

# Unsupervised Learning

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# Review

- Last week:
  - Machine Learning for Sequential Data
  - Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)
  - Training Deep Neural Networks: Hardware & Software
- Assignments (Canvas):
  - Project proposal due yesterday
  - Project outline due next week
  - Prototype of final project system due next week
- Questions?

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- Autoencoders
- Clustering
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# How Have Machines Learned So Far in this Class?

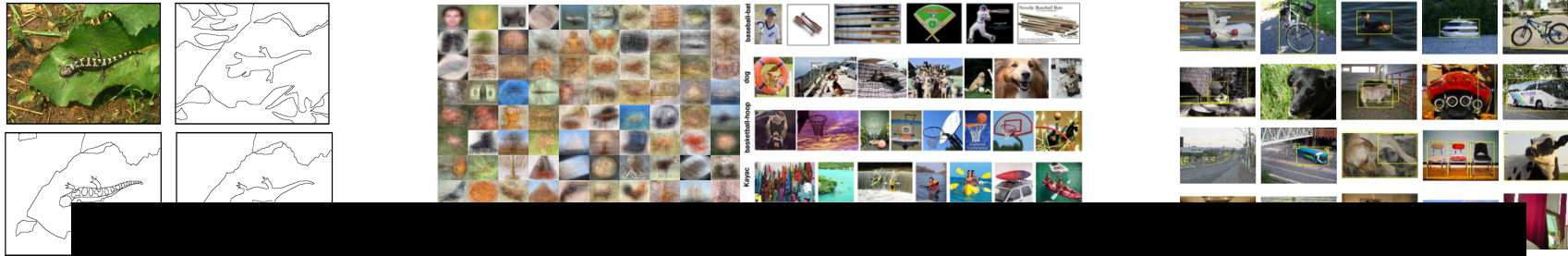
**Large labelled datasets**

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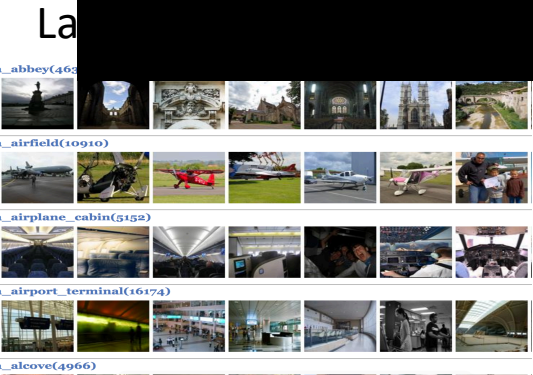
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# Why Not Rely On Large Labelled Datasets?



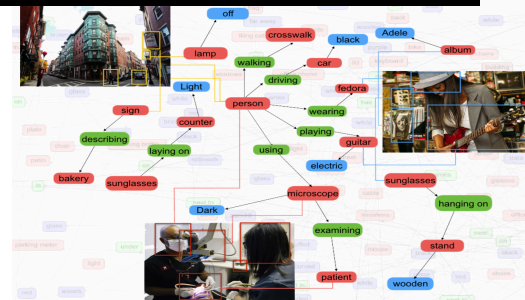
**- Expensive**  
**- Relatively Slow**  
**- Disconnect from Human Learning**



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# Intuition: How Do Humans Learn?

With Supervision



No Supervision



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# Intuition: How Do Humans Learn?

- Experience (Unsupervised):
  - Idea: learn to group objects into one class by seeing many of them
- Supervision:
  - Idea: learn to group objects into one class because someone tells us to



# Recall: Types of Learning Tasks

- Unsupervised
  - No label given for training data
- Supervised
  - Label given for training data: e.g., “cat”



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to 

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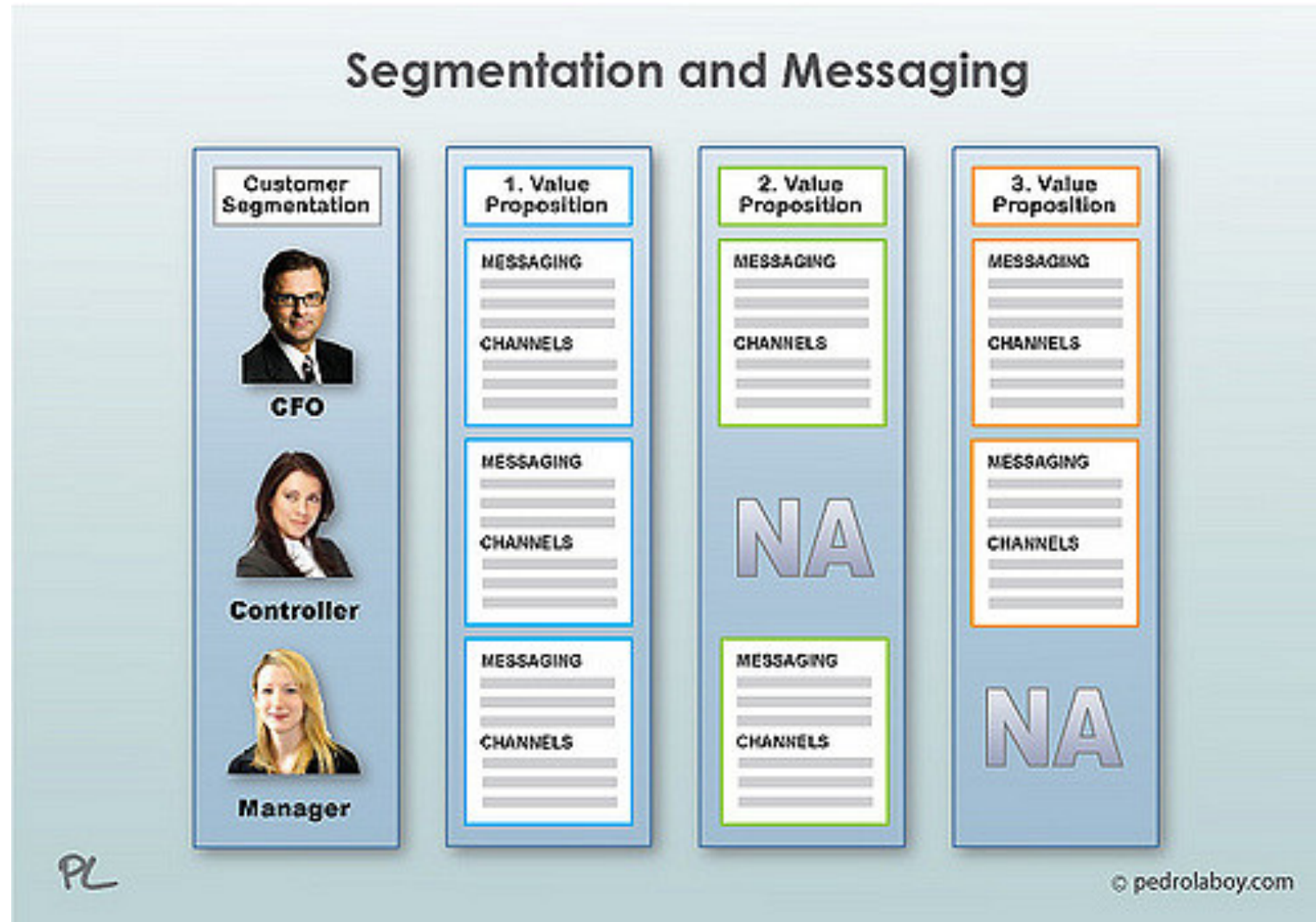
# Goal: Learn from **Experience** To Organize Data



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# Real-World Applications: Customer Segmentation



# Real-World Applications: Recommendations



# Real-World Applications: Social Network Analysis



# Real-World Applications: Fraud Detection



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# Breakout Discussion: Real-World Applications

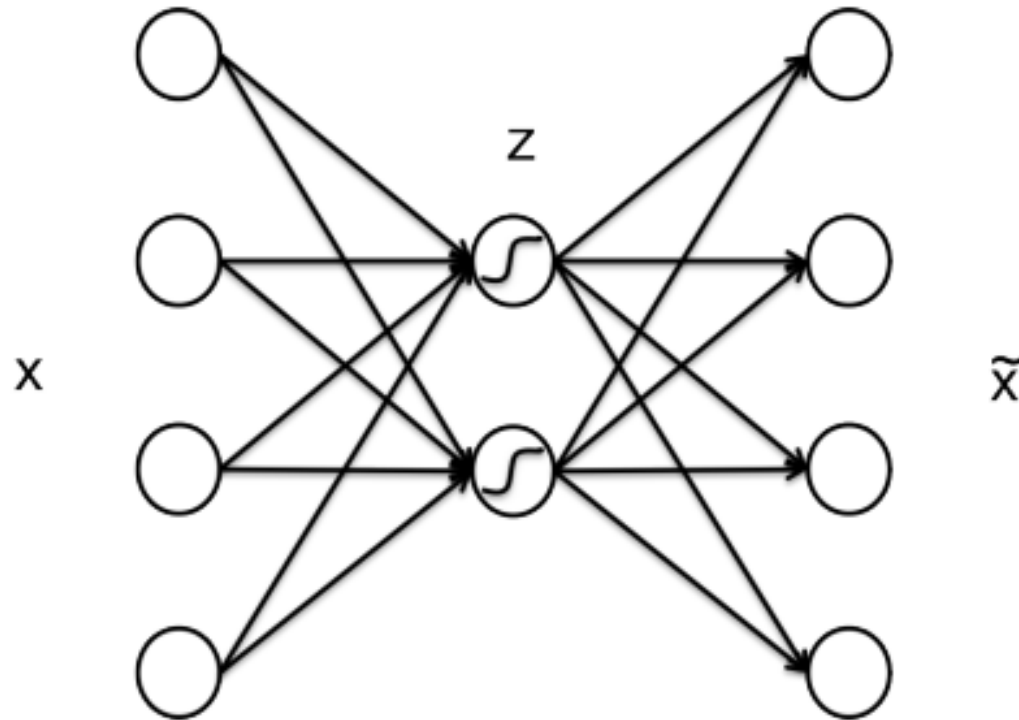
What are other possible applications for using unsupervised learning?

