

Probabilistic & Unsupervised Learning

Expectation Maximisation

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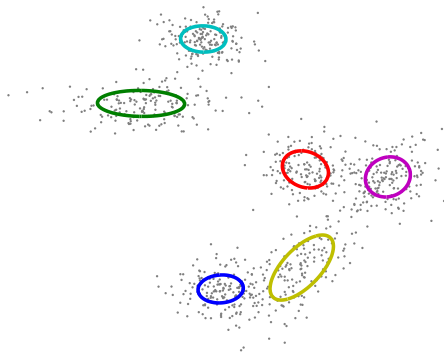
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Example: mixture of Gaussians



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Latent process:
 $s_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Disc}[\boldsymbol{\pi}]$

Component distributions:

$$\mathbf{x}_i \mid (s_i = m) \sim \mathcal{P}_m[\theta_m] = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_m)$$

Marginal distribution:

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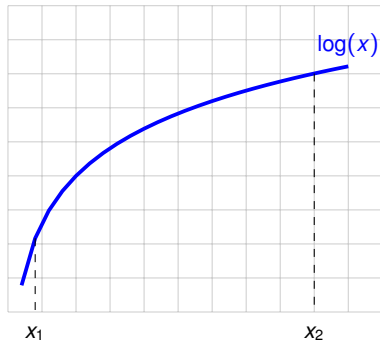
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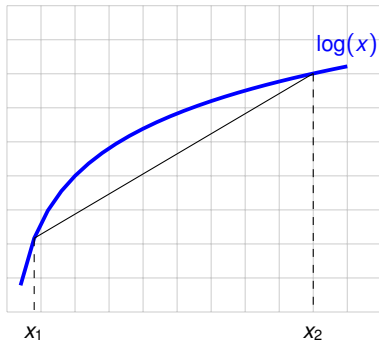
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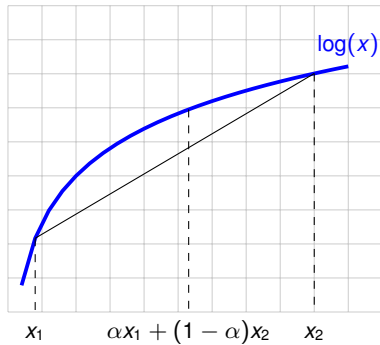
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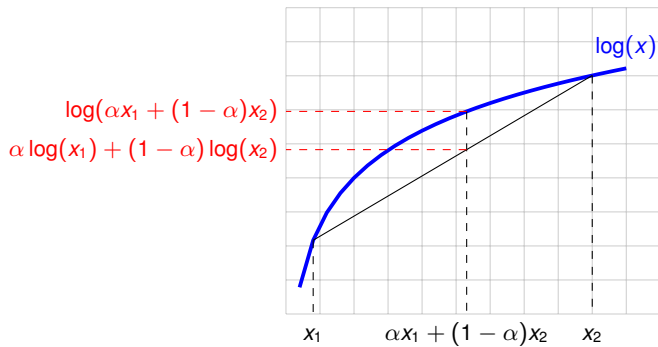
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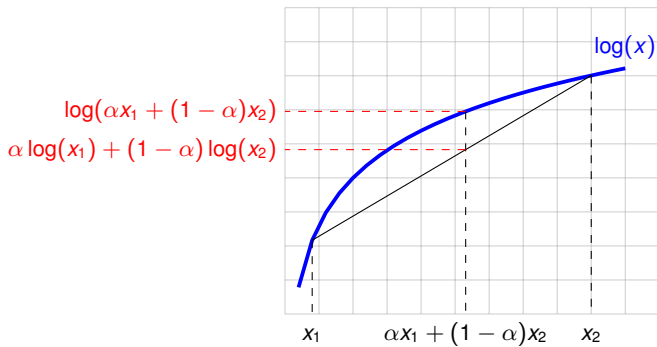
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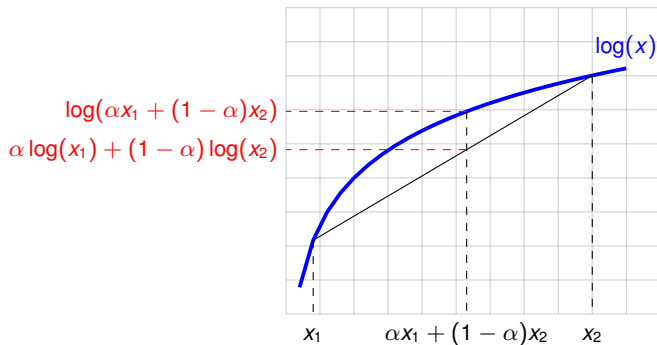
