

## Assignment 1

### JOINT DISTRIBUTION

$$p(\mu, c, x) = \prod_{k=1}^K p(\mu_k) \prod_{i=1}^N p(c_i) p(x_i | c_i, \mu) \quad (1)$$

The log of joint distribution is

$$\log p(\mu, c, x) = \log p(\mu) p(c) p(x | c, \mu) \quad (2)$$

$$= \sum_k \log p(\mu_k) + \sum_i [\log p(c_i) + \log p(x_i | c_i, \mu)] \quad (3)$$

### VARIATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

$$\log q(c, \mu) = \log q(c) + \log q(\mu) \quad (4)$$

$$= \sum_i \log p(c_i; \phi_i) + \sum_k \log p(\mu_k; m_k, s_k^2) \quad (5)$$

### ELBO

The ELBO can be expressed as

$$\mathcal{L}(x|m, s^2, \phi) = E_q[\log p(x, \mu, c)] - E_q[\log q(\mu, c)] \quad (6)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^K E_q[\log p(\mu_k)] + \sum_{i=1}^N E_q[\log p(c_i)] + \sum_{i=1}^N E_q[\log p(x_i | c_i, \mu)] \quad (7)$$

$$- \sum_{k=1}^K E_q[\log q(\mu_k)] - \sum_{i=1}^N E_q[\log q(c_i)] \quad (8)$$

#### PART:1 Prior on $\mu_k$ Mixture Location

$$\log p(\mu_k) = \log \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{P}{2}}} e^{-\left[\frac{(\mu_k - \alpha)^T(\mu_k - \alpha)}{2\sigma^2}\right]} \right\} \quad (9)$$

$$= \log \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{P}{2}}} - \left[ \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{\alpha \mu_k}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\alpha^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \quad (10)$$

$$= -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\alpha \mu_k}{\sigma^2} - \frac{\alpha^2}{2\sigma^2} \quad (11)$$

The expected log prior over mixture locations is:

$$\sum_{k=1}^K E_q(\log p(\mu_k)) = \sum_{k=1}^K \left[ E_q \left[ -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\alpha \mu_k}{\sigma^2} - \frac{\alpha^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \right] \quad (12)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^K \left[ -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - E_q \left[ \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\sigma^2} \right] + E_q \left[ \frac{\alpha \mu_k}{\sigma^2} \right] - \frac{\alpha^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \quad (13)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^K \left[ -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{E_q[\mu_k^T \mu_k]}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\alpha E_q[\mu_k]}{\sigma^2} - \frac{\alpha^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \quad (14)$$

#### PART:2 Prior on $c_i$ Mixture assignments

$$\log p(c_i) = -\log(K) \quad (15)$$

The expected log prior over mixture assignments:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N E_q [\log p(c_i)] = \sum_{i=1}^N -\log(K) \quad (16)$$

### PART:3 Log Likelihood

$$\log p(x_i | c_i, \mu) = \log \prod_k p(x_i | \mu_k)^{c_{i,k}} \quad (17)$$

$$= \sum_k c_{i,k} [\log p(x_i | \mu_k)] \quad (18)$$

$$= \sum_k c_{i,k} \left[ \log \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi\lambda^2)^{\frac{P}{2}}} e^{-\left[ \frac{(x_i - \mu_k)^T (x_i - \mu_k)}{2\lambda^2} \right]} \right\} \right] \quad (19)$$

$$= \sum_k c_{i,k} \left[ -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi\lambda^2) - \left[ \frac{(x_i - \mu_k)^T (x_i - \mu_k)}{2\lambda^2} \right] \right] \quad (20)$$

$$= \sum_k c_{i,k} \left[ -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi\lambda^2) - \left[ \frac{(x_i - \mu_k)^T (x_i - \mu_k)}{2\lambda^2} \right] \right] \quad (21)$$

$$= \sum_k c_{i,k} \left[ -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi\lambda^2) - \frac{x_i^T x_i}{2\lambda^2} + \frac{x_i^T \mu_k}{\lambda^2} - \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\lambda^2} \right] \quad (22)$$

The expected log likelihood will be

$$\sum_{i=1}^N E_q \log p(x_i | c_i, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ E_q \left[ \sum_{k=1}^K c_{i,k} \log p(x_i | \mu_k) \right] \right] \quad (23)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ E_q \sum_k c_{i,k} \left[ -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi\lambda^2) - \frac{x_i^T x_i}{2\lambda^2} + \frac{x_i^T \mu_k}{\lambda^2} - \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\lambda^2} \right] \right] \quad (24)$$

Components that do not depend on  $\mu_k$  are constants.

