

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation and **Maximum Likelihood Estimation<br>and<br>Expectation Maximization – P2**

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# Agenda

- Generative Models
- Fitting models to data
- Where'd the closed forms go?
- Dealing with missing information
- How expectation maximization solves all our problems

# What is a generative model

- A model for the probability distribution of a data  $\mathcal X$ 
	- E.g. a multinomial, Gaussian etc.



• Computational equivalent: a model that can be used to "generate" data with a distribution similar to the given data  $x$ 

# Some "simple" generative models (**COVERT) THE UPPER CONSERVED A PREPARE CONSERVANCE PREPARENT PREPARENT**

• The multinomial PMF

- - $v$  belongs to a discrete set
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= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi |\Sigma|}} \exp(-0.5(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu))
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- $\Sigma$  is the Covariance matrix





#### Learning a generative model for data

- You are given some set of observed data  $X = \{x\}.$
- You choose a model  $P(x; \theta)$  for the distribution of x  $\theta$  are the parameters of the model
- Estimate the theta such that  $P(x; \theta)$  best "fits" the observations  $X = \{x\}$

– Hoping it will also represent data outside the training set.

#### Defining "Best Fit": Maximum likelihood

- Assumption: The world is a boring place
	- The data you have observed are very typical of the process
- Consequent assumption: The distribution has a high probability of generating the observed data

– Not necessarily true

• Select the distribution that has the *highest* probability of generating the data

# Maximum likelihood

- The maximum likelihood principle:
	- $-$  argmax  $P(X; \theta) = \argmax log(P(X; \theta))$  $\theta$  and  $\theta$
- For the histogram

$$
- \mathop{\rm argmax}_{\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6\}} \sum_i n_i \log(p_i) \leftarrow
$$

 $i = \frac{1}{N}$  (IV IS L  $n_i$  (N is the tot  $N$  $(N$  is the total number of observations)

• For the Gaussian

$$
- \mathop{\arg\max}\limits_{\mu,\sigma^2} \sum_{x \in X} \log Gaussian(x;\mu,\sigma^2) \longleftarrow
$$

$$
\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x \in X} x; \qquad \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x \in X} (x - \mu)^2
$$



 $n_4$ 

 $n_3$ 

 $n<sub>5</sub>$ 

 $n<sub>6</sub>$ 

 $n<sub>2</sub>$ 

 $n_1$ 

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# The missing-info challenge

• In some estimation problems there is often some information missing





• If this information were available, estimation would've been trivial





# Let's Look at Missing Information

Missing Information about Underlying Data

#### Missing Information about Underlying Process

# Examples of incomplete data: missing data



Blacked-out components are missing from data

- Objective: Estimate a Gaussian distribution from a collection of vectors
- Problem: Several of the vector components are missing
- Must estimate the mean and covariance of the Gaussian with these incomplete data
	- What would be a good way of doing this?

# Maximum likelihood estimation with incomplete data



• Maximum likelihood estimation: Maximize the likelihood of the *observed* data

$$
\underset{\mu,\Sigma}{\text{argmax}} \log(P(O)) = \underset{\mu,\Sigma}{\text{argmax}} \sum_{o \in O} \log \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(o,m) dm
$$

- This requires the maximization of the log of an integral!
	- No closed form
	- Challenging on a good day, impossible on a bad one

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- Two persons shoot loaded dice repeatedly – The dice are differently loaded for the two of them
- We observe the series of outcomes for both persons
- How to determine the probability distributions of the two dice?



- The generative model randomly selects a Gaussian
- Then it draws an observation from the selected Gaussian
- Given only a collection of observations, how to estimate the parameters of the individual Gaussians, and the probability of selecting Gaussians?

# The general form of the problem

- The "presence" of missing data or variables requires them to be marginalized out of your probability
	- By summation or integration
- This results in a maximum likelihood estimate of the form

$$
\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{o} \log \sum_{h} P(h, o; \theta)
$$

- The inner summation may also be an integral in some problems
- $-$  Explicitly introducing  $\theta$  in the RHS to show that the probability is computed by a model with parameter  $\theta$  which must be estimated
- The log of a sum (or integral) makes estimation challenging
	- No closed form solution
	- Need efficient iterative algorithms

# Expectation Maximization for Maximum Likelihood Estimation

• Objective: Estimate

$$
\theta^* = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{o \in O} \log \sum_{h} P(h, o; \theta)
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• Solution: Iteratively perform the following optimization instead

