

11. Clustering

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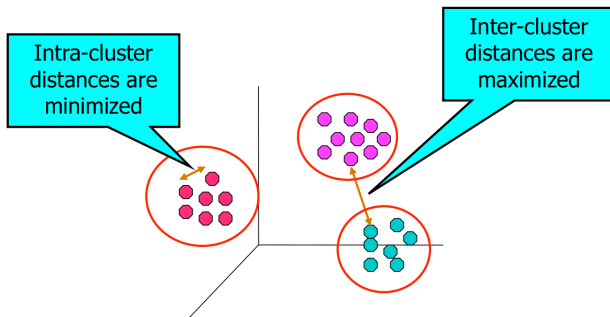
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What is clustering?

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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



What is clustering?

- ▶ Clustering is an unsupervised learning method (i.e. no predefined classes)
- ▶ It is different from classification (supervised learning)

Why is it useful?

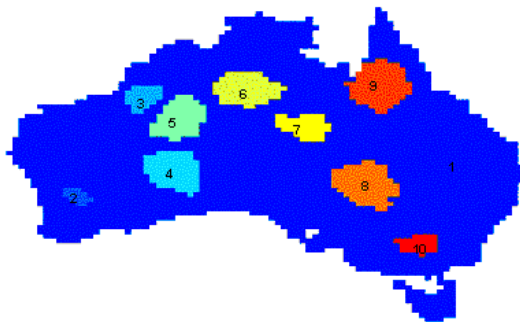
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Understanding the data / get insights on the data:

- ▶ Group related documents for browsing
- ▶ Group genes and proteins that have similar functionality
- ▶ Group people sharing similar interest
- ▶ Group movies with similar genres or actors

Why is it useful (applications of cluster analysis)?

Summarization: Reduce the size of large data sets



Clustering precipitation in Australia

Clustering is an ill-defined problem

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How many clusters?



How many clusters?

Six Clusters



Two Clusters

Four Clusters

► An Impossibility Theorem for Clustering, Jon Kleinberg, NeurIPS 2015.

Several types of clusters

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1. **Well-separated:** any point in a cluster is closer to every other point in this cluster than to any point not in this cluster.
2. **Center-based:** any point in a cluster is closer to the center of this cluster, than to the center of any other cluster.
3. **Contiguous:** any point in a cluster is closer to one or more other points in the cluster than to any point not in the cluster.
4. **Density-based:** a cluster is a dense region of points, separated by low-density regions from other regions of high density (other clusters).

Several types of clusterings

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A clustering is a set of clusters. Important distinction between hierarchical and partitional sets of clusters.

- ▶ **Partitional clustering:** A partition (split/division) of data objects into non-overlapping subsets (clusters) such that each data object is in exactly one subset.
- ▶ **Hierarchical clustering:** A set of nested clusters organized as a hierarchical tree.

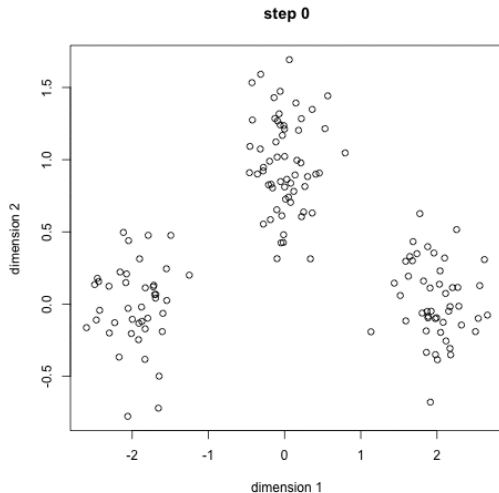
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Other distinctions:

- ▶ **Exclusive versus non-exclusive:** In non-exclusive clusterings, points may belong to multiple clusters. Can represent multiple classes or “border” points.
- ▶ **Fuzzy versus non-fuzzy:** In fuzzy clustering, a point belongs to every cluster with some weight between 0 and 1. Weights must sum to 1.
- ▶ **Partial versus complete:** In some cases, we only want to cluster some of the data.
- ▶ **Heterogeneous versus homogeneous:** Clusters of widely different sizes, shapes, and densities.

