Deep Generative Models

Lecture 5

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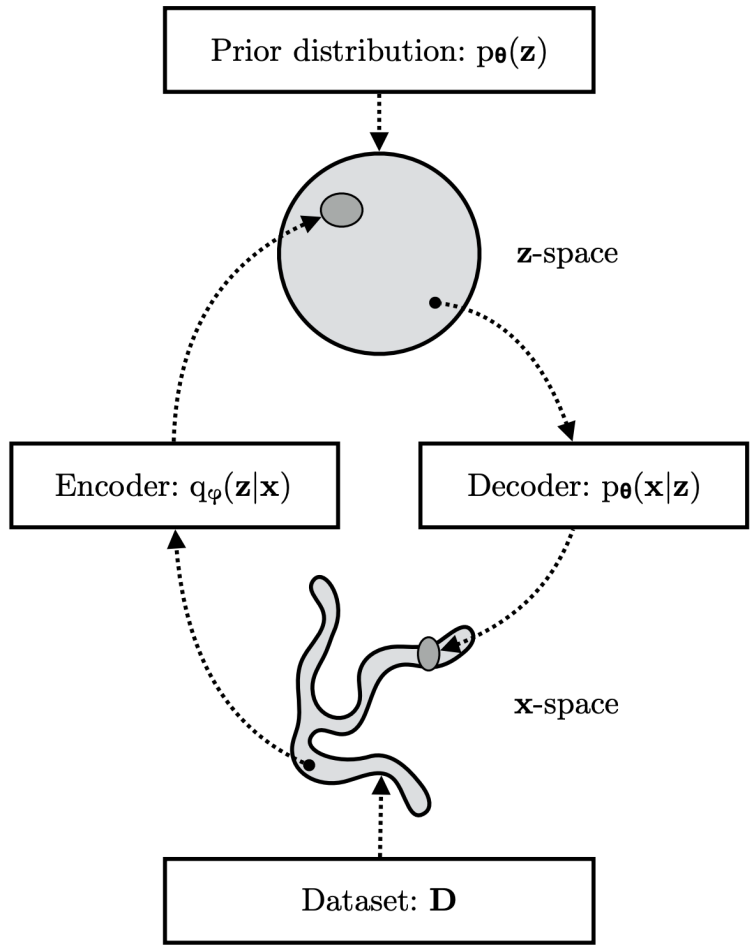
Recap of previous lecture

Variational autoencoder (VAE)

- VAE learns stochastic mapping between $\mathbf{x}$-space, from $\pi(\mathbf{x})$, and a latent $\mathbf{z}$-space, with simple distribution.
- The generative model learns distribution $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = p(\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$, with a prior distribution $p(\mathbf{z})$, and a stochastic decoder $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$.
- The stochastic encoder $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\phi})$ (inference model), approximates the true but intractable posterior $p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$.



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Likelihood-based models so far...

Autoregressive models

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} p(x_i|\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- tractable likelihood,
- no inferred latent factors.

Latent variable models

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\mathbf{z}$$

- latent feature representation,
- intractable likelihood.

How to build a model with latent variables and tractable likelihood?

Recap of previous lecture

Change of variable theorem

Let $\mathbf{x}$ be a random variable with density function $p(\mathbf{x})$ and $f : \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is a differentiable, invertible function (diffeomorphism). If $\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{x} = f^{-1}(\mathbf{z}) = g(\mathbf{z})$, then

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{z}) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right| = p(f(\mathbf{x})) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right|$$

$$p(\mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{x}) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \right) \right| = p(g(\mathbf{z})) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{z})}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \right) \right|.$$

