

Statistical Computing Homework 4

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Problem 1.

Assume that *waiting time* (Y_i) follows the mixture normal distribution as below

$$Y_i \sim \tau N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) + (1 - \tau) N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$$

can be represented as

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{i1} &\sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2); Y_{i2} \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2), \\ \Rightarrow Y_i &= \gamma_i Y_{i1} + (1 - \gamma_i) Y_{i2}, \gamma_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Ber}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

thus we have to estimate the parameters: $\theta = (\tau, \mu_1, \sigma_1^2, \mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$

Log-likelihood based on the complete data :

$$\log L(\theta | Y, \gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^n \{ \gamma_i \log f(Y_i; \mu_1, \sigma_1^2) + (1 - \gamma_i) \log f(Y_i; \mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \} + \sum_{i=1}^n \{ \gamma_i \log(\tau) + (1 - \gamma_i) \log(1 - \tau) \}$$

EM Algorithm :

(1) compute

$$\hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)} = E_{\hat{\theta}^{(t)}} [\gamma_i | Y_i] = \frac{\hat{\tau}^{(t)} f(Y_i; \hat{\mu}_1^{(t)}, \hat{\sigma}_1^{2(t)})}{\hat{\tau}^{(t)} f(Y_i; \hat{\mu}_1^{(t)}, \hat{\sigma}_1^{2(t)}) + (1 - \hat{\tau}^{(t)}) f(Y_i; \hat{\mu}_2^{(t)}, \hat{\sigma}_2^{2(t)})}$$

(2) E-step :

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\theta | \hat{\theta}^{(t)}) &= E_{\hat{\theta}^{(t)}} [\log L(\theta | Y, \hat{\gamma}^{(t)}) | Y] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \{ \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)} \log f(Y_i; \mu_1, \sigma_1^2) + (1 - \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)}) \log f(Y_i; \mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \} + \sum_{i=1}^n \{ \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)} \log(\tau) + (1 - \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)}) \log(1 - \tau) \} \end{aligned}$$

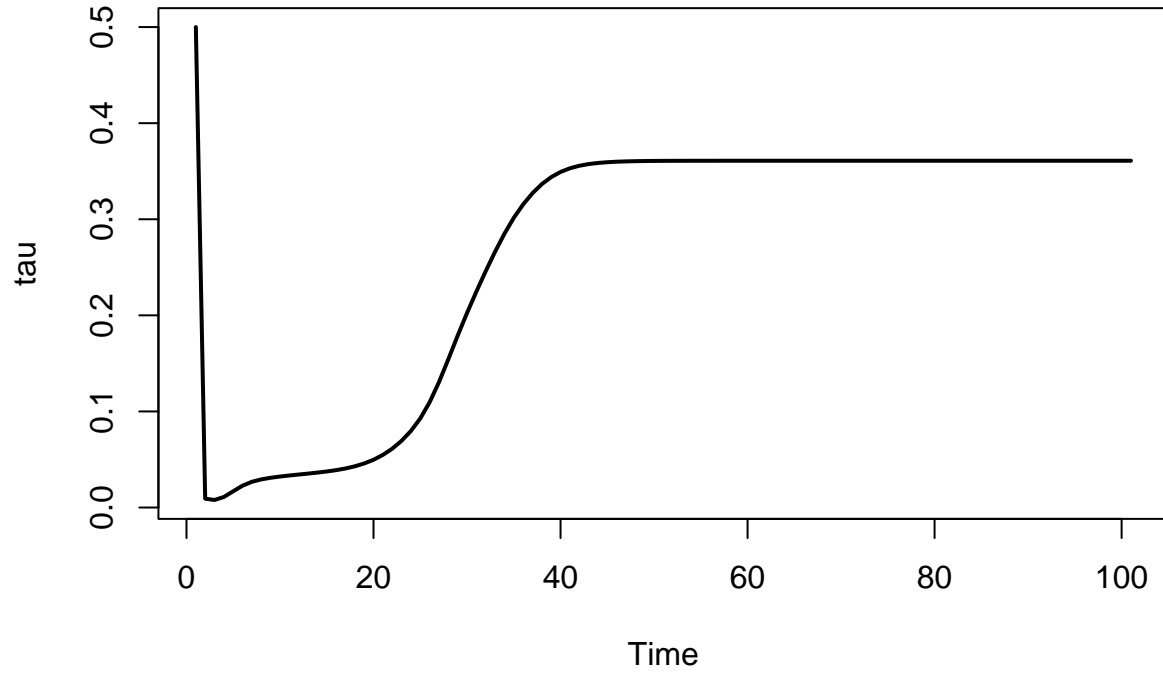
(3) M-step : $\hat{\theta}^{(t+1)} = \arg \max_{\theta} Q(\theta | \hat{\theta}^{(t)})$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \hat{\mu}_1^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)} Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)}}, \quad \hat{\sigma}_1^{2(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)} (Y_i - \hat{\mu}_1^{(t+1)})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)}} \\ \hat{\mu}_2^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)}) Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)})}, \quad \hat{\sigma}_2^{2(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)}) (Y_i - \hat{\mu}_2^{(t+1)})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)})} \\ \hat{\tau}^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_i^{(t)}}{n} \end{cases}$$

