

Large sample distribution of estimators in a mixture of semiparametric models

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Introduction: mixture model and EM (1)

We consider a mixture of semiparametric models

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k p_k(x; \theta_k, \eta_k)$$

where

- for each $k = 1, \dots, K$,

$$p_k(x; \theta_k, \eta_k)$$

is a semiparametric model with finite dimensional parameter θ_k and infinite dimensional parameter η_k ;

- π_1, \dots, π_K are mixture probabilities: $\pi_k > 0$ for each k and $\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$.

Introduction: mixture model and EM (2)

Once we observe iid data X_1, \dots, X_n from the mixture model, the joint probability function of data $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is given by

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\theta, \eta, \pi) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k p_k(X_i; \theta_k, \eta_k). \quad (1)$$

where $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K)$, $\eta = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_K)$ and $\pi = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_K)$. We consider θ is the parameters of interest, and η and π are nuisance parameters.

We aim to establish large sample properties of the parameter θ using EM-algorithm and profile likelihood approach.

Introduction: mixture model and EM (3)

To discuss the EM-algorithm, we further introduce notations. Let

$$\mathbf{Z}_i = (Z_{i1}, \dots, Z_{iK})$$

be group indicator variable for the subject i : for each k ,

$$Z_{ik} = 0 \text{ or } = 1 \text{ with } \sum_{k=1}^K Z_{ik} = 1.$$

Let $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$. The joint probability function of the complete data (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) is

$$p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \theta, \eta, \pi) = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^K [\pi_k p_k(X_i; \theta_k, \eta_k)]^{Z_{ik}}. \quad (2)$$

Introduction: mixture model and EM (4)

Then the EM-algorithm utilize the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(\mathbf{X}; \theta, \eta, \pi) &= \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}; \theta, \eta, \pi) - \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \log q(\mathbf{Z}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}; \theta, \eta, \pi)}{q(\mathbf{Z})}, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where $q(\mathbf{Z})$ is a distribution of \mathbf{Z} (Bishop (2006), Equation (9.70), section 9.4).

Introduction: mixture model and EM (5)

In the E-step put

$$q(\mathbf{Z}) = p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}; \theta, \eta, \pi),$$

then the third term in the right hand side is zero:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}; \theta, \eta, \pi)}{q(\mathbf{Z})} = 0.$$

Introduction: mixture model and EM (6)

Under this condition, the equation (3) implies that maximizing the mixture log likelihood function

$$\log p(\mathbf{X}; \theta, \eta, \pi)$$

with respect to θ , η and π is the same as maximizing the expectation of complete data log likelihood function

$$\sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \theta, \eta, \pi)$$

with respect to θ , η and π . Therefore in the M-step, we maximize the expectation of complete data log likelihood function.

In practice we must repeat E-step and M-step iteratively until we achieve the maximum.

Introduction: mixture model and EM (7)

In the following, we aim to establish asymptotic properties of the maximum likelihood estimator of θ using the expectation of complete data log likelihood function

$$\sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \theta, \eta, \pi)$$

with the condition that $q(\mathbf{Z}) = p(\mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{X}; \theta, \eta, \pi)$.

Introduction: mixture model and EM (8)

The conditional distribution $p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}; \theta, \eta, \pi)$ in our iid setting is

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}; \theta, \eta, \pi) &= \frac{p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}; \theta, \eta, \pi)}{\sum_{\mathbf{Z}} p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}; \theta, \eta, \pi)} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^K \left[\frac{\pi_k p_k(X_i; \theta_k, \eta_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k p_k(X_i; \theta_k, \eta_k)} \right]^{Z_{ik}} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^K \gamma(Z_{ik})^{Z_{ik}}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where

$$\gamma(Z_{ik}) = E(Z_{ik}|X_i) = \frac{\pi_k p_k(X_i; \theta_k, \eta_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j p_j(X_i; \theta_j, \eta_j)}. \quad (5)$$

Introduction: mixture model and EM (9)

Using equations (2) and (4), the expected complete data log-likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \theta, \eta, \pi) \\ = & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma(Z_{ik}) [\log \pi_k + \log p_k(X_i; \theta_k, \eta_k)]. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where $\gamma(Z_{ik})$ is given in (5).

