

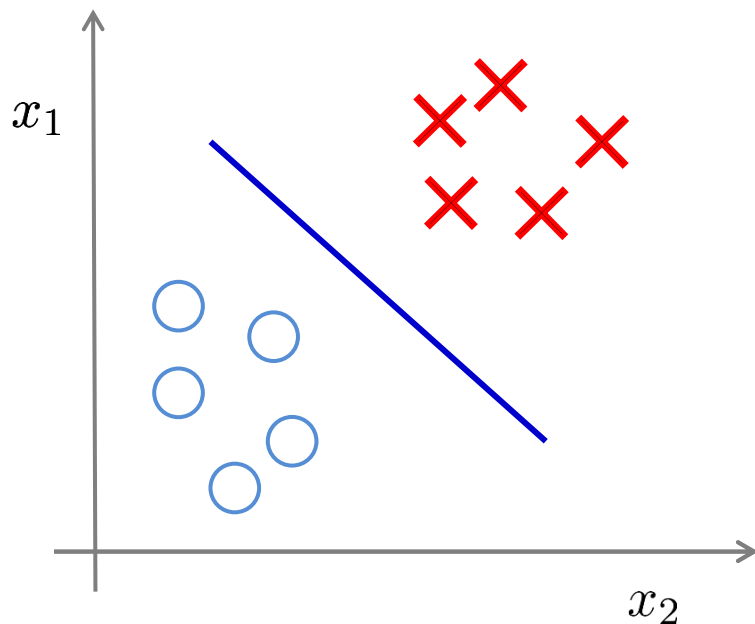
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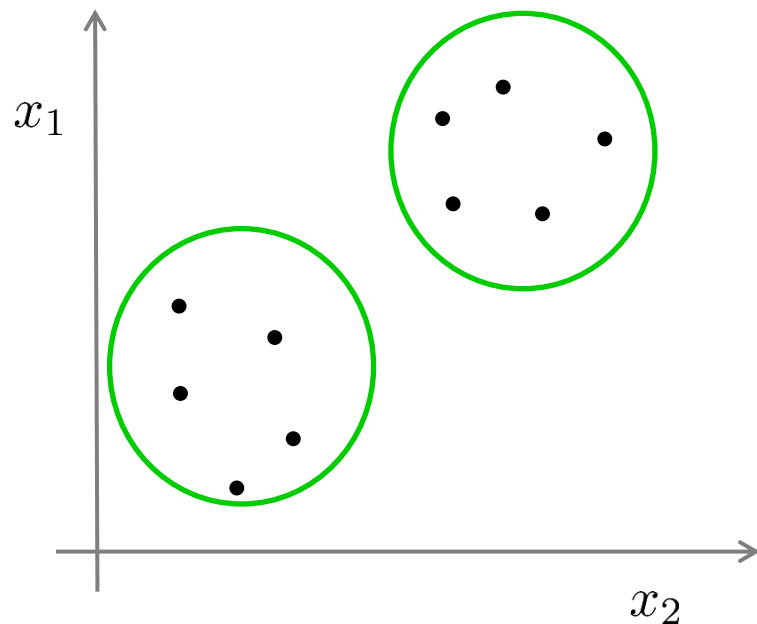
Unsupervised learning  
introduction

