



Diffusion

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苏剑林老师的 [博客](#) 里面对扩散模型的前向过程和反向过程有个很好的比喻——“拆楼 + 建楼”：自然图像相当于是一个“盖好的楼”，噪声相当于“水泥沙子”；前向模型相当于“拆楼”的过程，即不断地把一个楼拆成剩余的楼体和水泥沙子，直到全部变成水泥沙子（接近纯高斯噪声图）；而反向模型则相反，相当于从一堆的水泥沙子（高斯噪声），不断地去构建出楼体，直到最终建出一栋大楼出来。

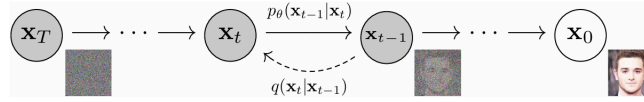


Figure 2: The directed graphical model considered in this work.

Step 1 前向过程(加噪)

$$q(x_t|x_{t-1}) \sim \mathcal{N}(x_t; \sqrt{1 - \beta_t}x_{t-1}, \beta_t\mathbf{I}), q(x_{1:T}|x_0) = \prod_{t=1}^{t=T} q(x_t|x_{t-1})$$

这里假定前向加噪过程满足Markov性质

利用重参数化有：

$$x_t = \sqrt{1 - \beta_t}x_{t-1} + \sqrt{\beta_t}\epsilon_{t-1} = \sqrt{\alpha_t}x_{t-1} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t}\epsilon_{t-1}$$

由此我们可以得到任意时刻 x_t 的表示：

$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= \sqrt{\alpha_t}x_{t-1} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t}\epsilon_{t-1} \\ &= \sqrt{\alpha_t\alpha_{t-1}}x_{t-2} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t\alpha_{t-1}}\bar{\epsilon}_{t-2} \\ &= \dots \\ &= \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}x_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}\epsilon; \\ \bar{\alpha}_t &= \prod_{i=1}^{i=t} \alpha_i, \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}) \end{aligned}$$

Step 2 逆向过程(去噪)

$$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) := p(\mathbf{x}_T) \prod_{t=1}^T p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t), \quad p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) := \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \Sigma_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t))$$

这里 $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ 应当拟合真实的逆向分布 $q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)$ ，推导如下

$$\begin{aligned}
q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0) &= \frac{q(x_{t-1}, x_t, x_0)}{q(x_t, x_0)} \\
&= \frac{q(x_0)q(x_{t-1}|x_0)q(x_t|x_{t-1}, x_0)}{q(x_0)q(x_t|x_0)} \\
&= q(x_t|x_{t-1}, x_0) \frac{q(x_{t-1}|x_0)}{q(x_t|x_0)} \\
&= \mathcal{N}(x_{t-1}; \tilde{\mu}_t(x_t, x_0), \tilde{\Sigma}_t(x_t, x_0))
\end{aligned}$$

其中

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\mu}_t(x_t, x_0) &= \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_t}(1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1})}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} x_t + \frac{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}\beta_t}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} x_0 \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \left(x_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}} \epsilon_t \right) \\
\tilde{\Sigma}_t(x_t, x_0) &= \frac{1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \beta_t \mathbf{I}
\end{aligned}$$

