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## **Abstract**

The intent of this work is to compare The EM algorithm to a MLE approach in the case of multivariate normal mixture models using the Cholesky decomposition. The EM algorithm is widely used in statistics and is proven to converge, however in pathological cases convergence slows down considerably.

methods(not done)

results(not done)

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction to normal mixture models

### 1.1 Definitions

A good and thorough introductory book is the work of [McLachlan and Peel \(2000\)](#) and the reader is encouraged to study it to learn in depth about normal mixtures and their clustering. We will here give a short overview of normal mixtures to fix notation and nomenclature. The motivating idea behind mixture models is, that in real world examples a sample might be suspected to arise from more than one population. The example of this, that is generally considered to be the first of this kind, is the one by Karl Pearson, who fitted two normal distributions with different means and variances. In his book, [Pearson and Henrici \(1896\)](#)[Section 4.d.; page 266], Pearson analyzed measurements of forehead to body length of crabs sampled from the bay of Naples. His mixture model-based approach suggested, that the crabs were evolving into two new subspecies.

While the theory of mixture models holds for a much broader class of distributions, we restrict ourselves here to the case of normal distributions, because this restriction fits more comfortably into the scope of this work and because normal distributions allow for a convenient, parsimonious parametrization, that is of interest to study.

normal gives easy param ov cov mats multivariate builds on work done in the norlmix package. 'filedrawer research'

Let  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$  be symmetric positive definite and  $\phi(-; \mu, \Sigma)$  be the normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ .

$\mathbf{Y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_n$

**Definition 1.1.0.1.** Suppose we have a random sample  $\mathbf{Y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_n$  with probability density function  $\mathbf{Y}_j \sim f(y_j)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . We assume that the density  $f(y_j)$  of  $\mathbf{Y}_j$  can be written in the form

$$f(y_j) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \phi_k(y_j; \mu, \Sigma)$$

The  $\pi_k$  are called the component densities of the mixture and the  $\phi_k$  mixture components.

For 'large' datasets there are more parsimonious parametrizations, that reduce computation time. These, for example, assume that all components have the same covariance, or have certain restrictions placed on them. We will give a detailed description of the models assumed in this thesis in section 1.4.

## 1.2 The EM-Algorithm in Sketch

With this definition we immediately face the problem of how to fit these mixture components to given data. A popular algorithm to solve this problem is the **Expectation-Maximization** algorithm, abbreviated as EM-algorithm.

We give here a sketch of the EM-algorithm in the case of all normal mixture components, since it is the scope of this thesis and simplifies it considerably.

Suppose we have a  $p$ -dimensional dataset of  $n$  samples  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , onto which we would like to fit  $K$  normal distributions  $\phi_k$ ,  $k \in 1, \dots, K$ . We introduce a further explaining variable  $\mathbf{Z}$  in  $\text{Mat}^{n \times K}$ , with entries in  $[0, 1]$  which represent the expectation that observation  $i$  belongs to component  $k$ .

The EM-algorithm is a two step, iterative process consisting of an 'e'-step and an 'm'-step. In the e-step the expectation of component membership is updated.

$$\tau_i(y_j; \Psi) = \phi_i(y_j; \mu_i, \Sigma_i) / \sum_{k=1}^K \phi_k(y_j; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

and in the m-step given the component membership information we update the component means and covariances by weighted versions of the usual estimators.

$$\mu_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \tau_{ij} y_j / \sum_{j=1}^n \tau_{ij}$$

$$\Sigma_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \tau_{ij} (y_j - \mu_i)(y_j - \mu_i)^\top / \sum_{j=1}^n \tau_{ij}$$

here note about initialization methods.

While it is possible to use a purely EM-based approach, most popular implementations use some form of pre clustering and use the EM-algorithm as final pass to fit the data. The R-package **Mclust** for example uses hierarchical agglomerative clustering [L, M, TB, and AE. \(2016\)](#).

## 1.3 Choice of Notation

The classification of models in this paper relies heavily on the work of [Celeux and Govaert \(1995\)](#), however, out of necessity for clarity, we break with their notation. So as to not confuse the reader we describe here in depth the differences in notation between [Celeux and Govaert \(1995\)](#) and ours.



The basis of classification in Celeux and Govaert (1995) is the decomposition of a symmetric matrix into an orthogonal and a diagonal component. A symmetric positive definite matrix  $\Sigma$  can be decomposed as follows

$$\Sigma = \lambda \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}^\top$$

with  $\mathbf{D}$  an orthogonal matrix and  $\mathbf{A}$  a diagonal matrix and  $\lambda = \sqrt[p]{\det(\Sigma)}$  the  $p$ -th root of the determinant of  $\Sigma$ .

This decomposition has an appealing geometric interpretation, with  $\mathbf{D}$  as the *orientation* of the distribution,  $\mathbf{A}$  the *shape*, and  $\lambda$  the *volume*. The problem of notation comes from standard conventions in linear algebra, where the letters  $A$  and  $D$  are usually occupied by arbitrary and diagonal matrices respectively. Furthermore, we intend to apply a variant of the Cholesky decomposition to  $\Sigma$ , the  $\alpha \mathbf{L} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{L}^\top$  decomposition. This obviously raises some conflicts in notation.

Therefore we, from here on, when referring to the decomposition as described by Celeux and Govaert (1995), will use the following modification of notation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D} &\mapsto \mathbf{Q} \\ \mathbf{A} &\mapsto \mathbf{\Lambda} \\ \lambda &\mapsto \alpha \\ \Sigma &= \lambda \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}^\top = \alpha \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q}^\top \end{aligned}$$

These were chosen according to general conventions of linear algebra.  $\mathbf{Q}$  is usually chosen for orthonormal matrices;  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  is often a choice for diagonal matrices eigenvectors and  $\alpha$  was somewhat arbitrarily chosen.

## 1.4 Models of Covariance Matrices

make clear that the models can not be translated one to one to ldl model There is however an issue with the Cholesky decomposition. For 10 out of 14 cases as defined by Celeux and Govaert (1995), there exists a canonical translation of decompositions. The 6 diagonal cases need no translation; the eigen and Cholesky decomposition are equal to identity. For the non-diagonal cases note that for a given sym. pos. def. matrix  $\Sigma$  we have decompositions:

$$\Sigma = \alpha \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q}^\top \quad \Sigma = \alpha \mathbf{L} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{L}^\top$$

Since in both cases the bracketing matrices  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  have determinant 1 the determinant of  $\Sigma$  falls entirely on  $\alpha$ . Therefore  $\alpha$ , in these particular decompositions, is equal for both. Celeux & Grovaert vary  $\Sigma$  by either varying or holding fixed the volume ( $\alpha/\alpha_k$ ), shape ( $\mathbf{\Lambda}/\mathbf{\Lambda}_k$ ) and orientation ( $\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Q}_k$ ). These 3 times 2 cases would yield the 8 out of 14 cases of non-diagonal cases. However there is no canonical transform for either variable orientation and fixed shape or fixed orientation and variable shape. The reason for this is that in the  $\mathbf{L} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{L}^\top$  decomposition the lower diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{L}$  holds some of the shape of the matrix, which in the eigendecomposition is in the  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  matrix. In fact,  $\mathbf{L}$  is orthogonal if and only if  $\mathbf{L} = \text{Id}_{n \times n}$ . Therefore we can only decompose matrices where either both or neither shape and orientation vary. See table 1.1.

90 While we could in theory construct the cases  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{D}_k\mathbf{L}^\top$  and  $\mathbf{L}_k\mathbf{D}\mathbf{L}^\top$ , however they do not  
91 correspond to the desired geometric intent behind the differentiation of models and are  
92 therefore not included.

| Model | $\Sigma_k$                        | C&G | volume | shape | orientation | parameters                         | $LDL^\top$<br>as in C&G     | parameters                              | count                              |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----|--------|-------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| EII   | $\alpha I$                        |     | equal  | equal | -           | $\alpha$                           |                             |   | 1                                  |
| VII   | $\alpha_k I$                      |     | var.   | equal | -           | $\alpha_k$                         |                             |   | $K$                                |
| E EI  | $\alpha \Lambda$                  |     | equal  | equal | coord. axes | $\alpha, \lambda_i$                |                             |   | $1 + (p - 1)$                      |
| VEI   | $\alpha_k \Lambda$                |     | var.   | equal | coord. axes | $\alpha_k, \lambda_i$              |                             |   | $K + (p - 1)$                      |
| EVI   | $\alpha \Lambda_k$                |     | equal  | var.  | coord. axes | $\alpha, \lambda_{i,k}$            |                             |   | $1 + K(p - 1)$                     |
| VVI   | $\alpha_k \Lambda_k$              |     | var.   | var.  | coord. axes | $\alpha_k, \lambda_{i,k}$          |                             |   | $K + K(p - 1)$                     |
| EEE   | $\alpha Q \Lambda Q^\top$         |     | equal  | equal | equal       | $\alpha, \lambda_i, q_{i,j}$       | $\alpha LDL^\top$           | $\lambda, d_i, l_{i,j}$                 | $1 + (p - 1) + \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$   |
| EVE   | $\alpha Q \Lambda_k Q^\top$       |     | equal  | var.  | equal       | $\alpha, \lambda_{i,k}, q_{i,j}$   | doesn't exist               |   | $1 + K(p - 1) + \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$  |
| VEE   | $\alpha_k Q \Lambda Q^\top$       |     | var.   | equal | equal       | $\alpha_k, \lambda_i, q_{i,j}$     | $\alpha_k LDL^\top$         | $\lambda_k, d_i, l_{i,j}$               | $K + p + \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$         |
| VVE   | $\alpha_k Q \Lambda_k Q^\top$     |     | var.   | var.  | equal       | $\alpha_k, \lambda_{i,k}, q_{i,j}$ |                             |   | $K + K(p - 1) + \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$  |
| EEV   | $\alpha Q_k \Lambda Q_k^\top$     |     | equal  | equal | var.        | $\alpha, \lambda_i, q_{i,j,k}$     | don't exist                 |   | $1 + (p - 1) + K \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$ |
| VEV   | $\alpha_k Q_k \Lambda Q_k^\top$   |     | var.   | equal | var.        | $\alpha_k, \lambda_i, q_{i,j,k}$   |                             |   | $K + (p - 1) + K \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$ |
| EVV   | $\alpha Q_k \Lambda_k Q_k^\top$   |     | equal  | var.  | var.        | $\alpha, \lambda_i, q_{i,j,k}$     | $\alpha L_k D_k L_k^\top$   | $\lambda, d_{i,k}, l_{i,j,k} \ j > i$   | $1 + pK + K \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$      |
| VVV   | $\alpha_k Q_k \Lambda_k Q_k^\top$ |     | var.   | var.  | var.        | $\alpha_k, \lambda_i, q_{i,j,k}$   | $\alpha_k L_k D_k L_k^\top$ | $\lambda_k, d_{i,k}, l_{i,j,k} \ j > i$ | $K + pK + K \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$      |

Table 1.1: Table of Parameters

## 1.5 Problems of EM

The EM-algorithm has stalling problems especially close to a local optimum. In their seminal work, [Dempster, Laird, and Rubin \(1977\)](#), have proven that the EM-algorithm converges under mild regularity conditions. However, convergence does not guarantee fast convergence. In fact, a lot of the work, that has gone into the research around the EM-algorithm has been concerned with speeding up convergence, see [McLachlan and Peel \(2000\)](#)[section 2.17]. In common software implementations, The concern here is that a slowing in convergence might be mistaken for actual convergence.

This phenomenon is not infrequent and in difficult mixtures quite visible. To illustrate let us look at a particular mixture taken from [Marron and Wand \(1992\)](#) and the `nor1mix` package from CRAN.

```
> library("nor1mix")
> MW.nm9 ## Trimodal mixture
'Normal Mixture' object
      mu sigma  w
[1,] -1.2  0.60 0.45
[2,]  1.2  0.60 0.45
[3,]  0.0  0.25 0.10
```

Figure 1.1: Parameters of MW.nm9

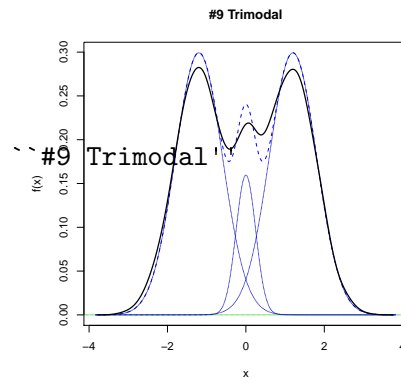


Figure 1.2: True and Estimated density

then an illustration of MW examples of pathological cases

here we see how change in loglik seems to stagnate. However, this does not stay that way, if we let EM run a bit further.

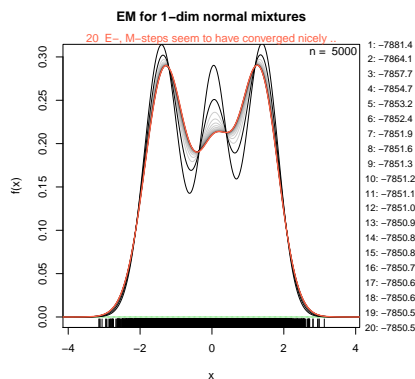


Figure 1.3: 20 EM steps

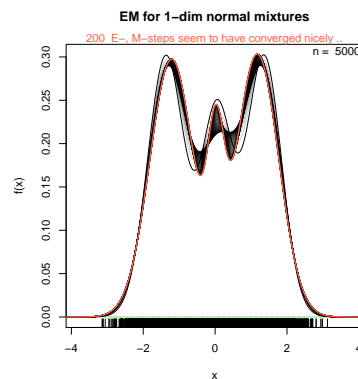


Figure 1.4: 200 EM steps

to conclude example show part of mixest that shows it takes 1200 iterations to converge

In fact, it seems that the previous solution is a saddle point in the likelihood function, where EM has chronic problems continuing improvements.

- 110 give 2D demonstration.
- 111 maybe show Marr Wand's examples of 'difficult' mixtures
- 112 give conclusion recapping the just demonstrated, and lead in for next chapter



## Chapter 2

# The norMmix Package

### 2.1 Introduction to the Package

For this thesis, an R package was developed that implements the algorithm that fits multivariate normal mixtures to given data. There is a lot of unused code still in the package. These were at one point implemented used and discarded. They are still included for demonstration. The `norMmix` package is constructed around the `norMmix` object, that codifies a `normal` Multivariate mixture model, and the `llnorMmix()` function, that calculates the log-likelihood given a model and data.

The package contains the following functionality:

relies on `optim()` generic optimizer. maximizes `llnormix` by varying model parameters.

since `mclust` is one of the more popular packages implementing the EM algo, we employ a lot of functions from `mclust`, to keep things around EM as similar as possible.

Conceptually, at the start of a fitting algo, e.g. EM we need to initialize a mixture object. thereafter the paths diverge. at the heart of `norMmix`'s functionality lie the functions: `llnorMmix` and `nMm2par` which are in turn employed by `norMmixMLE` to funnel a mixture object into `optim` and give `optim` a function to optimize.

also relies on `mixtools` package for random generating function `rnorMmix` using `rmvnorm`.

| In Notation | In Code                     |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| $\pi_i$     | <code>w, weights</code>     |
| $\Sigma$    | <code>Sigma</code>          |
| $\mu$       | <code>mu</code>             |
| $K$         | <code>k</code>              |
| dimension   | <code>p, dim, dims</code>   |
| components  | <code>cl, components</code> |

Table 2.1: Translation Table: Mathematical Notation to R Code

**norMmix** `norMmix()` is the 'init-method' for `norMmix` objects. There exist `is.norMmix`, `rnorMmix` and `dnorMmix` functions.

**parametrization** The main functions that handle reparametrization of models from and to  $LDL^T$  decomposition are `nMm2par` and `par2nMm`, which are inverse to each other.

**MLE** The function `norMmixMLE` marries the main components of this package. It initializes a model and parametrizes it for use with `optim`

**model choice** Using `norMmixMLE`, the function `fitnMm` allows fitting of multiple models and components. Functions analyzing the output of this are also provided, e.g. `BIC` and `print` methods.

**misc** There are also various methods of generics, like `logLik`, `print`, `BIC`, `AIC` and `nobs` as well as various `print` methods.

**example objects** Following the paper of [Marron and Wand \(1992\)](#) various example objects are provided and used for study. They follow the naming convention: MW + dimension + number. for example MW213 for the 13-th model of dimension 2.

**simulations** The purpose of this package is to study simulations. there are functions provided to study large collections of evaluated data. e.g `epfl`

## 131 2.2 On The Development of norMmix

132 about Cholesky decomp as `ldlt`. has advantages: fast, parametrically parsimonious, can  
133 easily compute loglikelihood

134 maybe reread section in McLachlan about accelerating EM algo

135 not possible to sensibly compare normal mixtures except maybe a strange sorting algorithm  
136 using Mahalanobis distance or Kullback-Leibler distance or similar (Hellinger), but not  
137 numerically sensible to integrate over potentially high-dimensional spaces.

138 general list of (not necessarily mathematical) dead-ends in the development life of the  
139 norMmix package. argue why this is in this section?? because, as a BScT, the learning is  
140 as much part of the research as the results.

141 One dead-end was the parametrization of the weights of a mixture using the `logit` func-  
142 tion.

```
> logit <- function(e) {
+   stopifnot(is.numeric(e) ,all(e >= 0), all.equal(sum(e),1))
+   qlogis(e[-1L])
+ }
> logitinv <- function(e) {
+   if (length(e)==0) {return(c(1))}
+   stopifnot(is.numeric(e))
+   e<- plogis(e)
+   sp. <- sum(e)
+   w <- c((1-sp.), e)
+ }
```

143 This uses the logistical function `logis` to transform to reduce the number of weights  
144 from  $K$  to  $K - 1$ . Much like `clr1`, given a list of weights `logit` will transform them  
145 and `logitinv` will correctly reverse the transformation. However, unlike `clr1`, it will not  
146 transform an arbitrary list of length  $K - 1$  into a valid weight parameter. For example:



```
> w <- runif(7); ret <- logitinv(w)
> ret

[1] -3.1850438  0.7012354  0.6139481  0.5100746  0.5196708  0.6509962  0.6726699
[8]  0.5164488
```

147 The issue here is that the last line of `logitinv`, which is necessary to sum to one, but  
 148 results in a negative value in `ret[1]` which is not a valid weight. The underlying issue is  
 149 that not every tuple in  $\mathbb{R}^{K-1}$  is a result of `logit`.

150 The option to use `logit` is still an argument to `norMmixMLE` by specifying `trafo="logit"`,  
 151 but it shouldn't be used.

152 Another issue during development cropped up during fitting of high dimensional data. We  
 153 studied the dataset `SMI.12` from the package `copula`:

```
> data(SMI.12, package="copula")
> str(SMI.12)

num [1:141, 1:20] 16.1 15.7 15.7 16.1 16.6 ...
- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
 ..$ : chr [1:141] "2011-09-09" "2011-09-12" "2011-09-13" "2011-09-14" ...
 ..$ : chr [1:20] "ABBN" "ATLN" "ADEN" "CSGN" ...
```

154 A consequence of high dimensions is that matrix multiplication is no longer very stable.  
 155 As a result, the covariance matrices produced by our own implementation of the EM-  
 156 algorithms `m-step` (`mstep.nMm`) were not positive definite. In the case of `SMI.12`, several  
 157 covariance matrices are degenerate, which results in cancellation error with near-zero en-  
 158 tries. We attempted to correct this with the function `forcePositive`, which simply tries  
 159 to set  $D$  in  $LDL^T$  greater than zero. This didn't resolve the issue, since a non-negligible  
 160 part of the numerical error was in the  $L$  matrix and the resultant covariance matrix was  
 161 still not positive definite.

162 We eventually resolved this issue by abandoning our own implementation and using the  
 163 functions from the `Mclust` package. Not only were these numerically stable they were also  
 164 able to differentiate between models, whereas ours would assume VVV for every fit.

