

Statistical Learning 2024 Fall

Exam 2

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1. Prove ELBO

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} D_{KL}(q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})||p_\theta(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})) &= \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log \frac{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}{p_\theta(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{z} \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) (\log q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) - \log p_\theta(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{z} \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) (\log q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) - \log p_\theta(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{z} \end{aligned}$$

while

$$\mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}[\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})] = \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} -D_{KL}(q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})||p_\theta(\mathbf{z})) &= - \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log \frac{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}{p_\theta(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z} \\ &= - \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{z} + \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log p_\theta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \end{aligned}$$

Add the three terms above together, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &D_{KL}(q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})||p_\theta(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})) + \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}[\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})] - D_{KL}(q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})||p_\theta(\mathbf{z})) \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{z} - \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log p_\theta(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{z} \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \\ &\quad - \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{z} + \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log p_\theta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \\ &= - \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log p_\theta(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{z} \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} + \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \log p_\theta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \\ &= \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}) \int_{\mathbf{z}} q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{z} \\ &= \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$