

Statistical learning in Finance

EM ALGORITHM METHODOLOGY

In Gaussian Mixture Models, EM Algorithm by Dempster et al. (1977) is used to determine the data set values belongs to which observation. Firstly in E-Step, we evaluate the probability of each point in data set that belongs to which observation. Then in M-Step, the sample mean and covariance is computed based on the probability derived in earlier step.

The process is initialized by developing a dataset based on samples' initial mean, probability and covariance values, using mvnrnd command. A multivariate normal distribution density function is used on the data set that generate a matrix with sample values in rows and columns denotes the sample.

$$f_x(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{\exp(1/2 (x - \mu)\Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu))}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\Sigma|}}$$

Whereas, probability of the dataset value that belongs to which observation is calculated as follows:

$$wp_j^i = \frac{f_j(x)\alpha_j}{\sum_{p=1}^K f_p(x)\alpha_p}$$

Then in M-step, we figured out a weighted mean of the dataset values and weighted probabilities.

$$wAvg = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (wp_i hX_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^m (wp_i)}$$

Hence, applied M-Step technique as given below:

$$\alpha_j = \frac{1}{m} \sum_1^m wp_j^i$$
$$\hat{\mu}_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m wp_j^i hX_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m wp_j^i}$$
$$\Sigma_j = \frac{\sum_1^m wp_j^i (hX^i - \hat{\mu}_j)(hX^i - \hat{\mu}_j)^T}{\sum_1^m wp_j^i}$$

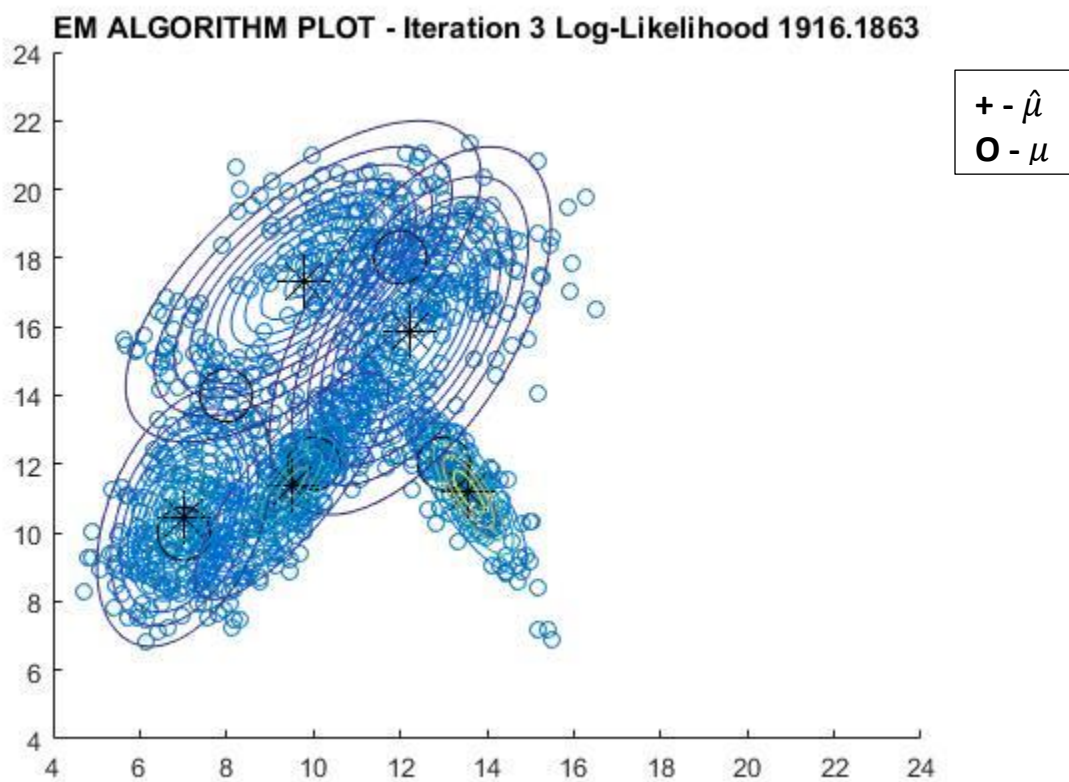
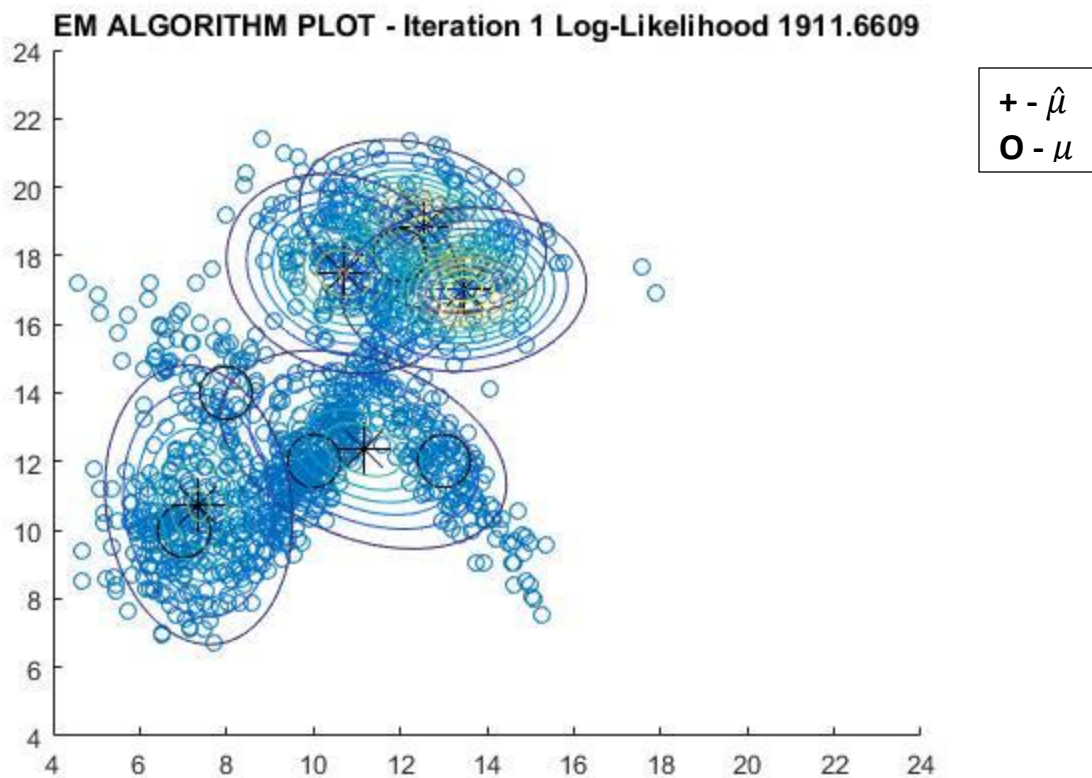
The values of the estimated parameters and their true values are reasonably close. The 2D plots show estimated probability density functions by contour plots.

