Probabilistic clustering and the EM algorithm



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- Assign each point to the closest centroid

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- A good initialization for K-means is K-means++, (Arthur and Vassilvitskii, 2007), (included in all good libraries).

See Arthur, D. and Vassilvitskii, S. (2007). k-means++: the advantages of careful seeding. Proceedings of the 18th annual ACM-SIAM symposium on Discrete algorithms.

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A graphical idea of the EM algorithm



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Final EM algorithm for the Multinomial mixture model Initialize $\theta = \theta_0$

WHILE (Not converged)

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EM Algorithm for the Gaussian mixture model III

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 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i \sim \operatorname{Dir}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$

• Empirical words counts for document i: $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\mathbf{x}_i \sim \mathcal{M}(N_i, \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\theta}_i)$$

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Factorial Hidden Markov models (Ghahramani and Jordan, 1996)



Restricted Boltzman Machines (Smolensky, 1986)



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However the model encodes non-trivial dependences between the variables (Y_1, \ldots, Y_n)

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Hidden Markov Random Field





Original image



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