# EM Algorithm for Finite Mixture Regression

HW 5 of STAT 5361 Statistical Computing

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## 1 E- and M-Steps Derivations

## 1.1 E-Step Derivation

$$Q(\Psi|\Psi^{(k)}) = \sum_{Z} \left[ p(Z|\mathbf{y}, X, \Psi^{(k)}) \log p(\mathbf{y}, Z|X, \Psi) \right]$$
(1)

$$= \sum_{Z} \left[ p(Z|\mathbf{y}, X, \Psi^{(k)}) \log \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(y_i, \mathbf{z}_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \Psi) \right]$$
(2)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{Z} \left[ p(Z|\mathbf{y}, X, \Psi^{(k)}) \log p(y_i, \mathbf{z}_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \Psi) \right]$$
(3)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{\mathbf{z}_i} \left[ p(\mathbf{z}_i | \mathbf{y}, X, \Psi^{(k)}) \log p(y_i, \mathbf{z}_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \Psi) \right]$$
(4)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{\mathbf{z}_i} \left[ p(\mathbf{z}_i | y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \Psi^{(k)}) \log p(y_i, \mathbf{z}_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \Psi) \right]$$
(5)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[ p(\mathbf{z}_{i} = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)' | y_{i}, \mathbf{x}_{i}, \Psi^{(k)}) \log p(y_{i}, \mathbf{z}_{i} = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)' | \mathbf{x}_{i}, \Psi) \right]$$
(6)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[ p(z_{ij} = 1 | y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \Psi^{(k)}) \log p(y_i, \mathbf{z}_i = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)' | \mathbf{x}_i, \Psi) \right]$$
 (7)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left[ E(z_{ij}|y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \Psi^{(k)}) \{ \log \pi_j + \log \varphi(y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_j, 0, \sigma^2) \} \right]$$
(8)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)} \{ \log \pi_j + \log \varphi(y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_j, 0, \sigma^2) \}$$
 (9)

where

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{z}_{1}' \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{z}_{n}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z_{11} & z_{12} & \cdots & z_{1m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ z_{n1} & z_{n2} & \cdots & z_{nm} \end{pmatrix} \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{1}' \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_{n}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \cdots & x_{np} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$p_{ij}^{(k)} = E(z_{ij}|y_{i}, \mathbf{x}_{i}, \Psi^{(k)}) = \frac{\pi_{j}^{(k)}\varphi(y_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{j}^{(k)}, 0, \sigma^{2^{(k)}})}{\sum_{j=1}^{m} \pi_{j}^{(k)}\varphi(y_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{j}^{(k)}, 0, \sigma^{2^{(k)}})}$$

The elaboration of the above steps are

• Step1 $\rightarrow$ Step2: Use independence among  $(y_i, \mathbf{z}_i)$ 

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- Step3 $\rightarrow$ Step4: Marginal density of  $\mathbf{z}_i$
- Step4 $\rightarrow$ Step5: Use the fact  $\mathbf{z}_i \perp (y_1, \cdots, y_{i-1}, y_{i+1}, \cdots, y_n) | y_i$ , we can get rid of  $(y_1, \cdots, y_{i-1}, y_{i+1}, \cdots, y_n) | y_i$
- Step6-Step7: Easy to see conditional joint density is equal to condition marginal density

#### 1.2 M-Step Derivation

Since we have

$$\begin{split} Q(\Psi|\Psi^{(k)}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)} \{\log \pi_{j} + \log \varphi(y_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{j}, 0, \sigma^{2})\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)} \log \pi_{j} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)} \log \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)} \frac{(y_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{j})^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)} \log \frac{\pi_{j}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)} \log \sigma^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)} \frac{(y_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{j})^{2}}{\sigma^{2}} \\ &= I_{1} - \frac{1}{2} I_{2} - \frac{1}{2} I_{3} \end{split}$$

From the above, we can see only  $I_3$  contains  $\beta_i$  and

$$I_3 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij}^{(k)} \frac{(y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_j)^2}{\sigma^2} = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij}^{(k)} \frac{(y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_j)^2}{\sigma^2}$$

To minimize  $I_3$ , we only need to fix j and optimize with regard to  $\beta_j$ . We can directly use the formula from generazied least square method and obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}_{j}^{(k+1)} = (X'V^{-1}X)^{-1}X'V^{-1}\mathbf{y} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i}\mathbf{x}_{i}^{T}p_{ij}^{(k)}\right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i}p_{ij}^{(k)}y_{i}\right) \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

where

$$V^{-1} = diag(p_{1j}^{(k)}, \cdots, p_{nj}^{(k)})$$

Only  $I_2$  and  $I_3$  contains  $\sigma^2$ , since

$$I_2 + I_3 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij}^{(k)} \log \sigma^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij}^{(k)} \frac{(y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_j)^2}{\sigma^2}$$

