

Deep Generative Models

Lecture 9

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Recap of Lecture 7

Let us perturb the original data with Gaussian noise
 $q(\mathbf{x}_\sigma | \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}, \sigma^2 \cdot \mathbf{I})$.

$$q(\mathbf{x}_\sigma) = \int q(\mathbf{x}_\sigma | \mathbf{x}) p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}.$$

Then the solution of

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_\sigma)} \| \mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma}(\mathbf{x}_\sigma) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_\sigma} \log q(\mathbf{x}_\sigma) \|_2^2 \rightarrow \min_{\theta}$$

satisfies $\mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma}(\mathbf{x}_\sigma) \approx \mathbf{s}_{\theta, 0}(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x})$ if σ is sufficiently small.

Theorem (Denoising Score Matching)

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_\sigma)} \| \mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma}(\mathbf{x}_\sigma) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_\sigma} \log q(\mathbf{x}_\sigma) \|_2^2 = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_\sigma | \mathbf{x})} \| \mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma}(\mathbf{x}_\sigma) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_\sigma} \log q(\mathbf{x}_\sigma | \mathbf{x}) \|_2^2 + \text{const}(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Here, $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_\sigma} \log q(\mathbf{x}_\sigma | \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{\mathbf{x}_\sigma - \mathbf{x}}{\sigma^2} = -\frac{\epsilon}{\sigma}$. $\mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma}(\mathbf{x}_\sigma)$ attempts to **denoise** a corrupted sample.

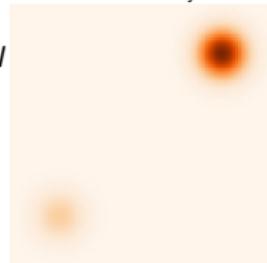
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$$\mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})} \left\| \mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma}(\mathbf{x} + \sigma \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) + \frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}{\sigma} \right\|_2^2 \rightarrow \min_{\theta}$$

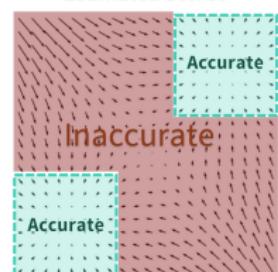
$$\mathbf{x}_{I+1} = \mathbf{x}_I + \frac{\eta}{2} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma}(\mathbf{x}_I) + \sqrt{\eta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_I$$

- ▶ For **small** σ , $\mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma}(\mathbf{x})$ becomes inaccurate and Langevin dynamics fails to traverse modes
- ▶ For **large** σ , robustness in low-density regions is achieved, but the model learns a distribution that is overly corrupted

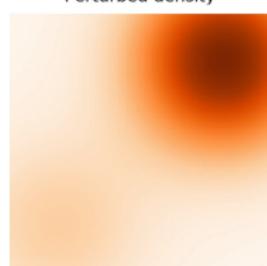
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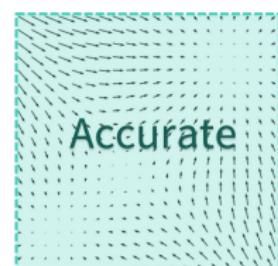
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Perturbed density



Estimated scores

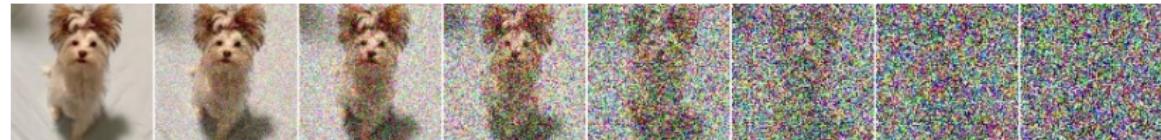
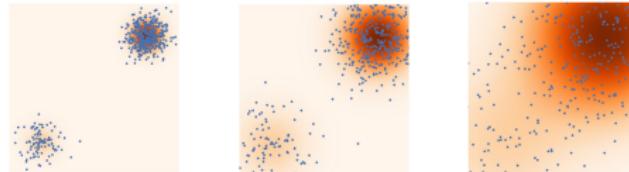