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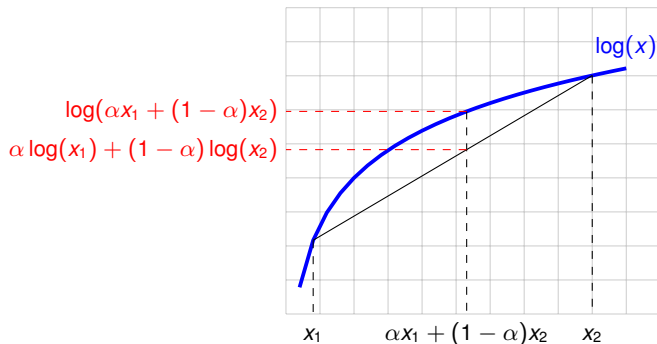
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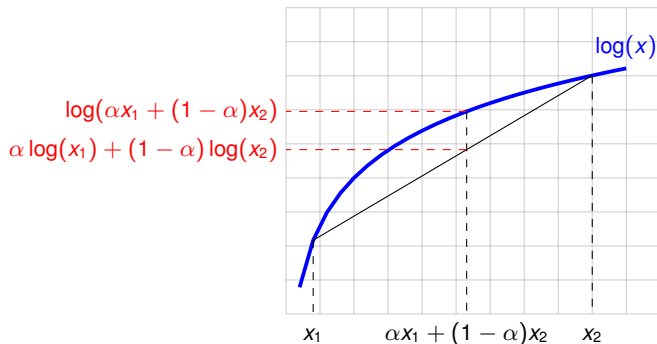
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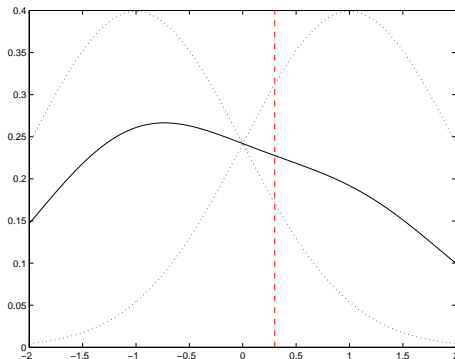
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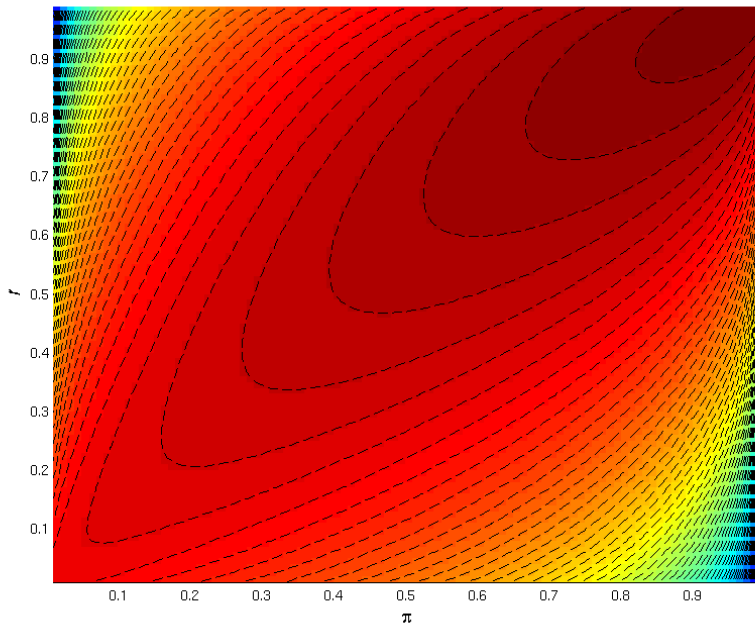
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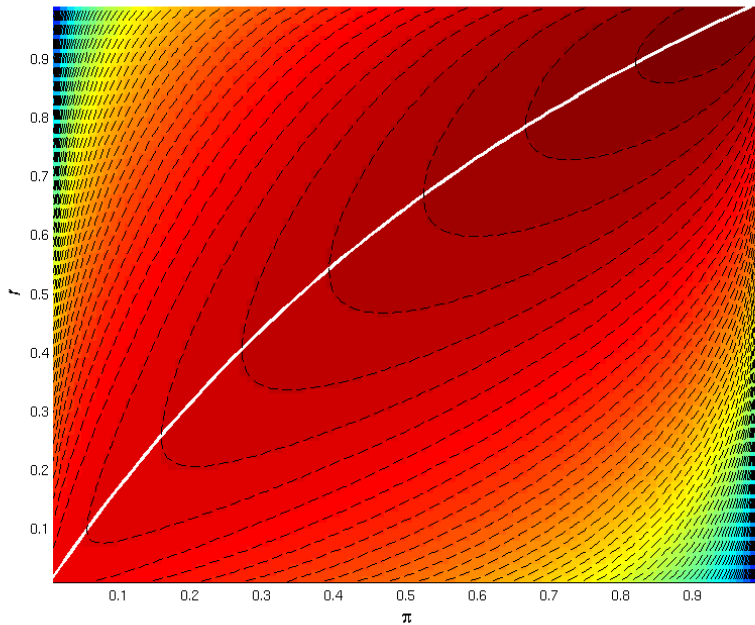
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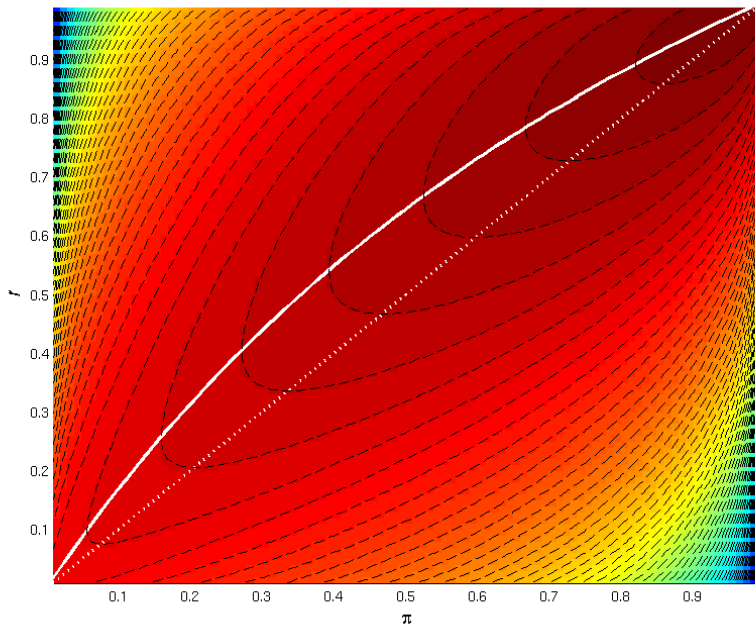
