

## Inspiration from Calc

$$\int_{x=0}^{\infty} 2x e^{-x^2} dx =$$

$$\int_{x=0}^{\infty} 2x e^{-x^2} dx = \int_{u=0}^{\infty} e^{-u} du = -e^{-u} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$x = \sqrt{u}$   
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{set } u = x^2 \\ du = 2x dx \end{array} \right.$

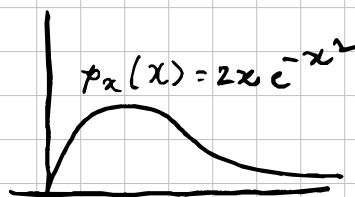
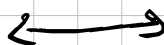
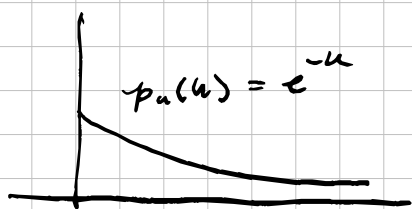
Observe: (1)  $e^{-u}$  is a prob. density on  $[0, \infty)$ .

(2)  $2x e^{-x^2}$  " " " " " " " " " " " "

(3)  $\begin{cases} u = x^2 : [0, \infty) \\ 2x = \sqrt{u} : \dots \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{bij, diff.}} [0, \infty)$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= x^2 & \frac{du}{dx} &= 2x \\ x(u) &= \sqrt{u} & \frac{dx}{du} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} \end{aligned}$$

$$p_u(u) \longmapsto p_u(u(x)) \left| \frac{du(x)}{dx} \right|$$



In general, i.e.  $u, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$\downarrow$   $n \times n$  Jacobian matrix

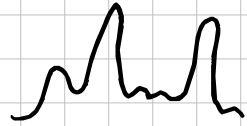
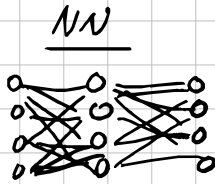
$$p_x(x) = p_u(u(x)) \left| \det \underbrace{u'(x)}_{J_u(x)} \right|$$



Idea:

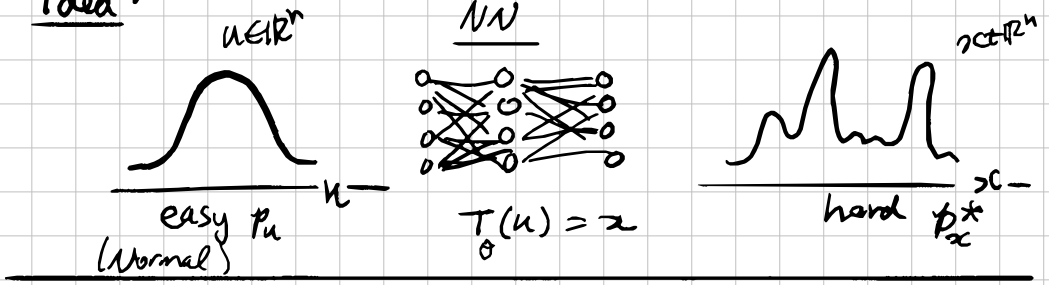


easy  $p_u$



hard  $p_x$

Idea:



① Set  $p_u = \text{standard Normal}$

② Create NN so that it is a diffeomorphism

- every layer is bijective (all have  $n$ -nodes!)

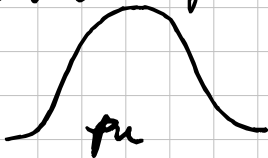
- " " " diff'ble.

③ Create a loss fn:  $KL(p_x, p_x^*)$  or  $KL(p_u^*, p_u)$

Observe:

OR

base density



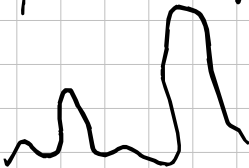
$T_\theta^\# \rightarrow$

push thru of  $p_u$



$$p_x(x) = p_u(T^{-1}(x)) |\det J_T(x)|$$

pull back of  $p_x^*$



$T_\theta^{-\#} \leftarrow$

Target density



$$p_u^*(u) = p_x^*(T(u)) |\det J_T(u)|$$

$$p_x^*(x)$$

Recall

$$\begin{aligned} KL(p, q) &= \int \log\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) dp \\ &= \int_x \log\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) \overbrace{p(x)}^{p(x)} dx \\ &= \sum_i \log\left(\frac{p(x_i)}{q(x_i)}\right) p(x_i) \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

Properties:  $KL(p, q) \geq 0$

"  $= 0 \Leftrightarrow p = q$  a.e. & p

In general  $KL(p, q) \neq KL(q, p)$

& Δ-ineq. doesn't hold.

Theorem:  $KL(p_u, p_u^*) = KL(p_x, p_x^*)$   
&  $KL(p_u^*, p_u) = KL(p_x^*, p_x)$  ┐

Proof: FTONF ┘

We have 2 options!

Forward KL  $KL(p^*, p)$   $\swarrow \searrow$  Reverse KL  $KL(p, p^*)$

Cheat Sheet

$$KL(p, q) = \int \log\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) dp$$

If  $x \sim p$

$$\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log\left(\frac{p(x_i)}{q(x_i)}\right)$$

We have 2 options:

① Forward KL  $KL(p_x^*, p_x)$

$$= \int \log\left(\frac{p_x^*}{p_x}\right) dp_x^*$$

If you have a data set  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \sim p_x^*$    
 & you want to generate more   
  $\theta$  lies here   
  $\underbrace{p_x^*}_{\text{unknown data dist.}}$

$$\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \underbrace{\log p_x^*(x_i)}_{\text{constant in } \theta} - \log p_x(x_i, \theta) \right]$$

$$= \text{const} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p_x(x_i, \theta)$$

$$\min_{\theta} KL(p_x^*, p_x) \Leftrightarrow \max_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p_x(x_i, \theta)$$

This is an MLE!

$$= \max_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \log(p_{\theta}(T_{\theta}^{-1}(x_i))) + \log(|\det J_{T_{\theta}^{-1}}(x_i)|)$$

Normal

Requirements!

