

# Deep Statistical Learning



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# Part I

## Introduction

# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Probability

**Definition 1** *Independence*

$$X \perp Y \leftrightarrow p(X, Y) = p(X)p(Y)$$

**Definition 2** *Conditional independence*

$$X \perp Y|Z \leftrightarrow p(X, Y|Z) = p(X|Z)p(Y|Z)$$

All the dependencies between  $X$  and  $Y$  are mediated via  $Z$ . If  $X$  and  $Y$  are conditionally independent, then

$$\begin{aligned} p(X|Y, Z) &= \frac{p(X, Y|Z)}{p(Y|Z)} \\ &= \frac{p(X|Z)p(Y|Z)}{p(Y|Z)} \\ &= p(X|Z). \end{aligned}$$

#### 1.1.1 The law of total expectation

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Y|X]] = \mathbb{E}[Y].$$

It is worth trying to parse this formula more carefully and adding some subscripts:

$$\mathbb{E}_X[\mathbb{E}_{Y|X}[Y|X]] = \mathbb{E}[Y].$$

Intuitively, this expression has a divide and conquer flavour, *i.e.*, what it says is that to compute the average of a random variable  $Y$ , you can first compute its average over a bunch of partitions of the sample space (where some other random variable  $X$  is fixed to different values), and then average the resulting averages.

Example: Suppose I had a population of people, 47% of whom were men and the remaining 53% were women. Suppose that the average height of the men was 70 inches, and the women was 71 inches. What is the average height of the entire population?

By the law of total expectation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[H] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[H|S]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[H|S]\mathbb{P}(S = m) + \mathbb{E}[H|S]\mathbb{P}(S = f) \\ &= 70 \times 0.47 + 71 \times 0.53 = 70.53\end{aligned}$$

## 1.2 Transformations of Random Variable

### 1.2.1 Formal Definition

Suppose  $X$  is a continuous random variable with pdf  $f(x)$ . If we define  $Y = g(X)$ , where  $g(\cdot)$  is a monotonically increasing function, then the pdf of  $Y$  can be obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}p(Y \leq y) &= p(g(X) \leq y) \\ &= p(X \leq g^{-1}(y))\end{aligned}$$

This can be re-written as by definition

$$F_Y(y) = F_X(g^{-1}(y))$$

By differentiating the CDFs on both sides w.r.t.  $y$ , we can get the pdf of  $Y$ . If the function  $g(\cdot)$  is monotonically increasing, then the pdf of  $Y$  is given by

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y)$$

On the other hand, if it is monotonically decreasing, then the pdf of  $Y$  is given by

$$f_Y(y) = -f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y)$$

Compactly, the above two equations can be combined into a following equation:

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right|$$

### 1.2.2 Intuition

Given a random variable  $z$  and its known probability density function  $z \sim \pi(z)$ , we would like to construct a new random variable using a one-to-one mapping function  $x = f(z)$ . The function  $f$  is invertible, so  $z = f^{-1}(x)$ . Now the question is how to infer the unknown probability density function of the new variable,  $p(x)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}\int p(x)dx &= \int \pi(z)dz = 1 \text{ ; Definition of probability distribution.} \\ p(x) &= \pi(z) \left| \frac{dz}{dx} \right| = \pi(f^{-1}(x)) \left| \frac{df^{-1}(x)}{dx} \right| = \pi(f^{-1}(x)) |(f^{-1})'(x)|\end{aligned}$$

In multivariate case,

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \pi(\mathbf{z}), \mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{z}), \mathbf{z} = f^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) \quad (1.1)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \pi(\mathbf{z}) \left| \det \frac{d\mathbf{z}}{d\mathbf{x}} \right| = \pi(f^{-1}(\mathbf{x})) \left| \det \frac{df^{-1}}{d\mathbf{x}} \right| \quad (1.2)$$

### 1.3 Bernoulli distribution

The probability of  $x = 1$  will be denoted by the parameter  $\mu$  so that

$$p(x = 1|\mu) = \mu,$$

where  $0 \leq \mu \leq 1$ , from which it follows that  $p(x = 0|\mu) = 1 - \mu$ . The probability distribution over  $x$  can be written in the form

$$\text{Bern}(x|\mu) = \mu^x(1 - \mu)^{1-x}, \quad (1.3)$$

which is known as the *Bernoulli distribution*.

Now suppose we have a dataset  $\mathcal{D} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ . We can construct the likelihood function, which is a function of  $\mu$ , on the assumption that the observations are drawn independently from  $p(x|\mu)$ , so that

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\mu) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n|\mu) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mu^{x_n}(1 - \mu)^{1-x_n}$$

In a frequentist, setting, we can estimate a value for  $\mu$  by maximizing the likelihood function, or equivalently maximizing the logarithm of the likelihood.

$$L(w) = p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) =$$

### 1.4 Gaussian Distribution

For a  $D$ -dimensional vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , the multivariate Gaussian distribution takes the form

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right) \quad (1.4)$$

$$(1.5)$$

#### 1.4.1 Conditional Gaussian Distribution

Consider first the case of conditional distributions. Suppose  $\mathbf{x}$  is a  $D$ -dimensional vector with Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and that we partition  $\mathbf{x}$  into two disjoint subsets  $\mathbf{x}_a$  and  $\mathbf{x}_b$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{x}_a$  has  $M$  components and  $\mathbf{x}_b$  has  $D - M$  components.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly,

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_b \end{bmatrix}$$

and the covariance matrix is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the symmetry  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^T = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  implies that  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab}^T = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba}$ . We can also define a *precision matrix* as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \equiv \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}$$

We also introduce a partitioned form of the precision matrix:

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.6)$$

Because the inverse of a symmetric matrix is also symmetric, we see that  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}$  are symmetric and  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab}^T = \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba}$ . Note that, for instance,  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}$  is not simply given by the inverse of  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa}$ .

Now let's compute the conditional probability:

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_b \end{pmatrix} \right)^T \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_b \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( (\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} (\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a) + (\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba} (\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a) + (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \right) \end{aligned}$$

## 1.5 Naive Bayes

Let's say we have a prediction model and it gives us a prediction. We want to measure the precision of the prediction. For example, the prediction has 90% chance of being a correct prediction. This can be modeled probabilistically. Given data  $\mathbf{x}$ , we want to know the probability of it being  $y$ . Similarly, if we have  $N$  data, then with an i.i.d., assumption,

$$\prod_{i=1}^N p(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i).$$

What we want to is to build such a probabilistic model parameterized by some parameters.

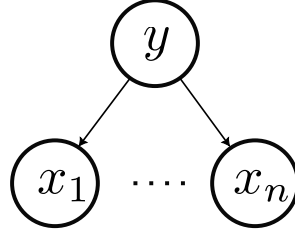
In this section, we discuss how to classify vectors of discrete-valued features  $\mathbf{x}$ . Recall that we discussed how to classify a feature vector  $\mathbf{x}$  by applying Bayes rule to a generative classifier of the form

$$p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\mathbf{x} | y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(y = c | \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

The key to using such models is specifying a suitable form for the class-conditional density  $p(\mathbf{x} | y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ , which defines what kind of data we expect to see in each class.

- $\mathbf{x} \in \{1, \dots, K\}^D$ ,

- $K$ : the number of values for each feature.
- $D$ : the number of features.
- We will use a generative approach.
- Need to specify the class conditional distribution,  $p(\mathbf{x}|y = c)$ .
- A simple approach is to assume the features are **conditionally independence** given the class label.



- This allows us to write the class conditional density as a product of one dimensional densities:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^D p(x_j|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{jc})$$

The resulting model is called a **naïve Bayes classifier (NBC)**. The model is called “naïve” since we assume the independence between the features, which is not true in practice. However, it often results in classifiers that work well.

The form of the class-conditional density depends on the type of each feature. We give some possibilities below:

- In the case of real-valued features, we can use the Gaussian distribution:  $p(\mathbf{x}|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^D \mathcal{N}(x_j|\mu_{jc}^2)$ , where  $\mu_{jc}$  is the mean of feature  $j$  in objects of class  $c$ , and  $\sigma_{jc}^2$  is its variance.
- In the case of binary features, we can use the Bernoulli distribution:  $p(\mathbf{x}|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^D \text{Ber}(x_j|\mu_{jc})$ , where  $\mu_{jc}$  is the probability that feature  $j$  occurs in class  $c$ . This is sometimes called the **multivariate Bernoulli naïve Bayes** model.
- In the case of categorical features,  $x_j \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ , we can model the multinomial distribution:  $p(\mathbf{x}|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^D \text{Cat}(x_j|\mu_{jc})$ , where  $\mu_{jc}$  is a histogram over the  $K$  possible values for  $x_j$  in class  $c$ .

The probability for a single data case is given by

$$p(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i|\boldsymbol{\pi}) = p(y_i|\boldsymbol{\pi}) \prod_j p(x_{ij}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_j) = \prod_c \pi_c^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=c)} \prod_j \prod_c p(x_{ij}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{jc})^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=c)},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$  is a vector of class probability. Hence the log-likelihood is given by

$$\log p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{c=1}^C N_c \log \pi_c + \sum_{j=1}^D \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{i: y_i=c} \log p(x_{ij}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{jc})$$



**Algorithm 1:** Fitting a naive Bayes classifier to binary features

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Initialize  $N_c = 0, N_{jc} = 0$  ;
for  $i = 1 : N$  do
     $c = y_i$  //Class label of  $i$ -th example;
     $N_c := N_c + 1$ ;
    for  $j = 1 : D$  do
        if  $x_{ij} = 1$  then
             $N_{jc} := N_{jc} + 1$ 
        end
    end
 $\hat{\pi} = \frac{N_c}{N}, \hat{\theta}_{jc} = \frac{N_{jc}}{N_c}$ 

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## 1.6 Decision Tree

In decision analysis, a decision tree can be used to visually and explicitly represent decisions and decision making. In data mining, a decision tree describes data (but the resulting classification tree can be an input for decision making).

- Classification trees: Tree models where the target variable take a discrete set of values; in these tree structures, leaves represent class labels and branches represent conjunctions of features that lead to those class labels.
- Regression trees: Decision trees where the target variable can take continuous values (typically real numbers).

The term Classification And Regression Tree (CART) analysis is an umbrella term used to refer to both them.

Some techniques, often called ensemble methods, construct more than one decision tree:

- Boosted tree: Incrementally building an ensemble by training each new instance to emphasize the training instances previously mis-modeled. A typical example is AdaBoost.
- Bootstrap aggregated (or bagged): decision trees, an early ensemble method, builds multiple decision trees by repeatedly resampling training data with replacement, and voting the trees for a consensus prediction, e.g., random forest.
- Rotation forest: in which every decision tree is trained by first applying principal component analysis (PCA) on a random subset of the input features

The basic algorithm used in decision trees is known as the ID3 (by Quinlan) algorithm. The ID3 algorithm builds decision trees using a top-down, greedy approach. Briefly, the steps to the algorithm are: Select the best attribute → Assign A as the decision attribute (test case) for the NODE. - For each value of A, create a new descendant of the NODE. - Sort the training examples to the appropriate descendant node leaf. - If examples are perfectly.

Now, the next big question is how to choose the best attribute. For ID3, we think of the best attribute in terms of which attribute has the most information gain, a measure that expresses how well an attribute splits that data into groups based on classification.

Pseudocode: ID3 is a greedy algorithm that grows the tree top-down, at each node selecting the attribute that best classifies the local training examples. This process continues until the tree perfectly classifies the training examples or until all attributes have been used.

The pseudocode assumes that the attributes are discrete and that the classification is binary. Examples are the training example. Target attribute is the attribute whose value is to be predicted by the tree. Attributes is a list of other attributes that may be tested by the learned decision tree. Finally, it returns a decision tree that correctly classifies the given Examples.

### 1.6.1 Information Gain

Information gain is a statistical property that measures how well a given attribute separates the training examples according to their target classification. As you can see in the Fig. , attribute with low information gain (right) splits the data relatively evenly and as a result doesn't bring us any closer to a decision. Whereas, an attribute with high information gain (left) splits the data into groups with an uneven number of positives and negatives and as a result helps in separating the two from each other.

To define information gain precisely, we need to define a measure commonly used in information theory called entropy that measures the level of impurity in a group of examples. Mathematically, it is defined as:

$$Entropy = - \sum_i p_i \log p_i$$

, where  $i$  is the class index. Since, the basic version of the ID3 algorithm deal with the case where classification are either positive or negative, we can define entropy as:

$$Entropy(S) = -p_+ \log_2 p_+ - p_- \log_2 p_-$$

, where

- $S$ : training examples
- $p_+$ : is the proportion of positive examples in  $S$
- $p_-$ : is the proportion of negative examples in  $S$

To illustrate, suppose  $S$  is a sample containing 14 boolean examples, with 9 positive and 5 negative examples. Then, the entropy of  $S$  relative to this boolean classification is:

$$Entropy([9+, 5-]) = -(9/14) \cdot \log_2(9/14) - (5/14) \cdot \log_2(5/14) = 0.940$$

Note that entropy is 0 if all the members of  $S$  belong to the same class. For example, if all members are positive ( $p_+=1$ ), then  $p_- = 0$ , and  $Entropy(S) = -1 \cdot \log_2(1) - 0 \cdot \log_2(0) = 0$ . Entropy is 1 when the sample contains an equal number of positive and negative examples. If the sample contains unequal number of positive and negative examples, entropy is between 0 and 1. The following figure shows the form of the entropy function relative to a boolean classification as  $p_+$  varies between 0 and 1.

Now, given entropy as a measure of the impurity in a sample of training examples, we can now define information gain as a measure of the effectiveness of an attribute in classifying the training

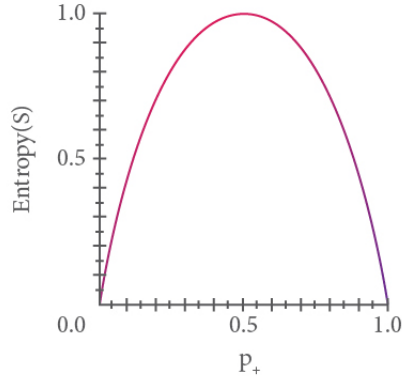


Figure 1.1: Entropy.

data. Information gain,  $Gain(S, A)$  of an attribute  $A$ , relative to a sample of examples  $S$ , is defined as:

$$Gain(S, A) \equiv Entropy(S) - \sum_{v \in Values(A)} \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} \cdot Entropy(S_v)$$

, where  $|S_v|$  is a sample belongs to class  $v$  and  $|S|$  is the number of training samples. In other words,

$$Gain = \text{Parent node of Entropy} - [\text{Average of Children Nodes Entropy}]$$

# Chapter 2

## Regression

### 2.1 Introduction

Suppose a noisy measurement  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_m]^T$  with noise  $\boldsymbol{\eta} = [\eta_1, \dots, \eta_d]^T$  and we want to estimate parameter  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d]^T$  by using our input  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_d]$ .

The measurement  $\mathbf{y}$  can be modeled as follows:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\eta},$$

where  $\mathbf{X}$  is a  $m \times d$  input matrix (or our observations). Given a parameter  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ , we consider the difference between the noisy measurements and estimated value as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

Then, we can establish an objective function as follows:

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^T \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

Note that this is equivalent to minimizing the mean squared error:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\theta})^2.$$

We can optimize this in a closed-form as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2 \\ &= (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= (\mathbf{y}^T - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T) (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

To find the  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  that minimizes the objective function, we will compute a derivative of the function while setting it equal to zero:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} &= -\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} - \mathbf{y}) = 0 \\ \boldsymbol{\theta} &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the  $\mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} - \mathbf{y})$  is called the *normal equation*.

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1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 N = 50
5 x = np.random.randn(N)
6 w_1 = 3.4 # True Parameter
7 w_0 = 0.9 # True Parameter
8 y = w_1*x + w_0 + 0.3*np.random.randn(N) # Synthesize training data
9
10 X = np.column_stack((x, np.ones(N)))
11 W = np.array([w_1, w_0])
12
13 # From Scratch
14 XtX = np.dot(X.T, X)
15 XtXinvX = np.dot(np.linalg.inv(XtX), X.T) # d x m
16 W_best = np.dot(XtXinvX, y.T)
17 print(f"W_best: {W_best}")
18
19 # Pythonic Approach
20 theta = np.linalg.lstsq(X, y, rcond=None)[0]
21 print(f"Theta: {theta}")
22
23 t = np.linspace(0, 1, 200)
24 y_pred = W_best[0]*t+W_best[1]
25 yhat = theta[0]*t+theta[1]
26 plt.plot(x, y, 'o')
27 plt.plot(t, y_pred, 'r', linewidth=4)
28 plt.show()

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## 2.2 Overdetermined and Underdetermined Systems

Recall that the linear regression problem is an optimization problem of finding the optimal parameter as follows:

$$\theta_{opt} = \underset{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - \mathbf{X}\theta\|^2.$$

We say the optimization problem is *overdetermined* if  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$  is tall and skinny, *i.e.*,  $m > d$ . This problem has a unique solution  $\theta = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$  is invertible. Equivalently,  $\mathbf{X}$  should be linearly independent (*i.e.*, full rank).

If  $\mathbf{X}$  is fat and short (*i.e.*,  $N < d$ ), a problem is called *underdetermined*. **This problem will have infinitely many solutions.** Among all the feasible solutions, we will pick the one that minimizes the squared norm. The solution is called the *minimum-norm* least squares. Consider an underdetermined linear regression problem:

$$\theta = \underset{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\theta\|^2, \text{ subject to } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\theta,$$

where  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . If  $\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X}) = N$ , then the linear regression problem will have a unique global minimum

$$\theta = \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{y}.$$

This solution is called the minimum-norm least-squares solution. The proof of this solution is given by:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda) = \|\theta\|^2 + \lambda^T (\mathbf{X}\theta - \mathbf{y}),$$

where  $\lambda$  is a Lagrange multiplier. The solution of the constrained optimization is the stationary point of the Lagrangian. To find it, we take the derivatives w.r.t.,  $\lambda$  and  $\theta$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\theta} &= 2\theta + \mathbf{X}^T \lambda = 0 \\ \nabla_{\lambda} &= \mathbf{X}\theta - \mathbf{y} = 0\end{aligned}$$

The first equation gives us  $\theta = -\mathbf{X}^T \lambda / 2$ . Substituting it into the second equation, and assuming that  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) = N$  so that  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$  is invertible, we have  $\lambda = -2(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{y}$ . Thus, we have

$$\theta = \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{y}.$$

Note that  $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T$  is often called a *Gram matrix*,  $\mathbf{G}$  (c.f., §6.1).

## 2.3 Overfitting

We examine the relationship between the number of training samples and the complexity of the model.

## 2.4 Ridge Regression

Regularization means that instead of seeking the model parameters by minimizing the training loss alone, we add a penalty term to force the parameters to “behave better”.

With the ridge regression principle, we can optimize it as follows:

$$J(\theta) = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2 \quad (2.1)$$

$$= (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta)^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta) + \lambda \theta^T \theta \quad (2.2)$$

$$= (\mathbf{y}^T - \theta^T \mathbf{X}^T) (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta) + \lambda \theta^T \theta \quad (2.3)$$

$$= \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - \theta^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X}\theta + \theta^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}\theta + \theta^T \lambda \mathbf{I}\theta \quad (2.4)$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} = -\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}\theta + \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}\theta + 2\lambda \mathbf{I}\theta = 0 \quad (2.5)$$

$$\theta = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \quad (2.6)$$

- If  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|_2^2 + \underbrace{\lambda \|\theta\|_2^2}_{=0}$
- $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\frac{1}{\lambda} \underbrace{\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|_2^2}_{=0} + \|\theta\|_2^2$ , since what we want to do is to minimize the objective function, we can divide it by  $\lambda$ . Therefore, the solution will be  $\theta = 0$ , because it is the smallest value the squared function can achieve.

Note that  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$  is always symmetric <sup>1</sup>. Thus, it can be decomposed as  $\mathbf{Q}\Lambda\mathbf{Q}^T$  by the Spectral theorem. The  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\Lambda$  are eigenvector and eigenvalue matrices, respectively. Then, the inverse

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<sup>1</sup> $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^T = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$ .

operation in the ridge regression can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I} &= \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q}^T + \lambda \mathbf{I} \\ &= \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q}^T + \lambda \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^T \\ &= \mathbf{Q} (\mathbf{\Lambda} + \lambda \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{Q}^T.\end{aligned}$$

Even if the symmetric matrix is not invertible or close to not invertible, the regularization constant  $\lambda$  makes it invertible (by making it to be a full-rank).

Note that we can change the ridge regression into a dual form:

$$(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}) \boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}) (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \quad (2.7)$$

$$(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}) \boldsymbol{\theta} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \lambda^{-1} \mathbf{I} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad (2.9)$$

$$= \mathbf{X}^T \lambda^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad (2.10)$$

$$= \mathbf{X}^T \alpha \quad (2.11)$$

$$\lambda \alpha = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad (2.12)$$

$$= (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T \alpha) \quad (2.13)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T \alpha + \lambda \alpha) \quad (2.14)$$

$$\alpha = (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T + \lambda)^{-1} \mathbf{y} \quad (2.15)$$

$$\alpha = (\mathbf{G} + \lambda)^{-1} \mathbf{y}. \quad (2.16)$$

This gives us the solution of the underdetermined problems.

## 2.5 Weighted LSE

The OLEs assume an equal confidence on all the measurements. Now we look at varying confidence in the measurements. We assume that the noise for each measurement has zero mean and is independent, then the covariance matrix for all measurement noise is given by

$$\begin{aligned}R &= \mathbb{E}(\eta \eta^T) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \sigma_l^2 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

By denoting the error vector  $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}$  as  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_l)^T$ , we will minimize the sum of squared differences weighted over the variations of the measurements:

$$J(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^T R^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \dots + \frac{\epsilon_l^2}{\sigma_l^2}$$

The best estimate of the parameter is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mathbf{X}^T R^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T R^{-1} \mathbf{y}.$$

Note that the measurement noise matrix  $R$  must be non-singular for a solution to exist.

## 2.6 Robust Linear Regression

The linear regression is based on the squared error criterion. This criterion often suffers from a serious drawback caused by outliers. By the definition of a squared error, our training loss is given by

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left( y_n - g_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(x_n) \right)^2.$$

Let's assume that one of these error terms is large due to an outlier.

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \left( y_1 - g_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(x_1) \right)^2 + \underbrace{\left( y_2 - g_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(x_2) \right)^2}_{\text{Large}} + \dots$$

If one or a few of these individual error terms are large, the square operation will amplify them. Consequently, the outliers suddenly have a very large contribution to the error. Since the goal of linear regression is to minimize the total loss, the presence of the outliers will drive the optimization solution to compensate for the large error.

## 2.7 Recursive Least Squares

The ordinary least-squares assumes that all measurements are available at a certain time. However, this often might not be the case in practice. More often, we obtain measurements sequentially and want to update our estimate with each new measurement. In this case, the matrix  $H$  needs to be augmented. This update can be very expensive. When the number of measurements is extremely large, the solutions of the least squares problem are difficult to compute.

These motivate the RLS. Suppose we have an estimate  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1}$  after  $k-1$  measurements, and obtain a new measurement  $\mathbf{y}_k$ . To be general, every measurement is now a vector with values yielded by, say, several measuring instruments.

A linear recursive estimator can be written in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_k &= \mathbf{X}_k \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_k \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_k &= \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1} + K_k (\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{X}_k \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\mathbf{X}_k$  is an  $m \times d$  matrix (observations), and  $K_k$  is  $d \times m$  and referred to as the *estimator gain matrix*. We refer to  $\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{X}_k \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1}$  as the *correction term*. Namely, the new estimate is modified from the previous estimate  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1}$  with a correction via the gain vector.

The current estimation error can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k &= \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_k \\ &= \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1} - K_k (\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{X}_k \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1}) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{k-1} - K_k (\mathbf{X}_k \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_k - \mathbf{X}_k \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1}) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{k-1} - K_k \mathbf{X}_k (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1}) - K_k \boldsymbol{\eta}_k \\ &= (I - K_k \mathbf{X}_k) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{k-1} - K_k \boldsymbol{\eta}_k, \end{aligned}$$



where  $I$  is the  $d \times d$  identity matrix. The mean of this error is then

$$\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_k] = (I - K_k \mathbf{X}_k) \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{k-1}] - K_k \mathbb{E}[\eta_k]$$

If  $\mathbb{E}[\eta_k] = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{k-1}] = 0$ , then  $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_k] = 0$ . So if the measurement noise has zero mean for all  $k$ , and the initial estimate of  $\theta$  is set equal to its expected value, then  $\theta_k = \theta, \forall k$ . This property tells us that the estimator  $\theta_k = \theta_{k-1} + K_k(\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{X}_k \theta_{k-1})$  is *unbiased*. This property holds regardless of the value of the gain vector  $K_k$ . This means the estimate will be equal to the true value  $\theta$  on average.

The key is to determine the optimal value of the gain vector  $K_k$ . The optimality criterion is to minimize the aggregated variance of the estimation errors at time  $k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} J_k &= \mathbb{E}[\|\theta - \theta_k\|^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_k^T \epsilon_k] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\text{tr}(\epsilon_k \epsilon_k^T)] \\ &= \text{tr}(P_k), \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_k = \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_k \epsilon_k^T]$  is the estimation-error covariance. Note that the third line is done by the trace of a product (*i.e.*, cyclic property) and the expectation in the third line can go into the trace operator by its linearity. Next, we can obtain  $P_k$  by

$$P_k = \mathbb{E} \left[ ((I - K_k \mathbf{X}_k) \epsilon_{k-1} - K_k \eta_k) ((I - K_k \mathbf{X}_k) \epsilon_{k-1} - K_k \eta_k)^T \right]$$

By rearranging the above equation with the property that the mean of noise is zero, we can get

$$P_k = (I - K_k \mathbf{X}_k) P_{k-1} (I - K_k \mathbf{X}_k)^T + K_k R_k K_k^T, \quad (2.17)$$

where  $R_k = \mathbb{E}[\eta_k \eta_k^T]$  as covariance of  $\eta_k$ .

This equation is the recurrence for the covariance of the least squares estimation error. It is consistent with the intuition that as the measurement noise  $R_k$  increases, the uncertainty  $P_k$  increases.

Next, we have to compute  $K_k$  that minimizes the cost function given by error equation. We are going to utilize the following property:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \text{Tr}(CX^T)}{\partial X} &= C \\ \frac{\partial \text{Tr}(XCX^T)}{\partial X} &= XC + XC^T \end{aligned}$$

Next, we are going to take a derivative to the objective function:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J_k}{\partial K_k} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial K_k} \text{tr}(P_{k-1} - K_k \mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} - P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T K_k^T + K_k (\mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T) K_k^T) + \frac{\partial}{\partial K_k} \text{tr}(K_k R_k K_k^T) \\ &= -2 \frac{\partial}{\partial K_k} \text{tr}(P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T K_k^T) + 2 K_k (\mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T) + 2 K_k R_k \\ &= -2 P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T + 2 K_k \mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T + 2 K_k R_k \\ &= -2 P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T + 2 K_k (\mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T + R_k). \end{aligned}$$

In the second step, we also used the property that  $P_{k-1}$  is independent of  $K_k$ . Thus, the derivative of  $P_{k-1}$  with respect to  $K_k$  is zero. We also used that  $K_k \mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1}$  and  $P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T K_k^T$  are transpose

of each other, since  $P_{k-1}$  is symmetric. Thus, they have the same trace. By setting the partial derivative to zero, we get

$$K_k = P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T (\mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T + R_k)^{-1}.$$

By setting  $\mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T + R_k = S_k$ , we get

$$K_k = P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T S_k^{-1}.$$

By putting this into Eq. (2.17),

$$\begin{aligned} P_k &= (I - P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T S_k^{-1} \mathbf{X}_k) P_{k-1} (I - P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T S_k^{-1} \mathbf{X}_k)^T + P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T S_k^{-1} R_k S_k^{-1} \mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} \\ &= \\ &= P_{k-1} - P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T S_k^{-1} \mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} \\ &= (I - K_k \mathbf{X}_k) P_{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $P_k$  is symmetric (*c.f.*,  $P_k = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k^T$ ), since it is a covariance matrix, and so is  $S_k$ .

We take the inverse of both sides of

$$P_{k-1}^{-1} = \left( \underbrace{P_{k-1}}_A - \underbrace{P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T}_B \left( \underbrace{\mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T}_D \right)^{-1} \underbrace{\mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1}}_C \right)^{-1}.$$

Next, we apply the matrix inversion lemma which is known as *Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury* identity:

$$(A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1} = A^{-1} + A^{-1}B(D - CA^{-1}B)^{-1}CA^{-1}.$$

Then, rewrite  $P_k^{-1}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P_k^{-1} &= P_{k-1}^{-1} + P_{k-1}^{-1} P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T ((\mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T + R_k) - \mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} P_{k-1}^{-1} (P_{k-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T))^{-1} \mathbf{X}_k P_{k-1} P_{k-1}^{-1} \\ &= P_{k-1}^{-1} + \mathbf{X}_k^T R_k^{-1} \mathbf{X}_k \end{aligned}$$

This yields an alternative expression for the covariance matrix:

$$P_k = (P_{k-1}^{-1} \mathbf{X}_k^T R_k^{-1} \mathbf{X}_k)^{-1}$$

We can also get

$$K_k = P_k \mathbf{X}_k^T R_k^{-1}$$

### 2.7.1 The Estimation Algorithm

First, initialize the estimator:

## 2.8 Logistic Regression

Logistic regression corresponds to the following binary classification model parameterized by  $\mathbf{w}$ :

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \text{Ber}(y|\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))$$

Logistic regression models *logits* (log odds) through a linear model. For binary data, the goal is to model the probability  $p$  that one of two outcomes occurs. Recall that an ordinary linear regression model is not bounded. Thus, we will pass a linear model through a sigmoid function, which is also known as logistic function.

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp^z},$$

where  $z = wx + b$ . The sigmoid function has the property

$$\sigma(-x) = 1 - \sigma(x).$$

The  $z$  is often called the logit. Note that the inverse of the sigmoid is the log of the odds ratio  $\frac{p}{1-p}$ .

The logit function is  $\log \frac{p}{1-p}$ , which varies between  $-\infty$  and  $+\infty$  as  $p$  varies between 0 and 1.

$$\log \frac{p}{1-p} = w_0x_0 + w_1x_1 + \dots + w_nx_n$$

Note that **the logistic regression model assumes that the log-odds (*logit*) of an observation  $y$  can be expressed as a linear function**. In this context, the logit function is called the ***link function*** because it “links” the probability to the linear function of the predictor variables.

The negative log-likelihood for logistic regression is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NLL}(\mathbf{w}) &= -\ln \prod_{i=1}^N p(\mathbf{x})^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=1)} (1 - p(\mathbf{x}))^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=0)} \\ &= -\ln \prod_{i=1}^N \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=1)} (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=0)} \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^N y_i \ln \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) + \ln(1 - y_i)(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})). \end{aligned}$$

This is also called **cross-entropy** error function.

To compute the derivative of NLL, we first need to know the following tricks:

- The derivative of  $\ln(x)$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x}.$$

- The derivative of the sigmoid is given by:

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(z)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x)).$$

- Finally, the chain rule of derivative. Suppose we are computing the derivative of a composite function  $f(x) = u(v(x))$ . The derivative of  $f(x)$  is the derivative of  $u(x)$  with respect to  $v(x)$  times the derivative of  $v(x)$  with respect to  $x$ .

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

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<sup>2</sup> $\mathbb{I}(y_i = 1) = y_i$ , because  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$  is a binary variable

The derivative of the loss function w.r.t., a single weight  $w_j$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_j} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} - [y \ln \sigma(wx + b) + (1 - y) \ln(1 - \sigma(wx + b))] \\
&= -\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} y \ln \sigma(wx + b) + \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} (1 - y) \ln(1 - \sigma(wx + b)) \right] \\
&= -\frac{y}{\sigma(wx + b)} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} \sigma(wx + b) - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \sigma(wx + b)} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} 1 - \sigma(wx + b) \\
&= -\left[ \frac{y}{\sigma(wx + b)} - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \sigma(wx + b)} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} \sigma(wx + b) \\
&= -\left[ \frac{y - \sigma(wx + b)}{\sigma(wx + b)[1 - \sigma(wx + b)]} \right] \sigma(wx + b)[1 - \sigma(wx + b)] \frac{\partial \sigma(wx + b)}{\partial w_j} \\
&= -\left[ \frac{y - \sigma(wx + b)}{\sigma(wx + b)[1 - \sigma(wx + b)]} \right] \sigma(wx + b)[1 - \sigma(wx + b)] x_j \\
&= -(y - \sigma(wx + b)) x_j \\
&= (\sigma(wx + b) - y) x_j.
\end{aligned}$$

Another way to express NLL is as follows. Suppose  $\hat{y}_i \in \{-1, +1\}$  instead of  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ . We have  $p(y = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}$  and  $p(y = -1) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(+\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{NLL}(\mathbf{w}) &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N [\mathbb{I}(\hat{y}_n = 1) \log(\sigma(a_n)) + \mathbb{I}(\hat{y}_n = -1) \log(\sigma(-a_n))] \\
&= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \log(\sigma(\hat{y}_n a_n)) \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 + \exp(-\hat{y}_i \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)).
\end{aligned}$$

Note that the sigmoid is used for compressing the output into  $[0, 1]$  and  $\sigma(-a_n) = 1 - \sigma(a_n)$ . Unlike the linear regression, there is no closed form solution for logistic regression, thus we need optimization algorithms for it. Typically, optimization process involves the gradient and Hessian.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{g} &= \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} \text{NLL}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{d}{d\mu_i} \text{NLL}(\mathbf{w}) \frac{d\mu_i}{d\mathbf{h}} \frac{d\mathbf{h}}{d\mathbf{w}} \\
&= \sum_{i=1} \left[ -\frac{y_i}{\mu_i} + \frac{(1 - y_i)}{(1 - \mu_i)} \right] \frac{d\mu_i}{d\mathbf{h}} \frac{d\mathbf{h}}{d\mathbf{w}} = \sum_{i=1} \left[ \frac{\mu_i - y_i}{\mu_i(1 - \mu_i)} \right] \frac{d\mu_i}{d\mathbf{h}} \frac{d\mathbf{h}}{d\mathbf{w}} \\
&= \sum_i (\mu_i - y_i) \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{X}^T (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{y}) \\
\frac{d\mu_i}{d\mathbf{h}} &= \mu_i(1 - \mu_i) \\
\frac{d\mathbf{h}}{d\mathbf{w}} &= \mathbf{x}_i
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$ .

We can also use the second-order method.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{H} &= \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} g(\mathbf{w})^T = \sum_i (\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mu_i) \mathbf{x}_i^T = \sum_i \mu_i(1 - \mu_i) \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \\
&= \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{X},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{S} \triangleq \text{diag}(\mu_i(1 - \mu_i))$ . Note that  $\mathbf{H}$  is positive definite, because the NLL is convex and has a global minimum.

## 2.9 Bayesian Regression

Integrate over all  $\theta$

$$P(\text{heads} \mid D) = \int_{\theta} P(\text{heads}, \theta \mid D) d\theta \quad (2.18)$$

$$= \int_{\theta} P(\text{heads} \mid \theta, D) P(\theta \mid D) d\theta \quad \because \text{Chain rule, } P(A, B \mid C) = P(A \mid B, C) P(B \mid C) \quad (2.19)$$

$$= \int_{\theta} \theta P(\theta \mid D) d\theta \quad (2.20)$$

$$= E[\theta \mid D] \quad (2.21)$$

$$= \frac{n_H + \alpha}{n_H + \alpha + n_T + \beta} \quad (2.22)$$

## 2.10 Curve Fitting

We can assume that a target variable has a Gaussian distribution with a mean equal to the value  $y(x, \mathbf{w})$  of the polynomial curven given by

$$p(t \mid x, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(t \mid y(x, \mathbf{w}), \beta^{-1}), \quad (2.23)$$

- $t$ : target variable

$$t = y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) + \epsilon,$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a zero mean Gaussian noise with precision (inverse variance)  $\beta$ .

We not use the training data  $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$  to determine the values of the unknown parameters  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\beta$  by maximum likelihood. If the data are assumed to be drawn independently from the distribution, then the likelihood function is given by

$$p(\mathbf{t} \mid \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(t_n \mid y(x_n, \mathbf{w}), \beta^{-1}). \quad (2.24)$$

We can take a step towards a more Bayesian approach and introduce a prior distribution over the polynomial coefficients  $\mathbf{w}$ . For simplicity, we can use a Gaussian distribution from

$$p(\mathbf{w} \mid \alpha) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1} \mathbf{I}), \quad (2.25)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the precision of the distribution. Using Bayes' theorem, the posterior distribution for  $\mathbf{w}$  is proportional to the product of the prior distribution and the likelihood function

$$p(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) \propto p(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}, \beta) p(\mathbf{w}, \alpha). \quad (2.26)$$

We can now determine  $\mathbf{w}$  by finding the most probable value of  $\mathbf{w}$  given the data, in other words by maximizing the posterior distribution, MAP (maximum posterior). Taking a negative logarithm, then we can find that the maximum of the posterior is given by the minimum of

$$\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{y(x_n, \mathbf{w}) - t_n\}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}. \quad (2.27)$$

Thus we see that maximizing the posterior distribution is equivalent to minimizing the regularized sum of squares error function encountered earlier with a regularization parameter given by  $\lambda = \alpha/\beta$ .

## 2.11 Bayesian Curve Fitting

## Chapter 3

# Fourier Analysis

Fourier analysis is a mathematical tool used to understand and analyze periodic phenomena. It is named after the French mathematician Joseph Fourier, it's based on the idea that any periodic function can be represented as a sum of sine and cosine functions with different frequencies, amplitudes, and phases.

The Fourier transform is one of the most important mathematical tools used for analyzing functions. Given an arbitrary function  $f(x)$ , with a real domain ( $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ), we can express it as a linear combination of complex waves ( $\approx$  change of basis to a frequency domain).

- **Periodic Functions:** Fourier analysis deals with functions that repeat over regular intervals. This repetition could be over time (like sound waves or electrical signals) or space (like patterns on a surface).
- **Fourier Series:** It states that any periodic function can be represented as an infinite sum of sine and cosine functions. The Fourier series expansion expresses the original function as a weighted sum of sinusoids.
- **Frequency Domain:** While the original function is in the time or spatial domain, Fourier analysis allows us to examine it in the frequency domain. This means we can understand the different frequency components present in the signal and their respective strengths.
- **Fast Fourier Transform (FFT):** This is an efficient algorithm for calculating the Fourier transform of a discrete signal. It's widely used in digital signal processing due to its speed and accuracy.
- **Continuous vs. Discrete Fourier Transform:** While Fourier series deals with periodic continuous functions, Fourier transforms extend the concept to non-periodic functions or signals. The discrete Fourier transform (DFT) is used for discrete, sampled signals, as in digital signal processing.
- **Inverse Fourier Transform:** Just as you can transform a function into the frequency domain using Fourier analysis, you can also transform it back using the inverse Fourier transform. This allows you to reconstruct the original function from its frequency components.

**Very intuitive explanation is here!**



### 3.1 Fourier Series

We begin by discussing the Fourier series, which is used to analyze functions that are periodic in their inputs. A periodic function  $f(x)$  is a function of a real variable  $x$  that repeats itself every time  $x$  changes by  $T$ . The constant  $T$  is called the *period*. We can write the periodicity condition as

$$f(x + T) = f(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The value of  $f(x)$  can be real or complex, but  $x$  should be real.

Let's consider what it means to specify a periodic function  $f(x)$ . One way to specify the function is to give an explicit mathematical formula for it. Another approach might be to specify the function values in  $-T/2 \leq x < T/2$ . Since there's an uncountably infinite number of points in this domain, we can generally only achieve an approximate specification of  $f$  this way, by giving the values of  $f$  at a large but finite set  $x$  points.

There is another interesting approach to specifying  $f$ . We can express it as a linear combination of simpler periodic functions, consisting of sines and cosines:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{T}\right) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m \sin\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{T}\right), \quad (3.1)$$

where  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$ , and  $b_m$  are coefficients determined by integrating  $f(x)$  over one period. The coefficients are given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(x) dx \\ a_n &= \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{T}\right) dx \\ b_m &= \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi mx}{T}\right) dx \end{aligned}$$

The above formula is called a *Fourier series*. Given the numbers  $\{a_n, b_m\}$ , which are called the *Fourier coefficients*,  $f(x)$  can be calculated for any  $x$ . The Fourier coefficients are real if  $f(x)$  is a real function, or complex if  $f(x)$  is complex.



**Example:** Consider a periodic function  $f(x)$  defined on the interval  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$  as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -\pi \leq x < 0 \\ x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

We want to find the Fourier series representation of  $f(x)$ .

**Solution:** Step 1: Determine the coefficients  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$ , and  $b_n$ .

1. Calculate  $a_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \int_{-\pi}^0 0 dx + \int_0^{\pi} x dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \int_0^{\pi} x dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Calculate  $a_n$ :

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

Since  $f(x)$  is odd and  $\cos(nx)$  is even,  $a_n$  will be zero for all  $n$ .

3. Calculate  $b_n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

This integral can be evaluated using integration by parts:

$$u = x, \quad dv = \sin(nx) dx$$

$$du = dx, \quad v = -\frac{1}{n} \cos(nx)$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \left[ -\frac{x}{n} \cos(nx) \right]_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\pi} -\cos(nx) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2} [\sin(nx)]_0^{\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \end{aligned}$$

4. Write the Fourier series:

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx)$$

### 3.1.1 Square-integrable functions

Can arbitrary periodic functions always be expressed as a Fourier series? It turns out that a certain class of periodic functions, commonly encountered in physical contexts, are guaranteed to always be expressible as Fourier series. These are called square-integrable functions such that the integral of the square of the absolute value is finite:

$$\int_{-a/2}^{a/2} |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty.$$

Unless otherwise stated, we will always assume that the functions we're dealing with are square-integrable.

### 3.1.2 Complex Fourier series and inverse relations

We have written the Fourier series as a sum of sine and cosine functions. However, sines and cosines can be expressed by exponential functions by using *Euler's formula*.

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x \quad (3.2)$$

- $\cos x = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}$
- $\sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$

Thus, Fourier series can be expressed as follows:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx},$$

where the complex Fourier coefficients  $c_n$  are given by:

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

- $i$ : complex number
- $n$ : integer

**Example:** Consider the periodic function  $f(x)$  defined on the interval  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -\pi \leq x < 0 \\ x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

We will find the complex form of the Fourier series for this function.

Step 1: Calculate the complex Fourier coefficients  $c_n$ .

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

Since  $f(x)$  is piecewise, we split the integral into two parts:

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \int_{-\pi}^0 0 \cdot e^{-inx} dx + \int_0^{\pi} x e^{-inx} dx \right)$$

The first integral is zero, so we focus on the second part:

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x e^{-inx} dx$$

This integral can be solved using integration by parts. Let:

$$u = x \quad \text{and} \quad dv = e^{-inx} dx$$

Then:

$$du = dx \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{e^{-inx}}{-in} = -\frac{1}{in} e^{-inx}$$

Applying integration by parts:

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

So,

$$\int_0^{\pi} x e^{-inx} dx = \left[ -\frac{x}{in} e^{-inx} \right]_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{in} \int_0^{\pi} e^{-inx} dx$$

Evaluating the boundary terms:

$$\left[ -\frac{x}{in} e^{-inx} \right]_0^{\pi} = -\frac{\pi}{in} e^{-in\pi} - 0 = -\frac{\pi}{in} e^{-in\pi}$$

And for the integral:

$$\frac{1}{in} \int_0^{\pi} e^{-inx} dx = \frac{1}{in} \left[ \frac{e^{-inx}}{-in} \right]_0^{\pi} = -\frac{1}{n^2} (e^{-in\pi} - 1)$$

Combining these results:

$$\int_0^{\pi} x e^{-inx} dx = -\frac{\pi}{in} e^{-in\pi} + \frac{1}{n^2} (1 - e^{-in\pi})$$

Thus, the Fourier coefficient  $c_n$  is:

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( -\frac{\pi}{in} e^{-in\pi} + \frac{1}{n^2} (1 - e^{-in\pi}) \right)$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( -\frac{\pi}{in} (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n^2} (1 - (-1)^n) \right)$$

This expression simplifies to:

$$c_n = \frac{i(-1)^n}{2n} + \frac{1}{2\pi n^2} (1 - (-1)^n)$$

Step 2: Write the Complex Fourier Series:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$$

With  $c_n$  now calculated, you can substitute these coefficients back into the Fourier series expression to represent  $f(x)$ .

## 3.2 Fourier Transform

### 3.2.1 Fourier Series v.s. Fourier Transform

The Fourier series is used to represent periodic functions as a sum of sine and cosine functions. On the other hand, the Fourier transform extends the idea to non-periodic functions or signals. The Fourier transform of a function  $f(t)$  is given by:

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt,$$

where  $F(\omega)$  is the frequency domain representation of the signal  $f(t)$  and  $\omega = 2\pi f$ , where  $f$  is a frequency.

### 3.2.2 Equations of Fourier Transform

The Fourier transform and its inverse are defined as follows:

- Fourier Transform:

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

- Inverse Fourier Transform:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

These equations show how a time-domain signal  $f(t)$  can be transformed into its frequency-domain representation  $F(\omega)$ , and vice versa.

**Example:** The Fourier transform of a rectangular pulse. Define a rectangular pulse function  $f(t)$  as:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |t| \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

To find its Fourier transform  $F(\omega)$ :

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

Since  $f(t)$  is non-zero only between  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , the integral becomes:

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

This integral can be evaluated as:

$$F(\omega) = \left[ \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{-i\omega} \right]_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{e^{-i\omega/2} - e^{i\omega/2}}{-i\omega} = \frac{2 \sin(\omega/2)}{\omega}$$

Thus, the Fourier transform of the rectangular pulse is:

$$F(\omega) = \frac{\sin(\omega/2)}{\omega/2} = \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)$$

where  $\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$ .

### 3.3 Fourier Transform as a Change of Basis

A change of basis in linear algebra is a fundamental concept that involves transitioning from one coordinate system to another within a vector space. This can simplify calculations, provide deeper insights, or align with different geometric interpretations. Let's break down the concept with definitions and steps:

Fourier analysis is closely related to the concept of change of basis in linear algebra. In Fourier analysis, we are essentially changing the basis from the standard basis of functions (e.g., the time domain for signals) to a basis of sinusoidal functions (e.g., the frequency domain). Here's how this relationship works:

The Fourier transform (both continuous and discrete versions) can be seen as a change of basis from the time domain to the frequency domain. When we apply the Fourier transform to a signal  $x(t)$ , we express it as a linear combination of sinusoidal basis functions.

- **Standard Basis in Time Domain:** In the time domain, a signal or function can be represented as a sum of basis functions, which are typically  $\delta$  functions (impulse functions) or other

simple functions like polynomial terms. For example, a discrete-time signal  $x[n]$  can be considered in terms of standard basis vectors.

- **Fourier Basis in Frequency Domain:** In the frequency domain, the basis functions are complex exponentials or sinusoidal functions  $e^{i\omega t}$  (where  $i$  is the imaginary unit and  $\omega$  is the angular frequency). The Fourier transform decomposes a signal into a sum of these sinusoidal basis functions.

The Fourier transform (both continuous and discrete versions) can be seen as a change of basis from the time domain to the frequency domain. When we apply the Fourier transform to a signal  $x(t)$ , we express it as a linear combination of sinusoidal basis functions.

**Continuous Fourier Transform:** The continuous Fourier transform of a function  $x(t)$  is given by:

$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-i2\pi ft} dt$$

Here,  $X(f)$  represents the coordinates of the function  $x(t)$  in the new basis (frequency domain). The inverse Fourier transform reconstructs the original signal from its frequency domain representation:

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f)e^{i2\pi ft} df$$

This process is analogous to converting coordinates from the new basis back to the original basis.

### 3.3.1 Change of Basis

- **Vector Space:** A collection of vectors where vector addition and scalar multiplication are defined and satisfy specific axioms.
- **Basis:** A set of linearly independent vectors that span the entire vector space. Every vector in the space can be uniquely represented as a linear combination of the basis vectors.
- **Coordinate Vector:** The representation of a vector in terms of the basis vectors, typically given as a column of coefficients.

#### Steps for Change of Basis:

1. **Representing Vectors in Original Basis:** Given a vector space  $V$  with a basis  $B = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ , any vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $V$  can be written as:

$$\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + c_2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{b}_n$$

Here,  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are the coordinates of  $\mathbf{v}$  relative to basis  $B$ , often written as  $[\mathbf{v}]_B$ .

2. **Defining the New Basis:** Suppose we want to change to a new basis  $B' = \{\mathbf{b}'_1, \mathbf{b}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}'_n\}$ . We need to express the original basis vectors in terms of the new basis vectors. Let:

$$\mathbf{b}_i = a_{i1}\mathbf{b}'_1 + a_{i2}\mathbf{b}'_2 + \dots + a_{in}\mathbf{b}'_n$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

3. Constructing the Change of Basis Matrix: The coefficients  $a_{ij}$  form the columns of the change of basis matrix  $P$  from  $B$  to  $B'$ :

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Converting Coordinates: To convert the coordinates of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  from the original basis  $B$  to the new basis  $B'$ , we use the change of basis matrix  $P$ :

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = P^{-1}[\mathbf{v}]_B$$

where  $P^{-1}$  is the inverse of the change of basis matrix and  $[\mathbf{v}]_B = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$  is a coordinate vector.

Conversely, to convert coordinates from the new basis  $B'$  back to the original basis  $B$ , we use:

$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = P[\mathbf{v}]_{B'}$$

**Example:** Consider a vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with an original basis  $B = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$  and a new basis  $B' = \{\mathbf{b}'_1, \mathbf{b}'_2\}$ . Let:

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{b}'_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}'_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find the change of basis matrix  $P$  from  $B$  to  $B'$ , express the original basis vectors in terms of  $B'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b}_1 &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}'_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}'_2 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}'_1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}'_2 \end{aligned}$$

So, the change of basis matrix  $P$  is:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

To convert a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  with coordinates  $[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  to the new basis  $B'$ , we compute:

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = P^{-1}[\mathbf{v}]_B$$

And to revert to the original basis:

$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = P[\mathbf{v}]_{B'}$$

## Chapter 4

# Training, Testing, and Regularization

### 4.1 Sources of Error in ML

$$E_{out} \leq E_{ml} + \Omega$$

- $E_{out}$ : estimation of error.
- $E_{ml}$ : error from a learning algorithm
- $\Omega$ : error caused by the variance from observations.

We also define

- $f$ : target function
- $g$ : learning function
- $g^{(D)}$ : learned function based on  $D$ , or simply *hypothesis*.
- $D$ : dataset drawn from the real world.
- $\bar{g}$ : the average hypothesis of a given infinite number of  $D$ s.

$$\bar{g}(x) = \mathbb{E}_D[g^{(D)}(x)].$$

Error of a single instance  $x$  from  $g$  learnt from  $D$  is given by

$$Err_{out}(g^{(D)}(x)) = \mathbb{E}_X[(g^{(D)}(x) - f(x))^2],$$

where  $X$  can be considered as test sets. Then, the expected error over the infinite number of datasets  $D$  sampled from a true data distribution is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_D[Err_{out}(g^{(D)}(x))] &= \mathbb{E}_D[\mathbb{E}_X[(g^{(D)}(x) - f(x))^2]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_X[\mathbb{E}_D[(g^{(D)}(x) - f(x))^2]]\end{aligned}$$



Let's simplify the term inside with an average of hypothesis  $\bar{g}(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_D[(g^{(D)}(x) - f(x))^2] &= \mathbb{E}_D[(g^{(D)}(x) - \bar{g}(x) + \bar{g}(x) - f(x))^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_D[(g^{(D)}(x) - \bar{g}(x))^2 + (\bar{g}(x) - f(x))^2 \\ &\quad + 2(g^{(D)}(x) - \bar{g}(x))(\bar{g}(x) - f(x))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_D[(g^{(D)}(x) - \bar{g}(x))^2] + (\bar{g}(x) - f(x))^2 \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}_D[2(g^{(D)}(x) - \bar{g}(x))(\bar{g}(x) - f(x))]\end{aligned}$$

Since,  $\mathbb{E}_D[2(g^{(D)}(x) - \bar{g}(x))(\bar{g}(x) - f(x))]$  is 0, the expectation of the error becomes

$$\mathbb{E}_D[\text{Error}_{\text{out}}(g^{(D)}(x))] = \mathbb{E}_X[\mathbb{E}_D[(g^{(D)}(x) - \bar{g}(x))^2] + (\bar{g}(x) - f(x))^2].$$

Let's closely look at this formula. The errors are from two sources:

- **Variance:**  $\mathbb{E}_D[(g^{(D)}(x) - \bar{g}(x))^2]$ . Variance captures how much your classifier changes if you train on a different training set. We need to collect more data to reduce the variance.
- **Bias:**  $(\bar{g}(x) - f(x))^2$ . Bias is the inherent error that you obtain from your classifier even with infinite training data. We need to build a more complex model to reduce the bias.

However, if we reduce the bias, then the variance tends to increase.

#### 4.1.1 Alternative Derivation

The derivation of the bias-variance decomposition for squared error proceeds as follows.[6][7] For notational convenience, abbreviate  $f = f(x)$  and  $\hat{f} = \hat{f}(x)$ . First, recall that, by definition, for any random variable  $\mathbf{X}$ , we have

$$\text{Var}[\hat{f}(x)] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2.$$

By rearranging, we get

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \text{Var}[\hat{f}(x)] + \mathbb{E}[X]^2.$$

Since  $f$  is deterministic

$$\mathbb{E}[f] = f$$

Thus, given  $y = f + \varepsilon$  and  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon] = 0$ , implies  $\mathbb{E}[y] = \mathbb{E}[f + \varepsilon] = \mathbb{E}[f] = f$

Also, since  $\text{Var}[\varepsilon] = \sigma^2$

$$\text{Var}[y] = \mathbb{E}[(y - \mathbb{E}[y])^2] = \mathbb{E}[(y - f)^2] = \mathbb{E}[(f + \varepsilon - f)^2] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2] = \text{Var}[\varepsilon] + \left(\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon]\right)^2 = \sigma^2$$

Thus, since  $\varepsilon$  and  $\hat{f}$  are independent, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[(y - \hat{f})^2] &= \mathbb{E}[(f + \varepsilon - \hat{f})^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[(f + \varepsilon - \hat{f} + \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}] - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}])^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[(f - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}])^2] + \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2] + \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}] - \hat{f})^2] + 2\mathbb{E}[(f - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}])\varepsilon] + \\
&\quad 2\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}] - \hat{f})] + 2\mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}] - \hat{f})(f - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}])] \\
&= (f - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}])^2 + \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2] + \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}] - \hat{f})^2] + \\
&\quad 2(f - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}])\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon] + 2\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon]\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}] - \hat{f}] + 2\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}] - \hat{f}](f - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}]) \\
&= (f - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}])^2 + \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2] + \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}] - \hat{f})^2] \\
&= (f - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}])^2 + \text{Var}[y] + \text{Var}[\hat{f}] \\
&= \text{Bias}[\hat{f}]^2 + \text{Var}[y] + \text{Var}[\hat{f}] \\
&= \text{Bias}[\hat{f}]^2 + \sigma^2 + \text{Var}[\hat{f}]
\end{aligned}$$

# Chapter 5

## Optimization

### 5.1 Intuition of Gradient

Gradient is a vector function that represents a direction of steepest increase of a function to be differentiated at a certain point. For example, a convex function  $z = ax^2 + by^2$  has a gradient  $[2ax, 2by]$ . Its steepest descent direction is  $[-2ax, -2by]$ . At the point  $x_0, y_0$ , the gradient direction for the function is  $2ax_0(y - y_0) = 2by_0(x - x_0)$ . But then the lowest point  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  does not lie on the line. Thus, we cannot find that minimum point in one step of “gradient descent”. The steepest direction does not lead to the bottom of the bowl.

#### 5.1.1 Direction of Gradient Descent

- The derivative of the objective function  $f(\mathbf{x})$  provides the slope of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  at the point  $f(\mathbf{x})$ .
- It tells us how to change  $\mathbf{x}$  in order to make a small improvement in our goal.

A function  $f(\mathbf{x})$  can be approximated by its first-order Taylor expansion at  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ :

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) + \nabla f(\bar{\mathbf{x}})^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

Now let  $\mathbf{d} \neq 0, \|\mathbf{d}\| = 1$  be a direction, and in consideration of a new point  $\mathbf{x} := \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{d}$ , we define:

$$f(\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{d}) \approx f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) + \nabla f(\bar{\mathbf{x}})^T \mathbf{d}$$

We would like to choose  $\mathbf{d}$  that minimizes the function  $f$ . From the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality <sup>1</sup>, we know that

$$|\nabla f(\bar{\mathbf{x}})^T \mathbf{d}| \leq \|\nabla f(\bar{\mathbf{x}})\| \|\mathbf{d}\|.$$

The equality holds if and only if  $\mathbf{d} = \lambda \nabla f(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since we want to minimize the function  $f$ , we negate the steepest direction  $\mathbf{d}^*$  so the iterations of steepest descent becomes

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \eta \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$$

, where  $k$  is the index of iteration step and  $\eta$  is the learning rate parameter.

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<sup>1</sup>Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality:  $|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}| \leq \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|$ . Equality holds if and only if either  $\mathbf{a}$  or  $\mathbf{b}$  is a multiple of the other.

## 5.2 Normalized Gradient Descent

The underlying issue of the vanilla gradient descent is the presence of saddle points in nonconvex functions; the gradient  $\nabla f(x)$  vanishes near saddle points, which causes GD to “stall” in neighboring regions. This both slows the overall convergence rate and makes detection of local minima difficult. The detrimental effects of this issue become particularly severe in high-dimensional problems where the number of saddle points may proliferate.

However, in the normalized gradient descent

$$\frac{\nabla f(x)}{\|\nabla f(x)\|}$$

The normalized gradient preserves the direction of the gradient but ignores magnitude, because the normalization does not vanish near saddle points, the intuitive expectation is that NGD should not slow down in the neighborhood of saddle points and should therefore escape quickly.

## 5.3 Projected Gradient Descent

Gradient Descent (GD) is a standard way to solve unconstrained optimization problem. Starting from an initial point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , GD iterates until a stopping criterion is met. Projected Gradient Descent (PGD) is a way to solve constrained optimization problem. Consider a constraint set  $\mathcal{Q}$ , starting from a initial point  $x_0 \in \mathcal{Q}$ , PGD iterates the following equation until a stopping condition is met:

$$x_{k+1} = P_{\mathcal{Q}}(x_k - t_k \nabla f(x_k)),$$

where  $P_{\mathcal{Q}}$  is the projection operator

$$P_{\mathcal{Q}}(x_0) = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{1}{2} \|x - x_0\|_2^2$$

In other words, given a point  $x_0$ ,  $P_{\mathcal{Q}}$  tries to find a point  $x \in \mathcal{Q}$  which is “closest” to  $x_0$ .

Note that a vector projection can be expressed as follows:

$$a_1 = \|\mathbf{a}\| \cos \theta = \mathbf{a} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|}$$

Thus, a projection for unit  $L_2$  ball is given by the solution of the equation as follows:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathcal{P}_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq 1}(\mathbf{y})$$

The solution is

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{y}}{\max\{1, \|\mathbf{y}\|_2\}}$$

The “geometric” proof is given as follows: Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq 1\}$ .

- If  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{S}$ , then  $\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \leq 1$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  itself is the closest point to  $\mathbf{y}$ .
- If  $\mathbf{y} \notin \mathcal{S}$ , then  $\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 > 1$  and the closest point  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}$  to  $\mathbf{y}$  will be simply  $\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2}$  as the norm of  $\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2} = 1$ .

By combining the best cases, we have

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{y}}{\max\{1, \|\mathbf{y}\|_2\}}$$

## 5.4 Exponentially Weighted Average

$$v_t = \beta v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta)\theta_t$$

Larger  $\beta$  value covers more longer history. EMA is exponentially weighted average the previous result.

## 5.5 Bias Correction

The initial values of  $v_t$  will be very low which need to be compensated, since the curve starts from 0, there are not many values to average on in the initial points. Thus, the curve is lower than the correct value initially and then moves in line with expected values. The  $\beta$  is the same as the averaging coefficient. As  $t$  becomes large, the impact of the bias correction will be decreased.

$$v_t = \frac{v_t}{1 - \beta^t}$$

## 5.6 Momentum

Momentum can reduce the oscillation in the gradients. Let's say  $w$  has a small value and  $b$  is in charge of oscillation. Then momentum can cancel out  $db$  by averaging them.

$$\begin{aligned} v_{dw} &= \beta v_{dw} + (1 - \beta)dw \\ v_{db} &= \beta v_{db} + (1 - \beta)db \\ w &= w - \alpha v_{dw} \\ b &= b - \alpha v_{db} \end{aligned}$$

## 5.7 Adagrad: Adaptive Gradient

$$\begin{aligned} v_{dw} &= v_{dw} + dw \cdot dw \\ w &= w - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{v_{dw}} + \epsilon} v_{dw} \end{aligned}$$

A con of Adagrad is learning rate will become very small

## 5.8 RMS Prop

$$\begin{aligned}
s_{dw} &= \beta s_{dw} + (1 - \beta)dw^2 \\
s_{db} &= \beta s_{db} + (1 - \beta)db^2 \\
w &= w - \alpha \frac{dw}{\sqrt{s_{dw}}} \\
b &= b - \alpha \frac{db}{\sqrt{s_{db}}}
\end{aligned}$$

## 5.9 ADAM

Its name is derived from adaptive moment estimation, and the reason it's called that is because Adam uses estimations of first and second moments of gradient to adapt the learning rate for each weight of the neural network.  $N$ -th moment of a random variable is defined as the expected value of that variable to the power of  $n$ . More formally:

$$m_n = \mathbb{E}[X^n]$$

To estimate the moments, Adam utilizes exponentially moving averages, computed on the gradient evaluated on a current mini-batch:

Since  $m$  and  $v$  are estimates of first and second moments, we want to have the following property:

$$\mathbb{E}[m_t] = \mathbb{E}[g_t] \tag{5.1}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[v_t] = \mathbb{E}[g_t^2] \tag{5.2}$$

Unbiased estimators

ADAM uses both momentum style and RMS prop style averaging.

- $v_{dw} = \beta v_{dw} + (1 - \beta)dw$
- $v_{db} = \beta v_{db} + (1 - \beta)db$
- $s_{dw} = \beta s_{dw} + (1 - \beta)dw^2$
- $s_{db} = \beta s_{db} + (1 - \beta)db^2$

Using them,

- $v_{dw}^{\text{corr}} = \frac{v_{dw}}{1 - \beta_1^t}$
- $v_{db}^{\text{corr}} = \frac{v_{db}}{1 - \beta_1^t}$
- $s_{dw}^{\text{corr}} = \frac{s_{dw}}{1 - \beta_2^t}$
- $s_{db}^{\text{corr}} = \frac{s_{db}}{1 - \beta_2^t}$

Finally,

$$w = w - \alpha \frac{v_{dw}^{\text{corr}}}{\sqrt{s_{dw}^{\text{corr}} + \varepsilon}}$$
$$b = b - \alpha \frac{v_{db}^{\text{corr}}}{\sqrt{s_{db}^{\text{corr}} + \varepsilon}}$$

## Part II

# Kernel Methods



## Chapter 6

# Introduction to Kernel Methods

We will define the kind of kernels (so-called (*Mercer*) kernels) that are used in kernel methods. Those kernels are covariance functions that have to be *symmetric* and *positive(-semi) definite*.

Basic idea: we can make linear ML models non-linear by applying basis function (feature) transformations on the input space. For an input vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , do transformation  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{x})$  where  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^D$ . Usually,  $D \gg d$ , because we add dimensions that capture non-linear interactions among features.

- The main idea is to use large set of fixed non-linear basis functions.
- The complexity depends on number of basis functions, but dual trick changes it to a size of dataset.
- The kernel function is a measure of similarity between  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\mathbf{x}_j$
- The key idea of kernel method is to represent the raw data based on a similarity function called kernel function over pairs of data points.

## 6.1 Kernel Trick

Kernel trick aims to avoid computing explicit feature transformations  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  by changing the entire ML algorithm to use only *inner products* of feature transformations  $\langle \phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{x}') \rangle$  which are computed directly using a *kernel* (rather than the feature transformations themselves.). Note that even the RBF kernel can be expressed as an inner product.

### 6.1.1 Linear Model

Consider a linear model where we use gradient descent with a squared loss function to learn the parameters. So, we have  $h(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$  and the squared loss function:

$$l(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i - y_i)^2.$$

The gradient w.r.t.,  $\mathbf{w}$  is given by

$$g(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i - y_i) \mathbf{x}_i.$$

Since the loss is convex, the final solution is independent of the initialization, and we can initialize  $\mathbf{w}_0$  to be whatever we want. For convenience, we choose  $\mathbf{w}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ .

Recall that the gradient update rule is given by

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_t - \eta g(\mathbf{w}_t),$$

where  $\eta$  is the step size. We can show that for every  $t$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_t$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  by setting

$$\mathbf{w}_t = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^{(t)} \mathbf{x}_i.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_{t+1} &= \mathbf{w}_t - \eta g(\mathbf{w}_t) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^{(t)} \mathbf{x}_i - \eta \sum_{i=1}^n 2(\mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_i - y_i) \mathbf{x}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^{(t+1)} \mathbf{x}_i, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha_i^{(t+1)} = \alpha_i^{(t)} - 2\eta(\mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_i - y_i)$ . So instead of updating  $\mathbf{w}_t$ , we can update  $\alpha^{(t)}$ .

Now,  $\mathbf{w}$  can be written as a linear combination of the training set. Then, we can also express the inner-product of  $\mathbf{w}$  with any input  $\mathbf{x}_i$  purely in terms of inner-products between training inputs:

$$\mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j^{(t+1)} \mathbf{x}_j^T \mathbf{x}_i.$$

Consequently, the entire loss function is not relying on  $\mathbf{x}_j^T \mathbf{x}_i$ , which can be replaced by  $\langle \phi(\mathbf{x}_i), \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) \rangle$ , kernel trick.

Note that we have transformed our learning problem that has  $d$  parameters into a  $m$ -parameter problem.

## 6.2 From Feature Transformations to Kernels

Instead of computing  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_i), \forall i$ , we pre-compute  $\langle \phi(\mathbf{x}_i), \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) \rangle$  for all  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\mathbf{x}_j$ . Then we store the values in an  $n \times n$  matrix  $K$  where  $K_{ij} = \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}_i), \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) \rangle$ .  $K$  is called the kernel matrix or Gram matrix.

Computing  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$  is  $\mathcal{O}(2^d) \times n = \mathcal{O}(2^d n)$ . On the other hand, pre-computing the inner products can be more efficient as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{x}') \rangle &= \phi(\mathbf{x})^T \phi(\mathbf{x}') \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^d (1 + x_k x'_k). \end{aligned}$$

This takes  $\mathcal{O}(d)$  and we can compute the entire kernel matrix  $K$  in  $\mathcal{O}(dn^2)$ .

Note that all kernel methods are non-parametric models as we need to keep training data to be able to compute the kernel values between new test inputs and the training inputs.

## 6.3 Kernels

$k(\cdot, \cdot)$  is a valid or well-defined kernel, if the function  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$  is both

- Symmetric:  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = k(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x})$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$ .
- Positive semi-definite:  $k(\cdot, \cdot)$  is PSD if for all finite subsets  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m\}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $K$  is a PSD matrix.

Note that

- A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is PSD iff  $\forall \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  the following holds:  $\mathbf{q}^T A \mathbf{q} \geq 0$ .
- A symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is PSD iff all eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of  $A$  are non-negative.
- A symmetric matrix  $A$  is PSD if all its upper left sub-matrices have non-negative determinants.

For symmetric matrices all of the above are equivalent.

Some of the most popular kernels are

- Linear kernel:  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}'$
- Polynomial kernel:  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = (1 + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}')^{\tilde{d}}$ , where  $\tilde{d}$  is the degree of the polynomial

Note that some kernels such as the RBF kernel have an infinite-dimensional feature space transformation. Hence, it is impossible to compute the feature space transformation explicitly. The RBF kernel is given by

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp(-\gamma \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|^2)$$

Let,  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|^2\right) \\
 &= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \rangle\right] \\
 &= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \rangle\right] \\
 &= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}'\|^2 - 2\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \rangle)\right] \\
 &= C \exp\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \rangle \\
 &= C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \rangle^n}{n!} \\
 &= C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{k_{\text{poly}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')^n}{n!}
 \end{aligned}$$

The second to last step is by Taylor expansion of  $e^x$ .

### 6.3.1 Some Intuitions

Let  $y = f(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon$ . Then  $f$  does not vary a lot if  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$  are close enough. This can be modeled by the co-variance of the  $y$ 's.

Let's represent the co-variance of the outputs in terms of the co-variance of the inputs.

$$\text{cov}(y, y') = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') + \underbrace{\sigma_n^2 \delta_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'}}_{\text{noise term}} .$$

As  $y$  is a function values of  $f(\mathbf{x})$ , the kernel function can be viewed as an extension of the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  of random vectors to the covariance of (random) functions.

# Chapter 7

## Gaussian Process

Reference

### 7.1 Introduction

A Gaussian process (GP) is a probability distribution over possible functions that fit a set of points. More formally, GPs are distributions over functions  $f(x)$  of which the distribution is defined by a mean function  $m(x)$  and positive definite covariance function  $k(x, x')$  (*i.e.*, *kernel*). Thus, it is a distribution over functions whose shape is defined by the kernel:

$$f(x) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m(x), k(x, x')).$$

Since we have the probability distribution over all possible functions, we can calculate the mean and the variance of the function to determine how confident in our predictions.

Let's say we have observations, and we have estimated functions  $\mathbf{f}$  with these observations. Now say we have some new points  $\mathbf{X}_*$  where we want to predict  $f(\mathbf{X}_*)$ .

The joint distribution of  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{f}_*$  can be modeled as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{f}_* \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{pmatrix} m(\mathbf{X}) \\ m(\mathbf{X}_*) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{K}_* \\ \mathbf{K}_*^T & \mathbf{K}_{**} \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K} &= \kappa(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) \\ \mathbf{K}_* &= \kappa(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_*) \\ \mathbf{K}_{**} &= \kappa(\mathbf{X}_*, \mathbf{X}_*). \end{aligned}$$

The mean is assumed to be  $(m(\mathbf{X}), m(\mathbf{X}_*)) = 0$ .

While this equation describes the joint probability distribution  $P(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}_* | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_*)$  over  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{f}_*$  in regressions, we need the conditional distribution  $P(\mathbf{f}_* | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_*)$  from the joint distribution. The conditional distribution can be achieved by the Marginal and conditional distributions of MVN theorem:

**Theorem 1** *Marginals and conditionals of an MVN: A random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  follows a multivariate normal distribution:*

$$\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$$

where  $\mathbf{X}$  is partitioned as:

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

with corresponding partitions of the mean vector  $\mu$  and the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ :

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

*Marginal Distributions: The marginal distribution of  $\mathbf{X}_1$  is:*

$$\mathbf{X}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_{11})$$

*The marginal distribution of  $\mathbf{X}_2$  is:*

$$\mathbf{X}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \Sigma_{22})$$

*Conditional Distributions: The conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{X}_1$  given  $\mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2$  is:*

$$\mathbf{X}_1 | \mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{1|2}, \Sigma_{1|2})$$

where the conditional mean  $\mu_{1|2}$  and the conditional covariance  $\Sigma_{1|2}$  are given by:

$$\mu_{1|2} = \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mu_2)$$

$$\Sigma_{1|2} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$$

By using the theorem, we get

$$\mathbf{f}_* | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_* \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{K}_*^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{K}_{**} - \mathbf{K}_*^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_*)$$

In practice, we typically have noisy estimations of target functions,  $y = f(x) + \epsilon$ . By assuming the i.i.d., Gaussian noise with variance  $\sigma_n^2$ , the prior on these noisy observations then becomes  $\text{cov}(y) = \mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}$ . The joint distribution of the observed target values and the function values at the test locations under the prior as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{f}_* \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left[ \mathbf{0}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{K}_* \\ \mathbf{K}_*^T & \mathbf{K}_{**} \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

By deriving the conditional distribution, we get the predictive equations for Gaussian process regression:

## Chapter 8

# Support Vector Machine

### 8.1 Preliminary

#### 8.1.1 Orthogonal Projection

Given two vectors  $x$  and  $y$ , we would like to find the orthogonal projection of  $x$  onto  $y$ .

By definition:

$$\|z\| = \|x\| \cos(\theta).$$

Note that the dot product of  $x$  and  $y$  is

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \cdot \|y\|}.$$

So we can replace the cosine

$$\|z\| = \|x\| \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \cdot \|y\|}.$$

This results in

$$\|z\| = u \cdot x,$$

where  $u$  is a unit vector of  $y$ , which has the same direction as  $z$ . Therefore we can express  $z$  as follows:

$$z = \|z\| \cdot u,$$

Then,

$$z = (u \cdot x) \cdot u.$$

Equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proj}_y x &= \left( \frac{y \cdot x}{\|y\|^2} \right) y \\ &= \left( \frac{y \cdot x}{\|y\|} \right) \frac{y}{\|y\|} \\ &= (u \cdot x) \cdot u \end{aligned}$$

## 8.2 Decision Boundary with Margin

A hyperplane(or decision surface) is used to separate data points belonging to different classes. **Support vectors are the data points that lie closest to the hyperplane.** The hyperplane can be written as the set of points  $\mathbf{x}$ , satisfying

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = 0$$

Note that the hyperplane is normal to the vector  $\mathbf{w}$ .

$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) = 0,$$

where  $b = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0$ . The support vectors are directly related to the optimal hyperplane. The goal of SVM is to find the optimal separating hyperplane. However, what is the optimal separating hyperplanes? **The optimal hyperplane is the one which maximizes the distance from the hyperplane to the nearest data point of any class.** The distance is referred to as the *margin*. SVMs maximize the margin around the separating hyperplane. The decision function is fully specified by a subset of training samples, the support vectors.

Let's consider a simple scenario, where training data is linearly separable:

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \mid \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^p, y_i \in \{-1, 1\}\}_{i=1}^N.$$

Then, we can build two hyperplanes separating the data with no points between them:

- $H_1 : \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = 1$
- $H_2 : \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = -1$

The, all samples have to satisfy one of two constraints:

1.  $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b \geq 1$
2.  $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b \leq -1$

Equivalently,

$$y(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b) \geq 1.$$

To maximize the margin, we can consider a unit vector  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$ , which is perpendicular to the hyperplanes and a point  $x_0$  on the hyperplane  $H_2$ . If we scale  $u$  from  $x_0$ , we get  $z = x_0 + ru$ . If we assume  $z$  is on  $H_1$ , then  $\mathbf{w} \cdot z + b = 1$ . This is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} \cdot (x_0 + ru) + b &= 1 \\ \mathbf{w}x_0 + \mathbf{w}r \frac{\mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} + b &= 1 \\ \mathbf{w}x_0 + r\|\mathbf{w}\| + b &= 1 \\ \mathbf{w}x_0 + b &= 1 - r\|\mathbf{w}\| \end{aligned}$$

The second step is done by  $u = w/\|w\|$ . The third step is valid since  $w \cdot w = \|w\|^2$ . As  $x_0$  is on  $H_2$ , so  $\mathbf{w}x_0 + b = -1$ . By substituting the LHS with it, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &= 1 - r\|\mathbf{w}\| \\ r &= \frac{2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}. \end{aligned}$$



Note that the scaled unit vector  $ru$ 's magnitude is  $r$ . Thus, the maximization of margin is equivalent to maximize  $r$ . To maximize  $r$ , we have to minimize the norm of  $\mathbf{w}$ . This is equivalent to an optimization problem.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \|w\|, \quad \text{subject to} \\ y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 \quad \forall i. \end{aligned}$$

This minimization problem gives the same result as the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2, \quad \text{subject to} \\ y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 \quad \forall i. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we now have **convex quadratic optimization problem**. The optimization is explained in §8.5. However, this hard margin cannot tolerate erroneous cases, which could be too strict for better generalization. To relax it, two solutions can be leveraged:

- Admits prediction errors.
- Use non-linearity (complex decision boundary).

### 8.3 Error Handling in SVM

Let's first try to solve the issue by allowing some prediction errors.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \|w\| + C \cdot N_e, \quad \text{subject to} \\ y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 \quad \forall i. \end{aligned}$$

where  $N_e$  is the number of errors. It means we consider all errors equally. This penalty approach is **0-1 loss**. This approach is not popular, since it is hard to solve. Another approach is to use a **slack variable** with **hinge loss**, instead of counting the number of errors.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \|w\| + C \sum_j \xi_j, \quad \text{subject to} \\ y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_j \quad \forall i, \xi_j \geq 0, \forall j. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\xi_j > 1$  when mis-classified by its definition:

$$\xi_j = (1 - (\mathbf{w}x_j + b)y_j)_+$$

Let's look at the new constraint. If some data points are mis-classified, then  $\xi_j > 1$  and  $y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \leq 0$ . This approach is called **soft-margin SVM**. Lastly, how do we set  $C$ ?

### 8.4 Kernel Trick

Applying the kernel trick simply means replacing the dot product of two examples in a dual form by a kernel function.

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \psi(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \psi(\mathbf{x}_j) \quad (8.1)$$

Equivalently,

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j). \quad (8.2)$$

## 8.5 SVM Optimization: Lagrange Multipliers

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to } g(\mathbf{x}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The minimum of  $f$  is found when its gradient point in the same direction as the gradient of  $g$ . In other words, when:

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha \nabla g(\mathbf{x}).$$

Consider a simple 2D example where you want to minimize the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ , which represents a circle centered at the origin. This function increases as you move away from the origin, and you're looking for the lowest point (the origin).

Now, let's add a constraint:  $g(x, y) = x + y - 1 = 0$ . This constraint is a line that runs through the plane, and you can only move along this line.

A Lagrange multiplier is like a balancing force that keeps you on the constraint line while you search for the optimal point. When you move along the constraint line, the Lagrange multiplier adjusts the direction and magnitude of your movement to ensure you stay on the line and also consider the shape of the function you're trying to optimize.

So if we want to find the minimum of  $f$  under the constraint  $g$ , we just need to solve the following function:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \alpha) = f(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha g(\mathbf{x})$$

Note that the  $\alpha$  is called a *Lagrange multiplier*. Recall that we want to solve the following convex quadratic optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2, \quad \text{subject to} \\ y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 \quad \forall i. \end{aligned}$$

We can reformulate the above problem as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i [y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) - 1] \quad (8.3)$$

We could try to solve the optimization problem, but this problem can only be solved analytically when the number of examples is small. Thus, we will reformulate the problem in the duality principle.

To get the solution of the primal problem, we need to solve the following **Lagrangian problem**:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{w}, b} \min_{\alpha} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) \\ \text{subject to } \alpha_i \geq 0, \forall i. \end{aligned}$$

You may have noticed that the method of Lagrange multipliers is used for solving problems with equality constraints, and here we are using them with inequality constraints. This is because the method still works for inequality constraints, if some additional conditions (the **KKT conditions**) are met (*c.f.*, §8.7.).

## 8.6 The Wolfe Dual Problem

The Lagrangian problem has  $N$  inequality constraints (where  $N$  is the number of training examples) and is typically solved using its *dual form*. The duality principle tells us that **an optimization problem can be viewed from two perspectives**: (i) The first one is the *primal problem*, a minimization problem in our case. (ii) The other one is the *dual problem*, which will be a maximization problem. What is interesting is that the maximum of the dual problem will always be less than or equal to the minimum of the primal problem (we say it **provides a lower bound to the solution of the primal problem**).

In our case, we are trying to solve a convex optimization problem, and **Slater's condition** holds for affine constraints (Gretton, 2016), so Slater's theorem tells us that strong duality holds. Note that the strong duality denotes that the solutions from the dual and the primal are identical (the maximum of the dual problem is equal to the minimum of the primal problem).

Solving the minimization problem involves taking the partial derivatives of  $\mathcal{L}$  with respect to  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $b$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\mathbf{w}}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) &= \mathbf{w} - \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i \\ \nabla_b\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) &= - \sum_i \alpha_i y_i\end{aligned}$$

The first term gives

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i$$

Let's substitute the objective function Eq. (8.3) with  $\mathbf{w}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{W}(\alpha, b) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i \right) \cdot \left( \sum_j \alpha_j y_j \mathbf{x}_j \right) - \sum_i \alpha_i \left[ y_i \left( \left( \sum_j \alpha_j y_j \mathbf{x}_j \right) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b \right) - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j \right) - \sum_i \alpha_i \left[ y_i \left( \left( \sum_j \alpha_j y_j \mathbf{x}_j \right) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b \right) \right] + \sum_i \alpha_i \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j - \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j - \sum_i \alpha_i y_i b + \sum_i \alpha_i \\ &= \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j - \sum_i \alpha_i y_i b\end{aligned}$$

There is still  $b$ , but  $b = 0$ , so we can just remove it. Finally, we get

$$\mathbf{W}(\alpha, b) = \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j) \quad (8.4)$$

This is the **Wolfe dual Lagrangian function**. Note that we transform the problem as a problem with regard to  $\alpha$ . Also, this is again a quadratic programming problem. The optimization

problem is also called the **Wolfe dual problem**:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha} \mathbf{W}(\alpha, b) &= \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j) \\ \text{subject to } \alpha_i &\geq 0 \text{ for any } i = 1, \dots, m \\ \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Once we get the value of  $\alpha$ , we can get the optimal  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $b$  can be obtained by using  $\alpha_i(y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) - 1) = 0$ . The dual problem involves only the dot product of the input vectors. This allows the use of the **kernel trick** to handle non-linearly separable data by mapping it to a higher-dimensional space. Details will be covered in the following section.

## 8.7 Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions

Due to the inequality constraints, we need to set an additional requirement. The solution must also satisfy the **Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions**.

The KKT conditions are first-order necessary conditions for a solution of an optimization problem to be optimal. Moreover, the problem should satisfy some regularity conditions. Luckily for us, one of the regularity conditions is Slater's condition, and we just saw that it holds for SVMs. Because the primal problem we are trying to solve is a convex problem, the KKT conditions are also sufficient for the point to be primal and dual optimal, and there is zero duality gap.

To sum up, if a solution satisfies the KKT conditions, we are guaranteed that **it is the optimal solution**. Note that solving the SVM problem is equivalent to finding a solution to the KKT conditions.

# Chapter 9

## Least Square SVM

### 9.1 Introduction

Least Squares Support Vector Machine (LS-SVM) is a modified version of the traditional Support Vector Machine (SVM) that simplifies the optimization process by using a least squares cost function. LS-SVM transforms the quadratic programming problem in classical SVM into a set of linear equations, which are easier and faster to solve. Here's a breakdown of the key concepts and steps involved in LS-SVM:

The LS-SVM optimization problem is formulated as:

#### 9.1.1 Primal Problem

$$\min_{w,b,e} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2$$

subject to:

$$y_i(w^T \phi(x_i) + b) = 1 - e_i, \quad \forall i$$

where:

- $w$  is the weight vector.
- $b$  is the bias term.
- $e_i$  are the error variables. In LS-SVM, the error terms  $e_i$  serve a similar purpose to the slack variables ( $\xi$ ) in traditional SVMs. However, instead of using hinge loss as in traditional SVM, LS-SVM uses a squared error loss function.
- $\gamma$  is a regularization parameter.
- $\phi(x_i)$  is the feature mapping function.
- Note that  $y_i^{-1} = y_i$  since  $y_i = \pm 1$ .

### 9.1.2 Lagrangian Function

The least-squares SVM (LS-SVM) classifier formulation above implicitly corresponds to a regression interpretation with binary targets  $y_i = \pm 1$ . Using  $y_i^2 = 1$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i e_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - (w^T \phi(x_i) + b))^2.$$

The Lagrangian for the above primal problem is:

$$L(w, b, e, \alpha) = \min_{w, b, e} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i [y_i (w^T \phi(x_i) + b) - 1 + e_i]$$

where  $\alpha_i$  are the Lagrange multipliers. Then, by setting the partial derivatives of the Lagrangian with respect to  $w$ ,  $b$ ,  $e$ , and  $\alpha$  to zero, we get the KKT conditions.

To find the stationary points of the Lagrangian, we take the partial derivatives with respect to  $w$ ,  $b$ ,  $e_i$ , and  $\alpha_i$ , and set them to zero. First, take partial derivative with respect to

- $w$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = w - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \phi(x_i) = 0 \implies w = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \phi(x_i)$$

- $b$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

- $e_i$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial e_i} = \gamma e_i - \alpha_i = 0 \implies \alpha_i = \gamma e_i$$

- $\alpha_i$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \alpha_i} = - [y_i (w^T \phi(x_i) + b) - 1 + e_i] = 0 \implies y_i (w^T \phi(x_i) + b) = 1 - e_i, i = 1, \dots, N.$$

We can express this in matrix form. Define:

- $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]^T$
- $y = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]^T$
- $1_n$  as a column vector of ones of length  $n$
- $Z = [\phi(x_1)^T y_1, \dots, \phi(x_n)^T y_n]$

Then the linear system becomes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & y^T \\ y & \Omega + \frac{1}{\gamma} I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1_n \end{bmatrix}$$

, where

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= ZZ^T, \\ \Omega_{kl} &= y_k y_l \phi(x_k)^T \phi(x_l) \\ &= y_k y_l K(x_k, x_l)\end{aligned}$$

Note that the dimension of the matrix on the left-hand side is  $(N + 1) \times (N + 1)$

Once we have  $b$  and  $\alpha$ , the decision function for **a new input**  $x$  is given by:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i K(x_i, x) + b.$$

**Example:** Suppose we have a small dataset with  $n = 3$  training samples. Then the dimensions of the matrix and vectors would be as follows:

- $y$  is a  $3 \times 1$  vector (e.g.,  $y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$ ).
- $y^T$  is a  $1 \times 3$  row vector (e.g.,  $y^T = [y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3]$ ).
- $K$  is a  $3 \times 3$  kernel matrix.
- $I$  is a  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix.
- $\frac{1}{\gamma}I$  is a  $3 \times 3$  scaled identity matrix.
- $K + \frac{1}{\gamma}I$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.
- $\alpha$  is a  $3 \times 1$  vector.
- $\mathbf{1}_3$  is a  $3 \times 1$  vector of ones.

The full matrix becomes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ y_1 & K_{11} + \frac{1}{\gamma} & K_{12} & K_{13} \\ y_2 & K_{21} & K_{22} + \frac{1}{\gamma} & K_{23} \\ y_3 & K_{31} & K_{32} & K_{33} + \frac{1}{\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix has dimensions  $4 \times 4$ .

So, the dimension of the matrix on the left-hand side in the system of linear equations for LS-SVM is  $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$ , where  $n$  is the number of training samples.



## 9.2 LS-SVMs for function estimation

LS-SVM model as feature space representation:

$$y(x) = w^T \phi(x) + b.$$

Given a training set  $\{x_k, y_k\}^N$ , the optimization problem is

$$\min_{w, b, e} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2$$

subject to:

$$y_k = w^T \phi(x_k) + b + e_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, N.$$

Then,

$$L(w, b, e, \alpha) = \min_{w, b, e} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i [w^T \phi(x_i) + b + e_i - y_i],$$

with  $\alpha_k$  Lagrange multipliers. Then, we can get conditions for optimality as follows:

- $w$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = 0 \implies w = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \phi(x_k)$$

- $b$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=k}^n \alpha_k = 0$$

- $e_k$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial e_k} = \implies \alpha_k = \gamma e_k$$

- $\alpha_k$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \alpha_k} = 0 \implies w^T \phi(x_k) + b + e_k - y_k = 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, N.$$

Then, the linear system becomes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1}^T \\ \mathbf{1} & \Omega + \frac{1}{\gamma} I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

, where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{kl} &= \phi(x_k)^T \phi(x_l), \quad k, l = 1, \dots, N \\ &= K(x_k, x_l) \end{aligned}$$

### 9.3 Asymmetric Kernels

Asymmetric kernels capture directional relationships in data that symmetric kernels cannot. For example, in directed graphs or conditional probability scenarios, the relationship from  $x$  to  $y$  is different from  $y$  to  $x$ .

#### 9.3.1 AsK-LS Primal Problem Formulation

The primal problem for AsK-LS is formulated to handle these asymmetric relationships. The goal is to find the weight vectors  $\omega$  and  $\nu$ , and bias terms  $b_1$  and  $b_2$ , that minimize the following objective function:

$$\min_{\omega, \nu, b_1, b_2, e, h} \frac{1}{2} \omega^T \nu + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m e_i^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m h_i^2$$

subject to the constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} y_i(\omega^T \phi_s(x_i) + b_1) &= 1 - e_i \\ y_i(\nu^T \phi_t(x_i) + b_2) &= 1 - h_i \end{aligned}$$

Here:

- $\omega$  and  $\nu$  are weight vectors for the source and target features.
- $\phi_s(x)$  and  $\phi_t(x)$  are the source and target feature mappings.
- $e_i$  and  $h_i$  are error terms for the source and target constraints.
- $\gamma$  is a regularization parameter.

Let's transform it into a dual form. The dual problem involves solving a system of linear equations derived from the primal problem's Lagrangian. The Lagrangian function for the primal problem is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\omega, \nu, b_1, b_2, e, h, \alpha, \beta) &= \frac{1}{2} \omega^T \nu + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m e_i^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m h_i^2 \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (1 - e_i - y_i(\omega^T \phi_s(x_i) + b_1)) + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i (1 - h_i - y_i(\nu^T \phi_t(x_i) + b_2)) \end{aligned}$$

The KKT conditions are derived by setting the partial derivatives of the Lagrangian with respect to  $\omega, \nu, b_1, b_2, e$ , and  $h$  to zero. The dual problem leads to the following linear system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & Y^T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & Y^T \\ Y & 0 & \frac{I}{\gamma} & H \\ 0 & Y & H^T & \frac{I}{\gamma} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where:

- $Y$  is a vector of class labels.
- $H$  is the kernel matrix with elements  $H_{ij} = y_i K(x_i, x_j) y_j$ , where  $K(x_i, x_j) = \langle \phi_s(x_i), \phi_t(x_j) \rangle$  is the asymmetric kernel function.

AsK-LS uses two different feature mappings  $\phi_s$  and  $\phi_t$  for the source and target features. This approach allows capturing more information compared to symmetric kernels. The dual solution provides weight vectors  $\omega$  and  $\nu$ , which span the target and source feature spaces, respectively.

The decision functions for classification from the source and target perspectives are given by

$$f_s(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i y_i K(x, x_i) + b_1$$

$$f_t(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i K(x_i, x) + b_2$$

These functions utilize the learned asymmetric relationships in the data.

## Part III

# Generative Modeling

# Chapter 10

## Introduction

### 10.1 KL Divergence

The KL divergence can be defined as follows:

$$D_{KL}(P||Q) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} \left[ \log \frac{P(X)}{Q(X)} \right]$$

#### 10.1.1 Properties

- Non symmetric
- $D_{KL} \in [0, \infty]$
- In order for the KL divergence to be finite, the support of  $P$  needs to be in the support of  $Q$ .

#### 10.1.2 Rewriting the Objective

$$\begin{aligned} D_{KL}(P||Q) &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} \left[ \log \frac{P(X)}{Q(X)} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [-\log Q(X)] - \mathcal{H}(P(X)) \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [-\log Q(X)]$ : Cross entropy
- $\mathcal{H}(P(X))$ : Entropy of  $P$

#### 10.1.3 Forward and Reverse KL

Let's say there is a true distribution  $P(X)$  with two modes and our approximation  $Q(X)$  has one mode. Then,

- Forward KL:  $D_{KL}(P||Q)$
- Reverse KL:  $D_{KL}(Q||P)$

### Forward KL: Mean-Seeking Behavior

$$\begin{aligned}
 \arg \min_{\theta} D_{KL}(P||Q) &= \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P}[-\log Q_{\theta}(X)] - \mathcal{H}(P(X)) \\
 &= \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P}[-\log Q_{\theta}(X)] \\
 &= \arg \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P}[\log Q_{\theta}(X)]
 \end{aligned}$$

Intuition:  $x$  will be sampled from the distribution  $P$ , and its value will be estimated from  $Q$ . Thus, there will be higher chance that  $x$  will be sampled from a space with higher probability in  $P$ . Therefore,  $Q_{\theta}$  has to consider all modes, which have high probabilities.

To use the forward KL, we have to have an access to the true model  $P(X)$  for sampling.

### Reverse KL: Mode-Seeking Behavior

$$\begin{aligned}
 \arg \min_{\theta} D_{KL}(Q||P) &= \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q_{\theta}}[-\log P(X)] - \mathcal{H}(Q_{\theta}(X)) \\
 &= \arg \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q_{\theta}}[\log P(X)] + \mathcal{H}(Q_{\theta}(X))
 \end{aligned}$$

Intuition:  $x$  will be sampled from the distribution  $Q$ , and its value will be estimated from  $P$ . Thus, there will be higher chance that  $x$  will be sampled from a space with higher probability in  $Q$ . Therefore, to maximize the value, we need to focus on a single mode.

To use the reverse KL, we have to be able to evaluate the true model  $P(X)$ .

# Chapter 11

## Sampling Based Inference

### 11.1 Basic Sampling Methods

#### 11.1.1 Inverse Transform Sampling

Inverse transform sampling is a basic method for pseudo-random number sampling, *i.e.*, for generating sample numbers at random from any probability distribution given its cumulative distribution function (CDF).

**Assume that we already have a uniformly distributed random number generator, e.g., `np.random.randn()`**

1. Generate a random number  $u \sim Unif[0, 1]$
2. Find the inverse of the desired CDF,  $F_X^{-1}(x)$ .
3. Compute  $X = F_X^{-1}(u)$ . The computed random variable  $X$  has distribution  $F_X(x)$

However, it is **hard to compute the inverse of CDF** ( $F_X(x)$ )

- $F_X(x) : \mathbb{R} \mapsto [0, 1]$  is any CDF.
- CDF is a non-negative and non-decreasing (monotone) function that is continuous.
- Our objective is to simulate a random variable  $X$  distributed as  $F$ ; that is, we want to simulate a  $X$  such that  $P(X \leq x) = F(x)$ .
- $F$  is invertible since it is continuous and strictly increasing.

#### 11.1.2 Ancestral Sampling

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}_1)p(\mathbf{x}_2|\mathbf{x}_1)p(\mathbf{x}_3|\mathbf{x}_2) \cdots$$

Sampling steps:

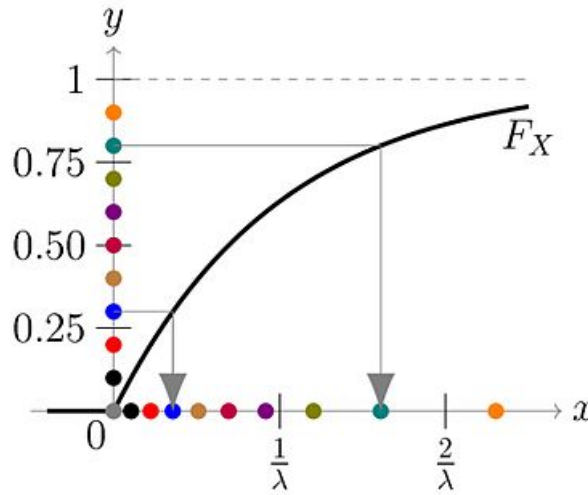
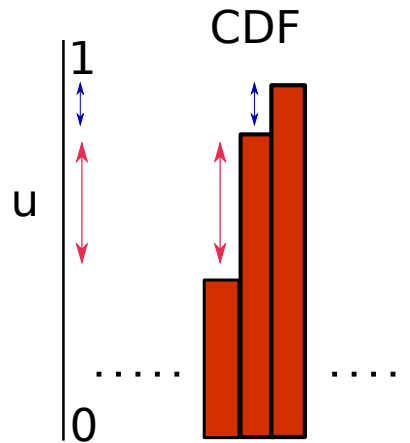
Figure 11.1:  $y$ -axis: Uniform distribution,  $x$ -axis: sample value

Figure 11.2: How can this sampling method recover the original distribution?

1. sample  $\mathbf{x}_1$
2. sample  $\mathbf{x}_2$  conditioned by  $\mathbf{x}_1$
3. sample  $\mathbf{x}_3$  conditioned by  $\mathbf{x}_2$

### 11.1.3 Rejection Sampling

Rejection sampling is a simple method. It rejects samples violating a given condition (*e.g.*, conditions of conditional probability.). Let's see its theory.

Rejection sampling is a method for sampling from a distribution  $p(x) = \frac{1}{Z}p'(x)$  that is difficult to sample directly, but its unnormalized pdf  $p'(x)$  is easy to evaluate ( $Z$  is hard to compute). In rejection sampling, we need some simpler distribution  $q(x)$ , called a **proposal distribution**.

The intuition of rejection sampling is actually similar to Monte-Carlo estimation. By setting a large area (proposal distribution), we can sample points and take them that are inside the our

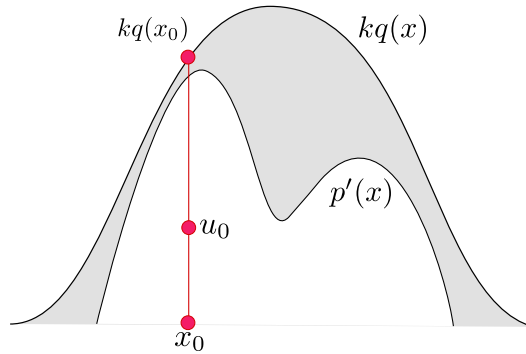


target distribution

To run the rejection sampling, introduce a constant  $k$  whose value is chosen such that  $kq(x) \geq p'(x)$  for all values of  $x$ . The function  $kq(x)$  is called a comparison function. Each step of the rejection sampler involves generating two random variables:

1. Sample  $x_0 \sim q$
2. Sample  $u_0 \sim U[0, kq(x_0)]$ .

Finally, If  $u_0 > p'(x_0)$ , then the sample  $x_0$  will be rejected, otherwise we add the sample  $x_0$  to our set of samples  $\{x^r\}$ .



The original values of  $x$  are generated from the distribution  $q(x)$  and these samples are then accepted with probability  $p'(x)/kq(x)$  (see the figure above. The acceptance probability (*i.e.*, length) is the  $p'$  divided by  $kq$ ). Then, the probability that a sample will be accepted is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\text{accept}) &= p\left(u \leq \frac{p'(x)}{kq(x)}\right) \\
 &= \int p\left(u \leq \frac{p'(x)}{kq(x)} \middle| x\right) q(x) dx \\
 &= \int \frac{p'(x)}{kq(x)} q(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{k} \int p'(x) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the sampling will be more efficient if we choose small  $k$  to increase the chance of acceptance.

#### 11.1.4 Importance Sampling

We want to estimate an expectation of function  $f(x)$ , where  $x \sim p(x)$ , but it is hard to estimate the distribution  $p(x)$ . Again, the importance sampling is not a method for generating samples from  $p(\mathbf{x})$ . In this case, we can use a simple distribution  $q(x)$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_p[f(\mathbf{x})] &= \int p(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x} \\
&= \int p(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x})\frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})}d\mathbf{x} \\
&= \int q(\mathbf{x})\left[f(\mathbf{x})\frac{p(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})}\right]d\mathbf{x} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_q\left[f(\mathbf{x})\frac{p(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})}\right]
\end{aligned}$$

- Assume that  $p(\mathbf{x})$  is known and too complicated to be sampled directly.
- Samples are independently drawn from a **proposal density**  $Q(\mathbf{x})$ , which is designed to be close to the true density  $p(\mathbf{x})$  and **simpler**
- Generate  $R$  samples from  $Q(\mathbf{x})$

By applying the Monte-Carlo method, we can get

$$\mathbb{E}_q\left[f(\mathbf{x})\frac{p(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})}\right] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\mathbf{x}_i)\frac{p(\mathbf{x}_i)}{q(\mathbf{x}_i)}, \quad \mathbf{x}_i \sim p(\mathbf{x}) \quad (11.1)$$

- Unbiased estimation
- (Potentially) Smaller variance compared to the vanilla Monte-Carlo method above.

- $Var_q\left[f(\mathbf{x})\frac{p(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})}\right] < Var_p[f(\mathbf{x})]$
- When  $q(\mathbf{x})$  is high where  $|p(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x})|$  is high.

## Chapter 12

# Markov Chain Monte Carlo

### 12.1 Gibbs Sampling

The phrase “Markov chain Monte Carlo” encompasses a broad array of techniques that have in common a few key ideas. The setup for all the techniques that we will discuss in this book is as follows:

1. We want to sample from a some complicated density or probability mass function  $\pi$ . Often, this density is the result of a Bayesian computation so it can be interpreted as a posterior density. The presumption here is that we can evaluate  $\pi$  but we cannot sample from it.
2. We know that certain stochastic processes called Markov chains will converge to a stationary distribution (if it exists and if specific conditions are satisfied). Simulating from such a Markov chain for a long enough time will eventually give us a sample from the chain’s stationary distribution.
3. Given the functional form of the density  $\pi$ , we want to construct a Markov chain that has  $\pi$  as its stationary distribution.
4. We want to sample values from the Markov chain such that the sequence of values  $\{x_n\}$  generated by the chain converges in distribution to the density  $\pi$ .

In order for all these ideas to make sense, we need to first go through some background on Markov chains. The rest of this chapter will be spent defining all these terms, the conditions under which they make sense, and giving examples of how they can be implemented in practice.

### 12.2 Markov Chain

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A Markov chain is a stochastic process that evolves over time by transitioning into different states. The sequence of states is denoted by the collection  $\{X_i\}$  and the transition between states is random, following the rule

**Definition 3** Let  $D$  be a finite set. A random process  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  with values in  $D$  is called a Markov chain if

$$P(X_t = x_{t+1} | X_t = x_t, \dots, X_0 = x_0) = P(X_{t+1} = x_{t+1} | X_t = x_t)$$

We can think of  $X_t$  as a random state at time  $t$ , and the Markovian assumption is that the probability of transitioning from  $x_t$  to  $x_{t+1}$  only depends on  $x_t$ . In other words, the future state depends only on the present. Let  $p_{ij}$  be the probability of transitioning from state  $i$  to state  $j$ . A Markov chain can be defined by a transition probability matrix:

**Definition 4** The matrix  $\mathbf{P} = (p_{ij})_{i,j} \in D$  is called the transition probability matrix.

Thus,  $P$  is a  $D \times D$  matrix, where  $|D|$  denotes the cardinality of  $D$ , and the cell value  $p_{ij}$  is the probability of transitioning from state  $i$  to state  $j$ , and the rows of  $P$  must sum to one. We will restrict ourselves to time *homogeneous Markov chains*:

**Definition 5** A Markov chain is called time homogeneous if

$$\mathbb{P}\{X_{t+1} = j | X_n = i\} = p_{ij}, \forall n.$$

It state that *the transition probabilities are not changing as a function of time*. Finally, let's introduce some useful notation for the initial state of the Markov chain. Let

$$\mathbb{P}_{x_0}\{\cdot\} \triangleq \mathbb{P}\{\cdot | X_0 = x_0\}.$$

For example, I will write  $\mathbb{P}_a\{X_1 = b\}$  rather than  $\mathbb{P}\{X_1 = b | X_0 = a\}$ . This is because all the conditional probabilities depend on the initial state, and it the usual notation is cumbersome.

Consider a simple Markov chain modeling the weather. The weather has two states: rainy and sunny. Thus,  $D = \{r, s\}$  and  $X_n$  is the "weather on day  $n$ ". The Markov chain model is as follows. If today is rainy ( $r$ ), tomorrow it is sunny ( $s$ ) with probability  $p$ . If today it is sunny, tomorrow it is rainy with probability  $q$ . Then, transition matrix is given by

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-p & p \\ q & 1-q \end{bmatrix}.$$

The state diagram of the chain can be represented as follows: As a consequence of the Markovian

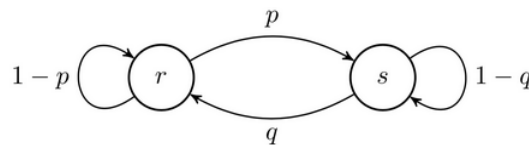


Figure 12.1: A sample Markov chain.

assumptions, the probability of any path on a Markov chain is just the multiplication of the

numbers along the path. For example, for some Markov chain with states  $D = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , the probability of a particular path, say  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow b \rightarrow d \rightarrow c$  factorize as

$$p_{ab} \cdots p_{dc}$$

Let's try to formulate this by

$$\mathbb{P}_i\{X_n = j\}.$$

For instance, let's say  $n = 2$ . Then, we have

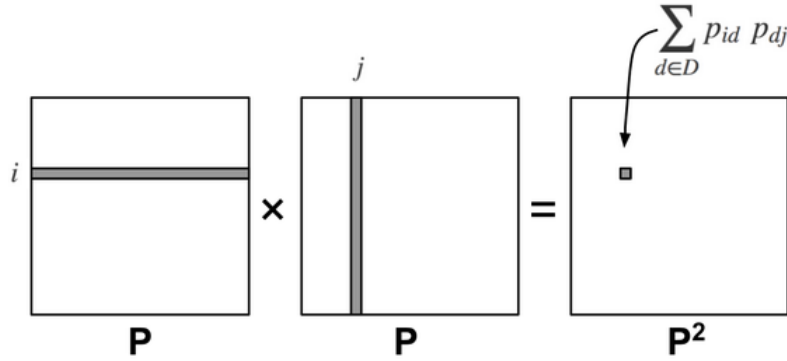
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_i\{X_2 = j\} &= \sum_{d \in D} \mathbb{P}_i\{X_2 = j, X_1 = d\} \\ &= \sum_{d \in D} \mathbb{P}_i\{X_2 = j | X_1 = d\} \mathbb{P}_i\{X_1 = d\} \\ &= \sum_{d \in D} p_{id} p_{dj} \end{aligned}$$

This is equivalent to a dot product of the  $i$ -th row to  $j$ -th column of the transition matrix  $\mathbb{P}$ . This can be expressed as follows:

$$\mathbb{P}\{X_2 = j | X_0 = i\} = \sum_{d \in D} p_{id} p_{dj} = (\mathbf{P}_{ij}^2).$$

This can be generalized to

$$\mathbb{P}_i\{X_n = j\} = (\mathbf{P}_{ij}^n).$$



In sum, the dot product performs marginalization, and everything works out nicely thanks to the Markovian assumption. If the  $D$ -dimensional vector  $\mathbf{v}$  represents a discrete distribution over initial states  $X_0$ , then  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{P}$  is a  $D$ -dimensional vector representing the probability distribution over  $X_1$ .

### 12.2.1 Ergodicity

Let's discuss about *ergodicity*, which is a property of a random process in which its time average is the same as its probability space average. It can be defined as follows:

**Definition 6** A Markov chain  $\{X_n\}$  is called ergodic if the limit

$$\pi(j) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_i\{X_n = j\}$$

exists for every state  $j$  and does not depend on the initial state  $i$ . The  $D$ -dimensional vector  $\boldsymbol{\pi}(j)$  is called the stationary probability.

In other words,

- The probability  $\pi(j)$  of reaching at state  $j$  (i.e.,  $\mathbb{P}_i\{X_n = j\}$ )
- After a long time (i.e.,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ )
- Regardless of the initial state  $i$  (i.e.,  $\mathbb{P}_i\{X_n = j\}$ ).

Equivalently, it can be expressed as

$$\pi(j) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathbf{P}^n)_{ij}.$$

The ergodicity gives the following property:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(j) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathbf{P}^n)_{ij} \\ &\stackrel{\star}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathbf{P}^{n+1})_{ij} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathbf{P}^n \mathbf{P})_{ij} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{d \in D} (\mathbf{P}^n)_{id} \mathbf{P}_{dj} \\ &= \sum_{d \in D} \pi(d) \mathbf{P}_{dj} \end{aligned}$$

- The step  $\star$  holds since the step  $n$  and  $n + 1$  does not matter under the limit.

Finally, we can write this as

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}^T = \boldsymbol{\pi}^T \mathbf{P},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$  is a column vector. Hence, the name "stationary probability distribution" denotes that it is a distribution that does not change over time.

Since we are interested in ergodicity, let's now introduce some properties related to reachability and long-term behavior.

**Definition 7** We say that there is a path from  $i$  to  $j$  ( $i \rightsquigarrow j$ ) if there is a nonzero probability that starting at  $i$ , we can reach  $j$  at some point in the future.

**Definition 8** A state  $i$  is called **transient** if there exists a state  $j$  such that  $i \rightsquigarrow j$  but  $j \not\rightsquigarrow i$ .

**Definition 9** A state  $i$  is called **recurrent** if for all states  $j$  there exist  $i \rightsquigarrow j$  and  $j \rightsquigarrow i$ .

**Definition 10** A Markov chain is **irreducible** if  $i \leftrightarrow j, \forall i, j \in S$ . Simply, if all states are able to visit other states, it is irreducible.

**Definition 11** State  $i$  has a **period**  $d$  (i.e., periodically visit the state  $i$ )  $\leftrightarrow$  aperiodic.

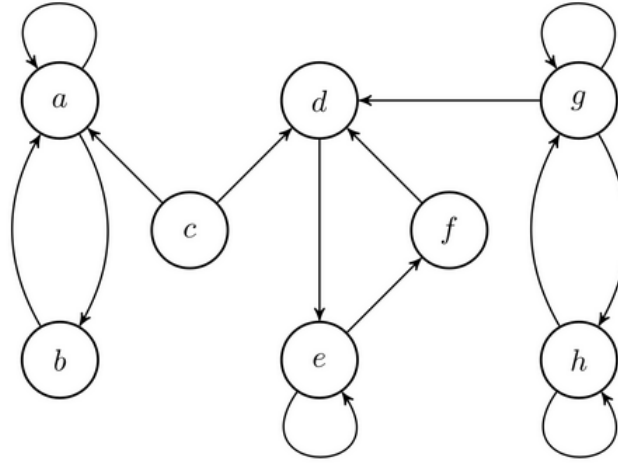


Figure 12.2: A Markov chain with  $D = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$ . The state  $c$  is a transient state. Note that  $g$  and  $h$  are also transient as there exist states that they cannot return. There are two recurrent classes:  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{d, e, f\}$ .

Intuitively, a *transient* state is a state that cannot return to itself; while a *recurrent* state can return. In other words, these two conditions are opposite. A transient state is not recurrent, and a recurrent state is not transient. Note that if a state is recurrent, every reachable state is also recurrent. We think of a set of recurrent states as a "class" or a "recurrent class". We can notice that Fig. 12.1 is ergodic but Fig. 12.2 is not since some states are not recurrent.

In sum a state is ergodic if the state is recurrent and aperiodic. Markov chain is ergodic if all states are ergodic.

### 12.2.2 Limit Theorem of Markov chain

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For a Markov chain with a discrete state space and transition matrix  $P$ , let  $\pi_*$  be such that  $\pi_* P = \pi_*$ . Then  $\pi_*$  is a stationary distribution of the Markov chain and the chain is said to be stationary if it reaches this distribution.

The basic limit theorem for Markov chains says that, under a specific set of assumptions that we will detail below, we have

$$\|\pi_* - \pi_n\| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the total variation distance between the two densities. Therefore, no matter where we start the Markov chain ( $\pi_0$ ),  $\pi_n$  will eventually approach the stationary distribution. Another way to think of this is that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_n(i) = \pi_*(i).$$

for all states  $i$  in the state space. Note that  $\pi_0$  is the probability distribution of the Markov chain at time 0. Also,  $\pi_n$  denote the distribution of the chain at time  $n$ .

### 12.2.3 Time Reversibility

Consider a stationary ergodic Markov chain with transition probability  $p(i, j)$  and stationary distribution  $\pi(i)$ , if we reverse the process, we will get a reversed Markov chain with transition probability  $q(i, j)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 q(j, i) &= P(X_m = i | X_{m+1} = j) \\
 &= \frac{P(X_m = i, X_{m+1} = j)}{P(X_{m+1} = j)} \\
 &= \frac{P(X_m = i | X_{m+1} = j) P(X_{m+1} = j)}{P(X_{m+1} = j)} \\
 &= \frac{\pi(i) p(i, j)}{\pi(j)} \\
 \pi(i) p(i, j) &= \pi(j) q(j, i)
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $p(i, j) = q(j, i)$ , it is called time-reversible Markov chain.



## 12.3 Markov Chain Monte Carlo

MCMC aims to generate samples from some complex probability distribution  $p(x)$  that is difficult to directly sample from.

The basic sampling methods we have learnt so far do not leverage past information, which assumes all samples are independent. In Markov chain based sampling, we will treat random variables as a sequence of sampling process.

In Markov Chain Monte Carlo(MCMC), we assume that a stationary distribution is already known. We are more interested in estimating a transition rule that describing the stationary distribution.

Ground rules for MCMCs:

- MCMCs stochastically explore the parameter space in such a way that the histogram of their samples produces the target distribution.
- Markovian: Evolution of the chain (*i.e.*, collections of samples from one iteration to the other) only depends on the current position and some transition probability distribution (*i.e.*, how we move from one point in parameter space to another). This means that the chain has no memory and past samples cannot be used to determine new positions in parameter space.
- The chain will converge to the target distribution if the transition probability is:
  - Irreducible: From any point in parameter space, we must be able to reach any other point in the space in a finite number of steps.
  - Positive recurrent: For any point in parameter space, the expected number of steps for the chain to return to that point is finite. This means that the chain must be able to re-visit previously explored areas of parameter space.
  - Aperiodic: The number of steps to return to a given point must not be a multiple of some value  $k$ . This means that the chain cannot get caught in cycles.

### 12.3.1 Metropolis-Hasting Algorithm

Suppose we have a target posterior distribution  $\pi(x)$ , where  $x$  here can be any collection of parameters (not a single parameter). In order to move around this parameter space we must formulate some proposal distribution:

$$q(x_{i+1} \mid x_i),$$

that specifies the probability of moving to a point in parameter space,  $x_{i+1}$ , given that we are currently at  $x_i$ . The Metropolis Hastings algorithm accepts a “jump” to  $x_{i+1}$  with the following probability

$$\kappa(x_{i+1} \mid x_i) = \min \left( 1, \frac{\pi(x_{i+1})q(x_i \mid x_{i+1})}{\pi(x_i)q(x_{i+1} \mid x_i)} \right) = \min(1, H),$$

where the fraction above is called the Hastings ratio,  $H$ . The above expression represents that the probability of transitioning from point  $x_{i+1}$  given the current position  $x_i$  is a function of the ratio of the value of the posterior at the new point to the old point (*i.e.*,  $\pi(x_{i+1})/\pi(x_i)$ ) and the ratio of the transition probabilities at the new point to the old point (*i.e.*,  $q(x_i | x_{i+1})/q(x_{i+1} | x_i)$ ). Firstly, it is clear that if the ratio is bigger than 1 then the jump will be accepted. Secondly, the ratio of the target posteriors ensures that the chain will gradually move to high probability regions. Lastly, the ratio of the transition probabilities ensures that the chain is not “favored” toward certain locations by the proposal distribution function. Note that many proposal distributions are symmetric (*i.e.*,  $q(x_{i+1} | x_i) = q(x_i | x_{i+1})$ ).

The Metropolis-Hasting algorithm is then:

```

1 def mh_sampler(x0, lnprob_fn, prop_fn, prop_fn_kwargs={}, iterations=100000):
2     """Simple metropolis hastings sampler.
3
4     :param x0: Initial array of parameters.
5     :param lnprob_fn: Function to compute log-posterior.
6     :param prop_fn: Function to perform jumps.
7     :param prop_fn_kwargs: Keyword arguments for proposal function
8     :param iterations: Number of iterations to run sampler. Default=100000
9
10    :returns:
11        (chain, acceptance, lnprob) tuple of parameter chain , acceptance rate
12        and log-posterior chain.
13    """
14
15    # number of dimensions
16    ndim = len(x0)
17
18    # initialize chain, acceptance rate and lnprob
19    chain = np.zeros((iterations, ndim))
20    lnprob = np.zeros(iterations)
21    accept_rate = np.zeros(iterations)
22
23    # first samples
24    chain[0] = x0
25    lnprob[0] = lnprob_fn(x0)
26
27    # start loop
28    naccept = 0
29    for ii in range(1, iterations):
30
31        # propose
32        x_star, factor = prop_fn(x0, **prop_fn_kwargs)
33
34        # draw random uniform number
35        u = np.random.uniform(0, 1)
36
37        # compute hastings ratio
38        lnprob_star = lnprob_fn(x_star)
39        H = np.exp(lnprob_star - lnprob[0]) * factor
40
41        # accept/reject step (update acceptance counter)
42        if u < H:
43            x0 = x_star
44            lnprob[0] = lnprob_star
45            naccept += 1
46
47        # update chain
48        chain[ii] = x0
49        lnprob[ii] = lnprob[0]
50

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51         accept_rate[ii] = naccept / ii
52
53     return chain, accept_rate, lnprob
```

# Chapter 13

## Topic Modeling

### 13.1 Latent Semantic Allocation

Topic model provides insights like

- Can analyze topics. *e.g.*, a certain topic includes specific words more than other topics.
- A certain document's topic distribution (simplex)

pLSA: Latent Variable Model

$$P_{LSA}(w|d) = \sum_z P(w|z; \theta) P(z|d; \pi)$$

- $w$ : word
- $d$ : document
- $z$ : latent variable

Equivalently,

$$P_{LSA}(d, w) = \sum_z P(w|z) P(d|z) p(z) = p(d) \sum_z P(w|z) P(z|d)$$

The probability of observing  $n(w_i, d_j)$  occurrences of word  $w_i$  in document  $d_j$  is given by

$$p(w_i, d_j)^{n(w_i, d_j)}$$

The probability of observing the complete document collection is then given by the product of probabilities of observing every single word in every document with corresponding number of occurrences.

Then, the likelihood function becomes

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^m \prod_{j=1}^n p(w_i, d_j)^{n(w_i, d_j)}$$

The log-likelihood is then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n n(w_i, d_j) \log(p(w_i, d_j)) \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^k p(w_i | z_l) p(d_j | z_l) p(z_l) \end{aligned}$$

Parameter Inference:

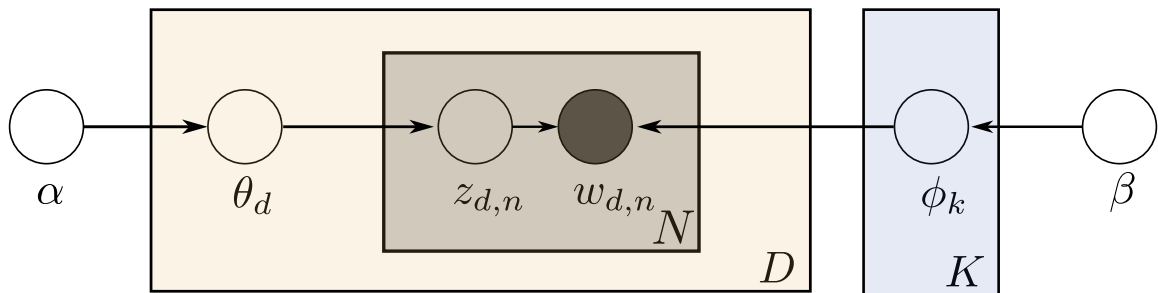
- We cannot maximize the likelihood analytically because of the logarithm of the sum
- A standard procedure is to use *EM*.

## 13.2 Latent Dirichlet Allocation

The assumptions of LDA:

- Each topic is a distribution over words.
- Each document is a mixture of corpus-wide topics.
- Each word is sampled from one of topics.

The LDA attempts to model the document generation process stochastically. However, we have to infer the latent structure (the distributions) of documents.



- $\theta_d \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha)$ : For each document, draw topic distribution.
  - $\alpha$ : Dirichlet parameter
- $z_{d,n} \sim \text{Mult}(\theta_d)$ : per-word topic assignment. The  $n$ -th word of document  $d$  is from which topic?
- $w_{d,n} \sim \text{Mult}(\phi_{z_{d,n}})$ : observed word. The  $n$ -th word in a document  $d$  is from a certain topic ( $z_{d,n}$ ) distribution  $\phi_{z_{d,n}}$ .

- $\phi_k \sim \text{Dir}(\beta), i = \{1, \dots, K\}$ : topics.
- $\beta$ : topic hyperparameter (Dirichlet parameter).

We can immediately notice that the LDA's modeling approach is quite far from the way we write texts. However, LDA works quite well.

The document generation process can be modelled as follows:

$$p(\phi_{1:K}, \theta_{1:D}, z_{1:D}, w_{1:D}) = \prod_{i=1}^K p(\phi_i | \beta) \prod_{d=1}^D p(\theta_d | \alpha) \left( \prod_{n=1}^N p(w_{d,n} | \phi_{1:K}, z_{d,n}) p(z_{d,n} | \theta_d) \right).$$

### 13.2.1 LDA Inference

The posterior of the latent variables given the document is

$$p(\phi, \theta, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{w}) = \frac{p(\phi, \theta, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w})}{\int_{\phi} \int_{\theta} \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\phi, \theta, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w})}$$

Computing the posterior is intractable:

- The denominator is intractable
- We cannot compute the denominator, the marginal  $p(\mathbf{w})$ .
- We are going to use collapsed Gibbs sampling.

We want to estimate the topic distribution  $\mathbf{z}$ .

### 13.2.2 Dirichlet Distribution

The Dirichlet Distribution can be considered as a extension of the *beta distribution*.

$$p(P = \{p_i\} | \alpha_i) = \frac{\Gamma(\sum_i \alpha_i)}{\prod_i \Gamma(\alpha_i)} \prod_i p_i^{\alpha_i - 1} \quad (13.1)$$

- $\sum_i p_i = 1$
- The posterior distribution of Dirichlet distribution is also Dirichlet distribution.

## Chapter 14

# Latent Variable Models

### 14.1 Introduction

#### 14.1.1 Motivation of Latent Variable Models

If we knew a corresponding latent variable for each observation, then modelling might be easier. Imagine, how can we find  $z^* = \operatorname{argmax}_z p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$  for the data  $\mathbf{x}$  as shown in Fig. 14.1(b)

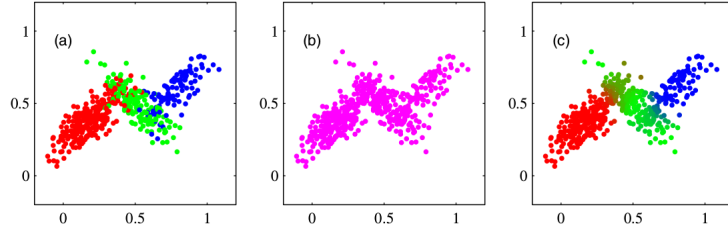


Figure 14.1: (a) Complete data set  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$ . (b) Incomplete data set  $p(\mathbf{x})$ . (c) Inference result

For example, we want to model the complete data set  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$  under the i.i.d. assumption

$$p(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{cases} p(\mathcal{C}_1)p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathcal{C}_1) & \text{if } z_i = 0 \\ p(\mathcal{C}_2)p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathcal{C}_2) & \text{if } z_i = 1 \\ p(\mathcal{C}_3)p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathcal{C}_3) & \text{if } z_i = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N, \mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2, \dots, \mathbf{z}_N | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{z_{nk}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)^{z_{nk}}$$

, where  $\pi_k = p(\mathcal{C}_k)$  and  $p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathcal{C}_k) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$ . However, in many cases, it is not observable.

# Chapter 15

## Clustering

### 15.1 K-Means Clustering

Suppose we have a data set  $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  consisting of  $N$  observations of a random  $D$ -dimensional variable  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D$ . Our goal is to partition the data into some number  $K$  of clusters. Intuitively, we may think of a cluster as comprising a group of data points whose inter-point distances are small compared with the distances to points outside of the cluster.

This notion can be formalized by introducing a set of  $D$ -dimensional vectors  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ , which represents the centers of the clusters. Our goal is to find an assignment of data points to clusters, as well as a set of vectors  $\{\boldsymbol{\mu}_k\}$ . Objective function of  $K$ -means clustering (*distortion measure*) can be defined as follows:

$$J = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K r_{nk} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2$$

, where  $r_{nk} \in \{0, 1\}$  is a binary indicator variable which represents the **membership of data**  $\mathbf{x}_n$ . Our goal is to find values for the  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$  and the  $r_{nk}$  so as to minimize  $J$ .

We can minimize  $J$  through an iterative procedure in which each iteration involves two successive steps corresponding to successive optimizations with respect to the  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$  and the  $r_{nk}$ . First we choose some initial values for the  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ . Then in the first phase we minimize  $J$  with respect to the  $r_{nk}$ , keeping the  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$  fixed. In the second phase we minimize  $J$  with respect to the  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ , keeping  $r_{nk}$  fixed. This two-stage optimization is then repeated until convergence.

The  $r_{nk}$  can be optimized in a closed-form solution as follows:

$$r_{nk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = \operatorname{argmin}_j \|\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j\|^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Now consider the optimization of the  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$  with the  $r_{nk}$  held fixed. The objective function  $J$  is a quadratic function of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ , and it can be minimized by setting its derivative with respect to  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$  to zero giving

$$2 \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k) = 0.$$



We can arrange as

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k = \frac{\sum_n r_{nk} \mathbf{x}_n}{\sum_n r_{nk}}.$$

The denominator of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$  is equal to the number of points assigned to cluster  $k$ . The mean of cluster  $k$  is essentially the same as the mean of data points  $\mathbf{x}_n$  assigned to cluster  $k$ . For this reason, the procedure is known as the  $K$ -means clustering algorithm.

The two phases of re-assigning data points to clusters and re-computing the cluster means are repeated in turn until there is no further change in the assignments. These two phases reduce the value of the objective function  $J$ , so the convergence of the algorithm is assured. However, it may converge to a local rather than global minimum of  $J$ .

Some properties:

- Hard clustering ( $\leftrightarrow$  Soft clustering)
- Centroid initialization issue.
- The number of clusters is uncertain.
- Distance metric issue (*e.g.*, Euclidean?)

## 15.2 Gaussian Mixture Models

### 15.2.1 Multinomial Distribution

$$P(X|\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \prod_n \prod_k \mu_k^{x_{nk}} = \prod_k \mu_k^{\sum_n x_{nk}}.$$

How to determine the MLE solution of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ ? *i.e.*, maximize  $P(X|\boldsymbol{\mu})$  subject to  $\mu_k \geq 0$  and  $\sum_k \mu_k = 1$ . We can use the Lagrange method.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \sum_k \sum_n x_{nk} \ln \mu_k + \lambda (\sum_k \mu_k - 1) \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mu_k} &= \frac{\sum_n x_{nk}}{\mu_k} + \lambda. \\ \mu_k^{\text{ML}} &= \frac{m_k}{N}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $m_k = \sum_n x_{nk}$ . We can consider the joint distribution of the quantities  $m_1, \dots, m_K$ , conditioned on the parameters  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and on the total number  $N$  observations:

$$\text{Mult}(m_1, \dots, m_K | \boldsymbol{\mu}, N) = \binom{N}{m_1, \dots, m_K} = \frac{N!}{m_1! \dots m_K!}.$$

Note that the variables  $m_k$  are subject to the constraint

$$\sum_k m_k = N.$$

### 15.2.2 Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2\right)$$

For a  $D$ -dimensional vector  $\mathbf{x}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right) \\ \ln \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the functional dependence of the Gaussian on  $\mathbf{x}$  is through the quadratic form:

$$\Delta^2 = (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}).$$

The quantity  $\Delta$  is called the *Mahalanobis distance* from  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  to  $\mathbf{x}$  and reduces to the Euclidean distance when  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is the identity matrix.

Also, by using i.i.d. condition of a dataset, we can also express as follows:

$$\ln \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = -\frac{N}{2} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) + C$$

### 15.2.3 Gaussian Mixture Models

K-means clustering is a hard-clustering, but in some cases soft-clustering provides a better model in practice. Gaussian mixture model assumes a simple **linear superposition** of Gaussian components, aimed at providing a richer class of density models than the single Gaussian. Let's consider a single sample case and it can be expressed as follows:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$

Let us introduce a  $K$ -dimensional binary random variable  $\mathbf{z}$  having a 1-of- $K$  representation in which a particular element  $z_k$  is equal to 1 and all other elements are 0. I will explain more about  $\mathbf{z}$  later. It satisfied the following properties:

- $z_k \in \{0, 1\}$
- $\sum_k z_k = 1$

The marginal distribution over  $\mathbf{z}$  is specified in terms of the mixing coefficients  $\pi_k$ , such that

$$p(z_k = 1) = \pi_k$$

, where the mixing coefficients must satisfy

$$0 \leq \pi_k \leq 1$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$$

in order to be valid probabilities. We can also write pdf of  $\mathbf{z}$  in a product of mixing coefficient because it is a 1-of- $K$  representaion.

$$p(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{z_k} = \pi_k \because z_k \in \{0, 1\}$$

Similarly, the conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{x}$  given a particular  $\mathbf{z}$  can be modeled to be a Gaussian distribution.

$$p(\mathbf{x} | z_k = 1) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$

Also can be represented in the form

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) &= \prod_{k=1}^K \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)^{z_k} \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \because z_k \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, marginal data distribution can be obtained by summing the joint distribution over all possible states of  $\mathbf{z}$  to give

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{z}) p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{z_1, \dots, z_K} p(z_1, \dots, z_K) p(\mathbf{x} | z_1, \dots, z_K) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \end{aligned}$$

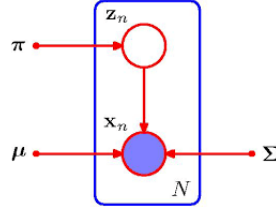


Figure 15.1: Graphical representation of GMM model. The GMM models a joint distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  in terms of a marginal distribution  $p(\mathbf{z})$  and conditional distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$  to model  $p(\mathbf{x})$ . Each  $\mathbf{x}_n$  is coupled with  $\mathbf{z}_n$

Note that for every observed data point  $\mathbf{x}_n$  there is a corresponding latent variable  $\mathbf{z}_n$ , which **indicates the membership of  $\mathbf{x}_n$** . This can be represented as in Fig. 15.1.

Now we can work with the joint distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  instead of the marginal distribution  $p(\mathbf{x})$ , which is hard to estimate directly as explained in §14.1.1.

Another quantity which plays a central role is the conditional probability of  $\mathbf{z}$  given  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $p(z_k = 1|\mathbf{x})$ .

- $p(z_k = 1) = \pi_k$  can be viewed as a prior of  $z_k = 1$
  - $\gamma(z_k)$ : assignment probability or responsibility. This represents the probability of assignment of a sample. This quantity will be updated through the Bayes Theorem.
- A simple explanation is that **this is the classification result** of  $\mathbf{x}_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(z_k) \equiv p(z_k = 1|\mathbf{x}) &\equiv \frac{p(z_k = 1)p(\mathbf{x}|z_k = 1)}{\sum_{j=1}^K p(z_j = 1)p(\mathbf{x}|z_j = 1)} \\ &= \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \end{aligned}$$

#### 15.2.4 Maximum Likelihood

Suppose we have a data set of observations  $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$  and we want to model the data distribution  $p(\mathbf{X})$  using GMM. If we assume an i.i.d. data set, it can be expressed as follows:

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right)$$

then its **loglikelihood function for GMM** is given by:

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right)$$

How to solve this MLE? While a gradient-based optimization is possible, we consider the iterative *Expectation Maximization* algorithm.

Before, maximizing the likelihood, it is worth to emphasize two issues in GMM: (i) *singularities* and (ii) *identifiability*.

**Singularity** Before discussing how to maximize this function, it is worth emphasizing that there is a significant problem associated with the maximum likelihood framework applied to Gaussian mixture models, due to the presence of singularities. For simplicity, consider a Gaussian mixture whose components have covariance matrices given by  $\Sigma_k = \sigma_k^2 I$ , where  $I$  is the unit matrix, although the conclusions will hold for general covariance matrices. Suppose that one of the components of the mixture model, let us say the  $j$ -th component, has its mean  $\mu_j$  exactly equal to one of the data points so that  $\mu_j = \mathbf{x}_n$  for some value of  $n$ . This data point will then contribute a term in the likelihood function of the form

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \sigma_j^2 I) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_j}$$

If we consider the limit  $\sigma_j \rightarrow 0$ , then we see that this term goes to infinity and so the log likelihood function will also go to infinity. Thus the maximization of the log likelihood function is not a well posed problem because such singularities will always be present and will occur whenever one of the Gaussian components ‘collapses’ onto a specific data point. Recall that this problem did not arise in the case of a single Gaussian distribution as the variance can not be zero (recall the definition of variance).

**Identifiability** A further issue in finding MLE based solutions arises from the fact that for any given maximum likelihood solution, a  $K$ -component mixture will have a total of  $K!$  equivalent solutions corresponding to the  $K!$  ways of assigning  $K$  sets of parameters to  $K$  components. In other words, for any given point in the space of parameter values there will be a further  $K! - 1$  additional points all of which give rise to exactly the same distribution.

### 15.2.5 Expectation Maximization for GMM

The goal of Expectation Maximization (EM) is to find maximum likelihood solutions for models having latent variables

- Suppose that it is hard to optimize  $p(\mathbf{X} | \theta)$  directly.
- However, it is easier to optimize the complete-data likelihood function  $p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \theta)$
- In this case, we can use **EM algorithm**. EM algorithm is a general technique for finding maximum likelihood solutions for latent variable models.

