

# An EM Algorithm for GTM-FS

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## Abstract

We propose a generative topographic mapping (GTM) based data visualization with simultaneous feature selection (GTM-FS) approach which not only provides a better visualization by modeling irrelevant features (“noise”) using a separate shared distribution but also gives a saliency value for each feature which helps the user to assess their significance. This technical report presents a variant of the Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm for GTM-FS.

## 1 GTM Architecture

In GTM-FS, the Gaussians in the constrained mixture of Gaussians have diagonal covariance. Roughly, GTM-FS Architecture can be displayed as below:

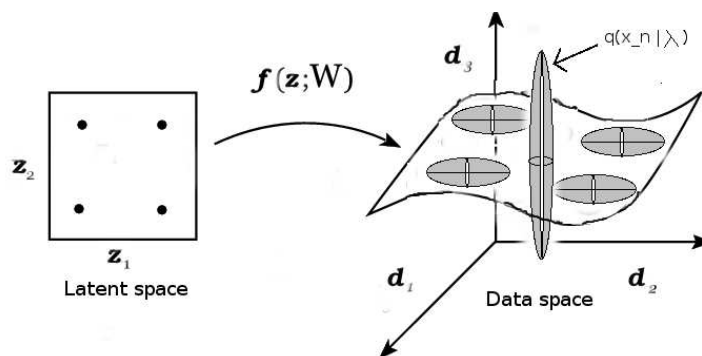


Figure 1: Schematic representation of the GTM model.

Following are the important dimension variables and indexes:

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\*Please note that this is an ad-hoc technical note. More structured report with clear notations will follow soon. Contact the author for a newer version.

$N$  = Number of input data points. Index used :  $n$ .

$M$  = Number of components (latent grid points). Index used :  $m$ .

$D$  = Number of features (dimension of the data space). Index used :  $d$ .

$K$  = Number of basis function for RBF mapping. Index used :  $k$ .

## 2 GTM with Feature Selection (GTM-FS)

GTM has a non-linear transformation from the latent space to the data space given by a linear combination of the basis functions. So that each point  $\mathbf{z}_m$  in latent space is mapped to a corresponding point  $t_m$  in the  $D$ -dimensional data space (which acts as the centre of a Gaussian  $m$ ) given by

$$\mathbf{T} = \Phi(\mathbf{z})\mathbf{W}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{T}$  is an  $M \times D$  matrix,  $\Phi$  is an  $M \times K$  matrix, and  $\mathbf{W}$  is a  $K \times D$  matrix.

If we denote the node locations in latent space by  $\mathbf{z}_m$ , then eq. (1) defines a corresponding set of ‘reference vectors’ given by

$$t_{md} = \sum_{k=1}^K \phi_{mk}(\mathbf{z}_m)w_{kd}, \quad (2)$$

where  $t_{md}$  is a scalar and it represents estimated the  $d$ th feature of the  $m$ th component.

Each of the reference vectors then forms the centre of a Gaussian distribution in data space. For feature saliency purpose, we have one dimensional Gaussian for each feature,

$$p(x_{nd}|t_{md}, \sigma_{md}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{md}^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x_{nd} - t_{md})^2}{2\sigma_{md}^2}\right\}. \quad (3)$$

The probability density function for the GTM model is obtained by summing over all the Gaussian components, to give

$$p(\mathbf{x}|T, \Sigma^2) = \sum_{m=1}^M P(m)p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{t}_m, \sigma_m) \quad (4)$$

We assume that the features are conditionally independent given the (hidden) component label, so

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\Theta) = \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m \prod_{l=1}^D p(x_{nl}|\theta_{ml}) \quad (5)$$

where  $p(\cdot|\theta_{md})$  is the pdf of the  $d$ th feature for the  $m$ th component.  $\theta_{md} = \{t_{md}, \sigma_{md}^2\}$  and  $\alpha_m$  is  $P(m)$  (prior).

