

FORTUIN-KASTELEYN PERCOLATION MODEL

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ABSTRACT. This is a presentation on Fortuin-Kasteleyn Percolation Model, focused on proving positive association and monotonicity properties. Entire presentation follows [1], and not self-explanatory.

1. BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

We are interested in finite subgraph $G = (V, E)$ of \mathbb{Z}^d where edges are formed by nearest neighbourhoods. Moreover, attribute a *spin* variable from Σ to each vertex. Hamiltonian is given by;

$$\mathcal{H}_G^f(\sigma) = - \sum_{xy \in E} \sigma_x \cdot \sigma_y \quad (1.1)$$

Identify each σ_x by a reference measure σ_0 on Σ , and endow Σ^V with product measure. Gibbs measure is then given by¹

$$\mu_{G,\beta}^f[f] = \frac{\int_{\Sigma^V} f(\sigma) \exp[-\beta \mathcal{H}_G^f(\sigma)] d\sigma}{\int_{\Sigma^V} \exp[-\beta \mathcal{H}_G^f(\sigma)] d\sigma} \quad (1.2)$$

2. POTTS MODEL

Let Σ has q elements with the property that

$$a \cdot b = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = b \\ -\frac{1}{q-1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

and endow with uniform measure. Therefore, since hamiltonian is ferromagnetic, spins are favored by probability $1/q$ while expected is constant 0.

3. FORTUIN-KASTELEYN PERCOLATION MODEL

Aim of the Percolation Model is to embed spin interactions to a graph, where distribution is carried to a binary model of open/close edges. Surely distribution of edges cannot be independent, as it was independent for the vertices of Potts Model. However, measure can be simplified by determining a *weight* q for a number of clusters.

$$\phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[w] = \frac{p^{o(w)}(1-p)^{c(w)}q^{k(w^\xi)}}{Z_{G,p,q}^\xi} \quad (3.1)$$

If $q = 1$, it is called Bernoulli percolation. Let me state a calculation

$$\phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[w = 1 | w_{E-\{e\}} = \psi] = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } x \leftrightarrow y \text{ in } \psi^\xi \\ \frac{p}{p+q(1-p)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

Note that if they are already in the same cluster then they are connected in an independent manner. Otherwise, connecting clusters is penalized. Roughly, each cluster forms a subgraph behaving as a Bernoulli model.

Coupling between Fortuin-Kasteleyn Percolation Model and Potts Model is given by

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¹Boundary conditions are given by $\mu_{G,\beta}^f[\cdot | \sigma_x = b, x \in \partial G]$

Proposition 1. *If w is distributed according to $\phi_{G,p,q}^0$, assign each cluster an i.i.d. spin from reference measure of Potts model. Then σ is distributed according to q -state Potts model $\mu_{G,\beta,q}^f$ where*

$$\beta = -\frac{q-1}{q} \log(1-p) \quad (3.3)$$

Sketch. (Not to present.) For each cluster, there exists q states equally likely. Hence, measure on product space of (w, σ) is given by independent part of percolation measure. Summing over compatible w 's, role of β can be attributed to the edges between clusters (of fixed σ), where sum over clusters add up to 1 since they were independent.

Therefore, correlations can be respresented as

$$\mu_{G,\beta,q}^f[\sigma_x \cdot \sigma_y] = \phi_{G,p,q}^0[x \leftrightarrow y] \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_{G,\beta,q}^b[\sigma_x \cdot b] = \phi_{G,p,q}^1[x \leftrightarrow y] \quad (3.4)$$

4. POSITIVE ASSOCIATION AND MONOTONICITY

Since percolation model is binary, it yields a natural partial ordering for configurations. This allows us to define events that is closed under increasing configurations.

Definition 1. Event \mathcal{A} is called *increasing* if $w \in \mathcal{A}$ and $w \leq w'$ implies $w' \in \mathcal{A}$.

Note 1. Smallest non-empty increasing event contains only the configuration where all edges are open, denoted as w^o . It is contained in every non-empty increasing event.

Definition 2. We say μ is *stochastically dominated* by ν if for any increasing event \mathcal{A} , $\mu[\mathcal{A}] \leq \nu[\mathcal{A}]$.

