

Minimum Distance Estimation for Gaussian Mixtures

In general,

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \int \left[p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) - p(\mathbf{x}) \right]^2 d\mathbf{x} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\int \left[p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right]^2 d\mathbf{x} - 2E_{p(\mathbf{x})} \left[p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right] \right) \\ &\approx \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\int \left[p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right]^2 d\mathbf{x} - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N p(\mathbf{x}_r|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Assuming a mixture of Normal distributions, we find

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^K g_i \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i), \quad \text{with } \sum_{i=1}^K g_i = 1, \quad \text{then} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right]^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K g_i g_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K g_i g_j R_{ij} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{ij}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ij}), \quad \text{where} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{ij} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ij} \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_j \right), \quad (5)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ij} = \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{-1} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{-1} \right)^{-1}, \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{ij} &= (2\pi)^{-d/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ij}|^{+1/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i|^{-1/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j|^{-1/2} \times \\ &\quad \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i + \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_j - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ij}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ij}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ij} \right) \right] \\ &= (2\pi)^{-d/2} f(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i, -1) f(\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j, -1) f(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{ij}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ij}, +1), \quad \text{and} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$f(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, a) \equiv |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{+a/2} \exp \left(+\frac{a}{2} \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} \right). \quad (8)$$

Note that a Normal distribution can also be written in terms of the f function defined above: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = (2\pi)^{-d/2} f(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, -1)$.

The integration can now be performed trivially and we obtain:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \approx \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \underbrace{\left[\sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K g_i g_j R_{ij} - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^K g_i \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_r|\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i) \right]}_{S(\boldsymbol{\theta})}. \quad (9)$$

Now, since no g factors appear in R_{ij} nor in $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_r|\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)$, the minimization with respect to them can be done explicitly. However, not all g_i 's are independent, since they must sum to 1. We thus re-define $S(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ as

$$S(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K g_i g_j R_{ij} - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^K g_i \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_r|\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i) + 2\lambda (1 - \sum_{i=1}^K g_i), \quad (10)$$

where λ is a Lagrange multiplier, and proceed with the minimization as if all g 's were independent:

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial S(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial g_i} \right|_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} &= 2 \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \hat{R}_{ij} \hat{g}_j - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_r|\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i) - \lambda \right] = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{g}_i &= \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_r|\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_j, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_j) + \hat{\lambda} \right]; \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^K \hat{g}_i &= \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_r|\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_j, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_j) + \hat{\lambda} \right] = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} &= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N \left[\sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_r|\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_j, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_j) \right]}{\sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij}}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The above result can be put in a more friendly format by defining the *un*-normalized version of g_i , as follows:

$$\hat{g}_i = \hat{g}_{i,\text{un}} + \hat{\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij}, \quad (13)$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^K \hat{g}_{i,\text{un}} \right) / \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij}, \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g}_{i,\text{un}} &= \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_r|\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_j, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_j) \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij} \left[\text{sample mean of } \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_j, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_j) \right] \\ &\equiv \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij} \left\langle \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_j, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_j) \right\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

