

Problem 1

Similar to the proof in the LDA paper, we derive the ELBO for smoothed LDA first, then show the update formula for λ, γ, ϕ

The ELBO for smoothed LDA is shown below, notice the first 5 terms are the same as LDA paper, and the last two are from the smoothed LDA assumption: $\beta \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\eta)$

$$\begin{aligned} L(\lambda, \gamma, \phi; \alpha, \eta) &= \log p(w|\alpha, \eta) - KL(q(\beta, \theta, z|\lambda, \gamma, \phi) || p(\beta, \theta, z|w, \alpha, \eta)) \\ &= E_q \log p(\theta|\alpha) + E_q \log p(z|\theta) + E_q \log p(w|z, \beta) - E_q \log q(\theta) - E_q \log q(z) \\ &\quad + E_q \log p(\beta|\eta) - E_q \log q(\beta) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

As shown in LDA paper appendix A.1(, and shown in class), Dirichlet distribution belongs to exponential family with natural parameter $\alpha - 1$ and sufficient statistic $\log x$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x|\alpha) &= \frac{1}{B(\alpha)} \prod x_i^{\alpha_i - 1} \\ &= \exp\left\{\sum_i (\alpha_i - 1) \log x_i + \log \Gamma(\sum_i \alpha_i) - \sum_i \log \Gamma(\alpha_i)\right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

, and we have the below formula for exponential family.

$$\frac{d}{d\eta(\alpha)} A(\alpha) = E_{p(x)} T(x) \quad (3)$$

Thus, we show the explicit form for the sixth term

$$\begin{aligned} E_q \log p(\beta|\eta) &= E_q \log \prod_k \frac{\Gamma(\sum_i \eta_i)}{\prod_i \Gamma(\eta_i)} \prod_i \beta_{k,i}^{\eta_i - 1} \\ &= K \log \Gamma(\sum_i \eta_i) - K \sum_i \log \Gamma(\eta_i) + \sum_k E_q \left[\sum_i (\eta_i - 1) \log \beta_{k,i} \right] \\ &= K \log \Gamma(\sum_i \eta_i) - K \sum_i \log \Gamma(\eta_i) + \sum_k \sum_i (\eta_i - 1) E_q [\log \beta_{k,i}] \\ &= K \log \Gamma(\sum_i \eta_i) - K \sum_i \log \Gamma(\eta_i) + \sum_k \sum_i (\eta_i - 1) \frac{d}{d\lambda_{k,i}} (\log \Gamma(\lambda_{k,i}) - \log \Gamma(\sum_j \lambda_{k,j})) \\ &= K \log \Gamma(\sum_i \eta_i) - K \sum_i \log \Gamma(\eta_i) + \sum_k \sum_i (\eta_i - 1) (\Psi(\lambda_{k,i}) - \Psi(\sum_j \lambda_{k,j})) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_q \log p(\theta|\alpha) &= \log \Gamma(\sum_i \alpha_i) - \sum_i \log \Gamma(\alpha_i) + \sum_i (\alpha_i - 1) (\Psi(\gamma_i) - \Psi(\sum_j \gamma_j)) \\ E_q \log p(z|\theta) &= \sum_d \sum_n \sum_i \phi_{d,n,i} (\Psi(\gamma_{d,i}) - \Psi(\sum_j \gamma_{d,j})) \\ E_q \log p(w|z, \beta) &= \sum_d \sum_n \sum_i \sum_j \phi_{d,n,i} w_{d,n,j} (\Psi(\lambda_{k,j}) - \Psi(\sum_k \lambda_{i,k})) \\ E_q \log q(\theta) &= \sum_d (\log \Gamma(\sum_j \gamma_{d,j}) - \sum_i \log \Gamma(\gamma_{d,i}) + \sum_i (\gamma_{d,i} - 1) (\Psi(\gamma_{d,i}) - \Psi(\sum_j \gamma_{d,j}))) \\ E_q \log q(z) &= \sum_d \sum_n \sum_i \phi_{d,n,i} \log \phi_{d,n,i} \\ E_q \log q(\beta) &= \sum_k (\log \Gamma(\sum_i \lambda_{k,i}) - \sum_i \log \Gamma(\lambda_{k,i}) + \sum_i (\lambda_{k,i} - 1) (\Psi(\lambda_{k,i}) - \Psi(\sum_j \lambda_{k,j}))) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

(1)

We take the relevant terms w.r.t. $\phi_{d,n,i}$ with a Lagrange multiplier $\lambda(\sum_i \phi_{d,n,i} - 1)$, since $\sum_i \phi_{d,n,i} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L = & \phi_{d,n,i}(\Psi(\gamma_{d,i}) - \Psi(\sum_j \gamma_{d,j})) \\
 & + \phi_{d,n,i} \sum_j w_{d,n,j}(\Psi(\lambda_{k,j}) - \Psi(\sum_k \lambda_{i,k})) \\
 & - \phi_{d,n,i} \log \phi_{d,n,i} \\
 & + \lambda(\sum_i \phi_{d,n,i} - 1)
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

and set it to zero, we have

$$\phi_{d,n,i} \propto \exp(\Psi(\gamma_{d,i}) - \Psi(\sum_j \gamma_{d,j}) + \sum_j w_{d,n,j}(\Psi(\lambda_{k,j}) - \Psi(\sum_k \lambda_{i,k}))), \tag{7}$$

the $\Psi(\sum_j \gamma_{d,j})$ term could be removed, since it is constant for fixed d , thus does not matter after normalizing ϕ . Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_i &= \eta + \sum_d \sum_n \phi_{d,n,i} w_{d,n} \\
 \gamma_d &= \alpha + \sum_n \phi_{d,n,i}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

