Machine Learning Notes

From artificial intelligence to physics

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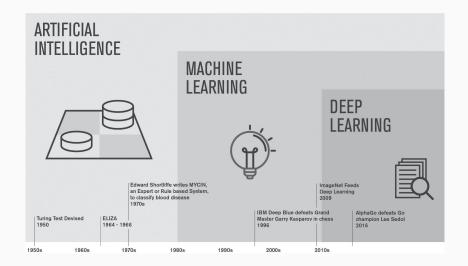
- it is an essential set of algorithms for building models in science,
- fast development of new tools and algorithms in the past years,
- nowadays it is a requirement in experimental and theoretical physics,
- large interest from the HEP community: IML, conferences, grants.

Topics:

- A.I. and M.L. overview
- Non-linear models
- From physics to ML

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence timeline

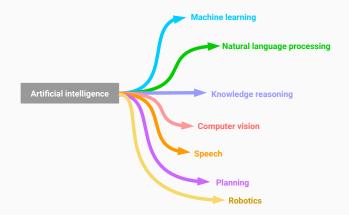


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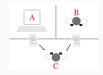


A.I. consist in the development of computer systems to perform tasks commonly associated with intelligence, such as *learning*.

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- intuitive for humans but hard to describe formally:
 - e.g. recognizing faces in images or spoken words.
 - \rightarrow Concept capture and generalization

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Solution:

The A.I. system needs to *acquire its own knowledge*. This capability is known as **machine learning** (ML). \rightarrow *e.g.* write a program which learns the task.



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Definition from T. Mitchell in 1998:

A computer program is said to *learn* from experience E with respect to some class of tasks T and performance measure P, if its performance on T, as measured by P, improves with experience E.

ML applications in our "day life"

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 - Computer vision
 - Product recommendation



ML applications in HEP

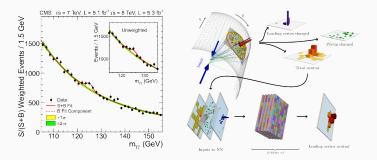
Some remarkable examples are:

- Signal-background detection: Decision trees, artificial neural networks, support vector machines.
- Jet discrimination:

Deep learning imaging techniques via convolutional neural networks.

• HEP detector simulation:

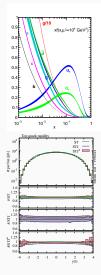
Generative adversarial networks, e.g. LAGAN and CaloGAN.



ML in theoretical HEP

• Supervised learning:

- The structure of the proton at the LHC
 - parton distribution functions
- Theoretical prediction and combination
- Monte Carlo reweighting techniques
 - neural network Sudakov
- BSM searches and exclusion limits
- Unsupervised learning:
 - Clustering and compression
 - PDF4LHC15 recommendation
 - Density estimation and anomaly detection
 - Monte Carlo sampling



Social experiment: ML applied to NNPDF meetings (JI & SC)

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Disclaimer: This is a proof of concept, made in 5 min yesterday...

ML for Gargnano 2018

You are invited to visit the results:

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- username: nnpdf
- password: 2018

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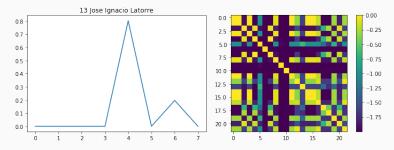
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Topic determination:

Apply Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) to the bag of words:

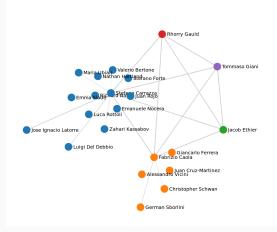
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For each participant compute the probability for each of the 8 topics, e.g. JI is ~80% topic 4 ⇒ quantum, theori, ...



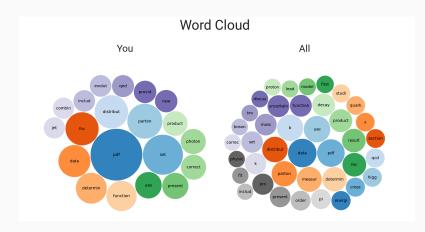
 Repeat this procedure for all participants and compute the euclidean distance between participants.

