

# Structured output prediction for multilabel classification

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#### Multilabel classification

- An important research field in machine learning.
- ▶ Input:  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  lives in some input space  $\mathcal{X}$ .
- ▶ **Output**:  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_i, \dots, y_i) \in \mathbf{\mathcal{Y}}$  is a vector of  $\ell$  variables.
- **y**: multilabel, y<sub>i</sub>: microlabel.
- lackbox Output space  $oldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}}$  is composed by a tensor product of  $\ell$  sets

$$\mathbf{\mathcal{Y}} = \mathcal{Y}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{Y}_\ell, \ \mathcal{Y}_i = \{+1, -1\}.$$

▶ For example, in document classification, a document x<sub>0</sub> could be tagged with "news" "movie" "art" but not "sports" "politics" "finance".

$$\mathbf{y}_0 = (\underbrace{+1}_{\text{news}}, \underbrace{+1}_{\text{movie}}, \underbrace{-1}_{\text{politics finance science}}, \underbrace{+1}_{\text{art}}, \underbrace{-1}_{\text{art}}).$$

▶ Goal: find a mapping function  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  that predicts the best values of an output  $\mathbf{y}$  given an input  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $f : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ .

#### **Concerns**

Exponential Search space!

$$\mathbf{\mathcal{Y}} = \mathcal{Y}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{Y}_\ell, \ \mathcal{Y}_i = \{+1, -1\} \quad |\mathbf{\mathcal{Y}}| = 2^\ell.$$

- Dependency of microlabels!
  - If a document is tagged with "movie", then it is more likely to be in the category of "art" than "science".

$$\mathbf{y} = (\underbrace{?}_{\text{news}}, \underbrace{?}_{\text{movie}}, \underbrace{?}_{\text{sports}}, \underbrace{?}_{\text{politics}}, \underbrace{?}_{\text{finance}}, \underbrace{?}_{\text{science}}, \underbrace{?}_{\text{art}}).$$

#### **Motivated** by applications

▶ Document classification, an article can be assigned to multiple categories.



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Image annotation, an image can associate with multiple tags.



Drug discovery, a drug can be effective for multiple symptoms.



$$\mathbf{y} = (\underbrace{+1},\underbrace{+1},\underbrace{+1},\underbrace{+1},\underbrace{-1},\underbrace{-1},\underbrace{-1},\underbrace{+1}]$$

Protein function, a protein have multiple function in biological system.

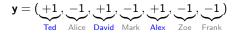
$$\mathbf{x}_0 =$$



$$\mathbf{y} = (\underbrace{+1}_{\alpha-\text{channel}} \ , \underbrace{+1}_{\beta-\text{barrel}} \ , \underbrace{+1}_{\text{holins}} \ , \underbrace{-1}_{\text{vesicle fusion pores}} \ , \underbrace{-1}_{\text{Phosphotransfer-driven Group}}$$

Social network, information can spread through multiple users.





#### Flat classification approach

- ► The scheme is proposed in [Tsoumakas et al., 2010]
- The output variable y is assumed to be a flat vector.
- Problem transformation
  - Model the problem as a collection of single-label classification problems and solve each problem independently.
  - ► E.g., ML-KNN [Zhang and Zhou, 2007], CC [Read et al., 2011], IBLR [Cheng and Hüllermeier, 2009].
- Algorithm adaptation
  - Adapt single-label classification models to multilabel classification problems.
  - E.g., CORRLOG [Bian et al., 2012], MTL [Argyriou et al., 2008], ADABOOST.MH [Schapire and Singer, 1999, Esuli et al., 2008].
- These approaches do not model the dependency structure of microlabels.

#### **Output correlation structure**

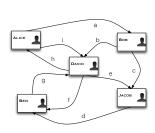
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### Output correlation structure (cont.)

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$$\mathbf{y} = \underbrace{(+1, -1, +1, -1, +1, -1, +1, -1, -1)}_{\text{Ted} \text{ Alice } \text{ David} \text{ Mark } \text{Alex } \text{Zoe } \text{ Frank}$$

G =

#### Structured output prediction approach

- The scheme is proposed in [Su, 2015].
- Models the dependency by an output graph defined on microlabels.
- Hierarchical classification
  - The output graph is a rooted tree defining different levels of granularities.
  - ► E.g., SSVM [Tsochantaridis et al., 2004, Tsochantaridis et al., 2005].
- Graph labeling
  - ▶ The output graph has a more general form (e.g., a tree, a chain).
  - ► E.g., CRF [Lafferty et al., 2001, Taskar et al., 2002], M<sup>3</sup>N [Taskar et al., 2004], MMCRF [Rousu et al., 2007, Su et al., 2010], SPIN [Su et al., 2014].
- These approaches assume the output graph is known apriori.
- ▶ More general, there is no pre-defined output graph!

