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- Generative Models:
  - Models that describe the generating process of all observations.
  - Technically, they specify p(x) (unsupervised) or p(x, y) (supervised) in principle, either explicitly or implicitly.

$$\{x^{(n)}\} = \begin{cases} 0/23456789\\ 0/23456789\\ 0/23456789\\ 0/23456789\\ 0/23456789\\ 0/23456789\\ 0/23456789 \end{cases} \sim p(x)$$

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$$\{x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\} = \begin{cases} y^{(n)} = "0""1""2""3""4""5""6""7""8""9"\\ 0 / 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9\\ 0 / 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9\\ 0 / 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9\\ 0 / 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9\\ 0 / 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9\\ 0 / 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9\\ 0 / 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 \\ 0 / 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 \\ 0 / 2 8 / 2 8 \\ 0$$

• Non-Generative Models:

Recurrent neural

networks:

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available.

Discriminative models (e.g., feedforward neural networks): only p(y|x) is available.

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• Non-Generative Models:



(Img: [DFD+18])

- What can generative models do:
  - 1. Generate new data.

Generation p(x) [KW14]





Conditional Generation p(x|y) [LWZZ18]

Missing Value Imputation (Completion)  $p(x_{\text{hidden}}|x_{\text{observed}})$  [OKK16]

- What can generative models do:
  - 1. Generate new data.

"the cat sat on the mat" ~ p(x): Language Model.



- What can generative models do:
  - 2. Density estimation p(x).

Anomaly Detection:



- What can generative models do:
  - 3. Draw semantic or concise representation of data x (via latent variable z).



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*z* (topics) [PT13]



z (semantic regions) [DFD+18]

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- What can generative models do:
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(e) Young

(f) Male

z (semantic regions) [KD18]

x (image)

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• What can generative models do:

4. Supervised Learning:  $\arg \max_{y^*} p(y^* | x^*, \{(x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}).$ 



- What can generative models do:
  - 4. Supervised Learning:  $\arg \max_{y^*} p(y^* | x^*, \{(x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}, \{x^{(n)}\}).$ Semi-Supervised Learning:
    - Unlabeled data  $\{x^{(n)}\}$  can be utilized to learn a better p(x, y).



#### Generative Model: Benefits

"What I cannot create, I do not understand."

-Richard Feynman

- Natural for generation.
- For representation learning: responsible and faithful knowledge of the data.
- For supervised learning: can leverage unlabeled data.
- For supervised learning: more data-efficient.

For logistic regression (discriminative) and naive Bayes (generative) [NJ01],

$$\epsilon_{\mathrm{Dis},N} \leq \epsilon_{\mathrm{Dis},\infty} + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{d}{N}}\right) \qquad d:$$
  
$$\epsilon_{\mathrm{Gen},N} \leq \epsilon_{\mathrm{Gen},\infty} + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log d}{N}}\right) \qquad N:$$

*l*: data dimension.

N: data size.

# Generative Model: Taxonomy

- Plain Generative Models: Directly model p(x); no latent variable.  $p_{\theta}(x)(x)$
- Latent Variable Models:
  - Deterministic Generative Models: Dependency between x and z is deterministic:  $x = f_{\theta}(z)$ .

• Bayesian Generative Models: Dependency between x and z is probabilistic:  $(x, z) \sim p_{\theta}(x, z)$ .



# Generative Model: Taxonomy

- Latent Variable Models
  - Bayesian Generative Models
    - Bayesian Network (BayesNet): p(x,z) specified by p(z) and p(x|z).
      - Synonyms: Causal Networks, *Directed* Graphical Model



- Markov Random Field (MRF): p(x,z) specified by an Energy function  $E_{\theta}(x,z)$ :  $p_{\theta}(x,z) \propto \exp(-E_{\theta}(x,z))$ .
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# Plain Generative Models

- Directly model p(x); no latent variable involved.
- Easy to learn (no normalization constant issue) and use (generation).
- Learning: Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE).  $\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x)] = \arg \min_{\theta} \text{KL}(\hat{p}, p_{\theta})$  $\approx \arg \max_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log p_{\theta}(x^{(n)}).$
- First example: Gaussian Mixture Model  $p_{\theta}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_k \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k),$  $\theta = (\alpha, \mu, \Sigma).$



Kullback-Leibler divergence

 $\operatorname{KL}(\hat{p}, p_{\theta}) \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log(\hat{p}/p_{\theta})]$ 

# Plain Generative Models

• Autoregressive Model:



Model p(x) by each conditional  $p(x_i|x_{< i})$  (*i* indices components).

- Full dependency can be restored.
- Conditionals are easier to model.
- Easy learning (MLE).
- Easy generation:

 $x \sim p(x) \Leftrightarrow x_1 \sim p(x_1), x_2 \sim p(x_2|x_1), \dots, x_d \sim p(x_d|x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}).$ 

But non-parallelizable.

- Fully Visible Sigmoid Belief Network [Fre98]  $p(x_i|x_{< i}) = Bern(x_i|\sigma(\sum_{j < i} W_{ij}x_j))$
- Neural Autoregressive Distribution Estimator [LM11]  $p(x_i|x_{< i}) = \text{Bern}(x_i|\sigma(V_{i,:}\sigma(W_{:,< i}x_{< i} + a) + b_i))$
- A typical language model:

p("the cat sat on the mat") = p(x)

 $= p(x_1 = \text{the}) \ p(\text{cat}|x_1) \ p(\text{sat}|x_{1...2}) \ p(\text{on}|x_{1...3}) \ p(\text{the}|x_{1...4}) \ p(\text{mat}|x_{1...5}) \ p(</\!/s>|x_{1...6})$ 



Sigmoid function

- WaveNet [ODZ+16]
  - Construct  $p(x_i|x_{\leq i})$  via Causal Convolution



- PixelCNN & PixelRNN [OKK16]
  - Autoregressive structure of an image:



• PixelCNN: model conditional distributions via (masked) convolution:

$$h_i = K * x_{  
$$p(x_i | x_{$$$$

- Bounded receptive field.
- Likelihood evaluation: parallel



- PixelCNN & PixelRNN [OKK16]
  - PixelRNN: model conditional distributions via recurrent connection:

$$[h_i, c_i] = \text{LSTM}\left(\overbrace{K * h_{(\lfloor i/n \rfloor n - n): \lfloor i/n \rfloor n}}^{\text{ID convolution}}, c_{i-1}, x_{i-1}\right),$$
$$p(x_i | x_{< i}) = \text{NN}(h_i).$$

- Unbounded receptive field.
- Likelihood evaluation (in-row): parallel Likelihood evaluation (inter-row): sequential



• PixelCNN & PixelRNN [OKK16]





Image Completion

#### Image Generation

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# Latent Variable Models

- Latent Variable:
  - Abstract knowledge of data; enables various tasks.



