
Machine Learning

Expectation Maximization (and Probability Review)

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Axioms of Probability

- Let there be a space S composed of a countable number of events

$$S \equiv \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$$

- The probability of each event is between 0 and 1

$$0 \leq P(e_i) \leq 1$$

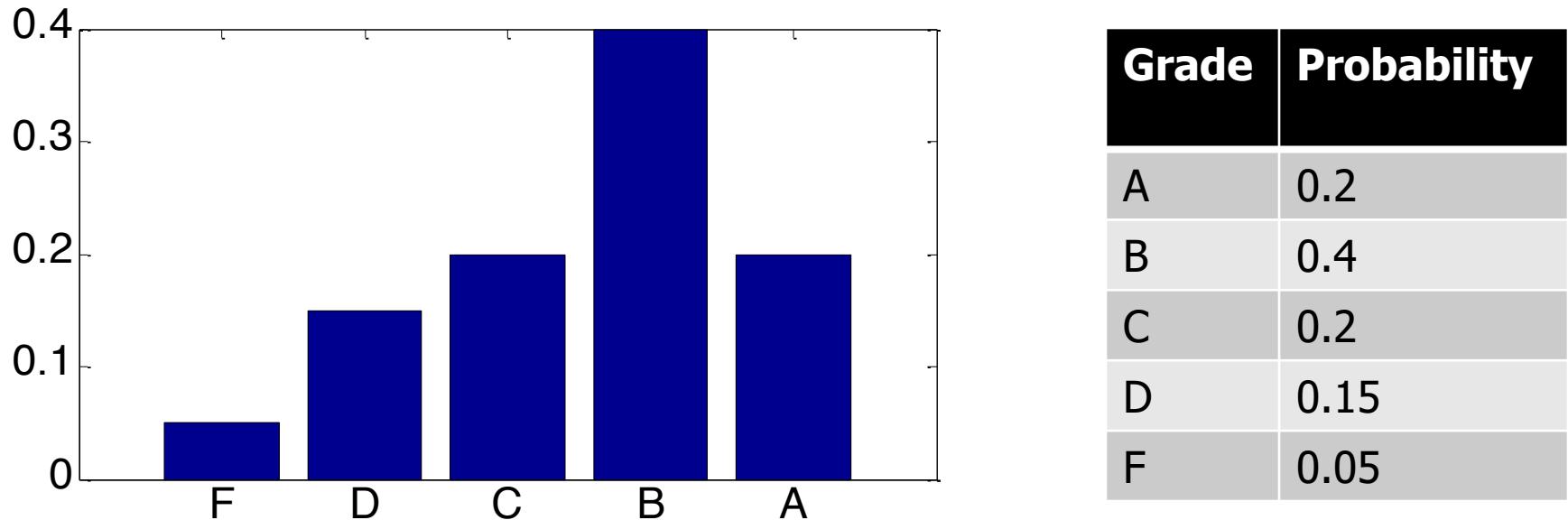
- The probability of the whole sample space is 1

$$P(S) = 1$$

- When two events are mutually exclusive,** their probabilities are additive

$$P(e_1 \vee e_2) = P(e_1) + P(e_2)$$

Discrete Random Variables



- $P(\text{Grade})$ is a distribution over possible grades
- Each grade is mutually exclusive
- Probabilities sum to 1

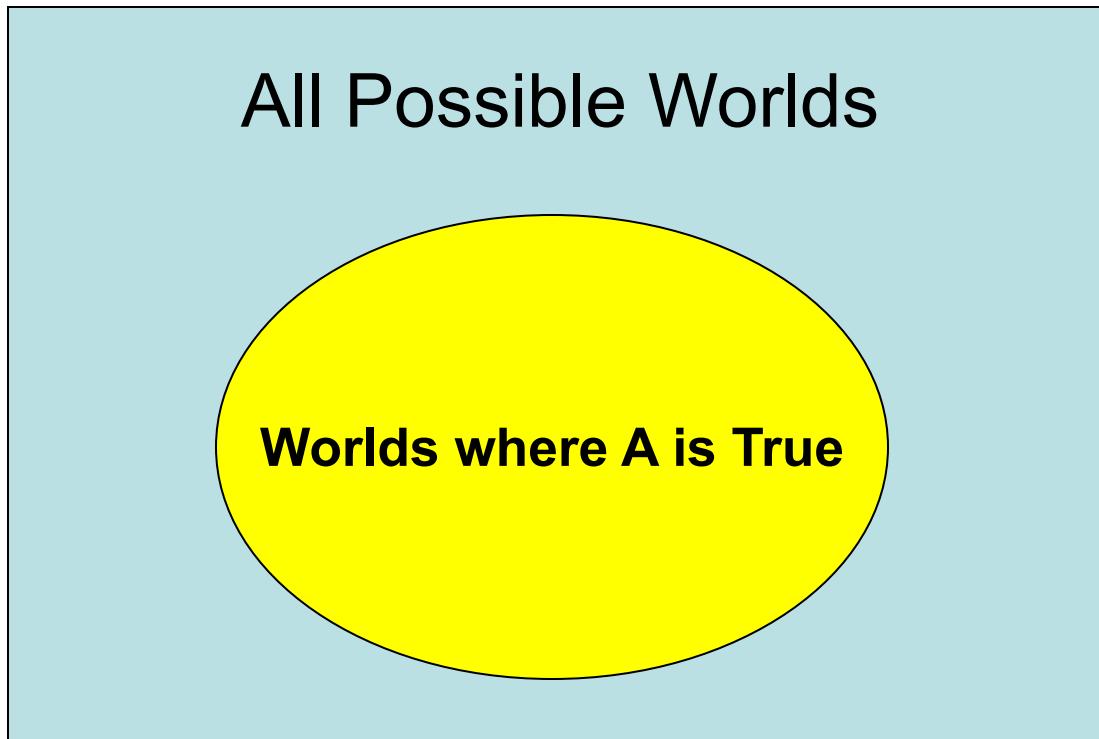
Boolean Random Variable

- Boolean random variable: A random variable that has only two possible outcomes
e.g.

X = “Tomorrow’s high temperature > 60” has only two possible outcomes

As a notational convention, **P(X)** for a Boolean variable will mean **P(X=“true”)**, since it is easy to infer the rest of the distribution.

