



# ECE 5984: Introduction to Machine Learning

## Topics:

- Expectation Maximization
  - For GMMs
  - For General Latent Model Learning

Readings: Barber 20.1-20.3

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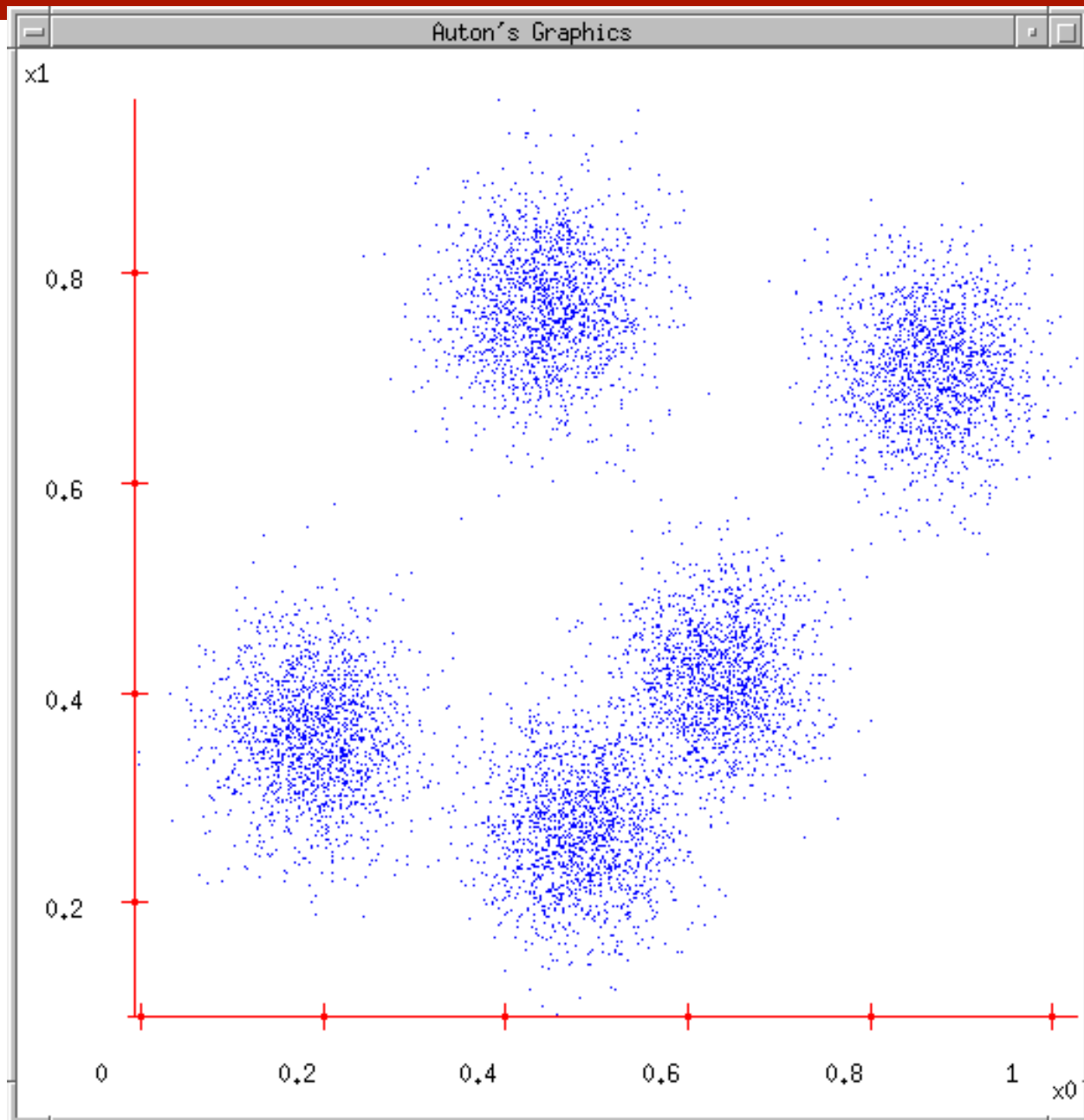
# Administrativa

- Poster Presentation: **Best Project Prize!**
  - May 8 1:30-4:00pm
  - 310 Kelly Hall: ICTAS Building
  - Print poster (or bunch of slides)
  - Format:
    - Portrait
    - Eg. 2 feet (width) x 4 feet (height)
  - Less text, more pictures.



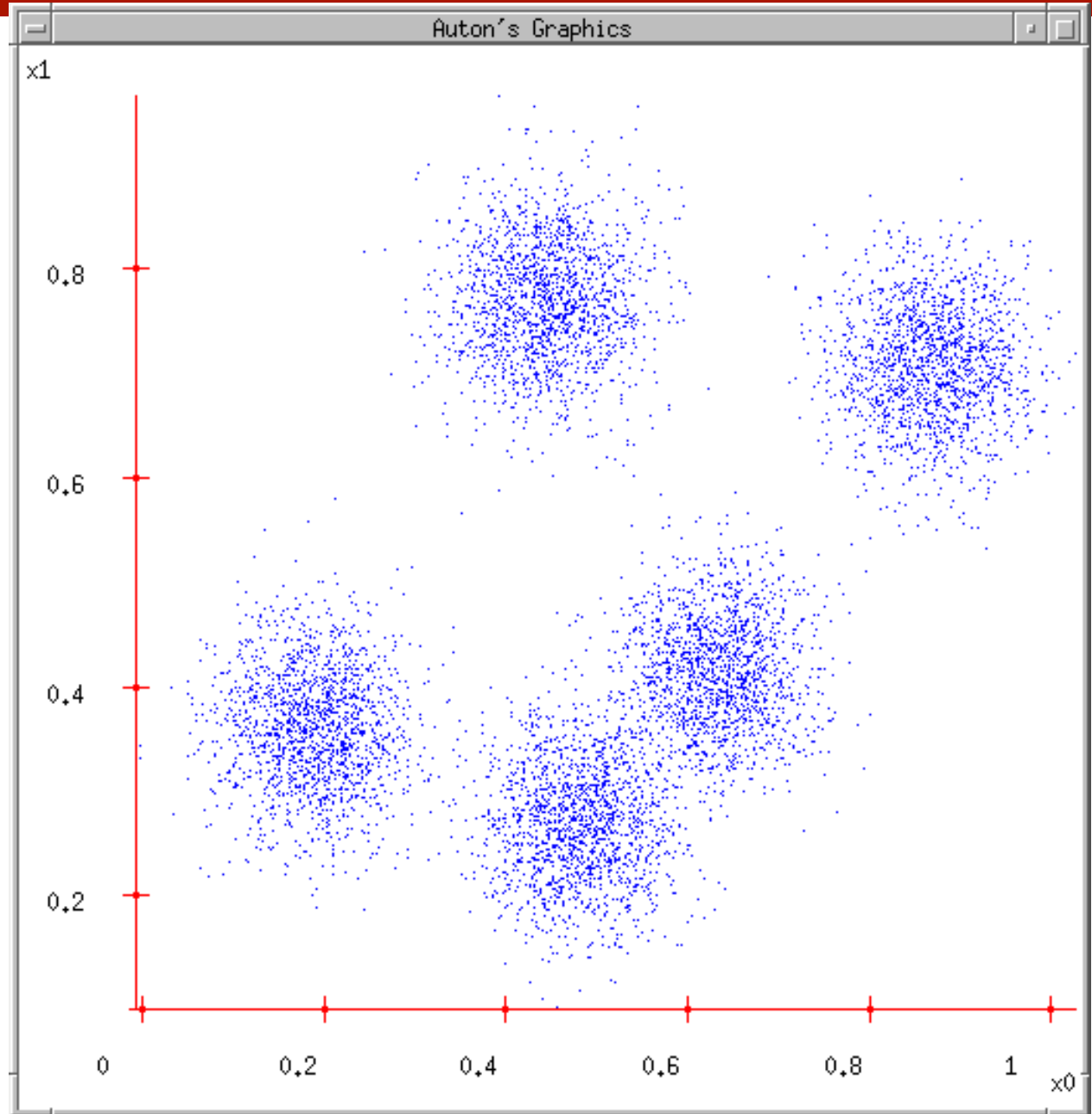
# Recap of Last Time

# Some Data



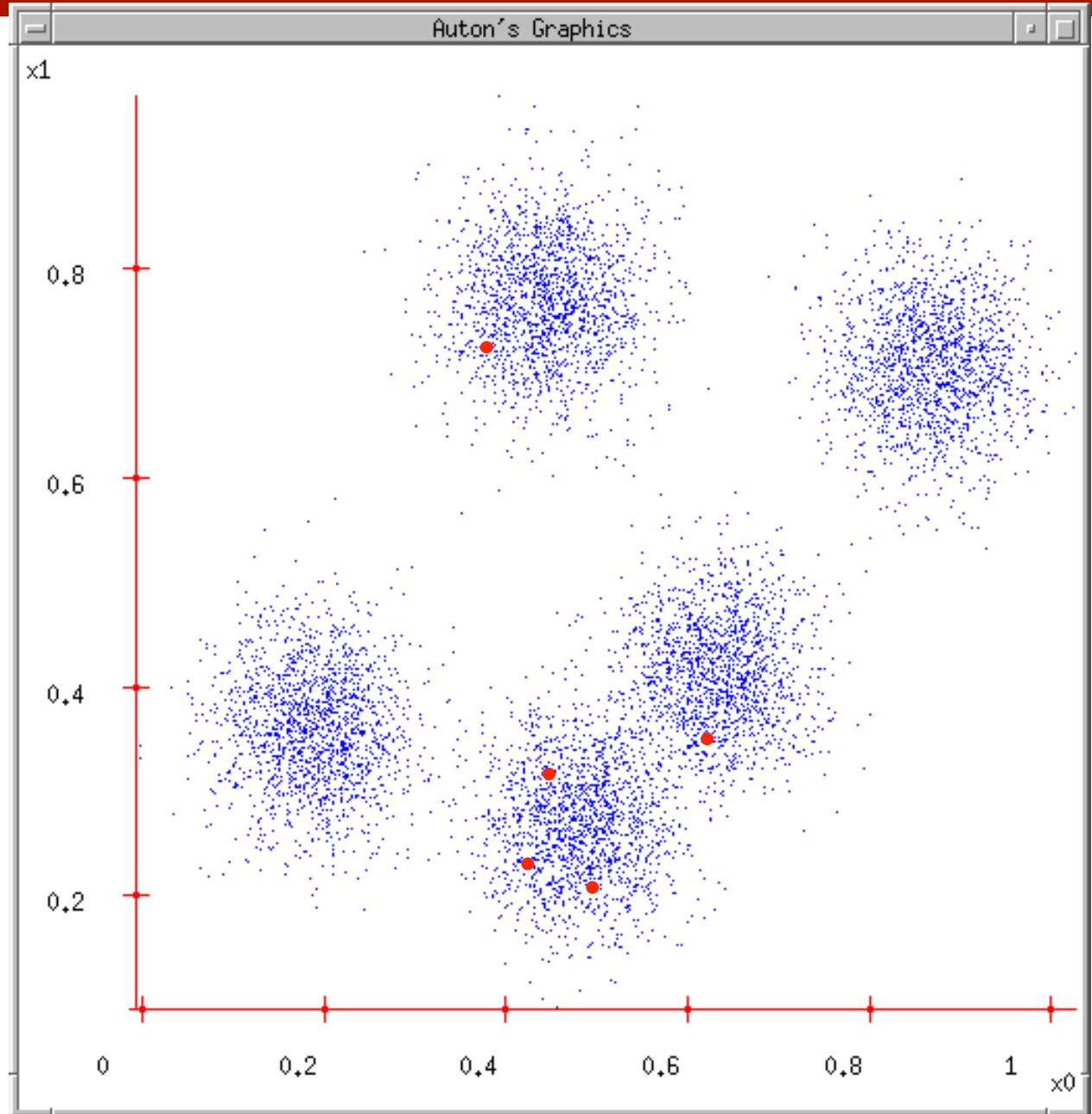
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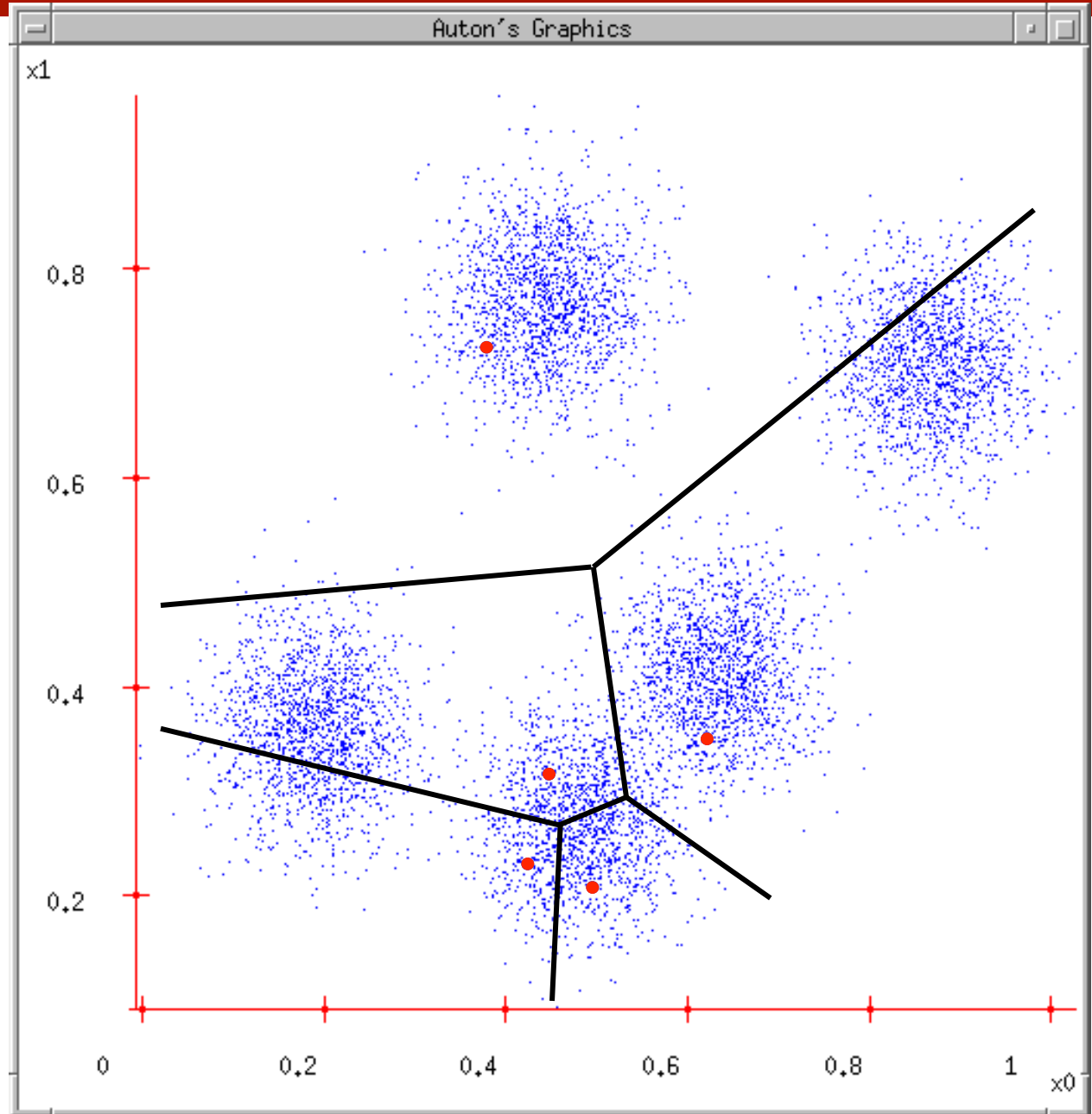
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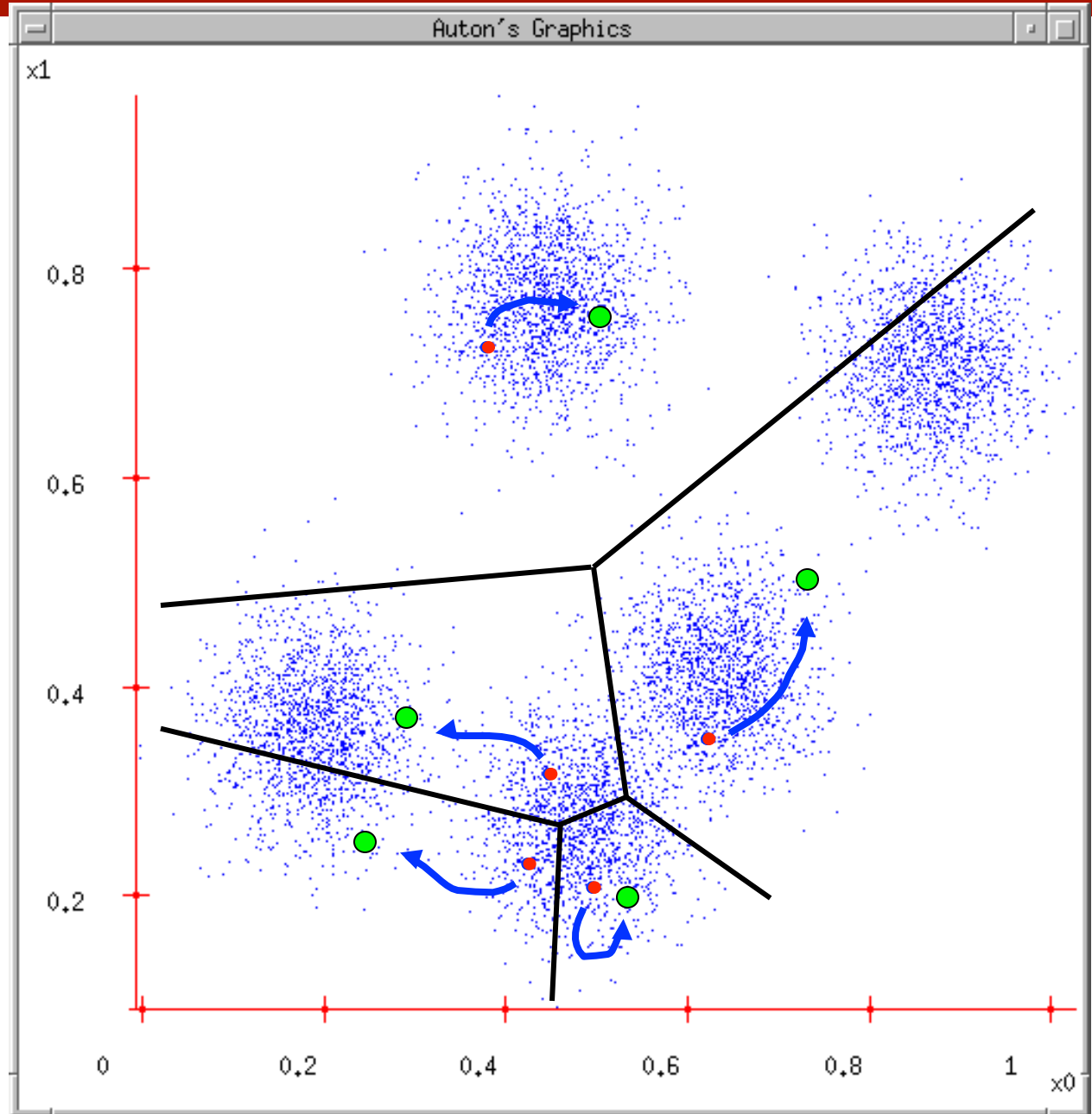
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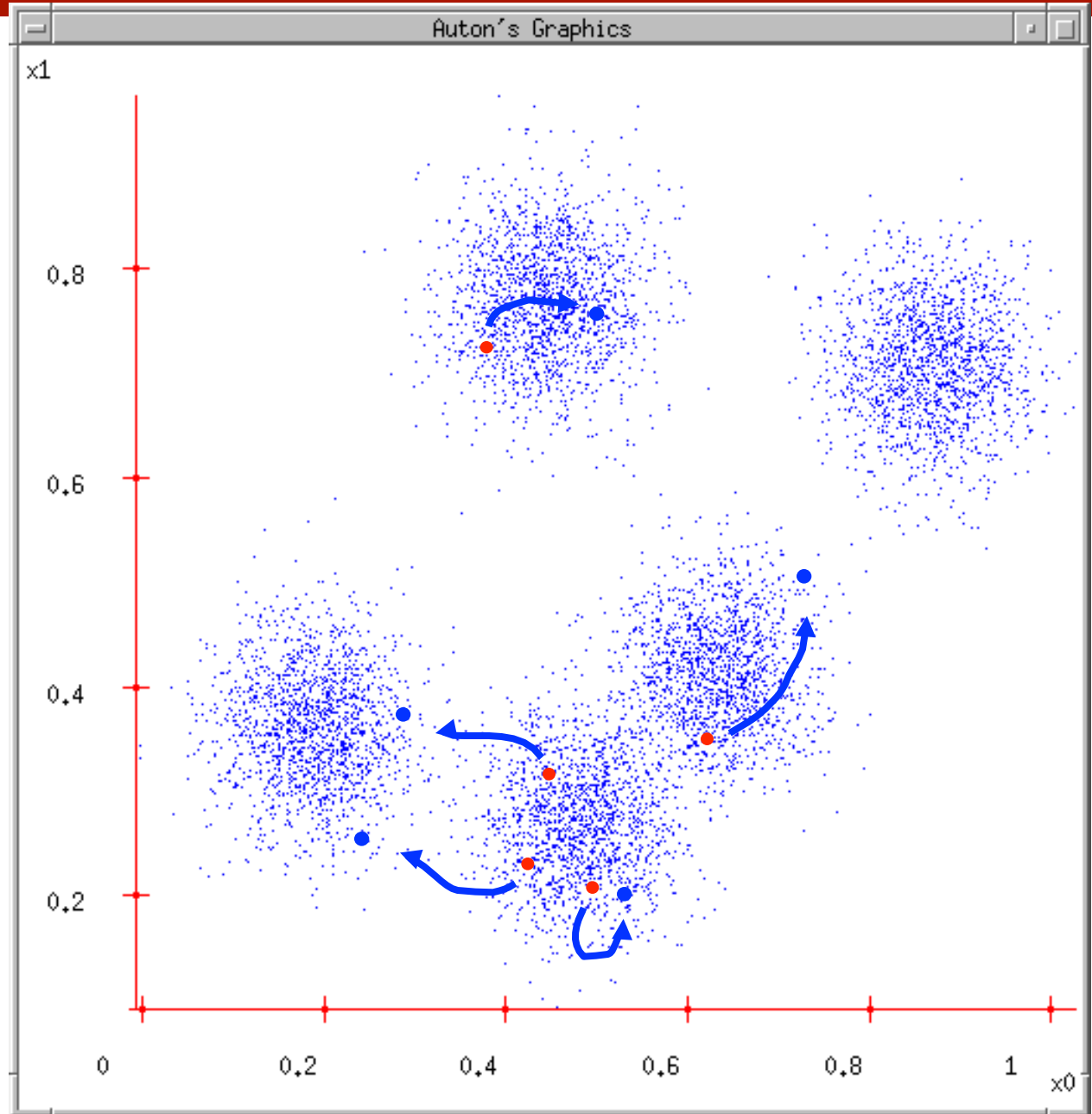
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5. ...and jumps there
6. ...Repeat until terminated!



