

# Preclass 06: Mixture of Gaussian Clustering

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1. **Initialize** the means  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ , covariances  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$  and mixing coefficients  $\pi_k$ .
2. **E-step** Evaluate the responsibilities using the current parameter values

$$\gamma(z_{nk}) = \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \quad (1)$$

3. **M-step** Re-estimate the parameters using the current responsibilities

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) \mathbf{x}_n \quad (2)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \quad (3)$$

$$\pi_k = \frac{N_k}{N} \quad (4)$$

4. Evaluate the log likelihood

$$\log p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \log \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right\} \quad (5)$$

Mixture of Gaussian distributions can be written as a linear superposition of Gaussians.

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \quad (6)$$

Let us introduce  $K$ -dimensional binary random variable  $\mathbf{z}$  having a 1-of- $K$  representation in which a particular element  $z_k$  is equal to 1 and all other elements are equal to 0. The values of  $z_k$  therefore satisfy  $z_k \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $\sum_k z_k = 1$ , and we see that there are  $K$  possible states for the vector  $\mathbf{z}$  according to which element is nonzero.

The marginal distribution over  $\mathbf{z}$  is specified in terms of the mixing coefficients  $\pi_k$ , such that

$$p(z_k = 1) = \pi_k \quad (7)$$

where  $0 \leq \pi_k \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$ .

# MoG: 1-of-K representation

**Figure 9.4** Graphical representation of a mixture model, in which the joint distribution is expressed in the form  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$ .



Because  $\mathbf{z}_k$  uses a 1-of-K representation, we can also write this distribution in the form

$$p(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{z_k} \quad (8)$$

Similarly, the conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{x}$  given a particular value for  $\mathbf{z}$  is a Gaussian

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}_k = 1) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \quad (9)$$

which can also be written in the form

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{k=1}^K \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)^{z_k} \quad (10)$$

The joint distribution is given by  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z})$ , and the marginal distribution of  $\mathbf{x}$  is then obtained by summing the joint distribution over all possible states of  $\mathbf{z}$  to give

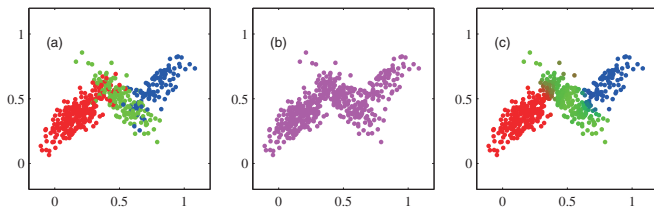
$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \quad (11)$$

Another quantity that will play an important role is the condition probability of  $\mathbf{z}$  given  $\mathbf{x}$ . We shall use  $\gamma(z_k)$  to denote  $p(z_k = 1|\mathbf{x})$ , whose value can be found using Bayes' theorem

$$\gamma(z_k) \equiv p(z_k = 1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|z_k = 1)p(z_k = 1)}{\sum_{j=1}^K p(\mathbf{x}|z_j = 1)p(z_j = 1)} \quad (12)$$

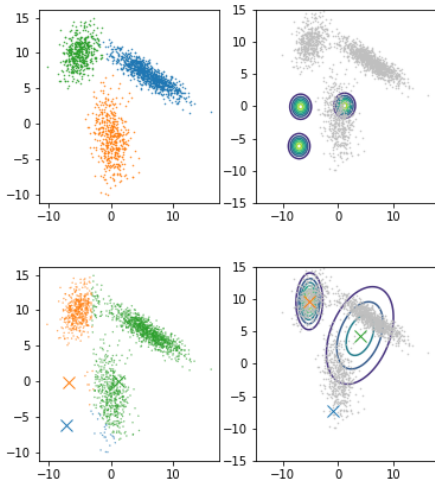
$$= \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \quad (13)$$

We shall view  $\pi_k$  as the prior probability of  $z_k = 1$ , and the quantity  $\gamma(z_k)$  as the corresponding posterior probability once we have observed  $\mathbf{x}$ . As we shall see later,  $\gamma(z_k)$  can also be viewed as the *responsibility* that component  $k$  takes for ‘explaining’ the observation  $\mathbf{x}$ .



