

SGVI(Stochastic Gradient Variational Inference)

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Black Box Variational Inference

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Let $\mathcal{L}(\phi) \triangleq \text{ELBO} = \mathbb{E}_{q(z|\phi)} [\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi)]$

NOTE: 这个属于EM 算法的E步, 固定 $p(x, z)$, $\argmax q(z|\phi)$

对 \mathcal{L} 的参数 ϕ 求导得:

$$\nabla_{\phi} \mathcal{L} = \nabla_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{q(z|\phi)} [\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi)] \quad (0)$$

$$= \nabla_{\phi} \int (\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi)) q(z|\phi) dz \quad (1)$$

$$= \int \nabla_{\phi} [(\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi)) q(z|\phi)] dz \quad (2)$$

$$= \int \nabla_{\phi} [\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi)] q(z|\phi) dz + \int \nabla_{\phi} q(z|\phi) (\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi)) dz \quad (3)$$

$$= -\mathbb{E}_{q(z|\phi)} [\log q(z|\phi)] + \int \nabla_{\phi} q(z|\phi) (\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi)) dz \quad (4)$$

- (1) 将期望展开
- (2) 交换了积分和求导的位置
- (3) 用了分步求导: 前导后不导 + 前不导后导
- (4) 注意到 $\nabla_{\phi} \log p(x, z) = 0$

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{a} = -\mathbb{E}_{q(z|\phi)} [\log q(z|\phi)], \quad \mathbf{b} = \int \nabla_{\phi} q(z|\phi) (\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi)) dz$$

$$\text{So } \nabla_{\phi} \mathcal{L} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$$

首先求 \mathbf{a}

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\mathbb{E}_{q(z|\phi)} [\nabla_{\phi} \log q(z|\phi)] \\ &= -\mathbb{E}_{q(z|\phi)} \left[\frac{\nabla_{\phi} q(z|\phi)}{q(z|\phi)} \right] \\ &= -\int \frac{\nabla_{\phi} q(z|\phi)}{q(z|\phi)} q(z|\phi) dz \\ &= -\int \nabla_{\phi} q(z|\phi) dz \\ &= -\nabla_{\phi} \int q(z|\phi) dz = -\nabla_{\phi} 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

接着求 \mathbf{b}

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \nabla_{\phi} [q(z|\phi)] (\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi)) dz \\ &= \int [\nabla_{\phi} [\log q(z|\phi)] (\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi))] q(z|\phi) dz \quad (5) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{q(z|\phi)} [\nabla_{\phi} [\log q(z|\phi)] (\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi))] \end{aligned}$$

- (5) 用到了 $\nabla_{\phi} [q(z|\phi)] = \nabla_{\phi} [\log q(z|\phi)] q(z|\phi)$

$$\text{So, } \nabla_{\phi} \mathcal{L} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \mathbb{E}_{q(z|\phi)} [\nabla_{\phi} \log q(z|\phi) (\log p(x, z) - \log q(z|\phi))] \quad (6)$$

所以我们可以使用蒙特卡洛方法，Draw S samples from $q(z|\phi)$

$$\nabla_{\phi} \mathcal{L} \approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \nabla_{\phi} \log q(z[s]|\phi) (\log p(x, z[s]) - \log q(z[s]|\phi))$$

然后梯度上升更新参数

$$\phi = \phi + \rho \nabla_{\phi} \mathcal{L}$$

但是这里存在一个问题，定性的分析是 $\nabla_{\phi} [\log q(z[s]|\phi)]$ 在 $q(z[s]|\phi)$ 趋近于0附近变化很剧烈，这就造成使用蒙特卡洛方法得到的 ∇_{ϕ} 方差会很大，从而使得采样数量要求非常巨大，所以我们要想办法减小方差。

