

BBM406

Fundamentals of Machine Learning

Lecture 21: Clustering K-Means



Last time... Boosting

- **Idea:** given a weak learner, run it multiple times on (**reweighted**) training data, then let the learned classifiers vote
- On each iteration t :
 - weight each training example by how incorrectly it was classified
 - Learn a hypothesis – h_t
 - A strength for this hypothesis – a_t
- Final classifier:
 - A linear combination of the votes of the different classifiers weighted by their strength $H(X) = \text{sign} \left(\sum \alpha_t h_t(X) \right)$
- **Practically useful**
- **Theoretically interesting**

Last time.. The AdaBoost Algorithm

- 0) Set $\tilde{W}_i^{(0)} = 1/n$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$
- 1) At the m^{th} iteration we find (any) classifier $h(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\theta}_m)$ for which the *weighted classification error* ϵ_m

$$\epsilon_m = 0.5 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{W}_i^{(m-1)} y_i h(\mathbf{x}_i; \hat{\theta}_m) \right)$$

is better than chance.

- 2) The new component is assigned votes based on its error:

$$\hat{\alpha}_m = 0.5 \log((1 - \epsilon_m) / \epsilon_m)$$

- 3) The weights are updated according to (Z_m is chosen so that the new weights $\tilde{W}_i^{(m)}$ sum to one):

$$\tilde{W}_i^{(m)} = \frac{1}{Z_m} \cdot \tilde{W}_i^{(m-1)} \cdot \exp\{ -y_i \hat{\alpha}_m h(\mathbf{x}_i; \hat{\theta}_m) \}$$

Today

- What is clustering?
- K-means algorithm

What is clustering

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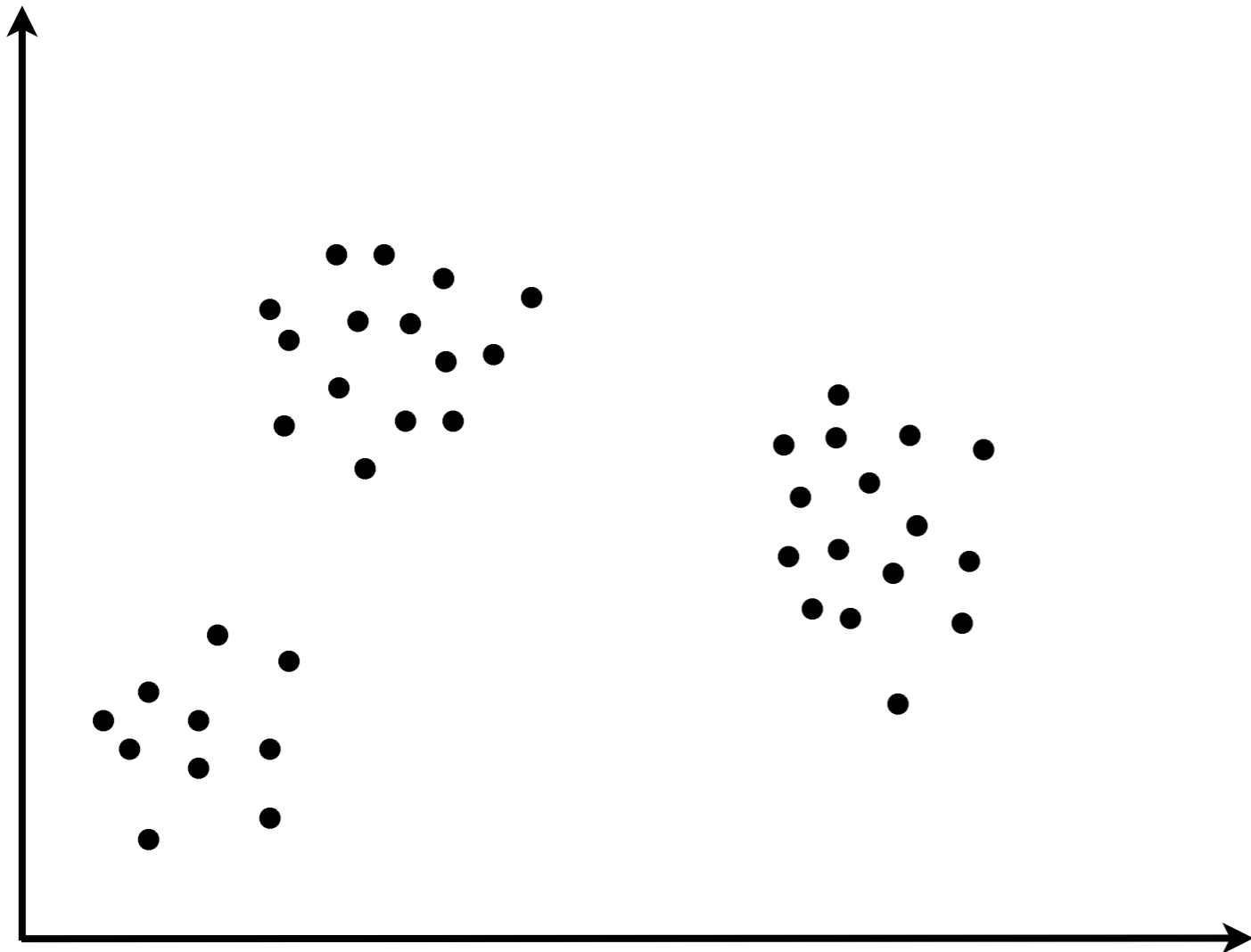
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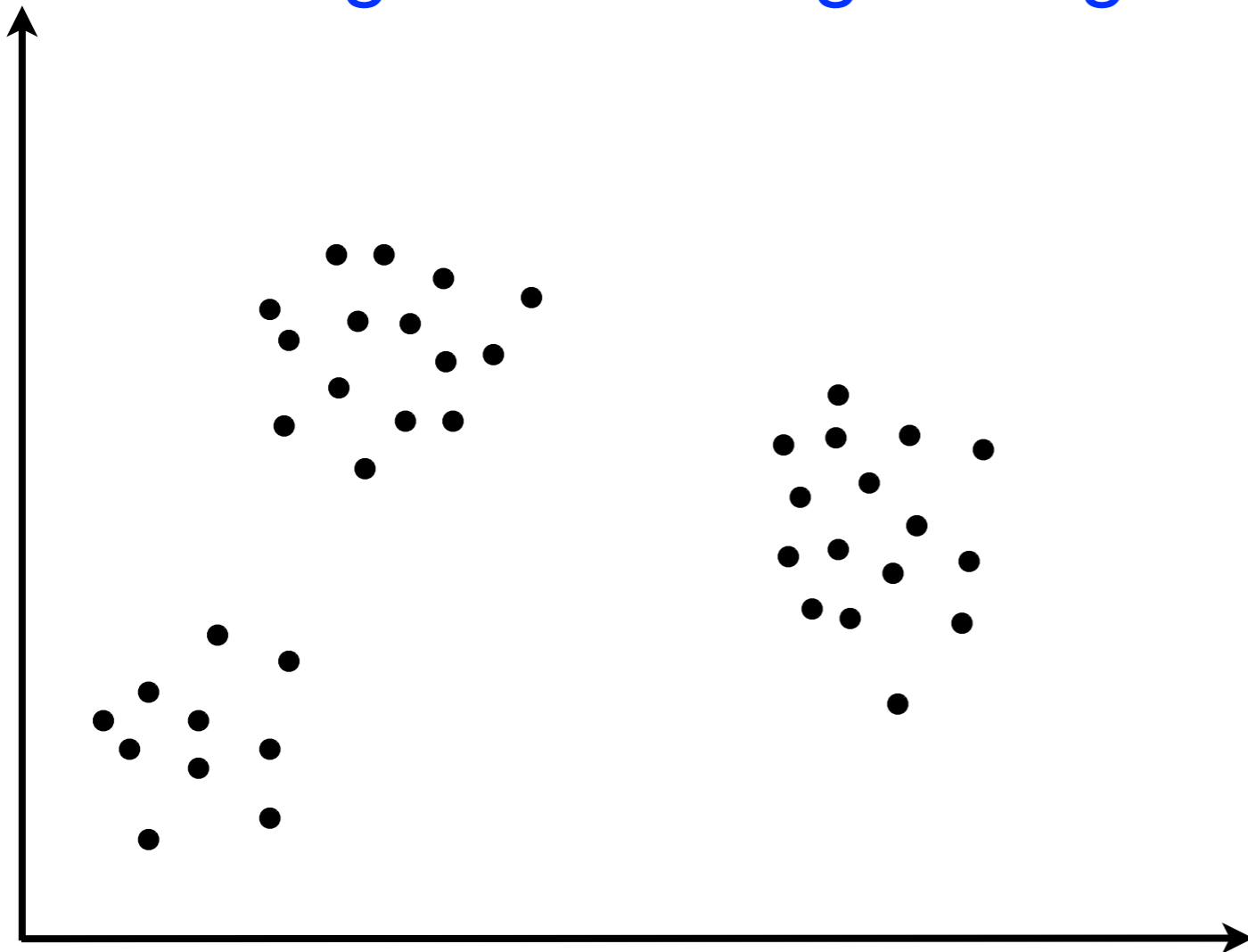
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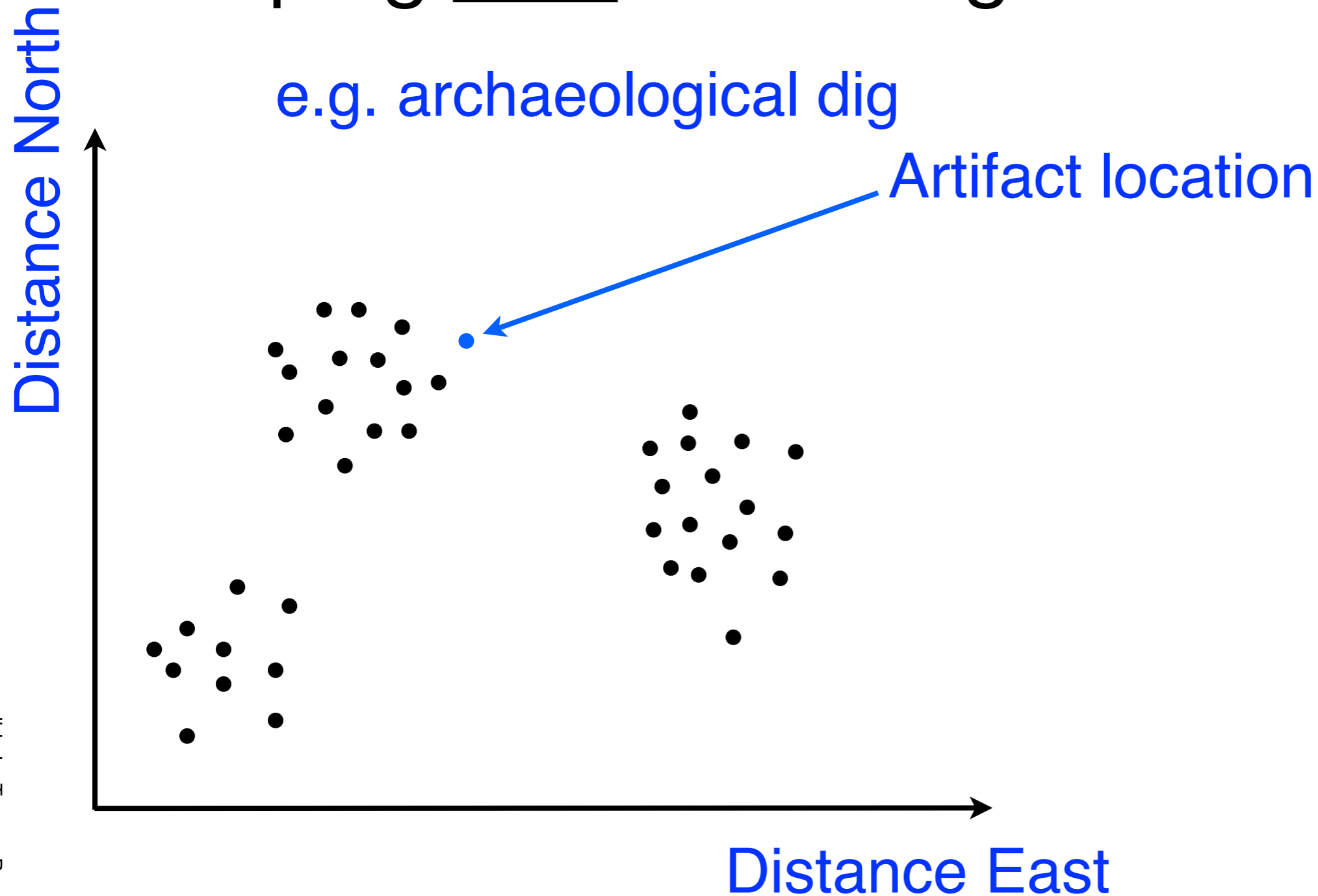
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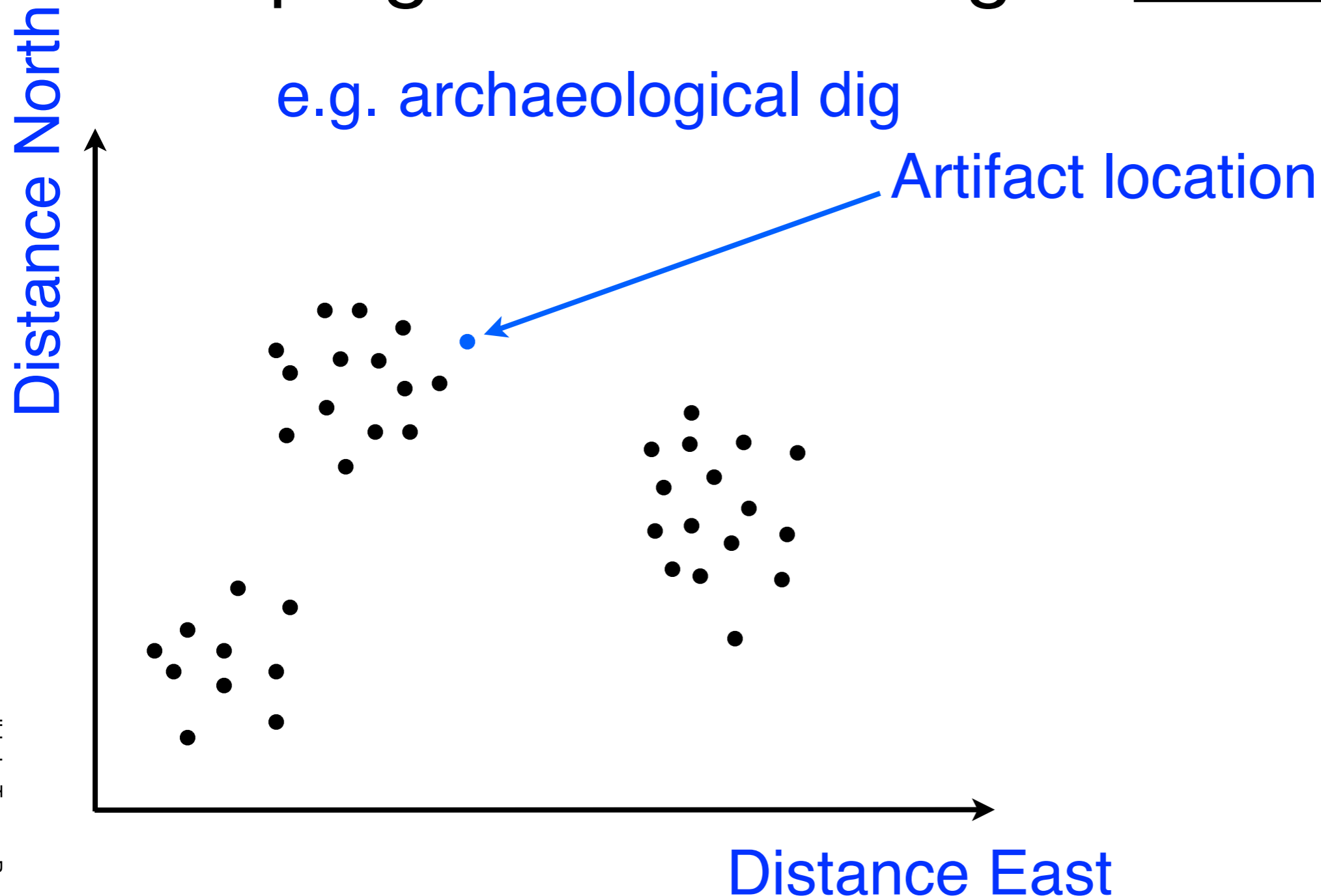
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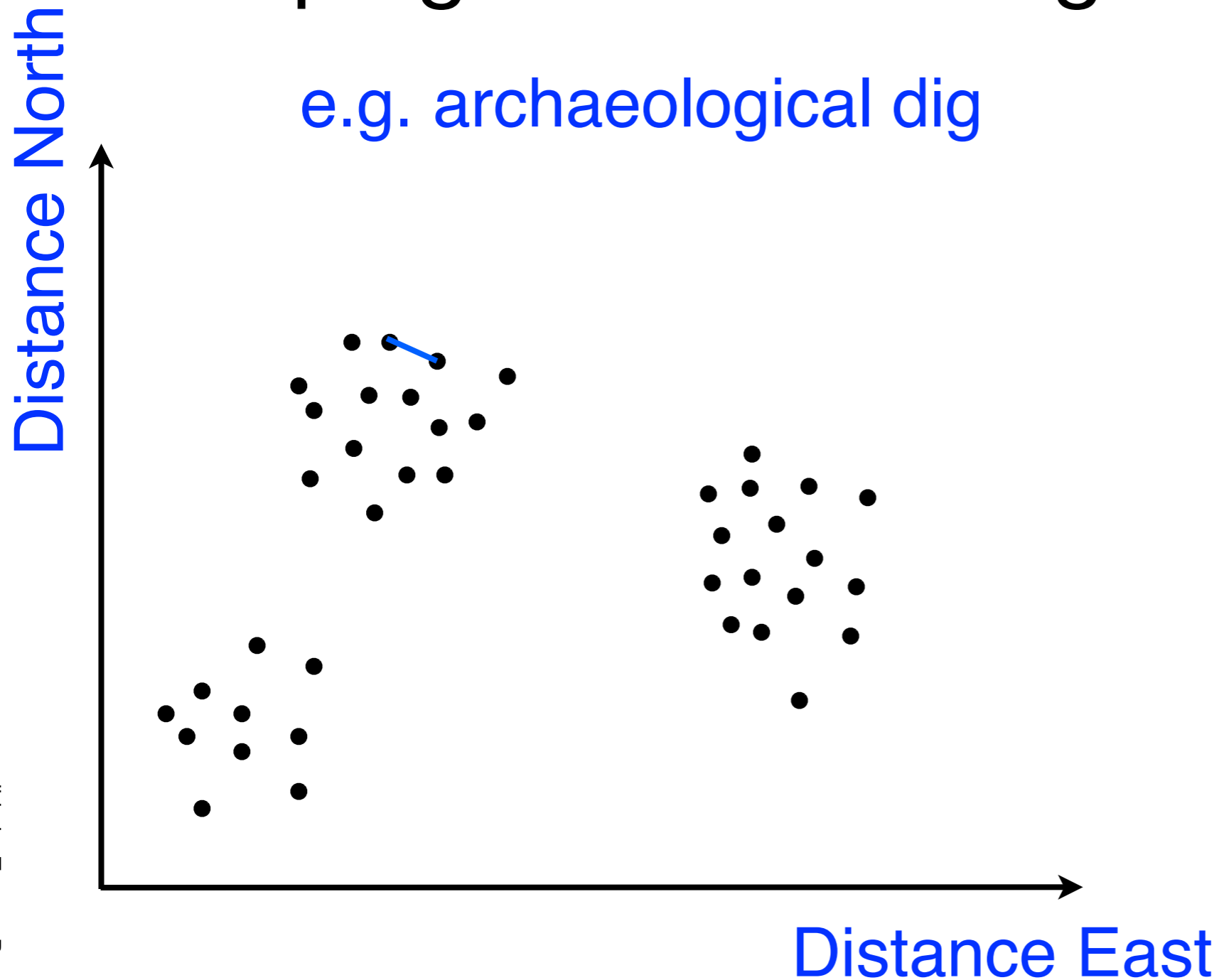
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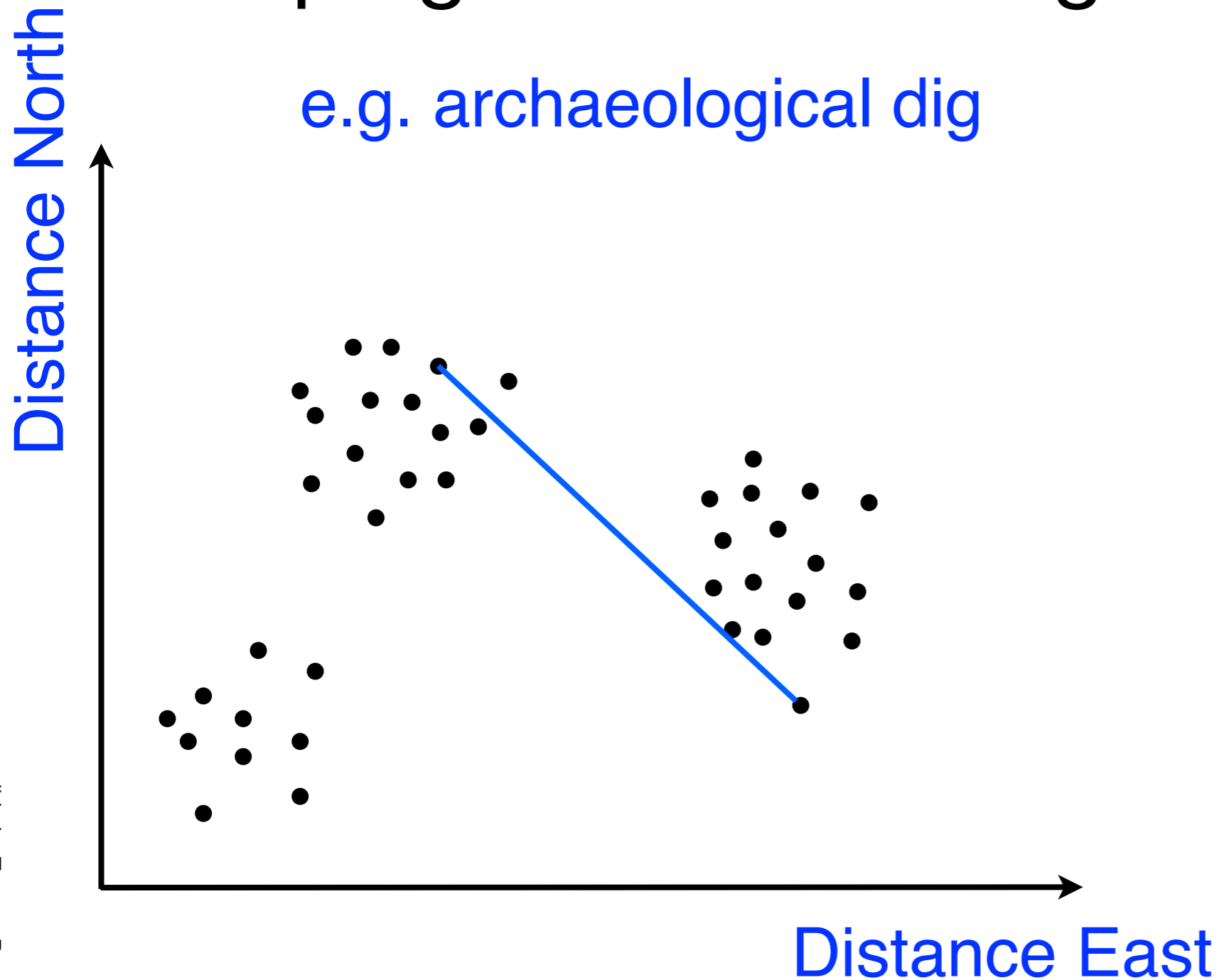
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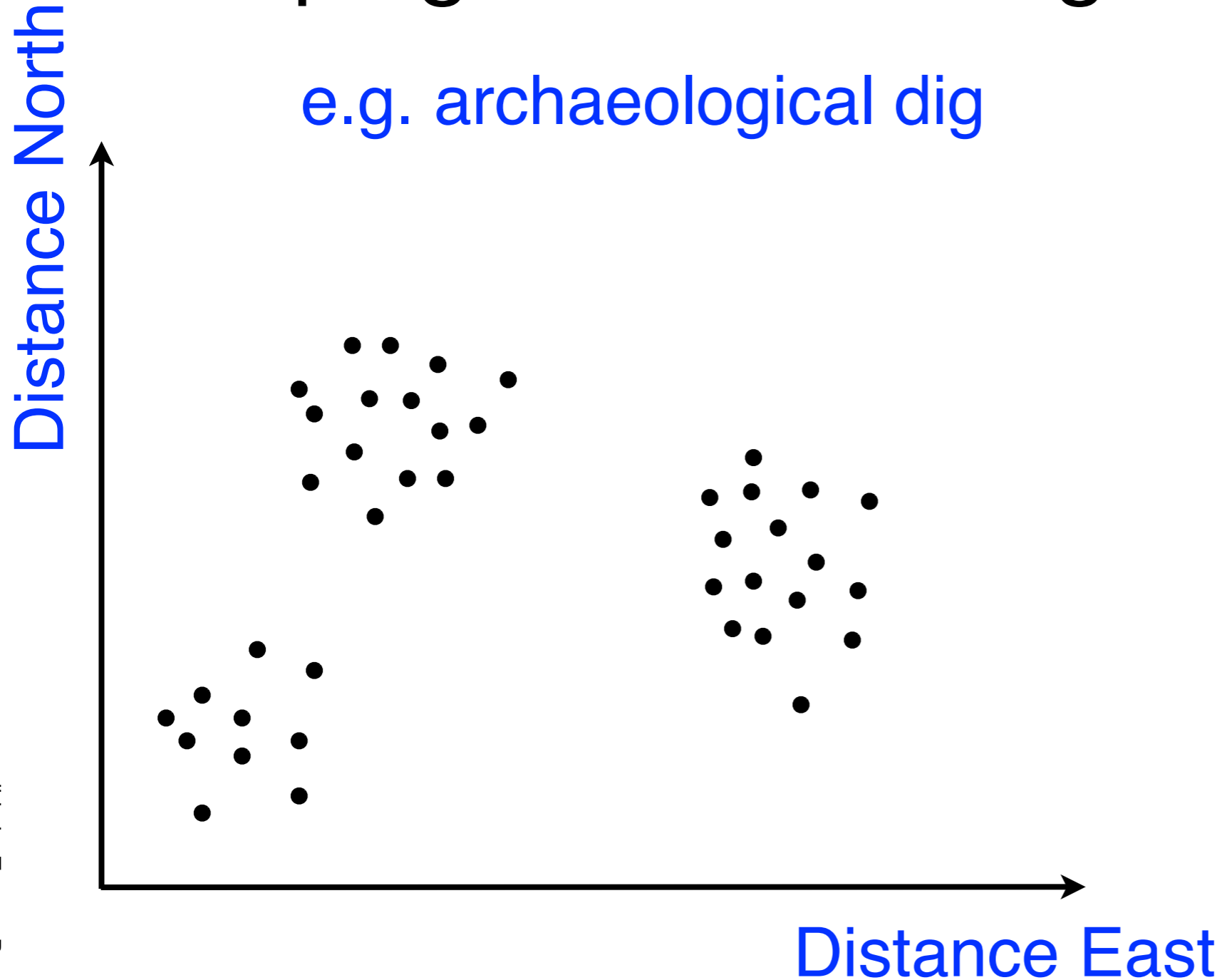
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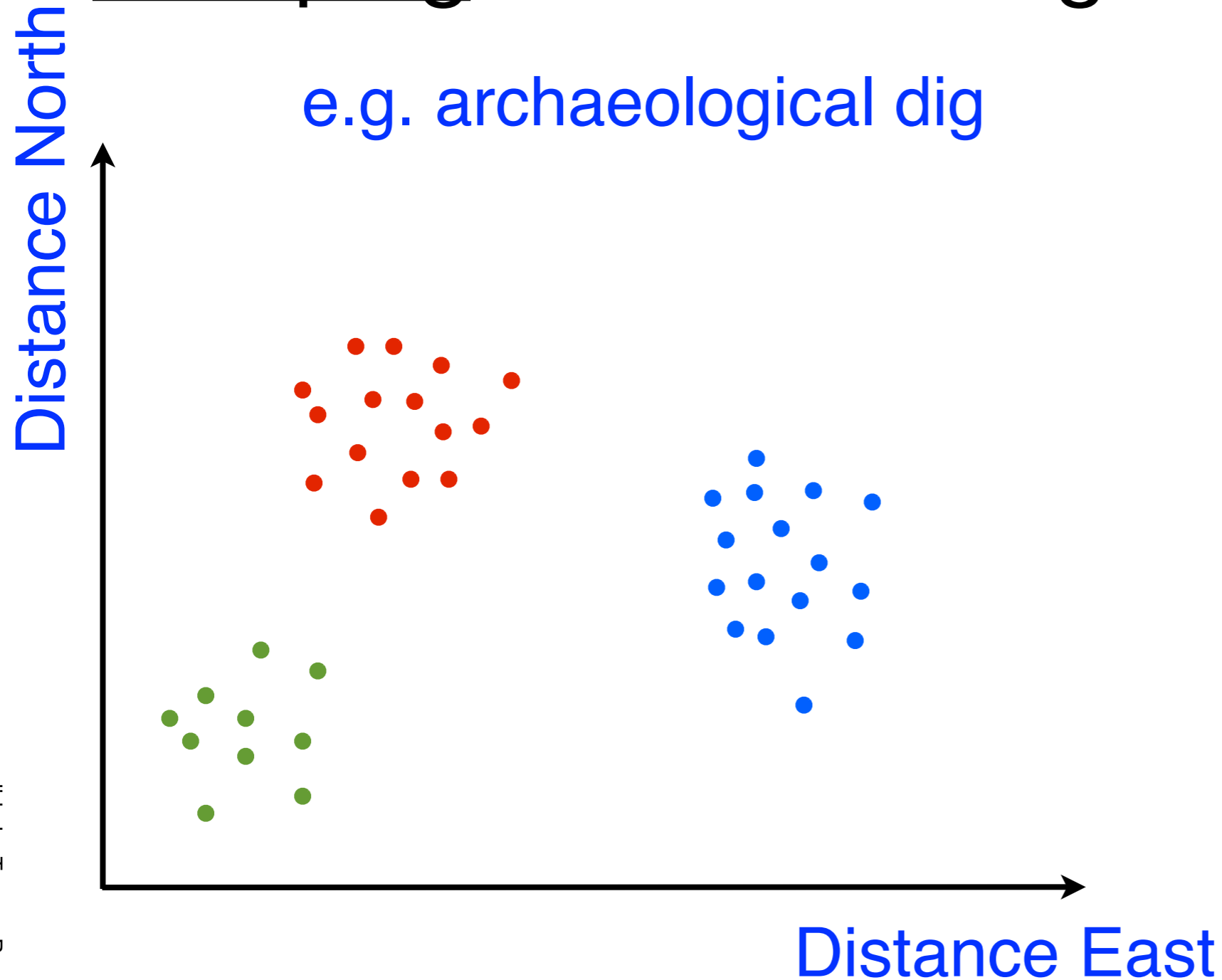
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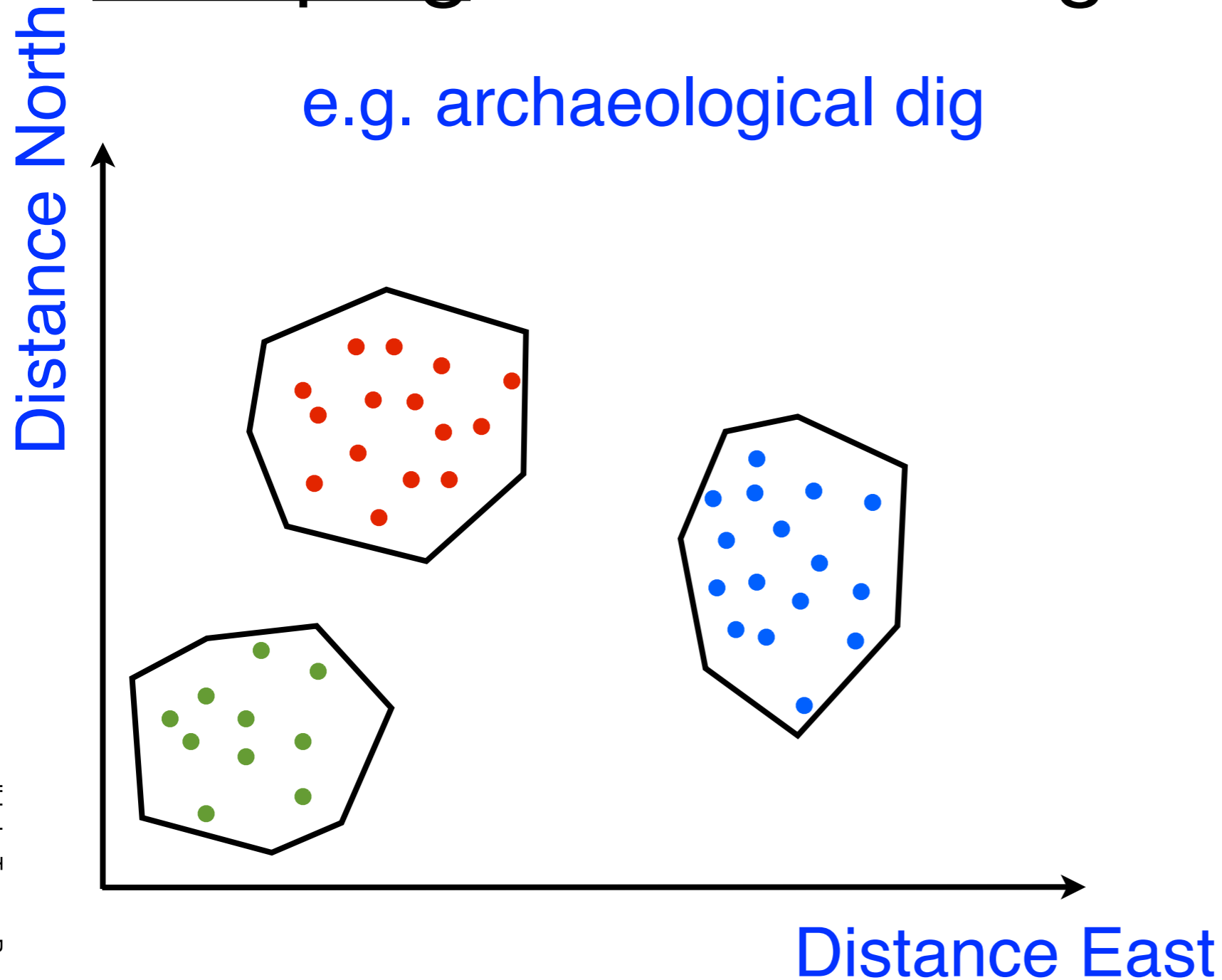
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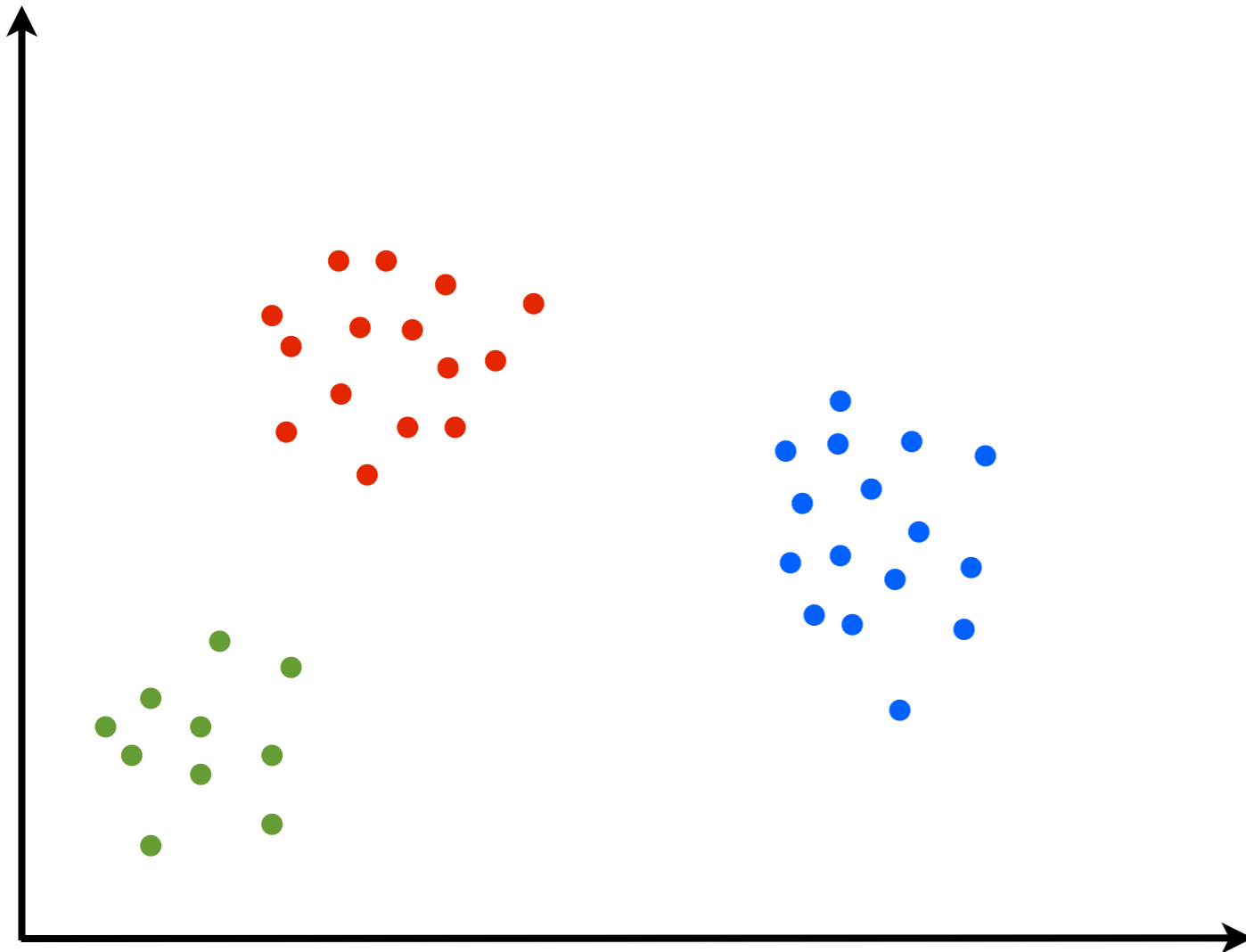
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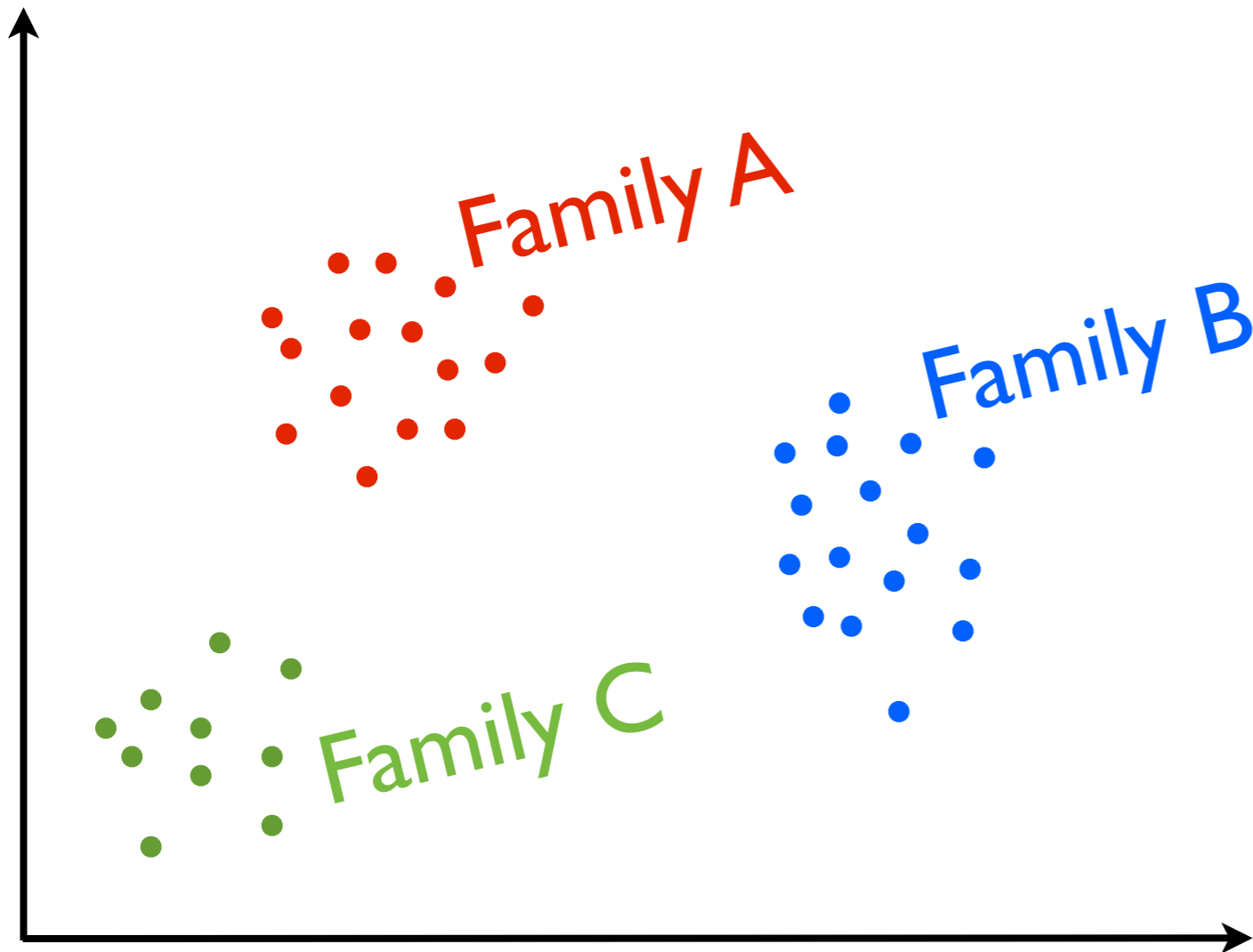
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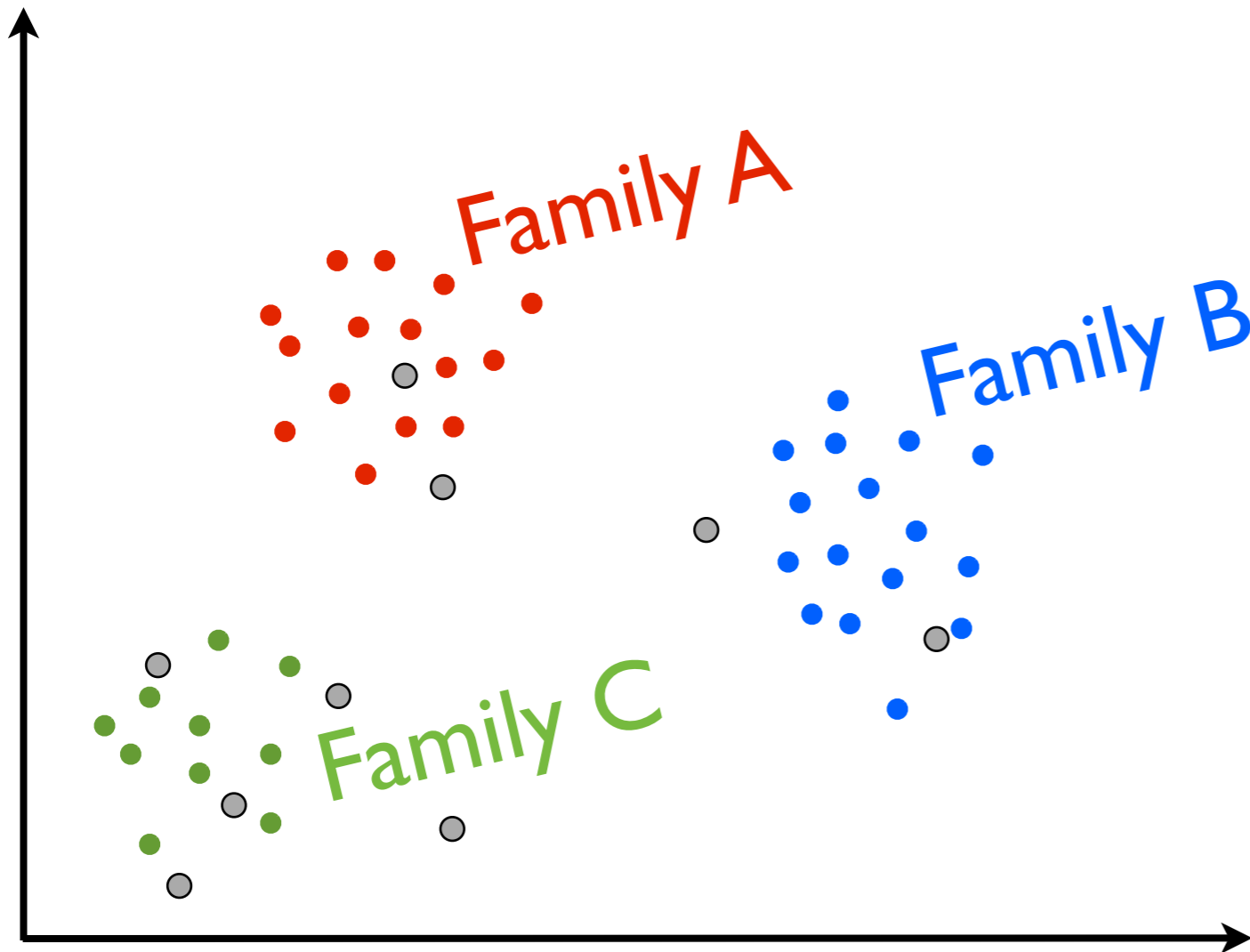
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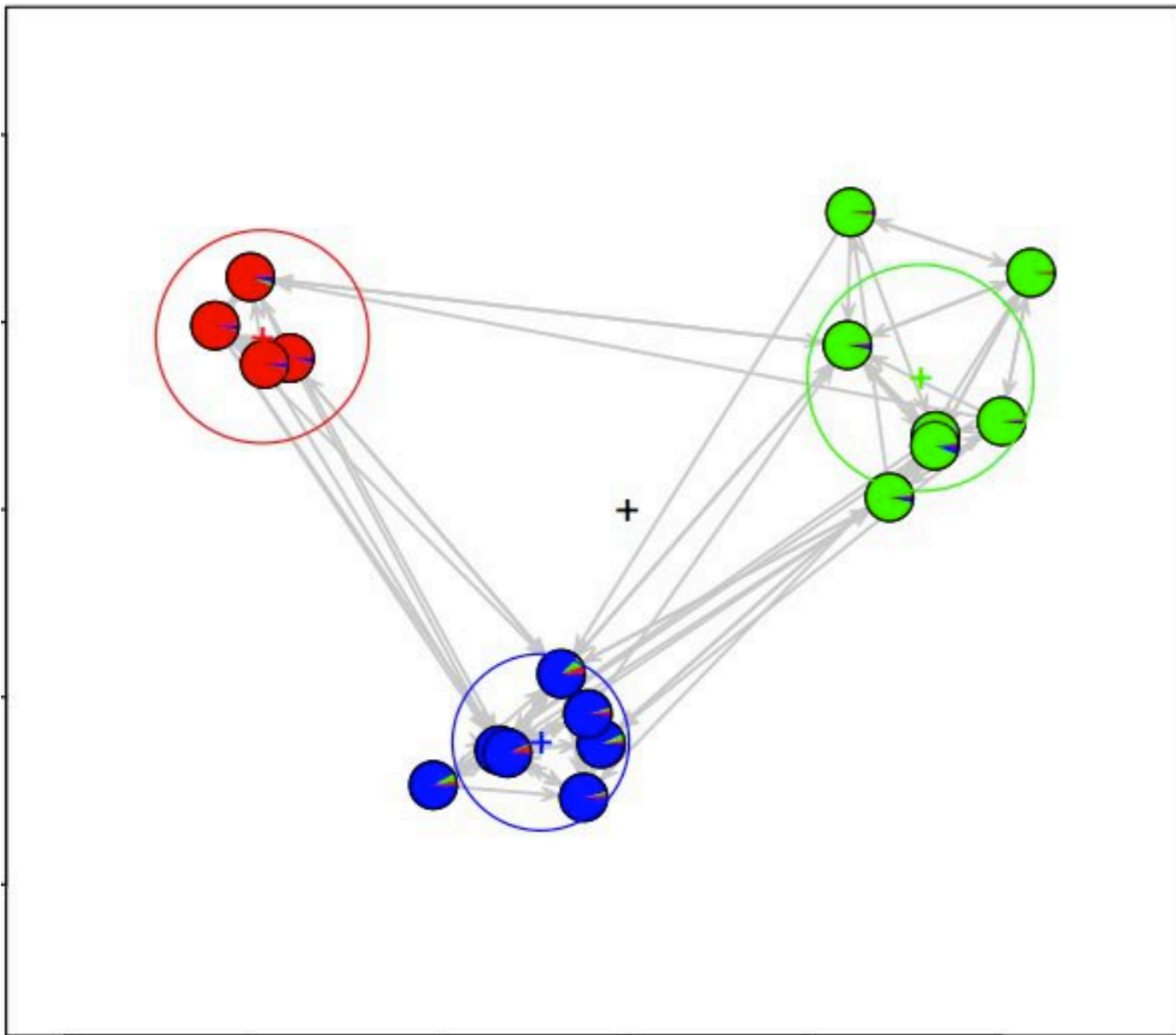
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...instead of classification

