

Consider the Gaussian mixture model introduced in class (I follow the same notations therein). Write $\theta = \{p, \mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma\}$ and $\theta^{(t)} = \{p^{(t)}, \mu_1^{(t)}, \mu_2^{(t)}, \sigma^{(t)}\}$. Then, the E-step is

$$\begin{aligned}
E_Z[\ell(X, Z, \theta)|X, \theta^{(t)}] &= \sum_i E_Z [Z_i \log p + (1 - Z_i) \log(1 - p) \\
&\quad + Z_i \log f(x_i, \mu_2, \sigma) + (1 - Z_i) \log f(x_i, \mu_1, \sigma)|X, \theta^{(t)}] \\
&= \sum_i (E[Z_i|X, \theta^{(t)}] \log p + (1 - E[Z_i|X, \theta^{(t)}]) \log(1 - p) \\
&\quad + E[Z_i|X, \theta^{(t)}] \log f(x_i, \mu_2, \sigma) + (1 - E[Z_i|X, \theta^{(t)}]) \log f(x_i, \mu_1, \sigma)) .
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Now, note that $E[Z_i|X, \theta^{(t)}] = \frac{p^{(t)} f(X_i, \mu_2^{(t)}, \sigma^{(t)})}{(1-p^{(t)})f(X_i, \mu_2^{(t)}, \sigma^{(t)}) + p^{(t)} f(X_i, \mu_1^{(t)}, \sigma^{(t)})}$. Define $\delta_i(\theta^{(t)}) := E[Z_i|X, \theta^{(t)}]$. Now, at the M-step, we must maximize

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_i (\delta_i(\theta^{(t)}) \log p + (1 - \delta_i(\theta^{(t)})) \log(1 - p) \\
&\quad + \delta_i(\theta^{(t)}) \log f(x_i, \mu_2, \sigma) + (1 - \delta_i(\theta^{(t)})) \log f(x_i, \mu_1, \sigma)) ,
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

with respect to $\theta = (p, \mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma)$ (not $\theta^{(t)}$). The θ that maximizes this will now be $\theta^{(t+1)}$.

Note that only the first two terms depend on p , so we have $p^{(t+1)} = \sum \delta_i(\theta^{(t)})/n$. Likewise, only the last two terms depend on (μ_1, μ_2, σ) and this gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_1^{(t+1)} &= \frac{1}{\sum (1 - \delta_i(\theta^{(t)}))} \sum (1 - \delta_i(\theta^{(t)})) X_i \\
\mu_2^{(t+1)} &= \frac{1}{\sum \delta_i(\theta^{(t)})} \sum \delta_i(\theta^{(t)}) X_i \\
\sigma^{2, (t+1)} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum \left[(1 - \delta_i(\theta^{(t)})) (X_i - \mu_1^{(t+1)})^2 + \delta_i(\theta^{(t)}) (X_i - \mu_2^{(t+1)})^2 \right] .
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$