

Regionalized optimisation and message passing algorithms

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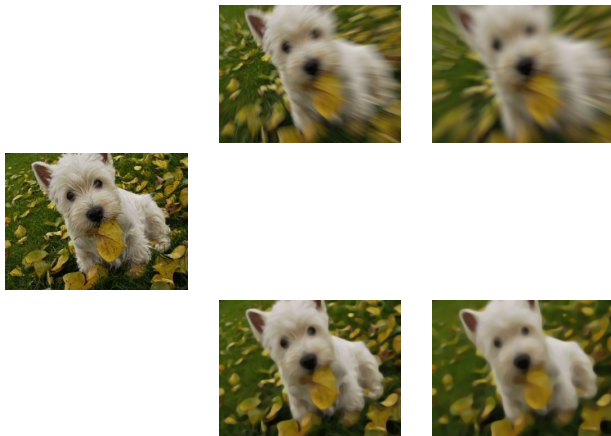
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Regionalized optimization, arXiv:2201.11876 [SP22]

Motivation (1)

Data with multiple point of view on it: for example images of Dog with two **types of blurs** at **different intensity of blurring**



Motivation (2)

Cat with two **types of blur** at different intensity of blurring:



How to classify dogs and cats taking into account the extra data given by the different point of views?

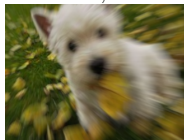
Framework: Structured Data (1)

Data: collection of images ($u_{i,j}, i \in \{0, 1, 2\}, j \in \{0, 1\}$)

$u_{0,0}$



$u_{1,0}$



$u_{1,1}$



$u_{2,0}$



$u_{2,1}$



Framework: Structured Data (2)

Denote first kind of blurring as $B_1(\lambda)$ and second kind as $B_2(\lambda)$,

$u_{0,0}$



$u_{1,0}$



To go from $u_{0,0}$ to $u_{1,0}$,

$$u_{1,0} = B_1(0.3)[u_{0,0}]$$

Compatibility relations:

$$u_{0,0} = id[u_{0,0}]$$

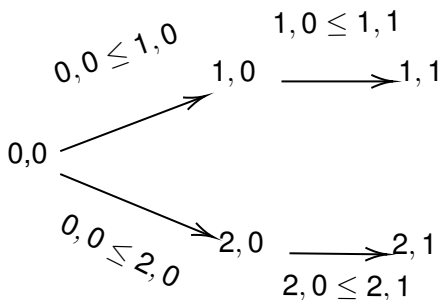
$$u_{1,0} = B_1(0.3)[u_{0,0}] \quad u_{1,1} = B_1(0.5)[u_{1,0}]$$

$$u_{2,0} = B_2(0.1)[u_{0,0}] \quad u_{2,1} = B_2(0.4)[u_{2,0}]$$

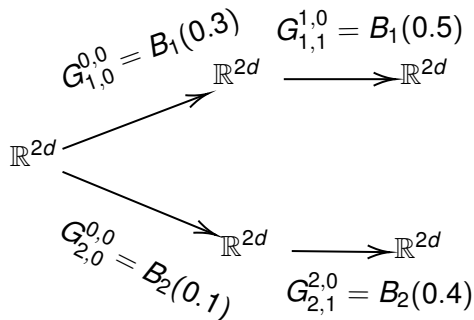
Framework: Structured Data (3)

Formally, compatibility relations are equivalent to saying that: $(u_{i,j}, i \in \{0, 1, 2\}, j \in \{0, 1\})$ is a *section* of a *functor* G over a *partially ordered set* (poset) \mathcal{A} .

Poset \mathcal{A} :



Functor G :



where \mathbb{R}^{2d} is the space in which the images live.