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \phi_{i,k} \left( \frac{x_i^T \mathbb{E}[\mu_k]}{\lambda^2} - \frac{\mathbb{E}[\mu_k^T \mu_k]}{2\lambda^2} \right) \right] + \text{const.} \quad (25)$$

### PART:4 Variational posterior on $c_i$ Mixture assignments

$$\log p(c_i; \phi_i) = \log \prod_k p(c_i = k; \phi_i) \quad (26)$$

$$= \log \prod_k (\phi_{i,k})^{c_{i,k}} \quad (27)$$

$$= \sum_k c_{i,k} \log(\phi_{i,k}) \quad (28)$$

The entropy of each variational assignment posterior is:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N [E_q \log p(c_i; \phi_i)] = \sum_{i=1}^N [E_q [\log \prod_k p(c_i = k; \phi_i)]] \quad (29)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N E_q \left[ \sum_k c_{i,k} \log(\phi_{i,k}) \right] \quad (30)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_k E_q [c_{i,k}] \log(\phi_{i,k}) \quad (31)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_k \phi_{i,k} \log(\phi_{i,k}) \quad (32)$$

## PART:5 Variational posterior on $\mu_k$ Mixture Location

$$\log q(\mu_k; m_k, s_k^2) = \log \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi s_k^2)^{\frac{P}{2}}} e^{\left[ -\frac{(\mu_k - m_k)^T (\mu_k - m_k)}{2s_k^2} \right]} \right\} \quad (33)$$

$$= -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi s_k^2) - \frac{(\mu_k - m_k)^T (\mu_k - m_k)}{2s_k^2} \quad (34)$$

$$= -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi s_k^2) - \left[ \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k - 2m_k^T \mu_k + m_k^T m_k}{2s_k^2} \right] \quad (35)$$

$$= -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi s_k^2) - \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2s_k^2} + \frac{m_k^T \mu_k}{s_k^2} - \frac{m_k^T m_k}{2s_k^2} \quad (36)$$

The entropy of each variational location posterior is

$$\sum_k E_q \log q(\mu_k) = \sum_k E_q \left[ -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi s_k^2) - \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2s_k^2} + \frac{m_k^T \mu_k}{s_k^2} - \frac{m_k^T m_k}{2s_k^2} \right] \quad (37)$$

$$= \sum_k \left[ -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi s_k^2) - \frac{E_q[\mu_k^T \mu_k]}{2s_k^2} + \frac{m_k^T E_q[\mu_k]}{s_k^2} - \frac{m_k^T m_k}{2s_k^2} \right] \quad (38)$$

$$\text{substituting } E[\mu_k] = m_k \text{ and } E[\mu_k^T \mu_k] = m_k^T m_k + s_k^2 \quad (39)$$

$$= \sum_k \left[ -\frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi s_k^2) - \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (40)$$

Substituting each term from the above derivations, setting  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\lambda = I$  and **ignoring the constants**.

$$ELBO \propto \sum_k -\frac{E[\mu_k^T \mu_k]}{2\sigma^2} + \sum_i \phi_{i,k} \left( \frac{x_i^T E[\mu_k]}{I^2} - \frac{E[\mu_k^T \mu_k]}{2I^2} \right) \quad (41)$$

$$- \sum_i \sum_k \left[ \phi_{i,k} \log \phi_{i,k} \right] + \sum_k \frac{P}{2} \log(2\pi s_k^2) \quad (42)$$

$$\text{where } E[\mu_k] = m_k \text{ and } E[\mu_k^T \mu_k] = m_k^T m_k + s_k^2 \quad (43)$$

## Assignment 2

The optimal  $q_j^*(z_j)$  given that all other factors are fixed is

$$q_j^*(z_j) \propto \exp \{E_{-j} [\log p(z_j, z_{-j}, \mathbf{x})]\} \quad (44)$$

Log joint distribution is

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(\mathbf{x}, c_i, \mathbf{c}_{-i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) &= \log p(\boldsymbol{\mu}) + \sum_{j \neq i} (\log p(c_j) + \log p(\mathbf{x}_j | c_j, \boldsymbol{\mu})) \\ &\quad + \log p(c_i) + \log p(\mathbf{x}_i | c_i, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

Terms that are not functions of  $c_i$  are constants, therefore

$$q^*(c_i) \propto \exp \{ \log p(c_i) + E[\log p(\mathbf{x}_i | c_i, \boldsymbol{\mu})] \} \quad (46)$$