**Figure 9.5** Example of 500 points drawn from the mixture of 3 Gaussians shown in Figure 2.23. (a) Samples from the joint distribution  $p(\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$  in which the three states of  $\mathbf{z}$ , corresponding to the three components of the mixture, are depicted in red, green, and blue, and (b) the corresponding samples from the marginal distribution  $p(\mathbf{x})$ , which is obtained by simply ignoring the values of  $\mathbf{z}$  and just plotting the  $\mathbf{x}$  values. The data set in (a) is said to be *complete*, whereas that in (b) is *incomplete*. (c) The same samples in which the colours represent the value of the responsibilities  $\gamma(z_{nk})$  associated with data point  $\mathbf{x}_n$ , obtained by plotting the corresponding point using proportions of red, blue, and green ink given by  $\gamma(z_{nk})$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3$ , respectively

# MoG: python example



**Figure 1:** MoG python example: dataset and initialization (top) and the 1st iteration (bottom).

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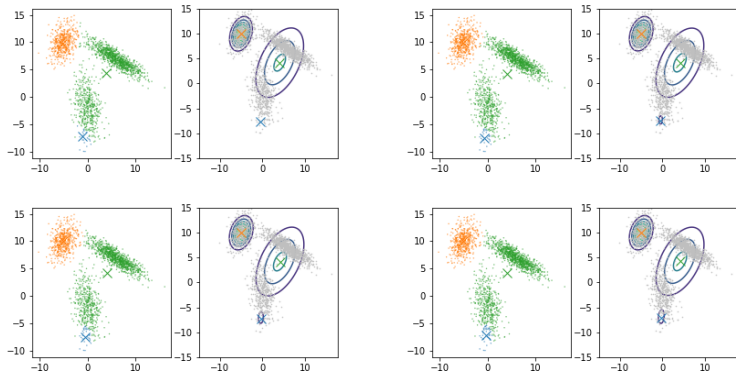
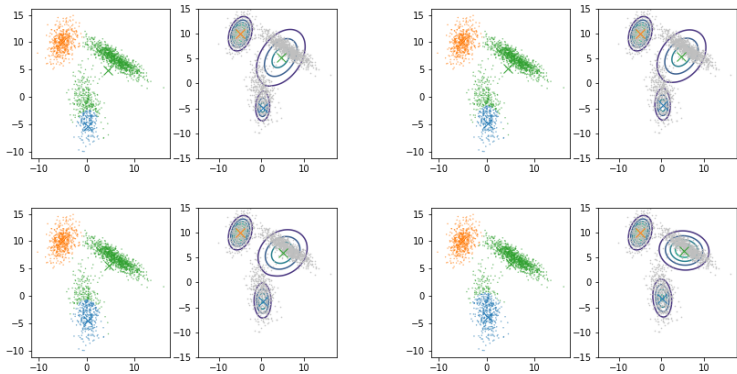
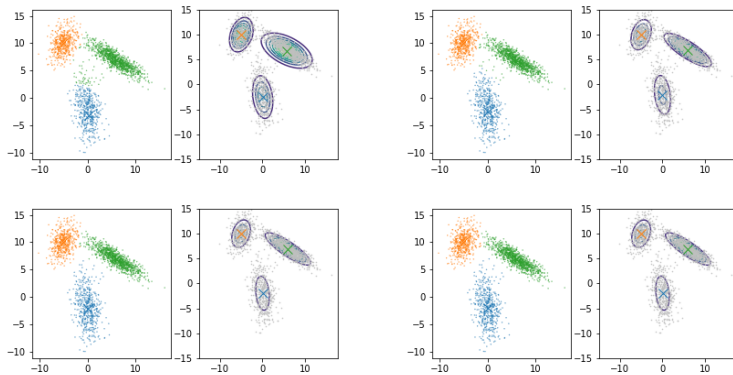


Figure 2: From the 2nd to 5th iterations.





**Figure 3:** From the 12th to 15th iterations.



**Figure 4:** From the 16th to 19th iterations.

# Appendix

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## Reference and further reading

- “Chap 9” of A. Geron, Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn, Keras & TensorFlow
- “Chap 9” of C. Bishop, Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning
- Variational Bayesian mixtures of Gaussians