

# Unsupervised Learning with Mixtures of Gaussians

## EM Algorithm - continued

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# Supervised Learning of Mixtures of Gaussians

## Mixtures of Gaussians:

- Prior class probabilities:  $P(y)$
- Likelihood function per class:  $P(x|y=i)$

$x \rightarrow m$  dims

## Suppose, for each data point, we know location $x$ and class $y$

- Learning is easy... ☺

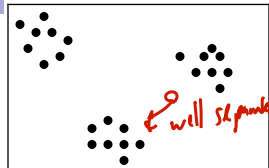
□ For prior  $P(y) \leftrightarrow P(y=i) = \frac{\text{count}(y=i) \text{ in data}}{N}$

□ For likelihood function:  
 $P(x|y=i)$   $\leftarrow \mu_i$  is average of  $x_j$  for points in class  $i$   
 $\Sigma_i \leftarrow \sigma_{ii} = \frac{\sum_{j \text{ in cluster } i} (x_j^i - \mu_{ii})(x_j^i - \mu_{ii})}{\text{num points in cluster } i}$

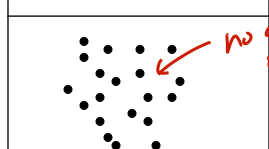
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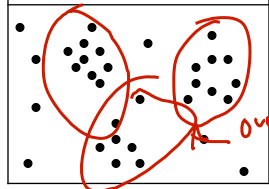
# Unsupervised Learning: *we don't have $y_j$* not as hard as it looks



Sometimes easy



Sometimes impossible



and sometimes in between

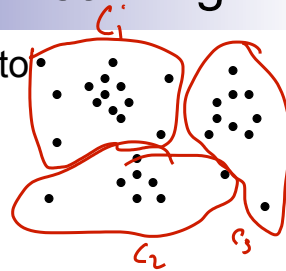
IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT THESE DIAGRAMS ARE, THEY SHOW 2-d UNLABELED DATA (X VECTORS) DISTRIBUTED IN 2-d SPACE. THE TOP ONE HAS THREE VERY CLEAR GAUSSIAN CENTERS

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## EM: "Reducing" Unsupervised Learning to Supervised Learning

- If we knew assignment of points to classes → Supervised Learning!



- Expectation-Maximization (EM)

- ☐ Guess assignment of points to classes *or clusters*
- ☐ Recompute model parameters
- ☐ Iterate

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## Back to Unsupervised Learning of Mixtures of Gaussians – a simple version

A simple case:

We have unlabeled data  $\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_m$

We know there are  $k$  classes

We know  $P(y_1) P(y_2) P(y_3) \dots P(y_k)$

We don't know  $\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_k$

We can write  $P(\text{data} \mid \mu_1, \dots, \mu_k)$

$$= P(\mathbf{x}_1 \dots \mathbf{x}_m \mid \mu_1 \dots \mu_k)$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^m P(\mathbf{x}_j \mid \mu_1 \dots \mu_k)$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^k P(\mathbf{x}^j \mid \mu_i) P(y=i)$$

$$\propto \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^k \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}^j - \mu_i\|^2\right) P(y=i)$$

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## EM for simple version of Mixtures of Gaussians: The E-step

- If we know  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k \rightarrow$  easily compute prob. point  $\mathbf{x}^j$  belongs to class  $y=i$

$$P(y=i \mid \mathbf{x}^j, \mu_1 \dots \mu_k) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}^j - \mu_i\|^2\right) P(y=i)$$

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## EM for simple version of Mixtures of Gaussians: The M-step

- If we know prob. point  $x^j$  belongs to class  $y=i$   
 → MLE for  $\mu_i$  is weighted average
- imagine  $k$  copies of each  $x^j$ , each with weight  $P(y=i|x^j)$ :

$$\mu_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m P(y=i|x^j) x^j}{\sum_{j=1}^m P(y=i|x^j)}$$

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## E.M. for Simple version of Mixtures of Gaussians

### E-step

Compute “expected” classes of all datapoints for each class

$$p(y=i|x^j, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_k) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|x^j - \mu_i\|^2\right) P(y=i)$$

