

# Computational Intelligence

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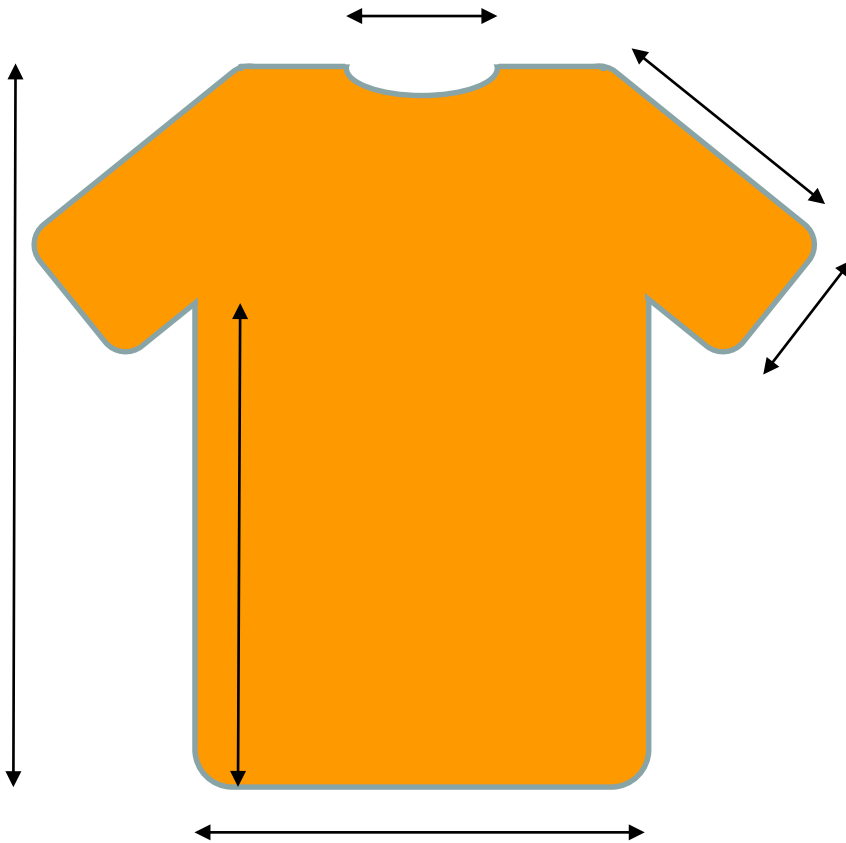
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- Fuzzy Clustering

### Introductory Example: Textile Industry

→ production of T-shirts (for men)



best for producer : one size

vs.

best for consumer: made-to-measure

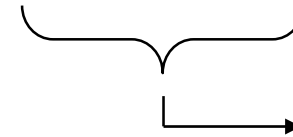
⇒ compromise: S, M, L, XL, 2XL

5 sizes

→ OK, but which lengths for which size?

### idea:

- select, say, 2000 men at random and measure their “body lengths“
- arrange these 2000 men into five disjoint groups



arm's length,  
collar size,  
chest girth, ...

### such that

- deviations from mean of group as small as possible
- differences between group means as large as possible

