CS 287 Advanced Robotics (Fall 2019) Lecture 13: Kalman Smoother, Maximum A Posteriori, Maximum Likelihood, Expectation Maximization

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Overview





 Note: by now it should be clear that the "u" variables don't really change anything conceptually, and going to leave them out to have less symbols appear in our equations.

Filtering



$$P(x_{2}|z_{0}, z_{1}, z_{2}) \propto P(x_{2}, z_{0}, z_{1}, z_{2})$$

$$= \sum_{x_{0}, x_{1}} P(z_{2}|x_{2})P(x_{2}|x_{1})P(z_{1}|x_{1})P(x_{1}|x_{0})P(z_{0}|x_{0})P(x_{0})$$

$$= P(z_{2}|x_{2})\sum_{x_{1}} P(x_{2}|x_{1})P(z_{1}|x_{1})\sum_{x_{0}} P(x_{1}|x_{0})P(z_{0}|x_{0})P(x_{0})$$

$$P(x_{1}, z_{0})$$

$$P(x_{1}, z_{0}, z_{1})$$

$$P(x_{2}, z_{0}, z_{1}, z_{0})$$

 $P(x_2, z_0, z_1, z_2)$

• Generally, recursively compute:

$$P(x_{t+1}, z_0, \dots, z_t) = \sum_{x_t} P(x_{t+1} | x_t) P(x_t, z_0, \dots, z_t)$$
$$P(x_{t+1}, z_0, \dots, z_t, z_{t+1}) = p(z_{t+1} | x_{t+1}) P(x_{t+1}, z_0, \dots, z_t)$$

Smoothing

 $P(x_2|z_0, z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$

- $\propto P(x_2, z_0, z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$
- $= \sum_{x_0, x_1, x_3, x_4} P(z_4|x_4) P(x_4|x_3) P(z_3|x_3) P(x_3|x_2) P(z_2|x_2) P(x_2|x_1) P(z_1|x_1) P(x_1|x_0) P(z_0|x_0) P(x_0)$

$$= \sum_{x_3, x_4} P(z_4|x_4) P(x_4|x_3) P(z_3|x_3) P(x_3|x_2) P(z_2|x_2) \left(\sum_{x_1} P(x_2|x_1) P(z_1|x_1) \left(\sum_{x_0} P(x_1|x_0) P(z_0|x_0) P(x_0) \right) \right) \\ = \left(\sum_{x_3} P(z_3|x_3) P(x_3|x_2) \left(\sum_{x_4} P(z_4|x_4) P(x_4|x_3) \right) \right) P(z_2|x_2) \left(\sum_{x_1} P(x_2|x_1) P(z_1|x_1) \left(\sum_{x_0} P(x_1|x_0) P(z_0|x_0) P(x_0) \right) \right) \\ \overline{b(x_3)} = P(z_4|x_3) P(x_2|x_2) P(x_2|x_2)$$

- Generally, recursively compute:
 - Forward: (same as filter)
 Backward:

$$P(x_{t+1}, z_0, \dots, z_t) = \sum_{x_t} P(x_{t+1}|x_t) P(x_t, z_0, \dots, z_t) \qquad P(z_{t+1}, \dots, z_T|x_{t+1}) = P(z_{t+1}|x_{t+1}) P(z_{t+2}, \dots, z_T|x_{t+1})$$

$$P(x_{t+1}, z_0, \dots, z_t, z_{t+1}) = p(z_{t+1}|x_{t+1}) P(x_{t+1}, z_0, \dots, z_t) \qquad P(z_{t+1}, \dots, z_T|x_t) = \sum_{x_{t+1}} P(x_{t+1}|x_t) P(z_{t+1}, \dots, z_T|x_{t+1})$$

• Combine:
$$P(x_t, z_0, ..., z_T) = P(x_t, z_0, ..., z_t) P(z_{t+1}, ..., z_T | x_t)$$

Complete Smoother Algorithm

- Forward pass (= filter):
 - 1. Init: $a_0(x_0) = P(z_0|x_0)P(x_0)$
 - 2. For $t = 0, \ldots, T 1$
 - $a_{t+1}(x_{t+1}) = P(z_{t+1}|x_{t+1}) \sum_{x_t} P(x_{t+1}|x_t) a_t(x_t)$

Backward pass:

- 1. Init: $b_T(x_T) = 1$
- 2. For $t = T 1, \dots, 0$
 - $b_t(x_t) = \sum_{x_{t+1}} P(x_{t+1}|x_t) P(z_{t+1}|x_{t+1}) b_{t+1}(x_{t+1})$
- Combine:

Note 1: for all times t in one forward+backward pass Note 2: find $P(x_t | z_0, ..., z_T)$ by renormalizing

for
$$t = 0, \dots, T$$

$$P(x_t, z_0, \dots, z_T) = P(x_t, z_0, \dots, z_t) P(z_{t+1}, \dots, z_T | x_t) = a_t(x_t) b_t(x_t)$$

