Exchangeable Array and Random Graph

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1 Exchangeable array for graph

Definition 1 (Jointly exchangeable array)**.** A random 2-array $(X_{ij})_{i,j\in\mathbb{N}}$ is jointly exchangeable if

$$(X_{ij}) \overset{d}{=} (X_{\pi(i)\pi(j)}) \quad \text{for } i,j \in \mathbb{N}^2 \tag{1}$$

for any permutation π of $\mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 1 (Aldous, Hoover Theorem [Aldous, 1981, Hoover, 1979])**.** *A random 2-array $(X_{ij})_{i,j\in\mathbb{N}}$ is jointly exchangeable if and only if there exists a random measurable function $f : [0,1]^3 \to \mathbf{X}$ such that*

$$(X_{ij}) \overset{d}{=} (f(U_i, U_j, U_{ij})), \tag{2}$$

where $(U_i)_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$ and $(U_{ij})_{ij>i\in\mathbb{N}}$ with $U_{ij} = U_{ij}$ are a sequence and matrix of i.i.d. Uniform[0,1] random variables.

The function f is a symmetric in its first two argument.

For the undirected graph case $\mathcal{X} = \{0,1\}$, the theorem can be simplified further through a random function called *graphon* $W : [0,1]^2 \to [0,1]$, symmetric in its arguments, where

$$f(U_i, U_j, U_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 1 & U_{ij} < W(U_i, U_j) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Definition 2 (Sparse Graph)**.** Let the number of nodes in a graph be n. The graph is sparse if the number of edges are $o(n^2)$ or dense if the number of edges are $\Theta(n^2)$.

Remark 1 (Graphon is trivially dense)**.** Every graph represented by graphon W are either empty or dense. The asymptotic proportion of edges is $p = \frac{1}{2}\int W(x,y)dxdy$ and the graph is hence either empty ($p = 0$) or dense (since $O(pn^2) = O(n^2)$).

In [Lloyd et al., 2013], the authors place a Gaussian process prior over graphon $W : [0,1]^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ and transform the output through the logistic function to model the edge probability between nodes.

For the undirected graph case where $X_{ij} = X_{ji}$, one can sample upper triangle of the adjacency matrix, and use the same result for the lower triangle. However, for the directed graph case, by the theorem, both X_{ij} and X_{ji} rely on single parameter U_{ij} which means one should jointly sample (X_{ij}, X_{ji}) together from three parameters U_i, U_j, U_{ij}. Thus, X_{ij} and X_{ji} are not conditionally independent. Also, asymmetric graphon W might be employed for directed random graph. However, [Cai et al., 2015] show that assymetric graphon is inappropriate to impose certain structures on a graph such as the partial ordering and propose a class of priors for directed graphs.

2 Exchangeable array for matrix factorisation

Unlike the graph model, jointly exchangeability for a general matrix where rows and columns represent different entities (i.e. users and items in recommendation system) is

Definition 3 (Separately exchangeable array [Orbanz and Roy, 2015])**.** A random 2-array $(X_{ij})_{i,j\in\mathbb{N}}$ is separately exchangeable if

$$(X_{ij}) \overset{d}{=} (X_{\pi(i)\sigma(j)}) \quad \text{for } i,j \in \mathbb{N}^2 \tag{3}$$

for any permutation π and σ of $\mathbb{N}$.

Corollary 1.1 (Separately exchangeable array)**.** *A random 2-array (X_{ij}) is separately exchangeable if and only if there exists a random measurable function $f : [0,1]^3 \to \mathbb{X}$ such that*

$$(X_{ij}) \overset{d}{=} (f(U_i, U_j, U_{ij})), \tag{4}$$

where $(U_i)_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$, $(U_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$, and $(U_{ij})_{ij\in\mathbb{N}^2}$ are i.i.d. uniform[0,1] random variables.

3 Sparse exchangeable array

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