# TTIC 31230, Fundamentals of Deep Learning

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Noisy Channel RDAs

## The KL term as Channel Capacity

$$\Phi^* = \underset{\Phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} E_{y,z} \ln \frac{p_{\Psi}(z|y)}{p_{\Phi}(z)} - \ln p_{\Phi}(y|z)$$

$$= \underset{\Phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} I_{\Psi,\Phi}(y,z) + E_{y,z} - \ln p_{\Phi}(y|z)$$

The mutual information  $I_{\Psi,\Phi}(y,z)$  is the channel capacity giving the **rate** of information transfer from y to z.

### $L_2$ Distortion

$$\mathcal{L}(\Phi) = E_{y \sim \text{Pop}} - \ln P_{\Phi}(\tilde{z}_{\Phi}(y)) + \lambda \text{Dist}(y, y_{\Phi}(\tilde{z}_{\Phi}(y)))$$

It is common to take

$$Dist(y, \hat{y}) = ||y - \hat{y}||^2 \qquad (L_2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln p(y|\hat{y}) + C \qquad \text{for } p(y|\hat{y}) \propto \exp(-\lambda ||y - \hat{y}||^2)$$

We will ignore the log density interpretation and just call this  $L_2$  distortion.

### $L_1$ Distortion

$$\mathcal{L}(\Phi) = E_{y \sim \text{Pop}} - \ln P_{\Phi}(\tilde{z}_{\Phi}(y)) + \lambda \text{Dist}(y, y_{\Phi}(\tilde{z}_{\Phi}(y)))$$

Alternatively we have

$$Dist(y, \hat{y}) = ||y - \hat{y}||_1 \qquad (L_1)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln p(y|\hat{y}) + C \text{ for } p(y|\hat{y}) \propto \exp(-\lambda ||y - \hat{y}||_1)$$

Again, we will ignore the log density interpretation and just call this  $L_1$  distortion.

### A Variational Bound on Mutual Information

$$I(y,z) = E_{y,\epsilon} \ln \frac{p_{\Phi}(z|y)}{p_{\Phi}(z)}$$

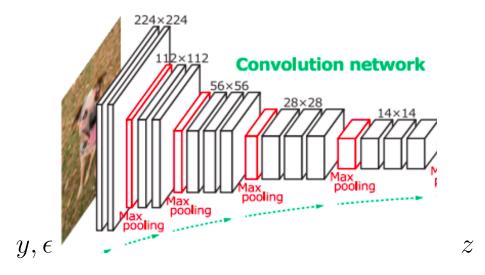
$$= E_{y,\epsilon} \ln \frac{p_{\Phi}(z|y)}{\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)} + E_{y,\epsilon} \ln \frac{\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)}{p_{\Phi}(z)}$$

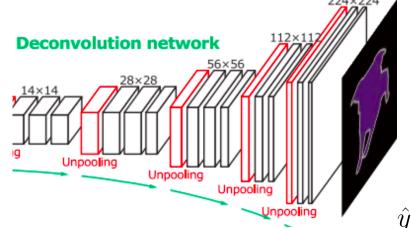
$$= E_{y,\epsilon} \ln \frac{p_{\Phi}(z|y)}{\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)} - KL(p_{\Phi}(z), \hat{p}_{\Phi}(z))$$

$$\leq E_{y,\epsilon} \ln \frac{p_{\Phi}(z|y)}{\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)}$$

## The Noisy Channel RDA

$$\Phi^* = \underset{\Phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} E_{y,\epsilon} \ln \frac{p_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon)|y)}{\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon))} + \lambda \operatorname{Dist}(y, y_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon)))$$





#### VAE = RDA

VAE: 
$$\Phi^* = \underset{\Phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} E_{y \sim \operatorname{Pop}, z \sim \hat{P}_{\Phi}(z|y)} \ln \frac{\hat{P}_{\Phi}(z|y)}{P_{\Phi}(z)} - \ln P_{\Phi}(y|z)$$

 $P_{\Phi}(z)$ ,  $P_{\Phi}(y|z)$  and  $\hat{P}_{\Phi}(z|y)$  are model components and we can switch the notation to  $\hat{P}_{\Phi}(z)$   $\hat{P}_{\Phi}(y|z)$  and  $P_{\Phi}(z|y)$  with no change in the model.

RDA: 
$$\Phi^* = \underset{\Phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} E_{y \sim \operatorname{Pop}, z \sim P_{\Phi}(z|y)} \ln \frac{P_{\Phi}(z|y)}{\hat{P}_{\Phi}(z)} - \ln \hat{P}_{\Phi}(y|z)$$

In an RDA we take  $P_{\Phi}(y, z)$  to be  $\text{Pop}(y)P_{\Phi}(z|y)$  so that the rate term is an upper bound on  $I_{\Phi}(y, z)$ .

