

高等机器学习

# 生成式模型

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# Generative Model: Overview

- Generative Models:

Models that define  $p(\text{data})$ :  $p(x)$  (unsupervised) or  $p(x, y)$  (supervised).

- By computing the p.d.f/p.m.f of  $p(\text{data})$ : data generation can be done in principle.
- By specifying a generating process of data: the distribution  $p(\text{data})$  is implicitly defined.

Unsupervised:

$$\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(N)}\} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ / \\ 5 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \sim p(x)$$

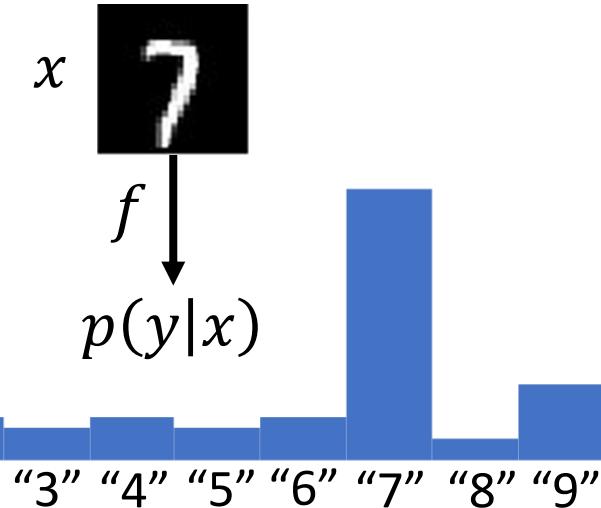
Supervised:

$$\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(N)}, y^{(N)})\} = \left\{ \left( \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ / \\ 5 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{matrix}, "2" \right), \dots, \left( \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ / \\ 5 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{matrix}, "7" \right) \right\} \sim p(x, y)$$

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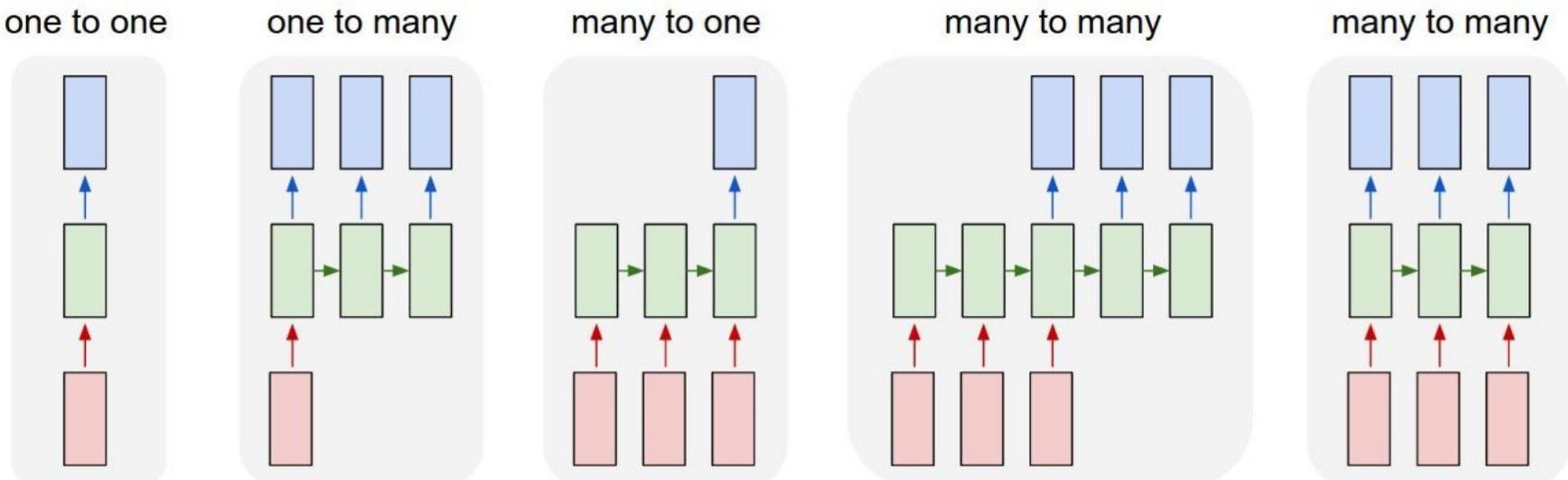
- Non-Generative Models:

Discriminative models  
(e.g., feedforward neural networks):  
only  $p(y|x)$  is available.



Recurrent neural  
networks:

only  $p(\text{blue bar} | \text{pink bar})$  is  
available.



# Generative Model: Overview

- What can generative models do:
  1. Generate new data.

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Generation  $p(x)$  [KW14]

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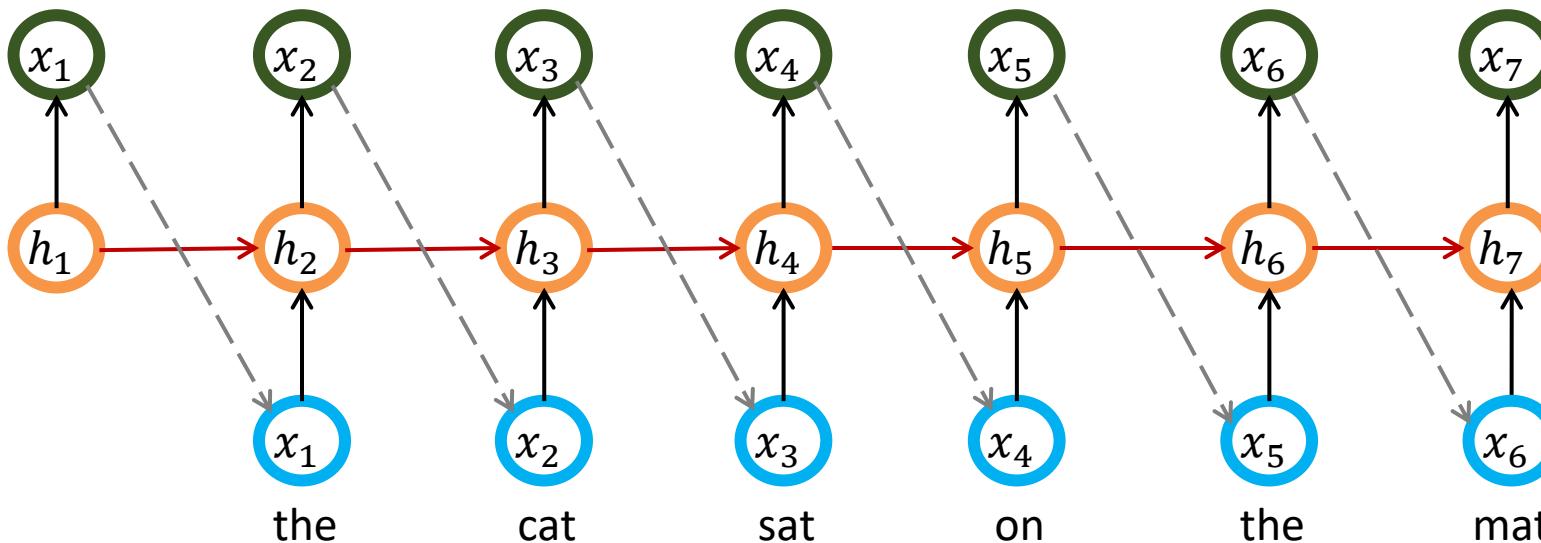
Conditional Generation  
 $p(x|y)$  [LWZZ18]

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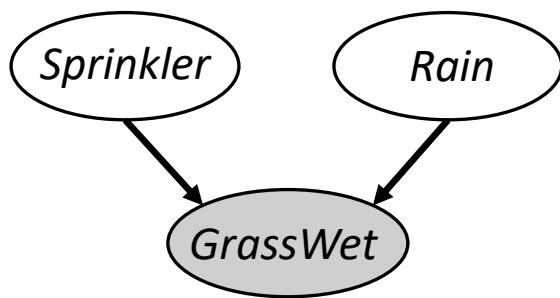
*“the cat sat on the mat”*  $\sim p(x)$ : Language Model.

$$p(x_1 = \text{the}) \ p(\text{cat}|x_1) \ p(\text{sat}|x_{1..2}) \ p(\text{on}|x_{1..3}) \ p(\text{the}|x_{1..4}) \ p(\text{mat}|x_{1..5}) \ p(</s>|x_{1..6})$$



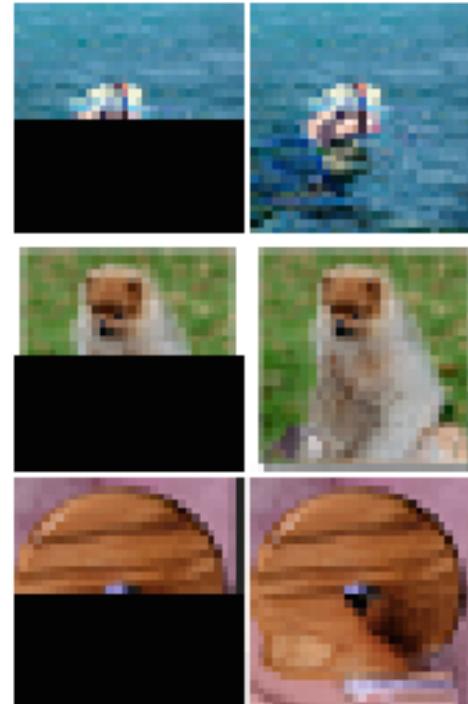
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- What can generative models do:
  2. Infer unobserved variables.



Did it *Rain* if we see *GrassWet*?

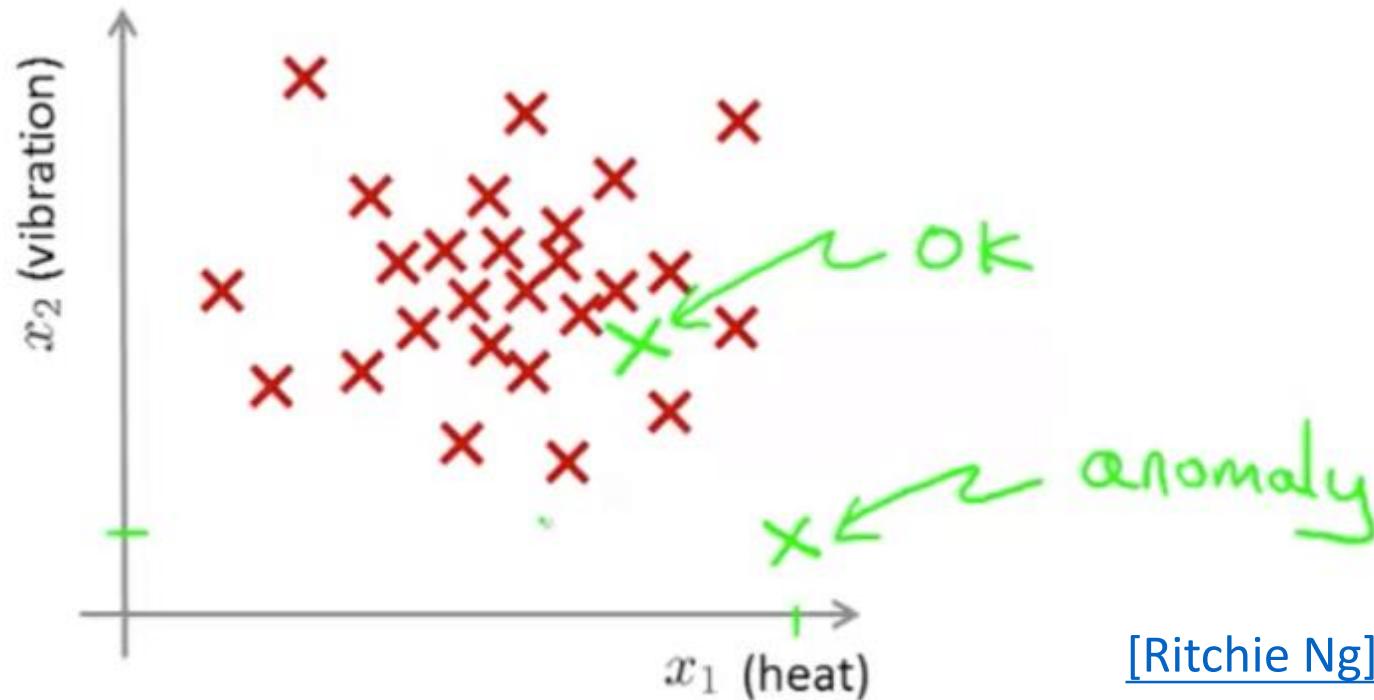
-- Query  $p(R|G = 1)$  from  $p(S, R, G)$ .



Missing Value Imputation (Completion) [OKK16].  
-- Query  $p(x_{\text{hidden}}|x_{\text{observed}})$  from  $p(x_{\text{hidden}}, x_{\text{observed}})$ .

# Generative Model: Overview

- What can generative models do:
  3. Density estimation  $p(x)$ .
    - Uncertainty estimate.
    - Anomaly detection.



[\[Ritchie Ng\]](#)

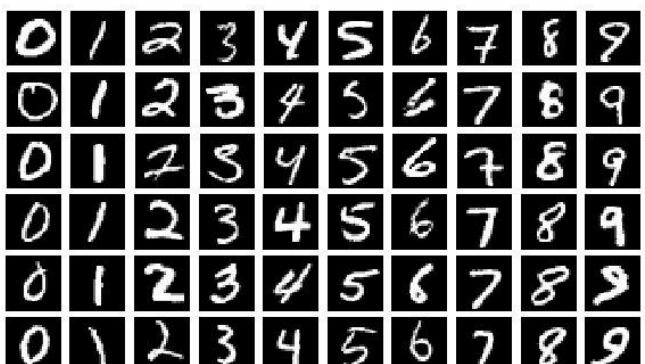
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$x$  (documents)

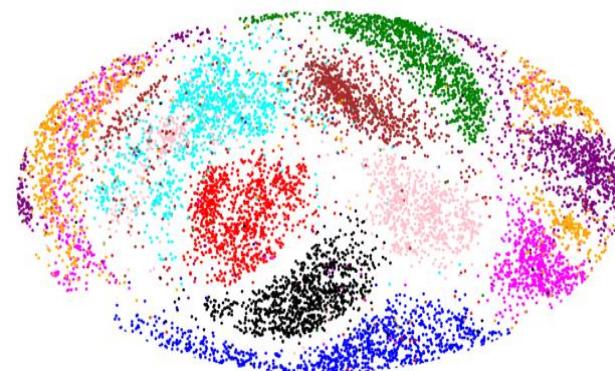


$x$  (image)

“ENGINES”  
“ROYAL”  
“ARMY”  
“STUDY”  
“PARTY”  
“DESIGN”  
“PUBLIC”

speed	product	introduced	designs
britain	queen	sir	earl
commander	forces	war	general
analysis	space	program	user
act	office	judge	justice
size	glass	device	memory
report	health	community	industry

$z$  (topics) [PT13]



$z$  (semantic regions) [DFD+18]

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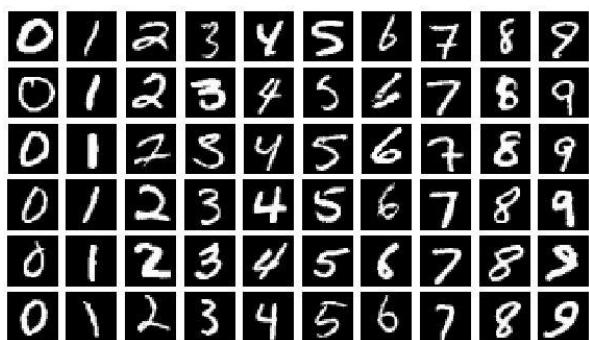
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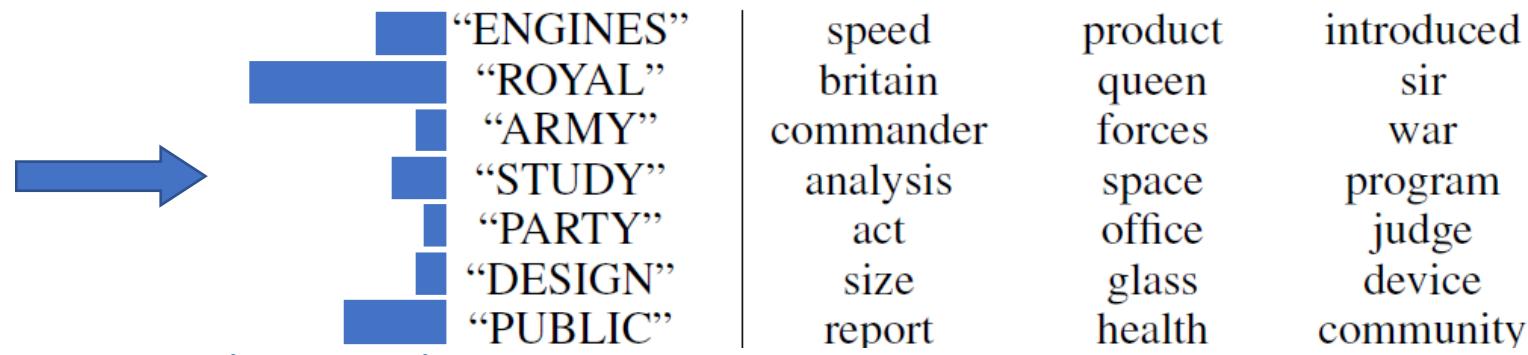
Dimensionality  
Reduction:



$$x \in \mathbb{R}^{\#\text{vocabulary}}$$



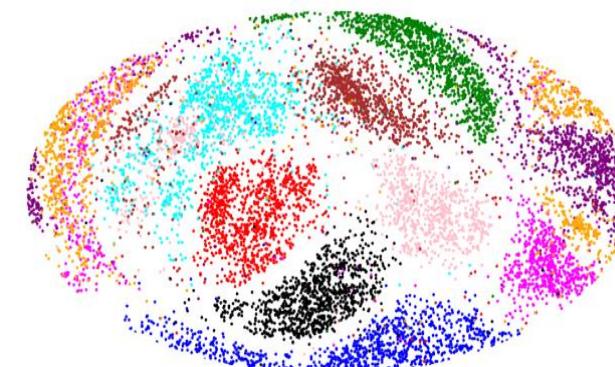
$$x \in \mathbb{R}^{28 \times 28}$$



$$\text{Topic proportion}$$
  
$$z \in \mathbb{R}^{\#\text{topic}}$$

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commander	forces	war
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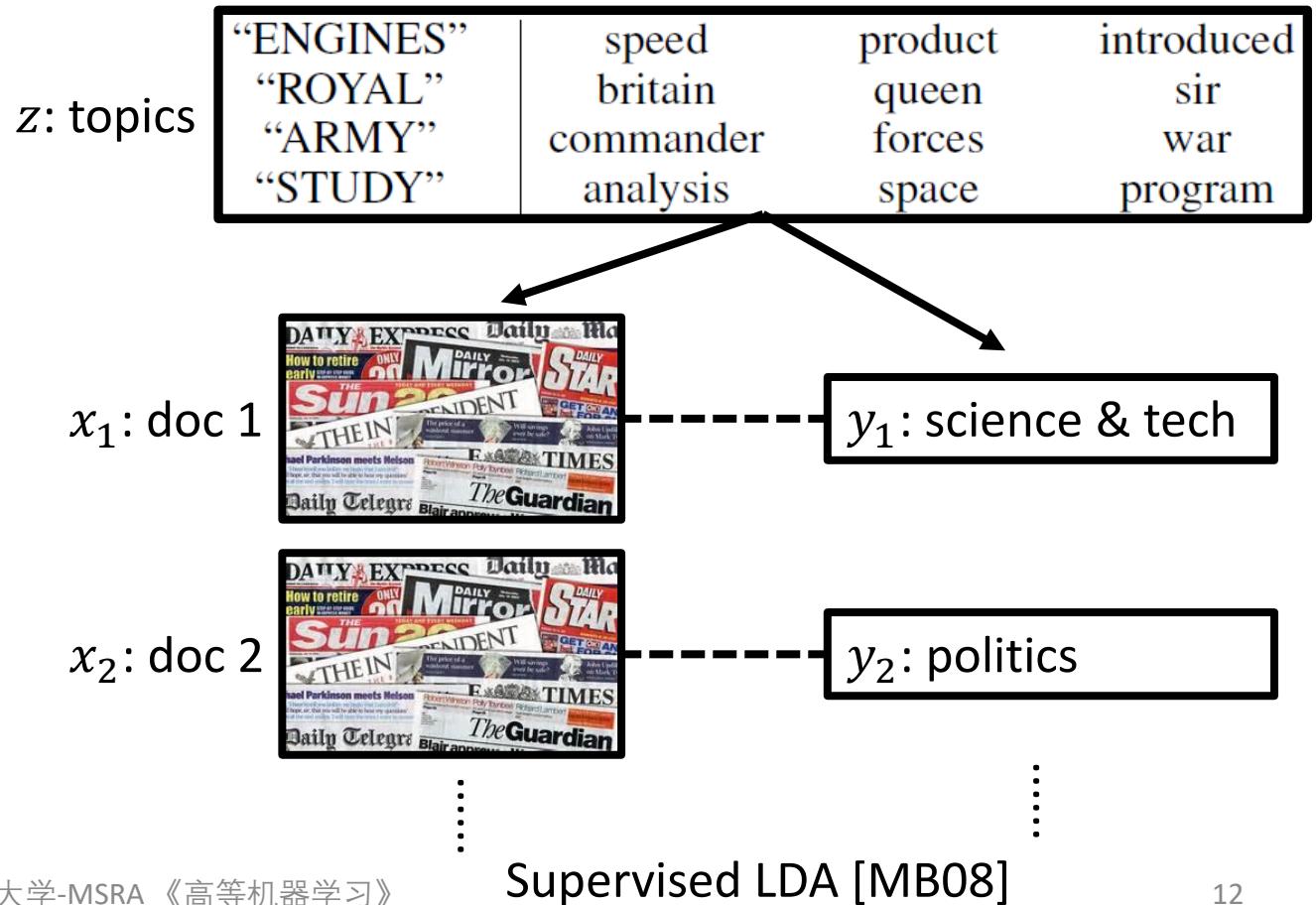
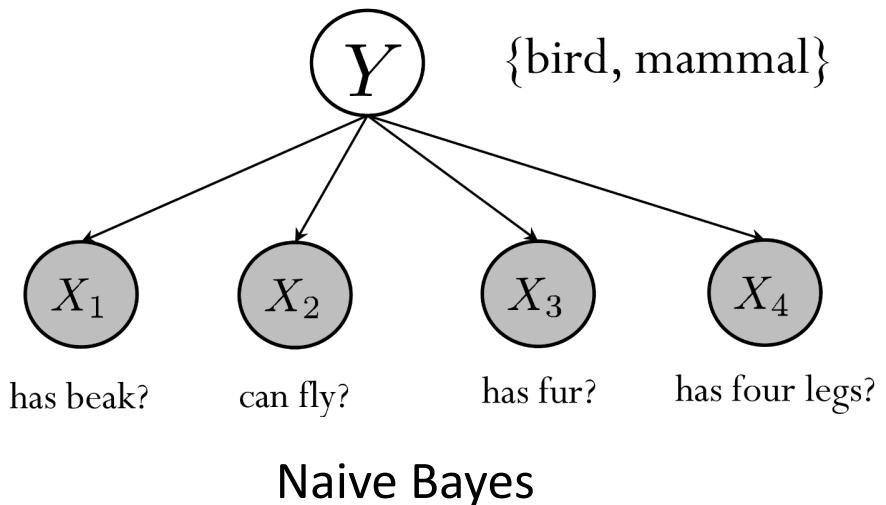
[PT13]



$$z \in \mathbb{R}^{20} \text{ [DFD+18]}$$

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  5. Supervised Learning: query  $p(y|x)$  from  $p(x,y)$ .

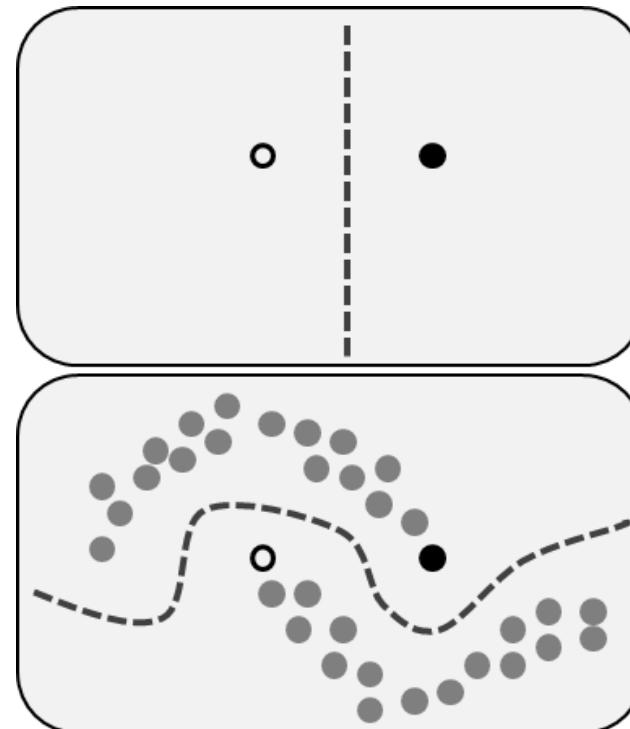


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Semi-Supervised Learning:

Unlabeled data  $\{x^{(n)}\}$  can be utilized to learn a better  $p(x,y)$ .