Consider the product space $\{0,1\}^E \times \{0,1\}^E$ with a probability measure P on (w, \tilde{w}) .² Suppose the law of w is μ and the law of \tilde{w} is ν . If $P[w \leq \tilde{w}] = 1$, then μ is stochastically dominated by ν :

$$\mu[\mathcal{A}] = P[w \in \mathcal{A}] = P[w \in \mathcal{A}, w \leq \tilde{w}] \leq P[\tilde{w} \in \mathcal{A}] = \nu[\mathcal{A}] \quad (4.1)$$

Now, for two Bernoulli percolation model with $p \leq p'$, it is straightforward to construct P . Assign each edge e an uniform $[0,1]$ random variables U_e and define w, \tilde{w} as follows

$$w_e = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } U_e \geq 1-p \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{w}_e = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } U_e \geq 1-p' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4.2)$$

In words, we consider a single space $\{0,1\}^E$ and a product measure given by U_e 's. P is defined naturally in a way that it satisfies law of w and \tilde{w} , but more importantly, $w \leq \tilde{w}$ for any realization of U_e 's.

In general, it is not straightforward to construct P . Next lemma provides a convenient criteria for existence of such measure P .

Lemma 1. *Suppose μ and ν are strictly positive measures on $\{0,1\}^E$ and for any increasing configurations $\psi \leq \psi'$,*

$$\mu[w_e = 1 | w|_{E-\{e\}} = \psi] \leq \nu[w_e = 1 | w|_{E-\{e\}} = \psi'] \quad (4.3)$$

Then there exists a measure P with $P[w \leq \tilde{w}] = 1$ such that w and w' have laws μ and ν .

Proof. Consider the space $\{0,1\}^E$ and associate each edge with an exponential clock³ and a collection of independent uniform $[0,1]$ random variables $U_{e,k}$. Note that with probability 1, clocks ring at different times.

Define continuous time Markov chain (w^t, \tilde{w}^t) as follows; for each ring of a clock, allow system jump to a new configuration, where jump probabilities only depending on the current state:

$$\begin{aligned} w_e^t &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } U_{e,k} \geq \mu[w_e = 0 | w|_{E-\{e\}} = w_{|E-\{e\}}^t] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \tilde{w}_e^t &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } U_{e,k} \geq \nu[w_e = 0 | w|_{E-\{e\}} = w_{|E-\{e\}}^t] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

²Note that it cannot be a product measure.

³A cumulative sequence of i.i.d. exponential variables, say $\left\{ \sum_k \exp(1) \right\}_k$

Note that chains are irreducible, since all states are reachable. It is only left to show that μ and ν are stationary measures. Then law of w^t converges to μ and similarly \tilde{w}^t converges to ν , moreover, they preserve their orderings hence we get $P[w \leq \tilde{w}] = 1$.

Let $p(\psi, \psi')$ be the jump probability.⁴ It is 0, if ψ and ψ' differ by more than one edge. Hence, denote ψ_e as same as ψ except the edge e . We need to show

$$\mu[\psi]p(\psi, \psi) + \sum_e \mu[\psi_e]p(\psi_e, \psi) = \mu[\psi] \quad (4.5)$$

Denote R_e the event clock e ringed first. Observe that $p(\psi_e, \psi | R_e) = p(\psi, \psi | R_e)$ because $\psi_e|_{E-\{e\}} = \psi|_{E-\{e\}}$. This probability is then given by;

$$P(U_{e,k} \geq \mu[w_e = 1 - \psi|_{\{e\}} | w = \psi \text{ on } E - \{e\}]) = \frac{\mu[\psi]}{\mu[\psi] + \mu[\psi_e]} \quad (4.6)$$

Consider $p(\psi, \psi)$, i.e. chain stays at the same state.

$$p(\psi, \psi) = \sum_e P(R_e) \left(\frac{\mu[\psi]}{\mu[\psi] + \mu[\psi_e]} \right) \quad (4.7)$$

Hence 4.5 can be re-written as;

$$\sum_e P(R_e) \left(\mu[\psi] \frac{\mu[\psi]}{\mu[\psi] + \mu[\psi_e]} + \mu[\psi_e] \frac{\mu[\psi]}{\mu[\psi] + \mu[\psi_e]} \right) \quad (4.8)$$

