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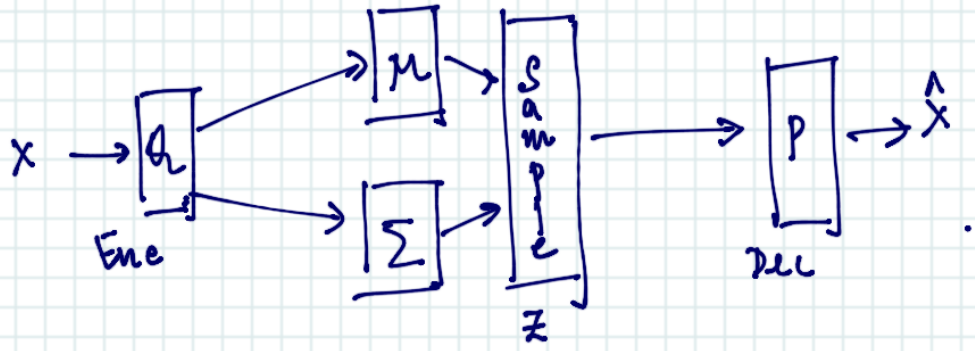
EE5601: Representation Learning

- Recap
- The VAE cost function
- Reparameterization trick

Recall:



$$KL(Q(z)||P(z|x)) = \sum_z Q(z) \cdot \log\left[\frac{Q(z)}{P(z|x)}\right]$$

$$= \sum_z Q(z)\left[\log Q(z) - \log P(z|x)\right]$$

$$= \sum_z Q(z)\cdot\left[\log Q(z) - \left[\log P(x|z) + \log P(z) - \log P(x)\right]\right]$$

$$= \sum_z Q(z)\cdot\left[\log Q(z) + \log P(x) - \log P(z) - \log P(x|z)\right]$$

$$KL(Q(z)||P(z|x)) = KL(Q(z)||P(z)) + \log P(x) - \sum_z Q(z)\cdot \log P(x|z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log P(x) - KL(Q(z) \| P(z|x)) = \sum_z Q(z) \log P(x|z) - KL(Q(z) \| P(z)) \quad -(1)$$

In a VAE, the following assumptions are made:

1. $P(z) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ - (2)

2. $P(x|z) \sim \mathcal{N}(f(z, \phi), \sigma^2 I)$ - (3)

3. $Q(z)$ is replaced by $Q(z|x)$ - (4)

4. $Q(z|x) \sim \mathcal{N}(M(x, \theta), \Sigma(x, \theta))$ - (5)

Plug in (4) into (1)

$$\log P(x) - KL(Q(z|x) \| P(z|x)) = \sum_z Q(z|x) \cdot \log P(x|z) - KL(Q(z|x) \| P(z))$$

VAE finds the network parameters that maximize the above cost function.