

today: • k-means
• EM

K-mean alg.: → can be derived as block-coordinate minimization alg. of obj. fct.:

"distortion measure"

$$J(\mathbf{z}, \mu) \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - \mu_{z_i}\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^k z_{i,j} \|x_i - \mu_j\|_2^2 \right)$$

cluster assignment
 $z_1, \dots, z_n$
∈ corners of Δ_K
("one-hot encoding")

cluster index represented by z_i
 $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^d$
cluster centroids

alg.: 1) initialize $\mu^{(1)}$

2) Iterate until convergence:

"E step": $\mathbf{z}^{(t+1)} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{z} \in \text{valid assign.}} J(\mathbf{z}, \mu^{(t)})$

$\Rightarrow z_{i,j^*}^{(t+1)} = 1$ for $j^* = \arg \min_j \|x_i - \mu_j^{(t)}\|$

"M step": $\mu^{(t+1)} = \arg \min_{\mu \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times K}} J(\mathbf{z}^{(t+1)}, \mu)$

$\Rightarrow \mu_j^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_i z_{i,j} x_i}{\left(\sum_i z_{i,j} \right)}$ empirical mean of cluster

Visualization:

<https://www.naftaliharris.com/blog/visualizing-k-means-clustering/>

properties of k-means:

1) Converge in finite # of iterations to a local min

2) NP hard in general to compute global min in $\mathbf{z}$

K-means++: clever initialization scheme which guarantees that alg. is within $\log K$ of global opt. (w.h.p.) + our k-means

→ idea: spread as much as possible the initial means

to avoid

x x x	x	x x x
x x x	x	x x x

3) choice of K?

• one heuristic is $J(\mathbf{z}, \mu, K) = \sum_i \sum_j z_{i,j} \|x_i - \mu_j\|^2 + \underbrace{\lambda}_{\text{hyperparameter}} \cdot K$

→ we'll see later in class
"non-parametric" model

Side reference I mentioned:

see <https://icml.cc/2012/papers/291.pdf>

for interpreting regularized K-means as approximate inference in a Dirichlet process mixture model... [by Kulis & Jordan]

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"non-parametric" models

where "k" is basically infinite and can get $p(k|\text{data})$

hyperparameter

e.g. Dirichlet process mixture model

K-means solution



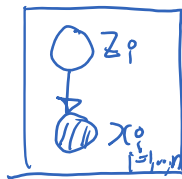
4) K-mean is very sensitive in distance measure: it assumes spherical clusters

→ GMM fixes that problem

$$\text{Mahalanobis distance } d_{\Sigma}(x, x') = \sqrt{(x - x')^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - x')}$$

EM - maximum likelihood in latent variable model

setup:



z latent variable

x observed variable

$$\text{log-likelihood } \log p(x_{1:n}; \theta) = \log \left(\prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \theta) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(x_i; \theta)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left[\sum_{z_i} p(x_i, z_i; \theta) \right]$$

problem? → yields multi-modal opt. problem (non-convex)

options MLE in latent variable model

1) do gradient ascent on a non-convex obj.

2) EM alg. → block-coordinate ascent on auxiliary fct. which lower bounds $\log p(x_{1:n}; \theta)$
nice interpretation in terms of filling "missing data"

i.e. E step → fill z with "soft-values"

M step → max w.r. to θ for fully observed model

trick overview:

$$\log \sum_z p(x, z) = \log \sum_z q(z) \frac{p(x, z)}{q(z)}$$

$$= \log \mathbb{E}_q \left[\frac{p(x, z)}{q(z)} \right]$$

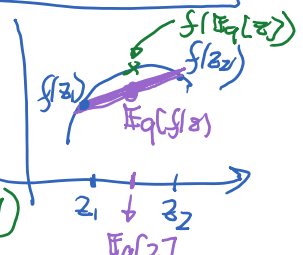
$$\geq \mathbb{E}_q \left[\log \frac{p(x, z)}{q(z)} \right]$$

Jensen's inequality trick?

$$= \sum_z q(z) \log p(x, z) - \sum_z q(z) \log q(z)$$

$$\triangleq \mathcal{L}(q, \theta) \triangleq \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_q [\log p(x, z; \theta)]}_{\text{lower bound}} + H(q)$$

