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# Logarithms

John Napier  
[1550-1617]



Leonhard Euler  
[1707-1783]

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# Maximising the log-likelihood

$$\log p(X | \mu, \sigma^2) = \log \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu, \sigma^2), \text{ to maximise}$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp -\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$
$$= -\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) \log 2\pi - \left(\frac{N}{2}\right) \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2$$

How to maximise the log-likelihood?

Variational Calculus:  $\frac{\partial \text{log-likelihood}}{\partial \text{parameter}} = 0$

put it back in the log-likelihood, check for max/min  
Better than 2nd deriv test, higher orders...!

Parameters?  $\mu, \sigma^2$

$$1. \frac{\partial \text{log-lh}}{\partial \mu} = 0 \implies -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(2)(-1) \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu) = 0$$
$$\implies \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = \mu N \implies \mu_{ML} = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i / N$$

$$2. \frac{\partial \text{log-lh}}{\partial \sigma^2} = 0 \implies -\frac{N}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu_{ML})^2 = 0$$
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu_{ML})^2}{\sigma^2} = N \implies \sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu_{ML})^2 / N$$

ML mean: sample mean, ML var: sample var



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# Param Est: K D-D Gaussians

- Given:  $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ , a set of  $N$  observations
- Model:  $K$  D-D Gaussians, means  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_j$ , Covs  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j$ , Mixture coeffs  $\pi_j$ . 3 sets of parameters:  $\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}$
- Assumptions: Data points i.i.d. Independent: allows marginal prob multiplication without considering conditional dependence terms. Identically distributed: all from same model
- Method:  $p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ : Likelihood, to maximise
- Reasonable? Find params which maximise the likelihood of getting these points, given our model
- $p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)$ , to max
- ≡ Maximise log-likelihood. Why? (John Napier)



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# Maximising the log-likelihood

$$\log p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log \sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j) \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^D |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j|}} \exp -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j)$$

How to maximise the log-likelihood?

Variational Calculus:  $\frac{\partial \text{log-likelihood}}{\partial \text{parameter}} = 0$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(+1)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \frac{\partial \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\cdot)}{\partial \text{parameter}} = 0$$

- parameter #1:  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_j: \frac{\partial \text{log-lik}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_j} = 0 \implies$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(+1) \pi_j \exp -\frac{1}{2} [(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j)]}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \frac{2(-1)}{2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j) = 0$$
$$\implies \frac{2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{\pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \right] \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i = \boldsymbol{\mu}_j \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i) \implies \boldsymbol{\mu}_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i)}$$

$$\implies \boldsymbol{\mu}_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i}{N_j} \text{ prob (resp)-weighted mean}$$



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- parameter #2:  $\Sigma_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j)(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j)^T}{N_j}$  probability (responsibility)-weighted Covariance

- parameter #3:  $\pi_j \cdot \frac{\partial \log\text{-lh}}{\partial \pi_j} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(-1)\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \Sigma_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \Sigma_j)} = 0$

To modify the objective function, regularisation

$$E = \log p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) + \lambda (\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j - 1)$$

1.  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_j} = 0$ : Doesn't affect the previous estimate
2.  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial \Sigma_j} = 0$ : Doesn't affect the previous estimate
3.  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial \pi_j} = 0$ : Hope to get some non-trivial solution
4.  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda} = 0$ :  $\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j - 1 = 0$ , the constr to be imposed

For (3) above,  $\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(+1)\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \Sigma_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \Sigma_j)} + \lambda = 0$ . Mult by  $\pi_j$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\pi_j \mathcal{N}(\cdot)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\cdot)} = -\lambda \pi_j \implies \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i) = \lambda \pi_j \implies$$

$$-\sum_i (\sum_j \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i)) = \lambda (\sum_j \pi_j) \implies \lambda (1) = -\sum_i (1) \implies \lambda = -N.$$

Put back:  $\pi_j \lambda = -N_j \implies \pi_j = N_j / N$



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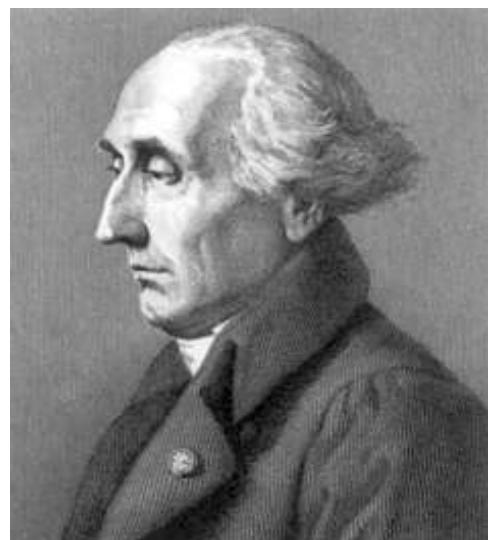
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# Intertwined Histories



J.-L. Lagrange  
[1736-1813]

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A. Lavoisier  
[1743-1794]

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J.-B. J. Fourier  
[1768-1830]

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# EM for Gaussian Mixtures

- Given:  $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ , a set of  $N$  observations
- Model:  $p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)$
- Parameters: 3 sets of parameters:  $\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}$
- Initialisation:  $\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}$ : Estimate initial value of log-lh
- E-step (Expectation):  $\gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{\pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)}$ : Evaluate responsibilities using current param values
- M-step (Maximisation): Re-estimate params using current  $\gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i)$ 's.  $N_j = \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i)$  Estimation:
  - $\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{new} = (1/N_j) \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i$
  - $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{new} = (1/N_j) \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{new})(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{new})^T$
  - $\pi_j^{new} = N_j / N$
- Eval log-lh:  $\log p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log \sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\cdot);$  Check for convg of log-lh or params. Else, E-step



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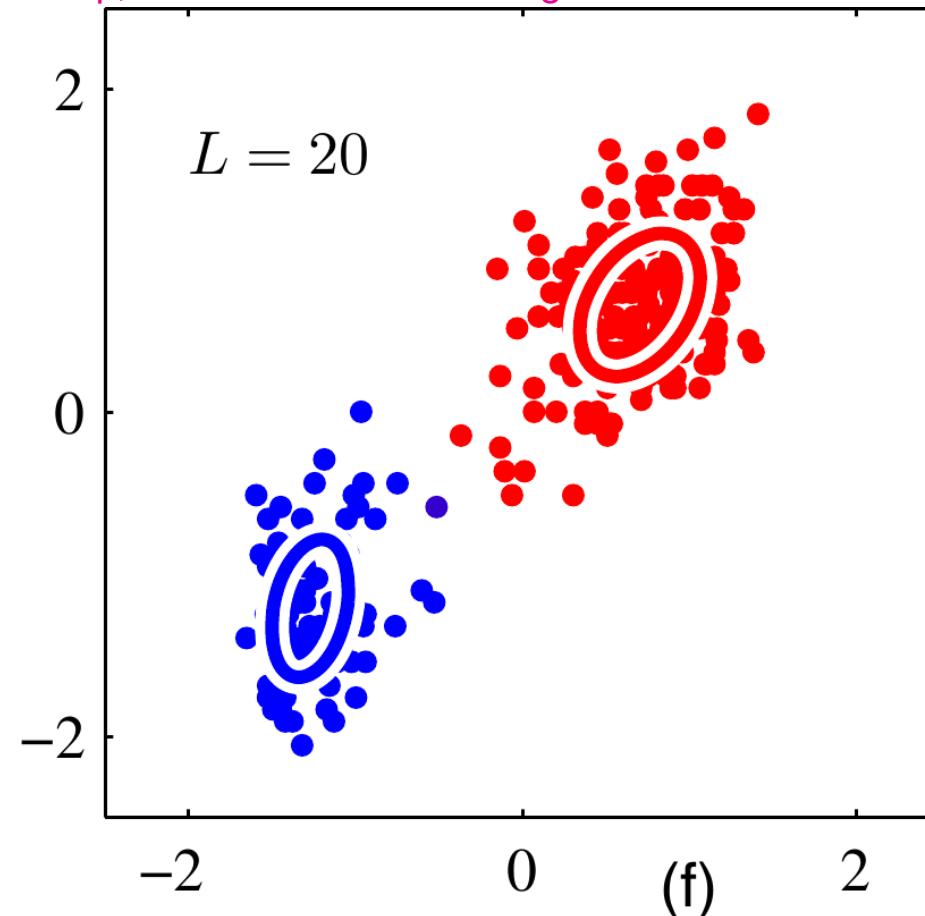
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# EM for Gaussian Mixtures!

[C. M. Bishop, Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning]



- **Initialisation:** Use K-Means to initialise:  $\mu$  (sample means),  $\Sigma$  (sample Covs),  $\pi$  (rel. proportions)



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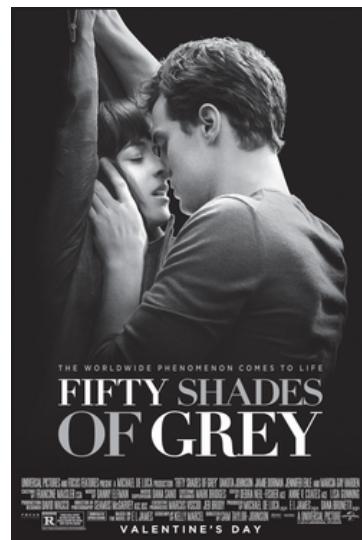
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# Stauffer-Grimson BG Subtraction