• Cluster with affinity propagation algorithm:



• Quite good without human intervention!

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We can propose matches based on affinity:

Interesting people for You

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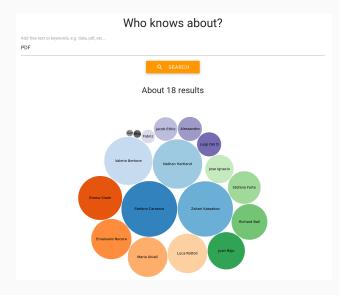
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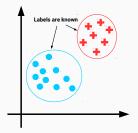
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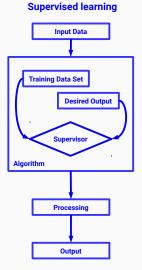


Machine learning algorithms

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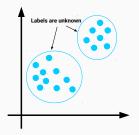




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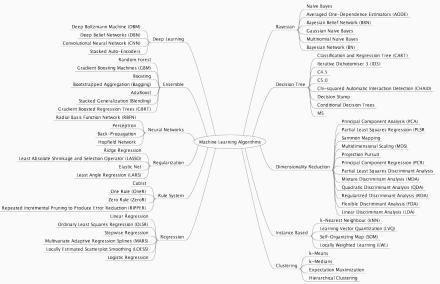
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- Reinforcement learning: real-time decisions, ...



Reinforcement learning

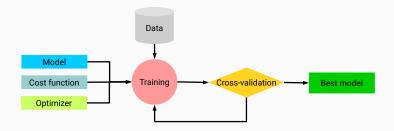


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More than 60 algorithms.

The operative workflow in ML is summarized by the following steps:



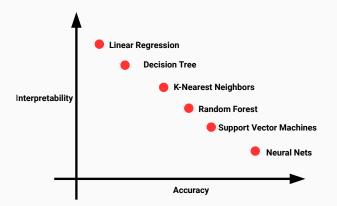
The best model is then used to:

- supervised learning: make predictions for new observed data.
- unsupervised learning: extract features from the input data.

Model representation trade-offs

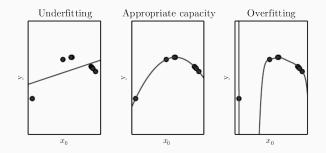
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- Optimal capacity/flexibility: number of parameters, architecture
 - \rightarrow deal with overfitting, and underfitting situations



Perform hyperparameter tune coupled to cross-validation:



Easy parallelization at search and cross-validation stages.

For experimental HEP:

• TMVA: ROOT's builtin machine learning package.

For ML applications:

- Keras: a Python deep learning library.
- Theano: a Python library for optimization.
- PyTorch: a DL framework for fast, flexible experimentation.
- Caffe: speed oriented deep learning framework.
- MXNet: deep learning frameowrk for neural networks.
- CNTK: Microsoft Cognitive Toolkit.
- Theta: the RTBM implementation library.

For ML and beyond:

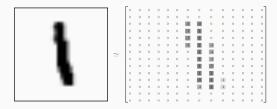
- TensorFlow: libray for numerical computation with data flow graphs.
- scikit-learn: general machine learning package.

Artificial neural networks

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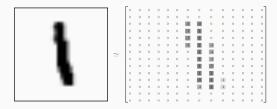
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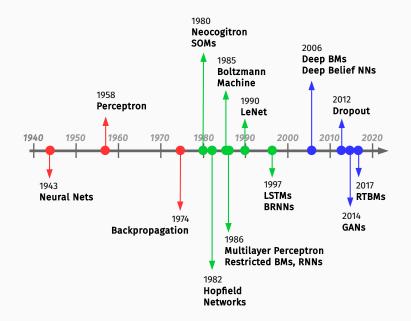
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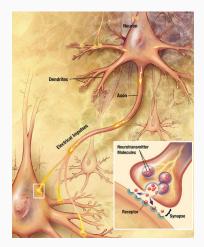


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Non-linear models timeline

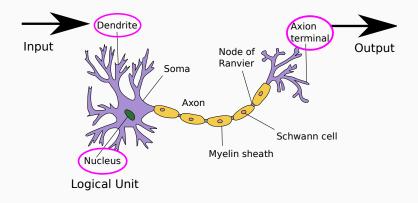


Artificial neural networks are computer systems inspired by the biological neural networks in the brain.