Framework: Structured Data (4)

Partially ordered set \mathcal{A} : a relation $\leq (\subseteq \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A})$ such that,

- 1 $a \leq a$
- 2 (Transitivity) $b \leq a$ and $c \leq b$ then $c \leq a$
- 3 $b \leq a$ and $a \leq b$ then $a = b$

Functor G over a poset:

- 1 sends elements $a \in \mathcal{A}$ to a (vector) space $G(a)$
- 2 relations $b \leq a$ to (linear) morphisms between spaces

$$G_a^b : G(b) \rightarrow G(a)$$

- 3 Respects Transitivity:

$$G_a^b G_b^c = G_a^c$$

Limit of a functor: $(\lim G)$ set of collections $(u_a \in G(a), a \in \mathcal{A})$ that are compatible under the functor :

$$\forall b \leq a, \quad G_a^b(u_b) = u_a$$

Now: Data is the limit of a functor over a poset.

Framework: Loss (1)

To classify cats or dogs over a dataset $D = [(x^i, y^i), i = 1..N]$ of size N :

Cross entropy

$$l(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1..N} \ln p_{\theta}(y^i | x^i)$$

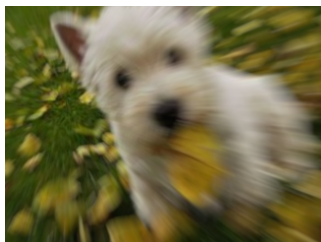
where $y = 0$ for a cat and $y = 1$ for a dog.

Framework: Loss (2)

In our case there are multiple points of views on the images: the dataset is a collection of samples $[(x_{a(i)}^i, y^i), i = 1..N]$ over **different view points** $a \in \mathcal{A}$ where $a(i)$ is the view point on the image, recall that possible values are:

$$(0, 0), (1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0), (2, 1)$$

For example for the following sample

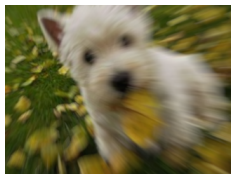


$$a(i) = (1, 0)$$

Framework: Loss (3)

Dataset can be reorganized as collection of datasets
[[$(x_a^i, y^i), i = 1..N_a$] for $a \in \mathcal{A}$.

The expression of the loss does not change with the point of view on the data,



$$l_{0,0} = \frac{1}{N_{0,0}} \sum_{i=1..N_{0,0}} \ln p_{\theta_{0,0}}(y^i | x_{0,0}^i)$$

$$l_{1,0} = \frac{1}{N_{1,0}} \sum_{i=1..N_{1,0}} \ln p_{\theta_{1,0}}(y^i | x_{1,0}^i)$$

Framework: Loss (4)

For a given point of view a , the previous loss is simply the cross entropy for the dataset restricted to this point of view:

$$l_a(p_{\theta_a}) = \frac{1}{N_a} \sum_{i=1..N_a} \ln p_{\theta_a}(y^i | x_a^i)$$

Formally, for each element of the poset $a \in \mathcal{A}$, we consider a collection of losses (functions) $l_a : G(a) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We now call the points of view ‘local’ (\rightarrow inspired by topology).

Framework: Loss (4)

Problem: How to optimize I_a for all points of view at the same time?

Answer?: Total loss is the sum of the losses? $I = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} I_a$.

- Very redundant!
- $u \in \lim G$ is a 'global' reconstruction of 'local' points of view $u_a, a \in \mathcal{A}$ we want the loss to 'behave' the same way
- In our example, the non blurred image $u_{0,0}$ is enough to index the sections of G :

$$G \cong \mathbb{R}^{2d}$$

- However $I \neq I_{0,0}$. This loss **does not** behave well under 'global reconstruction'
- **NOT an answer**

We follow the construction of Yedidia, Freeman, Weiss in the celebrated article *Constructing free-energy approximations and generalized belief propagation algorithms*[YFW05]. They use inclusion–exclusion principle to build an entropy on probability distribution compatible by marginalization.

- Good properties under ‘global reconstruction’ Proposition 2.2 [SP22]

Inclusion–exclusion principle: simplest version for two set A, B then,

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| \quad (0.1)$$

Rota in his celebrated article *On the foundations of combinatorial theory I. Theory of Möbius functions* [Rot64], extended inclusion–exclusion to any poset by introducing Möbius inversion.