Rest is a simple calculation by noting that $\sum_e P(R_e) = 1$ □

Theorem 1. (Positive Association)

- For any increasing \mathcal{A} and boundary conditions $\xi \leq \xi'$

$$\phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[\mathcal{A}] \leq \phi_{G,p,q}^{\xi'}[\mathcal{A}] \quad (4.9)$$

- For any increasing event \mathcal{A} and any $p \leq p'$,

$$\phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[\mathcal{A}] \leq \phi_{G,p',q}^\xi[\mathcal{A}] \quad (4.10)$$

- (Fortuin-Kasteleyn-Ginibre Inequality) For any increasing events \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} ,

$$\phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[\mathcal{A}] \phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[\mathcal{B}] \leq \phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}] \quad (4.11)$$

Proof. By Lemma, it is sufficient to show that for $e = xy \in E$ and $\psi \leq \psi'$

$$\phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[w_e = 1 | w|_{E-\{e\}} = \psi] \leq \phi_{G,p,q}^{\xi'}[w_e = 1 | w|_{E-\{e\}} = \psi'] \quad (4.12)$$

which holds by 3.2 because if x and y are connected in ψ^ξ , they are connected in $(\psi')^\xi$ and furthermore in $(\psi')^{\xi'}$. If this is not the case, $p/(p+q(1-p)) \leq p$ hence inequality follows. For monotonicity,

$$\phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[w_e = 1 | w|_{E-\{e\}} = \psi] \leq \phi_{G,p',q}^\xi[w_e = 1 | w|_{E-\{e\}} = \psi'] \quad (4.13)$$

follows again by 3.2 immediately because

$$\frac{1}{1+q\frac{1-p}{p}} \leq \frac{1}{1+q\frac{1-p'}{p'}} \quad (4.14)$$

For FKG, define $\mu = \psi_{G,p,q}^\xi$ and $\nu = \mu[\cdot | \mathcal{B}]$ but ν is not strictly positive. We claim statement of lemma still holds. Markov chain restricted to \mathcal{B} is still irreducible, and for the condition

$$\phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[w_e = 1 | w|_{E-\{e\}} = \psi] \leq \phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[w_e = 1 | w|_{E-\{e\}} = \psi' | \mathcal{B}] \quad (4.15)$$

we only need to check it for $\psi' \in \mathcal{B}$. It is sufficient because $w^\circ \in \mathcal{B}$ (which surely satisfies $\psi \leq w^\circ$), and markov chain will jump only to states of \mathcal{B} : suppose markov chain is at the configuration $\psi' \in \mathcal{B}$, and suppose edge e ringed. If $\psi'_{\{e\}}$ was closed, ψ'_e is also in \mathcal{B} . If it was open, and $\psi'_e \notin \mathcal{B}$ then the

⁴Jump probabilities are time-homogeneous, since clocks are memoryless.

probability it will be closed given \mathcal{B} is 0 hence stays open surely. Finally, 4.15 holds since $\psi \leq \psi'$ preserves connectedness and $\psi_{G,p,q}^\xi[\mathcal{B}] \leq 1$. As a consequence,

$$\phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[\mathcal{A}] = \mu[\mathcal{A}] \leq \nu[\mathcal{A}] = \frac{\psi_{G,p,q}^\xi[\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}]}{\psi_{G,p,q}^\xi[\mathcal{B}]} \quad (4.16)$$

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Corollary 1. *By comparison of boundary conditions, free and wired boundary conditions are extremal;*

$$\phi_{G,p,q}^0[\mathcal{A}] \leq \phi_{G,p,q}^\xi[\mathcal{A}] \leq \phi_{G,p,q}^1[\mathcal{A}] \quad (4.17)$$

for any increasing event \mathcal{A} .

Proof. Apply (4.9) with boundary conditions as singletons for free, and $\{\partial G\}$ for wired. □

Corollary 2. *The functions $\beta \mapsto \mu_{G,\beta,q}^f[\sigma_x \cdot \sigma_y]$ and $\beta \mapsto \mu_{G,\beta,q}^b[\sigma_x \cdot b]$ are non-decreasing.*

Proof. 3.4 and 4.10 implies the result, by noting that

$$\beta' = \frac{q-1}{q} \left(\frac{1}{1-p} \right) > 0 \quad (4.18)$$

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