

1 Notation

- N objects: $O \in \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_N\}$
- I poses: $P \in \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_I\}$
- I actions: $A \in \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_I\}$
- $K = N \cdot I$ sets of object-poses: $(o_k, p_k) = (o_n, p_i)$
- J feature-types: $\mathbf{F} = \{\mathbf{F}^1, \mathbf{F}^2, \dots, \mathbf{F}^J\} = \{f_1, \dots, f_M\}$
- M_j features of type j : $\mathbf{F}^j = \{f_1^j, f_2^j, \dots, f_{M_j}^j\}$
- R training samples for each object-pose.

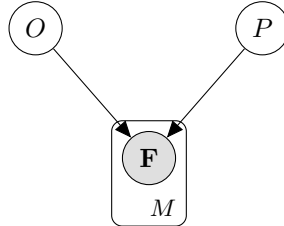
2 Derivation

First we record one set of data to build a database:

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ (o_k, p_k, \mathbf{F}_k)_{k=1}^{k=K} \right\}$$

The database is just the set of all unique objects, poses, and features observed in \mathcal{D} to create the structure of our Bayesian Network like so:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= \{\mathbf{F}_1, \dots, \mathbf{F}_K\} = \{f_1, \dots, f_M\} \\ O &\in \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_N\} \\ P &\in \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_I\} \end{aligned}$$



Next, we record a set of training data. For each object-pose, k , we record R sets of data:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_k &= \left\{ (o_k^r, p_k^r, \mathbf{F}_k^r)_{r=1}^{r=R} \right\} \\ \mathcal{T} &= \{\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_K\} \end{aligned}$$

An error function must be defined for each feature-type in the model which compares 2 features of the same type:

$$\mathcal{E}^j(\cdot, \cdot)$$

For a training sample r , the error with respect to a feature in the model $f^j \in \mathbf{F}$ is the best match with the training features, \mathbf{F}^r , defined by:

$$\mathcal{E}_r(f^j) = \min_{f_m^j \in \mathbf{F}^r} \mathcal{E}^j(f^j, f_m^j)$$

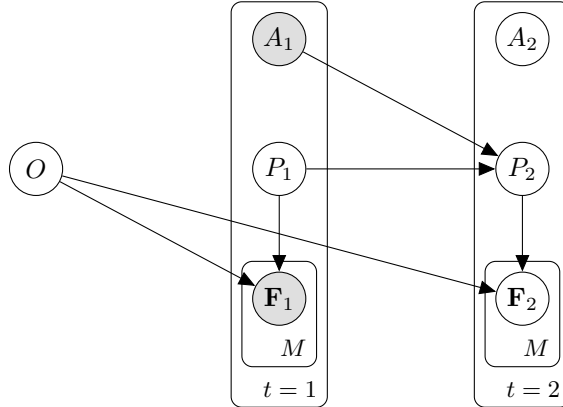
We can then learn a distribution of these errors:

$$p(f|o, p) \sim \{\mathcal{E}_1(f), \dots, \mathcal{E}_R(f)\}$$

After the first observation, we can compute the posterior for all object-poses:

$$\begin{aligned} p(o, p|\mathbf{F}) &= \frac{p(o, p) \cdot p(\mathbf{F}|o, p)}{p(\mathbf{F})} \\ p(o, p) &= \frac{1}{K} \\ p(\mathbf{F}|o, p) &= \prod_f p(f|o, p) \\ p(\mathbf{F}) &= \frac{1}{K} \sum_{n,i} p(\mathbf{F}|o_n, p_i) \end{aligned}$$

The next step is to determine the optimal action. After initially observing data \mathbf{F}_1 , we need to determine the optimal action $a \in A_1$ which will lead to a new pose P_2 and reveal new features \mathbf{F}_2 .



