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Let's restate the general EM algorithm. First, we had the E-step:

$$Q(\theta, \hat{\theta}^{(t)}) = \mathbb{E}_{z|x; \hat{\theta}^{(t)}} [\ln L(\theta; x, z)]$$

Where  $z$  are latent variables, and  $x$  are observed variables. Then, the M-step is

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \arg \max_{\theta} Q(\theta, \hat{\theta}^{(t)})$$

We want to apply this algorithm to our Gaussian Mixture Model, where

$$p(x_i | z_i) = \prod_{j=1}^J \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu_j, \Sigma_j)^{z_{ij}}$$

where  $J$  is the number of labels (or Gaussians) we have. We have

$$p(z_{ij} = 1) = \tau_j$$

where  $\tau_j$  is a probability vector. This gives us

$$p(z_i) = \prod_{j=1}^J \tau_j^{z_{ij}}$$

We can draw the variable diagram as

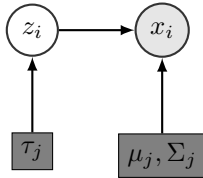


Figure 1:  $\theta_j = (\tau_j, \mu_j, \Sigma_j)$

Next, we can compute the likelihood as

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\theta; x, z) &= \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i \mid z_i; \theta) p(z_i; \theta) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{j=1}^J \tau_j^{z_{ij}} \mathcal{N}(x_i; \mu_j, \Sigma_j)^{z_{ij}}
\end{aligned}$$

Then, for our E-step we need to compute the log likelihood,

$$\ln(L(\theta; x, z)) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^J z_{ij} \left( \ln \tau_j + \ln \mathcal{N}(x_i; \mu_j, \Sigma_j) \right)$$

And we need to compute

$$\begin{aligned}
p(z_{ij} = 1 \mid x_i; \hat{\theta}^{(t)}) &= \frac{p(x_i \mid z_{ij} = 1) P(z_{ij} = 1)}{p(x_i)} \\
&= \frac{\hat{\tau}_j \mathcal{N}(x_i; \hat{\mu}_j, \hat{\Sigma}_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^J \hat{\tau}_j \mathcal{N}(x_i; \hat{\mu}_j, \hat{\Sigma}_j)} \\
&\doteq p_{ij}
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(\theta, \hat{\theta}^{(t)}) &= \mathbb{E}_{z \mid x; \hat{\theta}^{(t)}} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^J z_{ij} \left( \ln \tau_j + \ln \mathcal{N}(x_i; \mu_j, \Sigma_j) \right) \right] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^J \left( \ln \tau_j + \ln \mathcal{N}(x_i; \mu_j, \Sigma_j) \right) \mathbb{E}_{z \mid x; \hat{\theta}^{(t)}} [z_{ij}]
\end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathbb{E}_{z \mid x; \hat{\theta}^{(t)}} [z_{ij}] = p_{ij}$ .

Now for the M-step, we want to calculate  $\frac{d}{d\mu_j}$ ,  $\frac{d}{d\Sigma_j}$ , and  $\frac{d}{d\tau_j}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{d}{d\mu_j} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^J \left( \ln \tau_j + \ln \mathcal{N}(x_i; \mu_j, \Sigma_j) \right) p_{ij} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^J p_{ij} (\mu_j - x_i) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N p_{ij} \mu_j - \sum_{i=1}^N p_{ij} x_i \\
\mu_j &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p_{ij} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N p_{ij}}
\end{aligned}$$

And similarly

$$0 = \frac{d}{d\tau_j} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^J \left( \ln \tau_j + \ln \mathcal{N}(x_i; \mu_j, \Sigma_j) \right) p_{ij}$$

$$\Sigma_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p_{ij} (x_i - \mu_j)(x_i - \mu_j)^T}{\sum_{i=1}^N p_{ij}}$$

Finally to find  $\frac{d}{d\tau_j}$ , we need  $\frac{d}{d\tau_j} \tau_j = 1$ , therefore we have to use Lagrange multipliers to enforce this constraint.

$$0 = \frac{d}{d\tau_j} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^J p_{ij} \ln \tau_j + \lambda \left( \sum_{j=1}^J \tau_j - 1 \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_{ij}}{\tau_j} + \lambda \tau_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p_{ij}}{-\lambda}$$

And we set  $\lambda = -N$ , giving us

$$\tau_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p_{ij}}{N}$$

Using these derivation for the parameters gives us the M-step.

Now, we can use both E and M steps to get an algorithm to classify our data.