Let us begin by writing down the conditions that must be satisfied at a maximum of the likelihood function. Setting the derivatives of  $\ln p(\mathbf{X} | \pi, \mu, \Sigma)$  with respect to the means  $\mu_k$  of the Gaussian components to zero, we obtain

$$0 = - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mu_j, \Sigma_j)} \Sigma_k (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)$$

Multiplying by  $\Sigma_k^{-1}$  (which we assume to be non-singular) and rearranging we obtain

$$\mu_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) \mathbf{x}_n,$$

where we have defined

$$N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}).$$

We can interpret  $N_k$  as the effective number of points assigned to cluster  $k$ . We can obtain the MLE solutions for other variables similarly.

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**Algorithm 2:** EM algorithm for GMM

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Initialize the means  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ , covariances  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$  and mixing coefficients  $\pi_k$  and evaluate the initial value of the log likelihood.

**for**  $n$  **do**

E step: evaluate the responsibilities of  $\mathbf{x}_n$  based on the current parameter values with the given parameters

$$\gamma(z_{nk}) = p(z_k = 1 | \mathbf{x}_n) = \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)}$$

where  $z_{nk}$  denote the  $k$ -th component of  $\mathbf{z}_n$

M step: maximize expectation

- $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) \mathbf{x}_n$
- $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{\text{new}})^T$
- $\pi_k^{\text{new}} = p(z_k = 1) = \frac{N_k}{N}$

Evaluate the log likelihood to check for convergence of parameters

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \right)$$


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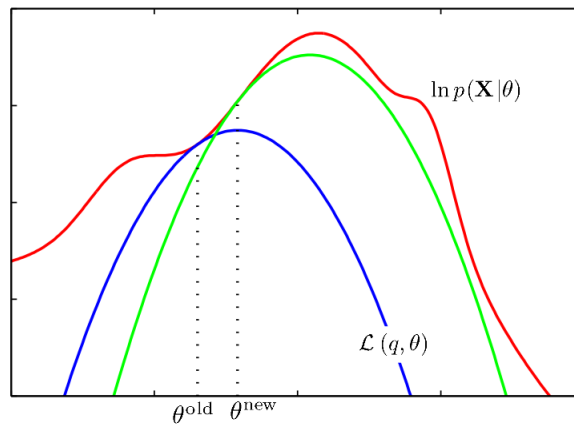


Figure 15.2: M-step of EM algorithm

### 15.3 Alternative View of EM

The goal of the EM algorithm is to find maximum likelihood (loglikelihood) solutions for models having latent variables.

$$\ln p(X|\theta) = \ln \sum_Z p(X, Z|\theta).$$

We are not given the complete data set  $X, Z$ , but only the incomplete data  $X$ . Our state of knowledge of the values of the latent variables in  $Z$  is given only by the posterior distribution  $p(Z|X, \theta)$ . Because we cannot use the complete-data log likelihood, we consider instead its expected value under the posterior distribution of the latent variable, which corresponds (as we shall see) to the E step of the EM algorithm.

In the subsequent M step, we maximize this expectation. If the current estimate for the parameters is denoted  $\theta_{old}$ , then a pair of successive E and M steps gives rise to a revised estimate  $\theta^{new}$ .

The algorithm is initialized by choosing some starting value for the parameters  $\theta_0$ . The use of the expectation may seem somewhat arbitrary.

In the E step, we use the current parameter values  $\theta^{old}$  to find the posterior distribution of the latent variables given by  $p(Z|X, \theta^{old})$ . We then use this posterior distribution to find the expectation of the complete-data log likelihood evaluated for some general parameter value  $\theta$ . This expectation, denoted  $Q(\theta, \theta^{old})$ , is given by

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \sum_Z p(Z|X, \theta^{old}) \ln p(X, Z|\theta).$$

In the M step, we determine the revised parameter estimate  $\theta^{new}$  by maximizing this function

$$\theta^{new} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} Q(\theta, \theta^{old}).$$

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**Algorithm 3:** General EM algorithm

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The goal is to maximize the likelihood function  $p(X|\theta)$  with respect to  $\theta$  given a joint distribution  $p(X, Z|\theta)$ .

1. Init  $\theta^{old}$
2. E-Step: evaluate  $p(Z|X, \theta^{old})$
3. M-Step: evaluate  $\theta^{new}$  given by

$$\theta^{new} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} Q(\theta, \theta^{old}),$$

where

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \sum_Z p(Z|X, \theta^{old}) \ln p(X, Z|\theta).$$

4. Check for convergence of either the log likelihood or the parameter values. If the convergence criterion is not satisfied, then let

$$\theta^{old} \leftarrow \theta^{new}.$$

Return to the step 2.

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## 15.4 Latent Variable Modeling

For each object  $x_i$ , we establish additional latent variable  $z_i$  which denotes the index of gaussian from which  $i$ -th object was generated. Then our model is

$$p(X, Z|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i, z_i|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|z_i, \theta) p(z_i|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(x_i|\mu_{z_i}, \sigma_{z_i}^2) \pi_{z_i},$$

where  $\pi_j = p(z_i = j)$  are prior probability of  $j$ -th gaussian and  $\theta = \{\mu_j, \sigma_j, \pi_j\}_{j=1}^K$ . If we know both  $X$  and  $Z$  then we can obtain explicit ML-solution:

$$\theta_{ML} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(X, Z|\theta) = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \log p(X, Z|\theta).$$

However, in practice, we don't know  $Z$ , but only know  $X$ . Thus, we need to maximize w.r.t.  $\theta$  the log of incomplete likelihood

$$\log p(X|\theta) = \ln \int p(X, Z|\theta) dZ \quad (15.1)$$

$$= \ln \int q(Z|X) \frac{p(X, Z|\theta)}{q(Z|X)} dZ \quad (15.2)$$

$$\geq \underbrace{\int q(Z|X) \ln \frac{p(X, Z|\theta)}{q(Z|X)} dZ}_{\text{ELBO, } \mathcal{L}(q, \theta)} \quad \text{by Jensen's Inequality.} \quad (15.3)$$

$$= \int q(Z|X) \ln p(X, Z|\theta) - q(Z|X) \ln q(Z|X) dZ \quad (15.4)$$

$$= \int q(Z|X) [\ln p(X|Z, \theta) + \ln p(Z|\theta)] - q(Z|X) \ln q(Z|X) dZ \quad (15.5)$$

$$= \int q(Z|X) \ln p(X|Z, \theta) - q(Z|X) \ln \frac{q(Z|X)}{p(Z|\theta)} dZ \quad (15.6)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(Z|X)} \ln p(X|Z, \theta) - KL(q(Z|X)||p(Z|\theta)) \quad (15.7)$$

To maximize the above equation, we need to minimize KL divergence.

### 15.4.1 Evidence Lower Bound (ELBO)

For any choice of inference model  $q_\phi(z|x)$ , we can represent the marginal probability of data (or model evidence) distribution, since the  $z$  is not related to  $x$ , so the integration does not affect  $x$ . Thus, we can also derive ELBO as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \log p_\theta(x) &= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} [\log p_\theta(x)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log \frac{p_\theta(x, z)}{p_\theta(z|x)} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log \frac{p_\theta(x, z) q_\phi(z|x)}{q_\phi(z|x) p_\theta(z|x)} \right] \\ &= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log \frac{p_\theta(x, z)}{q_\phi(z|x)} \right]}_{=\mathcal{L}(\phi, \theta)(x)} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log \frac{q_\phi(z|x)}{p_\theta(z|x)} \right]}_{=D_{KL}(q_\phi(z|x)||p_\theta(z|x))} \end{aligned}$$



To get more intuition about ELBO, we can express ELBO as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}(\phi, \theta) &= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log \frac{p_\theta(x, z)}{q_\phi(z|x)} \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log p_\theta(x, z) - \log q_\phi(z|x) \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log p_\theta(x) + \log p_\theta(z|x) - \log q_\phi(z|x) \right] \\
&= \log p_\theta(x) - D_{\text{KL}}(q_\phi(z|x) || p_\theta(z|x)) \\
&\leq \log p_\theta(x)
\end{aligned}$$

ELBO can be also written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}(\phi, \theta) &= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log \frac{p_\theta(x, z)}{q_\phi(z|x)} \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log p_\theta(x, z) - \log q_\phi(z|x) \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log p_\theta(z) + \log p_\theta(x|z) - \log q_\phi(z|x) \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} [\log p_\theta(x|z)] - D_{\text{KL}}(q_\phi(z|x) || p_\theta(z))
\end{aligned}$$

We can get a conclusion that maximizing ELBO is equivalent to minimizing the KL divergence through the above equation. Finally, the log-likelihood can be rewritten as follows:

$$\log p_\theta(x) = \mathcal{L}(\phi, \theta) + D_{\text{KL}}(q_\phi(z|x) || p_\theta(z|x))$$

### 15.4.2 Expectation Maximization

We want to maximize ELBO,  $\mathcal{L}(q, \theta)$  to minimize KL divergence between  $q(Z)$  and  $\log p(Z|X, \theta)$ .

$$\max_{q, \theta} \mathcal{L}(q, \theta) = \max_{q, \theta} \int q(Z) \log \frac{p(X, Z|\theta)}{q(Z)} dZ.$$

We start from initial point  $\theta_0$  and iteratively repeat (i) E-step and (ii) M-step, iteratively:

- E-Step:  $\theta_0$  is fixed.

$$q(Z) = \underset{q}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathcal{L}(q, \theta) = \underset{q}{\operatorname{argmin}} \text{KL}(q(Z) || p(Z|X, \theta)) = p(Z|X, \theta_0).$$

- This is because, maximizing ELBO is equal to minimizing KL divergence and the minimum  $q$  can be achieved when  $q$  is equal to  $p(Z|X, \theta_0)$ .
- Now, we just have to evaluate  $p(Z|X, \theta_0)$ .

- M-Step:  $q$  is fixed.

$$\theta_* = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathcal{L}(q, \theta) = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathbb{E}_{q(Z)} [\log p(X, Z|\theta)]$$

- Can be accomplished by taking derivatives
- Set  $\theta_0 = \theta_*$  and go to the E-Step until convergence

### 15.4.3 Categorical Latent Variables

$$z_i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$

$$p(x_i|\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^K p(x_i|k, \theta)p(z_i = k|\theta)$$

is simply a finite mixture of distributions.

E-Step:

$$q(z_i = k) = p(z_i = k|x_i, \theta) = \frac{p(x_i|z_i = k, \theta)p(z_i = k|\theta)}{\sum_{l=1}^K p(x_i|z_i = l, \theta)p(z_i = l|\theta)}$$

M-Step:

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{q(Z)}[\log p(X, Z|\theta)] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{q(z_i)}[\log p(x_i, z_i|\theta)] = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^K q(z_i = k) \log p(x_i, k|\theta)$$

For GMM, we model  $p(x|z)$  as Gaussian.

# Chapter 16

## Hidden Markov Models

### 16.1 Introduction

The HMM is based on the Markov chain assumption. A Markov chain is a model that tells us something about the probabilities of sequences of random variables, states, each of which can take on values from some set. These sets can be words, or tags, or symbols representing anything, like the weather.

There are two important assumptions:

- Markov assumption
- Output independence:  $p(x_i|z_1, \dots, z_i, \dots, z_T, x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_T) = p(x_i|z_i)$

#### 16.1.1 Conditional Independence

If two events  $A$  and  $B$  are **conditionally independent** given an event  $C$  then,

- $P(A \cap B|C) = P(A|C)P(B|C)$ .
- $P(A|B, C) = P(A|C)$

#### 16.1.2 Notation

- $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T)$
- Initial state probabilities:  $p(z_1) \sim \text{Multinomial}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$ , need to learn  $\pi$
- Transition probability:

$$p(z_t|z_{t-1} = i) \sim \text{Multinomial}(a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,k})$$

, where  $a_{i,j} = p(z_t = j|z_{t-1} = i)$  and  $i$  and  $j$  denote clusters or states, respectively.

- Emission probability:

$$p(x_t|z_t = i) \sim \text{Multinomial}(b_{i,1}, \dots, b_{i,m})$$

, where  $b_{i,j} = p(x_t = j|z_t = i)$

## 16.2 Bayesian Network

### 16.2.1 Bayes Ball

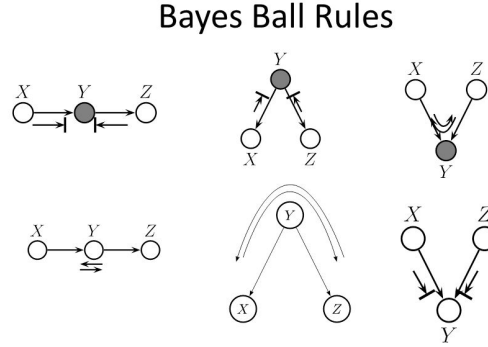


Figure 16.1: Bayes ball

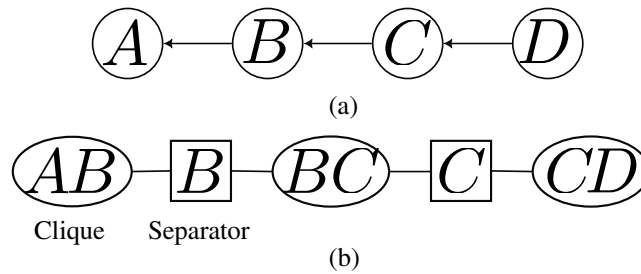
- Cascading:  $P(Z|Y, X) = P(Z|Y)$ . The information of  $Y$  decouples  $X$  and  $Z$ .
- Common parent:  $P(X, Z|Y) = P(X|Y)P(Z|Y)$ . The information of  $Y$  decouples  $X$  and  $Z$ .
- V-Structure (common child): Unlike the above two cases, the information of  $Y$  couples  $X$  and  $Z$ .

$$P(X, Y, Z) = P(X)P(Y)P(Y|X, Z).$$

### 16.2.2 Potential Function

Potential function is a function which is not a probability function, but it can become a probability function by normalizing it.

$$P(A, B, C, D) = P(A|B)P(B|C)P(C|D)P(D)$$



- Cliques:  $\Psi(a, b)$ ,  $\Psi(b, c)$ ,  $\Psi(c, d)$
- Separators  $\phi(b)$ ,  $\phi(c)$

Given a clique tree with cliques and separators, the joint probability distribution is defined as follows:

$$P(A, B, C, D) = P(U) = \frac{\prod_N \Psi(N)}{\prod_L \phi(L)} = \frac{\Psi(a, b)\Psi(b, c)\Psi(c, d)}{\phi(b)\phi(c)}$$

An effect of an observation propagates through the clique graph  $\rightarrow$  **Belief propagation**. How to propagate the belief? **Absorption rule!**

Let's say we have some new observations about  $A$ , then it affects the clique  $\Psi(a, b)$ . The updated clique is now  $\Psi^*(a, b)$ . Similarly,  $\phi^*(b) = \sum_A \Psi^*(a, b)$ . Subsequently,  $\Psi^*(b, c) = \Psi(b, c) \frac{\phi^*(b)}{\phi(b)}$ .

### 16.3 Hidden Markov Models

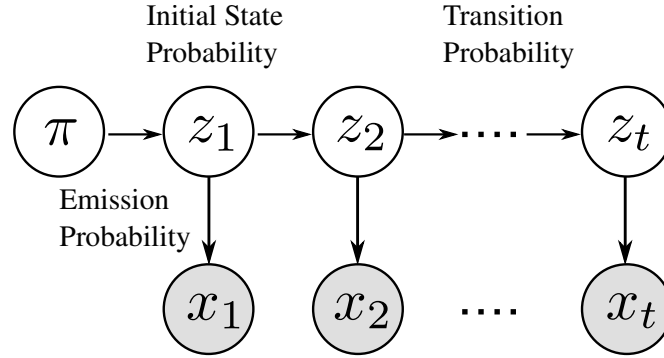


Figure 16.2: HMM Structure

The observation can be discrete or continuous. If the latent factors are continuous, then HMM is often referred as **Kalman filter**.

- Initial state probability:  $P(z_1) \sim \text{Mult}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$
- Transition probability:  $P(z_t | z_{t-1}^i = 1) \sim \text{Mult}(a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,k})$ ,  
where  $P(z_t^j = 1 | z_{t-1}^i = 1) = a_{i,j}$
- Emission probability:  $P(x_t | z_t^i = 1) \sim \text{Mult}(b_{i,1}, \dots, b_{i,m}) \sim f(x_t | \theta_i)$ ,  
where  $P(x_t^j = 1 | z_t^i = 1) = b_{i,j}$ . The probability of observing  $x_j$  at the  $i$ -th cluster.

Note that  $i$  and  $j$  are indices of clusters.

There are three main problems in HMM:

1. Evaluation Questions (likelihood):
  - Given  $\pi, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, X$
  - Find  $p(X | M, \pi, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$
  - How much are  $X$  likely to be observed by a model  $M$ ?
2. Decoding Questions:
  - Given  $\pi, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, X$
  - Find  $\arg\max_Z p(Z | X, M, \pi, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$
  - What is the most probable sequence of  $Z$  (latent states)?
3. Learning Questions: Forward-Backward (Baum-Welch)
  - Given  $X$
  - Find  $\arg\max_{\pi, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}} p(X | M, \pi, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$
  - What would be the optimal model parameters?

## 16.4 Evaluation: Forward-Backward Probability

### 16.4.1 Joint Probability

We can factorize the joint distribution of HMM in Fig. 16.2 by using a Bayesian approach as follows:.

$$p(X, Z) = p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_1, \dots, z_t) = p(z_1)p(x_1|z_1), p(z_2|z_1), \dots, p(x_t|z_t), p(z_t|z_{t-1}) \quad (16.1)$$

As the number of latent factor increases, it is getting harder to decode the latent factors.

### 16.4.2 Marginal Probability

We want to compute the likelihood of sequence  $X$  which is given by

$$p(X|\pi, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \sum_Z p(X, Z|\pi, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$$

The computation can be done as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} p(X) &= \sum_Z p(X, Z) \\ &= \sum_{z_1} \cdots \sum_{z_t} p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_1, \dots, z_t) \\ &= \sum_{z_1} \cdots \sum_{z_t} \pi_{z_1} \prod_{t=2}^T a_{z_{t-1}, z_t} \prod_{t=1}^T b_{z_t, x_t} \end{aligned}$$

The last step is done by using Eq. (16.1)). The computation of this equation requires lots of computations, so we will change it into a **recursive form** by using the factorization rule  $p(a, b, c) = p(a)p(b|a)p(c|a, b)$ .

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1) = \sum_{z_{t-1}} p(x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, x_t, z_{t-1}, z_t^k = 1) \quad (16.2)$$

$$= \sum_{z_{t-1}} p(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, z_{t-1}}_a, \underbrace{x_t}_c, \underbrace{z_t^k = 1}_b) \quad (16.3)$$

$$= \sum_{z_{t-1}} p(x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, z_{t-1}) p(z_t^k = 1 | x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, z_{t-1}) p(x_t | z_t^k = 1, x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, z_{t-1}) \quad (16.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\because p(a, b, c) = p(a)p(b|a)p(c|a, b) \text{ or by the structure of HMM} \\ &= \sum_{z_{t-1}} p(x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, z_{t-1}) p(z_t^k = 1 | z_{t-1}) p(x_t | z_t^k = 1) \end{aligned} \quad (16.5)$$

$$= p(x_t | z_t^k = 1) \sum_{z_{t-1}} p(x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, z_{t-1}) p(z_t^k = 1 | z_{t-1}) \quad (16.6)$$

$$= b_{z_t^k, x_t} \sum_{z_{t-1}} p(x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, z_{t-1}) a_{z_{t-1}, z_t^k} \quad (16.7)$$

- In the second line, the  $x_{t-1}$  and  $z_{t-1}$  are grouped together.
- Then, we can find the HMM structure by factorizing the equation.
- In the fourth line,  $x$  terms are removed, since  $z_t$  only relies on  $z_{t-1}$  by the Markov assumption. Similarly,  $x_t$  only depends on  $z_t$ . We can interpret this by using Bayes ball too.

Now we can find a recursive structure of  $p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1)$  as follows:

$$\alpha_t^k = p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1) = b_{k,x_t} \sum_i \alpha_{t-1}^i a_{i,k}$$

, where  $\alpha_t^k$  is the probabilities of being in state  $k$  after observing the first  $t$  observations. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1, \dots, x_t) &= \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(x_1, \dots, x_t, \mathbf{z}) \\ &= \sum_k \alpha_t^k \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\alpha_t^k$  is also called **Forward probability**.

### 16.4.3 Forward Algorithm

Forward probability solves the evaluation problem. Essentially, this is a dynamic programming, so it calculates required values in a bottom-up manner.

- Forward probability:  $\alpha_t^k$ ,  $Time \times States$

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#### Algorithm 4: Forward Algorithm

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Create a probability matrix  $forward[M, T] = \alpha_t^k$

Initialization:

**for** each state  $k=1, \dots, M$  **do**

$\alpha_1^k \leftarrow \pi_k b_{k,x_1}$

**for** time step  $t=2, \dots, T$  **do**

**for** each step  $k=1, \dots, M$  **do**

$\alpha_t^k = b_{k,x_t} \sum_i \alpha_{t-1}^i a_{i,k}$

Return  $p(X) = \sum_i \alpha_T^i$

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Note again that

$$p(X) = p(x_1, \dots, x_T) = \sum_i \alpha_T^i = \sum_i p(x_1, \dots, x_T, z_T^i = 1)$$

Note also that the forward-algorithm returns  $p(X)$  and forward probability is the probability of being in state  $k$  after observing the first  $t$  observations without  $Z$ .



### 16.4.4 Backward Probability

The forward probability only considers an observation at  $t$ . To determine the  $z_t$ , we need to leverage the future observations. **The backward probability  $\beta$  is the probability of seeing the observations from time  $t + 1$  to the end, given that we are in state  $k$  at time  $t$ .**

$$\beta_t^k = p(x_{t+1}, \dots, x_T | z_t^k = 1)$$

We want to compute  $p(z_t^k = 1 | X)$  rather than  $p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1)$ . In other words, we will leverage the whole observations  $X$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p(z_t^k = 1, X) &= p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1, x_{t+1}, \dots, x_T) \\ &= p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1) p(x_{t+1}, \dots, x_T | x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1) \\ &= p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1) p(x_{t+1}, \dots, x_T | z_t^k = 1) \\ &= \alpha_t^k \beta_t^k \end{aligned}$$

We already know that  $p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1) = \alpha_t^k$ . We just need to compute backward probability as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_t^k &= p(x_{t+1}, \dots, x_T | z_t^k = 1) \\ &= \sum_{z_{t+1}} p(\underbrace{z_{t+1}}_a, \underbrace{x_{t+1}}_b, \underbrace{x_{t+2}, \dots, x_T}_c | z_t^k = 1) \\ &= \sum_i p(z_{t+1}^i = 1 | z_t^k = 1) p(x_{t+1} | z_{t+1}^i = 1, z_t^k = 1) p(x_{t+2}, \dots, x_T | x_{t+1}, z_{t+1}^i = 1, z_t^k = 1) \\ &\because p(a, b, c) = p(a)p(b|a)p(c|a, b) \\ &= \sum_i p(z_{t+1}^i = 1 | z_t^k = 1) p(x_{t+1} | z_{t+1}^i = 1) p(x_{t+2}, \dots, x_T | z_{t+1}^i = 1) \\ &= \sum_i a_{k,i} b_{i,x_{t+1}} \beta_{t+1}^i \end{aligned}$$

Another recursive structure:

$$\begin{aligned} p(z_t^k = 1, X) &= \alpha_t^k \beta_t^k \\ &= b_{k,x_t} \sum_i \alpha_{t-1}^i a_{i,k} \times \sum_i a_{k,i} b_{i,x_t} \beta_{t+1}^i \end{aligned}$$

This means at time  $t$ , the latent label is belong to some class  $k$  and this can be computed by using the forward probability and the backward probability. Now we can compute

$$p(z_t^k = 1 | X) = \frac{p(z_t^k = 1, X)}{p(X)} = \frac{\alpha_t^k \beta_t^k}{p(X)}$$

Then,

$$k_t = \underset{k}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(z_t^k = 1 | X)$$

Note that this is for a single latent variable at a single time step given the whole observation  $X$ , but we want to decode a sequence of latent variables. Thus, we need some decoding algorithm.

## 16.5 Decoding: Viterbi Algorithm

For any model, such as an HMM, that contains hidden variables, **the task of determining which sequence of variables is the underlying source of some sequence of observations is called the decoding task.**

We might propose to find the best sequence as follows:

1. For each possible hidden state sequence (HHH, HHC, HCH, etc.), we could run the forward algorithm and compute the likelihood of the observation sequence given that hidden state sequence.
2. Then, we could choose the hidden state sequence with the maximum observation likelihood.

However, this is not a feasible solution, because there are an exponentially large number of state sequences.

Instead, the most common decoding algorithms for HMMs is the **Viterbi algorithm**. Like the forward algorithm, **Viterbi** is a kind of **dynamic programming algorithm**.

Note that the Viterbi algorithm is identical to the forward algorithm except that it takes the **max** over the previous path probabilities whereas the forward algorithm takes the **sum**. This is because, we want to obtain **the most probable latent variable sequence**. Note also that the Viterbi algorithm has one component that the forward algorithm doesn't have: **backpointers**. The reason is that while the forward algorithm needs to produce an observation likelihood, the Viterbi algorithm must produce a probability and also the most likely state sequence. We compute this best state sequence by keeping track of the path of hidden states that led to each state and then at the end backtracing the best path to the beginning (the Viterbi backtrace).

We can leverage the forward-backward probabilities:

$$\bullet k^* = \operatorname{argmax}_k p(z_t^k = 1 | X) = \operatorname{argmax}_k p(z_t^k = 1, X) = \operatorname{argmax}_k \alpha_t^k \beta_t^k$$

We will use a forward approach:

$$V_t^k = \max_{z_1, \dots, z_{t-1}} p(x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, z_1, \dots, z_{t-1}, x_t, z_t^k = 1) \quad (16.8)$$

$$= \max_{z_1, \dots, z_{t-1}} p(x_t, z_t^k = 1 | x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, z_1, \dots, z_{t-1}) p(x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}, z_1, \dots, z_{t-1}) \quad (16.9)$$

$$= \max_{z_1, \dots, z_{t-1}} p(x_t, z_t^k = 1 | z_{t-1}) p(x_1, \dots, x_{t-2}, z_1, \dots, z_{t-2}, x_{t-1}, z_{t-1}) \quad (16.10)$$

$$= \max_{z_{t-1}} p(x_t, z_t^k = 1 | z_{t-1}) \max_{z_1, \dots, z_{t-2}} p(x_1, \dots, x_{t-2}, z_1, \dots, z_{t-2}, x_{t-1}, z_{t-1}) \quad (16.11)$$

$$= \max_{i \in z_{t-1}} p(x_t, z_t^k = 1 | z_{t-1}^i = 1) V_{t-1}^i \quad (16.12)$$

$$= \max_{i \in z_{t-1}} p(x_t | z_t^k = 1) p(z_t^k = 1 | z_{t-1}^i = 1) V_{t-1}^i \quad (16.13)$$

$$= p(x_t | z_t^k = 1) \max_{i \in z_{t-1}} p(z_t^k = 1 | z_{t-1}^i = 1) V_{t-1}^i \quad (16.14)$$

$$= b_{k, x_t} \max_{i \in z_{t-1}} a_{i, k} V_{t-1}^i \quad (16.15)$$

- $V_t^k$  is Viterbi variable which denotes the probability that the HMM is in state  $k$  at  $t$  after observing the first  $t$  observations and  $t - 1$  latent variables. In another words, this is the probability of most likely sequence of states ending at state  $z_t = k$ .
- The first line assumes that the observation at time  $t$  and the latent variable are fixed and also the fourth line has the recursive structure.
- The third step, only  $z_{t-1}$  can affect the  $z_t$ , so we can remove all other unnecessary variables.
- The step six can be derived by the HMM structure.
- $i \in z_{t-1}$  simply denotes the index of potential cluster at  $t - 1$ .
- We have already computed the backward and the forward probabilities. So we just need to apply the Viterbi algorithm.

Note that Also note that we present the most probable path by taking the maximum over all possible previous state sequences  $\max_{z_1, \dots, z_{t-1}}$ . Like other DP-algorithm, Viterbi fills each cell recursively.

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**Algorithm 5:** Viterbi Algorithm

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 $V_t^k = \text{viterbi}[M, T]$ , where  $M$  is the number states
for  $k=1, \dots, M$  do
     $V_1^k \leftarrow \pi_{z_k} b_{k, x_1}$ 
     $\text{backpointer}[k, 1] \leftarrow 0$ 
for  $t=2, \dots, T$  do
    for  $k=1, \dots, M$  do
         $V_t^k \leftarrow b_{k, x_t} \max_{k'} V_t^{k'} a_{k', k}$ , where  $k'$  is the previous state.
         $\text{backpointer}[k, t] \leftarrow b_{k, x_t} \operatorname{argmax}_{k'} V_t^{k'} a_{k', k}$ 
 $\text{bestpathprob} \leftarrow \max_k V_T^k$  //termination step
 $\text{bestpathpointer} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_k V_T^k$  //termination step
 $\text{bestpath} \leftarrow$  the path starting at state  $\text{bestpathpointer}$ , that follows  $\text{backpointer}[]$  to
    states back in time
Return  $\text{bestpathpointer}, \text{bestpathprob}$ 

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Viterbi algorithm typically shows some technical issues:

- Underflow problems  $\rightarrow \log V$ .

## 16.6 Learning: Baum-Welch Algorithm

We have to learn HMM parameters with only  $X$ . Baum-Welch algorithm or Forward-Backward Algorithm is a standard training algorithm for HMM. The algorithm let us train both the transition and the emission probabilities of the HMM. If we do not have the information about  $Z$ , then we can assign the most probable  $Z$  given  $X$ .

- Given  $X$ , estimate parameters  $\pi, a, b$ .
- Then, find the most probable  $Z$  given the parameters.

We will use EM algorithm!

### 16.6.1 EM Algorithm

$$P(X|\theta) = \sum_Z P(X, Z|\theta) \rightarrow \ln P(X|\theta) = \ln \sum_Z P(X, Z|\theta).$$

We cannot directly estimate the log-likelihood function, so we will estimate the expectation of it.

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) &= \mathbb{E}_Z \ln P(X, Z|\theta) \\ &= \sum_Z p(Z|X, \theta^{old}) \ln P(X, Z|\theta) \\ &= \sum_Z p(Z|X, \pi^t, a^t, b^t) \ln P(X, Z|\pi, a, b). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $p(X, Z) = \pi_{z_1} \prod_{t=2}^T a_{z_{t-1}, z_t} \prod_{t=2}^T b_{z_t, x_t}$ . Thus,  $\ln p(X, Z) = \ln \pi_{z_1} + \sum_{t=2}^T \ln a_{z_{t-1}, z_t} + \sum_{t=1}^T \ln b_{z_t, x_t}$ . Therefore

$$Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \sum_Z p(Z|X, \theta^{old}) \left( \ln \pi_{z_1} + \sum_{t=2}^T \ln a_{z_{t-1}, z_t} + \sum_{t=1}^T \ln b_{z_t, x_t} \right).$$

To optimize the above function we will use the Lagrange method as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}(\pi, a, b) = Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) - \lambda_\pi \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i - 1 \right) - \sum_i \lambda_{a_i} \left( \sum_{j=1}^K a_{i,j} - 1 \right) - \sum_i \lambda_{b_i} \left( \sum_{j=1}^K b_{i,j} - 1 \right).$$

The constraints are for forcing the sum of each probability is equal to 1.

Now, take a partial derivative for each parameter. Let's take a derivative with regard to  $\pi_i$  first. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \pi_i} &= \frac{\partial Q(\theta, \theta^{old})}{\partial \pi_i} - \lambda_\pi \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_i} \sum_Z p(Z|X, \theta^{old}) \ln \pi_{z_1} - \lambda_\pi \\ &= \frac{p(z_1^i = 1|X, \theta^{old})}{\pi_i} - \lambda_\pi \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda_{\pi_i}} &= \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i - 1 = 0 \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i = 1. \end{aligned}$$

By setting the derivative is equal to zero,

$$\pi_i = \frac{p(z_1^i = 1|X, \theta^{old})}{\lambda_\pi}.$$

By using the constraint of  $\pi$ , the Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda_\pi$  must be a normalizer.

$$\pi_i = \frac{p(z_1^i = 1|X, \theta^{old})}{\sum_{j=1}^K p(z_1^j = 1|X, \theta^{old})}.$$

Similarly, we can compute other parameters too.

$$a_{i,j}^{t+1} = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T p(z_{t-1}^i = 1, z_t^j = 1|X, \theta^{old})}{\sum_{t=2}^T p(z_{t-1}^i = 1|X, \theta^{old})},$$

$$b_{i,j}^{t+1} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T p(z_{t1}^i = 1|X, \theta^{old}) I(x_t = j)}{\sum_{t=1}^T p(z_t^i = 1|X, \theta^{old})},$$

where  $I(x)$  is an indicator function which returns 1 if  $x$  is true and 0, otherwise.

## 16.7 Python Implementation

### 16.7.1 Viterbi Algorithm

The Viterbi algorithm is a dynamic programming algorithm used to determine the most probable sequence of hidden states in a Hidden Markov Model (HMM) based on a sequence of observations.

The algorithm works by recursively computing the probability of the most likely sequence of hidden states that ends in each state for each observation.

