

[320] Hierarchical Clustering

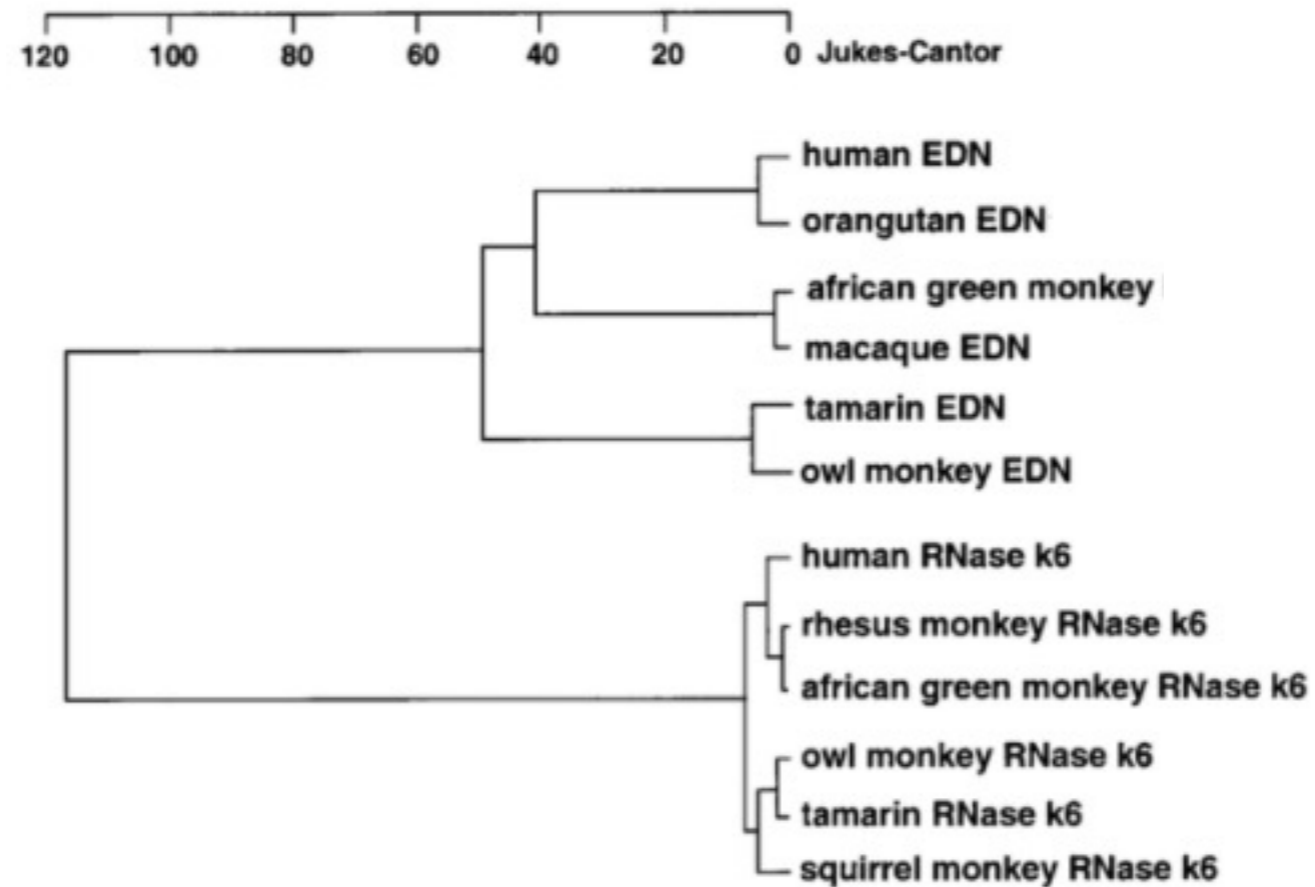
(Agglomerative Clustering and Dendrograms)

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(example: KMeans)