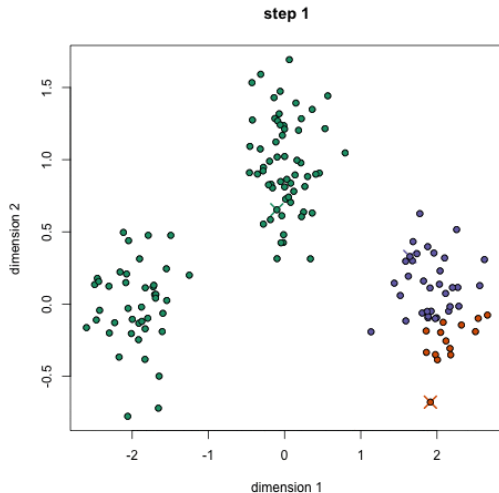
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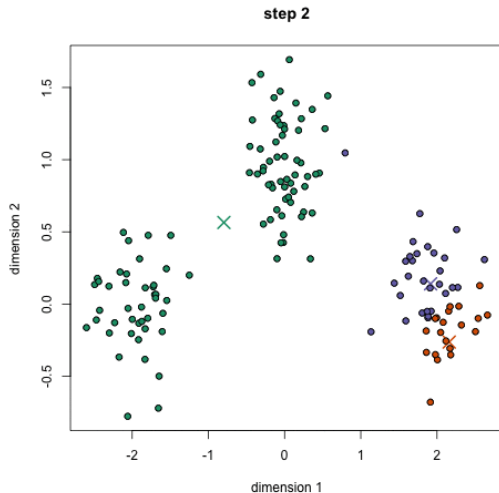
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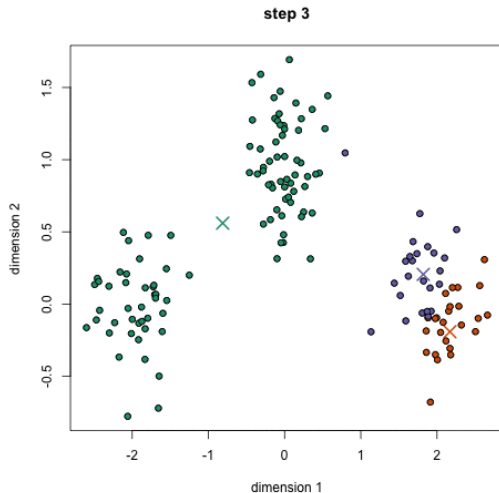
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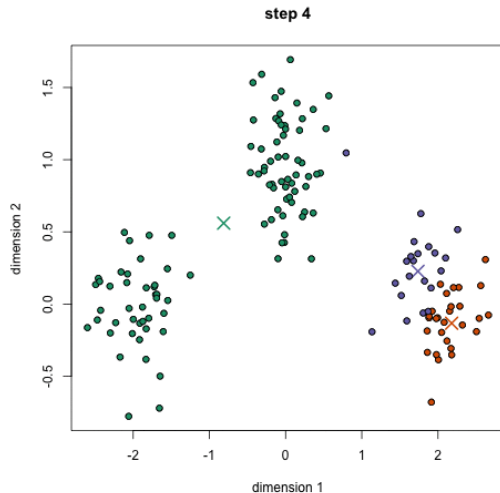
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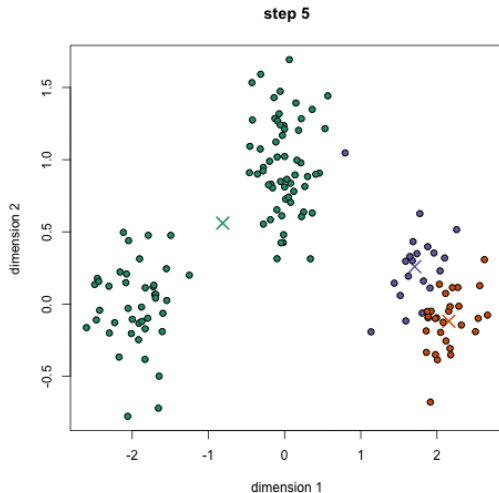
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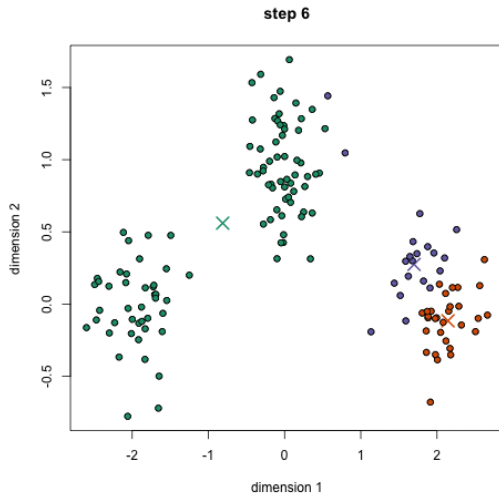
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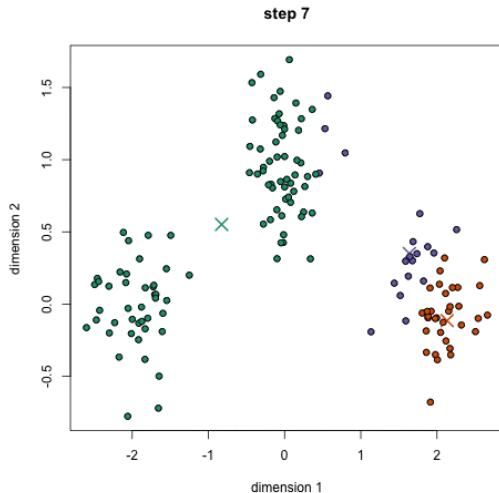
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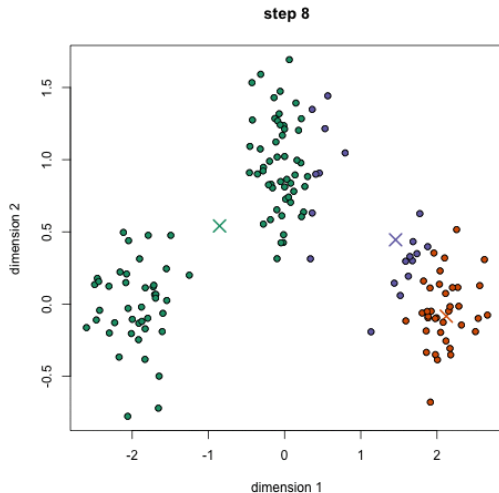
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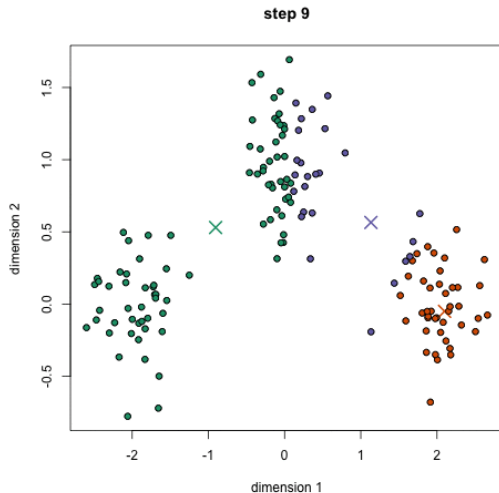
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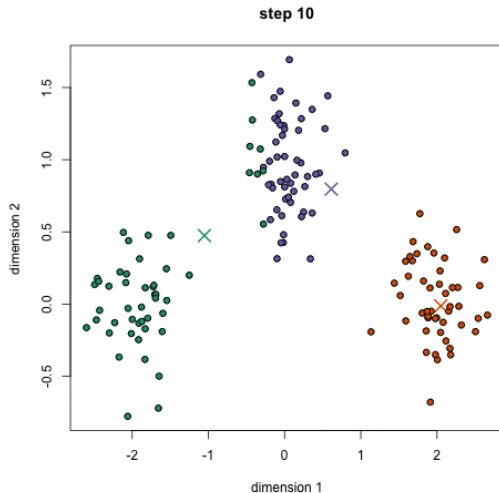
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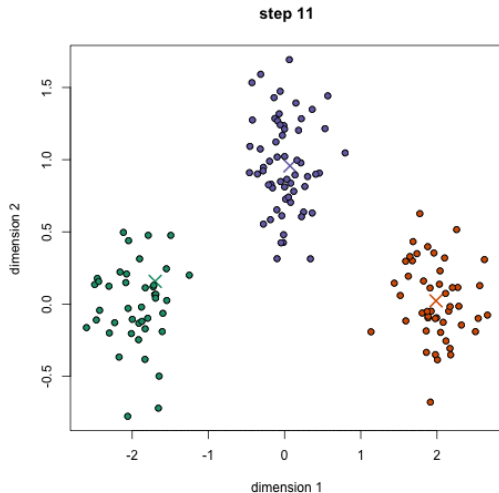
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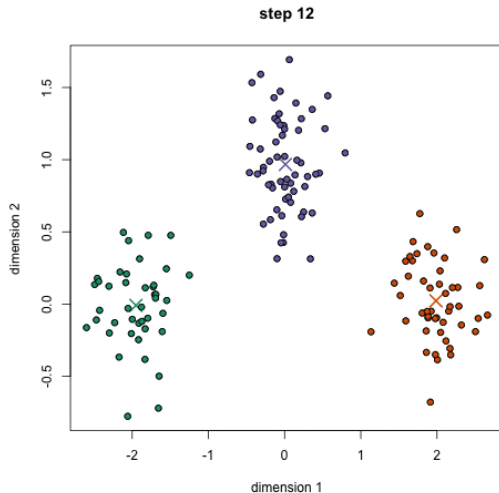
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- ▶ Randomly chose k initial centroids
- ▶ While True:
 - ▶ Create k clusters by assigning each point to **closest** centroid
 - ▶ Compute k new centroids by averaging points in each clustering
 - ▶ If centroids don't change:
 - ▶ Break

k-means: distortion (a.k.a. SSD)

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k-means can be seen as a heuristic to minimize the distortion:

$$\text{distortion} = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{i,j} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_j\|_2^2$$

or SSD: Sum-of-Square-Deviations, with

- ▶ μ_j the vector of centroid j and
- ▶ $\delta_{i,j} = 1$ if the sample \mathbf{x}_i is in cluster j and 0 otherwise.

☞ $\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_j\|_2^2 = \sum_{p=1}^P (x_{i,p} - \mu_{j,p})^2$ is the **Euclidean distance**.

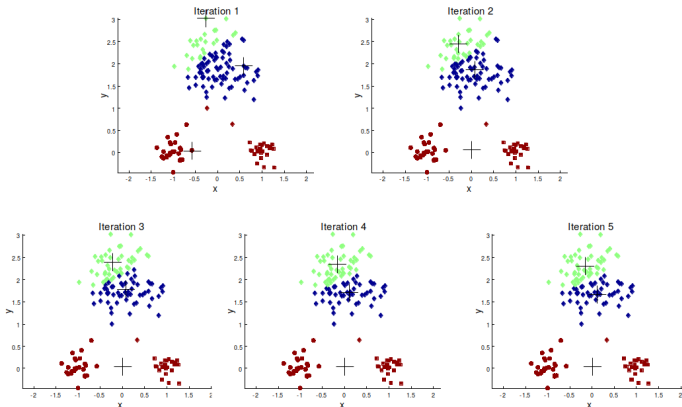
⚡ An exact solution to the above problem would be NP-hard.

Limitation of k-means: clusters

- ▶ K-means has problems when clusters are of differing
 - ▶ Sizes
 - ▶ Densities
 - ▶ Non-spherical shapes
- ▶ K-means has problems when the data contains outliers.

Normalising the data and removing outliers can help!

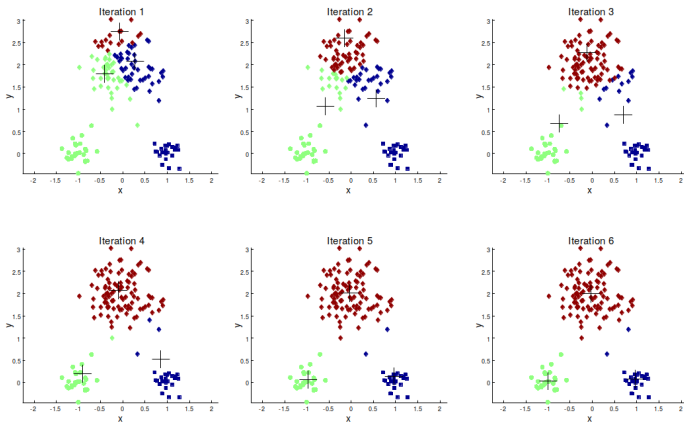
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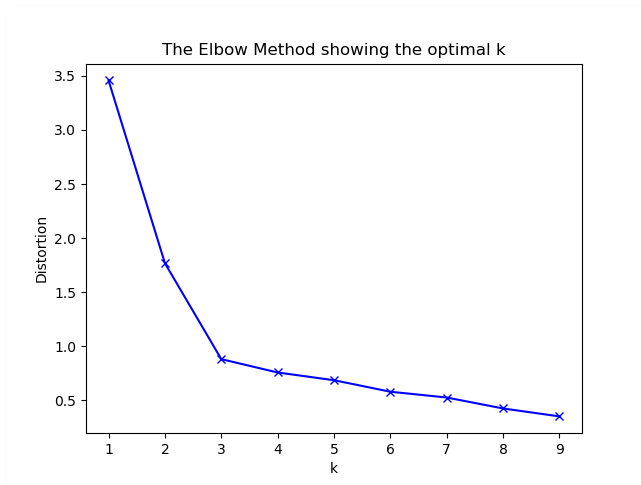
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Limitation of k-means: How to choose k ? M.D. & A.G. 2021



The elbow method: choose $k=3$, where the elbow is located

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Silhouette value. A measure of how similar an object is to its own cluster (cohesion) compared to other clusters (separation).