# Generative Model: Benefits

*“What I cannot create, I do not understand.”*

*—Richard Feynman*

- Natural for generation (*randomness/diversity, high-dimensional*).
- For representation learning: responsible and faithful knowledge of data.
- For supervised learning:
  - Leverage unlabeled data: semi-supervised learning.
  - Data-efficient: for logistic regression (discriminative) and naive Bayes (generative) [NJ01],

$$\epsilon_{\text{Dis},N} \leq \epsilon_{\text{Dis},\infty} + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{d}{N}}\right)$$

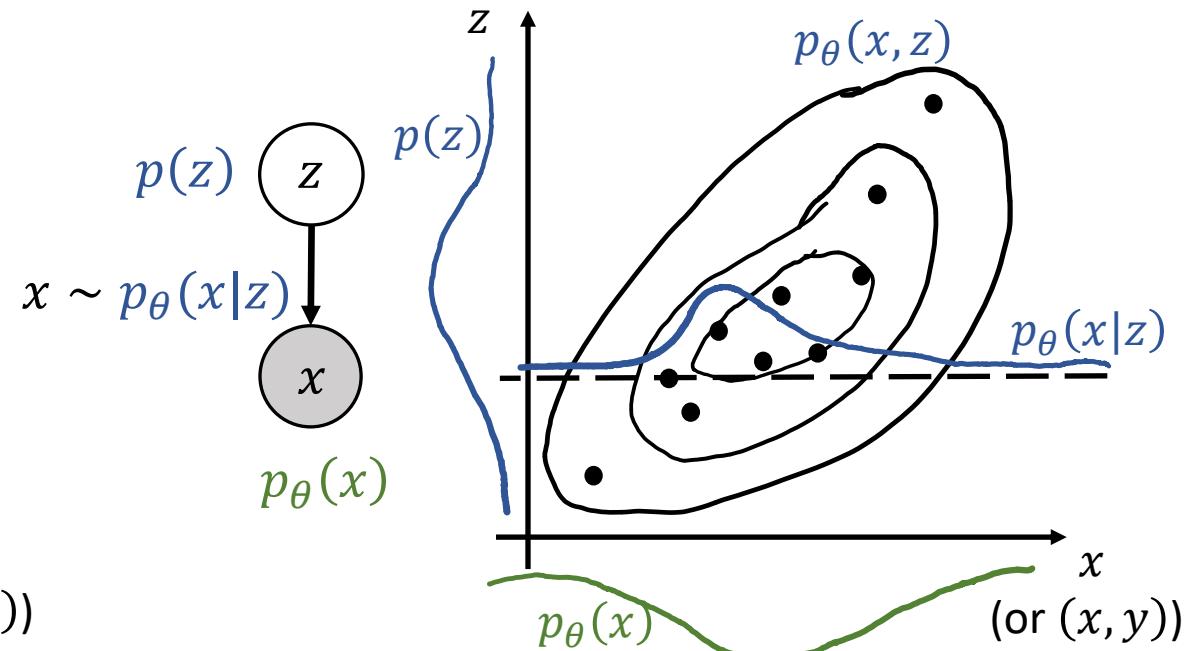
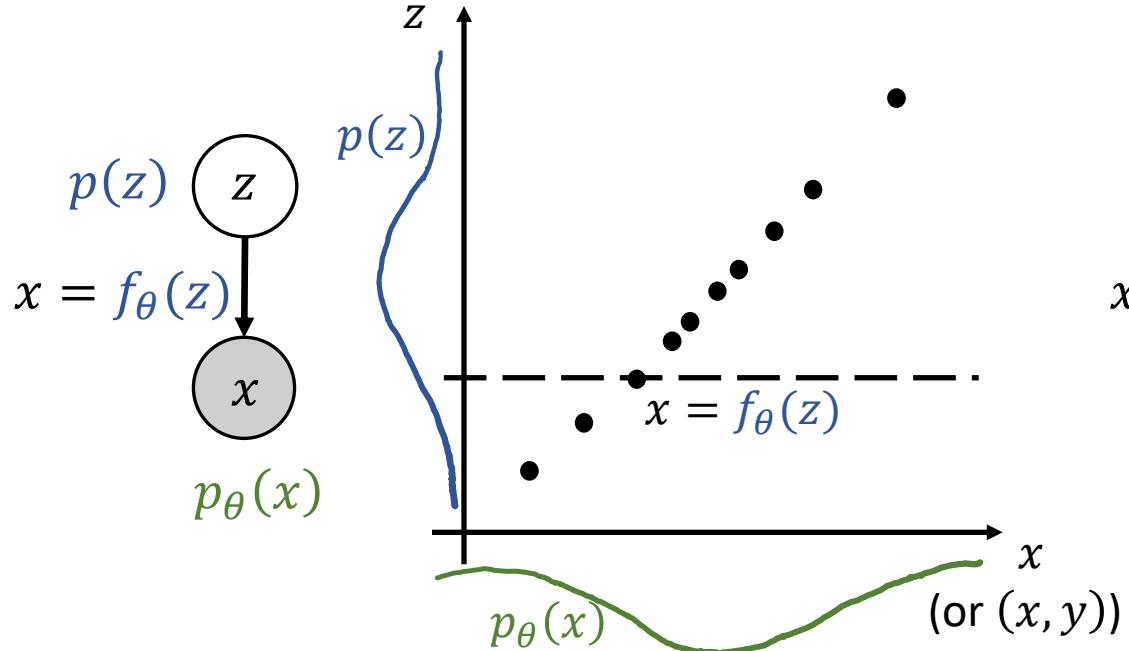
*d*: data dimension.

*N*: data size.

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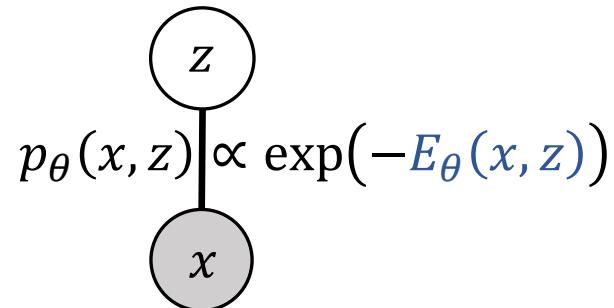
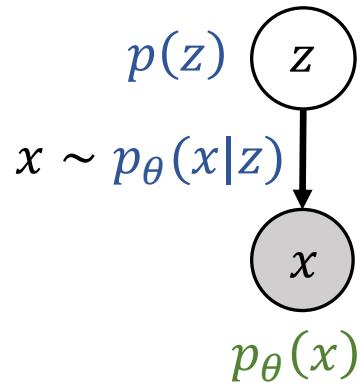
# Generative Model: Taxonomy

- Plain Generative Models: Directly model  $p(x)$ ; no latent variable.  $p_\theta(x)$  
- Latent Variable Models:
  - Deterministic Generative Models:  
Dependency between  $x$  and  $z$  is **deterministic**:  $x = f_\theta(z)$ .
  - Probabilistic Graphical Models:  
Dependency between  $x$  and  $z$  is **probabilistic**:  $(x, z) \sim p_\theta(x, z)$ .



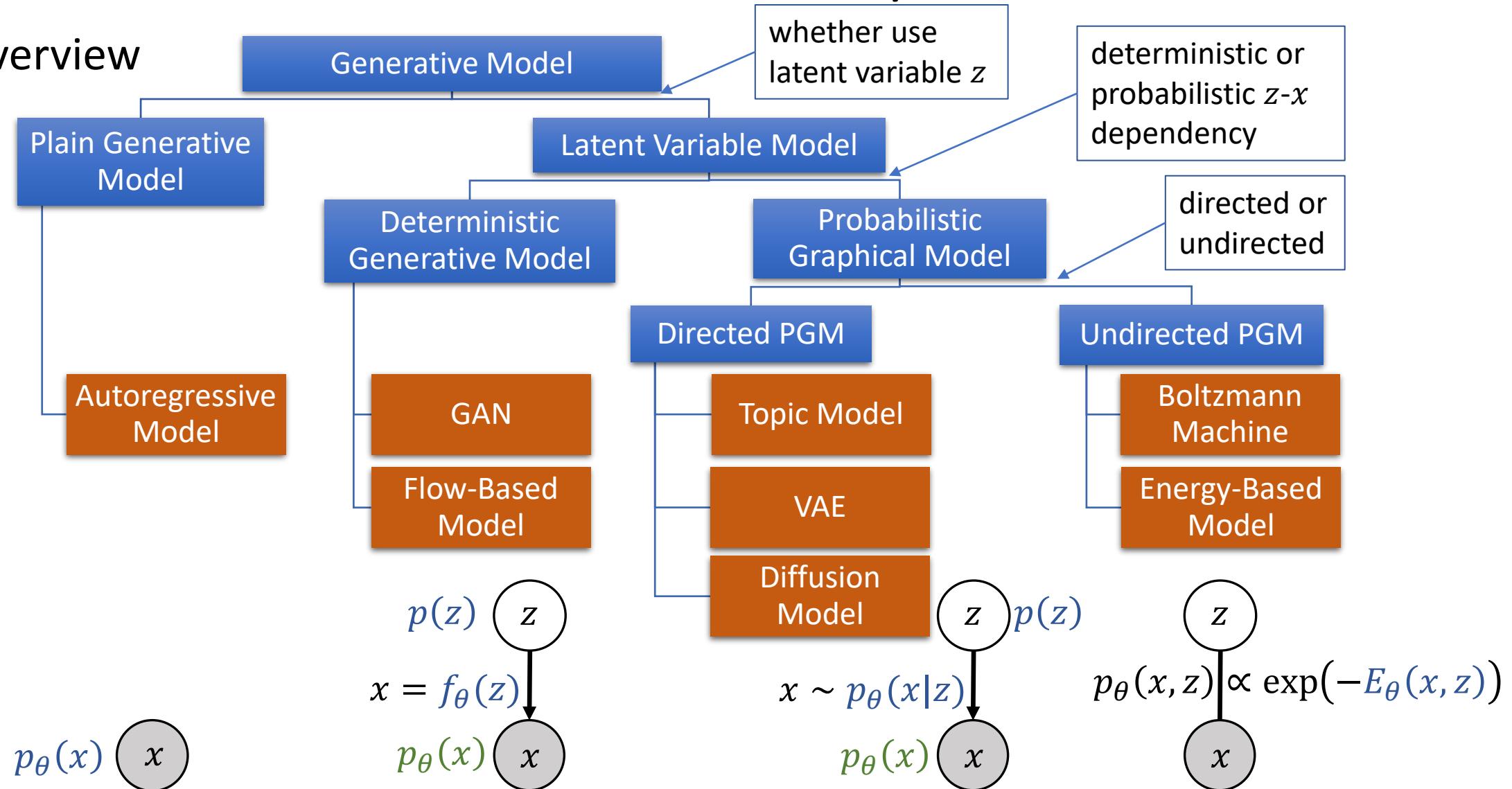
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- Latent Variable Models
  - Probabilistic Graphical Models (PGM):
    - Directed PGM:  
 $p(x, z)$  specified by  $p(z)$  and  $p(x|z)$ .
    - Undirected PGM:  
 $p(x, z)$  specified by an Energy function:  
 $p_\theta(x, z) \propto \exp(-E_\theta(x, z))$ .



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# Plain Generative Models

- Directly model  $p_\theta(x)$  (parameter  $\theta$ ) without latent variable.
- Easy to learn (no normalization issue of data likelihood) and use (data generation).
- Learning: **Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)**.

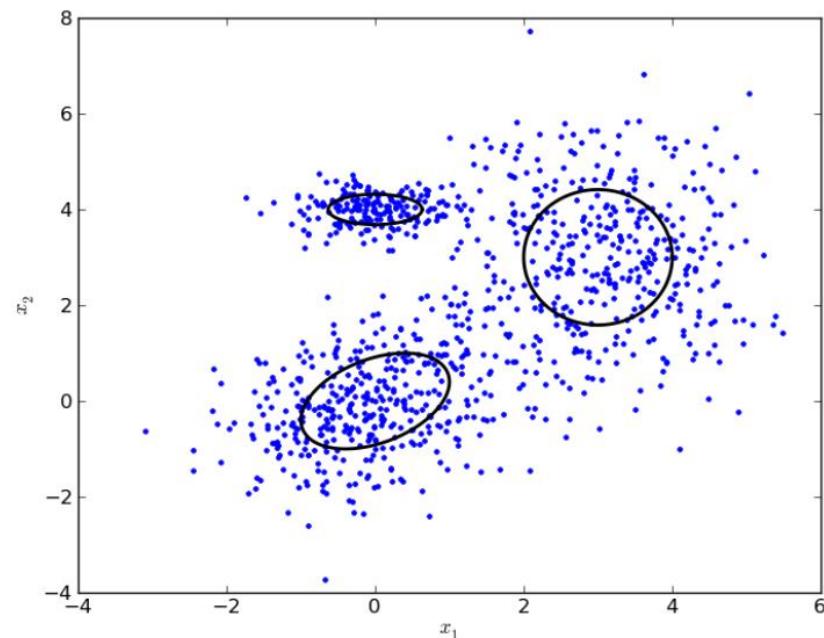
$$\begin{aligned}\theta^* &= \arg \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_\theta(x)] = \arg \min_{\theta} \text{KL}(\hat{p}, p_\theta) \\ &\approx \arg \max_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \log p_\theta(x^{(n)}).\end{aligned}$$

- First example: Gaussian Mixture Model

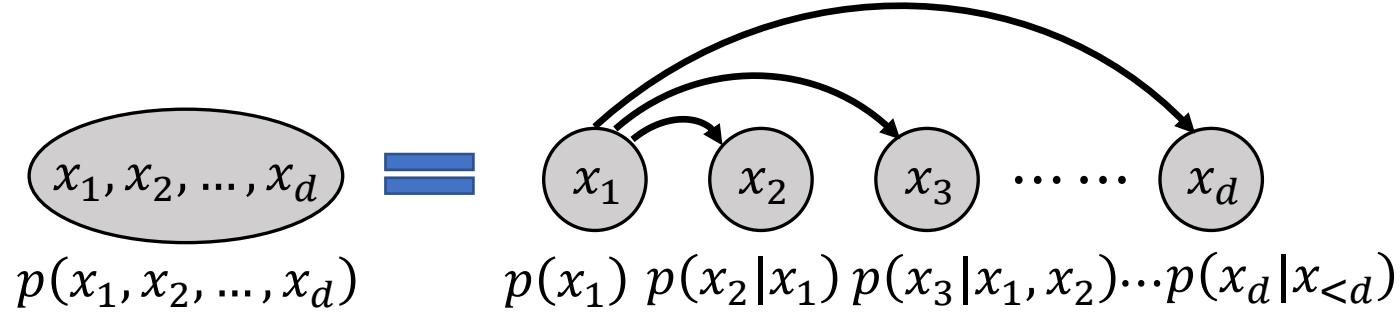
$$p_\theta(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k),$$
$$\theta = (\alpha, \mu, \Sigma).$$

Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$\text{KL}(\hat{p}, p_\theta) := \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)} \left[ \log \frac{\hat{p}(x)}{p_\theta(x)} \right]$$



# Autoregressive Models



Model  $p(x)$  by each conditional  $p(x_i|x_{<i})$  ( $i$  indices components).

- Full dependency can be restored.
- Conditionals are easier to model.
- Easy data generation:

$$x \sim p(x) \Leftrightarrow x_1 \sim p(x_1), x_2 \sim p(x_2|x_1), \dots, x_d \sim p(x_d|x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}).$$

But **non-parallelizable**.

# Autoregressive Models

- Fully Visible Sigmoid Belief Network [Fre98]

$$p(x_i|x_{<i}) = \text{Bern}(x_i|\sigma(\sum_{j<i} W_{ij}x_j))$$

Sigmoid function

$$\sigma(r) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-r}}$$

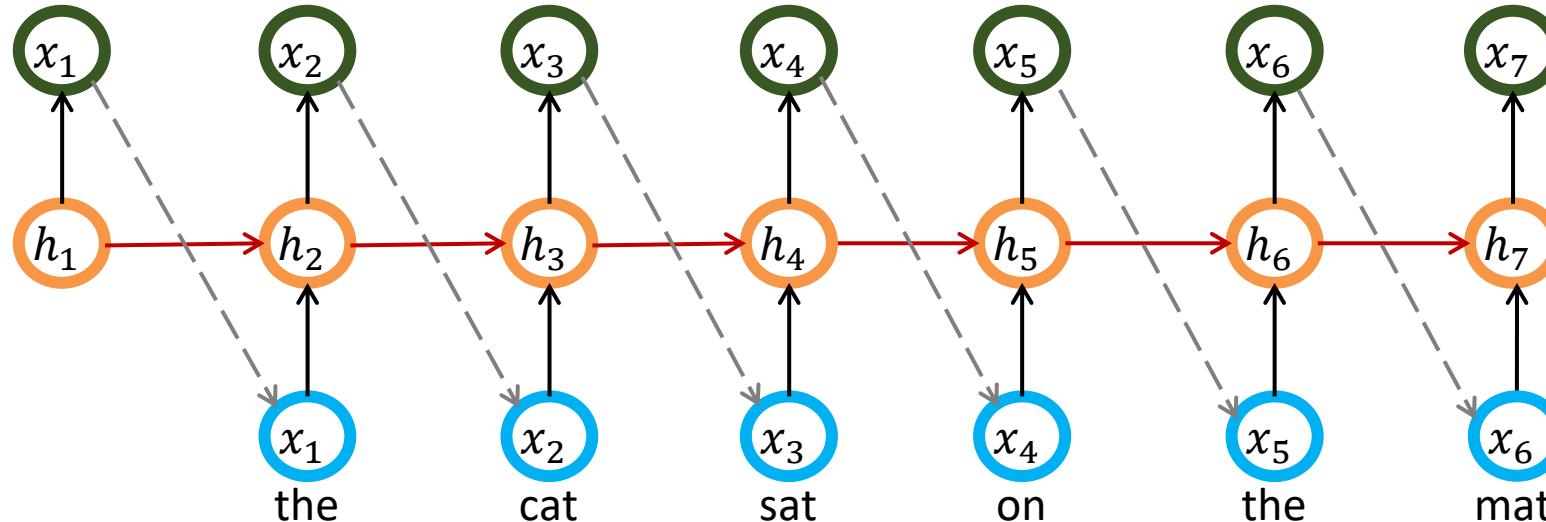
- Neural Autoregressive Distribution Estimator [LM11]

$$p(x_i|x_{<i}) = \text{Bern}(x_i|\sigma(V_{i,:}\sigma(W_{:,<i}x_{<i} + a) + b_i))$$

- A typical language model: Use a hidden state to represent the dependency on previous items.

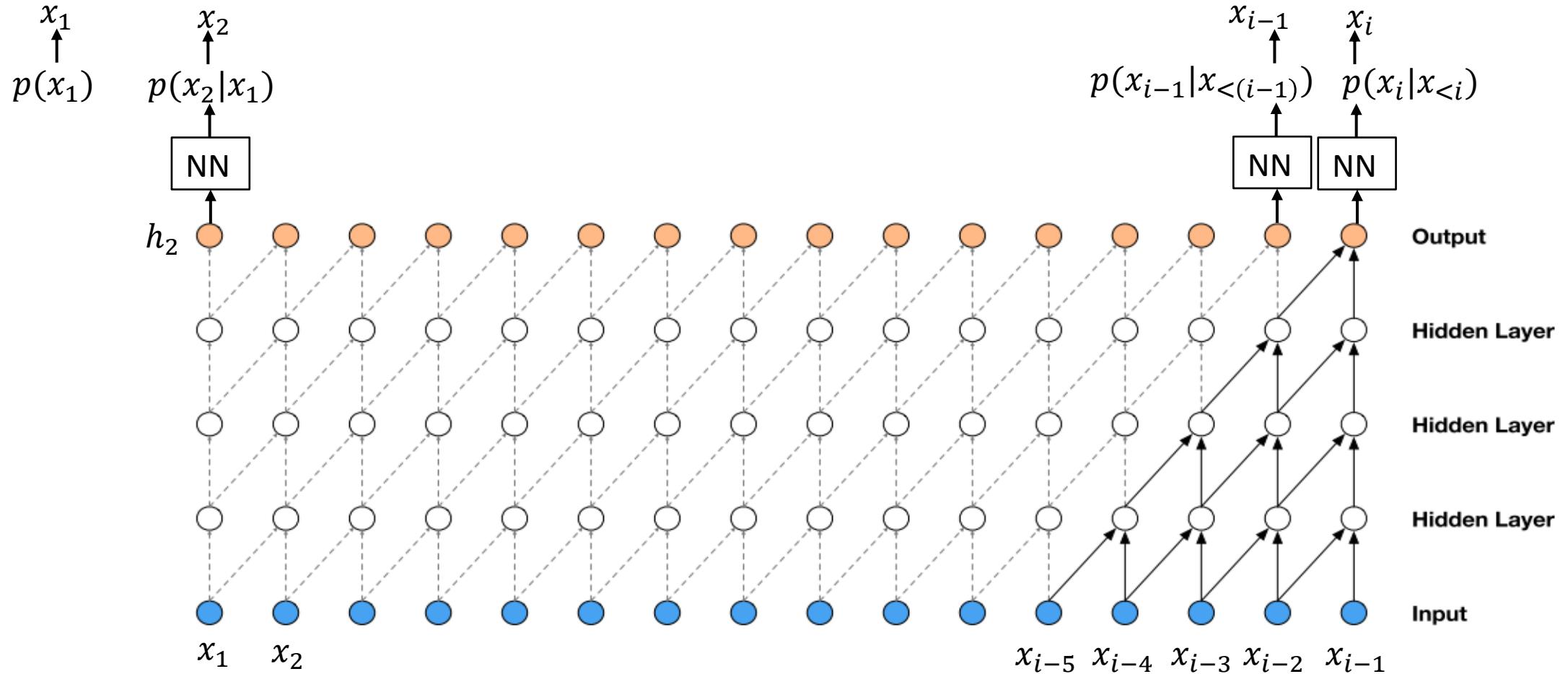
$p(\mathbf{x} = "the\ cat\ sat\ on\ the\ mat")$

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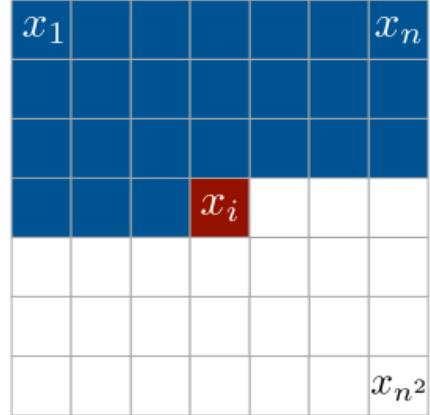
# Autoregressive Models

- WaveNet [ODZ+16]
  - Construct  $p(x_i|x_{<i})$  via Causal Convolution



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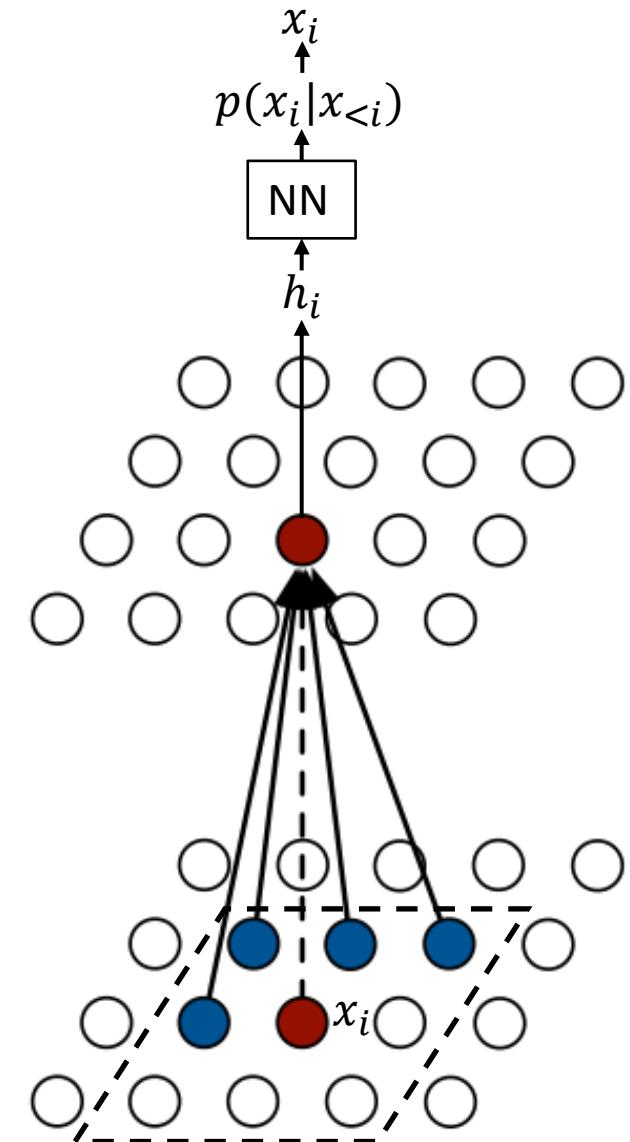
- PixelCNN & PixelRNN [OKK16]
  - Autoregressive structure of an image:



- PixelCNN: model conditional distributions via (masked) convolution:

$$h_i = K * x_{<i},$$
$$p(x_i|x_{<i}) = \text{NN}(h_i).$$

- Bounded receptive field.
- Likelihood evaluation: parallel

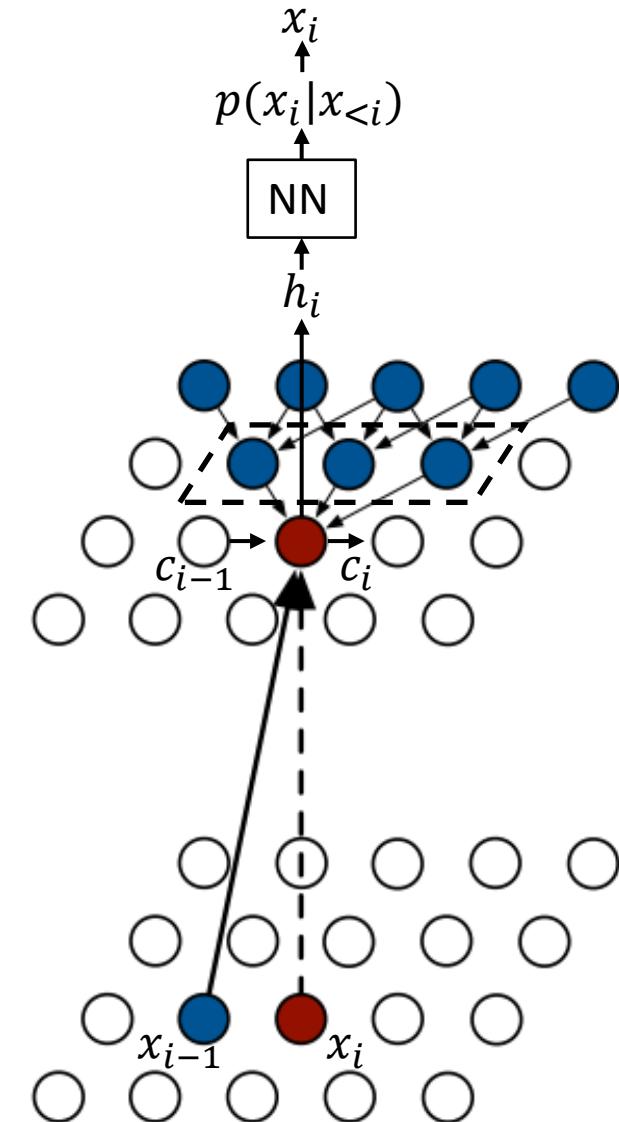


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- PixelCNN & PixelRNN [OKK16]
  - PixelRNN: model conditional distributions via recurrent connection:

$$[h_i, c_i] = \text{LSTM} \left( \overbrace{K * h_{([i/n]n-n):[i/n]n}}^{\text{1D convolution}}, c_{i-1}, x_{i-1} \right),$$
$$p(x_i | x_{<i}) = \text{NN}(h_i).$$

- Unbounded receptive field.
- Likelihood evaluation (in-row): parallel  
Likelihood evaluation (inter-row): sequential



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- PixelCNN & PixelRNN [OKK16]

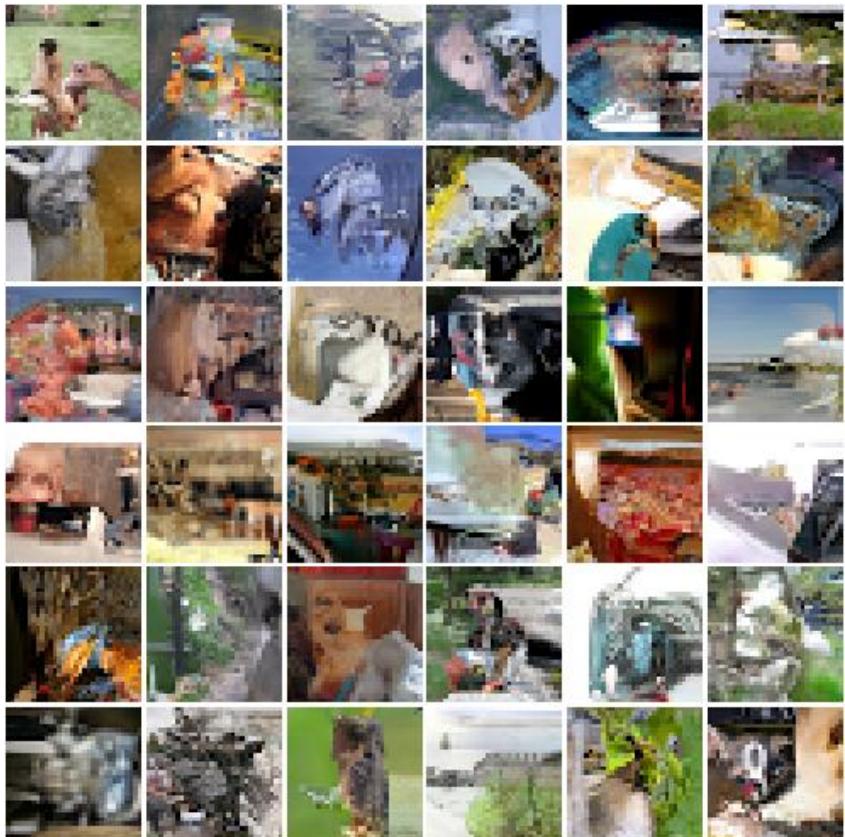


Image Generation

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Image Completion

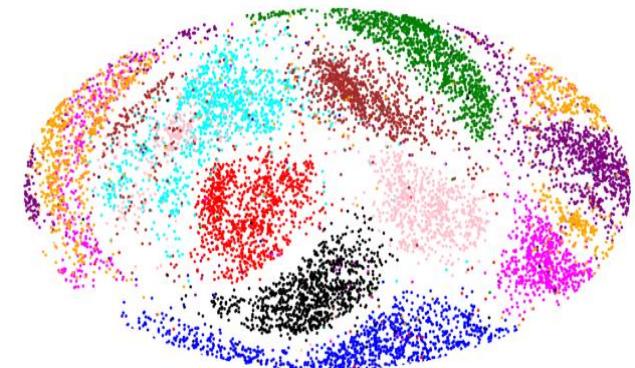
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# Latent Variable Models

- Latent Variable:
  - Abstract knowledge of data; enables various tasks.

Knowledge Discovery	“ENGINES”	speed	product	introduced
	“ROYAL”	britain	queen	sir
	“ARMY”	commander	forces	war
	“STUDY”	analysis	space	program
	“PARTY”	act	office	judge
	“DESIGN”	size	glass	device
	“PUBLIC”	report	health	community



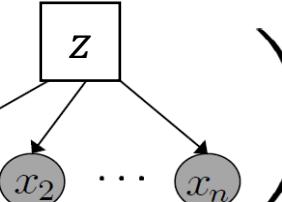
Dimensionality Reduction

# Latent Variable Models

- Latent Variable:
  - Compact representation of dependency.

De Finetti's Theorem (1955): if  $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$  are *infinitely exchangeable*, then  $\exists$  r.v.  $z$  and  $p(\cdot | z)$  s.t.  $\forall n$ ,

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \int \left( \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | z) \right) p(z) dz .$$

$$p\left(\begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \end{matrix}\right) = \int_z p\left(\begin{matrix} z \\ x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \end{matrix}\right)$$


*Infinite exchangeability*:

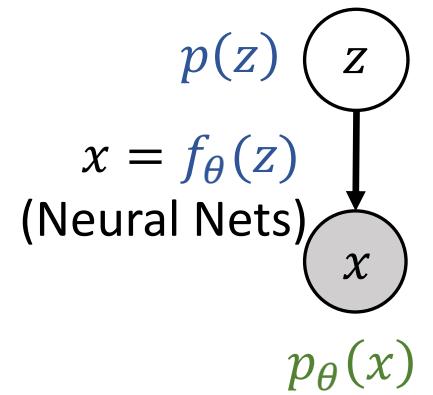
For all  $n$  and permutation  $\sigma$ ,  $p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = p(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n)})$ .

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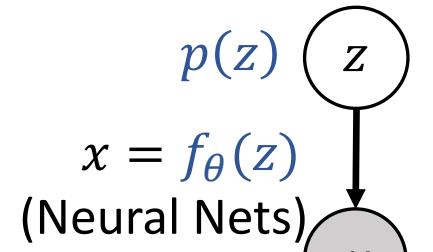
- Deterministic  $f_\theta: z \mapsto x$ , modeled by a neural network.
  - + Flexible modeling ability.
  - + Good generation performance.
  - Hard to infer  $z$  of a data point  $x$ .
  - Unavailable p.d.f/p.m.f  $p_\theta(x)$ .
  - Mode-collapse.
- Learning:  $\min_{\theta} \text{discr}(\hat{p}(x), p_\theta(x))$ .
  - $\text{discr.} = \text{KL}(\hat{p}, p_\theta) \Rightarrow \text{MLE: } \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}}[\log p_\theta]$ , but the p.d.f/p.m.f  $p_\theta(x)$  is unavailable!
  - $\text{discr.} = \text{Jensen-Shannon divergence}$  [GPM+14].
  - $\text{discr.} = \text{Wasserstein distance}$  [ACB17].



# Generative Adversarial Nets

- Learning:  $\min_{\theta} \text{discr}(\hat{p}(x), p_{\theta}(x))$ .
  - GAN [GPM+14]: **discr.** = Jensen-Shannon divergence.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{JS}(\hat{p}, p_{\theta}) &:= \frac{1}{2} \left( \text{KL}\left(\hat{p}, \frac{p_{\theta} + \hat{p}}{2}\right) + \text{KL}\left(p_{\theta}, \frac{p_{\theta} + \hat{p}}{2}\right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \max_{T(\cdot)} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)} [\log \sigma(T(x))] + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x)} [\log (1 - \sigma(T(x)))]}_{=\mathbb{E}_{p(z)} [\log (1 - \sigma(T(f_{\theta}(z))))]} + \log 2.\end{aligned}$$



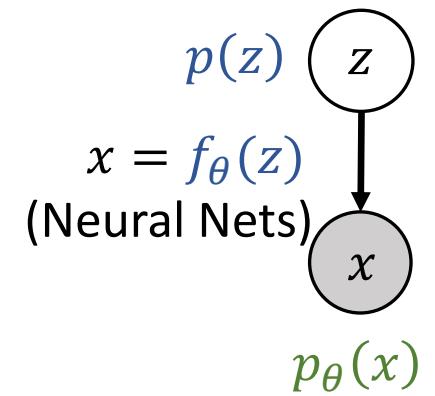
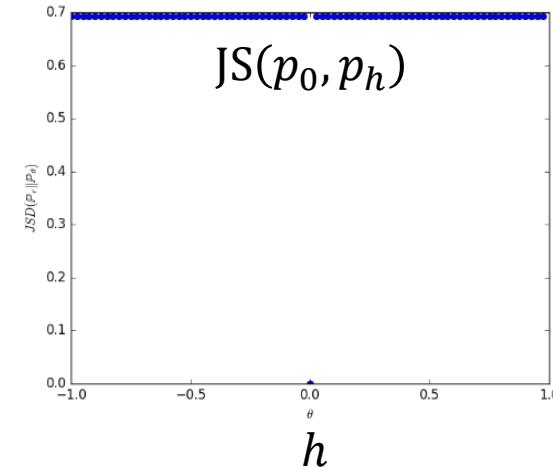
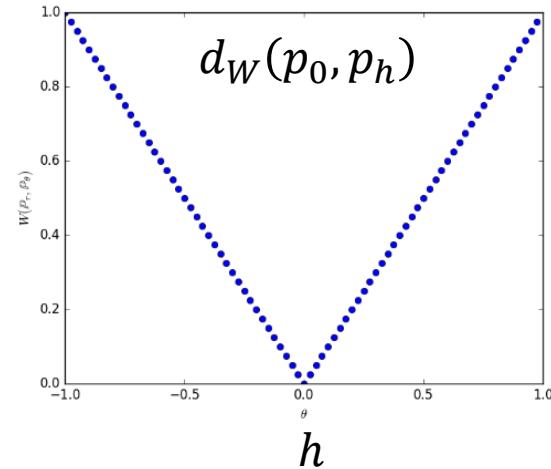
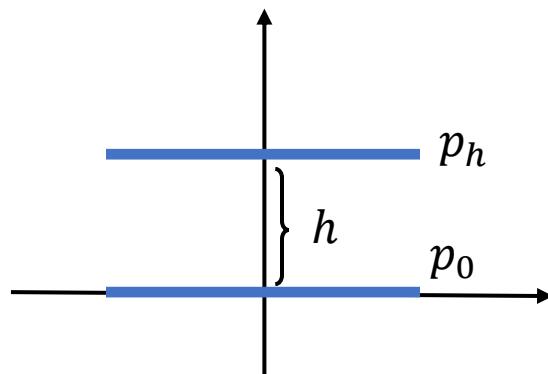
- $\sigma(T(x))$  is the discriminator;  $T$  implemented as a neural network.
- Expectations can be estimated by samples.

# Generative Adversarial Nets

- Learning:  $\min_{\theta} \text{discr}(\hat{p}(x), p_{\theta}(x))$ .
- WGAN [ACB17]: **discr.** = Wasserstein distance:

$$\begin{aligned} d_W(\hat{p}, p_{\theta}) &= \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\hat{p}, p_{\theta})} \mathbb{E}_{\gamma(x,y)}[c(x,y)] \\ &= \sup_{\phi \in \text{Lip}_1} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}}[\phi] - \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}}[\phi]. \end{aligned}$$

- Choose  $\phi$  as a neural network with parameter clipping.
- Benefit:  $d_W$  has more alleviative reaction to distribution difference than JS.



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# Flow-Based Models

- Deterministic and **invertible**  $f_\theta: z \mapsto x$ .  
+ **Available** density function!

$$p_\theta(x) = p\left(z = f_\theta^{-1}(x)\right) \left| \frac{\partial f_\theta^{-1}}{\partial x} \right| \quad (\text{rule of change of variables}).$$

+ Easy inference:  $z = f_\theta^{-1}(x)$ .

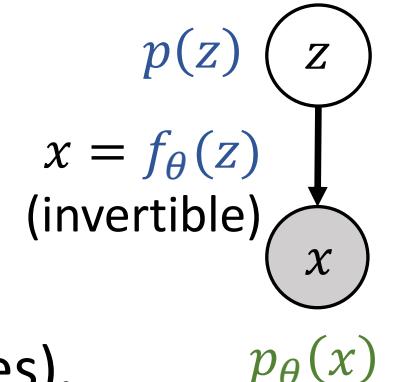
- Redundant representation:  $\dim. z = \dim. x$ .

- Restricted  $f_\theta$ : deliberative design; either  $f_\theta$  or  $f_\theta^{-1}$  computes costly.

- Learning:  $\min_{\theta} \text{KL}(\hat{p}(x), p_\theta(x)) \Rightarrow \text{MLE}: \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_\theta(x)]$ .

- Examples:

- NICE [DKB15], RealNVP [DSB17], MAF [PPM17], GLOW [KD18].
- Also used for variational inference [RM15, KSJ+16].



Jacobian determinant,  $\left( \frac{\partial f_\theta^{-1}}{\partial x} \right)_{ij} := \frac{\partial (f_\theta^{-1})_i}{\partial x_j}$ .

# Flow-Based Models

- RealNVP [DSB17]

- Building block: **Coupling**:  $y = g(x)$ ,

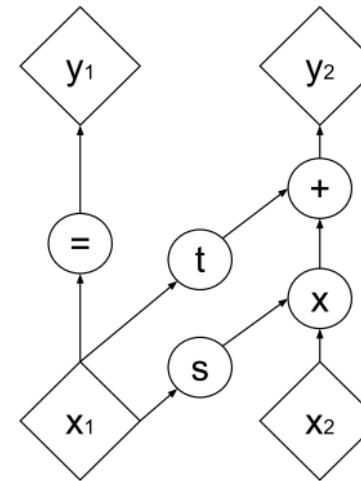
$$\begin{cases} y_{1:d} &= x_{1:d} \\ y_{d+1:D} &= x_{d+1:D} \odot \exp(s(x_{1:d})) + t(x_{1:d}) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_{1:d} &= y_{1:d} \\ x_{d+1:D} &= (y_{d+1:D} - t(y_{1:d})) \odot \exp(-s(y_{1:d})), \end{cases}$$

where  $s$  and  $t$ :  $\mathbb{R}^{D-d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{D-d}$  are general functions for scale and translation.

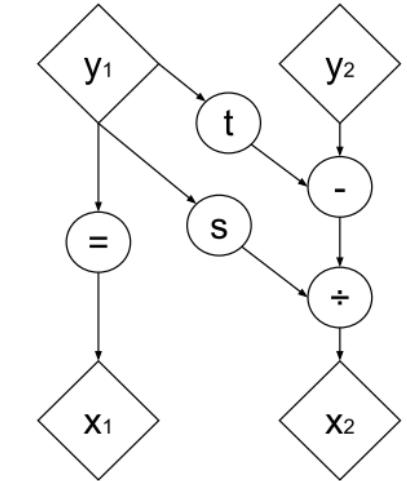
- Jacobian Determinant:  $\left| \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right| = \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{D-d} s_j(x_{1:d})\right)$ .

- Partitioning  $x$  using a binary mask  $b$ :

$$y = b \odot x + (1 - b) \odot \left( x \odot \exp(s(b \odot x)) + t(b \odot x) \right).$$



(a) Forward propagation



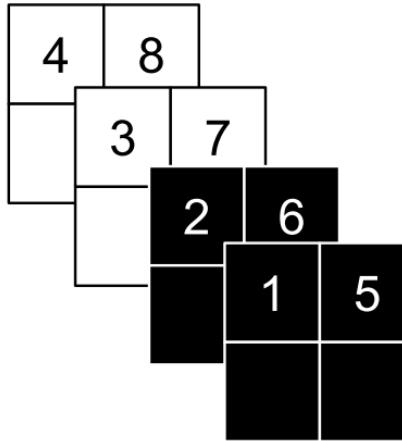
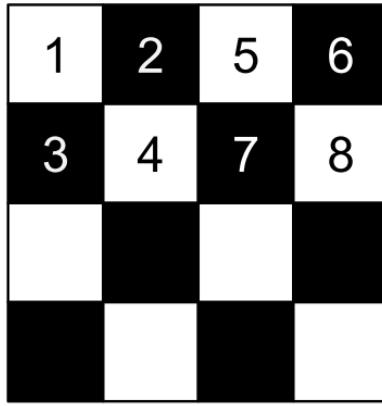
(b) Inverse propagation

1	2	5	6
3	4	7	8

# Flow-Based Models

- RealNVP [DSB17]

- Building block: **Squeezing**: from  $s \times s \times c$  to  $\frac{s}{2} \times \frac{s}{2} \times 4c$ :



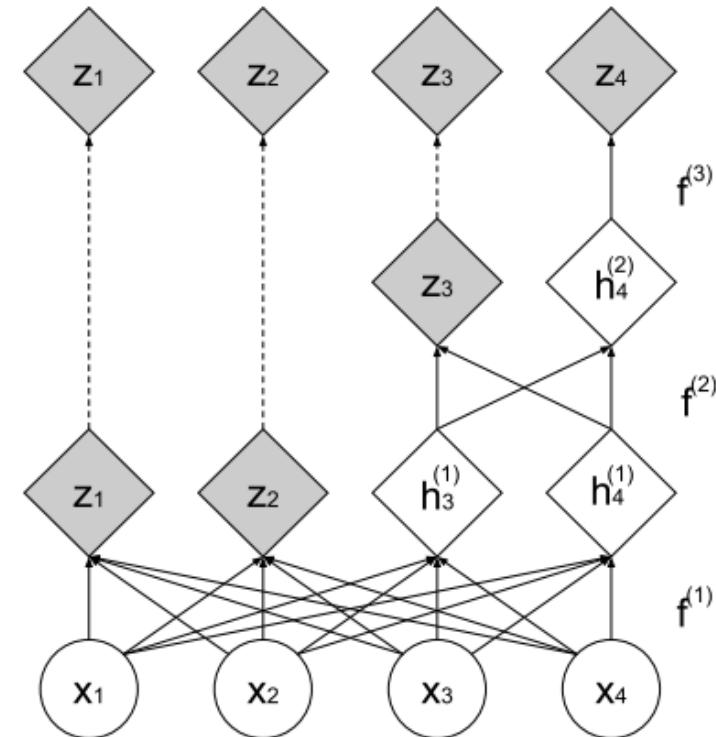
- Combining with a multi-scale architecture:

$$h^{(0)} = x$$

$$(z^{(i+1)}, h^{(i+1)}) = f^{(i+1)}(h^{(i)})$$

$$z^{(L)} = f^{(L)}(h^{(L-1)})$$

$$z = (z^{(1)}, \dots, z^{(L)}).$$



where each  $f$  follows a “coupling-squeezing-coupling” architecture.