Consider actions as pairwise *relative* actions between poses. For example, an action could be flip upside-down.

$$p(o, P_2|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, a) = \frac{\sum_{P_1} p(o, P_1|\mathbf{F}_1) p(\mathbf{F}_2|P_2, o) p(P_2|P_1, a)}{\sum_{P_1, P_2, O} p(O, P_1|\mathbf{F}_1) p(\mathbf{F}_2|P_2, O) p(P_2|P_1, a)}$$

To determine the optimal action, it we need the probability of the object regardless of pose:

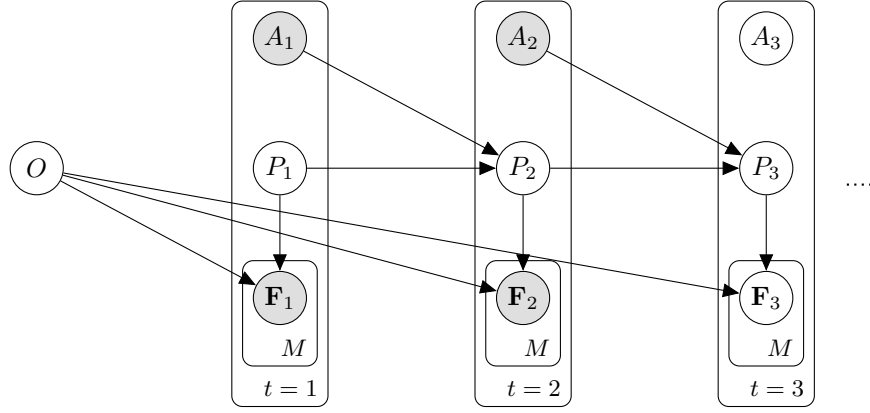
$$p(o|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, a) = \frac{\sum_{P_1, P_2} p(o, P_1|\mathbf{F}_1) p(\mathbf{F}_2|P_2, o) p(P_2|P_1, a)}{\sum_{P_1, P_2, O} p(O, P_1|\mathbf{F}_1) p(\mathbf{F}_2|P_2, O) p(P_2|P_1, a)}$$

Note that $p(P_2|P_1, A_1) \in \{0, 1\}$ is deterministic. Also note that since we have yet to observe \mathbf{F}_2 , $p(\mathbf{F}_2|P_2, o)$ is a joint distribution. Thus $p(o|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, a)$ is a mixture of joint distributions divided by a mixture of joint distributions.

Thus, an optimal action would minimize the entropy of *expected* object probabilities.

$$a^* = \underset{A_1}{\operatorname{argmin}} H \left[\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{F}_2 \sim p(\mathbf{F}_2|\mathbf{F}_1, A_1)} (O|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, A_1) \right]$$

Now lets generalize to the n th action.



$$p(o, P_{n+1}|\mathbf{F}_{1:n+1}, A_{1:n}) = \frac{\sum_{P_n} p(o, P_n|\mathbf{F}_{1:n}, A_{1:n-1})p(\mathbf{F}_{n+1}|o, P_{n+1})p(P_{n+1}|P_n, A_n)}{\sum_{P_n, P_{n+1}, O} p(o, P_n|\mathbf{F}_{1:n}, A_{1:n-1})p(\mathbf{F}_{n+1}|o, P_{n+1})p(P_{n+1}|P_n, A_n)}$$

Note that we are merely updating the previous posterior, $p(o, P_n|\mathbf{F}_{1:n}, A_{1:n-1})$.

$$a^* = \underset{A_n}{\operatorname{argmin}} H \left[\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{F}_{n+1} \sim p(\mathbf{F}_{n+1}|\mathbf{F}_{1:n}, A_{1:n})} (O|\mathbf{F}_{1:n+1}, A_{1:n}) \right]$$

3 Algorithm

From the training, we learn $p(f|o, p)$.

We must keep track of the posterior, evidence, and likelihoods.