- Exploratory data analysis

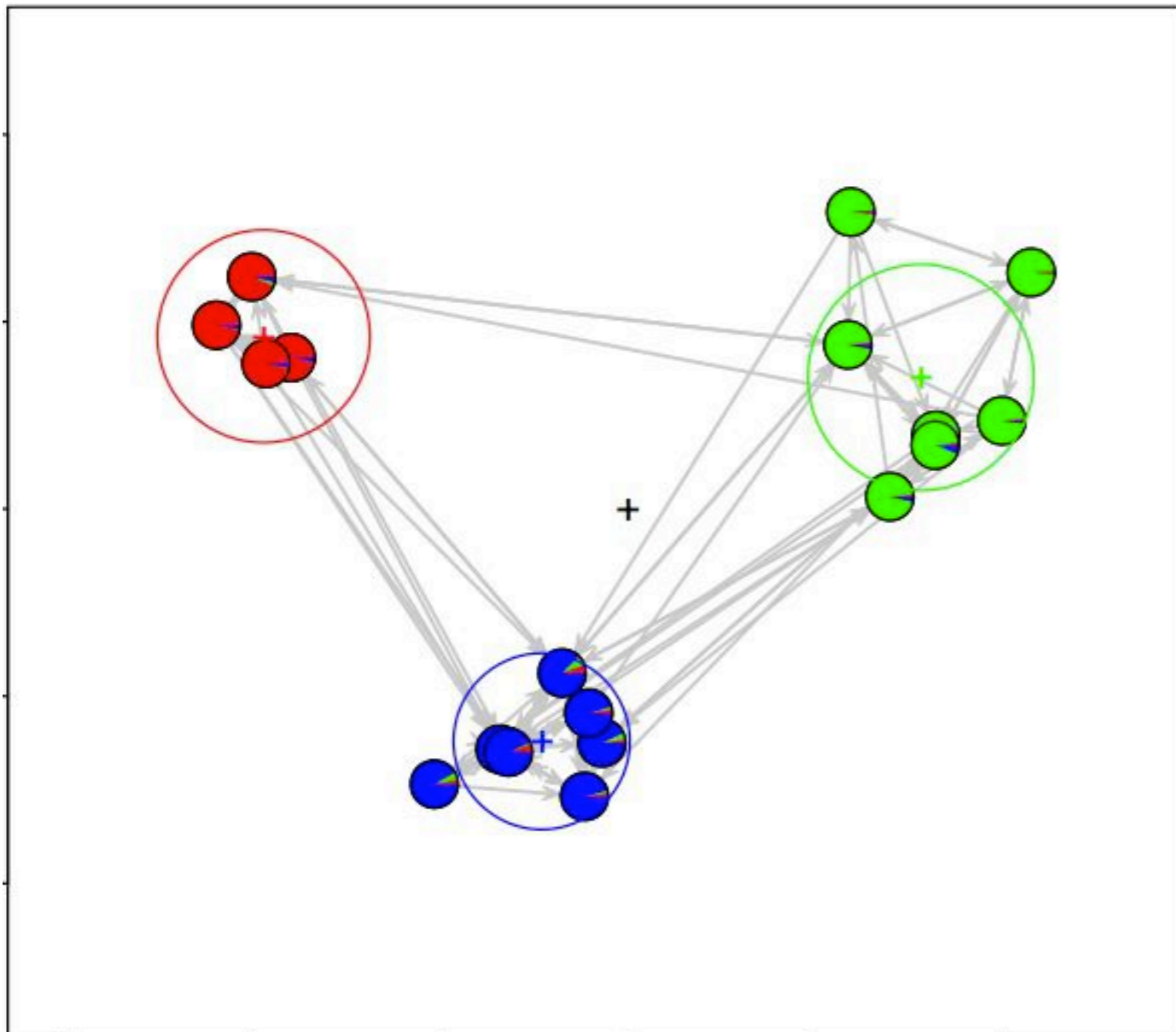
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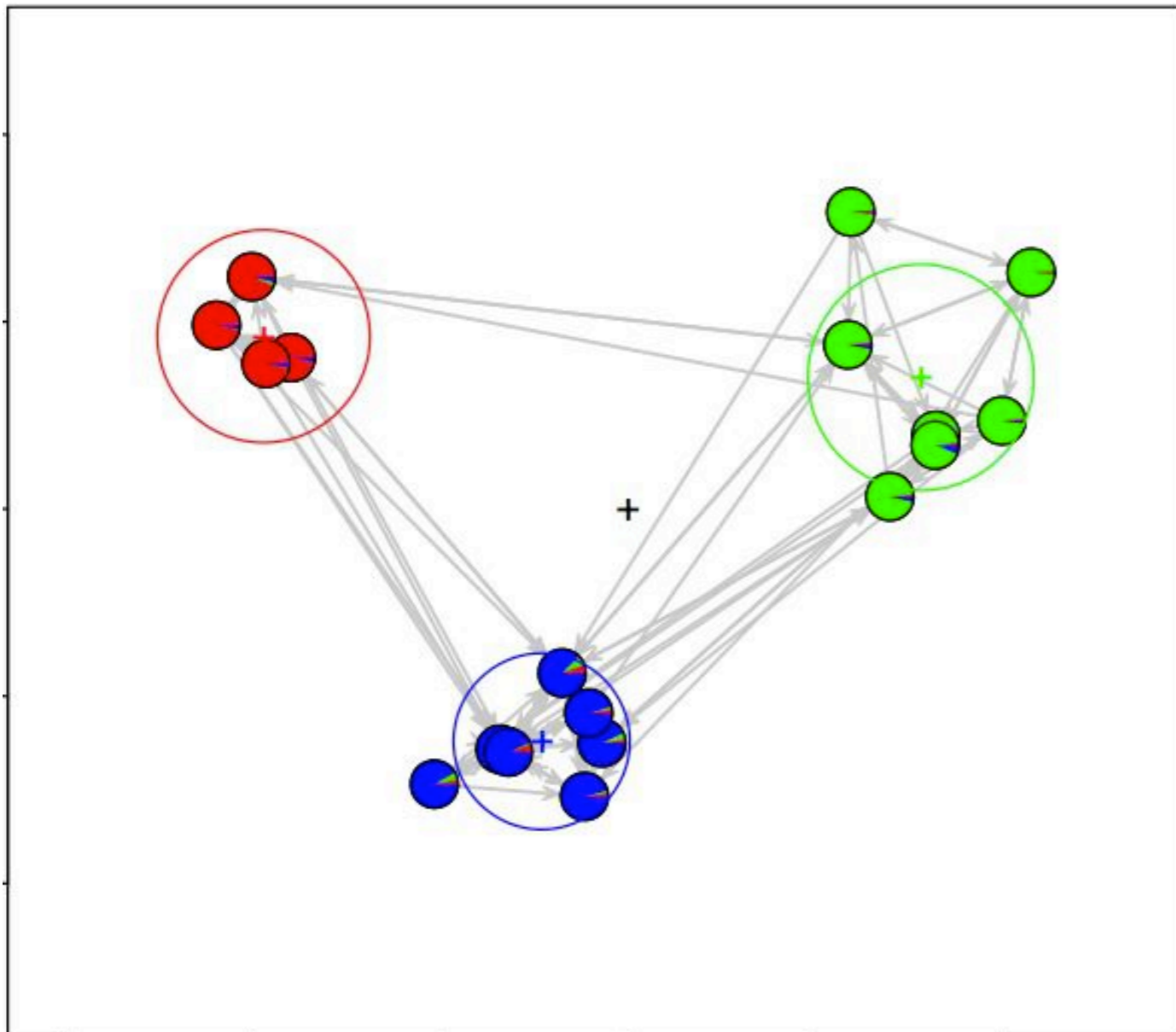
Datum: person

Similarity: the number of common interests of two people

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Datum: a binary vector specifying whether a person has each interest

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| SHOW | PROGRAM | PEOPLE | SCHOOLS |
| MUSIC | BUDGET | CHILD | EDUCATION |
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Datum: word

Similarity: how many documents exist where two words co-occur

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The screenshot shows a search engine interface with a search bar containing the word 'tiger'. The results are organized into clusters. The left sidebar shows a tree view of clusters: 'All results (100)', 'Mac OS (9)', 'Tiger Woods (5)', 'Tiger Cubs (4)', 'Computer (4)', 'Onitsuka Tiger by Asics (4)', 'Information on the Tiger (6)', 'Security Tool (3)', 'Technology Tiger Attack Helicopter (3)', 'Sign (3)', 'Siberian Tiger (3)', and 'Geographic (2)'. The main content area displays three search results, each with a cluster number and a title: '5 Official Website for Tiger Woods', '34 tiger -- Encyclopædia Britannica', and '66 Abilene Reporter News: Tiger Woods'. The interface includes a search bar, a search button, and a 'Show options' link.

Document clustering

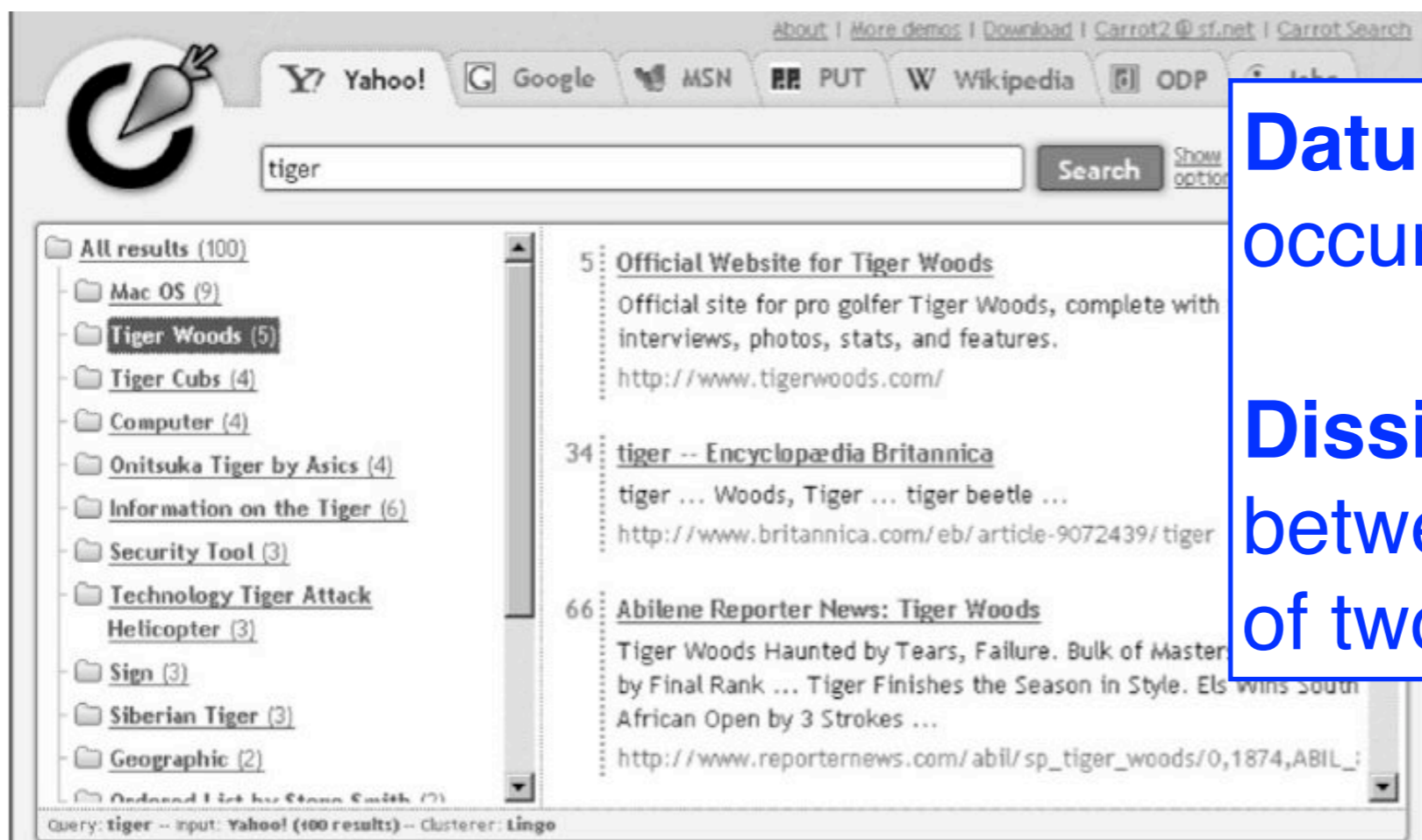
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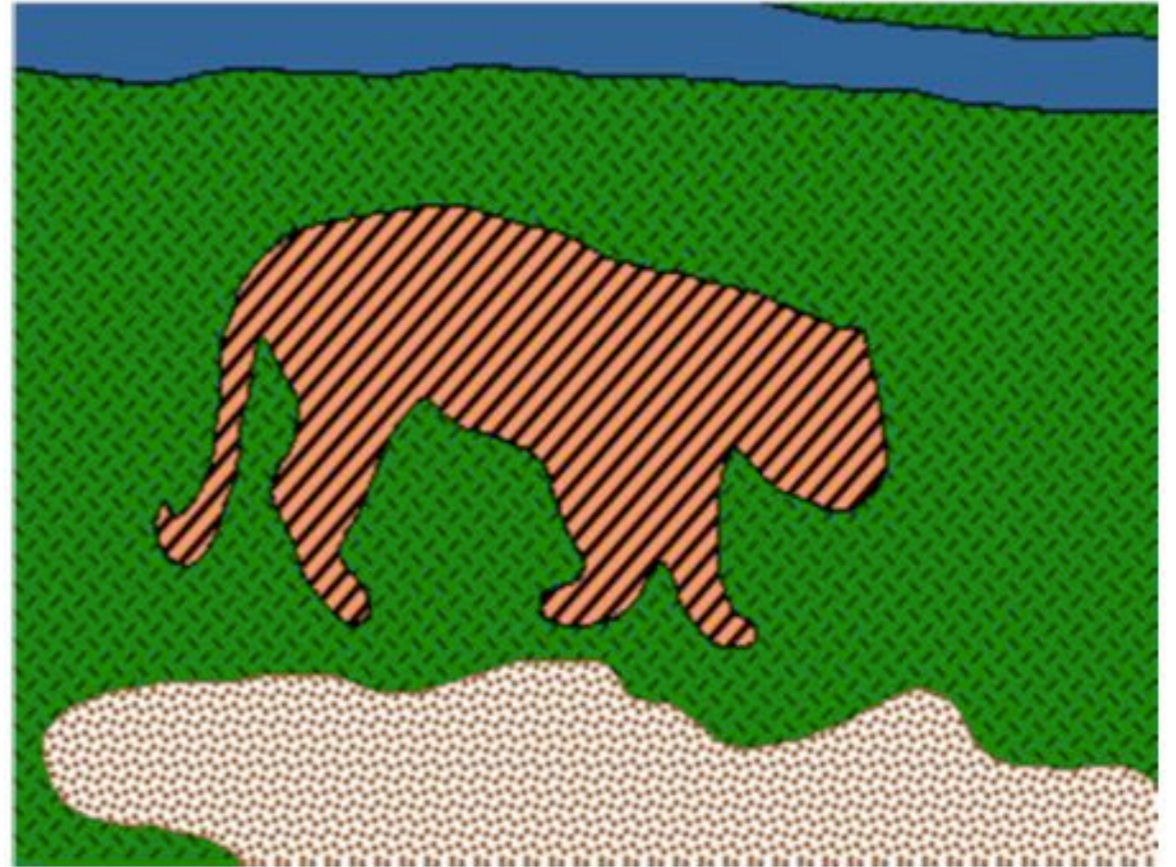
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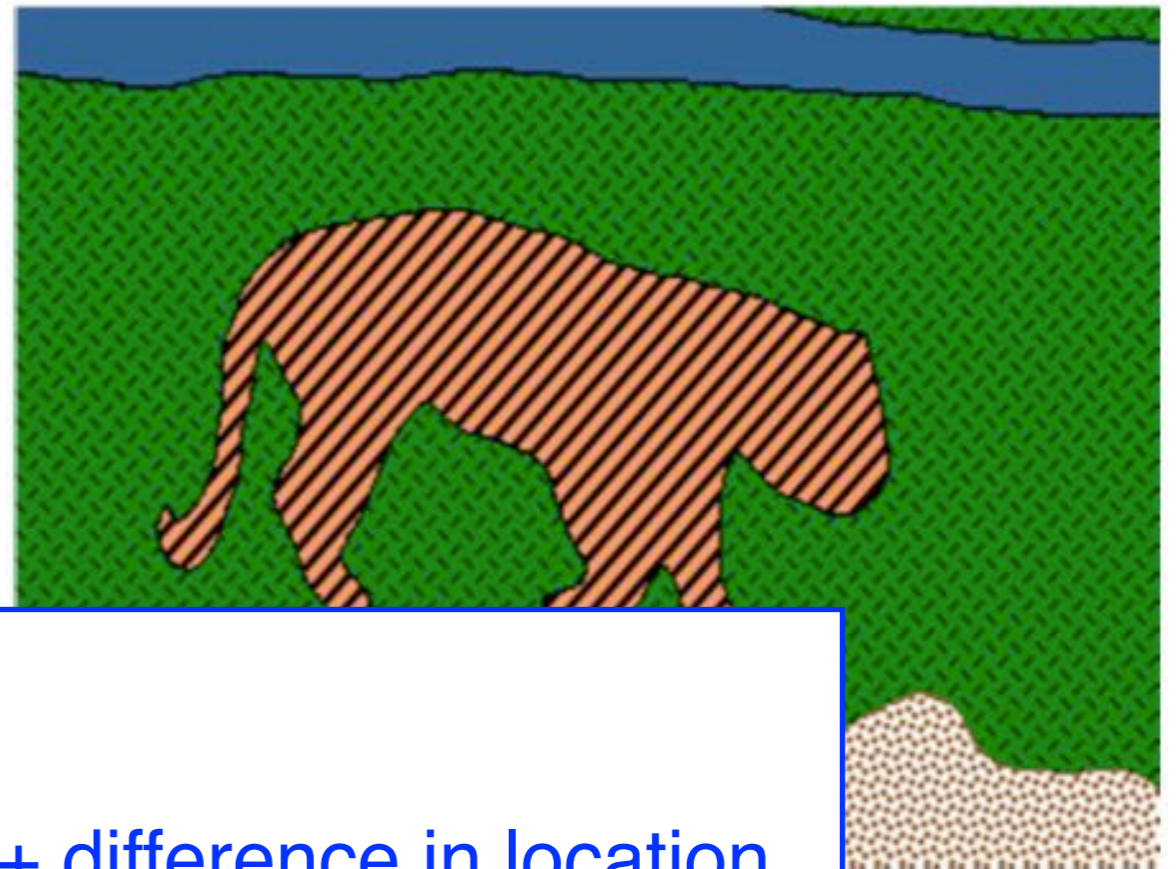


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Datum: pixel

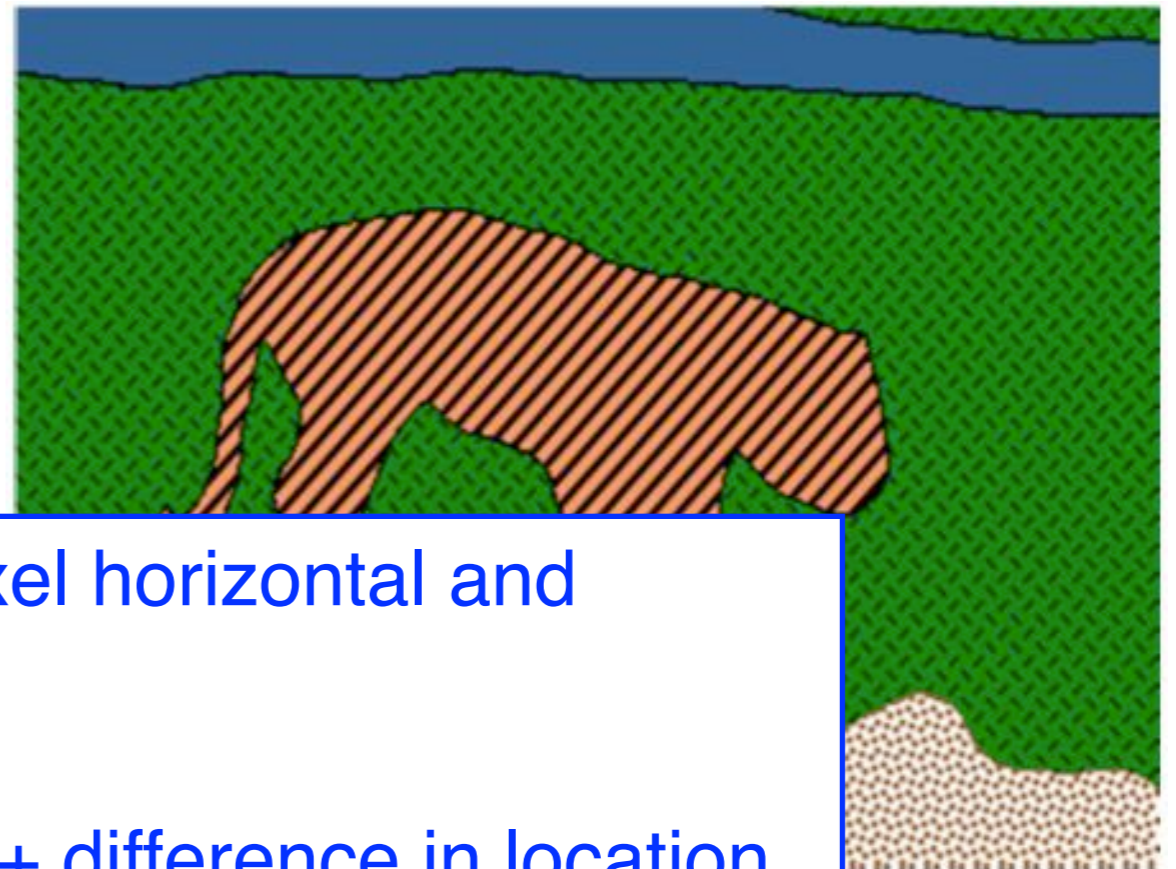
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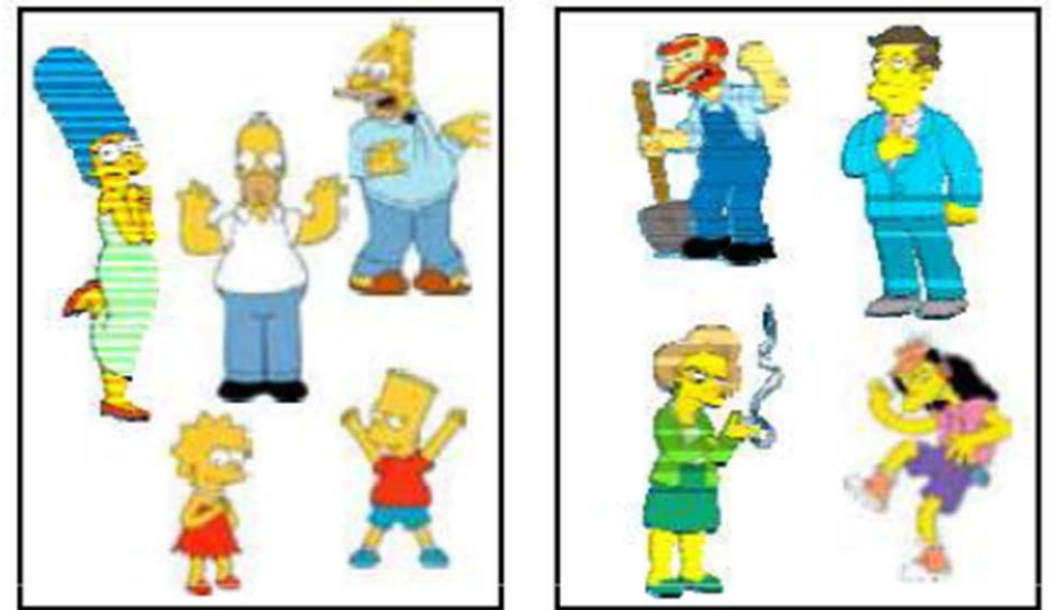
Datum: pixel RGB values and pixel horizontal and vertical locations

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Clustering algorithms

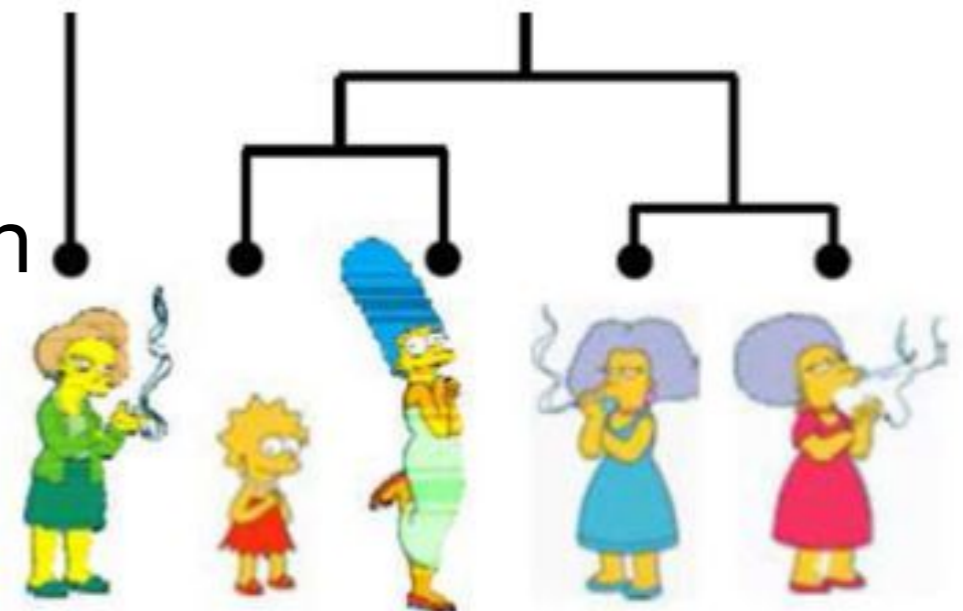
- **Partitioning algorithms**

- Construct various partitions and then evaluate them by some criterion
 - K-means
 - Mixture of Gaussians
 - Spectral Clustering



- **Hierarchical algorithms**

- Create a hierarchical decomposition of the set of objects using some criterion
- Bottom-up – agglomerative
- Top-down – divisive



