Bayesian Neural Networks

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Project goal

Goal

Estimate posterior distributions of the model parameters from data

Problem

Monte Carlo sampling is very slow for high-dimensional data

Probabilistic Programming:

- Uncertainty in predictions;
- Uncertainty in representations;
- Regularizations with priors;
- Transfer learning;
- Hierarchical Neural Networks.

Related work

1. Salvatier J, Wiecki T. V., Fonnesbeck C. Probabilistic programming in Python using PyMC3. // *PeerJ Computer Science*. 2016.
2. Blundell C. et al. Weight Uncertainty in Neural Network // *Proceedings of The 32nd International Conference on Machine Learning*. 2015.
3. Kucukelbir A. et al. Automatic Differentiation Variational Inference // *arXiv preprint arXiv:1603.00788*. – 2017.

Problem Statement

Inference problem

Bayes' theorem states: $\mathbb{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{X}) = \dfrac{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbb{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X})}$

Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) estimation

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left[\ln \mathbb{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{X})\right] = \arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left[\ln \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \ln \mathbb{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\right]$$

Monte Carlo approach:

- Metropolis-Hastings sampling;
- Gibbs sampling;
- No-U-Turn Sampling (NUTS).

Variational Inference

Goal

Approximate posterior distribution $p(X, \theta)$ by function $q(\theta)$ from parametric family.

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\begin{array}{ccc}
\ln p(\mathbf{X}) = & \mathrm{KL}(q||p) & + \; \mathrm{ELBO}(q) \\
& \Updownarrow & \Updownarrow \\
& \displaystyle\int q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \ln \frac{q(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{X})} \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\theta} & \displaystyle\int q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \ln \frac{p(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\theta}
\end{array}
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Minimization of $\mathbf{KL(q||p)}$ $\Leftrightarrow$ Maximization of $\mathbf{ELBO(q)}$

Automatic Differentiation Variational Inference (ADVI)

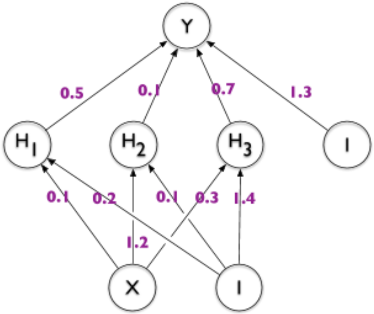
- Automatic transformation of constrained variables $\boldsymbol{\zeta} = T(\boldsymbol{\theta})$;
  Example: $\theta \in \mathbb{R}_+ \Rightarrow \zeta = T(\theta) = \log \theta$, then $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}$.
- $q(\boldsymbol{\zeta}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ is diagonal;

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}^*, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^* = \arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \mathrm{ELBO}(q)$$

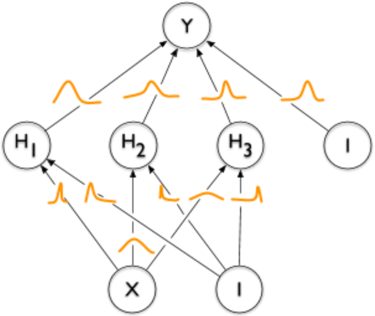
- Stochastic optimization;
- Reparametrization trick to apply automatic differentiation;
- Adaptive step-size.

Deep Learning

Neural Networks
Predict values of parameters by fitting complex model on the huge dataset



Bayesian Neural Networks
Predict the parameters of the weights distributions from the dataset



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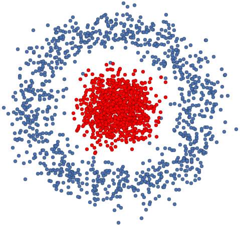
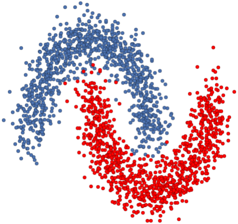
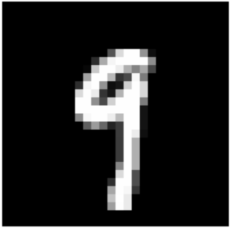
Experiments

Goals:

- investigate influence of different priors on the predictions
- visualize uncertainties in predictions
- analyze the model behaviour

Datasets:

Course of work

Priors: Normal, Laplace, Flat, Cauchy
Hyperpriors:

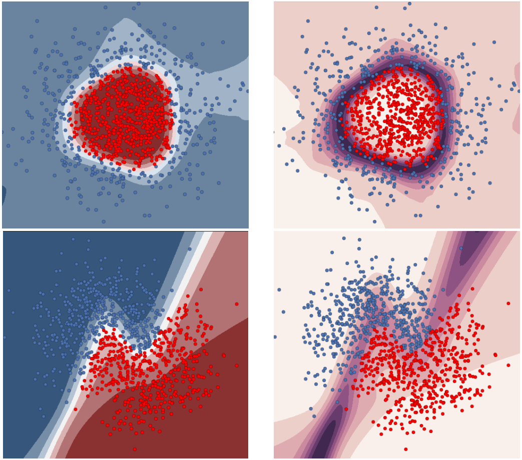
- fixed values of hyperparameters
- Hierarchical modelling: Half-Normal, Half-Cauchy, Inverse-Gamma

