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Outline

- D1 Starting toolbox for statistical recognition
- D2 Structured prediction
 - Hidden Markov model, Markov random field (MRF)
 - Inference problems, EM with MAR
 - Support Vector Machine
- D3 Learning for structured prediction
 - Structured output SVM, advanced examples
 - Cutting Plane methods

Introduction

SVM era • Random Sampling of MNIST V 9 5 0 $\{0,1\}$ {1,..K} l B Sea Bass

• Deep NN era



- Design measurements, represent them as a feature vector
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 - Learn some feature vector
 - Apply SVM

Structured Prediction

- Text Recognition
- ness is is is patrol the forests, prevent trespass, and guard against fires. No part is the conservation movement has attracted more notice than this one to conserve the sumfer supply and see that coming generations are just left without forests, in order that great private interests at this generation may profit the more. What-
- {space of text sentences}

• Optical Structure Recognition



• Body Parts Segmentation



• Image Segmentation





• Facial Landmarks Detection



Markov Models

Outline

- Statistical models over large (structured) state spaces
 - Conditional independences, p.d.f. factorization
- Hidden Markov model (chain)
 - Connection: recurrent NNs
- Markov random field, conditional random field
 - Connection: CNN, deep Bolzman machine

The Modeling Problem

• Consider a collection of random variables describing hidden state

 $x_1, x_2, \ldots x_n, \quad x_i \in D$

• Wish to have a statistical model:

$$p(x) = p(x_1, x_2, \ldots x_n)$$

- But how to represent complicated function of many variables?
- Trivial observation for independent variables:
 - The distribution factors:

$$p(x) = p(x_1)p(x_2)\dots p(x_n)$$

- it is easy to evaluate maximize or integrate
- Something in between?

Conditional Independence

- Conditional Independence
 - Example: smoke, fire, alarm
 - all 3 correlated, but
 - smoke => fire and alarm are independent



• Conveniently represented in a graph diagram



- Factorization: $p(x_1, x_2, x_3) = p(x_2 | x_1)p(x_3 | x_1)p(x_1)$
- A directed graphical model (Bayes Network)

In Images

• A region is independent of the rest given some neighborhood



Random Field

• Collection of random variables

$$x_1, x_2, \ldots x_n, \quad x_i \in D$$

Definition

 $p: D^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is a random field if $p(x) > 0 \ \forall x, \ \sum_x p(x) = 1$.

• Non-negativity is important for existence of conditional probabilities and other good reasons. Practically not a limitation.

Definition

p is a *Markov random field* if it satisfies one or more conditional independence (Markov) properties.

(Book: Lauritezen S.L., "Graphical Models", 1996)

Undirected Graphical Model

- Undirected Graphical Model
 - Graph G = (V, E)
 - Set of nodes V: random variables x_i , $i \in V$
 - Set of edges E
- Local Markov Property w.r.t. G:
 - Given neighbors of x_i , it is independent of the rest:

$$p(x_i \mid x_{V_1}) = p(x_i \mid x_{N(i)}), \forall i \in \mathcal{V}$$

- Pairwise Markov Property w.r.t. G:
 - Absent edge (i, j) in G iff x_i and x_j are conditionally independent given the rest of variables.

Theorem (Lauritzen 96)

Local and Pairwise Markov Properties are equivalent.

Definition

MRF w.r.t. graph G is a random field satisfying Markov property w.r.t. G



MRF factorization

• Conditional independencies help to structure and simplify the distribution

Theorem (Hammersley-Clifford, 1971)

MRF p w.r.t. graph G factors over cliques of G: $p(x) = \prod_{c \in C} f_c(x_c)$,

• C is the set of cliques – maximal fully connected subgraphs



• Only factorization matters for representation tractability and inference

Definition

p is a Gibbs Random field if it factors as $p(x) = \prod_{c \in S} f_c(x_c)$,

- A generalization, $S \subset 2^V$
- Here we do not need c to be a clique in some graph

Maximum a posteriori

• Given the model $p(x) = \prod_{c \in S} f_c(x_c)$ find the most probable state:

 $\max_{x} p(x)$

- Joint maximization in all variables
- Take negative logarithm:

$$\min_{x} \sum_{c \in S} -\log f_c(x_c) = \min_{x} E(x)$$

- Partially separable minimization problem (Energy minimization)
- Converted to optimization domain (ILP, maximum cut, submodular function minimization, relaxations)
- Gibbs distribution: p(x) = exp(-E(x)) physics origins

Conditional Random Field

- x_i , $i \in V$ hidden random variables (segmentation)
- $y_j, j \in V'$ observed random variables (Image)

Definition (Lafferty *et al.* 01)

p(x | y) is a conditional random field if it satisfies Markov properties w.r.t. x given y.





