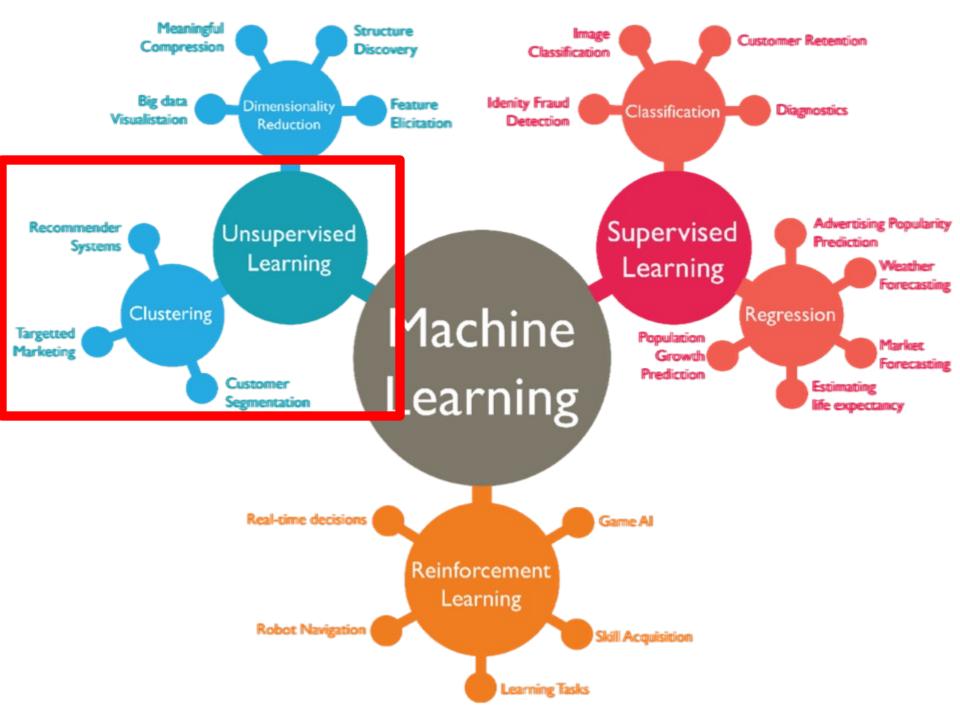


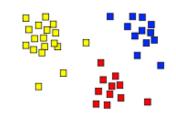
Unsupervised Learning: Clustering Introduction and Simple K-means



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 their 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
 - 1. Centroid-based clustering (e.g., Kmeans)
 - 2. Hierarchical clustering
 - DBSCAN

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: distance between two points

```
>>> 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
```

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

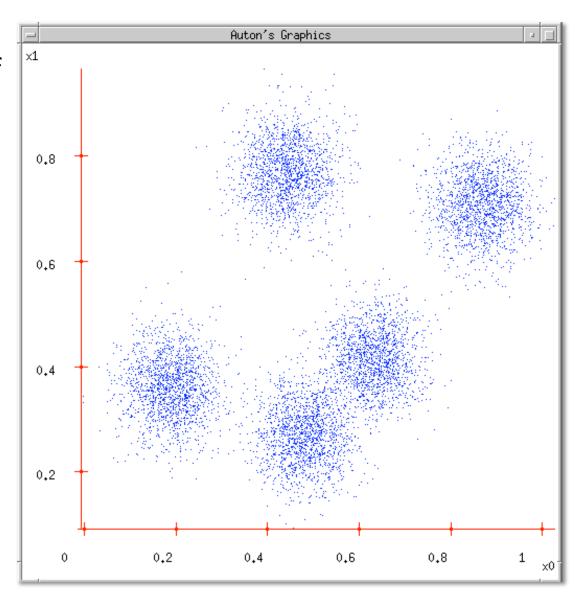
array([2.0, 1.33, 1.33])
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Clustering Data

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?

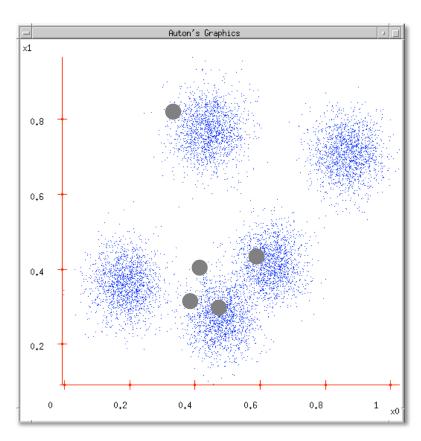
How can we find them



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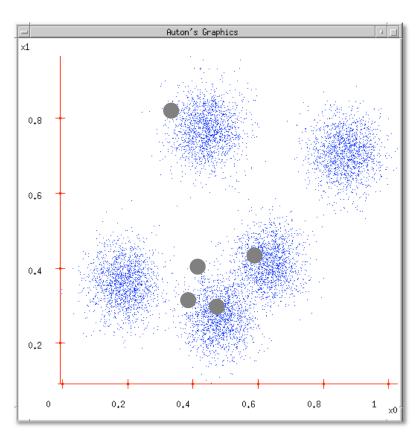




