

# Lecture 4

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# Lecture II – Clustering – Part II: Non-parametric clustering

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# Kernel density estimation

- Input**
- data  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$
  - Kernel** function  $K(z)$
  - parameter **kernel width**  $h$  (is a **smoothness parameter**)
- Output**  $f(x)$  a **probability density** over  $\mathbb{R}^d$

- $h$  = smoothing parameter
- $h \uparrow$  Bias  $\uparrow$ , Variance  $\downarrow$

function call  $\rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{nh^d} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right)$

"parameters"

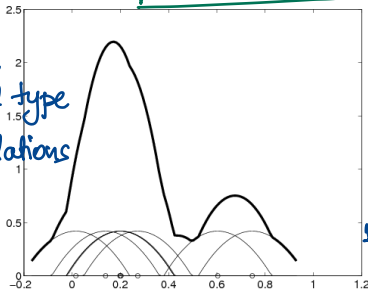
- $h, K()$  not learned from data
- $\{x_{1:n}\}$  grows with  $n$

KDE

Train: store  $x_{1:n}$   
 $h$ , kernel type

"Testing": all calculations

Use



- $f$  is sum of Gaussians centered on each  $x_i$
- $f$  is smoother (less variation) if  $h$  larger
- caveat:** dimension  $d$  can't be too large

Ex:  $\{0.05, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, \dots\}$   
 logarithmic grid  
 2-CV

## CV the idea

Given  $\mathcal{D} = \{x_{1:n}\}$ ,  $K(\cdot)$

$H = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_k\}$  set of  $h$  values ("grid")

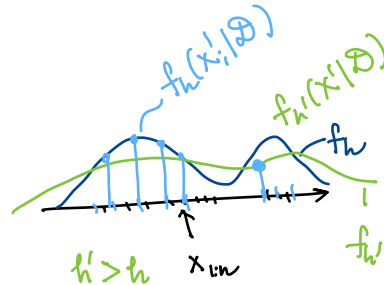
1. get sample  $\mathcal{D}' = \{x'_{1:n}\} \sim \text{same } P$

2. Compute validation likelihood

for  $h \in H$

$$\ell^V(h) = \ln f_h(\mathcal{D}' | \mathcal{D}) \quad \leftarrow$$

3. Choose  $h^* = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{argmax}} \ell^V(h)$



## The kernel function

- Example  $K(z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} e^{-||z||^2/2}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is the Gaussian kernel
- In general
  - $K()$  should represent a density on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , i.e  $K(z) \geq 0$  for all  $z$  and  $\int K(z)dz = 1$
  - $K()$  symmetric around 0, decreasing with  $||z||$
- In our case,  $K$  must be **differentiable**

# I Mean Shift Clustering

## (II Level Set Clustering)

Ⓘ Idea: the mean-shift

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{n h^d} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-\frac{\|x - x_i\|^2}{2h^2}}$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \frac{1}{n h^d} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2(x - x_i)}{2h^2} \cdot e^{-\frac{\|x - x_i\|^2}{2h^2}} = 0$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{K(x)}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x - x_i) K_h(x - x_i) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x K_h(x - x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i K_h(x - x_i)$$

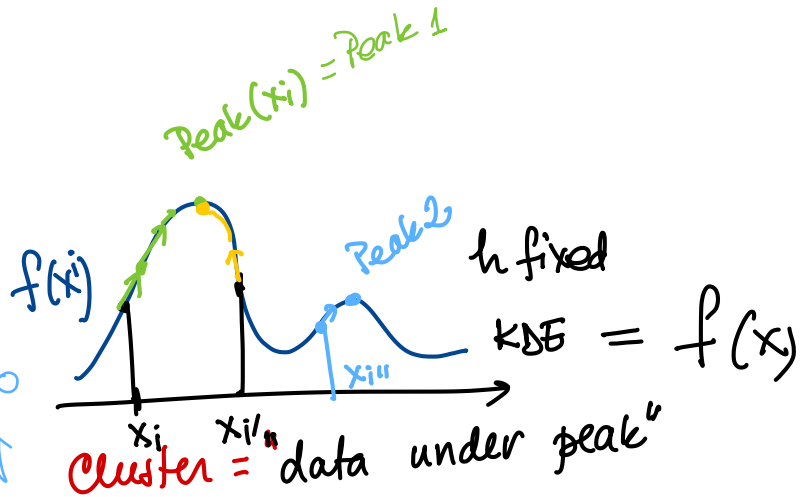
$$x \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(x - x_i) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i K_h(x - x_i)$$

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\frac{K_h(x - x_i)}{Z(x)}}_{w_i(x) > 0} \cdot x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i = m(x)$$

weighted sum of  $x_i$ 's  
when  $\nabla f(x) = 0$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$$

Mean-shift  
iterate  $x \leftarrow m(x)$  until convergence



$x_i \in \text{Cluster 1}$

$x_{i'} \in \text{Cluster 2}$

# Mean shift algorithms

**Idea** find points with  $\nabla f(x) = 0$

Assume  $K(z) = e^{-||z||^2/2}/\sqrt{2\pi}$  Gaussian kernel

$$\nabla f(x) = -\frac{1}{nh^d} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right)(x-x_i)/h$$

Local max of  $f$  is solution of implicit equation

$$x = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right)}{\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right)}_{\text{the mean shift}_{m(x)}}}$$

## Algorithm Simple Mean Shift

**Input** Data  $\mathcal{D} = \{x_i\}_{i=1:n}$ , kernel  $K(z)$ ,  $h$

① for  $i = 1 : n$

①  $x \leftarrow x_i$  ← initialize at  $x_i$

② iterate  $x \leftarrow m(x)$  until convergence to  $m_i$

② group points with same  $m_i$  in a cluster  $\Rightarrow$  only now known

## Alg properties

1. #peaks  $K$  depends on  $h$

2. Runtime

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{k_h(x - x_i)}{Z(x)} \cdot x_i$$

$\Theta(n)$

$\underbrace{\frac{k_h(x - x_i)}{Z(x)}}_{w_i(x) > 0}$

$\sum_{i \in \text{Neighbors}(x)}$

x each step x all  $i=1:n$   
until  
convergence

$$\Theta(n^2)$$

1. subsample  $n' \ll n$   
 $\Rightarrow$  find all peaks  $m_1:k$
2. assign remaining to  
nearest  $m_k$

## Remarks

- mean shift iteration guaranteed to converge to a max of  $f$
- computationally expensive
- a faster variant...

### Algorithm Mean Shift (Comaniciu-Meer)

**Input** Data  $\mathcal{D} = \{x_i\}_{i=1:n}$ , kernel  $K(z)$ ,  $h$

- 1 select  $q$  points  $\{x_j\}_{j=1:q} = \mathcal{D}_q \subseteq \mathcal{D}$   
that cover the data well
- 2 for  $j \in \mathcal{D}_q$ 
  - 1  $x \leftarrow x_j$
  - 2 iterate  $x \leftarrow m(x)$  until convergence to  $m_j$
- 3 group points in  $\mathcal{D}_q$  with same  $m_j$  in a cluster
- 4 assign points in  $\mathcal{D} \setminus \mathcal{D}_q$  to the clusters by the **nearest-neighbor** method

$$k(i) = k(\operatorname{argmin}_{j \in \mathcal{D}_q} \|x_i - x_j\|)$$