

Natural Language Processing

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Chapter 6

Hidden Variables

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Hidden Variables

- Examples
 - Large unlabeled text corpora for low-resource languages and domains
 - Labelled alignment between word pairs in a sentence pair for Machine Translation

我₁ (I) 在₂ (at) 这里₃ (here)
读₄ (read) 一₅ (a) 本₆ (this)
书₇ (book)

I₁ read₂ a₃
book₄ here₅

{1→1, 2→5,
3→5, 4→2,
5→3, 6→NULL,
7→4}

- MLE by counting relative frequency is infeasible

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Dealing with Hidden Variables

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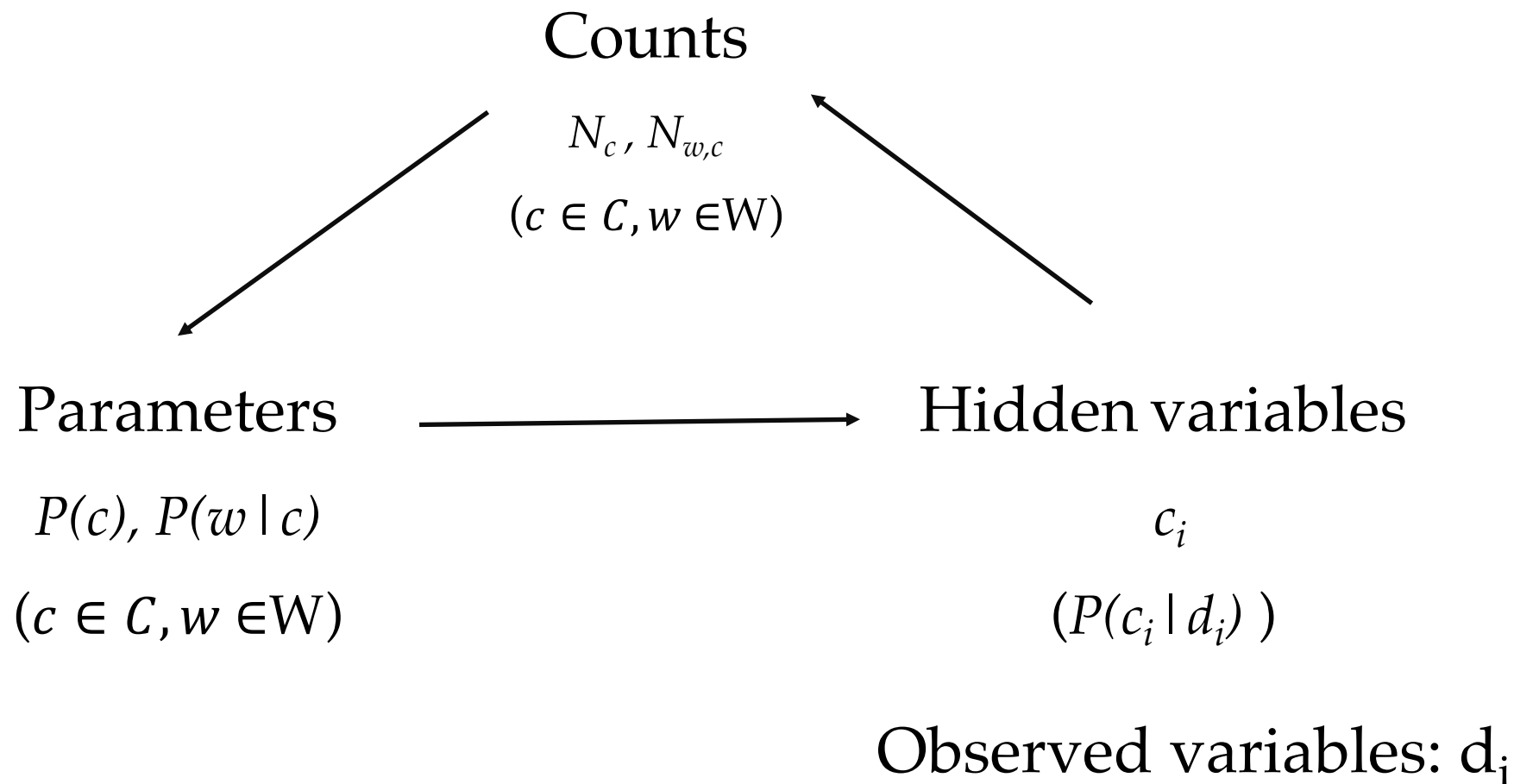
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- By maximizing $P(D)$ we can derive the value of $P(c)$ and $P(w|c)$ by counting relative frequencies. $P(c) = \frac{N_c}{N}$, $P(w|c) = \frac{N_{w,c}}{N_c}$

