

Homework 5

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Problem 1. (3 + 1 = 4 points)

Consider a Gaussian mixture model

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$

1. Given the expected value of the complete-data log-likelihood (9.40 in Bishop's book)

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{posterior}}[\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi})] = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma(z_{nk}) \{\ln \pi_k + \ln \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)\}$$

Derive update rules for $\boldsymbol{\pi}$, $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$.

2. Consider a special case of the model above, in which the covariance matrices $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$ of the components are all constrained to have a common value $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$. Derive EM equations for maximizing the likelihood function under such a model.

Problem 2. (2 points)

Suppose we wish to use the EM algorithm to maximize the posterior distribution $p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{X})$ for a

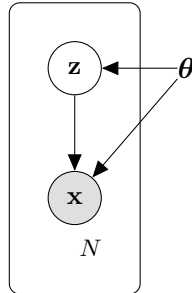


Figure 1: A simple generative model.

model (Figure 1) containing latent variables \mathbf{z} and observed variables \mathbf{x} . Show that the E step remains the same as in the maximum likelihood case, where as in the M step, the quantity to be maximized is

$$\sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) \ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \ln p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Problem 3. (3 points)

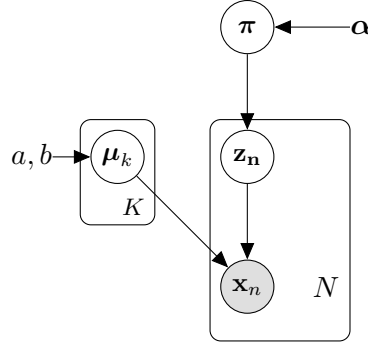


Figure 2: Mixtures of Bernoulli distribution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi | \alpha &\sim \text{Dir}(\pi | \alpha) \\
 \mathbf{z}_n | \pi &\sim \text{Mult}(\mathbf{z}_n | \pi) \\
 \mu_k | a_k, b_k &\sim \text{Beta}(\mu_k | a_k, b_k) \\
 \mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{z}_n, \mu = \{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_K\} &\sim \prod_{k=1}^K (\text{Bern}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mu_k))^{z_{nk}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Derive the EM algorithm for maximizing the posterior probability $p(\mu, \pi | \{\mathbf{x}_n\}_{n=1}^N)$. (The E step is given in Bishop's Book, you only need to do the M step)