



# Clustering

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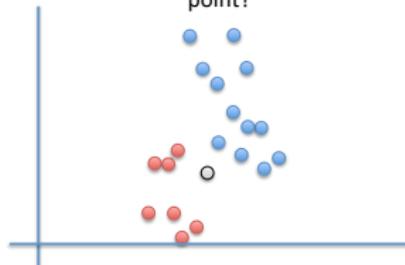
*K*-MEANS AND GMM

## Lecture for Today

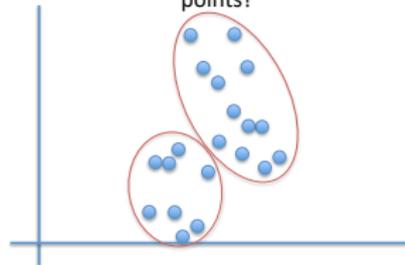
- What is clustering?
- K-Means
- Gaussian Mixture Models

# Clustering

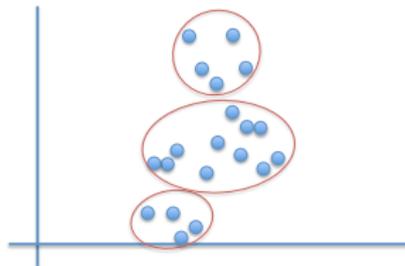
**Classification:** what is label of new point?



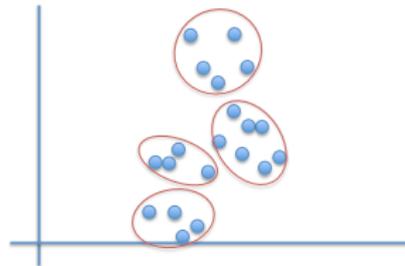
**Clustering:** how should we group these points?



**Clustering:** or is this the right grouping?



**Clustering:** what about this?



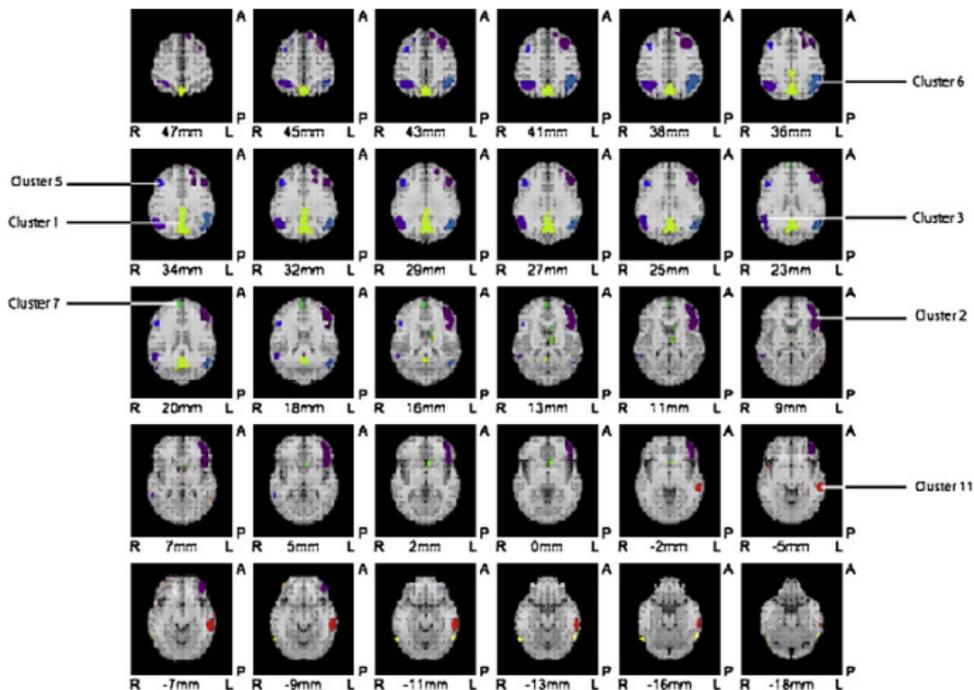
## Clustering

Uses:

- genomics
- medical imaging
- social network analysis
- recommender systems
- market segmentation
- voter analysis