# Supervised learning



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

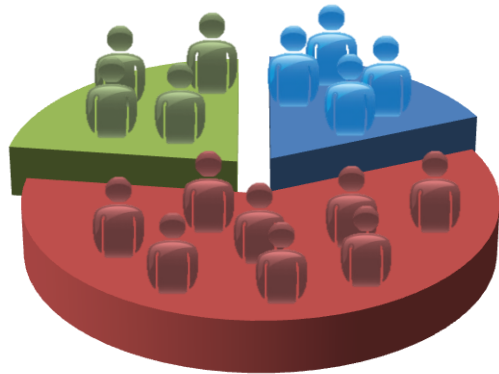
# Unsupervised learning



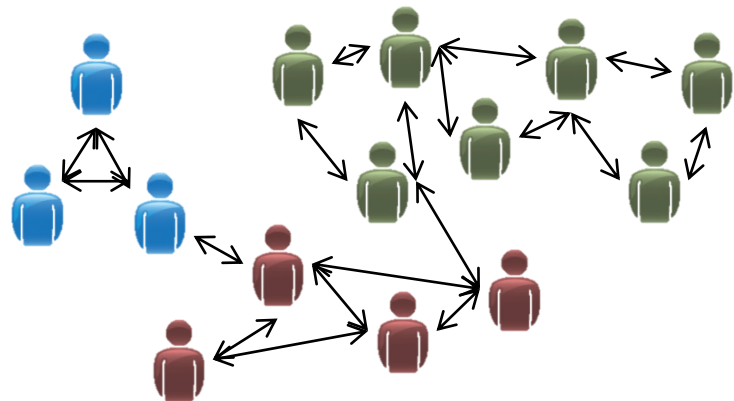
Clustering algorithm

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

# Applications of clustering



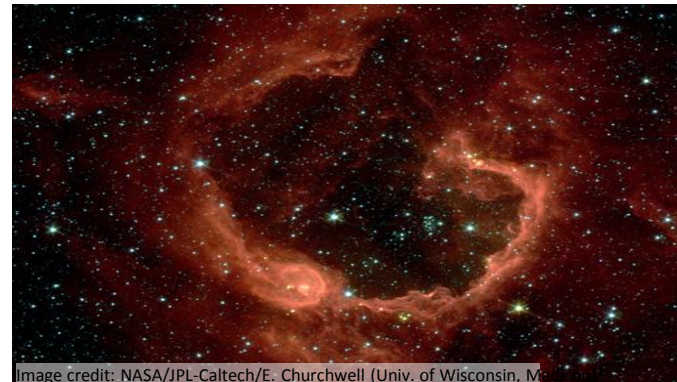
Market segmentation



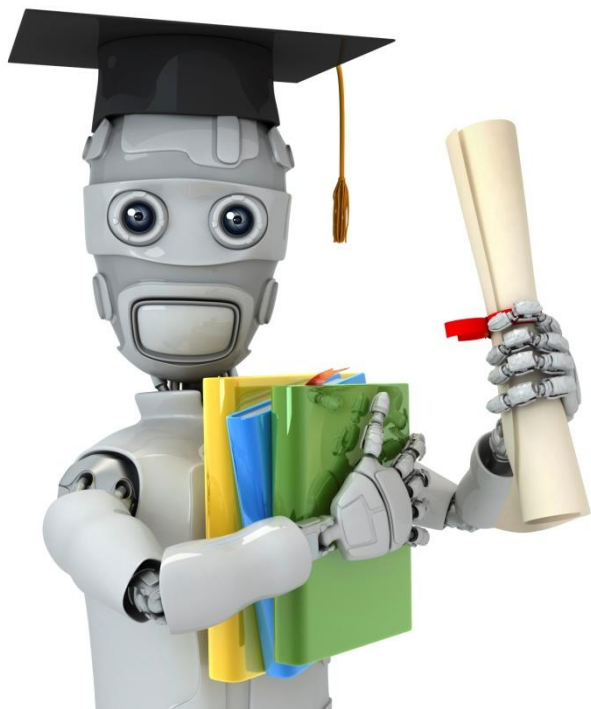