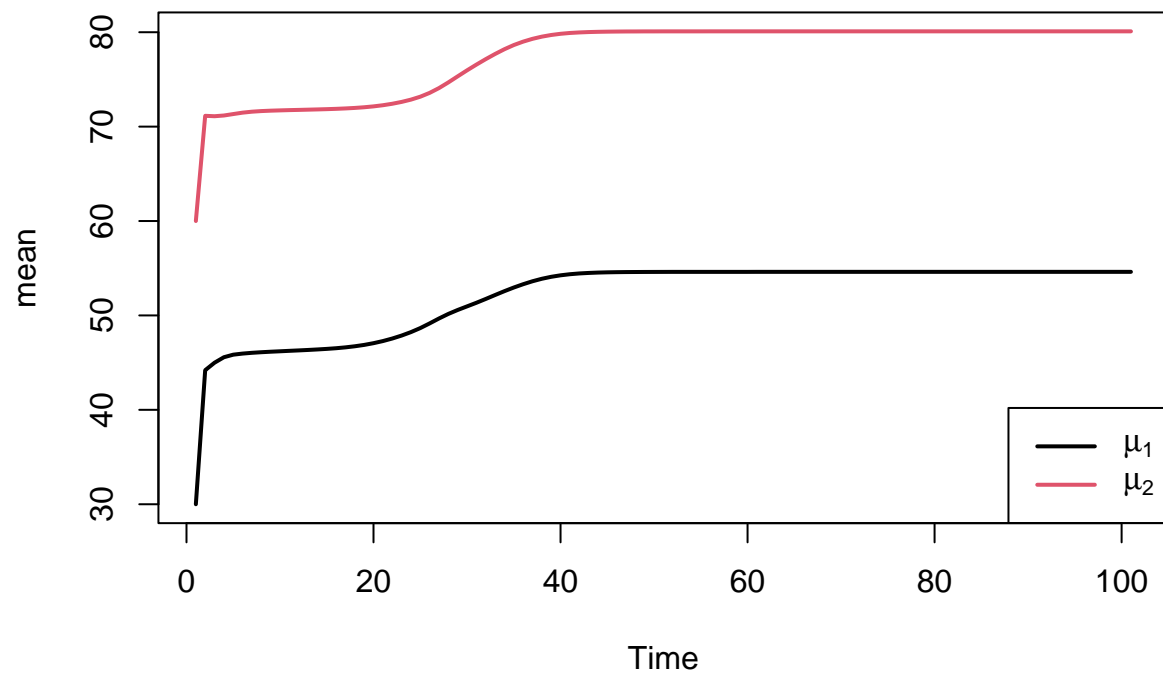
(4) Check convergence $\|\hat{\theta}^{(t+1)} - \hat{\theta}^{(t)}\| \rightarrow 0$

Take initial parameter $\hat{\theta}^{(1)} = (0.5, 30, 1, 60, 1)$ for example, and iterate 100 times

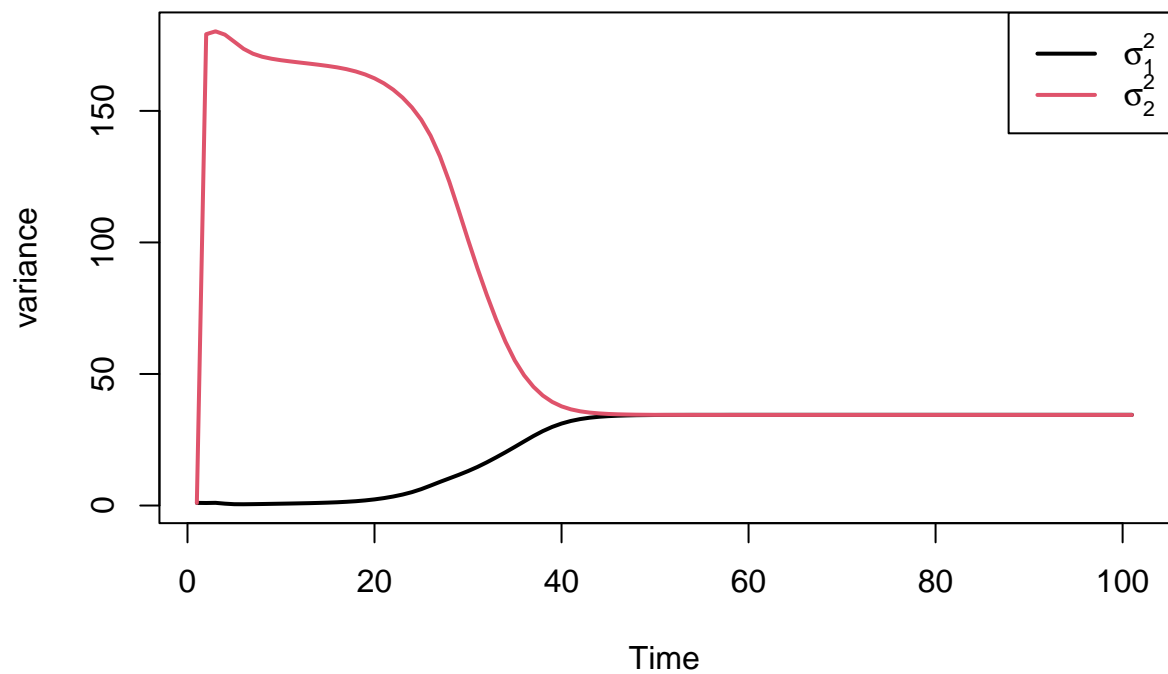
Check the convergence of the five parameters :



