

# Approximate Bayesian inference

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# Approximate Bayes: problem set

The problem set is  
available here:

[tiny.cc/AB\\_problems](http://tiny.cc/AB_problems)

# Clustering problem

Clustering problem:

- Dataset  $X = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^N$
- We want to group these objects into K clusters

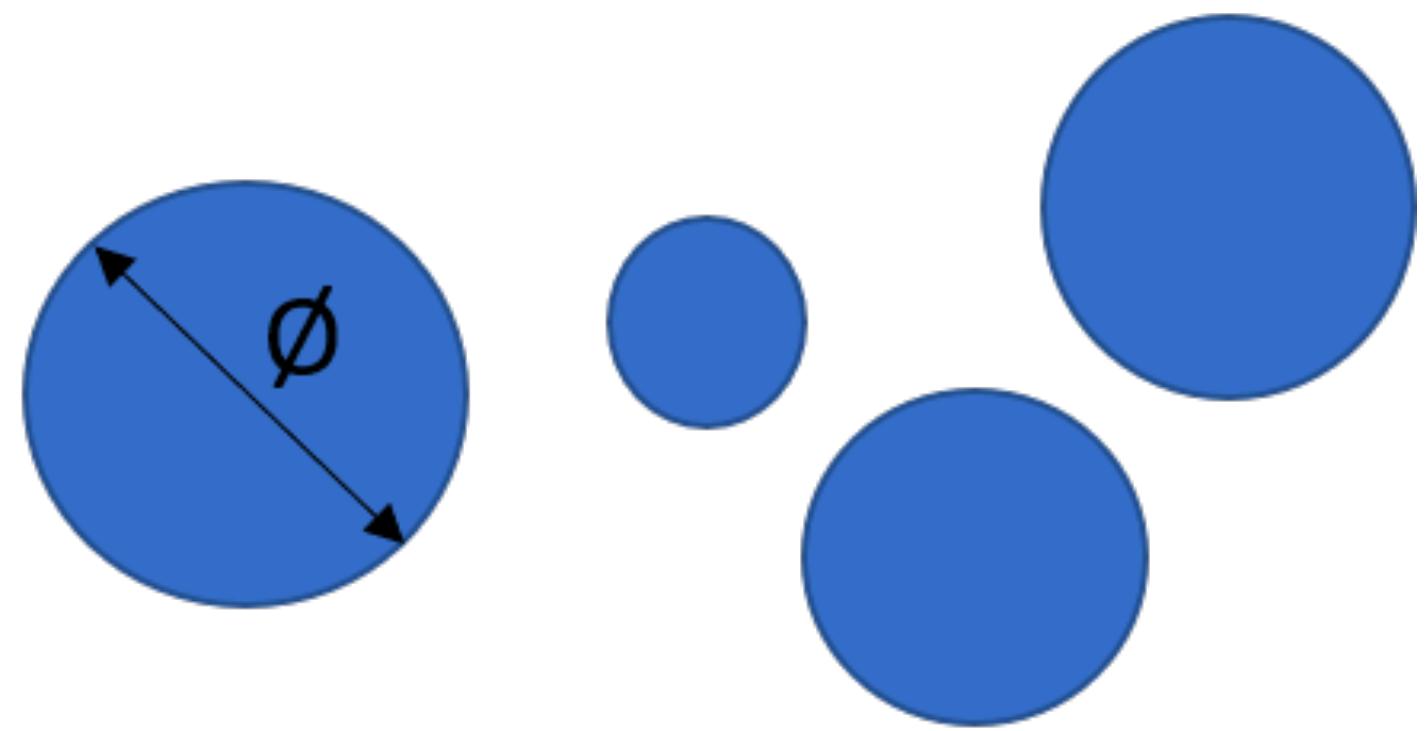
Gaussian mixture model:

- K Gaussian components with probabilities  $\pi = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_K)$
- Each Gaussian has parameters  $\mu_k, \lambda_k$
- Each object has latent variable which shows affiliation to a cluster:

$$z_i \in \{0, 1\}^K, \quad \sum_{k=1}^K z_{ik} = 1$$

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K-means



GMM



- Hard clustering
- Diagonal covariance matrices

- Soft clustering
- Trainable covariance matrices
- We may use priors for  $\pi, \mu, \lambda$

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Parameters and latent variables → + EM-algorithm: a suitable method for latent variables on E-step and maximisation on M-step

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Rewrite  $\mathbb{E}_{p(Z|X)} \log p(X, Z)$  as a function of  $\pi, \mu, \lambda$ :

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Optimization w.r.t.  $\pi$  which is restricted to a simplex:

- change parameterization to  $\eta_k = \log \pi_k$ ,  $\eta_k \in \mathbb{R}$
- Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}(\eta, \psi) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma_{ik} \eta_k - \psi \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \exp \eta_k - 1 \right)$$

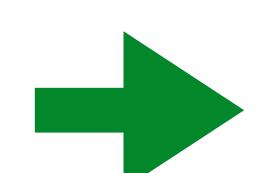
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$$0 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\eta, \psi)}{\partial \eta_k} = \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ik} - \psi \exp \eta_k \Rightarrow \pi_k = \exp \eta_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ik}}{\psi}$$

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$$\pi_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ik}}{N}$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ik} (x_i - \mu_k) \lambda_k = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mu_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ik} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ik}}$$

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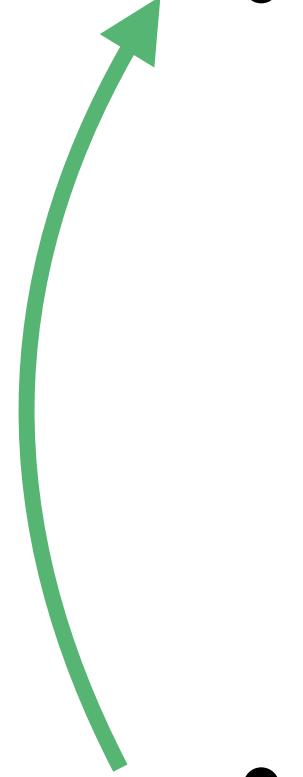
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$$\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ik} \left[ \frac{1}{2\lambda_k} - \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu_k)^2 \right] = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \lambda_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ik}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ik} (x_i - \mu_k)^2}$$

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Resulting scheme:

- E-step: find posterior distribution for latent variables


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- M-step: find optimal values for parameters

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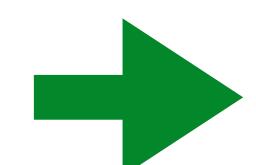
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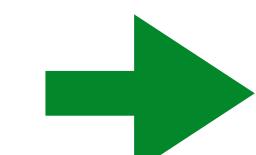
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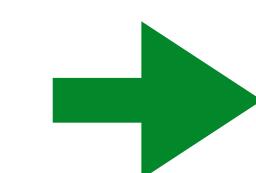
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Formulas for M-step  
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Resulting scheme:

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$$\lambda_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}_{q(Z)} z_{ik}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}_{q(Z)} z_{ik} (x_i - \mu_k)^2}$$