# **Expectation-Maximization (EM)**

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 How to estimate parameters? Max Likelihood <sup>P(x)</sup> 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  $\{p_i, \mu_i, \Sigma_i\}_{i=1}^k$
- 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 $z_i$ $P_i = P|Y=i$

> Initialize:  $\mu_1, \mu_2, ..., \mu_K$  randomly

#### E-step

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

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EM does soft assignment

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\Sigma}_{i} &= \overset{2}{\sigma} I \\ \widetilde{P}_{i} &= \frac{1}{K} \\ p(x) &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{K} p(x|y=i) p(y=i)}_{i=1} \\ \widetilde{\Sigma}_{i} &p(x|y=i) p(y=i) \\ \widetilde{\Sigma}_{i} &p(x_{i}, \Sigma_{i}) & p_{i} \\ \end{array}$$

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#### **M-step**

Compute Max. like  $\hat{\mu}$  given our data's class membership distributions (weights)

$$\mu_{i} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{m} P(y \equiv i | x_{j}) x_{j}}{\sum_{j=1}^{m} P(y \equiv i | x_{j})}$$

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Exactly same as MLE with weighted data

## **EM for general GMMs**



**M-step** 

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

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

#### EM for general GMMs: Example Σ, K=3 (i) Random initialization $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$ $P_1, P_2, P_3 = \frac{1}{3}$ $\Xi_1, \Xi_2, \Xi_3$ Σ3 $\mu_{1_{p=0.333}}$ 0.333 Σ<sub>1</sub> E. stip $\rightarrow \mathsf{P}(\mathsf{y}=\bullet|\mathsf{x}_{\mathsf{j}},\mu_1,\mu_2,\mu_3,\Sigma_1,\Sigma_2,\Sigma_3,\mathsf{p}_1,\mathsf{p}_2,\mathsf{p}_3)$ $P_{3} \leftarrow \sum_{j=1}^{m} p(y=\bullet|X_{j})$ m $\mu_{3} \leftarrow \sum_{j=1}^{m} p(y=\bullet|X_{j}) X_{j}$ M-step

#### After 1<sup>st</sup> iteration



### After 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration



## After 3<sup>rd</sup> iteration



## After 4<sup>th</sup> iteration



## After 5<sup>th</sup> iteration



## After 6<sup>th</sup> iteration



### After 20<sup>th</sup> iteration



#### GMM clustering of assay data

P(X) K choice

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#### **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 guaranteed to converge.
- BUT Extremely popular in practice.

# **Clustering Algorithms**

- Partition algorithms
  - K means clustering 🖌
  - Mixture-Model based clustering







- Hierarchical algorithms
  - Single-linkage 🧹 🖌
  - 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

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## **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 (linkloge)

- All hierarchical clustering methods need to compute similarity of all pairs of *n* individual instances which is O(n<sup>2</sup>).
- At each iteration,
  - Sort similarities to find largest one O(n<sup>2</sup>log n).
  - Update similarity between merged cluster and other clusters.

Computing similarity to each other cluster can be done in constant time.

So we get O(n<sup>2</sup> log n) or O(n<sup>3</sup>) (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
- Higrarchical ductoring algorithm

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"Learning from unlabeled/unannotated data" (without supervision)



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- Dimensionality reduction //

