# Deep Generative Models

Lecture 4

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## Recap of previous lecture

Let split x and z in two parts:

$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2] = [\mathbf{x}_{1:d}, \mathbf{x}_{d+1:m}]; \quad \mathbf{z} = [\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2] = [\mathbf{z}_{1:d}, \mathbf{z}_{d+1:m}].$$

#### Coupling layer

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{z}_1; \\ \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{z}_2 \odot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}_1) + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}_1). \end{cases} \begin{cases} \mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1; \\ \mathbf{z}_2 = (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_1)) \odot \frac{1}{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_1)}. \end{cases}$$

Estimating the density takes 1 pass, sampling takes 1 pass!

#### Jacobian

$$\det\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\right) = \det\left(\frac{\mathbf{I}_d}{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1}} \quad \frac{\partial_{d \times m - d}}{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}{\partial \mathbf{x}_2}}\right) = \prod_{i=1}^{m-d} \frac{1}{\sigma_j(\mathbf{x}_1)}.$$

Coupling layer is a special case of autoregressive NF.

## Recap of previous lecture

## Continuous-in-time dynamic (neural ODE)

$$egin{aligned} rac{d\mathbf{z}(t)}{dt} &= \mathbf{f}_{m{ heta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t); \quad ext{with initial condition } \mathbf{z}(t_0) = \mathbf{z}_0. \ \mathbf{z}(t_1) &= \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{f}_{m{ heta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t) dt + \mathbf{z}_0 pprox ext{ODESolve}(\mathbf{z}(t_0),\mathbf{f}_{m{ heta}},t_0,t_1). \end{aligned}$$

#### Euler update step

$$\frac{\mathbf{z}(t+\Delta t)-\mathbf{z}(t)}{\Delta t}=\mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t) \ \Rightarrow \ \mathbf{z}(t+\Delta t)=\mathbf{z}(t)+\Delta t \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t)$$

## Theorem (Picard)

If f is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in z and continuous in t, then the ODE has a **unique** solution.

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}(t_1) = \mathbf{z}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t) dt$$
 $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}(t_0) = \mathbf{z}(t_1) + \int_{t_1}^{t_0} \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t) dt$ 

## Recap of previous lecture

## Theorem (Kolmogorov-Fokker-Planck: special case)

If f is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in z and continuous in t, then

$$\frac{d\log p(\mathbf{z}(t),t)}{dt} = -\mathrm{tr}\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)}\right).$$

$$\log p(\mathbf{z}(t_1), t_1) = \log p(\mathbf{z}(t_0), t_0) - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)}\right) dt.$$

- **Discrete-in-time NF**: evaluation of determinant of the Jacobian costs  $O(m^3)$  (we need invertible  $\mathbf{f}$ ).
- ▶ Continuous-in-time NF: getting the trace of the Jacobian costs  $O(m^2)$  (we need smooth  $\mathbf{f}$ ).

#### Hutchinson's trace estimator

$$\log p(\mathbf{z}(t_1)) = \log p(\mathbf{z}(t_0)) - \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon)} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left[ \epsilon^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \epsilon \right] dt.$$

Grathwohl W. et al. FFJORD: Free-form Continuous Dynamics for Scalable Reversible Generative Models. 2018

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#### Neural ODE

#### Continuous-in-time NF

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\mathbf{z}(t)}{dt} &= \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}(t), t) & \frac{d\log p(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{dt} = -\mathrm{tr}\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)}\right) \\ \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{z} + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}(t), t) dt & \log p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \log p(\mathbf{z}) - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathrm{tr}\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)}\right) dt \end{split}$$

How to get optimal parameters of  $\theta$ ?

For fitting parameters we need gradients. We need the analogue of the backpropagation.

