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**Web-Scale Information Analytics**  
**Clustering**

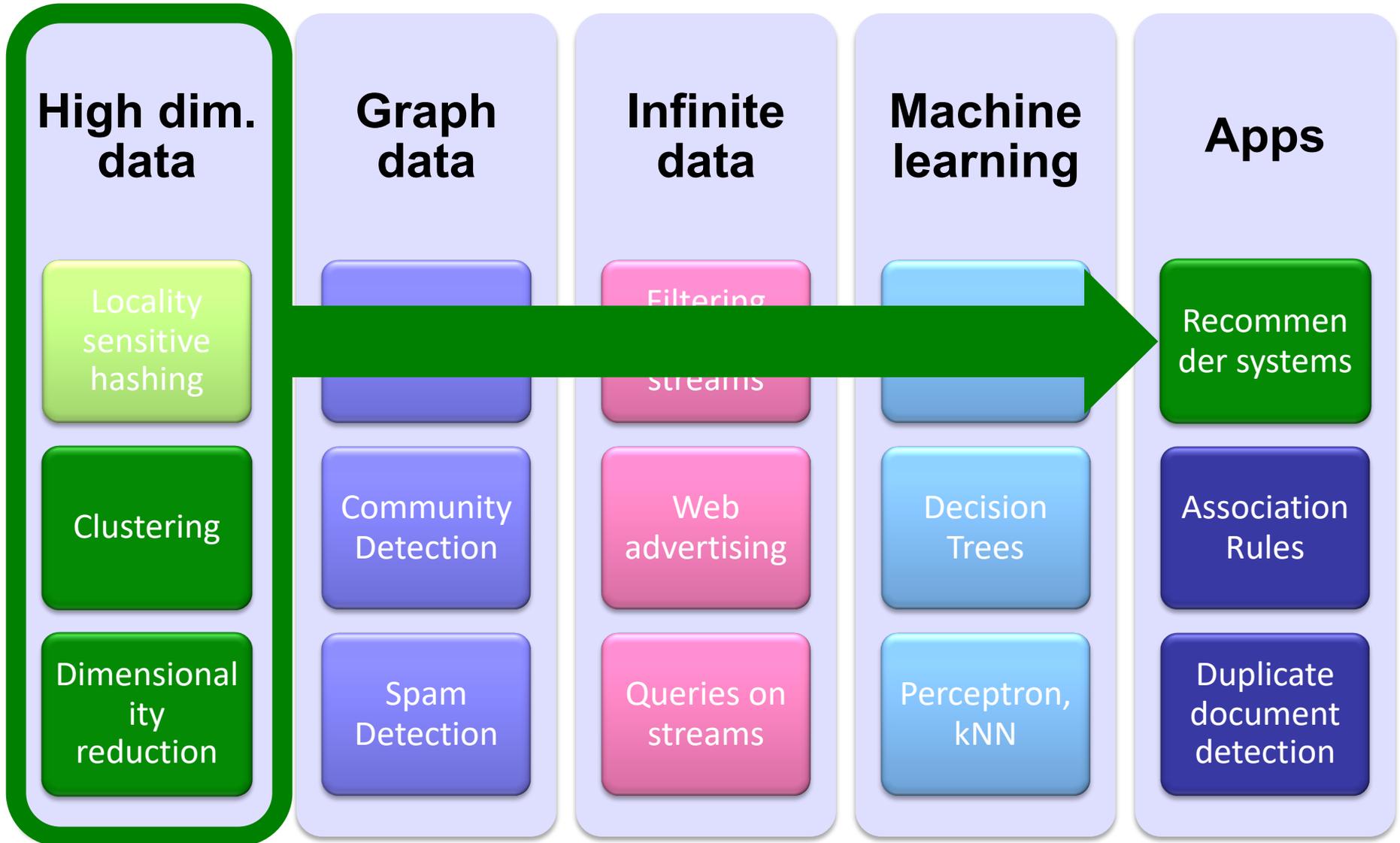
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# High Dimensional Data



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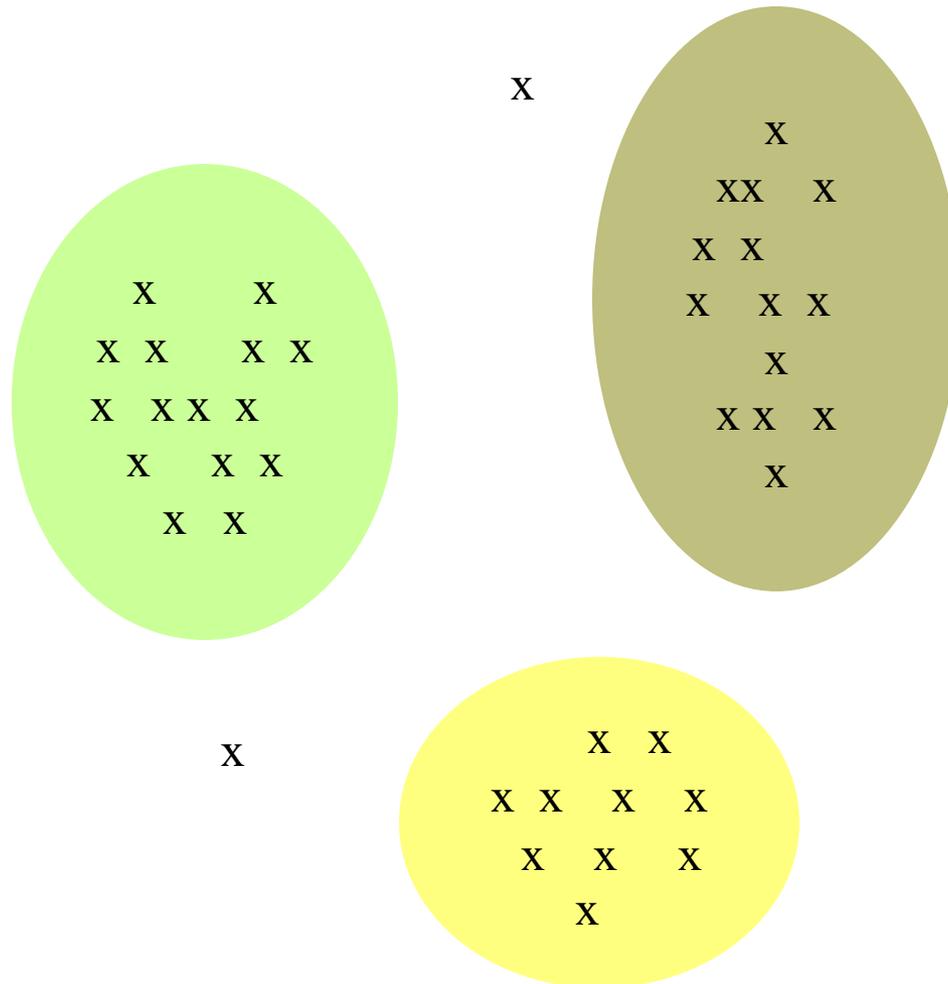
- Given a cloud of data points we want to understand their structure



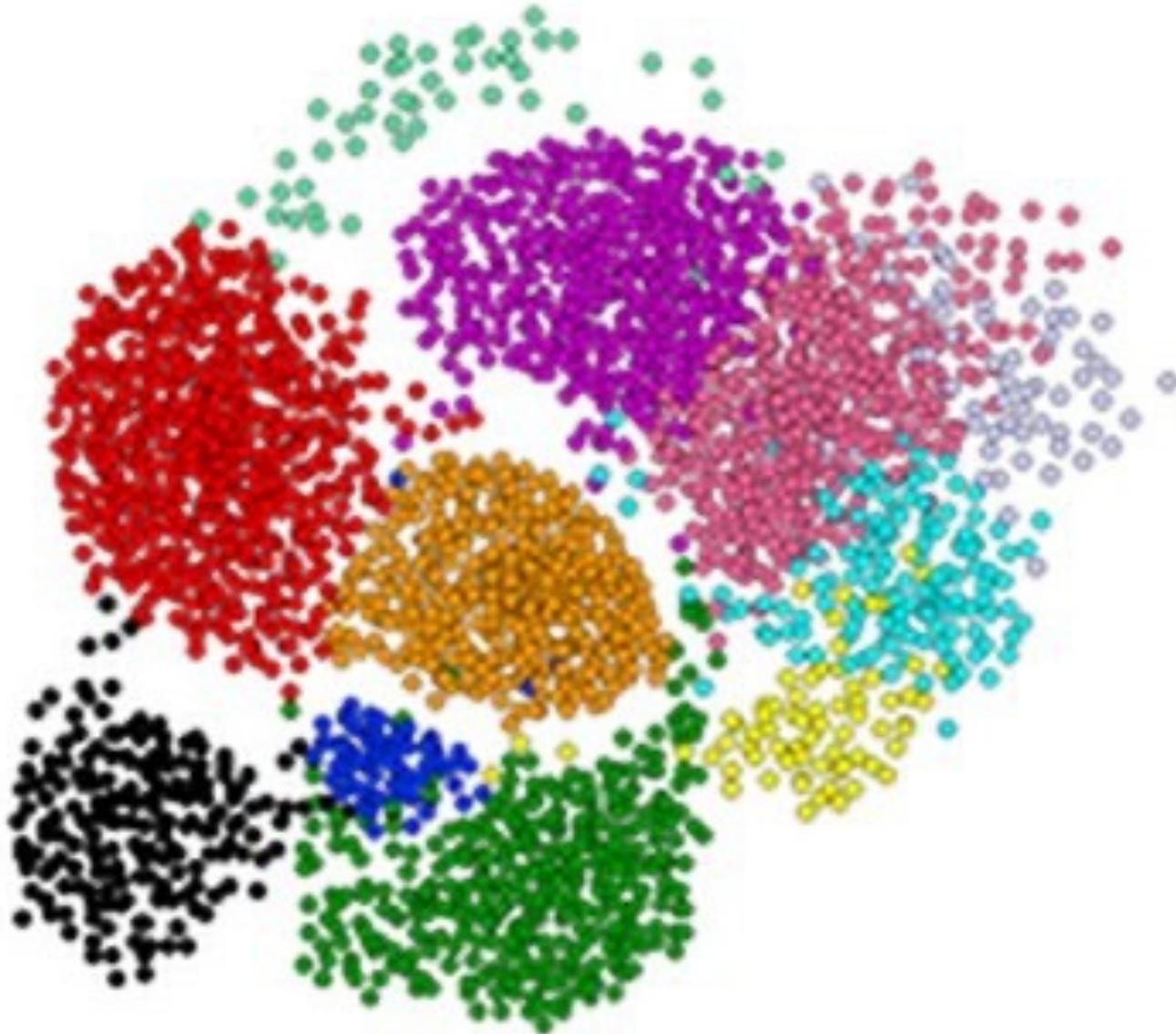
# The Problem of Clustering

- Given a **set of points**, with a notion of **distance** between points, **group the points** into some number of *clusters*, so that
  - Members of a cluster are close/similar to each other
  - Members of different clusters are dissimilar
- **Usually:**
  - Points are in a high-dimensional space
  - Similarity is defined using a distance measure
    - Euclidean, Cosine, Jaccard, edit distance, ...

# Example: Clusters



Clustering is a hard problem!



# Why is it hard?

- Clustering in two dimensions looks easy
- Clustering small amounts of data looks easy
- And in most cases, looks are *not* deceiving
- Many applications involve not 2, but 10 or 10,000 dimensions
- **High-dimensional spaces look different**

# Curse of Dimensionality

- **High-dimensional spaces look different: The so-called “Curse of Dimensionality”**
  - Need many more data points scattered in the High Dimensional (HD) space in order to form clusters (instead of being isolated dots in the mostly empty space) !
  - **Almost all pairs of points are at about the same distance in HD space**  
=> The notion of neighborhood becomes not very useful as the distance between a data point and its **nearest** neighbor approaches the distance to its **farthest** neighbor.  
=> “neighborhood is not that local !

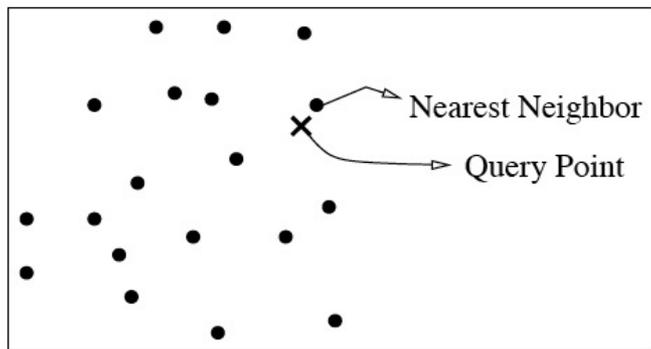


Fig. 1. Query point and its nearest neighbor.

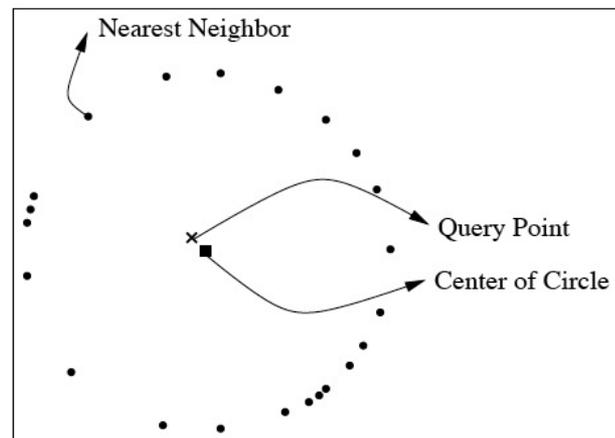


Fig. 2. Another query point and its nearest neighbor.

# Curse of Dimensionality (cont'd)

Consider a sphere of radius  $r=1$  in a  $D$ -dimensional space

Fraction of the volume of the sphere that lies between radius  $r=1-\epsilon$  and  $r=1$  is given by:

$$\frac{V_D(1) - V_D(1 - \epsilon)}{V_D(1)} = 1 - (1 - \epsilon)^D$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} V_D(r) &= \text{Vol. of a } D\text{-dim sphere of radius } r \\ &= K_D r^D \end{aligned}$$

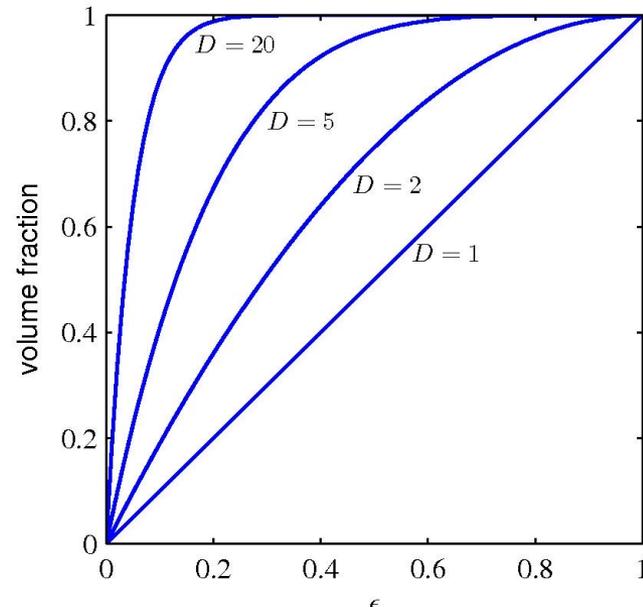
for some constant  $K_D$ .

=> As  $D \gg 1$ , most of the vol. of the sphere is concentrated in a **thin-shell** near the surface of the sphere.....(\*\*)

Assume data points are randomly scattered in the  $D$ -dim space under **uniform density (i.e. const. # of data points per unit volume)**

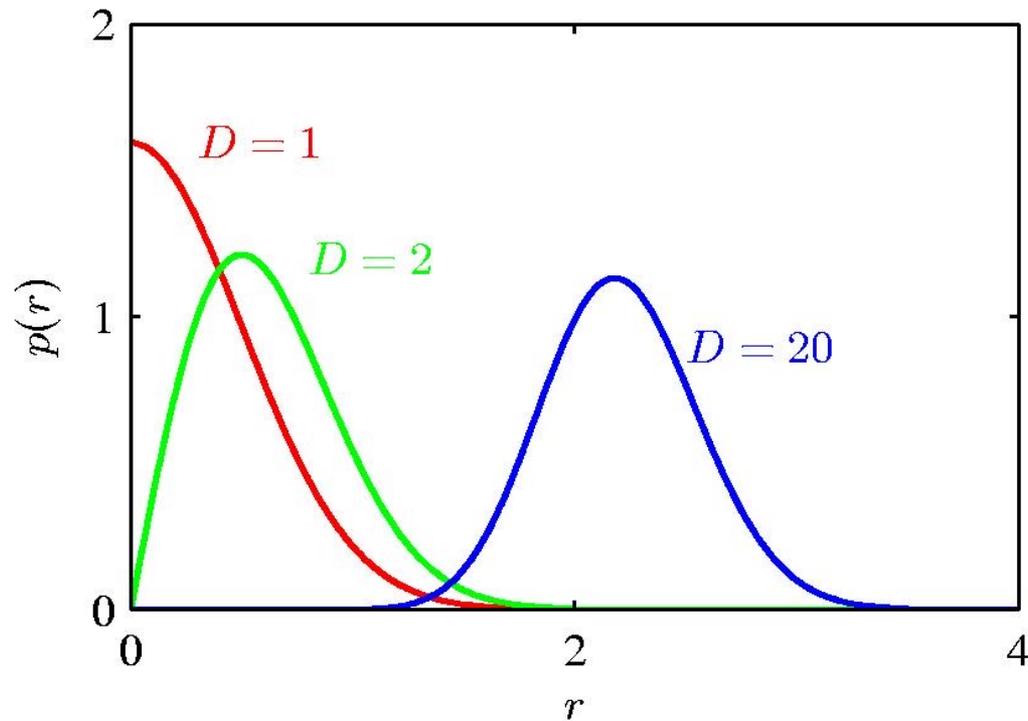
For an arbitrary data point  $P$  (whose position is taken as the origin), (\*\*)

implies that most of the neighboring points of  $P$  are of **more or less the same distance** from it (and **NOT quite local to  $P$** ) when  $D \gg 1$



# Curse of Dimensionality (cont'd)

Gaussian Densities in higher dimensions



# Clustering Problem: SkyCat

- A catalog of 2 billion “sky objects” represents objects by their radiation in 7 dimensions (frequency bands)
- **Problem:** Cluster into similar objects, e.g., galaxies, nearby stars, quasars, etc.
- Sloan Digital Sky Survey is a newer, better version of this