Introduction: mixture model and EM (10)

Because π and (θ, η) are separated by $+$ in (6), the estimation of π is not related to the estimation of (θ, η) . The method of Lagrange multiplier can be used to get the MLE $\hat{\pi}_k$ of π_k :

$$\hat{\pi}_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(Z_{ik})}{n}. \quad (7)$$

We require that, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\hat{\pi}_k \xrightarrow{P} \pi_{0k}$$

where π_{0k} , $k = 1, \dots, K$, are the true mixture probability.

Profile likelihood estimation (1)

In the estimation of (θ, η) we use the profile likelihood approach: we maximize the expected complete data log-likelihood with respect to η to obtain $\hat{\eta}_{\theta, F_n} = (\hat{\eta}_{1, \theta, F_n}, \dots, \hat{\eta}_{K, \theta, F_n})$:

$$\hat{\eta}_{\theta, F_n} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\eta} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma(Z_{ik}) \log p_k(X_i; \theta_k, \eta_k)$$

where we dropped the $\log \pi_k$ term from the expected complete data log-likelihood (6).

The profile log-likelihood is then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma(Z_{ik}) \log p_k(X_i; \theta_k, \hat{\eta}_{k, \theta, F_n}). \quad (8)$$

Profile likelihood estimation (2)

Define the score function for the profile log-likelihood in the model

$$\phi(X_i; \theta, F_n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma(Z_{ik}) \log p_k(X_i; \theta_k, \hat{\eta}_{k,\theta,F_n}) \quad (9)$$

Profile likelihood estimation (3)

We assume that:

(R0) $\hat{\eta}_{\theta, F}$ satisfies $\hat{\eta}_{\theta_0, F_0} = \eta_0$ and the function

$$\dot{\ell}_{\theta}^*(x, \theta_0) = \phi(x, \theta_0, F_0)$$

is the efficient score function, i.e.,

$$E(\dot{\ell}_{\theta}^* \dot{\ell}_{\eta}) = 0$$

where $\dot{\ell}_{\eta}$ the score operator of η .

Profile likelihood estimation (4)

We assume that:

- (R1) The \sqrt{n} -consistency of F_n , $\sqrt{n}\|F_n - F_0\| = O_P(1)$, and for each $(\theta, F) \in \Theta \times \mathcal{F}$, the log-likelihood function for a observation X_i

$$\log p(X_i; \theta, F) = \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma(Z_{ik}) \log p_k(X_i; \theta_k, \hat{\eta}_{k,\theta,F})$$

is twice continuously differentiable with respect to β and Hadamard differentiable with respect to F for all x .

- (R1)* The empirical process F_n satisfies $n^{1/4}\|F_n - F_0\| = o_P(1)$, and for each $(\theta, F) \in \Theta \times \mathcal{F}$, the log-likelihood function for a observation X_i , $\log p(X_i; \theta, F)$, is twice continuously differentiable with respect to θ and twice Hadamard differentiable with respect to F .

(Derivatives are denoted by

$$\phi(X_i; \beta, F) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log p(X_i; \theta, F), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \phi(X_i; \theta, F), \quad d_F \phi(X_i; \theta, F),$$

and $d_F^2 \phi(X_i; \theta, F)$.)