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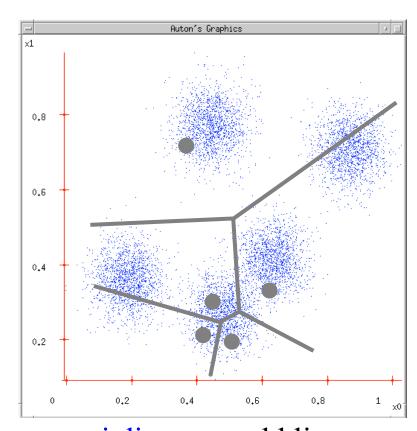




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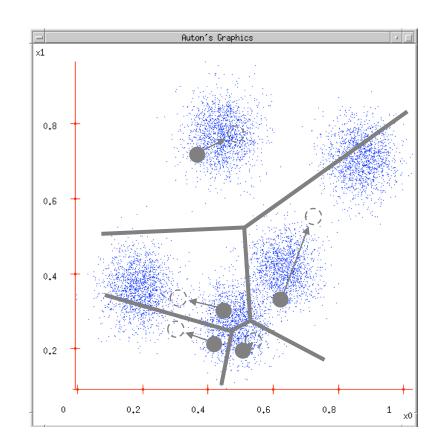


veroni diagram: add lines for regions of points closest to each centroid

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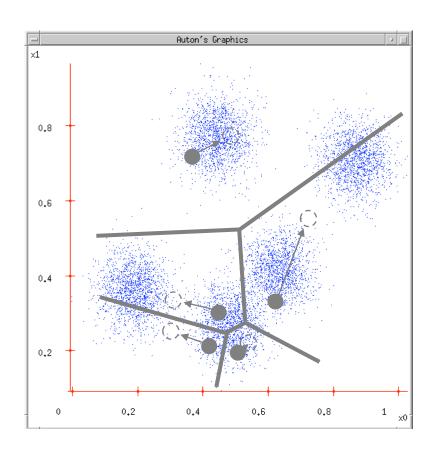
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Visualizing k-means

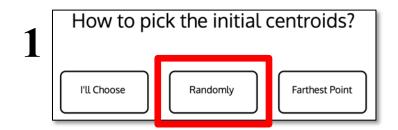
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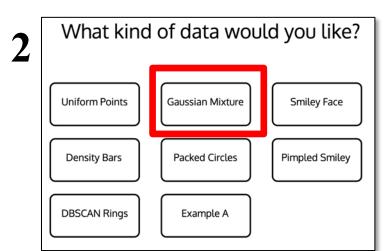
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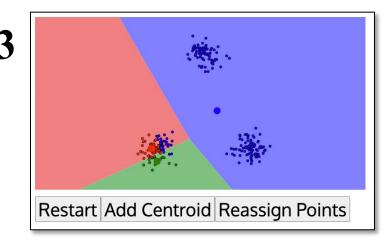
Interactively experiment with K-means clustering

- 1. Three ways to assign positions of initial centroids
- 2. Eight ways to generate data points to be clustered
- 3. You choose the value of k when adding centroids
- 4. Then walk through the iterations of the k-means algorithm

