# $c*GM\Delta VEs$ —q

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#### $c*GM\Delta VÆs—q$

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## Topics to cover

- what was our initial subject of interest
- ► AEs are non-linear PCA basically
- VAEs
- other animals
- ► GMVAE and why I derived c\*GM∆VÆ
- ▶ example use of c\*GM△VÆ on synthetic conditional-categorical data
- examples on MNIST
- examples on scRNAseq

#### **Autoencoders**

A "vanilla" autoencoder is a neural networks that "learns" the identity (subject to dimensional restriction).

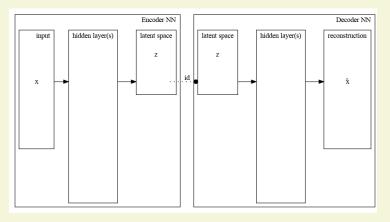


Figure: Autoencoder

#### Autoencoders and PCA

(On centered data[8])

**PCA** 

$$\tilde{\mathbf{V}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}} \{ \| \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^T \|_F^2 : \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times l}, \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}_l \}$$
 (1)

Linear AE

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{D}}\{\|\mathbf{X}-\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{E}\boldsymbol{D}\|_F^2 \quad : \quad \boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{D}^{\boldsymbol{T}}\in\mathbb{R}^{n\times l},\} \tag{2}$$

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{W}} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{W}} \{ \| \boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{W} \boldsymbol{W}^{\dagger} \|_F^2 : \boldsymbol{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times l}, \}$$
 (3)

$$span\{\tilde{\boldsymbol{W}}\} = span\{\tilde{\boldsymbol{V}}\}$$

#### **VAEs**

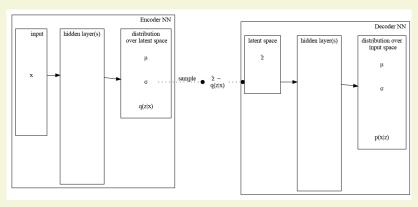


Figure: VAE

# VAE: encoding

Instead of deterministic mapping, define distribution.

Define distribution on the laten space (z) by mapping x into the distribution parameters e.g.  $\mu(\mathbf{x}), \Sigma(\mathbf{x})$  when we use Gaussian  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|\mu, \Sigma)$ .

# VAE: decoding

sample from the latent space  $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\cdot|\mu, \Sigma)$  map  $\mathbf{z}$  to a distribution on the input space  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$ 

#### VAE: loss function

The evidence lower bound (ELBO) with respect to p, q is:

$$-\mathcal{L}(q, p, \mathbf{x}) \triangleq \int \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})} dq(\mathbf{z})$$
(4)

$$-\mathcal{L}(q,p) \triangleq -\mathcal{L}(q,p,\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{1}^{N} (-\mathcal{L}(q,p,\mathbf{x}_i))$$
 (5)

$$\approx \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{x}}[-\mathcal{L}(q,p,\mathbf{x})] \tag{6}$$

We minimize the minus ELBO function:

## VAE: log evidence

It can be shown that maximizing the ELBO is equivalent to maximinizing the "log evidence"  $\log p(\mathbf{X})$ 

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{N}\log p(\textbf{\textit{X}}) &= \frac{1}{N}\log \int p(\textbf{\textit{X}},\textbf{\textit{Z}})d\textbf{\textit{Z}} & \text{taking marginal} \\ &= \frac{1}{N}\log \int \frac{p(\textbf{\textit{X}},\textbf{\textit{Z}})}{q(\textbf{\textit{Z}})}q(\textbf{\textit{Z}})d\textbf{\textit{Z}} & \text{multiplying by 1 inside} \\ &= \frac{1}{N}\log \int \frac{p(\textbf{\textit{X}},\textbf{\textit{Z}})}{q(\textbf{\textit{Z}})}dq(\textbf{\textit{Z}}) & \text{definition of } dq(\textbf{\textit{Z}}) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{N}\int\log \frac{p(\textbf{\textit{X}},\textbf{\textit{Z}})}{q(\textbf{\textit{Z}})}dq(\textbf{\textit{Z}}) & \text{Jensen inequality} \\ &= \frac{1}{N}\int \sum_{1}^{N}\log \frac{p(\textbf{\textit{x}}_i,\textbf{\textit{z}}_i)}{q(\textbf{\textit{z}}_i)}dq(\textbf{\textit{z}}_i) & \text{using the iid property} \\ &= \frac{1}{N}\sum_{1}^{N} - \mathcal{L}(q,p,\textbf{\textit{x}}_i) & \text{definition of } \mathcal{L}(q,p,\textbf{\textit{x}}_i) \\ &= -\mathcal{L}(q,p,\textbf{\textit{X}}) \triangleq -\mathcal{L}(q,p) & \text{again definition of } \mathcal{L}(p,q) & \Box \end{split}$$

# Monte Carlo integration

As you can see we the loss function requires us to compute an integral, which usually cannot be done analytically.