Framework: Loss (7)

Two important functions for poset \mathcal{A} :

- ζ function of the poset, for any $f \in \bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\forall a \in \mathcal{A} \quad \zeta(f)(a) = \sum_{b \leq a} f(b)$$

- Its inverse (Proposition 2 [Rot64]), Möbius inversion μ ,

$$\forall a \in \mathcal{A} \quad \mu(f)(a) := \sum_{b \leq a} \mu(a, b) f(b)$$

Proposed global loss (called ‘Regionalized loss’ in reference to Yedidia, Freeman, Weiss construction):

for a functor F from \mathcal{A}^{op} (the poset with inverse relation) to vector spaces, and $u = (u_a \in F(a), a \in \mathcal{A})$:

$$I(u) = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{b \leq a} \mu(a, b) I_b(u_b) \quad (\text{RLoss})$$

Solve

$$\min_{u \in \text{lim } F} I(u)$$

Framework: Loss (8)

The Regionalized loss can be rewritten as,

$$I(u) = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} c(a) I_a(u_a) \quad (0.2)$$

where $c(a) = \sum_{b \geq a} \mu(b, a)$.

In the inclusion-exclusion principle for two sets A, B , $c(A) = 1$, $c(B) = 1$, $c(A \cap B) = -1$.

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| \quad (0.3)$$

Critical points of Regionalized loss

When G is a functor from \mathcal{A} to vector spaces, the collection of dual maps

$$G_a^{b*} : G(a)^* \rightarrow G(b)^*$$

defines a functor from \mathcal{A}^{op} to vector spaces denoted as G^*

Theorem (GSP)

F a functor from \mathcal{A}^{op} to vector spaces. An element $u \in \lim F$ is a critical point of the 'global' loss l if and only if there is

($m_{a \rightarrow b} \in \bigoplus_{\substack{a, b \\ b \leq a}} F(b)^$) such that for any $a \in \mathcal{A}$,*

$$d_u l_a = \sum_{b \leq a} F_b^{a*} \left(\sum_{c \leq b} F_c^{b*} m_{b \rightarrow c} - \sum_{c \geq b} m_{c \rightarrow b} \right) \quad (\text{CP})$$

Message passing algorithms (1)

Assume that the local losses l_a , $a \in \mathcal{A}$ are such that there is a collection of functions g_a , $a \in \mathcal{A}$ that inverses the relation induced by differentiating the local losses, i.e.

$$d_{u_a} l_a = y \iff x = g_a(y_a)$$

Messages:

$$m(t) \in \bigoplus_{\substack{a,b: \\ b \leq a}} F(b)^*: m_{a \rightarrow b} \text{ for } b \leq a$$

Auxiliary variables,

$$A(t) \in \bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{A}} F(a)^*$$

Message passing algorithms (2)

For any $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $b \leq a$, the update rule is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} A_a(t) &= \sum_{b:b \leq a} \sum_{c:b \geq c} F_c^{a*} m_{b \rightarrow c}(t) - \sum_{b:b \leq a} \sum_{c:c \geq b} F_b^{a*} m_{c \rightarrow b}(t) \\ m_{a \rightarrow b}(t+1) &= m_{a \rightarrow b}(t) + F_b^a g_a(A_a(t)) - g_b(A_b(t)) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{MSP})$$

Fix points of MSP \leftrightarrow Critical points CP

Theorem (GSP)

Fix points of message passing algorithm (MSP) are critical points of 'global' Regionalized loss (Rloss): if $MSP(m^) = m^*$, then let $\forall a \in \mathcal{A}$,*

$$u_a^* = g_a \left[\sum_{b \leq a} F_b^{a^*} \left(\sum_{c \leq b} F_c^{b^*} m_{b \rightarrow c}^* - \sum_{c \geq b} m_{c \rightarrow b}^* \right) \right]$$

Then u^ satisfies (CP).*

Extends previous result of Yedidia, Freeman, Weiss, Peltre (Theorem 5 [YFW05], Theorem 5.15 [Pel20]) stating that:

Fix points of General Belief Propagation \leftrightarrow critical points of Region based approximation of free energy.

