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Dropout as Bayesian Approximation : Representing Model Uncertainty in Deep Learning

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0. Abstract

Bayesian models catches model uncertainty

contribution : "model uncertainty with drop out NNs"

- casting Dropout training in NNs as approximate Bayesian inference in deep Gaussian case
- without sacrificing either computational complexity or test accuracy

1. Introduction

Standard deep learning : don't catch model uncertainty

(softmax output are NOT model confidence!)

Passing a distribution through softmax better reflects classification uncertainty

Using dropout in NN

- can be interpreted as a Bayesian approximation of a well known probabilistic model : GP
- avoid over-fitting
- dropout approximately integrates over the models' weight

2. Related Research

- infinitely wide NN = GP (Neal, 1995 & Williams, 1997)
- BNN (Neal, 1995 & Mackay, 1992)
- Variational Inference (Blei et al., 2012)
- Dropout (Blundell et al., 2015)
- Expectation Propagation (Hernandez-Lobato & Adams, 2015)
- Uncertainty estimation on VI approaches (Graves, 2011)

3. Dropout as a Bayesian Approximation

Dropout applied before weight = deep Gaussian Process (Damianou & Lawrence, 2013)

3.1 Dropout

Notation

- $E(\cdot, \cdot)$: error function (softmax loss, Euclidean loss ..)
- \mathbf{W}_i : weight matrices of dimension $K_i \times K_{i-1}$,
(each row of \mathbf{W}_i distribute according to the $p(w)$)
- $\omega = \{\mathbf{W}_i\}_{i=1}^L$
- vectors \mathbf{m}_i of dimensions K_i for each GP layer

Objective function

- L_2 regularization (weight decay λ)
- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{dropout}} := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N E(\mathbf{y}_i, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_i) + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^L (\|\mathbf{W}_i\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{b}_i\|_2^2)$

Dropout

- With dropout, we sample "Binary Variables" for every input point & for every network unit in each layer
- take value 1 with probability p_i ($p_i = 0$: unit is dropped)

3.2 Deep GP

Deep GP

- model distributions over functions
- covariance function : $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \int p(\mathbf{w})p(b)\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b)\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{y} + b) d\mathbf{w}db$
(element-wise non-linearity $\sigma(\cdot)$ and distributions $p(\mathbf{w}), p(b)$)

Predictive Probability (of deep GP model)

$$p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \int p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}, \omega)p(\omega | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})d\omega$$

- $p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}, \omega) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}; \hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega), \tau^{-1}\mathbf{I}_D)$
 - $\hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega = \{\mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L\}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{K_L}} \mathbf{W}_L \sigma(\dots \sqrt{\frac{1}{K_1}} \mathbf{W}_2 \sigma(\mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{m}_1) \dots)$
- $p(\omega | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$: intractable
 - thus, use $q(\omega)$ to approximate

We define $q(\omega)$ as

- $\mathbf{W}_i = \mathbf{M}_i \cdot \text{diag}([z_{i,j}]_{j=1}^{K_i})$
where $z_{i,j} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, L, j = 1, \dots, K_{i-1}$
- meaning of $z_{i,j}$ = unit j in layer $i - 1$ being dropped out as an input to layer i

We minimize KL divergence

- between $q(\omega)$ and $p(\omega | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$
- minimize $-\int q(\omega) \log p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}, \omega) d\omega + \text{KL}(q(\omega) || p(\omega))$
- first term
 - $\int q(\omega) \log p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}, \omega) d\omega \approx -\sum_{n=1}^N \int q(\omega) \log p(\mathbf{y}_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \omega) d\omega$, where $\hat{\omega}_n \sim q(\omega)$
- second term
 - $\text{KL}(q(\omega) || p(\omega)) \approx \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\frac{p_i l^2}{2} \|\mathbf{M}_i\|_2^2 + \frac{l^2}{2} \|\mathbf{m}_i\|_2^2 \right)$
- Thus

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GP-MC}} \propto \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{-\log p(\mathbf{y}_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \hat{\omega}_n)}{\tau} + \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\frac{p_i l^2}{2\tau N} \|\mathbf{M}_i\|_2^2 + \frac{l^2}{2\tau N} \|\mathbf{m}_i\|_2^2 \right)$$

If we set $E(\mathbf{y}_n, \hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}_n, \hat{\omega}_n)) = -\log p(\mathbf{y}_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \hat{\omega}_n) / \tau$

\Rightarrow (1) $\mathcal{L}_{\text{GP-MC}} =$ (2) $\mathcal{L}_{\text{dropout}}$

\Rightarrow (1) The sampled $\hat{\omega}_n$ result in realisations from Bernoulli dist'n $z_{i,j}^n$ = (2) binary variables in the dropout case

4. Obtaining Model Uncertainty

model uncertainty can be obtained from dropout NN

predictive distribution : $q(\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{x}^*) = \int p(\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{x}^*, \omega) q(\omega) d\omega$

STEPS

- step 1) sample T set of vectors from $\{z_1^t, \dots, z_L^t\}_{t=1}^T$
- step 2) since $\mathbf{W}_i = \mathbf{M}_i \cdot \text{diag}([z_{i,j}]_{j=1}^{K_i})$, find $\{\mathbf{W}_1^t, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L^t\}_{t=1}^T$.
- step 3) MC Dropout : estimate
 - mean : $\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{x}^*)}(\mathbf{y}^*) \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{\mathbf{y}}^*(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{W}_1^t, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L^t)$
 - second moment :

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{x}^*)}((\mathbf{y}^*)^T (\mathbf{y}^*)) \approx \tau^{-1} \mathbf{I}_D + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{\mathbf{y}}^*(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{W}_1^t, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L^t)^T \hat{\mathbf{y}}^*(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{W}_1^t, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L^t)$$
 - variance :

$$\text{Var}_{q(\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{x}^*)}(\mathbf{y}^*) \approx \tau^{-1} \mathbf{I}_D + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{\mathbf{y}}^*(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{W}_1^t, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L^t)^T \hat{\mathbf{y}}^*(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{W}_1^t, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L^t) - \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{x}^*)}(\mathbf{y}^*)^T \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{x}^*)}(\mathbf{y}^*)$$

(= (1) sample variance of T stochastic forward passes + (2) inverse model precision)

weight decay : $\lambda \rightarrow$ model precision : $\tau = \frac{pl^2}{2N\lambda}$

predictive log-likelihood

- predictive likelihood : $p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \int p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}, \omega) p(\omega | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) d\omega$, where $p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}, \omega) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}; \hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega), \tau^{-1} \mathbf{I}_D)$
- predictive log-likelihood :

$$\log p(\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \approx \log \text{sumexp} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \tau \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_t\|^2 \right) - \log T - \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log \tau^{-1}$$