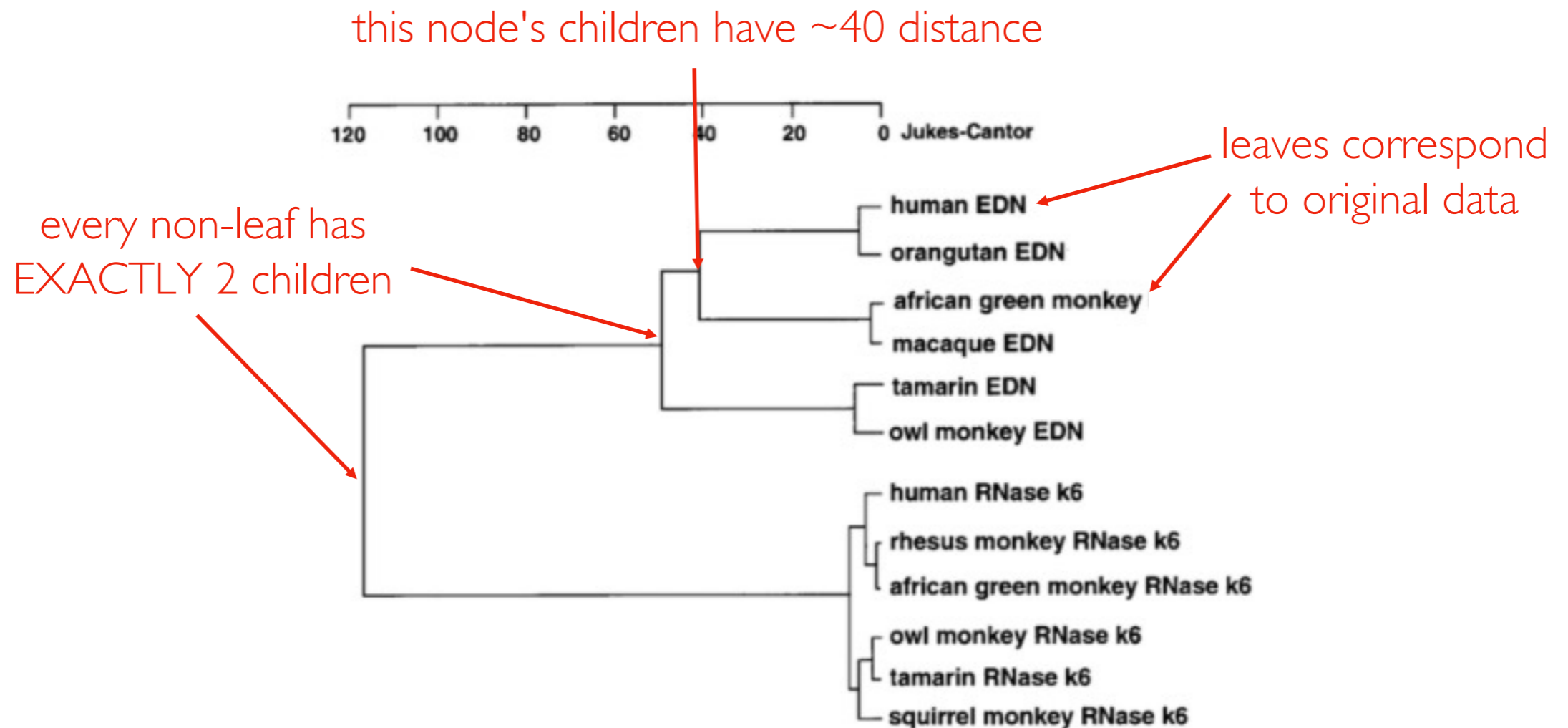
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We'll represent hierarchies as special binary trees.

