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## Machine learning – Block 7

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## This week's lectures

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## Use Cases: Examples

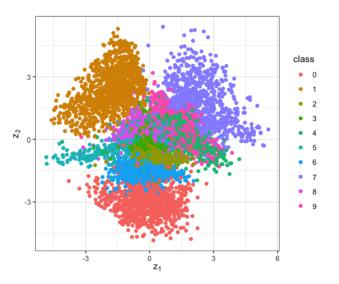


Figure: The latent state of MNIST using an Variational Autoencoder



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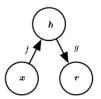


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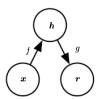


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## The Undercomplete Autoencoder

More interesting: an undercomplete autoencoder:
 Dimension of code is lower than that of x

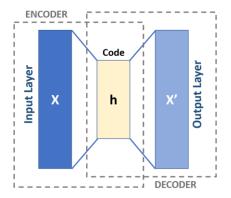


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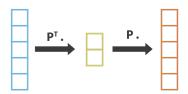
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Hence: PCA can be seen as an autoencoder





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Figure: Autoencoder vs. the Variational Autoencoder (Rocca, 2019)



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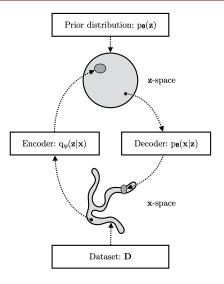


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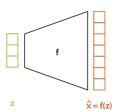


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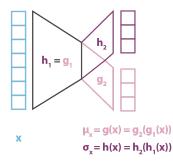


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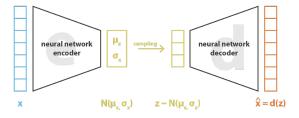


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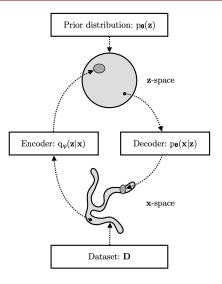


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### The Kullback-Leibler divergence

 The Kulback-Leibler divergence: a way of measuring the distance between probability distributions (although, not a metric)

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  - Maximize the marginal log-likelihood log  $p_{\theta}(x)$ : Better generative model/decoder
  - Minimize the KL-divergence between  $q_{\phi}(z|x)$  and  $p_{\theta}(z|x)$ : Better approximation of the latent space/encoder



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# The Autoencoding Variational Bayes Algorithm

Algorithm 1: Stochastic optimization of the ELBO. Since noise originates from both the minibatch sampling and sampling of  $p(\epsilon)$ , this is a doubly stochastic optimization procedure. We also refer to this procedure as the *Auto-Encoding Variational Bayes* (AEVB) algorithm.

#### Data:

 $\mathcal{D}$ : Dataset

 $q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$ : Inference model

 $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$ : Generative model

#### Result:

 $\theta, \phi$ : Learned parameters

 $(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\phi}) \leftarrow \text{Initialize parameters}$ 

#### while SGD not converged do

 $\mathcal{M} \sim \mathcal{D}$  (Random minibatch of data)

 $\epsilon \sim p(\epsilon)$  (Random noise for every datapoint in  $\mathcal{M}$ )

Compute  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\theta,\phi}(\mathcal{M},\epsilon)$  and its gradients  $\nabla_{\theta,\phi}\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\theta,\phi}(\mathcal{M},\epsilon)$ 

Update  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  using SGD optimizer

end

Figure: The Autoencoding Variational Bayes Algorithm (Kingma and Welling, 2018, Algo. 1)



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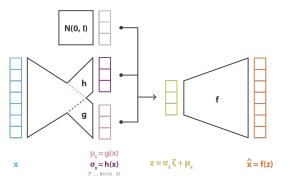


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Figure: Examples of images generated with a deep hierarchical Variational Autoencoder (Vahdat and Kautz, 2020)



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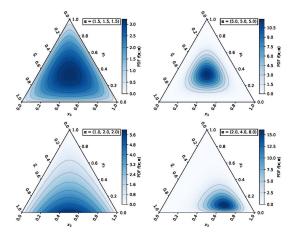


Figure: The Dirichlet Distribution (Wikipedia)



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  - Topic models (context: documents)

#### Example

- 1. "A friend in need is a friend indeed."
- 2. "She is my friend indeed."