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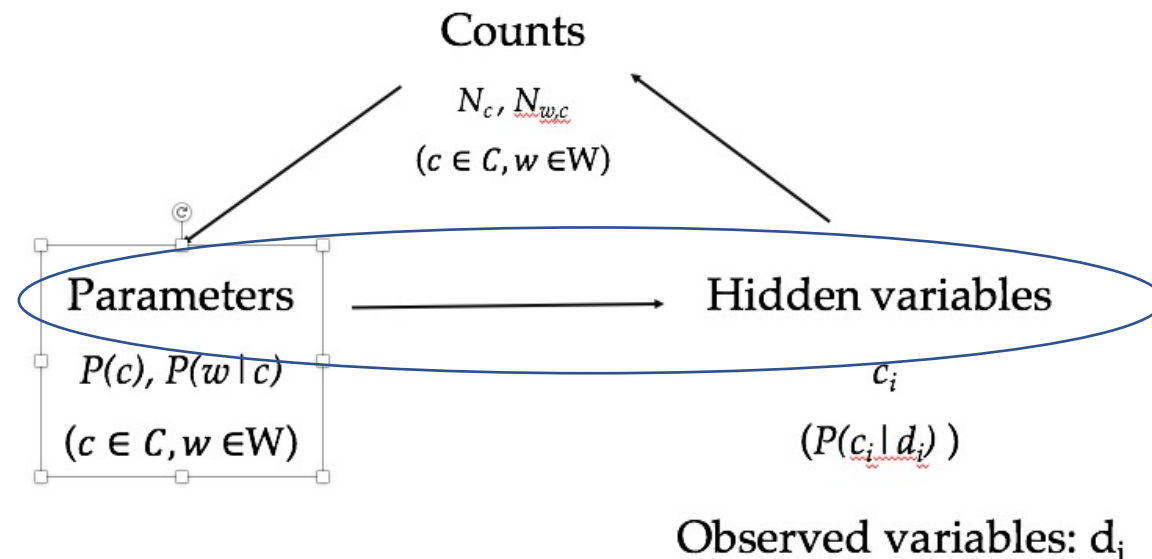
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- What if N_c and $N_{w,c}$ are unknown?

Dealing with Hidden Variables



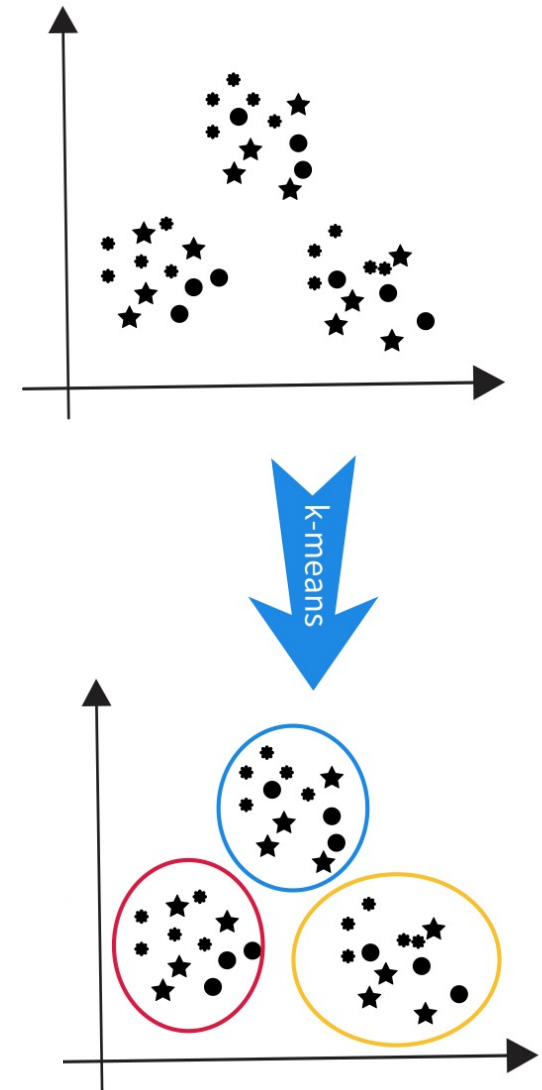
Dealing with Hidden Variables

- Iteratively estimate model parameters and hidden variable counts.
- Three ways to estimate hidden variable counts
 - Hard max
 - Soft probabilities
 - Sampling



K-means clustering

- Observation on K-means clustering
 - Observed variables: vectors
 - Hidden variables: cluster assignment
 - Model parameters: centroids
- Initialization: random centroids
- Iterative processes:
 - Hidden variable estimation step:
 - random point-cluster assignment
 - Model parameter estimation step:
 - Centroids are the means



K-means clustering

- Observed points: $O = \{o_i\}_{i=1}^N$
- Hidden variables: $h_{ik} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } o_i \in c_k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- Model parameters: c_k is the centroid of cluster k
- If $h_{i,k}$ are known (no hidden variable), learning objective is to find the means, which is to minimize:

$$L(O) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K h_{ik} \|o_i - c_k\|^2$$

- The optimal value: $c_k^{t+1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N h_{ik}^t o_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N h_{ik}^t}$,

which is the average of all points in cluster k .

