

# TWO-DIMENSIONAL DIRICHLET PROCESS MIXTURE MODEL

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## Description

A Dirichlet process mixture model for cluster estimation of 2-dimensional, normally distributed data.

## Implementation

The file `dp.mix.2d.sim.R` simulates data according to the model statement presented below, and `dp.mix.2d.mcmc.R` contains the MCMC algorithm for model fitting. Model implementation follows the blocked Gibbs sampler approach of Ishwaran and James (2001) and Gelman et al. (2014).

## Model statement

Let  $\mathbf{s}_t = (s_{1,t}, s_{2,t})'$ , for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ , be observations and  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_h = (\mu_{1,h}, \mu_{2,h})'$ , for  $h = 1, \dots, H$ , be the locations of clusters. The parameter  $H$  denotes the maximum number of clusters allowed under the truncation approximation of Dirichlet process mixture (Gelman et al. 2014). Define  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  to be the uniform support of the Dirichlet process (i.e., all possible  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_h$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{s}_t &\sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_h, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ h_t &\sim \text{Cat}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_H) \\ \pi_h &\sim \text{Stick}(\theta) \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_h &\sim \text{Unif}(\tilde{\mathcal{S}}) \\ \theta &\sim \text{Gamma}(r, q) \\ \sigma &\sim \text{Unif}(l, u)\end{aligned}$$

The concentration parameter  $\theta$  affects the clustering in the Dirichlet process mixture: smaller values yield fewer clusters with more observations per cluster, whereas larger values yield more clusters with fewer observations per cluster. Note that the lines in this model statement pertaining to  $h_t$ ,  $\pi_h$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_h$  comprise the stick-breaking representation of the Dirichlet process mixture model, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\mu}_h &\sim \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{P} &\sim \text{DP}(\theta, \mathbf{P}_0) \\ \mathbf{P}_0 &\sim \text{Unif}(\tilde{\mathcal{S}})\end{aligned}$$

## Full conditional distributions

*Cluster locations ( $\boldsymbol{\mu}_h$ ):*

$$\begin{aligned}[\boldsymbol{\mu}_h | \cdot] &\propto \prod_{t=1}^T [\mathbf{s}_t | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t}, \sigma^2]^{1_{\{h_t=h\}}} [\boldsymbol{\mu}_h | \tilde{\mathcal{S}}] \\ &\propto \prod_{\{t: h_t=h\}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{s}_t | \boldsymbol{\mu}_h, \sigma^2) 1_{\{\boldsymbol{\mu}_h \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}\}} \\ &\propto \prod_{\{t: h_t=h\}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( (\mathbf{s}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_h)' (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\mathbf{s}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_h) \right) \right\} 1_{\{\boldsymbol{\mu}_h \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}\}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\propto \prod_{\{t:h_t=h\}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{s}'_t (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{s}_t - 2 \mathbf{s}'_t (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t} + \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{h_t} (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t} \right) \right\} 1_{\{\boldsymbol{\mu}_h \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}\}} \\
&\propto \prod_{\{t:h_t=h\}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( -2 \mathbf{s}'_t (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t} + \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{h_t} (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t} \right) \right\} 1_{\{\boldsymbol{\mu}_h \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}\}} \\
&\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( -2 \sum_{\{t:h_t=h\}} \mathbf{s}'_t (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t} + \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{h_t} (n_h (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}) \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t} \right) \right\} 1_{\{\boldsymbol{\mu}_h \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}\}} \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}^{-1}) 1_{\{\boldsymbol{\mu}_h \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}\}}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = n_h (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \sum_{\{t:h_t=h\}} \mathbf{s}'_t (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ ; therefore,  $[\boldsymbol{\mu}_h | \cdot] = \mathcal{N} \left( \frac{1}{n_h} \sum_{\{t:h_t=h\}} \mathbf{s}_t, \frac{\sigma^2}{n_h} \mathbf{I} \right)$ . Note that the product (or summation) is over all  $\mathbf{s}_t$  that belong to cluster  $h$  ( $h_t$  is a latent class status that indicates membership of observation  $\mathbf{s}_t$  to cluster  $h$ ), and  $n_h$  is the number of observations allocated to  $h$ . Also note that ‘proposed’ values for  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_h$  not in  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  are rejected, i.e.,  $[\boldsymbol{\mu}_h | \cdot] = \mathcal{TN}(\mathbf{s}_t, \frac{\sigma^2}{n_h} \mathbf{I})_{\tilde{\mathcal{S}}}$ .