- The colour/grey value at a pixel is given by a distribution: modelled as a mixture of adaptive Gaussians

$$p(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j) \quad \mathbf{x}: [r \ g \ b]^T / \text{grey value}$$

<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/4/4b/Fifty-Gray-poster.jpg>



- $K$ : 3-5, empirically
- mixture: multiple entities can appear
- adaptive: with lighting conditions
- Given  $\{\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^t, \dots, \mathbf{x}^\tau\}$ : history of colour/grey values at a pixel  $t \in \{1, \tau\}$

- Heuristic at a pixel: to decide which Gaussians most likely to contribute to the background
- Pixels not matching BG Gaussians: foreground
- FG pixels grouped: 2-D ConnComp/K-Means



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# Model Adaptation

- An on-line  $K$ -Means approx: to update  $\mathcal{N}(\cdot | \mathbf{s})$ 
  - Why? Stationary pixel process (time-invariant)? EM for time window (costly) Lighting & scene changes reduce past dependence
  - Either: matches one of the  $K$  Gaussians  $\sim 2.5\sigma$
  - Or: doesn't match any Gaussians  $\sim 2.5\sigma$
- If match with one of the  $K$  Gaussians  $\sim 2.5\sigma$ 
  - Update the 3 sets of parameters  $\mu_j$ ,  $\Sigma_j$ ,  $\pi_j$ :
  - $\mu_j$ ,  $\Sigma_j$ : linear combo of old & new evidence:
    - \*  $\mu_j^{\tau+1} = (1 - \rho)\mu_j^\tau + \rho \mathbf{x}^{\tau+1}$
    - \*  $\Sigma_j^{\tau+1} = (1 - \rho)\Sigma_j^\tau + \rho(\mathbf{x}^{\tau+1} - \mu_j^{\tau+1})^T(\mathbf{x}^{\tau+1} - \mu_j^{\tau+1})$
    - \* Assume diagonal Cov, ind & same variances



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- - \*  $\rho \triangleq \alpha \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}^{\tau+1} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\tau, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^\tau)$ 
  - \*  $\alpha$ : learning rate.  $\alpha = 0 \implies$  no learning,  $\rho = 0$
  - \*  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{\tau+1} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\tau; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{\tau+1} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^\tau$
  - Prior weights of *all* Gaussians adjusted:
    - $\pi_j^{\tau+1} = (1 - \alpha)\pi_j^\tau + \alpha\delta_{j,top\ match}^{\tau+1}$ 
      - \*  $\delta_{j,top\ match}^{\tau+1} = 1$ : matching Gaussian, 0 otherwise
    - Renormalise all weights  $\pi_j^{\tau+1}$  (only if  $> 1$  best. Grey levels: 2 best equidistant on each side)
      - \*  $\alpha = 0 \implies \pi_j^{\tau+1} = \pi_j^\tau$ : no learning
      - \*  $\alpha = 1 \implies \pi_j^{\tau+1} = 1$ : matching Gauss'n, 0 otherwise
- If  $\mathbf{x}^{\tau+1}$  doesn't match any  $\sim 2.5\sigma$   $\implies$  something new coming up at this pixel, needs to be put in
  - Least prob ( $\sim \pi/\sigma$ ) replaced with a new one
  - New one:  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{\tau+1} = \mathbf{x}^{\tau+1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j = \text{high}, \pi_j = \text{low}$



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# Background Model Estimation

- Heuristic: The Gaussian with the most supporting prior evidence and least variance  $\equiv$  background
- Order the Gaussians by  $\pi_j / \sigma_j$  (greater prob, less variability: less change, suggests background)
- First  $B$  distributions: background
- $B = \operatorname{argmin}_b \sum_{j=1}^b \pi_j > Thresh$ , (scene dependent)
  - $Thresh$ : scene dependent (rel % of image: bg)
  - Low  $Thresh$ : unimodal bg, use most prob model
  - High  $Thresh$ : multimodal: repetitive bg motion (leaves, flag): > 1 colour in bg model accepted



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# The Algo In Perspective!

- (+): Each pixel ( $2.5\sigma$ ) treated diff, adaptively
  - (+): Objects allowed to be a part of the bg, without changing the existing bg model
  - (-): Cannot handle sudden lighting changes
  - (-): Initialisation of the Gaussians is important
  - (-): Many parameters need to be selected smartly
- 
- The  $\sim 2.5\sigma$  threshold: per pixel, per distributions
    - Diff regions, diff lighting: objects in shaded regions not much noise as in lighted regions
    - Surveillance cam: diff lighting in FOV, diff times



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# Results with Diff Parameters

- Reversing vehicle (also entering the shadows), loitering loafers, trees swaying in the wind