For data point i in cluster C_k , let

$$a(i) = \frac{1}{|C_k| - 1} \sum_{j \in C_k, i \neq j} d(i, j) \quad \text{and} \quad b(i) = \min_{l \neq k} \frac{1}{|C_l|} \sum_{j \in C_l} d(i, j)$$

The silhouette score of one data point i : $s(i) = \frac{b(i) - a(i)}{\max(a(i), b(i))}$

Silhouette score of a partition = average of the $s(i)$'s.

► **Elbow method with silhouette score instead of distortion**

Distance choice

The **Euclidean distance** creates ball-shaped clusters:

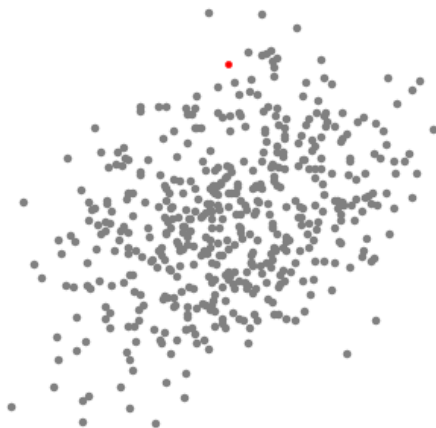
$$d_E(\mathbf{x}_i, \mu_j) = \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_j\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{p=1}^P (x_{i,p} - \mu_{j,p})^2}$$

☞ Alternative distance metrics for other shapes

- ▶ **Mahalanobis**: $d_M(\mathbf{x}_i, \mu_j) = \sqrt{(\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_j)^T \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_j)}$
- ▶ **norm-1**: $d_{L1}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mu_j) = \sum_{p=1}^P |x_{i,p} - \mu_{j,p}|$
- ▶ **Hyperbolic**: $d_H(\mathbf{x}_i, \mu_j) = \operatorname{arcosh} \left(1 + 2 \frac{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_j\|_2^2}{(1 - \|\mathbf{x}_i\|_2^2)(1 - \|\mu_j\|_2^2)} \right)$

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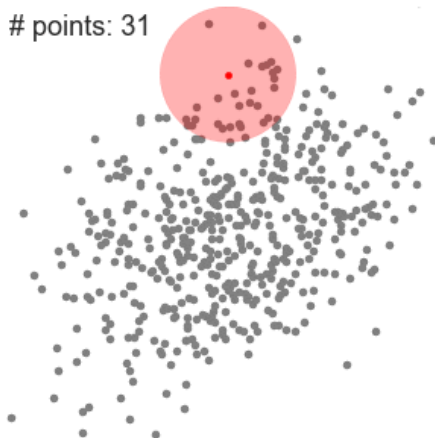
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The centroid moves towards a higher density region

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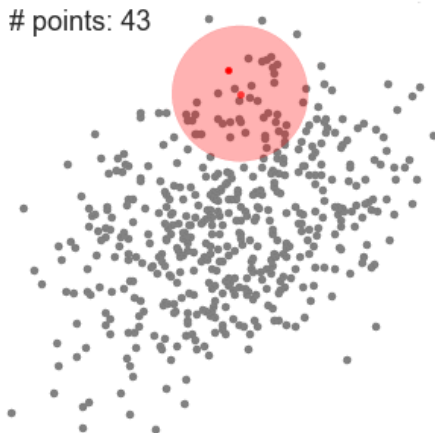
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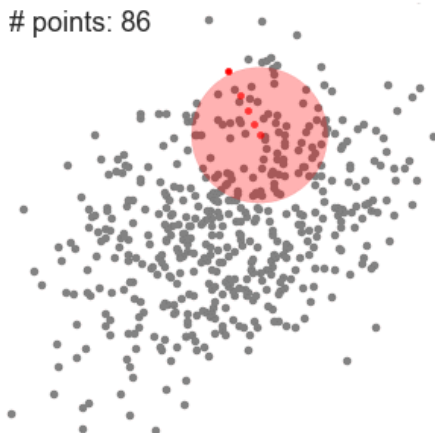
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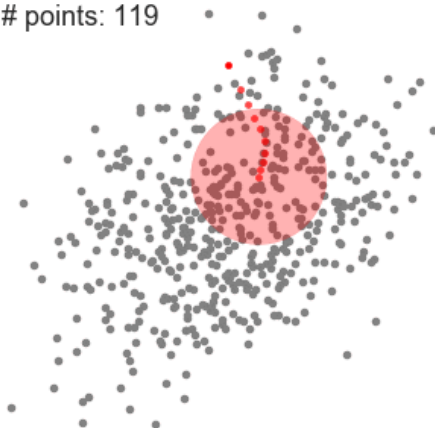


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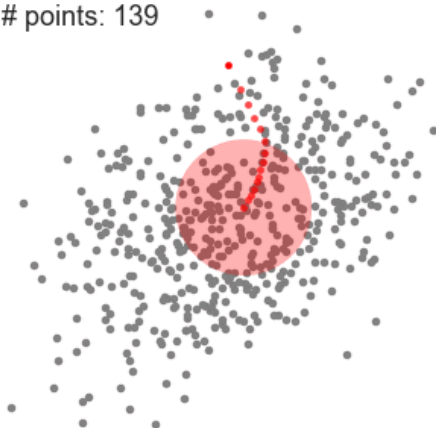


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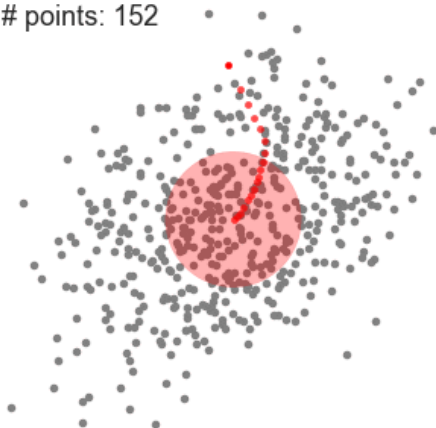


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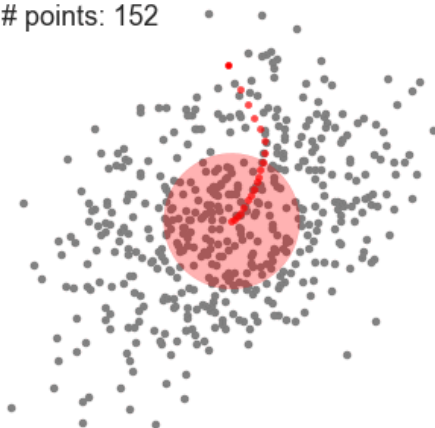


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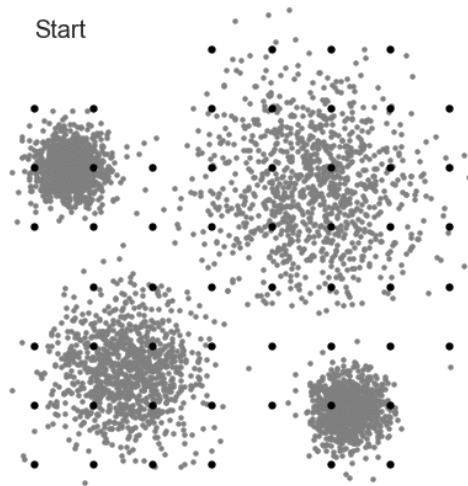
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The centroid moves towards a higher density region

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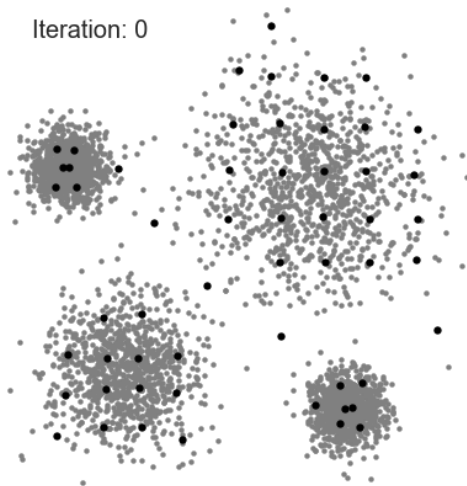
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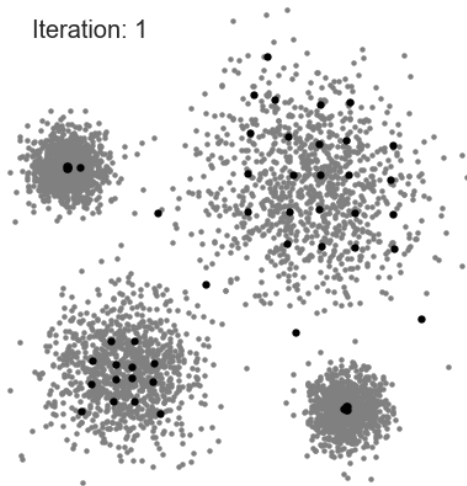
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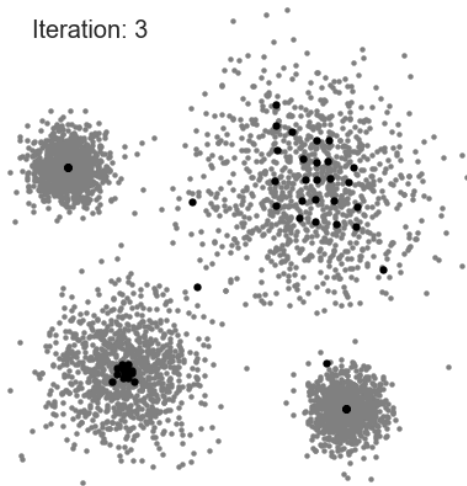
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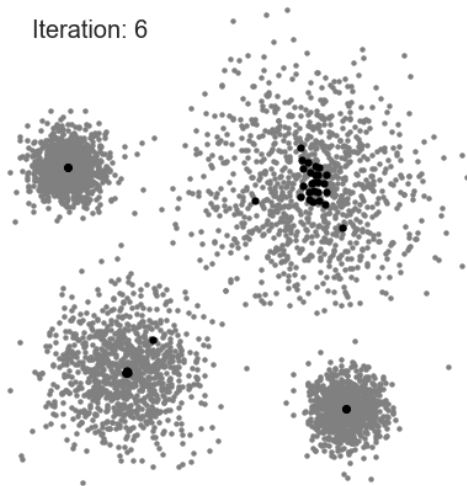
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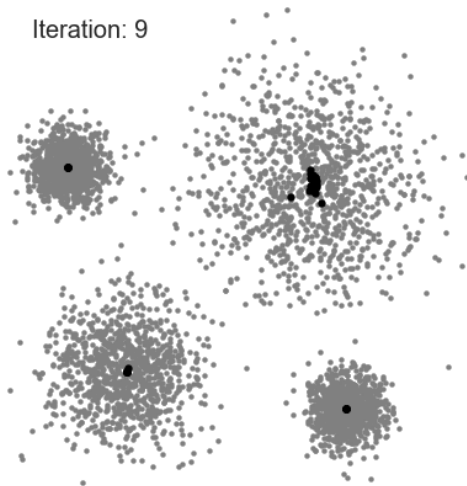
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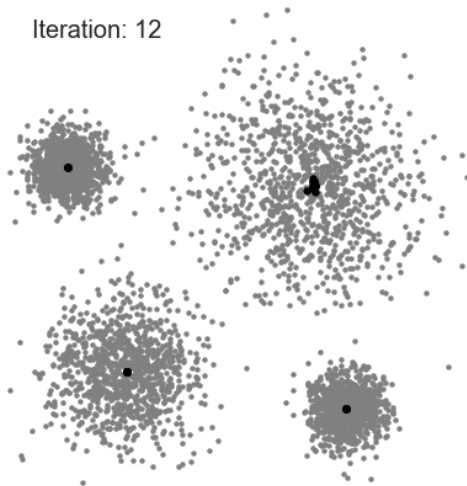
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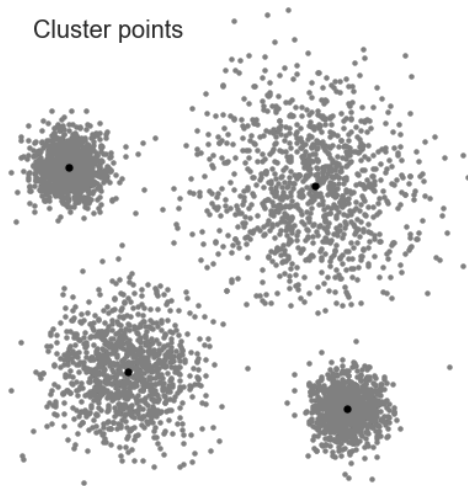
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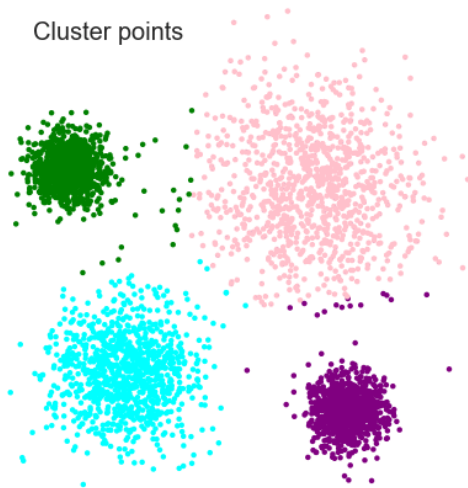
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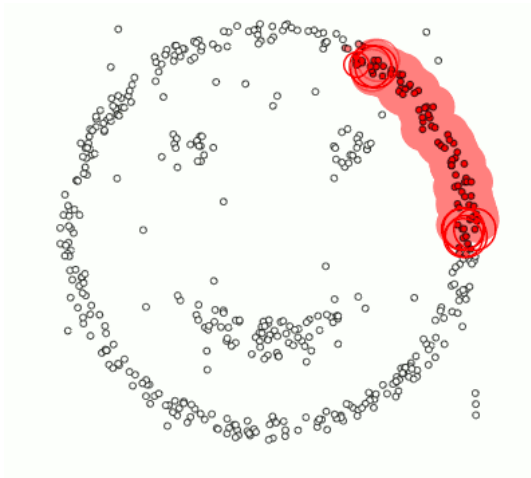
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- ▶ Start with a given (large) number of circular sliding windows centered at randomly selected centroids and having radius r .
- ▶ While True;
 - ▶ Compute k new centroids by averaging examples in each sliding windows (the centroids are shifted towards regions of higher density)
 - ▶ If centroids don't change:
 - ▶ Break
- ▶ If multiple sliding windows overlap, then only the window containing the most points is preserved.
- ▶ Each data point is assigned to the nearest centroid.

