Deep Generative Models

Lecture 11

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Recap of Previous Lecture

DDPM Objective

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x}_0)}\mathbb{E}_{t\sim U\{1,T\}}\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)}\left[\frac{(1-\alpha_t)^2}{2\tilde{\beta}_t\alpha_t}\left\|\mathbf{s}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t)-\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t}\log q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)\right\|_2^2\right]$$

In practice, this coefficient is usually omitted.

NCSN Objective

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x}_0)}\mathbb{E}_{t\sim U\{1,T\}}\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)}\left\|\mathbf{s}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},\sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_t)-\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t}\log q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)\right\|_2^2$$

Note: The objectives of DDPM and NCSN are almost identical; however, their sampling procedures differ:

- NCSN utilizes annealed Langevin dynamics,
- DDPM employs ancestral sampling.

Ho J. Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models, 2020

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Unconditional Generation

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Conditional Distribution

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{x}_t|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t) - \frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t)}{\sqrt{1-\bar{\alpha}_t}}\end{aligned}$$

Here, $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ denotes a classifier operating on noisy samples (which must be trained separately).

Dhariwal P., Nichol A. Diffusion Models Beat GANs on Image Synthesis, 2021

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Classifier-Corrected Noise Prediction

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}) = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t) - \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$$

Guidance Scale

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}) = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t) - \gamma \cdot \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$$

- Train DDPM as usual.
- Train a separate classifier $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ on noisy samples $\mathbf{x}_t$.

Guided Sampling

$$\mathbf{x}_{t-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{\alpha_t(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}) + \sigma_t \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

Note: The guidance scale γ sharpens the distribution $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$.

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The previous method requires an additional classifier $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ trained on noisy data. Let's try to avoid this requirement.

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{x}_t|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

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Classifier-Free-Corrected Noise Prediction

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}) = \gamma \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}) + (1-\gamma) \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

- Train one model $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y})$ on **supervised** data, alternating between true conditioning $\mathbf{y}$ and empty conditioning $\mathbf{y} = \emptyset$.
- During inference, apply this model twice.

Ho J., Salimans T. Classifier-Free Diffusion Guidance, 2022

Recap of Previous Lecture

Continuous-Time Dynamics (Neural ODE)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}(t), t); \quad \text{where } \mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0.$$

$$\psi_t(\mathbf{x}_0) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}(t), t) dt + \mathbf{x}_0 \approx \texttt{ODESolve}_f(\mathbf{x}_0, \boldsymbol{\theta}, t_0, t_1).$$

- $\mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} : \mathbb{R}^m \times [t_0, t_1] \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is a vector field.
- $\psi : \mathbb{R}^m \times [t_0, t_1] \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is a flow (the solution of ODE):

Euler Update Step (ODESolve)

$$\mathbf{x}(t + h) = \mathbf{x}(t) + h \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}(t), t)$$

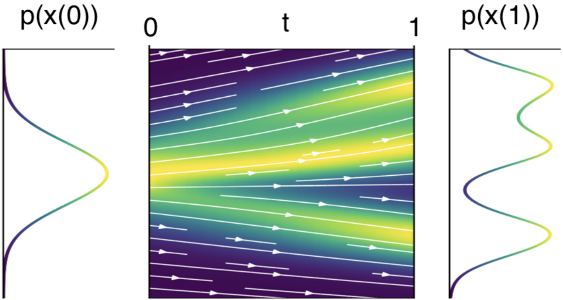
More advanced numerical methods (such as Runge-Kutta) are often used instead of unstable Euler update step.

Chen R. T. Q. et al. Neural Ordinary Differential Equations, 2018

Recap of Previous Lecture

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}(t), t); \quad \mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$$

- Suppose $\mathbf{x}(0)$ is a random variable with density $p_0(\mathbf{x})$. Then, $\mathbf{x}(t)$ is a random variable with density $p_t(\mathbf{x})$.
- $p_t(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}, t)$ describes the **probability path** between $p_0(\mathbf{x})$ and $p_1(\mathbf{x})$.



Grathwohl W. et al. FFJORD: Free-form Continuous Dynamics for Scalable Reversible Generative Models, 2018

Recap of Previous Lecture

Theorem (Picard)

If $\mathbf{f}$ is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in $\mathbf{x}$ and continuous in t, then the ODE has a **unique** solution.

This means the ODE can be **uniquely inverted**:

$$\mathbf{x}(1) = \mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^1 \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}(t), t)dt$$
$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}(1) + \int_1^0 \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}(t), t)dt$$

Note: Unlike discrete-time NF, $\mathbf{f}$ need not be invertible (uniqueness ensures bijectivity).
How can we compute $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ for any t?

