

Only covered Supervised learning  $X \rightarrow \text{IR regression}$   
 $X \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$   
Training data includes labels  
classification

# Clustering

## K-means

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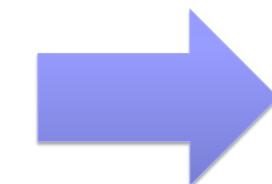
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## Clustering images



given no labels



Organize data  
into themes



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[Goldberger et al.] 2

## K-means

d-dim vectors

- Randomly initialize  $k$  centers or "smartly"
  - $\mu^{(0)} = \mu_1^{(0)}, \dots, \mu_k^{(0)}$  iteration
- Repeat until convergence: no point change) cluster membership
- Classify: Assign each point  $j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  to nearest center:
  - $C^{(t)}(j) \leftarrow \arg \min_i \|\mu_i^{(t)} - x_j\|^2$  fix  $\mu$ ,  $\text{OPT } C$
- Recenter:  $\mu_i^{(t+1)}$  becomes centroid of its points!
  - $\mu_i^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\mu} \sum_{j: C(j)=i} \|\mu - x_j\|^2$   $\mu_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{j: C(j)=i} x_j}{|\{j : C(j)=i\}|}$  fix  $C$ ,  $\text{OPT } \mu$
  - Equivalent to  $\mu_i \leftarrow \text{average of its points!}$

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## Mixtures of Gaussians

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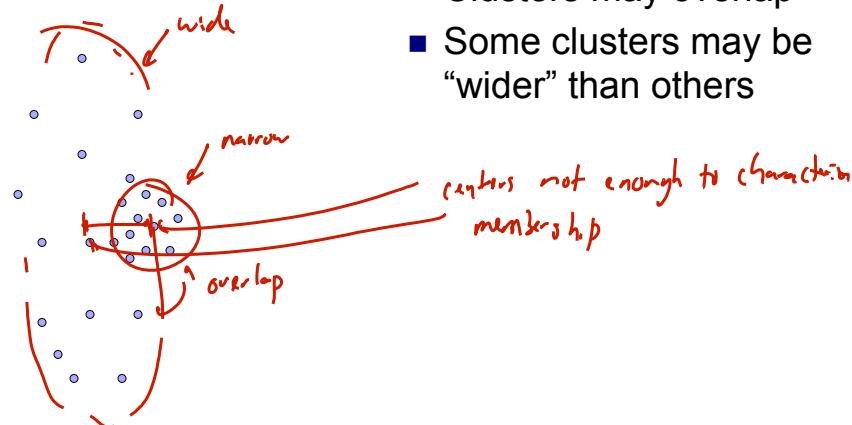
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## (One) bad case for k-means