Manipulated Generation



Dimensionality Reduction

#### Latent Variable Models

- Latent Variable:
  - Compact representation of dependency.

De Finetti's Theorem (1955): if  $(x_1, x_2, ...)$  are *infinitely exchangeable*, then  $\exists$  r.v. z and  $p(\cdot | z)$  s.t.  $\forall n$ ,

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \int \left(\prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|z)\right) p(z) \, dz \, .$$

$$p\left(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\right) = \int_z p\left(\underbrace{z}_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n}\right)$$

*Infinite exchangeability:* 

For all *n* and permutation 
$$\sigma$$
,  $p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = p(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n)})$ .

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# Generative Adversarial Nets

- Deterministic  $f_{\theta}: z \mapsto x$ , modeled by a neural network.
- + Flexible modeling ability.
- + Good generation performance.
- Hard to infer z of a data point x.
- Unavailable density function  $p_{\theta}(x)$ .
- Mode-collapse.
- Learning:  $\min_{\theta} \operatorname{discr}(\hat{p}(x), p_{\theta}(x)).$ 
  - discr. =  $KL(\hat{p}, p_{\theta}) \Longrightarrow MLE: \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}}[\log p_{\theta}], \text{ but } p_{\theta}(x) \text{ is unavailable}!$
  - discr. = Jensen-Shannon divergence [GPM+14].
  - discr. = Wasserstein distance [ACB17].

p(z) (z)  $x = f_{\theta}(z)$ (Neural Nets) x  $p_{\theta}(x)$ 

#### \* Generative Adversarial Nets

- $\sigma(T(x))$  is the discriminator; T implemented as a neural network.
- Expectations can be estimated by samples.

# \* Generative Adversarial Nets

- Learning:  $\min_{\alpha} \operatorname{discr}(\hat{p}(x), p_{\theta}(x))$ .
  - WGAN [ACB17]: discr. = Wasserstein distance:

- Choose  $\phi$  as a neural network with parameter clipping.
- Benefit:  $d_W$  has more alleviative reaction to distribution difference than JS.



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p(z)

 $x = f_{\theta}(z)$ 

(Neural Nets)

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#### Flow-Based Generative Models

- Deterministic and invertible  $f_{\theta}: z \mapsto x$ .
- + Available density function!

 $p_{\theta}(x) = p\left(z = f_{\theta}^{-1}(x)\right) \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial f_{\theta}^{-1}}{\partial x} \end{vmatrix}$  (rule of change of variables). + Easy inference:  $z = f_{\theta}^{-1}(x)$ .

- Redundant representation: dim.  $z = \dim x$ .
- Restricted  $f_{\theta}$ : deliberative design; either  $f_{\theta}$  or  $f_{\theta}^{-1}$  computes costly.
- Learning:  $\min_{\theta} \operatorname{KL}(\hat{p}(x), p_{\theta}(x)) \Longrightarrow \operatorname{MLE}: \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x)].$
- NICE [DKB15], RealNVP [DSB17], MAF [PPM17], GLOW [KD18].

p(z)

 $p_{\theta}(x)$ 

 $x = f_{\theta}(z)$ 

(invertible)

# \* Flow-Based Generative Models

- RealNVP [DSB17]
  - Building block: coupling: y = g(x),

$$\begin{cases} y_{1:d} &= x_{1:d} \\ y_{d+1:D} &= x_{d+1:D} \odot \exp(s(x_{1:d})) + t(x_{1:d}) \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_{1:d} = y_{1:d} \\ x_{d+1:D} = (y_{d+1:D} - t(y_{1:d})) \odot \exp\big(-s(y_{1:d})\big), \end{cases}$$



where s and  $t: \mathbb{R}^{D-d} \to \mathbb{R}^{D-d}$  are general functions for scale and translation.

- Jacobian Determinant:  $\left|\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\right| = \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{D-d} s_j(x_{1:d})\right).$
- Partitioning x using a binary mask b:

$$y = b \odot x + (1 - b) \odot \left( x \odot \exp \left( s(b \odot x) \right) + t(b \odot x) \right).$$


- \* Flow-Based Generative Models
- RealNVP [DSB17]
  - Building block: squeezing: from  $s \times s \times c$  to  $\frac{s}{2} \times \frac{s}{2} \times 4c$ :



where each f follows a "coupling-squeezing-coupling" architecture. 10/10  $\frac{10}{10}$ 

- \* Flow-Based Generative Models
- RealNVP [DSB17]







#### Flow-Based Generative Models

• GLOW [KD18]

Generation Results (Interpolation)

Generation Results (Manipulation; each semantic direction =  $\bar{z}_{pos} - \bar{z}_{neg}$ )





(a) Smiling

(b) Pale Skin



(c) Blond Hair

(d) Narrow Eyes

(f) Male





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# Bayesian Generative Models: Overview

**Bayesian Networks** 

- Model structure (*Bayesian Modeling*):
  - *Prior* p(z): *initial* belief of z.
  - Likelihood p(x|z): dependence of x on z.
- Learning (Model Selection): MLE.

 $\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x)],$ Evidence  $p(x) = \int p(z, x) dz$ .

• Feature/representation learning (*Bayesian Inference*): *Posterior*  $p(z|x) = \frac{p(z,x)}{p(x)} = \frac{p(z)p(x|z)}{\int p(z,x) dz}$  (Bayes' rule)

represents the *updated* information that observation x conveys to z.

• Generation/prediction:  $z_{\text{new}} \sim p(z|x)$ ,  $x_{\text{new}} \sim p(x|z_{\text{new}})$ . 2019/10/10  $\quad \text{ act} x \in \mathbb{R}^{2019/10/10}$ 



## Bayesian Generative Models: Overview

- Dependency between x and z is *probabilistic*:  $(x, z) \sim p_{\theta}(x, z)$ .
  - Bayesian Network (BayesNet): p(x,z) specified by p(z) and p(x|z).
    - Synonyms: Causal Networks, *Directed* Graphical Model.
    - Directional/Causal belief encoded:
       x is generated/caused by z, not the other way.