Just evaluate  
a Gaussian at  
 $x^j$

### M-step

Compute Max. like  $\mu$  given our data's class membership distributions

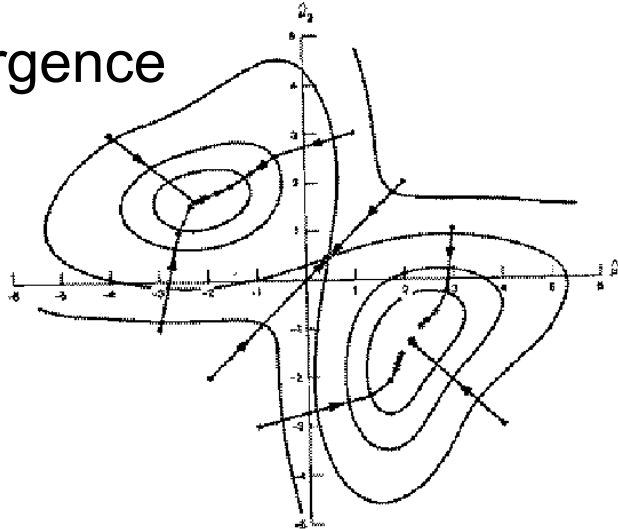
$$\mu_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m P(y=i|x^j) x^j}{\sum_{j=1}^m P(y=i|x^j)}$$

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# E.M. Convergence

- EM is coordinate ascent on an interesting potential function
- Coord. ascent for bounded pot. func. ! convergence to a local optimum guaranteed



- This algorithm is REALLY USED. And in high dimensional state spaces, too. E.G. Vector Quantization for Speech Data

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## E.M. for **axis-aligned** GMM

Iterate. On the  $t$ 'th iteration let our estimates be

$$\lambda_t = \{ \mu_1^{(t)}, \mu_2^{(t)} \dots \mu_k^{(t)}, \Sigma_1^{(t)}, \Sigma_2^{(t)} \dots \Sigma_k^{(t)}, p_1^{(t)}, p_2^{(t)} \dots p_k^{(t)} \}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3^2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_{m-1}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \sigma_m^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

### E-step

Compute "expected" classes of all datapoints for each class

$p_i^{(t)}$  is shorthand for estimate of prior  $P(y=i)$  on  $t$ 'th iteration

$$P(y=i|x^j, \lambda_t) \propto p_i^{(t)} p(x^j | \mu_i^{(t)}, \Sigma_i^{(t)})$$

Just evaluate a Gaussian at  $x^j$

### M-step

Compute Max. like  $\mu$  given our data's class membership distributions

$$\mu_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_j P(y=i|x^j, \lambda_t) x^j}{\sum_j P(y=i|x^j, \lambda_t)}$$

$$p_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_j P(y=i|x^j, \lambda_t)}{m}$$

$m = \text{\#records}$

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# E.M. for General GMMs

Iterate. On the  $t$ 'th iteration let our estimates be

$$\lambda_t = \{ \mu_1^{(t)}, \mu_2^{(t)} \dots \mu_K^{(t)}, \Sigma_1^{(t)}, \Sigma_2^{(t)} \dots \Sigma_K^{(t)}, p_1^{(t)}, p_2^{(t)} \dots p_K^{(t)} \}$$

$p_i^{(t)}$  is shorthand for estimate of prior  $P(y=i)$  on  $t$ 'th iteration

## E-step

Compute "expected" classes of all datapoints for each class

$$P(y=i|x^j, \lambda_t) \propto p_i^{(t)} p(x^j | \mu_i^{(t)}, \Sigma_i^{(t)})$$

Just evaluate a Gaussian at  $x^j$

## M-step

Compute Max. like  $\mu$  given our data's class membership distributions

$$\mu_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_j P(y=i|x^j, \lambda_t) x^j}{\sum_j P(y=i|x^j, \lambda_t)} \quad \Sigma_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_j P(y=i|x^j, \lambda_t) [x^j - \mu_i^{(t+1)}][x^j - \mu_i^{(t+1)}]^T}{\sum_j P(y=i|x^j, \lambda_t)}$$

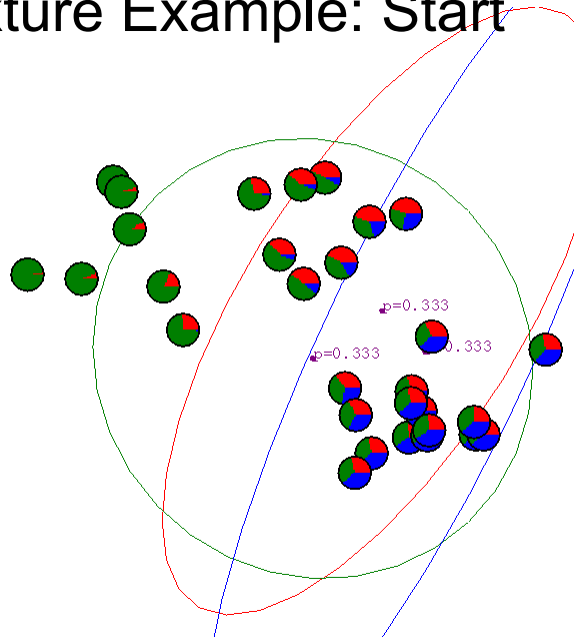
$$p_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_j P(y=i|x^j, \lambda_t)}{m}$$