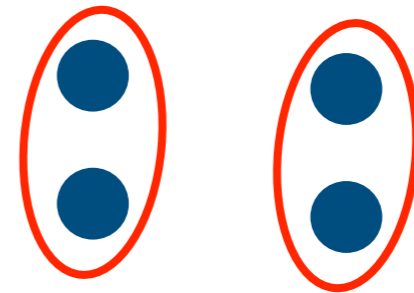
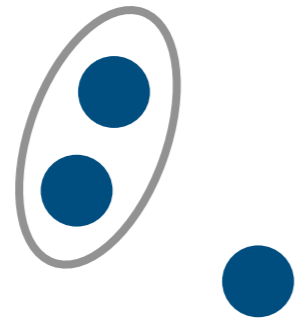
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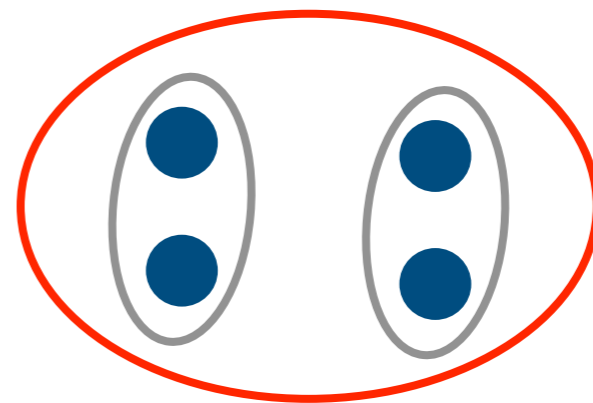
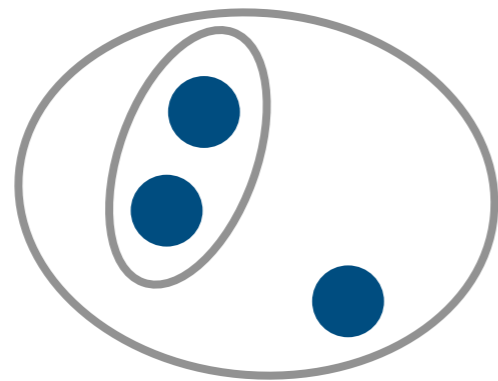
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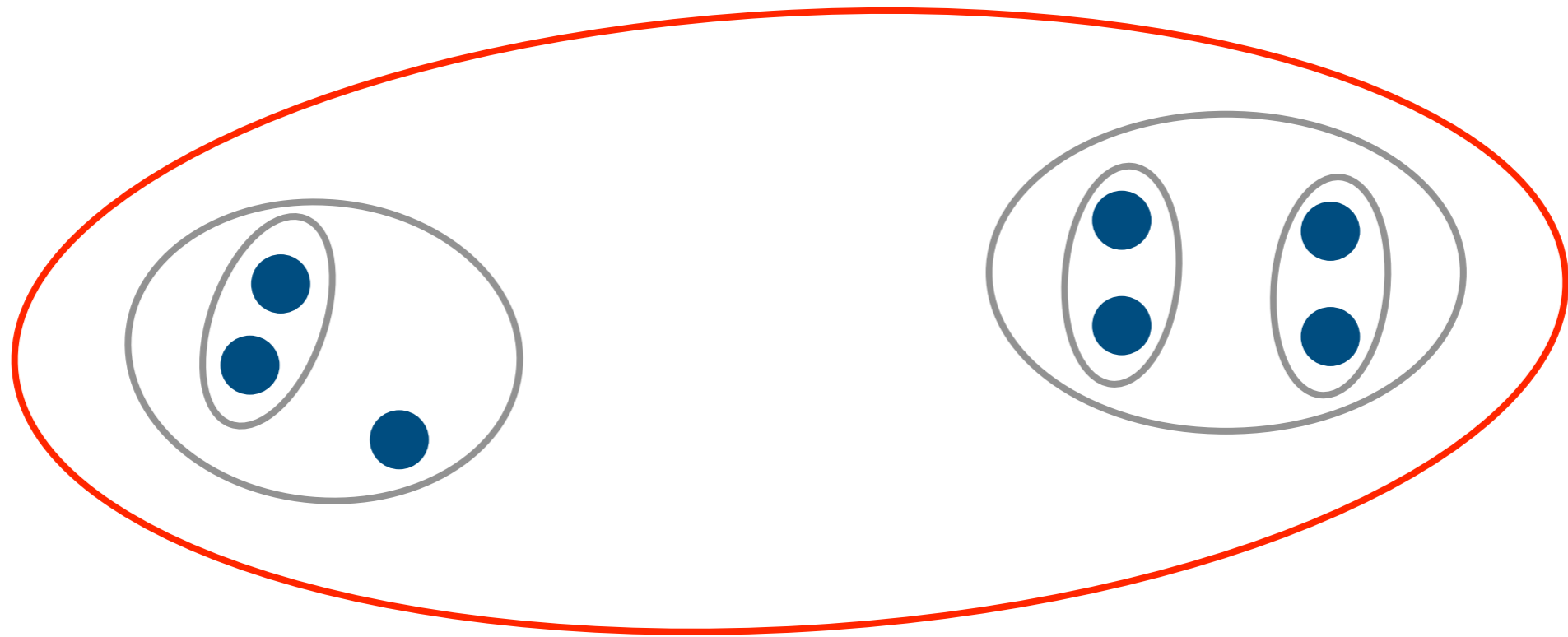
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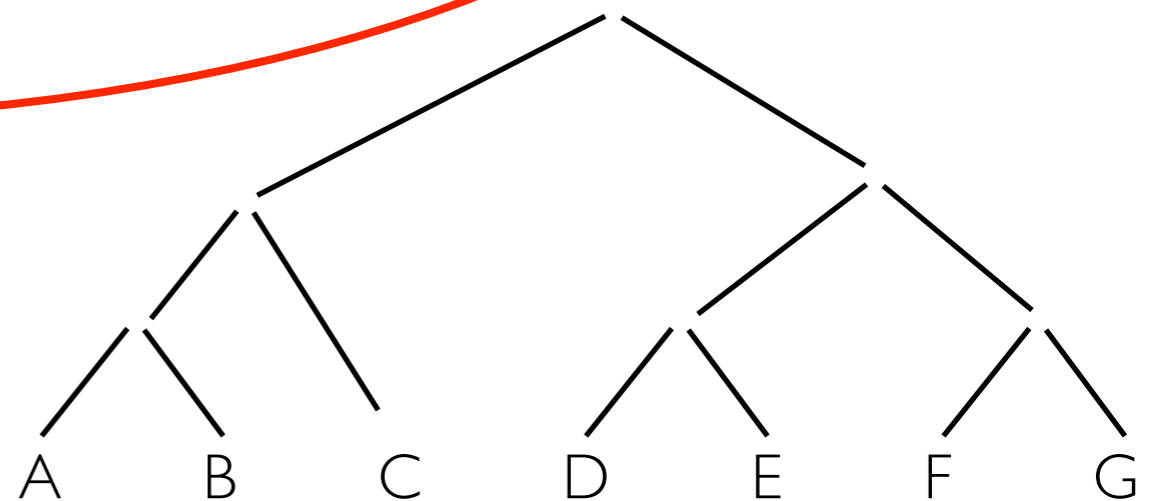
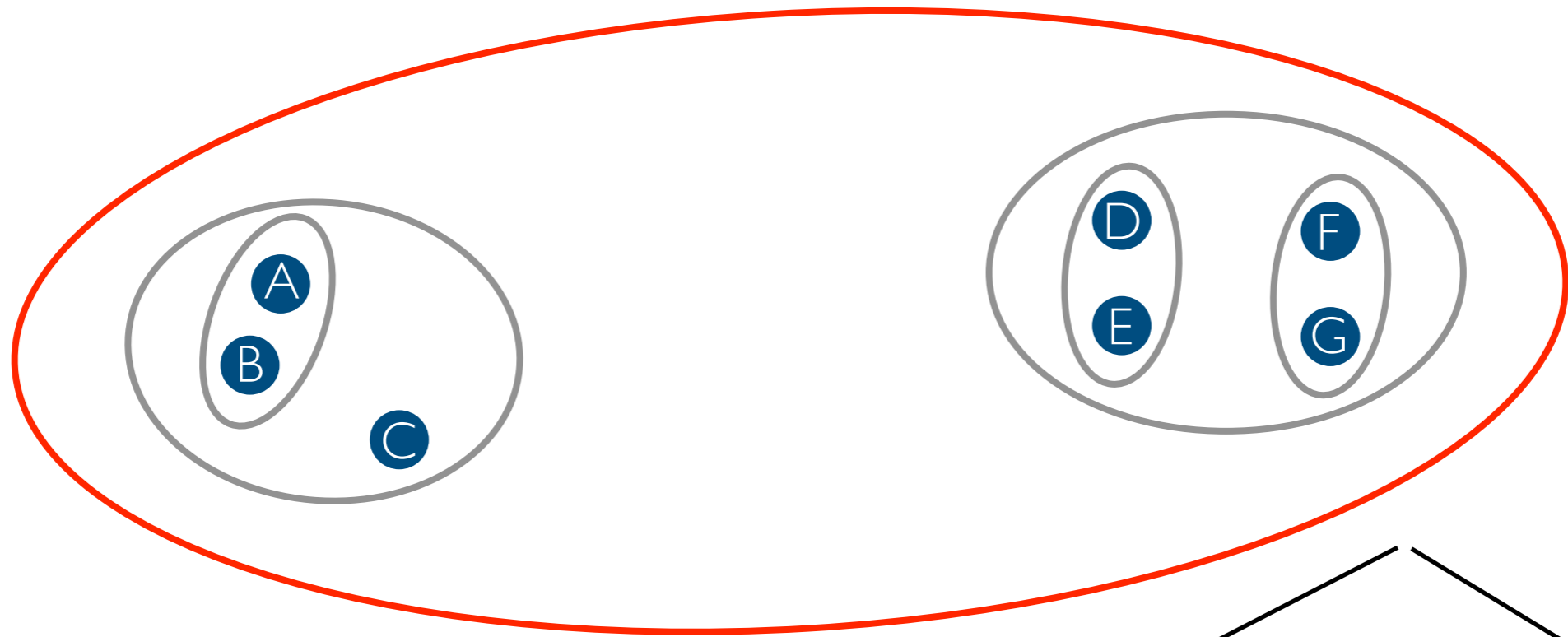
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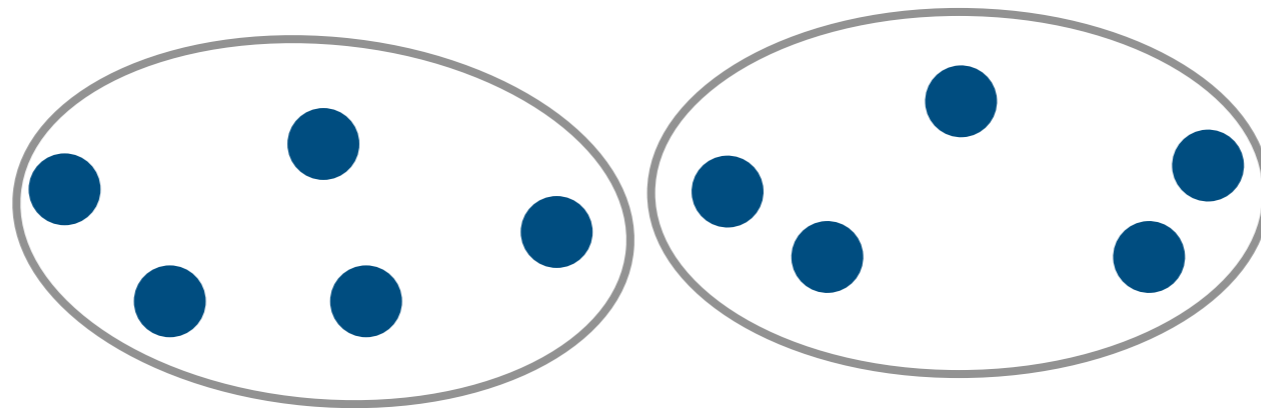
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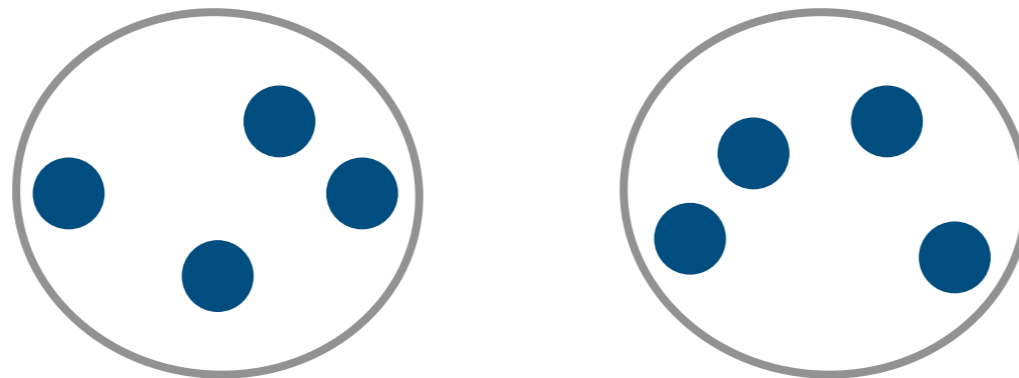
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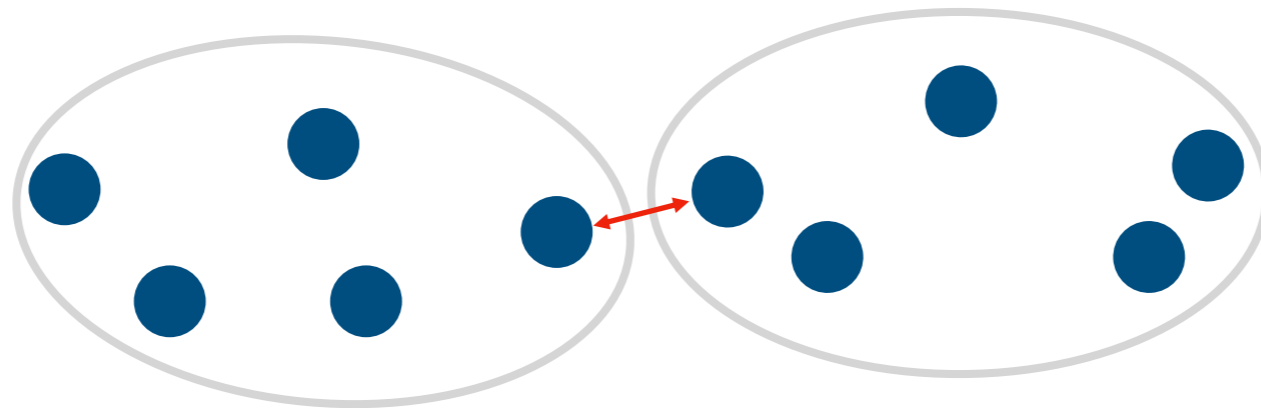


