Temporal Models

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Goals for the lecture

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you should understand the following concepts

- dynamic Bayes nets (DBNs)
- continuous-time Bayes nets (CTBNs)
- point process models
- piecewise constant conditional intensity models (PCIMs)
- multiplicative forest point processes (MFPPs)
- Hawkes processes

Bayesian Network (BN)



Friedman *et al.* (2000)



Dynamic Bayesian Network (DBN)



Example DBN [Ong et al., ISMB' 02]



Another Example [Russell & Norvig]



Unrolling DBN [Russell & Norvig]



DBN Algorithms

- Forward Algorithm: dynamic programming (equivalent to variable elimination in this case) to compute probability of a future variable
- Backward Algorithm: past variable
- Forward-Backward: compute probability of a state
- Viterbi: compute most probable trajectory (use max rather than sum over hidden variables)
- Baum-Welch: EM algorithm (over hidden state variables) to learn parameters
- Structure learning generally by greedy hill-climbing

Viterbi [Russell & Norvig]



Particle Filtering

- Choose number of particles N, and sample N particles
- At each subsequent time, from each particle, use transition to sample value at next time step
- Weight particles by likelihood given the evidence
- Resample N particles from this new, weighted distribution



Special Cases of DBNs

- Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)
 - One state variable
 - One emit variable
 - DBNs are factored HMMs
- Kalman Filters: special (original) case of DBNs where
 - CPDs are multivariate Gaussians
 - Linear dependence on parents, Gaussian noise
 - Transition (left-to-right) and Sensing (top-to-bottom) distributions
 - Developed to track objects by radar given observations every 10 seconds (or some such time interval)

Irregular Temporal Data Example: Clinical Data

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$$p(x|S,\theta) = \prod_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \prod_{s \in \Sigma_l} \lambda_{ls}^{M_{ls}(x)} e^{-\lambda_{ls} T_{ls}(x)}$$

M_{ls}: count of **I** given **s**

T_{Is} : cumulative duration until I given s

Point Process

a.k.a., Piecewise-continuous Conditional Intensity Model (PCIM)

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Forecasting

Ex ante forecasting



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Given data from 1960 to 2005, will a patient have an MI between 2005 and 2010?

Example CTBN/PCIM Structure



Goal: recover network-dependent event rates - measured by test set log likelihood

Result from EHR Data



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Timeline Analysis for EHRs

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General Point Process Models (Rasmussen, 2011)

Proposition 2.2 A conditional intensity function $\lambda^*(t)$ uniquely defines a point process if it satisfies the following conditions for all t and all possible point patterns before t:

- 1. $\lambda^*(t)$ is well-defined and non-negative,
- 2. the integral $\int_{t_n}^t \lambda^*(s) ds$ is well-defined,

3.
$$\int_{t_n}^t \lambda^*(s) ds \to \infty \text{ for } t \to \infty.$$

Concrete Example

Example 2.3 (Hawkes process) Define a point process by the conditional intensity function

$$\lambda^*(t) = \mu + \alpha \sum_{t_i < t} \exp(-(t - t_i)), \qquad (2)$$

where μ and α are positive parameters. Note that each time a new point arrives in this process, the conditional intensity grows by α and then decreases exponentially

Hawkes Process

$$\lambda^*(t) = \mu(t) + \alpha \sum_{t_i < t} \gamma(t - t_i; \beta),$$

where $\mu(t) \geq 0$, $\alpha > 0$, and $\gamma(t;\beta)$ is a density on $(0,\infty)$ depending on some parameter β . For more on the Hawkes process, see e.g. Hawkes (1971b,a, 1972); Hawkes and Oakes (1974).

Hawkes Process



Figure 2: A simulation of the Hawkes process is shown at the bottom of this plot, and the corresponding conditional intensity function is shown in the top. Note that the point pattern is clustered.

One Application

- Let events have more than one type: drugs and diagnoses
- Let β be vector of coefficients, one per event type
- Lasso-penalized Poisson regression is similar to lassopenalized logistic regression and can estimate coefficients to yield λ based on time since prior events of various types
- Being used now for identifying adverse drug events by finding drugs with high coefficient for certain conditions in future (MSCCS, Simpson et al., 2013; current work with Bao, Kuang, and Willett)

Comments on Temporal Models

- DBNs: regular time intervals
- Continuous-time models: inference is hard because fill in values of all variables over all time based on just point evidence
- Point process models: distribution over events (observations) rather than over values of all variables over all time
- Inference and learning are hard: much active research on these and on alternative intensity functions based on history