165 testing of `mvtnorm` as proof that `ldlt` is in fact faster parametrization

166 mention, that there may be faster ways to apply `backsolve`. quote knuth about premature  
 167 optimization?

## 168 2.3 Demonstration

169 Mention, that `mclust` doesn't depend on `seed`(double check) and therefore `norMmix` has  
 170 'advantage' of 'confidence intervals'. We can run 50 simulations and see if there might be  
 171 more sensible clusters.

172 demonstrate things; essentially put `.Rd` example sections here



## Chapter 3

# Comparing Algorithms

### 3.1 Time Analysis

here how much time they take, in p,k and n give approximate  $O(x)$  value

```
> library(norMmix, lib.loc="/ethz/BA/norMmix.Rcheck/")
> mainsav <- normalizePath("~/ethz/BA/Rscripts/")
> savdir <- file.path(mainsav, "2time")
> filelist <- list.files(savdir, pattern=".rds")
> filelist <- grep("mcl.rds", filelist, invert=TRUE, value=TRUE)
> f <- lapply(file.path(savdir,filelist), function(j) readRDS(j)$fit)
> times <- unlist(lapply(f, function(j) extracttimes(j)[,,1]))
> dims <- unlist(lapply(f, function(j) attr(extracttimes(j), "p")))
> size <- unlist(lapply(f, function(j) attr(extracttimes(j), "n")))
> ddims <- rep(dims, each=80)
> ssize <- rep(size, each=80)
> pars <- unlist(lapply(f, npar))
> r <- lm(log(times) ~ log(pars) + log(ddims) + log(ssize))
> summary(r)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = log(times) ~ log(pars) + log(ddims) + log(ssize))
```

Residuals:

| Min     | 1Q      | Median | 3Q     | Max    |
|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| -3.4428 | -0.2986 | 0.0671 | 0.4579 | 2.0936 |

Coefficients:

|             | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t )   |
|-------------|----------|------------|---------|------------|
| (Intercept) | -9.74133 | 0.10598    | -91.91  | <2e-16 *** |
| log(pars)   | 2.75983  | 0.01181    | 233.75  | <2e-16 *** |
| log(ddims)  | -2.06063 | 0.02483    | -82.99  | <2e-16 *** |
| log(ssize)  | 0.61301  | 0.01446    | 42.38   | <2e-16 *** |

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.6946 on 7196 degrees of freedom  
 Multiple R-squared: 0.8887, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8887  
 F-statistic: 1.916e+04 on 3 and 7196 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

```
> plot(times~pars, log="xy", yaxt="n", xaxt="n")
> sfsmisc::eaxis(1)
> sfsmisc::eaxis(2)
```

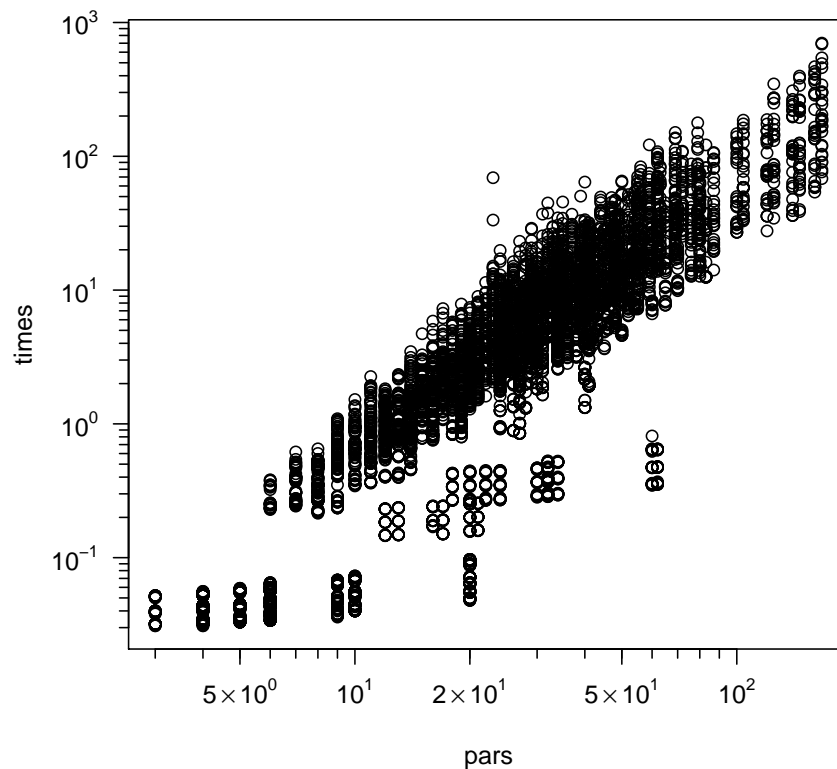


Figure 3.1: Log-log Plot of System Time against Parameter Length

177 can see that time is almost one to one proportional to parameter length.

## 178 3.2 Behaviour in n

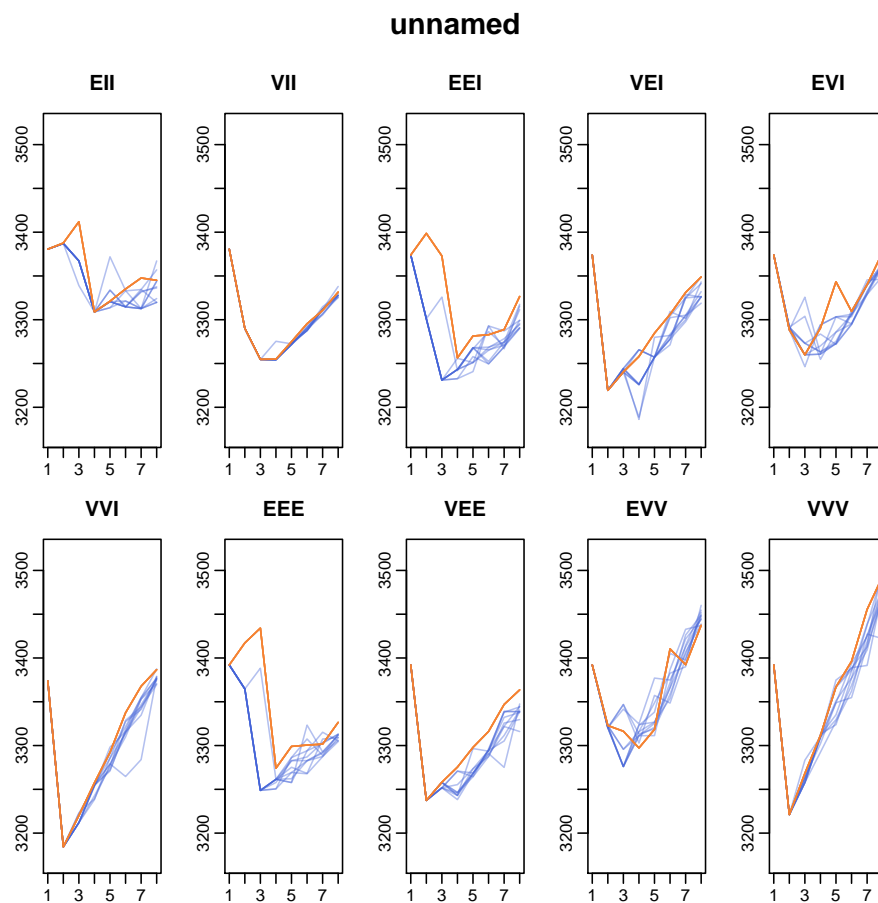
179 here show as expected narrower scattering as n increases

