

Q1. Variational Lower Bound

$$\log p(x) = D_{KL}(q(z|x) \| p(z|x)) + \mathcal{L}(q; x)$$

$$D_{KL}(q(z|x) \| p(z|x)) = \int q(z|x) \log \frac{q(z|x)}{p(z|x)} dz$$

a) show that $D_{KL}(q(z|x) \| p(z|x)) = 0$ if and only if $q(z|x) = p(z|x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftarrow \text{direction: if } p(z|x) = q(z|x), D_{KL} &= \int q(z|x) \log \frac{q(z|x)}{p(z|x)} dz = \int q(z|x) \log(1) dz \\ &= \int q(z|x) \cdot 0 dz = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{direction: if } D_{KL}(q(z|x) \| p(z|x)) = 0, \text{ we have } D_{KL} &= \int q(z|x) \log \frac{q(z|x)}{p(z|x)} dz \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q} \left[\log \frac{q(z|x)}{p(z|x)} \right] = 0 \Rightarrow \log \frac{q(z|x)}{p(z|x)} = 0 \Rightarrow p(z|x) = q(z|x) \end{aligned}$$

b) show that the equality above holds for $\mathcal{L}(q; x) = \int q(z|x) \log \frac{p(x, z)}{q(z|x)} dz$

$$\text{WTS: } \log p(x) = D_{KL}(q(z|x) \| p(z|x)) + \mathcal{L}(q; x) = \int q(z|x) \log \frac{q(z|x)}{p(z|x)} dz + \int q(z|x) \log \frac{p(x, z)}{q(z|x)} dz$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S.} &= \int q(z|x) \left(-\log \frac{q(z|x)}{p(z|x)} + \log \frac{p(x, z)}{q(z|x)} \right) dz = \int q(z|x) [\log q(z|x) - \log p(z|x) \\ &\quad + \log p(x, z) - \log q(z|x)] dz = \int q(z|x) [\log p(x, z) - \log p(z|x)] dz \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int q(z|x) [\log(p(z|x)p(x)) - \log p(z|x)] dz$$

$$= \int q(z|x) [\log p(z|x) + \log p(x) - \log p(z|x)] dz = \int q(z|x) \log p(x) dz$$

$$= \log p(x) \int q(z|x) dz = \log p(x) \cdot 1 = \log p(x) = \text{L.H.S.}$$

Q5. Bookkeeping

a) About 15 hours.

b) I adhere to the Duke Community Standard in the completion of this assignment.