- Clusters may overlap
- Some clusters may be “wider” than others

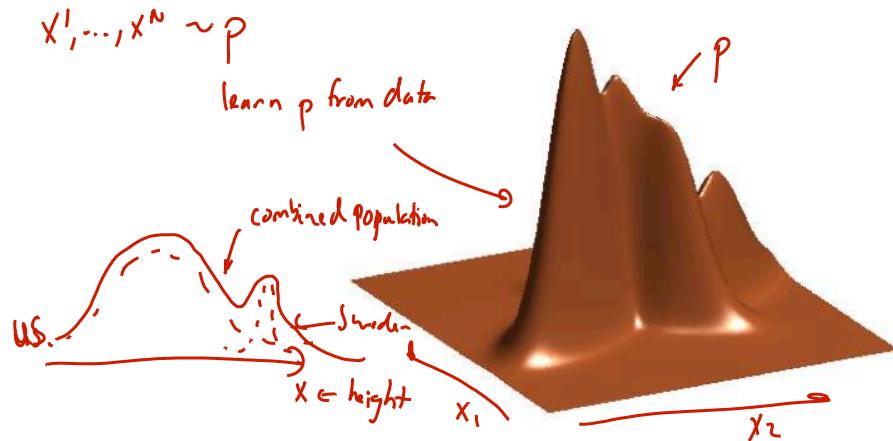


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## Density Estimation

- Estimate a density based on  $x^1, \dots, x^N$

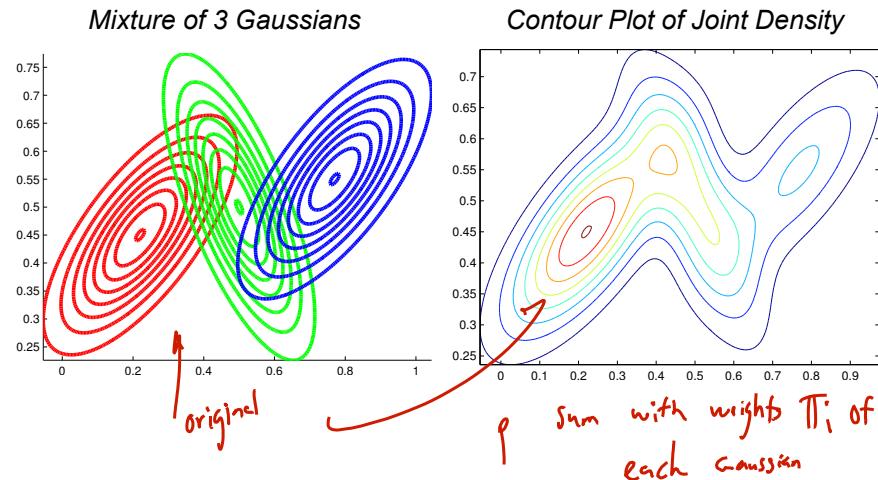


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## Density as Mixture of Gaussians

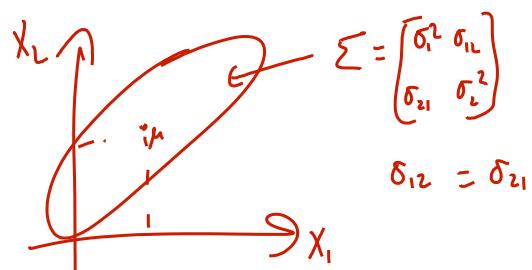
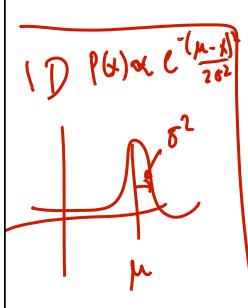
- Approximate density with a mixture of Gaussians



## Gaussians in $d$ Dimensions

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \|\Sigma\|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]$$

mean vector  
covariance matrix

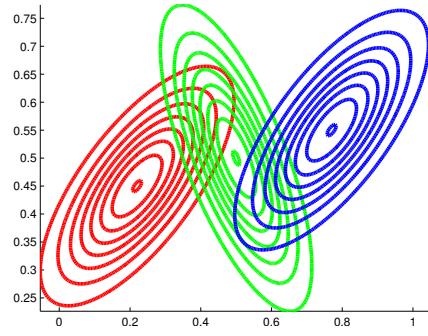


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## Density as Mixture of Gaussians

- Approximate density with a mixture of Gaussians
- Mixture of 3 Gaussians*



$$p(x^j | \pi, \mu, \Sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^k \pi_i N(x^j | \mu_i, \Sigma_i)$$

$\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k$   
 $\sum_{i=1}^k \pi_i = 1$



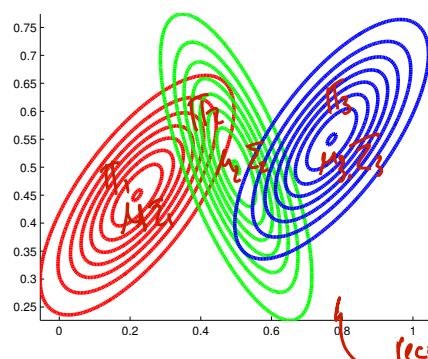
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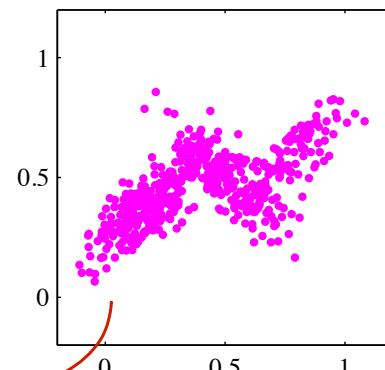
## Density as Mixture of Gaussians