Inverse function theorem

If function f is invertible and Jacobian is continuous and non-singular, then

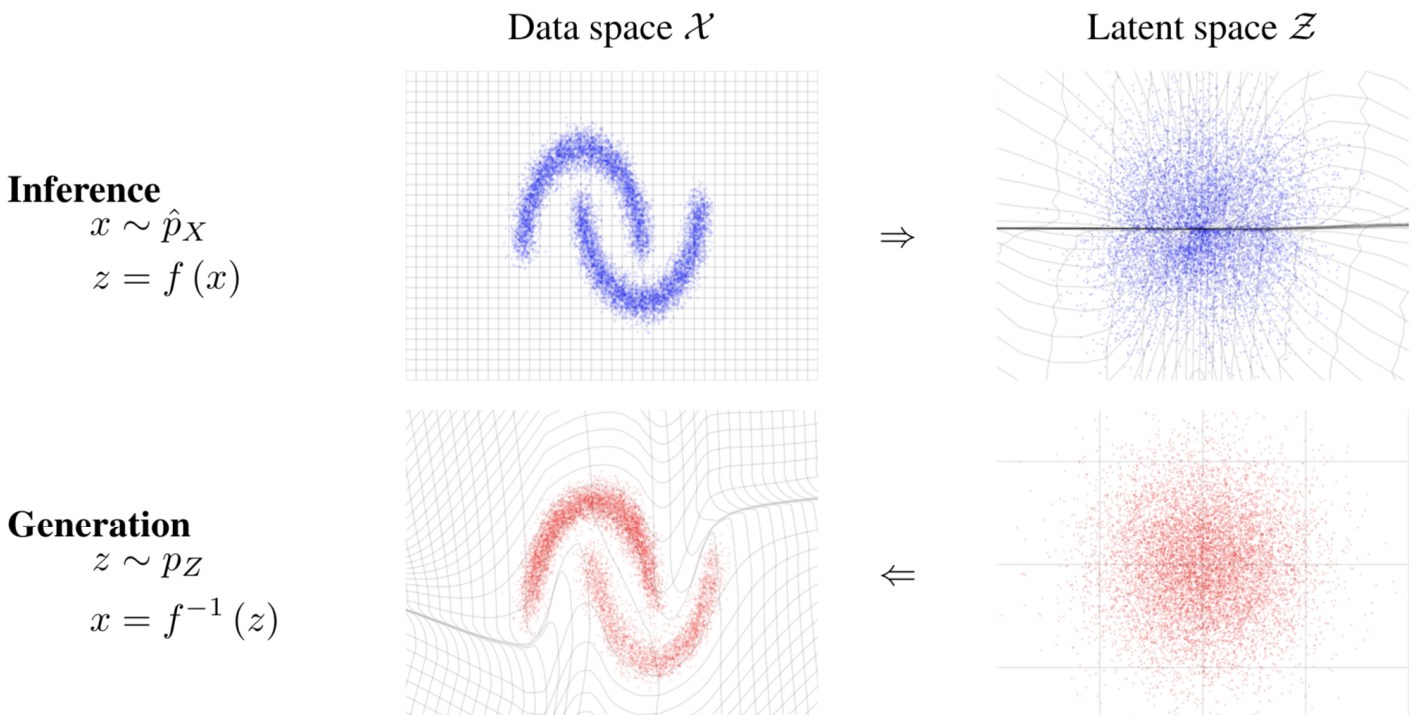
$$\left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right| = \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial g^{-1}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right| = \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{z})}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \right) \right|^{-1}$$

Recap of previous lecture

MLE problem for fitting flows

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = p(\mathbf{z}) \left|\det \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\right)\right| = p(f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) \left|\det \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\right)\right|$$

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log p(f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) + \log \left|\det \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\right)\right| \to \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$$



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$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log p(f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) + \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right|$$

Definition

Normalizing flow is a *differentiable, invertible* mapping from data $\mathbf{x}$ to the noise $\mathbf{z}$.

- **Normalizing** means that the inverse flow takes samples from $p(\mathbf{x})$ and normalizes them into samples from density $p(\mathbf{z})$.
- **Flow** refers to the trajectory followed by samples from $p(\mathbf{z})$ as they are transformed by the sequence of transformations

$$\mathbf{z} = f_K \circ \cdots \circ f_1(\mathbf{x}); \quad \mathbf{x} = f_1^{-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_K^{-1}(\mathbf{z}) = g_1 \circ \cdots \circ g_K(\mathbf{z})$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(f_K \circ \cdots \circ f_1(\mathbf{x})) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f_K \circ \cdots \circ f_1(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right| =$$

$$= p(f_K \circ \cdots \circ f_1(\mathbf{x})) \prod_{k=1}^{K} \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_k}{\partial \mathbf{f}_{k-1}} \right) \right|.$$

Recap of previous lecture

Forward KL for flow model

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log p(f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) + \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right|$$

Reverse KL for flow model

$$KL(p||\pi) = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} \left[\log p(\mathbf{z}) - \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \right) \right| - \log \pi(g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) \right]$$

Flow KL duality

$$\arg\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} KL(\pi(\mathbf{x})||p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})) = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} KL(p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})||p(\mathbf{z})).$$

- $p(\mathbf{z})$ is a base distribution; $\pi(\mathbf{x})$ is a data distribution;
- $\mathbf{z} \sim p(\mathbf{z})$, $\mathbf{x} = g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$, $\mathbf{x} \sim p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$;
- $\mathbf{x} \sim \pi(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$, $\mathbf{z} \sim p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$;

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Jacobian structure

Flow log-likelihood

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log p(f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) + \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right|$$

The main challenge is a determinant of the Jacobian.

What is a det of Jacobian in the following cases?