#### My contributions

- ▶ SOP models developed for observed output graph.
  - ► Extend MMCRF to general output graph structures [Su et al., 2010].
  - ▶ SPIN on DAG for network influence prediction [Su et al., 2014].
  - ▶ SOP model for transporter protein classification [Su et al., 2015].
- ▶ SOP models developed for unknown output graph.
  - MVE to combine multiple structured output predictors by ensemble [Su and Rousu, 2011].
  - AMM and MAM to aggregate the inference results from multiple structured output predictors [Su and Rousu, 2013, Su and Rousu, 2015].
  - RTA to perform joint learning and inference over a collection of random spanning tree predictors [Marchand et al., 2014].
  - ► Joint learning and inference with sparse structure selection [Cousins et al., 2015a, Cousins et al., 2015b].
- Dissertation Multilabel classification through structured output learning [Su, 2015].
- ► Codes are available from http://github.com/hongyusu.



#### The rest of the talk

- Preliminaries
- Structured output prediction
  - Undirected graph
  - DAG
  - Special pattern
  - Unknown output graph
- Experimental evaluations
- Conclusions and future work

#### **Preliminaries**

- ▶ Training examples come in pairs  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ .
- X is an arbitrary input space.
- $ightharpoonup \mathcal{Y}$  is an output space of a collection of  $\ell$ -dimensional *multilabels*.

$$\mathbf{y}=(y_1,\cdots,y_\ell)\in\mathbf{\mathcal{Y}}.$$

- ▶  $y_i$  is a microlabel and  $y_i \in \{1, \dots, r_i\}, r_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- ▶ For example, multilabel binary classification  $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$ .
- ▶ We are given a set of m training examples  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1}^m$ .
- **Each** example (x, y) is mapped into a joint feature space  $\phi(x, y)$ .
- w is the weight vector operates in the joint feature space.
- ▶ Define a linear score function  $F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle$ .
- w ensures that example  $\mathbf{x}_i$  with correct multilabel  $\mathbf{y}_i$  achieves higher score than with any other incorrect multilabel  $\mathbf{y}' \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

#### **Prediction**

▶ The prediction  $y_w(x)$  of an input x is the multilabel y that maximizes the score function

$$\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) = \underset{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle.$$
 (1)

- Search space is exponential in size,  $|\mathbf{\mathcal{Y}}| = 2^{\ell}$ .
- ▶ (1) is called *inference* problem which is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -hard for most output feature maps.
- Often, we want a feature map in which the inference can be solved with a polynomial algorithm, e.g., dynamic programming.

#### Input/output feature maps

- We assume that the joint feature map  $\phi$  is a potential function on a Markov network (undirected graph) G = (E, V).
- A vertex  $v_i \in V$  corresponds to a microlabel  $y_i$ , an edge  $(v_i, v_j) \in E$  corresponds to the pairwise correlation of the microlabel  $y_i$  and  $y_j$ .
- G models potential pairwise correlations and is given apriori.



- $m{arphi}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is the input feature map, e.g., bag-of-words of a document.
- $\psi(y) \in \mathbb{R}^{4|E|}$  is the output feature map which maps the multilabel y into a collection of edges and labels

$$\varphi(\mathbf{y}) = (u_e)_{e \in E}, u_e \in \{-1, +1\}^2.$$

# An example of $\psi(y)$

▶ Markov network (undirected graph) G = (E, V)



Multilabel y

$$\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = (+1, -1, +1, +1)$$

lacktriangle Output feature map  $\psi({f y})$ 

$$\psi(\mathbf{y}) = (\underbrace{0}_{--}, \underbrace{0}_{-+}, \underbrace{0}_{+-}, \underbrace{1}_{+-}, \underbrace{0}_{-+}, \underbrace{0}_{-+}, \underbrace{1}_{+-}, \underbrace{0}_{+-}, \underbrace{0}_{+-}, \underbrace{1}_{+-}, \underbrace{0}_{+-}, \underbrace{1}_{+-}, \underbrace{1}_{+-}$$

# Joint feature map $\phi(x, y)$

lacktriangle The joint feature is the Kronecker product of  $oldsymbol{arphi}({ t x})$  and  $oldsymbol{\psi}({ t y})$ 

$$oldsymbol{\phi}(\mathsf{x},\mathsf{y}) = (oldsymbol{\phi}_e(\mathsf{x},\mathsf{y}))_{e \in E} = (oldsymbol{arphi}(\mathsf{x}) \otimes oldsymbol{\psi}_e(\mathsf{y}_e))_{e \in E}.$$



