Diluted spin glass models

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The Potts model

- a model of magnetism
- a model of assortative (ferromagnetic) or disassortative (antiferromagnetic) interaction
- complexity of counting/sampling

The Potts model

- G = a (sparse) graph
- $[q] = \{1, \dots, q\} = \text{set of spins/colours}$
- for $\sigma: V(G) \rightarrow [q]$ define

$$H_G(\sigma) = \sum_{v \, w \in E(G)} \mathbf{1} \{ \sigma_v = \sigma_w \} = \# \text{monochromatic edges}$$

- the special case q = 2 is called the Ising model
- ▶ in the Ising model, spins are labeled ±1

the Boltzmann distribution

$$\mu_{G,\beta}(\sigma) = \frac{\exp(\beta H_G(\sigma))}{Z_{G,\beta}}$$
$$Z_G(\beta) = \sum_{\sigma} \exp(\beta H_G(\sigma))$$

- ferromagnetic: $\beta > 0$
- anti-ferromagnetic: $\beta < 0$

The Ising ferromagnet on the complete graph

- let $G = K_n$ be the complete graph
- let q = 2, $\beta = b/n$ with b > 0
- even in this simple case, a phase transition occurs!



The partition function

We have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log Z_{K_n,\beta} = \max_{-1 \le m \le 1} \phi(b,m)$$
$$\phi(b,m) = \frac{bm^2}{2} - \frac{1+m}{2} \log \frac{1+m}{2} - \frac{1-m}{2} \log \frac{1-m}{2}$$

Proof

• for
$$\sigma \in \{\pm 1\}^n$$
 define $\lambda(\sigma) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma(x_i)$

• then
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i < j} \sigma(x_i) \sigma(x_j) = \frac{n}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \lambda(\sigma)^2$$

► therefore,

$$Z = \exp(-\beta n/2) \sum_{\lambda} \binom{n}{n(1+\lambda)/2} \exp\left[\frac{\beta n}{2} \cdot \lambda^2\right].$$

► by Stirling's formula $\frac{1}{n} \ln {\binom{n}{n(1+\lambda)/2}} \sim h((1+\lambda)/2)$.

► hence,

$$Z = \exp(o(n)) \sum_{\lambda} \exp(n\phi_{\beta}(\lambda)) = \max_{\lambda} \exp(n\phi_{\beta}(\lambda) + o(n))$$



The Boltzmann distribution

▶ for any spin *i* the Boltzmann distribution satisfies

 $\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{K_n,\beta} \rangle = 0$

• if $b \le 1$ then pairwise correlations disappear:

 $\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{K_n, \beta} \rangle = 0$

▶ but for *b* > 1 pairwise correlations persist:

 $\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{K_n,\beta} \rangle > 0$



The Potts ferromagnet with q = 5 colours

- unique paramagnetic
- non-unique paramagnetic
- non-unique ferromagnetic
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- $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{G}(n, d) = \text{random } d$ -regular graph
- $Z_{\mathbb{G},\beta}$, $\mu_{\mathbb{G},\beta}$ are random
- what does $\mu_{\mathbb{G},\beta}$ look like with high probability?



Global intuition

- ► the edges of G are spread uniformly
- ▶ perhaps G is not so different from the complete graph

Local geometry

- ► locally, G converges to a *d*-regular tree
- short-range interactions matter!



The replica symmetric ansatz

[MP00]

- assume the absence of long-range correlations
- we can write the Belief Propagation equations for messages

$$\mu_{\nu \to w}(c) \propto \prod_{u \in \partial \setminus \{w\}} \left(1 + (e^{\beta} - 1) \mu_{u \to \nu}(c) \right)$$





The replica symmetric ansatz

[MP00]

the "correct" messages maximise the Bethe free energy

$$\mathscr{B}_{\mathbb{G},\beta}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{v \in V(\mathbb{G})} \log \sum_{c \in [q]} \prod_{u \in \partial v} \left(1 + (e^{\beta} - 1)\mu_{u \to v}(c) \right)$$
$$- \frac{1}{n} \sum_{uv \in E(\mathbb{G})} \log \left(1 + (e^{\beta} - 1) \sum_{c \in [q]} \mu_{u \to v}(c)\mu_{v \to u}(c) \right)$$

• the max on $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ ought to approximate $\frac{1}{n} \log Z_{\mathbb{G},\beta}$ w.h.p.



