Inference in Probabilistic Graphical Models by Graph Neural Networks

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2 Proposed Method



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- Given $\mathbf{x} \in R^D$, joint probability $p(\mathbf{x})$
- Simplify joint p(x) into a factorization based on conditional independence defined by a graph structure.

Factor Graphs

- Factorization of the joint probability distribution for more efficient computations
- bipartite graph: two types of nodes, edges connect different node types
- Given a factorization: $g(X_1, X_2, X_3) = f_1(X_1)f_2(X_1, X_2)f_3(X_1, X_2)f_4(X_2, X_3)$



Inference Task: Given a graphical model $p(\mathbf{x})$, find marginal probability $p_i(x_i)$ $p_i(x_i) = \sum_{x/x_i} p(\mathbf{x})$

Maximum A Posteriori(MAP) Inference: $\mathbf{x} = argmax_x p(\mathbf{x})$, Finding the most probable state

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Belief propagation operates on these factor graphs by constructing messages $\mu_{i\to\alpha}$ and $\mu_{\alpha\to i}$ that are passed between variable(*i*) and factor(α) nodes:

$$\mu_{\alpha \to i}(x_i) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{\alpha} \setminus x_i} \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}) \prod_{j \in N_{\alpha} \setminus i} \mu_{j \to \alpha}(x_j)$$
(1)
$$\mu_{i \to \alpha}(x_i) = \prod_{\beta \in N_i \setminus \alpha} \mu_{\beta \to i}(x_i)$$
(2)

the estimated marginal joint probability of a factor α , namely $B_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{\alpha})$, is given by

$$B_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}) \prod_{i \in N\alpha} \mu_{i \to \alpha}(x_i)$$
(3)

Issues:

- Exact Inference on tree graphs, but not on graphs with cycles
- Update Steps may not have closed form solutions

• variables
$$x \in \{+1, -1\}^{|V|}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x} \cdot J \cdot \mathbf{x}\right)$$
(4)

• singleton factor:
$$\psi_i(x_i) = e^{b_i x_i}$$

- pairwise factors: $\psi_{i,j}(x_i, x_j) = e^{J_{ij}x_ix_j}$
- Goal: find $p(x_i)$
- J is a symmetric matrix

Belief propagation updates messages μ_{ij} from i to j according to

$$\mu_{ij}(x_j) = \sum_{x_i} e^{J_{ij}x_ix_j + b_ix_i} \prod_{k \in N_i \setminus j} \mu_{ki}(x_i)$$
(5)

estimated marginals by $\hat{p}_i(x_i) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{b_i x_i} \prod_{k \in N_i} \mu_{ki}(x_i)$

Proposed GNN architecture

$$\mathbf{m}_{i \to j}^{t+1} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{h}_i^t, \mathbf{h}_j^t, \varepsilon_{ij})$$
(6)

$$\mathbf{m}_{i}^{t+1} = \sum_{j \in N_{i}} \mathbf{m}_{j \to i}^{t+1}$$
(7)

$$\mathbf{h}_{i}^{t+1} = \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{h}_{i}^{t}, \mathbf{m}_{i}^{t+1})$$
(8)

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \sigma \left(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{h}_i^{(T)}) \right) \tag{9}$$

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Proposed Model: Message-GNN



- Convert all messages $\mu_{i \rightarrow j}$ into a node in a GNN $\boldsymbol{h}_{i \rightarrow j}$
- Two GNN nodes v and w are connected if they correspond to messages µ_{i→j} and µ_{j→k}
- message from v_i to v_j is computed by $\mathbf{m}_{i \to i}^{t+1} = \mathcal{M}(\sum_{k \in N_i \setminus i} \mathbf{h}_{k \to i}^t, e_{ij})$.
- update its hidden state by $\mathbf{h}_{i \to j}^{t+1} = \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{h}_{i \to j}^{t}, \mathbf{m}_{i \to j}^{t+1})$.

Proposed Model: node-GNN



- No representation for factor nodes
- information about interactions in ϵ_{ii}

- minimize cross entropy loss $L(p, \tilde{p}) = -\sum_{i} q_{i} \log \hat{p}_{i}(x_{i})$
- For MAP: delta function $q_i = \delta_{x_i, x_i^*}$
- For Marginal Inference: q_i enumeration of ground truth

- generalization under 4 conditions
- to unseen graphs of the same structure (I, II),
- and to completely different random graphs (III, IV).
- \bullet These graphs may be the same size (I, III) or larger (II, IV).

	structured	random
<i>n</i> = 9	I	111
n = 16	II	IV

Experimental Set up



- train on 100 graphical models of 13 classical types
- Sample $J_{ij} = J_{ji} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$
- sample biases $b_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, (1/4)^2)$

Within Set Generalization

- test graphs had the same size and structure as training graphs
- but the values of singleton and edge potentials differed
- most notable performance difference between loopy graphs



Out of Set Generalization

- Train on same graphs
- Test on bigger graphs
- Metric: the average Kullback-Leibler divergence $\langle D_{KL}[p_i(x_i) \| \hat{p}_i(x_i)] \rangle$ across the entire set of test graphs with the small and large number of nodes.



Out of Set Generalization: different structure

- connected random Erdos Renyi graphs $G_{n,q}$,
- changed connectivity by increasing the edge probability from q = 0.1 (sparse) to 0.9 (dense)



Convergence of Inference Dynamics

- How node states change over time
- $||h_v^t h_v^{t-1}||_{\ell_2}$



• $x* = argmax_x p(\mathbf{x})$



- limited testing: binary markov random field models only
- relatively small graphs
- A combination of NNs approximation power to incorporate non linear structure of inference problems