(2)

Already shown in Equation(1, 4, 5)

(3), (4)

We show below the negative ELBO as a function of epoch and batch size

- Batched LDA's performance is greatly influenced by initialization, while full-batched LDA is not
- full batched LDA outperforms batched version consistently, almost regardless of initialization

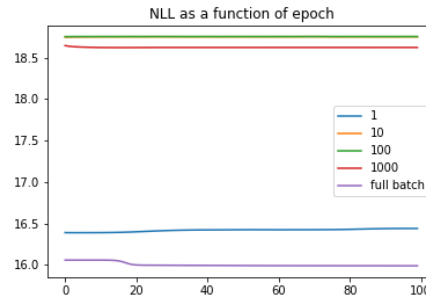


Figure 1: results of ELBO

Problem 2

(1)

The ELBO for logistic regression is

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\mu, \sigma^2) &= E_q \log p(x, \beta) - \log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) \\
\nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} L &= \nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} \int q(\beta, |\mu, \sigma^2) (\log p(x, \beta) - \log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2)) d\beta \\
&= \int q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) \nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} \log q(\beta, |\mu, \sigma^2) (\log p(x, \beta) - \log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2)) \\
&\quad - q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) \nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} \log q(\beta, |\mu, \sigma^2) d\beta \\
&= E_q \nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} \log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) (\log p(x, \beta) - \log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) - 1) \\
&= E_q \nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} \log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) (\log p(x, \beta) - \log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2)) \\
\log p(x, \beta) &= \sum_i y_i \log \sigma(\beta^T x_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \sigma(\beta^T x_i)) + \log N(\beta|0, 1) \\
\log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) &= \log N(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2)
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Now we only need to solve for $\nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} \log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) &= \log N(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) \\
&= -\frac{D \log \sigma^2}{2} - \frac{\|\beta - \mu\|_2^2}{2\sigma^2} \\
\nabla_{\mu_i} \log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) &= \frac{\beta_i - \mu_i}{\sigma^2} \\
\nabla_{\sigma^2} \log q(\beta|\mu, \sigma^2) &= -\frac{D}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\|\beta - \mu\|_2^2}{2(\sigma^2)^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

By substituting the above equation into (9), we derive the score function estimator for the gradient of ELBO w.r.t. μ and σ .

(2)

We use $\nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} \log q(\beta, |\mu, \sigma^2)$ to control variation, which is also adopted in BBVI paper.

As for implementation details, I used Adam for optimizing BBVI(vanilla bbvi), BBVI with control variates(bbvi cv) and BBVI with reparameterization trick(bbvi rt). The results in ELBO(log -ELBO) are shown below.

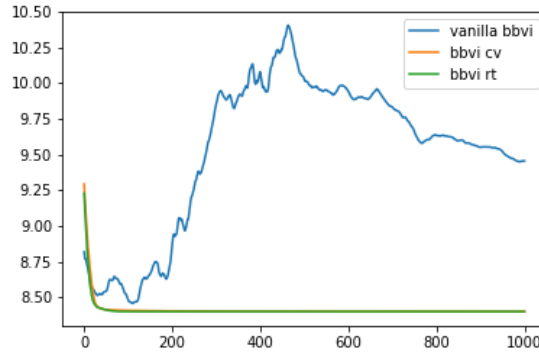


Figure 2: results of various BBVI

(3)

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} L &= \nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} E_q \log p(x, \beta) - \log q_{\mu, \sigma^2}(\beta) \\
&= E_{q(\epsilon)} \nabla_{\mu, \sigma^2} \log p(x, g_{\mu, \sigma^2}(\epsilon)) - \log q_{\mu, \sigma^2}(g_{\mu, \sigma^2}(\epsilon))
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

