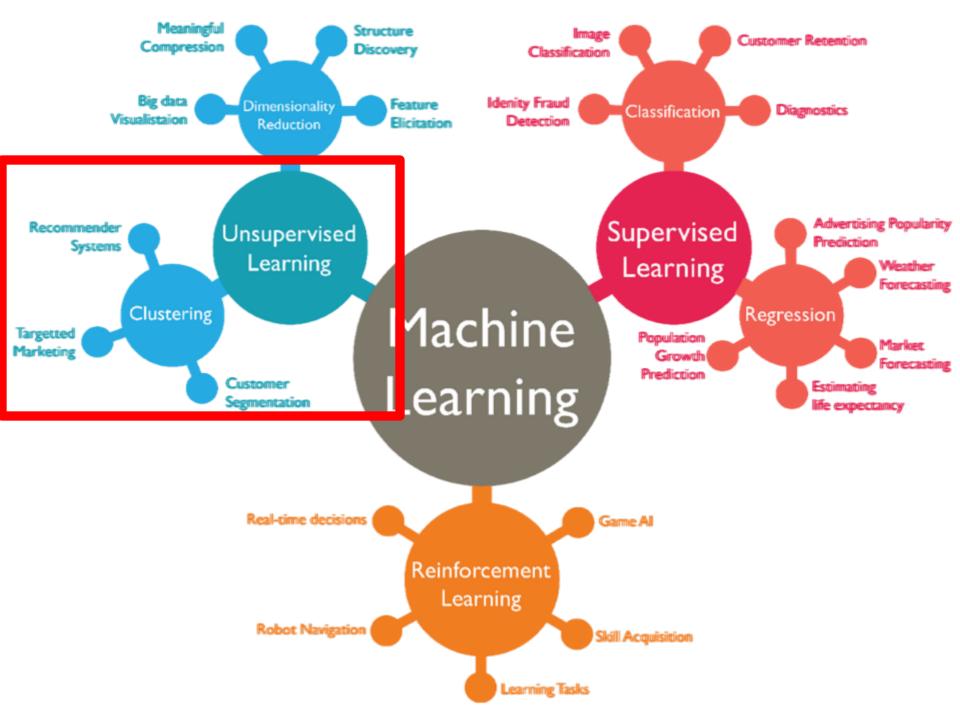
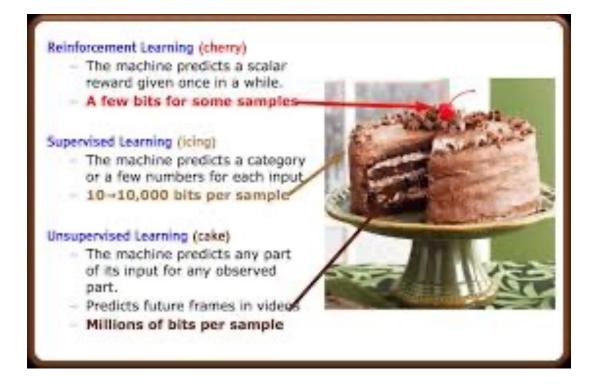


Unsupervised Learning: Clustering Introduction and Simple K-means



Yann LeCun on Unsupervised Learning

"Most of human and animal learning is *unsupervised learning*. If intelligence was a cake, unsupervised learning would be the cake, *supervised learning* would be the icing on the cake, and *reinforcement learning* would be the cherry on the cake. ... We know how to make the icing and the cherry, but we don't know how to make the cake. We need to solve the unsupervised learning problem before we can even think of getting to true AI."*



* Yann LeCun (Head of Facebook AI, NYU CS Prof.) on AlphaGo's success and AI, 2016

Unsupervised Learning

- Supervised learning used labeled data pairs (x, y) to learn a function f : X→y
- What if we don't have labels?
- No labels = unsupervised learning
- Only some points are labeled = semi-supervised learning
 - -Getting labels is expensive, so we only get a few
- Clustering is the unsupervised grouping of data points based on similarity
- It can be used for knowledge discovery