K-means clustering

- Notations:
 - Observed vectors $\theta = \{o_i\}_{i=1}^N$
 - Hidden variable: $H = \{h_{ik}\}_{i=1, k=1}^{N, K}$
 - Parameter: $\Theta = \{c_k\}_{k=1}^K$
- Training process:
 - Iteration over H: $H^t \leftarrow \arg \min \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K h_{ik} \|o_i - c_k^t\|^2$
 - Iteration over θ : $\Theta^{t+1} \leftarrow \arg \min \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K h_{ik}^t \|o_i - c_k\|^2$

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K-means as “Hard” EM

- General form of EM algorithm
- Notations:
 - Observed data O
 - Hidden data H
 - Model parameter Θ
 - Model $P(O, H | \Theta)$
- Training objective with hidden variables:
 - Maximizing $L(\Theta) = \log P(O | \Theta) = \log \sum_H P(O, H | \Theta)$

Two steps for EM

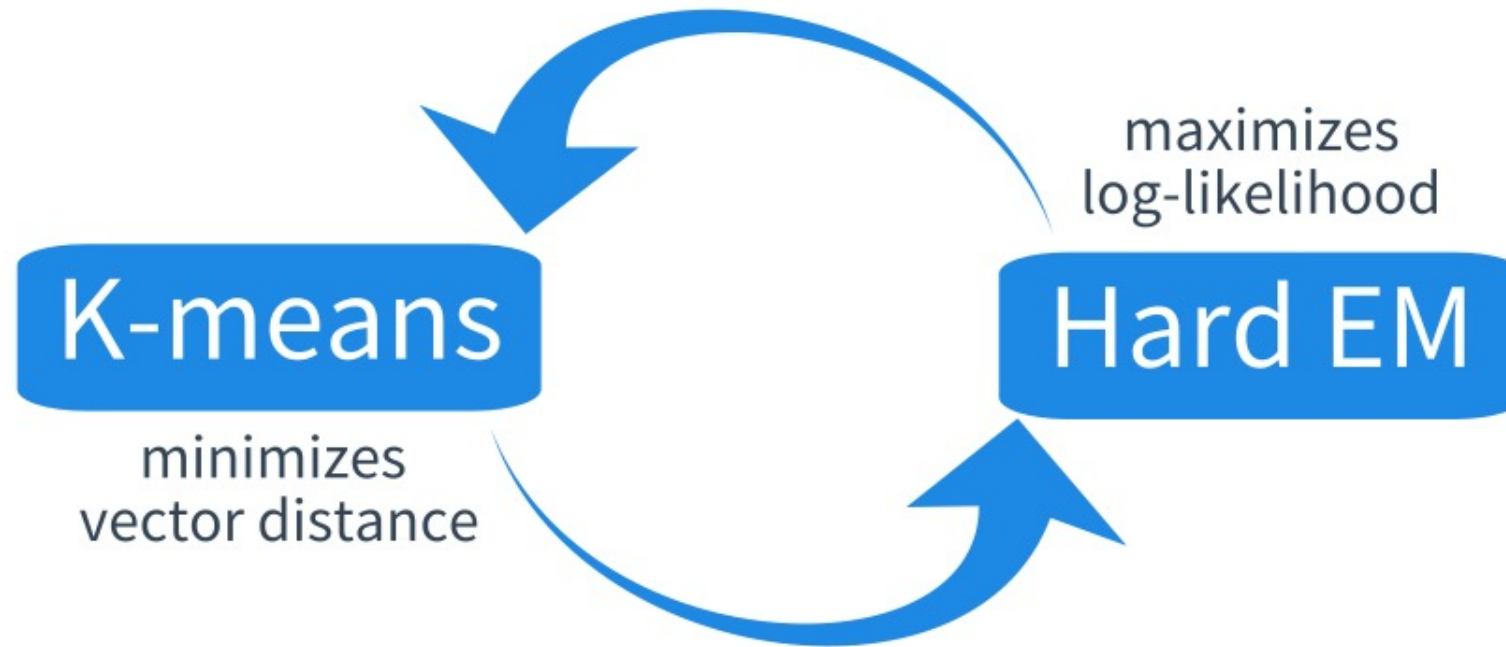
- Expectation (E-step)

Estimate hidden variable probabilities.

- Maximization (M-step)

Estimate model parameter values.

K-means as “Hard” EM



- K-means is a type of “hard” EM algorithm.

