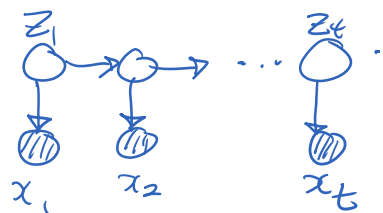


today: HMM & α - β recursion
ML for HMM (EM)

HMM (hidden Markov model)



$z_t \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ discrete

x_t — cts. e.g. speech signal

discrete e.g. DNA sequence

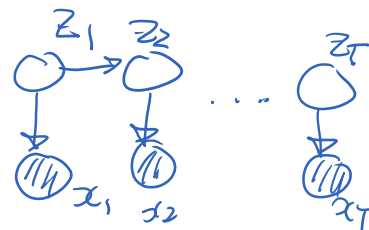
(later $z_t \sim \text{Gaussian}$
in the course
→ Kalman filter)

HMM → generalization of mixture model

GMM



add dependence on z_t



DGM:

$$p(x_{1:T}, z_{1:T}) = p(z_1) \underbrace{\prod_{t=1}^T p(x_t | z_t)}_{\text{emission probs}} \underbrace{\prod_{t=2}^T p(z_t | z_{t-1})}_{\text{transition probs}}$$

often, the emission probs & trans probs are **homogeneous** i.e. do not depend on t

$$p_t(x_t | z_t) = f(x_t | z_t)$$

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$$p_t(z_t = i | z_{t-1} = j) = A_{ij}$$

"stochastic matrix"

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \text{ dist. over } z_t$$

$$\sum_i A_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall j$$

inference tasks:

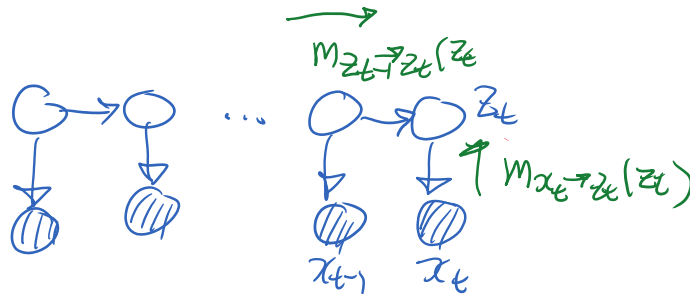
prediction $p(z_t | x_{1:t-1})$ "where next?"

filtering $p(z_t | x_{1:t})$ "where now?"

smoothing $p(z_t | x_{1:T})$ "where in the past?"
 $T > t$

α -recursion:

Let's run sum product
 here to derive
 recursions to
 compute probs.



to compute $p(z_t, \bar{x}_{1:t}) \propto p(z_t | \bar{x}_{1:t})$

$$p(z_t, \bar{x}_{1:t}) = \frac{1}{Z} \cdot m_{z_{t-1} \rightarrow z_t}(z_t) m_{x_{t-1} \rightarrow z_t}(z_t) \quad \text{here } Z=1$$

$\alpha_t(z_t)$

$$m_{x_t \rightarrow z_t}(z_t) = \sum_{\bar{z}_t} p(z_t | \bar{z}_t) \delta(x_t, \bar{z}_t) = p(\bar{z}_t | z_t)$$

$$m_{z_{t-1} \rightarrow z_t}(z_t) = \sum_{z_{t-1}} p(z_t | z_{t-1}) \underbrace{m_{z_{t-2} \rightarrow z_{t-1}}(z_{t-1}) m_{x_{t-1} \rightarrow z_{t-1}}(z_{t-1})}_{\substack{p(z_{t-1}, \bar{x}_{1:t-1}) \\ \alpha_{t-1}(z_{t-1})}}$$

define: $\alpha_t(z_t) \triangleq p(z_t, \bar{x}_{1:t})$

$$\boxed{\alpha_t(z_t) = \underbrace{p(\bar{x}_t | z_t)}_{\text{vector}(z_t)} \sum_{z_{t-1}} \underbrace{p(z_t | z_{t-1})}_{\text{matrix}} \underbrace{\alpha_{t-1}(z_{t-1})}_{\text{vector}}}$$

