

Gaussian Mixture Models

Question 1. Say you are given location of n points, x_1, \dots, x_n . However you are color blind and you are only able to get some estimate probability each of the points being of color red, blue or green. That is, say $Q_t[k]$ be the probability of the t 'th point being of color k . (So we have $\sum_k Q_t[k] = 1$). Now given this, write down:

1. Estimate for number of balls of color k
2. Estimate for the mean μ_k of all the points of color k
3. Estimate for the covariance Σ_k of all the points of color k

Question 2. To make things simple let's just take a one dimensional example. Say we are given n numbers x_1, \dots, x_n and we are given Q_1, \dots, Q_n where $Q_t[k]$ is the probability of the t 'th number being in cluster k . You are interested in the following optimization for the parameters of the Gaussian Mixture model over these points:

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta=(\pi, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_k, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_K)} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^K Q_t[k] \log P(x_t, c_t = k | \theta) \\ & = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta=(\pi, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_k, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_K)} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^K Q_t[k] (\log \phi(x_t; c_t = k; \mu_k, \sigma_k) + \log \pi_k) \end{aligned}$$

Find the solution for the above optimization, that is write down π , μ 's and σ 's. (Hint: for π since its mixture probability it needs to sum to 1 and has to be non-negative.)