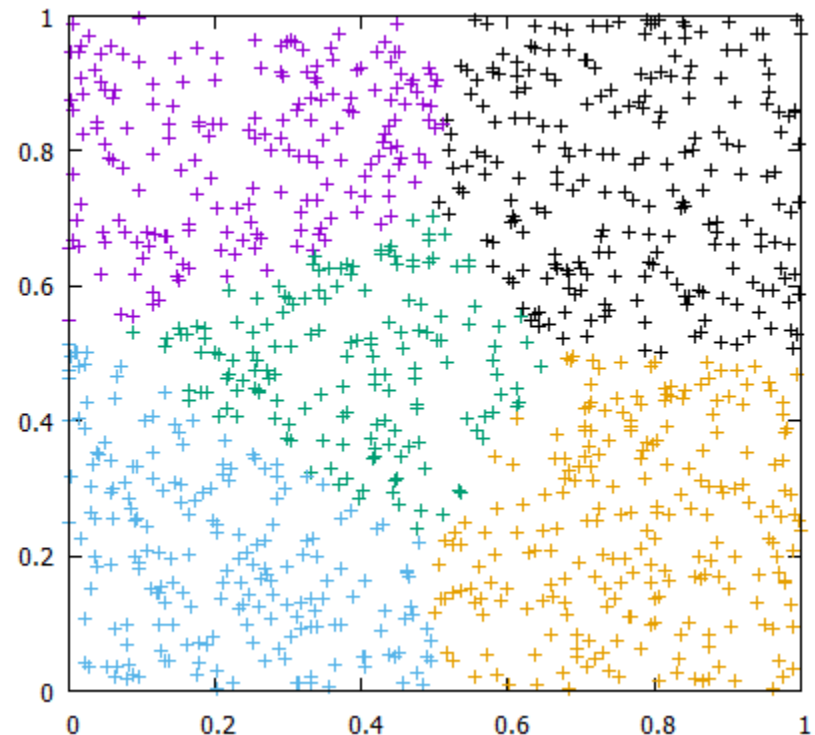
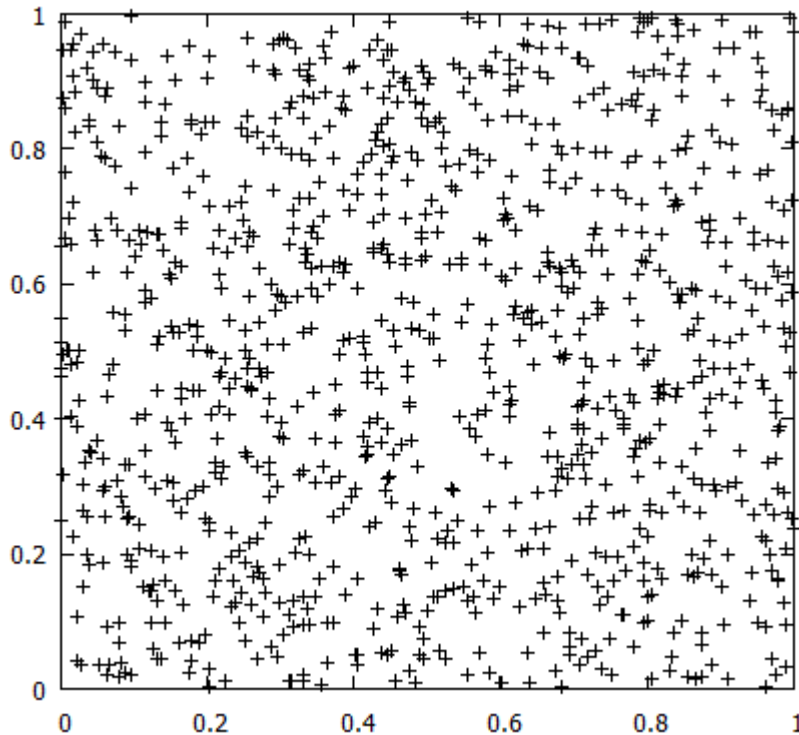
### in general:

arrange objects into groups / clusters

such that

- elements within a cluster are as homogeneous as possible
- elements across clusters are as heterogeneous as possible

**numerical example:** 1000 points uniformly sampled in  $[0,1] \times [0,1]$   $\rightarrow$  form 5 cluster



given data points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N \in \mathbb{R}^n$

objective: group data points into cluster  
such that

- *points within cluster* are as *homogeneous* as possible
- *points across clusters* are as *heterogeneous* as possible

⇒ crisp clustering is just a partitioning of data set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$ , i.e.,

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^K C_k = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\} \quad \text{and} \quad \forall j \neq k : C_j \cap C_k = \emptyset$$

where  $C_k$  is Cluster  $k$  and  $K$  denotes the number of clusters.

Constraint:  $\forall k = 1, \dots, K : |C_k| \geq 1$                       hence  $1 \leq K \leq N$

**Complexity:** How many choices to assign  $N$  objects into  $K$  clusters?

more precisely:

→ objects are distinguishable / labeled

→ clusters are nondistinguishable / unlabeled **and** nonempty

⇒ Stirling number of 2nd kind 
$$S(N, K) = \frac{1}{K!} \sum_{i=1}^K (-1)^{K-i} \binom{K}{i} \cdot i^N \sim \frac{K^N}{K!}$$

| N/K | 1 | 2      | 3         | 4          | 5           |
|-----|---|--------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 10  | 1 | 511    | 9,330     | 34,105     | 42,525      |
| 11  | 1 | 1,023  | 28,501    | 145,750    | 246,730     |
| 12  | 1 | 2,047  | 86,526    | 611,501    | 1,379,400   |
| 13  | 1 | 4,095  | 261,625   | 2,532,530  | 7,508,501   |
| 14  | 1 | 8,191  | 788,970   | 10,391,745 | 40,075,035  |
| 15  | 1 | 16,383 | 2,375,101 | 42,355,950 | 210,766,920 |

$$S(100, 5) = 6.6 \times 10^{67}$$

$$S(1000, 5) = 7.8 \times 10^{696}$$

$$S(2000, 5) = 7.3 \times 10^{1395}$$

⇒ enumeration hopeless!

⇒ iterative improvement procedure required!

**idea:** define objective function

that measures compactness of clusters *and* quality of partition

→ elements in cluster  $C_j$  should be as homogeneous as possible!