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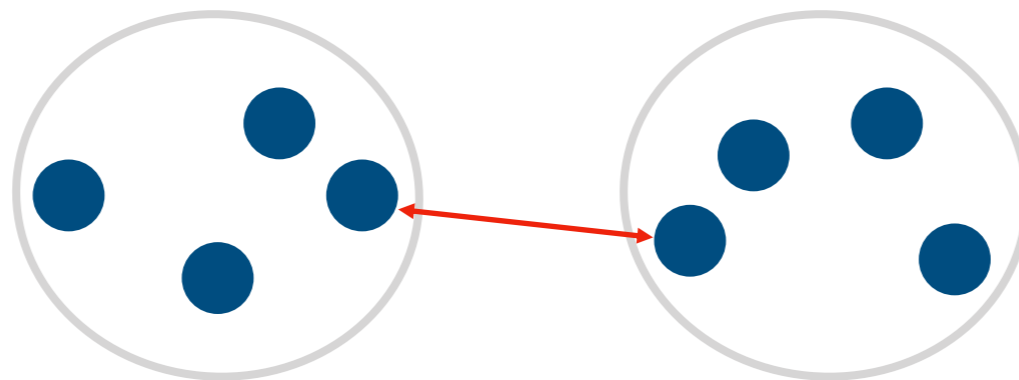