*Probability mass for cluster location  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_h$  ( $\pi_h$ ):*

The stick-breaking representation of a Dirichlet process mixture consists of two components, namely a cluster weight and a cluster probability. Let  $\eta_h$  denote the weight assigned to cluster  $h$ , where  $\eta_h \sim \text{Beta}(1, \theta)$ . The associated full-conditional is

$$[\eta_h | \cdot] \sim \text{Beta} \left( 1 + n_h, \theta + \sum_{\tilde{h}=h+1}^H n_{\tilde{h}} \right), \text{ for } h = 1, \dots, H-1,$$

and  $\eta_H = 1$ . The parameter  $n_h$  denotes the number of observations allocated to cluster  $h$ . Note that  $\eta_h$  is sampled in order of decreasing  $n_h$ , i.e.,  $n_h$  is sorted largest to smallest and  $\eta_h$  is sampled in sequence. The cluster probabilities ( $\pi_h$ ) are deterministic and calculated as

$$\pi_h = \eta_h \prod_{\tilde{h} < h} (1 - \eta_{\tilde{h}}).$$

The probabilities  $\pi_h$  are also calculated in order of decreasing  $n_h$ . The derivation of this full-conditional is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
[\eta_h | \cdot] &\propto \prod_{t=1}^T [h_t | \pi_h]^{1_{\{h_t=h\}}} \prod_{\tilde{h}=h+1}^H \prod_{t=1}^T [h_t | \pi_{\tilde{h}}]^{1_{\{h_t=\tilde{h}\}}} [\eta_h | \theta_1, \theta_2] \\
&\propto \prod_{t=1}^T \pi_h^{1_{\{h_t=h\}}} \prod_{\tilde{h}=h+1}^H \prod_{t=1}^T \pi_{\tilde{h}}^{1_{\{h_t=\tilde{h}\}}} [\eta_h | \theta_1, \theta_2] \\
&\propto \pi_h^{\sum_t 1_{\{h_t=h\}}} \prod_{\tilde{h}=h+1}^H \pi_{\tilde{h}}^{\sum_t 1_{\{h_t=\tilde{h}\}}} [\eta_h | \theta_1, \theta_2] \\
&\propto \left( \eta_h \prod_{l < h} (1 - \eta_l) \right)^{\sum_t 1_{\{h_t=h\}}} \prod_{\tilde{h}=h+1}^H \left( \eta_{\tilde{h}} \prod_{l < \tilde{h}} (1 - \eta_l) \right)^{\sum_t 1_{\{h_t=\tilde{h}\}}} \eta_h^{\theta_1-1} (1 - \eta_h)^{\theta_2-1} \\
&\propto \eta_h^{\sum_t 1_{\{h_t=h\}}} \prod_{\tilde{h}=h+1}^H \left( \prod_{l < \tilde{h}} (1 - \eta_l) \right)^{\sum_t 1_{\{h_t=\tilde{h}\}}} \eta_h^{\theta_1-1} (1 - \eta_h)^{\theta_2-1} \\
&\propto \eta_h^{\sum_t 1_{\{h_t=h\}}} (1 - \eta_h)^{\sum_{\tilde{h}=h+1}^H \sum_t 1_{\{h_t=\tilde{h}\}}} \eta_h^{\theta_1-1} (1 - \eta_h)^{\theta_2-1} \\
&\propto \eta_h^{\sum_t 1_{\{h_t=h\}} + \theta_1 - 1} (1 - \eta_h)^{\sum_{\tilde{h}=h+1}^H \sum_t 1_{\{h_t=\tilde{h}\}} + \theta_2 - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \text{Beta} \left( \sum_t 1_{\{h_t=h\}} + \theta_1, \sum_{\tilde{h}=h+1}^H \sum_t 1_{\{h_t=\tilde{h}\}} + \theta_2 \right)$$

See page 553 in Gelman et al. (2014) and Section 5.2 in Ishwaran and James (2001).

*Dirichlet process concentration parameter ( $\theta$ ):*

$$[\theta|\cdot] \propto \text{Gamma}(r + H - 1, q - \sum_{h=1}^{H-1} \log(1 - \eta_h)).$$

See page 553 in Gelman et al. (2014). Also see Escobar and West (1995) and West (1997?, white paper) for alternative full-conditionals for  $\theta$ . Also see Ishwaran and Zarepour (2000) for derivation.

*Latent cluster classification variable ( $h_t$ ):*

$$\begin{aligned} [h_t|\cdot] &\sim [\mathbf{s}_t | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t}, \sigma^2] [h_t | \pi_h] \\ &\sim \text{Cat} \left( \frac{\pi_h [\mathbf{s}_t | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t}, \sigma^2]}{\sum_{\tilde{h}=1}^H \pi_{\tilde{h}} [\mathbf{s}_t | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\tilde{h}}, \sigma^2]} \right) \\ &\sim \text{Cat} \left( \frac{\pi_h (\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{s}_t | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}))}{\sum_{\tilde{h}=1}^H \pi_{\tilde{h}} (\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{s}_t | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\tilde{h}}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}))} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This update proceeds just as in multinomial sampling; see page 552 in Gelman et al. (2014).

*Error in the observation process ( $\sigma$ ):*

$$[\sigma|\cdot] \propto \prod_{t=1}^T [\mathbf{s}_t | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h_t}, \sigma^2] [\sigma]$$

The update for  $\sigma$  proceeds using Metropolis-Hastings.

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