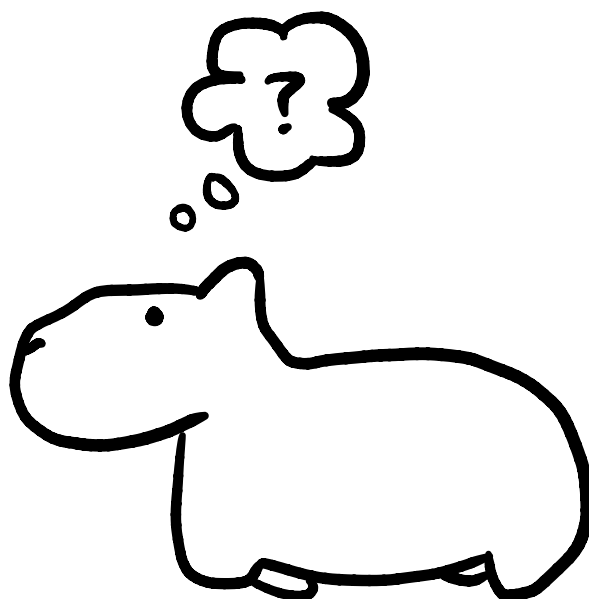
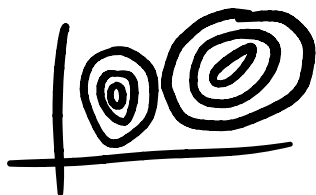
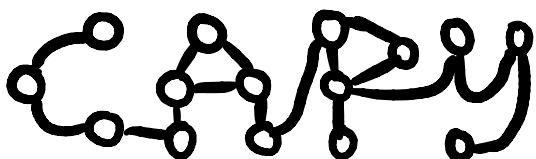


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# Lecture 08/30 Intro

## Logistics

- Ziv Bar-Joseph, Patrick Virtue
- Piazza for everything
- Midterm 10/27 Wednesday 6pm

## Machine Learning

- Methods that can help generalize information from observed data so that it can be used to make better decisions in the future

### Contrast

- **Statistics**: understanding data at hand
- **Artificial Intelligence**: build an intelligent agent
- **Data Mining**: patterns from large scale data

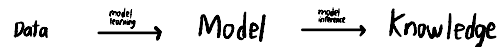
- 30+ minutes of sales pitch

## Three axes

- **Data** - this class assumes you have (possibly incomplete) data

### Algorithms

- Model-based: probabilistic, parametric, non-parametric
- Learning: from data to model
  - Model = summary of data = inform on data generation process
- Inference: from model to knowledge
  - Given model, answer questions



- Model-free

### Tasks (later)

## Parametric models

- Fixed-size models that do not grow with the data
- More data = learn/fit model better

## Non-parametric models

- Models that grow with the data
- More data = more complex models

## Discriminative models

- Find best line separating some set of points
- No generative assumption

## Tasks

- Prediction: estimate output given input
  - Classification (discrete labels), Regression (continuous labels)
- Description: (unsupervised learning) no supervision in data as to descriptive outputs
  - Density estimation, Clustering, Embedding

### Formally

- **Supervised learning**: given  $D = \{X_i, Y_i\}$  learn model  $F: X_k \rightarrow Y_k$
- **Unsupervised learning**: given  $D = \{X_i\}$  group data into  $Y$  classes using model  $F: X_i \rightarrow Y_i$
- **Reinforcement learning**: given  $D = \{\text{environment, actions, rewards}\}$  learn policy  $F_1: \{e, r\} \rightarrow a$  and reward  $F_2: \{a, e\} \rightarrow R$
- **Active learning**: given  $D = \{X_i, Y_i, \{X_j\}\}$  learn  $F: \{X_j\} \rightarrow X_k$  maximizing success of supervised learning  $F_2: \{X_i, X_k\} \rightarrow Y$



# Lecture 09/01 Probability, MLE, MAP

## Probability

- **Random variable**: event whose status is unknown
- **Domain  $\Omega$** : the set of values a random variable can take
  - Binary/Discrete/Continuous

## Axioms

- ①  $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
- ②  $P(\text{true}) = 1, P(\text{false}) = 0$
- ③  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

· **Prior**: degree of belief in an event in the absence of any other information

· **Conditional probability**:  $P(A=1|B=1)$  is the fraction of cases where A is true if B is true

· **Joint distributions**  $P(A \cap B)$  or  $P(A, B)$ : probability that a set of random variables will take a specific value

- If we assume independence,  $P(A, B) = P(A)P(B)$

· **Chain rule**: holds for any pair of random variables

$$P(A, B) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

## Bayes rule

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{\sum_A P(B|A)P(A)}$$

## Bayes rule for conditional distributions

$$f(x|y) = \frac{f(y|x)f(x)}{f(y)} = \frac{f(y|x)f(x)}{\int f(y|x)f(x) dx}$$

## Conditional distributions

· A statistical model is a collection of distributions, the parameters specify individual distributions

· **Normal (Gaussian) distributions**  $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$   $\theta = (\mu, \sigma^2)$   
parameters

$$P(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

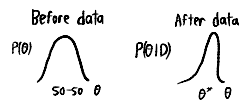
## Multi-variate Gaussian

$$P(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)\right]$$

## Density estimation

### Bayesian learning

$$P(\theta|D) = \frac{P(D|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(D)}$$



· But note the denominator doesn't really matter

$$P(\theta|D) \propto P(D|\theta)P(\theta)$$

posterior          likelihood          prior

## Prior distribution

- Source of prior?
  - Expert knowledge
  - Simple posterior form
  - Uniform (uninformative) prior
  - Conjugate priors (next page)

## Lecture 09/01 cont.

### Conjugate prior

- Closed form representation of prior
- $P(q)$  and  $P(q|D)$  have the same form as a function of  $\theta$

#### · Coin flip example

Bernoulli Likelihood

If prior is Beta

$$P(D|\theta) = \theta^{\alpha_H} (1-\theta)^{\alpha_T}$$

$$P(\theta) = \frac{\theta^{\beta_H-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta_T-1}}{B(\beta_H, \beta_T)} \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_H, \beta_T)$$

Then posterior is Beta

$$P(\theta|D) \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_H + \alpha_H, \beta_T + \alpha_T)$$

#### · Dice roll example

Multinomial Likelihood

If prior is Dirichlet

$$P(D|\theta) = \theta_1^{\alpha_1} \theta_2^{\alpha_2} \theta_3^{\alpha_3} \dots \theta_k^{\alpha_k}$$

$$P(\theta) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k \theta_i^{\beta_i-1}}{B(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$$

Then posterior is Dirichlet

$$P(\theta|D) \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\beta_1 + \alpha_1, \dots, \beta_k + \alpha_k)$$

### · Posterior distribution

- Approach above is **Bayesian**
  - Prior encoded as distribution over parameter values
  - Bayes rule for updated posterior distribution

### · MAP (Maximum A Posteriori) Estimation

- Choose  $\theta$  that maximizes a posterior probability

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(\theta|D) = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(D|\theta)P(\theta)$$

- Not widely used in practice, needs to **assume prior**

### · Density Estimation

- Learn mapping from set of attributes to probability
- Binary/discrete variables: just count
- Continuous variables: fit a model
- Trivial learning algorithm for discrete variables

$$\hat{P}(x_i = u) = \frac{\# \text{ records in which } x = u}{\text{total } \# \text{ of records}}$$

### · Maximum Likelihood Principle

$$\hat{P}(\text{dataset} | M) = \hat{P}(x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n | M) = \prod_{k=1}^n \hat{P}(x_k | M)$$

model  $\uparrow$

- For coin flip  $P(D|M) = q^{n_1} (1-q)^{n_2}$

$$\underset{q}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(D|M) \Rightarrow q = \frac{n_1}{n_1 + n_2}$$

## Lecture 09/01 cont.

### Log Probabilities

Sometimes probabilities are too small, use logspace instead to remove exponents etc

$$\log \hat{P}(\text{dataset} | M) = \log \prod_{k=1}^n \hat{P}(x_k | M) = \sum_{k=1}^n \log \hat{P}(x_k | M)$$

↑ since log **monotonic** between 0 and 1, maximizing this also maximizes original

### Maximum Likelihood Principle

Fit statistical models by maximizing probability of generating observed samples

$$L(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta) = p(x_1 | \theta) \dots p(x_n | \theta)$$

↑  
assume samples  
are independent

For the Gaussian

$$\bar{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \bar{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{\mu})^2$$

### MLE vs MAP

MLE: choose value that maximizes probability of observed data

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(D | \theta)$$

MAP: choose value that is most probable given observed data and prior belief

$$\hat{\theta}_{MAP} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(\theta | D) = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(D | \theta) P(\theta)$$

## Lecture 09/08 Decision Theory

### Logistics

HW1 out, due Wed 9/22 2359

### Fisher Iris Dataset 1936

$$D = \{(y^{(i)}, \vec{x}^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^N = \{(y^{(i)}, x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)}, x_3^{(i)}, x_4^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^N$$

$y \in \{0, 1, 2\}^N$   
 $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 4}$  design matrix

Type	sepal length	sepal width	petal length	petal width
0	} design matrix	}	}	}
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1				
2				
2				

/ observations

### Density estimation review

$$D = \{x_i^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$$

Assume Gaussian  $X_2 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$p(D; \theta) = p(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, x^{(3)}; \mu^{(1)}, \sigma^{(1)}, \mu^{(2)}, \sigma^{(2)}, \mu^{(3)}, \sigma^{(3)})$$

$$= p(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, x^{(3)}; \mu, \sigma)$$

$$= p(x^{(1)}; \mu, \sigma) p(x^{(2)}; \mu, \sigma) p(x^{(3)}; \mu, \sigma)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^3 p(x^{(i)}; \mu, \sigma)$$

expand notation  
 identically distributed  
 independent

### MLE

$$p(D; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i^{(i)}; \mu, \sigma)$$

Likelihood  $L(\theta; D) = p(D; \theta)$   
 $\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} L(\theta; D)$

## Lecture 09/08 cont.

- Density estimation  $D = \{\tilde{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$   $D \rightarrow \hat{\theta}$
- Supervised learning  $D = \{y^{(i)}, \tilde{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$   $h(\tilde{x}) \rightarrow \hat{y}$

- Iris data supervised learning
  - Classification error rate  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(y^{(i)} \neq \hat{y}^{(i)})$

### Bayes decision rule

def  $h(x)$ :

if  $p(x|Y=1)p(Y=1) \geq p(x|Y=0)p(Y=0)$ :

return 1

else:

return 0

$$P(y=i|X) = \frac{P(X|y=i)P(y=i)}{P(X)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} q_i(x) \quad \uparrow \text{class}$$

### Optimal classification function

$$h^*(x) = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(Y=y|X=x)$$

Goal: minimize expected loss for random test data  $(X, Y)$

$$h^* = \underset{h}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(x))]$$

Loss function  $L: Y \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Two class 0-1 loss

Two class arbitrary loss

Risk = expected loss

$$R(h) = \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(x))]$$

## Lecture 09/13 kNN, Naive Bayes

Classifiers: three major groups

① Instance-based: use observations directly, no models, e.g., kNN

② Generative: generative statistical model, e.g., Bayesian network

③ Discriminative: directly estimate a decision rule/boundary, e.g., decision tree

### k Nearest Neighbor kNN

Select class based on majority vote in the  $k$  closest points

Need to define distance function

How to find a good value of  $k$ ?

Cross validation, later

Influences smoothness of classifier

Almost like a kernel method, but depends on input data not on parameters

### Naive Bayes classifier

For Bayes decision rule above, how to compute  $P(X|y)$ ?

Suppose 16 binary attributes  $\rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  class. How many parameters needed for fully determining  $P(X|y)$ ?

$2^{16}-1$  parameters for each class  $\Rightarrow$  infeasible

joint on all input

class label

## Lecture 09/13 cont.

### Naive Bayes classifier cont.

- Assume given the class label, attributes are conditionally independent

$$P(X|y) = \prod_j P_j(x^j|y) \quad \text{where } P_j = \text{model for attribute } j$$

- Now you only need 16 parameters total for previous example

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y} &= \operatorname{argmax}_v P(y=v|X) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_v \frac{P(X|y=v) P(y=v)}{P(X)} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_v \prod_j P_j(x^j|y=v) P(y=v) \end{aligned}$$

### Conditional Likelihood

$$L(X_i | y_i=1, \theta) = \prod_j P(x_i^j | y_i=1, \theta_j^1)$$

sample i                      set of all parameters                      specific parameters for attribute j in class 1

### Feature Transform

- For text, Bag of Words is common
- Document = collection of words encoded as a vector
- Vector can be binary (present/absent) or discrete (# appearances)
- Example: document  $X_i$  modeled by vector of  $m^*$  indicator features  $\{\phi^j(x_i)\}$  where  $\phi^j(x_i) = 1$  if word  $j \in$  document  $X_i$  and is 0 otherwise.
- Then  $\Phi(x_i) = [\phi^1(x_i) \dots \phi^m(x_i)]^T$  is the feature vector for document  $X_i$
- Also written  $\Phi(x_i) = [\phi^1 \phi^2 \dots \phi^m]$ .
- English typically uses  $\sim 10k$  words.