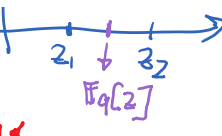
$$\text{Jensen's inequality} \\ \mathbb{E}_q [f(g(z))] \leq f(\mathbb{E}_q [g(z)]) \\ \text{when } f \text{ is concave}$$



note:

$$\mathcal{J}(q, \theta) \triangleq \mathbb{E}_q [\log p(x, z; \theta)] + H(q)$$

"expected complete log-likelihood"
"entropy of q"



we have $\log p(x; \theta) \geq \mathcal{J}(q, \theta) \quad \forall q \in \mathcal{Q}$

EM algorithm: E step: $q_{t+1} \triangleq \arg \max_{q \in \text{dist. over } z} \mathcal{J}(q, \theta_t) \Rightarrow q_{t+1}(z) = p(z|x; \theta_t)$

M step: $\theta_{t+1} \triangleq \arg \max_{\theta} \mathcal{J}(q_{t+1}, \theta)$
 $= \arg \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{q_{t+1}} [\log p(x, z; \theta)]$
 this is another MLE problem, but for complete information

(often, replace z with $\mathbb{E}_q[z]$ in this expression)

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 by Jensen's inequality
 * we had $\log p(x; \theta) \geq \mathcal{J}(q, \theta)$

$$\log(\mathbb{E}_q[g(z)]) \geq \mathbb{E}_q[\log(g(z))]$$

in Jensen's ineq., you get a strict inequality unless the dist. for $q(z)$ is degenerate (i.e. $g(z)$ takes only one value)
 (when f is strictly concave) i.e. when $g(z) = \text{constant}$

above $g(z) = \frac{p(x, z)}{q(z)} = \text{constant} \quad \forall z \Rightarrow q(z) \propto p(x, z)$

i.e. $q(z) = p(z|x; \theta_t)$

$$\mathcal{J}(q_{t+1}, \theta_t) = \log p(x; \theta_t) \geq \mathcal{J}(q, \theta_t) \quad \forall q$$

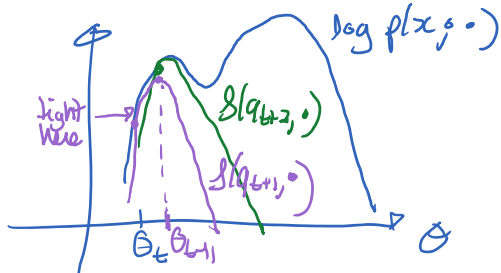
$\Rightarrow q_{t+1}$ maximizes $\mathcal{J}(q, \theta_t)$ w.r. to q

i.e. $\arg \max_q \mathcal{J}(q, \theta_t) = p(z|x; \theta_t) = q_{t+1}$

and $\mathcal{J}(q_{t+1}, \theta_t) = \log p(x; \theta_t)$

properties of EM algorithm

a) $\log p(x; \theta_{t+1}) \geq \log p(x; \theta_t)$



proof: $\log p(x; \theta_{t+1}) \geq \mathcal{J}(q_{t+1}, \theta_{t+1})$

$\geq \mathcal{J}(q_{t+1}, \theta_t)$
 [because θ_{t+1} maximizes]
 $= \log p(x; \theta_t)$

b) θ_t in EM converges to a stationary pt. of $\log p(x; \theta)$

i.e. $\nabla_{\theta} \log p(x; \theta) \big|_{\hat{\theta}} = 0$

like means, initialization is crucial

→ usually do random restarts

for GMM, could use k-means to initialize the μ 's

$$c) \mathcal{J}(q, \theta) = \mathbb{E}_q \left[\log \frac{p(x, z; \theta)}{q(z)} \right]$$

$$\log p(x; \theta) - \mathcal{J}(q, \theta) = -\mathbb{E}_q \left[\log \frac{p(x, z; \theta)}{q(z)p(x; \theta)} \right]$$

