

1 The hierarchical model

Random variables:

For $g = 1, \dots, G$:

$$Z_g \sim \text{Categorical}(\boldsymbol{\pi}).$$

For $j = 1, \dots, J$:

For $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{T}_j$:

$$M_{g,j,\mathcal{T}} \sim \text{Normal}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0).$$

For $i = 1, \dots, n$:

For $t \in \mathcal{T}$:

$$X_{i,g,t} | \{Z_g = j, M_{g,j,\mathcal{T}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,j,\mathcal{T}}\} \sim \text{Normal}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,j,\mathcal{T}}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}).$$

For $i = 1, \dots, n$:

$$S_{i,g} = \sum_{t=1}^T p_{\sigma_{i,t}} X_{i,g,t}.$$

Parameters are:

1. $\boldsymbol{\mu}_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+, \boldsymbol{\sigma} \in \mathbb{R}_+$.
2. $\boldsymbol{\pi} \in$ standard J -simplex in \mathbb{R}^J .
3. $\mathbf{p}_\sigma \in$ standard T -simplex in \mathbb{R}^T for $\sigma = 1, \dots, \Sigma$.

Call $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{p})$.

2 Change of variables

It will be useful to avoid having $S_{i,g} = \sum_{t=1}^T p_{\sigma_{i,t}} X_{i,g,t}$ as part of the model, so we change variables as follows. Let

$$\phi_{i,g,t} : y_{i,g,t} \mapsto y_{i,g,t} s_{i,g} / p_{\sigma_{i,t}}$$

Note that $\frac{\partial \phi_{i,g,t}}{\partial y_{i',g',t'}} = s_{i,g} / p_{\sigma_{i,t}}$ if $i = i', g = g', t = t'$ and 0 otherwise, so the Jacobian determinant

$$|J_\phi| = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{g=1}^G \prod_{t=1}^T s_{i,g} / p_{\sigma_{i,t}}$$

Thus the conditional density

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_{i,g,t} | j, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,j,\mathcal{T}}) &= (s_{i,g} / p_{\sigma_{i,t}}) f_{\text{Normal}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,j,\mathcal{T}}, \boldsymbol{\sigma})(y_{i,g,t} s_{i,g} / p_{\sigma_{i,t}}) \\ &= \frac{s_{i,g} / p_{\sigma_{i,t}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_{i,g,t} s_{i,g} / p_{\sigma_{i,t}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,j,\mathcal{T}})^2}{2\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{s_{i,g} / p_{\sigma_{i,t}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_{i,g,t} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,j,\mathcal{T}} p_{\sigma_{i,t}} / s_{i,g})^2}{2\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 (p_{\sigma_{i,t}} / s_{i,g})^2}\right) \\ &= f_{\text{Normal}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,j,\mathcal{T}} p_{\sigma_{i,t}} / s_{i,g}, \boldsymbol{\sigma} p_{\sigma_{i,t}} / s_{i,g})(y_{i,g,t}) \end{aligned}$$

3 Likelihood

The full likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) &= \prod_{g=1}^G f(z_g) \prod_{i=1}^n f(s_{i,g} | x_{i,g,t}) \prod_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{T}_{z_g}} f(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,z_g, \mathcal{T}}) \prod_{t \in \mathcal{T}} f(x_{i,g,t} | z_g, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,z_g, \mathcal{T}}) \\
 &= \prod_{g=1}^G \pi_{z_g} \prod_{i=1}^n 1_{\{\sum_{t=1}^T p_{\sigma_{i,t}} x_{i,g,t} = s_{i,g}\}} \prod_{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{T}_{z_g}} f_{\text{Normal}}(\mu_0, \sigma_0)(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,z_g, \mathcal{T}}) \prod_{t \in \mathcal{T}} f_{\text{Normal}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{g,z_g, \mathcal{T}}, \sigma)(x_{i,g,t})
 \end{aligned}$$

The marginal likelihood is

$$f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbb{E}(f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{M})) \quad (\mathbf{M} \text{ is upper case } \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

However, we will change variables

We will use Monte Carlo EM to estimate $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. Define

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} \log f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{M})$$

Sample $(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}, \mathbf{x}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(k)})$, $k = 1, \dots, K$, according to $\mathbb{P}_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}$. Then

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \approx J_K(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) := \sum_{k=1}^K \log f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}^{(k)}, \mathbf{x}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(k)})$$

The MCEM algorithm is to repeat $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \leftarrow \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J_K(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$, taking new samples at each iteration, until convergence.