# 巨量資料與統計分析 Fall 2024

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## 什麼是群集(Clustering)?

■ **Clustering:** the process of grouping a set of objects into classes of similar objects →到同一組文件有類似特性,不同組別的文 件特性大不相同。如紅樓夢前八十回、後 四十回作者不同,風格應該略有差異。 →公司、客戶、產品也可如此區隔。 ■問題:如何定義相似性(Similarity)?如何 劃分不同類別的界線?





Two Clusters Four Clusters

#### Q:How many groups are there in the following 20 faces?







Converting them into Chernoff faces …  $\rightarrow$  Which two faces are the most similar?



## **Applications of clustering**

- Pattern Recognition
- Spatial Data Analysis
	- Create thematic maps in GIS by clustering feature spaces
	- Detect spatial clusters or for other spatial mining tasks
- Image Processing
- Economic Science (especially market research) ■ WWW
	- Document classification
	- Cluster Weblog data to discover groups of similar access patterns

http://www.lac.inpe.br/~rafael.santos/Docs/CAP394/WholeStory-Iris.htmlt



## Anderson and Fisher's Iris Data



#### Multi-label classification with Keras





https://pyimagesearch.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/keras\_multi\_label\_dataset.jpg

# **Clustering Algorithms**

■A clustering algorithm tries to find natural groups of components based on **similarity** & the **centroid** of a group of data sets. Most algorithms evaluate the **distance** between a point and the cluster centroids. The output from a clustering algorithm is basically a statistical description of the cluster centroids with the number of components in each cluster.



## Partitioning Clustering Approach

- A typical approach via iteratively partitioning training data set to learn a partition of the given data
- Learning a partition on a data set to produce several non-empty clusters (given the number of clusters)
- In principle, optimal partition achieved via minimising the sum of squared distance to its "representative object" in each cluster  $^{2}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{m}_{k})$  $E = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in C_k} d^2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}_k)$  $=\sum_{k=1}^{\mathbf{\Lambda}}\sum_{\mathbf{x}\in C_k}d^2(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{m}_k)$

 $1 - \mathbf{x} \in C_k$  <sup>*C*</sup>  $(1 - \mathbf{x})$  iii<sub>*k</sub> j*</sub>

17  $2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}_k) = \sum (x_n - m_{kn})^2$ 1 *N*  $n=1$  $d^{2}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}_{k}) = \sum (x_{n} - m_{kn})^{2}$ = $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}_{k}$ ) =  $\sum_{n=1}^{k} (x_{n} - m_{kn})^{-1}$ e.g., Euclidean distance

## What is K-Means?

- Given a *K*, find a partition of *K clusters* to optimise the chosen partitioning criterion
	- <sup>o</sup> global optimum: exhaustively search all partitions
- The *K-means* algorithm: a heuristic method
	- <sup>o</sup> K-means algorithm (MacQueen'67): each cluster is represented by the centre of the.
	- <sup>o</sup> K-means algorithm is the simplest partitioning method for clustering.

## K-means Algorithm

- Given the number *K*, the *K-means* algorithm is carried out in three steps after initialisation: Initialisation: set seed points (randomly)
- 1) Assign each object to the cluster of the nearest seed point measured with a specific distance metric
- 2) Compute new seed points as the centroids of the clusters of the current partition (the centroid is the centre, i.e., *mean point*, of the cluster)
- 3) Go back to Step 1), stop when no more new assignment (i.e., membership in each cluster no longer changes)

#### The *K-Means* Clustering Method



### Distance Between Two Clusters

❑Single-Link Method / Nearest Neighbor ❑Complete-Link / Furthest Neighbor ❑Their Centroids.

❑Average of all cross-cluster pairs.









### Single-Link Method

#### Euclidean Distance















Distance Matrix

### Complete-Link Method

#### Euclidean Distance















Distance Matrix



#### K-Means vs. Hierarchical Clustering



### Partitional Clustering



Original Points A Partitional Clustering



Non-traditional Hierarchical **Clustering** 

Non-traditional Dendrogram

## **Hierarchical Clustering**

- Produces a set of *nested clusters* organized as a hierarchical tree
- Can be visualized as a **dendrogram** 
	- $\blacksquare$  A tree-like diagram that records the sequences of merges or splits





## Cluster Similarity: MIN or Single Link

- Similarity of two clusters is based on the two most similar (closest) points in the different clusters
	- Determined by one pair of points, i.e., by one link in the proximity graph.





