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# Mixture models

- Probabilistic process — parameters  $\Theta$ 
  - Tossing a coin with  $\Theta = \{Pr(H)\} = \{p\}$
- Perform an experiment
  - Toss the coin  $N$  times,  $H T H H \dots T$
- Estimate parameters from observations
  - From  $h$  heads, estimate  $p = h/N$
  - Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE)
- What if we have a **mixture** of two random processes
  - Two coins,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , with  $Pr(H) = p_1$  and  $p_2$ , respectively
  - Repeat  $N$  times: choose  $c_i$  with probability  $1/2$  and toss it
  - Outcome:  $N_1$  tosses of  $c_1$  interleaved with  $N_2$  tosses of  $c_2$ ,  $N_1 + N_2 = N$
  - Can we estimate  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ ?

# Mixture models . . .

- Two coins,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , with  $Pr(H) = p_1$  and  $p_2$ , respectively
- Sequence of  $N$  interleaved coin tosses  $H T H H \dots H H T$
- If the sequence is labelled, we can estimate  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$  separately
  - $H T T H H T H T H H T H T H T H H T H T$
  - $p_1 = 8/12 = 2/3$ ,  $p_2 = 3/8$
- What the observation is unlabelled?
  - $H T T H H T H T H H T H T H T H H T H T$
- Iterative algorithm to estimate the parameters
  - Make an initial guess for the parameters
  - Compute a (fractional) labelling of the outcomes
  - Re-estimate the parameters

# Expectation Maximization (EM)

- Iterative algorithm to estimate the parameters
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- *H T T H H T H T H H T H T H T H H T H T*
  - Initial guess:  $p_1 = 1/2, p_2 = 1/4$
  - $Pr(c_1 = T) = q_1 = 1/2, Pr(c_2 = T) = q_2 = 3/4,$
  - For each *H*, likelihood it was  $c_i, Pr(c_i | H),$  is  $p_i/(p_1 + p_2)$
  - For each *T*, likelihood it was  $c_i, Pr(c_i | T),$  is  $q_i/(q_1 + q_2)$
  - Assign fractional count  $Pr(c_i | H)$  to each *H*:  $2/3 \times c_1, 1/3 \times c_2$
  - Likewise, assign fractional count  $Pr(c_i | T)$  to each *T*:  $2/5 \times c_1, 3/5 \times c_2$

# Expectation Maximization (EM)

■ *H T T H H T H T H H T H T H T H H T H T*

■ Initial guess:  $p_1 = 1/2$ ,  $p_2 = 1/4$

■ Fractional counts: each *H* is  $2/3 \times c_1$ ,  $1/3 \times c_2$ , each *T*:  $2/5 \times c_1$ ,  $3/5 \times c_2$

■ Add up the fractional counts

■  $c_1$ :  $11 \cdot (2/3) = 22/3$  heads,  $9 \cdot (2/5) = 18/5$  tails

■  $c_2$ :  $11 \cdot (1/3) = 11/3$  heads,  $9 \cdot (3/5) = 27/5$  tails

■ Re-estimate the parameters

■  $p_1 = \frac{22/3}{22/3 + 18/5} = 110/164 = 0.67$ ,  $q_1 = 1 - p_1 = 0.33$

■  $p_2 = \frac{11/3}{11/3 + 27/5} = 55/136 = 0.40$ ,  $q_2 = 1 - p_2 = 0.60$

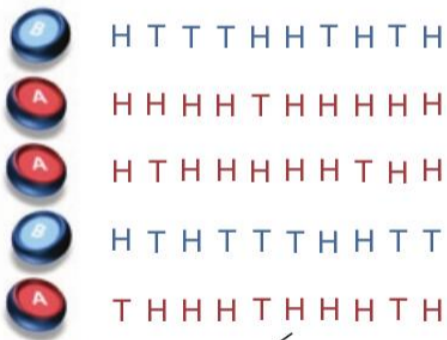
■ Repeat until convergence

# Expectation Maximization (EM)

- Mixture of probabilistic models  $(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k)$  with parameters  $\Theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k)$
- Observation  $O = o_1 o_2 \dots o_N$
- **Expectation** step
  - Compute likelihoods  $Pr(M_i|o_j)$  for each  $M_i, o_j$
- **Maximization** step
  - Recompute MLE for each  $M_i$  using fraction of  $O$  assigned using likelihood
- Repeat until convergence
  - Why should it converge?
  - If the value converges, what have we computed?