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- Randomly initialize  $k$  centers
  - $\mu^{(0)} = \mu_1^{(0)}, \dots, \mu_k^{(0)}$
- **Assign:**
  - Assign each point  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  to nearest center:
  - $C(i) \leftarrow \underset{j}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j\|^2$
- **Recenter:**
  - $\mu_j$  becomes centroid of its points

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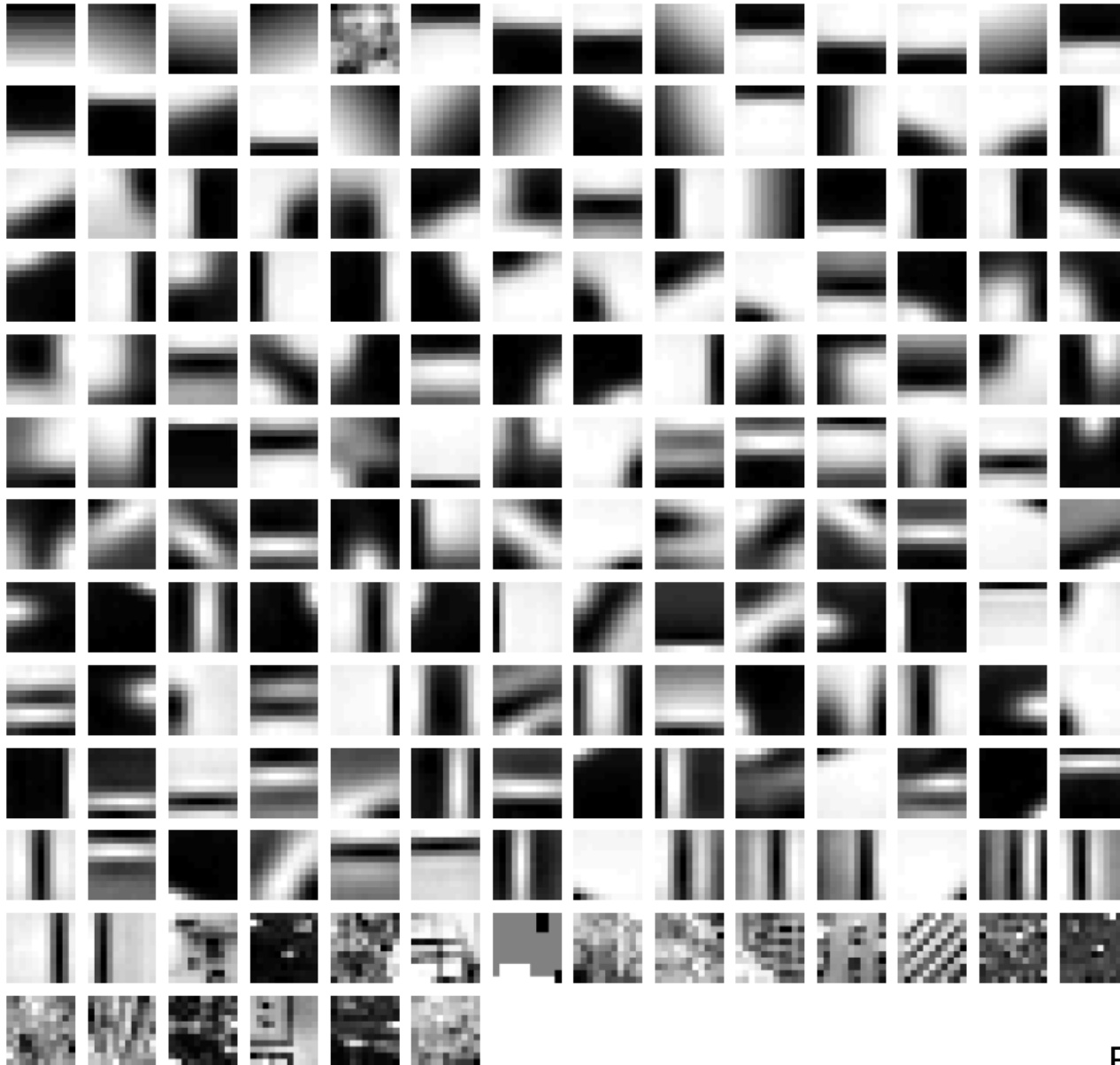
**Object**