We now need some derivative results:¹

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma_{i,ab}}{\partial \Sigma_{j,k\ell}} = \delta_{ij} \delta_{ak} \delta_{bl}, \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{\partial (\Sigma_i^{-1})_{ab}}{\partial \Sigma_{j,k\ell}} = -\delta_{ij} (\Sigma_j^{-1})_{ak} (\Sigma_j^{-1})_{\ell b}, \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln |\Sigma_i|}{\partial \Sigma_{j,k\ell}} = \delta_{ij} (\Sigma_j^{-1})_{\ell k}, \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{\partial (\mu_i^T \Sigma_i^{-1} \mu_i)}{\partial \Sigma_{j,k\ell}} = -\delta_{ij} (\mu_j^T \Sigma_j^{-1})_k (\Sigma_j^{-1} \mu_j)_\ell, \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma_{ij,ab}}{\partial \Sigma_{\ell,mn}} = (\delta_{i\ell} + \delta_{j\ell}) (\Sigma_{ij} \Sigma_\ell^{-1})_{am} (\Sigma_\ell^{-1} \Sigma_{ij})_{nb}, \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{\partial (\Sigma_{ij}^{-1})_{ab}}{\partial \Sigma_{\ell,mn}} = -(\delta_{i\ell} + \delta_{j\ell}) (\Sigma_\ell^{-1})_{am} (\Sigma_\ell^{-1})_{nb}, \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln |\Sigma_{ij}|}{\partial \Sigma_{\ell,mn}} = (\delta_{i\ell} + \delta_{j\ell}) (\Sigma_\ell^{-1} \Sigma_{ij} \Sigma_\ell^{-1})_{nm}, \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial (\mu_{ij}^T \Sigma_{ij}^{-1} \mu_{ij})}{\partial \Sigma_{\ell,mn}} &= -(\delta_{i\ell} + \delta_{j\ell}) \left[(\mu_\ell^T \Sigma_\ell^{-1})_m (\Sigma_\ell^{-1} \mu_{ij})_n \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\mu_{ij}^T \Sigma_\ell^{-1})_m (\Sigma_\ell^{-1} \mu_\ell)_n - (\mu_{ij}^T \Sigma_\ell^{-1})_m (\Sigma_\ell^{-1} \mu_{ij})_n \right], \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{\partial f(\mu_i, \Sigma_i, -1)}{\partial \mu_k} = -\delta_{ik} f(\mu_k, \Sigma_k, -1) \Sigma_k^{-1} \mu_k, \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{\partial f(\mu_i, \Sigma_i, -1)}{\partial \Sigma_{k,\ell m}} = -\frac{1}{2} \delta_{ik} f(\mu_k, \Sigma_k, -1) \left[(\Sigma_k^{-1})_{\ell m} - (\Sigma_k^{-1} \mu_k)_\ell (\Sigma_k^{-1} \mu_k)_m \right], \quad (25)$$

$$\frac{\partial f(\mu_{ij}, \Sigma_{ij}, +1)}{\partial \mu_k} = (\delta_{ik} + \delta_{jk}) f(\mu_{ij}, \Sigma_{ij}, +1) \Sigma_k^{-1} \mu_{ij}, \quad (26)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(\mu_{ij}, \Sigma_{ij}, +1)}{\partial \Sigma_{k,\ell m}} &= \frac{1}{2} (\delta_{ik} + \delta_{jk}) f(\mu_{ij}, \Sigma_{ij}, +1) \left[(\Sigma_k^{-1} \Sigma_{ij} \Sigma_k^{-1})_{\ell m} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\mu_{ij}^T \Sigma_k^{-1})_\ell (\Sigma_k^{-1} \mu_{ij})_m - (\mu_k^T \Sigma_k^{-1})_\ell (\Sigma_k^{-1} \mu_{ij})_m \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (\mu_{ij}^T \Sigma_k^{-1})_\ell (\Sigma_k^{-1} \mu_k)_m \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

¹Some of these results apply only to symmetric matrices, whereas others are more general. Since all matrices involved here are symmetric, the distinction is not important.

Using these, the minimization with respect to the mean vectors results in:

$$\left. \frac{\partial S(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_i} \right|_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} = -2 \hat{g}_i \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \left\{ \hat{\lambda} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i - \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{ij} - \langle \mathbf{x} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i) \rangle \right] \right\} = 0, \quad (28)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i = \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}} \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{ij} - \langle \mathbf{x} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i) \rangle \right], \quad (\text{if } \hat{\lambda} \neq 0), \quad (29)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i = \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{ij} \right]^{-1} \left\{ \langle \mathbf{x} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i) \rangle - \sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{ij} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_j \right\}, \quad (30)$$

the last equation being valid when $\hat{\lambda} = 0$. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial S(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{i,\ell m}} \right|_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} &= \hat{g}_k \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \left[(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{ij} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1})_{\ell m} + (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{ij})_{\ell} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{ij})_m \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \hat{\lambda} \left[(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1})_{\ell m} + (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i)_{\ell} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i)_m \right] - \langle (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x})_{\ell} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x})_m \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i) \rangle \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Thus, if $\hat{\lambda} \neq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1})_{\ell m} &= \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \left[(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{ij} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1})_{\ell m} + (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{ij})_{\ell} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{ij})_m \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \langle (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x})_{\ell} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x})_m \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i) \rangle \right\} - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i)_{\ell} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i)_m. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

