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Machine learning, big data and artificial intelligence – Block 8

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- New exercise sessions: Dec 22, Dec 29, Jan 3, and Jan 5 on Zoom:
<https://uu-se.zoom.us/my/andreasostling>



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- MNIST vs. IMDB: Bias, variance or Bayes Error?



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- The Deep Learning book is hard to understand? How improve?
- Clarifying as we go.



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



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Use Cases

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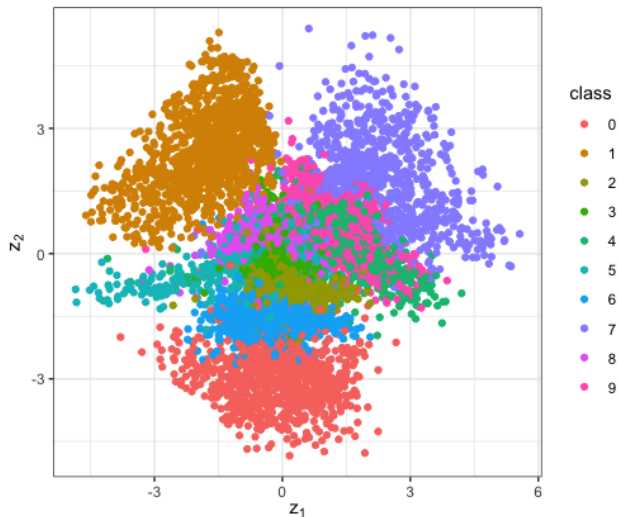


Figure: The latent state of MNIST using an Variational Autoencoder



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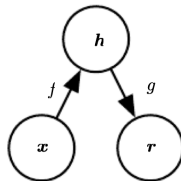


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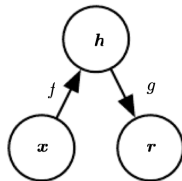


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- Loss function (reconstruction error):

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The Undercomplete Autoencoder

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

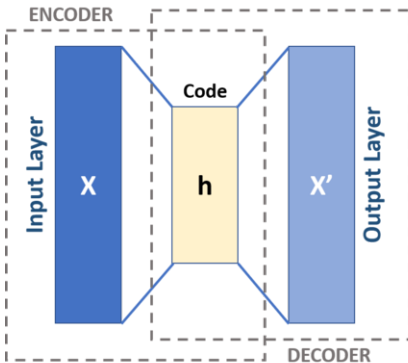


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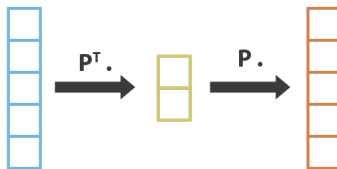
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- Problem: Deep autoencoders need to be **regularized** to not **overfit** the latent state



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- This is an example of a Deep Latent Variable model (a probabilistic decoder)
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- VAEs get their name from **variational inference** (used in training)



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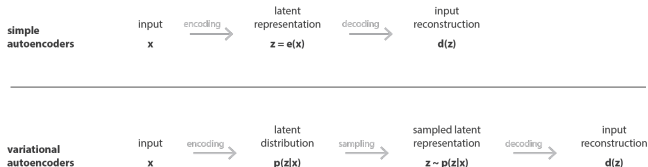


Figure: Autoencoder vs. the Variational Autoencoder (Rocca, 2019)



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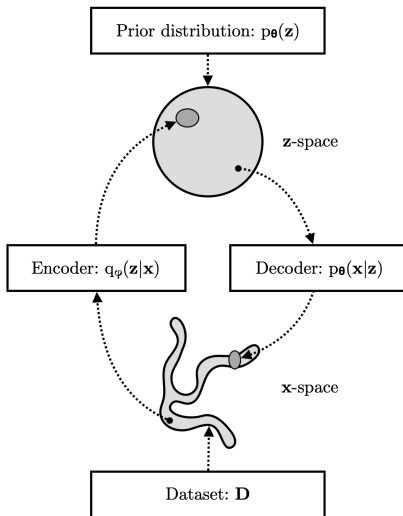