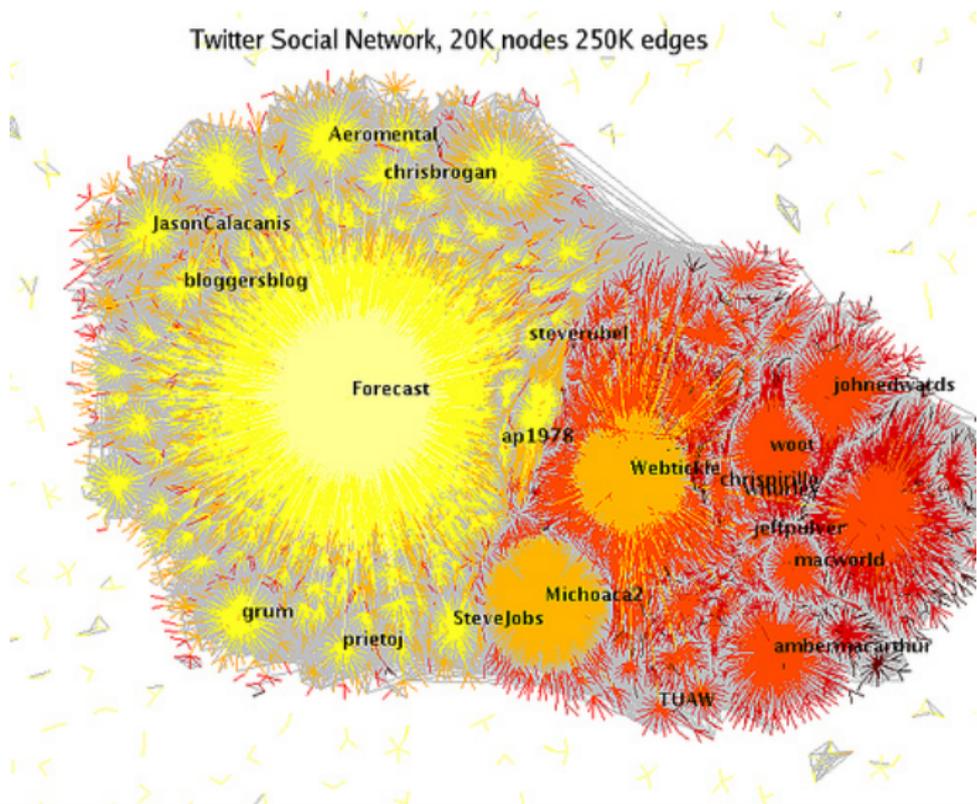


## Medical Imaging (MRIs and PET scans)

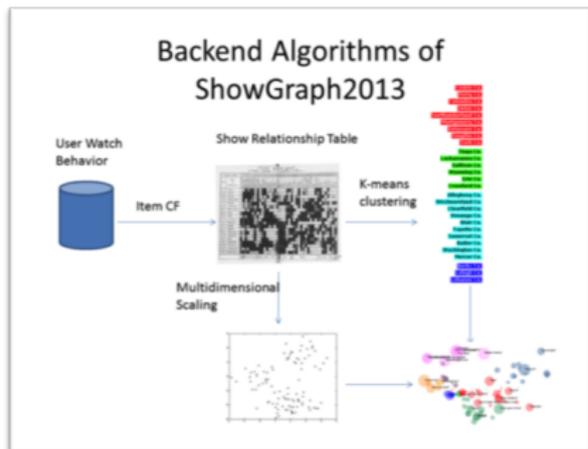


From: "Fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography of mild cognitive impairment with clinical follow-up at 3 years" by Pardo et al. in *Alzheimer's and Dementia* (2010)

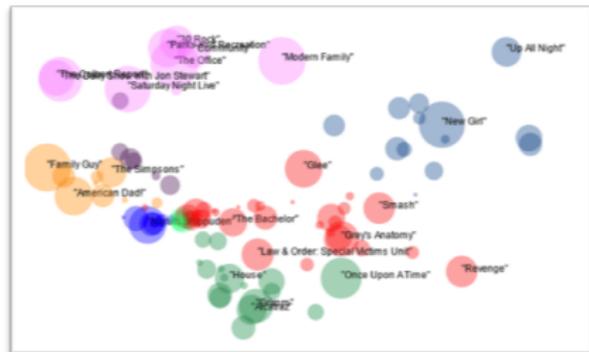
## Social Networks



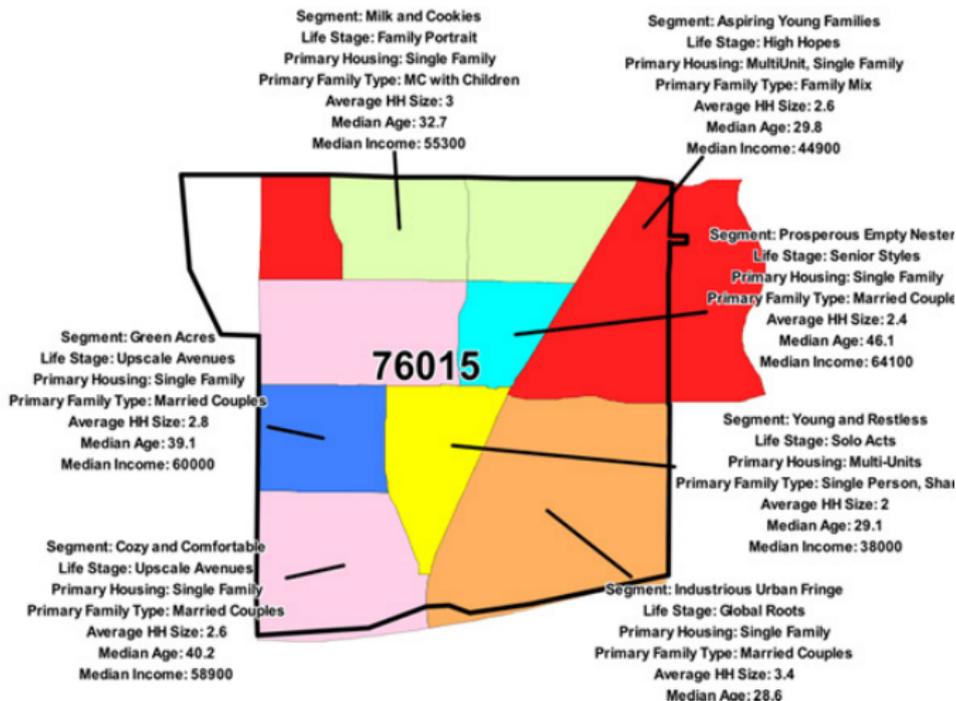
## Recommender Systems



From: [tech.hulu.com/blog/](http://tech.hulu.com/blog/)



## Market Segmentation



From: [mappinganalytics.com/map/segmentation-maps/segmentation-map.html](http://mappinganalytics.com/map/segmentation-maps/segmentation-map.html)

## Voter Analysis



- soccer moms (female, middle aged, married, middle income, white, kids, suburban)
- Nascar dads (male, middle aged, married, middle income, white, kids, Southern, suburban or rural)
- security moms ( ... )
- low information voters
- Ivy League Elites

## Clustering

Questions:

- how do we fit clusters?
- how many clusters should we use?
- how should we evaluate model fit?

## K-Means

How do we fit the clusters?