Configuration: what is "nearest"?

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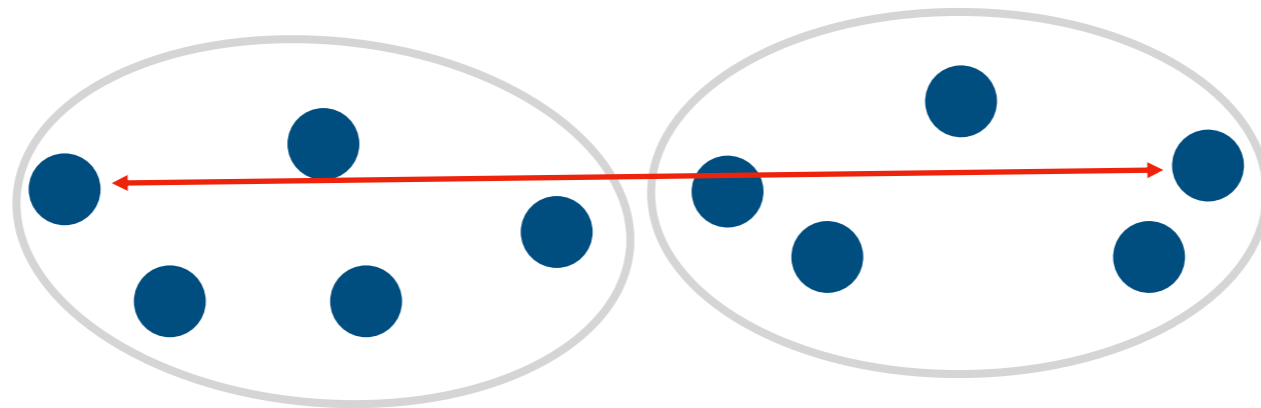


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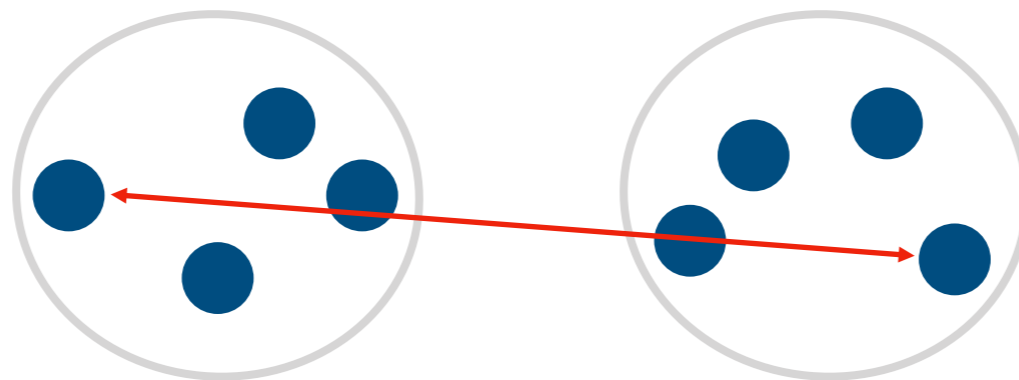


Configuration: what is "nearest"?