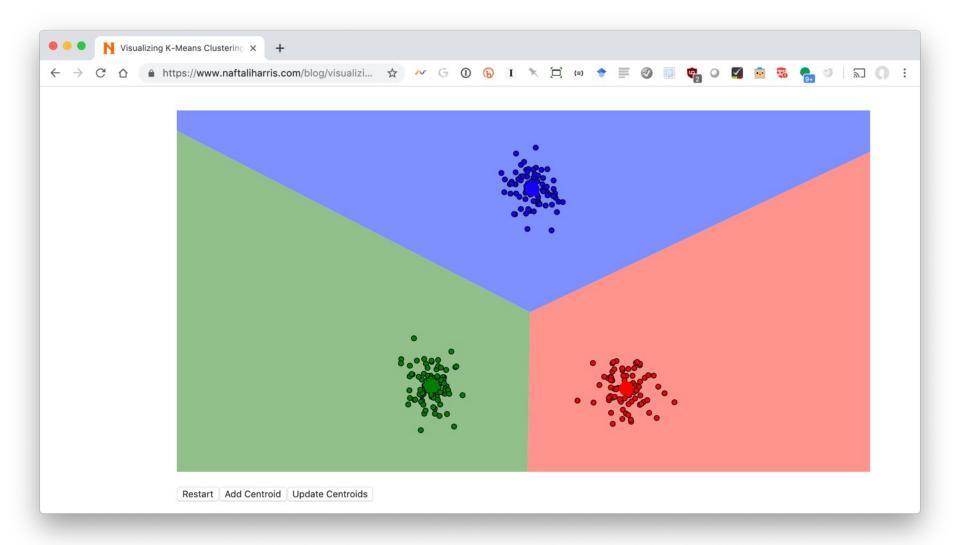
It can also demonstrate the DBSCAN clustering algorithm