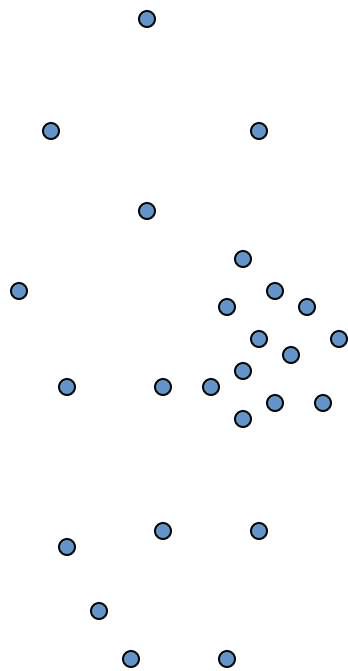
**Bag of 'words'**



# Clustered Image Patches

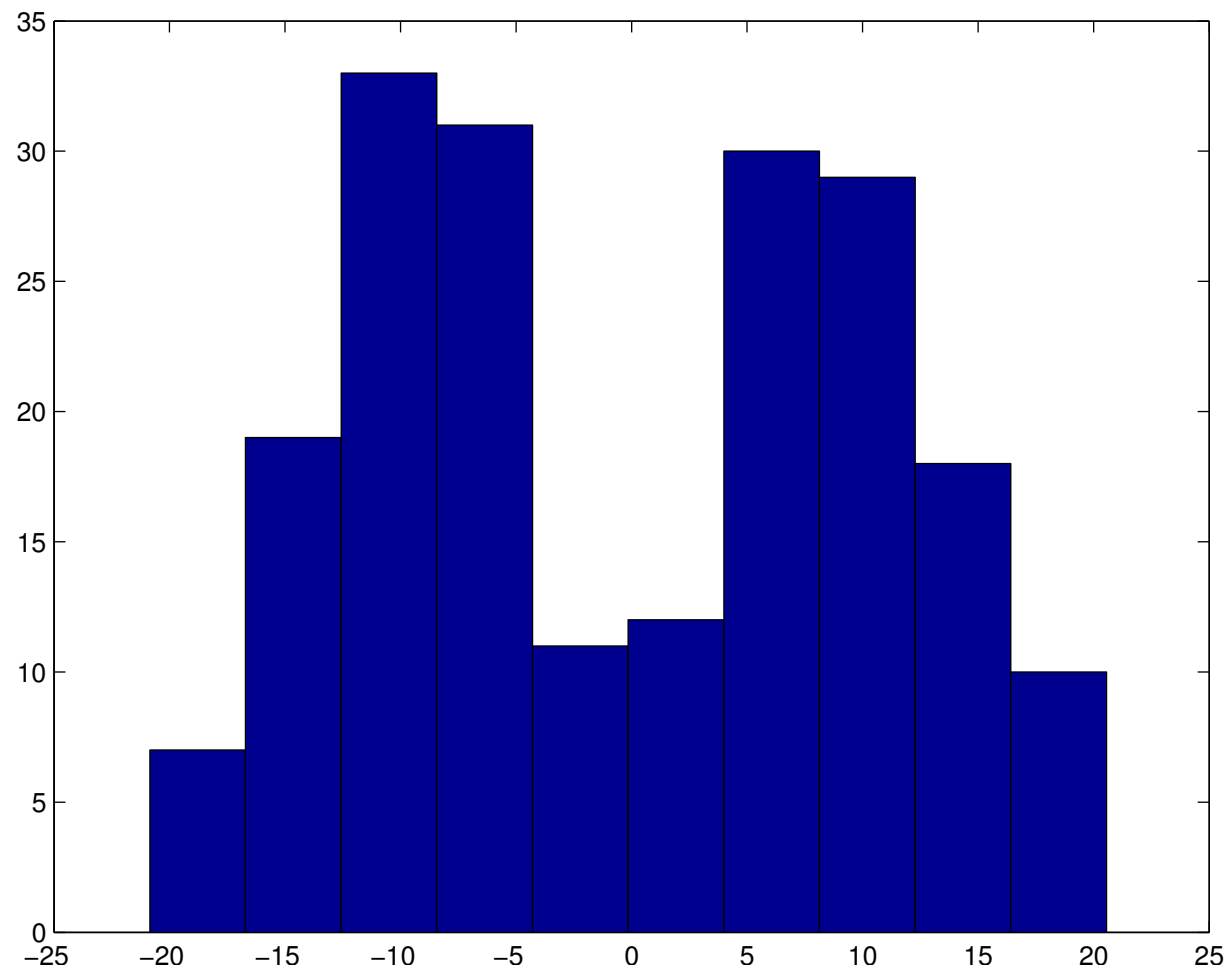


# (One) bad case for k-means



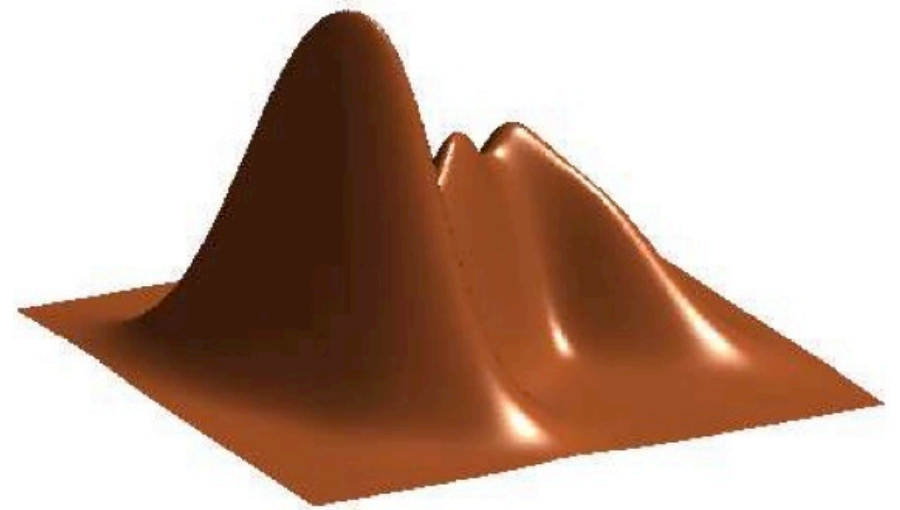
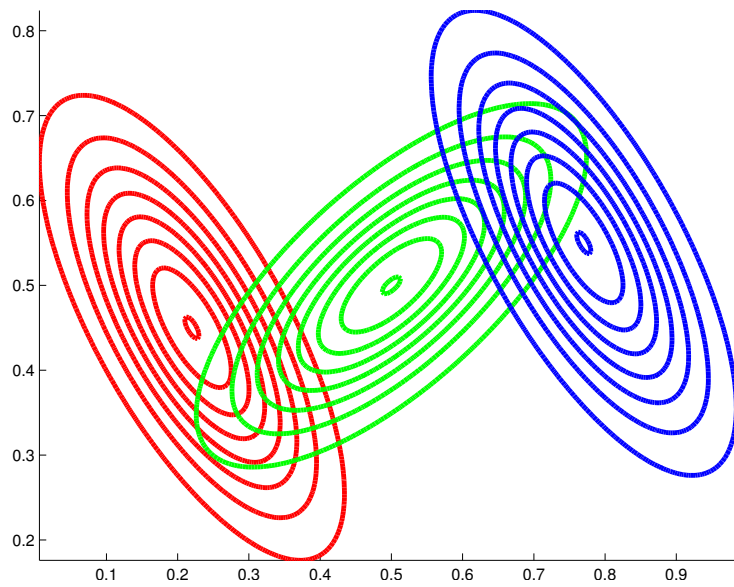
- Clusters may overlap
- Some clusters may be “wider” than others
- GMM to the rescue!