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$$

Differentiate and equate to 0

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$$
P_{cur}(k|o) = \frac{P(k)P_k(o)}{\sum_{k'} P(k')P_{k'}(o)} \qquad \frac{\left| P_k(o) = \frac{N_o P_{cur}(k|o)}{\sum_{o'} N_{o'} P_{cur}(k|o')}\right|}{P(k) = \frac{\sum_{o} N_o P_{cur}(k|o)}{\sum_{k'} \sum_{o} N_{o} P_{cur}(k'|o)}}
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$$
P^{l+1}(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{o} P(k|o; \theta^l)
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\mu_k^{l+1} = \frac{1}{\sum_o P(k|o; \theta^l)} \sum_o P(k|o; \theta^l) o
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\Sigma_k^{l+1} = \frac{1}{\sum_o P(k|o; \theta^l)} \sum_o P(k|o; \theta^l) (o - \mu_k^{l+1}) (o - \mu_k^{l+1})^T
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#### Poll 1: tinyurl.com/mlsp23-20231109-1

- Select all true statements
	- The E step in the EM algorithm computes the a posteriori probability distribution of missing variables
	- The E step in EM maximizes the expectation over missing variables of the log of the probability of the complete data
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# That's so much math, but what does it really do?

- What does EM practically do when we have missing data?
	- What is the intuition behind how it resolves the problem?

#### Missing Information about Underlying Data

#### Missing Information about Underlying Process

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## Recall this: Gaussian estimation with incomplete vectors



- These are the actual data we have: A set  $O = \{o_1, ..., o_N\}$  of *incomplete* vectors
	- Comprising only the observed components of the data
- We are *missing* the data  $M = \{m_1, ..., m_N\}$ 
	- Comprising the missing components of the data
- The complete data includes both the observed and missing components  $X = \{x_1, ..., x_N\}, \qquad x_i = (o_i, m_i)$ Keep in mind that at the complete data are not available (the missing components are missing)

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## Let's look at a single vector



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- We will try to complete the vector by filling in the missing value with *plausible* values that match the observed components
- Plausible: Values that "go with" the observed values, according to the distribution of the data



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- We would see every possible value, but in proportion to their probability:  $P(m|o)$  (conditioned on the observations)

## Completing incomplete vectors



- Complete vector by filling up the missing components with every possible value
	- I.e. make many complete "clones" of the incomplete vector
- But assign a *proportion* to each value
	- Proportion is  $P(m|o)$ 
		- Which can be computed if we know  $P(x) = P(o, m)$

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#### Estimating the Gaussian Parameters



- Compute the statistics from the (proportionately) expanded set
- Let  $x_i(m)$  be the "completed" version of the observation  $o_i$ , when the missing components are filled with value  $m$

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$$

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\mu^{k+1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{o \in O} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(m|o; \theta^k) x_i(m) dm
$$
\n
$$
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#### EM for computing the Gaussian Parameters



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$$
\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{o \in O} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(m|o; \theta^{k}) x_{i}(m) dm
$$
\nwhere  $x_{i}(m) = (m, o_{i})$  and the parameters of  $P(m|o; \theta^{k})$  are derived from the  $P(x; \theta^{k})$ .\n
$$
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#### Missing Information about Underlying Data

Missing Information about Underlying Process

# The GMM problem of incomplete data: missing information



- Problem : We are not given the actual Gaussian for each observation
	- Our data are incomplete
- What we want :  $(o_1, k_1)$ ,  $(o_2, k_2)$ ,  $(o_3, k_3)$  ...
- What we have:  $o_1$ ,  $o_2$ ,  $o_3$  ...



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- All of them, but in proportion to  $P(k|o)$

# Completing incomplete vectors



- Complete the data by attributing to every Gaussian
	- I.e. make many complete "clones" of the data
- But assign a *proportion* to each completed vector
	- Proportion is  $P(k|o)$ 
		- Which can be computed if we know  $P(k)$  and  $P(o|k)$
- Then estimate the parameters using the complete data  $_{56}$

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From previous estimate of model

- But assign a *proportion* to each completed vector
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		- Which can be computed if we know  $(P(k))$  and  $P(o|k)$
- Then estimate the parameters using the complete data

# EM for GMMs



- "Complete" each vector in every possible way:
	- assign each vector to every Gaussian
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# EM for GMMs



- Now you can segregate the vectors by Gaussian
	- The number of segregated complete vectors from each observation will be in proportion to  $P(k|o;\theta^l)$  $\binom{l}{1}$  59 59

