

# Inference and Representations

## Problem Set 1

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### 1 Hidden Markov Model

**a**

Since we know  $X_1 = \textit{Happy}$ ,  $p(X_1 = \textit{Happy}) = 1$ . Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} p(X_2 = \textit{Happy}) &= p(X_2 = \textit{Happy}, X_1 = \textit{Happy}) + p(X_2 = \textit{Happy}, X_1 = \textit{Angry}) \\ &= p(X_2 = \textit{Happy} \mid X_1 = \textit{Happy})p(X_1 = \textit{Happy}) + \\ &\quad p(X_2 = \textit{Happy} \mid X_1 = \textit{Angry})p(X_1 = \textit{Angry}) \\ &= p(X_2 = \textit{Happy} \mid X_1 = \textit{happy}) \\ &= 0.9 \end{aligned}$$

**b**

$$\begin{aligned} p(Y_2 = \textit{frown}) &= p(Y_2 = \textit{frown} \mid X_2 = \textit{Happy})p(X_2 = \textit{Happy}) + p(Y_2 = \textit{frown} \mid X_2 = \textit{Angry})p(X_2 = \textit{Angry}) \\ &= 0.1 \times 0.9 + 0.6 \times 0.1 \\ &= 0.15 \end{aligned}$$

**c**

$$\begin{aligned} p(X_2 = \textit{Happy} \mid Y_2 = \textit{frown}) &= \frac{p(X_2 = \textit{Happy}, Y_2 = \textit{frown})}{p(Y_2 = \textit{frown})} \\ &= \frac{p(Y_2 = \textit{frown} \mid X_2 = \textit{Happy})p(X_2 = \textit{Happy})}{p(Y_2 = \textit{frown})} \\ &= \frac{0.1 * 0.9}{0.15} \\ &= 0.6 \end{aligned}$$

**d**

We know that  $p(X_1 = \textit{Happy}) = 1$ . It can be shown by induction that:

$$p(X_t = \textit{Happy}) = a^{t-1}p(X_1 = \textit{Happy}) + b(a^{t-2} + a^{t-3} + \dots + a + 1). \quad (1)$$

where  $a = p(X_t = \text{Happy} | X_{t-2} = \text{Happy}) - p(X_t = \text{Happy} | X_{t-2} = \text{Angry}) = 0.8$  and  $b = p(X_t = \text{Happy} | X_{t-2} = \text{Angry}) = 0.1$  is true for  $t = 2, \dots, n$ . The proving steps of induction is shown at the end of this question. Approximate  $a^{79} \approx 0$ . Equation (1) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} p(X_t = \text{Happy}) &= b(a^{t-2} + a^{t-1} + \dots + a + 1) \\ &= b \frac{a^{79} - 1}{a - 1} \\ &\approx \frac{b}{1 - a} \\ &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Then we get:

$$\begin{aligned} p(Y_{80} = \text{yell}) &= p(Y_{80} = \text{yell} | X_{80} = \text{Happy}) + p(Y_{80} = \text{yell} | X_{80} = \text{Angry}) \\ &= 0.1 \times 0.5 + 0.2 \times 0.5 \\ &= 0.15 \end{aligned}$$

### Proof of induction step

Base case: when  $t = 2$ ,  $p(X_2 = \text{Happy}) = 0.8 * p(X_1 = \text{Happy}) + 0.1 = 0.9$

Induction Step:

Suppose (1) is true for  $t = 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p(X_{n+1} = \text{Happy}) &= \\ p(X_{t+1} = \text{Happy} | X_t = \text{Happy})p(X_t = \text{Happy}) &+ p(X_{t+1} = \text{Happy} | X_t = \text{Angry})(1 - p(X_t = \text{Happy})) \\ &= (p(X_{t+1} = \text{Happy} | X_t = \text{Happy}) - p(X_{t+1} = \text{Happy} | X_t = \text{Angry}))p(X_t = \text{Happy}) \\ &+ p(X_{t+1} = \text{Happy} | X_t = \text{Angry}) \\ &= ap(X_t = \text{Happy}) + b \\ &= a(a^{t-1}p(X_1 = \text{Happy}) + b(a^{t-2} + a^{t-1} + \dots + a + 1)) + b \\ &= a^t p(X_1 = \text{Happy}) + b(a^t + a^{t-1} \dots + a + 1) \end{aligned}$$

(e)

Let  $x_t, y_t$  be the realization of  $X_t$  and  $Y_t$ .  $x_1 = \text{Happy}$  and  $y_1 = y_2 = \dots = y_5 = \text{frown}$  Since:

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_5 | y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5) = \frac{p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_5, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5)}{p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5)} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{v \in \text{nodes}} p(v | \pi(v))}{p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5)} \quad (3)$$