▶ The score function can be factorized by the output graph *G* 

$$F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle = \sum_{e \in F} \langle \mathbf{w}_e, \phi_e(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_e) \rangle.$$

### **Optimization problem**

Max-margin learning for w

$$\gamma(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_i) = F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i) - \max_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}/\mathbf{y}_i} F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y})$$



- ► The model is max-margin conditional random field MMCRF [Rousu et al., 2007, Su et al., 2010].
- ▶ The primal optimization problem is defined as

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, \xi_k} \quad \frac{1}{2} ||\mathbf{w}||^2 + C \sum_{k=1}^m \xi_k$$
 (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{s.t.} \quad & \langle \textbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\phi}(\textbf{x}_k, \textbf{y}_k) \rangle - \langle \textbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\phi}(\textbf{x}_k, \textbf{y}) \rangle \geq \ell(\textbf{y}_k, \textbf{y}) - \xi_k, \\ & \xi_k \geq 0 \,, \forall \ \textbf{y} \in \boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}}, k \in \{1, \dots, m\}. \end{aligned}$$

 $\ell(y, y_k)$  scales the margin according to the multilabel y.



#### Marginal-dual optimization

- ightharpoonup (2) is difficult as the number of the constraints is  $m \times |\mathcal{Y}|$ .
- ▶ The dual optimization problem is defined as

$$\max_{\alpha \geq 0} \quad \alpha^{\mathsf{T}} \ell - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{\mathsf{T}} K \alpha$$

$$\mathbf{s.t.} \quad \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} \alpha(k, \mathbf{y}) \leq C, \, \forall k \in \{1, \cdots, m\}.$$
(3)

- ▶ (3) is also challenging due to the exponential number of dual variables.
- We use edge marginals to replace the dual variables [Taskar et al., 2004]

$$\mu(k, e, u_e) = \sum_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{1}_{\{\psi_e(\mathbf{y}) = u_e\}} \alpha(k, \mathbf{y}).$$

▶ The margin-dual optimization problem is

$$\max_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}} \quad \mu^{\mathsf{T}} \ell - \frac{1}{2} \mu^{\mathsf{T}} K \mu. \tag{4}$$

▶ The number of marginal-dual variables is  $m \times 4|E|$ .



### **Conditional gradient descent**

- ▶ (4) is optimized by conditional gradient decent.
- ▶ In each iteration it optimizes  $\mu_k$  that corresponds to a single example while keeps others  $(\mu_i, j \neq k)$  fixed

$$\max_{\mu_k \in \mathcal{M}} \quad \mu_k^{\mathsf{T}} \ell_k - \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \mu_k^{\mathsf{T}} K \mu_j, \, \forall k.$$

- Current gradient of  $\mu_k$  is given by  $g_i = \ell_i \sum_i K \mu_i$ .
- lacktriangle Compute the maximal feasible solution  $\mu_k^*$  as an update direction

$$\mu_k^* = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mu_k \in \mathcal{M}} \mu_k^{\mathsf{T}} g_k = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mu_k \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{e} \mu(k, e)^{\mathsf{T}} g(k, e). \tag{5}$$

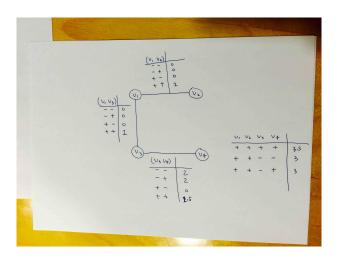
- ▶ What is actually going on here?
- ▶ (5) is an instantiation of MAP problem

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▶ Perform the update via exact line search  $\mu_k \leftarrow \mu_k + \tau(\mu_k^* - \mu_k)$ 



# What is happing?



#### **Exact line search**

Line search gives the optimal feasible solution as a stationary point  $(\tau)$ 

$$\max_{\tau} \quad g(\mu_k + \tau \Delta \mu_k)$$
s.t.  $0 < \tau < 1$ .

- $\tau = 0$  corresponds to no update.
- Feasible maximum update is achieved at  $\tau = 1$ .
- The cost of computing (6) is significantly smaller than the cost of computing (5).