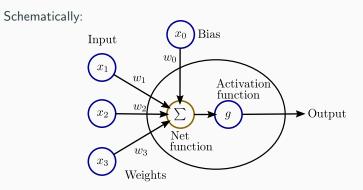


Currently the state-of-the-art technique for several ML applications.

We can imagine the following data communication pattern:



Neuron model



where

- each **node** has an associate weights and bias w and inputs x,
- the output is modulated by an **activation function**, g.

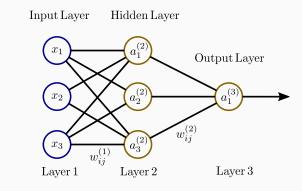
Some examples of activation functions: sigmoid, tanh, linear, ...

$$g_w(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x}}, \quad \tanh(w^T x), \quad x.$$

Neural networks

In practice, we simplify the bias term with $x_0 = 1$.

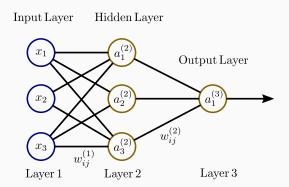
Neural network \rightarrow connecting multiple units together.



where

- $a_i^{(l)}$ is the activation of unit i in layer l,
- $w_{ij}^{(l)}$ is the weight between nodes i, j from layers l, l+1 respectively.

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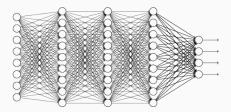


•
$$a_1^{(2)} = g(w_{10}^{(1)} + w_{11}^{(1)}x_1 + w_{12}^{(1)}x_2 + w_{13}^{(1)}x_3)$$

• $a_2^{(2)} = g(w_{20}^{(1)} + w_{21}^{(1)}x_1 + w_{22}^{(1)}x_2 + w_{23}^{(1)}x_3)$
• $a_3^{(2)} = g(w_{30}^{(1)} + w_{31}^{(1)}x_1 + w_{32}^{(1)}x_2 + w_{33}^{(1)}x_3)$
• **Output** $\rightarrow a_1^{(3)} = g(w_{10}^{(2)} + w_{11}^{(2)}a_1^{(2)} + w_{12}^{(2)}a_2^{(2)} + w_{13}^{(2)}a_3^{(2)})$

Some useful names:

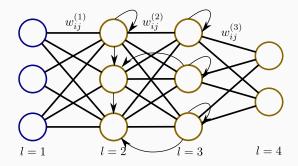
- Feedforward neural network: no cyclic connections between nodes from the same layer (previous example).
- Multilayer perceptron (MLP): is a feedforward neural network with at least 3 layers.
- Deep neural networks: term referring to neural networks with more than one hidden layer.



Artificial neural networks architectures

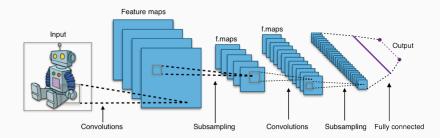
Some examples of neural network popular architectures:

- Recurrent neural networks: neural networks where connections between nodes form a directed cycle.
 - built-in internal state memory
 - built-in notion of time ordering for a time sequence



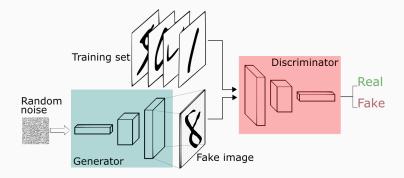
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- Convolutional neural networks: multilayer perceptron designed to require minimal preprocessing, *i.e.* space invariant architecture.
 - the hidden layers consist of convolutional layers, pooling layer, fully connected layers and normalization layers
 - great successful applications in image and video recognition.