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Noise-Conditioned Score Network

- ▶ Define a sequence of noise levels: $\sigma_1 < \sigma_2 < \dots < \sigma_T$.
- ▶ Train a denoised score function $s_{\theta, \sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$ for each noise level:
$$\sum_{t=1}^T \sigma_t^2 \cdot \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x})} \| s_{\theta, \sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_t) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}) \|_2^2 \rightarrow \min_{\theta}$$
- ▶ Sample using **annealed** Langevin dynamics (for $t = 1, \dots, T$).

$$\sigma_1 < \sigma_2 < \sigma_3$$



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NCSN Training

1. Obtain a sample $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$.
2. Sample noise level $t \sim U\{1, T\}$ and noise $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$.
3. Construct noisy image $\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{x}_0 + \sigma_t \cdot \epsilon$.
4. Compute the loss $\mathcal{L} = \sigma_t^2 \cdot \|\mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma_t}\|^2$.

NCSN Sampling (Annealed Langevin Dynamics)

- ▶ Sample $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_T^2 \cdot \mathbf{I}) \approx q(\mathbf{x}_T)$.
- ▶ Apply L steps of Langevin dynamics:

$$\mathbf{x}_l = \mathbf{x}_{l-1} + \frac{\eta_t}{2} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_{l-1}) + \sqrt{\eta_t} \cdot \epsilon_l.$$

- ▶ Update $\mathbf{x}_0 := \mathbf{x}_L$ and proceed to the next σ_t .

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Forward Gaussian Diffusion Process

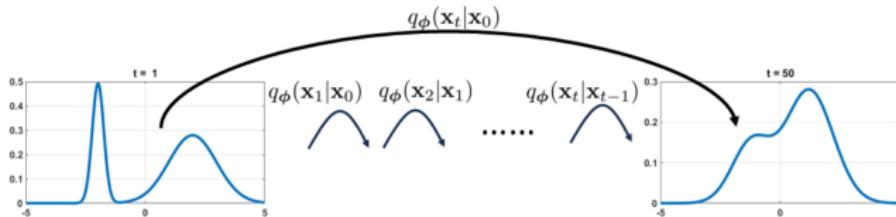
Let $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$, $\beta_t \ll 1$, $\alpha_t = 1 - \beta_t$ and $\bar{\alpha}_t = \prod_{s=1}^t \alpha_s$.

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{1 - \beta_t} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{\beta_t} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad \text{where } \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I});$$

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad \text{where } \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}).$$

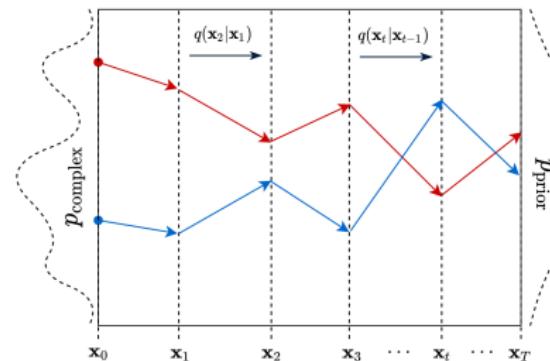
$$q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{1 - \beta_t} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \beta_t \cdot \mathbf{I});$$

$$q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t) \cdot \mathbf{I}).$$



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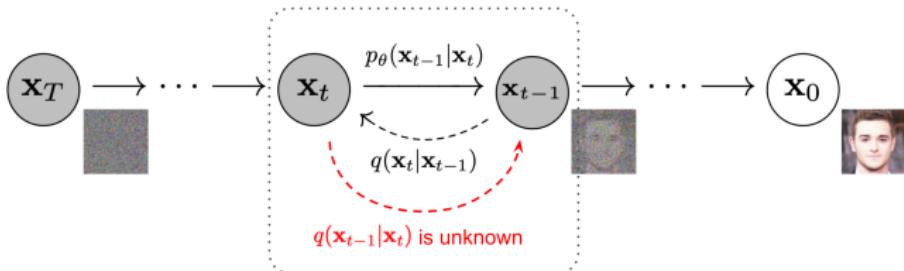
Diffusion describes the process where particles migrate from regions of high density to regions of low density.