### Hierarchical Clustering: MIN



#### Nested Clusters **Dendrogram**

## Strength of MIN



Original Points Two Clusters

• Can handle non-elliptical shapes

#### Limitations of MIN





#### Original Points Two Clusters

• Sensitive to noise and outliers

Cluster Similarity: MAX or Complete Linkage

- Similarity of two clusters is based on the two least similar (most distant) points in the different clusters
	- Determined by all pairs of points in the two clusters





#### Hierarchical Clustering: MAX



Nested Clusters Dendrogram

#### Strength of MAX





#### Original Points Two Clusters

• Less susceptible to noise and outliers

#### Limitations of MAX



#### Original Points Two Clusters

- •Tends to break large clusters
- •Biased towards globular clusters

### Cluster Similarity: Group Average

■ Proximity of two clusters is the average of pairwise proximity between points in the two clusters.

> $\sum_{\substack{\mathbf{p}_i \in \text{Cluster}_{i} \\ \mathbf{p}_j \in \text{Cluster}_{j}}} \text{proximity}(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j)$ <br>  $= \frac{\mathbf{p}_i \in \text{Cluster}_{i}}{|\text{Cluster}_{i}| * |\text{Cluster}_{j}|}$  $\mathbf{proximity}(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j)$  $\frac{p_j}{p_j} = \frac{p_j}{p_j}$  *proximity(Cluster<sub>i</sub>, Cluster*  $\frac{p_j}{p_j}$  $\mathbf{p}_\mathbf{j}$   $\in$  Cluster $_\mathbf{j}$  $\mathbf{p_i}$   $\in$  **Cluster**  $\mathbf{i}$

Need to use average connectivity for scalability since total proximity favors large clusters





#### Hierarchical Clustering: Group Average



#### Nested Clusters Dendrogram

Hierarchical Clustering: Group Average

- Compromise between Single and Complete Link
- Strengths
	- Less susceptible to noise and outliers
- Limitations
	- Biased towards globular clusters

## Cluster Similarity: Ward's Method

- Similarity of two clusters is based on the increase in squared error when two clusters are merged
	- Similar to group average if distance between points is distance squared
- Less susceptible to noise and outliers
- Biased towards globular clusters
- Hierarchical analogue of K-means
	- Can be used to initialize K-means

### Hierarchical Clustering: Comparison



- [Colour-Based Image Segmentation Using](http://www.mathworks.co.uk/help/images/examples/color-based-segmentation-using-k-means-clustering.html) *K*-means
	- **Step 1**: Loading a colour image of tissue stained with hemotoxylin and eosin (H&E)

**H&E image** 



Image courtesy of Alan Partin, Johns Hopkins University

- [Colour-Based Image Segmentation Using](http://www.mathworks.co.uk/help/images/examples/color-based-segmentation-using-k-means-clustering.html) *K*-means
	- **Step 2**: Convert the image from RGB colour space to L\*a\*b\* colour space
		- Unlike the RGB colour model,  $L^*a^*b^*$  colour is designed to approximate human vision.
		- There is a complicated transformation between RGB and  $L^*a^*b^*$ .

 $(L^*, a^*, b^*) = T(R, G, B).$  $(R, G, B) = T(L^*, a^*, b^*).$ 

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	- **Step 3**: Undertake clustering analysis in the (a\*, b\*) colour space with the *K*-means algorithm
		- In the L<sup>\*</sup>a<sup>\*</sup>b<sup>\*</sup> colour space, each pixel has a properties or feature vector:  $(L^*, a^*, b^*)$ .
		- Like feature selection, L<sup>\*</sup> feature is discarded. As a result, each pixel has a feature vector  $(a^*, b^*)$ .
		- Applying the *K-*means algorithm to the image in the a\*b\* feature space where  $K = 3$  by applying the domain knowledge.

• [Colour-Based Image Segmentation Using](http://www.mathworks.co.uk/help/images/examples/color-based-segmentation-using-k-means-clustering.html) *K*-means **Step 4**: Label every pixel in the image using the results from *K*-means clustering (indicated by three different grey levels)

image labeled by cluster index

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**Step 5**: Create Images that Segment the H&E Image by Colour

• Apply the label and the colour information of each pixel to achieve separate colour images corresponding to three clusters.



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**Step 6**: Segment the nuclei into a separate image with the L<sup>\*</sup> feature

- In cluster 1, there are dark and light blue objects (pixels). The dark blue objects (pixels) correspond to nuclei (with the domain knowledge).
- L<sup>\*</sup> feature specifies the brightness values of each colour.
- With a threshold for  $L^*$ , we achieve an image containing the nuclei only.



#### blue nuclei

## Summary

- *K*-means algorithm is a simple yet popular method for clustering analysis
- Its performance is determined by initialisation and appropriate distance measure
- There are several variants of *K*-means to overcome its weaknesses
	- *K*-Medoids: resistance to noise and/or outliers
	- *K*-Modes: extension to categorical data clustering analysis
	- CLARA: extension to deal with large data sets
	- Mixture models (EM): handling uncertainty of clusters