

Gibbs Sampler

Gibbs sampler is a generalization of slice sampler. It isn't limited to the uniform distribution of subgraph.

Gibbs sampler uses the true conditional distributions, *full conditional distribution*, associated with the target distribution to generate from that distribution.

Slice Sampler v.s Gibbs Sampler

Simulate an uniform distribution on the set:

$$\mathcal{S}(f) = \{(x, y, u) : 0 \leq u \leq f(x, y)\}$$

Algorithm for Slice Sampler

Move uniformly in one component at a time. Start at a point (x, y, u) in $\mathcal{S}(f)$, we generate

1. X along the x -axis from the uniform distribution on $\{x : u \leq f(x, y)\}$
2. Y along the y -axis from the uniform distribution on $\{y : u \leq f(x', y)\}$
3. U along the u -axis from the uniform distribution on $[0, f(x', y')]$

Algorithm for Two-Stage Gibbs Sampler

Take $X_0 = x_0$. For $t = 1, 2, \dots$, generate

1. $Y_t \sim f_{Y|X}(\cdot | x_{t-1})$
2. $X_t \sim f_{X|Y}(\cdot | y_t)$

Discussion

1. For slice sampler, if we treat y as constant, then step 1. and step 3. is exactly step 1 in slice sampling, i.e. from $f(x|y) = f(x, y)/f(y) \propto f(x, y)$.
2. For slice sampler, the order $x - y - u$ can be changed.
3. For two-stage Gibbs sampler, if $f(x, y)$ satisfies the *positive condition* the stationary distribution for the chain X is $f(x)$ and the transition density for it is

$$K(x, x^*) = \int f_{Y|X}(y | x) f_{X|Y}(x^* | y) dy$$

EM Algorithm v.s. Gibbs Sampler

Consider a pair of random variables (x, z) , where x is the observed part and z is the missing part.

Their joint distribution is $f(x, z|\theta)$ and $g(x|\theta) = \int f(x, z|\theta)dz$. Then, the complete-data and incomplete-data likelihood are:

$$L^c(\theta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} | \theta) \text{ and } L(\theta | \mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x} | \theta)$$

The conditional density of missing part is:

$$k(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}, \theta) = \frac{L^c(\theta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})}{L(\theta | \mathbf{x})}$$

Gibbs sampler

1. $\mathbf{z}|\theta \sim k(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}, \theta)$
2. $\theta|\mathbf{z} \propto L^c(\theta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$

EM Algorithm

1. E-step

$$h(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_z [L^c(\theta | x, z) | x, \theta_t] = \int L^c(\theta | x, z)k(z | x, \theta_t) dz$$

2. M-step

$$\theta_{t+1} = \arg \max h(\theta)$$

Discussion

1. The step 1. of Gibbs sampler and EM algorithm is to deal with z .
 - a. EM algorithm integrates z ;
 - b. Gibbs sampler samples z .

Actually, in EM algorithm, $h(\theta)$ can be viewed as taking average likelihood according to the samples from $z|\theta$.

2. The step 2. of Gibbs sampler and EM algorithm is to update θ .
 - a. EM algorithm find θ maximize the Q-function;
 - b. Gibbs sampler samples θ from the full conditional distribution.