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A APPENDIX

A.1 KALMAN FILTER

For neural networks, the model of interest

$$\begin{cases} \theta_t = \theta_{t-1} = \mathbf{w}, \\ y_t = h(\theta_t, x_t) + \eta_t, \quad \eta_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R_t), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

is formulated in stochastic language as an EKF problem targeting on $\hat{\theta}_t$, where \mathbf{w} is the vector of all trainable parameters in the network $h(\cdot, \cdot)$, $\{(x_t, y_t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$ are pairs of feature and label, $\{y_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$ can also be seen as measurements of EKF, $\{\eta_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$ are noise terms subject to normal distribution with mean 0 and variances $\{R_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$ correspondingly, and $\forall t \in \mathbb{N}$, $\hat{\theta}_{t|t-1} := \mathbb{E}[\theta_t | y_{t-1}, y_{t-2}, \dots, y_1]$. With fixed θ_t and bounded x_t , $h(\theta_t, x_t)$ will be approximated well by its linearization at $\hat{\theta}_{t|t-1}$, just omitting a term $\mathcal{O}((\theta_t - \hat{\theta}_{t|t-1})^2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &\approx h(\hat{\theta}_{t|t-1}, x_t) + \mathbf{H}_t^\top (\theta_t - \hat{\theta}_{t|t-1}) + \eta_t \\ \mathbf{H}_t &= \left. \frac{\partial h(\theta, x_t)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta = \hat{\theta}_{t|t-1}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

If set $m_t = y_t - h(\hat{\theta}_{t|t-1}, x_t) + \mathbf{H}_t^\top \hat{\theta}_{t|t-1}$ and rewrite equation 1 the following KF problem

$$\begin{cases} \theta_t = \theta_{t-1} = \mathbf{w}, \\ m_t \approx \mathbf{H}_t^\top \theta_t + \eta_t. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$(4)$$

At the beginning of training, the estimator $\hat{\theta}_{t|t-1}$ is far away from \mathbf{w} , so less attention should be paid to those data fed to the network at an earlier stage of training than those at later stage. Through timing a factor $\alpha_t := \prod_{i=1}^t \lambda_i^{-1/2}$ and $\alpha_0 := 1$, where $0 < \lambda_i \leq 1$ and $\lambda_i \rightarrow 1$, the last problem enjoys the better variant as below

$$\begin{cases} \theta_t = \lambda_t^{-1/2} \theta_{t-1}, \quad \theta_1 = \mathbf{w} \\ \tilde{m}_t = \alpha_t m_t \approx \mathbf{H}_t^\top \theta_t + \alpha_t \eta_t = \mathbf{H}_t^\top \theta_t + \tilde{\eta}_t, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where λ_t is called memory factor. The greater λ_t is, the more weight, or say attention, is paid to previous data. According to basic KF theory [Haykin & Haykin \(2001\)](#), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_t &= \lambda_t^{-1} \mathbf{H}_t^\top \mathbf{P}_{t-1} \mathbf{H}_t + \alpha_t^2 R_t = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\epsilon}_t^2], \\ \mathbf{K}_t &= \lambda_t^{-1} \mathbf{P}_{t-1} \mathbf{H}_t^\top \mathbf{a}_t^{-1}, \\ \mathbf{P}_t &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_t \mathbf{H}_t) \lambda_t^{-1} \mathbf{P}_{t-1}, \\ \hat{\theta}_t &= \hat{\theta}_{t|t-1} + \mathbf{K}_t \tilde{\epsilon}_t, \\ \tilde{\epsilon}_t &= \tilde{m}_t - \mathbf{H}_t^\top \hat{\theta}_{t|t-1} = \alpha_t (y_t - h(\alpha_t^{-1} \hat{\theta}_{t|t-1}, x_t)). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we recover the estimator of w via that of θ divided by the factor α_t , define $\forall t \in \mathbb{N}$, $\hat{w}_{t|t-1} := \alpha_t^{-1} \hat{\theta}_{t|t-1}$, $w_t := \alpha_t^{-1} \hat{\theta}_t$, find $\hat{w}_{t|t-1} = w_{t-1}$, and then get our weights updating strategy

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_t &= y_t - h(w_{t-1}, x_t), \\ w_t &= w_{t-1} + \mathbf{K}_t \epsilon_t. \end{aligned}$$