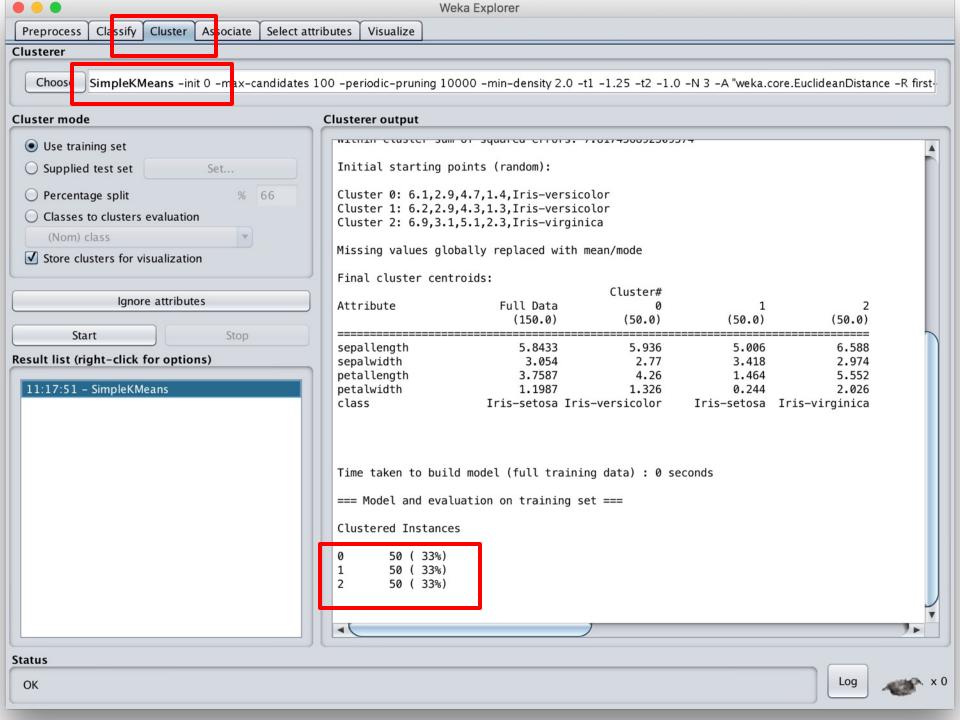


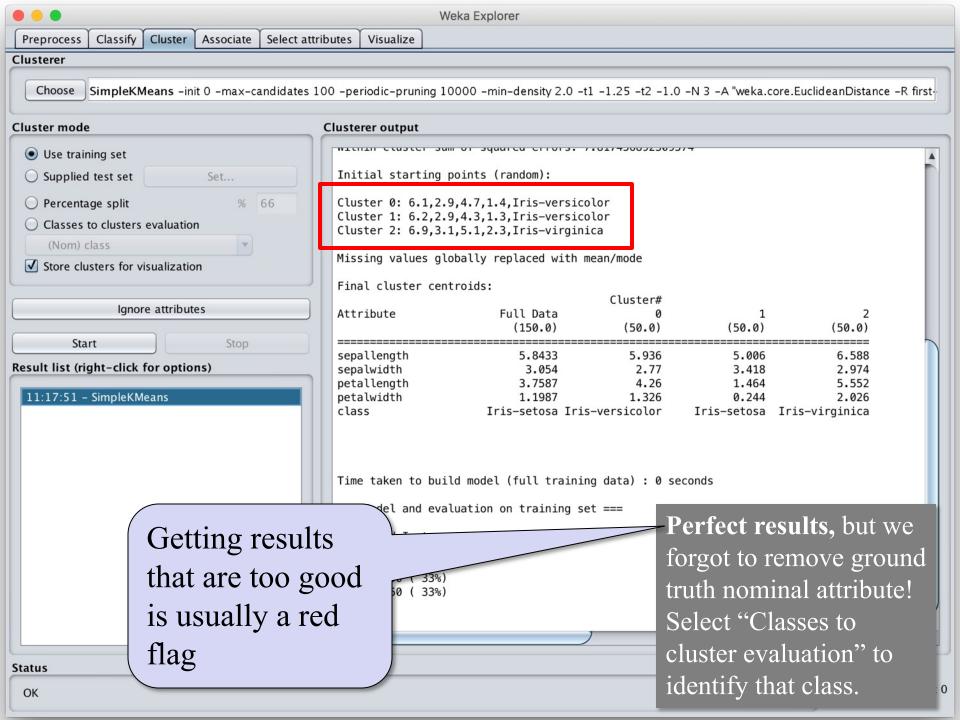
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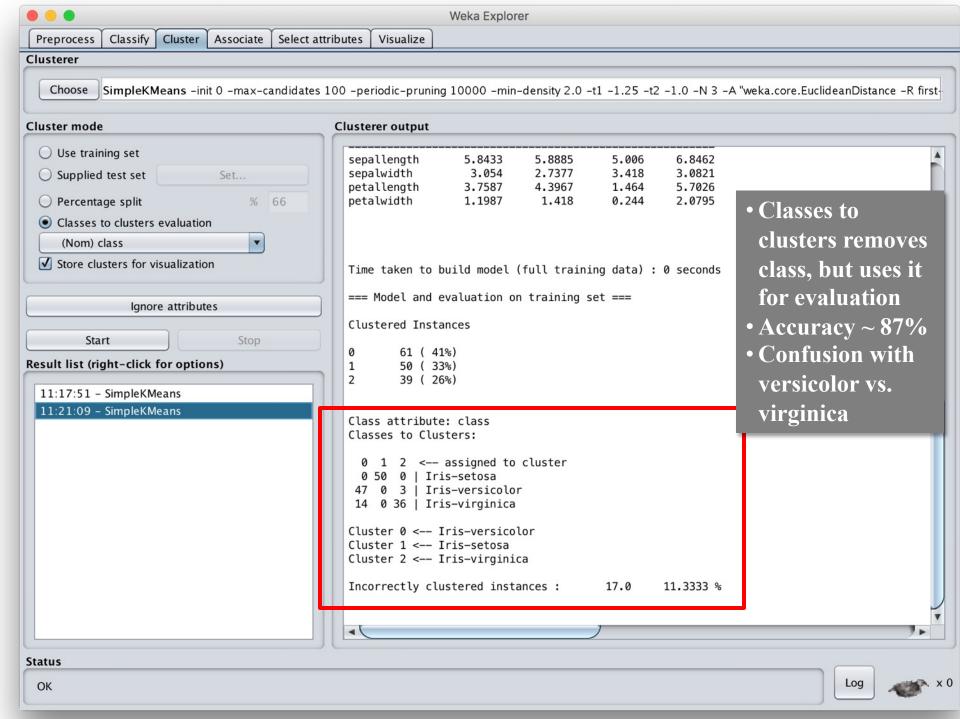