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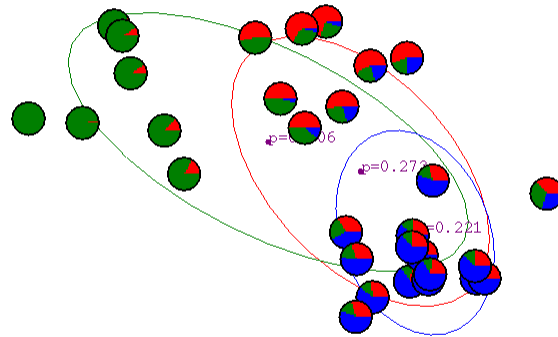
# Gaussian Mixture Example: Start



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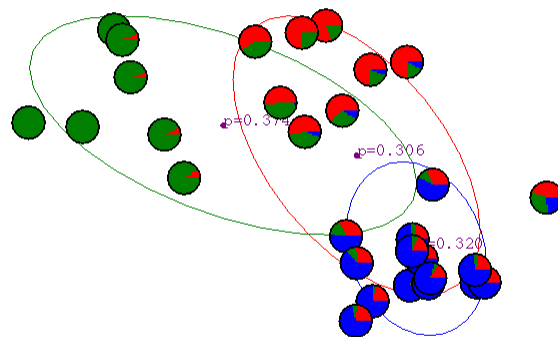
## After first iteration



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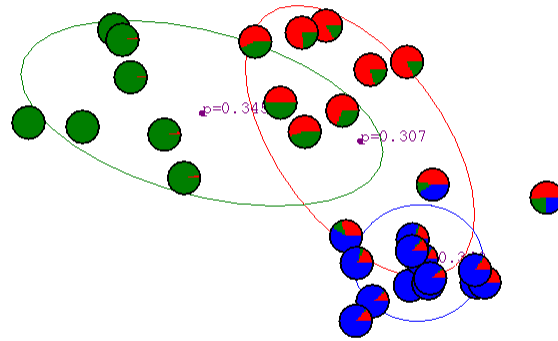
## After 2nd iteration



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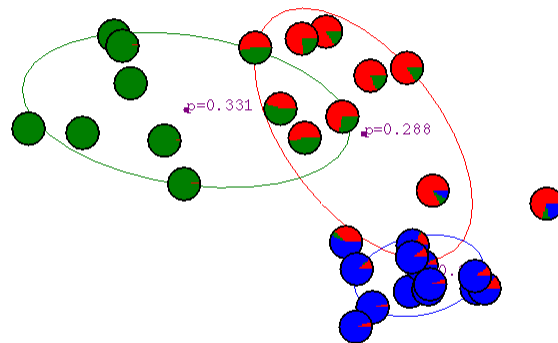
## After 3rd iteration



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## After 4th iteration

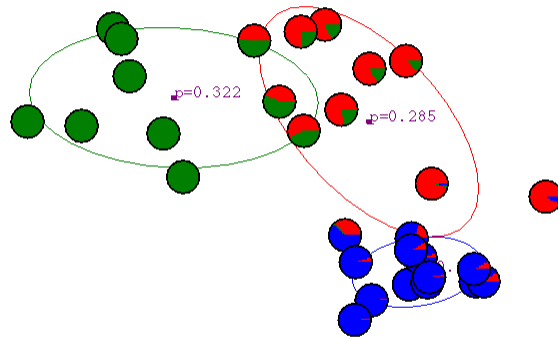


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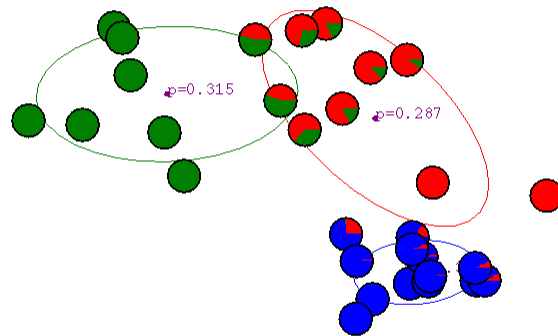
## After 5th iteration