Figure: The Variational Autoencoder (Kingma and Welling, 2018, Fig. 2.1)



The probabilistic decoder

- The probabilistic decoder $p(x|\theta, z)$ (**observation model**)
- Usually a Normal distribution:

$$x_i \sim N(\text{NeuralNetwork}(z, \theta), cI)$$

- x_i for observation i depends non-linearly on z_i
- A probabilistic linear decoder: **pPCA**

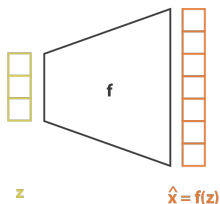


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- **Result:** z_i for observation i depends non-linearly on x_i



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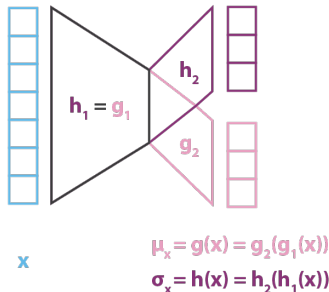


Figure: The Encoder (Rocca, 2019)



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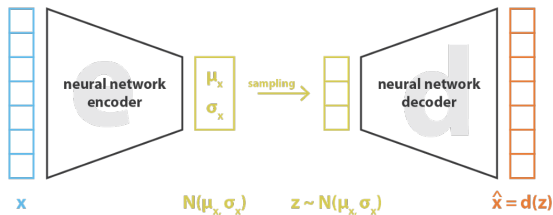


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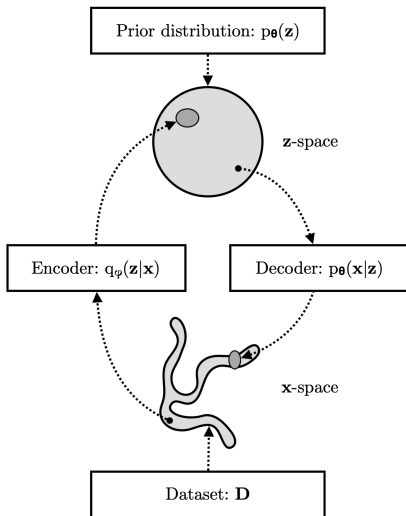


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Maximize the variational lower bound or **evidence lower bound (ELBO)**



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

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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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Solution: **Monte Carlo Approximation**
 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:

θ, ϕ : Learned parameters

$(\theta, \phi) \leftarrow$ 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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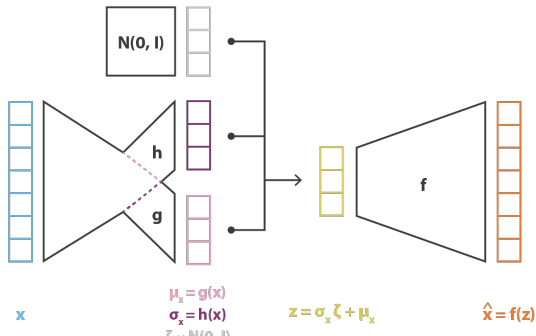


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Figure: Examples of images generated with a deep hierarchical Variational Autoencoder (Vahdat and Kautz, 2020)



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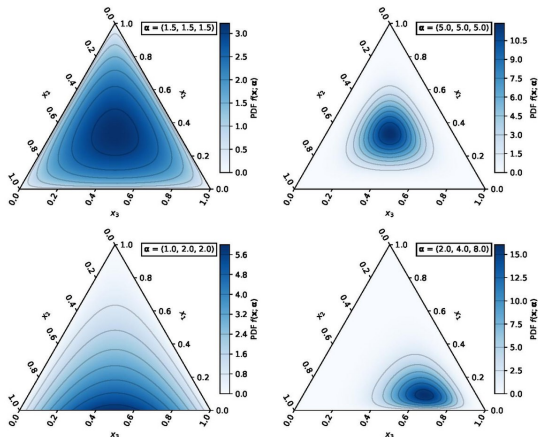


Figure: The Dirichlet Distribution (Wikipedia)



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- 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.”