Pairwise Posterior

• Find
$$P(x_t, x_{t+1}, z_0, ..., z_T)$$

• Recall:
$$a_t(x_t) = P(x_t, z_0, ..., z_t)$$

 $b_t(x_t) = P(z_{t+1}, ..., z_T \mid x_t)$

• So we can readily compute

$$\begin{split} P(x_t, x_{t+1}, z_0, \dots, z_T) \\ &= P(x_t, z_0, \dots, z_t) P(x_{t+1} \mid x_t, z_0, \dots, z_t) P(z_{t+1} \mid x_{t+1}, x_t, z_0, \dots, z_t) P(z_{t+2}, \dots, z_T \mid x_{t+1}, x_t, z_0, \dots, z_{t+1}) \\ &= P(x_t, z_0, \dots, z_t) P(x_{t+1} \mid x_t) P(z_{t+1} \mid x_{t+1}) P(z_{t+2}, \dots, z_T \mid x_{t+1}) \\ &= a_t(x_t) P(x_{t+1} \mid x_t) P(z_{t+1} \mid x_{t+1}) b_{t+1}(x_{t+1}) \end{split}$$
 (Markov assumptions)

$$&= a_t(x_t) P(x_{t+1} \mid x_t) P(z_{t+1} \mid x_{t+1}) b_{t+1}(x_{t+1})$$
 (definitions a, b)



Find $P(x_t, x_{t+k}, z_0, ..., z_T)$

Kalman Smoother

- = the smoother algorithm just covered for particular case when P(x_{t+1} | x_t) and P(z_t | x_t) are linear Gaussians
- We already know how to compute the forward pass (=Kalman filtering)
- **Backward pass:** $b_t(x_t) = \int_{x_{t+1}} P(x_{t+1}|x_t) P(z_{t+1}|x_{t+1}) b_{t+1}(x_{t+1}) dx_{t+1}$

• Combination: $P(x_t, z_0, \dots, z_T) = a_t(x_t)b_t(x_t)$

Kalman Smoother Backward Pass

Exercise: work out integral for b_t

Matlab Code Data Generation Example

- A = [0.99 0.0074; -0.0136 0.99]; C = [11;-1+1];
- x(:,1) = [-3;2];
- Sigma_w = diag([.3 .7]); Sigma_v = [2 .05; .05 1.5];
- w = randn(2,T); w = sqrtm(Sigma_w)*w; v = randn(2,T); v = sqrtm(Sigma_v)*v;
- for t=1:T-1

x(:,t+1) = A * x(:,t) + w(:,t);

 $z(:,t) = C^*x(:,t) + v(:,t);$

end

- % now recover the state from the measurements
- P_0 = diag([100 100]); x0 =[0; 0];
- % run Kalman filter and smoother here
- % + plot

Kalman Filter/Smoother Example



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• Filtering:

$$P(x_t|z_{0:t})$$

$$\begin{array}{c} X_{0} \end{array} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} X_{t} \\ 1 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} X_{t} \\ 1 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} X_{t} \\ 1 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Smoothing:

 $P(x_t|z_{0:T})$

MAP:

 $\max_{x_{0:T}} P(x_{0:T}|z_{0:T})$

$$\begin{array}{c} X_{0} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow X_{t} \\ 1 \\ y \\ z_{0} \end{array} \cdots \end{array} \xrightarrow{X_{t}} X_{t} \\ x_{t} \end{array} \xrightarrow{X_{t}} X_{t} \\ x_{t} \end{array} \xrightarrow{X_{t+}} 1 \\ y \\ z_{t-1} \end{array} \xrightarrow{X_{t}} X_{t} \\ x_{t} \end{array} \xrightarrow{X_{t+}} 1 \\ x_{t} \end{array} \xrightarrow{X_{t+}} \cdots \xrightarrow{X_{T}} X_{T} \\ x_{t} \\ y \\ z_{0} \end{array} \xrightarrow{X_{t}} X_{t} \\ x_{t} \\$$

MAP Sequence



MAP --- Complete Algorithm

- 1. Init: $m_0(x_0) = P(z_0|x_0)P(x_0)$
- 2. For all $t = 1, 2, \dots, T 1$
 - For all x_t : $m_t(x_t) = P(z_t|x_t) \max_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t|x_{t-1}) m_{t-1}(x_{t-1})$
 - For all x_t : Store argmax in pointer_{$t\to t-1$} (x_t)
- 3. maximum = $\max_{x_T} m_T(x_T)$
- 4. $x_T^* = \arg \max_{x_T} m_T(x_T)$
- 5. For all t = T, T 1, ..., 1
 - $x_{t-1}^* = \text{pointer}_{t \to t-1}(x_t^*)$



Kalman Filter (aka Linear Gaussian) Setting

- Summations → integrals
- But: can't enumerate over all instantiations
- However, we can still find solution efficiently:
 - the joint conditional $P(X_{0:T} | Z_{0:T})$ is a multivariate Gaussian
 - for a multivariate Gaussian the most likely instantiation equals the mean
 - \rightarrow we just need to find the mean of P(X_{0:T} | Z_{0:T})
 - the marginal conditionals P(X_t | Z_{0:T}) are Gaussians with mean equal to the mean of X_t under the joint conditional, so it suffices to find all marginal conditionals
 - We already know how to do so: marginal conditionals can be computed by running the Kalman smoother.
- Alternatively: solve convex optimization problem

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Thumbtack

- Let $\theta = P(up)$, $1-\theta = P(down)$
- How to determine θ ?