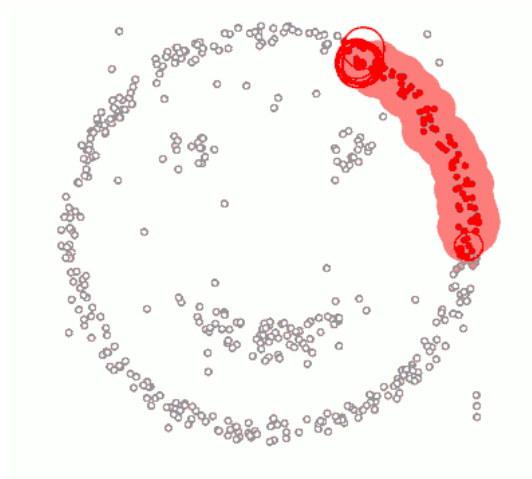
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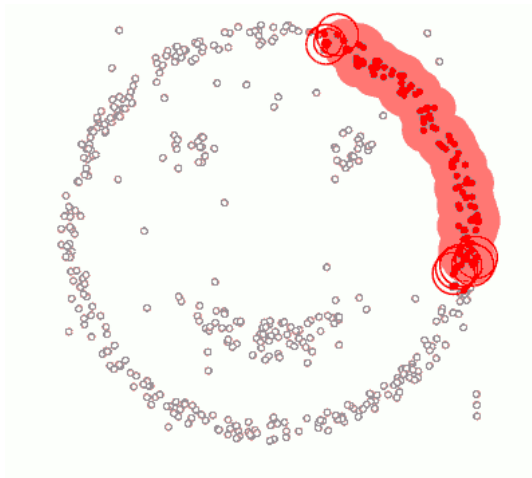
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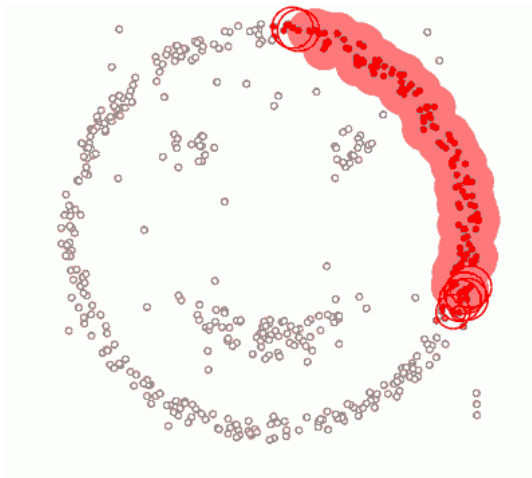
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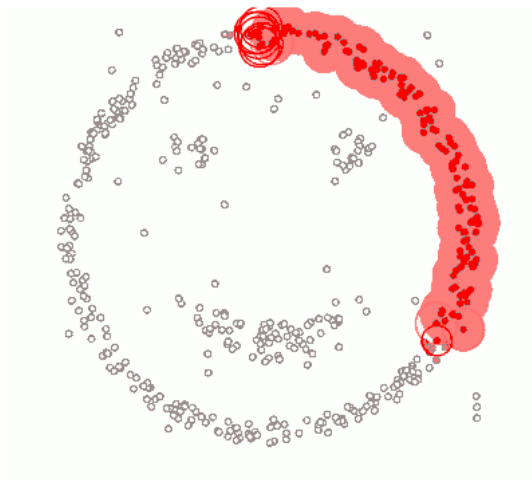
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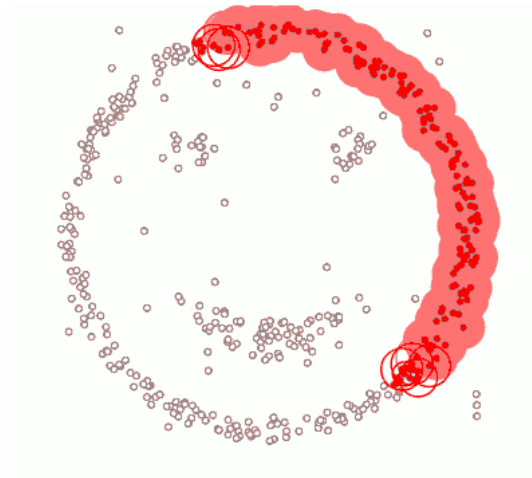
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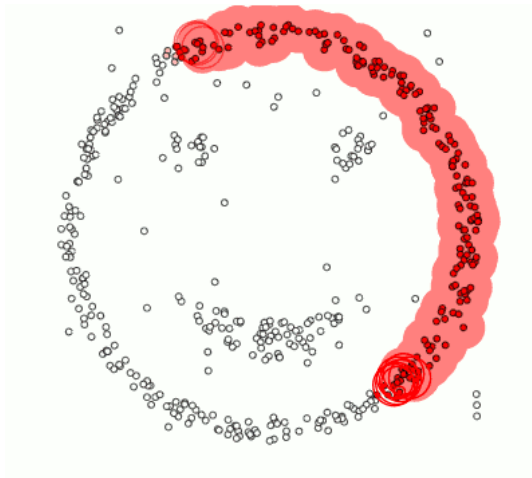
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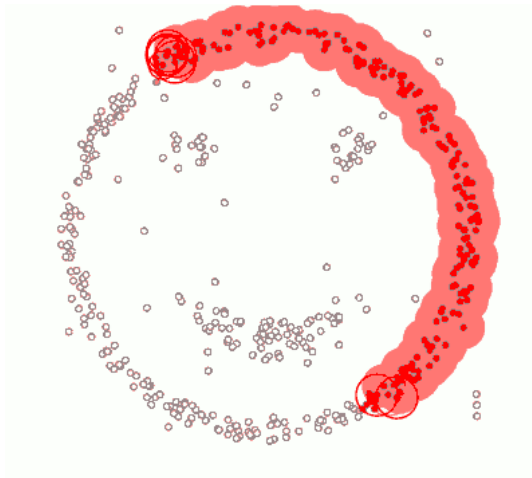
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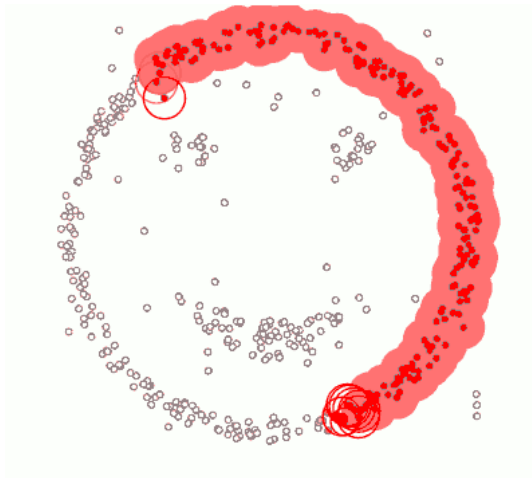
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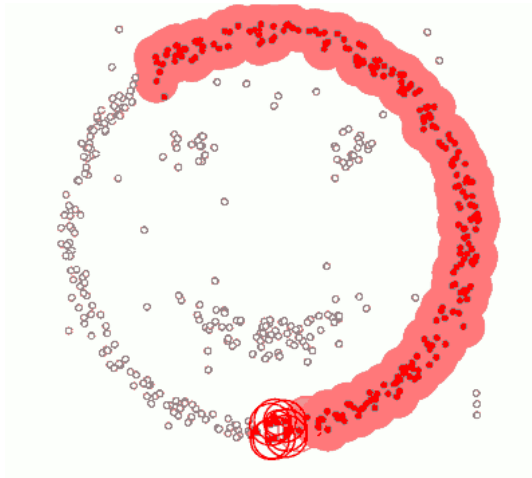
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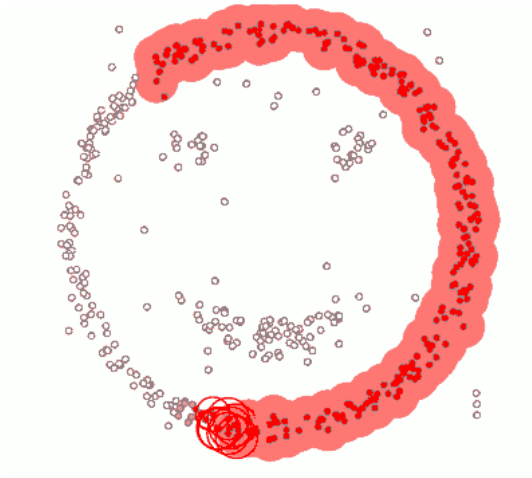
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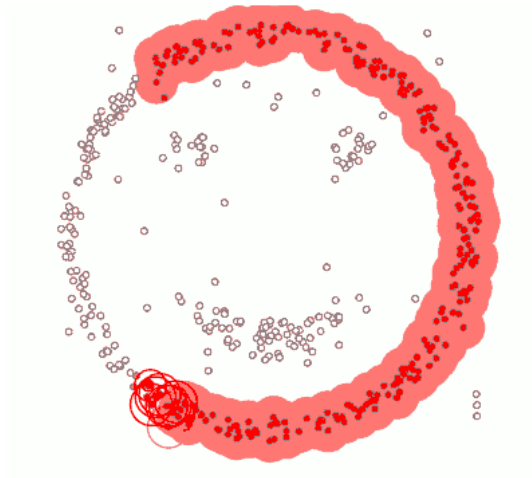
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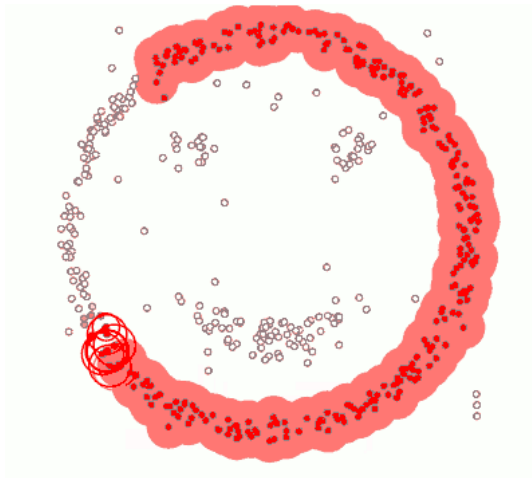
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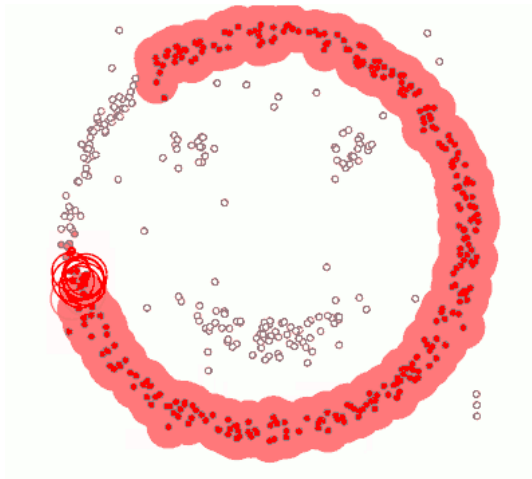
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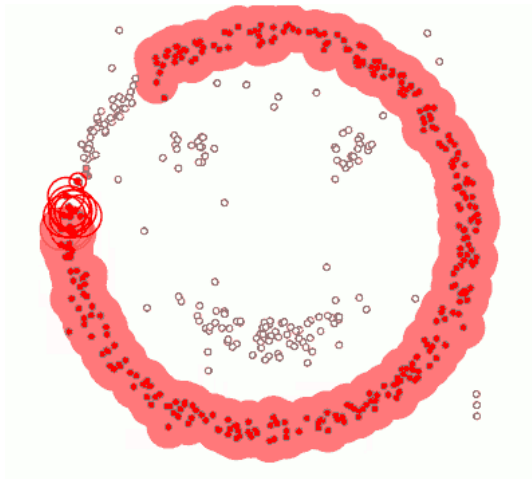
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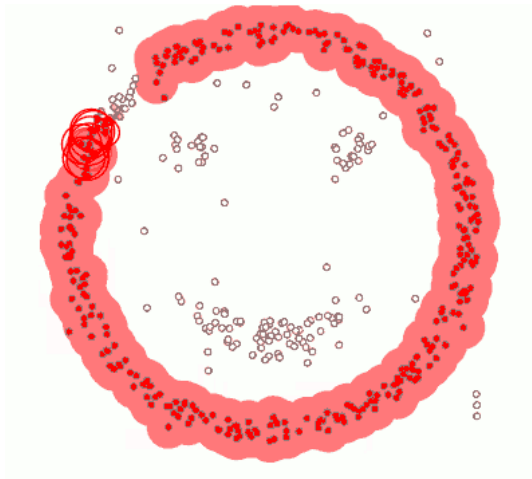
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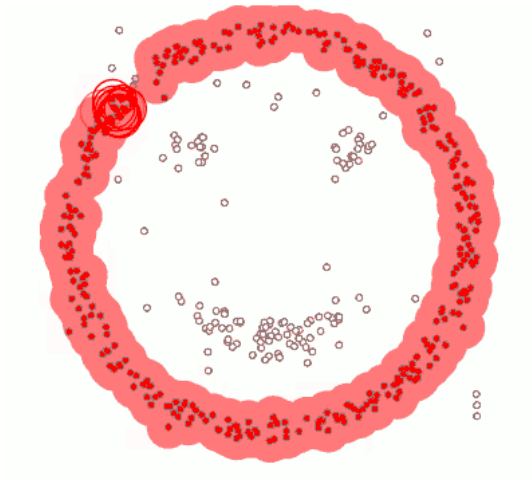
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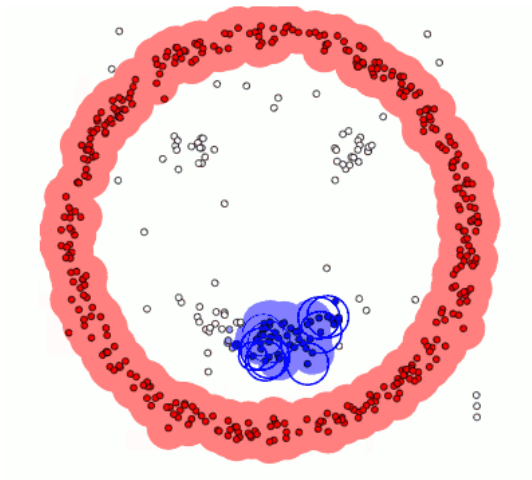
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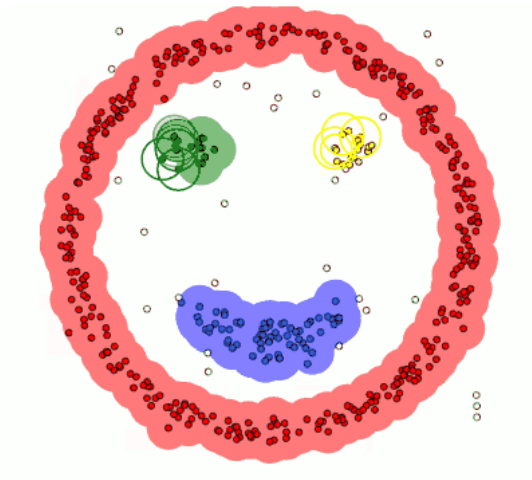
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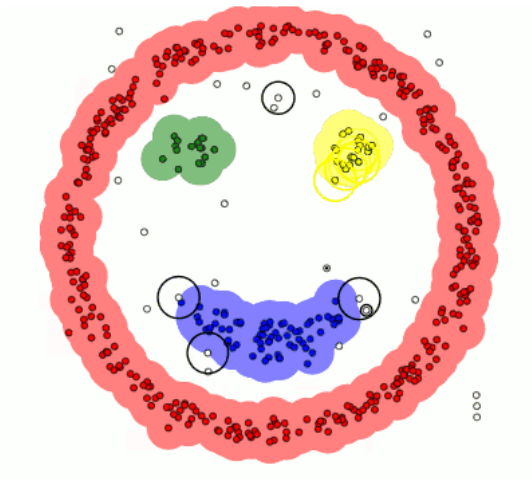
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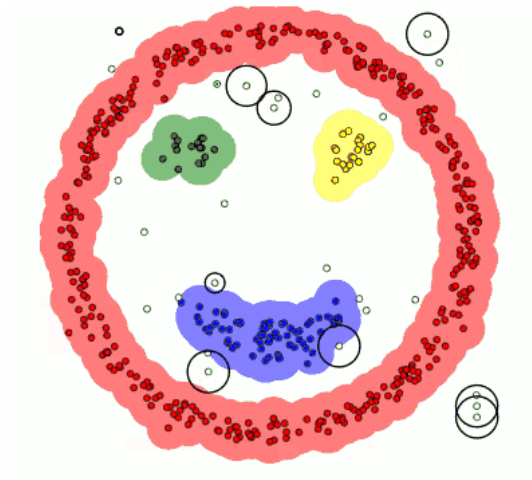
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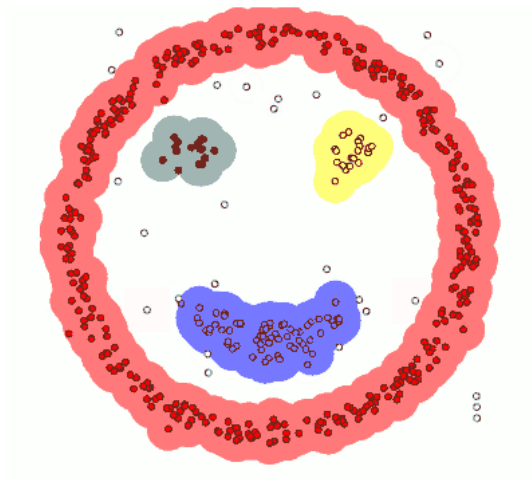
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It groups together points that are closely packed together (=points with many nearby neighbours)