Artificial neural networks architectures

- Generative adversarial network: unsupervised machine learning system of two neural networks contesting with each other.
 - one network generate candidates while the other discriminates.



Other popular examples:

- Recursive neural networks: a variation of recurrent neural network where pairs of layers or nodes are merged recursively.
 - successful applications on natural language processing.
 - some recent applications for model inference.
- Long short-term memory: another variation of recurrent neural networks composed by custom units cells:
 - LSTM cells have an input gate, an output gate and a forget gate.
 - powerful when making predictions based on time series data.
- Boltzmann Machines: is a generative stochastic recursive artificial neural network.
 - comes with energy-based model features and advantages.

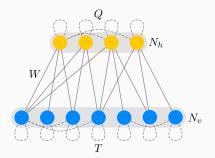
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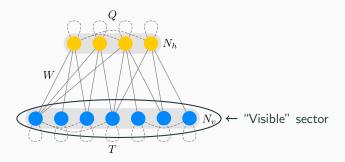
Lets try to build a model:

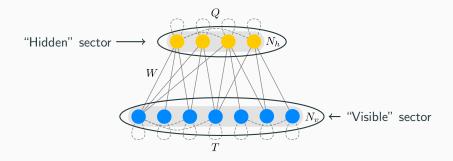
- well suited for pdf estimation and pdf sampling
- built-in pdf normalization (close form expression)
- very flexible with a small number of parameters

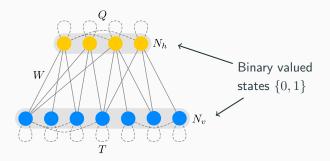
We decided to look at energy models, specifically Boltzmann Machines.



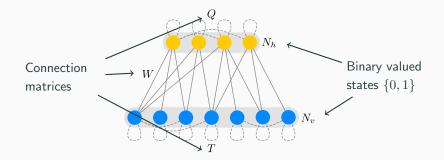




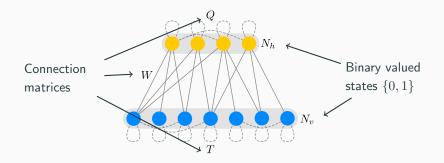




Graphical representation:



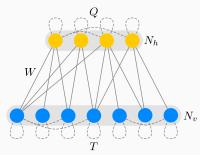
Graphical representation:



- Boltzmann machine (BM): T and $Q \neq 0$.
- Restricted Boltzmann machine (RBM): T = Q = 0.

Energy based model:

[Hinton, Sejnowski '86]



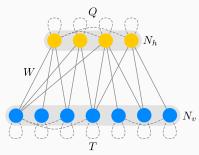
View as statistical mechanical system.

The system energy for given state vectors (v, h):

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State vectors
Connection matrices
Biases

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The canonical partition function is defined as:

$$Z = \sum_{h,v} e^{-E(v,h)}$$

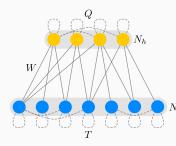
Probability the system is in specific state given by Boltzmann distribution:

$$P(v,h) = \frac{e^{-E(v,h)}}{Z}$$

with marginalization:

$$P(v) = \frac{e^{-F(v)}}{Z} \qquad \qquad \text{Free energy}$$

Learning:



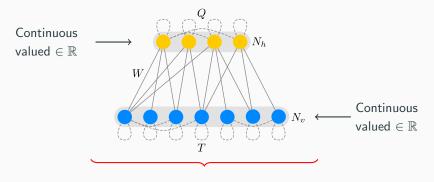
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Theoretically, general compute medium. Via adjusting W, T, Q, B_h, B_v able to learn the underlying probability N_v distribution of a given dataset.

