

CS5242 Assignment Report

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1 Assignment 1

Gibbs sampling is one of the MCMC algorithms. Given a set of random variables, $\{z_i : i = 1, \dots, M\}$, and time steps $\tau = 1, \dots, T$,

- $z_1^{\{\tau+1\}} \sim p(z_1 | z_2^{\{\tau\}}, \dots, z_M^{\{\tau\}})$
- $z_2^{\{\tau+1\}} \sim p(z_2 | z_1^{\{\tau+1\}}, \dots, z_M^{\{\tau\}})$
- ...
- $z_M^{\{\tau+1\}} \sim p(z_M | z_1^{\{\tau+1\}}, \dots, z_{M-1}^{\{\tau+1\}})$

In other words, at each time step, we sample from the full conditional of one variable, also written $p(z_i | z_{-i})$, which is the probability of z_i given all others. Then we update the state of variable and proceed until time step T . The initial samples are discarded until the Markov chain has burned in, or entered its stationary distribution. In our implementation, we discard initial 25% of the samples.

For image denoising, we apply gibbs sampling on the pairwise Ising CRF model where pairwise potentials $\psi_{st}(x_s, x_t)$ are given by $\exp(Jx_s x_t)$ where $x_s, x_t \in \{-1, +1\}$.

$$p(x_t | x_{-t}, \theta) \propto \prod_{s \in \text{nbr}(t)} \psi_{st}(x_s, x_t) \quad (1)$$

The model can be further extended by incorporating local evidence $\psi_t(x_t)$.

$$p(x_t | x_{-t}, y, \theta) \propto \psi_t(x_t) \prod_{s \in \text{nbr}(t)} \psi_{st}(x_s, x_t) \quad (2)$$

By using gaussian observation model where $\psi_t(x_t) = \mathcal{N}(y_t|x_t, \sigma^2)$, and normalizing we obtain the prbability of a particular pixel being noise:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x_t = +1|x_{-t}, y, \theta) &= \frac{\psi_t(+1) \prod_{s \in nbr(t)} \psi_{st}(x_t = +1, x_s)}{\psi_t(+1) \prod_{s \in nbr(t)} \psi_{st}(x_t = +1, x_s) + \psi_t(-1) \prod_{s \in nbr(t)} \psi_{st}(x_t = -1, x_s)} \\
&= \frac{\psi_t(+1) \exp[J \sum_{s \in nbr(t)} x_s]}{\psi_t(+1) \exp[J \sum_{s \in nbr(t)} x_s] + \psi_t(-1) \exp[-J \sum_{s \in nbr(t)} x_s]}
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

References