Desirable Properties of a Clustering Algorithm

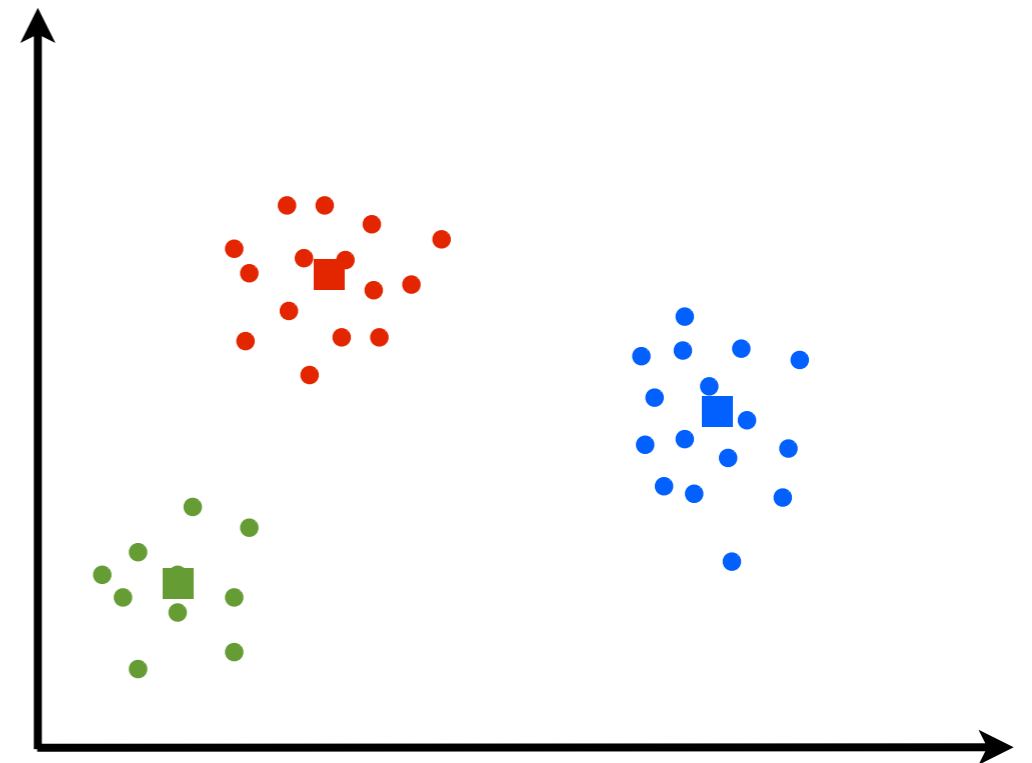
- Scalability (in terms of both time and space)
- Ability to deal with different data types
- Minimal requirements for domain knowledge to determine input parameters
- Ability to deal with noisy data
- Interpretability and usability
- Optional
 - Incorporation of user-specified constraints

K-Means Clustering

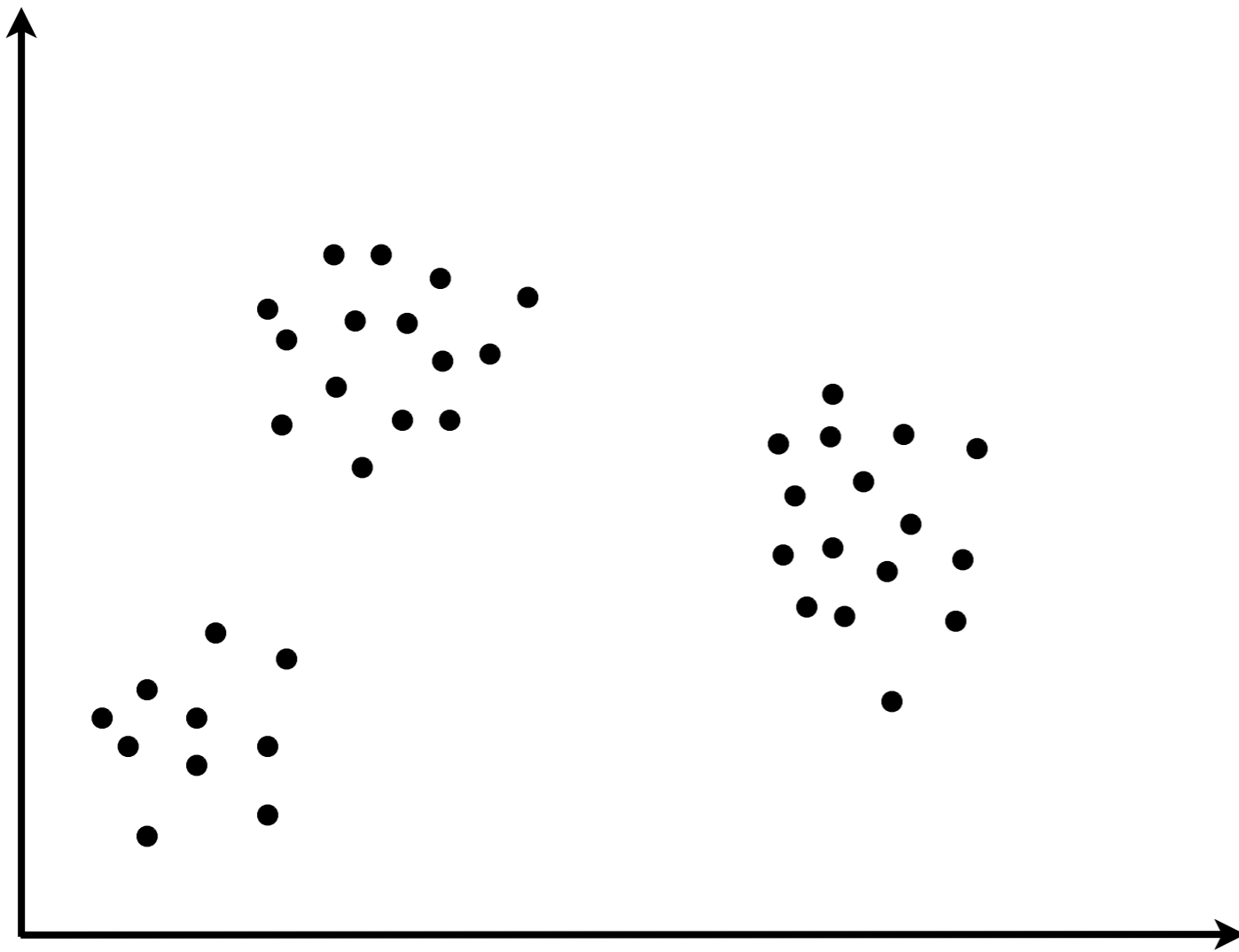
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Benefits

- Fast
- Conceptually straightforward
- Popular

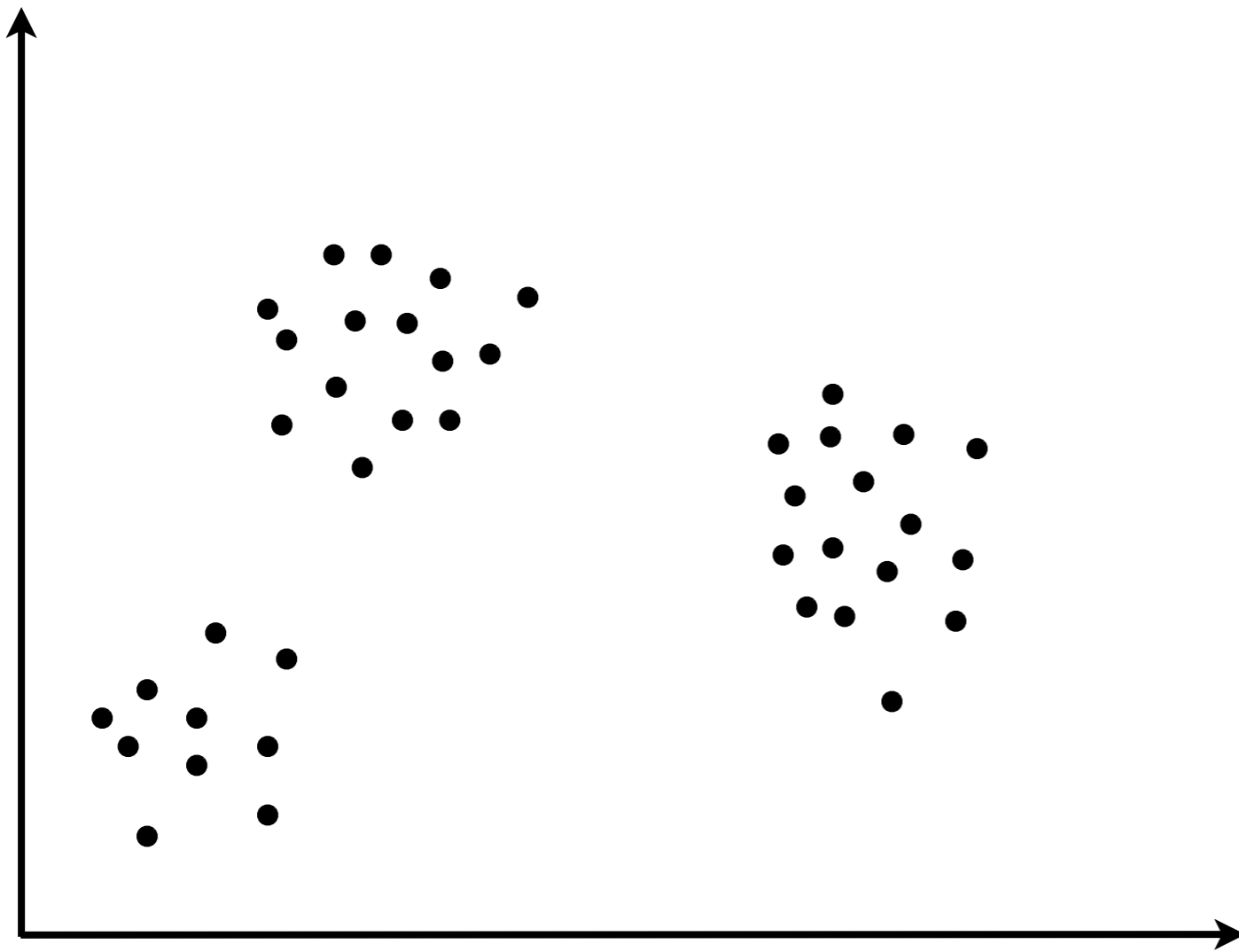


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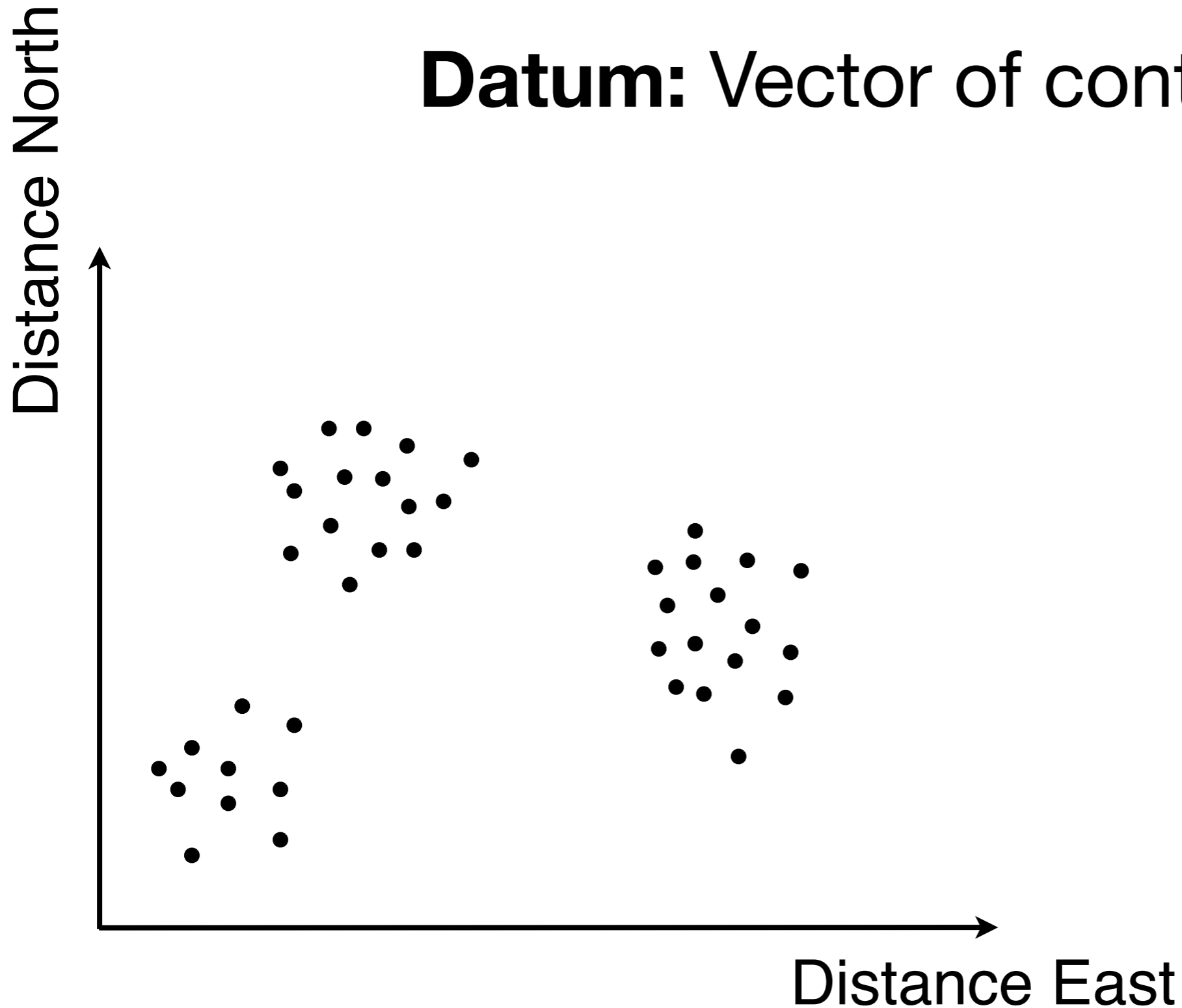
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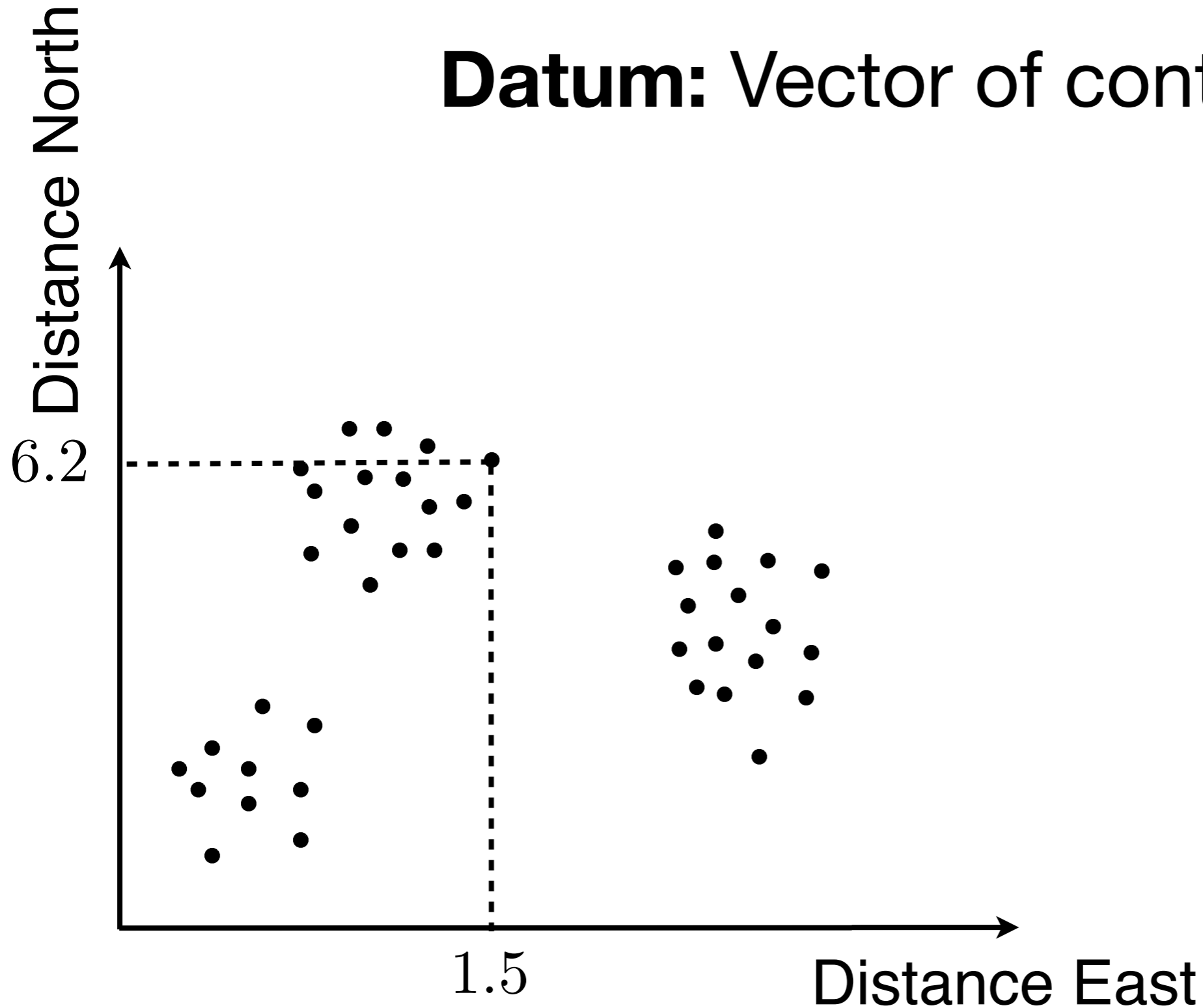
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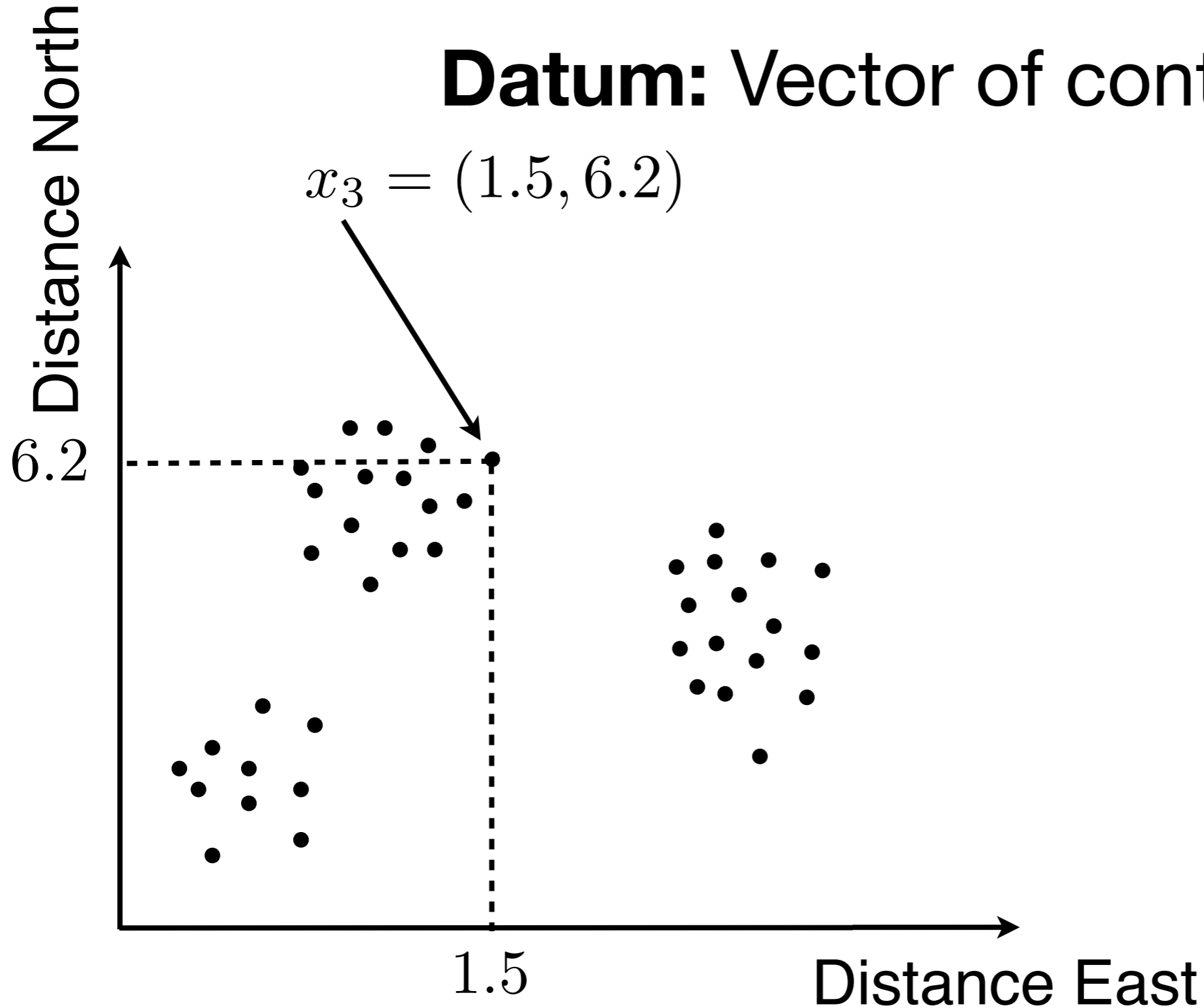
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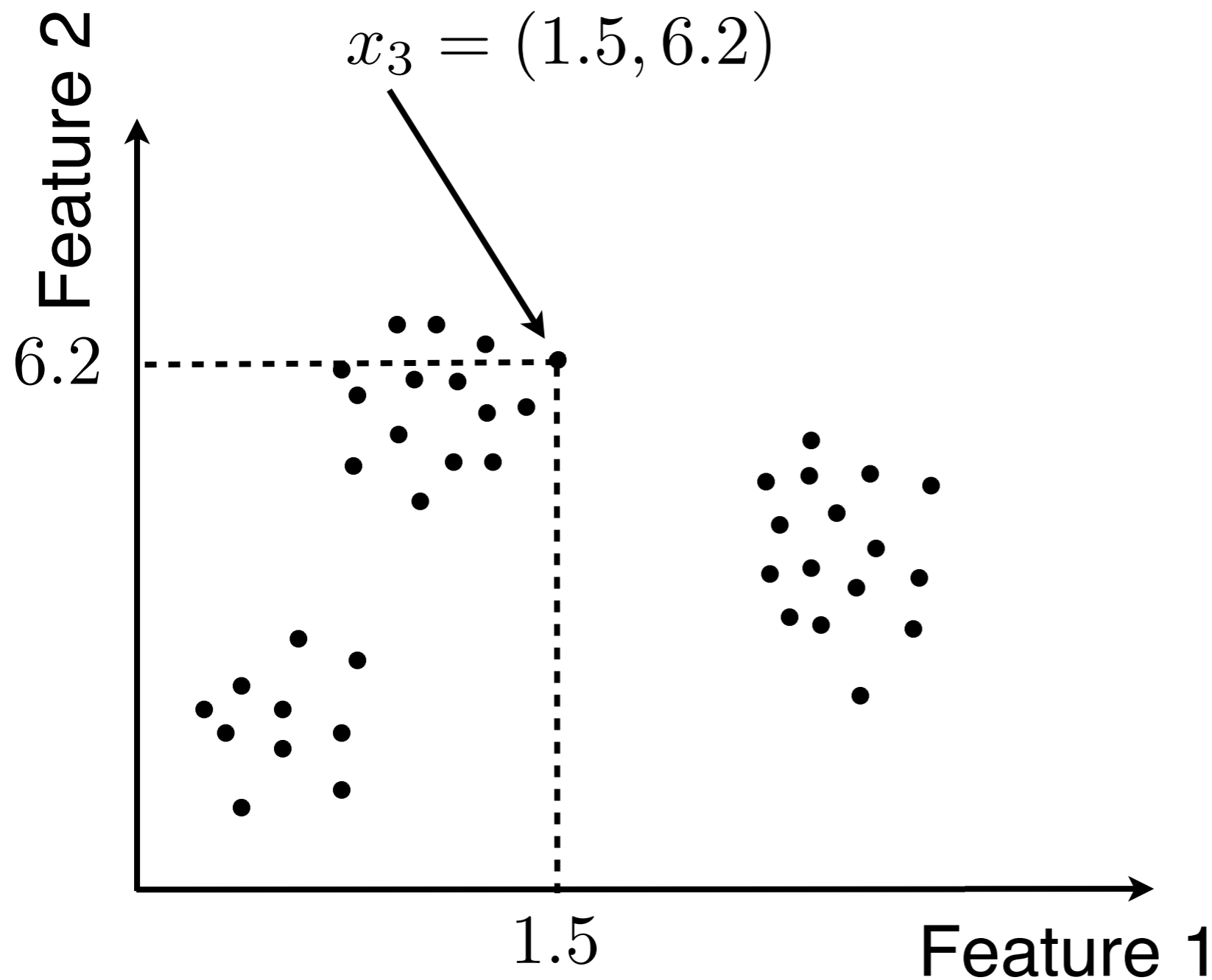
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| | North | East |
|----------|-------|------|
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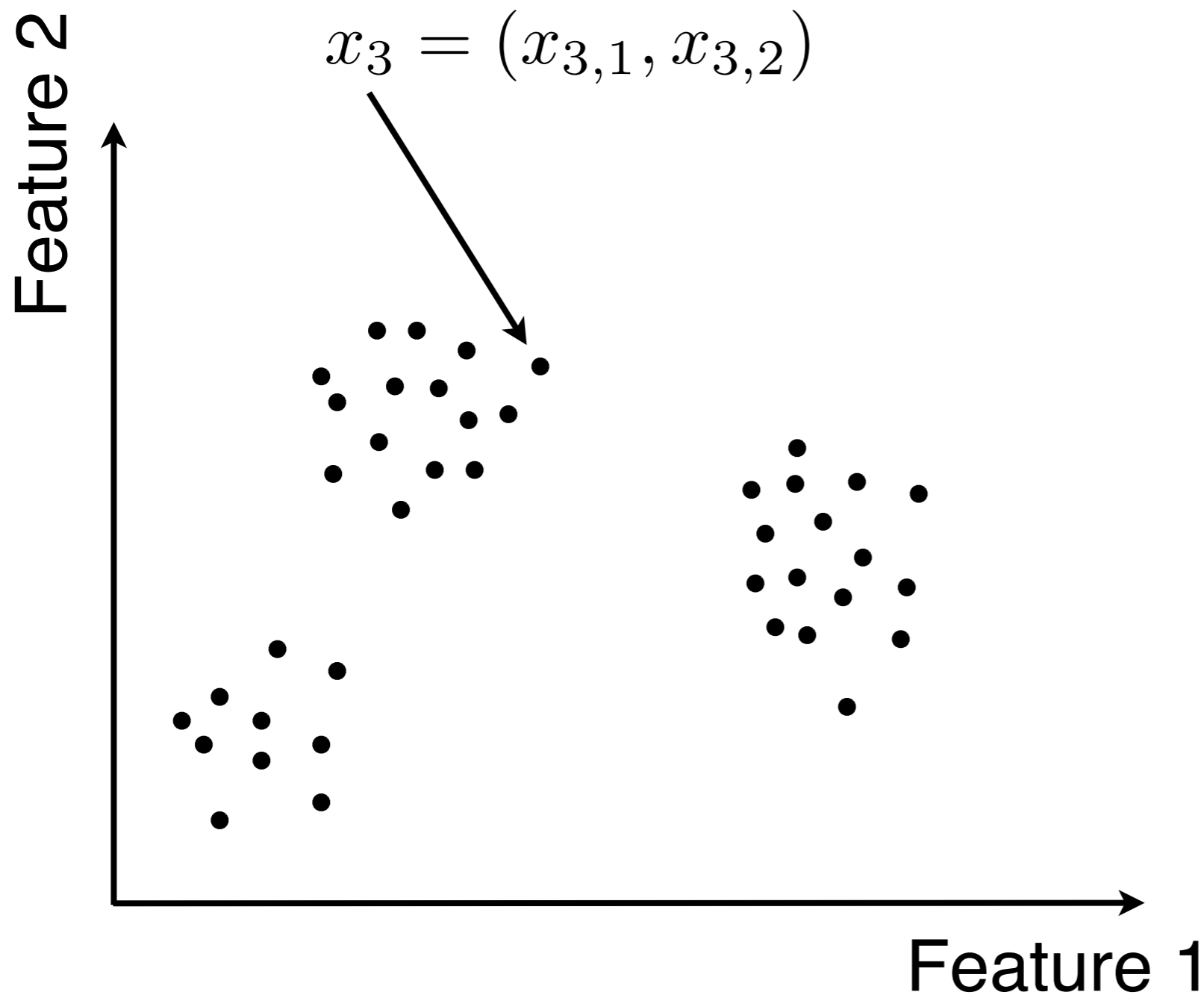
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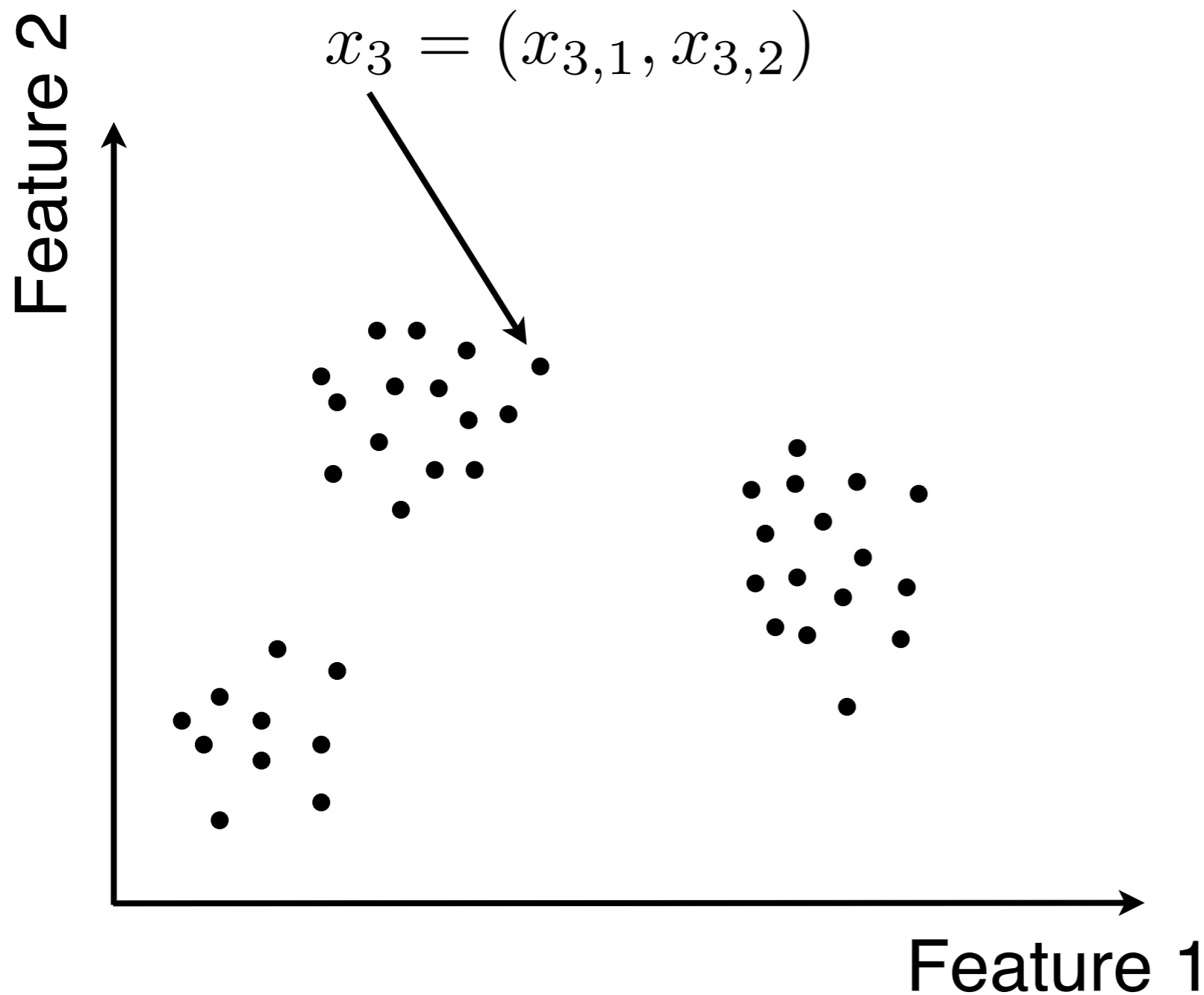
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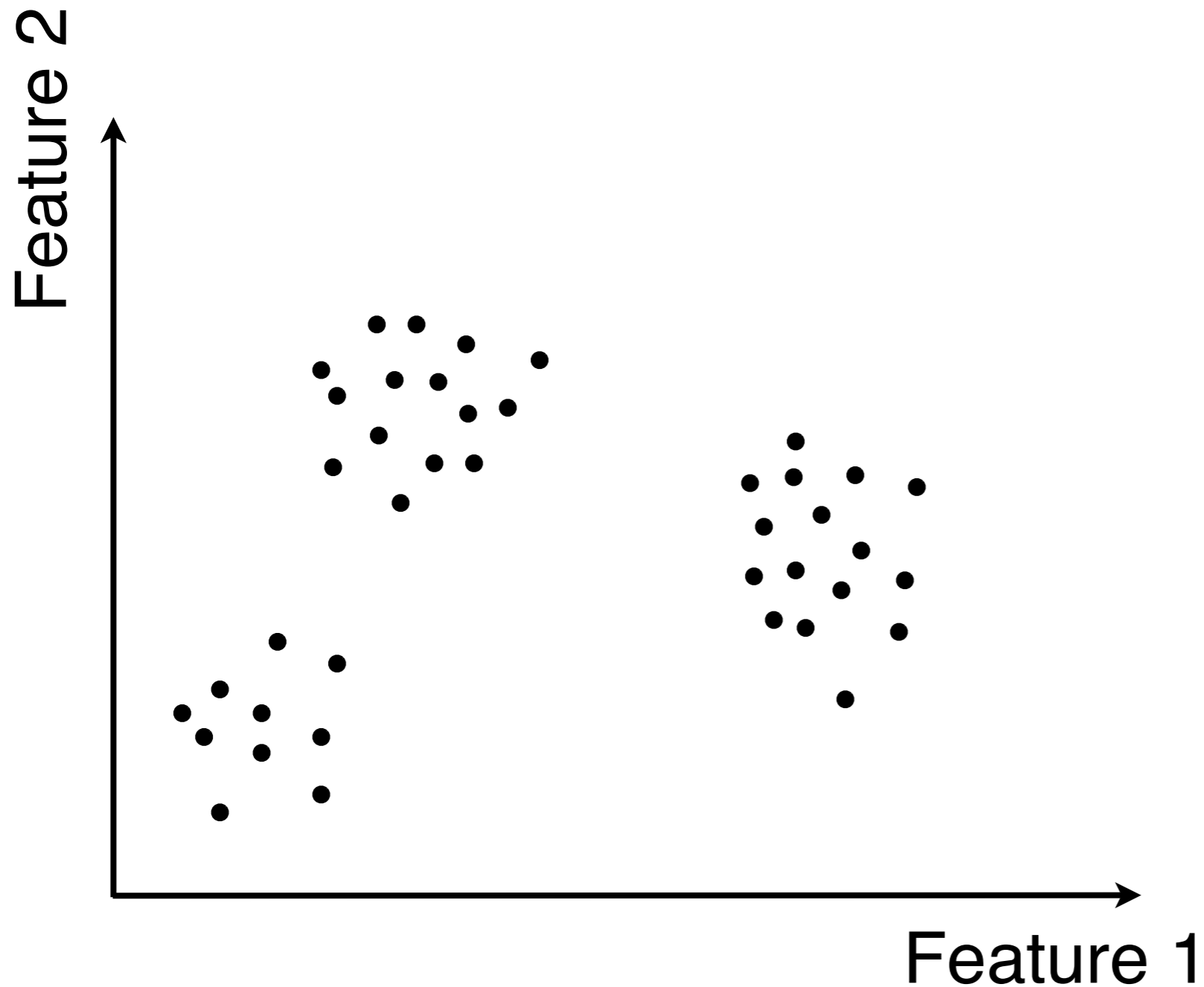
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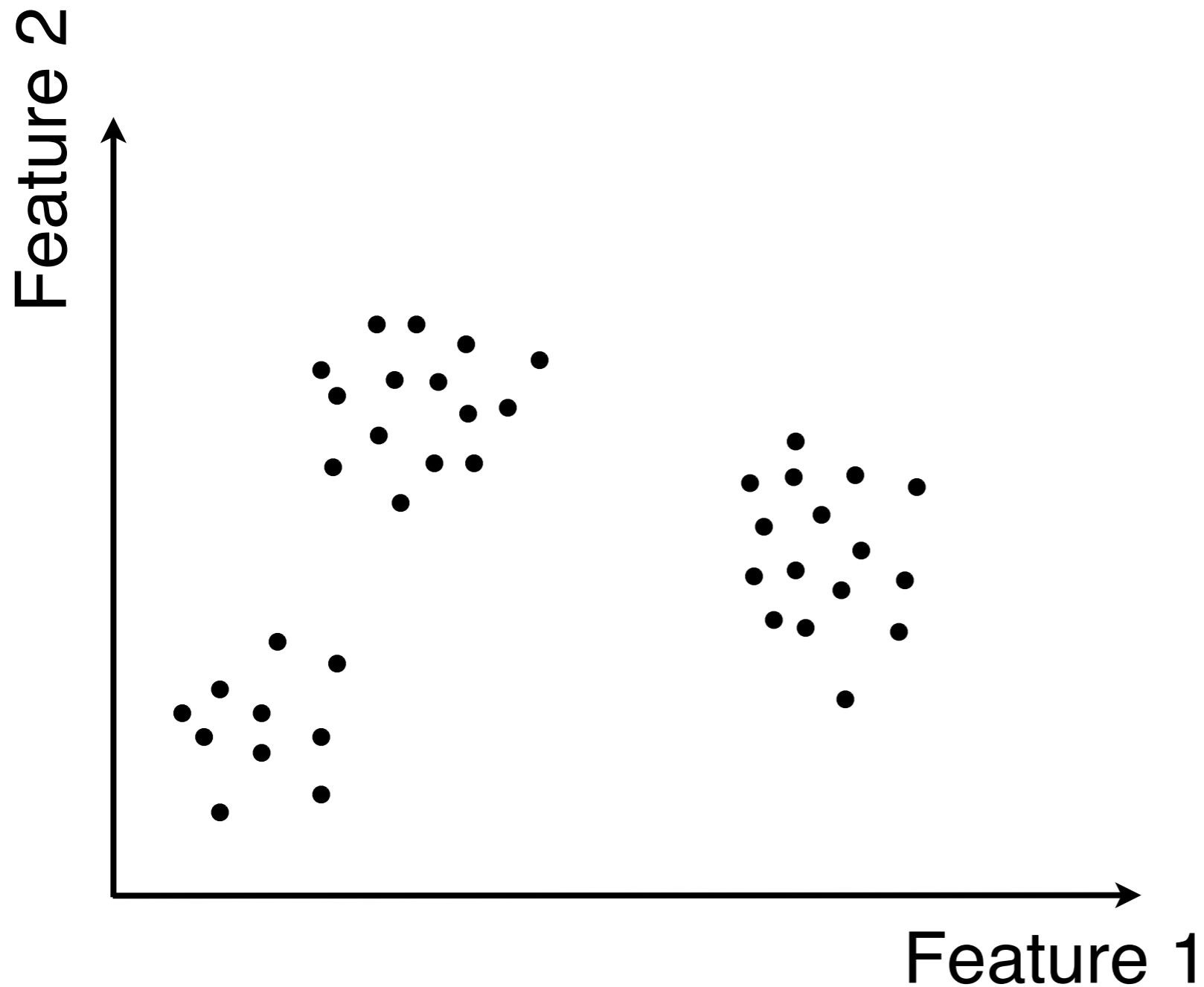
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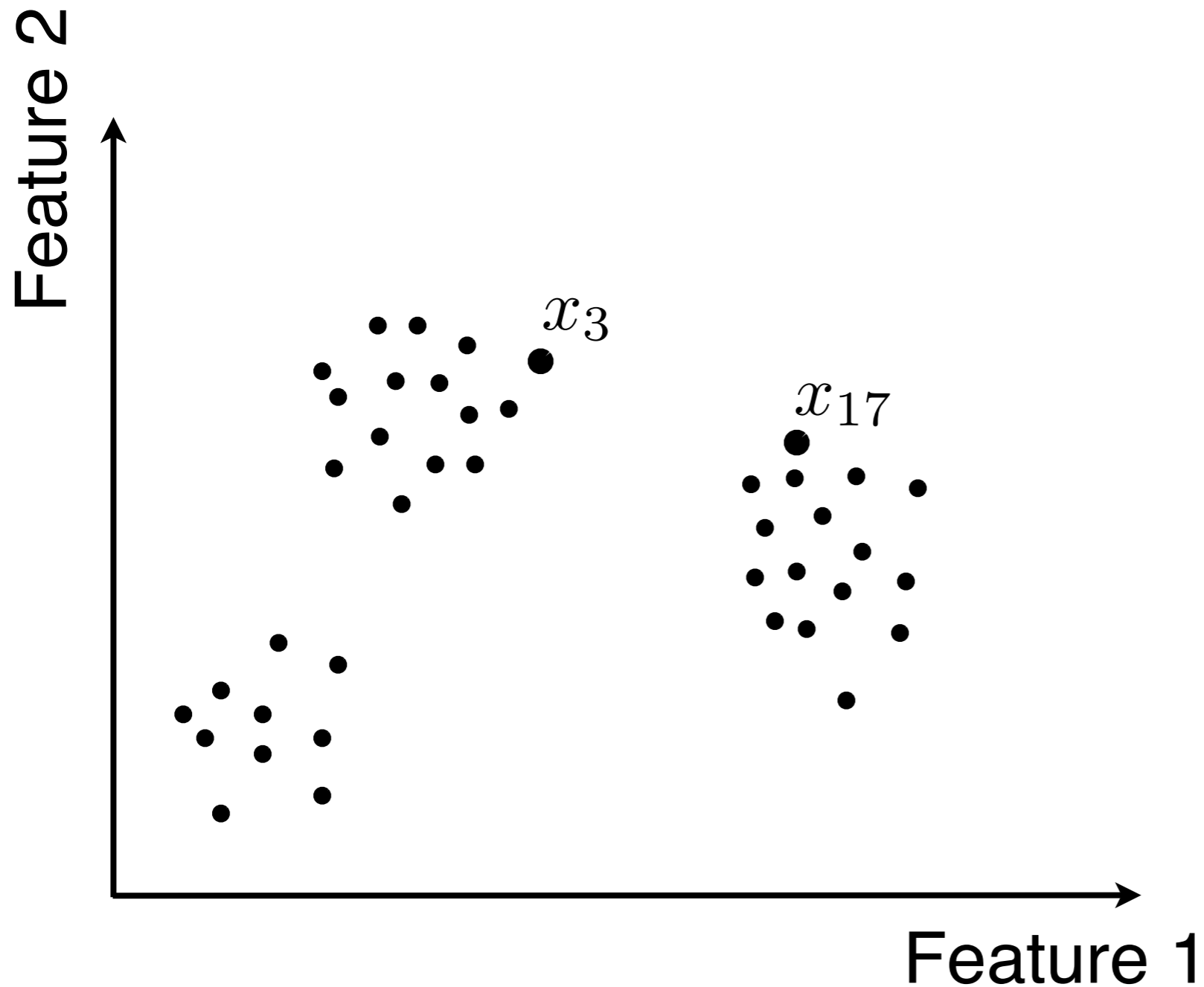
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Dissimilarity: Distance as the crow flies



