

U2-review

(*) core focus areas:-

- i) loopy B.P. + Bethe approximation (U1a)
- ii) conjugate duality, marginal polytope, convex polytope (U1b)

U1a - loopy BP

- ① - why are factor graphs introduced?
- ② - what is nature of graph mistakes?

(*) local and global consistency

- define:-

$\{c_c, c \in G\}$, $\{\tau_s, s \in S\}$ as set of functions associated with cliques and separator sets.

- these sets of functions are locally consistent if the following properties hold:-

$$\sum_{x'_s} \tau_s(x'_s) = 1 \quad \forall s \in S \quad (\text{normalisation}) \quad (I)$$

$$\sum_{x'_c | x'_s = x_s} \tau_c(x'_c) = \tau_s(x_s) \quad \forall c \in G, s \in C \quad (\text{marginalisation}) \quad (II)$$

- essentially; a condition that ensures we obtain valid marginals; in the sense of consistent probability distri.
- not fully sure about these conditions

(O/S) \rightarrow clarity \rightarrow

- essentially states that calibrated clique and sepset beliefs give valid marginal probabilities.

(I) functions associated with sepsets \rightarrow proper marginals(II) Summing any clique function τ_c over all variable sm clique C which are not in the sepset, obtain $\tau_s(x_s)$ (*) global consistency $\rightarrow \tau_c$ and τ_s are valid marginals

(*) Example quoted

↳ pathological case

- see Jordan (2007) ch17.

- the situation amounts to a violation of the junction tree property

(*) Illustration of general rule that local consistency \nrightarrow global consistency

(*) Approx. Inf. as alternative:-

- for junction trees, local consistency is equivalent to global consistency.

- why not convert all GMS \rightarrow junction trees? (to perform exact inference)

- tree width and comp. complexity may still be too high to be tractable

(*) Belief propagation (message-update) equations

- Apply standard belief propagation / message passing to a loopy graph

- context is a UGM

- more specifically, an MN/UGM with N nodes; pairwise potentials

(Vedaldi 2002, 2001)

(0/52) An ambiguity (mild) \rightarrow slides specify pairwise and singleton potentials.

(Vedaldi 2001, 2002) specify that the singleton potentials are local evidence nodes

- we have:-

Joint prob Gibbs distri. (?) of pairwise MRF:

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i,j} \psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) \prod_i \psi_i(x_i)$$

(1)

- BP updates:-

$$M_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) \propto \sum_{x_i} \psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) \psi_i(x_i) \prod_{k \in N(i) \setminus j} M_{k \rightarrow i}(x_i) \quad (\text{messages})$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{x_i} \psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) \psi_i(x_i) \prod_{k \in N(i) \setminus j} M_{k \rightarrow i}(x_i)$$

$$v_i(x_i) \propto \psi_i(x_i) \prod_{k \in N(i)} M_{k \rightarrow i}(x_i) \quad (\text{beliefs})$$

$$= \alpha \psi_i(x_i) \prod_{k \in N(i)} M_{k \rightarrow i}(x_i)$$

- α - normalisation constant
- $N(i) \setminus j$ - all nodes neighbouring i , except j
- $M_{k \rightarrow i}$ - message that node k sends to node i
- v_i - belief (marginal posterior probability at node i) ^(*)
- $\psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$ - pairwise potential (compatibility)
- $\phi_i(x_i)$ - external evidence (local evidence for node i)
- (*) Note: - messages recursively computed from incoming messages to that node (hence $\prod_{k \in N(i) \setminus j}$)
- beliefs computed from all incoming messages (and potential) to that node (hence $\prod_{k \in N(i)}$) (notice no j)

①: When pairwise MRF is singly connected i.e. no loops; the beliefs are exact; BP is exact
 when pairwise MRF is loopy; both exactness, convergence not guaranteed.

(*) Yedidia (2002): -

- empirical study by Murphy, Weiss, Jordan (1997)
- real noted outcome where messages continually circulate with no convergence to stable equilibrium (1988)
- But loopy BP. also performed well (i.e. gave good approx.) in certain situations e.g. turbo codes (near Shannon limit performance) or computer vision

(*) Yedidia (2001): - theoretical clarification on what approximation B.P. represents on non-tree structured graphs (but also including tree-structured GMS as an incidental consequence)

(*) Approximating intract. distri. (recap)

(see Yedidia 2002)

- distri Q to approx intractable distri P .