• Empirical estimate: 8 up, 2 down \rightarrow $\theta = \frac{8}{2+8} = 0.8$

Date

Time

2.6 A Thumbtack Experiment

Make a guess: If you drop a thumbtack, is it more likely to land with the point up or with the point down?

The experiment described below will enable you to make an estimate of the chance that a thumbtack will land point down.

 Work with a partner. You should have 10 thumbtacks and 1 small cup. Do the experiment at your desk or a table so you are working over a smooth, hard surface.

Place the 10 thumbtacks inside the cup. Shake the cup a few times, and then carefully drop the tacks onto the desk surface. Record the number of thumbtacks that land point up and the number that land point down.



Toss the 10 thumbtacks 9 more times and record the results each time.

http://web.me.com/todd6ton/Site/Classroom_Blog/Entries/2009/10/7_A_Thumbtack_Experiment.html

Maximum Likelihood

- $\theta = P(up), 1-\theta = P(down)$
- Observe:
 Observe:
- Likelihood of the observation sequence depends on θ:

$$l(\theta) = \theta(1-\theta)\theta(1-\theta)\theta\theta\theta\theta\theta\theta\theta\theta$$
$$= \theta^8(1-\theta)^2$$

Maximum likelihood finds

 $\arg \max_{\theta} l(\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta} \theta^8 (1-\theta)^2$

 $\tfrac{\partial}{\partial \theta} l(\theta) = 8\theta^7 (1-\theta)^2 - 2\theta^8 (1-\theta) = \theta^7 (1-\theta) (8(1-\theta) - 2\theta) = \theta^7 (1-\theta) (8-10\theta)$

- \rightarrow extrema at θ = 0, θ = 1, θ = 0.8
- → Inspection of each extremum yields $\theta_{ML} = 0.8$



Maximum Likelihood

- More generally, consider binary-valued random variable with $\theta = P(1)$, $1-\theta = P(0)$, assume we observe n_1 ones, and n_0 zeros
 - Likelihood: $l(\theta) = \theta^{n_1}(1-\theta)^{n_0}$

• Derivative:
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} l(\theta) = n_1 \theta^{n_1 - 1} (1 - \theta)^{n_0} - n_0 \theta^{n_1} (1 - \theta)^{n_0 - 1}$$

= $\theta^{n_1 - 1} (1 - \theta)^{n_0 - 1} (n_1 (1 - \theta) - n_0 \theta)$
= $\theta^{n_1 - 1} (1 - \theta)^{n_0 - 1} (n_1 - (n_1 + n_0) \theta)$

Hence we have for the extrema:

$$\theta = 0, \quad \theta = 1, \quad \theta = \frac{n_1}{n_0 + n_1}$$

- n1/(n0+n1) is the maximum
- = empirical counts.

Log-likelihood

• The function $\log : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R} : x \to \log(x)$

is a monotonically increasing function of x

Hence for any (positive-valued) function f:

 $\arg \max_{\theta} f(\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta} \log f(\theta)$



Often more convenient to optimize log-likelihood rather than likelihood

• Example: $\log l(\theta) = \log \theta^{n_1} (1-\theta)^{n_0}$ = $n_1 \log \theta + n_0 \log(1-\theta)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log l(\theta) = n_1 \frac{1}{\theta} + n_0 \frac{-1}{1-\theta} = \frac{n_1 - (n_1 + n_0)\theta}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$
$$\rightarrow \theta = \frac{n_1}{n_1 + n_0}$$

Log-likelihood $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ Likelihood

Reconsider thumbtacks: 8 up, 2 down



Definition: A function f is concave if and only

 $\forall x_1, x_2, \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, 1), f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \ge \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2)$

 Concave functions are generally easier to maximize then non-concave functions

Concavity and Convexity

f is concave if and only

 $\begin{aligned} \forall x_1, x_2, \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, 1), \\ f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda) x_2) &\geq \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda) f(x_2) \end{aligned}$



f is **convex** if and only

 $\begin{aligned} \forall x_1, x_2, \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, 1), \\ f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) &\leq \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2) \end{aligned}$



