高等机器学习



Generative Models:

Models that define p(data): p(x) (unsupervised) or p(x,y) (supervised).

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

Unsupervised:

$$\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(N)}\} = \{ [2], [7], [7], [9], [9], [9], [9] \} \sim p(x)$$

Supervised:

$$\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(N)}, y^{(N)})\} = \{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(N)}, y^{(N)})\} \sim p(x, y)$$

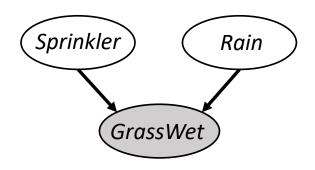
- What can generative models do:
 - 1. Generate new data.

Generation p(x) [KW14]



Conditional Generation p(x|y) [LWZZ18]

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



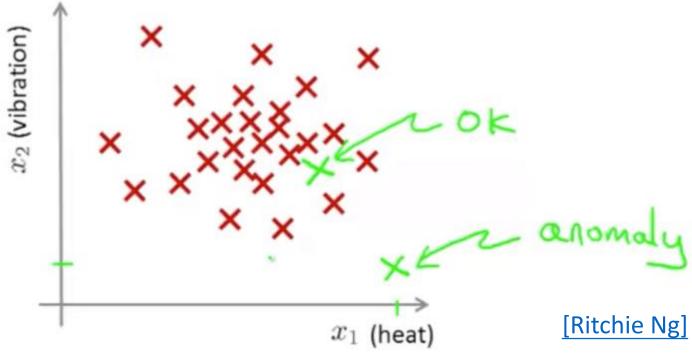
Did it *Rain* if we see *GrassWet*? -- Query p(R|G = 1) from p(S, R, G).



Missing Value Imputation (Completion) [OKK16].

-- Query $p(x_{\text{hidden}}|x_{\text{observed}})$ from $p(x_{\text{hidden}},x_{\text{observed}})$.

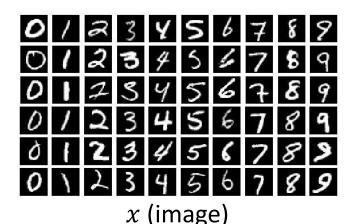
- What can generative models do:
 - 3. Density estimation p(x).
 - Uncertainty estimate.
 - Anomaly detection.



- What can generative models do:
 - 4. Representation learning: semantic and concise (via latent variable z).



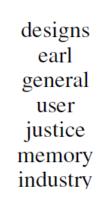
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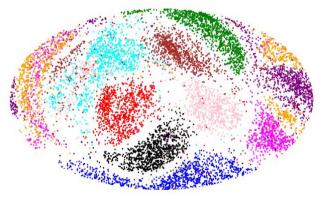
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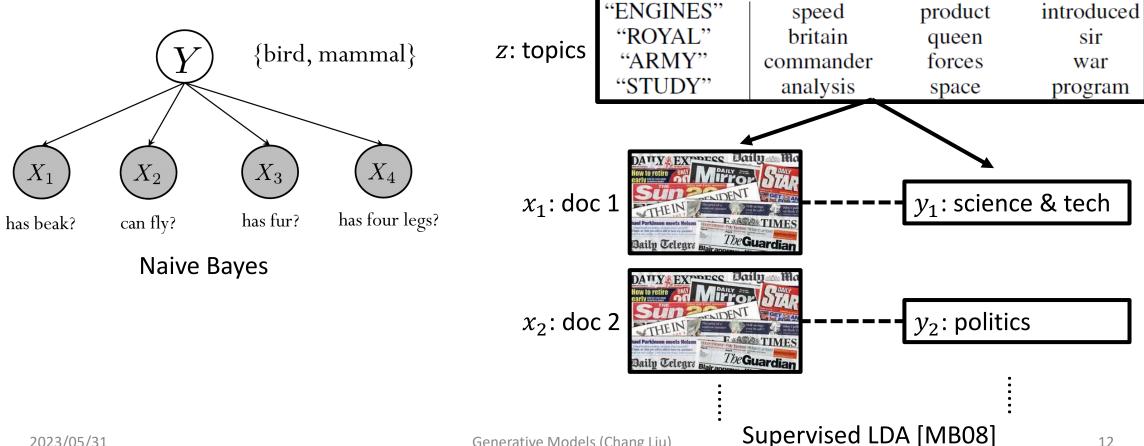


z (topics) [PT13]



z (semantic regions) [DFD+18]

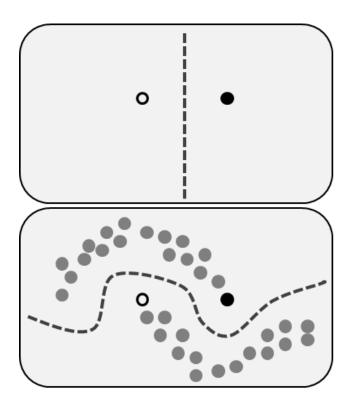
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Semi-Supervised Learning:

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],

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

$$\epsilon_{\mathrm{Gen},N} \le \epsilon_{\mathrm{Gen},\infty} + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log d}{N}}\right)$$

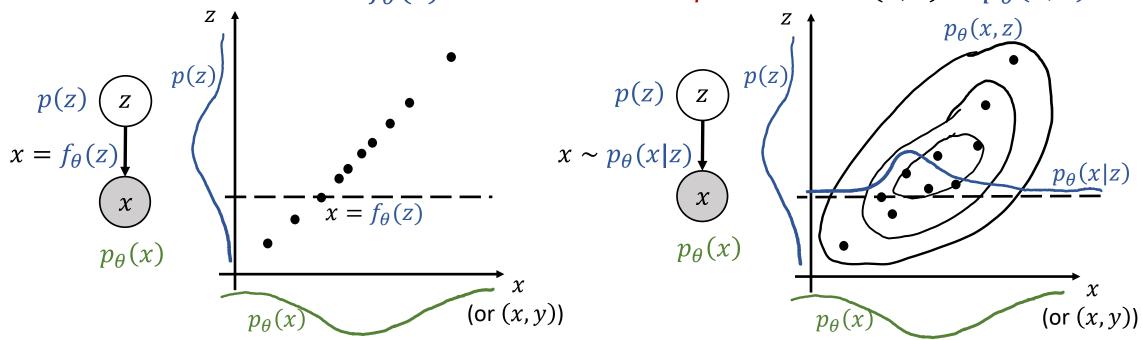
d: data dimension.

N: data size.

Generative Model: Taxonomy

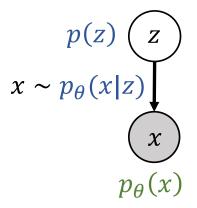
- Plain Generative Models: Directly model p(x); no latent variable. $p_{\theta}(x)$
- Latent Variable Models:
 - Deterministic Generative Models: Dependency between x and z is $deterministic: x = f_{\theta}(z).$

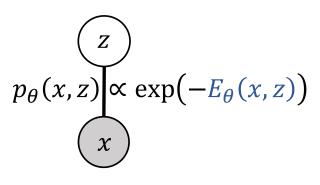
• Probabilistic Graphical Models: Dependency between x and z is probabilistic: $(x,z) \sim p_{\theta}(x,z)$.



