Homework 6

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Problem 1

In the exponential family, EM computations are somewhat simplified. Show that if the complete data density f is of the form

$$f(y, z|\theta) = h(y, z) \exp\{\eta(\theta)T(y, z) - C(\theta)\}\$$

then we can write

$$Q\left(\theta|\theta^{(t)},y\right) = E_{\theta^{(t)}}[\log(h(y,Z))] + \sum \eta_i(\theta)E_{\theta^{(t)}}\left[T_i|y\right] - C(\theta)$$

so that calculating the complete data MLE only involves the simpler expectation $E_{\theta^{(t)}}[T_i|y]$, the expected sufficient statistics.}

Proof

$$\begin{split} Q(\theta|\theta^t,y) &= \mathbb{E}_{z|y,\theta^t}[\log f(y,z|\theta)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{z|y,\theta^t}[\log h(y,z) \exp\{\eta(\theta)T(y,z) - C(\theta)\}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{z|y,\theta^t}[\log h(y,z) + \eta(\theta)T(y,z) - C(\theta)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\theta^t}[\log h(y,z)] + \sum \eta_i(\theta)\mathbb{E}_{\theta^t}[T_i|y] - C(\theta) \end{split}$$

Problem 2

For the situation of Example 5.21, data $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (125, 18, 20, 34)$ are collected.

- *(a) Use the EM algorithm to find the MLE of θ .
- *(b) (b) Use the Monte Carlo EM algorithm to find the MLE of θ . Compare your results to those of part (a).

Proof

• (a)

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \frac{\frac{\theta^{(t)} x_1}{2 + \theta_0} + x_4}{\frac{\theta^{(t)} x_1}{2 + \theta_0} + x_2 + x_3 + x_4}$$

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x1 = 125
x2 = 18
x3 = 20
x4 = 34
EM = function(n) {
theta = rep(0, n)
for(i in 2:n) {
tmp = theta[i-1]*x1/(2+theta[i-1])
theta[i] = (tmp+x4)/(tmp+x2+x3+x4)
}
return (theta[n])
}
t = EM(100)
print(t)
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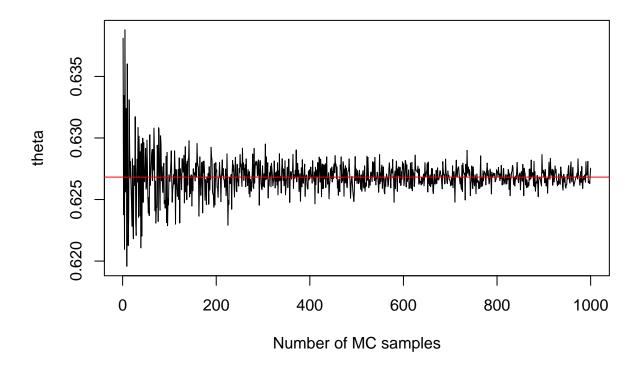
[1] 0.6268215

• (b)

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} z_i + x_4}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} z_i + x_2 + x_3 + x_4}$$

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MCEM = function(n,m){
theta = rep(0, n)
for(i in 2:n){
    zm = sum(rbinom(m, x1, theta[i-1]/(2+theta[i-1])))/m
    theta[i] = (zm+x4)/(zm+x2+x3+x4)
}
return(theta[n])
}
MCEM(100, 100)

## [1] 0.6249507
th = rep(0,1000)
for(m in 1:1000){
th[m] = MCEM(100, m)
}
plot(1:1000, th, xlab = 'Number of MC samples', ylab = 'theta', type = 'l')
abline(t,0, col = 'red')
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Problem 3

The EM algorithm can also be implemented in a Bayesian hierarchical model to find a posterior mode. Suppose that we have the hierarchical model $X|\theta \sim f(x|\theta)$

$$\theta | \lambda \sim \pi(\theta | \lambda)$$
$$\lambda \sim \gamma(\lambda)$$

where interest would be in estimating quantities from $\pi(\theta|x)$. since

$$\pi(\theta|x) = \int \pi(\theta, \lambda|x) d\lambda$$

where $\pi(\theta, \lambda|x) = \pi(\theta|\lambda, x)\pi(\lambda|x)$, the EM algorithm is a candidate method for finding the mode of $\pi(\theta|x)$, where λ would be used as the augmented data.