# Flow-Based Models

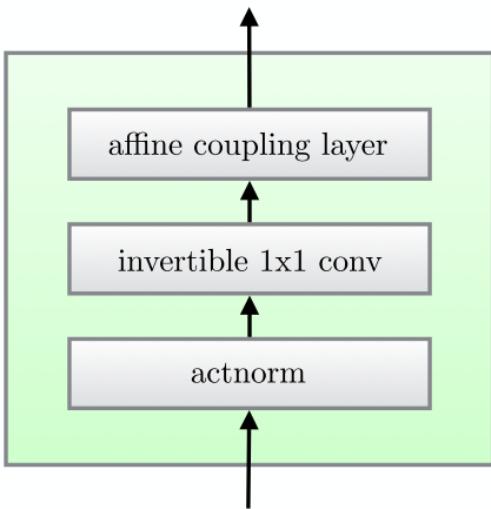
- RealNVP [DSB17]



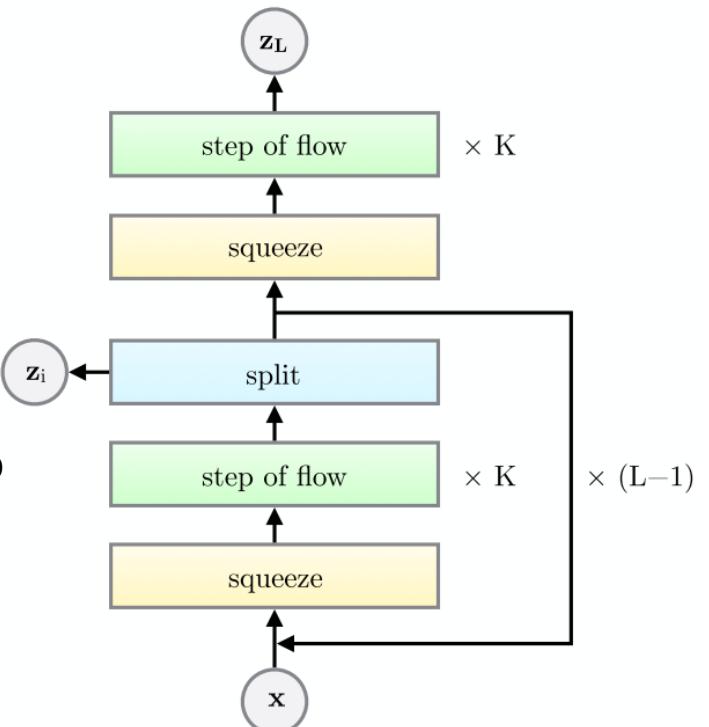
# Flow-Based Models

- GLOW [KD18]

One step of  $f_\theta$



Combination  
of the steps to  
form  $f_\theta$



Component  
Details

Description	Function	Reverse Function	Log-determinant
Actnorm. See Section 3.1.	$\forall i, j : \mathbf{y}_{i,j} = \mathbf{s} \odot \mathbf{x}_{i,j} + \mathbf{b}$	$\forall i, j : \mathbf{x}_{i,j} = (\mathbf{y}_{i,j} - \mathbf{b}) / \mathbf{s}$	$h \cdot w \cdot \text{sum}(\log  \mathbf{s} )$
Invertible $1 \times 1$ convolution. $\mathbf{W} : [c \times c]$ . See Section 3.2.	$\forall i, j : \mathbf{y}_{i,j} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x}_{i,j}$	$\forall i, j : \mathbf{x}_{i,j} = \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_{i,j}$	$h \cdot w \cdot \log  \det(\mathbf{W}) $ or $h \cdot w \cdot \text{sum}(\log  \mathbf{s} )$ (see eq. (10))
Affine coupling layer. See Section 3.3 and (Dinh et al., 2014)	$\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b = \text{split}(\mathbf{x})$ $(\log \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \text{NN}(\mathbf{x}_b)$ $\mathbf{s} = \exp(\log \mathbf{s})$ $\mathbf{y}_a = \mathbf{s} \odot \mathbf{x}_a + \mathbf{t}$ $\mathbf{y}_b = \mathbf{x}_b$ $\mathbf{y} = \text{concat}(\mathbf{y}_a, \mathbf{y}_b)$	$\mathbf{y}_a, \mathbf{y}_b = \text{split}(\mathbf{y})$ $(\log \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \text{NN}(\mathbf{y}_b)$ $\mathbf{s} = \exp(\log \mathbf{s})$ $\mathbf{x}_a = (\mathbf{y}_a - \mathbf{t}) / \mathbf{s}$ $\mathbf{x}_b = \mathbf{y}_b$ $\mathbf{x} = \text{concat}(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b)$	$\text{sum}(\log( \mathbf{s} ))$

# Flow-Based Models

- GLOW [KD18]

Generation  
Results  
(Interpolation)



Generation  
Results  
(Manipulation;  
each semantic  
direction =  
 $\bar{z}_{\text{pos}} - \bar{z}_{\text{neg}}$ )



(a) Smiling

(b) Pale Skin



(c) Blond Hair

(d) Narrow Eyes

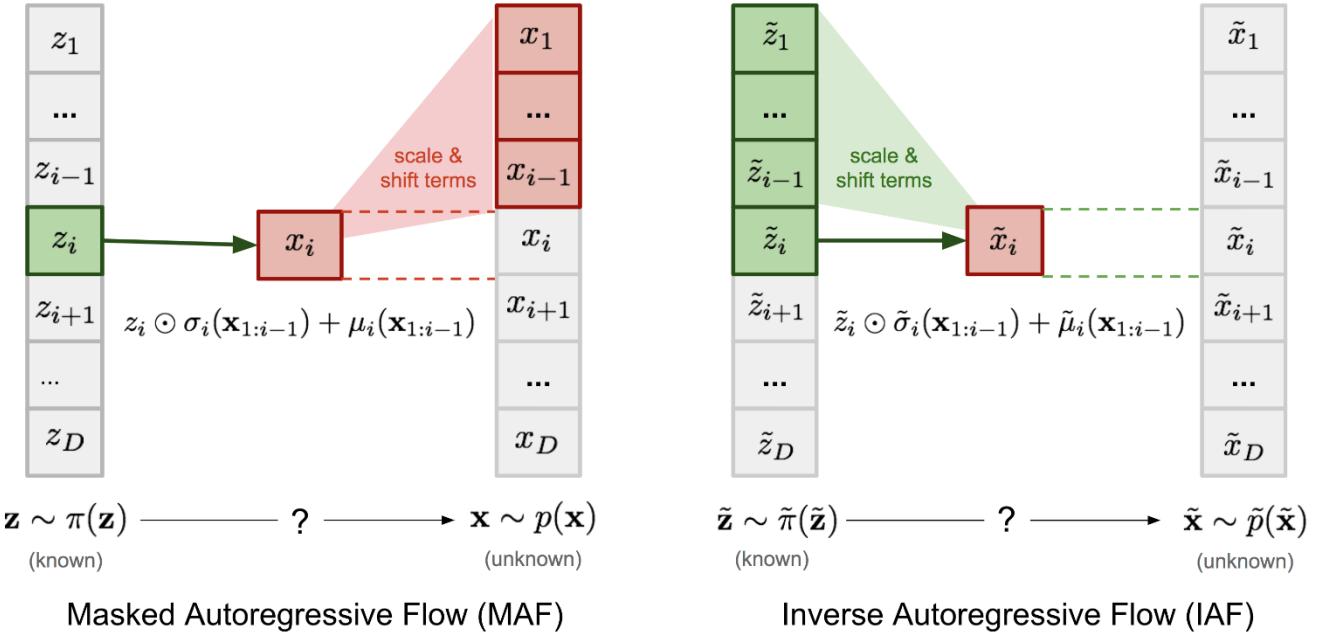


(e) Young

(f) Male

# Flow-Based Models

- Autoregressive flows  
[KSJ+16, PPM17].
  - Tractable inverse & JacDet.
  - One direction is non-parallelable.
  - Universal approximator [TIT+20].



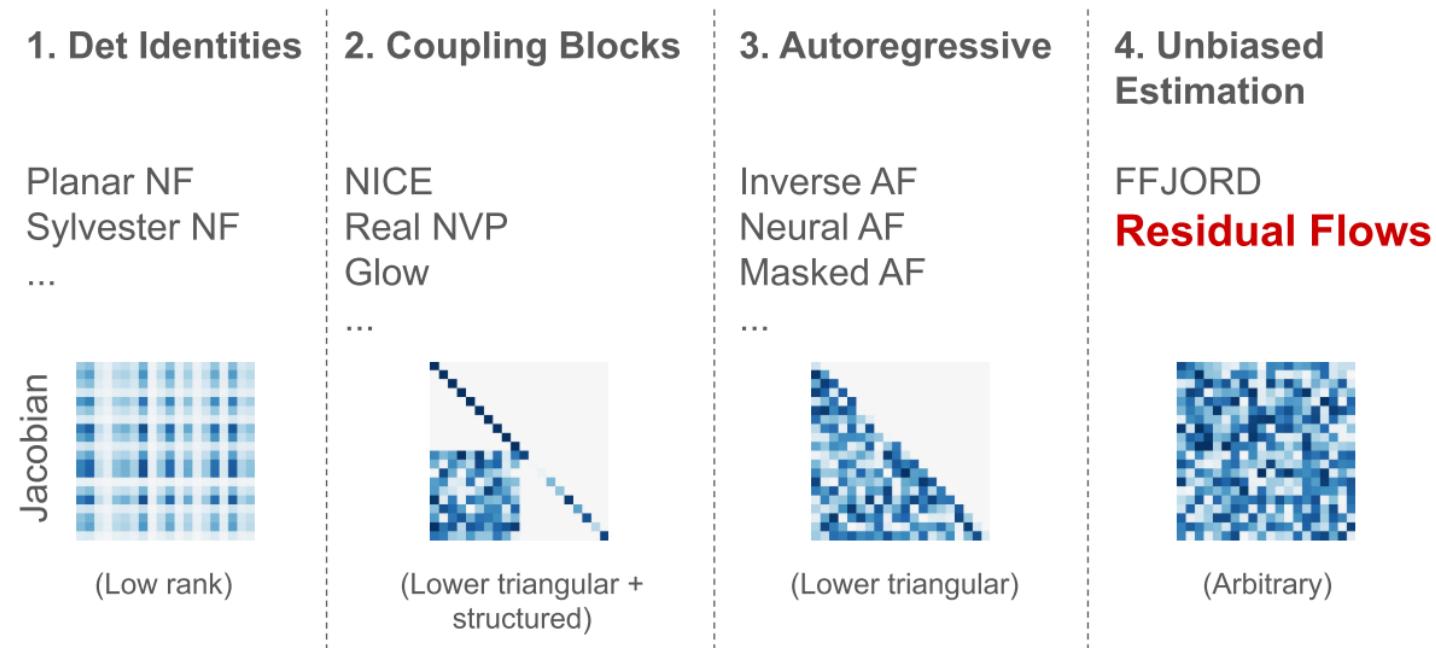
- Continuous normalizing flow [GCB+18].

$$\partial_t z_t = f_t(z_t) \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \log p_t(z_t) = -\nabla \cdot f_t(z_t) = -\text{tr} \left( \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial z} \right).$$

- Use ODE solver for fwd/bwd map and  $\log p_{t_1}(z(t_1)) = \log p_{t_0}(z(t_0)) - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \text{tr} \left( \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial z} \right) dt$ .

# Flow-Based Models

- Residual flows.
  - ResNet block  $x_{t+1} := F_{\theta_t}(x_t) := x_t + g_{\theta_t}(x_t)$  is invertible if  $\text{Lip}(g_{\theta_t}) < 1$ .
  - Inverse map: fixed-point iteration.
  - JacDet:  $\ln \det J_F = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{\text{tr}(J_g^k)}{k}$ .
    - Hutchinson's trace estimator:  $\text{tr}(A) = \mathbb{E}[\nu^\top A \nu]$ , where  $\mathbb{E}[\nu] = 0$ ,  $\text{cov}[\nu] = I$ .
    - Truncated estimate [BGC19].
    - Unbiased “Russian roulette” estimator [CBD19].
- Approximation theory.
  - [KC20, TIT+20].

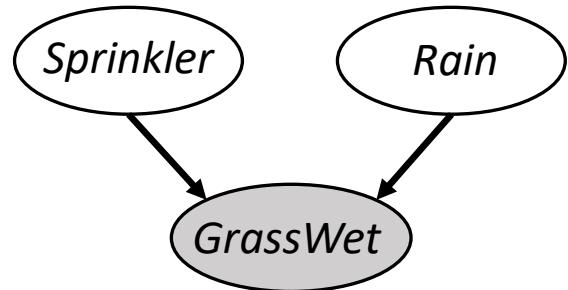


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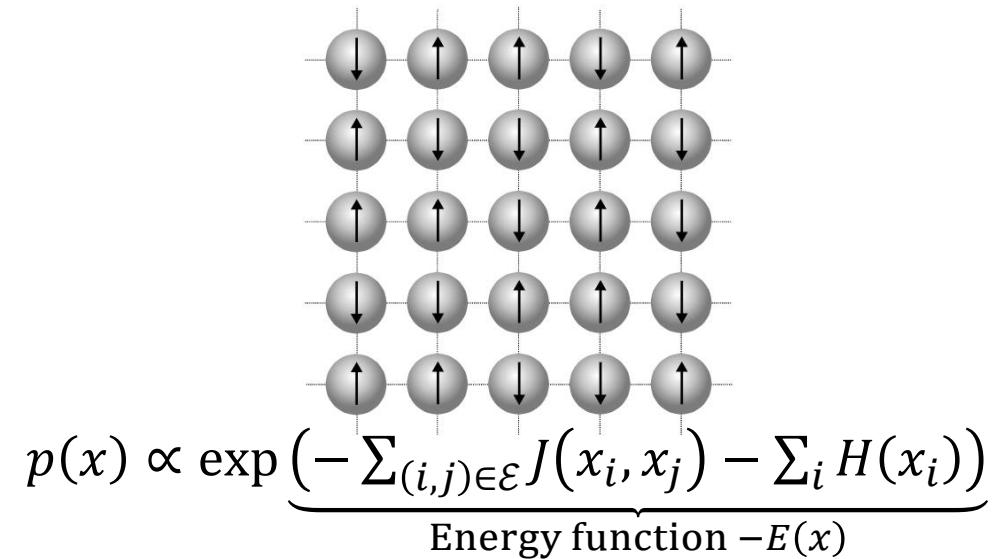
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# Classical Probabilistic Graphical Models

- Generally, they may or may not have latent variables.
- Intuitively: represent variable **relations** by a graph.
- Formally: a way to represent a joint distribution by making **conditional independence (CI)** assumptions.

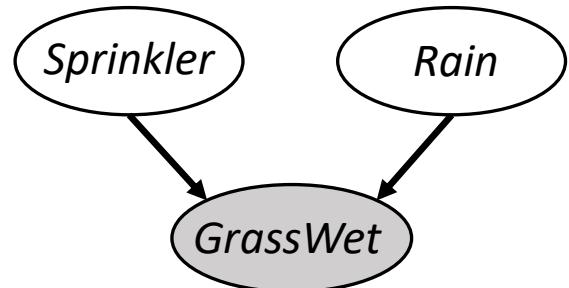


$$p(S, R, G) = p(S)p(R)p(G|S, R)$$



# Directed Probabilistic Graphical Models

- Represented by a **Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)**.
- Synonyms: Bayesian/belief/causal network.

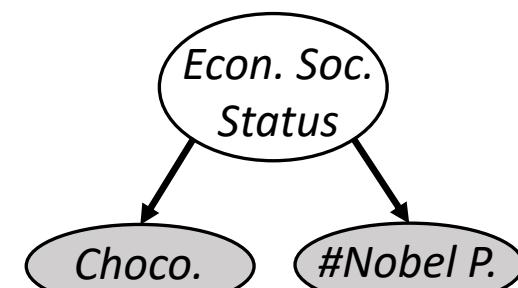


$$p(S, R, G) = p(S)p(R)p(G|S, R)$$



CI assumptions:

- $S \perp R$  since  $p(S, R) = p(S)p(R)$ .
- $S \not\perp R|G$  since  $p(S, R|G) \neq p(S|G)p(R|G)$  in general.



$$p(E, C, N) = p(E)p(C|E)p(N|E)$$



CI assumptions:

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Faithfulness

# Directed Probabilistic Graphical Models

- **d-separation:** read off encoded CI assumptions in general.
  - A path is called **d-separated** by a set of nodes  $S$ , if  $P$  either has an *emitter*  $X$  (“ $\rightarrow X \rightarrow$ ” or “ $\leftarrow X \rightarrow$ ”) in  $S$ , or has a *collider*  $X$  (“ $\rightarrow X \leftarrow$ ”) that is not in  $S$  nor is any descendant of  $X$ .

$p$  is Markovian w.r.t the DAG

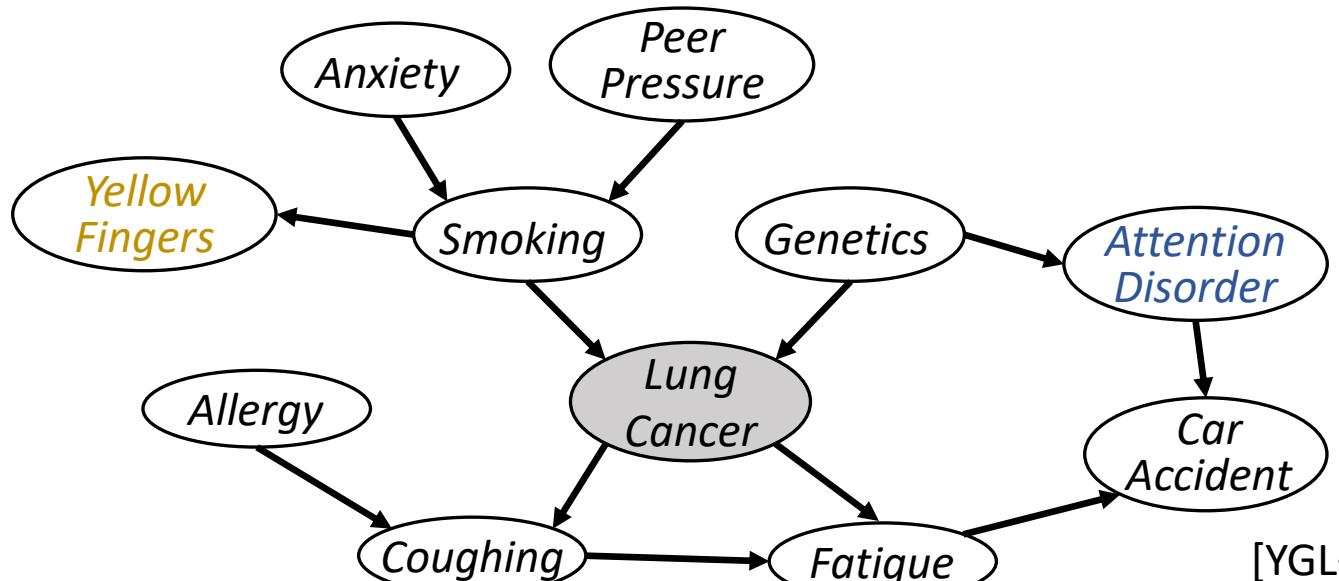
$A \perp B | S$



$p$  is faithful w.r.t the DAG

All paths between  $A$  and  $B$  are d-separated by  $S$ .

$YF \perp AD$ , but  $YF \not\perp AD | LC$ .



[YGL+20]

# Directed Probabilistic Graphical Models

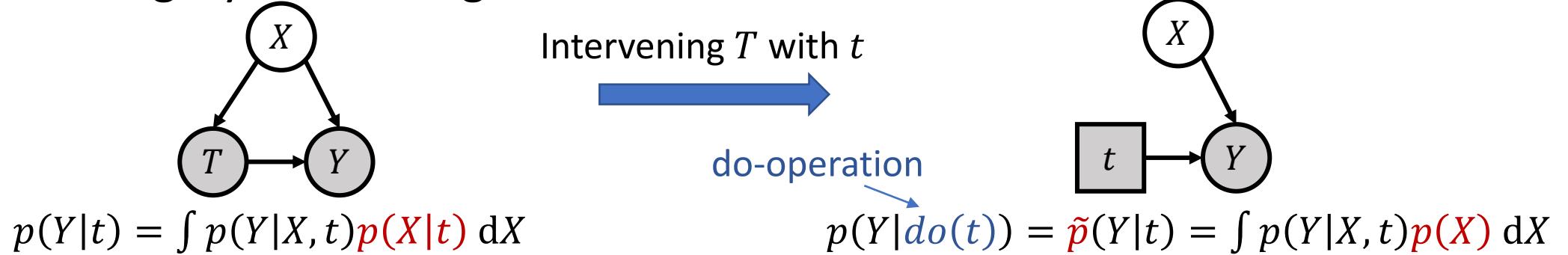
As a language of causality

- Formal definition of causality:  
*“two variables have a causal relation, if intervening the cause may change the effect, but not vice versa”* [Pearl09, PJS17].
  - **Intervention:** change the value of a variable by leveraging mechanisms and changing variables out of the considered system.
- Example: for the Altitude and average Temperature of a city,  $A \rightarrow T$ .
  - Running a huge heater (intv.  $T$ ) does not lower  $A$ .
  - Raising the city by a huge elevator (intv.  $A$ ) lowers  $T$ .
- Causality contains more information than observation (== static/observational data, joint distribution, CIs).
  - Both  $p(A)p(T|A)$  ( $A \rightarrow T$ ) and  $p(T)p(A|T)$  ( $T \rightarrow A$ ) can describe  $p(A, T)$ ,
  - but they give different outcomes under intervention.

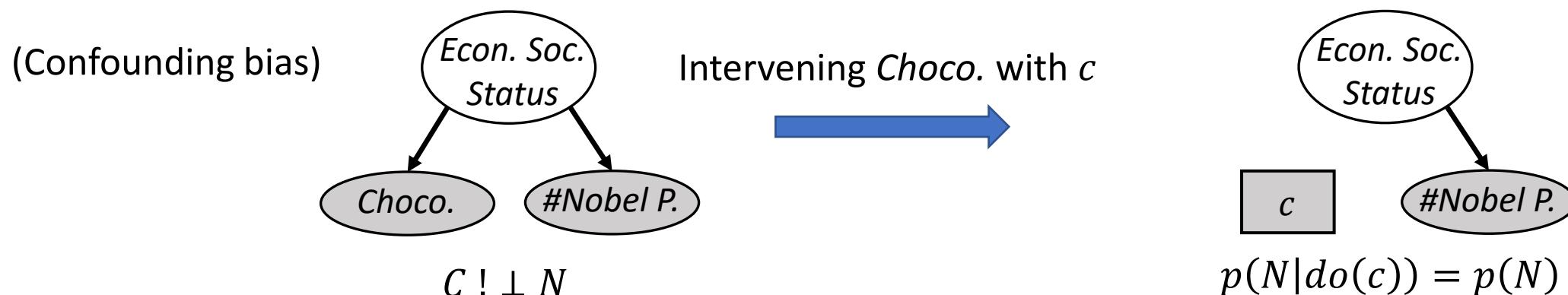
# Directed Probabilistic Graphical Models

As a language of causality

- Pearl's surgery: describing intervention.



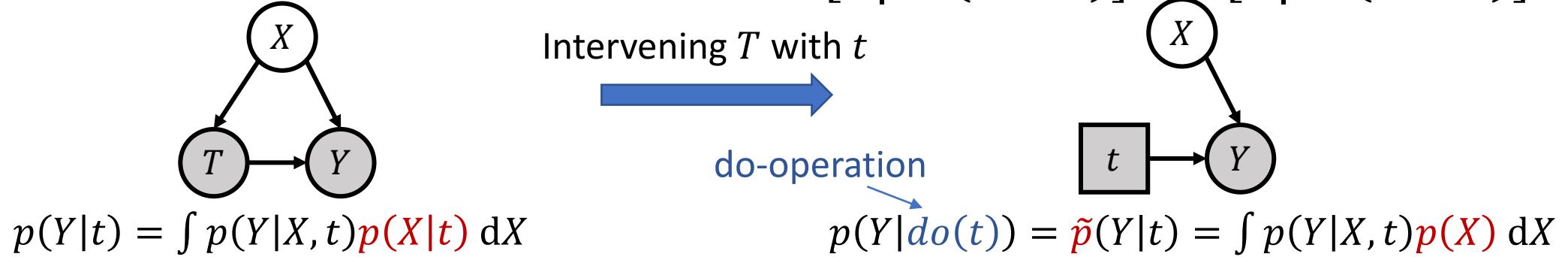
- Explaining spurious correlation:



# Directed Probabilistic Graphical Models

As a language of causality

- **Causal inference:** estimate causal effect  $\mathbb{E}[Y|do(t = 1)] - \mathbb{E}[Y|do(t = 0)]$ .

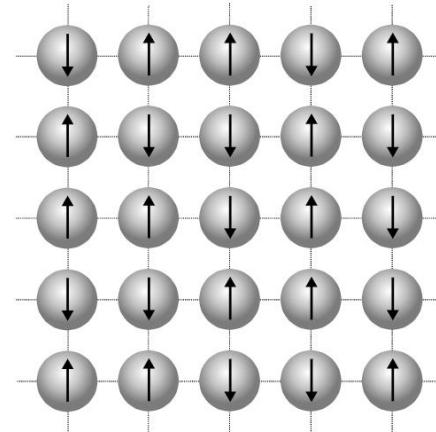


- Under some assumptions, it is identifiable from observation [IW09, Pearl15].
- **Causal discovery:** recover the causal DAG from observation.
  - Constraint-based (e.g., PC alg. [SG91]):  
CIs could recover some structures (e.g.,  $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B, A !\perp\!\!\!\perp B | C \Rightarrow A \rightarrow C \leftarrow B$ ).
  - Score-based (i.e., likelihood-based): some DAGs could better fit observation data.
    - Additive noise assumption: a function class restriction makes identifiability.

# Undirected Probabilistic Graphical Models

- For **symmetric** relations (e.g., image pixels), it is **unnatural** to assign a direction.
  - Side effect: there would be undesired or arbitrary CI assertions.
- Represent the relation by an **undirected** graph.
  - **Synonyms:** Markov random field, energy-based model.
  - **d-separation:** every path between  $A$  and  $B$  contains a node in  $S$ .
  - **Markovianess** (Hammersley-Clifford theorem):  
 $p$  satisfies graph CI properties if it factorizes as one term per maximal *clique* (fully connected subgraph).

Ising model

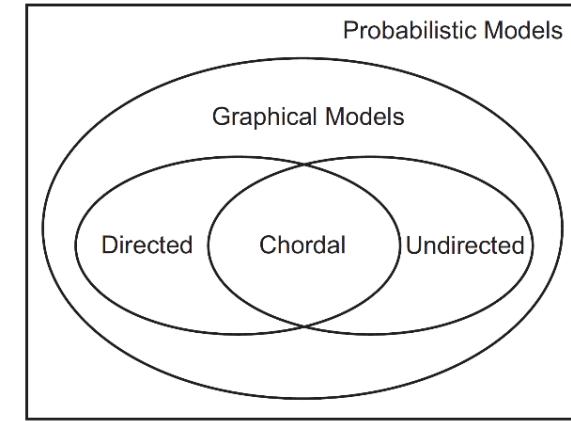


**Markovianess**

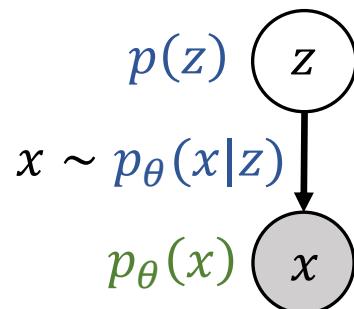
$$p(x) \propto \underbrace{\exp\left(-\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} J(x_i, x_j) - \sum_i H(x_i)\right)}_{\text{Energy function } -E(x)}$$

# Probabilistic Graphical Models

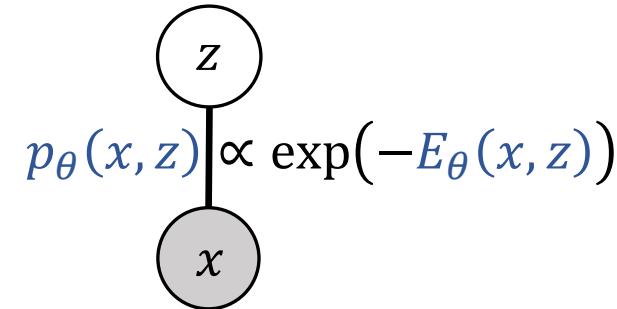
- Directed and Undirected PGMs cover **different** distributions.
- Not all PGMs are generative (e.g., Bayesian neural networks, conditional random fields).
- Classical PGMs do emphasize the “graph” information.
- Deep PGMs often have simple graphs, and focus on learning the edge relation:  
Dependency between  $x$  and  $z$  is *probabilistic*:  $(x, z) \sim p_\theta(x, z)$ .