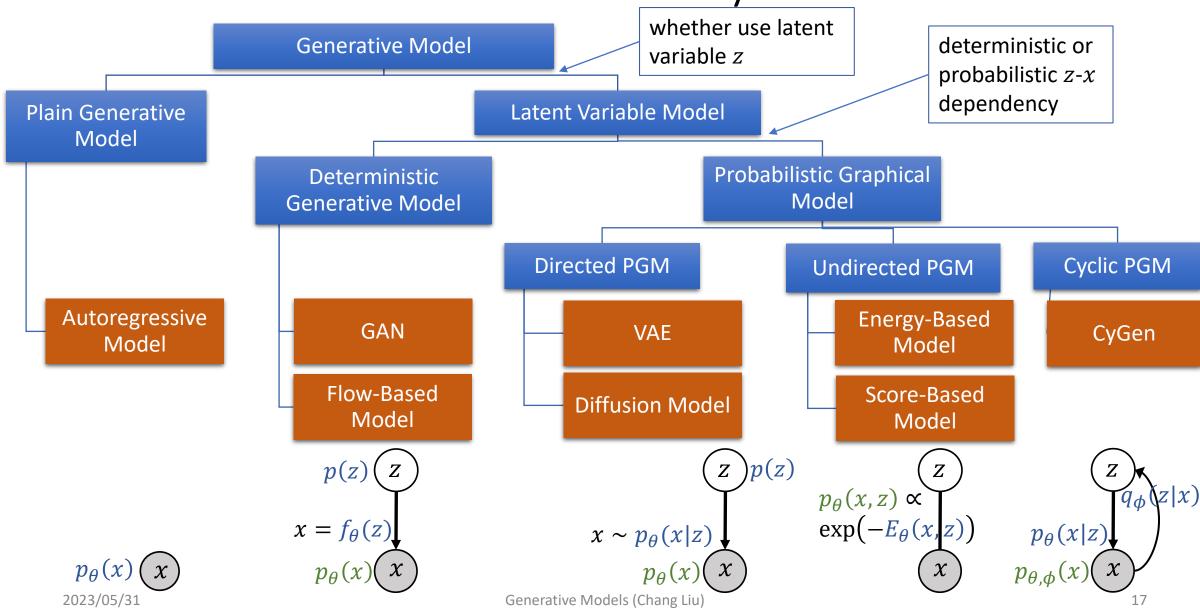
Generative Model: Taxonomy

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





Generative Model: Taxonomy



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Plain Generative Models

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

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

 $\approx \arg \max_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log p_{\theta}(x^{(n)}).$

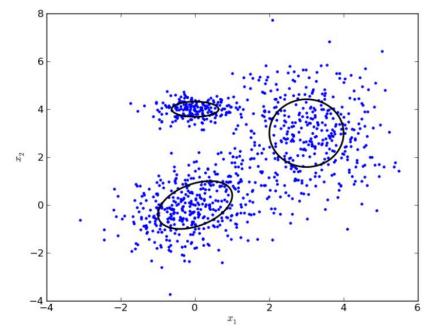
• First example: Gaussian Mixture Model

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

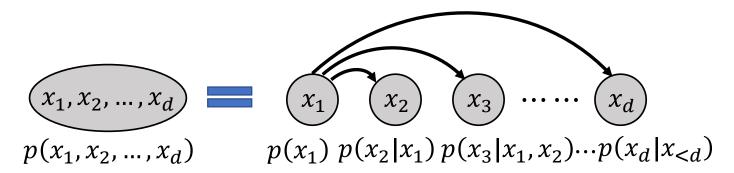
$$\theta = (\alpha, \mu, \Sigma).$$

Kullback-Leibler divergence

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



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:

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

But non-parallelizable.

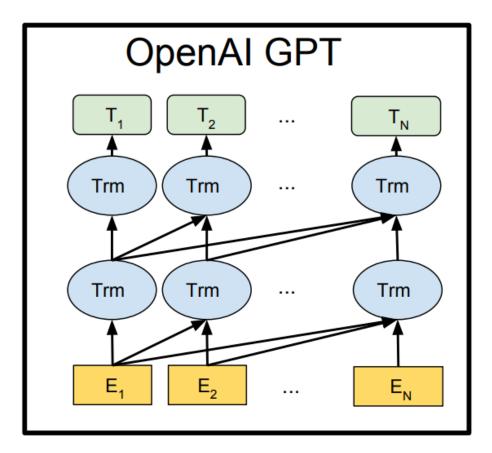
Autoregressive Models

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

 $p(\mathbf{x} = \text{``the cat sat on the mat''}) \\ = p(x_1 = \text{the}) \ p(\text{cat}|x_1) \ p(\text{sat}|x_{1...2}) \ p(\text{on}|x_{1...3}) \ p(\text{the}|x_{1...4}) \ p(\text{mat}|x_{1...5}) \ p(\text{</s>}|x_{1...6}) \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \\ x_7 \\ x_8 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \\ x_7 \\ x_6 \\ x_7 \\ x_8 \\ x_$

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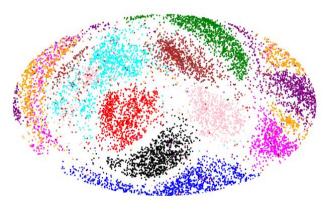
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Latent Variable Models

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

Semantic Representation



Dimensionality Reduction

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	"PUBLIC"

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britain	queen	sir
commander	forces	war
analysis	space	program
act	office	judge
size	glass	device
report	health	community

Manipulated Generation



Latent Variable Models

- Latent Variable:
 - Compact representation of dependency.

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

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

Infinite exchangeability:

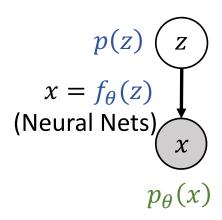
For all n and permutation σ , $p(x_1, ..., x_n) = p(x_{\sigma(1)}, ..., x_{\sigma(n)})$.

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Generative Adversarial Nets

- 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: $\min_{\theta} \operatorname{discr}(\hat{p}(x), p_{\theta}(x))$.
 - discr. = $\mathrm{KL}(\hat{p}, p_{\theta}) \Longrightarrow \mathrm{MLE}: \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}}[\log p_{\theta}]$, but the p.d.f/p.m.f $p_{\theta}(x)$ is unavailable!
 - discr. = Jensen-Shannon divergence [GPM+14].
 - discr. = Wasserstein distance [ACB17].



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$$x$$

$$JS(\hat{p}, p_{\theta}) \coloneqq \frac{1}{2} \left(KL \left(\hat{p}, \frac{p_{\theta} + \hat{p}}{2} \right) + KL \left(p_{\theta}, \frac{p_{\theta} + \hat{p}}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \max_{T(\cdot)} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)} \left[\log \sigma(T(x)) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x)} \left[\log \left(1 - \sigma(T(x)) \right) \right] + \log 2.$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{p(z)} \left[\log \left(1 - \sigma(T(f_{\theta}(z))) \right) \right]$$

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

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Flow-Based Models

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

$$p(z) \quad z$$

$$x = f_{\theta}(z)$$
(invertible)

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

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

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

Jacobian determinant,
$$\left(\frac{\partial f_{\theta}^{-1}}{\partial x}\right)_{ij} \coloneqq \frac{\partial (f_{\theta}^{-1})_{i}}{\partial x_{j}}$$
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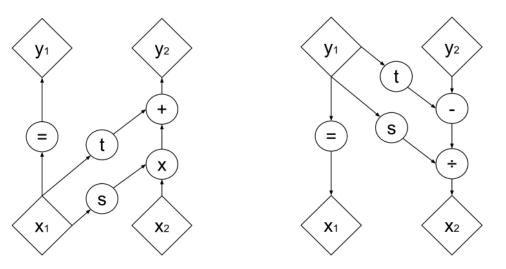
- Redundant representation: dim. $z = \dim x$.
- Restricted f_{θ} : deliberative design; either f_{θ} or f_{θ}^{-1} computes costly.
- Learning: $\min_{\alpha} \mathrm{KL}(\hat{p}(x), p_{\theta}(x)) \Longrightarrow \mathrm{MLE}: \max_{\alpha} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x)].$
- Examples:
 - NICE [DKB15], RealNVP [DSB17], MAF [PPM17], GLOW [KD18].
 - Also used for variational inference [RM15, KSJ+16].

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 $t: \mathbb{R}^{D-d} \to \mathbb{R}^{D-d}$ 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:
- Continuous normalizing flow [GCB+18].

$$\partial_t z_t = f_t(z_t) \Longrightarrow \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \log p_t(z_t) = -\nabla \cdot f_t(z_t) = -\mathrm{tr}\left(\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial z}\right).$$

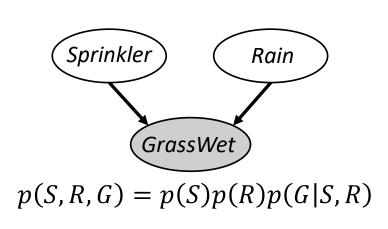
• Use ODE solver for fwd/bwd map and $\log p_{t_1}(z(t_1)) = \log p_{t_0}(z(t_0)) - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial z}\right) \, \mathrm{d}t$.