2 parameters: ϵ (=radius) and *minPts*.

3 types of points: • core points, • reachable points, • outliers

- ▶ Find the points in the ϵ -neighborhood of every point, and identify the core points with more than *minPts* neighbors.
- ▶ Find the connected components of core points on the neighbor graph, ignoring all non-core points.
- ▶ Assign each non-core point to a nearby cluster if the cluster is an ϵ -neighbor (call it a border point), otherwise assign it to noise (outlier).

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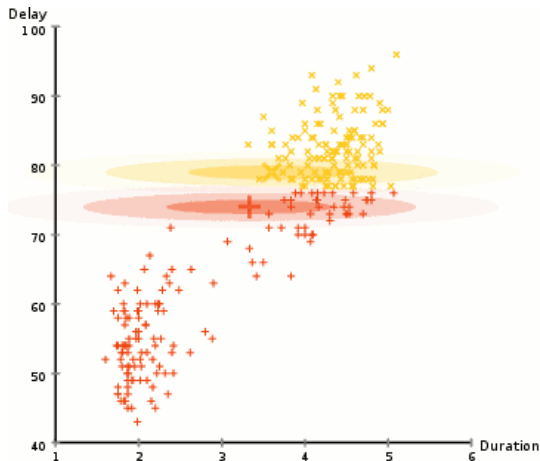
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Choosing ϵ and *minPts* ?

