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- 1: Select K points as the initial centroids.
- 2: repeat
- 3: Form K clusters by assigning all points to the closest centroid.
- 4: Recompute the centroid of each cluster.
- 5: **until** The centroids don't change
- Partitional clustering approach
- Each cluster is associated with a centroid (center point)
- Each point is assigned to the cluster with the closest centroid
- Number of clusters, K, must be specified
- The basic algorithm is very simple

- Initial centroids are often chosen randomly. Clusters produced vary from one run to another.
- The centroid is (typically) the mean of the points in the cluster.
- 'Closeness' is measured by Euclidean distance, cosine similarity, correlation, etc.
- K-means will converge for common similarity measures mentioned above.
- Most of the convergence happens in the first few iterations.
- Often the stopping condition is changed to 'Until relatively few points change clusters
- Complexity is O(n * K * I * d)
 - n = number of points, K = number of clusters,
 I = number of iterations, d = number of attributes



