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# *When to use EM algorithm?*

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- When a data set has two parts  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  where  $\mathbf{x}$  are observed but  $\mathbf{z}$  are not observed then the maximization techniques discussed above do not lead to the MLE. Such a situation may arise in
  - ❶ Mixture distributions,
  - ❷ Hidden Markov model,
  - ❸ Incomplete data etc..
- $\ell(\theta, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$ : The complete likelihood when  $\mathbf{z}$  are known
- $\ell(\theta, \mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbf{z}} \ell(\theta, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$ : Marginal likelihood of  $\mathbf{x}$ .



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The EM algorithm seeks to find the MLE of the marginal likelihood by iteratively applying these two steps:

- E-STEP(Expectation step): Define  $Q(\theta|\theta^{(t)})$  as the expected value of the log likelihood function of  $\theta$ , with respect to the current conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{Z}$  given  $X = \mathbf{x}$  and the current estimates of the parameters  $\theta^{(t)}$  :

$$Q(\theta|\theta^{(t)}) = E_{\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{x},\theta^{(t)}} [\log \ell(\theta; \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})]$$

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- M-STEP(Maximization step): Find the parameters that maximize this quantity:

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \arg \max_{\theta} Q(\theta|\theta^{(t)})$$

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## Definition

Let  $f$  be a real valued function defined on an interval  $I = [a, b]$ .  $f$  is said to be convex on  $I$  if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in I$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \leq \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2).$$

## Theorem

*Jensen's Inequality: Let  $f$  be a convex function, and let  $X$  be a random variable. Then*

$$E[f(X)] \geq f(EX).$$

- **NOTE** : If  $f''(x) > 0$  for all  $x$ , then  $f$  is strictly convex



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- The EM algorithm is an iterative procedure for maximizing

$$L(\theta) = \log \ell(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \log \int_{\mathbf{z}} \ell(\theta, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$$

- Assume that after the  $t$ -th iteration the current estimate for  $\theta$  is given by  $\theta^{(t)}$ .
- Since the objective is to maximize  $L(\theta) = \log \ell(\theta|\mathbf{x})$ , equivalently we want to maximize the difference  $L(\theta) - L(\theta^{(t)})$

$$L(\theta) - L(\theta^{(t)}) \tag{1}$$

$$= \log \int_{\mathbf{z}} \ell(\theta, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) - L(\theta^{(t)}) \tag{2}$$

$$= \log \int_{\mathbf{z}} \ell(\theta, \mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) \ell(\theta, \mathbf{z}) \frac{\ell(\theta^{(t)}, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}{\ell(\theta^{(t)}, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} - L(\theta^{(t)}) \tag{3}$$

$$\geq \int_{\mathbf{z}} \ell(\theta^{(t)}, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log \frac{\ell(\theta, \mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) \ell(\theta, \mathbf{z})}{\ell(\theta^{(t)}, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \ell(\theta^{(t)}, \mathbf{z})} = \Delta(\theta||\theta^{(t)}) \tag{4}$$



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- $L(\theta) \geq L(\theta^{(t)}) + \Delta(\theta || \theta^{(t)})$  where  $\Delta(\theta || \theta^{(t)}) = 0$  if  $\theta = \theta^{(t)}$
- E-STEP (Expectation step): The current estimates of the parameters  $\theta^{(t)}$  :

$$Q(\theta | \theta^{(t)}) = E_{\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X}, \theta^{(t)}} [\log \ell(\theta; \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})]$$

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- M-STEP (Maximization step):

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \arg \max_{\theta} Q(\theta | \theta^{(t)})$$

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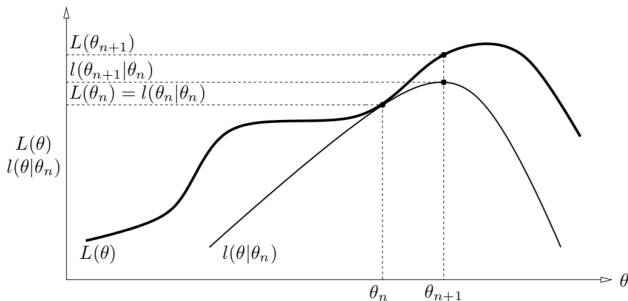


