

Chapter 7: EM algorithm and NPMLE: JAW Ch.4 ctd

7.1 The EM Algorithm.

(i) See hard-copy handout notes from Stat 582, 2001.

(ii) Recall homework example (with added parameter σ^2): Y_i i.i.d. from mixture $\frac{1}{2}N(-\theta, \sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2}N(\theta, \sigma^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad f_Y(y; \theta, \sigma^2) &= \frac{1}{2}(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-y^2/(2\sigma^2)) \exp(-\theta^2/(2\sigma^2)) \\ &\quad (\exp(-y\theta/\sigma^2) + \exp(y\theta/\sigma^2)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_n(\theta, \sigma^2) &= \text{const} - (n/2) \log(\sigma^2) - (\sum_i Y_i^2)/(2\sigma^2) - n\theta^2/(2\sigma^2) \\ &\quad + \sum_i \log((\exp(-Y_i\theta/\sigma^2) + \exp(Y_i\theta/\sigma^2))) \end{aligned}$$

(iv) What is the sufficient statistic?

How would we estimate (θ, σ^2) ?

(v) Now suppose each Y_i carries a “flag” $Z_i = -1$ or 1 as obsn i comes from $N(-\theta, \sigma^2)$ or $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$. Let $X_i = (Y_i, Z_i)$.

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(y, z; \theta, \sigma^2) &= \frac{1}{2}(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-(y - \theta z)^2/2\sigma^2) \\ \ell_{c,n}(\theta, \sigma^2) &= \sum_i \log f(Y_i, Z_i; \theta, \sigma^2) \\ &= \text{const} - (n/2) \log(\sigma^2) - \sum_i (Y_i - \theta Z_i)^2/2\sigma^2 \\ &= \text{const} - (n/2) \log(\sigma^2) - (2\sigma^2)^{-1} (\sum Y_i^2 - \theta \sum Y_i Z_i + \theta^2 n) \end{aligned}$$

(vi) What now is sufficient statistic, if X_i were observed?

How now could you estimate (θ, σ^2) ?

The Z_i are “latent variables”; X_i are “complete data”

(vii) $E(\ell_{c,n}|Y)$ requires only

$$E(Z_i|Y_i) = \frac{\phi((y_i - \theta)/\sigma) - \phi((y_i + \theta)/\sigma)}{\phi((y_i - \theta)/\sigma) + \phi((y_i + \theta)/\sigma)}$$

7.2 Why does EM work – see handout notes

7.3 Types of examples

(i) Multinomial examples – e.g. ABO blood types, see handout

(ii) Mixture examples – see 7.1, also hwk.

(iii) Missing data

Caution: we do NOT “use expectations to impute the missing data”

We compute the expected complete-data log-likelihood. This normally involves using conditional expectations to impute the complete-data sufficient statistics. This is NOT the same thing – see hwk. And it could be more complicated than this – although not if we have chosen sensible “complete-data”.

(iv) Censored data, age-of-onset-data, competing risks models, etc.

(v) Hidden states, latent variables:

Models in Genetics, Biology, Climate modelling, Environmental modelling.

(vi) General auxiliary variables: the latent variables do not have to mean anything – they are simply a tool, s.t. that the complete-data log-likelihood is easy.

7.4 Review of Exponential families

(i) See handout notes, and/or earlier notes.

Form, examples – see 2.2

(ii) The natural sufficient statistics. – see 2.4.

The natural parameter space.

(iii) Moment formulae. see 2.2 (vii)

$$\begin{aligned} E(t_j(X)) &= -\frac{\partial \log c(\pi)}{\partial \pi_j} \\ \text{Cov}(t_j(X), t_l(X)) &= -\frac{\partial^2 \log c(\pi)}{\partial \pi_j \partial \pi_l} \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Likelihood equation for exponential family – see 4.6

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \pi_j} &= n(n^{-1} \sum_1^n t_j(X_i) - E(t_j(X))) \\ I(\pi) &= J(\pi) = \text{var}(T_1, \dots, T_k) \\ I(\tau) &= (\text{var}(T_1, \dots, T_k))^{-1} \quad \text{where } \tau_j = E(t_j(X)) \end{aligned}$$

(T_1, \dots, T_k) achieves (multiparameter) CRLB for (τ_1, \dots, τ_k) .

(v) Completeness see 2.4 (vii)

7.5 EM for exponential families

(i) Suppose complete-data X has exp.fam. form: for n -sample $T_j(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n t_j(X_i)$

$$\log g_\theta(X) = \log c(\theta) + \sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j(\theta) T_j(X) + \log h(X)$$

$$Q(\theta; \theta^*) = \log c(\theta) + \sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j(\theta) E_{\theta^*}(T_j(X)|Y) + E_{\theta^*}(\log h(X)|Y).$$

(ii) In natural parametrization π_j :

$$Q(\pi; \pi^*) = \log c(\pi) + \sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j E_{\pi^*}(T_j(X)|Y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \pi_j} &= E_{\pi^*}(T_j(X)|Y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_j} \log c(\pi) \\ &= E_{\pi^*}(T_j(X)|Y) - E_\pi(T_j(X)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus EM iteratively fits unconditioned to conditioned expectations of T_j . At MLE $E_{\pi^*}(T_j(X)|Y) = E_{\pi^*}(T_j(X))$.

(iii) Recall

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\pi) &= \log g_\pi(X) - \log g_\pi^*(X|Y) \\ \text{but } g_\pi^*(X|Y) &= \frac{h(X) \exp(\sum_j \pi_j t_j(X))}{\int_{y(X)=y} h(X) \exp(\sum_j \pi_j t_j(X)) dX} \\ &= c^*(\pi; Y) h(X) \exp(\sum_j \pi_j t_j(X)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \ell(\pi) = \log c(\pi) - \log c^*(\pi; Y)$$

(iv) Hence, differentiating this:

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \pi_j} = -E_\pi(T_j) + E_\pi(T_j|Y)$$

$$\text{At MLE : } E_\pi(T_j) = E_\pi(T_j|Y)$$

(v) Differentiating again:

$$-\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \pi_j \partial \pi_l} = \text{Cov}(T_j, T_l) - \text{Cov}((T_j, T_l)|Y)$$

If Y determines X , $\text{var}(T(X)|Y) = 0$, and then observed information is $\text{var}(T)$ as for any exp fam.

If Y tells nothing about X , $\text{var}(T(X)|Y) = \text{var}(T(X))$, and observed information is 0.

“Information lost” due to observing Y not X is $\text{var}(T(X)|Y)$.