### Problems with Naive Bayes

- Assumption of conditional independence given class label is often violated
- If insufficient data, not observed by training data, your probability can zero out
- Pseudocounts: add one sample with all words, one sample with no words

### Naive Bayes classifier for continuous values

- Usually Gaussian model is used, i.e.,  $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$

In more depth,

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &\sim \text{Multinomial}(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{N_y}) && \text{generates output} \\ x_j &\sim N(\mu_j, \Sigma_j) && \text{generates corresponding input} \end{aligned}$$

To determine class,

$$P(X|y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(X-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (X-\mu)\right] \rightarrow \text{need lots of data to compute mean } \mu, \text{ covariance } \Sigma$$

By applying Naive Bayes assumption, covariance  $\Sigma$  becomes diagonal matrix,

only need to learn  $x^j \sim N(\mu_j^v, \sigma_j^v)$

$$P(X|y=v) = \prod_j P(x^j|y=v) = \prod_j \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/2} \sigma_j^v} \exp\left[-\frac{(x^j - \mu_j^v)^2}{2(\sigma_j^v)^2}\right] \rightarrow \text{each class has its own mean and variance}$$

# Lecture 09/15 Decision Trees

## Decision Trees

- Internal nodes = attributes
- Leafs = classification
- Edges = assignment
- def buildTree (n, A):      n=samples, A=attributes
  - if empty(A) or all n(L) same:
    - status = leaf
    - class = most common class in n(L)
  - else:
    - status = internal
    - a = best Attribute (n, A)
    - left = buildTree (n<sub>a=1</sub>, A \ {a})
    - right = buildTree (n<sub>a=0</sub>, A \ {a})

## Entropy

$$H(X) = \sum_c -P(X=c) \log_2 P(X=c)$$

## Conditional entropy

$$H(Y|X) = \sum_c P(X=c) H(Y|X=c)$$

## Information gain

$$IG(Y|X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

Note  $IG(Y|X) \geq 0$  by Jensen's

- bestAttribute = attribute that maximizes information gain at each node

## Avoiding overfitting

### Tree pruning

- Split data into train and test
- Build tree with train
  - For all internal nodes starting at root,
    - Remove subtree rooted at node
    - Assign class to be most common among training
    - Check test data error
      - If error lower, keep change
      - Else restore subtree, repeat for all nodes in subtree

## Continuous values

- Threshold to turn into binary / discretize

- Decision trees surprisingly very effective in practice

# Lecture 09/20 Ensemble: bagging, random forest. Linear regression.

## Bagging / bootstrap aggregation

- Reduce variance of an estimated prediction function
- Classification: a committee of trees each cast a vote for the predicted class
- Idea: randomly draw datasets with replacement from the training data, each sample same size

$$Z = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$$

$Z^{*b}$  where  $b=1$  to  $B$

$$\hat{f}_{\text{bag}}(x) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B \hat{f}^{*b}(x)$$

prediction at input  $x$   
when bootstrap sample  $b$   
is used for training

- Recommended  $>50\%$  samples

## Random Forest

- Extension to bagging: use a subset of the features (at each tree node!) instead of the samples
- At each node choosing split feature, choose only among  $m < M$  feature
- Helps to create smaller decision trees
- Recommended  $\sqrt{n}$  features

## Linear Regression

- Given  $x$ , predict  $y$ , where we assume  $y = wx + \epsilon$

## Least squares error

$$\operatorname{argmin}_w \sum_i (y_i - wx_i)^2$$

- Minimizes squared distance between measurements, predicted line

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \sum_i (y_i - wx_i)^2 = -2 \sum_i x_i (y_i - wx_i)$$
$$= 0 \text{ when } w = \frac{\sum_i x_i y_i}{\sum_i x_i^2}$$

## Adding a bias

- If line doesn't pass through origin

$$y = w_0 + w_1 x + \epsilon$$

$$w_0 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i (y_i - w_1 x_i) \quad w_1 = \frac{\sum_i x_i (y_i - w_0)}{\sum_i x_i^2}$$

## Multiple inputs / multivariate regression

$$y = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_k x_k + \epsilon$$

## Non-linear basis functions

- As long as coefficients are linear, still a linear regression problem

Examples

Polynomial  $\phi_j(x) = x^j$  for  $j=0$  to  $n$

Gaussian  $\phi_j(x) = \frac{x - \mu_j}{\sigma_j}$

Sigmoid  $\phi_j(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$

## General linear regression

$$y = \sum_{j=0}^n w_j \phi_j(x)$$

## Lecture 09/20 cont.

### General linear regression loss

$$J(w) = \sum_i (y^i - \sum_j w_j \phi_j(x^i))^2$$

$$J(w) = \sum_i (y^i - w^T \phi(x^i))^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} J(w) = 2 \sum_i (w^T \phi(x^i) - y^i) \phi(x^i)^T$$
$$= 0 \text{ when } \sum_i y^i \phi(x^i)^T = w^T [\sum_i \phi(x^i) \phi(x^i)^T]$$

$$\text{Let } \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(x^1) & \phi_1(x^1) & \dots & \phi_k(x^1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_0(x^n) & \phi_1(x^n) & \dots & \phi_k(x^n) \end{pmatrix} \quad n \text{ by } k+1$$

Then  $w = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T y$   
which is known as the pseudo inverse

### Probabilistic interpretation

$$y = w^T \phi(x) + \epsilon$$

$$\text{Then } w_{MLE} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T y$$

### Extensions to linear regression

- Note parameters learnt were global
- Extensions adjust parameters based on input region

### Splines

- Before: fit one function for entire region
- Now: fit a set of piecewise (usually cubic) polynomials satisfying continuity and smoothness constraints.
- Need to define regions in advance, usually uniform

### Local Average Regression

### Local Kernel Regression

### Nadaraya-Watson Kernel Regression

### Spatially adaptive regression

## Lecture 09/22 Logistic Regression

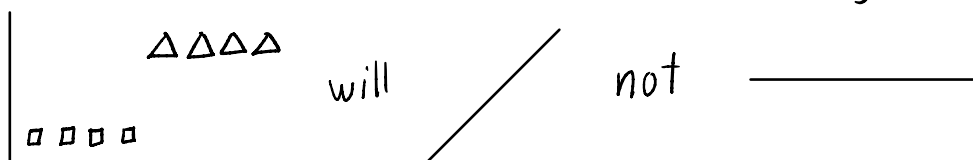
### Generative vs discriminative

• Generative: rely on all points, compute  $P(X|Y)$

• Discriminative: care about boundary, do not compute  $P(X|Y)$

### Linear regression

• Problem: objective fn cares more about min dist than correctly classifying





## Lecture 09/22 cont.

### Sigmoid function

$$g(h) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-h}}$$

### Sigmoid binary classification

$$p(y=0|X; \theta) = g(w^T X) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{w^T X}} \quad \text{note - can be absorbed into } w$$

$$p(y=1|X; \theta) = 1 - g(w^T X) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T X}}$$

### Sigmoid likelihood

$$L(y|X; w) = \prod_i (1 - g(X_i; w))^{y_i} g(X_i; w)^{(1-y_i)} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{helpful to write} \\ g(X_i; w) \text{ and} \\ 1 - g(X_i; w) \text{ in derivations} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\log L(y|X; w) = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i w^T X_i - \ln(1 + e^{w^T X_i})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} [\log L(y|X; w)] = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^j (y_i - p(y_i=1|X_i; w))$$

• No closed form

• But concave  $\Rightarrow$  gradient ascent

### Gradient ascent

$$w^j \leftarrow w^j + \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^j (y_i - (1 - g(X_i; w))) \quad \text{where } \epsilon = \text{small constant} = \text{learning rate}$$

### Logistic regression

① Choose  $\epsilon$

② Start with guess for  $w$

③ For all  $j$ ,  $w^j \leftarrow w^j + \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^j (y_i - (1 - g(X_i; w)))$

④ Check if  $LL(y|X; w) = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \ln(1 - g(X_i; w)) + (1 - y_i) \ln(g(X_i; w))$

• improved  $\rightarrow$  go to step ③

• same  $\rightarrow$  stop

### Regularization

• What if not enough data?

• Regularize: impose additional constraints on the parameters are fitting

• Add the prior:  $p(y=1, \theta|X) \propto p(y=1|X; \theta) p(\theta)$

• This changes the LL, e.g., with Gaussian prior,

$$LL(y; w|X) = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i w^T X_i - \ln(1 + e^{w^T X_i}) - \sum_j \frac{(w^j)^2}{2\sigma^2} \quad \text{assuming mean 0}$$

$$w^j \leftarrow w^j + \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N [X_i^j (y_i - (1 - g(X_i; w)))] - \epsilon \frac{w^j}{\sigma^2}$$

$\uparrow$  MAP estimate  $\uparrow$  variance of prior model

• Gaussian  $\rightarrow$  L2 regularization,  $\min w^2$

• L1 also popular,  $\min |w|$

### Multiclass logistic regression

$$\text{For } i < k, \text{ set } p(y=i|X; \theta) = g(w_i^0 + w_i^1 x^1 + \dots + w_i^d x^d) = g(w_i^T X)$$

$$\text{where } g(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} e^{z_j}} \quad \text{where } z_i = w_i^0 + w_i^1 x^1 + \dots + w_i^d x^d$$

$$\text{and } P(y=k|X; \theta) = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} e^{z_j}}$$

$$\text{and } w_m^j \leftarrow w_m^j + \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^j (\delta_m(y_i) - p(y_i=m|X_i; w)) \quad \text{where } \delta_m(y_i) = 1 \text{ if } y_i = m, 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

• (can also incorporate  $\phi$  transforms of data)

# Lecture 09/27 Support Vector Machines

## SVM

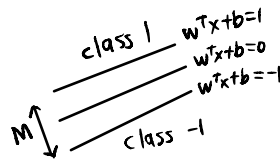
- Mainly works for 2 classes, extensions are heuristic (still works though)
- Discriminative, not probabilistic

## Max margin classifier aka linear SVM

- Instead of fitting all points, fit boundary points
- Learn boundary maximizing margin from both sets of points
  - Margin = distance to closest point on either side
- No proof, but works well in practice

## Specifying max margin classifier

- +1 if  $w^T x + b \geq 1$
- 1 if  $w^T x + b \leq -1$
- Undefined if  $-1 < w^T x + b < 1$



Note: strong linear assumption

## Maximizing the margin

- Observe:  $w$  orthogonal to +1 plane, -1 plane
- Observe: if  $x^+$  a point on +1 plane and  $x^-$  closest point to  $x^+$  on the -1 plane then  $x^+ = \lambda w + x^-$

Hence

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} w^T x^+ + b = +1 \\ w^T x^- + b = -1 \\ x^+ = \lambda w + x^- \\ |x^+ - x^-| = M \end{array} \right\} \text{Solving, } \lambda = \frac{2}{w^T w}, M = \frac{2}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$

- So our solution should
  - Correctly classify all points
  - Minimize  $w^T w$

## Quadratic programming

$$\min_u \frac{u^T R u}{2} + d^T u + c$$

subject to  $n$  inequality constraints

$$a_{11}u_1 + a_{12}u_2 + \dots \leq b_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n1}u_1 + a_{n2}u_2 + \dots \leq b_n$$

and  $k$  equality constraints

$$a_{n+1,1}u_1 + a_{n+1,2}u_2 + \dots = b_{n+1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n+k,1}u_1 + a_{n+k,2}u_2 + \dots = b_{n+k}$$

where

- $u$  is unknown vector
- $R$  is square matrix
- $d$  is vector
- $c$  is scalar

- QP problems have better solvers than gradient descent/simulated annealing

# Lecture 09/27 cont.

## SVM as QP

$$\min (w^T w) / 2$$

subject to

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \forall x \text{ in class } +1, w^T x + b \geq 1 \\ \forall x \text{ in class } -1, w^T x + b \leq -1 \end{array} \right\} n \text{ constraints}$$

Last column in R is 0

## Non linearly separable cases, how to QP?

### Minimize training errors

$$\cdot \min w^T w, \min \# \text{ errors}$$

Hard to solve 2 minimization problems

### Penalize training errors

$$\cdot \min w^T w + C(\# \text{ errors})$$

Hard to encode in QP problem

### Minimize distance between misclassified points and correct plane

$$\min_w (w^T w) / 2 + \sum_{i=1}^n C \epsilon_i$$

subject to

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \forall x_i \text{ in class } +1, w^T x + b \geq 1 - \epsilon_i \\ \forall x_i \text{ in class } -1, w^T x + b \leq -1 + \epsilon_i \\ \forall i, \epsilon_i \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} n \text{ constraints}$$

## Dual representation of SVM QP

This representation allows for a trick for easier math, faster runtime

## Lagrange multiplier

$$\begin{array}{l} \min_x x^2 \\ \text{st } x \geq b \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \min_x \max_{\alpha} x^2 - \alpha(x-b) \\ \text{st } \alpha \geq 0 \end{array}$$

## Lagrange multiplier for SVM

Linearly separable case

Original

$$\begin{array}{l} \min (w^T w) / 2 \\ \text{st } (w^T x_i + b) y_i \geq 1 \end{array}$$

Dual

$$\begin{array}{l} \min_{w,b} \max_{\alpha} (w^T w) / 2 - \sum_i \alpha_i [(w^T x_i + b) y_i - 1] \\ \text{st } \alpha_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \end{array}$$

Taking derivatives, solves to

$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i x_i y_i$$

$$b = y_i - w^T x_i \quad \text{for } i \text{ st } \alpha_i > 0$$

$$\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = w - \sum_i \alpha_i x_i y_i$$

$$= 0 \text{ when } w = \sum_i \alpha_i x_i y_i$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = -\sum_i \alpha_i y_i$$

$$= 0 \text{ when } \sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \alpha_i} = -[(w^T x_i + b) y_i - 1] = 0 \text{ when}$$

$$(w^T x_i + b) y_i = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (w^T x_i + b) y_i^2 = y_i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (w^T x_i + b) = y_i$$

(recall  $y_i = \pm 1, -1, 1$ )

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (w^T x_i + b) y_i = 1 \\ \Leftrightarrow (w^T x_i + b) y_i^2 = y_i \\ \Leftrightarrow (w^T x_i + b) = y_i \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow b = y_i - w^T x_i + b$$

for all  $i$  where  $\alpha_i > 0$

## Lecture 09/28 cont.

- In general,  $N$  data points are **separable** in a space of  $N-1$  dimensions or more
- Map original input space into higher dimensional feature space
- High dimensionality and many more parameters are possible problems
- But SVM well-suited: **kernel tricks** for efficient computation, **dual formulation** only assigns parameters to samples not features

