Machine Learning for OR & FE The EM Algorithm

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The EM Algorithm (for Computing ML Estimates)

Assume the complete data-set consists of $\mathcal{Z} = (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$

– but only $\mathcal X$ is observed.

The complete-data log likelihood is denoted by $l(\theta; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ where θ is the unknown parameter vector for which we wish to find the MLE.

E-Step: Compute the expected value of $l(\theta; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ given the observed data, \mathcal{X} , and the current parameter estimate *θold*. In particular, we define

$$
Q(\theta; \theta_{old}) := E[l(\theta; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}]
$$

=
$$
\int l(\theta; \mathcal{X}, y) p(y | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}) dy
$$
 (1)

 $p(\cdot | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}) \equiv$ conditional density of \mathcal{Y} given observed data, \mathcal{X} , and θ_{old} $-Q(\theta;\theta_{old})$ is the expected complete-data log-likelihood.

M-Step: Compute $\theta_{new} := \max_{\theta} Q(\theta; \theta_{old}).$

The EM Algorithm

Now set $\theta_{old} = \theta_{new}$ and iterate E- and M-steps until sequence of θ_{new} 's converges.

Convergence to a local maximum can be guaranteed under very general conditions

– will see why below.

If suspected that log-likelihood function has multiple local maximums then the EM algorithm should be run many times

– using a different starting value of *θold* on each occasion.

The ML estimate of θ is then taken to be the best of the set of local maximums obtained from the various runs of the EM algorithm.

Why Does the EM Algorithm Work?

Will use $p(\cdot | \cdot)$ to denote a generic conditional PDF. Now observe that

$$
l(\theta; \mathcal{X}) = \ln p(\mathcal{X} | \theta)
$$

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$$
= \ln \int p(\mathcal{X}, y | \theta) dy
$$

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$$
= \ln \int \frac{p(\mathcal{X}, y | \theta)}{p(y | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old})} p(y | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}) dy
$$

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$$
= \ln \mathsf{E} \left[\frac{p(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} | \theta)}{p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old})} | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old} \right]
$$

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$$
\geq \mathsf{E} \left[\ln \left(\frac{p(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} | \theta)}{p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old})} \right) | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old} \right] \text{ by Jensen's inequality (2)}
$$

\n
$$
= \mathsf{E} [\ln p(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} | \theta) | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}] - \mathsf{E} [\ln p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}) | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}]
$$

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$$
= Q(\theta; \theta_{old}) - \mathsf{E} [\ln p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}) | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}]
$$
 (3)

Also clear (why?) that inequality in [\(2\)](#page-4-0) is an equality if we take $\theta = \theta_{old}$.

Why Does the EM Algorithm Work?

Let $q(\theta | \theta_{old})$ denote the right-hand-side of [\(3\)](#page-4-1).

Therefore have

$$
l(\theta; \mathcal{X}) \geq g(\theta \mid \theta_{old})
$$

for all θ with equality when $\theta = \theta_{old}$.

So any value of θ that increases $g(\theta | \theta_{old})$ beyond $g(\theta_{old} | \theta_{old})$ must also increase $l(\theta; \mathcal{X})$ beyond $l(\theta_{old}; \mathcal{X})$.

The M-step finds such a θ by maximizing $Q(\theta; \theta_{old})$ over θ

– this is equivalent (why?) to maximizing *g*(*θ* | *θold*) over *θ*.

Also worth noting that in many applications the function $Q(\theta; \theta_{old})$ will be a convex function of *θ*

– and therefore easy to optimize.

Schematic for general E-M algorithm

Figure 9.14 from Bishop (where $\mathcal{L}(q, \theta)$ is $g(\theta | \theta_{old})$ in our notation)

Suppose $\mathbf{x} := (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ is a sample from a $Mult(n, \pi_\theta)$ distribution where

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

The likelihood, $L(\theta; \mathbf{x})$, is then given by

$$
L(\theta; \mathbf{x}) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! x_3! x_4!} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\theta\right)^{x_1} \left(\frac{1}{4}(1-\theta)\right)^{x_2} \left(\frac{1}{4}(1-\theta)\right)^{x_3} \left(\frac{1}{4}\theta\right)^{x_4}
$$

so that the log-likelihood $l(\theta; \mathbf{x})$ is

$$
l(\theta; \mathbf{x}) = C + x_1 \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \theta \right) + (x_2 + x_3) \ln (1 - \theta) + x_4 \ln (\theta)
$$

– where *C* is a constant that does not depend on *θ*.