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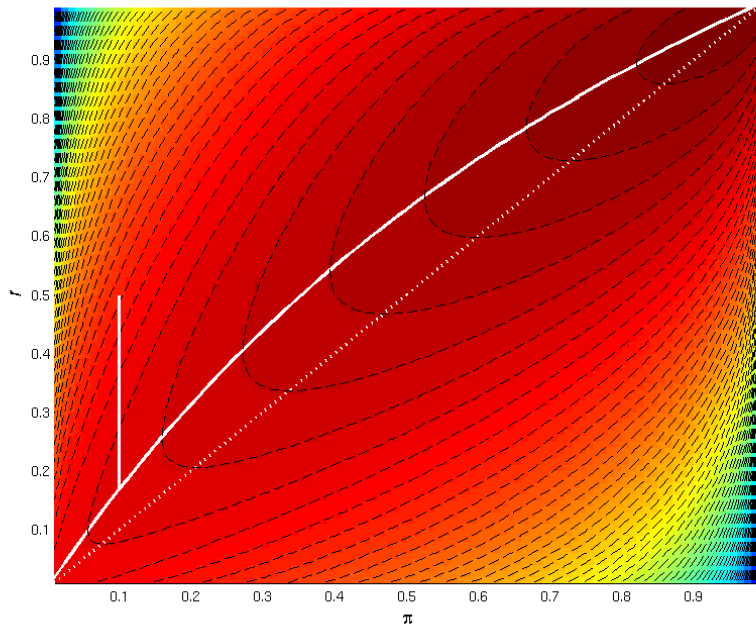
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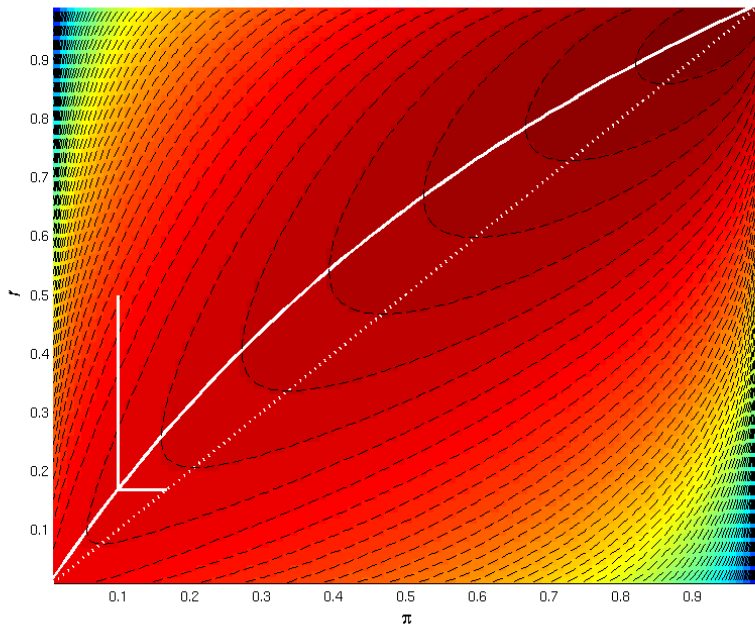
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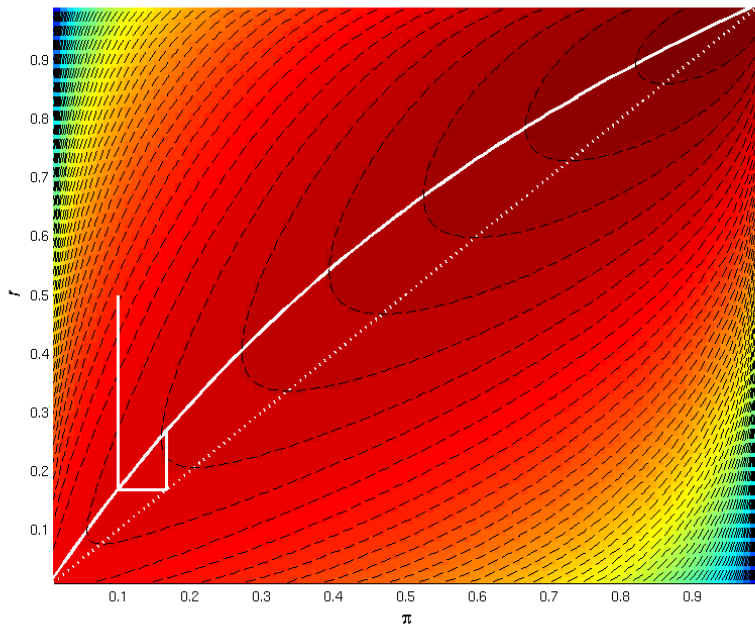
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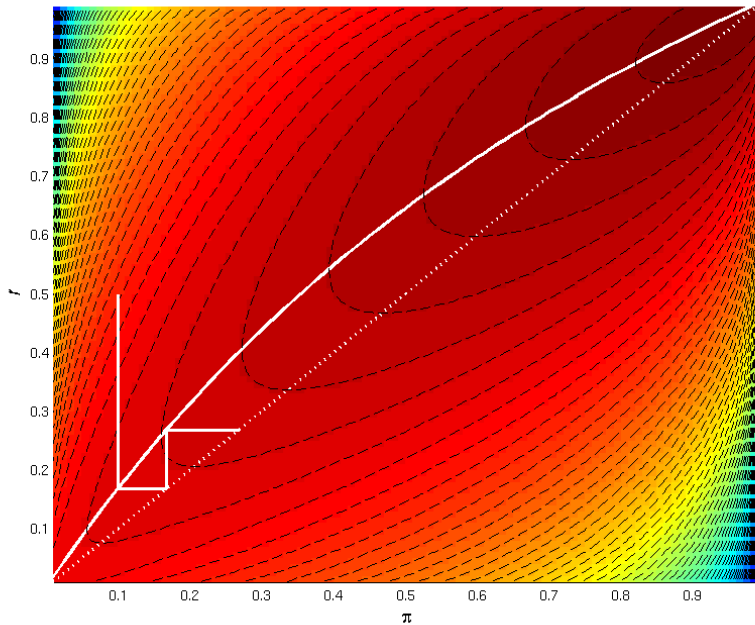
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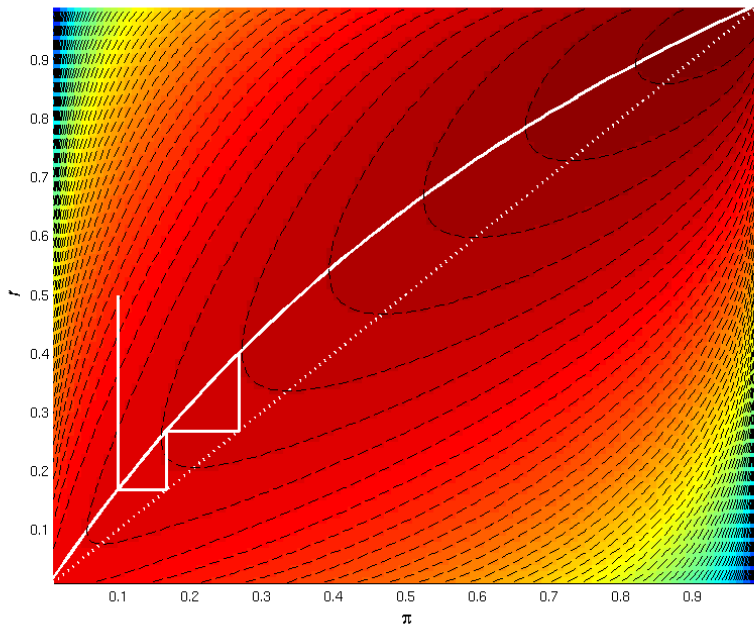
