

# Machine Learning 2

DS 4420 - Spring 2018

From clustering to EM

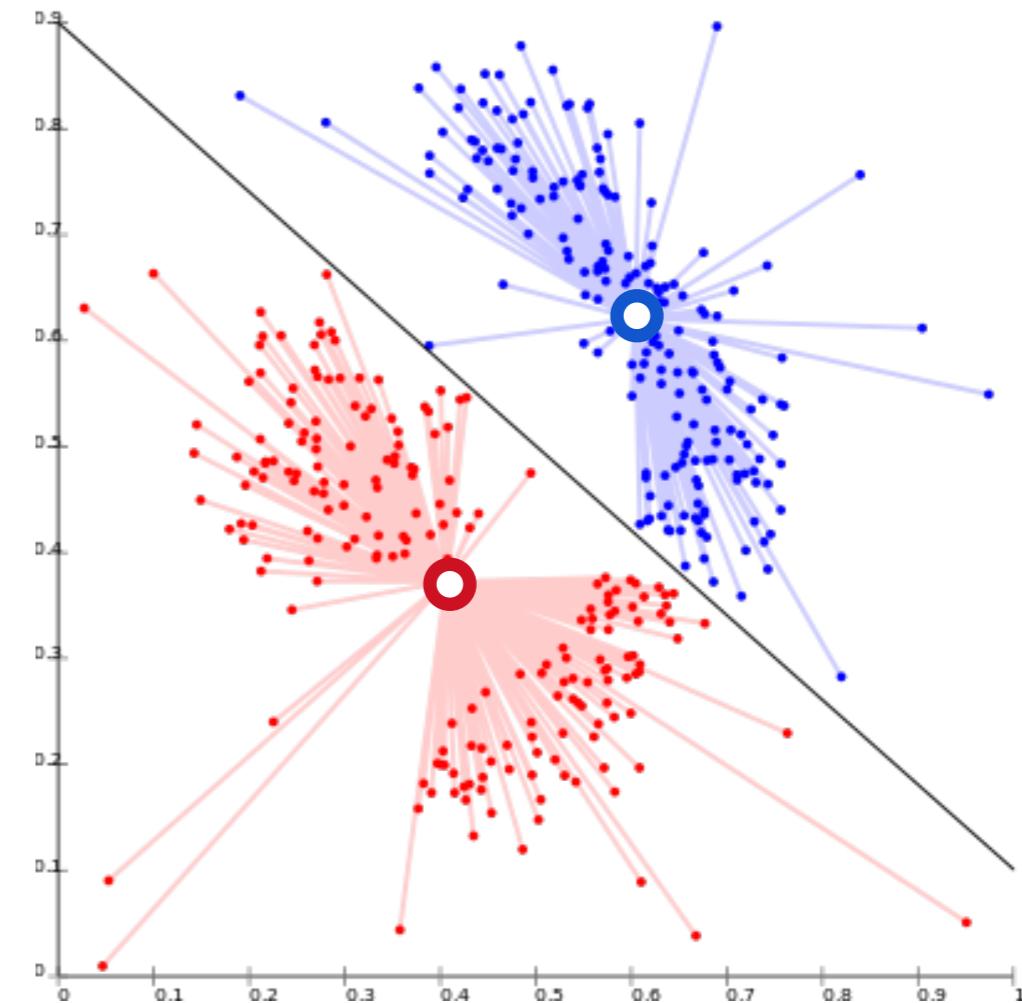
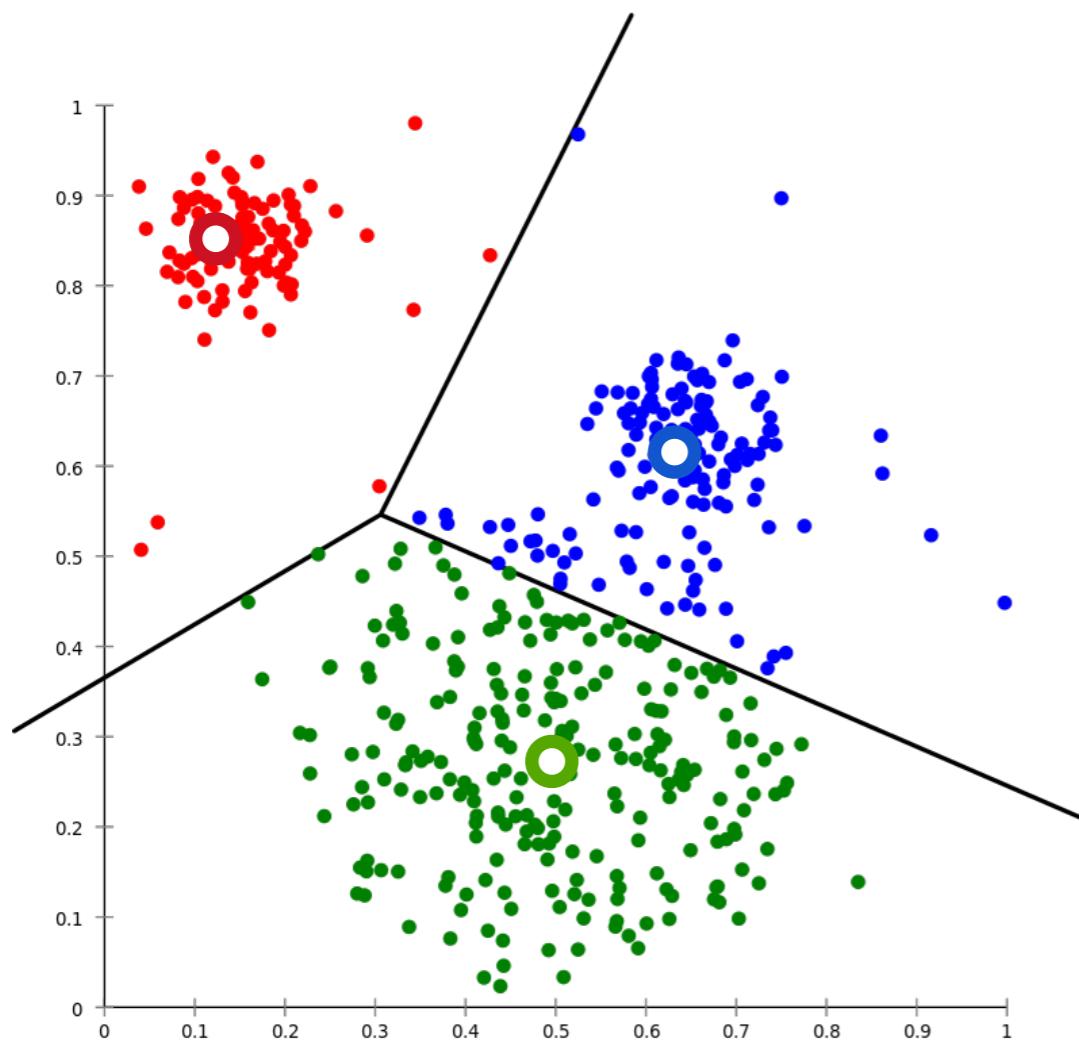
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# Clustering

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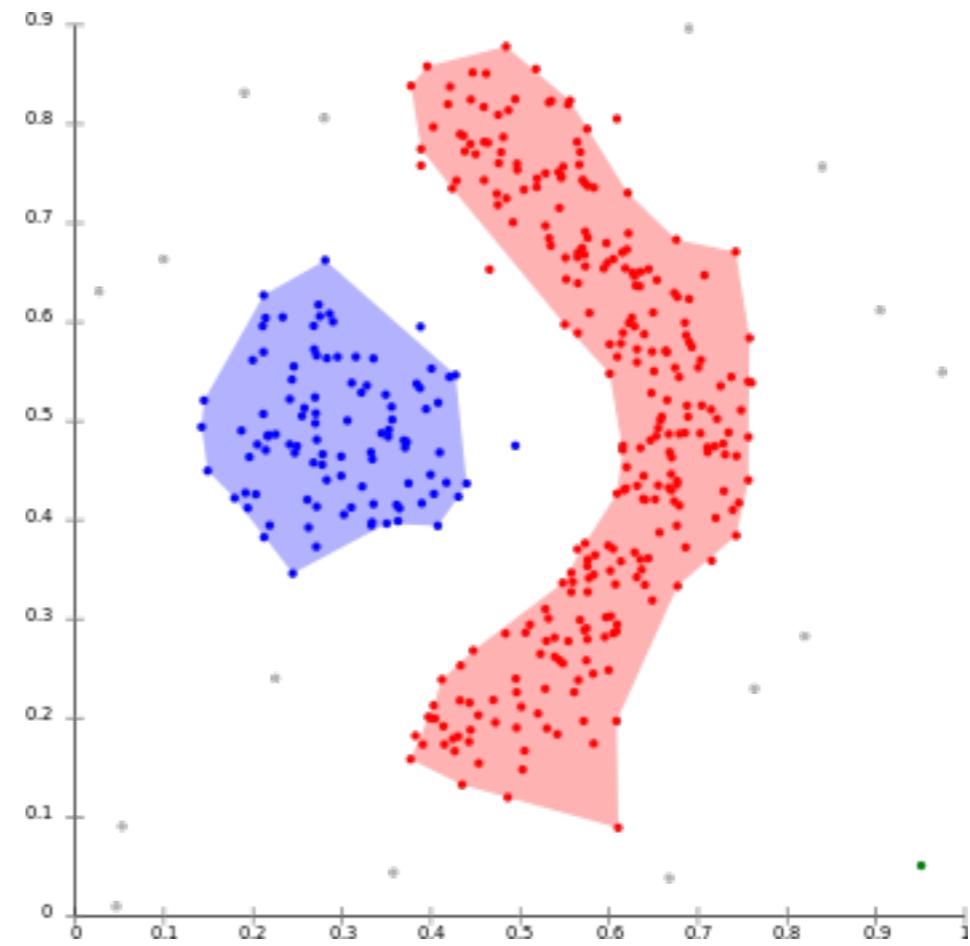
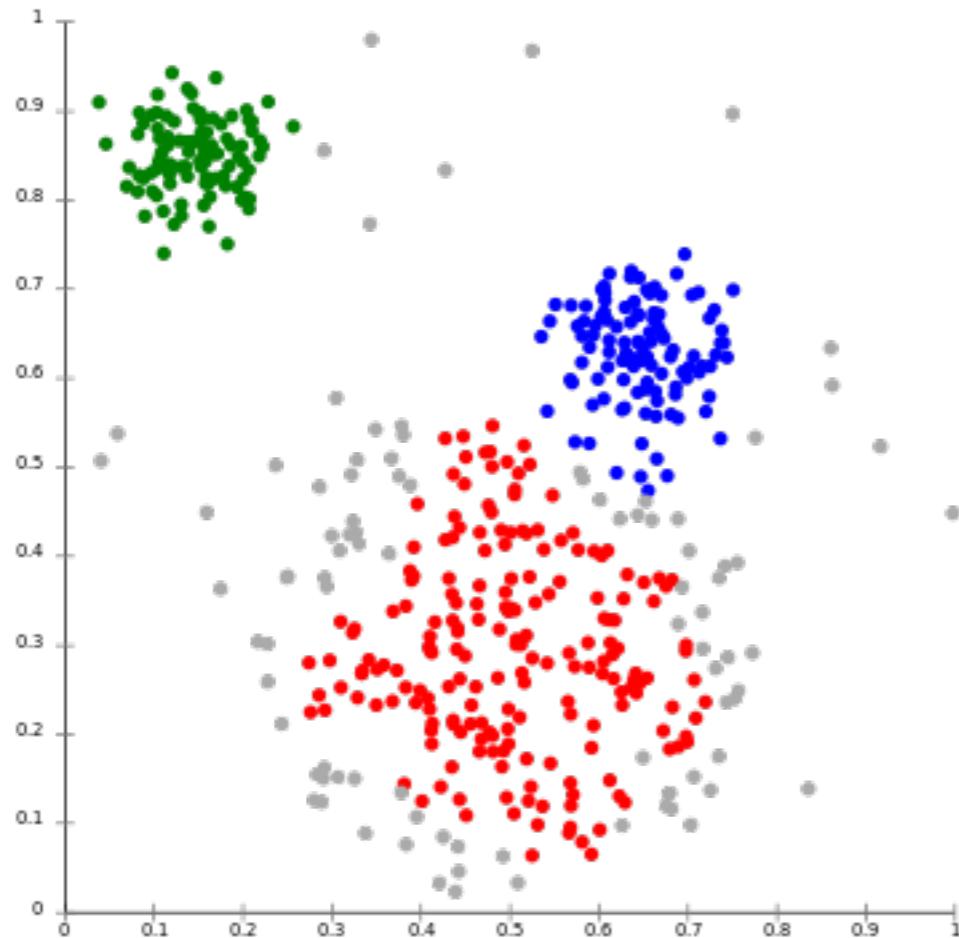
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Notion of Clusters: Voronoi tessellation

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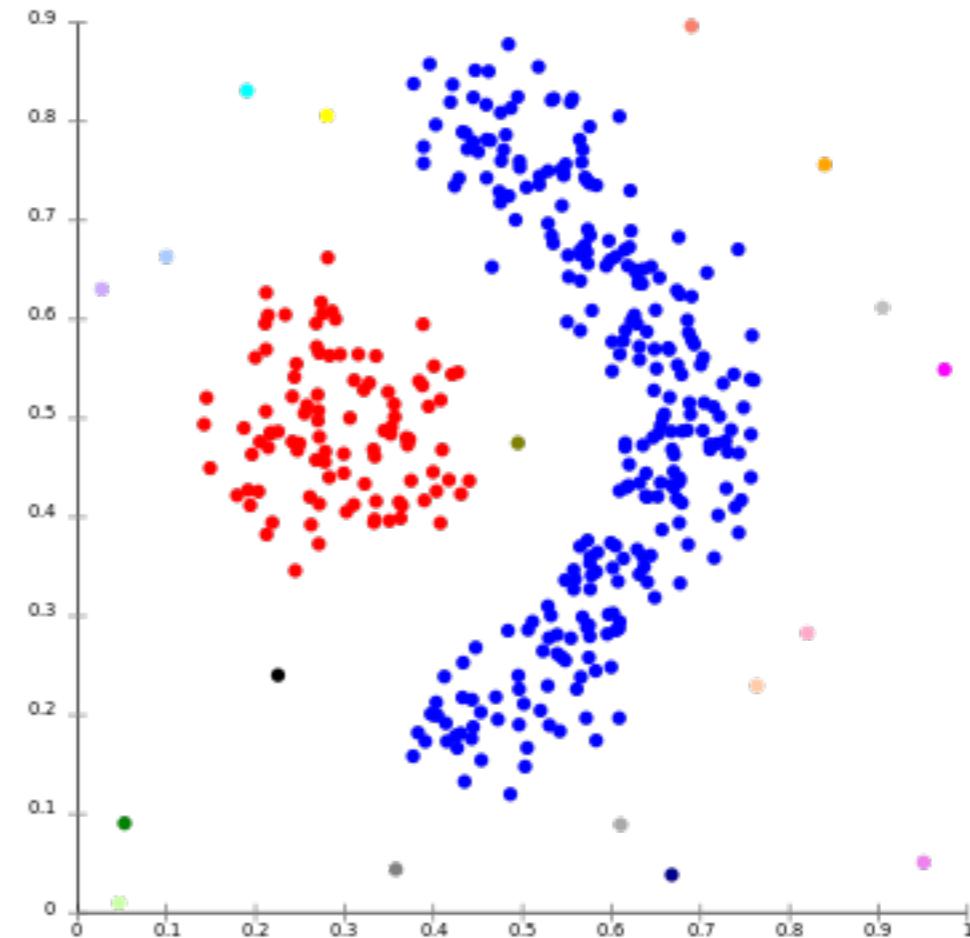
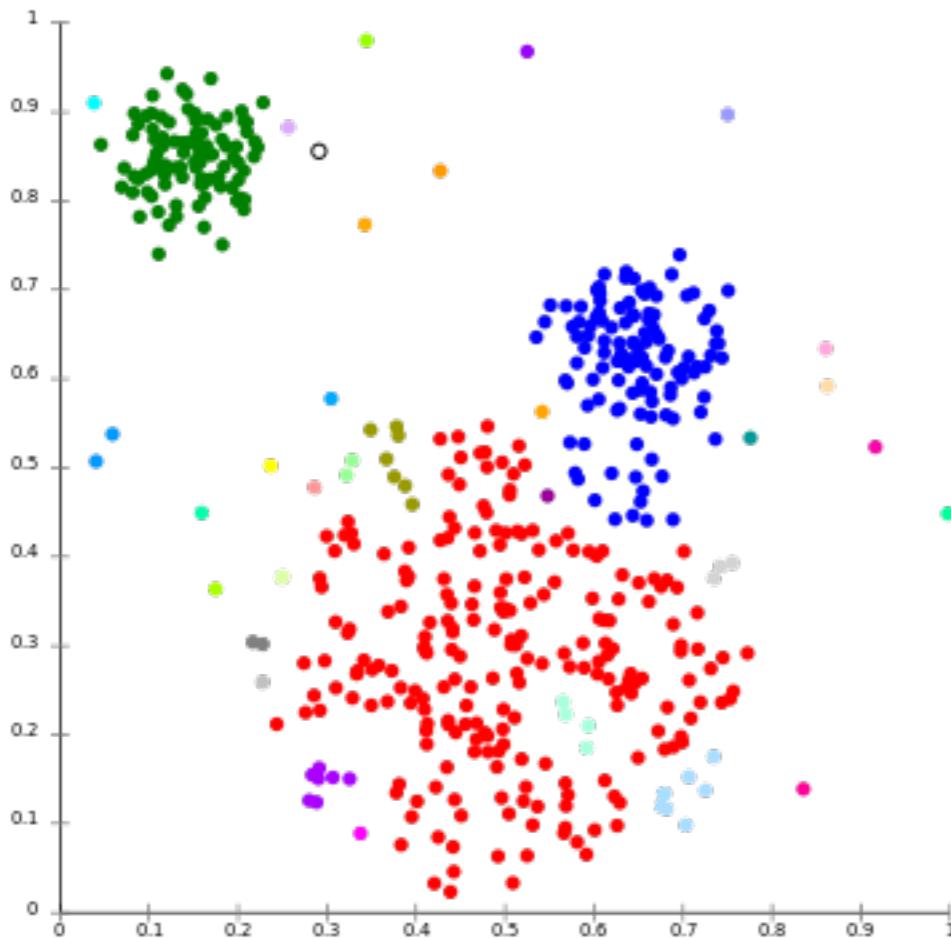
## 2. Density-based (*DBSCAN, OPTICS*)



Notion of Clusters: Connected regions of high density

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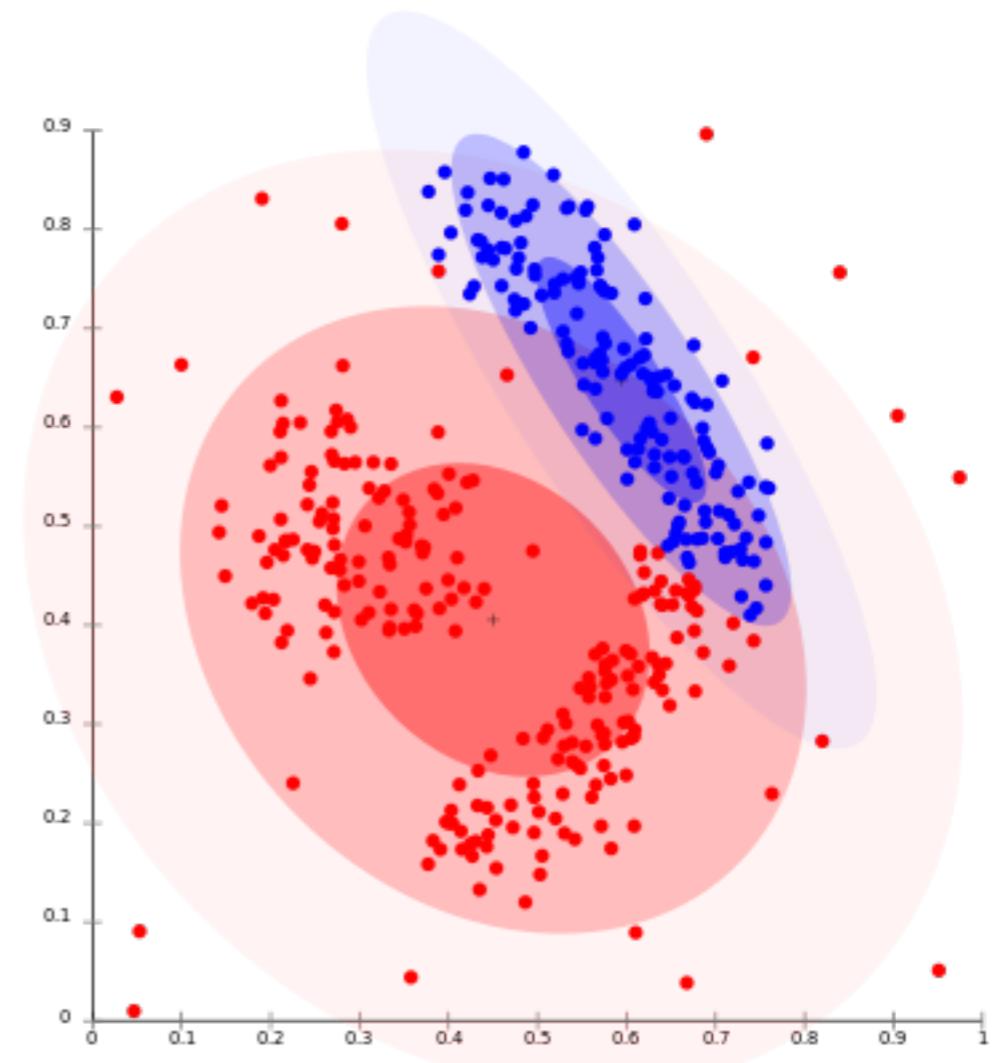
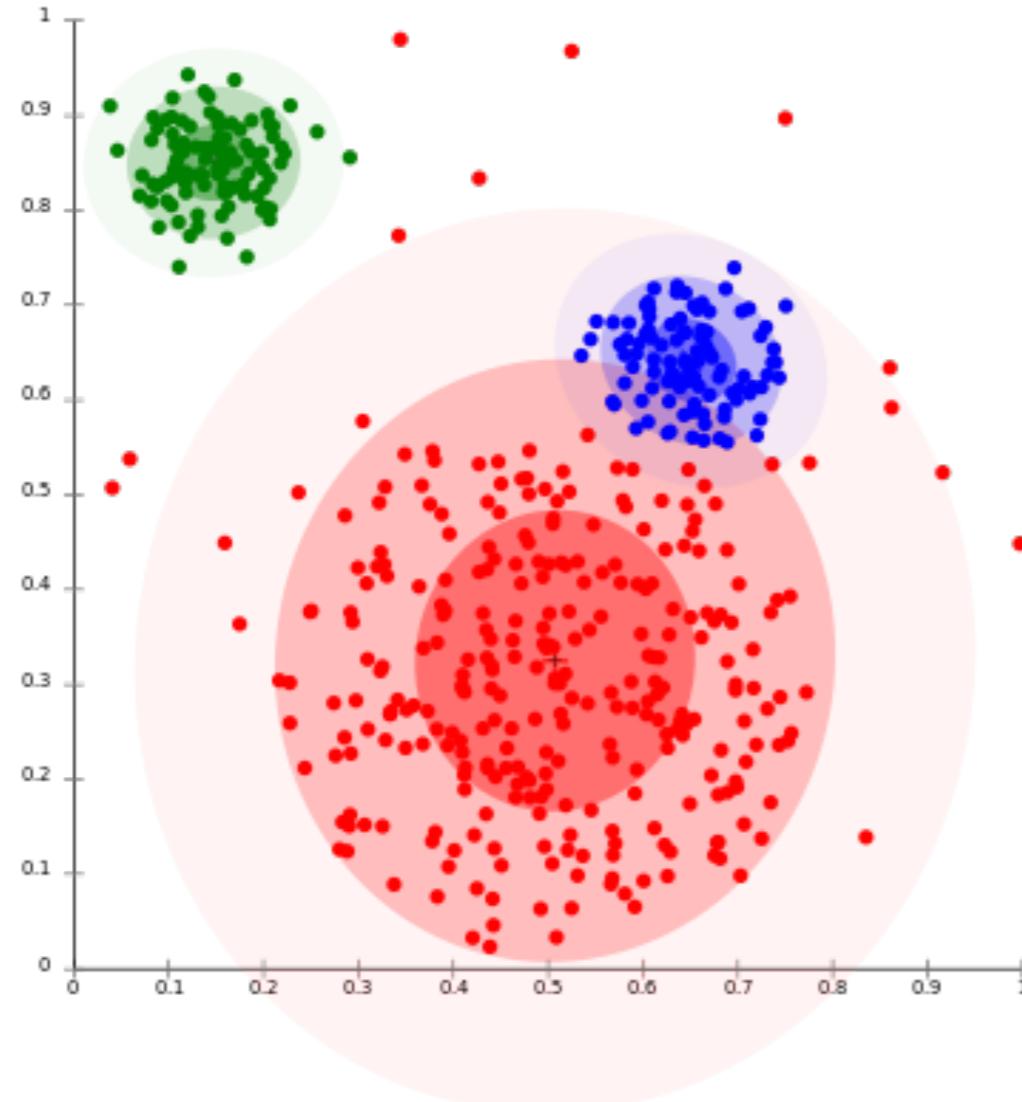
## 3. Connectivity-based (Hierarchical)