ML for Multinomial

 $p(x=k;\theta) = \theta_k$

• Consider having received samples $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \ldots, x^{(m)}\}$

$$\log l(\theta) = \log \prod_{i=1}^{m} \theta_1^{1\{x^{(i)}=1\}} \theta_2^{1\{x^{(i)}=2\}} \cdots \theta_{K-1}^{1\{x^{(i)}=K-1\}} (1-\theta_1-\theta_2-\ldots-\theta_{K-1})^{1\{x^{(i)}=K\}}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} 1\{x^{(i)}=1\} \log \theta_1 + 1\{x^{(i)}=2\} \log \theta_2 + \cdots + 1\{x^{(i)}=K-1\} \log \theta_{K-1} + 1\{x^{(i)}=K\} \log(1-\theta_1-\theta_2-\cdots-\theta_{K-1})$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{K-1} n_k \log \theta_k + n_K \log(1-\theta_1-\theta_2-\cdots-\theta_{K-1})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} \log l(\theta) = \frac{n_k}{\theta_k} - n_K \frac{1}{1 - \theta_1 - \theta_2 - \dots - \theta_{K-1}}$$

$$\to \theta_k^{\mathrm{ML}} = \frac{n_k}{\sum_{j=1}^K n_j}$$

ML for Fully Observed HMM

- **Given samples** $\{x_0, z_0, x_1, z_1, x_2, z_2, \dots, x_T, z_T\}, x_t \in \{1, 2, \dots, I\}, z_t \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$
- Dynamics model: $P(x_{t+1} = i | x_t = j) = \theta_{i|j}$
- Observation model: $P(z_t = k | z_t = l) = \gamma_{k|l}$

$$\log l(\theta, \gamma) = \log P(x_0) \prod_{t=1}^{T} P(x_t | x_{t-1}; \theta) P(z_t | x_t; \gamma)$$

=
$$\log P(x_0) \sum_{t=1}^{T} \log \theta_{x_t | x_{t-1}} + \sum_{t=1}^{T} \log \gamma_{z_t | x_t}$$

=
$$\log P(x_0) \sum_{i=1}^{I} \sum_{j=1}^{I} \log \theta_{i|j}^{n_{(i,j)}} + \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{l=1}^{K} \log \gamma_{k|l}^{m_{(k,l)}}$$

 $m_{(i,j)}$: number of occurences of $x_t = i, x_{t+1} = j$. $m_{(k,l)}$: number of occurences of $x_t = k, z_t = l$.

$$\rightarrow$$
 Independent ML problems for each $\theta_{\cdot|j}$ and each $\gamma_{\cdot|l}$

$$\theta_{i|j} = \frac{n_{(i,j)}}{\sum_{i'=1}^{I} n_{(i',j)}} \qquad \gamma_{k|l} = \frac{m_{(k,l)}}{\sum_{k'=1}^{K} m_{(k',l)}}$$

ML for Exponential Distribution

$$p(x;\lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \ge 0\\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



Consider having received samples

• 3.1, 8.2, 1.7 $\lambda_{ML} = \arg \max_{\lambda} \log l(\lambda)$ $= \arg \max \left(\lambda e^{-\lambda 3.1} \lambda e^{-\lambda 8.2} \lambda e^{-\lambda 1.7}\right)$

$$= \arg \max_{\lambda} 3 \log \lambda + (-3.1 - 8.2 - 1.7)\lambda$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \log l(\lambda) = 3\frac{1}{\lambda} - 13$$
$$\rightarrow \lambda_{\rm ML} = \frac{3}{13}$$



ML for Exponential Distribution

$$p(x;\lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \ge 0\\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



• Consider having received samples $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$

$$\log l(\lambda) = \log \prod_{i=1}^{m} p(x^{(i)}; \lambda) \qquad \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \log l(\lambda) = m \frac{1}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)}$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \log (\lambda e^{-\lambda x^{(i)}}) \qquad \qquad \rightarrow \lambda_{\rm ML} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)}}$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \log \lambda - \lambda x^{(i)}$$
$$= m \log \lambda - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)}$$

Uniform

$$p(x;a,b) = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda x}, & x \in [a,b] \\ 0, & x \notin [a,b] \end{cases}$$



Consider having received samples

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$$\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$$

$$\log l(a,b) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \log \left(1\{x^{(i)} \in [a,b]\} \frac{1}{b-a} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow a_{\rm ML} = \min_i x^{(i)}, \quad b_{\rm ML} = \max_i x^{(i)}$$

ML for Gaussian



Consider having received samples $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \ldots, x^{(m)}\}$

$$\log l(\mu, \sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \log \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right)$$
$$= C + \sum_{i=1}^{m} -\log \sigma - \frac{(x^{(i)} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log l(\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (x^{(i)} - \mu)$$
$$\rightarrow \mu_{\rm ML} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)}$$

 $\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \log l(\mu, \sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{1}{\sigma} - \frac{(x^{(i)} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^3}$ $\rightarrow \sigma_{\rm ML}^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (x^{(i)} - \mu_{\rm ML})^2$

$$\rightarrow \sigma_{\mathrm{ML}}^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x^{(i)} - \mu_{\mathrm{ML}})^{i}$$

ML for Conditional Gaussian





More generally: $y = a^{\top}x + \epsilon \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

$$p(y|x;a,\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-\frac{(y-a^{\top}x)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

ML for Conditional Gaussian

Given samples
$$\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$$
.
 $\log l(a, \sigma^2) = \sum_{i=1}^m \log \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-\frac{(y^{(i)}-a^\top x^{(i)})^2}{2\sigma^2}}\right)$
 $= C - m \log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^m (y^{(i)} - a^\top x^{(i)})^2$

