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Bayesian Inference on Univariate Normal Mixtures

## Description

A program for Bayesian analysis of univariate normal mixtures, implementing the approach of Richardson and Green (1997) <doi:10.1111/1467-9868.00095>

#### **Details**

A program for Bayesian analysis of univariate normal mixtures with an unknown number of components, implementing the approach of Richardson and Green, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, B, 59, 731-792 (1997); see also the correction in J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1998, 60, 661). Computation is by reversible jump Markov chain Monte Carlo; this package is essentially an R interface to the Fortran program originally written in 1996 for the MCMC sampling, together with some facilities for displaying and summarising the resulting posterior distribution, and reporting the sampler performance.

#### Author(s)

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#### References

Richardson and Green (1997) <doi:10.1111/1467-9868.00095> (J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 59, 731-792; see also the correction in <doi:10.1111/1467-9868.00146>, J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1998, 60, 661).

The author is grateful to Peter Soerensen for providing the interface to the C i/o routines used here.

```
data(galx)
z<-Nmix('galx',nsweep=10000,nburnin=1000)
print(z)
summary(z)</pre>
```

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enz

Enzyme data set

## **Description**

Enzymatic activity in the blood, for an enzyme involved in the metabolism of carcinogenic substances, among a group of 245 unrelated individuals.

## Usage

```
data("enz")
```

#### **Format**

The format is: num [1:245] 0.13 0.08 1.261 0.224 0.132 ...

## **Source**

Bechtel, Y. C., Bonaiti-Pellik, C., Poisson, N., Magnette, J. and Bechtel, P. R. (1993) A population and family study of N-acetyltransferase using caffeine urinary metabolites. Clin. Pharm. Therp., 54, 134-141.

#### References

Richardson and Green (J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1997, 59, 731-792.

## **Examples**

```
data(enz)
z<-Nmix('enz',nsweep=5000,nburnin=500,out="d")</pre>
```

galx

Galaxy data set

## **Description**

Velocities of 82 distant galaxies, diverging from our own galaxy

## Usage

```
data("galx")
```

#### **Format**

The format is: num [1:82] 9.17 9.35 9.48 9.56 9.78 ...

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#### **Source**

Roeder, K. (1990) Density estimation with confidence sets exemplified by superclusters and voids in the galaxies. J. Am. Statist. Ass., 85, 617-624.

#### References

Richardson and Green (J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1997, 59, 731-792.

#### **Examples**

```
data(galx)
z<-Nmix('galx',nsweep=10000,nburnin=1000,out="d")</pre>
```

lnacid

Lake acidity data set

#### **Description**

Acidity index measured in a sample of 155 lakes in north-central Wisconsin, on log scale.

## Usage

```
data("lnacid")
```

#### **Format**

The format is: num [1:155] 2.93 3.91 3.73 3.69 3.82 ...

#### Source

Crawford, S. L., DeGroot, M. H., Kadane, J. B. and Small, M. J. (1992) Modeling lake chemistry distributions: approximate Bayesian methods for estimating a finite mixture model. Technometrics, 34, 441-453.

#### References

Richardson and Green (J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1997, 59, 731-792.

```
data(lnacid)
z<-Nmix('lnacid',nsweep=10000,nburnin=1000,out="d")</pre>
```

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## Description

Wrapper for Nmix Fortran program that uses a Reversible jump Markov chain sampler to simulate from the posterior distribution of a univariate normal mixture model

## Usage

```
Nmix(y,tag="",seed=0,nsweep=10000,nburnin=0,
   kinit=1,qempty=1,qprior=0,qunif=0,qfix=0,qrkpos=0,qrange=1,qkappa=0,qbeta=1,
   alpha=2,beta=0.02,delta=1,eee=0,fff=0,ggg=0.2,
   hhh=10,unhw=1.0,kappa=1.0,lambda=-1,xi=0.0,sp=1,
   out="Dkdep",nspace=nsweep%/%1000,
   nmax=length(y),ncmax=30,ncmax2=10,ncd=7,ngrid=200,k1k2=c(2,8),
   idebug=-1,qdebug=0)
```