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# K-means vs GMM

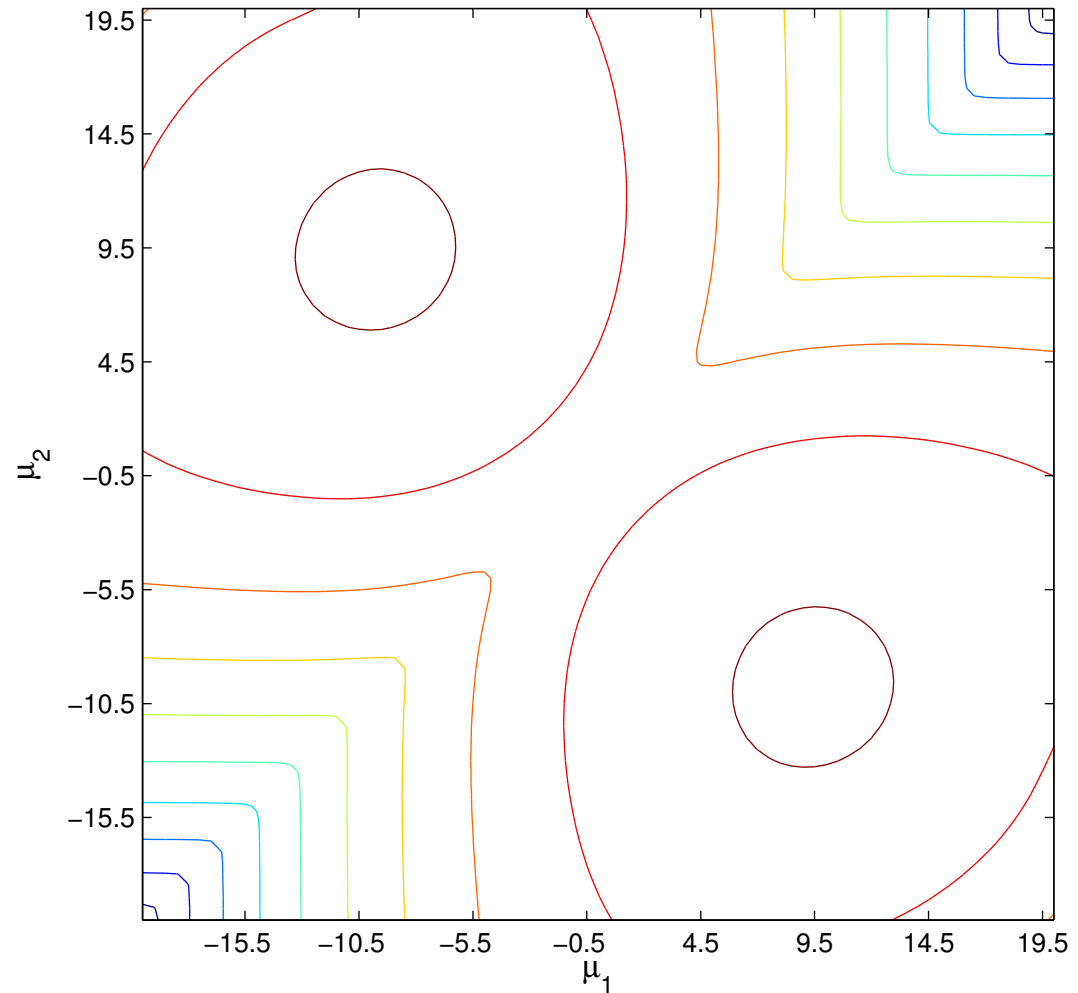
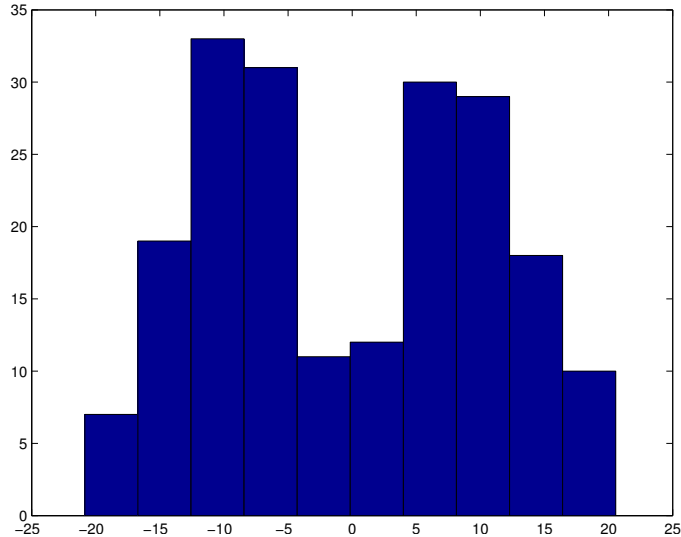
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# Hidden Data Causes Problems #1

- Fully Observed (Log) Likelihood factorizes
- Marginal (Log) Likelihood doesn't factorize
- All parameters coupled!

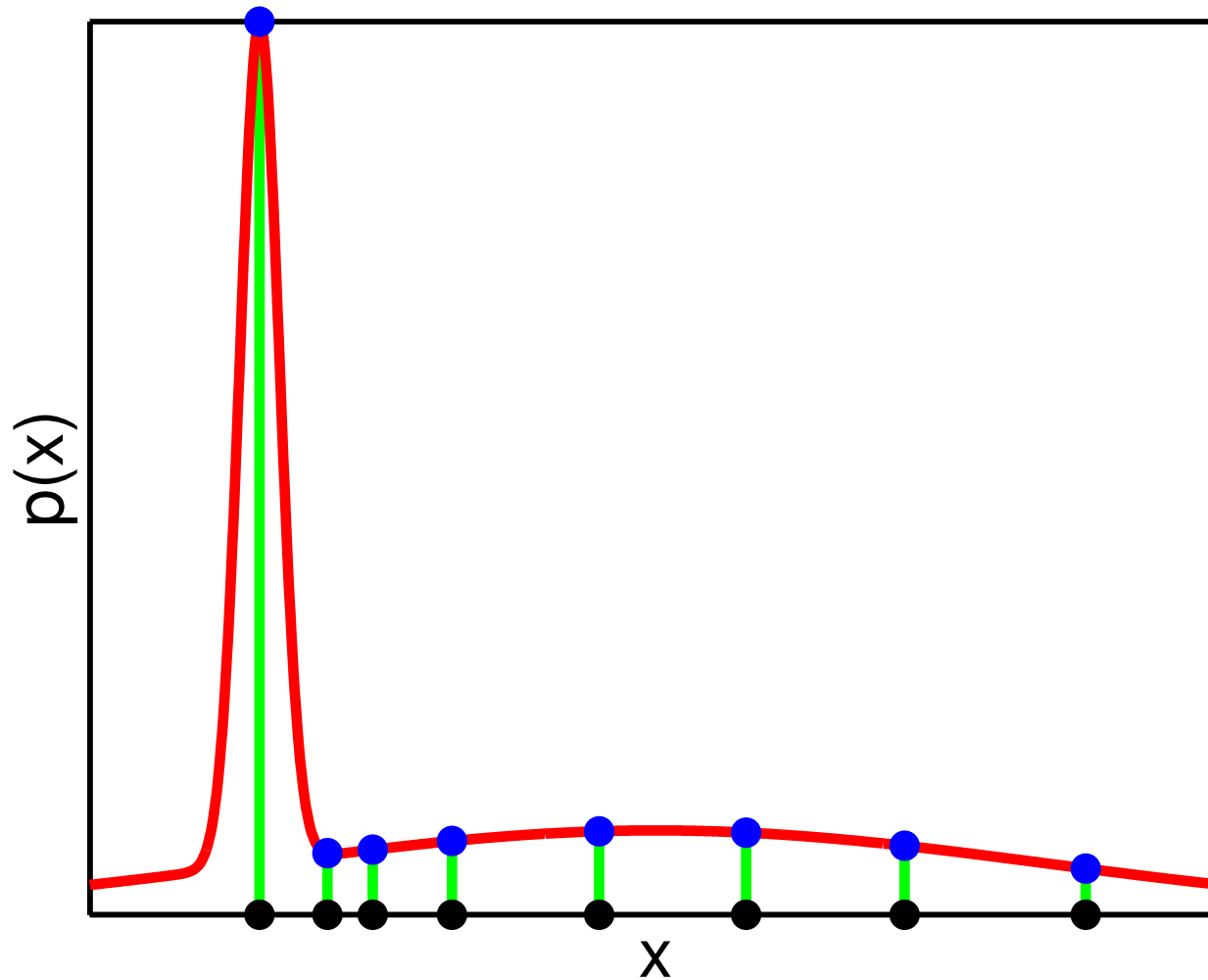
# Hidden Data Causes Problems #2

- Identifiability



# Hidden Data Causes Problems #3

- Likelihood has singularities if one Gaussian “collapses”



# Special case: spherical Gaussians and hard assignments

- If  $P(X|Z=k)$  is spherical, with same  $\sigma$  for all classes:

$$P(\mathbf{x}_i | z = j) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_j\|^2\right]$$

