

Categorical Reparametrization with Gumbel-Softmax

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1.

What can discrete latent variables in models correspond to?

- ☐ Air temperature outside
 - ☒ Image regions
 - ☒ Semantic classes
 - ☐ Program execution time
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2.

Why can't we use discrete random variables "as is" in neural networks?

- ☒ Sampling from them is not differentiable
 - ☐ They are hard to parametrise
 - ☐ They are usually hard to sample from
 - ☐ They exist only in low dimensions
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3.

Select Gumbel(0, 1) distribution

- ☒ $\text{Gumbel}(x; 0, 1) \propto e^{-(x+e^{-x})}, x \in (-\infty, \infty)$
- ☐ $\text{Gumbel}(x; 0, 1) \propto e^{-x}, x \in (0, \infty)$
- ☐

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$$\text{Gumbel}(x; 0, 1) \propto x(1-x), x \in (0, 1)$$

$$\text{Gumbel}(x; 0, 1) \propto xe^{-x}, x \in (0, \infty)$$

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4.

What is a simple way get sample g from $\text{Gumbel}(0, 1)$

- ☐ $u \sim U(0, 1), g \sim e^u$
- ☐ $u \sim U(0, 1), g \sim e^{-u}$
- ☒ $u \sim U(0, 1), g \sim -\log(-\log(u))$
- ☐ $u \sim U(0, 1), g \sim -\log(u)$

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5.

In a Gumbel-Max trick to draw samples from $\text{Cat}(\pi)$, one can compute $z = \text{one_hot}(\arg \max_i [g_i + \log \pi_i])$, where g_i are i.i.d. samples from $\text{Gumbel}(0, 1)$ distribution. How can we approximate $\text{one_hot}(\arg \max[\dots])$ operation in a differentiable manner?

- ☐ By directly sampling from categorical distribution
- ☐ By sorting indices of $[g_i + \log \pi_i]$ and taking the index of a maximum value
- ☐ By sampling from $\text{Gumbel}(0, 1)$ distribution
- ☒ By using Softmax operation over $[g_i + \log \pi_i]$

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6.

For which values of τ is it possible to compute derivatives of Gumbel Softmax distribution $\partial y / \partial \pi$?

- ☒ $\tau > 0$
- ☐ $\tau \leq 0$

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7.

How does parameter τ influence the behaviour of Gumbel-Softmax?

- ☐ As τ approaches to 0, samples are far from one-hot
- ☒ As τ approaches to 0, samples are close to one-hot
- ☐ As τ approaches to 0, variance of the gradient becomes small
- ☒ As τ approaches to 0, variance of the gradient becomes large

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8.

What is a Straight-through Gumbel-Softmax estimator?

- ☐ z is sampled from $\text{Gumbel}(0, 1)$, gradient is computed from discrete estimation
- ☐ z is sampled from discrete distribution, gradient is computed from discrete estimation
- ☒ z is sampled from discrete distribution, gradient is computed from continuous estimation
- ☐ z is sampled from continuous distribution, gradient is computed from discrete estimation

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9.

How can one deal with unlabeled data for classification problem?

- ☐ Use VAE with continuous latent variables
- ☐ Use reparametrization trick
- ☒ Marginalize over all classes

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