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1. Here is a set of one-dimensional data that was generated by 3 Gaussians: 1-dimensional data. You will need to use the code you developed in hw1 for reading in data files, and calculating means and standard deviations.

Create a program to estimate the means, standard deviations, and weights of a mixture of Gaussians via the EM algorithm. You will probably want to have three functions: one that performs the expectation step, one that performs the maximization step, and one that runs the outer loop. For this part, report on the parameters listed above that result from the EM algorithm. Also, turn in your code with an explanation of how to run it; we will evaluate your code on a different data set.

- Figure 1 shows the results of the EM algorithm on the given data for the specified initializations of mean (m+0.1,m,m-0.1), standard deviations (s+0.5,s,s-0.5) and prior probabilities(1/3,1/3,1/3) of each gaussian.
- I used epsilon=1e-9 for convergence of mean.
- m=global mean, s=global standard deviation, M=mean, P=weights, S=Standard deviation)

Figure 1

- 2. Conduct a small experiment where you compare two different scenarios. Make a hypothesis about what outcome you may find before running the experiment, and then evaluate the hypothesis. Choose one of the following:
 - Varying the number of training points during training (what happens to parameters)?
 - O Varying the number of Gaussians used to model the data (more means == better fit)?
 - Compare and contrast diagonal versus full covariance matrices in 2-d data. (Here is some 2-d data for download: 2-dimensional data).
 - o An experiment of your own design.
 - I varied the number of training points. I tested 2 subsets (1-700 points, 200-800 points (indices of original points)).
 - I kept the initializations of means same as in question 1 (mean (m+0.1,m,m-0.1), standard deviations (s+0.5,s,s-0.5) and prior probabilities(1/3,1/3,1/3)) of each gaussian. However global mean/standard deviation here is the mean/standard deviation of the reduced set of training points.
 - (m=global mean, s=global standard deviation, M=mean, P=weights, S=Standard deviation)
 - I choose epsilon = 1e-9 for convergence similar to question 1
 - Reducing the number of training data points should I believe affect the end parameters. They will now adapt based on the new training points. I think that the parameters will depend on how many points of each Gaussian (true) are there in the considered subset.
 - The results for different number of training points are shown in Figures 2, 3. The end parameters were close to the true parameters in each case except for the weights. In figure 2, I expected to observe a larger value for P1 and a smaller value for P3. But this wasn't the case.
 - This problem wasn't seen in the second scenario I tested. This is probably because the bias in the first subset of points was quite less on the 3rd Gaussian.

Figure 2: 1-700 points

Figure 3: 200-800 points

3. Extra Credit

Implement k-means clustering on the 1-dimensional data. Comment on how the results differ from the EM results. You may need to compute the probability of each data point corresponding to a class to do a meaningful comparison. Oh, by the way: the first 300 points were generated from class 1, the second 300 from class 2, and the third 300 from class 3. Are either of these better for classifying the data?

- Figure 4 shows the results of the k-means algorithm with random initialization of means where k=3.
- To get the probability of a point belonging to a class, I normalized over the 3 Eucledian. distances, i.e. added the 3 eucledian distances (from each of the means) and divided each by the sum. Furthur to get the prior of each class I normalized the soft counts of each gaussian.
- The means from both EM and k(3)-means is almost similar. So, at least for the given data, I don't think either of them is better at classifying. However, k-means converges really quickly. Also, the soft counts don't quite match up to the EM results (which gives results more closer to the true value).

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   Initialization:
   M1 = 20.370000, M2 = 17.990000, M3 = 20.870000
   End means:
  M1 = 16.829709, M2 = 13.594321, M3 = 20.614517
  Count of points:
  Count1 = 206, Count2 = 280, Count3 = 414
  Prior on each Gaussian:
 P1 = 0.264083, P2 = 0.404621, P3 = 0.331296
  Iterations:
  16
  True means:
  M1 = 14.036167, M2 = 17.924567, M3 = 20.731733
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Figure 4: