

# CS 228T: HW 4

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## 1 EP for TrueSkill model

### 1.1 EP

TODO

### 1.2 Gibbs sampling

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_k | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{T}_{-k}) &= P(T_k | y_k, w_{k1}, w_{k2}) \\ &\propto N(T_k; w_{k1} - w_{k2}, pv) \mathbf{1}[\text{sign}(T_k) = y_k] \end{aligned}$$

Let  $v$  be the prior variance.

$$\begin{aligned} P(w_i | \mathbf{w}_{-i}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{y}) &\propto P(w_i) \prod_k P(T_k | w_i, w_{k2})^{\mathbf{1}[(k,1)=i]} P(T_k | w_{k1}, w_i)^{\mathbf{1}[(k,2)=i]} \\ &= P(w_i) \prod_{k \in G_{i1}} N(T_k; w_i - w_{k2}, 1) \prod_{k \in G_{i2}} N(T_k; w_{k2} - w_i, 1) \end{aligned}$$

The product of these Gaussians is another Gaussian. We derive the new mean and variance  $\mu_i$  and  $\sigma_i^2$ . Focusing on the exponential term, we add the contributions from all the Gaussians:

$$\begin{aligned} &\exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{v} w_i^2 + \sum_{k \in G_{i1}} (T_k - (w_i - w_{k2}))^2 + \sum_{k \in G_{i2}} (T_k - (w_{k1} - w_i))^2 \right] \right] \\ &\exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{v} w_i^2 + \sum_{k \in G_{i1}} ((T_k + w_{k2}) - w_i)^2 + \sum_{k \in G_{i2}} ((T_k - w_{k1}) + w_i)^2 \right] \right] \\ &\exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} [a_i w_i^2 + b_i w_i + c_i] \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
a_i &= \frac{1}{v} + N_i \\
b_i &= \sum_{k \in G_{i1}} -2(T_k + w_{k2}) + \sum_{k \in G_{i2}} 2(T_k - w_{k1}) \\
c_i &= \sum_{k \in G_{i1}} (T_k + w_{k2})^2 + \sum_{k \in G_{i2}} (T_k - w_{k1})^2
\end{aligned}$$

Dividing inside the exponential by  $a_i$  gives

$$\exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ w_i^2 + \frac{b_i}{a_i} w_i + \frac{c_i}{a_i} \right] a_i \right]$$

Comparing with the standard form for the Gaussian  $(x - \mu)^2 = x^2 - 2\mu x + \mu^2$ , we set  $-2\mu_i = \frac{b_i}{a_i}$ , giving

$$\mu_i = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{b_i}{a_i} = \frac{\sum_{k \in G_{i1}} (w_{k2} + T_k) + \sum_{k \in G_{i2}} (w_{k1} - T_k)}{\frac{1}{v} + N_i}$$

And the new variance is given by

$$\sigma_i^2 = \frac{1}{a_i} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{v} + N_i}$$

The  $\mu_i$  and the  $\sigma_i$  define the Gaussian that we sample from to get a new  $w_i$  sample.

## 2 Approximating the marginal polytope

### 2.1 Show that for any clique tree, $L(T) = M(T)$

$L(T) \subseteq M(T)$  because for a tree, calibrated beliefs define a reparameterized distribution where  $P(X_i) = \beta_i(C_i)$  (Theorem 10.4)

$M(T) \subseteq L(T)$  because any distribution over  $T$  can be represented as calibrated beliefs.

### 2.2 Give counterexample for $L(G) \neq M(G)$

### 2.3 cycle inequalities

(a) Consider a cycle  $C$ . Start at a node  $X_A$ , with assignment  $x_A$ , and traverse the cycle, keeping track of the ‘current’ assignment  $y$ . The current assignment is the assignment to the variable you just landed on. Initialize  $y = x_A$ . Every time you pass a cut edge, you flip the bit of the current assignment. The cycle will reach back to  $X_A$ . If there were an odd number of cuts, the current assignment  $y \neq x_A$ , contradiction.

(b) First, note that this quantity must be  $\geq 0$ , since it is the sum of indicator functions. Now, we show that it is odd. Together these imply the quantity is  $\geq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{(i,j) \in C-F} \mathbf{1}[x_i \neq x_j] + \sum_{(i,j) \in F} \mathbf{1}[x_i = x_j] &= \sum_{(i,j) \in C} \mathbf{1}[x_i \neq x_j] - \sum_{(i,j) \in F} \mathbf{1}[x_i \neq x_j] + |F| - \sum_{(i,j) \in F} \mathbf{1}[x_i \neq x_j] \\
&= \sum_{(i,j) \in C} \mathbf{1}[x_i \neq x_j] - 2 \sum_{(i,j) \in F} \mathbf{1}[x_i \neq x_j] + |F| \\
&= \text{even} - \text{even} + \text{odd} \\
&= \text{odd}
\end{aligned}$$

(c) Taking the expectation of this quantity with respect to  $Q$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
E_Q \left[ \sum_{(i,j) \in C-F} \mathbf{1}[x_i \neq x_j] + \sum_{(i,j) \in F} \mathbf{1}[x_i = x_j] \right] &\geq 1 \quad \forall C, F : |F| \text{ odd} \\
\sum_{(i,j) \in C-F} \beta_{ij}(0,1) + \beta_{ij}(1,0) + \sum_{(i,j) \in F} \beta_{ij}(0,0) + \beta_{ij}(1,1) &\geq 1 \quad \forall C, F : |F| \text{ odd}
\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Region graphs and generalized belief propagation

1. No it's not valid. the center variable  $x_{22}$  does not have a single bottom 'sink' region, since it is included in all four of the pairwise regions. Therefore, we add a region consisting of  $\{x_{22}\}$  with edges from the four pairwise regions. To satisfy the constraints on the  $\kappa_r$ , we set  $\kappa_r$  for this new region to +1.