1. $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$;
2. $\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{1 - \beta_t} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{\beta_t} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$, with $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$, $t \geq 1$;
3. $\mathbf{x}_T \sim p_\infty(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$, for $T \gg 1$.

If we can invert this process, we would have a way to sample $\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$ using noise samples, i.e. $p_\infty(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$. Hence, our objective becomes to reverse this process.

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Reverse Process (Ancestral Sampling)

$$q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) = \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1})}{q(\mathbf{x}_t)} \approx p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t), \sigma_{\theta,t}^2(\mathbf{x}_t))$$

The Feller theorem guarantees this approximation is valid.

Forward Process

1. $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x});$
2. $\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{1 - \beta_t} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{\beta_t} \cdot \epsilon;$
3. $\mathbf{x}_T \sim p_\infty(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}).$

Reverse Process

1. $\mathbf{x}_T \sim p_\infty(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I});$
2. $\mathbf{x}_{t-1} = \sigma_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) \cdot \epsilon + \mu_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t);$
3. $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x});$

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Forward Process: Converts an arbitrary distribution $p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$ into the standard normal $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$ by incrementally adding noise.

$$q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{1 - \beta_t} \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \beta_t \mathbf{I});$$
$$q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t) \mathbf{I}).$$

Reverse Process: This intractable distribution can be well-approximated by a Gaussian (with unknown parameters) when β_t is sufficiently small.

$$q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t) = \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1})}{q(\mathbf{x}_t)} \approx \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t), \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\theta,t}^2(\mathbf{x}_t))$$

Conditioned Reverse Process: This Gaussian, with known parameters, describes how to denoise a noisy image \mathbf{x}_t when the final clean image \mathbf{x}_0 is known.

$$q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0), \tilde{\beta}_t \mathbf{I})$$

Recap of Previous Lecture

- ▶ $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T)$ represents the latent variables.
- ▶ Variational posterior distribution:

$$q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) = q(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T | \mathbf{x}_0) = \prod_{t=1}^T q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}).$$

- ▶ Generative model and prior:

$$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1); \quad p_\theta(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{t=2}^T p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) \cdot p(\mathbf{x}_T)$$

ELBO

$$\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}) \geq \mathbb{E}_{q(\textcolor{teal}{z}|\mathbf{x})} \log \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}, \textcolor{teal}{z})}{q(\textcolor{teal}{z}|\mathbf{x})} = \mathcal{L}_{\phi, \theta}(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \max_{q, \theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\phi, \theta}(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1) - \text{KL}\left(q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) \| p(\mathbf{x}_T)\right) - \\ &\quad - \sum_{t=2}^T \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)} \text{KL}\left(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)\right)}_{\mathcal{L}_t} \end{aligned}$$

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ELBO of the Gaussian Diffusion Model

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\phi, \theta}(\mathbf{x}) = & \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1) - \text{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0)\|p(\mathbf{x}_T)) - \\ & - \sum_{t=2}^T \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)} \text{KL}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)\|p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t))}_{\mathcal{L}_t}\end{aligned}$$

$$q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0), \tilde{\beta}_t \mathbf{I}),$$

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t), \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\theta,t}^2(\mathbf{x}_t))$$

It is assumed that $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\theta,t}^2(\mathbf{x}_t) = \tilde{\beta}_t \mathbf{I}$.

$$\mathcal{L}_t = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[\frac{1}{2\tilde{\beta}_t} \|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)\|^2 \right]$$

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Reparameterization

$$\tilde{\mu}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{\alpha_t(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

$$\mu_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{\alpha_t(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta,t}(\textcolor{teal}{x_t})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_t = \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})} \left[\frac{(1 - \alpha_t)^2}{2\tilde{\beta}_t \alpha_t (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)} \left\| \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta,t}(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \right\|^2 \right]$$

At each step in the reverse diffusion process, our goal is to predict the noise $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ added by the forward process!