Time	Posterior	Evidence	Likelihood
0	$p(o, p)$		
1	$p(o, p \mathbf{F}_1)$	$p(\mathbf{F}_1)$	$p(\mathbf{F}_1 o, p)$
2	$p(o, p \mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, A_1)$	$p(\mathbf{F}_2 \mathbf{F}_1, A_1)$	$p(\mathbf{F}_2 o, p)$
...
t	$p(o, p \mathbf{F}_{1:t}, A_{1:t-1})$	$p(\mathbf{F}_t \mathbf{F}_{1:t-1}, A_{1:t-1})$	$p(\mathbf{F}_t o, p)$

We want to keep track of the posterior for each o, p . If we observe \mathbf{F}_t , then we can directly compute the likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{F}_t|o, p) = \prod_{f_t \in \mathbf{F}_t} p(f_t|o, p)$$

and update the posterior

$$\begin{aligned} \text{posterior}_t &= \frac{\text{posterior}_{t-1} * \text{likelihood}_t}{\text{evidence}_t} \\ &= \frac{\text{posterior}_{t-1} * \text{likelihood}_t}{\sum \text{posterior}_{t-1} * \text{likelihood}_t} \end{aligned}$$

However, when we predict the optimal action, the likelihood is not observed. This likelihood is a very high dimensional joint distribution. To make computation easier, we can sample the distribution. Because $p(\mathbf{F}_t|o, p) = \prod_{f_t \in \mathbf{F}_t} p(f_t|o, p)$ is composed of independent features, we can sample from each distribution individually and combine them into a multidimensional sample of the distribution. We can treat these samples as particles.

First compute the evidence distribution,

$$p(\mathbf{F}_{t+1}|\mathbf{F}_{1:t}, A_{1:t}) = \sum_{O, P_{t+1}, P_t} p(O, P_t|\mathbf{F}_{1:t}, A_{1:t-1})p(\mathbf{F}_{t+1}|O, P_{t+1})p(P_{t+1}|P_t, A_t)$$

Considering actions are deterministic, $A_t * P_t = P_{t+1}$, we can get rid of one of the summations:

$$p(\mathbf{F}_{t+1}|\mathbf{F}_{1:t}, A_{1:t}) = \sum_{O, P_t} p(O, P_t|\mathbf{F}_{1:t}, A_{1:t-1})p(\mathbf{F}_{t+1}|O, P_{t+1})$$

The resulting particles are then used to sample the posterior

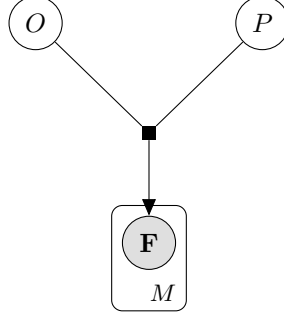
$$p(o, P_{t+1}|\mathbf{F}_{1:t+1}, A_{1:t}) = p(o, P_t|\mathbf{F}_{1:t}, A_{1:t-1})p(\mathbf{F}_{t+1}|o, P_{t+1})_{\mathbf{F}_{t+1} \sim p(\mathbf{F}_{t+1}|\mathbf{F}_{1:t}, A_{1:t})}$$

Then, taking the average of these particles gives us the expected value.

4 Questions

1) We never learned about bayesian factor graphs, but it seems that we could learn a multivariate distribution to directly learn $p(\mathbf{F}|o, p)$:

$$p(\mathbf{F}|o, p) \sim \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{E}_1(f_1), \dots, \mathcal{E}_R(f_1) \\ \mathcal{E}_1(f_2), \dots, \mathcal{E}_R(f_2) \\ \dots \\ \mathcal{E}_1(f_M), \dots, \mathcal{E}_R(f_M) \end{array} \right\}$$