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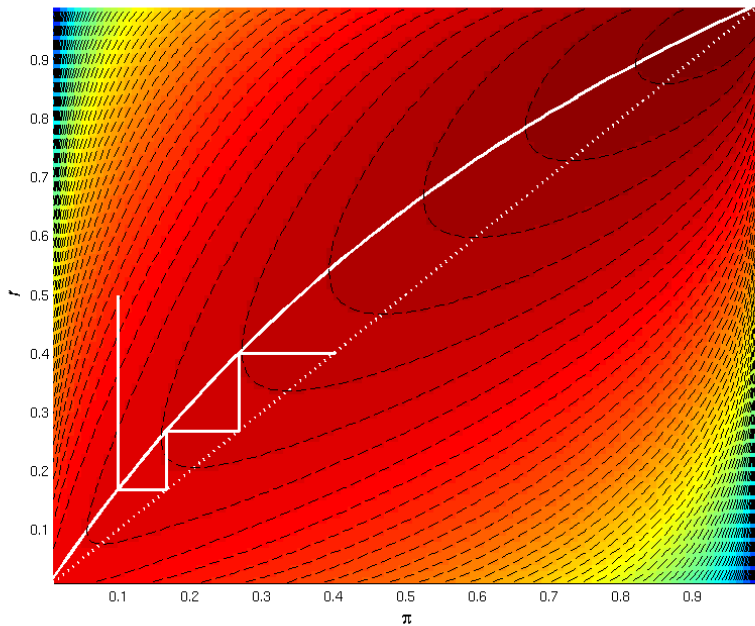
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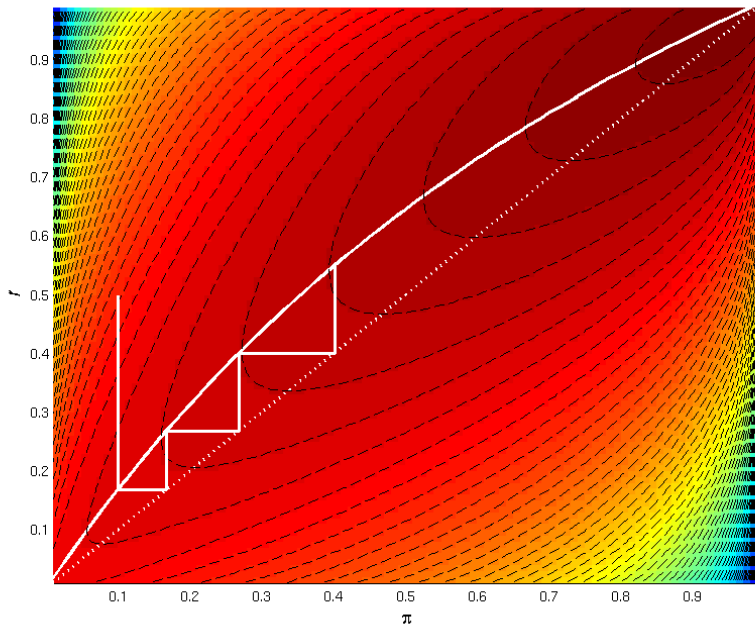
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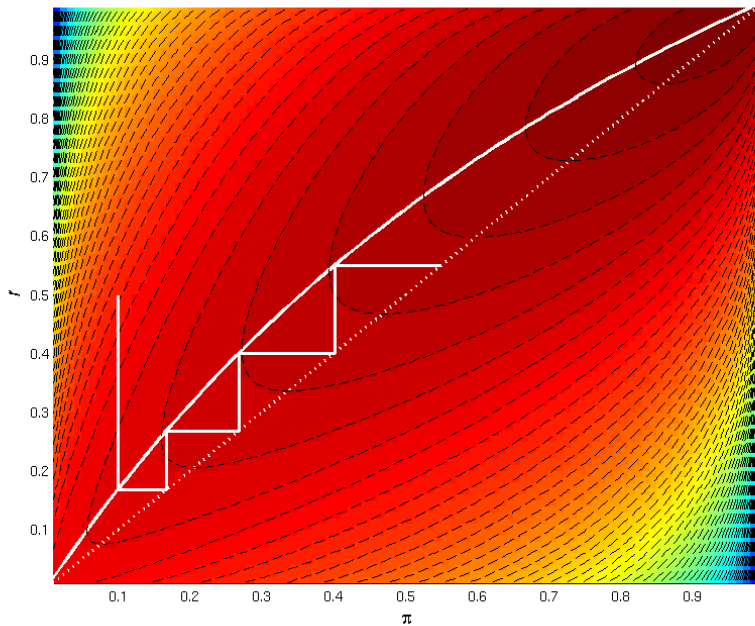
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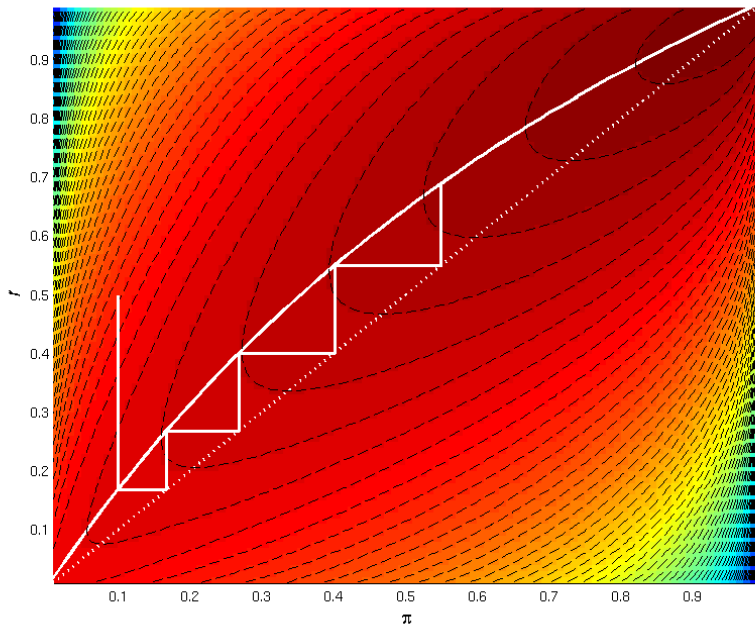
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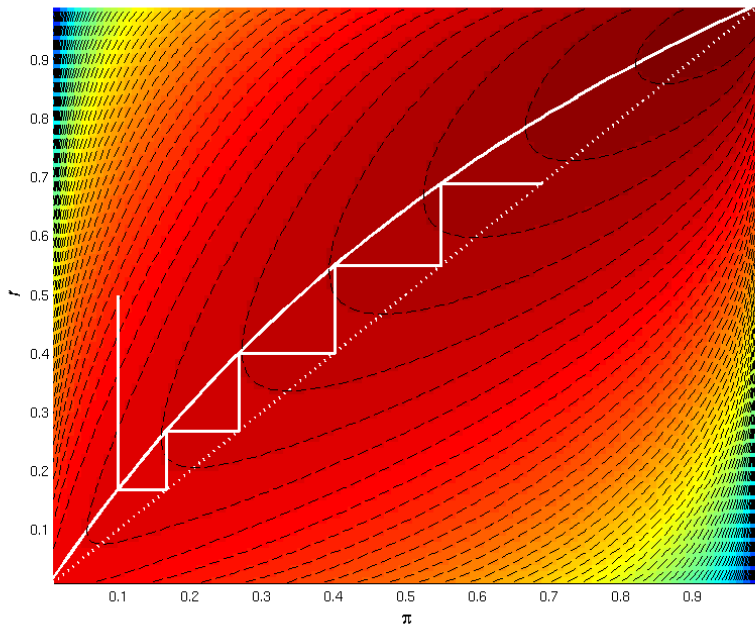
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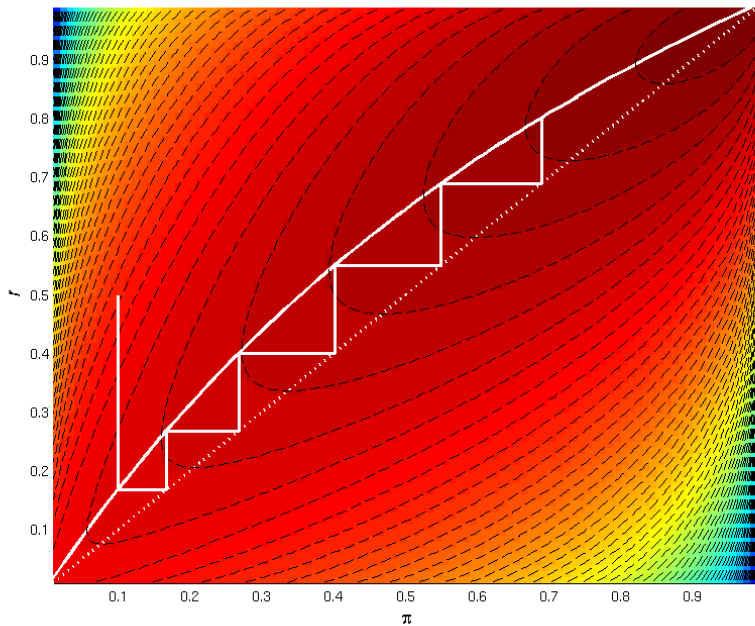