Social network analysis



Organize computing clusters



Astronomical data analysis

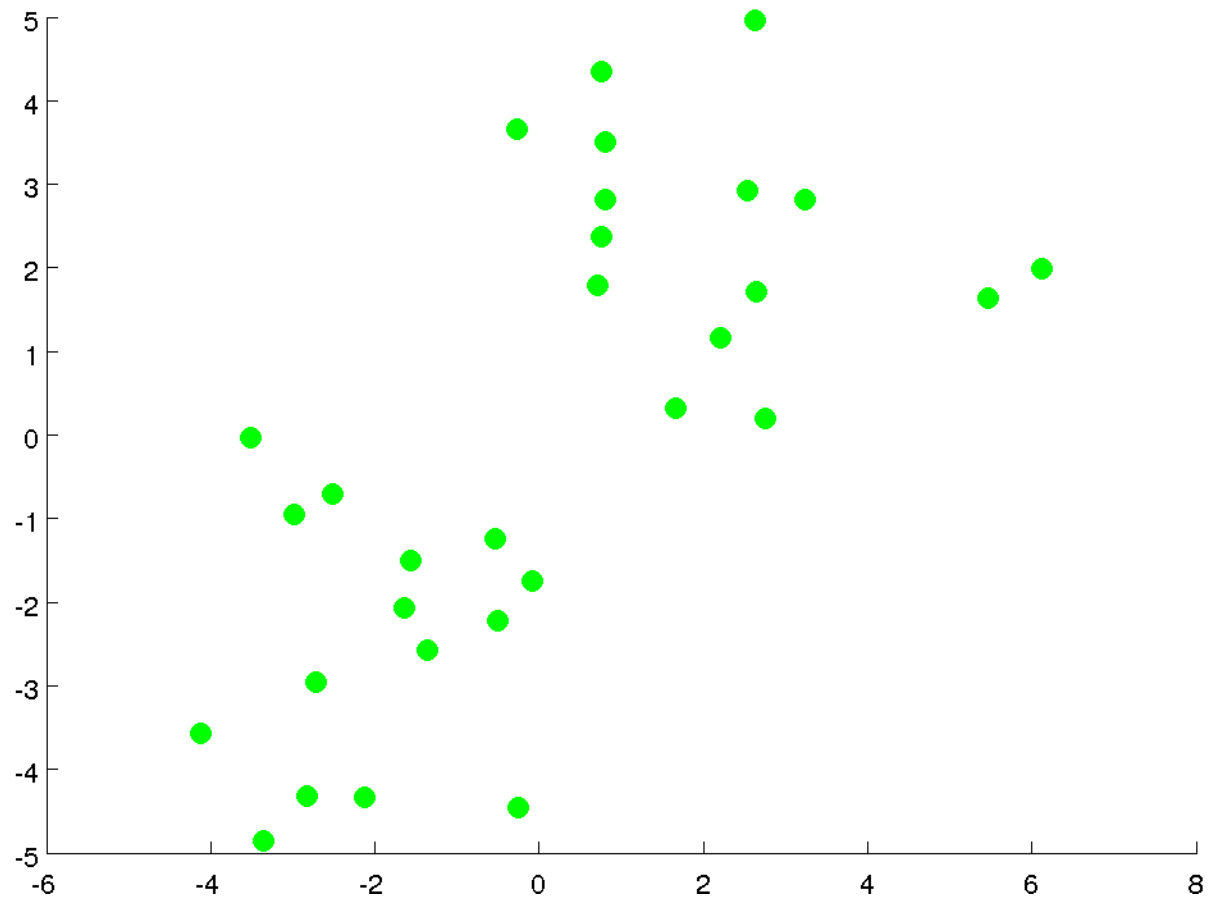


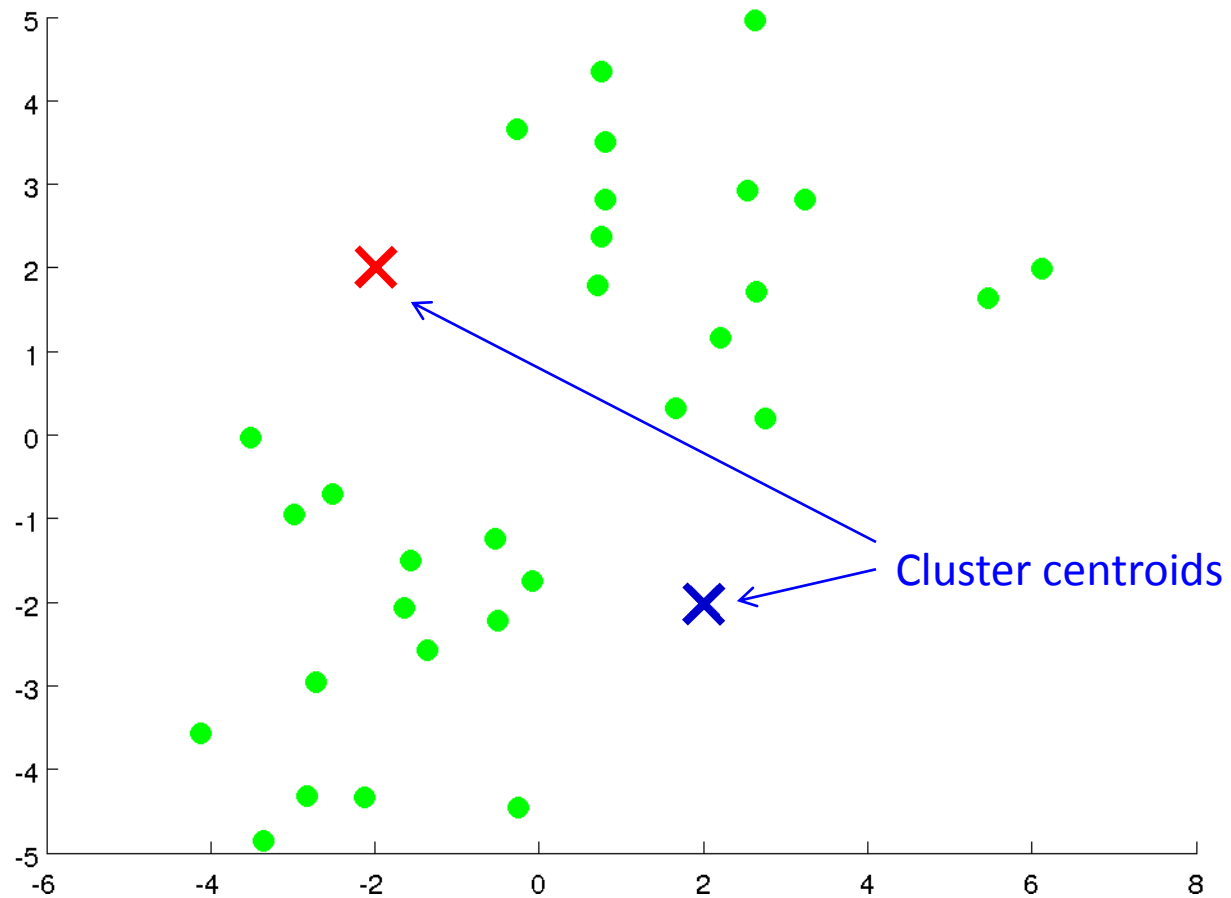
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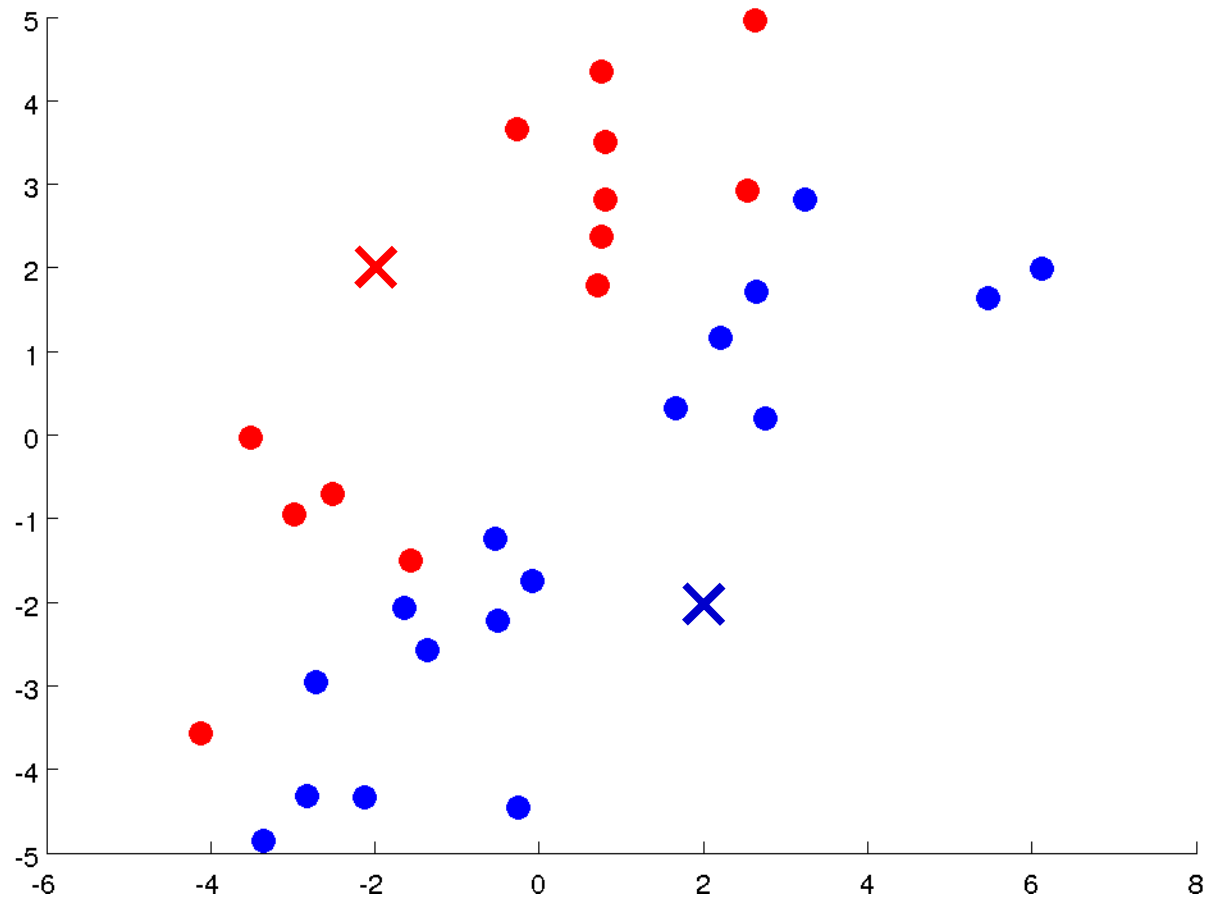
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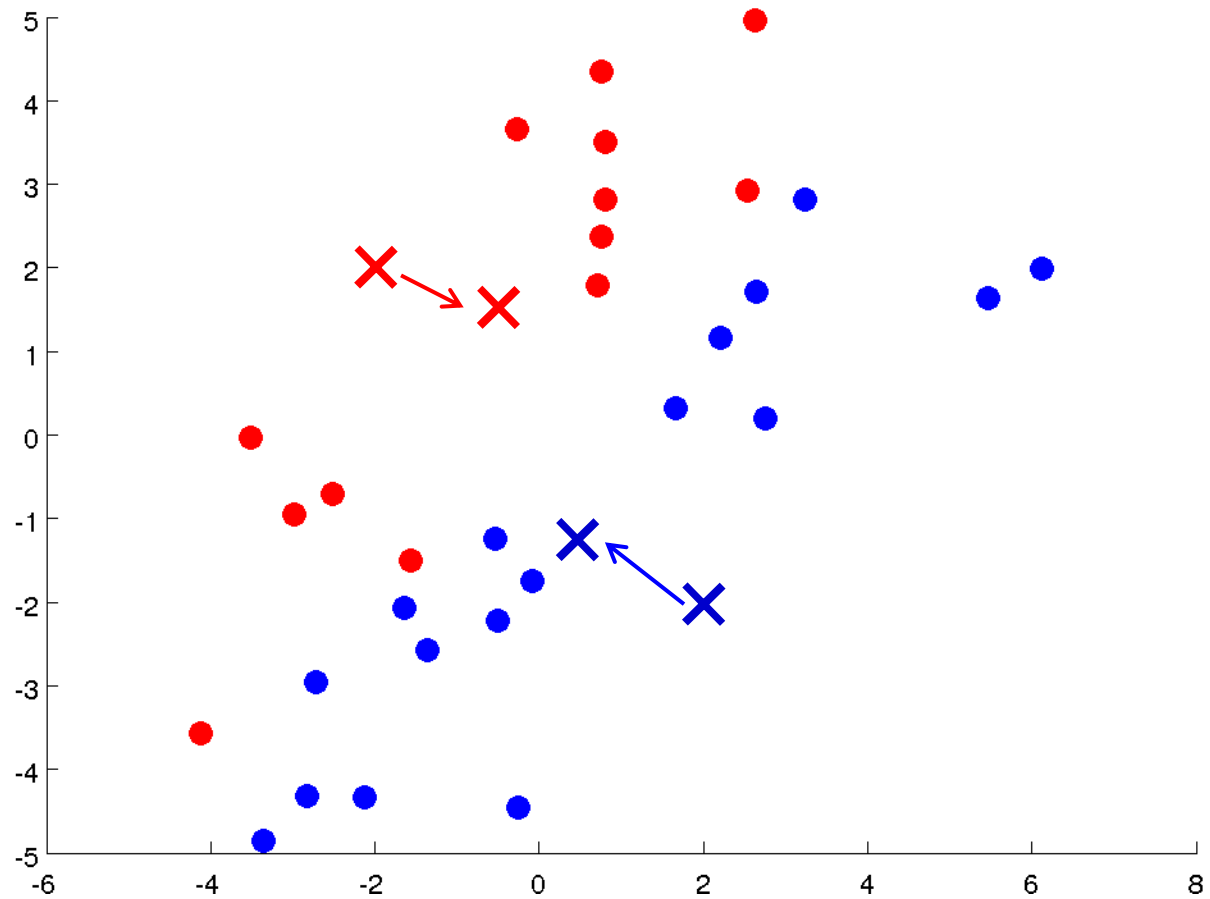
## K-means algorithm

