

Introduction to diffusion models for image generation and inpainting

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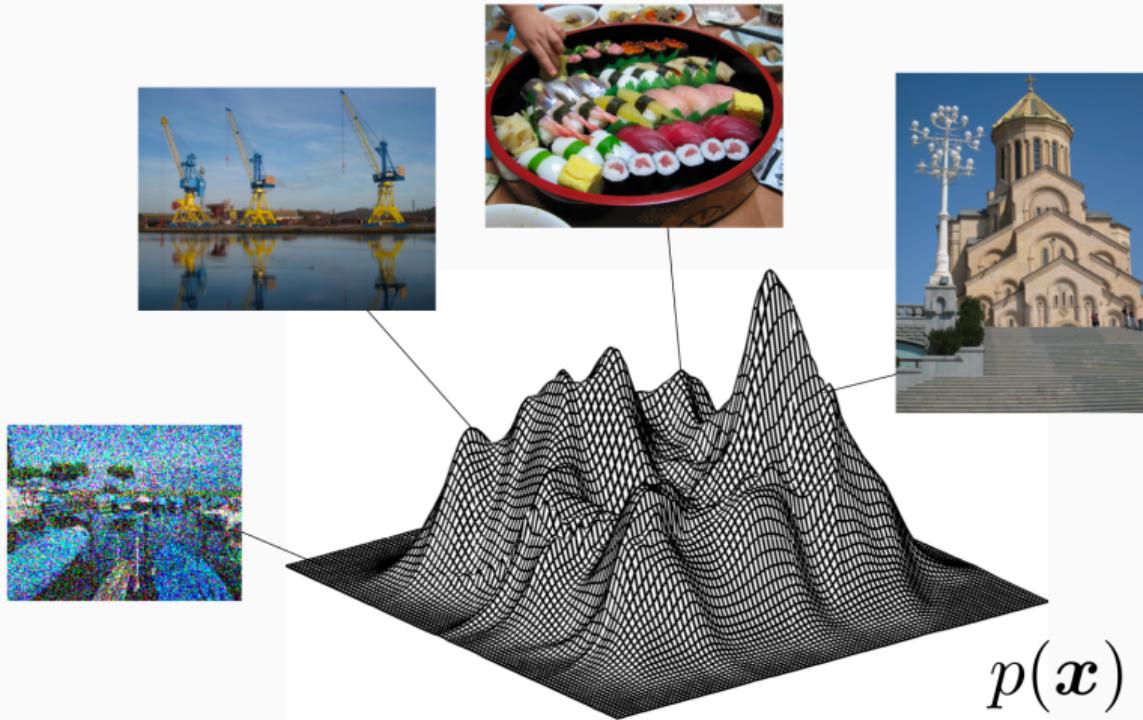
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Introduction on generative models

What is a generative model ?



Previously in the working group...

22/09 : Variational Auto-Encoder (VAE):

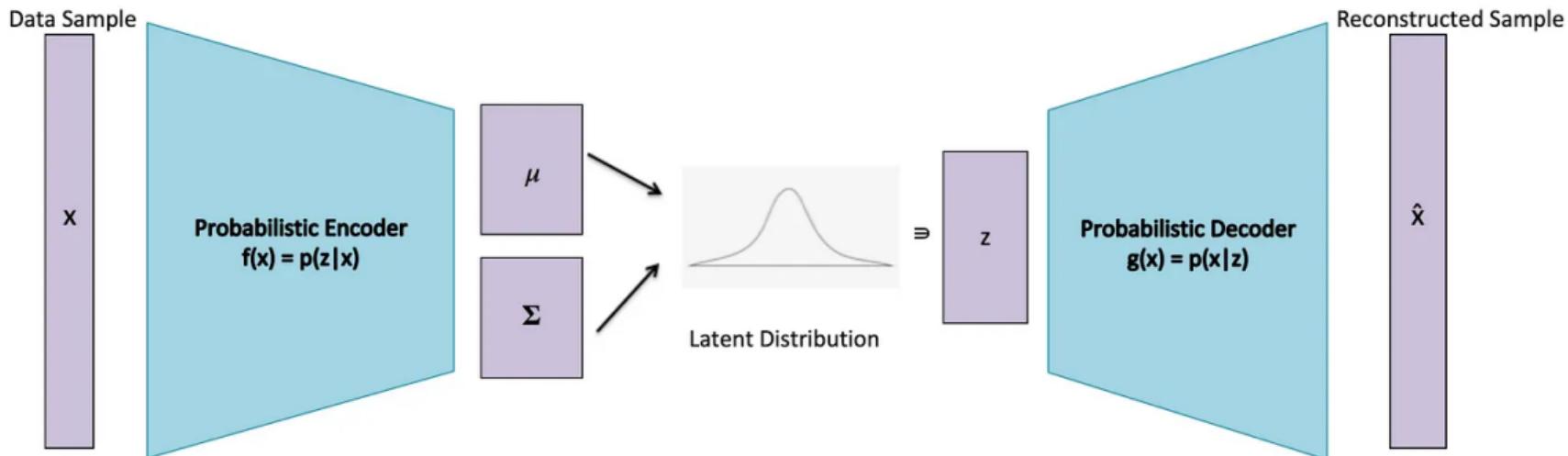


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25/10: Generative Aversarial Netwrk (GAN):

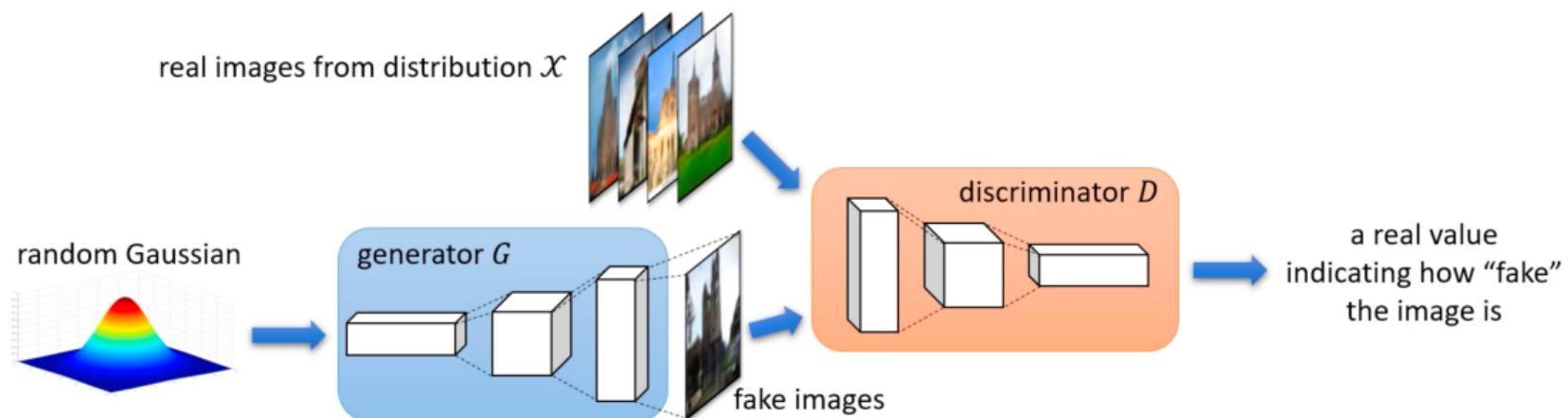
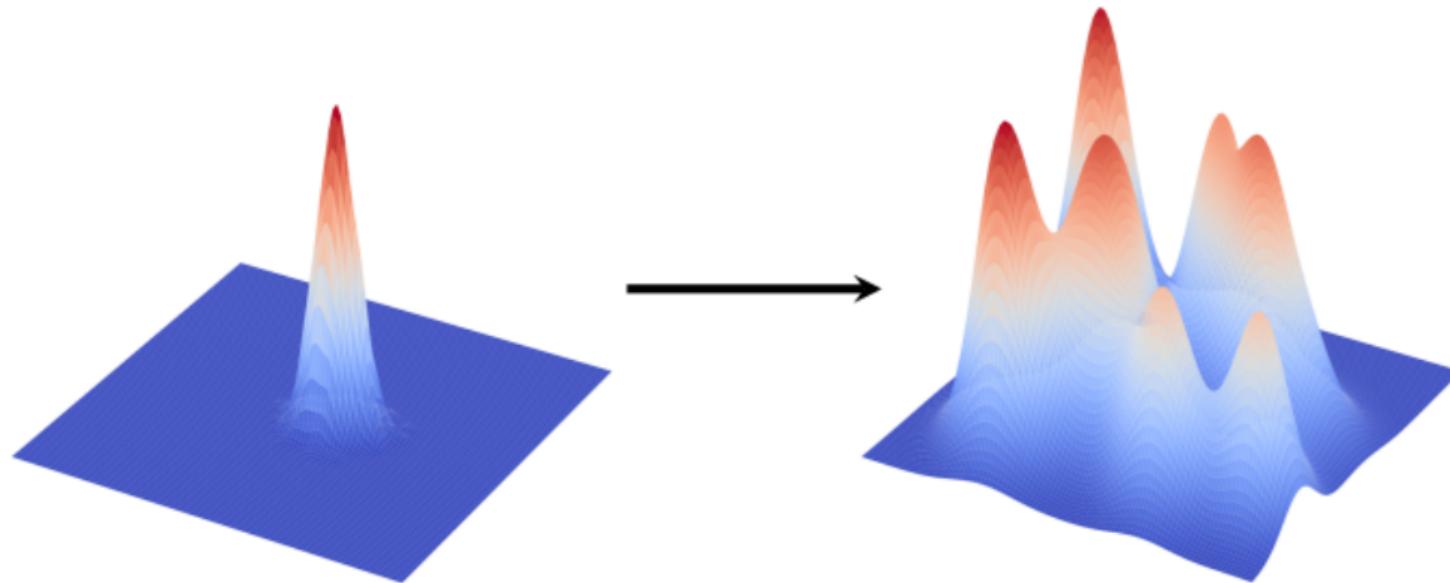