1. Consider a linear layer $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}$.
2. Let $\mathbf{z}$ be a permutation of $\mathbf{x}$.
3. Let z_i depend only on $\mathbf{x}_i$.

$$\log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right| = \log \left| \prod_{i=1}^{m} f_i'(x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right| = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \log \left| f_i'(x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right|.$$

4. Let z_i depend only on $\mathbf{x}_{1:i}$ (autoregressive dependency).

Residual Flows

Matrix determinant lemma

$$\det\left(\mathbf{I}_m + \mathbf{V}\mathbf{W}^T\right) = \det(\mathbf{I}_d + \mathbf{W}^T\mathbf{V}), \quad \text{where } \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times d}.$$

Planar flow

$$\mathbf{x} = g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{u}\,\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{z} + b).$$

Here $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}, b\}$, $\sigma(\cdot)$ is a smooth element-wise non-linearity.

$$\left|\det\left(\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \mathbf{z}}\right)\right| = \left|\det\left(\mathbf{I} + \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{z} + b)\mathbf{w}\mathbf{u}^T\right)\right| = \left|1 + \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{z} + b)\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{u}\right|$$

The transformation is invertible, for example, if

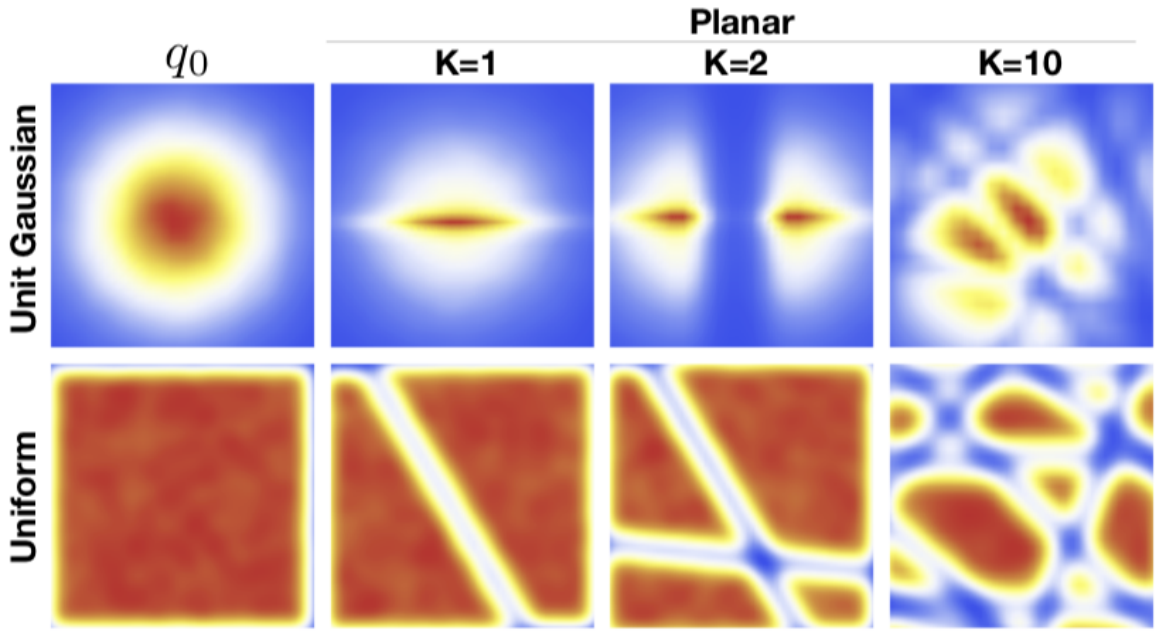
$$\sigma = \tanh; \quad \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{z} + b)\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{w} \geq -1.$$

Rezende D. J., Mohamed S. Variational Inference with Normalizing Flows, 2015

Residual Flows

Expressiveness of planar flows

$$\mathbf{z}_K = g_1 \circ \cdots \circ g_K(\mathbf{z}); \quad g_k = g(\mathbf{z}_k, \theta_k) = \mathbf{z}_k + \mathbf{u}_k \, \sigma(\mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{z}_k + b_k).$$



Sylvester flow: planar flow extension

$$g(\mathbf{z}, \theta) = \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{V} \, \sigma(\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{b}).$$

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Berg R. et al. Sylvester normalizing flows for variational inference, 2018

Autoregressive flows

$$x_i = \tau(z_i, c(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1})) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad z_i = \tau^{-1}(x_i, c(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1}))$$

- $\tau(\cdot, \cdot)$ – coupling law (invertible by first argument).
- $c(\cdot)$ – coupling function (do not need to be invertible, could be neural network).

Coupling law $\tau(\cdot, \cdot)$

- $\tau(x, c) = x + c$ – additive;
- $\tau(x, c) = x \odot \exp c_1 + c_2$ – affine.