Could try to maximize $l(\theta; \mathbf{x})$ over θ directly using standard non-linear optimization algorithms

– but we will use the EM algorithm instead.

To do this we assume the complete data is given by $\mathbf{y} := (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5)$ and that $\mathbf y$ has a $\mathsf{Mult}(n,\pi^*_\theta)$ distribution where

$$
\pi_{\theta}^* \; = \; \left(\frac{1}{2},\; \frac{1}{4}\theta,\; \frac{1}{4}(1-\theta),\; \frac{1}{4}(1-\theta),\; \frac{1}{4}\theta\right).
$$

However, instead of observing **y** we only observe $(y_1 + y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5)$, i.e, **x**.

Therefore take $\mathcal{X} = (y_1 + y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5)$ and take $\mathcal{Y} = y_2$.

Log-likelihood of complete data then given by

 $l(\theta; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = C + y_2 \ln(\theta) + (y_3 + y_4) \ln(1 - \theta) + y_5 \ln(\theta)$

where again *C* is a constant containing all terms that do not depend on *θ*.

Also "clear" that conditional "density" of $\mathcal Y$ satisfies

$$
f(\mathcal{Y} \mid \mathcal{X}, \theta) = \text{Bin}\left(y_1 + y_2, \ \frac{\theta/4}{1/2 + \theta/4}\right).
$$

Can now implement the E-step and M-step.

Recall that $Q(\theta; \theta_{old}) := E[l(\theta; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}].$

E-Step: Therefore have

$$
Q(\theta; \theta_{old}) := C + \mathsf{E}[y_2 \ln(\theta) | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}] + (y_3 + y_4) \ln(1 - \theta) + y_5 \ln(\theta)
$$

= C + (y_1 + y_2) p_{old} \ln(\theta) + (y_3 + y_4) \ln(1 - \theta) + y_5 \ln(\theta)

where

$$
p_{old} := \frac{\theta_{old}/4}{1/2 + \theta_{old}/4}.
$$
 (4)

M-Step: Must now maximize $Q(\theta; \theta_{old})$ to find θ_{new} .

Taking the derivative we obtain

$$
\frac{dQ}{d\theta} = \frac{(y_1 + y_2)}{\theta} p_{old} - \frac{(y_3 + y_4)}{1 - \theta} + \frac{y_5}{\theta}
$$

= 0 when $\theta = \theta_{new}$

where

$$
\theta_{new} := \frac{y_5 + p_{old}(y_1 + y_2)}{y_3 + y_4 + y_5 + p_{old}(y_1 + y_2)}.
$$

Equations [\(4\)](#page-9-0) and [\(5\)](#page-10-0) now define the EM iteration

– which begins with some judiciously chosen value of *θold*.

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E.G. Normal Mixture Models Revisited

Clustering via normal mixture models is an example of probabilistic clustering

- we assume the data are IID draws
- will consider only the scalar case but note the vector case is similar.

So suppose $\mathcal{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_n)$ are IID random variables each with PDF

$$
f_x(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m p_j \frac{e^{-(x-\mu_j)^2/2\sigma_j^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_j^2}}
$$

where $p_j \geq 0$ for all j and where $\sum_j p_j = 1$

- $-$ parameters are the p_j 's, μ_j 's and σ_j 's
- typically estimated via MLE
- which we can do via the EM algorithm.

Normal Mixture Models Revisited

We assume the presence of an additional or latent random variable, Y, where

$$
P(Y = j) = p_j, \quad j = 1, \ldots, m.
$$

Realized value of *Y* then determines which of the *m* normals generates the corresponding value of *X*

– so there are *n* such random variables, $(Y_1, \ldots, Y_n) := Y$.

Note that

$$
f_{x|y}(x_i \mid y_i = j, \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_j^2}} e^{-(x_i - \mu_j)^2/2\sigma_j^2}
$$
(6)

where $\theta := (p_1, \ldots, p_m, \mu_1, \ldots, \mu_m, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_m)$ is the unknown parameter vector.

The complete data likelihood is given by

$$
L(\theta; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} p_{y_i} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \sigma_{y_i}^2}} e^{-(x_i - \mu_{y_i})^2/2\sigma_{y_i}^2}.
$$

Normal Mixture Models

The EM algorithm starts with an initial guess, *θold*, and then iterates the E-step and M-step until convergence.

E-Step: Need to compute $Q(\theta; \theta_{old}) := E[l(\theta; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}]$.