Profile likelihood estimation (5)

We assume that:

(R2) The efficient information matrix

$$I_{\theta}^* = E_{\theta_0, \eta_0} \dot{\ell}_{\theta}^* \dot{\ell}_{\theta}^{*T} = E_{\theta_0, \eta_0} \phi \phi^T(X, \theta_0, F_0) \text{ is invertible.}$$

(R3) There exists a $\rho > 0$ and a neighborhood Θ of θ_0 such that the class of functions $\{\phi(x, \theta, F) : (\theta, F) \in \Theta \times \mathcal{C}_{\rho}\}$ is P_{θ_0, η_0} -Donsker with square integrable envelope function, and such that the class of functions $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \phi(x, \theta, F) : (\theta, F) \in \Theta \times \mathcal{C}_{\rho}\}$ is P_{θ_0, η_0} -Glivenko-Cantelli with integrable envelope function.

Here

$$\mathcal{C}_{\rho} = \{F \in \mathcal{F} : \|F - F_0\| < \rho\}.$$

Profile likelihood estimation (6)

A consistent solution $\hat{\beta}_n$ to the estimating equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \phi(X_i, \hat{\theta}_n, F_n) = 0 \quad (10)$$

is an asymptotically linear estimator for θ_0 with the efficient influence function

$$\tilde{\ell}_{\theta}^*(x, \theta_0) = (I_{\theta}^*)^{-1} \dot{\ell}_{\theta}^*(x, \theta_0)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\ell}_{\theta}^*(X_i, \theta_0) + o_P(1) \\ &\xrightarrow{d} N(0, (I_{\theta}^*)^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where $I_{\theta}^* = E_{\theta_0, \eta_0}(\dot{\ell}_{\theta}^* \dot{\ell}_{\theta}^{*T})$ is the efficient information matrix.

Joint mixture model (1)

- Let Y_{ijm} be the ordered categorical response from 1 (poor) to L (excellent) on item (or question) j for subject i at the m^{th} protocol-specified time point.
- In total, there are J items in the questionnaire, collected at times t_1, t_2, \dots, t_M .
- Given that subject i belongs to group r , a stereotype model can be written as

$$\log \left[\frac{P(Y_{ijm} = \ell \mid \theta_r)}{P(Y_{ijm} = 1 \mid \theta_r)} \right] = a_\ell + \phi_\ell(b_j + \theta_r), \quad r = 1, \dots, R. \quad (11)$$

Joint mixture model(2)

The ordinal response part of likelihood function for the i th subject is

$$P(\mathbf{Y}_i | \theta_r, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \prod_{m=1}^{M_i} \prod_{j=1}^J \prod_{\ell=1}^L \left(\frac{\exp(a_\ell + \phi_\ell(b_j + \theta_r))}{1 + \sum_{k=2}^L \exp(a_k + \phi_k(b_j + \theta_r))} \right)^{y_{ijm\ell}} \quad (12)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\phi})$.

Joint mixture model(3)

We consider the Cox proportional hazards model for the survival part in the joint model. Let X be a time-independent covariate. The hazard function for the failure time T_i of the i^{th} subject is of the form

$$\lambda(t|X_i, \theta_r, \boldsymbol{\delta}) = \lambda_0(t) \exp(\theta_r \delta_0 + X_i \delta_1)$$

where $\lambda_0(t)$ is the baseline hazard function. The latent variable θ_r is linked with the ordinal response model and $\boldsymbol{\delta} = (\delta_0, \delta_1)$ are coefficients.

Joint mixture model(4)

Assume that the hazard is zero between adjacent times so that the survival time is discrete. Let λ_i be the hazard at time t_i , where $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$ are the ordered observed times.

The cumulative hazard function $\Lambda_0(t_i) = \sum_{p \leq i} \lambda_p$ is a step function

with jumps at the failure time t_i . Then the the survival part likelihood function of subject i is

$$P(T_i, d_i | \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \theta_r, \boldsymbol{\delta}) = (\lambda_i \exp(\theta_r \delta_0 + X_i \delta_1))^{d_i} \\ \times \exp\left(-\sum_{p \leq i} \lambda_p \exp(\theta_r \delta_0 + X_i \delta_1)\right).$$

The d_i is an indicator of censorship for individual i : if we observe failure time, then $d_i = 1$, otherwise $d_i = 0$.

