

Given datapoint  $x_n$ , what is the prob. that it came from Gauss  $k$ ?

$$p(z_{nk}=1 \mid x_n)$$

The probability of observing a point that comes from Gauss  $k$ :

$$\pi_k = p(z_k=1)$$

$z$  = set of all possible latent variables for point  $x_n$

$$z = \{z_1, \dots, z_K\}$$

The probability of observing our datapoint given it came from Gauss  $K$

$$\rightarrow p(x_n | z) = \prod_{k=1}^K \mathcal{N}(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)^{z_k}$$



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Goal: determine probability of  $z$  given datapoint  $x_n$

Chain rule:  $P(A \cap B) = P(B|A) P(A)$

So the probability of  $x_n$  and  $z$ :

$$p(x_n, z) = p(x_n | z) p(z)$$

Marginalization: to get  $p(x_n)$

$$p(x_n) = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^K p(x_n | z) p(z) \right] = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \cdot \mathcal{N}(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \right]$$

To determine optimal values for these, determine max likelihood which is the joint probability of all observations  $x_n$ :

$$p(X) = \left[ \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n) \right] = \left[ \prod_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \cdot \mathcal{N}(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \right]$$

Apply log:

$$\ln p(X) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \cdot \mathcal{N}(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$





... which is the joint probability of all observations & latent variables.

$$\ln p(X, Z | \theta^*) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K z_{nk} [\ln \pi_k + \ln N(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)]$$

Estimate parameters by maximizing  $Q$  with respect to parameters

Replace  $\ln p(X, Z | \theta^*)$  in above equation:

$$Q(\theta, \theta^*) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma(z_{nk}) [\ln \pi_k + \ln N(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)]$$

Step 3: "Maximization Step," Find the revised parameters,  $\theta^*$ , using:

$$\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta} Q(\theta, \theta^*)$$

where  $Q(\theta, \theta^*)$  is taken from above Step 2.

Also, include a Lagrange multiplier to take into account that  $\pi$  values sum up to 1:

$$Q(\theta, \theta^*) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma(z_{nk}) [\ln \pi_k + \ln N(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)] - \lambda \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k - 1 \right)$$

Derivative of  $Q$ :

$$\frac{d Q(\theta, \theta^*)}{d \pi_k} = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\gamma(z_{nk})}{\pi_k} - \lambda = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) = \pi_k \lambda \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \lambda$$

Since  $\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$ , and the sum of probabilities  $\gamma$  over  $K$  will also give us 1, then  $\lambda = N$

$$\pi_k = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk})}{\lambda} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk})}{N}$$

Then differentiate  $Q$  with respect to  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$ , equate the derivative to 0, and solve for parameters with log-likelihood equation:

$$\mu_k^* = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_n}{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk})}$$

$$\Sigma_k^* = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) (x_n - \mu_k)(x_n - \mu_k)^T}{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk})}$$