

Deep Generative Models

Lecture 10

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Recap of Previous Lecture

DDPM Objective

$$\mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} \mathbb{E}_{t \sim U\{1, T\}} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0)} \left[\frac{(1 - \alpha_t)^2}{2\tilde{\beta}_t \alpha_t} \left\| \mathbf{s}_{\theta, t}(\mathbf{x}_t) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0) \right\|_2^2 \right]$$

In practice, **this coefficient** is usually omitted.

NCSN Objective

$$\mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} \mathbb{E}_{t \sim U\{1, T\}} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0)} \left\| \mathbf{s}_{\theta, \sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_t) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0) \right\|_2^2$$

Note: The objectives of DDPM and NCSN are almost identical; however, their sampling procedures differ:

- ▶ NCSN utilizes annealed Langevin dynamics,
- ▶ DDPM employs ancestral sampling.

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Unconditional Generation

$$\mathbf{x}_{t-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_t}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_t + \frac{\beta_t}{\sqrt{1-\beta_t}} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \sigma_t \cdot \epsilon$$

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Conditional Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{y}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t) \\ &= \mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t) \end{aligned}$$

Here, $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ denotes a classifier operating on noisy samples (which must be trained separately).

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Guided Score Function

$$\mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$$

$$\mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}^{\gamma}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \gamma \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$$

Note: Increasing γ sharpens $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$, making it more contrast

$$\hat{p}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t) \propto p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)^{\gamma}.$$

Training

- ▶ Train the DDPM as before.
- ▶ Train an additional classifier $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ on noisy data.

Guided Sampling

$$\mathbf{x}_{t-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_t}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_t + \frac{\beta_t}{\sqrt{1-\beta_t}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}^{\gamma}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}) + \sigma_t \cdot \epsilon$$

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The previous method requires an additional classifier $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ trained on noisy data. Let's try to avoid this requirement.

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_t) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{y}) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

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Scaled Guided Score Function

$$\mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}^{\gamma}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}) = (1 - \gamma) \cdot \mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \gamma \cdot \mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y})$$

- ▶ Introduce $\mathbf{y} = \emptyset$ for $\mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \emptyset)$.
- ▶ Drop the labels \mathbf{y} with some fixed probability.
- ▶ Apply the model twice during inference to get $\mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \emptyset)$ and $\mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y})$.

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Continuous-Time Dynamics (Neural ODE)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}(t), t); \quad \text{where } \mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0.$$

$$\psi_t(\mathbf{x}_0) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}(t), t) dt + \mathbf{x}_0 \approx \text{ODESolve}_f(\mathbf{x}_0, \theta, t_0, t_1).$$

- ▶ $\mathbf{f}_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^m \times [t_0, t_1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a vector field.
- ▶ $\psi : \mathbb{R}^m \times [t_0, t_1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a flow (the solution of ODE):

Euler Update Step (ODESolve)

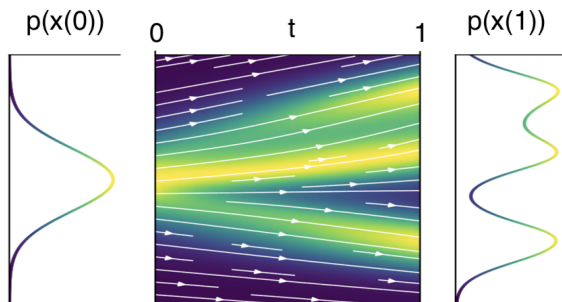
$$\mathbf{x}(t+h) = \mathbf{x}(t) + h \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}(t), t)$$

More advanced numerical methods (such as Runge-Kutta) are often used instead of unstable Euler update step.

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$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{f}_\theta(\mathbf{x}(t), t); \quad \mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$$

- ▶ Suppose $\mathbf{x}(0)$ is a random variable with density $p_0(\mathbf{x})$. Then, $\mathbf{x}(t)$ is a random variable with density $p_t(\mathbf{x})$.
- ▶ $p_t(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}, t)$ describes the **probability path** between $p_0(\mathbf{x})$ and $p_1(\mathbf{x})$.



Recap of Previous Lecture

Theorem (Picard)

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

This means the ODE can be **uniquely inverted**:

$$\mathbf{x}(1) = \mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^1 \mathbf{f}_\theta(\mathbf{x}(t), t) dt$$

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Note: Unlike discrete-time NF, \mathbf{f} need not be invertible (uniqueness ensures bijectivity).

How can we compute $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ for any t ?

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- ▶ This provides the density along the trajectory (not the total probability path).
- ▶ However, **the latter term** is difficult to estimate efficiently.