#### EM for GMMs  $l_1$   $p(k|_{Q_1} \cdot \theta^l)$  $l_1$   $p(k|_{Q_1} \cdot \theta l_1)$  $l_1$   $p(l_2) \cdot \theta^{k}$  $k$ )  $p(k|\rho_{-} \cdot \theta^{l})$ In proportion to  $P(k|o_1;\theta^l)$  $P(K|U_2, \sigma)$   $P(K|U_3, \sigma)$   $P(K|U_4, \sigma)$ 2,  $\sigma$   $P(K|0, \sigma)$   $P(K|0, \sigma)$  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $P(K|0_4, 0)$   $P(0_5, 0)$  $\begin{array}{cc} 4, 0 \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{cc} P(K|0, 0, 0) \end{array}$  $5.07.2$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $l+1$  –  $\frac{1}{l+1}$  –  $\frac{1}{l+1}$  $\mathbb{Z}_a$   $\Box$  $k = \frac{1}{\sum_{i} p(i | \Omega_i)} \sqrt{r}$  $l\sum_{i}$  ( $n|0,0$ )  $O(P(K|U; \sigma))$  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$  , and the set of  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$  , and  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$   $l+1$  –  $\frac{1}{l+1}$  –  $\frac{1}{l+1}$  $l+1$ ) $(a - \mu^{l+1})$  $l+1\gamma T$  is in the set of  $l+1$  $l(c) = u^{l+1}(c)$  $k = \frac{\nabla h(l_{\text{max}})}{\nabla h(l_{\text{max}})}$  $k$   $\int_0^b e^{-\mu} h \, d\mu$  )  $k$  ) - HFH  $l\sum_{i}^{l}$  ( $n\vert v, v \rangle$ )  $_0P(K|0; \sigma^2)$  $\overline{\boldsymbol{O}}$  and  $\overline{\boldsymbol{O}}$  a

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## EM for GMMs



- Initialize  $\mu_k^0$  and  $\Sigma_k^0$  for all  $k$
- $\bullet$  Iterate (over  $l$ ):
	- $-$  Compute  $P(k|o;\theta^l)$  for all  $o$ 
		- Compute the proportions by which  $o$  is assigned to all Gaussians
	- Update:

$$
-\mu_k^{l+1} = \frac{1}{\sum_o P(k|o;\theta^l)} \sum_o P(k|o;\theta^l) o
$$
  
-  $\sum_k^{l+1} = \frac{1}{\sum_o P(k|o;\theta^l)} \sum_o P(k|o;\theta^l) (o - \mu_k^{l+1}) (o - \mu_k^{l+1})^T$ 

# General EM principle



- "Complete" the data by considering every possible value for missing data/variables • Reestimate parameters from the "completed" data
	- In proportion to their posterior probability, given the observation,  $P(m|o)$  (or  $P(k|o)$ )
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Fficient to "complete" the data by** *s* 
	- In proportion to their posterior probability, given the observation,  $P(m|o)$  (or  $P(k|o)$ )

Sufficient to "complete" the data by sampling missing values from the posterior  $P(m|o)$  (or  $P(k|o)$ ) instead

# Alternate EM principle



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## Poll 2: tinyurl.com/mlsp23-20231109-2

- EM attempts to "complete" the data, and estimate the model parameters with the now completed data
	- True
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### Lets try it out…

#### Your friendly neighborhood gamblers



- Two gamblers shoot dice in a closed room
	- The dice are differently loaded for the two of them
- A crazy crier randomly select one of the them and calls out his number
	- But doesn't mention whose number he chose
- You only see the numbers
	- But do not know which of them rolled the number
- How to determine the probability distributions of the two dice?





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P(k|o) = \frac{P(k)P_k(o)}{\sum_{k'} P(k')P_{k'}(o)}
$$



## But now for something somewhat different



- Caller rolls a dice and flips a coin
- He calls out the number rolled if the coin shows head
- Otherwise he calls the number+1
- Can we estimate p(heads) and p(number) for the dice from a collection of outputs





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 $|P(o) \propto N_o P(heads|o) + N_{o+1} P(tails|o+1)|$ 



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- Roller rolls two dice
- He calls out the sum
- Determine P(dice) from a collection of outputs





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- Assign it to every value for the first dice

– But note what happens to the second



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P_1(n) \propto \sum_{o=2}^{12} N_k P(n, o - n|o)
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# In closing

- Have seen a method for learning the parameters of generative models when some components of the data (or the underlying drawing process) are not observed
- The technique operates by "completing" incomplete data by filling in missing values in proportion to their posterior probabilities
- Coming up : apply this concept to various problems