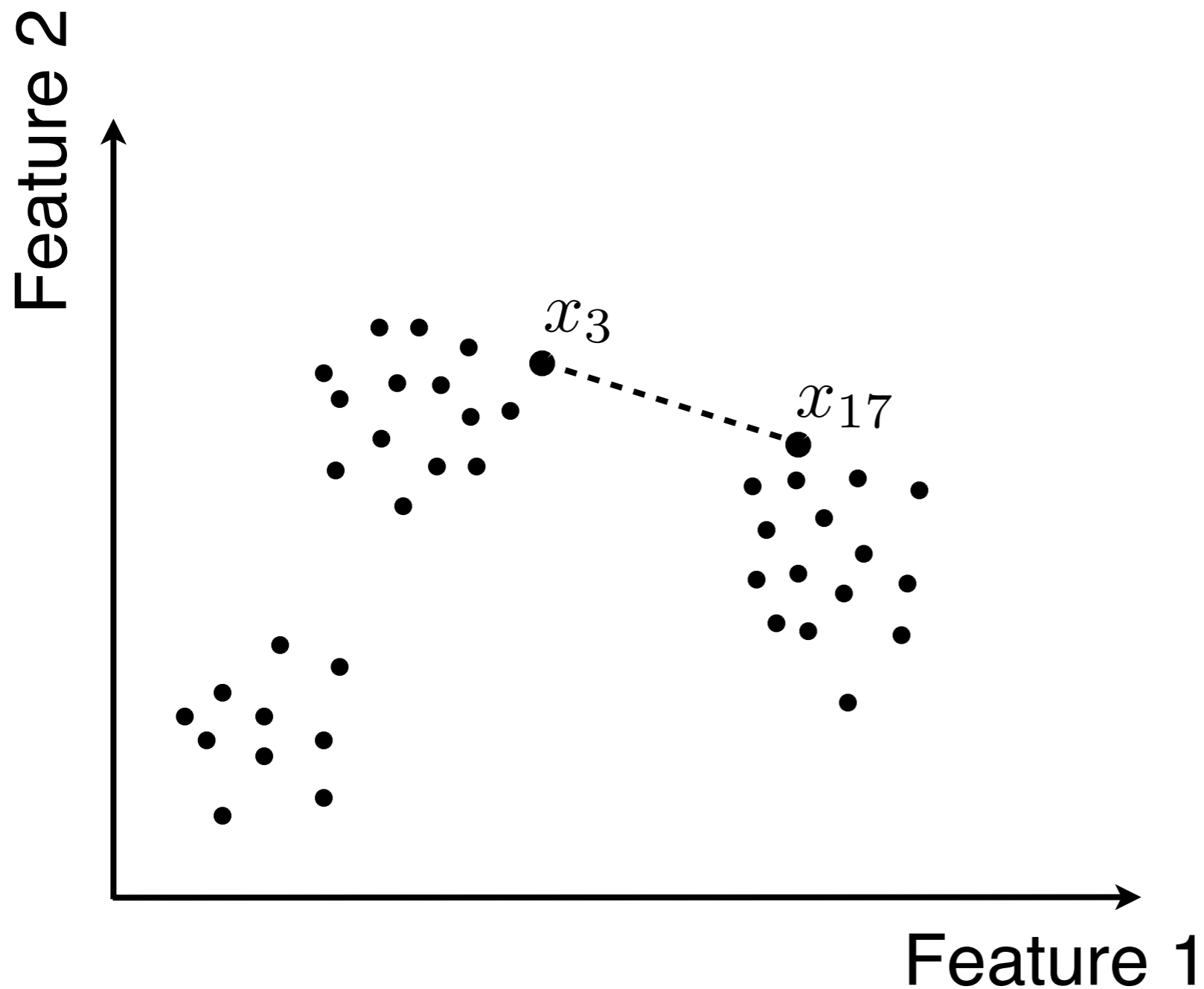
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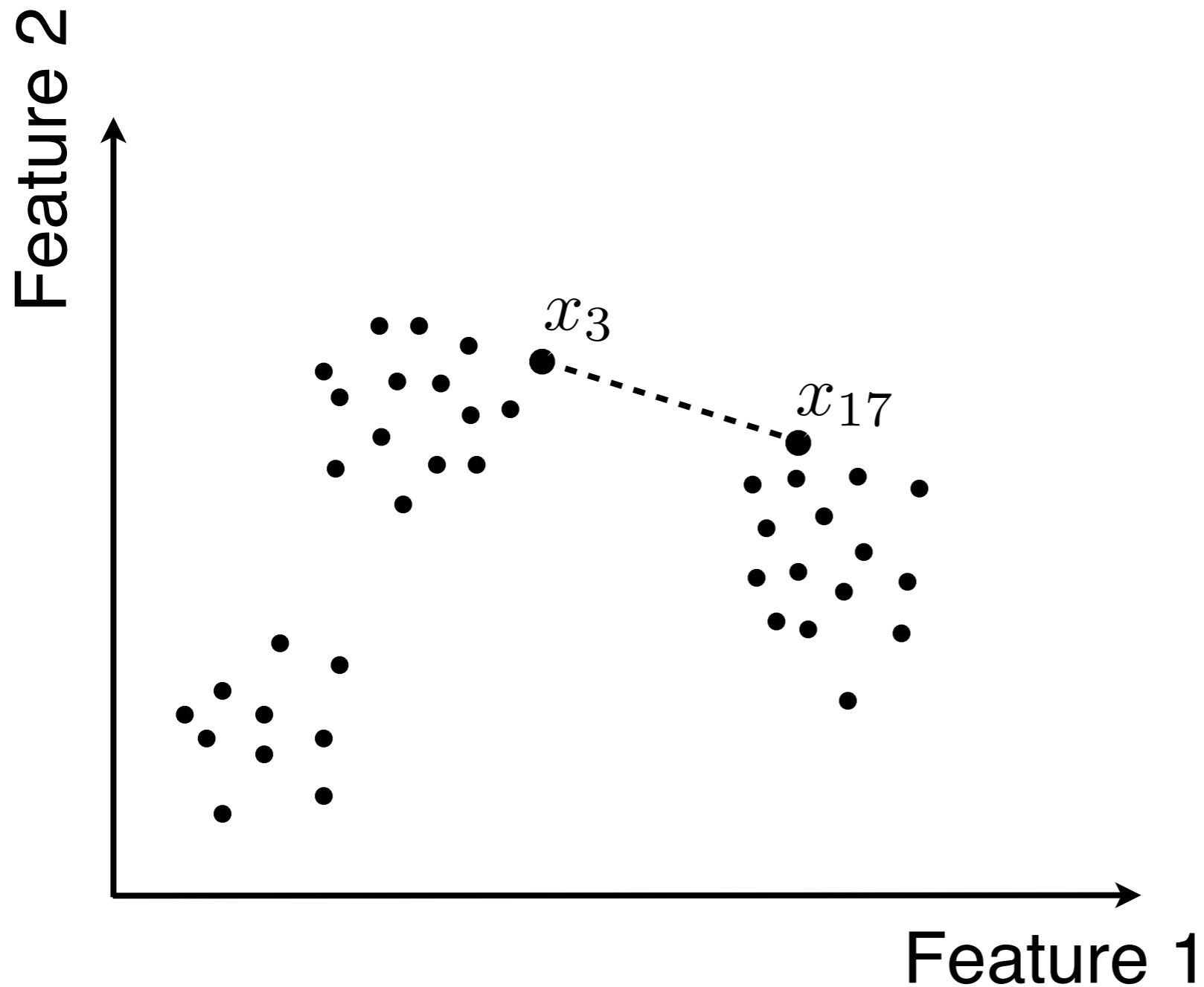
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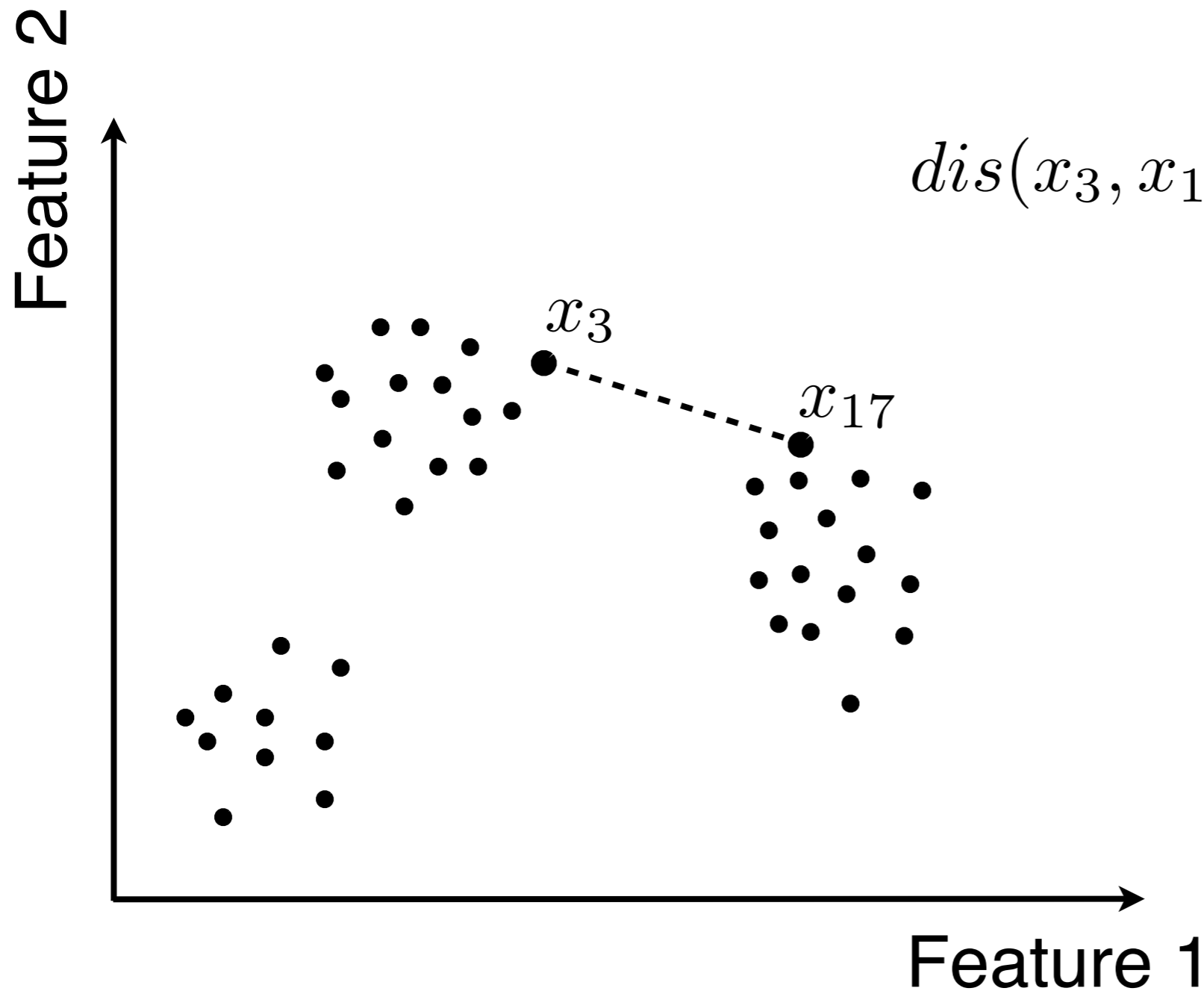
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Dissimilarity: Euclidean distance



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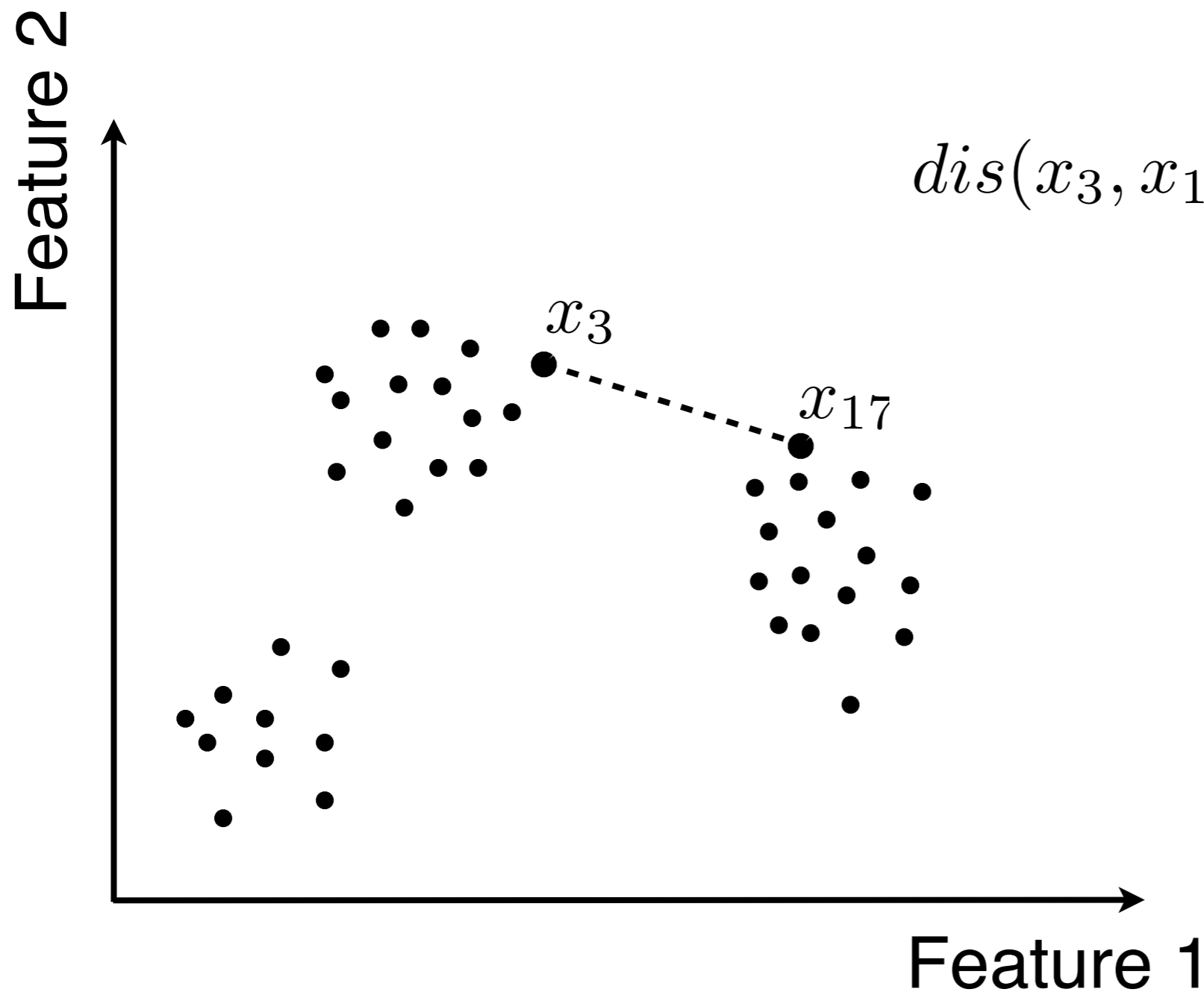
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$$\begin{aligned} dis(x_3, x_{17}) &= (x_{3,1} - x_{17,1})^2 \\ &\quad + (x_{3,2} - x_{17,2})^2 \end{aligned}$$

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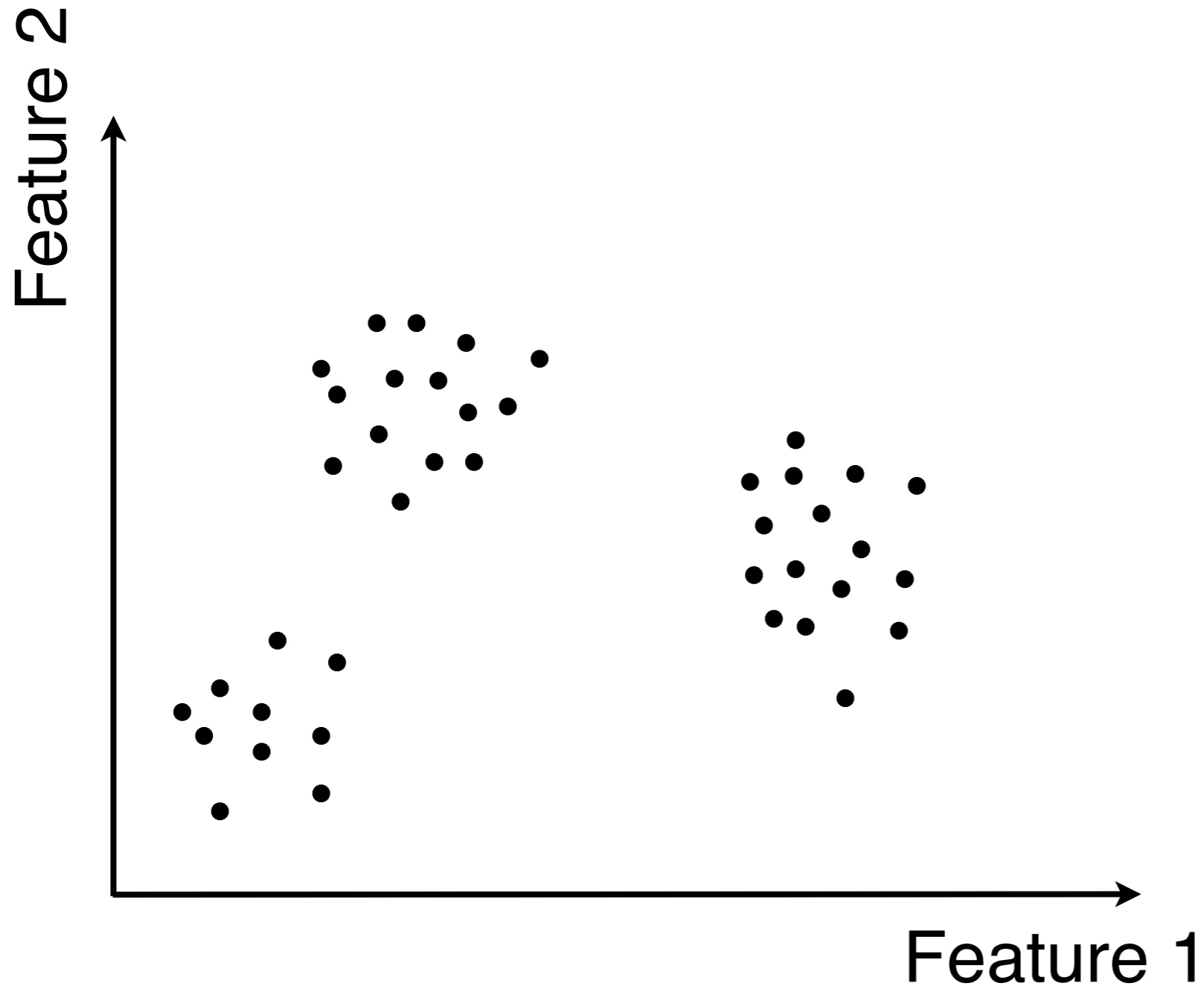


$$dis(x_3, x_{17}) = \sum_{d=1}^D (x_{3,d} - x_{17,d})^2$$

For each feature

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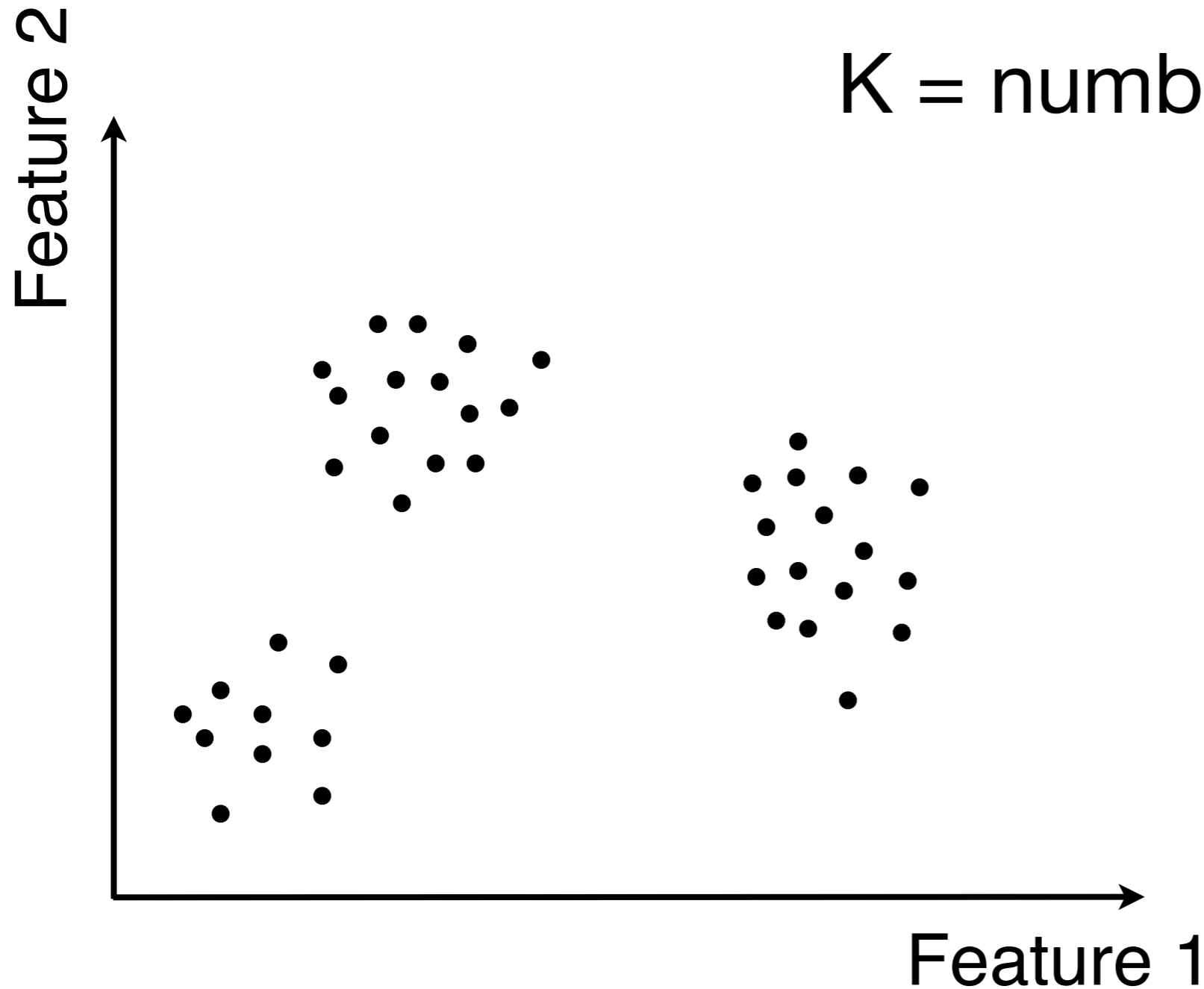
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Cluster summary

