06 gaussian mixture models

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1 Gaussian Mixture Models

Gaussian mixture models (GMM) are a generative model that assumes the data has been generated by a mix of various multivariate normal distributions. The algorithm aims to estimate the mean & covariance matrices of these distributions.

It generalizes the k-Means algorithm: it adds covariance among features so that clusters can be ellipsoids rather than spheres, while the centroids are represented by the means of each distribution. The GMM algorithm performs soft assignments because each point has a probability to be a member of any cluster.

1.1 The Expectation-Maximization Algorithm

Expectation-Maximization Algorithm

GMM uses the expectation-maximization algorithm to identify the components of the mixture of Gaussian distributions. The goal is to learn the probability distribution parameters from unlabeled data.

The algorithm proceeds iteratively as follows: 1. Initialization: Assume random centroids (e.g. from K-Means) 2. Repeat until convergence (changes in assignments drop below threshold): 1. Expectation Step: Soft assignment - compute probabilities for each point from each distribution 2. Maximization Step: Adjust normal-distribution parameters to make data points most likely

1.2 Imports & Settings

```
[1]: import warnings warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
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```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from numpy import atleast_2d

from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.mixture import GaussianMixture
from sklearn.metrics import adjusted_mutual_info_score
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
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from sklearn.datasets import load_iris
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.colors import ListedColormap
import seaborn as sns
```

1.3 Load Iris Data

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[4]: iris = load_iris() iris.keys()
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[4]: dict_keys(['data', 'target', 'frame', 'target_names', 'DESCR', 'feature_names', 'filename'])

1.4 Create DataFrame

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 150 entries, 0 to 149
Data columns (total 5 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	sepal length (cm)	150 non-null	float64
1	sepal width (cm)	150 non-null	float64
2	petal length (cm)	150 non-null	float64
3	petal width (cm)	150 non-null	float64
4	label	150 non-null	int64
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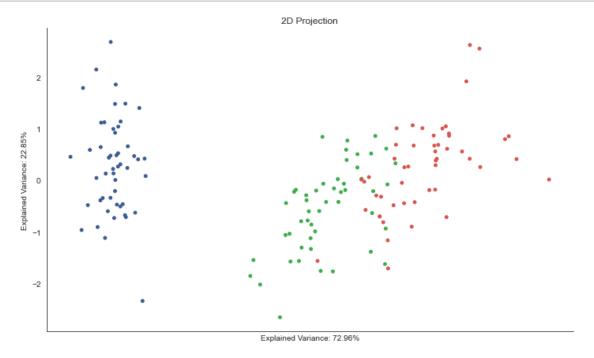
memory usage: 6.0 KB

1.4.1 Standardize Data

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[6]: scaler = StandardScaler()
  features_standardized = scaler.fit_transform(data[features])
  n = len(data)
```

1.4.2 Reduce Dimensionality to visualize clusters

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[7]: pca = PCA(n_components=2) features_2D = pca.fit_transform(features_standardized)
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1.5 Perform GMM clustering

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[9]: n_components = 3
gmm = GaussianMixture(n_components=n_components)
gmm.fit(features_standardized)
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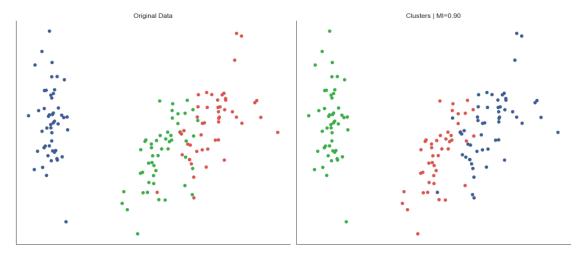
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[10]: data['clusters'] = gmm.predict(features_standardized)
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labels, clusters = data.label, data.clusters
mi = adjusted_mutual_info_score(labels, clusters)
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fig, axes = plt.subplots(ncols=2, figsize=(14, 6))
axes[0].scatter(*features_2D.T, c=data.label, s=25, cmap=cmap)
axes[0].set_title('Original Data')
axes[1].scatter(*features_2D.T, c=data.clusters, s=25, cmap=cmap)
axes[1].set_title('Clusters | MI={:.2f}'.format(mi))

for ax in axes:
    ax.axes.get_xaxis().set_visible(False)
    ax.axes.get_yaxis().set_visible(False)

sns.despine()
fig.tight_layout()
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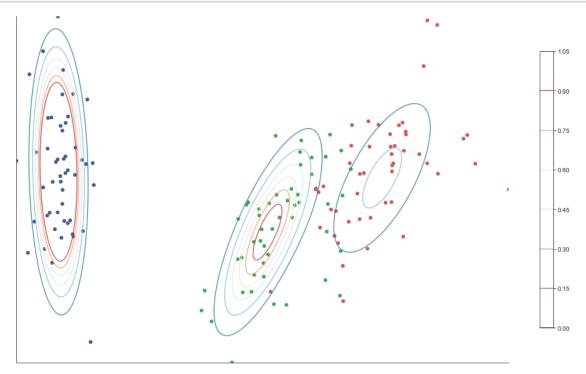
1.5.1 Visualize Gaussian Distributions

The following figures show the GMM cluster membership probabilities for the iris dataset as contour lines:

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[12]: xmin, ymin = features_2D.min(axis=0)
xmax, ymax = features_2D.max(axis=0)

x = np.linspace(xmin, xmax, 500)
y = np.linspace(ymin, ymax, 500)
X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)

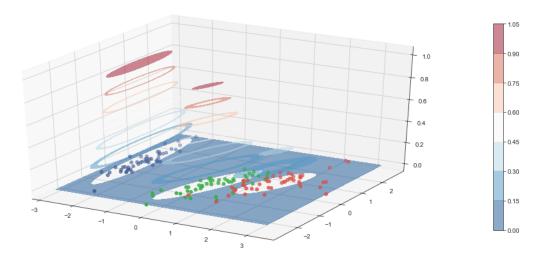
simulated_2D = np.column_stack([np.ravel(X), np.ravel(Y)])
simulated_4D = pca.inverse_transform(simulated_2D)
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fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14, 6))
ax = fig.gca(projection='3d')

CS = ax.contourf3D(X, Y, Z, cmap='RdBu_r', alpha=.5)
CB = plt.colorbar(CS, shrink=0.8)

ax.scatter(*features_2D.T, c=data.label, s=25, cmap=cmap)
fig.tight_layout()
```



1.5.2 Bayesian Information Criterion

We are looking for the minimum value, so two clusters would be the preferred solution; with three as the close runner-up (varies depending on random sample).

```
bic = {}
for n_components in range(2, 8):
    gmm = GaussianMixture(n_components=n_components)
    gmm.fit(features_standardized)
    bic[n_components] = gmm.bic(features_standardized)
pd.Series(bic)
```

[15]: 2 794.709002 3 801.550596 4 853.661060 5 901.537732 6 946.670985 7 936.832915 dtype: float64