# Example: Clustering CD's

- **Intuitively:** Music divides into categories, and customers prefer a few categories
  - But what are categories really?
- Represent a CD by a set of customers who bought it
- Similar CDs have similar sets of customers, and vice-versa

# Example: Clustering CDs

## Space of all CDs:

- Think of a space with one dim. for each customer
  - Values in a dimension may be 0 or 1 only
  - A CD is a point in this space is  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ , where  $x_i = 1$  iff the  $i^{\text{th}}$  customer bought the CD
    - Compare with boolean matrix: rows = customers; cols. = CDs
- For Amazon, the dimension is tens of millions
- **Task:** Find clusters of similar CDs
- **An alternative:** Use Minhash/LSH to get Jaccard distance between “close” CDs
- Use that as input to clustering

# Example: Clustering Documents

## Finding topics:

- Represent a document by a vector  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ , where  $x_i = 1$  iff the  $i^{\text{th}}$  word (in some order) appears in the document
  - It actually doesn't matter if  $k$  is infinite; i.e., we don't limit the set of words
- **Documents with similar sets of words may be about the same topic**

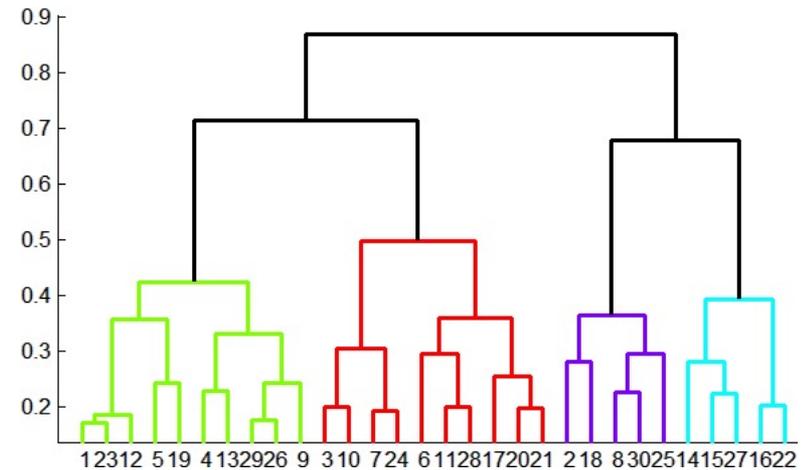
# Cosine, Jaccard, and Euclidean

- **As with CDs we have a choice when we think of documents as sets of words or shingles:**
  - **Sets as vectors:** measure similarity by the cosine distance
  - **Sets as sets:** measure similarity by the Jaccard distance
  - **Sets as points:** measure similarity by Euclidean distance

# Overview: Methods of Clustering

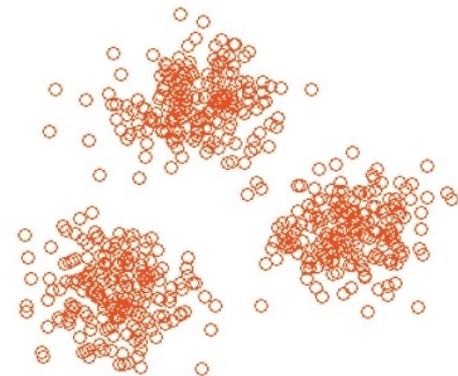
## ○ Hierarchical:

- **Agglomerative** (bottom up):
  - Initially, each point is a cluster
  - Repeatedly combine the two “nearest” clusters into one
- **Divisive** (top down):
  - Start with one cluster and recursively split it



## ○ Point assignment:

- Maintain a set of clusters
- Points belong to “nearest” cluster

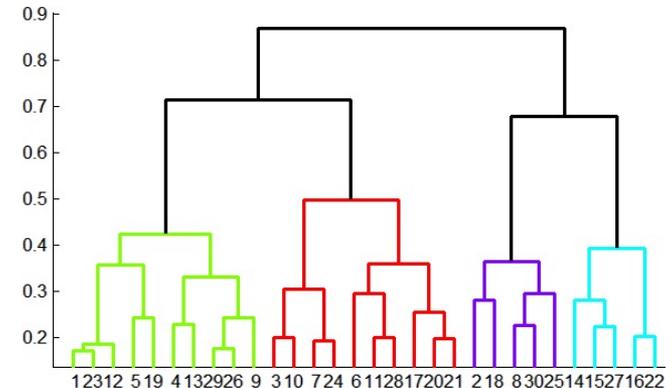


# Hierarchical Clustering

- **Key operation:**  
**Repeatedly combine two nearest clusters**

- **Three important questions:**

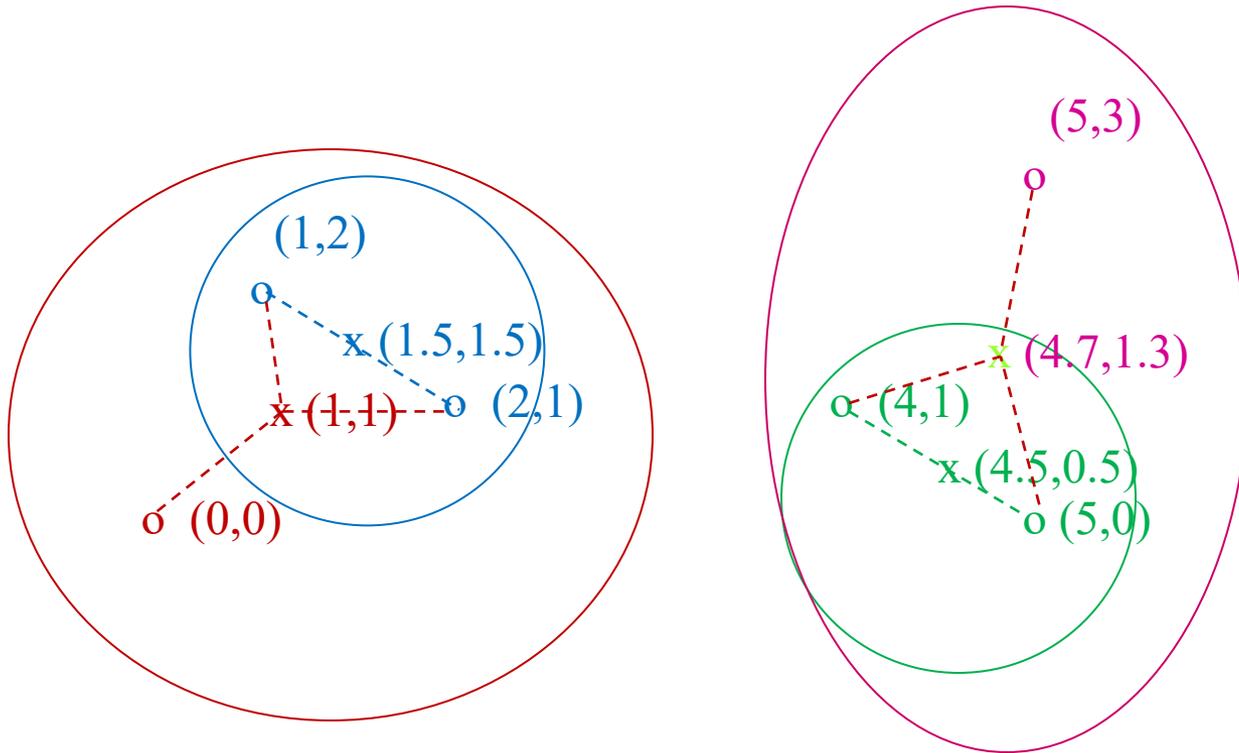
- 1) How do you represent a cluster of more than one point?
- 2) How do you determine the “nearness” of clusters?
- 3) When to stop combining clusters?



# Hierarchical Clustering

- **Key operation:** Repeatedly combine two **nearest clusters**
- **(1) How to represent a cluster of many points?**
  - **Key problem:** As you build clusters, how do you represent the location of each cluster, to tell which pair of clusters is closest?
- **Euclidean case:** each cluster has a **centroid** = average of its (data)points
- **(2) How to determine “nearness” of clusters?**
  - Measure cluster distances by distances of centroids

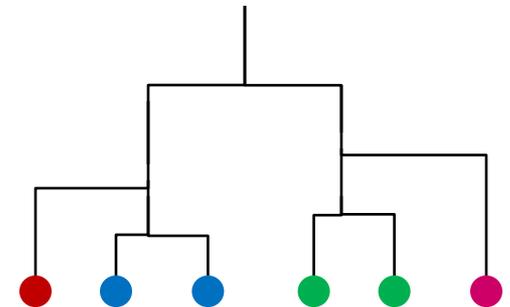
# Example: Hierarchical clustering



## Data:

o ... data point

x ... centroid



## Dendrogram

# And in the Non-Euclidean Case?

## What about the Non-Euclidean case?

- The only “locations” we can talk about are the points themselves
  - i.e., there is no “average” of two points
- **Approach 1:**
  - **(1) How to represent a cluster of many points?**  
*clustroid* = (data)point “closest” to other points
  - **(2) How do you determine the “nearness” of clusters?** Treat clustroid as if it were centroid, when computing intercluster distances

# “Closest” Point?

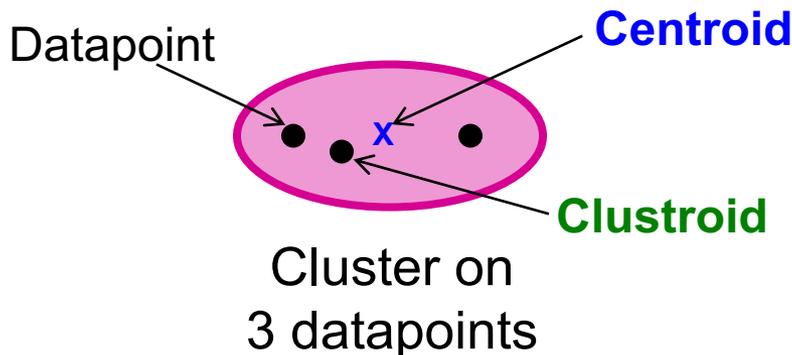
## ○ (1) How to represent a cluster of many points?

**clustroid** = point “closest” to other points

## ○ Possible meanings of “closest”:

- Smallest maximum distance to other points
- Smallest average distance to other points
- Smallest sum of squares of distances to other points

- For distance metric  $d$  clustroid  $c$  of cluster  $C$  is:  $\min_c \sum_{x \in C} d(x, c)^2$



**Centroid** is the avg. of all (data)points in the cluster. This means centroid is an “artificial” point.

**Clustroid** is an **existing** (data)point that is “closest” to all other points in the cluster.

# Defining “Nearness” of Clusters

- (2) How do you determine the “nearness” of clusters?
  - **Approach 2:**  
**Intercluster distance** = minimum of the distances between any two points, one from each cluster
  - **Approach 3:**  
Pick a notion of “**cohesion**” of clusters, e.g., maximum distance from the clustroid
    - Merge clusters whose *union* is most cohesive

# Cohesion

- **Approach 3.1:** Use the **diameter** of the merged cluster = maximum distance between points in the cluster
- **Approach 3.2:** Use the **average distance** between points in the cluster
- **Approach 3.3:** Use a **density-based approach**
  - Take the diameter or avg. distance, e.g., and divide by the number of points in the cluster
  - Perhaps raise the number of points to a power first, e.g., square-root

# Implementation

- **Naïve implementation of hierarchical clustering:**
  - At each step, compute pairwise distances between all pairs of clusters, then merge
  - $O(N^3)$
- Careful implementation using priority queue can reduce time to  $O(N^2 \log N)$ 
  - **Still too expensive for really big datasets that do not fit in memory**

# *k*-means clustering

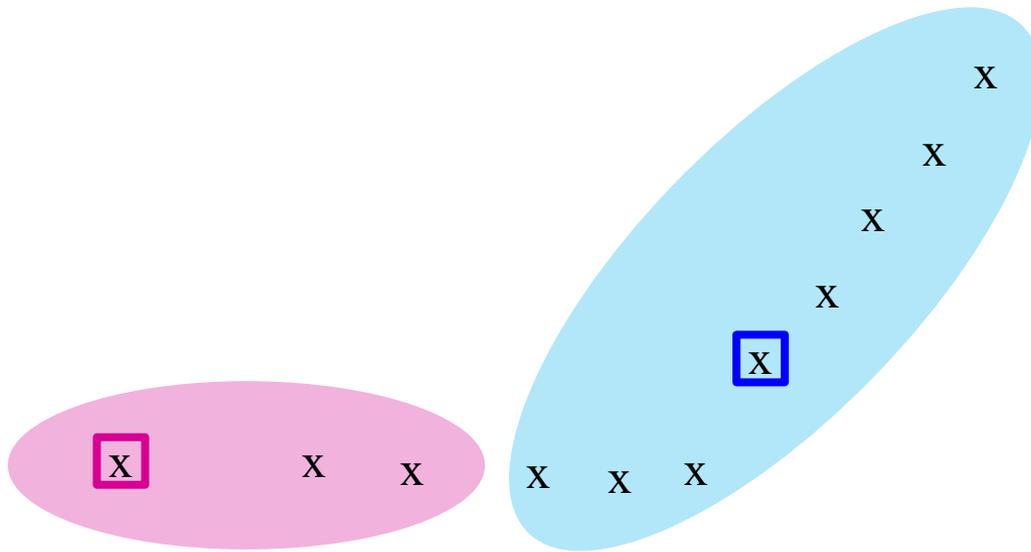
# $k$ -means Algorithm(s)

- Assumes Euclidean space/distance
- Start by picking  $k$ , the number of clusters
- Initialize clusters by picking one point per cluster
  - **Example:** Pick one point at random, then  $k-1$  other points, each as far away as possible from the previous points

# Populating Clusters

- **1)** For each point, place it in the cluster whose current centroid it is nearest
- **2)** After all points are assigned, update the locations of centroids of the  $k$  clusters
- **3)** Reassign all points to their closest centroid
  - Sometimes moves points between clusters
- **Repeat 2 and 3 until convergence**
  - **Convergence:** Points don't move between clusters and centroids stabilize

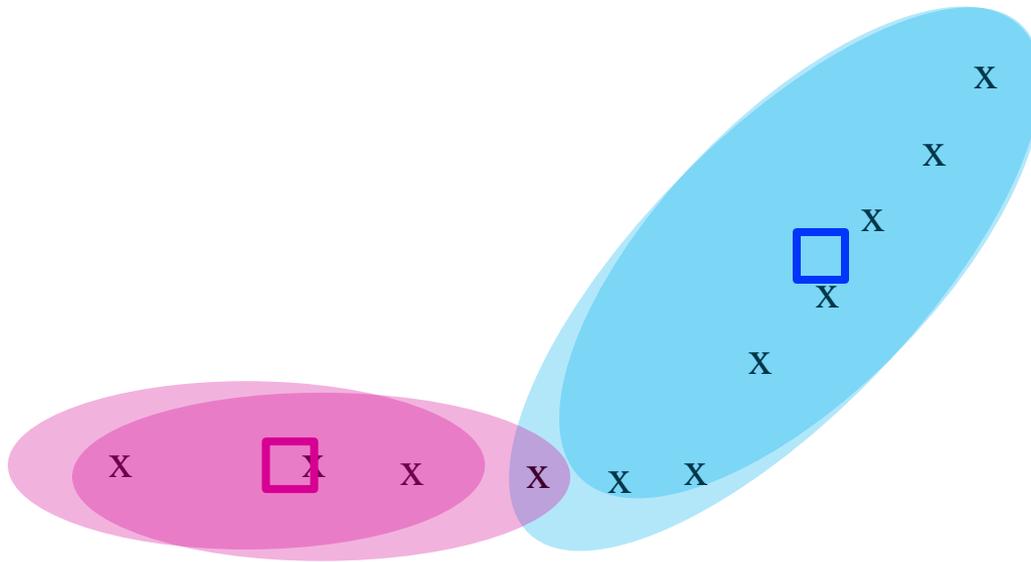
# Example: Assigning Clusters



x ... data point  
□ ... centroid

**Clusters after round 1**

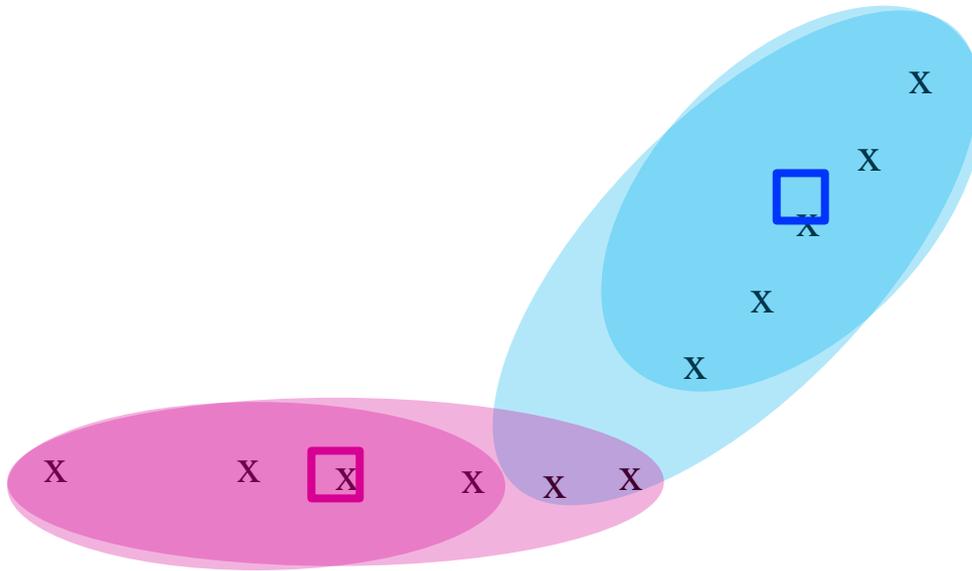
# Example: Assigning Clusters



x ... data point  
□ ... centroid

**Clusters after round 2**

# Example: Assigning Clusters



x ... data point  
□ ... centroid

**Clusters at the end**

# K-means

Iterate:

- Assign/cluster each example to closest center
- Recalculate centers as the mean of the points in a cluster

Mean of the points in the cluster:

$$\mu(C) = \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{x \in C} x$$

# K-means loss function

K-means tries to minimize what is called the “k-means” loss function:

$$loss = \sum_{i=1}^n d(x_i, \mu_k)^2 \quad \text{where } \mu_k \text{ is cluster center for } x_i$$

that is, the sum of the squared distances from each point to the associated cluster center

# Minimizing k-means loss

Iterate:

1. Assign/cluster each example to closest center
  2. Recalculate centers as the mean of the points in a cluster
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$$loss = \sum_{i=1}^n d(x_i, \mu_k)^2 \quad \text{where } \mu_k \text{ is cluster center for } x_i$$

Does each step of k-means move towards reducing this loss function (or at least not increasing)?