方差与 x_t 无关，因此不用NN来拟合，直接用就可以；均值用参数为 θ 的NN来拟合

Step 3 最大似然

我们的目标是最大化似然函数 $p_\theta(x_0)$ ，但有隐变量 $x_{1:T}$ ，因此使用变分推断

$$\begin{aligned}
\log p_\theta(x_0) &\geq \mathbb{E}_{q(x_{1:T}|x_0)} \log \frac{p_\theta(x_{0:T})}{q(x_{1:T}|x_0)} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q(x_{1:T}|x_0)} \log \frac{p_\theta(x_T)p_\theta(x_0|x_1) \prod_{t=2}^T p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t)}{q(x_1|x_0) \prod_{t=2}^T q(x_t|x_{t-1}, x_0)} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q(x_{1:T}|x_0)} \left[\log \frac{p_\theta(x_T)p_\theta(x_0|x_1)}{q(x_1|x_0)} + \log \prod_{t=2}^T \frac{p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t)}{\frac{q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)q(x_t|x_0)}{q(x_{t-1}|x_0)}} \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q(x_{1:T}|x_0)} \left[\log \frac{p_\theta(x_T)p_\theta(x_0|x_1)}{q(x_1|x_0)} + \log \prod_{t=2}^T \frac{q(x_{t-1}|x_0)}{q(x_t|x_0)} + \log \prod_{t=2}^T \frac{p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t)}{q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)} \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q(x_{1:T}|x_0)} \left[\log \frac{p_\theta(x_T)p_\theta(x_0|x_1)}{q(x_T|x_0)} + \log \prod_{t=2}^T \frac{p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t)}{q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)} \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q(x_1|x_0)} \log p_\theta(x_0|x_1) + \mathbb{E}_{q(x_T|x_0)} \log \frac{p_\theta(x_T)}{q(x_T|x_0)} + \sum_{t=2}^T \mathbb{E}_{q(x_t, x_{t-1}|x_0)} \log \frac{p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t)}{q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q(x_1|x_0)} \log p_\theta(x_0|x_1) + \mathbb{E}_{q(x_T|x_0)} \log \frac{p_\theta(x_T)}{q(x_T|x_0)} + \sum_{t=2}^T \mathbb{E}_{q(x_t|x_0)} \mathbb{E}_{q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)} \log \frac{p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t)}{q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)} \\
&= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q(x_1|x_0)} \log p_\theta(x_0|x_1)}_{\text{reconstruction term}} - \underbrace{\text{KL}[q(x_T|x_0) \| p_\theta(x_T)]}_{\text{prior matching term}} - \sum_{t=2}^T \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q(x_t|x_0)} \text{KL}[p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t) \| q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)]}_{\text{denoising matching term}}
\end{aligned}$$

由于

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{KL}[\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1) \| \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)] = \\
&\frac{1}{2} \left[\log \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - d + \text{tr}(\Sigma_2^{-1} \Sigma_1) + (\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

因此有

$$\begin{aligned}\text{KL}[p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t)||q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)] &= \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\mu}_t - \mu_\theta)^\top \tilde{\Sigma}_t^{-1}(\tilde{\mu}_t - \mu_\theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\tilde{\sigma}_t^2} \|\tilde{\mu}_t - \mu_\theta\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

注意到 $\tilde{\mu}_t$ 的表达式中 x_0, x_t 均为已知，因此为了简化计算，我们让NN拟合图像 x_0

$$\mu_\theta(x_t, x_0) = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_t}(1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1})}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}x_t + \frac{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}}\beta_t}{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}f_\theta(x_t, t)$$

于是

$$\text{KL}[p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t)||q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)] = \frac{1}{2\tilde{\sigma}_t^2} \frac{\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}\beta_t^2}{(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)^2} \|f_\theta(x_t, t) - x_0\|_2^2$$

与原文不同，原文让NN拟合噪声

$$\mu_\theta(x_t, x_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}}(x_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}}\epsilon_\theta(x_t, t))$$

则有

$$\text{KL}[p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t)||q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0)] = \frac{1}{2\tilde{\sigma}_t^2} \frac{(1 - \alpha_t)^2}{\alpha_t(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)} \|\epsilon_\theta(x_t, t) - \epsilon_t\|_2^2$$

最终，我们得到NN的Loss为

$$\sum_{t=2}^T \mathbb{E}_{x_0, \epsilon} \left[\frac{1}{2\tilde{\sigma}_t^2} \frac{(1 - \alpha_t)^2}{\alpha_t(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)} \|\epsilon_\theta(x_t, t) - \epsilon_t\|_2^2 \right]$$

原文将系数舍去并将求和改为对时间t采样

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{simple}} &= \mathbb{E}_{x_0, \epsilon, t} [\|\epsilon_\theta(x_t, t) - \epsilon\|_2^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{x_0, \epsilon, t} [\|\epsilon_\theta(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}x_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}\epsilon, t) - \epsilon\|_2^2]\end{aligned}$$


注意，这里 ϵ_t, ϵ 均表示 $x_0 \rightarrow x_t$ 过程中加的高斯噪声，也就是


$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}x_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}\epsilon \\ &= \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}x_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}\epsilon_t\end{aligned}$$

Step 4 Sampling(推理)


1. $x_T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$
2. for $t = T, \dots, 1$ do
 - a. $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$
 - b. $x_{t-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}}(x_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}}\epsilon_\theta(x_t, t)) + \tilde{\sigma}_t z$
3. return x_0

扩展

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