

Visual Question Answering with Graph Matching and Reasoning

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Abstract

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1. Reasoning

In this section, we briefly introduce the construction of inference graph to infer the hidden attributes. The inference graph is constructed using Bayesian network described by a pair $\mathfrak{B} = \langle \mathcal{G}, \theta_{\mathcal{G}} \rangle$. Specifically, the notation \mathcal{G} is a directed acyclic graph, of which the i -th vertex corresponds to a random variable X_i , and the connected edge in \mathcal{G} between two vertexes indicates the dependency. The second item $\theta_{\mathcal{G}}$ is a set of parameters used to quantify the dependencies of \mathcal{G} . We use the notation $\theta_{X_i|\text{Pa}(X_i)} = P_{\mathfrak{B}}(X_i|\text{Pa}(X_i))$ to denote the parameter of X_i , of which $\text{Pa}(X_i)$ is the attributes of the parents of X_i . The joint probability distribution of Bayesian network is given by:

$$P_{\mathfrak{B}}(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{\mathfrak{B}}(X_i|\text{Pa}(X_i)) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta_{X_i|\text{Pa}(X_i)} \quad (1)$$

In our inference graph, the role of Bayesian network is to predict the object class when given the attributes $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ as input. In the sense of probability, the object class is also a variable. Let $Y = X_0$ be the class variable, the network now has one extra vertex Y . According to the Bayesian rule, the network can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\mathfrak{B}}(Y|X) &= \frac{P_{\mathfrak{B}}(Y)P_{\mathfrak{B}}(X|Y)}{P_{\mathfrak{B}}(X)} \\ &= \frac{\theta_{Y|\text{Pa}(X_0)} \prod_{i=1}^n \theta_{X_i|Y, \text{Pa}(X_i)}}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \theta_{y'|\text{Pa}(X_0)} \prod_{i=1}^n \theta_{X_i|y', \text{Pa}(X_i)}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where \mathcal{Y} is the set of classes.

In the context of Naïve Bayes, the importance of $P_{\mathfrak{B}}(Y|X)$ is stressed by taking the class variable as the root, and all attributes are conditionally independent when taking

the class as a condition. As a consequence, the calculation can be simplified as:

$$P_{\mathfrak{B}}(Y|X) = c \cdot \theta_Y \prod_{i=1}^n \theta_{X_i|Y} \quad (3)$$

where c is used to make the calculation being a distribution: $c = \sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \theta_{y'} \prod_{i=1}^n \theta_{X_i|y'}$.

References