- KL defines distance between 2 prob distri. (recap)

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{fa \in F} f_a(x_a)$$

$$KL(Q||P) = \sum_x Q(x) \log \left(\frac{Q(x)}{P(x)} \right)$$

$$= \sum_x Q(x) \log Q(x) - \sum_x Q(x) \log P(x)$$

$$= -H_Q(X) - \mathbb{E}_Q[\log P(X)]$$

$$= -H_Q(X) - \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\log \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{fa \in F} f_a(x_a) \right]$$

$$= -H_Q(X) - \log \left(\frac{1}{Z} \right) - \sum_{fa \in F} \mathbb{E}_Q[\log f_a(x_a)]$$

$$= -H_Q(X) - \sum_{fa \in F} \mathbb{E}_Q[\log f_a(x_a)] + \log Z$$

$$= F(P, Q) + \log Z$$

$$\cdot F(P, Q) = -H_Q(X) - \sum_{fa \in F} \mathbb{E}_Q[\log f_a(x_a)] \quad - \text{free energy}$$

Q/S 3: connect this with presentation in (L6)

• $F(P, Q)$ - free energy

• $H_Q(X)$ - entropy

(*) free energy, entropy for tree structured G-MS
 - tree structured G-MS have joint prob.:-

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_B) = b(X) = \frac{\prod_a b_a(x_a)}{\prod_i b_i(x_i)^{(d_i-1)}}$$

Yedidia

X - entire space of inputs (not abuse)

(*) or in Yedidia's (2002) spec.:-

$$b(\{x\}) = \frac{\prod_{i,j} b_{ij}(x_i, x_j)}{\prod_i b_i(x_i)^{q_i-1}}$$

- trying to convey that tie-ups notation should not obscure princip.

(*) entropy and free energy: H_{free} and F_{free} :-

$$H_{free} = H_b(X) = - \sum_X b(X) \ln b(X)$$

$$= - \sum_X \left(\frac{\prod_a b_a(x_a)}{\prod_i b_i(x_i)^{(d_i-1)}} \right) \ln \left(\frac{\prod_a b_a(x_a)}{\prod_i b_i(x_i)^{(d_i-1)}} \right)$$

$$= - \sum_X \left(\frac{\prod_a b_a(x_a)}{\prod_i b_i(x_i)^{(d_i-1)}} \right) \left\{ \sum_a \ln b(x_a) - (d_i-1) \sum_i \ln b_i(x_i) \right\}$$

"catch as"

$$= - \sum_X \left\{ \sum_a b_a(x_a) \ln b(x_a) - (d_i-1) \sum_i \left(\frac{1}{b_i(x_i)^{(d_i-1)}} \right) \ln b_i(x_i) \right\}$$

(?) (S4)

- don't understand how to get this
 - stackexchange

→ come back to this

(*) note that:- there is a decomposition of total entropy over a tree to a fraction of entropy of $b_a(x_a)$ and $b_i(x_i)$

(*) there are some notes in Wainwright & Jordan (2008) Weller, Sefton et al. (...)

- but no explicit deriv. in:-
 Yedidia (2001, 2002)
 Koller (2009)
 - probably elementary.

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(*) will have to take the results on faith (not ideal)

$$(*) H_{\text{tree}} = - \sum_a \sum_{x_a} b(x_a) + \sum_i (d_i - 1) \sum_{x_i} b_i(x_i) \ln b(x_i)$$

$$F_{\text{tree}} = - \sum_a \sum_{x_a} b_a(x_a) \ln \frac{b_a(x_a)}{f_a(x_a)} + \sum_i (1 - d_i) \sum_{x_i} b_i(x_i) \ln b(x_i)$$

$$= (F_{12} + F_{23} + F_{34} + F_{15} + F_{36} + F_{67} + F_{78})$$

$$- (F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_5 + F_6 + F_7)$$

(*) sum of pairwise free energies - sum of singleton free energies.

⊗ An excerpt from Wainwright & Jordan (2008): -
(illuminating) :-

$$(\dots) p_{\mu}(x) := \prod_{s \in V} \mu_s(x_s) \prod_{(s,t) \in E} \frac{\mu_{st}(x_s, x_t)}{\mu_s(x_s) \mu_t(x_t)}$$

$$H(p_{\mu}) = -A^*(\mu) = E_{\mu}[-\log p_{\mu}(X)]$$

$$= \underbrace{- \sum_{s \in V} H_s(\mu_s)}_{(i)} - \underbrace{\sum_{(s,t) \in E} I_{st}(\mu_{st})}_{(ii)}$$

(4.11).

(i) Singleton entropy:

- for each node $s \in V$:- $H_s(\mu_s) := - \sum_{x_s \in \mathcal{X}_s} \mu_s(x_s) \log \mu_s(x_s)$

(ii) Mutual information:-

- for each edge $(s,t) \in E$:

$$I_{st}(\mu_{st}) := \sum_{(x_s, x_t) \in \mathcal{X}_s \times \mathcal{X}_t} \mu_{st}(x_s, x_t) \log \frac{\mu_{st}(x_s, x_t)}{\mu_s(x_s) \mu_t(x_t)}$$

- for tree-structured graphs; dual A^* can be expressed as explicit and easily computable function of mean parameters μ .

(*) (67) With this in mind,

the Bethe approx. to the entropy of an MRF with cycles is easily described.

(*) (68) It simply assumes that decomposition (4.11) is approx. valid for graphs with cycles.

