



Graph kernels

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Graph based Representation in Pattern Recognition 2011



Structural Pattern Recognition

- 😊 Rich description of objects
- 😞 Poor properties of graph's space does not allow to readily generalize/combine sets of graphs

Statistical Pattern Recognition

- 😞 Global description of objects
- 😊 Numerical spaces with many mathematical properties (metric, vector space, ...).

Motivation

Analyse large families of structural and numerical objects using a **unified** framework based on pairwise similarity.



- 1 Basics about Kernels
- 2 Graph Kernels

- A kernel k is a **symmetric** similarity measure on a set χ

$$\forall (x, y) \in \chi^2, k(x, y) = k(y, x)$$

- k is said to be **definite positive** (d.p.) iff k is symmetric and iff:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \forall (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \chi^n \\ \forall (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{array} \right\} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_i c_j k(x_i, x_j) \geq 0$$

- $K = (k(x_i, x_j))_{(i,j) \in \{1, \dots, n\}}$ is the Gramm matrix of k . k is d.p. iff:

$$\forall c \in \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}, c^t K c \geq 0$$



Examples

If $\chi = \mathbb{R}^n$, classical kernels include:

- Linear kernel:

$$K(x, y) = x^t y$$

- Polynomial kernel

$$K(x, y) = (x^t y)^d + c, c \in \mathbb{R}, d \in \mathbb{N}$$

- Cosinus kernel:

$$K(x, y) = \frac{x^t y}{\|x\| \|y\|}$$

- Rational kernel:

$$K(x, y) = 1 - \frac{\|x - y\|^2}{\|x - y\|^2 + b}, b \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$$

- Gaussian Kernel

$$K(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - y\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), \sigma \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$$



Aronszajn 1950 :

A kernel k is d.p. on a space χ
if and only if
it exists

- one Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and
- a function $\varphi : \chi \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$

such that:

$$k(x, y) = \langle \varphi(x), \varphi(y) \rangle$$



A basic example

- Let $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $k(x, y) = (x^t y)^2 + 1$
- For any $x = (x_1, x_2)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2)$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned}k(x, y) &= (x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2)^2 + 1 \\ &= 1 + x_1^2 y_1^2 + x_2^2 y_2^2 + 2x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2\end{aligned}$$

- The function φ from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^4 defined by:

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ \sqrt{2}x_1x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Satisfies

$$k(x, y) = \langle \varphi(x), \varphi(y) \rangle$$

- Remark: An hyperplane in $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R}^4$ corresponds to a quadric of \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$\langle \varphi(x), n \rangle = K \Rightarrow n_1 + n_2 x_1^2 + n_3 x_2^2 + n_4 \sqrt{2} x_1 x_2 = K$$



- Linear classifier become non-linear using kernels



- Problem: φ is usually unknown.
- Many methods only need scalar product between data (not explicit coordinates) \Rightarrow replace scalar product by kernel.
- E.g. k -NN:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_K^2(x_1, x_2) &= \|\varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_2)\|^2 \\
 &= \langle \varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_2), \varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_2) \rangle \\
 &= \langle \varphi(x_1), \varphi(x_1) \rangle + \langle \varphi(x_2), \varphi(x_2) \rangle - 2 \langle \varphi(x_1), \varphi(x_2) \rangle \\
 d_K(x_1, x_2) &= k(x_1, x_1) + k(x_2, x_2) - 2k(x_1, x_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Kernel trick
 - Algorithm defined in $\mathcal{H} \Rightarrow$ (linear methods, non linear separation),
 - Data stored in χ .

Interesting but so what...



Kernel and structured data

The kernel trick provides an implicit embedding whose metric is defined from our similarity criterion (the kernel).

1 Basics about Kernels

2 Graph Kernels

- Graph Edit Distance
- Kernels based on infinite Bags
- Kernels based on finite Bags



- Edit Path $h = e_1 \dots, e_n \in P(G, G')$

$$G \xrightarrow{e_1} \dots \xrightarrow{e_n} G'$$

e_i : removal/insertion/relabelling operation.

- Cost of an edit path:

$$C(h) = \sum_{i=1}^n c(e_i)$$

- Graph Edit distance

$$d(G, G') = \min_{h=e_1 \dots e_n \in P(G, G')} C(h)$$



A work intensively explored by Neuhaus & Bunke (see citations on last slide)

Graph prototypes Let $\{G_1, \dots, G_n\}$

$$G \rightarrow vect(G) = (d(G, G_i))_{i=\{1, \dots, n\}} \Rightarrow K(G, G') = \langle Vect(G), Vect(G') \rangle$$

Diffusion Kernels

- Let B^S be a similarity matrix over $S = \{G_1, \dots, G_n\}$. E.g.:

$$B^S(G_i, G_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{d(G_i, G_j)^2}{2\sigma}\right)$$

- “Force” definite positiveness:

$$K^S = \exp(\lambda B^S) = \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} (B^S)^k$$

with an appropriate choice of λ is definite positive.

$$k^S(G_i, G_j) = K_{i,j}^S$$

is thus a valid kernel defined on $\{G_1, \dots, G_n\}$.

