

Series 6, Solutions

(Word Embeddings and Text Classification)

Solution 1 (Theory of Word Embeddings):

Recall the GloVe objective that consists in weighted least squares fit of log-counts, written as

$$\mathcal{H}(\theta; \mathbf{N}) = \sum_{i,j: n_{ij} > 0} f(n_{ij}) \left(\underbrace{\log n_{ij}}_{\text{target}} - \underbrace{\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle}_{\text{model}} \right)^2,$$

where $\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle = \log \tilde{p}_\theta(w_i | w_j)$. Note that we ignore here the bias terms for simplicity.

1) Assume $f(\cdot) \equiv 1$ for all arguments, and write $m_{ij} := \log n_{ij}$.

a) According to the chain rule,

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} = \sum_{j: n_{ij} > 0} 2(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle - m_{ij}) \mathbf{y}_j, \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \mathbf{y}_j} = \sum_{i: n_{ij} > 0} 2(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle - m_{ij}) \mathbf{x}_i. \quad (2)$$

b) Let $\mathcal{H}_{ij} := f(n_{ij})(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle - m_{ij})^2$, so the stochastic gradient is:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{ij}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} = 2(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle - m_{ij}) \mathbf{y}_j, \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{ij}}{\partial \mathbf{y}_j} = 2(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle - m_{ij}) \mathbf{x}_i. \quad (4)$$

2) Plug in the specific weight function:

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i,j: n_{ij} > 0} (m_{ij} - \langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle)^2 = \sum_{i,j: n_{ij} > 0} (m_{ij} - (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Y})_{ij})^2 \quad (5)$$

the minimization of which w.r.t. \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} is a problem of matrix completion.

3)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} = \sum_{j: n_{ij} > 0} 2f(n_{ij})(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle - m_{ij}) \mathbf{y}_j \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \mathbf{y}_j} = \sum_{i: n_{ij} > 0} 2f(n_{ij})(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle - m_{ij}) \mathbf{x}_i \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{ij}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} = 2f(n_{ij})(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle - m_{ij}) \mathbf{y}_j \quad (8)$$

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Problem 3 (GloVe Implementation):

The solution file is in the public git repository:

https://github.com/dalab/lecture_cil_public/tree/master/exercises/ex6

Hint for Step 3): you can use PCA provided by scikit-learn, e.g. http://scikit-learn.org/stable/auto_examples/decomposition/plot_pca_3d.html or any other library.