For logistic regression, we have (note that σ is short for $\sigma((\mu + \sigma\epsilon)^T x_i)$ except in $\mu + \sigma\epsilon$)

$$\begin{aligned}
\log p(x, g_{\mu, \sigma^2}(\epsilon)) &= \sum_i y_i \log \sigma + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \sigma) + \log N(\mu + \sigma\epsilon | 0, 1) \\
\nabla_{\mu} \log p(x, g_{\mu, \sigma^2}(\epsilon)) &= \sum_i y_i \frac{\sigma(1 - \sigma)}{\sigma} x_i + (1 - y_i) \frac{-\sigma(1 - \sigma)}{1 - \sigma} x_i - (\mu + \sigma\epsilon) \\
&= \sum_i y_i (1 - \sigma) x_i + (y_i - 1) \sigma x_i - (\mu + \sigma\epsilon) \\
\nabla_{\sigma^2} \log p(x, g_{\mu, \sigma^2}(\epsilon)) &= \left\{ \sum_i y_i \frac{\sigma(1 - \sigma)}{\sigma} \epsilon x_i + (1 - y_i) \frac{-\sigma(1 - \sigma)}{1 - \sigma} \epsilon x_i - (\mu + \sigma\epsilon) \epsilon \right\} \frac{d\sigma}{d(\sigma^2)} \\
&= \left(\sum_i y_i (1 - \sigma) x_i + (y_i - 1) \sigma x_i - (\mu + \sigma\epsilon) \right) \frac{\epsilon}{2\sqrt{\sigma^2}} \\
\log q_{\mu, \sigma^2}(g_{\mu, \sigma^2}(\epsilon)) &= \log N(\mu + \sigma\epsilon | \mu, \sigma^2) \\
&= -\frac{D}{2} \log \sigma^2 + C \\
\nabla_{\sigma^2} \log q_{\mu, \sigma^2}(g_{\mu, \sigma^2}(\epsilon)) &= -\frac{D}{2\sigma^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

The results of BBVI with reparameterization trick is shown in (2). Here we show the performance in minibatch senario.

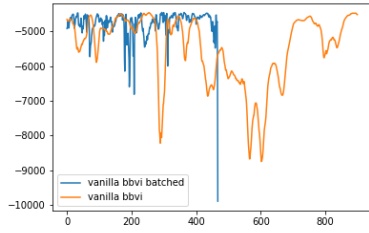


Figure 3: results of vanilla BBVI

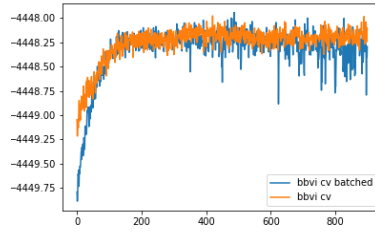


Figure 4: results of BBVI cv

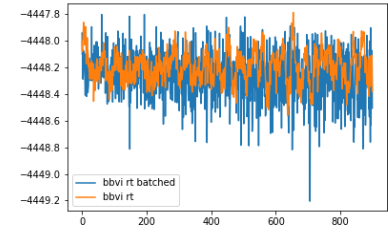
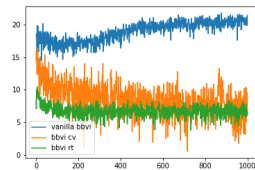
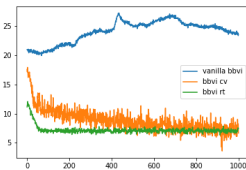
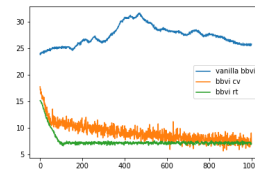
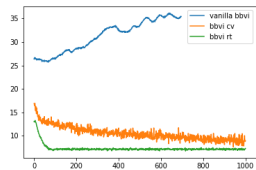
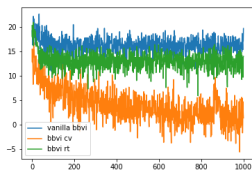
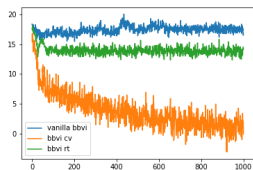
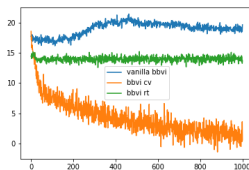
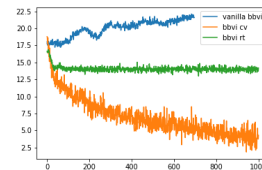


Figure 5: results of BBVI rt

The settings are: batch size being 1000, sample result every 10 iteration *i.e.* one epoch. Notice that vanilla BBVI diverged after 500 epoch even in such a large batch size. For BBVI with control variates and reparameterization trick, we only show their ELBO after 100 epoch to show their performance after convergence. (4)

We show the result w.r.t. $Var(\mu)$ and $Var(\sigma)$ below. Notice that in my implementation, we estimate $\nabla_{\log \sigma^2}$ instead. As batch size increases, BBVI+CV/RT reduces the variances more and the variance becomes more stable.

Figure 6: results of μ , 4 samplesFigure 7: results of μ , 32 samplesFigure 8: results of μ , 64 samplesFigure 9: results of μ , 128 samples

Figure 10: results of σ , 4 samplesFigure 11: results of σ , 32 samplesFigure 12: results of σ , 64 samplesFigure 13: results of σ , 128 samples

(6)

NOTE: no better results made!

- replace σ with σ_1, σ_2 theoretically should perform no worse than a single σ , but in practice not (ELBO drops to -1460)
- replace Gaussian prior by t-distribution or Laplace distribution does not work neither (ELBO drops to -1480)