What is the Jacobian for the additive/affine coupling law?

Jacobian

$$\det\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{z}}\right) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial z_i} = \prod_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\partial \tau(z_i, c(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1}))}{\partial z_i}$$

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Autoregressive flows

Forward and inverse transforms

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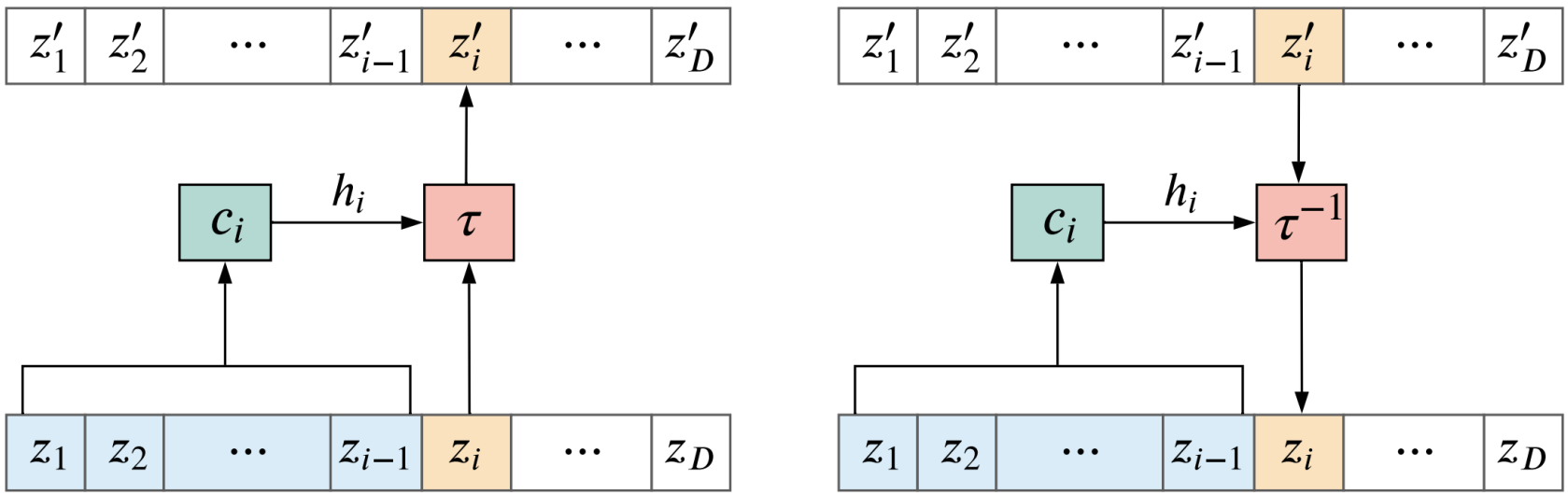

- Forward transform is **not sequential**.
- Inverse transform is **sequential**.

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Gaussian autoregressive model

Consider an autoregressive model

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} p(x_i|\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}), \quad p(x_i|\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}), \sigma_i^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})\right).$$

Sampling: reparametrization trick

$$x_i = \sigma_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}) \cdot z_i + \mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}), \quad z_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

Inverse transform

$$z_i = (x_i - \mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})) \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})}.$$

We have got an autoregressive flow with base distribution $\mathbf{z} = \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ and affine coupling law $\tau(x, \mu, \sigma) = x \odot \mu + \sigma$.

Kingma D. P. et al. Improving Variational Inference with Inverse Autoregressive Flow, 2016

Gaussian autoregressive flow

$$\mathbf{x} = g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_i = \sigma_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}) \cdot z_i + \mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}).$$

$$\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad z_i = (x_i - \mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})) \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})}.$$

Generation function $g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ is **sequential**. Inference function $f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ is **not sequential**.

Forward KL for flow model

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log p(f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) + \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right|$$

- We need to be able to compute $f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ and its Jacobian.
- We need to be able to compute the density $p(\mathbf{z})$.
- We don't need to think about computing the function $g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = f^{-1}(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ until we want to sample from the flow.