### Quadratic kernel trick

$$\phi(x) \phi(z) = \begin{matrix} \sqrt{2}x^1 & \sqrt{2}z^1 \\ \sqrt{2}x^m & \sqrt{2}z^m \\ (x^i)^2 & (z^i)^2 \\ \sqrt{2}x^i x^j & \sqrt{2}z^i z^j \\ \sqrt{2}x^i x^m & \sqrt{2}z^i z^m \end{matrix} \cdot \begin{matrix} \sqrt{2}z^1 & \sqrt{2}z^m \\ (z^i)^2 & \\ \sqrt{2}z^i z^j & \\ \sqrt{2}z^i z^m & \end{matrix} = \underbrace{\sum_i 2x^i z^i}_m + \underbrace{\sum_i (x^i)^2 (z^i)^2}_m + \underbrace{\sum_i \sum_{j=i+1} 2x^i x^j z^i z^j}_{m(m-1)/2} = 1$$

$\sim m^2$

But note that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, z \rangle + 1 &= \langle x, z \rangle^2 + 2 \langle x, z \rangle + 1 \\ &= (\sum_i x^i z^i)^2 + (\sum_i 2x^i z^i) + 1 \\ &= (\sum_i 2x^i z^i) + (\sum_i (x^i)^2 (z^i)^2) + (\sum_i \sum_{j=i+1} 2x^i x^j z^i z^j) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

which only costs  $m$  operations

## Lecture 10/04 Neural Networks

### Linear classifiers

- Decision stumps
- Generative model
- Logistic regression
- SVM
- Perceptron
- But for **nonlinear data?**
  - Feature mapping
  - Learn the boundary

### Perceptron alg w/o bias

$t=1$

$w_1 = \vec{0}$

On mistake:

mistake positive  $w_{t+1} \leftarrow w_t + x$

mistake negative  $w_{t+1} \leftarrow w_t - x$

Classification

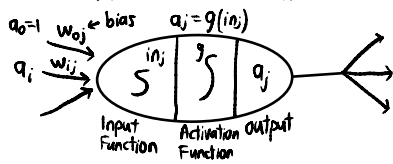
$$h(x) = \text{sign}(w^T x + b)$$

### Multilayer Perceptrons

- Feedforward neural network with at least one hidden layer
- Hidden layer has nodes that are neither inputs nor outputs

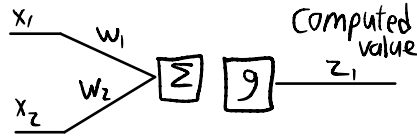
# Lecture 10/4 cont.

1943 Neuron McCulloch & Pitts



Single Neuron system

- g step  $\Rightarrow$  Perceptron
- g sigmoid  $\Rightarrow$  logistic regression
- g identity  $\Rightarrow$  linear regression



Activation functions

- Hard threshold  $g(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & z \geq 0 \\ 0 & z < 0 \end{cases}$   $\frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = \begin{cases} 0 & z \geq 0 \\ 0 & z < 0 \end{cases}$
- Sigmoid/softmax  $g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$   $\frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = g(z)(1 - g(z))$
- ReLU  $g(z) = \max(0, z)$   $\frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = \begin{cases} 1 & z \geq 0 \\ 0 & z < 0 \end{cases}$

Optimizing

To find the best set of weights

$$l(y, \hat{y}) = (y - \hat{y})^2$$

$$J(w) = l(y, h_w(x^i)) = (y^i - h_w(x^i))^2$$

$$w \leftarrow w - \alpha \nabla_w J(w)$$

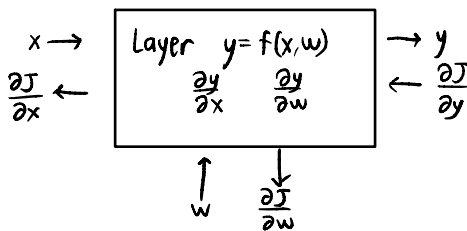
$$\hat{y} = h_w(x) = g(\sum_j w_j x_j)$$

Loss functions

- Regression has squared error  $l(y, \hat{y}) = (y - \hat{y})^2$
- Classification has cross entropy  $l(y, \hat{y}) = -\sum_k y_k \log \hat{y}_k$

Backpropagation

Compute derivatives per layer, forwards then backwards



## Lecture 10/16 More Neural Networks

· Prove  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = v_1 \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{pmatrix} + v_2 \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 a_{11} + v_2 a_{12} \\ v_1 a_{21} + v_2 a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}) = v_1^2 a_{11} + v_1 v_2 a_{12} + v_1 v_2 a_{21} + v_2^2 a_{22}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v_1} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = 2v_1 a_{11} + v_2 a_{12} + v_2 a_{21}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v_2} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = 2v_2 a_{22} + v_1 a_{12} + v_1 a_{21}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2a_{11}v_1 + v_2 a_{12} + v_2 a_{21} \\ 2a_{22}v_2 + v_1 a_{12} + v_1 a_{21} \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

### · Multivariate Chain Rule

$$\mathbf{y} = f(\bar{\mathbf{z}})$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = f(\bar{\mathbf{z}})$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{z}} = g(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{z}} = g(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

$$\frac{dy_i}{dx_k} = \sum_j \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_j} \frac{\partial z_j}{\partial x_k}$$

$$\frac{d\bar{y}_i}{d\bar{x}_k} = \sum_j \frac{\partial \bar{y}_i}{\partial \bar{z}_j} \frac{\partial \bar{z}_j}{\partial \bar{x}_k}$$

· Practical neural network considerations

· Large number of neurons  $\Rightarrow$  danger of **overfitting**

· **Modeling assumptions** vs **data assumptions**

· Gradient descent can easily get stuck in **local optima (not convex)**

· If there are no non-linear activations, all linear layers can be reduced into single linear layer

### · **Universal approximation thm**

· A two-layer neural network with sufficiently many neurons can approximate any continuous function to any desired accuracy

· Tensorflow playground is nice

### · **Convolutional Neural Networks**

· History

· 2005 HoG Histogram of oriented gradients

· HoG  $\rightarrow$  linear filter

· AlexNet breakthrough

#### · **Convolution**

· Signal processing

$$z[i, j] = \sum_{u=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{v=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i-u, j-v] \cdot w[u, v]$$

· Relaxed definition

$$z[i, j] = \sum_{u=0}^{k-1} \sum_{v=0}^{k-1} x[i+u, j+v] \cdot w[u, v]$$

## Lecture 10/11 Ensemble Methods

- Recall decision trees
  - + Computationally efficient
  - + Interpretable
  - + Compatible with continuous, discrete features
  - Prone to overfitting, addressible by heuristics (eg., pruning)
  - High bias, addressible by bagging
  - High variance (especially short trees), addressible by boosting

### Bias-Variance Tradeoff

True error of model = Bias + Variance

- How well can model approximate target
- Decrease with model complexity

- How well can model approximate anything
- Increase with model complexity

### Bagging

- Bootstrap aggregating
- Combine prediction of many hypotheses to reduce variance
  - Regression  $\bar{h}(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m h_i(\bar{x})$
  - Classification  $\bar{h}(\bar{x}) = \text{sign}(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m h_i(\bar{x}))$  where encoding is  $\{+1, -1\}$
- If  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  independent rvs with var  $\sigma^2$  then var of  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  is  $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

### Random Forests

- Input:  $D = \{(\bar{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\bar{x}_n, y_n)\}, B$
- Alg:
  - for  $b=1$  to  $B$ :
    - $D_b \leftarrow$  sample  $n$  points from  $D$  with replacement
    - $t_b \leftarrow$  learn decision tree using  $D_b$ , ID3 algorithm with split feature randomization
- Output:  $\bar{f}$  the aggregated hypothesis
- Important because bagging alone does not create independent trees

### Boosting

- Tries to reduce bias of a "weak" or highly biased model
- Can also reduce variance

### AdaBoost [Schapire 1989]

- Intuition: iteratively reweight inputs, giving more weight to inputs that are difficult to predict correctly
- Most widely known/used in practice today

Ada Boost

Input:  $D(Y = \{-1, +1\}), T$

Algorithm:

$$w_1^{(0)}, \dots, w_n^{(0)} \leftarrow \frac{1}{n}$$

for  $t=1$  to  $T$ :

$h_t \leftarrow$  train weak learner minimizing weighted training error  $\epsilon_t$

weighted training error of  $h_t$   
importance of  $h_t$   
weights update

$$\epsilon_t \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^{(t-1)} \mathbb{1}(h_t(\bar{x}_i) \neq y_i)$$

$$\alpha_t \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1-\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t} \right)$$

$$w_i^{(t)} \leftarrow \frac{w_i^{(t-1)}}{Z_t} \times \begin{cases} e^{-\alpha_t} & \text{if } h_t(\bar{x}_i) = y_i \\ e^{\alpha_t} & \text{if } h_t(\bar{x}_i) \neq y_i \end{cases} = \frac{1}{Z_t} w_i^{(t-1)} \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(\bar{x}_i))$$

Output: aggregated hypothesis

$$g_T(\bar{x}) = \text{sign}(H_T(\bar{x})) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t h_t(\bar{x}) \right)$$

$\alpha_t$  intuition: want good weak learners to have large weights

$w_i$  intuition: want incorrectly classified inputs to receive a higher weight in the next round

$$\epsilon_t < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1-\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t} > 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_t > 0 \Rightarrow e^{-\alpha_t} < 1 \text{ and } e^{\alpha_t} > 1$$

Ada Boost intuition:

Want weak learners because low variance/cheap to compute

Want final hypothesis to be weighted combination of weak learners because individual weak learners do poorly

AdaBoost greedily minimizes exponential loss  $e(h, \bar{x}, y) = e^{-yH(\bar{x})}$  which upper bounds the binary error

Exponential loss

$$\text{Claim: } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-y_i h(\bar{x}_i)} \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sign}(h(\bar{x}_i) \neq y_i)$$

$$\text{Then: } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-y_i h(\bar{x}_i)} \rightarrow 0 \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sign}(h(\bar{x}_i) \neq y_i) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{Claim: If } g_T = \text{sign}(H_T) \text{ is AdaBoost hypothesis then } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-y_i H_T(\bar{x}_i)} = \prod_{t=1}^T Z_t$$

Consider  $w_i^{(0)}, w_i^{(1)}, w_i^{(2)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In general, } w_i^{(T)} &= \frac{\prod_{t=1}^T \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(\bar{x}_i))}{n \prod_{t=1}^T Z_t} \\ &= \frac{\exp(-y_i \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t h_t(\bar{x}_i))}{n \prod_{t=1}^T Z_t} \\ &= \frac{\exp(-y_i H_T(\bar{x}_i))}{n \prod_{t=1}^T Z_t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since normalized, } \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^{(T)} = 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\exp(-y_i H_T(\bar{x}_i))}{n \prod_{t=1}^T Z_t}$$

$$\text{Hence } \prod_{t=1}^T Z_t = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \exp(-y_i H_T(\bar{x}_i))$$

Then: one way of minimizing in-sample exponential loss is to greedily minimize  $Z_t$

Greedy exponential loss minimization

$$Z_t = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^{(t-1)} e^{-w y_i h(\bar{x}_i)}$$

$$= \sum_{y_i = h_t(\bar{x}_i)} w_i^{(t-1)} e^{-w} + \sum_{y_i \neq h_t(\bar{x}_i)} w_i^{(t-1)} e^w$$

$$= e^{-w}(1-\epsilon_t) + e^w \epsilon_t$$

$$\frac{\partial Z_t}{\partial w} = -e^{-w}(1-\epsilon_t) + e^w \epsilon_t$$

= 0 when  $w = w^*$  for some  $w^*$

$$e^{w^*} \epsilon_t = e^{-w^*} (1-\epsilon_t)$$

$$e^{2w^*} = \frac{1-\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}$$

$$w^* = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1-\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}$$

i.e., importance defined to minimize  $Z_t$ , minimizes since  $\frac{\partial^2 Z_t}{\partial w^2} > 0$

$Z_t$  simplifies further to  $2\sqrt{\epsilon_t(1-\epsilon_t)} < 1$  if  $\epsilon_t < \frac{1}{2}$



## Lecture 10/11 cont.

### Training error

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}(y_i \neq g_T(\vec{x}_i)) \leq \prod_{t=1}^T \bar{z}_t$$

$$= \prod_{t=1}^T \sqrt{\epsilon_t(1-\epsilon_t)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty \text{ as long as } \epsilon_t < \frac{1}{2} \forall t$$

### True error [Freund, Schapire, 1995]

For AdaBoost,

$$\text{True Error} \leq \text{Training Error} + \tilde{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{d_{VC}(H) T}{n}}\right)$$

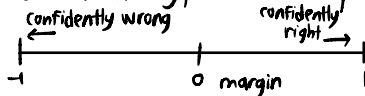
where  $d_{VC}(H)$  = VC dimension of weak learners,  $T$  = # weak learners,  $n$  = # training data points

Empirically, increasing  $T$  does not lead to overfitting as implied by above bound

### Margin of training point $(\vec{x}_i, y_i)$ defined as

$$m(\vec{x}_i, y_i) = \frac{y_i \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t h_t(\vec{x}_i)}{\sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t}$$

