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## 5A-1. a

Explicit calculation:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{\mu}_{k}, \Sigma_{k}) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma^{-1}|^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu_{k})^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu_{k})}$$

$$= (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} \left| \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathbf{I} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu_{k})^{T} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{x} - \mu_{k})}$$

$$= (2\pi\epsilon)^{-\frac{D}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\epsilon(\mathbf{x} - \mu_{k})^{T}(\mathbf{x} - \mu_{k})}.$$

## 5A-1. b

Explicit calculation:

$$\begin{split} p(\mathbf{z}_{k} = 1 | \mathbf{x}_{n}) &= \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{n} | \mathbf{z}_{k} = 1) \, p(\mathbf{z}_{k} = 1)}{p(\mathbf{x}_{n})} \\ &= \frac{\pi_{k} (2\pi\epsilon)^{-\frac{D}{2}} \, e^{-\frac{1}{2\epsilon} (\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mu_{k})^{T} (\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mu_{k})}}{(2\pi\epsilon)^{-\frac{D}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \pi_{i} e^{-\frac{1}{2\epsilon} (\mathbf{x} - \mu_{i})^{T} (\mathbf{x} - \mu_{i})}} \\ &= \frac{\pi_{k} e^{-\frac{1}{2\epsilon} (\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mu_{k})^{T} (\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mu_{k})}}{\sum_{i=1}^{K} \pi_{i} e^{-\frac{1}{2\epsilon} (\mathbf{x} - \mu_{i})^{T} (\mathbf{x} - \mu_{i})}}. \end{split}$$

Now we let  $\epsilon \to 0$ .

Auxiliary calculation

Change of exponential's basis:

$$\alpha^{x} = e^{-\frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mathbf{\mu}_{i}\|^{2}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \ln \alpha = -\frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mathbf{\mu}_{i}\|^{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = -\frac{\frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mathbf{\mu}_{i}\|^{2}}{\ln \alpha}.$$

Furthermore, for any  $b \in \mathbb{R}^+/\{0\}$ :

$$\lim_{\alpha \to 0} \log_{\alpha} b = 0.$$

$$\alpha > 0$$

This is easy to see, because for any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ 

$$0 < \log_{\alpha} b < 1 \implies \alpha^{-1} > b$$

which converges to zero if  $\alpha \to 0$ .

Additionally, we have the Maslov dequantization

$$\min_{i} b_{i} = \lim_{\substack{\alpha \to 0 \\ \alpha > 0}} \log_{\alpha} \sum_{i} \alpha^{b_{i}}.$$

Sometimes we can recover a tropicalization even if the terms are not in the correct form:

$$\log_{\alpha} \pi_{i^*} + \min_{i} b_i = \lim_{\alpha \to 0} \log_{\alpha} \pi_i \alpha^{b_i},$$

where  $\ i^*$  be the minimum term index of  $\min_i b_{i^*}$  and  $\pi_i$  is positive.

First, we evaluate the denominator:

$$\lim_{\alpha \to 0} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \pi_{i} e^{-\frac{1}{2\alpha}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{\mu}_{i})^{T}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{\mu}_{i})} = \lim_{\alpha \to 0} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \pi_{i} \alpha^{-\frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mathbf{\mu}_{i}\|^{2}} \frac{1}{\ln \alpha}$$

$$= \lim_{\alpha \to 0} \alpha \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{K} \pi_{i} \alpha^{-\frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mathbf{\mu}_{i}\|^{2}} \frac{1}{\ln \alpha} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{\alpha \to 0} \alpha \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{K} \left[ -\frac{\frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\mathbf{x}_{n} - \mathbf{\mu}_{i}\|^{2}}{\ln \alpha} \right] + \log_{\alpha} \pi_{i^{*}} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{\alpha \to 0} \alpha \left[ \frac{1}{2\alpha} \frac{1}{\ln \alpha} \mathbf{x}_{n} - \mathbf{\mu}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{n}^{2} \right] + \log_{\alpha} \pi_{i^{*}}$$

$$= \lim_{\alpha \to 0} \alpha^{-\frac{1}{2\alpha}} \frac{1}{\ln \alpha} \mathbf{x}_{n} - \mathbf{\mu}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{n}^{2} + \log_{\alpha} \pi_{i^{*}}$$

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In this case,  $\oplus$  denotes addition in min-algebra. Evaluation of the limit now becomes simple:

$$\lim_{\begin{subarray}{c} \alpha \to 0 \\ \alpha > 0 \end{subarray}} p(\mathbf{z}_k = 1 | \mathbf{x}_n) &= \frac{\lim_{\alpha \to 0} \pi_k e^{-\frac{1}{2\alpha} (\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{\mu}_k)^T (\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{\mu}_k)}}{\lim_{\alpha \to 0} \pi_i^* e^{-\frac{1}{2\alpha} \min_i \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{\mu}_i\|^2}},$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_{nk} &= \begin{cases} 1, if \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{\mu}_k\|^2 = \min_i \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{\mu}_i\|^2 \\ 0, if \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{\mu}_k\|^2 \neq \min_i \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{\mu}_i\|^2 \end{cases}$$