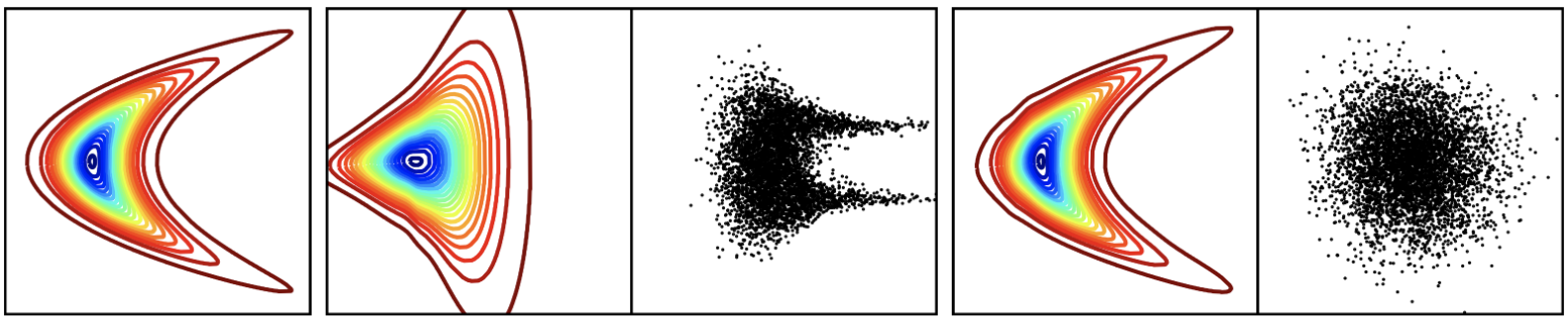
Papamakarios G., Pavlakou T., Murray I. Masked Autoregressive Flow for Density Estimation, 2017

Masked autoregressive flow (MAF)

Gaussian autoregressive model

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} p(x_i|\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} \mathcal{N}\left(x_i|\mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}), \sigma_i^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})\right).$$

We could use MADE for the conditionals. Samples from the base distribution could be an indicator of how good the flow was fitted.



(a) Target density (b) MADE with Gaussian conditionals (c) MAF with 5 layers

MAF is just a stacked MADE model with different ordering.

- Parallel density estimation.
- Sequential sampling.

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Inverse autoregressive flow (IAF)

Let use the following reparametrization: $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \frac{1}{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}$; $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = -\frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}}{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}$.

Gaussian autoregressive flow

$$x_i = \sigma_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}) \cdot z_i + \mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}) = (z_i - \tilde{\mu}_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})) \cdot \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})}$$

$$z_i = (x_i - \mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})) \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})} = \tilde{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}) \cdot x_i + \tilde{\mu}_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}).$$

Let just swap $\mathbf{z}$ and $\mathbf{x}$.

Inverse autoregressive flow

$$\mathbf{x} = g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_i = \tilde{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1}) \cdot z_i + \tilde{\mu}_i(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1})$$

$$\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad z_i = (x_i - \tilde{\mu}_i(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1})) \cdot \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1})}.$$

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Inverse autoregressive flow (IAF)

Gaussian autoregressive flow: $f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

$$x_i = \sigma_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}) \cdot z_i + \mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}).$$

Inverse transform: $g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

$$z_i = (x_i - \mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})) \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})};$$

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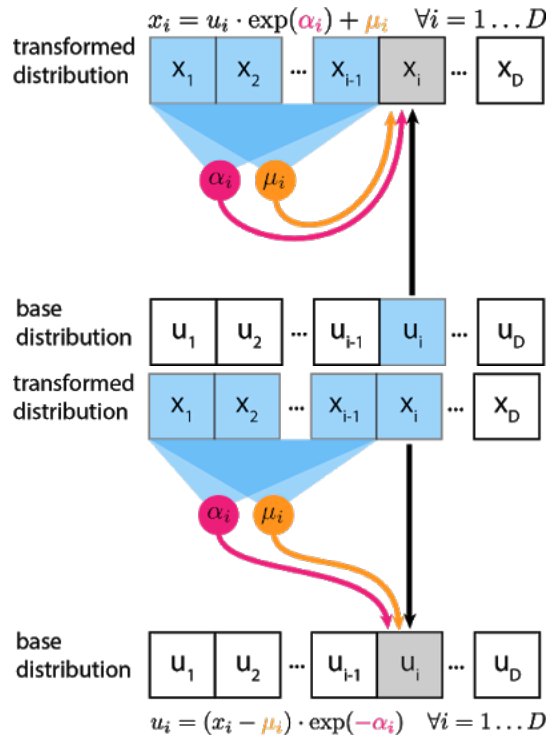

Inverse autoregressive flow: $f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

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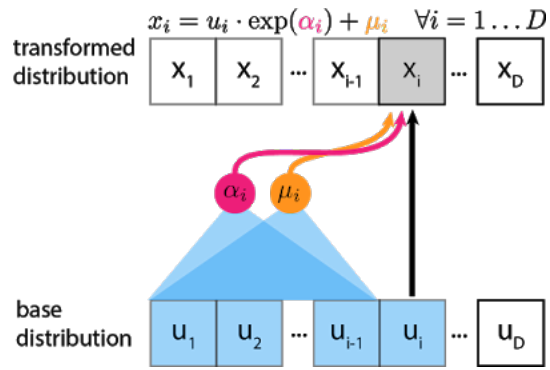

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Autoregressive flows

Forward and inverse transforms in MAF

$$\mathbf{x} = g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_i = \sigma_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}) \cdot z_i + \mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1}).$$

$$\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad z_i = (x_i - \mu_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})) \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_i(\mathbf{x}_{1:i-1})}.$$

- Sampling is sequential.
- Density estimation is parallel.

