Analysis Plan

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Hypothesis

Based on previous exploratory data analysis (found in old_faithful_eda.pdf) we propose the following hypothesis:

There are 2 distinct types of eruption from Old Faithful: 1) short frequent eruptions, 2) long infrequent eruptions.

We will use the dataset oldfaithful available from the R package datasets. See here for the documentation.

Analysis plan

We will fit two Gaussian mixture models with 1 and 2 components. The number of components will be deteremined by the model with the highest Integrated Complete Data Likelihood Criterion (ICL). This criterion is similar to the Bayesian information criterion but is more suited to classification problems.

The true number of components will be given by the model with the highest Integrated Complete Data Likelihood (ICL). The model will be fit in the R package RMixmod.