$p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5)$  is a constant. Hence:  $\text{argmax } p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_5 | y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5) = \text{argmax } p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_5, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5)$ .  
For HMM :

$$\prod_{v \in \text{nodes}} p(v | \pi(v)) = p(x_1)p(y_1|x_1) \prod_{t=2}^5 p(x_t|x_{t-1})p(y_t|x_t) \quad (4)$$

$$= p(x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3) \prod_{t=4}^5 p(x_t|x_{t-1})p(y_t|x_t). \quad (5)$$

It can be calculated (Calculation omitted for conciseness) that  $\text{argmax } p(x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3)$  is  $x_1 = \text{Happy}$ ,  $x_2 = \text{Angry}$  and  $x_3 = \text{Angry}$ .

We also have  $p(x_t = \text{Angry} | x_{t-1} = \text{Angry})p(y_t = \text{frown} | x_t = \text{Angry}) = 0.9 \times 0.6 = 0.54$ . This is larger than Any of  $p(x_t = \text{Happy} | x_{t-1} = \text{Angry})p(y_t = \text{frown} | x_t = \text{Happy}) = 0.1 \times 0.1 = 0.01$ ,  $p(x_t = \text{Happy} | x_{t-1} = \text{Happy})p(y_t = \text{frown} | x_t = \text{Happy}) = 0.9 \times 0.1 = 0.09$  or  $p(x_t = \text{Angry} | x_{t-1} = \text{Happy})p(y_t = \text{frown} | x_t = \text{Angry}) = 0.1 \times 0.6 = 0.06$ . Start with  $X_3 = \text{Angry}$ , if  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are MAE,  $x_4 = \text{Angry}$  must be MAE too.

Hence we can keep obtain maximum likelihood by letting  $x_t = \text{Angry}$  for  $t > 3$ .

Therefore the MAE estimations are:

$x_1 = \text{Happy}$ ,  $x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = x_5 = \text{Angry}$ .

## 2 Bayesian Networks must be acyclic

To show that  $f$  **MAY** no longer define proper probability distribution. We show a counter example as below:

Consider three binary random variable  $X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$  which form a directed circle. We can imagine a probability distributions that is only possible when  $X_1 = X_2 = X_3$ . In this case  $p_{X_i | X_j}(a, b) = 1$  when  $a = b$  and  $p_{X_i | X_j}(a, b) = 0$  when  $a \neq b$ . Let  $f_{x_i}(x_i | x_j) = p_{X_i | X_j}(a, b)$  for  $x_i = a$  and  $x_j = b$ . One can verify that this is totally valid by our definition that  $\sum_{x \in \text{Vals}(X_v)} f_v(x_v | \text{pa}(v)) = 1$  because a children is either same or different from its parent.

Now we must have:

$$\begin{aligned} f(0, 0, 0) &= f_{x_1}(x_1 | x_3) f_{x_2}(x_2 | x_1) f_{x_3}(x_3 | x_2) \\ &= 1 \times 1 \times 1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f(1, 1, 1) &= f_{x_1}(x_1 | x_3) f_{x_2}(x_2 | x_1) f_{x_3}(x_3 | x_2) \\ &= 1 \times 1 \times 1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\sum_{x_1, x_2, x_3} f(x_1, x_2, x_3) > 1$

### 3 D-separation

(a)

Using Bayes Ball algorithm without shading any random variables, d-separation infers marginal independence.

Then we can get  $X_i \perp X_j$  for all  $(i, j)$  in  $(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 5), (1, 7), (1, 8), (1, 9), (1, 10), (2, 7), (2, 8), (3, 7), (3, 8), (4, 8), (6, 7), (6, 8), (7, 8), (7, 10), (8, 10)$ .

(b)

According to Bayes Ball algorithm,  $X_3, X_5, X_7, X_8, X_{10}$  are d-separated. Therefore  $A = 3, 5, 7, 8, 10$ .

### 4 X,Y,Z

By writing out all  $p(x, y, z)$  one can show that  $Pr(x, y, z)$  correspond to  $p_X(x) = p_Y(y) = p_Z(z) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $p_{X,Y}(x, y) = p_{X,Z}(x, z) = p_{Y,Z}(y, z) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

This implies  $p_{X,Y} = p_X p_Y$ ,  $p_{X,Z} = p_X p_Z$  and  $p_{Y,Z} = p_Y p_Z$ . Therefore  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are mutual independent.

Suppose there exists a directed acyclic graph  $G$  such that  $I_{d-sep}(G) = I(Pr)$ . By  $X \perp Y$ ,  $G$  must not contain edge between  $X$  and  $Y$  since  $X, Y, Z$  must be a V-structure. However by  $X \perp Z$ ,  $X$  and  $Z$  must have a shared children in  $G$ . This contradicts with the fact that there missing edge between  $X$  and  $Y$  which is inferred by  $X \perp Y$ .