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Sketch of proof/ argument:

1. Any other assignment would end up in a larger loss
1. The mean of a set of values minimizes the squared error

# Minimizing k-means loss

Iterate:

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  2. Recalculate centers as the mean of the points in a cluster
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$$loss = \sum_{i=1}^n d(x_i, \mu_k)^2 \quad \text{where } \mu_k \text{ is cluster center for } x_i$$

Does this mean that k-means will always find the minimum loss/clustering?

# Minimizing k-means loss

Iterate:

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  2. Recalculate centers as the mean of the points in a cluster
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$$loss = \sum_{i=1}^n d(x_i, \mu_k)^2 \quad \text{where } \mu_k \text{ is cluster center for } x_i$$

NO! It will find *a minimum*.

Unfortunately, the k-means loss function is generally not convex and for most problems has many, many minima

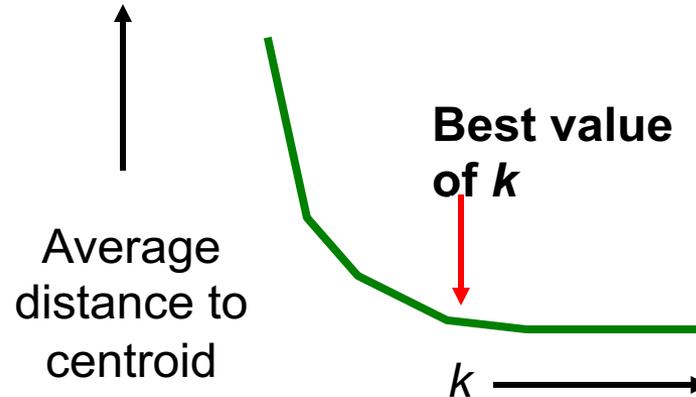
We're only guaranteed to find one of them

=> It's therefore important to try different random seeds

# Getting the $k$ right

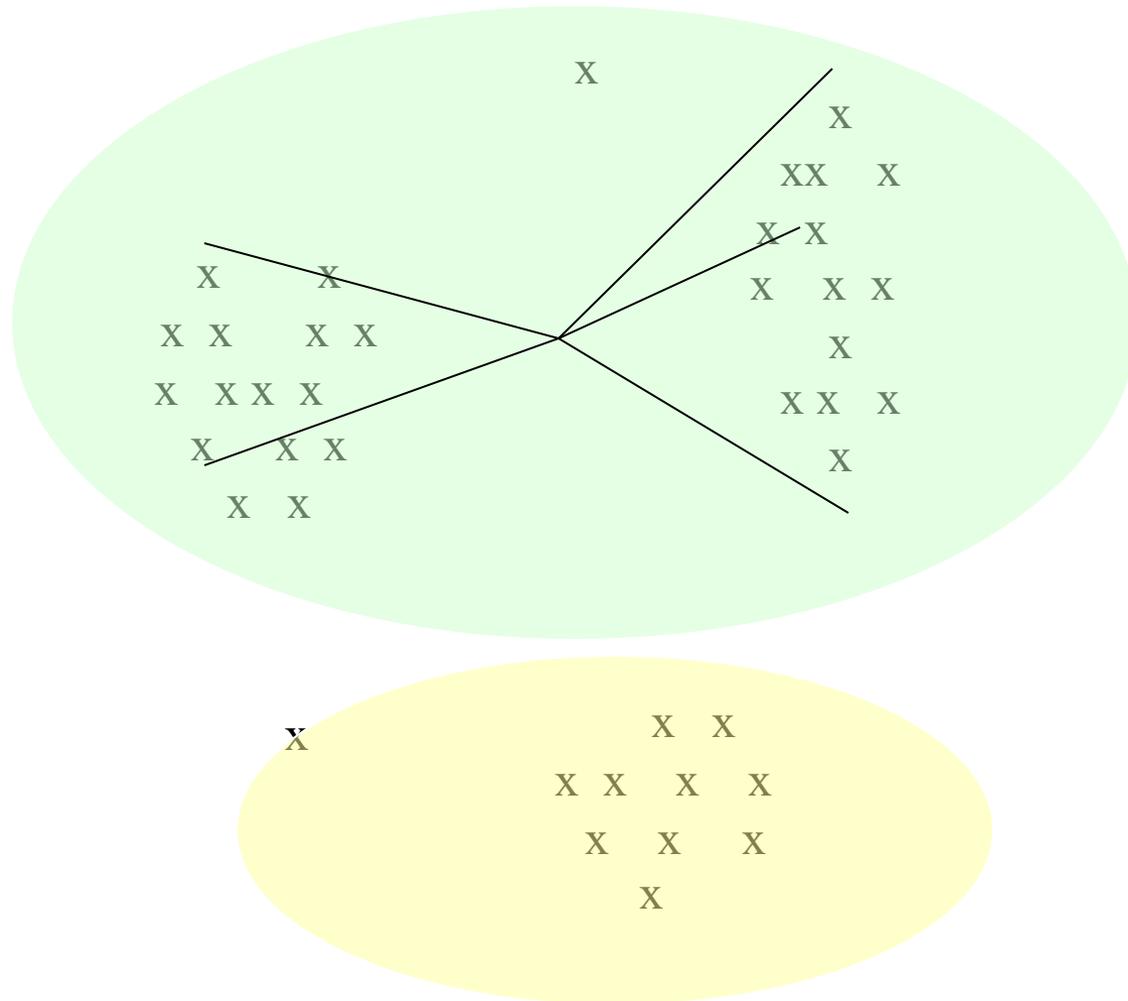
## How to select $k$ ?

- Try different  $k$ , looking at the change in the average distance to centroid, as  $k$  increases.
- Average falls rapidly until right  $k$ , then changes little



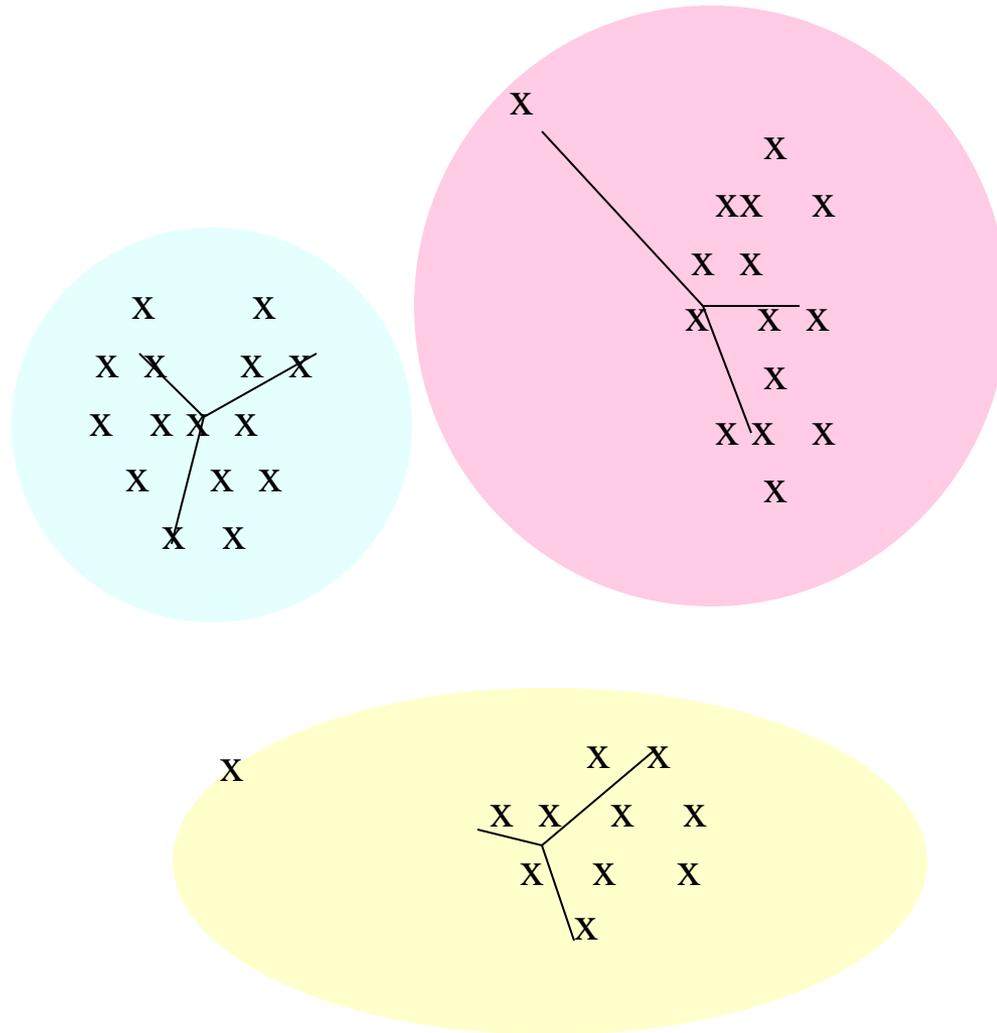
# Example: Picking $k$

**Too few;**  
many long  
distances  
to centroid.



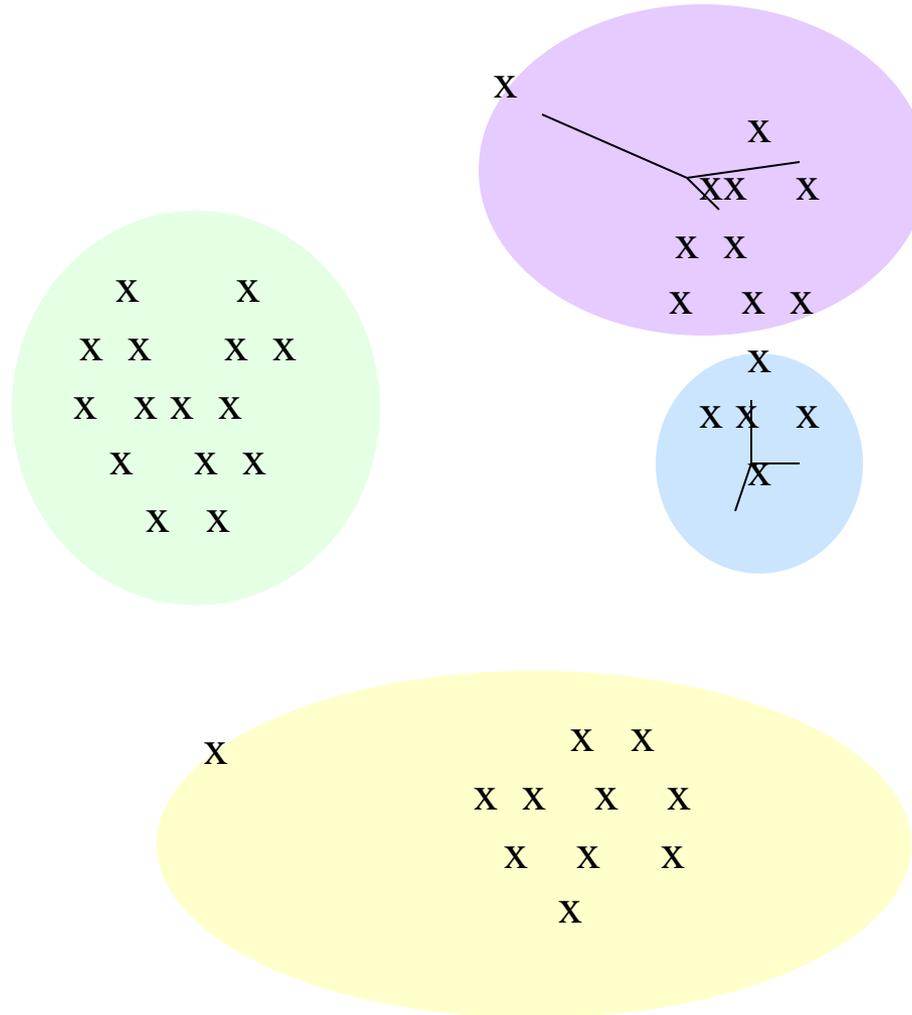
# Example: Picking $k$

**Just right;**  
distances  
rather short.



# Example: Picking $k$

**Too many;**  
little improvement  
in average  
distance.



# Examples of k-means clustering

- Clustering RGB vectors of pixels in images
- Compression of image file:  $N \times 24$  bits
  - Store RGB values of cluster centers:  $K \times 24$  bits
  - Store cluster index of each pixel:  $N \times \log K$  bits



Original image



$K = 2$



$K = 3$



$K = 10$



# K-Means time complexity

Variables:  $K$  clusters,  $n$  data points,  
 $m$  features/dimensions,  $l$  iterations

## What is the runtime complexity?

- Computing distance between two points (e.g. Euclidean)
- Reassigning clusters
- Computing new centers
- Iterate...

# K-Means time complexity

Variables:  $K$  clusters,  $n$  data points,  
 $m$  features/dimensions,  $I$  iterations

What is the runtime complexity?

- Computing distance between two points is  $O(m)$  where  $m$  is the dimension of the vectors/number of features.
- Reassigning clusters:  $O(Kn)$  distance computations, or  $O(Knm)$
- Computing centroids: Each point gets added once to some centroid:  $O(nm)$
- Assume these two steps are each done once for  $I$  iterations:  $O(IKnm)$

In practice, K-means converges quickly and is fairly fast

# Limitations of K-means

- Need to determine “K” via domain knowledge or heuristics (as stated before)
- Only converge to local optimal
  - Need to try multiple starting points
  - Nice and Practical Research results on “Careful Randomized Seeding” in available, e.g. :
    - K-means++ and
    - K-means // (aka K-means parallel)Refer to the “More on K-means” supplementary lecture notes in course website.
- “Hard” assignment of each data point to a single cluster:
  - Each data point can only be assigned to 1 cluster (class)
  - What about points that lie in between groups ? e.g. Jazz + Classical
- Overall results can be affected by a few Outliners

Can we do better ?

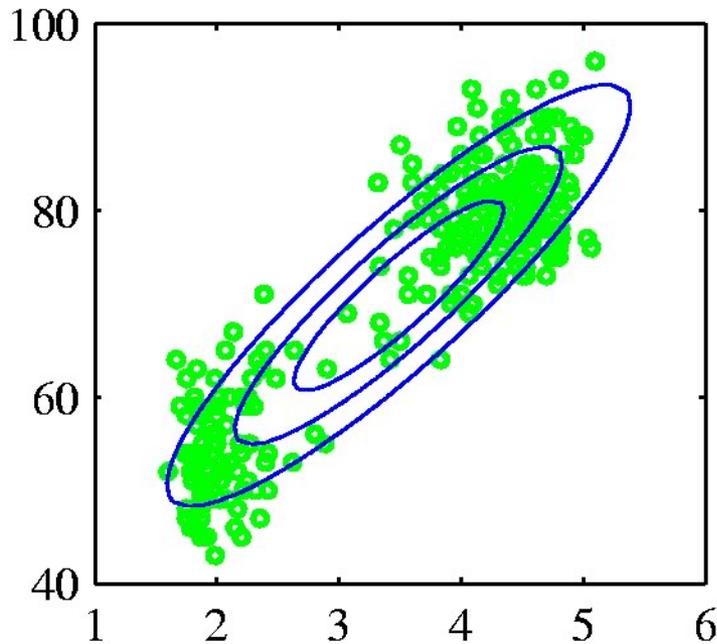
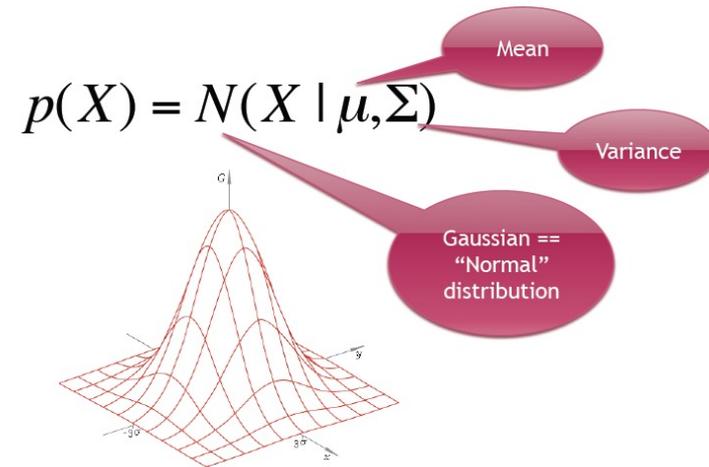
# The famous “GMM” – The Gaussian Mixture Model

Key Idea:

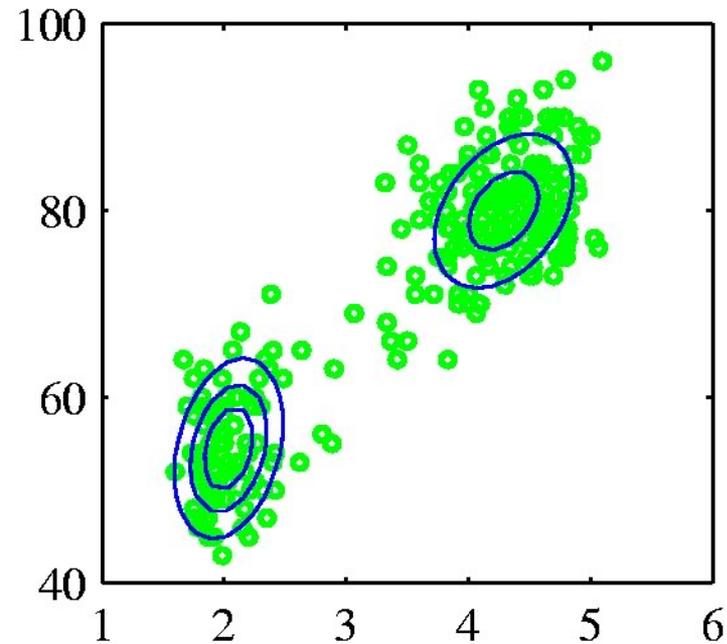
Assume Gaussian distribution of data points

within each cluster

- A sample data set



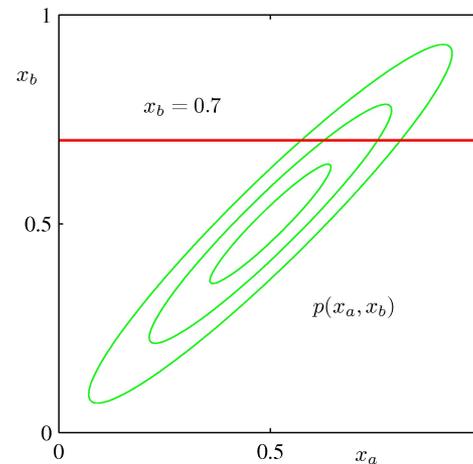
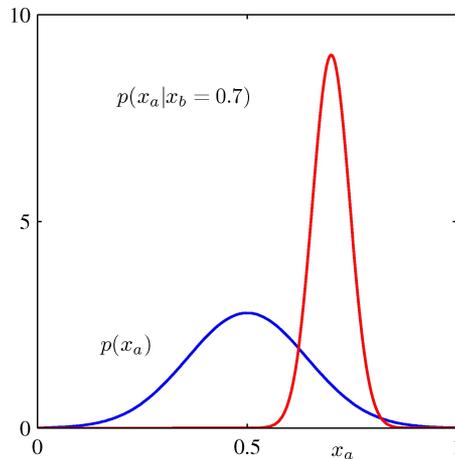
Single Gaussian



