

# SY19 – Machine Learning

## Chapter 7: Gaussian mixture models and the EM algorithm

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# Back to LDA and QDA

- In LDA and QDA, we assume that the conditional density of input vector  $X$  given  $Y = k$  is **multivariate Gaussian**

$$\phi(x; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma_k|^{1/2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x - \mu_k) \right)$$

(with  $\Sigma_k = \Sigma$  in the case of LDA)

- The marginal density of  $X$  is then a **mixture of  $c$  Gaussian densities**:

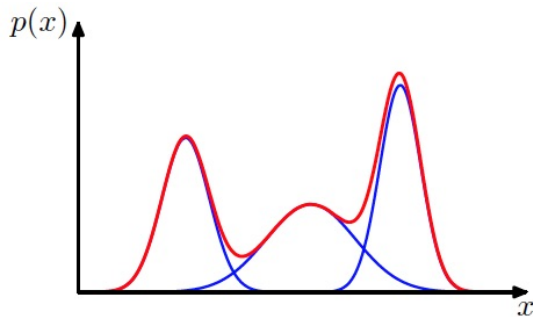
$$p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^c p(x | Y = k) P(Y = k) = \sum_{k=1}^c \pi_k \phi(x; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

- This is called a **Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)**.

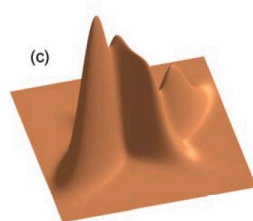
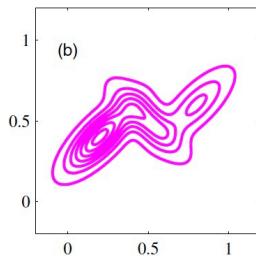
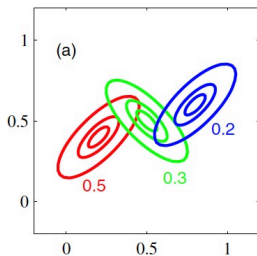
# Gaussian Mixture Models

- GMMs are widely used in Machine Learning for
  - Density estimation
  - Clustering (finding groups in data)
  - Classification (modeling complex-shaped class distributions)
  - Regression (accounting for different linear relations within subgroups of a population)
  - etc.

# Example with $p = 1$



# Example with $p = 2$



# How to generate data from a mixture?

- Assume  $X \sim \sum_{k=1}^c \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$
- It is the marginal distribution of  $X$  in the pair  $(X, Y)$ , where  $Y$  takes values in  $\{1, \dots, c\}$  with probabilities  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_c$ , and the conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $Y = k$  is the normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$
- How to generate  $X$ ?
  - 1 Generate  $Y \in \{1, \dots, c\}$  with probabilities  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_c$ .
  - 2 If  $Y = k$ , generate  $X$  from  $p(x | Y = k) = \phi(x; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$ .
- Remark: we can define mixtures of other distributions. In this chapter, we will focus (without loss of generality) on mixtures of normal distributions, called **Gaussian mixtures**.



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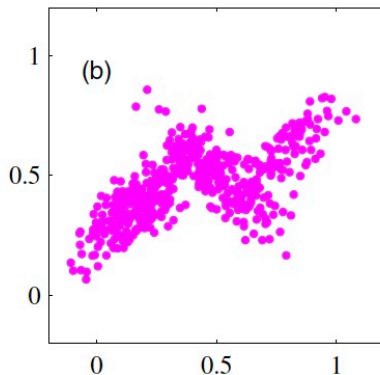
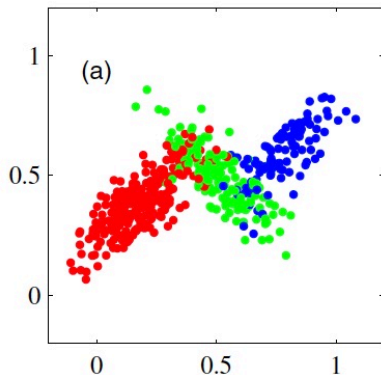
# Supervised learning

- In discriminant analysis, we observe both the input vector  $X$  and the response (class label)  $Y$  for  $n$  individuals taken randomly from the population.
- The learning set has the form  $\mathcal{L}_s = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ . We say that the data are **labeled**.
- Learning a classifier from such data is called **supervised learning**.

# Unsupervised learning

- In some situations, we observe  $X$ , but  $Y$  is not observed. We say that  $Y$  is a **latent variable**.
- The learning set is composed of **unlabeled** data of the form  $\mathcal{L}_{ns} = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ .
- Estimating the model parameters from such data is called **unsupervised learning**.
- Applications: density estimation, clustering, feature extraction.
- Unsupervised learning is usually more difficult than supervised learning, because we have less information to estimate the parameters.

# Labeled vs. unlabeled data



# Semi-supervised learning

- Sometimes, we collect a lot of data, but we can label only a part of them.
- Examples: image data from the web, or from sensors on a robot.
- The data then have the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{ss} = \underbrace{\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n_s}}_{\text{labeled part}} \cup \underbrace{\{x_i\}_{i=n_s+1}^n}_{\text{unlabeled part}}$$

- This is called a **semi-supervised learning problem**.
- Semi-supervised learning is intermediate between supervised and unsupervised learning.

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# Maximum likelihood: supervised case I

- In the case of **supervised learning** of GMMs, the MLEs of  $\mu_k$ ,  $\Sigma_k$  and  $\pi_k$  have simple closed-form expressions.
- Assuming the sample  $(X_1, Y_1) \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$  to be i.i.d., the likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta; \mathcal{L}_s) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i, y_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n \underbrace{p(x_i \mid Y_i = y_i)}_{\prod_{k=1}^c \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)^{y_{ik}}} \underbrace{p(Y_i = y_i)}_{\prod_{k=1}^c \pi_k^{y_{ik}}} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^c \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)^{y_{ik}} \pi_k^{y_{ik}} \end{aligned}$$

with  $y_{ik} = I(y_i = k)$ .

# Maximum likelihood: supervised case II

- The log-likelihood function is

$$\ell(\theta; \mathcal{L}_s) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^c \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik} \log \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \right\}}_{\text{term } \ell_k \text{ depending on } \mu_k \text{ and } \Sigma_k} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c y_{ik} \log \pi_k}_{\text{term depending on } \pi_1, \dots, \pi_c}$$

- The parameters  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$  can be estimated separately using the data from class  $k$ .



# MLE in the supervised case I

- We have

$$\ell_k = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik} (x_i - \mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x_i - \mu_k) - \frac{n_k}{2} \log |\Sigma_k| - \frac{n_k p}{2} \log(2\pi)$$

with  $n_k = \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik}$ .

- The derivative wrt to  $\mu_k$  is

$$\sum_i y_{ik} \Sigma_k^{-1} (x_i - \mu_k) = \Sigma_k^{-1} \sum_i y_{ik} (x_i - \mu_k).$$

Hence,

$$\hat{\mu}_k = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik} x_i$$

# MLE in the supervised case II

- It can be shown that

$$\hat{\Sigma}_k = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik} (x_i - \hat{\mu}_k)(x_i - \hat{\mu}_k)^T$$

- To find the MLE of the  $\pi_k$ , we maximize the last term

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c y_{ik} \log \pi_k$$

wrt to  $\pi_k$ , subject to the constraint  $\sum_{k=1}^c \pi_k = 1$ .