# EM — another example

- Two biased coins, choose a coin and toss 10 times, repeat 5 times



- If we know the breakup, we can separately compute MLE for each coin

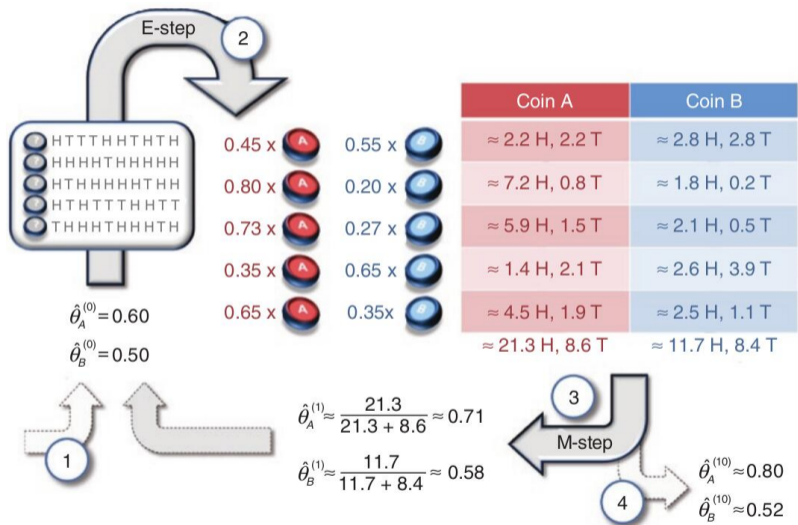
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	5 H, 5 T
9 H, 1 T	
8 H, 2 T	
	4 H, 6 T
7 H, 3 T	
24 H, 6 T	9 H, 11 T

$$\hat{\theta}_A = \frac{24}{24 + 6} = 0.80$$

$$\hat{\theta}_B = \frac{9}{9 + 11} = 0.45$$

# EM — another example

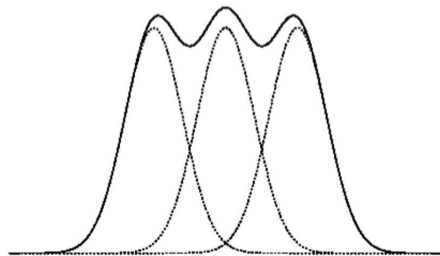
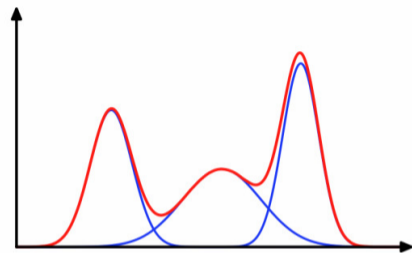
- Expectation-Maximization
- Initial estimates,  $\theta_A = 0.6$ ,  $\theta_B = 0.5$
- Compute likelihood of each sequence:  $\theta^{n_H}(1 - \theta)^{n_T}$
- Assign each sequence proportionately
- Converge to  $\theta_A = 0.8$ ,  $\theta_B = 0.52$