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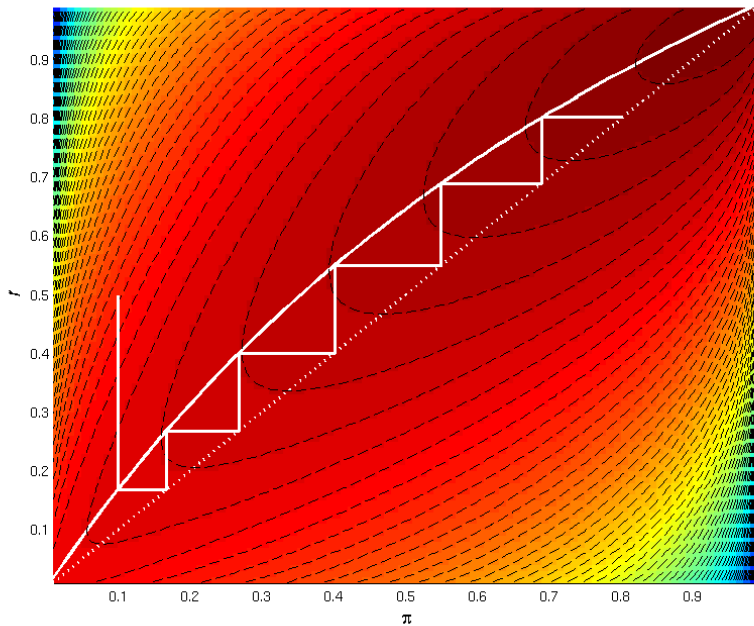
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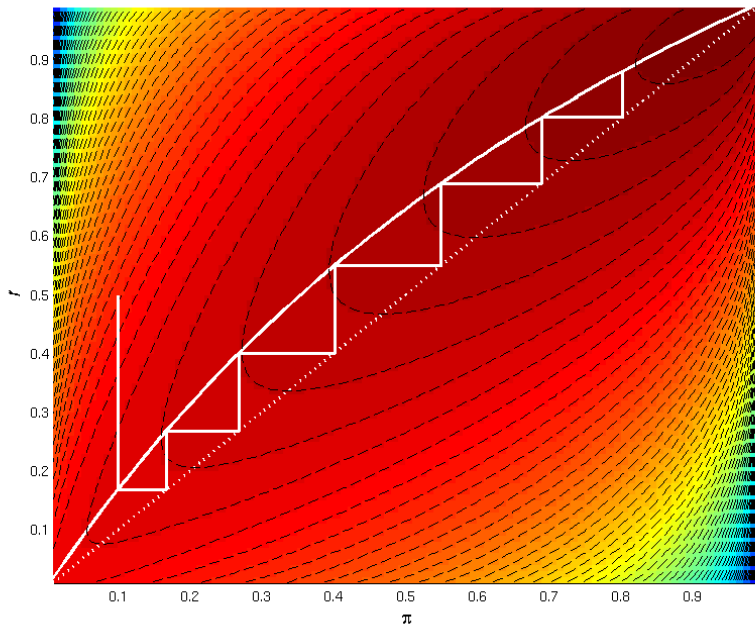
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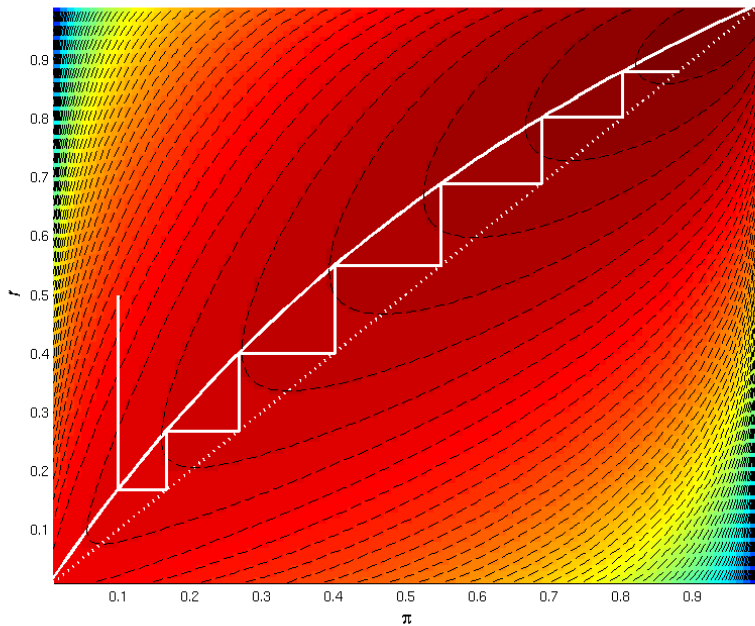
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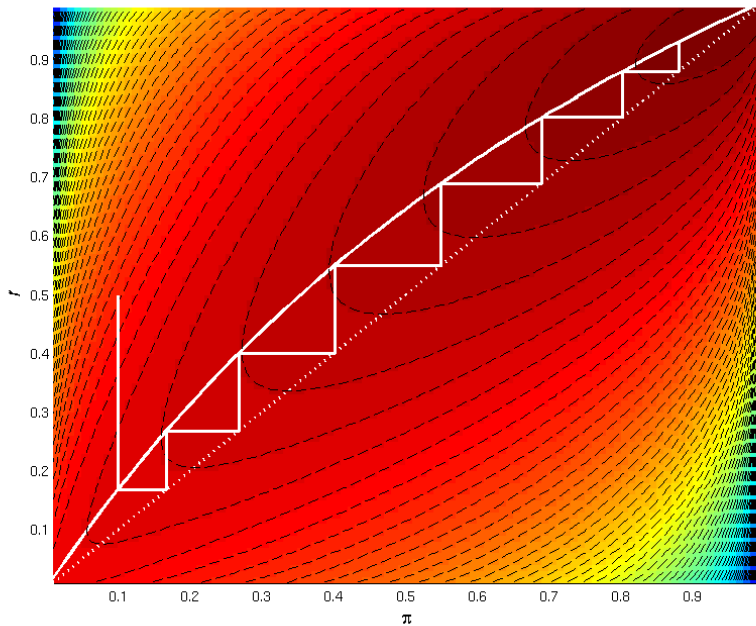
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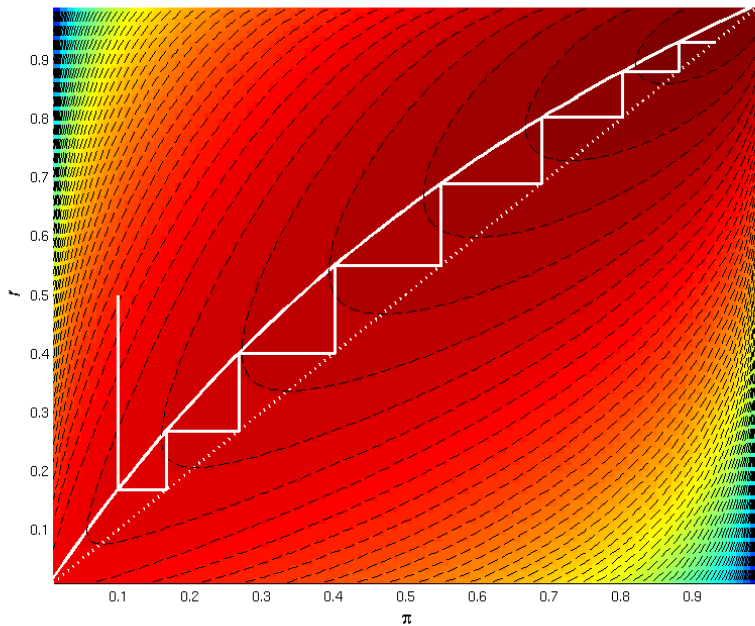
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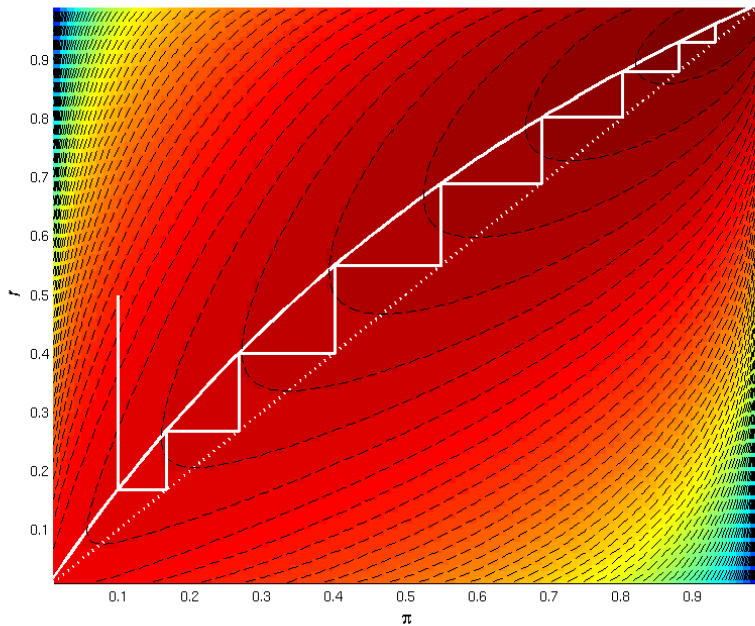
