

DDPM Training Objective Proof

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Problem 1. Please provide a detailed mathematical proof for the training objective of the Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Model (DDPM), which aims to maximize the log-likelihood of data $\log p(\mathbf{x}_0; \theta)$ where θ represents the model parameters. Your proof should demonstrate the derivation started from

$$\mathbb{E}_q \left[-\log \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \right]$$

to the training objective as following

$$\mathbb{E}_q \left[-\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1) + \sum_{t=2}^T D_{\text{KL}}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) || p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)) + D_{\text{KL}}(q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) || p(\mathbf{x}_T)) \right].$$

Hint: Given x_0, x_1, \dots, x_T , which form a first order Markov chain. Then we have

$$q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0) = \prod_{t=1}^T q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \prod_{t=1}^T q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_0).$$