

Reading - Unsupervised Learning (USL)

(no reading problems to turn in)

Sources

- **[Xu and Wunsch]** Rui Xu and Donald Wunsch II, “Survey of Clustering Algorithms”, *IEEE Trans. Neural Networks*, Vol. 16, No. 3 (May 2005). Available from USC Library (electronic journals), or from the link posted on D2L with this assignment.
- **[Murphy]** Selected sections from Ch. 25

Reading

- **Introduction:** Xu and Wunsch Section I.
- **EM:** Xu and Wunsch Section II D (p 653), to end of p. 653.
- **Introduction, similarity measures, hierarchical graphical techniques:**
Murphy 25.1.0, 25.1.1, 25.5.0-25.5.3.
- **Finish graphical techniques, how to choose K (number of clusters):**
Xu and Wunsch Section II M (starting on page 664).
- **Optional reading** - you’re not responsible for this, but if you’d like to delve further into unsupervised learning on your own, these are some suggested places to start:
 - Browse other sections of Xu and Wunsch, and other sections of Murphy Ch. 25.

Homework Problem – Semi-Supervised Learning (SSL)

1. Consider a 2-class semi-supervised learning problem in which there are l labeled samples and $u = 1$ unlabeled sample. (For example, think of being given l labeled samples, and then acquiring unlabeled samples one at a time.) There is 1 feature, and each class is modeled as a Gaussian:

$$p(x|y = c, \underline{\theta}) = N(x|\mu_c, \sigma_c^2), \quad c = 1, 2$$

In the parts below, you will use EM to estimate the means μ_1 and μ_2 . You may assume the priors and variances are given constants. Generally the subscripts h and i will indicate unlabeled and labeled samples, respectively.

- a) Consider the t^{th} iteration of EM. Derive the E step in terms of given quantities: that is, starting from

$$p\left(\mathcal{H} \middle| \mathcal{D}, \underline{\theta}^{(t)}\right) = p\left(y_h = c_h \middle| x_h, \underline{\theta}^{(t)}\right) = \gamma_{hc_h}^{(t)}, \quad c_h = 1, 2$$

show that:

$$\gamma_{hc_h}^{(t)} = \frac{\pi_{c_h}}{\alpha_h^{(t)} \sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{c_h}^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\left(x_h - \mu_{c_h}^{(t)}\right)^2}{2\sigma_{c_h}^2}\right\}$$

in which $\pi_{c_h} \triangleq p\left(y_h = c_h \middle| \underline{\theta}^{(t)}\right) = p\left(y_h = c_h\right)$. Also, find $\alpha_h^{(t)}$.

In parts (b)-(d), you will derive the M step formulas, also for the t^{th} iteration of EM.

- b) First, show that

$$p\left(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{H} \middle| \underline{\theta}\right) = p\left(x_h \middle| y_h = c_h, \underline{\theta}\right) \pi_{c_h} \prod_{i=1}^l p\left(x_i \middle| y_i = c_i, \underline{\theta}\right) \pi_{c_i}$$

in which $\pi_{c_i} = p\left(y_i = c_i \middle| \underline{\theta}\right) = p\left(y_i = c_i\right)$ and similarly for π_{c_h} .

- c) Take $\ln p\left(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{H} \middle| \underline{\theta}\right)$ from your result of (b), plug in for the normal densities, and drop any additive terms that are constants of $\underline{\theta}$. Then plug in to the M equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\theta}^{(t+1)} &= \arg \max_{\underline{\theta}} \mathbf{E}_{\mathcal{H} \middle| \mathcal{D}, \underline{\theta}^{(t)}} \left\{ \ln p\left(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{H} \middle| \underline{\theta}\right) \right\} \\ &= \arg \max_{\underline{\theta}} \sum_{c_h=1}^2 \gamma_{hc_h}^{(t)} \ln p\left(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{H} \middle| \underline{\theta}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and simplify to get:

$$\underline{\theta}^{(t+1)} = \arg \max_{\underline{\theta}} \left\{ \sum_{c_h=1}^2 \gamma_{hc_h}^{(t)} \left[-\frac{\left(x_h - \mu_{c_h}\right)^2}{\sigma_{c_h}^2} \right] + \sum_{i=1}^l \left[-\frac{\left(x_i - \mu_{c_i}\right)^2}{\sigma_{c_i}^2} \right] \right\}$$

in which a constant multiplicative factor of $\frac{1}{2\pi}$ has been dropped. (**Hint:** you may find it useful to use $\gamma_{h1}^{(t)} + \gamma_{h2}^{(t)} = 1$.)

- d) Re-write your result of part (c) to express it in terms of $\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2$. (**Hint:** you might find it useful to use the indicator function.) Then solve for $\underline{\theta}^{(t+1)} = \left[\mu_1^{(t+1)}, \mu_2^{(t+1)} \right]^T$. (**Hint:** find the argmax by taking $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_1}$ and setting equal to 0; similarly for μ_2 .) Let l_1 = number of labeled samples with label $c_i = 1$, and l_2 = number of labeled samples with label $c_i = 2$. (Note that $\gamma_{hc_h}^{(t)}$ is constant of μ_1 and μ_2 because it used the (constant) estimates $\mu_1^{(t)}$ and $\mu_2^{(t)}$ from the E step.)

- e) Given: $\pi_1 = \pi_2 = 0.5$, $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = 1$; data as follows:

$$\text{labeled data } \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^l = \{(1,1), (2,1), (4,2)\}; \quad \text{unlabeled sample } x_h = 3.$$

Suppose the values for $\underline{\theta}$ at the beginning of the t^{th} iteration of EM are: $\mu_1^{(t)} = 1.5$, $\mu_2^{(t)} = 4.0$. Note that you may solve this part (e) by hand, or use a computer to assist you (your choice).

- (i) Calculate the responsibilities $\gamma_{h1}^{(t)}$ and $\gamma_{h2}^{(t)}$ from the E step (using part (a));
- (ii) Calculate the new mean estimates $\mu_1^{(t+1)}$ and $\mu_2^{(t+1)}$ from the M step (using part (d) result).