However: practically not feasible

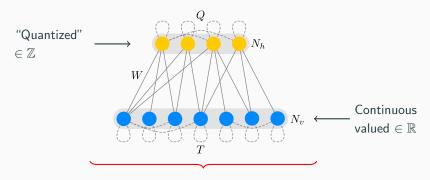
For applications only RBMs have been considered.

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 $P(v) \equiv$ multi-variate gaussian (too trivial)

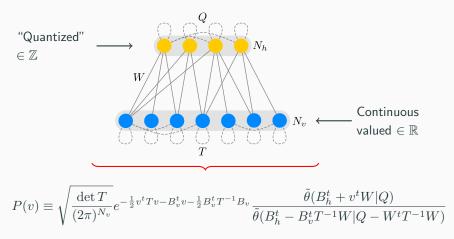
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Something interesting happens

Under mild constraints on connection matrices (positive definiteness,...)

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Closed form analytic solution still available!

RTBM

[Krefl, S.C., Haghighat, Kahlen '17]

Novel very generic probability density:

$$P(v) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\det T}{(2\pi)^{N_v}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^t T v - B_v^t v - \frac{1}{2}B_v^t T^{-1}B_v} \underbrace{\frac{\tilde{\theta}(B_h^t + v^t W|Q)}{\tilde{\theta}(B_h^t - B_v^t T^{-1}W|Q - W^t T^{-1}W)}}_{\text{Damping factor}}$$

The Riemann-Theta definition:

$$\theta(z,\Omega) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^{N_h}} e^{2\pi i \left(\frac{1}{2}n^t \Omega n + n^t z\right)}$$

Key properties: Periodicity, modular invariance, solution to heat equation, etc.

Note: Gradients can be calculated analytically as well so gradient descent can be used for optimization.

We observe that P(v) stays in the same distribution under affine transformations, *i.e.* rotation and translation

$$\mathbf{w} = A\mathbf{v} + b, \quad \mathbf{w} \sim P_{A,b}(v),$$

if the linear transformation \boldsymbol{A} has full column rank.

 $P_{A,b}(v)$ is the distribution P(v) with parameters rotated as

$$T^{-1} \to AT^{-1}A^t, \quad B_v \to (A^+)^t B_v - Tb$$
$$W \to (A^+)^t W, \quad B_h \to B_h - W^t b.$$

where A^+ is the left pseudo-inverse defined as

$$A^+ = (A^t A)^{-1} A^t.$$

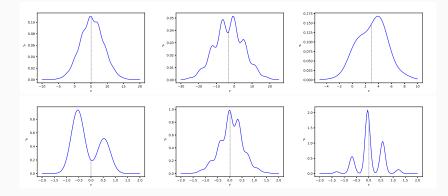
RTBM Applications

In the next we show examples of RTBMs for

- Probability determination
- Data classification
- Data regression
- Sampling

RTBM P(v) examples:

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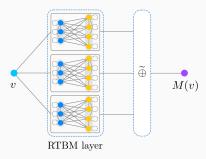
For different choices of parameters (with hidden sector in 1D or 2D).

Mixture model:

Expectation:

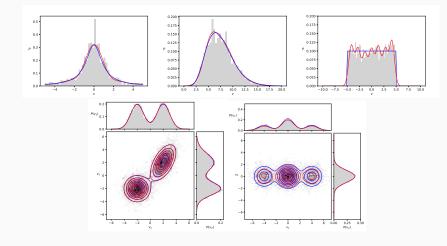
As long as the density is well enough behaved at the boundaries it can be learned by an RTBM mixture model.

[Krefl, S.C., Haghighat, Kahlen '17]



Examples:

[Krefl, S.C., Haghighat, Kahlen '17]



Top $N_v = 1, N_h = 3, 2, 3$, button $N_v = 2, N_h = 1$ (2x RTBM), 2.

