

## The EM algorithm

1. Suppose that the random variable  $X$  has a mixture distribution; that is, the  $Y_i$  are independently distributed as

$$Y_i \sim \theta g(y) + (1 - \theta)b(y), \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $g$  and  $b$  are known. An EM algorithm can be used to find the ML estimator of  $\theta$ . Introduce  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , where  $X_i$  indicates from which distribution  $Y_i$  has been drawn, so  $\mathbb{P}(X_i = 1) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(X_i = 0) = \theta$  and

$$Y_i | X_i = 1 \sim g(y),$$

$$Y_i | X_i = 0 \sim b(y).$$

- Compute the complete data likelihood for this model.
- Compute  $\mathbb{E}_\theta(X_i | Y_i)$ .
- Use (a) and (b) to derive an EM updating formula for  $\theta$ .