Vizualizing $P(A)$ for a Boolean variable

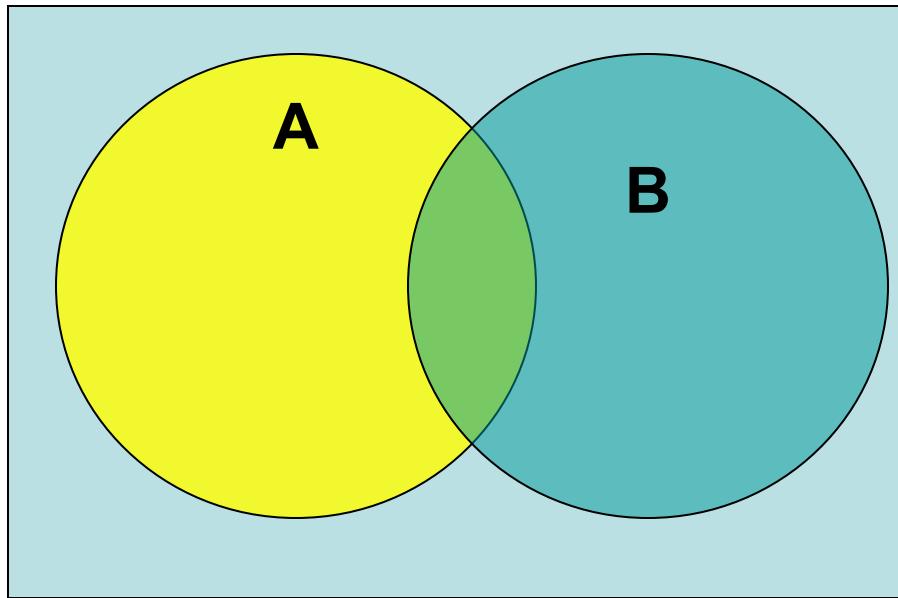


$$0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$$

If a value is over 1 or under 0, it isn't a probability

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{area of yellow oval}}{\text{area of blue rectangle}}$$

Visualizing two Booleans



$$P(A \vee B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \wedge B)$$

Independence

- variables A and B are said to be *independent* iff...

$$P(A)P(B) = P(A \wedge B)$$

Bayes Rule

- Definition of Conditional Probability

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \wedge B)}{P(B)}$$

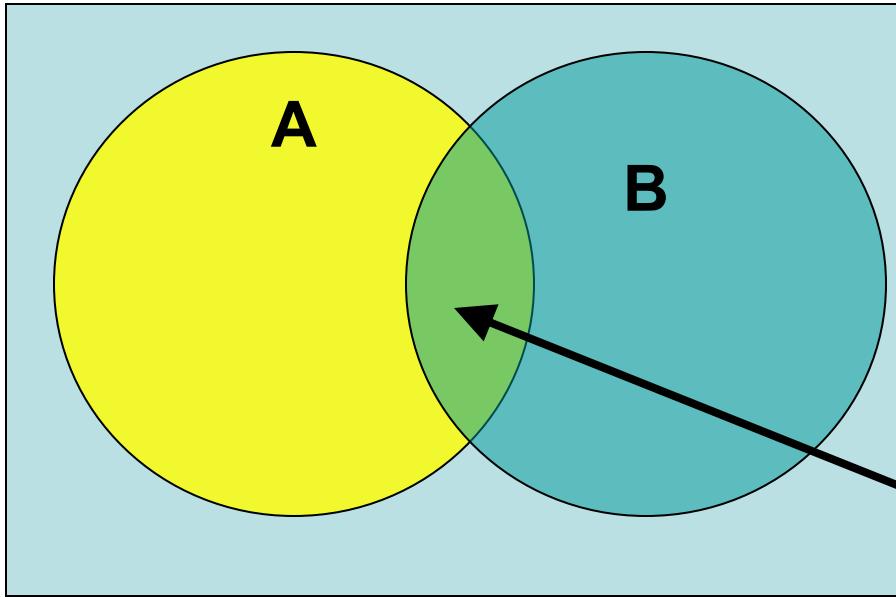
- Corollary:
The Chain Rule
- Bayes Rule

$$P(A | B)P(B) = P(A \wedge B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(B | A) &= \frac{P(A \wedge B)}{P(A)} \\ &= \frac{P(A | B)P(B)}{P(A)} \end{aligned}$$

(Thomas Bayes, 1763)

Conditional Probability



The conditional probability of A given B is represented by the following formula

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \wedge B)}{P(B)}$$

Overlap implies NOT independent

Can we do the following?

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \wedge B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)}{P(B)}$$

Only if A and B are *independent*

The Joint Distribution

- Truth table lists all combinations of variable assignments
- Assign a probability to each row
- Probabilities sum to 1

A	B	C	Prob
0	0	0	0.1
0	0	1	0.2
0	1	0	0.1
0	1	1	0.05
1	0	0	0.05
1	0	1	0.2
1	1	0	0.25
1	1	1	0.05

Using The Joint Distribution

- Find P(A)
- Sum the probabilities of all rows where A=1

$$\begin{aligned}P(A) &= 0.05 + 0.2 \\&\quad + 0.25 + 0.05 \\&= 0.55\end{aligned}$$

A	B	C	Prob
0	0	0	0.1
0	0	1	0.2
0	1	0	0.1
0	1	1	0.05
1	0	0	0.05
1	0	1	0.2
1	1	0	0.25
1	1	1	0.05

Using The Joint Distribution

- Find $P(A|B)$

$$p(A | B) = \frac{p(A, B)}{p(B)}$$

$$p(B = b) = \sum_{a \in \{0,1\}} p(A = a, B = b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (0.25+0.05) \\ &\quad \div (0.25+0.05 + \\ &\quad 0.1+0.05) \\ &= 0.3 \div 0.45 \\ &= 0.667 \end{aligned}$$

A	B	C	Prob
0	0	0	0.1
0	0	1	0.2
0	1	0	0.1
0	1	1	0.05
1	0	0	0.05
1	0	1	0.2
1	1	0	0.25
1	1	1	0.05

Using The Joint Distribution

Are A and B Independent?

$$P(A, B) = 0.25 + 0.05$$

$$P(A) = 0.3 + 0.2 + 0.05$$

$$P(B) = 0.3 + 0.1 + 0.05$$

$$P(A) \times P(B) = 0.55 \times 0.45$$

$$P(A, B) = 0.3 \neq 0.248$$

A and B NOT independent

A	B	C	Prob
0	0	0	0.1
0	0	1	0.2
0	1	0	0.1
0	1	1	0.05
1	0	0	0.05
1	0	1	0.2
1	1	0	0.25
1	1	1	0.05

Why not use the Joint Distribution?

