ELBO Derivations (3 flavours)

- 1. From Jensen's
- 2. From KL
- 3. From Bayes Rule Directly

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}) = \log \int p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} = 1$$

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}) = \log \int p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} = \log \int rac{q(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} = \log \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})} \left[rac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})}
ight]$$

$$\geq \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}\left[\log\left(rac{p(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})}
ight)
ight]$$
 ... after the inequality ... 2

Chain Rule 3

$$ullet \geq \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})} \left[\log \left(rac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})}
ight)
ight] =$$
 ... log properties ...

 $=\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})] + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}\left[\log\left(\frac{p(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})}\right)\right] + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}\left[\log\left(\frac{p(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})}\right)\right]$

 $ullet = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})] - \mathrm{KL}(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}))$ The ELBO – Evidence Lower-Bound



Jensen's Inequality

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x})] \leq f(\mathbb{E}[x])$$

... for <u>concave</u> fncs ...

... apply the inequality ...

 $f(\mathbb{E}[x]) = \log\left(\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\cdot]
ight) \geq \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x})] = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log\left(\cdot
ight)]$

Start from the goal (close-dist. to the posterior)

... our approximation dist. ...

$$ext{KL}(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})) = \int q(\mathbf{z}) \log \left[rac{q(\mathbf{z})}{p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}
ight] d\mathbf{z}$$

... the posterior (our approx. goal) ...



... arrive <u>again</u> at the Evidence Lower-Bound (ELBO).

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})] - \mathrm{KL}(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}))$$

Those integrals are

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log q(\mathbf{z}) - \log p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})] + \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log p(\mathbf{x})]$$

4 Independent RV



$$\mathrm{KL}(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})) = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log q(\mathbf{z}) - \log p(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{z})] + \log p(\mathbf{x})$$

5 Kullback-Leibler is always positive

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) - \log q(\mathbf{z})] = \log p(\mathbf{x}) - \mathrm{KL}(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})) \Longrightarrow \log p(\mathbf{x}) \geq \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) - \log q(\mathbf{z})]$$

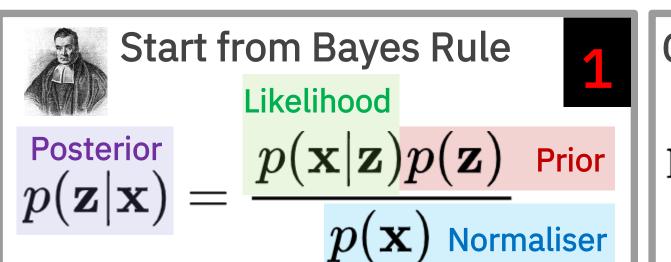
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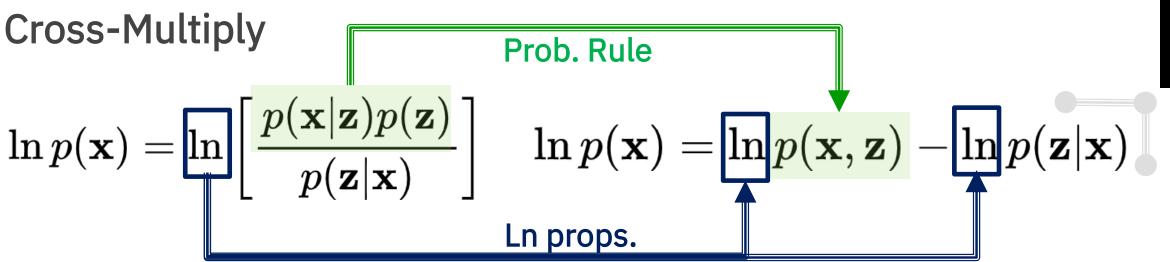
6 Prob. Chain rule

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})} \left[\log \left(rac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})}
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ight] = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})} \left[\log \left(rac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})}
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ight]$$

Arrivals: Evidence-Lower Bound (ELBO)

$$7 lacksquare ext{Log props.} lacksquare ext{Def of KL} = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})] - ext{KL}(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}))$$





Trick I: Add & Subtract

$$0 = -\ln q(\mathbf{z}) + \ln q(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\ln p(\mathbf{x}) = \ln p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) - \ln p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) - \ln q(\mathbf{z}) + \ln q(\mathbf{z})$$

... unchanged ...

... this trick introduced the variational distribution ...

$$\ln p(\mathbf{x}) = \ln p(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{z}) - \ln q(\mathbf{z}) - \ln rac{p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{z})}$$
 ... re-arrange & log props ...

The Ln Bound

$$\ln x \le x - 1$$
 $-\ln x > 1 - x$

... true for all $z \rightarrow$ then also for any

sample from any distribution ...

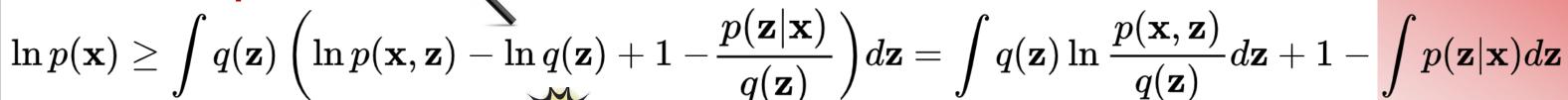
$$\ln p(\mathbf{x}) \geq \ln p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) - \ln q(\mathbf{z}) + 1 - rac{p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{z})}$$

... true for all z ...

Trick II: Expectation

AHA?

- Log props. Multiply dist. Cancel numerator & denominator
- ... this is just 1 (pdf int.) ...



 $\mathsf{ELBO} = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z})}[\log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})] - \mathrm{KL}(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}))$

Saw it before!

- Chain Rule
- Log props. Def of KL