$\log p(c_i) = -\log K$  which is a constant. The second term is the expectation of log of the  $c_i$ 'th Gaussian density. Recalling that  $c_i$  is an indicator vector, from 17 we have,

$$p(x_i | c_i, \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \prod_{k=1}^K p(x_i | \mu_k)^{c_{ik}} \quad (47)$$

The expectation of the Gaussian in the variational update for cluster assignments can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\log p(x_i | c_i, \mu)] &= \sum_k c_{ik} \mathbb{E} [\log p(x_i | \mu_k); m_k, s_k^2] \\
&= \sum_k c_{ik} \mathbb{E} \log \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi\lambda^2)^{\frac{P}{2}}} e^{-\left[ \frac{(x_i - \mu_k)^T (x_i - \mu_k)}{2\lambda^2} \right]} \right\} \\
&= \sum_k c_{ik} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{-P}{2} \log(2\pi\lambda^2) - \left[ \frac{(x_i^T x_i - 2\mu_k^T x_i + \mu_k^T \mu_k)}{2\lambda^2} \right] \right\} \\
&= \sum_k c_{ik} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{(x_i^T x_i + 2\mu_k^T x_i - \mu_k^T \mu_k)}{2\lambda^2} \right\} + \text{const.} \\
&= \sum_k c_{ik} \left( \frac{\mathbb{E} [\mu_k] x_i^T}{\lambda^2} - \frac{\mathbb{E} [\mu_k^T \mu_k]}{2\lambda^2} \right) + \text{const.}
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

Terms that are constant with respect to  $c_i$  can be ignored. Substituting 48 in 46 gives

$$\phi_{i,k} \propto \exp \left\{ \frac{x_i^T E[\mu_k]}{\lambda^2} - \frac{E[\mu_k^T \mu_k]}{2\lambda^2} \right\} \tag{49}$$

### Assignment 3

Similarly to the derivation of  $q(c_i)$

$$q^*(\mu_k) \propto \exp \left\{ \log p(\mu_k) + \sum_{i=1}^N E_{q(\mu_{-k}, c_i)} [\log p(x_i | c_i, \mu)] \right\} \tag{50}$$

$q^*(\mu_k)$  is proportional to the product of Gaussians, therefore the resulting distribution is also a Gaussian. The expressions in the exponent are:

$$\log p(\mu_k) + \sum_{i=1}^N E_{q(\mu_{-k}, c_i)} [\log p(x_i | c_i, \mu)] \tag{51}$$

$$= \log p(\mu_k) + \sum_{i=1}^N E_{q(\mu_{-k}, c_i)} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K c_{i,j} \log p(x_i | \mu_j) \right] \tag{52}$$

= { components that do not depend on  $\mu_k$  are constants. Linear term in  $\mu_k$  is absent because  $\alpha = 0$ . }

$$= \log p(\mu_k) + \sum_{i=1}^N E_{q(\mu_{-k}, c_i)} [c_{i,k} \log p(x_i | \mu_k)] + \text{const} \tag{53}$$

$$= -\frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\sigma^2} + \sum_{i=1}^N E_{q(c_i)} [c_{i,k}] \log p(x_i | \mu_k) + \text{const} \tag{54}$$

$$= -\frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\sigma^2} + \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k} \log p(x_i | \mu_k) + \text{const} \tag{55}$$

$$= -\frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\sigma^2} + \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k} \left( -\frac{1}{2\lambda^2} (x_i - \mu_k)^T (x_i - \mu_k) \right) + \text{const} \tag{56}$$

$$= -\frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\sigma^2} - \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k} \frac{(x_i^T x_i - 2x_i^T \mu_k + \mu_k^T \mu_k)}{2\lambda^2} + \text{const} \tag{57}$$

Since the resulting distribution is also a gaussian with mean  $m_k$  and variance  $s_k^2$

$$p(\mu_k; m_k, s_k^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi 2s_k^2)^{\frac{P}{2}}} e^{-\frac{(\mu_k - m_k)^T (\mu_k - m_k)}{2s_k^2}} \tag{58}$$

The exponents of the above equation :

$$- \frac{(\mu_k - m_k)^T (\mu_k - m_k)}{s_k^2} \quad (59)$$

$$= - \frac{[\mu_k^T \mu_k - 2m_k^T \mu_k + m_k^T m_k]}{2s_k^2} \quad (60)$$

Comparing Quadratic terms in  $\mu_k$  57 and 60

$$- \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\sigma^2} - \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k} \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2\lambda^2} = - \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2s_k^2} \quad (61)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \mu_k^T \mu_k \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k}}{\lambda^2} \right] = - \frac{\mu_k^T \mu_k}{2s_k^2} \quad (62)$$