- ▶ The idea is that for points in a cluster, their k^{th} nearest neighbors are at roughly the same distance
- ▶ Noise points have the k^{th} nearest neighbor at farther distance
- ▶ So, plot sorted distance of every point to its k^{th} nearest neighbor

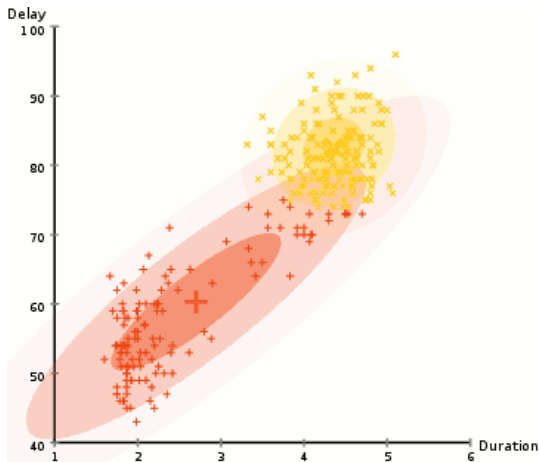
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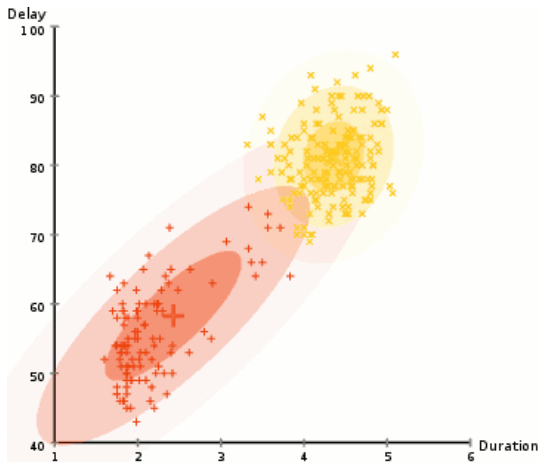
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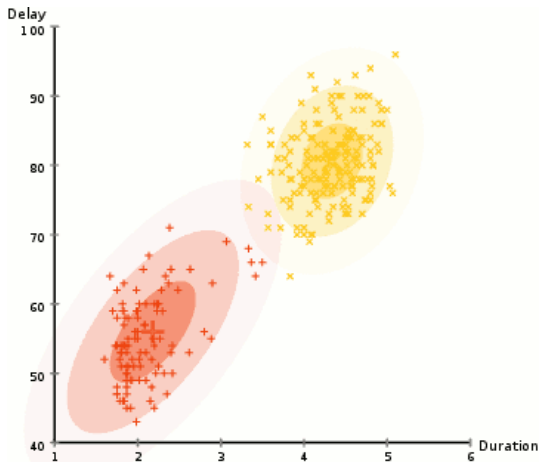
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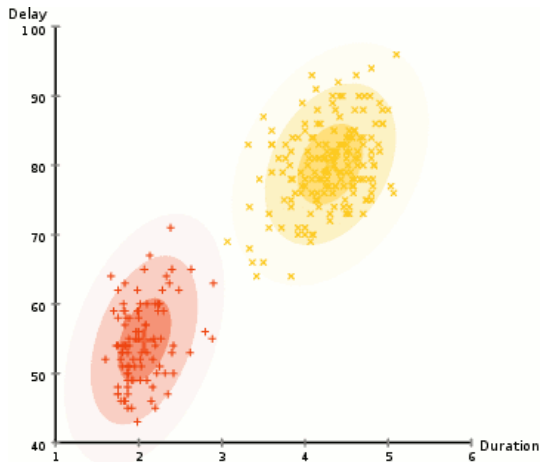
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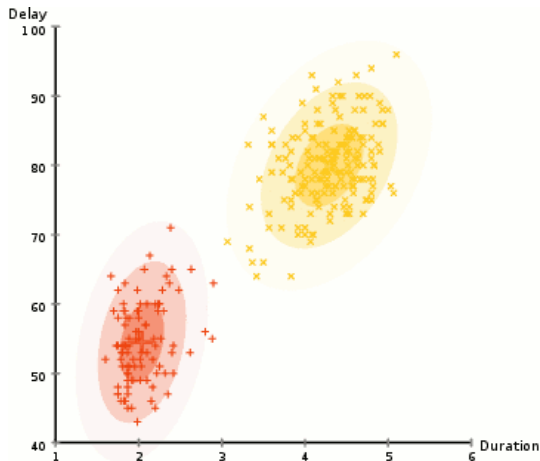
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- ▶ Model: K gaussians (e.g. in one-dimension/feature):

- ▶ $p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \Phi_k N(x|\mu_k, \sigma_k)$

- ▶ $N(x|\mu_k, \sigma_k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_k} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu_k)^2}{2\sigma_k^2}\right)$

- ▶ $\sum_{k=1}^K \Phi_k = 1$

- ▶ Want to maximize likelihood $\prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i)$

- ▶ Chicken and egg problem:

- ▶ need $(\Phi_k, \mu_k, \sigma_k)$ for all k to guess source of points
- ▶ need to know source to estimate $(\Phi_k, \mu_k, \sigma_k)$

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Expectation-Maximization algorithm:

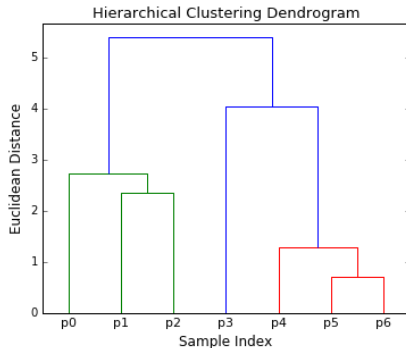
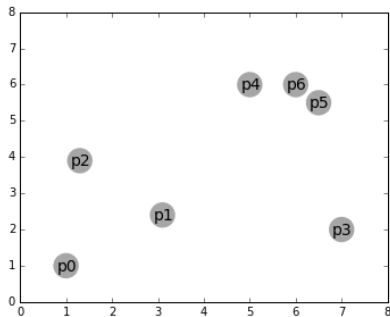
- ▶ start with randomly placed Gaussians $(\Phi_k, \mu_k, \sigma_k)$
- ▶ (E-step) for each i, k compute $\gamma_{i,k} \sim$ did x_i came from k ?
- ▶ (M-step) adjust $(\Phi_k, \mu_k, \sigma_k)$ to fit points assigned to them
- ▶ iterate until convergence

$$\gamma_{i,k} = \frac{\Phi_k \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu_k, \sigma_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^K \Phi_k \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu_k, \sigma_k)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_k &= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\gamma_{i,k}}{N} \\ \mu_k &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{i,k} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{i,k}} \\ \sigma_k^2 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{i,k} (x_i - \mu_k)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{i,k}} \end{aligned}$$