# p5

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In [168]: # import package
import numpy as np
from collections import OrderedDict
from collections import defaultdict
from collections import Counter
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
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In [169]: # Load data
train_lines = open('./data/train.txt', 'r').readlines()
test_lines = open('./data/test', 'r').readlines()
```

## 1 (a) Data preprocessing

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In [170]: # Preprocess data
# Tranfer line from raw txt line to default dict containing
# id: id number is_spam: 1 represent spam word_count: word count in document
def preprocess(lines):
    output_list = []
    for line in lines:
        doc_dict = {}
        splitted = line.split()
        doc_dict['id'] = splitted[0]
        doc_dict['is_spam'] = splitted[1]=='spam'
        doc_dict['word_count'] = OrderedDict(zip(splitted[2:][:2], np.array(splitted[2:][:2])))
        output_list.append(doc_dict)
    return output_list
```

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In [171]: # Get training and test documents
train_docs = preprocess(train_lines)
test_docs = preprocess(test_lines)
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In [172]: # Filter to get spam and ham in training sample
train_spam_docs = list(filter(lambda x: x['is_spam'], train_docs))
train_ham_docs = list(filter(lambda x: not x['is_spam'], train_docs))
```

## 2 (b) What is $p(\text{spam})$ in training data

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In [173]: p_spam_train = len(train_spam_docs)/len(train_docs)
          print('Probability of spam: %.4f' % p_spam_train)
```

Probability of spam: 0.5737

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In [174]: print('Probability of ham: %.4f' % (1-p_spam_train))
```

Probability of ham: 0.4263

## 3 (c) Determine $p(w_i|\text{spam})$

Get vocabulary counts that in spam and all training documents

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In [175]: # Function to get a vocabulary dict with key=word value=count of word in
          def get_vocabulary_count(doc_list):
              output_vocabulary_dict = defaultdict(lambda :0)
              for doc_dict in doc_list:
                  for word, word_count in doc_dict['word_count'].items():
                      output_vocabulary_dict[word]+=word_count
              return output_vocabulary_dict

In [176]: # Get word count in all trainign documents and spam training documents
          train_vocab_count = get_vocabulary_count(train_docs)
          train_spam_vocab_count = get_vocabulary_count(train_spam_docs)
          train_ham_vocab_count = get_vocabulary_count(train_ham_docs)
```

Apply m-estimate and get  $p(w_i|\text{spam})$  or  $p(w_i|\text{ham})$

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In [189]: # Apply m-estimate and get  $p(w_i|\text{spam})$  or  $p(w_i|\text{ham})$ 
          def get_p_wi_spam(w, train_vocab_count, subset_vocab_count, m_multiplier=
              output_dict = defaultdict()
              n = np.sum(list(subset_vocab_count.values()))
              vocab_sum = np.sum(list(train_vocab_count.values()))
              #vocab_sum = len(train_vocab_count)
              p = 1.0/vocab_sum
              m = m_multiplier*vocab_sum
              for w_i in w:
                  n_c = subset_vocab_count[w_i]
                  output_dict[w_i]=(n_c + m*p)/(n+m)
              return output_dict

In [190]: words = [key for key in train_vocab_count.keys()]
          p_w_given_spam = get_p_wi_spam(words, train_vocab_count, train_spam_vocab
          p_w_given_ham = get_p_wi_spam(words, train_vocab_count, train_ham_vocab_c
```

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In [191]: print('The top 5 most likely word in spam are:\n\n%s' %
            '\n'.join([word for word, prob in Counter(p_w_given_spam).most_common(5)]))
```

The top 5 most likely word in spam are:

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enron
a
corp
the
to
```

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In [192]: print('The top 5 most likely word in ham are:\n\n%s' %
            '\n'.join([word for word, prob in Counter(p_w_given_ham).most_common(5)]))
```

The top 5 most likely word in ham are:

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aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa
enron
the
to
a
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## 4 (d) Classifier and accuracy

A classifier that make predicison by comparing the  $\log(p(w, spam))$  and  $\log(p(w, ham))$