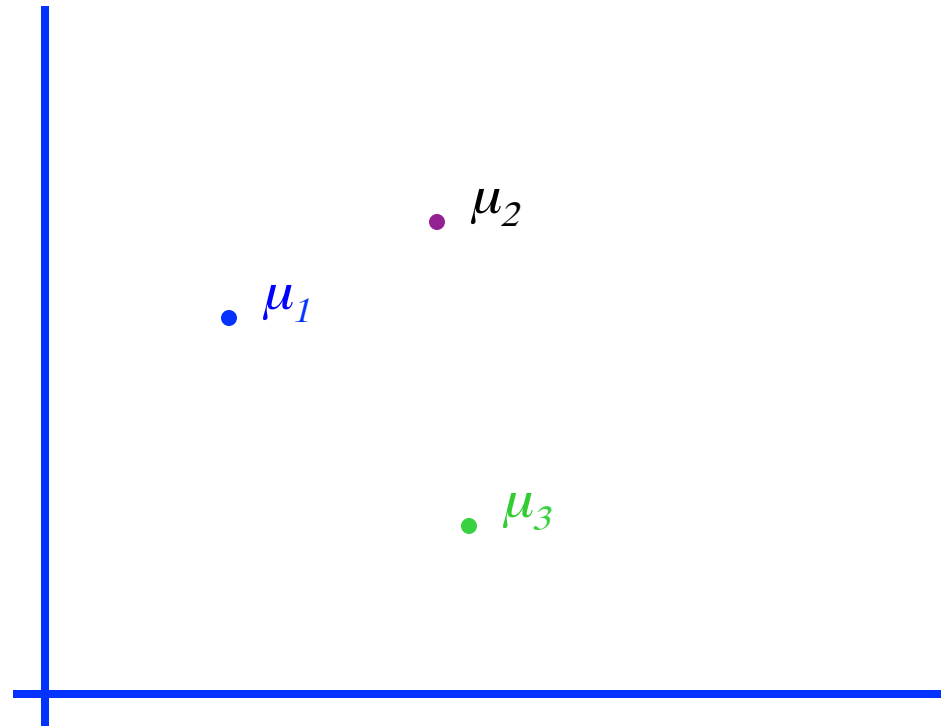
- If each  $x_i$  belongs to one class  $C(i)$  (hard assignment), marginal likelihood:

$$\prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^k P(\mathbf{x}_i, y = j) \propto \prod_{i=1}^N \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_{C(i)}\|^2\right]$$

- M(M)LE same as K-means!!!

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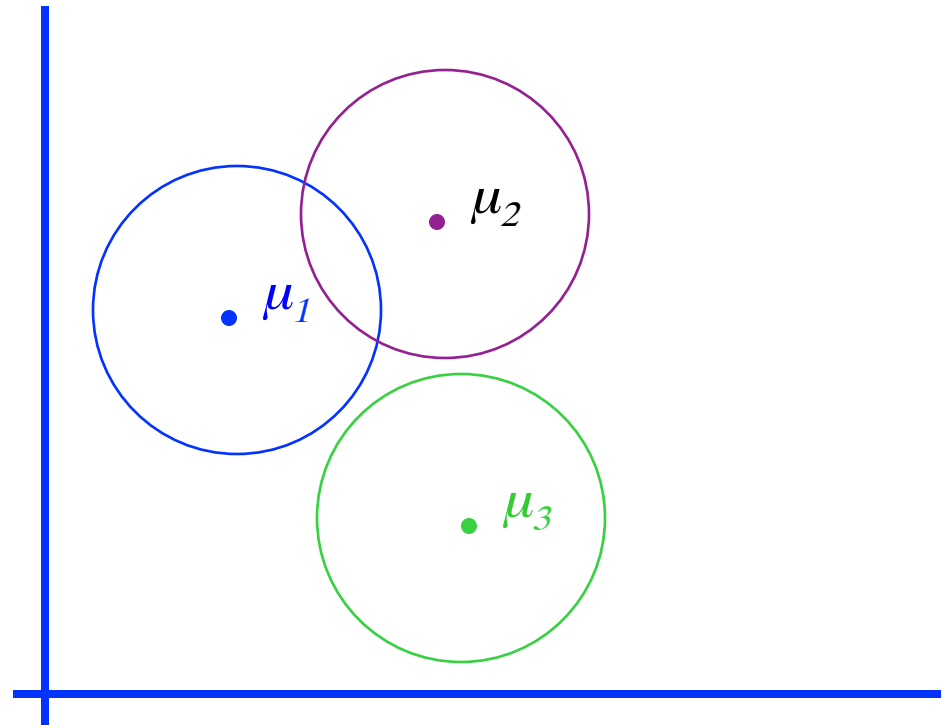
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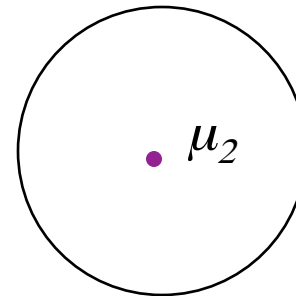


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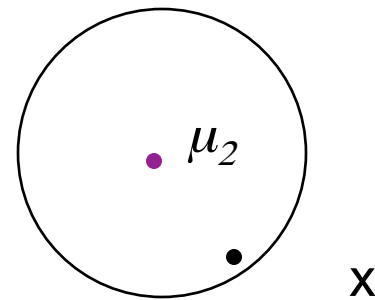


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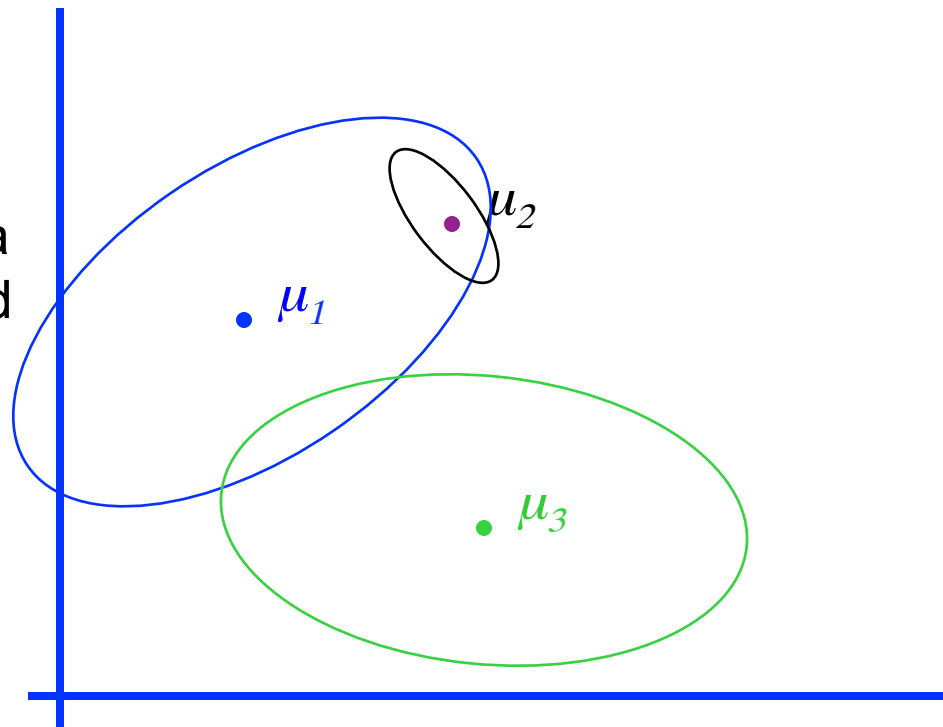