Clustering algorithms

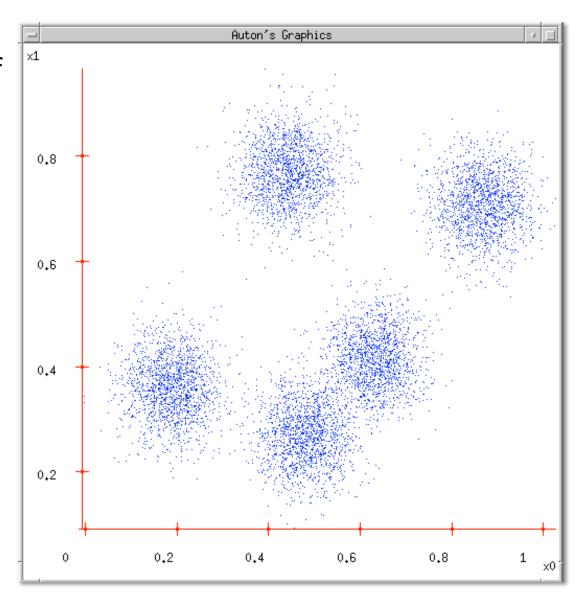
- Many clustering algorithms
- Clustering typically done using a distance
 measure defined between instances or points
- Distance defined by instance feature space, so it works with numeric features
 - Requires encoding of categorial values; may benefit from normalization
- We'll look at three popular approaches
 - 1. Centroid-based clustering (e.g., Kmeans)
 - 2. Hierarchical clustering
 - 3. DBSCAN

Clustering Data

Given a collection of points (x,y), group them into one or more clusters based on their distance from one another

How many clusters are there?

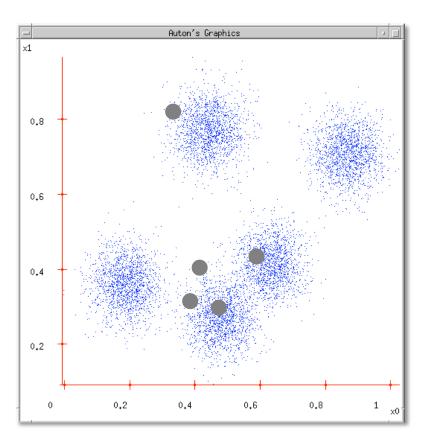
How can we find them



(1) K-Means Clustering

- Randomly choose k cluster center locations, aka
 centroids
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 - assign a point to cluster of closest centroid
 - re-position cluster centroids based on its data assigned
- Convergence: no point is re-assigned to a different cluster







- 1. k centerpoints are randomly initialized.
- 2. Observations are assigned to the closest centerpoint.
- 3. Centerpoints are moved to the center of their members.
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until no observation changes membership in step 2.

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distance, centroids

- Distance between points (X_0, Y_0, Z_0) and (X_1, Y_1, Z_1) is just $sqrt((X_0-X_1)^2+(Y_0-Y_1)^2+(Z_0-Z_1)^2)$
- In numpy

```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> p1 = np.array([0,-2,0,1]); p2 = np.array([0,1,2,1]))
>>> np.linalg.norm(p1 - p2)
3.605551275463989
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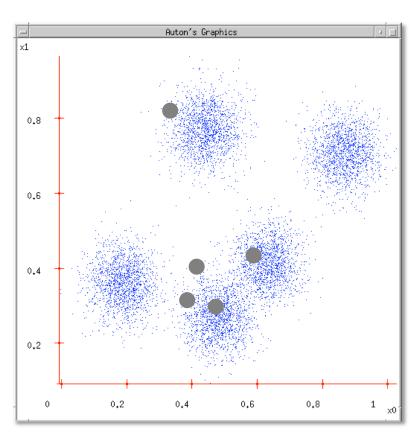
Computing centroid of set of points easy

```
>>> points = np.array([[1,2,3], [2,1,1], [3,1,0]]) # 3D points
>>> centroid = np.mean(points, axis=0) # mean across columns
>>> centroid
array([2.0, 1.33, 1.33])
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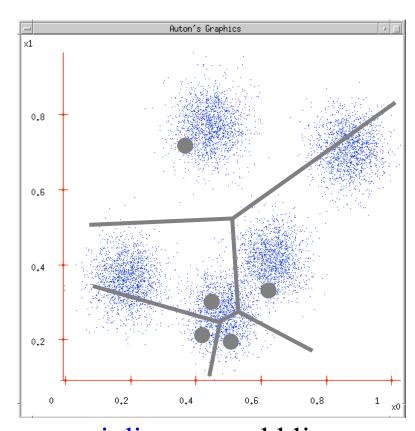