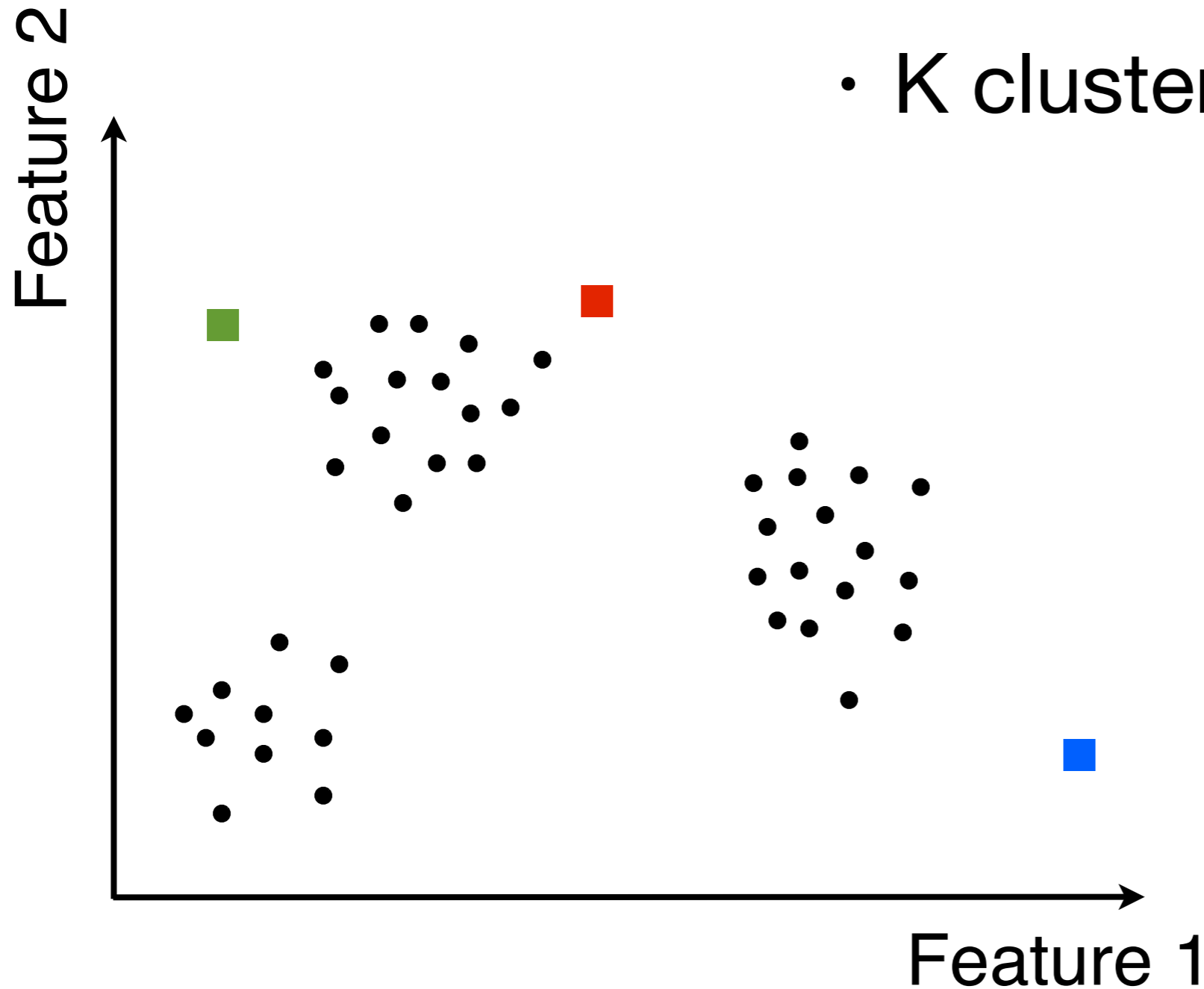
K = number of clusters



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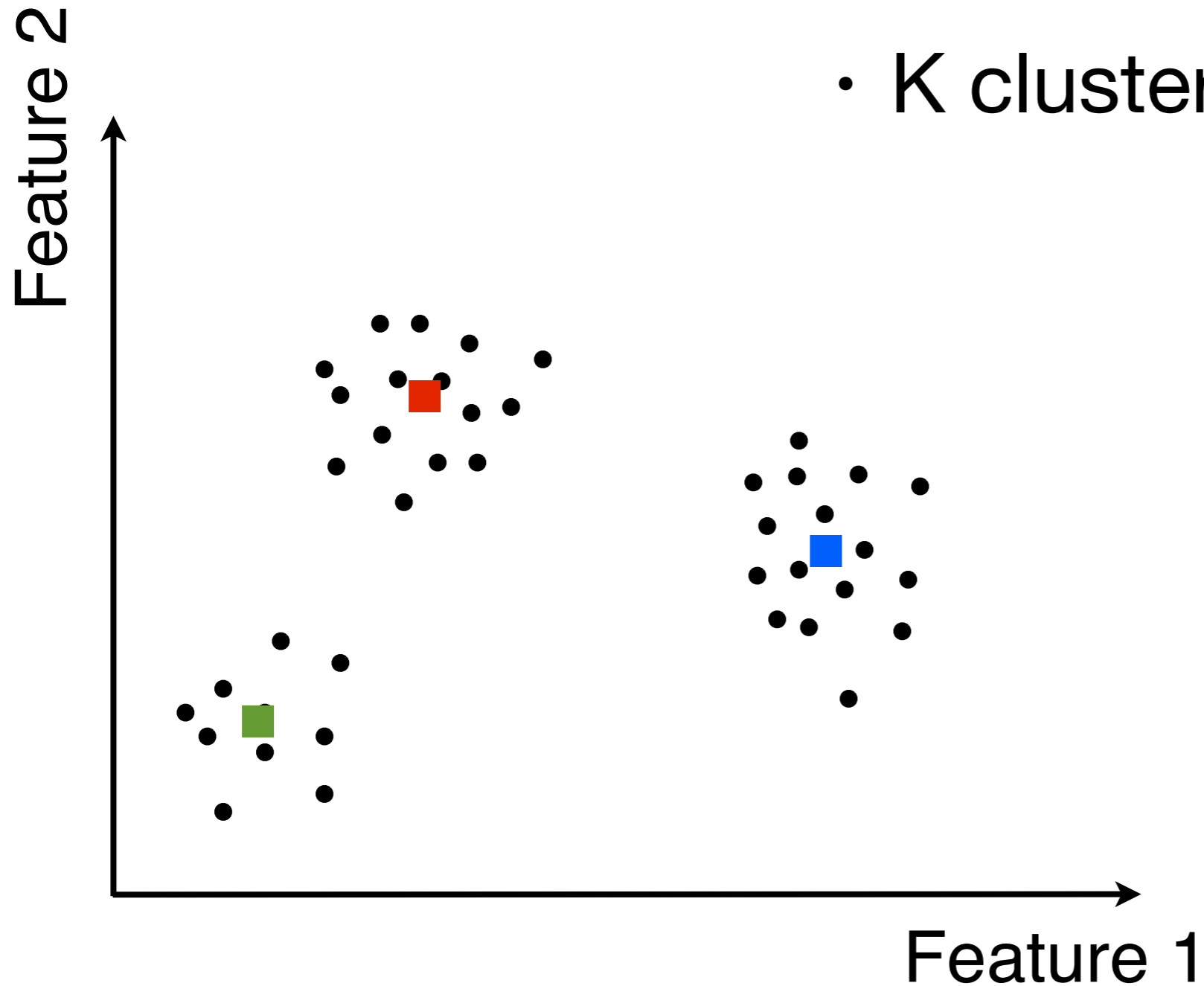
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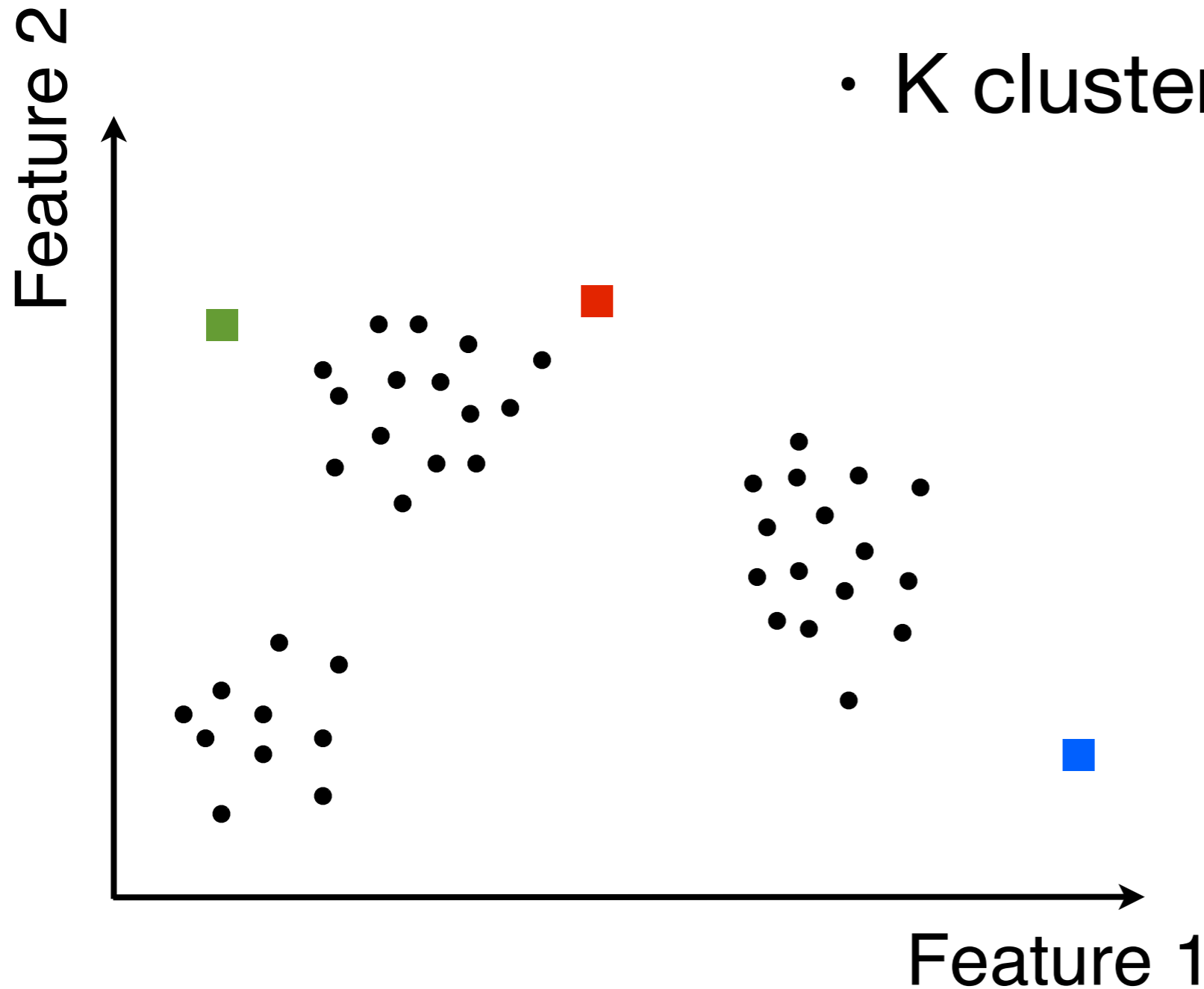
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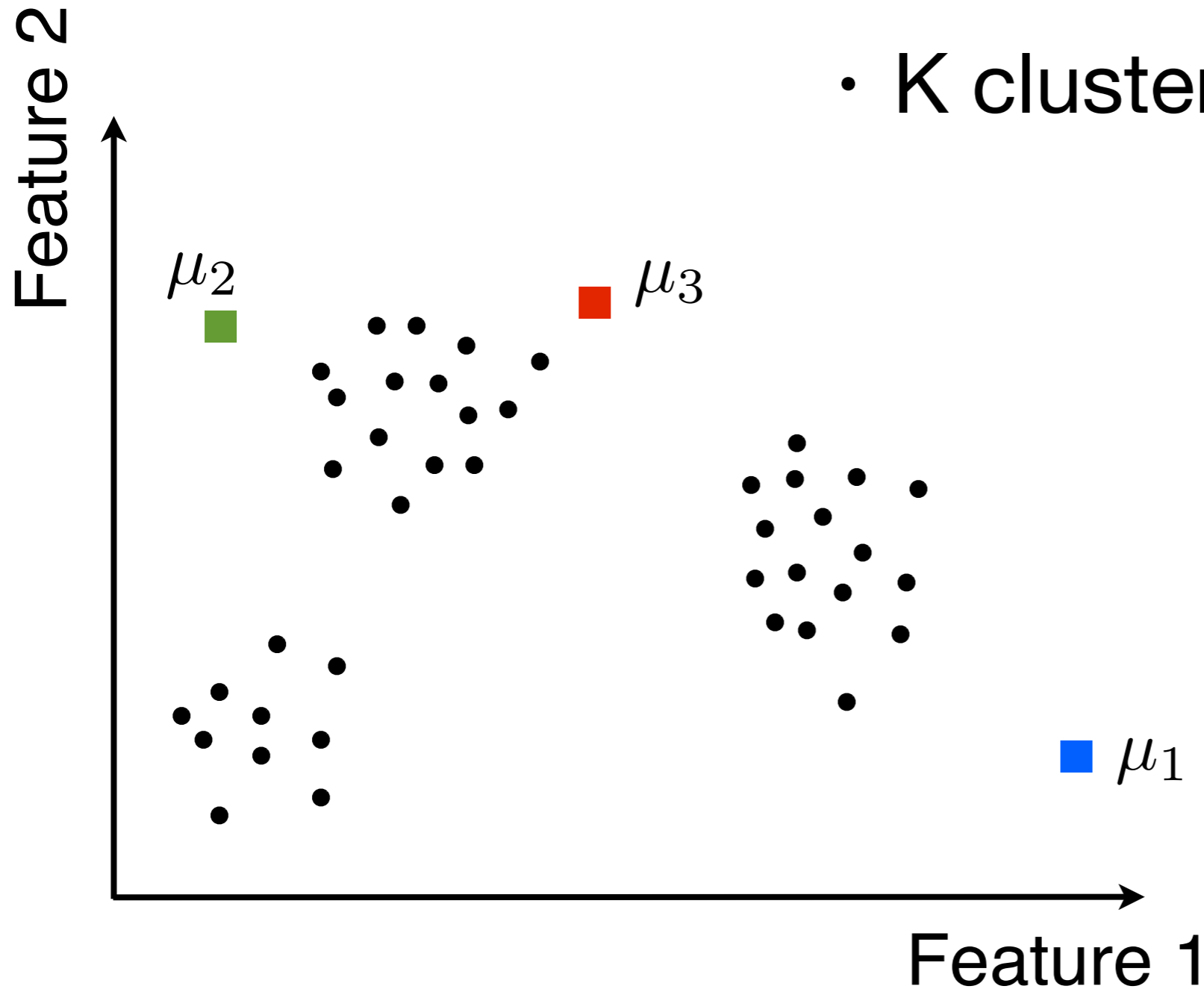
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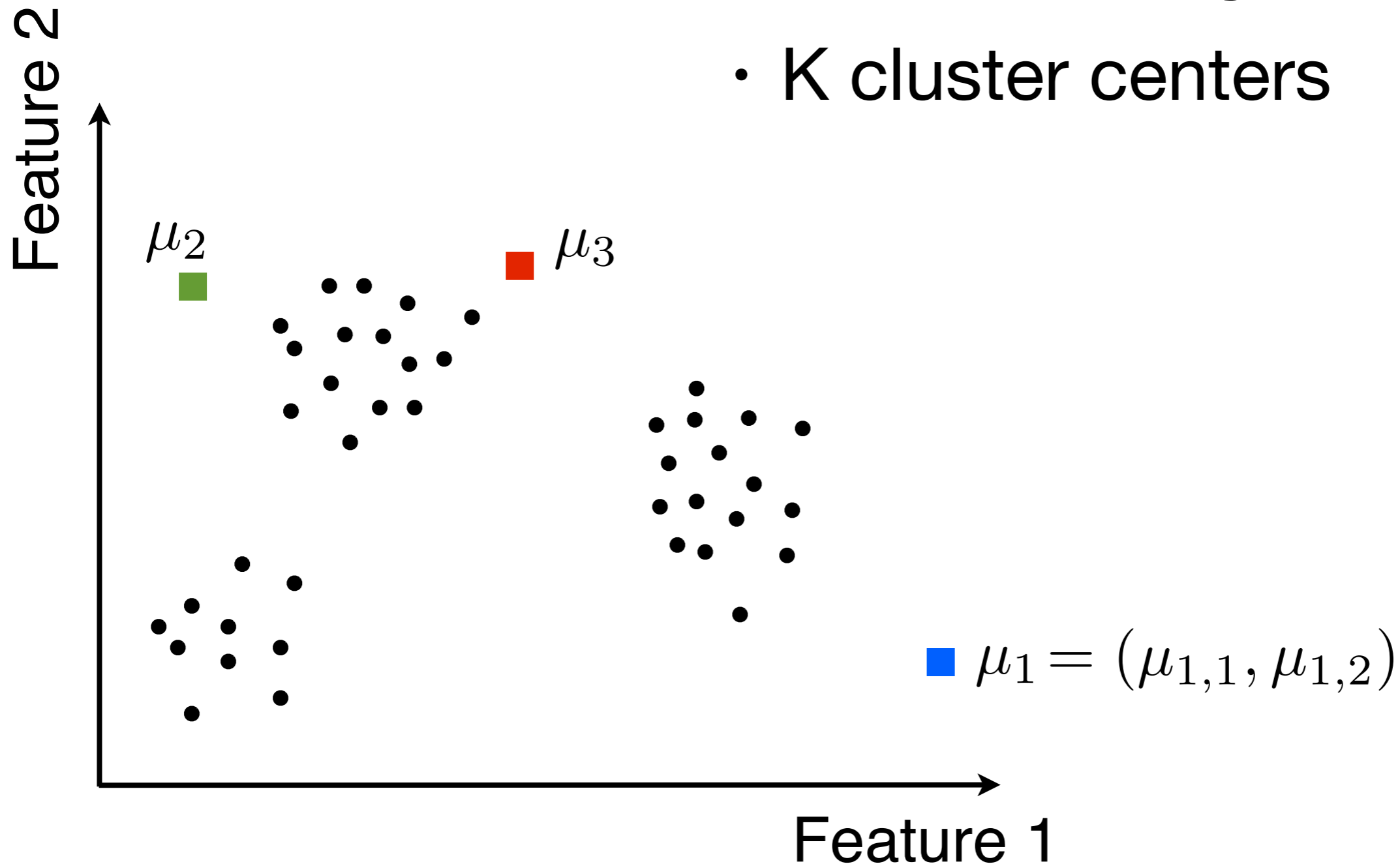
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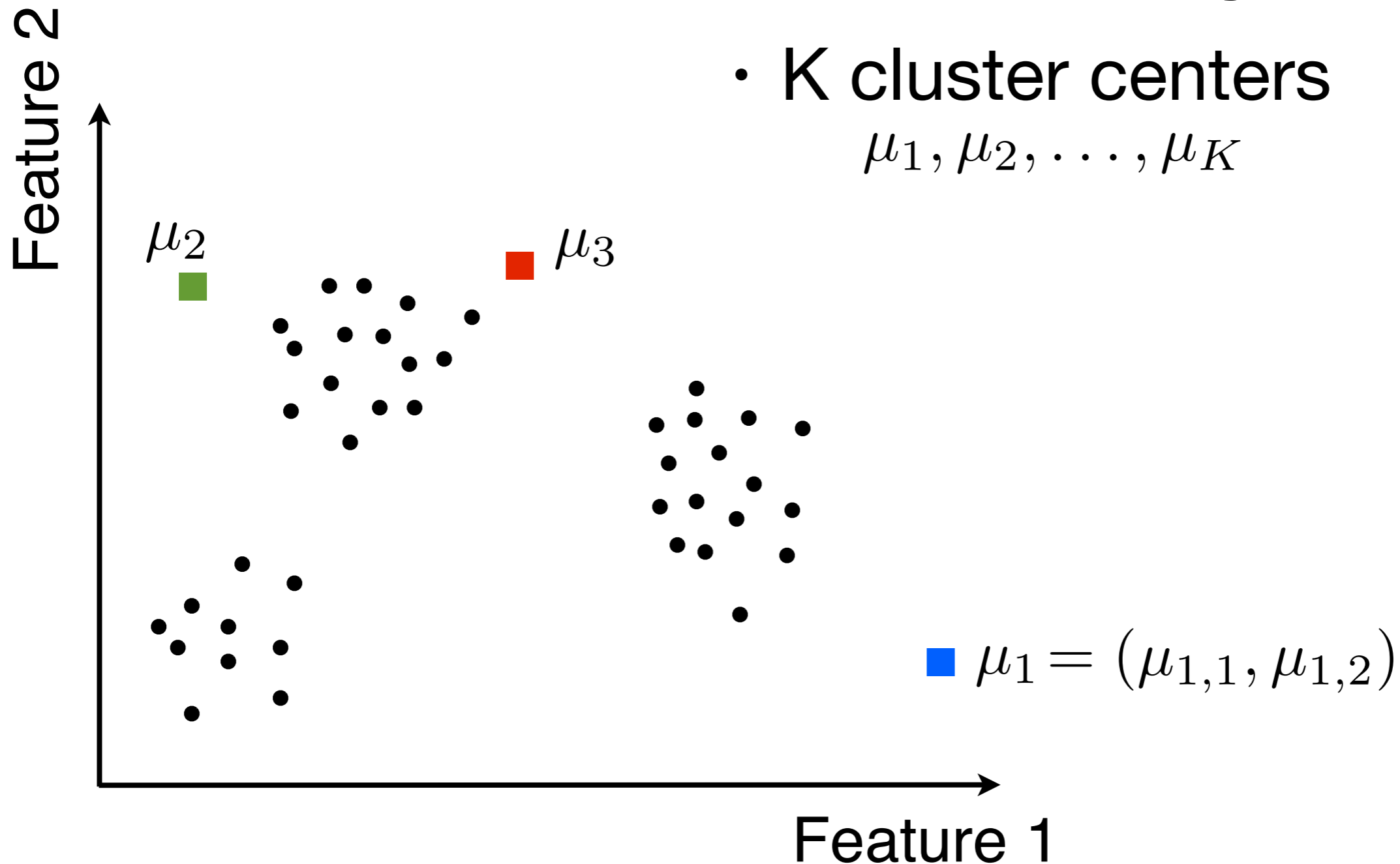