Straightforward to show that

$$
Q(\theta; \theta_{old}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} P(Y_i = j \mid x_i, \theta_{old}) \ln (f_{x|y}(x_i \mid y_i = j, \theta) P(Y_i = j \mid \theta)).
$$
\n(7)

Note that $f_{x|y}(x_i \mid y_i = j, \theta)$ is given by (6) and that $P(\,Y_i = j \mid \theta_{old}) = p_{j,old}.$

Finally, can compute [\(7\)](#page-13-0) analytically since

$$
P(Y_i = j | x_i, \theta_{old}) = \frac{P(Y_i = j, X_i = x_i | \theta_{old})}{P(X_i = x_i | \theta_{old})}
$$

=
$$
\frac{f_{x|y}(x_i | y_i = j, \theta_{old}) P(Y_i = j | \theta_{old})}{\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{x|y}(x_i | y_i = k, \theta_{old}) P(Y_i = k | \theta_{old})}.
$$
 (8)

Normal Mixture Models

M-Step: Can now maximize $Q(\theta; \theta_{old})$ by setting the vector of partial derivatives, *∂Q/∂θ*, equal to 0 and solving for *θnew*.

After some algebra, we obtain

$$
\mu_{j,new} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i P(Y_i = j \mid x_i, \theta_{old})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} P(Y_i = j \mid x_i, \theta_{old})}
$$
\n(9)

$$
\sigma_{j, new}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_j)^2 P(Y_i = j \mid x_i, \theta_{old})}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(Y_i = j \mid x_i, \theta_{old})}
$$
(10)

$$
p_{j,new} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(Y_i = j \mid x_i, \theta_{old}). \tag{11}
$$

Given an initial estimate, *θold*, the EM algorithm cycles through [\(9\)](#page-14-0) to [\(11\)](#page-14-1) repeatedly, setting $\theta_{old} = \theta_{new}$ after each cycle, until the estimates converge.

Kullback-Leibler Divergence

Let P and Q be two probability distributions such that if $Q(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ then $P(x) = 0.$

The Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence or relative entropy of *Q* from *P* is defined to be

$$
KL(P \parallel Q) = \int_{\mathbf{x}} P(\mathbf{x}) \ln \left(\frac{P(\mathbf{x})}{Q(\mathbf{x})} \right) \tag{12}
$$

with the understanding that $0 \log 0 = 0$.

The KL divergence is a fundamental concept in information theory and machine learning.

Can imagine *P* representing some true but unknown distribution that we approximate with *Q*

– KL(*P* || *Q*) then measures the "distance" between *P* and *Q*.

This interpretation is valid because we will see below that $KL(P||Q) > 0$

 $-$ with equality if and only if $P = Q$.

Kullback-Leibler Divergence

The KL divergence is not a true measure of distance since it is:

- 1. Asymmetric in that $KL(P || Q) \neq KL(Q || P)$
- 2. And does not satisfy the triangle inequality.

In order to see that $KL(P||Q) \geq 0$ we first recall that a function $f(\cdot)$ is convex on $\mathbb R$ if

$$
f(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1 - \alpha)f(y) \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in [0, 1].
$$

We also recall Jensen's inequality:

Jensen's Inequality: Let $f(.)$ be a convex function on $\mathbb R$ and suppose $E[X] < \infty$ and $E[f(X)] < \infty$. Then $f(E[X]) \le E[f(X)]$.

Kullback-Leibler Divergence

Noting that $-\ln(x)$ is a convex function we have

$$
KL(P || Q) = -\int_{\mathbf{x}} P(\mathbf{x}) \ln \left(\frac{Q(\mathbf{x})}{P(\mathbf{x})} \right)
$$

\n
$$
\geq -\ln \left(\int_{\mathbf{x}} P(\mathbf{x}) \frac{Q(\mathbf{x})}{P(\mathbf{x})} \right)
$$
 by Jensen's inequality
\n= 0.

Moreover it is clear from [\(12\)](#page-15-1) that $KL(P||Q) = 0$ if $P = Q$.

In fact because $-\ln(x)$ is strictly convex it is easy to see that $KL(P||Q) = 0$ only if $P = Q$.

