

K-Means Clustering and Gaussian Mixture Model

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Weekly Objectives

- Understand the clustering task and the K-means algorithm
 - Know what the unsupervised learning is
 - Understand the K-means iterative process
 - Know the limitation of the K-means algorithm
- Understand the Gaussian mixture model
 - Know the multinomial distribution and the multivariate Gaussian distribution
 - Know why mixture models are useful
 - Understand how the parameter updates are derived from the Gaussian mixture model
- Understand the EM algorithm
 - Know the fundamentals of the EM algorithm
 - Know how to derive the EM updates of a model

Relation between K-Means and GMM

- $N(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}))$
- $P(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k|^{1/2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k))$
 - Let's say $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k = \epsilon \mathbf{I}$
 - Here, \mathbf{I} is the identity matrix and ϵ is not updated by the EM process
 - $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{I}^{-1}$

- $= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} \epsilon^{1/2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2\epsilon}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k))$

- $= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} \epsilon^{1/2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2\epsilon} \|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2)$

- $\gamma(z_{nk}) = \frac{\pi_k N(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j N(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} = \frac{\pi_k \exp(-\frac{1}{2\epsilon} \|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \exp(-\frac{1}{2\epsilon} \|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j\|^2)}$

- When $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, the term of smallest $\|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2$ approaches zero most slowly
- When all other terms are zero, the term of the smallest $\|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2$ has a value
- Now, it becomes the hard assignment
- Still, GMM with $\epsilon \mathbf{I}$ is not K-Means. Why?
 - Soft assignment + Covariance matrix learning

$$J = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K r_{nk} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2$$

K-Means Algorithm