Mixture of two Gaussians

# Clustering with Gaussian mixture density

- Each cluster represented by Gaussian density
  - Center, as in K-means
  - Covariance matrix: cluster spread around center



$$p(x) = N(x|\mu, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{-d/2} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right)$$

Data dimension  $d$

Determinant of covariance matrix  $\Sigma$

Quadratic function of point  $x$  and mean  $\mu$

# The Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) (cont'd)

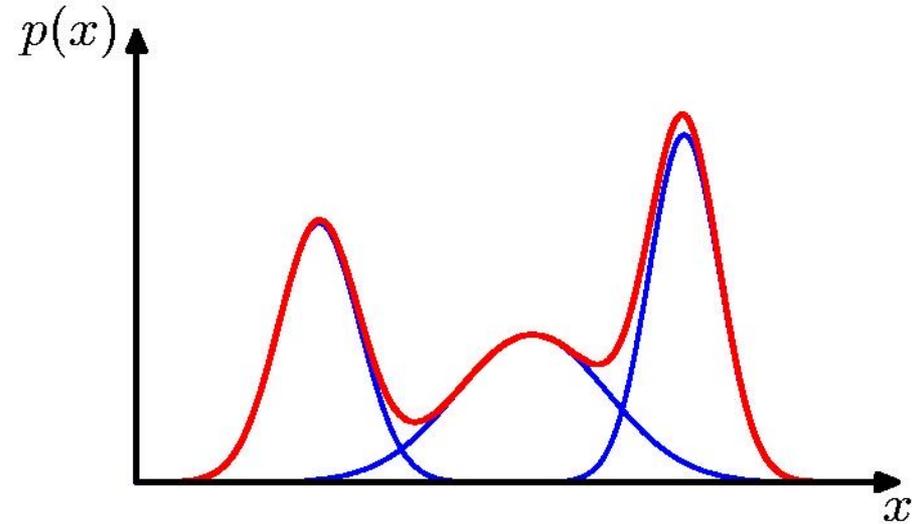
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Combine simple models  
into a complex model:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \underbrace{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}_{\text{Component}}$$

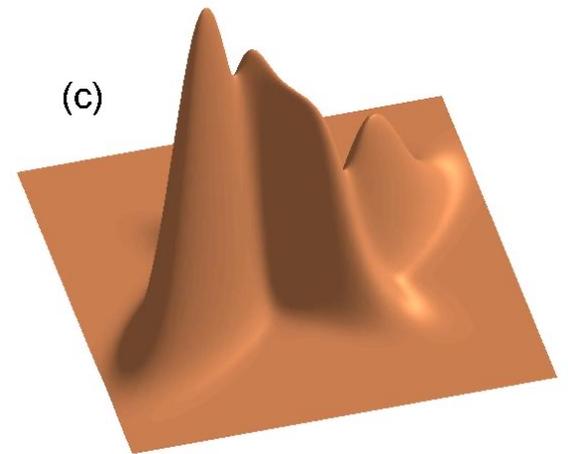
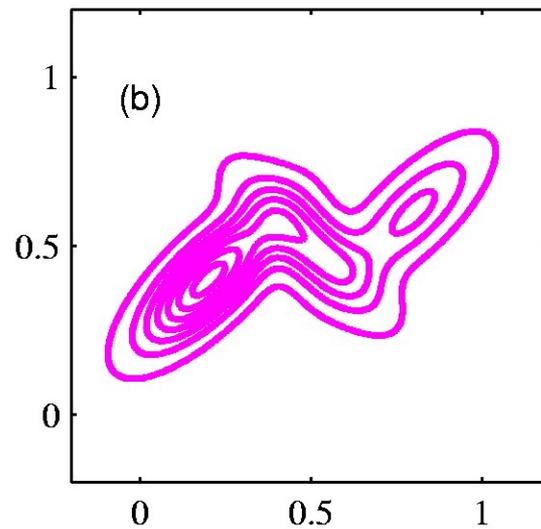
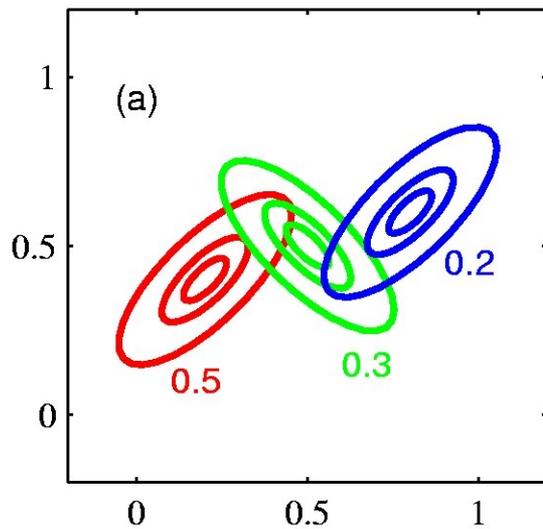
Mixing coefficient: can be seen as the  
“contribution” from Gaussian component  $k$

$$\forall k : \pi_k \geq 0 \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$$

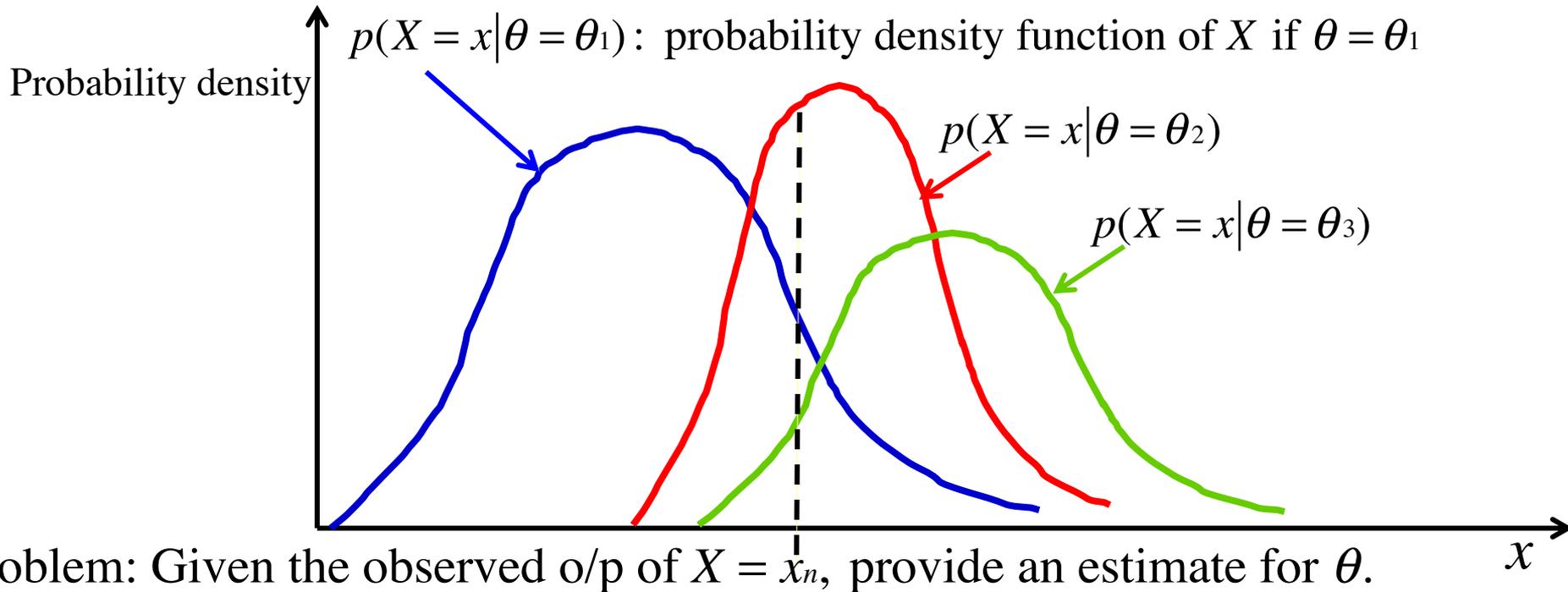
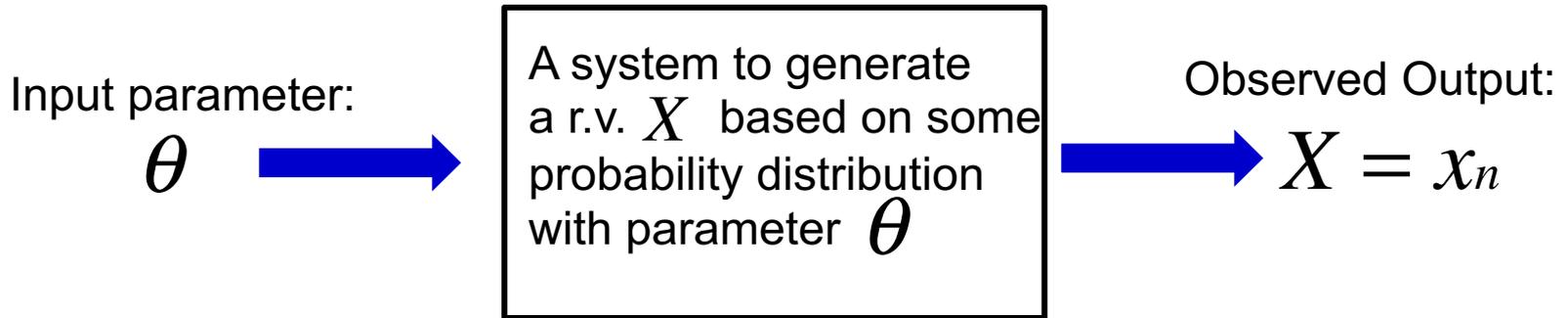


# The Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) (cont'd)

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# The Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE)

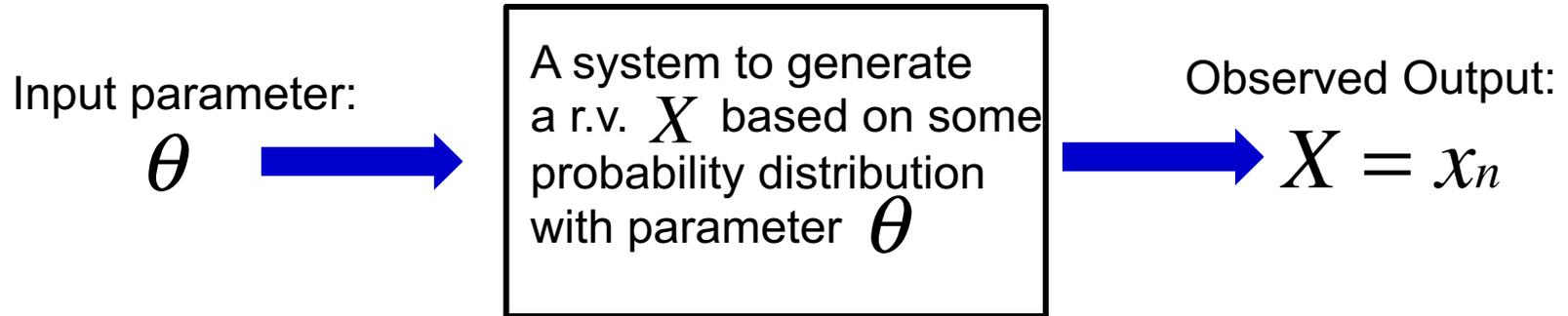


Problem: Given the observed o/p of  $X = x_n$ , provide an estimate for  $\theta$ .

$$\theta_{MLE}^* = \text{Max. Likelihood Estimator (MLE) of } \theta = \arg\{\max_{\theta_i}[p(X = x_n|\theta = \theta_i)]\}$$

and in the above example,  $\theta_{MLE}^* = \theta_2$

# An Alternative Estimator: The Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) Estimator



$$\begin{aligned}\theta_{MAP}^* &= \text{Max. a posteriori estimator (MAP) of } \theta = \arg\{\max_{\theta_i}[p(\theta = \theta_i|X = x_n)]\} \\ &= \arg\{\max_{\theta_i}\left[\frac{p(X = x_n \text{ and } \theta = \theta_i)}{p(X = x_n)}\right]\} = \arg\{\max_{\theta_i}\left[\frac{p(X = x_n|\theta = \theta_i)p(\theta = \theta_i)}{p(X = x_n)}\right]\} \\ &= \arg\{\max_{\theta_i}[p(X = x_n|\theta = \theta_i)p(\theta = \theta_i)]\}\end{aligned}$$

The "true" probability distribution,  $p(\theta)$ , of the parameter, i.e.  $\theta$ , to be estimated is the so-called prior distribution.

If no prior knowledge about the distribution of  $\theta$  is available,

we can assume  $p(\theta) \sim$  uniform distribution, i.e.  $p(\theta = \theta_i) =$  some constant.

In this case, we have  $\theta_{MAP}^* = \theta_{MLE}^*$

# The Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) (cont'd)

- Given the set of  $N$  data points represented by a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ , we find the model parameters  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  (which are vectors and a matrices) which maximize the probability of the occurrence of the observed data, via the Maximum (log) Likelihood Estimation (MLE) approach

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n) = \prod_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(x_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right\}$$

Log of a sum; no closed form maximum

- Solution: use standard, iterative, numeric optimization methods or the *Expectation Maximization (EM) algorithm* (see next slides and Chapter 9 of PRML of C.M.Bishop).

# How to Maximizing Log Likelihood for GMM

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right\}$$

Maximum of log likelihood:

derivatives of  $\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  w.r.t parameters to 0.

$$\gamma(z_{k,n}) = \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \quad N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{k,n})$$

$\gamma(z_{k,n})$  is called a “responsibility”: how much is this Gaussian  $k$  responsible for this point  $\mathbf{x}_n$ ?

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{k,n}) \mathbf{x}_n \quad \pi_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{N_k}{N}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{k,n}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}})^T$$

# The Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) (cont'd)

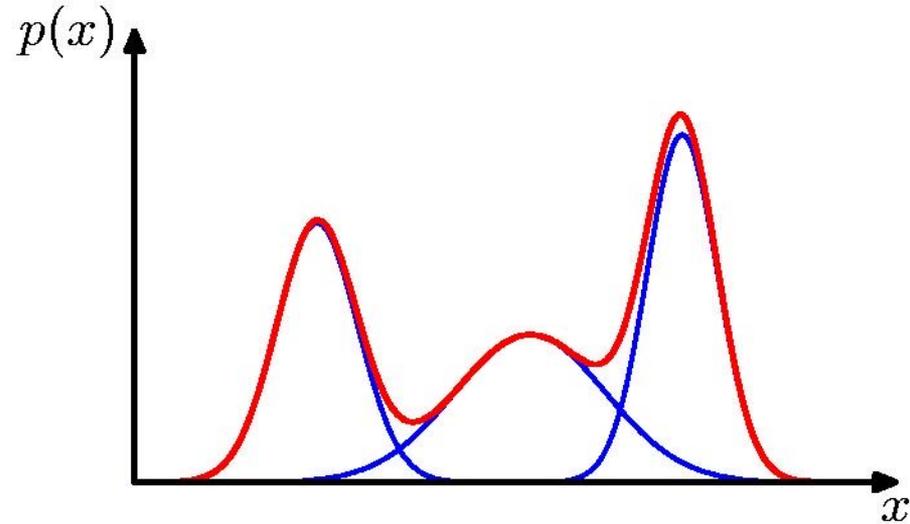
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Combine simple models  
into a complex model:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \underbrace{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}_{\text{Component}}$$

Mixing coefficient: can be seen as the  
“contribution” from Gaussian component  $k$

$$\forall k : \pi_k \geq 0 \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$$



# Derivation of MLE for GMM

Maximum of log likelihood:

derivatives of  $\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\pi, \mu, \Sigma)$  w.r.t parameters to 0.

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\pi, \mu, \Sigma) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(x_n|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) \right\}$$

For the  $\mu_k^-$ : Recall that  $N(x|\mu, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{-d/2} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu)\right)$

$$0 = - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\mu_k, \Sigma_k)}{\underbrace{\sum_k \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\mu_k, \Sigma_k)}_{\gamma(z_{kn})}} \Sigma_k^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)$$

$$\mu_k = \frac{1}{\sum_n \gamma(z_{kn})} \sum_n \gamma(z_{kn}) \mathbf{x}_n$$

$\gamma(z_{k,n}) \equiv \text{Prob}(z_{k,n} = 1 | x_n)$  where  $z_{k,n} = 1$  iff the  $n^{\text{th}}$  data point  $x_n$  is generated by cluster  $k$

$N_k \equiv \sum_n \gamma(z_{k,n}) = \text{effective number of data points in the } k^{\text{th}} \text{ cluster.}$

# Derivation of MLE for GMM (cont'd)

For  $\Sigma_k$ :

$$\Sigma_k = \frac{1}{\sum_n \gamma(z_{kn})} \sum_n \gamma(z_{kn}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k) (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)^T$$

For the  $\pi_k$ :

- ▶ Take into account constraint  $\sum_k \pi_k = 1$
- ▶ Lagrange multiplier

$$\begin{aligned} & \ln p(\mathbf{X} | \pi, \mu, \Sigma) + \lambda (\sum_k \pi_k - 1) \\ 0 = & \sum_n \frac{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)}{\sum_k \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)} + \lambda \end{aligned}$$

Multiply by  $\pi_k$  and summing over  $k$ , we get  $\lambda = -N \Rightarrow \pi_k = \frac{\sum_n \gamma(z_{kn})}{N}$

# The Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

- Given the set of  $N$  data points represented by a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ , we find the model parameters  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  (which are vectors and matrices) which maximize the probability of the occurrence of the observed data, via the Maximum (log) Likelihood Estimation (MLE) approach

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n) = \prod_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(x_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right\}$$

Log of a sum; no closed form maximum

- Solution: use standard, iterative, numeric optimization methods or the *Expectation Maximization (EM) algorithm* (see next slides and Chapter 9 of PRML of C.M.Bishop).