Notion of Clusters: Cut off dendrogram at some depth

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## 4. Distribution-based (*Mixture Models*)

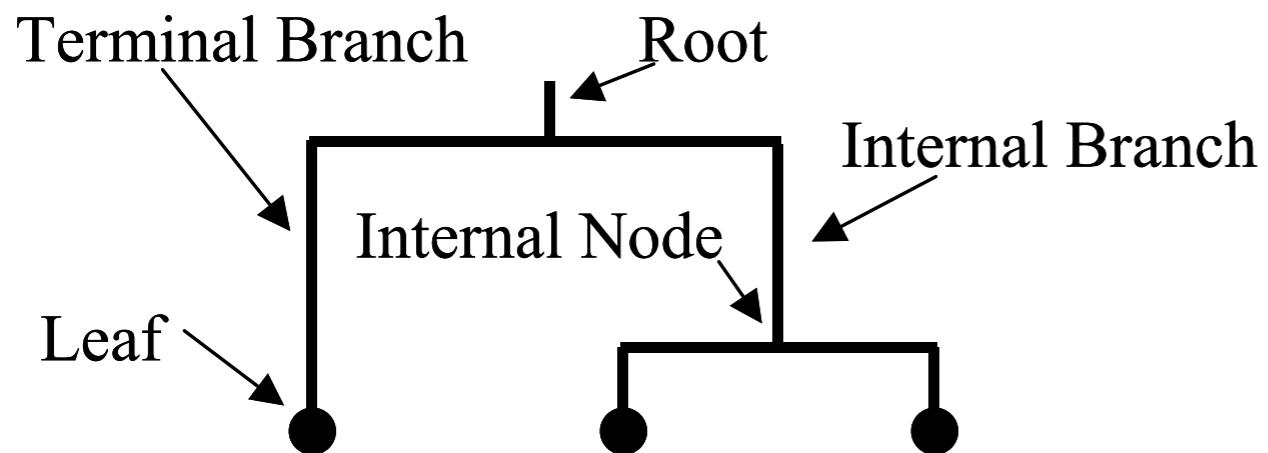


Notion of Clusters: Distributions on features

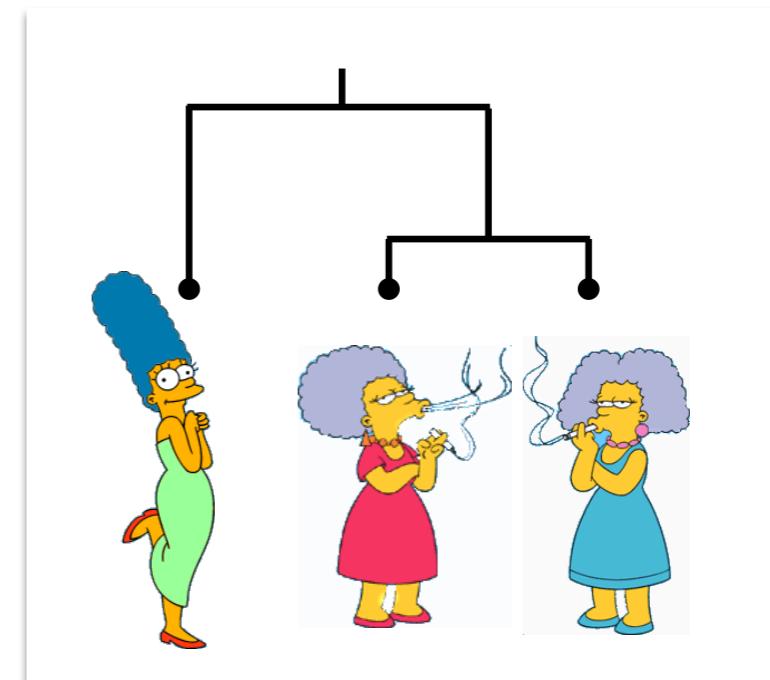
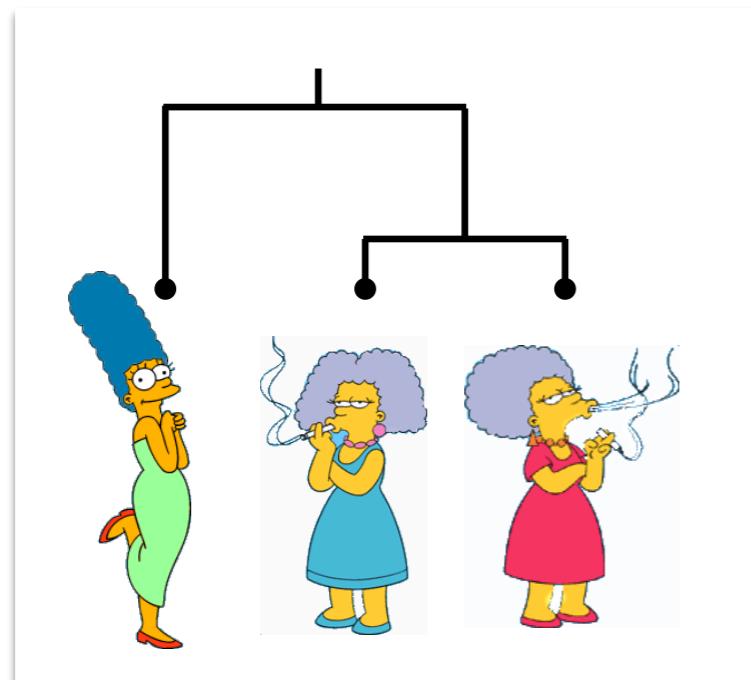
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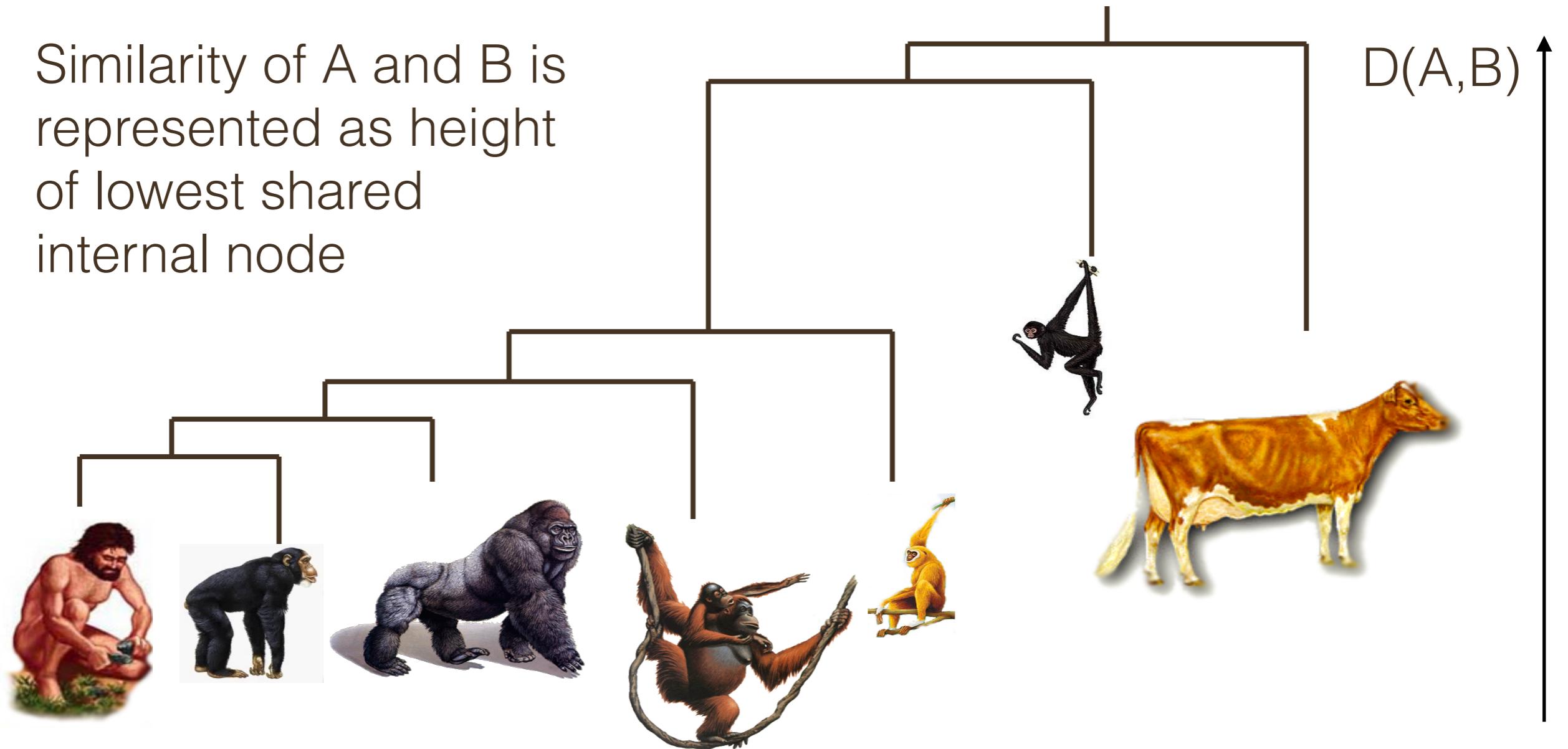
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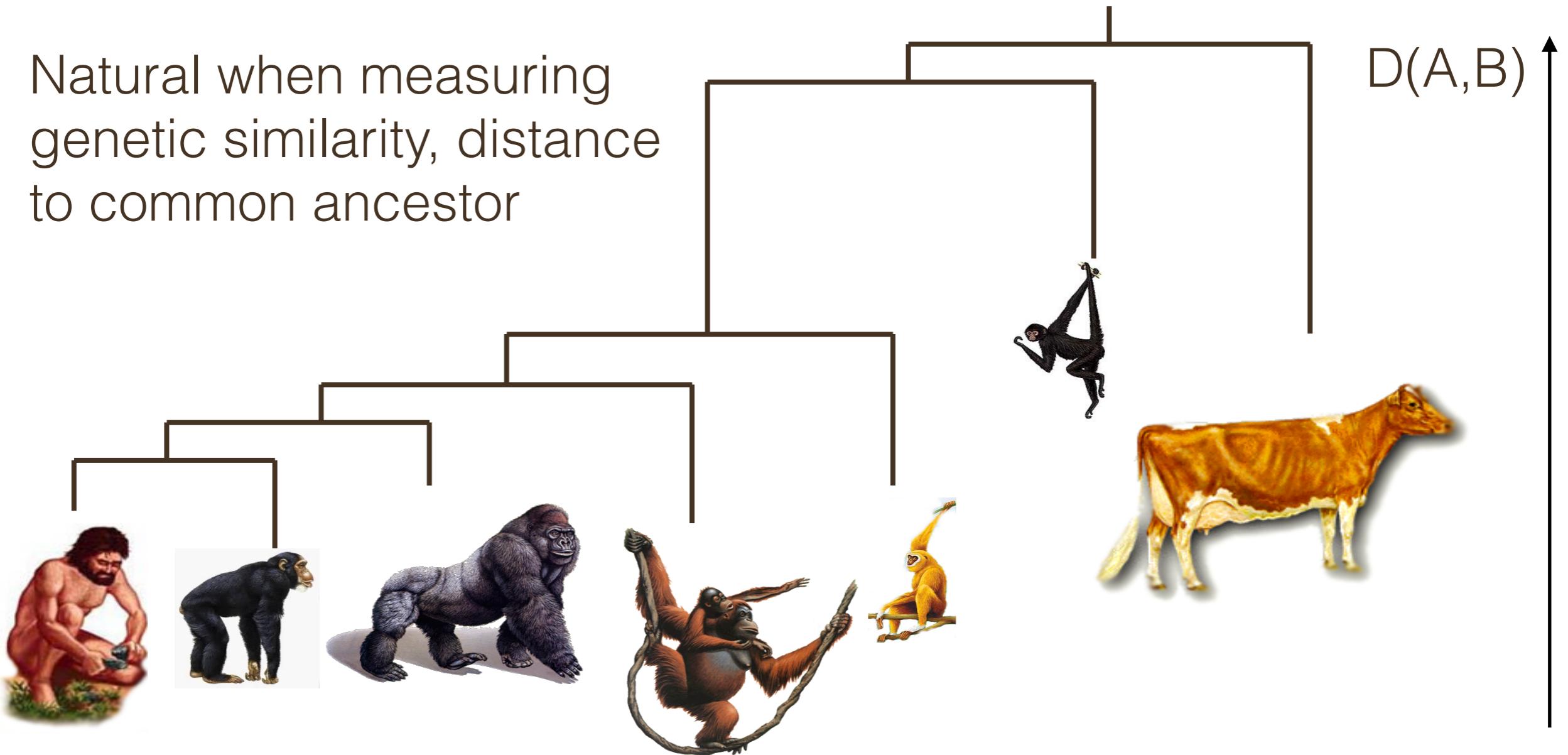


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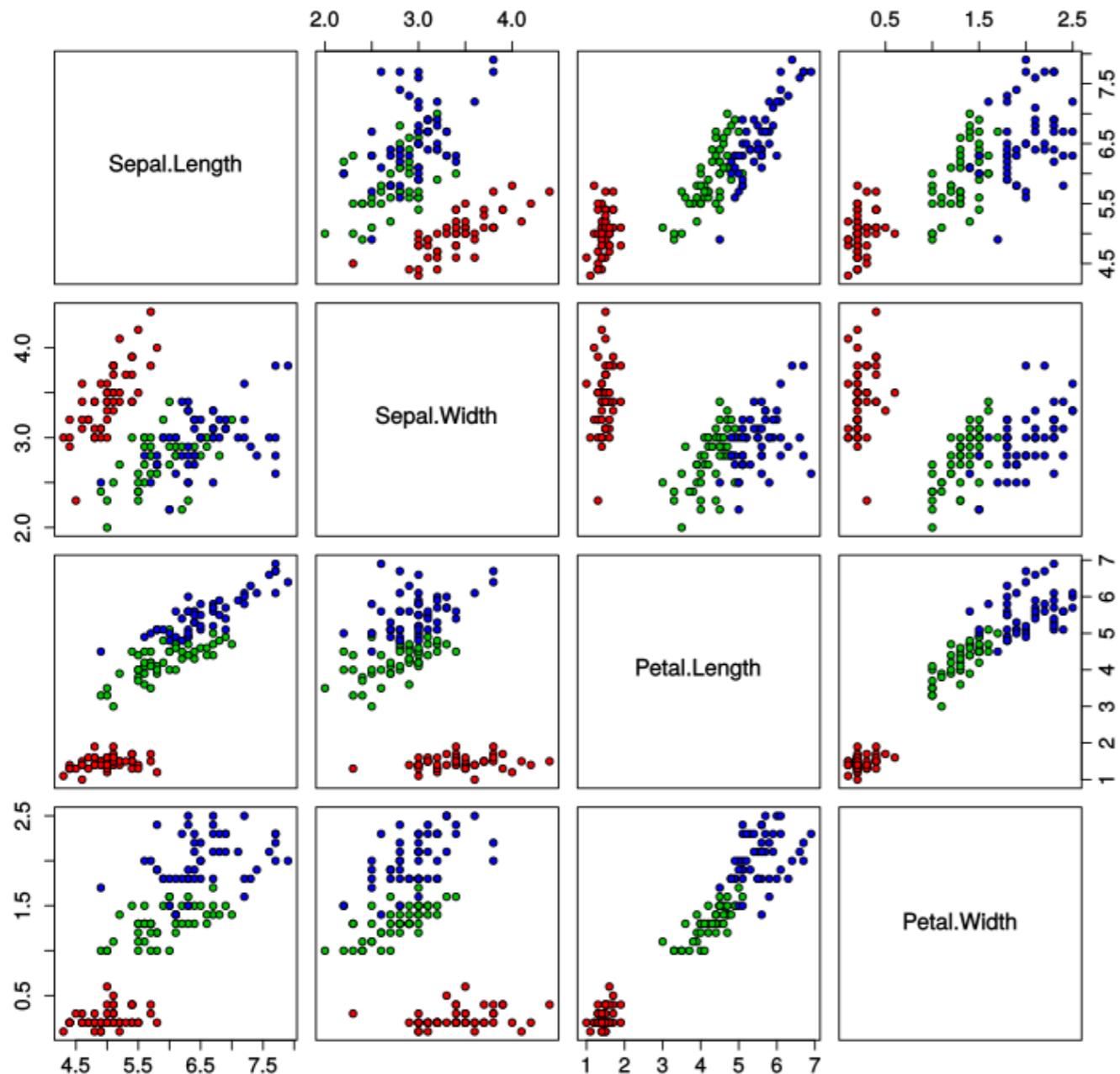
Natural when measuring  
genetic similarity, distance  
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# Example: Iris data

Iris Data (red=setosa,green=versicolor,blue=virginica)



Iris  
Setosa



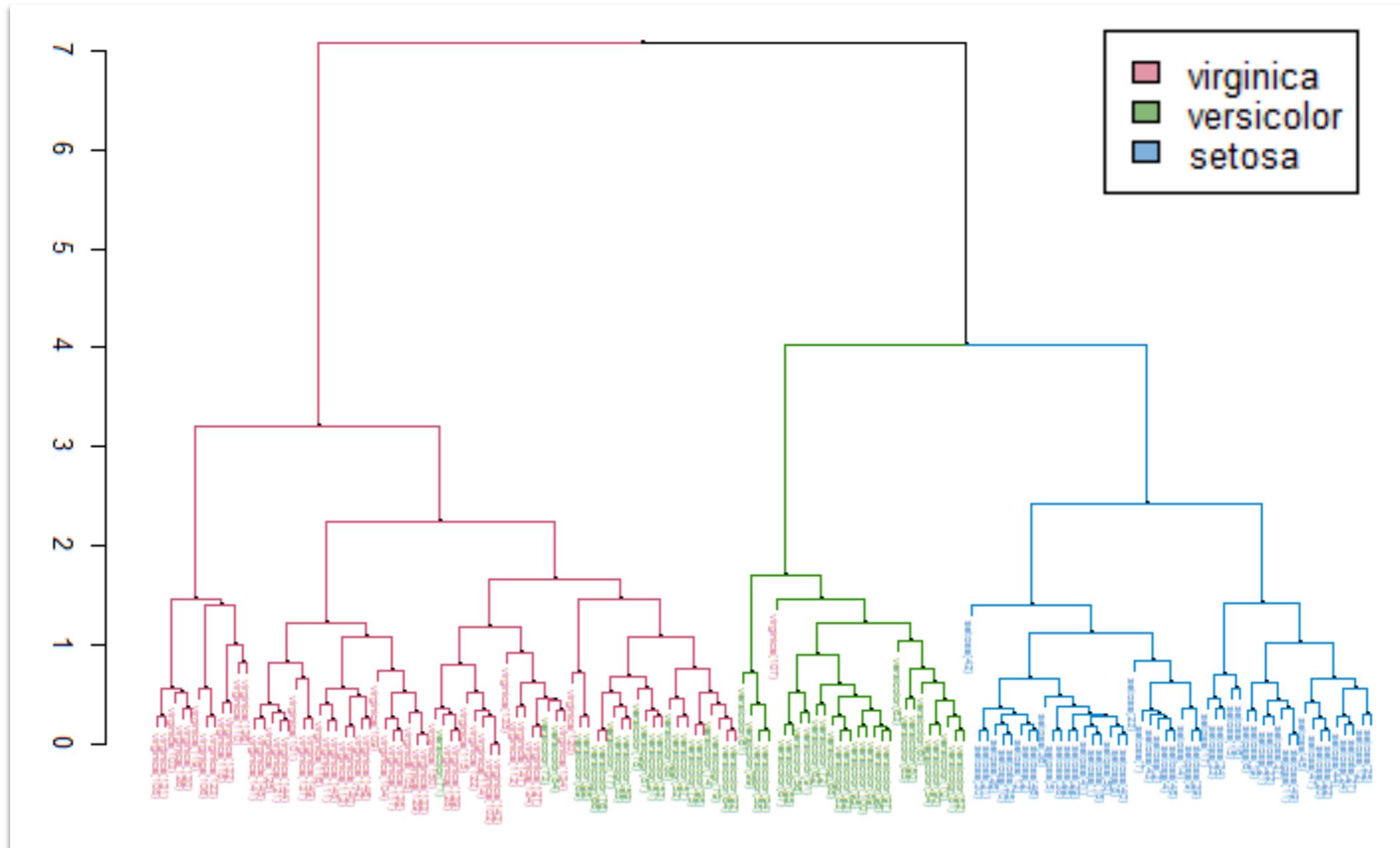
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# Hierarchical Clustering