180 [h]

## 181 3.3 Behaviour in p

182 here show how norMmix is consistently competitive with mclust

```
> compplot(s05mw34bic, m0534)
```



### 3.4 Difficult Mixtures

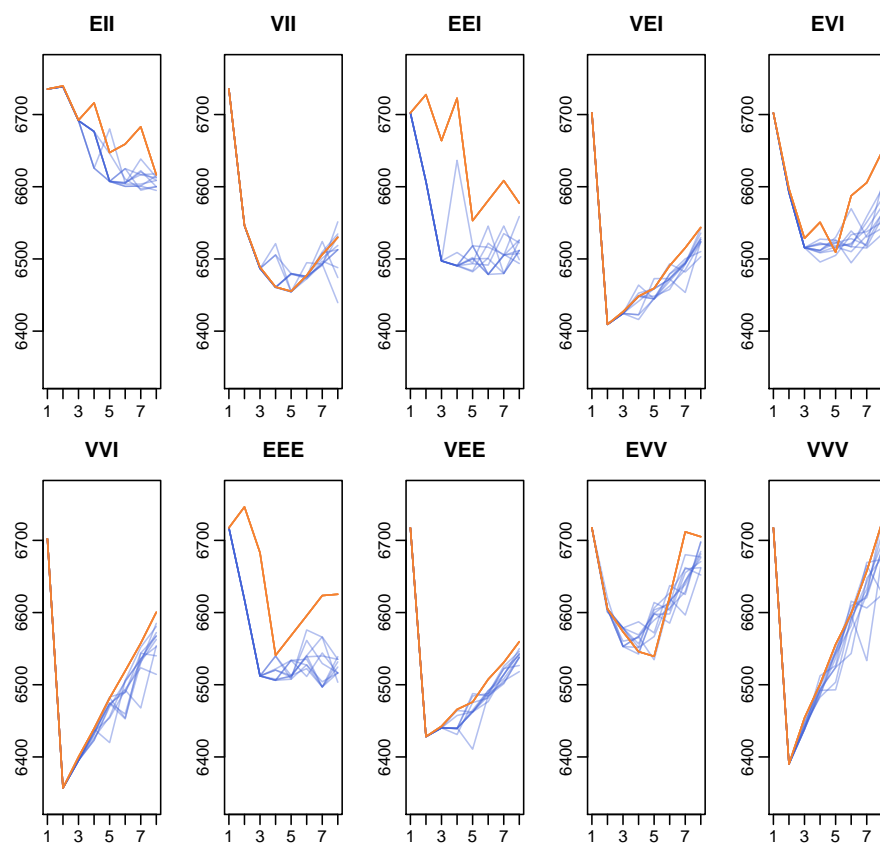
here show behaviour in difficult cases

```
> savdir <- file.path(mainsav, "2init")
> filenames <- list.files(savdir, pattern=".rds")
> MW214fn <- grep("MW214", filenames, value="TRUE")
> mclustfiles <- grep("mcl.rds", MW214fn, value=TRUE)
> MW214fn <- grep("mcl.rds", MW214fn, value="TRUE", invert=TRUE)
> claraMW <- grep("clara", MW214fn, value=TRUE)
> mclMW <- grep("mclVVV", MW214fn, value=TRUE)
> clarabic <- massbic(claraMW, savdir)
> mclbic <- massbic(mclMW, savdir)
> mclustbic <- readRDS(file.path(savdir, mclustfiles[1]))
```

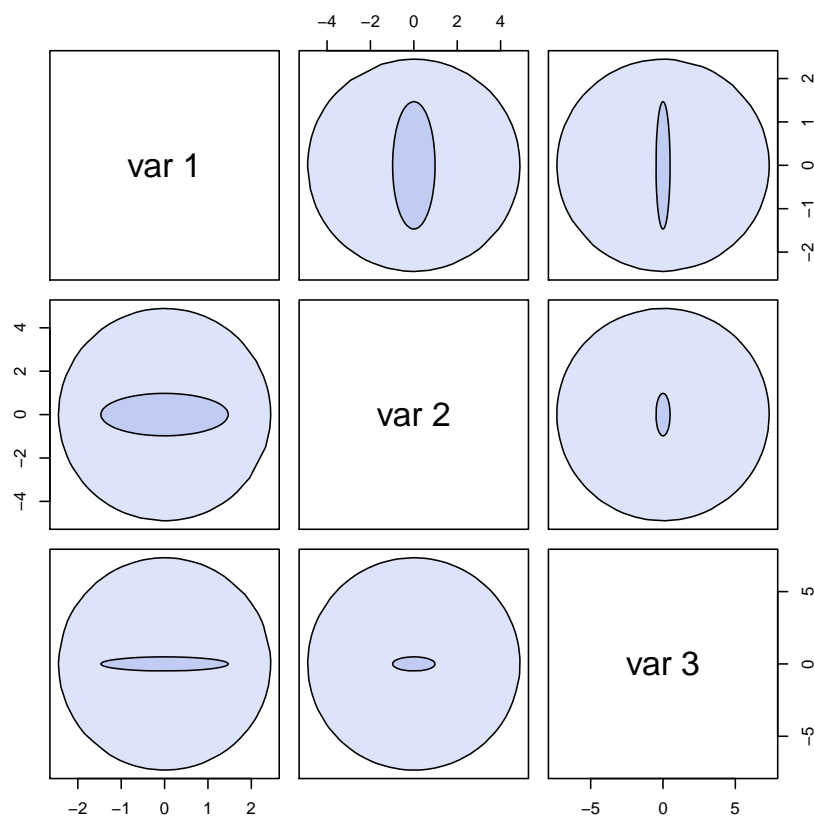
### 3.5 Nonnormal Mixtures

```
> compplot(s10mw34bic, m1034)
```

