

## Homework 4

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**Problem 1.** Consider a Gaussian mixture model

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$

1. Given the expected value of the complete-data log-likelihood (9.40 in Bishop's book)

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

Derive update rules for  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ .

2. Consider a special case of the model above, in which the covariance matrices  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$  of the components are all constrained to have a common value  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ . Derive EM equations for maximizing the likelihood function under such a model.

**Problem 2.** Suppose we wish to use the EM algorithm to maximize the posterior distribution

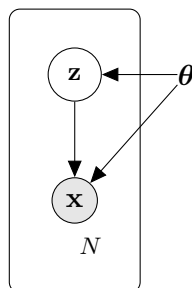


Figure 1: A simple generative model.

$p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{X})$  for a model (Figure 1) containing latent variables  $\mathbf{z}$  and observed variables  $\mathbf{x}$ . Show that the

E step remains the same as in the maximum likelihood case, where as in the M step, the quantity to be maximized is

$$\sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) \ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \ln p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

**Problem 3.**

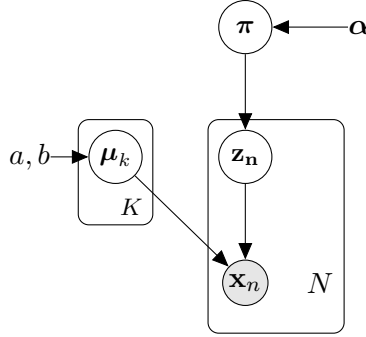


Figure 2: Mixtures of Bernoulli distribution

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\pi}|\boldsymbol{\alpha} &\sim \text{Dir}(\boldsymbol{\pi}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \\ \mathbf{z}_n|\boldsymbol{\pi} &\sim \text{Mult}(\mathbf{z}_n|\boldsymbol{\pi}) \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_k|a_k, b_k &\sim \text{Beta}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_k|a_k, b_k) \\ \mathbf{x}_n|\mathbf{z}_n, \boldsymbol{\mu} = \{\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\mu}_K\} &\sim \prod_{k=1}^K (\text{Bern}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k))^{z_{nk}} \end{aligned}$$

Derive the EM algorithm for maximizing the posterior probability  $p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\pi}|\{\mathbf{x}_n\}_{n=1}^N)$ . (The E step is given in Bishop's Book, you only need to do the M step)

**Solution:** The M step consists in the maximization of the expectation of the complete log-likelihood. In the case of the model in Figure ?? it is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{Z}}[\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\pi})] &= \ln \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k)}{\prod_{k=1}^K \Gamma(\alpha_k)} + \sum_{k=1}^K \left[ D \ln \frac{\Gamma(a_k + b_k)}{\Gamma(a_k)\Gamma(b_k)} + (\alpha_k - 1) \ln \pi_k \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (a_k - 1) \sum_{i=1}^D \ln \mu_{ki} + (b_k - 1) \sum_{i=1}^D (1 - x_{ni}) \ln(1 - \mu_{ki}) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma(z_{nk}) \left[ \ln \pi_k + \sum_{i=1}^D x_{ni} \ln \mu_{ki} + \sum_{i=1}^D (1 - x_{ni}) \ln(1 - \mu_{ki}) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

In the M step we need to maximize the expectation of the complete data log-likelihood w.r.t. the

parameters  $\mu_k$  and  $\pi$ . To do this we evaluate the partial derivatives w.r.t.  $\mu_{ki}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_{ki}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{Z}}[\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}, \mu, \pi)] &= \frac{a_k - 1}{\mu_{ki}} - \frac{b_k - 1}{1 - \mu_{ki}} + \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \left\{ \gamma(z_{nk}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_{ki}} \left[ \ln \pi_k + \sum_{i=1}^D x_{ni} \ln \mu_{ki} + \sum_{i=1}^D (1 - x_{ni}) \ln(1 - \mu_{ki}) \right] \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{a_k - 1}{\mu_{ki}} - \frac{b_k - 1}{1 - \mu_{ki}} + \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) \left[ \frac{x_{ni}}{\mu_{ki}} - \frac{1 - x_{ni}}{1 - \mu_{ki}} \right] \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{a_k - 1}{\mu_{ki}} - \frac{b_k - 1}{1 - \mu_{ki}} + \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_{ni}}{\mu_{ki}} - \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N (1 - x_{ni}) \gamma(z_{nk})}{1 - \mu_{ki}} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_{ki}(1 - \mu_{ki})} \left[ (1 - \mu_{ki})(a_k - 1) - \mu_{ki}(b_k - 1) + (1 - \mu_{ki}) \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_{ni} - \mu_{ki} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) (1 - x_{ni}) \right] \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_{ki}(1 - \mu_{ki})} \left[ a_k - 1 - \mu_{ki} a_k + \mu_{ki} - \mu_{ki} b_k + \mu_{ki} + \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_{ni} - \mu_{ki} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_{ni} - \mu_{ki} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) + \mu_{ki} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_{ni} \right] \quad (6)$$

and by setting this derivative to zero and solving for  $\mu_{ki}$

$$0 = a_k - 1 - \mu_{ki} a_k + \mu_{ki} - \mu_{ki} b_k + \mu_{ki} + \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_{ni} - \mu_{ki} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) \quad (7)$$

$$1 - a_k - \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_{ni} = \mu_{ki} \left[ 2 - a_k - b_k - \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) \right] \quad (8)$$

$$\mu_{ki} = \frac{1 - a_k - \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_{ni}}{2 - a_k - b_k - \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk})} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_{ni} + a_k - 1}{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) + a_k + b_k - 2} \quad (9)$$

which rewritten in vector form gives

$$\mu_k = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) \mathbf{x}_n + a_k - 1}{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) + a_k + b_k - 2} \quad (10)$$

Next we need to maximize the expectation of the log-likelihood w.r.t.  $\pi_k$  using Lagrange multipliers to enforce the constraint  $\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_k} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{Z}}[\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}, \mu, \pi)] = \frac{\alpha_k - 1}{\pi_k} + \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk})}{\pi_k} + \lambda \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_k - 1 + \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) + \lambda \pi_k}{\pi_k} \quad (12)$$

and by setting this derivative to zero and solving for  $\pi_k$

$$0 = \alpha_k - 1 + \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) + \lambda \pi_k \quad (13)$$

$$\pi_k = \frac{1 - \alpha_k - \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk})}{\lambda} \quad (14)$$

Using the constraint on  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$  we can find the value of  $\lambda$

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1 \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^K \left[ 1 - \alpha_k - \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) \right] = 1 \quad (16)$$

$$\lambda = K - \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k - \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) \quad (17)$$

$$\lambda = K - \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k - N \quad (18)$$

substituting back we get

$$\pi_k = \frac{1 - \alpha_k - \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk})}{K - \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k - N} \quad (19)$$

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**Problem 4.** Bishop 10.38 Verify the results of the calculation of mean, variance of  $q^{\setminus n}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  and normalizing constant  $Z_n$  for the expectation propagation algorithm applied to the cluster problem

$$\mathbf{m}^{\setminus n} = \mathbf{m} + v^{\setminus n} v_n^{-1} (\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_n) \quad (20)$$

$$(v^{\setminus n})^{-1} = v^{-1} - v_n^{-1} \quad (21)$$

$$Z_n = (1 - w) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{m}^{\setminus n}, (v^{\setminus n} + 1) \mathbf{I}) + w \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{0}, a \mathbf{I}) \quad (22)$$

Hint: see 10.38 in the book for more hint. You need equation (2.115) in Bishop to solve this homework.