Feature detector:

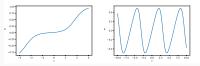
[Krefl, S.C., Haghighat, Kahlen '17] Similar to [Krizhevsky '09]

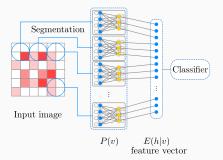
New:

Conditional expectations of hidden states after training

$$E(h_i|v) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\nabla_i \tilde{\theta}(v^t W + B_h^t|Q)}{\tilde{\theta}(v^t W + B_h^t|Q)}$$

The detector is trained in probability mode and generates a feature vector.





Feature detector example - jet classification

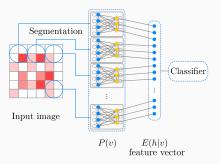
Jet classification:

Descriminating jets from single hadronic particles and overlapping jets from pairs of collimated hadronic particles.

Data (images of 32x32 pixels)

- 5000 images for training
- 2500 images for testing

[Krefl, S.C., Haghighat, Kahlen '17] Data from [Baldi et al. '16, 1603.09349]



Classifier	Test dataset precision		
Logistic regression (LR)	77%		
RTBM feature detector $+$ LR	83%		

Theta Neural Network:

Idea:

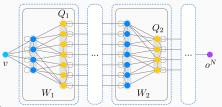
Use as activation function in a standard NN. The particular form of non-linearity is learned from data.

Key point:

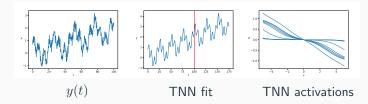
smaller networks needed but Riemann-Theta evalution is expensive.

Example (1:3-3-2:1):





 $y(t) = 0.02t + 0.5\sin(t+0.1) + 0.75\cos(0.25t - 0.3) + \mathcal{N}(0,1)$



RTBM sampling algorithm

The probability for the visible sector can be expressed as:

$$P(v) = \sum_{[h]} P(v|h)P(h)$$

where P(v|h) is a multivariate gaussian. The P(v) sampling can be performed easily by:

• sampling $\mathbf{h} \sim P(h)$ using the RT numerical evaluation $\theta = \theta_n + \epsilon(R)$ with ellipsoid radius R so

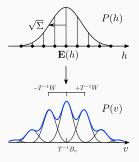
$$p = \frac{\epsilon(R)}{\theta_n + \epsilon(R)} \ll 1$$

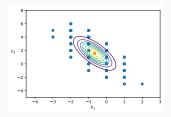
is the probability that a point is sampled outside the ellipsoid of radius $R_{\rm r}$ while

$$\sum_{[h](R)} P(h) = \frac{\theta_n}{\theta_n + \epsilon(R)} \approx 1$$

i.e. sum over the lattice points inside the ellipsoid.

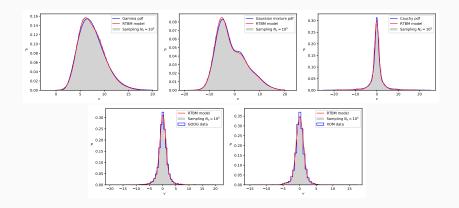
• then sampling $\mathbf{v} \sim P(v|\mathbf{h})$





RTBM P(v) sampling examples:

[S.C. and Krefl '18]



Top $N_v = 1, N_h = 2, 3 (2 \text{x RTBM}), 3$, button $N_v = 1, N_h = 3$.

Sampling distance estimators

Distribution	$\chi^2_{\rm RTBM}/N_{\rm bins}$	$\mathrm{MSE}_\mathrm{RTBM}^\mathrm{sampling}$	$MSE_{pdf}^{sampling}$	$\mathrm{MSE}^{\mathrm{pdf}}_{\mathrm{RTBM}}$	KS distance
Gamma	0.02/50	$2 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.4\cdot 10^{-4}$	0.01
Cauchy	0.12/50	$2.9\cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.7\cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.5\cdot 10^{-3}$	0.02
Gaussian mixture	0.01/50	$6.7\cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.4\cdot 10^{-5}$	$9.3\cdot 10^{-5}$	0.01
GOOG	0.10/50	$-2.7\cdot 10^{-4}$	$9.5\cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.5\cdot 10^{-4}$	0.02
XOM	0.09/50	$2.6\cdot 10^{-4}$	$-6.7\cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.7\cdot 10^{-4}$	0.02