The  $d$ th feature is irrelevant if its distribution is independent of the class labels, i.e., if it follows a common density, denoted by  $q(x_{nd}|\lambda_d)$ . Let  $\Psi =$

$(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_D)$  be an ordered set of binary parameters, such that  $\psi_d = 1$  if feature  $d$  is relevant and  $\psi_d = 0$ , otherwise. The mixture density in eq. (5) is now:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_n | \Psi, \alpha_m, \theta_{md}, \lambda_d) = \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m \prod_{l=1}^D [p(x_{nl} | \theta_{ml})]^{\psi_l} [q(x_{nl} | \lambda_l)]^{(1-\psi_l)} \quad (6)$$

Our notion of feature saliency is summarised in the following steps:

1. We treat the  $\psi_d$ s as missing variables
2. We define the feature saliency as  $\rho_d = P(\psi_d = 1)$ , the probability that the  $d$ th feature is relevant.

So the resulting model can be written as

$$p(\mathbf{x}_n | \Theta) = \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m \prod_{l=1}^D (\rho_l p(x_{nl} | \theta_{ml}) + (1 - \rho_l) q(x_{nl} | \lambda_l)) \quad (7)$$

where  $\Theta = \alpha_m, \theta_{md}, \lambda_d, \rho_d$  is the set of all the parameters of the model.

The complete-data log-likelihood for the model in eq. (7) is

$$P(\mathbf{x}_n, y_n = m, \Theta) = \alpha_m \prod_{l=1}^D (\rho_l p(x_{nl} | \theta_{ml}))^{\psi_l} ((1 - \rho_l) q(x_{nl} | \lambda_l))^{(1-\psi_l)} \quad (8)$$

We can define the following quantities

$$s_{nm} = P(y_n = m | \mathbf{x}_n), \quad (9)$$

$$u_{nmd} = P(y_n = m, \psi_d = 1 | \mathbf{x}_n), \quad (10)$$

$$v_{nmd} = P(y_n = m, \psi_d = 0 | \mathbf{x}_n) \quad (11)$$

They are calculated using the current parameter estimate  $\Theta^{new}$ . Now that  $u_{nmd} + v_{nmd} = s_{nm}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M w_{nm} = N$ . The expected complete data log-likelihood based on  $\Theta^{old}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\theta^{new}} [\ln P(X, \mathbf{z}, \Theta)] &= \sum_m \left( \sum_n s_{nm} \right) \ln \alpha_m + \\ &\quad \sum_{md} \sum_n u_{nmd} \ln p(x_{nd} | \theta_{md}) + \\ &\quad \sum_d \sum_{nm} v_{nmd} \ln q(x_{nd} | \lambda_d) + \\ &\quad \sum_d \left( \ln \rho_d \sum_{nm} u_{nmd} + \ln(1 - \rho_d) \sum_{nm} v_{nmd} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The four parts in the equation above can be maximised separately.

### 3 EM Algorithm

*E-Steps:* Compute the following quantities:

$$a_{nmd} = P(\psi_d = 1, x_{nd}|z_n = m) = \rho_d p(x_{nd}|\theta_{md}), \quad (13)$$

$$b_{nmd} = P(\psi_d = 0, x_{nd}|z_n = m) = (1 - \rho_d)q(x_{nd}|\lambda_d), \quad (14)$$

$$c_{nmd} = P(x_{nm}|z_n = m) = a_{nmd} + b_{nmd}, \quad (15)$$

$$s_{nm} = P(z_n = m|\mathbf{x}_n) = \frac{\alpha_m \prod_d c_{nmd}}{\sum_m \alpha_m \prod_d c_{nmd}}, \quad (16)$$

$$u_{nmd} = P(\psi_d = 1, z_n = m|\mathbf{x}_n) = \frac{a_{nmd}}{c_{nmd}} s_{nm}, \quad (17)$$

$$v_{nmd} = P(\psi_d = 0, z_n = m|\mathbf{x}_n) = s_{nm} - u_{nmd}. \quad (18)$$

To obtain re-estimation of the parameters, we consider complete log likelihood (eq. (12)) and using eq. (3) and eq. (2), we get following for the second term in eq. (12):

$$\mathcal{L}_{2ndpart} = \sum_{md} \sum_n u_{nmd} \ln p(x_{nd}|\theta_{md}), \quad (19)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{2ndpart} = \sum_{md} \sum_n u_{nmd} \ln \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_d^2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_{nd} - t_{md})^2}{2\sigma_d^2} \right\} \right\}, \quad (20)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{2ndpart} = \sum_{md} \sum_n u_{nmd} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \ln(\sigma_d^2) - \frac{(x_{nd} - \Phi_m \mathbf{w}_d)^2}{2\sigma_d^2} \right]. \quad (21)$$