- simplest method: K-means
- requires: real-valued data
- idea:
  - pick  $K$  initial cluster means
  - associate all points closest to mean  $k$  with cluster  $k$
  - use points in cluster  $k$  to update mean for that cluster
  - re-associate points closest to new mean for  $k$  with cluster  $k$
  - use new points in cluster  $k$  to update mean for that cluster
  - ...
  - stop when no change between updates

## K-Means

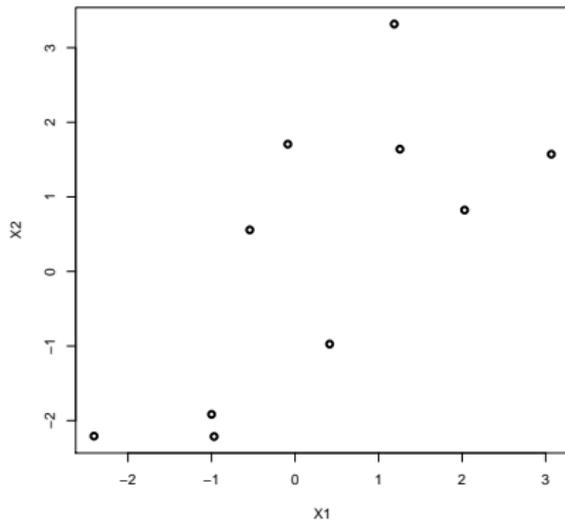
Animation at:

<http://shabal.in/visuals/kmeans/1.html>

## K-Means: Example

Data:

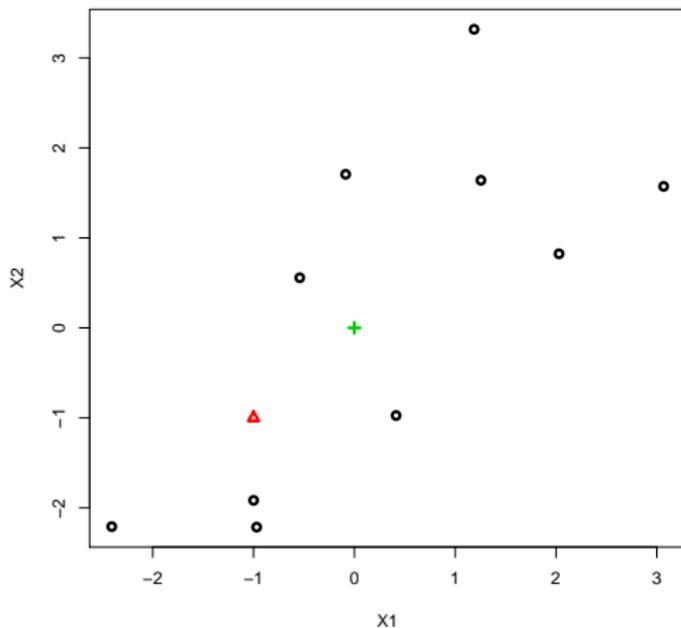
$x_1$	$x_2$
0.4	-1.0
-1.0	-2.2
-2.4	-2.2
-1.0	-1.9
-0.5	0.6
-0.1	1.7
1.2	3.3
3.1	1.6
1.3	1.6
2.0	0.8



## K-Means: Example

Pick  $K$  centers (randomly):

$(-1, -1)$  and  $(0, 0)$



## K-Means: Example

Calculate distance between points and those centers:

$x_1$	$x_2$	$(-1, -1)$	$(0, 0)$
0.4	-1.0	1.4	1.1
-1.0	-2.2	1.2	2.4
-2.4	-2.2	1.9	3.3
-1.0	-1.9	0.9	2.2
-0.5	0.6	1.6	0.8
-0.1	1.7	2.9	1.7
1.2	3.3	4.8	3.5
3.1	1.6	4.8	3.4
1.3	1.6	3.5	2.1
2.0	0.8	3.5	2.2

```
> centers <- rbind(c(-1, -1), c(0, 0))  
> dist1 <- apply(x, 1, function(x) sqrt(sum((x-centers[1, ])^2))  
> dist2 <- apply(x, 1, function(x) sqrt(sum((x-centers[2, ])^2))
```

## K-Means: Example

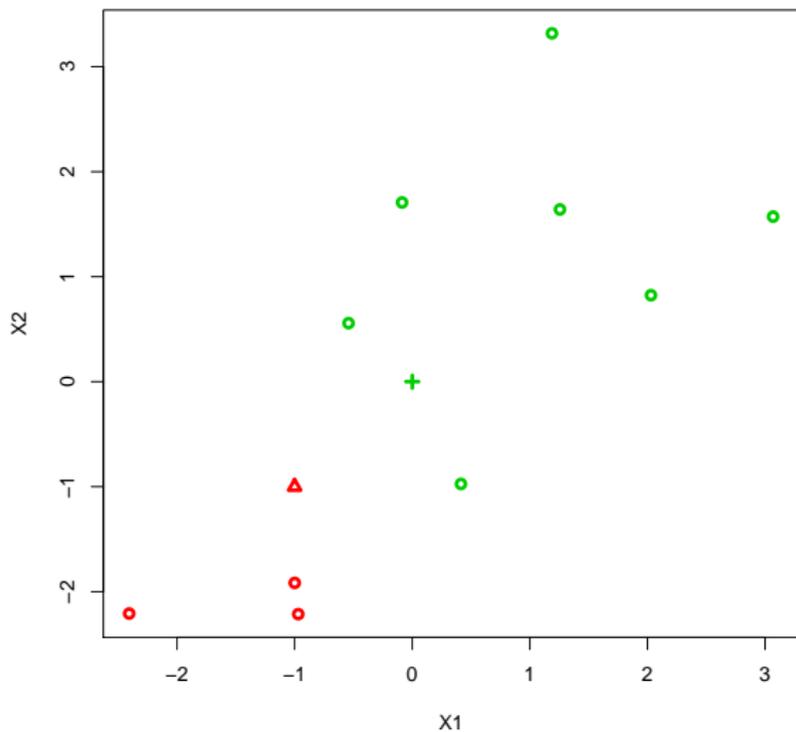
Choose mean with smaller distance:

$x_1$	$x_2$	$(-1, -1)$	$(0, 0)$
0.4	-1.0	1.4	<b>1.1</b>
-1.0	-2.2	<b>1.2</b>	2.4
-2.4	-2.2	<b>1.9</b>	3.3
-1.0	-1.9	<b>0.9</b>	2.2
-0.5	0.6	1.6	<b>0.8</b>
-0.1	1.7	2.9	<b>1.7</b>
1.2	3.3	4.8	<b>3.5</b>
3.1	1.6	4.8	<b>3.4</b>
1.3	1.6	3.5	<b>2.1</b>
2.0	0.8	3.5	<b>2.2</b>

```
> dists <- cbind(dist1, dist2)
> cluster.ind <- apply(dists, 1, which.min)
```