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Main idea



$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

$$p_{data}$$

To the diffusion models

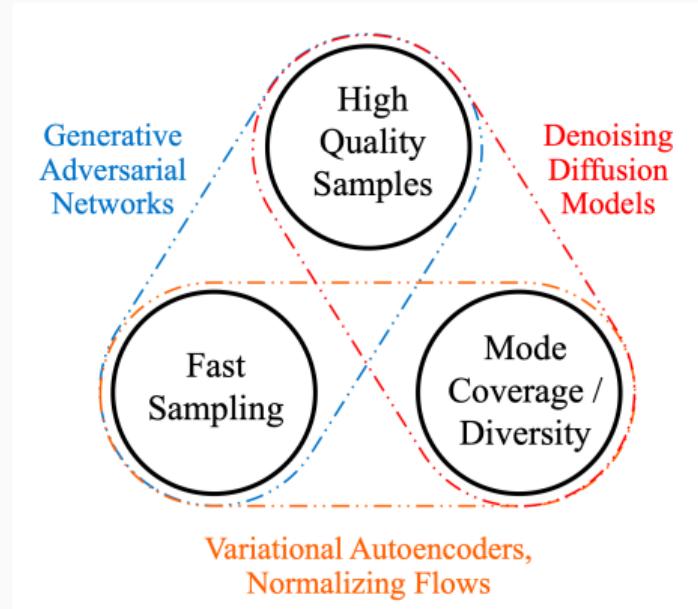


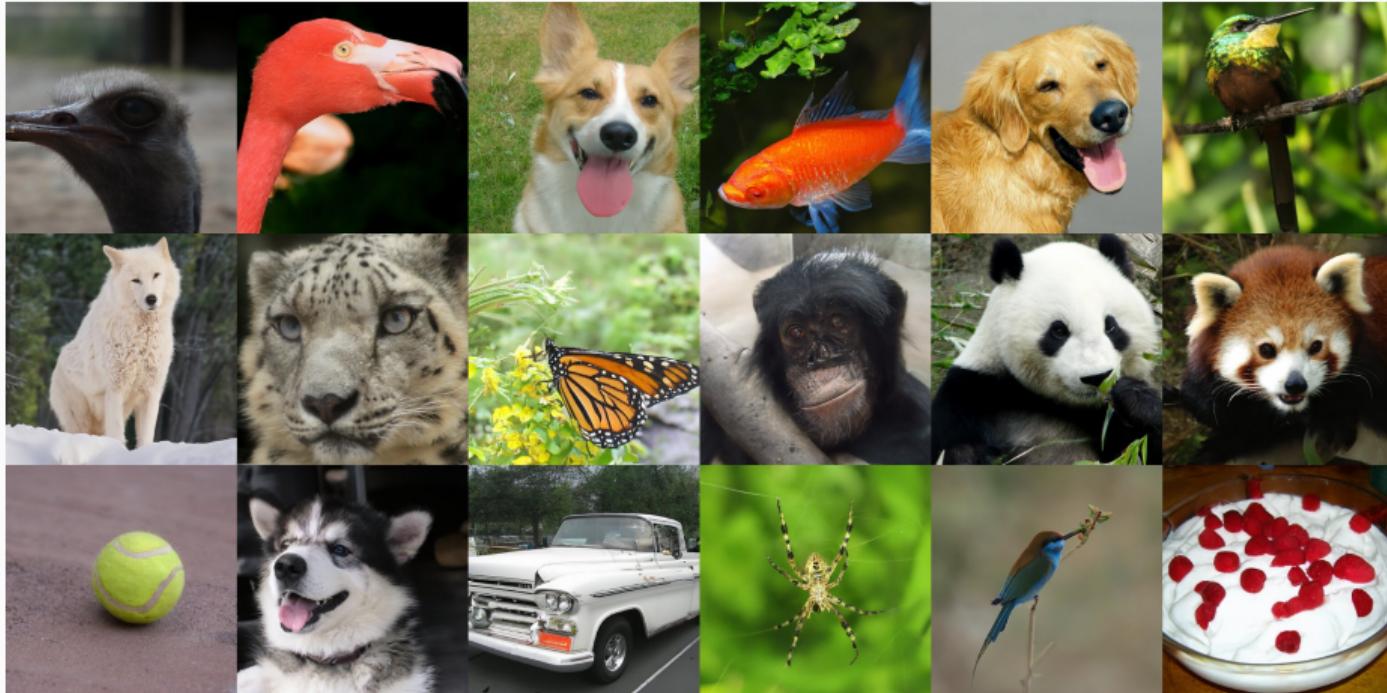
Image extracted from [Xiao et al., 2022]¹

- Dhariwal, P., & Nichol, A. (2021). Diffusion models beat GANs on image synthesis. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*

¹Xiao, Z., Kreis, K., & Vahdat, A. (2022). Tackling the generative learning trilemma with denoising diffusion GANs. *International Conference on Learning Representations*

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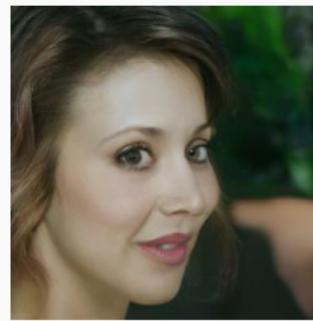
Samples from diffusion models



Images extracted from [Dhariwal and Nichol, 2021]² from a model trained on ImageNet.

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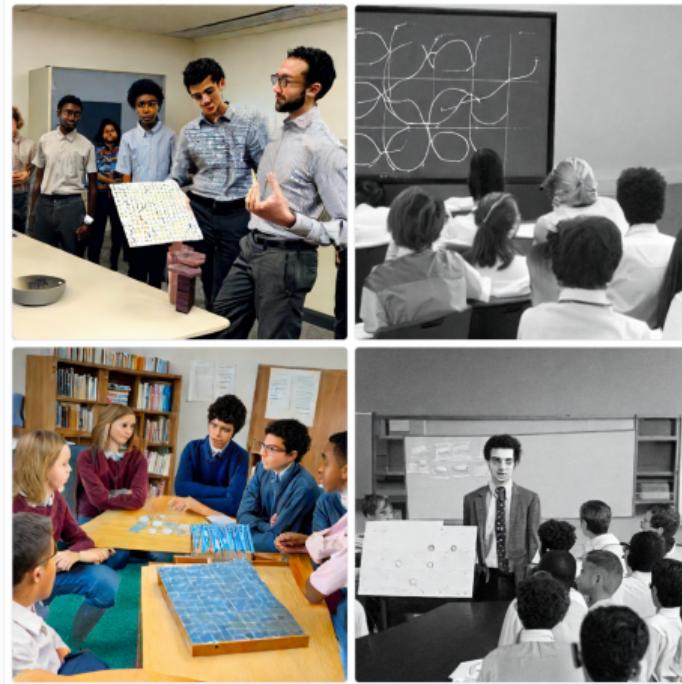
Home-made with the code of Lugmayr et al., 2022³



NB: 100s for 10 samples.

³Lugmayr, A., Danelljan, M., Romero, A., Yu, F., Timofte, R., & Van Gool, L. (2022). RePaint: Inpainting using denoising diffusion probabilistic models. *RePaint*

Stable diffusion⁴



A young mathematician presenting diffusion models to his colleagues

⁴<https://huggingface.co/spaces/stabilityai/stable-diffusion>

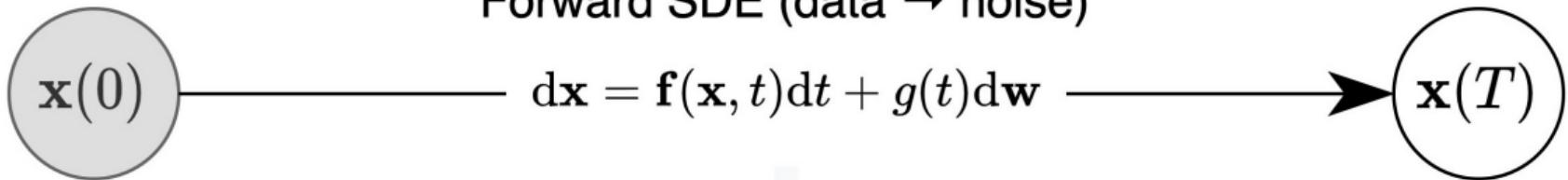
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A young mathematician sadly discovers that he should study stochastic differential equations for his thesis.