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OR...



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From docs: <https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.cluster.AgglomerativeClustering.html>

- **ward** minimizes the variance of the clusters being merged.
- **average** uses the average of the distances of each observation of the two sets.
- **complete** or maximum linkage uses the maximum distances between all observations of the two sets.
- **single** uses the minimum of the distances between all observations of the two sets.

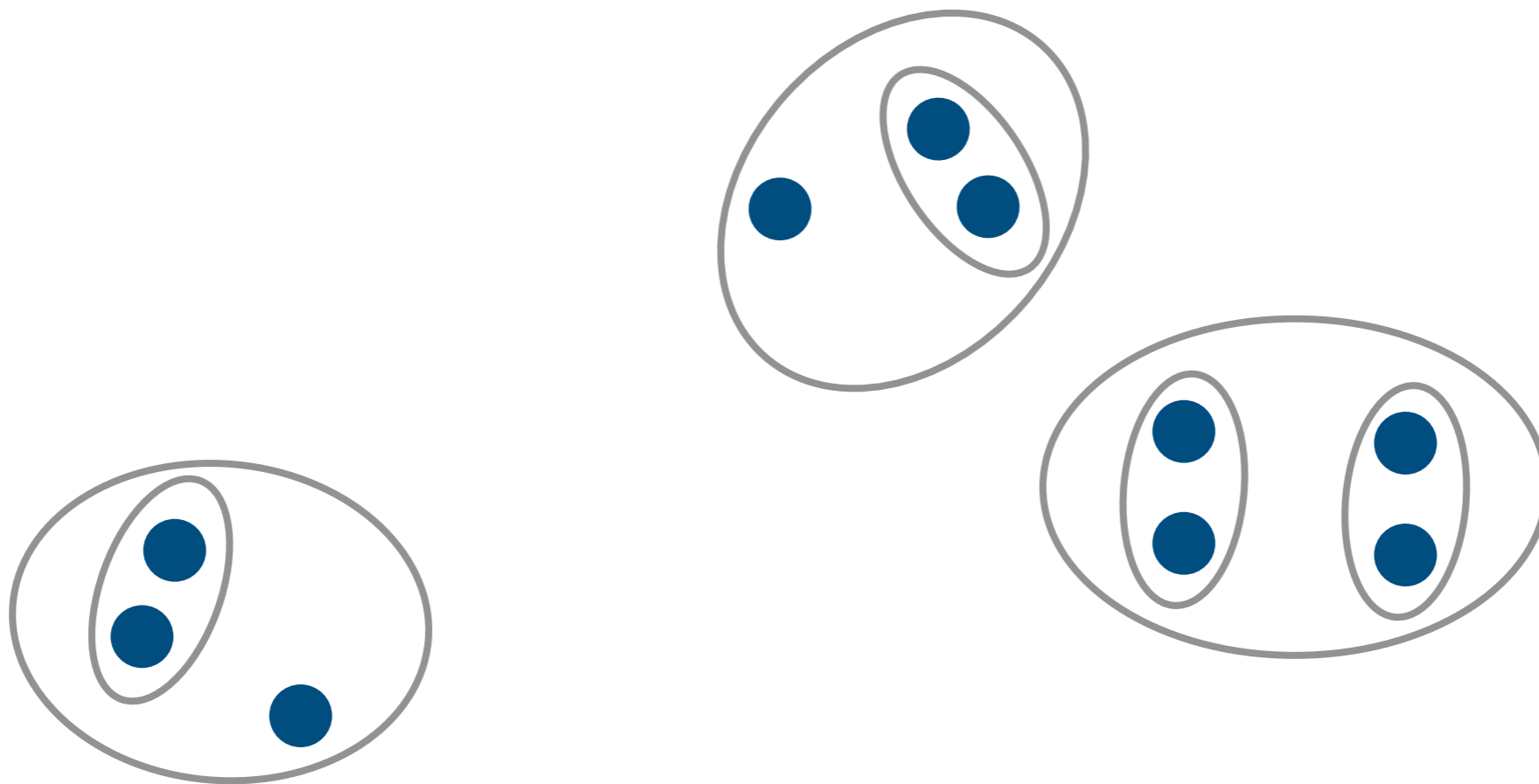
Linkage comparison plots: https://scikit-learn.org/stable/auto_examples/cluster/plot_linkage_comparison.html

Configuration: when to stop?