• (a) Define $k(\lambda|\theta,x) = \pi(\theta,\lambda|x)/\pi(\theta|x)$ and show that

$$\log \pi(\theta|x) = \int \log \pi(\theta, \lambda|x) k\left(\lambda|\theta^*, x\right) d\lambda - \int \log k(\lambda|\theta, x) k\left(\lambda|\theta^*, x\right) d\lambda$$

• (b) If the sequence $(\hat{\theta}_{(j)})$ satisfies

$$\max_{\theta} \int \log \pi(\theta, \lambda | x) k\left(\lambda | \theta_{(j)}, x\right) d\lambda = \int \log \pi\left(\theta_{(j+1)}, \lambda | x\right) k\left(\lambda | \theta_{(j)}, x\right) d\lambda$$

show that $\log \pi \left(\theta_{(j+1)}|x\right) \geq \log \pi \left(\theta_{(j)}|x\right)$. Under what conditions will the sequence $\left(\hat{\theta}_{(j)}\right)$ converge to the mode of $\pi(\theta|x)$?

• (c) For the hierarchy

$$X|\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta, 1)$$

 $\theta|\lambda \sim \mathcal{N}(\lambda, 1)$

with $\pi(\lambda) = 1$, show how to use the EM algorithm to calculate the posterior mode of $\pi(\theta|x)$

Proof

• (a)

$$\log \pi(\theta|x) = \log \pi(\theta, \lambda|x) - \log k(\lambda|\theta, x)$$

$$\log \pi(\theta|x)k(\lambda|\theta^*, x) = \log \pi(\theta, \lambda|x)k(\lambda|\theta^*, x) - \log k(\lambda|\theta, x)k(\lambda|\theta^*, x)$$

$$\int \log \pi(\theta|x)k(\lambda|\theta^*, x) d\lambda = \log \pi(\theta, \lambda|x)k(\lambda|\theta^*, x) d\lambda - \log k(\lambda|\theta, x)k(\lambda|\theta^*, x) d\lambda$$

$$\log \pi(\theta, \lambda|x) = \log \pi(\theta, \lambda|x)k(\lambda|\theta^*, x) d\lambda - \log k(\lambda|\theta, x)k(\lambda|\theta^*, x) d\lambda$$

• (b)

$$\begin{split} &\int \log k(\lambda|\theta,x) k\left(\lambda|\theta_{(j)},x\right) d\lambda - \int \log k\left(\lambda|\theta_{(j)},x\right) k\left(\lambda|\theta_{(j)},x\right) d\lambda \\ &= \int \log \frac{k(\lambda|\theta,x)}{k\left(\lambda|\theta_{(j)},x\right)} k\left(\lambda|\theta_{(j)},x\right) d\lambda \\ &\leq \log \int \frac{k(\lambda|\theta,x)}{k\left(\lambda|\theta_{(j)},x\right)} k\left(\lambda|\theta_{(j)},x\right) d\lambda \\ &= 0 \end{split}$$

Therefore, we know that EM always converge to a zero-gradient point given that $\log \pi(\theta|x)$ is concave (local maximum, local minimum, saddle point).

• (c)

$$k(\lambda|\theta,x) = \pi(\lambda|\theta,x)$$

$$= \pi(\lambda|\theta)$$

$$\propto \pi(\theta|\lambda)$$

$$\propto e^{-\frac{(\lambda-\theta)^2}{2}}$$

$$\sim N(\theta,1)$$

$$\pi(\theta,\lambda|x) \propto \pi(\theta,\lambda)\pi(x|\theta,\lambda)$$

$$\propto e^{-\frac{(\lambda-\theta)^2}{2}}e^{-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2}}$$

$$Q(\theta|\theta_{(j)}) = C + E_{\lambda|\theta_{(j)}}\left(-\frac{(\lambda-\theta)^2}{2} - \frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2}\right)$$

$$= C' - \frac{(\theta-x)^2}{2} - \frac{(\theta-\theta_j)^2}{2}$$

$$\theta_{j+1} = (x+\theta_j)/2$$

Problem 4

Let M be a random matrix having standard Wishart distribution with ν d.o.f., and let $\Sigma = LL'$ be symmetric positive definite. Show that $\tilde{M} = LML'$ has distribution $W_p(\Sigma, \nu)$

Proof

$$\begin{split} f(M) \sim \mathrm{IW}(I, \nu) \\ f(LML^T) \sim \mathrm{IW}(LIL^T, \nu) = \mathrm{IW}(\Sigma, \nu) \end{split}$$