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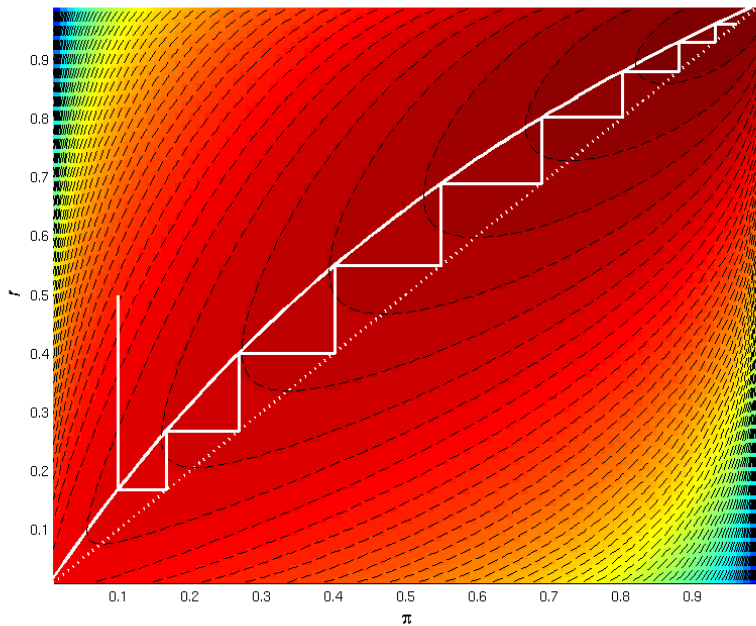
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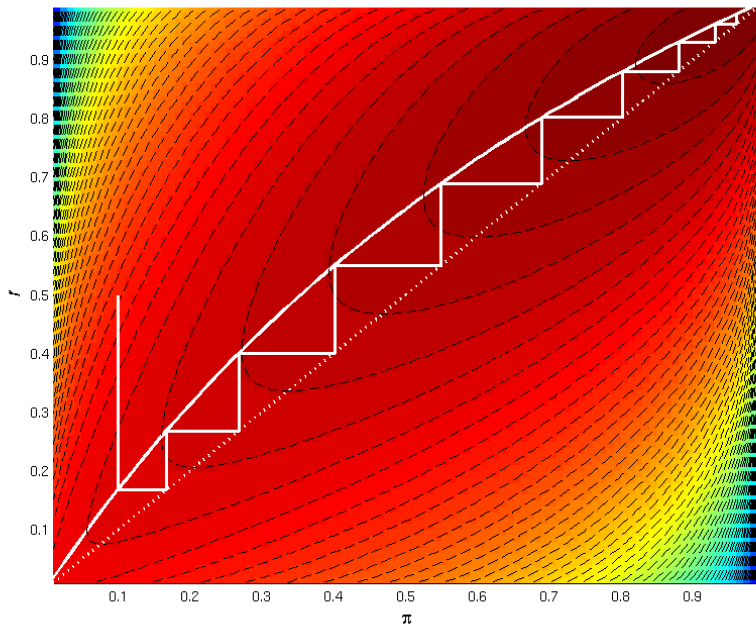
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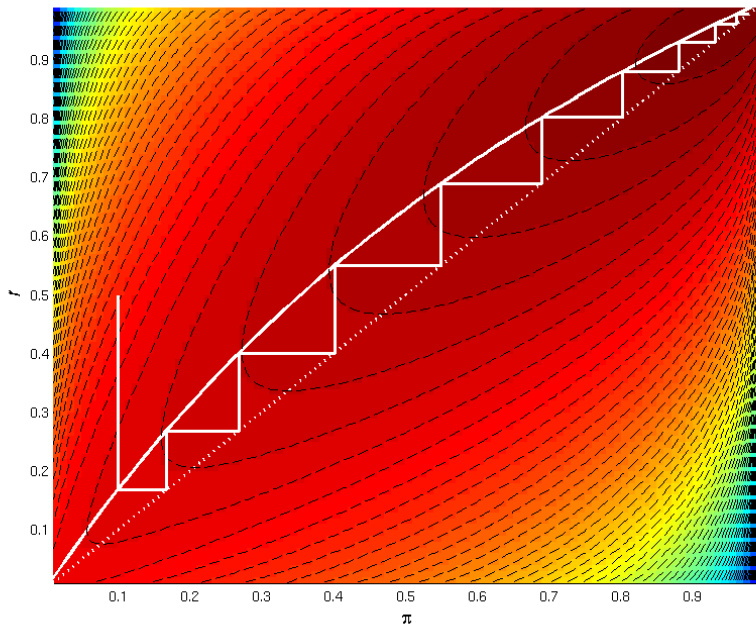
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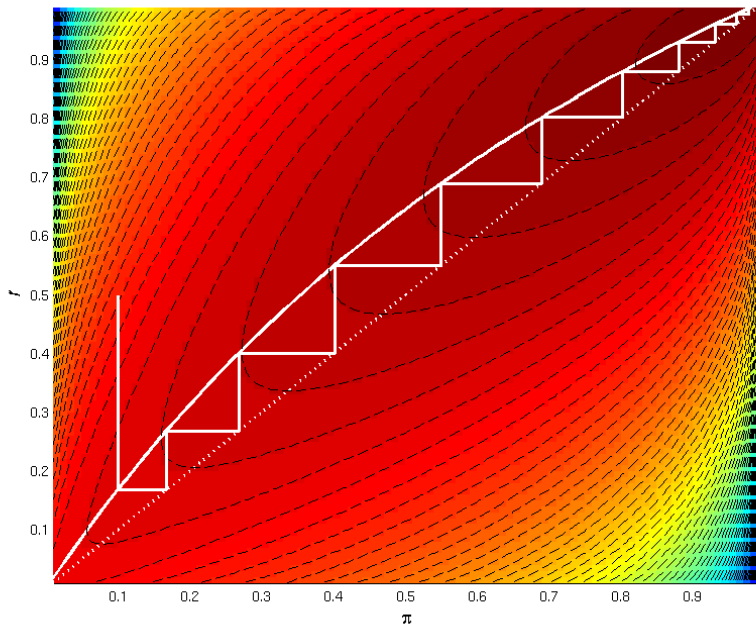
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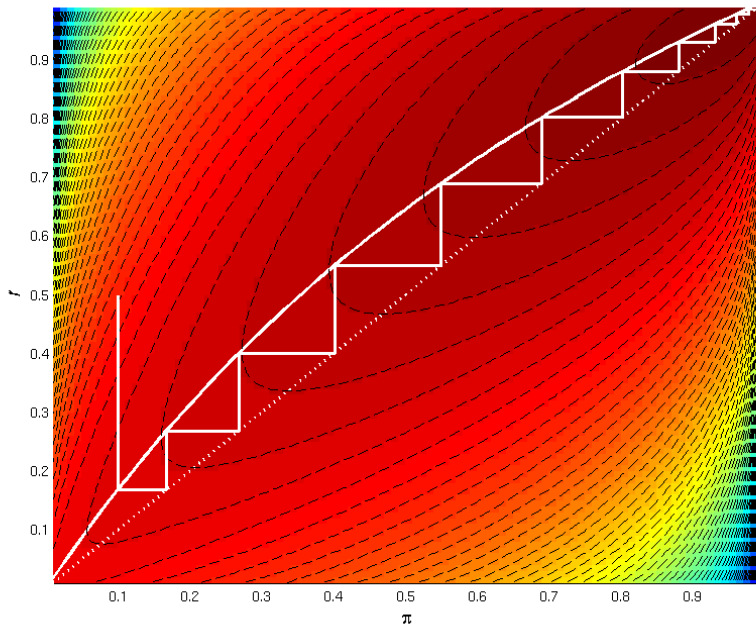
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In fact, immediately after an E step