#### Forward pass (Loss function)

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + \int_{t_1}^{t_0} \mathbf{f}_{m{ heta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t) dt, \quad L(\mathbf{z}) = -\log p(\mathbf{x}|m{ heta})$$
 $L(\mathbf{z}) = -\log p(\mathbf{z}) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \operatorname{tr}\left(rac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{m{ heta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)}
ight) dt$ 

#### Neural ODE

#### Adjoint functions

$$\mathbf{a_z}(t) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)}; \quad \mathbf{a_{\theta}}(t) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}(t)}.$$

These functions show how the gradient of the loss depends on the hidden state  $\mathbf{z}(t)$  and parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .

Theorem (Pontryagin)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t)}{dt} = -\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t)^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}}; \quad \frac{d\mathbf{a}_{\theta}(t)}{dt} = -\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t)^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \theta}.$$

Solution for adjoint function

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}(t_1)} = \mathbf{a}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t_1) = -\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t)^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}(t)} dt + 0 \\ &\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t_1)} = \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t_1) = -\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t)^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)} dt + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t_0)} \end{split}$$

**Note:** These equations are solved in reverse time direction.

# Adjoint method

#### Forward pass

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}(t_0) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{f}_{m{ heta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t) dt + \mathbf{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathsf{ODE} \; \mathsf{Solver}$$

#### Backward pass

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}(t_1)} = \boldsymbol{a}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t_1) = -\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \boldsymbol{a}_{\boldsymbol{z}}(t)^T \frac{\partial f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{z}(t),t)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}(t)} dt + 0 \\ &\frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{z}(t_1)} = \boldsymbol{a}_{\boldsymbol{z}}(t_1) = -\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \boldsymbol{a}_{\boldsymbol{z}}(t)^T \frac{\partial f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{z}(t),t)}{\partial \boldsymbol{z}(t)} dt + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{z}(t_0)} \\ &\boldsymbol{z}(t_1) = -\int_{t_1}^{t_0} f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{z}(t),t) dt + \boldsymbol{z}_0. \end{split} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathsf{ODE} \; \mathsf{Solver}$$

**Note:** These scary formulas are the standard backprop in the discrete case.

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# Bayesian framework

#### Bayes theorem

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{t})p(\mathbf{t})}{p(\mathbf{x})} = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{t})p(\mathbf{t})}{\int p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{t})p(\mathbf{t})d\mathbf{t}}$$

- x observed variables, t unobserved variables (latent variables/parameters);
- $ightharpoonup p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{t})$  likelihood;
- $p(\mathbf{x}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{t})p(\mathbf{t})d\mathbf{t}$  evidence;
- $ightharpoonup p(\mathbf{t})$  prior distribution,  $p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x})$  posterior distribution.

#### Meaning

We have unobserved variables  $\mathbf{t}$  and some prior knowledge about them  $p(\mathbf{t})$ . Then, the data  $\mathbf{x}$  has been observed. Posterior distribution  $p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x})$  summarizes the knowledge after the observations.

# Bayesian framework

Let consider the case, where the unobserved variables  ${\bf t}$  is our model parameters  ${m heta}.$ 

- $\mathbf{X} = {\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n}$  observed samples;
- $p(\theta)$  prior parameters distribution (we treat model parameters  $\theta$  as random variables).

#### Posterior distribution

$$p(\theta|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(\mathbf{X})} = \frac{p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta}$$

If evidence  $p(\mathbf{X})$  is intractable (due to multidimensional integration), we can't get posterior distribution and perform the exact inference.

## Maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimation

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \argmax_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{X}) = \argmax_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\log p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \log p(\boldsymbol{\theta})\right)$$

# Latent variable models (LVM)

#### MLE problem

$$m{ heta}^* = rg \max_{m{ heta}} p(\mathbf{X}|m{ heta}) = rg \max_{m{ heta}} \prod_{i=1}^n p(\mathbf{x}_i|m{ heta}) = rg \max_{m{ heta}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(\mathbf{x}_i|m{ heta}).$$

The distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$  could be very complex and intractable (as well as real distribution  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$ ).