## K-Means: Example

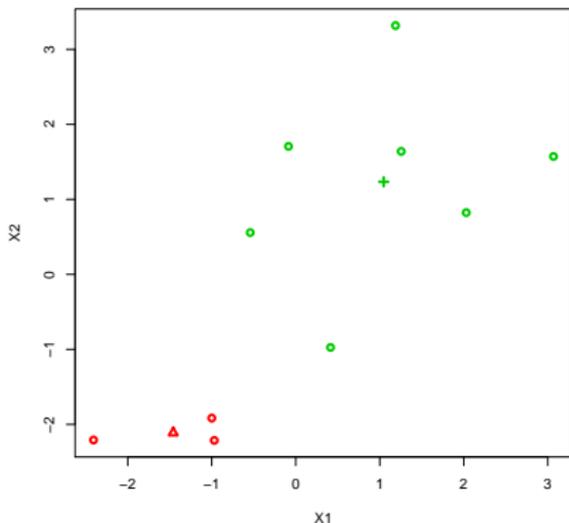
New clusters:



## K-Means: Example

Refit means for each cluster:

- cluster 1:  $(-1.0, -2.2)$ ,  $(-2.4, -2.2)$ ,  $(-1.0, -1.9)$
- new mean:  $(-1.5, -2.1)$
- cluster 2:  $(0.4, -1.0)$ ,  $(-0.5, 0.6)$ ,  $(-0.1, 1.7)$ ,  $(1.2, 3.3)$ ,  $(3.1, 1.6)$ ,  $(1.3, 1.6)$ ,  $(2.0, 0.8)$
- new mean:  $(1.0, 1.2)$



## K-Means: Example

Recalculate distances for each cluster:

$x_1$	$x_2$	$(-1.5, -2.1)$	$(1.0, 1.2)$
0.4	-1.0	2.2	2.3
-1.0	-2.2	0.5	4.0
-2.4	-2.2	1.0	4.9
-1.0	-1.9	0.5	3.8
-0.5	0.6	2.8	1.7
-0.1	1.7	4.1	1.2
1.2	3.3	6.0	2.1
3.1	1.6	5.8	2.0
1.3	1.6	4.6	0.5
2.0	0.8	4.6	1.1

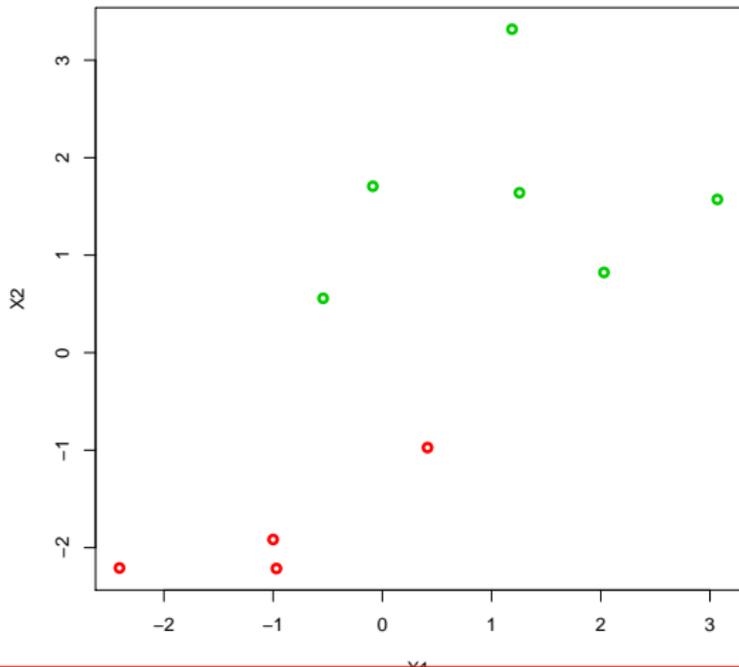
## K-Means: Example

Choose mean with smaller distance:

$x_1$	$x_2$	$(-1.5, -2.1)$	$(1.0, 1.2)$
0.4	-1.0	<b>2.2</b>	2.3
-1.0	-2.2	<b>0.5</b>	4.0
-2.4	-2.2	<b>1.0</b>	4.9
-1.0	-1.9	<b>0.5</b>	3.8
-0.5	0.6	2.8	<b>1.7</b>
-0.1	1.7	4.1	<b>1.2</b>
1.2	3.3	6.0	<b>2.1</b>
3.1	1.6	5.8	<b>2.0</b>
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## K-Means: Example

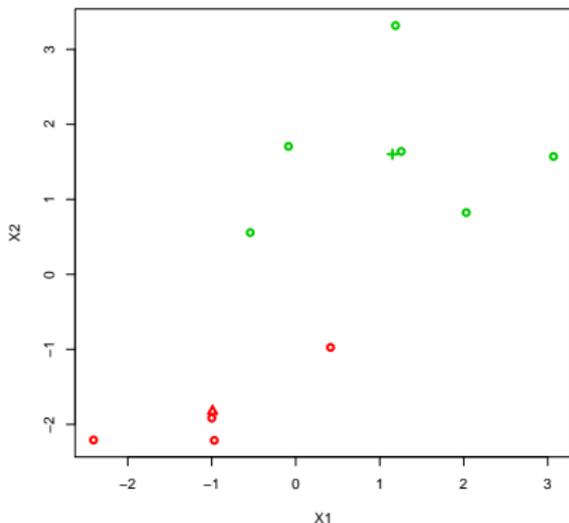
New clusters:



## K-Means: Example

Refit means for each cluster:

- cluster 1:  $(0.4, -1.0)$ ,  
 $(-1.0, -2.2)$ ,  $(-2.4, -2.2)$ ,  
 $(-1.0, -1.9)$
- new mean:  $(-1.0, -1.8)$
- cluster 2:  $(-0.5, 0.6)$ ,  $(-0.1, 1.7)$ ,  
 $(1.2, 3.3)$ ,  $(3.1, 1.6)$ ,  $(1.3, 1.6)$ ,  
 $(2.0, 0.8)$
- new mean:  $(1.2, 1.6)$



## K-Means: Example

Recalculate distances for each cluster:

$x_1$	$x_2$	$(-1.0, -1.8)$	$(1.2, 1.6)$
0.4	-1.0	1.6	2.7
-1.0	-2.2	0.4	4.4
-2.4	-2.2	1.5	5.2
-1.0	-1.9	0.1	4.1
-0.5	0.6	2.4	2.0
-0.1	1.7	3.6	1.2
1.2	3.3	5.6	1.7
3.1	1.6	5.3	1.9
1.3	1.6	4.1	0.1
2.0	0.8	4.0	1.2

## K-Means: Example

Select smallest distance and compare these clusters with previous:

Table: New Clusters

$x_1$	$x_2$	$(-1.0, -1.8)$	$(1.2, 1.6)$
0.4	-1.0	<b>1.6</b>	2.7
-1.0	-2.2	<b>0.4</b>	4.4
-2.4	-2.2	<b>1.5</b>	5.2
-1.0	-1.9	<b>0.1</b>	4.1
-0.5	0.6	2.4	<b>2.0</b>
-0.1	1.7	3.6	<b>1.2</b>
1.2	3.3	5.6	<b>1.7</b>
3.1	1.6	5.3	<b>1.9</b>
1.3	1.6	4.1	<b>0.1</b>
2.0	0.8	4.0	<b>1.2</b>

Table: Old Clusters

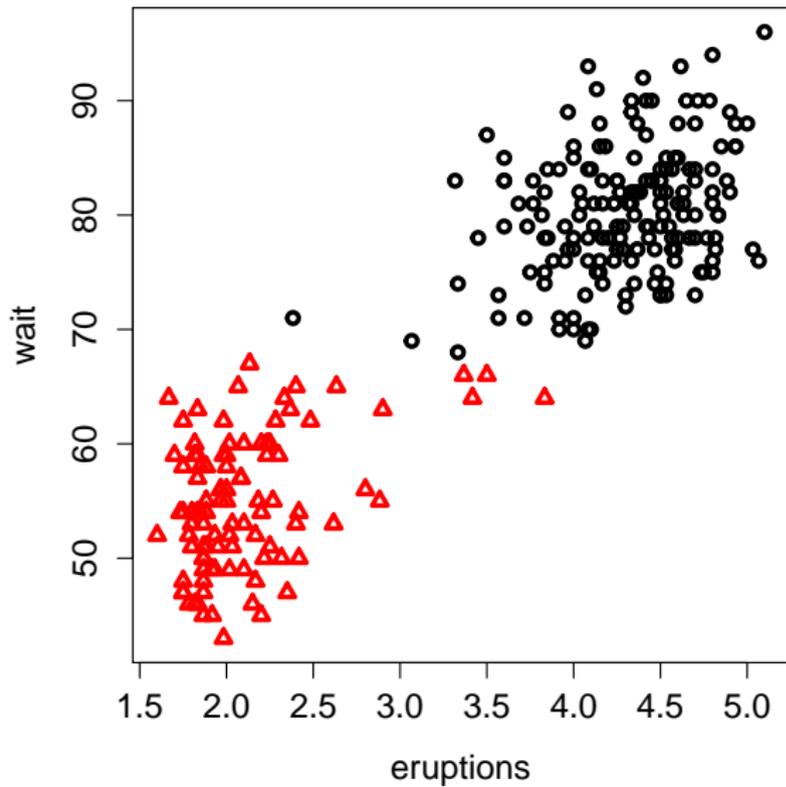
$(-1.5, -2.1)$	$(1.0, 1.2)$
<b>2.2</b>	2.3
<b>0.5</b>	4.0
<b>1.0</b>	4.9
<b>0.5</b>	3.8
2.8	<b>1.7</b>
4.1	<b>1.2</b>
6.0	<b>2.1</b>
5.8	<b>2.0</b>
4.6	<b>0.5</b>
4.6	<b>1.1</b>

## K-Means in Practice

R has a function for K-means in the `stats` package; this is probably already loaded

- let's use this for the Old Faithful data

```
> library(datasets)
> faith.2 <- kmeans(faithful, 2)
> names(faith.2)
> plot(faithful[, 1], faithful[, 2], col=faith.2$clu
+      pch=faith.2$cluster, lwd=3)
```



## K-Means in R

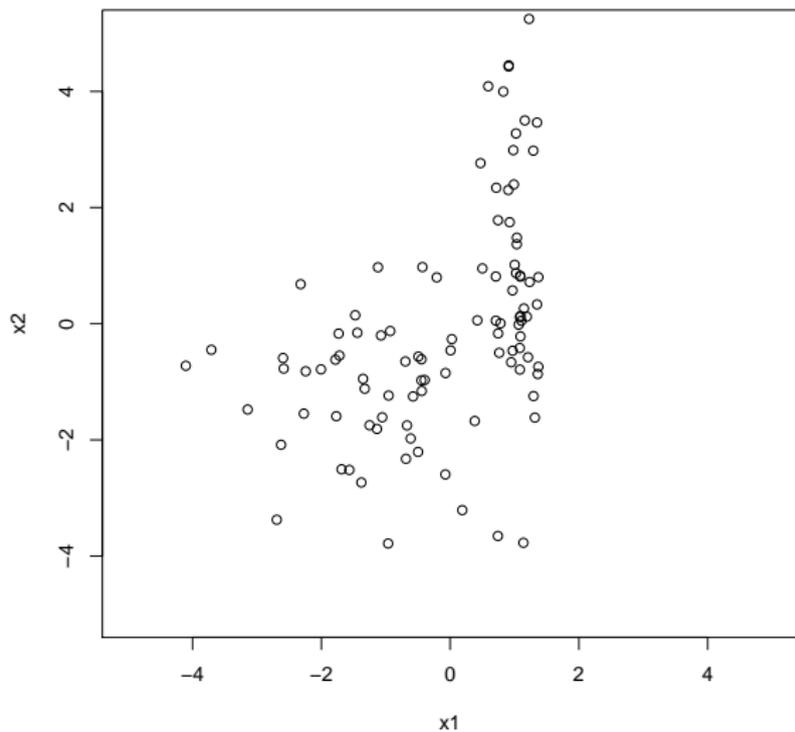
K-means can be used for *image segmentation*