- The solution is

$$\hat{\pi}_k = \frac{n_k}{n}, \quad k = 1, \dots, c$$

# Maximum likelihood: unsupervised case

- In the case of unsupervised learning, assuming the sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  to be i.i.d., the likelihood is

$$L(\theta; \mathcal{L}_{ns}) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i)$$

and the log-likelihood function is

$$\ell(\theta; \mathcal{L}_{ns}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \log \sum_{k=1}^c \pi_k \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \right)$$

- We can no longer separate the terms corresponding to each class.
- Maximizing the log-likelihood becomes a difficult nonlinear optimization problem, for which no closed-form solution exists.
- A powerful method: the **Expectation-Maximization (EM)** algorithm

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# EM Algorithm

- An iterative optimization strategy useful when the maximizing the likelihood is difficult, but:
  - There are **missing** (non-observed) data
  - If the missing data were observed, maximizing the likelihood would be easy.
- Many applications in statistics and ML
- Can be very simple to implement. Can reliably find an optimum through stable, uphill steps.

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# Notation

$\mathbf{X}$  : Observed variables

$\mathbf{Y}$  : Missing or latent variables

$\mathbf{Z}$  : Complete data  $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$

$\theta$  : Unknown parameter

$L(\theta)$  : observed-data likelihood, short for  $L(\theta; \mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$

$L_c(\theta)$  : complete-data likelihood, short for  $L(\theta; \mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{z}; \theta)$

$\ell(\theta), \ell_c(\theta)$  : observed and complete-data log-likelihoods

# Q function

- Suppose we seek to maximize  $L(\theta)$  with respect to  $\theta$ .
- Define  $Q(\theta; \theta^{(t)})$  to be the **expectation of the complete-data log-likelihood (assuming  $\theta = \theta^{(t)}$ ), conditional on the observed data  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$** . Namely

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) &= \mathbb{E}_{\theta^{(t)}} \{ \ell_c(\theta) \mid \mathbf{x} \} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\theta^{(t)}} \{ \log p(\mathbf{Z}; \theta) \mid \mathbf{x} \} \\ &= \int [\log p(\mathbf{z}; \theta)] \underbrace{p(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta^{(t)})}_{p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta^{(t)})} d\mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

$(p(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta^{(t)}) = p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta^{(t)})$  because  $\mathbf{Y}$  is the only random part of  $\mathbf{Z}$  once we are given  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$ )



# The EM Algorithm

Start with  $\theta^{(0)}$  and set  $t = 0$ . Then

- 1 **E step:** Compute  $Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$ .
- 2 **M step:** Maximize  $Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$  with respect to  $\theta$ . Set  $\theta^{(t+1)}$  equal to the maximizer of  $Q$ .
- 3 Return to the E step and increment  $t$  unless a stopping criterion has been met, e.g.,

$$|\ell(\theta^{(t+1)}) - \ell(\theta^{(t)})| \leq \epsilon$$

# Convergence of the EM Algorithm

- It can be proved that  $L(\theta)$  increases after each EM iteration, i.e.,  $L(\theta^{(t+1)}) \geq L(\theta^{(t)})$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots$  (see below)
- Consequently, the algorithm converges to a **local maximum** of  $L(\theta)$  if the likelihood function is bounded above.
- Typically, we run the algorithm several times with random initial conditions, and we keep the results of the best run.

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# Mixture of two univariate normal distributions

- Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be an i.i.d. sample from a mixture of two univariate normal distributions  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ , with pdf

$$p(x_i; \theta) = \pi \phi(x_i; \mu_1, \sigma_1) + (1 - \pi) \phi(x_i; \mu_2, \sigma_2),$$

where  $\phi(\cdot; \mu, \sigma)$  is the univariate normal pdf and

$$\theta = (\mu_1, \sigma_1, \mu_2, \sigma_2, \pi)^T$$

is the vector of parameters.

- We introduce **latent variables**  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ , such that
  - $Y_i \sim \mathcal{B}(\pi)$ ,
  - $p(x_i \mid Y_i = 1) = \phi(x_i; \mu_1, \sigma_1)$  and
  - $p(x_i \mid Y_i = 0) = \phi(x_i; \mu_2, \sigma_2)$ .

# Observed and complete-data likelihoods

- Observed-data likelihood:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n [\pi \phi(x_i; \mu_1, \sigma_1) + (1 - \pi) \phi(x_i; \mu_2, \sigma_2)]$$

- Complete-data likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} L_c(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i, y_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i \mid y_i; \theta) p(y_i; \pi) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \{ \phi(x_i; \mu_1, \sigma_1)^{y_i} \phi(x_i; \mu_2, \sigma_2)^{1-y_i} \pi^{y_i} (1 - \pi)^{1-y_i} \} \end{aligned}$$

# Derivation of function $Q$

- Complete-data log-likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_c(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \{y_i \log \phi(x_i; \mu_1, \sigma_1) + (1 - y_i) \log \phi(x_i; \mu_2, \sigma_2)\} \\ + \sum_{i=1}^n \{y_i \log \pi + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \pi)\}\end{aligned}$$

- It is linear in the  $y_i$ . Consequently, the  $Q$  function is simply

$$\begin{aligned}Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i^{(t)} \log \phi(x_i; \mu_1, \sigma_1) + (1 - y_i^{(t)}) \log \phi(x_i; \mu_2, \sigma_2) \right\} \\ + \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i^{(t)} \log \pi + (1 - y_i^{(t)}) \log(1 - \pi) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

with  $y_i^{(t)} = \mathbb{E}_{\theta^{(t)}}[Y_i \mid x_i]$

# EM algorithm: E-step

Compute

$$\begin{aligned}y_i^{(t)} &= \mathbb{E}_{\theta^{(t)}}[Y_i \mid x_i] \\&= \mathbb{P}_{\theta^{(t)}}[Y_i = 1 \mid x_i] \\&= \frac{\phi(x_i; \mu_1^{(t)}, \sigma_1^{(t)})\pi^{(t)}}{\phi(x_i; \mu_1^{(t)}, \sigma_1^{(t)})\pi^{(t)} + \phi(x_i; \mu_2^{(t)}, \sigma_2^{(t)})(1 - \pi^{(t)})}\end{aligned}$$

# EM algorithm: M-step

Maximize  $Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$ . We get

$$\pi^{(t+1)} = \frac{n_1^{(t)}}{n},$$

$$\mu_1^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^{(t)} x_i}{n_1^{(t)}}, \quad \sigma_1^{(t+1)} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^{(t)} (x_i - \mu_1^{(t+1)})^2}{n_1^{(t)}}}$$

$$\mu_2^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i^{(t)}) x_i}{n_2^{(t)}}, \quad \sigma_2^{(t+1)} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i^{(t)}) (x_i - \mu_2^{(t+1)})^2}{n_2^{(t)}}}$$

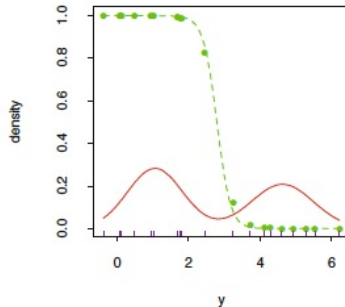
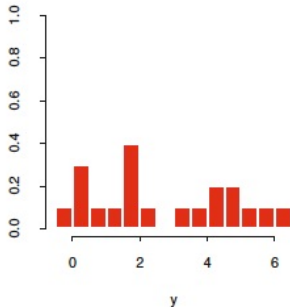
with

$$n_1^{(t)} = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^{(t)} \quad \text{and} \quad n_2^{(t)} = n - n_1^{(t)}$$



