

# GMM

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## Introduction

It's a very simple and trivial derivation for GMM.

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## Likelihood

The likelihood function in GMM for each observation  $x_i$  is,

$$P(x_i | \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k f_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)$$

Under the independence of pixel assumption, the likelihood is,

$$L(\theta) = P(x | \theta) = \prod_i P(x_i | \theta) = \prod_i \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)$$

Then log-likelihood

$$l(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = \sum_i \log \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2) \right)$$

we can note here we have a log-summation which is difficult to solve in MLE.

## Introduce a latent variable $Z$

To address the problem above, we introduce a latent variable  $Z$ , where  $Z_i = k$  implies  $i_{th}$  observation belonging to  $k_{th}$  class.

$$P(x_i | \theta) = \sum_k P(x_i, Z_i = k | \theta) = \sum_k P(Z_i = k | \theta) P(x_i | Z_i = k, \theta) = \sum_k \pi_k \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)$$

## Prior distribution

We can find that the prior distribution of  $Z$  is,

$$P(Z_i = k | \theta) = \pi_k$$

## Posterior distribution

And the posterior of  $Z$  is,

$$P(Z_i = k | x_i, \theta) = \frac{P(Z_i = k | \theta) P(x_i | z_i = k, \theta)}{\int_l P(Z_i = l | \theta) P(x_i | z_i = l, \theta)}$$

which is the result we want for segmentation.

## Joint distribution

We compute the joint distribution

$$P(x_i, Z_i | \theta) = \prod_{k=1}^K (P(x_i, Z_i = k | \theta))^{1(Z_i=k)} = \prod_{k=1}^K (\pi_k \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2))^{1(Z_i=k)}$$

## Complete data likelihood

The complete likelihood (including latent variables) is,

$$\begin{aligned} L_{com}(\theta | x, Z) &= P(x, Z | \theta) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N P(x_i, Z_i | \theta) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K (P(x_i, Z_i = k | \theta))^{1(Z_i=k)} \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^K (\pi_k \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2))^{1(Z_i=k)} \end{aligned}$$

log-likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned}
l_{com}(\theta \mid x, Z) &= \log L(\theta \mid x, Z) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K 1(Z_i = k) \{ \log \pi_k + \log \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2) \}
\end{aligned}$$

## EM derivation

Now we derive the EM solution,

The objective is to maximize log-likelihood, we do a decomposition first,

$$\log P(x \mid \theta) = \log P(x, Z \mid \theta) - \log P(Z \mid x, \theta)$$

Take conditional expectation on both sides w.r.t.  $Z \mid x, \theta^{[m]}$

$$\mathbb{E}_{Z \mid x, \theta^{[m]}} \log P(x \mid \theta) = \mathbb{E}_{Z \mid x, \theta^{[m]}} \log P(x, Z \mid \theta) - \mathbb{E}_{Z \mid x, \theta^{[m]}} \log P(Z \mid x, \theta)$$

We denote as

$$\log P(x \mid \theta) := l(\theta) = Q(\theta \mid \theta^{[m]}) - C(\theta \mid \theta^{[m]})$$

The update in  $l(\theta)$ :

$$l(\theta^{[m+1]}) - l(\theta^{[m]}) = Q(\theta^{[m+1]} \mid \theta^{[m]}) - Q(\theta^{[m]} \mid \theta^{[m]}) - \{C(\theta^{[m+1]} \mid \theta^{[m]}) - C(\theta^{[m]} \mid \theta^{[m]})\}$$

For  $C$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
C(\theta^{[m+1]} \mid \theta^{[m]}) - C(\theta^{[m]} \mid \theta^{[m]}) &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \log \frac{P(Z \mid x, \theta^{[m+1]})}{P(Z \mid x, \theta^{[m]})} \mid x, \theta^{[m]} \right\} \\
&\leq \log \mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{P(Z \mid x, \theta^{[m+1]})}{P(Z \mid x, \theta^{[m]})} \mid x, \theta^{[m]} \right\} \\
&= \log \int_Z \frac{P(Z \mid x, \theta^{[m+1]})}{P(Z \mid x, \theta^{[m]})} P(Z \mid x, \theta^{[m]}) dZ \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

So we have,

$$l(\theta^{[m+1]}) - l(\theta^{[m]}) \geq Q(\theta^{[m+1]} \mid \theta^{[m]}) - Q(\theta^{[m]} \mid \theta^{[m]})$$

So  $Q$  function is a lower bound of  $l$  maximizeing  $l(\theta)$  is reduced to,

$$\max_{\theta} Q(\theta \mid \theta^{[m]}) = \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E} \{ \log P(x, Z \mid \theta) \mid x, \theta^{[m]} \}$$