## Summary: How to Maximizing Log Likelihood for GMM

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right\}$$

Maximum of log likelihood:

derivatives of  $\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  w.r.t parameters to 0.

$$\gamma(z_{k,n}) = \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \quad N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{k,n})$$

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$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{k,n}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}})^T$$

# Derivation of MLE for the Mixture of Gaussian model (cont'd)

- ▶ No closed form solutions:  $\gamma(z_{kn})$  depends on parameters
- ▶ But these equations suggest simple iterative scheme for finding maximum likelihood:  
Alternate between estimating the current  $\gamma(z_{kn})$  and updating the parameters  $\{\mu_k, \Sigma_k, \pi_k\}$ .

# Expectation Maximization (EM) approach for the Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

1. Initialize the parameters: means  $\mu_k$ , covariances  $\Sigma_k$  and mixing coeff.  $\pi_k$  of the  $K$  Gaussian components.
2. E Step: Assign each point  $x_n$  an assignment score  $\gamma(z_{k,n})$  for each cluster  $k$
3. M Step: Given scores, adjust  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k, \pi_k$  for each cluster  $k$
4. Evaluate Likelihood value. If likelihood value or parameters converge, stop ; Otherwise Goto Step 2. (the E Step)

where

$z_{k,n}$  is the 0-1 indicator r.v. showing whether  $x_n$  belongs to cluster  $k$

$\gamma(z_{k,n})$  is an **estimate of the posterior probability** that data point  $x_n$  is “contributed” by cluster  $k$ , i.e. the conditional probability that  $x_n$  belongs to cluster  $k$  given the value of  $x_n$  and parameters  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k, \pi_k$

# Expectation Maximization (EM) approach for the Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

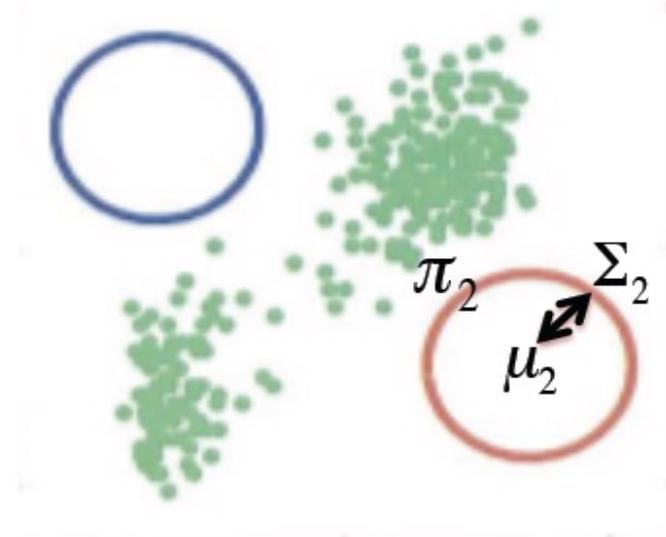
1. Initialize  $\mu_k$ ,  $\Sigma_k$   
 $\pi_k$ , one for each  
Gaussian  $k$

- Tip! Use K-means result to initialize:

$$\mu_k \leftarrow \mu_k$$

$$\Sigma_k \leftarrow \text{cov}(\text{cluster}(K))$$

$$\pi_k \leftarrow \frac{\text{Number of points in } k}{\text{Total number of points}}$$

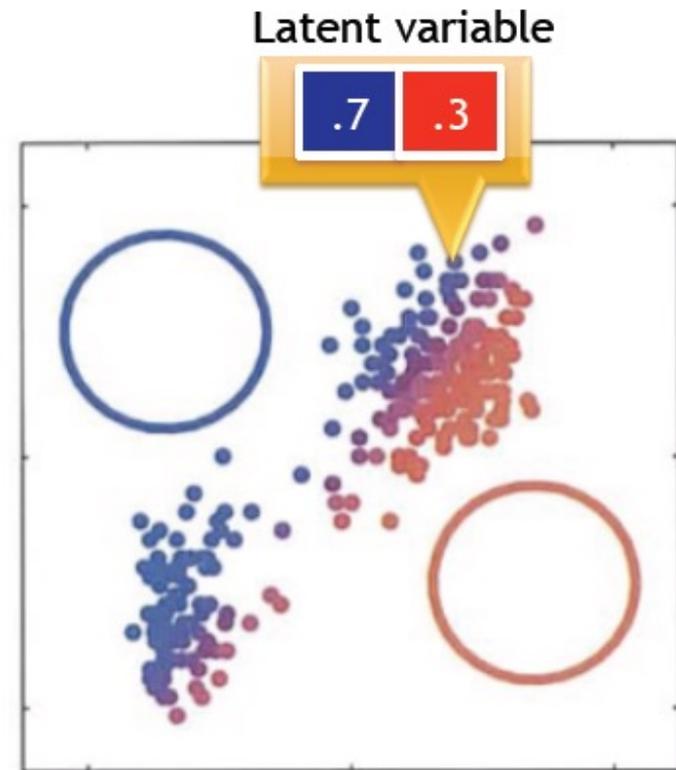


# Expectation Maximization (EM) approach for the Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

2. **E Step:** For each point  $X_n$ , determine its assignment score to each Gaussian  $k$ :

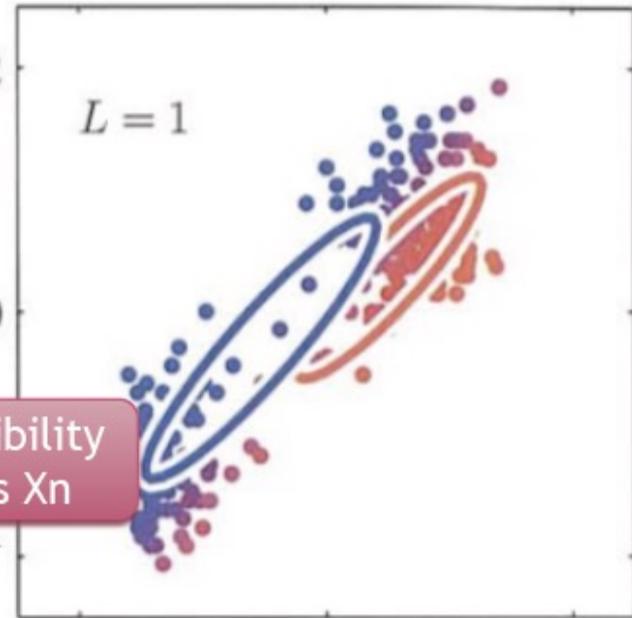
$$\gamma(z_{k,n}) = \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)}$$

$\gamma(z_{k,n})$  is called a “responsibility”: how much is this Gaussian  $k$  responsible for this point  $X_n$ ?



# Expectation Maximization (EM) approach for the Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

3. **M Step:** For each Gaussian  $k$ , update parameters using new  $\gamma(z_{k,n})$



Mean of Gaussian  $k$

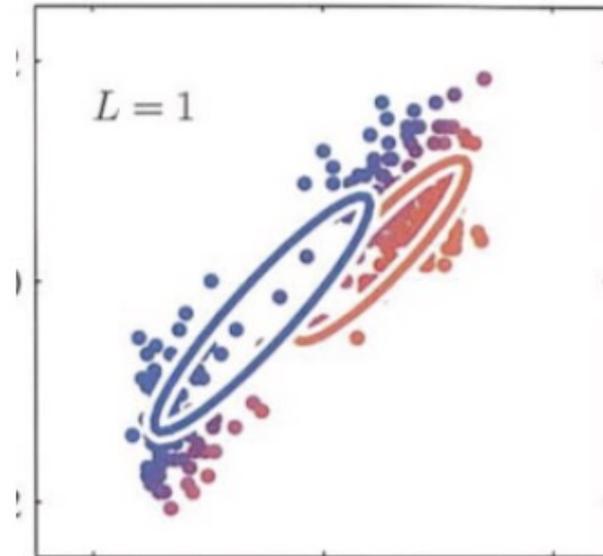
$$\mu_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{k,n}) \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{k,n})$$

Find the mean that “fits” the assignment scores best

# Expectation Maximization (EM) approach for the Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

3. **M Step:** For each Gaussian  $k$ , update parameters using new  $\gamma(z_{k,n})$



Covariance matrix of Gaussian  $k$

$$\Sigma_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{k,n}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}})^T$$

Just calculated this!

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# Expectation Maximization (EM) approach for the Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

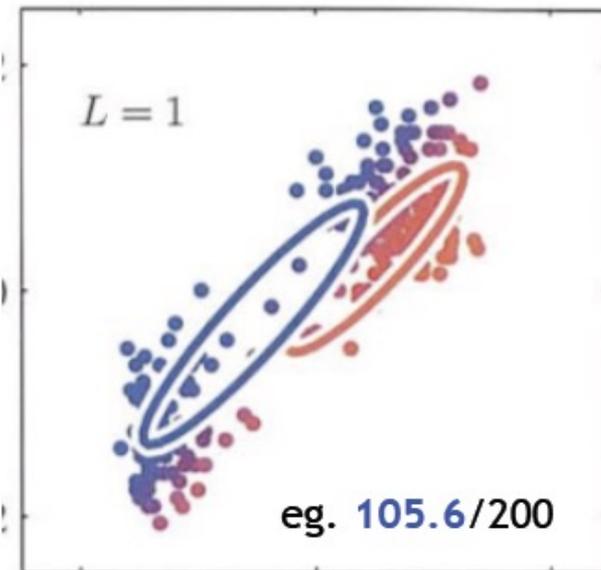
3. **M Step:** For each Gaussian  $k$ , update parameters using new  $\gamma(z_{k,n})$

**Mixing Coefficient for Gaussian  $k$**

$$\pi_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{N_k}{N}$$

Total # of points

$$N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{k,n})$$

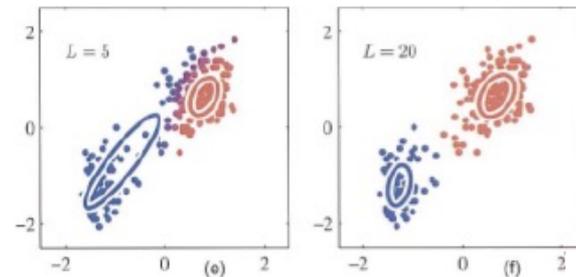


# Expectation Maximization (EM) approach for the Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

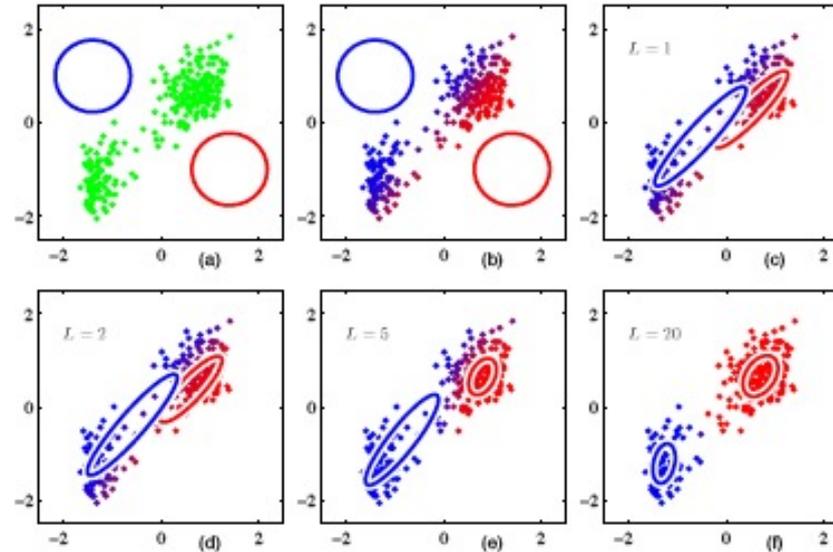
4. Evaluate log **likelihood**. If likelihood or parameters converge, stop. Else go to Step 2 (**E step**).

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right\}$$

**Likelihood** is the probability for the observed data-set  $\mathbf{X}$  to occur (i.e. to be generated) given the current values of the parameters.



# The EM approach for GMM (cont'd)



- ▶ More iterations needed to converge than  $K$ -means algorithm, and each cycle requires more computation
- ▶ Common, initialise parameters based  $K$ -means run.

# Recap: EM for GMM

## The EM Algorithm

1. Initialize the parameters: means  $\mu_k$ , covariances  $\Sigma_k$  and mixing coeff.  $\pi_k$  of the  $K$  Gaussian components.
  2. E Step: Assign each point  $\mathbf{x}_n$  an assignment score  $\gamma(z_{k,n})$  for each cluster  $k$
  3. M Step: Given scores, adjust  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k, \pi_k$  for each cluster  $k$
  4. Evaluate Likelihood value. If likelihood value or parameters convergence, stop ; Otherwise Goto Step 2. (the E Step)
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$\gamma(z_{k,n})$  is an **estimate of the posterior probability** that data point  $\mathbf{x}_n$  is “contributed” by (or belongs to) cluster  $k$ , i.e. the conditional probability given the parameters  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k, \pi_k$  and the observation  $\mathbf{x}_n$

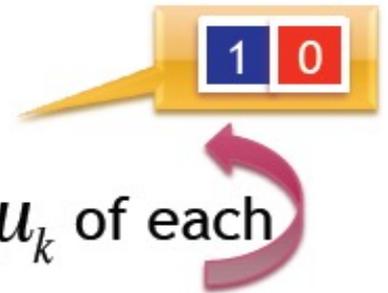
# Comparing to the K-means algorithm

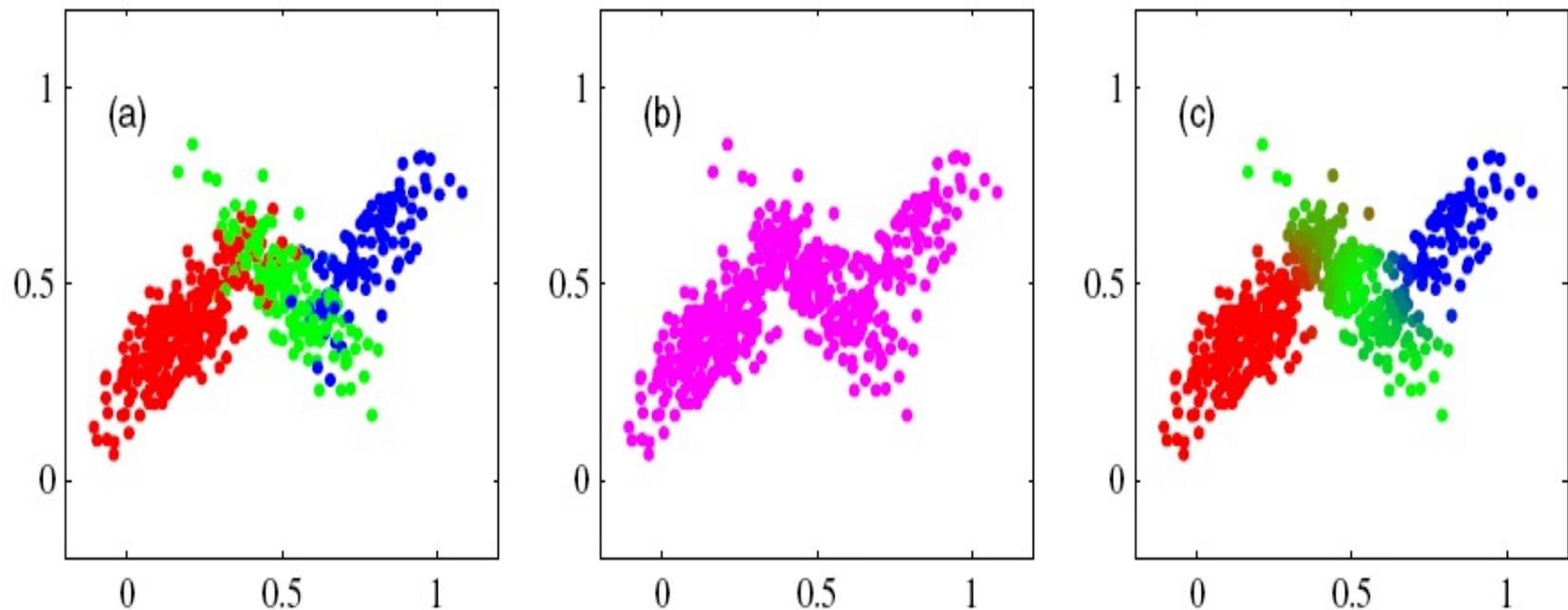
1. Initialize means  $\mu_k$

2. E Step: Assign each point to a cluster

3. M Step: Given clusters, refine mean  $\mu_k$  of each cluster k

4. Stop when change in means is small





**Figure 9.5** Example of 500 points drawn from the mixture of 3 Gaussians shown in Figure 2.23. (a) Samples from the joint distribution  $p(\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$  in which the three states of  $\mathbf{z}$ , corresponding to the three components of the mixture, are depicted in red, green, and blue, and (b) the corresponding samples from the marginal distribution  $p(\mathbf{x})$ , which is obtained by simply ignoring the values of  $\mathbf{z}$  and just plotting the  $\mathbf{x}$  values. The data set in (a) is said to be *complete*, whereas that in (b) is *incomplete*. (c) The same samples in which the colours represent the value of the responsibilities  $\gamma(z_{nk})$  associated with data point  $\mathbf{x}_n$ , obtained by plotting the corresponding point using proportions of red, blue, and green ink given by  $\gamma(z_{nk})$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3$ , respectively

# Application: Using GMM for Image Segmentation

Source:

<https://kittipatkampa.wordpress.com/2011/02/17/image-segmentation-using-gaussian-mixture-models/>



