GRADUATE STUDENT STAT 840 A4

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Problem 1

a)

The observed components of the data are $x_1, ..., x_n$ which are the draws from the mixture density. The missing data are latent variables $z_1, ..., z_n$ where z_i denotes from which distribution x_i came from: if $z_i = 1$ then x_i came from the first distribution, if $z_i = 0$ then x_i came from the second distribution. Thus z_i is a Bernoulli random variable with probability p.

The steps of the EM algorithm are:

0. initialize values for parameters p, λ_1, λ_2
1. E step: we want to maximize our log-likelihood, which contains latent (unknown) data. So take the expectation with respect to the distribution of this unknown data, which is conditioned on the observed data and current parameters.
2. M step: maximize the likelihood now that we took the expectation over the missing data.
3. check for convergence, go back to step 1. run from different starting points since it converges to local maximum.

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{mis}(z_i) &= p^{z_i}(1-p)^{1-z_i} \\
f_{obs|mis}(x_i \mid z_i) &= Pois(x_i, \lambda_1)^{z_i} Pois(x_i, \lambda_2)^{1-z_i} \\
Lik_{com} &= \prod_{i=1}^{n} f_{com}(x_i, z_i) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^{n} f_{obs|mis}(x_i \mid z_i) f_{mis}(z_i) \\
lik_{com} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i \log Pois(x_i, \lambda_1) + (1-z_i) \log Pois(x_i, \lambda_2) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i \log p + (1-z_i) \log(1-p)
\end{aligned}$$

E-step:

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\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_{mis|obs,\theta^{(k)}}[z_i \mid x_i] &= w_i^{(k)} \\
w_i^{(k)} &= P(z_i = 1 \mid x_i) \\
&= \frac{P(x_i \mid z_i = 1)P(z_i = 1)}{P(x_i)} \\
&= \frac{pPois(x_i, \lambda_1)}{pPois(x_i, \lambda_1) + (1-p)Pois(x_i, \lambda_2)} \\
Q(\theta, \theta^{(k)}) &= \mathbb{E}_{mis|obs,\theta^{(k)}}[lik_{com} \mid x_i] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} \log Pois(x_i, \lambda_1) + (1 - w_i^{(k)}) \log Pois(x_i, \lambda_2) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} \log p + (1 - w_i^{(k)}) \log(1-p)
\end{aligned}
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M-step:

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\begin{aligned}
\log Pois(x, \lambda) &= x \log \lambda - \lambda - \log(x!) \\
Q(\theta, \theta^{(k)}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} \Big(x_i \log \lambda_1 - \lambda_1 - \log(x_i!) \Big) + (1 - w_i^{(k)}) \Big(x_i \log \lambda_2 - \lambda_2 - \log(x_i!) \Big) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} \log p + (1 - w_i^{(k)}) \log(1-p)
\end{aligned}
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Partial p:

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\begin{aligned}
\partial_p Q &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{w_i^{(k)}}{p} - \frac{(1 - w_i^{(k)})}{1-p} \\
0 &= \frac{s}{p} - \frac{n-s}{1-p} \\
\frac{n-s}{1-p} &= \frac{s}{p} \\
p(n-s) &= (1-p)s \\
pn - ps &= s - ps \\
pn &= s \\
\hat{p}^{(k+1)} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)}
\end{aligned}
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Partial lambda 1:

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\begin{aligned}
\partial_{\lambda_1} Q &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} \left(\frac{x_i}{\lambda_1} - 1 \right) \\
0 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} \frac{x_i}{\lambda_1} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} x_i \\
\lambda_1 \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} x_i \\
\hat{\lambda}_1^{(k+1)} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^{(k)}}
\end{aligned}
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Partial lambda 2:

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\begin{aligned}
\partial_{\lambda_2} Q &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (1 - w_i^{(k)}) \left(\frac{x_i}{\lambda_2} - 1 \right) \\
0 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(1 - w_i^{(k)}) x_i}{\lambda_2} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (1 - w_i^{(k)}) \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n} (1 - w_i^{(k)}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(1 - w_i^{(k)}) x_i}{\lambda_2} \\
\lambda_2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} (1 - w_i^{(k)}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (1 - w_i^{(k)}) x_i \\
\hat{\lambda}_2^{(k+1)} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (1 - w_i^{(k)}) x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (1 - w_i^{(k)})}
\end{aligned}
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b)

```r
em_algo = function(x, p, lam1, lam2)
{
  lik = -Inf

  while (TRUE)
  {
    # E step
    pois1 =      p * dpois(x, lam1)
    pois2 = (1-p) * dpois(x, lam2)
    w     = pois1 / (pois1 + pois2)

    # M step
    p    = mean(w)
    lam1 = sum(w     * x) / sum(w)
    lam2 = sum((1-w) * x) / sum(1-w)

    # check convergence
    lik_new = sum(log(pois1 + pois2))
    if (abs(lik_new - lik) < 1e-8)
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      break

    lik = lik_new
  }
  return(c(p, lam1, lam2, lik_new))
}
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c)

The estimates are somewhat close to the true parameters, but also far. Due to the fairly large gap, we implemented a strategy to generate random data from a mixture model in order to test the EM implementation. It appears that with a sample size of 20, as per the given data, the results are fairly unreliable. This variability can be easily attributed to the small sample size. As we increase the sample, the estimates get closer to the true values. For n = 1000, they are very close. Also note that we can get an identical mirror result, where the lambda values are flipped, and the Bernoulli probability is $1 - p$.

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grid_search = function(x) # search over a range of parameters
{
  df = matrix(nrow=20*20*9,ncol=4)
  colnames(df) = c('p', 'lam1', 'lam2', 'lik')
  i = 1
  for (p in seq(0.1, 0.9, 0.1))
  {
    for (lam1 in seq(1,20))
    {
      for (lam2 in seq(1,20))
      {
        df[i,] = em_algo(x, p, lam1, lam2)
        i = i + 1
      }
    }
  }
  max_idx = which.max(df[,4])
  return(df[max_idx,])
}

generate_data = function(n = 20, p = 0.3, lam1 = 5, lam2 = 15)
{
  x = rep(NA,n)
  for (i in 1:n)
  {
    lam = if (runif(1) < p) lam1 else lam2
    x[i] = rpois(1, lam)
  }
  return(x)
}

# problem statement
x = c(24, 18, 21, 5, 5, 11, 11, 17, 6, 7, 20, 13, 4, 16, 19, 21, 4, 22, 8, 17)
grid_search(x)
```

```
##            p        lam1        lam2         lik
##    0.3934055   6.2334344  18.1302874 -62.2106189
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```r
# check implementation
for (n in c(20,100,1000))
  print(grid_search(generate_data(n)))
```

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##           p        lam1        lam2         lik
##   0.4450274   5.1637485  14.4187128 -61.4191474
##            p         lam1         lam2          lik
##    0.2313432    3.9682659   14.3912970 -309.7556497
##             p          lam1          lam2           lik
##     0.6811938    15.5105043     5.2487692 -3113.6242230
```