# EM algorithm for GMM

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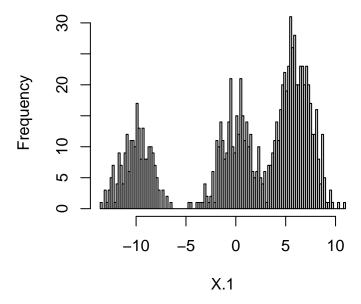
#### Simulate data

• Simulate 1000 samples from the following mixture model. For  $i=1\ldots,1000,$ 

$$Z_i \sim \text{categorical } (0.2, 0.3, 0.5),$$
  
 $X_i | Z_i = 1 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_1 = -10, \sigma_1^2 = 2),$   
 $X_i | Z_i = 2 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_2 = 0, \sigma_2^2 = 2),$   
 $X_i | Z_i = 3 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_3 = 6, \sigma_3^2 = 2).$ 

Please set a seed using 'set.seed(30027)'. Make a histogram of the simulated samples.

### Histogram of X.1



b) Let's simulate 200 samples from the following mixture model. For  $i = 1 \dots, 200$ ,

$$Z_i \sim \text{categorical } (0.2, 0.3, 0.5),$$
  
 $X_i | Z_i = 1 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_1 = -2.5, \sigma_1^2 = 2),$   
 $X_i | Z_i = 2 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_2 = 0, \sigma_2^2 = 2),$   
 $X_i | Z_i = 3 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_3 = 2.5, \sigma_3^2 = 2).$ 

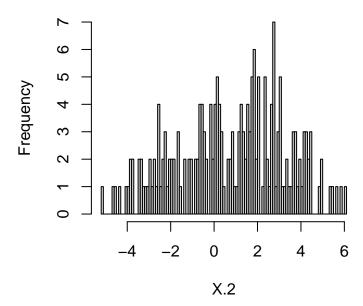
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```
# mixture components
mu.true.2 = c(-2.5, 0, 2.5)
sigma2.true.2 = c(2, 2, 2)
pi.true.2 = c(0.2, 0.3, 0.5)

NUM.SAMPLES <- 200
# simulate Z
Z = sample(1:3, NUM.SAMPLES, replace=TRUE, prob = pi.true.2)

# sample from mixture model
X.2 <- rnorm(NUM.SAMPLES, mean=mu.true.2[Z], sd=sqrt(sigma2.true.2[Z]))
hist(X.2, breaks=100)</pre>
```

#### Histogram of X.2



## Implementation of the EM algorithm for GMM

We will assume that the observed data follow a mixture of three Normal distributions with known variance  $(\sigma^2 = 2)$ . Specifically, for  $i = 1 \dots, n$ ,

$$Z_i \sim \text{categorical } (\pi_1, \pi_2, 1 - \pi_1 - \pi_2),$$

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X_i|Z_i = 1 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_1, 2),

X_i|Z_i = 2 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_2, 2),

X_i|Z_i = 3 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_3, 2).
```

We aim to obtain MLE of parameters  $\theta = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)$  using the EM algorithm.

