

Prediction with mixture model

The task of prediction with a mixture has good sense only if both components and pointer model are dynamic. I.e. the components are of the predictive model type and the pointer model depends on the previous value of the pointer variable.

Zero step prediction - example

The components are

$$f(y_t|y_{t-1}, u_t, \theta) \text{ or } y_t = ay_{t-1} + bu_t + e_t$$

with the input u fixed and given beforehand and $\theta = \{a, b\}$. Variance of e is given.

Pointer model

$$f(c_t|c_{t-1}, \alpha) = \alpha_{c_t|c_{t-1}}$$

With this the Bayes rule is ($d_t = \{y_t, u_t\}$ and under NCC)

$$\begin{aligned} f(c_t, c_{t-1}, \theta, \alpha|d(t)) &\propto f(y_t, c_t, c_{t-1}, \theta, \alpha|d(t-1)) = \\ &= \underbrace{f(y_t|y_{t-1}, u_t, c_t, \theta) f(\theta|d(t-1))}_{\text{updt of component}} \times \underbrace{f(c_t|c_{t-1}, \alpha) f(\alpha|d(t-1))}_{\text{updt of pointer models}} f(c_{t-1}|d(t-1)) \end{aligned}$$

Classification

$$f(c_t|d(t)) \propto \sum_{c_{t-1}} \int_{\theta^*} \int_{\alpha^*} f(c_t, c_{t-1}, \theta, \alpha|d(t)) d\alpha d\theta =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{\theta^*} f(y_t|y_{t-1}, u_t, c_t, \theta) f(\theta|d(t-1)) d\theta \times \\
&\times \sum_{c_{t-1}} \left[\int_{\alpha^*} f(c_t|c_{t-1}, \alpha) f(\alpha|d(t-1)) d\alpha \times f(c_{t-1}|d(t-1)) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

If we denote

$$\begin{aligned}
f(c_t|d(t)) &= w_t \rightarrow f(c_{t-1}|d(t-1)) = w_{t-1} \\
\int_{\theta^*} f(y_t|y_{t-1}, u_t, c_t, \theta) f(\theta|d(t-1)) d\theta &= \hat{m}_t \\
\int_{\alpha^*} f(c_t|c_{t-1}, \alpha) f(\alpha|d(t-1)) d\alpha &= \hat{\alpha}_{c_t|c_{t-1}}
\end{aligned}$$

we can write (in brief) evolution of the pointer estimate

$$w_t \propto \hat{m}_t \hat{\alpha}_{c_t|c_{t-1}} w_{t-1}$$

where $\hat{\alpha}_{c_t|c_{t-1}} w_{t-1}$ is a stationary prediction of the pointer (with no information of y_t) and \hat{m}_t brings correction with respect to the measured y_{t-1} .

Prediction

$$\begin{aligned}
f(y_t|d(t-1)) &\propto \sum_{c_t} \sum_{c_{t-1}} \int_{\theta^*} \int_{\alpha^*} f(y_t, c_t, c_{t-1}, \alpha, \theta|d(t-1)) d\alpha d\theta = \\
&= \sum_{c_t} \left\{ \int_{\theta^*} f(y_t|y_{t-1}, u_t, c_t, \theta) f(\theta|d(t-1)) d\theta \times \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\times \sum_{c_{t-1}} \left[\int_{\alpha^*} f(c_t | c_{t-1}, \alpha) f(\alpha | d(t-1)) d\alpha \times f(c_{t-1} | d(t-1)) \right] \Big\} =$$

$$\sum_{c_t} \hat{m}_t \hat{\alpha}_{c_t | c_{t-1}} w_{t-1}$$

which is weighted sum of predictions from components, where the weights are predictions of the pointer without use of y_t .

Remark

The difference between \hat{m}_t in evaluating the weight w_t is that there it is the value of the density $f(y_t | d(t-1), \hat{\theta}_{t-1})$ with the substituted measured y_t while here this density is used as a generator of y_t from the same pdf¹.

A multi-step prediction

If we want to predict several steps ahead, we must

- predict the pointer value to that point (power of α),
- predict the output to that point from all components,
- combine the output predictions with the predicted weights from pointer prediction.

Remark

Do it in math and verify by program.

¹At least, I hope it is like this.