(*Euclidian Distance*)



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris\\_flower\\_data\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris_flower_data_set)

# Edit Distance

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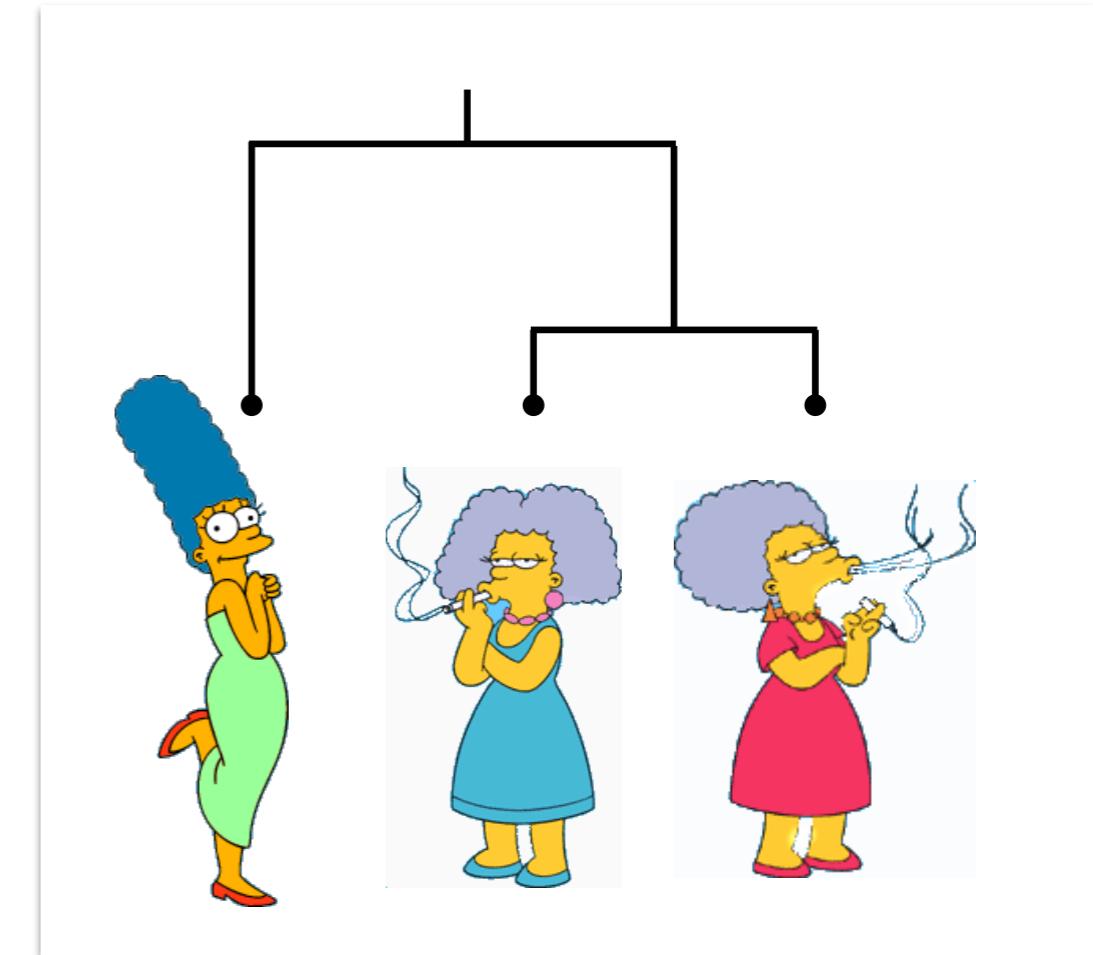
Change dress color, 1 point  
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Change hair part, 1 point

$$D(\text{Patty}, \text{Selma}) = 3$$

Distance Marge and Selma

Change dress color, 1 point  
Add earrings, 1 point  
Decrease height, 1 point  
Take up smoking, 1 point  
Lose weight, 1 point

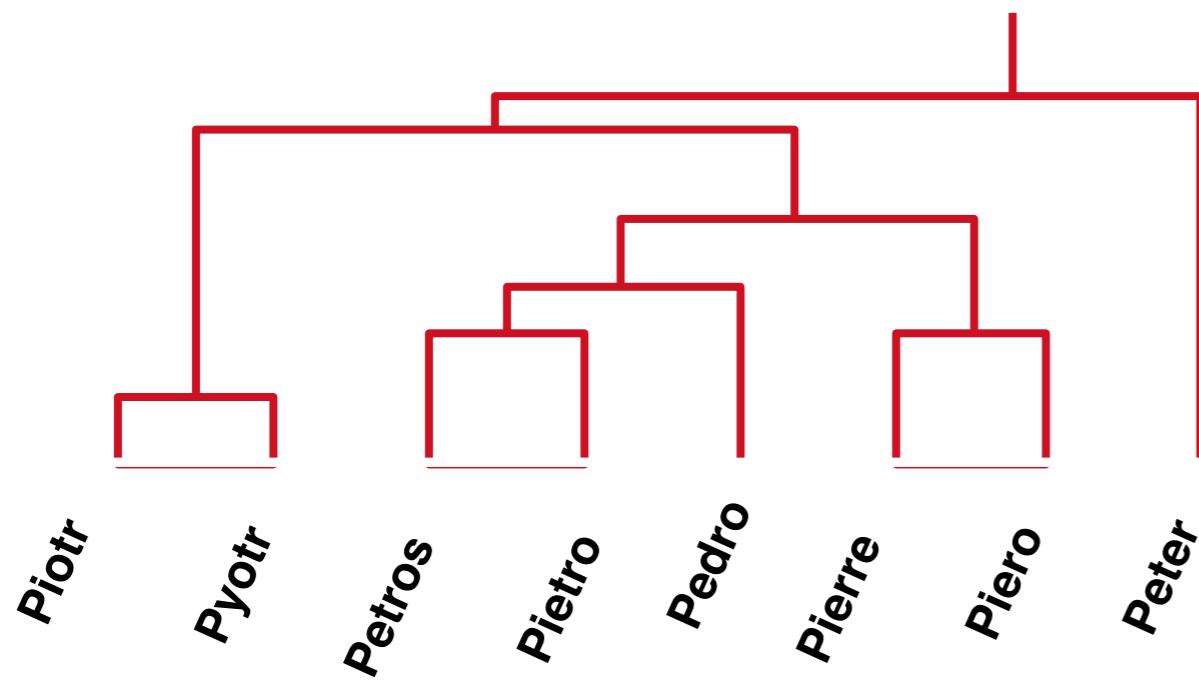
$$D(\text{Marge}, \text{Selma}) = 5$$



Can be defined for any set of discrete features

# Edit Distance for Strings

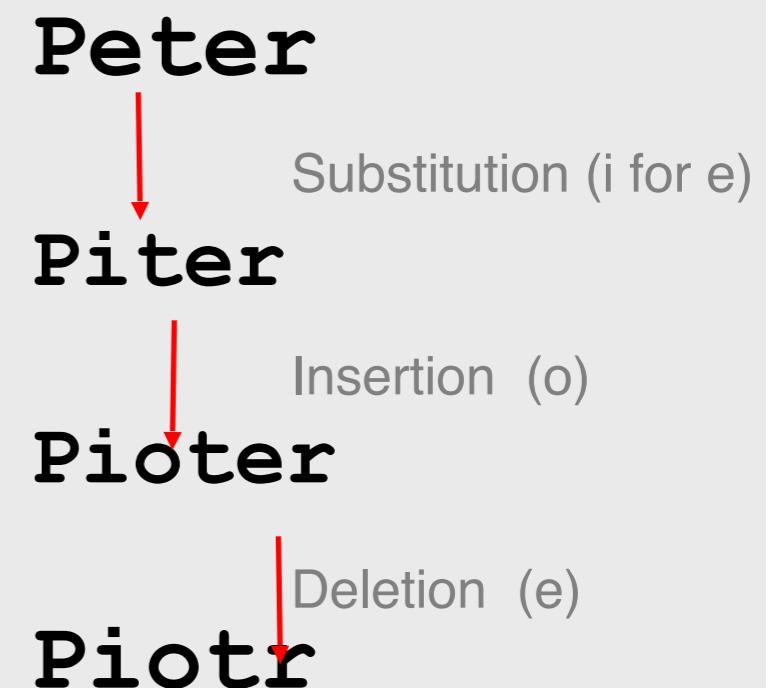
- Transform string  $Q$  into string  $C$ , using only ***Substitution, Insertion*** and ***Deletion***.
- Assume that each of these operators has a **cost** associated with it.
- The similarity between two strings can be defined as the cost of the ***cheapest*** transformation from  $Q$  to  $C$ .



Similarity “Peter” and “Piotr”?

*Substitution* 1 Unit  
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*Deletion* 1 Unit

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# Hierarchical Clustering

(*Edit Distance*)

## Pedro (Portuguese)

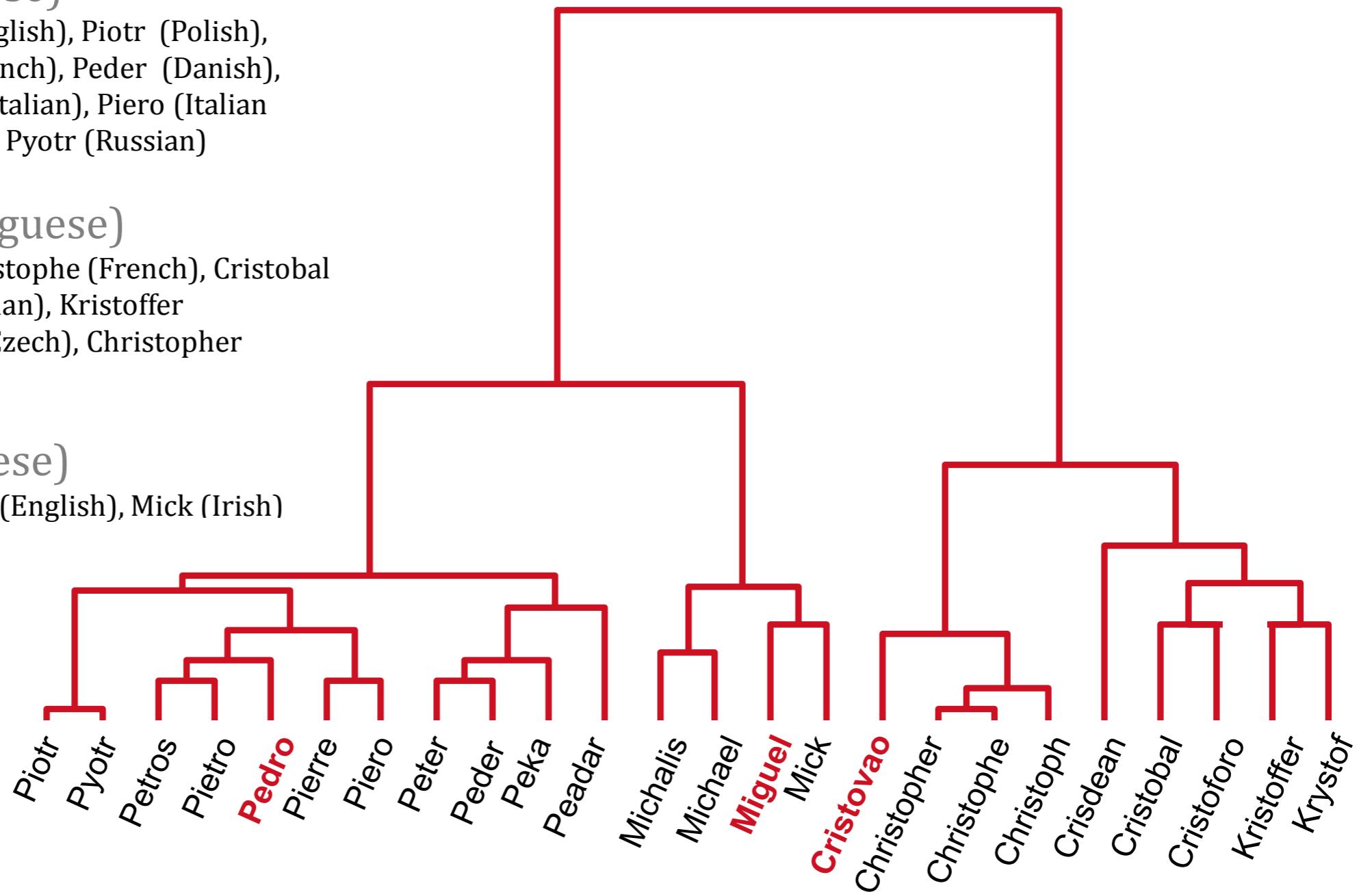
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Peadar (Irish), Pierre (French), Peder (Danish),  
Peka (Hawaiian), Pietro (Italian), Piero (Italian  
Alternative), Petr (Czech), Pyotr (Russian)

## Cristovao (Portuguese)

Christoph (German), Christophe (French), Cristobal  
(Spanish), Cristoforo (Italian), Kristoffer  
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(English)

## Miguel (Portuguese)

Michalis (Greek), Michael (English), Mick (Irish)



# Meaningful Patterns

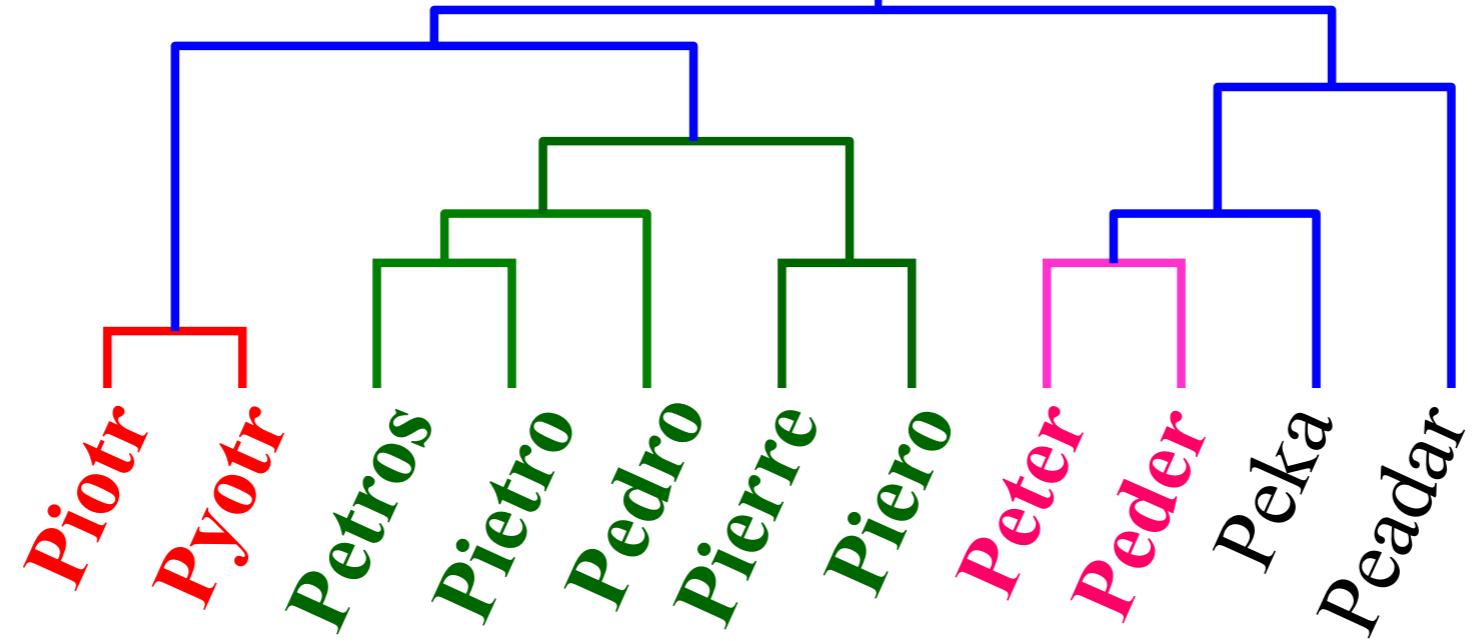
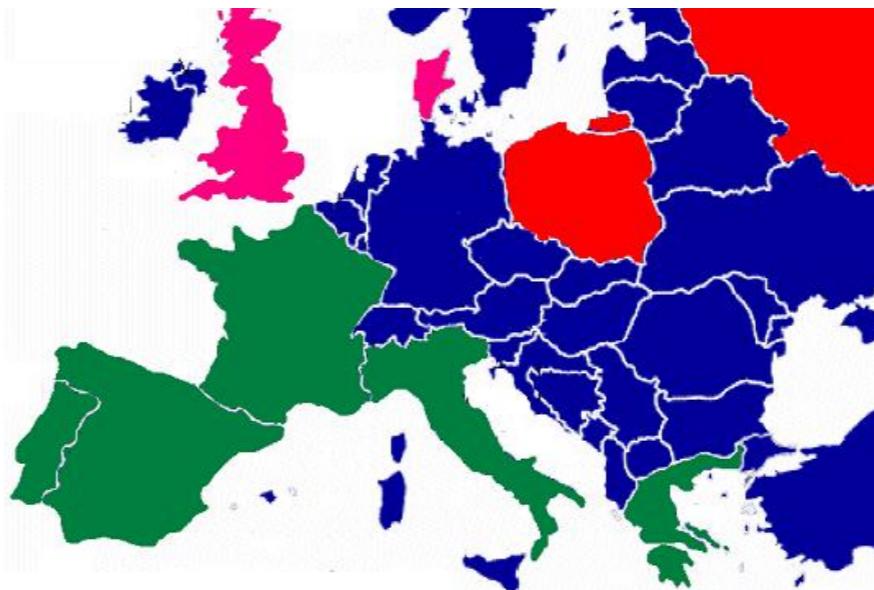
Edit distance yields clustering according to geography

