Deep Generative Models

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Recap: Generative Models

Joint distribution over observed data x and latent variables Z.

$$p(x, z|\alpha) = \overbrace{p(x|z, \alpha)}^{\text{likelihood}} \underbrace{p(z|\alpha)}_{\text{prior}}$$

The likelihood and prior are often standard distributions (Gaussian, Bernoulli) with simple dependence on conditioning information.

Recap: Variational Inference

Objective

$$\max_{q(z)} \mathbb{E}\left[\log p(x,z)\right] + \mathbb{H}\left(q(z)\right)$$

- The ELBO is a lower bound on $\log p(x)$
- Mean field assumption: $q(z) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} q(z_i)$

Feature-rich Generative Models

Let us assume that z has internal structure (features). How can we exploit that?

First Idea

Make $p(x|z, \alpha)$ a log-linear model.

- Only discrete data
- Trainable with EM if we can efficiently enumerate $\mathcal{X}$ and $\mathcal{Z}$.

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Model

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Posterior

$$p(z|x,w) = \frac{p(x,z|w)}{p(x|w)} = \frac{p(x,z|w)}{\sum_z p(x,z|w)} = \frac{\frac{\exp\left(w^\top f(x,z)\right)}{\sum_{x\in\mathcal{X}} \exp(w^\top f(x,z))} \times p(z)}{\sum_z \frac{\exp(w^\top f(x,z))}{\sum_{x\in\mathcal{X}} \exp(w^\top f(x,z))} \times p(z)}$$

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Procedurally

$$\text{E\_count}(x,z) \text{ - } \text{E\_count}(x,z) \times \mathbb{E}\left[X|z,w\right]$$

EM

E-step $p(z|x,w) = \frac{p(x,z|w)}{\sum_z p(x,z|w)}$ in $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{X}| \times |\mathcal{Z}|)$

M-step Iteratively optimise w to match E_count(x,z)
with E_count(x,z) $\times \mathbb{E}\left[X|z,w\right]$

Restrictions

- Only log-linear models
- Scales badly

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Wake-sleep Algorithm

- Generalise latent variables to Neural Networks
- Train generative neural model
- Use variational inference! (kind of)

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Sleep Phase

- Produce dream sample $\tilde{x}$ from random hidden unit z
- Update inference parameters λ to maximize probability of latent state $q(z|\tilde{x}, \lambda)$

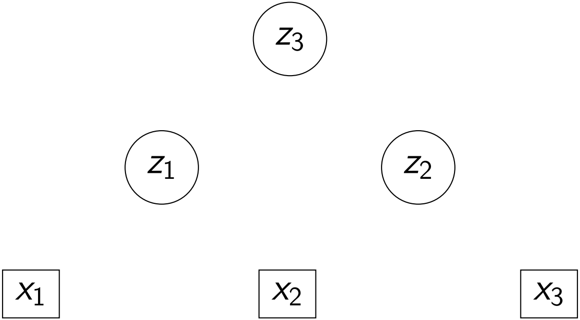
Wake Phase Objective

Assumes latent state z to be fixed random draws from $q(z|x, \lambda)$.

$$\max_{\theta} \; \log p(x|z, \theta)$$

This is simply supervised learning with imputed latent data!

Wake Phase Sampling



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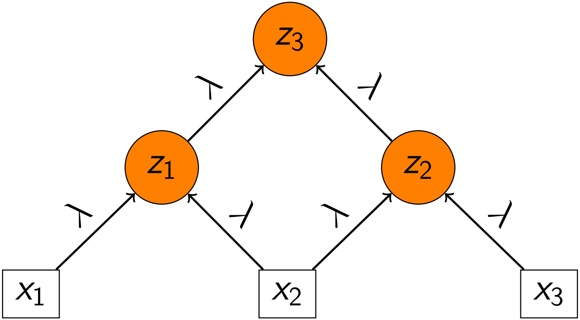

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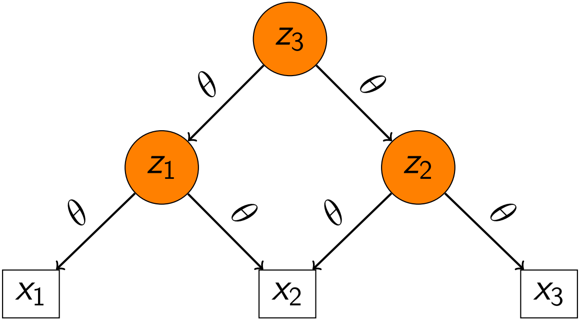

Sleep Phase Objective

Assumes fake data $\tilde{x}$ and latent variables z to be fixed random draw from $p(x, z|\theta)$.

