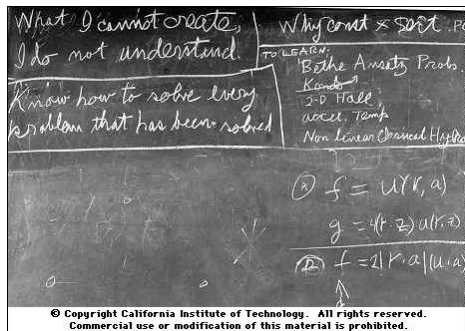


# Generative vs Discriminative

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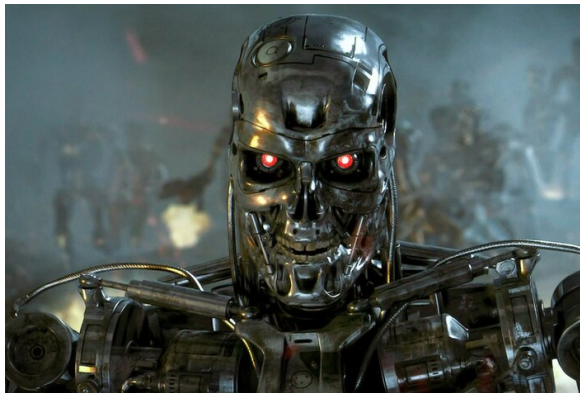
# Idea of generative models



# Idea of discriminative models



Plato: *"A human is featherless biped"*



Sometimes it's easier to solve a target problem (i.e. classification, regression) than describe the analyzed object nature.

# Generative and discriminative models

**Discriminative models**

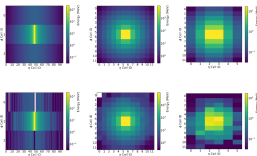
**Model:**  $p(y|x)$ .

**Generative models**

**Model:**  $p(y, x)$ .

## Why generative models:

- When dataset generation is a target problem
- Synthetic dataset generation
- Latent properties obtaining



# Model selection: coherent Bayesian inference

*First level:* find optimal parameters:

$$w = \arg \max \frac{p(\mathcal{D}|w)p(w|h)}{p(\mathcal{D}|h)},$$

*Second level:* find optimal model:

Evidence:

$$p(\mathcal{D}|h) = \int_w p(\mathcal{D}|w)p(w|h)dw.$$



What is  $\mathcal{D}$  for generative and discriminative models? Why?

# Plate notation

Plate notation is an alternative visualization for graphical models.

Elements:

- White circles (random variables);
- Grey circles (observed variables);
- Small circles (deterministic values);
- Plates (batching).

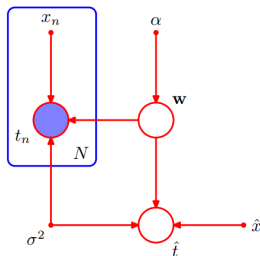
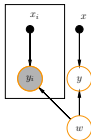


Plate notation for linear regression (Bishop)

# Plate notation: discriminative and generative models

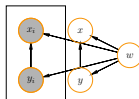
## Discriminative models:

- Generate (or deterministically obtain!)  $x$
- Generate  $w$
- Generate  $Y \sim p(y|X, w)$



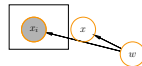
## Generative model:

- Generate  $y$
- Generate  $w$
- Generate  $x \sim p(X|y, w)$



## Generative unsupervised model:

- Generate  $w$
- Generate  $x \sim p(X|w)$



# Generative models and unsupervised learning

Are the generative models always unsupervised?



# Generative models and unsupervised learning

Are the generative models always unsupervised?

No! Linear classification is an example

Logistic regression:

$$E(y|X) \equiv g^{-1}(Xw),$$

$$g^{-1}(x) \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} \in [0, 1]$$

The decision function is a sigmoid.

Generative model:

$$p(y = 1|x, w) = \frac{p(x|w, y = 1)p(y = 1)}{\sum_{k=0}^1 p(x|w, y = k)p(y = k)},$$

$$p(x|w, y = k) \sim \mathcal{N}(w_m^k, w_s^k).$$

The decision function is a sigmoid.

# Discriminative + generative

Naive approach: introduce a prior on class labels

$$p(x, y|w) = p(y|w_y)p(x|y, w_x).$$

Two optimization functions:

$$L_G = p(w) \prod_{x,y} p(x, y|w),$$

$$L_D = p(w) \prod_{x,y} p(y|x, w).$$

Combine them:

$$\lambda L_G + (1 - \lambda)L_D \rightarrow \max.$$

This optimization is heuristic, it does not give us ML results, nor MAP.

