
CSE 250a. Assignment 6

Out: Tue Nov 10

Due: Tue Nov 17 (2 pm, Pacific Time, via Gradescope)

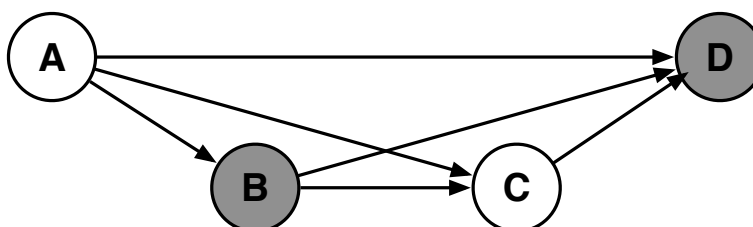
6.1 Survey

As soon as possible please fill out the short survey on movies at this link:

<https://forms.gle/eYFDUQ8hkjkd6H2v6>

We are collecting this data for an upcoming assignment in which you will build a simple movie recommendation system and use it to make personalized recommendations based on your own tastes. *Note that you will not be able to complete this assignment if you do not fill out the survey by the due date.*

6.2 EM algorithm



(a) **Posterior probability**

Consider the belief network shown above, with observed nodes B and D and hidden nodes A and C . Compute the posterior probability $P(a, c|b, d)$ in terms of the CPTs of the belief network—that is, in terms of $P(a)$, $P(b|a)$, $P(c|a, b)$ and $P(d|a, b, c)$.

(b) **Posterior probability**

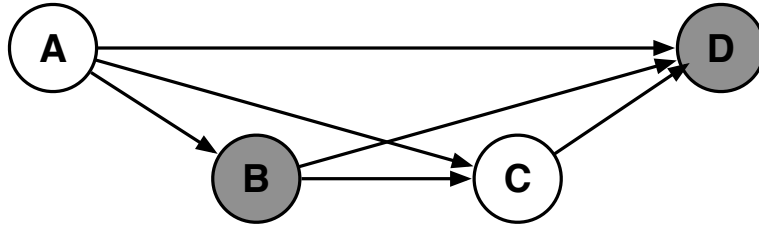
Compute the posterior probabilities $P(a|b, d)$ and $P(c|b, d)$ in terms of your answer from part (a); that is, for this problem, you may assume that $P(a, c|b, d)$ is given.

(c) **Log-likelihood**

Consider a partially complete data set of *i.i.d.* examples $\{b_t, d_t\}_{t=1}^T$ drawn from the joint distribution of the above belief network. The log-likelihood of the data set is given by:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_t \log P(B=b_t, D=d_t).$$

Compute this log-likelihood in terms of the CPTs of the belief network. You may re-use work from earlier parts of the problem.



(d) **EM algorithm**

Give the EM updates to estimate CPTs that maximize the log-likelihood in part (c); in particular, complete the numerator and denominator in the below expressions for the update rules. Simplify your answers as much as possible, expressing them in terms of the posterior probabilities $P(a, c|b_t, d_t)$, $P(a|b_t, d_t)$, and $P(c|b_t, d_t)$, as well as the functions $I(b, b_t)$, and $I(d, d_t)$.

$$P(A=a) \leftarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$P(B=b|A=a) \leftarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$P(C=c|A=a, B=b) \leftarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$P(D=d|A=a, B=b, C=c) \leftarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

6.3 Auxiliary function

In class we derived an auxiliary function for *maximizing* the incomplete log-likelihood in belief networks with latent variables. In this problem you will derive an auxiliary function for *minimizing* a much simpler function that is easier to visualize. This function is nearly quadratic near its minimum, but nearly linear far away from its minimum.

