

SML: Exercise 2

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Task 1.1: Density Estimation

We are given data C1 and C2, which we suppose to be generated by 2D-Gaussians with parameters μ_1, Σ_1 and μ_2, Σ_2 , respectively.

1.1a)

Assume we are given iid. datapoints $x_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ which are generated by a 2D-Gaussian. Following the max-likelihood principle, we maximize the log-likelihood function

$$l(\mu, \Sigma, x_1, \dots, x_n) = \ln\left(\prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|\mu, \Sigma)\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(p(x_i|\mu, \Sigma))$$

for the Gaussian probability density

$$p(x|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\Sigma|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma (x - \mu)\right) \quad (1)$$