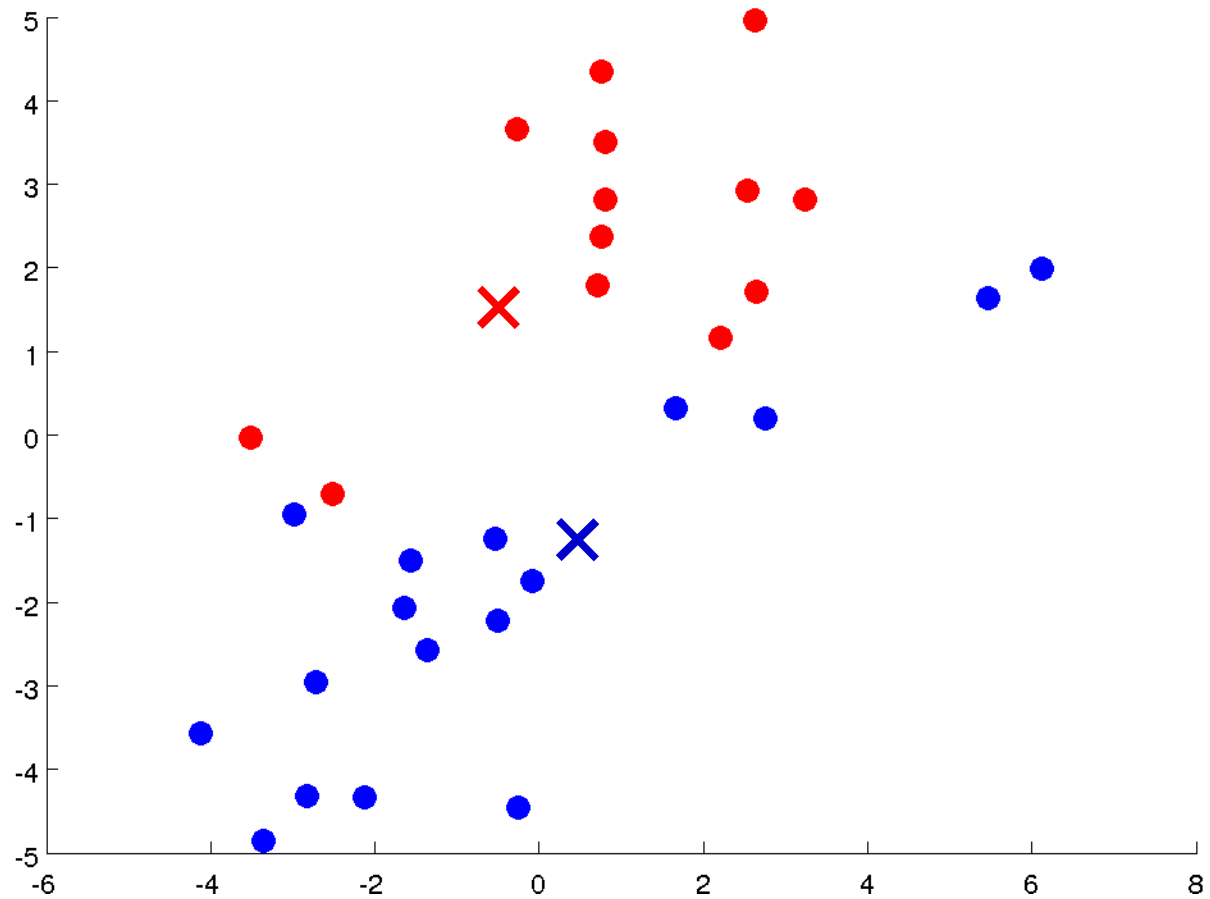


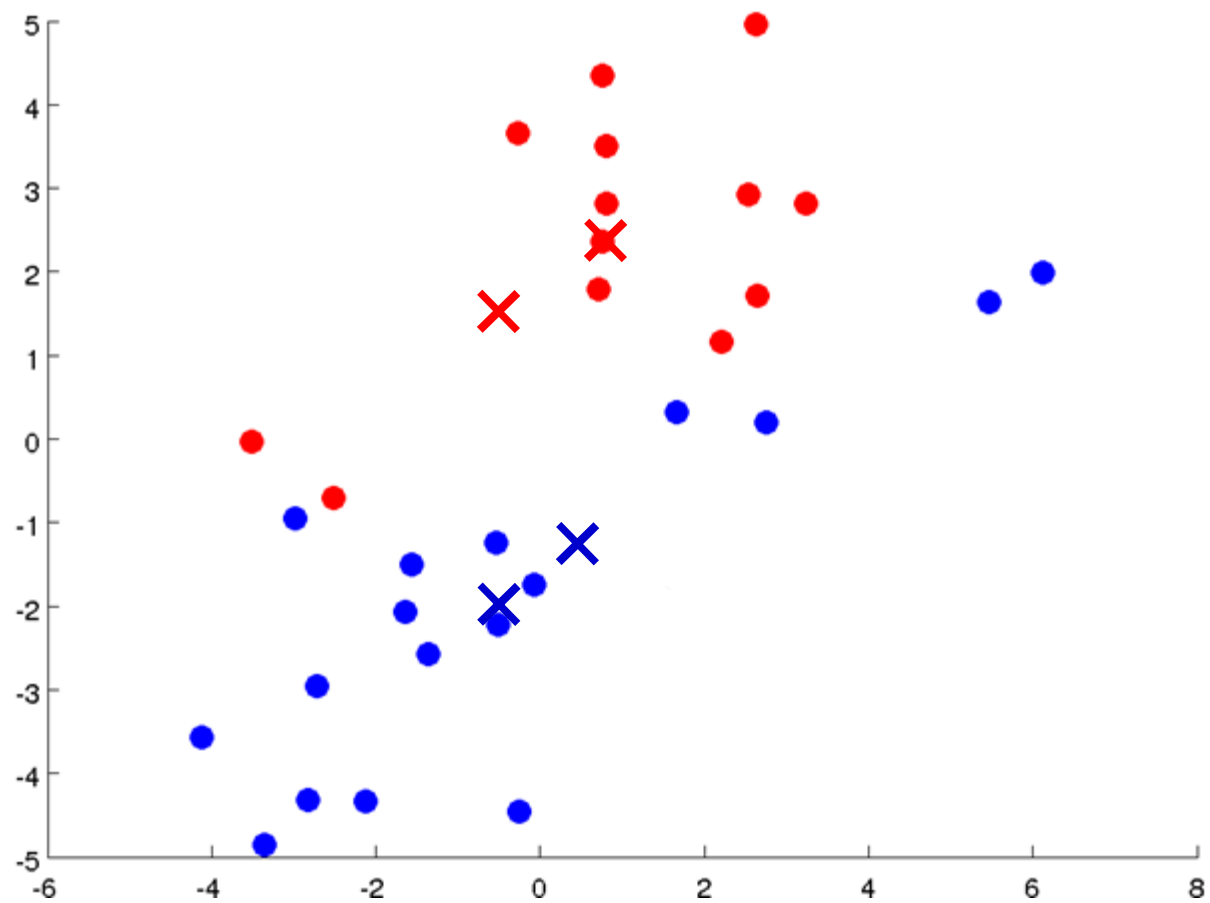


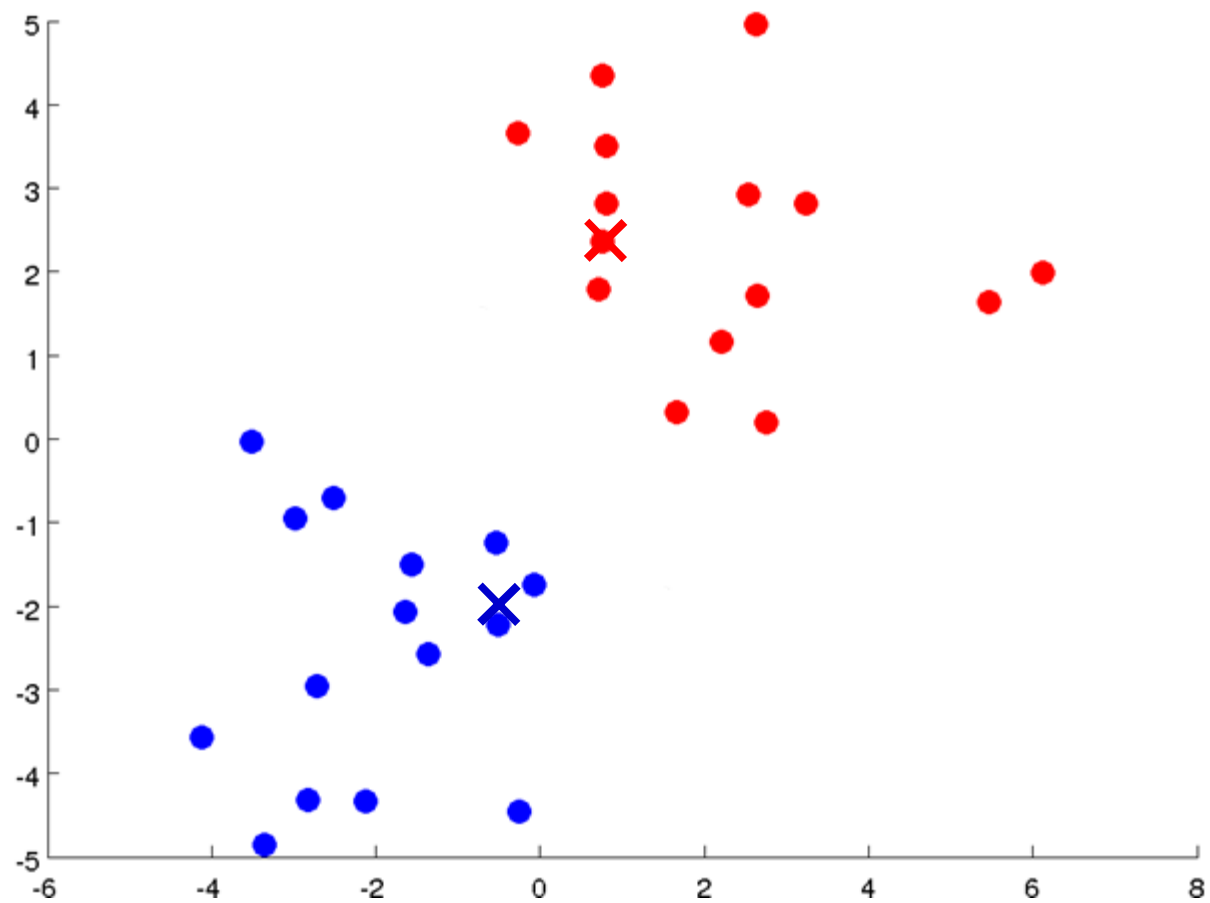


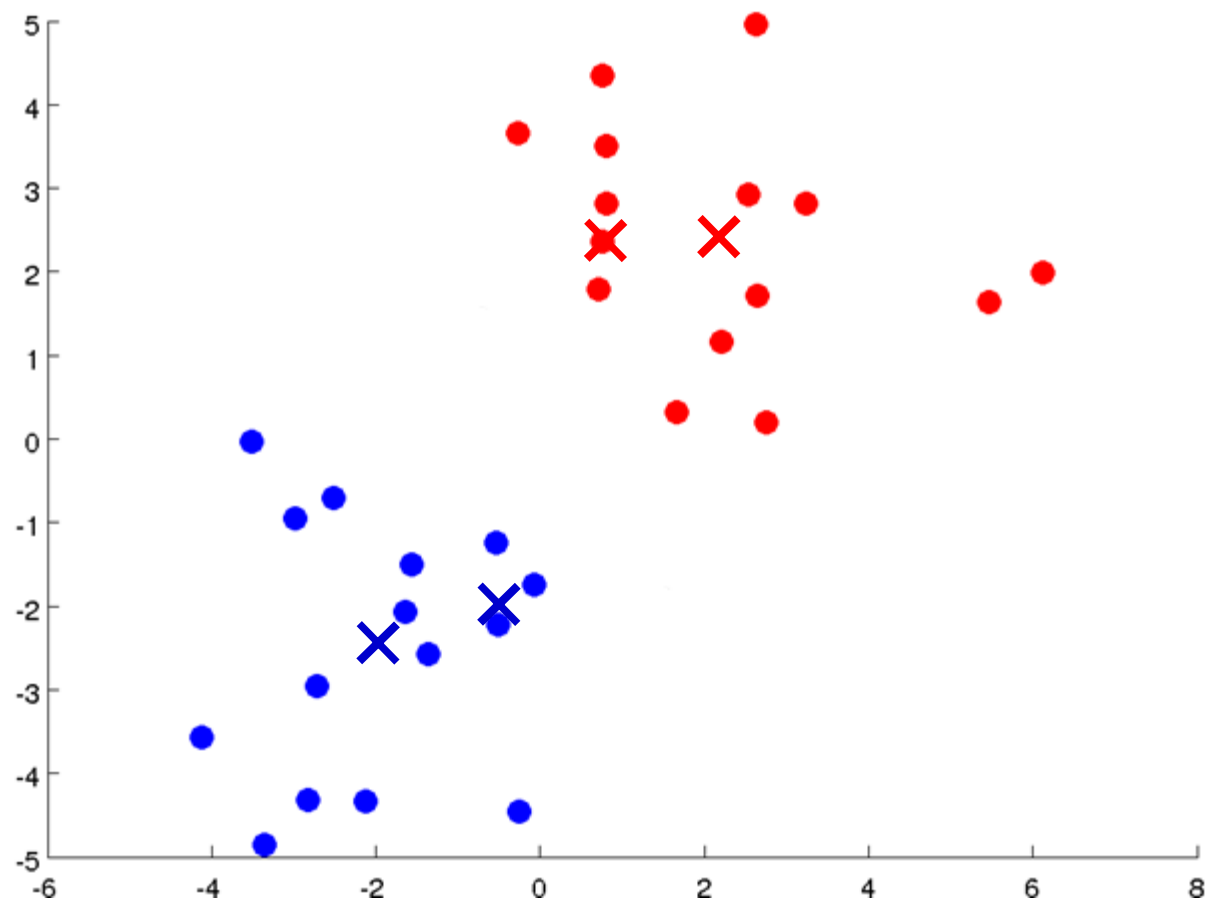