K-means as “Hard” EM

- The correlation between minimizing distance and maximizing likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\vec{v}_i, h_i | \Theta) &= P(\vec{v}_i, h_{i1}, h_{i2}, \dots, h_{iK} | \Theta) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\sum_{k=1}^K h_{ik} \|\vec{v}_i - \vec{c}_k\|^2}}{\mathcal{Z}} \\ &= \mathcal{N}\left(\sum_{k=1}^K h_{ik} \vec{v}_i, I\right) \end{aligned}$$

K-means as “Hard” EM

- The correlation between k-means and EM:

- Expectation step – refer cluster assignment

$$\mathcal{H} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathcal{H}'} P(O, H = \mathcal{H}' | \Theta) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathcal{H}'} \sum_{i=1}^N P(\vec{v}_i, h_i = \mathcal{h}_i' | \Theta)$$

- Maximization step – cluster centroid estimation

$$\Theta = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta} P(O, H = \mathcal{H} | \Theta) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta} \sum_{i=1}^N P(\vec{v}_i, h_i = \mathcal{h}_i | \Theta)$$

K-means as “Hard” EM

Inputs: observed data $O = \{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^N$;

Hidden Variables: $H = \{h_i\}_{i=1}^N$;

Initialisation: model $\Theta^0 \leftarrow \text{RANDOMMODEL}()$, $t \leftarrow 0$;

repeat

Expectation step:

$H^t \leftarrow \arg \max_H \log P(O, H | \Theta^t)$;

Maximisation step:

$\Theta^{t+1} \leftarrow \arg \max_{\Theta} \log P(O, H^t | \Theta)$;

$t \leftarrow t + 1$;

until CONVERGE(H, Θ);

- Using a single optimal configuration of H, we optimize

$$L(\Theta) = \log \max_H P(O, H | \Theta)$$

- The optimum is $\Theta^* \leftarrow \arg \max_{\Theta} \max_H \log P(O, H | \Theta)$

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EM considers all possible values of hidden variables.

Inputs: data $O = \{o_i\}_{i=1}^N$;
Hidden Variables: $H = \{\mathbf{h}_j\}_{j=1}^M$;
Initialization: model $\Theta^0 \leftarrow \text{RANDOMMODEL}()$, $t \leftarrow 0$;
repeat
 Expectation step:
 Compute $P(\mathbf{h}|o_i, \Theta^t)$, $\mathbf{h} \in H$;
 $Q(\Theta, \Theta^t) \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in H} P(\mathbf{h}|o_i, \Theta^t) \log P(o_i, \mathbf{h}|\Theta)$;
 Maximization step:
 $\Theta^{t+1} \leftarrow \arg \max_{\Theta} Q(\Theta, \Theta^t)$;
 $t \leftarrow t + 1$;
until CONVERGE(H, Θ);

Hard EM

$$h = \operatorname{argmax}_h P(h'|o, \Theta)$$

$$Q(\Theta, \Theta^t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log P(o_i, h_i|\Theta)$$

- $P(h|o_i, \Theta^t)$, $h \in H$ is the assignment distribution of H .
- $Q(\Theta, \Theta^t)$ is called the Q-function.

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- When the outputs are hidden variables, and if h is known, we can turn EM algorithm to MLE in supervised settings.
 - supposed that each o_i has a supervised label y_i
 - defining

$$P(h|o_i, \Theta^t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h = y_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\Theta, \Theta^t) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in H} P(\mathbf{h}|o_i, \Theta^t) \log P(o_i, \mathbf{h}|\Theta) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \log P(o_i, y_i|\Theta) \end{aligned}$$

which is exactly the maximum log-likelihood training objective.

Case study

A coin-flipping experiment

For a pair of coins A and B of unknown biases, θ_A and θ_B . Our goal is to estimate $\theta = (\theta_A, \theta_B)$ by repeating the following procedure five times: randomly choose one of the two coins (with equal probability), and perform ten independent coin tosses with the selected coin. Thus, the entire procedure involves a total of 50 coin tosses.

