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## k-means

Given: $\quad \vec{x}_{1}, \vec{x}_{2}, \cdots, \vec{x}_{m} \in \mathrm{R}^{n}$
Partition them into $\mathrm{k} \ll \mathrm{m}$ groups
0) Guess cluster centers to initialize

1) Group points around nearest center
2) Update cluster centers by averaging within group
3) If centers have changed, repeat 1-3

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## General k-means Algorithm

0) Initialize k cluster centers $\quad \vec{m}_{1}, \vec{m}_{2}, \cdots, \vec{m}_{k}$
1) Assign points to cluster: point $\vec{x}$ goes to cluster $i$
if, $\quad\left\|\vec{x}-\vec{m}_{i}\right\|<\left\|\vec{x}-\vec{m}_{j}\right\| \quad \forall j \neq i$
2) Let $S_{i}$ be the set of samples in cluster $i$ recompute cluster centers:

$$
\vec{m}_{i}=\frac{1}{\left|S_{i}\right|} \sum_{\vec{x} \in S_{i}} \vec{x}
$$

3) If any $m_{i}$ has changed, repeat 1-3



## Objective Function

Find the clustering of $\vec{x}_{1}, \cdots, \vec{x}_{m}$ into sets $S_{1}, \cdots, S_{k}$ which minimizes:

$$
D=\sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{\vec{x} \in S_{i}}\left\|\vec{x}-\mu_{i}\right\|
$$

$$
\mu_{i}=\frac{1}{\left|S_{i}\right|} \sum_{x \in S_{i}} \vec{x}
$$

While the algorithm decreases the objective, the objective is non-convex and can be stuck on local mimima.
General problem is N-P Complete

Management of intersections with multi-modal high-resolution


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## Traffic Patterns

 Hours of the daydays


What would k-means cluster to?
$\mathrm{K}=2$ ?
$\mathrm{K}=4$ ?
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