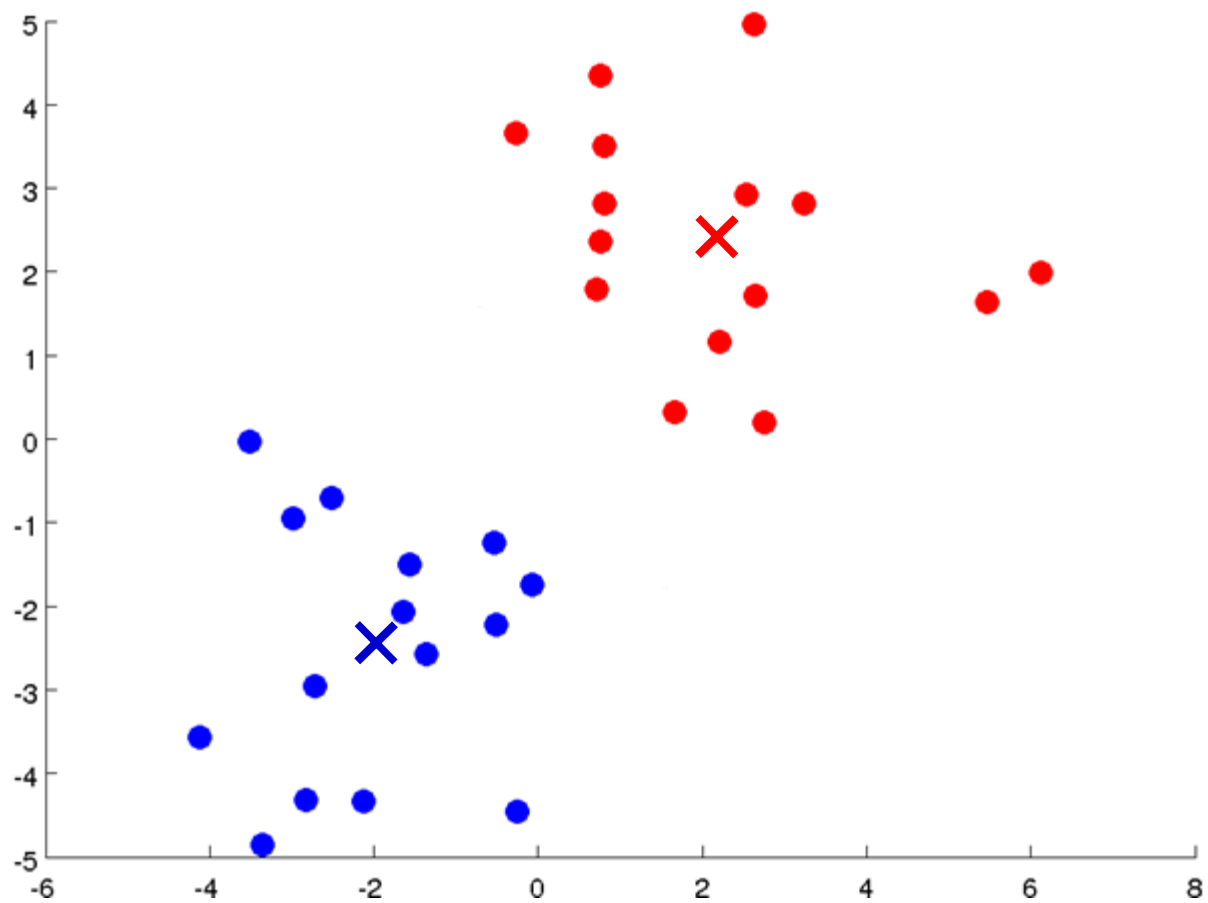












# K-means algorithm

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

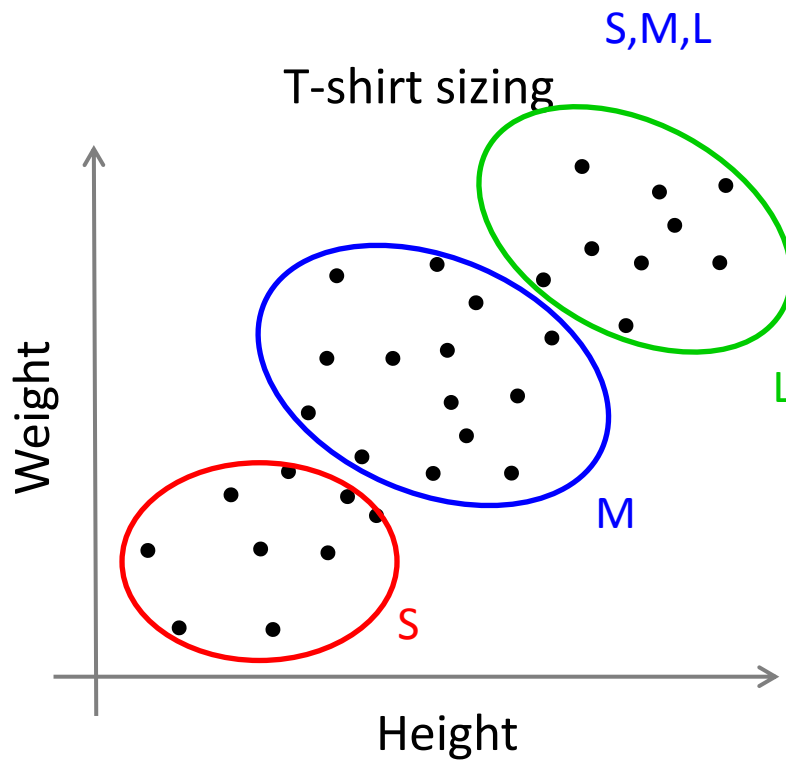
