My solutions to Deep Learning: Foundations and Concepts

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19 Variational Autoencoders

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Assume $\sigma > 0$ and define $g(\epsilon) := \sigma \epsilon + \mu$. Then $g^{-1}(z) := \frac{z-\mu}{\sigma}$ and $(g^{-1})'(z) = \frac{1}{\sigma}$. It follows that

$$\begin{split} p_Z(z) &= p_{\sigma \mathcal{E} + \mu}(z) \\ &= p_{\mathcal{E}} \left(\frac{z - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \left| \frac{1}{\sigma} \right| \qquad \text{change of variables via } g \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\left(\frac{z - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}{2}} \frac{1}{\sigma} \qquad \mathcal{E} \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1); \, \sigma > 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(z - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \end{split}$$

is density for $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.