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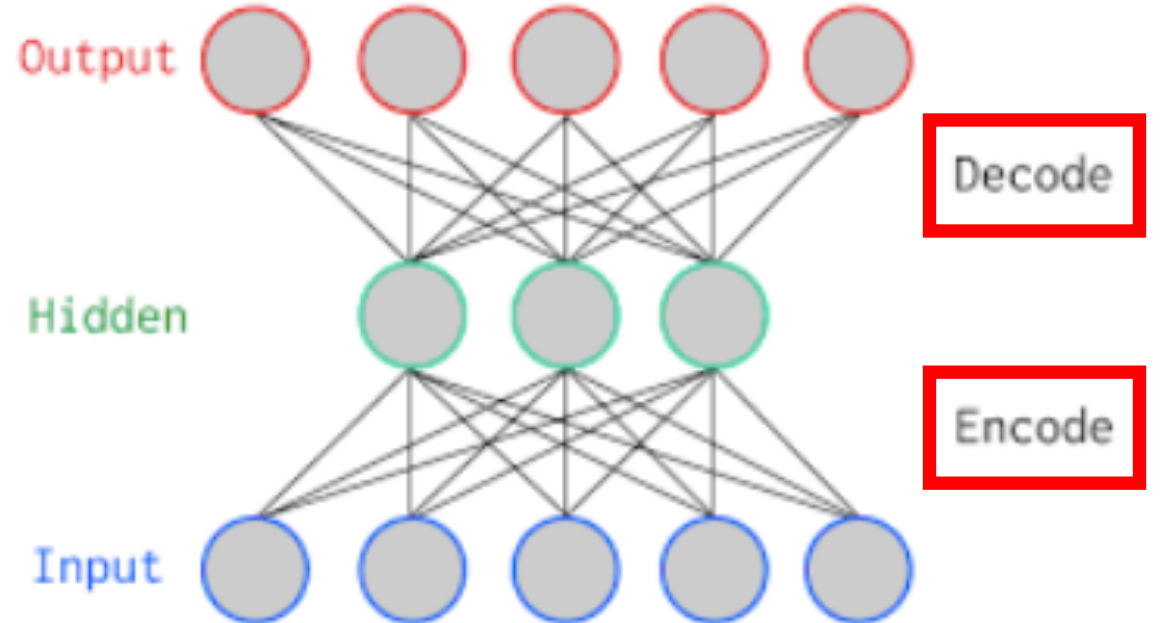
# Autoencoder Architecture

- Learn to copy the input to the output



# Autoencoder Architecture

- Consists of two parts:
  - **Encoder:** compresses inputs to an internal representation
  - **Decoder:** tries to reconstruct the input from the internal representation

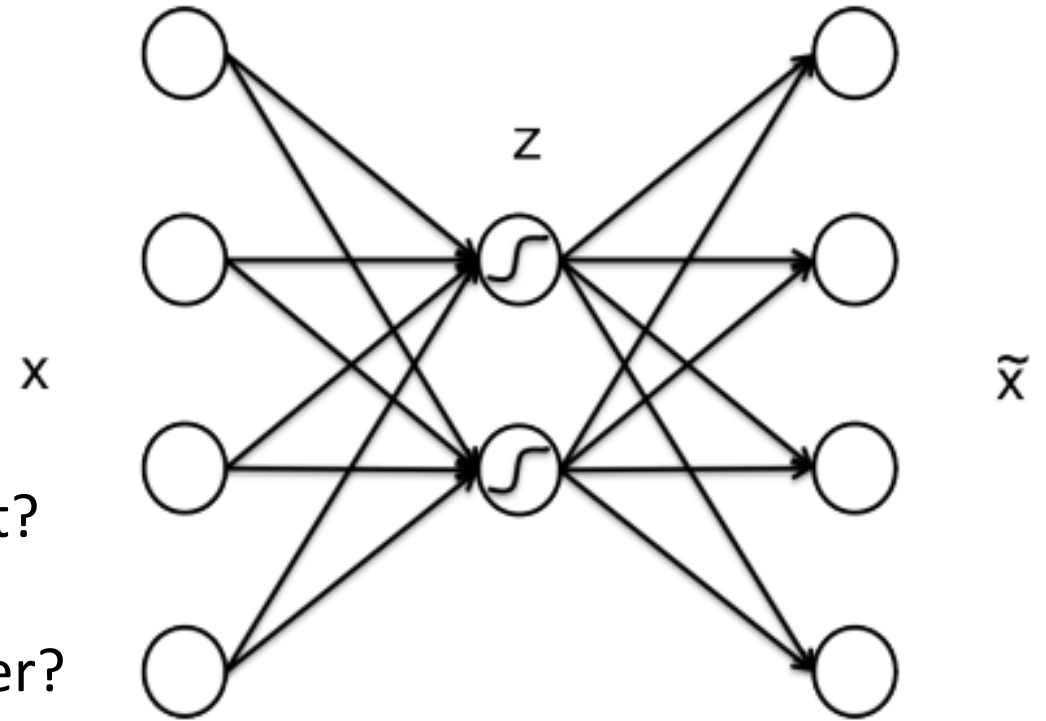


# Autoencoder Architecture

- Given this input 620 x 426 image (264,120 pixels):



- What would a perfect autoencoder predict?
  - Itself
- What number of nodes are in the final layer?
  - 264,120



# Autoencoder Training

**How do you train a neural network?**

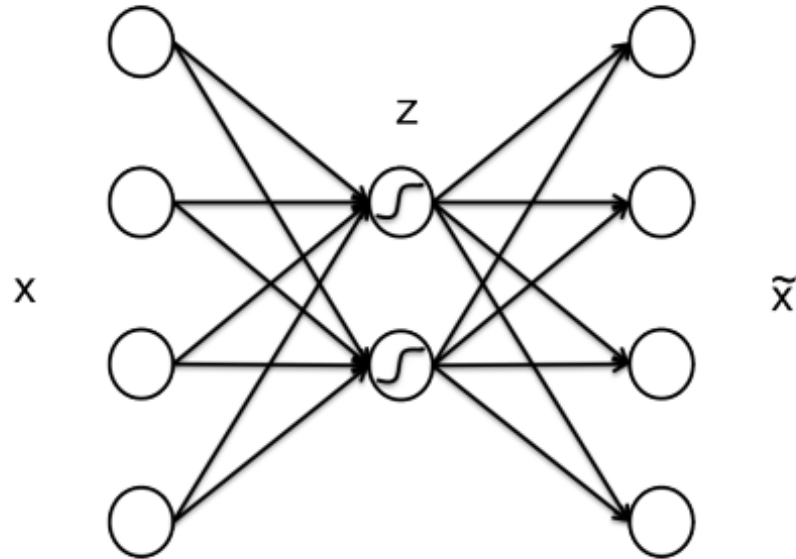
# Autoencoder Training

Repeat until stopping criterion met:

1. **Forward pass:** propagate training data through network to make prediction
2. **Backward pass:** using predicted output, calculate error gradients backward
3. Update each weight using calculated gradients

# Autoencoder

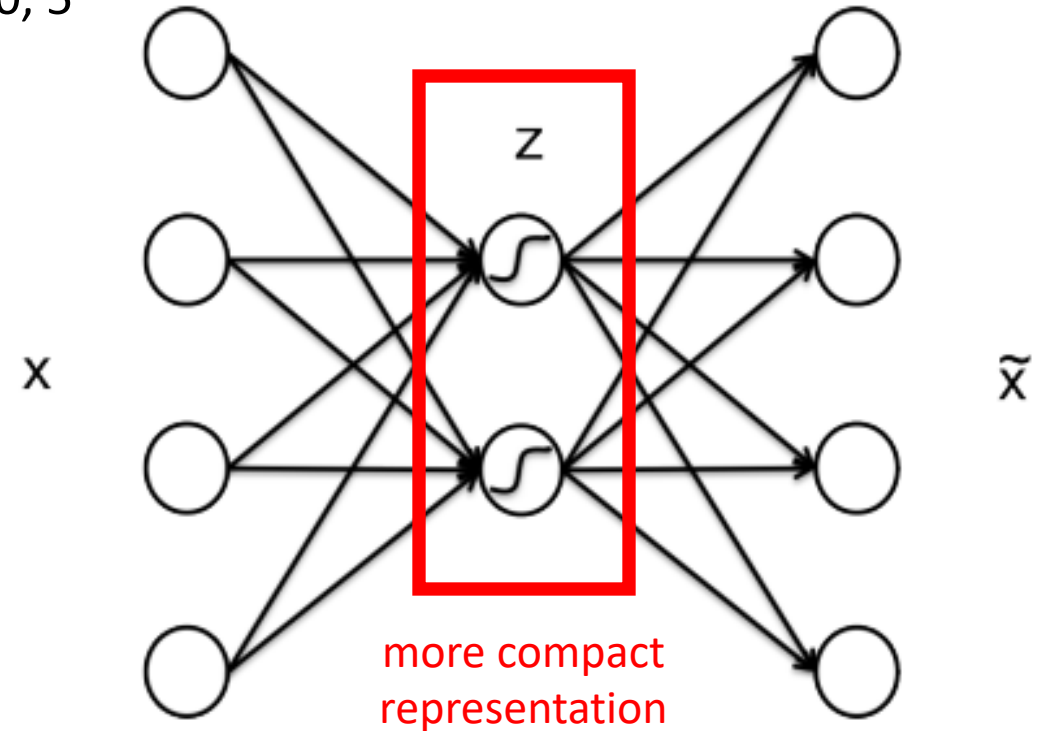
**What are useful applications for autoencoders?**





