Simple Beamer Class

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Overview of Variational Inference

- Turns a complicated inference problems into an optimization problem
- ► Minimizes the KL divergence from the variational distribution to the posterior distribution
- ► EM is a special case

Model Image

put fig 2 here give gloss of variables: relate them to the input/output/nuissance ones Jason defines

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$$= \mathcal{L}(q)$$

Why does maximizes the ELBO minimize the KL-Divergence?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{KL}(q(z,\beta)||p(z,\beta|x) &= & \mathbb{E}_q \left[\log(q(z,\beta)] - \mathbb{E}_q \left[\log p(z,\beta|x) \right] \\ &= & \mathbb{E}_q \left[\log(q(z,\beta)] - \mathbb{E}_q \left[\log p(z,\beta,x) \right] + \log p(x) \right] \\ &= & -\mathcal{L}(q) + const. \end{aligned}$$

▶ Maximizing $\mathcal{L}(q)$ is just minimizing $-\mathcal{L}(q)$

How is EM a special case?

- ▶ How do we choose Q?
- We want it to be easily computable!
- ▶ What is $p(z, \beta|x) \in Q$?
- Minimizing the KL divergence is trivial! Set $q(z, \beta) = p(z, beta|x)$

Variational + x, $\forall x$

▶ Clearly we have some choices...and they have names!

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