- Approximate with density with a mixture of Gaussians

*Mixture of 3 Gaussians*



*Our actual observations*

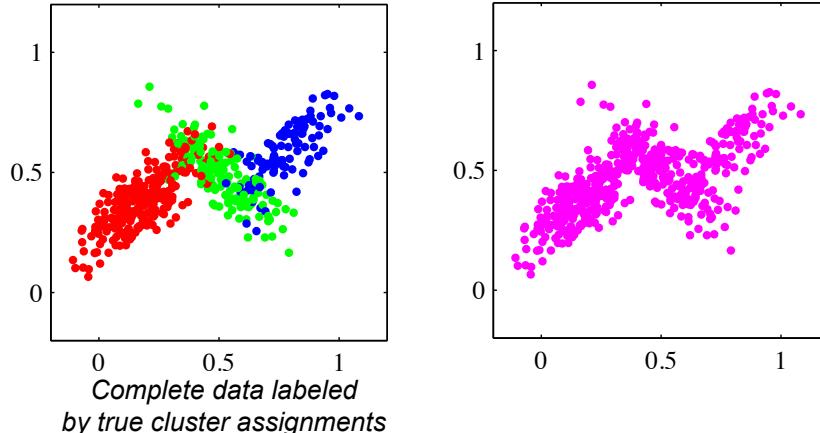


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## Clustering our Observations

- Imagine we have an assignment of each  $x^i$  to a Gaussian



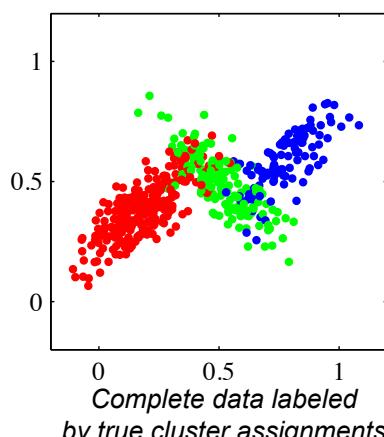
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## Clustering our Observations

- Imagine we have an assignment of each  $x^i$  to a Gaussian

- Introduce latent cluster indicator variable  $z^i$

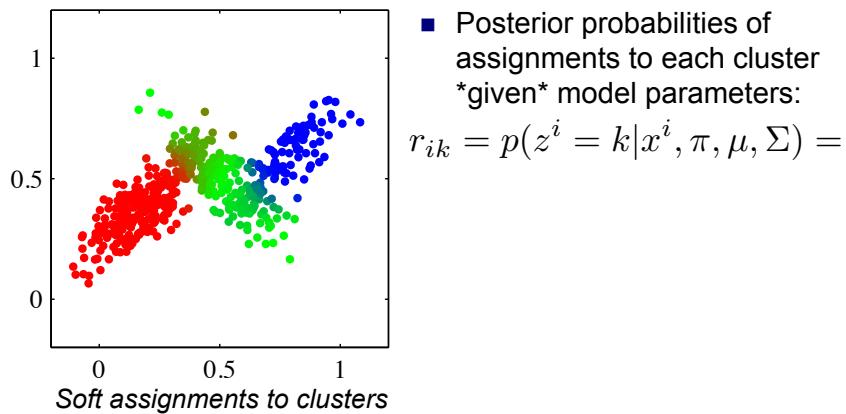
- Then we have  
$$p(x^i | z^i, \pi, \mu, \Sigma) =$$