K-Means Clustering

K-Means (k, data)

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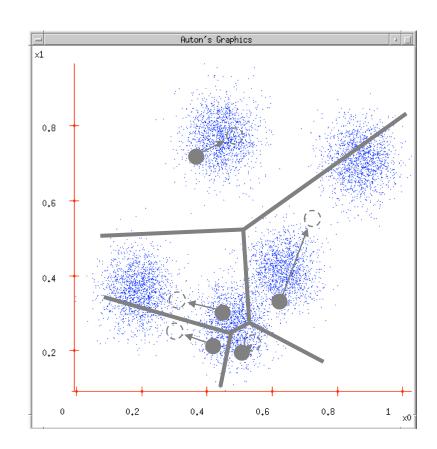


veroni diagram: add lines for regions of points closest to each centroid

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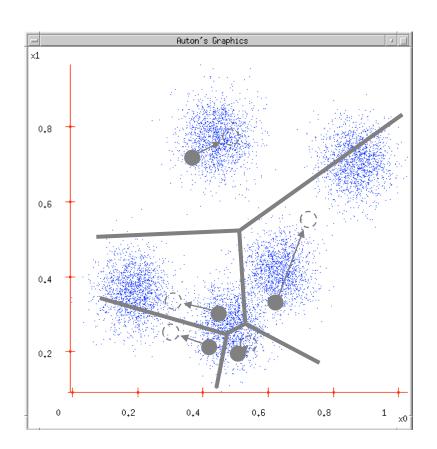
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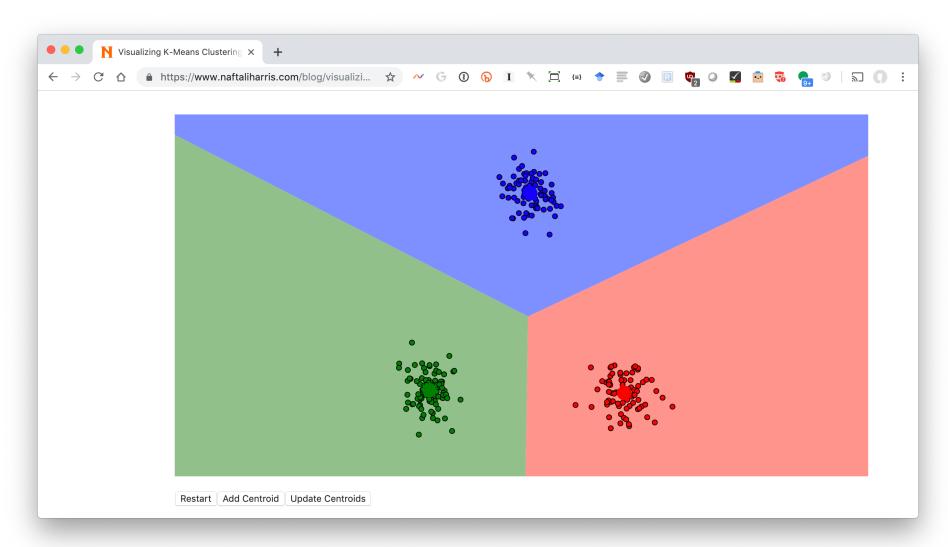
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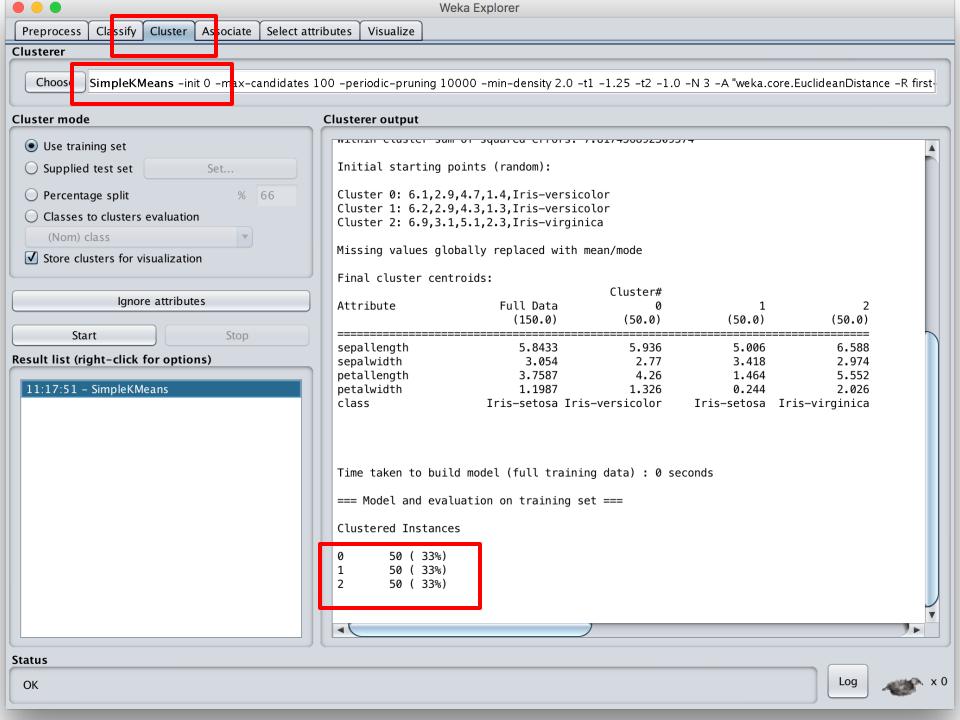


