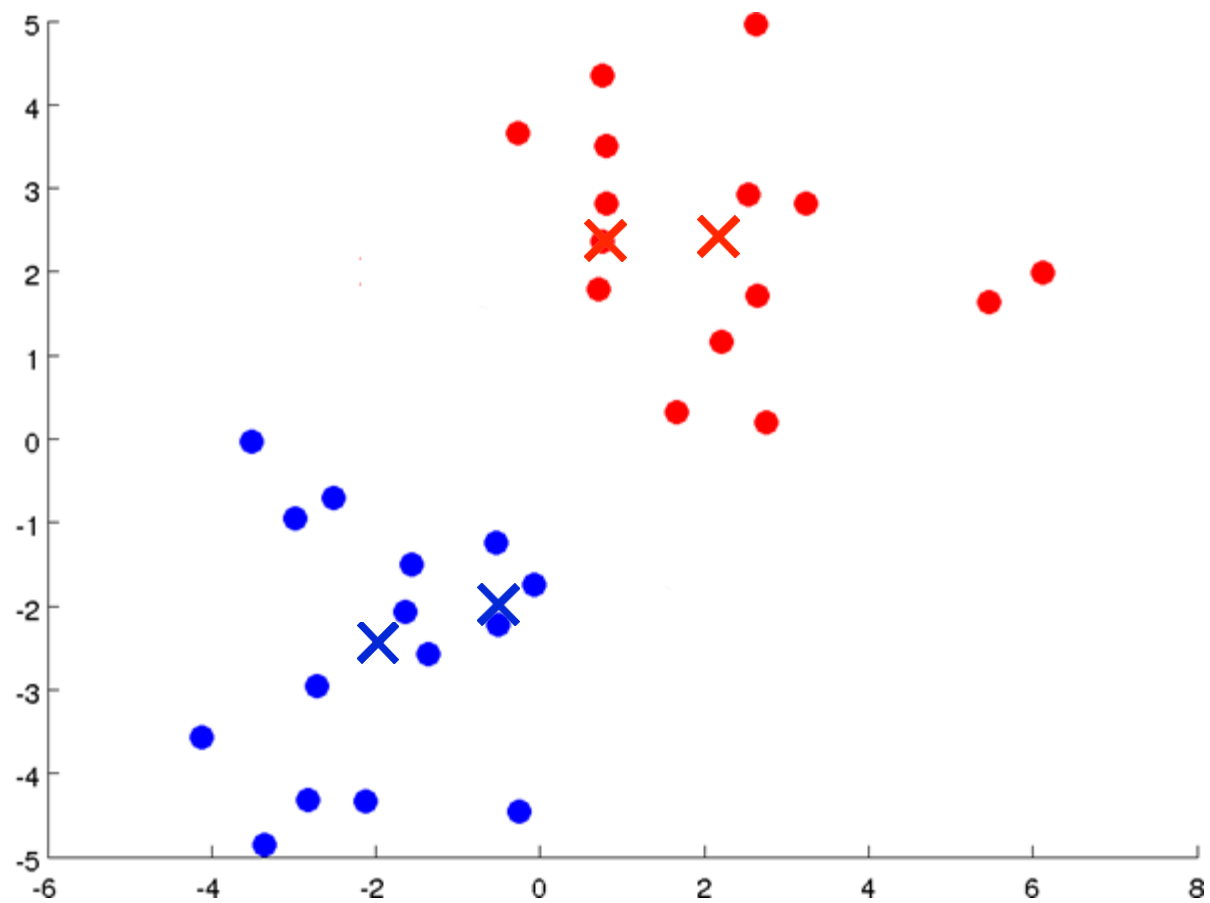


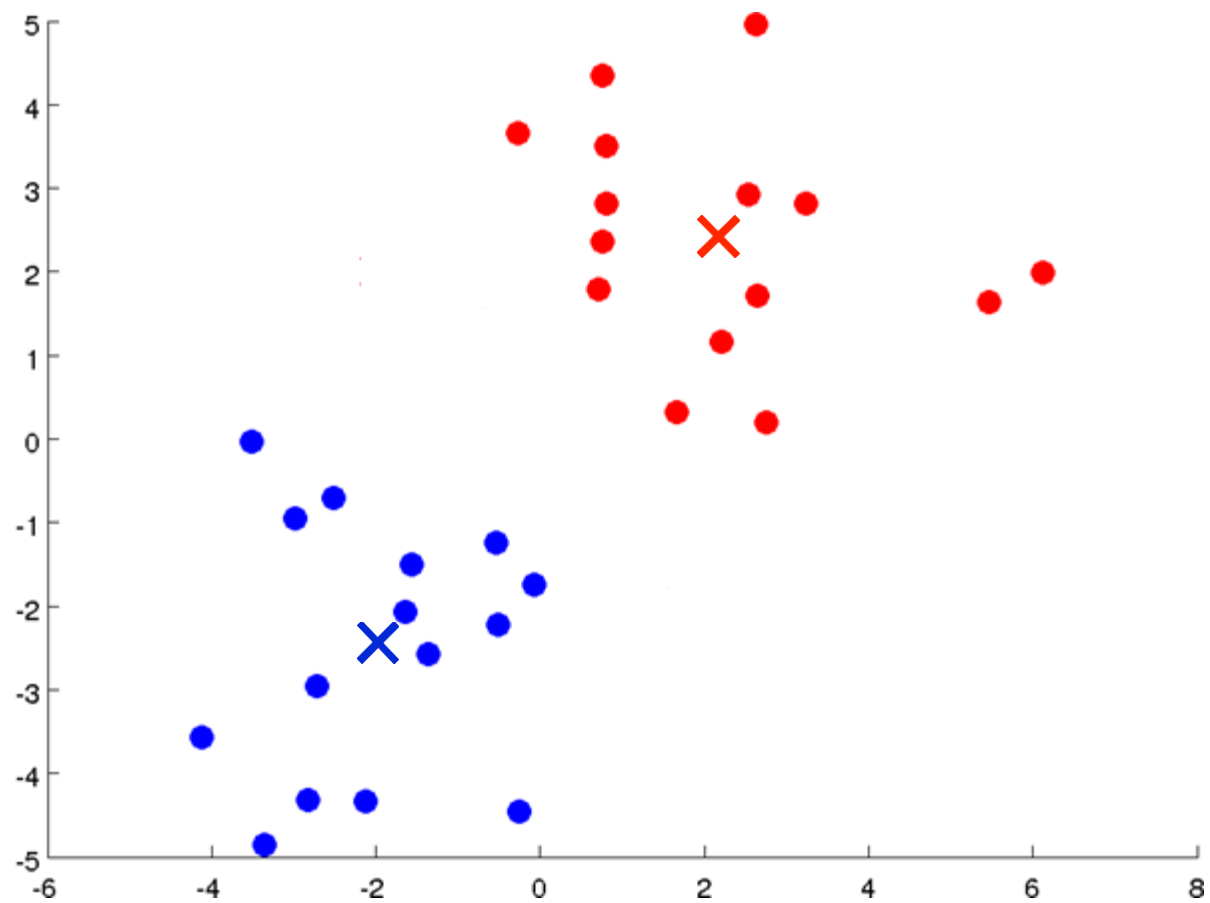












K-means algorithm

Input:

- K (number of clusters)
- Training set $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$

$x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (drop $x_0 = 1$ convention)

K-means algorithm

Randomly initialize K cluster centroids $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Repeat {

Cluster
assignment
step

for $i = 1$ to m

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

$$\min_k \|x^{(i)} - \mu_k\|^2$$

$\hookrightarrow c^{(i)}$

for $k = 1$ to K

$\rightarrow \mu_k :=$ average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k

Move
centroid

$x^{(1)}, x^{(5)}, x^{(6)}, x^{(10)}$

$\rightarrow c^{(1)}=2, c^{(5)}=2, c^{(6)}=2, c^{(10)}=2$

$$\mu_2 = \frac{1}{4} [x^{(1)} + x^{(5)} + x^{(6)} + x^{(10)}] \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

