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FROM BLACK-BOX TO HYBRID APPROACHES

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INTRODUCTION

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1.1 OUTLINE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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1.2 PUBLICATIONS

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BACKGROUND

OUTLINE

This chapter concerns the definition of unsupervised learning with a brief review of classical methods. Graphical models (in particular B-net are introduced here.) It continues with a review of deep generative modeling, with a discussion between explicit and implicit generative modeling. We introduce the concepts of GANs, VAEs, Normalizing Flows and diffusion models. With a note that VAEs and diffusions models are discussed in more details in further chapters.

2.1 UNSUPERVISED LEARNING

Part I

BLACK-BOX GENERATIVE MODELING

DEEP LATENT VARIABLES GENERATIVE MODELS

OUTLINE ???

3.1 VARIATIONAL AUTO ENCODERS

3.2 DIFFUSION MODELS

3.3 CONTRIBUTION: *diffusion priors in variational autoencoders*

UNSTRUCTURED DENSITY ESTIMATION WITH NORMALIZING FLOWS

OUTLINE

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4.1 NORMALIZING FLOWS

4.2 CONTRIBUTION: *you say normalizing flows i see bayesian networks*

4.3 CONTRIBUTION: *unconstrained monotonic neural networks*

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DIGRESSION ON MONOTONIC FUNCTIONS IN MACHINE LEARNING

OUTLINE

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Part II

HYBRID GENERATIVE MODELING

STRUCTURED DENSITY ESTIMATION WITH NORMALIZING FLOWS

OUTLINE

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6.1 CONTRIBUTION: *graphical normalizing flows*

HYBRID GENERATIVE MODELS

OUTLINE ???

7.1 CONTRIBUTION: *robust hybrid learning with expert augmentation*

Part III

APPENDIX

NOTATIONS

\mathcal{A}	A supervised learning algorithm??
$\mathcal{A}(\theta, \mathcal{L})$	The model $\varphi_{\mathcal{L}}$ produced by algorithm \mathcal{A} over \mathcal{L} and hyper-parameters θ??
α_s	The proportion of samples in a random patch??
α_f	The proportion of features in a random patch??
b_l	The l -th value of a categorical variable??
B	A subset $B \subseteq V$ of variables??
c_k	The k -th class??
C_p^k	The number of k -combinations from a set of p elements??
$C(N)$	The time complexity for splitting N samples??
\mathbb{E}	Expectation??
$\bar{E}(\varphi_{\mathcal{L}}, \mathcal{L}')$	The average prediction error of $\varphi_{\mathcal{L}}$ over \mathcal{L}'??
$\text{Err}(\varphi_{\mathcal{L}})$	The generalization error of $\varphi_{\mathcal{L}}$??, ??
$H(X)$	The Shannon entropy of X??
$H(X Y)$	The Shannon entropy of X conditional to Y??
\mathcal{H}	The space of candidate models??
$i(t)$	The impurity of node t??, ??
$i_R(t)$	The impurity of node t based on the local resubstitution estimate??, ??
$i_H(t)$	The entropy impurity of node t??
$i_G(t)$	The Gini impurity of node t??
$\Delta i(s, t)$	The impurity decrease of the split s at node t??
$I(X; Y)$	The mutual information between X and Y??
$\text{Imp}(X_j)$	The variable importance of X_j??, ??
J	The number of classes??
K	The number of folds in cross-validation?? The number of input variables drawn at each node for finding a split??
$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$	The kernel of \mathbf{x}_i and \mathbf{x}_j??, ??
L	A loss function?? The number of values of a categorical variable??
\mathcal{L}	A learning set (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y})??
\mathcal{L}^m	The m -th bootstrap replicate of \mathcal{L}??

