

Introduction to Machine Learning

Hierarchical Clustering and Large Data Set Clustering

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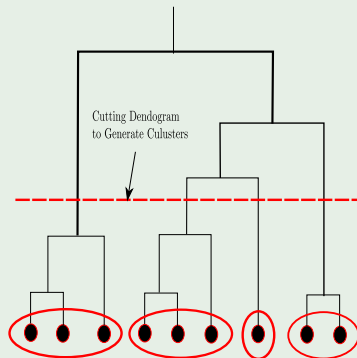
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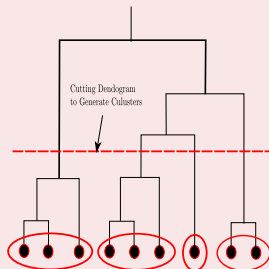
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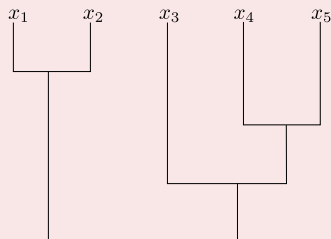
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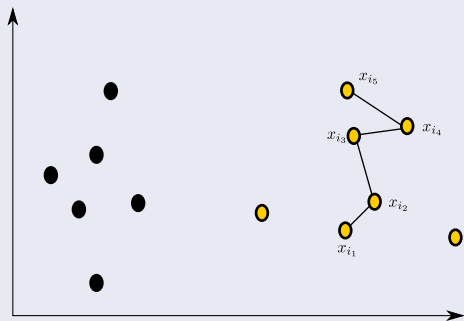
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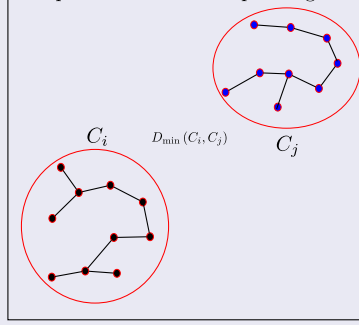
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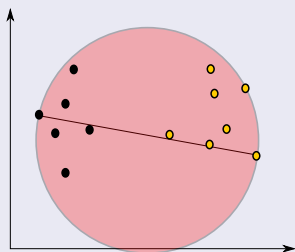


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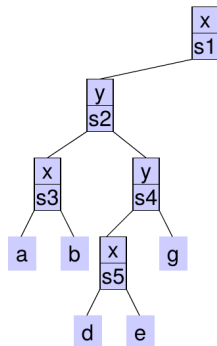
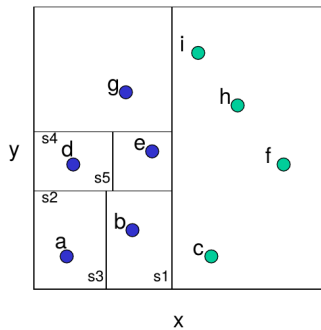
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This was born from the fact that

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Example



In order to keep performance, Logarithmic Rebuilding

We maintain at most $h = O(\log N)$ Kd-trees

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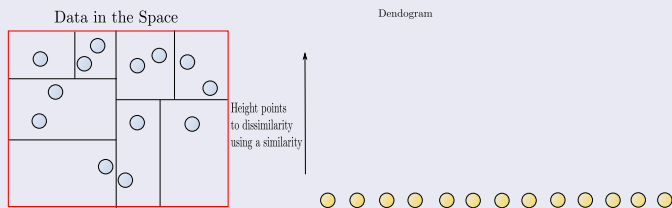
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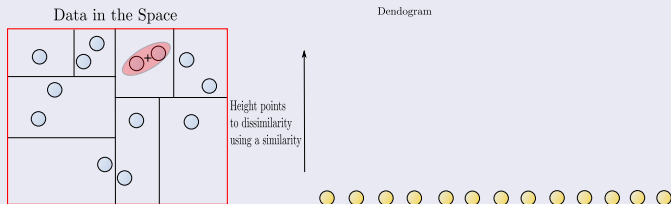