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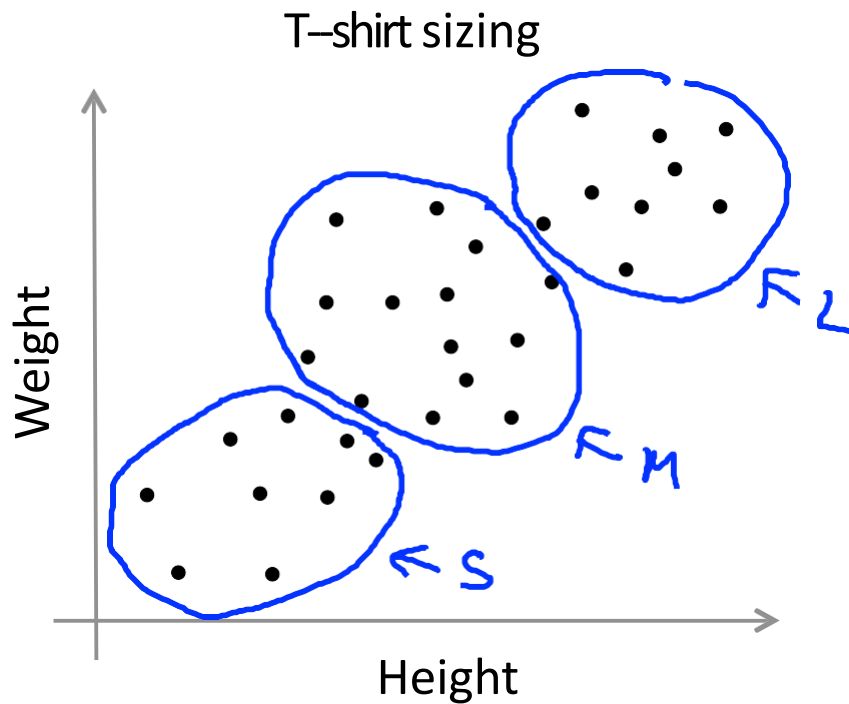
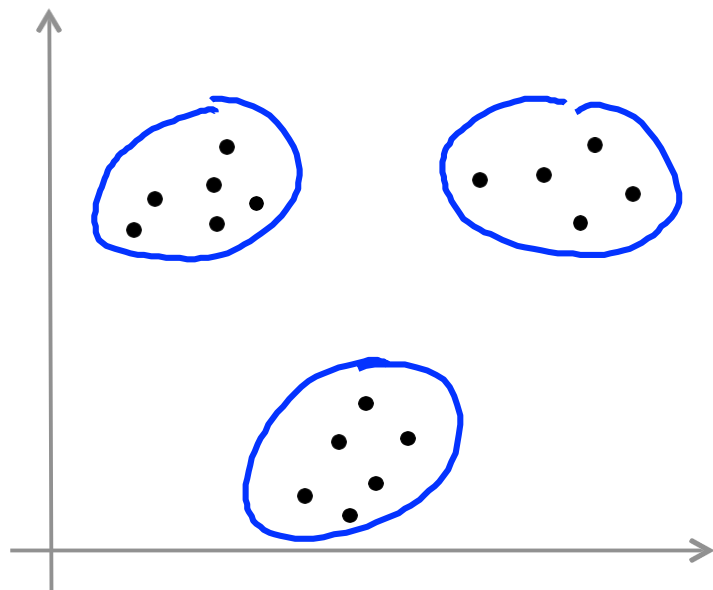
Suppose you run k-means and after the algorithm converges, you have:
 $c^{(1)} = 3, c^{(2)} = 3, c^{(3)} = 5, \dots$

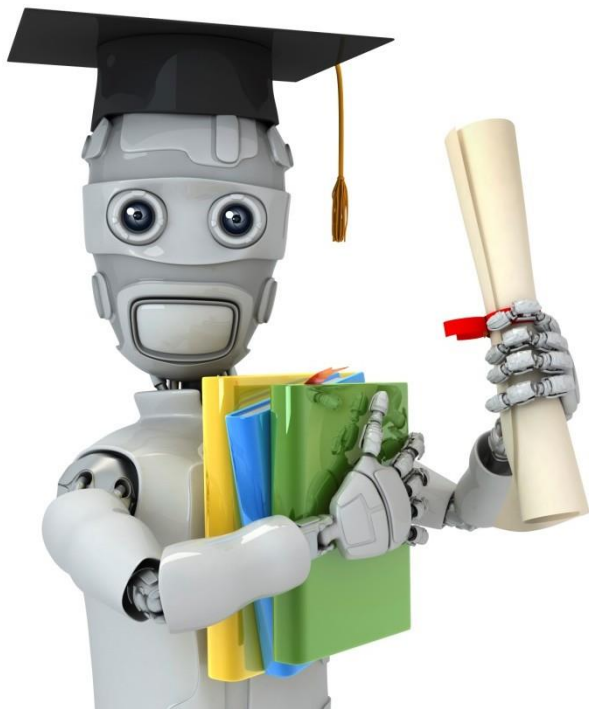
Which of the following statements are true? Check all that apply.