The reparameterization trick

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1312.6114.pdf>

1. random variable $\mathbf{Z} \sim q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$
2. noise variable $\epsilon \sim p(\epsilon)$, 分布 $p(\epsilon)$ 是我们挑选的，所以已知
3. using a differentiable transformation $\mathbf{Z} = g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x})$
4. $\mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} [f(\mathbf{z})] = \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon)} [f(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}))] \simeq \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L f(g_{\phi}(\epsilon^{(l)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}))$ where $\epsilon^{(l)} \sim p(\epsilon)$

$$\mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} [f(\mathbf{z})] = \int q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) f(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \quad (7)$$

$$= \int q_{\phi}(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) f(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) d(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \quad (8)$$

$$= \int q_{\phi}(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) f(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \nabla_{\epsilon} [g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})] d\epsilon \quad (9)$$

$$= \int p(\epsilon) [f(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}))] d\epsilon \quad (10)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon)} [f(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}))] \quad (11)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon)} [f(\mathbf{z})] \quad (12)$$

- (7) 将期望展开成积分形式
- (8) 采用定积分里面的换元法 $\mathbf{Z} = g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x})$
- (9) 对换元后的结果进一步计算，对 ϵ 求梯度，即

$$\frac{d(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{d\epsilon} = \nabla_{\epsilon} [g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})]$$

$$d(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) = \nabla_{\epsilon} [g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})] d\epsilon$$

- (10) 用到了

$$\begin{aligned} \int p(\epsilon) d\epsilon &= 1 \\ &= \int q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{z} \\ &= \int q_{\phi}(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) d(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \\ &= \int q_{\phi}(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \nabla_{\epsilon} [g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})] d\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } p(\epsilon) = q_{\phi}(g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \nabla_{\epsilon} [g_{\phi}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})]$$

- (11) 将定积分转为期望形式
- (12) 使用 $\mathbf{Z} = g_\phi(\epsilon, \mathbf{x})$

所以我们可以得出

$$\mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}[f(\mathbf{z})] = \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon)}[f(\mathbf{z})] \quad (13)$$

将 (13) 应用到 (0) 中

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_\phi \mathcal{L} &= \nabla_\phi \mathbb{E}_{q(z|\phi)}[\log p(x^{(i)}, z) - \log q(z|\phi)] \\ &= \nabla_\phi \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon)}[\log p(x^{(i)}, z) - \log q(z|\phi)] \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon)}[\nabla_\phi(\log p(x^{(i)}, z) - \log q(z|\phi))] \quad (15)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon)}\left[\frac{d}{dz}(\log p(x^{(i)}, z) - \log q(z|\phi))\frac{dz}{d\phi}\right] \quad (16)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon)}\left[\left(\frac{d}{dz}(\log p(x^{(i)}, z) - \log q(z|\phi))\right)\left(\frac{d}{d\phi}g_\phi(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right)\right] \quad (17)$$

- (14) 相当于令 (13) 中的 $f(\mathbf{z}) = \log p(x^{(i)}, z) - \log q(z|\phi)$
- (15) 交换梯度与期望的顺序, 因为 $p(\epsilon)$ 与 ϕ 无关
- (16) 采用了链式求导 $\frac{dx}{d\phi} = \frac{dx}{dz} \frac{dz}{d\phi}$
- (17) $\mathbf{Z} = g_\phi(\epsilon, \mathbf{x})$

这样就可以使用蒙特卡洛方法计算 (17)

采样 $\epsilon^{(l)} \sim p(\epsilon)$, $l = 1, 2, \dots, L$

$$\nabla_\phi \mathcal{L} \approx \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \left[\left(\frac{d}{dz}(\log p(x^{(i)}, z) - \log q(z|\phi)) \right) \left(\frac{d}{d\phi} g_\phi(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right) \right]$$

where $\mathbf{Z} = g_\phi(\epsilon, \mathbf{x})$

然后梯度上升更新参数:

$$\phi = \phi + \rho \nabla_\phi \mathcal{L}$$