At each time step, the algorithm computes the probability of being in each state and emits the current observation based on the probabilities of being in the previous states and making a transition to the current state.

Assuming we have an HMM with  $N$  hidden states and  $T$  observations, the Viterbi algorithm can be summarized as follows:

Initialization: At time  $t=1$ , we set the probability of the most likely path ending in state  $i$  for each state  $i$  to the product of the initial state probability  $\pi_i$  and the emission probability of the first observation given state  $i$ . This is denoted by:  $\delta[1,i] = \pi_i * b[i,1]$ . Recursion: For each time step  $t$  from 2 to  $T$ , and for each state  $i$ , we compute the probability of the most likely path ending in state  $i$  at time  $t$  by considering all possible paths that could have led to state  $i$ . This probability is given by:

$$\delta[t,i] = \max_j(\delta[t-1,j] * a[j,i] * b[i,t])$$

Here,  $a[j,i]$  is the probability of transitioning from state  $j$  to state  $i$ , and  $b[i,t]$  is the probability of observing the  $t$ -th observation given state  $i$ .

We also keep track of the most likely previous state that led to the current state  $i$ , which is given by:

$$\psi[t,i] = \operatorname{argmax}_j(\delta[t-1,j] * a[j,i])$$

- Termination: The probability of the most likely path overall is given by the maximum of the probabilities of the most likely paths ending in each state at time  $T$ . That is,  $P^* = \max_i(\delta[T,i])$ .
- Backtracking: Starting from the state  $i^*$  that gave the maximum probability at time  $T$ , we recursively follow the  $\psi$  values back to time  $t = 1$  to obtain the most likely path of hidden states.

The Viterbi algorithm is an efficient and powerful tool that can handle long sequences of observations using dynamic programming.

## 16.8 Summary

- Forward-probability: probability of being in state  $k$  after observing the first  $t$  observations.

$$\alpha_t^k = p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1)$$

- Backward-probability: probability of observations from time  $t + 1$  to the end, given that we are in state  $k$

$$\beta_t^k = p(x_{t+1}, \dots, x_T | z_t^k = 1)$$

- These two sets of probability distributions can then be combined to obtain the distribution over states at any specific point in time given the entire observation sequence

$$\begin{aligned} p(z_t^k = 1, X) &= p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1, x_{t+1}, \dots, x_T) \\ &= p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1) p(x_{t+1}, \dots, x_T | x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1) \\ &= p(x_1, \dots, x_t, z_t^k = 1) p(x_{t+1}, \dots, x_T | z_t^k = 1) \\ &= \alpha_t^k \beta_t^k \end{aligned}$$

In short, if we know the forward and backward probability, we could know the cluster of state at time  $t$  given our observations.

- Forward-algorithm: return a marginal likelihood of the observed sequence
- Forward-backward: predict a single hidden state
- Viterbi: predict an entire sequence of hidden states
- Baum-Welch: unsupervised training (EM)

There are two shortcomings of HMM:

- HMM models capture dependences between each state and only its corresponding observation: Most NLP cases, many tasks needs not only local but also global feature (sentence level).
- Mismatch between learning objective function and prediction objective function: HMM learns a joint distribution of states and observations  $p(Y, X)$ , but we are more interested in  $p(Y|X)$

# Chapter 17

## Explicit Generative Models

### 17.1 Variational Autoencoder

Our goal is to find the data distribution  $p(X)$ . Fig. 17.1 represents a general structure of deep generative model. As you can see, we first sample  $z \sim p(z)$  and feed it into a deep neural network  $f(z)$  and output  $x$ .

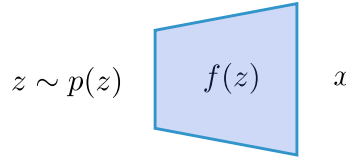


Figure 17.1: General structure of deep generative models. This model does not infer  $z$  from  $x$ .

VAE performs an inference by introducing a probabilistic encoder, called inference network. VAEs are generative model with a latent variable distributed according to some distribution  $p(z_i)$ . The observed variable is distributed according to a conditional distribution

$$p_{\theta}(x_i|z_i)$$

This conditioning means the latent variable values are the one most likely given the observations. We also create a distribution  $q_{\phi}(z_i|x_i)$ . We would like to be able to encode our data into the latent variable space. Let's model the distribution.

- $p_{\theta}(x_i|z_i) \sim \mathcal{N}(x_i|\mu(z_i), \sigma^2(z_i))$ : A probabilistic decoder (or generative network,  $\theta$ )
- $q_{\phi}(z_i|x_i)$ : A probabilistic encoder (or inference network  $\phi$ ). We can choose a family of distributions for our conditional distribution  $q$  (*e.g.*, standard Gaussian distribution).

$$q_{\phi}(z_i|x_i) = \mathcal{N}(z_i|\mu(x_i, W_1), \sigma^2(x_i, W_2)I),$$

where  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are network weights and collectively denoted as  $\phi$ . We create a neural network to model the distribution  $q$  from our data in a non-linear manner. The outputs of the network are  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ .



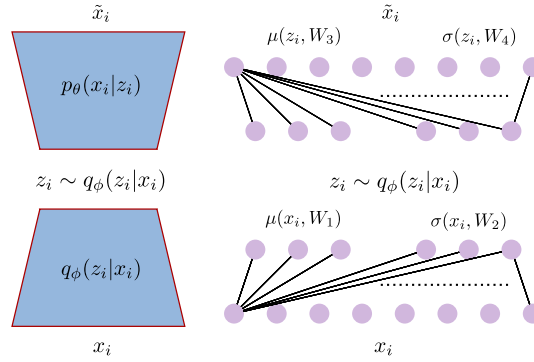


Figure 17.2: Overview of variational autoencoder.

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(X, Z|\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \underbrace{p(x_i|z_i, \theta)}_{\text{Likelihood, Generator Prior on latent variable}} \underbrace{p(z_i|\theta)}_{\text{Prior}} \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(x_i | \underbrace{\mu(z_i), \sigma^2(z_i)}_{\text{Non-linear}}) \mathcal{N}(z_i | 0, I)
 \end{aligned}$$

Subsequently, marginal distributions can be expressed as follows under i.i.d. assumption:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(X|\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|\theta) \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \int p(x_i, z_i|\theta) dz_i \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \int p(x_i|z_i, \theta) p(z_i|\theta) dz_i \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \int \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu(z_i), \sigma^2(z_i)) \underbrace{\mathcal{N}(z_i | 0, I)}_{\text{Mixture weight}} dz_i
 \end{aligned}$$

- As you can see, the marginal distribution  $p(X|\theta)$  becomes a mixture of Gaussian (infinite mixture of Gaussian).
- Even though  $p(x|z)$  and  $p(z)$  are normal,  $p(x)$  is not normal, because it is a mixture distribution.
- The non-linearity of Gaussian parameters (modeled by a neural network), conjugacy between the prior and the likelihood does not hold anymore.
- Again,  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  is non-linear function of  $z$  modeled by some non-linear neural network. The neural network works as a powerful non-linear parameter approximator (based on universal approximation theorem).
- Simple prior is used. Let's consider the data  $x$  is an image of  $100 \times 100$  pixels. Then the covariance matrix has to be  $10000 \times 10000$ . Thus, it is common to set a simple prior such as the standard Gaussian (covariance matrix is diagonal matrix). However, even if we set a simple distribution, with the infinite mixture of Gaussian, we can model any distribution.

- VAE uses a global parametric model to predict the local variational parameters for each data point (**amortized inference**).
- It allows to convert complicated large-dimensional data distributions into simple lower-dimensional latent variable representations.

### 17.1.1 VAE Optimization

We can train VAE using variational inference with the following objective function, ELBO:

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi, \theta) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)}[\log p_\theta(x|z)] - D_{\text{KL}}(q_\phi(z|x) || p_\theta(z))$$

Let's closely look at this objective function:

- In  $q_\phi(z|x)$ ,  $x$  is a given data, so it is not stochastic. How to sample  $z$ ?
- $q$  has to be deterministic and differentiable.

→ **Reparameterization trick!**

$$\tilde{z} \sim q_\phi(z|x) \rightarrow \tilde{z} \sim g_\phi(\epsilon, x)$$

, where  $\epsilon \sim p(\epsilon)$ .

- Estimated by using Monte-Carlo estimation

$$\mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)}[\log p_\theta(x|z)] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \log p_\theta(x_i|z_j).$$

### 17.1.2 Conditional VAE

If we have label information about data, then it would provide a better optimization of VAE model. Recall that the following objective function is the objective of the original VAE:

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi, \theta) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)}[\log p_\theta(x|z)] - D_{\text{KL}}(q_\phi(z|x) || p_\theta(z))$$

In conditional VAE,

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi, \theta) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x,y)}[\log p_\theta(x|y,z)] - D_{\text{KL}}(q_\phi(z|x,y) || p_\theta(z|y))$$

$$\log p(X|Y) = \ln \int q(Z|X, Y) \frac{p(X, Z|Y)}{q(Z|X, Y)} dZ \quad (17.1)$$

$$\geq \underbrace{\int q(Z|X, Y) \ln \frac{p(X, Z|Y)}{q(Z|X, Y)} dZ}_{\text{ELBO, } \mathcal{L}(q, \theta)} \quad \text{by Jensen's Inequality.} \quad (17.2)$$

$$\dots \quad (17.3)$$

$$\dots \quad (17.4)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(Z|X,Y)}[\ln p(X|Z, Y)] - KL(q(Z|X, Y) || p(Z|Y)) \quad (17.5)$$

Note that not we have a prior  $p_\theta(z|y)$ . However, we have no idea about latent variable  $z$ , so we simply assume that we cannot impact the  $z$  by  $y$ . Thus, we typically set it as a standard normal distribution. Also, we can simply concatenate the input  $X$  with  $Y$ .

### 17.1.3 Variational Deep Embedding (VaDE)

The generative process of VADE  $p(x, z, c) = p(x|z)p(z|c)p(c)$ :

- Choose a cluster  $c \sim \text{Cat}(\pi)$
- Choose a latent vector  $z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_c, \sigma_c^2 I)$
- Choose a sample  $x$ :

$$x \sim \begin{cases} \text{Ber}(\mu_x) & \text{If } x \text{ is binary} \\ \mathcal{N}(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2 I) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

ELBO of VaDE:

$$\log p(X) = \ln \int \sum_c p(X, Z, C) dz \quad (17.6)$$

$$\geq \underbrace{\int q(Z, C|X) \ln \frac{p(X, Z, C)}{q(Z, C|X)} dZ}_{\text{ELBO}} \quad (17.7)$$

The ELBO can be decomposed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{ELBO} &= \mathbb{E}_q(z, c|x) \left[ \ln \frac{p(x, z, c)}{q(z, c|x)} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_q(z, c|x) [\ln p(x, z, c) - \ln q(z, c|x)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_q(z, c|x) [\ln p(x|z) + \ln p(z|c) + \ln p(c) - \ln q(z|x) - \ln q(c|x)] \end{aligned}$$

By using two factorizations:

- $p(x, z, c) = p(x|z)p(z|c)p(c)$
- $q(z, c|x) \approx q(z|x)q(c|x)$  (Mean-field assumption)
  - $q(z|x) \sim \mathcal{N}$ : encoder, estimate mean and variance.
  - $q(c|x)$ : assignment probability of Gaussian mixture model

### 17.1.4 Importance Weighted VAE

## Chapter 18

# Implicit Generative Models

### 18.1 Generative Adversarial Networks

- Generator's distribution:  $p_g$
- Prior on input noise:  $p_z(z)$
- Mapping to data space:  $z \rightarrow x$  through  $G(z; \theta_g)$   
a differentiable multilayer perceptron with parameter  $\theta_g$
- $D(x; \theta_d)$ : a differentiable multilayer perceptron with parameter  $\theta_d$ . It outputs a single scalar
- $D(x)$ : probability that  $x$  (real) came from the data rather than  $p_g$  (fake)

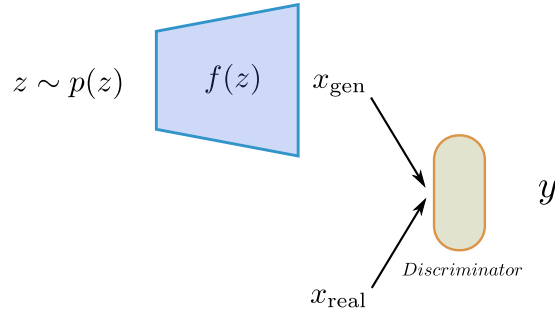


Figure 18.1: GAN structure

#### 18.1.1 Discriminator

The discriminator's goal is to maximize the following equation given  $G$

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}(x)} \log(D(x)) + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} \log(1 - D(G(z)))$$

The optimal discriminator given  $G$  can be denoted as  $D_G^*$ . To get the optimal discriminator, define a value function

$$V(G, D) := \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}(x)} \log(D(x)) + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} \log(1 - D(G(z))).$$

Then,  $D_G^* = \operatorname{argmax}_D V(G, D)$

However, the generator  $G$  wants to minimize the value function given  $D = D_G^*$ .

$$G^* = \operatorname{argmin}_G V(G, D_G^*).$$

$$\min_G \max_D V(D, G) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}(x)} [\log D(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} [\log(1 - D(G(z)))]$$

- $\min_G \rightarrow$  try to generate fake data that is similar to real data
- $\max_D \rightarrow$  try to assign correct label <sup>1</sup>

At this point, we must show that this optimization problem has a unique solution  $G^*$  and that this solution satisfies  $p_G = p_{data}$ .

One big idea from the GAN paper—, which is different from other approaches is that  $G$  **need not be invertible**. Many pieces of notes online miss this fact when they try to replicate the proof and incorrectly use the change of variables formula from calculus (which would depend on  $G$  being invertible). Rather, the whole proof relies on this equality:

$$\mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} \log(1 - D(G(z))) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_G(x)} \log(1 - D(x)).$$

With the above equality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}(x)} \log(D(x)) + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} \log(1 - D(G(z))) \\ &= \int_x p_{data}(x) \log D(x) dx + \int_z p(z) \log(1 - D(G(z))) dz \\ &= \int_x p_{data}(x) \log D(x) + p_G(x) \log(1 - D(x)) dx \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, we will use the following property:

$$f(y) = a \log y + b \log(1 - y).$$

To find a critical point,

$$f'(y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{y} - \frac{b}{1-y} = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{a}{a+b}$$

If  $a + b \neq 0$ , do the second derivative test:

$$f''\left(\frac{a}{a+b}\right) = -\frac{a}{\left(\frac{a}{a+b}\right)^2} - \frac{b}{\left(1 - \frac{a}{a+b}\right)^2} < 0$$

If  $a, b \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\frac{a}{a+b}$  is a maximum.

By rewriting the equation,

$$\begin{aligned} V(G, D) &= \int_x p_{data}(x) \log D(x) + p_G(x) \log(1 - D(x)) dx \\ &\leq \int_x \max_y p_{data}(x) \log y + p_G(x) \log(1 - y) dx \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $D(x) = \frac{p_{data}}{p_{data} + p_G}$ , then we can achieve the maximum  $V(G, D)$ .

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<sup>1</sup>The above equation is trained separately at the same time, don't get confused

### 18.1.2 Generator

If we achieve the optimal  $G$  (i.e.,  $p_G = p_{data}$ ), then  $D$  would be completely confused and  $D_G^*(x) = \frac{p_{data}}{p_{data} + p_G} = \frac{1}{2}$  (it means that  $D$  cannot make a clear decision.).

The global minimum of the virtual training criterion  $C(G) = \max_D V(G, D)$  is achieved if and only if  $p_G = p_{data}$ . Let's plug  $D_G^*(x)$  into the criterion then,

$$C(G) = \int_x p_{data}(x) \log \left( \frac{p_{data}(x)}{p_G(x) + p_{data}(x)} \right) + p_G(x) \log \left( \frac{p_G(x)}{p_G(x) + p_{data}(x)} \right) dx.$$

To get the minimum  $C(G)$ , we can use the Jansen-Shannon divergence:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{JS}(p_{data}||p_G) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ D_{KL} \left( p_{data} \middle| \middle| \frac{p_{data} + p_G}{2} \right) + D_{KL} \left( p_G \middle| \middle| \frac{p_{data} + p_G}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \int_x p_{data}(x) \log \left( \frac{2p_{data}(x)}{p_{data}(x) + p_G(x)} \right) dx \right) + \left( \int_x p_G(x) \log \left( \frac{2p_G(x)}{p_{data}(x) + p_G(x)} \right) dx \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \int_x p_{data}(x) \log 2 + p_{data}(x) \log \left( \frac{p_{data}(x)}{p_{data}(x) + p_G(x)} \right) dx \right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( \int_x p_G(x) \log 2 + p_G(x) \log \left( \frac{p_G(x)}{p_{data}(x) + p_G(x)} \right) dx \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \log 2 + \int_x p_{data}(x) \log \left( \frac{2p_{data}(x)}{p_{data}(x) + p_G(x)} \right) dx \right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( \log 2 + \int_x p_G(x) \log \left( \frac{2p_G(x)}{p_{data}(x) + p_G(x)} \right) dx \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\log 4 + C(G)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$C(G) = -\log 4 + 2D_{JS}(p_{data}||p_G)$$

Since the Jensen-Shannon divergence between two distributions is always non-negative and zero only when they are equal, we have shown that  $C^* = -\log(4)$  is the global minimum of  $C(G)$  and that the only solution is  $p_G = p_{data}$ , i.e., the generative model perfectly replicating the data generating process.

## 18.2 Some notes

What would be the optimal discriminator that separates the two different distributions  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$ ? It turns out that it is

$$f(x) = \frac{q(x)}{p(x) + q(x)}$$

Actually, there are many choices for classifiers e.g., KL-divergence

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**Algorithm 1** Minibatch stochastic gradient descent training of generative adversarial nets. The number of steps to apply to the discriminator,  $k$ , is a hyperparameter. We used  $k = 1$ , the least expensive option, in our experiments.

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**for** number of training iterations **do**

**for**  $k$  steps **do**

- Sample minibatch of  $m$  noise samples  $\{\mathbf{z}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}^{(m)}\}$  from noise prior  $p_g(\mathbf{z})$ .
- Sample minibatch of  $m$  examples  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$  from data generating distribution  $p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$ .
- Update the discriminator by ascending its stochastic gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta_d} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \log D(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + \log \left( 1 - D(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)})) \right) \right].$$

**end for**

- Sample minibatch of  $m$  noise samples  $\{\mathbf{z}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}^{(m)}\}$  from noise prior  $p_g(\mathbf{z})$ .
- Update the generator by descending its stochastic gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta_g} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log \left( 1 - D(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)})) \right).$$

**end for**

The gradient-based updates can use any standard gradient-based learning rule. We used momentum in our experiments.

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Figure 18.2: Training GAN

1. What do we need to learn a classifier?

- Only samples from  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$

2. How do we parameterize  $q(x)$ ?

- Parametric density function (Gaussian)
- Define implicitly (GANs approach): define mapping from one (noise) to another (data or image)

The original GAN does not learn the data distributions.

## 18.3 Wasserstein Generative Adversarial Networks

### 18.3.1 KL Divergence

Definition:

$$D_{KL}(q(x)||p(x)) = \int q(x) \log \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} dx$$

- Forward KL:
  - If  $q(z) \rightarrow 0$ , Forward KL  $\rightarrow \infty$
  - Zero avoiding for  $q(z)$
- Reverse KL:
  - If  $p(z) \rightarrow 0$ , Reverse KL  $\rightarrow \infty$
  - Zero forcing:  $q(z) \rightarrow 0$

Typically,  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are far apart at the initial state.



Figure 18.3: Two distributions:  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$

Thus, both the forward KL and the reverse KL suffers an instability issue. Specifically, in each case, if the denominator goes to zero, then the divergence goes to infinity.

### 18.3.2 Jensen-Shannon Divergence

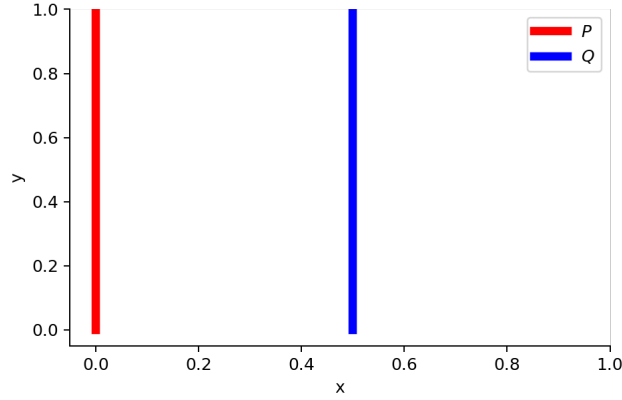
Definition:

$$D_{JS}(p_{data}||p_G) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ D_{KL} \left( p_{data} \middle| \middle| \frac{p_{data} + p_G}{2} \right) + D_{KL} \left( p_G \middle| \middle| \frac{p_{data} + p_G}{2} \right) \right]$$

The KL divergence's issue can be alleviated by JS-divergence. Consider a simple example in Fig. 18.46

$$\begin{aligned} \forall (x, y) \in P, x = 0 \text{ and } y \sim U(0, 1) \\ \forall (x, y) \in Q, x = \theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq 1 \text{ and } y \sim U(0, 1) \end{aligned}$$



Figure 18.4: Two distributions:  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$ 

$$D_{KL}(q(x)||p(x)) = \infty$$

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$$\begin{aligned} D_{JS}(p_{data}||p_G) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ D_{KL}\left(p_{data} \middle| \middle| \frac{p_{data} + p_G}{2}\right) + D_{KL}\left(p_G \middle| \middle| \frac{p_{data} + p_G}{2}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ D_{KL}\left(p_{data} \middle| \middle| \frac{p_{data}}{2}\right) + D_{KL}\left(p_G \middle| \middle| \frac{p_G}{2}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\log 2 + \log 2] = \log 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$W(p, q) = |\theta|$$

Therefore, Jensen-Shannon divergence is more stabler than KL divergence. This is one of the reasons why GAN, which uses JS divergence works better than VAE, which uses KL divergence.

However, JS divergence also has some problem. If the value is close to  $\frac{1}{2} \log 2$ , then the gradient will be very small or close to zero, because the divergence is close to constant. It means that a training speed is very slow. Thus, we need a better metric.

### 18.3.3 Wasserstein Distance

Wasserstein Distance is a measure of the distance between two probability distributions. It is also called Earth Mover's distance, short for EM distance, because informally it can be interpreted as the minimum energy cost of moving and transforming a pile of dirt in the shape of one probability distribution to the shape of the other distribution.

$$W(p_r, p_g) = \inf_{\gamma \sim \Pi(p_r, p_g)} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \gamma} [\|x - y\|]$$

- $\Pi$ : is the transportation plan and the set of all possible joint probability distributions between  $p_r$  and  $p_g$ . One joint distribution  $\gamma \sim \Pi(p_r, p_g)$  describes one transport plan.
- $\mathbb{E}_{x,y \sim \gamma} \|x - y\| = \sum_{x,y} \gamma(x, y) \|x - y\|$

- Finally, we take the minimum one among the costs of all dirt moving solutions as the EM distance (by infimum).

## 18.4 WGAN

However, consider all possible joint distribution is intractable, so dual solution can be used.

$$W(p_r, p_g) = \frac{1}{K} \sup_{\|f\|_L \leq K} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_r}[f(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_g}[f(x)]$$

So to calculate the Wasserstein distance, we just need to find a 1-Lipschitz function. To enforce the constraint, WGAN applies a very simple clipping to restrict the maximum weight value in  $f$ , i.e. the weights of the discriminator

Suppose this function  $f$  comes from a family of  $K$ -Lipschitz continuous functions,  $\{f_w\}_{w \in W}$ , parameterized by  $w$ . In the modified Wasserstein-GAN, the “discriminator” model is used to learn  $w$  to find a good  $f_w$  and the loss function is configured as measuring the Wasserstein distance between  $p_r$  and  $p_g$ .

$$L(p_r, p_g) = W(p_r, p_g) = \max_{w \in W} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_r}[f_w(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_r(z)}[f_w(g_\theta(z))]$$

There are two ways to satisfy the Lipschitz continuity:

- Weight clipping
- Gradient Penalty

### 18.4.1 Lipschitz continuity

The function  $f$  in the new form of Wasserstein metric is demanded to satisfy  $\|f\|_L \leq K$ , meaning it should be  $K$ -Lipschitz continuous.

A real-valued function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called  $K$ -Lipschitz continuous if there exists a real constant  $K \geq 0$  such that, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| \leq K|x_1 - x_2|$$

Here  $K$  is known as a Lipschitz constant for function  $f(\cdot)$ . Functions that are everywhere continuously differentiable is Lipschitz continuous, because the derivative, estimated as  $\frac{|f(x_1) - f(x_2)|}{|x_1 - x_2|}$ , has bounds. However, a Lipschitz continuous function may not be everywhere differentiable, such as  $f(x) = |x|$

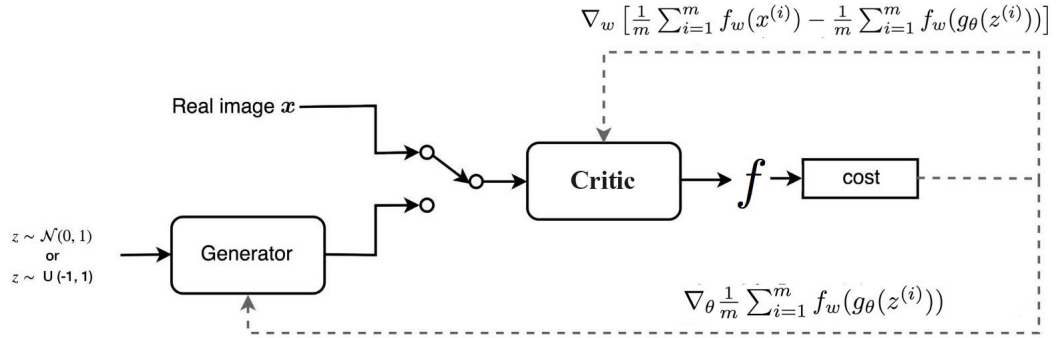


Figure 18.5: WGAN

	Discriminator/Critic	Generator
<b>GAN</b>	$\nabla_{\theta_d} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [\log D(x^{(i)}) + \log (1 - D(G(z^{(i)})))]$	$\nabla_{\theta_g} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log (D(G(z^{(i)})))$
<b>WGAN</b>	$\nabla_w \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [f(x^{(i)}) - f(G(z^{(i)}))]$	$\nabla_\theta \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f(G(z^{(i)}))$

Figure 18.6: WGAN

## 18.5 InfoGAN: Interpretable Representation Learning by Information Maximizing Generative Adversarial Nets

### 18.5.1 Joint Entropy

$$H(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}_{X, Y}[-\log p(x, y)] = - \sum_{x, y} p(x, y) \log p(x, y)$$

### 18.5.2 Conditional Entropy

$$\begin{aligned} H(X|Y) &= \mathbb{E}_Y[H(X, Y)] \\ &= - \sum_{y \sim p_Y(y)} p(y) \sum_{x \sim p_X(x)} p(x|y) \log p(x|y) \\ &= - \sum_{y \sim p_Y(y)} \sum_{x \sim p_X(x)} p(y)p(x|y) \log p(x|y) \\ &= - \sum_{y \sim p_Y(y)} \sum_{x \sim p_X(x)} p(x, y) \log p(x|y) = -\mathbb{E}_{x, y}[\log p(x|y)] \\ &= - \sum_{y \sim p_Y(y)} \sum_{x \sim p_X(x)} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(y)} \\ &= - \sum_{y \sim p_Y(y)} \sum_{x \sim p_X(x)} p(x, y) \log p(x, y) + \sum_{y \sim p_Y(y)} \sum_{x \sim p_X(x)} p(x, y) \log p(y) \\ &= H(X, Y) - H(Y) \end{aligned}$$

### 18.5.3 Variational Mutual Information Maximization

$$\begin{aligned} I(c; G(z, c)) &= H(c) - H(c|G(z, c)) \\ &= H(c) + \int \int p(c = c', x = G(z, c)) \log p(c = c'|x = G(z, c)) dc' dz \\ &= H(c) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c), c' \sim p(c|x)} [\log p(c'|x)] \\ &= H(c) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim p(c|x)} [\log p(c'|x)] \\ &= H(c) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim p(c|x)} \left[ \log \frac{p(c'|x)Q(c'|x)}{Q(c'|x)} \right] \\ &= H(c) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim p(c|x)} \left[ \log \frac{p(c'|x)}{Q(c'|x)} \right] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim p(c|x)} [\log Q(c'|x)] \\ &= H(c) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \left[ D_{KL}(p(c'|x) || Q(c'|x)) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim p(c|x)} [\log Q(c'|x)] \\ &\geq H(c) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim p(c|x)} [\log Q(c'|x)]^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get a lower bound for the mutual information as follows:

$$I(c; G(z, c)) \geq H(c) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim p(c|x)} \left[ \log Q(c'|x) \right]$$

However, we still have a problem. We need to sample  $c$  from  $p(c|x)$ . Thus, we need to replace it with a known distribution. Firstly, with the reasoning that  $x \sim G(z, c)$  means sample  $c$  from  $p(c)$  then sample  $x$  from  $G(z, c)$ . So we can express  $\mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)}$  with  $\mathbb{E}_{c \sim p(c)} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)}$ . and by the Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} I(c; G(z, c)) &\geq H(c) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim p(c|x)} \left[ \log Q(c'|x) \right] \\ &= H(c) + \mathbb{E}_{c \sim p(c)} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim p(c|x)} \left[ \log Q(c'|x) \right] \\ &= H(c) + \mathbb{E}_{c \sim p(c)} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G(z, c)} \left[ \log Q(c'|x) \right]^3 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can directly sample  $c$  from the known distribution instead of  $p(c|x)$ .

**lemma 1** For random variables  $X, Y$  and function  $f(x, y)$  under suitable regularity conditions:

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim X, y \sim Y|x} [f(x, y)] = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim X, y \sim Y|x, x' \sim X|y} [f(x', y)]$$

*proof 1*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim X, y \sim Y|x} [f(x, y)] &= \int_x P(x) \int_y P(y|x) f(x, y) dy dx \\ &= \int_x \int_y P(x, y) f(x, y) dy dx \\ &= \int_{x'} \int_y P(x', y) f(x', y) dy dx' \\ &= \int_{x'} \int_y P(y) P(x'|y) f(x', y) dy dx' \\ &= \int_{x'} \int_y \int_x P(x, y) P(x'|y) f(x', y) dx dy dx' \\ &= \int_x P(x) \int_y P(x|y) \int_{x'} P(x'|y) f(x', y) dx dy dx' \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim X, y \sim Y|x, x' \sim X|y} [f(x', y)] \end{aligned}$$

# Chapter 19

## Diffusion Model

### 19.1 Introduction

(Denoising) Diffusion models have emerged as the new SOTA family of deep generative models.

- First proposed in 2015.
- Outperform GANs on image synthesis (DDPM)  $\sim$  2020.
- Stable training dynamics.
- Image synthesis, super resolution, text-to-image, and so on.

The overall idea is to construct a Markov chain of progressively less noisy samples. Each transition denoises a noisy sample. Diffusion models consist of two Markov chains:

1. Forward: A Markov chain of diffusion steps to **slowly add random noise** to data.

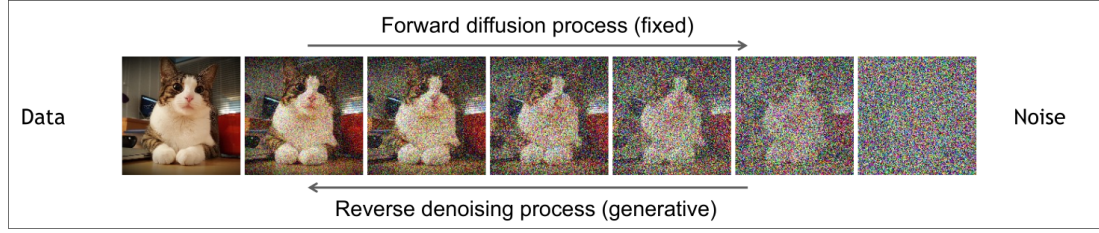
$$\mathbf{x}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 \cdots \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_T$$

2. Backward (Reverse): Learn to **reverse the diffusion process** to construct desired data samples from the noise.

$$\mathbf{x}_T \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{T-1} \cdots \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0$$

**Some properties of diffusion models:**

1. Diffusion model has a pre-defined sampling equation.
  - The equation relies on a random noise.
  - Noise is all we need  $\rightarrow$  Predict noise at a time step  $t$ .
2. Fit a model via forward and backward processes.
3. **Iterative transform** of one distribution into another via **Markov Chain**.
  - $\mathcal{D}_{data} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ .



- $\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{data}$ .
- Diffusion model  $\approx$  Generative Markov Chain.

4. Learn a transition model:

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|x_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)).$$

5. Base case:  $p(\mathbf{x}_T) = \mathcal{N}(0, I)$

6. Marginal distribution over  $\mathbf{x}_0$ :

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_0) = \int p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_0, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T) d\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T$$

7. We want to learn the parameters so that

$$p(\mathbf{x}_0) \approx p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_0)$$

## 19.2 Forward Diffusion

- We want to model a forward trajectory (by the Markov property):

$$q(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) = q(\mathbf{x}_0) \prod_{t=1}^T \underbrace{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})}_{\text{Transition kernel}}$$

- Slow transform with a large  $T$ :  $\mathbf{x}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 \cdots \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_T$ 
  - Imagine someone said he is from Germany.
  - We can't exactly track his journey without more information.
  - We need to add more steps!
- How to model  $q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})$ ?