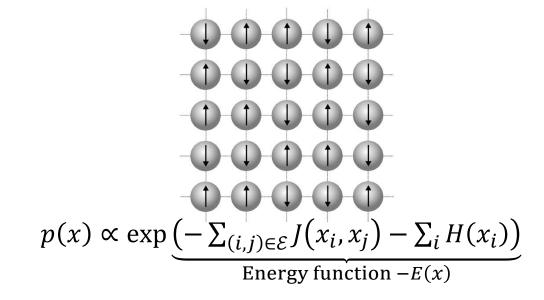
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Classical Probabilistic Graphical Models

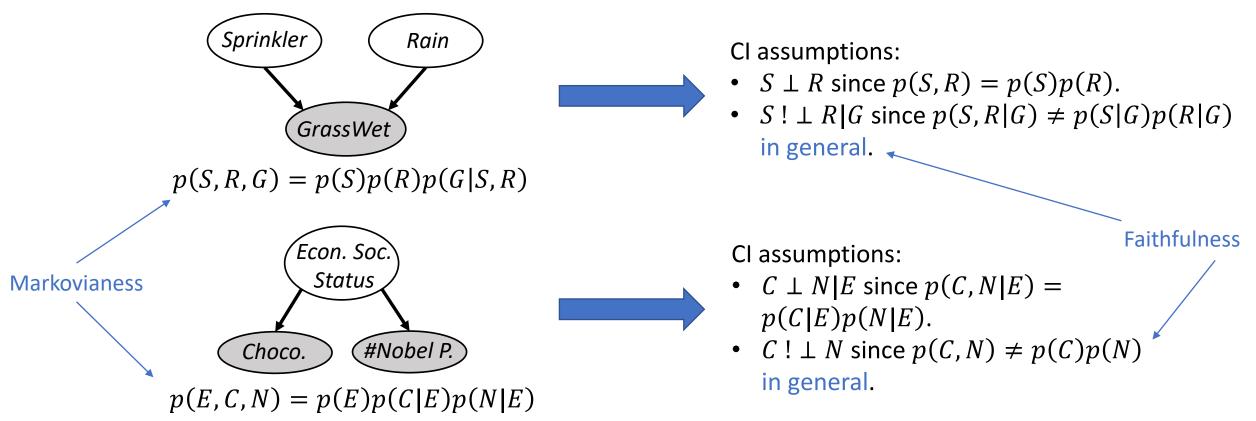
- Generally, they may or may not have latent variables.
- Intuitively: represent variable **relations** by a graph.
- Formally: a way to represent a joint distribution by making conditional independence (CI) assumptions.





Directed Probabilistic Graphical Models

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



Directed Probabilistic Graphical Models

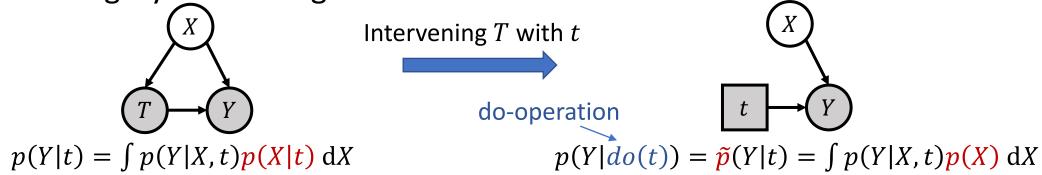
As a language of causality

- Formal definition of causality: "two variables have a causal relation, if **intervening** the cause may change the effect, but not vice versa" [PearlO9, 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) ($A \to T$) and p(T)p(A|T) ($T \to A$) can describe p(A,T),
 - but they give different outcomes under intervention.

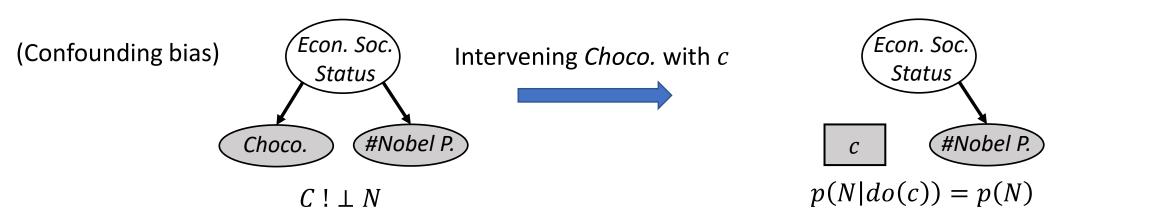
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As a language of causality

Pearl's surgery: describing intervention.

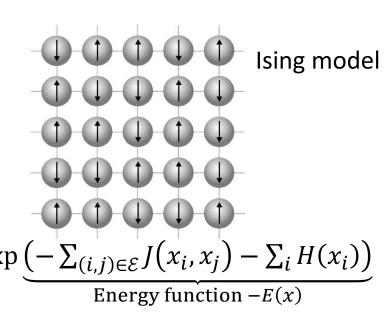


Explaining spurious correlation:



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.
 - $A \perp B \mid S$: every path between A and B contains a node in S.
 - Markovianess (Hammersley-Clifford theorem):
 p satisfies graph Cl properties if it factorizes as one term per maximal clique (fully connected subgraph).

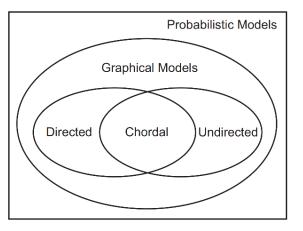


Markovianess

Probabilistic Graphical Models

- Directed and Undirected PGMs cover different distributions.
- Not all PGMs are generative (e.g., Bayesian neural networks, conditional random fields).





• 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:

$$p(z) \quad z$$

$$x \sim p_{\theta}(x|z)$$

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

Undirected PGM:

$$p_{\theta}(x,z) \propto \exp(-E_{\theta}(x,z))$$

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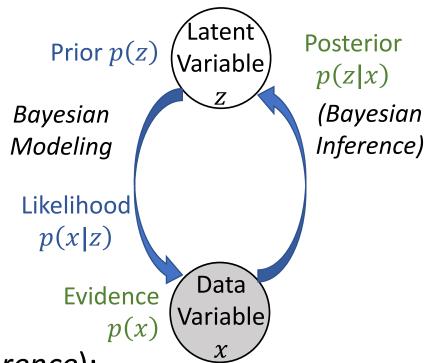
Directed PGMs

Bayesian models

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

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

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



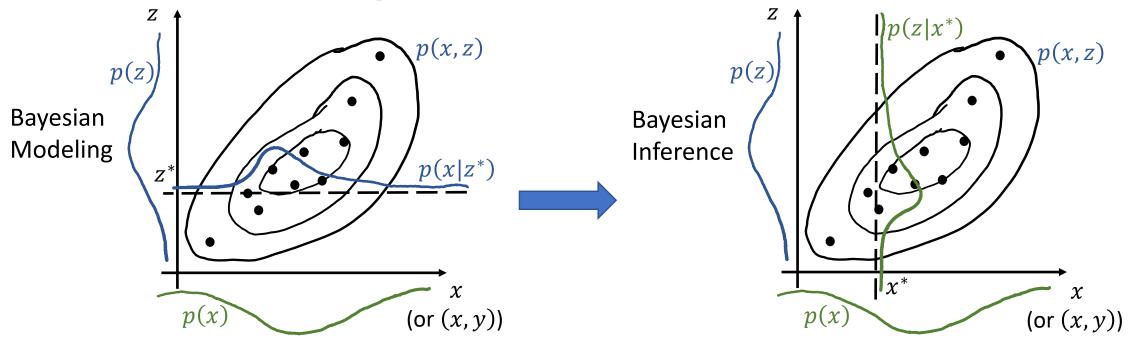
• Feature/representation learning (Bayesian Inference):

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

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

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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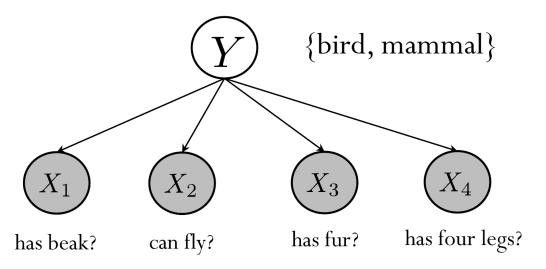
• Infer unobserved variables from observation.

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



Estimate the posterior p(z|x).

• Extract knowledge/representation from data.



Estimate the posterior p(z|x).

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

Variational inference (VI)

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Use a tractable variational distribution q(z) to approximate p(z|x): \min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL}\big(q(z), p(z|x)\big).
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Tractability: known density function, or samples are easy to draw.