ML for Conditional Multivariate Gaussian

$$y = Cx + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$
$$p(y|x; C, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{-1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y - Cx)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(y - Cx)}$$

$$\log l(C, \Sigma) = -m\frac{n}{2}\log(2\pi) + \frac{m}{2}\log|\Sigma^{-1}| - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(y^{(i)} - Cx^{(i)})^{\top}\Sigma^{-1}(y^{(i)} - Cx^{(i)})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\Sigma^{-1}} \log l(C,\Sigma) &= -\frac{m}{2} \Sigma - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (y^{(i)} - C^{\top} x^{(i)}) (y^{(i)} - C^{\top} x^{(i)})^{\top} \\ & \rightarrow \qquad \Sigma_{\mathrm{ML}} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (y^{(i)} - C^{\top} x^{(i)}) (y^{(i)} - C^{\top} x^{(i)})^{\top} = \frac{1}{m} (Y^{\top} - CX^{\top}) (Y^{\top} - CX^{\top})^{\top} \\ \nabla_{C} \log l(C,\Sigma) &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \Sigma^{-1} C x^{(i)} x^{(i)\top} + x^{(i)} x^{(i)\top} C^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} - x^{(i)} y^{(i)\top} \Sigma^{-1} - \Sigma^{-1} y^{(i)} x^{(i)\top} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\Sigma^{-1} C X^{\top} X + X^{\top} X C^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} - X^{\top} Y \Sigma^{-1} - \Sigma^{-1} Y^{\top} X \right) \\ \rightarrow \qquad C = Y^{\top} X (X^{\top} X)^{-1} \\ &X = \begin{bmatrix} x^{(1)\top} \\ x^{(2)\top} \\ \vdots \\ x^{(m)\top} \end{bmatrix} \qquad y = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)\top} \\ y^{(2)\top} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(m)\top} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Aside: Key Identities for Derivation on Previous Slide

$$\operatorname{Trace}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{ii} \tag{1}$$

$$\operatorname{Trace}(ABC) = \operatorname{Trace}(BCA) = \operatorname{Trace}(CAB)$$
(2)

$$\nabla_A \operatorname{Trace}(AB) = B^{\top} \tag{3}$$

$$\nabla_A \log |A| = A^{-1} \tag{4}$$

Special case of (2), for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$x^{\top} \Gamma x = \operatorname{Trace}(x^{\top} \Gamma x) = \operatorname{Trace}(\Gamma x x^{\top})$$
(5)

ML Estimation in Fully Observed Linear Gaussian Bayes Filter Setting

Consider the Linear Gaussian setting:

$$X_{t+1} = AX_t + Bu_t + w_t \quad w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q)$$

 $Z_{t+1} = CX_t + d + v_t \qquad v_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R)$

- Fully observed, i.e., given $x_0, u_0, z_0, x_1, u_1, z_1, \dots, x_T, u_T, z_t$
- → Two separate ML estimation problems for conditional multivariate Gaussian:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{1:} \\ X = \begin{bmatrix} x_0^{\mathsf{T}} u_0^{\mathsf{T}} \\ x_1^{\mathsf{T}} u_1^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \cdots \\ x_{T-1}^{\mathsf{T}} u_{T-1}^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{\mathsf{T}} \\ x_2^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \cdots \\ x_T^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{\mathsf{T}} \\ x_2^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \cdots \\ x_T^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix} \quad Q_{\mathrm{ML}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} (x_{t+1} - (Ax_t + Bu_t))(x_{t+1} - (Ax_t + Bu_t))^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \mathbf{2:} \\ X = \begin{bmatrix} x_0^{\mathsf{T}} \\ x_1^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \cdots \\ x_T^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} z_0^{\mathsf{T}} \\ z_1^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \cdots \\ z_T^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} z_0^{\mathsf{T}} \\ z_1^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \cdots \\ z_T^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix} \quad x_{t=0} \begin{bmatrix} C_{\mathrm{ML}} d_{\mathrm{ML}} \end{bmatrix} = Y^{\mathsf{T}} X(X^{\mathsf{T}}X)^{-1} \\ R_{\mathrm{ML}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T} (z_t - (Cx_t + d))(z_t - (Cx_t + d))^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \end{array}$$

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Priors --- Thumbtack

- Let $\theta = P(up)$, $1-\theta = P(down)$
- How to determine θ ?



• ML estimate: 5 up, 0 down $\rightarrow \theta_{ML} = \frac{5}{5+0} = 1$

• Laplace estimate: add a fake count of 1 for each outcome

$$\theta_{\text{Laplace}} = \frac{5+1}{5+1+0+1} = \frac{6}{7}$$

Priors --- Thumbtack

- Alternatively, consider θ to be random variable
- Prior $P(\theta) = C \theta(1-\theta)$
- Measurements: P(x | θ) **(a)**



• Posterior:
$$P(\theta|x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(5)}) \propto P(\theta, x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(5)})$$

= $P(\theta)P(x^{(1)}|\theta) \dots P(x^{(5)}|\theta)$
= $\theta(1-\theta) \ \theta\theta\theta\theta\theta$
= $\theta^6(1-\theta)$