Generative: $p(y) = \sum_{x} p(x, y)$

can be learned unsupervised

Discriminative, no model of p(y)more flexible for recognition

Recognition is the same: $\operatorname{argmin}_{x} p(x, y) = \operatorname{argmin}_{x} p(x | y)$

Energy Minimization

Energy Minimization



- NP-hard (includes MAX-CUT, vertex packing, etc.)
- exp-APX-complete (approximation-preserving reduction from WSAT)
- Two large groups of methods:
 - minimum cut (graph cuts)
 - LP relaxation / message passing
- There are much more

Example: segmentation

Example: Potts Model for Object Class Segmentation

- \mathcal{V} set of pixels; $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$ neighboring pixels;
- $\mathcal{X}_s = \{1, \dots, K\}$ class label;
- $E_f(x) = \sum_{s \in \mathcal{V}} f_s(x_s) + \sum_{st \in \mathcal{E}} \lambda_{st} \llbracket x_s \neq x_t \rrbracket$.

Image



Ground Truth



(MSRC object class segmentation)

Minimum Cut

• Minimum s-t cut problem

Capacitated network

G = (V, E, c),

 $c(u, v) \ge 0$ – arc capacities





- Problem history: 30+ years
- Active research for better algorithms:
 - theoretical (Orlin'12: O(mn) algorithm), parallel algorithms
 - practical, esp. in computer vision

Minimum Cut

- Let $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$
- Energy minimization: $\min_{x} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} f_i(x_i) + \sum_{ij \in \mathcal{E}} f_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$
- Expand as polynomial:

$$egin{aligned} f_i(x_i) &= f_i(1)x_i + f_i(0)(1-x_i) &= c_0 + c_i x_i; \ f_{ij}(x_i,x_j) &= \dots &= c_0' + c_i' x_i + c_j'' x_j + c_{ij} x_i(1-x_j). \end{aligned}$$

• Minimum cut: $\min_{S \subset V} \sum_{ij \in (S, V \setminus S)} c_{ij}$



Solvable in polynomial time if c_uv >=0

Applications of min-cut

• Exemplar applications



Stereo Boykov et al. 1998 Kolmogorov and Zabih 2001



Multiview Reconstruction Lempitsky et al. 2006 Boykov and Lempitsky 2006



Surface Fitting Lempitsky and Boykov 2007









3D Segmentation Boykov and Joly 2001 Boykov and Funka-Lea 2006 Boykov and Kolmogorov 2003



Optimized Crossover



Local Search in some combinatorial locality



Expansion Move



• Input

- Two images from a calibrated camera pair
- Rectified: epipolar lines correspond to image rows



Input Pair







Disparity Map (GT)

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Problem

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Output

• Dense depth (disparity) map

Example: Scan-line Stereo





 $\min_{x} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} f_i(x_i) + \sum_{ij \in \mathcal{E}} f_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$

i - pixel x_i - chosen disparity label $x = (x_i \mid i \in \mathcal{V})$ - labeling $f_i(x_i)$ - matching cost

 $f_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$ - smoothness cost



Example: Scan-line Stereo



• Trellis graph



• Energy minimization

$$\min_{x} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} f_i(x_i) + \sum_{ij \in \mathcal{E}} f_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$$

- *i* pixel
- x_i chosen disparity label
- $x = (x_i \mid i \in \mathcal{V})$ labeling

 $f_i(x_i)$ - matching cost

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Hidden Markov Model



- Conditionally independent model: given x_i, y_i is independent of everything else.
- Recognition (MAP):

$$\underset{x}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(x, y) = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i} f_{i}(x_{i}) + \sum_{i=2}^{n} f_{i-1,i}(x_{i-1}, x_{i})$$
$$f_{i}(x_{i}) = -\log p(y_{i} \mid x_{i})$$