- Given m boolean variables, we need to estimate 2^m values.
- 20 yes-no questions = a million values
- How do we get around this combinatorial explosion?
 - Assume independence of variables!

...back to independence

- The probability I eat pie today is independent of the probability of a blizzard in Japan.
- This is DOMAIN knowledge, typically supplied by the problem designer
- Independence implies:

$$A \perp B \Rightarrow p(A \mid B) = p(A)$$

$$A \perp B \mid C \Rightarrow p(A, B \mid C) = p(A \mid C)p(B \mid C)$$

Let's show that

assuming independence...

$$P(A \wedge B) = P(A)P(B)$$

plus the chain rule...

$$P(A \wedge B) = P(A | B)P(B)$$

imply...

$$P(A)P(B) = P(A | B)P(B)$$

which means...

$$P(A | B) = P(A)$$

Some Definitions

- **Prior probability of h , $P(h)$:**
 - background knowledge on probability that h is a correct hypothesis (before having observed the data)
- **Conditional Probability of D , $P(D | h)$:**
 - the probability of observing data D given that hypothesis h holds
- **Posterior probability of h , $P(h | D)$:**
 - the probability of, given the observed training data D
 - this is what we want!

Maximum A Posteriori (MAP)

- **Goal:** To find the most probable hypothesis h from a set of candidate hypotheses H given the observed data D .
- **MAP Hypothesis, h_{MAP}**

$$h_{map} = \arg \max_{h \in H} (P(h | D))$$

$$= \arg \max_{h \in H} \left(\frac{P(D | h)P(h)}{P(D)} \right)$$

$$= \arg \max_{h \in H} (P(D | h)P(h))$$

Maximum Likelihood (ML)

- **ML hypothesis** is a special case of the MAP hypothesis where all hypotheses are, to begin with, equally likely

$$h_{map} = \arg \max_{h \in H} (P(D | h)P(h))$$

Assume...

$$P(h) = \frac{1}{|H|} \quad \forall h \in H$$

Then...

$$h_{ml} = \arg \max_{h \in H} (P(D | h))$$

MAP vs Maximum Likelihood

$$P(\text{cancer}) = 0.01$$

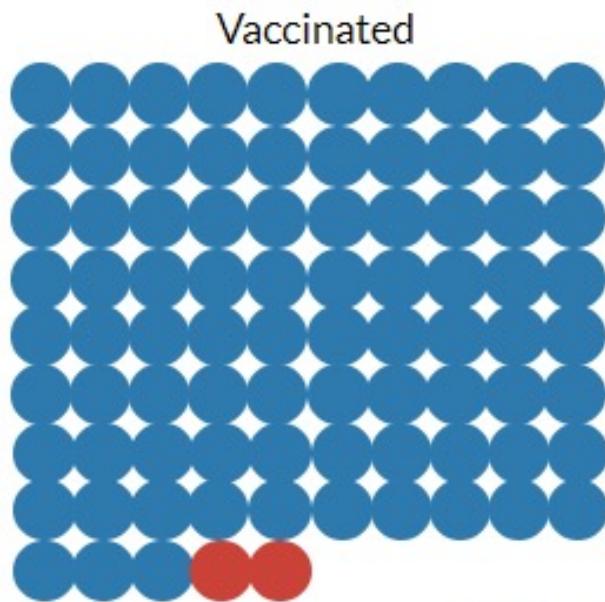
$$P(\text{positive test} \mid \text{cancer}) = 0.97$$

$$P(\text{positive test} \mid \text{no cancer}) = 0.02$$

What is $p(\text{cancer} \mid \text{positive test})$?

Base Rate Fallacy

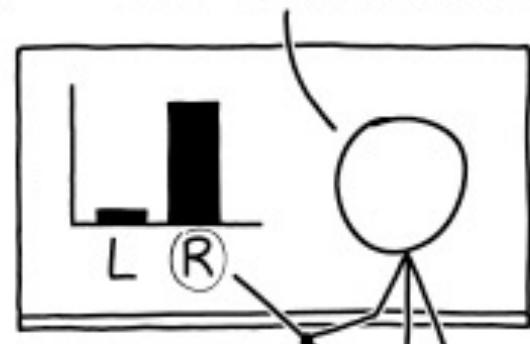
Total Population= 100 people;
83% vaccination rate