# EM solution for GMM

## E-step: compute Q function

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\theta \mid \theta^{[m]}) &= \mathbb{E}\{\log P(x, Z \mid \theta) \mid x, \theta^{[m]}\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K 1(Z_i = k)(\log \pi_k + \log \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)) \mid x, \theta^{[m]}\right\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{E}\{1(Z_i = k) \mid x, \theta^{[m]}\}(\log \pi_k + \log \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K P\{Z_i = k \mid x, \theta^{[m]}\}(\log \pi_k + \log \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma_{ik}^{[m+1]}(\log \pi_k + \log \Phi_k(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)) \end{aligned}$$

We denote the posterior as,

$$\gamma_{ik}^{[m+1]} = P(Z_i = k \mid x_i, \theta^{[m]}) = \frac{P(Z_i = k \mid \theta^{[m]})P(x_i \mid z_i = k, \theta^{[m]})}{\int_l P(Z_i = l \mid \theta^{[m]})P(x_i \mid z_i = l, \theta^{[m]})} = \frac{\pi_k^{[m]}\Phi(x_i; \mu_k^{[m]}, \sigma_k^{2[m]})}{\int_l \pi_l^{[m]}\Phi(x_i; \mu_l^{[m]}, \sigma_l^{2[m]})}$$

## M-Step:Maximize Q function

Simplily letting the derivative equalling to zero, and we have

$\pi_k$ :

$$\pi_k^{[m]} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \gamma_{ik}^{[m]}$$

$\mu_k$ :

$$\mu_k^{[m]} = \frac{\sum_i \gamma_{ik}^{[m]} x_i}{\sum_i \gamma_{ik}^{[m]}}$$

$\sigma_k^2$ :

$$\sigma_k^{2[m]} = \frac{\sum_i \gamma_{ik}^{[m]} (x_i - \mu_k^{[m]})^2}{\sum_i \gamma_{ik}^{[m]}}$$

# A variational perspective of EM

Here I want to introduce a variational perspective of EM.

Similarly, we do a decomposition,

$$\begin{aligned}l(\theta) &= \log P(x | \theta) = \log P(x, Z | \theta) - \log P(Z | x, \theta) \\&= \log \frac{P(x, Z | \theta)}{q(z)} - \log \frac{P(Z | x, \theta)}{q(z)} \\&= \sum_z q(z) \log \frac{P(x, Z | \theta)}{q(z)} - \sum_z q(z) \log \frac{P(Z | x, \theta)}{q(z)} \\&= L(q, \theta) + KL(q(z) || P(Z | x, \theta))\end{aligned}$$

We know KL divergence is non-negative, so the  $L(q, \theta)$  is a lower bound for  $l(\theta)$ .

## E-step

Given  $\theta^{[m]}$  fixed, maximize  $L(q, \theta^{[m]})$  w.r.t  $q(z)$ .

$l(\theta)$  is not related to  $q$ , so if KL term equals zero, we can have  $\max L(q, \theta)$ . That is to say,  $q(z) = P(Z | x, \theta^{[m]})$ , and meanwhile,

$$l(\theta^{[m]}) = L(q, \theta^{[m]})$$

## M-step

Given  $q(z) = P(Z | x, \theta^{[m]})$  fixed, maximize  $L(q(z), \theta)$  w.r.t  $\theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}L(P(Z | x, \theta^{[m]}), \theta) &= \sum_z P(Z | x, \theta^{[m]}) \log P(x, Z | \theta) - \sum_z P(Z | x, \theta^{[m]}) \log P(Z | x, \theta^{[m]}) \\&= Q(\theta | \theta^{[m]}) + const\end{aligned}$$

Which is the update we have proved above,

$$\theta = \arg \max_{\theta} Q(\theta | \theta^{[m]}) = \arg \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}\{\log P(x, Z | \theta) | x, \theta^{[m]}\}$$

# Get segmentation from GMM

The label is the latent variable value whose posterior is biggest.

$$label = \arg \max_k P(Z_i = k | x, \theta) \arg \max_k = \frac{P(Z_i = k | \theta) P(x | z_i = k, \theta)}{\int_l P(Z_i = l | \theta) P(x | z_i = l, \theta)} = \arg \max_k P(x, Z_i = k | \theta)$$

# Multi-component GMM

Multi-component GMM is several level of GMM, i.e., the component of GMM is a GMM.

$$\begin{aligned} P(I_i(x) \mid \theta) &= \sum_{k \in K} \pi_k P(I_i(x) \mid s(x) = k, \theta) \\ &= \sum_{k \in K} \pi_k \sum_{c \in C_k} \tau_{ick} P(I_i(x) \mid z_i(x) = c, s(x) = k) \\ &= \sum_{k \in K} \pi_k \sum_{c \in C_k} \tau_{ick} \Phi(I_i(x); \mu_{ikc}, \sigma_{ikc}^2) \end{aligned}$$