
Bayesian Boolean Matrix Factorisation – Supplementary Information

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A. Derivation of the Conditionals

Here we derive the full conditional for a latent variable z_{nl} as stated in eq. (4). The expression for u_{ld} is analogous. We start from the full joint:

$$p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}, \lambda) = p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}, \lambda)p(\mathbf{Z})p(\mathbf{U})p(\lambda).$$

We drop terms that do not depend on z_{nl} , and plug in the likelihood from eq. (3):

$$p(z_{nl}|\cdot) \propto \prod_d \sigma \left[\lambda \tilde{x}_{nd} (1 - 2 \prod_{l'} (1 - z_{nl'} u_{l'd})) \right] p(z_{nl}).$$

Next, we normalise this expression for $z_{nl} \in [0, 1]$ and restrict to $z_{nl} = 1$ for simplicity:

$$p(z_{nl} = 1|\cdot) = \sigma \left[\text{logit}(p(z_{nl})) + \sum_d \log \frac{1 + \exp[-\lambda \tilde{x}_{nd} (1 - 2 \prod_{l'} (1 - z_{nl'} u_{l'd}))]_{z_{nl}=0}}{1 + \exp[-\lambda \tilde{x}_{nd} (1 - 2 \prod_{l'} (1 - z_{nl'} u_{l'd}))]_{z_{nl}=1}} \right]. \quad (9)$$

We can distinctly simplify the second line of equation eq. (9) by distinguishing the two possible contributions to the sum. Changing z_{nl} from 0 to 1 in the fraction inside the sum can have the following two consequences:

1. Numerator and denominator remain equal, then the contribution to the sum is zero.
2. The numerator's exponent evaluates to $\lambda \tilde{x}_{nd}$ and the denominator's exponent to $-\lambda \tilde{x}_{nd}$, then the contribution to the sum is $\lambda \tilde{x}_{nd}$, as we can see by using the identity $\log(1 + e^x) - \log(1 + e^{-x}) = x$.

For scenario 2 to take place, we can see from eq. (9) that two conditions need to be met:

1. $u_{ld} = 1$. Otherwise, the value z_{nl} does not effect the likelihood. Viewed es directed graphical model, there would be no link between z_{nl} and x_{nd} .
2. $z_{n'l'} u_{l'd} = 0 \forall l' \neq l$. Otherwise, another parent already explains x_{nd} . Viewed as directed graphical model, x_{nd} would be *explained away*.

Thus we find the equality for the fraction in eq. (9):

$$\sum_d \log \frac{1 + \exp[-\lambda \tilde{x}_{nd} (1 - 2 \prod_{l'} (1 - z_{nl'} u_{l'd}))]_{z_{nl}=0}}{1 + \exp[-\lambda \tilde{x}_{nd} (1 - 2 \prod_{l'} (1 - z_{nl'} u_{l'd}))]_{z_{nl}=1}} = \lambda \sum_d \tilde{x}_{nd} u_{ld} \prod_{l' \neq l} (1 - z_{nl'} u_{l'd}).$$

This leads to the full conditional as given in eq. (4):

$$p(z_{nl}|\cdot) = \sigma \left[\text{logit}(p(z_{nl})) + \lambda \tilde{z}_{nl} \sum_d \tilde{x}_{nd} u_{ld} \prod_{l' \neq l} (1 - z_{nl'} u_{l'd}) \right].$$

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