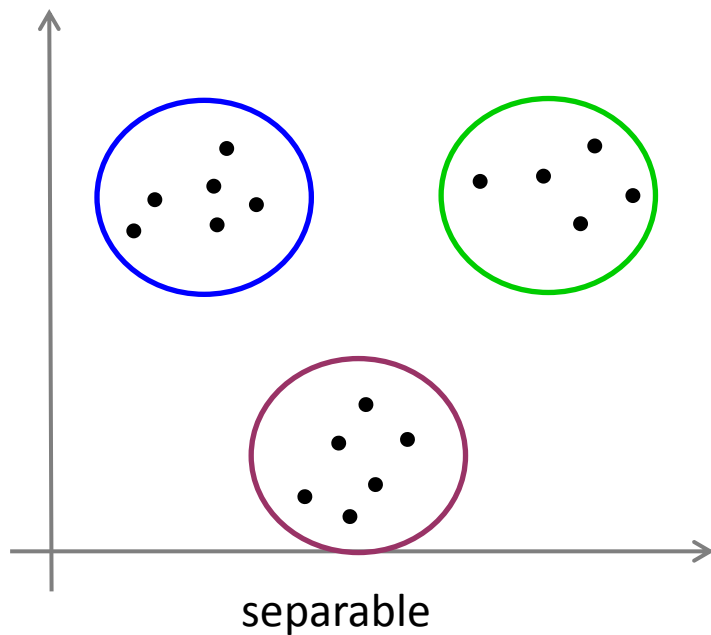
Move centroids step {

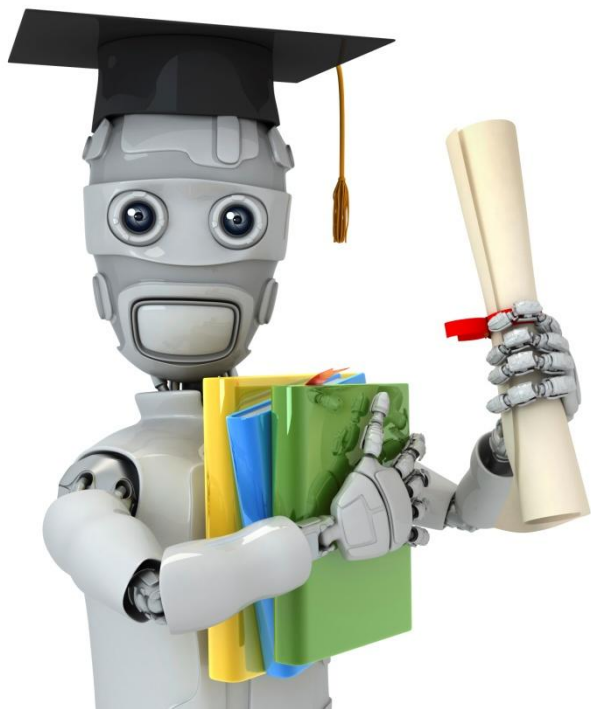
- for  $k = 1$  to  $K$
- $\mu_k :=$  average (mean) of points assigned to cluster  $k$

