

Lec 19: Learning Graphical Models

- Parameter learning:  
Graph fixed, learning params of BN, MN

- Structure learning:  
find the graph i.e. how variables depend on each other

In PAC learning theory, examples labelled by unknown function. Goal was to find that function

We have some samples, we want to learn the joint distribution

Maximum likelihood

dataset  $D$  sampled from  $p^*$   
Goal: find dist  $p$  which is "close" to  $p^*$

closeness of two distributions:  
KL divergence

$$D_{KL}(p^* || p) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p^*(x) \log \left( \frac{p^*(x)}{p(x)} \right)$$

$$= \sum_x p^*(x) \log p^*(x) - \sum_x p^*(x) \log p(x)$$

$$= -H(p^*) - \mathbb{E} \log p(x)$$

-  $p^*$  is unknown, we cannot compute  $H(p^*)$

- Same as maximize  $\mathbb{E} \log p(x)$

-  $\mathbb{E} \log p(x)$  is "log likelihood" over samples  
find dist  $p$  that maximizes the probability of the dataset

- Compute by taking average over samples

$$\mathbb{E} \log p(x) \approx \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{x \in D} \log p(x)$$

$D$  is i.i.d. from  $p^*$

Max. Lik. learning

$$\max_{p \in \mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{x \in D} \log p(x)$$

Empirical Distribution

$$\hat{p}(x) = \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{y \in D} \delta(x, y)$$

Let  $w$  be parameters of the dist. to be learnt

Theorem:  $\arg \max_w \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(x_i | w) = \arg \min_w D_{KL}(\hat{p} || p(x|w))$

Proof:  $RHS = \sum_x \hat{p}(x) \log \hat{p}(x) - \sum_x \hat{p}(x) \log p(x|w) = \max_w \sum_x \hat{p}(x) \log p(x|w)$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{x \in D} \theta^T \cdot f(x) \right) - \log \zeta(\theta)$$

linear in  $\theta$

Learning by gradient descent

$$\nabla_{\theta} (LL) = \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{x \in D} f(x) - \nabla_{\theta} \log \zeta(\theta)$$

$$\log \zeta(\theta) = \log \sum_x \exp(\theta^T \cdot f(x))$$

$$\nabla_{\theta} \log \zeta(\theta) = \frac{\sum_x \exp(\theta^T \cdot f(x)) f(x)}{\zeta(\theta)} = \sum_x p(x) f(x) = \mathbb{E} f(x)$$

expected value of  $f(x)$

$$= \max_w \sum_x \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{y \in D} \delta(x, y) \log p(x|w)$$

$$= \max_w \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{y \in D} \log p(y|w)$$

General loss function

$$\mathbb{E} [L(x, p)]$$

$$L(x, p) = -\log p(x)$$

Conditional Random Fields (CRFs)

$x, y$   
Inferred in finding  $p(y|x)$

$$L(x, y, p) = -\log p(y|x)$$

When  $\nabla_{\theta} (LL) = 0$

sample mean of sufficient statistics = mean according to MN of sufficient

"Moment matching of sufficient statistics"

$$\mathbb{E} f(x) \approx \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{y \in S} f(y)$$

Can generate samples from  $p(x)$  by MCMC method

Max. Lik. learning for BN

$$p_{\theta}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta_i | p_{\text{pa}(i)}(x_i)$$

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

$$L(\theta, D) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \log p_{\theta}(x^{(i)})$$

$$= -\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \log \theta_{x_j^{(i)} | x_{\text{pa}(j)}^{(i)}}$$

$$= -\sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{x_{\text{pa}(j)}^{(i)}} \#(x_j, x_{\text{pa}(j)}^{(i)}) \log \theta_{x_j^{(i)} | x_{\text{pa}(j)}^{(i)}} \right)$$

minimized when for each  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

minimized at

$$\theta_{x_j | \text{pa}(j)}^* = \frac{\#(x_j, x_{\text{pa}(j)})}{\# x_{\text{pa}(j)}}$$

empirical value for  $p_{x_j | \text{pa}(j)}$

Learning in Markov Networks

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \prod_{e \in E} \phi_e(x_e, \theta)$$

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{1}{Z} \phi_{12}(x_1, x_2) \phi_{23}(x_2, x_3)$$

$x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \{0, 1\}$   
 $4 + 4 = 8$

suppose there are  $m$  edges,  
 $\Rightarrow 4m$  parameters

$$\phi_{1,2}(0,0) = \theta_{1,2,0,0}$$

$$\phi_{1,2}(0,1) = \theta_{1,2,0,1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\phi_{2,3}(0,0) = \theta_{2,3,0,0}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\phi_{2,3}(0,1) = \theta_{2,3,0,1}$$

$$\frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \exp \left( \sum_{e \in E} \log \phi_e(x_e; \theta) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \exp(\theta^T \cdot f(x))$$



$$x = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \log \theta_{1,2,0,0} \\ \log \theta_{1,2,0,1} \\ \log \theta_{2,3,0,0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p(0,1,0) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} e^{(\theta_2 + \theta_7)}$$

$f(x)$ : sufficient statistics

"exponential families"

$$\text{Log Likelihood} = \log p(x, \theta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{x \in D} \log p(x, \theta)$$