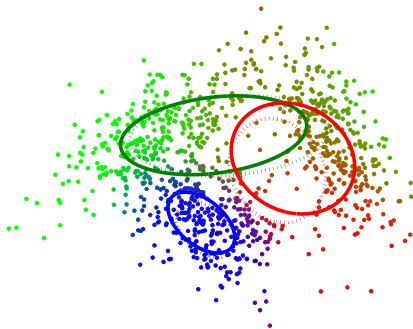
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[cf. mixture gradients from last lecture.] So E-step (inference) can be used to construct other gradient-based optimisation schemes (e.g. “Expectation Conjugate Gradient”, Salakhutdinov et al. *ICML* 2003).

Partial E steps: We can also just *increase* \mathcal{F} wrt to some of the q s.

For example, sparse or online versions of the EM algorithm would compute the posterior for a subset of the data points or as the data arrives, respectively. One might also update the posterior over a subset of the hidden variables, while holding others fixed...

EM for MoGs



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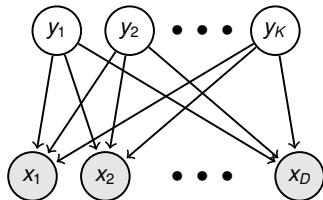
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where λ is a Lagrange multiplier ensuring that the mixing proportions sum to unity.

EM for Factor Analysis



The model for \mathbf{x} :

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \int p(\mathbf{y}|\theta)p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}, \theta)d\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{N}(0, \Lambda\Lambda^\top + \Psi)$$

Model parameters: $\theta = \{\Lambda, \Psi\}$.

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Tactic: write $p(\mathbf{y}_n, \mathbf{x}_n|\theta)$, consider \mathbf{x}_n to be fixed. What is this as a function of \mathbf{y}_n ?

$$\begin{aligned}p(\mathbf{y}_n, \mathbf{x}_n) &= p(\mathbf{y}_n)p(\mathbf{x}_n|\mathbf{y}_n) \\&= (2\pi)^{-\frac{K}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}_n^T\mathbf{y}_n\right\} |2\pi\Psi|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_n - \Lambda\mathbf{y}_n)^T\Psi^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_n - \Lambda\mathbf{y}_n)\right\} \\&= c \times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{y}_n^T\mathbf{y}_n + (\mathbf{x}_n - \Lambda\mathbf{y}_n)^T\Psi^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_n - \Lambda\mathbf{y}_n)]\right\} \\&= c' \times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{y}_n^T(I + \Lambda^T\Psi^{-1}\Lambda)\mathbf{y}_n - 2\mathbf{y}_n^T\Lambda^T\Psi^{-1}\mathbf{x}_n]\right\} \\&= c'' \times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{y}_n^T\Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{y}_n - 2\mathbf{y}_n^T\Sigma^{-1}\boldsymbol{\mu}_n + \boldsymbol{\mu}_n^T\Sigma^{-1}\boldsymbol{\mu}_n]\right\}\end{aligned}$$

So $\Sigma = (I + \Lambda^T\Psi^{-1}\Lambda)^{-1} = I - \beta\Lambda$ and $\boldsymbol{\mu}_n = \Sigma\Lambda^T\Psi^{-1}\mathbf{x}_n = \beta\mathbf{x}_n$. Where $\beta = \Sigma\Lambda^T\Psi^{-1}$.
Note that $\boldsymbol{\mu}_n$ is a linear function of \mathbf{x}_n and Σ does not depend on \mathbf{x}_n .

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Note that we don't need to know everything about $q(\mathbf{y}_n)$, just the moments $\langle \mathbf{y}_n \rangle$ and $\langle \mathbf{y}_n \mathbf{y}_n^T \rangle$. These are the **expected sufficient statistics**.

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The M step for Factor Analysis (cont.)

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Mixtures of Factor Analysers

Simultaneous clustering and dimensionality reduction.

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \sum_k \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \Lambda_k \Lambda_k^\top + \Psi)$$

where π_k is the mixing proportion for FA k , $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ is its centre, Λ_k is its “factor loading matrix”, and Ψ is a common sensor noise model. $\theta = \{\{\pi_k, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \Lambda_k\}_{k=1 \dots K}, \Psi\}$

We can think of this model as having *two* sets of hidden latent variables:

- ▶ A discrete indicator variable $s_n \in \{1, \dots, K\}$
- ▶ For each factor analyzer, a continuous factor vector $\mathbf{y}_{n,k} \in \mathcal{R}^{D_k}$

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \sum_{s_n=1}^K p(s_n|\theta) \int p(\mathbf{y}|s_n, \theta) p(\mathbf{x}_n|\mathbf{y}, s_n, \theta) d\mathbf{y}$$

As before, an EM algorithm can be derived for this model:

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M step: Similar to M-step for FA with responsibility-weighted moments.

See <http://www.learning.eng.cam.ac.uk/zoubin/papers/tr-96-1.pdf>

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Proof of the Matrix Inversion Lemma

$$(A + XBX^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}X(B^{-1} + X^T A^{-1}X)^{-1}X^T A^{-1}$$

Need to prove:

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First consider discrete distributions; the Kullback-Liebler divergence is:

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To minimize wrt distribution q we need a **Lagrange multiplier** to enforce normalisation:

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Find conditions for stationarity

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E}{\partial q_i} &= \log q_i - \log p_i + 1 - \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow q_i = p_i \exp(\lambda - 1) \\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda} &= 1 - \sum_i q_i = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_i q_i = 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow q_i = p_i.$$

Check sign of curvature (Hessian):

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial q_i \partial q_i} = \frac{1}{q_i} > 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} = 0,$$

so unique stationary point $q_i = p_i$ is indeed a minimum. Easily verified that at that minimum, $\text{KL}[q||p] = \text{KL}[p||p] = 0$.

A similar proof holds for continuous densities, using functional derivatives.

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