Slide from Eamonn Keogh

**Pedro**

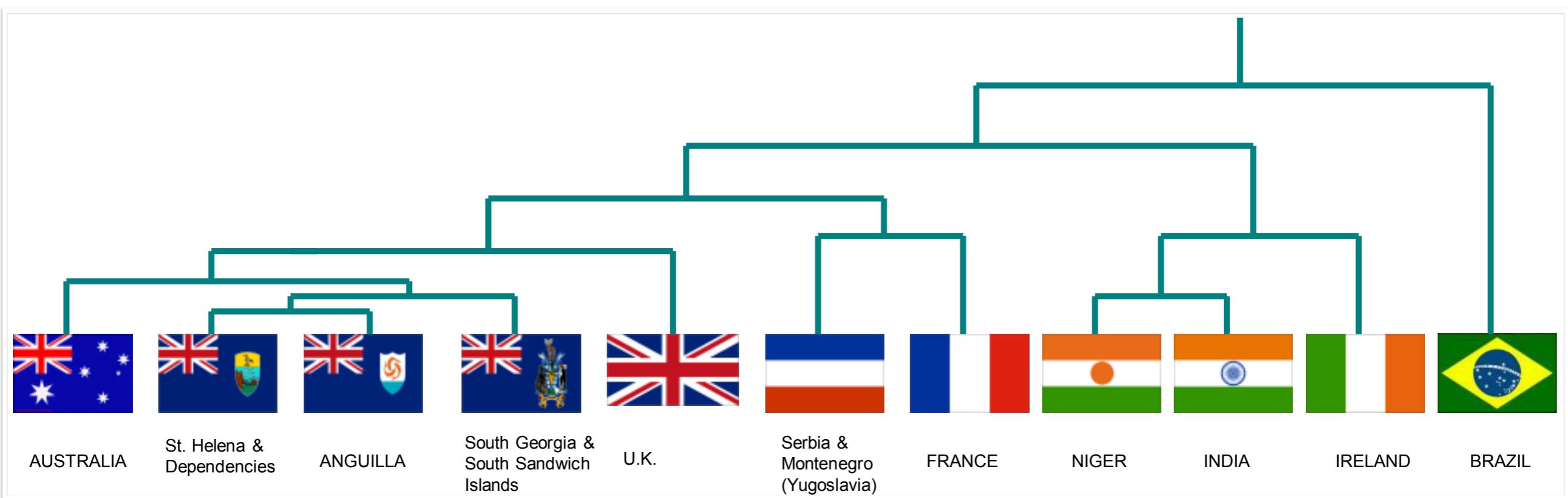
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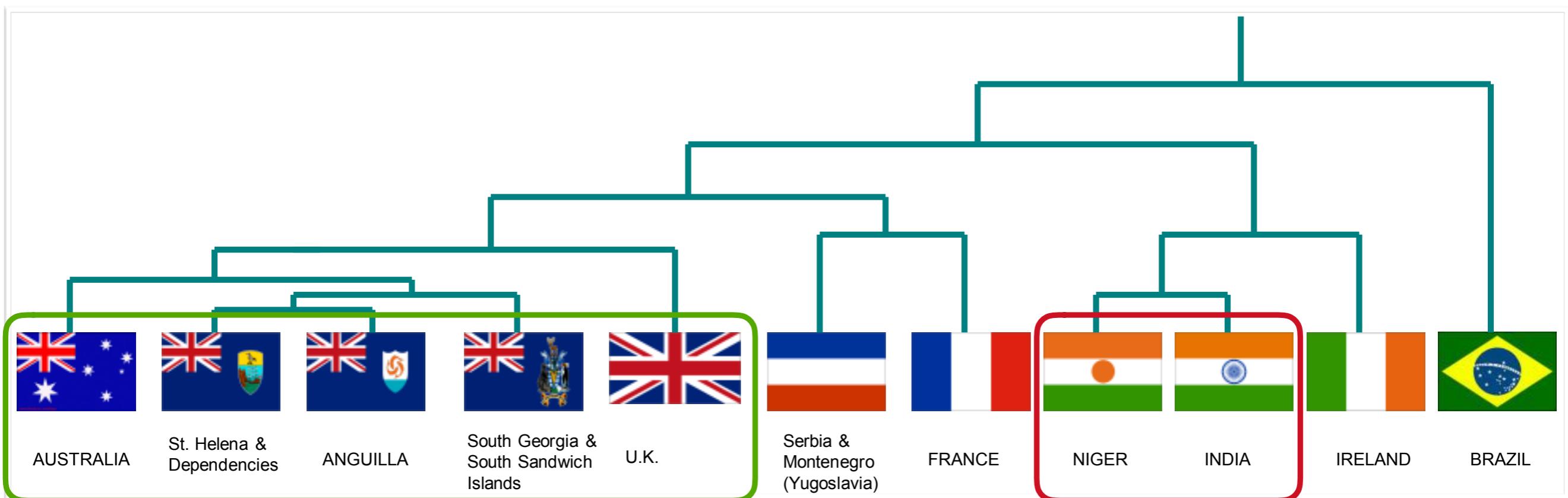
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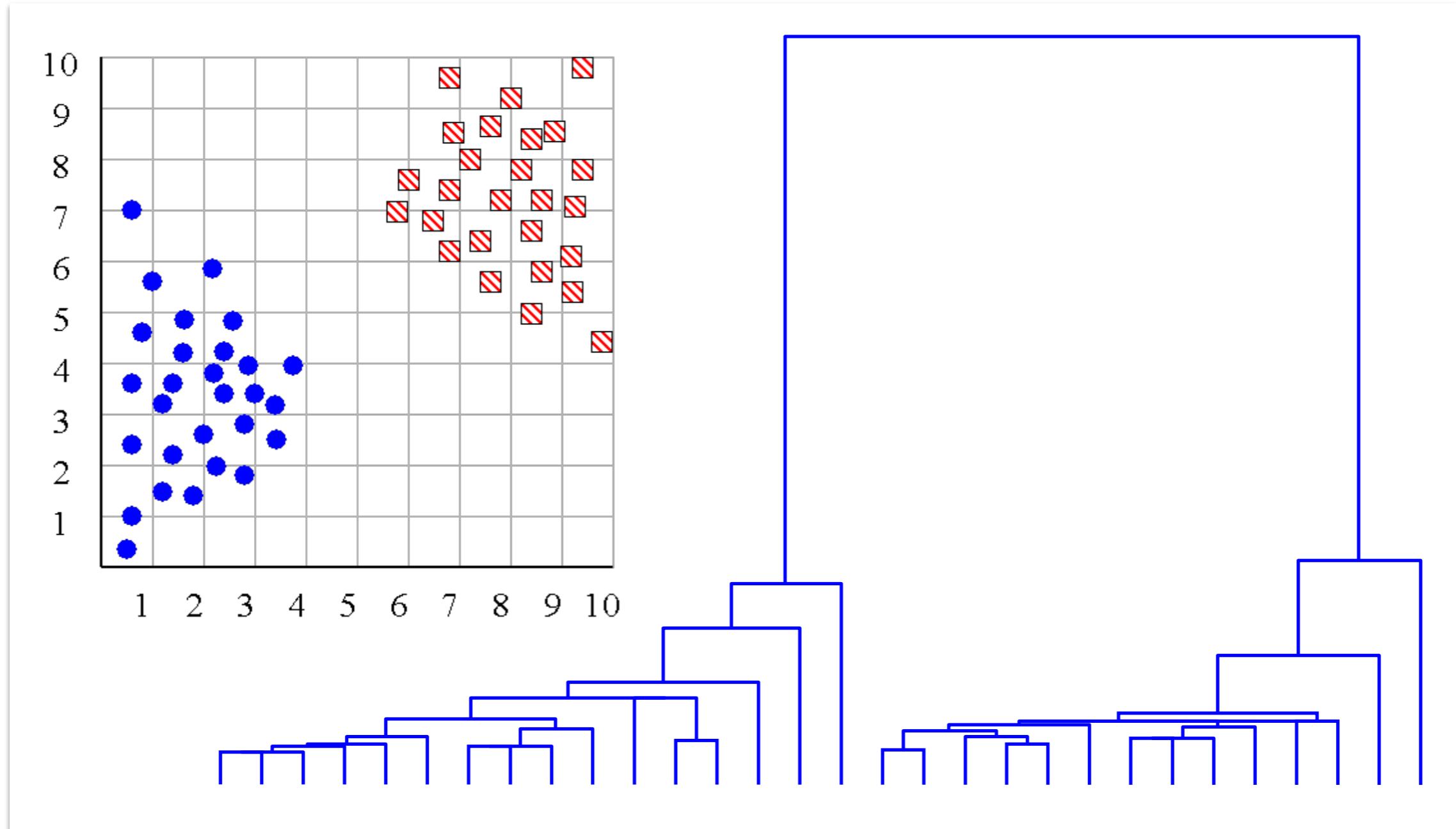
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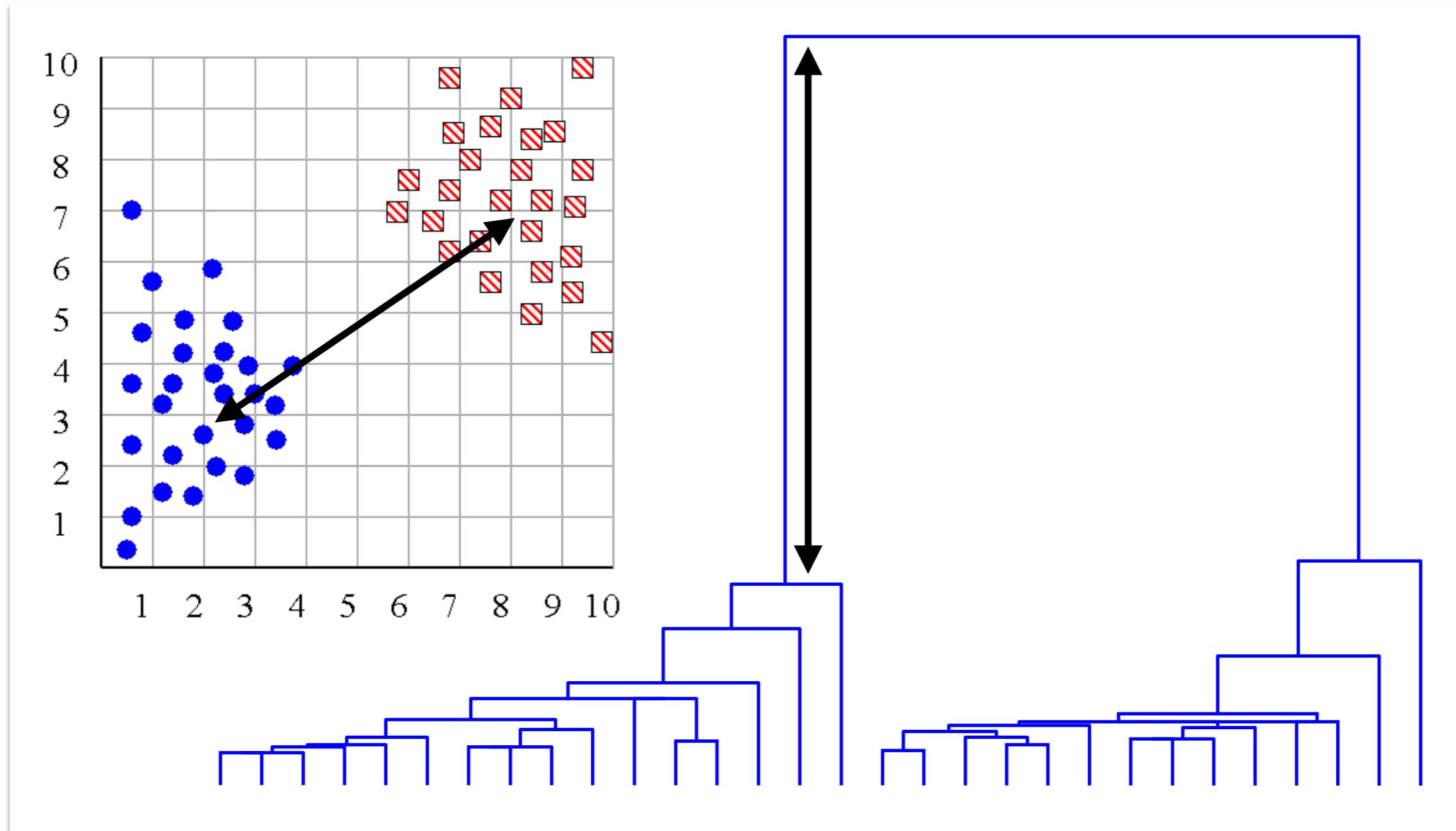
*Former UK colonies*

*No relation*

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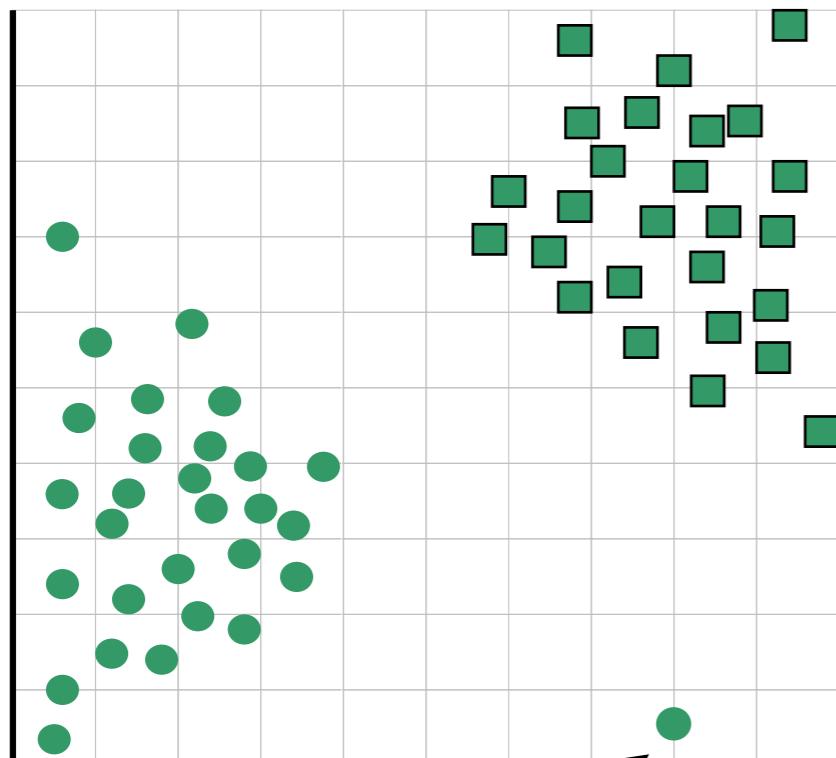
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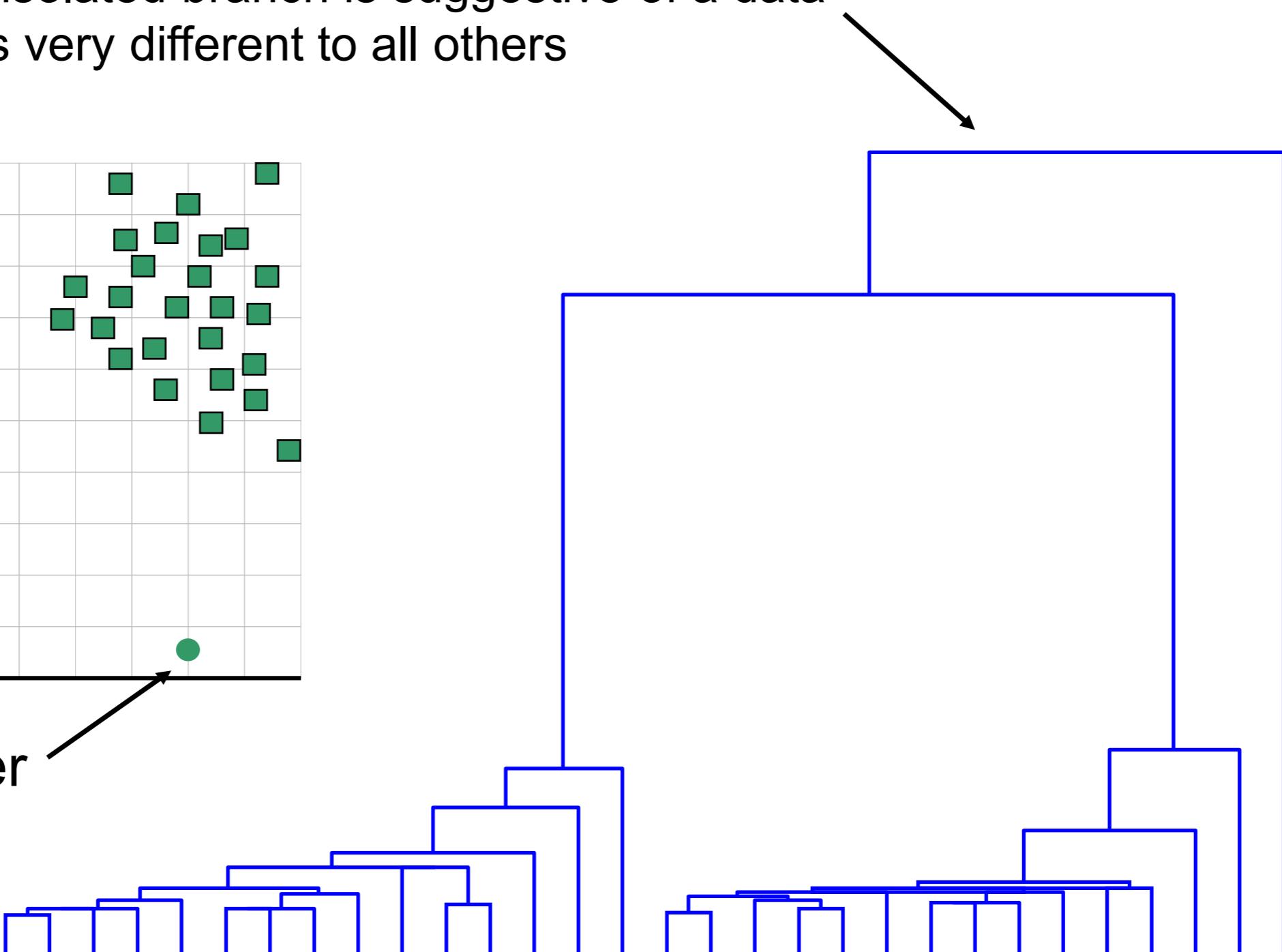
Determine number of clusters by looking at distance

# Detecting Outliers

The single isolated branch is suggestive of a data point that is very different to all others



Outlier



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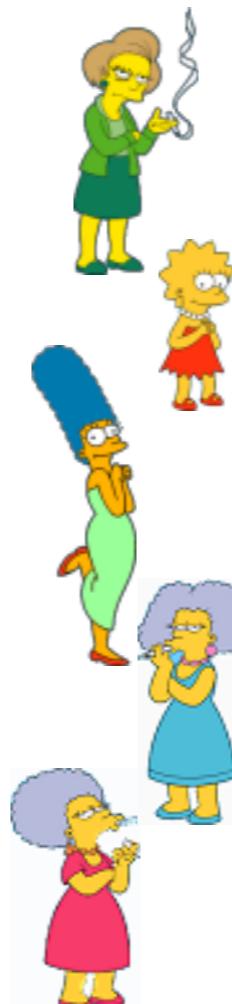
**Top-down** (*divisive*): Start with one big cluster (all data); recursively split

# Distance Matrix

We begin with a distance matrix which contains the distances between every pair of objects in our database.

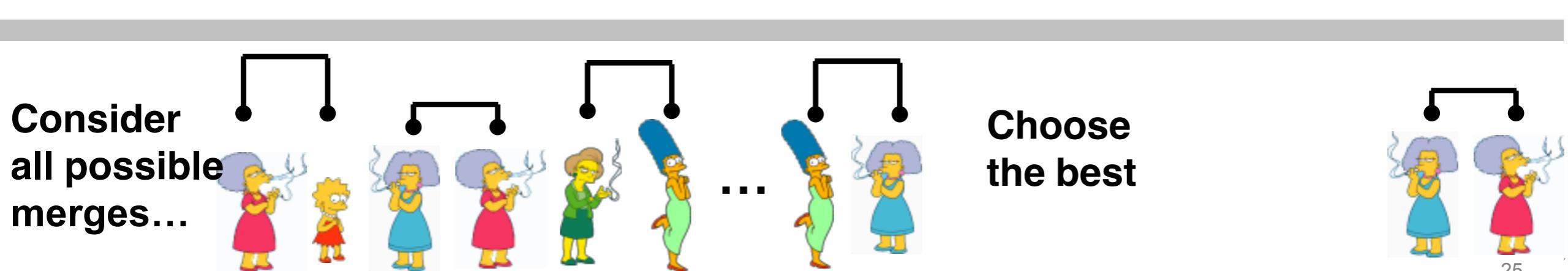
$$D(\text{Marge, Lisa}) = 8$$

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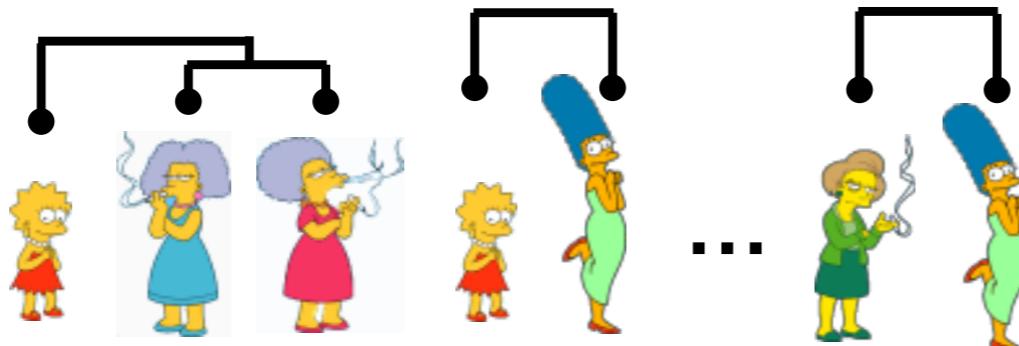
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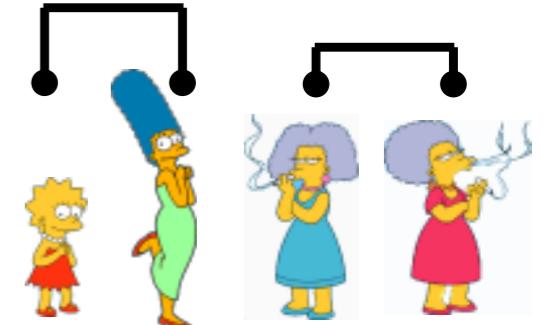


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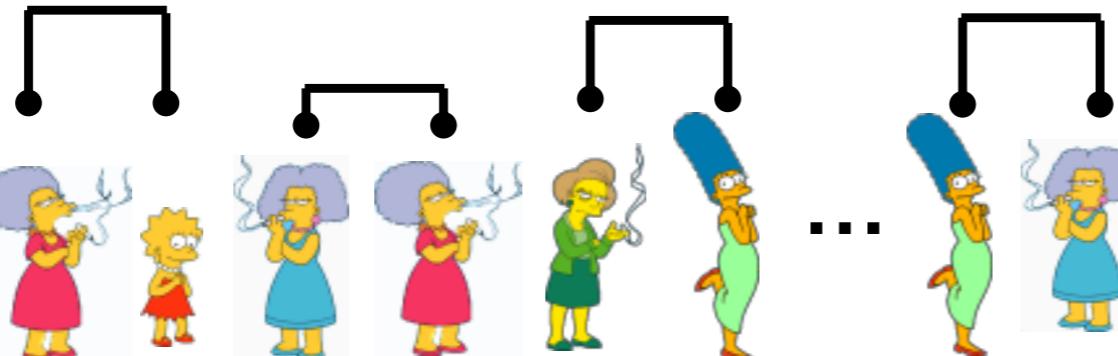
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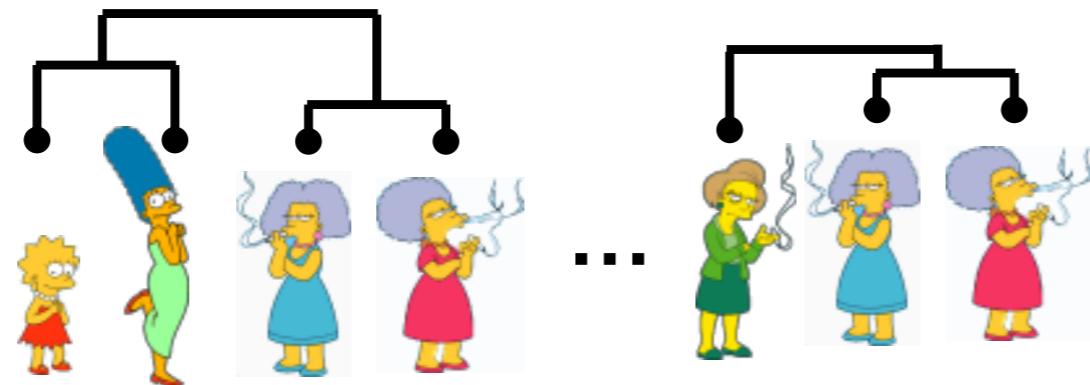


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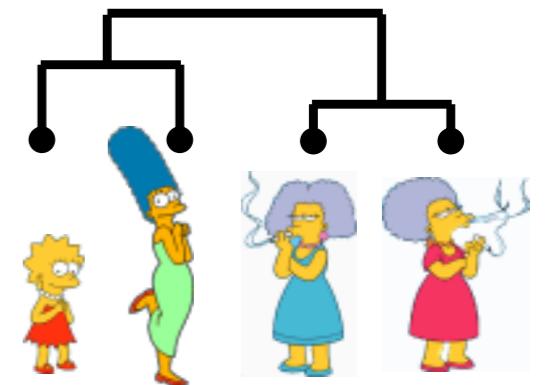


