

STATISTICAL PATTERN RECOGNITION

ASSIGNMENT 4

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Abstract

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1 Kernel Density Estimation & KNN Estimation

Given dataset $X = 2, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 10, 11, 11, 11, 12, 14, 16$ use Parzen windows to estimate density $p(x)$ at $x = 5$ and $x = 12$; assuming $h = 4$ in the following conditions.

(a) If you use standard kernel function

$$K(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & |u| \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

(b) If you use Gaussian Kernel, $N(0, 10)$.

(c) For the same dataset and the same sample points, i.e. $x = 5$ and $x = 12$, estimate the density using KNN approach. Take $K = 5$ in your estimations.

Solution

(a) We'll use (1.1) to estimate the density using different kernels.

$$\hat{p}_{(x)} = \frac{1}{n * h^d} \sum_{i=1}^k \Phi\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right) \quad (1.1)$$

In this case, we'll compute the distance of each of the given points from our dataset. For every distance less than 2 we'll consider the effect of that point in our estimation.

$$x = 5 \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{p}_{(x)} = \frac{1}{14 * 4} * (6) = \frac{3}{28} = 0.107$$

Doing the same for the point $x = 12$ and we'll have the following results:

$$x = 12 \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{p}_{(x)} = \frac{1}{14 * 4} * (6) = \frac{3}{28} = 0.107$$

- (b) In this case, the value of items in the \sum are no longer 1. They will have different outputs, specially on the center of the curve. This can lead to a smoother and more realistic estimation of the density. The Gaussian Kernel equation is given in (1.2).

$$\phi(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{-u^2}{2}\right) \quad (1.2)$$

$$x = 5 \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{p}_{(x)} = \frac{1}{14 * 4} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} (\exp(-2) + 3 \exp(\frac{-1}{2}) + 2) = 0.028$$

$$x = 12 \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{p}_{(x)} = \frac{1}{14 * 4} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} (2 \exp(-2) + 3 \exp(\frac{-1}{2}) + 1) = 0.021$$

- (c) In this case, we have to consider the window size as a dynamic variable. In case $h = 2$ then $x = 4$, $x = 4$, $x = 4$ and $x = 5$ will be in our window of estimation as well as the centered point $x = 5$ ($K = 5$). To estimate the density we'll have the following equation:

$$x = 5 \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{p}_{(x)} = \frac{1}{14 * 2} * (5) = 0.178$$

Note that we have considered the kernel to be the same as part a. In the second case, choosing the $h = 2$ yields 5 points.

$$x = 12 \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{p}_{(x)} = \frac{1}{14 * 2} * (5) = 0.178$$

2 Parzen Windows & KNN Estimation

Consider the following training set drawn from an unknown density $f(x)$:

$$X = 0.01, 0.12, 0.19, 0.32, 0.41, 0.48$$

- (a) Let $\phi(x) = N(1, 0)$. Find and sketch the Parzen Windows estimate for the values of h_n of 0.1 and 1.0.

$$\hat{f}_{n(x)} = \frac{1}{n * h_n} \sum_{i=1}^k \Phi\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h_n}\right) \quad (2.1)$$

- (b) Find and sketch the 3-nearest neighbor estimate of $f(x)$.

Solution

- (a) For each point in our dataset, we'll center the Gaussian Kernel and add the values of these kernels. Here are the computations in case that $h_n = 0.1$.

$$\hat{f}_{n(x=0.01)} = \frac{1}{6 * 0.1} \sum_{i=1}^k \Phi(0) = 0$$

$$\hat{f}_{n(x=0.12)} = \frac{1}{6 * 0.1} \sum_{i=1}^k \Phi(0) = 0$$

$$\hat{f}_{n(x=0.19)} = \frac{1}{6 * 0.1} \sum_{i=1}^k \Phi(0) = 0$$

$$\hat{f}_{n(x=0.32)} = \frac{1}{6 * 0.1} \sum_{i=1}^k \Phi(0) = 0$$

$$\hat{f}_{n(x=0.41)} = \frac{1}{6 * 0.1} \sum_{i=1}^k \Phi(0) = 0$$

$$\hat{f}_{n(x=0.48)} = \frac{1}{6 * 0.1} \sum_{i=1}^k \Phi(0) = 0$$

As denoted above, estimation will give 0 for all of the points in the dataset with $h_n = 0.1$. We can understand that, the window size has been chosen too small that no point is being considered by the estimator.

(b)