Now differentiating above equation w.r.t  $w_{id}$  (where  $i \in 1, \dots, K$ , we get

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{2ndpart}}{\partial w_{id}} = \sum_m \sum_n u_{nmd} \left[ \frac{(x_{nd} - \Phi_m \mathbf{w}_d)}{\sigma_d^2} \phi_{mi} \right],$$

setting above equation to 0 and solving it we get

$$\sum_m \sum_n u_{nmd} [(x_{nd} - \Phi_m \mathbf{w}_d) \phi_{mi}] = 0. \quad (22)$$

This can be written in matrix notation in the form

$$\Phi_i^T \mathbf{U}_d \mathbf{x}_d = \Phi_i^T \mathbf{G}_d \Phi_m \mathbf{w}_d, \quad (23)$$

where  $\Phi_m$  is a  $1 \times K$  vector,  $\mathbf{w}_d$  is a  $K \times 1$  weight vector for the feature  $d$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_d$  is a  $M \times N$  responsibility matrix for the feature  $d$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_d$  is a  $N \times 1$  data vector for the feature  $d$ , and  $\mathbf{G}_d$  is a  $M \times M$  diagonal matrix with elements

$$g_{mmd} = \sum_n^N u_{nmd}. \quad (24)$$

So for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$ , we have,

$$\Phi^T \mathbf{U}_d \mathbf{x}_d = \Phi^T \mathbf{G}_d \Phi \mathbf{w}_d, \quad (25)$$

Similarly, differentiating eq. (21) w.r.t  $\sigma_d$ , we get

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{2ndpart}}{\partial \sigma_d} = \sum_m \sum_n u_{nmd} \left[ -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}_d^2} + \frac{(x_{nd} - \Phi_m \hat{\mathbf{w}})^2}{2(\hat{\sigma}_d^2)^2} \right] \quad (26)$$

setting above equation to 0 and solving it, we get

$$\hat{\sigma}_d = \frac{\sum_m \sum_n u_{nmd} (x_{nd} - \Phi_m \hat{\mathbf{w}})^2}{\sum_m \sum_n u_{nmd}} \quad (27)$$

*M-Steps:* Reestimate the parameters according to following expressions:

$$\hat{\alpha}_m = \frac{\sum_n s_{nm}}{\sum_{nm} s_{nm}} = \frac{\sum_n s_{nm}}{N}, \quad (28)$$

$$\Phi^T \mathbf{U}_d \mathbf{x}_d = \Phi^T \mathbf{G}_d \Phi \mathbf{w}_d, \text{ Solve this to find the updated } \mathbf{w}_d \quad (29)$$

$$\widehat{\text{Mean in}} \theta_{md} = \Phi_m \hat{\mathbf{w}}_d, \quad (30)$$

$$\widehat{\text{Var in}} \theta_{md} = \frac{\sum_m \sum_n u_{nmd} (x_{nd} - \Phi_m \hat{\mathbf{w}}_d)^2}{\sum_m \sum_n u_{nmd}}, \quad (31)$$

$$\widehat{\text{Mean in}} \lambda_d = \frac{\sum_n (\sum_m v_{nmd}) x_{nd}}{\sum_{nm} v_{nmd}}, \quad (32)$$

$$\widehat{\text{Var in}} \lambda_d = \frac{\sum_n (\sum_m v_{nmd}) x_{nd}^2}{\sum_{nm} v_{nmd}} - \left( \frac{\sum_n (\sum_m v_{nmd}) x_{nd}}{\sum_{nm} v_{nmd}} \right)^2, \quad (33)$$

$$\hat{\rho}_d = \frac{\sum_n u_{nmd}}{\sum_{nm} u_{nmd} + \sum_{nm} v_{nmd}} = \frac{\sum_n u_{nmd}}{N} \quad (34)$$

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