Viterbi Algorithm

• Problem:

$$\min_{x} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} f_i(x_i) + \sum_{ij \in \mathcal{E}} f_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$$

• Use distributivity:



$$\min(a + c, b + c) = \min(a, b) + c$$

$$\min_{x_n} \left(\dots + \min_{x_2} \left(f_{2,3}(x_2, x_3) + f_2(x_2) + \min_{x_1} \left(f_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) + f_1(x_1) \right) \right) \right)$$

• Recurrent update:

$$\varphi_j(x_j) = \min_{x_i} \left(f_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + f_i(x_i) + \varphi_i(x_i) \right)$$

- Shortest path from the left
- Core of all message passing algorithms

Distance Transforms

• Recurrent update (message passing):

$$\varphi_j(x_j) = \min_{x_i}(\varphi_i(x_i) + f_i(x_i) + f_{ij}(x_i, x_j))$$



- Lower envelope (distance transform)
 - $f_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = w_{ij}\rho(x_i x_j)$

 ${\cal O}(nL^2)$ - naive approach, n variables, L labels

O(nL) - efficient sequential algorithms [Hirata'96, Meijster'02] [Felzenszwalb&H.'06]

 $O(n \log L)$ - efficient parallel algorithms, using L processors [Goodrich'86, Chen'02]

• Extends to trees



Many Heuristics for Stereo



Max-Product BP, Tree-Reweighted¹

- Can Run Message passing in parallel
 - O(n) time, O(n) processors

c.f. all shortest paths in a graph



 $d(i,j) := \min_k (d(i,k) + d(k,j))$

(Floyd–Warshall alg.)

• Can apply on graphs with loops (loopy BP)



- Over-counting
- May oscillate
- May diverge (unbounded)
- Tree-Reweighted [Wainwright'05]



- Decomposition into trees
- Connection to LP relaxation and its dual
- Parallel algorithm may still oscillate

Dual Decomposition

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$$f(x) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} f_i(x_i) + \sum_{ij \in \mathcal{E}} f_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$$

Sum of chain subproblems: $f = f^1 + f^2$

- $$\begin{split} & \min_{x} (f^{1}(x) + f^{2}(x)) \\ &= \min_{x^{1} = x^{2}} (f^{1}(x^{1}) + f^{2}(x^{2})) \\ &= \min_{x^{1}, x^{2}} \max_{\varphi} \left\langle \varphi, x^{1} x^{2} \right\rangle + f^{1}(x^{1}) + f^{2}(x^{2}) \\ &\geq \max_{\varphi} [\min_{x^{1}} (f^{1} + \varphi)(x^{1}) + \min_{x^{2}} (f^{2} \varphi)(x^{2})] \end{split}$$
- Convex
- Dual to the Schlesinger's LP relaxation¹

¹ Shlezinger, (1976) "Syntactic analysis of two-dimensional visual signals in the presence of noise," Cybernetics and Systems Analysis

Basic idea of duality



strong duality



Equivalent Transforms





Linear Programming

 $\min c^{\mathsf{T}} x - d$ Ax = b $x \ge 0$

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Equivalent Transforms

Elementary Equivalent transform:



Want to achieve the state:



Equivalent Transformation Method, Primal-Dual

Dual Decomposition: Primal Solutions



$$\max_{\varphi} [\min_{x^1} (f^1 + \varphi)(x^1) + \min_{x^2} (f^2 - \varphi)(x^2)]$$

 φ - Lagrange multiplier to $x^1 = x^2$









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Stereo Matching - Real-Time Reconstruction

Cost Vol.	Discrete	Cont. Ref.	Total
27 ms	73 ms (4 iterations)	39 ms	139 ms

Table: Runtime analysis of the individual components of our stereo matching method (640×480 , 128 labels).



Figure: Influence of continuous refinement on the reconstruction quality of KinectFusion.