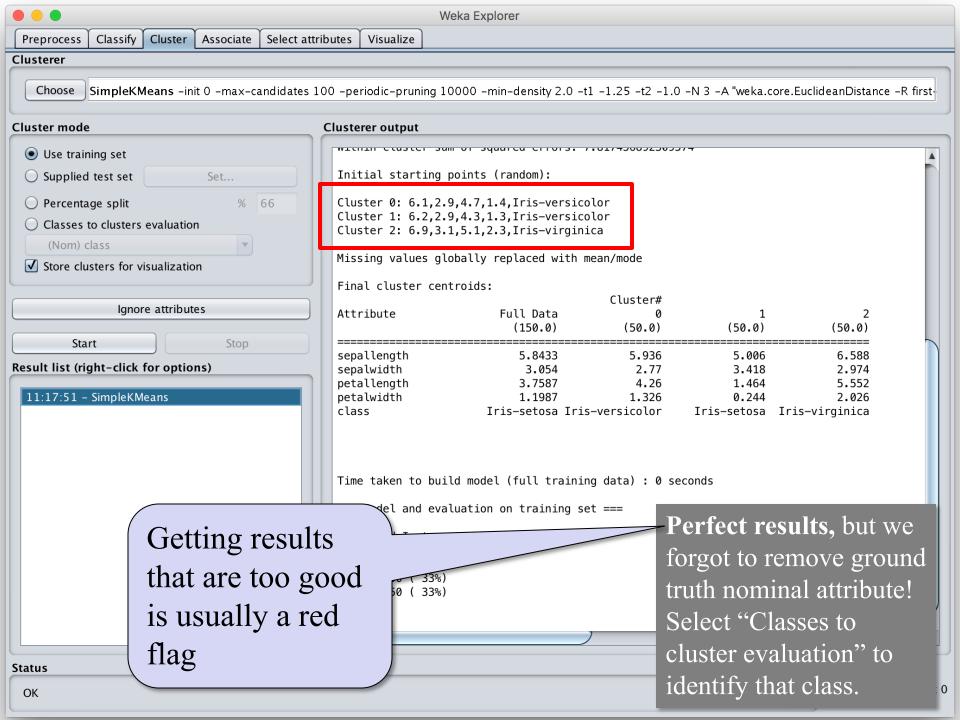
Visualizing k-means: http://bit.ly/471kmean