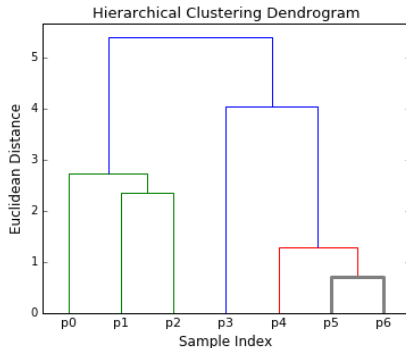
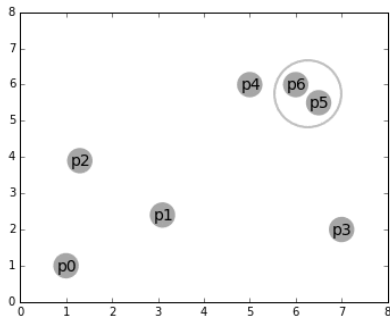
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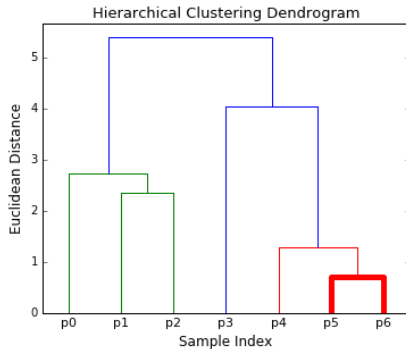
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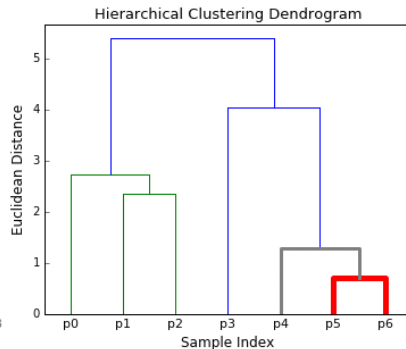
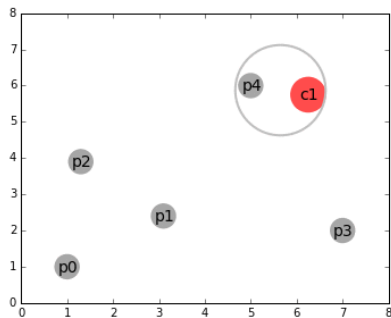
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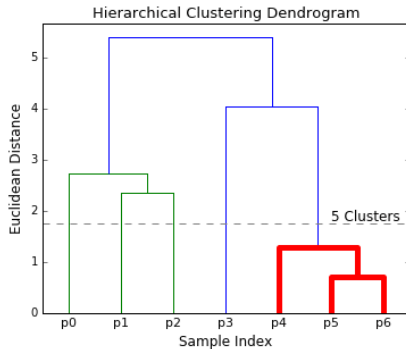
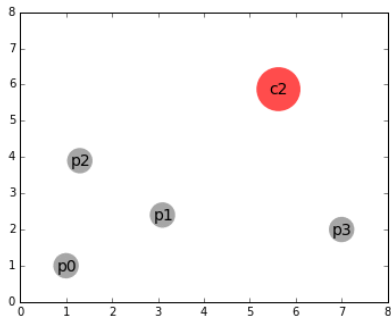
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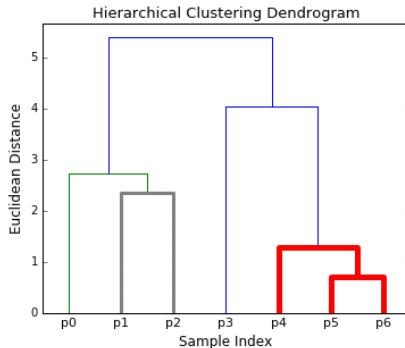
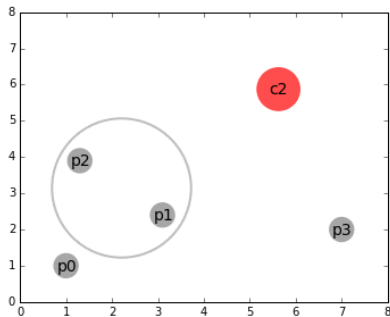
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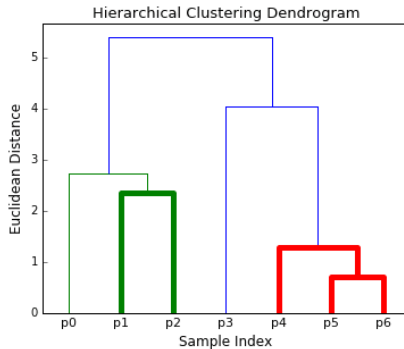
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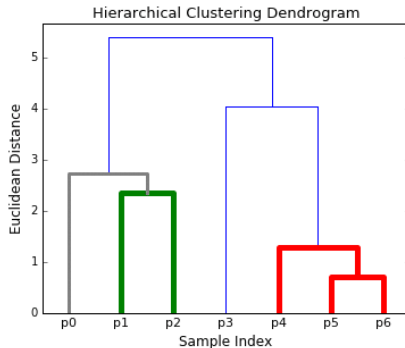
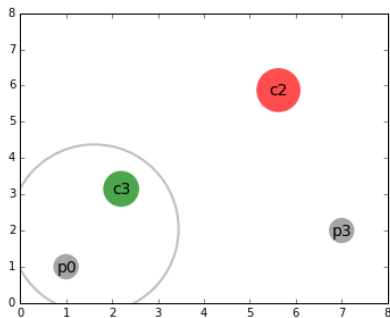
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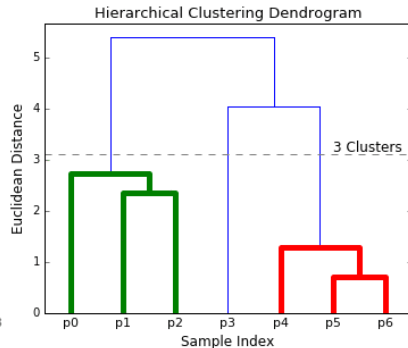
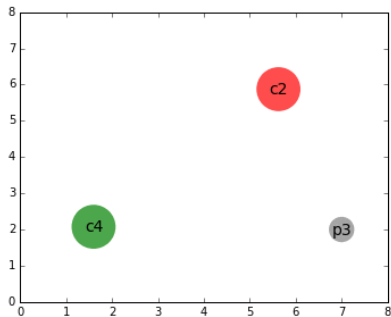
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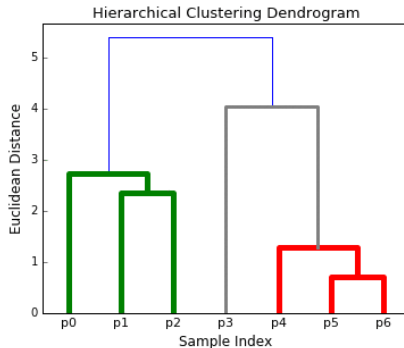
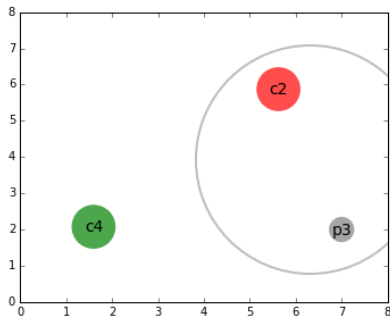
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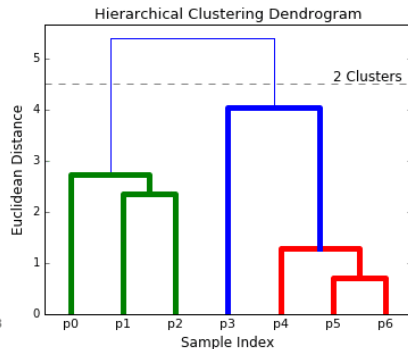
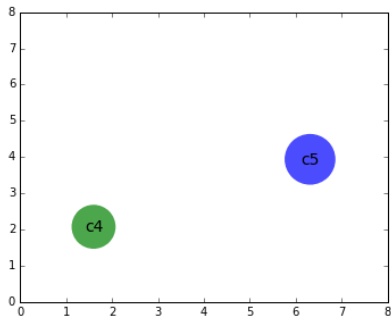
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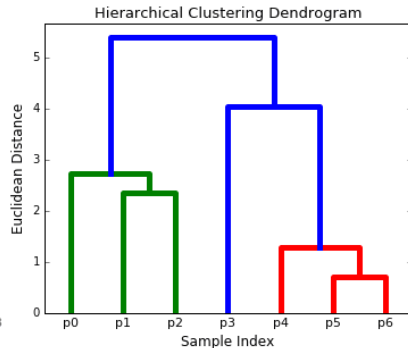
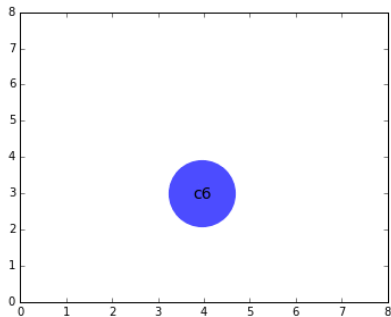
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Hierarchical clustering

Two types of hierarchical clustering:

1. **Agglomerative.** This is a "bottom-up" approach: each observation starts in its own cluster, and pairs of clusters are merged as one moves up the hierarchy.
2. **Divisive.** This is a "top-down" approach: all observations start in one cluster, and splits are performed recursively as one moves down the hierarchy.

Aglomerative hierarchical clustering

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- ▶ Maximum (or complete) linkage clustering:

$$d(A, B) = \max\{d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$$

- ▶ Minimum (or single) linkage clustering:

$$d(A, B) = \min\{d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$$

- ▶ Average linkage clustering:

$$d(A, B) = \frac{1}{|A| \cdot |B|} \sum_{a \in A} \sum_{b \in B} d(a, b)$$

Validation

- ▶ For supervised classification we have a variety of measures to evaluate how good our model is: Accuracy, precision, recall
- ▶ For clustering, the analogous question is how to evaluate the “goodness” of the resulting clusters?
- ▶ “Clusters are in the eye of the beholder”!
- ▶ We still want some tools:
 - ▶ To avoid finding patterns in noise
 - ▶ To compare clustering algorithms
 - ▶ To compare two sets of clusters
 - ▶ To compare two clusters

Validation

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Two types of numerical measures to judge cluster validity:

1. Internal Index: Used to measure the goodness of a clustering structure without respect to external information. (e.g. distortion, silhouette score)
2. External Index: Used to measure the extent to which cluster labels match externally supplied class labels. (e.g. Entropy, Adjusted Rand Index)

Entropy

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1. Given a discrete random variable X with possible value $\{1, \dots, n\}$, entropy is defined as

$$H(X) = - \sum_{i=1}^n P(X = i) \log_2(P(X = i))$$

2. Entropy measures how uncertain is an event, the larger the entropy the more uncertain is the event.

Validation: External Index

Table 5.9. K-means Clustering Results for LA Document Data Set

Cluster	Entertainment	Financial	Foreign	Metro	National	Sports	Entropy	Purity
1	3	5	40	506	96	27	1.2270	0.7474
2	4	7	280	29	39	2	1.1472	0.7756
3	1	1	1	7	4	671	0.1813	0.9796
4	10	162	3	119	73	2	1.7487	0.4390
5	331	22	5	70	13	23	1.3976	0.7134
6	5	358	12	212	48	13	1.5523	0.5525
Total	354	555	341	943	273	738	1.1450	0.7203

m_j = size of cluster j , m = number of documents

p_{ij} = probability that a random document of cluster j belongs to topic i .

For example, $p_{13} = 1/685$.

- Entropy of a cluster:

$$e_j = - \sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij} \log_2(p_{ij})$$

- Entropy of a clustering: $\sum_j \frac{m_j}{m} e_j$

- Purity of a cluster:

$$purity_j = \max_i(p_{ij})$$

- Purity of a clustering:

$$\sum_j \frac{m_j}{m} purity_j$$