Stereo Matching



Stereo Matching: Real-time fusion



Stereo Matching: Real-time fusion



GrabCut: Joint Segmentation and Parameter Estimation

Based on the work by Rother, Kolmogorov, Blake: "GrabCut" — Interactive Foreground Extraction using Iterated Graph Cuts

Task 1: Joint Segmentation and Parameter Estimation

• Input:

Image

FG / BG brush





• Output:

• Complete segmentation



Task 1, model



- Markov random field (generative) model:
- Segmentation $x \colon \Omega \to \{0, 1\}$
 - Model: p(x) neighboring pixels are more likely to take the same segment
- Color clusters: $k \colon \Omega \to \{1, \dots K\}$
 - Model: p(k|x) conditionally independent for all pixels
- Image: $I: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^3$ color drawn from a color cluster
 - Model: p(I|k) conditionally independent for all pixels

Task 1, model: segmentation



• Segmentation $x \colon \Omega \to \{0, 1\}$

$$p(x) = \exp(-J(x)), \quad J(x) = \sum_{ij \in \mathcal{E}} \lambda |x_i - x_j|$$

Task 1, model: mixture components



- Color clusters $k \colon \Omega \to \{1, \dots, K\}$
 - Conditional independent model

$$p(k \mid x) = \prod_{i \in \Omega} p(k_i \mid x_i)$$

• $p(k_i = \kappa | x_i = s) = \pi(\kappa | s)$ - mixture coefficients

Task 1, model: colors



- Colors: $I: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^3$
 - Conditional independent model

$$p(I \mid x, k) = \prod_{i \in \Omega} p(I_i \mid k_i)$$

- $p(I_i | k_i = \kappa) = p_{\mathcal{N}}(I_i; \mu_{\kappa}, \Sigma_{\kappa})$
- Parameters $\mu_{\kappa}\text{, }\Sigma_{\kappa}$ can be learned or pre-estimated for efficiency

Task 1, Gaussian Mixture View



• Efficient Color model:

$$p(I_i \mid x_i) = \sum_{k_i} p(I_i, k_i \mid x_i) = \sum_{k_i} p(I_i \mid k_i) p(k_i \mid x_i)$$
$$= \sum_{\kappa} p_{\mathcal{N}}(I_i; \mu_{\kappa}, \Sigma_{\kappa}) \pi(\kappa \mid x_i)$$

• Gaussian mixture

Task 1, Derivation of EM Algorithm



- Maximum Likelihood:
 - Find segmentation x
 - estimate color models $\pi(\kappa \mid s)$
 - marginalize over hidden color clusters k

Task 1, Derivation of EM Algorithm

• Maximum log Likelihood (for one image):

$$\max_{x,\pi} \log \prod_{i \in \Omega} \sum_{\kappa} p_{\mathcal{N}}(I_i; \mu_{\kappa}, \Sigma_{\kappa}) \pi(\kappa | x_i) p(x)$$

• Of the form max $\prod \sum$, apply EM lower bound:

$$\geq \sum_{i \in \Omega} \sum_{\kappa} \alpha(\kappa \mid x_i) \Big(\log \big(p_{\mathcal{N}}(\mu_{\kappa}, \Sigma_{\kappa}) + \log \pi(\kappa \mid x_i) \big) - \log \alpha(\kappa \mid x_i) \Big) + \log p(x)$$

• E step:

$$\alpha(\kappa | x_i) \propto p_{\mathcal{N}}(I_i; \mu_{\kappa}, \Sigma_{\kappa}) \pi(\kappa | x_i)$$
(1)

• M step: $x \in \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(x) - \sum_{i} \sum_{\kappa} \alpha(\kappa \mid x_{i}) \log (p(I_{i} \mid \kappa)) \pi(\kappa \mid x_{i}) \qquad (2)$ $\pi(\kappa \mid s) \propto \sum_{i \mid x_{i} = s} \alpha(\kappa \mid s) \qquad (3)$

Task 1, Overall Algorithm

- EM: Iteratively reestimate
 - Segmentation $x\colon\Omega\to\{0,1\}$ having appearance model π and probabilities of hidden components α
 - Appearance models, $\pi(\kappa \mid s)$
 - Soft cluster assignment for each pixel, $\alpha(\kappa \mid x_i)$

Notice the difference to the following "ad-hoc" algorithm:

- Ad-hock: Iteratively reestimate
 - Segmentation x for current appearance model π
 - Appearance models π from current segmentation

The later method may be not converging and can get stuck more easily, similarly to K-means.