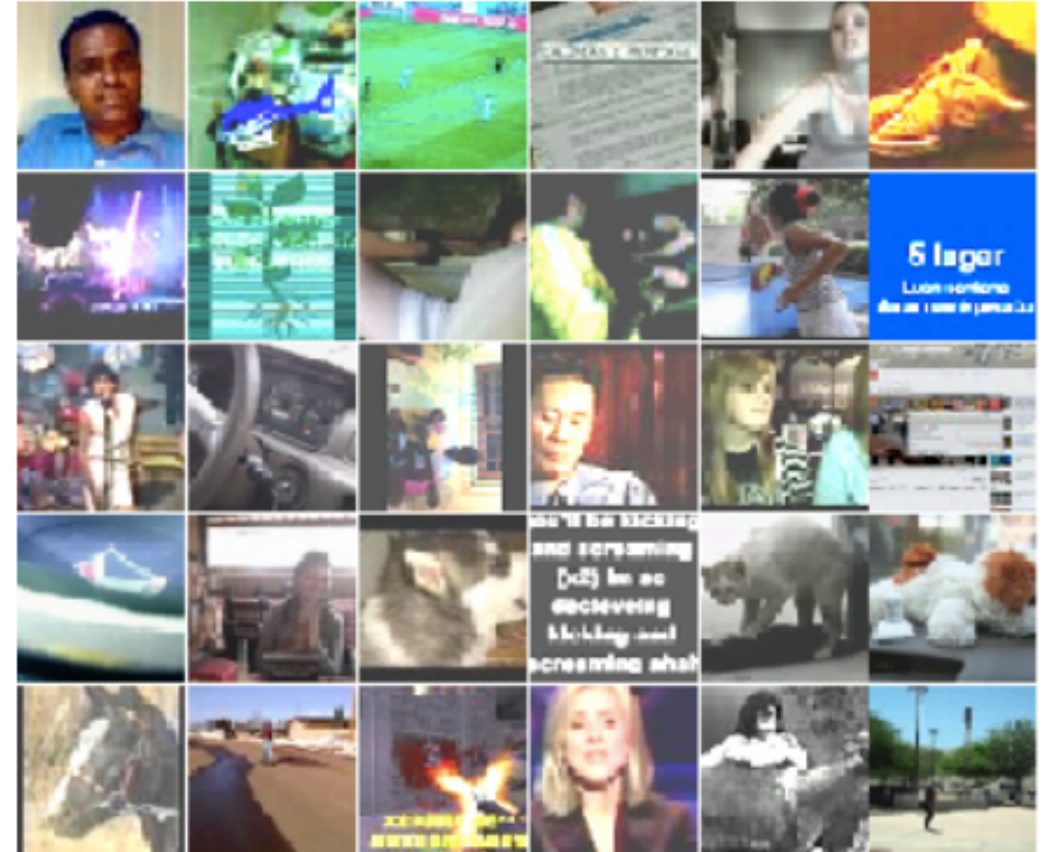
# Autoencoders: Dimensionality Reduction

- Intuition: which number sequence is easier to remember?
  - **A:** 30, 27, 22, 11, 6, 8, 7, 2
  - **B:** 30, 15, 46, 23, 70, 35, 106, 53, 160, 80, 40, 20, 10, 5
- **B:** need learn only two rules
  - If even, divide by 2
  - If odd, multiply by 3 and add 1



# Autoencoders: Feature Extraction

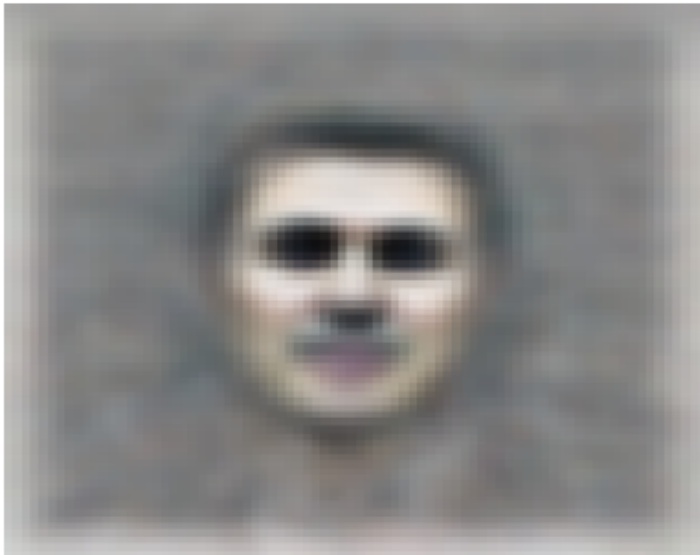
- e.g., training data:
  - 1 image taken from 10 million YouTube videos
  - Each image is in color and 200x200 pixels



- What features do you think it learned?

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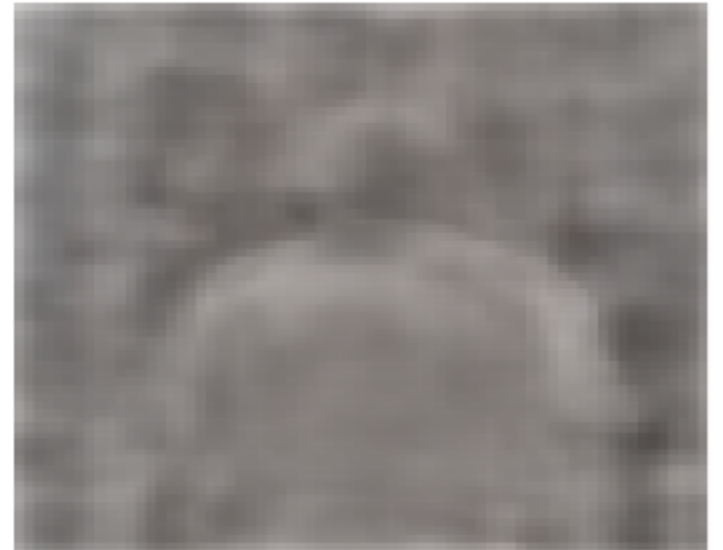
- e.g., features learned include:



human face



cat face



human body

# Autoencoders: Unsupervised Pretraining

- Why use unsupervised pretraining?
  - Little training data is available
  - Too costly and slow to collect labels for exclusive supervised training
- e.g., add layer after highest layer of pretrained autoencoder network (fine-tuning)

# Autoencoders: Generative Models

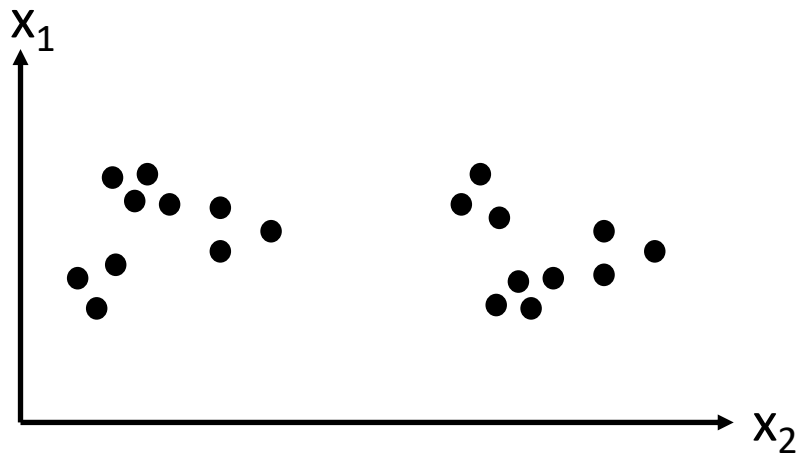


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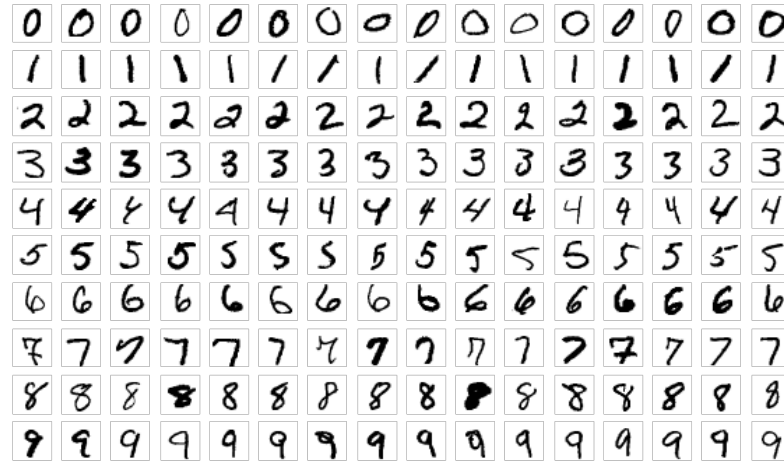
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# Clustering

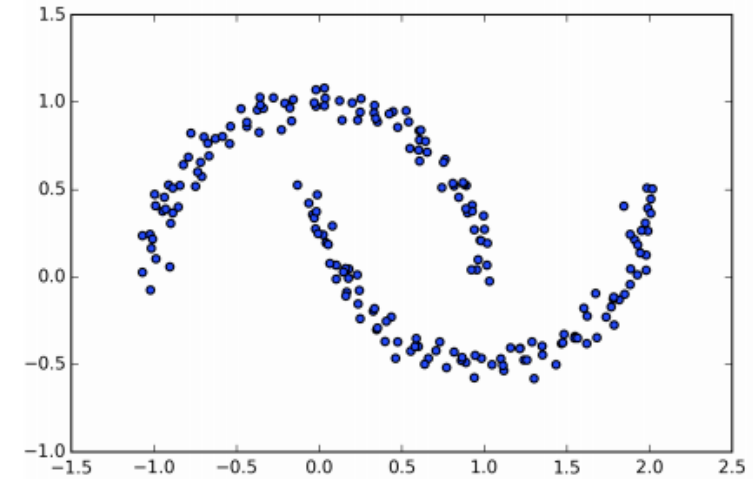
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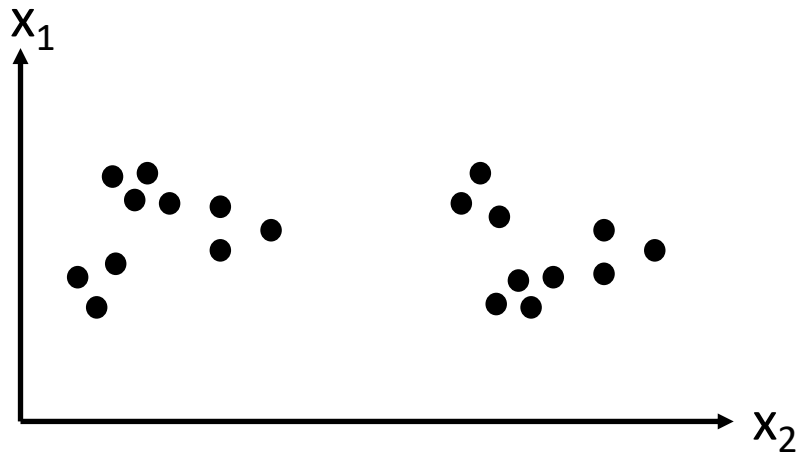
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Find groupings such that entities in a group will be similar to each another and different from the entities in other groups.

