

# Advanced Probabilistic Machine Learning and Applications

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## 1 Tutorial 3: Bayesian Mixture Model (BMM)+ Gibbs sampling

In this tutorial we will continue working with the CMM and Twitter data-set presented in Tutorial 2. We will use different versions of the Gibbs sampling algorithm to find the posterior distribution of the cluster assignments  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^N$  and model parameters  $(\pi, \{\theta_k\}_{k=1}^K)$ .

### Introduction

**Notation:** Through this document we will use the following notation:

- $K$ : number of mixture components, i.e., we interpret them as topics/clusters.
- $N$ : number of documents, i.e., tweets.
- $I$ : dictionary
- $|I|$ : number of words in  $I$ .
- $\Theta = \{\theta_k\}_{k=1}^K$ : set of likelihood parameters.
- $\mathbf{x}_n \in R^{W_n}$ :  $n$ -th document with length (i.e., number of words)  $W_n$ .
- $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_n\}_{n=1}^N$ : set of all documents.
- $\mathbf{X}_{-n} = \{\mathbf{x}_i | i \neq n\}_{i=1}^N$ : set of all documents except for  $\mathbf{x}_n$ .
- $z_n$ : component assignment variable of document  $\mathbf{x}_n$ .
- $\mathbf{Z} = \{z_n\}_{n=1}^N$ : set of all component assignment variables.
- $\mathbf{Z}_{-n} = \{z_i | i \neq n\}_{i=1}^N$ : set of all component assignment variables except for  $z_n$ .

**Summary of Generative Model:** We will work with the following Bayesian Mixture Model

$$p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}, \pi, \Theta) = p(\pi|\alpha)p(\Theta|\gamma) \prod_{n=1}^N [p(z_n|\pi)p(\mathbf{x}_n|z_n, \Theta)]$$

The conjugate prior for the categorical distribution is the Dirichlet distribution. Therefore, we define the prior distribution for  $\pi$  and  $\theta_k$  for all  $k$  as Dirichlet distributions with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  respectively. Notice the prior distributions for each  $\theta_k$  share the same set of parameters.

$$\begin{aligned} p(\pi|\alpha) &= \text{Dir}(\pi|\alpha) & p(\Theta|\gamma) &= \prod_{k=1}^K \text{Dir}(\theta_k|\gamma) \\ p(z_n|\pi) &= \text{Cat}(z_n|\pi) & p(\mathbf{x}_n|z_n, \Theta) &= \prod_{j=1}^{W_n} \text{Cat}(x_{nj}|\theta_{z_n}) \end{aligned}$$

**Submission:** Copy the Jupyter notebook for Tutorial 3 available in the course webpage [https://github.com/APMLA-2021/APMLA-2021\\_material/tree/main/L3](https://github.com/APMLA-2021/APMLA-2021_material/tree/main/L3) and complete the exercises proposed below.

## Exercise 1: Derive the Gibbs sampling Algorithms for the CMM

Given the dataset and the probabilistic model described in the previous section, complete the following tasks:

1. **Algorithm 1:** Use the Gibbs sampling algorithm to approximate (using samples) the posterior distribution  $p(\boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\Theta} | \mathbf{X})$ . Derive the conditional distributions you will need to sample in steps (1), (2) and (3) of the following Gibbs sampler:

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### Algorithm 1: Gibbs sampling algorithm

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Initialize cluster assignments  $\mathbf{Z}$  and the model parameters  $\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}$ ;
while not converged do
    Sample  $\boldsymbol{\pi} \sim p(\boldsymbol{\pi} | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}) = p(\boldsymbol{\pi} | \mathbf{Z});$     (1)
    for  $k = 1, \dots, K$  do
        | Sample  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_k \sim p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) = p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z});$     (2)
    end
    for  $n = 1, \dots, N$  do
        | Sample  $z_n \sim p(z_n | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}_{-n}, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}) = p(z_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\Theta});$     (3)
    end
end

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2. **Algorithm 2:** Use the (collapsed) Gibbs sampling algorithm to approximate (using samples) the posterior distribution  $p(\mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\Theta} | \mathbf{X})$ . Derive the conditional distributions you will need to sample in steps (1) and (2) of the following Gibbs sampler:

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### Algorithm 2: $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ collapsed Gibbs sampling algorithm

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Initialize cluster assignments  $\mathbf{Z}$  and the model parameters  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$ ;
while not converged do
    for  $k = 1, \dots, K$  do
        | Sample  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_k \sim p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z});$     (1)
    end
    for  $n = 1, \dots, N$  do
        | Sample  $z_n \sim p(z_n | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}_{-n}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}) = p(z_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{Z}_{-n}, \boldsymbol{\Theta});$     (2)
    end
end

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3. **Algorithm 3:** Use the (collapsed) Gibbs sampling algorithm to approximate (using samples) the posterior distribution  $p(\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X})$ . Derive the conditional distributions you will need to sample in steps (1) the following Gibbs sampler:

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### Algorithm 3: $\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}$ collapsed Gibbs sampling algorithm

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Initialize cluster assignments  $\mathbf{Z}$ ;
while not converged do
    for  $n = 1, \dots, N$  do
        | Sample  $z_n \sim p(z_n | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}_{-n});$     (1)
    end
end

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## Exercise 2: Gibbs Sampling Algorithms implementation & Comparison

For this task, fix the number of clusters to be 5, i.e.  $K = 5$ . Also, let us consider the log-likelihood as the measure of convergence. Then, complete the following exercises.

1. Implement the log-likelihood, i.e.,  $\log p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\Theta}, \mathbf{Z})$ .
2. Implement the functions needed for Algorithm 1, i.e., the three posterior distributions in 1.
3. Implement Algorithm 1, i.e., the fit\_no\_collapsed method. Then, train the algorithm for 80 iterations with a burn in period  $\tau_{\text{burn-in}} = 20$  iterations

- Show the evolution of the log-likelihood per iteration . Do you think the Gibbs sampler has converged (i.e the samples are from the target posterior distribution)?
  - Retrieve a sample from the hidden variables at the end of the training.
  - Obtain the MAP estimate of the cluster assignments computed after  $\tau_{\text{burn-in}}$ .
  - Show the 10 most representative words for each topic using a cloud of words (Optional)
4. Using your implementation of Algorithm 1 and the implementations of Algorithm 2 & 3 provided in the jupyter notebook, explain the differences in the convergence speed of the algorithms in terms of number of iterations and time. What is the reason behind the differences?