\mathcal{L}_t	The subset of node samples falling into node t ... ??
M	The number of base models in an ensemble ??
$\mu_{\mathcal{L}, \theta_m}(\mathbf{x})$	The mean prediction at $X = \mathbf{x}$ of $\varphi_{\mathcal{L}, \theta_m}$??
N	The number of input samples ??
N_t	The number of node samples in node t ??
N_{ct}	The number of node samples of class c in node t .. ??
Ω	The universe, or population, from which cases are sampled ??
p	The number of input variables ??
p_L	The proportion of node samples going to t_L ??
p_R	The proportion of node samples going to t_R ??
$p(t)$	The estimated probability $p(X \in \mathcal{X}_t) = \frac{N_t}{N}$??
$p(c t)$	The empirical probability estimate $p(Y = c X \in \mathcal{X}_t) = \frac{N_{ct}}{N_t}$ of class c at node t ??
$\hat{p}_{\mathcal{L}}$	An empirical probability estimate computed from the learning set \mathcal{L} ??
$P(X, Y)$	The joint probability distribution of the input variables $X = (X_1, \dots, X_p)$ and the output variable Y .. ??
$\mathcal{P}_k(V)$	The set of subsets of V of size k ??
φ	A model or function $\mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$?? A single decision tree ??
$\tilde{\varphi}$	The set of terminal nodes in φ ??
$\varphi(\mathbf{x})$	The prediction of φ for the sample \mathbf{x} ??
$\varphi_{\mathcal{L}}$	A model built from \mathcal{L} ??
$\varphi_{\mathcal{L}, \theta}$	A model built from \mathcal{L} with random seed θ ??
φ_B	A Bayes model ??
$\psi_{\mathcal{L}, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_M}$	An ensemble of M models built from \mathcal{L} and random seeds $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M$??
\mathcal{Q}	A set $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ of splits of restricted structure ??, ??
$\mathcal{Q}(X_j)$	The set $\mathcal{Q}(X_j) \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$ of univariate binary splits that can be defined on variable X_j ??, ??
$\rho(\mathbf{x})$	The correlation coefficient between the predictions at $X = \mathbf{x}$ of two randomized models ??
s	A split ??, ??
s^*	The best split ??, ??
s_j^*	The best binary split defined on variable X_j ??, ??
s_j^v	The binary split $(\{\mathbf{x} x_j \leq v\}, \{\mathbf{x} > v\})$ defined on variable X_j with discretization threshold v ??
s_t	The split labeling node t ??
\tilde{s}_t^j	The best surrogate split for s_t defined from X_j ... ??

\mathcal{S}	The set of all possible splits s??
$\sigma_{\mathcal{L}, \theta_m}^2(\mathbf{x})$	The prediction variance at $X = \mathbf{x}$ of $\varphi_{\mathcal{L}, \theta_m}$??
t	A node in a decision tree??
t_L	The left child of node t??, ??
t_R	The right child of node t??, ??
θ	A vector of hyper-parameter values?? A random seed??
θ^*	The optimal hyper-parameters??
$\hat{\theta}^*$	The approximately optimal hyper-parameters??
θ_m	The seed of the m -th model in an ensemble??
v	A discretization threshold in a binary split??
v_k	The k -th value of an ordered variable, when node samples are in sorted order??
v'_k	The mid-cut point between v_k and v_{k+1}??
V	The set $\{X_1, \dots, X_p\}$ of input variables??
V^{-j}	$V \setminus \{X_j\}$??
\mathbb{V}	Variance??
\mathbf{x}	A case, sample or input vector (x_1, \dots, x_p)??
\mathbf{x}_i	The i -th input sample in \mathcal{L}??
x_j	The value of variable X_j for the sample \mathbf{x}??
\mathbf{X}	The $N \times p$ matrix representing the values of all N samples for all p input variables??
X_j	The j -th input variable or feature??, ??
X	The random vector (X_1, \dots, X_p)??
\mathcal{X}_j	The domain or space of variable X_j??
\mathcal{X}	The input space $\mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_p$??
\mathcal{X}_t	The subspace $\mathcal{X}_t \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ represented by node t??
y	A value of the output variable Y??
\hat{y}_t	The value labelling node t??
\hat{y}_t^*	The optimal value labelling node t??
\mathbf{y}	The output values (y_1, \dots, y_N)??
Y	The output or response variable Y??
\mathcal{Y}	The domain or space of variable Y??

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