Synthetic data

Posterior Probability | Uncertainty

Prior: Cauchy
Hyperprior:
Inverse-Gamma
Accuracy: 0.735

Prior: Normal
Hyperprior:
Inverse-Gamma
Accuracy: 0.851

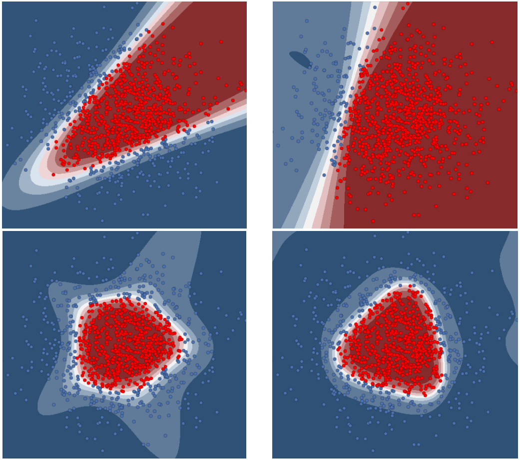


Synthetic data

Normal prior | Laplace prior

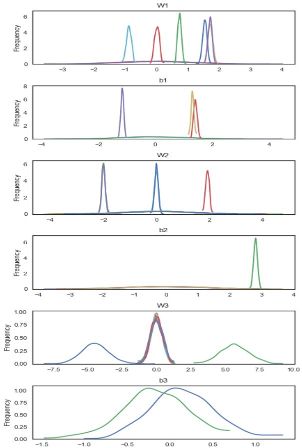
Fixed hyperparameters

Inverse-Gamma hyperprior on scaling parameter

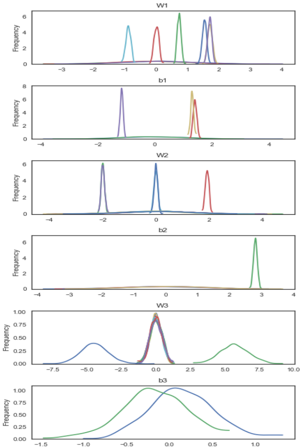


Synthetic data

Laplace prior does indeed provide sparser solutions compared to cauchy or gauss.

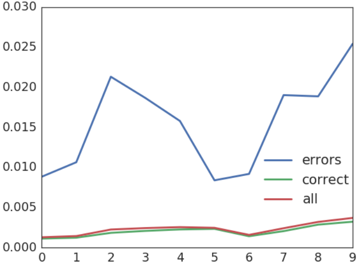


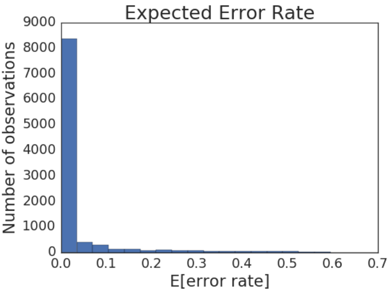
Laplace prior



Cauchy prior

MNIST



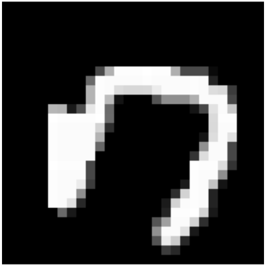


- Accuracy score: 97.7%
- Variance is much higher for misclassified pictures
- Model is not always confident

MNIST

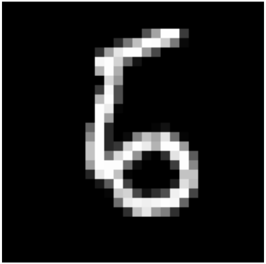
Misclassified pictures with zero expected error rate:

True: 7
Prediction: 0



True: 9
Prediction: 7

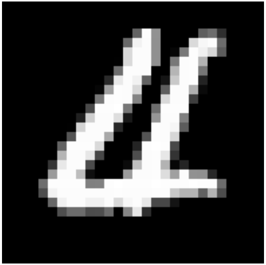
True: 5
Prediction: 6



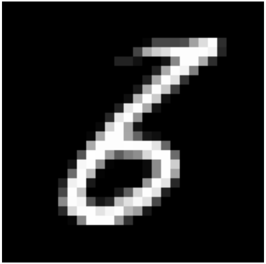
MNIST

Pictures with the lowest confidence

True: 4
Prediction: 0



True: 6
Prediction: 8



True: 1
Prediction: 1