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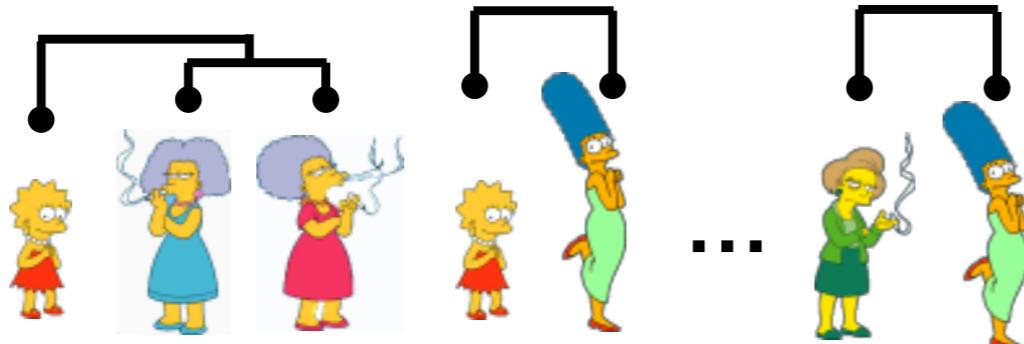
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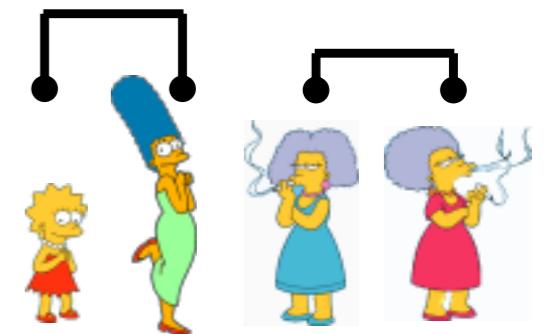
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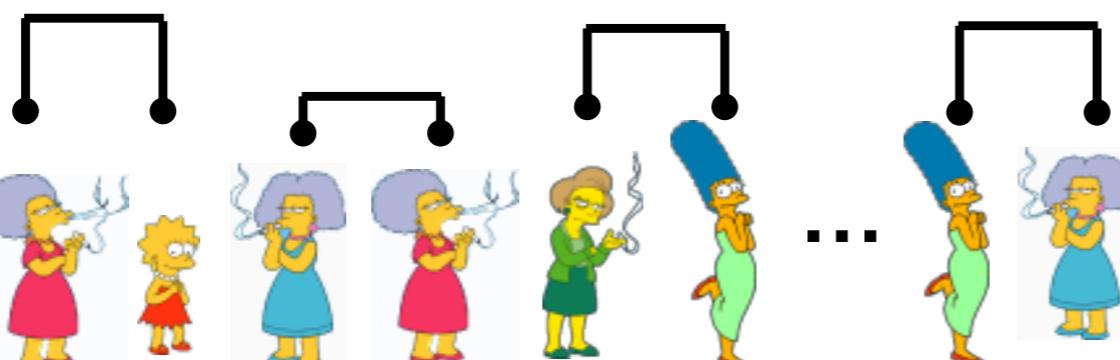
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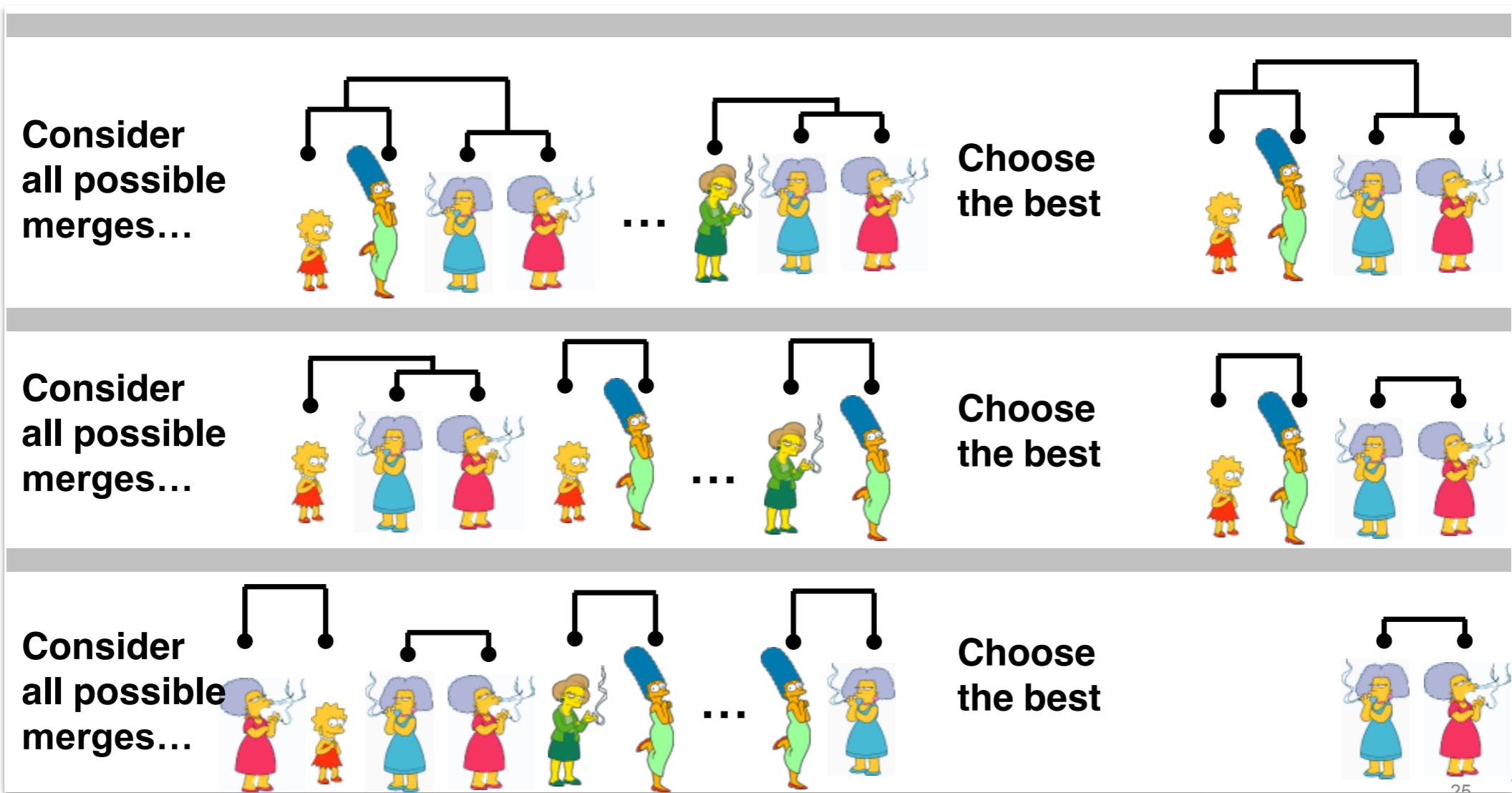
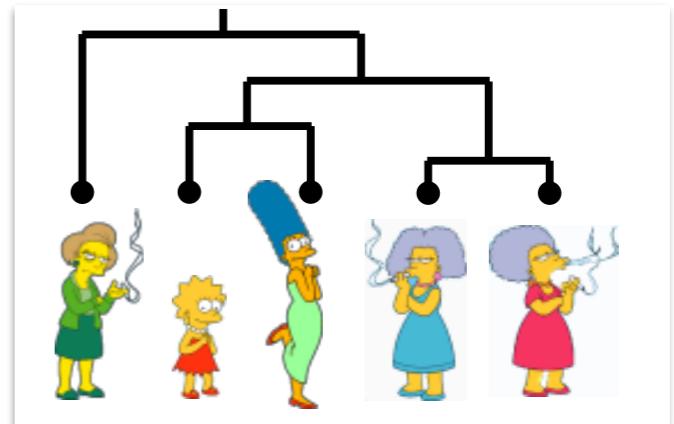
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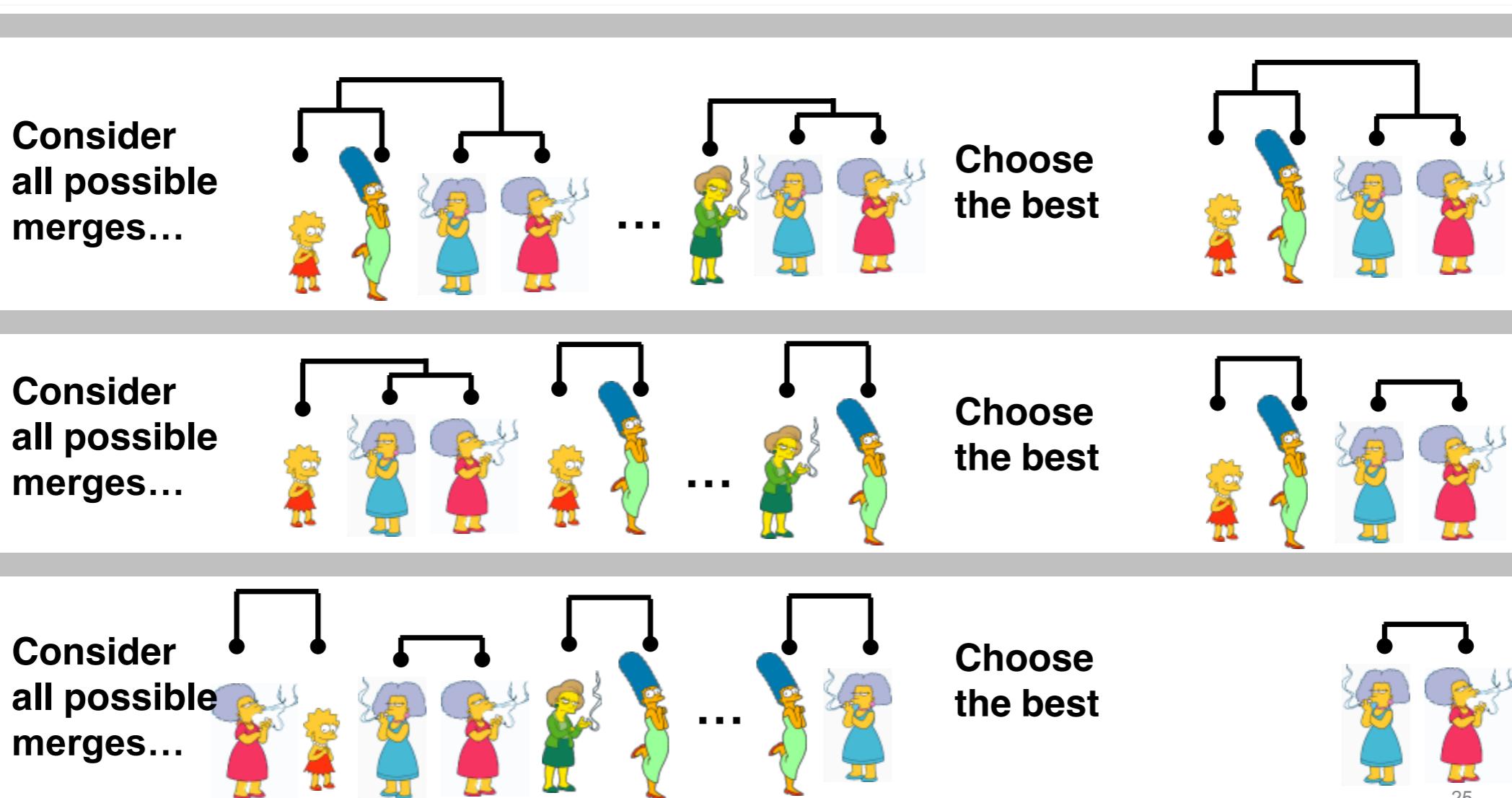
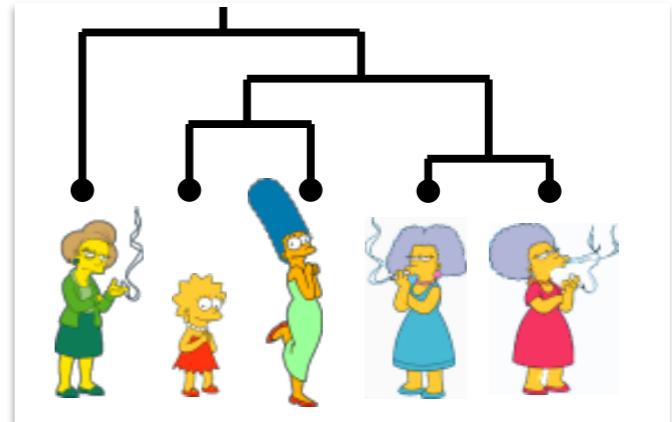


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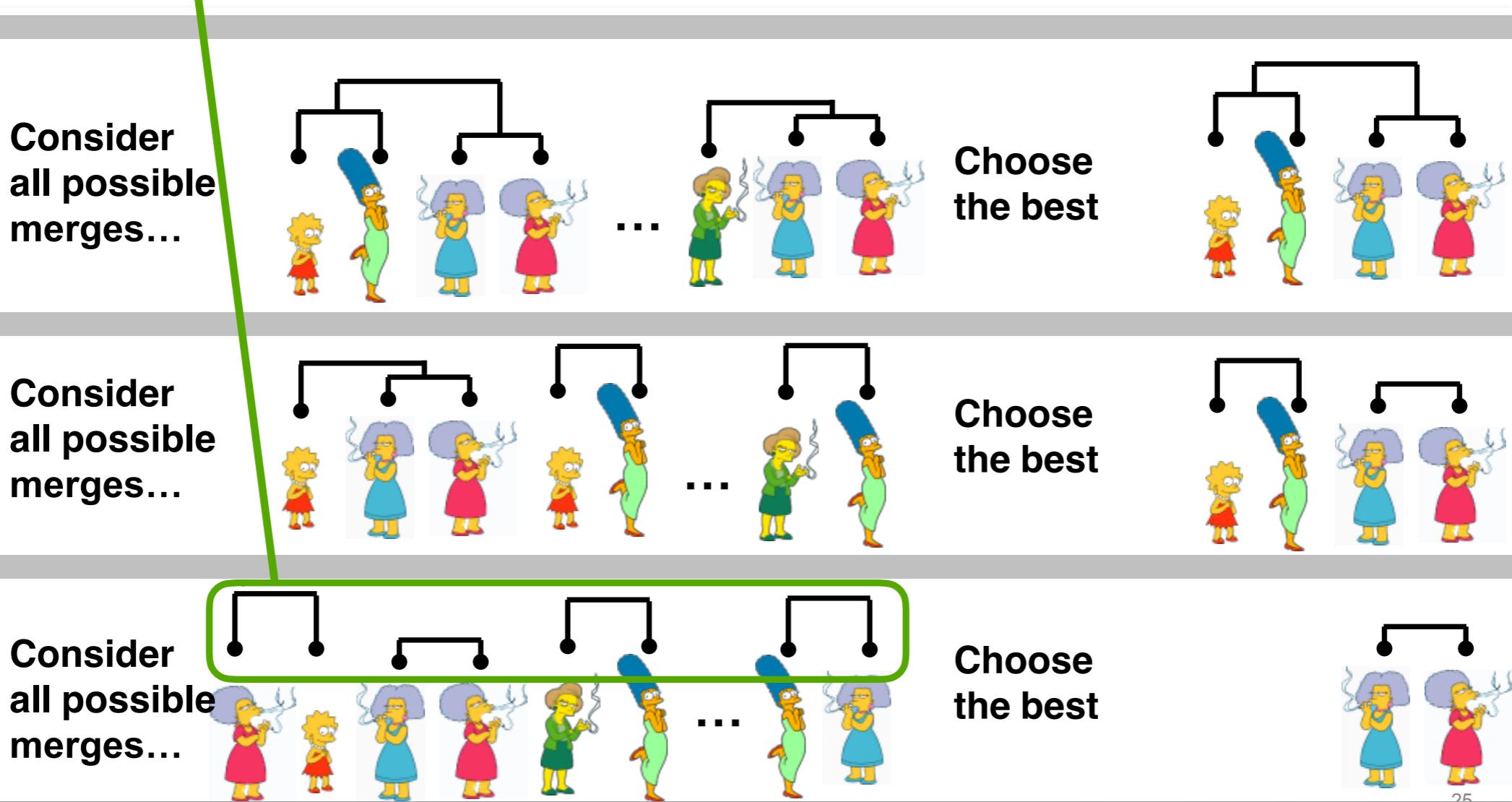
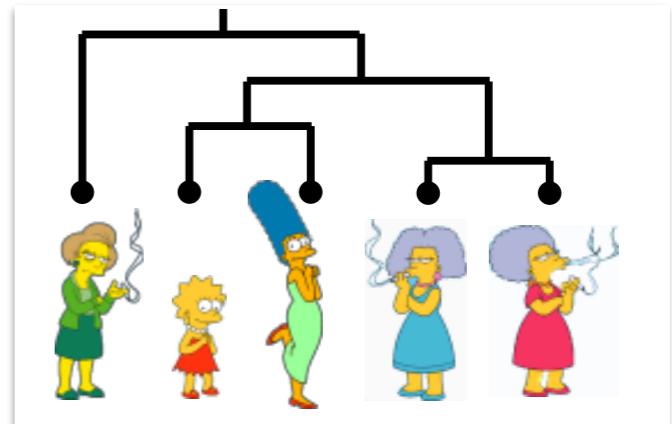
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Can you now implement this?



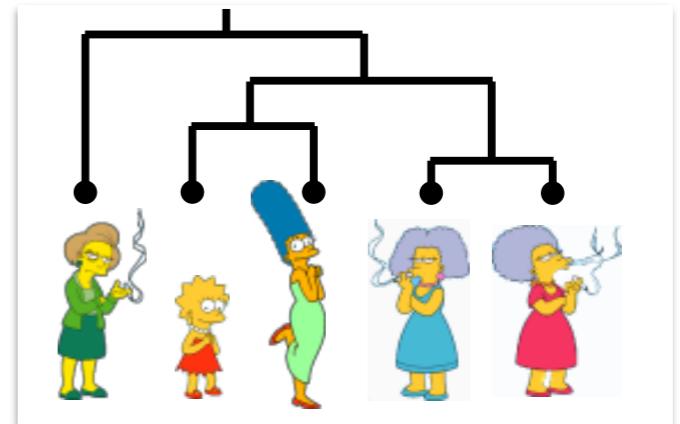
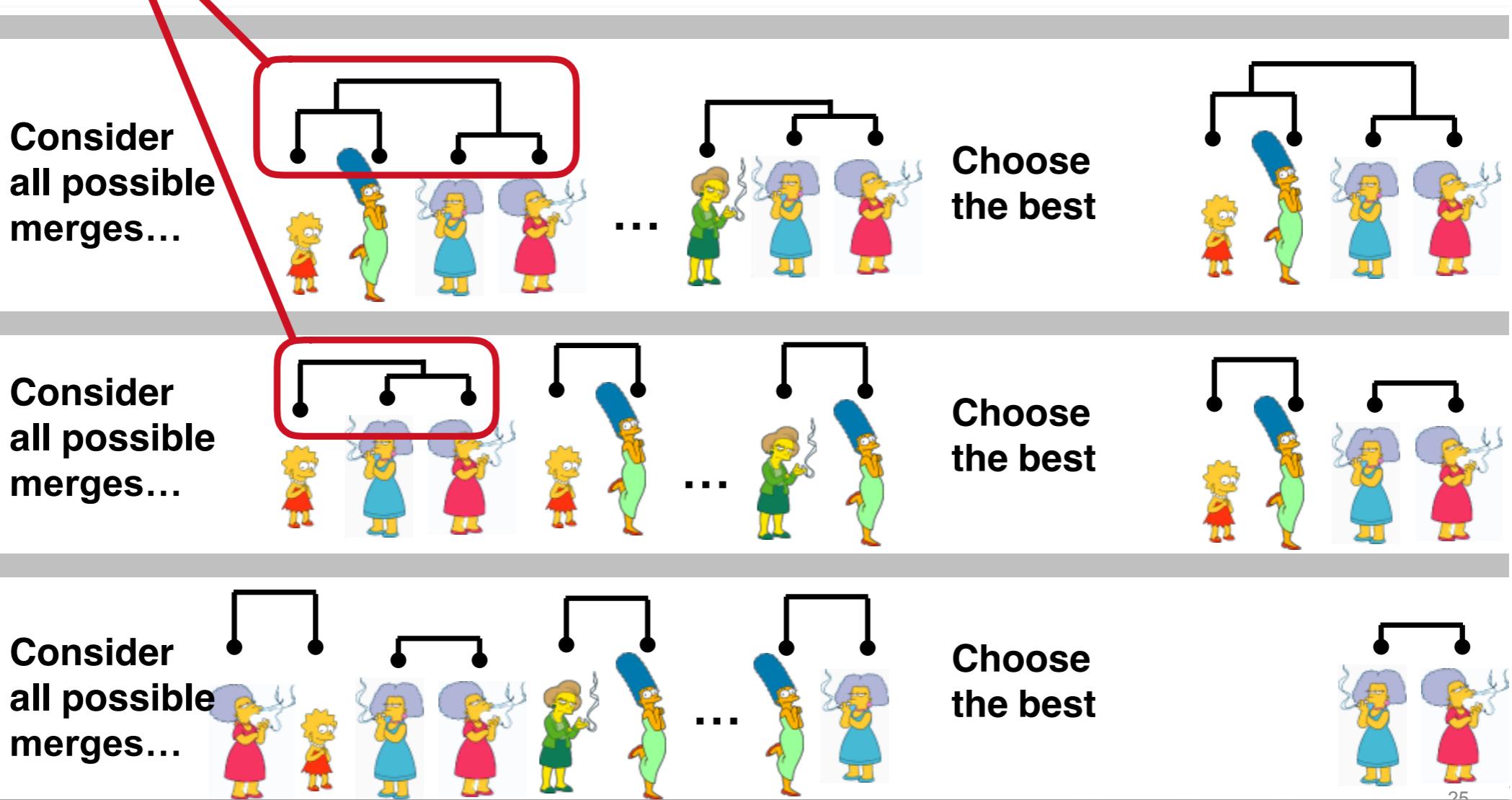
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Distances between examples  
(can calculate using metric)