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Forward SDE (data → noise)



score function

$$d\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) - g^2(t)\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x})] dt + g(t)d\bar{\mathbf{w}}$$

Reverse SDE (noise → data)

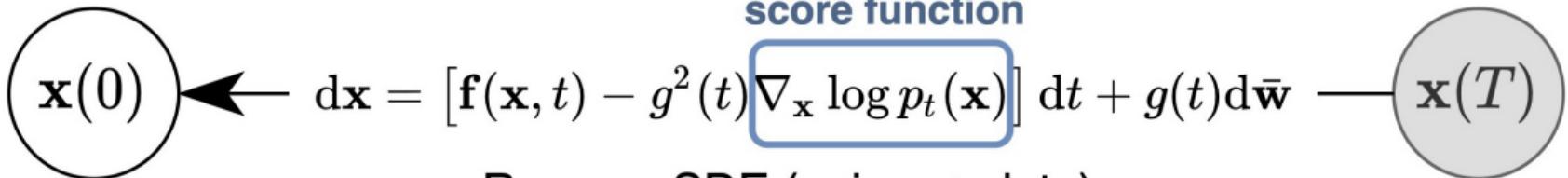
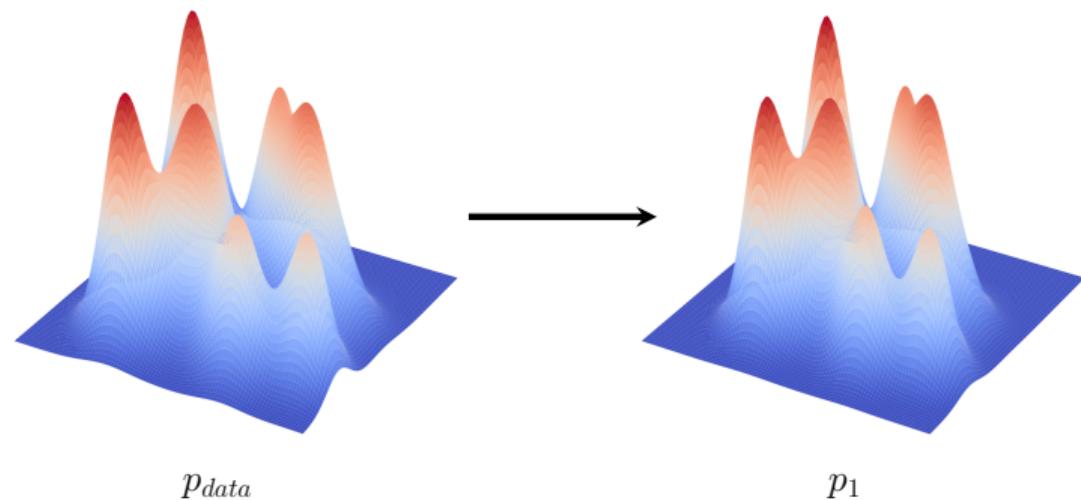
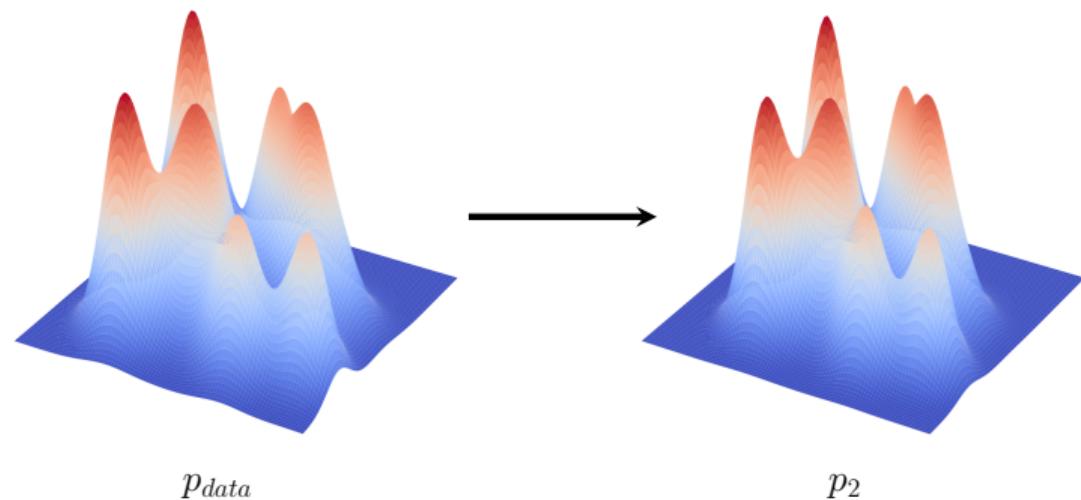