Simplified Objective

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{simple}} = \mathbb{E}_{t \sim U\{2, T\}} \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})} \left\| \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta,t}(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \right\|^2$$

Recap of Previous Lecture

Training DDPM

1. Draw a sample $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$.
2. Sample a timestep $t \sim U\{1, T\}$ and noise $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$.
3. Obtain the noisy image: $\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \cdot \epsilon$.
4. Compute the loss: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{simple}} = \|\epsilon - \epsilon_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)\|^2$.

Sampling with DDPM

1. Sample $\mathbf{x}_T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$.
2. Compute the mean of $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t), \sigma_t^2 \cdot \mathbf{I})$:

$$\mu_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{\alpha_t(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)}} \cdot \epsilon_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

3. Generate a denoised image: $\mathbf{x}_{t-1} = \mu_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \sigma_t \cdot \epsilon$, where $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$.

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 - Classifier-Free Guidance
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Denoising Diffusion as a Score-Based Generative Model

DDPM Objective

$$\mathcal{L}_t = \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)} \left[C_{1,t} \cdot \|\epsilon_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) - \epsilon\|_2^2 \right]$$

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DDPM vs NCSN: Objectives

DDPM Objective

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$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{x}_0 + \sigma_t \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

Maximizing the ELBO leads to the same objective as denoising score matching!

DDPM vs NCSN: Sampling

DDPM Sampling (Ancestral Sampling)

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

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Кот ныряет в бассейн, как ребенок на обложке альбома Nevermind, реалистично



рука человека с пятью пальцами, ни четырьмя, ни шестью, а с 5 (пять) пальцами

Conditional Models

In practice, we're typically interested in learning conditional models (sampling from conditional distribution $p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$).

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Label: Ostrich (10th ImageNet class)



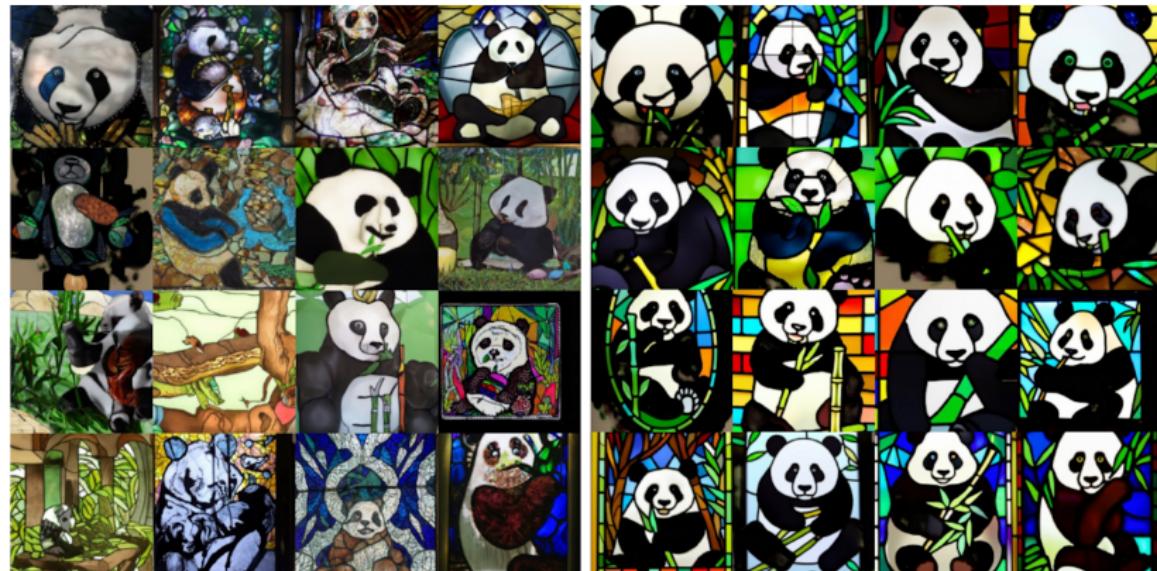
VQ-VAE (Proposed)