- Parametric VI: use a parameter ϕ to represent $q_{\phi}(z)$.
- Particle-based VI: use a set of particles $\left\{z^{(i)}\right\}_{i=1}^N$ 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.

"Feed two birds with one scone."

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• To do Bayesian inference by: \min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL} \big( q(z), p(z|x) \big), \mathrm{KL} \big( q(z), p_{\theta}(z|x) \big) is hard to compute... Note \log p_{\theta}(x) = \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)] + \mathrm{KL} \big( q(z), p_{\theta}(z|x) \big), where \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)] \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{q(z)}[\log p_{\theta}(z,x)] - \mathbb{E}_{q(z)}[\log q(z)], so \min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL} \big( q(z), p(z|x) \big) \Leftrightarrow \max_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)]. The \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.
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"Feed two birds with one scone."

- In model learning: $\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{p}(x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x)] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log p_{\theta}(x^{(n)}).$
 - Introduce a variational distribution q(z):

$$\log p_{\theta}(x) = \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)] + \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p_{\theta}(z|x)),$$
where $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)] \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{q(z)}[\log p_{\theta}(z, x)] - \mathbb{E}_{q(z)}[\log q(z)].$

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

 Bayesian Inference

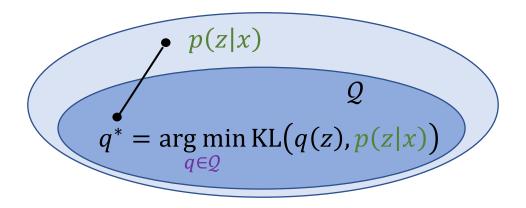
(a) E-step: Let $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)] \approx \log p_{\theta}(x)$, that is $\min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p_{\theta}(z|x))$;

- (b) M-step: $\max_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)]$.
- Classical EM: take $q(z) = p_{\theta}(z|x)$ (i.e., with exact inference).

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- Main Challenge:
 - Q should be as large/general/flexible as possible,
 - while enables practical optimization of the ELBO.



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- Explicit variational inference: specify the form of the density function $q_{\phi}(z)$.
 - Model-specific $q_{\phi}(z)$ design: $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q_{\phi}(z)]$ has closed form (e.g., [SJJ96] for SBN, [BNJ03] for LDA).
 - [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].

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

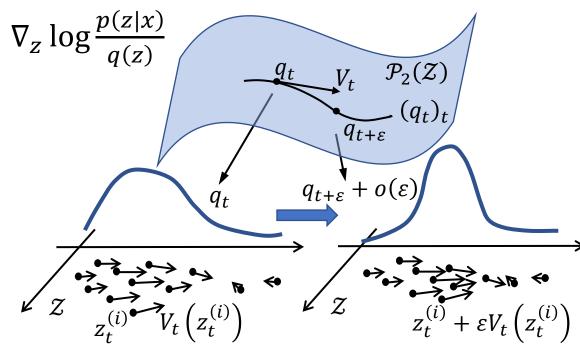
• Gradient Estimation $\nabla \log q_{\phi}(z)$: [VLBM08, LT18, SSZ18b].

Particle-based variational inference:

- Use particles $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$ to represent q(z).
- To minimize $\mathrm{KL}\big(q(z),p(z|x)\big)$, find a proper dynamics $\frac{\mathrm{d}z_t}{\mathrm{d}t}=V_t(z_t)$ on the particles that decreases $\mathrm{KL}\big(q(z),p(z|x)\big)$ fastest.

• One choice of V_t : $-\mathrm{grad}_q \mathrm{KL} \big(q(z), p(z|x) \big) = \nabla_z \log \frac{p(z|x)}{q(z)}$ on the 2-Wasserstein space.

- Wasserstein space: an abstract space of distributions.
- Wasserstein tangent vector
 ⇔ vector field.



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$$V := \operatorname{grad}_{q} \operatorname{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)) = \nabla_{z} \log \frac{p(z|x)}{q(z)}$$
$$z^{(i)} \leftarrow z^{(i)} + \varepsilon V(z^{(i)}).$$

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

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

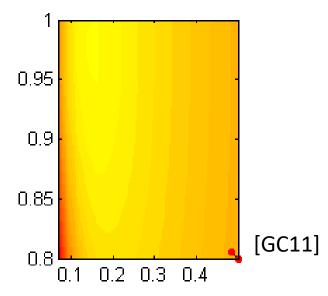
 $=\sum_{i}(z^{(i)}-z^{(j)})K_{i,i}$ for Gaussian Kernel:

Repulsive force!

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- 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.



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.

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 $\mathcal{N}(z^*|z,\sigma^2)$.

Classical MCMC

Gibbs sampling [GG87]:

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

$$\begin{aligned} z_{1}^{(1)} &\sim p\left(z_{1} \middle| z_{2}^{(0)}, z_{3}^{(0)}, \dots, z_{d}^{(0)}, x\right), \\ z_{2}^{(1)} &\sim p\left(z_{2} \middle| z_{1}^{(1)}, \quad z_{3}^{(0)}, \dots, z_{d}^{(0)}, x\right), \\ z_{3}^{(1)} &\sim p\left(z_{3} \middle| z_{1}^{(1)}, z_{2}^{(1)}, \quad \dots, z_{d}^{(0)}, x\right), \\ \vdots & & & \\ z_{i}^{(k+1)} &\sim p\left(z_{i} \middle| z_{1}^{(k+1)}, \dots, z_{i-1}^{(k+1)}, \quad z_{i+1}^{(k)}, \dots, z_{d}^{(k)}, x\right). \end{aligned}$$

Dynamics-based MCMC

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

$$\mathrm{d}z = \underline{f(z)}\,\mathrm{d}t + \sqrt{2D(z)}\,\mathrm{d}B_t(z), \qquad \text{Pos. semi-def. matrix}$$

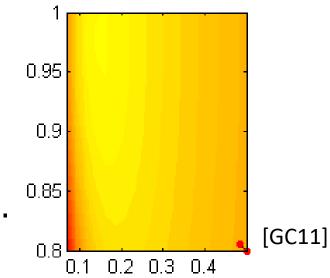
$$\Delta z = f(z)\varepsilon + \mathcal{N}(0,2D(z)\varepsilon) + o(\varepsilon), \qquad \text{Brownian motion}$$

with appropriate f(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.

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

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



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]):

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

• 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: Comparison

	Parametric VI	Particle-Based VI	МСМС
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

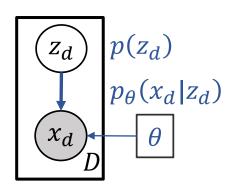
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More flexible Bayesian model using deep learning tools.

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 inference (encoder) [KW14]:

$$q_{\phi}(z|x) \coloneqq \prod_{d=1}^{D} q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d) = \prod_{d=1}^{D} \mathcal{N}\big(z_d\big|\nu_{\phi}(x_d), \Gamma_{\phi}(x_d)\big),$$
 where $\nu_{\phi}(x_d), \Gamma_{\phi}(x_d)$ are also NNs.
$$\text{ELBO}(x_d) = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d)}\big[\log p_{\theta}(z_d)p_{\theta}(x_d|z_d) - \log q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d)\big].$$

• Gradient estimation with the *reparameterization trick*:

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

- Gradient estimation: $\nabla_{\phi,\theta} \text{ELBO}(x_d) = \mathbb{E}_{q(\epsilon)} \left[\nabla_{\phi,\theta} \left(\log p_{\theta} \left(g_{\phi}(x_d, \epsilon) \right) p_{\theta} \left(x_d | g_{\phi}(x_d, \epsilon) \right) \log q_{\phi} \left(g_{\phi}(x_d, \epsilon) | x_d \right) \right] \right].$
- Smaller variance than REINFORCE-like estimator [Wil92]: $\nabla_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}} \big[f_{\phi} \big] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}} \big[\nabla_{\phi} f_{\phi} + f_{\phi} \nabla_{\phi} \log q_{\phi} \big].$

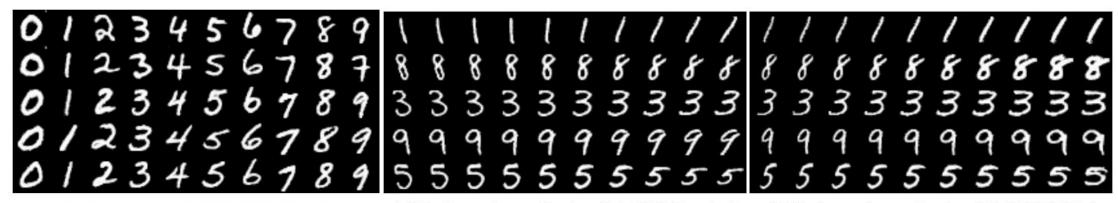
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 - Amortized inference: to approximate local posteriors $\{p(z_d|x_d)\}_{d=1}^D$,
 - instead of using $q_{\phi_d}(z_d)$ for each $p(z_d|x_d)$ and learning *local* parameters $\{\phi_d\}$ (like LDA),
 - use $q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d)$ and learn the global parameter ϕ (fast inference for unseen x_d).

- Semi-supervised VAE [KMRW14, M2]
 - For labeled data:
 - Required encoder: $q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d,y_d)$.
 - Objective: $\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x_d,y_d)}[\log p_{\theta}(x_d,y_d)] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x_d,y_d)}[\text{ELBO}(x_d,y_d)], \qquad D$ $\text{ELBO}(x_d,y_d) = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d,y_d)}[\log p_{\theta}(z_d)p_{\theta}(y_d)p_{\theta}(x_d|z_d,y_d) \log q_{\phi}(z_d|x_d,y_d)].$
 - 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:
 $$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x_d)}[\log p_{\theta}(x_d)] &\geq \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x_d)}[\mathrm{ELBO}(x_d)], \\ \mathrm{ELBO}(x_d) &= \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(y_d, z_d \mid x_d)}[\log p_{\theta}(z_d) p_{\theta}(y_d) p_{\theta}(x_d \mid z_d, y_d) \log q_{\phi}(y_d, z_d \mid x_d)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(y_d \mid x_d)}[\mathrm{ELBO}(x_d, y_d) \log q_{\phi}(y_d \mid x_d)]. \end{split}$$
 - For prediction: use $q_{\phi}(y_d|x_d)$.

- Learning disentangled representation
 - InfoGAN [CDH+16]: max mutual_info(part_of_z, generated_x).
 - β -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)

- 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 $p(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{i=1}^d p(\mathbf{z}_i)$. Then, there exists an infinite family of bijective functions $f : \operatorname{supp}(\mathbf{z}) \rightarrow \operatorname{supp}(\mathbf{z})$ 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 $\mathbf{u} \in \operatorname{supp}(\mathbf{z})$ (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 z is observed, z's suff. stat. can be **identified** up to a permutation [KKM+20].

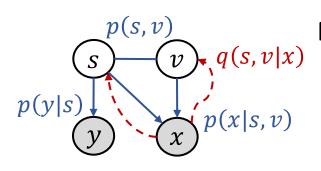
Train:



Test:



- Learning causal representation.
 - Causal relations tend to hold across domains [SJP+12, PJS17, Sch19].
 - Causal generative model [LSW+21] (single training domain; [SWZ+21] for multiple tr. dom.):



Model:

- Not all representation causes $y \rightarrow$ the semantic-variation split.
- Generative process is more likely causal/invariant than inference process.
- Domain shift comes from the change of **prior** (repr. distr.).
- 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, partial 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).

 $p^{\perp}(s,v) \coloneqq p(s)p(v) \qquad \tilde{p}(s,v)$ $s \qquad v \qquad q^{\perp}(s,v|x) \qquad s \qquad v$ $y \qquad x$

Cyclic Generative Models [LTQ+21]

- VAE problem: modeling p(x, z) by specifying a prior p(z):
- (1) Hard inference.

Need inference

model $q_{\phi}(z|x)$

anyway.

true

distr.

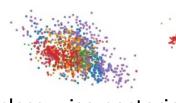
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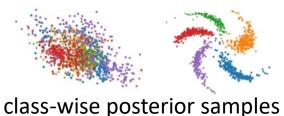


(2) Manifold mismatch.



(3) Posterior collapse.



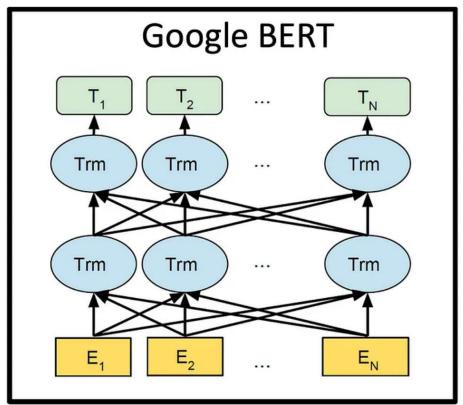


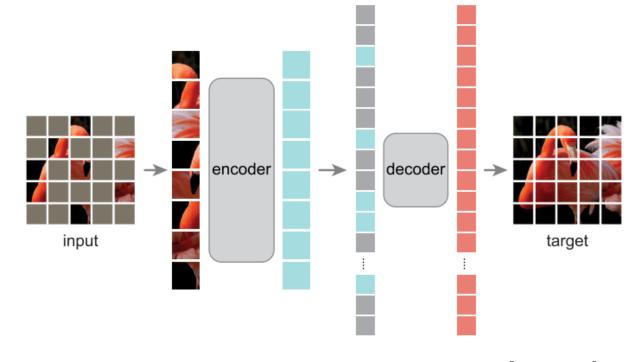
Use $q_{\phi}(z|x)$ in place of p(z) to define p(x,z):

- Thm (informal): Conditional densities p(x|z), q(z|x) come from a common joint p(x,z)(compatible), iff. $\frac{p(x|z)}{a(z|x)}$ factorizes as a(x)b(z) on a certain region that they determine.
 - Such p(x,z) is unique on each of such regions (*determinacy*).
 - For $p(x|z) = \delta_{f(z)}(x)$: Compatibility $\Leftrightarrow \exists x_0 \text{ s.t. } q(f^{-1}(\{x_0\})|x_0) = 1$; Trivial determinacy: each region is a $(f(z_0), z_0)$ point, so $p(x, z) = \delta_{(f(z_0), z_0)}(x, z)$.
- Algorithms are possible!
 - Enforcing compatibility: min $\mathbb{E}_{p^*(x)q_{\phi}(Z|X)} \left\| \nabla_x \nabla_z^{\mathsf{T}} \log \left(p_{\theta}(x|z)/q_{\phi}(z|x) \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{F}}^2$.
 - Data-fitting: MLE: $\mathbb{E}_{p^*(x)} \left[\log p_{\theta,\phi}(x) \right] = \mathbb{E}_{p^*(x)} \left[-\log \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z'|x)} [1/p_{\theta}(x|z')] \right].$
- Data gen.: MCMC: $\Delta x^{(t)} = \varepsilon \nabla_{x^{(t)}} \log \frac{p_{\theta}(x^{(t)}|z^{(t)})}{q_{\theta}(z^{(t)}|z^{(t)})} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon} \eta^{(t)}$, where $z^{(t)} \sim q_{\phi}(z|x^{(t)})$, $\eta^{(t)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$.

Cyclic Generative Models [LTQ+21]

- Masked language/vision models are Cyclic Generative Models!
 - BERT / Masked Auto-Encoder: learns $p(x_i|x_1,...,x_{i-1},x_{i+1},...,x_N)$ for each i.
 - They are almost generative models.





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[<u>HCX+21</u>]

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

$$p_{\theta}(x,z) \propto \exp(-E_{\theta}(x,z))$$

$$z'. \qquad x$$

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

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

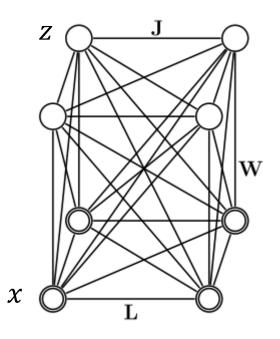
(augmented) data distribution model distribution (Bayesian inference)

(generation)

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

• 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

• Boltzmann Machine: Gibbs sampling for both inference and generation [HS83].



$$E_{\theta}(x,z) = -x^{\mathsf{T}}Wz - \frac{1}{2}x^{\mathsf{T}}Lx - \frac{1}{2}z^{\mathsf{T}}Jz.$$

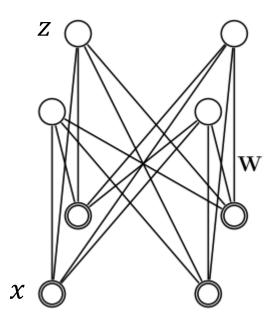
$$\Rightarrow$$

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

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

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• Restricted Boltzmann Machine [Smo86]:



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

• Bayesian Inference is exact:

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

• Generation: Gibbs sampling. Iterate:

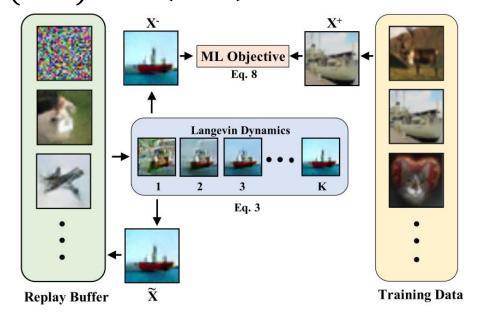
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$$p_{\theta}(x_k|z) = \operatorname{Bern}\left(\sigma\left(W_{k:}z + b_k^{(x)}\right)\right).$$

Deep Energy-Based Models:

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

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

- [DM19]: estimate $\mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x')}[\cdot]$ by samples drawn by the Langevin Dynamics $x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} \varepsilon \nabla_x E_{\theta}(x^{(k)}) + \mathcal{N}(0, 2\varepsilon)$.
 - Same as the generation process.
 - Replay buffer for initializing the LD chain.
 - L_2 -regularization on the energy function.



Score-Based Generative 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 $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$.
 - Data generation: run MCMC, e.g., Langevin dynamics with $\mathbf{s}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$. $\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \varepsilon \mathbf{s}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) + \mathcal{N}(0, 2\varepsilon).$

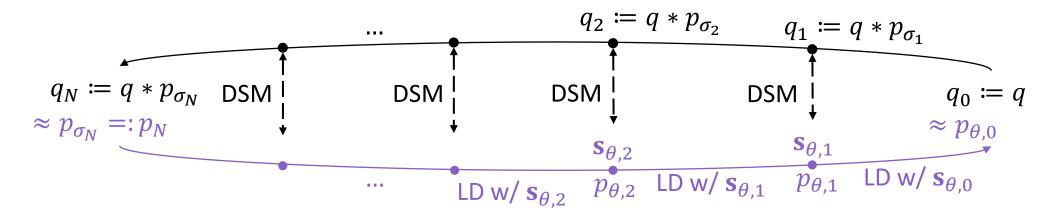
Score-Based Generative Models

• Training with Score Matching (SM): Recall $\mathbf{s}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \coloneqq \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$, so: $\underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \, \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x})} \|\mathbf{s}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla \log q(\mathbf{x})\|^2 = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \, \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x})} [\|\mathbf{s}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})\|^2 + 2\nabla \cdot \mathbf{s}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})] \, \text{[Hyv05]}.$

- Denoising Score Matching (DSM) [Vin11]:
 - When data distributes on a low-dimensional manifold, $\nabla \log q(\mathbf{x})$ is ill-defined.
 - igoplus Learn the score of $q_{\sigma}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \coloneqq (q * p_{\sigma})(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \int q(\mathbf{x})q_{\sigma}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}, \quad q_{\sigma}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) \coloneqq \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_D).$

Score-Based Generative Models

Noise-Conditioned Score Network (NCSN) [SE19]:



$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{DSM}} \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{U}(i|\{0,\ldots,N\})} \lambda_i \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\sigma_i}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})} \|\mathbf{s}_{\theta,i}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_{\sigma_i}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})\|^2.$$

Outline

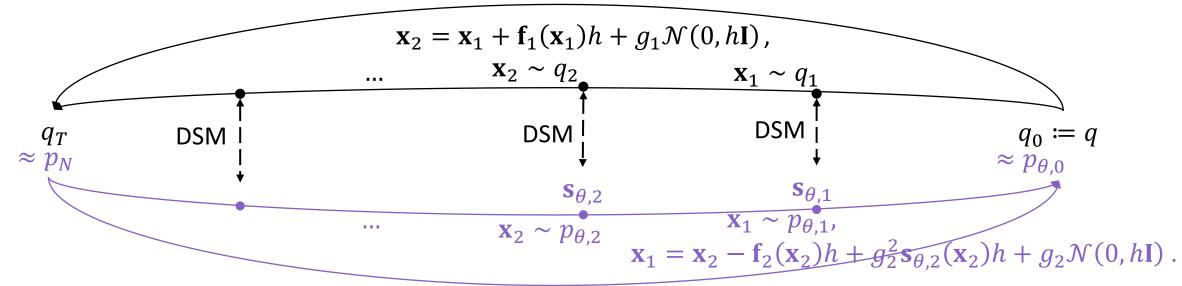
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Score-Based and Diffusion-Based Generative Models

• Diffusion-based generative model (cont. time form [SSK+21]):

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \, \mathrm{d}t - g_t^2 \nabla \log q_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \, \mathrm{d}t + g_t \, \mathrm{d}\overline{\mathbf{B}}_t \text{ (equiv. in path distr. } q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T})\text{)}.$$

$$\mathbf{x}_t \sim q_t \colon \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \, \mathrm{d}t + g_t \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{B}_t$$



$$\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}} \sim q_{\bar{t}}: \ d\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}} = -\mathbf{f}_{\bar{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}}) \ d\bar{t} + g_{\bar{t}}^2 \nabla \log q_{\bar{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}}) \ d\bar{t} + g_{\bar{t}} \ d\mathbf{B}_{\bar{t}}$$

Only needs the score!

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DSM}} \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{U}(i|\{0,\dots,N\})} \lambda_i \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{q_{i|0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})} \|\mathbf{s}_{\theta,i}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_{i|0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) \|^2 \text{ [SSK+21]}.$$
(Real continuous-time training available.)

- Specification of diffusion-based generative model:
 - To make $q_T \approx p_N$ where p_N is tractable,
 - \rightarrow LD targeting $p_N \coloneqq \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$ with time dilation β_t [wwj16],

$$\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_t = \frac{\beta_t}{2} \nabla \log p_N(\mathbf{x}_t) \, \mathrm{d}t + \sqrt{\beta_t} \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{B}_t = -\frac{\beta_t}{2} \mathbf{x}_t \, \mathrm{d}t + \sqrt{\beta_t} \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{B}_t. \text{ SSK+21: VP SDE]}$$

• For
$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{DSM}}(\theta) \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{U}(i|\{0,\ldots,N\})} \lambda_i \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{\substack{q_{i|0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})\\t}} \left\| \mathbf{s}_{\theta,i}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_{i|0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) \right\|^2$$
 [SSK+21]:

$$q_{t|0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\varsigma_t \mathbf{x}, (1 - \varsigma_t^2)\mathbf{I}), \varsigma_t \coloneqq e^{\int_0^t -\frac{\beta_s}{2} ds} (\varsigma_i = \prod_{j=1}^i \sqrt{1 - \beta_j} + o(h)),$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{i} \lambda_{i} \mathbb{E}_{q_{0}(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{p(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i})} \left\| \mathbf{s}_{\theta, i} \left(\varsigma_{i} \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \varsigma_{i}^{2}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i} \right) + \frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}}{\sqrt{1 - \varsigma_{i}^{2}}} \right\|^{2} [SSK+21]$$

Different forms of model:

Under
$$\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_t = \frac{\beta_t}{2} \nabla \log p_N(\mathbf{x}_t) \, \mathrm{d}t + \sqrt{\beta_t} \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{B}_t = -\frac{\beta_t}{2} \mathbf{x}_t \, \mathrm{d}t + \sqrt{\beta_t} \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{B}_t$$
 [SWMG15, HJA20]:
$$\cdot \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{DSM}}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_i \lambda_i \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon_i)} \left\| \mathbf{s}_{\theta,i} \left(\varsigma_i \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \varsigma_i^2} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i \right) + \frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i}{\sqrt{1 - \varsigma_i^2}} \right\|^2 \text{[SSK+21]}$$
 Let $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta,i}(\mathbf{x}_i) \coloneqq -\sqrt{1 - \varsigma_i^2} \, \mathbf{s}_{\theta,i}(\mathbf{x}_i) \colon = \mathbb{E}_i \frac{\lambda_i}{1 - \varsigma_i^2} \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon_i)} \left\| \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta,i} \left(\varsigma_i \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \varsigma_i^2} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i \right) - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i \right\|^2 \cdot \frac{\text{[HJA20:}}{\text{DDPM simple loss]}}$ Does not (and important to recover the expansion of the expansion of

$$= \mathbb{E}_{i} \frac{\lambda_{i} \varsigma_{i}^{2}}{\left(1 - \varsigma_{i}^{2}\right)^{2}} \mathbb{E}_{q_{0}(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{p(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i})} \left\| \mathbf{x}_{0\theta, i} \left(\varsigma_{i} \mathbf{x} + \sqrt{1 - \varsigma_{i}^{2}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i} \right) - \mathbf{x} \right\|^{2}.$$