→ sum of squared distances to unknown center  $y$  should be as small as possible

→ find  $y$  with  $\sum_{i \in C_j} d(x_i, y)^2 \rightarrow \min!$

typically,  $d(x_i, y) = \|x_i - y\| = \sqrt{(x_i - y)'(x_i - y)}$  (Euclidean norm)

$$\frac{d}{dy} \sum_{i \in C_j} (x_i - y)'(x_i - y) = -2 \sum_{i \in C_j} (x_i - y) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i \in C_j} x_i \stackrel{!}{=} \sum_{i \in C_j} y = |C_j| \cdot y \quad \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{|C_j|} \sum_{i \in C_j} x_i =: \bar{x}_j$$



→ elements in each cluster  $C_j$  should be as homogeneous as possible!

→ find partition  $C = (C_1, \dots, C_K)$  with  $D(C) = \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i \in C_j} d(x_i, \bar{x}_j)^2 \rightarrow \min!$

### Definition

A partition  $C^*$  is optimal if

$$D(C^*) = \min\{ D(C) : C \in P(N, K) \}$$

where  $P(N, K)$  denotes all partitions of  $N$  elements in  $K$  clusters.

### Theorem

$$\min_{C \in P(N, K)} D(C) = \max_{C \in P(N, K)} \sum_{j=1}^K |C_j| \cdot \|\bar{x}_j - \bar{x}\|$$

where  $\bar{x}$  is the mean of all  $x$ .

$\forall k = 1, \dots, K$ : set  $C_k = \emptyset$

$\forall x \in \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ : assign  $x$  to some cluster  $C_k$

set  $t = 0$  and  $D^{(t)} = \infty$

repeat

$t = t + 1$

$$\forall k = 1, \dots, K: \bar{x}_k = \frac{1}{|C_k|} \sum_{x \in C_k} x$$

$\forall i = 1, \dots, N$ :  $d_{ik} = d(x_i, \bar{x}_k)$       distance to center of cluster  $k$

let  $k^*$  be such that  $d_{ik^*} = \min\{d_{ik} : k = 1, \dots, K\}$

assign  $x_i$  to  $C_{k^*}$

$$D^{(t)} = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{x \in C_k} d(x, \bar{x}_k)$$

until  $D^{(t-1)} - D^{(t)} < \varepsilon$

objective for **crisp** clustering:

find partition  $C = (C_1, \dots, C_K)$  with  $D(C) = \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i \in C_j} d(x_i, \bar{x}_j)^2 \rightarrow \min!$

→ rewrite objective:

find partition  $C = (C_1, \dots, C_K)$  with  $D(C) = \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij} \cdot d(x_i, \bar{x}_j)^2 \rightarrow \min!$

expresses membership  $\longrightarrow u_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i \in C_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

objective for **fuzzy** clustering:

find partition  $C = (C_1, \dots, C_K)$  with  $D(C) = \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m \cdot d(x_i, \bar{x}_j)^2 \rightarrow \min!$

$u_{ij} \in [0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}, m > 1$

find partition  $C = (C_1, \dots, C_K)$  with  $D(C) = \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m \cdot d(x_i, \bar{x}_j)^2 \rightarrow \min!$

where

$u_{ij} \in [0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}$  denotes membership of  $x_i$  to cluster  $C_j$

$m > 1$  denotes a fixed *fuzzifier* (controls / affects membership function)

subject to

$$\sum_{j=1}^K u_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N$$

$$0 < \sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij} < N \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, K$$

each  $x_i$  distributes membership completely over clusters  $C_1, \dots, C_K$   
→ normalization

at least one element belongs to some extent to a certain cluster, but not all elements to a single cluster

two questions:

(a) how to define and calculate centers  $\bar{x}_j$ ?

(b) how to obtain optimal memberships  $u_{ij}$ ?

ad a) let  $d(x_i, \bar{x}_j) = \|x_i - \bar{x}_j\|_2$

$$\frac{d}{d\bar{x}_j} \sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m \cdot (x_i - \bar{x}_j)'(x_i - \bar{x}_j) = -2 \sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m \cdot (x_i - \bar{x}_j) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m x_i \stackrel{!}{=} \sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m \bar{x}_j \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\bar{x}_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m}$$

→ weighted mean!