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Prompt: a stained glass window of a panda eating bamboo

Left: $\gamma = 1$, Right: $\gamma = 3$.



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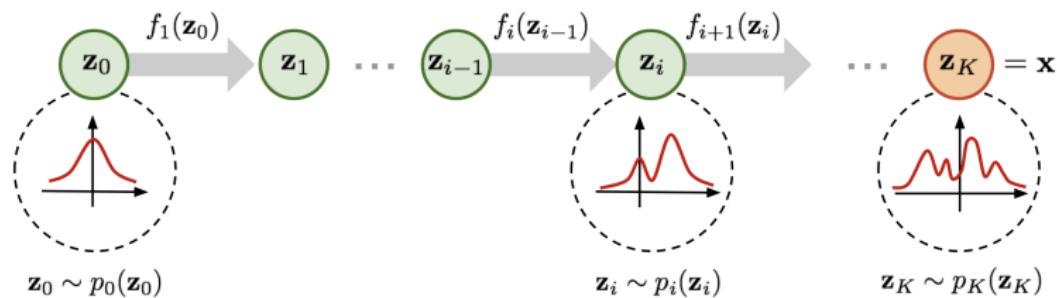
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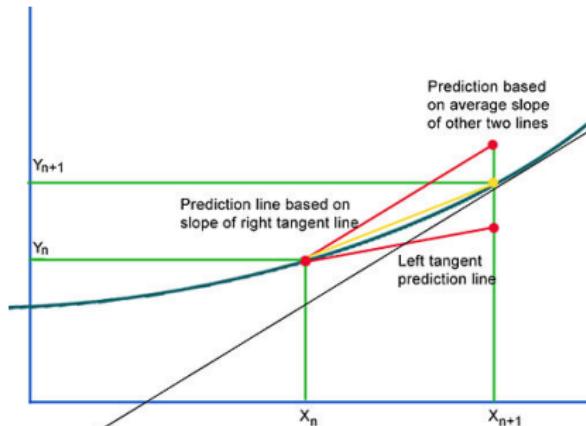
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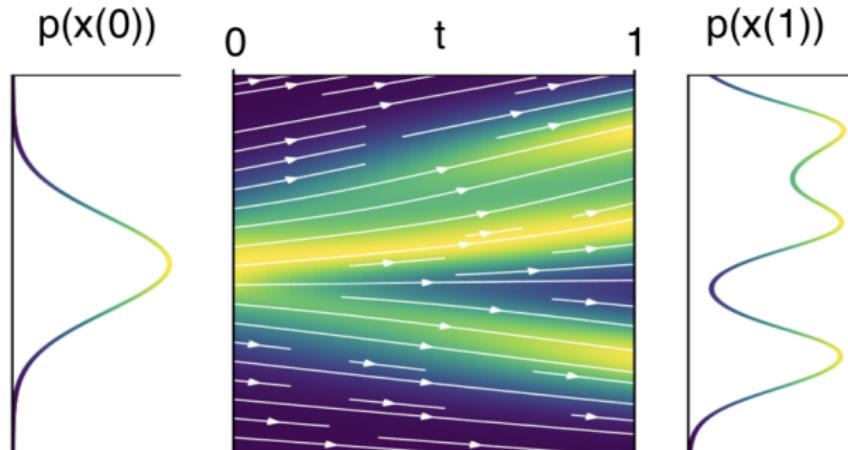
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