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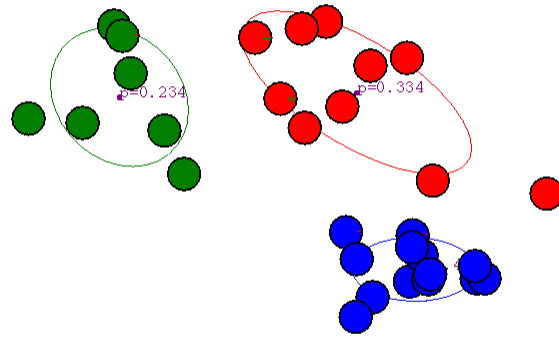
## After 6th iteration



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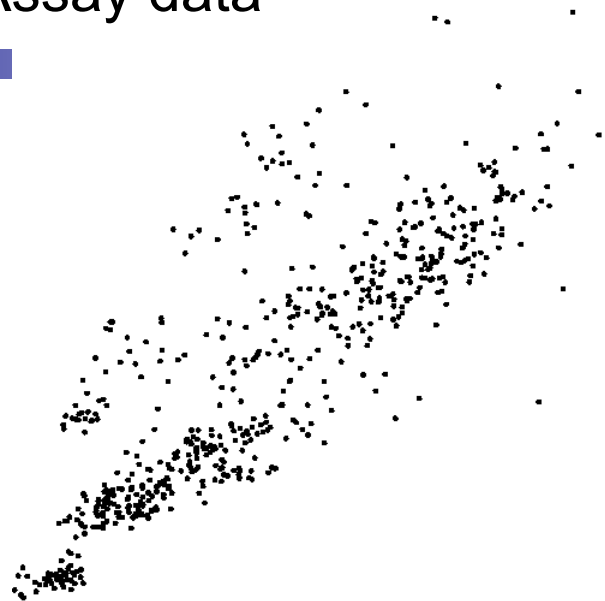
## After 20th iteration



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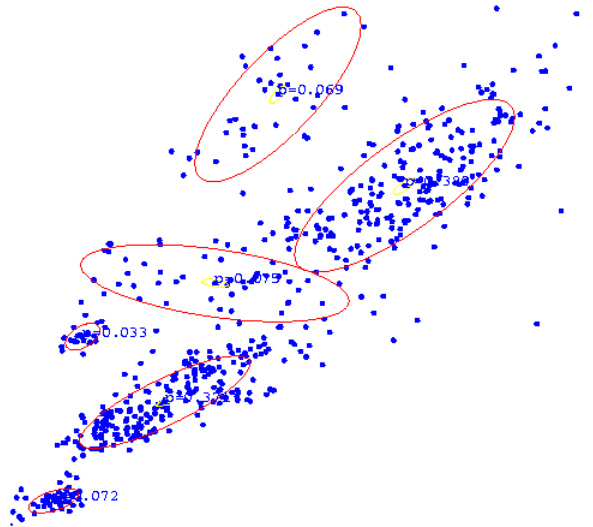
## Some Bio Assay data



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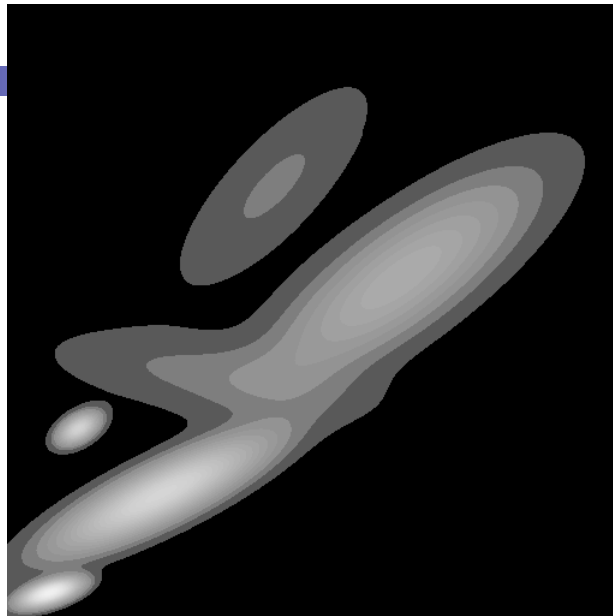
## GMM clustering of the assay data



