Deep Generative Models

Lecture 12

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Continuous-in-time dynamic (neural ODE)

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{d\mathbf{z}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t); \quad \text{with initial condition } \mathbf{z}(0) = \mathbf{z}_0. \\ &\mathbf{z}(t_1) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t) dt + \mathbf{z}_0 \approx \mathsf{ODESolve}(\mathbf{z}(0), \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, t_0 = 0, t_1 = 1). \end{aligned}$$

Euler update step

$$\frac{\mathbf{z}(t+\Delta t)-\mathbf{z}(t)}{\Delta t}=\mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t) \ \Rightarrow \ \mathbf{z}(t+\Delta t)=\mathbf{z}(t)+\Delta t \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t)$$

Theorem (Picard)

If \mathbf{f} is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in \mathbf{z} and continuous in t, then the ODE has a **unique** solution.

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}(1) = \mathbf{z}(0) + \int_0^1 \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t) dt$$
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Theorem (Kolmogorov-Fokker-Planck: special case)

If f is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in z and continuous in t, then

$$\frac{d\log p(\mathbf{z}(t),t)}{dt} = -\mathrm{tr}\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)}\right).$$

$$\log p_1(\mathbf{z}(1)) = \log p_0(\mathbf{z}(0)) - \int_0^1 \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)}\right) dt.$$

- **Discrete-in-time NF**: evaluation of determinant of the Jacobian costs $O(m^3)$ (we need invertible \mathbf{f}).
- ▶ Continuous-in-time NF: getting the trace of the Jacobian costs $O(m^2)$ (we need smooth \mathbf{f}).

Hutchinson's trace estimator

$$\log p_1(\mathbf{z}(1)) = \log p_0(\mathbf{z}(0)) - \mathbb{E}_{p(\epsilon)} \int_0^1 \left[\epsilon^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \epsilon \right] dt.$$

Grathwohl W. et al. FFJORD: Free-form Continuous Dynamics for Scalable Reversible Generative Models. 2018

Forward pass (Loss function)

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + \int_{1}^{0} \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}(t), t) dt, \quad L(\mathbf{z}) = -\log p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$$

$$L(\mathbf{z}) = -\log p(\mathbf{z}) + \int_{0}^{1} \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)}\right) dt$$

Adjoint functions

$$\mathbf{a_z}(t) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)}; \quad \mathbf{a_{\theta}}(t) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}(t)}.$$

These functions show how the gradient of the loss depends on the hidden state $\mathbf{z}(t)$ and parameters θ .

Theorem (Pontryagin)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t)}{dt} = -\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t)^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}}; \quad \frac{d\mathbf{a}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)}{dt} = -\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t)^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t), t)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}.$$

Forward pass

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}(0) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{ heta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t) dt + \mathbf{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathsf{ODE} \; \mathsf{Solver}$$

Backward pass

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}(t_1)} &= \mathbf{a}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(1) = -\int_0^1 \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t)^T \frac{\partial f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}(t)} dt + 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}(1)} &= \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(1) = -\int_0^1 \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{z}}(t)^T \frac{\partial f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t)}{\partial \mathbf{z}(t)} dt + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}(0)} \\ \mathbf{z}(1) &= -\int_1^0 f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}(t),t) dt + \mathbf{z}_0. \end{split} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathsf{ODE} \; \mathsf{Solver}$$

Note: These scary formulas are the standard backprop in the discrete case.

SDE basics

Let define stochastic process $\mathbf{x}(t)$ with initial condition $\mathbf{x}(0) \sim p_0(\mathbf{x})$:

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w},$$

where $\mathbf{w}(t)$ is the standard Wiener process (Brownian motion)

$$\mathbf{w}(t) - \mathbf{w}(s) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, (t-s)\mathbf{I}), \quad d\mathbf{w} = \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{dt}, \text{ where } \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}).$$

Discretization of SDE (Euler method)

$$\mathbf{x}(t+dt) = \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t),t) \cdot dt + g(t) \cdot \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{dt}$$

- At each moment t we have the density $p_t(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}, t)$.
- $p: \mathbb{R}^m \times [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}_+$ is a **probability path** between $p_0(\mathbf{x})$ and $p_1(\mathbf{x})$.

Theorem (Kolmogorov-Fokker-Planck)

Evolution of the distribution $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ is given by the following equation:

$$\frac{\partial p_t(\mathbf{x})}{\partial t} = -\mathsf{div}\left(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t)p_t(\mathbf{x})\right) + \frac{1}{2}g^2(t)\Delta_{\mathbf{x}}p_t(\mathbf{x})$$

Langevin SDE (special case)

$$d\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x}) dt + 1 \cdot d\mathbf{w}$$

The density $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ is a **stationary** distribution for the SDE.

