

Lecture 13

Parameter Estimation of Markov Chains

$$p_{\theta}(y) = \left(\prod_{i=2}^{N+1} p_{\theta}(y_i | y_{i-1}) \right) p(y_1)$$

$$\log p_{\theta}(y) = \sum_{i=2}^{N+1} \log p_{\theta}(y_i | y_{i-1}) + c$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \left\{ \sum_{i=2}^{N+1} \log p_{\theta}(y_i | y_{i-1}) \right\}$$

Example) y discrete as before

$$p_p(y) = (1-p)^{N-K} p^K (1/2)$$

$$\log p_p(y) = (N-K) \log(1-p) + K \log p + c$$

$$\frac{d}{dp} \log p_p(y) = \frac{N-K}{1-p} (-1) + \frac{K}{p} = 0$$

$$(N-K)p = K(1-p)$$

$$Np = K$$

$$p = \frac{K}{N}$$

Generalization

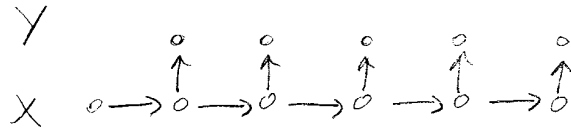
$$p(X_n | X_i \ i \leq n) = p(X_n | X_{n-1}, X_{n-2}, \dots, X_{n-p})$$

Defn X_n is Markov with order p

$$\text{Define } Y_n = \begin{bmatrix} X_n \\ X_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ X_{n-p+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then Y_n is Markov with order $p=1$.

Application - Hidden Markov Models (HMM)



X - Unobserved Markov Chain

Y - Observed Signal

X - as in previous examples

$$P\{X_0=0\} = P\{X_0=1\} = 1/2 \quad p(X_n|X_{n-1}) = \begin{cases} p & X_n \neq X_{n-1} \\ 1-p & X_n = X_{n-1} \end{cases}$$

$$p_Y(y_n | X_n) = \begin{cases} N(0, \sigma_1^2) & X_n = 0 \\ N(0, \sigma_2^2) & X_n = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$p(X_n | X_{n-1}) = \delta(X_n, X_{n-1})(1-p) + (1 - \delta(X_n, X_{n-1}))p$$

$$\log p_{X,Y}(x, y) =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma_{x_i}^2} y_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} \log(\sigma_{x_i}^2) + \log \left[\delta(x_i, x_{i-1})(1-p) + (1 - \delta(x_i, x_{i-1}))p \right] \right\} + C$$

Define: $t(x_i, x_{i-1}) = 1 - \delta(x_i, x_{i-1})$

Notice

$$\begin{aligned} \log & \left[\delta(x_i, x_{i-1}) (1-p) + (1-\delta(x_i, x_{i-1})) p \right] \\ &= t(x_i, x_{i-1}) \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) + \log(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\beta \triangleq \log\left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right) = -\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y|\kappa) \triangleq \frac{1}{2\sigma_\kappa^2} y^2 + \frac{1}{2} \log(\sigma_\kappa^2)$$

$$\log p_{x,y}(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ \underbrace{-\mathcal{L}(y_i | x_i)}_{\text{likelihood of data}} - \underbrace{t(x_i, x_{i-1}) \beta}_{\text{transition probability}} \right\} + C''$$

$$\hat{x}_{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax}_x \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N -\mathcal{L}(y_i | x_i) - t(x_i, x_{i-1}) \beta \right\}$$

$$\hat{x}_{ML} = \operatorname{argmax}_x \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N -\mathcal{L}(y_i | x_i) \right\}$$

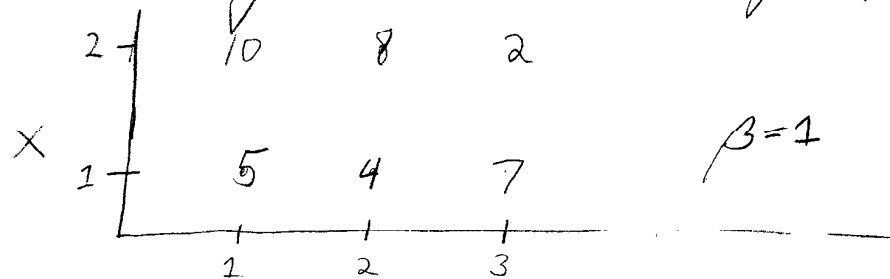
$$(\hat{x}_{ML})_i = \operatorname{argmax}_{x_i} \left\{ -\mathcal{L}(y_i | x_i) \right\}$$

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$$\hat{X}_{MAP} = \underset{X}{\operatorname{argmax}} \left\{ \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N -\ell(y_i | x_i)}_{\text{data fitting term}} - \underbrace{\tau(x_i, x_{i-1})\beta}_{\text{prior model term}} \right\}$$

Notice

1) Choosing X is like choosing a "path"



2) $\ell(y_i | x_i)$ is the "cost" of each node

3) $\tau(x_i, x_{i-1})\beta$ is the "cost" of each transition

A) Dynamic Programming

Defn

$L(K, n)$ - Cost of best path starting at n with value K .

$$L(1, 3) = 7 \quad 2$$

$$L(2, 3) = 2$$

$$L(K, n) = \underset{\ell}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{ L(\ell, n+1) + A(K, \ell) \} + \ell(y_n | K)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(1, 2) &= \min \{ L(1, 3), L(2, 3) + 1 \} + 4 \\ &= \min \{ 7, 3 \} + 4 \\ &= 7 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(2, 2) &= \min \{ L(1, 3) + 1, L(2, 3) \} + 8 \\ &= \min \{ 8, 2 \} + 8 \\ &= 10 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(1, 1) &= \min \{ L(1, 2), L(2, 2) + 1 \} + 5 \\ &= \min \{ 7, 11 \} + 5 \\ &= 12 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(2, 1) &= \min \{ L(1, 2) + 1, L(2, 2) \} + 10 \\ &= \min \{ 8, 10 \} + 10 \\ &= 18 \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$L(1, 1) < L(2, 1) \Rightarrow \text{Best path } 1, 1, 2$$

B. Coordinate descent,
Gauss-Seidel / ICM

$$\hat{x}_n = \underset{x_n}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \ell(y_i | x_i) + \tau(x_i, x_{i-1}) \beta \right\}$$
$$= \underset{x_n}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \ell(y_n | x_n) + \beta \left(\tau(x_n, x_{n-1}) + \tau(x_{n+1}, x_n) \right) \right\}$$

- Iterative application converges to local minimum
- Does not generally converge to global minimum

C. Gradient descent $\Rightarrow$ doesn't work!
X discrete!