- ☒ The third example $x^{(3)}$ has been assigned to cluster 5.
- ☒ The first and second training examples $x^{(1)}$ and $x^{(2)}$ have been assigned to the same cluster.
- ☐ The second and third training examples have been assigned to the same cluster.
- ☒ Out of all the possible values of $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$ the value $k = 3$ minimizes $\|x^{(2)} - \mu_k\|^2$.

K-means for non-separated clusters

S, M, L





Machine Learning

Clustering

Optimization

objective

K-means optimization objective

$c^{(i)}$ = index of cluster $(1, 2, \dots, K)$ to which example $x^{(i)}$ is currently assigned

μ_k = cluster centroid k ($\mu_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$)

$\mu_{c^{(i)}}$ = cluster centroid of cluster to which example $x^{(i)}$ has been assigned

K

$k \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$

$x^{(i)} \rightarrow 5$

$c^{(i)} = 5$

$\mu_{c^{(i)}} = \mu_5$

Optimization objective:

$$J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - \mu_{c^{(i)}}\|^2$$

$$\min_{c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K} J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)$$

K-means algorithm

Randomly initialize K cluster centroids $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Repeat {
Cluster assignment step
Minimize $J(\dots)$ w.r.t. $c^{(1)}, c^{(2)}, \dots, c^{(m)} \leftarrow$
(holding μ_1, \dots, μ_K fixed)