Original Image



Segmentation results using GMM with 3 components

## Input Features:

x-y pixel locations & pixel lightness/color in L\*a\*b color space

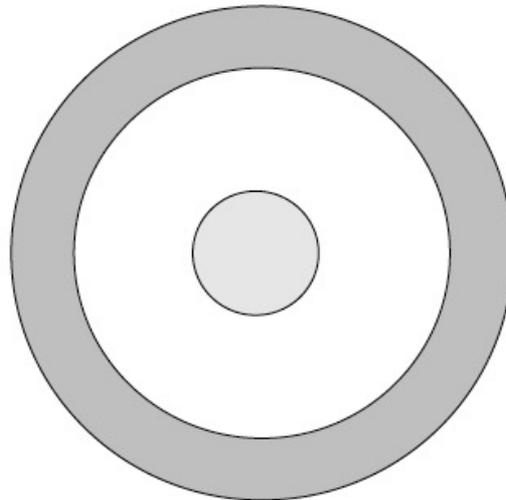
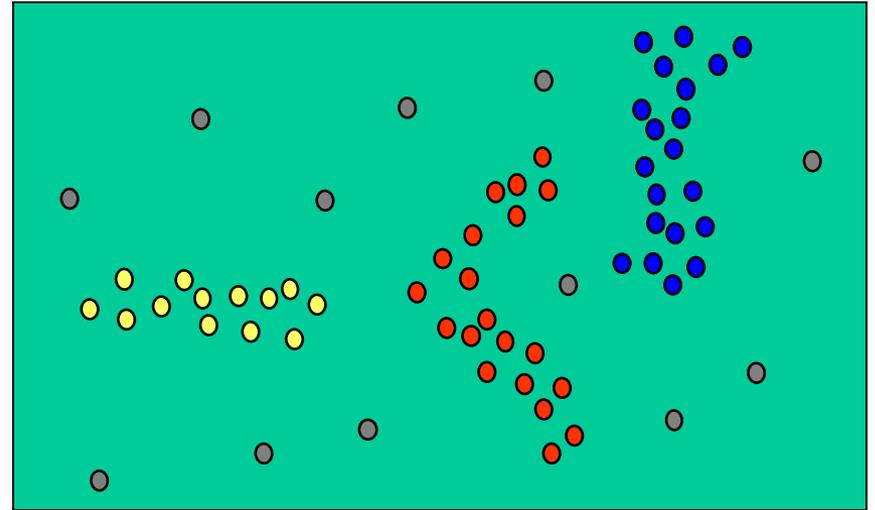
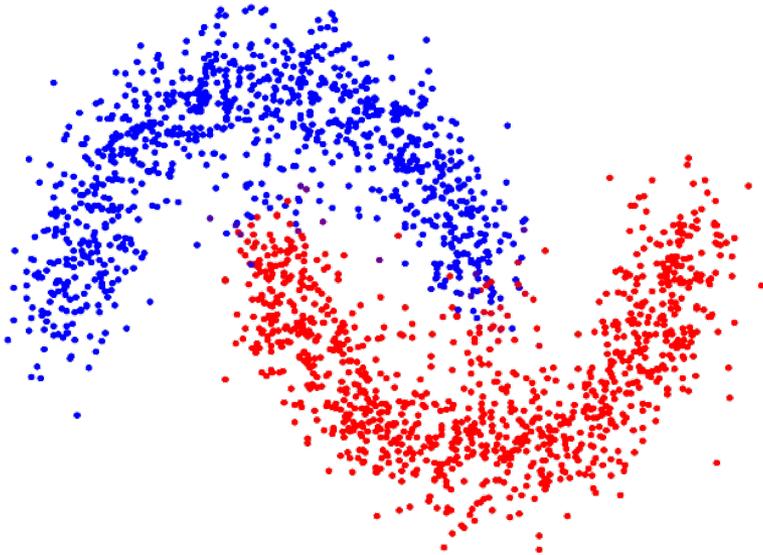
## Output Results:

Each color represents a class ; The brightness represents the posterior probability – darker pixels represent high uncertainty of the posterior distribution.

# From K-means to GMM

- K-means is a 0-1 classifier, which assigns every data point to one and only one cluster
  - As shown previously, K-means can also be formulated as EM
- Mixture of Gaussians is a **Probability Model** to describe/characterize a given set of data
  - GMM can be used as a “Soft” classifier
  - For every point we can quantify the **likelihood** that it belongs to a particular cluster
  - Once you have established the model for a given data set, you can use it for other applications, e.g. Prediction, Density Estimator, statistical inference etc.
- The EM-approach can be generalized to other non-Gaussian distributions.
- K-means, GMM and the general EM-approach are all widely used in practice for large-scale problems.

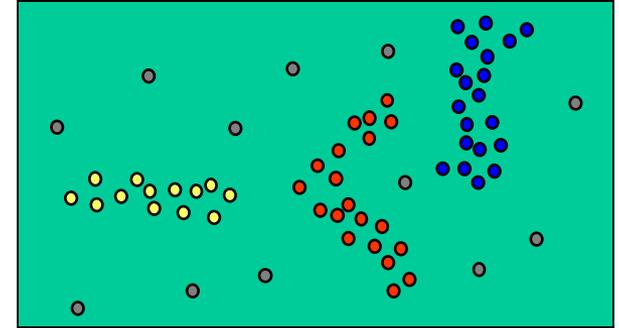
# K-means and GMM **CANNOT** deal with Clusters of Random Shapes !!



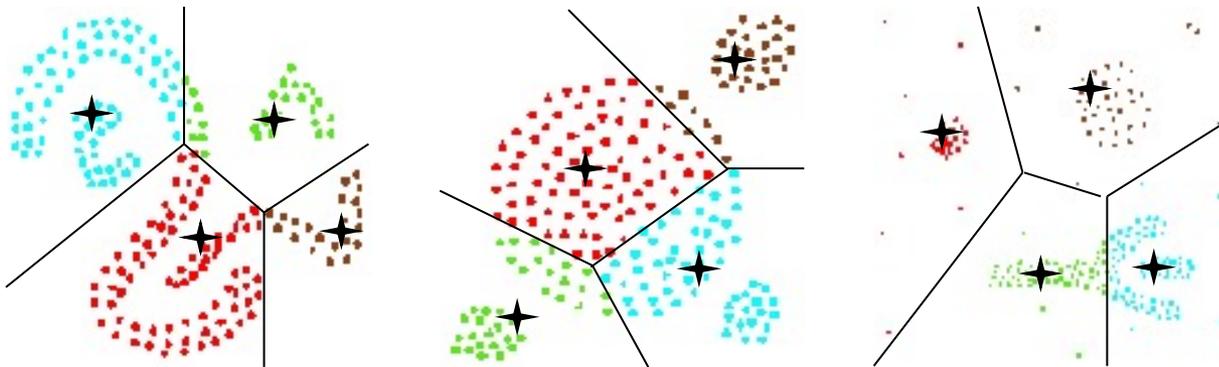
# Density-based Clustering

## ✦ *Basic Idea:*

Clusters are dense regions in the data space, separated by regions of lower object density



## ■ Why Density-Based Clustering?



Results of a  $k$ -medoid algorithm for  $k=4$

# Density-based Clustering

- Density-based Clustering locates regions of high density that are separated from one another by regions of low density.
- Density = number of points within a specified radius ( $\epsilon$ ) (in d-dimensional space)
- Why Density-Based Clustering methods?
  - Discover clusters of arbitrary shape.
  - Clusters – Dense regions of objects separated by regions of low density
- DBSCAN – the first density based clustering
  - To be covered in ESTR4300 ! All are welcome

# Backup Slides

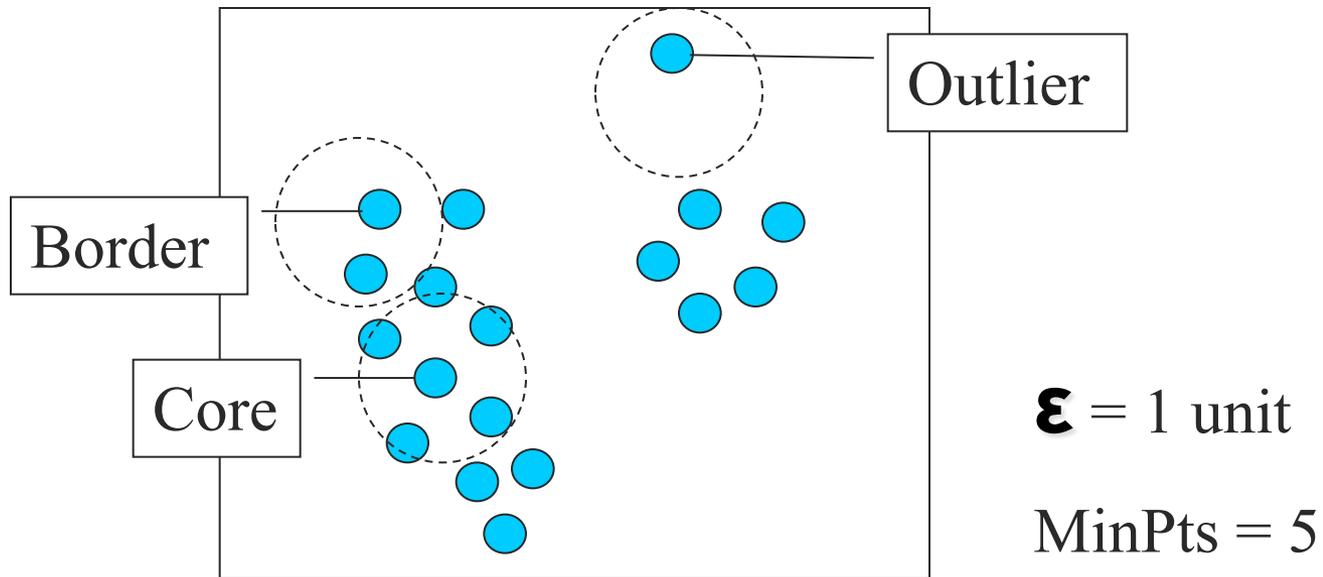
# DBSCAN: Density Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise

- Proposed by Ester, Kriegel, Sander, and Xu (KDD1996) – 2014 SIGKDD Test of Time Award
- Relies on a density-based notion of cluster: A cluster is defined as a maximal set of density-connected points.
- Discovers clusters of arbitrary shape in spatial databases **with noise**

# DBSCAN Terminology

- A point is a **core point** if it has more than a specified number of points (MinPts) within a radius of  $\epsilon$ 
  - These are points that are at the interior of a cluster
- A **border point** has fewer than MinPts within  $\epsilon$ , **but** is **in the neighborhood of a core point**
- A **noise point** is any point that is not a core point or a border point.

# Border & Core

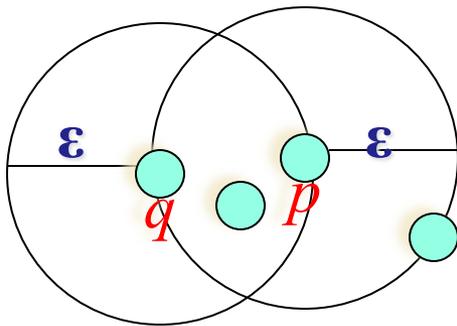


# Key Idea for Cluster Formation under DBSCAN

- Any **two core points are close enough**– within a distance  $\epsilon$  of one another – are **put in the same cluster**
- Any border point that is close enough to a core point is put in the same cluster as the core point
- Noise points are discarded

# Concepts: $\epsilon$ -Neighborhood

- **$\epsilon$ -Neighborhood** - Points within a radius of  $\epsilon$  from a point. (epsilon-neighborhood)
- “High density” -  $\epsilon$ -Neighborhood of a point contains at least **MinPts** of points



$\epsilon$ -Neighborhood of  $p$

$\epsilon$ -Neighborhood of  $q$

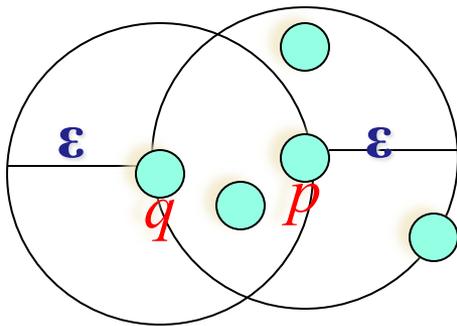
Density of  $p$  is “high” (w.r.t. MinPts = 4)

Density of  $q$  is “low” (w.r.t. MinPts = 4)

# Concepts: Reachability

## ■ **Directly Density-Reachable**

- A point  $q$  is directly density-reachable from a point  $p$  if  $q$  is within the  $\varepsilon$ -Neighborhood of  $p$  and  $p$  is a core point.



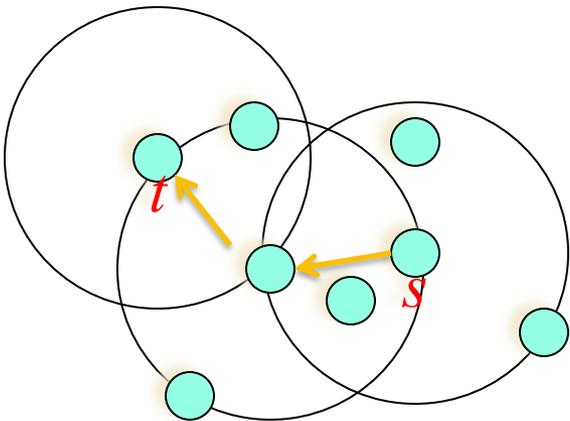
- $q$  is directly density-reachable from  $p$
- $p$  is not directly density-reachable from  $q$  !

=> **Asymmetric in general**

# Concepts: Reachability

## ■ Density-Reachable:

- A point  $q$  is density-reachable from  $p$  w.r.t  $\varepsilon$  and *MinPts* if there is a chain of points  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ , with  $p_1=p$ ,  $p_n=q$  such that  $p_{i+1}$  is directly density-reachable from  $p_i$  w.r.t  $\varepsilon$  and *MinPts* for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$

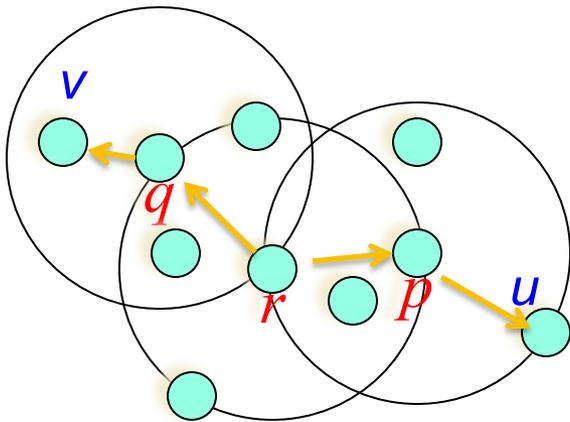


- $t$  is density-reachable from  $s$
- **BUT**  $s$  is not density-reachable from  $t$  !
- **Transitive closure** of Direct Density-Reachability ;  
**Asymmetric in general !**

# Concepts: Connectivity

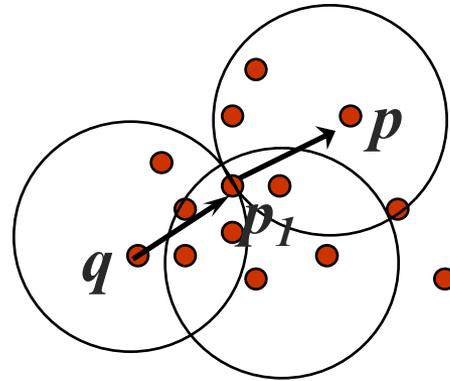
## ■ Density-connectivity

- Point  $p$  is density-connected to Point  $q$  w.r.t  $\epsilon$  and  $MinPts$  if there is a point  $r$  such that both  $p$  and  $q$  are density-reachable from  $r$  w.r.t  $\epsilon$  and  $MinPts$

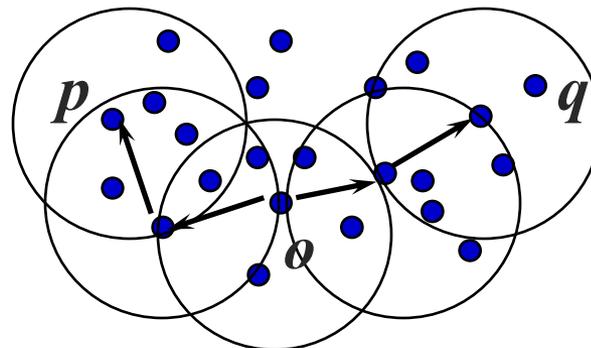


- $p$  and  $q$  are density-connected to each other by  $r$
- $v$  and  $u$  are density-connected to each other by  $r$
- Density-connectivity is symmetric

# Density-reachable vs. Density-Connected



$p$  is Density-reachable from  $q$

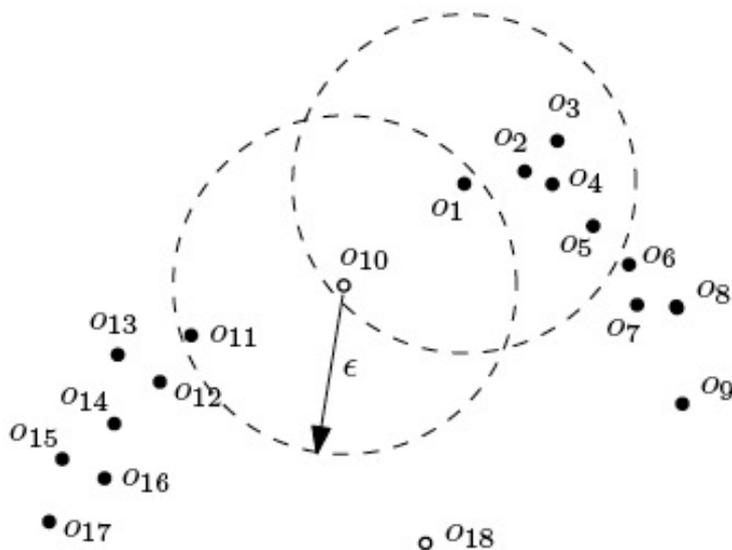


$p$  and  $q$  are Density-connected via  $o$

# Formal Description of a Cluster

- Given a data set  $D$ , parameter  $\varepsilon$  and a threshold of MinPts.
- A cluster  $C$  is a subset of points satisfying two criteria:
  - **Connected:** For all  $p, q$  in  $C$ :  $p$  and  $q$  are density-connected.
  - **Maximal:** For all  $p, q$ : if  $p$  in  $C$  and  $q$  is density-reachable from  $p$ , then  $q$  in  $C$  ( $\Rightarrow$   $p$  is a core point)
    - $\Rightarrow$  Each cluster has **at least 1 Core point**
    - $\Rightarrow$  Each cluster contains **at least MinPts points**
- Note: a Cluster contains both Core and Border points
- **Noise:** points which are not directly density-reachable from at least one core point.
- The set of Clusters defined as above is **ALWAYS Unique**  
!...except... $\Rightarrow$  border point may belong to multiple cluster

# Cluster Examples



$C1 = \{o1, o2, \dots, o10\}$   
 $C2 = \{o10, o11, \dots, o17\}$   
o18 is a noise point

Figure 2: An example dataset (the two circles have radius  $\epsilon$ ;  
 $MinPts = 4$ )

**Connected:** For all  $p, q$  in  $C$ :  $p$  and  $q$  are density-connected.

**Maximal:** For all  $p, q$ : if  $p$  in  $C$  and  $q$  is density-reachable from  $p$ , then  $q$  in  $C$  ;  
also  $\Rightarrow$  each cluster has at least 1 Core point

- $\{o1, o10\}$  alone is NOT a cluster by itself because NOT Maximal
- A Border point, e.g. o10, can belong to MULTIPLE clusters
- Clusters produced by DBSCAN is NOT necessarily disjoint !
- However, if  $p$  belongs to more than 1 cluster, it MUST BE a Border point  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  A core point always belongs to a Unique cluster, Why ?