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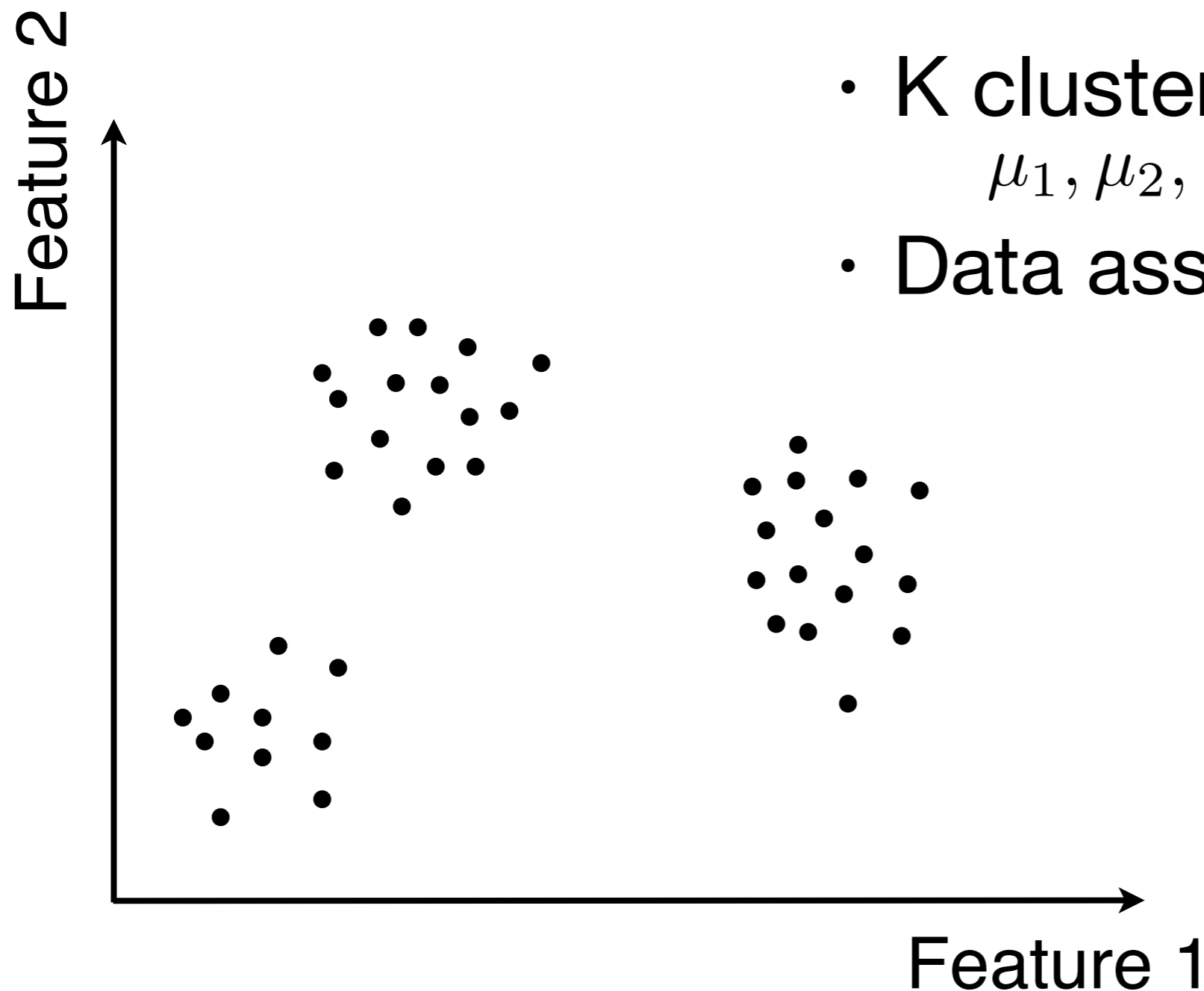
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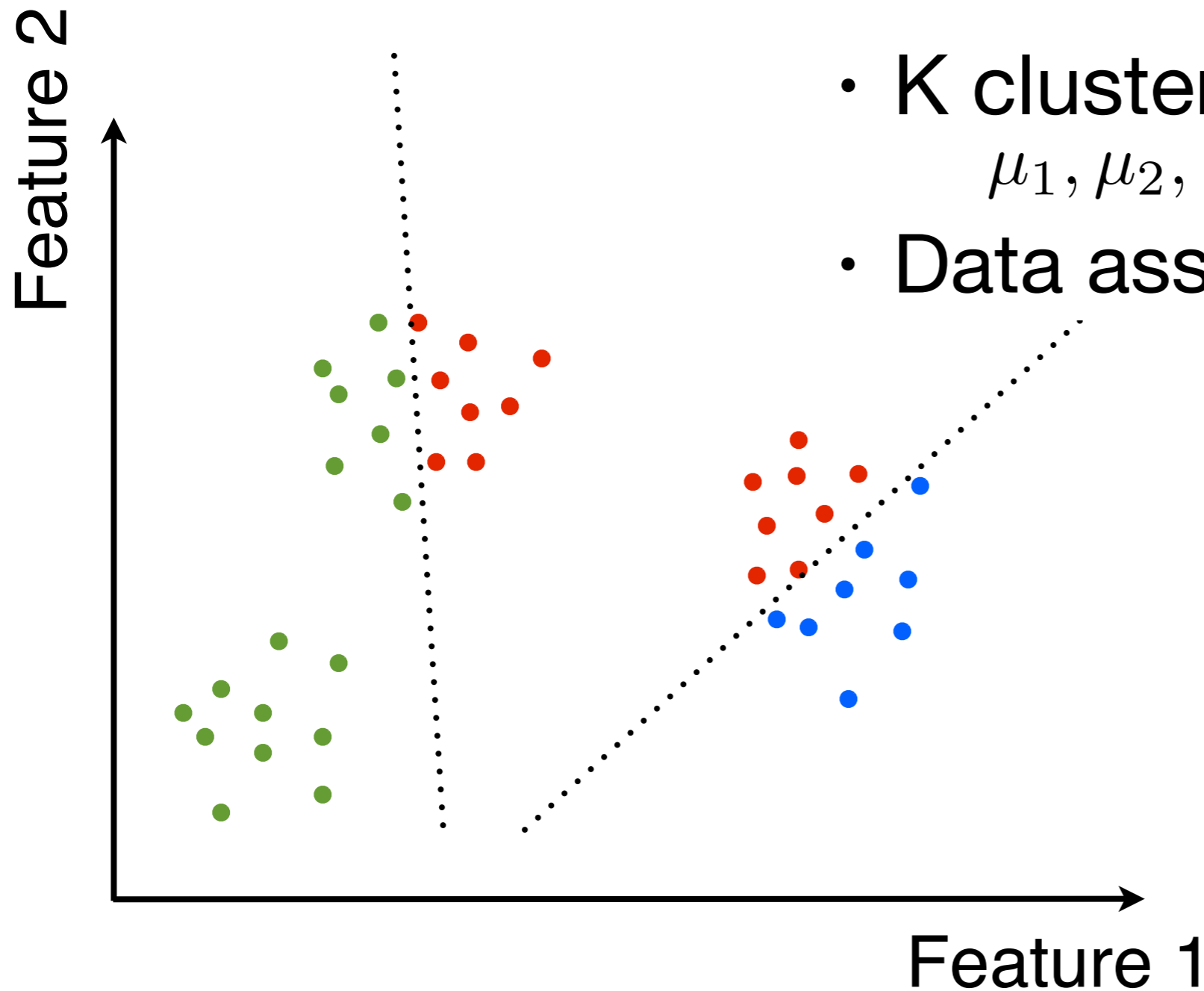
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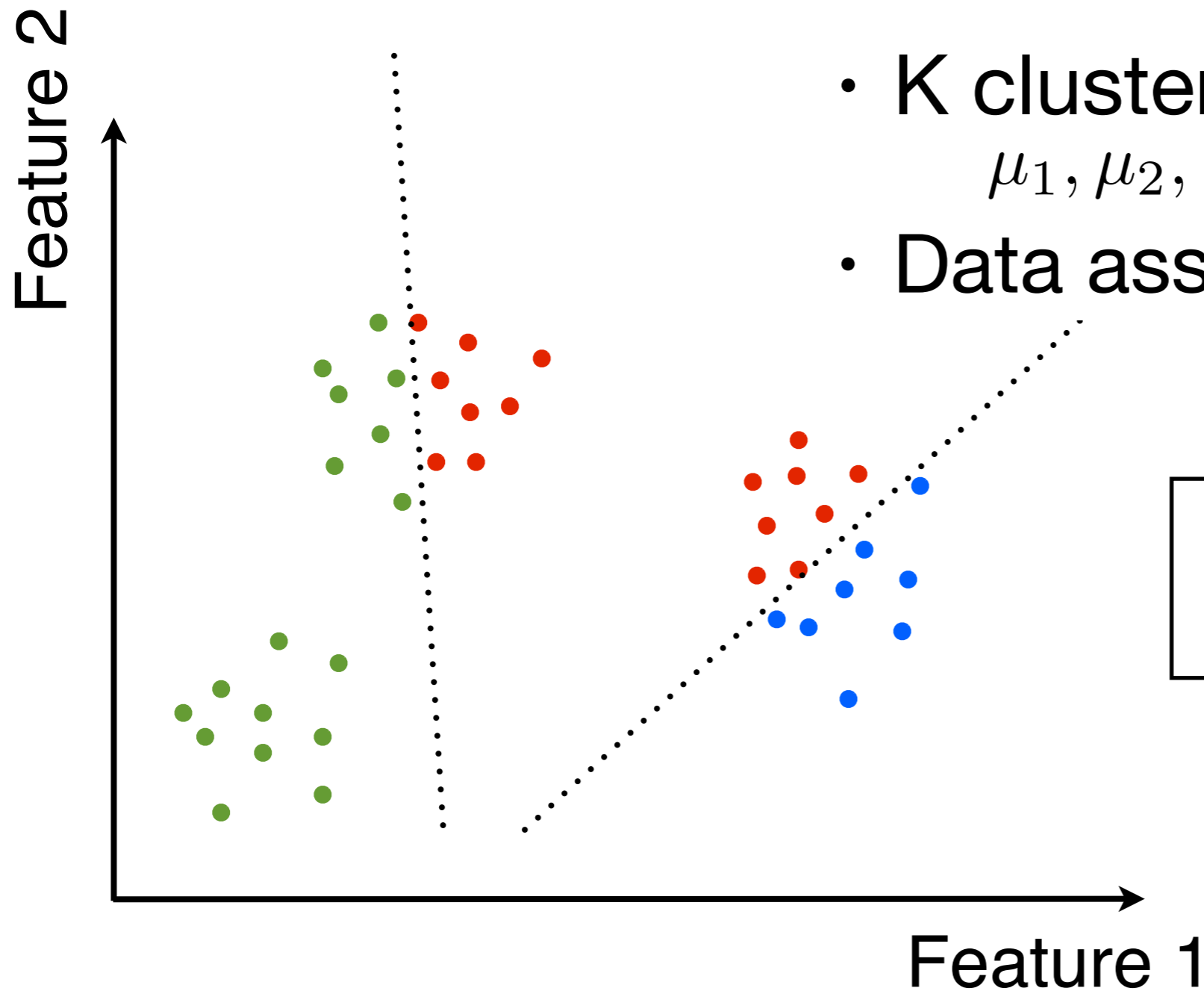
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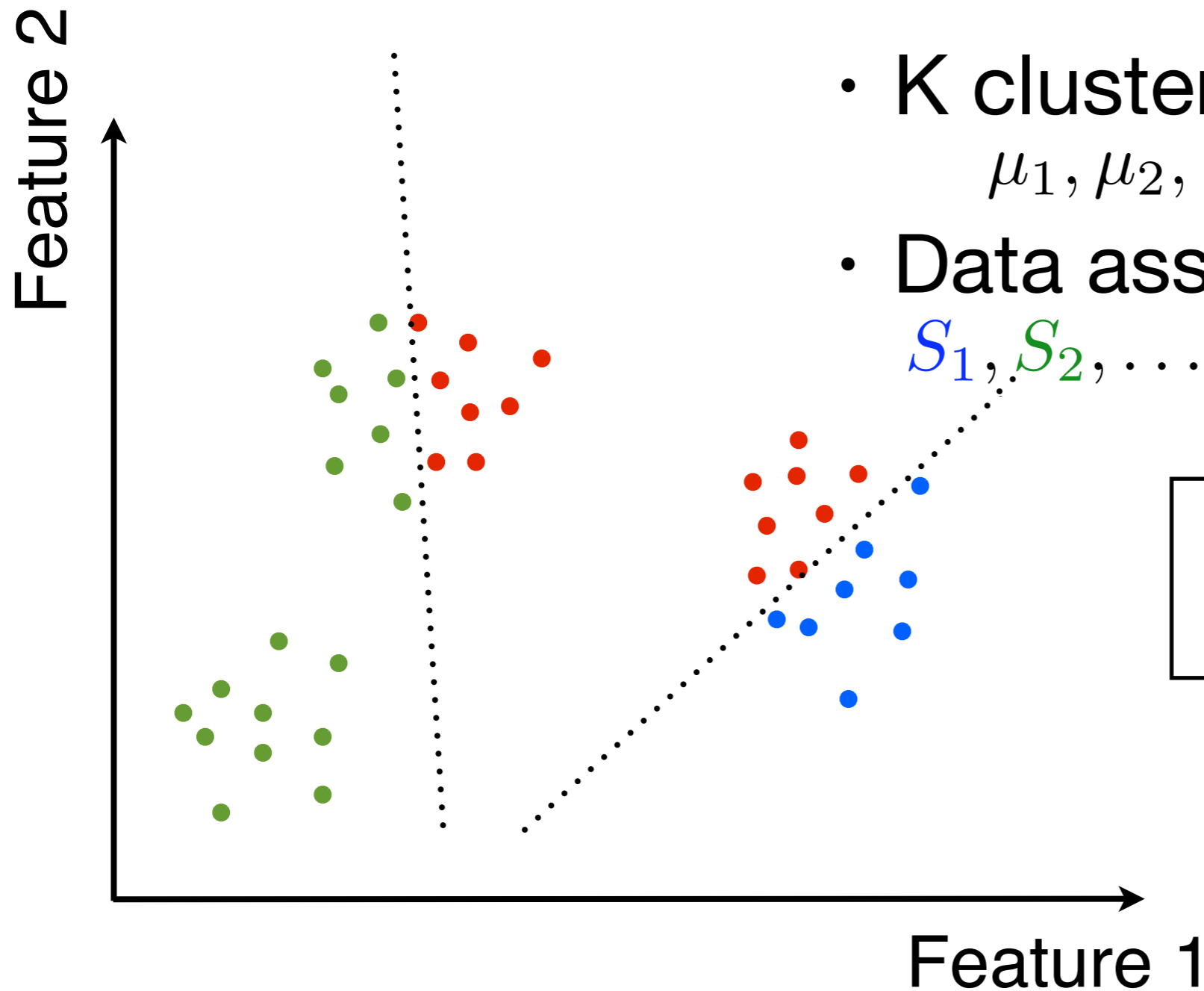
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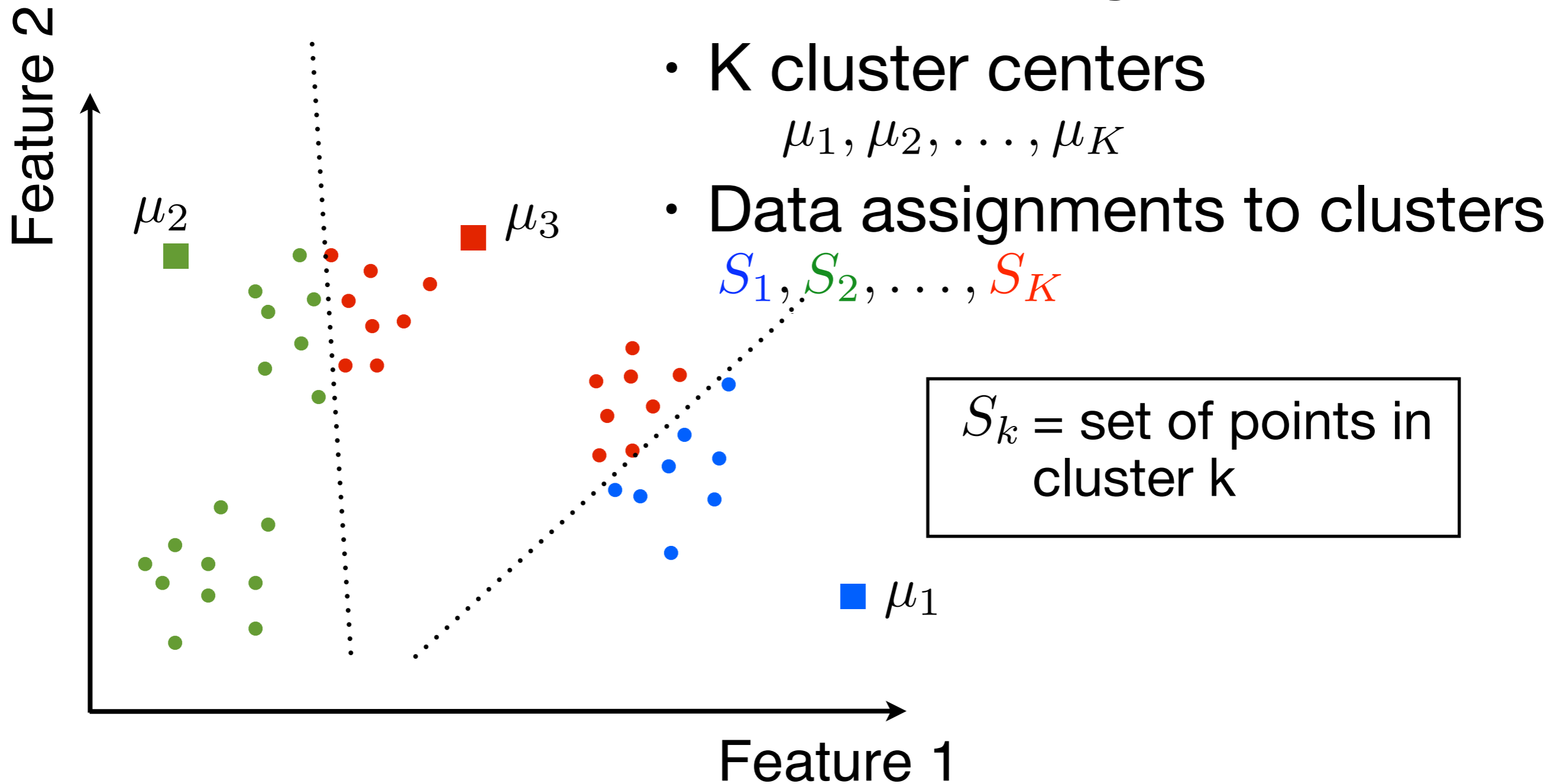
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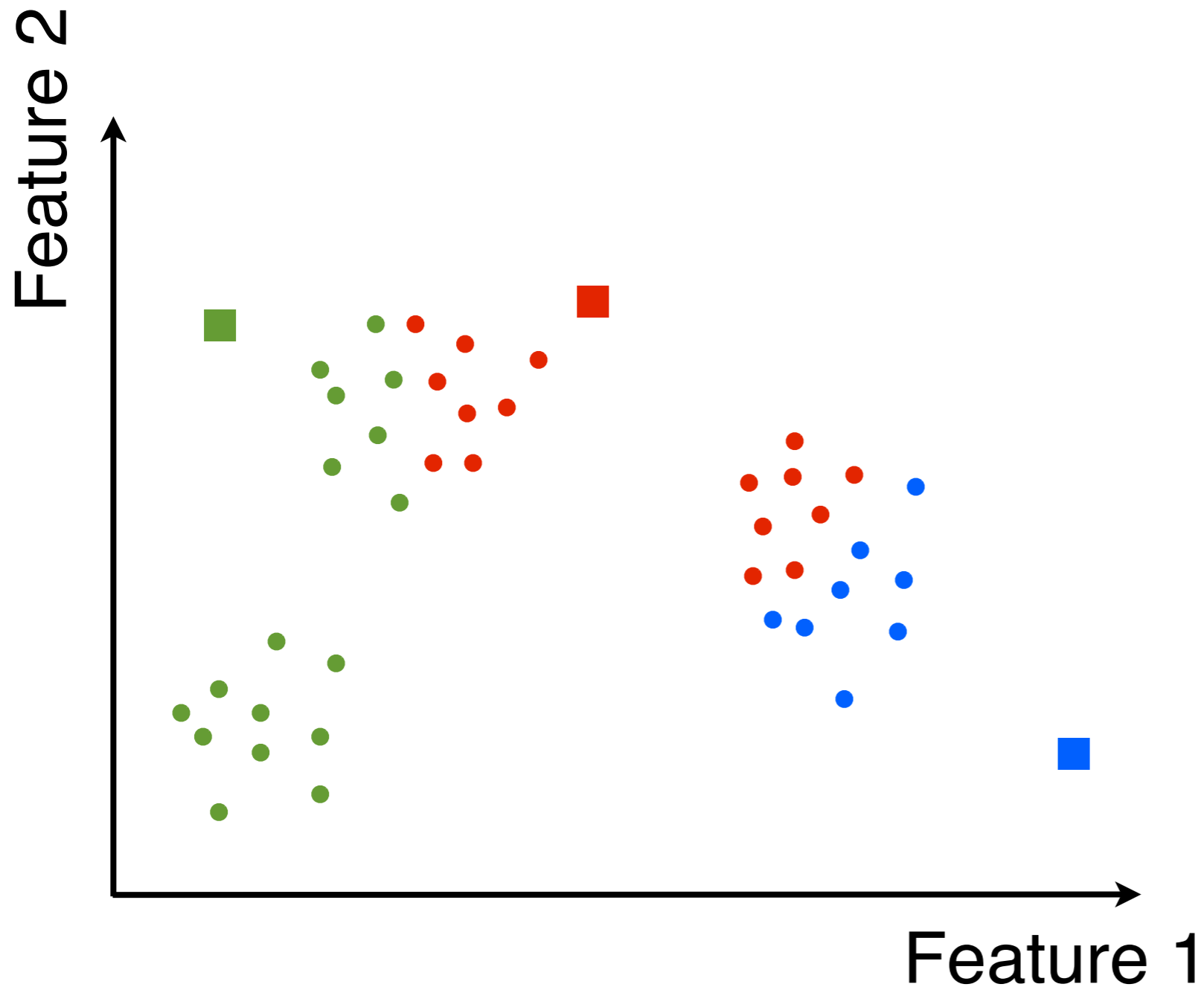
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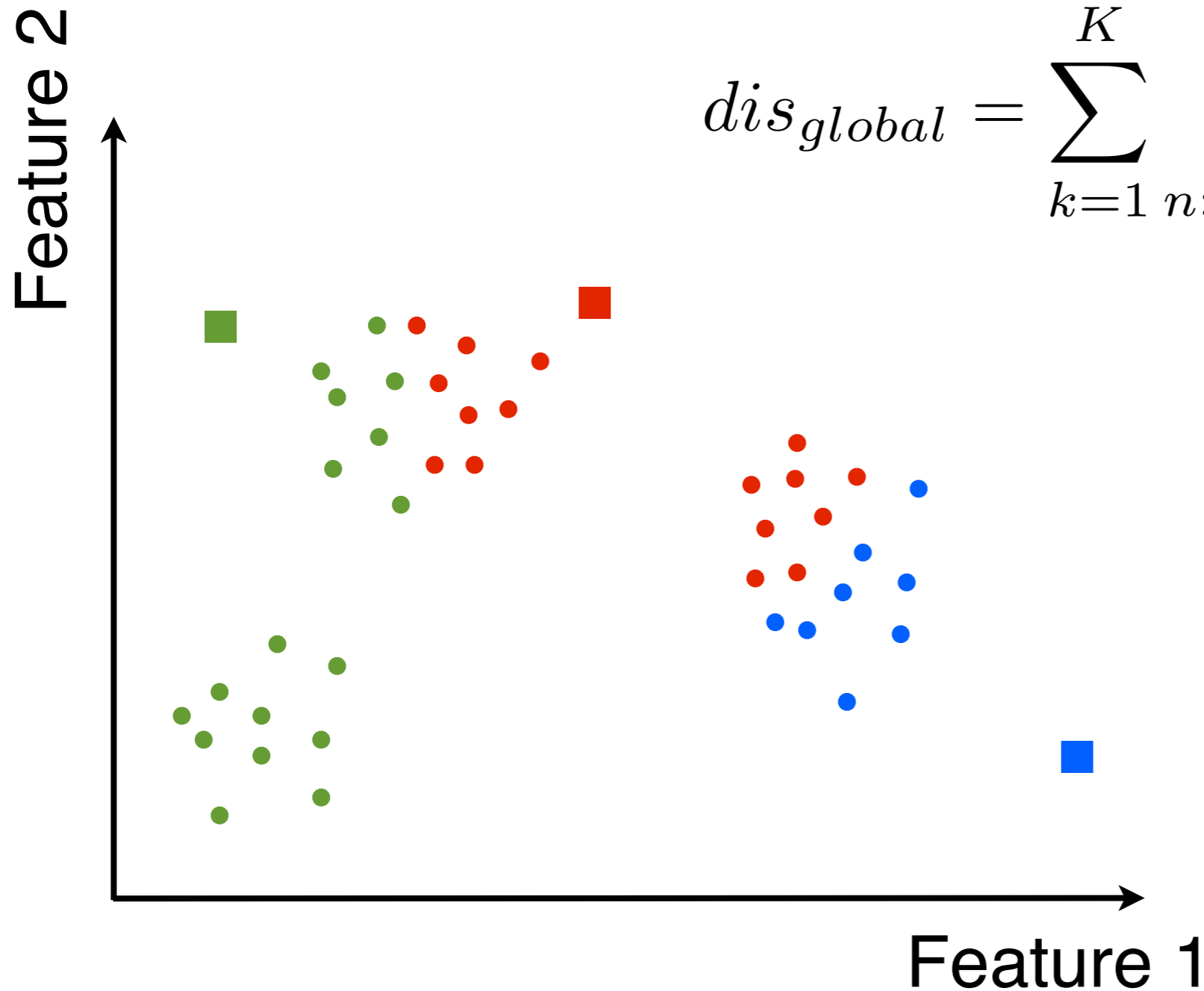
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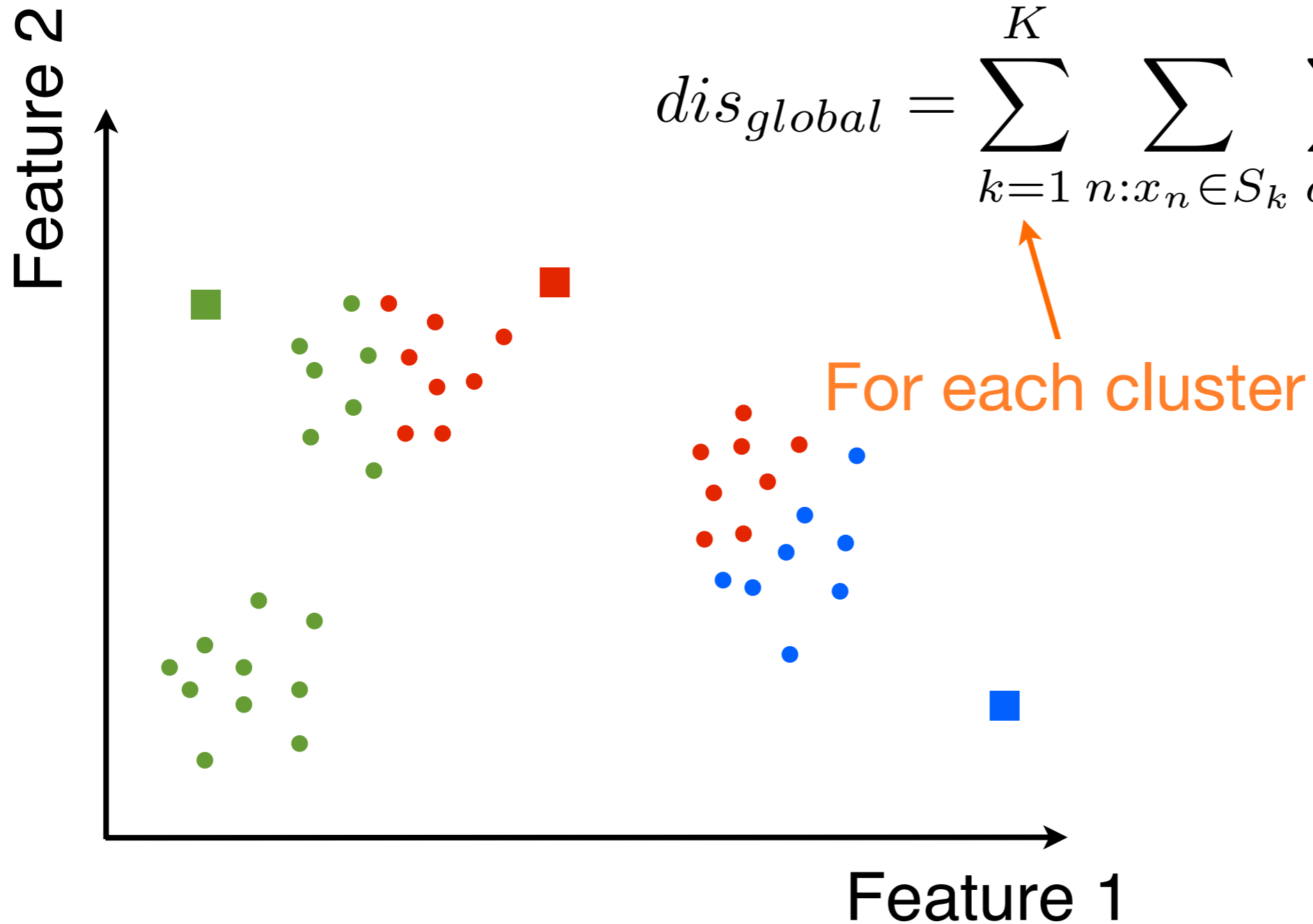
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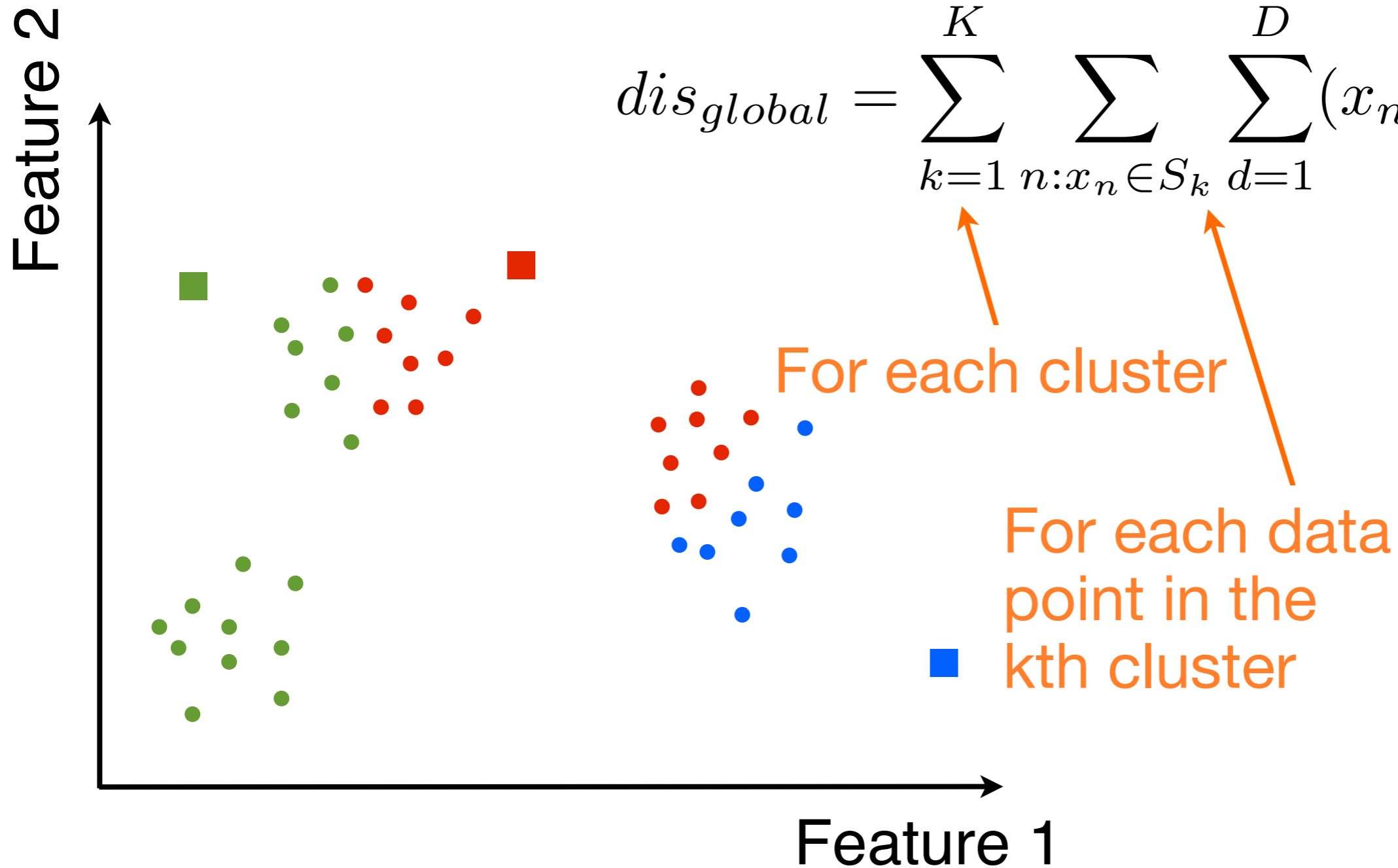
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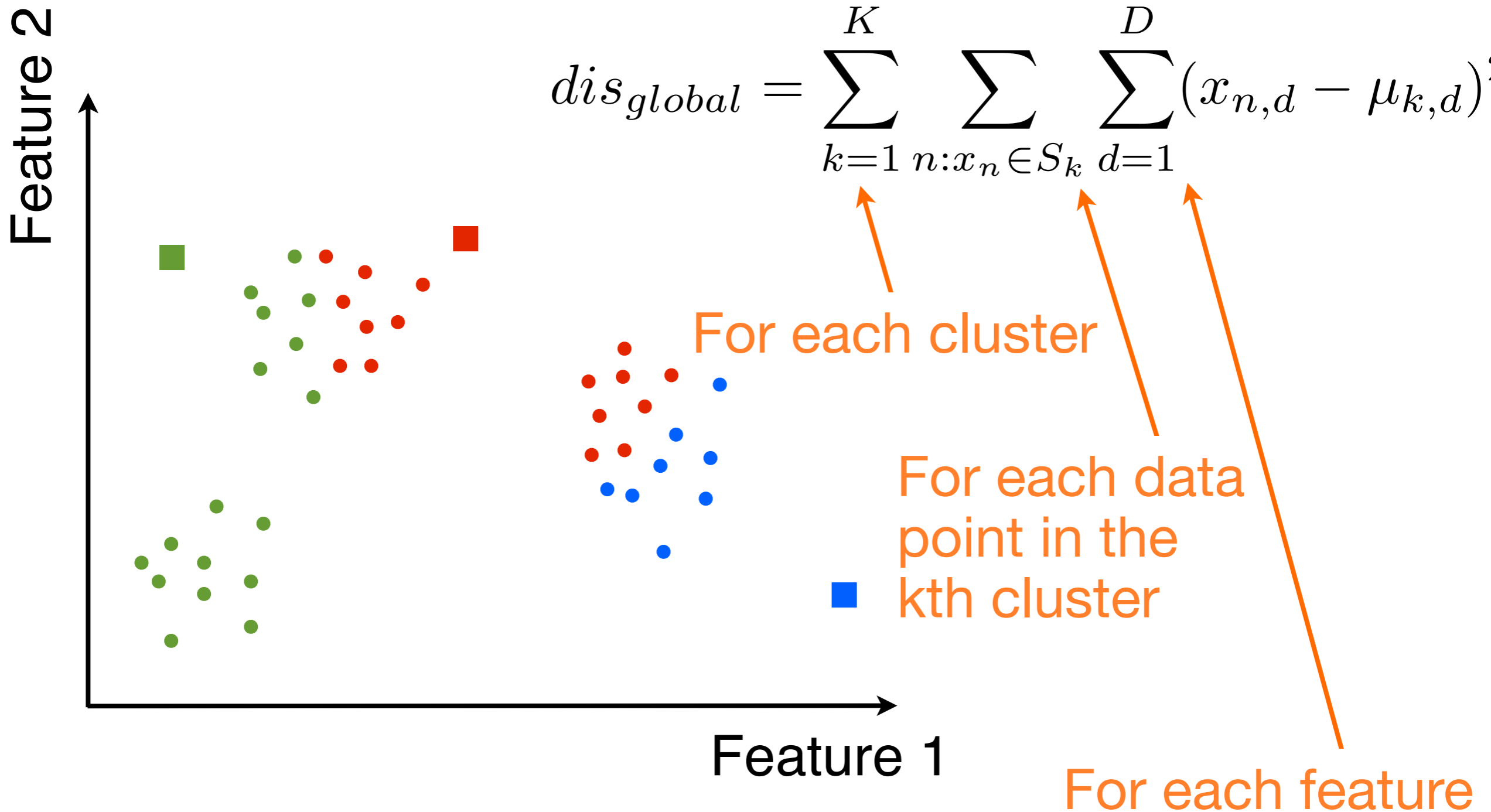
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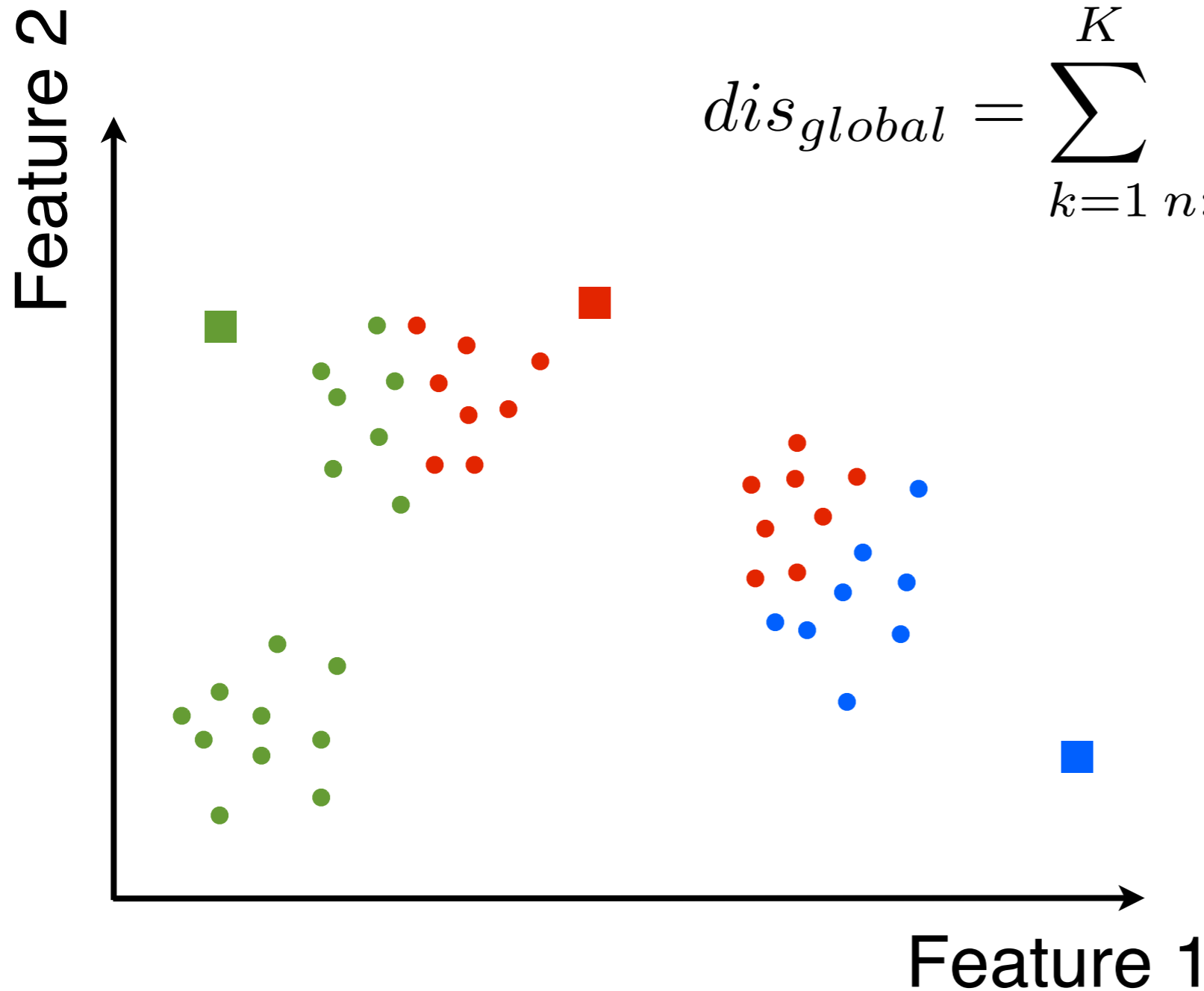
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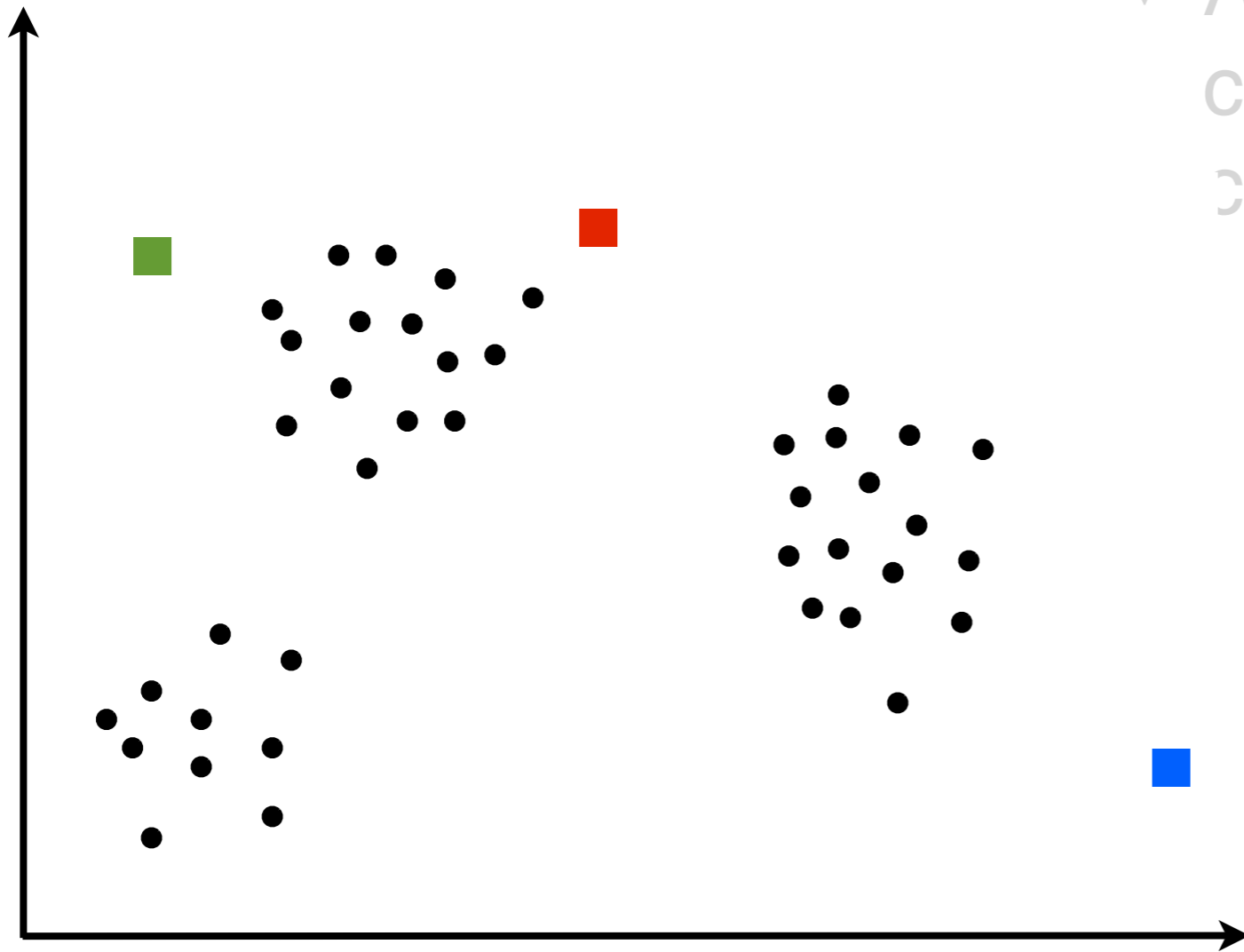
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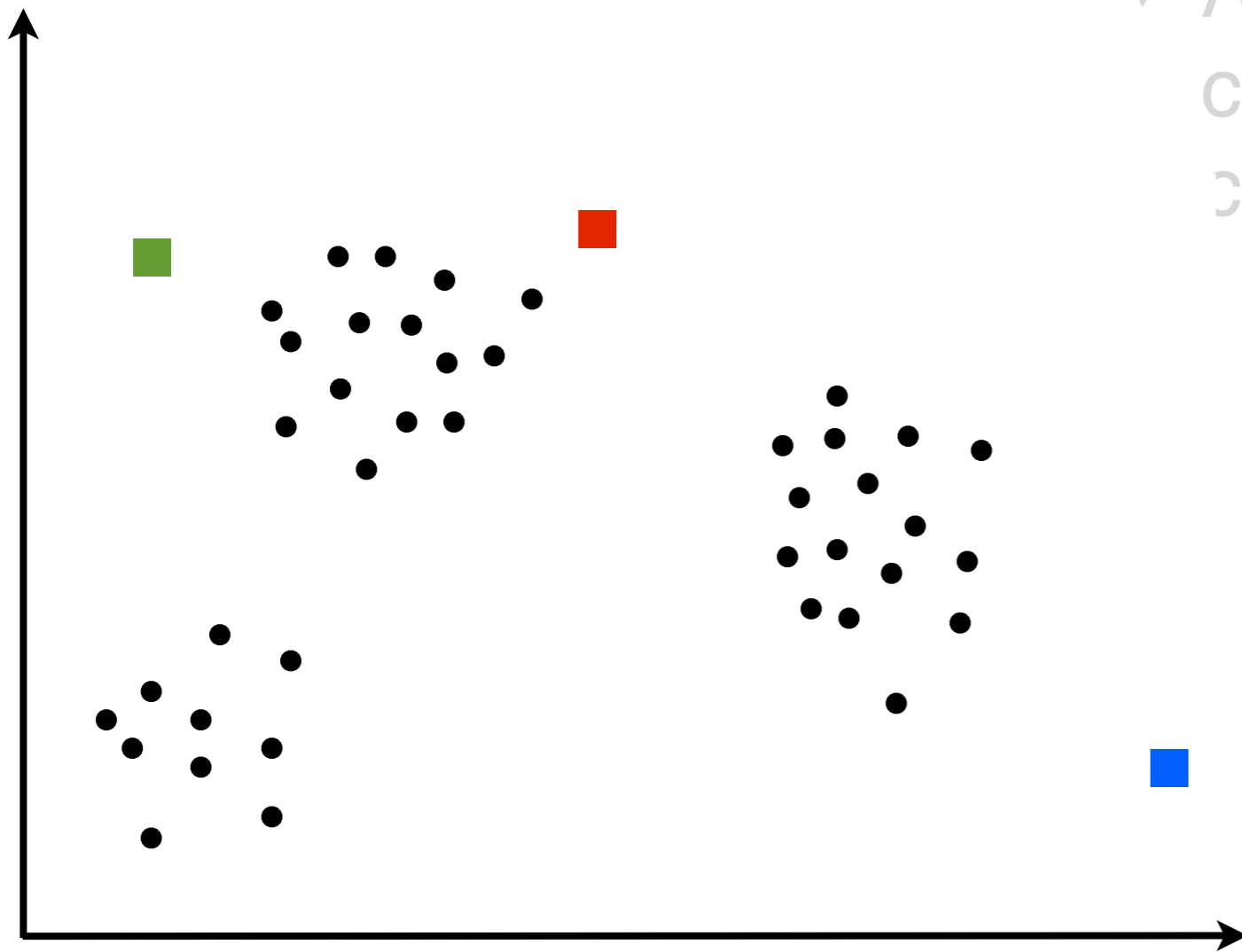
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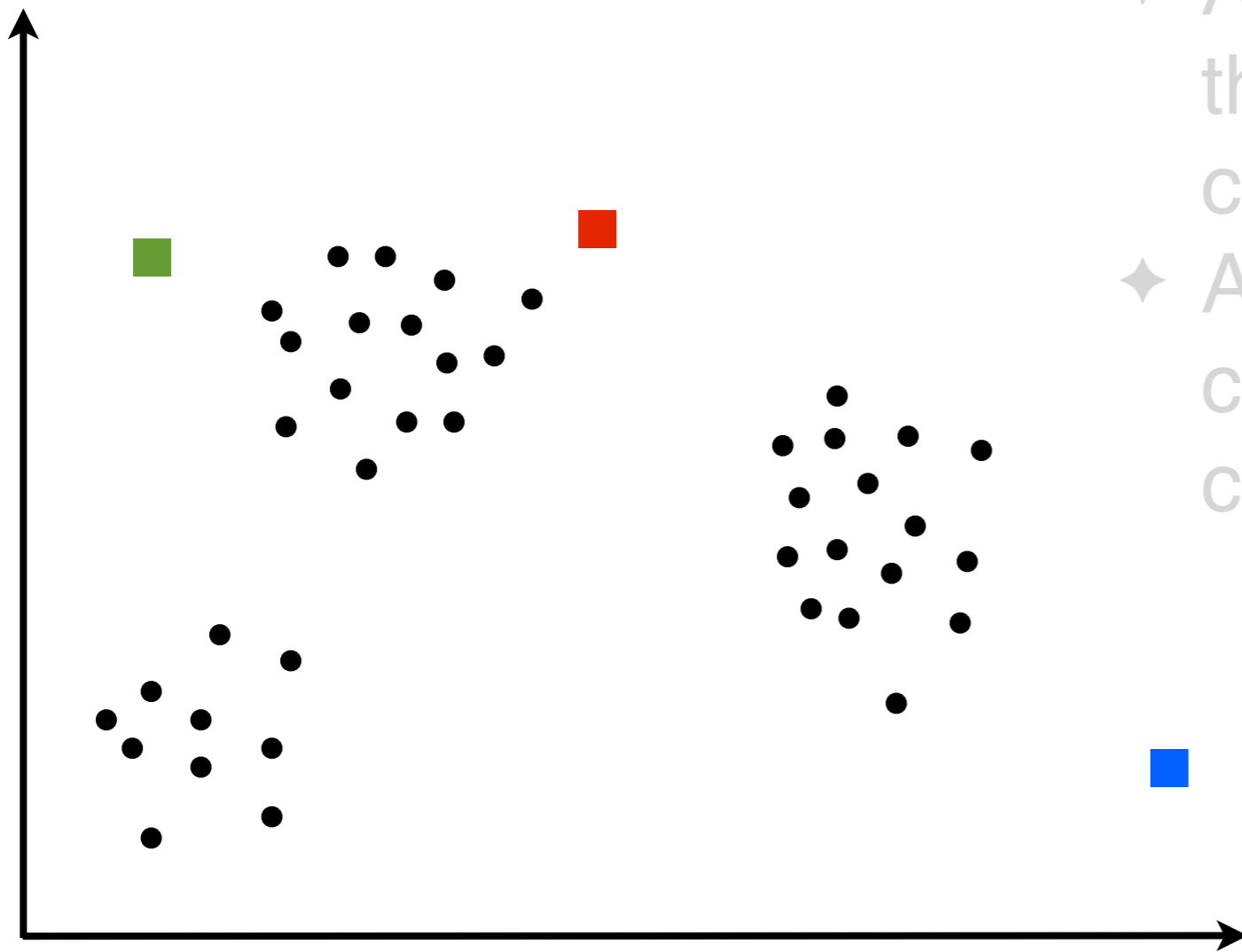
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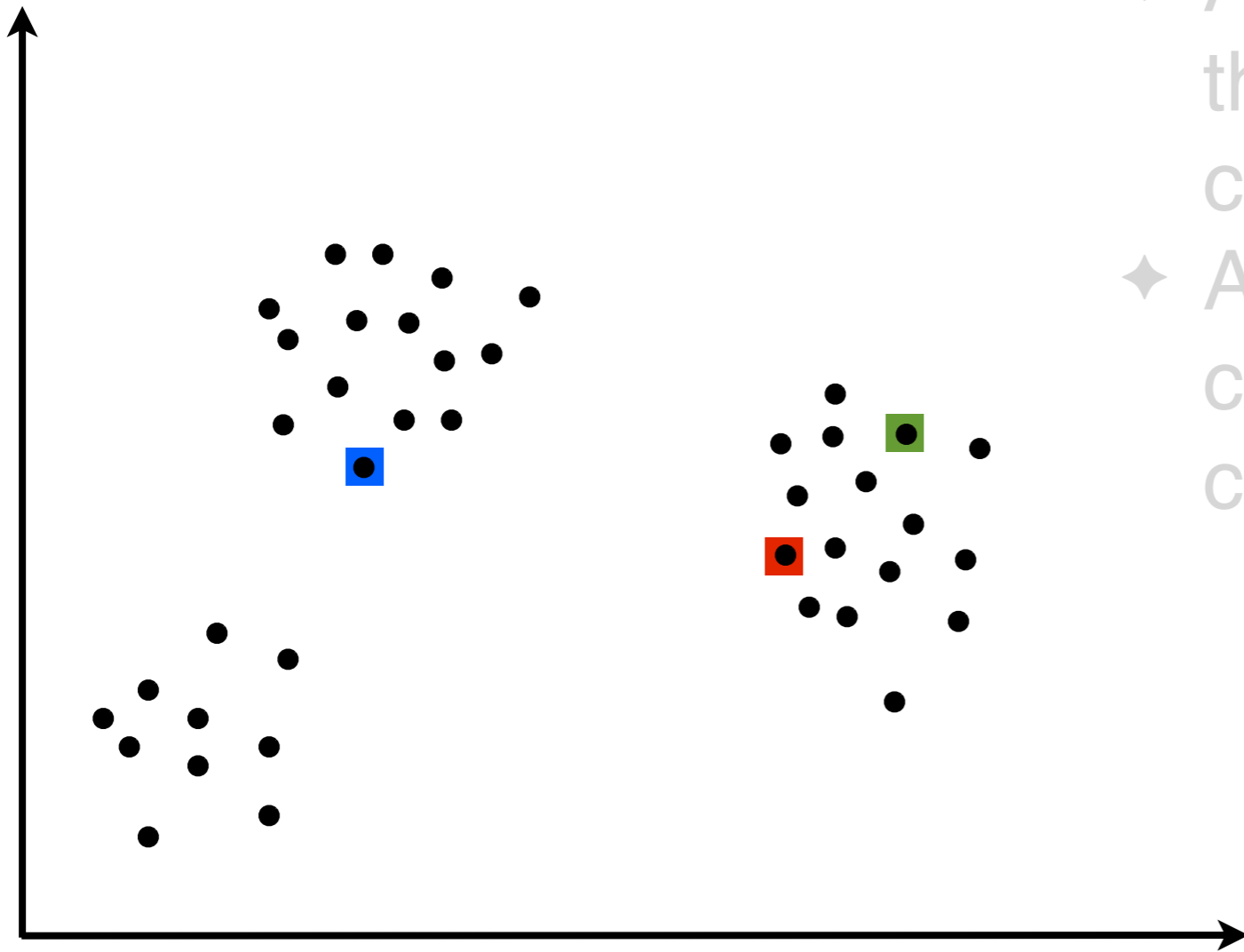
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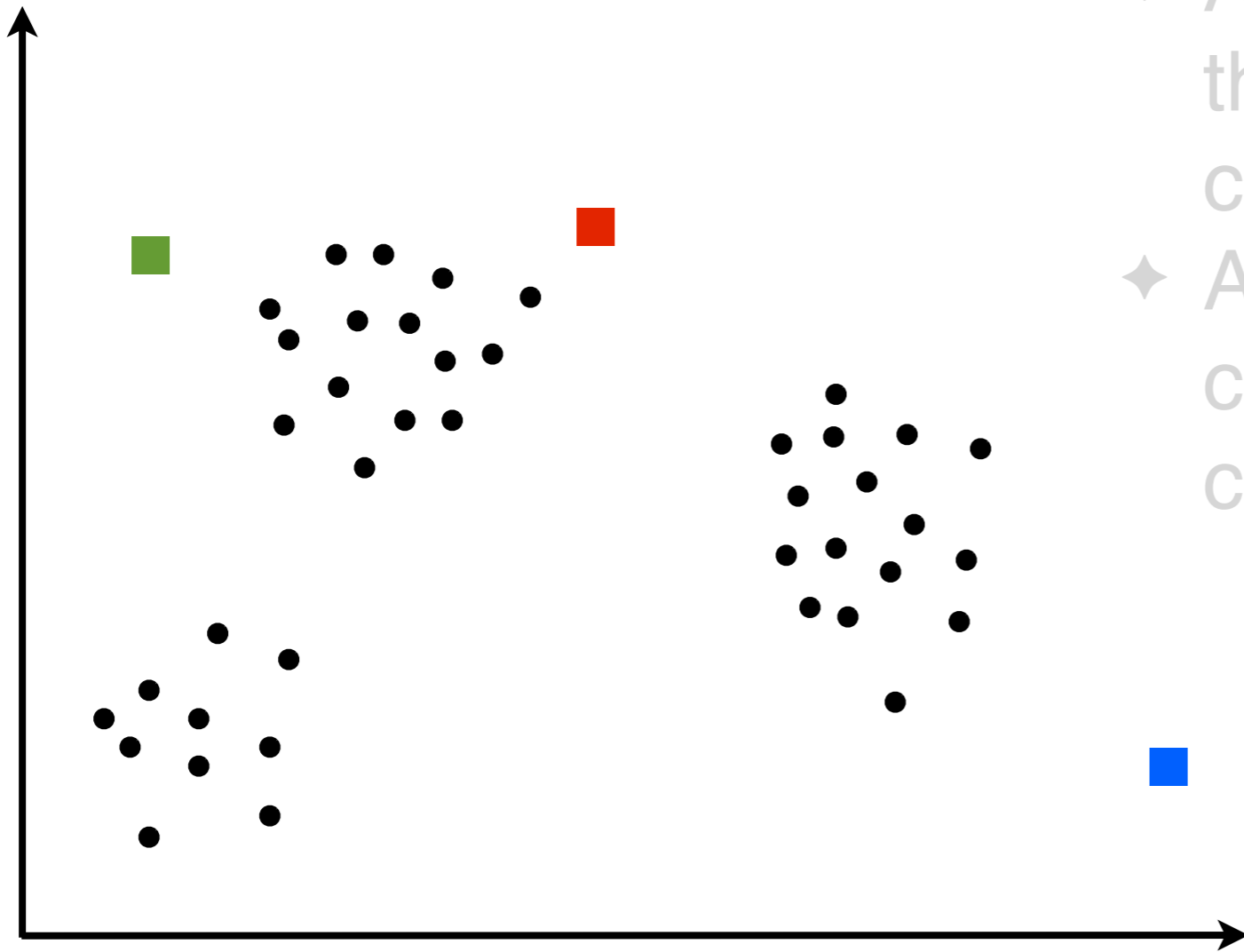
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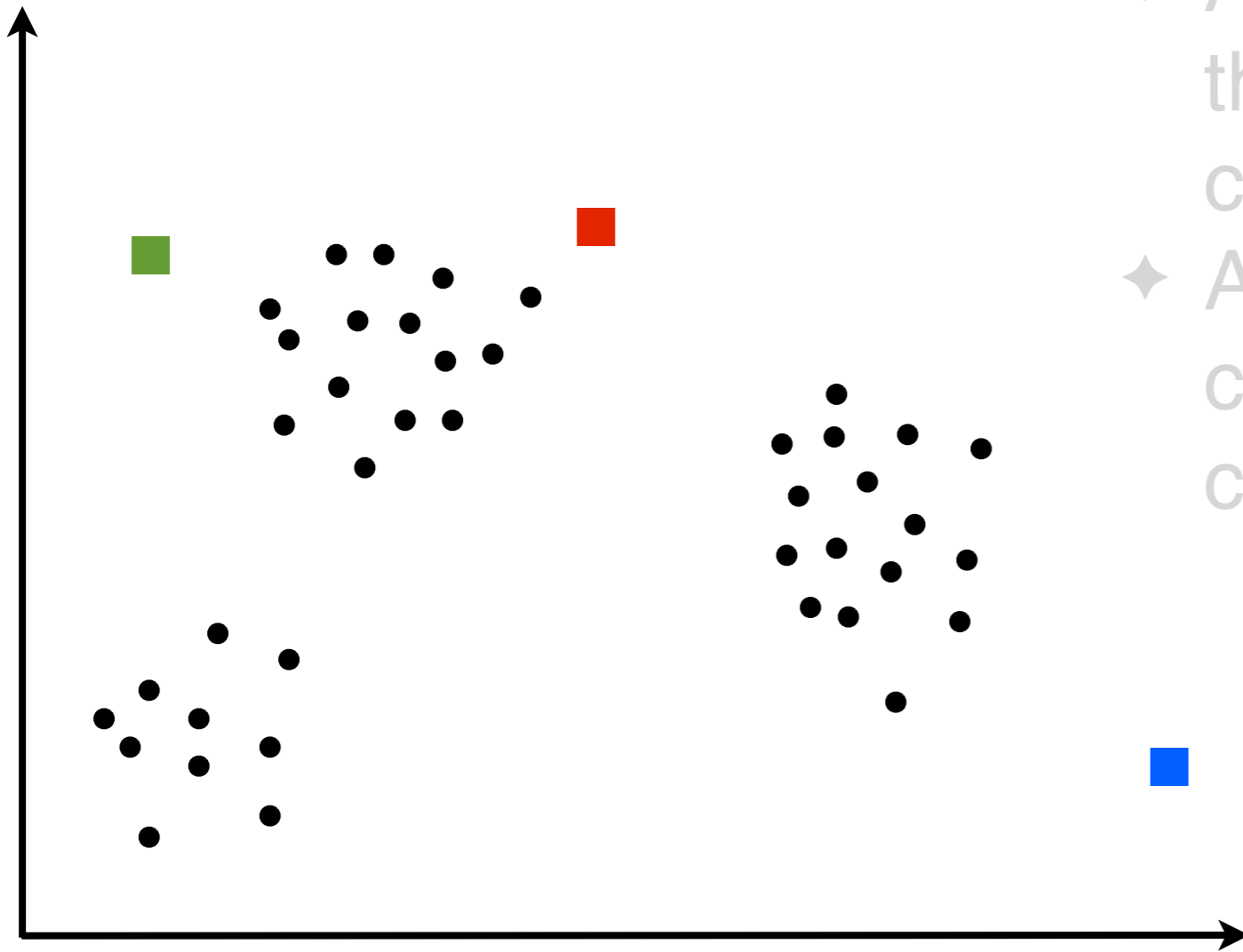
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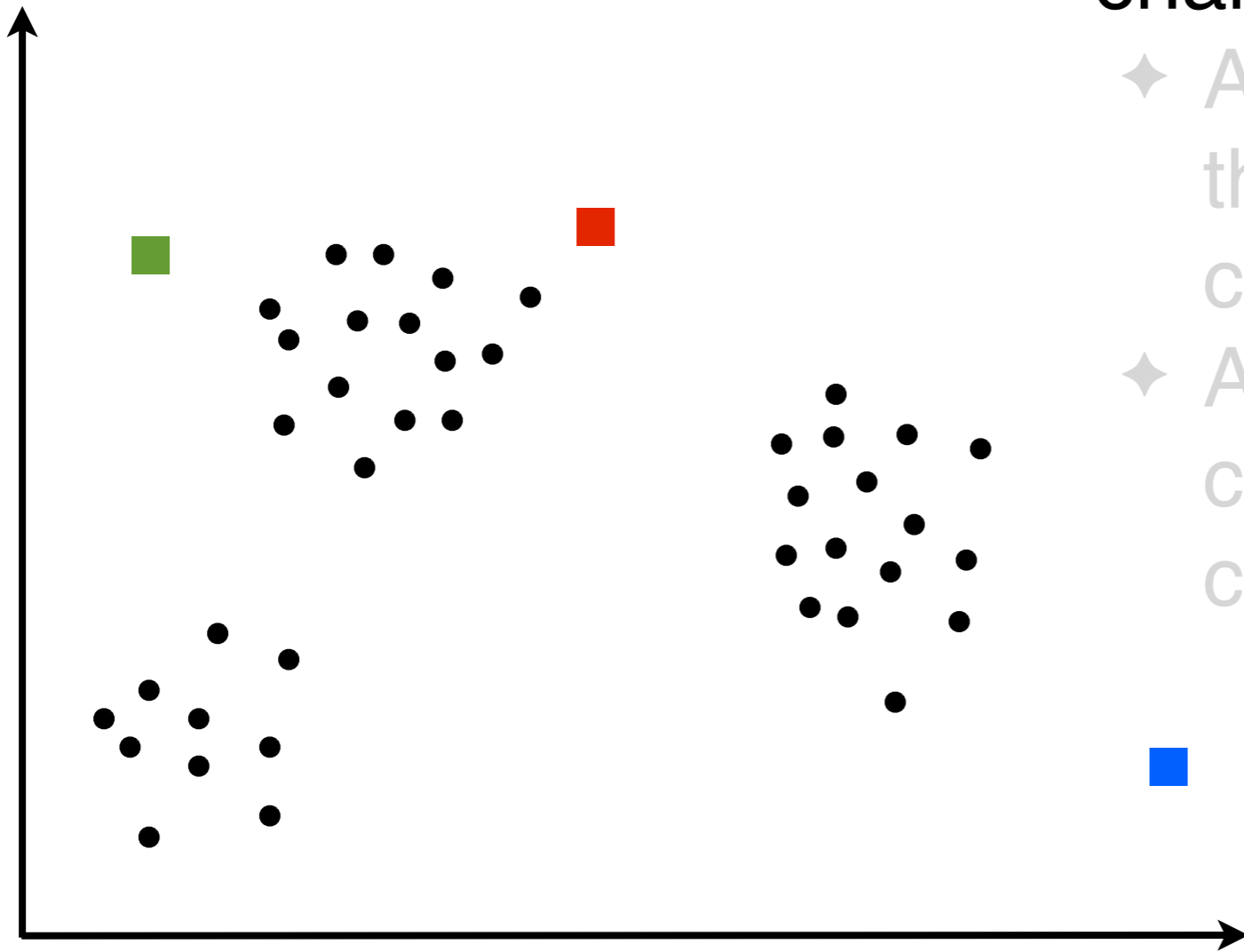
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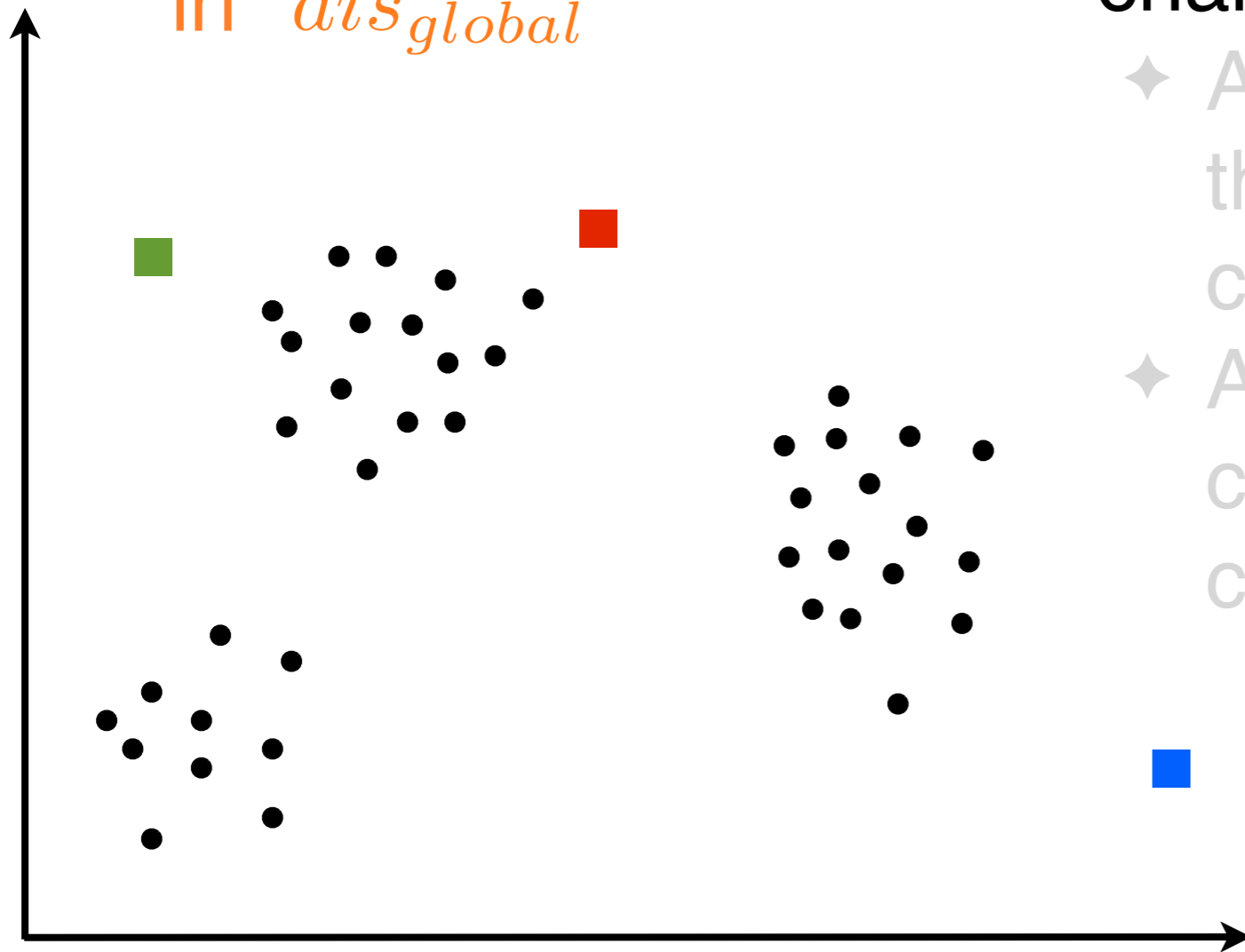
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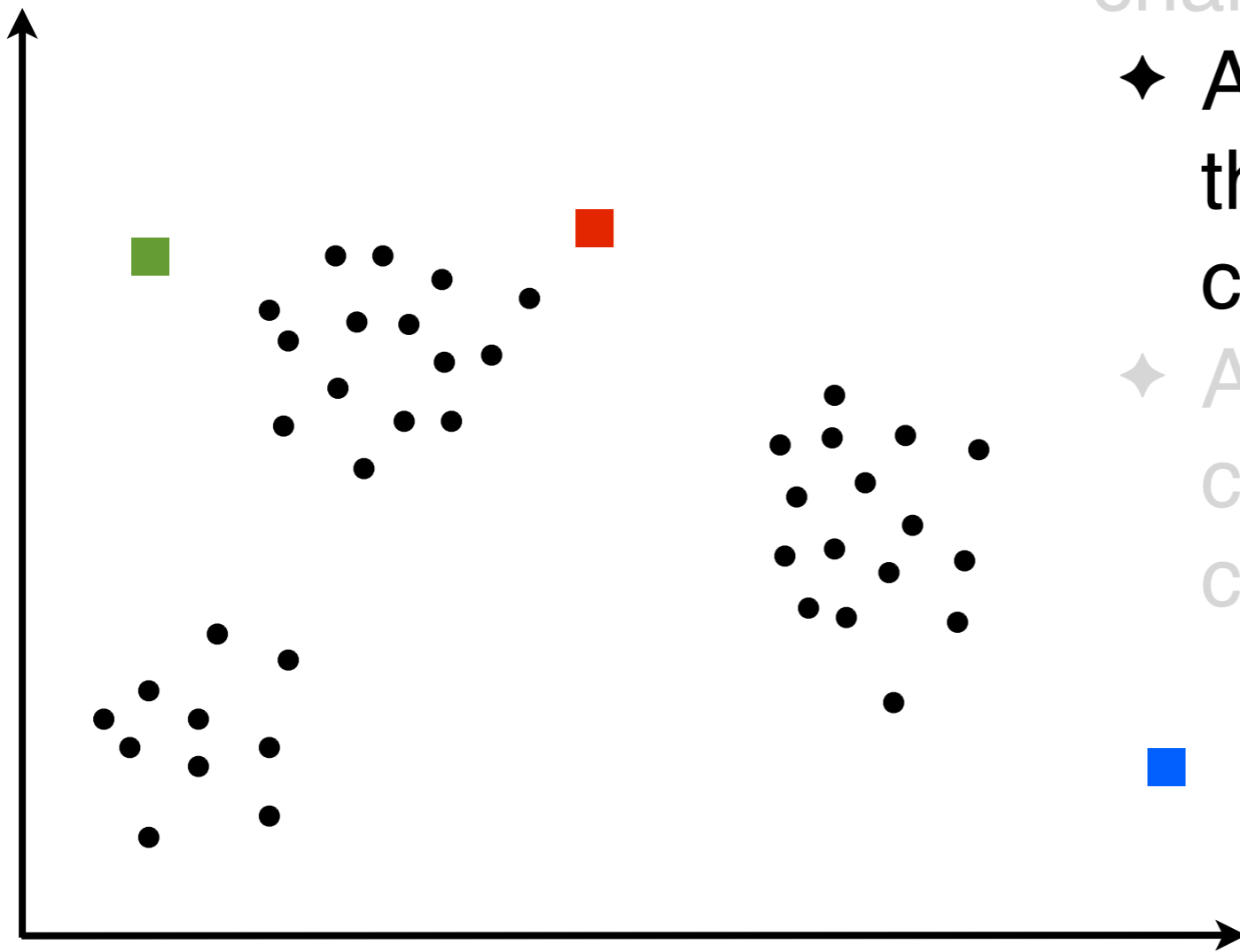
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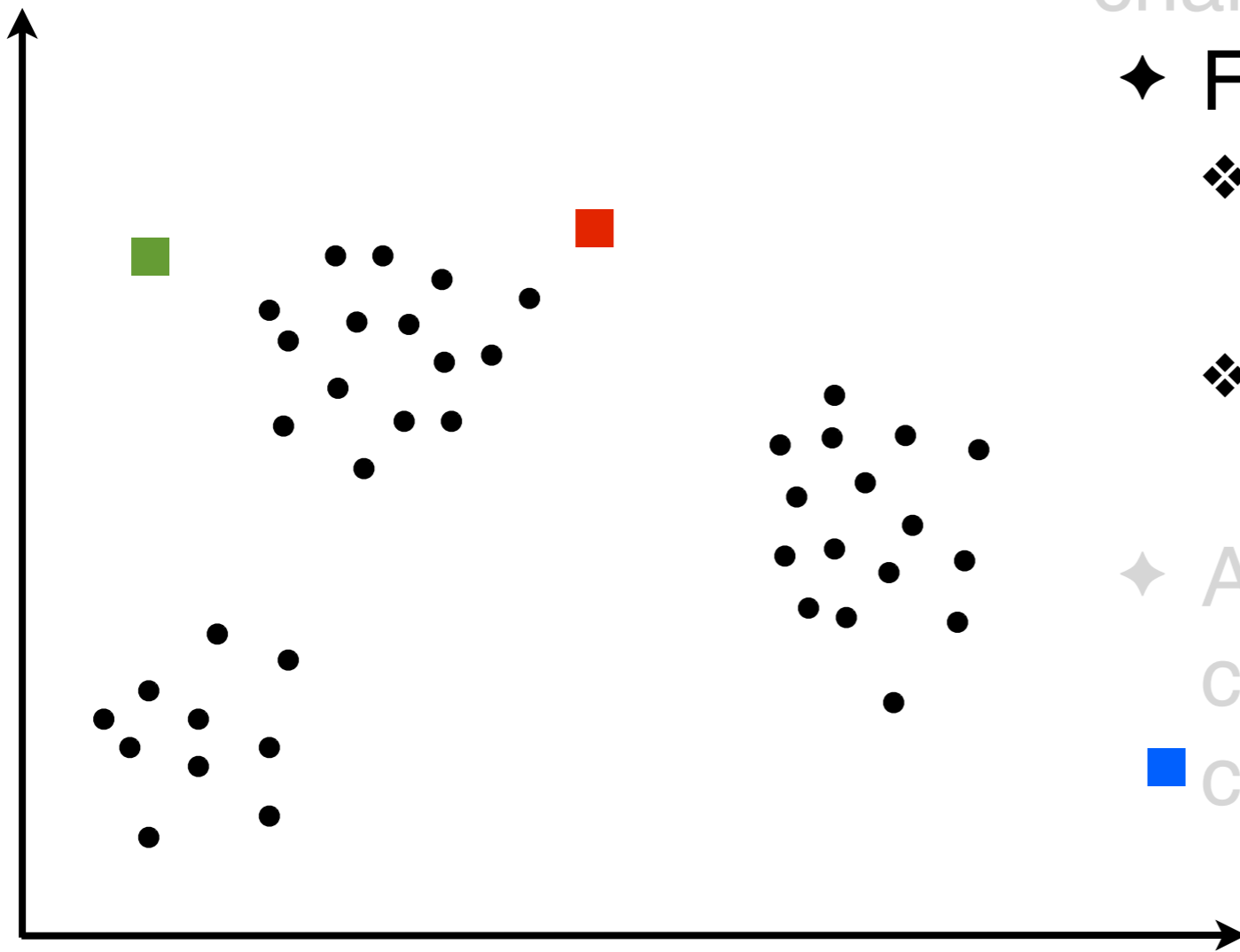
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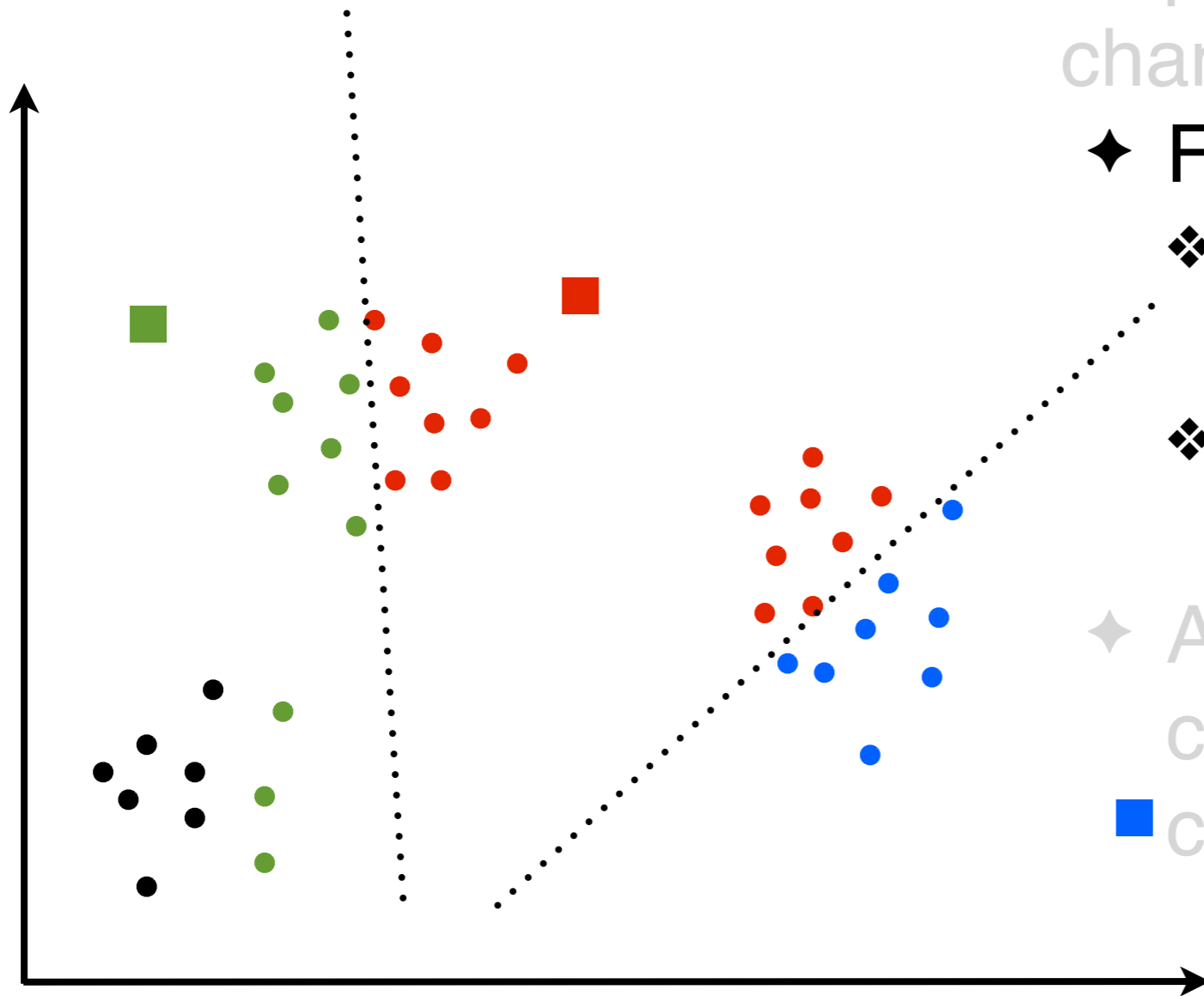