**unnamed**

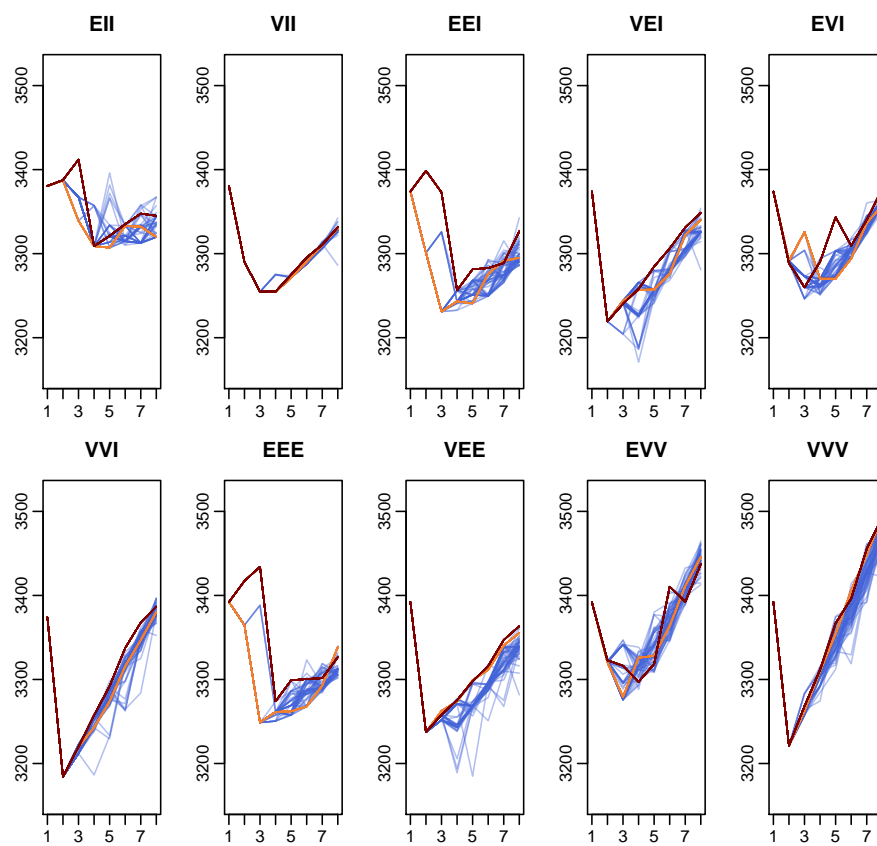


```
> plot(MW34)
```



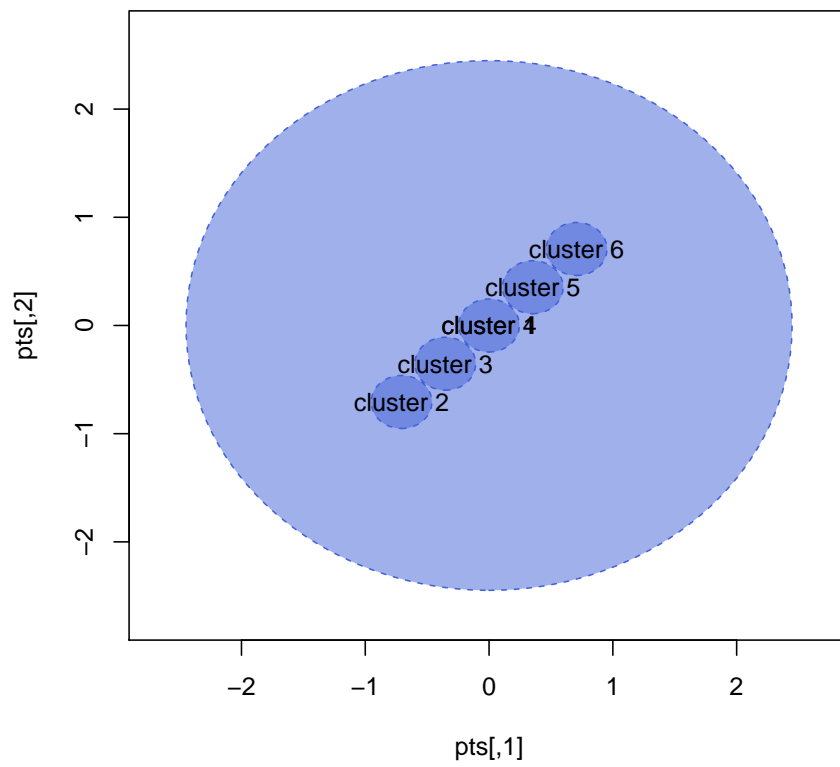
```
> compplot(clarabic, mclbic, mclustbic, main="Fit of MW34")
```

### Fit of MW34



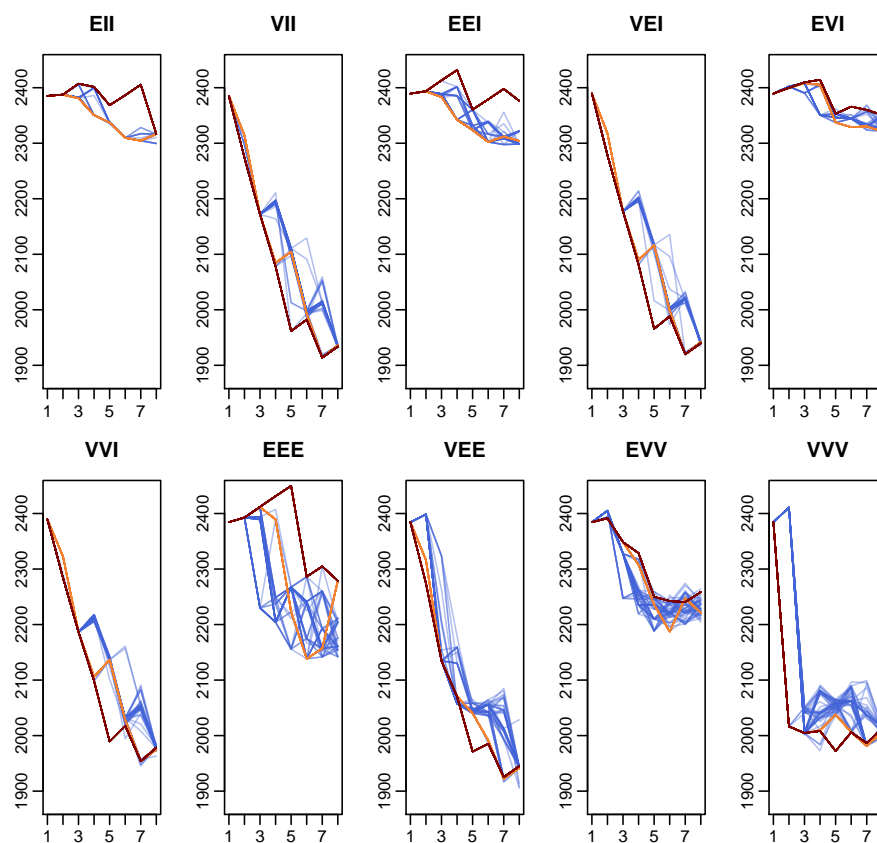


```
> plot(MW214)
```



```
> compplot(clarabic, mclbic, mclustbic, main="Fit of MW214")
```

### Fit of MW214



## 186 Chapter 4

## 187 Discussion

188 one shortcoming is time inefficiency. largely due to implementation. mclust has 16'000  
189 lines of Fortran code, impossible in the scope of this thesis.