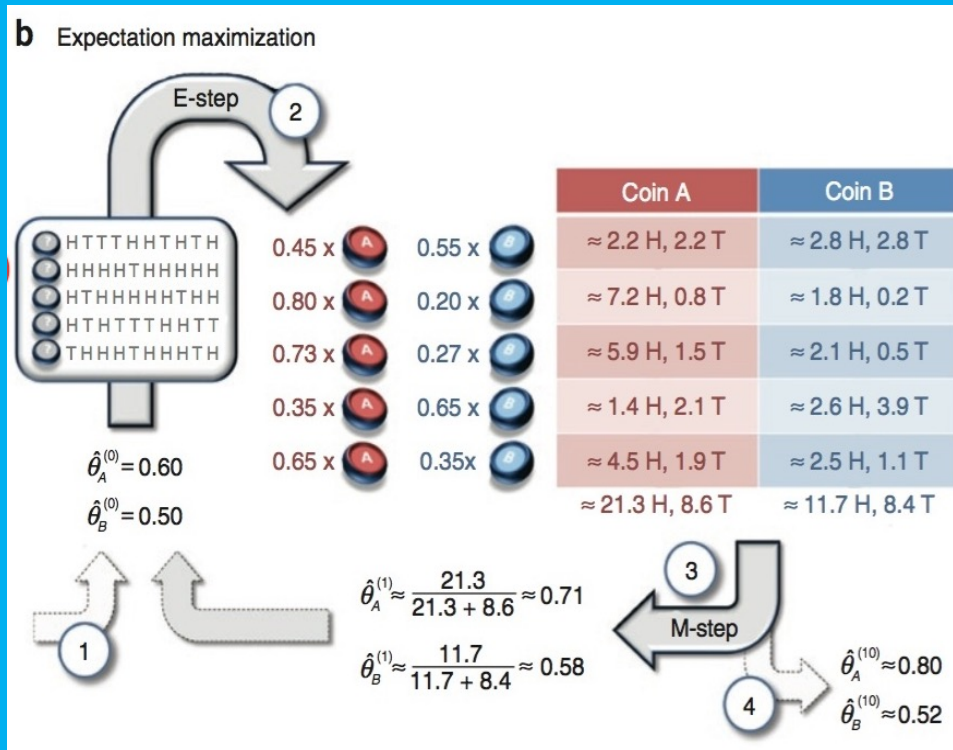
Case 1

Parameter estimation in this setting is known as the complete data case in that the values of all relevant random variables in our model (that is, the result of each coin flip and the type of coin used for each flip) are known.



Case 2

Now consider a more challenging variant of the parameter estimation problem in which we are given the recorded head counts but not the identities of the coins used for each set of tosses.



O=HTTTTHHTHTH

$$P(A|O, \tilde{\theta}_A^{(o)}, \tilde{\theta}_B^{(o)})$$

$$= \frac{P(A, O | \tilde{\theta}_A^{(o)}, \tilde{\theta}_B^{(o)})}{P(O, \tilde{\theta}_A^{(o)}, \tilde{\theta}_B^{(o)})}$$

$$= \frac{P(A | \tilde{\theta}_A^{(o)}, \tilde{\theta}_B^{(o)}) \cdot P(O | A, \tilde{\theta}_A^{(o)}, \tilde{\theta}_B^{(o)})}{P(O, \tilde{\theta}_A^{(o)}, \tilde{\theta}_B^{(o)})}$$

$$P(A|O, \theta) = \frac{0.6^5 \times 0.4^5}{0.6^5 \times 0.4^5 + 0.5^5 \times 0.5^5}$$

$$P(B|O, \theta) = \frac{0.5^5 \times 0.5^5}{0.6^5 \times 0.4^5 + 0.5^5 \times 0.5^5}$$

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EM algorithm summary

To apply EM to a certain task, we need three particular steps:

1. define the complete data likelihood $P(O, H|\Theta)$, namely parameterizing the model.
2. compute $P(H|O, \Theta)$

$$P(H|O, \Theta) = \frac{P(O, H|\Theta)}{P(O|\Theta)}$$

3. maximize $Q(\Theta, \Theta^t)$

$$Q(\Theta, \Theta^t) = \sum_h P(h|O, \Theta^t) \log P(O, h|\Theta)$$

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Unsupervised Naïve Bayes model

- Revisit Naïve Bayes

$$P(c|d) = P(c) \prod_{i=1}^{|d|} P(w_i|c)$$

- If class label is hidden

$$P(h|d) = P(h) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{|d|} P(w_i|h)$$

- Model parameters

$$\Theta = \begin{cases} P(h) & \text{for all } h, \\ P(w|h) & \text{for all } w, h \end{cases}$$

Unsupervised Naïve Bayes model

- The model target

$$P(d_i, h|\Theta^t) = P(h|\Theta^t)P(d_i|h, \Theta^t) = P(h|\Theta^t) \prod_{i=1}^{|d_i|} P(w_i|h, \Theta^t)$$

- The hidden variable posterior

$$P(h|d_i, \Theta^t) = \frac{P(d_i, h|\Theta^t)}{\sum_{h'} P(d_i, h'|\Theta^t)} = \frac{P(h|\Theta^t) \prod_{i=1}^{|d_i|} P(w_i|h, \Theta^t)}{\sum_{h'} P(h'|\Theta^t) \prod_{i=1}^{|d_i|} P(w_i|h', \Theta^t)}$$

- The objective to minimize

$$Q(\Theta, \Theta^t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_h P(h|d_i, \Theta^t) \log P(d_i, h|\Theta)$$

Unsupervised Naïve Bayes model

Unsupervised Naïve Bayes model

- Finding $\arg \max_{\Theta} Q(\Theta, \Theta^t)$
s.t. $\sum_h P(h|\Theta) = \sum_{w \in V} P(w|h, \Theta) = 1$

- Using Lagrangian multiplier,

$$P(h|\Theta) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N P(h|d_i, \Theta^t)}{N}$$

$$P(w|h, \Theta) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N P(h|d_i, \Theta^t) \sum_{j=1}^{|d_i|} \delta(w_j, w)}{\sum_{i=1}^N P(h|d_i, \Theta^t) |d_i|}$$

soft EM can be executed now.