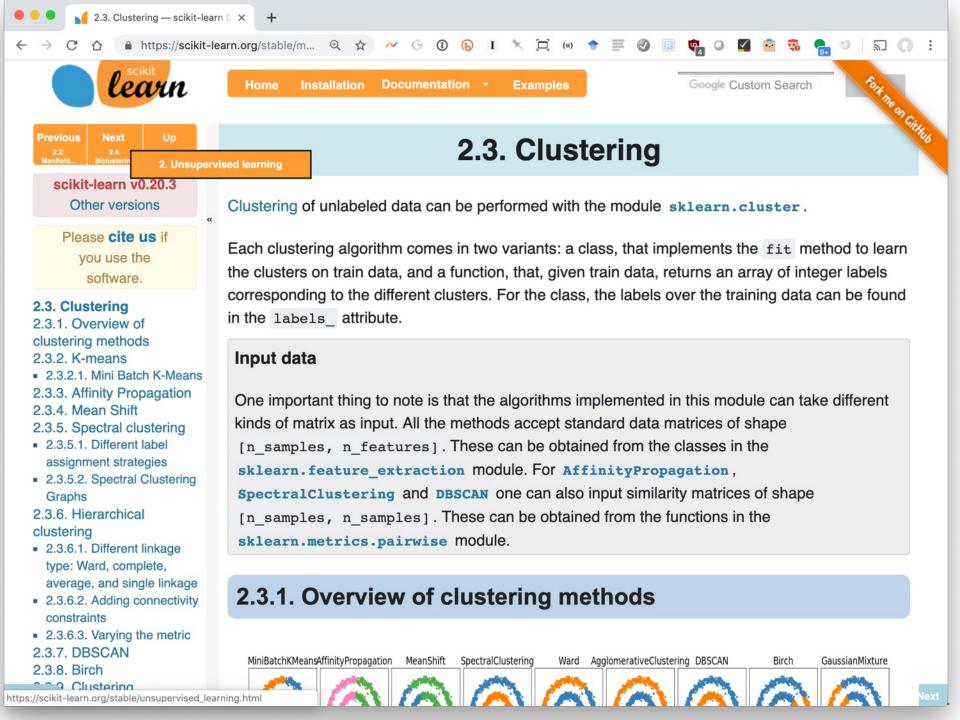
Clustering the Iris Data

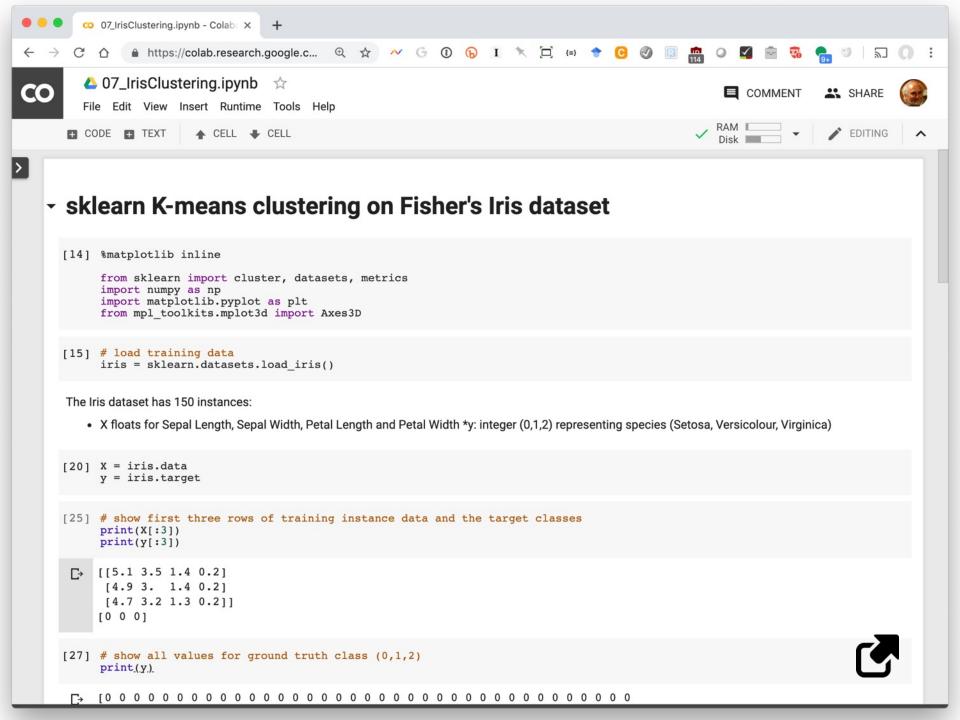
- Let's try using unsupervised clustering on the Iris Data
- First on Weka
- Then using scikit learn on Colab









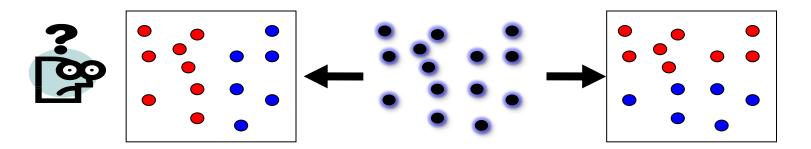


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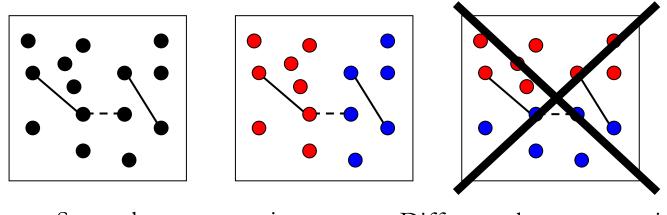
- Only works for numeric data (typically reals)
- Very sensitive to the initial points
 - -fix: Do many runs, each with different initial centroids
 - -fix: Seed centroids with non-random method, e.g., farthest-first sampling
- Sensitive to outliers
 - -fix: identify and remove outliers
- Must manually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

10 clustering algorithms on 6 datasets with scikit-learn