Instead the integral is approximated by Monte Carlo integration.

sample 
$$\mathbf{z}_{i} \sim q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$$
 then :
$$\mathcal{L}(p, q, \mathbf{x}) = \int -\log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} dq(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$$

$$= \int -\log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) dq(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) + \int \log \frac{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{z})} dq(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} \left[ -\log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}_{i}) + \log \frac{q(\mathbf{z}_{i}|\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{z}_{i})} \right]$$
(8)

# VAE: compounding the latent distribution

More complicated distributions such as mixture distribution can be modelled by "unpacking" the latent  $\mathbf{z}$  and the observed  $\mathbf{x}$ 

- 1. Define the set of observed random vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots \mathbf{x}_k$ , and the set of latent random vectors and stochastic parameters  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots \mathbf{z}_l$ .
- 2. Specify how to factor the generative model  $p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_1 \dots, \mathbf{z}_l)$
- 3. Specify how to factor the inference model  $q(\mathbf{z}_1 \dots \mathbf{z}_l | \mathbf{x}_1, \dots \mathbf{x}_k)$
- 4. Choose appropriate priors  $p(\mathbf{z}_i)$  and
- 5. Choose appropriate distribution families for the  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\mathbf{z}_i$ , and choose priors  $p(\mathbf{z}_i)$ .

## VAE: Graphical representation

Evry distribution can be represented by a DAG. Nodes represent random variables (and also priors), and directed arrows represent conditional dependency.

#### VAE: base case

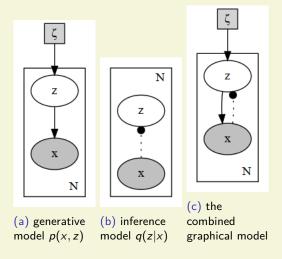


Figure: VAE graphical model

# VAE: patholocigacl case

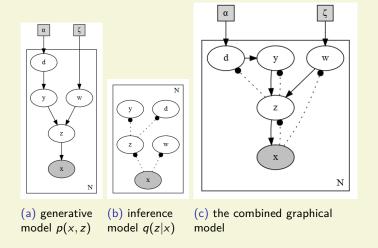
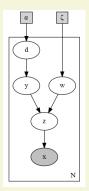


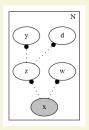
Figure: c\*GMΔVÆ graphical model

## c∗GM∆VÆ generative model



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\begin{array}{lll} \rho(x,y,z,w,d) & = & \rho(x|z)\rho(z|w,y)\rho(y|d)\rho(d)\rho(w) \\ \rho(w) & = & \mathcal{N}(w|0,1) \\ \rho(d) & = & \mathrm{Dir}(d|\alpha) \\ \rho(y|d) & = & \mathrm{Cat}(y|d) \\ \rho(z|w,y) & = & \mathcal{N}(z|\mu(w)_y,\sigma(w)_y)) \\ \rho(x|z) & = & \mathcal{N}(x|\mu(z),\sigma(z)) \end{array}
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#### c\*GMAVÆ inference model



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\begin{array}{lcl} q(\mathbf{y},\mathbf{z},\mathbf{w},\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{x}) & = & q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})q(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{x})q(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{z})q(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{z}) \\ q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) & = & \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|\mu_{\mathcal{Z}}(\mathbf{x}),\sigma_{\mathcal{Z}}(\mathbf{x})) \\ q(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{x}) & = & \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mu_{\mathcal{W}}(\mathbf{x}),\sigma_{\mathcal{W}}(\mathbf{x})) & (10) \\ q(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{z}) & = & \mathbf{Cat}(\mathbf{y}|f(\mathbf{z})) \\ q(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{z}) & = & \mathbf{Dir}(\mathbf{d}|g(\mathbf{z})) \end{array}
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#### c∗GM∆VÆ loss function

