

Chapter 9 Mixture Models and EM

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9.1 K-means Clustering

(9.5)

Recall the distortion function

$$J = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K r_{nk} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2.$$

Setting the derivative of J with respect to $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ to $\mathbf{0}$, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_k} J = -2 \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k) = \mathbf{0},$$

which implies that

$$-\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k) = \mathbb{E}[-r_{nk} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)] = \mathbf{0}.$$

Applying the Robbins-Monro algorithm while setting $a^{\text{old}} r_{nk} = \eta_n$, we obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{old}} + \eta_n (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{old}}).$$

9.2 Mixtures of Gaussians

(9.12)

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{z}) p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K p(z_k = 1) p(\mathbf{x} | z_k = 1) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k). \end{aligned}$$

(9.22)

As (9.21) indicates, by setting the derivative of the Lagrangian with respect to π_k to 0, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_k} L = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_j \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} + \lambda = 0.$$

Multiplying both sides by π_k and sum over k , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_j \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} + \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda \pi_k \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\sum_k \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_j \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \\
&= N + \lambda,
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\lambda = -N.$$

Plugging it into

$$\underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_j \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)}}_{N_k} + \lambda \pi_k = 0,$$

we obtain

$$\pi_k = \frac{N_k}{N}.$$