We minimize it with regard to  $\sigma^2$  given  $\beta_j = \beta_j^{(k+1)}$  and obtain

$$\sigma^{2^{(k+1)}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)} (y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_j^{(k+1)})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{(k)} (y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_j^{(k+1)})^2}{n}$$

Only  $I_1$  contains  $\pi_i$  and

$$I_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij}^{(k)} \log \frac{\pi_j}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = -\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij}^{(k)}\right) \log \pi_j$$

In order to maximize  $I_1$  under constraint  $\pi_1 + \cdots + \pi_m = 1$ . We use Lagrange multiplier method

$$L(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_m) = \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij}^{(k)}\right) \log \pi_j - \lambda \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \pi_j - 1\right)$$

with  $\lambda$  a Lagrange multiplier. We can obtain

$$\pi_j^{(k+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij}^{(k)}}{\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij}^{(k)}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij}^{(k)}}{n} \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

# 2 A Function to Implement EM Algorithm

```
regmix_em <- function(y, xmat, pi.init, beta.init, sigma.init,</pre>
                       control = list(maxiter = 100, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.2)){
  xmat <- as.matrix(xmat)</pre>
  n <- nrow(xmat)</pre>
  p <- ncol(xmat)</pre>
  m <- length(pi.init)</pre>
  pi <- pi.init
  beta <- beta.init
  sigma <- sigma.init
  maxiter <- control$maxiter</pre>
  tol <- control$tol
  conv <- 1
  P <- matrix(NA, nrow = n, ncol = m)
  beta.new <- matrix(NA, nrow = p, ncol = m)
  for (i in 1:maxiter) {
    for (j in 1:n) {
      P[j,] \leftarrow pi * dnorm(y[j] - xmat[j,] %*% beta, 0, sigma)/
        sum(pi * dnorm(y[j] - xmat[j,] %*% beta, 0, sigma))
    }
    pi.new <- apply(P, MARGIN = 2, mean)</pre>
    for (j in 1:m) {
      beta.new[,j] <- solve(t(xmat) %*% diag(P[,j]) %*% xmat) %*% t(xmat) %*% diag(P[,j]) %*% y
    }
    sigma.new <- sqrt(sum(P * (y %*% t(rep(1, m)) - xmat %*% beta.new)^2)/n)
    conv <- sum(abs(pi.new - pi)) + sum(abs(beta.new - beta)) + abs(sigma.new - sigma)</pre>
    if(conv < tol) break</pre>
    pi <- pi.new
    beta <- beta.new
    sigma <- sigma.new
  }
  if(i == maxiter)
  message("Reached the maximum iteration!")
  list(pi = pi.new, beta = beta.new, sigma = sigma.new, conv = conv, iter = i)
```

## 3 Data Generation and Parameters Estimation

After I carried out the following code, I found parameters won't be updated after the second iteration. Tracing back to E-Step Derivation, we can see if  $\beta_1 = \cdots = \beta_m$ , then  $\mathbf{p}_{\cdot i}^{(k)}$  and  $\pi_i^{(k)}$  will remain the same at all times.

```
regmix_sim <- function(n, pi, beta, sigma) {</pre>
    K <- ncol(beta)</pre>
    p <- NROW(beta)
    xmat <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p) # normal covaraites</pre>
    error <- matrix(rnorm(n * K, sd = sigma), n, K)
    ymat <- xmat %*% beta + error # n by K matrix</pre>
    ind <- t(rmultinom(n, size = 1, prob = pi))</pre>
    y <- rowSums(ymat * ind)</pre>
    data.frame(y, xmat)
}
n <- 400
pi \leftarrow c(.3, .4, .3)
beta <- matrix(c( 1, 1, 1,
                -1, -1, -1), 2, 3)
sigma <- 1
set.seed(1205)
dat <- regmix_sim(n, pi, beta, sigma)</pre>
fit <- regmix_em(y = dat[,1], xmat = dat[,-1],
          pi.init = pi / pi / length(pi),
          beta.init = beta * 0,
           sigma.init = sigma / sigma,
           control = list(maxiter = 500, tol = 1e-5))
fit
## $pi
## [1] 0.3333333 0.3333333 0.3333333
## $beta
               [,1]
##
                           [,2]
                                       [,3]
## [1,] 0.3335660 0.3335660 0.3335660
## [2,] -0.4754645 -0.4754645 -0.4754645
##
## $sigma
## [1] 1.732492
##
## $conv
## [1] 0
##
## $iter
## [1] 2
```

Thus we change the initial values of  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m$ . And we can see this time after 83 iterations, the algorithm converged and I got the following consequences.

```
control = list(maxiter = 500, tol = 1e-5))
fit1
## $pi
## [1] 0.3454017 0.3858262 0.2687721
## $beta
             [,1] [,2]
                           [,3]
##
## [1,] -0.9136801 0.8796636 0.9912061
## [2,] -1.1990374 0.9341887 -1.2424685
##
## $sigma
## [1] 1.023598
##
## $conv
## [1] 9.786183e-06
## $iter
## [1] 83
```