

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 $p(x, z)$, $\text{argmax } q(z|\phi)$

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 $\nabla_{\phi} \log p(x, z) = 0$

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

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

首先求 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 b

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

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

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

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 $\epsilon^{(l)} \sim p(\epsilon)$

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (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
- (10) 用到了

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

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

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

所以我们可以得出

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

将 (13) 应用到 (0) 中

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

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

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

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

- (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 $p(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})$ 与 ϕ 无关
- (16) 采用了链式求导 $\frac{dx}{d\phi} = \frac{dx}{dz} \frac{dz}{d\phi}$
- (17) $\mathbf{Z} = g_\phi(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \mathbf{x})$

这样就可以使用蒙特卡洛方法计算 (17)

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

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_\phi \mathcal{L} &\approx \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \left[\left(\frac{d}{dz} (\log p(x^{(i)}, z) - \log q(z|\phi)) \right) \left(\frac{d}{d\phi} g_\phi(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right) \right] \\
&\quad \text{where } \mathbf{Z} = g_\phi(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \mathbf{x})
\end{aligned}$$

然后梯度上升更新参数:

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