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This week's lectures

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 - How to estimate these models
 - Explain what they are used for



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Use Cases: Examples

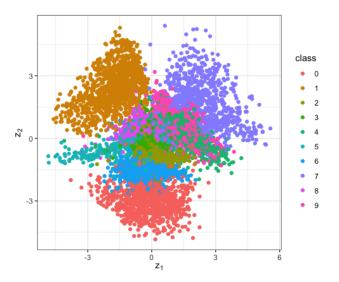


Figure: The latent state of MNIST using an Variational Autoencoder



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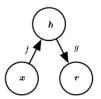


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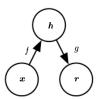


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The Undercomplete Autoencoder

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

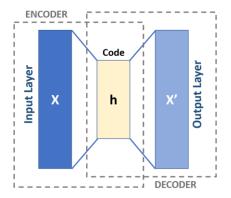


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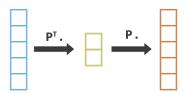
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Figure: Autoencoder vs. the Variational Autoencoder (Rocca, 2019)



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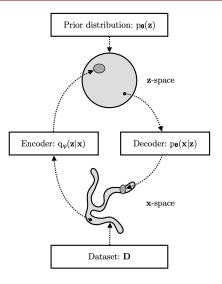


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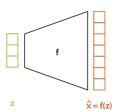


Figure: The Decoder (Rocca, 2019)



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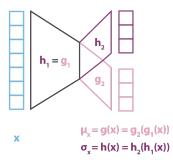


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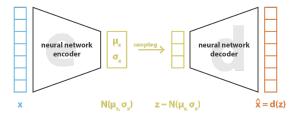


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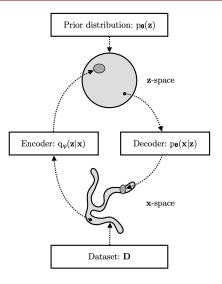


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The marginal log-likelihood

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$$= \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z|x)} \left[\log \left(\frac{p_{\theta}(x,z)}{p_{\theta}(z|x)} \right) \right], \text{ using } p(z|x) = \frac{p(x,z)}{p(x)}$$

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$$= \mathcal{L}_{\theta,\phi}(x) + D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(z|x)||p_{\theta}(z|x))$$

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The Kullback-Leibler divergence

• The Kulback-Leibler divergence: a way of measuring the "distance" between probability distributions

$$D_{\mathit{KL}}(q_{\phi}(z|x)||p_{ heta}(z|x)) = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z|x)}\left[\log\left(rac{q_{\phi}(z|x)}{p_{ heta}(z|x)}
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$$D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(z|x)||p_{\theta}(z|x)) \geq 0$$



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- Maximizing the ELBO will do two things:
 - 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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- Two problems:
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 - 2. How compute the gradient wrt ϕ ? Solution: Change of variables: $z = g(\epsilon, \phi, x)$ This is called the reparametrization trick



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- Sometimes called a doubly stochastic algorithm.



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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:

 $\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\phi}$: 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 θ and ϕ using SGD optimizer

end

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



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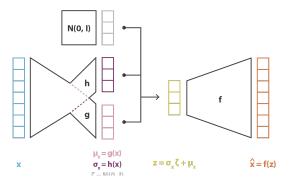


Figure: The Autoencoding Variational Bayes Algorithm (Rocca, 2019)



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



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Unsupervised method for textual data



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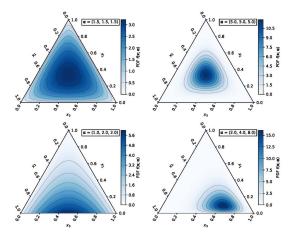


Figure: The Dirichlet Distribution (Wikipedia)

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- Different window sizes, different semantic content:
 - Word embeddings (context: word windows)
 - Topic models (context: documents)

Example

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



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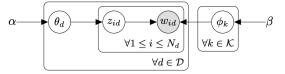


Figure: The Latent Dirichlet Allocation Model

where ϕ_k is the kth row in Φ (of dimension $K \times V$) and θ_d is the dth row in Θ (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 $w_{id} \sim \text{Categorical}(\phi_d)$



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w_1	boat	shore	bank		
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\mathbf{w}_3	money	bank	soccer	money	
z ₃	3	3	2	3	



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$\Psi =$	Topic 2	0.025	0.025	0.45	0.45	0.025	0.025
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Example of parameters \mathbf{z} , Θ and Φ

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$\Phi =$	Topic 1 Topic 2 Topic 3	0.35 0.025	0.35 0.025 0.025	0.05 0.45 0.025	0.45 0.025	0.15 0.025 0.45	
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Closing arguments were heard yesterday in the Federal bankruptcy fraud trial of Stephen J. Sabbeth, whose legal problems have raised doubts about his ability to continue as leader of the Nassau County Democratic Party.

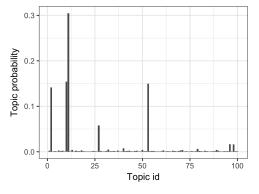
Mr. Sabbeth is charged with trying to conceal \$750,000 from his bank creditors by hiding the money in a secret account in his wife's maiden name, rather than use it to pay creditors when his lumber business went into bankruptcy 10 years ago.

- The New York Times 25th of Febuary 1999



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





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Topic top words

Topic	Top words (by ϕ_{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

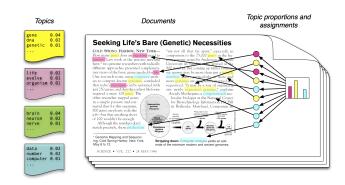


Figure: The Latent Dirichlet Allocation Model (Blei 2012, Fig. 1)



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

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

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) Θ and Φ

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

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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(v)	2	2	0	0	1	0
$n^{(r)} =$	0	0	1	1	0	0
	0	0	0	0	2	2



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$$n^{(d)} = \left[\begin{array}{rrr} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$



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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

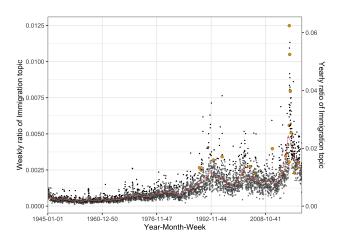


Figure: The Immigration topic in Swedish Newspapers (Hurtado Bodell et al, not in print)



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