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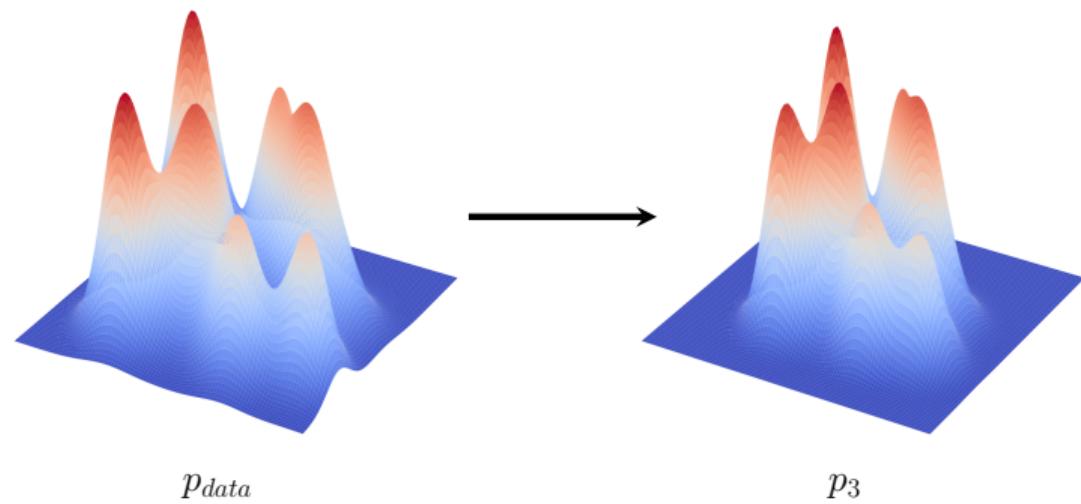
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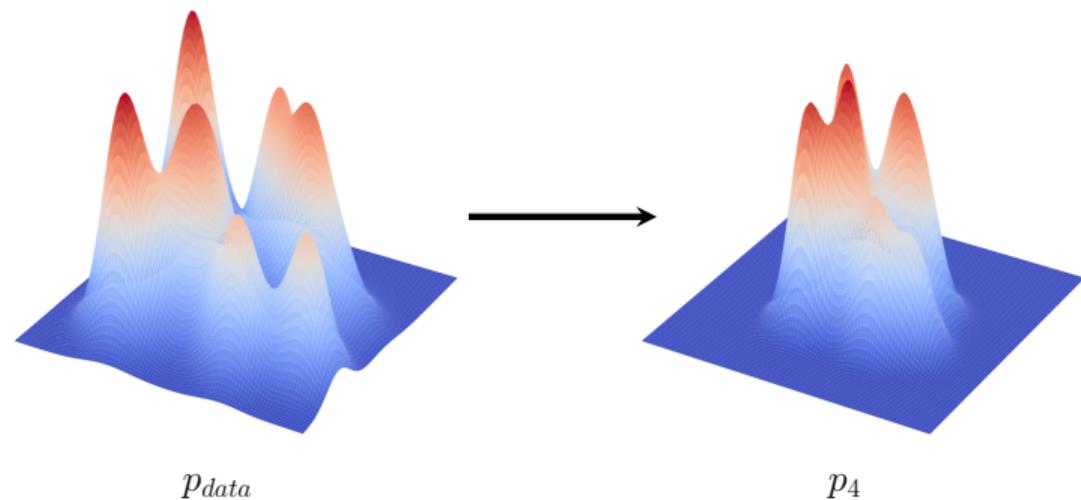
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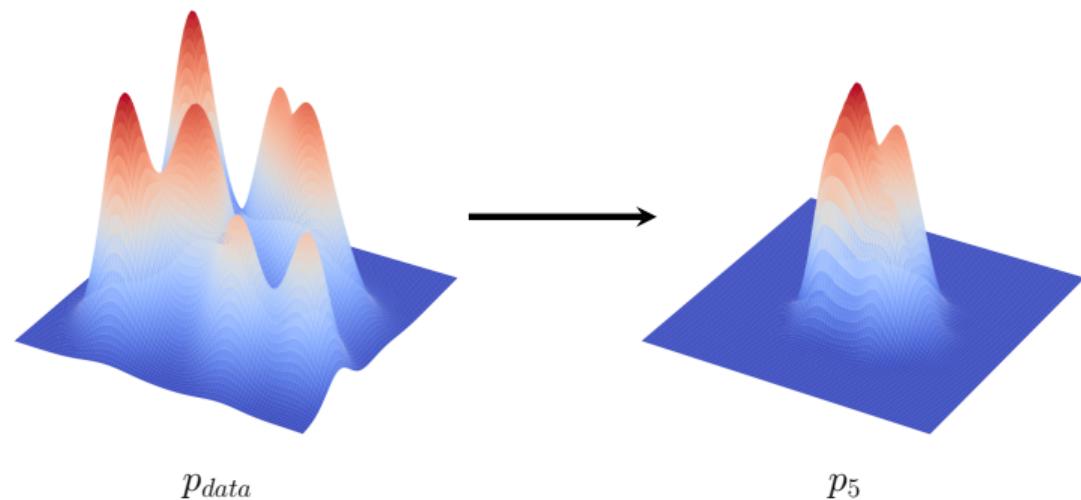
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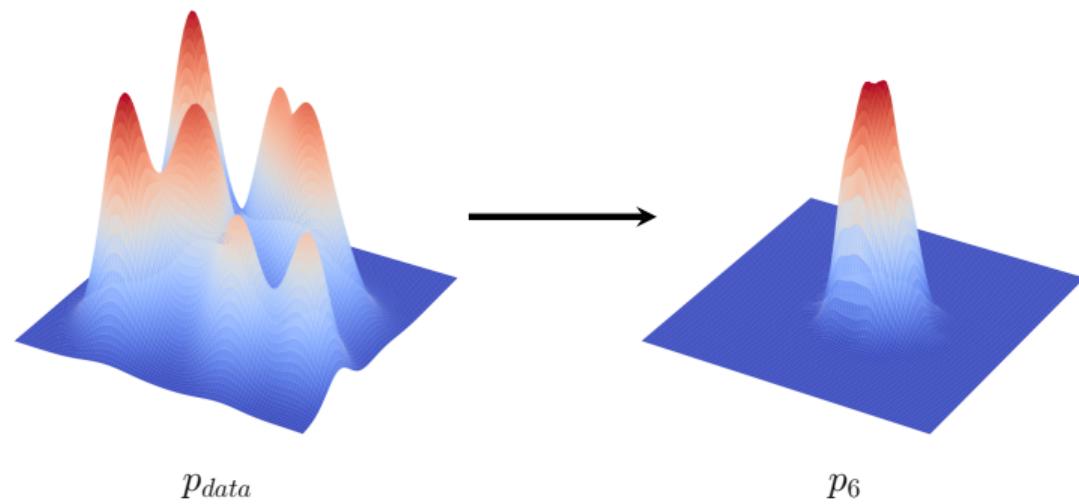
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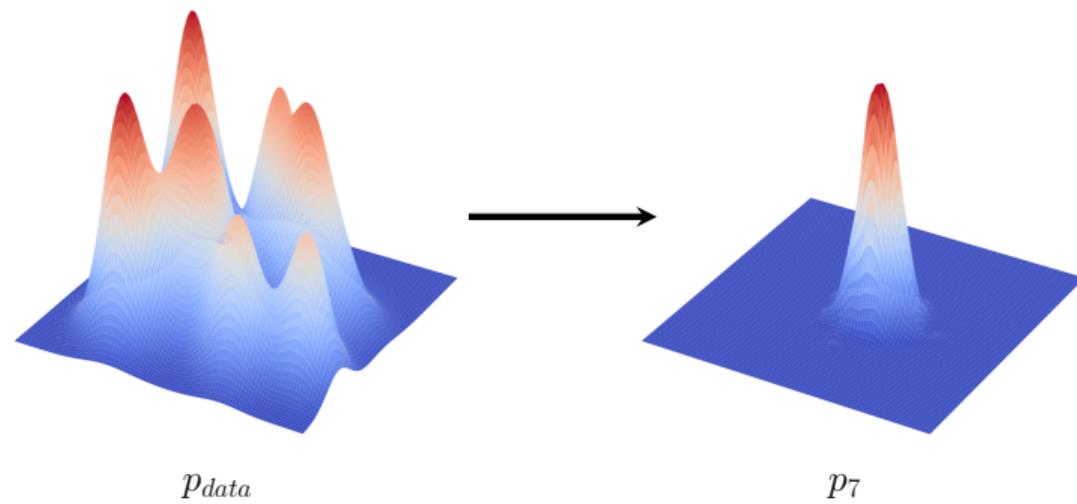
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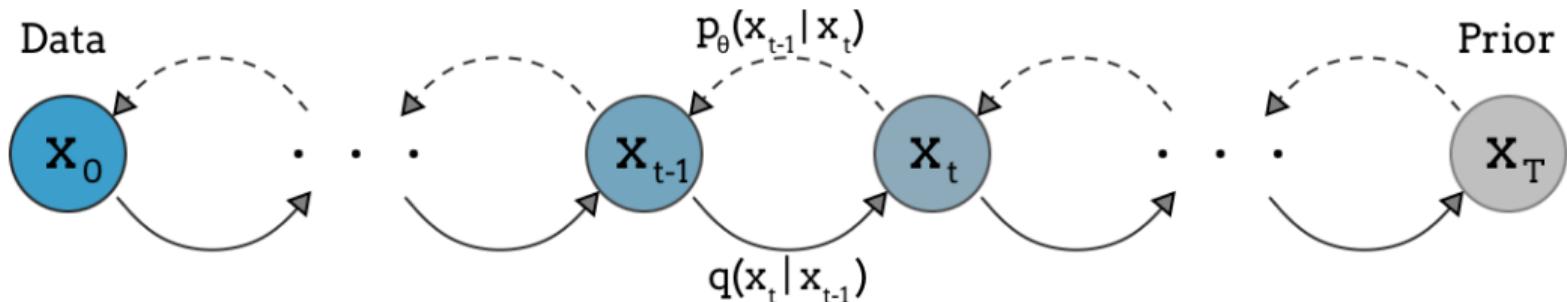


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Other formulation:

$$\mathbf{x}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \beta_t \mathbf{I})$$

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The forward process

Denoting $\bar{\alpha}_t = \prod_{s=1}^t \alpha_s$, For $t \geq 1$,

$$\mathbf{x}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t) \mathbf{I})$$

In other words, \mathbf{x}_t can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{z}_t, \text{ with } \mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

Example:

If $\mathbf{x}_1 = \sqrt{\alpha_1} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_2 &= \sqrt{\alpha_2} \mathbf{x}_1 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 \\ &= \sqrt{\alpha_2} \sqrt{\alpha_1} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{\alpha_2} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 \\ &= \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_2} \mathbf{x}_0 + (\sqrt{1 - \alpha_1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2)\end{aligned}$$

And:

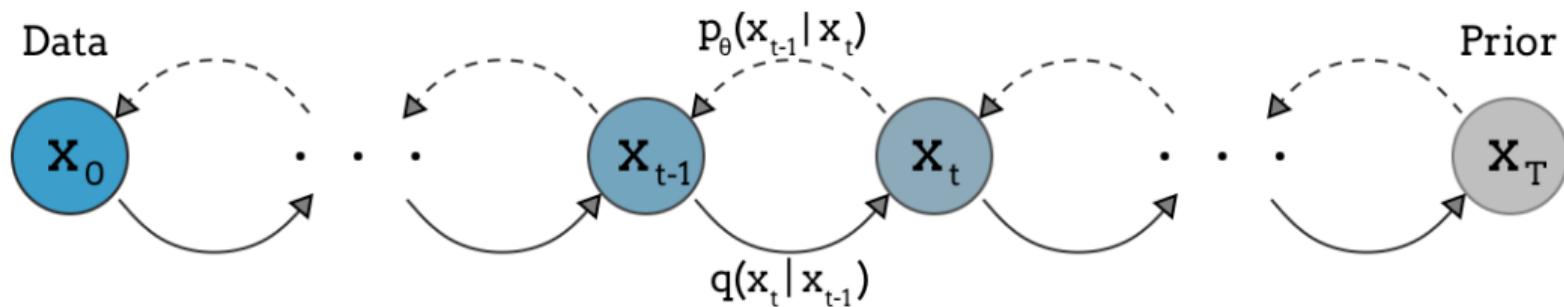
$$(\sqrt{1 - \alpha_1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \alpha_2(1 - \alpha_1) + 1 - \alpha_2) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, 1 - \bar{\alpha}_2)$$

The forward decomposition

The forward decomposition is:

$$q(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) = q(\mathbf{x}_0) \prod_{t=1}^T q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$$

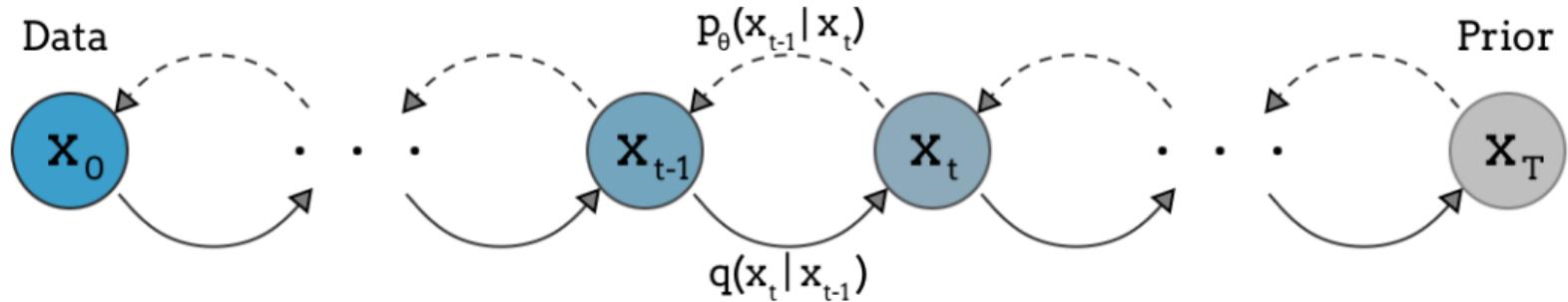
And we denote p_t the law of \mathbf{x}_t .