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#### **Duality gap**

- We use duality gap to measure the progress of the optimization.
- Primal and marginal-dual objective functions

$$f(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} ||\mathbf{w}||^2 + C \sum_{k=1}^m (\ell_k - \langle \mathbf{w}, \Delta \phi(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_k) \rangle)$$
$$g(\mu) = \sum_{k=1}^m \mu_k \ell_k - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \mu_k K^{\Delta \phi}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_k; \mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{y}_j) \mu_j$$

- $\mathbf{max}_{\mu} g(\mu) \leq \min_{\mathbf{w}} f(\mathbf{w}), \text{ gap is minimized at optimal.}$
- ▶ Duality gap at  $\mu^t$

$$f(\mathbf{w}^{t}) - g(\mu^{t}) = C\left(\ell - K^{\Delta \phi} \mu^{t}\right) - \mu^{t} \left(\ell - K^{\Delta \phi} \mu^{t}\right)$$
$$= C^{\mathsf{T}} \nabla g(\mu^{t}) - \mu^{t\mathsf{T}} \nabla g(\mu^{t})$$

- 1. Estimate the marginal-dual objective by linear approximation  $\nabla g(\mu^t)$ .
- 2. Marginal-dual objective value at  $\mu^t$  is computed by  $\mu^{t\intercal}\nabla g(\mu^t)$ .
- 3. Primal objective value is estimate by  $C^{\mathsf{T}}\nabla g(\mu^t)$ .



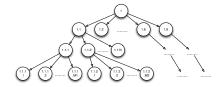
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▶ What if the solution **y** corresponds to some special structure?

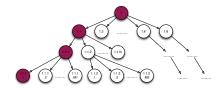
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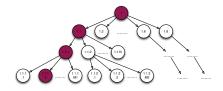
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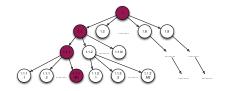
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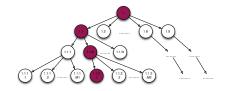
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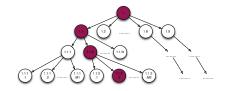
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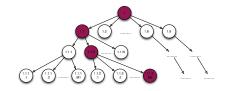
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#### **Actual model**

▶ The primal optimization problem is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{w}, \xi_k}{\min} & & \frac{1}{2} ||\mathbf{w}||^2 + C \sum_{k=1}^m \xi_k \\ & \text{s.t.} & & \langle \mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_k) \rangle - \langle \mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}) \rangle \geq \ell(\mathbf{y}_k, \mathbf{y}) - \xi_k, \\ & & \xi_k \geq 0, \forall \ \mathbf{y} \in \boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}}, k \in \{1, \dots, m\}. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ In stead of CGD, we do gradient descent for all examples in each iteration.
- Multi-view data: 30 set of features,  $\{\phi(\mathbf{x}_i)_k\}_{k=1}^{30}$ .
- Multiple kernel learning (MKL): ALIGN, ALIGNF.
- Experiments:

	0/1							
	Linear			Gaussian				
	SVM	MMR	MMCRF	SVM	MMR	MMCRF		
UNIF	53.3	12.0	66.8	23.2	68.1	69.7		
ALIGN	54.8	12.4	63.3	16.0	71.9	74.2		
ALIGNF	60.5	17.5	64.3	32.9	68.4	71.2		

Table: Prediction performance with kernels from MKL.

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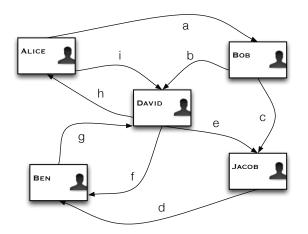
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► What if the output graph is DAG?

Predicting network response [Su et al., 2014]

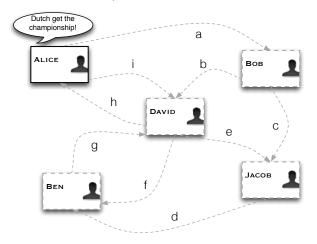
A Twitter (follower-ship) network consists of five users.



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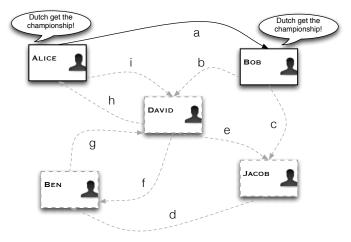
Alice tweets after World Cup final.



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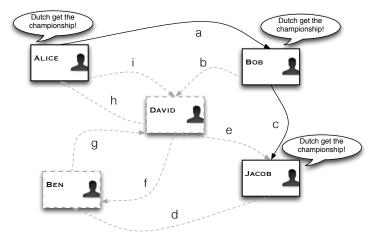
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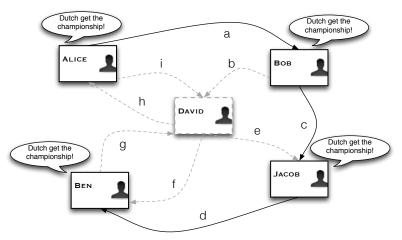
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Jacob retweets from Bob.



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Ben retweets from Jacob.



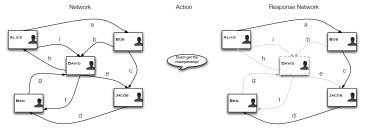
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David is not a fan.