}



# K-means for non-separated clusters





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# Optimization objective

## K-means optimization objective

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

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

$\mu_{c^{(i)}}$  = cluster centroid of cluster to which example  $x^{(i)}$  has been assigned  
 $x^{(i)} \rightarrow 5 \quad c^{(i)} = 5 \quad \mu_{c^{(i)}} = \mu_5$

Optimization objective:

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

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

# K-means algorithm

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

Minimize  $J(\dots)$  w.r.t  $c^{(1)}, c^{(2)}, \dots, c^{(k)}$

Repeat {                      Cluster assignment step                      (*holding  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k$  fixed*)

for  $i = 1$  to  $m$

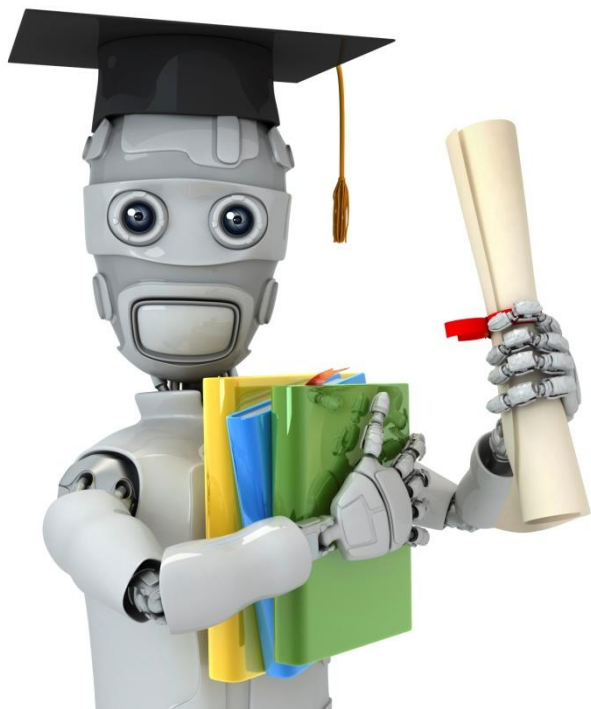
$c^{(i)}$  := index (from 1 to  $K$ ) of cluster centroid closest to  $x^{(i)}$

**for  $k = 1$  to  $K$** 
$$\mu_k := \text{average (mean) of points assigned to cluster } k$$

}

## Move centroids step

Move centroids step      *Minimize*  $J(\dots)$  w.r.t  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k$



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# 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  $k$

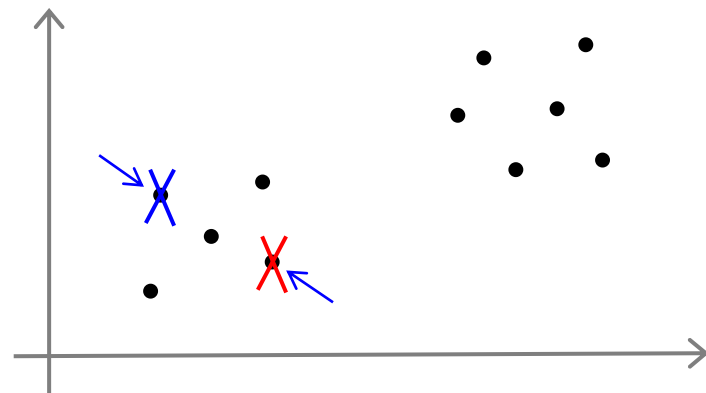
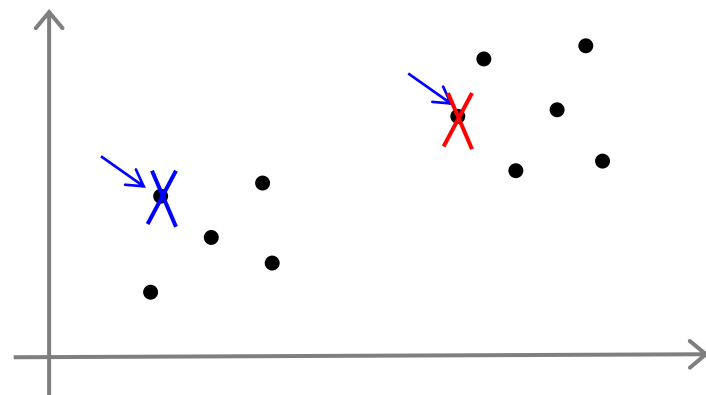
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# Random initialization

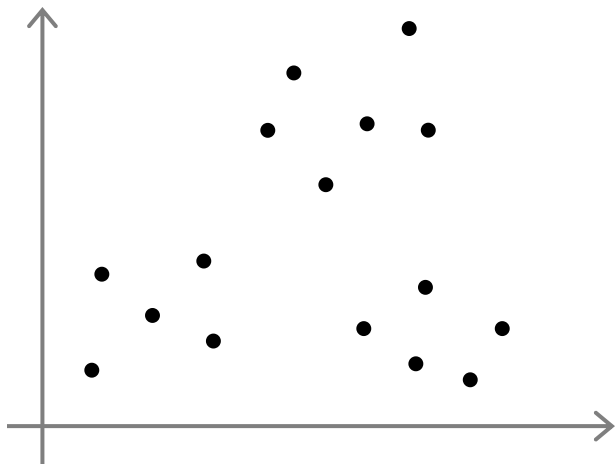
Should have  $K < m$  Example:  
 $K=2$

Randomly pick  $K$  training examples.

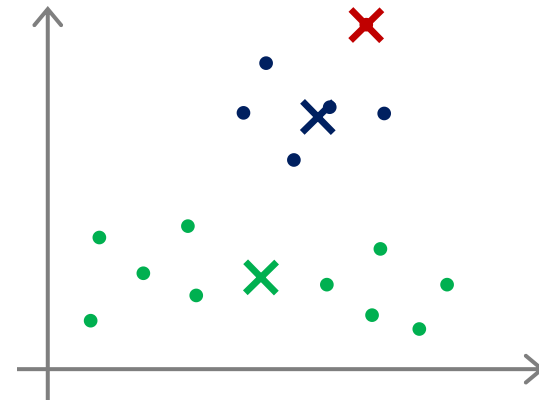
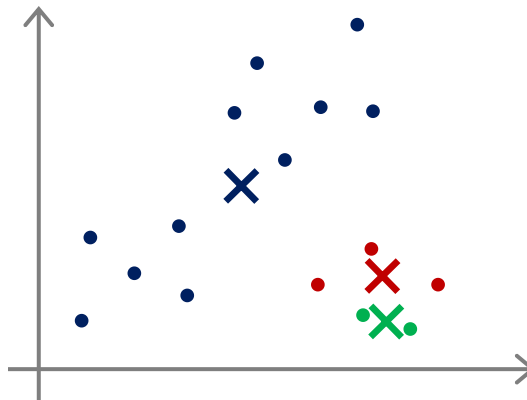
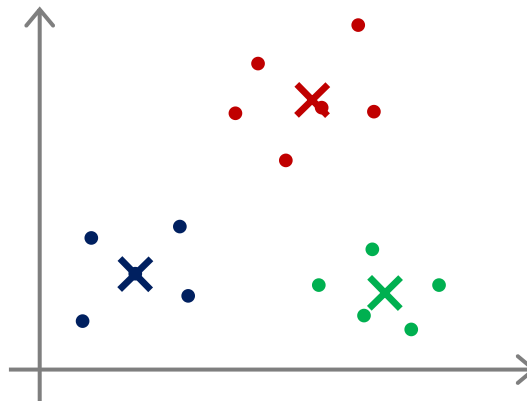
Set  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_K$  equal to these  $K$  examples.