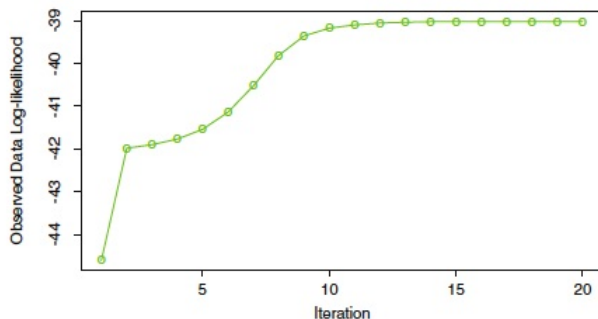
# Example

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0.06	0.48	1.01	1.68	1.80	3.25	4.12	4.60	5.28	6.22



(green curve:  $\mathbb{P}_{\hat{\theta}}[Y = 1 | x]$  as a function of  $x$ , assuming  $Y = 1$  corresponds to the left component)

## Example (continued)



Solution:  $\hat{\mu}_1 = 4.66$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_1 = 0.91$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_2 = 1.08$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_2 = 0.90$ ,  $\hat{\pi} = 0.45$ .

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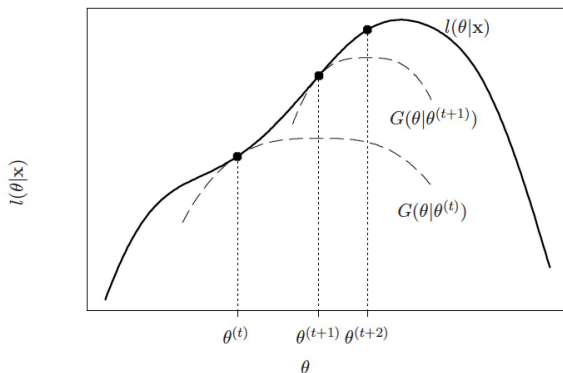
# Why does it work?

- **Ascent:** Each M-step increases the log-likelihood.
- **Optimization transfer:**

$$\ell(\theta) \geq \underbrace{Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) + \ell(\theta^{(t)}) - Q(\theta^{(t)}, \theta^{(t)})}_{G(\theta, \theta^{(t)})}.$$

- The last two terms in  $G(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$  do not depend on  $\theta$ , so  $Q$  and  $G$  are maximized at the same  $\theta$ .
- Further,  $G$  is tangent to  $\ell$  at  $\theta^{(t)}$ , and lies everywhere below  $\ell$ . We say that  $G$  is a **minorizing function** for  $\ell$  (see next slide).
- EM transfers optimization from  $\ell$  to the surrogate function  $G$ , which is more convenient to maximize.

# The nature of EM (continued)



One-dimensional illustration of EM algorithm as a minorization or optimization transfer strategy. Each E step forms a minorizing function  $G$ , and each M step maximizes it to provide an uphill step.

# Proof

- We have

$$p(y | x; \theta) = \frac{p(x, y; \theta)}{p(x; \theta)} = \frac{p(z; \theta)}{p(x; \theta)} \Rightarrow p(x; \theta) = \frac{p(z; \theta)}{p(y|x; \theta)}$$

- Consequently,

$$\ell(\theta) = \log p(x; \theta) = \underbrace{\log p(z; \theta)}_{\ell_c(\theta)} - \log p(y | x; \theta)$$

- Taking expectations on both sides wrt the conditional distribution of  $Z$  given  $X = x$  and using  $\theta^{(t)}$  for  $\theta$ :

$$\ell(\theta) = Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\theta^{(t)}}[\log p(Y | x; \theta) | x]}_{H(\theta, \theta^{(t)})} \quad (1)$$

# Proof - the minorizing function

- Now, for all  $\theta \in \Theta$ ,

$$H(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) - H(\theta^{(t)}, \theta^{(t)}) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta^{(t)}} \left[ \log \frac{p(Y | x; \theta)}{p(Y | x; \theta^{(t)})} \mid x \right] \quad (2a)$$

$$\leq \log \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\theta^{(t)}} \left[ \frac{p(Y | x; \theta)}{p(Y | x; \theta^{(t)})} \mid x \right]}_{\int \frac{p(y|x;\theta)}{p(y|x;\theta^{(t)})} p(y|x;\theta^{(t)}) dy} (*) \quad (2b)$$

$$\leq \log \underbrace{\int p(y | x; \theta) dy}_1 = 0 \quad (2c)$$

(\*): from the concavity of the log and Jensen's inequality.

- Hence,  $\theta^{(t)}$  is a maximizer of  $H(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$

# Proof - the minorizing function (continued)

Hence, for all  $\theta \in \Theta$ ,

$$H(\theta^{(t)}, \theta^{(t)}) \geq H(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$$

$$Q(\theta^{(t)}, \theta^{(t)}) - \ell(\theta^{(t)}) \geq Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) - \ell(\theta)$$

$$\ell(\theta) \geq \underbrace{Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) + \ell(\theta^{(t)}) - Q(\theta^{(t)}, \theta^{(t)})}_{G(\theta, \theta^{(t)})}$$



# Proof - $G$ is tangent to $\ell$ at $\theta^{(t)}$

- As  $\theta^{(t)}$  maximizes  $H(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) = Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) - \ell(\theta)$ , we have

$$H'(\theta, \theta^{(t)})|_{\theta=\theta^{(t)}} = Q'(\theta, \theta^{(t)})|_{\theta=\theta^{(t)}} - \ell'(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta^{(t)}} = 0,$$

so

$$Q'(\theta, \theta^{(t)})|_{\theta=\theta^{(t)}} = \ell'(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta^{(t)}}.$$

- Consequently, as  $G(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) = Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) + \text{cst}$ ,

$$G'(\theta, \theta^{(t)})|_{\theta=\theta^{(t)}} = Q'(\theta, \theta^{(t)})|_{\theta=\theta^{(t)}} = \ell'(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta^{(t)}}.$$

# Proof - monotonicity

- From (1),

$$\ell(\theta^{(t+1)}) - \ell(\theta^{(t)}) = \underbrace{Q(\theta^{(t+1)}, \theta^{(t)}) - Q(\theta^{(t)}, \theta^{(t)})}_A - \underbrace{\left( H(\theta^{(t+1)}, \theta^{(t)}) - H(\theta^{(t)}, \theta^{(t)}) \right)}_B$$

- $A \geq 0$  because  $\theta^{(t+1)}$  is a maximizer of  $Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$ , and  $B \leq 0$  because from (2)  $\theta^{(t)}$  is a maximizer of  $H(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$ .
- Hence,

$$\ell(\theta^{(t+1)}) \geq \ell(\theta^{(t)})$$

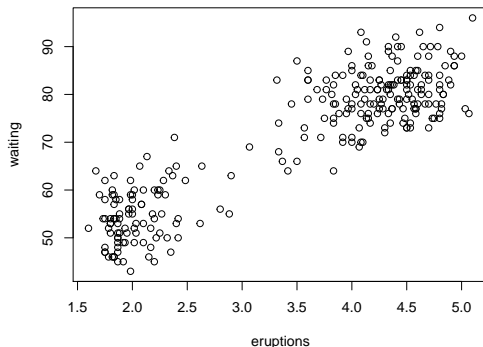
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# Old Faithful geyser data



Waiting time between eruptions and duration of the eruption (in min) for the Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, USA (272 observations).

