

CS 446/ECE 449: Machine Learning

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Gaussian Mixture Models

Recall: Linear regression (discriminative)

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Now: (generative)

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Important difference: we are now interested in modeling the distribution of the data $x^{(i)}$ and not the class labels $y^{(i)}$. Though it is sometimes ambiguous what you call data or labels.

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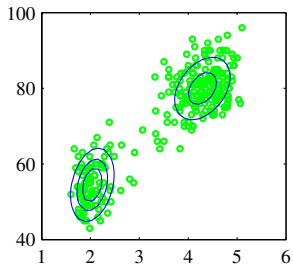
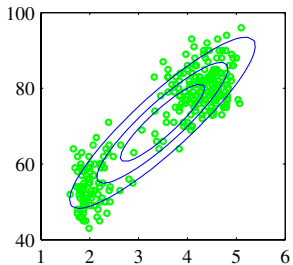
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Issue: single Gaussian isn't that flexible



Goals of this lecture

- Understanding Gaussian mixture models
- Getting to know more details about generative modeling
- Learning the relationship between Gaussian mixture models and kMeans

Reading material:

- K. Murphy; Machine Learning: A Probabilistic Perspective; Chapter 11

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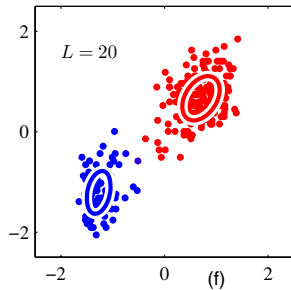
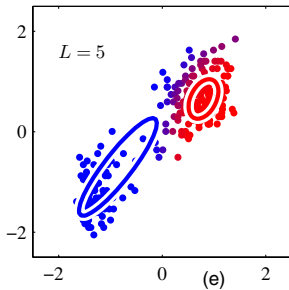
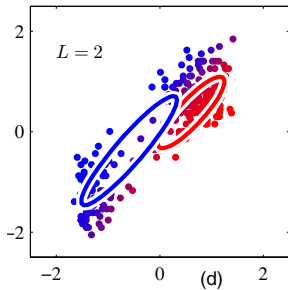
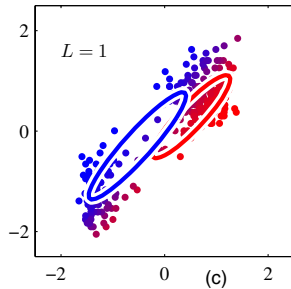
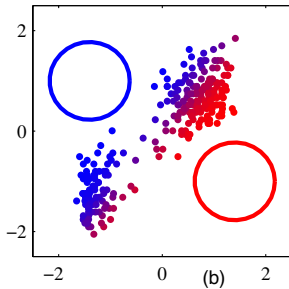
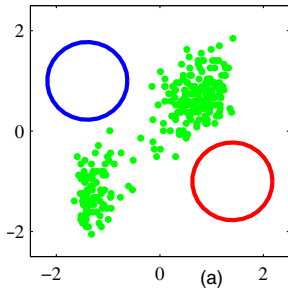
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