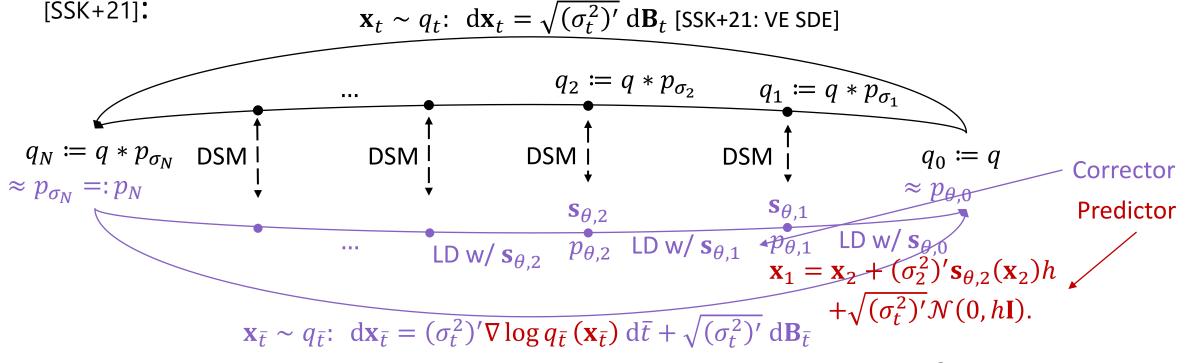
== Denoising model $\mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{q(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})} ||\mathbf{x}_{0\theta}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \mathbf{x}||^2!$

[VLBM08: Denoising AutoEncoder; Vin11, AB14: connection to (D)SM].

Does not (and impossible!) to recover the exact ϵ_i or \mathbf{x}_0 used to produce $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$!

Understand as a statistics or a score parameterization.

Noise-Conditioned Score Network (NCSN) [SE19] as a diffusion model



 $\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{DSM}} \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{U}(i|\{0,\ldots,N\})} \lambda_i \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{q_{i|0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})} \left\| \mathbf{s}_{\theta,i}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_{i|0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) \right\|^2 [\mathsf{SSK+21}].$

- A corrector is also available for DDPM (VP SDE) [SSK+21].
- $\sigma_t \propto \sqrt{t}$ in NCSN equivalent [SE19, SSK+21]. $\sigma_t \propto t$ is recommended in [KAAL22].

Probability flow (PF) ODE [SSK+21]:

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\Leftrightarrow \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \, \mathrm{d}t - g_t^2 \nabla \log q_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \, \mathrm{d}t + g_t \, \mathrm{d}\overline{\mathbf{B}}_t \text{ (equiv. in path distr. } q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T})).
\mathbf{x}_t \sim q_t \colon \ \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \, \mathrm{d}t + g_t \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{B}_t
\Leftrightarrow \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \, \mathrm{d}t - \frac{g_t^2}{2} \nabla \log q_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \, \mathrm{d}t \text{ (equiv. in marginal distr. } q_t(\mathbf{x}_t), \forall t).
q_T \qquad \qquad q_0 \coloneqq q
\Leftrightarrow \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}} = -\mathbf{f}_{\bar{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}}) \, \mathrm{d}\bar{t} + \frac{g_t^2}{2} \nabla \log q_{\bar{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}}) \, \mathrm{d}\bar{t} \text{ (equiv. in marginal distr. } q_{\bar{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}}), \forall \bar{t}).
\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}} \sim q_{\bar{t}} \colon \ \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}} = -\mathbf{f}_{\bar{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}}) \, \mathrm{d}\bar{t} + g_t^2 \nabla \log q_{\bar{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{\bar{t}}) \, \mathrm{d}\bar{t} + g_{\bar{t}} \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{B}_{\bar{t}}
Still only needs the score!
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- Deterministic equivalent: \mathbf{x}_T holds all information about \mathbf{x}_0 \rightarrow representation, interpolation, ...
- Likelihood/density evaluation (same way as cont.-time flow models).
- Continuous-time rev. proc. simulation using ODE solver for generation:
 - More accurate vs. discrete-time.
 - Enable techniques for faster generation (larger step size, DPM-Solver(++), ...).

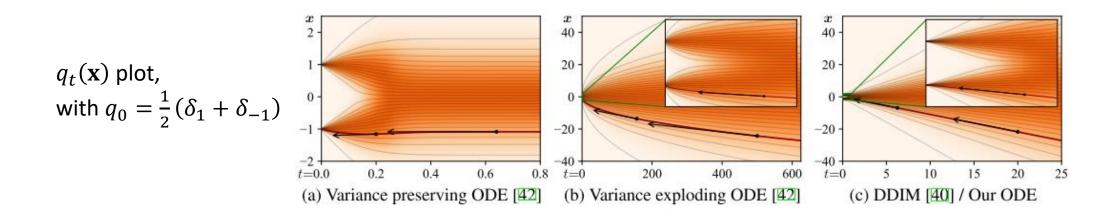
- Probability flow (PF) ODE:
 - The [KAAL22] diffusion process: Different diffusion processes (VE, VP, sub-VP, ...) parameterize the same PF ODE:
 - For $\mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) = a_t \mathbf{x}_t$, PF ODE is: $\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_t}{\mathrm{d}t} = a_t \mathbf{x}_t \frac{g_t^2}{2} \nabla \log q_t(\mathbf{x}_t) = \frac{\varsigma_t'}{\varsigma_t} \mathbf{x}_t \frac{\varsigma_t^2(v_t^2)'}{2} \nabla \log q_t(\mathbf{x}_t),$ where $\varsigma_t \coloneqq e^{\int_0^t a_s \, \mathrm{d}s}$, $v_t^2 \coloneqq \int_0^t \frac{g_s^2}{\varsigma_s^2} \, \mathrm{d}s$ which directly parametrizes $q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t|\varsigma_t \mathbf{x}_0, \varsigma_t^2 v_t^2 \mathbf{I})$,
 - This is equivalent to: $d\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = -\frac{1}{2}\nabla\log\hat{q}_t(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t)\,dv_t^2$ by reparametrizing $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t \coloneqq \frac{\mathbf{x}_t}{\varsigma_t}$.

		VP [42]	VE [42]	iDDPM [33] + DDIM [40]	Ours		
Sampling (Section 3)							
Schedule	v_t	$\sqrt{e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta_{\mathrm{d}}t^2+\beta_{\mathrm{min}}t}-1}$	\sqrt{t}	t	t		
Scaling	ς_t	$1/\sqrt{e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta_{\mathrm{d}}t^2+\beta_{\mathrm{min}}t}}$	1	1	1		

- Probability flow (PF) ODE:
 - The [KAAL22] diffusion process:
 - Taking $\varsigma_t \equiv 1$, $v_t = t$: $d\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{2t} d\mathbf{B}_t$ \rightarrow PF ODE is $\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_{0\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)}{t}$
 - \rightarrow A single Euler step to t=0 is the output of the $\mathbf{x}_{0\theta,t}$ model:

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}_t - t \frac{\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{x}_{0\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)}{t} = \mathbf{x}_{0\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t).$$

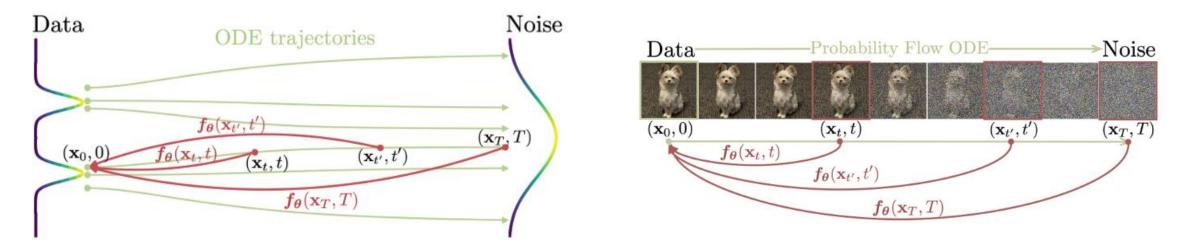
→ Integral curves of the PF ODE are nearly linear: $\mathbf{x}_{0\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$ approximately points to the \mathbf{x}_0 on the same PF ODE curve as \mathbf{x}_t .