- Maximum A Posterior (MAP) estimation
 - = find θ that maximizes the posterior

$$\rightarrow \qquad \theta_{\rm MAP} = \frac{6}{7}$$

Priors --- Beta Distribution



Figure source: Wikipedia

Priors --- Dirichlet Distribution

$$P(\theta; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K) = \prod_{k=1}^K \theta_k^{\alpha_k - 1}$$

$$\theta_k^{\text{MAP}} = \frac{n_k + \alpha_k - 1}{\sum_{j=1}^K (n_j + \alpha_j - 1)}$$

- Generalizes Beta distribution
- MAP estimate corresponds to adding fake counts n₁, ..., n_K

MAP for Mean of Univariate Gaussian

- Assume variance known. (Can be extended to also find MAP for variance.)
- **Prior:** $P(\mu; \mu_0, \sigma_0^2) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2)$

$$\log P(\mu;\mu_0,\sigma_0^2) + \log l(\mu) = \log \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}}e^{-\frac{(\mu-\mu_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^m \log \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}}e^{-\frac{(x^{(i)}-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}\right)$$
$$= C - \frac{(\mu-\mu_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2} - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{(x^{(i)}-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} (\log P(\mu; \mu_0, \sigma_0) + \log l(\mu)) = \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} (\mu_0 - \mu) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^m (x^{(i)} - \mu)$$

$$\rightarrow \mu_{\rm ML} = rac{\mu_0}{\sigma_0^2} + rac{\sum_{i=1}^m x^{(i)}}{\sigma^2} + rac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

MAP for Univariate Conditional Linear Gaussian

- Assume variance known. (Can be extended to also find MAP for variance.)
- Prior: $P(a; \mu_0, \Sigma_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$

$$\log P(a;\mu_0,\Sigma_0) + \log l(a) = \log \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}|\Sigma_0|^{1/2}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}(a-\mu_0)^{\top}\Sigma_0^{-1}(a-\mu_0)}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^m \log \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/2}\sigma}e^{-\frac{(a^{\top}x^{(i)}-y^{(i)})^2}{2\sigma^2}}\right)$$
$$= C - \frac{1}{2}(a-\mu_0)^{\top}\Sigma_0^{-1}(a-\mu_0) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\sum_{i=1}^m (a^{\top}x^{(i)}-y^{(i)})^2$$

$$\nabla_a (\dots) = -\Sigma_0^{-1} (a - \mu_0) - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^m (a^\top x^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) x^{(i)}$$
$$= -(\Sigma_0^{-1} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} X^\top X) a + \Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0 + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} X^\top y$$

$$\rightarrow a_{\rm ML} = (\Sigma_0^{-1} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} X^\top X)^{-1} (\Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0 + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} X^\top y) \qquad \qquad X = \begin{bmatrix} x^{(1)\top} \\ x^{(2)\top} \\ \\ \\ \vdots \\ x^{(m)\top} \end{bmatrix} \qquad y = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ y^{(2)} \\ \\ \\ \\ y^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$

[Interpret!]

MAP for Univariate Conditional Linear Gaussian: Example

$$\mu_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \sigma = 1$$



Cross Validation

- Choice of prior will heavily influence quality of result
- Fine-tune choice of prior through cross-validation:
 - 1. Split data into "training" set and "validation" set
 - 2. For a range of priors,
 - Train: compute θ_{MAP} on training set
 - Cross-validate: evaluate performance on validation set by evaluating the likelihood of the validation data under θ_{MAP} just found
 - 3. Choose prior with highest validation score
 - For this prior, compute θ_{MAP} on (training+validation) set
- Typical training / validation splits:
 - 1-fold: 70/30, random split
 - 10-fold: partition into 10 sets, average performance for each set being the validation set and the other 9 being the training set

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Mixture of Gaussians

Generally:

 $X \sim \text{Multinomial}(\theta)$ $Z|X = k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$

• Example:

$$P(X = 1) = \frac{1}{2}, P(X = 2) = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$Z|X = 1 \sim \mathcal{N}(-1, 1)$$
$$Z|X = 2 \sim \mathcal{N}(2, 1)$$

$$\rightarrow Z \sim \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{N}(-1,1) + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{N}(2,1)$$

ML Objective: given data z⁽¹⁾, ..., z^(m)

$$\max_{\theta,\mu,\Sigma} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \log \sum_{k=1}^{n} \theta_k \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma_k|} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z-\mu_k)^\top \Sigma_k^{-1}(z-\mu_k)}$$

• Setting derivatives w.r.t. θ , μ , Σ equal to zero does not enable to solve for their ML estimates in closed form

We can evaluate function \rightarrow we can in principle perform local optimization. In this lecture: "EM" algorithm, which is typically used to efficiently optimize the objective (locally)



Expectation Maximization (EM)

Example:

• Model:
$$P(X = 1) = \frac{1}{2}, P(X = 2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

 $Z|X = 1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, 1)$
 $Z|X = 2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, 1)$