for $i = 1$ to m

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

move
centroid

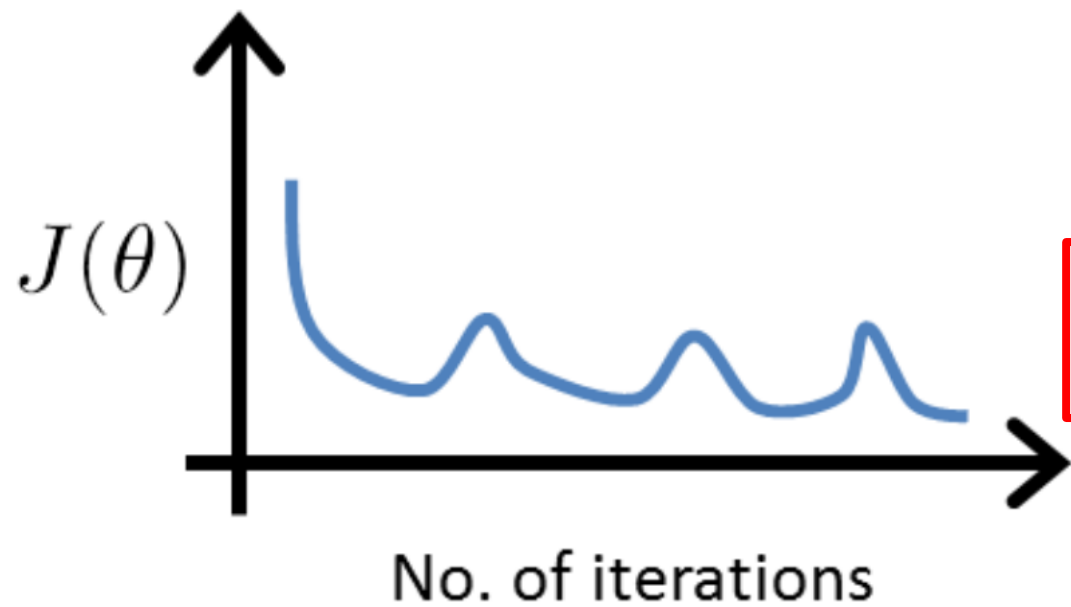
for $k = 1$ to K

$\mu_k :=$ average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k

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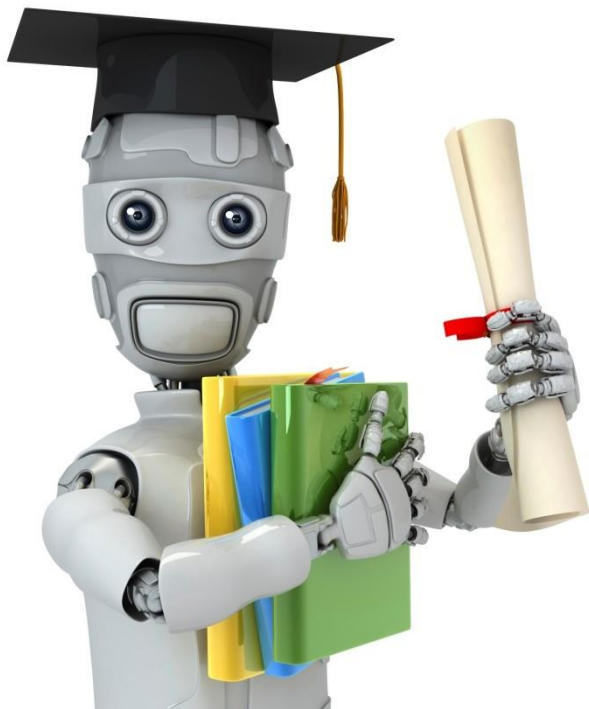
Minimize $J(\dots)$ w.r.t. μ_1, \dots, μ_K

Suppose you have implemented k-means and to check that it is running correctly, you plot the cost function $J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_k)$ as a function of the number of iterations. Your plot looks like this:



What does this mean?

- ☐ The learning rate is too large.
- ☐ The algorithm is working correctly.
- ☐ The algorithm is working, but k is too large.
- ☒ It is not possible for the cost function to sometimes increase. There must be a bug in the code.



Machine Learning

Clustering

Random

initialization

K-means algorithm

Randomly initialize K cluster centroids $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Repeat {

 for $i = 1$ to m

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

 for $k = 1$ to K

$\mu_k :=$ average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k

}

Random initialization

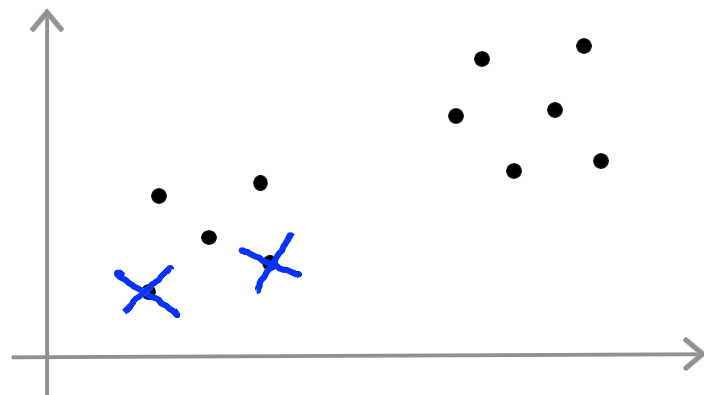
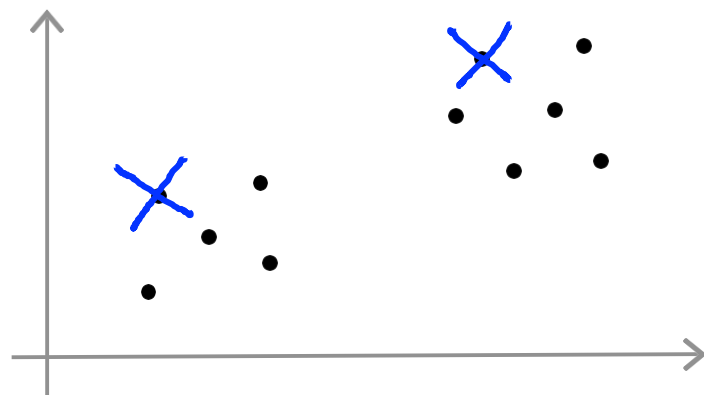
$K=2$

Should have $K < m$

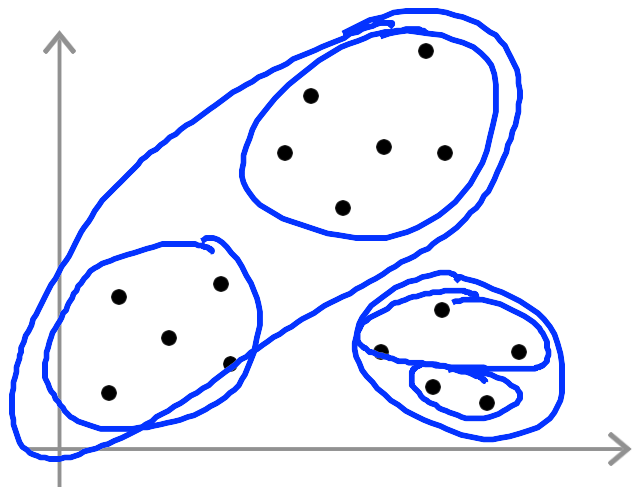
Randomly pick K training examples.