Directed PGM:



Undirected PGM:



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# Directed PGMs

## Bayesian models

- Model structure (*Bayesian Modeling*):
  - *Prior  $p(z)$* : *initial belief of  $z$* .
  - *Likelihood  $p(x|z)$* : *dependence of  $x$  on  $z$* .
- Learning: MLE.

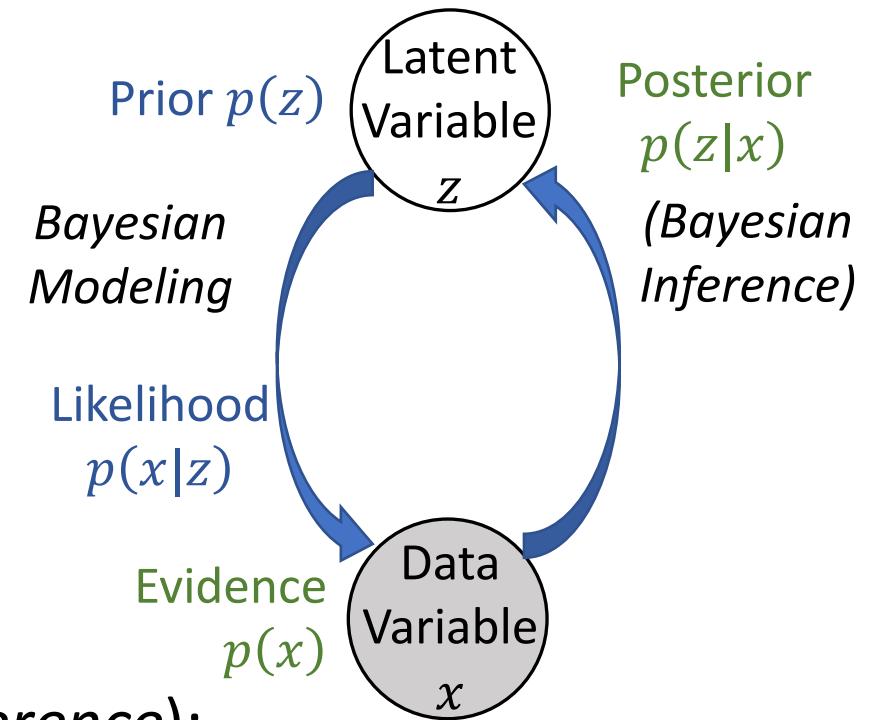
$$\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)} [\log p_{\theta}(x)],$$

$$\text{Evidence } p(x) = \int p(z, x) dz.$$

- Feature/representation learning (*Bayesian Inference*):

$$\text{Posterior } p(z|x) = \frac{p(z,x)}{p(x)} = \frac{p(z)p(x|z)}{\int p(z,x) dz} \text{ (Bayes' rule)}$$

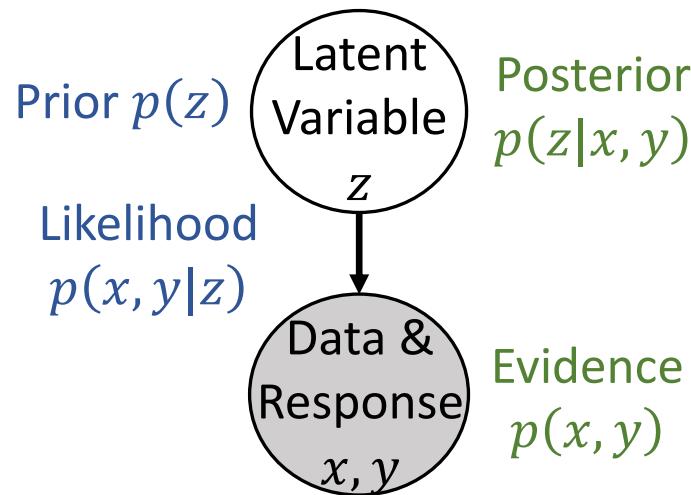
represents the *updated* information that observation  $x$  conveys to latent  $z$ .



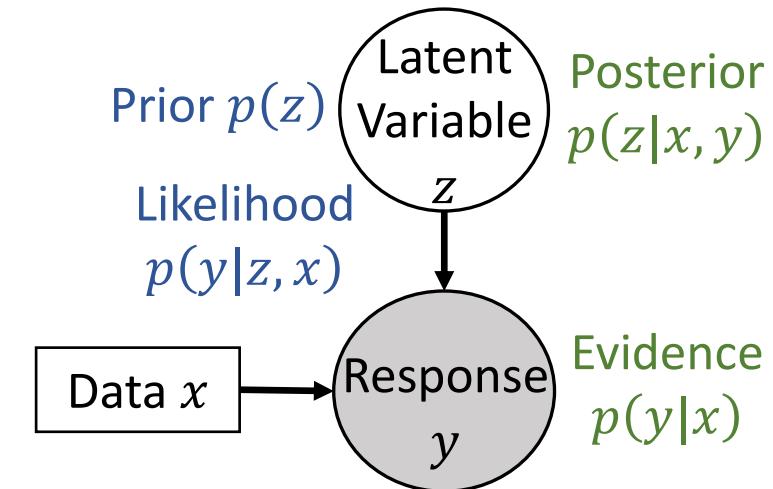
# Directed PGMs

Not all Bayesian models are generative:

Generative Bayesian Models



Non-Generative Bayesian Models



	Generative	Non-generative
Supervised	Naive Bayes, Supervised LDA	Bayesian Logistic Regression, Bayesian Neural Networks
Unsupervised	BayesNets (LDA, VAE), MRFs (BM, RBM, DBM)	(invalid task)

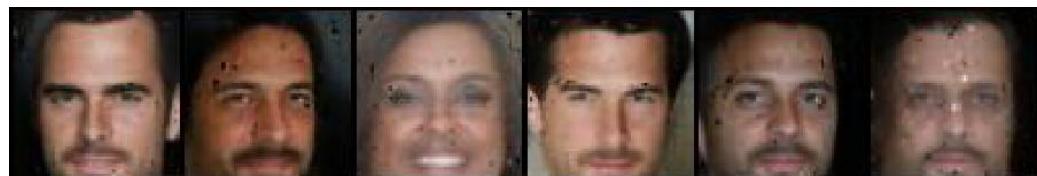
# Directed PGMs

Benefits of Bayesian models:

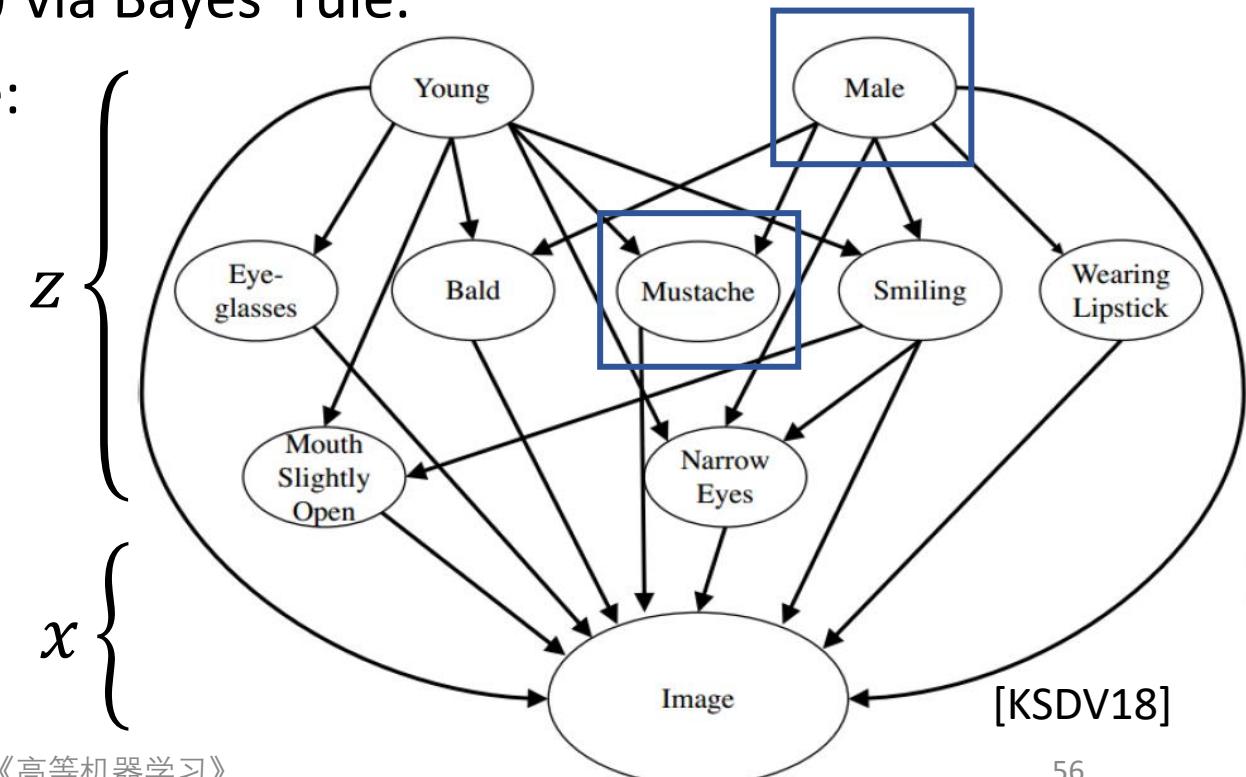
- Robust to small data.
- Stable training process.
- Principled and natural inference  $p(z|x)$  via Bayes' rule.
- Natural to incorporate prior knowledge:

Problem of knowledge-agnostic conditional generation:

Moustache



v.s.

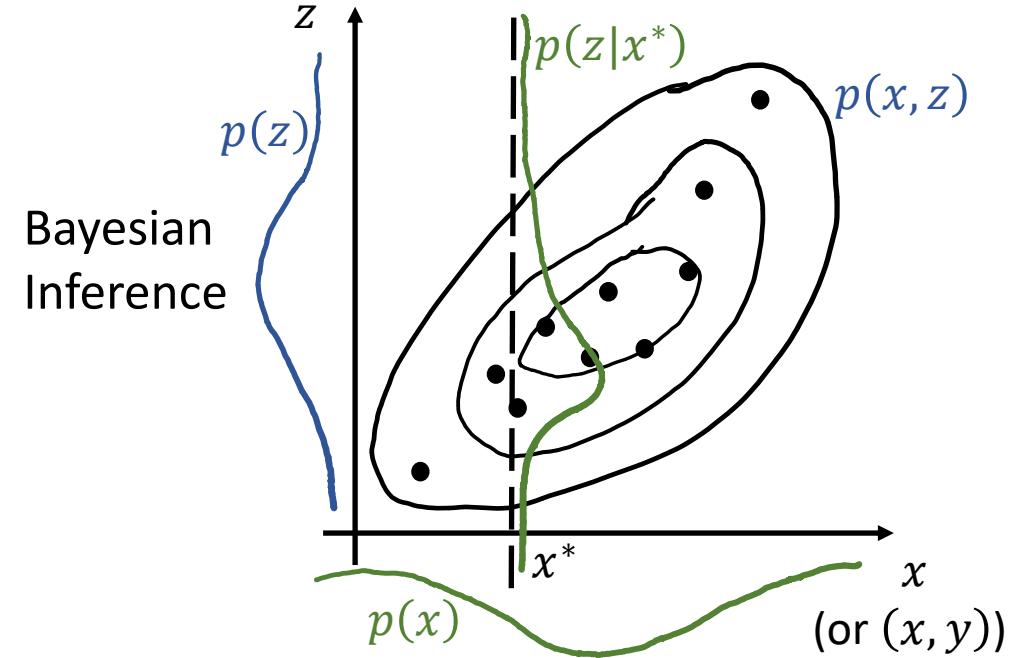
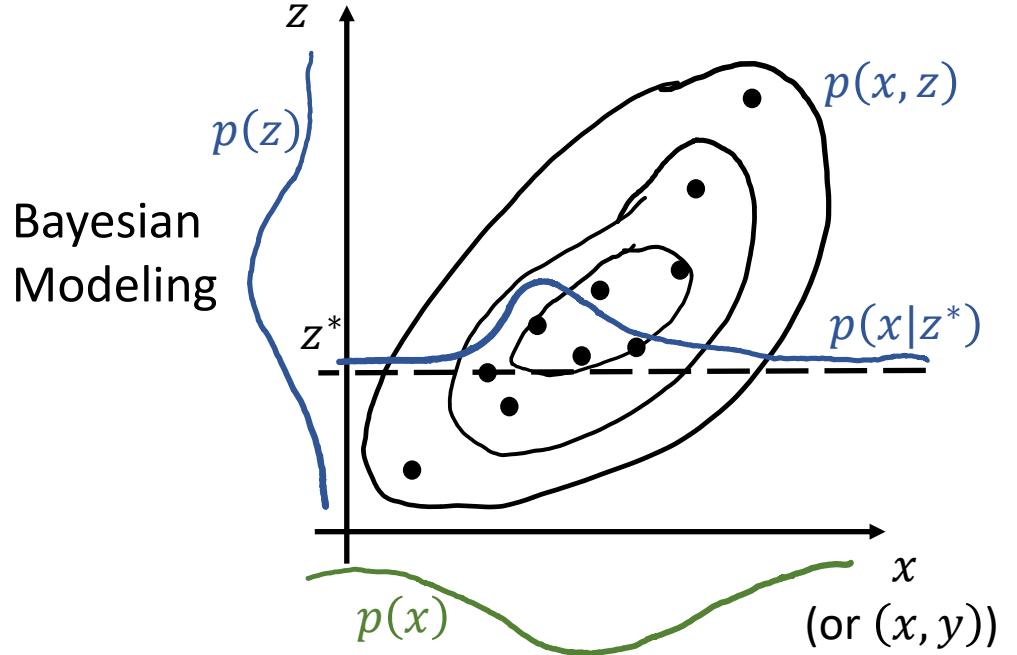


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# Bayesian Inference

Estimate the posterior  $p(z|x)$ .



Bayes' rule:    Posterior  $p(z|x) = \frac{p(x,z)}{p(x)} = \frac{p(x,z)}{\int p(x,z) dz} \propto p(x,z) = p(z)p(x|z).$

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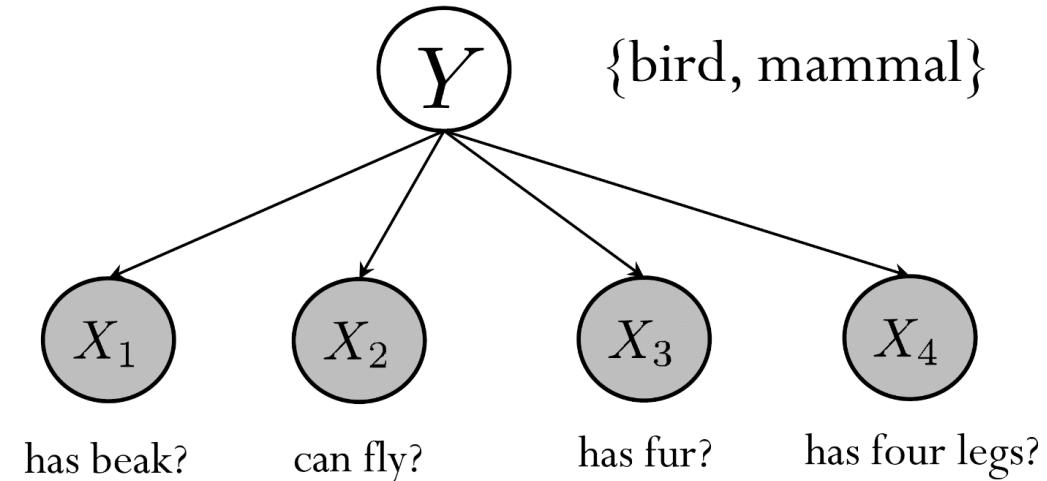
- Infer unobserved variables from observation.

Naive Bayes:  $z = y$ .

$$p(y=0|x) = \frac{p(x|y=0)p(y=0)}{p(x|y=0)p(y=0) + p(x|y=1)p(y=1)}.$$

$f(x) = \arg \max_y p(y|x)$  achieves the lowest error

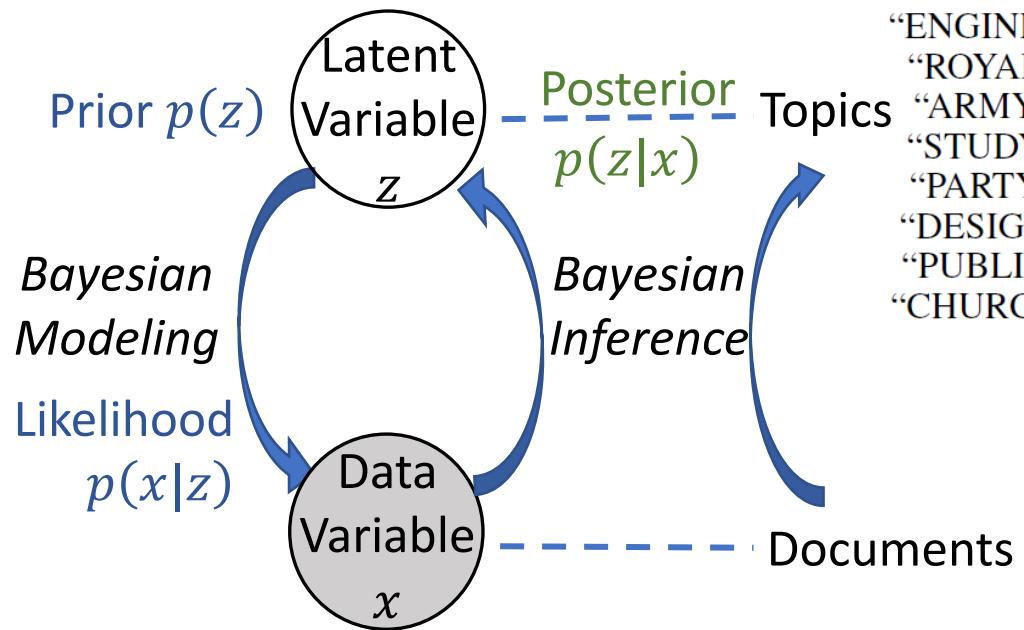
$$\int p(y=(1-f(x))|x)p(x)dx.$$



# Bayesian Inference

Estimate the posterior  $p(z|x)$ .

- Extract knowledge/representation from data.



“ENGINES”	speed	product	introduced	designs	fuel
“ROYAL”	britain	queen	sir	earl	died
“ARMY”	commander	forces	war	general	military
“STUDY”	analysis	space	program	research	research
“PARTY”	act	office	judge	legal	legal
“DESIGN”	size	glass	device	engine	engine
“PUBLIC”	report	health	community	industry	conference
“CHURCH”	prayers	communion	religious	faith	historical

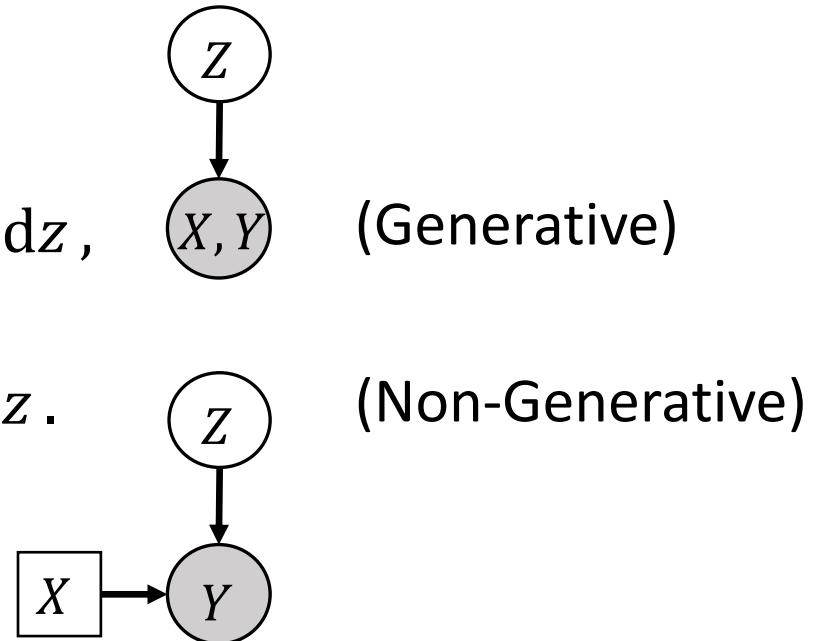


# Bayesian Inference

Estimate the posterior  $p(z|x)$ .

- For prediction:

$$p(y^*|x^*, \{x, y\}_{\text{train}}) = \begin{cases} \int p(y^*|z, x^*) p(z|x^*, \{x, y\}_{\text{train}}) dz, & \text{(Generative)} \\ \int p(y^*|z, x^*) p(z|\{x, y\}_{\text{train}}) dz. & \text{(Non-Generative)} \end{cases}$$



# Bayesian Inference

Estimate the posterior  $p(z|x)$ .

$$p(z|x) = \frac{p(x,z)}{\int p(x,z) dz} = \frac{p(x,z)}{\text{Intractable!}}$$

# Bayesian Inference

- Variational inference (VI)

Use a *tractable* variational distribution  $q(z)$  to approximate  $p(z|x)$ :

$$\min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \text{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$$

**Tractability:** known density function, or samples are easy to draw.

- Parametric VI: use a parameter  $\phi$  to represent  $q_\phi(z)$ .
- Particle-based VI: use a set of particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$  to represent  $q(z)$ .
- Monte Carlo (MC)
  - Draw samples from  $p(z|x)$ .
  - Typically done by simulating a *Markov chain* (i.e., MCMC) for tractability.

# Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference

“Feed two birds with one scone.”

- In model learning:  $\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_\theta(x)] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \log p_\theta(x^{(n)})$ .

- Introduce a *variational distribution*  $q(z)$ :

$$\log p_\theta(x) = \mathcal{L}_\theta[q(z)] + \text{KL}(q(z), p_\theta(z|x)),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta[q(z)] := \mathbb{E}_{q(z)}[\log p_\theta(z, x)] - \mathbb{E}_{q(z)}[\log q(z)].$$

- $\mathcal{L}_\theta[q(z)] \leq \log p_\theta(x) \rightarrow \text{Evidence Lower BOund (ELBO)}$ !
- $\mathcal{L}_\theta[q(z)]$  is easier to estimate.
- (Variational) Expectation-Maximization Algorithm:

- Bayesian Inference  
 $\overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{(a) \text{ E-step: Let } \mathcal{L}_\theta[q(z)] \approx \log p_\theta(x), \text{ that is } \min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \text{KL}(q(z), p_\theta(z|x))};$

- (b) M-step:  $\max_\theta \mathcal{L}_\theta[q(z)]$ .

- Classical EM: take  $q(z) = p_\theta(z|x)$  (i.e., with exact inference).

# Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference

*“Feed two birds with one scone.”*

- To do Bayesian inference by:  $\min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \text{KL}(q(z), p(z|x))$ ,

$\text{KL}(q(z), p_\theta(z|x))$  is hard to compute...

Note  $\log p_\theta(x) = \mathcal{L}_\theta[q(z)] + \text{KL}(q(z), p_\theta(z|x))$ ,

so  $\min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \text{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)) \Leftrightarrow \max_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathcal{L}_\theta[q(z)]$ .

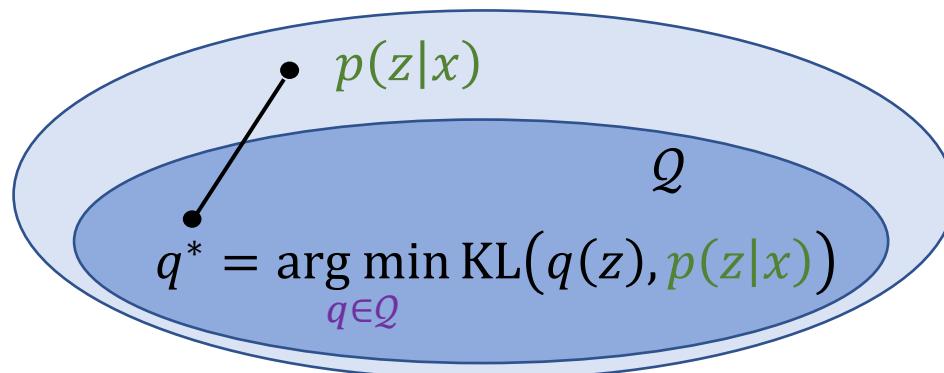
The ELBO  $\mathcal{L}_\theta[q(z)] = \mathbb{E}_{q(z)}[\log p_\theta(z, x)] - \mathbb{E}_{q(z)}[\log q(z)]$  is easier to compute.

# Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference

- **Parametric variational inference:** use a parameter  $\phi$  to represent  $q_\phi(z)$ .

$$\max_{\phi} \left( \mathcal{L}_\theta[q_\phi(z)] = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z)}[\log p_\theta(z, x)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z)}[\log q_\phi(z)] \right).$$

- For model-specifically designed  $q_\phi(z)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_\theta[q_\phi(z)]$  has closed form (e.g., [SJJ96] for SBN, [BNJ03] for LDA).
- Main Challenge:
  - $\mathcal{Q}$  should be as large/general/flexible as possible,
  - while enables practical optimization of the ELBO.



# Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference

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- **Explicit variational inference:** specify the form of the density function  $q_\phi(z)$ .
  - [GHB12, HBWP13, RGB14]: model-agnostic  $q_\phi(z)$  (e.g., mixture of Gaussians).
  - [RM15, KSJ+16]: define  $q_\phi(z)$  by a flow-based generative model.
- **Implicit variational inference:** define  $q_\phi(z)$  by a GAN-like generative model.
  - More flexible but more difficult to optimize.
  - Density ratio estimation: [MNG17, SSZ18a].

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta[q_\phi(z)] = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z)}[\log p_\theta(x|z)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z)} \left[ \log \frac{q_\phi(z)}{p(z)} \right].$$

- Gradient Estimation  $\nabla \log q_\phi(z)$ : [VLBM08, LT18, SSZ18b].

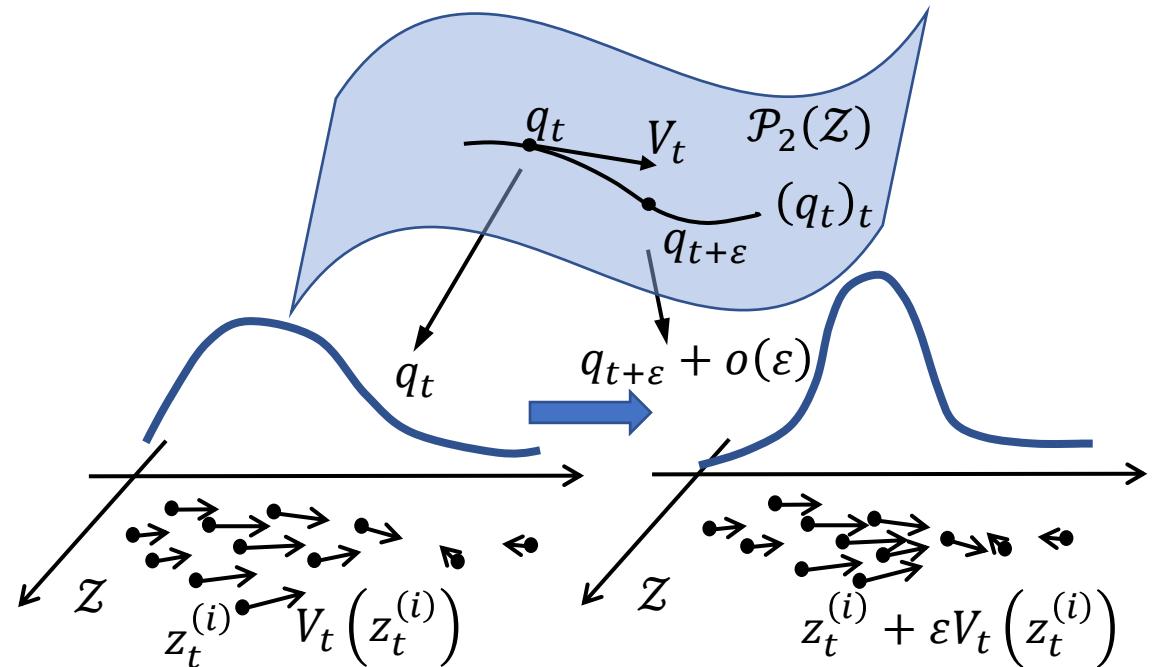
# Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference

$$\min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \text{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$$

- **Particle-based variational inference:** use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$  to represent  $q(z)$ .

To minimize  $\text{KL}(q(z), p(z|x))$ , simulate its gradient flow on the Wasserstein space.

- Wasserstein space:  
an abstract space of distributions.
- Wasserstein tangent vector  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  vector field.



# Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference

$$\min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \text{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$$

- **Particle-based variational inference:** use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$  to represent  $q(z)$ .

$$V := \text{grad}_q \text{KL}(q, p) = \nabla \log(q/p).$$
$$z^{(i)} \leftarrow z^{(i)} + \varepsilon V(z^{(i)}).$$

$$V(z^{(i)}) \approx$$

- SVGD [LW16]:  $\sum_j K_{ij} \nabla_{z^{(j)}} \log p(z^{(j)}|x) + \sum_j \nabla_{z^{(j)}} K_{ij}$ .
- Blob [CZW+18]:  $\nabla_{z^{(i)}} \log p(z^{(i)}|x) - \frac{\sum_j \nabla_{z^{(j)}} K_{ij}}{\sum_k K_{ik}} - \sum_j \frac{\nabla_{z^{(j)}} K_{ij}}{\sum_k K_{jk}}$ .
- GFSD [LZC+19]:  $\nabla_{z^{(i)}} \log p(z^{(i)}|x) - \frac{\sum_j \nabla_{z^{(j)}} K_{ij}}{\sum_k K_{ik}}$ .
- GFSF [LZC+19]:  $\nabla_{z^{(i)}} \log p(z^{(i)}|x) + \sum_{j,k} (K^{-1})_{ik} \nabla_{z^{(j)}} K_{kj}$ .

$= \sum_j (z^{(i)} - z^{(j)}) K_{ij}$   
for Gaussian Kernel:  
Repulsive force!

# Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference

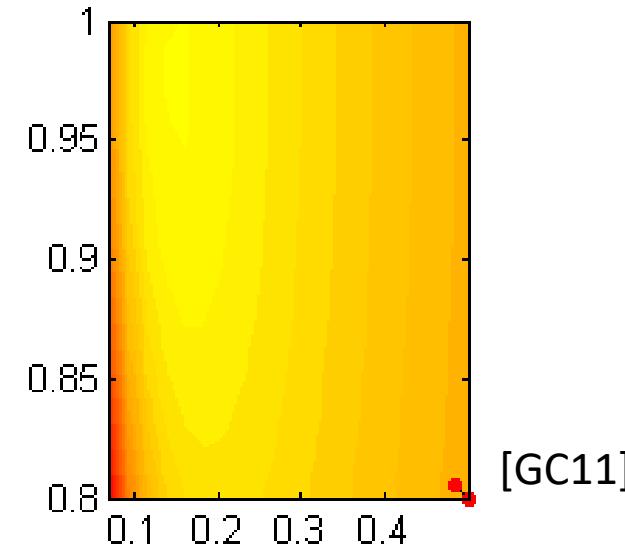
- **Particle-based variational inference:** use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$  to represent  $q(z)$ .
  - Unified view as Wasserstein gradient flow: [LZC+19].
  - Asymptotic analysis: SVGD [Liu17] ( $N \rightarrow \infty, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ).
  - Non-asymptotic analysis
    - w.r.t  $\varepsilon$ : e.g., [RT96] (as WGF).
    - w.r.t  $N$ : [CMG+18, FCSS18, ZZC18].
  - Accelerating ParVIs: [LZC+19, LZZ19].
  - Add particles dynamically: [CMG+18, FCSS18].
  - Solve the Wasserstein gradient by optimal transport: [CZ17, CZW+18].
  - Manifold support space: [LZ18].

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# Bayesian Inference: MCMC

- Monte Carlo
  - Directly draw (i.i.d.) samples from  $p(z|x)$ .
  - Almost always impossible to directly do so (esp. w/ unnormalized  $p(z|x)$ ).
- Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC):  
Simulate a Markov chain whose stationary distribution is  $p(z|x)$ .
  - Easier to implement: only requires unnormalized  $p(z|x)$  (e.g.,  $p(z, x)$ ).
  - Asymptotically accurate.
  - Drawback/Challenge: sample auto-correlation.  
Less effective than i.i.d. samples.



# Bayesian Inference: MCMC

A fantastic MCMC animation site: <https://chi-feng.github.io/mcmc-demo/>

## The Markov-chain Monte Carlo Interactive Gallery

Click on an algorithm below to view interactive demo:

- Random Walk Metropolis Hastings
- Adaptive Metropolis Hastings [1]
- Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [2]
- No-U-Turn Sampler [2]
- Metropolis-adjusted Langevin Algorithm (MALA) [3]
- Hessian-Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (H2MC) [4]
- Stein Variational Gradient Descent (SVGD) [5]
- Nested Sampling with RadFriends (RadFriends-NS) [6]

View the source code on github: <https://github.com/chi-feng/mcmc-demo>.

# Bayesian Inference: MCMC

## Classical MCMC

- Metropolis-Hastings framework [MRR+53, Has70]:

Draw  $z^* \sim q(z^*|z^{(k)})$  and take  $z^{(k+1)}$  as  $z^*$  with probability

$$\min \left\{ 1, \frac{q(z^{(k)}|z^*) p(z^*|x)}{q(z^*|z^{(k)}) p(z^{(k)}|x)} \right\},$$

else take  $z^{(k+1)}$  as  $z^{(k)}$ .

- Note that  $\frac{p(z^*|x)}{p(z^{(k)}|x)} = \frac{p(z^*,x)}{p(z^{(k)},x)}$  can be evaluated.
- Proposal distribution  $q(z^*|z)$ : e.g., taken as  $\mathcal{N}(z^*|z, \sigma^2)$ .

# Bayesian Inference: MCMC

## Classical MCMC

- Gibbs sampling [GG87]:

Iteratively sample from conditional distributions, which are easier to draw:

$$z_1^{(1)} \sim p\left(z_1 \middle| z_2^{(0)}, z_3^{(0)}, \dots, z_d^{(0)}, x\right),$$

$$z_2^{(1)} \sim p\left(z_2 \middle| z_1^{(1)}, z_3^{(0)}, \dots, z_d^{(0)}, x\right),$$

$$z_3^{(1)} \sim p\left(z_3 \middle| z_1^{(1)}, z_2^{(1)}, \dots, z_d^{(0)}, x\right),$$

...

$$z_i^{(k+1)} \sim p\left(z_i \middle| z_1^{(k+1)}, \dots, z_{i-1}^{(k+1)}, z_{i+1}^{(k)}, \dots, z_d^{(k)}, x\right).$$

# Bayesian Inference: MCMC

## Dynamics-based MCMC

- Simulates a jump-free continuous-time Markov process (dynamics):

$$dz = \underbrace{b(z) dt}_{\text{drift}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{2D(z)} dB_t(z)}_{\text{diffusion}},$$
$$\Delta z = b(z)\varepsilon + \mathcal{N}(0, 2D(z)\varepsilon) + o(\varepsilon),$$

Pos. semi-def. matrix  
Brownian motion

with appropriate  $b(z)$  and  $D(z)$  so that  $p(z|x)$  is kept stationary/invariant.

- Informative transition using gradient  $\nabla_z \log p(z|x)$ .
- Some are compatible with *stochastic gradient* (SG): more efficient.

$$\nabla_z \log p(z|x) = \nabla_z \log p(z) + \sum_{n \in \mathcal{D}} \nabla_z \log p(x^{(n)}|z),$$

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_z \log p(z|x) = \nabla_z \log p(z) + \frac{|\mathcal{D}|}{|\mathcal{S}|} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{S}} \nabla_z \log p(x^{(n)}|z), \mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{D}.$$

# Bayesian Inference: MCMC

## Dynamics-based MCMC

- **Langevin Dynamics** [RS02] (compatible with SG [WT11, CDC15, TTV16]):

$$z^{(k+1)} = z^{(k)} + \varepsilon \nabla \log p(z^{(k)}|x) + \mathcal{N}(0, 2\varepsilon).$$

- Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [DKPR87, Nea11, Bet17]

(*incompatible* with SG [CFG14, Bet15]; leap-frog integrator [CDC15]):

$$r^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma), \quad \begin{cases} r^{(k+1/2)} = r^{(k)} + (\varepsilon/2) \nabla \log p(z^{(k)}|x), \\ z^{(k+1)} = z^{(k)} + \varepsilon \Sigma^{-1} r^{(k+1/2)}, \\ r^{(k+1)} = r^{(k+1/2)} + (\varepsilon/2) \nabla \log p(z^{(k+1)}|x). \end{cases}$$

- Stochastic Gradient Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [CFG14] (compatible with SG):

$$\begin{cases} z^{(k+1)} = z^{(k)} + \varepsilon \Sigma^{-1} r^{(k)}, \\ r^{(k+1)} = r^{(k)} + \varepsilon \nabla \log p(z^{(k)}|x) - \varepsilon C \Sigma^{-1} r^{(k)} + \mathcal{N}(0, 2C\varepsilon). \end{cases}$$

# Bayesian Inference: MCMC

## Dynamics-based MCMC

- Complete framework for MCMC dynamics: [MCF15].
- Interpretation on the Wasserstein space: [JKO98, LZZ19].
- Integrators and their non-asymptotic analysis (with SG): [CDC15].
- For manifold support space:
  - LD: [GC11]; HMC: [GC11, BSU12, BG13, LSSG15]; SGLD: [PT13]; SGHMC: [MCF15, LZS16]; SGNHT: [LZS16]
- Different kinetic energy (other than Gaussian):
  - Monomial Gamma [ZWC+16, ZCG+17].
- Fancy Dynamics:
  - Relativistic: [LPH+16]
  - Magnetic: [TRGT17]

# Bayesian Inference: Comparison

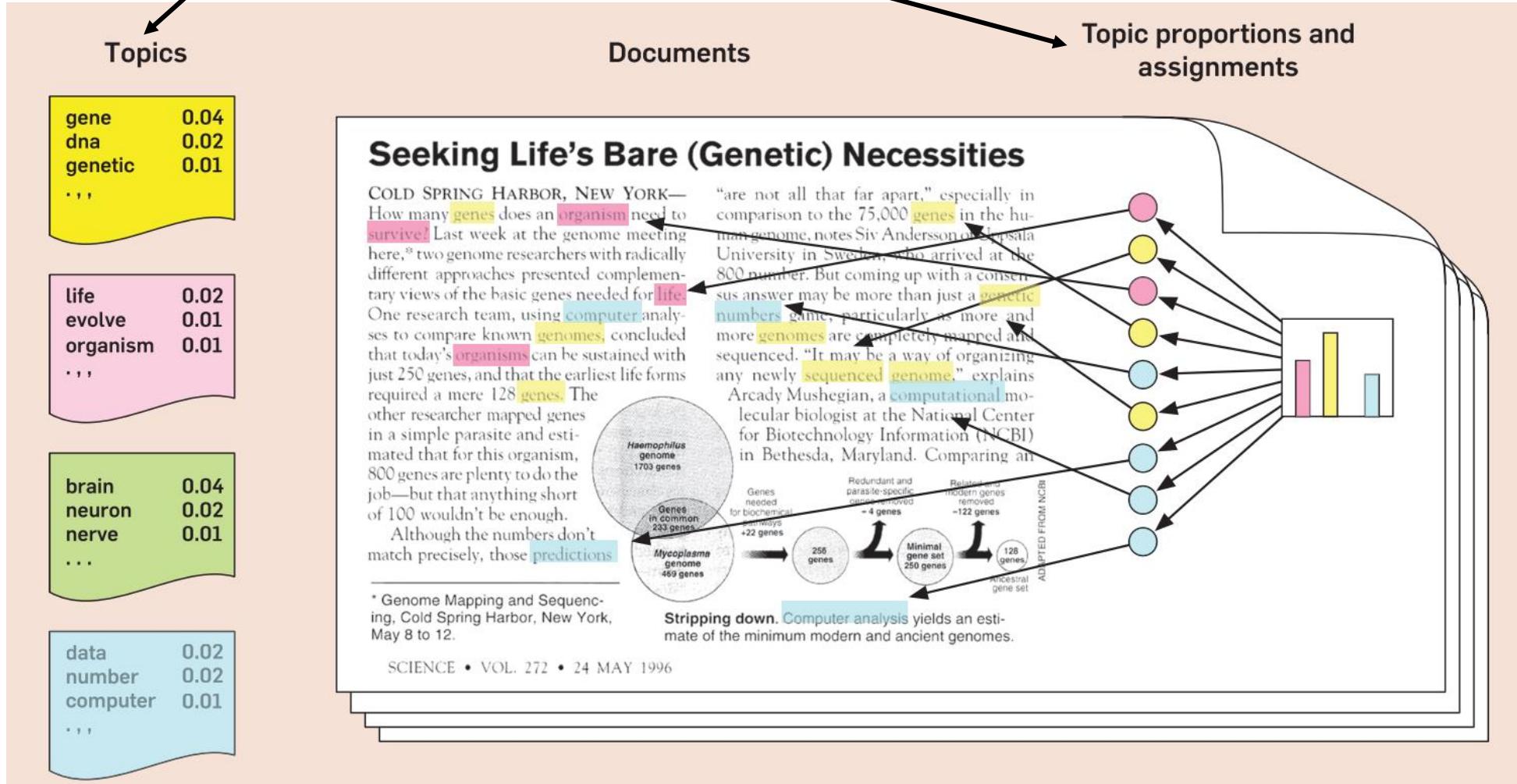
	Parametric VI	Particle-Based VI	MCMC
Asymptotic Accuracy	No	Yes	Yes
Approximation Flexibility	Limited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Empirical Convergence Speed	High	High	Low
Particle Efficiency	(Do not apply)	High	Low
High-Dimensional Efficiency	High	Low	High

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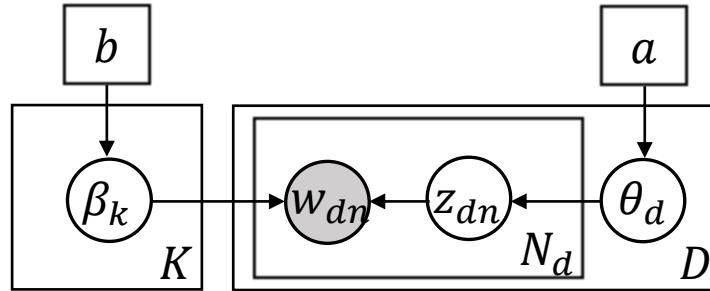
# Topic Models

Separate *global* (dataset abstraction) and *local* (datum representation) latent variables.



# Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Model Structure [BNJ03]:



- Data variable: Words/Documents  $w = \{w_{dn}\}_{n=1:N_d, d=1:D}, w_{dn} \in \{1 \dots W\}$ .
- Latent variables:
  - *Global*: topics  $\beta = \{\beta_k\}_{k=1:K}, \beta_k \in \Delta^W$ .
  - *Local*: topic proportions  $\theta = \{\theta_d\}, \theta_d \in \Delta^K$ ,  
topic assignments  $z = \{z_{dn}\}, z_{dn} \in \{1 \dots K\}$ .
- Prior:  $p(\beta_k|b) = \text{Dir}(b), p(\theta_d|a) = \text{Dir}(a), p(z_{dn}|\theta_d) = \text{Mult}(\theta_d)$ .
- Likelihood:  $p(w_{dn}|z_{dn}, \beta) = \text{Mult}(\beta_{z_{dn}})$ .

# Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Variational inference [BNJ03]:

- Take variational distribution (mean-field approximation):

$$q_{\lambda, \gamma, \phi}(\beta, \theta, z) := \prod_{k=1}^K \text{Dir}(\beta_k | \lambda_k) \prod_{d=1}^D \text{Dir}(\theta_d | \gamma_d) \prod_{n=1}^{N_d} \text{Mult}(z_{dn} | \phi_{dn}).$$

- ELBO( $\lambda, \gamma, \phi; a, b$ ) is available in **closed form**.
- E-step: update  $\lambda, \gamma, \phi$  by maximizing ELBO;
- M-step: update  $a, b$  by maximizing ELBO.

# Latent Dirichlet Allocation

MCMC: Gibbs sampling [GS04]

Model structure  $\Rightarrow p(\beta, \theta, z, w) = AB \left( \prod_{k,w} \beta_{kw}^{N_{kw} + b_w - 1} \right) \left( \prod_{d,k} \theta_{dk}^{N_{kd} + a_k - 1} \right)$   
 $\Rightarrow p(z, w) = AB \left( \prod_k \frac{\prod_w \Gamma(N_{kw} + b_w)}{\Gamma(N_k + W\bar{b})} \right) \left( \prod_d \frac{\prod_k \Gamma(N_{kd} + a_k)}{\Gamma(N_d + K\bar{a})} \right).$

( $N_{kw}$ : #times word  $w$  is assigned to topic  $k$ ;  $N_{kd}$ : #times topic  $k$  appears in document  $d$ .)

- Unacceptable cost to directly compute  $p(z|w) = p(z, w)/p(w)$ .
- Use **Gibbs sampling** to draw from  $p(z|w)$ !

$$p(z_{dn} = k | z^{-dn}, w) \propto \frac{N_{kw}^{-dn} + b_w}{N_k^{-dn} + W\bar{b}} (N_{kd}^{-dn} + a_k).$$

- For  $\beta$  and  $\theta$ , use MAP estimate:

$$\hat{\beta} := \arg \max_{\beta} \log p(\beta|w) \approx \frac{N_{kw} + b_w}{N_k + W\bar{b}},$$
$$\hat{\theta}_{dk} := \arg \max_{\theta} \log p(\theta|w) \approx \frac{N_{kd} + a_k}{N_d + K\bar{a}}.$$

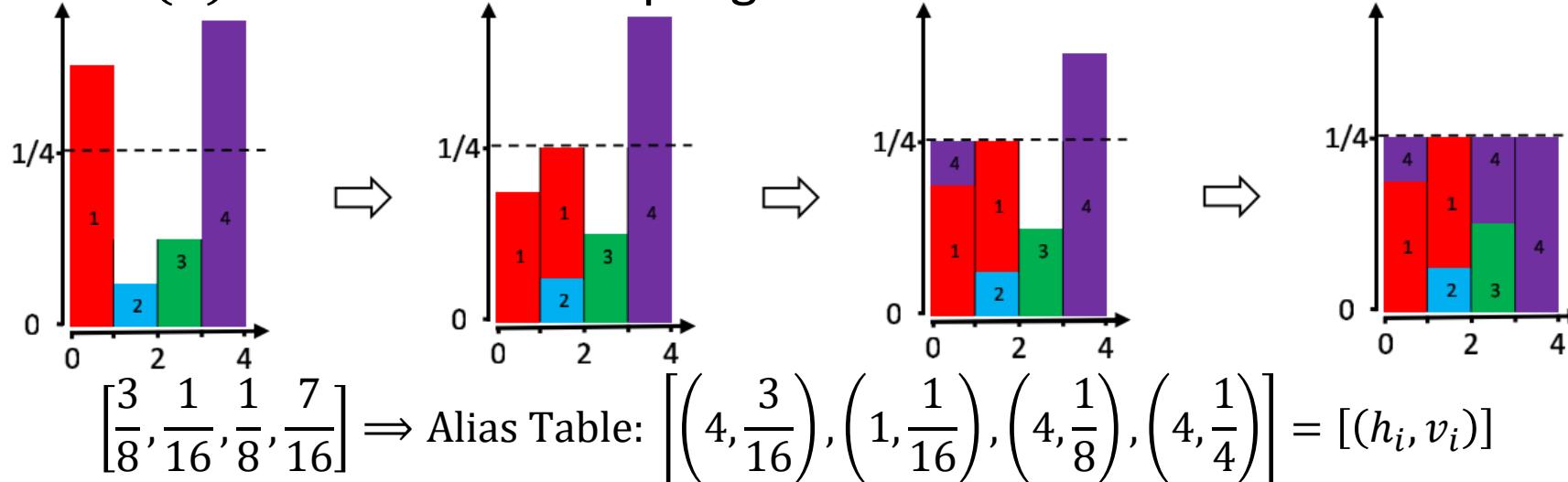
Estimated by samples of  $z$

# Latent Dirichlet Allocation

MCMC: LightLDA [YGH+15]

$$p(z_{dn} = k | z^{-dn}, w) \propto (N_{kd}^{-dn} + a_k) \frac{N_{kw}^{-dn} + b_w}{N_k^{-dn} + W\bar{b}}.$$

- Direct implementation:  $O(K)$  time.
- Amortized  $O(1)$  multinomial sampling: alias table.



- $O(1)$  sampling:  $i \sim \text{Unif}\{1, \dots, K\}$ ,  $v \sim \text{Unif}[0,1]$ ,  $z = i$  if  $v < v_i$  else  $h_i$ .
- $O(K)$  time to build the Alias Table  $\Rightarrow$  Amortized  $O(1)$  time for  $K$  samples.
- What if the target changes (slightly): use Metropolis Hastings (MH) to correct.

