



EM

hidden / latent variable
(for example, class of X)

Objective: Find θ given the observed X

The EM approach is through maximizing the likelihood $p(X|\theta)$, i.e.

$$\max_{\theta} p(X|\theta) \quad (1)$$

However, in many cases, (1) is intractable.

Instead, consider

$$\log p(X|\theta) = \log \sum_z p(X, z|\theta)$$

$$= \log \sum_z q(z|x) \frac{p(X, z|\theta)}{q(z|x)} \quad (\text{-ve free energy})$$

Jensen's inequality $\geq \sum_z q(z|x) \log \frac{p(X, z|\theta)}{q(z|x)} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} F(q, \theta)$

and we will try to maximize $F(q, \theta)$ instead

EM algorithm (in the general form):

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{E-step} \quad q^t = \arg \max_q F(q, \theta^t) \\ \text{M-step} \quad \theta^{t+1} = \arg \max_{\theta} F(q^{t+1}, \theta) \end{array} \right\} \text{at } t+1 \text{ iteration}$$

Note that $F(q, \theta) = \sum_z q(z|x) \log p(X, z|\theta) - \sum_z q(z|x) \log q(z|x) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} H(q)$

$$\begin{aligned} F(q, \theta) &= \sum_z q(z|x) \log \frac{p(z|x)\theta}{q(z|x)} \\ &= - \sum_z q(z|x) \log \frac{q(z|x)}{p(z|x)} + \sum_z q(z|x) \log p(z|x) \\ &= - \sum_z q(z|x) \log \frac{q(z|x)}{p(z|x)} + \log p(X|\theta) \end{aligned}$$

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 $D(q(z|x) \parallel p(z|x, \theta))$

D.B. $D(p \parallel q) = \sum p \log \frac{p}{q} = - \sum p \log \frac{q}{p}$
 $(\log x \leq x-1) \leq - \sum p \left(\frac{q}{p} - 1 \right) = - \sum q + \sum p = 0$

Note that "=" holds for (a) only when $p = q$

Therefore; E-step: θ treated as constant

$$b^{t+1} = \underset{b}{\operatorname{argmax}} F(b, \theta^t)$$

indep of z

$$= \underset{b}{\operatorname{argmax}} D(q(z|x) || p(z|x; \theta^t)) + \log p(x|\theta)$$

$$\therefore b^{t+1}(z|x) = p(z|x; \theta^t)$$

M-step:

$$\theta^{t+1} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} F(\theta^{t+1}, \theta)$$

indep of q

$$= \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_z q^{t+1}(z|x) \log p(x, z|\theta) - H(q^{t+1})$$

$$= \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_z q^{t+1}(z|x) \log p(x, z|\theta)$$

$$\text{let } L = \sum_z q^{t+1} \log p(x, z|\theta) = \sum_k q^{t+1} \left[\log \alpha_k - \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_k^{t+1})^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x - \mu_k^{t+1}) - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi |\Sigma_k|) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mu_k} = \Sigma_k^{-1} \sum_z q^{t+1}(z=k|x) (x - \mu_k)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma_k^{-1}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_x q^{t+1}(z=k|x) \left[\Sigma_k^{-1} - (x - \mu_k^{t+1})(x - \mu_k^{t+1})^T \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \alpha_k} = \frac{1}{\alpha_k} \sum_x q^{t+1}(z=k|x) - 1 \quad (\alpha = 1)$$

Fact: $\frac{\partial \log |A^{-1}|}{\partial A^{-1}} = A^t$ & $\frac{\partial x^t A x}{\partial A} = x x^t$

Eg. Mixture of K Gaussians (N sample points)

$$p(x|\theta) = \sum_k p(z=k|\theta) N(x; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \propto \sum_k \alpha_k \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x - \mu_k)$$

Denote α_k as estimate of prior $p(z=k|\theta)$,

$$I\text{-step: } q^{t+1}(z=k|x) = p(z=k|x, \theta^t) = \frac{p(z=k, x|\theta^t)}{\sum_k p(z=k, x|\theta^t)}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_k N(x; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) p(z=k|\theta)}{\sum_k \alpha_k N(x; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)}$$

(class, class)

(Note that EM is essentially the "soft" k-mean / Lloyd-Max)

E-step compute the expected likelihood of x over all classes

M-step:

$$\theta^t = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_z q^{t+1}(z|x) \log p(x, z|\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_k^{t+1} = \frac{\sum_z q^{t+1}(z=k|x) x}{\sum_z q^{t+1}(z=k|x)}$$

$$\Sigma_k^{t+1} = \frac{\sum_z q^{t+1}(z=k|x) (x - \mu_k^{t+1})(x - \mu_k^{t+1})^T}{\sum_z q^{t+1}(z=k|x)}$$

$$\alpha_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_z q^{t+1}(z=k|x)$$