- partition image into multiple segments
- find boundaries of objects
- make art



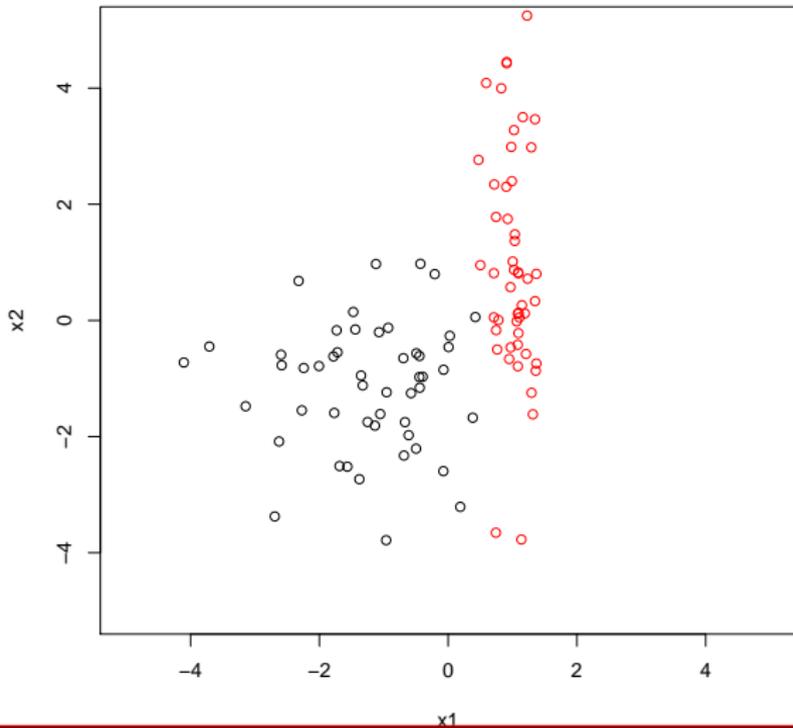
## K-Means Clustering

What is our data look like this?



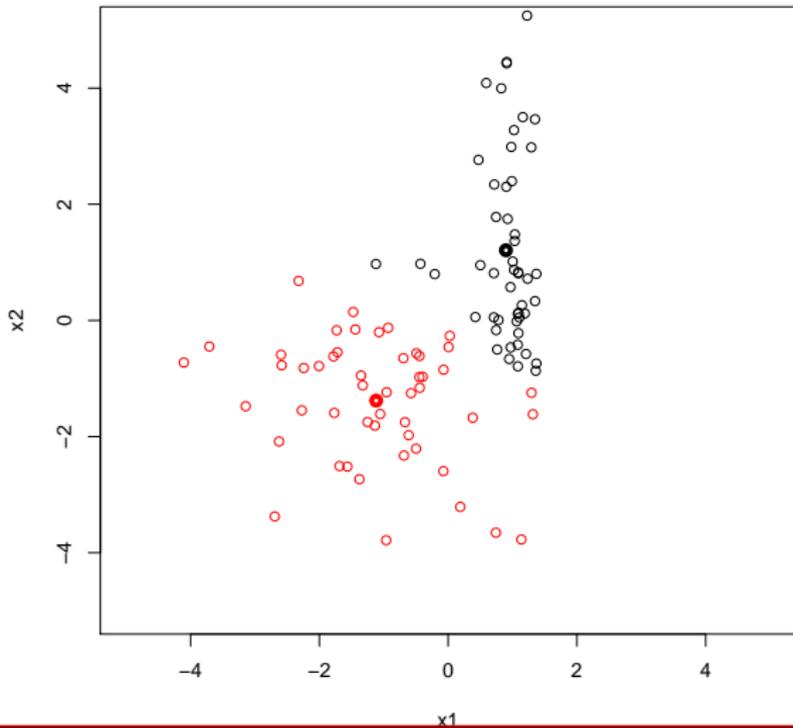
## K-Means Clustering

True clustering:



## K-Means Clustering

K-means clustering ( $K = 2$ ):



## Mixture Models

K-means associates data with cluster centers.

What if we actually modeled the data?

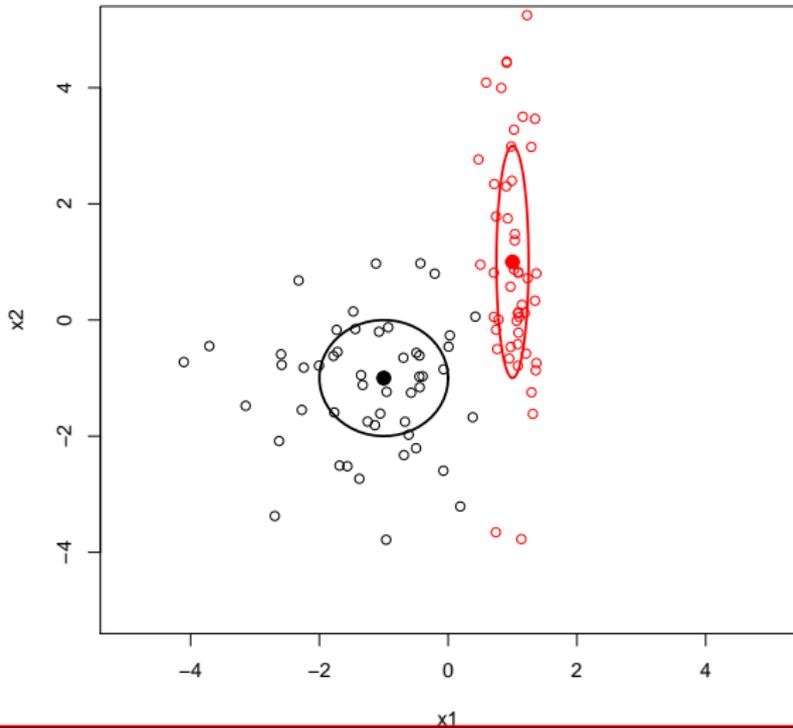
- real-valued data
- observation  $\mathbf{x}_i$  in cluster  $c_i$
- have  $K$  clusters
- model each cluster with a Gaussian distribution

$$\mathbf{x}_i | c_i = k \sim N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

- $\mu_k$  is mean vector,  $\Sigma_k$  is covariance matrix

## Mixture Models

Gaussian mixture model ( $K = 2$ ):



## Mixture Models

Why mixture models?