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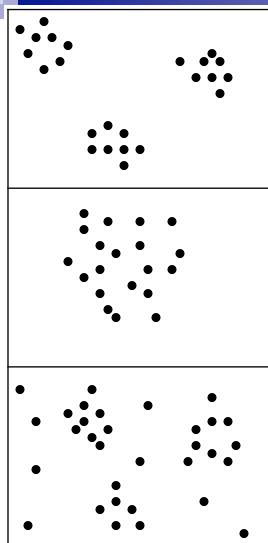
# Clustering our Observations

- We must infer the cluster assignments from the observations



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## Unsupervised Learning: not as hard as it looks



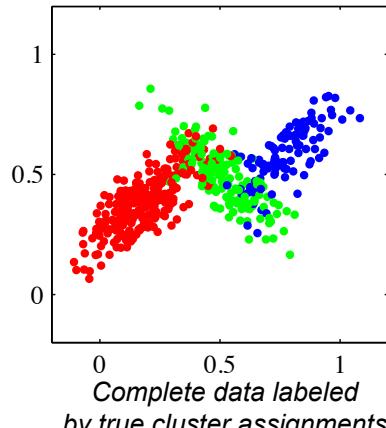
Sometimes easy

Sometimes impossible

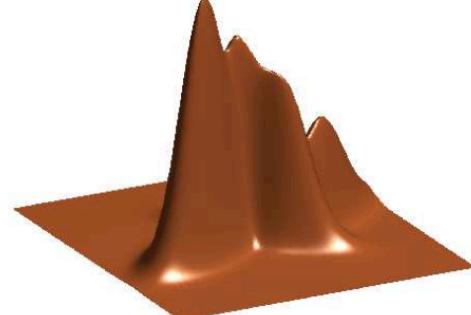
and sometimes in between

## Summary of GMM Concept

- Estimate a density based on  $x^1, \dots, x^N$



$$p(x^i | \pi, \mu, \Sigma) = \sum_{z^i=1}^K \pi_{z^i} \mathcal{N}(x^i | \mu_{z^i}, \Sigma_{z^i})$$



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## Summary of GMM Components

- Observations  $x^i \in \mathbb{R}^d, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$
- Hidden cluster labels  $z_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$
- Hidden mixture means  $\mu_k \in \mathbb{R}^d, k = 1, 2, \dots, K$
- Hidden mixture covariances  $\Sigma_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, k = 1, 2, \dots, K$
- Hidden mixture probabilities  $\pi_k, \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$

**Gaussian mixture marginal and conditional likelihood :**

$$p(x^i | \pi, \mu, \Sigma) = \sum_{z^i=1}^K \pi_{z^i} p(x^i | z^i, \mu, \Sigma)$$

$$p(x^i | z^i, \mu, \Sigma) = \mathcal{N}(x^i | \mu_{z^i}, \Sigma_{z^i})$$

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# Expectation Maximization

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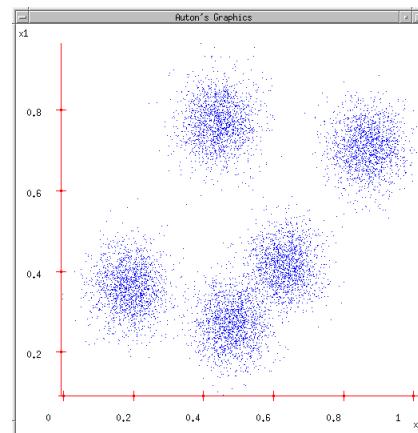
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Next... back to Density Estimation

What if we want to do density estimation with multimodal or clumpy data?



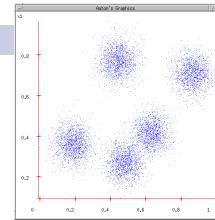
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## But we don't see class labels!!!

