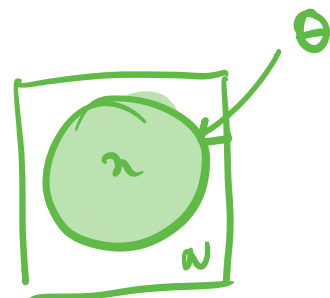


$$p(z)$$

$$p_{\theta}(x|z)$$

Start with



How to estimate θ ?

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$$\max_{\theta} p(x_{1:n})$$

$$= \prod p(x_i)$$

$$\max_{\theta} p_{\theta}(n) = \int p_{\theta}(x, z) dz \Leftrightarrow \sum \log p(x_i)$$

$$= \int p(z) p_{\theta}(x|z) dz$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{p(z)} [p_{\theta}(x|z)]$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{B} \sum_b p_{\theta}(x|z_b)$$

MC approximation



Poor approximation when m is large due to the curse of dimensionality.

I. Expectation-Maximization

Check derivation in TL

$$p_\theta(x) = \mathbb{E}_{p(z)} [p_\theta(x|z)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} \left[\frac{p(z)}{q(z)} p_\theta(x|z) \right]$$

IS

if we
have N x_m
↓
⇒ $\prod p(x_m)$
→ $\sum \log p(x_m)$

$$\log p_\theta(x) = \log \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} \left[\frac{p(z)}{q(z)} p_\theta(x|z) \right]$$

Jensen

$$\geq \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} \left[\log \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} p_\theta(x|z) \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} \left[\log \frac{p(x, z)}{q(z)} \right]$$

ELBO

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} \left[\log \frac{p(x, z)}{q(z)} \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} [\log p_\theta(x|z)] - \text{KL}(q(z) \parallel p(z))$$

$$\text{ELBO}(q, \theta)$$

or negation of the
variational free
energy

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} \left[\log \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} p_\theta(x|z) \frac{p_\theta(x)}{p_\theta(x)} \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} \left[\log \frac{p_\theta(x|z)}{q(z)} p_\theta(x) \right]$$

$$= \log p_\theta(x) - \text{KL}(q(z) \parallel p_\theta(x|z))$$



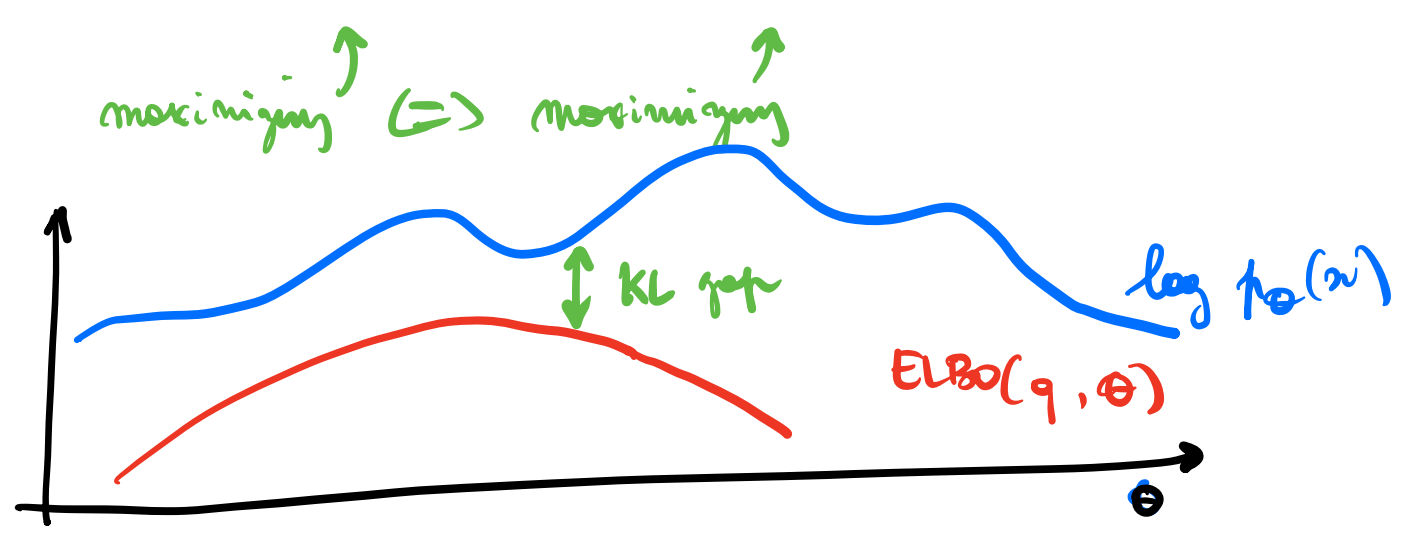
$$\text{KL}(p \parallel q) = \mathbb{E}_p \left[\log \frac{p}{q} \right]$$