To go further (1)

Understanding expression of critical points:

Zeta function ζ and Möbius functions μ for functors:

- for $u \in \bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{A}} G(a)$, and $a \in \mathcal{A}$,

$$\zeta_G(u)(a) = \sum_{b \leq a} G_a^b(u_b)$$

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$$\mu_G(u)(a) = \sum_{b \leq a} \mu(a, b) G_a^b(u_b)$$

μ_G is the inverse of ζ_G

To go further (2)

Understanding expression of critical points:

For F a functor from \mathcal{A}^{op} to vector spaces, critical points u of ‘global’ regionalized loss are such that:

$$\mu_{F^*} d_u l|_{\lim F} = 0$$

To go further (3)

Understanding expression of critical points:

$$0 \rightarrow \lim F \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{A}} F(a) \xrightarrow{\delta_F} \bigoplus_{\substack{a, b \in \mathcal{A} \\ a \geq b}} F(b)$$

where for any $v \in \bigoplus_{\substack{a, b \in \mathcal{A} \\ a \geq b}} F(b)$ and $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $b \leq a$,

$$\delta_F(v)(a, b) = F_b^a(v_a) - v_b$$

This is simply stating that $\ker \delta = \lim F$.

To go further (4)

Understanding expression of critical points:

$$0 \leftarrow (\lim F)^* \leftarrow \bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{A}} F(a)^* \stackrel{d_F}{\leftarrow} \bigoplus_{\substack{a, b \in \mathcal{A} \\ a \geq b}} F(b)^*$$

Pose $d = \delta^*$. For any $l_{a \rightarrow b} \in \bigoplus_{\substack{a, b \in \mathcal{A} \\ a \geq b}} F(b)^*$ and $a \in \mathcal{A}$,

$$dm(a) = \sum_{a \geq b} F_b^{a*}(m_{a \rightarrow b}) - \sum_{b \geq a} m_{b \rightarrow a}$$

To go further (5)

Rewriting condition on fix points:

$$\mu_F^* d_U f \in \text{im } d$$

is the same as the fact that there is $(m_{a \rightarrow b} \in F(b)^* \mid a, b \in \mathcal{A}, b \leq a)$ such that,

$$d_x f = \zeta_{F^*} dm$$

To go further (6)

Understanding this choice of message passing algorithm:

g Lagrange multipliers m to $u \in \bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{A}} F(a)$. $\delta_F(u) = 0$ defines the constraints on u .

$\delta_F g \zeta_{F^*} d_F$ sends a Lagrange multiplier $m \in \bigoplus_{\substack{a, b \in \mathcal{A} \\ a \geq b}} F(b)^*$ to a constraint $c \in \bigoplus_{\substack{a, b \in \mathcal{A} \\ a \geq b}} F(b)$ defined as, for $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $b \leq a$,

$$c(a, b) = \delta_F g \zeta_{F^*} d_F m(a, b) = F_b^a g_a(\zeta_{F^*} d_F m(a)) - g_b(\zeta_{F^*} d_F m(b)) \quad (0.4)$$

We are interested in $c = 0$, i.e.

$$\delta_F g \zeta_{F^*} d_F m = 0$$

To go further (7)

Understanding this choice of message passing algorithm:

Choice of algorithm on the Lagrange multipliers so that

$$\delta_F g_{\zeta_{F^*}} \mathbf{d}_F m = 0,$$

$$m(t+1) - m(t) = \delta_F g_{\zeta_{F^*}} \mathbf{d}_F m(t)$$

Any other choice would also be a good candidate!





Example of applications

- Extension of General Belief Propagation to noisy channel networks
- PCA for filtered data like time series
- Inference (learning) with multimodal integration, inference on scenes with multiple views.

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