- Summary
 - vs. VAE/GAN/NF:
 - Guidance to the generator from a given distribution-transformation process.
 - Losses at different steps are decoupled: effective training (vs. cont.-time normalizing flow training).

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{DSM}} \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{U}(i|\{0,\ldots,N\})} \lambda_i \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{q_{i|0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})} \|\mathbf{s}_{\theta,i}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_{i|0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})\|^2.$$

Consistency Model [SDCS23]



- Generative modeling by learning the solution to reverse PF ODE:
 - $\mathbf{c}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$ inverts the forward PF ODE to find the clean data point \mathbf{x}_0 of a "noised" input \mathbf{x}_t .
 - $\mathbf{c}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathbf{x}_{\overline{0}}$ solves the reverse PF ODE: $d\mathbf{x}_{\overline{t}} = -\mathbf{f}_{\overline{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{\overline{t}}) d\overline{t} + \frac{g_{\overline{t}}^2}{2} \nabla \log q_{\overline{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{\overline{t}}) d\overline{t}$, given $\mathbf{x}_{\overline{t}} = \mathbf{x}_t$.
- Benefits of the $\mathbf{c}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$ model:
 - Generation in **one evaluation**: $\mathbf{x}_T \sim p_T$, $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{c}_{\theta,T}(\mathbf{x}_T)$ (same mode as VAE/GAN/NF!).
 - Can also be used iteratively: Enable trade-off b/t quality and cost!

$$\mathbf{x}_{T} \sim p_{T}, \mathbf{x}_{0} = \mathbf{c}_{\theta,T}(\mathbf{x}_{T}); \qquad \mathbf{x}_{T-1} \sim q_{T-1|0}(\mathbf{x}_{T-1}|\mathbf{x}_{0}), \mathbf{x}_{0} = \mathbf{c}_{\theta,T-1}(\mathbf{x}_{T-1}); \dots$$

Consistency Model [SDCS23]

- Consistency training: $\mathbf{c}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathbf{c}_{\theta,t'}(\mathbf{x}_{t'})$ for $\mathbf{x}_{t \in [0,T]}$ on the same PF ODE curve.
 - **Distillation**: learn from a pre-trained diffusion model $\mathbf{s}_{\phi,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$.

$$\mathbb{E}_{i}\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{i})}\left[\lambda_{i}d\left(\mathbf{c}_{\theta,i}(\mathbf{x}_{i}),\mathbf{c}_{\theta^{-},i-1}\left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\phi,i-1}(\mathbf{x}_{i})\right)\right)\right],$$

- $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\phi,i-1}(\mathbf{x}_i)$ is one-step reverse PF ODE simulation using \mathbf{s}_{ϕ} from \mathbf{x}_i , s.t. $(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\phi,i-1}(\mathbf{x}_i),\mathbf{x}_i)$ are on the same PF curve.
- θ^- : exponential moving avg. and stopped-grad.
- Drawing $q(\mathbf{x}_i)$: draw a sample \mathbf{x}_0 from dataset, and draw from $q(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathbf{x}_0)$ stochastically.
- Train from scratch: use a stochastic est. of score in place of $\mathbf{s}_{\phi,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$:

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{E}_{i} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{i})} \left[\lambda_{i} d\left(\mathbf{c}_{\theta,i}(\mathbf{x}_{i}), \mathbf{c}_{\theta^{-},i-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i-1}(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \nabla \log q_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{i})))\right) \right] \\ & = ^{\mathrm{Fisher id.}} \mathbb{E}_{i} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{i})} \left[\lambda_{i} d\left(\mathbf{c}_{\theta,i}(\mathbf{x}_{i}), \mathbf{c}_{\theta^{-},i-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i-1}(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{0}|\mathbf{x}_{i})}[\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{i}} \log q(\mathbf{x}_{i}|\mathbf{x}_{0})])\right) \right] \right] \\ & \leq \mathbb{E}_{i} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{i})} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{0}|\mathbf{x}_{i})} \left[\lambda_{i} d\left(\mathbf{c}_{\theta,i}(\mathbf{x}_{i}), \mathbf{c}_{\theta^{-},i-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i-1}(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{i}} \log q(\mathbf{x}_{i}|\mathbf{x}_{0})))\right) \right] \\ & = \mathbb{E}_{i} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{0})} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{i}|\mathbf{x}_{0})} \left[\lambda_{i} d\left(\mathbf{c}_{\theta,i}(\mathbf{x}_{i}), \mathbf{c}_{\theta^{-},i-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i-1}(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{i}} \log q(\mathbf{x}_{i}|\mathbf{x}_{0})))\right) \right] \right] \\ \text{tractable}. \end{split}$$

• But the bound cannot be made tight, so the final objective may bias the optimality.

Consistency Model [SDCS23]

• Consistency training: $\mathbf{c}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathbf{c}_{\theta,t'}(\mathbf{x}_{t'})$ for $\mathbf{x}_{t\in[0,T]}$ on the same PF ODE curve.

$$\mathbb{E}_{i}\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{i})}\left[\lambda_{i}d\left(\mathbf{c}_{\theta,i}(\mathbf{x}_{i}),\mathbf{c}_{\theta^{-},i-1}\left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\phi,i-1}(\mathbf{x}_{i})\right)\right)\right].$$

Comments:

- A version of PINN loss:
 - Same spirit: The evolution of the model should match the evolution from the ODE.
 - This version: Discretize the time derivative of the model.
 - Formally, the PDE for $\mathbf{c}_{\theta,t}$ is $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\mathbf{c}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) = 0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\mathbf{c}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \nabla\mathbf{c}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) \cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_t}{\mathrm{d}t}$ with initial condition $\mathbf{c}_{\theta,0}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$, where $\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_t}{\mathrm{d}t}$ is given through the PF ODE.
 - What about directly using the conventional PINN loss for this PDE?
- The consistency model $\mathbf{c}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$ minimizing the consistency loss is **not** the $\mathbf{x}_{0\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$ model (as a score-model parameterization) that minimizes the DSM loss!

Generative Model: Summary

Plain Gen.	Latent Variable Models								
Autoregres-	Determinist	ic Generative	Probabilistic Graphical Models						
sive Models	GANs	Flow-Based	Directed	Dir.: Diffusion	Undirected	Bidirectional			
 + Easy generation + Explicit Ilh (easy learning) - No natural repr. - Slow/seq. generation 	+ Easy generation				- Hard generation (use MCMC)				
	No Ilh (hard learning)Hard repr.+ Flexible model	+ Explicit IIh (easy learning)+ Easy repr.- High-dim.repr.- Hard model design	Unnormalized Ilh: + s+ Moderate repr.+ Prior knowledge+ Small-data robust+ Describe causality	table learning,+ Easy repr.+ Allow big model- High-dim. repr.	 need expectation est. Hard repr. MCMC in learning + Simple dependency modeling 	+ Easy & flexible repr. + Flexible distribution			

Colors represent:

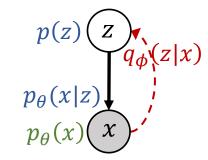
Model component
Derived quantity
Auxiliary part

$$p_{\theta}(x)$$
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 $p(z) \ \ Z$ $x = f_{\theta}(z)$ (neural nets) $p_{\theta}(x) \ \ X$

p(z) (z) $x = f_{\theta}(z)$ (invertible) $p_{\theta}(x) (x)$



 $p(z) \ \ z$ p(z|x) $p_{\theta}(x|z) \ \ \text{(fixed)}$ $p_{\theta}(x) \ \ x$

 $p_{\theta}(x,z) \propto \\ \exp(-E_{\theta}(x,z)) \\ x$

 $p_{\theta}(x|z)$ $p_{\theta,\phi}(x)$

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