190 proof of concept?? definitely possible to do model selection using a general optimizer.

191 strong points: 'randomness' of clara/optim allows 'confidence intervalls' for selected model

192 flexibility of approach: given an logLik fctn can do mixture fitting w/ arbitrary models

193 further study might include: other presumed component distributions, 'high' dimensions



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## 210 Appendix A

## 211 R Code

### 212 A.1 llnorMmix

213 Here llnorMmix, since it is the central piece of the package, and 2time.R as an example  
214 of a simulation script.

```
##### the llnorMmix function, calculating log likelihood for a given
##### parameter vector
## Author: Nicolas Trutmann 2019-07-06
## Log-likelihood of parameter vector given data
#
# par:    parameter vector
# tx:     transposed sample matrix
# k:      number of components
# model:  assumed distribution model of normal mixture
# trafo:  either centered log ratio or logit
llnorMmix <- function(par, tx, k,
                      trafo=c("clr1", "logit"),
                      model=c("EII","VII","EEI","VEI","EVI",
                              "VVI","EEE","VEE","EVV","VVV")
                      ) {
  stopifnot(is.matrix(tx),
            length(k <- as.integer(k)) == 1, k >= 1)
  p <- nrow(tx)
#   x <- t(x) ## then only needed in (x-mu[,i])^2 i=1..k
# 2. transform
  model <- match.arg(model)
  trafo <- match.arg(trafo)
  l2pi <- log(2*pi)
# 3. calc log-lik
# get w
  w <- if (k==1) 1
    else switch(trafo,
                "clr1" = clr1inv (par[1:(k-1)]),
                "logit"= logitinv(par[1:(k-1)]),
```

```

        stop("invalid 'trafo': ", trafo)
    )
    # start of relevant parameters:
    f <- k + p*k # weights -1 + means +1 => start of alpha
    # get mu
    mu <- matrix(par[k:(f-1L)], p,k)
    f1 <- f      # end of alpha if uniform
    f2 <- f+k-1L # end of alpha if var
    f1.1 <- f1 +1L # start of D. if alpha unif.
    f2.1 <- f1 + k # start of D. if alpha variable
    f11 <- f1 + p-1 # end of D. if D. uniform and alpha uniform
    f12 <- f1 +(p-1)*k # end D. if D. var and alpha unif.
    f21 <- f2 + p-1 # end of D. if D. uniform and alpha variable
    f22 <- f2 +(p-1)*k # end of D. if D. var and alpha var.
    f11.1 <- f11 +1L # start of L if alpha unif D unif
    f21.1 <- f21 +1L # start of L if alpha var D unif
    f12.1 <- f12 +1L # start of L if alpha unif D var
    f22.1 <- f22 +1L # start of L if alpha var D var
    f111 <- f11 + p*(p-1)/2 # end of L if alpha unif D unif
    f211 <- f21 + p*(p-1)/2 # end of L if alpha var D unif
    f121 <- f12 + k*p*(p-1)/2 # end of L if alpha unif D var
    f221 <- f22 + k*p*(p-1)/2 # end of L if alpha var D var
    # initialize f(tx_i) i=1..n vector of density values
    invl <- 0
    # calculate log-lik, see first case for explanation
    switch(model,
    "EII" = {
        alpha <- par[f]
        invalpha <- exp(-alpha)# = 1/exp(alpha)
        for (i in 1:k) {
            rss <- colSums(invalpha*(tx-mu[,i])^2)
            # this is vector of length n=sample size
            # calculates (tx-mu)t * Sigma^-1 * (tx-mu) for diagonal
            # cases.
            invl <- invl+w[i]*exp(-0.5*(p*(alpha+l2pi)+rss))
            # adds likelihood of one component to invl
            # the formula in exp() is the log of likelihood
            # still of length n
        }
    },
    # hereafter differences are difference in dimension in alpha and D.
    # alpha / alpha[i] and D. / D.[,i]
    "VII" = {
        alpha <- par[f:f2]
        for (i in 1:k) {
            rss <- colSums((tx-mu[,i])^2/exp(alpha[i]))
            invl <- invl+w[i]*exp(-0.5*(p*(alpha[i]+l2pi)+rss))
        }
    },

```



```

"EEI" = {
  alpha <- par[f]
  D. <- par[f1.1:f11]
  D. <- c(-sum(D.),D.)
  D. <- D.-sum(D.)/p
  invD <- exp(alpha+D.)
  for (i in 1:k) {
    rss <- colSums((tx-mu[,i])^2/invD)
    invl <- invl+w[i]*exp(-0.5*(p*(alpha+l2pi)+rss))
  }
},
"VEI" = {
  alpha <- par[f:f2]
  D. <- par[f2.1:f21]
  D. <- c(-sum(D.), D.)
  D. <- D.-sum(D.)/p
  for (i in 1:k) {
    rss <- colSums((tx-mu[,i])^2/exp(alpha[i]+D.))
    invl <- invl+w[i]*exp(-0.5*(p*(alpha[i]+l2pi)+rss))
  }
},
"EVI" = {
  alpha <- par[f]
  D. <- matrix(par[f1.1:f12],p-1,k)
  D. <- apply(D.,2, function(j) c(-sum(j), j))
  D. <- apply(D.,2, function(j) j-sum(j)/p)
  for (i in 1:k) {
    rss <- colSums((tx-mu[,i])^2/exp(alpha+D.[,i]))
    invl <- invl+w[i]*exp(-0.5*(p*(alpha+l2pi)+rss))
  }
},
"VVI" = {
  alpha <- par[f:f2]
  D. <- matrix(par[f2.1:f22],p-1,k)
  D. <- apply(D.,2, function(j) c(-sum(j), j))
  D. <- apply(D.,2, function(j) j-sum(j)/p)
  for (i in 1:k) {
    rss <- colSums((tx-mu[,i])^2/exp(alpha[i]+D.[,i]))
    invl <- invl+w[i]*exp(-0.5*(p*(alpha[i]+l2pi)+rss))
  }
},
# here start the non-diagonal cases. main difference is the use
# of backsolve() to calculate tx^t Sigma^-1 tx, works as follows:
# assume Sigma = L D L^t, then Sigma^-1 = (L^t)^-1 D^-1 L^-1
# y = L^-1 tx => tx^t Sigma^-1 tx = y^t D^-1 y
# y = backsolve(L., tx)
"EEE" = {
  alpha <- par[f]
  D. <- par[f1.1:f11]