Forward and inverse transforms in IAF

$$\mathbf{x} = g(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_i = \tilde{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1}) \cdot z_i + \tilde{\mu}_i(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1}).$$

$$\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad z_i = (x_i - \tilde{\mu}_i(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1})) \cdot \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}_i(\mathbf{z}_{1:i-1})}.$$

- Sampling is parallel.
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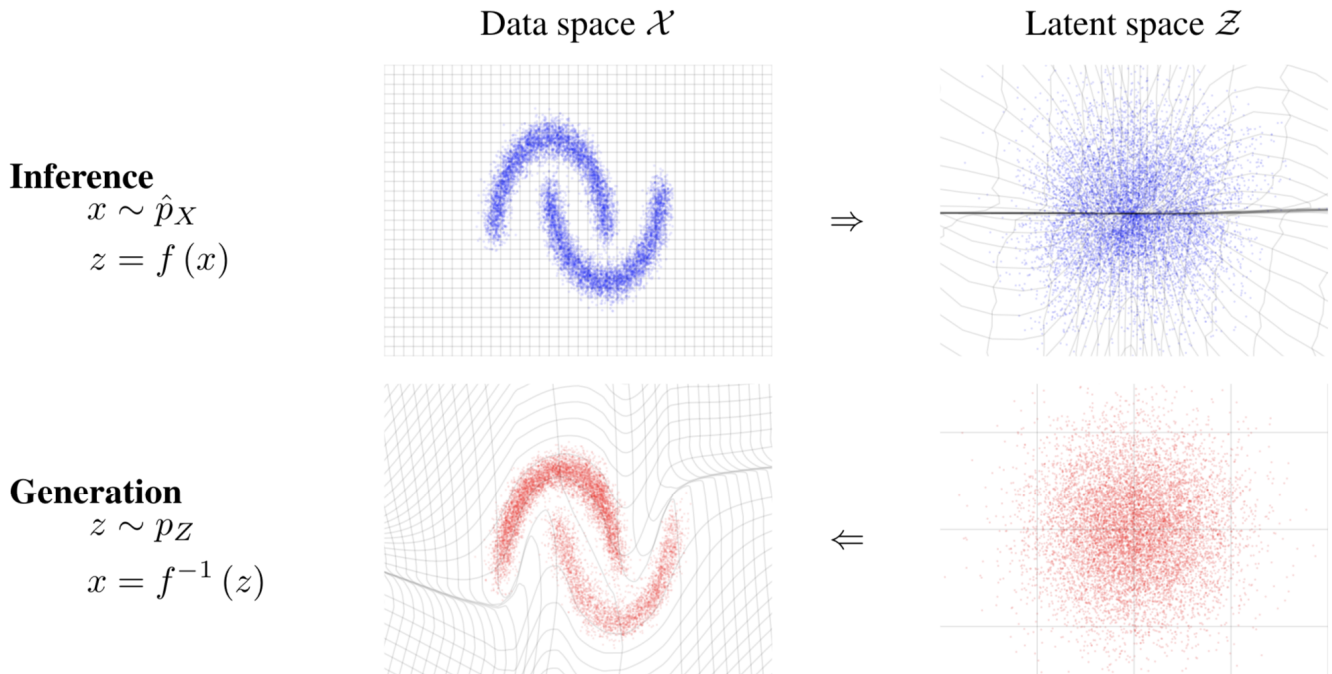
Autoregressive flows



- MAF performs parallel inference that is useful for density estimation tasks (forward KL or MLE).
- IAF performs parallel generation that is useful for variational inference (reverse KL).

