

Let us define a function:

$$\phi : \mathcal{F}_{q_{\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad q_{\psi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \mapsto -D_{KL}(q_{\psi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})||p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})) + \log(p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}))$$

The term, $\log(p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}))$, is in that function just a constant. Then the following statement holds true up to a constant:

$$\arg \min_{q_{\psi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{F}_{q_{\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}}}} D_{KL}(q_{\psi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})||p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})) = \arg \max_{q_{\psi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{F}_{q_{\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}}}} \phi(q_{\psi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}))$$