How confident  $g_T$  is in its prediction



Schapire's observation

Boosting increases margin even after training error reaches 0

## Lecture 10/13 Clustering & k-Means

### Learning Paradigms

Supervised

Regression

Classification

Binary Classification

Structured Prediction

Unsupervised

Semi-supervised

Online

Active Learning

Imitation Learning

Reinforcement Learning

$$D = \{ \vec{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)} \}_{i=1}^N \quad \vec{x} \sim p^*(\cdot) \quad y \sim c^*(\cdot)$$

$$y^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$y^{(i)} \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$

$$y^{(i)} \in \{-1, +1\}$$

$$\vec{y}^{(i)} \text{ a vector}$$

$$D = \{ \vec{x}^{(i)} \}_{i=1}^N \quad \vec{x} \sim p^*(\cdot)$$

$$D = \{ \vec{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)} \}_{i=1}^{N_1} \cup \{ \vec{x}^{(j)} \}_{j=1}^{N_2}$$

$$D = \{ (\vec{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (\vec{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots \}$$

$$D = \{ \vec{x}^{(i)} \}_{i=1}^N, \text{ can query } y^{(i)} = c^*(\cdot) \text{ at a cost}$$

$$D = \{ (s^{(1)}, a^{(1)}), (s^{(2)}, a^{(2)}), \dots \}$$

$$D = \{ (s^{(1)}, a^{(1)}, r^{(1)}), (s^{(2)}, a^{(2)}, r^{(2)}), \dots \}$$

### Clustering

Automatically partition unlabeled data into groups of similar datapoints

### Distance measures

$$D(A, B) = D(B, A) \quad \text{symmetry}$$

$$D(A, A) = 0 \quad \text{constancy of self-similarity}$$

$$D(A, B) = 0 \text{ iff } A = B \quad \text{positivity separation}$$

$$D(A, B) \leq D(A, C) + D(C, B) \quad \text{triangle inequality}$$

## Lecture 10/13 cont.

### Minkowski metric

- Given  $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_p)$ ,  $\vec{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_p)$
- Minkowski metric is  $d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = (\sum_{i=1}^p |x_i - y_i|^r)^{1/r}$ 
  - $r=2$ , Euclidean distance
  - $r=1$ , Manhattan distance
  - $r=+\infty$ , "sup" distance  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq p} |x_i - y_i|$

### Hamming distance

- Manhattan distance when all features binary

### Edit distance

### Clustering algorithms

#### Hierarchical

- Bottom up: agglomerative
- Top down: divisive

#### Partition

- k-means clustering
- Mixture-Model based clustering

### Agglomerative clustering

① Each object in a separate cluster

② Repeat:

⊙ Join most similar pair of clusters

⊙ Update similarity of new cluster to others until there is only one cluster

Greedy alg, less accurate but simple implementation

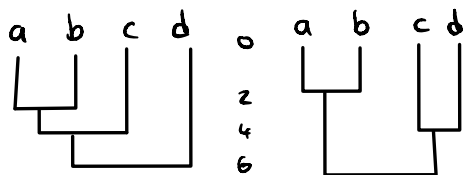
Single-Linkage = nearest neighbor, similarity on closest members → allow anisotropic, non-convex shapes

Complete-Linkage = furthest neighbor, similarity on furthest members → assume isotropic, convex shapes

Centroid = similarity between center of gravity

Average-Linkage = average similarity of all cross-cluster pairs

Dendrogram, convenient way to visualize clusters



### Divisive clustering

① All data in single cluster

② Repeat until each object a separate cluster

⊙ Split each cluster into two using partition algorithm

More accurate, more complex implementation

## Lecture 10/13 cont.

### Partitioning Algorithms

- Input: set of objects, number  $K$
- Goal: partition of  $K$  clusters optimizing chosen partitioning criterion
  - Global optimal: exhaustive enumeration of partitions
  - Effective heuristic:  $k$ -means

### $k$ -means

- Input:  $D = \{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$ ,  $K$
- Algorithm
  - Initialize  $K$  cluster centers (e.g., randomly)
  - Iterate
    - Assign points to nearest cluster centers
    - Reestimate  $K$  cluster centers (aka centroid or mean) by assuming above assignments correct
  - Until
    - No objects changed membership in last iteration

### Optimizing $k$ -means

- Input:  $\bar{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \bar{x}^{(N)}$ ,  $K$ ,  $\bar{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- Output:  $z^{(1)}, \dots, z^{(N)}$ ,  $z^{(i)} \in \{1, \dots, K\}$  "cluster assignments per point"
- Output:  $H_1, \dots, H_K$ ,  $H_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ 
  - $\hat{H}_1, \dots, \hat{H}_K = \operatorname{argmin}_{H_1, \dots, H_K} \sum_{i=1}^N \min_{j \in \{1, \dots, K\}} \|x^{(i)} - H_j\|_2^2$
  - $= \operatorname{argmin}_{H_1, \dots, H_K, z^{(1)}, \dots, z^{(N)}} \sum_{i=1}^N \|x^{(i)} - H_{z^{(i)}}\|_2^2$

### Computational complexity

- If  $N \geq 2, K \geq 2$ , not convex, NP hard

### Alternating minimization

- Ⓐ  $z = \operatorname{argmin}_z \sum_{i=1}^N \|x^{(i)} - H_{z^{(i)}}\|_2^2$
- Ⓑ  $H_1, \dots, H_K = \operatorname{argmin}_{H_1, \dots, H_K} \sum_{i=1}^N \|x^{(i)} - H_{z^{(i)}}\|_2^2$
- Ⓒ  $z^{(1)} = \operatorname{argmin}_{z^{(i)} \in \{1, \dots, K\}} \|x^{(1)} - H_{z^{(i)}}\|_2^2$       Ⓓ  $H_1 = \operatorname{argmin}_{H_1} \sum_{i: z^{(i)}=1} \|x^{(i)} - H_{z^{(i)}}\|_2^2$
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### Coordinate descent

- Two approaches to  $\min_{\theta_1, \theta_2} J(\theta_1, \theta_2)$
- Step based on derivative for one parameter
  - $\theta_1 \leftarrow \theta_1 - \eta \frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_1}$
  - $\theta_2 \leftarrow \theta_2 - \eta \frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_2}$
- Find minimum for one parameter
  - $\theta_1 \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta_1} J(\theta_1, \theta_2)$
  - $\theta_2 \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta_2} J(\theta_1, \theta_2)$

### Block coordinate descent

- $\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}$  instead of  $\theta_1, \theta_2$
- Like above

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### Computational complexity

#### Each iteration

- Computing cluster centers: each object added once to cluster center  $O(N)$
- Computing  $\forall \text{obj} \forall \text{cluster center } \text{dist}(\text{obj}, \text{cluster center}), O(KN)$

·  $l$  iterations  $\Rightarrow O(lKN)$

### Seed choice matters

- k-means always converges but may converge to local optimum, arbitrarily worse

### k-mediod (median)

- Use median training point as cluster center
- More robust to outliers pulling mean away
- Better interpretability
- More work to compute

### Choosing k

- Look for knee in objective function

### More k-means issues

- Clusters may overlap
- Clusters may be "wider" than others
- Clusters may not be linearly separable

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# Lecture 10/18 Gaussian Mixture Models & Expectation-Maximization

## Categorical Distribution

- When discrete rv represents multiple possible classes and the probability of each class occurring
- $Y = \{1, \dots, K\}$ , but  $\mathbb{E}[Y]$  does not make sense
- $Y = [Y_1, \dots, Y_K]^T$  where each  $Y_k$  binary,  $Y$  one-hot
  - $Y \sim \text{Categorical}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_K)$  where  $0 \leq \pi_i \leq 1, \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i = 1$
  - $\mathbb{E}[Y] = [\mathbb{E}[Y_1], \dots, \mathbb{E}[Y_K]]^T = [\pi_1, \dots, \pi_K] = \vec{\pi}$

## Categorical Gaussian Generative Model

### Estimating parameters

- $Y \sim \text{Categorical}(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3)$
- $X_{y=k} \sim N(\mu_k, \sigma_k^2)$
- $D = \{x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$
- $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \underset{\theta}{\text{argmax}} \sum_{i=1}^N \log P(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)} | \theta)$ 
  - $= \underset{\theta}{\text{argmax}} \sum_{i=1}^N \log P(y^{(i)} | \theta) P(x^{(i)} | y^{(i)} | \theta)$
  - $= \underset{\theta}{\text{argmax}} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \pi_{k=1}^{y_k^{(i)}} f_N(x^{(i)} | \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)^{y_k^{(i)}}$
  - $= \underset{\theta}{\text{argmax}} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K y_k^{(i)} \log \pi_k f_N(x^{(i)} | \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)$

### Inference

$$\begin{aligned} P(y_k=1 | x, \theta) &= \frac{P(x, y_k=1 | \theta)}{P(x | \theta)} \\ &= \frac{P(x, y_k=1 | \theta)}{\sum_{j=1}^K P(x, y_j=1 | \theta)} \\ &= \frac{P(y_k=1 | \theta) P(x | y_k=1)}{\sum_{j=1}^K P(x, y_j=1 | \theta)} \\ &= \frac{\pi_k f_N(x | \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j f_N(x | \mu_j, \sigma_j^2)} \end{aligned}$$

## k-means bad case example

- Overlapping clusters
- Some clusters can be "wider"
- Clusters may not be linearly separable

## Partitioning Algorithms

- k-means is a **hard assignment**: each object belongs to only one cluster
- Mixture modeling** is a **soft assignment**: probability that an object belongs to a cluster

## Gaussian Mixture Model

- Mixture of **K Gaussian distributions** (multimodal distribution)

$$p(x | z_k=1) \sim N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \underbrace{p(x | z_k=1)}_{\text{mixture component}} \underbrace{P(z_k=1)}_{\text{mixture proportion}}$$

- k components, component k generates data from Gaussian( $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$ )
- Each data point generated as follows:
  - ① Pick component k with probability  $P(z_k=1)$
  - ② Data point  $x \sim N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$

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### Learning general Gaussian Mixture Models

#### GMM

$$x_1, \dots, x_M \sim p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K p(x|z_k=1) p(z_k=1)$$

$$\text{Mixture } \pi_k = p(z_k=1)$$

$$\text{Gaussian components } p(x|z_k=1) \sim N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

$$\text{Parameters } \theta = \{\pi_k, \mu_k, \Sigma_k\}_{k=1}^K$$

#### Estimating parameters

##### MLE?

$$\arg_{\theta} \max \prod_{i=1}^N p(x^{(i)}|\theta) = \arg_{\theta} \max \prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k |z_k|^{-z} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x^{(i)}-\mu_k)^T z_k (x^{(i)}-\mu_k)}$$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_k} \ell(\theta; D) = 0$ , etc  $\Rightarrow$  no closed form

Gradient descent  $\Rightarrow$  possible but complicated, often slow, need to consider constraints on parameters

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{k=1}^K r_k \frac{\partial \ell_k}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{the responsibility weighted sum of individual log likelihood gradients}$$

For constraints, use constrained optimization or reparameterize (e.g. softmax, Cholesky decomposition  $\Sigma^{-1} = A^T A$ )

## Lecture 10/20 GMM, EM, PCA

### Recall Log Likelihood vs Complete Log Likelihood

$$\text{LL: } D = \{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$\text{CLL: } D = \{x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$\ell(\theta; D) = \log \prod_{i=1}^N p(x^{(i)}|\theta)$$

$$\ell_c(\theta; D_c) = \log \prod_{i=1}^N p(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}|\theta)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \log \sum_{k=1}^K p(x^{(i)}, z^{(i)}|\theta)$$

stuck

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \log \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k z_k^{z^{(i)}} f_N(x^{(i)}|\mu_k, \Sigma_k)^{z_k^{(i)}} \quad \text{indicator trick}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K z_k^{(i)} \log(\pi_k f_N(x^{(i)}|\mu_k, \Sigma_k))$$

### Expected value of Complete Log Likelihood

Replace  $z$  with  $\mathbb{E}_{z|x, \theta} [z_c(\theta; D_c)]$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{z|x, \theta} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K z_k^{(i)} \log(\pi_k f_N(x^{(i)}|\mu_k, \Sigma_k)) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{E}_{z|x, \theta} [z_k^{(i)}] \log(\pi_k f_N(x^{(i)}|\mu_k, \Sigma_k)), \quad \text{note } \mathbb{E}_{z|x, \theta} [z_k^{(i)}] = \sum_{z_k \in \{1, \dots, K\}} z_k P(z_k|x^{(i)}, \theta) = p(z_k=1|x^{(i)}, \theta)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K p(z_k^{(i)}=1|x^{(i)}, \theta) \log(\pi_k f_N(x^{(i)}|\mu_k, \Sigma_k))$$

### Expectation-Maximization (EM) for GMMs

#### Initialize

$$t=0, \pi_k^{(0)}, \mu_k^{(0)}, \Sigma_k^{(0)}$$

#### E-step

for fixed GMM parameters  $\theta^{(t)}$ , update probability point  $\tilde{x}^{(i)}$  belongs to cluster  $k$ ,  $p(z_k^{(i)}=1|\tilde{x}^{(i)}, \theta^{(t)})$

#### M-step

For fixed  $p(z_k^{(i)}=1|\tilde{x}^{(i)}, \theta^{(t)})$ , update estimates for  $\pi_k^{(t+1)}, \mu_k^{(t+1)}, \Sigma_k^{(t+1)}$

Iterate between E and M steps

### EM notes

EM = optimization strategy for objective functions that can be interpreted as likelihoods in the presence of missing data

**Simpler** than gradient methods - no step size, enforces constraints, call inference and fully observed learning as subroutines

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### More EM notes

#### EM iterative

- E-step: fill in hidden values using inference  $p(z|x, \theta)$
- M-step: update parameters  $t+1$  using standard MLE/MAP method applied to completed data
- Monotonically improves or stays unchanged
  - Will always converge to local optimum of the likelihood

### EM for GMM

E

$$\mathbb{E}_{z|x, \theta^{(t)}} [z_k^{(i)}] = p(z_k^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}, \theta^{(t)})$$

M

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \pi_k^{(t+1)} \\ \mu_k^{(t+1)} \\ \Sigma_k^{(t+1)} \end{array} \right\} \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{z|x, \theta^{(t)}} [\ell_c(\theta | D_c)]$$

Specifically

$$E: p(z_k^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}, \theta^{(t)}) \leftarrow \frac{\pi_k^{(t)} N(x^{(i)}; \mu_k^{(t)}, \Sigma_k^{(t)})}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j^{(t)} N(x^{(i)}; \mu_j^{(t)}, \Sigma_j^{(t)})} \quad \forall i, k$$

$$M: \pi_k^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p(z_k^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}, \theta^{(t)})}{N} \quad \forall k$$

$$\mu_k^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p(z_k^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}, \theta^{(t)}) x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^N p(z_k^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}, \theta^{(t)})} \quad \forall k$$

$$\Sigma_k^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p(z_k^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}, \theta^{(t)}) (x^{(i)} - \mu_k^{(t+1)}) (x^{(i)} - \mu_k^{(t+1)})^T}{\sum_{i=1}^N p(z_k^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}, \theta^{(t)})} \quad \forall k$$

### General EM theory

- Recall MLE, learn  $\theta$  maximizing  $\ell_c(\theta; D)$
- But  $z$  not observed, computing  $\ell(\theta; D) = \log \sum_z p(x, z | \theta) = \log \sum_z p(z | \theta; x) p(x | z, \theta_x)$  hard
- If  $z$  observable, then  $\ell_c(\theta; x, z) = \log p(x, z | \theta)$ , solvable with standard MLE
- But  $z$  isn't. So  $\ell(\theta; x) = \log \sum_z p(x, z | \theta)$ .