# Clustering: Key Questions

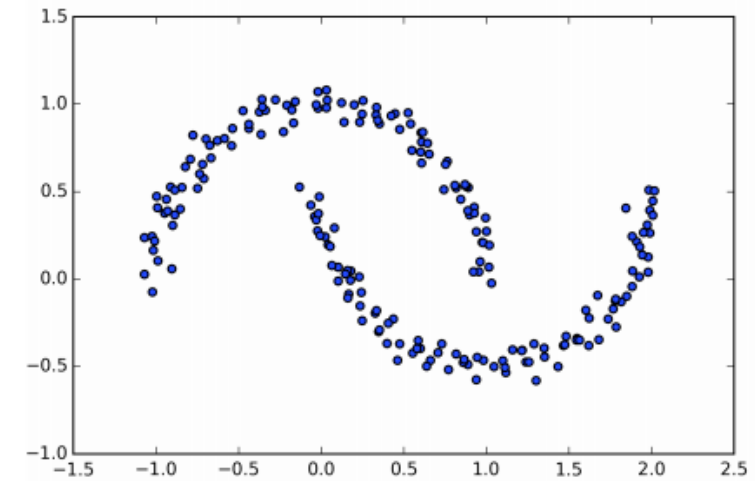
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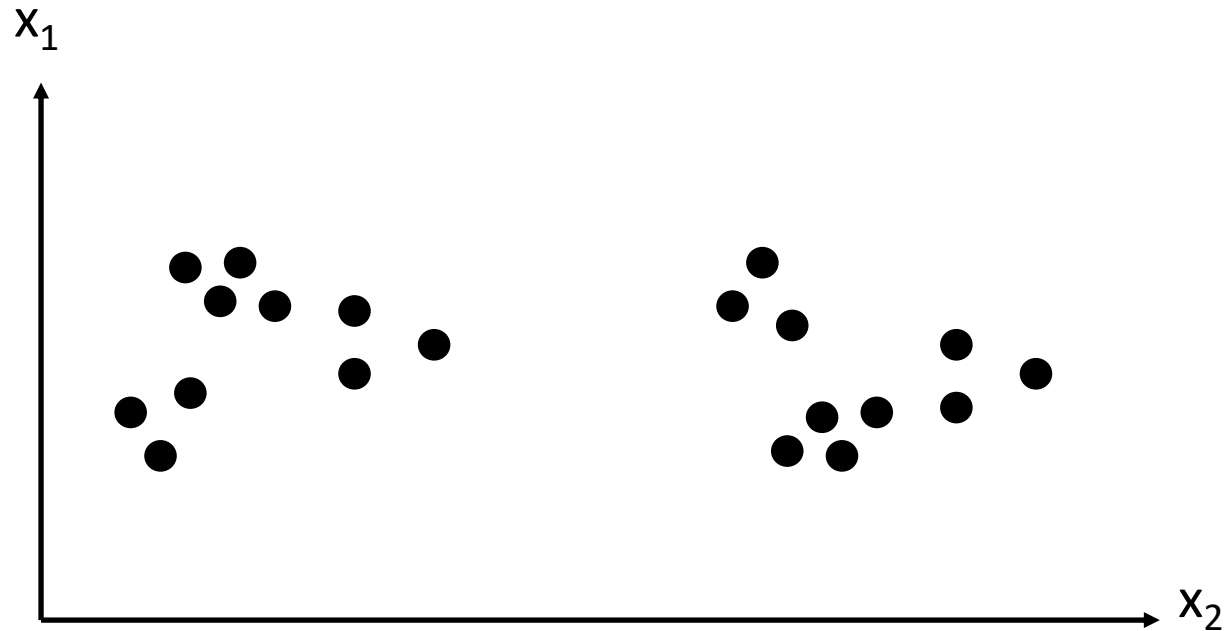
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- What “algorithm” to use to partition the data?

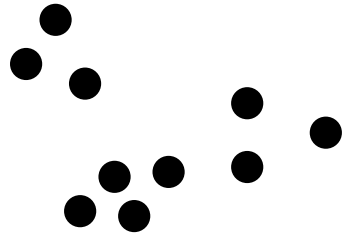
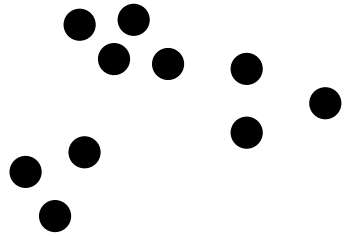


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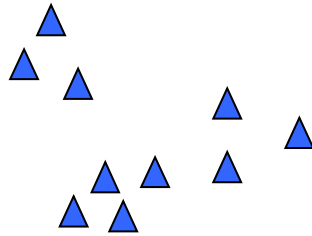
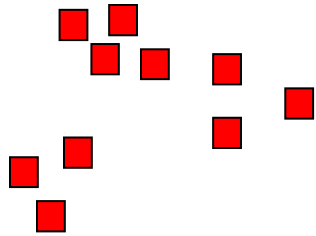


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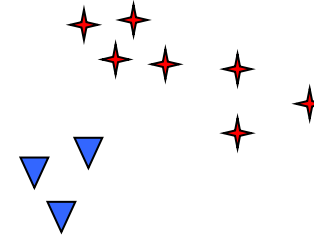
# How Many Clusters?



Six Clusters



Two Clusters



Four Clusters

**Number of clusters can be ambiguous.**

# Types of Clustering

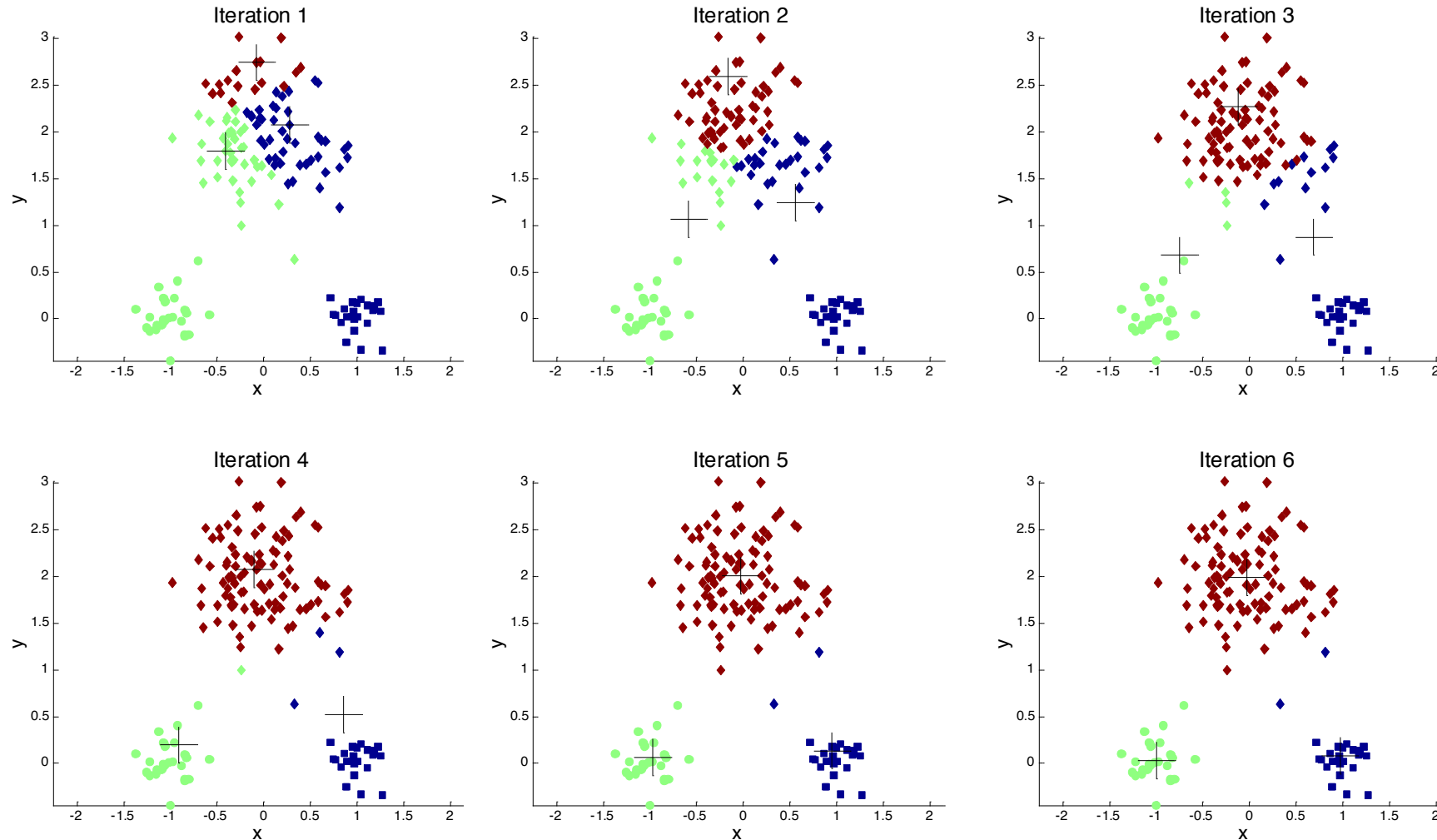
- **Partitional Clustering**
  - A division of data objects into non-overlapping subsets (clusters) such that each data object is in exactly one subset
- **Hierarchical clustering**
  - A set of nested clusters organized as a hierarchical tree