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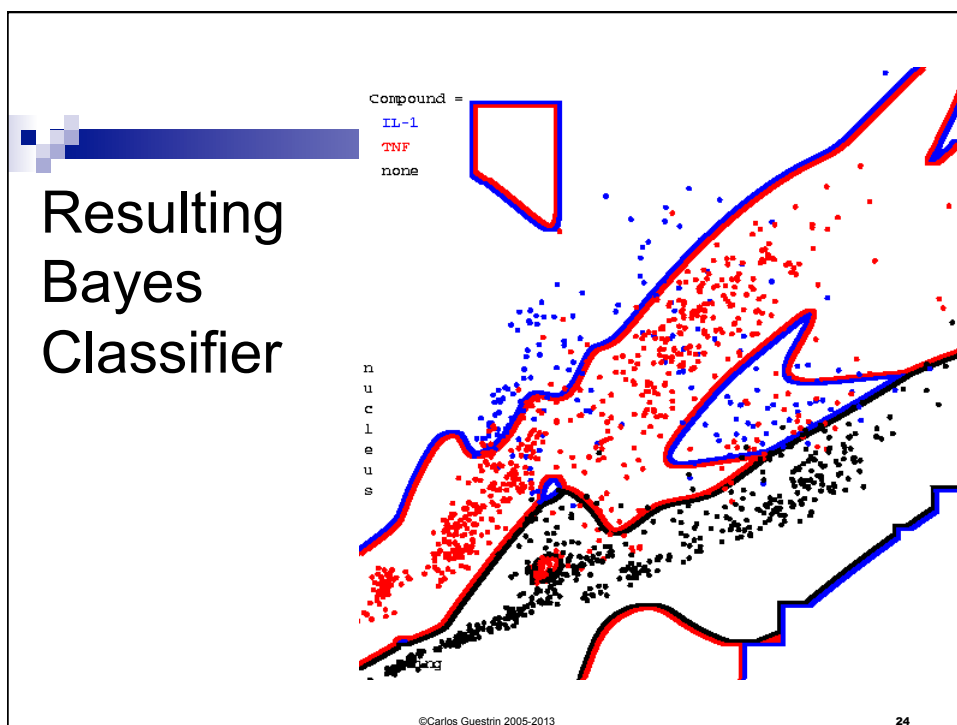
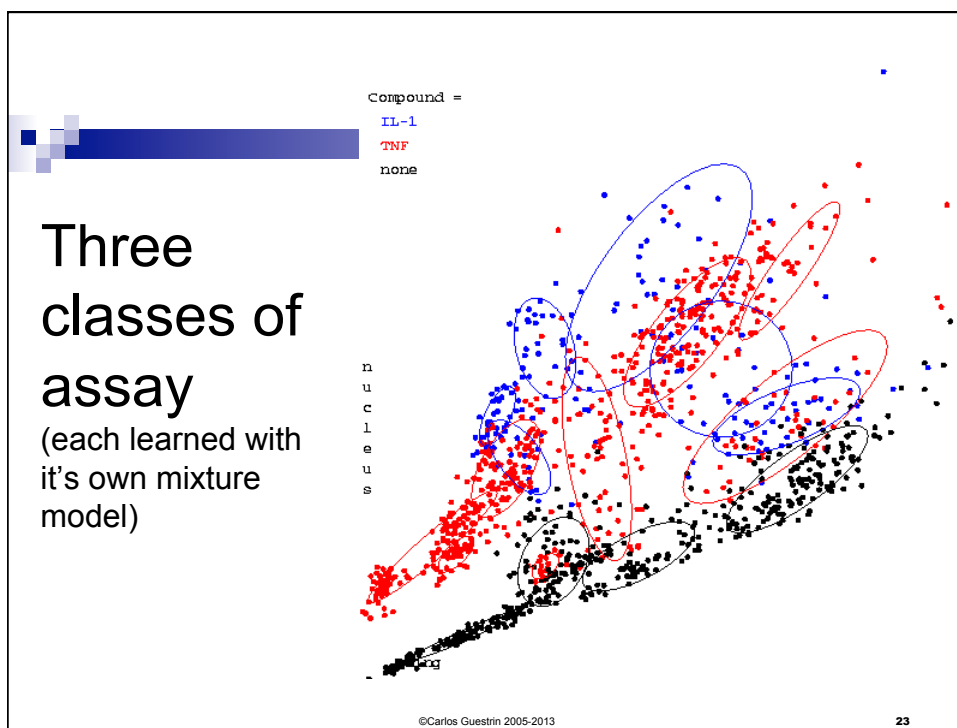
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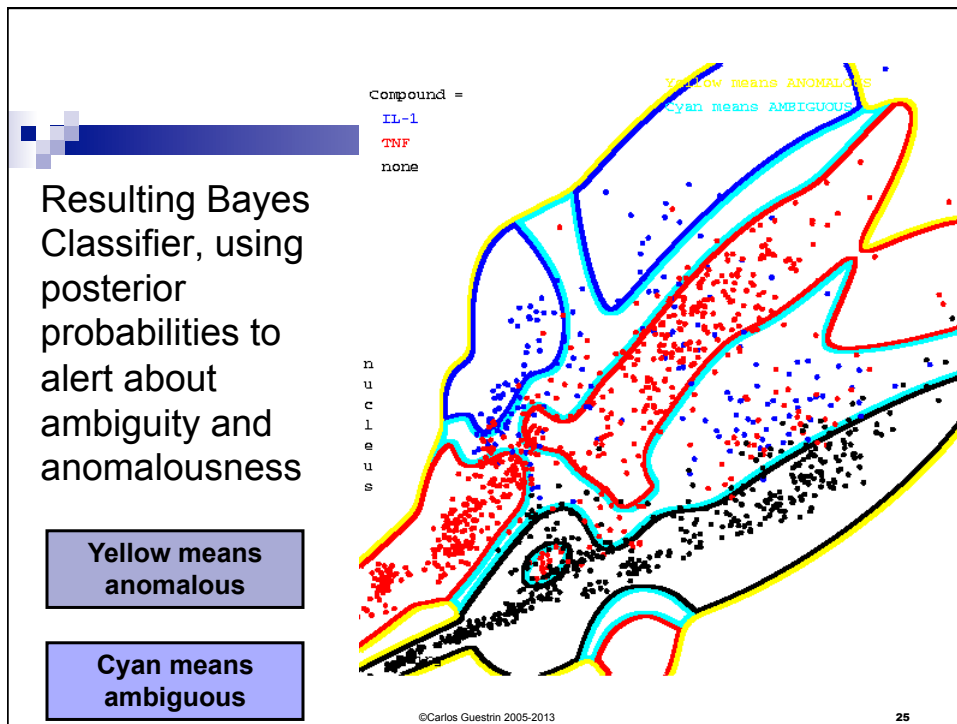
## Resulting Density Estimator