We implement the E and M step in the EM.iter function below. The compute.log.lik function below compute the incomplete log-likelihood, assuming the parameters are known. We will check that the incomplete log-likelihoods increases at each step by plotting them. The mixture.EM function is the main function which runs multiple EM steps and checks for convergence by computing the incomplete log-likelihoods at each step.

```
# w.init : initial value for pi
# mu.init : initial value for mu
# epsilon : If the incomplete log-likelihood has changed by less than epsilon,
# EM will stop.
# max.iter : maximum number of EM-iterations
mixture.EM <- function(X, w.init, mu.init, epsilon=1e-5, max.iter=100) {
  w.curr = w.init
  mu.curr = mu.init
  # store incomplete log-likehoods for each iteration
  log_liks = c()
  # compute incomplete log-likehoods using initial values of parameters.
  log_liks = c(log_liks, compute.log.lik(X, w.curr, mu.curr)$ill)
  # set the change in incomplete log-likelihood with 1
  delta.ll = 1
  # number of iteration
  n.iter = 1
  # If the log-likelihood has changed by less than epsilon, EM will stop.
  while((delta.ll > epsilon) & (n.iter <= max.iter)){</pre>
    # run EM step
   EM.out = EM.iter(X, w.curr, mu.curr)
    # replace the current value with the new parameter estimate
   w.curr = EM.out$w.new
   mu.curr = EM.out$mu.new
    # incomplete log-likehoods with new parameter estimate
   log_liks = c(log_liks, compute.log.lik(X, w.curr, mu.curr)$ill)
    # compute the change in incomplete log-likelihood
   delta.ll = log_liks[length(log_liks)] - log_liks[length(log_liks)-1]
    # increase the number of iteration
   n.iter = n.iter + 1
  }
  return(list(w.curr=w.curr, mu.curr=mu.curr, log_liks=log_liks))
}
```

```
EM.iter <- function(X, w.curr, mu.curr) {

# E-step: compute E_{Z/X, \theta_O}[I(Z_i = k)]

# for each sample $X_i$, compute $P(X_i, Z_i=k)$
prob.x.z = compute.prob.x.z(X, w.curr, mu.curr)$prob.x.z

# compute P(Z_i=k | X_i)
P_ik = prob.x.z / rowSums(prob.x.z)

# M-step
w.new = colSums(P_ik)/sum(P_ik) # sum(P_ik) is equivalent to sample size
mu.new = colSums(P_ik*X)/colSums(P_ik)

return(list(w.new=w.new, mu.new=mu.new))
}</pre>
```

Now we write a function to compute the incomplete log-likelihood, assuming the parameters are known.

$$\ell(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \left( \sum_{k=1}^{3} \pi_k f(x_i; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2 = 2) \right)$$

```
# Compute incomplete log-likehoods
compute.log.lik <- function(X, w.curr, mu.curr) {

# for each sample $X_i$, compute $P(X_i, Z_i=k)$
prob.x.z = compute.prob.x.z(X, w.curr, mu.curr)$prob.x.z

# incomplete log-likehoods
ill = sum(log(rowSums(prob.x.z)))

return(list(ill=ill))
}

# for each sample $X_i$, compute $P(X_i, Z_i=k)$
compute.prob.x.z <- function(X, w.curr, mu.curr) {

# for each sample $X_i$, compute $P(X_i, Z_i=k)$. Store these values in the columns of L:
L = matrix(NA, nrow=length(X), ncol= length(w.curr))
for(k in seq_len(ncol(L))) {
L[, k] = dnorm(X, mean=mu.curr[k], sd=sqrt(2))*w.curr[k]
}

return(list(prob.x.z=L))
}</pre>
```

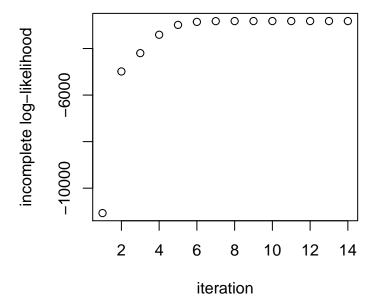
## Apply the EM algorithm to the first simulated data set