Bayesian inference aimed to

①+②
 $\Rightarrow \log p_\theta(x) = \text{ELBO}(q, \theta) + \text{KL}(q(z) \parallel p(z|x))$

Since $\text{KL} \geq 0$,

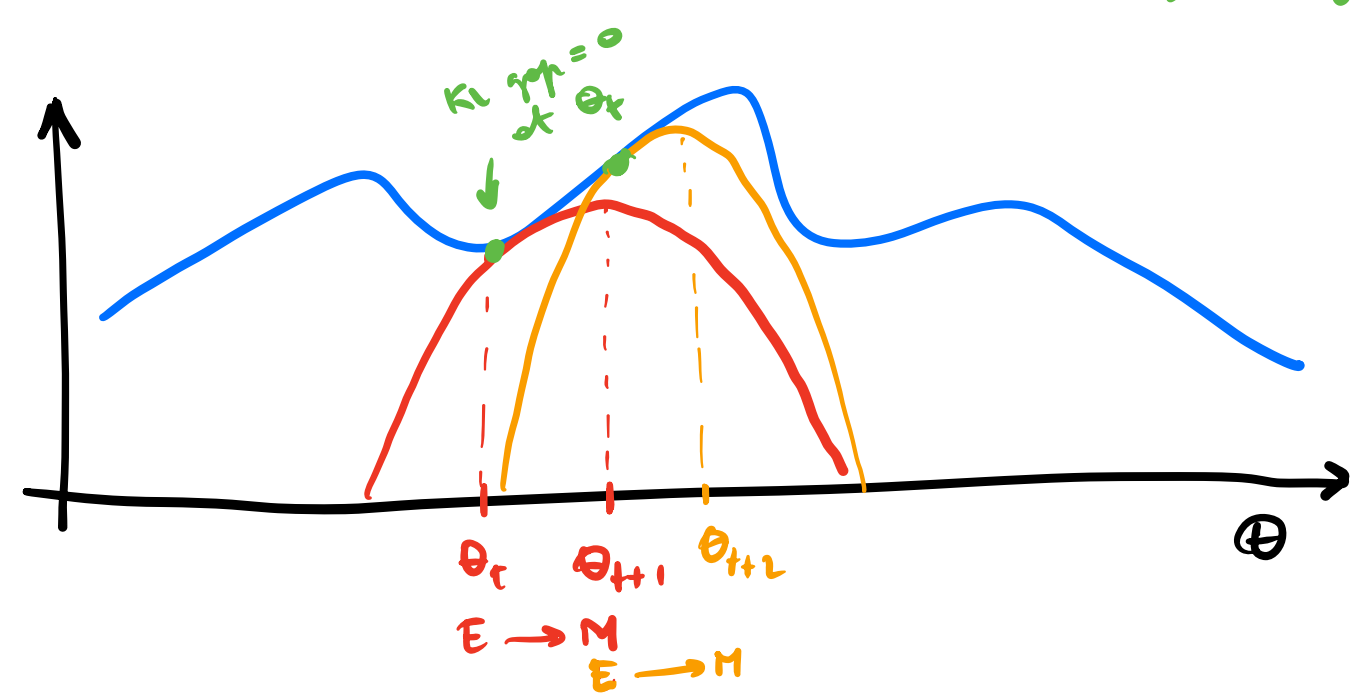
$$\log p_\theta(x) \geq \text{ELBO}(q, \theta)$$



How to pick q ? Assume a candidate q_θ ,
 make the bound tight and set
 ($\text{KL} = 0 \Rightarrow q(z) = p_{\theta_f}(z|x)$)

$q(z) := p_{\theta_f}(z|x)$

Assuming the partition
 can be derived
 analytically.



Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 ELBO(q, \theta) &= \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} \left[\log \frac{p_\theta(x, z)}{q(z)} \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta_f}(z|x)} [\log p_\theta(x, z)] \\
 &\quad - \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta_f}(z|x)} [\log p_\theta(z|x)] \\
 &= \underbrace{Q(\theta, \theta_f)} + \mathbb{H}[p_{\theta_f}(z|x)]
 \end{aligned}$$

EM:

① E-step: Define

$$Q(\theta, \theta_f) = \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta_f}(z|x)} [\log p_\theta(x, z)]$$

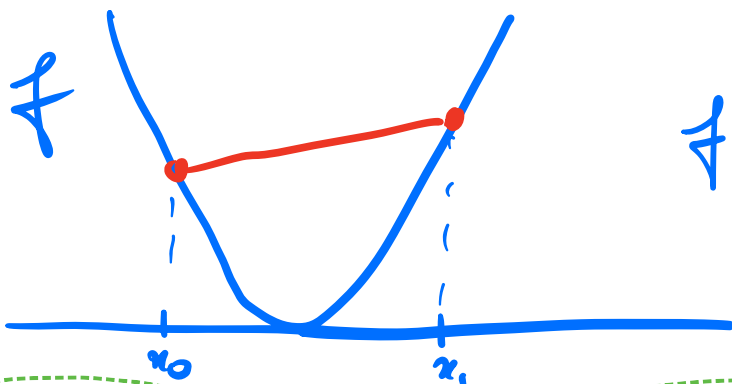
Because \mathbb{H} does not depend on θ .