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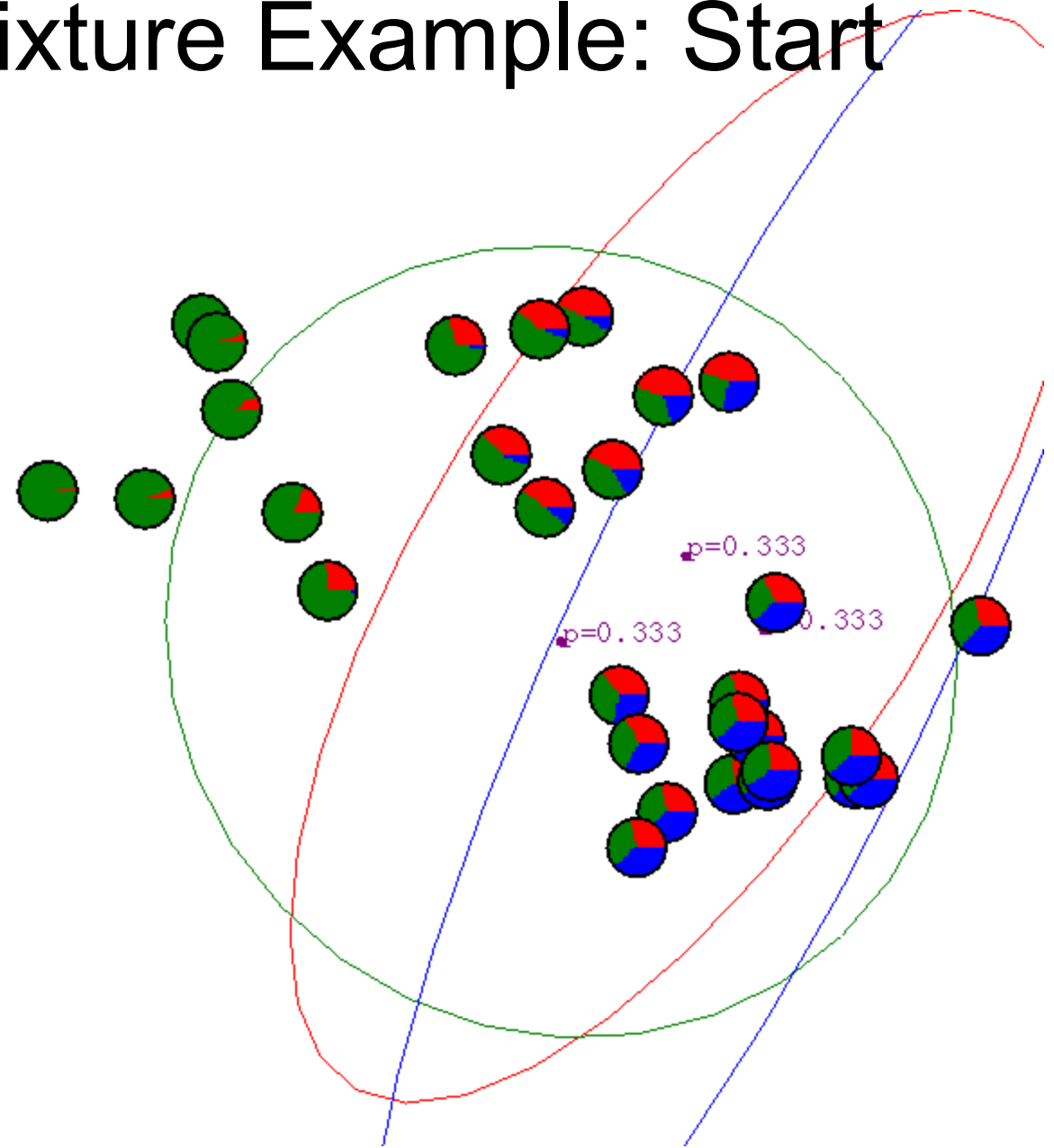
# EM

- Expectation Maximization [Dempster '77]
- Often looks like “soft” K-means
- Extremely general
- Extremely useful algorithm
  - Essentially THE goto algorithm for unsupervised learning
- Plan
  - EM for learning GMM parameters
  - EM for general unsupervised learning problems

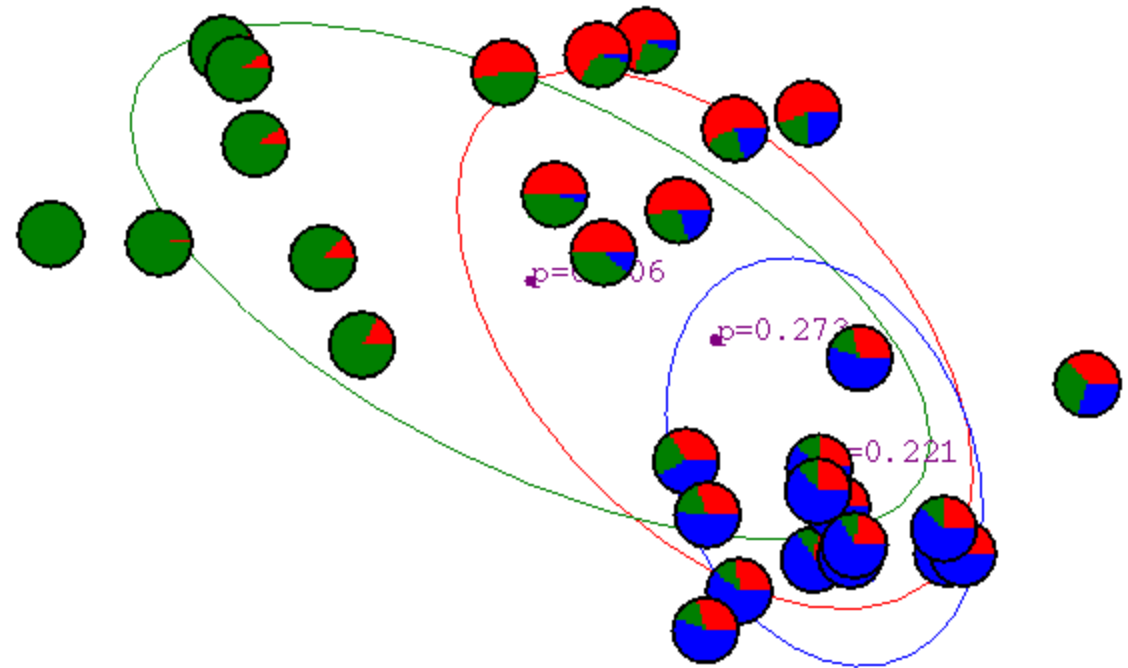
# EM for Learning GMMs

- Simple Update Rules
  - E-Step: estimate  $P(z_i = j \mid x_i)$
  - M-Step: maximize full likelihood weighted by posterior

