METALLICITY

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1. Mixture model

For each observation of $(L, \frac{\alpha}{\text{Fe}}, \frac{\text{Fe}}{\text{H}})$, let $\big\{(x_i, y_i)\big\}_{i=1}^n$ represent observed metallicities of stars drawn from one of m known model densities. We model the density of observations using the mixture model

$$f(x,y) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \pi_i f_j(x,y)$$

With an (incomplete data) likelihood of

$$L(\boldsymbol{\pi}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i, y_i) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \Big\{ \sum_{j=1}^{m} \pi_i f_j(x,y) \Big\}$$

$$l(\boldsymbol{\pi}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \Big(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \pi_i f_j(x,y) \Big)$$

Evaluation of $\partial l(\boldsymbol{\pi})/\partial \pi$ can be avoided by adding a latent indicator, z, to the observed data (x,y), representing the model group from which that observation was generated. Let G_j be the j^{th} model group, and let

$$z_{ij} = \mathbf{1}\big\{(x_i, y_i) \mapsto G_j\big\}$$

The complete data likelihood is defined over the complete data $\big\{(x_i, y_i, \mathbf{z}_i)\big\}_{i=1}^n$ as

$$L(\boldsymbol{\pi}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \prod_{j=1}^{m} \Big\{ f_j(x_i, y_i) \Big\}^{z_{ij}} \pi_j^{z_{ij}}$$

$$l(\boldsymbol{\pi}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} z_{ij} \log \big\{ \pi_j f_j(x_i, y_i) \big\}$$

2. EM

First we find the expected value of $l(\boldsymbol{\pi})$ conditional on the distribution of z. Since z_{ij} is an indicator function, its expected value is equal to the probability that data point i comes from model j.

2.1. Expected value of $l(\boldsymbol{\pi})$.

The expected value of $l(\boldsymbol{\pi})$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{E}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}}\Big[l(\boldsymbol{\pi})\big|\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}\Big] &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(\boldsymbol{\pi}|x_i,y_i)l(\boldsymbol{\pi}|x_i,y_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{m} E_{\boldsymbol{\pi}}\big[z_{ij}|x_i,y_i\big]\big\{\log f_j(x_i,y_i)+\log\pi_j\big\} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathrm{E}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}}\Big[z_{ij}|x_i,y_i\Big] = \text{Probability}\Big((x_i,y_i)\mapsto G_j\big|x_i,y_i\Big)$$

2.2. Expected value of $\pi|\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}$.

The expected value of z_{ij} is the same as the expected value of π_j, given the data. This can be specified as

$$\mathrm{E}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}}\Big[z_j|x_i,y_i\Big] = P(z_j|x_i,y_i) = \frac{P(x_i,y_i|z_j=1)P(z_j=1)}{P(x_i,y_i)}$$

with constituent parts:

$$P(x_i,y_i|z_j=1)=f_j(x_i,y_i)\quad,\qquad P(x_i,y_i|z_j)=\prod_{j=1}^{m} f_j^{z_i}\quad,\qquad P(z_j)=\prod_{j=1}^{m}\pi_j^{z_j}$$

thus

$$\mathrm{E}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}}\Big[z_j|x_i,y_i\Big] = \frac{\pi_j f_j(x_i,y_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{m}\pi_j f_j(x_i,y_i)}$$

Defining $w_{ij}^{(t)}$ as the expected value of z_{ij} at the t^{th} step, and $\pi_j^{(t)}$ as the MLE of π_j at the t^{th} step, yeilds

$$w_{ij}^{(t+1)} = \frac{\pi_j^{(t)} f_j(x_i,y_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^{m}\pi_k^{(t)} f_k(x_i,y_i)}$$

2.3. Solving for $\boldsymbol{\pi}$.

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\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_k} \mathrm{E}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}} \Big[l(\boldsymbol{\pi}) \big| \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \Big] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Big\{ w_{ij}^{(0)} \frac{1}{\pi_k} - w_{im}^{(0)} \frac{1}{1 - \pi_1 - \ldots - \pi_{m-1}} \Big\}, k = 1, \ldots, m-1
\end{aligned}
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Therefore

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\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\pi_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i1}^{(0)} = \ldots = \frac{1}{\pi_{m-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i,m-1}^{(0)} = c \\
\hat{\pi}_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{ik}^{(0)}}{c} \\
\pi_j^{(1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{ij}^{(0)}}{n}
\end{aligned}
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And in general,

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\pi_j^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{ij}^{(t)}}{n}
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3. Standard errors