# K-Means Clustering

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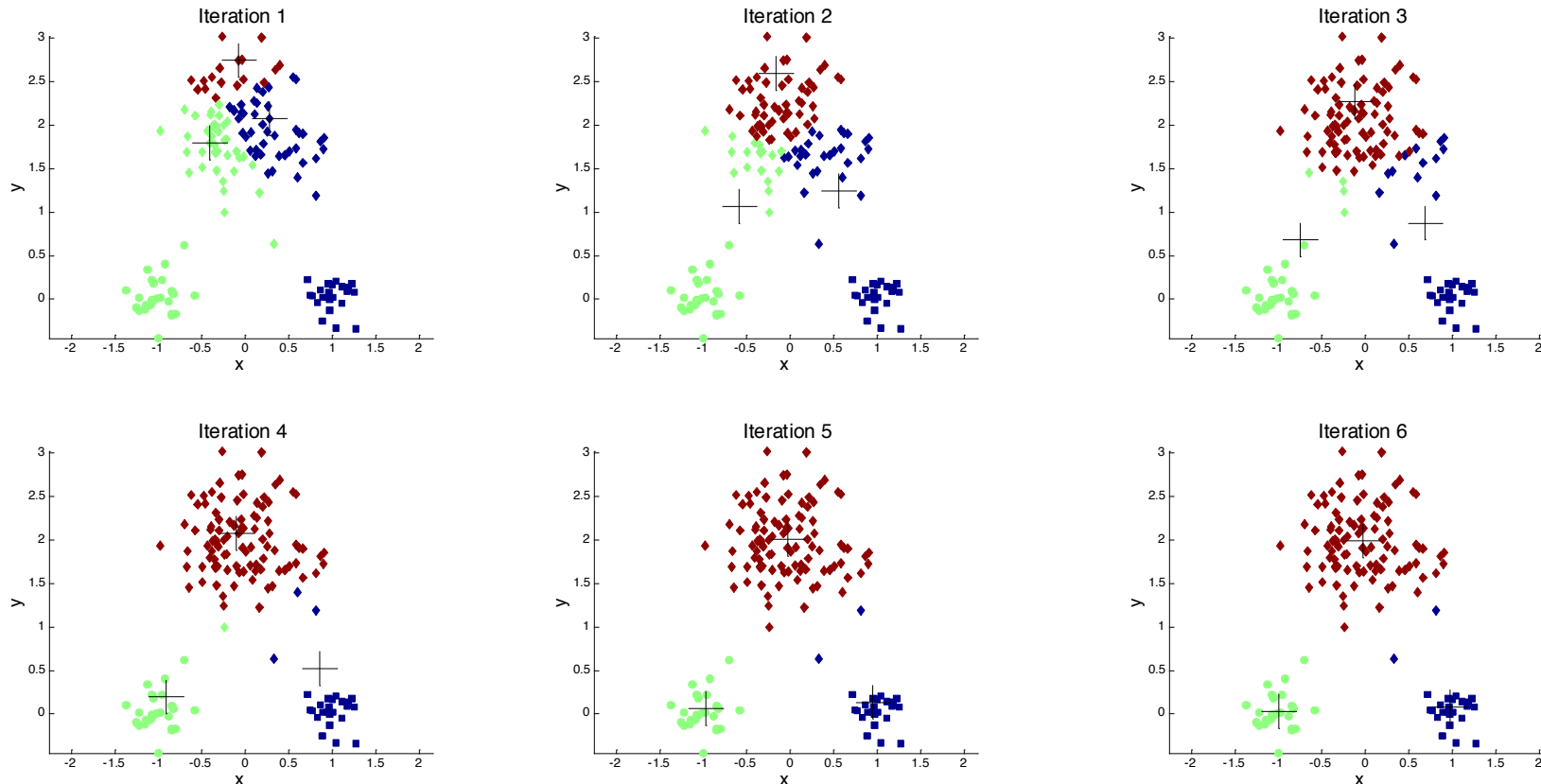
- 1: Select  $K$  points as the initial centroids.
  - 2: **repeat**
  - 3:     Form  $K$  clusters by assigning all points to the closest centroid.
  - 4:     Recompute the centroid of each cluster.
  - 5: **until** The centroids don't change
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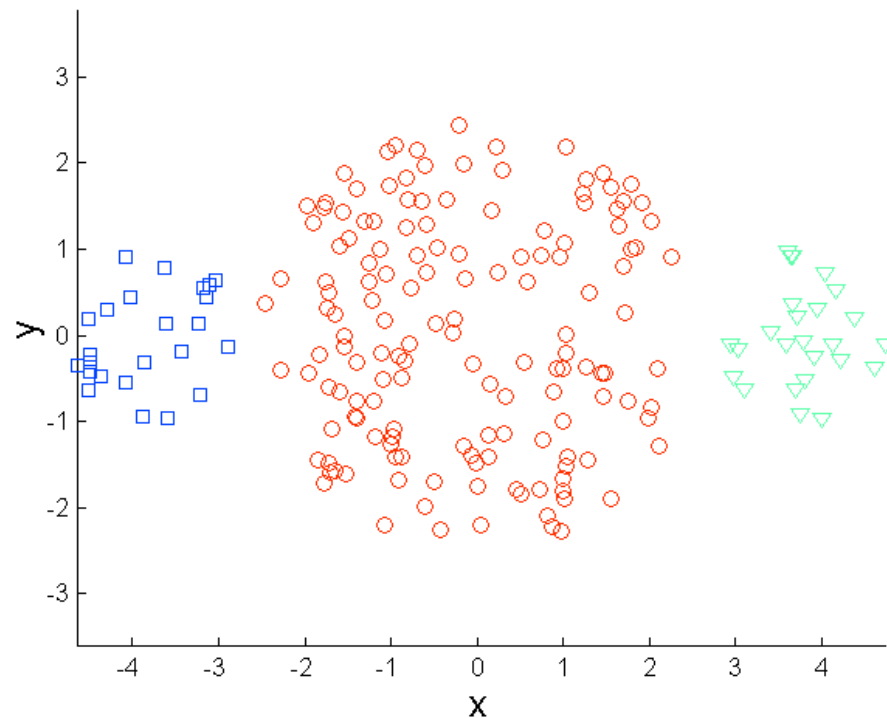
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- Sensitive to initial centroids: different outcomes for same data

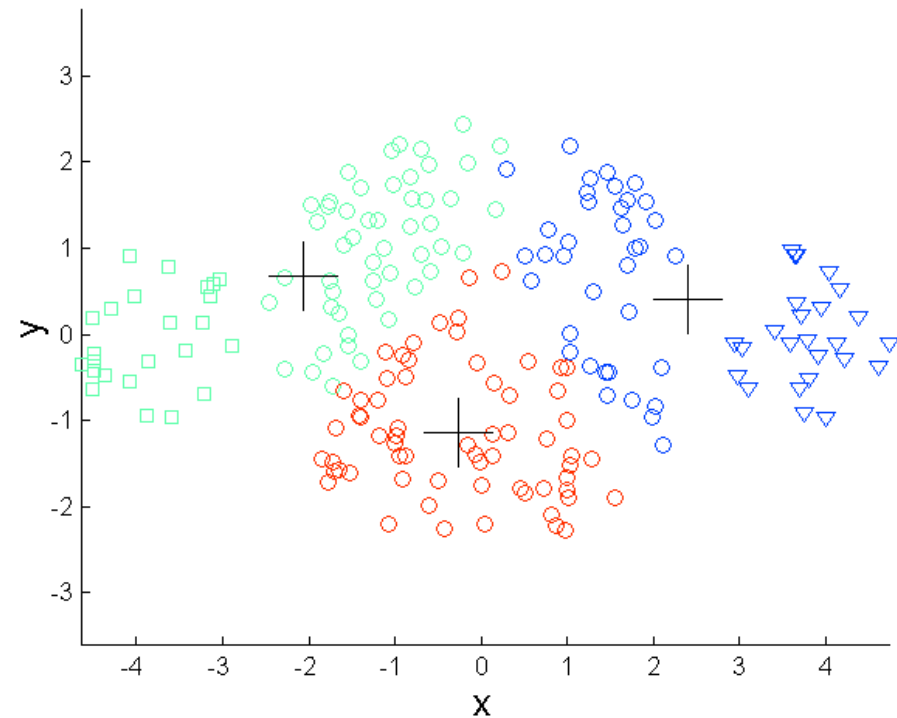


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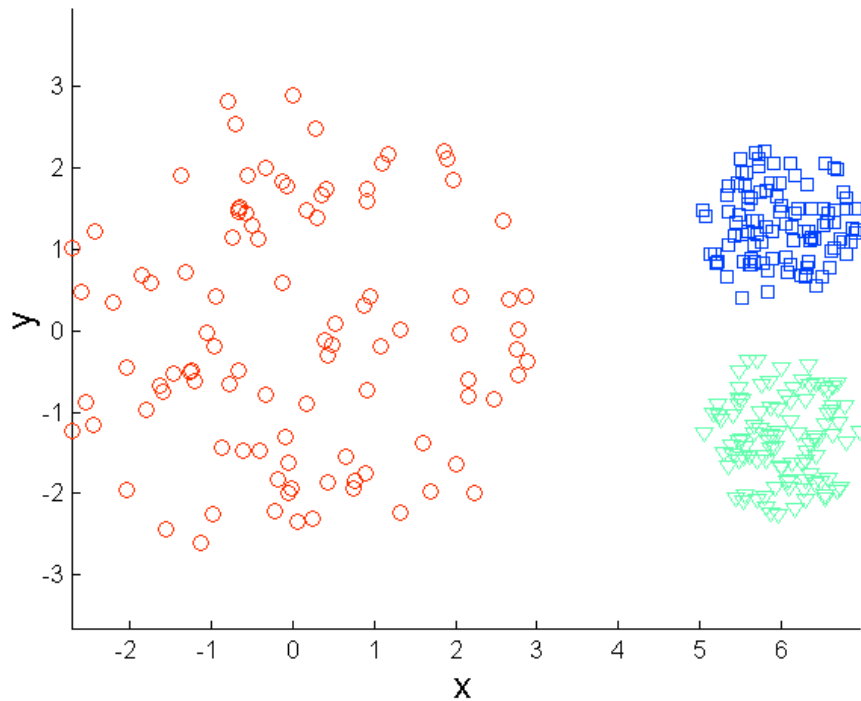
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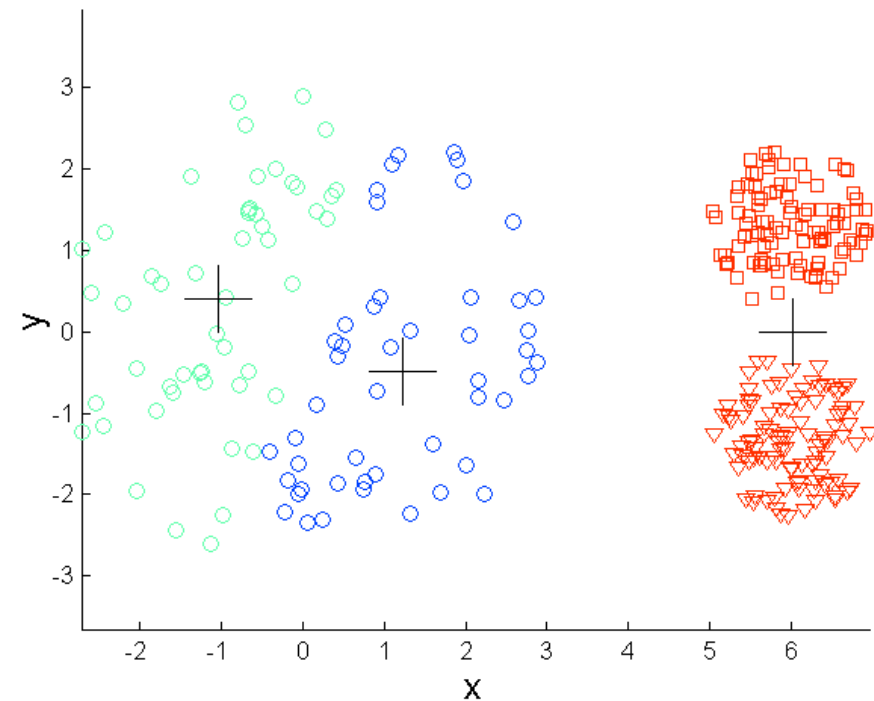
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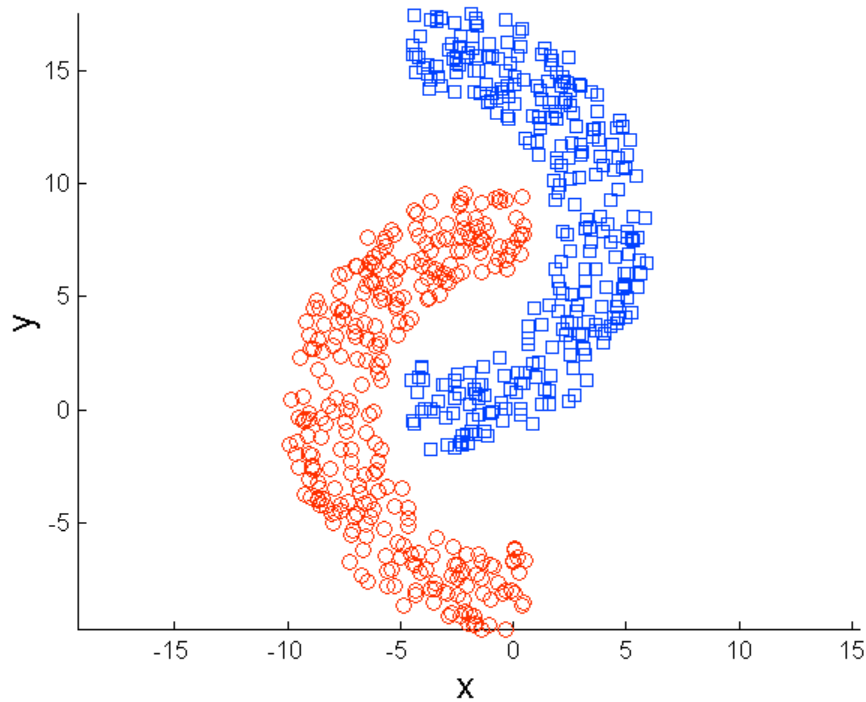