The replica symmetric ansatz

• due to regularity, we expect that all messages are *identical* $\mu(c) \propto (1 + (e^{\beta} - 1)\mu(c))^{d-1}$ $\mathscr{B}_{d,\beta}(\mu) = \log \sum_{c \in [q]} \left(1 + (e^{\beta} - 1)\mu(c)\right)^d - \frac{d}{2} \log\left(1 + (e^{\beta} - 1)\sum_{c \in [q]} \mu(c)^2\right)$



Theorem

[GSVY13]

For all $d \ge 3$, $q \ge 2$, $\beta > 0$ we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log Z_{\mathbb{G},\beta} = \max_{\mu} \mathscr{B}_{d,\beta}(\mu)$$

in probability.



Factor graphs

- A factor graph G comprises
 - variable nodes V(G) ranging over a finite $\Omega \neq \emptyset$
 - ► factor nodes *F*(*G*)
 - a weight function $\psi_a : \Omega^{\partial a} \to [0, \infty)$ for each $a \in F(G)$



The Boltzmann distribution

$$\mu_{G}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{Z_{G}} \prod_{a \in F(G)} \psi_{a}(\sigma_{\partial a}) \qquad (\sigma \in \Omega^{V(G)})$$
$$Z_{G} = \sum_{\sigma \in \Omega^{V(G)}} \prod_{a \in F(G)} \psi_{a}(\sigma_{\partial a}) \qquad (\sigma \in \Omega^{V(G)})$$



Example: Potts model

- $\Omega = [q] = \{1, ..., q\}$



Random factor graphs

- a lot of the time we study sparse *random* factor graphs
- examples of this include binomial random graphs or random regular graphs
- "planted" models such as the stochastic block model





Belief Propagation

- ► associate messages $\mu_{G,x \to a}(\cdot)$, $\mu_{G,a \to x}(\cdot)$ with the edges
- each message is a probability distribution on Ω





Belief Propagation

$$\mu_{G,x \to a}(s) \propto \prod_{b \in \partial x \setminus a} \mu_{G,b \to x}(s)$$

$$\mu_{G,a \to x}(s) \propto \sum_{\sigma \in \Omega^{\partial a}} \mathbb{1}\{\sigma_x = s\} \psi_a(\sigma) \prod_{y \in \partial a \setminus x} \mu_{G,y \to a}(\sigma_y)$$





The Bethe free entropy

$$\mathcal{B}_{G} = \sum_{x \in V(G)} \log \sum_{s \in \Omega} \prod_{a \in \partial x} \mu_{G, a \to x}(s) + \sum_{a \in F(G)} \log \sum_{\sigma \in \Omega^{\partial a}} \psi_{a}(\sigma) \prod_{y \in \partial a} \mu_{G, y \to a}(\sigma_{y}) - \sum_{a \sim x} \log \sum_{s \in \Omega} \mu_{G, a \to x}(s) \mu_{G, x \to a}(s)$$





The replica symmetric "solution"

 $\log Z_G = \mathcal{B}_G + o(n)$

Replica symmetry breaking

[MP00,KMRTSZ07]

- the replica symmetric "solution" sometimes turns out to be correct
- Example: the Potts ferromagnet on $\mathbb{G}(n, d)$
- but not always
- ► Example: the Potts anti-ferromagnet on G(*n*, *d*) at low temperature



Replica symmetry breaking

[MP00,KMRTSZ07]

- replica symmetry
- dynamic replica symmetry breaking
- (static) replica symmetry breaking



Replica symmetry

[MP00,KMRTSZ07]

$$\mu_{\mathbb{G},\beta}(\{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{x_1} = s, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{x_2} = t\}) \sim \mu_{\mathbb{G},\beta}(\{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{x_1} = s\})\mu_{\mathbb{G},\beta}(\{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{x_2} = t\})$$



Bethe states

[MPRTRLZ99,MP00,KMRTSZ07]

- the phase space decomposes into pure states
- in disordered system their locations are "unpredictable"
- each of them induces a BP fixed point (but not vice versa)
- ▶ in the presence of hard constraints, freezing may occur

Summary

- ferromagnetic models possess the "obvious" pure states
- these can be captured cleanly be BP
- replica symmetry breaking in disordered systems
- prediction: non-trivial decomposition into Bethe states