- Goal:
 - Given data z⁽¹⁾, ..., z^(m) (but no x⁽ⁱ⁾ observed)
 - Find maximum likelihood estimates of μ₁, μ₂
- EM basic idea: if $x^{(i)}$ were known \rightarrow two easy-to-solve separate ML problems

- EM iterates over
 - E-step: For i=1,...,m fill in missing data x⁽ⁱ⁾ according to what is most likely given the current model ¹
 - M-step: run ML for completed data, which gives new model ¹

EM Derivation

• EM solves a Maximum Likelihood problem of the form:

$$\max_{\theta} \log \int_{x} p(x, z; \theta) dx$$

μ: parameters of the probabilistic model we try to findx: unobserved variables

z: observed variables

$$\max_{\theta} \log \int_{x} p(x, z; \theta) dx = \max_{\theta} \log \int_{x} \frac{q(x)}{q(x)} p(x, z; \theta) dx$$

$$= \max_{\theta} \log \int_{x} q(x) \frac{p(x, z; \theta)}{q(x)} dx$$

$$= \max_{\theta} \log E_{X \sim q} \left[\frac{p(X, z; \theta)}{q(X)} \right]$$
Jensen's Inequality
$$\geq \max_{\theta} E_{X \sim q} \log \left[\frac{p(X, z; \theta)}{q(X)} \right]$$

$$= \max_{\theta} \int_{x} q(x) \log p(x, z; \theta) dx - \int_{x} q(x) \log q(x) dx$$

Jensen's inequality

Suppose f is concave, then for all probability measures P we have that:

 $f(\mathcal{E}_{X \sim P}) \ge E_{X \sim P}[f(X)]$

with equality holding only if f is an affine function.

Illustration: $P(X=x_1) = 1-\lambda$, $P(X=x_2) = \lambda$



EM Derivation (ctd)

$$\max_{\theta} \log \int_{x} p(x, z; \theta) dx \ge \max_{\theta} \int_{x} q(x) \log p(x, z; \theta) dx - \int_{x} q(x) \log q(x) dx$$

Jensen's Inequality: equality holds when $f(x) = \log \frac{p(x, z; \theta)}{q(x)}$ is a constant.

This is achieved for $q(x) = p(x|z; \theta) \propto p(x, z; \theta)$

EM Algorithm: Iterate 1. E-step: Compute $q(x) = p(x|z;\theta)$ 2. M-step: Compute $\theta = \arg \max_{\theta} \int_{x} q(x) \log p(x,z;\theta) dx$

M-step optimization can be done efficiently in most cases E-step is usually the more expensive step It does not fill in the missing data x with hard values, but finds a distribution q(x)

EM Derivation (ctd)

- M-step objective is upper-bounded by true objective
- M-step objective is equal to true objective at current parameter estimate



■ → Improvement in true objective is at least as large as improvement in M-step objective

EM 1-D Example --- 2 iterations

Estimate 1-d mixture of two Gaussians with unit variance:

$$p(x;\mu) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_1)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_2)^2}$$



• one parameter μ ; $\mu_1 = \mu - 7.5$, $\mu_2 = \mu + 7.5$

EM for Mixture of Gaussians

- $X \sim$ Multinomial Distribution, $P(X=k; \theta) = \theta_k$
- $Z \sim N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$
- Observed: z⁽¹⁾, z⁽²⁾, ..., z^(m)

$$p(x = k, z; \theta, \mu, \Sigma) = \theta_k \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma_k|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z-\mu_k)^\top \Sigma_k^{-1}(z-\mu_k)}$$
$$p(z; \theta, \mu, \Sigma) = \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma_k|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z-\mu_k)^\top \Sigma_k^{-1}(z-\mu_k)}$$

EM for Mixture of Gaussians

E-step:
$$q(x) = p(x|z; \theta, \mu, \Sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} p(x^{(i)}|z^{(i)}; \theta, \mu, \Sigma)$$

• **M-step:**
$$\max_{\theta,\mu,\Sigma} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{k} q(x^{(i)} = k) \log \left(\theta_k \mathcal{N}(z^{(i)}; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)\right)$$

ML Objective HMM

Given samples

$$\{z_0, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_T\}, x_t \in \{1, 2, \dots, I\}, z_t \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$$

- Dynamics model: $P(x_{t+1} = i | x_t = j) = \theta_{i|j}$
- Observation model: $P(z_t = k | z_t = l) = \gamma_{k|l}$
- ML objective:

$$\log l(\theta, \gamma) = \log \left(\sum_{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_T} P(x_0) \prod_{t=1}^T P(x_t | x_{t-1}; \theta) P(z_t | x_t; \gamma) \right)$$

=
$$\log \left(\sum_{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_T} P(x_0) \prod_{t=1}^T \theta_{x_t | x_{t-1}} \prod_{t=1}^T \gamma_{z_t | x_t} \right)$$

- \rightarrow No simple decomposition into independent ML problems for each $\theta_{\cdot|j}$ and each $\gamma_{\cdot|l}$
- No closed form solution found by setting derivatives equal to zero

