

Activity 15 – Expectation Maximization

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Results and Discussion

For this activity [1], I used the separated banana, apple, and orange feature data from a previous activity. The fruits form clear clusters in $a^* - b^*$ feature space and is suitable for this activity. Figure 1 shows the clustering of the fruit data.

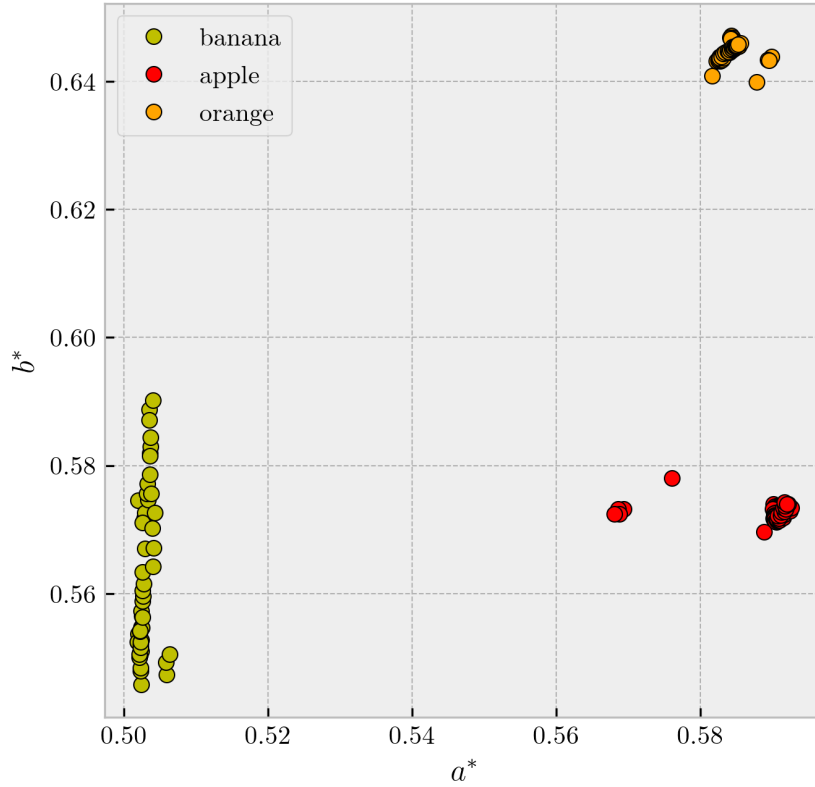


Figure 1: $a^* - b^*$ feature space of fruit data.

Since we are working only with two dimensions (two features), we assume a 2D Gaussian distribution, given by

$$p_l(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_l, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_l) = \frac{1}{2\pi|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_l|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_l)^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_l^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_l)\right] \quad (1)$$

In the interest of computational efficiency, we define an intermediate matrix $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ whose elements are given by

$$\omega_{li} = p_l(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_l, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_l) \quad (2)$$

which are used throughout one entire iteration, in order to avoid redundant calculation of exponentials and matrix inversions. We then iterate with the update rules

$$P'_l = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N P(l | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\Theta}^g) \quad (3)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}'_l = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i P(l | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\Theta}^g)}{\sum_{i=1}^N P(l | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\Theta}^g)} \quad (4)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}'_l = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N P(l | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\Theta}^g) (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}'_l)(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}'_l)^\top}{\sum_{i=1}^N P(l | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\Theta}^g)} \quad (5)$$

until the log-likelihood goes above some pre-set value. The log-likelihood is given by

$$L = \ln \left[\sum_i \sum_l P'_l p_l(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_l, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_l) \right] \quad (6)$$

The PDF shown in Fig. 2 is obtained at an average of 31 epochs.

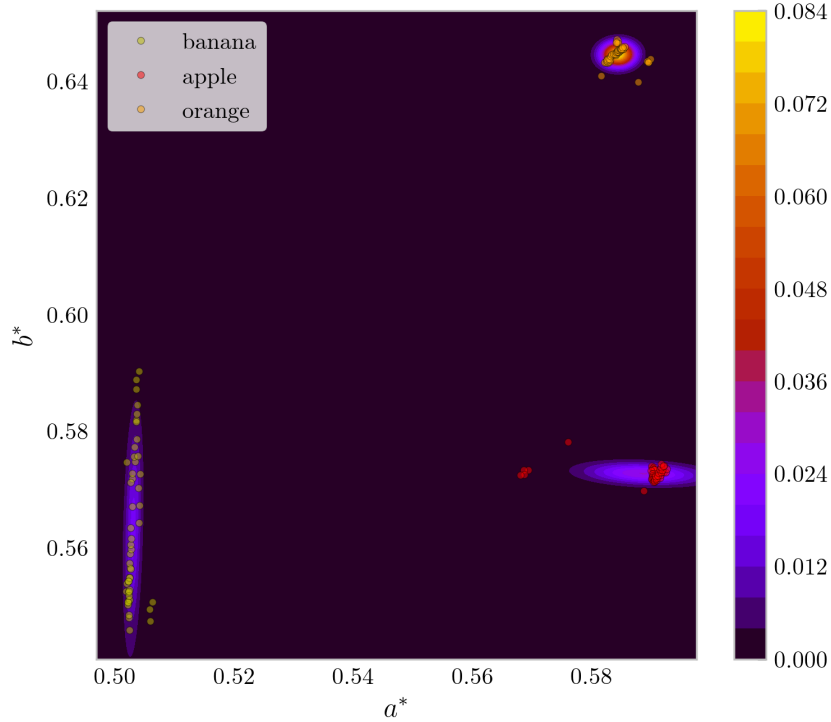


Figure 2: Estimated PDF in the a^*b^* feature space of bananas, apples, and oranges.

Table 1: Self-evaluation.

Technical correctness	5
Quality of presentation	5
Initiative	0
TOTAL	10

References

- [1] M. N. Soriano, *A15 – Expectation maximization* (2019).