To keep in mind: Conditioning on \mathbf{x}_0 , all is possible.

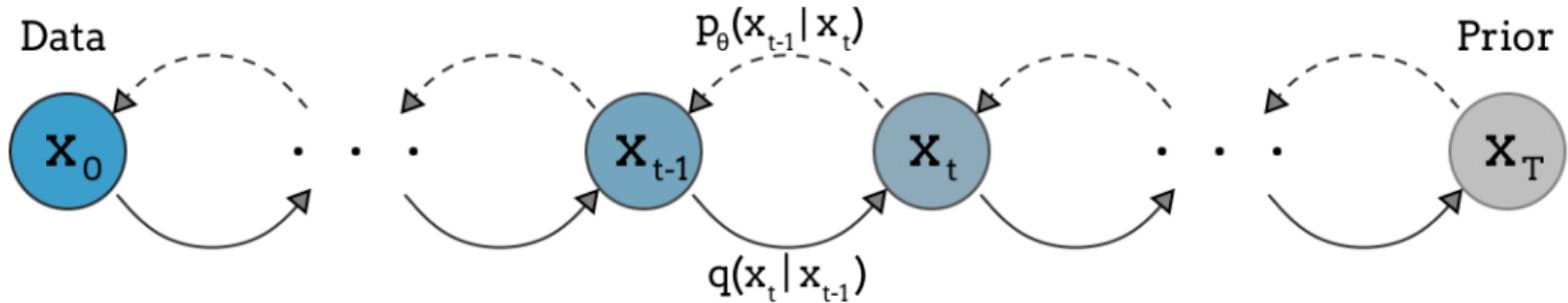
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⁷ Bishop, C. M. (2006). *Pattern recognition and machine learning* (Vol. 4). Springer

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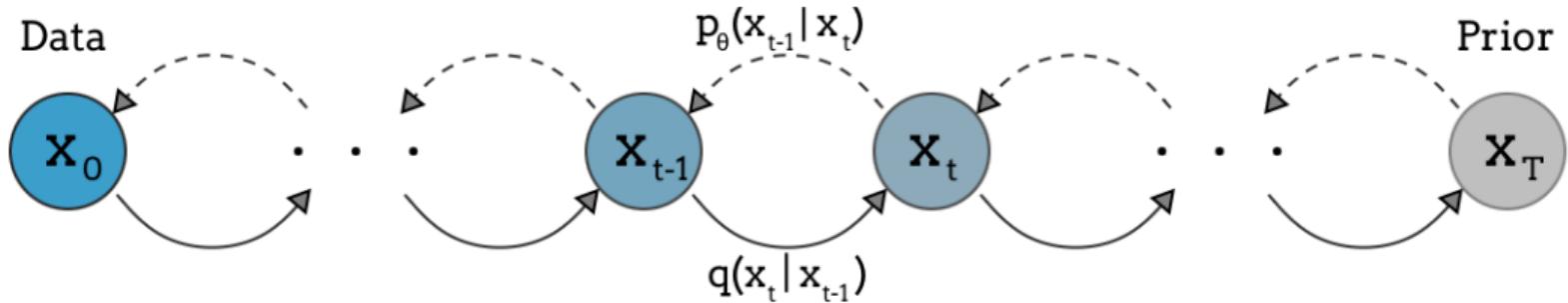


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$$\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \tilde{\mu}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0), \tilde{\beta}_t \mathbf{I})$$

$$\text{with } \tilde{\mu}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \beta_t \mathbf{x}_0 + \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_t}(1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1})}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_t$$

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The backward probability p_θ

$$p_\theta(x_{0:T}) = p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T) \prod_{t=1}^T p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t)$$

We will suppose that $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t)$ is Gaussian. [Feller, 1949]⁸.

This can be also explained in the discrete case by [De Bortoli et al., 2021]⁹.

$$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \Sigma_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t))$$

⁸Feller, W. (1949). On the theory of stochastic processes, with particular reference to applications. *Proceedings of the [First] Berkeley Symposium on Mathematical Statistics and Probability*

⁹De Bortoli, V., Thornton, J., Heng, J., & Doucet, A. (2021). Diffusion schrödinger bridge with applications to score-based generative modeling. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*

Derivation of the ELBO [Sohl-Dickstein et al., 2015]

$$\begin{aligned}\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0) &= \log \int p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) d\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \\ &= \log \int \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \mid \mathbf{x}_0)} q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \mid \mathbf{x}_0) d\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \\ &\geq \int \log \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \mid \mathbf{x}_0)} q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \mid \mathbf{x}_0) d\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \text{ by Jensen's inequality}\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0 \sim p_0} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0)] &\geq \int \int \log \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \mid \mathbf{x}_0)} q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \mid \mathbf{x}_0) q(\mathbf{x}_0) d\mathbf{x}_{1:T} d\mathbf{x}_0 \\ &= \int \log \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \mid \mathbf{x}_0)} q(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) d\mathbf{x}_{0:T} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_{0:T} \sim q} \left[\log \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \mid \mathbf{x}_0)} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Derivation of the ELBO [Sohl-Dickstein et al., 2015]

By the forward and the backward decompositions,

$$\begin{aligned}\log \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} \mid \mathbf{x}_0)} &= \log \left[p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T) \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_t \mid \mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \right] \\ &= \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T) + \sum_{t=1}^T \log \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_t \mid \mathbf{x}_{t-1})}\end{aligned}$$

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Derivation of the ELBO [Sohl-Dickstein et al., 2015]

For $2 \leq t \leq T$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_{0:T}} \left[\log \frac{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t)}{q(\mathbf{x}_t \mid \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_0)} \right] &= - \int \log \left(\frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t)} \right) q(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) d\mathbf{x}_{0:T} \\ &= - \int \log \left(\frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t)} \right) q(\mathbf{x}_{0,t-1,t}) d\mathbf{x}_{0,t-1,t} \\ &= - \int \log \left(\frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t)} \right) q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) d\mathbf{x}_{0,t-1,t} \\ &= - \int \left(\int \log \left(\frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t)} \right) q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \right) q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) d\mathbf{x}_{0,t} \\ &= -\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0 \sim q} [\text{D}_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t))]\end{aligned}$$

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Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0 \sim p_0} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0)] \\ & \geq -\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0} [\text{D}_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_T \mid \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T))] - \sum_{t=2}^T \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0 \sim q} [\text{D}_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \mid \mathbf{x}_t))] \\ & + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0 \mid \mathbf{x}_1)] \end{aligned}$$

For $2 \leq t \leq T$, we are looking for $D_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t))$,

By [Zhang et al., 2021]¹⁰,

$$D_{KL}(\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1), \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\log \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} + \text{Tr}(\Sigma_2^{-1} \Sigma_1) + (\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1) - n \right]$$

As a reminder,

$$\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \tilde{\mu}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0), \tilde{\beta}_t \mathbf{I})$$

If we suppose that $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \Sigma_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t))$ and $\Sigma_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t) = \tilde{\beta}_t \mathbf{I}$,

$$D_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t)) = \frac{1}{2\tilde{\beta}_t^2} \|\tilde{\mu}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) - \mu_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)\|^2$$

¹⁰Zhang, Y., Liu, W., Chen, Z., Li, K., & Wang, J. (2021). On the properties of kullback-leibler divergence between gaussians. *CoRR*, abs/2102.05485. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.05485>

For $t = T$, $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0} [\text{D}_{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_T \mid \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_T))]$ is neglected because

$$q(\mathbf{x}_T \mid \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{x}_0), \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_T} \text{Var}(\mathbf{x}_0)) \approx \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

For $t = 0$, μ_t is penalized to obtain data images in $[0, 1]$

The loss is finally,

$$L(\theta) = \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{1}{2\tilde{\beta}_t^2} \|\tilde{\mu}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, x_0) - \mu_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t)\|^2 - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1} [\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_0 \mid \mathbf{x}_1)]$$

Problem: This loss is difficult to train, even for 2D distribution (see tutorials at this url¹¹)

¹¹https://github.com/acids-ircam/diffusion_models

Solution:

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To convince yourself: Residual learning for denoiser.

