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The file **runfiles.m** takes the responses and runs through the other .m files until convergence of the EM algorithm. Edit this file to import new response data.

## You can choose to

- fix at the chance line (startflag = 0)
- estimate initial conditions (startflag = 1) assuming initial probability of a correct response is close to chance
- estimate initial conditions (startflag = 2) assuming initial probability of a correct response is completely estimated

## If the EM fails to converge it may be:

- 1. poor starting value change parameter sige
- 2. too stringent convergence criterion increase parameter cvgce\_crit and check that newsigsq has converged by plot(newsigsq)
- 3. there is not enough data/information to estimate the hidden process and there is likely to be no learning occurring
- 4. need to increase number of EM iterations by increasing num\_steps
- 5. choosing startflag = 0 so that the initial condition is fixed converges in more cases than when startflag = 1

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