Machine Learning Nonlocal Correlations



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Few words about Natal...





• 10 - 12 events every year



- Quantum Thermo (2019)
- Quantum Correlations (2019)
- Quantum Info & Gravity (2020)
- Causality & Machine Learning (2020)

What is this talk about?





- Generalizations of Bell's theorem [Fritz NJP 2012], [Chaves PRL 2016]...
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- Quantum machine learning algorithms
 See for instance [Biamonte, Wittek, Pancotti, Rebentrost, Wiebe & Lloyd Nature 2017]
 [Dunjko & Briegel arXIv 2017]
- Machine learning hard quantum problems
 See for instance [Carleo & Troyer Science 2017], [Carrasquila & Melko NatPhys 2017]





• Our aim here is to combine all 3 ingredients: use the mathematical theory of causality and machine learning to witness the classical or quantum (even post-quantum) behaviour of correlations.





Outline

Causality and Bayesian Networks



• Bell's theorem



• Machine learning non-local correlations



Bayesian Networks: The language of causality













"If an improbable coincidence has ocurred, there must exist direct influence and/or a common cause."



Task: Infer causal relationships from observational (statistical) data.

DAGs: Representing causal relations

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• Causal relationships are encoded in the conditional independencies (CIs) implied by the DAG

$$p(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = p(\lambda_1)p(\lambda_2)$$
$$p(A, B|\lambda_1) = p(A|\lambda_1)p(B|\lambda_1)$$
...

Conditional independencies hold information about causation!

[See J. Pearl, Causality]

Interventions: Uncovering causal relations Part 1

Does A have some causal influence over B, or all the correlations between A and B are mediated via the common ancestor?

$$A + A + B$$
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$$p(b|a) = \sum_{\lambda} p(b|a, \lambda) p(\lambda|a)$$

$$p(b|do(a)) = \sum_{\lambda} p(b|a, \lambda) p(\lambda)$$

$$p(b|a) \neq p(b|\operatorname{do}(a))$$

For various reasons, interventions are often not an option.

How to discover causal relations without interventions?

*For the quantum version of it see

[Ried, Agnew, Vermeyden, Janzing, Spekkens & Resch, Nat Phys 2015] [Chaves, Carvacho, di Giulio, Agresti,Aolita, Giacomini, Sciarrino , Nat Phys 2018] **Conditional independencies: Uncovering causal relations Part 2**

Is a given probability distribution compatible with a presumed *causal structure*?

Example: Is a given $p(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, A, B, C)$ compatible with



$$p(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = p(\lambda_1)p(\lambda_2)$$
$$p(A, B|\lambda_1) \swarrow p(A|\lambda_1)p(B|\lambda_1)$$

If the the full probability distribution (of all nodes in a DAG) is available, CIs hold all information required to solve the compatibility problem

However...

Bell Inequalities: Uncovering causal relations Part 3

Usually and for a variety of reasons not all variables in a DAG are observable, i.e., not all CIs are available from empirical data



- Cls impose non-trivial constraints on the level of the observable variables, for example, Bell inequalities.
 Pic from [Rev. Mod. Phys. 86, 419 (2014)]
- In quantum mechanics non commuting observables cannot be jointly observed Marginal scenario: subset of variables that are (jointly) observable

The challenge: Uncovering causal relations Part 4

- Describe marginals compatible with DAGs
- The observable probability dist. contains the full information required for that...
- ..very difficult, non-convex sets (algebraic geometry methods required, see for instance [Geiger & Meek, UAI 1999])





Can machine learning help us to characterize such complicated sets of correlations?

Bell's theorem: Beyond classical causal models







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- There are two causal assumptions entering in Bell's theorem.

Measurement Independence: $p(x, y, \lambda) = p(x)p(y)p(\lambda)$ Locality: $p(b|a, x, y, \lambda) = p(b|y, \lambda)$



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• Quantum mechanically we can violate this bound:

$$CHSH_{QM} \le 2\sqrt{2}$$

Quantifying Non-locality: The violation of a Bell inequality

 Intuitively, the more we violate a Bell inequality the more non-local the correlation should be...

Some issues...

• The number of Bell inequalities increases very quickly

Example: 2 parties, 2 outcomes, 5 measurements already more than half million inequalities (actually, no precise characterization is known)

What does it mean to violate more a given (very specific) Bell Inequality

Maximally entangled states do not necessarily violate more a given Bell inequality...
[Method & Scarani, QIC 2007]

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Average causal effect: observable measure of causal influence $ACE_{A \to B} = \sup_{b,y,a,a'} |p(b|do(a), y) - p(b|do(a'), y)|$

If this is the underlying model by intervening in A we should see changes in the prob of B.

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$$\min ACE_{A \to B} = \max \left[0, (CHSH - 2)/2\right]$$

[Chaves, Kueng, Brask & Gross, PRL 2015] [Ringbauer, Giarmatzi, Chaves, Costa, Fedrizzi & White, Science Advances 2016]

Quantifying Non-locality: Geometric approach

Trace distance to the set of local correlations
 [Brito, Amaral & Chaves, PRA 2018]

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$$\begin{array}{c} q\\ d\\ p^{*} \\ C_{NS} \\ C_{C} \end{array}$$

$$CHSH = q_{AB}^{0,0} + q_{AB}^{0,1} + q_{AB}^{1,0} - q_{AB}^{1,1} - q_{A}^{0} - q_{B}^{0} \le 0$$



$$\mathrm{NL}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{2} \max\left[0, \Pi(\mathrm{CHSH})\right]$$

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Machine Learning Non-local Correlations, A. Canabarro, S. Brito, RC arXiv:1808.07069





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- The rest of data is used as testing set (25%)
- Quantify the accuracy by the average trace distance error

Results: Part 1



Scenario Technique	<i>m</i> = 2	<i>m</i> = 3	<i>m</i> = 4	<i>m</i> = 5
Typical MLP (×10 ⁻³)	0.46	2.20	7.75	8.50
Blending $(\times 10^{-3})$	0.05	1.54	6.78	7.31



• Good performance on NS and quantum correlations





Results: Part 2





- Good performance on NS and quantum correlations
- 10⁵ improve in time (in comparison with the best known method)
- New candidate correlations that cannot be detected by any known inequality

Results: Part 3

• Distinguishing classical, quantum and post-quantum correlations



Predictions True Class	Local	Quantum	Post-quantum
Local	33436	96	0
Quantum	41	33173	236
Post-quantum	0	136	32882

Discussion/Future Investigations



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What's next?

- Open the black box?
- Machine generated certificates? (Generative ML)
 - Applications to other marginal problems?
- ML trained to other purposes (e.g. dog x cat)? (Transfer Learning)