#### Summary of Paper: Fast Training of Recurrent Networks Based on EM Algorithm (1998)

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https://qdata.github.io/deep2Read/

- Authors: Sheng Ma, Chuanyi Ji
- Proposes internal-representation-based training of recurrent networks using EM
  - Prior work was based off of heuristics for internal targets

- First establishes probabilistic models for targets of recurrent network hidden units
- Then uses EM + mean-field approximation to decompose training into a set of feedforward neurons
- Considers discrete-time recurrent networks with sigmoid activations



• Overview of EM: Introduce hidden variables with missing data (Dmiss), original data (Di), complete data (Dc) • E step:  $Q(\Theta|\Theta^p) = E\{\ln P(D_c|\Theta)|D_I,\Theta^p\} = \int P(D_{\rm mis}|D_I,\Theta^p)\ln P(D_c|\Theta) dD_{\rm mis}$ 

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 M step:  $\Theta^{p+1} = rg\max_{\Theta} Q(\Theta|\Theta^p).$ 

- Choose hidden random vars in EM to be the desired hidden targets
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Markov property for modeling recurrent networks probabilistically  $\,$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\Theta|\Theta^p) &= \ln P(\{\vec{x}\}|\Theta) + \int P(\{\vec{z}\}|\{y\},\{\vec{x}\},\Theta^p) & P(\{\vec{z}\}|\{t\},\{\vec{x}\},\Theta) \\ &\cdot \ln P(\{y\},\{\vec{z}\}|\{\vec{x}\},\Theta) \, d\{\vec{z}\}, \\ P(\{t\},\{\vec{z}\}|\{\vec{x}\},\Theta) &= \prod_{n=1}^{N} P(\vec{z}(n+1)|\vec{z}(n),y(n+1),\vec{x}(n),\Theta) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^{N} P(y(n+1),\vec{z}(n)f|\vec{z}(n),\vec{x}(n),\Theta). \end{aligned}$$

• Uses Gaussian to model conditional probability distributions due to correspondence with quadratic errors

 $P(\vec{z}(n+1)|\vec{z}(n),\vec{x}(n),\Theta) = B_1 \exp(-\lambda_1 E_1(n+1))$  $P(y(n+1)|\vec{z}(n+1),\Theta) = B_2 \exp(-\lambda_2 E_2(n+1))$   $E_1(n+1) = ||\vec{z}(n+1) - \vec{h}(n+1)|^2$ 

 $E_2(n+1) = (y(n+1) - \vec{z}(n+1)^T \cdot \vec{w}^{(2)})^2$ 

 $h_j(n+1) = g(\vec{x}(n)^T \cdot \vec{w}_j^{(1)} + \vec{z}(n)^T \cdot \vec{w}_j^{(3)}), \qquad P(y(n+1)|\vec{z}(n+1), \vec{x}(n), \Theta) = P(y(n+1)|\vec{z}(n+1), \Theta)$ 





- Can now apply established probabilistic models to EM
- Use self-consistent mean-field approximation to approximate EM integral  $P(u_i|u_j) \approx P(u_i|Eu_j)$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\Theta|\Theta^p) &= \ln P(\{\vec{x}\}|\Theta) + \sum_{k=1}^N \int \prod_{n=1}^N \\ &\cdot P(\vec{z}(n+1)|y(n+1), \vec{z}(n), \vec{x}(n), \Theta^p) \\ &\cdot \ln P(y(k+1), \vec{z}(k+1)|\vec{z}(k), \vec{x}(k), \Theta) \\ &\cdot d\{\vec{z}\}. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{split} &P(\vec{z}(n+1)|y(n+1),\vec{z}(n),\vec{x}(n),\Theta^p)\\ \approx &P(\vec{z}(n+1)|y(n+1),\dot{\vec{z}}(n),\vec{x}(n),\Theta^p) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \tilde{h}_{j}(n+1) &= g(\vec{x}(n)^{T} \cdot \vec{w}_{j}^{(1)} + \tilde{\vec{z}}(n)^{T} \cdot \vec{w}_{j}^{(3)}) \\ \tilde{c}(n+1) &= y(n+1) - \tilde{\vec{h}}(n+1)^{T} \cdot \vec{w}^{(2)^{p}} \\ \tilde{z}_{j}(n+1) &\approx \tilde{h}_{j}(n+1) + \frac{\lambda_{2} w_{j}^{(2)^{p}}}{\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{2} ||\vec{w}^{(2)^{p}}||} \tilde{c}(n+1) \end{split}$$



