

Training Normalizing Flows

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$$\begin{aligned}\max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_x} p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) &= \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_x} -\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \\&= \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_x} -\log \left[p_Z(T_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) \left| \det \frac{\partial T_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right| \right] \\&= \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_x} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|T_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 - \log \left| \det \frac{\partial T_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right| \right] \\&= \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X_{train}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|T_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 - \log \left| \det \frac{\partial T_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right| \right]\end{aligned}$$

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Change of variables makes this: ℓ_2 -norm minimization of transformed samples
– volume change term.

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