- MLE:

- $\operatorname{argmax} \prod_i P(z^i, x^i)$



- But we don't know  $z^i$
- Maximize marginal likelihood:
  - $\operatorname{argmax} \prod_i P(x^i) = \operatorname{argmax} \prod_i \sum_{k=1}^K P(z^i=k, x^i)$

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## Special case: spherical Gaussians and hard assignments

- $P(z^i = k, \mathbf{x}^i) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{m/2} \|\Sigma_k\|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}^i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} (\mathbf{x}^i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)\right] P(z^i = k)$

- If  $P(X|z=k)$  is spherical, with same  $\sigma$  for all classes:

$$P(\mathbf{x}^i | z^i = k) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}^i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2\right]$$

- If each  $x^i$  belongs to one class  $C(i)$  (hard assignment), marginal likelihood:

$$\prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K P(\mathbf{x}^i, z^i = k) \propto \prod_{i=1}^N \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}^i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{C(i)}\|^2\right]$$

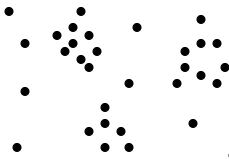
- Same as K-means!!!

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## EM: “Reducing” Unsupervised Learning to Supervised Learning

- If we knew assignment of points to classes → Supervised Learning!



- Expectation-Maximization (EM)
  - Guess assignment of points to classes
    - In standard (“soft”) EM: each point associated with prob. of being in each class
  - Recompute model parameters
  - Iterate

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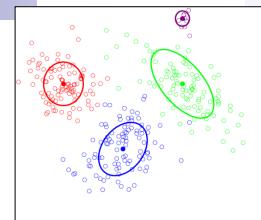
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## Generic Mixture Models

- Observations:

- Parameters:

*MoG Example:*



- Likelihood:

- Ex.  $z^i$  = country of origin,  $x^i$  = height of  $i^{\text{th}}$  person
  - $k^{\text{th}}$  mixture component = distribution of heights in country  $k$

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## ML Estimate of Mixture Model Params

- Log likelihood

$$L_x(\theta) \triangleq \log p(\{x^i\} \mid \theta) = \sum_i \log \sum_{z^i} p(x^i, z^i \mid \theta)$$

- Want ML estimate

$$\hat{\theta}^{ML} =$$

- Neither convex nor concave and local optima

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## If “complete” data were observed...

- Assume class labels  $z^i$  were observed in addition to  $x^i$

$$L_{x,z}(\theta) = \sum_i \log p(x^i, z^i \mid \theta)$$

- Compute ML estimates
  - Separates over clusters  $k!$

- Example: mixture of Gaussians (MoG)  $\theta = \{\pi_k, \mu_k, \Sigma_k\}_{k=1}^K$

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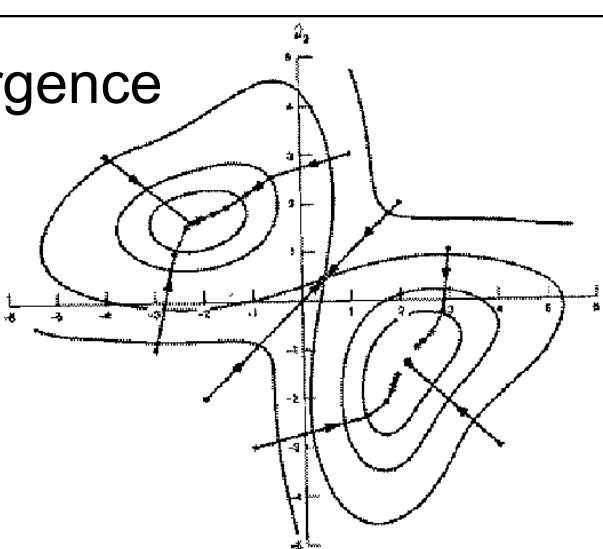
## Iterative Algorithm

- Motivates a coordinate ascent-like algorithm:
  1. Infer missing values  $z^i$  given estimate of parameters  $\hat{\theta}$
  2. Optimize parameters to produce new  $\hat{\theta}$  given “filled in” data  $z^i$
  3. Repeat
- Example: MoG (derivation soon...)
  1. Infer “responsibilities”  
 $r_{ik} = p(z^i = k | x^i, \hat{\theta}^{(t-1)}) =$
  2. Optimize parameters  
 $\max$  w.r.t.  $\pi_k$  :
  - $\max$  w.r.t.  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$  :