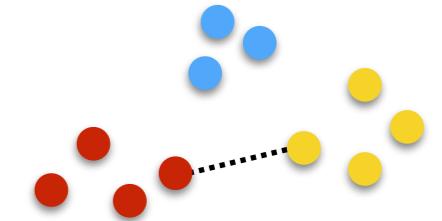
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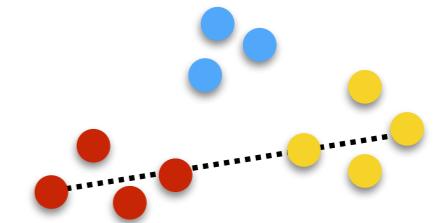


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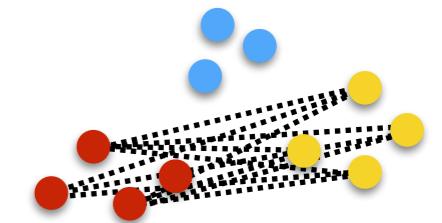
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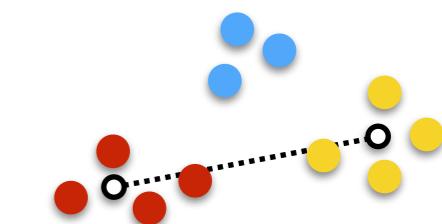
*Complete link:*  $d(A, B) = \max_{a \in A, b \in B} d(a, b)$   
(Furthest point)



*Group average:*  $d(A, B) = \frac{1}{|A||B|} \sum_{a \in A, b \in B} d(a, b)$   
(Average distance)



*Centroid:*  $d(A, B) = d(\mu_A, \mu_B)$     $\mu_X = \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{x \in X} x$   
(Distance of average)



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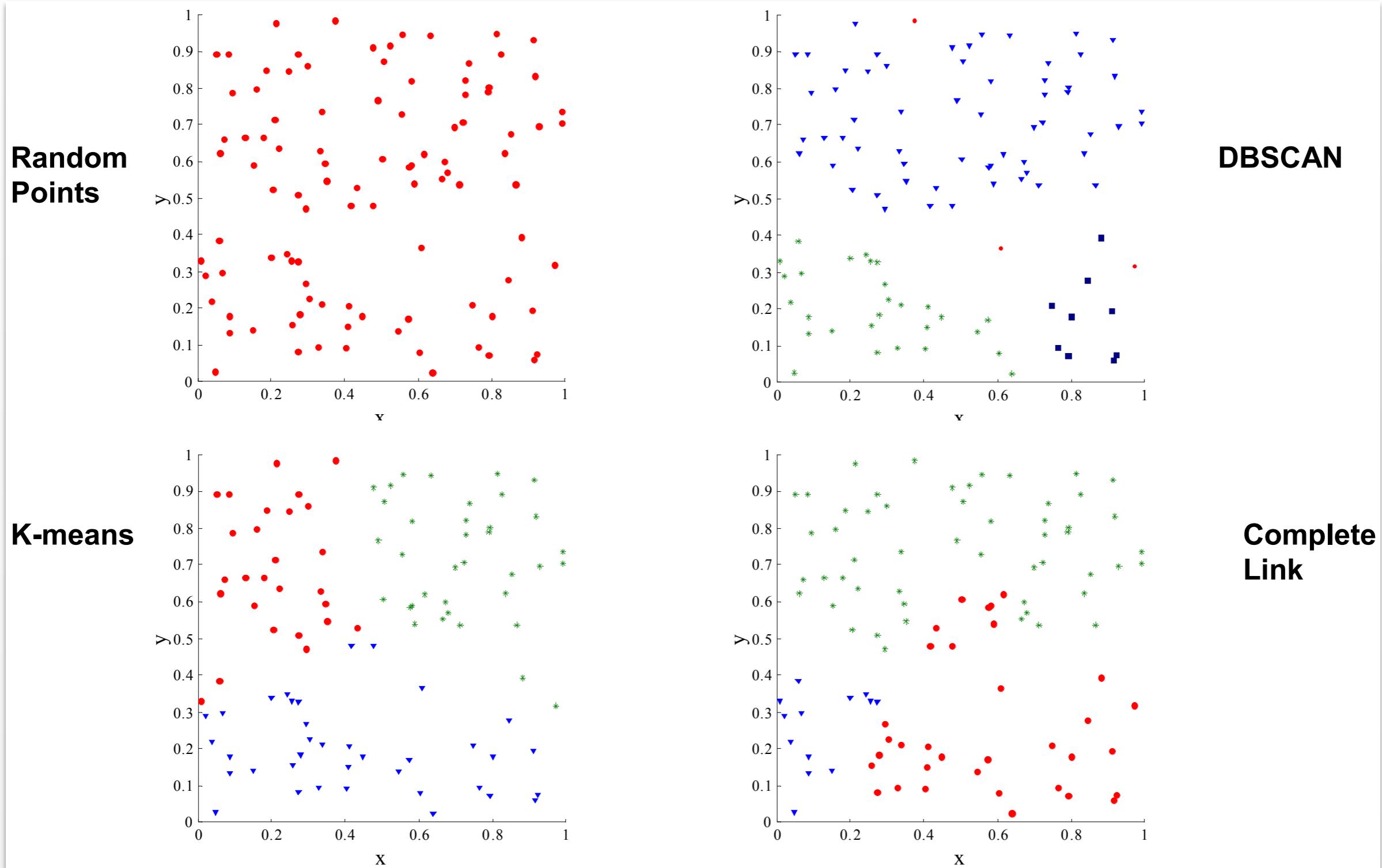
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# Evaluation?



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## ***External Quality Criteria***

- Precision-Recall Measure
- Mutual Information

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Let's come back to K-means for a moment

Input:  $X = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$   
Number of clusters  $K$

Initialize:  $K$  random centroids  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K$

Repeat Until Convergence

- ① For  $i = 1, \dots, K$  do  
 $C_i = \{\mathbf{x} \in X | i = \arg \min_{1 \leq j \leq K} \|\mathbf{x} - \mu_j\|^2\}$
- ② For  $i = 1, \dots, K$  do  
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Output:  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_K$

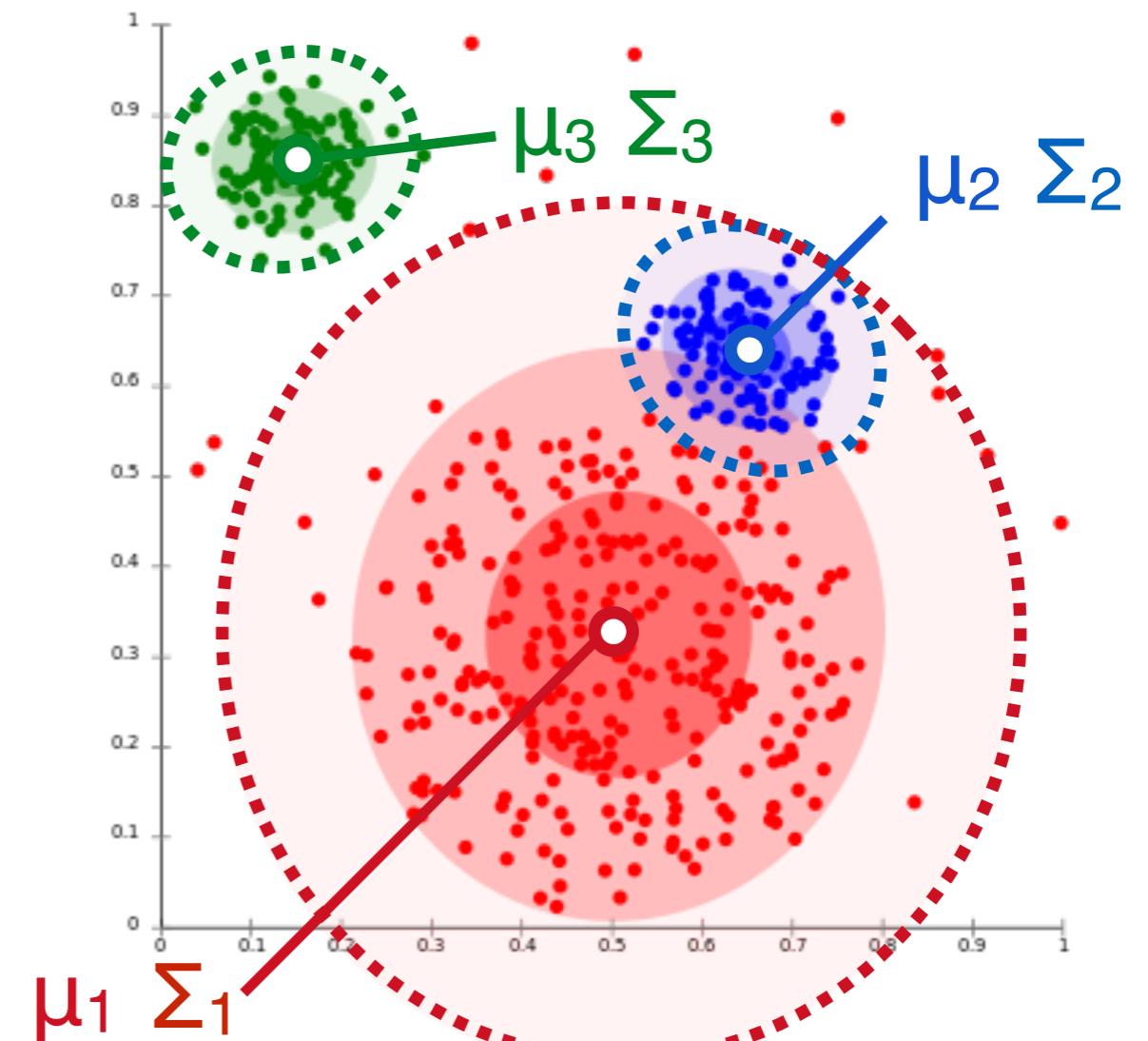
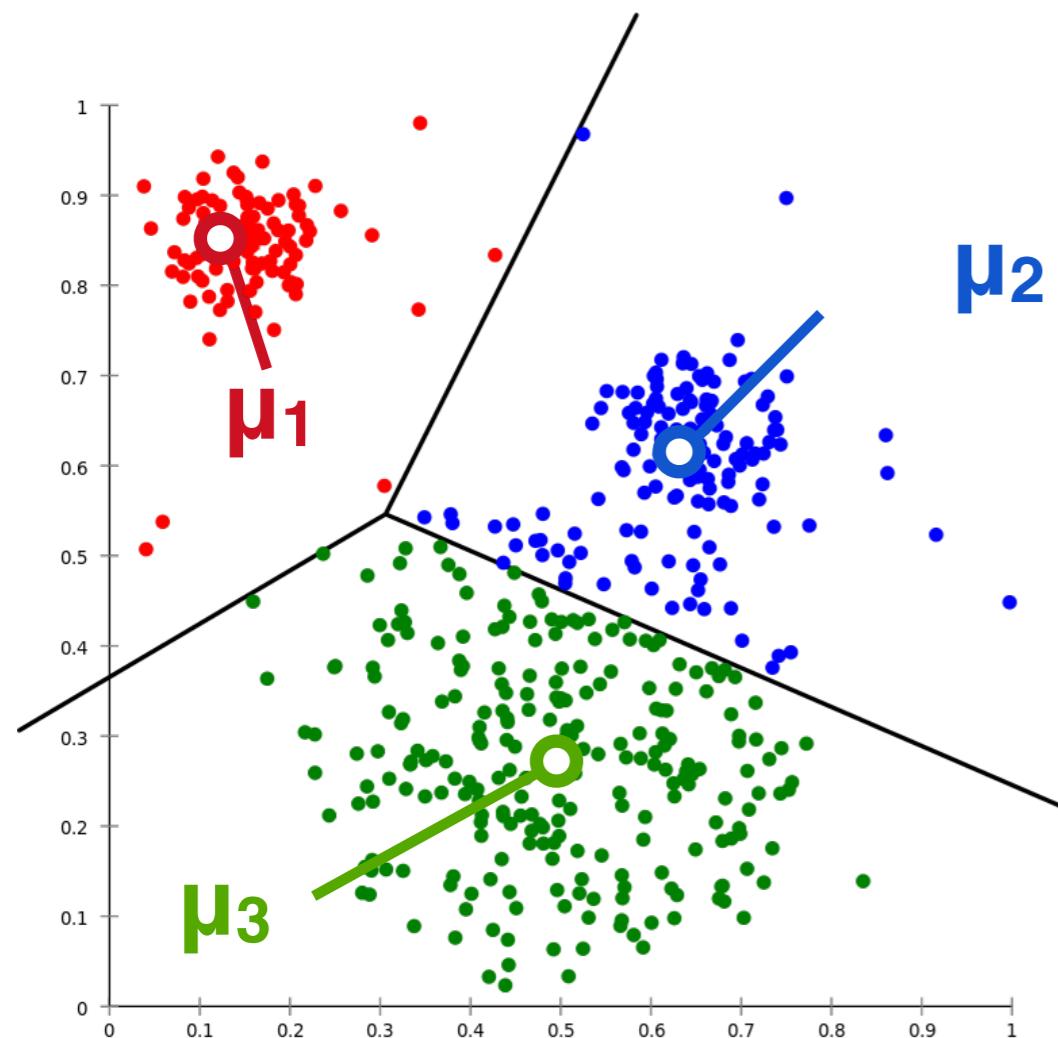
# A probabilistic view

- K-means feels a bit heuristic
- What if we instead took a *probabilistic* view of clustering?
- *Mixture models* define a “generative story” for the data observed

Some slides derived from ***Matt Gormley and Eric Xing (CMU)***

# K-Means vs Gaussian Mixture Models

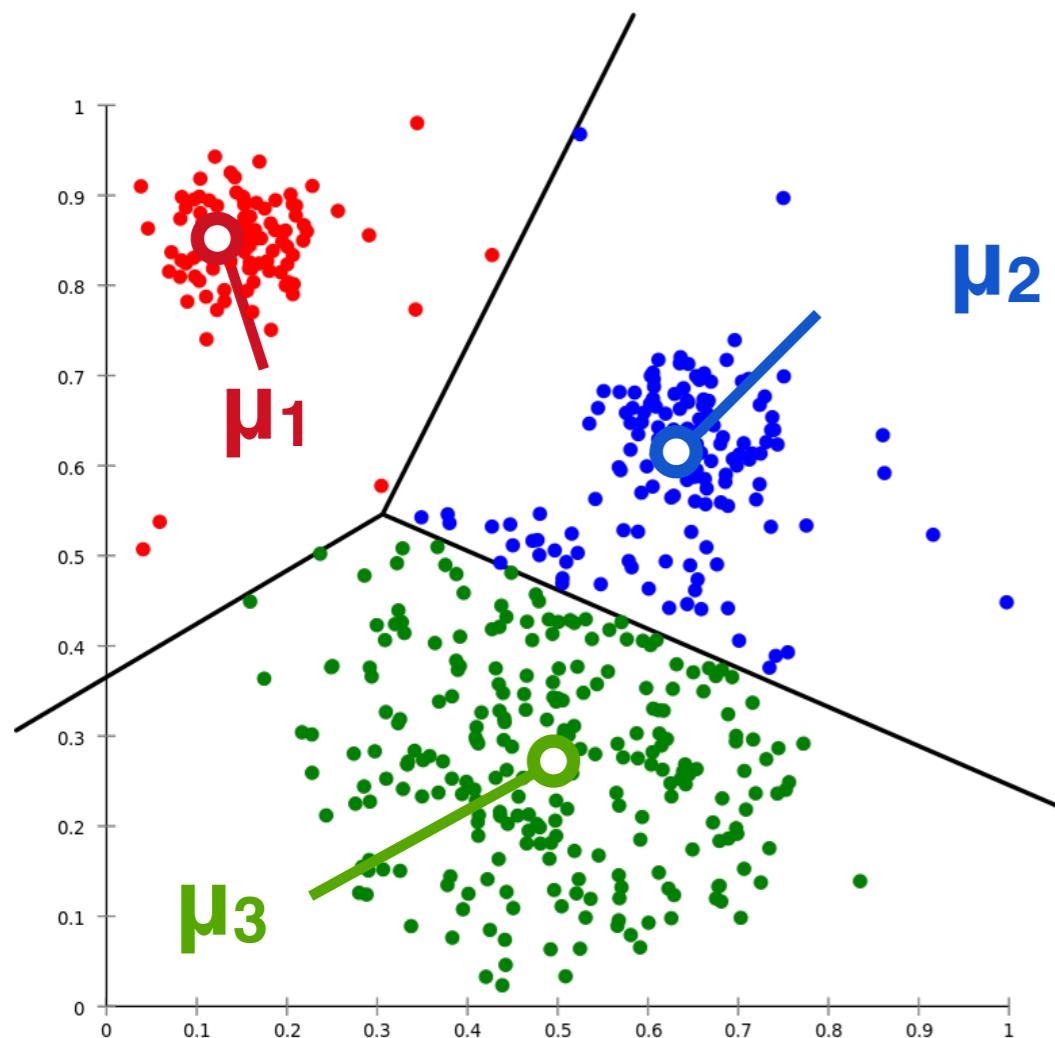
Idea: Learn both means  $\mu_k$  and covariances  $\Sigma_k$



Don't just learn *where* the center of the cluster is,  
but also *how big it is*, and *what shape it has*.

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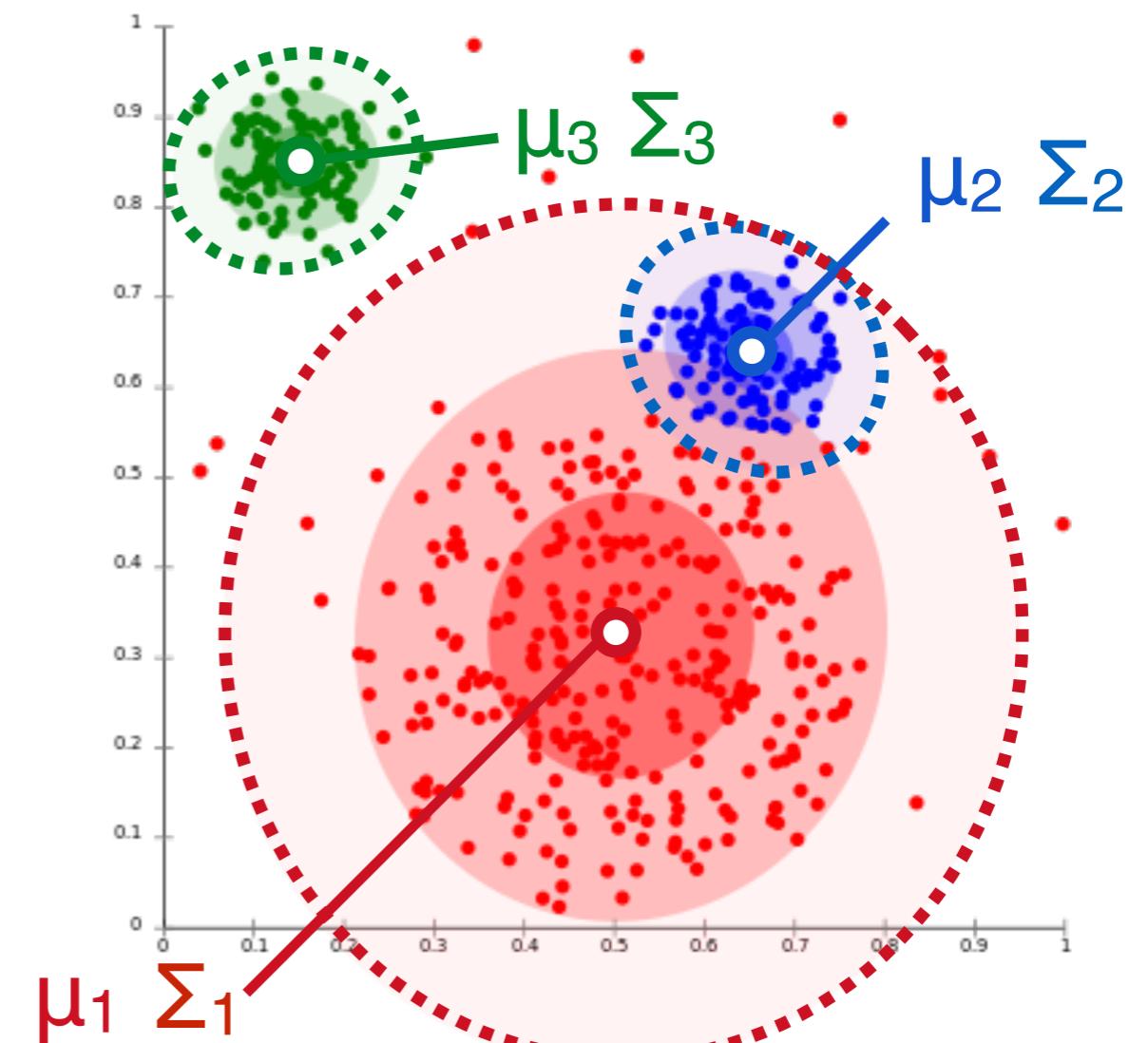
Idea: Replace *hard* assignments with *soft* assignments



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(one-hot vector)