### Expected complete log likelihood

- For any distribution  $q(z)$ , define expected complete log likelihood

$$\langle \ell_c(\theta; x, z) \rangle_q = \sum_z q(z|x, \theta) \log p(x, z | \theta)$$

- Deterministic function of  $\theta$

- Linear in  $\ell_c(\cdot)$

- By Jensen's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\theta; x) &= \log p(x | \theta) \\ &= \log \sum_z p(x, z | \theta) \\ &= \log \sum_z q(z|x) \frac{p(x, z | \theta)}{q(z|x)} \\ &\geq \sum_z q(z|x) \log \frac{p(x, z | \theta)}{q(z|x)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \ell(\theta; x) \geq \langle \ell_c(\theta; x, z) \rangle_q + H_q$$

### Free energy

- For fixed data  $x$ , define functional  $F(q, \theta) = \sum_z q(z|x) \log \frac{p(x, z | \theta)}{q(z|x)} \leq \ell(\theta; x)$
- EM is coordinate ascent on  $F$ , E:  $q^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_q F(q, \theta^t)$ , M:  $\theta^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} F(q^{t+1}, \theta^t)$

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### E maximizes expected $\ell_c$ wrt $q$

Claim:  $q^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_q F(q, \theta^t) = p(z|x, \theta^t)$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} F(p(z|x, \theta^t), \theta^t) &= \sum_z p(z|x, \theta^t) \log \frac{p(x, z|\theta^t)}{p(z|x, \theta^t)} \\ &= \sum_z p(z|x, \theta^t) \log P(x|\theta^t) \\ &= \log P(x|\theta^t) = \ell(\theta^t; x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\ell(\theta^t; x) \geq F(q, \theta)$

Or prove by variational calculus

Or prove by  $\ell(\theta; x) - F(q, \theta) = KL(q \| p(z|x, \theta))$

### E plugs in the posterior expectation of latent variables

WLOG assume  $p(x|z, \theta)$  generalized exponential family distribution

$$p(x|z, \theta) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} h(x, z) \exp\{\sum_i \theta_i f_i(x, z)\}$$

If  $p(x|z)$  GLIM then  $f_i(x, z) = \eta_i^T(z) \xi_i(x)$

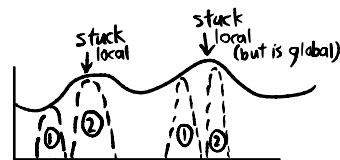
Then expected complete log likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \ell_c(\theta^t; x, z) \rangle_{q^{t+1}} &= \sum_z q(z|x, \theta^t) \log p(x, z|\theta^t) - A(\theta) \\ &= \sum_i \theta_i^t \langle f_i(x, z) \rangle_{q(z|x, \theta^t)} - A(\theta) \\ &\stackrel{\text{P-M}}{=} \sum_i \theta_i^t \langle \eta_i^T(z) \rangle_{q(z|x, \theta^t)} \xi_i(x) - A(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

### M maximizes expected $\ell_c$ wrt $\theta$

Notice  $H_q$  term does not depend on  $\theta$

$\theta^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_\theta \langle \ell_c(\theta; x, z) \rangle_{q^{t+1}} = \operatorname{argmax}_\theta \sum_z q(z|x) \log p(x, z|\theta)$



EM: use multiple randomized initializations in practice

### Dimensionality reduction

Find  $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $g: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $k \ll m$ ,  $f(\bar{z}) = \bar{x}$ ,  $\bar{x}' = g(\bar{z})$

minimizing reconstruction error, i.e.,  $\min_{f, g} \sum_{i=1}^N \|x^{(i)} - x'^{(i)}\|_2^2$

### Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

If data on/near low-dimensional subspace, then axes of this subspace are effective representation of the data

Input data  $D = \{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$ ,  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x^{(1)T} \\ \vdots \\ x^{(N)T} \end{bmatrix}$

Assume data centered, i.e.,  $\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x^{(i)} = 0$

Otherwise subtract sample mean to center

Sample covariance matrix

$$\sum_{j,k} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_j^{(i)} - \mu_j)(x_k^{(i)} - \mu_k)$$

$$\text{Since centered, } \Sigma = \frac{1}{N} X^T X$$

PCA Alg, input  $X, X_{\text{test}}, K$

① Center data and scale each axis based on training data  $\rightarrow X, X_{\text{test}}$

②  $V =$  eigenvectors ( $X^T X$ )

③ Keep only top eigenvectors  $V_k$

④  $Z_{\text{test}} = X_{\text{test}} V_k$

⑤ Optionally  $V_k^T$  rotates  $Z_{\text{test}}$  back to subspace  $X'_{\text{test}}$ , uncenter



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### Principal components

- The  $i^{\text{th}}$  principal component is eigenvector of  $X^T X$  associated with  $i^{\text{th}}$  largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$
- Recall  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots$
- $M$  dimensions  $\Rightarrow X^T X_{M \times M} \Rightarrow$  up to  $M$  eigenvectors  $\Rightarrow M$  principal components

### Rotation

- For any orthogonal  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$
- Rotate  $z^{(i)} = V x^{(i)}$
- Unrotate  $x^{(i)} = V^T z^{(i)}$

### Projection

- Reconstruction error
  - $\|x^{(i)} - x'^{(i)}\|_2^2$
  - $v^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{v, \|v\|_2=1} \sum_{i=1}^N \|x^{(i)} - (v^T x^{(i)})v\|_2^2$
- Variance of projection
  - $v^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{v, \|v\|_2=1} \sum_{i=1}^N v^T x^{(i)}$

## Lecture 10/25 PCA, Kernel PCA, Autoencoders, Independent Component Analysis

### Midterm up to not including kernel PCA

### Maximizing Variance = Minimizing Reconstruction Error

- $\|x^{(i)} - (v^T x^{(i)})v\|_2^2 = \|x^{(i)}\|_2^2 - (v^T x^{(i)})^2$  since  $v^T v = \|v\|_2^2 = 1$
- $v^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{v: \|v\|_2=1} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|x^{(i)} - (v^T x^{(i)})v\|_2^2$ 
  - $= \operatorname{argmin}_{v: \|v\|_2=1} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|x^{(i)}\|_2^2 - (v^T x^{(i)})^2$
  - $= \operatorname{argmax}_{v: \|v\|_2=1} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (v^T x^{(i)})^2$

### Lagrange multipliers for PCA

- $\Sigma$  symmetric
- $\hat{v} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\hat{v}} \hat{v}^T \Sigma \hat{v}$ 
  - such that  $\|\hat{v}\|_2^2 = 1$
- $L(\hat{v}, \lambda) = \hat{v}^T \Sigma \hat{v} - \lambda (\hat{v}^T \hat{v} - 1)$
- $\nabla_{\hat{v}} L(\hat{v}, \lambda) = \hat{v}^T (\Sigma + \Sigma^T) - 2\lambda \hat{v}^T$ 
  - $= 2\hat{v}^T \Sigma - 2\hat{v}^T \lambda$
- $\nabla_{\hat{v}} L(\hat{v}, \lambda) = 0$  when  $\lambda = \Sigma$
- So  $\Sigma$  eigenvalues,  $\hat{v}$  eigenvectors

### SVD for PCA

- $X = U S V^T$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$
- $U_{N \times N}$  orthogonal, cols = left singular vectors of  $A$ , cols = eigenvectors  $X X^T$
- $V_{M \times M}$  orthogonal, cols = right singular vectors of  $A$ , cols = eigenvectors  $X^T X$
- $S_{N \times M}$  diagonal, diagonals = singular entries of  $X$ ,  $\sigma_k$ . Each  $\sigma_k^2$  are eigenvalues for  $X X^T$  and  $X^T X$

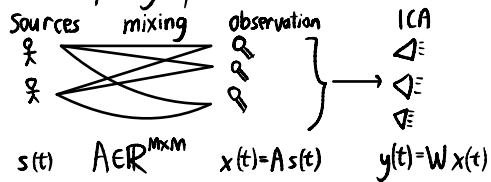
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### Kernel maps

- Feature maps + kernel trick  $\rightarrow$  linearize data for PCA
- Input:  $X, X_{\text{test}}$
- Algorithm
  - Compute kernel matrix  $K_{ij} = k(X_i, X_j) = \Phi(X_i)^T \Phi(X_j)$
  - "Center  $K$ "
  - $U = \text{eigenvectors}(K), \lambda = \text{eigenvalues}(K)$
  - $\alpha_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_j}} u_j$
  - $z_{\text{test},j} = \sum_i \alpha_{ij} k(X_i, X_{\text{test}})$

### Independent Component Analysis (ICA)

- Cocktail party problem



### ICA vs PCA

- PCA
- $X = US, U^T U = I$
  - Compression  $\checkmark, M < N$
  - Remove correlation  $\checkmark$
  - Remove higher order dependence  $\times$
  - Components: bigger eigenvalue, more importance

- ICA
- $X = AS, \exists A^{-1}$
  - Compression  $\times, M = N$
  - Remove correlation  $\checkmark$
  - Remove higher order dependence  $\checkmark$
  - Components equally important

### ICA

- Given  $x$ 
    - Find  $y = \hat{s}, W = \hat{A}^{-1}$
  - Solution  $y = Wx$ 
    - Remove mean so  $E[X] = 0$
    - Whitening  $E[x x^T] = I$
    - Find orthogonal  $W$  optimizing objective
- See slides for Kurtosis maximization, FastICA, whitening visualization

## Lecture 11/01 Computational Learning Theory

### Exam

- $\sim 70$  mean
- Usually 50% A

# Lecture 11/01 cont.

- Zero train error  $\Rightarrow$  realizable case for true error
- Low train error  $\Rightarrow$  agnostic case for true error
- Theoretical justification for regularization

- Risk = expected loss over data points
- 0-1 loss = cost of one when misclassifying a point

## True error (expected risk)

$$R(h) = P_{x \sim p^*(x)} (c^*(x) \neq h(x)) \quad c \text{ is oracle}$$

## Train error (empirical risk)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}(h) &= P_{x \sim S} (c^*(x) \neq h(x)) && x \sim S \text{ means } x \text{ sampled from empirical distribution} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(c^*(x^{(i)}) \neq h(x^{(i)})) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(y^{(i)} \neq h(x^{(i)})) \end{aligned}$$

## PAC/SLT model

- Probably Approximately Correct / Statistical Learning Theory
- ① Generate  $\bar{x}^{(i)} \sim p^*(\bar{x}) \forall i$   $p^*$  is an unknown distribution
- ② Oracle  $y^{(i)} = c^*(\bar{x}^{(i)}) \forall i$
- ③ Learning alg picks  $\hat{h} = \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in H} \hat{R}(h)$
- Goal: choose  $h$  with low generalization error  $R(h)$

## Hypothesis functions

- True function  $c^*$
- Expected risk minimizer  $h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in H} R(h)$
- Empirical risk minimizer  $\hat{h} = \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in H} \hat{R}(h)$

## Bounding $R(h)$ in terms of $\hat{R}(h)$

- PAC learner yields  $h \in H$ ,  $R(h) \approx 0$  (approx correct), with high probability  $P(R(h) \approx 0) \approx 1$
- PAC criterion  $P(|R(h) - \hat{R}(h)| \leq \epsilon) \geq 1 - \delta$
- PAC learner consistent if
  - $\forall \epsilon, \forall \delta$
  - $\exists N$  such that for any  $p^*$
  - $P(|R(h) - \hat{R}(h)| > \epsilon) < \delta$
- $N$  above is the sample complexity
  - $N$  finite  $\Rightarrow H$  learnable
  - $N$  is poly in  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$  and  $\frac{1}{\delta} \Rightarrow H$  PAC learnable

## Sample complexity

### Realizable

Finite  $|H|$   $N \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\log |H| + \log \frac{1}{\delta})$   
 Infinite  $|H|$   $N = O(\frac{1}{\epsilon} (VC(H) \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \frac{1}{\delta}))$

### Agnostic

$$N \geq \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} (\log |H| + \log \frac{1}{\delta})$$

$$N = O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} (VC(H) + \log \frac{1}{\delta}))$$

So that with probability  $1 - \delta$  for all  $h \in H$  (with  $\hat{R}(h) = 0$  we have  $R(h) \leq \epsilon$ )  $\leftarrow$  finite  $|H|$   
 (we have  $|R(h) - \hat{R}(h)| \leq \epsilon$ )  $\leftarrow$  infinite  $|H|$

## Lecture 11/01 cont.

· Proof for finite  $|H|$ , realizable

·  $h \in H$  consistent if  $R(h) = 0$

· Assume  $k$  bad hypotheses  $h_1, \dots, h_k$  with  $R(h_i) > \epsilon$

· Pick bad  $h_i$ ,  $P(h_i \text{ consistent with first training point}) \leq 1 - \epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(h_i \text{ consistent with first } N \text{ training points}) \leq (1 - \epsilon)^N \\ & \hookrightarrow \hat{R}(h_i) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

·  $P(\text{at least one } h_i \text{ consistent with first } N \text{ training points}) \leq k(1 - \epsilon)^N$  by union bound  
 $\leq |H|(1 - \epsilon)^N$ , recall  $1 - x \leq e^{-x}$   
 $\leq |H|e^{-\epsilon N}$