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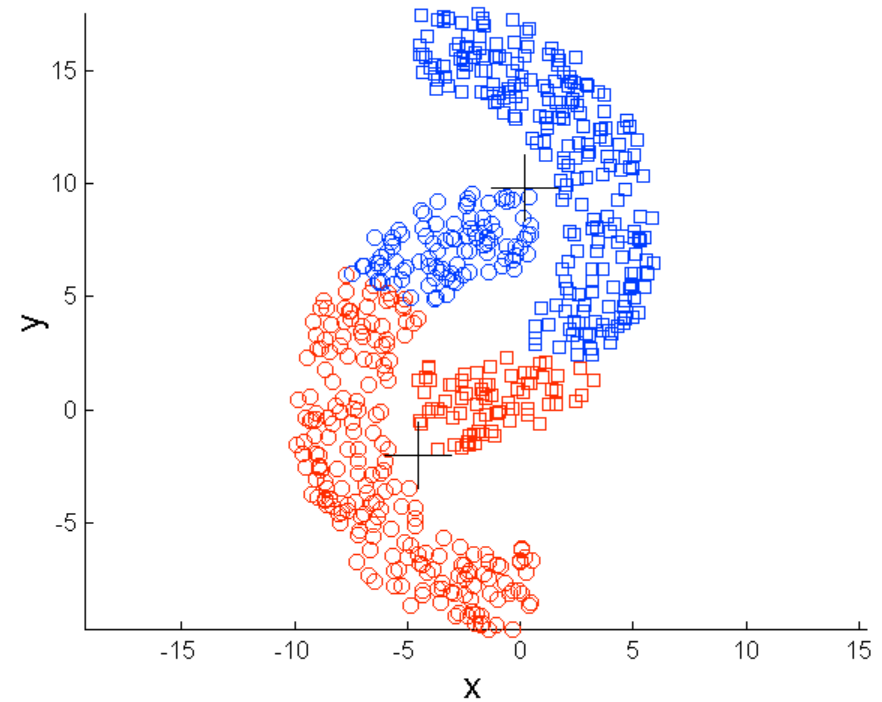


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- Not robust when clusters have different globular shapes:



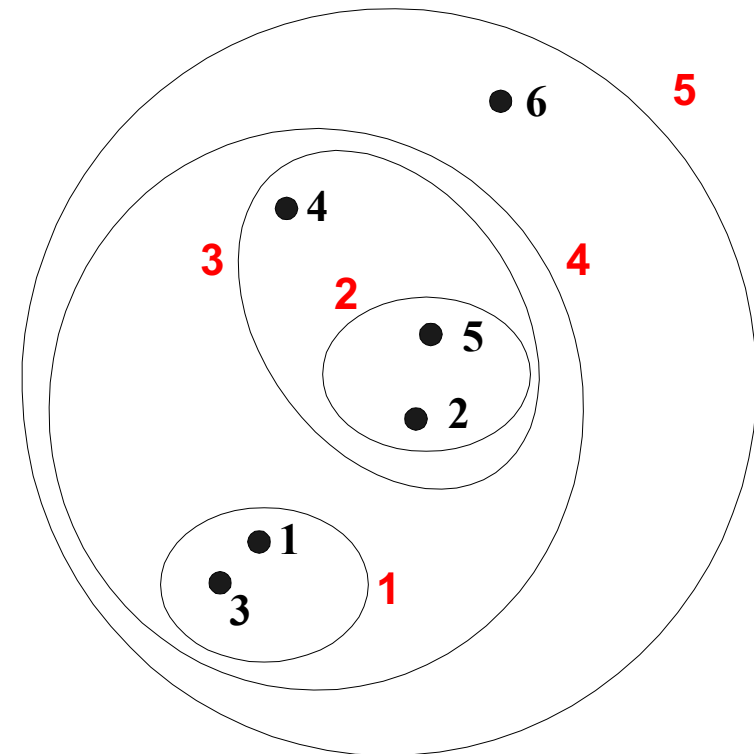
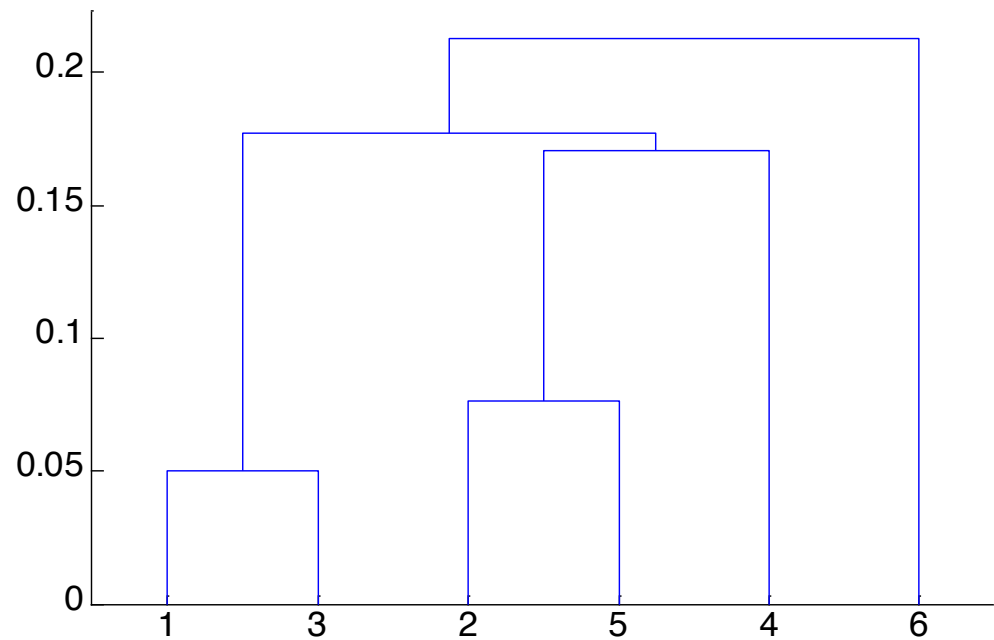
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# Hierarchical Clustering

- Set of nested clusters organized in hierarchical tree by merging/splitting
- Dendrogram visualization: shows sequence of merges/splits



# Hierarchical Clustering: Two Main Approaches

- Agglomerative:
  - Start with points as individual clusters
  - At each step, merge closest pair of clusters until only one cluster (or  $k$  clusters) left
- Divisive:
  - Start with one, all-inclusive cluster
  - At each step, split a cluster until each cluster contains an individual point (or there are  $k$  clusters)