Run EM algorithm with different initial values and check that the incomplete log-likelihoods increases at each step by plotting them.

```
EM1 \leftarrow mixture.EM(X.1, w.init=c(0.2,0.3, 0.5), mu.init=c(-4, 1, 3), epsilon=1e-5, max.iter=100) ee = EM1
```

```
print(paste("Estimate pi = (", round(ee$w.curr[1],2), ",",
            round(ee$w.curr[2],2), ",",
            round(ee$w.curr[3],2), ")", sep=""))
## [1] "Estimate pi = (0.22, 0.29, 0.49)"
print(paste("True pi = (", pi.true.1[1], ",", pi.true.1[2], ",", pi.true.1[3],")", sep=""))
## [1] "True pi = (0.2,0.3,0.5)"
print(paste("Estimate mu = (", round(ee$mu.curr[1],2), ",",
            round(ee$mu.curr[2],2), ",",
            round(ee$mu.curr[3],2), ")", sep=""))
## [1] "Estimate mu = (-10, -0.03, 6.06)"
print(paste("True mu = (", mu.true.1[1], ",", mu.true.1[2], ",", mu.true.1[3],")", sep=""))
## [1] "True mu = (-10,0,6)"
plot(ee$log_liks, ylab='incomplete log-likelihood', xlab='iteration')
                               0
                                        0
                                            0
                 0
incomplete log-likelihood
      -3500
      -4500
      -5500
                 2
                          4
                                   6
                                             8
                           iteration
EM2 <- mixture.EM(X.1, w.init=c(0.9,0.05, 0.05), mu.init=c(-4, 1, 3), epsilon=1e-5, max.iter=100)
ee = EM2
print(paste("Estimate pi = (", round(ee$w.curr[1],2), ",",
            round(ee$w.curr[2],2), ",",
            round(ee$w.curr[3],2), ")", sep=""))
## [1] "Estimate pi = (0.22, 0.29, 0.49)"
print(paste("True pi = (", pi.true.1[1], ",", pi.true.1[2], ",", pi.true.1[3],")", sep=""))
## [1] "True pi = (0.2,0.3,0.5)"
print(paste("Estimate mu = (", round(ee$mu.curr[1],2), ",",
            round(ee$mu.curr[2],2), ",",
            round(ee$mu.curr[3],2), ")", sep=""))
## [1] "Estimate mu = (-10, -0.03, 6.06)"
```

```
print(paste("True mu = (", mu.true.1[1], ",", mu.true.1[2], ",", mu.true.1[3],")", sep=""))
## [1] "True mu = (-10,0,6)"
plot(ee$log_liks, ylab='incomplete log-likelihood', xlab='iteration')
      -3000
incomplete log-likelihood
                 0
      -5000
                 2
                          4
                                   6
                                             8
                           iteration
EM3 <- mixture.EM(X.1, w.init=c(0.9,0.05, 0.05), mu.init=c(10, 4, 1), epsilon=1e-5, max.iter=100)
ee = EM3
print(paste("Estimate pi = (", round(ee$w.curr[1],2), ",",
            round(ee$w.curr[2],2), ",",
            round(ee$w.curr[3],2), ")", sep=""))
## [1] "Estimate pi = (0.49, 0.29, 0.22)"
print(paste("True pi = (", pi.true.1[1], ",", pi.true.1[2], ",", pi.true.1[3],")", sep=""))
## [1] "True pi = (0.2,0.3,0.5)"
print(paste("Estimate mu = (", round(ee$mu.curr[1],2), ",",
            round(ee$mu.curr[2],2), ",",
            round(ee$mu.curr[3],2), ")", sep=""))
## [1] "Estimate mu = (6.06, -0.03, -10)"
print(paste("True mu = (", mu.true.1[1], ",", mu.true.1[2], ",", mu.true.1[3],")", sep=""))
## [1] "True mu = (-10,0,6)"
plot(ee$log_liks, ylab='incomplete log-likelihood', xlab='iteration')
```



Check which estimators have the highest incomplete log-likelihood.

```
EM1$log_liks[length(EM1$log_liks)]
## [1] -2820.215
EM2$log_liks[length(EM2$log_liks)]
## [1] -2820.215
EM3$log_liks[length(EM3$log_liks)]
```