### Network response problem

- Definition:
  - ▶ **Given**: a network G = (E, V), and an action **x** performed on G.
  - ▶ **Task**: predict the subnetwork that responses to the action.
    - Which nodes v ∈ V perform the action?  $V_x = \{Alice, Bob, Jacob, Ben\}$
    - ▶ Which directed edges  $e \in E_x$  relay the action from one node to its neighbors?  $E_x = \{a, c, d\}$



► **Applications**: Information propagation, idea formation, disease spreads, adoption of new technologies.

# Direct output graph

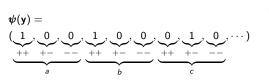
- Model is defined on directed network.
  - Any undirected network can be seen as special case by replacing undirected edges with two directed ones.

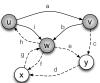


Notation of edge labels:



- ▶ Input feature: Encode x as  $\varphi(x)$  (e.g. bag-of-word of a tweet).
- lacktriangle Output feature: Encode  $G_y$  as  $\psi(y)$  (e.g. a set of edges and their labels)





# Structure output prediction model

- ► Compatibility score for (x, y):  $F(x, y, w) = \langle w, \phi(x, y) \rangle$ 
  - **w** is the feature weight to be learned.
  - $\phi(\mathsf{x},\mathsf{y}) = \varphi(\mathsf{x}) \otimes \psi(\mathsf{y})$  is joint feature map.
  - ► Intuition: given an action x, the score of correct response graph (x, y) should be higher than any incorrect response graph (x, y')

$$F(x, y, w) > F(x, y', w), \quad \forall y' \in \mathcal{H}(G).$$

▶ w is learned by solving structured output learning problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{w}, \xi} & \frac{1}{2} ||\mathbf{w}||_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \\ & \text{s.t.} & F(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i; \mathbf{w}) > \max_{G'_{\mathbf{x}_i} \in \mathcal{H}(G)} (F(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i', ) \\ & + \ell_G(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_i')) - \xi_i, \xi_i \geq 0, \forall i \in \{1, \cdots, m\}, \end{aligned}$$

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### Inference problem

- To solve the optimization, we have to solve similar inference problem appeared both in training and in prediction.
- In prediction phase:
  - Given the feature weight **w** and the complex network G.
  - ▶ To find out a DAG  $H^* = (V_H, E_H)$  that gives the maximal compatibility score for a given action  $\mathbf{x}$

$$H^*(\mathbf{x}) = \underset{H \in \mathcal{H}(G)}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{e \in E^H} s_{\mathbf{y}_e}(e, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}). \tag{7}$$

#### Lemma

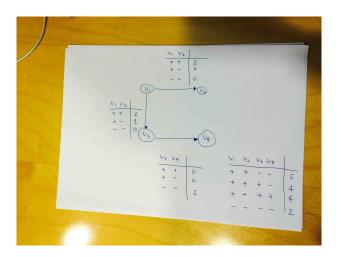
Finding the graph that maximizes Eq. (7) is an  $\mathcal{NP}$ -hard problem.

#### Proof.

Reduction from MAX-CUT problem.



# What is happing?



# **Approximate inference via SDP relaxation**

- ▶ We formulate the inference problem as integer quadratic program (IQP).
  - ▶ Introduce for each node  $u \in V$  a binary variable  $x_u \in \{-1, +1\}$ .
  - ▶ Introduce a special variable  $x_0 \in \{-1, +1\}$  to distinguish activated node.

$$\begin{aligned} \max \ &\frac{1}{4} \sum_{(u,v) \in E} [s_{pn}(u,v)(1+x_0x_u-x_0x_v-x_ux_v)\\ &+ s_{nn}(u,v)(1-x_0x_u-x_0x_v+x_ux_v)\\ &+ s_{pp}(u,v)(1+x_0x_u+x_0x_v+x_ux_v)] \end{aligned}$$
 s.t.  $x_0, x_u, x_v \in \{-1,+1\}, \text{ for all } u,v \in V, \end{aligned}$ 

- IQP is relaxed into quadratic program (QP) and solved by semidefinite programming relaxation (SDP).
- ▶ Optimization guarantee  $E[Z] \ge (\alpha \epsilon)Z_R$  with  $\alpha > 0.796$ , Z is objective achieved by SDP,  $Z_R$  is objective of IQP.

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# **Short summary**

▶ We have seen so far.

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$\rightarrow$ DAG	$\mathcal{NP}$ -hard	SDP [Su et al., 2014]

What if the output graph is not observed?