option: `n_clusters` or `distance_threshold`

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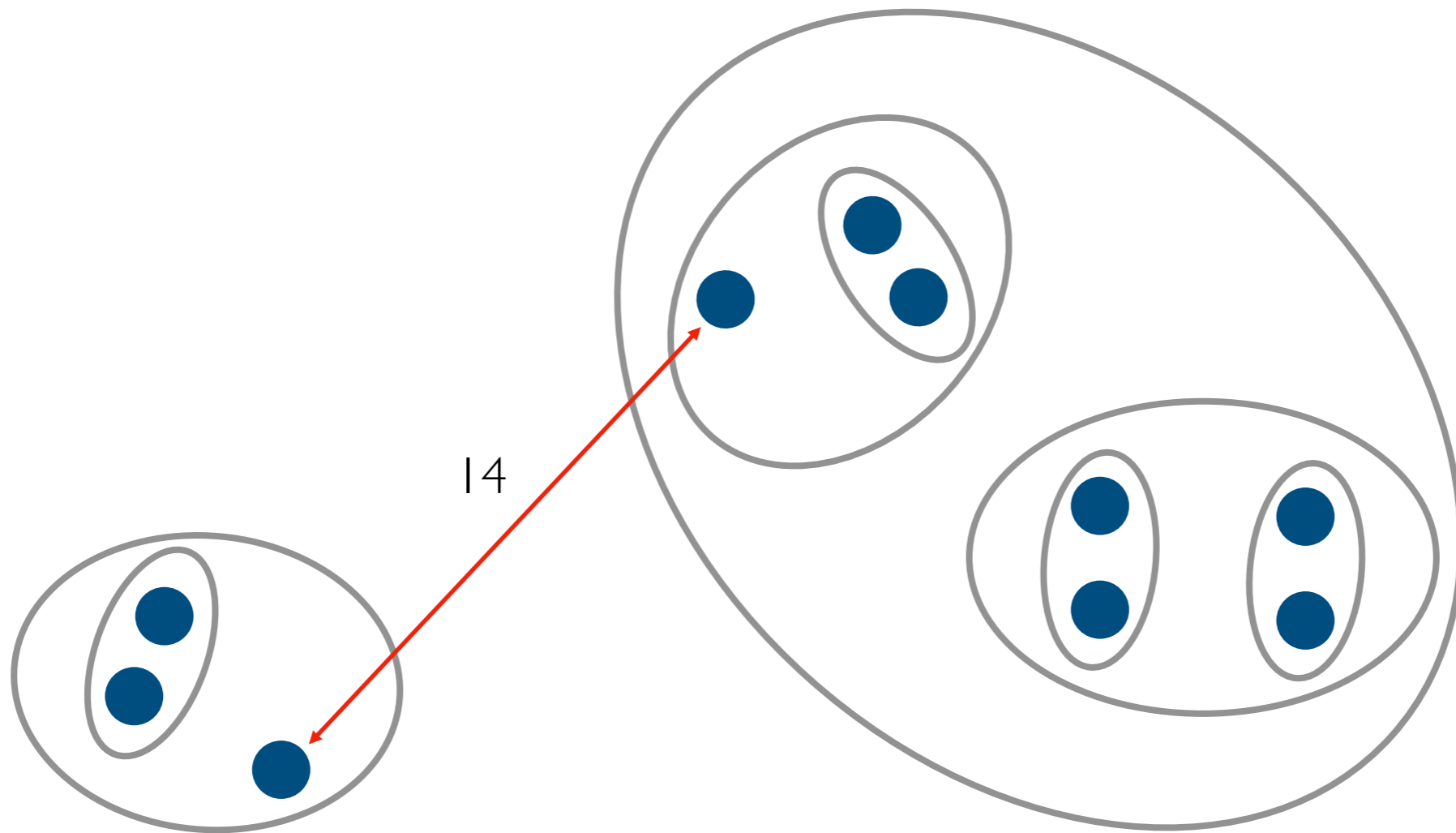
n_clusters=3



each cluster is it's own tree!

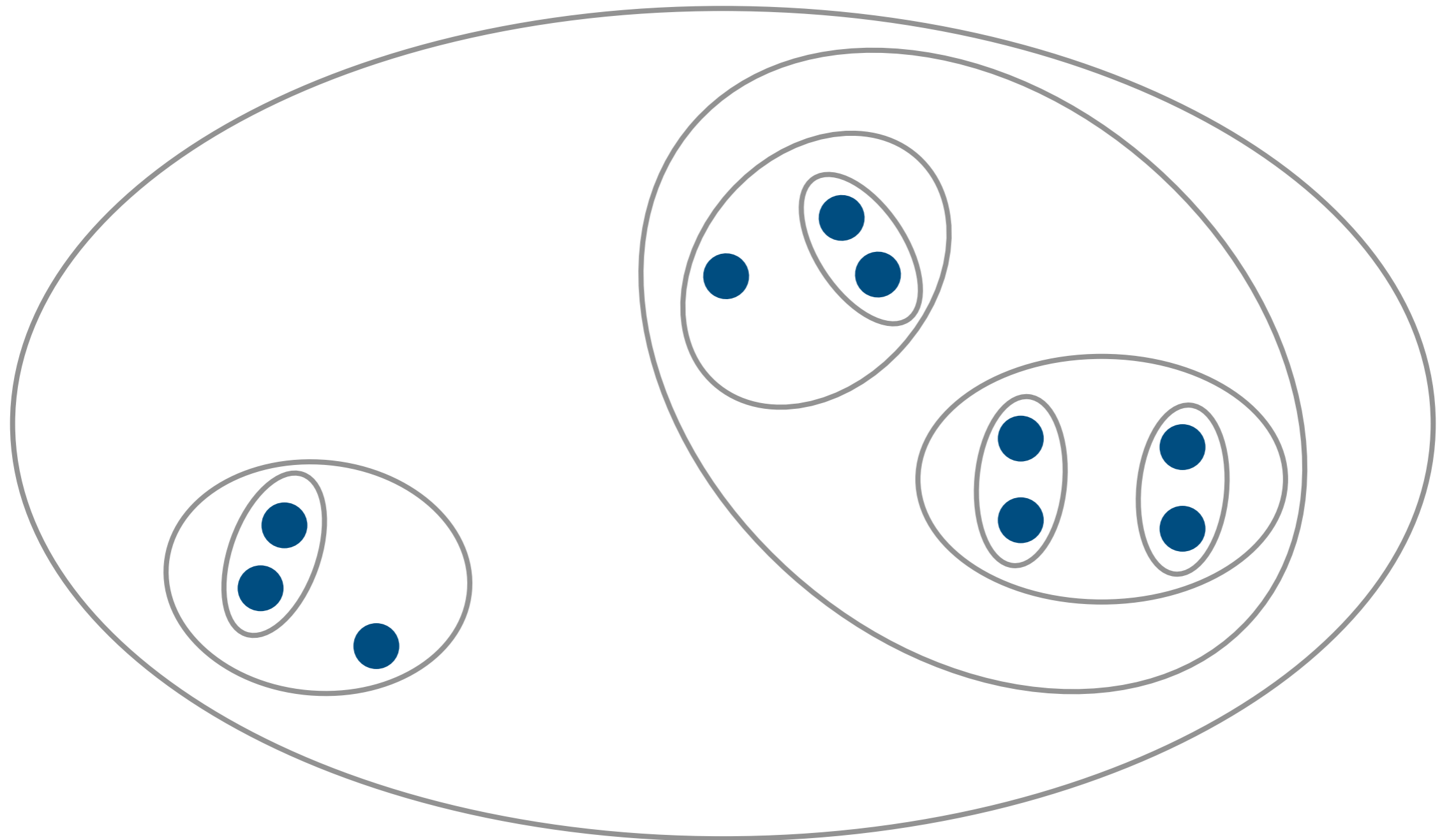
Configuration: when to stop?

