

Sample K-means Session

In this training session, we load a matrix of data into Matlab, we perform the k -means clustering algorithm, then we'll plot the data, coloring by cluster.

Download the “toy” data set `ToyClustering.mat`. This will load a matrix A that we'll use below (you can clear B, C for now).

You'll notice that we use two inputs to `kmeans`, and three outputs. The three outputs are `idx` (giving the index of the cluster for each data point, so it will be “number of points” by 1. The matrix C will hold the centers (it will be $k \times \text{dimension}$. and `disterr` gives us the three distortion errors, one for each cluster.

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load ToyClustering; %Use Matrix A for HW problem 1
clear B C
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[idx,C,disterr]=kmeans(A,3);
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% From here down are the plotting routines
% The first set of commands will return the indices
% of the data in cluster 1, 2, and 3 respectively.
% It will put those values into idx1, idx2, idx3.
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idx1=find(idx==1);
idx2=find(idx==2);
idx3=find(idx==3);
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% Next we plot the three clusters. The "hold on"
% command allows us to plot over older data.
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```
plot(A(idx1,1),A(idx1,2),'r^');
hold on
plot(A(idx2,1),A(idx2,2),'b*');
plot(A(idx3,1),A(idx3,2),'ko');
hold off
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