# DBSCAN: The Algorithm (Simplified)

```
for each  $o \in D$  do /* Result is independent of the order of
                        processing the points EXCEPT... */
  if  $o$  is not yet classified then
    if  $o$  is a core-object then
      collect all objects density-reachable from  $o$ 
      and assign them to a new cluster.
    else
      assign  $o$  to NOISE
```

- Worst-case Time Complexity =  $O(n^2)$  ! (trivial ?)
  - NOT  $O(n \log n)$  Time as initially mis-claimed (for 17 years) !
- Time complexity =  $\Omega(n^{4/3})$  for  $d > 2$  [Gan&Tao 2015] ;
- $O(n)$  space complexity
- $O(n \log n)$  Time only for 2-dimensional case [Gunawan 2013] ;
- $\rho$ -approx DBSCAN runs in  $O(n)$  Time in Expectation for all dimensions [Gan&Tao 2015]

# DBSCAN: The Algorithm

## (a more detail version)

```
DBSCAN(D, eps, MinPts)
```

```
  C = 0
```

```
  for each unvisited point P in  
  dataset D
```

```
    mark P as visited
```

```
    N = regionQuery(P, eps)
```

```
    if sizeof(N) < MinPts
```

```
      mark P as NOISE
```

```
    else
```

```
      C = next cluster
```

```
      expandCluster(P, N, C,  
                   eps, MinPts)
```

```
expandCluster(P, N, C, eps, MinPts)
```

```
  add P to cluster C
```

```
  for each point P' in N
```

```
    if P' is not visited
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```
      mark P' as visited
```

```
      N' = regionQuery(P', eps)
```

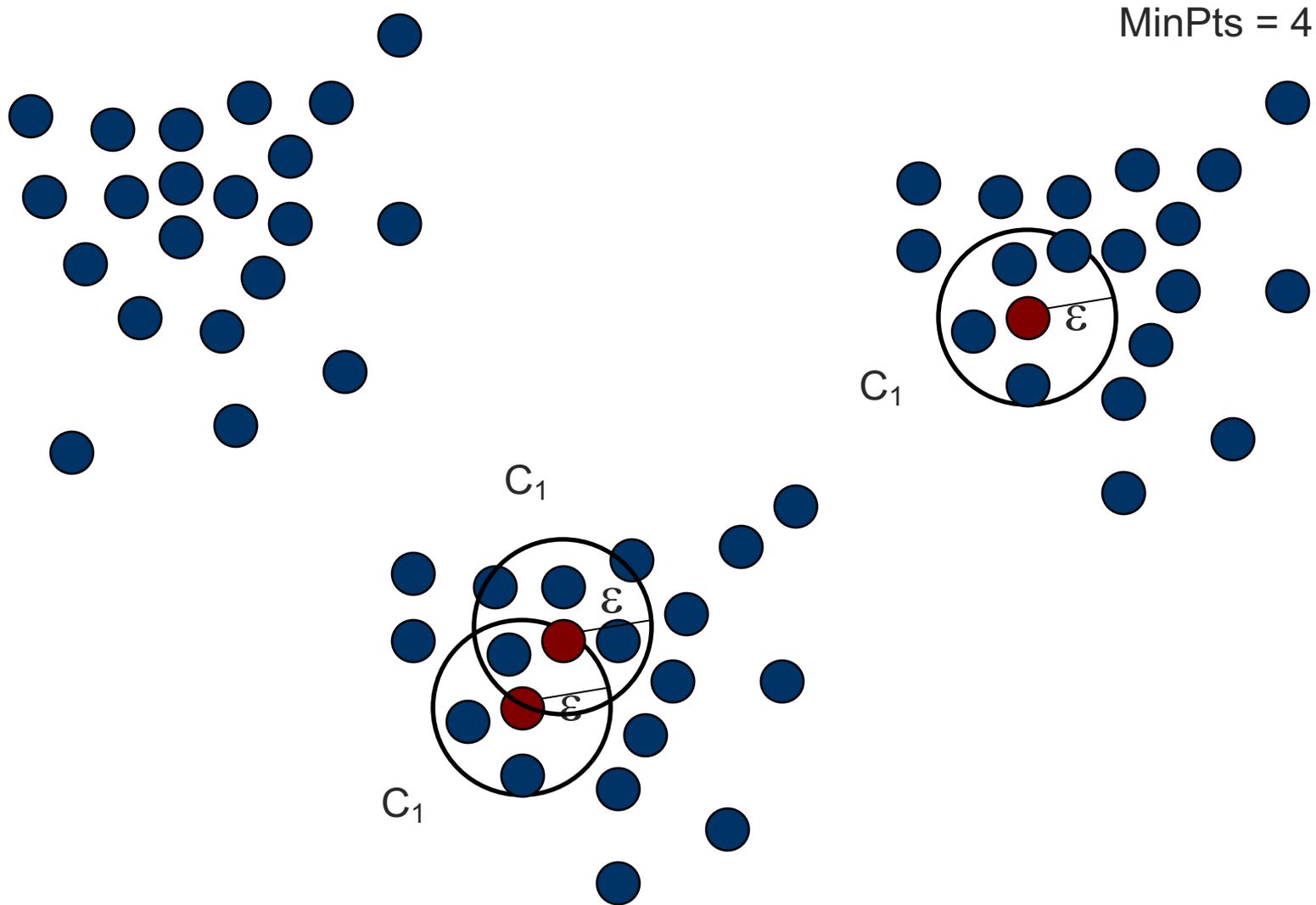
```
      if sizeof(N') >= MinPts
```

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        N = N joined with N'
```

```
    if P' is not yet member of  
    any cluster
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```
      add P' to cluster C
```

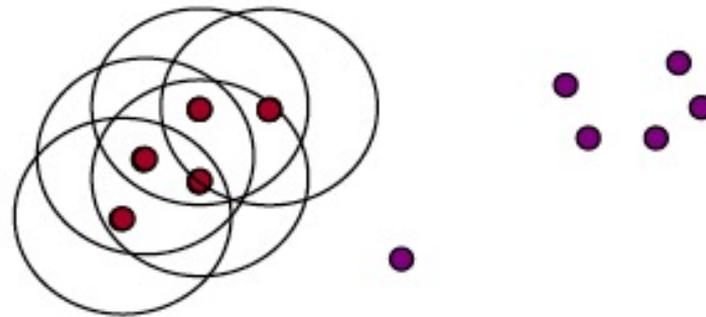
# An Example



# Running the DBSCAN Algorithm: An Example

- **Parameter**

- $\varepsilon = 2 \text{ cm}$
- $MinPts = 3$

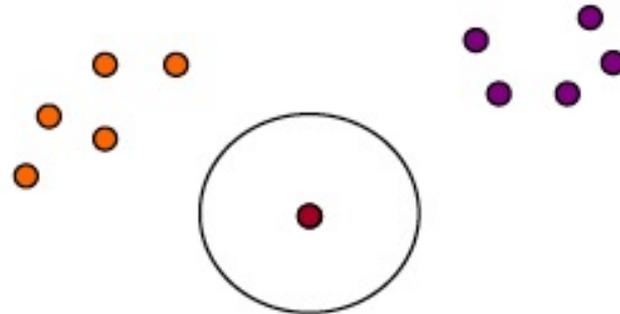