α -recursion a.k.a "forward recursion" Like the "collect phase" in sum-product alg with z_t as the root

$$\text{let } o_t(z_t) \triangleq p(\bar{x}_t | z_t)$$

$$\boxed{\alpha_t = o_t \odot A \alpha_{t-1}}$$

⊙
Hadamard product

$$\text{initialization: } \alpha_1(z_1) = p(z_1, \bar{x}_1) = p(z_1) p(\bar{x}_1 | z_1)$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_t \triangleq p(z_t | \bar{x}_{1:t}) \quad \text{"filtering distribution"}$$

time complexity:

$$O(t \cdot k^2)$$

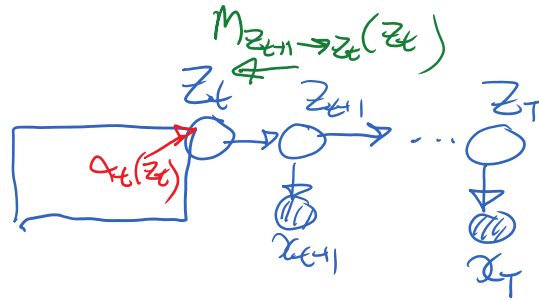
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$$\sum_{z_t} \underbrace{p(z_t, \bar{x}_{1:t})}_{\alpha_t(z_t)} = p(\bar{x}_{1:t}) \quad \text{"evidence probability"}$$

β recursion: smoothing



$$p(z_t, \bar{x}_{1:T}) = \frac{1}{\sum_{z_t} \alpha_t(z_t)} \cdot \underbrace{m_{z_t \rightarrow z_t}(z_t)}_{\triangleq \beta_t(z_t)}$$

turns out that $\boxed{\beta_t(z_t) \triangleq p(\bar{x}_{t+1:T} | z_t)}$

why? $p(z_t, \bar{x}) = p(\bar{x} | z_t) p(z_t)$
 $\stackrel{\text{C.F.}}{=} \underbrace{p(x_{t+1:T} | z_t)}_{\beta_t(z_t)} \underbrace{p(x_{1:t} | z_t) p(z_t)}_{\alpha_t(z_t)}$

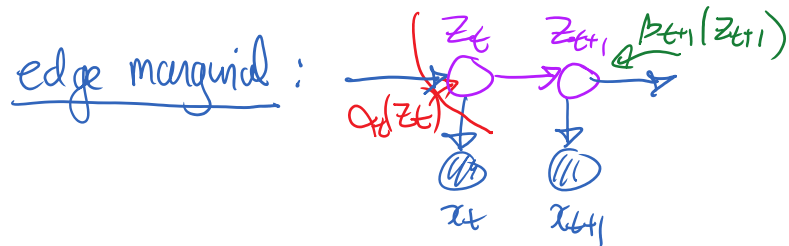
$$m_{z_{t+1} \rightarrow z_t}(z_t) = \sum_{z_{t+1}} p(z_{t+1} | z_t) p(\bar{x}_{t+1} | z_{t+1}) m_{z_{t+2} \rightarrow z_{t+1}}(z_{t+1})$$

$$\boxed{\beta_t(z_t) = \sum_{z_{t+1}} p(z_{t+1} | z_t) p(\bar{x}_{t+1} | z_{t+1}) \beta_{t+1}(z_{t+1})}$$

β -recursion (aka backward recursion)

initialization: $\beta_T(z_T) = 1 \quad \forall z_T$

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$$p(z_t, z_{t+1}, \bar{x}_{1:T}) = \alpha_t(z_t) \beta_{t+1}(z_{t+1}) \cdot p(z_{t+1}|z_t) \cdot p(\bar{x}_{t+1}|z_{t+1})$$

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Numerical stability trick:

issue: α_t & β_t can easily go to $1e-100$

two possibilities a) (general) store $\log(\alpha_t)$ instead

$$\log\left(\sum_i a_i\right) = \log\left(\tilde{a} \left(\sum_i \frac{a_i}{\tilde{a}}\right)\right)$$

call $\tilde{a} \triangleq \max_i a_i$
 $i_{\max} \triangleq \arg\max_i a_i$

$$= \log(\tilde{a}) + \log\left(1 + \sum_{j \neq i_{\max}} \exp(\log(a_j) - \log(\tilde{a}))\right)$$

b) normalize the messages:

• α -recursion, use $\tilde{\alpha}_t(z_t) = p(z_t | \bar{x}_{1:t})$

before, $\alpha_t = \alpha_t \odot A \alpha_{t-1}$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_t = \alpha_t \odot A \tilde{\alpha}_{t-1}$$

$$\sum_{z_t} (\quad)$$

you can show that

$$\sum_{z_t} (\alpha_t \odot \tilde{\alpha}_{t-1})(z_t) = p(\bar{x}_t | x_{1:t-1})$$

$$p(\bar{x}_{1:T}) = \prod_{t=1}^T p(\bar{x}_t | \bar{x}_{1:t-1}) = \prod_{t=1}^T C_t$$

$$\sum_{z_t} (a_t \odot \tilde{a}_{t-1})(z_t) = p(\bar{x}_t | x_{1:t-1}) \triangleq C_t$$

• β -recursion:

define $\tilde{\beta}_t(z_t) \triangleq \frac{\beta_t(z_t)}{p(\bar{x}_{t+1:T} | x_{1:t})} \prod_{u=t+1}^T C_u$

note $\sum_{z_t} \tilde{\beta}_t(z_t) \stackrel{\text{rec.}}{\neq} 1$

check

Exercise: derive $\tilde{\beta}$ -recursion

ML for HMM:

- suppose $p(x_t | z_t = k) = f(x_t | n_k)$ $n = (n_k)_{k=1}^K$
 some parametric model e.g. Gaussian on x_t
 - $p(z_{t+1} = i | z_t = j) = A_{ij}$
 - $p(z_1 = i) = \pi_i$
- $\Theta = (n, A, \pi)$

want to estimate $\hat{n}, \hat{A} \text{ \& } \hat{\pi}$ by ML from data $(x^{(i)})_{i=1}^N$
 $x^{(i)} = x_{1:T}^{(i)}$

$\leadsto$ use EM

s^{th} iteration

E step: $Q_{s+1}(z) = p(z | x, \Theta^{[s]})$

M step: $\hat{\Theta}^{[s+1]} = \underset{\Theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathbb{E}_{q_{s+1}} [\log p(x, z)]$

complete log-likelihood:

$$\log p(x, z | \Theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\underbrace{\log p(z^{(i)})}_{\sum_k z_{1,k}^{(i)} \log \pi_k} + \sum_{t=1}^T \underbrace{\log p(\tilde{x}_t^{(i)} | z_t^{(i)})}_{\sum_k z_{t,k}^{(i)} \log f(\tilde{x}_t^{(i)} | \mu_k)} + \sum_{t=2}^T \underbrace{\log p(z_t^{(i)} | z_{t-1}^{(i)})}_{\sum_{l,m} z_{t,l}^{(i)} z_{t-1,m}^{(i)} \log A_{l,m}} \right]$$

huge variables

$\mathbb{E}_{q_{s+1}} [\log p(x, z | \Theta)] = \dots$

$$\mathbb{E}_{q_{s+1}} [z_{t,k}^{(i)}] = q_{s+1}(z_{t,k}^{(i)} = 1) \triangleq \gamma_{t,k}^{(i)}$$

smoothing distribution $p(\tilde{z}_t^{(i)} | \tilde{x}_{1:T}^{(i)})$

$$q_{s+1}(z_{t,l}^{(i)} = 1, z_{t-1,m}^{(i)} = 1)$$

$p(z_{t,l}^{(i)} = 1, z_{t-1,m}^{(i)} = 1 | \tilde{x}_{1:T}^{(i)}, \Theta^{[s]})$

smoothing edge marginal

$\triangleq \gamma_{t,l,m}^{(i)}$

$\left(\begin{matrix} m \\ l \rightarrow \end{matrix} \right)$

maximize with respect to Θ

$$\hat{\pi}_k^{[s+1]} = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\pi}_{1,k}^{(i)}$$

$\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^K \gamma_{1,l}^{(i)}}_1 \} N$

$$\hat{A}_{l,m}^{[s+1]} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=2}^T \hat{\gamma}_{t,l,m}^{(i)}$$

$\underbrace{\sum_u \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=2}^T \gamma_{t,u,m}^{(i)}}_u$

$\hat{\gamma}_k \rightarrow$ soft count ML
e.g. Gaussians
similar to GMM
"weighted empirical mean"

"Baum-Welch" alg. — forward-backward alg. (α-β recursion / sum product) + EM for HMM

Viterbi to compute $\underset{z_1, \dots, z_T}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(z_{1:T} | \tilde{x}_{1:T})$
(max product)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baum%E2%80%93Welch_algorithm

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