50% of infections were
among vaccinated

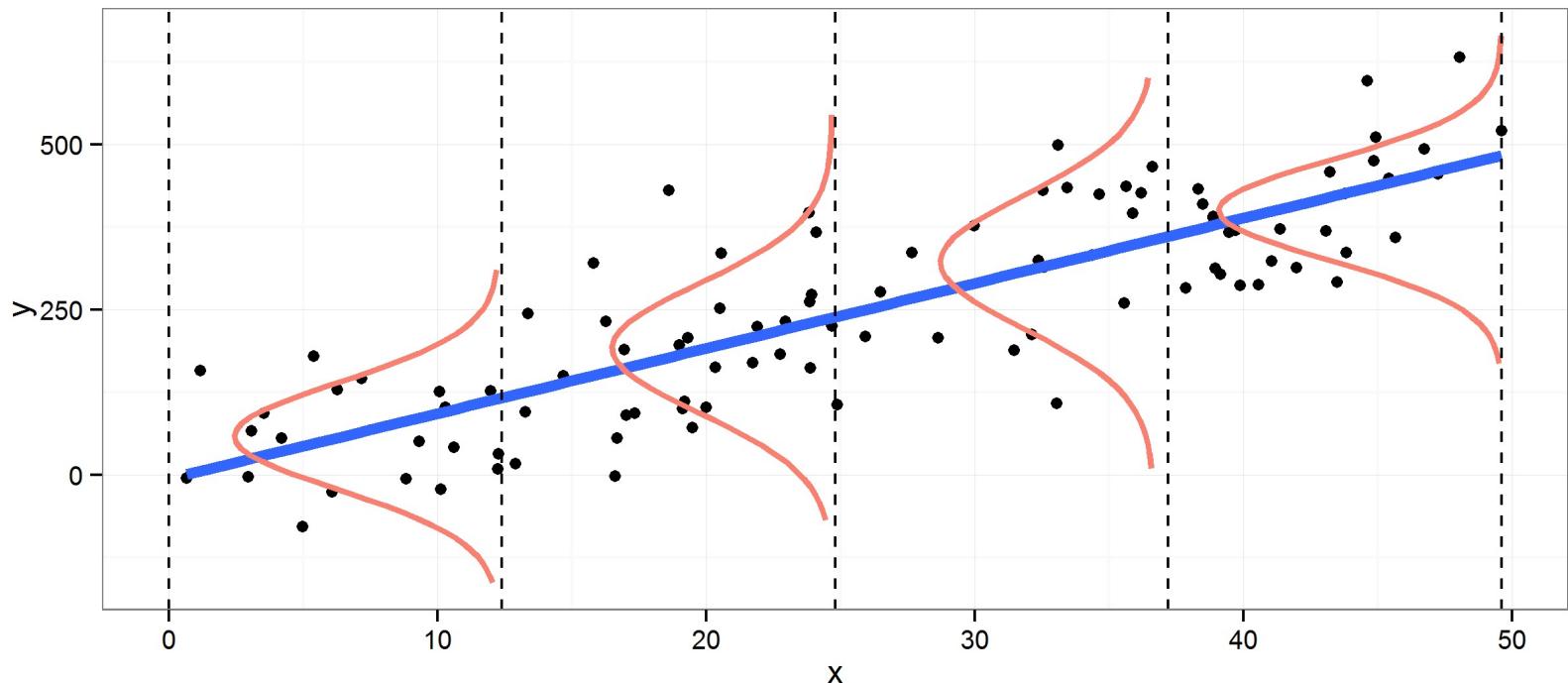
yourlocalepidemiologist.substack.com

REMEMBER, RIGHT-HANDED
PEOPLE COMMIT 90% OF
ALL BASE RATE ERRORS.



xkcd.com/2476/

Linear Regression, Again



Observed (x, y) is the combination of a point on the regression line plus noise.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{w}_{\text{MAP}} &= \arg \max_w p(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}) \\ &= \arg \max_w p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{w}) p(\mathbf{w})\end{aligned}$$

What is $p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{w})$? $p(\mathbf{w})$?

Linear Regression, Again

$$p(\langle x_i, y_i \rangle; \mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i, \sigma = \sigma)$$

$$\log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{w}, \sigma) = \log \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i, \sigma = \sigma)$$

$$= -\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2$$

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \arg \max_w \log p(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \sigma)$$

$$= \arg \max_w (\log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mid \mathbf{w}, \sigma) + \log p(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$= \arg \max_w \left(-\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 + \log p(\mathbf{w}) \right)$$

Linear Regression, Again

$$\begin{aligned}\log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{w}, \sigma) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i, \sigma = \sigma) \\ &= -\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 \\ 0 &= \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sigma^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^N y_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \right) - \mathbf{w}^\top \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \\ &= \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \\ &= \dots = \mathbf{w} - (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

Linear Regression, Again

For linear regression,
minimizing loss and maximizing likelihood are equivalent!

$$L_s(X, Y; \theta) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - h_\theta(x_i))^2$$
$$-\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2$$

But what about that $p(\mathbf{w})$ term?

$$\arg \max_w \left(-\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 + \log p(\mathbf{w}) \right)$$

What is $p(\mathbf{w})$ for linear regression?

$$p(\mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda^{-1})$$

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \arg \max_w \log p(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \sigma)$$

$$= \arg \max_w (\log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mid \mathbf{w}, \sigma) + \log p(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$= \arg \max_w \left(-\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 + \log p(\mathbf{w}) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg \max_w \left(\dots - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^2 \lambda^2 \right)$$

$$L_R(X, Y; \theta) = L(X, Y; \theta) + \lambda R(\theta) \quad R_2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d |\theta_i|^2$$

Latent Variable Models

$$\max_w p(Y|X; w) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|x_i; w)$$

$$\max_w p(X; \Theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \Theta)$$

$$\max_w p(X; \Theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_k p(x_i, z_k; \Theta)$$

Expectation Maximization

Given joint distribution $p(X, Z | \Theta)$,
with X observed and Z latent,
and parameters Θ ,
we want to find a Θ that maximizes $p(X | \Theta)$.

First: initialize Θ^0 . Then, repeat until converged:

1. Estimate $p(Z | X, \theta^t)$
2. Set $\hat{\theta}^{t+1} = \arg \max_{\hat{\theta}} p(Z | X, \theta^t) \log p(X, Z | \hat{\theta})$

EM for Gaussian Mixture Model

(Log) Likelihood of GMM:

$$p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{z_{nk}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)^{z_{nk}}$$

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K z_{nk} \{ \ln \pi_k + \ln \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \}$$

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Gaussian Mixture Model

1. Estimate $p(Z \mid X, \theta^t)$
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Cluster Responsibilities

Cluster means, variances, and weight coefficients

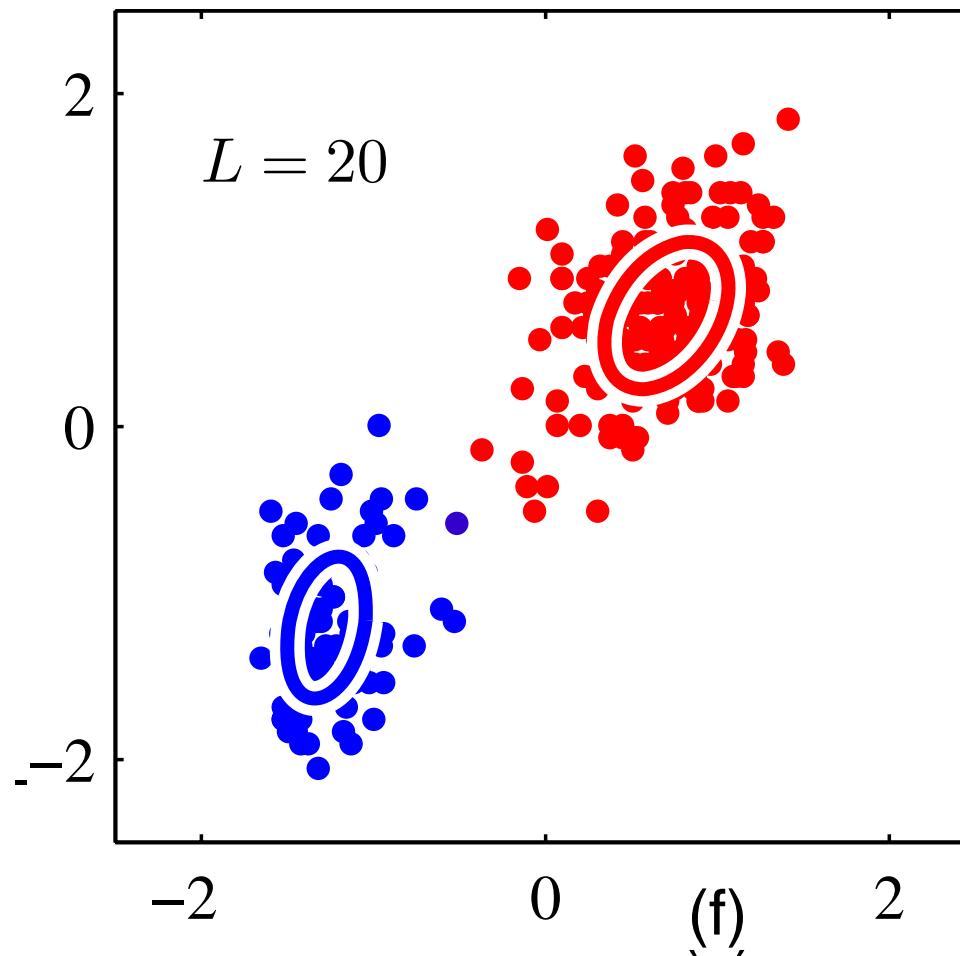
$$\gamma(z_{n,k}) = \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n \mid \mu_k, \Sigma_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n \mid \mu_j, \Sigma_j)} \quad N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{n,k})$$