#### Extended probabilistic model

Introduce latent variable z for each sample x

$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\theta) = p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \theta)p(\mathbf{z}); \quad \log p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\theta) = \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \theta) + \log p(\mathbf{z}).$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \int p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\theta)d\mathbf{z} = \int p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \theta)p(\mathbf{z})d\mathbf{z}.$$

#### Motivation

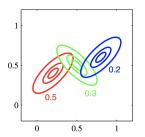
The distributions  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$  and  $p(\mathbf{z})$  could be quite simple.

# Latent variable models (LVM)

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|oldsymbol{ heta}) = \log \int p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z},oldsymbol{ heta}) p(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} 
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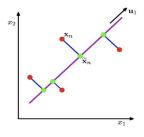
#### **Examples**

Mixture of gaussians



- $ightharpoonup p(z) = \mathsf{Categorical}(\pi)$

PCA model



- $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z},\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$
- $ho(z) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$

#### Maximum likelihood estimation for LVM

#### MLE for extended problem

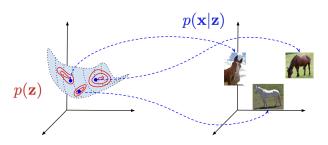
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However, **Z** is unknown.

## MLE for original problem

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\theta}^* &= \arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(\mathbf{x}_i|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \\ &= \arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \int p(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i|\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\mathbf{z}_i = \\ &= \arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \int p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathbf{z}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{z}_i) d\mathbf{z}_i. \end{aligned}$$

# Naive approach



#### Monte-Carlo estimation

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \approx \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}_k, \boldsymbol{\theta}),$$

where  $\mathbf{z}_k \sim p(\mathbf{z})$ .

**Challenge:** to cover the space properly, the number of samples grows exponentially with respect to dimensionality of **z**.

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# Variational lower bound (ELBO)

Derivation 1 (inequality)

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log \int p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\mathbf{z} = \log \int \frac{q(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\mathbf{z} =$$

$$= \log \mathbb{E}_q \left[ \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\mathbf{z})} \right] \ge \mathbb{E}_q \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\mathbf{z})} = \mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Derivation 2 (equality)

$$\mathcal{L}(q, \theta) = \int q(\mathbf{z}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\theta)}{q(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z} = \int q(\mathbf{z}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \theta)p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{q(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z} =$$

$$= \int q(\mathbf{z}) \log p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) d\mathbf{z} + \int q(\mathbf{z}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \theta)}{q(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z} =$$

$$= \log p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) - KL(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \theta))$$

Variational decomposition

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{ heta}) = \mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{ heta}) + \mathcal{K}\mathcal{L}(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{ heta})) \geq \mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{ heta}).$$

# Variational lower bound (ELBO)

$$\mathcal{L}(q, \theta) = \int q(\mathbf{z}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\theta)}{q(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z} =$$

$$= \int q(\mathbf{z}) \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \theta) d\mathbf{z} + \int q(\mathbf{z}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_q \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \theta) - KL(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}))$$

#### Log-likelihood decomposition

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{L}(q,\boldsymbol{\theta}) + KL(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x},\boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_q \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z},\boldsymbol{\theta}) - KL(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z})) + KL(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x},\boldsymbol{\theta})).$$

▶ Instead of maximizing incomplete likelihood, maximize ELBO

$$\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \rightarrow \quad \max_{\boldsymbol{q},\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{q},\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

 Maximization of ELBO by variational distribution q is equivalent to minimization of KL

$$\arg\max_{q}\mathcal{L}(q, \theta) \equiv \arg\min_{q} \mathit{KL}(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \theta)).$$

# Summary

- Adjoint method generalizes backpropagation procedure and allows to train Neural ODE solving ODE for adjoint function back in time.
- Bayesian framework is a generalization of most common machine learning tasks.
- ► LVM introduces latent representation of observed samples to make model more interpretative.
- ► LVM maximizes variational evidence lower bound (ELBO) to find MLE for the parameters.