Set μ_1, \dots, μ_K equal to these K examples.

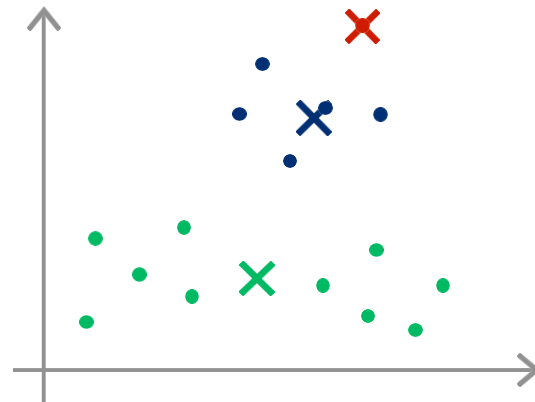
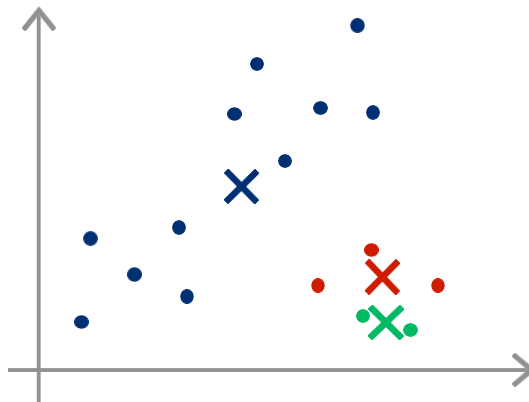
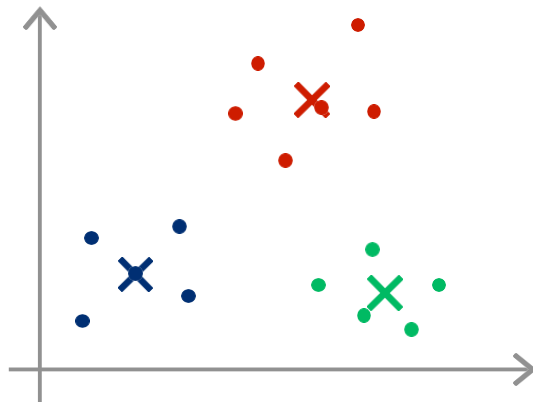
$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1 &= x^{(i)} \\ \mu_2 &= x^{(j)} \\ &\vdots\end{aligned}$$



Local optima



$$J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_k)$$



Random initialization

For $i = 1$ to 100 {

Randomly initialize K-means.

Run K-means. Get $c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K$.

Compute cost function (distortion)

$$J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)$$

}

Pick clustering that gave lowest cost $J(c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)$

Which of the following is the recommended way to initialize k-means?

☐ Pick a random integer i from $\{1, \dots, k\}$. Set $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_k = x^{(i)}$.

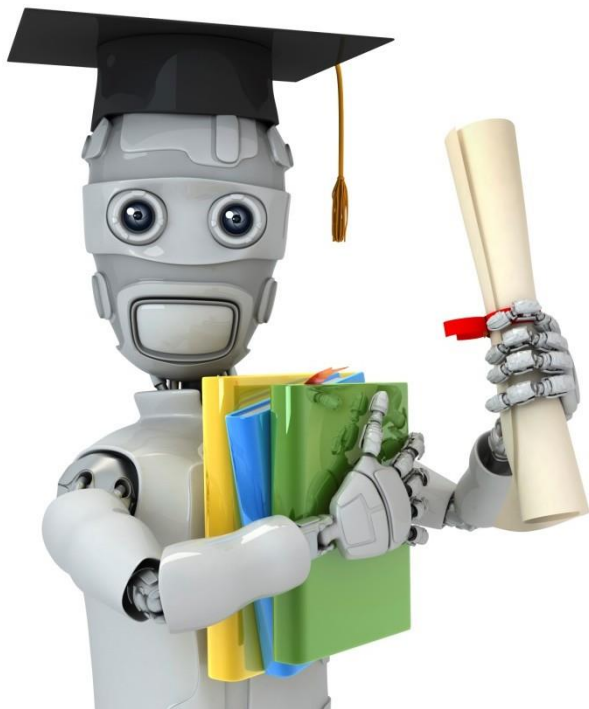
☐ Pick k distinct random integers i_1, \dots, i_k from $\{1, \dots, k\}$.