# Old Faithful geyser data (continued)

- Questions:

- 1 How can we best partition these data into  $c$  groups/clusters (for instance,  $c = 2$ )?
- 2 What is the most plausible number of groups?

- Approach:

- 1 Fit GMMs to these data
- 2 Select the best model according to some criterion

# General GMM

- Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be an i.i.d. sample from a mixture of  $c$  multivariate normal distributions  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$  with proportions  $\pi_k$ . The pdf of  $X_i$  is

$$p(x_i; \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^c \pi_k \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k),$$

where  $\theta$  is the vector of parameters.

- We introduce latent variables  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ , such that
  - $Y_i \sim \mathcal{M}(1, \pi_1, \dots, \pi_c)$
  - $p(x_i | Y_i = k) = \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$ ,  $k = 1 \dots, c$

# Observed and complete-data likelihoods

- Observed-data likelihood:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c \pi_k \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

- Complete-data likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} L_c(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i, y_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i \mid y_i; \theta) p(y_i; \pi) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^c \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)^{y_{ik}} \pi_k^{y_{ik}}. \end{aligned}$$



# Derivation of function $Q$

- Complete-data log-likelihood:

$$\ell_c(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c y_{ik} \log \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c y_{ik} \log \pi_k$$

- It is linear in the  $y_{ik}$ . Consequently, the  $Q$  function is simply

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^c \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik}^{(t)} \log \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)}_{\text{term depending only on } \mu_k \text{ and } \Sigma_k} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c y_{ik}^{(t)} \log \pi_k}_{\text{term depending only on } \{\pi_k\}}$$

with  $y_{ik}^{(t)} = \mathbb{E}_{\theta^{(t)}}[Y_{ik} \mid x_i] = \mathbb{P}_{\theta^{(t)}}[Y_i = k \mid x_i]$ .

# EM algorithm

- E-step: compute

$$\begin{aligned} y_{ik}^{(t)} &= \mathbb{P}_{\theta^{(t)}}[Y_i = k \mid x_i] \\ &= \frac{\phi(x_i; \mu_k^{(t)}, \Sigma_k^{(t)}) \pi_k^{(t)}}{\sum_{\ell=1}^c \phi(x_i; \mu_{\ell}^{(t)}, \Sigma_{\ell}^{(t)}) \pi_{\ell}^{(t)}} \end{aligned}$$

- M-step: Maximize  $Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$ . We get

$$\pi_k^{(t+1)} = \frac{n_k^{(t)}}{n}, \quad \mu_k^{(t+1)} = \frac{1}{n_k^{(t)}} \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik}^{(t)} x_i$$

$$\Sigma_k^{(t+1)} = \frac{1}{n_k^{(t)}} \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik}^{(t)} (x_i - \mu_k^{(t+1)})(x_i - \mu_k^{(t+1)})^T$$

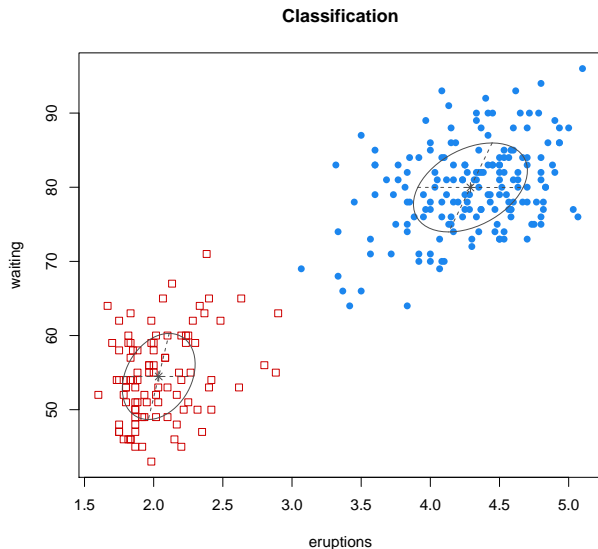
with  $n_k^{(t)} = \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik}^{(t)}$ .

# GMM with the package mclust

```
library(mclust)
data(faithful)

faithfulMclust <- Mclust(faithful,G=2,modelNames="VVV")
plot(faithfulMclust)
```

# Result



# Choosing the number of clusters

- In clustering, selecting the number of clusters is often a difficult problem.
- This is a model selection problem. We can use the BIC criterion. (Reminder:  $BIC = -2\ell(\hat{\theta}) + d \log(n)$ ; actually, Mclust computes  $-BIC$ ).

```
> faithfulMclust <- Mclust(faithful,modelNames="VVV")
> summary(faithfulMclust)
```

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Gaussian finite mixture model fitted by EM algorithm
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```

Mclust VVV (ellipsoidal, varying volume, shape, and orientation) model with 2 components:

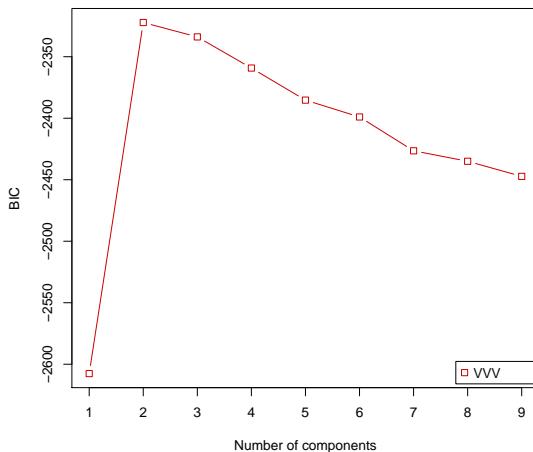
log.likelihood	n	df	BIC	ICL
-1130.264	272	11	-2322.192	-2322.695

Clustering table:

1	2
175	97

# Choosing the number of clusters

```
plot(faithfulMclust)
```



# Reducing the number of parameters

- The general model has  $c[p + p(p + 1)/2 + 1] - 1$  parameters.
- When  $n$  is small and/or  $p$  is large: we need more **parsimonious** models (i.e., models with fewer parameters).
- Simple approaches:
  - Assume equal covariance matrix (homoscedasticity)
  - Assume the covariance matrices to be diagonal, or scalar
- More flexible approach: reparameterize matrix  $\Sigma_k$  using its **eigendecomposition**.

# Eigendecomposition of $\Sigma_k$

- As matrix  $\Sigma_k$  is symmetric, we can write

$$\Sigma_k = D_k \Lambda_k D_k^T$$

where

- $\Lambda_k = \text{diag}(\lambda_{k1}, \dots, \lambda_{kp})$  is a diagonal matrix whose components are the **decreasing eigenvalues** of  $\Sigma_k$ , with  $|\Lambda_k| = \prod_{j=1}^p \lambda_{kj} = |\Sigma_k|$
- $D_k$  is an orthogonal matrix ( $D_k D_k^T = I$ ) whose columns are the **normalized eigenvectors** of  $\Sigma_k$ ; it is a rotation matrix
- $\Lambda_k$  can be further decomposed as

$$\Lambda_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{A}_k$$

where

- $\lambda_k = \left( \prod_{j=1}^p \lambda_{kj} \right)^{1/p} = |\Sigma_k|^{1/p}$
- $\mathbf{A}_k = \Lambda_k / \lambda_k$  is a diagonal matrix verifying  $|\mathbf{A}_k| = 1$ .