- Markov Random Field (MRF): p(x,z) specified by an Energy function  $E_{\theta}(x,z)$ :  $p_{\theta}(x,z) \propto \exp(-E_{\theta}(x,z))$ .
  - Synonyms: Energy-Based Model, Undirected Graphical Model.
  - Modeling the symmetric correlation.
  - Harder learning and generation.



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#### \* Bayesian Generative Models: Overview

Not all Bayesian models are generative:



#### Bayesian Generative Models: Benefits

• Robust to small data and adversarial attack.



One-shot generation [LST15]

- Stable training process
- Principled and natural inference p(z|x) via Bayes' rule

- \* Bayesian Generative Models: Benefits
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#### One-shot generation [LST15]

- \* Bayesian Generative Models: Benefits
- Robust to small data and adversarial attack.



Adversarial robustness [LG17] (non-generative case)

- \* Bayesian Generative Models: Benefits
- Stable training process
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#### Bayesian Generative Models: Benefits

• Natural to incorporate prior knowledge



Bald



#### Mustache





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#### **Bayesian Inference**

Estimate the posterior p(z|x).



### Bayesian Inference

Estimate the posterior p(z|x).

• Extract knowledge/representation from data.



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### \* Bayesian Inference

Estimate the posterior p(z|x).

- Facilitate model learning:  $\max_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log p_{\theta}(x^{(n)})$ .
  - $p_{\theta}(x) = \int p_{\theta}(x|z)p_{\theta}(z) dz$  is *hard* to evaluate:
    - Closed-form integration is generally unavailable.
    - Numerical integration
      - Curse of dimensionality
      - Hard to optimize.
    - $\log p_{\theta}(x) = \log \mathbb{E}_{p(z)}[p_{\theta}(x|z)] \approx \log \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n} p_{\theta}(x|z^{(n)}), \{z^{(n)}\} \sim p(z).$ 
      - Hard for p(z) to cover regions where  $p_{\theta}(x|z)$  is large.
      - $\log \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n} p_{\theta}(x|z^{(n)})$  is biased:  $\mathbb{E}\left[\log \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n} p_{\theta}(x|z^{(n)})\right] \le \log \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n} p_{\theta}(x|z^{(n)})\right] = \log p_{\theta}(x).$

## Bayesian Inference

Estimate the posterior p(z|x).



• Facilitate model learning:  $\max_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log p_{\theta}(x^{(n)})$ . An effective and practical learning approach:

• Introduce a variational distribution q(z):

 $\log p_{\theta}(x) = \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)] + \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p_{\theta}(z|x)),$  $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)] \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{q(z)}[\log p_{\theta}(z, x)] - \mathbb{E}_{q(z)}[\log q(z)].$ 

- $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)] \leq \log p_{\theta}(x) \rightarrow \text{Evidence Lower BOund (ELBO)!}$
- $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)]$  is easier to estimate.
- (Variational) Expectation-Maximization Algorithm:

**Bayesian Inference** 

(a) E-step: Let  $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)] \approx \log p_{\theta}(x), \forall \theta \Leftrightarrow \min_{q \in Q} \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p_{\theta}(z|x));$ (b) M-step:  $\max_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)].$  \* Bayesian Inference

Estimate the posterior p(z|x).

• For prediction:

$$p(y^*|x^*, x, y) = \begin{cases} \int p(y^*|z, x^*) p(z|x^*, x, y) \, dz , & (Generative) \\ \int p(y^*|z, x^*) p(z|x, y) \, dz . & (X,Y) \\ & (X \to Y) \end{cases}$$
 (Non-Generative)

## \* Bayesian Inference

Estimate the posterior p(z|x).

- It is a hard problem
  - Closed form of  $p(z|x) \propto p(z)p(x|z)$  is generally intractable.
  - We care about *expectations* w.r.t p(z|x) (prediction, computing ELBO).
    - So that even if we know the closed form (e.g., by numerical integration), downstream tasks are still hard.
    - So that the Maximum *a Posteriori* (MAP) estimate

$$\arg\max_{z} \log p\left(z \left| \{x^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^{N} \right| = \arg\max_{z} \log p(z) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log p(x^{(n)}|z)$$

does not help much for Bayesian tasks.

Modeling Method	Mathematical Problem
Parametric Method	Optimization
Bayesian Method	Bayesian Inference
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## Bayesian Inference

• Variational inference (VI)

Use a *tractable* variational distribution q(z) to approximate p(z|x):  $\min_{q \in Q} \text{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$ 

Tractability: known density function, or samples are easy to draw.

- Parametric VI: use a parameter  $\phi$  to represent  $q_{\phi}(z)$ .
- Particle-based VI: use a set of particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$  to represent q(z).
- Monte Carlo (MC)
  - Draw samples from p(z|x).
  - Typically by simulating a *Markov chain* (i.e., MCMC) to release requirements on p(z|x).

 $\min_{q\in\mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$ 

• Parametric variational inference: use a parameter  $\phi$  to represent  $q_{\phi}(z)$ .

But  $KL(q_{\phi}(z), p_{\theta}(z|x))$  is hard to compute...

Recall  $\log p_{\theta}(x) = \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q(z)] + \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p_{\theta}(z|x)),$ 

so 
$$\min_{\phi} \operatorname{KL}\left(q_{\phi}(z), p(z|x)\right) \Leftrightarrow \max_{\phi} \mathcal{L}_{\theta}\left[q_{\phi}(z)\right].$$

The ELBO  $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q_{\phi}(z)] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)}[\log p_{\theta}(z, x)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)}[\log q_{\phi}(z)]$  is easier to compute.

• For model-specifically designed  $q_{\phi}(z)$ , ELBO( $\theta, \phi$ ) has closed form (e.g., [SJJ96] for SBN, [BNJ03] for LDA).

 $\min_{q\in\mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$ 

- Parametric variational inference: use a parameter  $\phi$  to represent  $q_{\phi}(z)$ .
  - Information theory perspective of the ELBO: Bits-Back Coding [HV93].
    - Average coding length for communicating x after communicating its code z:  $\mathbb{E}_{q(z|x)}[-\log p(x|z)].$
    - Average coding length for communicating z under the bits-back coding:  $\mathbb{E}_{q(Z|X)}[-\log p(z)] - \mathbb{E}_{q(Z|X)}[-\log q(z|x)].$

The second term: the receiver knowns the encoder q(z|x) that the sender uses.

