

# Cryo-EM Heterogenous conformations

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## 1 Algorithm

The following is the setting of the problem. Let,

- $F$  be the function putting gaussian blobs on 2D projections of rotated coordinates.
- $X_0$  be the given initial template of atomic coordinates.
- $I_1, \dots, I_n$  are the  $n$  given cryo-em images.
- $R_1, \dots, R_n$  are the  $n$  given rotations.
- $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are the  $n$  heterogeneous conformations at  $n$  different time-stamps that we need to find.

Now, let  $\mu(X)$  and  $\nabla\mu(X)$  be the potential energy and the forces of the state  $X$ . Then, we know that

$$p(X) \propto e^{-\frac{\mu(X)}{k_B T}}.$$

Also, let

$$X_i = X_0 + MLP_\theta(X_i - X_0),$$

where we wish to learn  $\theta$ . Assuming  $I_i$  to be a gaussian r.v. centered around  $X_i$ , we get the following negative log-likelihood loss function,

$$\begin{aligned} L &= -\log(p(X_i)) \\ &\propto -\log(p(I_i|X_i)) - \log(p(X_i)) \\ &= \frac{\|I_i - F(X_i)\|^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\mu(X_i)}{k_B T} \\ \therefore \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{F(X_i) - I_i}{\sigma^2} \frac{\partial F(X_i)}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial X_i}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\nabla\mu(X)^T}{k_B T} \frac{\partial X_i}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the updates become

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta}.$$