

Clustering (contd.) EM Algorithm

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Probability Review

Sample Space: The set of all possible outcomes is *sample space* (Ω) $P(\Omega) = 1$.

And probability of any event A: $P(A) \leq P(\Omega)$

Conditional Probability: The probability of an event given that another event has occurred is called a conditional probability. The conditional probability of A given B is denoted by $P(A|B)$ and is computed as follows:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$P(A|B)$ is also called as the *posterior* probability of A i.e. probability of A after observing that event B has occurred. In this case $P(A)$ is also called as *prior* probability.

Bayes' Rule:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

It is often easier to compute $P(B|A)$ than $P(A|B)$. Bayes' rule makes it possible to evaluate $P(A|B)$.

Coin problem: Consider 2 biased coins, one (H_{biased}) has $P(\text{Head}) = 0.99$ and the other (T_{biased}) has $P(\text{Tail}) = 0.99$. One of them is drawn randomly ($P_{H_{\text{biased}}} = P_{T_{\text{biased}}} = 0.5$) and tossed. Thus the prior probability of $P_{H_{\text{biased}}} = 0.5$. What is the posterior probability of H_{biased} given the fact that a Head occurred $P(H_{\text{biased}}|H)$?

$$P(H_{\text{biased}} | H) = \frac{P(H | H_{\text{biased}})P(H_{\text{biased}})}{P(H)} = \frac{P(H | H_{\text{biased}})P(H_{\text{biased}})}{P(H_{\text{biased}}) \times 0.99 + P(T_{\text{biased}}) \times 0.01} = \frac{0.99 \times 0.5}{0.5 \times 0.99 + 0.5 \times 0.01} = 0.99$$

Thus the posterior probability $P(H_{\text{biased}}|H) = 0.99$ where the prior probability of $P(H_{\text{biased}})$ was 0.5.

Notations used:

$Z_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$ is a binary variable such that $Z_{ij}=1$ if $X_i \in$ Gaussian with μ_j and $Z_{ij}=0$ otherwise.

Event A = sample X_i is drawn from $N(\mu_1, \sigma_1)$, $P(A) = \tau_1$

Event B = sample X_i is drawn from $N(\mu_2, \sigma_2)$, $P(B) = \tau_2$

Event D = $X_i \in [X, X + dx]$

Calculating $E(Z_{ij})$:

$P(D|A)$ can be calculated using: $P(D|A) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu_j)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$

And $P(A|D)$ can be calculated using $P(D|A)$ and applying Bayes' rule as:

$$P(A|D) = \frac{P(D|A)P(A)}{P(D)}$$

where, $P(D) = P(D|A)P(A) + P(D|B)P(B)$ if A and B are mutually exclusive and exhaustive.

$$P(D) = \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu_j)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \tau_j$$

$$P(A|D) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu_j)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \tau_j}{\sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu_j)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}$$

D is the observed data and A is the model. P(A|D) is the posterior probability after seeing the data D that it came from model A.

And $E(Z_{ij}) = P(A|D)$.

Clustering can also be classified into hard clustering and soft clustering. Hard clustering is where every data point is assumed to belong to only one cluster. Soft clustering involves assigning a certain probability for the data point belonging to each cluster.

If τ_j s are unknown but Zs are known, μ s and τ s can be calculated by using maximum likelihood estimation. If Zs are unknown, bayesian estimation has to be used to calculate Z_i .

EM Algorithms

EM stands for estimation-maximization. There are two types of EM algorithms.

Classification Em Algorithms: (Hard clustering)

Steps:

1. Given μ s and τ s, estimate Z_i
2. Assign each x_i to the best cluster
3. Re-estimate μ s and τ s
4. Reiterate

(General) EM Algorithm: (soft clustering)

Steps:

1. Random initialization of μ s and τ s
2. Using these values of μ s and τ s, estimate Zs
3. Given distribution of Zs, re-estimate μ s and τ s
4. Reiterate

Consider that the data points belong to a mixture of two Gaussians with means μ_1 and μ_2 and variance σ^2 .

Assuming equal likelihood of the data point belonging to each cluster i.e. $\tau_1 = \tau_2$, for any data point, the posterior probability (given the μ s) of it belonging to any cluster, is given by,

$$P(X_i, Z_{i1}, Z_{i2} | \mu_1, \mu_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^2 Z_{ij} (x_i - \mu_j)^2}$$

The joint probability for all the points is:

$$P((X_1, Z_{11}, Z_{12}), (X_2, Z_{21}, Z_{22}) \dots | \mu_1, \mu_2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^2 Z_{ij} (x_i - \mu_j)^2}$$

The goal is to maximize this probability, which is equivalent to maximizing the log of the function.

$$\max \log(P((X_1, Z_{11}, Z_{12}), (X_2, Z_{21}, Z_{22}) \dots | \mu_1, \mu_2)) = \max \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^2 Z_{ij} (x_i - \mu_j)^2 \right\}$$

now, maximizing expected value of log P i.e. max E(log P), treating Z_i as a random variable drawn from distributions defined by μ_1^t, μ_2^t

$$\max E(\log(P((X_1, Z_{11}, Z_{12}), (X_2, Z_{21}, Z_{22}) \dots | \mu_1, \mu_2))) = \max \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^2 E(Z_{ij})(x_i - \mu_j)^2 \right\}$$

Finding μ_1 and μ_2 that maximize E(log P) is equivalent to finding μ_1 and μ_2 that minimize

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^2 E(Z_{ij})(x_i - \mu_j)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^2 E(Z_{ij})(x_i - \mu_j)^2 \right\} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{i1})(x_i - \mu_1) = 0$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{i1})x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{i1})} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{i2})x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{i2})}$$

$$\text{similarly for } k \text{ clusters, } \mu_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{ik})x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{ik})}$$

Same technique can be used to estimate unknown τ s and σ s if they are not the same for each cluster.

EM Algorithm (proof of convergence):

- Let X be the visible data
- Y the hidden data
- θ, θ^t the parameters where θ^t is the value of the parameters at time t

$$P(Y | X, \theta) = \frac{P(Y \cap X | \theta)}{P(X | \theta)}$$

$$\forall \text{ fixed } y, \log P(X | \theta) = \log(P(X, Y | \theta)) - \log P(Y | X, \theta)$$

$$\log P(X | \theta) = \sum_y P(Y | X, \theta^t) \log(P(X, Y | \theta)) - P(y | X, \theta^t) \log P(Y | X, \theta) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Let } Q(\theta | \theta^t) = \sum_y P(Y | X, \theta^t) \log(P(X, Y | \theta))$$

Subtracting $\log P(X | \theta^t)$ from (1),

$$\log P(X | \theta) - \log P(X | \theta') = Q(\theta | \theta') - Q(\theta' | \theta') + \sum_y P(y | X, \theta') \log \frac{P(Y | X, \theta')}{P(Y | X, \theta)}$$

$H(P(Y | X, \theta) \| P(Y | X, \theta')) \geq 0$ is the relative entropy

$\theta^{t+1} = \theta$ that maximizes $Q(\theta | \theta')$