

Consider the Possibilistic C-Means (PCM) objective function:

$$J = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M u_{ij}^m \cdot d(x_i, \theta_j) + \sum_{j=1}^M \eta_j \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - u_{ij})^m$$

Let's find the u_{ij} 's which optimize J by differentiating J w.r.t. u_{ij} and setting the result equal to zero:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial u_{ij}} = 0 = m u_{ij}^{m-1} d(x_i, \theta_j) + \eta_j m (1 - u_{ij})^{m-1} (-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_j m (1 - u_{ij})^{m-1} = m u_{ij}^{m-1} d(x_i, \theta_j)$$

Raise both sides to the power $\frac{1}{m-1}$:

$$\eta_j^{\frac{1}{m-1}} (1 - u_{ij}) = u_{ij} d^{\frac{1}{m-1}}$$

$$1 - u_{ij} = u_{ij} \left(\frac{d}{\eta_j} \right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}}$$

$$1 = u_{ij} \left[1 + \left(\frac{d}{\eta_j} \right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{ij} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{d(x_i, \theta_j)}{\eta_j} \right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}}}$$