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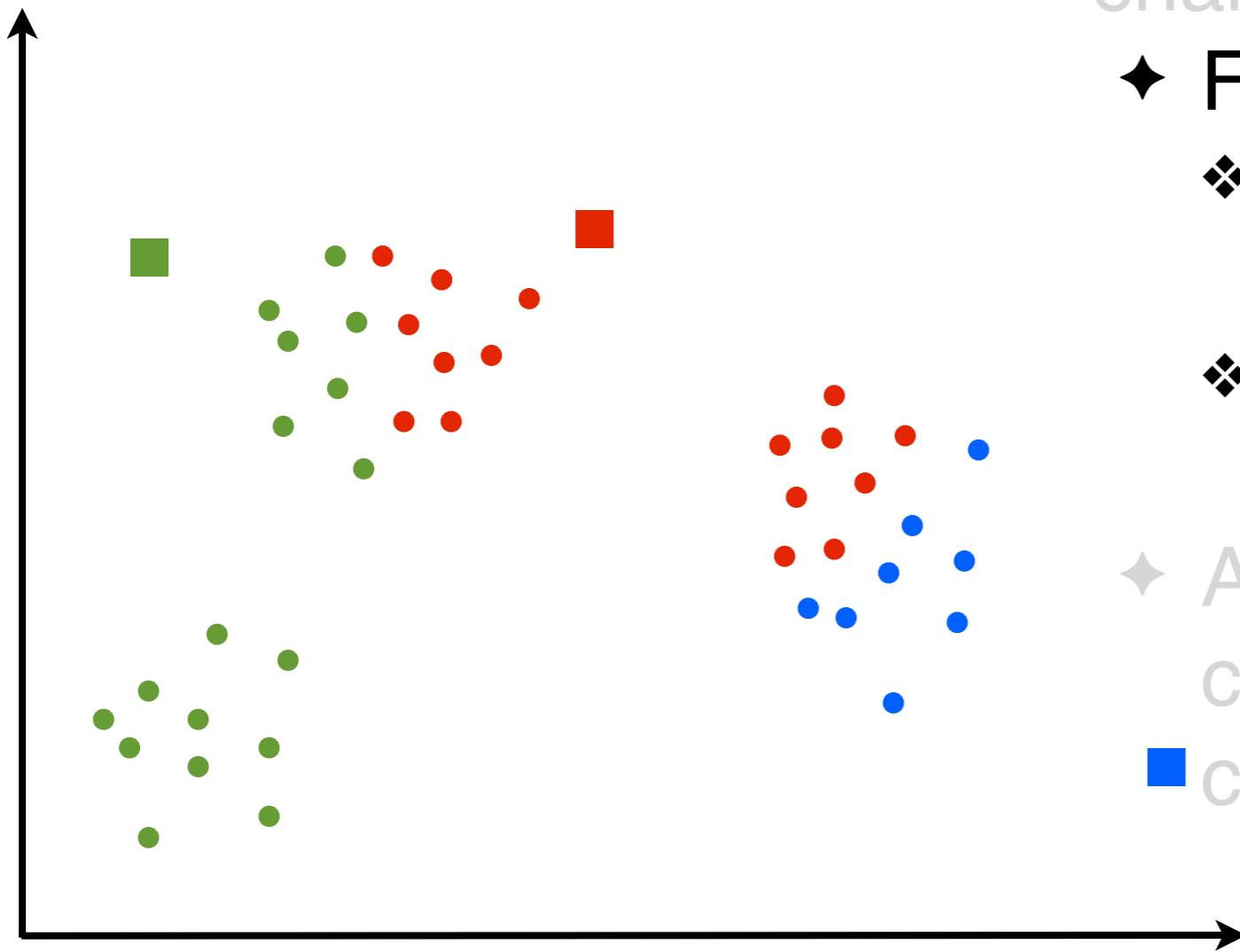
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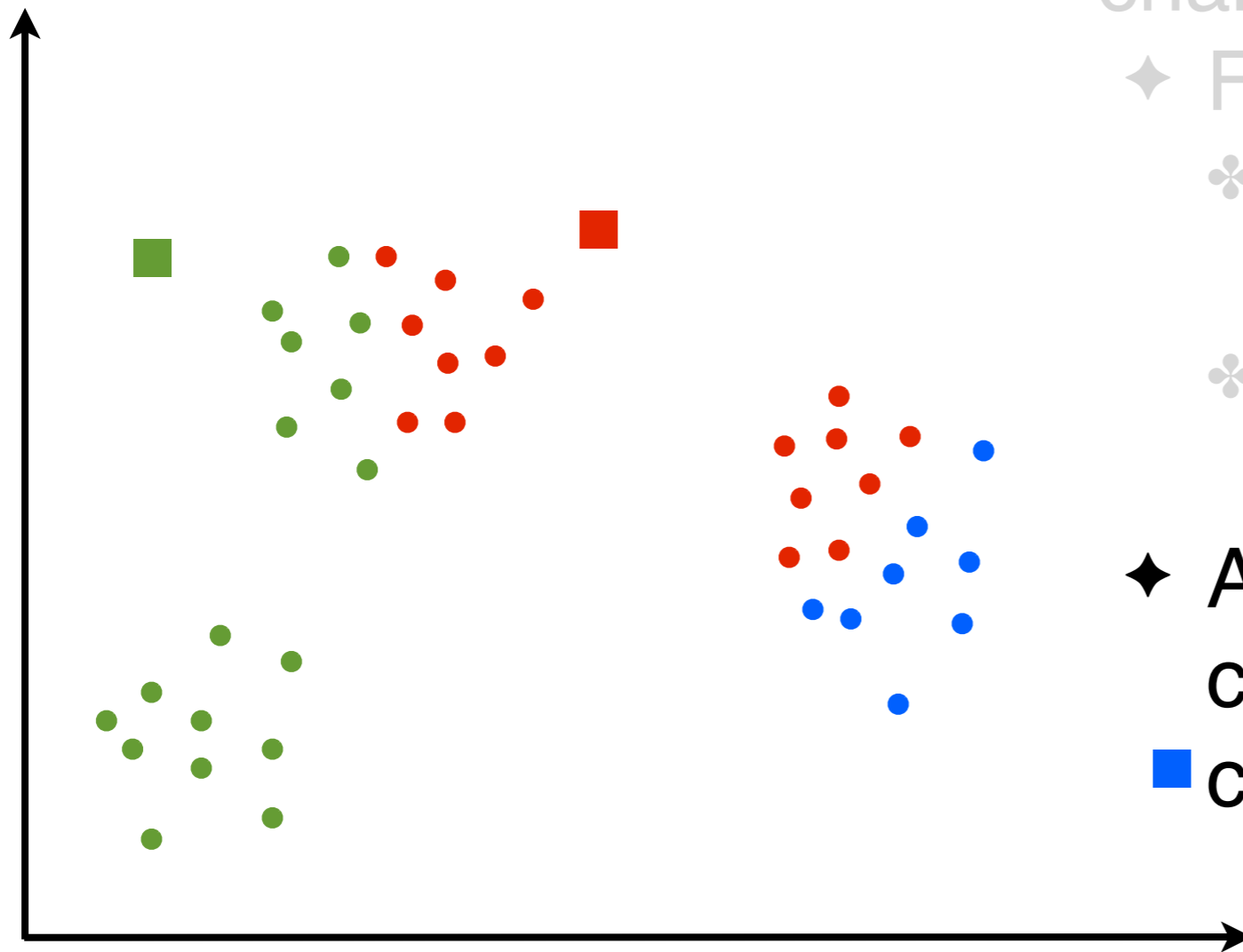
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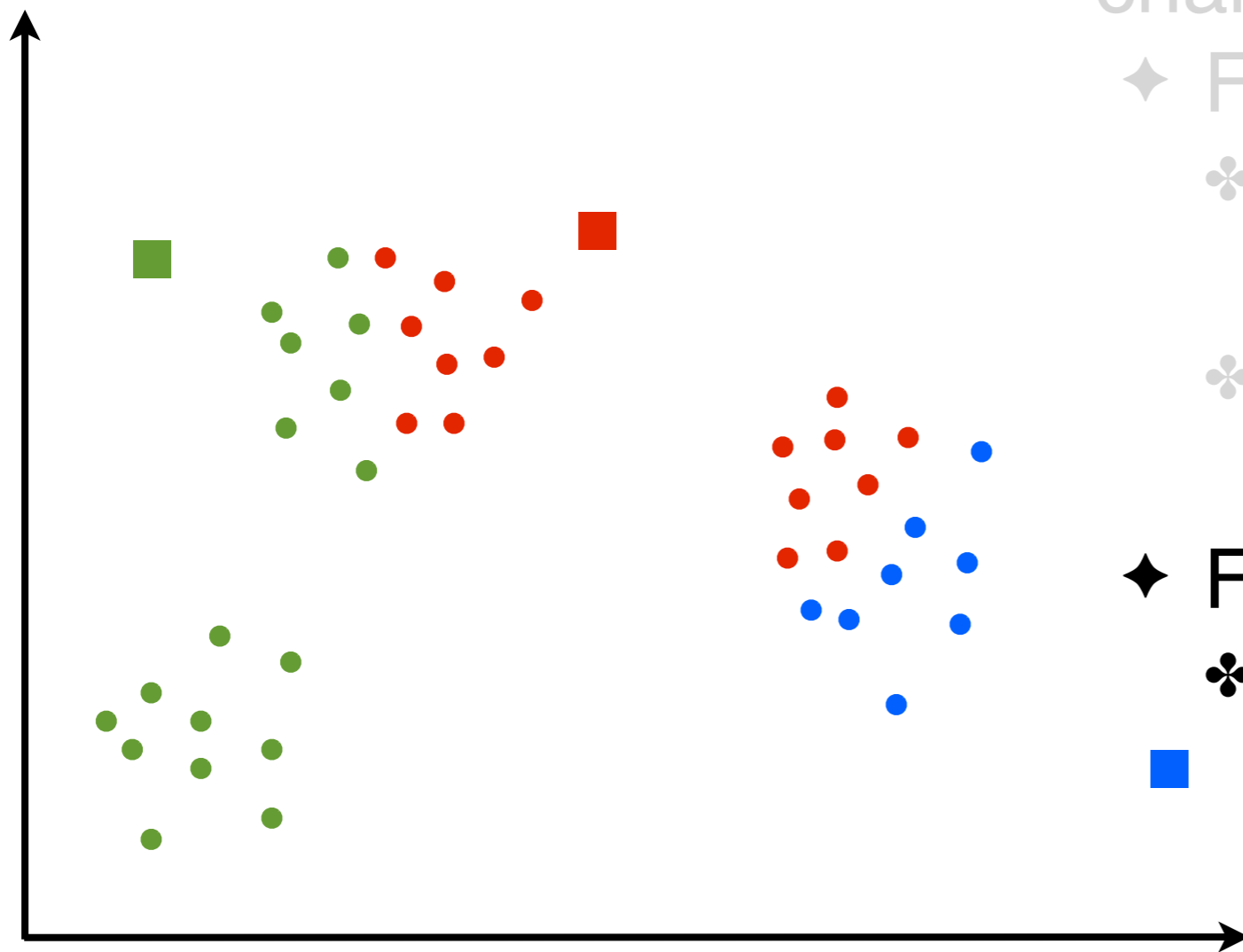


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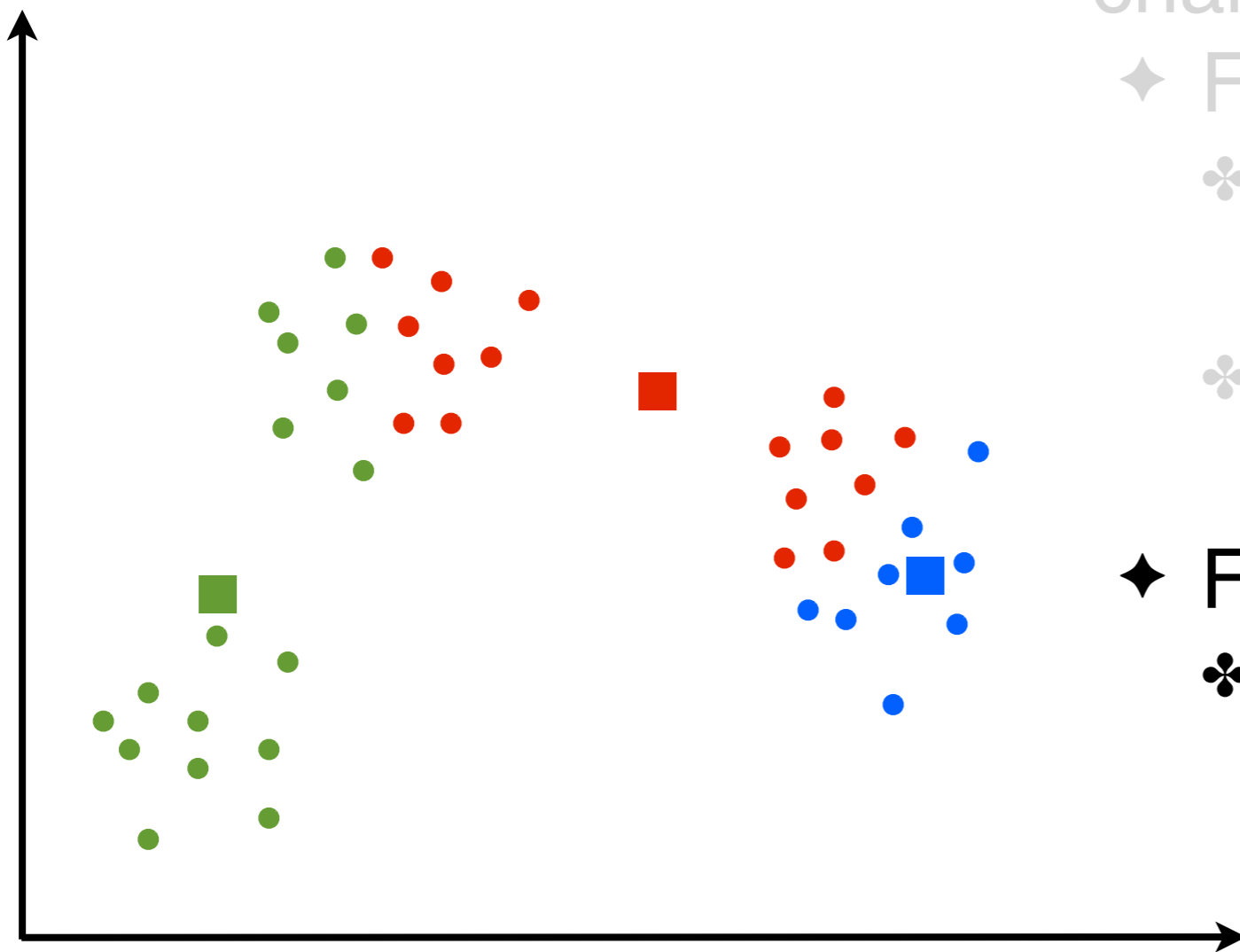
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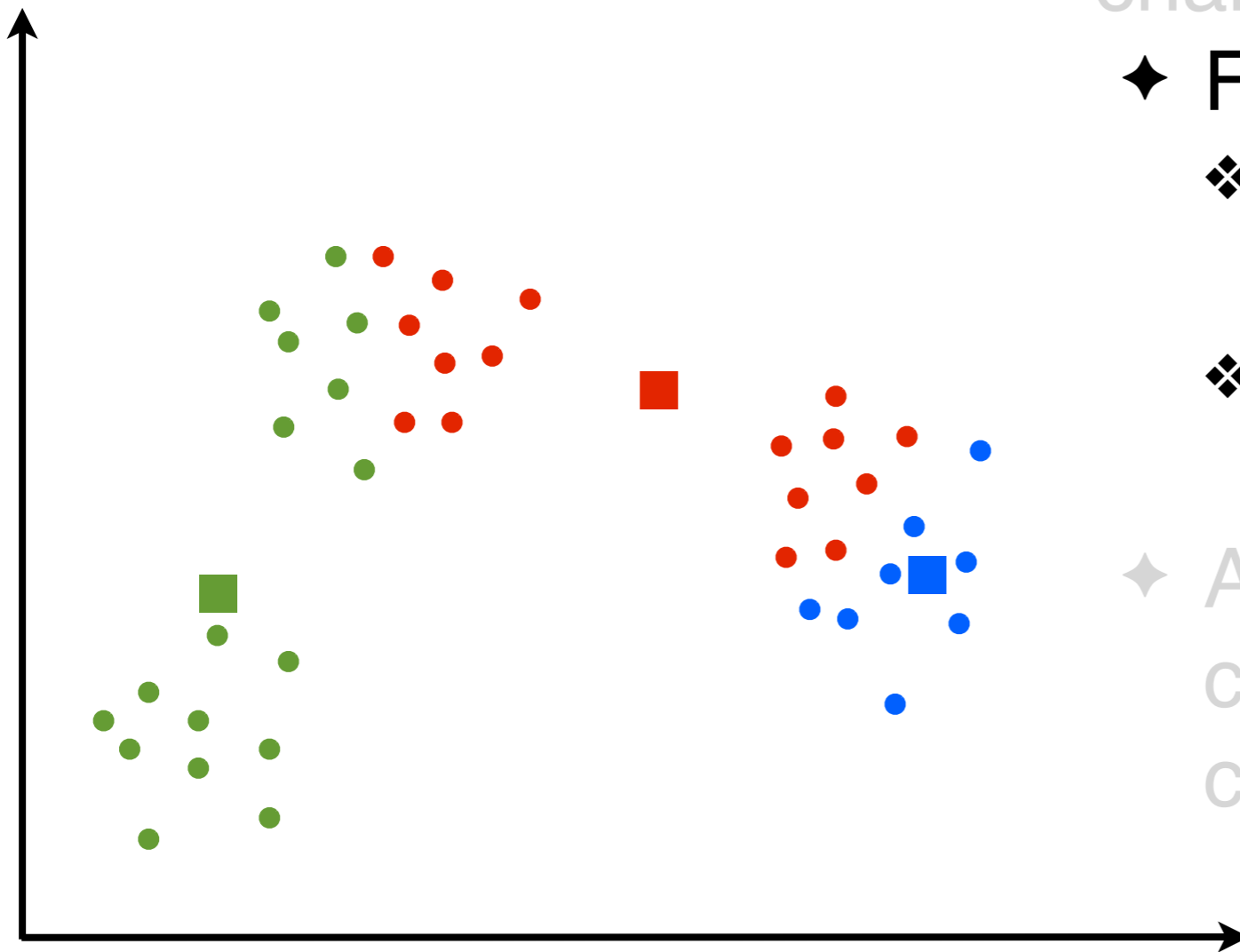
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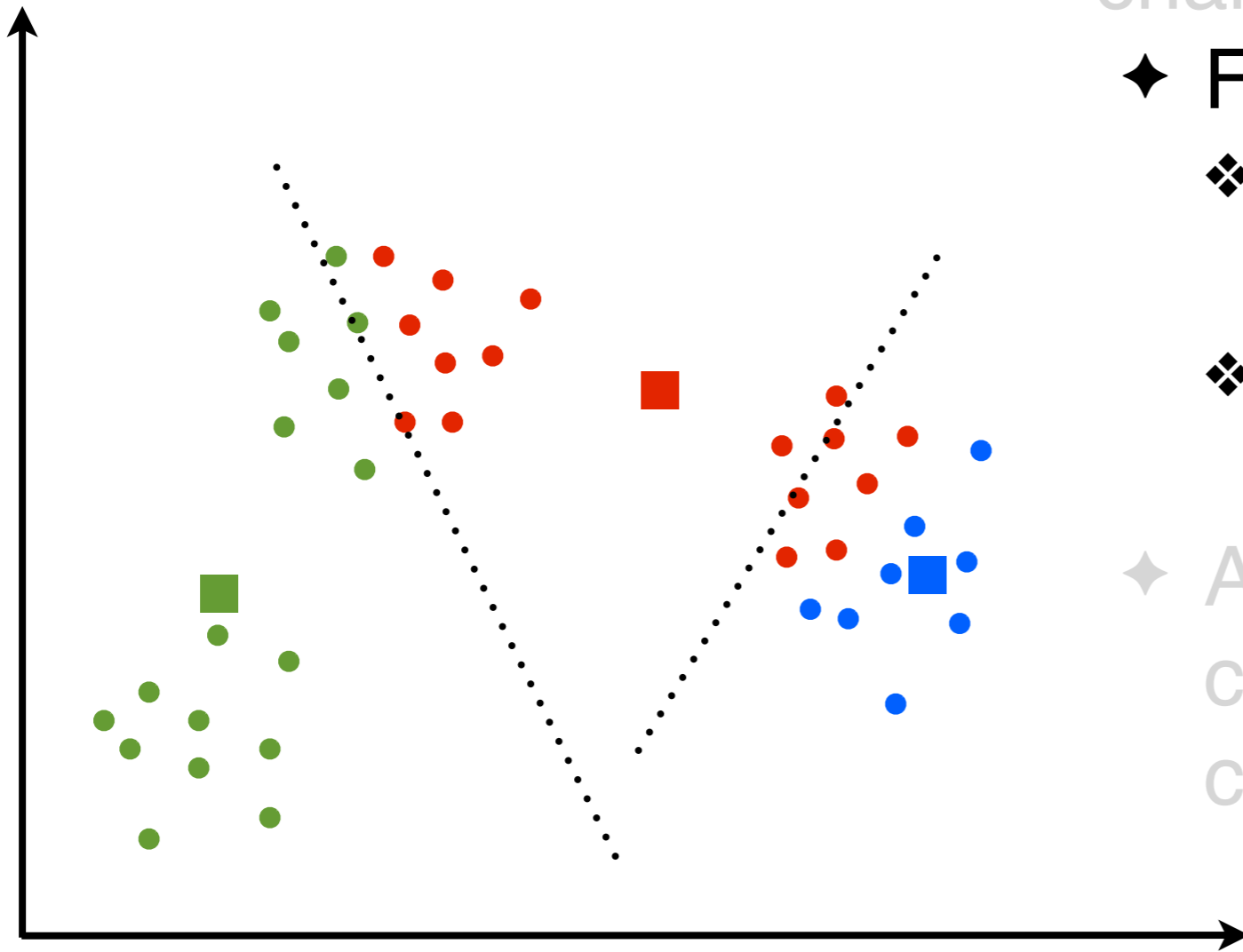
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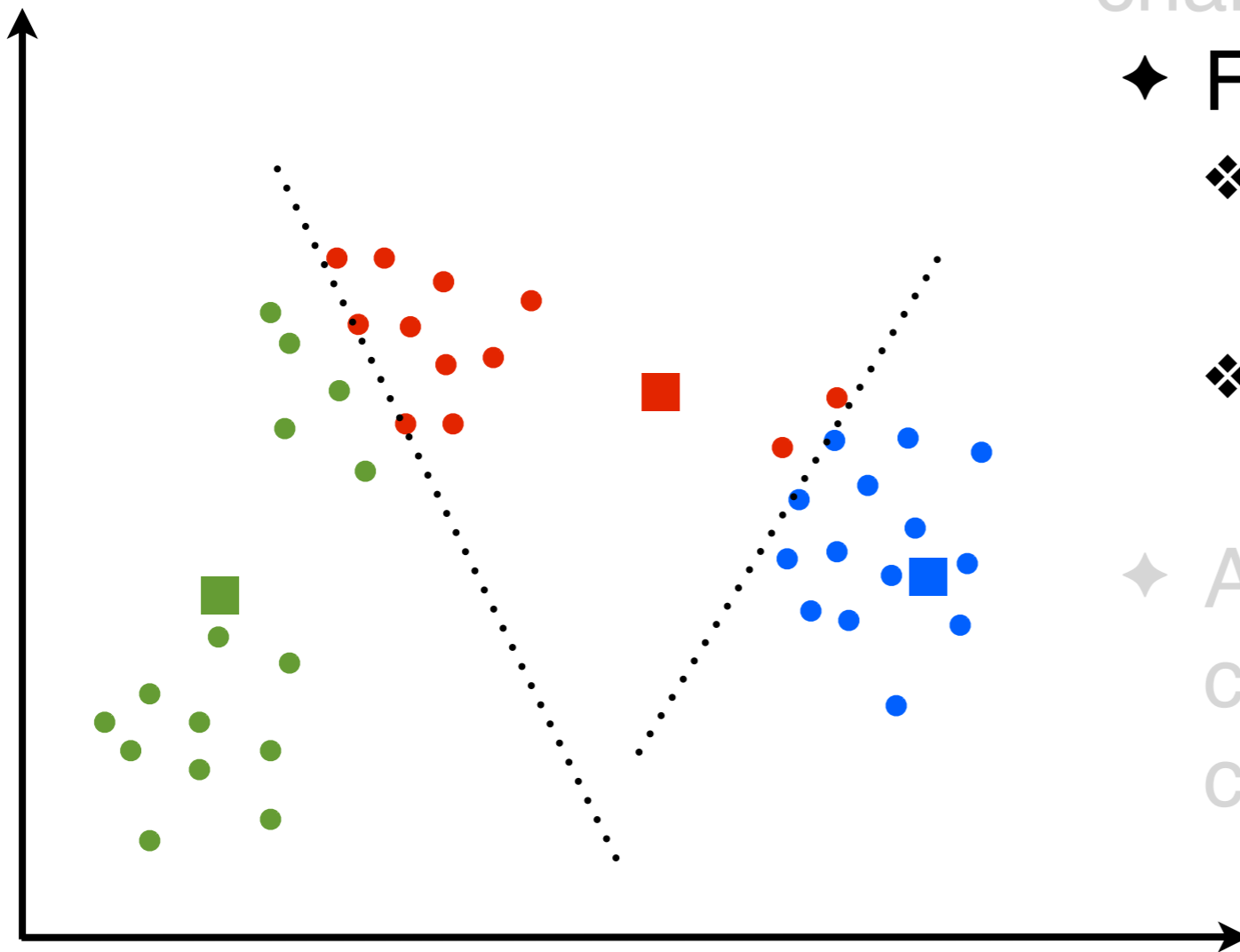
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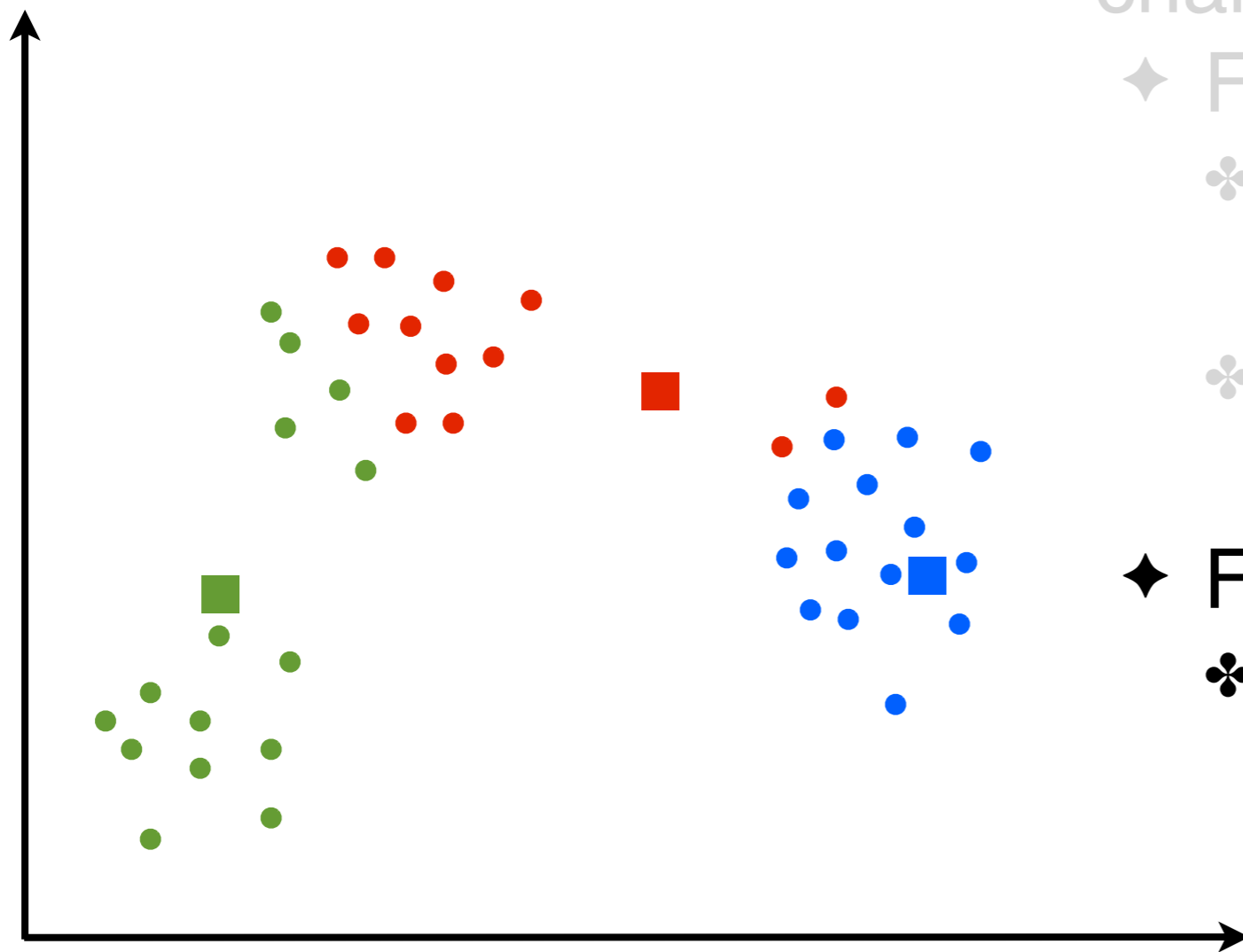


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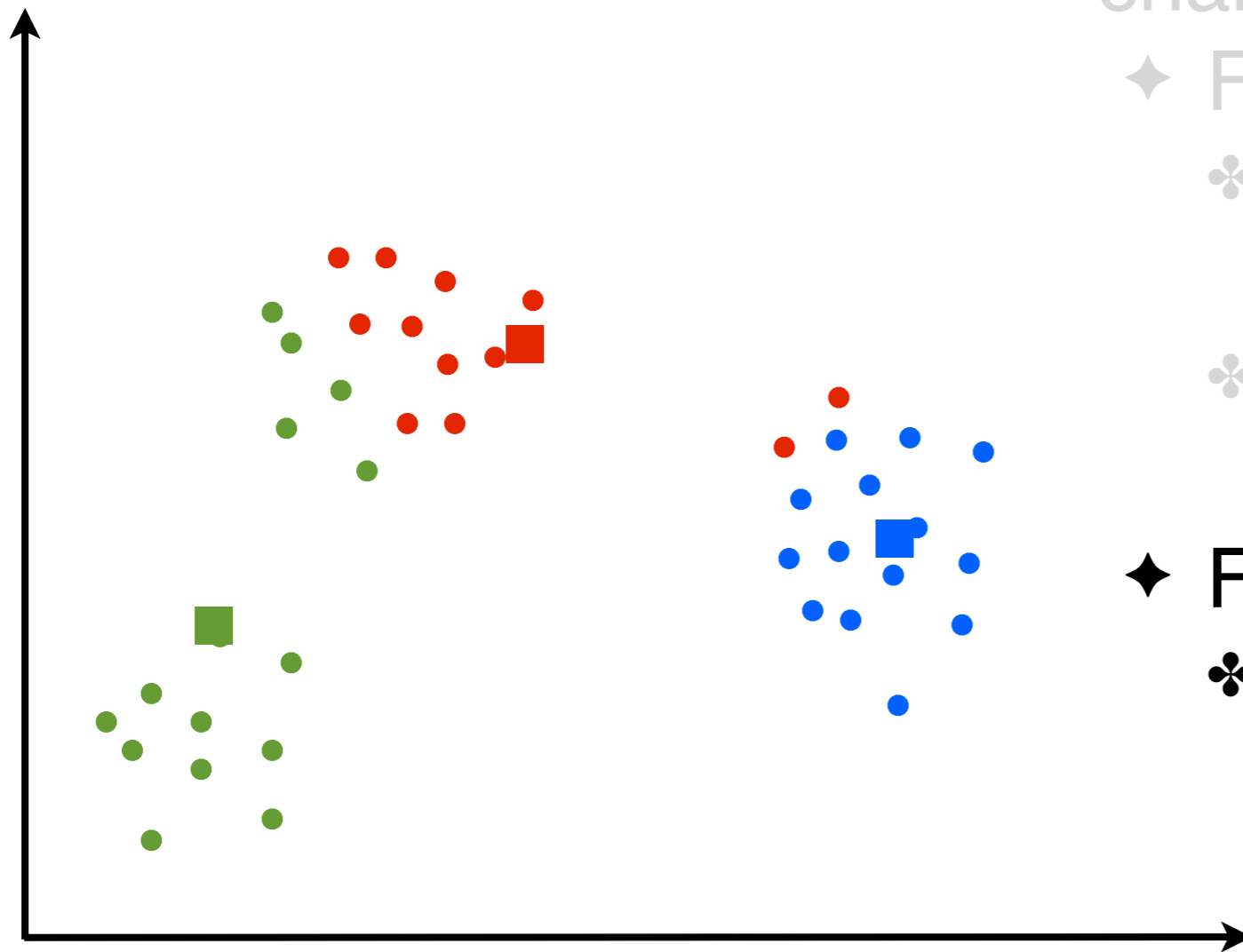


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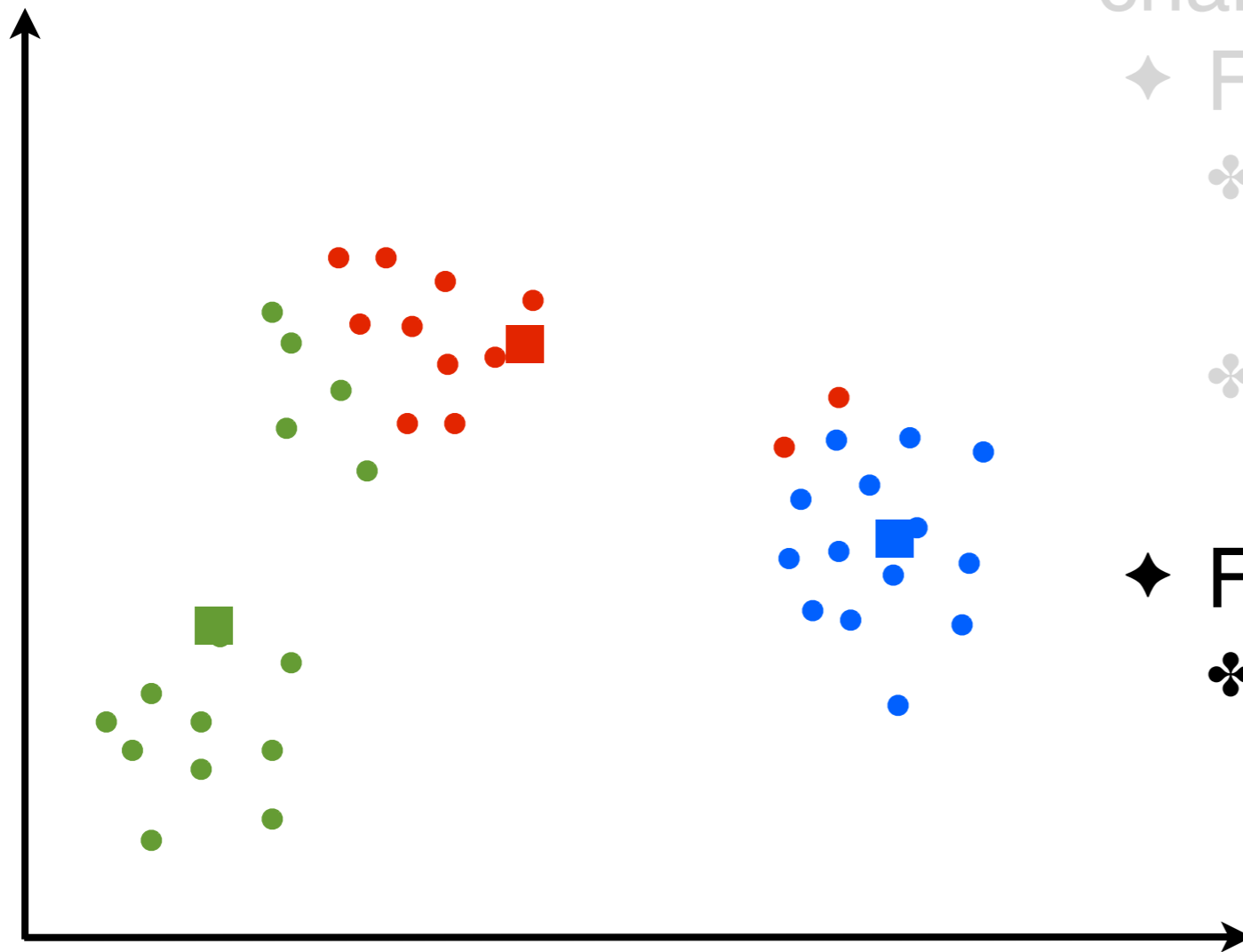
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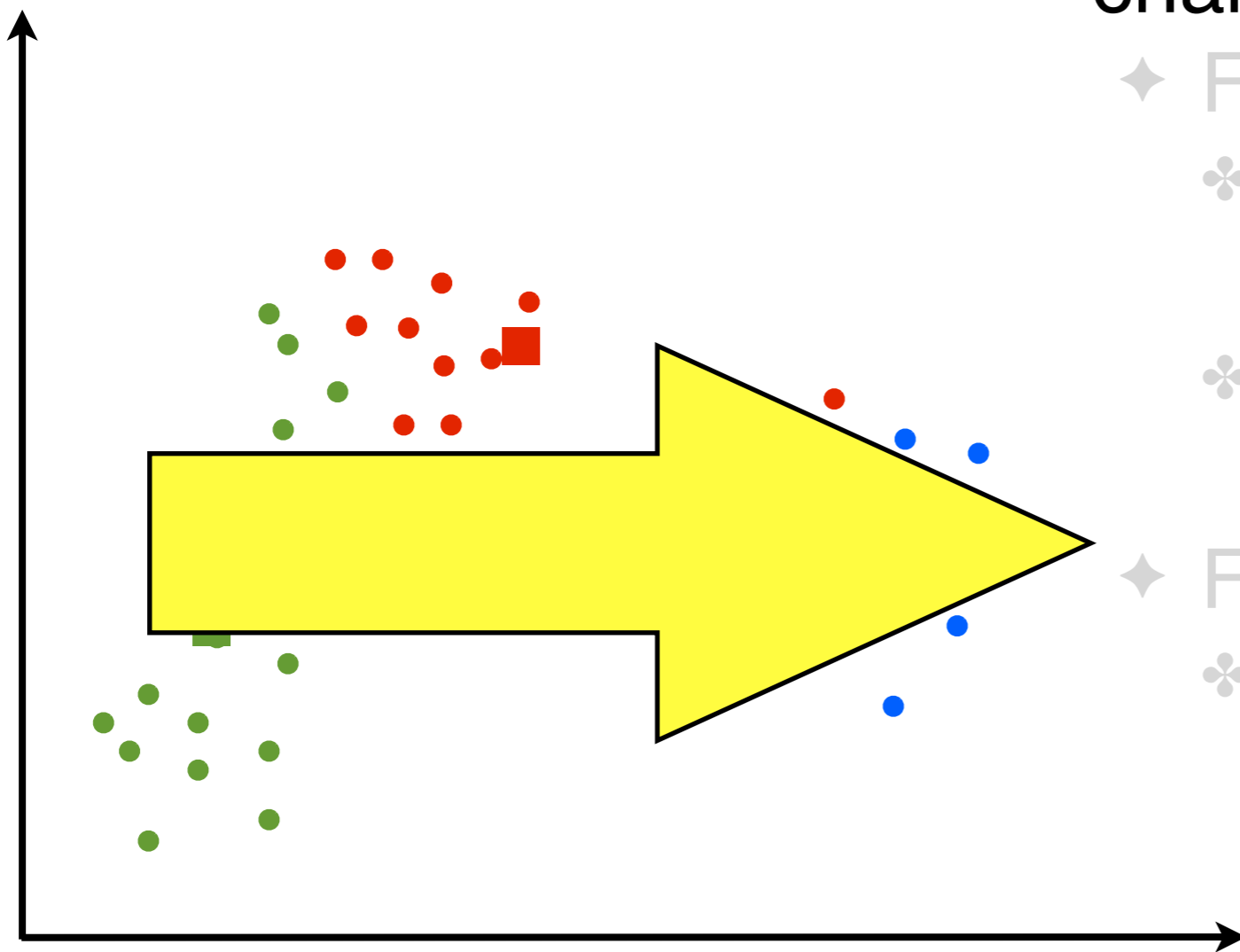
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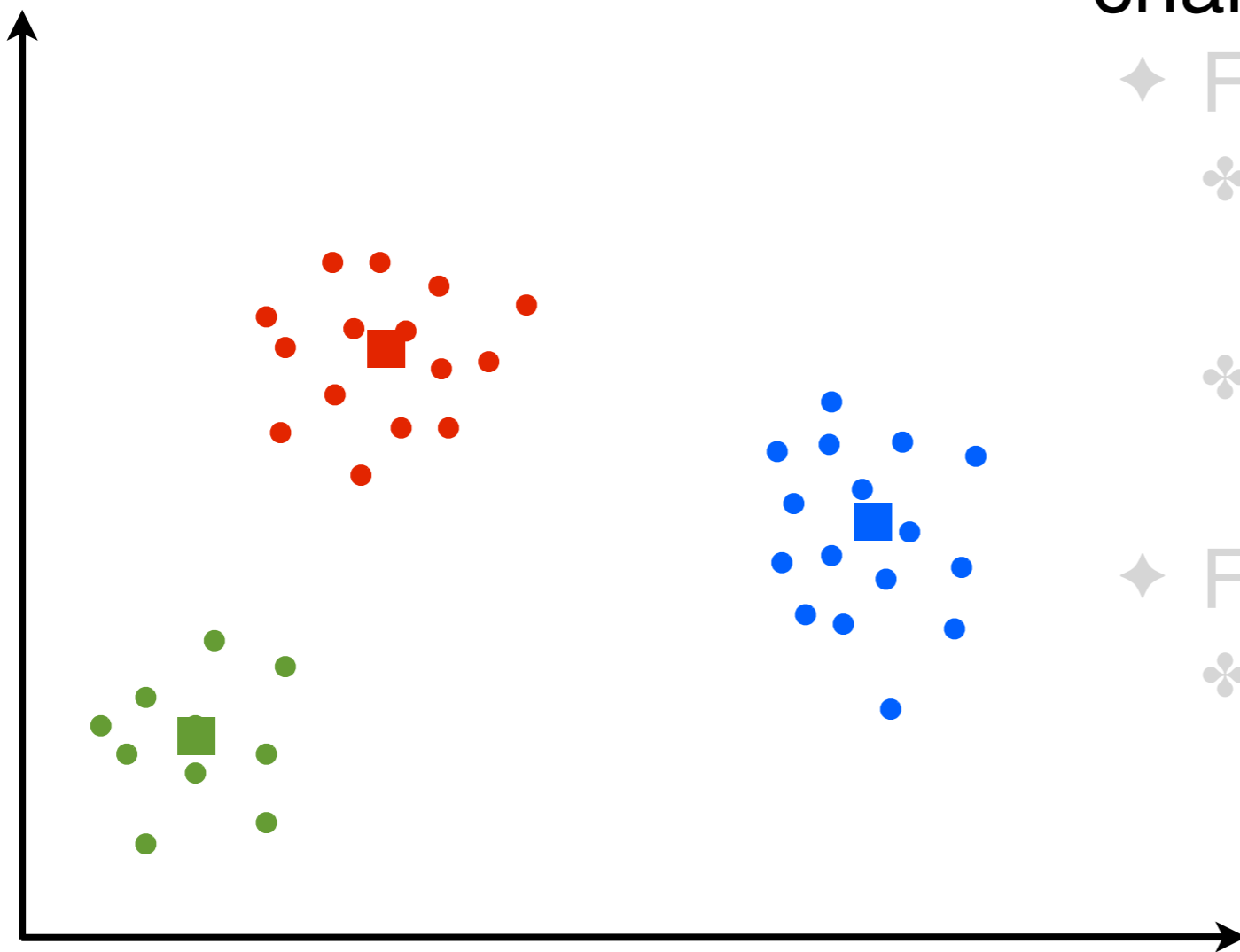
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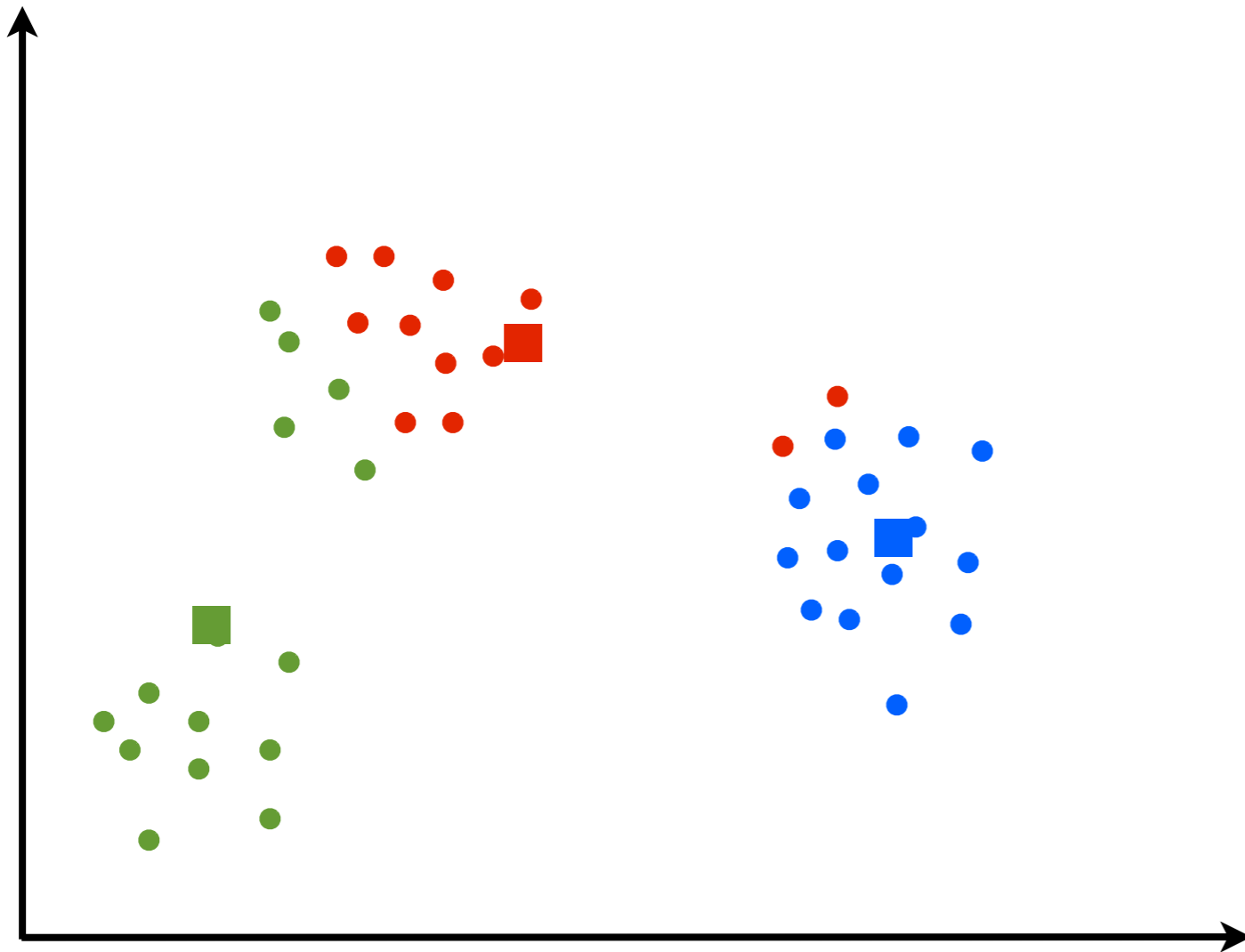


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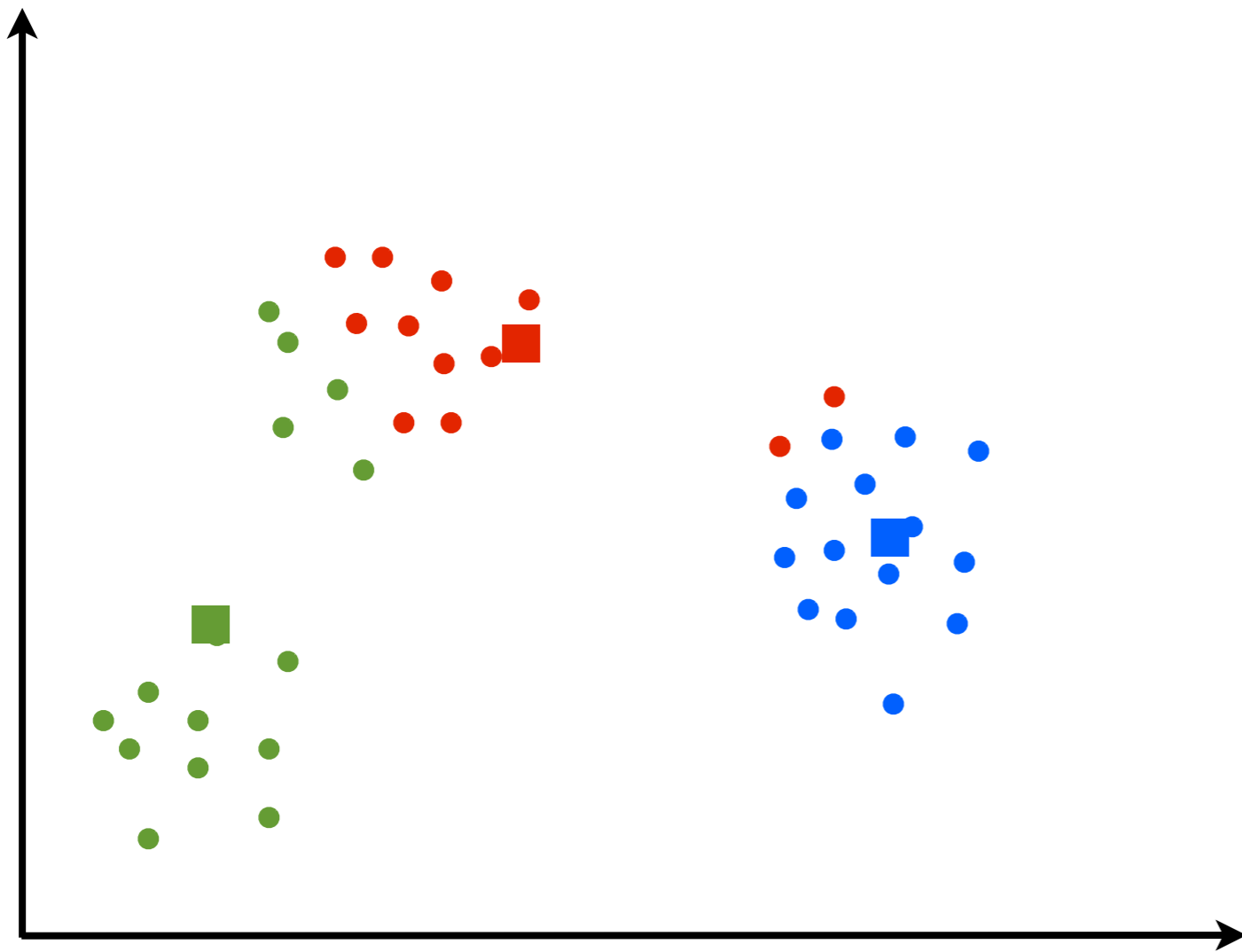
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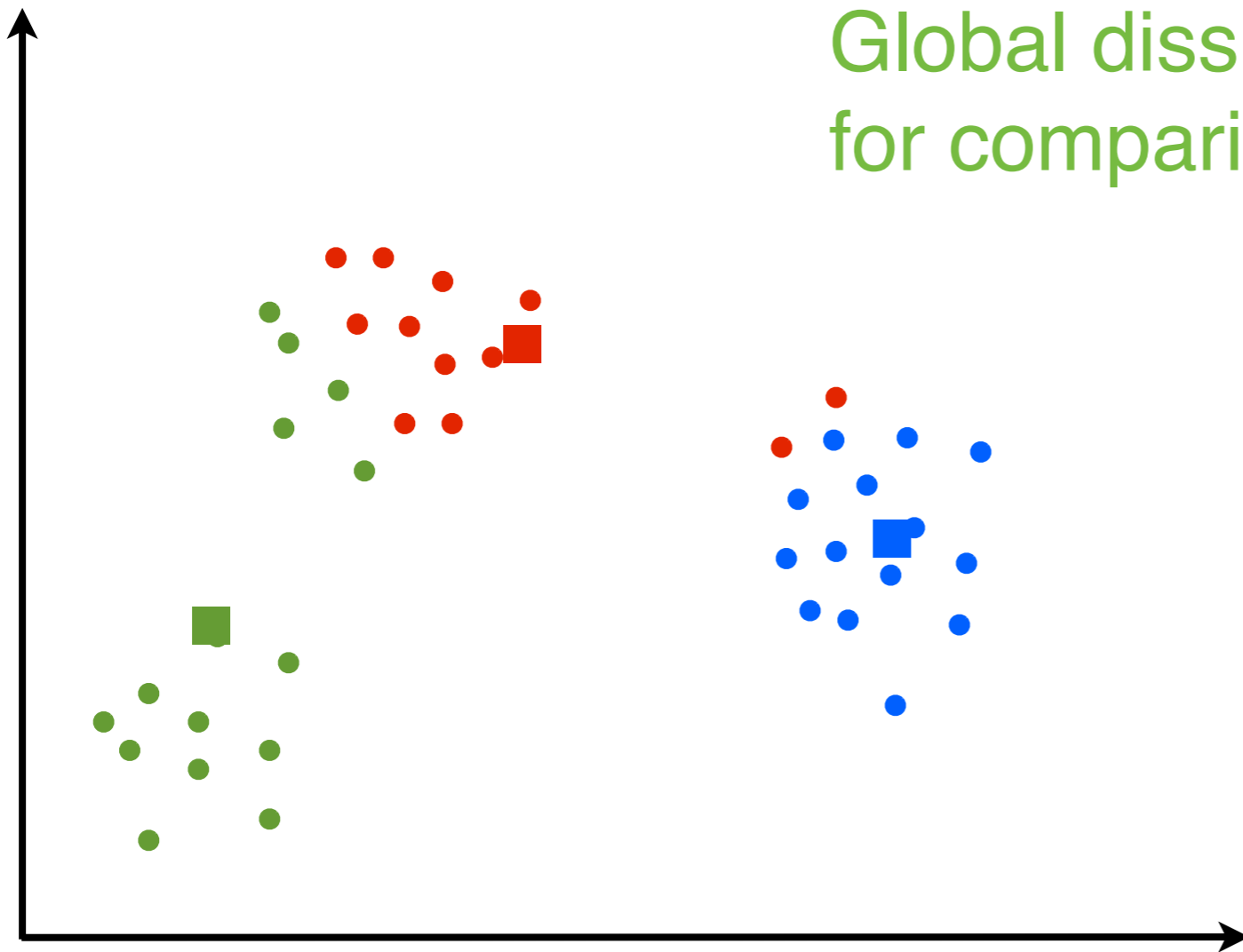
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- Is the clustering any good?

Global dissimilarity only useful for comparing clusterings.



K-Means: Evaluation

- Guaranteed to converge in a finite number of iterations
- Running time per iteration:
 1. Assign data points to closest cluster center
 $O(KN)$ time
 2. Change the cluster center to the average of its assigned points
 $O(N)$ time

K-Means: Evaluation

Objective $\min_{\mu} \min_C \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{x \in C_i} |x - \mu_i|^2$

1. Fix μ , optimize C :

$$\min_C \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{x \in C_i} |x - \mu_i|^2 = \min_c \sum_i^n |x_i - \mu_{x_i}|^2$$

Step 1 of kmeans

2. Fix C , optimize μ :

$$\min_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{x \in C_i} |x - \mu_i|^2$$

– Take partial derivative of μ_i and set to zero, we have

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{|C_i|} \sum_{x \in C_i} x$$

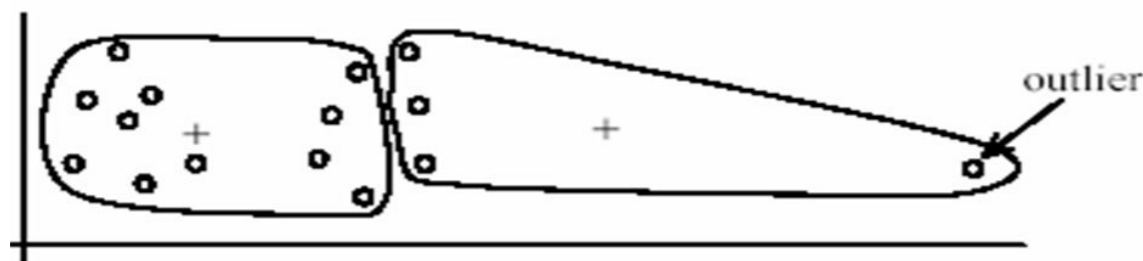
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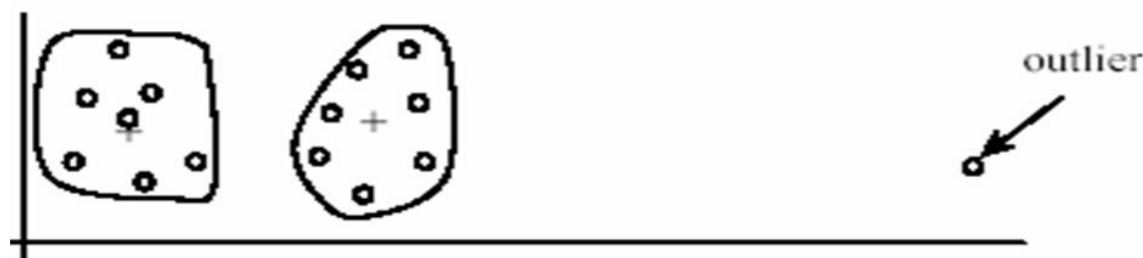
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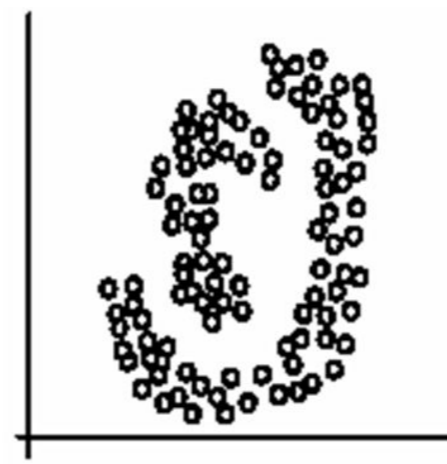
- How to set k ?
- Sensitive to initial centers
 - Multiple initializations
- Sensitive to outliers
- Detects spherical clusters
- Assuming means can be computed
 - It requires continuous, numerical features



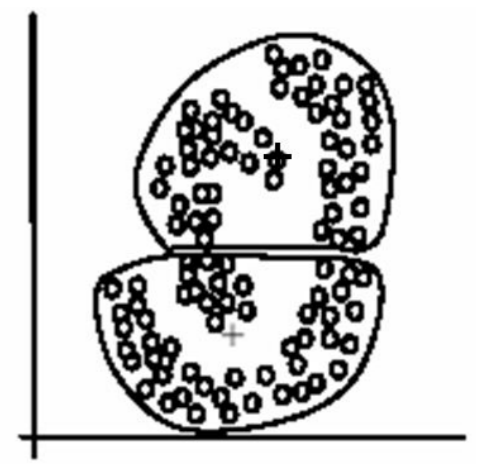
(A): Undesirable clusters



(B): Ideal clusters



(A): Two natural clusters



(B): k -means clusters

Next Lecture:
K-Means Applications,
Spectral clustering,
Hierarchical clustering and
What is a good clustering?