Max Entropy and EM

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Plan

- Entropy
- Principle of Max Entropy and Max Entropy Model
- ☐ Review (maybe preview?) of logistic regression and SoftMax regression
- Max Entropy and SoftMax models
- Expectation Maximization (EM)
- ☐ EM in Gaussian Graphical Models (GMM)



□ Entropy是对一个random variable的不确定性的描述





- □ 转盘和骰子哪一个的不确定性更高?哪一个Entropy更高?
- □ 现在有一个正常的骰子和一个作弊的骰子,哪一个Entropy更高?



- □ Entropy是对一个random variable的不确定性的描述
- \square X: random variable; X takes values $\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$; and is defined by a probability distribution P(X), then we write the Entropy of the random variable as

$$H(X) = -\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} P(x) \log P(x)$$

☐ If the log is taken to be to the base 2, then the entropy is expressed in bits. natural log: nats.



☐ Example: Compute the entropy of a fair coin.

$$P(X = heads) = \frac{1}{2} \qquad P(X = tails) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$H(P) = -\sum_{x \in \{heads, tails\}} P(x) \log P(x)$$

$$= -\left[\frac{1}{2}\log\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\log\frac{1}{2}\right]$$

$$= -\left[-\frac{1}{2} + -\frac{1}{2}\right]$$

$$= 1.$$

Example: Let X be an unfair 6-sided die with probability distribution defined by $P(X = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$, $P(X = 2) = \frac{1}{4}$, P(X = 3) = 0, P(X = 4) = 0, $P(X = 5) = \frac{1}{8}$, $P(X = 6) = \frac{1}{8}$. The entropy is

$$H(P) = -\sum_{x \in \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}} P(x) \log P(x)$$

$$= -\left[\frac{1}{2}\log\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\log\frac{1}{4} + 0\log 0 + 0\log 0 + \frac{1}{8}\log\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\log\frac{1}{8}\right]$$

$$= -\left[-\frac{1}{2} + -\frac{1}{2} + 0 + 0 + -\frac{3}{8} + -\frac{3}{8}\right]$$

$$= 1.75.$$

Properties of Entropy

- 1. $H \ge 0$ (obvious)
- 2. H is a concave function of p (we know $x \ln x$ is convex)
- 3. H(p) = 0 iff p deterministic
- 4. $H(p) = \max$ for p = u=the uniform distribution; in this case $H(u) = \ln |\Omega|$

Proof Let $\Omega = \{0, 1, \dots m\}$ w.l.o.g. Then, H is a function of the m variables $p_{1:m}$, with $\sum_{x=0}^{m} p_x = 1$ and $p_0 = 1 - \sum_{x=1}^{m} p_x$.

$$H(p) = -\sum_{x=1}^{m} p_x \ln p_x - (1 - \sum_{x=1}^{m} p_x) \ln(1 - \sum_{x=1}^{m} p_x)$$
 (3)

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_x} = -\ln p_x - 1 + \ln(1 - \sum_{x=1}^m p_x) + 1 = 0 \tag{4}$$

$$p_x = \left(1 - \sum_{x'=1}^m p_{x'}\right) = p_0 \tag{5}$$

In other words, all p_x must be equal.



Joint Entropy

☐ Joint entropy is the entropy of a joint probability distribution, or a multi-valued random variable.

$$H(P(E,C)) = -\sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} P(e,c) \log P(e,c)$$



Conditional Entropy

Conditional Entropy is defined as

$$H(X|Y) = -\sum_{x,y} p(x,y) \log \frac{p(x,y)}{p(y)}$$
$$= \sum_{y} p(y)H(X|Y=y).$$

☐ It is easy to see that H(X|Y) = H(X, Y) - H(Y)



Mutual Information

- Mutual information measures a relationship between two random variables that are sampled simultaneously.
- ☐ It measures how much information is communicated, on average, in one variable about another. How much does one variable tell me about another?
- □ For example, suppose X represents the roll of a fair 6-sided die, and Y represents whether the roll is even (0 even, 1 odd). Clearly, the value of Y tells us something about the value of X and vice versa. X and Y share **mutual information**.
- ☐ Definition of Mutual Information:

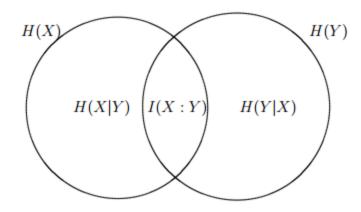
$$I(X;Y) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(x,y) \log \frac{P(x,y)}{P(x)P(y)}$$

☐ It's not hard to see that

$$I(X : Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X,Y).$$

Summary

☐ Relationship of entropy, conditional entropy, mutual information





Kullback-Leibler Divergence

☐ Also named relative entropy. It measures the closeness of two probability distributions.

$$D(p||q) = \sum_{x} p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}.$$

□ KL divergence经常被作为学到的分布好坏的指标

- 最大熵原理:在学习概率模型的时候,在所有可能的概率模型中,熵最大的模型。
- Example: 若随机变量X有4个取值{A,B,C,D},要顾及各个值的概率{P(A),P(B),P(C),P(D)}。

约束条件

$$P(A) + P(B) + P(C) + P(D) = 1$$

可行解

$$P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = P(D) = 1/4$$

加入先验

$$P(A) + P(B) = 3/10$$

 $P(A) + P(B) + P(C) + P(D) = 1$
可行解

$$P(A) = P(B) = 3/20$$

$$P(C) = P(D) = 7/20$$

- Imagine that we have a dataset D of MNIST (32x32 images of digits). We want to assign probabilities to new images. If we let X represent the space of all possible binary 32x32 images, we want probability distribution p(X).
- Now the question is how to constrain this probability distribution. One thing we could d is to constrain our probability distribution to match the empirical distribution. This is a poor choice, since if we flip even a single pixel in a training image, we assign 0 probability to the new image. So we want some sort of smoothness in our semantic space.
- We can use a more relaxed constraint we want the expectation of each feature on the empirical distribution to match the expectation of each feature on our model's distribution.



Assume that we have a set of N observations $\mathcal{D} = \{x^{(1)}, \dots x^{(N)}\} \subseteq \Omega$ from an unknown distribution p. The observation define the **empirical distribution** \tilde{p}

$$ilde{p}\left(x
ight) = rac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \delta_{x^{(j)}}(x)$$

where

$$\delta_{x^{(j)}}(x) = \left\{egin{array}{ll} 1 & x = x^{(j)} \ 0 & ext{otherwise} \end{array}
ight.$$

We also have a set of **features** $f_i(x)$ of the data; they are functions $f_i: \Omega \to (-\infty, \infty), i = 1, ... K$.

The Maximum Entropy Principle states that the "best" model of the data is the distribution q^* representing the solution to the following problem

$$\max_{q} H(q)$$
 s.t. $E_{q}[f_{i}] = E_{\tilde{p}}[f_{i}]$ for all $i = 1, \ldots K$.

☐ We are looking for a distribution that has the same marginal as the empirical distribution





□ 定义Lagrangian

$$L(q,\lambda) = -H(q) - \sum_i \lambda_i (E_q[f_i] - E_{\tilde{p}}[f_i]) - \lambda_0 (\sum_{x \in \Omega} q - 1)$$

□ 两边求导

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q(x)} = \log q(x) + 1 - \sum_{i} \lambda_{i} f_{i}(x) - \lambda_{0}$$



□ 化简后得到

$$\log q(x) = \sum_i \lambda_i f_i(x) + \lambda_0 - 1$$

or
 $q(x) \propto e^{\sum_i \lambda_i f_i(x)}$

or
 $q = \frac{1}{Z_{\lambda}} e^{\lambda^T f}$

$$Z_{\lambda} = \sum_{x \in \Omega} e^{\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} f_{i}(x)}$$



Improved Iterative Scaling

□ 考虑一个conditional exponential model

$$p_{\Lambda}(y \mid x) \equiv \frac{1}{Z_{\Lambda}(x)} \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} f_{i}(x, y)\right)$$

- □ 现在的问题是如何优化λ的值,使用Improved Iterative Scaling. (refer to the notes attached if you are interested.)
- □ 其实更简单的方法是直接用Gradient Descent或者Stochastic Gradient Descent, 各种Deep Learning Framework都有提供。



What is Max Entropy Model?