Comparison between related models

- Unsupervised Naïve Bayes vs Naïve Bayes

$$P(c)$$

$$P(w|c)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\delta(c_i, c) \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{|d_i|} \delta(w_j^i, w) \right)$$

$$P(h|\Theta)$$

$$P(w|h, \Theta)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N P(h|d_i, \Theta^t) \sum_{j=1}^{|d_i|} \delta(w_j, w)$$

- Unsupervised Naïve Bayes vs k-means
 - K-means is based on vector space geometry, while Naïve Bayes is direct probability model.
 - Naïve Bayes is optimized with EM, while k-means is a hard variant of EM.

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IBM Model 1

- A probabilistic model for Machine Translation (MT)
 - source sentence X
 - target language translation Y
 - source word $X = x_1 x_2 \dots x_{|X|}$
 - Target word $Y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_{|Y|}$
- Bayes rule: $P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X|Y)P(Y)}{P(X)} \propto P(X|Y)P(Y)$
 - Language model : $P(Y)$ ensure fluency
 - Translation model : $P(X|Y)$ ensure adequacy
- Using probability chain rule and assuming each source word x_i is conditionally dependent to only one target word y_{a_i} , we have

$$P(X|Y) = P(x_1|y_{a_1})P(x_2|y_{a_2}) \dots P(x_{|X|}|y_{a_{|X|}})$$

Word alignment

- Word alignment $A = \{a_i\}_{i=1}^{|X|}$, a_i denotes the index of the target word that the i -th source word translates to.

ID	Source	Target	Alignment
1 (<i>French</i>)	J ₁ (I) aime ₂ (like) lire ₃ (reading)	I ₁ like ₂ reading ₃	{1→1, 2→2, 3→3}
2 (<i>German</i>)	Ich ₁ (I) lese ₂ (read) hier ₃ (here) ein ₄ (a) Buch ₅ (book)	I ₁ read ₂ a ₃ book ₄ here ₅	{1→1, 2→2, 3→5, 4→3, 5→4 }
3 (<i>Chinese</i>)	我 ₁ (I) 在 ₂ (at) 这里 ₃ (here) 读 ₄ (read) 一 ₅ (a) 本 ₆ (this) 书 ₇ (book)	I ₁ read ₂ a ₃ book ₄ here ₅	{1→1, 2→5, 3→5, 4→2, 5→3, 6→NULL, 7→4}
4 (<i>Japanese</i>)	私は ₁ (I) 家で ₂ (at home) 本を ₃ (a book) 読む ₄ (read)	I ₁ read ₂ a ₃ book ₄ at ₅ home ₆	{1→1, 2→{5, 6}, 3→{3, 4}, 4→2}

- Types of word alignment between sentence translation pairs:
Monotonic , Non-monotonic , Many-to-one , Null

EM training

- Observation variable: $O = (X, Y)$, i.e. sentence translation pairs
 $D = \{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$
- Hidden variable: $H = A$, i.e. word alignment A_i

$$\begin{aligned} P(A, X|Y) &= P(A|Y)P(X|A, Y) \\ &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{|X|} P(x_i|y_{a_i})}{\#(A \text{ between } X \text{ and } Y)} \\ &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{|X|} P(x_i|y_{a_i})}{(|Y|+1)^{|X|}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|X, Y) &= \frac{P(A, X|Y)}{P(X|Y)} \\ &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{|X|} P(x_i|y_{a_i})}{\prod_{i=1}^{|X|} \sum_{j=0}^{|Y|} P(x_i|y_j)} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{|X|} \frac{P(x_i|y_{a_i})}{\sum_{j=0}^{|Y|} P(x_i|y_j)} \end{aligned}$$

EM training

After knowing $P(A|X, Y)$ and $P(A, X|Y)$, we can define the Q-function for sentence translation pair (X, Y) :

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\Theta, \Theta^t) &= \sum_A P(A|X, Y, \Theta^t) \log P(A, X|Y, \Theta) \\ &= \sum_A P(A|X, Y, \Theta^t) \log \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{|X|} P(x_i|y_{a_i}, \Theta)}{(|Y|+1)^{|X|}} \end{aligned}$$

EM training

- Maximizing $Q(\theta, \theta^+)$ over data

$$\Lambda = \sum_A P(A|X, Y) \log \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{|X|} P(x_i|y_{a_i})}{(|Y|+1)^{|X|}} + \sum_y \lambda^y (\sum_X P(X|y) - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial P(X|Y)} &= \sum_A P(A|X, Y) \cdot \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^{|X|} \log P(x_i|y_{a_i})}{\partial P(x|y)} + \lambda^y \\ &= \sum_A P(A|X, Y) \sum_{i=1}^{|X|} \frac{\delta(x, x_i) \delta(y, y_{a_i})}{P(x|y)} + \lambda = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x|y) \propto \sum_A P(A|X, Y) \sum_{i=1}^{|X|} \delta(x, x_i) \delta(y, y_{a_i})$$