$$\pi_k = \frac{N_k}{N}$$

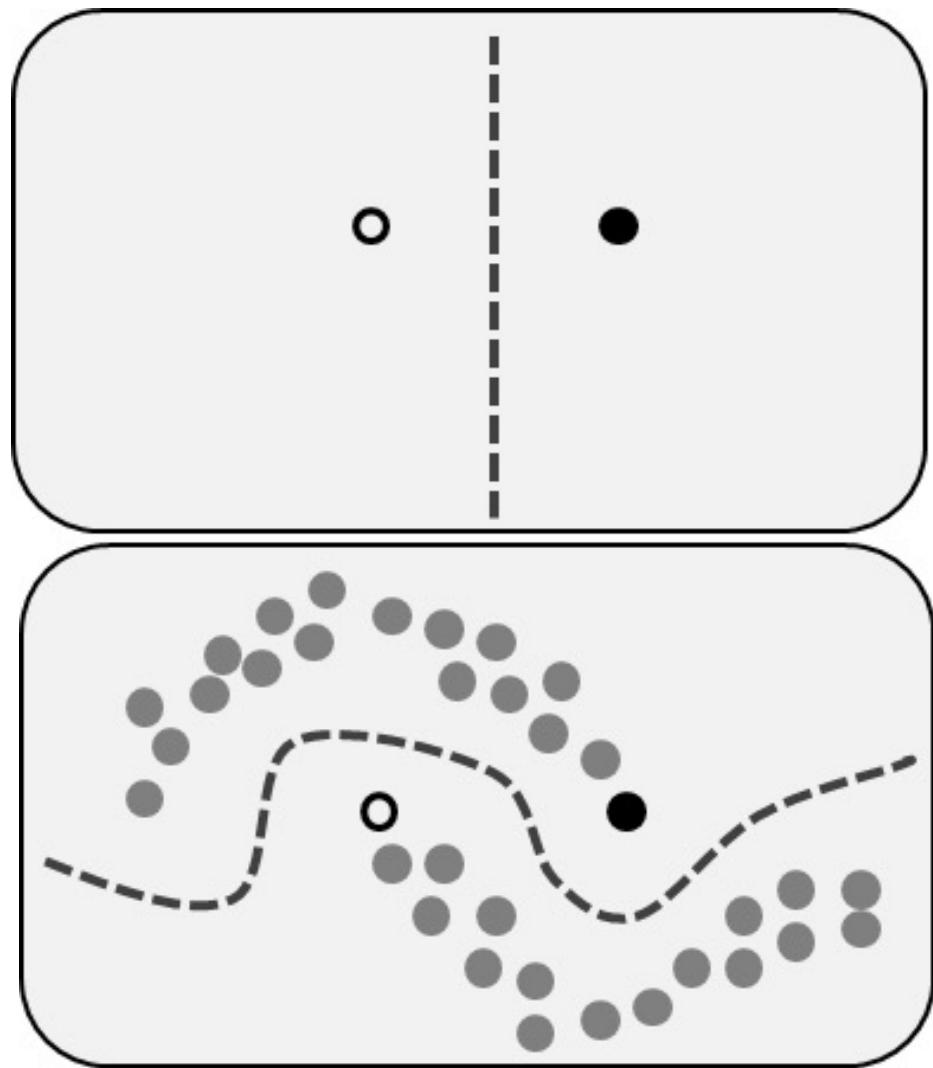
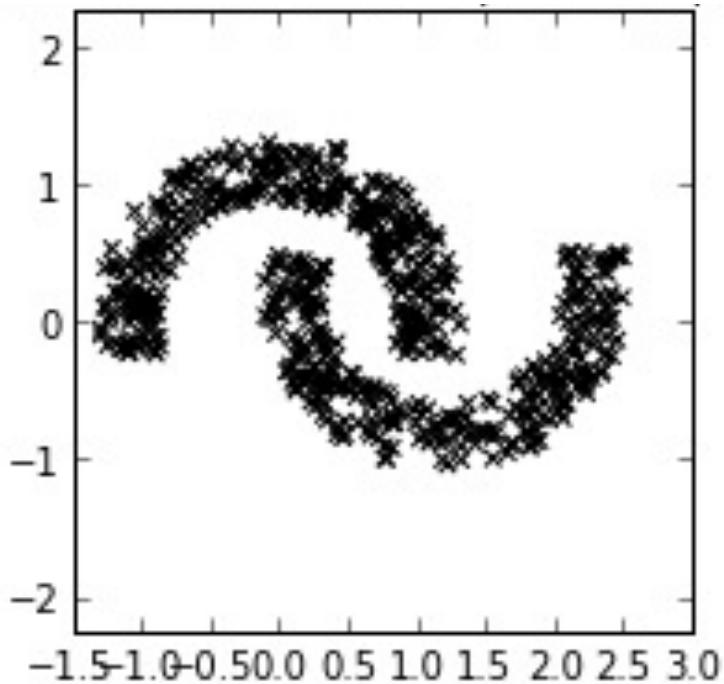
$$\mu_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{n,k}) \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\Sigma_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{n,k}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)(\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)^\top$$

Expectation Maximization



Semi-supervised Learning



Recall: Supervised Learning Tasks

There is a set of possible examples $X = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$

Each example is a **vector** of d **real valued attributes**

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \langle x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,d} \rangle$$

