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LECTURE 8: MIXTURE MODELS

Reference:

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GOAL

We want to identify which data came from which source.



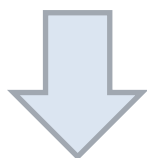
In probabilistic modeling words

“Evaluate the posterior distribution $p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X})$ of the latent variables \mathbf{Z} (which source) given the observed (visible) data variables \mathbf{X} , and the evaluation of expectations computed with respect to this distribution.”



Strategy for parametric models

Estimate $p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X})$ by estimating it's parameter θ



Condition we work on: The data are **independently** generated by **sources** of data (distribution functions) and there are no (or ignorable) dependency between the sources. Mixture models

Estimating it's parameter θ by evaluating the log likelihood $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$



A method the solve log likelihood function is using Expectation Maximization

MIXTURE OF GAUSSIANS:

- **Gaussian Mixture** Distribution

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$

Where $p(z_k = 1) = \pi_k$: prior prob. of $z_k = 1$

$$N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{D}{2}}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\}$$

- **Posterior probability of z_k (responsibility)** once we observed a point \mathbf{x}

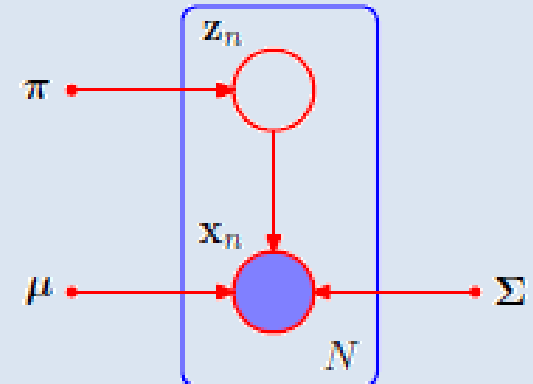
$$\gamma(z_k) \equiv p(z_k = 1 | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\pi_k N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)}$$

Where $\theta_k = \{\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k, \pi_k\}$ and $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K\}$

- **Log Likelihood** function

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right\}$$

Mixture of Gaussians Model



$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z})$$

- N number of D dimension data \mathbf{X}
 $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}, \mathbf{x} = \{x_1, \dots, x_D\}$
- N number of K dim. class variable \mathbf{Z}
 $\mathbf{Z} = \{z_1, \dots, z_N\}, \mathbf{z} = \{z_1, \dots, z_K\}$

ESTIMATING PARAMETER DIRECTLY EVALUATING THE LOG-LIKELIHOOD FUNCTION

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\pi, \mu, \Sigma) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k N(\mathbf{x}|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) \right\}$$

Chain rule :

$$D\{f(g(x))\} = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

Set derivative of $\ln p(X|\pi, \mu, \Sigma)$ w.r.t means μ_k of the Gaussian components to zero

$$\mu_k = \frac{1}{\sum_n \gamma(z_k)} \sum_n \gamma(z_k) \mathbf{x}_n$$

Set derivative of $\ln p(X|\pi, \mu, \Sigma)$ w.r.t Σ_k of the Gaussian components to zero.

$$\Sigma_k = \frac{1}{\sum_n \gamma(z_k)} \sum_n \gamma(z_k) (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)(\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)^T$$

Take into account constraint $\sum_k \pi_k = 1$ Set derivative of modified log likelihood w.r.t π_k of the Gaussian components to zero

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\pi, \mu, \Sigma) + \lambda \left(\sum_k \pi_k - 1 \right)$$

$$\pi_k = \frac{\sum_n \gamma(z_k)}{N}$$

These results are do not constitute a closed-form solution from the parameters of the mixture model because the responsibilities $\gamma(z_k)$ depend on those parameters in a complex way. $\gamma(z_k) \equiv p(z_k = 1|\mathbf{x})$

$$= \frac{\pi_k N(\mathbf{x}|\mu_k, \Sigma_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j N(\mathbf{x}|\mu_j, \Sigma_j)}$$

But can still be used as iterative scheme (i.e. EM) to finding solutions

MIXTURE OF GAUSSIANS: EM FOR GAUSSIAN MIXTURES

SUMMARY

1. Initialize $\{\mu_k, \Sigma_k, \pi_k\}$ and evaluate log-likelihood
2. **E-Step:** Evaluate responsibilities $\gamma(z_k)$

$$\gamma(z_k) \equiv p(z_k = 1 | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\pi_k N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)}$$