5 Appendix

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\mathbf{F}) &= \sum_{n,i} p(o_n, p_i, \mathbf{F}) \\
&= \sum_{n,i} p(\mathbf{F}|o_n, p_i) \cdot p(o_n, p_i) \\
&= \frac{1}{K} \sum_{n,i} p(\mathbf{F}|o_n, p_i)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(o, P_2|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, A_1) &= \sum_{P_1} \frac{p(o, P_1, P_2, \mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, A_1)}{p(\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, A_1)} \\
&= \sum_{P_1} \frac{p(o, P_1)p(A_1)p(P_2|P_1, A_1)p(\mathbf{F}_1|P_1, o)p(\mathbf{F}_2|P_2, o)}{p(\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2|A_1)p(A_1)} \\
&= \sum_{P_1} \frac{p(o, P_1)p(\mathbf{F}_1|P_1, o)}{p(\mathbf{F}_1)} \frac{p(\mathbf{F}_2|P_2, o)p(P_2|P_1, A_1)}{p(\mathbf{F}_2|\mathbf{F}_1, A_1)} \\
&= \sum_{P_1} \frac{p(o, P_1|\mathbf{F}_1)p(\mathbf{F}_2|P_2, o)p(P_2|P_1, A_1)}{p(\mathbf{F}_2|\mathbf{F}_1, A_1)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\mathbf{F}_2|\mathbf{F}_1, A_1) &= \sum_{P_1, P_2, O} \frac{p(O, P_1, P_2, \mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2|A_1)}{p(\mathbf{F}_1)} \\
&= \sum_{P_1, P_2, O} \frac{p(O, P_1)p(\mathbf{F}_1|O, P_1)p(\mathbf{F}_2|O, P_2)p(P_2|P_1, A_1)}{p(\mathbf{F}_1)} \\
&= \sum_{P_1, P_2, O} p(O, P_1|\mathbf{F}_1)p(\mathbf{F}_2|O, P_2)p(P_2|P_1, A_1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$p(o, P_2|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, A_1) = \frac{\sum_{P_1} p(o, P_1|\mathbf{F}_1)p(\mathbf{F}_2|P_2, o)p(P_2|P_1, A_1)}{\sum_{P_1, P_2, O} p(O, P_1|\mathbf{F}_1)p(\mathbf{F}_2|O, P_2)p(P_2|P_1, A_1)}$$

$$p(o|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, A_1) = \frac{\sum_{P_1} p(o, P_1|\mathbf{F}_1)p(\mathbf{F}_2|P_2, o)p(P_2|P_1, A_1)}{\sum_{P_1, P_2, O} p(O, P_1|\mathbf{F}_1)p(\mathbf{F}_2|O, P_2)p(P_2|P_1, A_1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & p(o, P_3|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, \mathbf{F}_3, A_1, A_2) \\ &= \sum_{P_1, P_2} \frac{p(o, P_1, P_2, P_3, \mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, \mathbf{F}_3, A_1, A_2)}{p(\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, \mathbf{F}_3, A_1, A_2)} \\ &= \sum_{P_1, P_2} \frac{p(o, P_1)p(A_1)p(A_2)p(\mathbf{F}_1|o, P_1)p(\mathbf{F}_2|o, P_2)p(\mathbf{F}_3|o, P_3)p(P_2|P_1, A_1)p(P_3|P_2, A_2)}{p(\mathbf{F}_3|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, A_1, A_2)p(\mathbf{F}_2|\mathbf{F}_1, A_1)p(\mathbf{F}_1)p(A_1)p(A_2)} \\ &= \sum_{P_2} \frac{p(o, P_2|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, A_1)p(\mathbf{F}_3|o, P_3)p(P_3|P_2, A_2)}{p(\mathbf{F}_3|\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, A_1, A_2)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$p(o, P_{n+1}|\mathbf{F}_{1:n+1}, A_{1:n}) = \frac{\sum_{P_n} p(o, P_n|\mathbf{F}_{1:n}, A_{1:n-1})p(\mathbf{F}_{n+1}|o, P_{n+1})p(P_{n+1}|P_n, A_n)}{\sum_{P_n, P_{n+1}, O} p(o, P_n|\mathbf{F}_{1:n}, A_{1:n-1})p(\mathbf{F}_{n+1}|o, P_{n+1})p(P_{n+1}|P_n, A_n)}$$