$\hat{\tau}$ converges to a stable value after about 60th iteration



$(\hat{\mu}_1, \hat{\mu}_2)$ converge to two stable values after about 60th iteration

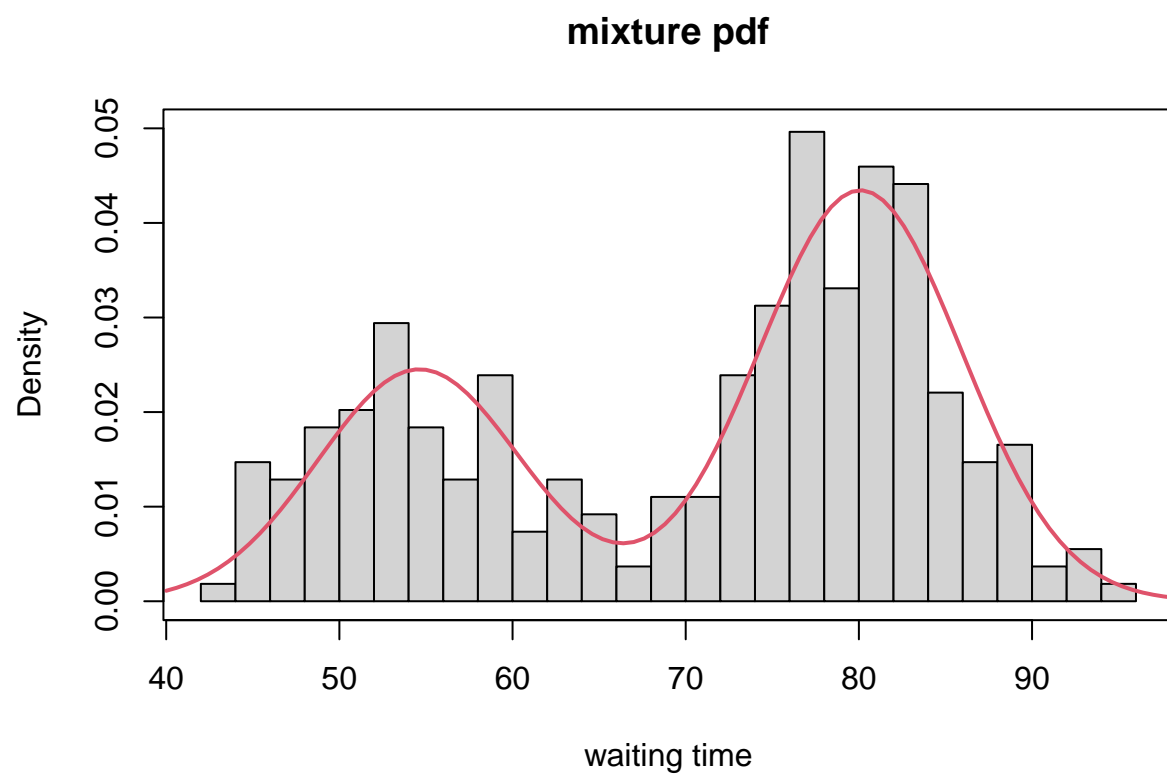


$(\hat{\sigma}_1^2, \hat{\sigma}_2^2)$ converge to two stable values after about 60th iteration

Let's see the final estimation of the parameters

	$\hat{\tau}$	$\hat{\mu}_1$	$\hat{\sigma}_1^2$	$\hat{\mu}_2$	$\hat{\sigma}_2^2$
101	0.361	54.615	34.471	80.091	34.43

Sketch the mixture pdf curve by the above parameters and compare to the histogram of *waiting time*



They fit pretty well!