EM for HMM --- M-step

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\theta,\gamma} \sum_{x_{0:T}} q(x_{0:T}) \log p(x_{0:T}, z_{0:T}; \theta, \gamma) \\ &= \max_{\theta,\gamma} \sum_{x_{0:T}} q(x_{0:T}) \left(\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \log p(x_{t+1}|x_t; \theta) + \sum_{t=0}^{T} \log p(z_t|x_t; \gamma) \right) \\ &= \max_{\theta,\gamma} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \sum_{x_t, x_{t+1}} q(x_t, x_{t+1}) \log p(x_{t+1}|x_t; \theta) + \sum_{t=0}^{T} \sum_{x_t} q(x_t) \log p(z_t|x_t; \gamma) \end{aligned}$$

 \rightarrow θ and γ computed from "soft" counts

$$\theta_{i|j} = \frac{n_{(i,j)}}{\sum_{i'=1}^{I} n_{(i',j)}} \qquad \gamma_{k|l} = \frac{m_{(k,l)}}{\sum_{k'=1}^{K} m_{(k',l)}}$$

$$n_{(i,j)} = \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} q(x_{t+1} = i, x_t = j)$$
$$m_{(k,l)} = \sum_{t=0}^{T} q(z_t = k, x_t = l)$$

EM for HMM --- E-step

No need to find conditional full joint

 $q(x_{0:T}) = p(x_{0:T}|z_{0:T};\theta,\gamma)$

• Run smoother to find:

$$q(x_t, x_{t+1}) = p(x_t, x_{t+1} | z_{0:T}; \theta, \gamma)$$
$$q(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{0:T}; \theta, \gamma)$$

ML Objective for Linear Gaussians

Linear Gaussian setting:

$$X_{t+1} = AX_t + Bu_t + w_t \quad w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q)$$

$$Z_{t+1} = CX_t + d + v_t \quad v_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R)$$

• Given
$$u_0, z_0, u_1, z_1, \dots, u_T, z_t$$

ML objective:

$$\max_{Q,R,A,B,C,d} \log \int_{x_{0:T}} p(x_{0:T}, z_{0:T}; Q, R, A, B, C, d)$$

EM-derivation: same as HMM

EM for Linear Gaussians --- E-Step

• Forward:
$$\mu_{t+1|0:t} = A_t \mu_{t|0:t} + B_t u_t$$

 $\Sigma_{t+1|0:t} = A_t \Sigma_{t|0:t} A_t^\top + Q_t$

$$K_{t+1} = \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} C_{t+1}^{\top} (C_{t+1} \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} C_{t+1}^{\top} + R_{t+1})^{-1}$$

$$\mu_{t+1|0:t+1} = \mu_{t+1|0:t} + K_{t+1} (z_{t+1} - (C_{t+1} \mu_{t+1|0:t} + d))$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|0:t+1} = (I - K_{t+1} C_{t+1}) \Sigma_{t+1|0:t}$$

Backward:
$$\mu_{t|0:T} = \mu_{t|0:t} + L_t(\mu_{t+1|0:T} - \mu_{t+1|0:t})$$

 $\Sigma_{t|0:T} = \Sigma_{t|0:t} + L_t(\Sigma_{t+1|0:T} - \Sigma_{t+1|0:t})L_t^\top$
 $L_t = \Sigma_{t|0:t}A_t^\top \Sigma_{t+1|0:t}^{-1}$

EM for Linear Gaussians --- M-step

$$Q = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} (\mu_{t+1|0:T} - A_t \mu_{t|0:T} - B_t u_t) (\mu_{t+1|0:T} - A_t \mu_{t|0:T} - B_t u_t)^{\top} + A_t \Sigma_{t|0:T} A_t^{\top} + \Sigma_{t+1|0:T} - \Sigma_{t+1|0:T} L_t^{\top} A_t^{\top} - A_t L_t \Sigma_{t+1|0:T} R = \frac{1}{T+1} \sum_{t=0}^{T} (z_t - C_t \mu_{t|0:T} - d_t) (z_t - C_t \mu_{t|0:T} - d_t)^{\top} + C_t \Sigma_{t|0:T} C_t^{\top}$$

EM for Linear Gaussians --- The Log-likelihood

 When running EM, it can be good to keep track of the loglikelihood score --- it is supposed to increase every iteration

$$\log \prod_{t=1}^{T} p(z_{0:T}) = \log \left(p(z_0) \prod_{t=1}^{T} p(z_t | z_{0:t-1}) \right)$$
$$= \log p(z_0) + \sum_{t=1}^{T} \log p(z_t | z_{0:t-1})$$

$$Z_t | z_{0:t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mu}_t, \bar{\Sigma}_t)$$
$$\bar{\mu}_t = C_t \mu_{t|0:t-1} + d_t$$
$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = C_t \Sigma_{t|0:t-1} C_t^\top + R_t$$

EM for Extended Kalman Filter Setting

- As the linearization is only an approximation, when performing the updates, we might end up with parameters that result in a lower (rather than higher) log-likelihood score
- → Solution: instead of updating the parameters to the newly estimated ones, interpolate between the previous parameters and the newly estimated ones. Perform a "line-search" to find the setting that achieves the highest log-likelihood score

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