

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

Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

- Probability density function of the Gaussian distribution

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

- $N(x|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu))$

- $\ln N(x|\mu, \Sigma) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) + \mathcal{C}$

- $\ln N(X|\mu, \Sigma) = -\frac{N}{2} \ln |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_n - \mu) + \mathcal{C}$

- $\propto -\frac{N}{2} \ln |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \text{Tr}[\Sigma^{-1} (x_n - \mu)(x_n - \mu)^T]$

- $= -\frac{N}{2} \ln |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\Sigma^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N ((x_n - \mu)(x_n - \mu)^T)]$

- $\frac{d}{d\mu} \ln N(X|\mu, \Sigma) = 0 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times -1 \times \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \hat{\mu}) = 0 \rightarrow \hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N x_n}{N}$

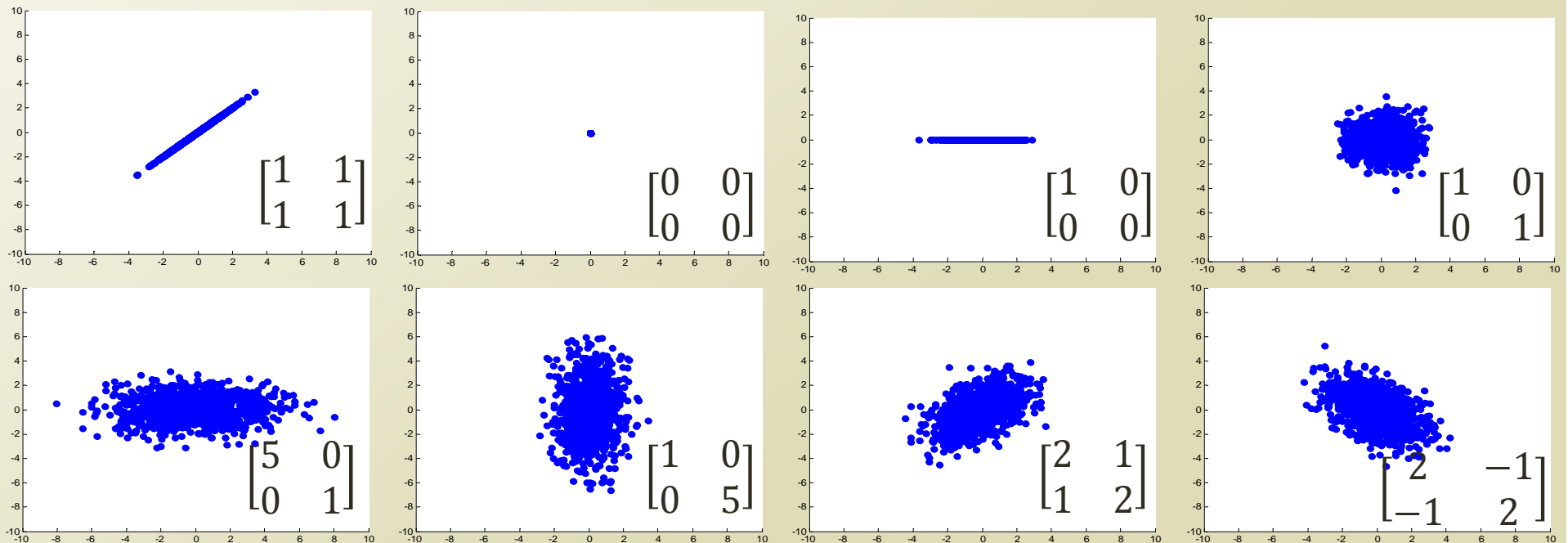
- $\frac{d}{d\Sigma^{-1}} \ln N(X|\mu, \Sigma) = 0 \rightarrow \hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \hat{\mu})(x_n - \hat{\mu})^T$

- Beyond the scope of the course

- Use “trace trick” and 1) $\frac{d}{dA} \log|A| = A^{-T}$, 2) $\frac{d}{dA} \text{Tr}[AB] = \frac{d}{dA} \text{Tr}[BA] = B^T$

Samples of Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

- Samples of multivariate Gaussian distributions
 - With various covariance matrixes
 - Covariance matrix should a positive-definite matrix
 - $z^T \Sigma z > 0$ for every non-zero column vector z
 - $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a^2 + b^2 > 0$ when a, b are non-zero



Mixture Model

- Imagine that the samples are drawn from three different normal distributions
 - Subpopulation
 - The conventional distributions cannot explain the distribution accurately
 - We need to mix the three normal distribution → Create a new distribution adapted to the samples
 - Mixture distribution
- $P(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k N(x|\mu_k, \sigma_k)$
 - Mixing coefficients, π_k : A normal distribution is chosen out of K options with probability
 - Works as weighting
 - $\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1, 0 \leq \pi_k \leq 1$
 - This is a probability (as well as weighting!)
 - Then, which distribution?
 - New variable? Let's say Z!
 - Mixture component, $N(x|\mu_k, \sigma_k)$: A distribution for the subpopulation
- $P(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K P(z_k)P(x|z)$
 - Why this ordering of variables?