However, if $\hat{\lambda} = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \left[(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{ij} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1})_{\ell m} + (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{ij})_{\ell} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{ij})_m \right] \\ = \langle (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x})_{\ell} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x})_m \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i) \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

from which we obtain the following two, mathematically equivalent, solutions:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} = \langle (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \otimes (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i) \rangle \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad (34)$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i \langle (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \otimes (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i) \rangle^{-1}. \quad (35)$$

Which of these solutions to use is a matter of computational stability. In any case, Φ_i is a matrix whose components are defined by

$$(\Phi_i)_{\ell m} = \sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \left[(\hat{\Sigma}_{ij} \hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1})_{\ell m} + \hat{\mu}_{ij,\ell} (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \hat{\mu}_{ij})_m \right]. \quad (36)$$

The Iterative Algorithm

Given *old* values for $\{\hat{g}_i, \hat{\mu}_i, \hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1}\}$, $1 \leq i \leq K$, the *new* values should be computed in the following order:

$$\Sigma_{ij} = \left(\Sigma_i^{-1} + \Sigma_j^{-1} \right)^{-1}, \quad \mu_{ij} = \Sigma_{ij} \left(\Sigma_i^{-1} \mu_i + \Sigma_j^{-1} \mu_j \right), \quad (37)$$

$$R_{ij} = (2\pi)^{-d/2} f(\mu_i, \Sigma_i, -1) f(\mu_j, \Sigma_j, -1) f(\mu_{ij}, \Sigma_{ij}, +1), \quad (38)$$

$$\hat{g}_{i,\text{un}} = \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij} \left\langle \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\mu}_j, \hat{\Sigma}_j) \right\rangle, \quad (39)$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^K \hat{g}_{i,\text{un}} \right) / \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij}, \quad \hat{g}_i = \hat{g}_{i,\text{un}} + \hat{\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^K (\hat{R}^{-1})_{ij} \quad (40)$$

$$\hat{\mu}_i = \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}} \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \hat{\mu}_{ij} - \left\langle \mathbf{x} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\mu}_i, \hat{\Sigma}_i) \right\rangle \right], \quad (\text{if } \hat{\lambda} \neq 0) \quad (41)$$

$$\hat{\mu}_i = \hat{\Sigma}_i \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \hat{\Sigma}_{ij} \right]^{-1} \left\{ \left\langle \mathbf{x} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\mu}_i, \hat{\Sigma}_i) \right\rangle - \sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \hat{\Sigma}_{ij} \hat{\Sigma}_j^{-1} \hat{\mu}_j \right\} \quad (42)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1})_{\ell m} &= \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \left[(\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \hat{\Sigma}_{ij} \hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1})_{\ell m} + (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \hat{\mu}_{ij})_\ell (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \hat{\mu}_{ij})_m \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left\langle (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x})_\ell (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x})_m \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\mu}_i, \hat{\Sigma}_i) \right\rangle \right\} - (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \hat{\mu}_i)_\ell (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \hat{\mu}_i)_m, \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

$$(\Phi_i)_{\ell m} = \sum_{j=1}^K \hat{g}_j \hat{R}_{ij} \left[(\hat{\Sigma}_{ij} \hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1})_{\ell m} + \hat{\mu}_{ij,\ell} (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \hat{\mu}_{ij})_m \right], \quad (44)$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} = \left\langle (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \otimes (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\mu}_i, \hat{\Sigma}_i) \right\rangle \Phi_i^{-1} \quad \text{or} \quad (45)$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_i = \Phi_i \left\langle (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \otimes (\hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\mu}_i, \hat{\Sigma}_i) \right\rangle^{-1}, \quad (\text{if } \hat{\lambda} = 0). \quad (46)$$

As a safety procedure to improve stability, any matrix supposed to be symmetric should be numerically symmetrized. ■