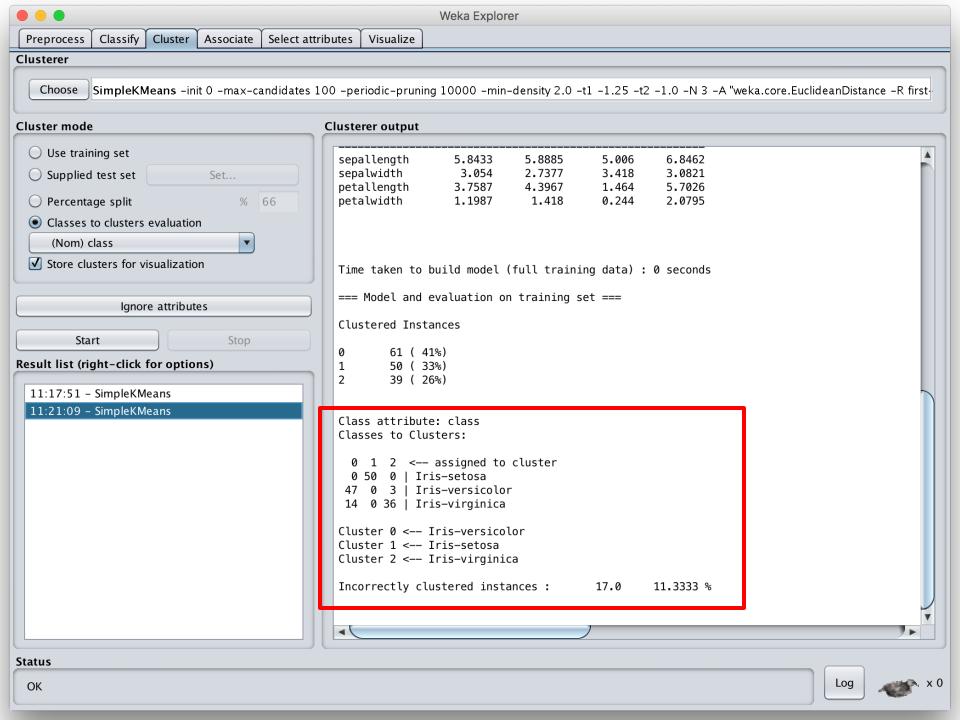


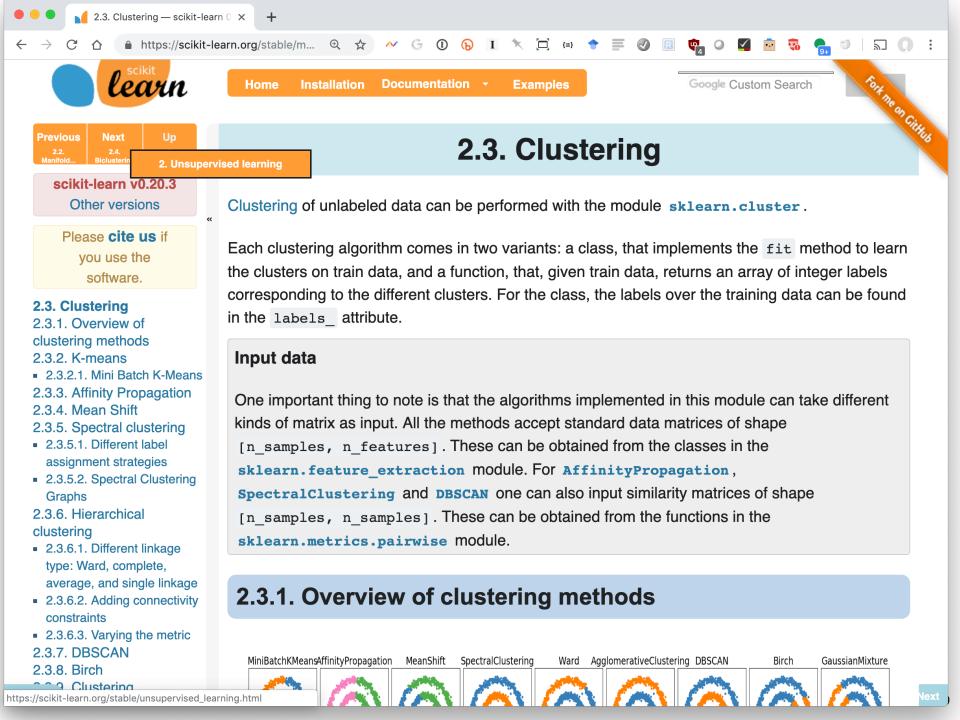
Clustering the Iris Data

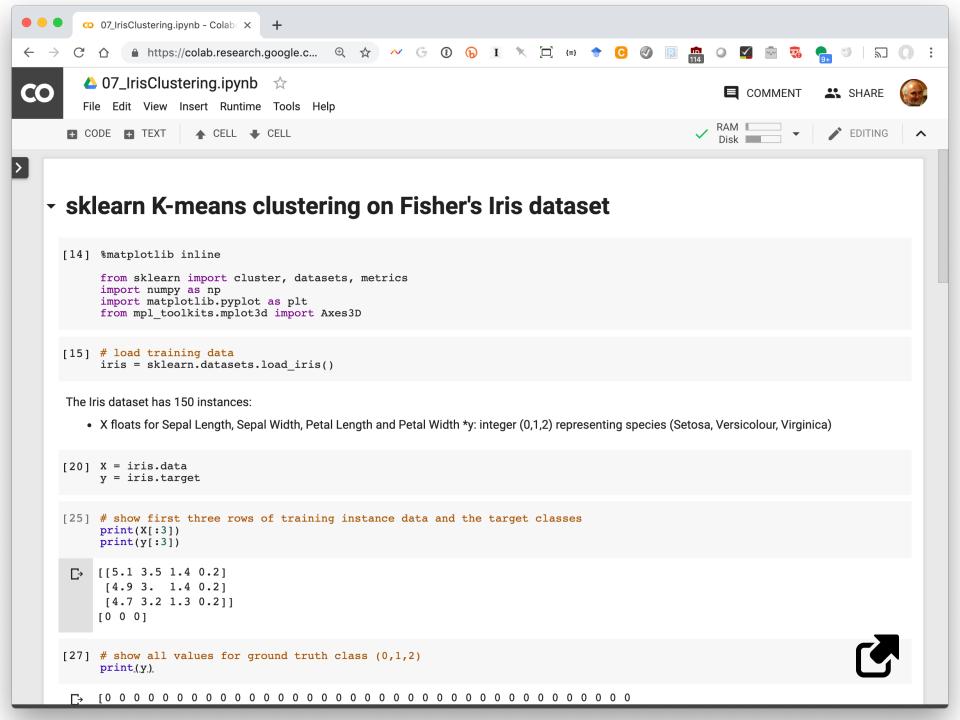
 Let's try using unsupervised clustering on the Iris Data









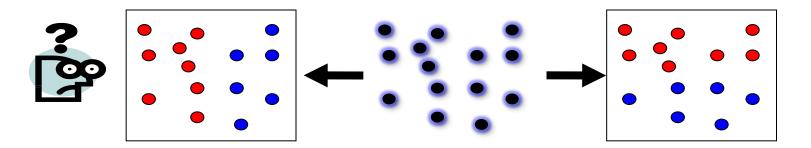


Problems with K-Means

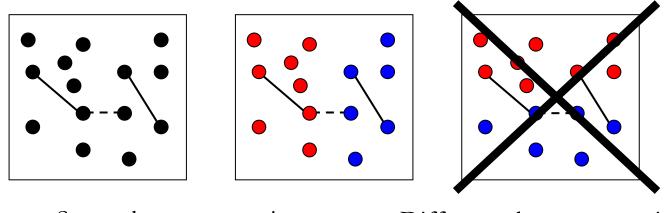
- Only works for numeric data (typically reals)
- Very sensitive to the initial points
 - -fix: Do many runs, each with different initial centroids
 - -fix: Seed centroids with non-random method, e.g., farthest-first sampling
- Sensitive to outliers
 - -E.g.: find three
 - -fix: identify and remove outliers
- Must manually choose k
 - Learn optimal k using some performance measure

Problems with K-Means

• How do you tell it which clustering you want?



Constrained clustering technique provides hints



——Same-cluster constraint (must-link)

- - - Different-cluster constraint (cannot-link)

K-means Clustering Summary

- Clustering useful & effective for many tasks
- K-means clustering one of simplest & fastest techniques, but
 - Requires knowing how many clusters is right
 - Doesn't handle outliers well
- There are many other clustering options