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In [193]: # Code of Naive Bayes Classifier
def classify(test_docs, train_docs, m_multiplier = 1):
    train_spam_docs = list(filter(lambda x: x['is_spam'], train_docs))
    train_ham_docs = list(filter(lambda x: not x['is_spam'], train_docs))

    p_spam_train = len(train_spam_docs)/len(train_docs)
    p_ham_train = 1-p_spam_train

    train_vocab_count = get_vocabulary_count(train_docs)
    train_spam_vocab_count = get_vocabulary_count(train_spam_docs)
    train_ham_vocab_count = get_vocabulary_count(train_ham_docs)

    preds = []
    for doc in test_docs:
        word_count_dict = doc['word_count']
        words = list(word_count_dict.keys())

        p_w_given_spam = get_p_wi_spam(words, train_vocab_count, train_spam_vocab_count, p_spam_train, m_multiplier)
        p_w_given_ham = get_p_wi_spam(words, train_vocab_count, train_ham_vocab_count, p_ham_train, m_multiplier)
```

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log_likelihood_spam = np.log(p_spam_train)
log_likelihood_ham = np.log(p_ham_train)
for word, word_count in word_count_dict.items():
    log_likelihood_spam += np.log(p_w_given_spam[word])*word_count
    log_likelihood_ham += np.log(p_w_given_ham[word])*word_count

preds.append(log_likelihood_spam>log_likelihood_ham)
return preds

In [194]: # predictions
preds = classify(test_docs, train_docs,1)

In [195]: # Evaluation of predictions results
def evaluate_predictions(preds, test_docs):
    true_labels = np.array([doc['is_spam'] for doc in test_docs])
    return (preds==true_labels).sum()/len(test_docs)

In [196]: print('Accuracy: %.3f'% evaluate_predictions(preds, test_docs))

Accuracy: 0.914

In [197]: accuracy = []
m_multiplier_list = [1,10,100,1000,10000]
for m_multiplier in m_multiplier_list:
    preds = classify(test_docs, train_docs, m_multiplier)
    accuracy.append(evaluate_predictions(preds,test_docs))

```

## 5 (e) Vary m parameter

Plot are shown below

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In [198]: plt.plot(np.log10(m_multiplier_list), accuracy)
plt.title('Accuracy vs log10(m)')

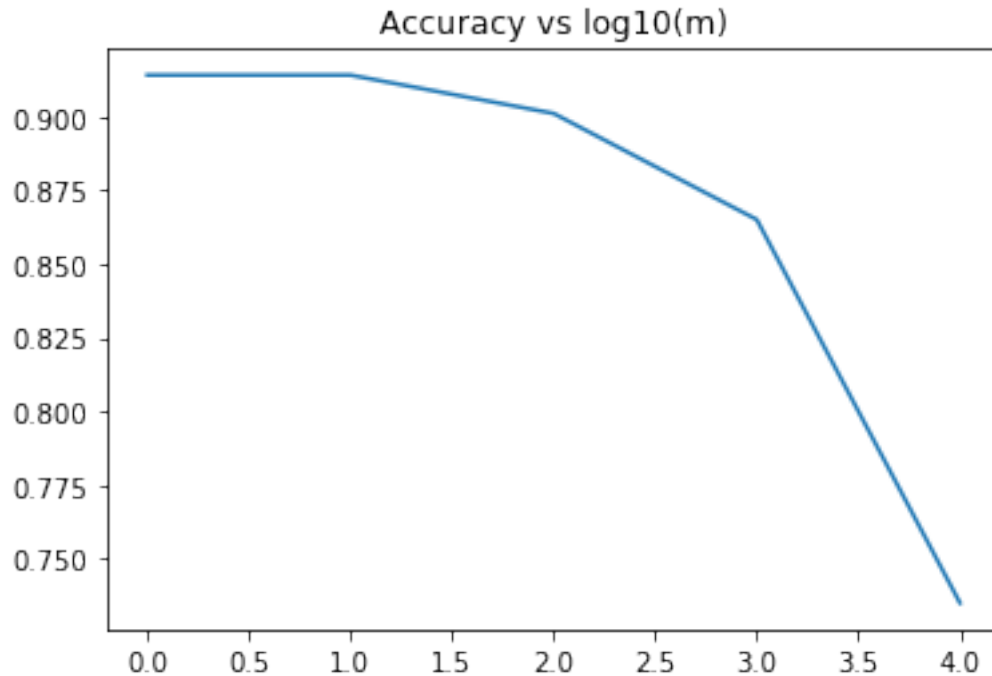
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Out[198]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x10edb7dd8>

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### 5.1 What does $m$ assume?

$m$  represents the size of the imaginary training data in which word distribution follow practitioner defined priors  $p(w_i|spam)$ . The larger the  $m$  is, the more weight you put in the prior. More 'counts' are assigned to unobserved word relative to observed word.

A small  $m$  assume that training samples are very good representations of global samples.

A large  $m$  assume that training samples are less representative and we believe the prior distribution more.

In our case the a large  $m$  harms test accuracy.

## 6 (f) What to do if I am a spammer?

If the spam detector is a naive bayes classifier. We should avoid using spam-common words. And we should make our spam email long and make the percentage of common and ham-common words higher. In a word, we should write a spam that contains spam message, while seems like ham in bag of words.