Set $\mu_1 = x^{(i_1)}, \mu_2 = x^{(i_2)}, \dots, \mu_k = x^{(i_k)}$.

☒ Pick k distinct random integers i_1, \dots, i_k from $\{1, \dots, m\}$.

Set $\mu_1 = x^{(i_1)}, \mu_2 = x^{(i_2)}, \dots, \mu_k = x^{(i_k)}$.

☐ Set every element of $\mu_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to a random value between $-\epsilon$ and ϵ , for some small ϵ .

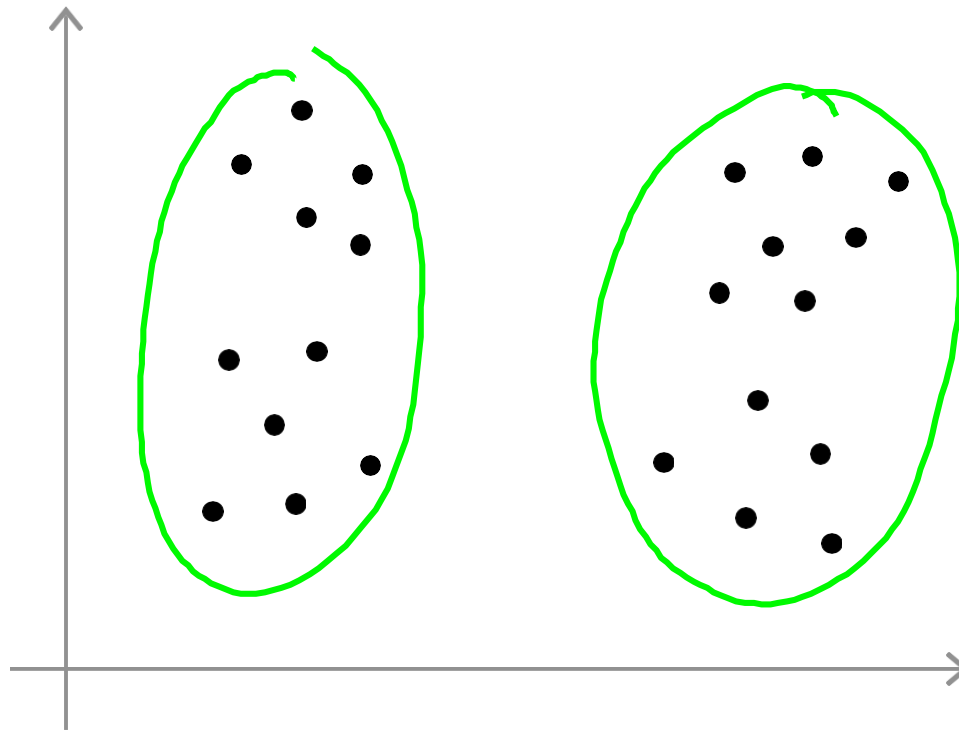


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Clustering

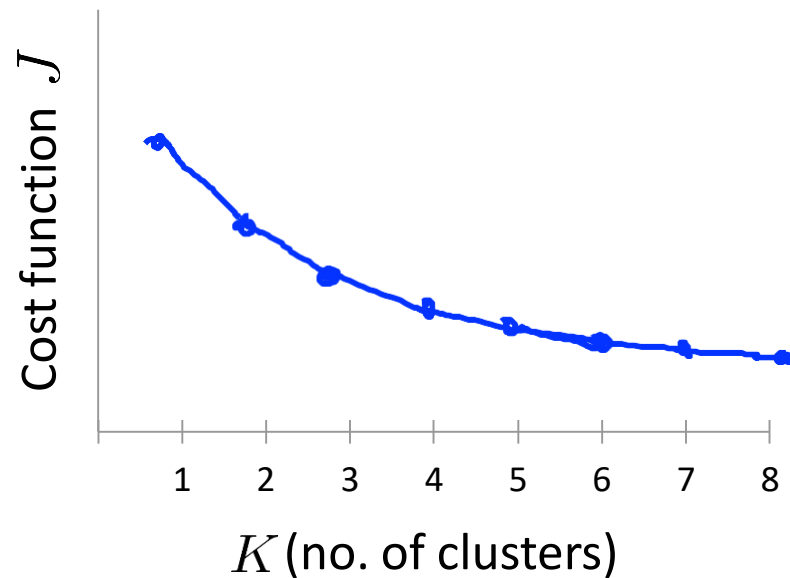
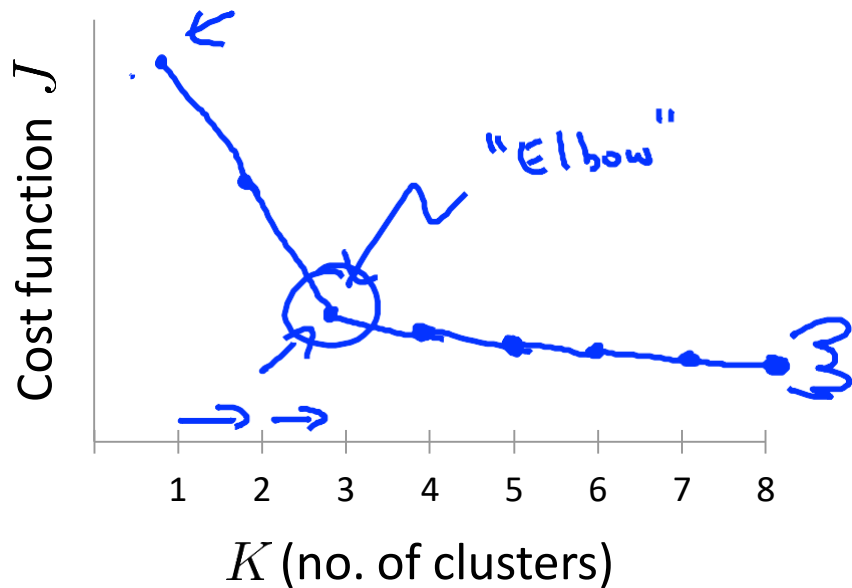
Choosing the
number of clusters

What is the right value of K?



Choosing the value of K

Elbow method:



Suppose you run k-means using $k = 3$ and $k = 5$. You find that the cost function J is much higher for $k = 5$ than for $k = 3$. What can you conclude?