### Research question

- ▶ The output graph *G* is hidden in many applications.
  - E.g., possible tags for a surveillance photo: "building", "road", "pedestrian", and "vehicle".
- Structured output learning when the output graph is not observed.
- In particular:
  - Dependency via a complete set of pairwise correlations.
  - Structured output learning with a complete graph.
  - $\blacktriangleright$  Solve the  $\mathcal{NP}\text{-hard}$  inference problem via a polynomial time approximation algorithm.
- In general, a structured prediction model which performs max-margin learning on a random collection of spanning trees sampled from the output graph.

# Complete graph as output graph

- We assume that the joint feature map  $\phi$  is a potential function on a Markov network (undirected graph) G = (E, V).
- G: complete graph with  $|V|=\ell$  nodes and  $|E|=\frac{\ell(\ell-1)}{2}$  undirected edges.
- ▶ *G* models all pairwise correlations.
- ightharpoonup arphi(x) is the input feature map, e.g., bag-of-words feature of an example x.
- ullet  $\psi(y)$  is the output feature map which is a collection of edges and labels

$$\varphi(\mathbf{y}) = (u_e)_{e \in E}, u_e \in \{-1, +1\}^2.$$

ightharpoonup The joint feature is the Kronecker product of arphi(x) and  $\psi(y)$ 

$$\phi(\mathsf{x},\mathsf{y}) = (\phi_e(\mathsf{x},\mathsf{y}))_{e \in E} = (\varphi(\mathsf{x}) \otimes \psi_e(\mathsf{y}_e))_{e \in E}.$$

▶ The score function can be factorized by the complete graph *G* 

$$F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle = \sum_{e \in F} \langle \mathbf{w}_e, \phi_e(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_e) \rangle.$$



### Inference in terms of all spanning trees

ightharpoonup Solving the following inference problem on a complete graph is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -hard

$$\mathbf{y_w}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathop{\mathsf{argmax}}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathop{\mathsf{argmax}}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \langle \mathbf{w}_e, \phi_e(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_e) \rangle.$$

$$\phi_{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \{\phi_{G,e}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_{e})\}_{e \in G}, \mathbf{w}_{G} = \{\mathbf{w}_{G,e}\}_{e \in G}, ||\phi_{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})|| = ||\mathbf{w}_{G}|| = 1$$

- ▶ For a complete graph, there are  $\ell^{\ell-2}$  unique spanning trees.
- $\phi_T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = {\phi_e(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}_{e \in T}$  is the projection of  $\phi_G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  on  $T \in S(G)$ .
- $\mathbf{w}_T = {\{\mathbf{w}_{G,e}\}_{e \in T}}$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{w}_G$  on  $T \in S(G)$ .
- We can write  $F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  as a conic combination of all spanning trees

$$\begin{split} F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \mathop{\mathbf{E}}_{T \in U(G)} a_T \langle \mathbf{w}_T, \phi_T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle \\ & \mathop{\mathbf{E}}_{T \in U(G)} a_T^2 = 1, \mathop{\mathbf{E}}_{T \in U(G)} a_T < 1. \end{split}$$

- ▶ U(G) is the uniform distribution over  $\ell^{\ell-2}$  spanning trees.
- ▶ The number of spanning trees is exponentially dependent on the number of nodes  $\ell$ .

### A sample of *n* spanning trees

▶ Instead of using all spanning trees, we can just use *n* spanning trees

$$F_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{\mathcal{T}_i} \langle \mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{T}_i}, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle$$
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{\mathcal{T}_i}^2 = 1, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{\mathcal{T}_i} < 1.$$

When

$$n \geq \frac{\ell^2}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{8\sqrt{n}}{\delta} \right),$$

we have  $|F_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})| \leq \epsilon$ , with high probability.

- ▶ A sample of  $n \in \Theta(\ell^2/\epsilon^2)$  random spanning tree is sufficient to estimate the score function.
- Margin achieved by  $F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is also preserved by the sample of n random spanning trees  $F_T(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  [Marchand et al., 2014].

## Random spanning tree approximation RTA

► The optimization problem of RTA is defined as [Marchand et al., 2014]

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{w}_{T_i}, \xi_i} & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} ||\mathbf{w}_{T_i}||^2 + C \sum_{k=1}^{m} \xi_k \\ & \text{s.t.} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\langle \mathbf{w}_{T_i}, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{T_t}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_k) \right\rangle - \max_{\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\langle \mathbf{w}_{T_t}, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{T_i}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}) \right\rangle \geq 1 - \xi_k, \\ & \xi_k > 0, \forall \ k \in \{1, \dots, m\}. \end{aligned}$$

► The marginal-dual form is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}} & & \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \mu_{T_i} \ell_{T_i} - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{T_i} K_{T_i}^{\Delta \phi} \mu_{T_i} \right) \\ & \text{s.t.} & & \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_{T_i,e}(u_e) \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

- Inside the summation, there is a structure output model with parameter μ<sub>Ti</sub> defined on a spanning tree T<sub>i</sub>.
- ► The problem is how to jointly optimize structured output models defined on *n* spanning trees.