· Fix  $\delta$ , calculate  $N$  such that  $|H|e^{-\epsilon N} \leq \delta$

## Lecture 11/03 More Learning Theory

· Continue proof

$$\begin{aligned} P(\exists h \in H : \hat{R}(h) = 0 \wedge R(h) > \epsilon) &\leq k(1 - \epsilon)^N \\ &\leq |H|(1 - \epsilon)^N \\ &\leq |H|e^{-\epsilon N} \leq \delta \end{aligned}$$

Find  $N$ :

$$|H| \frac{1}{\delta} \leq e^{\epsilon N}$$

$$\log |H| + \log \frac{1}{\delta} \leq \epsilon N$$

$$N \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\log |H| + \log \frac{1}{\delta})$$

Then with probability  $\leq \delta$ ,

$$\exists h \in H, R(h) > \epsilon \wedge \hat{R}(h) = 0$$

i.e. with probability  $> 1 - \delta$ ,

$$\forall h \in H, R(h) > \epsilon \Rightarrow \hat{R}(h) > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall h \in H, \hat{R}(h) = 0 \Rightarrow R(h) \leq \epsilon$$

## PAC bounds for finite model classes

· Hoeffding bound

$$\forall h, \hat{R}(h) = 0 \Rightarrow R(h) < \epsilon = \frac{1}{N} (\ln |H| + \ln \frac{1}{\delta})$$

· Hoeffding bound

$$\forall h, |R(h) - \hat{R}(h)| \leq \epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2N} (\ln |H| + \ln \frac{2}{\delta})}$$

## Bias-variance tradeoff

$$P(|R(h) - \hat{R}(h)| \geq \epsilon) \leq 2|H|e^{-2m\epsilon^2} \leq \delta$$

· Equivalently, with probability  $\geq 1 - \delta$ ,

$$R(h) \leq \hat{R}(h) + \underbrace{\left( \frac{\ln |H| + \ln \frac{2}{\delta}}{2m} \right)^{1/2}}_{\text{variance}}$$

## # decision trees depth $k$

$$H_k = \# \text{ binary decision trees depth } k, H_0 = 2, H_k = n H_{k-1} H_{k-1}$$

$$L_k = \log_2 H_k, L_0 = 1, L_k = \log_2 n + 2L_{k-1} \xrightarrow{\text{solve}} L_k = (2^k - 1)(1 + \log_2 n) + 1$$

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### Plug into PAC bound

$$m \geq \frac{\ln 2}{2\epsilon^2} \left( (2^k - 1)(1 + \log_2 n) + 1 + \log_2 \frac{2}{\delta} \right)$$

- Bad, exponential in  $k$
- But  $m$  data points  $\Rightarrow$  at most  $m$  leaves

### # decision trees with $k$ leaves

- $H_k = \#$  binary decision trees with  $k$  leaves
- $H_1 = 2$ ,  $H_k = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} H_i H_{k-i} = n^{k-1} C_{k-1}$
- (Stirling)  $H_k \leq n^{k-1} 2^{k-1}$

### Comparison

- Depth  $k$ :  $\log_2 H_k \leq (k-1)\log_2 n + 2k - 1$  linear in  $k$
- $k$  leaves:  $\log_2 H_k = (2^k - 1)(1 + \log_2 n) + 1$  exponential in  $k$

### Shattering

- $H[S]$  = set of splittings of dataset  $S$  using concepts from  $H$
- $H$  shatters  $S$  if  $|H[S]| = 2^{|S|}$
- VC-dimension of hypothesis space  $H$  is the cardinality of the largest set  $S$  that can be shattered by  $H$
- $VC(H) = \max \{|S| : H \text{ shatters } S\}$
- If arbitrarily large finite sets can be shattered by  $H$  then  $VC(H) = \infty$

### To show $VC(H) = d$ ,

- Show  $\exists S, |S| = d$ ,  $H$  shatters  $S$
- Show  $\nexists S, |S| = d+1$ ,  $H$  shatters  $S$

· Fact:  $H$  finite  $\Rightarrow VC(H) \leq \log |H|$

### SLT Corollaries

#### Realizable

##### Finite $|H|$

For  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\text{pr} \geq 1 - \delta$ ,  $\forall h: \hat{R}(h) = 0$ ,

$$R(h) \leq \frac{1}{N} \left[ \ln |H| + \ln \frac{1}{\delta} \right]$$

##### Infinite $|H|$

For  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\text{pr} \geq 1 - \delta$ ,  $\forall h: \hat{R}(h) = 0$ ,

$$R(h) \leq O \left( \frac{1}{N} \left[ VC(H) \ln \left( \frac{N}{VC(H)} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{1}{\delta} \right) \right] \right)$$

#### Agnostic

For  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\text{pr} \geq 1 - \delta$ ,  $\forall h$ ,

$$R(h) \leq \hat{R}(h) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2N} \left[ \ln |H| + \ln \frac{2}{\delta} \right]}$$

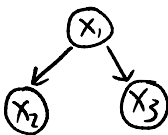
For  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\text{pr} \geq 1 - \delta$ ,  $\forall h$ ,

$$R(h) \leq \hat{R}(h) + O \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \left[ VC(H) + \ln \frac{2}{\delta} \right]} \right)$$

# Lecture 11/08 Bayesian Networks

## Bayesian networks

- Directed acyclic graph, nodes = random variables, edges = dependency assumptions
- $P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | \text{parent}(x_i))$

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3) = P(x_1) P(x_2 | x_1) P(x_3 | x_1) =$$


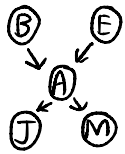
- Middle ground between full independence and full dependence

## Construction

- Identify the random variables
- Determine the conditional dependencies
  - Select an ordering of variables ← changes network substantially!
  - Add them one at a time
  - For each new var  $X$ , select minimal subset of nodes as parents such that  $X$  is independent from all other nodes in the current network given its parents
- Populate the conditional probability tables
  - Using density estimation

## Markov blanket

- All parents, children, co-parents of children
- In a Bayesian network a variable is conditionally independent of all other variables given its Markov blanket



B's markov blanket: E, A

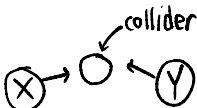
A's markov blanket: B, E, J, M

## d-separation

- When are two variables independent of each other?
- $x$  and  $y$  are **d-separated** given set of variables  $Z$  (possibly empty) if  $x$  and  $y$  are **conditionally independent** given  $Z$
- $I(x, y | Z)$  denotes the above conditional independence
- Variables that are **not d-connected** are **d-separated**

### Rules

- If  $Z$  empty,  $x$  and  $y$  are d-connected if  $\exists$  path between them without collider
- $x$  and  $y$  are d-connected given  $Z$  if  $\exists$  path between them without collider nor member of  $Z$
- If  $Z$  contains collider or one of its descendants, and no other node from  $Z$  on the path, then if a path between  $x$  and  $y$  contains this node they are d-connected



**Causality warning**  $(A) \rightarrow (B) = P(A) P(B|A) = P(A \wedge B) = P(B) P(A|B) = (B) \rightarrow (A)$

# Lecture 11/10 Bayesian Network Inference

## Inference

- Enumeration
- Stochastic inference
- Variable elimination
- Tree conversion

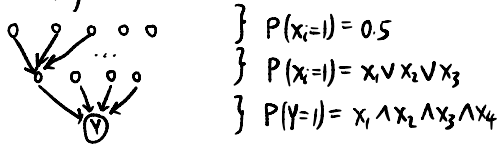
## Enumeration

- Sum over all possibilities for other vars
- Exponential runtime
  - Reusing calculations (like dynamic programming) may help
  - But # possible assignments still exponential in unobserved vars

· General querying of Bayesian networks is NP-complete

· Reduction from 3SAT

· Three layer



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P(x_i=1) = 0.5 \\ P(x_i=1) = x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3 \\ P(Y=1) = x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge x_3 \wedge x_4 \end{array} \right\}$$

$P(Y=1) \stackrel{?}{\rightarrow}$  satisfiable  
 $\quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow$  not satisfiable

## Stochastic inference

- Sample the joint distribution to obtain possible instances
  - ① Sample free variables ( $\exists$  since acyclic)
  - ② For every other variable, if all parents sampled, sample based on conditional distribution

· Example,  $P(B|J, \neg M)$

- $N = \#$  samples
- $N_c = \#$  samples where  $J, \neg M$  holds (condition)
- $N_B = \#$  samples where  $B, J, \neg M$  holds (joint)
- $N_c / N \approx P(J, \neg M)$
- $N_B / N \approx P(B, J, \neg M)$
- So  $P(B|J, \neg M) = \frac{P(B, J, \neg M)}{P(J, \neg M)} \approx \frac{N_B}{N_c}$

· Problem: only samples where condition holds are used, huge waste

- We can fix that?
- But problem: fixing changes distribution, consider

①  $\rightarrow$  ②

$$\begin{array}{l} P(B=1|A=1) = 0.001 \\ P(B=0|A=1) = 0.999 \\ P(B=1|A=0) = 0.5 \end{array}$$

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### Weighted sampling, $P(B|J, \neg M)$ example

- Always  $J \leftarrow 1, M \leftarrow 0$
- Sample as before
- Let  $w = P(v(B), v(E), v(A), J, \neg M)$  be the weight of the sample
- Alg
  - $N_B, N_C \leftarrow 0, 0$
  - Sample joint w/ fixed  $J, M$ .
  - Compute weight  $w$  of sample.
  - $N_C \leftarrow N_C + w$
  - If  $B=1, N_B \leftarrow N_B + w$
  - After many iterations, output  $P(B|J, \neg M) \approx N_B/N_C$

### Variable elimination

- Store and reuse  $P(M|A), P(J|A)$



- Alg
  - Let  $e$  = evidence (known variables)
  - Let  $vars$  = conditional probabilities derived from network in bottom up reverse order
  - For  $var$  in  $vars$ 
    - $factors \leftarrow \text{make-factors}(var, e)$
    - if  $var$  hidden, create new factor by summing out  $var$
  - Compute the product of all factors
  - Normalize
- Complexity now depends on highest in-degree

### Polytree

- No two nodes have more than one directed path between them
- Conversion by clustering,  $\exists$  alg linear in number of nodes
- But conversion can result in exponential increase in CPT size



# Lecture 11/15 Hidden Markov Models

## Limitations of Bayesian networks

- Cannot account for temporal/sequence models
- Must be DAGs

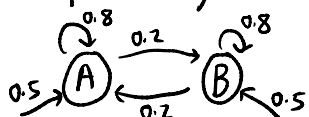
## Hidden Markov models HMM

- Model set of observations with a set of hidden states
- Hidden states generate observations
- Hidden states transition to other hidden states
- Fix a set of states  $\{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ 
  - In each time point we are in exactly one of these states  $q_t$
- Fix  $\pi_i$  the probability we start at state  $s_i$
- Learn transition probability model  $P(q_t = s_i | q_{t-1} = s_j)$ 
  - Markov property  $P(q_{t+1} = s_i | q_t = s_j) = P(q_{t+1} = s_i | q_t = s_j, q_{t-1} = s_k)$
- Fix a set of possible outputs  $\Sigma$  (the observations)
  - At time  $t$ , emit symbol  $\sigma \in \Sigma$
- Learn an emission probability model  $p(o_t = \sigma | s_i)$

## HMM inference

- Cannot look at observations  $\Rightarrow$  compute  $P(Q), P(q_t = s_i)$
- Have observations, only care about last state  $\Rightarrow$  compute  $P(Q|O), P(q_t = s_i | O)$
- Care about entire path  $\Rightarrow$  compute  $\arg\max_Q P(Q|O)$

## Example dice game



· Let  $Q =$  any path ending in A

$$\begin{aligned} P(Q) &= P(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{t-1}, A) = P(A | q_1, \dots, q_{t-1}) P(q_1, \dots, q_{t-1}) \\ &= P(A | q_{t-1}) P(q_1, \dots, q_t) \\ &= P(A | q_{t-1}) \dots P(q_2 | q_1) P(q_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$P(q_t = A) = \sum P(Q)$$

$\uparrow$   $2^{t-1}$  terms!