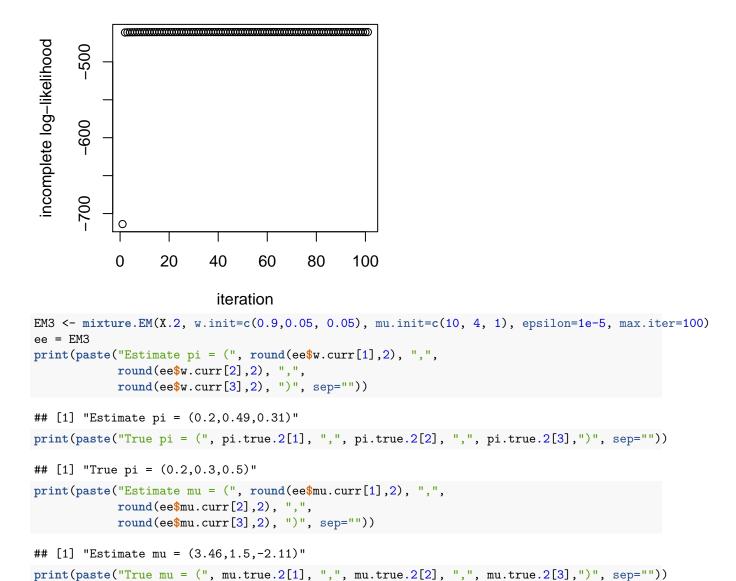
## [1] -2820.215

Estimators from three EM runs have (equally) highest incomplete log-likelihoods. You can see that the estimators from the EM runs are the same if labels for clusters are switched. So it doesn't matter which estimators we choose. I will choose the estimators from the first EM run -  $\hat{\pi}_1 = 0.2211658$ ,  $\hat{\pi}_2 = 0.2854424$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_1 = -9.99961961$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_2 = -0.03233427$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_3 = 6.05589298$  which are similar to true values of the parameters.

#### Apply the EM algorithm to the second simulated data set

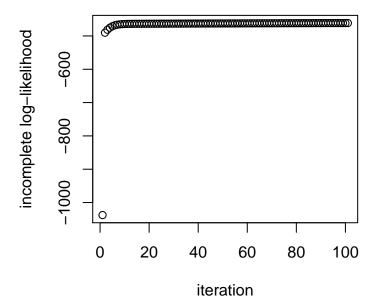
Run EM algorithm with different initial values and check that the incomplete log-likelihoods increases at each step by plotting them.

```
## [1] "Estimate mu = (-2.33, 0.66, 2.91)"
print(paste("True mu = (", mu.true.2[1], ",", mu.true.2[2], ",", mu.true.2[3],")", sep=""))
## [1] "True mu = (-2.5,0,2.5)"
plot(ee$log_liks, ylab='incomplete log-likelihood', xlab='iteration')
            incomplete log-likelihood
      -465
      -485
           0
                  20
                         40
                                60
                                       80
                                              100
                          iteration
EM2 \leftarrow mixture.EM(X.2, w.init=c(0.9,0.05, 0.05), mu.init=c(-4, 1, 3), epsilon=1e-5, max.iter=100)
ee = EM2
print(paste("Estimate pi = (", round(ee$w.curr[1],2), ",",
            round(ee$w.curr[2],2), ",",
            round(ee$w.curr[3],2), ")", sep=""))
## [1] "Estimate pi = (0.27, 0.35, 0.38)"
print(paste("True pi = (", pi.true.2[1], ",", pi.true.2[2], ",", pi.true.2[3],")", sep=""))
## [1] "True pi = (0.2,0.3,0.5)"
print(paste("Estimate mu = (", round(ee$mu.curr[1],2), ",",
            round(ee$mu.curr[2],2), ",",
            round(ee$mu.curr[3],2), ")", sep=""))
## [1] "Estimate mu = (-2.31, 0.74, 2.94)"
print(paste("True mu = (", mu.true.2[1], ",", mu.true.2[2], ",", mu.true.2[3],")", sep=""))
## [1] "True mu = (-2.5,0,2.5)"
plot(ee$log_liks, ylab='incomplete log-likelihood', xlab='iteration')
```



plot(ee\$log\_liks, ylab='incomplete log-likelihood', xlab='iteration')

## [1] "True mu = (-2.5,0,2.5)"



Check which estimators have the highest incomplete log-likelihood.

EM1\$log\_liks[length(EM1\$log\_liks)]

## [1] -460.7521

EM2\$log\_liks[length(EM2\$log\_liks)]

## [1] -460.7533

EM3\$log\_liks[length(EM3\$log\_liks)]

## [1] -461.3282

Estimators from the first EM run has the highest incomplete log-likelihood. We can see that the estimators from the first EM run are more similar to the true parameters. I will choose the estimators from the first EM run -  $\hat{\pi}_1 = 0.2640038, \hat{\pi}_2 = 0.3362927, \hat{\mu}_1 = -2.3301134, \hat{\mu}_2 = 0.6604183, \hat{\mu}_3 = 2.9051919.$