# Gaussian Mixture Example: Start

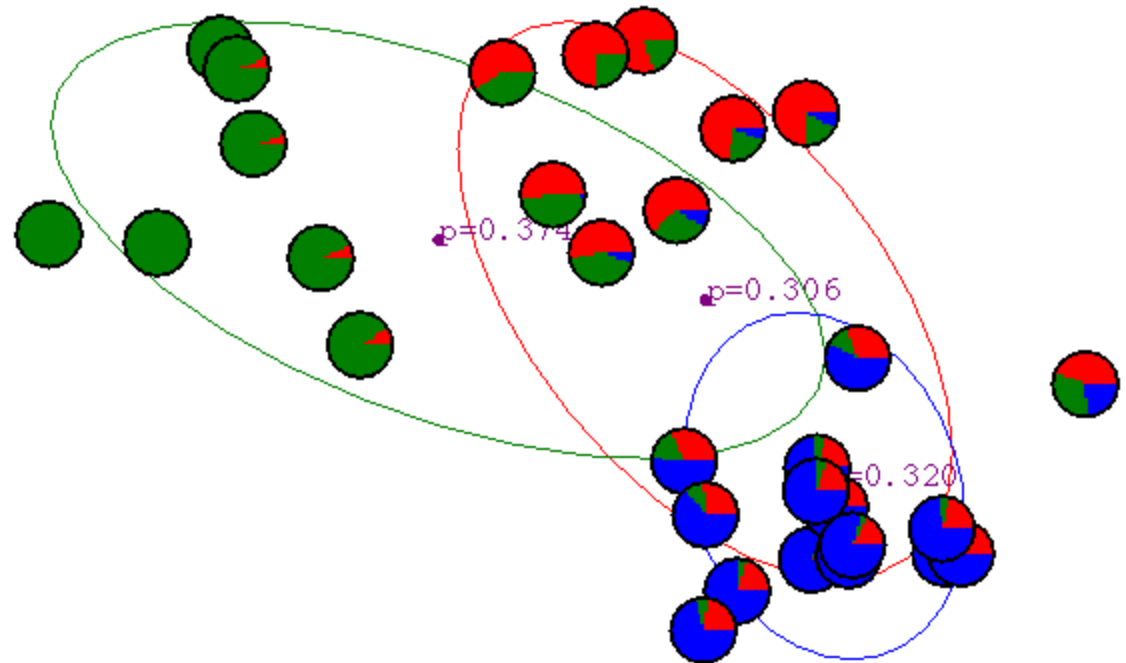


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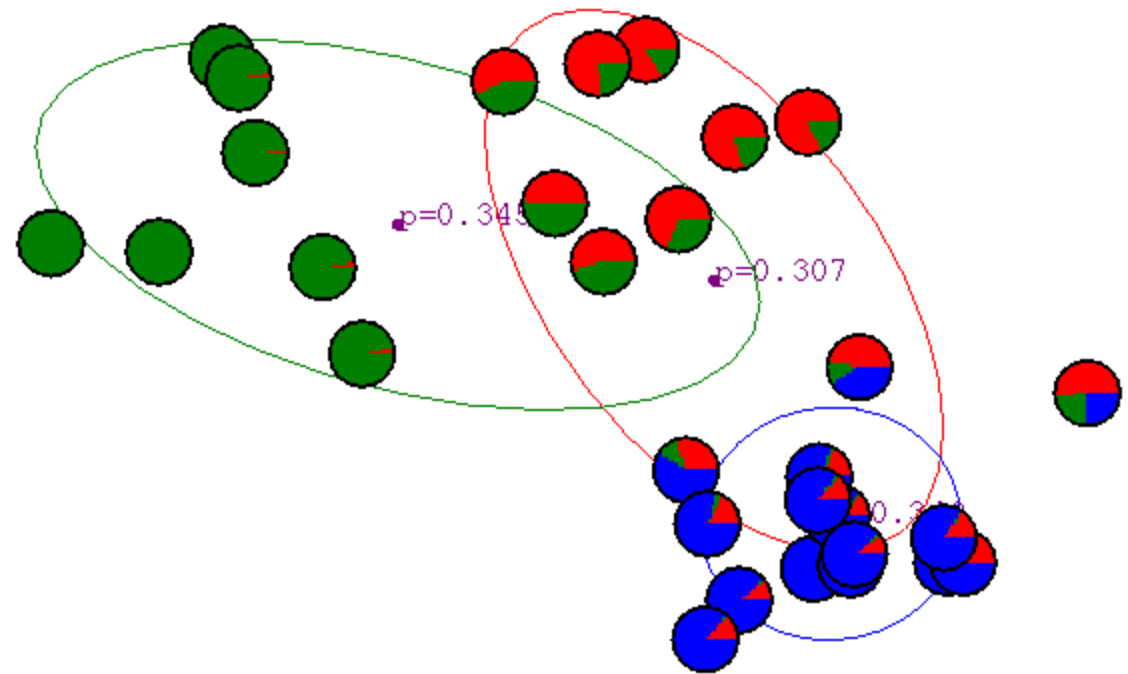




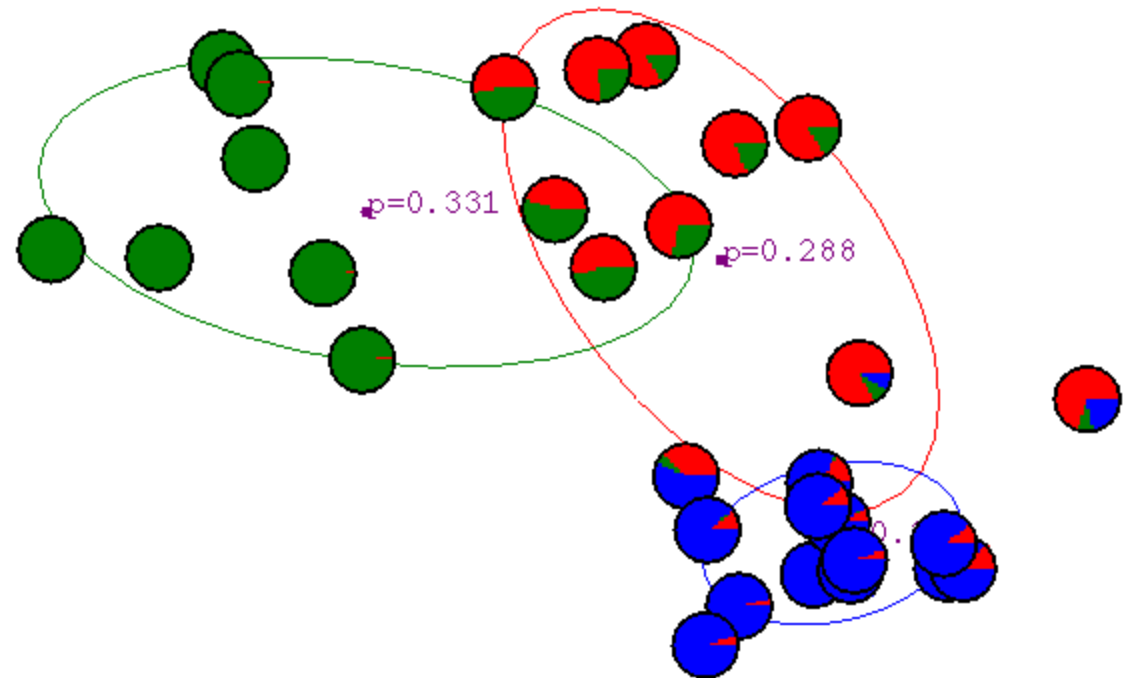
# After 2nd iteration



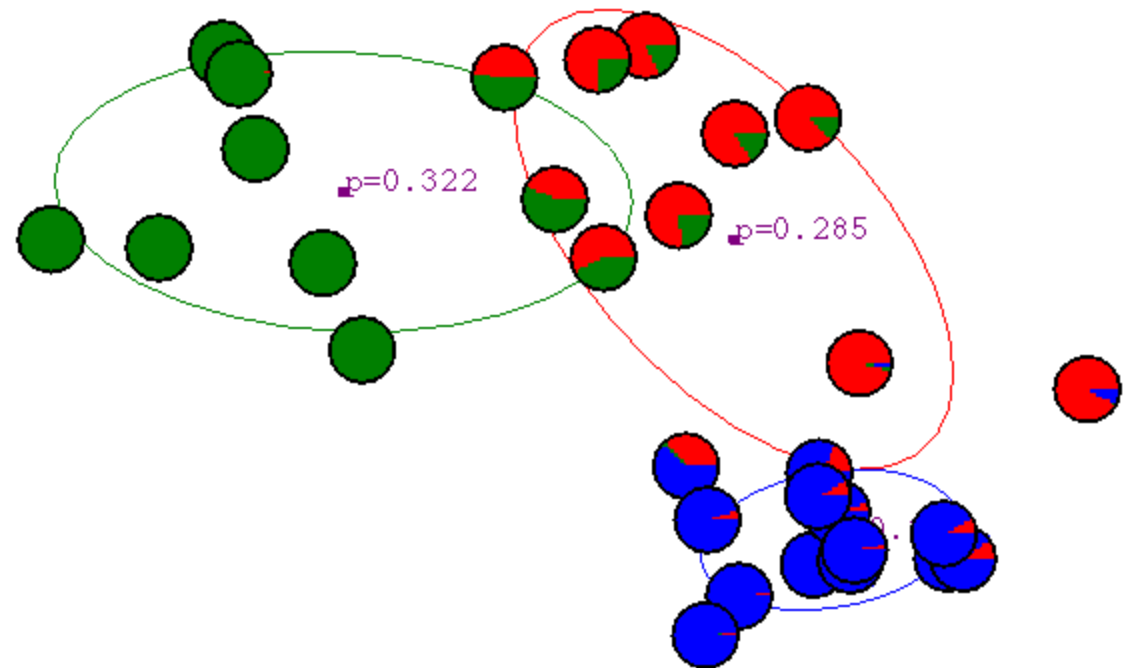
# After 3rd iteration



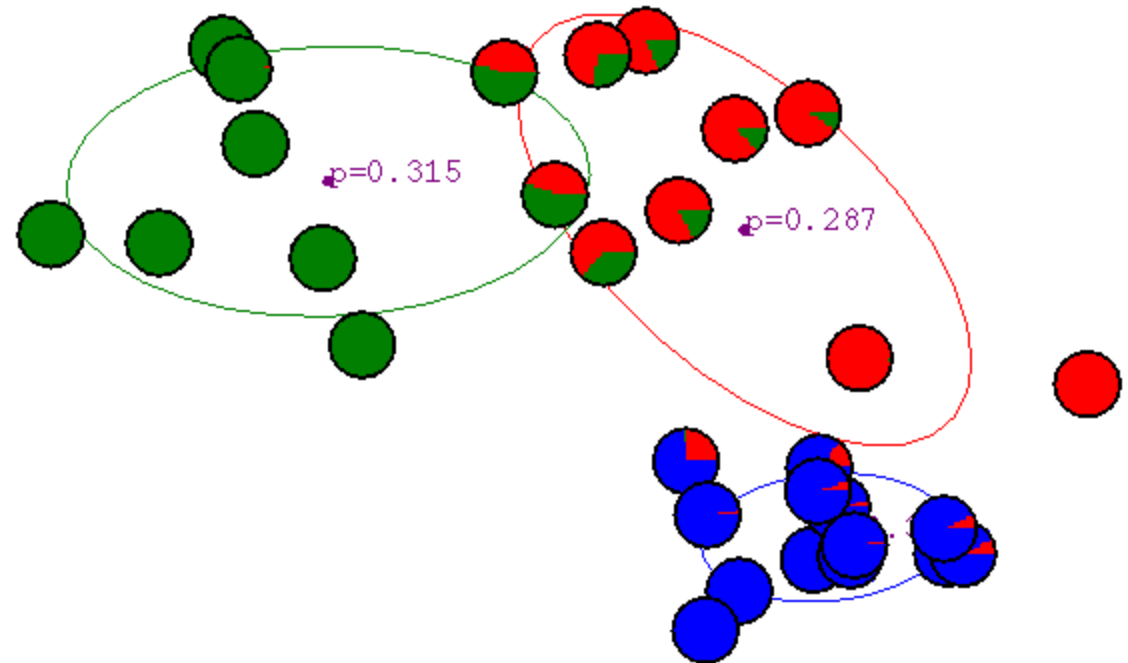
# After 4th iteration



# After 5th iteration



# After 6th iteration



# After 20th iteration