- ① Must be able to computationally invert  $T$
- ② Compute  $\det J$

## Use Case 1

I have  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \sim N(0, I)$   $p_z^*$   
unknown data density

I want to generate more data.

How?

- ① Create NF  $T_\theta$  - NN s.t. every layer is invertible & diff

(yikes!) - Can compute  $T_\theta^{-1}$  &  $|\det J_{T_\theta^{-1}}|$   
?? OK w/ calculus

- Forward KL  $\downarrow$
- ② Training Minimize  $KL(p_z, p)$   
||  
Maximize (\*) (MLE)

- ③ Sample  $\{u_j\} \sim N(0, I) = p_u$   
Compute  $x_j = T(u_j) \sim p_x \approx p_x^*$

Main hurdle is that you need to invert the NN to sample/train



## ② Reverse KL $KL(p, p^*)$

$$KL(p_x, p_{x^*}) = \int \log\left(\frac{p_x}{p_{x^*}}\right) dp_x.$$

$u = T^{-1}(x) \quad \downarrow$

$$= \int \log\left(\frac{p_u}{p_{u^*}}\right) dp_u$$

Sample  $u_i \sim p_u$

$$\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{\log(p_u(u_i))}_{\text{constant in } \theta} - \underbrace{\log(p_{u^*}(u_i))}_{\theta \text{ here!}}$$

(\*) minimize  $-\frac{1}{N} \sum \log \left[ \underbrace{p_x^*\left(\frac{T_\theta(u_i)}{x_i}\right)}_{\text{(positive) up to a constant}} \underbrace{|\det J_{T_\theta}(u_i)|}_{\text{prior}} \right]$

Need to compute

-  $p_x^*(\cdot)$  up to a constant

- Need to compute  $|\det T_\theta(\cdot)|$

ok w/  
clever  
NF

$$P(\phi | \text{data}) = \frac{p(\text{data} | \phi) \overset{\text{prior}}{p(\phi)}}{\underbrace{\int_{\phi} p(\text{data} | \phi) p(\phi) d\phi}_{\text{constant}}}$$

## 2nd use case

Some unknown constant.

I can compute  $p^*(x) \cdot z$

I want to sample  $x \sim p^*$

How?

- ① Create NF  $T$   $\begin{cases} - \text{feed forward N.N.} \\ - \text{bijective diff.} \\ - \text{s.t. I can compute } J_T \end{cases}$
- ② Training: Minimize Reverse KL =  $(*)$
- ③ Sampling: Sample  $u_i \sim p_u (N(0, I))$   
 $x_i = T_\theta(u_i) \sim p_x \approx p_x^*$

	Cont. input Data	Discrete Data
Discrete Flows	<del>OG NFI</del>	Categorical NFI Discrete NFI
Continuous Flows	Neural ODEs	?

$$- \varphi_u$$

$$- u = T(x) \Leftrightarrow x = T^{-1}(u)$$

$$\varphi_u \longmapsto T^* \varphi_u = \varphi_x(x) := \underbrace{\varphi_u(T^{-1}(x))}_{u(x)} \left| \det \underbrace{(T^{-1})'(x)}_{u'(x)} \right|$$

Note

$$P_x(x \in [3, 4]) = \int_{x \in [3, 4]} 2x e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^2 \\ \frac{du}{dx} &= 2x \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_{u \in [9, 16]} e^{-u} du = P_u(u \in [9, 16])$$

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Recall some facts:

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad (f_1 \circ f_2)'(x) &= \underbrace{f_1'(f_2(x))}_{J_{f_1}(f_2(x))} f_2'(x) \\ &= J_{f_1}(f_2(x)) \cdot J_{f_2}(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B).$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \det(A^{-1}) = \det(A)^{-1}$$

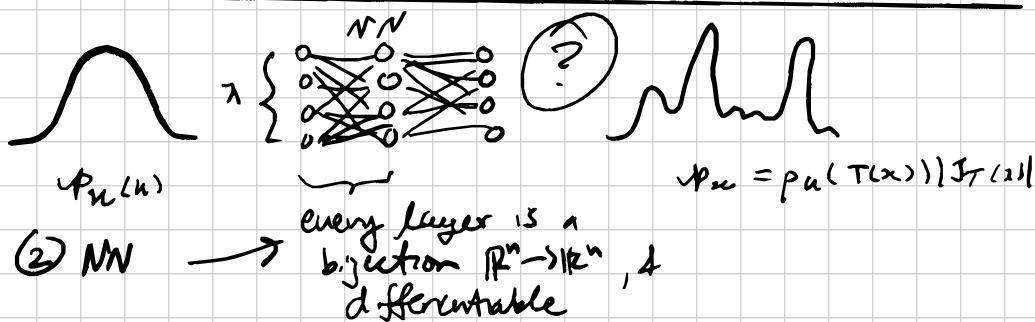
$$\textcircled{4} \quad (AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} u &= f(x) \\ x &= f^{-1}(u) \end{aligned} \right\} [f'(x)]^{-1} = [f^{-1}(u)]'$$

Goal is to sample from target density

$$p_x^*(x), x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

① Pick easy base density  $p_u(u)$  (Standard / Normal)



$$x = f(u)$$

② Create a NN so that it is a diffeomorphism  
(each layer is same dim., 1-1, differentiable)

Observe: 4 distributions