## Local optima



But.....  
Unlucky random  
initialization





## Random initialization

For  $i = 1$  to 100 {

Randomly initialize K-means.

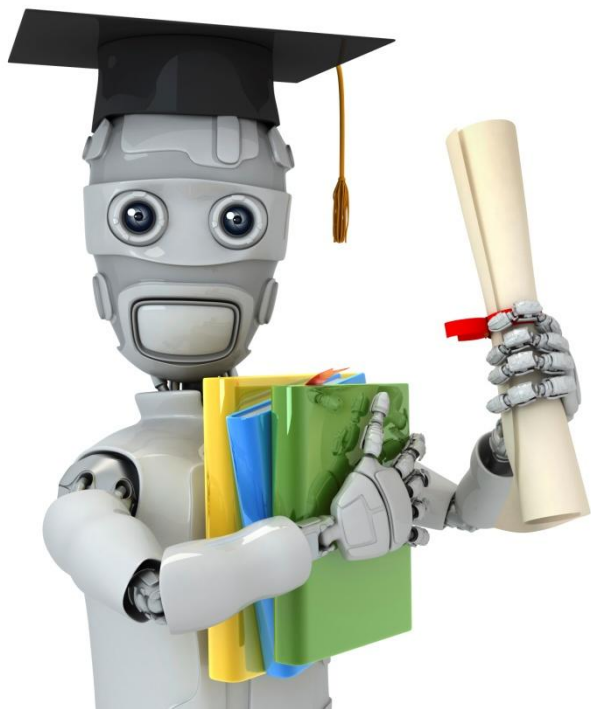
Run K-means. Get  $c^{(1)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K$ .

Compute cost function (distortion)

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

}

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

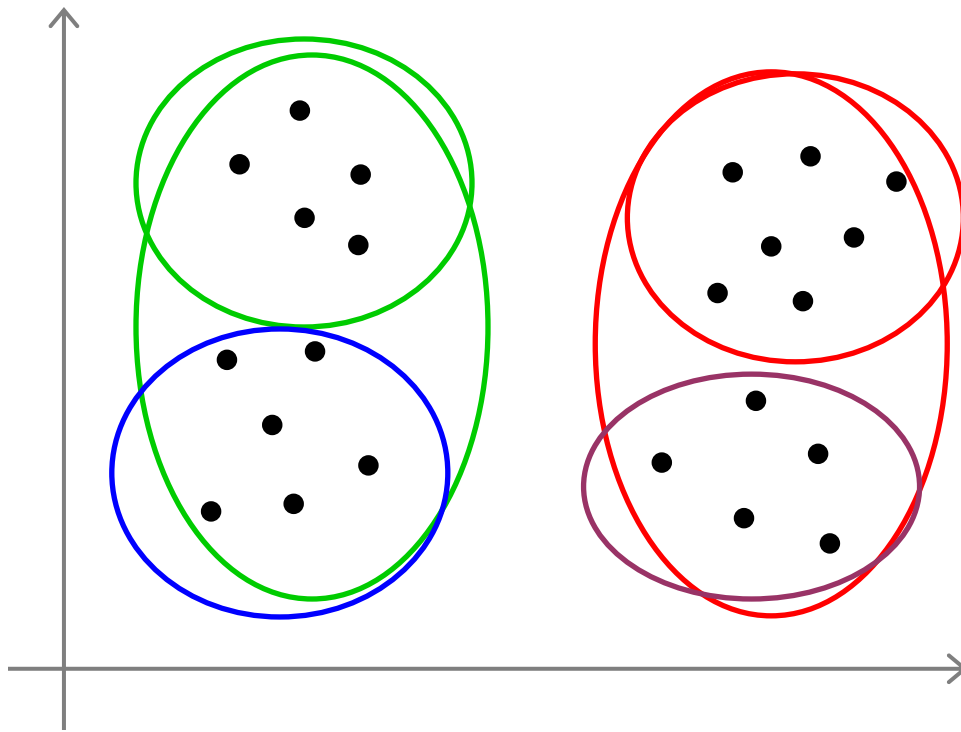


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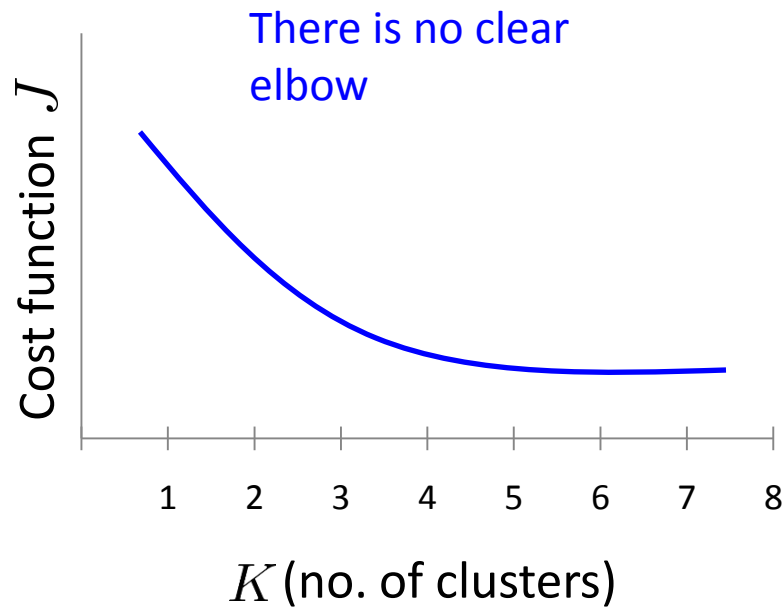
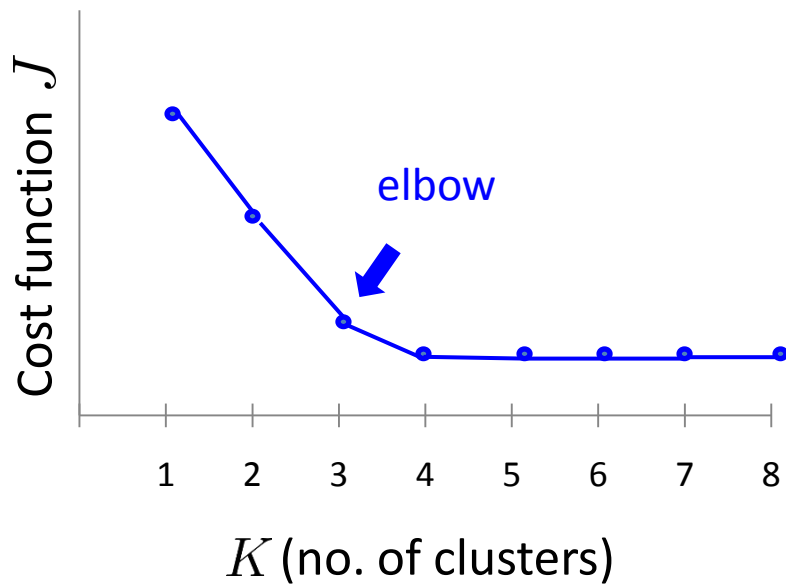
Choosing the  
number of clusters

What is the right value of K?



# Choosing the value of $K$

Elbow method:



## 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.

E.g.