## **Arguments**

| У       | either (i) a numerical data vector, (ii) a character scalar naming a numerical data vector in the global environment or (iii) a character scalar identifying a file y.dat in the current working directory containing a dataset |
|---------|---|
| tag     | name for the dataset, in the case that y is a numerical vector  |
| seed    | positive integer to set random number seed for a reproducible run, or 0 to initialise this process; output value can be used to replicate run subsequently  |
| nsweep  | number of sweeps  |
| nburnin | length of burn in   |
| kinit   | integer, initial number of components   |
| qempty  | integer, $1\ \mathrm{or}\ 0$ according to whether the empty-component birth/death moves should be used  |
| qprior  | integer, 1 or 0 according to whether the prior should be simulated instead of the posterior   |
| qunif   | integer, 1 or 0 according to whether the uniform proposals should be used for the component means instead of gaussian ones  |
| qfix    | integer, 1 or 0 according to whether the number of components should be held fixed (at the value of kinit)  |
| qrkpos  | integer, 1 or 0 according to whether the the number of non-empty components should be reported throughout   |
| qrange  | integer, $1\ \mathrm{or}\ 0$ according to whether range-based parameter priors should be used   |
| qkappa  | integer, 1 or 0 according to whether kappa should be updated  |
| qbeta   | integer, 1 or 0 according to whether beta should be updated   |
| alpha   | numeric, set value of parameter alpha   |
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beta numeric, set value of parameter beta
delta numeric, set value of parameter delta
eee numeric, set value of parameter e
fff numeric, set value of parameter f
ggg numeric, set value of parameter g
hhh numeric, set value of parameter h

unhw numeric, set value of half-width for uniform proposals

kappa numeric, set value of parameter kappa

lambda numeric, set value of parameter lambda; the value -1 (the default) means a prior

for k uniform on 1,2,...ncmax

xi numeric, set value of parameter xi sp numeric, set value of parameter s

out character string to specify optional output: string containing letters 'D','C','A','p','k','d','e','a'

(any others are ignored); "\*" is equivalent to "DCApkeda". See Details.

nspace spacing between samples recorded in time-series traces (see Details)

nmax integer, set upper bound for n

ncmax integer, set upper bound for k; the same as kmax in the references ncmax2 integer, set upper bound for k in output components pe and avn

ncd integer, set number of conditional densities computed ngrid integer, set number of grid points for density evaluation

k1k2 vector of 2 integers, set minimum and maximum number of components for

classification calculation

idebug integer, number of sweep from which to print debugging information qdebug integer 1 or 0 according to whether debugging information is to be printed

#### **Details**

Output options: Summaries

letter output component

D density den

C classification pcl and scl

A average component occupancy avn

#### Traces

| letter |            | component of traces |
|--------|------------|---------------------|
| р      | parameters | pars                |

k number of components k

d deviance deviance e entropy entropy

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a allocations alloc

#### Value

An object of class nmix. List with numerous components, including

| post   | posterior distribution of number of components k  |
|--------|---|
| pe     | list whose k'th component is a $k$ by 3 matrix of estimated posterior means of weights, means and sd's for a mixture with $k$ components  |
| den    | matrix of density estimates for $k=1,2,\ldots,6$ and overall, preceded by row of abcissae at which they are evaluated - only when out includes "D"  |
| avn    | order-ncmax2 square matrix with (i,j) entry the posterior expected number of observations allocated to component i when there are j components in the mixture - only when out includes "A" $$ |
| traces | list of named vectors, traces of selected statistics $k$ , entropy (as defined in Green and Richardson, 2001), etc, sub-sampled to every nspace sweeps  |
| iflag  | integer flagging successful completion of simulation (0) or not (1)   |

#### Author(s)

Peter J. Green

## References

Richardson, S. and Green, P. J. On Bayesian analysis of mixtures with an unknown number of components (with discussion), J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1997, 59, 731-792; see also the correction in J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1998, 60, 661.

Green, P. J. and Richardson, S. Modelling heterogeneity with and without the Dirichlet process, Scandinavian Journal of Statistics, 2001, 28, 355-375.

The author is grateful to Peter Soerensen for providing the interface to the C i/o routines used here, borrowed from his package qgg.

```
data(galx)
z<-Nmix('galx',nsweep=10000,nburnin=1000,out="Dkd")
print(z)
summary(z)
plot(z)</pre>
```

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| plot.nmix | Plotting for Bayesian Inference on Univariate Normal Mixtures |
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#### **Description**

Plotting of various information from nmix object on current graphics device

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nmix'
plot(x, which=1:5, separate=FALSE, plugin=FALSE, offset=1, nsamp=50,
    equi=TRUE, allsort=TRUE, trued=NULL, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

| x        | nmix object, as output by Nmix function  |
|----------|--|
| which    | integer vector, specifying which of several available plots are required, see 'Details' below  |
| separate | logical, if TRUE opens a fresh default device for each new plot, otherwise prompts before overwriting a previous plot  |
| plugin   | logical, should plug-in estimator of density, computed from posterior means of parameters, be superimposed on density plot in darkgreen, in the case which contains 1? |
| offset   | t numeric, vertical displacement between plotted traces, in the case which contains 2.   |
| nsamp    | integer, number of posterior samples plotted, in the case which contains 3.  |
| equi     | logical, should thinning of posterior density samples be equi-spaced, rather than random, in the case which contains 3   |
| allsort  | logical, should observations be sorted before making posterior clusters plot, in the case which contains 4   |
| trued    | vectorised function defining a probability density function to be superimposed in blue on density plots, in the cases which contains 1 and/or 3                        |
|          | additional arguments to plot   |

#### **Details**

If which includes 1, a 2-panel plot of which: the first is a histogram of the data, and if z has a component den (Nmix output option D), superimposed plots of the posterior density estimates, conditional on k=1,2,...,6 and unconditionally (in red); and the second a barplot of the estimated posterior distribution of k.

If which includes 2, a multiple trace plot of various statistics for a thinned subsample of the MCMC run, after burn-in. The statistics are the (named) components of the list z\$traces that are numerical vectors, some or all of (i) the number of components k (Nmix output option k), (ii) the entropy (Nmix output option e), and (iii) the deviance (Nmix output option d), of the current sample. The traces

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may be of different lengths, the horizontal scales in the plot are adjusted to span the length of the (post burn-in) MCMC run, regardless of these differences.

If which includes 3 (and Nmix output option p is present), a thinned sample of size nsamp from the posterior distribution of the density function, computed from a thinned sample of (weight, mean, sd) values generated in the posterior simulation.

If which includes 4 (and Nmix output option a is present), an image plot showing the posterior probabilities that the corresponding observations are in the same mixture component. Not recommended for large n.

If which includes 5 (and Nmix output option C is present), a 4-panel plot displaying Bayersian classifications based on the fitted model, analogous to Fig. 10 in the Richardson and Green paper. The 4 panels corresponding to conditioning on the 4 values of k most probable according to the posterior (among those for which the necessary posterior sample information has been recorded (see argument k1k2 of Nmix), and excepting k=1).