□ Log Linear model, maximum entropy model, exponential family model, energy based model, Bboltzmann distribution, conditional random fields. They are all essentially equivalent. They all have the following form:

$$p(y \mid x) = \frac{1}{Z_x} \exp \vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{f}(x, y)$$



Logistic Regression

☐ Remember logistic regression?

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^{\top} x)}$$

☐ Train to minimize the cross entropy cost function:

$$J(\theta) = -\left[\sum_{i=1}^{m} y^{(i)} \log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}))\right]$$

Remember the definition of cross entropy?

$$\mathrm{E}_p[-\log q] = H(p) + D_{\mathrm{KL}}(p\|q)$$



SoftMax Regression

Multi-class case: SoftMax Regression!

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} P(y = 1 | x; \theta) \\ P(y = 2 | x; \theta) \\ \vdots \\ P(y = K | x; \theta) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} \exp(\theta^{(j)\top} x)} \begin{bmatrix} \exp(\theta^{(1)\top} x) \\ \exp(\theta^{(2)\top} x) \\ \vdots \\ \exp(\theta^{(K)\top} x) \end{bmatrix}$$

☐ Still cross entropy loss:

$$J(\theta) = -\left[\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} 1\left\{y^{(i)} = k\right\} \log \frac{\exp(\theta^{(k)\top} x^{(i)})}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} \exp(\theta^{(j)\top} x^{(i)})}\right]$$



SoftMax Regression

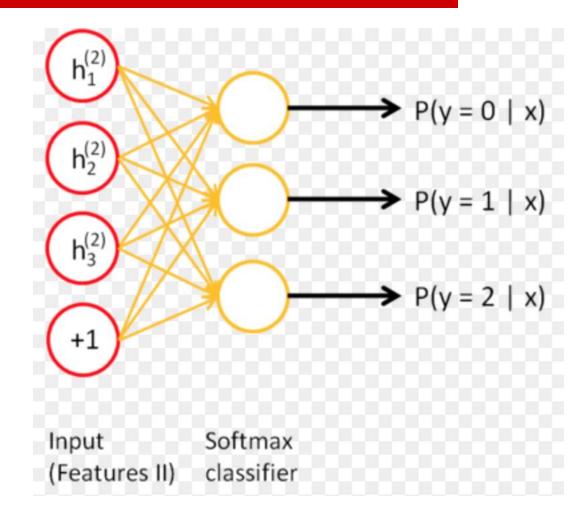
Classifier:

$$P(y^{(i)} = k | x^{(i)}; \theta) = \frac{\exp(\theta^{(k)\top} x^{(i)})}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} \exp(\theta^{(j)\top} x^{(i)})}$$

☐ How to train? Stochastic Gradient Descent!

$$\nabla_{\theta^{(k)}} J(\theta) = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[x^{(i)} \left(1\{y^{(i)} = k\} - P(y^{(i)} = k | x^{(i)}; \theta) \right) \right]$$

SoftMax Regression





Mixture Model and EM

- Unsupervised Learning, used in clustering
- ☐ Mixture Models: Assume data generated using the following procedure:
 - \square Pick one of k components according to $z = \pi()$
 - \Box Generate a data point by sampling from p(x|z)



Multivariate Gaussians

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right)$$

☐ Gaussian Likelihood:

$$\log \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{x};\,\boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\right) = -\frac{d}{2}\log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2}\log |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})$$

Maximum likelihood for the mean:

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{ML} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i}$$

Maximum likelihood for the covariance:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}_{ML} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^{\intercal}.$$



Generative Models

Construct for each class c

$$\delta_c(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \log p(\mathbf{x} | y = c) + \log p(y = c)$$

