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Based on Titsias and Ruiz [1].

• Authors introduce unbiased implicit variational inference (UIVI) that defines a flexible variational family. Like semi-implicit variational inference (SIVI), UIVI uses an implicit variational distribution $q_{\theta}(z) = \int q_{\theta}(z|\varepsilon)q(\varepsilon)d\varepsilon$ where $q_{\theta}(z|\varepsilon)$ is a reparameterizable distribution whose parameters can be outputs of some neural network g, i.e., $q_{\theta}(z|\varepsilon) = h(u; g(\varepsilon;\theta))$ with $u \sim q(u)$. TODO assumptions, entropy component of gradient requires MC estimation via reverse conditional

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