$$\hat{\mu} = \left[\frac{7.9}{14.3}, \frac{6.99}{10.1}, \frac{13}{12.1}, \frac{12.1}{17.8}, \frac{10.1}{12} \right]$$
$$\hat{\alpha} = [0.1, 0.208, 0.14, 0.30, 0.27]$$

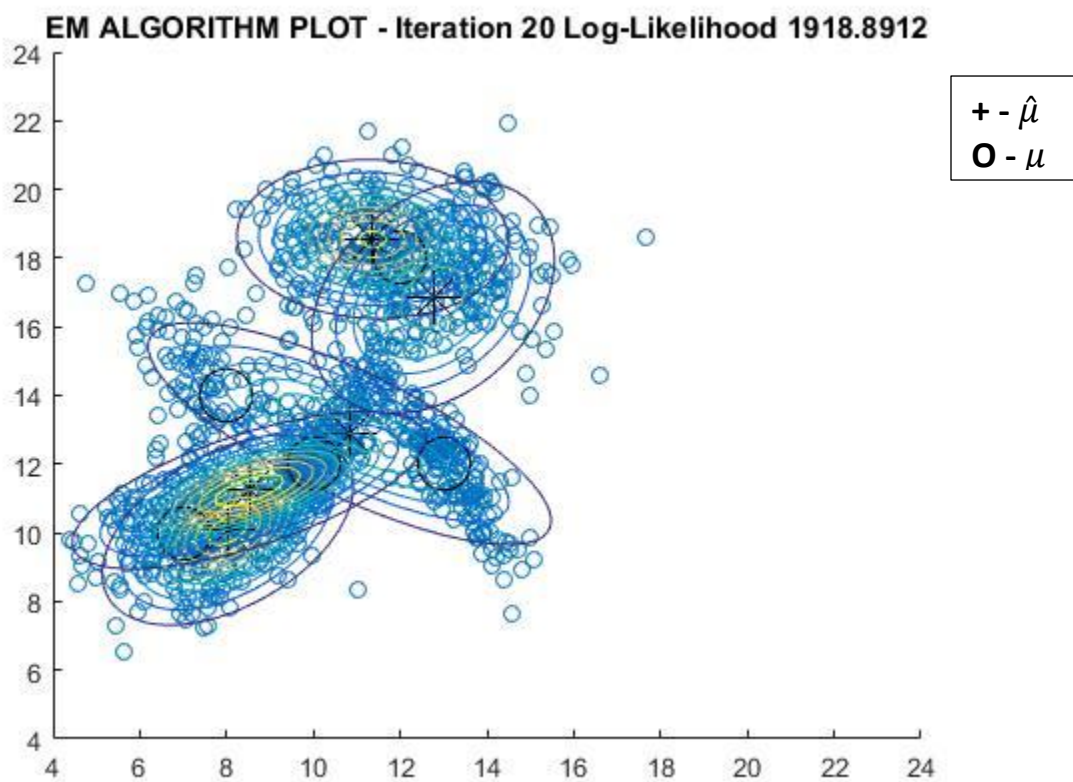
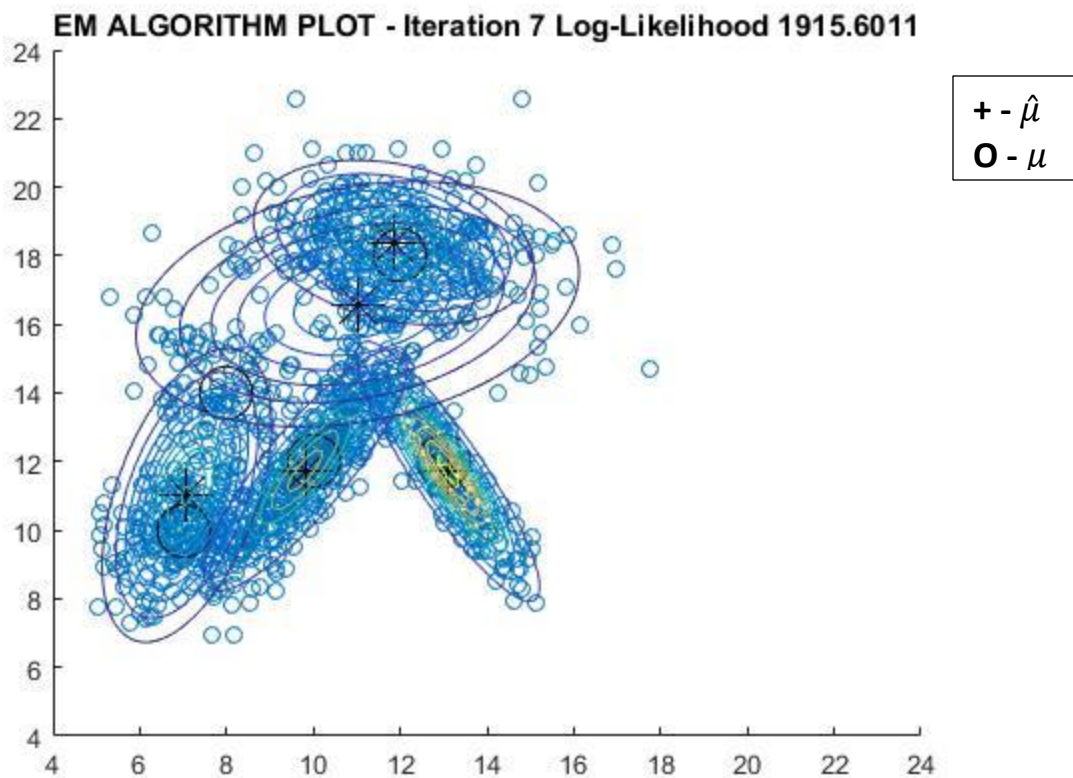
Below are the five plots, each plot contains

- The iteration number and the log-likelihood value.
- The generated sample points.
- The true values for μ_j , denoted by **●**
- The estimated values for $\hat{\mu}_j$ denoted by **+**
- The level curves of the estimated density functions.

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