② M-step: $\theta_{t+1} := \arg \max_{\theta} Q(\theta, \theta_f)$

(+ $\log p(\theta)$)
for MAP estimation

Jensen's inequality

if f is convex then $f(\mathbb{E}[x]) \leq \mathbb{E}[f(x)]$
concave $f(\mathbb{E}[x]) \geq \mathbb{E}[f(x)]$



$$f\left(\sum \lambda_i x_i\right) \leq \sum \lambda_i f(x_i)$$

↓ $\mathbb{E}_{p(x)} (=) \sum_{x_i} p(x_i)$

II. Variational inference

What if $p_\theta(z|x)$ is not tractable?

Replace q with a variational family $q_\phi(z)$ and solve

VI:

$$\theta^*, \phi^* = \arg \max_{\theta, \phi} \text{ELBO}(q_\phi, \theta)$$

both together! = $\arg \max_{\theta, \phi} \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z)} \left[\log \frac{p_\theta(x, z)}{q_\phi(z)} \right]$

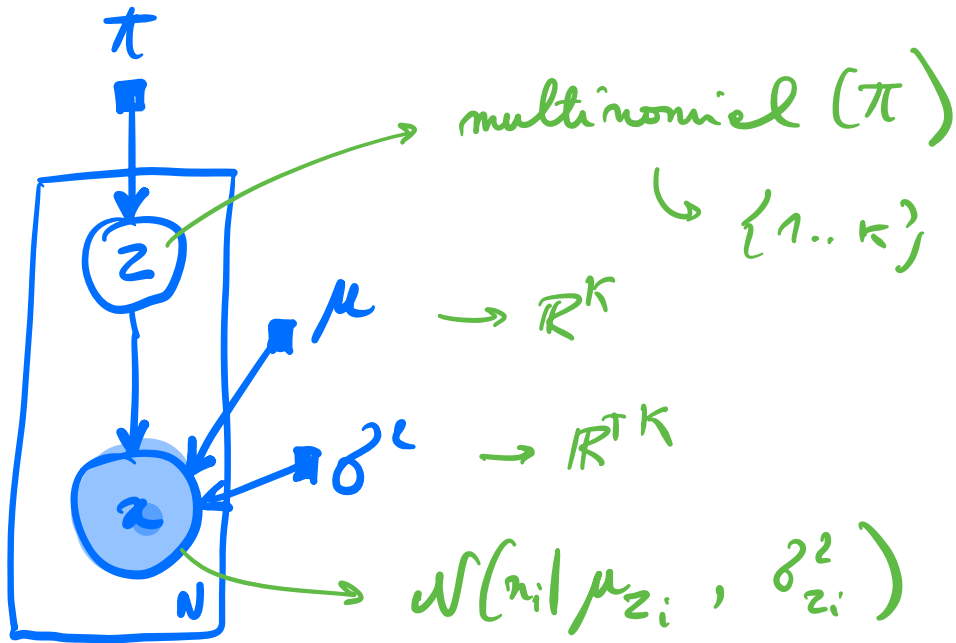
Coordinate ascent VI
Stochastic VI



EM and VI provide algorithms for both fitting θ (to $p_\theta(x)$) and estimating the posterior $p_{\theta^*}(z|x)$.



Notebook example



- incomplete data likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}(\pi, \mu, \sigma^2, n) = \prod_{x_i} \sum_k \pi_k \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)$$

- complete data likelihood

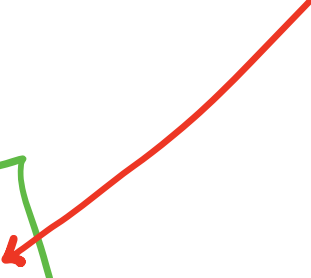
complete data likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(\pi, \mu, \sigma^2, n, z) = \prod_{n_i} \prod_h \left[\pi_h \mathcal{N}(n_i | \mu_h, \sigma_h^2) \right]^{1(z_i=h)}$$

E - step

$$p(z=h | x_i) = \frac{\pi_h \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu_h, \sigma_h^2)}{\sum_{h'} \pi_{h'} \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu_{h'}, \sigma_{h'}^2)} \quad \text{--- } \pi$$

M-step

$$\mathbb{E}_2 [\mu(x, z | \Phi)]$$


↪ Principled alternative to K-Means

(K-means is MLE for $z \Rightarrow$ provides a partition)