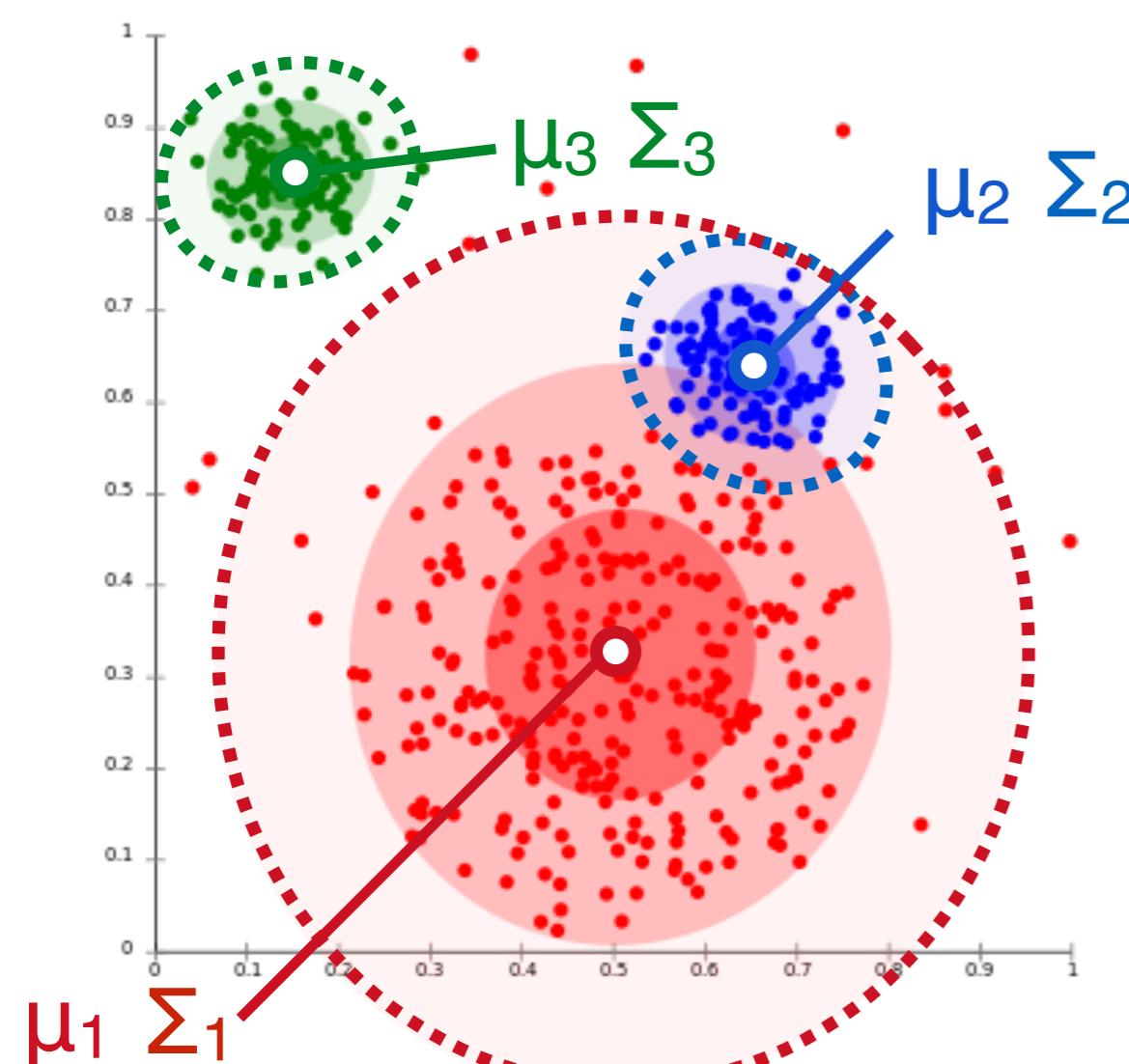
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(posterior probability)

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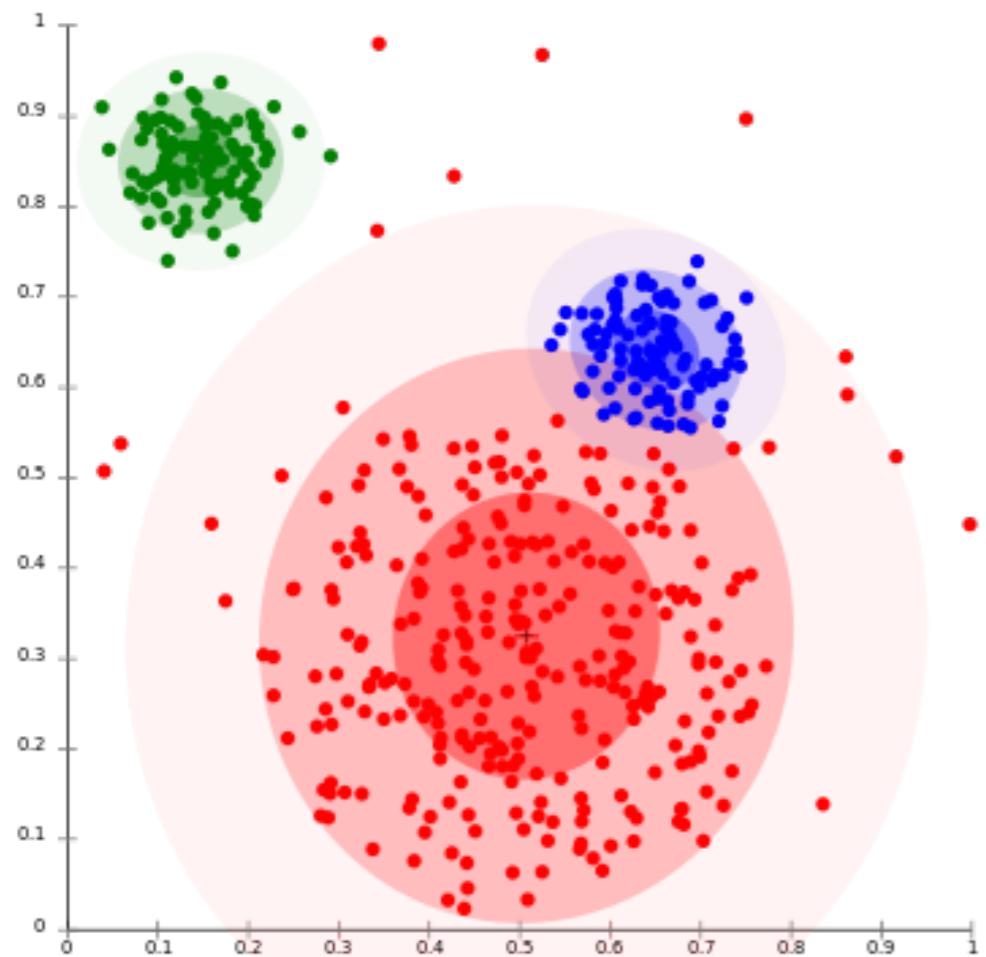
$$x_n | z_n = k \sim \text{Norm}(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

**Idea 2:** Compute probability that point belongs to each cluster

$$\gamma_{nk} = p(z_n = k | x_n)$$

Weights sum to 1:  $\sum_{k=1}^K \gamma_{nk} = 1$

# “Hard EM” with Gaussians



$$\theta := \{\mu_{1:K}, \Sigma_{1:K}, \pi\}$$

## Algorithm

Initialize parameters to  $\theta^0$

*Repeat until convergence*

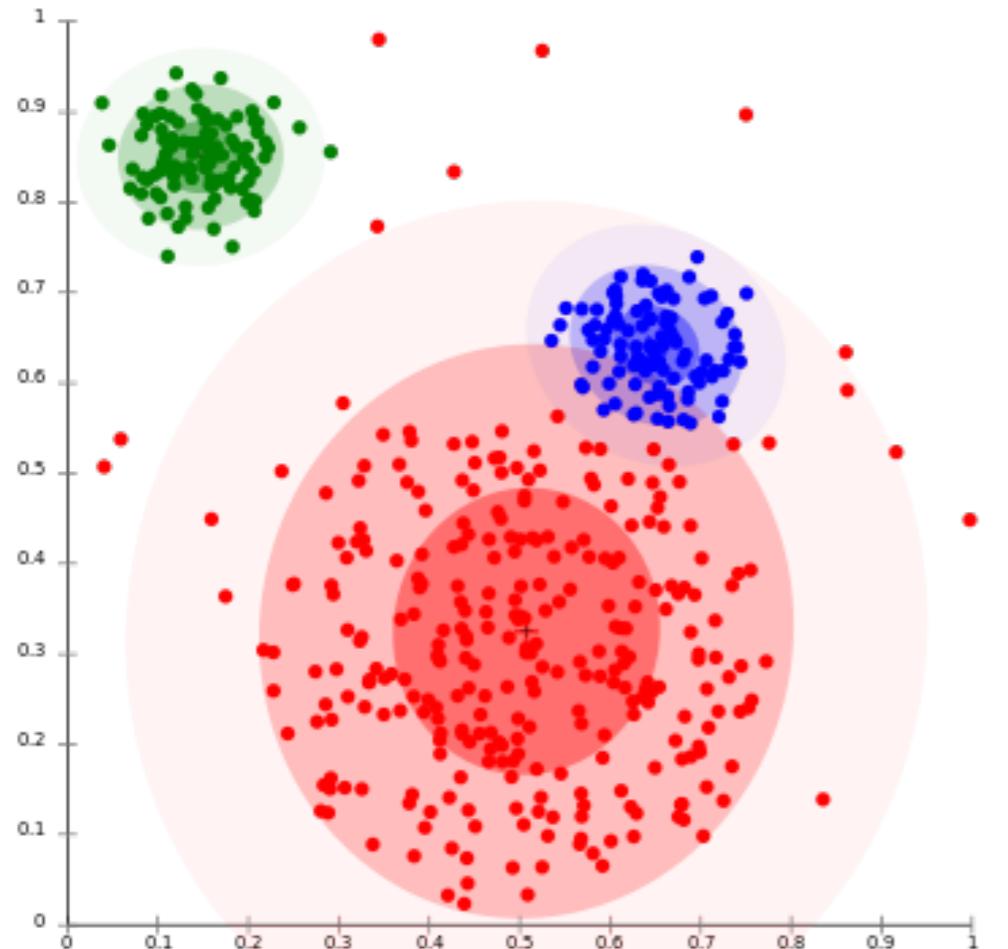
1. Update cluster assignments

$$\mathbf{z}^i = \underset{\mathbf{z}}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{z} | \theta^{i-1})$$

2. Update parameters

$$\theta^i = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{z}^i | \theta)$$

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## Assignment Update

$$z_n = \operatorname{argmax}_k p(z_n = k | \mathbf{x}_n, \theta)$$

## Parameter Updates

$$N_k := \sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} \quad z_{nk} := I[z_n = k]$$

$$\pi = (N_1/N, \dots, N_K/N)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N z_{nk} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T$$

# “Hard” EM: General

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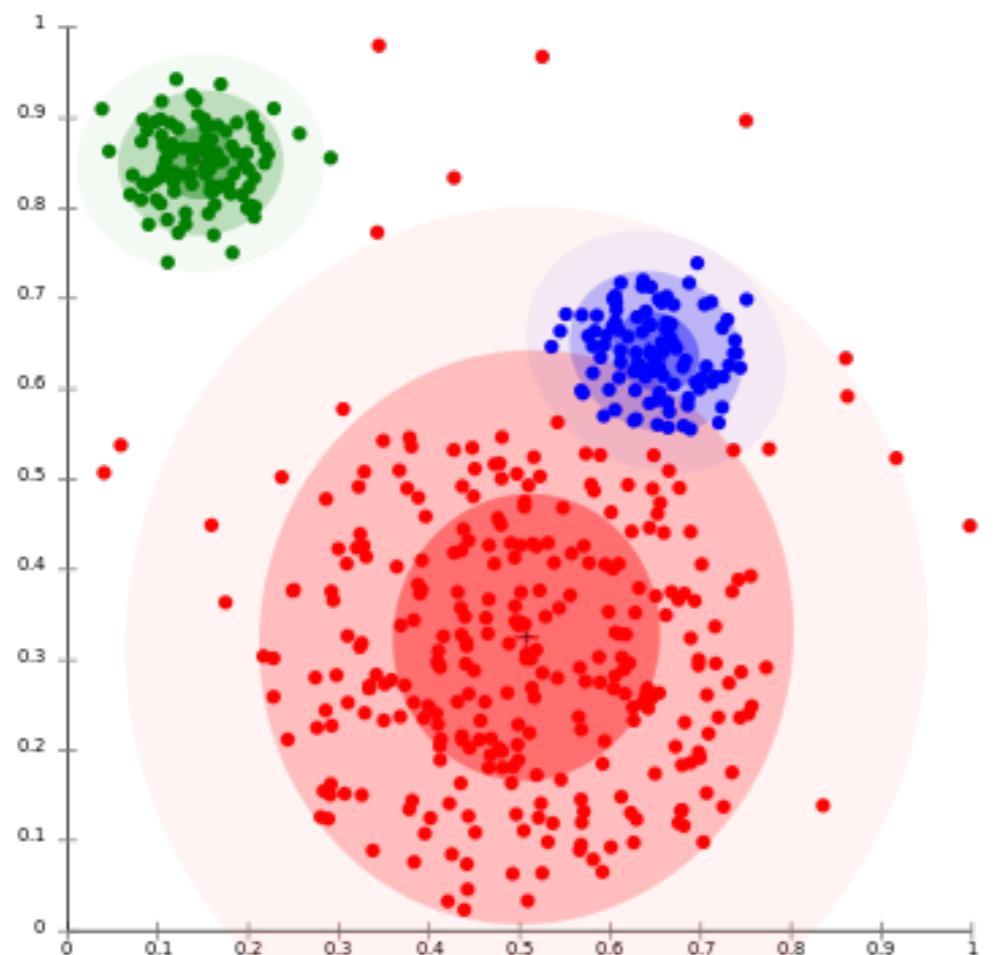
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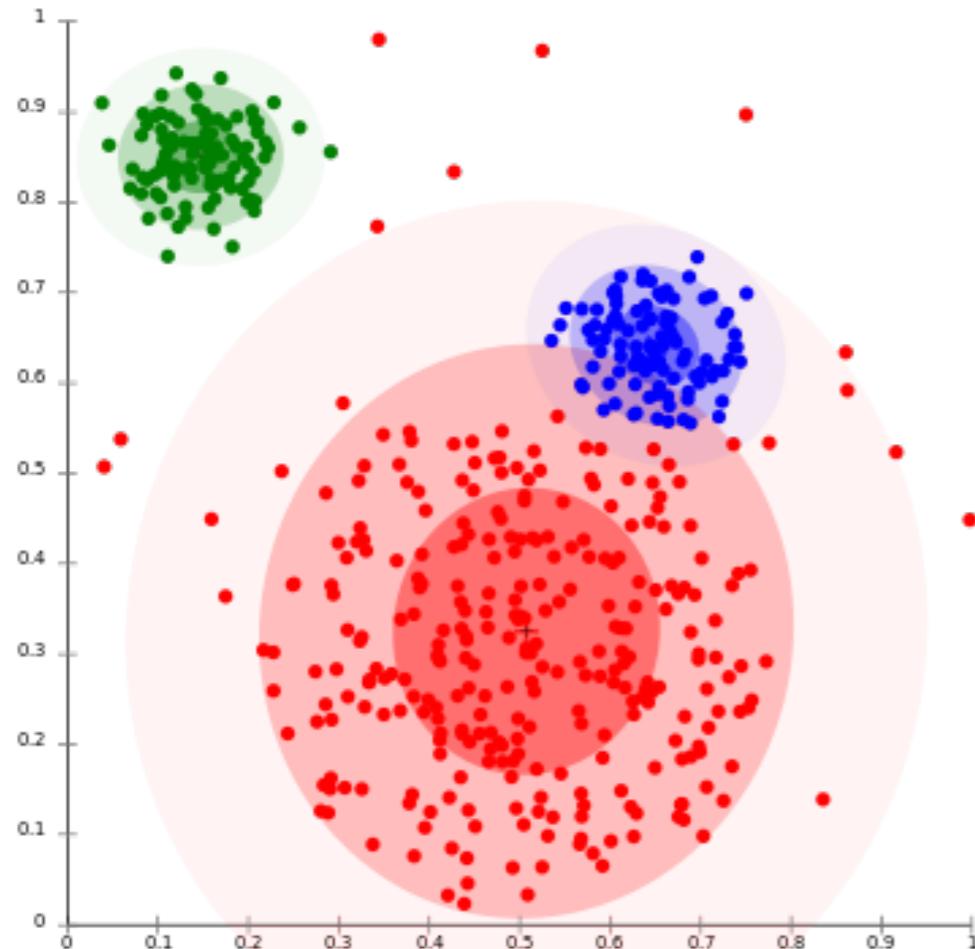
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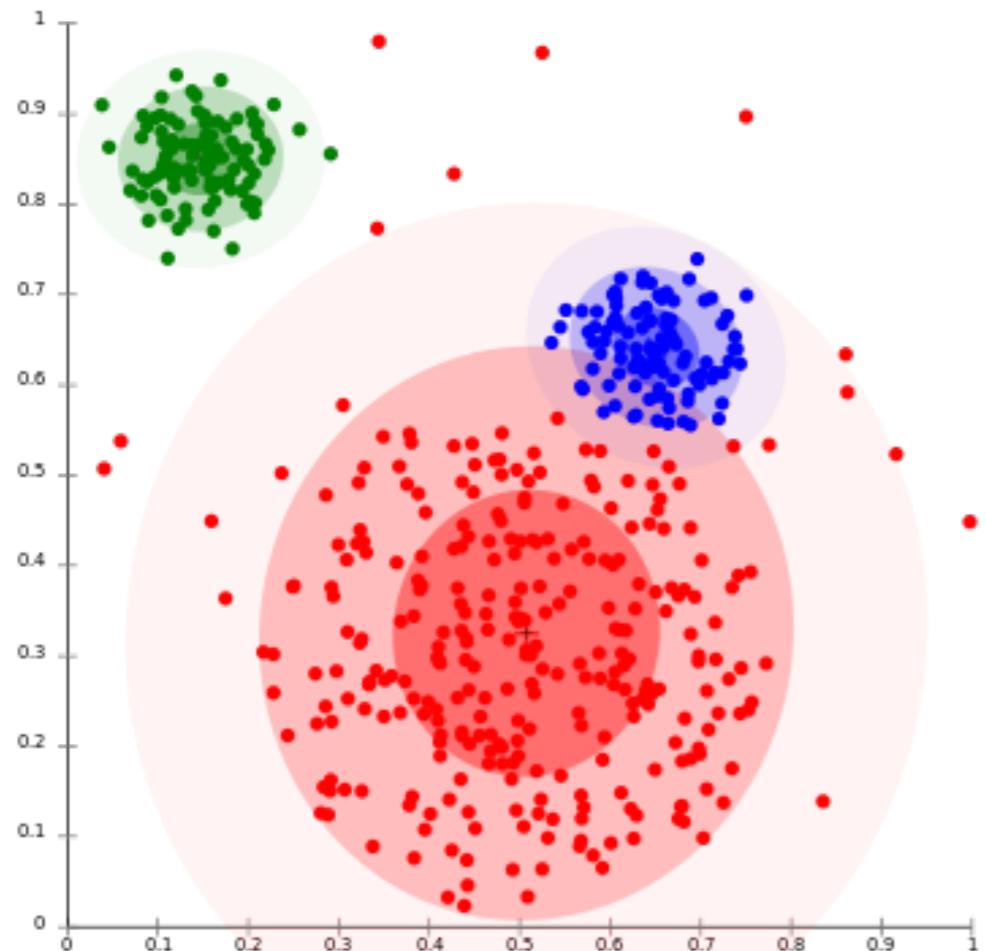
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# Gaussian Mixture Models