# Discriminative + generative

(Bishop et al., 2007): introduce two probabilistic models: “discriminative” and “generative”:

$$p(x, y|w_G, w_D) = p(y|x, w_D)p(x|w_G)p(w_G, w_D).$$

Optimization:

$$p(w_G, w_D) \prod_{x,y} p(y|x, w_D)p(x|w_G).$$

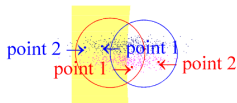
**How to select  $p(w_G, w_D)$ ?**

- $p(w_G, w_D) = p(w_G)p(w_D)$ : obtain  $L_D$ ;
- $p(w_G, w_D) = p(w_G)\delta(w_G - w_D)$ : obtain  $L_G$ ;
- Trade-off:  $p(w_G, w_D) \propto p(w_G)p(w_D)\exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\|w_G - w_D\|^2)$ .

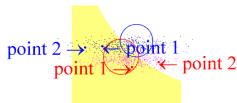
# Discriminative + generative

(Bishop et al., 2007): example of different combinations of these optimizations for the synthetic dataset. The dataset contains only 2 labeled objects for each class.

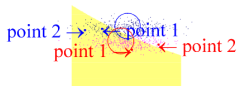
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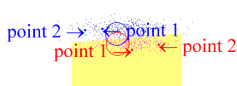
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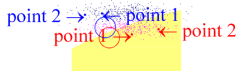
$\alpha = 0.6$



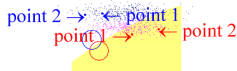
$\alpha = 0.7$



$\alpha = 0.8$



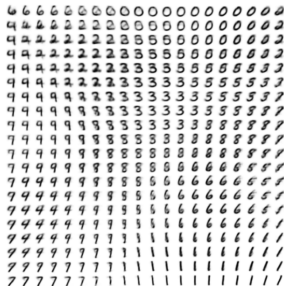
$\alpha = 1$  - discriminative case



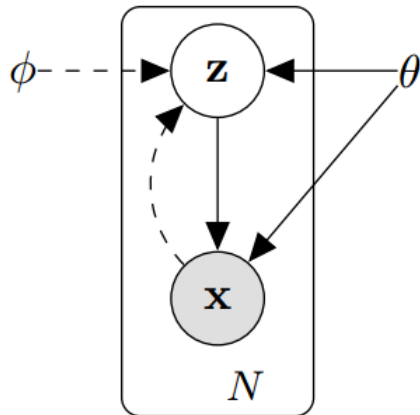
# VAE: generation process



(a) Learned Frey Face manifold



(b) Learned MNIST manifold



## Semi-supervised VAE (Kingma et al., 2014)

$$\text{M1: } q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_\phi(\mathbf{x}), \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_\phi^2(\mathbf{x}))), \quad (3)$$

$$\text{M2: } q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|y, \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_\phi(y, \mathbf{x}), \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_\phi^2(\mathbf{x}))); \quad q_\phi(y|\mathbf{x}) = \text{Cat}(y|\boldsymbol{\pi}_\phi(\mathbf{x})), \quad (4)$$

For this model, we have two cases to consider. In the first case, the label corresponding to a data point is observed and the variational bound is a simple extension of equation (5):

$$\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}, y) \geq \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, y)} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|y, \mathbf{z}) + \log p_\theta(y) + \log p(\mathbf{z}) - \log q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, y)] = -\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, y), \quad (6)$$

For the case where the label is missing, it is treated as a latent variable over which we perform posterior inference and the resulting bound for handling data points with an unobserved label  $y$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}) &\geq \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(y, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|y, \mathbf{z}) + \log p_\theta(y) + \log p(\mathbf{z}) - \log q_\phi(y, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})] \\ &= \sum_y q_\phi(y|\mathbf{x}) (-\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, y)) + \mathcal{H}(q_\phi(y|\mathbf{x})) = -\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{x}). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The bound on the marginal likelihood for the entire dataset is now:

$$\mathcal{J} = \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \sim \tilde{p}_l} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, y) + \sum_{\mathbf{x} \sim \tilde{p}_u} \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{x}) \quad (8)$$

# Semi-supervised VAE (Kingma et al., 2014)

$$\mathcal{J}^\alpha = \mathcal{J} + \alpha \cdot \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{p}_l(\mathbf{x}, y)} [-\log q_\phi(y|\mathbf{x})], \quad (9)$$

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**Algorithm 1** Learning in model M1

