Week-8 Questions

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- 1. The co-variance matrix of the parameters of the latent encoders vary over time in such a way that the distribution of the latent at the final time step is Gaussian. The determinant of this co-variance matrix is
 - (A) 1
 - (B) $\sqrt{0.5}$
 - (C) $\sqrt{0.9}$
 - (D) 0.99

Answer: (A)

2. Consider the forward transition at time step t, defined by

$$q(x_t \mid x_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\alpha_t} x_{t-1}, 1 - \alpha_t).$$

If $\alpha_t = 0.3$ and $x_{t-1} = 4$, what is the mean of $q(x_t \mid x_{t-1})$? give the answer to two decimal places without rounding.

- (A) $\sqrt{2.19}$
- (B) $2.19 * \sqrt{2.19}$
- (C) 2.19
- (D) 2.19^2

Answer: (C)

3. Consider the forward transition at time step t, defined by

$$q(x_t \mid x_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\alpha_t} x_{t-1}, 1 - \alpha_t).$$

If $\alpha_t = 0.3$ and $x_{t-1} = 4$, what is the variance of $q(x_t \mid x_{t-1})$? Enter the answer to two decimal places without rounding.

- (A) 0.7
- (B) $\sqrt{0.7}$

- (C) 0.7^2
- (D) 0.7 * 0.69

Answer: (A)

4. The DDPM posterior mean is

$$\mu_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \left(x_t - \frac{\beta_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha_t}}} \epsilon \right).$$

Given $x_t = 2$, $\beta_t = 0.04$, $\alpha_t = 0.96$, $\bar{\alpha}_t = 0.9216$, and $\epsilon = 1$, compute μ_t . (Two decimals, no rounding.)

- (A) 1.81
- (B) 1.89
- (C) $\sqrt{1.89}$
- (D) 1.89^2

Answer: (B)

- 5. In the reverse sampling step you add noise with standard deviation $\sqrt{\beta_t}$. If $\beta_t = 0.02$, what is $\sqrt{\beta_t}$? (Two decimals, no rounding.)
 - (A) 0.14 * 0.138
 - (B) $\sqrt{1.4}$
 - (C) 0.14
 - (D) 0.28

Answer: (C)

6. The forward diffusion step in the q_sample method is implemented as

$$x_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \, x_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \, \epsilon.$$

In the code, $\bar{\alpha}_t$ is stored as $alpha_cumprod[t]$. Which option matches the actual expression used?

- (A) $\sqrt{\alpha_t} x_0 + \sqrt{1 \alpha_t} \epsilon$
- (B) $\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} x_0 + \sqrt{1 \bar{\alpha}_t} \epsilon$
- (C) $\alpha_t x_0 + \beta_t \epsilon$
- (D) $\sqrt{\alpha_t} x_{t-1} + \sqrt{\beta_t} \epsilon$

Answer: (B)

7. In the 'UNet2ch' class definition, the very first convolutional block is constructed with $in_{-}c = 2$. What do these 2 input channels correspond to?

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- (A) The original image and its grayscale copy
- (B) The noisy image x_t and timestep channel t
- (C) The clean image x_0 and the predicted noise ϵ
- (D) The image gradient in x and y directions

Answer: (B)

8. After computing

 $t_{chan} = t.view(-1,1,1,1).expand(-1,1,H,W); inp = torch.cat([x_t, t_chan], dim=1),$ what is the shape of inp if x_t has shape [B,1,H,W]?

- (A) [B, 1, H, W]
- (B) [B, 2, H, W]
- (C) [B, 3, H, W]
- (D) [B, 4, H, W]

Answer: (B)

9. During sampling, the code computes:

x = mean + math.sqrt(1 - acp_prev) * torch.randn_like(x).

What does the term $\sqrt{1-\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}$ represent?

- (A) The forward noise variance at step t.
- (B) The standard deviation of the posterior $q(x_{t-1} \mid x_t, x_0)$.
- (C) The cumulative product $\prod_{s=1}^{t-1} \alpha_s$.
- (D) The learning rate for the reverse process.

Answer: (B)

10. Consider the DDPM

If $\bar{\alpha}_{t-1} = 0.70$, $\bar{\alpha}_t = 0.50$, $\beta_t = 0.20$, $x_0 = 2$, and $x_t = 3$, what is $\mu_t(x_t, x_0)$? (Compute to two decimal places by truncating, no rounding.)

- (a) 2.25
- (b) 2.27
- (c) 2.29
- (d) 2.31

Answer: (B)