Figure 2: Graphical interpretation of a single iteration of the EM algorithm: The function  $L(\theta|\theta_n)$  is upper-bounded by the likelihood function  $L(\theta)$ . The functions are equal at  $\theta = \theta_n$ . The EM algorithm chooses  $\theta_{n+1}$  as the value of  $\theta$  for which  $l(\theta|\theta_n)$  is a maximum. Since  $L(\theta) \geq l(\theta|\theta_n)$  increasing  $l(\theta|\theta_n)$  ensures that the value of the likelihood function  $L(\theta)$  is increased at each step.



# Kullback-Leibler divergence

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- The Kullback-Leibler divergence was introduced by Solomon Kullback and Richard Leibler in 1951 as the directed divergence between two distributions.
- For discrete valued random variables in  $X$

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P \parallel Q) = \sum_x P(x) \log \left( \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \right).$$

For continuous valued random variable

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P \parallel Q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \log \left( \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) dx$$

- KL divergence is NOT a distance measure or metric because it is not symmetric.

-The Kullback-Leibler divergence is always non-negative i.e.

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P \parallel Q) \geq 0$$



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- Suppose  $Y = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)$  has a multinomial distribution with cell probabilities

$$\left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\theta}{4}, \frac{1-\theta}{4}, \frac{1-\theta}{4}, \frac{\theta}{4} \right)$$

Find the MLE of  $\theta$  when observed  $Y = (125, 18, 20, 34)$

- Solution: Define the complete-data:  $X = (x_0, x_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)$  to have a multinomial distribution with probabilities

$$\left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\theta}{4}, \frac{1-\theta}{4}, \frac{1-\theta}{4}, \frac{\theta}{4} \right)$$

such that  $y_1 = x_0 + x_1$



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- Observed-data log likelihood

$$l(\theta|Y) = y_1 \log(0.5 + \theta/2) + (y_2 + y_3) \log(1 - \theta) + y_4 \log \theta$$

- Complete-data log likelihood

$$l_c(\theta|X) = (x_1 + y_4) \log \theta + (y_2 + y_3) \log(1 - \theta)$$

- E step:

$$x^{(n+1)} = E(x_1|Y, \theta^{(n)}) = y_1 \frac{\theta^{(n)}/4}{0.5 + \theta^{(n)}/4}$$

- M step:

$$\theta^{(n+1)} = \frac{x_1^{(n+1)} + y_4}{x_1^{(n+1)} + y_2 + y_3 + y_4}$$



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Steps	$\theta^{(n)}$
0	0.500000000
1	0.608247423
2	0.624321051
3	0.626488879
4	0.626777323
5	0.626815632
6	0.626820719
7	0.626821395
8	0.626821484
9	0.626821498



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- Waiting time between eruptions and the duration of the eruption for the Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, USA. A data frame with 272 observations on 2 variables.
- eruptions: Eruption time in mins
- waiting: Waiting time to next eruption