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Ho et al., 2020 has the same results with:

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As a reminder, $\tilde{\beta}_t = \frac{1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \beta_t$

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\theta) &= \mathbb{E}_{t \sim [1, T], \mathbf{x}_0, \epsilon_t} \left[\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)\|^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{t \sim [1, T], \mathbf{x}_0, \epsilon_t} \left[\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t, t)\|^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Algorithm 1 Training

1: **repeat**
 2: $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0)$
 3: $t \sim \text{Uniform}(\{1, \dots, T\})$
 4: $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$
 5: Take gradient descent step on

$$\nabla_\theta \|\boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, t)\|^2$$

 6: **until** converged

Algorithm 2 Sampling

1: $\mathbf{x}_T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$
 2: **for** $t = T, \dots, 1$ **do**
 3: $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ if $t > 1$, else $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$
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 5: **end for**
 6: **return** \mathbf{x}_0

Some implementation tricks: Exponential Moving Average (EMA)

During the training, for each training step,

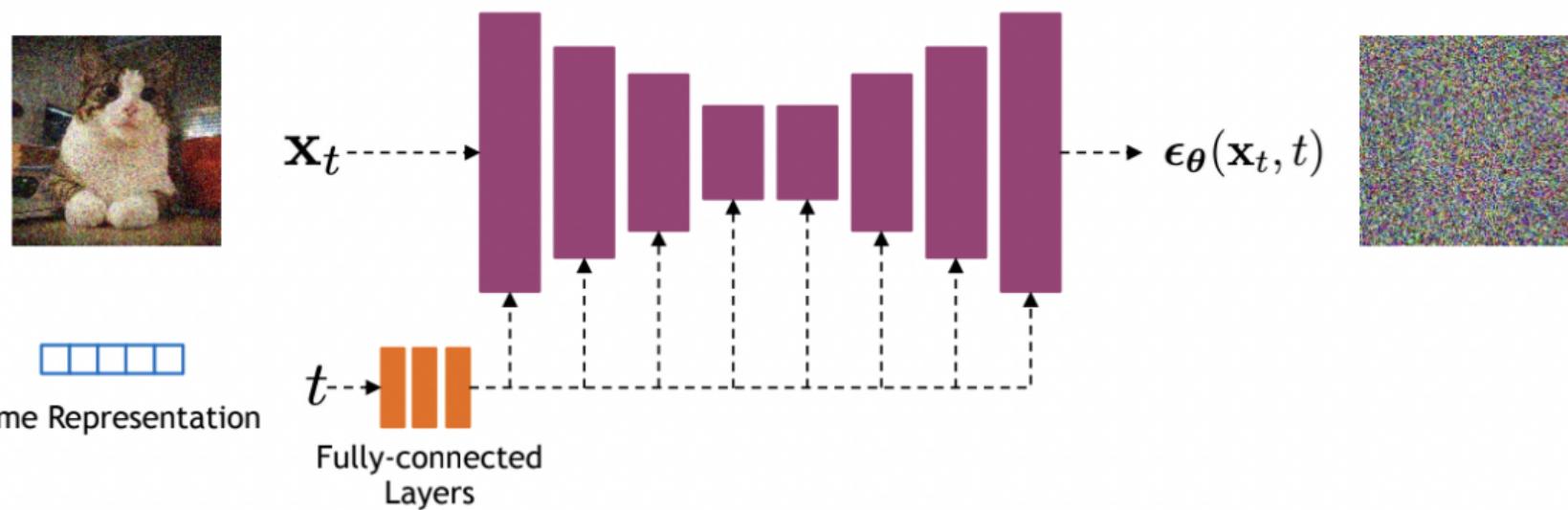
$$\tilde{\theta}_{n+1} = (1 - \mu)\theta_{n+1} + \mu\theta_n$$

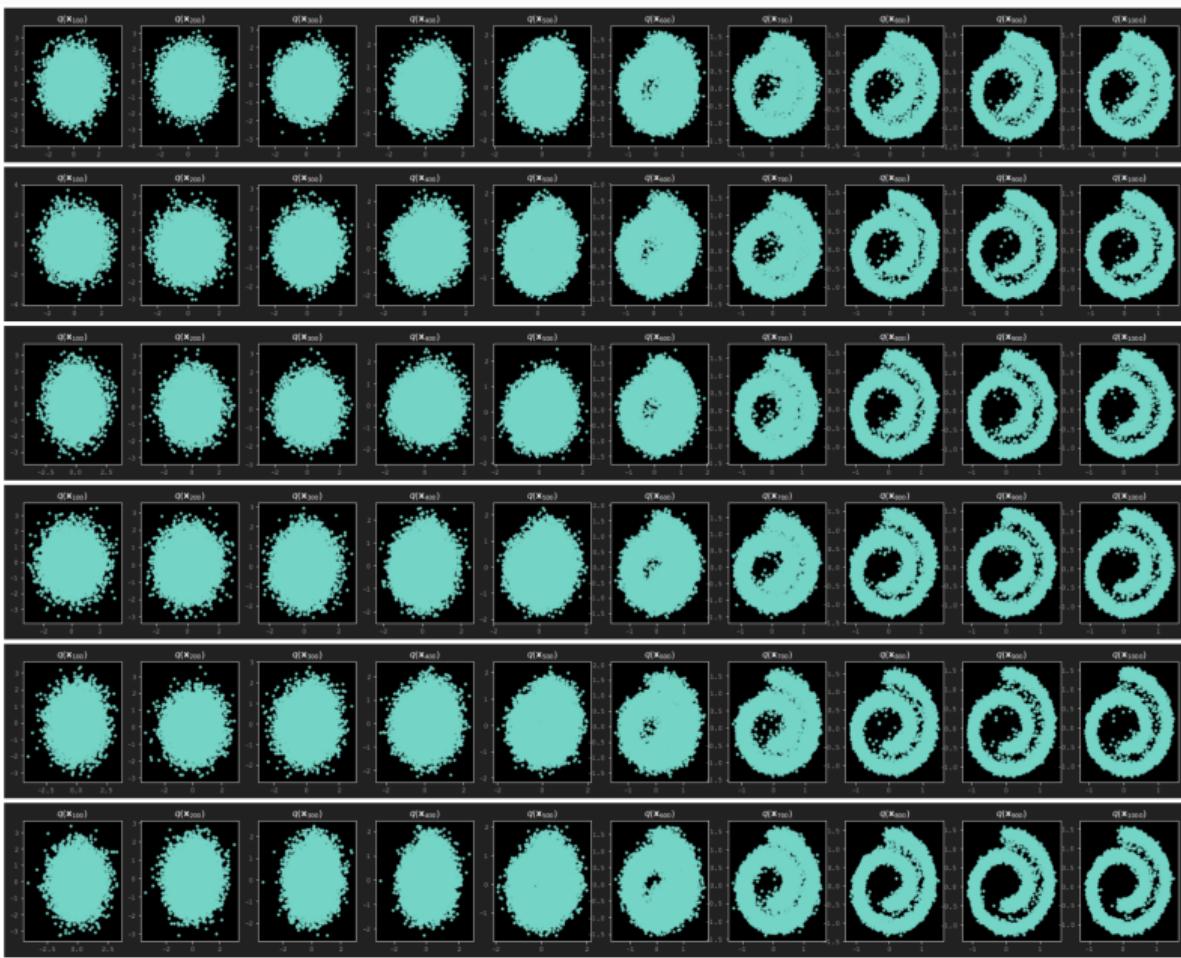
with $\mu = 0.9$ for example.

Time representation

Network architecture: UNET

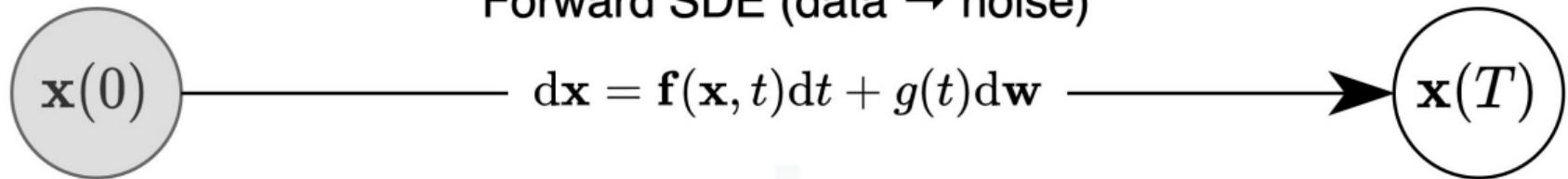
Time representation: sinusoidal positional embeddings or random Fourier features and the network is a U-NET.





2.3. The continuous framework

Forward SDE (data → noise)



score function

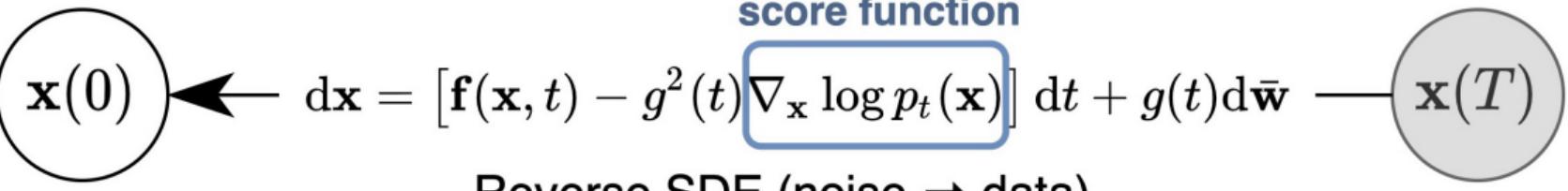


Image extracted from [Y. Song et al., 2023]

GROSSISSEMENT D'UNE FILTRATION

ET RETOURNEMENT DU TEMPS D'UNE DIFFUSION

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1. Introduction .

Soit $\{X_t, 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ un processus de diffusion dans \mathbb{R}^d solution de l'E.D.S:

$$dX_t = b(t, X_t)dt + \sigma(t, X_t)dW_t$$

où $\{W_t, 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ est un mouvement brownien standard dans \mathbb{R}^d .