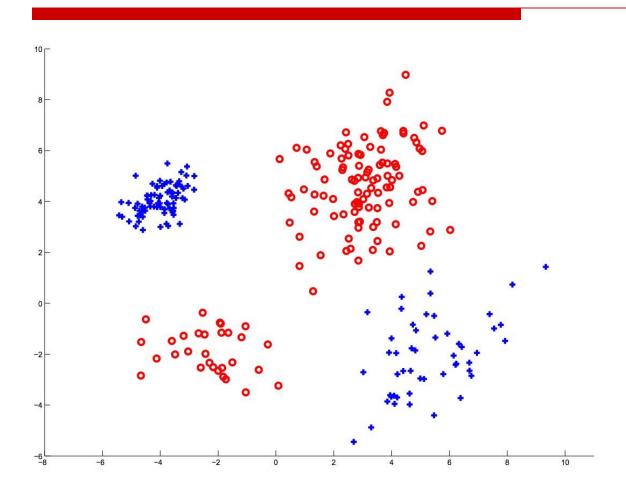
based on our per-class (class-conditional) model $p(\mathbf{x} | y = c)$ Generative classifier:

$$h^*(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname*{argmax}_c \delta_c(\mathbf{x}).$$

If assume equal priors p(y=c)=1/C, then $h^*(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmax}_c \log p\left(\mathbf{x} \mid y=c\right)$.



Mixture Models





Mixture of Gaussians

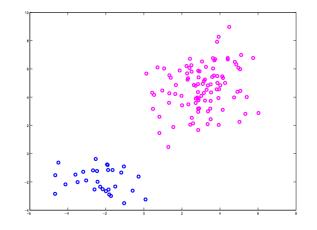
k underlying types (components);

Each component is Gaussian;

 y_i is the identity of the component "responsible" for \mathbf{x}_i ;

 y_i is a *hidden* (*latent*) variable: never observed.

A Gaussian mixture model:



$$p(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) = \sum_{c=1}^k \pi_c \cdot \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_c, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c).$$

 π_c s are the *mixing probabilities*, $\pi_c = p(y=c)$



Gaussian Mixture Model

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Mixture density estimation

Suppose that we do observe $y_i \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$ for each $i = 1, \ldots, N$.

Let us introduce a set of binary *indicator variables* $\mathbf{z}_i = [z_{i1}, \dots, z_{ik}]$ where

$$z_{ic}=1 = egin{cases} 1 & ext{if } y_i=c, \ 0 & ext{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

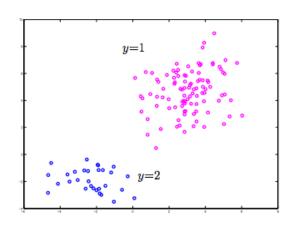
The count of examples from c-th component:

$$N_c = \sum_{i=1}^N z_{ic}.$$



Mixture density estimation: known labels

If we know \mathbf{z}_i , the ML estimates of the Gaussian components, just like in class-conditional model, are



$$egin{aligned} \widehat{\pi}_c &= rac{N_c}{N}, \ \widehat{oldsymbol{\mu}}_c &= rac{1}{N_c} \sum_{i=1}^N z_{ic} \mathbf{x}_i, \ \widehat{oldsymbol{\Sigma}}_c &= rac{1}{N_c} \sum_{i=1}^N z_{ic} (\mathbf{x}_i - \widehat{oldsymbol{\mu}}_c) (\mathbf{x}_i - \widehat{oldsymbol{\mu}}_c)^T. \end{aligned}$$



Credit assignment

When we don't know \mathbf{z}_i , we face a *credit assignment* problem: which component is responsible for \mathbf{x}_i ?

Suppose for a moment that we do know component parameters $\mu_1, \Sigma_1, \dots, \mu_k, \Sigma_k$ and mixing probabilities $\pi = [\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k]$. Then, the posterior of each label using Bayes rule:

$$\gamma_{ic} = \widehat{p}(y = c \mid \mathbf{x}; \, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \ldots) = \frac{\pi_c \cdot p(\mathbf{x}; \, \boldsymbol{\mu}_c, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c)}{\sum_{l=1}^k \pi_l \cdot p(\mathbf{x}; \, \boldsymbol{\mu}_l, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_l)}$$

We will call γ_{ic} the *responsibility* of the *c*-th component for **x**.

• Note: $\sum_{c=1}^{k} \gamma_{ic} = 1$ for each i.