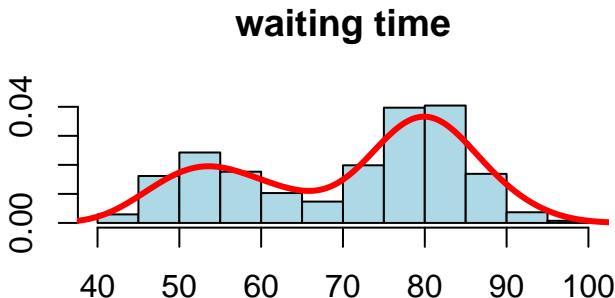
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```
hist(faithful$waiting,  
     probability=TRUE, breaks=10, col="light blue",  
     xlab="", ylab="",  
     main="waiting time")  
lines(density(faithful$waiting), type='l',  
      col='red', lwd=3)
```





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- $X$ : Waiting time
- $p$ : probability of shorter waiting time
- $\theta = (p, \mu_1, \sigma_1^2, \mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$
- $f(x|\theta) = p \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \phi\left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right) + (1-p) \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \phi\left(\frac{x-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)$
- $Z_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$  which are missing/unobserved/ latent variable
- $Z_i = 1$  if shorter waiting time and 0 otherwise.





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- **E-step:**  $Z_i|X_i, \theta^{(k)} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i^{(k)})$ . So,

$$E(Z_i|X_i, \theta^{(k)}) = \frac{p^{(k)} \frac{1}{\sigma_1^{(k)}} \phi\left(\frac{x - \mu_1^{(k)}}{\sigma_1^{(k)}}\right)}{f(x_i, \theta^{(k)})}$$

- **M-step:** Complete data likelihood

$$l(\theta|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \prod_i \left[ p \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \phi\left(\frac{x - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right) \right]^{z_i} \left[ (1 - p) \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \phi\left(\frac{x - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) \right]^{1-z_i}$$

replace  $z_i$  by  $p_i^{(k)}$  and maximize for  $\theta$  to get the following



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- $p^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i p_i^{(k)}$
- $\mu_1^{(k+1)} = \frac{\sum_i p_i^{(k)} X_i}{\sum_i p_i^{(k)}}$
- $\sigma_1^{2(k+1)} = \frac{\sum_i p_i^{(k)} (X_i - \mu_1^{(k+1)})^2}{\sum_i p_i^{(k)}}$
- $\mu_2^{(k+1)} = \frac{\sum_i (1 - p_i^{(k)}) X_i}{\sum_i (1 - p_i^{(k)})}$
- $\sigma_2^{2(k+1)} = \frac{\sum_i (1 - p_i^{(k)}) (X_i - \mu_2^{(k+1)})^2}{\sum_i (1 - p_i^{(k)})}$



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```
emfun<-function(x,th){
  Ep<-th[1]*dnorm(x,th[2],sqrt(th[3]))/(th[1]*dnorm(x,th[2],sqrt(th[3]))+(1-th[1])*dnorm(x,th[4],sqrt(th[5])))
  th[1]<-mean(Ep)
  th[2]<-sum(Ep*x)/sum(Ep)
  th[3]<-sum(Ep*(x-th[2])^2)/sum(Ep)
  th[4]<-sum((1-Ep)*x)/sum(1-Ep)
  th[5]<-sum((1-Ep)*(x-th[4])^2)/sum(1-Ep)

  th
}

x<-faithful$waiting
y<-seq(min(x),max(x),by=0.2)
fd<-which(x<mean(range(x)))
th<-c(length(fd)/length(x), mean(x[fd]),var(x[fd]), mean(x[-fd]),var(x[-fd]))
cat(0,"iteratin:",th,"\n")
hist(x, probability = T)
s1<-emfun(x,th)
ct=1
cat(ct,"iteratin:",s1,"\n")
cutoff<-rep(0.001,5)
while(sum((th-s1)>cutoff)>0){
  th<-s1
  hist(x, probability = T)
  s1<-emfun(x,th)
  ct=ct+1
}
cat(ct,"iteratin:",s1,"\n")
lines(th[1]*dnorm(y,th[2],sqrt(th[3]))-y,col=2, lwd=2)
lines((1-th[1])*dnorm(y,th[4],sqrt(th[5]))-y,col=3, lwd=2)
lines(th[1]*dnorm(y,th[2],sqrt(th[3]))+(1-th[1])*dnorm(y,th[4],sqrt(th[5]))-y,col=4, lwd=2, lty=2)
```