Continuant le travail de [2], nous nous posons la question suivante: existe-t-il un brownien standard dans \mathbb{R}^d $\{\bar{W}_t, 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ et des coefficients $\{\bar{b}(t, x), \bar{\sigma}(t, x); 0 \leq t \leq 1, x \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$ tels que le processus

$\bar{X}_t = X_{1-t}, 0 \leq t \leq 1$, soit solution de :

$$d\bar{X}_t = \bar{b}(t, \bar{X}_t)dt + \bar{\sigma}(t, \bar{X}_t)d\bar{W}_t$$

Notre méthode consiste à identifier $\{\bar{W}_t\}$, en résolvant un problème de grossissement de filtration. On pourrait probablement déduire le résultat ci-dessous de ceux de Jeulin [4] et de Jacod

¹²Song, Y., Sohl-Dickstein, J., Kingma, D. P., Kumar, A., Ermon, S., & Poole, B. (2023). Score-based generative modeling through stochastic differential equations. *International Conference on Learning Representations*

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Discretely,

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Continuous framework

Forward process: Let $(\mathbf{x}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq 1}$ be a diffusion process verifying the SDE:

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It is DDPM ! With $\beta_t = \Delta_t \beta\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)$

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Link with the discrete case

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becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} d\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t &= \frac{1}{2}\beta(t)\mathbf{x}dt & -\beta(t)\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\bar{\mathbf{x}})dt & \sqrt{\beta(t)}d\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t \\ \mathbf{x}_{t-1} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_t}}\mathbf{x}_t & + \frac{\beta_t}{\sqrt{1-\beta_t}}s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t) & \tilde{\beta}_t \mathbf{z}_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{And } \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_t}} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}\beta_t, \quad \frac{\beta_t}{\sqrt{1-\beta_t}} \approx \beta_t(1 + \frac{1}{2}\beta_t) \approx \beta_t$$

To other approaches

Can be applied to other SDE as the model SMLD [Y. Song and Ermon, 2019]¹⁵ where $d\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}} d\mathbf{w}_t$

¹⁵Song, Y., & Ermon, S. (2019). Generative modeling by estimating gradients of the data distribution. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*

To other approaches

To a SDE $dx_t = f(x_t, t)dt + g(t)d\omega_t$ can be associated an ODE: $dx = \left[f(x, t) - \frac{1}{2}g(t)^2\nabla_x \log p_t(x) \right] dt$

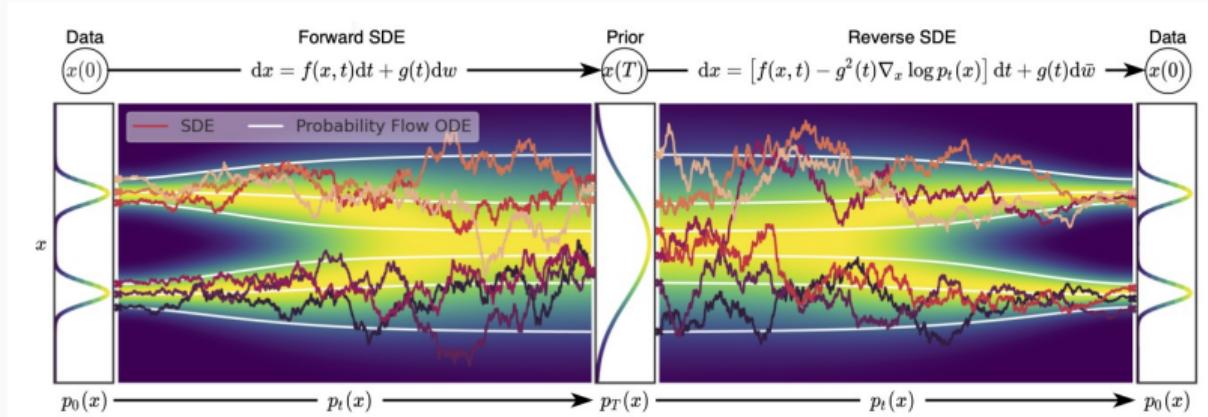


Image extracted from [Y. Song et al., 2023]¹⁶

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2.4. Conclusion

Conclusion

- Speed-up the convergence. [De Bortoli et al., 2021]¹⁷, [Dhariwal and Nichol, 2021]¹⁸
- The data distribution does not have density Bortoli, 2022¹⁹
- Not presented here: DDIM [J. Song et al., 2021]²⁰.
- Interesting tutorials: Song's code: https://github.com/yang-song/score_sde, 2D models: https://github.com/acids-ircam/diffusion_models/tree/main
- Reading recommendation : [Ho et al., 2020]²¹, [Y. Song et al., 2023]²²

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Presentation of RePaint

Introduction

Various approaches:

- Re-train a score-based model. [Saharia et al., 2022]²³
- Classifier quidance method. [Y. Song et al., 2023]²⁴
- The replacement method, presented today. [Lugmayr et al., 2022]²⁵, [Chung et al., 2022]²⁶
- Pseudo-inverse reasonning [Choi et al., 2021]²⁷

²³Saharia, C., Ho, J., Chan, W., Salimans, T., Fleet, D. J., & Norouzi, M. (2022). Image super-resolution via iterative refinement. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*

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²⁶Chung, H., Sim, B., Ryu, D., & Ye, J. C. (2022). Improving diffusion models for inverse problems using manifold constraints. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*

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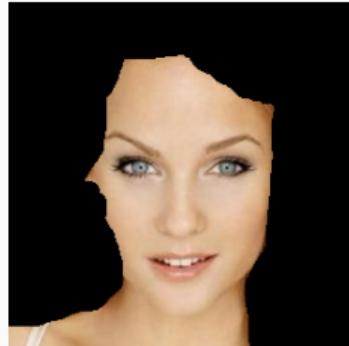
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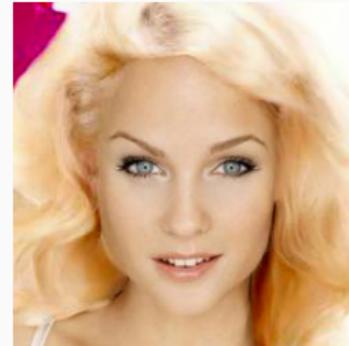
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Sample 1



Sample 2

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Problem: $\nabla_z \log p_t(z_t | mx_0 = y)$ is not tractable.

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How to build a conditional diffusion model ?

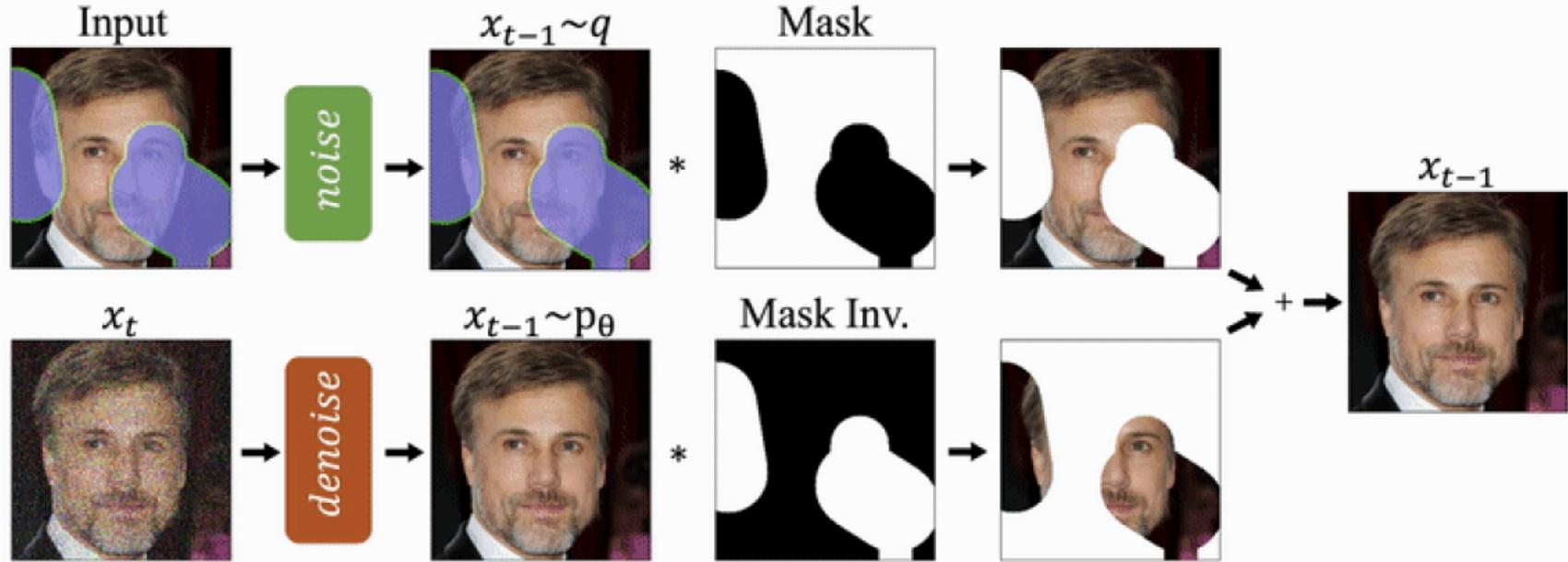


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Pseudo-code

1. **Input:** A masked image $m\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$

2. Sample $\mathbf{x}_T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

3. For $t = T, \dots, 1$

4. Sample $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

5. $\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^{\text{known}} = \sqrt{\alpha_t} \mathbf{y} + (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$