• Mean-field approximation reduces maximization step to training a single sigmoidal neuron

 $Q(\Theta|\Theta^{p}) = \mathbf{E}_{z} \{ \ln P(\{y\}, \{\vec{z}\}, \{\vec{x}\}|\Theta) || \{y\}, \{\vec{x}\}, \Theta^{p} \} \qquad \bar{w} \\ \approx E_{c} - E_{p} - E_{h} - E_{o}$ 

$$\vec{v}^{(2)^{p+1}} = \arg\min_{\vec{w}^{(2)}} (E_o + E_p) = \arg\min_{\vec{w}^{(2)}} \lambda_2 \sum_n (\vec{w}^{(2)^T} \tilde{\vec{z}}(n) - y(n))^2 + E_p$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{w}_j^{(1)^{p-1}}, \vec{w}_j^{(3)^{p-1}}) \\ &= \arg \min_{w_j^{(1)}, w_j^{(3)}} \sum_n (\tilde{z}_j(n) - g(\vec{x}(n)^T \cdot \vec{w}_j^{(1)} \\ &+ \tilde{\vec{z}}(n)^T \cdot \vec{w}_i^{(3)}))^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$E_{p} = \frac{\lambda_{2}N||\vec{w}^{(2)}||^{2}}{2(\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{2}||\vec{w}^{(2)^{p}}||^{2})} + \frac{\lambda_{2}N(||\vec{w}^{(2)}||^{2}||\vec{w}^{(2)^{p}}||^{2} - (\vec{w}^{(2)})^{T}(\vec{w}^{(2)^{p}})(\vec{w}^{(2)^{p}})^{T}\vec{w}^{(2)})}{2\lambda_{1}(\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{2}||\vec{w}^{(2)^{p}}||^{2}}$$

• Reduce nonlinear optimization of single neuron to linear using taylor series expansion

$$w_{\text{opt}} = \arg\min_{w} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (v(n) - g(w^T \cdot u(n)))^2 \qquad \qquad w_{\text{opt}} \approx \arg\min_{w} \sum_{n=1}^{N} c(n)^2 (w^T \cdot u(n) - g^{-1}(v(n)))^2$$

$$g(w^{T} \cdot u(n)) = v(n) + c(n)(w^{T} \cdot u(n) - g^{-1}(v(n))) + o(|w^{T} \cdot u(n) - g^{-1}(v(n))|)$$

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$$w_{\rm opt} = (U^T G^T G U)^{-1} U^T G^T V$$

**Randomly initialize**  $\vec{w}_j^{(1)}, \vec{w}_j^{(3)}$  and  $w_j^{(2)}$  for  $1 \le j \le L$ . **E**-step:

Compute the expectation of the desired hidden states  $\tilde{\vec{z}}(n)$  recursively according to (33)–(35) (illustrated by Fig. 3).

M-step:

a) Compute  $\vec{w}_j^{(1)}$  and  $\vec{w}_j^{(3)}$  given by (41) through linear weighted regressions ((47)).

b) Compute  $\vec{w}^{(2)}$  by solving (42).

Go back to the E-step until certain convergence criteria are satisfied.

• Conclusion: Significant speed increase due to reducing training recurrent nets to training of individual neurons

#### References

http://users.ece.gatech.edu/~jic/em-nn-98.pdf