A Nice Optimization "Trick"

Suppose $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ and we wish to maximize $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \ln(q_i)$ over pmf's, $q = \{q_1, \ldots, q_n\}.$ Let $\mathbf{p} = \{p_1, \ldots, p_n\}$ where $p_i := c_i / \sum_j c_j$ so that \mathbf{p} is a (known) pmf. We then have:

$$
\max_{\mathbf{q}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \ln(q_i) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \right) \max_{\mathbf{q}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \ln(q_i) \right\}
$$

$$
= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \right) \max_{\mathbf{q}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \ln(p_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \ln\left(\frac{p_i}{q_i}\right) \right\},
$$

$$
= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \ln(p_i) - \min_{\mathbf{q}} \text{KL}(\mathbf{p} \|\mathbf{q}) \right)
$$

from which it follows (why?) that the optimal \mathbf{q}^* satisfies $\mathbf{q}^* = \mathbf{p}$.

Could have saved some time using this trick in earlier multinomial model example – in particular obtaining [\(5\)](#page-10-0)

As before, goal is to maximize the likelihood function $L(\theta; \mathcal{X})$ which is given by

$$
L(\theta; \mathcal{X}) = p(\mathcal{X} | \theta) = \int_{y} p(\mathcal{X}, y | \theta) dy.
$$
 (13)

Implicit assumption underlying EM algorithm: it is difficult to optimize $p(\mathcal{X} | \theta)$ with respect to *θ* directly

 $-$ but much easier to optimize $p(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} | \theta)$.

First introduce an arbitrary distribution, $q(Y)$, over the latent variables, Y .

Note we can decompose log-likelihood, $l(\theta; \mathcal{X})$, into two terms according to

$$
l(\theta; \mathcal{X}) := \ln p(\mathcal{X} | \theta) = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}(q, \theta)}_{\text{"energy"}} + \text{KL}(q || p_{\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}})
$$
(14)

 $\mathcal{L}(q,\theta)$ and KL $(q|| p_{\mathcal{V}|\mathcal{X}})$ are the likelihood and KL divergence and are given by

$$
\mathcal{L}(q,\theta) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} q(\mathcal{Y}) \ln \left(\frac{p(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} | \theta)}{q(\mathcal{Y})} \right) \tag{15}
$$
\n
$$
\text{KL}(q || p_{\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}}) = - \int_{\mathcal{Y}} q(\mathcal{Y}) \ln \left(\frac{p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta)}{q(\mathcal{Y})} \right).
$$

It therefore follows (why?) that $\mathcal{L}(q,\theta) \leq l(\theta;\mathcal{X})$ for all distributions, $q(\cdot)$.

Can now use the decomposition of [\(14\)](#page-19-1) to define the EM algorithm, beginning with an initial parameter estimate, *θold*.

E-Step: Maximize the lower bound, $\mathcal{L}(q, \theta_{old})$, with respect to $q(\cdot)$ while keeping *θold* fixed.

In principle this is a variational problem since we are optimizing a functional, but the solution is easily found.

First note that $l(\theta_{old}; \mathcal{X})$ does not depend on $q(\cdot)$.

Then follows from [\(14\)](#page-19-1) with $\theta = \theta_{old}$ that maximizing $\mathcal{L}(q, \theta_{old})$ is equivalent to minimizing $KL(q|| p_{\mathcal{V}|\mathcal{X}})$.

Since this latter term is always non-negative we see that $\mathcal{L}(q, \theta_{old})$ is optimized when $KL(q|| p_{\mathcal{V}|\mathcal{X}}) = 0$

– by earlier observation, this is the case when we take $q(\mathcal{Y}) = p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old})$.

At this point we see that the lower bound, $\mathcal{L}(q, \theta_{old})$, now equals current value of log-likelihood, *l*(*θold*; X).

M-Step: Keep $q(Y)$ fixed and maximize $\mathcal{L}(q, \theta)$ over θ to obtain θ_{new} .

This will therefore cause the lower bound to increase (if it is not already at a maximum)

– which in turn means the log-likelihood must also increase.

Moreover, at this new value *θnew* it will no longer be the case that $KL(q|| p_{\mathcal{Y}|\mathcal{X}}) = 0$

– so by [\(14\)](#page-19-1) the increase in the log-likelihood will be greater than the increase in the lower bound.

Comparing Classical EM With General EM

It is instructive to compare the E-step and M-step of the general EM algorithm with the corresponding steps of the original EM algorithm.

To do this, first substitute $q(\mathcal{Y}) = p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old})$ into [\(15\)](#page-20-0) to obtain

$$
\mathcal{L}(q,\theta) = Q(\theta;\theta_{old}) + \text{constant} \qquad (16)
$$

where $Q(\theta; \theta_{old})$ is the expected complete-date log-likelihood as defined in [\(1\)](#page-2-1).