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## E.M.: The General Case

- E.M. widely used beyond mixtures of Gaussians
  - The recipe is the same...
- Expectation Step: Fill in missing data, given current values of parameters,  $\theta^{(t)}$ 
  - If variable  $y$  is missing (could be many variables)
  - Compute, for each data point  $\mathbf{x}^i$ , for each value  $i$  of  $y$ :
    - $P(y=i|\mathbf{x}^i, \theta^{(t)})$
- Maximization step: Find maximum likelihood parameters for (weighted) “completed data”:
  - For each data point  $\mathbf{x}^i$ , create  $k$  weighted data points
    -
  - Set  $\theta^{(t+1)}$  as the maximum likelihood parameter estimate for this weighted data
- Repeat

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## What you should know

- K-means for clustering:
  - algorithm
  - converges because it's coordinate ascent
- EM for mixture of Gaussians:
  - How to “learn” maximum likelihood parameters (locally max. like.) in the case of unlabeled data
- Be happy with this kind of probabilistic analysis
- Remember, E.M. can get stuck in local minima, and empirically it DOES
- EM is coordinate ascent

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## Acknowledgements

- K-means & Gaussian mixture models presentation contains material from excellent tutorial by Andrew Moore:
  - <http://www.autonlab.org/tutorials/>
- K-means Applet:
  - [http://www.elet.polimi.it/upload/matteucc/Clustering/tutorial\\_html/AppletKM.html](http://www.elet.polimi.it/upload/matteucc/Clustering/tutorial_html/AppletKM.html)
- Gaussian mixture models Applet:
  - <http://www.neurosci.aist.go.jp/%7Eakaho/MixtureEM.html>

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# Dimensionality Reduction PCA

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## Dimensionality reduction



- Input data may have thousands or millions of dimensions!
  - e.g., text data has
- **Dimensionality reduction:** represent data with fewer dimensions
  - easier learning – fewer parameters
  - visualization – hard to visualize more than 3D or 4D
  - discover “intrinsic dimensionality” of data
    - high dimensional data that is truly lower dimensional