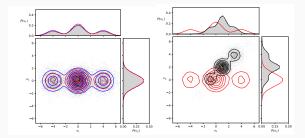
TABLE 1: Distance estimators for the sampling examples in figures 3 and 4 Exact definitions for all distance estimators are given in section [VII] The mean squared error (MSE) is taken between the sampling, the RTBM model and the underlying distribution (pdf). The Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) distance is shown in the last column of the table. For GOOG and XOM the empirical distribution is employed as underlying pdf.

Distribution	Mean	2nd moment	3th moment	4th moment
Gamma	7.43(7.43)[7.49]	6.91 (6.89) [7.41]	$-10.03\ (10.03)\ [13.79]$	154 (153.23) [195.8]
Cauchy	-0.057 (-0.057) [-]	11.64 (11.64) [-]	-4.63 (-4.97) [-]	1749.8 (1753) [-]
Gaussian mixture	-1.48(-1.48)[-1.31]	34.45(34.45)[34.29]	$134.35\ (136.67)\ [131.78]$	$3558.7 \ (3571.8) \ [3569.1]$
GOOG	$0.06\ (0.06)\ [0.08]$	3.28(3.23)[3.58]	1.52(1.42)[6.04]	117 (108) [191]
XOM	$0.02 \ (0.02) \ [0.03]$	$2.13\ (2.15)\ [2.36]$	-0.42 (-0.18) [1.44]	38.3 (40.2) [97.1]

TABLE II: Mean and central moments for the sampling data, the RTBM model (round brackets) and the underlying true distribution (square brackets). Note that the moments of the Cauchy distribution are either undefined or infinite. The given values correspond to the RTBM model approximation and its sampling, which are defined and finite, *cf.*, (4). For the GOOG and XOM distributions the true moments (square brackets) are evaluated from the underlying empirical distribution.

Sampling examples with affine transformation

RTBM P(v) sampling with affine transformation: [S.C. and Krefl '18]



For a rotation of $\theta = \pi/4$ and scaling of 2 ($N_v = 2, N_h = 2$).

Conclusion

In summary:

- ML is becoming very popular and strongly used in our field.
- Results are encouraging, several application opportunities.

For the future:

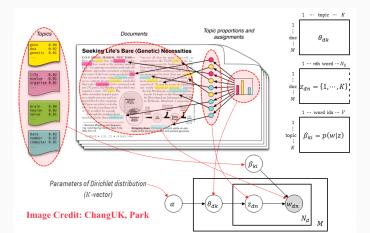
- New models based on physical systems.
- Try to extend the ML usage in physics.

Backup

Latent Dirichlet Allocation

In LDA each document is a considered as a mixture of various topics and that the topic distribution is assumed to have a sparse Dirichlet prior.

This means that each document cover only a small set of topics and that topics use only a small set of words frequently.



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Affinity propagation by message passing

AP is an unsupervised clustering algorithm. Let s be the similarity matrix between 2 points x_i and x_j , we define

- R the responsibility matrix where r(i, k) quantify how well-suited xk is to serve as the exemplar for xi, relative to other candidate exemplar for xi.
- A the availability matrix, where a(i, k) represents how appropriate would be for x_i to select x_k as its exemplar, taking into account other points preference for x_k as an exemplar

The algorithm sets both matrix to zero and performs the following updates iteratively:

$$\begin{aligned} r(i,k) &\leftarrow s(i,k) - \max_{k' \neq k} \{a(i,k') + s(i,k')\} \\ a(i,k) &\leftarrow \min\left(0, r(k,k) + \sum_{i' \notin \{i,k\}} \max(0, r(i',k))\right) \quad \text{for } i \neq k \\ a(k,k) &\leftarrow \sum_{i' \neq k} \max(0, r(i',k)) \end{aligned}$$

Affinity propagation by message passing