- The expected alignment between a word translation pair

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EXPECTEDALIGN}(x, y, X, Y) &= \sum_A P(A|X, Y) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{|X|} \delta(x, x_k) \delta(y, y_{a_k}) \\ &= \frac{P(x|y)}{\sum_{j=0}^{|Y|} P(x|y_j)} \sum_{i=1}^{|X|} \delta(x, x_i) \sum_{j=0}^{|Y|} \delta(y, y_j) \end{aligned}$$

EXPECTEDALIGN (x, y, X, Y) represents a soft count.

IBM model 1

Input: $D = \{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$;
Variables: $count(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$; $count(\mathbf{y})$; $sent-count(\mathbf{x})$;
Initialization $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) \leftarrow \text{UNIFORMDISTRIBUTION}()$;
repeat
 $count(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leftarrow 0$;
 $count(\mathbf{y}) \leftarrow 0$;
 for $(X_i, Y_i) \in D$ **do**
 for $x_i \in X_i$ **do**
 $sent-count(x_i) \leftarrow 0$;
 for $y_j \in Y_i$ **do**
 $sent-count(x_i) \leftarrow sent-count(x_i) + p(x_i|y_j)$;
 end
 end
 for $x_i \in X_i$ **do**
 for $y_j \in Y_j$ **do**
 $count(x_i|y_j) \leftarrow count(x_i|y_j) + \frac{p(x_i|y_j)}{sent-total(x_i)}$;
 $count(y_j) \leftarrow count(y_j) + \frac{p(x_i|y_j)}{sent-total(x_i)}$;
 end
 end
 end
 for $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in D$ **do**
 $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \frac{count(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})}{count(\mathbf{y})}$;
 end
until $\text{CONVERGE}(p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}))$;

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Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis

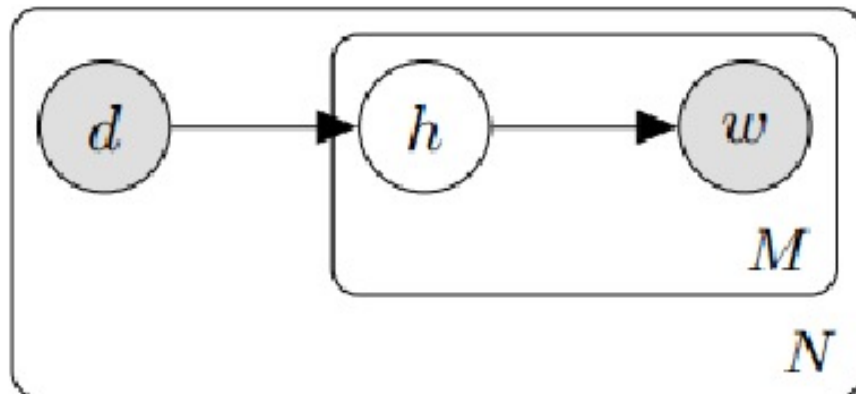


PLSA is a generative model for document semantic analysis.

Topics are hidden variables .

- Document-topic distribution $P(h|d_i)$
- Topic-word distribution $P(w|h)$

Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis



For every document d , for every position l :

1. select a document d_i from $P(d_i)$
2. generate a topic h_j from $P(h_j|d)$
3. generate a word w_j from $P(w|h_j)$

- Model target $P(w, h|d) = P(h|d)P(w|h, d)$
- Hidden variable posterior probability

- $$P(h|d_i, w, \Theta^t) = \frac{P(h, d_i, w|\Theta^t)}{P(d_i, w|\Theta^t)} = \frac{P(h|d_i, \Theta^t)P(w|h, \Theta^t)}{\sum_{h'} P(h'|d_i, \Theta^t)P(w|h', \Theta^t)}$$

- The Q-function:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\Theta, \Theta^t) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{w \in d_i} \sum_h P(h|d_i, w, \Theta^t) \log P(h, d_i, w|\Theta) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{w \in V} C(w, d_i) \sum_h P(h|d_i, w, \Theta^t) [\log P(h|d_i, \Theta) + \log P(w|h, \Theta)] \end{aligned}$$

- Constraints:

$$\sum_h P(h|d_i, \Theta) = 1, \quad \sum_w P(w|h, \Theta) = 1$$

- Define a Lagrangian function

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda(\Theta, \lambda) &= Q(\Theta, \Theta^t) - \sum_i \lambda_{d_i} \left(\sum_h P(h|d_i, \Theta) - 1 \right) - \sum_h \lambda_h \left(\sum_w P(w|h, \Theta) - 1 \right)\end{aligned}$$