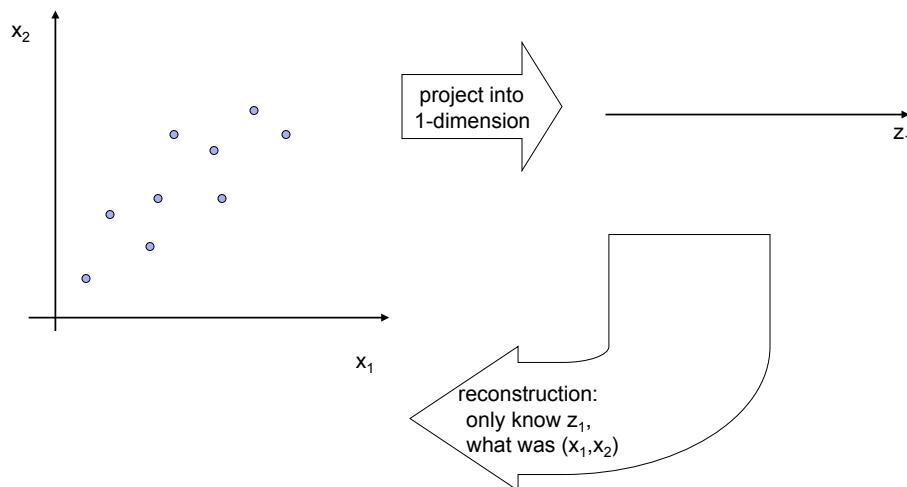
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## Lower dimensional projections

- Rather than picking a subset of the features, we can new features that are combinations of existing features
- Let's see this in the unsupervised setting
  - just  $\mathbf{X}$ , but no  $\mathbf{Y}$

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## Linear projection and reconstruction



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## Principal component analysis – basic idea

- Project n-dimensional data into k-dimensional space while preserving information:
  - e.g., project space of 10000 words into 3-dimensions
  - e.g., project 3-d into 2-d
- Choose projection with minimum reconstruction error

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## Linear projections, a review

- Project a point into a (lower dimensional) space:
  - **point:**  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$
  - **select a basis** – set of basis vectors –  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$ 
    - we consider orthonormal basis:
      - $\mathbf{u}_i \bullet \mathbf{u}_i = 1$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_i \bullet \mathbf{u}_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$
  - **select a center** –  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ , defines offset of space
  - **best coordinates** in lower dimensional space defined by dot-products:  $(z_1, \dots, z_k)$ ,  $z_i = (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \bullet \mathbf{u}_i$ 
    - minimum squared error

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## PCA finds projection that minimizes reconstruction error

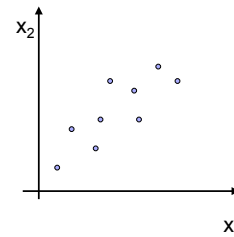
- Given  $m$  data points:  $\mathbf{x}^i = (x_1^i, \dots, x_d^i)$ ,  $i=1 \dots N$
- Will represent each point as a projection:

$$\square \hat{\mathbf{x}}^i = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{j=1}^k z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j \quad \text{where: } \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}^i \quad \text{and} \quad z_j^i = (\mathbf{x}^i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_j$$

- PCA:

- Given  $k \ll d$ , find  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$  minimizing reconstruction error:

$$error_k = \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}^i - \hat{\mathbf{x}}^i)^2$$



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## Understanding the reconstruction error

- Note that  $\mathbf{x}^i$  can be represented exactly by  $d$ -dimensional projection:

$$\mathbf{x}^i = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{j=1}^d z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^i = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{j=1}^k z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j$$

$$z_j^i = (\mathbf{x}^i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_j$$

- Given  $k \ll d$ , find  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$  minimizing reconstruction error:

$$error_k = \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}^i - \hat{\mathbf{x}}^i)^2$$

- Rewriting error:

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## Reconstruction error and covariance matrix

$$error_k = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=k+1}^d [u_j \cdot (x^i - \bar{x})]^2$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x^i - \bar{x})(x^i - \bar{x})^T$$

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## Minimizing reconstruction error and eigen vectors

- Minimizing reconstruction error equivalent to picking orthonormal basis  $(u_1, \dots, u_d)$  minimizing:

$$error_k = \sum_{j=k+1}^d u_j^T \Sigma u_j$$

- Eigen vector:
- Minimizing reconstruction error equivalent to picking  $(u_{k+1}, \dots, u_d)$  to be eigen vectors with smallest eigen values