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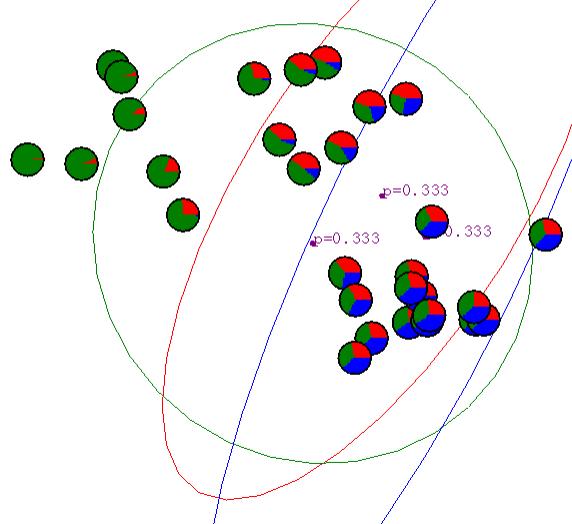
## E.M. Convergence

- EM is coordinate ascent on an interesting potential function
  - Coord. ascent for bounded pot. func.  $\rightarrow$  convergence to a local optimum guaranteed
- 
- This algorithm is REALLY USED. And in high dimensional state spaces, too.  
E.G. Vector Quantization for Speech Data

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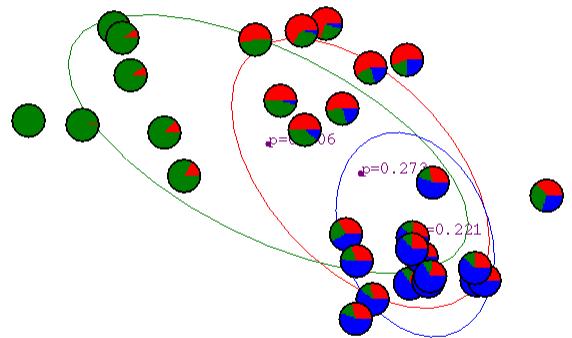
## Gaussian Mixture Example: Start



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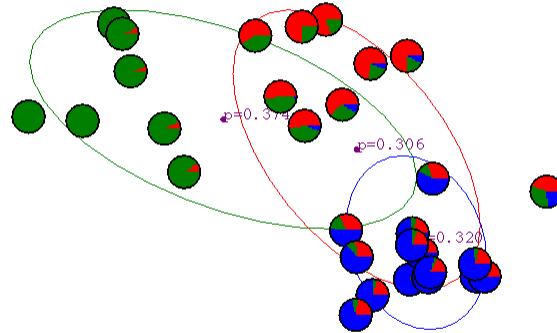
## After first iteration



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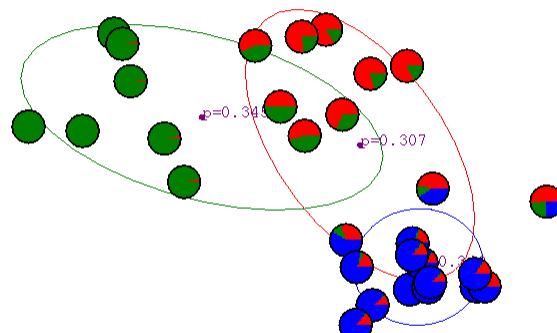
## After 2nd iteration



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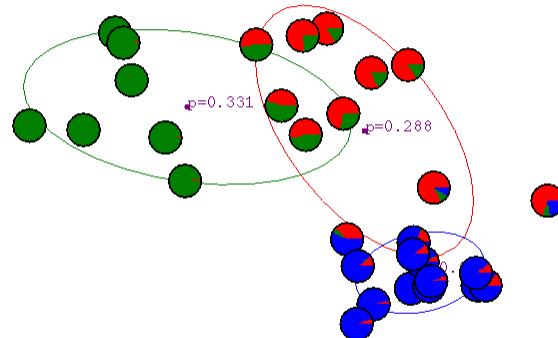
## After 3rd iteration



