

EM Algorithm

Mixture Example

$$x \sim f(x|\theta) \quad \theta = (\pi_1, \mu_1, \mu_2)$$

$$f(x|\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^2 \pi_k \phi(x; \mu_k, 1)$$

$$\text{for } \phi(x; \mu_k, 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_k)^2\right\}.$$

What is the full likelihood?

$$x_1, \dots, x_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} f(x|\theta)$$

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^2 \pi_k \phi(x_i; \mu_k, 1)$$

$$\ell(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left(\sum_{k=1}^2 \pi_k \phi(x_i; \mu_k, 1)\right)$$

$$\propto \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left(\sum_k \pi_k \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \mu_k)^2\right\}\right)$$

Find μ_1, μ_2, π_1 that maximize this expression:

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu_k} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sum_k \pi_k \phi(x_i; \mu_k, 1)} \cdot \pi_k \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \mu_k)^2\right\} (x_i - \mu_k) = 0$$

Idea: x_1, \dots, x_n
 z_1, \dots, z_n $z_i = k \Leftrightarrow x_i \sim \phi(x_i; \mu_k, 1).$

If we include z_1, \dots, z_n , what is the resulting complete likelihood? For 1 observation:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_i, z_i | \theta) &= f(x_i | z_i, \theta) f(z_i | \theta) \\ &= f(x_i | z_i=1, \theta) f(z_i=1 | \theta) \mathbb{1}\{z_i=1\} \\ &\quad + f(x_i | z_i=2, \theta) f(z_i=2 | \theta) \mathbb{1}\{z_i=2\} \\ &= \phi(x_i; \mu_1, 1) \pi_1 \mathbb{1}\{z_i=1\} + \phi(x_i; \mu_2, 1) \pi_2 \mathbb{1}\{z_i=2\} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^2 \phi(x_i; \mu_k, 1) \pi_k \mathbb{1}\{z_i=k\}. \end{aligned}$$

For all observations:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^2 \phi(x_i; \mu_k, 1) \pi_k \mathbb{1}\{z_i=k\} \\ &= \prod_{i: z_i=1} \phi(x_i; \mu_1, 1) \pi_1 \times \prod_{i: z_i=2} \phi(x_i; \mu_2, 1) \pi_2 \\ \ell(\theta) &= \sum_{i: z_i=1} \left[\log(\phi(x_i; \mu_1, 1)) + \log \pi_1 \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i: z_i=2} \left[\log(\phi(x_i; \mu_2, 1)) + \log \pi_2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

What is the conditional density of z_i given x_i ?

$$\underline{f(z_i = l | x_i)} = \frac{f(x_i | z_i = l) f(z_i = l)}{f(x_i)} \quad (\text{Bayes' Rule})$$

$$= \frac{\phi(x_i; \mu_l, 1) \pi_l}{\sum_{k=1}^K \phi(x_i; \mu_k, 1) \pi_k} \equiv \underline{\delta_{z_i}(l)}$$

"defined as"

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu_l} = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sum_k \pi_k \phi(x_i; \mu_k, 1)} \cdot \pi_l \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \mu_l)^2\right\}}_{= \delta_{z_i}(l)} \cdot (x_i - \mu_l) = 0$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{z_i}(l) (x_i - \mu_l) = 0.$$

- If we knew $\delta_{z_i}(l)$, we could calculate $\hat{\mu}_l$:

$$\hat{\mu}_l = \frac{\sum_i \delta_{z_i}(l) x_i}{\sum_i \delta_{z_i}(l)}.$$

- If we knew μ_l and π_l , we could calculate $\delta_{z_i}(l)$.

EM Algorithm:

- Start from $\theta^{(0)}$
- for $i = 0$ to convergence
- E-step: evaluate $S_{z_i}(l)$ from $\theta^{(i)}$
- M-step: estimate $\theta^{(i+1)}$ based on the E-step

What is the $Q(\theta)$ function?

Continuing with the mixture example:

$$\theta = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \pi_1)$$

$$Q(\theta) = E_{\vec{z}} [l(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) | \vec{x}, \theta^{(j)}]$$

“with respect to”

$$= E_{\vec{z}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^2 \left(\log \pi_k^{(j)} + \log \phi(x_i; \mu_k^{(j)}, 1) \right) \cdot \mathbb{1}\{z_i = k\} \mid \theta^{(j)}, \vec{x} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^2 \left(\log \pi_k^{(j)} + \log \phi(x_i; \mu_k^{(j)}, 1) \right) E[\mathbb{1}\{z_i = k\} | \theta^{(j)}, \vec{x}]$$

$$E[\mathbb{1}\{z_i = k\} | \theta^{(j)}, \vec{x}] = P(z_i = k | \vec{x}, \theta^{(j)})$$

$$= S_{z_i}(l).$$

Example (Genes):

Tt
genes

TT Tt tT tt
dark hair light hair

Observe: (n_D, n_L) $n = n_D + n_L$

Want to estimate: $p_T, p_t = 1 - p_T$

$$\theta = p_T$$

$n_{TT} + n_{tT} = n_D$ $n_{tt} = n_L$

Complete dataset: $Y = (n_{TT}, n_{tT}, n_{tt})$

$$Y|\theta \sim \text{multinomial}(n, (p_T^2, 2p_t p_T, p_t^2))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\theta) = & n_{TT} \log p_T^2 + n_{tT} \log(2p_t p_T) + n_{tt} \log p_t^2 \quad \leftarrow \\ & + \underbrace{\log \binom{n}{n_{TT} \ n_{tT} \ n_{tt}}}_{\text{constant ("multinomial coefficient")}} \end{aligned}$$

E-step:

$$E[l(\theta; \vec{z}) | \vec{x}, \theta^{(j)}] = Q(\theta)$$

M step:

maximize $Q(\theta)$ wrt θ

Note: If n_D is observed, then

(n_{tt}, n_{tT}) is binomial (multinomial)

with parameters $n_D, \left(\frac{p_T^2}{2p_t p_T + p_T^2}, \frac{2p_t p_T}{2p_t p_T + p_T^2} \right)$

$$Q(\theta) = E[l(\theta) | \vec{x}, \theta^{(j)}]$$

$$E[n_{tt} | \vec{x}, \theta^{(j)}] = n_D \cdot \frac{(p_T^{(j)})^2}{\underbrace{(p_T^{(j)})^2 + 2p_T^{(j)} p_t^{(j)}}_{n_{tt}^{(j)}}}$$

$$E[n_{tT} | \vec{x}, \theta^{(j)}] = n_D \cdot \frac{2p_t^{(j)} p_T^{(j)} n_{tt}^{(j)}}{\underbrace{(p_T^{(j)})^2 + 2p_T^{(j)} p_t^{(j)}}_{n_{tT}^{(j)}}}$$

$$E[n_{tt} | \vec{x}, Q^{(j)}] = n_{tt} = n_L$$

E-Step

$$Q(\theta) = n_{tt}^{(j)} \log p_T^2 + n_{tt}^{(j)} \log 2p_T p_t + \overset{n_L}{n_{tt}} \log p_t^2$$

M-Step

Maximize $Q(\theta)$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial p_T} = 0$$

$$p_T = \frac{2n_{tt}^{(j)} + n_{tt}^{(j)}}{2n}$$