MATH 690: Topics in Probability Theory

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Clustering

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1 Introduction

The lecture covered the following on the consistency of spectral clustering

- Setup of \mathcal{L}_{un} and \mathcal{L}_n and their limit operators U and U'
- \bullet First r spectral convergence
- Bochner's Theorem

2 Consistency of Spectral Clustering

2.1 The Problem Setup

Suppose $X_i \sim P$ where P is some distribution on $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^D$. W_{ij} is the affinity matrix where, as an example,

$$W_{ij} = e^{\frac{-|x_i - x_j|^2}{\varepsilon}}$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$.

As $n \to \infty$, we want to show the convergence of the graph Laplacian \mathcal{L} .

1.
$$\mathcal{L}_n = D - W$$
 where $D_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n W_{ij} \ (\to U)$, i.e. unnormalized

2.
$$\mathcal{L}'_n = D^{-\frac{1}{2}}(D - W)D^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
 where $(\to U')$, i.e. symmetric

3.
$$\mathcal{L}_n'' = D^{-1}(D - W) = I - P$$
, i.e. random walk

2.2 Limit operators U and U'

We construct linear limit operators U and U' on C(X) which are the limit of the discrete operators \mathcal{L}_n and \mathcal{L}'_n . We prove that the first "r" eigenvectors of the discrete operators converge to eigenfunction of the limit operators.

Definition 2.1: Limit Operators

We define U as

$$U: C(\Omega) \to C(\Omega)$$

$$Uf(x) = f(x)d(x) - \int k(x, y)f(y)dP(y)$$

where

$$dP(x) = p(x)dx$$

$$dx = \int k(x, y)dP(y)$$

$$x \in \Omega$$

Theorem 2.1: U'

$$U'f(x) = f(x) - \int \frac{k(x,y)}{\sqrt{d(x)}\sqrt{d(y)}} f(y)dP(y)$$

Proof 2.1: U', Theorem 2.1

$$(D^{-\frac{1}{2}}WD^{-\frac{1}{2}})_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{D_{ii}}}W_{ij}\frac{1}{\sqrt{D_{jj}}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{n}k(x_i, x_j)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j'}k(x_i, x'_j)}\sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j'}k(x_j, x'_j)}}$$

$$\approx \frac{\frac{1}{n}k(x_i, x_j)}{\sqrt{d(x_i)}\sqrt{d(x_j)}}$$

2.3 First r spectral convergence

Let's discuss what "first r spectral convergence" means. M_n first r spectral convergence to T if first r eigenvalues of M_n converge to those of T, and the associated eigenvectors converge to the eigenfunctions of T, the first smallest r eigenvalues.

Theorem 2.2: Convergence

For fixed r > 0, $n \to \infty$, and mild conditions,

- 1. (Unnormalized) \mathcal{L}_n first r spectral converge to U if the first r eigenvalues of U lie outside of the range of the degree function d(x). We need extra constraints for convergence since U might coincide with the range of d(x).
- 2. (Normalized Symmetric) \mathcal{L}'_n first r spectral converge to the operator U'.

Proof 2.2: Convergence, Theorem 2.2

(Case 2 \mathcal{L}_{sym}) Have M_n converge to T where

$$M_n: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$T: C(\Omega) \to C(\Omega)$$

$$M_n: I - D^{\frac{-1}{2}} W D^{\frac{-1}{2}}$$

$$T = U'$$

$$Tf(x) = f(x) - \int h(x, y)f(y)dP(y)$$
$$= f(x) - \int h(x, y)f(y)dP_n(y)$$
$$= f(x) - \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n h(x, x_i)f(x_i)$$

where

$$h(x,y) = \frac{k(x,y)}{\sqrt{d(x)}\sqrt{d(y)}}$$
$$dP_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i}(x)dx$$

Lemma 2.2: Spectral Equivalence between M_n and T_n

- 1. If $T_n \varphi = \lambda \varphi$, let $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $i = 1, ..., nv_i = \varphi(x_i)$, then $M_n v = \lambda v$.
- 2. If $M_n v = \lambda v$ and $\lambda \neq 1$, then let $\varphi = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum h(x, x_j) v_j}{1 \lambda}$ and so then $T_n \varphi = \lambda \varphi$.

Lemma 2.2: Spectral Convergence

Replacing $dP_n(y)$ to be dP(y), T_n spectral converges to T.

Proof 2.2: Spectral Convergence, Lemma 2.2

For all $f, T_n \to Tf$ by the Law of Large Numbers. $||T_n f - Tf||_{\inf} \to 0$ simultaneously for "sufficiently many" f such that for each eigenvalue of $T(\lambda \neq 1)$, the associated eigenvalue of T_n converge to λ and the associated eigenfunction of T_n converges. In other words, $T_n \varphi_n = \lambda_n \varphi_n$ so $\lambda_n \to \text{asymptotically } T\varphi = \lambda \varphi$ and $||\varphi_n - \varphi||_{\infty} \to 0$