```

```

D. <- c(-sum(D.), D.)
D. <- D.-sum(D./p)
invD <- exp(alpha+D.)
L. <- diag(1,p)
L.[lower.tri(L., diag=FALSE)] <- par[f11.1:f111]
for (i in 1:k) {
  rss <- colSums(backsolve(L.,(tx-mu[,i]), upper.tri=FALSE)^2/invD)
  invl <- invl+w[i]*exp(-0.5*(p*(alpha+l2pi)+rss))
}
},
"VEE" = {
  alpha <- par[f:f2]
  D. <- par[f2.1:f21]
  D. <- c(-sum(D.), D.)
  D. <- D.-sum(D./p)
  L. <- diag(1,p)
  L.[lower.tri(L., diag=FALSE)] <- par[f21.1:f211]
  for (i in 1:k) {
    rss <- colSums(backsolve(L., (tx-mu[,i]), upper.tri=FALSE)^2/exp(alpha[i]+D.))
    invl <- invl+w[i]*exp(-0.5*(p*(alpha[i]+l2pi)+rss))
  }
},
"EVV" = {
  alpha <- par[f]
  D. <- matrix(par[f1.1:f12],p-1,k)
  D. <- apply(D.,2, function(j) c(-sum(j), j))
  D. <- apply(D.,2, function(j) j-sum(j)/p)
  L.temp <- matrix(par[f12.1:f121],p*(p-1)/2,k)
  for (i in 1:k) {
    L. <- diag(1,p)
    L.[lower.tri(L., diag=FALSE)] <- L.temp[,i]
    rss <- colSums(backsolve(L., (tx-mu[,i]), upper.tri=FALSE)^2/exp(alpha+D.))
    invl <- invl+w[i]*exp(-0.5*(p*(alpha+l2pi)+rss))
  }
},
"VVV" = {
  alpha <- par[f:f2]
  D. <- matrix(par[f2.1:f22],p-1,k)
  D. <- apply(D.,2, function(j) c(-sum(j), j))
  D. <- apply(D.,2, function(j) j-sum(j)/p)
  invalpha <- exp(rep(alpha, each=p)+D.)
  L.temp <- matrix(par[f22.1:f221],p*(p-1)/2,k)
  L. <- diag(1,p)
  for (i in 1:k) {
    L.[lower.tri(L., diag=FALSE)] <- L.temp[,i]
    rss <- colSums(backsolve(L., (tx-mu[,i]), upper.tri=FALSE)^2/invalpha[,i])
    invl <- invl+w[i]*exp(-0.5*(p*(alpha[i]+l2pi)+rss))
  }
},

```

```

    ## otherwise
    stop("invalid model:", model)
  )
  ## return  $\sum_{i=1}^n \log( f(tx_i) )$  :
  sum(log(invl))
}

sllnorMmix <- function(x, obj, trafo=c("clr1", "logit")) {
  stopifnot(is.character(model <- obj$model))
  trafo <- match.arg(trafo)
  llnorMmix(nMm2par(obj, model=model),
            tx = t(x), k = obj$k,
            model=model, trafo=trafo)
}

## log-likelihood function relying on mvtnorm function
#
# par:   parameter vector as calculated by nMm2par
# x:     matrix of samples
# k:     number of cluster
# trafo: transformation of weights
# model: assumed model of the distribution
llmvtnorm <- function(par, x, k,
                      trafo=c("clr1", "logit"),
                      model=c("EII", "VII", "EEI", "VEI", "EVI",
                              "VVI", "EEE", "VEE", "EVV", "VVV"))
  ) {
  stopifnot(is.matrix(x),
            length(k <- as.integer(k)) == 1, k >= 1)
  model <- match.arg(model)
  trafo <- match.arg(trafo)
  p <- ncol(x)
  nmm <- par2nMm(par, p, k, model=model, trafo=trafo)
  ## FIXME (speed!): dmvnorm(*, sigma= S) will do a chol(S) for each component
  ## ----- *instead* we already have LDL' and chol(S) = sqrt(D) L' !!
  ## another par2*() function should give L and D, or from that chol(Sigma), rather than S
  w <- nmm$w
  mu <- nmm$mu
  sig <- nmm$Sigma
  y <- 0
  for (i in 1:k) {
    y <- y + w[i]*mvtnorm::dmvnorm(x, mean=mu[,i], sigma=sig[,i])
  }
  sum(log(y))
}

```

## 215 A.2 Example Simulation Script

216 here e.g. 2init.R and write some remarks on it.

```
## Intent: analyse time as function of p,k,n
nmmdir <- normalizePath("~/BachelorArbeit/norMmix.Rcheck/")
savdir <- normalizePath("~/BachelorArbeit/Rscripts/2time")
stopifnot(dir.exists(nmmdir), dir.exists(savdir))
library(norMmix, lib.loc=nmmdir)
library(mclust)
## at n=500,p=2 can do about 250xfitnMm(x,1:10) in 24h
seeds <- 1:10
sizes <- c(500, 1000, 2000)
nmm <- list(MW214, MW34, MW51)
## => about 100 cases
# for naming purposes
nmnames <- c("MW214", "MW34", "MW51")
sizenames <- c("500", "1000", "2000")
files <- vector(mode="character")
for (nm in 1:3) {
  for (size in sizes) {
    set.seed(2019); x <- rnorMmix(size, nmm[[nm]])
    for (seed in seeds) {
      set.seed(2019+seed)
      r <- tryCatch(fitnMm(x, k=1:8,
                          optREPORT=1e4, maxit=1e4),
                    error = identity)
      filename <- sprintf("%s_size=%0.4d_seed=%0.2d.rds",
                          nmnames[nm], size, seed)
      files <- append(files, filename)
      cat("===> saving to file:", filename, "\n")
      saveRDS(list(fit=r), file=file.path(savdir, filename))
    }
  }
}
fillis <- list()
for (i in seq_along(sizes)) {
  for (j in seq_along(nmnames)) {
    # for lack of AND matching, OR match everything else and invert
    ret <- grep(paste(sizenames[-i], nmnames[-j], sep="|"),
                files, value=TRUE, invert=TRUE)
    fillis[[paste0(sizenames[i], nmnames[j])]] <- ret
  }
}
epfl(fillis, savdir)
```

## 217 **Appendix B**

## 218 **Further Plots**

219 here further plots:

### 220 **B.1 Ch3**

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