Joint mixture model(5)

Let π_r be the unknown probability ($r = 1, \dots, R$) that a subject lies in group r , and Θ be all the unknown parameters of the joint model. The mixture model likelihood function is

$$L(\Theta | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{D}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{r=1}^R P(\mathbf{Y}_i | \theta_r, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) P(T_i, d_i | \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \theta_r, \boldsymbol{\delta}) \pi_r \right). \quad (13)$$

Let Z_{ir} be the group indicator, where $Z_{ir} = 1$ if the i^{th} individual was from the r^{th} group and 0 otherwise. The complete data likelihood can be written as

$$L(\Theta | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{Z}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{r=1}^R \left(P(\mathbf{Y}_i | \theta_r, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) P(T_i, d_i | \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \theta_r, \boldsymbol{\delta}) \pi_r \right)^{Z_{ir}}. \quad (14)$$

Joint mixture model(6)

The expected complete data log likelihood under $q(\mathbf{Z}) = P(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{d})$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \log L(\Theta|\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{Z}) \\ = & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_{ir}) \log \pi_r \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_{ir}) \{ \log P(\mathbf{Y}_i | \theta_r, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) + \log P(T_i, d_i | \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \theta_r, \boldsymbol{\delta}) \} \end{aligned}$$

Joint mixture model (7)

Before starting the EM-step, we profile out the baseline hazard function $\lambda_0(t)$. The survival part of equation (15) can be separately maximized with respect to λ .

We find the maximizer $\hat{\lambda}_i$ by holding $(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\delta})$ fixed, and it is given by

$$\hat{\lambda}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\delta}) = \frac{d_i}{\sum_{p \geq i} \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_{pr}) \exp(\theta_r \delta_0 + X_p \delta_1)}. \quad (15)$$

Denote $\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\delta}) = (\hat{\lambda}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\delta}), \dots, \hat{\lambda}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\delta}))$.

Joint mixture model (8)

The E-step: In the E-step, we use the current parameter estimates $\Theta = (\theta, \alpha, \delta)$ to find the expected values of Z_{ir} of the complete data log likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma(Z_{ir}) &= E(Z_{ir} | \mathbf{Y}_i, T_i, d_i) \\ &= \frac{\pi_r P(\mathbf{Y}_i | \theta_r, \alpha) P(T_i, d_i | \hat{\lambda}(\theta, \delta), \theta_r, \delta)}{\sum_{g=1}^R \pi_g P(\mathbf{Y}_i | \theta_g, \alpha) P(T_i, d_i | \hat{\lambda}(\theta, \delta), \theta_g, \delta)}.\end{aligned}$$

Joint mixture model (9)

The M-step: In the M-step, we maximize equation (15) with respect to π_r and $\Theta = (\theta, \alpha, \delta)$. Due to the fact that there is no relationship between π_r and Θ , they can be estimated separately.

1. Calculate the estimates of π_r

$$\hat{\pi}_r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(Z_{ir})}{n}.$$

2. We maximize the second and third parts of equation (15) (with $\hat{\lambda}(\theta, \delta)$ in the place of λ)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_{ir}) \left\{ \log P(\mathbf{Y}_i | \theta_r, \alpha) + \log P(T_i, d_i | \hat{\lambda}(\theta, \delta), \theta_r, \delta) \right\} \quad (16)$$

with respect to $\Theta = (\theta, \alpha, \delta)$ to obtain $\hat{\Theta}$.

The estimated parameters from the M-step are returned into the E-step until convergence.