# Interpretation

- Each term in the decomposition

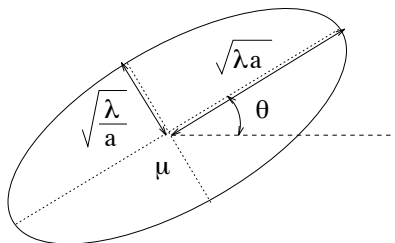
$$\Sigma_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{D}_k^T$$

has a simple interpretation:

- $\mathbf{A}_k$  describes the **shape** of the cluster (defined by the ratios of the eigenvalues of  $\Sigma_k$ )
- $\mathbf{D}_k$  (a rotation matrix) describes its **orientation**
- $\lambda_k$  describes its **volume**
- Number of parameters:

$\Sigma_k$	$\lambda_k$	$\mathbf{A}_k$	$\mathbf{D}_k$
$\frac{p(p+1)}{2}$	1	$p - 1$	$\frac{p(p-1)}{2}$

# Example in $\mathbb{R}^2$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1/a \end{bmatrix}$$

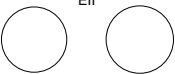
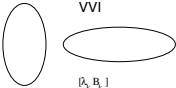




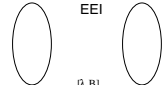
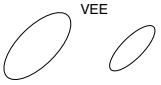
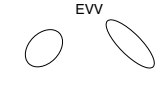
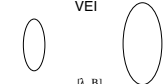

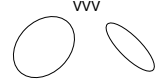
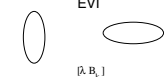

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

- $D$ : rotation matrix, angle  $\theta$
- $A$ : diagonal matrix with diagonal terms  $a$  and  $1/a$
- The eigenvalues of  $\Sigma$  are  $\lambda a$  and  $\lambda/a$ .

# Parsimonious models

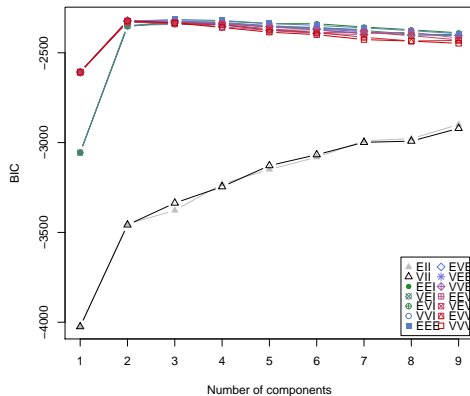
- With this parametrization, the parameters of the GMM are: the centers, volumes, shapes, orientations and proportions.
- 28 different models:
  - Spherical, diagonal, arbitrary
  - Volumes equal or not
  - Shapes equal or not
  - Orientations equal or not
  - Proportions equal or not

# The 14 models based on assumptions on variance matrices

<b>EII</b>  $[\lambda_k I]$	<b>VVI</b>  $[\lambda_k B_k]$	<b>EEV</b>  $[\lambda_k D_k A D_k']$
<b>VII</b>  $[\lambda_k I]$	<b>EEE</b>  $[\lambda_k D A D']$	<b>VEV</b>  $[\lambda_k D_k A D_k']$
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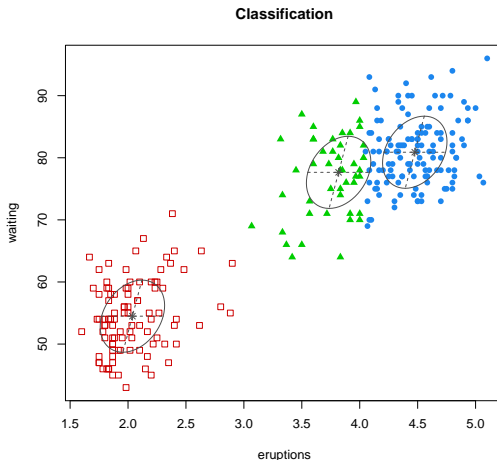
# Parsimonious models in mclust

```
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plot(faithfulMclust)
```



# Best model

Best model:  $EEE$  or  $\lambda DAD^T$  (ellipsoidal, equal volume, shape and orientation) model with 3 components



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# Semi-supervised learning I

- In **semi-supervised learning**, the data have the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{ss} = \underbrace{\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n_s}}_{\text{labeled part}} \cup \underbrace{\{x_i\}_{i=n_s+1}^n}_{\text{unlabeled part}}$$

- Observed-data likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} p(x_i, y_i; \theta) \prod_{i=n_s+1}^n p(x_i; \theta) \\ &= \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \prod_{k=1}^c \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)^{y_{ik}} \pi_k^{y_{ik}} \right) \left( \prod_{i=n_s+1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c \pi_k \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \right) \end{aligned}$$



# Semi-supervised learning II

- Complete-data likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_c(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^c \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)^{y_{ik}} \pi_k^{y_{ik}} \\
 &= \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \prod_{k=1}^c \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)^{y_{ik}} \pi_k^{y_{ik}}}_{\text{observed}} \underbrace{\prod_{i=n_s+1}^n \prod_{k=1}^c \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)^{y_{ik}} \pi_k^{y_{ik}}}_{\text{non-observed}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Complete-data log-likelihood:

$$\ell_c(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_s} \sum_{k=1}^c y_{ik} (\log \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) + \log \pi_k) +$$

$$\sum_{i=n_s+1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c y_{ik} (\log \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) + \log \pi_k)$$

# Semi-supervised learning III

- Q function:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_s} \sum_{k=1}^c y_{ik} (\log \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) + \log \pi_k) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{i=n_s+1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c y_{ik}^{(t)} (\log \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) + \log \pi_k) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^c \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik}^{(t)} \log \phi(x_i; \mu_k, \Sigma_k) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c y_{ik}^{(t)} \log \pi_k
 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$y_{ik}^{(t)} = \begin{cases} y_{ik} & i = 1, \dots, n_s \\ \mathbb{E}_{\theta^{(t)}}[Y_{ik} \mid x_i] & i = n_s + 1, \dots, n \end{cases}$$

# EM algorithm

E-step: Compute

$$y_{ik}^{(t)} = \begin{cases} y_{ik} & i = 1, \dots, n_s \text{ (fixed)} \\ \frac{\phi(x_i; \mu_k^{(t)}, \Sigma_k^{(t)}) \pi_k^{(t)}}{\sum_{\ell=1}^c \phi(x_i; \mu_\ell^{(t)}, \Sigma_\ell^{(t)}) \pi_\ell^{(t)}} & i = n_s + 1, \dots, n \end{cases}$$

M-step: Same as in the unsupervised case.

$$\pi_k^{(t+1)} = \frac{n_k^{(t)}}{n}, \quad \mu_k^{(t+1)} = \frac{1}{n_k^{(t)}} \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik}^{(t)} x_i$$

$$\Sigma_k^{(t+1)} = \frac{1}{n_k^{(t)}} \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik}^{(t)} (x_i - \mu_k^{(t+1)})(x_i - \mu_k^{(t+1)})^T$$

with  $n_k^{(t)} = \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik}^{(t)}$

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# Mixture Discriminant Analysis

- GMM can also be useful in supervised classification.
- Here, we model the distribution of  $X$  in each class by a GMM:

$$p(x | Y = k) = \sum_{r=1}^{R_k} \pi_{kr} \phi(x; \mu_{kr}, \Sigma_{kr})$$

with  $\sum_{r=1}^{R_k} \pi_{kr} = 1$ .

