

## Machine Learning for Graphs and Sequential Data Exercise Sheet 03

### Temporal Point Processes

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**Problem 1:** Consider a temporal point process, where all the inter-event times  $\tau_i = t_i - t_{i-1}$  are sampled i.i.d. from the distribution with the survival function

$$S(\tau) = \exp\left(-(e^{b\tau} - 1)\right)$$

with a parameter  $b > 0$ .

- Write down the closed-form expression for the conditional intensity function  $\lambda^*(t)$  of this TPP. Simplify as far as you can.
- Write down the closed-form expression for the log-likelihood of a sequence  $\{t_1, \dots, t_N\}$  generated from this TPP on the interval  $[0, T]$ . Simplify as far as you can.

**Problem 2:** Consider an inhomogeneous Poisson process (IPP) on  $[0, 1]$  with the intensity function  $\lambda(t) = 2t$ . We simulate a sample from this IPP using thinning. For this, we first simulate a *homogeneous* Poisson process (HPP) with intensity  $\mu = 4$  and apply the thinning procedure described in the lecture. What is the expected number of events from the HPP that will be rejected when using this procedure?

**Problem 3:** Consider an inhomogeneous Poisson process on  $[0, 4]$  with the intensity function  $\lambda(t) = \beta t$ , where  $\beta > 0$  is a parameter that has to be estimated. You have observed a single sequence  $\{1, 2.1, 3.3, 3.8\}$  generated from this IPP. What is the maximum likelihood estimate of the parameter  $\beta$ ?

**Problem 4:** Consider a *neural* temporal point process where the conditional intensity function is defined with a neural network. In particular, for a time point  $t_i$ , we represent the history  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{i-1}\}$  with a fixed-sized vector  $\mathbf{h}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . The conditional intensity function  $\lambda^*(t)$  is defined as a function of  $\mathbf{h}_i$ . We will use the transformer architecture (see previous lecture). We propose the following implementation.

Given the full sequence  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$ , we calculate all  $\{\mathbf{h}_1, \mathbf{h}_2, \dots, \mathbf{h}_n\}$  in parallel. We first calculate vectors  $\mathbf{q}_i, \mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  as a function of  $t_i$ . We stack these vectors into matrices  $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ . The output of the transformer is:  $\mathbf{H} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{K}^T)\mathbf{V}$ , then  $\mathbf{h}_i$  is the  $i$ th row of  $\mathbf{H}$ .

Identify the errors in this implementation compared to the original definition of  $\mathbf{h}_i$ . Propose a solution.

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with a parameter  $b > 0$ .

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- b) Write down the closed-form expression for the log-likelihood of a sequence  $\{t_1, \dots, t_N\}$  generated from this TPP on the interval  $[0, T]$ . Simplify as far as you can.

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad f^*(\tau) &= 1 - S^*(\tau) \\ &= 1 - \exp(-(e^{b\tau} - 1)) \\ p^*(\tau) &= \frac{df^*(\tau)}{d\tau} = \exp(-(e^{b\tau} - 1)) \cdot (-e^{b\tau}) \cdot b \\ &= \exp(1 - e^{b\tau} + b\tau) \cdot b \\ \lambda^*(t) &= \frac{p^*(\tau)}{S^*(\tau)} = \frac{b \cdot \exp(1 - e^{b\tau} + b\tau)}{\exp(1 - e^{b\tau})} = b \cdot \frac{\exp(1 - e^{b\tau}) \cdot \exp(b\tau)}{\exp(1 - e^{b\tau})} \\ &= b \exp(b\tau) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad p([0, T]) &= \lambda^*(t_1) \cdot \dots \cdot \lambda^*(t_N) \exp\left(-\int_0^T \lambda^*(u) du\right) \\ &= b^N \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N b t_i\right) \exp \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= 4 \geq \lambda(t) = 2t \text{ in } [0, 1] \\ \text{assume simulate candidate events } \{t_1, \dots, t_N\} \\ \text{keep probability } p_i &= \frac{\lambda(t_i)}{\mu} = \frac{2t_i}{4} = \frac{1}{2} t_i \\ \text{non-keep} &\Rightarrow 1 - p_i \\ E[R] &= E(1 - p_i) \dots \\ &= 1 - E(p_i) \\ E(p_i) &= \frac{1}{2} E(t_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \mu \mu^2$$

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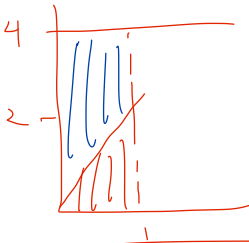
$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(t) &= \beta t \quad [0, 4] \quad \beta > 0 \\ p &= \lambda(t_1) \lambda(t_2) \lambda(t_3) \lambda(t_4) \exp\left(-\int_0^4 \beta u du\right) \\ &= \beta^4 t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 \cdot \exp(-[8\beta]) \\ \frac{dp}{d\beta} &= 4\beta^3 \cdot \exp(-8\beta) \cdot (-8) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{intensity } h(\tau) &= \lambda(\tau) = \frac{p(\tau)}{S(\tau)} \\ F(\tau) &= 1 - S(\tau) \quad p(\tau) = \frac{dF(\tau)}{d\tau} \\ &= -\frac{d}{d\tau} S(\tau) \\ &= -\frac{d}{d\tau} \exp(-(e^{b\tau} - 1)) \\ &= b \cdot e^{b\tau} \cdot e^{-(e^{b\tau} - 1)} \\ \lambda(\tau) &= \frac{p(\tau)}{S(\tau)} = \frac{b \cdot e^{b\tau} \cdot \exp(-(e^{b\tau} - 1))}{\exp(-(e^{b\tau} - 1))} \\ &= b \cdot e^{b\tau} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\{t_1, \dots, t_N\}) &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^N f^*(t_i)\right) S^*(T) \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \lambda^*(t_i) S^*(t_i)\right) S^*(T) \\ \log p &= \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \log \lambda^*(t_i) + \log S^*(t_i)\right] + \log S^*(T) \\ \log \lambda^*(t_i) &= \log(b) + b(t_i - t_{i-1}) \\ \log S^*(T) &= 1 - \exp(b(t_i - t_{i-1})) \\ p &= N \log b + N b(t_i - t_{i-1}) \\ &\quad + 1 - \exp(b(t_i - t_{i-1})) \end{aligned}$$

$$t_0 = 0 \quad t_{N+1} = T$$

$$2 \quad \text{Hpp } \mu = 4 \quad \text{Ipp } 2t$$



$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 2t dt &= \left| t^2 \right|_0^1 \\ \text{reject } 3 &\text{ from } 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \quad \max_{\beta} \log p \\ \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^N \lambda(t_i) \right) \exp\left(-\int_0^T \lambda(\mu) d\mu\right) \\ = \sum_{i=1}^N \log \lambda(t_i) - \int_0^T \lambda(\mu) d\mu \\ = \sum \log \beta t_i - \int_0^T \beta \mu d\mu \\ = N \log \beta - \frac{T^2}{2} \beta + \frac{\sum \log t_i}{\text{constant}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} = N \frac{1}{\beta} - \frac{T^2}{2} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\beta = \frac{2N}{T^2} = \frac{8}{16} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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attention?  
 RNN output the current state  
 Trans output some previous knowledge

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 include all informations before  $\mathbf{h}_i$   
 but RNN's  $\mathbf{h}_{i-1}$  only contain  $\mathbf{h}_{i-1}$  info  
 $\lambda(t|\mathbf{H})$  vs  $\lambda(t)$