### Sampling

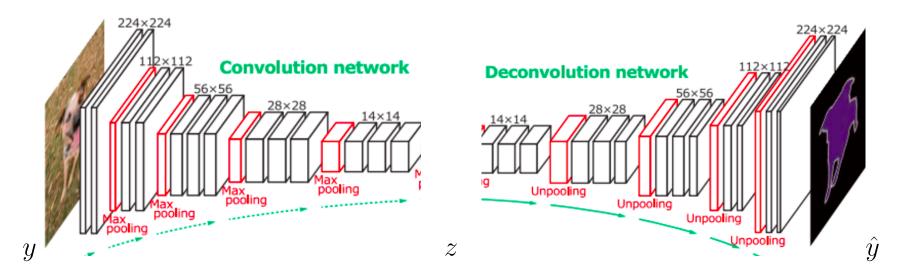
We can require  $\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)$  be Gaussian. In that case we can sample z from  $\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)$  and generate images (as in a GAN).



[Alec Radford]

This is **sampling** — not compression. We are decompressing noise.

#### A General Autoencoder



We show below that for  $p_{\Phi}(z|y)$  and  $\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)$  both required to be Gaussian we can assume without loss of generality that

$$\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z) = \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

#### Gaussian Noisy-Channel RDA

We now show that a reparameterization can always convert  $\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)$  to a zero-mean identity-covariance Gaussian.

$$\Phi^* = \underset{\Phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} E_{y,\epsilon} \ln \frac{p_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon)|y)}{\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon))} + \lambda \operatorname{Dist}(y, y_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon)))$$

$$z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon) = \mu_{\Phi}(y) + \sigma_{\Phi}(y) \odot \epsilon \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

$$p_{\Phi}(z[i]|y) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\Phi}(y)[i], \sigma_{\Phi}(y)[i]))$$

$$\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z[i]) = \mathcal{N}(\hat{\mu}_z[i], \hat{\sigma}_z[i])$$

$$\operatorname{Dist}(y, \hat{y}) = ||y - \hat{y}||^2$$

#### Gaussian Noisy-Channel RDA

$$\Phi^* = \underset{\Phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} E_{y,\epsilon} \ln \frac{p_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon)|y)}{\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon))} + \lambda \operatorname{Dist}(y, y_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon)))$$

We will show that we can fix  $\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)$  to  $\mathcal{N}(0, I)$ .

$$p_{\Phi}(z[i]|y) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\Phi}(y)[i], \sigma_{\Phi}(y)[i])$$

$$\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z[i]) = \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$Dist(y, \hat{y}) = ||y - \hat{y}||^2$$

#### Gaussian Noisy-Channel RDA

$$\Phi^* = \underset{\Phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} E_{y,\epsilon} \ln \frac{p_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon)|y)}{\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon))} + \lambda \operatorname{Dist}(y, y_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y,\epsilon)))$$

$$= \underset{\Phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} E_{y \sim \operatorname{Pop}} \begin{pmatrix} KL(p_{\Phi}(z|y), \hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)) \\ +\lambda E_{\epsilon} \operatorname{Dist}(y, y_{\Phi}(z_{\Phi}(y, \epsilon))) \end{pmatrix}$$

### Closed Form KL-Divergence

$$KL(p_{\Phi}(z|y), \hat{p}_{\Phi}(z))$$

$$= \sum_{i} \frac{\sigma_{\Phi}(y)[i]^{2} + (\mu_{\Phi}(y)[i] - \mu_{z}[i])^{2}}{2\sigma_{z}[i]^{2}} + \ln \frac{\sigma_{z}[i]}{\sigma_{\Phi}(y)[i]} - \frac{1}{2}$$

### Standardizing $\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)$

$$KL(p_{\Phi}(z|y), p_{\Phi}(z))$$

$$= \sum_{i} \frac{\sigma_{\Phi}(y)[i]^{2} + (\mu_{\Phi}(y)[i] - \mu_{z}[i])^{2}}{2\sigma_{z}[i]^{2}} + \ln \frac{\sigma_{z}[i]}{\sigma_{\Phi}(y)[i]} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$KL(p_{\Phi'}(z|y), \mathcal{N}(0,I))$$

$$= \sum_{i} \frac{\sigma_{\Phi'}(y)[i]^2 + \mu_{\Phi'}(y)[i]^2}{2} + \ln \frac{1}{\sigma_{\Phi'}(y)[i]} - \frac{1}{2}$$

### Standardizing $\hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)$

$$KL_{\Phi} = \sum_{i} \frac{\sigma_{\Phi}(y)[i]^{2} + (\mu_{\Phi}(y)[i] - \mu_{z}[i])^{2}}{2\sigma_{z}[i]^{2}} + \ln \frac{\sigma_{z}[i]}{\sigma_{\Phi}(y)[i]} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$KL_{\Phi'} = \sum_{i} \frac{\sigma_{\Phi'}(y)[i]^{2} + \mu_{\Phi'}(y)[i]^{2}}{2} + \ln \frac{1}{\sigma_{\Phi'}(y)[i]} - \frac{1}{2}$$

Setting  $\Phi'$  so that

$$\mu_{\Phi'}(y)[i] = (\mu_{\Phi}(y)[i] - \mu_z[i])/\sigma_z[i]$$
 $\sigma_{\Phi'}(y)[i] = \sigma_{\Phi}(y)[i]/\sigma_z[i]$ 

gives 
$$KL(p_{\Phi}(z|y), \hat{p}_{\Phi}(z)) = KL(p_{\Phi'}(z|y), \mathcal{N}(0, I)).$$

## $\mathbf{END}$