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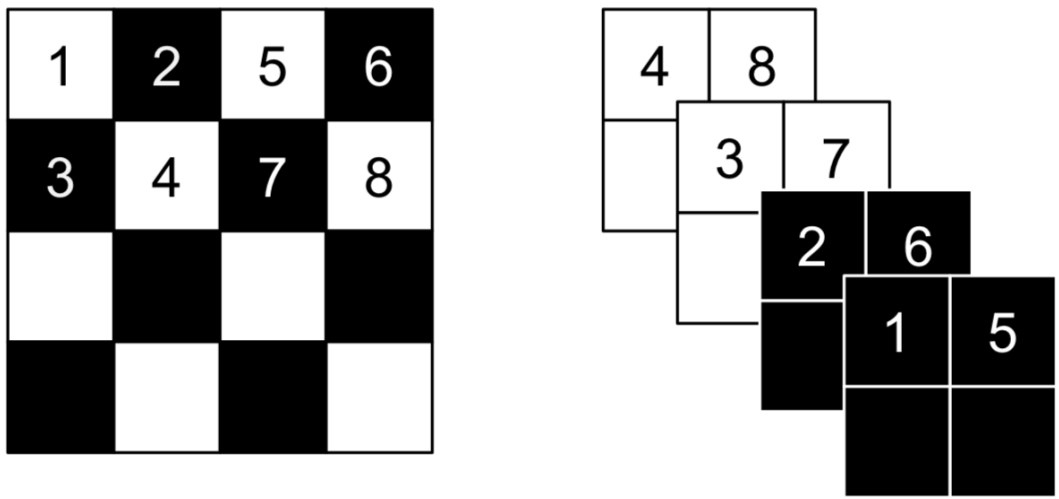
RealNVP

Coupling layer

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}_{1:d} = \mathbf{x}_{1:d}; \\ \mathbf{z}_{d:m} = \tau(\mathbf{x}_{d:m}, c(\mathbf{x}_{1:d})); \end{cases} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_{1:d} = \mathbf{z}_{1:d}; \\ \mathbf{x}_{d:m} = \tau^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_{d:m}, c(\mathbf{z}_{1:d})). \end{cases}$$

Image partitioning



Masked convolutions are used to define ordering.

Dinh L., Krueger D., Bengio Y. NICE: Non-linear Independent Components Estimation, 2014

RealNVP

Affine coupling law

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}_{1:d} = \mathbf{x}_{1:d}; \\ \mathbf{z}_{d:m} = \mathbf{x}_{d:m} \odot \exp\left(c_1(\mathbf{x}_{1:d}, \boldsymbol{\theta})\right) + c_2(\mathbf{x}_{1:d}, \boldsymbol{\theta}). \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_{1:d} = \mathbf{z}_{1:d}; \\ \mathbf{x}_{d:m} = (\mathbf{z}_{d:m} - c_2(\mathbf{z}_{1:d}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) \odot \exp(-c_1(\mathbf{z}_{1:d}, \boldsymbol{\theta})). \end{cases}$$

Jacobian

$$\det\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\right) = \det\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_d & 0_{d\times m-d} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{d:m}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{1:d}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{d:m}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{d:m}} \end{pmatrix} = \prod_{i=1}^{m-d} \exp(c_1(\mathbf{x}_{1:d}, \boldsymbol{\theta})_i).$$

Non-Volume Preserving (the determinant of Jacobian $\neq 0$).