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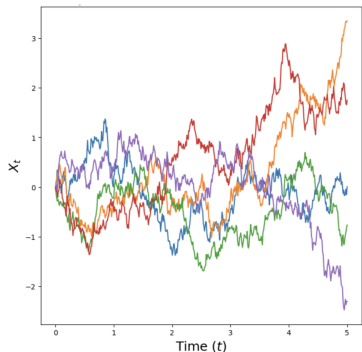
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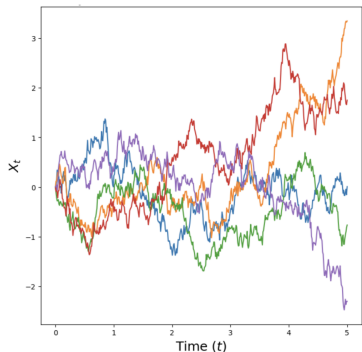


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- ▶ $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) : \mathbb{R}^m \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is the **drift** term (vector field).
- ▶ $g(t) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the **diffusion** term (if $g(t) = 0$, we recover the standard ODE).
- ▶ $\mathbf{w}(t)$ is the standard Wiener process ($d\mathbf{w} = \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{dt}$).
- ▶ We do not have the flow $\psi_t(\mathbf{x}_0)$ notion anymore, since trajectories are stochastic.

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Theorem

If \mathbf{f} is continuously differentiable with a bounded derivative in \mathbf{x} and continuous in t and $g(t)$ is continuous then the SDE has the solution given by unique process $\mathbf{x}(t)$.

- ▶ Unlike ODEs, the initial condition $\mathbf{x}(0)$ doesn't uniquely determine the trajectory.
- ▶ There are two sources of randomness:
 - ▶ the initial distribution $p_0(\mathbf{x})$;
 - ▶ the Wiener process $\mathbf{w}(t)$.

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- ▶ At any time t , the process has density $p_t(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}, t)$.
- ▶ $p : \mathbb{R}^m \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ specifies a **probability path** from $p_0(\mathbf{x})$ to $p_1(\mathbf{x})$.
- ▶ How can we obtain the probability path $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ for $\mathbf{x}(t)$?

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Discretized Langevin SDE

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Langevin Dynamic

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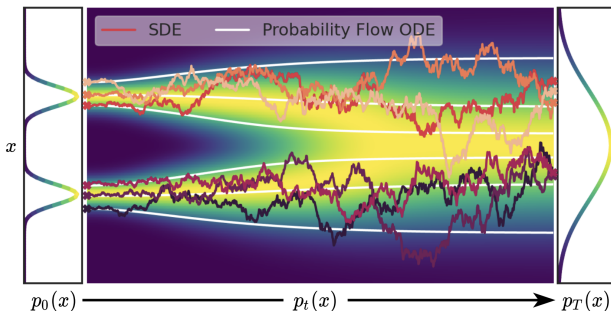
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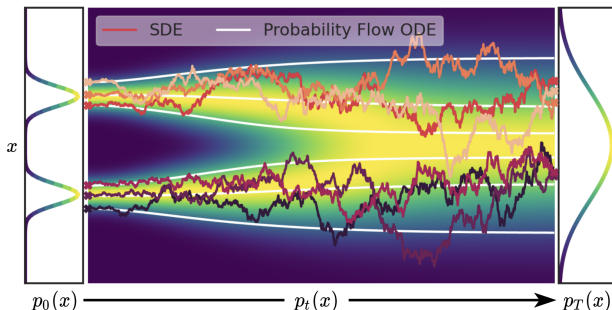
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Note: Again, the score function appears: $\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x})$.

Proof Sketch

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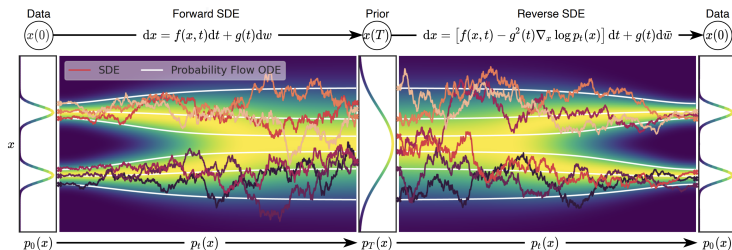
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- ▶ This framework allows us to transform one distribution into another via an SDE with a prescribed probability path $p_t(\mathbf{x})$.
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Summary

- ▶ The continuity equation allows us to compute $\log p(\mathbf{x}, t)$ at any time t .
- ▶ An SDE defines a stochastic process with drift and diffusion terms; ODEs are a special case of SDEs.
- ▶ The KFP equation describes the probability dynamics of an SDE.
- ▶ The Langevin SDE preserves a constant probability path.
- ▶ Every SDE admits a corresponding probability flow ODE following the same probability path.
- ▶ SDEs can be reversed using the score function.