By inspection ,

$$s_k^2 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k}}{\lambda^2}} \quad (63)$$

$$(64)$$

In the exercise  $\lambda = 1$ , the result is further simplified to

$$s_k^2 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k}} \quad (65)$$

$$(66)$$

Comparing Linear terms in  $\mu_k$  57 and 60

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k} x_i \mu_k^T}{\lambda^2} = \frac{m_k \mu_k^T}{s_k^2} \quad (67)$$

By inspection  $\mu_k$  can be written as

$$m_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k} x_i}{\lambda^2} * s_k^2 \quad (68)$$

Substituting  $\lambda=1$  and  $s_k^2$  from 67, the final update is

$$m_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k} x_i}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{i,k}} \quad (69)$$

## Assignment 4

The results from Assignment 1,2,3 were used to complete Assignment 4. The plots of the true data, the posterior and the ELBO can be seen for three randomly generated datasets. In all the datasets the ELBO can be seen to increase monotonically.

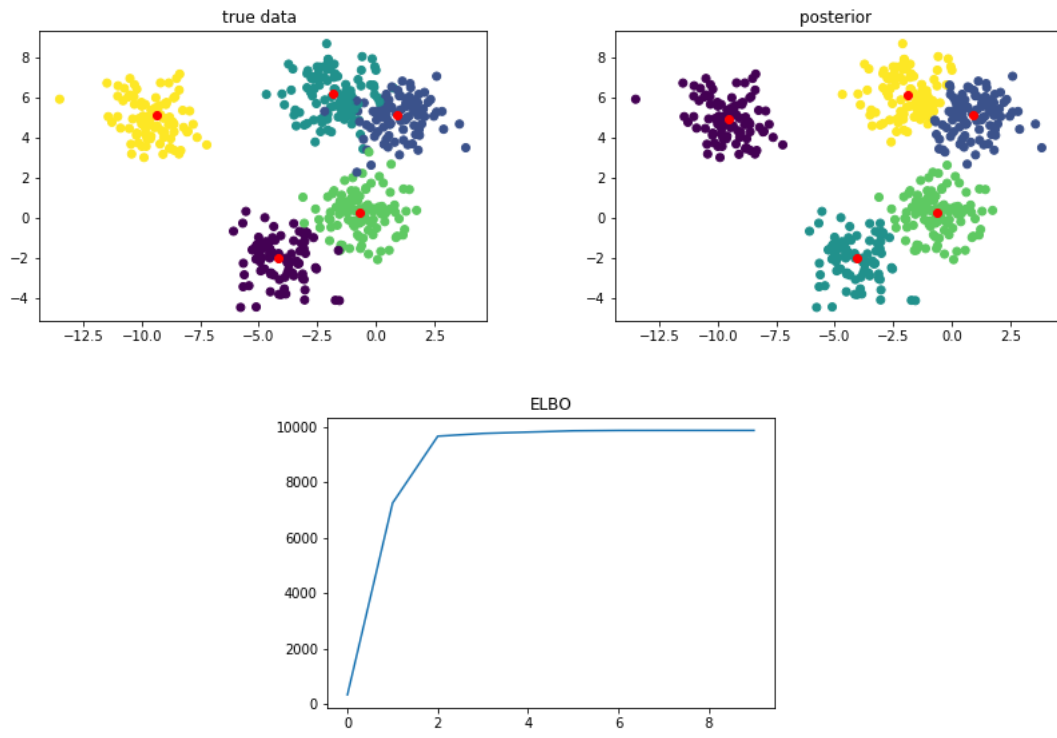


Figure 1: Dataset 1 with 5 clusters

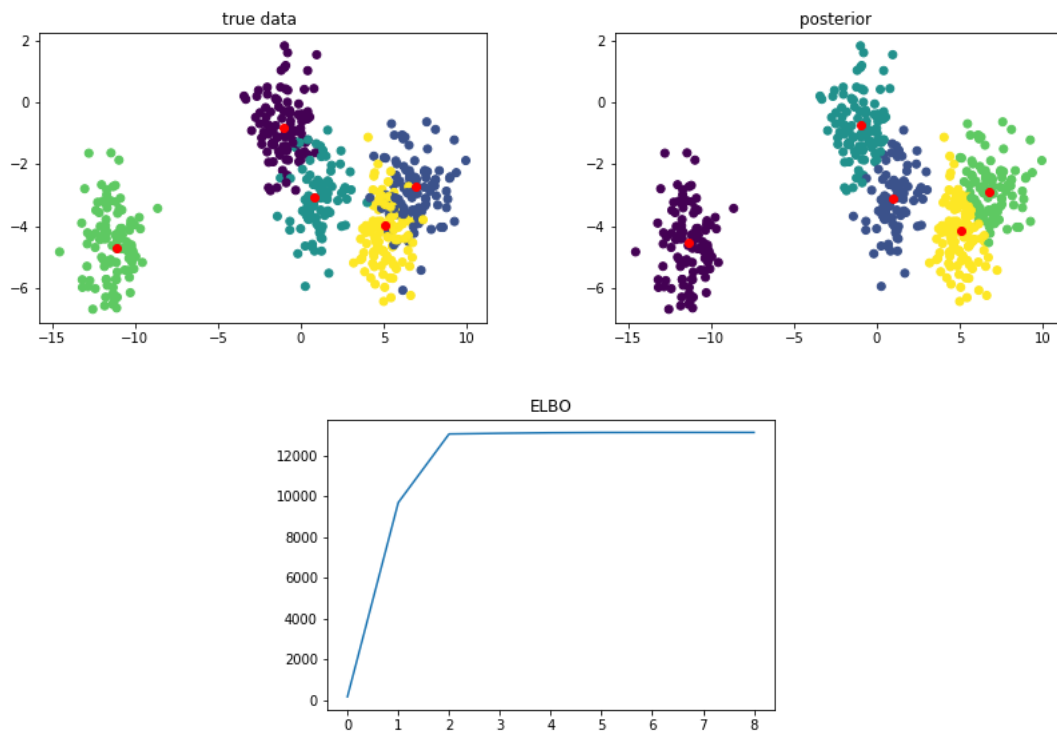


Figure 2: Dataset 2 with 5 clusters

For the last dataset , the number of clusters was increased to 7.

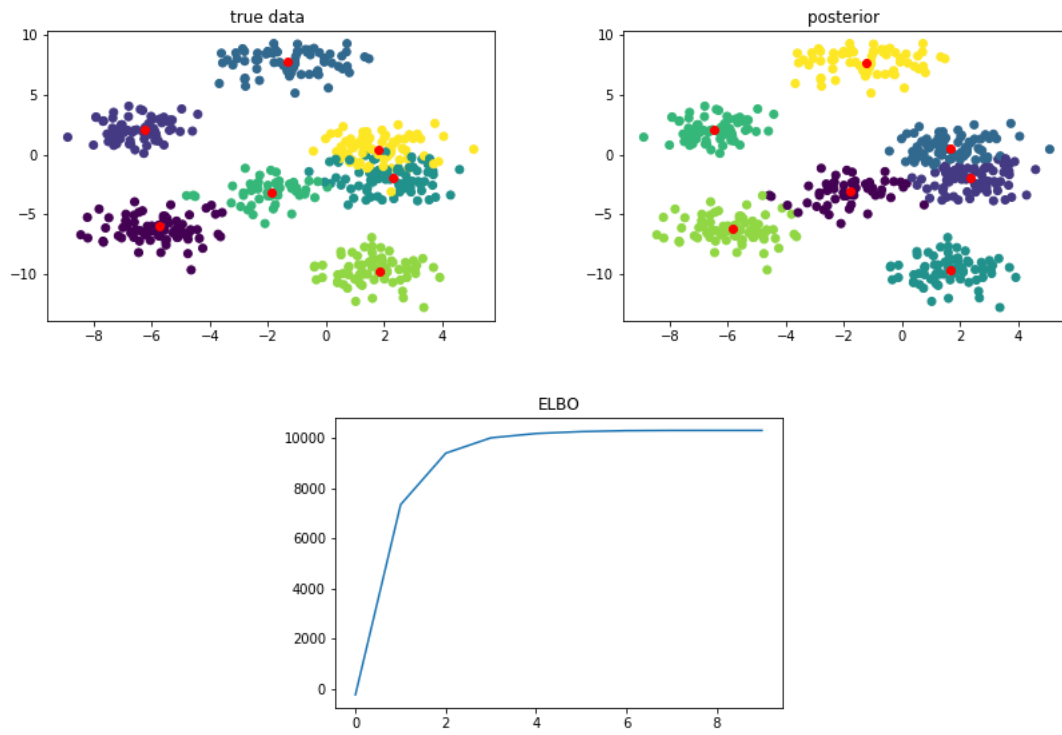


Figure 3: Dataset 3 with 7 clusters

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