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```
## 0 iteratin: 0.3786765 55.15534 39.26975 80.49112 29.77522
```

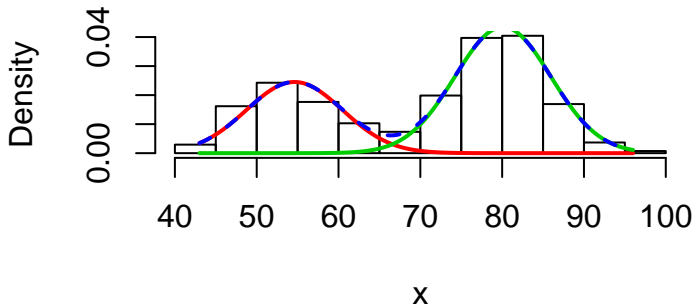
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```
## 1 iteratin: 0.3720185 54.99768 38.53527 80.31591 31.93419
```

```
## 20 iteratin: 0.3608899 54.61498 34.4725 80.09115 34.42936
```

## Histogram of x





# EM : Hands-on 1

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```
emfun<-function(x,th){
  Ep<-(th[1]*dnorm(x,th[2],sqrt(th[3]))/(th[1]*dnorm(x,th[2],sqrt(th[3]))+(1-th[1])*dnorm(x,th[4],sqrt(th[5]))))
  th[1]<-mean(Ep)
  th[2]<-sum(Ep*x)/sum(Ep)
  th[3]<-sum(Ep*(x-th[2])^2)/sum(Ep)
  th[4]<-sum((1-Ep)*x)/sum(1-Ep)
  th[5]<-sum((1-Ep)*(x-th[4])^2)/sum(1-Ep)
  th
}
x<- c(rnorm(100,1,1), rnorm(200,5,1.5)) # enable 1
#x<-faithful$waiting # data # disable 1
y<-seq(min(x),max(x),by=0.2)
fd<-which(x<mean(range(x)))
th<-c(length(fd)/length(x), mean(x[fd]),var(x[fd]), mean(x[-fd]),var(x[-fd]))
hist(x, probability = T)
s1<-emfun(x,th)
ct=1
cat(ct,s1,"\n")
cutoff<-rep(0.001,5)
while(sum((th-s1)>cutoff)>0){

  th<-s1
  hist(x, probability = T)
  lines(th[1]*dnorm(y,th[2],sqrt(th[3]))~y,col=2, lwd=2) # enable 2
  lines((1-th[1])*dnorm(y,th[4],sqrt(th[5]))~y,col=3, lwd=2) # enable 3
  s1<-emfun(x,th)
  ct=ct+1
  cat(ct,"iteratin:",s1,"\n")
  Sys.sleep(0.5)
}
lines(th[1]*dnorm(y,th[2],sqrt(th[3]))~y,col=2, lwd=2)
lines((1-th[1])*dnorm(y,th[4],sqrt(th[5]))~y,col=3, lwd=2)
lines(th[1]*dnorm(y,th[2],sqrt(th[3]))+(1-th[1])*dnorm(y,th[4],sqrt(th[5]))~y,col=4, lwd=2,lty=3)
```



# EM : Example (2D)

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```
d<-faithful[1:2]
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(d$waiting-d$eruptions, pch = 20, cex = 0.5, col=1)
plot (density (d$waiting))
plot (density (d$eruptions))
library("EMCluster", quietly = F)
k<- 2 # number of clusters
p<- 2 # dimention
#emobj <- simple.init(d, nclass = k)
#emobj <- shortemcluster(d, emobj)
mm<- array(0,dim=c(k,p))
mm[,1]<- c(quantile(d$eruptions,probs = 0.25), quantile(d$eruptions,probs = 0.75))
mm[,2]<- c(quantile(d$waiting,probs = 0.25), quantile(d$waiting,probs = 0.75))
covm<-array(0,dim=c(k,p*(p+1)/2))
d1<-d[which(d$eruptions<3),]
d2<-d[which(d$eruptions>3),]
covm[1,]<-c(var(d1[,1]),cov(d1[,1],d1[,2]),var(d1[,2]))
covm[2,]<-c(var(d2[,1]),cov(d2[,1],d2[,2]),var(d2[,2]))
ret <- emcluster(d, pi = c(0.5,0.5),Mu = mm, LTSigma = covm, assign.class = T )
#print(summary(ret))
plotem(ret,d)
```