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while generativeTraining() do
   $\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \text{getRandomMiniBatch}()$ 
   $\mathbf{z}_i \sim q_\phi(\mathbf{z}_i|\mathbf{x}_i) \quad \forall \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{D}$ 
   $\mathcal{J} \leftarrow \sum_n \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{x}_i)$ 
   $(\mathbf{g}_\theta, \mathbf{g}_\phi) \leftarrow (\frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial \phi})$ 
   $(\theta, \phi) \leftarrow (\theta, \phi) + \Gamma(\mathbf{g}_\theta, \mathbf{g}_\phi)$ 
end while
while discriminativeTraining() do
   $\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \text{getLabeledRandomMiniBatch}()$ 
   $\mathbf{z}_i \sim q_\phi(\mathbf{z}_i|\mathbf{x}_i) \quad \forall \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\} \in \mathcal{D}$ 
   $\text{trainClassifier}(\{\mathbf{z}_i, y_i\})$ 
end while
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**Algorithm 2** Learning in model M2

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while training() do
   $\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \text{getRandomMiniBatch}()$ 
   $y_i \sim q_\phi(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i) \quad \forall \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\} \notin \mathcal{O}$ 
   $\mathbf{z}_i \sim q_\phi(\mathbf{z}_i|y_i, \mathbf{x}_i)$ 
   $\mathcal{J}^\alpha \leftarrow \text{eq. (9)}$ 
   $(\mathbf{g}_\theta, \mathbf{g}_\phi) \leftarrow (\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^\alpha}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^\alpha}{\partial \phi})$ 
   $(\theta, \phi) \leftarrow (\theta, \phi) + \Gamma(\mathbf{g}_\theta, \mathbf{g}_\phi)$ 
end while
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# Semi-supervised VAE (Kingma et al., 2014)

Table 1: Benchmark results of semi-supervised classification on MNIST with few labels.

$N$	NN	CNN	TSVM	CAE	MTC	AtlasRBF	M1+TSVM	M2	M1+M2
100	25.81	22.98	16.81	13.47	12.03	8.10 ( $\pm 0.95$ )	11.82 ( $\pm 0.25$ )	11.97 ( $\pm 1.71$ )	<b>3.33</b> ( $\pm 0.14$ )
600	11.44	7.68	6.16	6.3	5.13	–	5.72 ( $\pm 0.049$ )	4.94 ( $\pm 0.13$ )	<b>2.59</b> ( $\pm 0.05$ )
1000	10.7	6.45	5.38	4.77	3.64	3.68 ( $\pm 0.12$ )	4.24 ( $\pm 0.07$ )	3.60 ( $\pm 0.56$ )	<b>2.40</b> ( $\pm 0.02$ )
3000	6.04	3.35	3.45	3.22	2.57	–	3.49 ( $\pm 0.04$ )	3.92 ( $\pm 0.63$ )	<b>2.18</b> ( $\pm 0.04$ )



(a) Handwriting styles for MNIST obtained by fixing the class label and varying the 2D latent variable  $z_{11}^{kl}$ .



# Model selection problem: recap

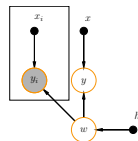
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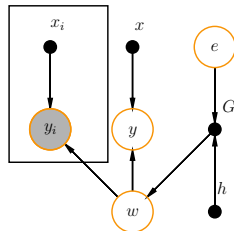
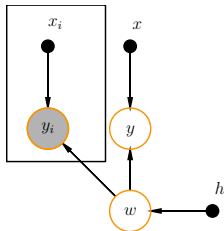
Evidence:

$$p(\mathcal{D}|h) = \int_w p(\mathcal{D}|w)p(w|h)dw.$$



# Model selection problem: recap

Can we generate target models parameters using a generative model?



# Model selection: hybrid approach

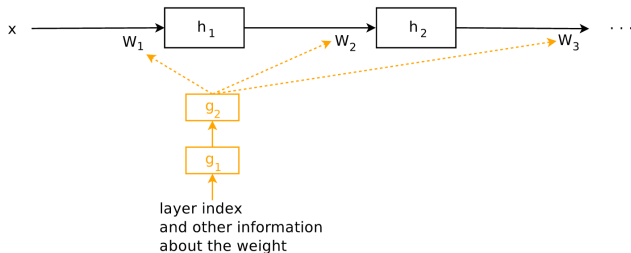
## Definition

Given a set  $\Lambda$ .

Hypernetwork is a parametric mapping from  $\Lambda$  to set  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of the model  $f$  parameters:

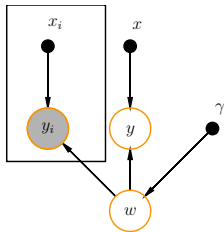
$$G : \Lambda \times \mathbb{R}^u \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $\mathbb{R}^u$  is a set of hypernetwork parameters.

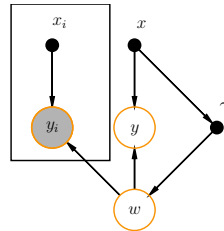


# Model selection: discriminative approach

$$w_{\text{MOE}} = \langle \gamma(x), [w_1, \dots, w_n] \rangle$$



**Рис. 1:** Model generation scheme



**Рис. 2:** MOE optimization as a discriminative model

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