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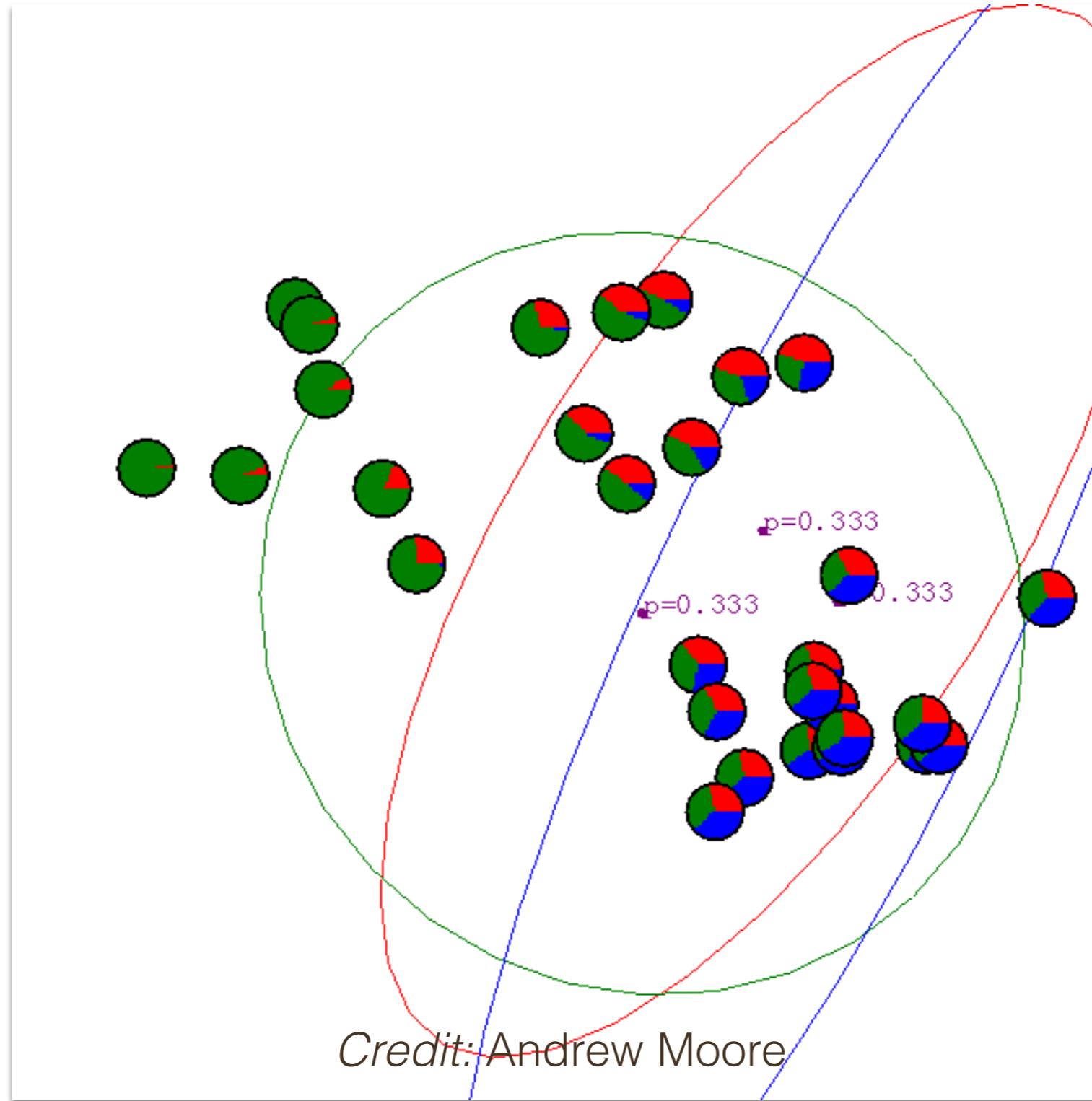
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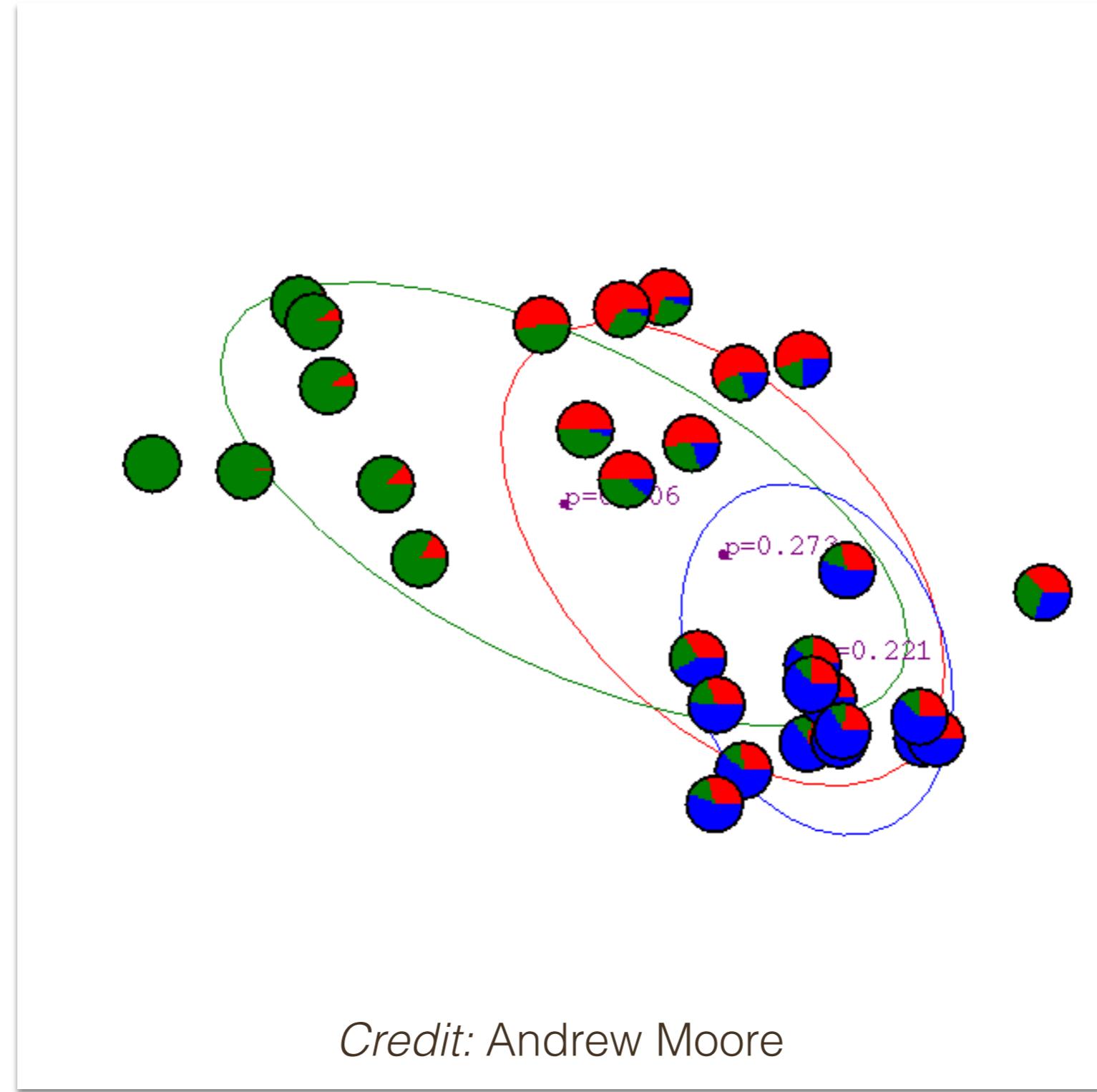
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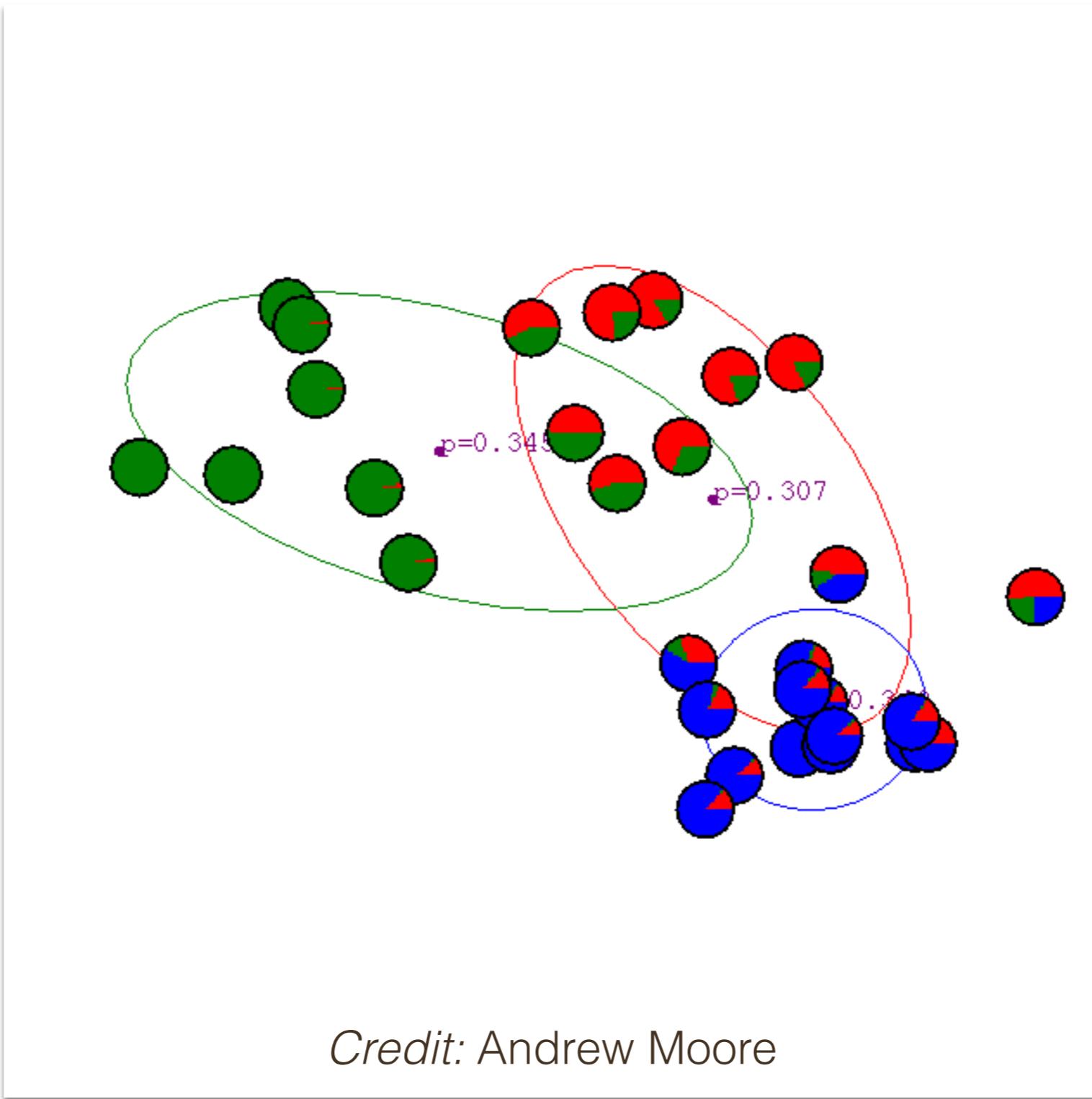
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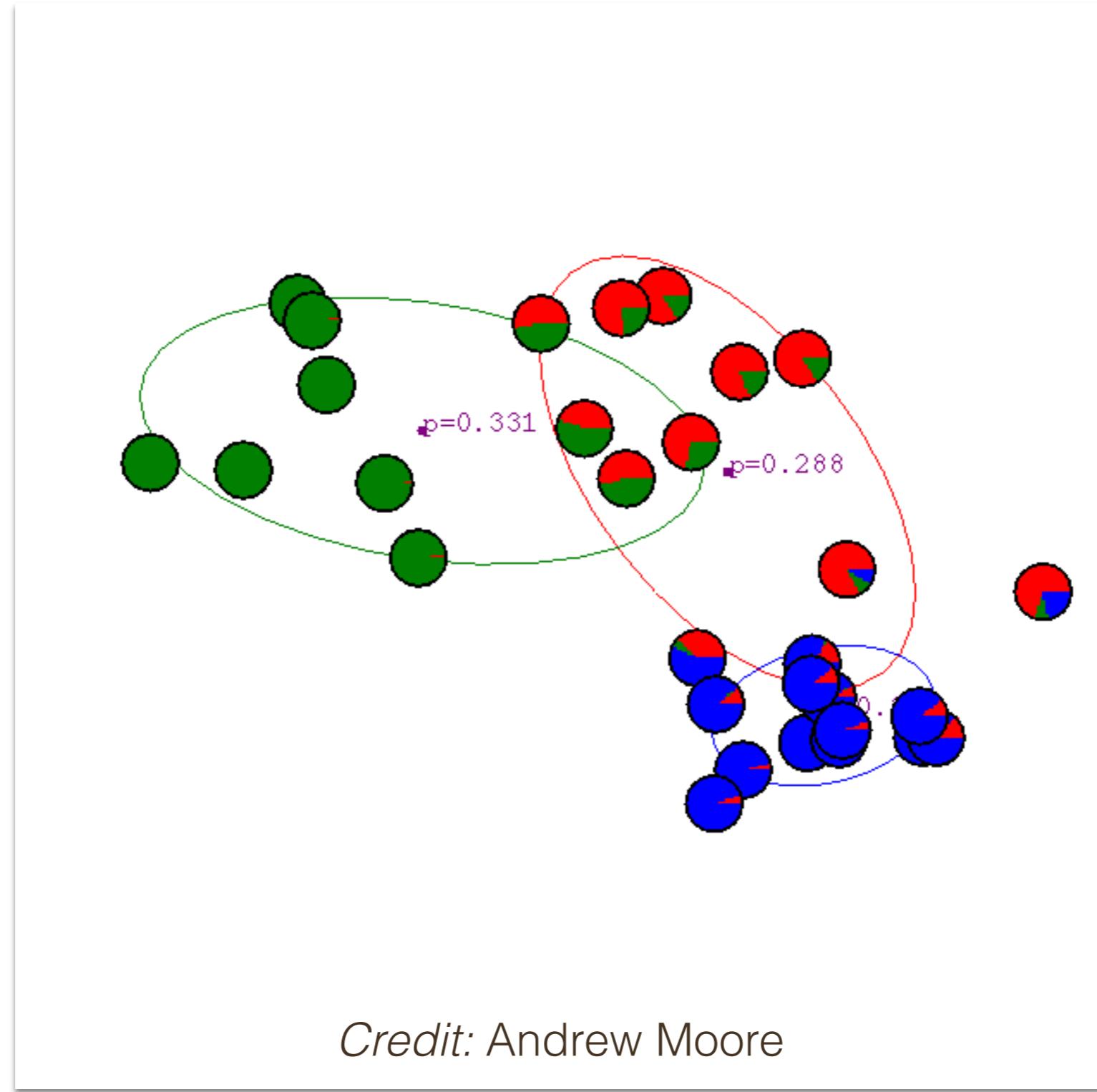
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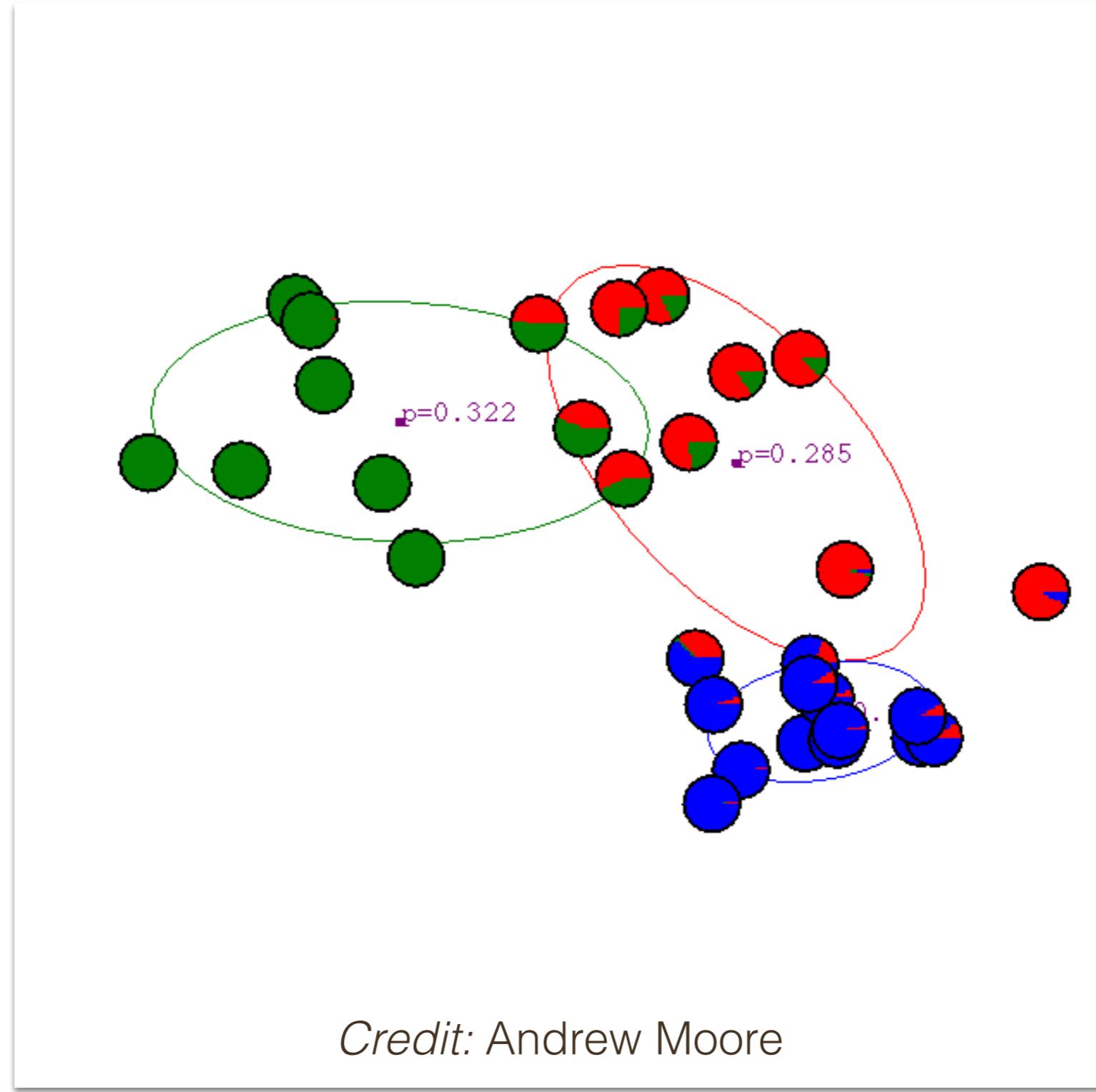
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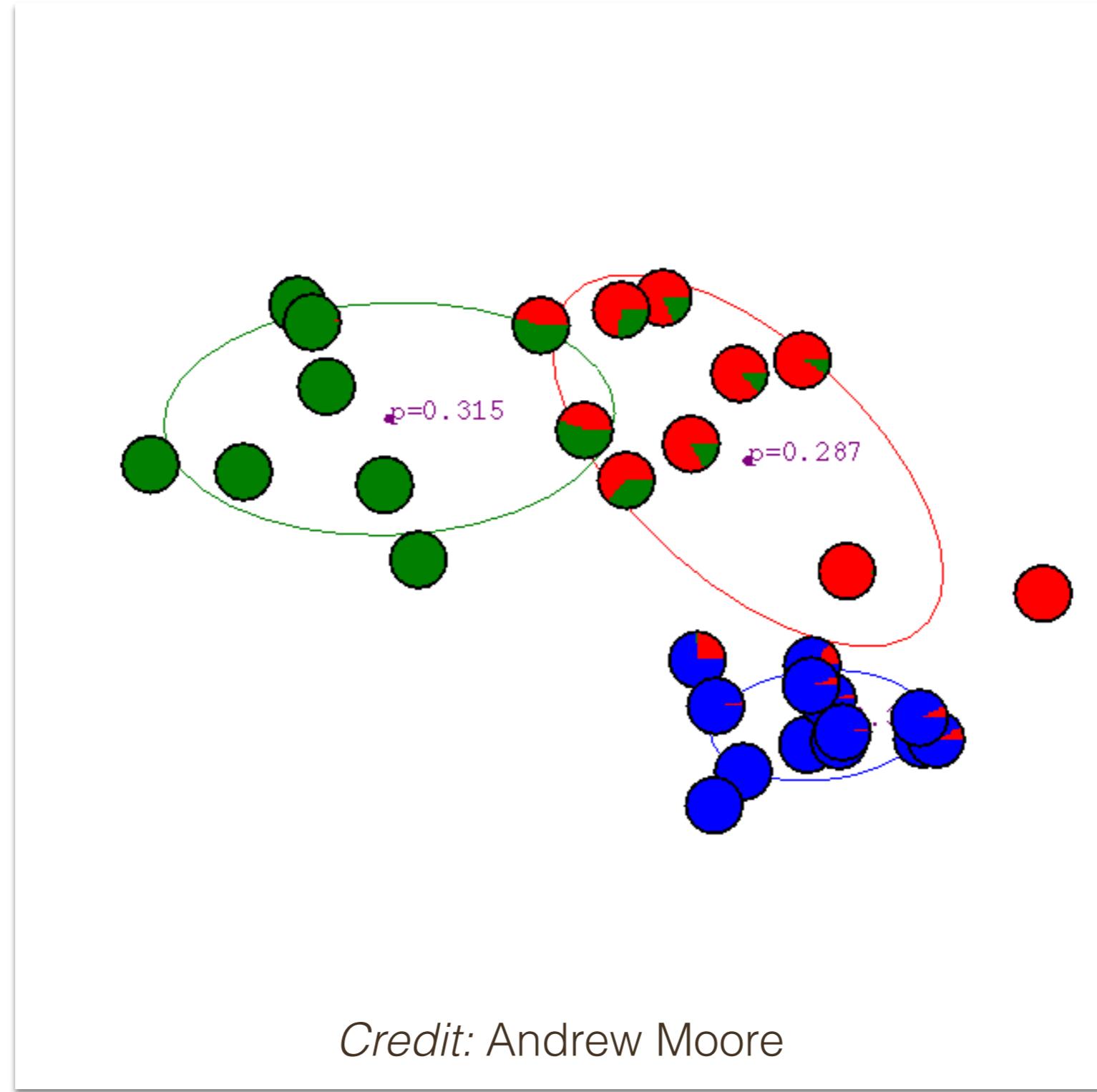
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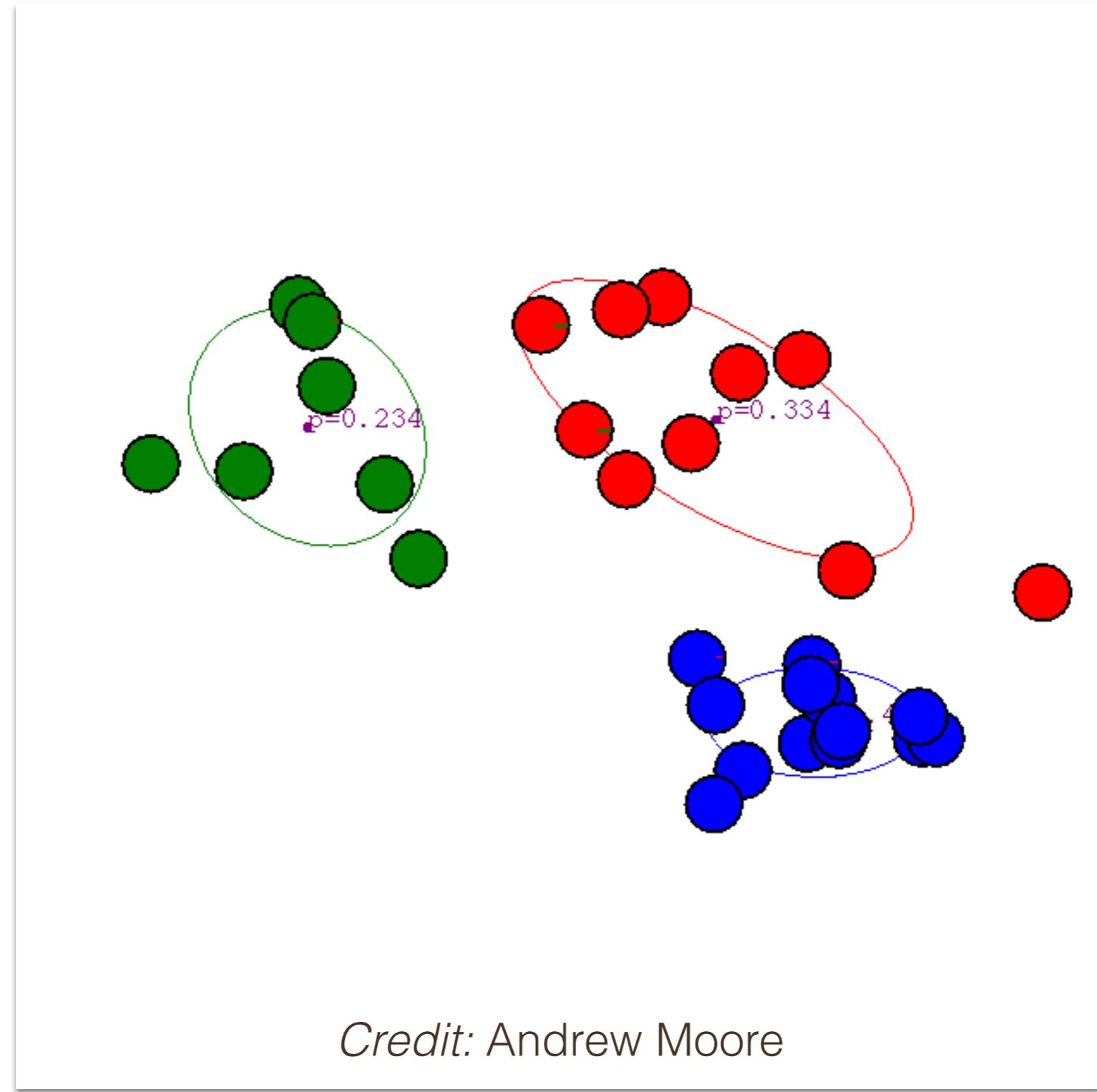
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# Consider Naive Bayes

The model

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