

Generative Model

- Given a set of 1-D points $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ for clustering analysis & assuming they are generated by a Gaussian distribution:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

- The probability that a point $x_i \in X$ is generated by the model:

$$P(x_i | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

- The likelihood that X is generated by the model:

$$L(\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) : X) = P(X | \mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

- The task of learning the generative model: find the parameters μ and σ^2 such that

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2) = \arg \max \{L(\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) : X)\}$$

the maximum likelihood