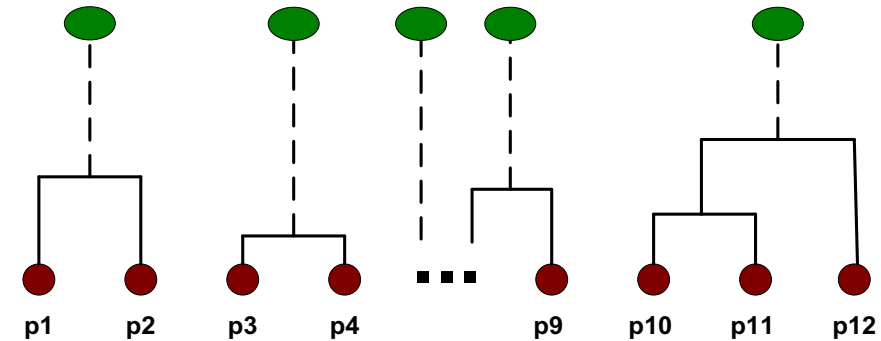
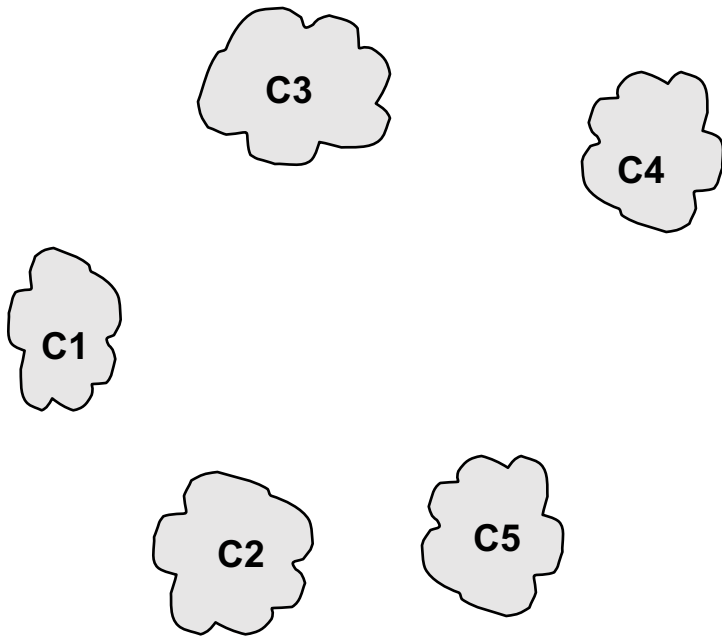
# Agglomerative Clustering: First Step

- Start with clusters of individual points and a proximity matrix



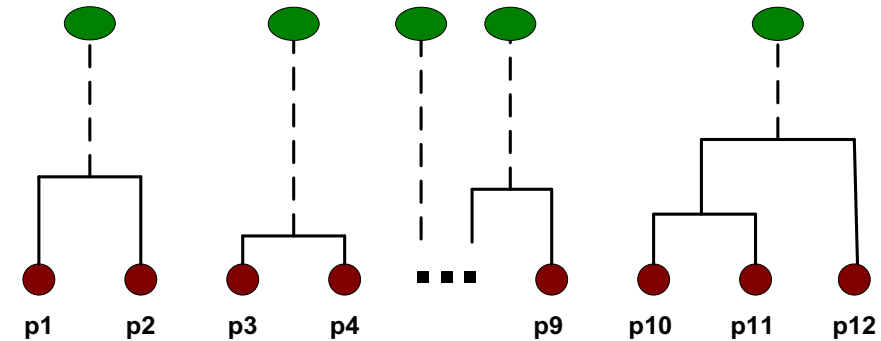
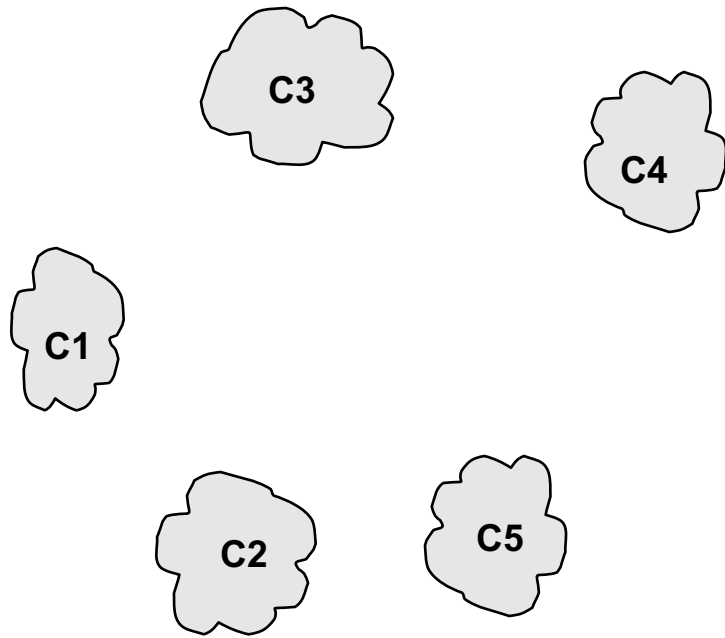
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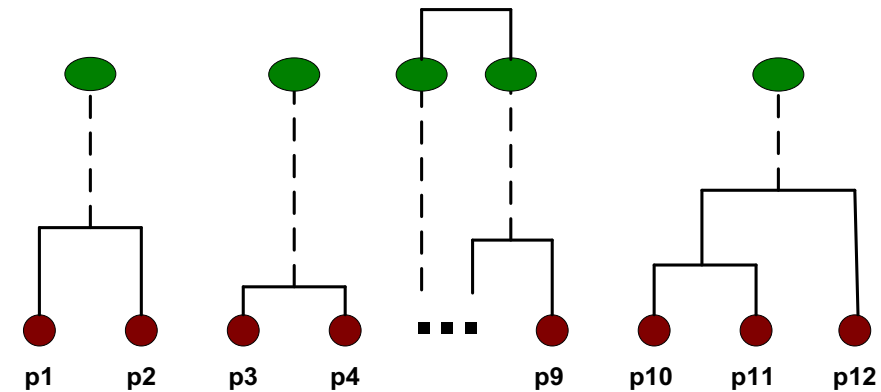
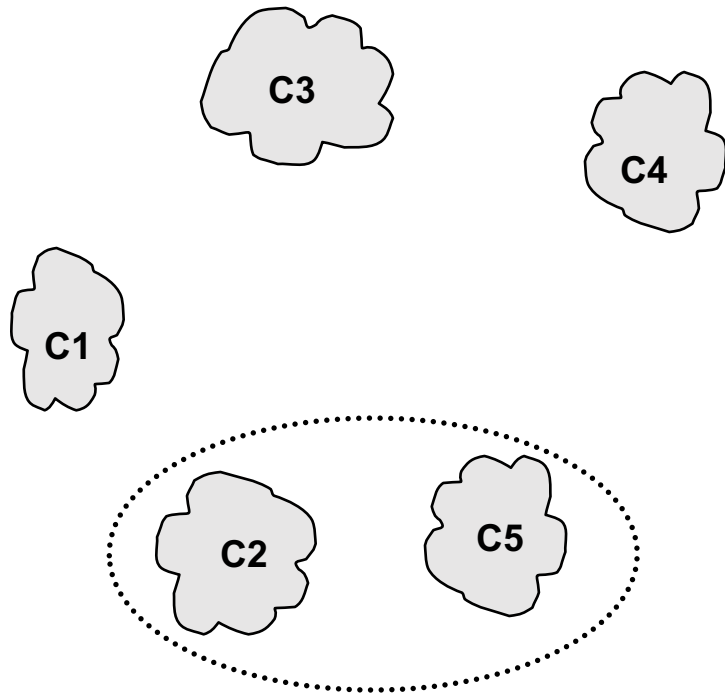
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- After several merging steps, we have some clusters

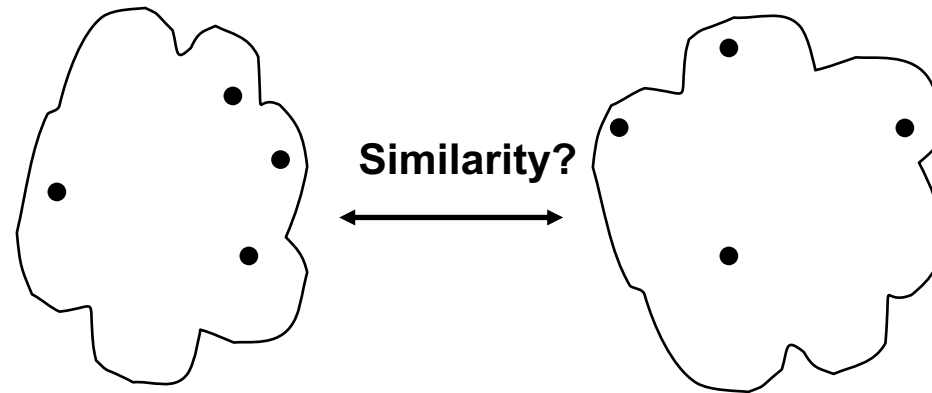
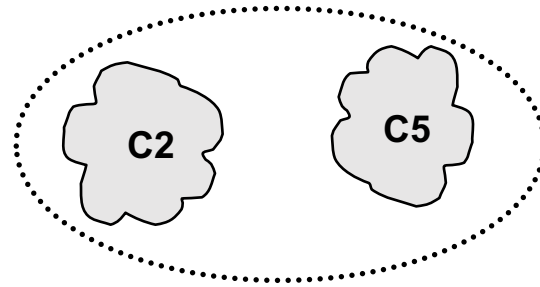


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- Merge two closest clusters (C2 and C5)



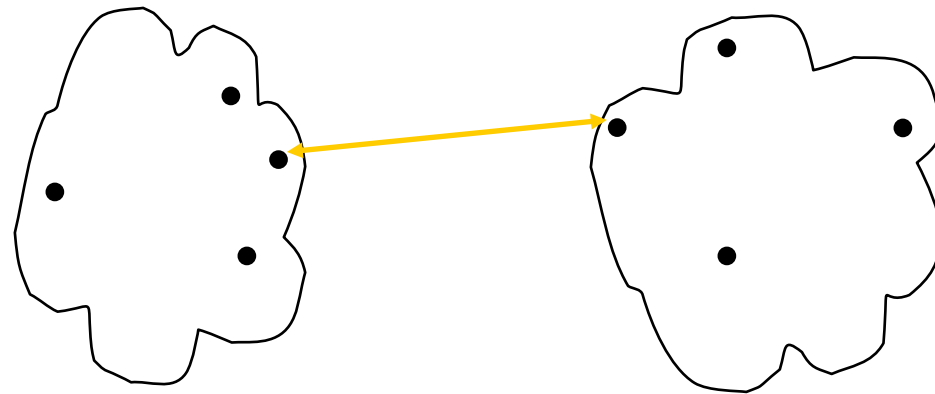
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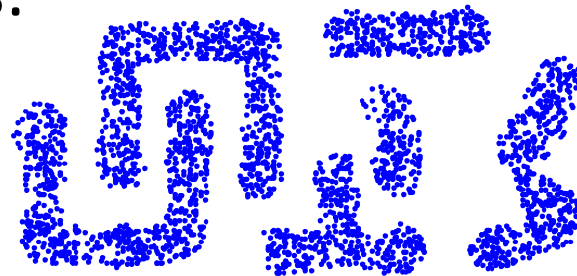
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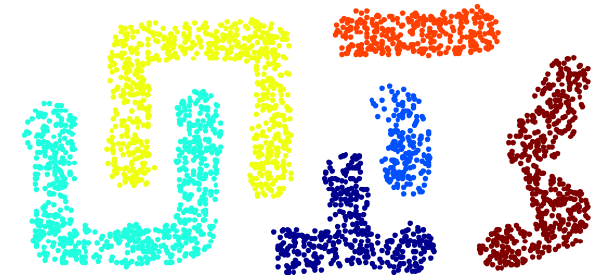