• Average coding length for communicating x with the help of z:

 $\mathbb{E}_{q(z|x)}\left[-\log p(x|z) - \log p(z) + \log q(z|x)\right].$ 

This coincides with the negative ELBO!

Maximize ELBO = Minimize averaged coding length under the bits-back scheme.

 $\min_{q\in\mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$ 

- Parametric variational inference: use a parameter  $\phi$  to represent  $q_{\phi}(z)$ . Main Challenge:
  - Q should be as large/general/flexible as possible,
  - while enables practical optimization of the ELBO.



- Parametric variational inference: use a parameter  $\phi$  to represent  $q_{\phi}(z)$ .  $\max_{\phi} \left( \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q_{\phi}(z)] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)}[\log p_{\theta}(z, x)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)}[\log q_{\phi}(z)] \right).$ 
  - Explicit variational inference: specify the form of the density function  $q_{\phi}(z)$ .
    - Model-specific  $q_{\phi}(z)$ : [SJJ96] for SBN, [BNJ03] for LDA.
    - [GHB12, HBWP13, RGB14]: model-agnostic  $q_{\phi}(z)$  (e.g., mixture of Gaussians).
    - [RM15, KSJ+16]: define  $q_{\phi}(z)$  by a flow-based generative model.
  - Implicit variational inference: define  $q_{\phi}(z)$  by a GAN-like generative model.
    - More flexible but more difficult to optimize.
    - Density ratio estimation: [MNG17, SSZ18a].

$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q_{\phi}(z)] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)}[\log p_{\theta}(x|z)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)}\left[\log \frac{q_{\phi}(z)}{p(z)}\right].$$

• Gradient Estimation  $\nabla \log q_{\phi}(z)$ : [VLBM08, LT18, SSZ18b].

- \* Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference
- Parametric variational inference: use a parameter  $\phi$  to represent  $q_{\phi}(z)$ .  $\max_{\phi} \left( \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q_{\phi}(z)] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)}[\log p_{\theta}(z, x)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)}[\log q_{\phi}(z)] \right).$ 
  - Explicit variational inference: specify the form of the density function  $q_{\phi}(z)$ . To be applicable to any model (model-agnostic  $q_{\phi}(z)$ ):
    - [GHB12]: mixture of Gaussian  $q_{\phi}(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{N}(z | \mu_n, \sigma_n^2 I)$ . Blue  $= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2 I)}[f(z)]$   $\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{N}(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2 I)}[\text{Taylor}_2(f, \mu_n)] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} f(\mu_n) + \frac{\sigma_n^2}{2} \text{tr}(\nabla^2 f(\mu_n)),$ Red  $\geq -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathcal{N}(\mu_n | \mu_j, (\sigma_n^2 + \sigma_j^2)I) + \log N.$
    - [RGB14]: mean-field  $q_{\phi}(z) = \prod_{d=1}^{D} q_{\phi_d}(z_d)$ .
      - $\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{\theta} [q_{\phi}] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)} [\nabla_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(z, x)].$
      - $\nabla_{\phi} \mathcal{L}_{\theta} [q_{\phi}] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)} [(\nabla_{\phi} \log q_{\phi}(z)) (\log p_{\theta}(z, x) \log q_{\phi}(z))]$

(similar to REINFORCE [Wil92]) (with variance reduction).

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  - Explicit variational inference: specify the form of the density function  $q_{\phi}(z)$ . To be more flexible and model-agnostic:
    - [RM15, KSJ+16]: define  $q_{\phi}(z)$  by a generative model:

$$z \sim q_{\phi}(z) \Leftrightarrow z = g_{\phi}(\epsilon), \epsilon \sim q(\epsilon),$$

where  $g_{\phi}$  is invertible (flow model).

Density function  $q_{\phi}(z)$  is known!

$$q_{\phi}(z) = q\left(\epsilon = g_{\phi}^{-1}(z)\right) \left| \frac{\partial g_{\phi}^{-1}}{\partial z} \right|. \text{ (rule of change of variables)} \\ \mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q_{\phi}] = \mathbb{E}_{q(\epsilon)} \left[ \log p_{\theta}(z, x) \left|_{z=g_{\phi}(\epsilon)} - \log q_{\phi}(z) \right|_{z=g_{\phi}(\epsilon)} \right].$$

- \* Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference
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  - Implicit variational inference: define  $q_{\phi}(z)$  by a generative model:

$$z \sim q_{\phi}(z) \Leftrightarrow z = g_{\phi}(\epsilon), \epsilon \sim q(\epsilon),$$

where  $g_{\phi}$  is a general function.

- More flexible than explicit VIs.
- Samples are easy to draw, but density function  $q_{\phi}(z)$  is unavailable.

• 
$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q_{\phi}(z)] = \mathbb{E}_{q(\epsilon)}\left[\log p_{\theta}(x|z)|_{z=g_{\phi}(\epsilon)}\right] - \mathbb{E}_{q(\epsilon)}\left[\log \frac{q_{\phi}(z)}{p(z)}|_{z=g_{\phi}(\epsilon)}\right].$$

Key Problem:

- Density Ratio Estimation  $r(z) \coloneqq \frac{q_{\phi}(z)}{p(z)}$ .
- Gradient Estimation  $\nabla \log q(z)$ .

- \* Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference
- Parametric variational inference: use a parameter  $\phi$  to represent  $q_{\phi}(z)$ .  $\max_{\phi} \left( \mathcal{L}_{\theta} [q_{\phi}(z)] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)} [\log p_{\theta}(z, x)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)} [\log q_{\phi}(z)] \right).$ 
  - Implicit variational inference Density Ratio Estimation:
    - [MNG17]:  $\log r = \arg \max_{T} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(Z)} [\log \sigma(T(Z))] + \mathbb{E}_{p(Z)} [\log (1 \sigma(T(Z)))].$ Also used in [MSJ+15, Hus17, TRB17].
    - [SSZ18a]:

$$r \approx \arg\min_{\hat{r}\in\mathcal{H}} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_p[(\hat{r}-r)^2] + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\hat{r}\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \approx \frac{1}{\lambda N_q} \mathbf{1}^\top K_q - \frac{1}{\lambda N_p N_q} \mathbf{1}^\top K_{qp} \left(\frac{1}{N_p} K_{pp} + \lambda I\right)^{-1} K_p,$$
  
where  $K_p(z)_j = K\left(z_j^{(p)}, z\right), \left(K_{qp}\right)_{ij} = K\left(z_i^{(q)}, z_j^{(p)}\right), \left\{z_i^{(q)}\right\}_{i=1}^{N_q} \sim q_{\phi}(z), \left\{z_j^{(p)}\right\}_{j=1}^{N_p} \sim p(z).$ 

Gradient Estimation:

• [VLBM08, LT18, SSZ18b].

