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Summary

- TA for Machine Learning (50%)
- Two classes
- Meeting...meetings...
- Submitted one paper with Max
- Research project with Fei (collaboration with Yuan)
- Research project with Yan

Scalable inference for overlapping communities

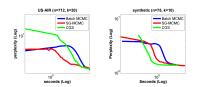


Figure: Batch MCMC vs SG-MCMC vs CGS

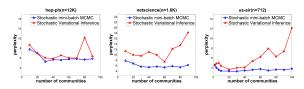


Figure: SG-MCMC vs SVI

- Submitted to AISTATS 2015
- Extended version(with 1.8B edges) may be submitted to KDD 2015

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Memory Efficient Bayesian Deep Factored Mixed Membership Models

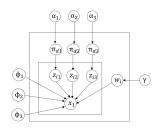


Figure: 3-layer factored LDA

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For each document d, for each layer l draw (sub)topic distribution \pi_{dl} for each word i draw (sub)topic z_{il} for l \in \{1,..,L\} draw word x_i from convex combination of \{\phi_l\}
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Memory Efficient Bayesian Deep Factored Mixed Membership Models(cont.)

Some benefits:

- Suppose 3-layer model, each layer has L_1, L_2, L_3 components, this can represent $\prod_{i=1}^3 L_i$ mixtures (exponential).
- Less parameters comparing to shallow models.
- ullet Less memory. (becomes very obvious once we have k equals to hundreds of thousand, uses logarithm amount of space comparing to original model)
- Some hierarchical structures

Learning:

- (Stochastic) variational inference, fixed point iteration, L-BFGS
- Or propose better inference

Progress:

Coding, Debugging.... (also need to include deep factored MMSB)

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Parallel Stochastic Variational Inference for Bayesian Tensor Factorization

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Algorithm 1 Stochastic variational inference

    Initialize U, V, W, α, β, γ

 2: while not converge do
      Sample a mini-batch of entries, \Omega_t, from X
      for i \in \Omega^i do
         for k=1....K do
             update s_{ik}^u, u_{ik} using (8),(9)
         end for
      end for
      for i \in \Omega^j do
         for k=1,...K do
             update s_{ik}^v, v_{ik} using (10),(11)
         end for
      end for
      for l \in \Omega^l do
15:
         for k=1,...K do
            update s_{lk}^w, w_{lk} using (12),(13)
         end for
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update α , β , γ using (14),(15),(16)

update τ

21: end while

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Algorithm 2 Parallel Inference
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1: Initialize sets S^u = [1,...,I], S^v = [1,...,J], S^w = [1,...,L]
2: Initialize mini-batch size for each dimension N^u = |S^u|/K, N^v = |S^v|/K, N^l = |S^v|/K, N^l
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Extension: distributed settings

Learning from Ordinal Data

- hmm.. this is a hard problem...
- need a simple, elegant solution....
- Working hard on experiments, will tell you more about this.

Plan for winter

- Coding:)
- Debugging :(
- Getting results :)