EM algorithm for GMM

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Simulate data

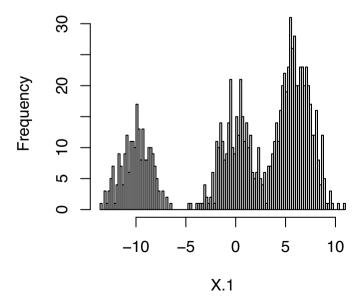
• Simulate 1000 samples from the following mixture model. For i = 1..., 1000,

$$Z_i \sim \text{categorical } (0.2, 0.3, 0.5),$$

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

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 $i = 1 \dots, 200$,

$$Z_i \sim \text{categorical } (0.2, 0.3, 0.5),$$

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

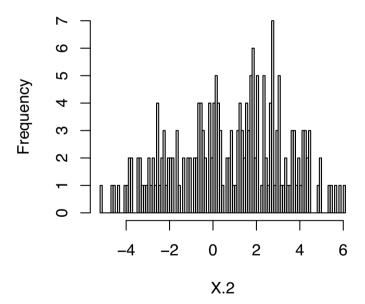
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```
# mixture components
mu.true.2 = c(-2.5, 0, 2.5)
sigma2.true.2 = c(2, 2, 2)
pi.true.2 = c(0.2, 0.3, 0.5)

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 = (\pi_1^{\circ}, \pi_2^{\circ}, \pi_3^{\circ}) where \pi_3^{\circ} = (-\pi_1^{\circ} - \pi_2^{\circ})
                                                                        incomplete log-likelihoods

> log P(x|0) = log if P(xi|0)
  mu.curr = mu.init > (μ, μ, μ, μ).
  # store incomplete log-likehoods for each iteration
                                                                                      = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log P(x_i | v)
  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

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  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) {</pre>
  # 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
                                                                       rowsum => \(\frac{1}{k+1}\) P(\(\chi_1\), \(\frac{1}{2}\)=\(\frac{1}{k}\))
  # 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) {</pre>
  # 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]
                             P(xi/21=4.0)
  return(list(prob.x.z=L))
```

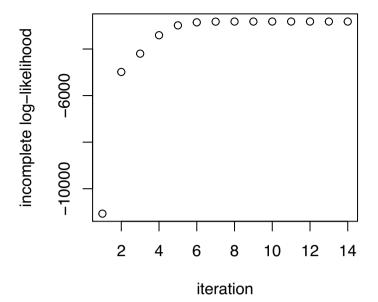
Apply the EM algorithm to the first simulated data set

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

```
EM1 <- 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$log_liks, ylab='incomplete log-likelihood', xlab='iteration')
                               0
                                        0
                                            0
                 0
ncomplete log-likelihood
      -3500
      -4500
      -5500
                 2
                                   6
                                             8
                          4
                           iteration
EM2 <- mixture.EM(X.1, w.init=c(0.9,0.05, 0.05), mu.init=c(-4, 1, 3), epsilon=1e-5, max.iter=100)
ee = EM2
print(paste("Estimate pi = (", round(ee$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$log_liks, ylab='incomplete log-likelihood', xlab='iteration')
      -3000
                                            0
                                                 0
incomplete log-likelihood
                 0
      5000
                 2
                          4
                                   6
                                             8
                           iteration
EM3 <- mixture.EM(X.1, w.init=c(0.9,0.05, 0.05), mu.init=c(10, 4, 1), epsilon=1e-5, max.iter=100)
ee = EM3
print(paste("Estimate pi = (", round(ee$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)]

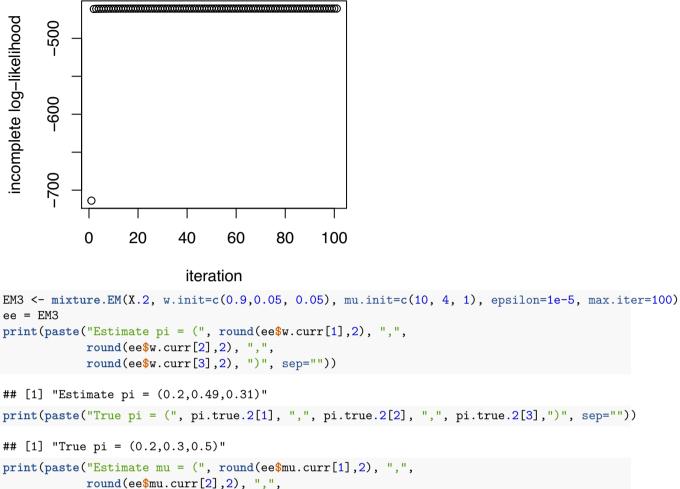
## [1] -2820.215
```

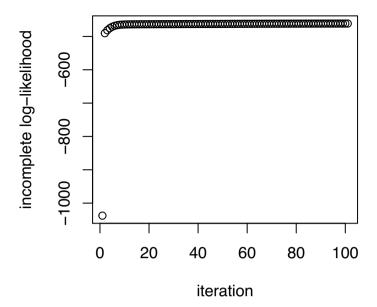
Estimators from three EM runs have (equally) highest incomplete log-likelihoods. You can see that the estimators from the EM runs are the same if labels for clusters are switched. So it doesn't matter which estimators we choose. I will choose the estimators from the first EM run - $\hat{\pi}_1 = 0.2211658$, $\hat{\pi}_2 = 0.2854424$, $\hat{\mu}_1 = -9.99961961$, $\hat{\mu}_2 = -0.03233427$, $\hat{\mu}_3 = 6.05589298$ 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$log liks, ylab='incomplete log-likelihood', xlab='iteration')
             @______
incomplete log-likelihood
      -465
      -485
                  20
            0
                         40
                                        80
                                              100
                                60
                          iteration
EM2 <- mixture.EM(X.2, w.init=c(0.9,0.05, 0.05), mu.init=c(-4, 1, 3), epsilon=1e-5, max.iter=100)
ee = EM2
print(paste("Estimate pi = (", round(ee$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')
```





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 - $\hat{\pi}_1 = 0.2640038, \hat{\pi}_2 = 0.3362927, \hat{\mu}_1 = -2.3301134, \hat{\mu}_2 = 0.6604183, \hat{\mu}_3 = 2.9051919$.