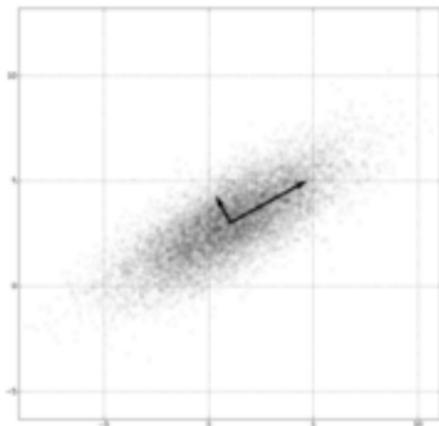
- more flexible: can account for clusters with different shapes
- have data model (will be useful for choosing  $K$ )
- less sensitive to data scaling

## Multivariate Gaussian

Multivariate Gaussian distribution for  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ :

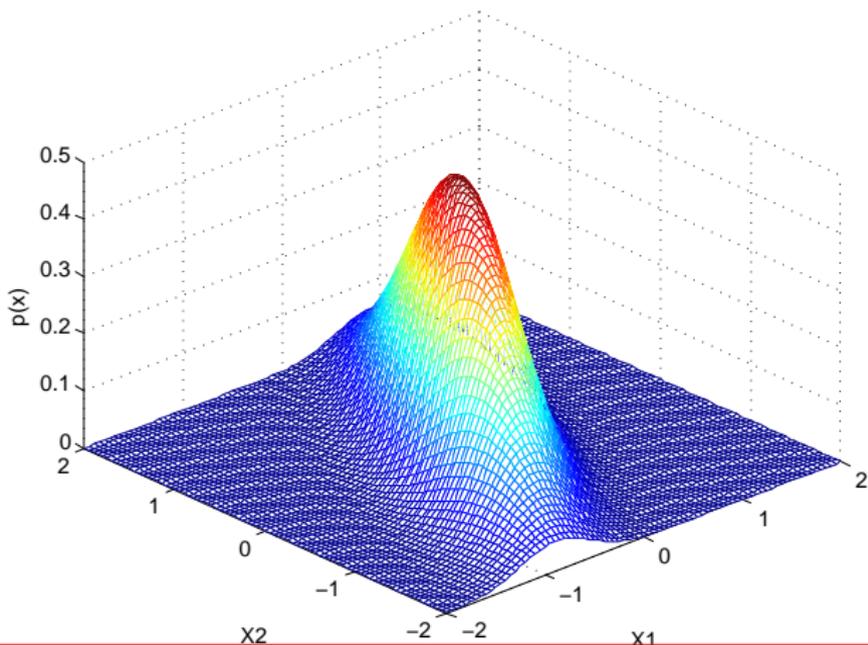
$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mu, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} |\Sigma|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)}$$

- $\mu$  is vector of means
- $\Sigma$  is covariance matrix

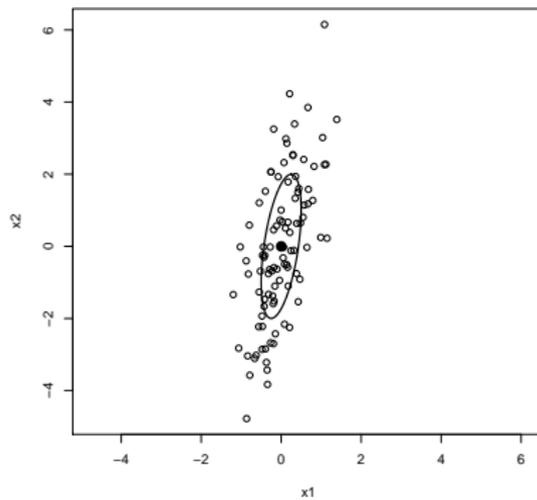
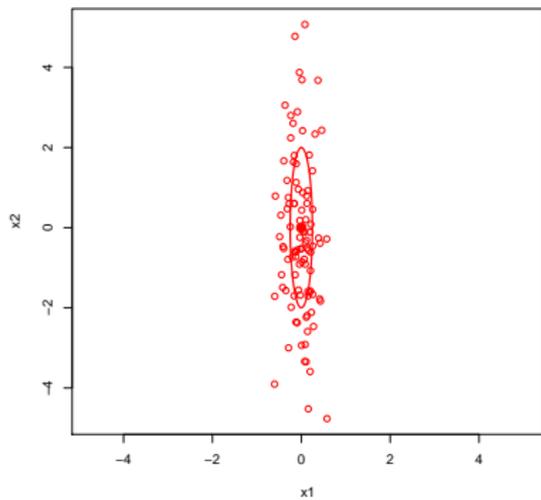


## Multivariate Gaussian

pdf when  $\mu = [0, 0]$  and  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.4 \\ 0.4 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$ :



## Multivariate Gaussian



## Fitting a Mixture Model

Mixture model:

- observation  $\mathbf{x}_j$  in cluster  $c_j$  with  $K$  clusters
- model each cluster with a Gaussian distribution

$$\mathbf{x}_j | c_j = k \sim N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

How do we find  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  (clusters) and  $(\mu_1, \Sigma_1), \dots, (\mu_K, \Sigma_K)$  (cluster centers)?

## Fitting a Mixture Model

First, let's simplify the model:

- covariance matrices have only diagonal elements,

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_K^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- set  $\sigma_1^2 = \dots = \sigma_K^2$ , suppose known

## Fitting a Mixture Model

Next, use a method similar to K-means:

- start with random cluster centers
- associate observations to clusters by (log-)likelihood,

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\mathbf{x}_i | c_i = k) &= -\frac{d}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\prod_{j=1}^d \sigma_{k,j}^2\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d (x_{i,j} - \mu_{k,j})^2 / \sigma_{k,j}^2 \\ &\propto -d \log(\sigma_k) - \frac{1}{2\sigma_k^2} \sum_{j=1}^d (x_{i,j} - \mu_{k,j})^2 \\ &\propto -\sum_{j=1}^d (x_{i,j} - \mu_{k,j})^2\end{aligned}$$

- refit centers  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_K$  given clusters by

$$\mu_{k,j} = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{c_i=k} x_{i,j}$$

- recluster observations...

