Deep Generative Models

Lecture 4

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Flow log-likelihood

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log p(\mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})) + \log |\det(\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}})|$$

The main challenge is a determinant of the Jacobian.

Linear flows

$$z = f_{\theta}(x) = Wx$$
, $W \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $\theta = W$, $J_f = W^T$

► LU-decomposition

$$W = PLU$$
.

QR-decomposition

$$W = QR$$
.

Decomposition should be done only once in the beggining. Next, we fit decomposed matrices (P/L/U or Q/R).

Kingma D. P., Dhariwal P. Glow: Generative Flow with Invertible 1x1 Convolutions, 2018

Hoogeboom E., et al. Emerging convolutions for generative normalizing flows, 2019

Consider an autoregressive model

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} p(x_i|\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1},\boldsymbol{\theta}), \quad p(x_i|\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1},\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_j(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}), \sigma_j^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})\right).$$

Gaussian autoregressive NF

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{g}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_j = \sigma_j(\mathbf{x}_{1:j-1}) \cdot z_j + \mu_j(\mathbf{x}_{1:j-1}).$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad z_j = (x_j - \mu_j(\mathbf{x}_{1:j-1})) \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_j(\mathbf{x}_{1:j-1})}.$$

- We have an **invertible** and **differentiable** transformation from p(z) to $p(x|\theta)$.
- ▶ Jacobian of such transformation is triangular!

Generation function $\mathbf{g}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})$ is **sequential**. Inference function $\mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$ is **not sequential**.

Papamakarios G., Pavlakou T., Murray I. Masked Autoregressive Flow for Density Estimation, 2017

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.

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 ${\bf f}$ is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in ${\bf z}$ and continuous in t, then the ODE has a **unique** solution.

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

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

Forward pass (Loss function)

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

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 θ .

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 θ 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

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

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

Motivation

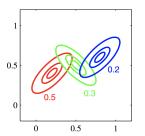
The distributions $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ and $p(\mathbf{z})$ could be quite simple.

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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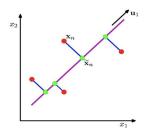
Examples

Mixture of gaussians



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

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

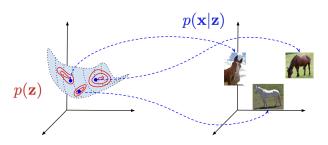
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However, **Z** is unknown.

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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Derivation 1 (inequality)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Instead of maximizing incomplete likelihood, maximize ELBO

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

 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.