 $\min_{q\in\mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$ 

- Particle-based variational inference: use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$  to represent q(z). To minimize KL(q(z), p(z|x)), simulate its gradient flow on the Wasserstein space.
  - Wasserstein space: an abstract space of distributions.
  - Wasserstein tangent vector
     ⇔ vector field.



Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference  $\min_{q\in\mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$ • Particle-based variational inference: use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$  to represent q(z).  $V \coloneqq \operatorname{grad}_q \operatorname{KL}(q, p) = \nabla \log(q/p)$ .  $z^{(i)} \leftarrow z^{(i)} + \varepsilon V(z^{(i)}).$  $=\sum_{i} (z^{(i)} - z^{(j)}) K_{ii}$  $V(z^{(i)}) \approx$ for Gaussian Kernel: **Repulsive force!** • SVGD [LW16]:  $\sum_{i} K_{ij} \nabla_{z^{(j)}} \log p(z^{(j)} | x) + \sum_{i} \nabla_{z^{(j)}} K_{ij}$ . • Blob [CZW+18]:  $\nabla_{z^{(i)}} \log p(z^{(i)}|x) - \frac{\sum_{j} \nabla_{z^{(i)}} K_{ij}}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} K_{ik}} - \sum_{j} \frac{\nabla_{z^{(i)}} K_{ij}}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} K_{ik}}$ . • GFSD [LZC+19]:  $\nabla_{z^{(i)}} \log p(z^{(i)}|x) - \frac{\sum_{j} \nabla_{z^{(i)}} K_{ij}}{\sum_{k} K_{ik}}$ . • GFSF [LZC+19]:  $\nabla_{z^{(i)}} \log p(z^{(i)}|x) + \sum_{i,k} (K^{-1})_{ik} \nabla_{z^{(j)}} K_{ki}$ .

 $\min_{q\in\mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$ 

- Particle-based variational inference: use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$  to represent q(z). Non-parametric q: more particles, more flexible.
  - Stein Variational Gradient Descent (SVGD) [LW16]: Update the particles by a dynamics  $\frac{dz_t}{dt} = V_t(z_t)$  so that KL decreases.
    - Distribution evolution: consequence of the dynamics.

$$\begin{array}{c} q_t \\ q_t \\ q_{t+\varepsilon} \\ q_{t+\varepsilon} \\ q_{t+\varepsilon} \\ q_{t+\varepsilon} \\ q_{t+\varepsilon} \\ q_{t} \\ q_t \\ q$$

 $\min_{q\in\mathcal{Q}} \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p(z|x)).$ 

- Particle-based variational inference: use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$  to represent q(z).
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Update the particles by a dynamics  $\frac{dz_t}{dt} = V_t(z_t)$  so that KL decreases.

• Decrease KL:

$$V_t^* \coloneqq \arg \max_{V_t} \left\{ -\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \operatorname{KL}(q_t, p) = \mathbb{E}_{q_t} \underbrace{\left[ V_t \cdot \nabla \log p + \nabla \cdot V_t \right]}_{\text{Stein Operator } \mathcal{A}_p[V_t]} \right\}.$$

For tractability,

$$V_t^{\text{SVGD}} \coloneqq \max \arg \max_{\substack{V_t \in \mathcal{H}^D, \|V_t\| = 1 \\ P_{q(z')}[K(z', \cdot) \nabla_{z'} \log p(z') + \nabla_{z'} K(z', \cdot)]}} \mathbb{E}_{q(z')}[K(z', \cdot) \nabla_{z'} \log p(z') + \nabla_{z'} K(z', \cdot)].$$
Update rule:  $z^{(i)} + = \varepsilon [\sum_j K_{ij} \nabla_{z^{(j)}} \log p(z^{(j)}) + \sum_j \nabla_{z^{(j)}} K_{ij}].$ 

$$= \sum_{j} (z^{(i)} - z^{(j)}) K_{ij}$$
  
for Gaussian Kernel:  
Repulsive force!

- Particle-based variational inference: use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$  to represent q(z).
  - Unified view as Wasserstein gradient flow (WGF) [LZC+19]: particle-based VIs approximate WGF with a *compulsory* smoothing assumption, in either of the two *equivalent* forms of *smoothing the density* (Blob, GFSD) or *smoothing functions* (SVGD, GFSF).

- Particle-based variational inference: use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$  to represent q(z).
  - Acceleration on the Wasserstein space [LZC+19]:
    - Apply Riemannian Nesterov's methods to  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathcal{Z})$ .



Inference for Bayesian logistic regression

Algorithm 1 The acceleration framework with Wasserstein Accelerated Gradient (WAG) and Wasserstein Nesterov's method (WNes)

- 1: WAG: select acceleration factor  $\alpha > 3$ ; WNes: select or calculate  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$  (Appendix C.2); 2: Initialize  $\{x_0^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$  distinctly; let  $y_0^{(i)} = x_0^{(i)}$ ; 3: for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, k_{\max}$ , do 4: for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , do 5: Find  $v(y_{k-1}^{(i)})$  by SVGD/Blob/GFSD/GFSF; 6:  $x_k^{(i)} = y_{k-1}^{(i)} + \varepsilon v(y_{k-1}^{(i)})$ ; 7:  $y_k^{(i)} = x_k^{(i)} + \begin{cases} WAG: \frac{k-1}{k}(y_{k-1}^{(i)} - x_{k-1}^{(i)}) + \frac{k+\alpha-2}{k}\varepsilon v(y_{k-1}^{(i)}); \\ WNes: c_1(c_2 - 1)(x_k^{(i)} - x_{k-1}^{(i)}); \end{cases}$ 8: end for
- 9: end for 10: Return  $\{x_{k_{\max}}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$ .
## \* Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference

- Particle-based variational inference: use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$  to represent q(z).
  - Kernel bandwidth selection:
    - Median [LW16]: median of pairwise distances of the particles.