3. **M-Step:** Re-estimate parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, using current responsibilities $\gamma(z_k)$

$$\mu_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{\sum_n \gamma(z_k)} \sum_n \gamma(z_k) \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\Sigma_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{\sum_n \gamma(z_k)} \sum_n \gamma(z_k) (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)(\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)^T$$

$$\pi_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{\sum_n \gamma(z_k)}{N}$$

Maximize log-likelihood

$\ln p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right\}$$

4. Evaluate log-likelihood $\ln p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ and check for convergence of either the parameters or the log likelihood.

If convergence criterion is not satisfied return to step 2.

AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW OF EM: LATENT VARIABLES

- × Let X observed data, Z latent variables, θ parameters.
- × Goal: maximize marginal log-likelihood of observed data

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \ln \left\{ \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\}$$

Summation over the latent variables appears inside the logarithm

Log-sum prevents the logarithm from acting directly on the joint distribution, resulting on complicated expressions for the maximum log likelihood solution.

WHAT IF WE KNOW THE VALUE OF \mathbf{Z} ?

If we know **complete data** $\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}\}$

the complete-data log likelihood function is straight forward.

$$p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{z_{nk}} N(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)^{z_{nk}}$$

z_{nk} denote k^{th}
component of \mathbf{z}_n

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K z_{nk} \{ \ln \pi_k + \ln N(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \}$$

Maximizes trivially in
closed form

In practice we don't know \mathbf{Z} but only \mathbf{X}

the complete-data log likelihood function is straight forward.

Use **expected value under the posterior distribution of the latent variable**

$$p(\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

which we know

LOG-SUM RESOLVED

- State of knowledge about the latent variable \mathbf{Z} known only through **Posterior distribution of the latent variable**

$$p(\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- **Expectation of the complete-data log likelihood** evaluated for some general parameter value $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, using the posterior distributor of the latent variables $p(\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

$$Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) \ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Logarithm acts directly on the joint distribution $p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$ so maximization is tractable unlike

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \ln \left\{ \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\}$$

AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW OF EM: GENERAL EM ALGORITHM

Given a joint distribution $p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$ over observed variables \mathbf{X} and latent variables \mathbf{Z} , governed by parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, the goal is to maximize the likelihood function $p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{\theta}$.

1. Initialization: Choose initial set of parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{old}$
2. **E-step**: use current parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{old}$ to compute.

3. **M-step**: determine $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{new}$ by maximizing $Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old})$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{new} = \arg_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \max Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old}).$$

Where

$$Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old}) \ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Logarithm acts directly on the joint distribution $p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$ so maximization is tractable

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \ln \left\{ \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\}$$

4. Check convergence either the **log likelihood** or the **parameter** values : stop, or $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{old} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}^{new}$ and go to step 2.

Consider the **expectation**, with respect to the **posterior distribution** of the latent variables, of the complete-data log likelihood

Posterior distribution :

since $p(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{z_k}$ and $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{k=1}^K N(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)_k^{z_k}$

$$p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &\propto p(\mathbf{Z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K [\pi_k N(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)_k]^{z_{nk}} \end{aligned}$$

Factorizes over n : **under posterior distribution $\{z_n\}$ are independent**

Note:

- $p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{z_{nk}} N(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)^{z_{nk}}$

Expected value of the indicator variable z_{nk} under this posterior distribution

Expected value of the indicator variable

$$\mathbf{E}[z_{nk}] = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{z}_n} z_{nk} \prod_{k'} [\pi_{k'} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{k'}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k'})]^{z_{nk'}}}{\sum_{\mathbf{z}_n} \prod_j [\pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)]^{z_{nj}}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi_k N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \equiv \gamma(z_k)$$

responsibility of component k for data point \mathbf{x}_n

- $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{z}_n}[z_{nk}] = \sum_{\mathbf{z}_n} z_{nk} p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \boldsymbol{\theta})$
- $p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto \prod_{k=1}^K [\pi_k N(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)]^{z_{nk}}$

Expected value of the complete-data log likelihood function

$$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{Z}}[\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})] = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma(z_{nk}) \{\ln \pi_k + \ln N(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)\}$$

Responsibility of component k for data point \mathbf{x}_n

Note:

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1. Initialization: Choose initial set of parameters $\{\boldsymbol{\pi}^{old}, \boldsymbol{\mu}^{old}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{old}\}$
2. **E-step**: use current parameters $\{\boldsymbol{\pi}^{old}, \boldsymbol{\mu}^{old}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{old}\}$ to compute.

$$p(\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old}) \quad E_{\mathbf{Z}}[z_{nk}] = \gamma(z_{nk}) \equiv \frac{\pi_k N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)}$$

3. **M-step**: determine $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{new}$ by maximizing $Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old})$

Closed form solution

$$\{\boldsymbol{\pi}_k^{new}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{new}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{new}\} = \arg_{\{\boldsymbol{\pi}_k, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k\}} \max E_{\mathbf{Z}}[\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\pi}_k, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)].$$

$$= \arg_{\{\boldsymbol{\pi}_k, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k\}} \max \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) \{\ln \pi_k + \ln N(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)\}$$

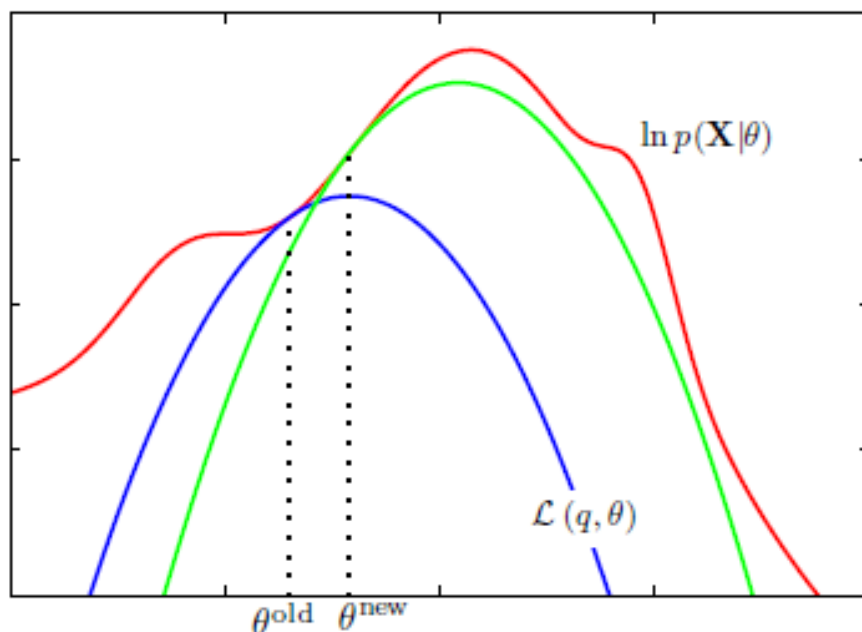
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$$\begin{aligned} \mu_k^{new} &= \frac{1}{\sum_n \gamma(z_k)} \sum_n \gamma(z_k) \mathbf{x}_n \\ \Sigma_k^{new} &= \frac{1}{\sum_n \gamma(z_k)} \sum_n \gamma(z_k) (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)(\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)^T \\ \pi_k^{new} &= \frac{\sum_n \gamma(z_k)}{N} \end{aligned}$$

4. Check convergence either the **log likelihood** or the **parameter values** : stop, or $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{old} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}^{new}$ and go to step 2.

THE EM ALGORITHM IN GENERAL: PICTURE IN PARAMETER SPACE

- × E-step resets bound $L(q|\theta)$ on $\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)$ at $\theta = \theta^{old}$, it is
 - + tight at $\theta = \theta^{old}$,
 - + tangential at $\theta = \theta^{old}$,
 - + convex (easy) in θ for exponential family mixture components



The EM algorithm involves alternately computing a lower bound on the log likelihood for the current parameter values and then maximizing this bound to obtain the new parameter values.