# Latent Dirichlet Allocation

- Dynamics-Based MCMC and Particle-Based VI: target  $p(\beta|w)$ .

$$\nabla_{\beta} \log p(\beta|w) = \mathbb{E}_{p(z|\beta, w)} [\nabla_{\beta} \log p(\beta, z, w)].$$

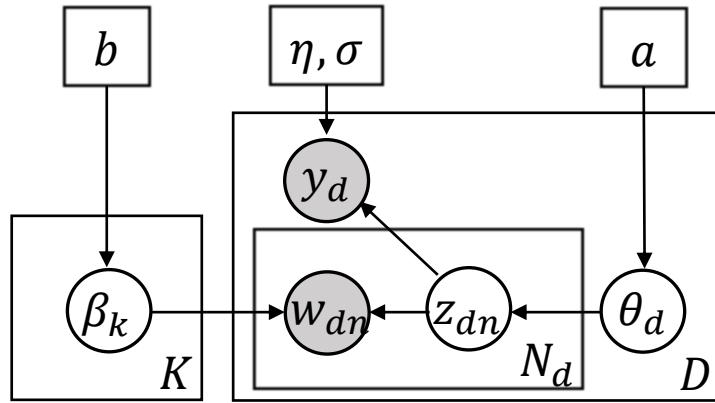
Gibbs Sampling

Closed-form known

- Stochastic Gradient Riemannian Langevin Dynamics [PT13],  
Stochastic Gradient Nose-Hoover Thermostats [DFB+14],  
Stochastic Gradient Riemannian Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [MCF15].
- Accelerated particle-based VI [LZC+19, LZZ19].

# Supervised Latent Dirichlet Allocation

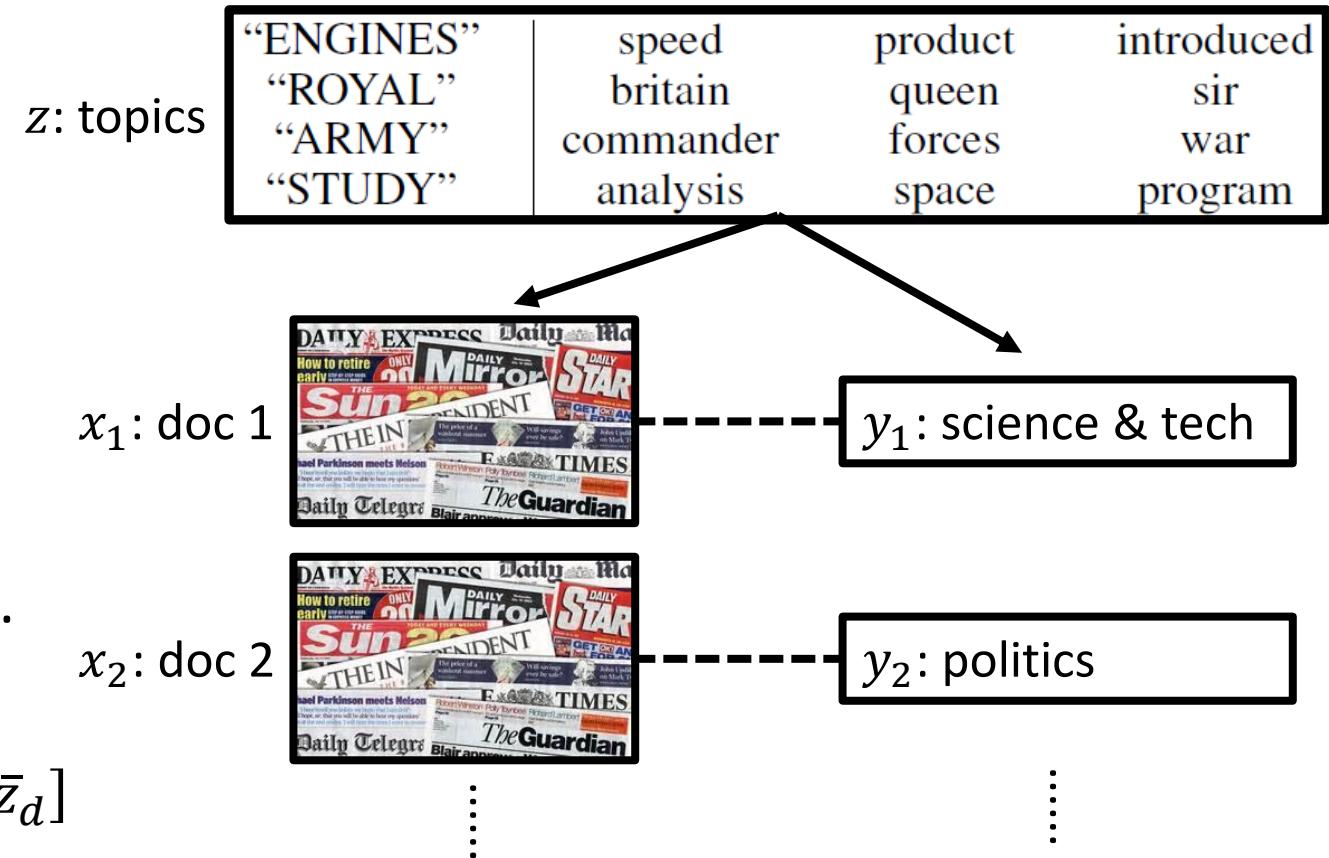
Model structure [MB08]:



- Variational inference: similar to LDA.
- Prediction: for test document  $w_d$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y}_d &\coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{p(y_d|w_d)}[y_d] = \eta^\top \mathbb{E}_{p(z_d|w_d)}[\bar{z}_d] \\ &\approx \eta^\top \mathbb{E}_{q(z_d|w_d)}[\bar{z}_d].\end{aligned}$$

First do inference (find  $q(z_d|w_d)$ ), then estimate  $\hat{y}_d$ .



# Supervised Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Variational inference with posterior regularization [ZAX12]

- Regularized Bayes (RegBayes) [ZCX14]:
  - Recall:  $p(z|\{x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\}) = \arg \min_{q(z)} \{-\mathcal{L}[q] = \text{KL}(q(z), p(z)) - \sum_n \mathbb{E}_q [\log p(x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}|z)]\}.$
  - **Regularize** posterior towards better prediction:  
$$\min_{q(z)} \text{KL}(q(z), p(z)) - \sum_n \mathbb{E}_q [\log p(x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}|z)] + \lambda \ell(q(z); \{x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\}).$$
- Maximum entropy discrimination LDA (MedLDA) [ZAX12]:
  - $\ell(q; \{w^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\}) = \sum_n \ell_\varepsilon(y^{(n)} - \hat{y}^{(n)}(q, w^{(n)})) = \sum_n \ell_\varepsilon(y^{(n)} - \eta^\top \mathbb{E}_{q(z^{(n)}|w^{(n)})} [\bar{z}^{(n)}]),$  where  $\ell_\varepsilon(r) = \max\{0, |r| - \varepsilon\}$  is the hinge (max-margin) loss.
  - Facilitates both prediction and topic representation.

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# Variational Auto-Encoder

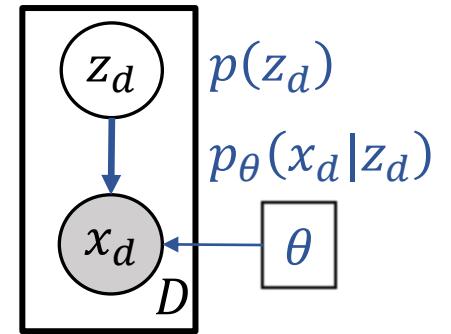
More *flexible* Bayesian model using *deep learning* tools.

- Model structure (decoder) [KW14]:

$$z_d \sim p(z_d) = \mathcal{N}(z_d | 0, I),$$

$$x_d \sim p_\theta(x_d | z_d) = \mathcal{N}(x_d | \mu_\theta(z_d), \Sigma_\theta(z_d)),$$

where  $\mu_\theta(z_d)$  and  $\Sigma_\theta(z_d)$  are modeled by neural networks.



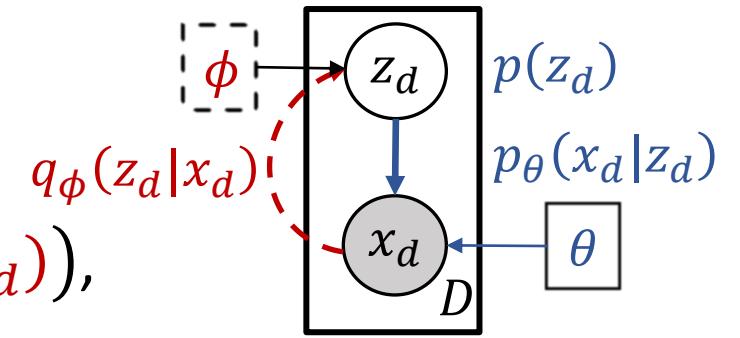
# Variational Auto-Encoder

- Variational inference (encoder) [KW14]:

$$q_{\phi}(z|x) := \prod_{d=1}^D q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d) = \prod_{d=1}^D \mathcal{N}(z_d | \nu_{\phi}(x_d), \Gamma_{\phi}(x_d)),$$

where  $\nu_{\phi}(x_d), \Gamma_{\phi}(x_d)$  are also NNs.

- Amortized inference: to approximate local posteriors  $\{p(z_d|x_d)\}_{d=1}^D$ ,
  - instead of using  $q_{\phi_d}(z_d)$  for each  $p(z_d|x_d)$  and learning *local* parameters  $\{\phi_d\}$  (like LDA),
  - use  $q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d)$  and learn the *global* parameter  $\phi$  (**fast inference for unseen  $x_d$** ).
- Objective:  $\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x_d)}[\log p_{\theta}(x_d)] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x_d)}[\text{ELBO}(x_d)],$   
$$\text{ELBO}(x_d) = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d)}[\log p_{\theta}(z_d)p_{\theta}(x_d|z_d) - \log q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d)].$$



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- Gradient estimation with the *reparameterization trick*:

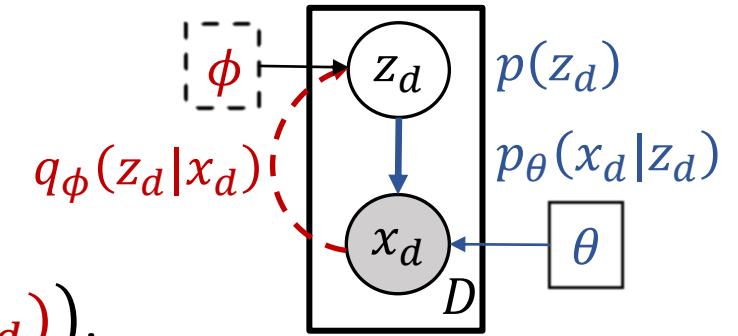
$$z_d \sim q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d) \iff z_d = g_{\phi}(x_d, \epsilon) := \nu_{\phi}(x_d) + \epsilon \sqrt{\Gamma_{\phi}(x_d)}, \epsilon \sim q(\epsilon) := \mathcal{N}(\epsilon|0, I).$$

- Gradient estimation:  $\nabla_{\phi, \theta} \text{ELBO}(x_d) =$

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\epsilon)} \left[ \nabla_{\phi, \theta} \left( \log p_{\theta}(g_{\phi}(x_d, \epsilon)) p_{\theta}(x_d|g_{\phi}(x_d, \epsilon)) - \log q_{\phi}(g_{\phi}(x_d, \epsilon)|x_d) \right) \right].$$

- Smaller variance than REINFORCE-like estimator [Wil92]:

$$\nabla_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}} [f_{\phi}] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}} [\nabla_{\phi} f_{\phi} + f_{\phi} \nabla_{\phi} \log q_{\phi}].$$



# Variational Auto-Encoder

- Inference with importance-weighted ELBO [BGS15]
  - Conventional ELBO (subscript  $d$  omitted):

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta[q_\phi](x) := \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \left[ \log \frac{p_\theta(z,x)}{q_\phi(z|x)} \right].$$

- A tighter lower bound:

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta^{(K)}[q_\phi](x) := \mathbb{E}_{z^{(1)}, \dots, z^{(K)} \sim \text{i.i.d.}} q_\phi \left[ \log \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{p_\theta(z^{(i)}, x)}{q_\phi(z^{(i)}|x)} \right].$$

Ordering relation:

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta[q_\phi](x) = \mathcal{L}_\theta^{(1)}[q_\phi](x) \leq \mathcal{L}_\theta^{(2)}[q_\phi](x) \leq \dots \leq \mathcal{L}_\theta^{(\infty)}[q_\phi](x) = \log p_\theta(x).$$

- SUMO [LBN+19]: unbiased estimate of  $\mathcal{L}_\theta^{(\infty)}[q_\phi](x)$ .

3	2	1	5	8	8	1	9
5	3	2	8	1	3	1	2
7	2	8	5	2	5	7	3
8	1	0	1	4	7	1	0
6	8	2	2	3	7	3	0
4	8	1	4	8	9	6	6
0	9	2	7	9	9	2	8
5	1	7	3	9	0	9	9
6	8	1	9	1	0	6	5
5	7	8	4	1	6	9	7

If  $\frac{p(z,x)}{q(z|x)}$  is bounded.

# Variational Auto-Encoder

- Semi-supervised VAE [KMRW14, M2]

- For labeled data:

- Required encoder:  $q_\phi(z_d|x_d, y_d)$ .

- Objective:  $\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x_d, y_d)}[\log p_\theta(x_d, y_d)] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x_d, y_d)}[\text{ELBO}(x_d, y_d)],$

$$\text{ELBO}(x_d, y_d) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z_d|x_d, y_d)}[\log p_\theta(z_d)p_\theta(y_d)p_\theta(x_d|z_d, y_d) - \log q_\phi(z_d|x_d, y_d)].$$

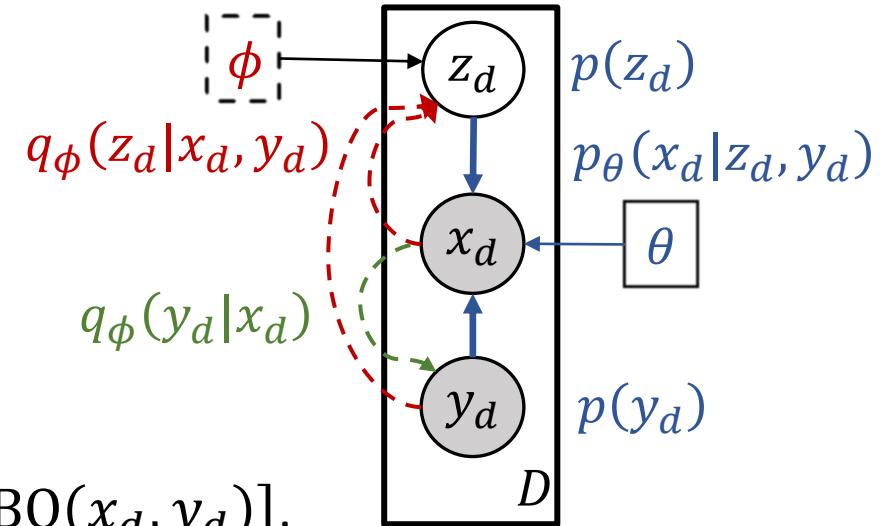
- For unlabeled data:

- Required encoder:  $q_\phi(y_d, z_d|x_d) = q_\phi(y_d|x_d)q_\phi(z_d|x_d, y_d)$ .

- Objective:  $\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x_d)}[\log p_\theta(x_d)] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x_d)}[\text{ELBO}(x_d)],$

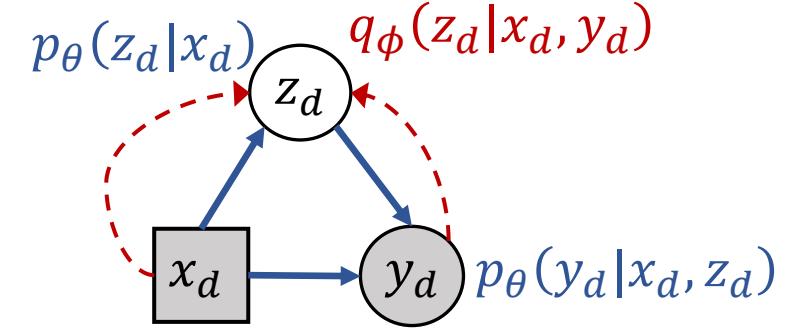
$$\begin{aligned} \text{ELBO}(x_d) &= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(y_d, z_d|x_d)}[\log p_\theta(z_d)p_\theta(y_d)p_\theta(x_d|z_d, y_d) - \log q_\phi(y_d, z_d|x_d)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(y_d|x_d)}[\text{ELBO}(x_d, y_d) - \log q_\phi(y_d|x_d)]. \end{aligned}$$

- For prediction: use  $q_\phi(y_d|x_d)$ .



# Variational Auto-Encoder

- Conditional VAE [SYL15]
  - Let the generation of  $(z_d, y_d)$  conditioned on  $x_d$  (so it is not generative).
  - Model:  $p_\theta(z_d, y_d | x_d) = p_\theta(z_d | x_d)p(y_d | x_d, z_d)$ .
  - Required encoder:  $q_\phi(z_d | x_d, y_d)$ .
  - Objective:  $\text{ELBO}(y_d | x_d) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z_d | x_d, y_d)} [\log p_\theta(z_d | x_d)p(y_d | x_d, z_d) - \log q_\phi(z_d | x_d, y_d)]$ .
  - Prediction: ancestral sampling:  $z_d \sim p_\theta(z_d | x_d), y_d \sim p(y_d | x_d, z_d)$ .
- VAE with structured prior
  - [LWZZ18] mixture of Gaussian, state-space model.
  - [KSDV18] Causal network.
  - [PHN+20] energy-based prior.



# Variational Auto-Encoder

- Learning disentangled representation
  - InfoGAN [CDH+16]: max mutual\_info(part\_of\_z, generated\_x).
  - $\beta$ -VAE [HLP+17]: upscale the KL term ( $q(z|x)$ ) to factorized prior  $p(z)$ ) in ELBO.
  - Total Correlation VAE [CLG+18]: upscale the total-correlation term in a finer decomposition of ELBO.



(a) Varying  $c_1$  on InfoGAN (Digit type)

(c) Varying  $c_2$  from -2 to 2 on InfoGAN (Rotation)

(d) Varying  $c_3$  from -2 to 2 on InfoGAN (Width)

# Variational Auto-Encoder

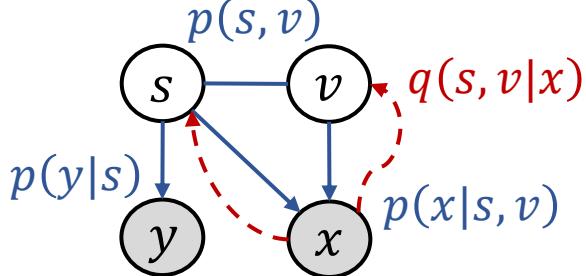
- Learning disentangled representation
  - Formal definition [HAP+18] (roughly): a class of transformations on  $x$  (holding some semantics) changes only one dimension of the representation.
  - Impossibility theorem [LBL+19]:

**Theorem 1.** *For  $d > 1$ , let  $\mathbf{z} \sim P$  denote any distribution which admits a density  $p(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{i=1}^d p(z_i)$ . Then, there exists an infinite family of bijective functions  $f : \text{supp}(\mathbf{z}) \rightarrow \text{supp}(\mathbf{z})$  such that  $\frac{\partial f_i(\mathbf{u})}{\partial u_j} \neq 0$  almost everywhere for all  $i$  and  $j$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{z}$  and  $f(\mathbf{z})$  are completely entangled) and  $P(\mathbf{z} \leq \mathbf{u}) = P(f(\mathbf{z}) \leq \mathbf{u})$  for all  $\mathbf{u} \in \text{supp}(\mathbf{z})$  (i.e., they have the same marginal distribution).*
- Works afterwards:
  - Weak supervision: a few labels [LTB+19], pairwise similarity [CB20], paired unsupervised data [LPR+20], rank pairing [SCK+20].
  - If the cause of  $\mathbf{z}$  is observed,  $\mathbf{z}$ 's suff. stat. can be **identified** up to a permutation [KKM+20].

# Variational Auto-Encoder



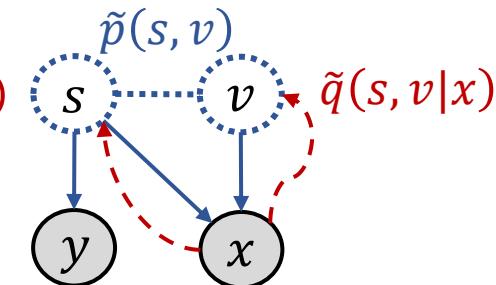
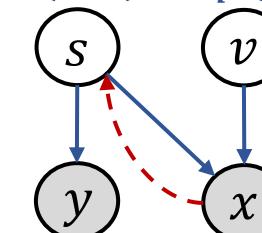
- Learning causal representation.
  - Why: Causal relations tend to hold across domains [SJP+12, PJS17, Sch19].
  - Invariance risk min. [ABGL19]: Optimal representation-based classifier is invariant.
  - Causal generative model [LSW+21] (single training domain; [SWZ+21] for multiple tr. dom.):



**Model:**

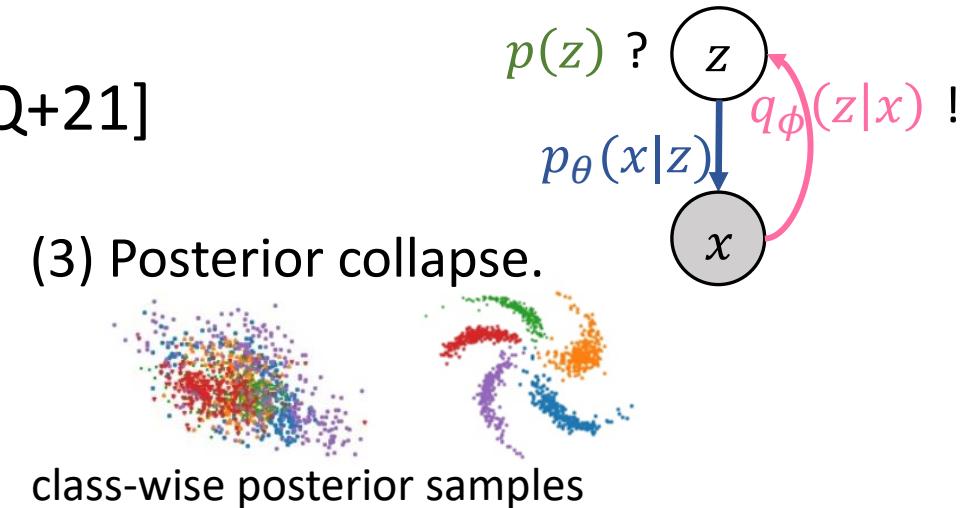
- **Generative** process is more likely causal/invariant than **inference** process.
- Domain shift comes from the change of **prior** (repr. distr.).
- Not all representation *causes*  $y \rightarrow$  the semantic-variation split.
- **Prediction:** use an *independent prior* (if no test data) or a *newly learned prior* (unlabeled test data).
- **Learning:** using the test-domain inf. model  $q^\perp(s, v|x)$  or  $\tilde{q}(s, v|x)$  suffices.
- **Theory:** under certain conditions, a well-learned model **identifies** the semantics  $s$ , and the test-domain/out-of-distr. prediction error is bounded (no test data) or vanishes (unlabeled test data).

$$p^\perp(s, v) := p(s)p(v)$$



# Variational Auto-Encoder

- Bidirectional/Prior-free generative modeling [LTQ+21]
  - Modeling  $p(x, z)$  by specifying a prior  $p(z)$ :
    - (1) Hard inference.
    - (2) Manifold mismatch.



- Thm (informal): Conditional densities  $p(x|z)$ ,  $q(z|x)$  come from a common joint  $p(x, z)$  (*compatible*), iff.  $\frac{p(x|z)}{q(z|x)}$  factorizes as  $a(x)b(z)$  on a certain region they determine. Such  $p(x, z)$  is unique on the region (*determinacy*).
  - For  $p(x|z) = \delta_{f(z)}(x)$ , insufficient determinacy ( $\text{compatible} \Leftrightarrow \exists x_0 \text{ s.t. } q(f^{-1}(\{x_0\})|x_0) = 1$ ).
- Algorithms are possible!
  - Enforcing compatibility:  $\min \mathbb{E}_{p^*(x)q_\phi(z|x)} \left\| \nabla_x \nabla_z^\top \log \left( \frac{p_\theta(x|z)}{q_\phi(z|x)} \right) \right\|_F^2$ .
  - Data-fitting: MLE:  $\mathbb{E}_{p^*(x)} [\log p_{\theta,\phi}(x)] = \mathbb{E}_{p^*(x)} \left[ -\log \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z'|x)} [1/p_\theta(x|z')] \right]$ .
  - Data gen.: MCMC:  $\Delta x^{(t)} = \varepsilon \nabla_{x^{(t)}} \log \frac{p_\theta(x^{(t)}|z^{(t)})}{q_\phi(z^{(t)}|x^{(t)})} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon} \eta^{(t)}$ , where  $z^{(t)} \sim q_\phi(z|x^{(t)})$ ,  $\eta^{(t)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ .

# Variational Auto-Encoder

- Parametric Variational Inference: towards more flexible approximations.
  - Explicit VI:  
Normalizing flows [RM15, KSJ+16].
  - Implicit VI:  
Adversarial Auto-Encoder [MSJ+15], Adversarial Variational Bayes [MNG17], Wasserstein Auto-Encoder [TBGS17], [SSZ18a], [LT18], [SSZ18b].
- MCMC [LTL17] and Particle-Based VI [FWL17, PGH+17]:
  - Train the encoder as a sample generator.
  - Amortize the update on samples to  $\phi$ .

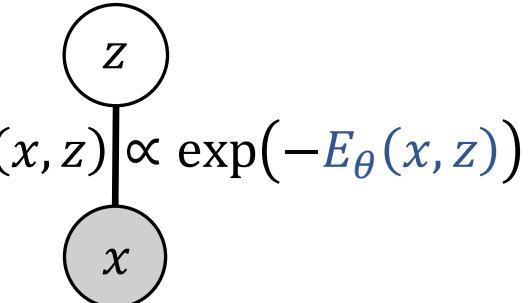
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# Undirected PGMs

Specify  $p_\theta(x, z)$  by an **energy function**  $E_\theta(x, z)$ :

$$p_\theta(x, z) = \frac{1}{Z_\theta} \exp(-E_\theta(x, z)), Z_\theta = \int \exp(-E_\theta(x', z')) dx' dz'.$$



- Only correlation and no causality:  $p(x, z)$  is either  $p(z)p(x|z)$  or  $p(x)p(z|x)$ .
- + Flexible and simple in modeling dependency.
- Harder to learn and generate than directed PGMs.

- Learning: even  $p_\theta(x, z)$  is unavailable.

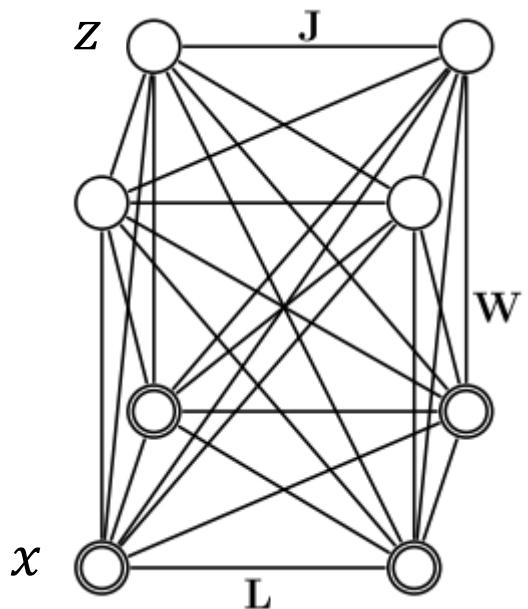
$$\nabla_\theta \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_\theta(x)] = -\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)p_\theta(z|x)}[\nabla_\theta E_\theta(x, z)] + \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(x, z)}[\nabla_\theta E_\theta(x, z)].$$

↑  
(augmented) data distribution      model distribution  
(Bayesian inference)                  (generation)

- Bayesian inference: generally same as directed PGMs.
- Generation: rely on MCMC or training a generator.

# Undirected PGMs

- Learning:  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)} [\log p_{\theta}(x)] = -\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x) p_{\theta}(z|x)} [\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x, z)] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x,z)} [\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x, z)].$
- Boltzmann Machine: Gibbs sampling for both inference and generation [HS83].



$$E_{\theta}(x, z) = -x^T W z - \frac{1}{2} x^T L x - \frac{1}{2} z^T J z.$$

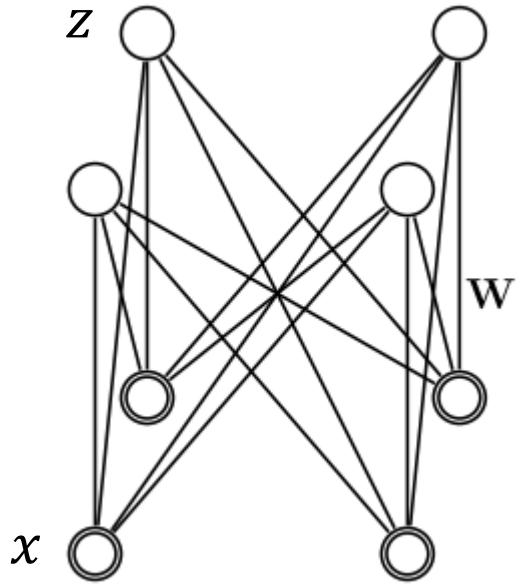
$\Rightarrow$

$$p_{\theta}(z_j | x, z_{-j}) = \text{Bern}\left(\sigma\left(\sum_{i=1}^D W_{ij} x_i + \sum_{m \neq j}^P J_{jm} z_m\right)\right),$$

$$p_{\theta}(x_i | z, x_{-i}) = \text{Bern}\left(\sigma\left(\sum_{j=1}^P W_{ij} z_j + \sum_{k \neq i}^D L_{ik} x_k\right)\right).$$

# Undirected PGMs

- Learning:  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)} [\log p_{\theta}(x)] = -\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)p_{\theta}(z|x)} [\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x, z)] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x,z)} [\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x, z)].$   
                        ↑  
                        Bayesian Inference                        ↑  
                        Generation
- Restricted Boltzmann Machine [Smo86]:



$$E_{\theta}(x, z) = -x^T W z + b^{(x)^T} x + b^{(z)^T} z.$$

- Bayesian Inference is exact:  
 $p_{\theta}(z_k|x) = \text{Bern}\left(\sigma\left(x^T W_{:k} + b_k^{(z)}\right)\right).$

- Generation: Gibbs sampling.

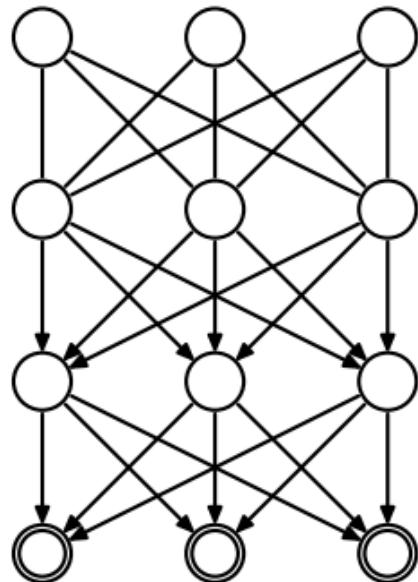
Iterate:

$$p_{\theta}(z_k|x) = \text{Bern}\left(\sigma\left(x^T W_{:k} + b_k^{(z)}\right)\right),$$

$$p_{\theta}(x_k|z) = \text{Bern}\left(\sigma\left(W_{k:} z + b_k^{(x)}\right)\right).$$

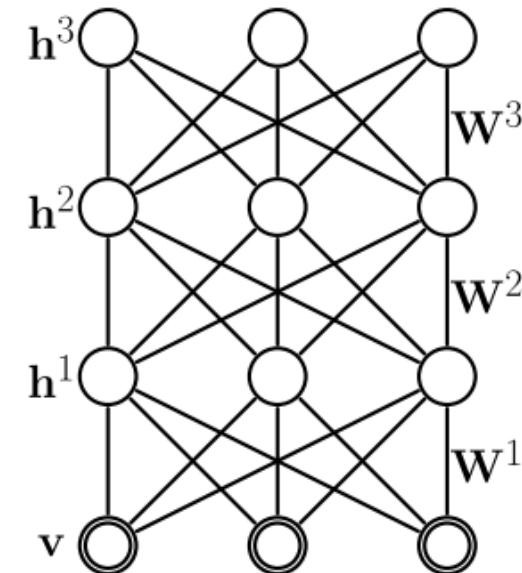
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- Learning:  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x)] = -\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)p_{\theta}(z|x)}[\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x, z)] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x,z)}[\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x, z)].$
- ↑ Bayesian Inference      ↑ Generation
- Deep Belief Network [HOT06]  
(hybrid of directed and undirected)
  - Deep Boltzmann Machine [SH09]



$$p(v, h^{(1)}, \dots, h^{(L)}) \\ = p(v|h^{(1)})p(h^{(1)}|h^{(2)}) \dots p(h^{(L-2)}|h^{(L-1)})p(h^{(L-1)}, h^{(L)}).$$

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$$E_{\theta}(v, h^{(1)}, \dots, h^{(L)}) \\ = E_{W^{(1)}}(v, h^{(1)}) + \sum_{l=2}^L E_{W^{(l)}}(h^{(l-1)}, h^{(l)}).$$

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# Undirected PGMs

- Learning:  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x)] = -\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)p_{\theta}(z|x)}[\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x, z)] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x,z)}[\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x, z)].$

Bayesian Inference

Generation

- [Hin02]: estimation with  $k$ -step MCMC approximates the gradient of  $k$ -step *Contrastive Divergence* (CD- $k$ ):

$$\text{CD}_k := \text{KL}(P^0 || P_{\theta}^{\infty}) - \text{KL}(P_{\theta}^k || P_{\theta}^{\infty}),$$
$$P^0(x) = \hat{p}(x), P_{\theta}^k(x) := P^0(x) P_{\theta}(x^{(k)} | x).$$

← *k-step transition of MCMC from data to model.*

# Undirected PGMs

Deep Energy-Based Models:

No latent variable;  $E_\theta(x)$  is modeled by a neural network.

$$\nabla_\theta \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_\theta(x)] = -\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\nabla_\theta E_\theta(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(x')}[\nabla_\theta E_\theta(x')].$$

- [KB16]: learn a generator

$$x \sim q_\phi(x) \Leftrightarrow z \sim q(z), x = g_\phi(z),$$

to mimic the generation from  $p_\theta(x)$ :

$$\arg \min_{\phi} \text{KL}(q_\phi, p_\theta) = \arg \min_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} \left[ E_\theta(g_\phi(z)) \right] - \underbrace{\mathbb{H}[q_\phi]}_{\substack{\text{approx. by batch} \\ \text{normalization Gaussian}}}$$



# Undirected PGMs

Deep Energy-Based Models:

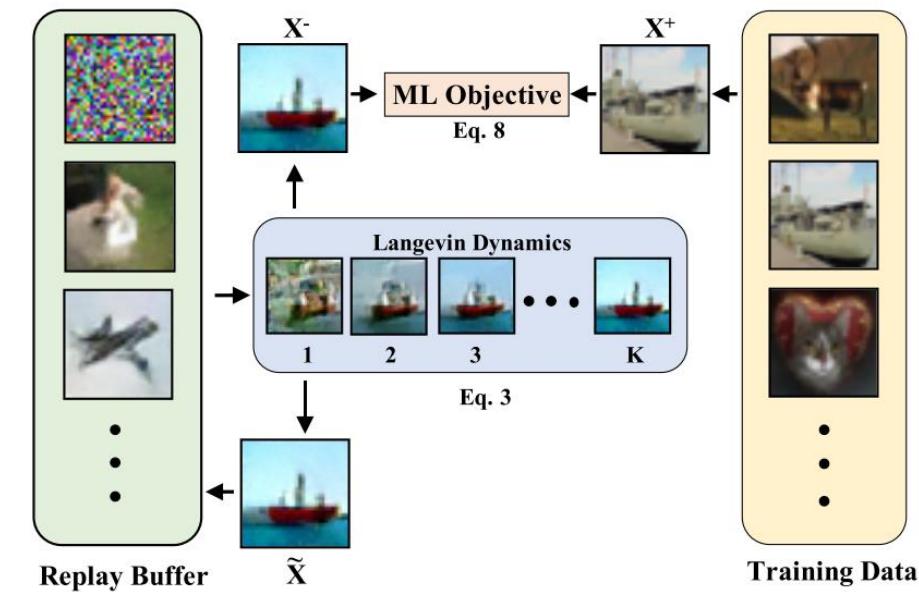
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- [DM19]: estimate  $\mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(x')}[\cdot]$  by samples drawn by the Langevin Dynamics

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \varepsilon \nabla_x E_\theta(x^{(k)}) + \mathcal{N}(0, 2\varepsilon).$$

- Replay buffer for initializing the LD chain.
- $L_2$ -regularization on the energy function.



# Undirected PGMs

## Deep Energy-Based Models:

- [DM19]



ImageNet32x32 Generation

Model	Inception	FID
<b>CIFAR-10 Unconditional</b>		
PixelCNN (Van Oord et al., 2016)	4.60	65.93
PixelIQN (Ostrovski et al., 2018)	5.29	49.46
EBM (single)	6.02	40.58
DCGAN (Radford et al., 2016)	6.40	37.11
WGAN + GP (Gulrajani et al., 2017)	6.50	36.4
EBM (10 historical ensemble)	6.78	38.2
SNGAN (Miyato et al., 2018)	<b>8.22</b>	21.7
<b>CIFAR-10 Conditional</b>		
Improved GAN	8.09	-
EBM (single)	8.30	37.9
Spectral Normalization GAN	<b>8.59</b>	25.5
<b>ImageNet 32x32 Conditional</b>		
PixelCNN	8.33	33.27
PixelIQN	10.18	22.99
EBM (single)	<b>18.22</b>	<b>14.31</b>
<b>ImageNet 128x128 Conditional</b>		
ACGAN (Odena et al., 2017)	28.5	-
EBM* (single)	28.6	43.7
SNGAN	<b>36.8</b>	<b>27.62</b>

# Undirected PGMs

## Deep Energy-Based Models:

- Score-based methods [Hyv05]:

Learn  $\mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x})$  (represents  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} E_\theta(\mathbf{x})$ ) to approx  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$ , by min:

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} \|\mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}_{\text{Fisher divergence } (p_\theta, p_{\text{data}})} = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\|\mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 + 2\nabla \cdot \mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x})]}_{\text{score-matching objective}} + \text{const.},$$

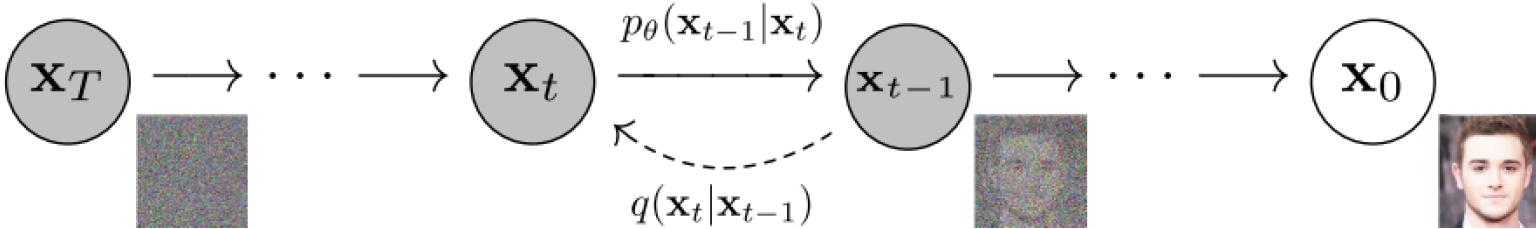
- The density  $p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$  is not required! Estimate the expectation by sample average.
- Data generation: run **Langevin dynamics** with  $\mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x})$ .
- Noise Annealing Score Matching [SE19]:
  - $p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$  may concentrate on a low-dim. manifold  $\Rightarrow \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$  is ill-posed!
  - Perturb the data by noise with shrinking variance: avoid concentration on manifold.  
Consider  $p_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) := \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ ,  $p_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) := \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) p_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$ ,  
and  $\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_1 > \dots > \sigma_T = \sigma_{\min}$  s.t.:  $p_{\sigma_{\min}}(\mathbf{x}) \approx p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$ .

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# Diffusion-Based Models

[SWMG15, HJA20]



- Gradually corrupting images into random noise is easy:

Let  $q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) := \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{1 - \beta_t}\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \beta_t\mathbf{I})$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_0$  be the data variable.

Then  $q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}\mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)\mathbf{I})$ ,  $\bar{\alpha}_t := \prod_{s=1}^t (1 - \beta_s)$ .

$q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) \approx \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_T; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) =: p(\mathbf{x}_T)$  for large  $T$ !

- The reverse process is data generation.

- The forward path serves as a guide for recovering data from noise.
- Training enormous layers is possible.

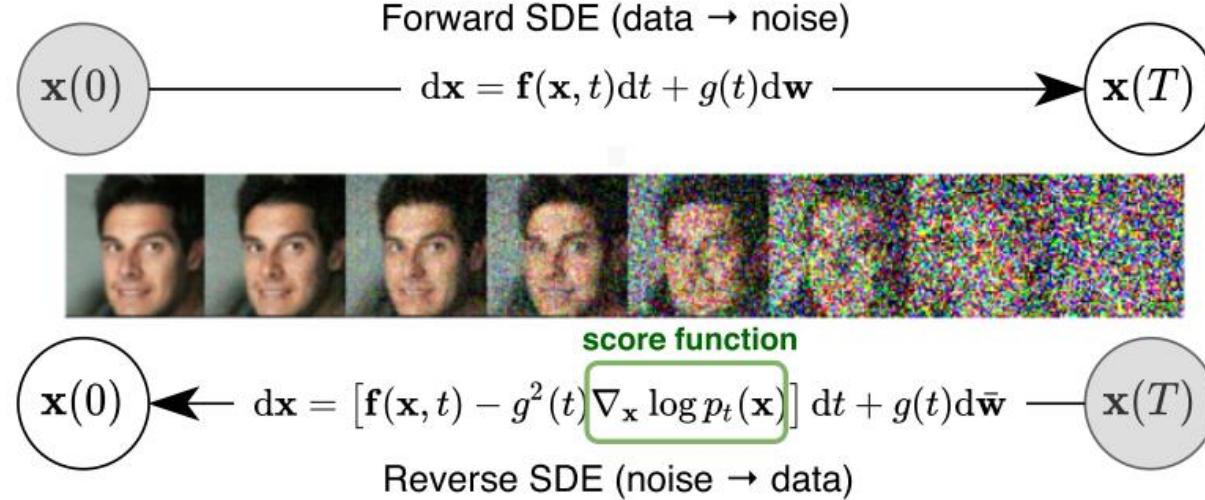
- Learning the reverse process:

- Treat  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T)$  as the latent variable  $\mathbf{z}$ .
- The forward process defines  $q(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) := q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0) \dots q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_{T-1})$ .
- The reverse process defines  $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T) := p(\mathbf{x}_T)p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{T-1}|\mathbf{x}_T) \dots p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)$ .
- Learn  $\theta$  to make the posterior  $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0)$  match  $q(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0)$  by optimizing ELBO.

Mimics Langevin dynamics targeting std Gaussian:  
 $x^{(t)} = x^{(t-1)} + \varepsilon \nabla \log p_N(x^{(t-1)}) + \mathcal{N}(0, 2\varepsilon)$ .

# Diffusion-Based Models

As a diffusion process (described by Stochastic Differential Equation) [SSK+21]:



Langevin dynamics  
targeting std. Gaussian  
(w/ time dilation  $\beta(t)$ ).

- The forward process: discretizes Variance Preserving (VP) SDE:  $d\mathbf{x} = -\frac{1}{2}\beta(t)\mathbf{x} dt + \sqrt{\beta(t)} d\mathbf{w}$ .
- SDE theory gives the reverse process:  $d\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) - g(t)^2\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x})]dt + g(t)d\bar{\mathbf{w}}$ 
  - Only the score function needs to be learned:
$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \lambda(t) \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}(0)} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}(t)} \left[ \|\mathbf{s}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}(t), t) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}(t)} \log p_{0t}(\mathbf{x}(t) | \mathbf{x}(0))\|_2^2 \right] \right\}.$$
  - When  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is affine (e.g., VP SDE),  $p_{0t}(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0)$  is a Gaussian in closed-form.
  - Otherwise,  $p_{0t}(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0)$  is intractable. Use (sliced) score-matching objective.

# Diffusion-Based Models

As a diffusion process (described by Stochastic Differential Equation) [SSK+21]:

- Relation to noise annealing score-matching:

Annealing corruption process: discretizes Variance Exploding (VE) SDE:

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_{i-1} + \sqrt{\sigma_i^2 - \sigma_{i-1}^2} \mathbf{z}_{i-1} \quad \rightarrow \quad d\mathbf{x} = \sqrt{\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}} dw.$$

- Unified algorithm:

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**Algorithm 1** PC sampling (VE SDE)

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1:  $\mathbf{x}_N \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_{\max}^2 \mathbf{I})$ 
2: for  $i = N - 1$  to 0 do
3:    $\mathbf{x}'_i \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_{i+1} + (\sigma_{i+1}^2 - \sigma_i^2) \mathbf{s}_{\theta} * (\mathbf{x}_{i+1}, \sigma_{i+1})$ 
4:    $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ 
5:    $\mathbf{x}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{x}'_i + \sqrt{\sigma_{i+1}^2 - \sigma_i^2} \mathbf{z}$ 
6:   for  $j = 1$  to  $M$  do
7:      $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ 
8:      $\mathbf{x}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_i + \epsilon_i \mathbf{s}_{\theta} * (\mathbf{x}_i, \sigma_i) + \sqrt{2\epsilon_i} \mathbf{z}$ 
9:   return  $\mathbf{x}_0$ 
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**Algorithm 2** PC sampling (VP SDE)

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1:  $\mathbf{x}_N \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ 
2: for  $i = N - 1$  to 0 do
3:    $\mathbf{x}'_i \leftarrow (2 - \sqrt{1 - \beta_{i+1}}) \mathbf{x}_{i+1} + \beta_{i+1} \mathbf{s}_{\theta} * (\mathbf{x}_{i+1}, i + 1)$ 
4:    $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ 
5:    $\mathbf{x}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{x}'_i + \sqrt{\beta_{i+1}} \mathbf{z}$ 
6:   for  $j = 1$  to  $M$  do
7:      $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ 
8:      $\mathbf{x}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_i + \epsilon_i \mathbf{s}_{\theta} * (\mathbf{x}_i, i) + \sqrt{2\epsilon_i} \mathbf{z}$ 
9:   return  $\mathbf{x}_0$ 
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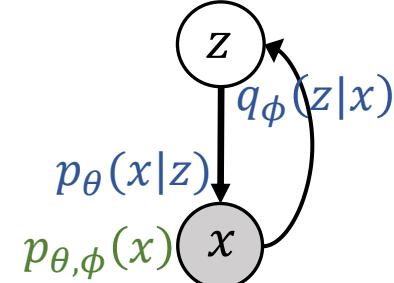
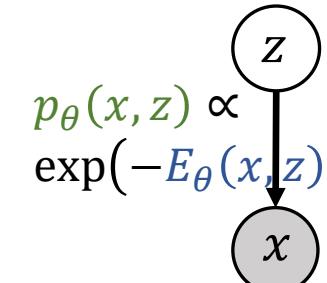
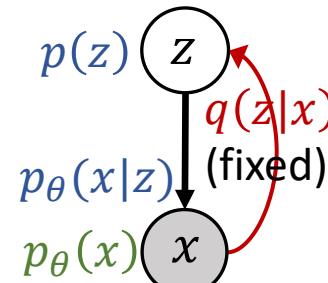
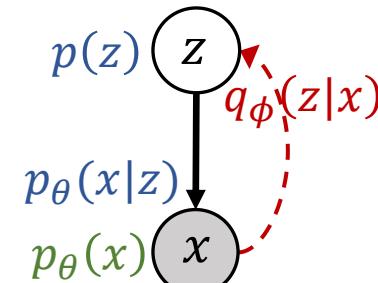
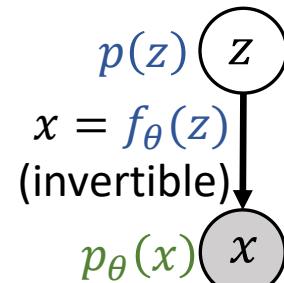
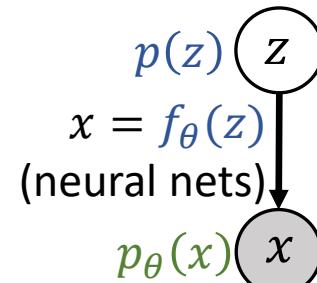
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# Generative Model: Summary

Plain Gen.	Latent Variable Models					
Autoregressive Models	Deterministic Generative		Probabilistic Graphical Models			
	GANs	Flow-Based	Directed	Dir.: Diffusion	Undirected	Bidirectional
+ Easy generation + Explicit llh (easy learning) - No natural repr. - Slow/seq. generation	+ Easy generation			- Hard generation (use MCMC)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No llh (hard learning)</li> <li>- Hard repr.</li> <li>+ Flexible model</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Explicit llh (easy learning)</li> <li>+ Easy repr.</li> <li>- High-dim. repr.</li> <li>- Hard model design</li> </ul>	Unnormalized llh: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Moderate repr.</li> <li>+ Prior knowledge</li> <li>+ Small-data robust</li> <li>+ Describe causality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ stable learning,</li> <li>+ Easy repr.</li> <li>+ Allow big model</li> <li>- High-dim. repr.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- need expectation est.</li> <li>- Hard repr.</li> <li>- MCMC in learning</li> <li>+ Simple dependency modeling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Easy &amp; flexible repr.</li> <li>+ Flexible distribution</li> </ul>

Colors represent:  
**Model component**  
**Derived quantity**  
**Auxiliary part**

$$p_{\theta}(x) \quad x$$



Questions?

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