- Drawback: Any incoming data G defines a new problem on $S \cup \{G\}$.

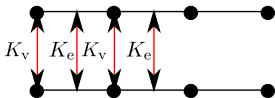


- Walks: Let $G = (V, E)$. $W = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ is a walk iff $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$.



- Kernel between walks

$$K(h, h') = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |h| \neq |h'| \text{ and} \\ K_v(v_1, v'_1) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{|h|} K_e(e_i, e'_i) K_v(v_{i+1}, v'_{i+1}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$





- Walk kernels :

$$K(G_1, G_2) = \sum_{h \in \mathcal{W}(G_1)} \sum_{h' \in \mathcal{W}(G_2)} K(h, h') \lambda_{G_1}(h) \lambda_{G_2}(h')$$

- Covers different Graph kernels [Vert 2007, Vishwanathan et al. 2010]:

$$\text{If } \lambda_G(h) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } |h| = n \\ P_G(h) & \text{(Markov RW)} \\ \beta^{|h|} & \end{cases} \begin{cases} K \text{ is a } n\text{th order walk kernel} \\ K \text{ is a random walk/marginalized kernel} \\ K \text{ is a geometric kernel} \end{cases}$$

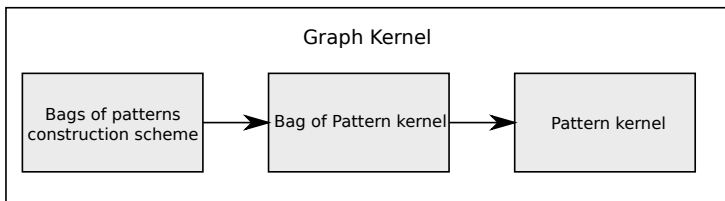
$$P_G(h) = p_s(h_1) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} p_t(h_i | h_{i-1}) p_q(h_n) \text{ with } |h| = n$$

- Connection with diffusion algorithms on product graphs. May be computed “efficiently” using matrix inversion.
- Walks may induce tottering problems: Walks with arbitrary length on the same set of edges and vertices.
- Framework extended to tree-pattern [Vert 2006, Bach 2007]



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} G \rightarrow B(G) \\ G' \rightarrow B(G') \end{array} \right\} K(G, G') = K(B(G), B(G'))$$

Three independent step to design a graph kernel.

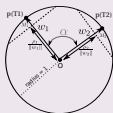
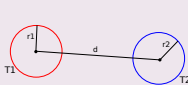




Haussler99

$$K_{\text{mean}}(T_1, T_2) = \frac{1}{|T_1|} \frac{1}{|T_2|} \sum_{t \in T_1} \sum_{t' \in T_2} K_{\text{pattern}}(t, t'),$$

More complex kernels



(Desobry 2005)

$$K'(x, y) = \frac{K(x, y)}{\sqrt{K(x, x)K(y, y)}}$$

$$K'(x, x) = \|\varphi'(x)\|^2 = 1$$

Normalized kernel

Weighted mean kernel

$$K_{\text{weighted}}(T_1, T_2) = \frac{1}{|T_1|} \frac{1}{|T_2|} \sum_{t \in T_1} \sum_{t' \in T_2} \lambda_{T_1}(t), \lambda_{T_2}(t') K_{\text{pattern}}(t, t'),$$

$$\lambda_{T_i}(t) = \langle \varphi(t), \mu_{T_i} \rangle^d$$



Kernel

Direct comparison

- Vector Description
- Edit Distance
- Regularization of similarity criterion

Bags of Patterns

Infinite

- Type of Pattern (Walks, Trees)
- Walk attenuation
 - Markov,
 - geometric,
 - n^{th} order.

Finite

- Type of Pattern (Paths, Trails, Trees)
- Bag selection,
- Bag comparison
- Pattern kernel

- Graph kernels provide an implicit embedding of graphs,
- Many statistical tools may be used using the kernel trick,
- The interpretation of operations performed in the implicit Hilbert space is controlled by the similarity criterion defined by the kernel (e.g. mean).



Thank you for your attention !

Questions ?



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- Next talk.