Expected log likelihood

$$\log p(X, Z; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \ldots) = \mathsf{const} \, + \, \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^k z_{ic} \left(\log \pi_c \, + \, \log \mathcal{N} \left(\mathbf{x}_i; \, \boldsymbol{\mu}_c, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c \right) \right).$$

Expectation of z_{ic} :

$$E_{z_{ic} \sim \gamma_{ic}} [z_{ic}] = \sum_{z \in 0.1} z \cdot \gamma_{ic}^z = \gamma_{ic}.$$

The expected likelihood of the data:

$$E_{z_{ic} \sim \gamma_{ic}} \left[\log p(X, Z; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \ldots) \right] = \mathsf{const}$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{c=1}^{k} \gamma_{ic} \left(\log \pi_c + \log \mathcal{N} \left(\mathbf{x}_i; \, \mu_c, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c \right) \right).$$

Expectation Maximization

$$E_{z_{ic} \sim \gamma_{ic}} \left[\log p(X_N, Z_N; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \ldots) \right] = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^k \gamma_{ic} \left(\log \pi_c + \log \mathcal{N} \left(\mathbf{x}_i; \boldsymbol{\mu}_c, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c \right) \right)$$

We can find π , μ_1, \ldots, Σ_k that maximize this *expected* likelihood – by setting derivatives to zero and, for π , using Lagrange multipliers to enforce $\sum_c \pi_c = 1$.

$$\hat{\pi}_c = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ic},$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_c = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ic}} \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ic} \mathbf{x}_i,$$

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_c = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ic}} \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ic} (\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_c) (\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_c)^T.$$



What do we have now?

If we know the **parameters** and **indicators** (assignments) we are done.

If we know the **indicators** but not the parameters, we can do ML estimation of the parameters – and we are done.

If we know the parameters but not the indicators, we can compute the posteriors of indicators;

 With known posteriors, we can estimate parameters that maximize the *expected* likelihood – and then we are done.

But in reality we know neither the parameters nor the indicators.



The EM algorithm

Start with a guess of π, μ_1, \ldots

• Typically, random Gaussians and $\pi_c = 1/k$.

Iterate between:

E-step Compute values of expected assignments, i.e. calculate γ_{ic} , using current estimates of π, μ_1, \ldots

M-step Maximize the expected likelihood, under current γ_{ic} .

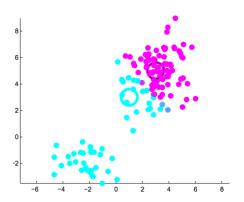
Repeat until convergence.



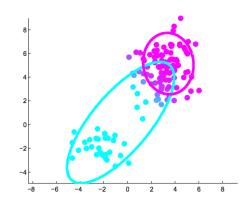
EM for Gaussian Mixture: an example

Colors represent γ_{ic} after the E-step.

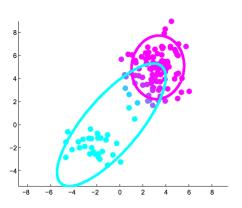




2nd iteration

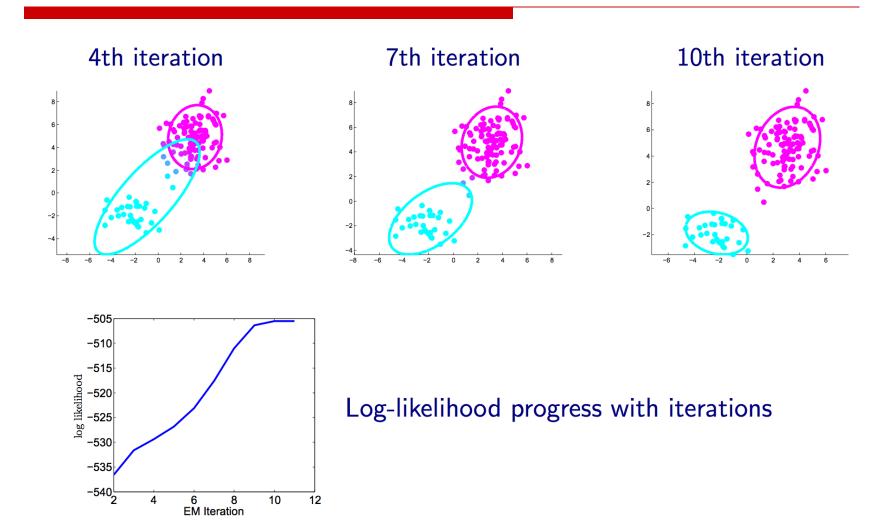


3rd iteration





EM for Gaussian Mixture: an example





Generic EM for mixture models

General mixture models: $p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{c=1}^{k} \pi_c p(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_c)$