Latent Dirichlet Allocation

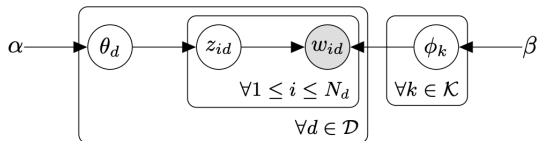


Figure: The Latent Dirichlet Allocation Model

where ϕ_k is the k th row in Φ (of dimension $K \times V$) and θ_d is the d th row in Θ (of dimension $D \times K$).



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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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$\Theta =$	doc 1	0.96	0.02	0.02
	doc 2	0.3	0.2	0.5
	doc 3	0.05	0.35	0.6



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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.

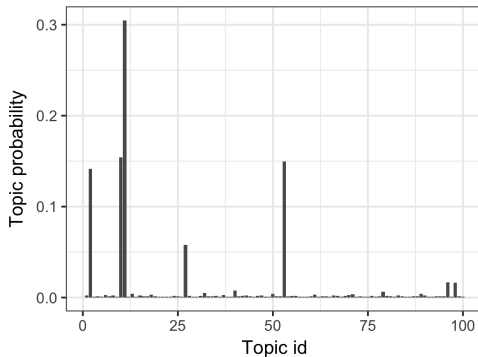
Mr. Sabbeth is charged with trying to conceal \$750,000 from his bank creditors by hiding the money in a secret account in his wife's maiden name, rather than use it to pay creditors when his lumber business went into bankruptcy 10 years ago.

— The New York Times 25th of February 1999



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The estimated topic proportion ($\hat{\theta}_d$)



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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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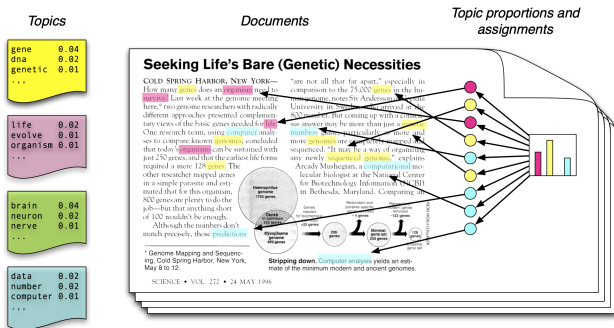


Figure: The Latent Dirichlet Allocation Model (Blei 2012, Fig. 1)



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

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:

$$p(z_i = k | w_i, \mathbf{z}_{-i}) \propto \underbrace{\frac{n_k^{(v)} + \beta}{n_k^{(v)} + V\beta}}_{\text{type} - \text{topic} (\Phi)} \cdot \underbrace{(n_k^{(d)} + \alpha)}_{\text{topic} - \text{doc} (\Theta)}$$

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

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$n^{(v)} =$	2	2	0	0	1	0
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$$\begin{bmatrix} n_{dv} \\ (D \times V) \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \Theta \\ (D \times K) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \Phi \\ (K \times V) \end{bmatrix}$$



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Research Example: Swedish Immigration Discourse

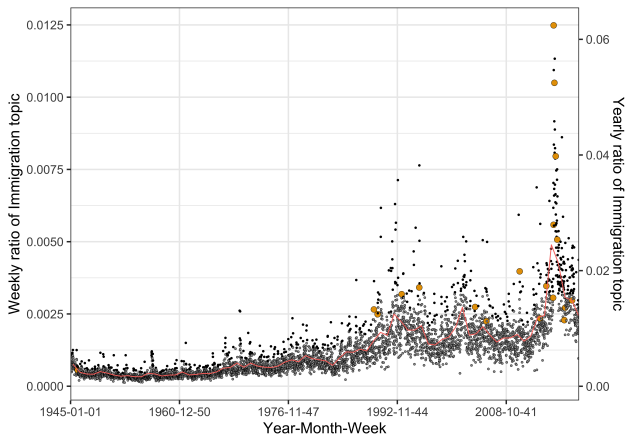


Figure: The Immigration topic in Swedish Newspapers (Hurtado Bodell et al, not in print)



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