The loss function remains the -ELBO and we can break it into different terms:

$$\mathcal{L}(p, q, \mathbf{x}) = \int -\log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{d})}{q(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{d}|\mathbf{x})} dq(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{d}|\mathbf{x})$$
(11)

$$= \int -\log \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})\rho(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{w},\mathbf{y})\rho(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{d})\rho(\mathbf{w})\rho(\mathbf{d})}{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})q(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{x})q(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{z})q(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{z})} dq$$
(12)

$$= \int -\log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})dq \tag{13}$$

$$+ \int \log \frac{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})}{\rho(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{w},\mathbf{y})} dq \tag{14}$$

$$+ \int \log \frac{q(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{w})} dq \tag{15}$$

$$+ \int \log \frac{q(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{z})}{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{d})} dq \tag{16}$$

$$+ \int \log \frac{q(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{z})}{p(\mathbf{d})} dq \tag{17}$$

# $c*GM\Delta VÆ$ : supervised case

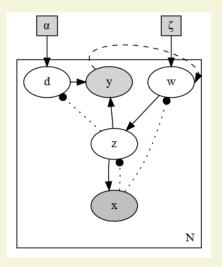
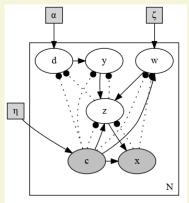
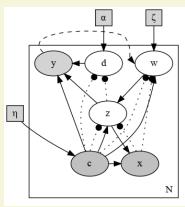


Figure: c\*GM $\Delta$ VÆ : the supervised case, where **y** is an observed variable.

#### the conditional flavor of c∗GM∆VÆ

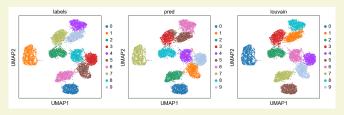


(a)  $c*GM\Delta VÆ$  (cond.), unsupervised case. Sorry for the arrow clutter

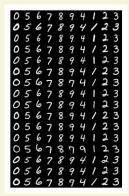


(b) c\*GM $\Delta$ VÆ (cond.), supervised case

## Tests on MNIST



#### (a) UMAP of the latent space





# Testing on synthetic conditional-categorical "blobs" dataset

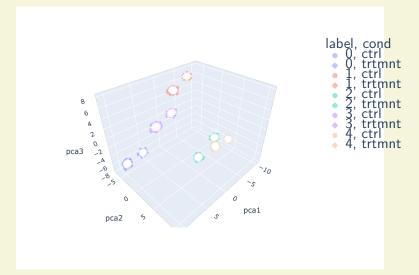


Figure: The toy dataset, showing a 3d plot of its 3 major PCA components.

## w embeding

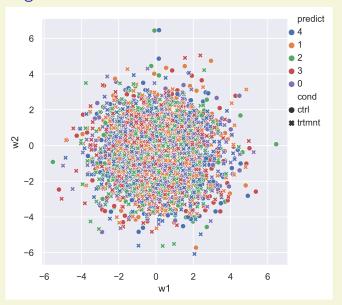


Figure: Random sampling from the encoded distribution of the  $\mathbf{w}$  space.



## **z** embeding

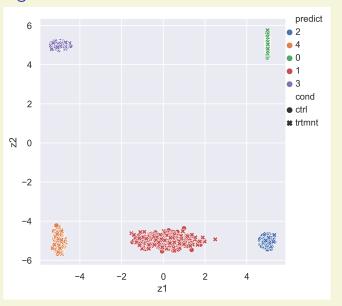


Figure: Sampling from encoded **z** space, fixed standard normal prior case.

## Transfer learning

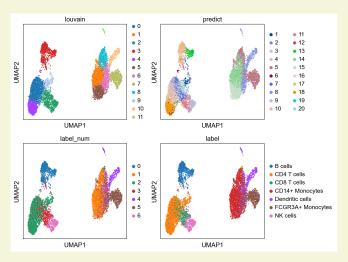


Figure: UMAP of PCA space of the Kang train data.

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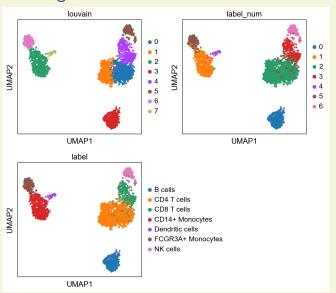


Figure: UMAP of the Zheng dataset.



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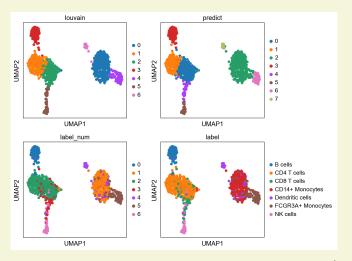


Figure: UMAP of the latent space of the Kang validation subset (the holdout).

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