- This method is called **Mixture Discriminant Analysis (MDA)**. It extends LDA.
- By varying the number of components in each mixture, we can handle classes of any shape, and obtain arbitrarily complex nonlinear decision boundaries.
- We may impose  $\Sigma_{kr} = \Sigma$ ,  $\Sigma_{kr} = \sigma_{kr} \mathbf{I}$ , or any other parsimonious model, to control the complexity of the model.

# Observed-data likelihood

- Observed-data likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i, y_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | y_i; \theta) p(y_i; \theta) \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^c \left( \sum_{r=1}^{R_k} \pi_{kr} \phi(x; \mu_{kr}, \Sigma_{kr}) \right)^{y_{ik}} \pi_k^{y_{ik}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Observed-data log-likelihood:

$$\ell(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^c \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik} \log \left( \sum_{r=1}^{R_k} \pi_{kr} \phi(x; \mu_{kr}, \Sigma_{kr}) \right) + \sum_{k=1}^c \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ik} \log \pi_k$$

- Again, the EM algorithm can be used to estimate the model parameters (see ESL pp. 399-402 for details).

# MDA using package mclust: Iris data

```
odd <- seq(from = 1, to = nrow(iris), by = 2)
even <- odd + 1
X.train <- iris[odd,-5]
Class.train <- iris[odd,5]
X.test <- iris[even,-5]
Class.test <- iris[even,5]

# general covariance structure selected by BIC
irisMclustDA <- MclustDA(X.train, Class.train)
summary(irisMclustDA, newdata = X.test, newclass = Class.test)

plot(irisMclustDA)
```

# Result

```
> summary(irisMclustDA, newdata = X.test, newclass = Class.test)
```

```
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Gaussian finite mixture model for classification
-----
```

MclustDA model summary:

```
log.likelihood  n df      BIC
-63.55015 75 53 -355.9272
```

```
Classes      n Model G
setosa       25 VEI 2
versicolor  25 EEV 2
virginica    25 XXX 1
```

Training classification summary:

Class	Predicted		
	setosa	versicolor	virginica
setosa	25	0	0
versicolor	0	25	0
virginica	0	0	25

Training error = 0

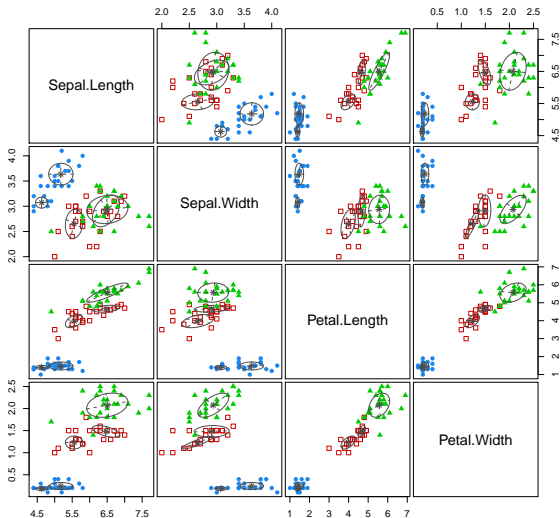
Test classification summary:

Class	Predicted		
	setosa	versicolor	virginica
setosa	25	0	0
versicolor	0	24	1
virginica	0	0	25

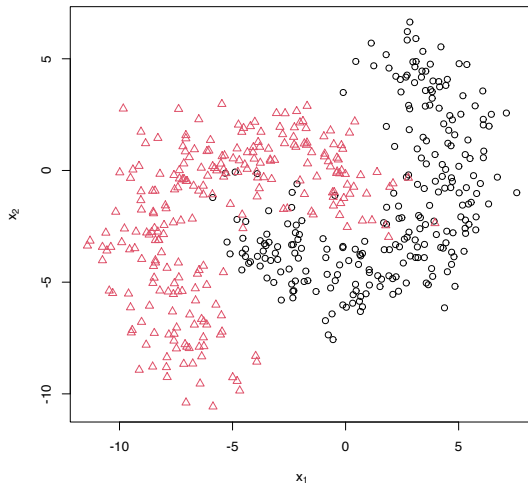
Test error = 0.01333333



# Result



# MDA using package mclust: Bananas data



# Result

```
> summary(res, newdata = data.test$x, newclass = data.test$y)
```

```
-----  
Gaussian finite mixture model for classification  
-----
```

MclustDA model summary:

```
log-likelihood  n df      BIC  
-2633.035 500 26 -5427.649
```

```
Classes  n % Model G  
  1 250 50  EEV 3  
  2 250 50  EEV 3
```

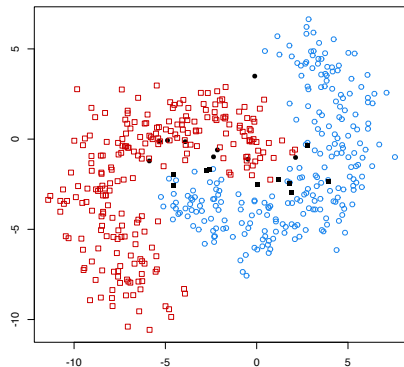
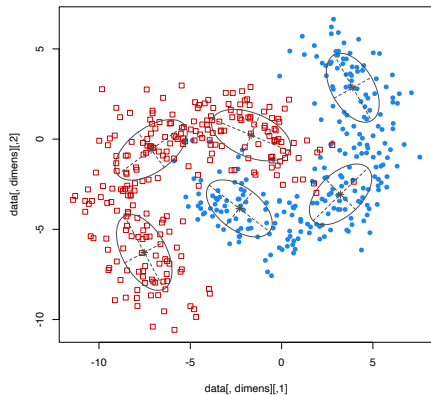
Training confusion matrix:

```
      Predicted  
Class 1  2  
  1 241  9  
  2  10 240  
Classification error = 0.038  
Brier score          = 0.0306
```

Test confusion matrix:

```
      Predicted  
Class 1  2  
  1 471 29  
  2  18 482  
Classification error = 0.047  
Brier score          = 0.0378
```

# Result



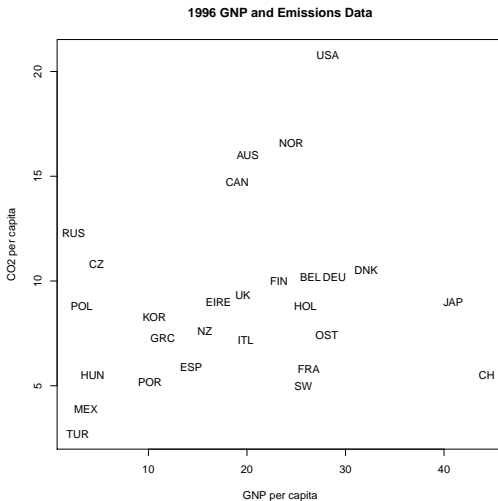
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# Introductory example



# Introductory example (continued)

- The data in the previous slide do not show any clear linear trend.
- However, there seem to be several groups for which a linear model would be a reasonable approximation.
- How to identify those groups and the corresponding linear models?