(*) This assumption yields the Bethe entropy approximation:-

$$-A^*(\tau) \approx H_{\text{Bethe}}(\tau) := \sum_{s \in V} H_s(\tau_s) - \sum_{s, t \in E} I_{st}(\tau_{st}) \quad (4.14)$$

(*) Note that comparing (4.11) and (4.14) \rightarrow replacement of exact marginals μ with τ for pseudomarginals

(69) Yedidia et al. used an alternative form of the Bethe entropy approx (4.14)

(*) that is obtained by relation:-

$$I_{st}(\tau_{st}) = H_s(\tau_s) + H_t(\tau_t) - H_{st}(\tau_{st})$$

where H_{st} is the joint entropy defined by the pseudomarginal τ_{st} .

(*) This and algebraic manipulation:-

$$H_{\text{Bethe}}(\tau) = - \sum_{s \in V} (d_s - 1) H_s(\tau_s) + \sum_{(s, t) \in E} H_{st}(\tau_{st}) \quad (4.15)$$

where d_s corresponds to no. of neighbours of s . (degree).

(*) Bethe approx. to Gibbs free energy

- for general graphs, including non-tree structured GMS; the Bethe approximation, that is the Bethe approximation of the free energy (and entropy) uses the free-energy functional form which is derived for tree-structured GMS.

- we select: $\hat{F}(P, Q) = F_{\text{bethe}}$

where:-

$$H_{\text{bethe}} = - \sum_a \sum_{x_a} b_a(x_a) \ln b(x_a) + \sum_i (d_i - 1) \sum_{x_i} b_i(x_i) \ln b_i(x_i)$$

$$F_{\text{bethe}} = - \sum_a \sum_{x_a} \ln \frac{b_a(x_a)}{f_a(x_a)} + \sum_i (1 - d_i) \sum_{x_i} \ln b_i(x_i) = - \langle f_a(x_a) \rangle - H_{\text{bethe}}$$

(*) Equivalent to the Gibbs free energy when factor graph is a tree

- loopy graph:

$$F_{\text{bethe}} = F_{12} + F_{23} + \dots + F_{67} + F_{78} - F_1 - F_5 \dots - 2F_2 - 2F_6 - F_8$$

not sure how to fill the gaps
O/S 5

(*) In general; $H_{\text{bethe}} \neq H_{\text{tree}}$

(*) constrained minimisation of Bethe free energy

- define a Lagrangian:-

$$L(b_i(x_i), b_a(x_a), \lambda) = F_{\text{bethe}} + \sum_i \gamma_i \left\{ \sum_{x_i} b_i(x_i) - 1 \right\}$$

$$\min F_{\text{bethe}}(b_i(x_i), b_a(x_a))$$

s.t. $\sum_{x_i} b_i(x_i) = 1$; $\sum_{x_a | x_i} b_a(x_a) = b_i(x_i)$

$$+ \sum_a \sum_{i \in N(a)} \sum_{x_i} \lambda_{ai}(x_i) \left\{ \sum_{x_a | x_i} b_a(x_a) - b_i(x_i) \right\}$$

- objective: F_{bethe}

- constraints: local consistency constraints (normalisation; marginalisation).

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_i(x_i)} = 0 \Rightarrow b_i(x_i) \propto \exp \left(\frac{1}{d_i - 1} \sum_{a \in N(i)} \lambda_{ai}(x_i) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_a(x_a)} = 0 \Rightarrow b_a(x_a) \propto \exp \left(-F_a(x_a) + \sum_{i \in N(a)} \lambda_{ai}(x_i) \right)$$

Reparametrisation

- identify $\lambda_{ai}(z_i) = \log(M_{i \rightarrow a}(z_i))$

$$= \log \prod_{b \in N(i) \setminus a} M_{b \rightarrow i}(z_i)$$

- get B.P. equations: - $b_i(z_i) \propto f_i(z_i) \prod_{a \in N(i)} M_{a \rightarrow i}(z_i)$

$$b_a(x_a) \propto f_a(x_a) \prod_{i \in N(a)} \prod_{c \in N(i) \setminus a} M_{c \rightarrow i}(z_i)$$

o/s 6: fill in gaps of deriv when you have time to conclude \rightarrow some resources ready for you at hand.

(*) Some high-level

key points from readings: -

Yedidia (2002, 2001): - fixed points of the BP algorithm correspond to stationary points of the Bethe free energy

—— " —— : - Bethe approx, for which energy and entropy are approximated by at most pairs of nodes is the simplest form of the Kikuchi cluster variational method. (a general approximation).

(*) Generalised belief propagation algorithms minimise an arbitrary Kikuchi free energy (approx) (GBP)

(of which Bethe is one of them).

(*) This viewpoint of generating tractable approx. to Gibbs free energy also motivates the use variational perspective on the MF approx. to free energy and entropy (functions of one node beliefs)

(*) This therefore establishes a connection/variational perspective on MF and Bethe approximations.