· Let  $p_t(i) = P(q_t = s_i)$

$$p_1(i) = \pi_i$$

$$p_t(i) = \sum_j P(q_t = s_i | q_{t-1} = s_j) p_{t-1}(j)$$

· Dynamic programming  $O(n^2 t)$

} Computing  $P(Q)$  efficiently

## Limit theorem for Markov transitions

- If we see no observations, transition matrix strictly positive, then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (P^k)_{ij} = \theta_j$ , i.e., starting point doesn't matter

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### Computing $P(Q|O)$ and $P(q_t=s_i|O)$

· Transition probability  $a_{ji} = P(q_t=s_i | q_{t-1}=s_j)$

· Emission probability  $b_i(o_t) = P(o_t | s_i)$

$$P(Q|O) = \frac{P(O|Q)P(Q)}{P(O)} = \frac{P(o_1|q_1)P(o_2|q_2) \dots P(o_t|q_t)P(q_1)P(q_2|q_1) \dots P(q_t|q_{t-1})}{P(O)}$$

· To compute  $P(O)$ ,

$$\text{let } \alpha_t(i) = P(o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t \wedge q_t = s_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \alpha_{t+1}(i) &= \sum_j P(o_1, \dots, o_t \wedge q_t = s_j \wedge o_{t+1} \wedge q_{t+1} = s_i) \\ &= \sum_j P(o_{t+1} \wedge q_{t+1} = s_i | o_1, \dots, o_t \wedge q_t = s_j) P(o_1, \dots, o_t \wedge q_t = s_j) \\ &= \sum_j P(o_{t+1} | q_{t+1} = s_i) P(q_{t+1} = s_i | q_t = s_j) \alpha_t(j) \\ &= \sum_j b_i(o_{t+1}) a_{ji} \alpha_t(j) \end{aligned}$$

· So  $P(O) = \sum_i \alpha_t(i)$

$$\text{Note } P(q_t=s_i | o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t) = \frac{\alpha_t(i)}{\sum_j \alpha_t(j)}$$

· Complexity

$$P(Q) = O(t)$$

$$P(O|Q) = O(t)$$

$$P(O) = O(n^2 t)$$

### Computing $P(Q^*|O) = \operatorname{argmax}_Q P(Q|O)$

· Let  $\delta_t(i) = \max_{q_1, \dots, q_{t-1}} P(q_1, \dots, q_{t-1} \wedge q_t = s_i \wedge o_1, \dots, o_t)$

“path  $1 \rightarrow t$  that ends in  $s_t$ , outputs  $o_1, \dots, o_t$ ”

Then  $\delta_t(i) = \pi_i b_i(o_t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \delta_{t+1}(i) &= \max_{q_1, \dots, q_t} P(q_1, \dots, q_t \wedge q_{t+1} = s_i \wedge o_1, \dots, o_{t+1}) \\ &= \max_j \delta_t(j) P(q_{t+1} = s_i | q_t = s_j) P(o_{t+1} | q_{t+1} = s_i) \\ &= \max_j \delta_t(j) a_{ji} b_i(o_{t+1}) \end{aligned}$$

### Viterbi Algorithm

$$P(Q^*|O) = \operatorname{argmax}_Q P(Q|O)$$

$$= \text{path defined by } \operatorname{argmax}_j \delta_t(j)$$

## Lecture 11/17 Learning HMMs

· We will learn transition and emission models

· Set of states usually domain knowledge

· Initial probabilities

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^* &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} \prod_k \pi(q_1) \prod_{t=2}^T P(q_t | q_{t-1}) \quad k = \# \text{ sequences available from training} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} \prod_k \pi(q_1) \end{aligned}$$

· Transition probabilities

$$\begin{aligned} a^* &= \operatorname{argmax}_a \prod_k \pi(q_1) \prod_{t=2}^T P(q_t | q_{t-1}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_a \prod_{t=2}^T P(q_t | q_{t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

· Above assumes we have states, but states usually not known  $\Rightarrow$  EM

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### Forward-Backward

- Forward  $\alpha_t(i) = P(O_1 \wedge \dots \wedge O_t \wedge q_t = i)$
- Backward  $\beta_t(i) = P(O_{t+1} \wedge \dots \wedge O_T | q_t = s_i)$   
 $= \sum_j a_{ij} b_j(O_{t+1}) \beta_{t+1}(j)$
- $P(q_t = s_i | O_1, \dots, O_T) = \frac{\alpha_t(i) \beta_t(i)}{\sum_j \alpha_t(j) \beta_t(j)} =: S_t(i)$
- $P(q_t = s_i, q_{t+1} = s_j | O_1, \dots, O_T) = \frac{\alpha_t(i) P(q_{t+1} = s_j | q_t = s_i) P(O_{t+1} | q_{t+1} = s_j) \beta_{t+1}(j)}{\sum_k \alpha_t(k) \beta_t(k)} =: S_t(i, j)$

### E step

- Compute  $S_t(i)$  and  $S_t(i, j)$  for all  $t, i, j$   $1 \leq t \leq n, 1 \leq i \leq k, 2 \leq j \leq k$

### M step

- Compute emission probabilities
  - Let  $B_k(j) = \sum_{t | q_t = j} S_t(k)$
  - Then  $b_k(j) = \frac{B_k(j)}{\sum_i B_k(i)}$
- Compute transition probabilities
  - $a_{ij} = \frac{\hat{n}(i, j)}{\sum_k \hat{n}(i, k)}$
  - where  $\hat{n}(i, j) = \sum_t S_t(i, j)$

### Complete EM (Baum Welch)

- Input
  - Observations  $O_1, \dots, O_T$
  - Number of states, model
- Alg
  - Guess initial transition and emission parameters
  - Until convergence
    - Compute E
    - Compute M
  - Output complete model

### Advanced HMMs

- Factorial HMMs
- Input-output HMMs
- Dynamic Bayesian Networks

### Factorial HMMs

- Decouple independent states
- M same as HMM
- E hard, can be exponential in number of states, usually use sampling (Monte Carlo)

### Input-output model

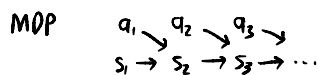
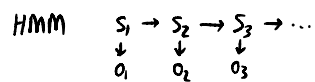
- Static input: input layer only affects transition probabilities  
 $p(Q, O|M) = \pi(q_1) p(O_1 | q_1) \prod_t p(q_t | q_{t-1}, R) p(O_t | q_t)$  where  $R$  is input

## Lecture 11/17 cont.

- **Input-output HMM learning**
  - Learn new transition table for each R (note emissions same)
  - Output can also depend on R
- **Dynamic Bayesian Networks**
  - BN doesn't allow for feedback
  - $P(X) = \prod_i p(x_i | Pa(x_i))$
  - Repeat the network over time slices

## Lecture 11/22 Markov Decision Processes

### · HMM and MDP



### · **Minimax**

$$V(s) = \max_a V(s') \text{ where } s' = \text{result}(s, a)$$
$$a = \operatorname{argmax}_a V(s') \text{ where } s' = \text{result}(s, a)$$

### · **Chance node notation**

$$V(s) = \sum_{s'} P(s'|s) V(s')$$

### · **Expectimax**: minimax, replace min with chance

$$V(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} [P(s'|s, a) V(s')]$$

### · **Markov Decision Process**

- Set of states  $s \in S$
- Set of actions  $a \in A$
- Transition function  $T(s, a, s')$ , also called model or dynamics
  - $P(s'|s, a)$
- Reward function  $R(s, a, s')$ , sometimes  $R(s)$  or  $R(s')$
- **Start state**
- **Maybe terminal state**
- Nondeterministic search problem
  - Solve with eg, expectimax

### · **Markov assumption**

$$P(S_{t+1} = s' | S_t = s_t, A_t = a_t, S_{t-1} = s_{t-1}, A_{t-1} = a_{t-1}, \dots, S_0 = s_0)$$
$$= P(S_{t+1} = s' | S_t = s_t, A_t = a_t)$$

## Lecture 11/22 cont.

### Policies

- $\pi: S \rightarrow A$
- $\pi^*$  optimal if maximizes expected utility
- Explicit policy defines reflex action
- Expectimax does NOT compute entire policies
  - Only finds actions for a single state

### Recursive Expectimax

$$V(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,a) [R(s,a,s') + V(s')]$$

### Discounting

- Values of rewards decay exponentially, multiply  $\gamma$  per level
- Sooner rewards
  - Probably higher utility than later rewards
  - Helps convergence
- What if the game lasts forever?
  - Finite horizon, up to  $T$  steps
    - Gives nonstationary policies
  - Discounting  $0 < \gamma < 1$ 
    - $V([r_0, \dots, r_{\infty}]) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t r_t \leq \frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma}$
    - Smaller  $\gamma$  means smaller horizon, short term focus

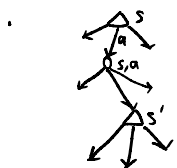
### Value iteration

- ①  $V_0(s) = 0$
- ② Repeat until convergence, expectimax from each state
 
$$V_{k+1}(s) \leftarrow \max_a \sum_{s'} T(s,a,s') [R(s,a,s') + \gamma V_k(s')]$$
  - $O(S^2A)$  complexity each iteration

### Convergence of $V_k$

- Case 1: tree has max depth  $M$ , then  $V_M$  has actual untruncated values
- Case 2: discount  $< 1$ , then
  - view  $V_k, V_{k+1}$  as almost identical depth  $k+1$  expectimax result trees
  - except  $V_k$ 's bottom is all 0's,  $V_{k+1}$ 's bottom has actual rewards
  - Last layer at best  $R_{\max}$  at worst  $R_{\min}$
  - But discounting  $\Rightarrow$  at most  $\gamma^k \max |R|$  apart  $\Rightarrow$  converge as  $k$  increases

## Lecture 11/29 except it was 2020 recording



$s$ : state  
 $(s,a)$ : q-state  
 $(s,a,s')$ : transition

$V^*(s)$  = expected utility starting in  $s$  and acting optimally  
 $Q^*(s,a)$  = expected utility starting in  $s$ , taking action  $a$ , then acting optimally  
 $\pi^*(s)$  = optimal action from state  $s$

## Lecture 11/29 cont,

### Recursive value definitions

- $V^*(s) = \max_a Q^*(s,a)$
- $Q^*(s,a) = \sum_{s'} T(s,a,s') [R(s,a,s') + \gamma V^*(s')]$
- $V^*(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} T(s,a,s') [R(s,a,s') + \gamma V^*(s')]$

### Computing actions

- Given  $Q$ -values, just pick largest
- Given values, perform policy extraction with mini expectimax  
 $\pi^*(s) = \operatorname{argmax}_a \sum_{s'} T(s,a,s') [R(s,a,s') + \gamma V^*(s')]$

### Solving MDPs, two approaches

#### Value iteration + policy extraction

- $V_{k+1}(s) \leftarrow \max_a \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,a) [R(s,a,s') + \gamma V_k(s')]$   $\forall s$  until convergence
- $\pi_V(s) \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_a \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,a) [R(s,a,s') + \gamma V(s')]$

#### Policy iteration = policy evaluation + policy improvement

- $V_{k+1}^\pi(s) = \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,\pi(s)) [R(s,\pi(s),s') + \gamma V_k^\pi(s')]$   $\forall s$  until convergence
- $\pi_{\text{new}}(s) = \operatorname{argmax}_a \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,a) [R(s,a,s') + \gamma V^{\pi_{\text{old}}}(s')]$   $\forall s$
- Repeat ①, ② until policy converges

### Summary

- Standard expectimax  $V(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,a) V(s')$
- Bellman equations  $V^*(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,a) [R(s,a,s') + \gamma V^*(s')]$
- Value iteration  $V_{k+1}(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,a) [R(s,a,s') + \gamma V_k(s')]$
- $Q$ -iteration  $Q_{k+1}(s,a) = \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,a) [R(s,a,s') + \gamma \max_{a'} Q_k(s',a')]$
- Policy extraction  $\pi_V(s) = \operatorname{argmax}_a \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,a) [R(s,a,s') + \gamma V(s')]$
- Policy evaluation  $V_{k+1}^\pi(s) = \sum_{s'} P(s'|s,\pi(s)) [R(s,\pi(s),s') + \gamma V_k^\pi(s')]$

### Reinforcement learning

- Note that solving MDPs is all offline
- What if transition and reward functions not known, must be learned?
- Concepts
  - Exploration : try unknown actions to get information
  - Exploitation : eventually use what you know
  - Regret : mistakes will be made
  - Sampling : must try repeatedly because of chance
  - Difficulty : learning can be much harder than solving known MDP
- Framework



All learning based on observed samples of outcomes

## Model-Based Learning

- Learn approx model based on experiences
- Solve for values as if learned model correct

### ① Learn empirical MDP model

- count outcomes for each  $(s, a)$
- normalize to estimate  $\tilde{T}(s, a, s')$
- discover each  $\tilde{R}(s, a, s')$  when experiencing  $(s, a, s')$

### ② Solve the learned MDP

## Sample based policy evaluation

$$V_{k+1}^\pi(s) \leftarrow \sum_{s'} T(s, \pi(s), s') [R(s, \pi(s), s') + \gamma V_k^\pi(s')]$$

Instead, sample and average

$$\text{sample}_i = R(s, \pi(s), s'_i) + \gamma V_k^\pi(s'_i)$$

$$V_{k+1}^\pi(s) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \text{sample}_i$$

## Temporal difference learning

- Learn from every  $(s, a, s', r)$  experience
- Likely  $s'$  outcomes contribute updates more often
- Note policy is fixed, just doing evaluation. We shift values.
- Components

- Sample  $V(s)$**   $\text{sample} = r + \gamma V^\pi(s)$

- Update  $V(s)$**   $V^\pi(s) \leftarrow (1 - \alpha)V^\pi(s) + \alpha \text{sample}$

- Same update**  $V^\pi(s) \leftarrow V^\pi(s) + \alpha (\text{sample} - V^\pi(s))$

or  $V^\pi(s) \leftarrow V^\pi(s) - \alpha \nabla \text{error}$  where  $\nabla \text{error} = \frac{1}{2} (\text{sample} - V^\pi(s))^2$

## Q-value learning

- TD value learning above: model free policy evaluation, but how to get a policy?
- Learn Q-values instead of values  $\Rightarrow$  then action selection is model free too
- Q-value iteration

- $Q_0(s, a) = 0$

- $Q_{k+1}(s, a) = \sum_{s'} T(s, a, s') [R(s, a, s') + \gamma \max_{a'} Q_k(s', a')]$

$\uparrow$   
not known

- Compute average as we go

- $Q(s, a) \approx r + \gamma \max_{a'} Q(s', a')$

- But need to average over results from  $(s, a)$

- So  $Q(s, a) \leftarrow (1 - \alpha)Q(s, a) + \alpha [r + \gamma \max_{a'} Q(s', a')]$

## Q-learning properties

### Off-policy learning

- Q-learning converges to optimal policy even if acting suboptimally

### Caveats

- Must explore enough

- Must eventually make learning rate small enough but not decrease it too quickly

- But in the limit, doesn't matter how actions are selected

## Lecture 11/29 cont.

### · Exploration vs Exploitation

#### · $\epsilon$ -greedy exploration

- Each time step, act randomly with probability  $\epsilon$ , act according to current policy with probability  $1-\epsilon$
- But random actions problematic
  - Eventually explores everything but keeps thrashing around when learning done
  - Fix: lower  $\epsilon$  over time
  - Another fix: exploration functions