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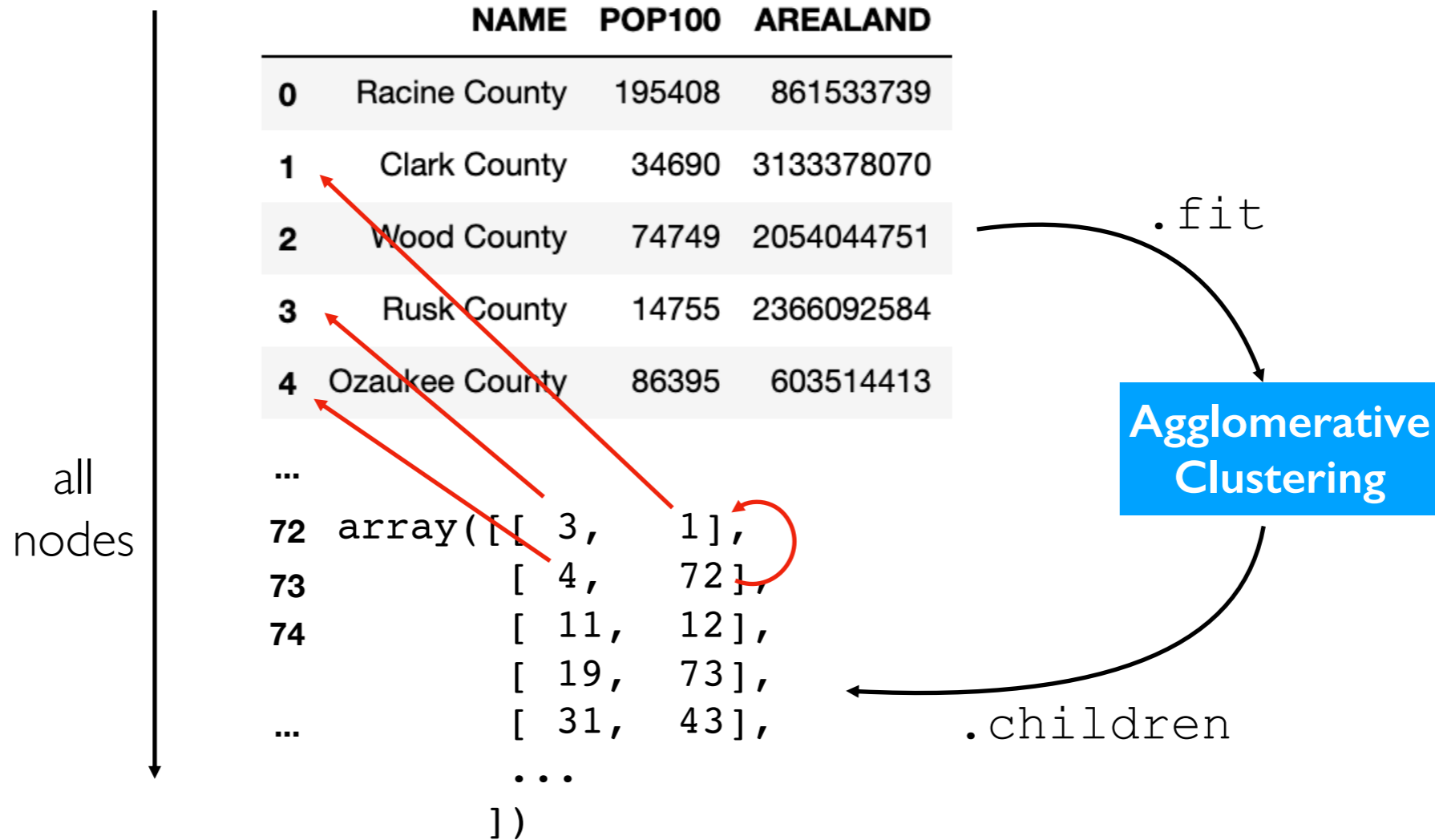
Configuration: when to stop?

distance_threshold=0



Demos...

Node Representation



Linkage Matrix

	left child	right child	distances	node count
N				
N+1				
N+2				
...				