## Fitting a Mixture Model

### clustering with K-means

minimize distance

$$d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mu_k) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^d (x_{i,j} - \mu_{k,j})^2}$$

### update means with K-means

use average

$$\mu_{k,j} = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{c_i=k} x_{i,j}$$

### clustering with GMM

maximize likelihood

$$\ell(\mathbf{x}_i | c_i = k) \propto -\sum_{j=1}^d (x_{i,j} - \mu_{k,j})^2$$

### update means with GMM

use average

$$\mu_{k,j} = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{c_i=k} x_{i,j}$$

## Fitting a Mixture Model

OK, now what if

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_K^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_K^2$  can take different values?

- use same algorithm
- update  $\mu_k$  and  $\sigma_k^2$  with maximum likelihood estimator,

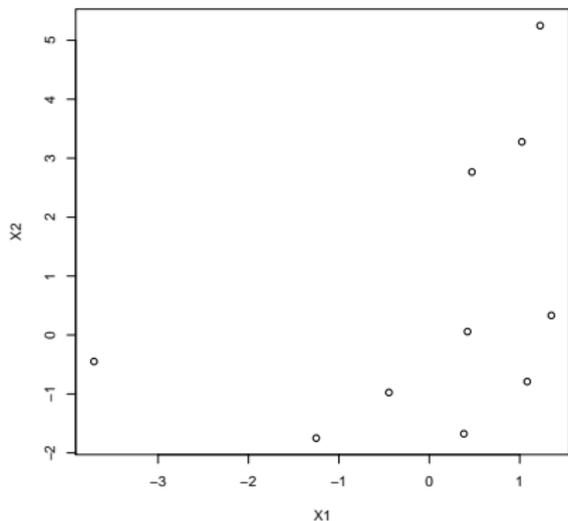
$$\mu_{k,j} = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{c_i=k} x_{i,j}$$

$$\sigma_{k,j}^2 = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{c_i=k} (x_{i,j} - \mu_{k,j})^2$$

## Fitting a Mixture Model

Data:

$x_1$	$x_2$
-3.7	-0.4
0.4	0.1
0.4	-1.7
-0.4	-1.0
-1.3	-1.7
1.0	3.3
1.2	5.2
1.2	5.2
1.3	0.3
1.1	-0.8
0.5	2.8



## Fitting a Mixture Model

- pick centers and variances,  $\mu_1 = [-1, -1]$ ,  $\sigma_1^2 = [1, 1]$ ,  $\mu_2 = [1, 1]$ ,  $\sigma_2^2 = [1, 1]$
- compute (proportional) log likelihoods,

$$\ell(\mathbf{x}_i | c_i = k) = -\sum_{j=1}^d \log(\sigma_{k,j}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d (x_{i,j} - \mu_{k,j})^2 / \sigma_{k,j}^2$$

$x_1$	$x_2$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$
-3.7	-0.4	-3.8	-12.1
0.4	0.1	-1.6	-0.6
0.4	-1.7	-1.2	-3.8
-0.4	-1.0	-0.2	-3.0
-1.3	-1.7	-0.3	-6.3
1.0	3.3	-11.2	-2.6
1.2	5.2	-22.0	-9.0
1.3	0.3	-3.6	-0.3
1.1	-0.8	-2.2	-1.6
0.5	2.8	-8.2	-1.7

## Fitting a Mixture Model

- fit new means and variances:

$$\mu_1 = [-1.3, -1.2]$$

$$\sigma_1^2 = [3.1, 0.4]$$

$$\mu_2 = [0.9, 1.8]$$

$$\sigma_2^2 = [0.2, 5.4]$$

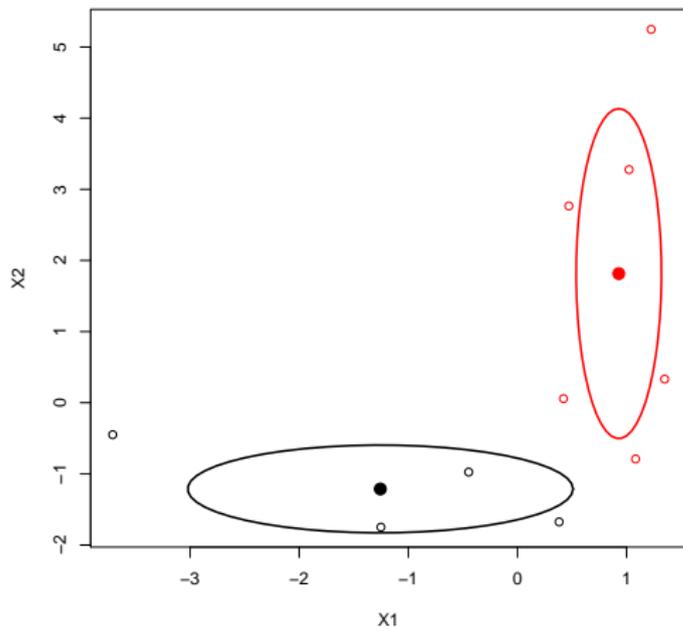
- compute new distances...

## Fitting a Mixture Model

$x_1$	$x_2$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$
-3.7	-0.4	-1.8	-70.8
0.4	0.1	-2.7	-1.0
0.4	-1.7	-0.8	-2.0
-0.4	-1.0	-0.3	-6.8
-1.3	-1.7	-0.5	-16.6
1.0	3.3	-27.4	-0.1
1.2	5.2	-55.9	-1.3
1.3	0.3	-4.3	-0.7
1.1	-0.8	-1.2	-0.6
0.5	2.8	-21.3	-0.7

No change, so clusters are final

## Fitting a Mixture Model



## Limitations of $k$ -means / mixture models

$k$ -means is fast and simple, but . . .

- What if your data are discrete?
- What if each data point has more than one cluster? (digits vs. documents)
- What if you don't know the number of clusters?