

Supplemental Material for “Online EM Algorithm for Hidden
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Graphical Statistics: MATLAB/OCTAVE Function Used for
Implementing the Online EM Algorithm in Section 4

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1 Main Function: ion_online

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function [q, mu, v] = ion_online(Y, q_0, mu_0, v_0, gam)

% ion_online      On-line EM algorithm for the ion channel model.
% Use: [q, mu, v] = ion_online(Y, q_0, mu_0, v_0, gam) where
%       Y: observations (n x 1)
%       gam: stepsizes (n x 1)
%       q_0: initial estimate of transition matrix (m x m)
%       mu_0: initial estimates of means (m x 1)
%       v_0: initial estimate of variance (scalar)
% and
%       q: estimated transition matrices (m x m x n+1)
%       mu: estimated means (m x 1 x n+1)
%       v: estimated variances (1 x 1 x n+1)
%
% m is the number of states and n the number of observations.

% Parameters
INHIBIT_LAG = 20;
% In inhibition stage, let gam(i) = 1/i and do not perform any update
gam(1:INHIBIT_LAG) = 1./(1:INHIBIT_LAG);

% Dimensions
n = length(Y);
m = length(mu_0);

% Initialization
q = zeros(m,m,n+1);
mu = zeros(m,1,n+1);
v = zeros(1,1,n+1);
q(:,:,1) = q_0;
mu(:,:,1) = mu_0;
v(:,:,1) = v_0;

for t = 1:n
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% The SA E-step
if (t == 1)
    % Initial observation
    [filt, T, S_0, S_1, S_2] = ion_e0(Y(1), mu(:, :, 1), v(:, :, 1));
else
    [filt, T, S_0, S_1, S_2] = ...
        ion_e(Y(t), filt, T, S_0, S_1, S_2, q(:, :, t), mu(:, :, t), v(:, :, t), gam(t));
end
% The M-step
if (t >= INHIBIT_LAG)
    [T_a, S_0_a, S_1_a, S_2_a] = ion_e_accum(filt, T, S_0, S_1, S_2);
    [q(:, :, t+1), mu(:, :, t+1), v(:, :, t+1)] = ion_m(T_a, S_0_a, S_1_a, S_2_a);
else
    % Inhibition phase (no update)
    q(:, :, t+1) = q(:, :, t);
    mu(:, :, t+1) = mu(:, :, t);
    v(:, :, t+1) = v(:, :, t);
end
end

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2 Subroutines

2.1 ion_e0

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function [filt, T, S_0, S_1, S_2] = ion_e0(Y, mu, v)

% ion_e0           Compute the EM auxiliary statistics for the initial data point.
% Use: [filt, T, S_0, S_1, S_2, logl] = ion_e0(Y, mu, v)
% where
%     Y:         initial observation (scalar)
%     mu:        means (m x 1)
%     v:         variance (scalar)
% and
%     filt:      filtering prob. (1 x m)
%     T:          Auxiliary EM transition statistics (m x m x m)
%     S_0:        Auxiliary EM conditional statistics (m x m)
%     S_1:        "                                (m x m)
%     S_2:        "                                (m x m)

% Dimensions
m = length(mu);

% Likelihood factor
r = exp(-0.5*(Y(ones(m,1))-mu).^2/v)/sqrt(v);

% Initial filtering (assuming uniform initial distribution)
c = sum(r);
filt = r/c;

% Initial statistics
T = zeros(m,m,m);
S_0 = eye(m);
S_1 = eye(m)*Y;
S_2 = eye(m)*Y.^2;

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2.2 ion_e

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function [filt , T, S_0 , S_1 , S_2] = ...
    ion_e(Y, filt , T, S_0 , S_1 , S_2 , q, mu, v, gam)

% ion_e           Update the auxiliary EM statistics for one data point.
% Use: [filt , T, S_0 , S_1 , S_2] = ...
% ion_e(Y, filt , T, S_0 , S_1 , S_2 , q, mu, v, gam)
% where
%     Y:          observation (scalar)
%     q:          transition matrix (m x m)
%     mu:         means (m x 1)
%     v:          variance (scalar)
%     gam:        stepsize (scalar)
% and
%     filt:       filtering prob. (1 x m)
%     T:          Auxiliary EM transition statistics (m x m x m)
%     S_0:        Auxiliary EM conditional statistics (m x m)
%     S_1:        "
%     S_2:        "
% Dimensions
m = length(mu);

% New likelihood factor
r = (filt * ones(1, m)) .* q;
joint = r .* (ones(m, 1) .* (exp(-0.5 * (Y(ones(m, 1)) - mu) .^ 2 / v) / sqrt(v)))';
% Filtering update
filt = (sum(joint, 1))';
c = sum(filt);
% Normalize
joint = joint / c;
filt = filt / c;
% Retrospective kernel
r = r ./ (ones(m, 1) * sum(r));

% Statistics update
T1 = zeros(m, m, m);
for k = 1:m
    T1(:, k, k) = r(:, k);
end
T = gam * T1 + (1 - gam) * reshape((reshape(T, m * m, m) * r), m, m, m);
S_0 = gam * eye(m) + (1 - gam) * (S_0 * r);
S_1 = gam * eye(m) * Y + (1 - gam) * (S_1 * r);
S_2 = gam * eye(m) * Y.^2 + (1 - gam) * (S_2 * r);

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2.3 ion_e_accum

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function [T_a, S_0_a, S_1_a, S_2_a] = ion_e_accum(filt , T, S_0 , S_1 , S_2)

% ion_e_accum      Obtain EM statistics from auxiliary statistics.
% Use: [T_a, S_0_a, S_1_a, S_2_a] = ion_e_accum(filt , T, S_0 , S_1 , S_2)
%     filt:       filtering prob. (1 x m)
%     T:          Auxiliary EM transition statistics (m x m x m)

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%      S_0:      Auxiliary EM conditional statistics (m x m)
%      S_1:      "
%      S_2:      "
% and
%      T_a:      EM transition statistics (m x m x 1)
%      S_0_a:    EM conditional statistics (m x 1)
%      S_1_a:    "
%      S_2_a:    "

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% Dimensions

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m = length(S_0);
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% Weight with filter values

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T_a = reshape((reshape(T,m*m,m)*filt),m,m);
S_0_a = S_0*filt;
S_1_a = S_1*filt;
S_2_a = S_2*filt;
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2.4 ion_m

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function [q, mu, v] = ion_m(T, S_0, S_1, S_2);
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% ion_m The M-step in the ion channel model.

% Use: [q, mu, v] = ion_m(T, S_0, S_1, S_2)

% where

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%      T:      EM transition statistics (m x m)
%      S_0:    EM conditional statistics (m x 1)
%      S_1:    "
%      S_2:    "

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% and

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%      q:      transition matrix (m x m)
%      mu:    means (m x 1)
%      v:      variance (scalar)
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% Dimensions

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m = size(T,1);
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% Transition matrix

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q = T./(sum(T,2)*ones(1,m));
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% Means

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mu = S_1./S_0;
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% Variance

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v = sum(S_2-(S_0.*mu.^2))/sum(S_0);
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