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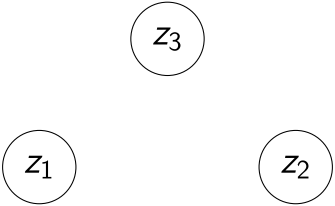

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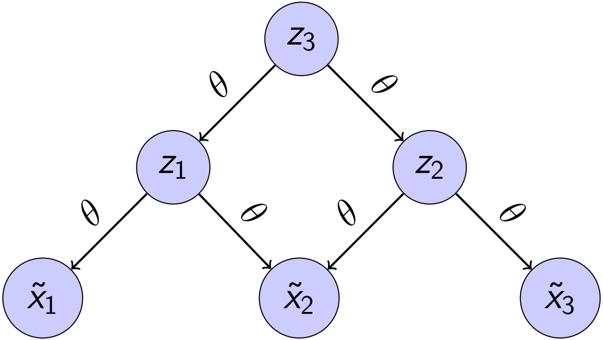

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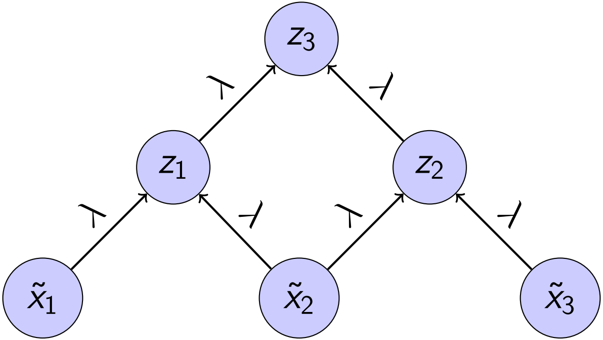

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Drawbacks

- Inference and generative networks are trained on different objectives
- Inference weights λ are updated on fake data $\tilde{x}$
- Generative weights are bad initially, giving wrong signal to the updates of λ

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The first term again requires approximation by sampling

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Reparametrisation Trick

- Find transformation $h(\epsilon, \lambda)$ of parameter-free variable ϵ
- $h(\epsilon, \lambda)$ needs to be invertible
- $h(\epsilon, \lambda)$ needs to be differentiable

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$$h(\epsilon, \lambda) = \mu(x, \lambda) + \sigma(x, \lambda) \odot \epsilon \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \mathrm{I}\right)$$

Gaussian KL

Analytical computation of $-\mathrm{KL}\left(q(z|x,\lambda)\;||\;p(z)\right)$:

$$-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(1+\log\left(\sigma_i^2\right)-\mu_i-\sigma_i^2\right)$$

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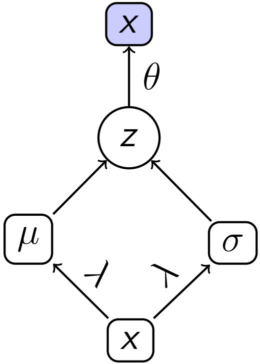

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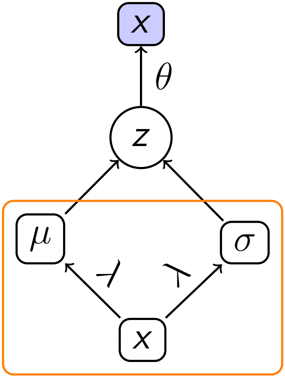

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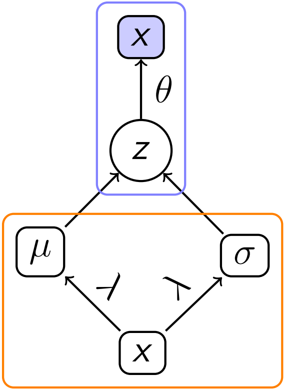

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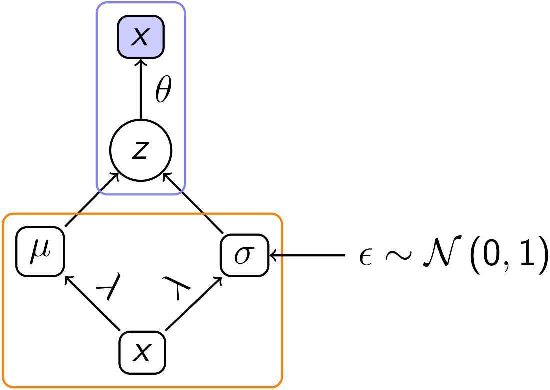

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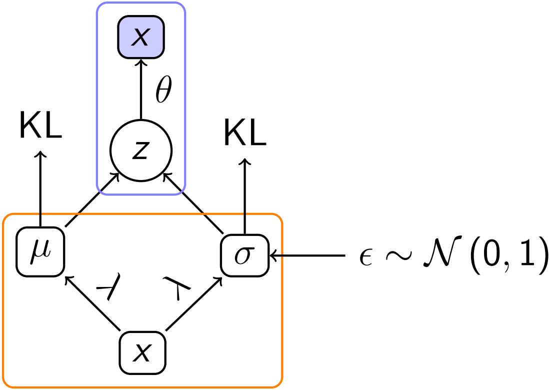

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Mean Field assumption

Variational approximation factorises over latent dimensions.

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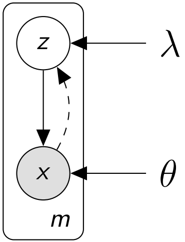

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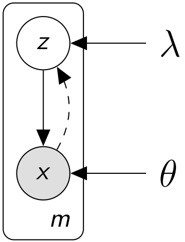

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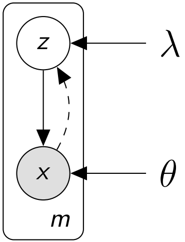

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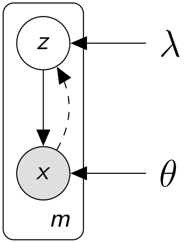

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Summary

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- Otherwise use VI with simple approximation
- Wake-Sleep: train inference and generation networks with separate objectives
- VAE: train both networks with same objective
- Reparametrisation
  - Transform parameter-free variable ϵ into latent value z
  - Update parameters with stochastic gradient estimates

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