Blob

SVGD

• HE [LZC+19]: the two approx. to  $q_{t+\varepsilon}(z)$ , i.e.,  $\tilde{q}\left(z;\left\{z^{(j)}\right\}_{j}\right) + \varepsilon \Delta_{z} \tilde{q}\left(z;\left\{z^{(j)}\right\}_{j}\right)$  (Heat Eq.) and  $\tilde{q}\left(z;\left\{z^{(i)} - \varepsilon \nabla_{z^{(i)}} \log \tilde{q}\left(z^{(i)};\left\{z^{(j)}\right\}_{j}\right)\right\}_{i}\right)$  (particle evolution), should match. Median: HE:

GFSD

GFSF

# Bayesian Inference: Variational Inference

- Particle-based variational inference: use particles  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$  to represent q(z).
  - Unified view as Wasserstein gradient flow: [LZC+19].
  - Asymptotic analysis: SVGD [Liu17] ( $N \rightarrow \infty, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ).
  - Non-asymptotic analysis
    - w.r.t *ɛ*: e.g., [RT96] (as WGF).
    - w.r.t *N*: [CMG+18, FCSS18, ZZC18].
  - Accelerating ParVIs: [LZC+19, LZZ19].
  - Add particles dynamically: [CMG+18, FCSS18].
  - Solve the Wasserstein gradient by optimal transport: [CZ17, CZW+18].
  - Manifold support space: [LZ18].

- Monte Carlo
  - Directly draw (i.i.d.) samples from p(z|x).
  - Almost always impossible to directly do so.
- Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC):

Simulate a Markov chain whose stationary distribution is p(z|x).

- Easier to implement: only requires unnormalized p(z|x) (e.g., p(z,x)).
- Asymptotically accurate.
- Drawback/Challenge: sample auto-correlation.



A fantastic MCMC animation site: <u>https://chi-feng.github.io/mcmc-demo/</u>

#### The Markov-chain Monte Carlo Interactive Gallery

Click on an algorithm below to view interactive demo:

- Random Walk Metropolis Hastings
- Adaptive Metropolis Hastings [1]
- Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [2]
- No-U-Turn Sampler [2]
- Metropolis-adjusted Langevin Algorithm (MALA) [3]
- Hessian-Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (H2MC) [4]
- Stein Variational Gradient Descent (SVGD) [5]
- Nested Sampling with RadFriends (RadFriends-NS) [6]

View the source code on github: https://github.com/chi-feng/mcmc-demo.

Classical MCMC

• Metropolis-Hastings framework [MRR+53, Has70]:

Draw  $z^* \sim q(z^*|z^{(k)})$  and take  $z^{(k+1)}$  as  $z^*$  with probability  $\min \left\{ 1, \frac{q(z^{(k)}|z^*)p(z^*|x)}{q(z^*|z^{(k)})p(z^{(k)}|x)} \right\},$ 

else take  $z^{(k+1)}$  as  $z^{(k)}$ .

Proposal distribution  $q(z^*|z)$ : e.g., taken as  $\mathcal{N}(z^*|z, \sigma^2)$ .

**Classical MCMC** 

• Gibbs sampling [GG87]:

Iteratively sample from conditional distributions, which are easier to draw:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1^{(1)} &\sim p\left(z_1 \middle| \begin{array}{c} z_2^{(0)}, z_3^{(0)}, \dots, z_d^{(0)}, x \right), \\ z_2^{(1)} &\sim p\left(z_2 \middle| z_1^{(1)}, & z_3^{(0)}, \dots, z_d^{(0)}, x \right), \\ z_3^{(1)} &\sim p\left(z_3 \middle| z_1^{(1)}, z_2^{(1)}, & \dots, z_d^{(0)}, x \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$z_i^{(k+1)} \sim p\left(z_i \middle| z_1^{(k+1)}, \dots, z_{i-1}^{(k+1)}, z_{i+1}^{(k)}, \dots, z_d^{(k)}, x\right).$$

Dynamics-based MCMC

• Simulates a jump-free continuous-time Markov process (dynamics):

$$dz = \underbrace{b(z) dt}_{\text{drift}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{2D(z)} dB_t(z)}_{\text{diffusion}}, \text{Pos. semi-def. matrix}$$
$$\Delta z = b(z)\varepsilon + \mathcal{N}(0, 2D(z)\varepsilon) + o(\varepsilon), \text{Brownian motion}$$

with appropriate b(z) and D(z) so that p(z|x) is kept stationary/invariant.

- Informative transition using gradient  $\nabla_z \log p(z|x)$ .
- Some are compatible with stochastic gradient (SG): more efficient.

$$\nabla_{z} \log p(z|x) = \nabla_{z} \log p(z) + \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathcal{D} \\ |\mathcal{D}|}} \nabla_{z} \log p(x^{(n)}|z),$$
  
$$\widetilde{\nabla}_{z} \log p(z|x) = \nabla_{z} \log p(z) + \frac{|\mathcal{D}|}{|\mathcal{S}|} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{S}} \nabla_{z} \log p(x^{(n)}|z), \mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{D}.$$

Dynamics-based MCMC

- Langevin Dynamics [RS02] (compatible with SG [WT11, CDC15, TTV16]):  $z^{(k+1)} = z^{(k)} + \varepsilon \nabla \log p(z^{(k)}|x) + \mathcal{N}(0, 2\varepsilon).$
- Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [DKPR87, Nea11, Bet17]

$$\begin{array}{l} (incompatible \text{ with SG [CFG14, Bet15]; leap-frog integrator [CDC15]):} \\ r^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma), \end{array} \quad \begin{cases} r^{(k+1/2)} = r^{(k)} + (\varepsilon/2) \nabla \log p(z^{(k)} | x), \\ z^{(k+1)} = z^{(k)} + \varepsilon \Sigma^{-1} r^{(k+1/2)}, \\ r^{(k+1)} = r^{(k+1/2)} + (\varepsilon/2) \nabla \log p(z^{(k+1)} | x). \end{cases}$$

• Stochastic Gradient Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [CFG14] (compatible with SG):  $\begin{cases} z^{(k+1)} = z^{(k)} + \varepsilon \Sigma^{-1} r^{(k)}, \\ r^{(k+1)} = r^{(k)} + \varepsilon \nabla \log p(z^{(k)} | x) - \varepsilon C \Sigma^{-1} r^{(k)} + \mathcal{N}(0, 2C\varepsilon). \end{cases}$ 



**Dynamics-based MCMC** 

• Langevin dynamics [Lan08]:

$$\mathrm{d}z = \nabla \log p \,\mathrm{d}t + \sqrt{2} \,\mathrm{d}B_t(z).$$

Algorithm (also called Metropolis Adapted Langevin Algorithm) [RS02]:  $z^{(k+1)} = z^{(k)} + \varepsilon \nabla \log p(z^{(k)}|x) + \mathcal{N}(0, 2\varepsilon),$ 

followed by an MH step.