- (a) Consider the function $f(x) = \log \cosh(x)$. Show that the minimum occurs at $x = 0$.
 - (b) Show that $f''(x) \leq 1$ for all x .
 - (c) Consider the function $Q(x, y) = f(y) + f'(y)(x - y) + \frac{1}{2}(x - y)^2$. Plot $f(x)$, $Q(x, -2)$, and $Q(x, 1)$ as a function of x .
 - (d) Prove that $Q(x, y)$ is an auxiliary function for *minimizing* $f(x)$. In particular, show that it satisfies:
 - (i) $Q(x, x) = f(x)$
 - (ii) $Q(x, y) \geq f(x)$

Hint: use part (b), and note that $f(x) = f(y) + \int_y^x du f'(u) = f(y) + \int_y^x du \left[f'(y) + \int_y^u dv f''(v) \right]$.
 - (e) Derive the form of the update rule $x_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_x Q(x, x_n)$.
 - (f) Write a simple program to show that your update rule in (e) converges numerically for the initial guesses $x_0 = -2$ and $x_0 = 1$. **Turn in your source code as well as plots of x_n versus n .**
 - (g) Repeat parts (e) and (f) using the update rule for Newton's method: namely, $x_{n+1} = x_n - f'(x_n)/f''(x_n)$. What happens and why? Determine an upper bound on $|x_0|$ so that Newton's method converges. (*Hint:* require $|x_1| < |x_0|$.)
 - (h) Plot the function $g(x) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=1}^{10} \log \cosh \left(x + \frac{1}{k} \right)$. Is it still simple to find the exact minimum?
 - (i) Consider the function $R(x, y) = g(y) + g'(y)(x - y) + \frac{1}{2}(x - y)^2$. Prove that $R(x, y)$ is an auxiliary function for $g(x)$.
 - (j) Derive the form of the update rule $x_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_x R(x, x_n)$.
 - (k) Use the update rule from part (j) to locate the minimum of $g(x)$ to four significant digits. In addition to your answer for the minimum, **turn in your source code as well as plots of x_n versus n .**
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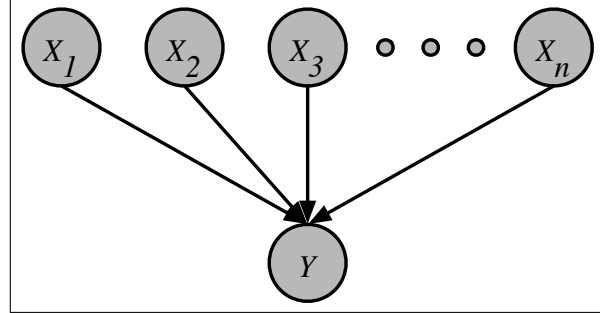
6.4 EM algorithm for noisy-OR

Consider the belief network on the right, with binary random variables $X \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and $Y \in \{0, 1\}$ and a noisy-OR conditional probability table (CPT). The noisy-OR CPT is given by:

$$P(Y = 1|X) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p_i)^{X_i},$$

which is expressed in terms of the noisy-OR parameters $p_i \in [0, 1]$.

In this problem, you will derive and implement an EM algorithm for estimating the noisy-OR parameters p_i . It may seem that the EM algorithm is not suited to this problem, in which all the nodes are observed, and the CPT has a parameterized form. In fact, the EM algorithm can be applied, but first we must express the model in a different but equivalent form.

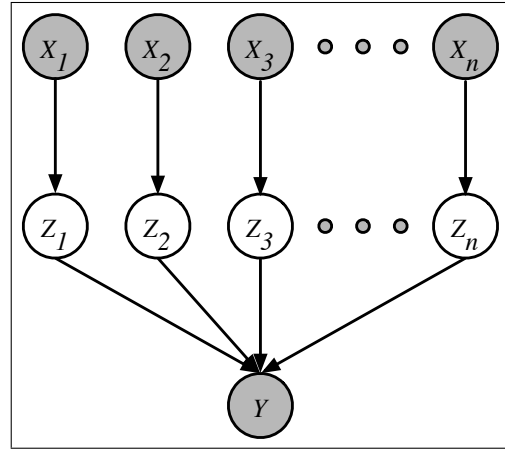


Consider the belief network shown to the right. In this network, a binary random variable $Z_i \in \{0, 1\}$ intercedes between each pair of nodes X_i and Y . Suppose that:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_i = 1|X_i = 0) &= 0, \\ P(Z_i = 1|X_i = 1) &= p_i. \end{aligned}$$