THE EM ALGORITHM IN GENERAL: THE EM BOUND

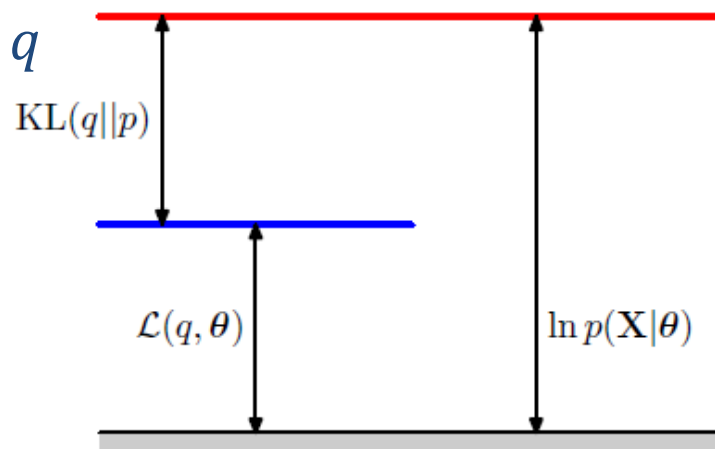
- × $L(q|\theta)$ is a **lower bound on the data log-likelihood**
 - + $-L(q|\theta)$ known as variational free-energy

$$L(q, \theta) = \ln p(\mathbf{X}|\theta) - \mathbf{KL}(q(\mathbf{Z})||p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \theta))$$

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\theta) \geq L(q, \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln p(\mathbf{X}|\theta) &= \ln \sum_{\mathbf{z}} q(\theta) \left(\frac{p(\mathbf{X}, \theta)}{q(\theta)} \right) \\ \text{Jensen's inequality} &\geq \sum_{\mathbf{z}} \ln q(\theta) \left(\frac{p(\mathbf{X}, \theta)}{q(\theta)} \right) \\ &= L(q, \theta) \end{aligned}$$

- × The EM algorithm performs coordinate ascent on L
 - + **E-step** maximizes L w.r.t. q for fixed θ
 - + **M-step** maximizes L w.r.t. for fixed q

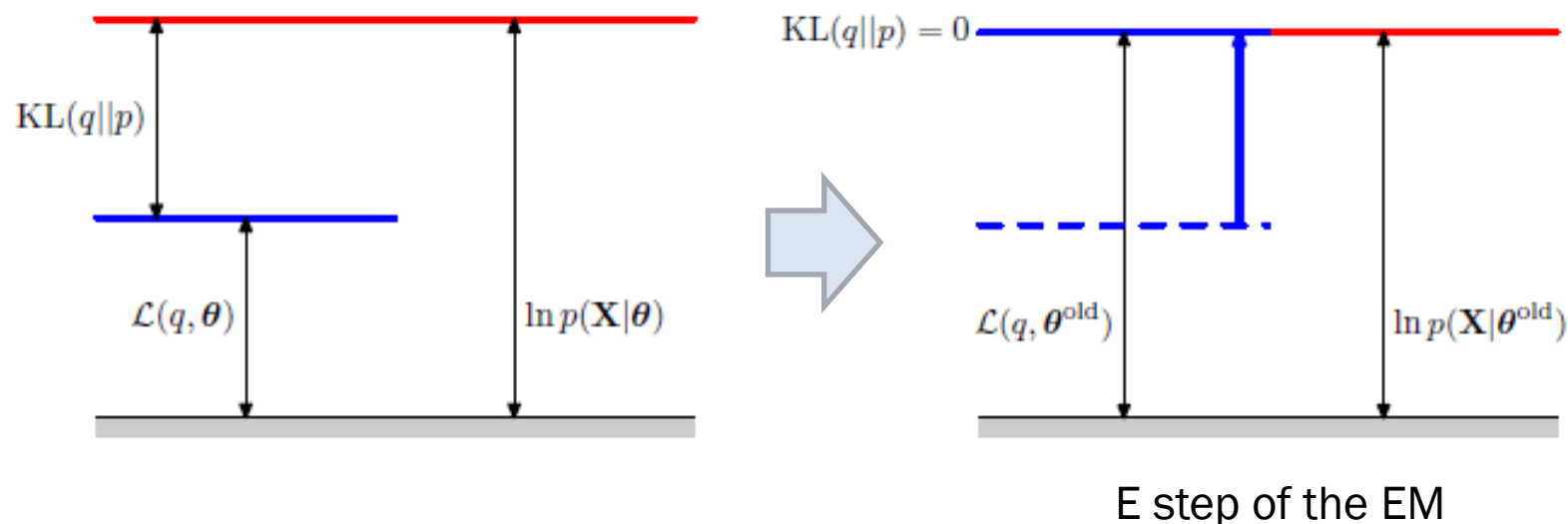


THE EM ALGORITHM IN GENERAL: THE E-STEP

- × **E-step** maximizes $L(q|\theta)$ w.r.t. q for fixed θ

$$\mathcal{L}(q, \theta) = \ln p(\mathbf{X}|\theta) - \text{KL}(q(\mathbf{Z})||p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \theta))$$