A target function maps X onto some **real or categorical value** Y

$$f : X \rightarrow Y$$

The DATA is a set of tuples <example, response value>

$$\{<\mathbf{x}_1, y_1>, \dots, <\mathbf{x}_n, y_n>\}$$

Find a **hypothesis** h such that...

$$\forall \mathbf{x}, h(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x})$$

Unsupervised Learning Tasks

There is a set of possible examples

$$X = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$$

Each example is a **vector** of d **real valued attributes**

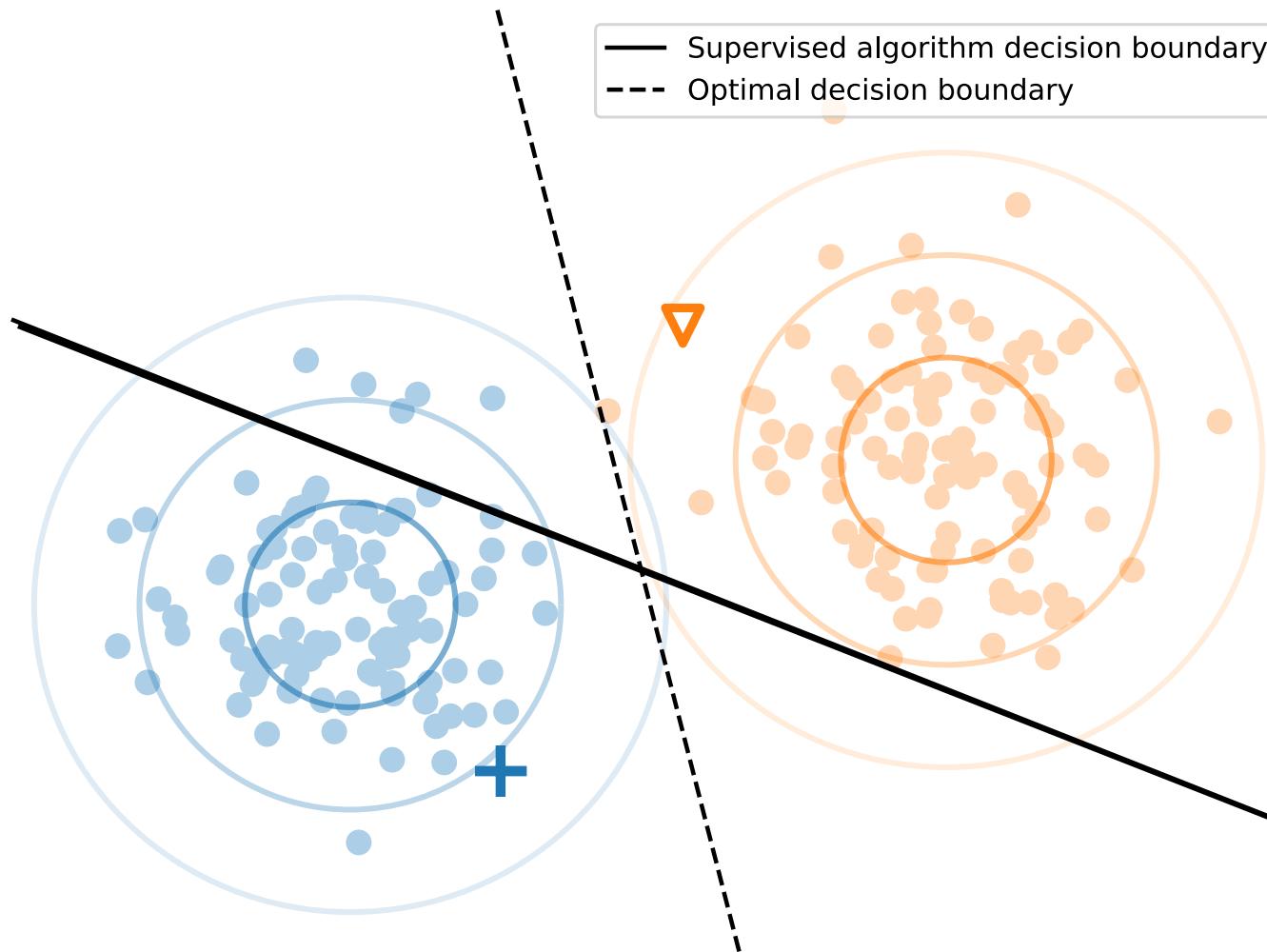
$$\mathbf{x}_i = \langle x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,d} \rangle$$

Assume some latent variable(s) z that correspond to the observed data

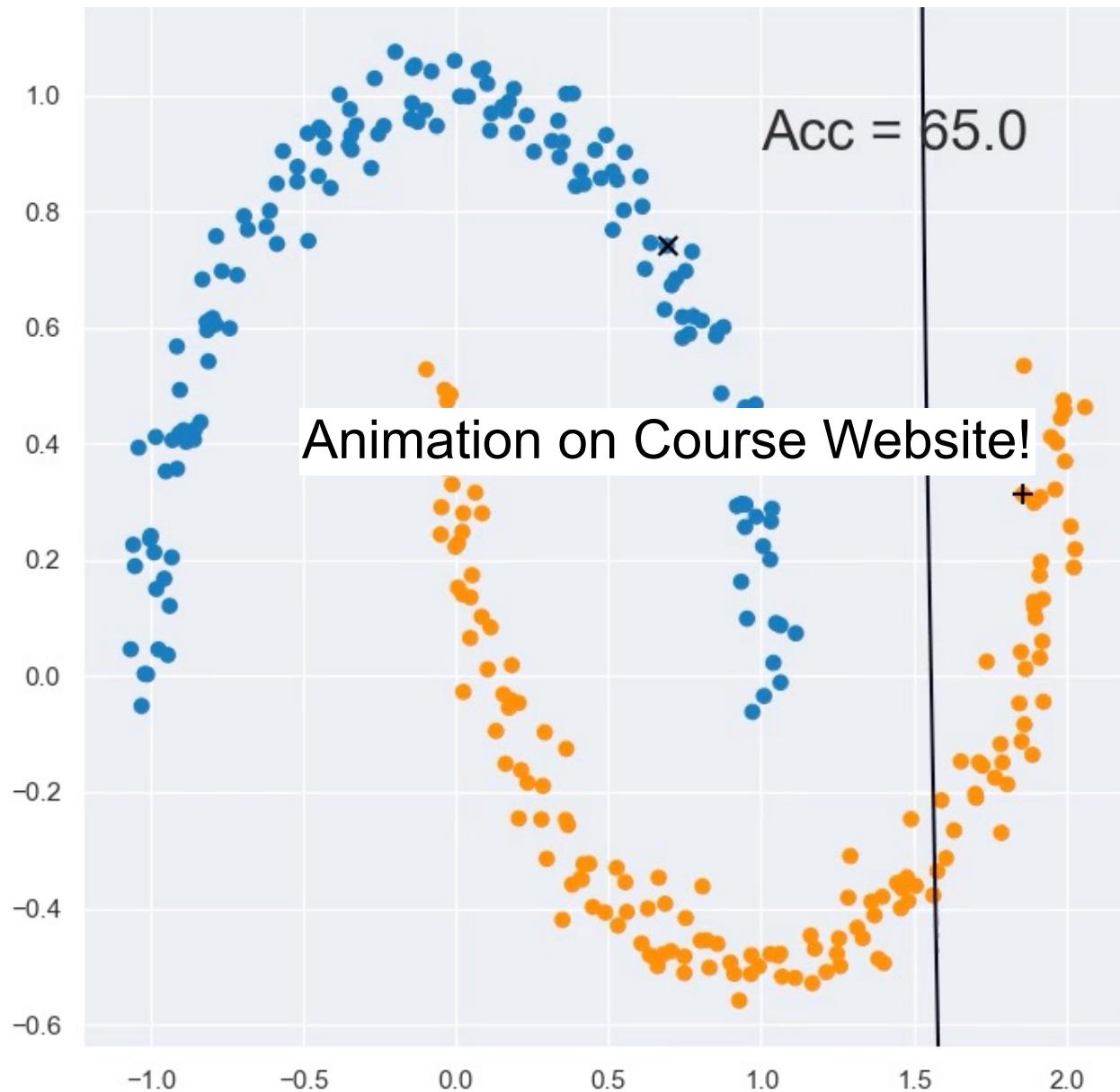
$$\{\langle \mathbf{x}_1, z_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \mathbf{x}_n, z_n \rangle\}$$