Dynamics-based MCMC

- Hamiltonian Dynamics:  $\begin{cases} dz = \Sigma^{-1}r \, dt, \\ dr = \nabla \log p \, dt. \end{cases}$
- Algorithm: Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [DKPR87, Nea11, Bet17]

Draw 
$$r^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$
 and simulate  $K$  steps:  

$$\begin{cases} r^{(k+1/2)} = r^{(k)} + (\varepsilon/2) \nabla_z \log p(z^{(k)} | x), \\ z^{(k+1)} = z^{(k)} + \varepsilon \Sigma^{-1} r^{(k+1/2)}, \\ r^{(k+1)} = r^{(k+1/2)} + (\varepsilon/2) \nabla_z \log p(z^{(k+1)} | x), \end{cases}$$

and do an MH step, for one sample of z.

- Störmer-Verlet (leap-frog) integrator:
  - Makes MH ratio close to 1.
  - Higher-order simulation error [CDC15].
- More distant exploration than LD (less auto-correlation).

Dynamics-based MCMC: using stochastic gradient (SG).

- Langevin dynamics is compatible with SG [WT11, CDC15, TTV16].
- Hamiltonian Monte Carlo is incompatible with SG [CFG14, Bet15]: the stationary distribution is changed.
- Stochastic Gradient Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [CFG14]:  $\begin{cases} dz = \Sigma^{-1}r \, dt, \\ dr = \nabla \log p \, dt - C\Sigma^{-1}r \, dt + \sqrt{2C} \, dB_t(r). \end{cases}$ 
  - Asymptotically, stationary distribution is *p*.
  - Non-asymptotically (with Euler integrator), gradient noise is of higher-order of Brownian-motion noise [CDC15].

Dynamics-based MCMC: using stochastic gradient.

• Stochastic Gradient Nose-Hoover Thermostats [DFB+14] (scalar C > 0):  $dz = \Sigma^{-1}r dt$ ,

$$dr = \nabla \log p \, dt - \xi r \, dt + \sqrt{2C\Sigma} \, dB_t(r),$$
$$d\xi = \left(\frac{1}{D}r^{\mathsf{T}}\Sigma^{-1}r - 1\right) \, dt.$$

• Thermostats  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ : adaptively balance the gradient noise and the Brownianmotion noise.

Dynamics-based MCMC

• Complete recipe for the dynamics [MCF15]:

For any skew-symmetric matrix Q and pos. semi-def. matrix D, the dynamics

$$dz = b(z) dt + \sqrt{2D(z)} dB_t(z),$$
  
$$b_i = \frac{1}{p} \sum_j \partial_j \left( p(D_{ij} + Q_{ij}) \right),$$

keeps p stationary/invariant.

- The inverse also holds:
  - Any dynamics that keeps p stationary can be cast into this form.
- If *D* is pos. def., then *p* is the unique stationary distribution.
- Integrators and their non-asymptotic analysis (with SG): [CDC15].
- MCMC dynamics as flows on the Wasserstein space: [LZZ19].

Dynamics-based MCMC

- Complete framework for MCMC dynamics: [MCF15].
- Interpretation on the Wasserstein space: [JKO98, LZZ19].
- Integrators and their non-asymptotic analysis (with SG): [CDC15].
- For manifold support space:
  - LD: [GC11]; HMC: [GC11, BSU12, BG13, LSSG15]; SGLD: [PT13]; SGHMC: [MCF15, LZS16]; SGNHT: [LZS16]
- Different kinetic energy (other than Gaussian):
  - Monomial Gamma [ZWC+16, ZCG+17].
- Fancy Dynamics:
  - Relativistic: [LPH+16]
  - Magnetic: [TRGT17]

#### Bayesian Inference: Comparison

	Parametric VI	Particle-Based VI	MCMC
Asymptotic Accuracy	No	Yes	Yes
Approximation Flexibility	Limited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Empirical Convergence Speed	High	High	Low
Particle Efficiency	(Do not apply)	High	Low
High-Dimensional Efficiency	High	Low	High

# Outline

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# Topic Models

Separate global (dataset abstraction) and local (datum representation) latent variables.



[SG07]

Model Structure [BNJ03]:



- Data variable: Words/Documents  $w = \{w_{dn}\}_{n=1:N_d, d=1:D}, w_{dn} \in \{1 \dots W\}.$
- Latent variables:
  - Global: topics  $\beta = {\{\beta_k\}}_{k=1:K}, \beta_k \in \Delta^W$ .
  - Local: topic proportions  $\theta = \{\theta_d\}, \theta_d \in \Delta^K$ , topic assignments  $z = \{z_{dn}\}, z_{dn} \in \{1 \dots K\}$ .
- Prior:  $p(\beta_k|b) = \text{Dir}(b), p(\theta_d|a) = \text{Dir}(a), p(z_{dn}|\theta_d) = \text{Mult}(\theta_d).$
- Likelihood:  $p(w_{dn}|z_{dn},\beta) = \text{Mult}(\beta_{z_{dn}}).$

Variational inference [BNJ03]:

• Take variational distribution (mean-field approximation):

$$q_{\lambda,\gamma,\phi}(\beta,\theta,z) \coloneqq \prod_{k=1}^{K} \operatorname{Dir}(\beta_{k}|\lambda_{k}) \prod_{d=1}^{D} \operatorname{Dir}(\theta_{d}|\gamma_{d}) \prod_{n=1}^{N_{d}} \operatorname{Mult}(z_{dn}|\phi_{dn}).$$

- ELBO $(\lambda, \gamma, \phi; a, b)$  is available in closed form.
- E-step: update  $\lambda, \gamma, \phi$  by maximizing ELBO;
- M-step: update *a*, *b* by maximizing ELBO.