Forward Diffusion:  $q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})$  In a continuous case (*e.g.*, image), each transition can be parameterized as follows:

$$q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{1 - \beta_t}\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \beta_t\mathbf{I}) \quad (19.1)$$

- $\beta_t \in (0, 1)$  is a variance at time  $t$ .
- $\sqrt{1 - \beta_t}$  downscales  $\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$  to be 0,  $\beta_1 < \cdots < \beta_T$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{x}_t$  will become more noisier.  $\mathbf{x}_t$  can be sampled as:

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{1 - \beta_t}\mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{\beta_t} \odot \epsilon$$

1. Sample  $\mathbf{x}_t \sim q(\mathbf{x}_t)$  and scale it by  $\sqrt{1 - \beta_t}$
  2. Adds noise  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$  with variance  $\beta_t$ .
- The above process is autoregressive (*i.e.*, ancestral sampling), but we can sample  $\mathbf{x}_t$  directly from  $q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0)$  in an analytic form:

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{1 - \beta_t} \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{\beta_t} \odot \epsilon_{t-1} \quad (19.2)$$

$$= \sqrt{\alpha_t} \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \odot \epsilon_{t-1} \quad (19.3)$$

$$= \sqrt{\alpha_t} \left( \sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}} \mathbf{x}_{t-2} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{t-1}} \odot \epsilon_{t-2} \right) + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \odot \epsilon_{t-1} \quad (19.4)$$

$$= \sqrt{\alpha_t \alpha_{t-1}} \mathbf{x}_{t-2} + \sqrt{\alpha_t - \alpha_t \alpha_{t-1}} \odot \epsilon_{t-2} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \odot \epsilon_{t-1} \quad (19.5)$$

$$= \sqrt{\alpha_t \alpha_{t-1}} \mathbf{x}_{t-2} + \sqrt{\alpha_t - \alpha_t \alpha_{t-1} + 1 - \alpha_t} \odot \epsilon_{t-2} \quad (19.6)$$

$$= \sqrt{\alpha_t \alpha_{t-1}} \mathbf{x}_{t-2} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t \alpha_{t-1}} \odot \epsilon_{t-2} \quad (19.7)$$

$$= \dots \quad (19.8)$$

$$= \sqrt{\prod_t \alpha_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \prod_t \alpha_t} \odot \epsilon_{t_0} \quad (19.9)$$

$$= \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \odot \epsilon \quad (19.10)$$

$$\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t) \mathbf{I}), \quad (19.11)$$

where  $\alpha_t = 1 - \beta_t$  and  $\bar{\alpha}_t = \prod_{s=1}^t \alpha_s$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \odot \epsilon$ . Note that the fifth step is done by using the property of sum of two Gaussian distributions (*e.g.*,  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_1^2 I) + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_2^2 I) = \mathcal{N}(0, (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) I)$ ).

We can get some intuitions:

- The original input  $\mathbf{x}_0$  **gradually loses all info** during the forward diffusion process.
- This Markov chain has a **stationary distribution**: As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $q(\mathbf{x}_t) \approx \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ .
  - In practice,  $T$  is a very high number *e.g.*, 1,000.
  - Minimize info loss for each step.
  - Allow a smooth training.

### 19.3 Backward Process

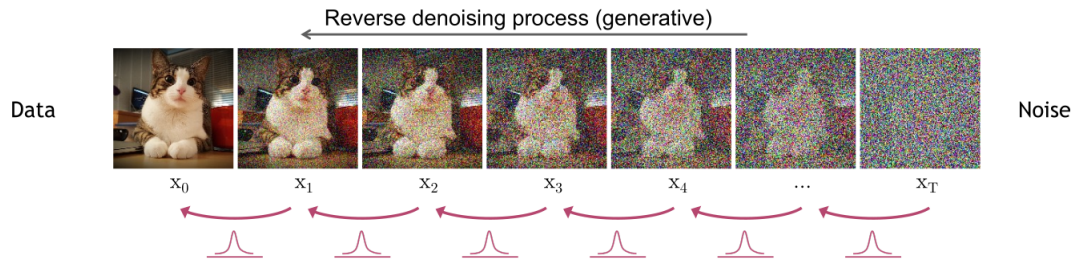
Generative Learning by Denoising:

- Now we know how to model the forward process (diffusion process).
- However, a noisy image is not what we want.
- We want to generate a new image with high quality.

How to generate data? If we can reverse the forward process, then we can draw a true sample. We call it **Backward process**!



- Start from  $q(\mathbf{x}_T) \approx \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ .
- Sample  $\mathbf{x}_T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_T|0, I)$ 
  - Sample a noise vector from a prior distribution.
- Iteratively sample  $\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \sim q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ .
  - $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ : **true denoising distribution** (we don't know).
- In general,  $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$  is intractable.
- We can **approximate**  $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$  as **Normal distribution** if  $\beta_t$  is small in each forward diffusion step.
  - *e.g.*,  $\mathbf{x}_3$  to  $\mathbf{x}_2$



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## Backward Process

- Approximate  $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$  using a neural network,  $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ .
- Backward process:  $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) = p(\mathbf{x}_T) \prod_{t=1}^T p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ .
  - $p(\mathbf{x}_T) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_T; 0, I)$ .
  - $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t))$ .
  - We can model the denoising distribution as Normal distribution like above (*c.f.*, Eq. (19.45)).
  - Note that the reverse conditional probability  $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$  is tractable when it is conditioned on  $\mathbf{x}_0$  as shown in Eq. (19.45). This allows us to train a neural network to model this denoising distribution.
- Key to the success of this sampling process is training the reverse Markov chain to match the actual time reversal of the forward Markov chain.
- After optimizing the backward process, the sampling procedure is that just sample Gaussian noise from  $p(\mathbf{x}_T)$  and then iteratively running the denoising transitions (backward process) for  $T$  steps to generate a novel  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .

## 19.4 Distribution Modeling

What we want to learn (or model) is  $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0) \approx p(\mathbf{x}_0)$  (approximate data distribution).

- $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0) = \int p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) d\mathbf{x}_{1:T}$
- It is intractable to compute all trajectories.

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0 \sim p} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0)] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0 \sim p} \left[ \log \int p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) d\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \right].$$

- Thus, we will use variational lower bound with KL-Div:

$$\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0) = \log \int p(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) d\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \quad (19.12)$$

$$= \log \int p(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} d\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \quad (19.13)$$

$$= \log \int q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0) \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} d\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \quad (19.14)$$

$$\geq \int q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} d\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \quad (19.15)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \right] \rightarrow \text{ELBO} \quad (19.16)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log p(\mathbf{x}_T) \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] \quad (19.17)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1) \prod_{t=1}^{T-1} p(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t+1})}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1}) \prod_{t=1}^{T-1} q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] \quad (19.18)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1})} \right] + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \prod_{t=1}^{T-1} \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t+1})}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] \quad (19.19)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} [\log p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)] + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1})} \right] \quad (19.20)$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t+1})}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] \quad (19.21)$$

$$= \dots + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1})} \right] + \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t+1})}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] \quad (19.22)$$

$$= \dots + \int_{x_1} \dots \int_{x_T} q(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T) \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1})} \right] dx_1 \dots dx_T + \dots \quad (19.23)$$

$$= \dots + \int_{x_T} \int_{x_{T-1}} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1})} \right] \dots \int_{x_1} q(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T) dx_1 \dots dx_T + \dots \quad (19.24)$$

$$= \dots + \int_{x_T} \int_{x_{T-1}} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1})} \right] q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) dx_{T-1} dx_T + \dots \quad (19.25)$$

$$= \dots + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1})} \right] + \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t+1}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t+1})}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] \quad (19.26)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} [\log p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)] + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1})} \right] \quad (19.27)$$

$$+ \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t+1}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t+1})}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] \quad (19.28)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} [\log p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)] - \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)} [D_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1})||p(\mathbf{x}_T))] \quad (19.29)$$

$$- \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_{t+1}|\mathbf{x}_0)} D_{KL}[q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})||p(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t+1})] \quad (19.30)$$

$$\because q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_0)} = \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_0)q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_0)} = q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0) \quad (19.31)$$

- The sixth step is done by Markov property.
- The first term is a *reconstruction term*.
- The second term is a *prior matching term*. This term requires no optimization, as it has no trainable parameters; furthermore, as we have assumed a large enough  $T$  such that the final distribution is Gaussian, this term effectively becomes zero.
- The last term is a *consistency term*. It endeavors to make the distribution at  $x_t$  consistent, from both forward and backward processes. That is, a denoising step from a noisier image should match the corresponding noising step from a cleaner image, for every intermediate timestep. This term is minimized when we train  $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t+1})$  to match the Gaussian distribution  $q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})$ , which is defined in Eq. (19.1).
- Under this derivation, all terms of the ELBO are computed as expectations, and can therefore be approximated using Monte Carlo estimates.
- However, actually optimizing the ELBO using the terms we just derived might be suboptimal, because the consistency term is computed as an expectation over two random variables  $\{x_{t-1}, x_{t+1}\}$  for every time step, the variance of its Monte Carlo estimate could potentially be higher than a term that is estimated using only one random variable per time step. As it is computed by summing up  $T - 1$  consistency terms, the final estimated value of the ELBO may have high variance for large  $T$  values.

Let us instead try to derive a form for our ELBO where each term is computed as an expectation over **only one random variable at a time**. The key insight is that we can rewrite encoder transitions as  $q(x_t|x_{t-1}) = q(x_t|x_{t-1}, x_0)$ , where the extra conditioning term is superfluous due to the Markov property. Then, according to Bayes rule, we can rewrite each transition as:

$$q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)}$$

Armed with this equation, we can factorize the ELBO again as follows:

$$L = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \right] \rightarrow \text{ELBO} \quad (19.32)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log p(\mathbf{x}_T) \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] \quad (19.33)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1) \prod_{t=2}^T p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0) \prod_{t=2}^T q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] \quad (19.34)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1) \prod_{t=2}^T p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0) \prod_{t=2}^T q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_0)} \right] \quad \text{by Markov Property} \quad (19.35)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)}{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} + \log \prod_{t=2}^T \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_0)} \right] \quad (19.36)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)}{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} + \log \prod_{t=2}^T \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)}{\frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)}} \right] \quad (19.37)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)}{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} + \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0)} + \log \prod_{t=2}^T \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)} \right] \quad (19.38)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0)} + \log \prod_{t=2}^T \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)} \right] \quad (19.39)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} [\log p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)] + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_T)}{q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0)} \right] + \sum_{t=2}^T \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)} \right] \quad (19.40)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} [\log p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)] - D_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) || p(\mathbf{x}_T)) - \sum_{t=2}^T \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)} [D_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) || p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t))] \quad (19.41)$$

Let's closely look at the last three terms:

- $\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} [\log p(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)]$ : reconstruction term.
- $D_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) || p(\mathbf{x}_T))$ : Prior matching term.
  - No trainable parameters
- $\sum_{t=2}^T \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)} [D_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) || p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t))]$ : Denoising matching term.
  - $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$  as an approximation to tractable, ground-truth denoising transition step  $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)$ . The  $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)$  transition step can act as a ground-truth signal, since it defines how to denoise a noisy image with access to what the final, completely denoised image  $\mathbf{x}_0$  should be. This term is therefore minimized when the two denoising steps match as closely as possible, as measured by their KL Divergence.

In the last term,  $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)$  can be further factorized as follows:

$$q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_0)q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)} = \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)}.$$

Then,  $q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) = q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})$  by Markov property. Now, let's compute the KL-divergence in the denoising matching term.

$$q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_0)}{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)} \quad (19.42)$$

$$= \frac{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)\mathbf{I})\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}\mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1})\mathbf{I})}{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}\mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)\mathbf{I})} \quad (19.43)$$

$$\vdots \quad (19.44)$$

$$\propto \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{\alpha_t}(1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1})\mathbf{x}_t + \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}(1 - \alpha_t)\mathbf{x}_0}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}}_{\mu_q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)}, \underbrace{\frac{(1 - \alpha_t)(1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1})}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}\mathbf{I}}_{\Sigma_q(t)}\right) \quad (19.45)$$

We have therefore shown that at each step,  $\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \sim q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)$  is normally distributed, with mean  $\mu_q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)$  that is a function of  $\mathbf{x}_t$  and  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , and variance  $\Sigma_q(t)$  as a function of  $\alpha$  coefficients.

We can use the Eq. (19.45) to compute the optimal  $\theta$  by solving  $\min_{\theta} D_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t))$ , but we can simplify the optimization problem by using Eq. (19.11):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_t &= \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}\mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \odot \epsilon \\ \mathbf{x}_0 &= \frac{\mathbf{x}_t - \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \odot \epsilon}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}} \end{aligned}$$

By plugging the above equation into  $\mu_q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)$ , we can exclude  $\mathbf{x}_0$  term as follows:

$$\mu_q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_t}(1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1})\mathbf{x}_t + \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}(1 - \alpha_t)\mathbf{x}_0}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \quad (19.46)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_t}(1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1})\mathbf{x}_t + \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}(1 - \alpha_t) \frac{\mathbf{x}_t - \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \odot \epsilon}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}}}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \quad (19.47)$$

$$\vdots \quad (19.48)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}}\mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}\sqrt{\alpha_t}}\epsilon_0 \quad (19.49)$$

Thus, we can force  $\mu_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)$ , which has no dependency on  $\mathbf{x}_0$  term, to match the  $\mu_q$ . Since the  $\mathbf{x}_t$  is given at training time, we just need to predict the  $\epsilon_t$ . Then, we can express  $\mu_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)$  as follows:

$$\mu_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}}\left(\mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}}\epsilon_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)\right)$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$  can be expressed as follows:

$$\mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}}\left(\mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}}\epsilon_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)\right), \Sigma_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)\right)$$

Note that we can use the variance derived in Eq. (19.45) instead of estimating it from a network for simplicity. Finally, we can solve the KL-divergence term:

$$\mathcal{L} = \min_{\theta} D_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)) \quad (19.50)$$

$$\vdots \quad (19.51)$$

$$= \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2\sigma_q^2(t)} \frac{(1 - \alpha_t)^2}{(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)\alpha_t} [\|\epsilon_0 - \hat{\epsilon}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)\|_2^2]. \quad (19.52)$$

Here  $\hat{\epsilon}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)$  is a neural network that learns to predict the source noise  $\epsilon_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\epsilon \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$  that determines  $\mathbf{x}_t$  from  $\mathbf{x}_0$ . We have therefore shown that the overall learning objective is equivalent to learning to predict the noise.

## 19.5 Summary

- The loss function can be decomposed.

$$L_{\text{VLB}} = L_T + L_{T-1} + \cdots + L_0.$$

- $L_T = D_{\text{KL}}(q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) \parallel p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T))$ 
  - Constant  $\approx 0$  since  $x_T$  is a Gaussian noise.
- $L_t = D_{\text{KL}}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \parallel p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t))$  for  $t > 1$ 
  - This is the main part.
- $L_0 = -\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)$ 
  - Can be modeled by a separate decoder.

- $q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}\mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)I)$
- $q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{1 - \beta_t}\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \beta_t\mathbf{I}),$

We can sample by  $\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{1 - \beta_t}\mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{\beta_t}\epsilon$

- $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)).$ 
  - We need to learn mean and variance.
  - DDPM kept the variance fixed and let the neural network only learn the mean  $\mu_\theta$ .
  - $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t) = \sigma_t^2\mathbf{I}$  and set  $\sigma_t^2 = \beta_t$ .
  - Improved DDPM model trains  $\sigma$  also.
- One can reparameterize the mean to make the neural network learn the added noise via a network  $\epsilon_\theta$ .

$$\mu_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}} \left( \mathbf{x}_t - \frac{\beta_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}} \underbrace{\epsilon_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)}_{\text{Network}} \right)$$

- Final objective function  $L_t$  is

$$\|\epsilon - \epsilon_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)\|^2 = \|\epsilon - \epsilon_\theta(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}\mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)}\epsilon, t)\|^2$$

- $t \sim \text{Unif}[\{1, \dots, T\}]$
- $\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}\mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)}\epsilon \sim q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)$
- $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$
- $\mathbf{x}_t$  is perturbed by  $\epsilon$  and the noise prediction network  $\epsilon_\theta$  predicts  $\epsilon$ .



**Algorithm 6:** Training

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repeat
   $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0)$ 
   $t \sim \text{Unif}[\{1, \dots, T\}]$ 
   $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ 
  Take gradient descent step on  $\nabla_{\theta} \|\epsilon - \epsilon_{\theta}(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \epsilon, t)\|^2$ 
until converged;

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The training process is given by

1.  $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0)$
2. Sample a noise level  $t$  between 1 and  $T$  (*i.e.*, random time step).
3. Sample a noise from a Gaussian distribution and perturb the input by the sampling equation.
4. NN is trained to predict this noise  $\epsilon$  used for generating  $\mathbf{x}_t$ .
5.  $\beta$  is often scheduled linearly.
6.  $\Sigma$  is set equal to  $\beta$ .

The sampling process is given by

**Algorithm 7:** Sampling

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 $\mathbf{x}_T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ 
for  $t = T, \dots, 1$  do
   $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ 
   $\mathbf{x}_{t-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \left( \mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}} \epsilon_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t) \right) + \Sigma_t \mathbf{z}$ 
return  $\mathbf{x}_0$ 

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- Ancestral sampling.
- $T$  is typically around 1,000

## 19.6 Score Matching

- Suppose  $\{\mathbf{x}_0, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ , where each data point (*e.g.*, image, video, or text)) is sampled independently from a data distribution  $p(\mathbf{x})$ .
- Given the dataset, the goal of generative modeling is to fit a model to the data distribution such that we can synthesize new data points at will by sampling from the model.
- One way is to directly model the distribution function as in likelihood-based models. Let  $f_\theta(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , then we can define a density function:

$$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp^{-f_\theta(\mathbf{x})}}{Z_\theta}$$

- $f_\theta(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is often called unnormalized probabilistic model or energy-based model.
- Energy-based model originates from the Gibbs distribution in statistical physics.
- $p_\theta(\mathbf{x})$  can be trained by maximizing the log-likelihood of the data.

$$\max_{\theta} \sum_i^N \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i).$$

- The gradient of the loglikelihood is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) &= \nabla_{\theta} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla_{\theta} Z_{\theta} \\ \nabla_{\theta} Z_{\theta} &= \frac{\nabla_{\theta} Z_{\theta}}{Z_{\theta}} \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_{\theta}} \nabla_{\theta} \int \exp(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_{\theta}} \int \exp(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) \nabla_{\theta} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int \frac{1}{Z_{\theta}} \exp(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) \nabla_{\theta} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\theta} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}[\nabla_{\theta} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})] \\ \nabla_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) &= \nabla_{\theta} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}[\nabla_{\theta} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})] \end{aligned}$$

- However, it is undesirable, since  $Z_{\theta}$  is intractable.
  - For instance, a gray scale image of  $100 \times 100$  has  $256^{10,000}$  space.
- Thus, we have to sidestep the issue by using some solutions, for instance:
  - Approximate by using VAE or MCMC

Instead, we can leverage **Stein Score**:

- By modeling a score function, instead of the density function, we can sidestep the difficulty of computing the intractable normalizing constants.

- *Stein Score* function:  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x})$ .
  - **Not a gradient w.r.t. model parameters.**
  - Gradient of the log probability density function.
  - Not same as the score in stat.
- It is a direction that maximizes a log data density.
- A model for approximating the score function is called a *score-based model*  $s_{\theta}(\mathbf{a})$ .
- Score-based models does not have to compute the intractable normalizing constant,  $Z_{\theta}$ .

$$s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log Z_{\theta}}_{\text{Constant}}.$$

### 19.6.1 Fisher Divergence

We need to know about *Fisher Divergence*:

- Given *i.i.d.* samples  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\} \sim p_{data}(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x})$ .
- Estimating the score function  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x})$ .
- Score model  $s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D$ .
- Use score estimator  $s_{\theta}(x)$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} [\|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) - s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2].$$

- It is called *Fisher divergence*.
- Intuitively, the Fisher divergence compares the squared distance between the ground-truth data score and the score-based model.
  - It changes the problem into a *regression* problem.
- Direct computation of the divergence is **infeasible** due to the unknown data score  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x})$ .
  - Since we have no access to the true data distribution  $p(\mathbf{x})$ .

Fortunately, there exists a family of methods called ***score matching*** that minimize the Fisher divergence without knowledge of the ground-truth data score.

- Score matching objectives can directly be estimated on a dataset and optimized with stochastic gradient descent, analogous to the log-likelihood objective for training likelihood-based models (with known normalizing constants).
- We can train the score-based model by minimizing a score matching objective, without requiring adversarial optimization.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_\theta &= \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|s_\theta(x)\|_2^2 + \text{tr}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_\theta(x)) \right] \\ &\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|s_\theta(x)\|_2^2 + \text{tr}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_\theta(x)) \right]\end{aligned}$$

- $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\} \sim p(\mathbf{x})$
- $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_\theta(x)$ : Jacobian
- Remove the dependency of  $p(\mathbf{x})$

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p(x)} [\|\nabla_x \log p(x) - s_\theta(x)\|_2^2] \quad (19.53)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p(x)} [(\nabla_x \log p(x) - s_\theta(x))^2] \quad (19.54)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int p(x) (\nabla_x \log p(x) - s_\theta(x))^2 dx \quad (19.55)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int p(x) (\nabla_x \log p(x))^2 dx}_{\text{independent from theta}} + \frac{1}{2} \int p(x) s_\theta(x)^2 dx - \int p(x) s_\theta(x) \nabla_x \log p(x) dx \quad (19.56)$$

$$= \dots - \int p(x) s_\theta(x) \nabla_x \log p(x) dx \quad (19.57)$$

$$= \dots - \int p(x) s_\theta(x) \frac{\nabla_x p(\mathbf{x})}{p(x)} dx \quad (19.58)$$

$$= \dots - \int \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p(x) s_\theta(x) dx \quad (19.59)$$

$$= \dots - \left[ p(x) s_\theta(x) \right]_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} + \int p(x) \nabla_x s_\theta(x) dx \quad (19.60)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int p(x) s_\theta(x)^2 dx + \int p(x) \nabla_x s_\theta(x) dx + \text{const} \quad (19.61)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p(x)} [s_\theta(x)^2] + \mathbb{E}_{p(x)} [\nabla_x s_\theta(x)] + \text{const}. \quad (19.62)$$

- The second last term used the integration by parts.
- The last step is done by a boundary condition assumption which makes score function to be zero (*c.f.*, Sliced score matching paper).
  - $p_{data}(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - In other words, gradient vanishes on the boundary.

## 19.6.2 Langevin Dynamics

- Once we have trained a score-based model  $s_\theta(\mathbf{x}) \approx \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x})$ , we can use an iterative procedure called *Langevin Dynamics* (LD) [?] to draw samples from it.
- LD provides an MCMC procedure to sample from a distribution  $p(\mathbf{x})$  using only its score function.

$$\mathbf{x}_t \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) + \sqrt{\epsilon} \mathbf{z}_t$$

- Specifically, it initializes the chain from an arbitrary prior distribution  $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim \pi(\mathbf{x})$ , and then iterates the following
- Sample from  $p(x)$  using only the score  $\nabla_x \log p(x)$ .
- $\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ .
- $\epsilon$  is the step size.
- As  $T \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_T$  will become the true probability density  $p(\mathbf{x})$ .

## Part IV

# Natural Language Processing

# Chapter 20

## Introduction

### 20.1 Evaluation Metrics

- Recall:  $TP/(TP+FN)$ . Find all relevant cases within a dataset.
- Precision:  $TP/(TP+FP)$ : While recall expresses the ability to find all relevant instances in a dataset, precision expresses the proportion of the data points our model says was relevant actually were relevant.
- The F1 score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall taking both metrics into account in the following equation:

#### 20.1.1 Perplexity

Intuitively, perplexity can be understood as a *measure of uncertainty*. The perplexity of a language model can be seen as the level of perplexity. Consider a language model with an entropy of three bits, in which each bit encodes two possible outcomes of equal probability. This means that when predicting a symbol, that language model has to choose among  $2^3 = 8$  possible options. Thus, we can argue that this language model has a perplexity of 8.

It can be modeled as  $2^H(P, Q)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} PPL(W) &= P(w_1, \dots, w_N)^{-\frac{1}{N}} \\ &\approx \left( \prod_{i=1}^N P(w_i | w_{<i}) \right)^{-\frac{1}{N}} \\ &= \sqrt[N]{\frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N P(w_i | w_{<i})}} \end{aligned}$$

Let's derive it from a cross-entropy. We want to optimize  $P_\theta$  instead of the true distribution  $P$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{CE} = -\mathbb{E}_{w \sim P}[P_\theta(w_i|w_{<i})] \quad (20.1)$$

$$\approx -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log P_\theta(w_i|w_{<i}) \quad (20.2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{N} \log \prod_{i=1}^N P_\theta(w_i|w_{<i}) \quad (20.3)$$

$$= \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^N P_\theta(w_i|w_{<i}) \right)^{-\frac{1}{N}} \quad (20.4)$$

$$= \log \sqrt[N]{\frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N P_\theta(w_i|w_{<i})}} \quad (20.5)$$

$$(20.6)$$

Thus,  $PPL(W) = \exp(\mathcal{L}_{CE})$ .

### 20.1.2 Cross-Entropy and Perplexity

$$\begin{aligned} H(P, Q) &= -\sum_x P(x) \log Q(x) \\ &= -\sum_x P(x) [\log P(x) + \log Q(x) - \log P(x)] \\ &= -\sum_x P(x) \left[ \log P(x) + \log \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)} \right] \\ &= H(P) + D_{KL}(P||Q) \end{aligned}$$

It should be noted that since the empirical entropy  $H(P)$  is unoptimizable, when we train a language model with the objective of minimizing the cross entropy loss, the true objective is to minimize the  $KL$ -divergence of the distribution, which was learned by our language model from the empirical distribution of the language.



## Chapter 21

# Classical NLP Techniques

### 21.1 Edit Distance

Edit distance is a method used in spell correction to determine how similar two words are by calculating the minimum number of operations (insertions, deletions, or substitutions) required to transform one word into another. The smaller the edit distance, the more similar the two words are.

For example, let's say we have the following dictionary of valid words: "cat", "car", "cart", "care", "cards", "cast". If the input word is "carr", we calculate the edit distance between "carr" and each word in the dictionary as follows:

- cat: 3 (insert "r" and "r", then delete "t")
- car: 1 (replace second "r" with "t")
- cart: 2 (insert "t" and delete second "r")

The smallest edit distance is 1, between "carr" and "car", so "car" would be selected as the corrected word.

The edit distance method can be improved by using techniques such as weighting the importance of each operation (insertion, deletion, substitution) or using a more sophisticated algorithm such as *Levenshtein distance*. Additionally, the method can be combined with other methods such as language modeling or phonetic analysis to further improve spell correction accuracy.

### 21.2 Point-wise Mutual Information

Point-wise Mutual Information (PMI) is a statistical measure to calculate the association between two words in a given corpus. PMI is calculated by comparing the probability of the co-occurrence of two words with their individual probabilities of occurrence.

Formally, it is a quantity which is closely related to the mutual information is the point-wise

mutual information. For two events (not random variables)  $x$  and  $y$ , this is defined as

$$\text{PMI}[x, y] \triangleq \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} \quad (21.1)$$

$$= \frac{p(x|y)}{p(x)} = \frac{p(y|x)}{p(y)} \quad (21.2)$$

This measures the discrepancy between these events occurring together compared to what would be expected by chance.

- $x$  and  $y$  are two words being considered,
- $P(x)$  is the probability of the occurrence of word  $x$  in the corpus,
- $P(y)$  is the probability of the occurrence of word  $y$  in the corpus, and
- $P(x, y)$  is the probability of the co-occurrence of words  $x$  and  $y$  in the corpus. In other words,  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent

For terms with three words, the formula becomes:

$$\text{PMI}[x, y, z] = \log \frac{p(x, y, z)}{p(x)p(y)p(z)}$$

PMI values can range from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$ . Positive PMI values indicate that the words have a strong association, while negative values indicate that the words are unlikely to appear together.

For example, consider a small corpus of text:

- "The cat sat on the mat. The dog sat on the mat."
- The matrix below is  $6 \times 6$  considering all possible combination of the "forward" co-occurrences.

	<i>the</i>	<i>cat</i>	<i>dog</i>	<i>sat</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>mat</i>
<i>the</i>	0	1	1	0	0	2
<i>cat</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>dog</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>sat</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0
<i>on</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0
<i>mat</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 21.2.1 Remove Stopwords prior to PMI

In the above example we have not removed stopwords, so some of you might be wondering if we need to remove stopwords prior to PMI. It depends on the problem statement but if your objective is to find the related words, you should remove stopwords prior to calculating PMI.

## 21.3 TF-IDF

The term TF stands for term frequency, and the term IDF stands for inverse document frequency.

The TF-IDF representation takes into account the importance of each word in a document. In the bag-of-words model, each word is assumed to be equally important, which is obviously a less accurate assumption.

The method to calculate the TF-IDF weights of a term in a document is given by the following formula:

- **Term Frequency (TF)**,  $tf(t, d)$ , is the relative frequency of term  $t$  within document  $d$ ,

$$tf(t, d) = \frac{f_{t,d}}{\sum_{t' \in d} f_{t',d}},$$

where  $f_{t,d}$  is the raw count of a term in a document, *i.e.*, the number of times that term  $t$  occurs in document  $d$ . Note the denominator is simply the total number of terms in document  $d$  (counting each occurrence of the same term separately). There are various other ways to define term frequency:

- The raw count itself:  $tf(t, d) = f_{t,d}$
- Boolean "frequencies":

$$tf(t, d) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } t \text{ occurs in } d \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Logarithmically scaled frequency:  $tf(t, d) = \log(1 + f_{t,d})$
- Augmented frequency, to prevent a bias towards longer documents, *e.g.*, raw frequency divided by the raw frequency of the most frequently occurring term in the document:

$$tf(t, d) = 0.5 + 0.5 \frac{f_{t,d}}{\max\{f_{t',d} : t' \in d\}}$$

- **Inverse document frequency (IDF)**: *The IDF is a measure of how much information the word provides, i.e.*, if it is common or rare across all documents. It is the logarithmically scaled inverse fraction of the documents that contain the word, which is obtained by dividing the total number of documents by the number of documents containing the term, and then taking the logarithm of that quotient:

$$idf(t, D) = \log \frac{N}{|\{d \in D : t \in d\}|}$$

- $N$  total number of documents in the corpus ( $= |D|$ ).
- $|\{d \in D : t \in d\}|$ : number of documents where the term  $t$  appears. If the term is not in the corpus, this will lead to a division-by-zero. It is therefore common to adjust the numerator  $1 + N$  and denominator to  $1 + |\{d \in D : t \in d\}|$ .
- Similarly, IDF can also be expressed

$$idf(t, D) = \log \frac{N - n + 0.5}{n + 0.5} + 1,$$

where  $n$  is the number of documents containing the term  $t$ .

### 21.3.1 Term frequency–inverse document frequency

TF-IDF is calculated as a multiplication of  $tf(t, D)$  and  $idf(t, D)$ .

- A high weight in TF–IDF is reached by a high term frequency (in the given document) and a low document frequency of the term in the whole collection of documents; the weights hence tend to filter out common terms.
- Since the ratio inside the IDF’s log function is always greater than or equal to 1, the value of IDF (and TF–IDF) is greater than or equal to 0.
- As a term appears in more documents, the ratio inside the logarithm approaches 1, bringing the IDF and TF–IDF closer to 0.

In short, TF

- This measures the frequency of a word in a document. If a word appears more times in a document, it is likely more important to the document.
- number of times term “word” appears in a document / Total number of terms in the document
- Consider a document containing 100 words wherein the word ‘cat’ appears 3 times, then TF is 0.03

IDF:

- This measures the importance of a word in the entire corpus. If a word appears in many documents, it is likely less important to any individual document.
- $\log_e$  total number of documents/ Number of documents with term “word” in it.
- If we have 10 million documents, and ‘cat’ appears in 1,000 of these. Then, IDF is  $\log 10,000,000/1,000 = 4$

Finally, TF-IDF is  $0.03 \times 4 = 0.12$  The higher the TF-IDF score, the rarer the term and vice versa.

### 21.3.2 Link with Information Theory

This expression shows that summing the TF–IDF of all possible terms and documents recovers the mutual information between documents and term taking into account all the specificities of their joint distribution. Each TF–IDF hence carries the "bit of information" attached to a term x document pair.

## 21.4 Best Match 25 Ranking Algorithm

Best Match 25 ranking algorithm or BM25 is a bag-of-words retrieval function that ranks a set of documents based on the query terms appearing in each document, regardless of their proximity

within the document. It is a family of scoring functions with slightly different components and parameters. One of the most prominent instantiations of the function is as follows.

Given a query  $Q$ , containing keywords  $q_1, \dots, q_n$ , the BM25 score of a document  $D$  is given by

$$\text{score}(D, Q) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{IDF}(q_i) \cdot \frac{f(q_i, D) \cdot (k_1 + 1)}{f(q_i, D) + k_1 \cdot (1 - b + b \cdot \frac{|D|}{\text{avgdl}})},$$

where  $f(q_i, D)$  is the number of times that the keyword  $q_i$  occurs in the document,  $D$ ,  $|D|$  is the length of the document  $D$  in words, and  $\text{avgdl}$  is the average document length in a collection of documents.  $k_1$  and  $b$  are free parameters, usually chosen, in absence of an advanced optimization, as  $k_1 \in [1.2, 2.0]$  and  $b = 0.75$ .