Joint mixture model (Score function) (10)

The score function for $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\delta}, \Lambda} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}} \log P(T, d | \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_r, \boldsymbol{\delta}) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_r) \begin{pmatrix} \theta_r \\ X \end{pmatrix} \{d - \Lambda(T) \exp(\theta_r \delta_0 + X \delta_1)\}\end{aligned}$$

Joint mixture model (Score operator) (11)

Let $h(t)$ be a function of t . The path defined by

$$d\Lambda_s = (1 + sh)d\Lambda$$

is a submodel passing through Λ at $s = 0$. The corresponding path for the λ is

$$\lambda_s(t) = (1 + sh)\lambda(t).$$

The score operator for Λ is the derivative of the log-likelihood function with respect to s at $s = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\delta, \Lambda} h &= \left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_r) \log P(T, d | \Lambda_s, \theta_r, \delta) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_r) \left(dh(T) - \exp(\theta_r \delta_0 + X \delta_1) \int_0^T h(u) d\Lambda(u) \right). \end{aligned}$$

The adjoint of the score operator is denoted by $B_{\delta, \Lambda}^*$.

Joint mixture model (Efficient score function) (12)

The (survival part of) efficient score function for the survival part given by

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\ell}_{\delta,\Lambda} &= \dot{\ell}_{\delta,\Lambda} - B_{\delta,\Lambda}(B_{\delta,\Lambda}^* B_{\delta,\Lambda})^{-1} B_{\delta,\Lambda}^* \dot{\ell}_{\delta,\Lambda} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_r) d \left[\begin{pmatrix} \theta_r \\ X \end{pmatrix} - \frac{M_{1,\delta,\Lambda}(T)}{M_{0,\delta,\Lambda}(T)} \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_r) \left(\exp(\theta_r \delta_0 + X \delta_1) \int_0^T \left[\begin{pmatrix} \theta_r \\ X \end{pmatrix} - \frac{M_{1,\delta,\Lambda}(u)}{M_{0,\delta,\Lambda}(u)} \right] d\Lambda(u) \right)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}M_{1,\delta,\Lambda}(t) &= E_{\delta,\Lambda} \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_r) \begin{pmatrix} \theta_r \\ X \end{pmatrix} \exp(\theta_r \delta_0 + X \delta_1) I(t \leq T) \\ M_{0,\delta,\Lambda}(t) &= E_{\delta,\Lambda} \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_r) \exp(\theta_r \delta_0 + X \delta_1) I(t \leq T)\end{aligned}$$

Joint mixture model(13)

The log-profile likelihood function for one observation is

$$\begin{aligned} & \log p(\mathbf{Y}, T, d; \Theta, F_n) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_{ir}) \left\{ \log P(\mathbf{Y} | \theta_r, \alpha) + \log P(T, d | \hat{\lambda}(\theta, \delta), \theta_r, \delta) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

The score function is

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\mathbf{Y}, T, d; \Theta, F_n) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta} \log p(\mathbf{Y}, T, d; \Theta, F_n) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^R \gamma(Z_r) \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta} \log P(\mathbf{Y} | \theta_r, \alpha) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta} \log P(T, d | \hat{\lambda}(\theta, \delta), \theta_r, \delta) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Joint mixture model (14)

Need to verify

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$$\phi(\mathbf{Y}, T, d; \Theta, F_0)$$

is the efficient score function.

- There exists a $\rho > 0$ and a neighborhood Θ of θ_0 such that the class of functions

$$\{\phi(\mathbf{Y}, T, d; \Theta, F) : (\Theta, F) \in \Theta \times \mathcal{C}_\rho\}$$

is Donsker with square integrable envelope function, and such that the class of functions

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta} \phi(\mathbf{Y}, T, d; \Theta, F) : (\Theta, F) \in \Theta \times \mathcal{C}_\rho \right\}$$

is Glivenko-Cantelli with integrable envelope function.

Joint mixture model (15)

Then from the general result, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}_n - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Theta}} \right)^{-1} \phi(\mathbf{Y}_i, T_i, d_i; \boldsymbol{\Theta}_0, F_0) + o_P(1) \\ &\xrightarrow{d} N \left(0, \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Theta}} \right)^{-1} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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