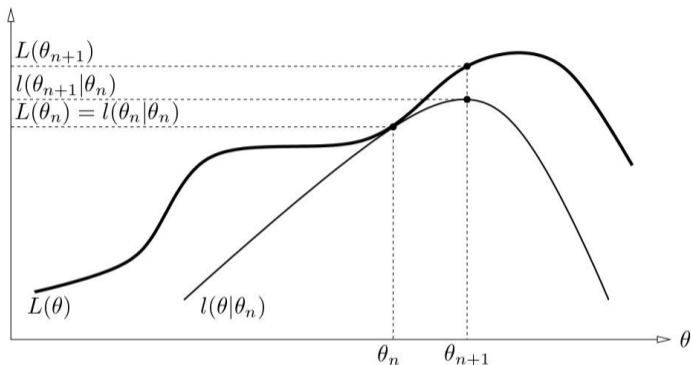
# EM — mixture of Gaussians

- Sample uniformly from multiple Gaussians,  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma_i)$
- For simplicity, assume all  $\sigma_i = \sigma$
- $N$  sample points  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N$
- Make an initial guess for each  $\mu_j$
- $Pr(z_i | \mu_j) = \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(z_i - \mu_j)^2)$
- $Pr(\mu_j | z_i) = c_{ij} = \frac{Pr(z_i | \mu_j)}{\sum_k Pr(z_i | \mu_k)}$
- MLE of  $\mu_j$  is sample mean,  $\frac{\sum_i c_{ij} z_i}{\sum_i c_{ij}}$
- Update estimates for  $\mu_j$  and repeat



# Theoretical foundations of EM

- Mixture of probabilistic models  $(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k)$  with parameters  $\Theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k)$
- Observation  $O = o_1 o_2 \dots o_N$
- EM builds a sequence of estimates  $\Theta_1, \Theta_2, \dots, \Theta_n$
- $L(\Theta_j)$  — log-likelihood function,  $\ln \Pr(O | \Theta_j)$
- Want to extend the sequence with  $\Theta_{n+1}$  such that  $L(\Theta_{n+1}) > L(\Theta_n)$



- EM performs a form of gradient descent
- If we update  $\Theta_n$  to  $\Theta'$  we get a new likelihood  $L(\Theta_n) + \Delta(\Theta', \Theta_n)$  which we call  $l(\Theta' | \Theta_n)$
- Choose  $\Theta_{n+1}$  to maximize  $l(\Theta' | \Theta_n)$

# Semi-supervised learning

- Supervised learning requires labelled training data
- What if we don't have enough labelled data?
- For a probabilistic classifier we can apply EM
  - Use available training data to assign initial probabilities
  - Label the rest of the data using this model — fractional labels
  - Add up counts and re-estimate the parameters

# Semi-supervised topic classification

- Each document is a **multiset** or **bag** of words over a vocabulary  $V = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$
- Each topic  $c$  has probability  $Pr(c)$
- Each word  $w_i \in V$  has conditional probability  $Pr(w_i | c_j)$ , for  $c_j \in C$ 
  - Note that  $\sum_{i=1}^m Pr(w_i | c_j) = 1$
- Assume document length is independent of the class
- Only a small subset of documents is labelled
  - Use this subset for initial estimate of  $Pr(c)$ ,  $Pr(w_i | c_j)$

# Semi-supervised topic classification

- Current model  $Pr(c)$ ,  $Pr(w_i | c_j)$
- Compute  $Pr(c_j | d)$  for each unlabelled document  $d$ 
  - Normally we assign the maximum among these as the class for  $d$
  - Here we keep fractional values
- Recompute  $Pr(c_j) = \frac{\sum_{d \in D} Pr(c_j | d)}{|D|}$ 
  - For labelled  $d$ ,  $Pr(c_j | d) \in \{0, 1\}$
  - For unlabelled  $d$ ,  $Pr(c_j | d)$  is fractional value computed from current parameters
- Recompute  $Pr(w_i | c_j)$  — fraction of occurrences of  $w_i$  in documents labelled  $c_j$ 
  - $n_{id}$  — occurrences of  $w_i$  in  $d$
  - $Pr(w_i | c_j) = \frac{\sum_{d \in D} n_{id} Pr(c_j | d)}{\sum_{t=1}^m \sum_{d \in D} n_{td} Pr(c_j | d)}$

# Clustering

- Data points from a mixture of Gaussian distributions
- Use EM to estimate the parameters of each Gaussian distribution
- Assign each point to “best” Gaussian
- Can tweak the shape of the clusters by constraining the covariance matrix
- Outliers are those that are outside  $k\sigma$  for all the Gaussians