GrabCut TV version

Grabcut TV version



Generative model (bottom-up in the picture)

- Segmentation $u: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
- Assignment of pixels to color clusters $k \colon \Omega \to \{1, \dots, K\}$
- Image $I: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^3$ color drawn from Gaussian cluster k

Grabcut TV version



Segmentation:

 Assume TV prior (neighboring pixels are more likely to be in the same segment)

$$p(u) = exp(-J(u)), \quad J(u) = \lambda \sum_{n} ||(\nabla u)(x)||_2.$$

Graphical Model



Color cluster:

• Assume conditional independence

$$p(k \mid u) = \prod_{x \in \Omega} p(k(x) \mid u(x));$$

 $p(k(x)=\kappa, u(x)=s) = \pi(\kappa | s)$ – unknown appearance

Graphical Model



Image colors:

• assume conditional i.i.d. given cluster k,

$$p(I(x) | k(x) = \kappa) = G_{\Sigma_{\kappa}}(I(x) - \mu_{\kappa});$$

parameters Σ_{κ} , μ_k could be learned or preestimated for efficiency

Graphical Model



• Image colors are drawn from a mixture:

$$p(I(x) | u(x)=s) = \sum_{\kappa} \pi(\kappa | s) G_{\Sigma_{\kappa}}(I(x) - \mu_{\kappa});$$

Graphical Model



Maximum Likelihood:

- find segmentation *u*
- estimate color models $\pi(\kappa \mid s)$
- marginalize over latent color clusters k

Apply EM Algorithm

• Maximum likelihood:

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{u,\pi} \sum_{k} \prod_{x \in \Omega} p(I(x) \mid k(x)) \pi(k(x) \mid u(x)) p(u)$$

• derive (blackboard)

$$= \underset{u,\pi}{\operatorname{argmax}} \prod_{s \in \{0,1\}} \prod_{x \in \Omega} \prod_{|u(x)=s} \sum_{\kappa} p(I(x) \mid \kappa) \pi(\kappa \mid s) p(u),$$

• to allow for linearization, express log likelihood as as

$$\sum_{s \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{x \in \Omega} (1+s-u(x)) \log \sum_{\kappa=1}^{K} p(I(x) \mid \kappa) \pi(\kappa \mid s) + \log p(u).$$

Apply EM Algorithm

• EM lower bound:

$$\sum_{s \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{x \in \Omega} \log \sum_{\kappa=1}^{K} \left(p(I(x) \mid \kappa) \pi(\kappa \mid s) \right)^{(1+s-u(x))} + \log p(u)$$

introduce numbers $\alpha_x(\kappa \mid s) \ge 0$ such that $\sum_{\kappa} \alpha_x(\kappa \mid s) = 1$,

$$\geq \sum_{s \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{x} \sum_{\kappa} \left(\alpha_x(\kappa \mid s)(1 + s - u(x)) \log[p(I(x) \mid \kappa)\pi(\kappa \mid s)] - \log \alpha_x(k(x) \mid s) \right) + \log p(u).$$

• Bound valid for $u: \Omega \rightarrow [0,1]!$

Maximization Step

• Maximization step in *u* (blackboard):

$$u := \underset{u}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{x} g(x)u(x) + J(u),$$
$$g(x) = \sum_{\kappa=1}^{K} \left(\alpha_{x}(\kappa \mid 1) - \alpha_{x}(\kappa \mid 0) \right) \log[p(I(x) \mid \kappa)\pi(\kappa \mid s)].$$

(log likelihood ratio of FG and BG models with soft assignment α) • Maximization step in π (blackboard):

$$\pi(\kappa \mid s = 0) \propto \sum_{x} lpha_x(\kappa \mid s = 0)(1 - u(x)),$$

 $\pi(\kappa \mid s = 1) \propto \sum_{x} lpha_x(\kappa \mid s = 1)u(x).$

Expectation Step

(Maximize (tighten) bound in α)

• (blackboard):

$$egin{aligned} &lpha_x(\kappa \,|\, 1) \propto u(x) p(I(x) \,|\, \kappa) \pi(\kappa \,|\, 1) \ &lpha_x(\kappa \,|\, 0) \propto (1-u(x)) p(I(x) \,|\, \kappa) \pi(\kappa \,|\, 0), \end{aligned}$$

Overall Algorithm

Iteratively reestimate

- Soft (hard) segmentation, $u: \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ (resp. $u: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$)
- Appearance models, $\pi(\kappa \mid s)$
- Soft cluster assignment of each pixel, $\alpha_x(\kappa \mid s) \in [0, 1]$