# Unsupervised learning <br> Clustering and Dimensionality Reduction 

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Main challenges

- How to measure similarity?
- How many clusters?
- How do we evaluate the clusters?

Algorithms we will cover

- K-means
- Hierarchical clustering


## K-means clustering

## Intuition

- Input data are:
- $m$ examples $\mathrm{x}^{1}, . ., \mathrm{x}^{m}$, and
- $K$, the number of desired clusters
- Clusters represented by cluster centers $\mu_{1}, . ., \mu_{K}$
- Given centers $\mu_{1}, . ., \mu_{K}$, each center defines a cluster: the subset of inputs $\mathrm{x}^{i}$ that are closer to it than to other centers



## K-means clustering

Intuition

The aim is to find

- cluster centers $\mu_{1}, . ., \mu_{K}$ and
- a cluster assignment $\mathrm{z}=\left(z^{1}, . ., z^{m}\right)$ where $z^{i} \in\{1, . ., K\}$
- $z^{i}$ is the cluster assigned to example $\mathrm{x}^{i}$
such that $\mu_{1}, . ., \mu_{K}, \mathrm{z}$ minimize the cost function

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J\left(\mu_{1}, . ., \mu_{K}, z\right)=\sum_{i}\left\|\mathrm{x}^{i}-\mu_{z^{i}}\right\|^{2}
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## K-means clustering

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## Pseudocode

- Pick initial centers $\mu_{1}, . ., \mu_{K}$ at random
- Repeat until convergence
$\rightarrow$ Optimize z in $J\left(\mu_{1}, . ., \mu_{K}, \mathrm{z}\right)$ keeping $\mu_{1}, . ., \mu_{K}$ fixed
- Set $z^{i}$ to closest center: $z^{i}=\underset{k}{\arg \min }\left\|\mathrm{x}^{i}-\mu_{k}\right\|^{2}$
- Optimize $\mu_{1}, . ., \mu_{K}$ in $J\left(\mu_{1}, . ., \mu_{K}, z\right)$ keeping z fixed
- For each $k=1, . ., K$, set $\mu_{k}=\frac{1}{\left|\left\{i \mid z^{i}=k\right\}\right|} \sum_{i: z^{i}=k} \mathbf{x}^{i}$


## K-Means illustrated











## Limitations of k -Means

K-Means works well if..

- Clusters are spherical
- Clusters are well separated
- Clusters are of similar volumes
- Clusters have similar number of points
.. so improve it with more general model
- Mixture of Gaussians:
- Learn it using Expectation Maximization


## Hierarchical clustering

Output is a dendogram


## Agglomerative hierarchical clustering

Bottom-up

## Pseudocode

1. Start with one cluster per example
2. Repeat until all examples in one cluster

- merge two closest clusters
(Next example from D. Blei's course at Princeton)


## Example

## Data



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## Agglomerative hierarchical clustering

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Defining distance between clusters (i.e. sets of points)

- Single Linkage: $d(X, Y)=\min _{x \in X, y \in Y} d(x, y)$
- Complete Linkage: $d(X, Y)=\max _{x \in X, y \in Y} d(x, y)$
- Group Average: $d(X, Y)=\frac{\sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} d(x, y)}{|X| \times|Y|}$
- Centroid Distance: $d(X, Y)=d\left(\frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{x \in X} x, \frac{1}{|Y|} \sum_{y \in Y} y\right)$


## Many, many, many other algorithms available ..



## Clustering with scikit-learn I

## K-means: an example with the Iris dataset

```
In [33]: smatplotlib inline
    import numpy as np
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
    from sklearn.datasets import make_blobs, load_iris
    iris = load_iris()
    kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters = 3)
    kmeans.fit(iris.data)
    kmeans.cluster_centers_
Out[33]: array([[5.006 , 3.428, , 1.462,0.246 ],
    [5.9016129,2.7483871, 4.39354839, 1.43387097],
    [6.85 , 3.07368421,5.74210526, 2.07105263]])
```

In [34]: kmeans.labels_
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In [35]: import pandas as pd pd.crosstab(iris.target, kmeans.labels_)

Out[35]:

| col_0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
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| row_0 |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{0}$ | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 0 | 48 | 2 |
| 2 | 0 | 14 | 36 |

## Clustering with scikit-learn II

K-means: an example with the Iris dataset



## Clustering with scikit-learn I

Hierarchical clustering: an example with the Iris dataset

```
from sklearn.cluster import AgglomerativeClustering
clustering1 = AgglomerativeClustering(linkage='single', n_clusters=3)
clustering1.fit(iris.data)
clustering2 = AgglomerativeClustering(linkage='complete', n_clusters=3)
clustering2.fit(iris.data)
```






## Dimensionality reduction I

## The curse of dimensionality

- When dimensionality increases, data becomes increasingly sparse in the space that it occupies
- Definitions of density and distance between points (critical for many tasks!) become less meaningful
- Visualization and qualitative analysis becomes impossible


## Dimensionality reduction II

The curse of dimensionality

And so dimensionality reduction methods..

- avoid or at least mitigate the curse of dimensionality
- reduce time and memory required
- allow data to be more easily visualized
- may help eliminate irrelevant features
- may reduce noise


## Principal Components Analysis

Find linear projections of original coordinates that maximize variance


Low Variance Projection



Maxima Vavance Frojection


## t-SNE: t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding

A non-linear distance-preserving method

${ }^{1}$ From https://lvdmaaten.github.io/tsne/

## Dimensionality reduction with scikit-learn

```
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.manifold import TSNE
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
X_normalized = StandardScaler().fit_transform(iris.data)
x_pca = PCA(n_components=2).fit_transform(X_normalized)
X_tsne = TSNE(n_components=2, perplexity=10).fit_transform(X_normalized)
print(X_pca.shape, X_tsne.shape)
```

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## So, we are done for this course

Lots of important things we have left out!

- Online and incremental learning; data mining for streams
- Important models: Support Vector Machines, Neural Nets (and Deep learning)
- Kernel methods and learning from structured objects
- Ensemble methods: random forests, boosting, bagging, etc.
- Spatial and temporal learning
- Feature selection methods
- many many more...


## Para finalizar

Reading assignment
Article by Pedro Domingos: "A few useful things to know about machine learning"

Examen: ver https://www.cs.upc.edu/~csi/ y aviso correspondiente en Racó.
Será "tipo test". Consistirá en preguntas rápidas de tipo conceptual. No es necesaria calculadora. Sin apuntes. Si se necesita alguna fórmula ya se pondrá en el enunciado.