# Inference problem for a collection of trees

▶ The inference problem of RTA is defined as finding the multilabel  $y_{\mathcal{T}}(x)$  that maximizes the sum of scores over a collection of trees

$$\mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} F_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{T}}) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} \sum_{t=1}^n \langle \mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{T}_t}, \phi_{\mathcal{T}_t}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle.$$

▶ The inference problem on each individual spanning tree can be solve efficiently in  $\Theta(\ell)$  by *dynamic programming* 

$$\mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{T}_t}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}}} \mathbf{\digamma}_{\mathcal{T}_t}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{T}_t}) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}}} \langle \mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{T}_t}, \phi_{\mathcal{T}_t}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle.$$

▶ There is no guarantee that there exists a tree  $T_t \in \mathcal{T}$  in which the maximizer of  $F_{\mathcal{T}_t}$  is the maximizer of  $F_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

### Fast inference for a collection of trees

▶ For each tree  $T_t$ , instead of computing the best multilabel  $\mathbf{y}_{T_t}$ , we compute K-best multilabels in  $\Theta(K\ell)$  time

$$\mathcal{Y}_{T_t,K} = \{\mathbf{y}_{T_t,1},\cdots,\mathbf{y}_{T_t,K}\}.$$

Performing the same computation on all trees gives a candidate list of  $n \times K$  multilabels (K best list) in  $\Theta(nK\ell)$  time

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\mathcal{T},\kappa} = \mathcal{Y}_{\mathcal{T}_1,\kappa} \cup \cdots \mathcal{Y}_{\mathcal{T}_n,\kappa}.$$

- We prove that with high probability the global best multilabel will exist in K best list.
- We have developed a condition to verify the global best multilabel from K best list in linear time  $\Theta(nK)$ .

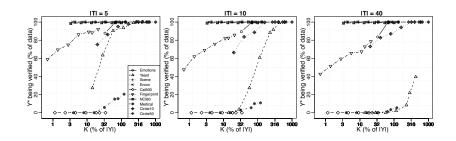
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→unknown	$\mathcal{NP}$ -hard	MVE AMM MAM [Su and Rousu, 2015]
		RTA [Marchand et al., 2014]

### RTA inference algorithm

- ▶ 10 datasets,  $|\mathcal{T}| = \{5, 10, 40\}, K = \{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 40, 60\}.$
- ▶ Y-axis is the percentage of examples with exact inference.
- ightharpoonup X-axis is the value of K as the percentage of the number of microlabels.
- K = 100%|Y| corresponds to a complexity of  $\Theta(n\ell^2)$ .



### RTA on multilabel benchmark datasets

- Prediction performance on multilabel benchmark datasets.
- Measurement of success is microlabel accuracy and multilabel accuracy.
- ▶ The result is shown in the following table.

DATASET	N	<b>M</b> ICROI	LABEL L	oss (%	)	0/1 Loss (%)					
DAIASEI	SVM	MTL	MMCRF	MAM	RTA	SVM	MTL	MMCRF	MAM	RTA	
EMOTIONS	22.4	20.2	20.1	19.5	18.8	77.8	74.5	71.3	69.6	66.3	
YEAST	20.0	20.7	21.7	20.1	19.8	85.9	88.7	93.0	86.0	77.7	
SCENE	9.8	11.6	18.4	17.0	8.8	47.2	55.2	72.2	94.6	30.2	
ENRON	6.4	6.5	6.2	5.0	5.3	99.6	99.6	92.7	87.9	87.7	
CAL500	13.7	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
FINGERPRINT	10.3	17.3	10.5	10.5	10.7	99.0	100.0	99.6	99.6	96.7	
NCI60	15.3	16.0	14.6	14.3	14.9	56.9	53.0	63.1	60.0	52.9	
MEDICAL	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.1	91.8	91.8	63.8	63.1	58.8	
CIRCLE10	4.7	6.3	2.6	2.5	0.6	28.9	33.2	20.3	17.7	4.0	
CIRCLE50	5.7	6.2	1.5	2.1	3.8	69.8	72.3	38.8	46.2	52.8	



## **SPIN** for context-sensitive prediction

- We assume action  $\varphi(x)$  is known (e.g. bag-of-word of a tweet).
- ► Task is to predict the response network given the action.
- Predicted Subgraph Coverage (PSC) is the relative size of correctly predicted subgraph in terms of node labels.
- ► The result is shown in the following table.

