

Supplementary Material for  
*Semi-Supervised Mixture Models under the Concept of Missing  
at Random with Margin Confidence and Aranda–Ordaz  
Function*

## S1 Margin Confidence Derivation

In binary classification, the posterior probability for the positive class can be expressed using the logistic function as:

$$\tau_{1j} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-d_j}}.$$

To derive the margin confidence, consider the transformation:

$$2\tau_{1j} - 1 = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{-d_j}} - 1 = \frac{1 - e^{-d_j}}{1 + e^{-d_j}}.$$

Multiplying the numerator and the denominator by  $e^{d_j/2}$  yields

$$\frac{e^{d_j/2} - e^{-d_j/2}}{e^{d_j/2} + e^{-d_j/2}} = \tanh\left(\frac{d_j}{2}\right).$$

Therefore,

$$2\tau_{1j} - 1 = \tanh\left(\frac{d_j}{2}\right),$$

and the margin confidence is defined as

$$\text{MC}_j = |2\tau_{1j} - 1| = \tanh\left(\frac{|d_j|}{2}\right).$$

## S2 Entropy Approximation

In the binary classification setting, let  $\tau \in (0, 1)$  denote the posterior probability of the positive class. The **Shannon entropy** is defined as:

$$H(\tau) = -\tau \log \tau - (1 - \tau) \log(1 - \tau).$$

Let  $m = |2\tau - 1|$  denote the **margin confidence**. Shannon entropy  $H(\tau)$  can be expressed equivalently as a function of  $m$ :

$$H(m) = -\frac{1+m}{2} \log\left(\frac{1+m}{2}\right) - \frac{1-m}{2} \log\left(\frac{1-m}{2}\right), \quad m \in [0, 1].$$

The symmetric property of the entropy function permits its reparameterization in terms of margin confidence, enabling a margin-based representation that is analytically tractable.

A Taylor series expansion of the entropy function  $H(m)$  around  $m = 0$  can be used to describe its local behavior. Since  $H(m)$  is smooth and symmetric, the first derivative of  $m = 0$  is zero. Therefore, the second-order approximation is given by:

$$H(m) = H(0) + \frac{1}{2}H''(0)m^2 + O(m^4).$$

The first and second derivatives of  $H(m)$  with respect to  $m$  are given by:

$$H'(m) = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1-m}{1+m} \right), \quad H''(m) = \frac{1}{m^2 - 1}.$$

Let  $m = 0$ , and substitute the resulting values into the previous second-order approximation. This yields the following.

$$H(m) \approx \log 2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2.$$

This result suggests a quadratic inverse relationship between entropy and the square of the margin confidence, indicating that the margin confidence may serve as a computationally tractable proxy for entropy in uncertainty estimation.

### S3 Log-Entropy Approximation

From the second-order approximation

$$H(m) \approx \log 2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2,$$

taking logarithms yields

$$\log H(m) \approx \log \left( \log 2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2 \right).$$

This expression can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \log H(m) &\approx \log \left( \log 2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2 \log 2} m^2 \right) \right) \\ &= \log(\log 2) + \log \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2 \log 2} m^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Taylor expansion of  $\log \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2 \log 2} m^2 \right)$  around zero, the following asymptotic approximation is obtained:

$$\log H(m) \approx \log(\log 2) - \frac{1}{2 \log 2} m^2, \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow 0.$$

### S4 ECM Algorithm

We apply the Expectation-Conditional Maximization (ECM) algorithm to maximize the observed-data log-likelihood under the MAR mechanism.

**E-step:** Given current parameters  $\Theta^{(t)} = (\theta^{(t)}, \alpha^{(t)}, \lambda^{(t)})$ , compute the posterior responsibilities

$$\tau_{ij}^{(t)} = \begin{cases} z_{ij}, & m_j = 0, \\ \frac{\pi_i^{(t)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}_j; \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{(t)})}{\sum_{\ell=1}^K \pi_\ell^{(t)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}_j; \boldsymbol{\mu}_\ell^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\ell^{(t)})}, & m_j = 1, \end{cases}$$

together with the margin confidence  $\delta_j^{(t)} = \tau_{(1)j}^{(t)} - \tau_{(2)j}^{(t)}$ . The missingness probability is then evaluated as

$$q_j^{(t)} = 1 - (1 + \lambda^{(t)} e^{\eta_j^{(t)}})^{-1/\lambda^{(t)}}, \quad \eta_j^{(t)} = \alpha_0^{(t)} + \alpha_1^{(t)} \delta_j^{(t)2}.$$

**CM-step 1 (update  $\theta$ ):** Fix  $(\alpha^{(t)}, \lambda^{(t)})$  and update

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^{(t+1)} = \arg \max_{\theta} & \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (1 - m_j) \sum_{i=1}^K z_{ij} [\log \pi_i + \log \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}_j; \boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)] \right. \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^n m_j \sum_{i=1}^K \tau_{ij}^{(t)} [\log \pi_i + \log \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}_j; \boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)] \\ & \left. + \sum_{j=1}^n [(1 - m_j) \log(1 - q_j) + m_j \log q_j] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $q_j$  depends on  $(\alpha^{(t)}, \lambda^{(t)})$  and the current  $\delta_j(\theta)$ . Maximization can be performed using quasi-Newton methods.

**CM-step 2 (update  $(\alpha, \lambda)$ ):** Fix  $\theta^{(t+1)}$  and update

$$(\alpha^{(t+1)}, \lambda^{(t+1)}) = \arg \max_{\alpha, \lambda} \sum_{j=1}^n [(1 - m_j) \log(1 - q_j) + m_j \log q_j],$$

with  $q_j = 1 - (1 + \lambda e^{\eta_j})^{-1/\lambda}$  and  $\eta_j = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \delta_j(\theta^{(t+1)})^2$ . Maximization can be performed with Newton or quasi-Newton methods; if  $\lambda$  is estimated, use a one-dimensional line search.

## S5 Code

All R scripts used in the numerical analysis are publicly available. These include code for data generation under MAR mechanisms, implementation of ECM estimators with Aranda-Ordaz and logit links, logistic regression baselines, and all simulation and real-data experiments.

The full repository can be accessed at:

<https://github.com/LeomusUNSW/IJCNN.git>

The repository enables full reproduction of all reported results and facilitates further experimentation.