

Evolution of my internship work on causality in ML

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Some formulae

The formula for the response for each node was of the form :

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \hat{R}_{j \rightarrow i}^2(t) \right\rangle_{\xi} = & \text{Tr} \left\{ \mathbf{e}_i^{\top} A(t) \left(\mathbb{1} - \hat{G}^{(D)} \right) \mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_j^{\top} \left(\mathbb{1} - \hat{G}^{(D)} \right) A(t)^{\top} \mathbf{e}_i \right\} + \\ & + \alpha \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \text{Tr} \left[\left(\mathbb{1} - \hat{G}^{(D)} \right) \mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_j^{\top} \hat{G}^{(D)} \right] \times \\ & \mathbf{e}_i^{\top} \left(\sum_{\tau} A(t - \tau - 1) A^{\top}(t - \tau - 1) \right) \mathbf{e}_i \end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{G}^{(D)} = \left(\mathbb{1} + \alpha \hat{C}_0 \right)^{-1}$ is a resolvent-like quantity showing out in the calculation by introducing the L2 regularizer while $A(t)$ is the adjacency matrix of the graph sampled.

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By doing the sum over each node, supposing the two matrices in the variance terms are independent (= freeness ?) :

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \hat{R}^2(t) \rangle &= \sum_{i,j} \langle \hat{R}_{j \rightarrow i}^2(t) \rangle \\ &= \text{Tr} \left[A(t) \left(\mathbb{1} - G^{(D)} \right) \left(\mathbb{1} - G^{(D)} \right) A^\top(t) \right] + \\ &\quad + \alpha \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \text{Tr} \left[\left(\mathbb{1} - G^{(D)} \right) G^{(D)} \right] \times \\ &\quad \text{Tr} \left[\sum_{\tau=0}^{t-1} A(t - \tau - 1) A^\top(t - \tau - 1) \right]\end{aligned}$$

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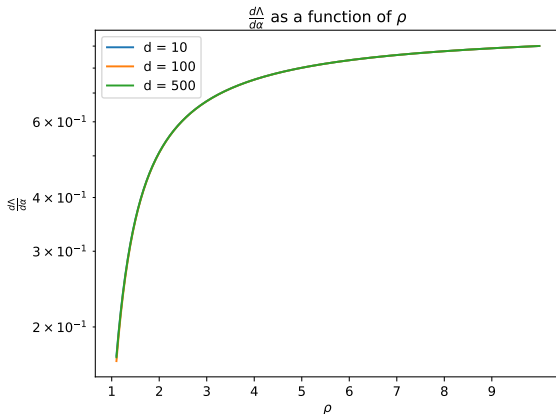
We are facing some terms squared in G . By using the identity $\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} G^{(D)} = -\frac{1}{\alpha} (\mathbb{1} - G^{(D)}) G^{(D)}$, applying the chain rule and going back to the initial equation, we end up with :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{R}^2(t) \rangle &\rightarrow \text{Tr} [A(t)A^\top(t)] - \text{Tr} [A(t)G[\Lambda]A^\top(t)] + \\ &\quad - \frac{\alpha}{\Lambda} \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \alpha} \text{Tr} [A(t)G[\Lambda](\mathbb{1} - G[\Lambda])A^\top(t)] + \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha^2}{\Lambda} \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \alpha} \text{Tr} [G[\Lambda](\mathbb{1} - G[\Lambda])] \times \\ &\quad \text{Tr} \left[\sum_{\tau=0}^{t-1} A(t-\tau-1)A^\top(t-\tau-1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where $G[\Lambda]$ is the deterministic equivalent of our resolvent-like quantity.

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The term $\frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \alpha}$ is always smaller than 1. When ρ is big, this is close to 1.



In this plot, $\alpha = 10$.

Correction of the response formula for each node

I did not introduced the prefactor $\frac{\alpha}{\Lambda} \partial \Lambda / \partial \alpha$ in the calculation of the theoretical response formula in the old computations. I chose to add it now in order to add some corrections. I have not been able to demonstrate the formula but it should be similar to the formula for the response for all nodes.

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By analogy with the formula for the total response, one may write :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{R}_{j \rightarrow i}^2(t) \rangle &\rightarrow \text{Tr} \left[\mathbf{e}_i^\top A(t) (\mathbb{1} - G[\Lambda]) \mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_j^\top A^\top(t) \mathbf{e}_i \right] + \\ &\quad - \frac{\alpha}{\Lambda} \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \alpha} \text{Tr} \left[\mathbf{e}_i^\top A(t) (\mathbb{1} - G[\Lambda]) \mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_j^\top G[\Lambda] A^\top(t) \mathbf{e}_i \right] + \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha^2}{\Lambda} \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \alpha} \text{Tr} \left[\left(\mathbb{1} - G[\Lambda] \mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_j^\top \right) G[\Lambda] \right] \times \\ &\quad \text{Tr} \left[\sum_{\tau=0}^{t-1} A(t - \tau - 1) A^\top(t - \tau - 1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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Reason on why I have not been able to compute theoretically this formula :

Before, we used the identity $-\frac{1}{\alpha} (\mathbb{1} - G) G = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} G$.

Now, we have $-\frac{1}{\alpha} (\mathbb{1} - G) \mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_j^\top G$. However, $\mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_j^\top$ do not commute with G !