2. Introducing Lagrange multipliers  $\{\lambda_r\} \cup \{\lambda_{s \rightarrow r, c_r}\}$ , and defining  $c_{s \setminus r}$  to be an assignment to the variables in  $C_s$  that are not in  $C_r$  for each  $s \rightarrow r$  relationship, the Lagrangian is:

$$\begin{aligned}
L &= \sum_r \kappa_r \sum_{c_r} \beta_r(c_r) \log \psi_r(c_r) - \sum_r \kappa_r \beta_r(c_r) \log \beta_r(c_r) \\
&\quad - \sum_r \lambda_r \left( \sum_{c_r} \beta_r(c_r) - 1 \right) - \sum_{s \rightarrow r} \sum_{c_r} \lambda_{s \rightarrow r, c_r} \left( \sum_{c_{s \setminus r}} \beta_s(c_r, c_{s \setminus r}) - \beta_r(c_r) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Taking derivatives with respect to a  $\beta_r(c_r)$ , we get terms from the objective as well as terms corresponding to  $s \rightarrow r$  relationships and terms corresponding to  $r \rightarrow s$  relationships:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta_r(c_r)} = \kappa_r (\log \psi_r(c_r) - (1 + \log \beta_r(c_r))) - \lambda_r + \sum_{s \rightarrow r} \lambda_{s \rightarrow r, c_r} - \sum_{r \rightarrow s} \lambda_{r \rightarrow s, c_{s:r}}$$

where  $c_{s:r}$  denotes the (unique) setting of  $c_s$  that agrees with  $c_r$  for some  $r \rightarrow s$  relationship. Setting the derivative equal to zero and re-organizing gives a fixed-point equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa_r (\log \psi_r(c_r) - 1 - \log \beta_r(c_r)) &= \lambda_r - \sum_{s \rightarrow r} \lambda_{s \rightarrow r, c_r} + \sum_{r \rightarrow s} \lambda_{r \rightarrow s, c_{s:r}} \\ \log \beta_r(c_r) &= \frac{-\lambda_r + \sum_{s \rightarrow r} \lambda_{s \rightarrow r, c_r} - \sum_{r \rightarrow s} \lambda_{r \rightarrow s, c_{s:r}}}{\kappa_r} + \log \psi_r(c_r) - 1 \\ \beta_r(c_r) &= \exp(-1) \exp\left(\frac{-\lambda_r}{\kappa_r}\right) \psi_r(c_r) \prod_{s \rightarrow r} \exp\left(\frac{\lambda_{s \rightarrow r, c_r}}{\kappa_r}\right) \prod_{r \rightarrow s} \exp\left(\frac{-\lambda_{r \rightarrow s, c_{s:r}}}{\kappa_r}\right) \\ \beta_r(c_r) &= \exp(-1) \exp\left(\frac{-\lambda_r}{\kappa_r}\right) \psi_r(c_r) \frac{\prod_{s \rightarrow r} \exp\left(\frac{\lambda_{s \rightarrow r, c_r}}{\kappa_r}\right)}{\prod_{r \rightarrow s} \exp\left(\frac{\lambda_{r \rightarrow s, c_{s:r}}}{\kappa_r}\right)}\end{aligned}$$

## 4 Exponential families and the marginal polytope

### 4.1 Show that $M$ is convex

Suppose  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in M$ . Then for some  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ , we have  $\mu_1 = E_{p_1}[\tau(x)]$  and  $\mu_2 = E_{p_2}[\tau(x)]$ . Let  $\mu_3 = \beta\mu_1 + (1 - \beta)\mu_2$  for  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ . Then

$$\mu_3 = \int_x (\beta p_1(x) + (1 - \beta)p_2(x)) \tau(x)$$

It suffices to show that  $p_3 = \beta p_1 + (1 - \beta)p_2$  is a valid probability distribution, because then  $\mu_3 = E_{p_3}[\tau(x)]$ . That  $p_3$  is non-negative follows immediately from the fact that  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are non-negative. That  $p_3$  sums (or integrates—there is no difference in the argument) to 1 follows from:

$$\sum_x \beta p_1(x) + (1 - \beta)p_2(x) = \beta \sum_x p_1(x) + \sum_x p_2(x) - \beta \sum_x p_2(x) = \beta + 1 - \beta = 1$$

### 4.2 Suppose $\chi$ is finite. Show that $M$ is the convex hull of ...

The convex hull of  $\{\tau(x) | x \in \chi\}$  is

$$C = \left\{ \sum_{x \in \chi} \beta_x \tau(x) \mid \beta \geq 0, \sum_x \beta_x = 1 \right\}$$

where  $\beta_x$  are the coefficients in the convex combination. The set conditional on the right side is exactly the same requirement as  $\beta$  being a valid probability distribution, in which case the left side is the definition of expectation under  $\beta$ . Therefore,

$$C = \{E_\beta[\tau(x)] \mid \beta \text{ valid distribution}\} = M$$

### 4.3 Explain why $M$ reduces to the marginal polytope for ... class of models

? what's the definition of the marginal polytope. I thought  $M$  was the marginal polytope. See Jordan Wainwright.