Learn a joint distribution of $p(X, Z)$

Semi-Supervised Learning



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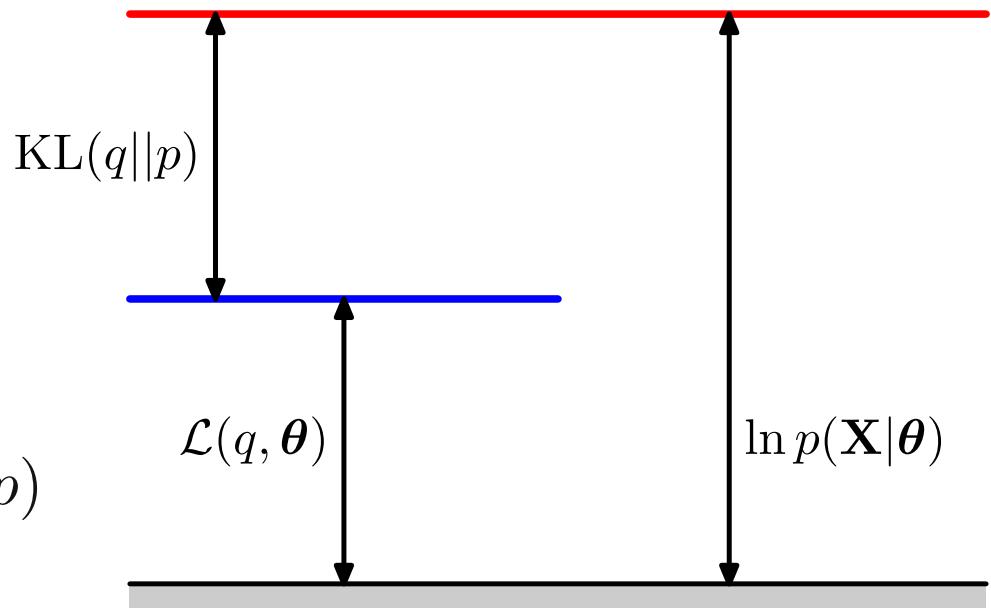
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Bonus Math: EM in General

Illustration of the decomposition given by (9.70), which holds for any choice of distribution $q(\mathbf{Z})$. Because the Kullback-Leibler divergence satisfies $\text{KL}(q\|p) \geq 0$, we see that the quantity $\mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ is a lower bound on the log likelihood function $\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$.

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \text{KL}(q\|p)$$



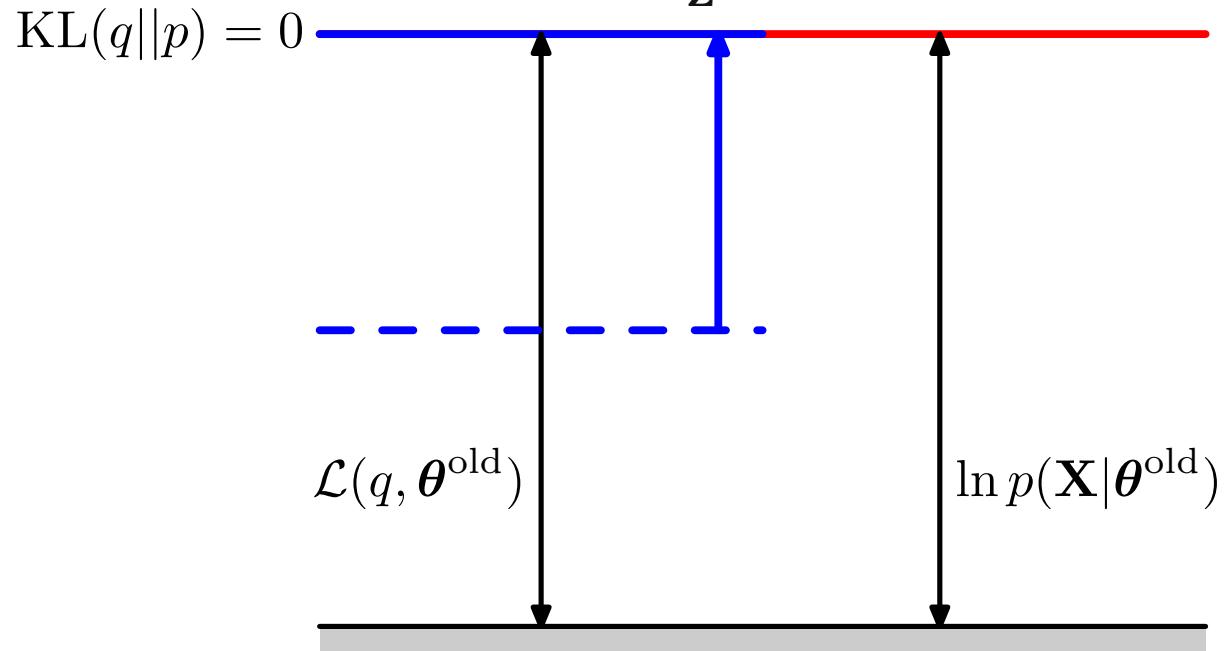
$$\mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \ln \left\{ \frac{p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\mathbf{Z})} \right\}$$

$$\text{KL}(q\|p) = - \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \ln \left\{ \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\mathbf{Z})} \right\}$$