#### Value

NULL, invisibly; plot method for class nmix. Function called for its side effect of plotting selected information about the fitted posterior distribution and sampler performance from x on the current graphics device

#### Author(s)

Peter J. Green

#### References

Richardson and Green (J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1997, 59, 731-792; see also the correction in J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1998, 60, 661)

## **Examples**

```
data(galx)
z<-Nmix('galx',nsweep=10000,nburnin=1000,out="d")
plot(z,1:2)</pre>
```

print.nmix

Printing for Bayesian Inference on Univariate Normal Mixtures

## **Description**

Printing of various information about nmix object on current output

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nmix'
print(x, ...)
```

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#### Arguments

x nmix object, as output by Nmix function
... additional arguments to print

#### **Details**

Currently the information printed consists of the estimated posterior for k and basic parameters of the MCMC simulation: number of sweeps, length of burnin, random number seed to replicate the run, and confirmation of which MCMC moves used (latters s,w,p,a,h,b standing for split/merge, weights, parameters, allocations, hyperparameters and birth/death).

#### Value

x, invisibly; print method for class nmix. Function called for its side effect of printing selected information from x

#### Author(s)

Peter J. Green

#### References

Richardson and Green (J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1997, 59, 731-792; see also the correction in J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1998, 60, 661)

## **Examples**

```
data(galx)
z<-Nmix('galx',nsweep=10000,nburnin=1000,out="d")
z</pre>
```

readf2cio

Reading binary file of structured binary numerical data

#### **Description**

Reading binary file of structured binary numerical data, for use in reading into R numerical data written from Fortran

## Usage

```
readf2cio(fn,imax=Inf,verbose=FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

fn character variable, path to file to be read.

imax maximum number of list components to be read.

verbose boolean, should the reading be reported?

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#### **Details**

The function is designed to expedite the transfer of possibly large quantities of numeric information, in binary form, written, typically incrementally, in a Fortran routine called from R, without using the arguments to the function.

Assumed format for binary files holding lists, matrices or vectors of numeric data:

writable from Fortran via f2cio interface, readable in R using readBin

file structure supported: binary file, with integer(4), real(4) or double(8) data

first record: list: 00

matrix or vector: nc mode (mode = 1, 2 or 3 for integer(4), real(4) or double(8))

succeeding records, one per component of list or row of matrix:

list: number of items, mode as integers, followed by data for this component (note that modes can

differ between but not within components)

matrix or vector: data for this row

one-column matrices are delivered as vectors

#### Value

numeric list, vector or matrix according to layout of information in fn; see Details.

#### Author(s)

Peter J. Green

## **Examples**

```
data(galx)
z<-Nmix('galx',nsweep=10000,nburnin=1000,out="d")
z</pre>
```

sdrni

Random number initialiser, allowing retrospective replication

## Description

Front-end to standard R random number seed setter, allowing retrospective replication

#### Usage

```
sdrni(seed)
```

## **Arguments**

seed

non-negative integer random number seed, often 0 for absolute re-initialisation as with set.seed(NULL)

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#### **Details**

Using sdrni to initialise random number stream allows a decision to repeat a simulation exactly, presumably with additional outputs, need only be made after seeing results; see Examples

#### Value

seed if input value is positive, otherwise the value that if used in a subsequent call will deliver exactly the same random numbers

## Author(s)

Peter J. Green

## **Examples**

```
sdrni(0)
runif(5)
keep<-sdrni(0)
runif(5)
sdrni(keep)
runif(5)</pre>
```

summary.nmix

Summary for Bayesian Inference on Univariate Normal Mixtures

## Description

Printing of various information from nmix object on current output

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nmix'
summary(object, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
object nmix object, as output by Nmix function additional arguments to summary
```

## **Details**

Currently the information printed consists of the estimated posterior for k and basic parameters of the MCMC simulation: number of sweeps, length of burnin, random number seed to replicate the run, and confirmation of which MCMC moves used, and acceptance statistics for each type of trans-dimensional move.

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## Value

object, invisibly; summary method for class nmix. Function called for its side effect of printing selected information from object

## Author(s)

Peter J. Green

## References

Richardson and Green (J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1997, 59, 731-792; see also the correction in J. R. Statist. Soc. B, 1998, 60, 661)

```
data(galx)
z<-Nmix('galx',nsweep=10000,nburnin=1000,out="d")
summary(z)</pre>
```

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