ad b) let  $d_{ij} := d(x_i, \bar{x}_j) = \|x_i - \bar{x}_j\|_2$

apply **Lagrange multiplier method**:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u_{ij}} \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m \cdot d_{ij}^2 - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^K u_{ij} - 1 \right)}_{\text{without constraints} \rightarrow u_{ij}^* = 0} = m u_{ij}^{m-1} \cdot d_{ij}^2 - \lambda_i \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

without constraints  $\rightarrow u_{ij}^* = 0$

$$u_{ij}^* = \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{m \cdot d_{ij}^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^K u_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^K \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{m \cdot d_{ij}^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}} = \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{\lambda_i^{\frac{1}{q}}}{(m \cdot d_{ij}^2)^{\frac{1}{q}}} = \lambda_i^{\frac{1}{q}} \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{1}{(m \cdot d_{ij}^2)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \stackrel{!}{=} 1$$

set  $q = m - 1$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_i^* = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{(m \cdot d_{ik}^2)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \right]^{-q}$$

after insertion:

$$u_{ij}^* = \left( \frac{1}{m \cdot d_{ij}^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^K \left( \frac{1}{m \cdot d_{ik}^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}}} \right]^{m-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}} = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^K \left( \frac{d_{ij}}{d_{ik}} \right)^{\frac{2}{m-1}} \right]^{-1}$$

choose  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m > 1$

choose  $u_{ij}$  at random (obeying constraints)

repeat

$\forall j = 1, \dots, K$ : calculate centers  $\bar{x}_j$

$\forall i = 1, \dots, N$ :

let  $J_i = \{j : x_i = \bar{x}_j\}$

if  $J_i = \emptyset$  determine memberships  $u_{ij}$

else

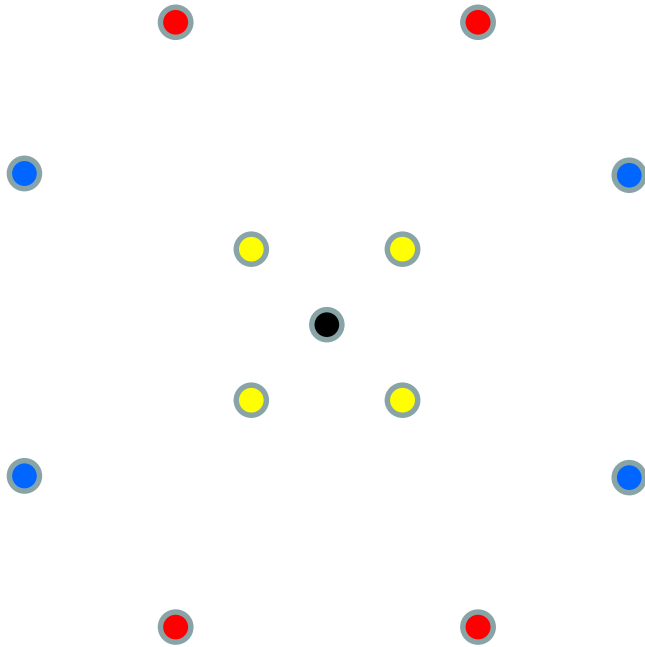
choose  $u_{ij}$  such that  $\sum_{j \in J_i} u_{ij} = 1$

and  $u_{ij} = 0$  for  $j \notin J_i$

until  $D(C^{(t)}) - D(C^{(t+1)}) < \varepsilon$  or  $t = t_{max}$

### problems:

- choice of  $K$   
calculate quality measure for each #cluster; then choose best
- choice of  $m$   
try some values; typical:  $m=2$ ; use interval  $\rightarrow$  fuzzy type-2



black dot is center of

- red cluster
- blue cluster
- yellow cluster

in case of equal weights

$u_{ij} = 1 / |J_i|$  for  $j \in J_i$  appears plausible

**but:** different values algorithmically better

→ cluster centers more likely to separate again (→ tiny randomization?)



## • Partition Coefficient

$$PC(C_1, \dots, C_K) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^K u_{ij}^2 \quad (\text{"larger is better"})$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{maximum if } u_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \text{crisp partition} \\ \text{minimum if } u_{ij} = \frac{1}{K} \rightarrow \text{entirely fuzzy} \end{array} \right\} \frac{1}{K} \leq PC(C_1, \dots, C_K) \leq 1$$

## • Partition Entropy

$$PE(C_1, \dots, C_K) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^K u_{ij} \cdot \log_2(u_{ij}) \quad (\text{"smaller is better"})$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{maximum if } u_{ij} = \frac{1}{K} \rightarrow \text{entirely fuzzy} \\ \text{minimum if } u_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \text{crisp partition} \end{array} \right\} 0 \leq PE(C_1, \dots, C_K) \leq \log_2(K)$$

## Finding an appropriate number of clusters

Possible approach: ( $m$  = max. number of clusters)

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set score  $s^*$  to worst possible value
for  $c = 2$  to  $m$ 
    apply FCM with  $c$  clusters (yields membership matrix  $U$ )
    determine quality of clustering from  $U$  (yield score  $s$ )
    if  $s$  better than  $s^*$  then
         $s^* = s$ ;  $c^* = c$ 
    endif
endfor
output  $c^*$ 
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