

On Resource-Efficient Bayesian Network Classifiers and Deep Neural Networks

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Outline

Model-Size-Aware TAN Structure Learning

Quantization-Aware Training for Bayesian Networks

Comparing Bayesian Networks and Neural Networks





Naive Bayes vs. Tree-Augmented Naive Bayes (TAN)

Naive Bayes







- ✓ Few operations
 - 🛃 Accuracy



- Few operations
- Structure learning: Model size depends on structure



Model-Size-Aware TAN Structure Learning

- ▶ We extend the differentiable TAN structure loss from [1]
 - ✓ Structure learning using backpropagation
- New term penalizes number of parameters (=model size)

$$\mathcal{L}_{SL}^{MS}(\Phi, \Theta) = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{SL}(\Phi, \Theta)}_{\text{proposed in [1]}} + \underbrace{\lambda_{MS}}_{\text{MS}} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{s} \sim p_{\Phi}} \left[\mathcal{L}_{MS}(\mathbf{s}) \right]}_{\text{\#model parameters}}$$

[1] Roth and Pernkopf, Differentiable TAN Structure Learning for Bayesian Network Classifiers, PGM 2020



Model-Size-Aware TAN Structure Learning - Experiments







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Pareto frontier



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Quantization in Bayesian Network Classifiers

• Quantize log-probabilities θ to negative fixed-point values

$$Q(\theta) = \operatorname{clip}\left(\operatorname{round}\left(\theta \cdot 2^{B_F}\right) \cdot 2^{-B_F}, -U, 0\right)$$

Apply the straight-through gradient estimator



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Quantization Experiments

- Fully-connected NNs (FC NNs) vs. Bayesian Networks (BNCs)
- Matched model sizes on x-axis



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[2] Tschiatschek et al., Integer Bayesian Network Classifiers, ECML 2014

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Bayesian Networks vs. Neural Networks

- Pareto optimal models with respect to
 - classification error [%]
 - model size [#bits for model parameters]
 - #operations to compute predictions



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Conclusion

- Transfer ideas from deep learning to Bayesian networks
- Differentiable model-size-aware TAN structure learning
 - Jointly train conditional probability tables and structure
 - Trade off between accuracy and model size
 - Easy to implement using automatic differentiation frameworks
- Quantization-aware training for Bayesian networks
 - Simple and effective quantization using straight-through estimator
- Bayesian networks can be a viable alternative to DNNs in the small-scale setting

Code available @ https://github.com/wroth8/bnc/