PRML Chapter 13: Sequential Data

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Extensions of HMM

- ► HMM + discriminative technique (Kapadia, 1998)
 - Goal is sequence classification
 - Input: R observation sequences X_r with class labels
 - Output: parameters for each class which optimize the cross-entropy
- ► Model state duration time T at state k directly by p(T|k) instead of an exponentially decaying function of T (Rabiner, 1989)
- Autoregressive HMM (Ephraim et al., 1989)
- Input-Output HMM (Bengio and Frasconi, 1995)





More Extensions of HMM

Factorial HMM (Ghahramani and Jordan, 1997)





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Linear Dynamical Systems

- Continuous latent variables and summations become integrals
- Consider a linear-Gaussian state space model
- Kalman Filter (Kalman, 1960)

$$p(\mathbf{z}_n|\mathbf{z}_{n-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_n|A\mathbf{z}_{n-1}, \Gamma)$$
(13.75)

$$p(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{z}_n) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | C \mathbf{z}_n, \Sigma)$$
(13.76)

Traditionally, it is given by

$$\mathbf{z}_n = A\mathbf{z}_{n-1} + \mathbf{w}_n \tag{13.78}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = C\mathbf{z}_n + \mathbf{v}_n \tag{13.79}$$

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 + \boldsymbol{\mu} \tag{13.80}$$

where

$$\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{0}, \Gamma)$$
 (13.81)

$$\mathbf{v} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$$
 (13.82)

$$\mathbf{u} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{0}, V_0). \tag{13.83}$$

Prediction

- $p(\mathbf{z}_n|\mathbf{x}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{x}_n)$
- Joint distribution over all latent and observed variables is a Gaussian as the linear-Gaussian model
- So we can use the methods for multivariate Gaussian
- The inference process is similar to that of HMM, summations are replaced by integrations.

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_n = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{n-1} + \mathbf{K}_n(\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{n-1})$$
(13.89)

$$\mathbf{V}_n = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_n \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{P}_{n-1} \tag{13.90}$$

$$c_n = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{n-1}, \mathbf{C} \mathbf{P}_{n-1} \mathbf{C}^{\mathrm{T}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}).$$
(13.91)

Kalman gain matrix

$$\mathbf{K}_{n} = \mathbf{P}_{n-1} \mathbf{C}^{\mathrm{T}} \left(\mathbf{C} \mathbf{P}_{n-1} \mathbf{C}^{\mathrm{T}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \right)^{-1}$$
(13.92)

where

$$\mathbf{P}_{n-1} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_{n-1} \mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}} + \boldsymbol{\Gamma}.$$
 (13.88)

Interpretation of Kalman Filter



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Backward Inference

$$\blacktriangleright p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)$$

Backward recursion

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_n = \boldsymbol{\mu}_n + J_n(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{n+1} - A\boldsymbol{\mu}_n)$$
(13.100)

$$\hat{V}_n = V_n + J_n (\hat{V}_{n+1} - P_n) J_n^T$$
 (13.101)

where $J_n = V_n A^T (P_n)^{-1}$.

First forward pass generates μ_n and V_n, and then backward pass.

Learning in LDS

- Model parameters $\theta = \{A, \Gamma, C, \Sigma, \mu_0, V_0\}$
- Maximum likelihood method and EM algorithm
- **E** step: given θ^{old} , run the inference algorithm to determine $p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \theta^{old})$
- M step: given p(Z|X, θ^{old}), maximize the complete-data log likelihood function w.r.t. θ

$$Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{Z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right].$$
(13.109)

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \ln p(\mathbf{z}_1 | \boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \mathbf{V}_0) + \sum_{n=2}^{N} \ln p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{z}_{n-1}, \mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ln p(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{z}_n, \mathbf{C}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$
(13.108)

Extension of LDS

- Limitation of Kalman Filter: the linear-Gaussian model assumption implies that the marginal distribution of the observed variables is a Gaussian
- ▶ Gaussian mixture: K components lead to a mixture of K Gaussians
- Extended Kalman Filter(EKF)(Zarchan and Musoff, 2005): the state transition and observation models are not linear-Gaussian, but can be approximated
- Switching State Space Model(Ghahramani and Hinton, 1998): multiple Markov chains of continuous linear-Gaussian latent variables together with a discrete Markov chain (HMM) whose output determines which continuous Markov chain to use.
- Switching Hidden Markov Model: multiple discrete Markov chains and use one of them as the switch

Particle Filter

- For systems which are not linear-Gaussian, use Sampling-importance-resampling method (Sec. 11.1.5) to obtain a sequential Monte Carlo (SMC) algorithm
- Also known as
 - Bootstrap filter (Gordon et al., 1993)
 - Survival of the fittest (Kanazawa et al., 1995)
 - the Condensention algorithm (Isard and Blake, 1998)
- A continuous probability distribution is approximated by a set of discrete samples {z_n^(l)} with weights

$$w_n^{(l)} = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{z}_n^{(l)})}{\sum_{m=1}^{L} p(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{z}_n^{(m)})}$$
(13.118)

- ▶ How to choose the importance function *q*(**z**)?
 - Popular choice: $p(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}|\mathbf{z}_{n+1}^{(l)})$ as it is simple to evaluate
 - Optimal choice (A. Doucet et al., 2000): p(z_{n+1}|z_n, x_n) which is hard to compute

Particle Filter Operation

- Propagate: draw random samples from the approximated distribution p(z_{n+1}|X_n)
- Update: use the new observation \mathbf{x}_{n+1} to evaluate the weight $w_{n+1}^{(l)} \propto p(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}|\mathbf{z}_{n+1}^{(l)})$



Resample: it is necessary only when some samples degenerate

Questions?

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