### · Feature-based learning

- State space huge  $\Rightarrow$  use features instead
- $V_w(s) = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i f_i(s)$
- $Q_w(s,a) = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i f_i(s,a)$
- But states which share features may be very different in value
- To update the linear value function,  
$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \alpha [R(s,a,s') + \gamma \max_{a'} Q_w(s',a') - Q_w(s,a)] \frac{\partial Q_w(s,a)}{\partial w_i} \leftarrow f_i(s,a)$$
- Qualitatively
  - Pleasant surprise :  $\uparrow$ weight +ve features,  $\downarrow$ weight -ve ones
  - Unpleasant surprise :  $\downarrow$ weight +ve features,  $\uparrow$ weight -ve ones

### · Approximate Q-learning

- $Q_w(s,a) = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i f_i(s,a)$
- transition =  $(s, a, s', r)$
- diff =  $[r + \gamma \max_{a'} Q(s',a')] - Q(s,a)$
- $Q(s,a) \leftarrow Q(s,a) + \alpha \text{diff}$  exact Q
- $w_i \leftarrow w_i + \alpha \text{diff} f_i(s,a)$  approx Q
- Formal justification: online least squares

### · Minimizing error

- $\text{error}(w) = \frac{1}{2} (y - \sum_k w_k f_k(x))^2$
- $\frac{\partial \text{error}(w)}{\partial w_m} = -(y - \sum_k w_k f_k(x)) f_m(x)$
- $w_m \leftarrow w_m + \alpha (y - \sum_k w_k f_k(x)) f_m(x)$



## Probability

$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$  axiom  
 $P(A|B, C) = P(A|C) \Leftrightarrow (A \perp B|C) \Leftrightarrow$  A and B conditionally independent given C  
 $P(A, B) = P(A|B)P(B)$  chain rule  
 $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)}$  Bayes rule  
 $P(\theta|D) \propto P(D|\theta)P(\theta)$  posterior  $\propto$  likelihood  $\cdot$  prior  
 $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(D|\theta)$  MLE  
 $\hat{\theta}_{MAP} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(D|\theta)P(\theta)$  MAP

## Classifiers

- Instance-based: eg kNN use observations directly
- Generative: eg Bayesian network generative statistical model,  $P(X|Y)$
- Discriminative: eg decision tree directly estimate decision boundary,  $P(Y|X)$

**kNN**: majority vote on k "closest" points

**Naive Bayes**:  $P(X|y) = \prod_{i=1}^N P_i(x_i^{(i)}|y)$   
 Note  $P(y|X)$  needs  $P(Y)$

**Pseudocounts**: add  $\bar{x} = \bar{1}$ ,  $\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  samples

$H(X) = -\sum_c P(X=c) \log_2 P(X=c)$  entropy  
 $H(Y|X) = \sum_i P(X=i) H(Y|X=i)$  conditional entropy  
 $IG(Y|X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$  information gain,  $\geq 0$  by Jensen  
 $f(tx + (1-t)x_2) \leq t f(x_1) + (1-t) f(x_2)$  Jensen inequality,  $f$  convex,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$

**Decision tree** ID3: split on attribute  
 maximize information gain  
 reduce variance by randomly drawing

**Bagging**: datasets with replacement  
 bagging + use subset of features at

**Random Forest**: each tree node

**Linear Regression**:  $y = \sum_{j=0}^n w_j \phi_j(x)$  linear coefficients

$\hat{w}_{MLE} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T y$   
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{loop}} \Delta \Delta \Delta$  will / not

**Sigmoid**  $g(h) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-h}}$   
 $P(y=0|X; \theta) = g(w^T x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{w^T x}}$   
 $P(y=1|X; \theta) = 1 - g(w^T x)$

**Logistic regression**: no closed form, but concave so gradient ascent  
 $LL(y|X; w) = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \ln(1 - g(x_i; w)) + (1 - y_i) \ln(g(x_i; w))$

**Regularization**:  $L_2: \min \sum w_i^2$   
 $L_1: \min \sum |w_i|$

**SVM** non-linearly separable

$\min_w \frac{w^T w}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^n C \xi_i$   
 subject to  
 $\forall x_i \text{ in class } +1, w^T x + b \geq 1 - \xi_i$   
 $\forall x_i \text{ in class } -1, w^T x + b \leq -1 + \xi_i$   
 $\forall \xi_i, \xi_i \geq 0$   
 As  $C \rightarrow \infty$ , hard margin, forced linear sep  
 As  $C \rightarrow 0$ , soft margin

**Lagrange multiplier**  $\min_x x^2$  st  $x \geq b$   $\rightarrow \min_x \max_{\alpha \geq 0} x^2 - \alpha(x-b)$

True error = bias + variance

**AdaBoost**: iteratively reweight inputs, more weight to hard predictions  
 • Boosting increases (confidence) margin even after train error = 0

**Distances** ①  $D(A, B) = D(B, A)$  ②  $D(A, A) = 0$  ③  $D(A, B) = 0$  iff  $A = B$  ④  $D(A, B) \leq D(A, C) + D(C, B)$

**Minkowski**  $d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = (\sum_{i=1}^p |x_i - y_i|^r)^{1/r}$

**Clustering**: hierarchical (agglomerative/divisive), partition (k-means/mixture model)

**Gaussian Mixture Model**  $p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K P(x|z_k=1) P(z_k=1)$  where  $P(x|z_k=1) \sim N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$

**EM**

$E: \mathbb{E}_{z|x, \theta^{(t)}} [z_k^{(i)}] = p(z_k^{(i)}=1 | x^{(i)}, \theta^{(t)})$   
 $M: \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathbb{E}_{z|x, \theta^{(t)}} [l_c(\theta|D_c)]$

GMM + hard assignment = k-Means

## Calculus

$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\text{numerator}}{y \downarrow x \rightarrow} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_m} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_m} \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_m} \end{bmatrix}$  denominator is transpose

	Numerator layout	Denominator layout
$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} v$	$I_N$	$I_N$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} v^T$	$I_N$	$I_N$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} t v$	$t I_N$	$t I_N$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} u^T v$	$u^T$	$\vec{v}$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} u^T v$	$u^T$	$\vec{u}$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} v^T v$	$2 v^T$	$2 \vec{v}$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} v^T A v$	$v^T (A + A^T)$	$(A + A^T) \vec{v}$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} A v$	$A$	$A^T$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} v^T A$	$A^T$	$A$
$\frac{d}{dt} f(g(t), h(t))$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \frac{dg}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial h} \frac{dh}{dt}$	$\leftarrow$ same
$\frac{d}{dt} f(g_1(t), \dots, g_n(t))$	$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_i} \frac{dg_i}{dt}$	$\leftarrow$ same
$\frac{d}{dt} f(g(t))$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \frac{dg}{dt}$	$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \frac{\partial f}{\partial g}$
$\frac{d}{dt} f(g(v))$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \frac{dg}{dv}$	$\frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \frac{\partial f}{\partial g}$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} f(g(v), \vec{u}(v))$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \frac{dg}{dv} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{du}{dv}$	$\frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \frac{\partial f}{\partial g} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}$

# Learning Theory, $R(h)$ true error $\hat{R}(h)$ train error

Realizable      Agnostic

Finite  $|H|$

$\alpha \frac{1}{\epsilon}, \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \Rightarrow 2 \times N$   
 $\alpha \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}, \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \Rightarrow 4 \times N$   
 $\alpha \log |H|, \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \Rightarrow 2 \times N$

Infinite  $|H|$

$N \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon} [\log |H| + \log \frac{1}{\delta}]$   
 wp  $1-\delta, \hat{R}(h)=0 \Rightarrow R(h) \leq \epsilon$   
 $\exists \delta > 0, \text{wp} \geq 1-\delta, \hat{R}(h)=0 \Rightarrow$   
 $R(h) \leq \frac{1}{N} (\ln |H| + \ln \frac{1}{\delta})$   
 $N = O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} [V_C(H) \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \frac{1}{\delta}])$   
 wp  $1-\delta, \hat{R}(h)=0 \Rightarrow R(h) \leq \epsilon$   
 $\exists \delta > 0, \text{wp} \geq 1-\delta, \hat{R}(h)=0 \Rightarrow$   
 $R(h) \leq O(\frac{1}{N} (V_C(H) \ln \frac{N}{V_C(H)} + \ln \frac{1}{\delta}))$

$N \geq \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} \log |H| + \log \frac{1}{\delta}$   
 wp  $1-\delta, |R(h) - \hat{R}(h)| \leq \epsilon$   
 $\exists \delta > 0, \text{wp} \geq 1-\delta,$   
 $R(h) \leq \hat{R}(h) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2N} (\ln |H| + \ln \frac{1}{\delta})}$   
 $N = O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} [V_C(H) + \log \frac{1}{\delta}])$   
 wp  $1-\delta, |R(h) - \hat{R}(h)| \leq \epsilon$   
 $\exists \delta > 0, \text{wp} \geq 1-\delta,$   
 $R(h) \leq \hat{R}(h) + O(\sqrt{\frac{1}{N} (V_C(H) + \ln \frac{1}{\delta})})$

## PCA

Always center data by subtracting sample mean

$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{x}^{(i)} = \bar{0}, \Sigma = \frac{1}{N} X^T X$

① Center each axis  $\rightarrow X, X_{\text{test}}$

②  $V =$  eigenvectors  $(X^T X)$

③ Keep top  $k$   $V_k$

④  $Z_{\text{test}} = X_{\text{test}} V_k$

Projection  $(x, \vec{v}) = \frac{x^T \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|_2} \vec{v}$

Reconstruction Error  $v^* = \underset{\vec{v}: \|\vec{v}\|_2=1}{\text{argmax}} \sum_{i=1}^N \|\bar{x}^{(i)} - (\bar{v}^T \bar{x}^{(i)}) \bar{v}\|_2^2$

Variance of Projection  $v^* = \underset{\vec{v}: \|\vec{v}\|_2=1}{\text{argmax}} \sum_{i=1}^N (\bar{v}^T \bar{x}^{(i)})^2$

## NN

$L_{\text{out}} = \left\lfloor \frac{L_{\text{in}} - K + 2P}{S} + 1 \right\rfloor$   
 kernel, pad, stride

## BN

$P(x_1 \dots x_n) = \prod_i P(x_i | \text{pa}(x_i))$

$X, Y$  conditionally indep given  $Z$  if  $P(X, Y | Z) = P(X | Z) P(Y | Z)$

In BN,  $X$  conditionally indep of all other var given Markov blanket

Markov Blanket = all parents, children, coparents of children

$d$ -connected rules

①  $Z = \emptyset \Rightarrow X, Y$   $d$ -connected if  $\exists X \rightsquigarrow Y$  no collider

②  $X, Y$   $d$ -connected given  $Z$  if  $\exists X \rightsquigarrow Y$  no collider, no member of  $Z$

③ If  $Z$  has collider or collider descendant, no other node from  $Z$  on path, if  $\exists X \rightsquigarrow Y$  has that node then  $d$ -connected

$d$ -separated  $\Leftrightarrow$  not  $d$ -connected  $\Leftrightarrow X, Y$  conditionally indep given  $Z$

Construction

① Identify the random variables

② Determine the conditional dependencies

• Select an ordering of variables  $\leftarrow$  changes network substantially!

• Add them one at a time

• For each new var  $X$ , select minimal subset of nodes as parents such that  $X$  is independent from all other nodes in the current network given its parents

③ Populate the conditional probability tables

• Using density estimation

Inference

• Enumeration

• Stochastic inference

• Variable elimination

• Tree conversion

## HMM

$P(q_1, q_2 \dots A)$

$= P(A | q_1 \dots q_{t-1}) P(q_1 \dots q_{t-1})$

$= P(A | q_{t-1}) P(q_{t-1} | q_{t-2}) \dots P(q_1 | q_0) P(q_0)$

$P(q_t = s_i)$  i.e.  $P_t(i)$

$P_t(i) = \pi_i, P_t(i) = \sum_j P(q_t = s_i | q_{t-1} = s_j) P_{t-1}(j)$

$P(O_1 O_2 \dots O_t)$

$P(O_1 O_2) = P(O_1 | q_1) \dots P(O_t | q_t)$

$P(O) = P(q_t | q_{t-1}) \dots P(q_1 | q_0) P(q_0)$

$\alpha_t(i) = P(o_1 \wedge o_2 \wedge \dots \wedge o_t \wedge q_t = s_i) = \sum_j b_i(o_t) a_j \alpha_{t-1}(j)$

$a_{ji} = P(q_t = s_i | q_{t-1} = s_j)$

$b_i(o_t) = P(o_t | q_t = s_i)$

$P(O) = \sum_i \alpha_t(i)$

$P(q_t = s_i | o_1 \dots o_t) = \frac{\alpha_t(i)}{\sum_j \alpha_t(j)}$

$\text{argmax}_Q P(O_1 O_2 \dots O_t) = \text{path of } \text{argmax}_j \delta_t(j)$

$\delta_t(i) = \max_{q_1 \dots q_{t-1}} P(q_1 \dots q_{t-1} \wedge q_t = s_i \wedge o_1 \dots o_t)$

$= \max_j \delta_{t-1}(j) a_{ji} b_i(o_t)$

## RL

Standard expectimax

Bellman equations

Value iteration

Q-iteration

Policy extraction

Policy evaluation

Value (TD) learning

Q-learning

$V(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} P(s' | s, a) V(s')$

$V^*(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} P(s' | s, a) [R(s, a, s') + \gamma V^*(s')]$

$V_{k+1}(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} P(s' | s, a) [R(s, a, s') + \gamma V_k(s')]$

$Q_{k+1}(s, a) = \sum_{s'} P(s' | s, a) [R(s, a, s') + \gamma \max_{a'} Q_k(s', a')]$

$\pi_v(s) = \text{argmax}_a \sum_{s'} P(s' | s, a) [R(s, a, s') + \gamma V(s')]$

$V_{k+1}^\pi(s) = \sum_{s'} P(s' | s, \pi(s)) [R(s, \pi(s), s') + \gamma V_k^\pi(s')]$

$V^\pi(s) = V^\pi(s) + \alpha [r + \gamma V^\pi(s') - V^\pi(s)]$

$Q(s, a) = Q(s, a) + \alpha [r + \gamma \max_{a'} Q(s', a') - Q(s, a)]$