Langevin dynamics

Samples from the following dynamics will comes from $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ under mild regularity conditions for small enough η .

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_t + \frac{\eta}{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{x}_t | \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \sqrt{\eta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}).$$

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ODE and continuity equation

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt$$

$$\frac{d \log p_t(\mathbf{x}(t))}{dt} = -\text{tr}\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x},t)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\right) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial p_t(\mathbf{x})}{\partial t} = -\text{div}\left(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t)p_t(\mathbf{x})\right)$$

The only source of stochasticity is the distibution $p_0(\mathbf{x})$.

SDE and KFP equation

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w}$$

$$\frac{\partial p_t(\mathbf{x})}{\partial t} = -\mathsf{div}\left(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t)p_t(\mathbf{x})\right) + \frac{1}{2}g^2(t)\Delta_{\mathbf{x}}p_t(\mathbf{x})$$

We have two sources of randomness: initial distribution $p_0(\mathbf{x})$ and Wiener process $\mathbf{w}(t)$.

Theorem

Assume SDE $d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w}$ induces the probability path $p_t(\mathbf{x})$. Then there exists ODE with identical probability path $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ of the form

$$d\mathbf{x} = \left[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \frac{1}{2} g^2(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x}) \right] dt$$

Proof

$$\frac{\partial p_{t}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial t} = \operatorname{tr}\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\left[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t)p_{t}(\mathbf{x})\right] + \frac{1}{2}g^{2}(t)\frac{\partial^{2}p_{t}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}^{2}}\right) =
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Proof (continued)

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial p_t(\mathbf{x})}{\partial t} &= \operatorname{tr}\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\left[\left(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t) - \frac{1}{2}g^2(t)\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\log p_t(\mathbf{x})\right)p_t(\mathbf{x})\right]\right) = \\ &= \operatorname{tr}\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\left[\tilde{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x},t)p_t(\mathbf{x})\right]\right) \end{split}$$

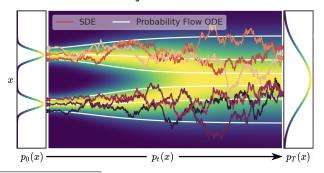
$$d\mathbf{x} = \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + 0 \cdot d\mathbf{w} = \left[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \frac{1}{2}g^2(t)\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\log p_t(\mathbf{x})\right]dt$$

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$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w} - \mathsf{SDE}$$

$$d\mathbf{x} = \left[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \frac{1}{2}g^2(t)\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\log p_t(\mathbf{x})\right]dt - \mathsf{probability flow ODE}$$

- ▶ The term $\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x},t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x})$ is a score function for continuous time.
- ODE has more stable trajectories.



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3. Diffusion and Score matching SDEs

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt, \quad \mathbf{x}(t + dt) = \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt$$

Here dt could be > 0 or < 0.

Reverse ODE

Let
$$\tau = 1 - t$$
 ($d\tau = -dt$).

$$d\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, 1 - \tau)d\tau$$

- ► How to revert SDE $d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w}$?
- ▶ Wiener process gives the randomness that we have to revert.

Theorem

There exists the reverse SDE for the SDE $d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w}$ that has the following form

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Note: Here we also see the score function $\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x},t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x})$.

Sketch of the proof

- Convert initial SDE to probability flow ODE.
- Revert probability flow ODE.
- Convert reverse probability flow ODE to reverse SDE.

Proof

► Convert initial SDE to probability flow ODE

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w}$$
$$d\mathbf{x} = \left[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \frac{1}{2}g^{2}(t)\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\log p_{t}(\mathbf{x})\right]dt$$

Revert probability flow ODE

$$d\mathbf{x} = \left[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \frac{1}{2} g^{2}(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \log p_{t}(\mathbf{x}) \right] dt$$

$$d\mathbf{x} = \left[-\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, 1 - \tau) + \frac{1}{2} g^{2}(1 - \tau) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \log p_{1 - \tau}(\mathbf{x}) \right] d\tau$$

Convert reverse probability flow ODE to reverse SDE

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with dt < 0.

Proof (continued)

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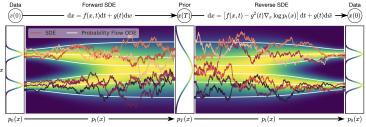
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Here $d\tau > 0$ and dt < 0.