## 21.5 Reciprocal Rank Fusion

Reciprocal Rank Fusion (RRF), a simple method for combining the document rankings from multiple information retrieval systems.

$$\text{RRF}(d \in D) = \sum_{r \in R} \frac{1}{k + r(d)}$$

- $k$  is a constant that helps to balance between high and low ranking. Typically set at 60.
- $r(d)$  is the rank/position of the document.

## 21.6 Label Smoothing

For each training example  $x$ , our model computes the probability of each label  $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ ,  $p(k|x) = \frac{\exp(z_k)}{\sum_i \exp(z_i)}$ . Here  $z_k$  are the logits.

Label smoothing is a mechanism to regularize the classifier layer by estimating the marginalized effect of label-dropout during training.

Vanilla corss-entropy can cause two problem:

- First, it may result in over-fitting: if the model learns to assign full probability to the ground-truth label for each training example, it is not guaranteed to generalize.
- Second, it encourages the differences between the largest logit and all others to become large, and this, combined with the bounded gradient  $\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z_k}$ , reduces the ability of the model to adapt. Intuitively, this happens because the model becomes too confident about its predictions.

We propose a mechanism for encouraging the model to be less confident. While this may not be desired if the goal is to maximize the log-likelihood of training labels, it does regularize the model and makes it more adaptable. The method is very simple. Consider a distribution over

labels  $u(k)$ , independent of the training example  $x$ , and a smoothing parameter  $\epsilon$ . For a training example with ground-truth label  $y$ , we replace the label distribution  $q(k|x) = \delta_{k,y}$  with

$$q'(k|x) = (1 - \epsilon)\delta_{k,y} + \epsilon u(k)$$

which is a mixture of the original ground-truth distribution  $q(k|x)$  and the fixed distribution  $u(k)$ , with weights  $1 - \epsilon$  and  $\epsilon$ , respectively. This can be seen as the distribution of the label  $k$  obtained as follows:

$$q'(k|x) = (1 - \epsilon)\delta_{k,y} + \frac{\epsilon}{K}$$

We refer to this change in ground-truth label distribution as label-smoothing regularization, or LSR.

### 21.6.1 Another Interpretation

Instead of using one-hot encoded vector, we introduce noise distribution  $u(y|x)$ . Our new ground truth label for data  $(x_i, y_i)$  would be

$$\begin{aligned} p'(y|x_i) &= (1 - \epsilon)p(y|x_i) + \epsilon u(y|x_i) \\ &= \begin{cases} 1 - \epsilon + \epsilon u(y|x_i) & \text{if } y = y_i \\ \epsilon u(y|x_i) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\epsilon$  is a weight factor,  $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$ , and note that  $\sum_{y=1}^K p'(y|x_i) = 1$ .

## Chapter 22

# POS Tagging

### 22.1 Introduction

Part-of-speech (POS) tagging is the process of labeling words in a text with their corresponding parts of speech in natural language processing (NLP). It helps algorithms understand the grammatical structure and meaning of a text.

## Chapter 23

# Language Model

### 23.1 Language Model

### 23.2 Tokenizers

### 23.3 Byte Pair Encoding

### 23.4 Byte Pair Encoding



# Chapter 24

## Transformer

### 24.1 Attention Mechanism

The attention mechanism mimics the retrieval of a value  $v_i$  for a query  $q$  based on a key  $k_i$  in database.

$$attn(q, k, v) = \sum_i sim(q, k_i) \times v_i$$

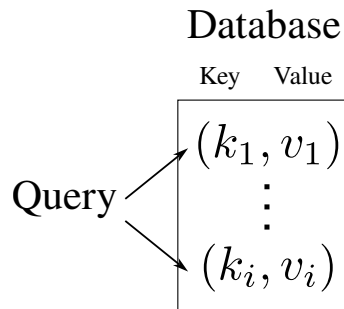


Figure 24.1: The most similar key will be selected by measuring a **similarity** between a query and a key.

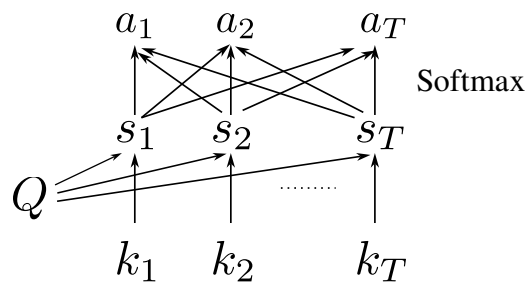


Figure 24.2: The similarity  $s_t$  is computed by a query and keys

There are several choices for a similarity function.

- $q^T k_i$ : dot product.
- $\frac{q^T k_i}{\sqrt{d}}$ : scaled dot product  $\rightarrow$  reduce the variance of the final attention weights.

- $q^T W k_i$ : general dot product.
- $w_q^T q + w_k^T k_i$ : additive similarity.

Finally, the **attention score** can be computed by using a softmax:

$$a_i = \frac{\exp(s_i)}{\sum_j \exp(s_j)}$$

## 24.2 Transformer

### 24.2.1 Self-Attention

$$\text{attn}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{Q^T K}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V$$

Here,  $Q, K, V \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times d}$ ,  $QK^T$ 's time complexity is  $O(N^2 d)$ . This quadratic cost is massive for long input-sequences such as documents to be summarized or character-level inputs.

### 24.2.2 Masked attention

The masked attention is often referred to cross-attention. This is just a self-attention in decoder.

$$\text{MA}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{Q^T K + M}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V,$$

where  $M$  is a matrix of 0 and  $-\infty$ . Note that  $-\infty$  will make  $\exp$  term to be zero.

### 24.2.3 Skip Connection

This is a regularization technique.

### 24.2.4 Positional Embedding

```

1 def position_encoding(seq_len: int, dim_model: int) -> Tensor:
2     pos = torch.arange(seq_len, dtype=torch.float).reshape(1, -1, 1)
3     dim = torch.arange(dim_model, dtype=torch.float).reshape(1, 1, -1)
4     phase = pos / (1e4 ** (dim // dim_model))
5     return torch.where(dim.long() % 2 == 0, torch.sin(phase), torch.cos(phase))

```

### 24.2.5 Encoder

### 24.2.6 Decoder

The output of each step is fed to the bottom decoder in the next time step, and the decoders bubble up their decoding results just like the encoders did. And just like we did with the encoder

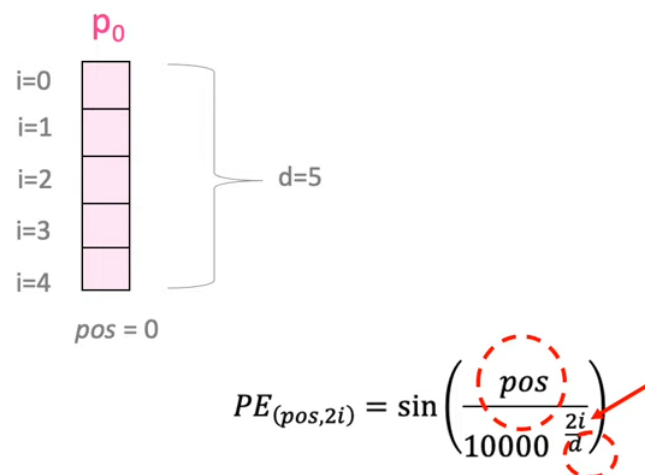


Figure 24.3: Positional embedding.

inputs, we embed and add positional encoding to those decoder inputs to indicate the position of each word.

```

1 def forward(self, tgt: Tensor, memory: Tensor) -> Tensor:
2     seq_len, dimension = tgt.size(1), tgt.size(2)
3     tgt += position_encoding(seq_len, dimension)
4     for layer in self.layers:
5         tgt = layer(tgt, memory)
6     return torch.softmax(self.linear(tgt), dim=-1)

```

# Chapter 25

## Retrieval Augmented Generation

### 25.1 Introduction

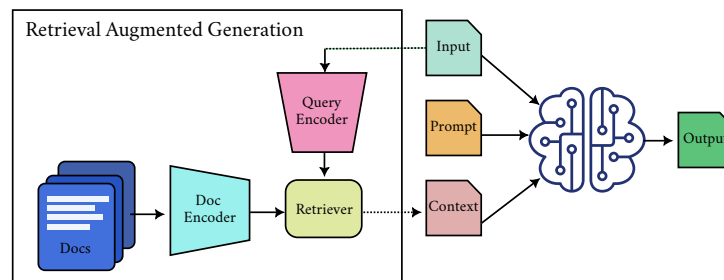


Figure 25.1: An overview of retrieval augmented generation.

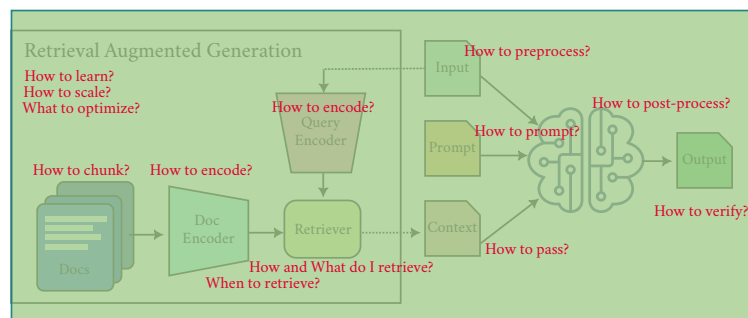


Figure 25.2: Open questions of RAG.

## Chapter 26

# Alignment Problems

### 26.1 Direct Preference Optimization

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DPO}}(\pi_{\theta}; \pi_{\text{ref}}) = -\mathbb{E}_{(x, y_w, y_l) \sim \mathcal{D}} \left[ \log \sigma \left( \beta \log \frac{\pi_{\theta}(y_w|x)}{\pi_{\text{ref}}(y_w|x)} - \beta \log \frac{\pi_{\theta}(y_l|x)}{\pi_{\text{ref}}(y_l|x)} \right) \right]. \quad (26.1)$$

## Part V

# Advanced Topics

## Chapter 27

# Neural Ordinary Differential Equations

### 27.1 Preliminary

#### 27.1.1 Euler Method

The Euler method is a simple numerical technique used to solve ordinary differential equations (ODEs) of the form  $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$ . It is an initial value problem where we seek to find the function  $y(t)$  given an initial condition  $y(t_0) = y_0$ . Here's a step-by-step explanation of the Euler method:

**Problem Setup:** Given,

- A differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$
- An initial condition  $y(t_0) = y_0$

**Discretization:** The idea is to approximate the solution at discrete points. Let's denote:

- $t_n$  as the  $n$ -th time step
- $y_n$  as the approximation of  $y(t_n)$

We define a step size  $h$  such that  $t_{n+1} = t_n + h$ .

**Euler's Approximation:** Using the first-order Taylor series expansion, we can approximate  $y(t)$  at  $t_{n+1}$  as:

$$y_{n+1} \approx y_n + h \cdot f(t_n, y_n)$$

**Iterative Process:** Starting from the initial condition  $(t_0, y_0)$ :

1. Calculate the next value using the formula:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot f(t_n, y_n)$$

2. Repeat the process for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  until the desired value of  $t$  is reached.

**Example:** Let's solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dt} = y$  with the initial condition  $y(0) = 1$  using the Euler method.

- Set the step size  $h$  (e.g.,  $h = 0.1$ ).
- Start with  $t_0 = 0$  and  $y_0 = 1$ .

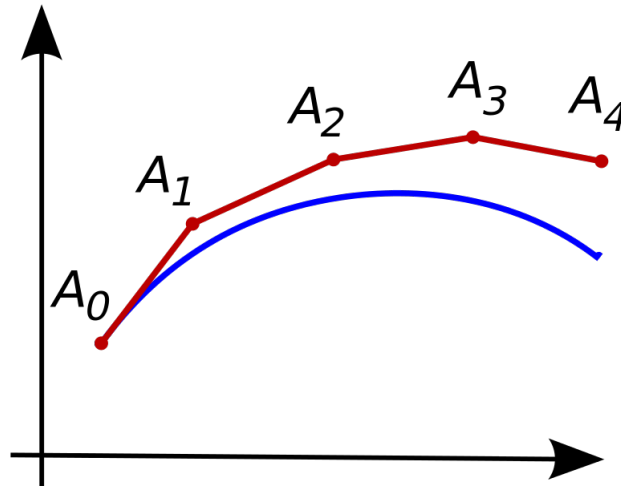
Using the Euler formula:

$$y_1 = y_0 + h \cdot f(t_0, y_0) = 1 + 0.1 \cdot 1 = 1.1$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + h \cdot f(t_1, y_1) = 1.1 + 0.1 \cdot 1.1 = 1.21$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + h \cdot f(t_2, y_2) = 1.21 + 0.1 \cdot 1.21 = 1.331$$

Euler's method can be visualized as taking small steps along the curve defined by the differential equation, using the slope at the current point to determine the direction of the next step.



#### Advantages:

- Simple to understand and implement.
- Requires only basic arithmetic operations.

#### Disadvantages:

- Low accuracy for large step sizes.
- Can become unstable if the step size is not chosen appropriately.
- Errors accumulate over time, leading to less accurate solutions.

Euler's method is often used as a basic introduction to numerical methods for solving ODEs, and more sophisticated methods like the *Runge-Kutta* methods are used for more accurate solutions.



## 27.2 Neural ODE

Models such as residual networks, recurrent neural network decoders, and normalizing flows build complicated transformations by composing a sequence of transformations to a hidden state:

$$\mathbf{h}_{t+1} = \mathbf{h}_t + f(\mathbf{h}_t, \theta_t).$$

The  $\mathbf{h}$  is iteratively updated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{h}_2 &= \mathbf{h}_1 + f(\mathbf{h}_1, \theta) \\ \mathbf{h}_3 &= \mathbf{h}_2 + f(\mathbf{h}_2, \theta) = \mathbf{h}_1 + f(\mathbf{h}_1, \theta) + f(\mathbf{h}_2, \theta) \\ &\vdots\end{aligned}$$

These iterative update can be seen as *Euler discretization* of the *continuous* transformation. Think of traditional neural networks as a sequence of steps. You give it some input, it goes through several steps (layers), and you get an output. Instead of thinking in steps, Neural ODEs think in **continuous change over time**. Note that this is the key contribution of this approach.

Euler method can be expressed as follows:

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h \frac{\partial y_{n-1}}{\partial x_{n-1}},$$

where  $h$  is the step size. In NODE, they view the  $f$  as an ordinary differential equation, which depends on the state at time  $t$  and parameter  $\theta$ . The following equation is the shape of Euler method:

$$y_n = y_1 + h \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} + h \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_2} + \dots + h \frac{\partial y_{n-1}}{\partial x_{n-1}}.$$

In NODE,

## Chapter 28

# State Space Model

### 28.1 Kalman Filter

Ref: Kalman Filter Tutorial

### 28.2 Introduction to State-Space Model

Reference: State-Space Models.

A state-space model is a mathematical framework used to describe a system by a set of input, output, and state variables related by first-order differential (or difference) equations. It's widely used in control theory, signal processing, and time series analysis.

For a continuous-time system, the state-space model is typically expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t), \\ y(t) &= Cx(t) + Du(t).\end{aligned}$$

The first and the second equations are known as *state equation* and *output equation*, respectively. The state equation tells us that how the state vector changes with the state vector and the (external) input. The state space model is **linear** and **time invariant**, since the equations are linear and the parameter matrices do not change over time. Such systems are referred as a LTI system.

- $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ : A state vector. This variable describes the state of the system at any given time.
- $\dot{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ : state derivative *i.e.*,  $\left(\frac{dX}{dt}\right)$  represents the changes of the state vector. You can notice that this is a linear combination of state vector and the input vector.
- $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ : An external input affecting the system.
- $y \in \mathbb{R}^p$ : An (Observed) Output.
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ : A state matrix. This matrix describes how the state vector influences the changes of the state vector.

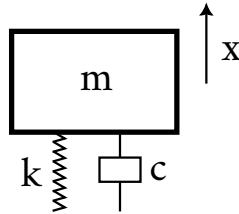
- $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ : An input matrix. This matrix describes how the (external) input vector influences the changes of the state vector.
- $C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ : An output matrix. Typically, an identity matrix ( $I$ ).
- $D \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}$ : A feedthrough (or direct transmission) matrix. Typically, zeros

### 28.2.1 Example: Mass-Spring-Damper System

Let's consider a simple example of a mass-spring-damper system, which can be described by the second-order differential equation.

The mass-spring-damper system is a common mechanical system that consists of three main components:

- Mass ( $m$ ): A mass that can move along a straight line.
- Spring ( $k$ ): A spring that exerts a force proportional to its displacement from its equilibrium position (Hooke's Law).
- Damper ( $c$ ): A damping element (like a shock absorber) that exerts a force proportional to the velocity of the mass (damping force).



**System Dynamics** The dynamics of this system can be described by Newton's second law of motion, which states that the sum of forces acting on the mass is equal to the mass times its acceleration ( $F = ma$ ).

**Differential Equation** For a mass-spring-damper system, the forces are:

- Spring Force:  $F_{\text{spring}} = -kx(t)$ , where  $x(t)$  is the displacement of the mass from its equilibrium position. The proportional constant  $k$  is called the spring constant. It is a measure of the spring's stiffness.
- Damping Force: Damping forces are a special type of force that are used to slow down or stop a motion.  $F_{\text{damper}} = -c\dot{x}(t)$ , where  $\dot{x}(t)$  is the velocity of the mass (or object). Note that  $\dot{x}(t) = dx(t)/dt$ .
- External Force:  $F(t)$ , an external force applied to the mass.

By summing these forces, we get:

$$m\ddot{x}(t) = -kx(t) - c\dot{x}(t) + F(t).$$

To explain, the external force is stretching the spring, and the damper and the spring force are pulling the mass. Rearranging this, we get the second-order differential equation:

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = F(t)$$

**State-Space Representation** To convert this second-order differential equation into a state-space representation, we need to express it as a system of first-order differential equations.

**Defining State Variables** We introduce two state variables:

- $x_1(t) = x(t)$ : the position of the mass.
- $x_2(t) = \dot{x}(t)$ : the velocity of the mass.

Now, we can write the original second-order equation as two first-order equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1(t) &= x_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) &= \frac{1}{m}F(t) - \frac{k}{m}x_1(t) - \frac{c}{m}x_2(t)\end{aligned}$$

**Matrix Form** We can express these equations in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} F(t)$$

This is the state-space form:

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

Where:

- $x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$  is the state vector.
- $u(t) = F(t)$  is the input (external force).
- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix}$  is the state matrix.
- $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix}$  is the input matrix.

**Output Equation** If we consider the output to be the position of the mass ( $x_1(t)$ ), the output equation is:

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

So, the output equation is:

$$y(t) = Cx(t),$$

Where  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Full State-Space Model** Combining the state and output equations, we get the full state-space representation:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u(t) \\ y(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x(t)\end{aligned}$$

In sum,

- State variables:  $x_1(t) = x(t)$  (position),  $x_2(t) = \dot{x}(t)$  (velocity)
- Input:  $u(t) = F(t)$  (external force)
- Output:  $y(t) = x(t)$  (position)
- State equation:  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$
- Output equation:  $y(t) = Cx(t)$

This state-space model describes how the position and velocity of the mass change over time in response to an external force.

### 28.2.2 Stability

The linear state space model is stable if all eigenvalues of  $A$  are negative real numbers or have negative real parts to complex number eigenvalues. If all real parts of the eigenvalues are negative then the system is stable, meaning that any initial condition converges exponentially to a stable attracting point. If any real parts are zero then the system will not converge to a point and if the eigenvalues are positive the system is unstable and will exponentially diverge.

## 28.3 Legendre Memory Units

## 28.4 Efficiently Modeling Long Sequences with Structured State-Spaces

The Linear State-Space Layer (LSSL) is a simple sequence model that maps a one-dimensional function or sequence  $u(t) \rightarrow y(t)$  through an implicit state  $x(t)$  by simulating a linear continuous-time state-space representation in discrete-time

$$\begin{aligned}x'(t) &= \mathbf{A}x(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t), \\ y(t) &= \mathbf{C}x(t) + \mathbf{D}u(t).\end{aligned}$$

The first equation maps a single dimensional input signal  $u(t)$  (or sequence) to an  $N$ -dim latent state (or hidden state)  $x'(t)$  with the current state  $x(t)$ . The  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  can be considered as a non-linear mapping or transition matrices (*i.e.*, learnable parameters) to reflect the impact of the current state and the input, respectively. Finally, we project the input and the updated state to a one-dim output signal  $y(t)$  (*i.e.*, sequence).

Our goal is to simply use the SSM as a black-box representation in a deep sequence model, where  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$ , and  $\mathbf{D}$  are parameters learned by gradient descent. We will omit the parameter  $\mathbf{D}$  for exposition (or equivalently, assume  $\mathbf{D} = 0$ , because the term  $\mathbf{D}u$  can be viewed as a *skip connection* that doesn't depend on the hidden state ( $x$ )).

An SSM maps a input  $u(t)$  to a state representation vector  $x(t)$  and an output  $y(t)$ . For simplicity, we assume the input and output are one-dimensional, and the state representation is  $N$ -dimensional. The first equation defines the change in  $x(t)$  over time.

**Discretization** We want to find a discrete-time state-space model. We can represent it by approximating a continuous model (*i.e.*,  $h(t_k) \approx h(k\Delta)$ ) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= \bar{\mathbf{A}}x(t) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(t), \\ y(t) &= \mathbf{C}x(t) + \underbrace{\mathbf{D}u(t)}_{=0}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{I} + \Delta\mathbf{A}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \Delta\mathbf{B}$ , respectively. They are derived by

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= \bar{\mathbf{A}}x(t) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(t) \\ &= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(t + \Delta) - x(t)}{\Delta}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta$  is a step size. Note that  $\Delta$  is a learnable parameter to be determined during a training phase. Subsequently, we get

$$x(t + \Delta) - x(t) = \Delta x'(t).$$

Equivalently,

$$x(t + \Delta) = \Delta x'(t) + x(t).$$

Plugging  $x'(t)$  into the above equation, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t + \Delta) &= \Delta(\mathbf{A}x(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t)) + x(t) \\ &= \underbrace{(\mathbf{I} + \Delta\mathbf{A})}_{\bar{\mathbf{A}}}x(t) + \underbrace{\Delta\mathbf{B}}_{\bar{\mathbf{B}}}u(t). \end{aligned}$$

We can say  $x(t + \Delta) = x(t + 1)$ , since it is the next state we care. Thus,

$$x(t + 1) = (\mathbf{I} + \Delta\mathbf{A})x(t) + \Delta\mathbf{B}u(t).$$

Note that the original paper utilizes a special rule called *Zero-Order Hold* to approximate the  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{B}}$ .

We can represent the update process as follows:

At  $t = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} x(0) &= \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0), \\ y(0) &= \mathbf{C}x(0) \end{aligned}$$

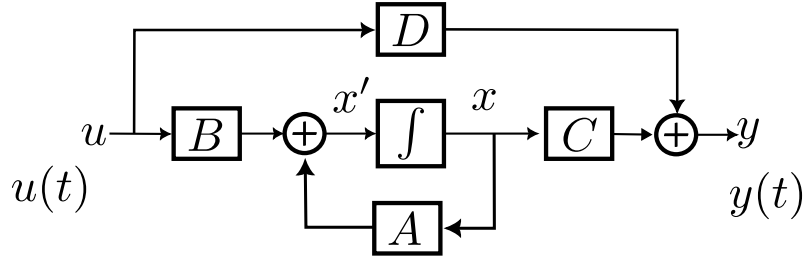


Figure 28.1: S4 Model

At  $t = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} x(1) &= \bar{\mathbf{A}}x(0) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(1), \\ y(1) &= \mathbf{C}x(1) \end{aligned}$$

At  $t = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} x(2) &= \bar{\mathbf{A}}x(1) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(2), \\ y(2) &= \mathbf{C}x(2). \end{aligned}$$

Note that this update process is equivalent to the RNN's update process.

**As a Convolution** The above process can be viewed as an one-dimensional convolution.

$$\begin{aligned} x(0) &= \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0), \\ y(0) &= \mathbf{C}x(0) = \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(1) &= \bar{\mathbf{A}}x(0) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(1) = \bar{\mathbf{A}}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(1) \\ y(1) &= \mathbf{C}x(1) = \mathbf{C}(\bar{\mathbf{A}}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(1)) = \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{A}}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0) + \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(2) &= \bar{\mathbf{A}}x(1) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(2) = \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{A}}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(1)) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(2) = \bar{\mathbf{A}}^2\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0) + \bar{\mathbf{A}}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(1) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(2) \\ y(2) &= \mathbf{C}x(2) = \mathbf{C}(\bar{\mathbf{A}}^2\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0) + \bar{\mathbf{A}}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(1) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}u(2)) = \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{A}}^2\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0) + \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{A}}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(1) + \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(2) \end{aligned}$$

We get a general formula:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{A}}^t\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(0) + \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{A}}^{t-1}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(1) + \cdots + \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(t) \\ &= \sum_{t=0}^T \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{A}}^{T-t}\bar{\mathbf{B}}u(t) \end{aligned}$$

It turns out that the above equation is a one-dimensional convolution by a Kernel  $K$ :

$$y = x * \bar{K}.$$

Let's say the kernel size is 4 with zero-padding, (See Fig. 28.2).

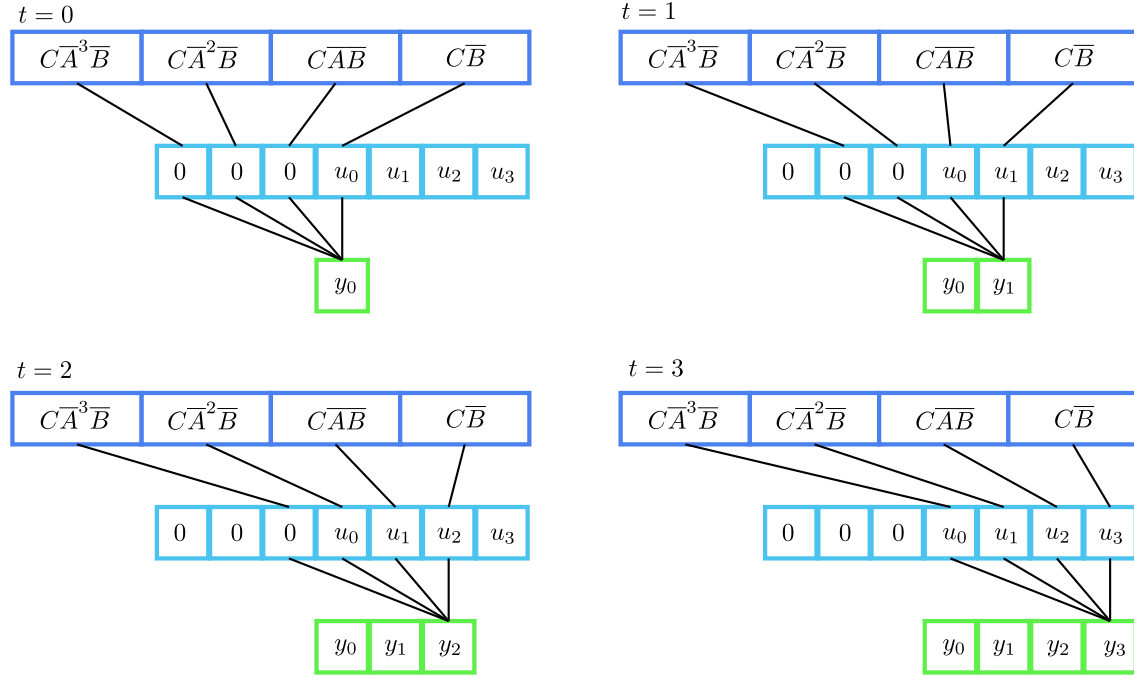


Figure 28.2:

During training, we can train the model as a convolutional neural network so that we can leverage the parallel training. During inference (*i.e.*, decoding stage), we can switch to the recurrent mode for near-constant time inference. Please note here, that if you look at the kernels you can see that they are fixed.

Note that we can scale the single-dimensional SSM to multi-dimensional vector by putting a SSM for each dimension. For instance, there is going to be 256 SSMs if we want to learn a 256 embeddings.

## 28.5 Mamba: Linear-Time Sequence Modeling with Selective State Spaces

<https://blog.premiai.io/s4-and-mamba/>

We can immediately notice the importance of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . The Mamba leverages a special matrix called HiPPO. The HiPPO is a  $N \times N$  matrix specifically designed to approximate all the input signals by using Legendre polynomials (like Fourier series).

$$\mathbf{A}_{nk} = \begin{cases} (2n+1)^{1/2}(2k+1)^{1/2} & \text{if } n > k \\ n+1 & \text{if } n = k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

This matrix helps to compress the history of the information by masking the next tokens, which is similar to the masked self-attention. Note that the matrix just needs to be computed once.



## Part VI

# Appendix

# Chapter 29

## Appendix

### A.1 Vector Notations

- $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  or
- 

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

#### A.1.1 Differentiate

Differentiate a vector  $\mathbf{y}$  by a scalar  $x$ :

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}$$

Differentiate a scalar  $y$  by a vector  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left[ \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_n} \right]$$

Differentiate a vector  $\mathbf{y}$  by a vector  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}$  is a scalar value, so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= \left[ \frac{\partial(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} \dots \frac{\partial(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \right] = \left[ \frac{\partial(a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n)}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial(a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n)}{\partial x_n} \right] \\ &= [a_1, \dots, a_n] = \mathbf{a}^T \end{aligned}$$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial A\mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} = A$$

## B.2 KL Divergence between Two Normal Distribution

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P||Q) = \mathbb{E}_P \left[ \log \frac{P}{Q} \right]$$

Consider two multivariate Gaussians in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\text{KL}}(P||Q) &= \int \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1) + \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (x - \mu_2) \right] \times p(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \{ E[(x - \mu_1)(x - \mu_1)^T] \Sigma_1^{-1} \} + \frac{1}{2} E[(x - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (x - \mu_2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \{ I_n \} + \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_2) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \{ \Sigma_2^{-1} \Sigma_1 \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \log \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - n + \text{tr} \{ \Sigma_2^{-1} \Sigma_1 \} + (\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Trace tricks:

$$\begin{aligned} x^T A x &= \text{tr}[x^T A x] = \text{tr}[x x^T A] \\ \text{tr}[A + B] &= \text{tr}[A] + \text{tr}[B] \\ E[(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)] &= \text{tr}(E[(x - \mu)(x - \mu)^T] \Sigma^{-1}) \\ \Sigma &= E[(X - \mu)(X - \mu)^T] = E[XX^T] - \mu\mu^T \\ E[XX^T] &= \Sigma + \mu\mu^T \end{aligned}$$

Note that the determinant of a diagonal matrix could be computed as product of its diagonal.

## C.3 Various Tricks

### C.3.1 Spectral Normalization

A persisting challenge in the training of GANs is the performance control of the discriminator. The derivative of discriminator could be unbounded and even incomputable, so they introduced

a regularization on the derivative of discriminator called, Lipchitz continuity, which bound the gradient.

Neural network is actually a composite function. So if we make each function to satisfy the Lipchitz continuity, then we can make whole network satisfy it. Lipchitz continuity of a linear operator can be seen as

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x_1) - f(x_2)\|_2 &\leq L\|x_1 - x_2\|_2 \\ \|Ax_1 - Ax_2\|_2 &\leq L\|x_1 - x_2\|_2 \\ \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2} &\leq L \\ \sigma_{max} \underbrace{\sup_x \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2}}_{SpectralNorm} &\leq L, \quad \text{Since inequality holds for all } x \end{aligned}$$

, where  $\sigma_{max}$  is the maximum singular value. Note that the spectral norm is from the linear algebra. We can make the matrix  $A$  Lipchitz continuous by

$$1 = \underbrace{\sup_x \frac{\|\frac{A}{\sigma_{max}}x\|_2}{\|x\|_2}}_{SpectralNorm} \leq L$$

### C.3.2 Moving Averaging

### C.3.3 Weight Averaging

### C.3.4 Quality Measurements

## D.4 f-Divergence

In probability theory, an  $f$ -divergence is a function  $D_f(p||q)$  that measures the difference between two probability distributions  $p$  and  $q$ . It helps the intuition to think of the divergence as an average, weighted by the function  $f$ , of the odds ratio given by  $p$  and  $q$ .

For distributions  $p$  and  $q$ ,  $f$ -divergence is defined as:

$$D_f(p||q) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} f\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) q(x) dx$$

- KL-divergence:  $f(t) = t \log t$
- Reversed KL-divergence:  $f(t) = -\log t$
- Total variation:  $f(t) = \frac{1}{2}|t - 1|$

$$D_f(p||q) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} |p(x) - q(x)| dx$$

## E.5 Lipchitz Continuous

The function  $f$  in the new form of Wasserstein metric is demanded to satisfy  $\|f\|_L \leq K$ , meaning it should be  $K$ -Lipschitz continuous.

A real-valued function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called  $K$ -Lipschitz continuous if there exists a real constant  $K \geq 0$  such that, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| \leq K|x_1 - x_2|$$

## F.6 Singular Value

All singular values can be calculated via the singular value decomposition (SVD)

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$

, where  $U$  is the left singular vectors and  $V$  is the right singular vectors. However, if we just want the maximum singular value then we just need to find corresponding vectors

$$\sigma = uAv^T$$

Actually, there is a simpler way to find the maximum singular value e.g., power iteration.

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