Initialize π , θ^{old} , and iterate until convergence:

E-step: compute responsibilities

$$\gamma_{ic} = \frac{\pi_c^{old} p(\mathbf{x}_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}_c^{old})}{\sum_{l=1}^k \pi_l^{old} p(\mathbf{x}_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}_l^{old})}.$$

M-step: re-estimate mixture parameters:

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}^{new}, \, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{new} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\pi}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{c=1}^{k} \gamma_{ic} \left(\log \pi_c + \log p(\mathbf{x}_i; \, \boldsymbol{\theta}_c) \right).$$



The EM algorithm in general

Observed data X, hidden variables Z.

• E.g., missing data.

Initialize θ^{old} , and iterate until convergence:

E-step: Compute the expected complete data log-likelihood as a function of θ .

$$Q\left(\theta;\,\theta^{old}\right) = E_{p(Z\,|\,X,\theta^{old})}\left[\log p(X,Z;\,\theta)\,|\,X,\,\theta^{old}\right]$$

M-step: Compute

$$\theta^{new} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} Q\left(\theta; \, \theta^{old}\right).$$





Why does EM work?

Ultimately, we want to maximize likelihood of the observed data

$$\theta^* = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \log p(X; \theta).$$

Let $\log p^{(t)}$ be $\log p(X; \theta^{new})$ after t iterations.

Can show:

$$\log p^{(0)} \le \log p^{(1)} \le \ldots \le \log p^{(t)} \ldots$$



A more general case for EM

□ Suppose we want to maximize the following function:

$$\ell(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \log p(x; \theta)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \log \sum_{z} p(x, z; \theta).$$



A more general case for EM

Using Jensen's inequality:

$$\sum_{i} \log p(x^{(i)}; \theta) = \sum_{i} \log \sum_{z^{(i)}} p(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}; \theta)
= \sum_{i} \log \sum_{z^{(i)}} Q_{i}(z^{(i)}) \frac{p(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}; \theta)}{Q_{i}(z^{(i)})}
\geq \sum_{i} \sum_{z^{(i)}} Q_{i}(z^{(i)}) \log \frac{p(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}; \theta)}{Q_{i}(z^{(i)})}$$

□ Naturally, we want to maximize the lower bound by:

$$Q_{i}(z^{(i)}) = \frac{p(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}; \theta)}{\sum_{z} p(x^{(i)}, z; \theta)}$$
$$= \frac{p(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}; \theta)}{p(x^{(i)}; \theta)}$$
$$= p(z^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; \theta)$$



A more general case for EM

□ Naturally, we want to maximize the lower bound by (E-step):

$$Q_{i}(z^{(i)}) = \frac{p(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}; \theta)}{\sum_{z} p(x^{(i)}, z; \theta)}$$
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$$= p(z^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; \theta)$$

☐ Then we maximize the log likelihood by (M-step)

$$heta := rg \max_{ heta} \sum_{i} \sum_{z^{(i)}} Q_i(z^{(i)}) \log rac{p(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}; heta)}{Q_i(z^{(i)})}$$

The EM algorithm in general

Repeat until convergence

(E-step) For each i, set

$$Q_i(z^{(i)}) := p(z^{(i)}|x^{(i)};\theta).$$

(M-step) Set

$$\theta := \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{i} \sum_{z^{(i)}} Q_i(z^{(i)}) \log \frac{p(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}; \theta)}{Q_i(z^{(i)})}.$$



Mixture Model: Example

Average height of people in different ethnicities (African, Caucasian, Asian, Latino). Assume the height distribution is different within each ethnicity, and it follows a Gaussian distribution. The weighting factor may be the percentage of the population that are from each ethnic group. This would be a 4-point Gaussian Mixture model.



Reading

- Andrew Ng CS229 Lecture Notes http://cs229.stanford.edu/notes/cs229-notes8.pdf
- http://l2r.cs.uiuc.edu/~danr/Teaching/CS598-05/Lectures/Lec8-maxent.pdf
- https://www.stat.washington.edu/courses/stat538/winter12/Handouts/18-maxent.pdf



Thank you!

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