Chen R. T. Q. et al. Neural Ordinary Differential Equations, 2018

Outline

1. Continuity Equation for NF Log-Likelihood
2. SDE Basics
3. Probability Flow ODE
4. Reverse SDE

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- This provides the density along the trajectory (not the total probability path).
- However, the latter term is difficult to estimate efficiently.

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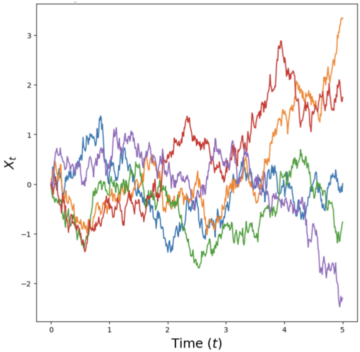

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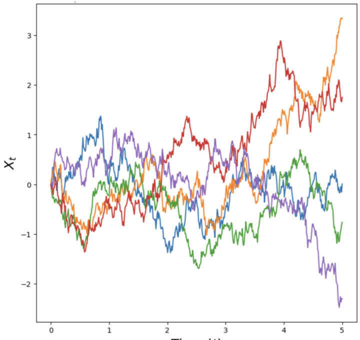

$d\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}(t + dt) - \mathbf{w}(t) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I} \cdot dt) = \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{dt}$, where $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$.

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- $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) : \mathbb{R}^m \times [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is the **drift** term (vector field).
- $g(t) : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is the **diffusion** term (if $g(t) = 0$, we recover the standard ODE).
- $\mathbf{w}(t)$ is the standard Wiener process ($d\mathbf{w} = \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{dt}$).
- We do not have the flow $\psi_t(\mathbf{x}_0)$ notion anymore, since trajectories are stochastic

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Theorem

If $\mathbf{f}$ is continuously differentiable with a bounded derivative in $\mathbf{x}$ and continuous in t and $g(t)$ is continuous then the SDE has the solution given by unique proces $\mathbf{x}(t)$.

- Unlike ODEs, the initial condition $\mathbf{x}(0)$ doesn't uniquely determine the trajectory.
- There are two sources of randomness:
  - the initial distribution $p_0(\mathbf{x})$;
  - the Wiener process $\mathbf{w}(t)$.

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- At any time t, the process has density $p_t(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}, t)$.
- $p : \mathbb{R}^m \times [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}_+$ specifies a **probability path** from $p_0(\mathbf{x})$ to $p_1(\mathbf{x})$.
- How can we obtain the probability path $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ for $\mathbf{x}(t)$?

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Discretized Langevin SDE

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We (partially) explained, why Langevin dynamics is working.

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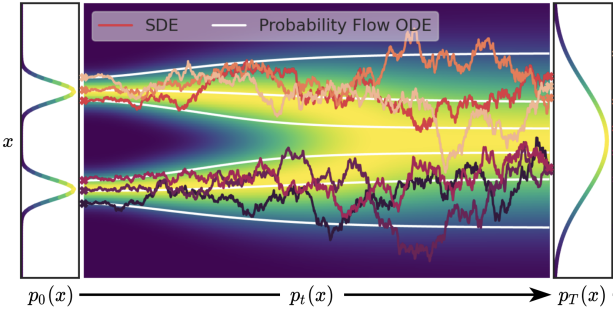

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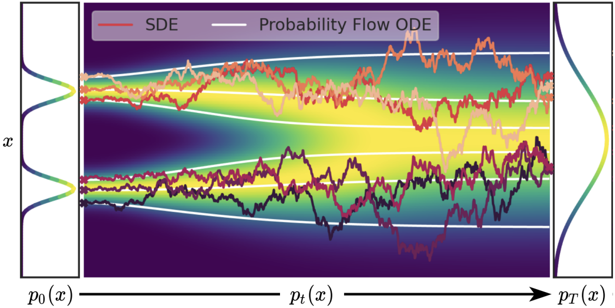

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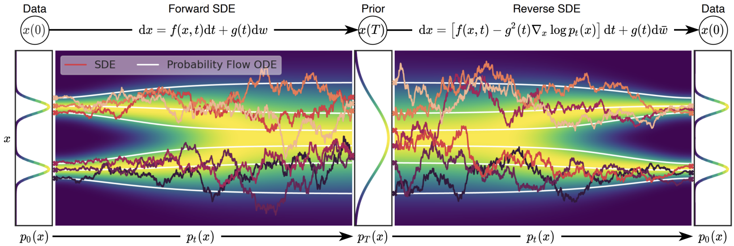

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Summary

- The continuity equation allows us to compute $\log p(\mathbf{x}, t)$ at any time t.
- An SDE defines a stochastic process with drift and diffusion terms; ODEs are a special case of SDEs.
- The KFP equation describes the probability dynamics of an SDE.
- The Langevin SDE preserves a constant probability path.
- Every SDE admits a corresponding probability flow ODE following the same probability path.
- SDEs can be reversed using the score function.