6. Sample $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ if $t > 1$ else $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$

7. $\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^{\text{unknown}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \left(\mathbf{x}_t - \frac{\beta_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t) \right) + \sigma_t \mathbf{z}$

8. $\mathbf{x}_{t-1} = \mathbf{m} \odot \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^{\text{known}} + (1 - \mathbf{m}) \odot \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^{\text{unknown}}$

9. **Output:** \mathbf{x}_0

• $\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^{\text{known}}$ is resampled at each step knowing:

$$\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\alpha_t} \mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t) \mathbf{I})$$

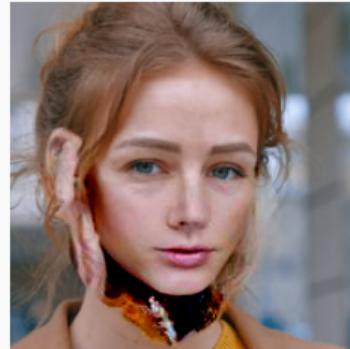
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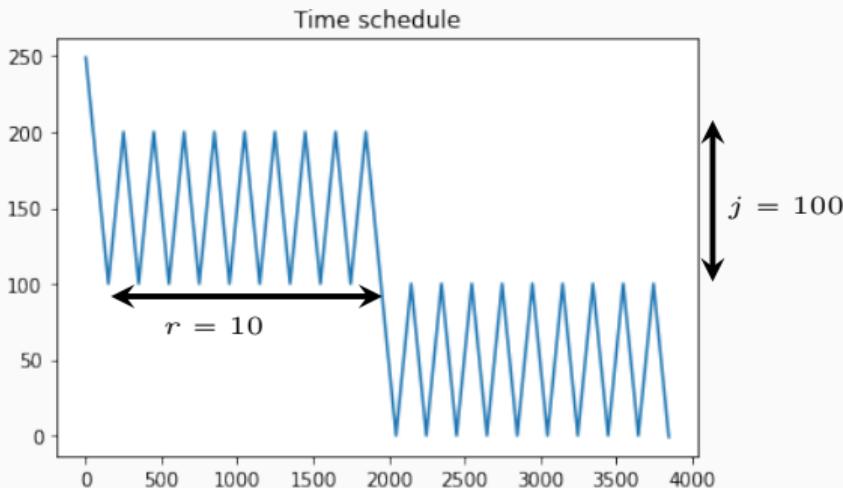
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Time schedule



1. For each group of times of size j
2. Do r times:
 3. For $s = T, \dots, T - j$
Do the backward from s to $s - 1$
 5. For $s = T - j, \dots, T$
Do the forward from s to $s + 1$
 7. For $s = T, \dots, T - j$
Do the backward from s to $s - 1$

Problem: From 1000 steps to 18820 steps with $j = r = 10$

In DDPM, there are two choices for the variance schedule of the backward process: β_t or $\tilde{\beta}_t$. Nichol and Dhariwal, 2021 proposes to learn the variance as

$$\Sigma_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \exp \left[v \log(\beta_t) + (1 - v) \log(\tilde{\beta}_t) \right]$$

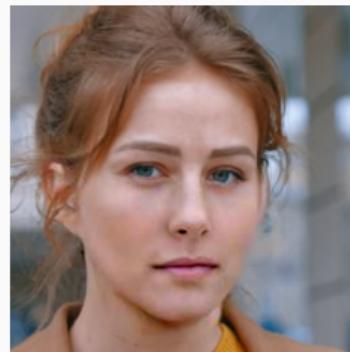
This reduces the number of steps from 1000 steps to 250 steps.

Now: From 250 steps to 4570 steps with $j = r = 10$.

"Justification" of the algorithm

From the article: "However, the sampling of the known pixels using is performed without considering the generated parts of the image, which introduces disharmony. Although the model tries to harmonize the image again in every step, it can never fully converge because the same issue occurs in the next step. Moreover, in each reverse step, the maximum change to an image declines due to the variance schedule of β_t . Thus, the method cannot correct mistakes that lead to disharmonious boundaries in the subsequent steps due to restricted flexibility. **As a consequence, the model needs more time to harmonize the conditional information x^{known} with the generated information x^{unknown} in one step before advancing to the next denoising step.**"

Let's try it



Fails



Conclusion

- Free learning method is an interesting approach.
- Probably far from the true conditional distribution [Trippe et al., 2023]²⁹.
- An other approach with manifold constraints [Chung et al., 2022]³⁰.

²⁹Trippe, B. L., Yim, J., Tischer, D., Baker, D., Broderick, T., Barzilay, R., & Jaakkola, T. S. (2023). Diffusion probabilistic modeling of protein backbones in 3d for the motif-scaffolding problem. *International Conference on Learning Representations*

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Thank you for your attention !

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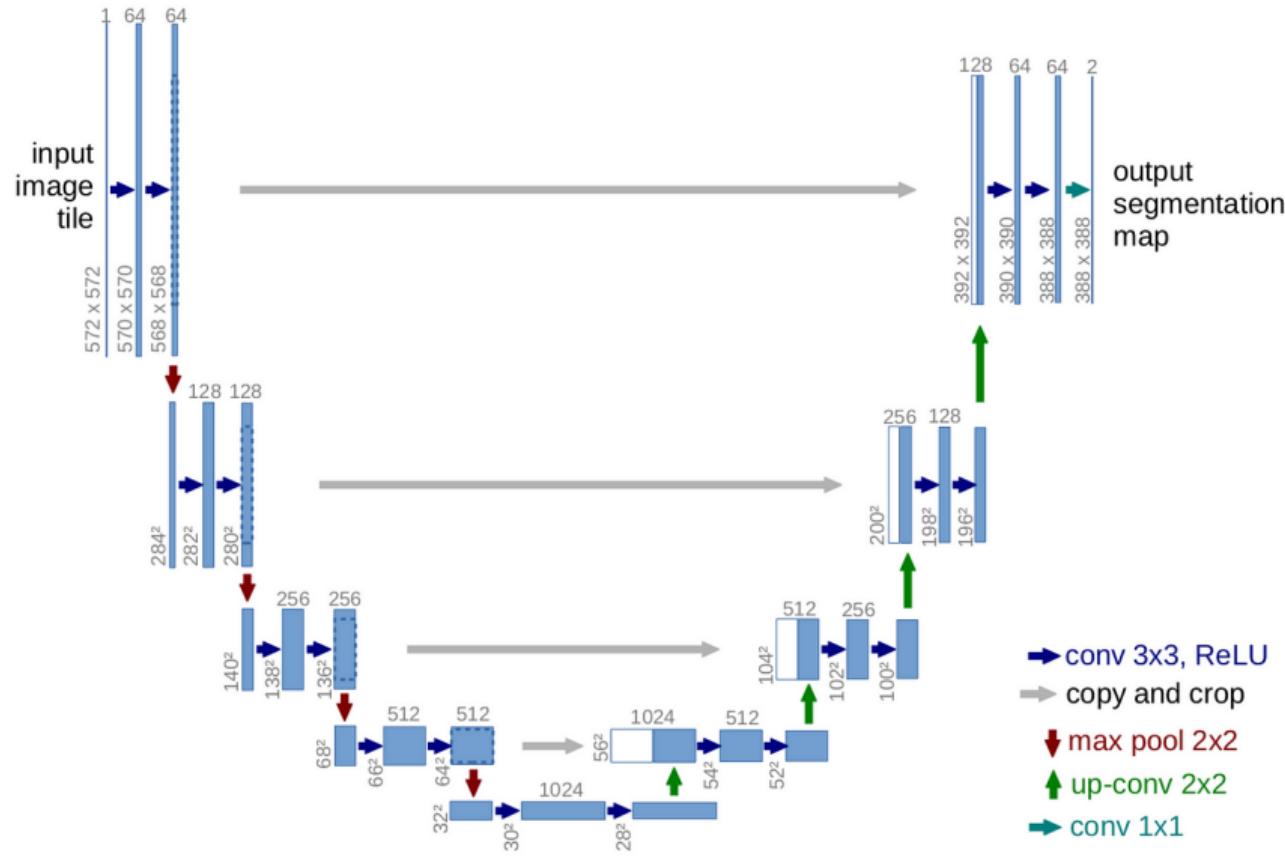
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Appendix

- Architecture of U-NET: 63
- β or $\tilde{\beta}$: 63
- Sketch of proof Pardoux, 1986 : 64



We can read in Ho et al., 2020, "Experimentally, both $\sigma_t^2 = \beta_t$ and $\sigma_t^2 = \tilde{\beta}_t$ had similar results. The first choice is optimal for $x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I)$, and the second is optimal for x_0 deterministically set to one point. These are the two extreme choices corresponding to upper and lower bounds on reverse process entropy for data with coordinatewise unit variance Sohl-Dickstein et al., 2015."

1. $\hat{w}_t = w_t - w_1 - \int_t^1 \nabla \log p_s(\mathbf{x}_s) ds$ is a backward Brownian motion adapted to the filtration $\sigma(\mathbf{x}_t \cup \{w_s - w_t, t \leq s \leq 1\})$ because it is a local backward martingale.
2. Rewriting of the SDE in the Stratonovich sense.
3. Insertion of \hat{w}_t in the SDE.
4. Change of variable.