Relative Goodness-of-Fit Tests for Models with Latent Variables

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Model Criticism



Data = robbery events in Chicago in 2016.

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G. Box (1976)

Model comparison

• Have: two candidate models P and Q, and samples $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ from reference distribution R

Goal: which of P and Q is better?





P: two components

Q: ten components

Most interesting models have latent structure

Graphical model representation of hierarchical LDA with a nested CRP prior, Blei et al. (2003)





Relative goodness-of-fit tests for Models with Latent Variables

• The Maximum Mean Discrepancy: an integral probability metric

- maximize difference in expectations using an RKHS witness class
- The kernel Stein discrepancy
 - Comparing a sample and a model: Stein modification of the witness class
- Constructing a relative hypothesis test using the KSD
- Relative hypothesis tests with latent variables

- Model P, data $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \sim Q$.
- "All models are wrong" $(P \neq Q)$.



Comparing a sample and model

Can we compute MMD with samples from Q and a model P? Problem: usualy can't compute E_{vf} in closed form.

 $\mathrm{MMD}(P, Q) = \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq 1} [\mathrm{E}_q f - \mathrm{E}_p f]$



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$$\mathbf{E}_{p}\left[\mathcal{A}_{p}f\right] = \int \left[\frac{1}{p(x)} \frac{d}{dx} \left(f(x)p(x)\right)\right] p(x) dx = \left[f(x)p(x)\right]_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

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Using kernel derivative trick in (a),

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Leading term

$$\|\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{z}}\|_{\mathcal{F}}^{2} = \left\langle \left(\frac{d}{dz}\log \boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{z})\right)k(\boldsymbol{z},\cdot), \left(\frac{d}{dz}\log \boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{z})\right)k(\boldsymbol{z},\cdot)\right\rangle_{\mathcal{F}} + \dots$$

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 $\mathrm{KSD}_p^2(Q) = 0$ iff P = Q if

Gram matrix over all the configurations in X is strictly positive definite,
 P > 0 and Q > 0.

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Constructing threshold for a statistical test

Given samples $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^n \sim q$, empirical KSD (test statistic) is:

$$\widehat{ ext{KSD}}(\pmb{p},\pmb{q},\mathcal{F}) := rac{1}{n(n-1)}\sum_{i=1}^n\sum_{j
eq i}^n h_p(\pmb{z}_i,\pmb{z}_j).$$

When q = p, U-statistic is degenerate. Estimate of null distribution with wild bootstrap:

where $\{\sigma_i\}_{i=1}^n$ i.i.d, $E(\sigma_i) = 0$, and $E(\sigma_i^2) = 1$

Consistent estimate of the null distribution when q = p
 Consistent test (Type II error goes to zero) under a rich class of alternatives Chwialkowski, Strathmann, G., ICML 2016

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Data = robbery events in Chicago in 2016.

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Model p = 10-component Gaussian mixture.

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shows

Empirical statistic, asymptotic normality for $P \neq Q$

The empirical statistic:

$$\widehat{\mathrm{KSD}_p^2}(\mathcal{Q}) \coloneqq rac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i
eq j} h_p(x_i, x_j).$$

Asymptotic distribution when $q \neq p$:

 $\sqrt{n}\left(\widehat{\mathrm{KSD}_p^2}(\mathcal{Q})-\mathrm{KSD}_p(\mathcal{Q})
ight)\stackrel{d}{ o}\mathcal{N}(0,\sigma_{h_p}^2)\qquad\sigma_{h_p}^2=4\mathrm{Var}[\mathbb{E}_{x'}[h_p(x,x')]].$



Relative goodness-of-fit testing



Two latent variable models P and Q, data $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} R$. Distinct models $p \neq q$

Hypotheses:

 $H_0: \mathrm{KSD}_p(R) \leq \mathrm{KSD}_q(R) \ \mathrm{vs.} \ H_1: \mathrm{KSD}_p(R) > \mathrm{KSD}_q(R)$ $(H_0: `P \ \mathrm{is \ as \ good \ as \ }Q, \ \mathrm{or \ better' \ vs.} \ H_1: `Q \ \mathrm{is \ better' \ })$

Relative GOF testing: joint asymptotic normality

Joint asymptotic normality when $P \neq R$ and $Q \neq R$

$$\sqrt{n} \left[\begin{array}{c} \widehat{\mathrm{KSD}}_{p}^{2}(R) - \mathrm{KSD}_{p}(R) \\ \widehat{\mathrm{KSD}}_{q}^{2}(R) - \mathrm{KSD}_{q}(R) \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{h_{p}}^{2} & \sigma_{h_{p}h_{q}} \\ \sigma_{h_{p}h_{q}} & \sigma_{h_{q}}^{2} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