# Minimum Distance: Strengths/Weaknesses?

- Can handle non-elliptical shapes:

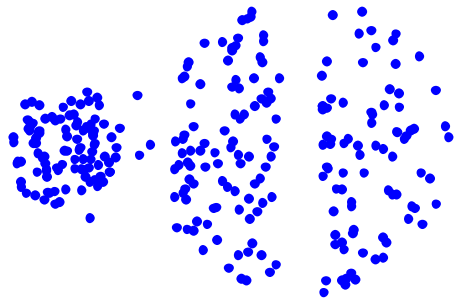


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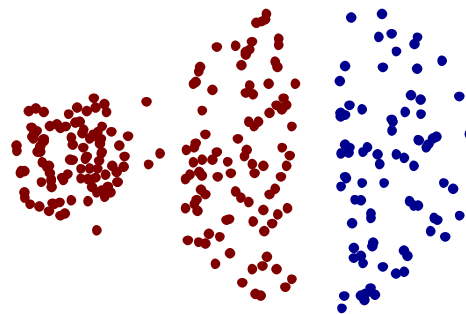


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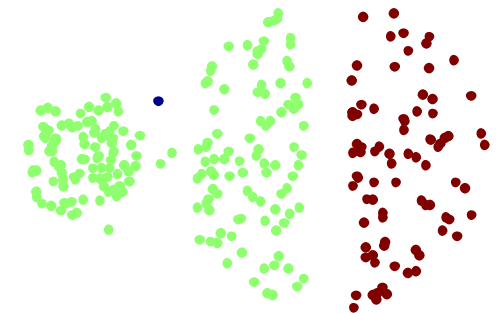
- Sensitive to noise and outliers:



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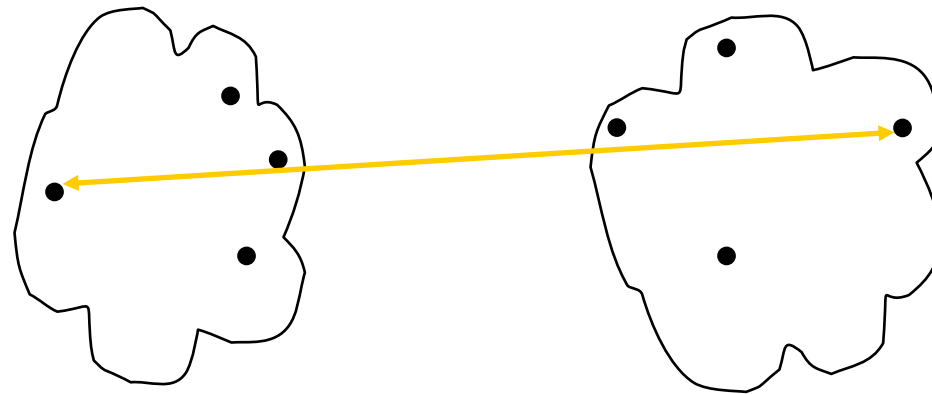
Two Clusters



Three Clusters

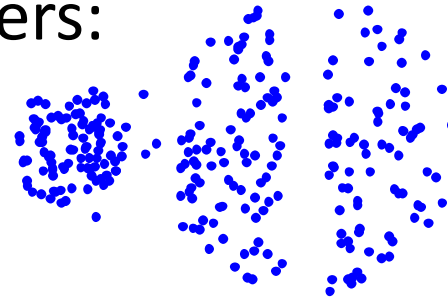
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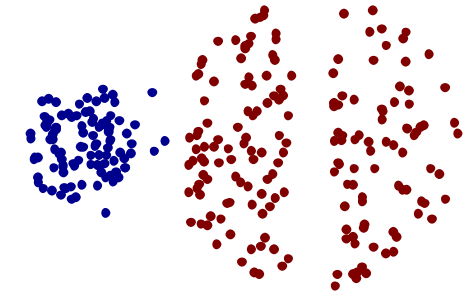


# Maximum Distance: Strengths/Weaknesses?

- Less susceptible to noise and outliers:

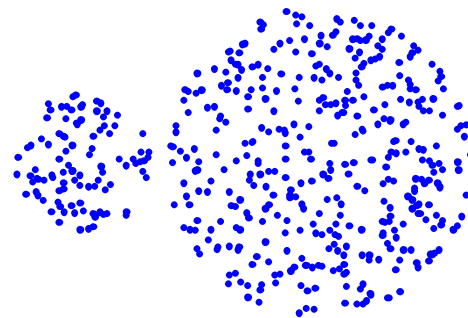


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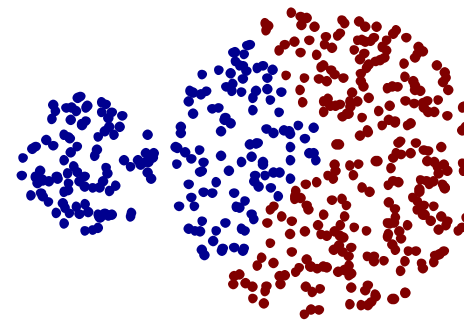


Two Clusters

- Tends to break large clusters:



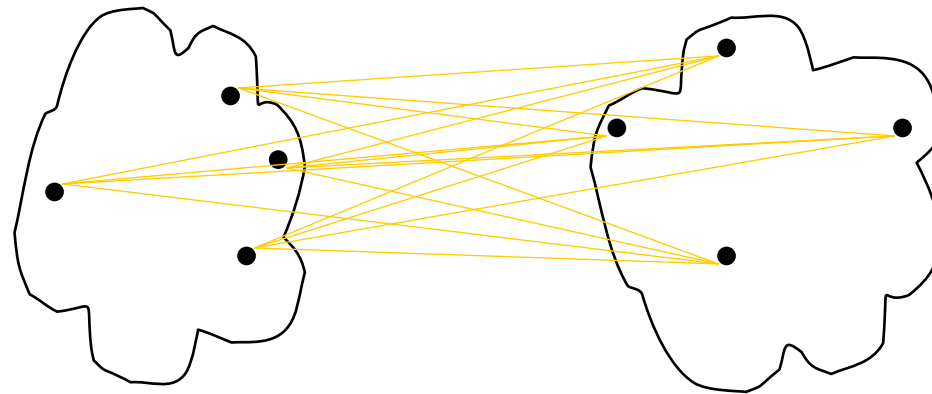
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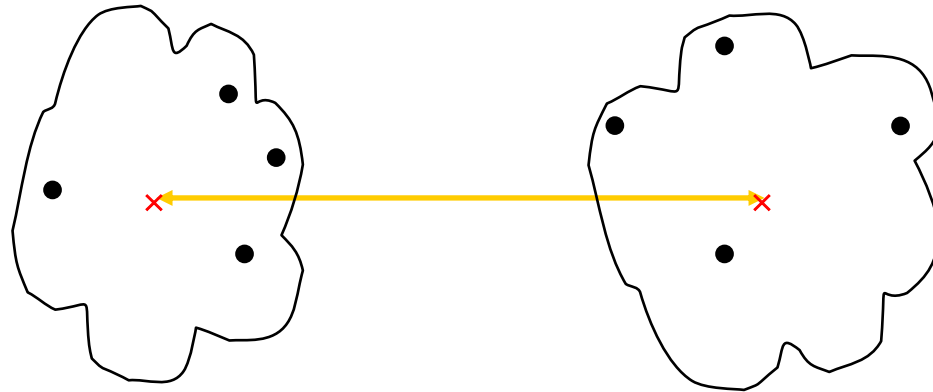
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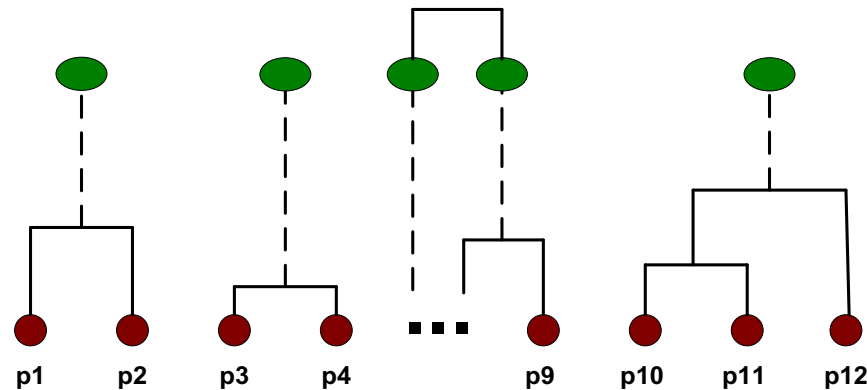
# How to Measure Inter-Cluster Distance?

- Minimum distance
- Maximum distance
- Group average
- Distance Between Centroids



# Hierarchical Clustering: Strengths?

- Any number of clusters can be obtained by 'cutting' the dendrogram at the proper level



- They may correspond to meaningful taxonomies
  - Example in biological sciences (e.g., animal kingdom, phylogeny reconstruction, ...)

# Discussion

1. How is k-means clustering different from the K nearest neighbor algorithm?
2. After being disappointed with its service, Netflix hires you to build a new movie recommendations service. How would you design an unsupervised learning approach? And how would you evaluate your method?



# Google Form: Guest Speaker & Class Feedback

- Google form
  - Guest: Dr. Suyog Jain, Senior Machine Learning Scientist at PathAI (<http://suyogjain.com/>): list one question for him for today's visit
  - Class feedback: Provide feedback about what, if anything, you would like to see improved with our remote learning course
- Then, take a short break.
- Class resumes at 4:50pm CST.

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