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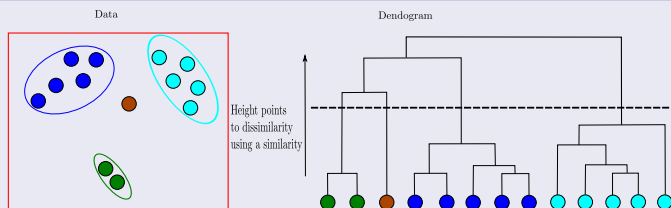
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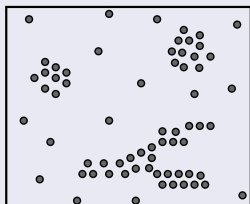
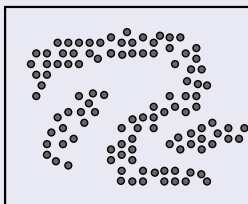
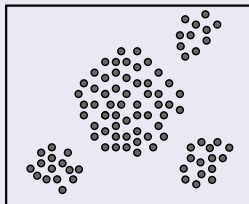
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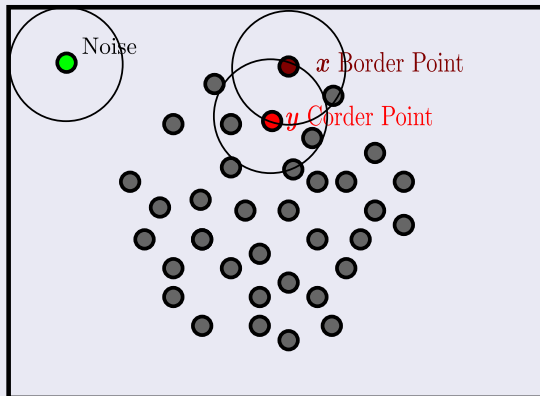
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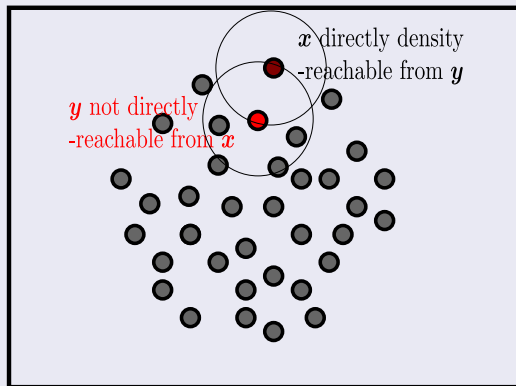
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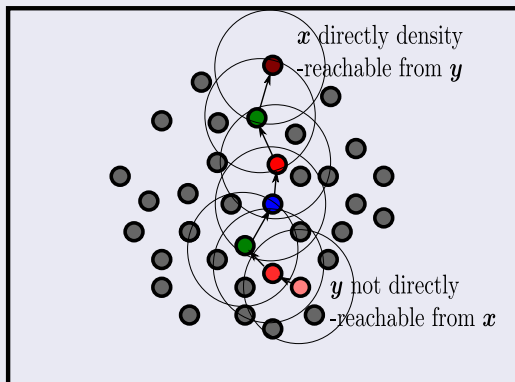
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Density-Reachability is a canonical extension of **Direct Density-Reachability**

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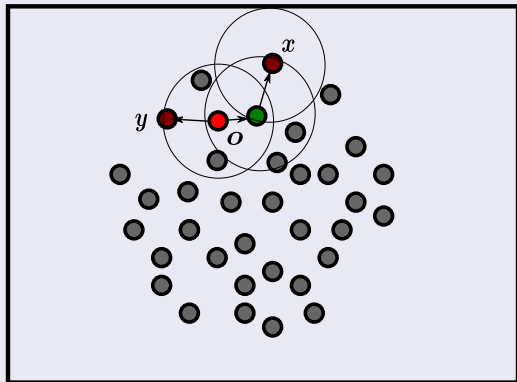
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- A cluster C w.r.t. ϵ and $MinPts$ is a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R}^d satisfying the following conditions:
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 - 2 $\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in C$, \mathbf{x} is density-connected to \mathbf{y} w.r.t. ϵ and $MinPts$ (Connectivity).



Noise Definition

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- Let C_1, \dots, C_k be the clusters in \mathbb{R}^d w.r.t. parameters ϵ_i and $MinPts_i$, $i = 1, \dots, k$.
 - ▶ Then we define the noise as the set of points in \mathbb{R}^d not belonging to any cluster C_i :

$$Noise = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \forall i : \mathbf{x} \notin C_i \}$$



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Supporting the idea of cluster

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- 4 if $x.ClId$ is UNCLASSIFIED:
- 5 If **ExpandCluster**($SetPoints, x, ClusterId, \epsilon, MinPts$)
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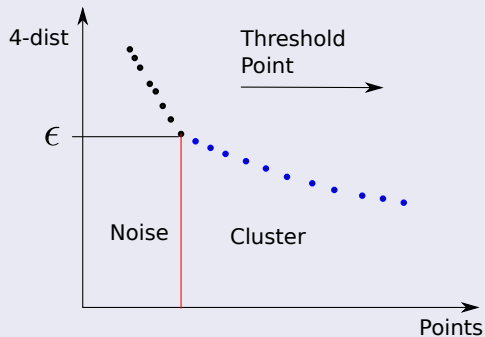
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