# Formalization

- We assume that the response variable  $Y$  depends on the input variable  $X$  in different ways, depending on a latent variable  $Z$ . (Beware: we have switched back to the classical notation for regression models!)
- This model is called **mixture of regressions** or **switching regressions**. It has been widely studied in the econometrics literature.

# Model

- Model:

$$Y = \begin{cases} \beta_1^T X + \epsilon_1, \epsilon_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_1) & \text{if } Z = 1, \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \beta_c^T X + \epsilon_c, \epsilon_c \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_c) & \text{if } Z = c, \end{cases}$$

with  $X = (1, X_1, \dots, X_p)$ , and

$$\mathbb{P}(Z = k) = \pi_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, c.$$

- So, the marginal pdf of  $Y$  is

$$p(y \mid X = x) = \sum_{k=1}^c \pi_k \phi(y; \beta_k^T x, \sigma_k)$$

# Observed and complete-data likelihoods

- Observed-data likelihood:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c \pi_k \phi(y_i; \beta_k^T x_i, \sigma_k)$$

- Complete-data likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} L_c(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i, z_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i | z_i; \theta) p(z_i | \pi) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^c \phi(y_i; \beta_k^T x_i, \sigma_k)^{z_{ik}} \pi_k^{z_{ik}}, \end{aligned}$$

with  $z_{ik} = I(z_i = k)$ .

# Derivation of function $Q$

- Complete-data log-likelihood:

$$\ell_c(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c z_{ik} \log \phi(y_i; \beta_k^T x_i, \sigma_k) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c z_{ik} \log \pi_k$$

- It is linear in the  $z_{ik}$ . Consequently, the  $Q$  function is simply

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^c \sum_{i=1}^n z_{ik}^{(t)} \log \phi(y_i; \beta_k^T x_i, \sigma_k)}_{\text{term depending on } \beta_k \text{ and } \sigma_k} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c z_{ik}^{(t)} \log \pi_k}_{\text{term depending on } \{\pi_k\}}$$

with  $z_{ik}^{(t)} = \mathbb{E}_{\theta^{(t)}}[Z_{ik} \mid y_i] = \mathbb{P}_{\theta^{(t)}}[Z_i = k \mid y_i]$ .

# EM algorithm

E-step: Compute

$$\begin{aligned} z_{ik}^{(t)} &= \mathbb{P}_{\theta^{(t)}}[Z_i = k \mid y_i] \\ &= \frac{\phi(y_i; \beta_k^{(t)T} x_i, \sigma_k^{(t)}) \pi_k^{(t)}}{\sum_{\ell=1}^c \phi(y_i; \beta_{\ell}^{(t)T} x_i, \sigma_{\ell}^{(t)}) \pi_{\ell}^{(t)}} \end{aligned}$$

M-step: Maximize  $Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$ . As before, we get

$$\pi_k^{(t+1)} = \frac{n_k^{(t)}}{n},$$

$$\text{with } n_k^{(t)} = \sum_{i=1}^n z_{ik}^{(t)}.$$

# M-step: update of the $\beta_k$ and $\sigma_k$ !

- In  $Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$ , the term depending on  $\beta_k$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n z_{ik}^{(t)} \log \phi(y_i; \beta_k^T x_i, \sigma_k) &= \sum_{i=1}^n z_{ik}^{(t)} \left[ -\frac{\log(2\pi\sigma_k^2)}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_k^2} (y_i - \beta_k^T x_i)^2 \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma_k^2} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n z_{ik}^{(t)} (y_i - \beta_k^T x_i)^2}_{SS_k} \\ &\quad - \frac{n_k^{(t)} \log(2\pi\sigma_k^2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

with  $n_k^{(t)} = \sum_{i=1}^n z_{ik}^{(t)}$ .

## M-step: update of the $\beta_k$ and $\sigma_k$ II

- Minimizing  $SS_k$  w.r.t.  $\beta_k$  is a weighted least-squares (WLS) problem. In matrix form,

$$SS_k = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta_k)^T \mathbf{W}_k^{(t)} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta_k),$$

where  $\mathbf{W}_k^{(t)} = \text{diag}(z_{1k}^{(t)}, \dots, z_{nk}^{(t)})$  is a diagonal matrix of size  $n$ .

- The solution is the WLS estimate of  $\beta_k$ :

$$\beta_k^{(t+1)} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}_k^{(t)} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}_k^{(t)} \mathbf{y}$$

## M-step: update of the $\beta_k$ and $\sigma_k$ III

- Plugging in the estimate  $\beta_k^{(t+1)}$  in the expression of the  $Q$  function and differentiating with respect to  $\sigma_k$ , we obtain the value of  $\sigma_k$  minimizing  $Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$  as the average of the residuals weighted by the  $z_{ik}^{(t)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_k^{2(t+1)} &= \frac{1}{n_k^{(t)}} \sum_{i=1}^n z_{ik}^{(t)} (y_i - \beta_k^{(t+1)T} x_i)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n_k^{(t)}} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \beta_k^{(t+1)})^T \mathbf{W}_k^{(t)} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \beta_k^{(t+1)})\end{aligned}$$



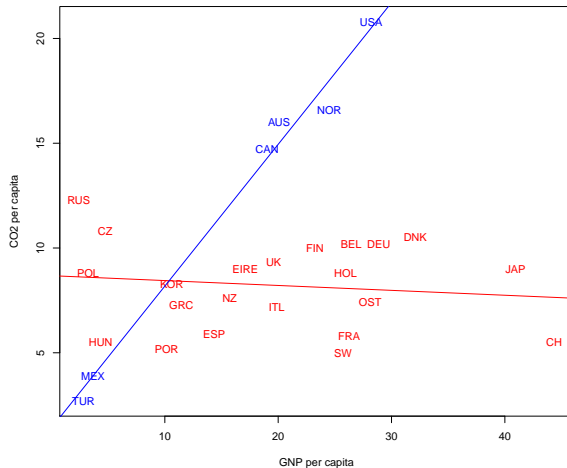
# Mixture of regressions using mixtools

```
library(mixtools)
data(CO2data)
attach(CO2data)

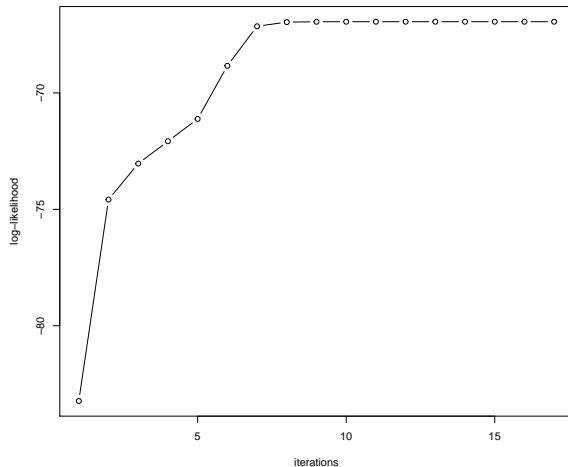
CO2reg <- regmixEM(CO2, GNP)
summary(CO2reg)

ii1<-CO2reg$posterior>0.5
ii2<-CO2reg$posterior<=0.5
text(GNP[ii1],CO2[ii1],country[ii1],col='red')
text(GNP[Cii2],CO2[ii2],country[ii2],col='blue')
abline(CO2reg$beta[,1],col='red')
abline(CO2reg$beta[,2],col='blue')
```