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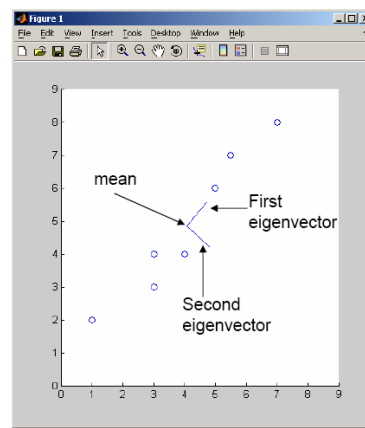
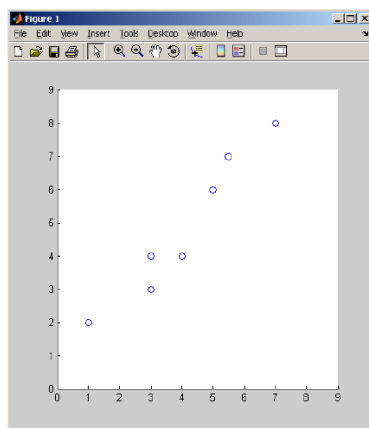
# Basic PCA algorithm

- Start from m by n data matrix  $\mathbf{X}$
- **Recenter**: subtract mean from each row of  $\mathbf{X}$ 
  - $\mathbf{X}_c \leftarrow \mathbf{X} - \bar{\mathbf{X}}$
- **Compute covariance matrix**:
  - $\Sigma \leftarrow 1/N \mathbf{X}_c^T \mathbf{X}_c$
- Find **eigen vectors and values** of  $\Sigma$
- **Principal components**: k eigen vectors with highest eigen values

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# PCA example

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^i = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{j=1}^k z_j^i \mathbf{u}_j$$

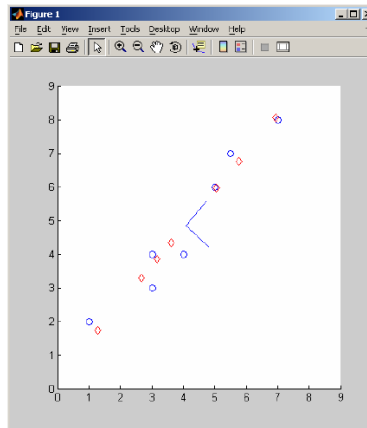
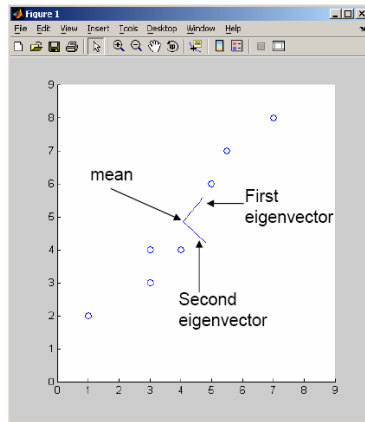


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# PCA example – reconstruction

$$\hat{x}^i = \bar{x} + \sum_{j=1}^k z_j^i u_j$$

only used first principal component



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## Eigenfaces [Turk, Pentland '91]

■ Input images:



■ Principal components:



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# Eigenfaces reconstruction

- Each image corresponds to adding 8 principal components:



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# Scaling up

- Covariance matrix can be really big!
  - $\Sigma$  is  $d$  by  $d$
  - Say, only 10000 features
  - finding eigenvectors is very slow...
- Use singular value decomposition (SVD)
  - finds to  $k$  eigenvectors
  - great implementations available, e.g., R or Matlab svd

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# SVD

- Write  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^T$ 
  - $\mathbf{X} \leftarrow$  data matrix, one row per datapoint
  - $\mathbf{W} \leftarrow$  weight matrix, one row per datapoint – coordinate of  $\mathbf{x}^i$  in eigenspace
  - $\mathbf{S} \leftarrow$  singular value matrix, diagonal matrix
    - in our setting each entry is eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$
  - $\mathbf{V}^T \leftarrow$  singular vector matrix
    - in our setting each row is eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_j$

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## PCA using SVD algorithm

- Start from  $m$  by  $n$  data matrix  $\mathbf{X}$
- **Recenter**: subtract mean from each row of  $\mathbf{X}$ 
  - $\mathbf{X}_c \leftarrow \mathbf{X} - \bar{\mathbf{X}}$
- Call SVD algorithm on  $\mathbf{X}_c$  – ask for  $k$  singular vectors
- **Principal components**:  $k$  singular vectors with highest singular values (rows of  $\mathbf{V}^T$ )
  - **Coefficients** become:

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# What you need to know

- Dimensionality reduction
  - why and when it's important
- Simple feature selection
- Principal component analysis
  - minimizing reconstruction error
  - relationship to covariance matrix and eigenvectors
  - using SVD