Also, let the node Y be *determined* by the logical-OR of Z_i . In other words:

$$P(Y = 1|Z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Z_i = 1 \text{ for any } i, \\ 0 & \text{if } Z_i = 0 \text{ for all } i. \end{cases}$$



- (a) Show that this “extended” belief network defines the same conditional distribution $P(Y|X)$ as the original one. In particular, starting from

$$P(Y = 1|X) = \sum_{Z \in \{0,1\}^n} P(Y = 1, Z|X),$$

show that the right hand side of this equation reduces to the noisy-OR CPT with parameters p_i . To perform this marginalization, you will need to exploit various conditional independence relations.

- (b) Consider estimating the noisy-OR parameters p_i to maximize the (conditional) likelihood of the observed data. The (normalized) log-likelihood in this case is given by:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \log P(Y = y^{(t)} | X = \vec{x}^{(t)}),$$

where $(\vec{x}^{(t)}, y^{(t)})$ is the t th joint observation of X and Y , and where for convenience we have divided the overall log-likelihood by the number of examples T . From your result in part (a), it follows that we can estimate the parameters p_i in either the original network or the extended one (since in both networks they would be maximizing the same equation for the log-likelihood).

Notice that in the extended network, we can view X and Y as observed nodes and Z as hidden nodes. Thus in this network, we can use the EM algorithm to estimate each parameter p_i , which simply defines one row of the “look-up” CPT for the node Z_i .

Compute the posterior probability that appears in the E-step of this EM algorithm. In particular, for joint observations $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and $y \in \{0, 1\}$, use Bayes rule to show that:

$$P(Z_i = 1, X_i = 1 | X = x, Y = y) = \frac{yx_i p_i}{1 - \prod_j (1 - p_j)^{x_j}}$$

- (c) For the data set $\{\vec{x}^{(t)}, y^{(t)}\}_{t=1}^T$, show that the EM update for the parameters p_i is given by:

$$p_i \leftarrow \frac{1}{T_i} \sum_t P(Z_i = 1, X_i = 1 | X = x^{(t)}, Y = y^{(t)}),$$

where T_i is the number of examples in which $X_i = 1$. (You should derive this update as a special case of the general form presented in lecture.)

- (d) Download the data files for this problem, and use the EM algorithm to estimate the parameters p_i . The data set¹ has $T = 267$ examples over $n = 23$ inputs. To check your solution, initialize all $p_i = \frac{1}{n}$ and perform 256 iterations of the EM algorithm. At each iteration, compute the log-likelihood shown in part (b). (If you have implemented the EM algorithm correctly, this log-likelihood will always increase from one iteration to the next.) Also compute the number of mistakes $M \leq T$ made by the model at each iteration; a mistake occurs either when $y_t = 0$ and $P(y_t = 1 | \vec{x}_t) \geq 0.5$ (indicating a false positive) or when $y_t = 1$ and $P(y_t = 1 | \vec{x}_t) \leq 0.5$ (indicating a false negative). The number of mistakes should generally decrease as the model is trained, though it is not guaranteed to do so at each iteration. Complete the following table:

iteration	number of mistakes M	log-likelihood \mathcal{L}
0	195	-1.04456
1	60	
2		-0.41076
4		
8		
16		
32		
64	37	
128		
256		-0.31016

You may use the already completed entries of this table to check your work.

- (e) Turn in your source code. As always, you may program in the language of your choice.

¹For those interested, more information about this data set is available at <http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/SPECT+Heart>. However, be sure to use the data files that we provide, as they have been specially assembled for this assignment.