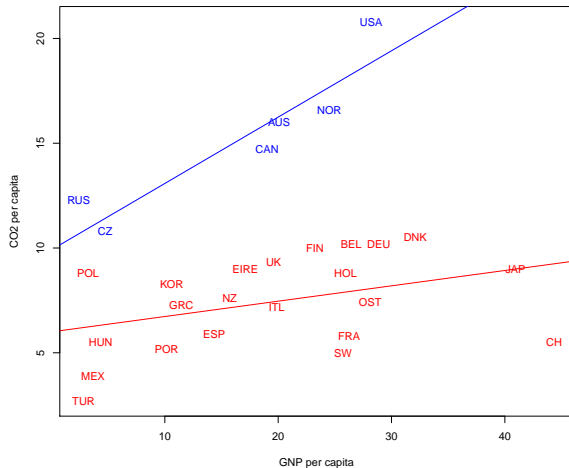
# Best solution in 10 runs



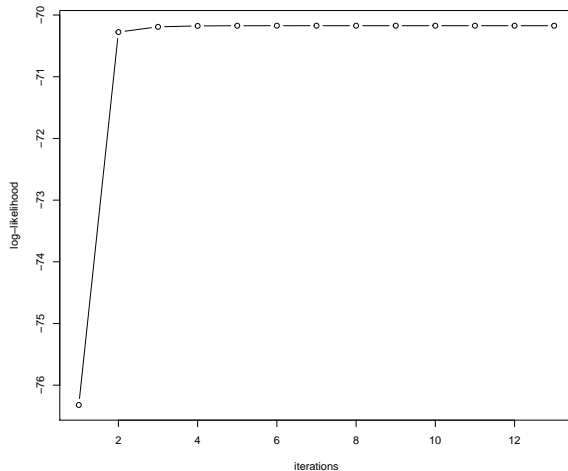
# Increase of log-likelihood



# Another solution (with lower log-likelihood)



# Increase of log-likelihood



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# Making the mixing proportions predictor-dependent

- An interesting extension of the previous model is to assume the proportions  $\pi_k$  to be partially explained by a vector of **concomitant variables**  $W$ .
- If  $W = X$ , we can approximate the regression function by different linear functions in different regions of the predictor space.
- In ML, this method is referred to as the **mixture of experts** method.
- A useful parametric form for  $\pi_k$  that ensures  $\pi_k \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^c \pi_k = 1$  is the **multinomial logit (softmax)** model:

$$\pi_k(w, \alpha) = \frac{\exp(\alpha_k^T w)}{\sum_{l=1}^c \exp(\alpha_l^T w)}$$

with  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_c)$  and  $\alpha_1 = 0$ .

# EM algorithm

- The  $Q$  function is the same as before, except that the  $\pi_k$  now depend on the  $w_i$  and parameter  $\alpha$ :

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c z_{ik}^{(t)} \log \phi(y_i; \beta_k^T x_i, \sigma_k) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c z_{ik}^{(t)} \log \pi_k(w_i, \alpha)$$

- In the M-step, the update formula for  $\beta_k$  and  $\sigma_k$  are unchanged.
- The last term of  $Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$  can be maximized w.r.t.  $\alpha$  using an iterative algorithm, such as the Newton-Raphson procedure. (See remark on next slide)



# Generalized EM algorithm

- To ensure the convergence of EM, we only need, at the M step of each iteration  $t$ , to find an estimate  $\theta^{(t+1)}$  such that

$$Q(\theta^{(t+1)}, \theta^{(t)}) \geq Q(\theta^{(t)}, \theta^{(t)})$$

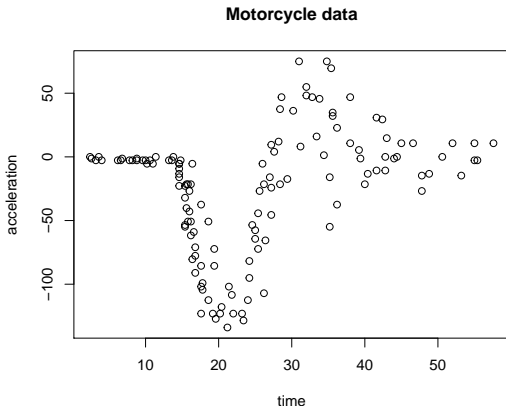
- Any algorithm that chooses  $\theta^{(t+1)}$  at each iteration to guarantee the above condition (without maximizing  $Q(\theta, \theta^{(t)})$ ) is called a **Generalized EM (GEM) algorithm**.
- Here, we can perform a single step of the Newton-Raphson algorithm to maximize

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c z_{ik}^{(t)} \log \pi_k(w_i, \alpha)$$

with respect to  $\alpha$ .

- Backtracking can be used to ensure ascent.

# Example: motorcycle data



```
library('MASS')  
x<-mcycle$times  
y<-mcycle$accel  
plot(x,y)
```

# Mixture of experts using flexmix

```
library(flexmix)

K<-5

res<-flexmix(y ~ x,k=K,model=FLXMRglm(family="gaussian"),
concomitant=FLXPmultinom(formula=~x))

beta<- parameters(res)[1:2,]
alpha<-res@concomitant@coef
```

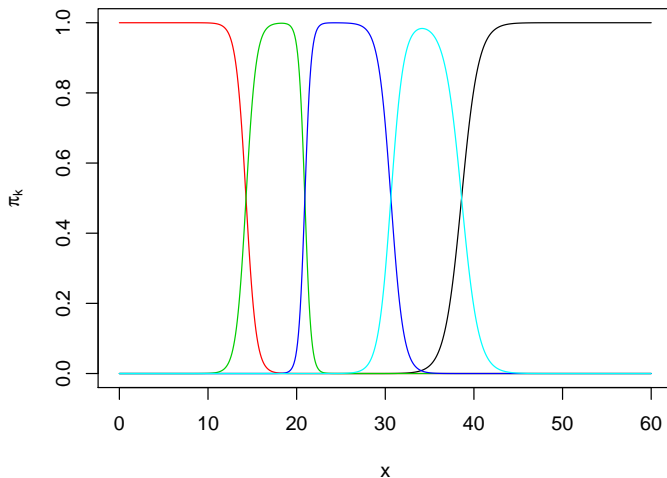
# Plotting the posterior probabilities

```
xt<-seq(0,60,0.1)
Nt<-length(xt)
plot(x,y)
pit=matrix(0,Nt,K)
for(k in 1:K) pit[,k]<-exp(alpha[1,k]+alpha[2,k]*xt)
pit<-pit/rowSums(pit)

plot(xt,pit[,1],type="l",col=1)
for(k in 2:K) lines(xt,pit[,k],col=k)
```

# Posterior probabilities

Motorcycle data – posterior probabilities



# Plotting the predictions

```
yhat<-rep(0,Nt)
for(k in 1:K) yhat<-yhat+pit[,k]*(beta[1,k]+beta[2,k]*xt)

plot(x,y,main="Motorcycle data",xlab="time",ylab="acceleration")
for(k in 1:K) abline(beta[1:2,k],lty=2)
lines(xt,yhat,col='red',lwd=2)
```

# Regression lines and predictions