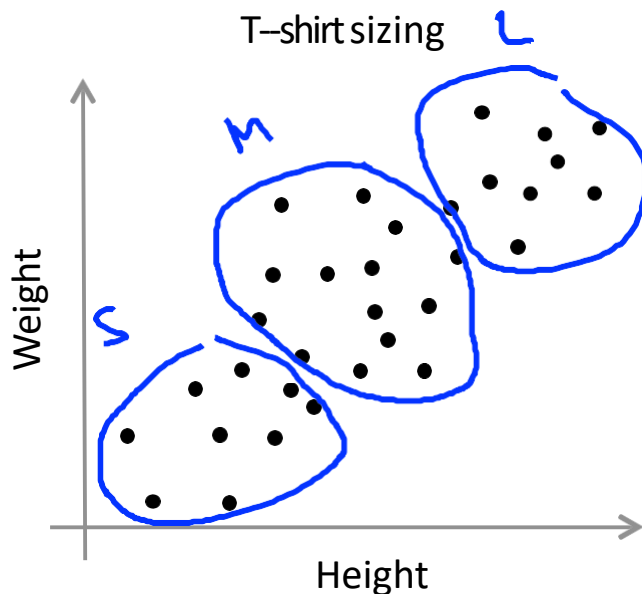
- ☐ This is mathematically impossible. There must be a bug in the code.
- ☐ The correct number of clusters is $k = 3$.
- ☐ In the run with $k = 5$, k-means got stuck in a bad local minimum. You should try re-running k-means with multiple random initializations.
- ☐ In the run with $k = 3$, k-means got lucky. You should try re-running k-means with $k = 3$ and different random initializations until it performs no better than with $k = 5$.

Choosing the value of K

Sometimes, you're running K-means to get clusters to use for some later/downstream purpose. Evaluate K-means based on a metric for how well it performs for that later purpose.

$K=3$ S, M, L

E.g.



$K=5$ XS, S, M, L, XL

