# **Expectation-Maximization (EM)**

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 $p(x)$ • How to estimate parameters? Max Likelihood But don't know labels Y (recall Gaussian Bayes classifier)

# **Expectation-Maximization (EM)**

**A general algorithm to deal with hidden data, but we will study it in the context of unsupervised learning (hidden labels)**

- No need to choose step size as in Gradient methods.
- EM is an Iterative algorithm with two linked steps: E-step: fill-in hidden data (Y) using inference M-step: apply standard MLE/MAP method to estimate parameters  ${p_i, \mu_i, \Sigma_i\}^k_{i=1}$
- This procedure monotonically improves the marginal likelihood (or leaves it unchanged). Thus it always converges to a local optimum of the likelihood.

#### **EM for spherical, same variance GMMs same mixture proportions**  $\rightarrow$  Pi = Ply=i)

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#### **E-step**

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\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{i} | \mathbf{x}_{j}, \mu_{1}...\mu_{k}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}\|\mathbf{x}_{j} - \mu_{i}\|^{2}\right) \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{i})
$$

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EM does soft assignment

 $\Sigma_i = \frac{2}{\kappa} \sum_{k} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \sum_{j=1}^{K} \sum_{j=1}^{K}$ 

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#### **M-step**

$$
\mu_{\text{max}} = \mu_{\text{K}}
$$

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$$
\mu_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m P(y=i|x_j)x_j}{\sum_{j=1}^m P(y=i|x_j)}
$$

Iterate.

 $\frac{1}{m}$   $\sum_{i=1}^{m}$   $x_i$   $\frac{1}{2}$   $x_i$   $\in$   $C_i$   $\leftarrow$  K means

Exactly same as MLE with weighted data

## **EM for general GMMs**



**M-step**

Compute MLEs given our data's class membership distributions (weights)

$$
\mu_{i}^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{j} P(y = i | x_{j}, \lambda_{t}) x_{j}}{\sum_{j} P(y = i | x_{j}, \lambda_{t})} \qquad \sum_{i}^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{j} P(y = i | x_{j}, \lambda_{t}) (x_{j} - \mu_{i}^{(t+1)}) x_{j} - \mu_{i}^{(t+1)} \}}{\sum_{j} P(y = i | x_{j}, \lambda_{t})} \qquad \sum_{j}^{(t+1)} \frac{\sum_{j} P(y = i | x_{j}, \lambda_{t})}{\sum_{j} P(y = i | x_{j}, \lambda_{t})} \qquad \sum_{j}^{(t+1)} \frac{\sum_{j} P(y = i | x_{j}, \lambda_{t})}{\sum_{j} P(y = i | x_{j}, \lambda_{t})} \equiv \frac{\sum_{j} P(y = i | x_{j}, \lambda_{t})}{m}
$$

## **EM for general GMMs: Example**  $\sum_{\mathbf{2}}\Bigg/ \qquad \qquad \Bigg/ \sum_{\mathbf{3}}$  $R = 3$ <br>
(1) Random initialization<br>  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 = \frac{1}{3}$ <br>  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \Sigma_3$  $\mu_{20.333}^2$  $\mu_{1}$  $\Sigma_1$   $\left\{\n\begin{array}{ccc}\n & \mu_{1/p=0.333} & \mu_{3} \\
 & \mu_{4/p=0.333} & \mu_{3} \\
 & \mu_{5/p=0.333} & \mu_{6} \\
 & \mu_{7-p=0.333} & \mu_{8} \\
 & \mu_{8-p=0.333} & \mu_{8} \\
 & \mu_{9-p=0.333} & \mu_{10} \\
 & \mu_{11/p=0.333} & \mu_{11} \\
 & \mu_{12/p=0.333} & \mu_{12} \\
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 & \mu_{14/p=0.333$ 1 E. step  $P(y = \bullet | x_{j}, \mu_{1}, \mu_{2}, \mu_{3}, \Sigma_{1}, \Sigma_{2}, \Sigma_{3}, p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3})$  $p_3 \leftarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} p(y_i - |x_i|)}{m}$ <br>  $\mu_3 \leftarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} p(y_i - |x_i|) x_i}{m}$  $M-5$  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{$