- Consider $\frac{\partial \Lambda(\Theta, \lambda)}{\partial P(h|d_i, \Theta)} = 0$ and $\sum_h P(h|d_i, \Theta) - 1 = 0$

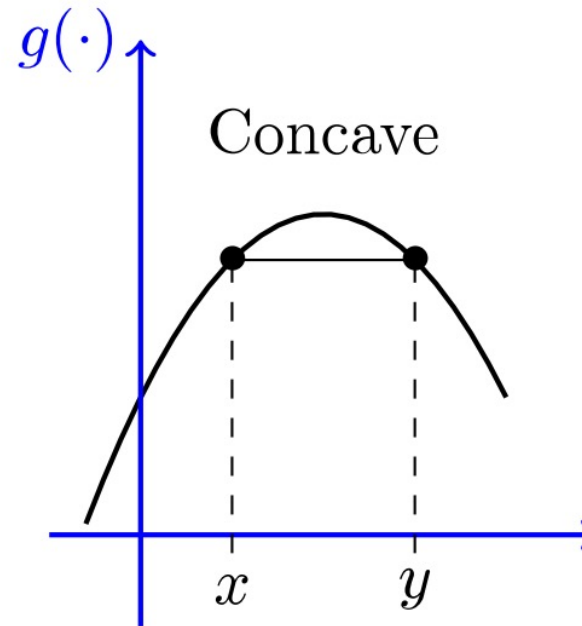
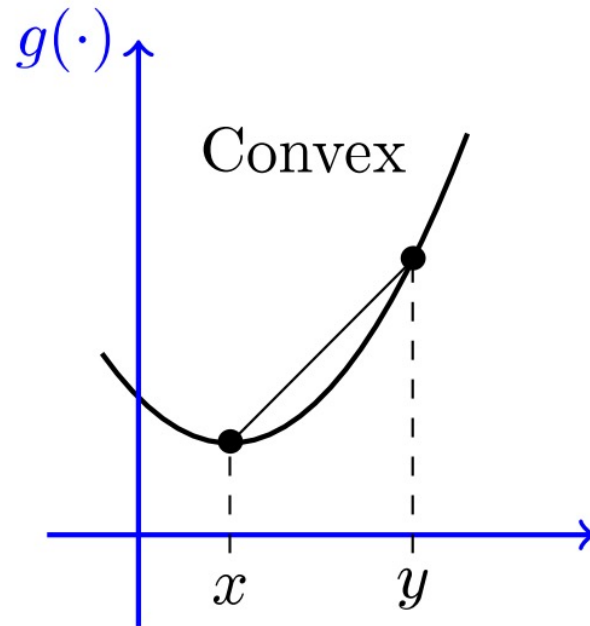
$$P(h|d_i, \Theta) = \frac{\sum_{w \in V} C(w, d_i) P(h|d_i, w, \Theta^t)}{\sum_{w \in V} C(w, d_i)}$$

$$P(w|h, \Theta) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N C(w, d_i) P(h|d_i, w, \Theta^t)}{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{w \in V} C(w, d_i) P(h|d_i, w, \Theta^t)}$$

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Jensen inequality



- for convex functions, $E(g(\mu)) \geq g(E(\mu))$,
- for concave functions, $E(g(\mu)) \leq g(E(\mu))$.

Using Jensen inequality

- $L(\Theta) = \log \sum_h P(O, h|\Theta) \geq \sum_h P_C(h) \log \frac{P(O, h|\Theta)}{P_C(h)} = F(\Theta, P_C),$

$F(\Theta, P_C)$ is a lower bound of $L(\Theta)$

- Also, $F(\Theta, P_C) = L(\Theta) - KL(P_C(h), P(h|O, \Theta))$

KL-divergence is always non-negative

$KL(P, Q)$ is zero if and only if $P = Q$

- To make the bound as tight as possible, $P_C(h) = P(h|O, \Theta)$

In this scenario, $F(\Theta, P_C) = L(\Theta)$

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Another way to maximize $F(\Theta, P_C)$

Coordinate ascent

- Expectation step.
finds an optimum distribution $P_C(H)$ that maximizes $F(\Theta^t, P_C)$
- Maximization step.
finds the optimal Θ^{t+1} for $F(\Theta, P_C^{t+1})$ using P_C^{t+1} .

- **Convergence.**

after every iteration of E-step and M-step, $L(\Theta^{t+1}) - L(\Theta) \geq 0$,

$L(\Theta)$ is a monotonically increasing function, EM is guaranteed to converge to local optimums.

Summary

- The concept of hidden variables
- Expectation Maximization (EM) algorithm
- The correlation between EM and MLE for training probabilistic models
- EM for unsupervised text classification
- IBM model 1 for statistical machine translation
- Probabilistic latent semantic allocation