EM: Pictorial View

$$\text{KL}(q\|p) = - \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \ln \left\{ \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\mathbf{Z})} \right\}$$

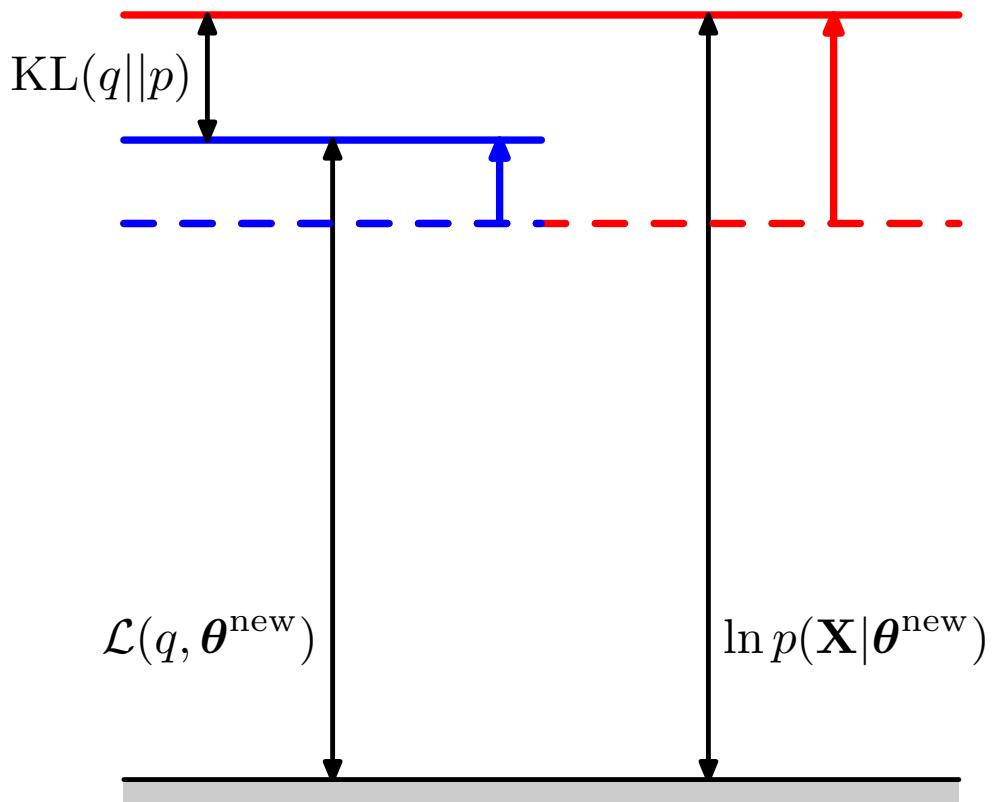
Illustration of the E step of the EM algorithm. The q distribution is set equal to the posterior distribution for the current parameter values $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}$, causing the lower bound to move up to the same value as the log likelihood function, with the KL divergence vanishing.



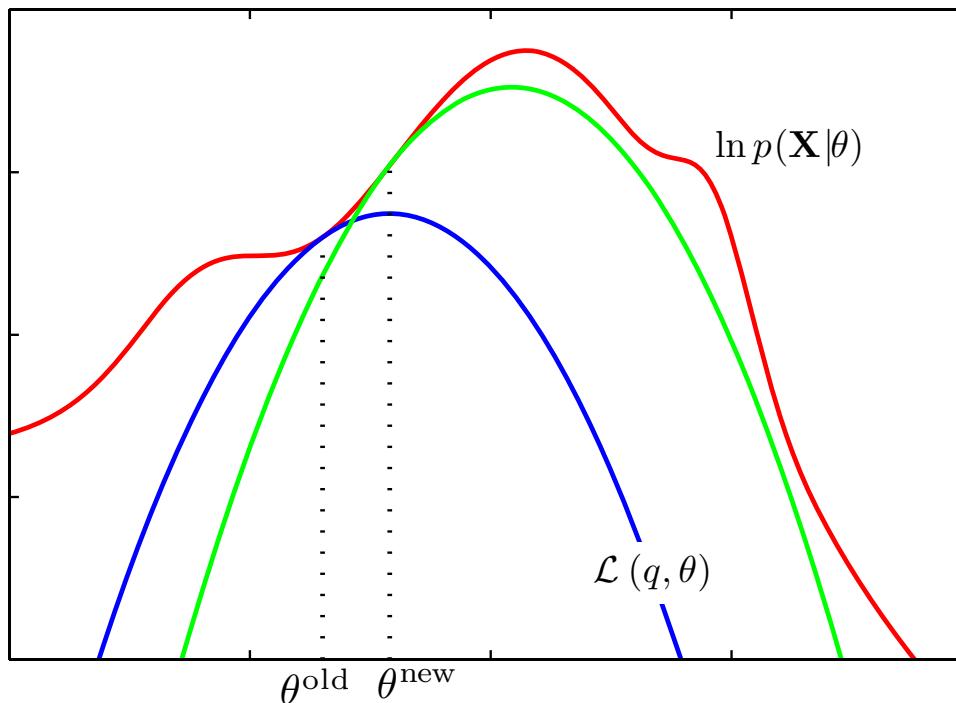
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) \ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) \ln p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) \\ &= \mathcal{Q}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) + \text{const} \end{aligned} \quad (9.74)$$

EM: Pictorial View

Illustration of the M step of the EM algorithm. The distribution $q(\mathbf{Z})$ is held fixed and the lower bound $\mathcal{L}(q, \theta)$ is maximized with respect to the parameter vector θ to give a revised value θ^{new} . Because the KL divergence is nonnegative, this causes the log likelihood $\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)$ to increase by at least as much as the lower bound does.



EM: Pictorial View



$$\log p(X|\theta) = \boxed{L(q,\theta)} + \boxed{KL(q||p)}$$

Increases Can only increase

$$\log p(X|\theta) \geq \log p(X|\theta^{old})$$