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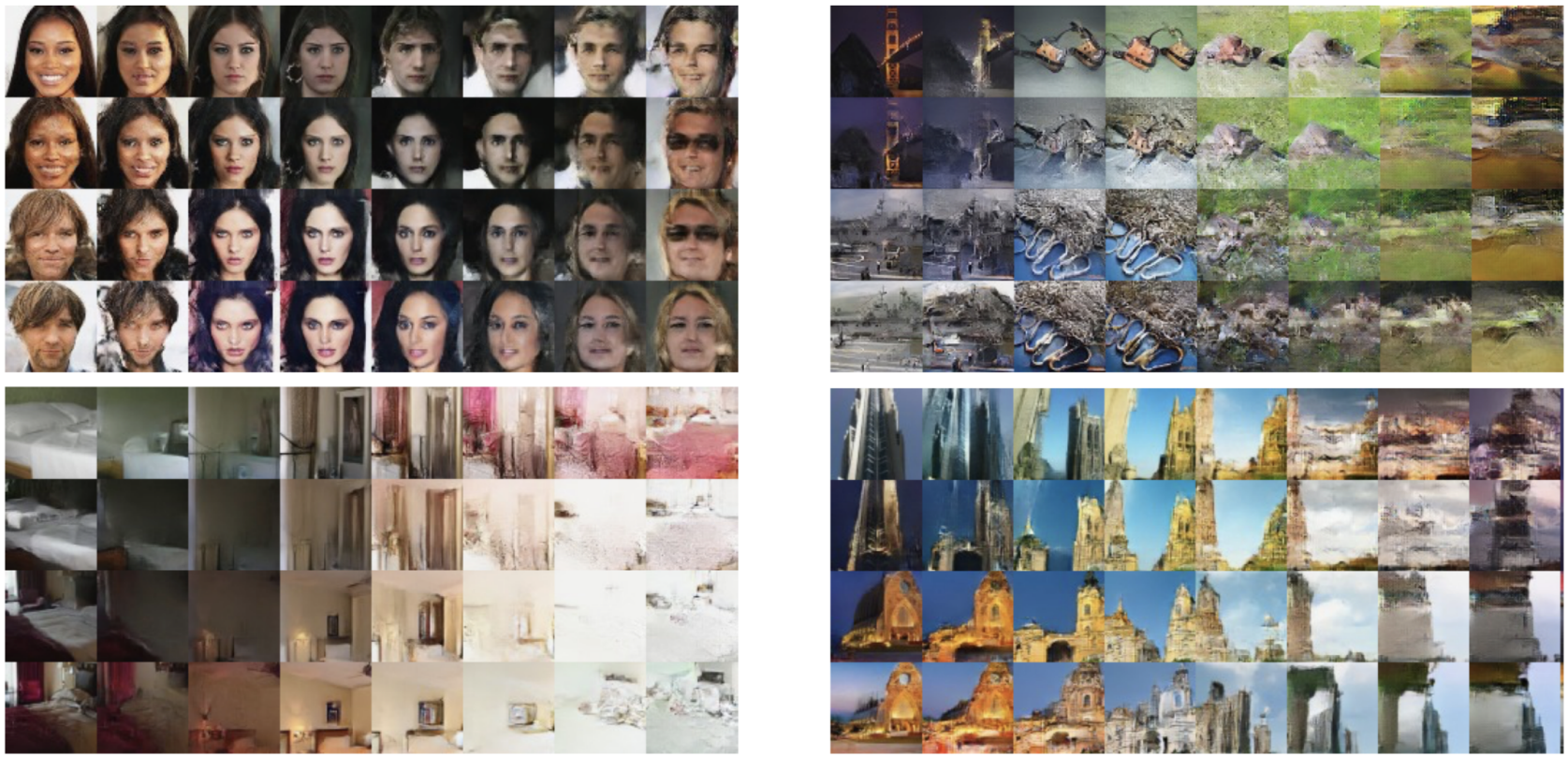
RealNVP

Flow samples



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MAF vs IAF vs RealNVP

MADE/MAF

$$\mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) \odot \mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x}).$$

Estimating the density $p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ - 1 pass, sampling - m passes.

IAF

$$\mathbf{x} = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}(\mathbf{z}) \odot \mathbf{z} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(\mathbf{z}).$$

Estimating the density $p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ - m passes, sampling - 1 pass.

RealNVP

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{z}_1;$$
$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{z}_2 \odot \exp\left(c_1(\mathbf{z}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta})\right) + c_2(\mathbf{z}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}).$$

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MAF vs IAF vs RealNVP

RealNVP

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- Calculating the density $p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ - 1 pass.
- Sampling - 1 pass.

RealNVP is a special case of MAF and IAF:

MAF

$$\begin{cases} \mu_i = 0, \sigma_i = 1, \ i = 1, \ldots, d; \\ \mu_i, \sigma_i - \text{functions of } \mathbf{x}_{1:d}, \ i = d+1, \ldots, m. \end{cases}$$

IAF

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\mu}_i = 0, \tilde{\sigma}_i = 1, \ i = 1, \ldots, d; \\ \tilde{\mu}_i, \tilde{\sigma}_i - \text{functions of } \mathbf{z}_{1:d}, \ i = d+1, \ldots, m. \end{cases}$$

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Linear flows

RealNVP

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- First step is a **split** operator which decouples a variable into 2 subparts: $\mathbf{x}_1$ and $\mathbf{x}_2$ (usualy channel-wise).
- Stacking layers we should **permute** components.

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

In general, we need $O(m^3)$ to invert matrix.

Invertibility

- Diagonal matrix $O(m)$.
- Triangular matrix $O(m^2)$.
- It is impossible to parametrize all invertible matrices.

Linear flows

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

Matrix decompositions

- LU-decomposition

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{PLU},$$

  where $\mathbf{P}$ is a permutation matrix, $\mathbf{L}$ is lower triangular with positive diagonal, $\mathbf{U}$ is upper triangular with positive diagonal.

- QR-decomposition

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{QR},$$

  where $\mathbf{Q}$ is an orthogonal matrix, $\mathbf{R}$ is an upper triangular matrix with positive diagonal.

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Glow samples

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Summary

- Flow models use invertible transformation with tractable Jacobian.
- Planar and Sylvester flows are residual flows which use matrix determinant lemma.
- Autoregressive flows use autoregressive transform to make the Jacobian triangular.
- MAF/IAF is a special case of autoregressive flows.
- The RealNVP is an effective type of flow (special case of AR flows) that uses coupling layer.
- Linear flows try to parametrize set of invertible matrices via matrix decompositions.