- × L maximized for $q(\mathbf{Z}) \leftarrow p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \theta)$



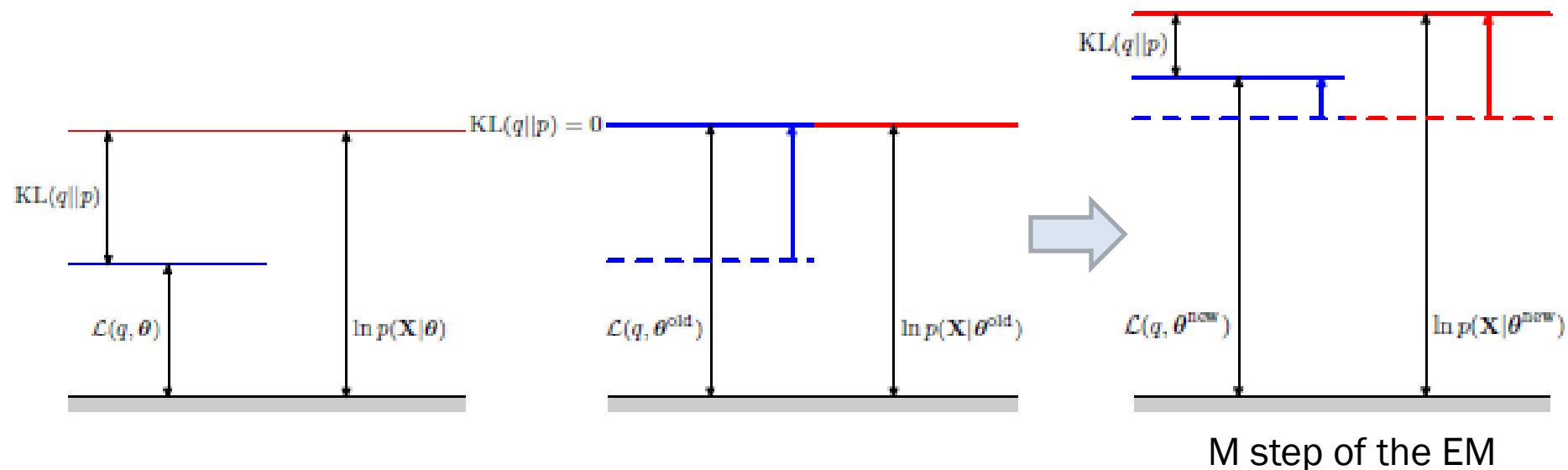
THE EM ALGORITHM IN GENERAL: THE M-STEP

- × **M-step** maximizes $L(q|\theta)$ w.r.t. for fixed q

$$\mathcal{L}(q, \theta) = \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}|\theta) - \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \ln q(\mathbf{Z})$$

- × L maximized for

$$\theta = \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}|\theta)$$



A BAYESIAN METHOD OF MODEL SELECTION CRITERIA FOR GAUSSIAN MIXTURE MODELS

× Finding the number of components

+ Modeling the parameters

$$P(D, \mu, T, s | \pi) = P(D | \mu, T, s) P(s | \pi) P(\mu) P(T).$$

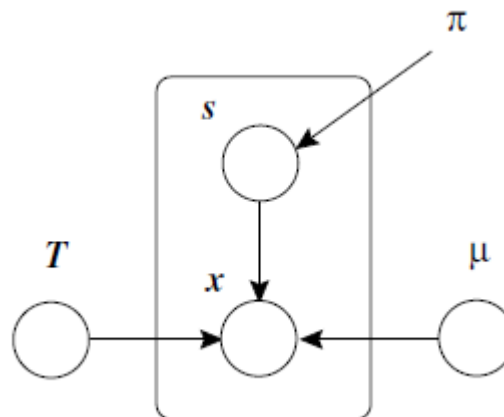
1. Use the **lower bound** as the model selection score.