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$$\sqrt{n} \left[\begin{array}{c} \widehat{\mathrm{KSD}}_p^2(R) - \mathrm{KSD}_p(R) \\ \widehat{\mathrm{KSD}}_q^2(R) - \mathrm{KSD}_q(R) \end{array} \right] \stackrel{d}{\to} \mathcal{N} \left(\left[\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{c} \sigma_{h_p}^2 & \sigma_{h_p h_q} \\ \sigma_{h_p h_q} & \sigma_{h_q}^2 \end{array} \right] \right)$$

Difference in statistics is asymptotically normal:

$$egin{aligned} \sqrt{n} \left[\widehat{ ext{KSD}_p^2}(R) - \widehat{ ext{KSD}_q^2}(R) - (ext{KSD}_p(R) - ext{KSD}_q(R))
ight] \ & \stackrel{d}{ o} \mathcal{N} \left(0, \sigma_{h_p}^2 + \sigma_{h_q}^2 - 2 \sigma_{h_p h_q}
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 \implies a statistical test with null hypothesis $\text{KSD}_p(R) - \text{KSD}_q(R) \leq 0$ is straightforward.

Latent variable models



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Can we compare latent variable models with KSD?

$$egin{aligned} p(x) &= \int p(x|z)p(z)dz \ q(x) &= \int q(x|w)p(w)dw \end{aligned}$$



Multi-dimensional Stein operator:

$$[T_p f](x) = \left\langle f(x), \underbrace{rac{
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Expression (a) requires marginal p(x), often intractable...

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Problem: $\widetilde{\mathrm{KSD}_{p_m}^2}(R)$ asymptotically normal but slow bias decay.

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Approximate intractable posterior $\mathbb{E}_{z|x_i}[\mathbf{s}_p(x_i|z)]$

$$ar{\mathbf{s}}_{p}(x_i; z_i^{(t)}) \coloneqq rac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbf{s}_{p}(x_i | z_{i,j}^{(t)}) pprox \mathbf{s}_{p}(x_i)$$

with $z_i^{(t)} = (z_{i,1}^{(t)}, \dots, z_{i,m}^{(t)})$ via MCMC (after t burn-in steps)

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where \bar{H}_p is the Stein kernel h_p with $s_p(x_i)$ replaced with $\bar{s}_p(x_i; z_i^{(t)})$.

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Strategy:

• Estimate the difference $\text{KSD}_p^2(R) - \text{KSD}_q^2(R)$ by

$$D_n^{(t)}(P,Q) = U_n^{(t)}(P) - U_n^{(t)}(Q).$$

If $D_n^{(t)}(P, Q)$ is sufficiently large, reject H_0 .

- "Sufficient": control type-I error (falsely rejecting H₀)
- Requires the (asymptotic) behaviour of $D_n^{(t)}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})$

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Fine print:

The double limit requires fast bias decay $\sqrt{n} \left[\mathbb{E} \{ D_n^{(t)}(P, Q) \} - \mu_{PQ} \right] \to 0$ (t)

• The fourth moment of $\bar{H}_p^{(t)} - \bar{H}_q^{(t)}$ has finite limit sup. $(t \to \infty)$.

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Level- α test:

$$ext{Reject} \, \, H_0 \, \, ext{if} \, \, D_n^{(t)}({m P}, \, Q) \geq rac{\hat{\sigma}_{{m P}Q}}{\sqrt{n}} \, c_{1-lpha}$$

c_{1-α} is (1 - α)-quantile of N(0, 1).

 σ̂_{PQ} estimated via jackknife

Experiments

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(L)KSD = higher power

- Sample-wise difference in models = subtle (MMD fails)
- Model information is helpful

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Graphical model of LDA

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What went wrong?

Recall (one-dimension, informally)

$$\mathrm{s}_p(x)=rac{p(x+1)}{p(x)}-1$$

Numerical instability arises when

- Observed word x has low probability
- Word next to x in vocabulary has non-negligible probability

Zanella-Barker Stein operator (1-D):

$$\mathcal{A}_p^{\mathrm{ZB}} f(x) = \sum_{ ilde{x} \in \{x+1,x-1\}} rac{p(ilde{x})}{p(ilde{x})+p(x)} \cdot \{f(ilde{x})-f(x)\}$$

More stable: the ratio p(x)/{p(x) + p(x)} is always between 0 and 1.
Similarly applies to latent variable models.

Hodgkinson, Salomone, and Roosta (2020); Shi, Zhou, Hwang, Titsias, and Mackey. (2022)

A resolution to the failure mode

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Expectation:

If poor, the test would reject even if P and Q are equally good

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Relative goodness-of-fit tests for Models with Latent Variables

■ The kernel Stein discrepancy

- Comparing two models via samples: MMD and the witness function.
- Comparing a sample and a model: Stein modification of the witness class
- Constructing a relative hypothesis test using the KSD
- Relative hypothesis tests with latent variables



A Kernel Test of Goodness of Fit Kacper Chwialkowski, Heiko Strathmann, Arthur Gretton https://arxiv.org/abs/1602.02964

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Questions?



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