```
for each  $o \in D$  do  
  if  $o$  is not yet classified then  
    if  $o$  is a core-object then  
      collect all objects density-reachable from  $o$   
      and assign them to a new cluster.  
    else  
      assign  $o$  to NOISE
```

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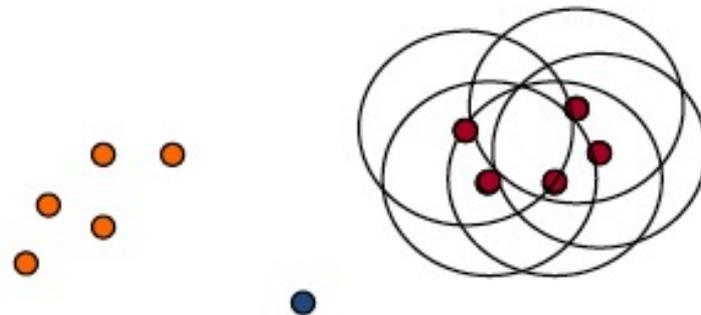


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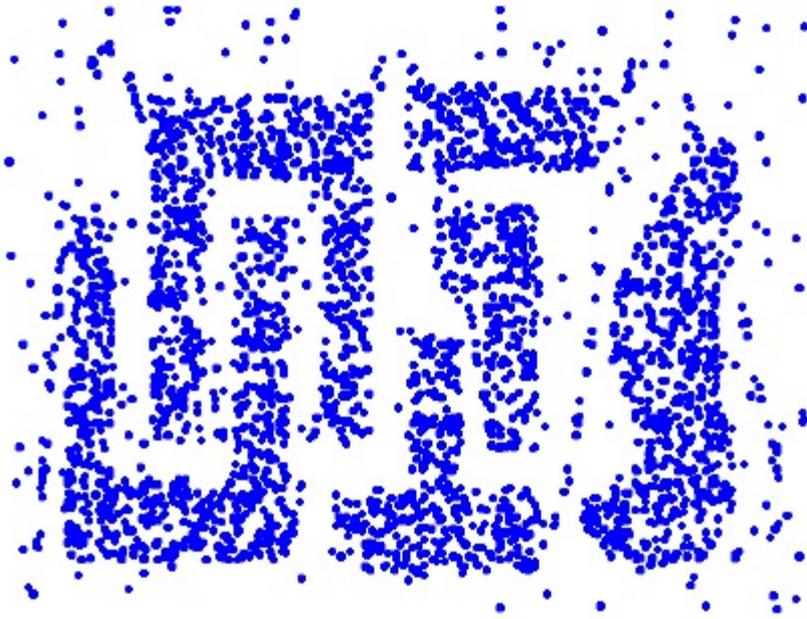
- **Parameter**

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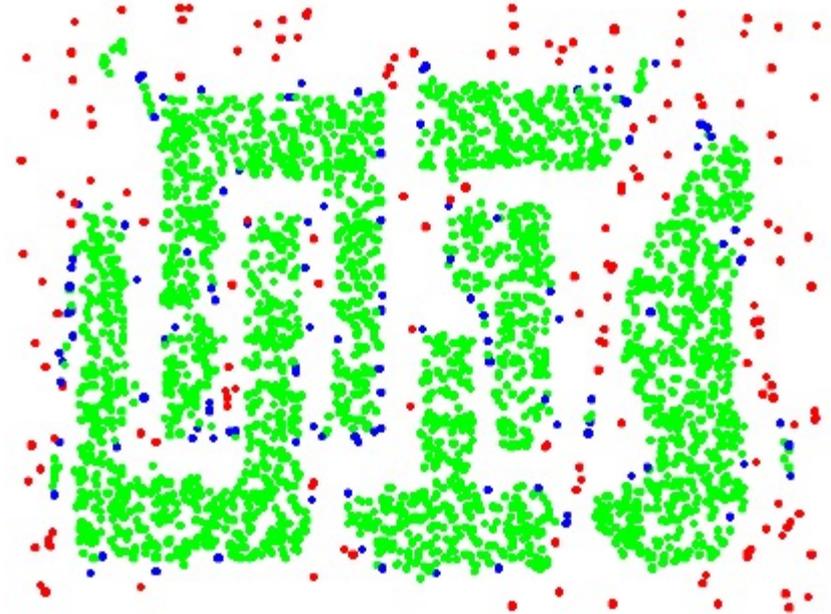


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# Another Example



Original Points

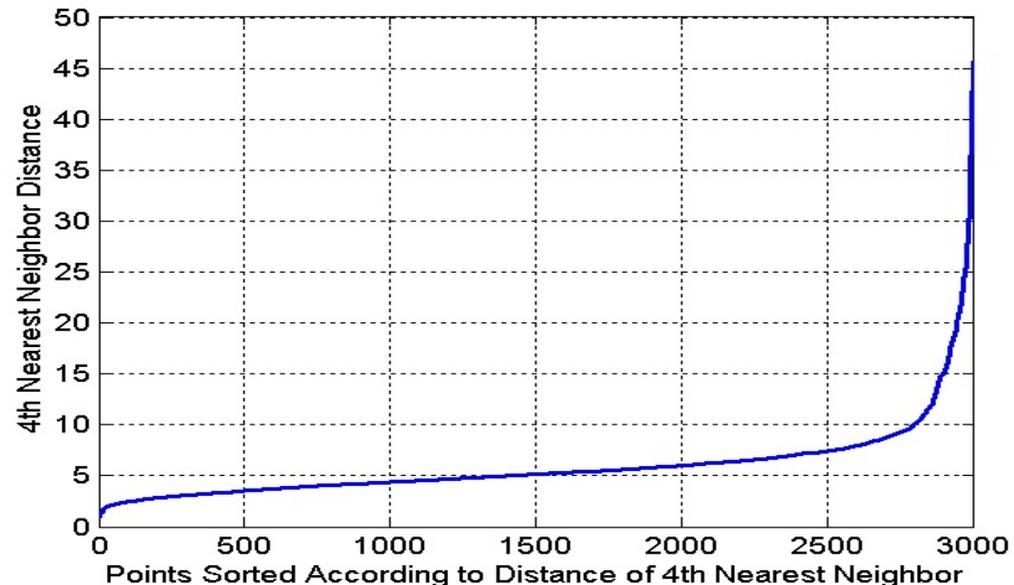


Point types: **core**,  
**border** and **outliers**

$\epsilon = 10$ , MinPts = 4

# DBSCAN: Determining $\epsilon$ and MinPts

- Idea is that for points in a cluster, their  $k^{\text{th}}$  nearest neighbors are at roughly the same distance (BUT may NOT always be true !!)
- Noise points have the  $k^{\text{th}}$  nearest neighbor at farther distance
- So, plot sorted distance of every point to its  $k^{\text{th}}$  nearest neighbor



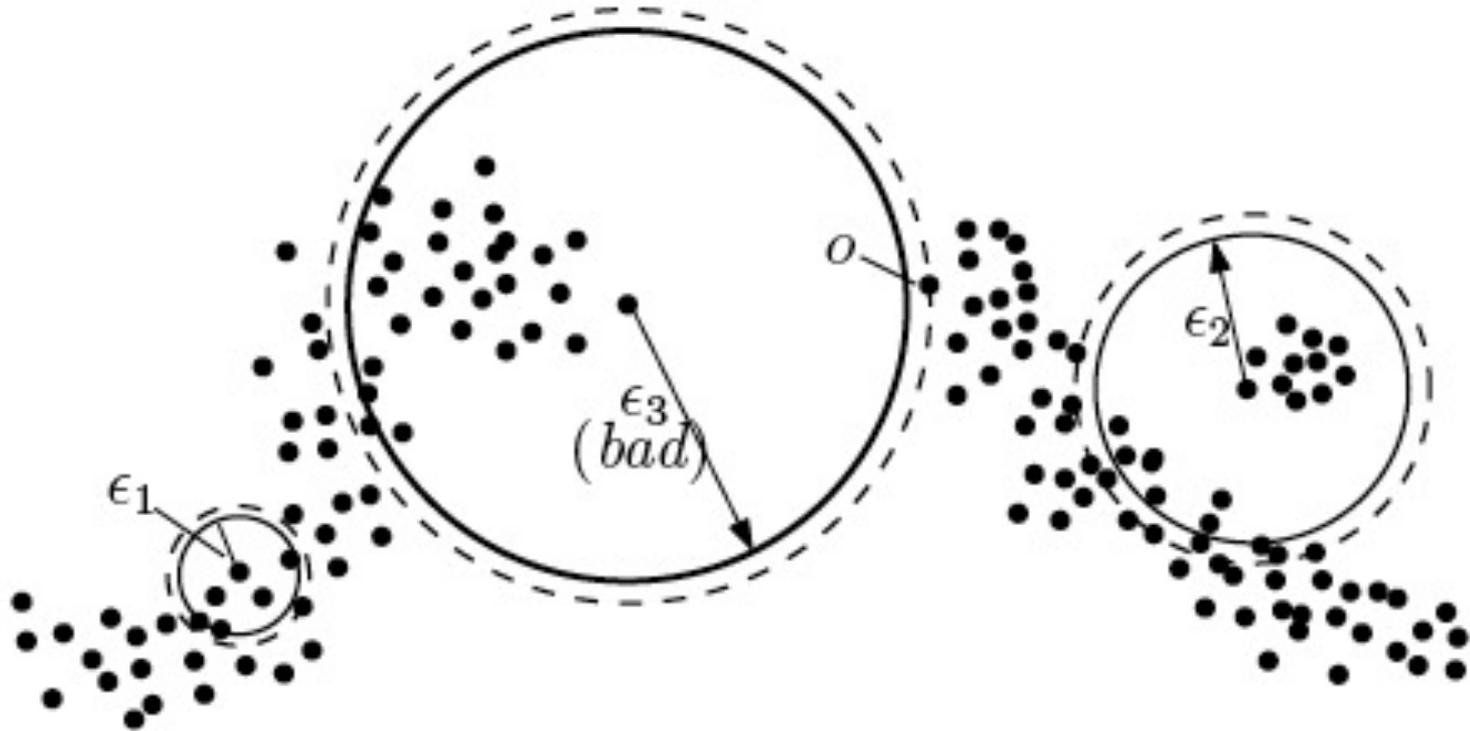
# DBSCAN: Determining $\epsilon$ and MinPts

- Distance from a point to its  $k^{th}$  nearest neighbor  $\Rightarrow$  k-dist
- For points that belong to some clusters, the value of k-dist will be small if k is not larger than cluster size
- For points that are not in a cluster such as noise points, the k-dist will be relatively large
- Compute k-dist for all points for some k
- Sort them in increasing order and plot sorted values
- A sharp change at the value of k-dist that corresponds to suitable value of  $\epsilon$  and the value of k as MinPts

# DBSCAN: Determining $\epsilon$ and MinPts

- A sharp change at the value of k-dist that corresponds to suitable value of  $\epsilon$  and the value of k as MinPts
  - Points for which k-dist is less than  $\epsilon$  will be labeled as core points while other points will be labeled as noise or border points.
- If k is too large $\Rightarrow$  small clusters (of size less than k) are likely to be labeled as noise
- If k is too small $\Rightarrow$  Even a small number of closely spaced that are noise or outliers will be incorrectly labeled as clusters

# Sensitivity of DBSCAN w.r.t. the Choice of $\epsilon$



**Figure 6: Good and bad choices of  $\epsilon$**

- Choice of Eps1 will give 3 clusters and Eps2 will give 2 clusters ; these choices of Eps are robust w.r.t. minor perturbation ;
- Eps3 is a bad choice because a slight perturbation of eps3 will change the result from 2 clusters to 1 cluster ; Eps3 is TOO CLOSE to the distance between 2 clusters !!

# DBSCAN results Sensitive to Parameters

Figure 8. DBSCAN results for DS1 with MinPts at 4 and Eps at (a) 0.5 and (b) 0.4.

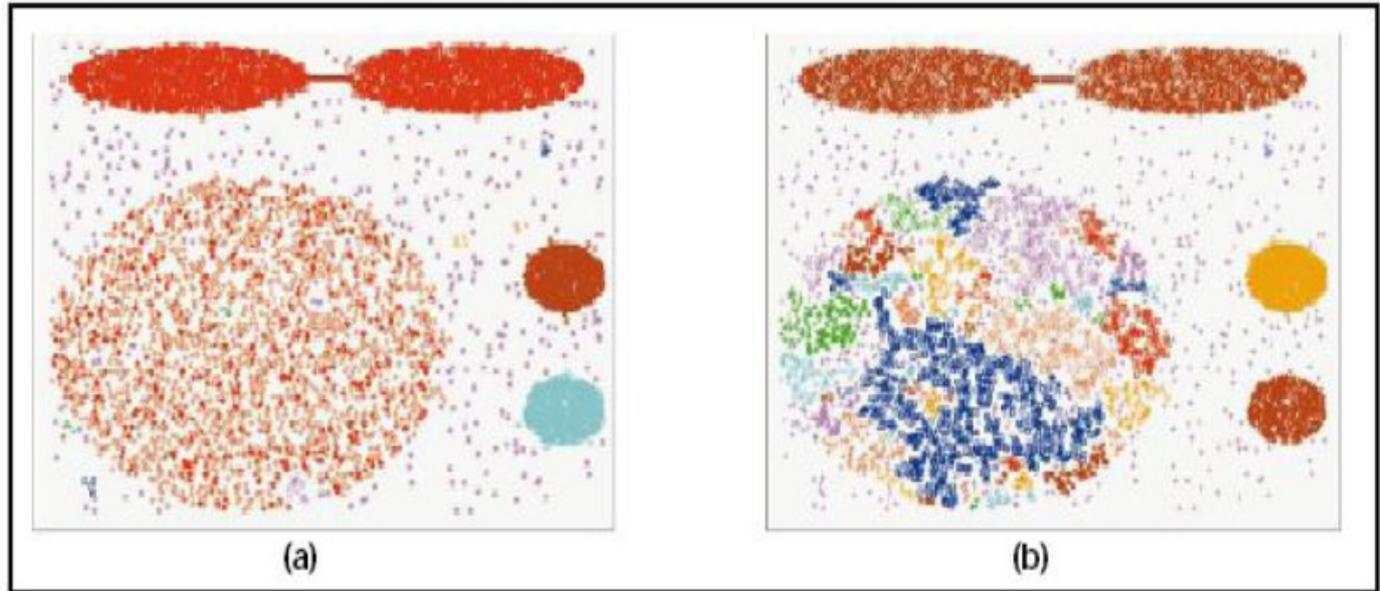
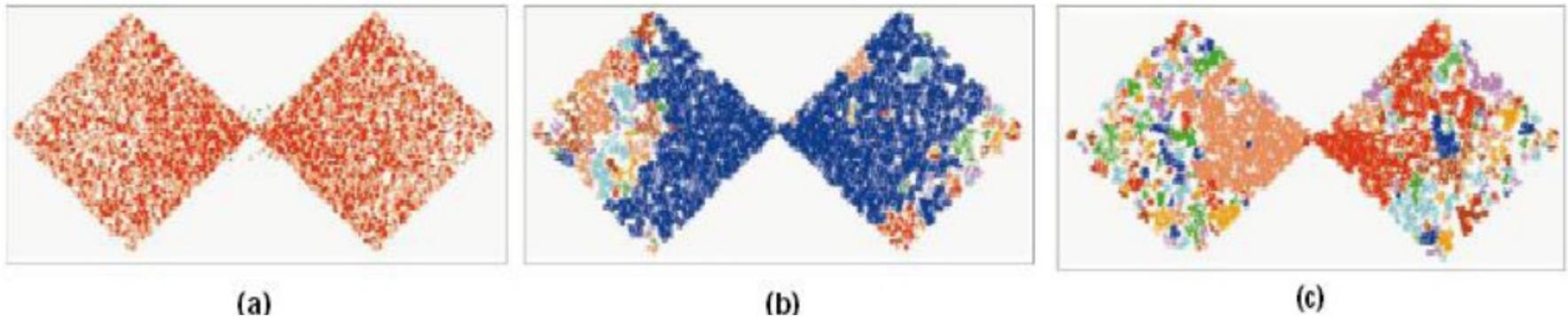
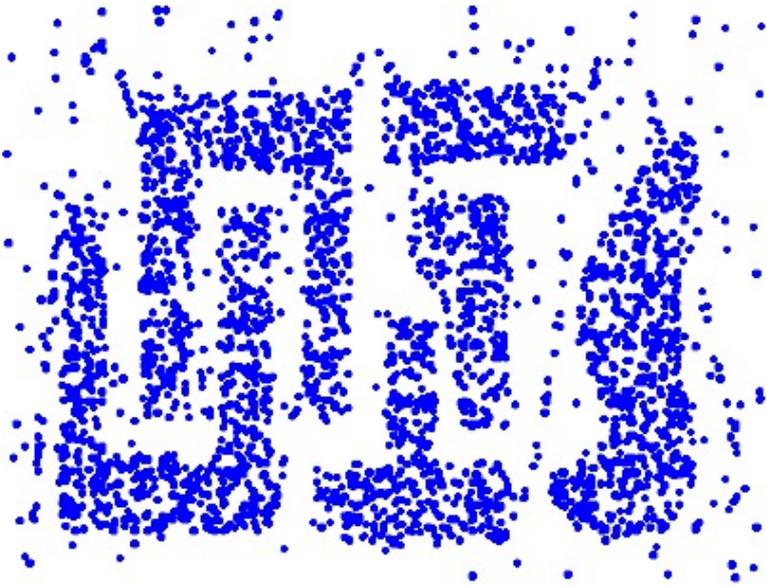


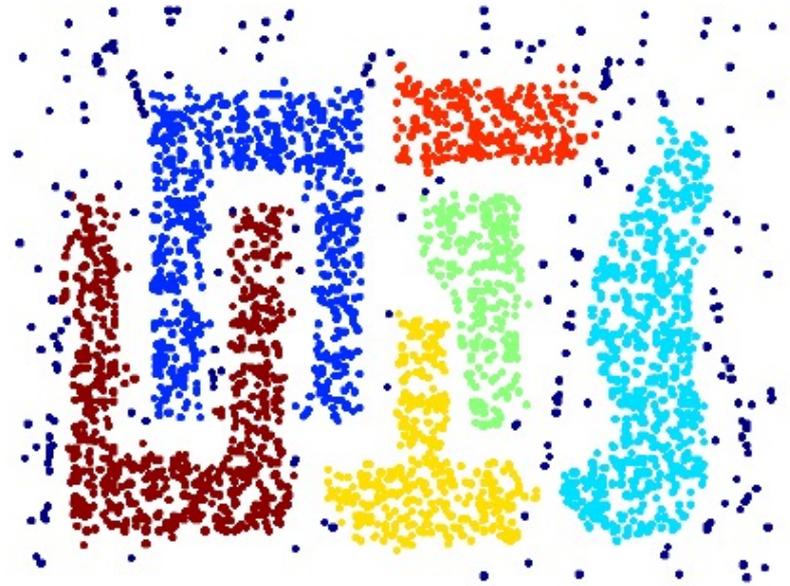
Figure 9. DBSCAN results for DS2 with MinPts at 4 and Eps at (a) 5.0, (b) 3.5, and (c) 3.0.



# When DBSCAN works well



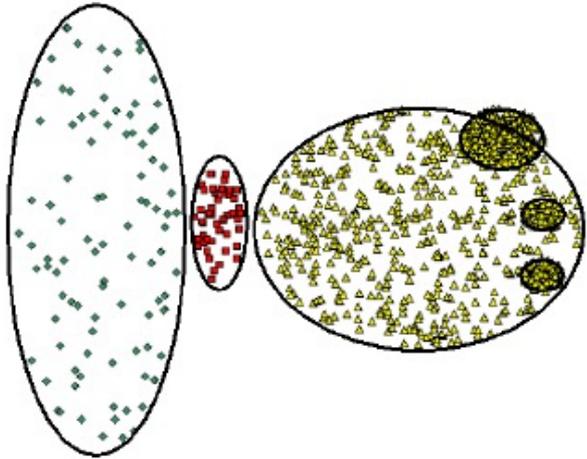
Original Points



Clusters

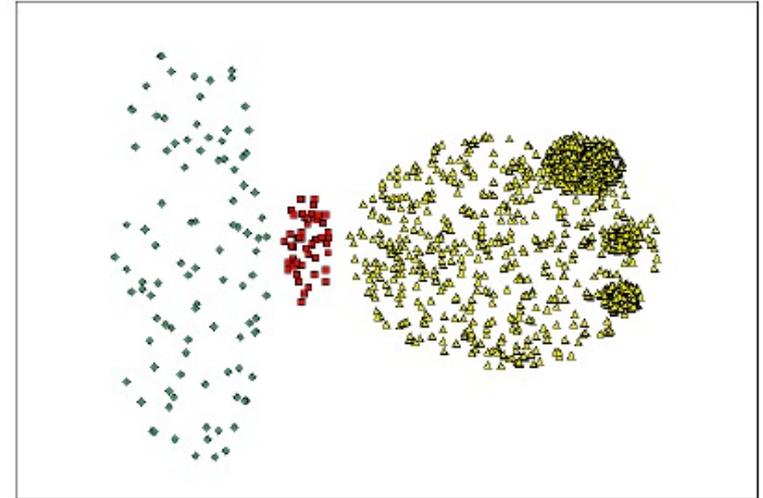
- Resistant to Noise
- Can handle clusters of different shapes and sizes

# When DBSCAN does NOT work well

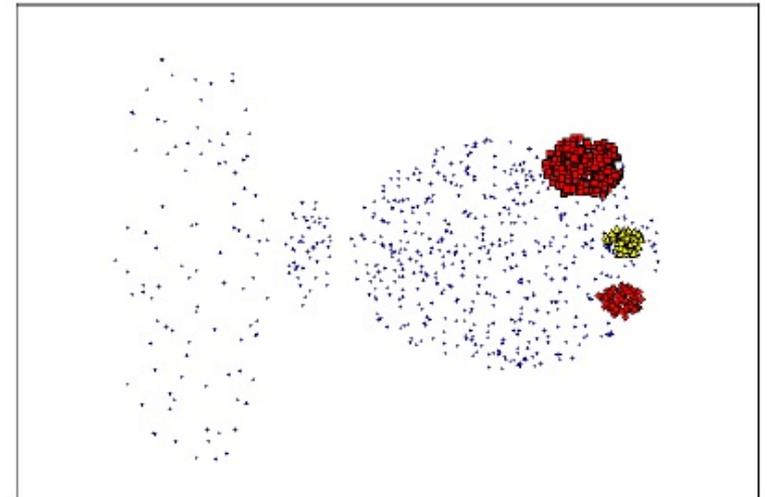


**Original Points**

- **Cannot handle varying densities**
- **sensitive to parameters—hard to determine the correct set of parameters**



(MinPts=4, Eps=9.92).



(MinPts=4, Eps=9.75)

# Summary for DBSCAN

- DBSCAN depends on 2 critical parameters:
  - $\epsilon$  and Minpts
- The notion of  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood w.r.t. Minpts threshold
- Definition of Core vs. Border vs. Noise (Outliner) points
- Density-Reachability vs. Density-Connectivity
- Defining a Cluster based on Density-Connectivity and MAXIMAL Density-Reachability
- Can be tricky to set the “correct” value of  $k$  (size of a cluster)
- Inability to handle highly variable density within the

# Summary

- **Clustering:** Given a **set of points**, with a notion of **distance** between points, **group the points** into some number of *clusters*
- **Algorithms:**
  - Agglomerative **hierarchical clustering:**
    - Centroid and clustroid
  - **k-means:**
    - Initialization, picking  $k$
  - **EM for GMM**
  - **Density-based Clustering with DBSCAN for Clusters of arbitrary shapes**

# Backup Slides

Backup Slides  
of the  
Derivation of  
MLE estimator for GMM

# Maximum likelihood estimation of Gaussian

- Given data points  $x_n$ ,  $n=1, \dots, N$
- Find a **single Gaussian** distribution that maximizes data log-likelihood

$$L(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^N \log p(x_n) = \sum_{n=1}^N \log N(x_n; m, C) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ -\frac{d}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log |C| - \frac{1}{2} (x_n - m)^T C^{-1} (x_n - m) \right]$$

- Set derivative of data log-likelihood w.r.t. parameters to zero

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial m} L(\theta) = C^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N [x_n - m] = 0$$

$$m = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial C^{-1}} L(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ \frac{1}{2} C - \frac{1}{2} (x_n - m)(x_n - m)^T \right] = 0$$

$$C = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - m)(x_n - m)^T$$

- Parameters set as data covariance and mean

# Maximum likelihood estimation of Gaussian

$$P(x_n|\theta_k) = P(x_n|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) = \mathcal{N}(x_n|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k)}$$

The derivative of a gaussian with respect to its mean

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\mu_k} \left\{ (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k)} \right\} &= \\ (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k)} \frac{d}{d\mu_k} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k) \right\} &= \\ (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k)} \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k) &= \\ \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k) & \end{aligned}$$

# Maximum likelihood estimation of GMM

Maximize for  $\mu_k$

$$\frac{d}{d\mu_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K z_{nk} \{ \ln(\pi_k) + \ln(P(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)) \} = 0$$
$$\sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} \frac{1}{P(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)} \frac{d}{d\mu_k} P(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k) = 0$$

Use the derivative that we previously found

# Maximum likelihood estimation of GMM

Maximize for  $\mu_k$

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# Maximum likelihood estimation of Gaussian

The derivative of a gaussian with respect to its covariance

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\Sigma_k} \left\{ (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k)} \right\} = \\ (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k)} \frac{d}{d\Sigma_k} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k) \right\} + \\ -\frac{1}{2} (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{-\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k)} \frac{d}{d\Sigma_k} |\Sigma_k| = \end{aligned}$$

Product rule

# Maximum likelihood estimation of Gaussian

The derivative of a gaussian with respect to its covariance

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\Sigma_k} \left\{ (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k)} \right\} = \\ (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k)} \frac{d}{d\Sigma_k} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x - \mu_k) \right\} + \\ - \frac{1}{2} (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{-\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x-\mu_k)} \frac{d}{d\Sigma_k} |\Sigma_k| = \\ \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) \frac{d}{d\Sigma_k} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x - \mu_k) \right\} \\ - \frac{1}{2} |\Sigma_k|^{-1} \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) \frac{d}{d\Sigma_k} |\Sigma_k| = \end{aligned}$$

# Maximum likelihood estimation of Gaussian

$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_k)^T (x - \mu_k)\right) \frac{d}{d\Sigma_k} \Sigma_k^{-1}$$
$$- \frac{1}{2} |\Sigma_k|^{-1} \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) |\Sigma_k| \Sigma_k^{-1} =$$

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$$-\frac{1}{2}|\Sigma_k|^{-1} \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) |\Sigma_k| \Sigma_k^{-1} =$$

Derivative of inverse

$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_k)^T(x - \mu_k)\right) (-\Sigma_k^{-1} \Sigma_k^{-1})$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}|\Sigma_k|^{-1} \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) |\Sigma_k| \Sigma_k^{-1} =$$

# Maximum likelihood estimation of Gaussian

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# Maximum likelihood estimation of GMM

Set derivative with respect to  $\Sigma_k$  equal to 0:

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$$\sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} \frac{1}{P(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)} \frac{d}{d\Sigma_k} P(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k) = 0$$

Use derivative of gaussian

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$$\sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} \frac{1}{P(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)} \frac{1}{2} P(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \{ (x_n - \mu_k)^T (x_n - \mu_k) \Sigma_k^{-1} \Sigma_k^{-1} - \Sigma_k^{-1} \} = 0$$

Drop distributions

# Maximum likelihood estimation of GMM

Set derivative with respect to  $\Sigma_k$  equal to 0:

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$$\sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} \{ (x_n - \mu_k)^T (x_n - \mu_k) \Sigma_k^{-1} \Sigma_k^{-1} - \Sigma_k^{-1} \} = 0$$

Multiply with  $\Sigma_k \Sigma_k$

# Maximum likelihood estimation of GMM

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$$\sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} \{ (x_n - \mu_k)^T (x_n - \mu_k) - \Sigma_k \} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} \Sigma_k = \sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} (x_n - \mu_k)^T (x_n - \mu_k)$$

$$N_k \Sigma_k = \sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} (x_n - \mu_k)^T (x_n - \mu_k)$$

$$\Sigma_k = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} (x_n - \mu_k)^T (x_n - \mu_k)}{N_k}$$