Dataset	Node Accuracy		No	Node F <sub>1</sub> Score			Edge Acc		PSC		
Dataset	SVM	MMCRF	SPIN	SVM	MMCRF	SPIN	SVM	SPIN	SVM	MMCRF	SPIN
memeS	73.4	68.0	72.2	39.0	39.8	47.1	62.7	45.6	23.4	25.3	33.6
memeM	82.1	79.0	81.5	29.1	30.1	38.0	61.1	68.8	18.6	18.8	28.3
memeL	89.9	88.3	89.8	26.7	27.1	35.0	45.5	80.0	17.7	18.9	27.6
M700	91.9	94.1	92.1	13.8	7.3	14.2	26.3	93.0	29.4	23.9	34.4
M1k	94.1	95.8	94.2	10.9	3.5	9.3	26.6	94.7	33.7	16.6	35.2
M2k	96.8	97.6	96.7	6.2	1.4	3.4	25.3	97.6	34.6	9.6	14.7
L700	89.7	92.4	89.7	16.2	9.4	17.3	26.5	90.4	9.5	6.7	12.5
L1k	92.4	94.4	91.5	12.4	6.4	13.9	26.4	92.3	6.1	4.4	8.4
L2k	92.5	94.5	91.9	12.3	5.4	12.7	26.5	93.2	6.0	2.9	7.2
Geom.	85.5	86.4	86.6	19.8	12.6	20.3	32.6	79.7	18.9	14.2	21.7



### **SPIN** for context-free prediction

- ▶ We assume action is unknown during prediction phase.
- Task is to predict directed edges (network skeleton) from a cascade of actions.
- ► The measure of success is Precision@K, where we ask for top-K percent edge predictions and compute the precision.
- ► The result is shown in the following table.

Dataset	Model	<b>T</b> (10 <sup>3</sup> s)	Precision @ K						
	iviouei		10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	
	SPIN	5.50	82.9	81.0	76.0	74.0	74.0	70.0	
memeS	ICM-EM	0.01	60.3	63.5	65.1	62.0	62.0	61.5	
	NETRATE	5.83	76.2	73.8	70.4	68.7	68.7	66.8	
memeM	SPIN	5.52	82.7	72.1	70.5	69.2	69.2	67.9	
	ICM-EM	0.02	56.3	55.3	56.8	57.4	57.4	56.3	
	NETRATE	13.93	61.2	64.6	62.9	62.5	62.5	62.4	
memeL	SPIN	4.75	82.2	73.6	69.1	66.7	66.7	65.9	
	ICM-EM	0.01	52.1	55.7	54.2	56.5	56.5	56.7	
	NETRATE	12.63	56.5	57.8	60.0	59.3	59.3	59.4	

### **Conclusions**

- Structured output learning is family of methods for multilabel classification.
- The output graph is often assume to be known apriori.
  - ▶ MMCRF assumes tree or general undirected graph as output graph.
  - SPIN assumes DAG as output graph.
- In addition, we focus on the problems where the output graph is unobserved.
  - MVE AMM MAM aggregates the inference results from based models.
  - ▶ RTA is a unified learning and inference framework.
    - Model all pairwise correlations with a complete graph.
    - Under margin assumption, the properties of a complete graph can be achieved by a collection of its spanning tree.
- All developed models are tested with real-world applications or benchmark datasets.
- ► Codes are available from http://hongyusu.github.io.

# **Ongoing work**

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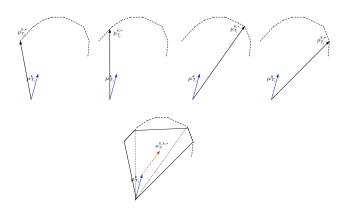
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#### L<sub>1</sub> norm RTA with John Shawe-Taylor, Mario Marchand

From conic combination of a collection of random spanning trees

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To convex combination of a collection of random spanning trees

$$F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \underset{T \in U(G)}{\mathbf{E}} a_T \langle \mathbf{w}_T, \phi_T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle \quad \underset{T \in U(G)}{\mathbf{E}} a_T = 1, \underset{T \in U(G)}{\mathbf{E}} a_T < 1.$$

Optimization problem (tree selection!)

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{w}_{T_i}, \xi_i} & \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n ||\mathbf{w}_{T_i}|| \right)^2 + C \sum_{k=1}^m \xi_k \\ & \text{s.t.} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\langle \mathbf{w}_{T_i}, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{T_t}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_k) \right\rangle - \max_{\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_k} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\langle \mathbf{w}_{T_t}, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{T_i}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}) \right\rangle \geq 1 - \xi_k, \\ & \xi_k \geq 0, \forall \ k \in \{1, \dots, m\}. \end{aligned}$$

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