The M-step of the general EM algorithm is therefore identical to the M-step of original algorithm since the constant term in [\(16\)](#page-23-0) does not depend on *θ*.

The E-step in general EM algorithm takes $q(\mathcal{Y}) = p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old})$ which, at first glance, appears to be different to original E-step.

But there is no practical difference: original E-step simply uses $p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old})$ to compute $Q(\theta; \theta_{old})$ and, while not explicitly stated, the general E-step must also do this since it is required for the *M*-step.

E.G. Imputing Missing Data (Again)

N respondents were asked to answer *m* questions each. The observed data are:

$$
v_{iq} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if respondent } i \text{ answered yes to question } q \\ 0 & \text{if respondent } i \text{ answered no to question } q \\ - & \text{if respondent } i \text{ did not answer question } q \end{cases}
$$

$$
y_{iq} = \begin{cases} 1 & v_{iq} \in \{0, 1\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
$$

We assume the following model:

- *K* classes of respondents: $\boldsymbol{\pi} = (\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_K)$ with $\pi_k = P(\text{respondent in class } k)$
- Latent variables z_i ∈ $\{1, \ldots, K\}$ for $i = 1, \ldots, N$
- Class dependent probability of answers: $\sigma_{ka} = \mathbb{P}(v_{ia} = 1 \mid z_i = k)$
- **•** Parameters $\theta = (\pi, \sigma)$

Log-likelihood with $\mathcal{X} := \{v_{iq} | i = 1, ..., N, q = 1, ..., m\}$:

$$
l(\theta; \mathcal{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \ln \left(\sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k \prod_{q: y_{iq}=1} \sigma_{kq}^{v_{iq}} (1 - \sigma_{kq})^{(1 - v_{iq})} \right)
$$

Question: What implicit assumptions are we making here?

EM for Imputing Missing Data

Take $\mathcal{Y} := (z_1, \ldots, z_N)$.

Complete-data log-likelihood then given by

$$
l(\theta; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} 1_{\{z_i = k\}} \ln \left(\pi_k \prod_{q: y_{iq} = 1} \sigma_{kq}^{v_{iq}} (1 - \sigma_{kq})^{(1 - v_{iq})} \right)
$$

E-Step: Need to compute *Q*(*θ*; *θold*). We have

$$
Q(\theta; \theta_{old}) = \mathbb{E}\left[l(\theta; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) \mid \mathcal{X}, \theta_{old}\right]
$$

=
$$
\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \gamma_{ik}^{old} \ln \left(\pi_k \prod_{q: y_{iq}=1} \sigma_{kq}^{v_{iq}} (1 - \sigma_{kq})^{(1 - v_{iq})}\right)
$$

where

$$
\gamma_{ik}^{old} := \mathsf{P}(z_i = k \mid \mathbf{v}_i, \theta_{old}) \propto \pi_k^{old} \mathsf{P}(\mathbf{v}_i \mid z_i = k)
$$

=
$$
\pi_k^{old} \prod_{q: y_{iq} = 1} (\sigma_{kq}^{old})^{v_{iq}} (1 - \sigma_{kq}^{old})^{(1 - v_{iq})}
$$

EM for Imputing Missing Data

M-Step: Now solve for $\theta_{new} = \max_{\theta} Q(\theta; \theta_{old})$:

We have

$$
Q(\theta; \theta_{old}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \gamma_{ik}^{old} \right) \ln(\pi_k) + \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{q=1}^{m} \left(\sum_{i: y_{iq}=1} \gamma_{ik}^{old} v_{iq} \right) \ln(\sigma_{kq}) + \left(\sum_{i: y_{iq}=1}^{N} \gamma_{ik}^{old} (1 - v_{iq}) \right) \ln(1 - \sigma_{kq})
$$

Solving $\max_{\theta} Q(\theta; \theta_{old})$ yields

$$
\begin{array}{rcl}\n\pi_k^{new} & = & \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_{ik}^{old}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^K \gamma_{ij}^{old}} \\
\sigma_{kq}^{new} & = & \frac{\sum_{i:y_{iq}=1}^N \gamma_{ik}^{old} v_{iq}}{\sum_{i:y_{iq}=1}^N \gamma_{ik}^{old}}.\n\end{array}
$$

Now iterate E- and M-steps until convergence.