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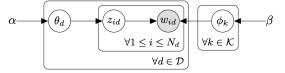


Figure: The Latent Dirichlet Allocation Model

where  $\phi_k$  is the kth row in  $\Phi$  (of dimension  $K \times V$ ) and  $\theta_d$  is the dth row in  $\Theta$  (of dimension  $D \times K$ ).



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#### Generative model for LDA

#### Relies on the bag-of-word assumption

- 1. For each component k to K:
  - 1.1  $\phi_k \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\beta)$
- 2. For each document d:
  - 2.1  $\theta_d \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha)$
  - 2.2 For each token i:
    - 2.2.1  $z_{id} \sim \text{Categorical}(\theta_d)$
    - 2.2.2  $w_{id} \sim \text{Categorical}(\phi_{z_{id}})$



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$$\Theta = \begin{array}{ccccc} & \text{Topic 1} & \text{Topic 2} & \text{Topic 3} \\ \text{doc 1} & 0.96 & 0.02 & 0.02 \\ \text{doc 2} & 0.3 & 0.2 & 0.5 \\ \text{doc 3} & 0.05 & 0.35 & 0.6 \end{array}$$



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Mr. Sabbeth is charged with trying to conceal \$750,000 from his bank creditors by hiding the money in a secret account in his wife's maiden name, rather than use it to pay creditors when his lumber business went into bankruptcy 10 years ago.

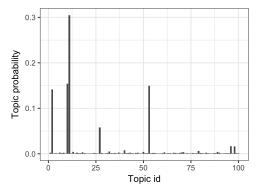
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## The estimated topic proportion $(\hat{\theta_d})$





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#### Topic top words

Topic	Top words (by $\phi_{kv}$ )
2	party election voters campaign democratic
10	bank banks loans loan insurance savings
11	trial prison jury prosecutors convicted guilty
53	investigation inquiry documents investigators

Table: The words with highest probability (p(w|k)) for topic 2, 10, 11 and 53.



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#### The Latent Dirichlet Allocation Model

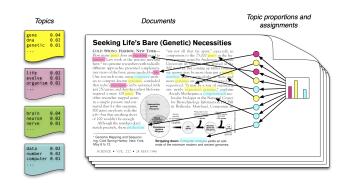


Figure: The Latent Dirichlet Allocation Model (Blei 2012, Fig. 1)



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3. Sample model parameters

$$\theta_d | \mathbf{z} \sim Dir(\mathbf{n}^{(d)} + \alpha)$$

$$\phi_k | \mathbf{z} \sim Dir(\mathbf{n}^{(v)} + \beta)$$

where  $\mathbf{n}^{(d)}$  is the number of tokens by topic in document d and  $\mathbf{n}^{(v)}$  is the number of tokens by topic for word type v.



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Integrating out (collapsing)  $\Theta$  and  $\Phi$ 

$$p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{w}) = \int \int p(\mathbf{z}, \Theta, \Phi|\mathbf{w}) \cdot p(\mathbf{z}, \Theta, \Phi) d\Phi d\Theta$$

will result in the following Gibbs sampler:

$$p(z_{i} = k | w_{i}, \mathbf{z}_{\neg i}) \propto \underbrace{\frac{n_{k}^{(v)} + \beta}{n_{k}^{(v)} + V\beta}}_{type-topic} \cdot \underbrace{(n_{k}^{(d)} + \alpha)}_{topic-doc} (\Theta)$$

where  $n^{(v)}$  and  $n^{(d)}$  are count matrices of size  $D \times K$  and  $K \times V$ .



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# Topic Models as non-negative matrix factorization

$$\begin{bmatrix}
n_{dv} \\
(D \times V)
\end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix}
\Theta \\
(D \times K)
\end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix}
\Phi \\
(K \times V)
\end{bmatrix}$$



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# Research Example: Swedish Immigration Discourse

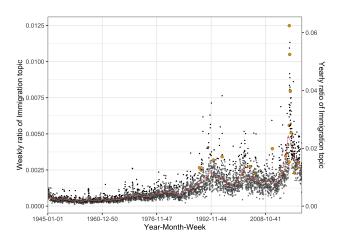


Figure: The Immigration topic in Swedish Newspapers (Hurtado Bodell et al, not in print)



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