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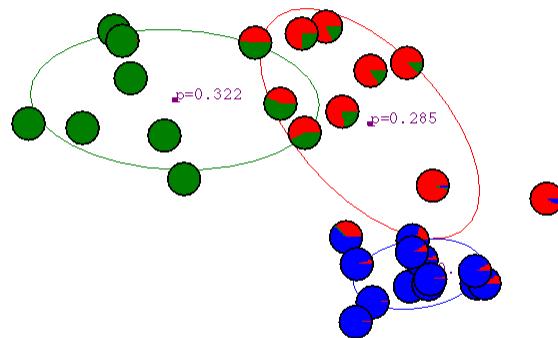
## After 4th iteration



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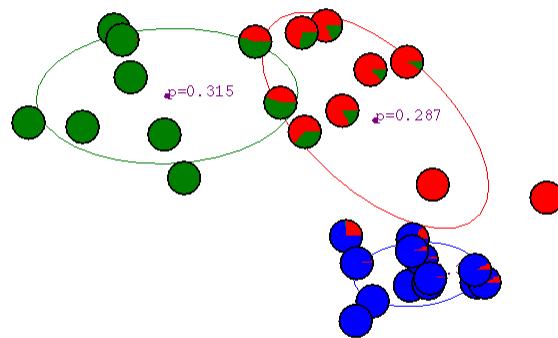
## After 5th iteration



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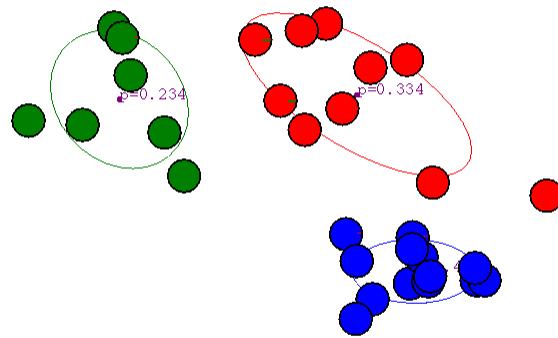
## After 6th iteration



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## After 20th iteration



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## GMM clustering of the assay data

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## Resulting Density Estimator



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## E.M.: The General Case

- E.M. widely used beyond mixtures of Gaussians
  - The recipe is the same...
- Expectation Step: Fill in missing data, given current values of parameters,  $\theta^{(t)}$ 
  - If variable  $y$  is missing (could be many variables)
  - Compute, for each data point  $\mathbf{x}^i$ , for each value  $i$  of  $y$ :
    - $P(y=i|\mathbf{x}^i, \theta^{(t)})$
- Maximization step: Find maximum likelihood parameters for (weighted) “completed data”:
  - For each data point  $\mathbf{x}^i$ , create  $k$  weighted data points
    - 
    - Set  $\theta^{(t+1)}$  as the maximum likelihood parameter estimate for this weighted data
- Repeat

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## Initialization

- In mixture model case where  $y^i = \{z^i, x^i\}$  there are many ways to initialize the EM algorithm
- Examples:
  - Choose K observations at random to define each cluster.  
Assign other observations to the nearest “centriod” to form initial parameter estimates
  - Pick the centers sequentially to provide good coverage of data
  - Grow mixture model by splitting (and sometimes removing) clusters until K clusters are formed
- Can be quite important to quality of solution in practice

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## What you should know

- K-means for clustering:
  - algorithm
  - converges because it's coordinate ascent
- EM for mixture of Gaussians:
  - How to “learn” maximum likelihood parameters (locally max. like.) in the case of unlabeled data
- Remember, E.M. can get stuck in local minima, and empirically it DOES
- EM is coordinate ascent

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