

- $\textcircled{1}$ \rightarrow set of input / observed variables

$\textcircled{2}$ \rightarrow be latent variables.

$P(z, n)$ \rightarrow joint distribution

Inference Problem

✓ to compute conditional distribution of latent variables

$P(z|x)$

Observation
 x

$$P\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) = \frac{P\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) \cdot p(z)}{P(x)} \rightarrow (i)$$

$(i) \rightarrow P(x)$ can't be solved

intractable problem

$$P(x) = \int p\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) p(z) dz$$

How many?

+ Not a closed form
+ Intractable

⊕ Approximate

$$P\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)$$

by another distribution

$q\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)$ such that

The solution become

Variational Inference tractable

$$P\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)$$

$$Q\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)$$

$$D_{KL}\left(Q_{\phi}\left(\frac{z}{n}\right) \parallel P_{\theta}\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)\right)$$
$$= \sum_i Q_{\phi}\left(\frac{z}{n}\right) \log \frac{Q_{\phi}\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)}{P_{\theta}\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)}$$

MLE

$$E_{z \sim Q\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)} \log Q\phi\left(\frac{z}{n}\right) - P\phi\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)$$

$$E_{z \sim Q\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)} \left(\log Q\phi\left(\frac{z}{n}\right) - \log P\phi\left(\frac{z}{n}\right) \right) \quad \text{(ii)}$$

$$E_{z \sim Q\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)} \left(\log Q\phi\left(\frac{z}{n}\right) - \log \left(\frac{P\left(\frac{z}{n}\right)}{P(z)} \right) \right)$$