<https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/49869-expectation-maximization-on-old-faithful>



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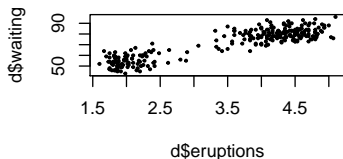
```
## Warning: package 'EMcluster' was built under R version 3.4.4
```

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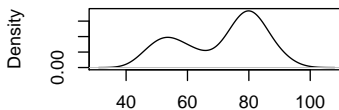
```
## Loading required package: MASS
```

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## Loading required package: Matrix
```

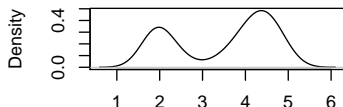


**density.default(x = d\$waiting)**

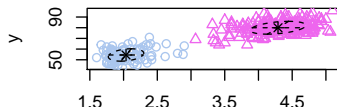


N = 272 Bandwidth = 3.988

**density.default(x = d\$eruptions)**



**n=272 K=2**





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```
dig<-read.csv("test.csv")
da<-which(dig[,1]==1)
db<-which(dig[,1]==4)
dd<-rbind(dig[da,-1],dig[db,-1])
rcdd<-dim(dd)
set.seed(890)
noise<-runif( prod(rcdd),0,.001)
noisem<-matrix(data = noise,nrow = rcdd[1],byrow = T)
dd<-dd+noisem
prin_comp<-prcomp(dd,center = F,scale. = T)
pcvar <- (prin_comp$sdev)^2
plot(cumsum(pcvar)/sum(pcvar), type=1)
ddpc<-prin_comp$x[,1:14]
library("EMCluster", quietly = F)
k<- 2 # number of clusters
p<- ncol(ddpc) # dimension
# The simple.init utilizes rand.EM to obtain a simple initial.
emobj <- simple.init(ddpc, nclass = 2)
#The best of several random initializations.
emobj <- shortemcluster(ddpc, emobj)
ret <- emcluster(ddpc, emobj, assign.class = T )
# print(ret$Mu)
# print(ret$LTSigma)
cat("number of iteration=", ret$conv.iter,"\n")
cat("estimated proportion=",ret$pi,"\n")
cat("True proportion=", length(da)/(length(da)+length(db)),length(db)/(length(da)+length(db)),"\n")
crossv<-matrix(c(sum(which(ret$class==1)<length(da))/nrow(dd),
c(sum(which(ret$class==1)>length(da))/nrow(dd)),
sum(which(ret$class==2)<length(da))/nrow(dd),
sum(which(ret$class==2)>length(da))/nrow(dd)),nrow = 2,byrow = T)
cat("Diagonal entries stand for correct identification", "\n")
print(crossv)
```



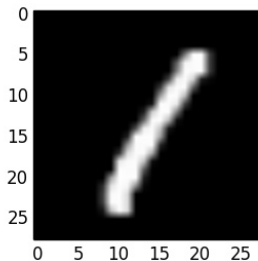
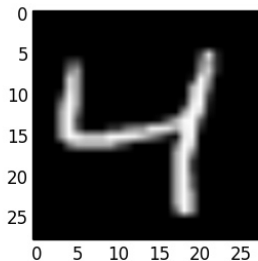


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```
## number of iteration= 6
```

```
## estimated  proportion= 0.5955723 0.4044277
```

```
## True proportion= 0.536136 0.463864
```

```
## Diagonal entries stand for correct identification
```

```
##          [,1]      [,2]
```

```
## [1,] 0.51393481 0.08219178
```

```
## [2,] 0.02172886 0.38167218
```