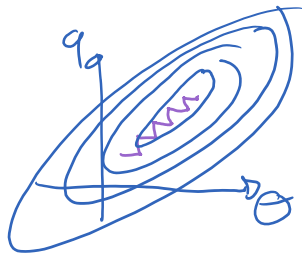
$$p(z|x; \theta)$$

$$\log p(x; \theta) - \mathcal{J}(q, \theta) = \mathbb{E}_q \left[\log \frac{q(z)}{p(z|x; \theta)} \right] \triangleq \text{KL}(q(\cdot) \| p(\cdot|x; \theta))$$

$$\triangleq \text{KL}(q(\cdot) \| p(\cdot|x; \theta))$$

KL divergence

we will restrict this for variational inference $q \in \mathcal{Q}$
"simple distributions"



block-coordinate method sometimes slow

for GMM model:



$$z_i \sim \text{Mult}(\pi)$$

$$x_i | z_i = j \sim N(\mu_j, \Sigma_j)$$

shorthand to say $z_{ij} = 1$

$$\theta = (\pi, (\mu_j)_{j=1}^K, (\Sigma_j)_{j=1}^K)$$

$$\text{notation: } \mathcal{X} = x_{1:n}, \mathcal{Z} = z_{1:n}$$

$$\text{exercise: } p(z|x) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(z_i|x) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(z_i|x_i)$$

complete log-likelihood:

$$\log p(x, z; \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n [\log p(x_i | z_i; \theta) + \log p(z_i; \theta)]$$

Gaussian

Multinomial

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\sum_{j=1}^K z_{ij} \log N(x_i | \mu_j, \Sigma_j) + \sum_{j=1}^K z_{ij} \log \pi_j \right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}_q [\log p(x, z; \theta)] = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \mathbb{E}_q [z_{ij}] (\log N(x_i | \mu_j, \Sigma_j) + \log \pi_j) \right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}_q [\mathbb{1}\{z_{ij}=1\}] = q(z_{ij}=1)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_q [z_{ij}] = q(z_{ij}=1) \text{ [marginal prob]}$$

$$\text{denote FM } q(\cdot|x) = N(z|x; \beta, \sigma^2)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_q[\mathbb{1}\{z_{ij}=1\}] = q(z_{ij}=1)$$

$\mathbb{E}_q[\mathbb{1}\{z_{ij}=1\}] = q(z_{ij}=1)$ (marginal prob)

during EM, $q_{t+1}(z) = p(z|x; \theta_t)$

weight $\tau_{i,j}^t \triangleq p(z_{ij}=1|x_i; \theta_t) = q_{t+1}(z_{ij}=1)$

E-step is computing $q_{t+1}(z) \triangleq p(z|x; \theta_t)$

$$= \prod_i p(z_i|x_i; \theta_t)$$

$$\Rightarrow q_{t+1}(z) = p(z|x; \theta_t)$$

$$\propto \underbrace{p(x_i|z_i; \theta_t)}_{\text{Gaussian}} \underbrace{p(z_i; \theta_t)}_{\prod_j \tau_{i,j}^t}$$

$$\tau_{i,j}^t = q_{t+1}(z_{ij}=1) = \frac{\pi_j^{(t)} N(x_i | \mu_j^{(t)}, \Sigma_j^{(t)})}{\sum_{l=1}^K \pi_l^{(t)} N(x_i | \mu_l^{(t)}, \Sigma_l^{(t)})} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(x_i|z_i; \theta^{(t)}) \\ p(x_i | \theta^{(t)}) \end{array} \right.$$

E step for GMM: computing $\tau_{i,j}^{(t)}$ for $i=1, \dots, n$ using $\theta^{(t)}$

M step: $\max_{\{\mu_j, \Sigma_j, \pi_j\}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^K \tau_{i,j}^{(t)} [\log p(x_i | \mu_j, \Sigma_j) + \log \pi_j]$

exercise 9

$$\hat{\pi}_j^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_i \tau_{i,j}^{(t)}}{n} \quad \text{"soft counts"}$$

M step
for EM
for GMM

$$\hat{\mu}_j^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tau_{i,j}^{(t)} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \tau_{i,j}^{(t)}}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_j^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tau_{i,j}^{(t)} (x_i - \hat{\mu}_j^{(t+1)})(x_i - \hat{\mu}_j^{(t+1)})^T}{\sum_{i=1}^n \tau_{i,j}^{(t)}}$$

• initializ: eg $\mu_j^{(0)}$ from k-means+
 $\Sigma_j^{(0)}$ big spherical covariance $\Sigma_j^{(0)} = \sigma^2 I$ (big)

$\pi_j^{(0)}$: proportions from k-means+4

• EM step in GMM with fixed $\Sigma_j = \sigma^2 I$ with $\sigma^2 \rightarrow 0$

$\leadsto$ get k-means alg
"hard EM"