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$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w} - \mathsf{SDE} \\ d\mathbf{x} &= \left[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t) - \frac{1}{2}g^2(t)\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\log p_t(\mathbf{x})\right]dt - \mathsf{probability flow ODE} \\ d\mathbf{x} &= \left(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t) - g^2(t)\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\log p_t(\mathbf{x})\right)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w} - \mathsf{reverse SDE} \end{aligned}$$

- We got the way to transform one distribution to another via SDE with some probability path $p_t(\mathbf{x})$.
- We are able to revert this process with the score function.



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Score matching SDE

Denoising score matching

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_t &= \mathbf{x} + \sigma_t \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t, & q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}, \sigma_t^2 \cdot \mathbf{I}) \\ \mathbf{x}_{t-1} &= \mathbf{x} + \sigma_{t-1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{t-1}, & q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}, \sigma_{t-1}^2 \cdot \mathbf{I}) \end{aligned}$$
$$\mathbf{x}_t &= \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{\sigma_t^2 - \sigma_{t-1}^2} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, & q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, (\sigma_t^2 - \sigma_{t-1}^2) \cdot \mathbf{I}) \end{aligned}$$

Let turn this Markov chain to the continuous stochastic process $\mathbf{x}(t)$ taking $T \to \infty$:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}(t - dt) + \sqrt{\sigma^2(t) - \sigma^2(t - dt)} \cdot \epsilon$$

$$= \mathbf{x}(t - dt) + \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2(t) - \sigma^2(t - dt)}{dt}} dt \cdot \epsilon$$

$$= \mathbf{x}(t - dt) + \sqrt{\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}} \cdot d\mathbf{w}$$

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Score matching SDE

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}(t - dt) + \sqrt{\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}} \cdot d\mathbf{w}$$

Variance Exploding SDE

$$d\mathbf{x} = \sqrt{\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}} \cdot d\mathbf{w}$$

 $\sigma(t)$ is a monotonically increasing function.

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w}, \quad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0, \quad g(t) = \sqrt{\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}}$$

$$d\mathbf{x} = \left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x}) \right] dt - \text{probability flow ODE}$$

$$d\mathbf{x} = \left(-\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\log p_t(\mathbf{x})\right)dt + \sqrt{\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}}d\mathbf{w} - \text{reverse SDE}$$

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Diffusion SDE

Denoising Diffusion

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{1 - \beta_t} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{\beta_t} \cdot \epsilon, \quad q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{1 - \beta_t} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \beta_t \cdot \mathbf{I})$$

Let turn this Markov chain to the continuous stochastic process taking $T \to \infty$ and taking $\beta(\frac{t}{T}) = \beta_t \cdot T$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{x}(t) &= \sqrt{1 - \beta(t)dt} \cdot \mathbf{x}(t - dt) + \sqrt{\beta(t)dt} \cdot \epsilon \approx \\ &\approx (1 - \frac{1}{2}\beta(t)dt) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t - dt) + \sqrt{\beta(t)dt} \cdot \epsilon = \\ &= \mathbf{x}(t - dt) - \frac{1}{2}\beta(t)\mathbf{x}(t - dt)dt + \sqrt{\beta(t)} \cdot d\mathbf{w} \end{split}$$

Variance Preserving SDE

$$d\mathbf{x} = -\frac{1}{2}\beta(t)\mathbf{x}(t)dt + \sqrt{\beta(t)}\cdot d\mathbf{w}$$

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Diffusion SDE

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + g(t)d\mathbf{w}$$

Variance Exploding SDE (NCSN)

$$d\mathbf{x} = \sqrt{\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}} \cdot d\mathbf{w}, \quad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0, \quad g(t) = \sqrt{\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}}$$

Variance grows since $\sigma(t)$ is a monotonically increasing function.

Variance Preserving SDE (DDPM)

$$d\mathbf{x} = -rac{1}{2}eta(t)\mathbf{x}(t)dt + \sqrt{eta(t)}\cdot d\mathbf{w}$$
 $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t) = -rac{1}{2}eta(t)\mathbf{x}(t), \quad g(t) = \sqrt{eta(t)}$

Variance is preserved if $\mathbf{x}(0)$ has a unit variance.

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Summary

► There exists special probability flow ODE for each SDE that gives the same probability path.

It is possible to revert SDE using score function.

Score matching (NCSN) and diffusion models (DDPM) are the discretizations of the SDEs (variance exploding and variance preserving).