#### **After 1st iteration**



#### **After 2nd iteration**



### **After 3rd iteration**



## **After 4th iteration**



#### **After 5th iteration**



### **After 6th iteration**



#### **After 20th iteration**



#### **GMM clustering of assay data**

 $p(x)$ K choice  $\frac{0}{6}$ 



#### **General GMM**

GMM – Gaussian Mixture Model (Multi-modal distribution)



# **Resulting Density Estimator**









# **Resulting Bayes Classifier**



## **Summary: EM Algorithm**

- A way of maximizing likelihood function for hidden variable models. Finds MLE of parameters when the original (hard) problem can be broken up into two (easy) pieces:
	- 1. Estimate some "missing" or "unobserved" data from observed data and current parameters.
	- 2. Using this "complete" data, find the maximum likelihood parameter estimates.
- Alternate between filling in the latent variables using the best guess (posterior) and updating the parameters based on this guess:
	- 1. E-step: soft cluster assignment for each data point
	- 2. M-step: update parameters of each mixture component
- EM can get stuck in local minima. though gueranteed to converge.
- BUT Extremely popular in practice.

# **Clustering Algorithms**

- Partition algorithms
	- K means clustering  $V$
	- Mixture-Model based clustering







- Hierarchical algorithms
	- Single-linkage  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$
	- Average-linkage <
	- Complete-linkage <
	- Centroid-based

## **Hierarchical Clustering**

• Bottom-Up Agglomerative Clustering

Starts with each object in a separate cluster, and repeat:

- Joins the most similar pair of clusters,
- Update the similarity of the new cluster to others until there is only one cluster.



Greedy – less accurate but simple to implement

• Top-Down divisive

Starts with all the data in a single cluster, and repeat:

– Split each cluster into two using a partition algorithm Until each object is a separate cluster.

More accurate but complex to implement





Different algorithms differ in how the similarities are defined (and hence updated) between two clusters

- Single-Linkage
	- Nearest Neighbor: similarity between their closest members.
- Complete-Linkage
	- Furthest Neighbor: similarity between their furthest members.
- **Centroid** 
	- Similarity between the centers of gravity
- Average-Linkage
	- Average similarity of all cross-cluster pairs.



## **Single-Linkage Method**

#### Euclidean Distance



Distance Matrix

*c*

*b a*

## **Complete-Linkage Method**

#### Euclidean Distance



Distance Matrix

#### **Dendrograms**



#### **Another Example**



#### **Complete Link Example**



## **Single vs. Complete Linkage**

#### Shape of clusters

Single-linkage allows anisotropic and non-convex shapes

Complete-linkage assumes isotopic, convex shapes



## **Computational Complexity**

#### bottom-up (lindbge)

- All hierarchical clustering methods need to compute similarity of all pairs of *n* individual instances which is O(n2).
- At each iteration,

time.

- Sort similarities to find largest one  $O(n^2 \log n)$ .
- Update similarity between merged cluster and other clusters. Computing similarity to each other cluster can be done in constant

So we get  $O(n^2 \log n)$  or  $O(n^3)$  (if naïvely implemented)

#### **Computational Complexity (K-means)**

- At each iteration,
	- Computing distance between each of the n objects and the K cluster centers is O(*Kn*).
	- Computing cluster centers: Each object gets added once to some cluster: O(*n*).
- Assume these two steps are each done once for *l* iterations: O(*lKn*).

## **What you need to know…**

- Partition based clustering algorithms
	- K-means
		- Coordinate descent
		- Seeding
		- Choosing K
	- Mixture models EM algorithm
- Hierarchical clustering algorithms

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- Complete-linkage
- Centroid-linkage
- Average-linkage

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- $\circ$  Density estimation  $\sim$
- $\circ$  Groups or clusters in the data  $\sim$
- $\circ$  Dimensionality reduction  $\sim$