$$P(D | \mu, T, s) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{i=1}^M \mathcal{N}(x_n | \mu_i, T_i)^{s_{in}}.$$

$$P(s | \pi) = \prod_{i=1}^M \prod_{n=1}^N \pi_i^{s_{in}}.$$

$$P(\mu) = \prod_{i=1}^M \mathcal{N}(\mu_i | 0, \beta I)$$

$$P(T) = \prod_{i=1}^M \mathcal{W}(T_i | \nu, V) \quad \text{W : Wishart distribution}$$

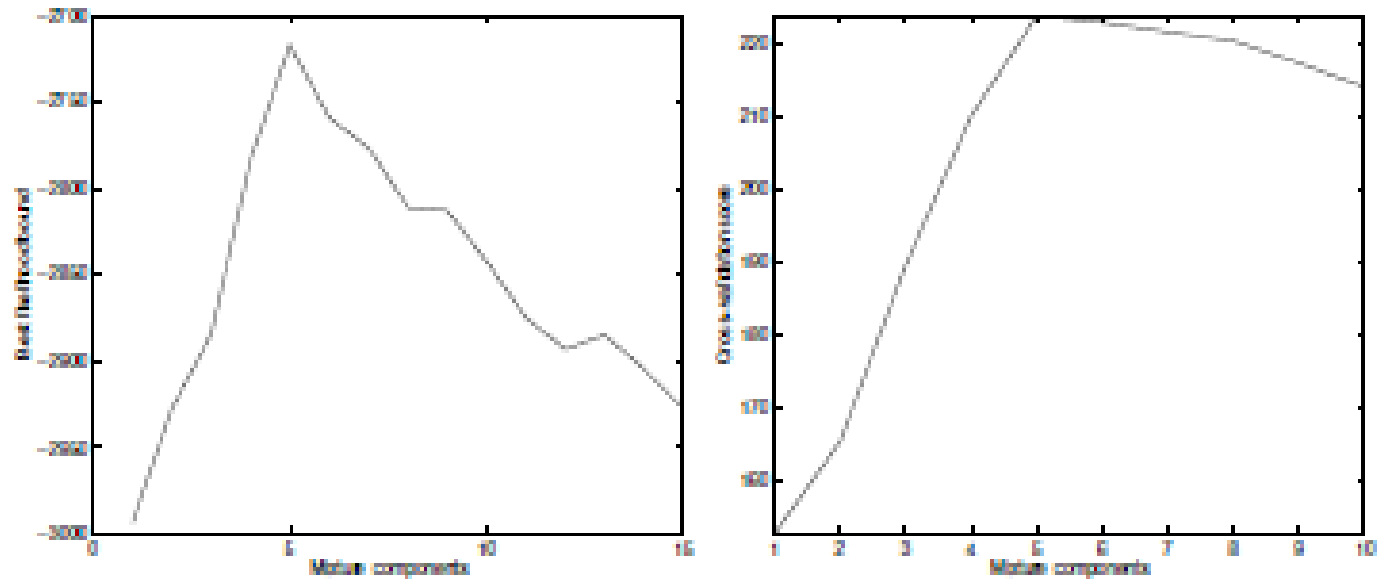


$$\pi_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N p_{in}.$$

$$p_{in} = \frac{\tilde{p}_{in}}{\sum_{j=1}^M \tilde{p}_{jn}}$$

$$\tilde{p}_{in} = \exp(\langle \ln |T_i| \rangle / 2 + \ln \pi_i - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}\{\langle T_i \rangle (x_n x_n^T - \langle \mu_i \rangle x_n^T - x_n \langle \mu_i \rangle^T + \langle \mu_i \mu_i^T \rangle)\})$$

2. remove components with very small **mixing coefficients**



THE EM ALGORITHM IN GENERAL: FINAL THOUGHTS

- × Local maxima of $L(q|\theta)$ correspond to those of $\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)$
- × EM converges to local maximum of likelihood
 - + Coordinate ascent on $L(q|\theta)$ and $L(q|\theta) = \ln p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)$ after E-step
- × Alternative schemes to optimize the bound
 - + Generalized EM: relax M-step from maximizing to increasing L
 - + Expectation Conditional Maximization: M-step maximizes w.r.t. groups of parameters in turn
 - + Incremental EM: E-step per data point, incremental M-step
 - + Variational EM: relax E-step from maximizing to increasing L
 - × no longer $L = \ln p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)$ after E-step