MCMC: Gibbs sampling [GS04]

Model structure 
$$\Rightarrow p(\beta, \theta, z, w) = AB \left( \prod_{k,w} \beta_{kw}^{N_{kw}+b_w-1} \right) \left( \prod_{d,k} \theta_{dk}^{N_{kd}+a_k-1} \right)$$
  
 $\Rightarrow p(z,w) = AB \left( \prod_k \frac{\prod_w \Gamma(N_{kw}+b_w)}{\Gamma(N_k+W\bar{b})} \right) \left( \prod_d \frac{\prod_k \Gamma(N_{kd}+a_k)}{\Gamma(N_d+K\bar{a})} \right).$ 

 $(N_{kw}: \text{#times word } w \text{ is assigned to topic } k; N_{kd}: \text{#times topic } k \text{ appears in document } d.)$ 

- Unacceptable cost to directly compute p(z|w) = p(z,w)/p(w).
- Use Gibbs sampling to draw from  $p(z|w)!_{a}$

$$p(z_{dn} = k | z^{-dn}, w) \propto \frac{N_{kw}^{-dn} + b_w}{N_k^{-dn} + W\overline{b}} (N_{kd}^{-dn} + a_k).$$

• For  $\beta$  and  $\theta$ , use MAP estimate:

$$\hat{\beta} \coloneqq \arg\max_{\beta} \log p(\beta|w) \approx \frac{N_{kw} + b_{w}}{N_{k} + W\bar{b}},$$
  
$$\hat{\theta}_{dk} \coloneqq \arg\max_{\theta} \log p(\theta|w) \approx \frac{N_{kd} + a_{k}}{N_{d} + K\bar{a}}.$$
 Estimated by samples of z

MCMC: Gibbs sampling [GS04]

$$= \begin{pmatrix} p(\beta, \theta, z, w) \\ \prod_{k=1}^{K} \operatorname{Dir}(\beta_{k}|b) \end{pmatrix} \left( \prod_{d=1}^{D} \operatorname{Dir}(\theta_{d}|a) \left( \prod_{n=1}^{N_{d}} \operatorname{Mult}(z_{dn}|\theta_{d}) \operatorname{Mult}(w_{dn}|\beta_{z_{dn}}) \right) \right)$$
$$= AB \left( \prod_{k,w} \beta_{kw}^{b_{w}-1} \right) \left( \prod_{d,k} \theta_{dk}^{a_{k}-1} \right) \left( \prod_{d,n} \theta_{dz_{dn}} \beta_{z_{dn}w_{dn}} \right)$$
$$= AB \left( \prod_{k,w} \beta_{kw}^{N_{kw}+b_{w}-1} \right) \left( \prod_{d,k} \theta_{dk}^{N_{kd}+a_{k}-1} \right),$$
$$\bullet A = \left( \frac{\Gamma(\Sigma_{k} a_{k})}{\prod_{k} \Gamma(a_{k})} \right)^{D}, B = \left( \frac{\Gamma(\Sigma_{w} b_{w})}{\prod_{w} \Gamma(b_{w})} \right)^{K}, \text{ where } \Gamma(\cdot) \text{ is the Gamma function.}$$

•  $N_{kw} = \sum_{d=1}^{D} \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} \mathbb{I}(w_{dn} = w, z_{dn} = k)$ : number of times that word w is assigned to topic k.

•  $N_{kd} = \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} \mathbb{I}(z_{dn} = k)$ : number of times that topic k appears in document d.

MCMC: Gibbs sampling [GS04]

$$p(\beta, \theta, z, w) = AB\left(\prod_{k, w} \beta_{kw}^{N_{kw} + b_{w} - 1}\right)\left(\prod_{d, k} \theta_{dk}^{N_{kd} + a_{k} - 1}\right),$$
$$N_{kw} = \sum_{d=1}^{D} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{d}} \mathbb{I}(w_{dn} = w, z_{dn} = k), N_{kd} = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{d}} \mathbb{I}(z_{dn} = k).$$

•  $\beta$  and  $\theta$  can be collapsed:

$$p(z,w) = \iint p(\beta,\theta,z,w) \, d\beta \, d\theta$$
  
=  $AB\left(\prod_{k} \frac{\prod_{w} \Gamma(N_{kw} + b_{w})}{\Gamma(N_{k} + W\bar{b})}\right) \left(\prod_{d} \frac{\prod_{k} \Gamma(N_{kd} + a_{k})}{\Gamma(N_{d} + K\bar{a})}\right).$ 

• Unacceptable cost to directly compute p(z|w) = p(z,w)/p(w)!

MCMC: Gibbs sampling [GS04]  $p(z,w) = AB\left(\prod_{k} \frac{\prod_{w} \Gamma(N_{kw} + b_{w})}{\Gamma(N_{k} + W\bar{b})}\right) \left(\prod_{d} \frac{\prod_{k} \Gamma(N_{kd} + a_{k})}{\Gamma(N_{d} + K\bar{a})}\right).$ 

• Use Gibbs sampling: iteratively sample from

$$p \left( z_{11}^{(1)} | z_{12}^{(0)}, z_{13}^{(0)}, z_{14}^{(0)}, \dots, z_{DN_D}^{(0)}, w \right),$$

$$p \left( z_{12}^{(1)} | z_{11}^{(1)}, z_{13}^{(0)}, z_{14}^{(0)}, \dots, z_{DN_D}^{(0)}, w \right),$$

$$p \left( z_{13}^{(1)} | z_{11}^{(1)}, z_{12}^{(1)}, z_{14}^{(0)}, \dots, z_{DN_D}^{(0)}, w \right),$$

$$p\left(z_{dn}^{(l+1)} \middle| z_{11}^{(l+1)}, \dots, z_{d(n-1)}^{(l+1)}, \dots, z_{d(n-1)}^{(l+1)}, \dots, w\right) =: p\left(z_{dn} \middle| z^{-dn}, w\right).$$

$$p\left(z_{dn} = k \middle| z^{-dn}, w\right) \propto \frac{N_{kw}^{-dn} + b_{w}}{N_{k}^{-dn} + W\overline{b}} \left(N_{kd}^{-dn} + a_{k}\right).$$

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$$p(z,w) = AB\left(\prod_{k'} \frac{\prod_{w'} \Gamma(N_{k'w'} + b_{w'})}{\Gamma(N_{k'} + W\bar{b})}\right) \left(\prod_{d'} \frac{\prod_{k'} \Gamma(N_{k'd'} + a_{k'})}{\Gamma(N_{d'} + K\bar{a})}\right)$$
(Denote  $w_{dn}$  as  $w$ :)
$$= AB\prod_{k'} \frac{\left(\prod_{w' \neq w} \Gamma(N_{k'w'} + b_{w'})\right) \cdot \Gamma(N_{k'w}^{-dn} + \mathbb{I}(z_{dn} = k') + b_{w})}{\Gamma(N_{k'}^{-dn} + \mathbb{I}(z_{dn} = k') + W\bar{b})} \cdot \left(\prod_{d' \neq d} \frac{\prod_{k'} \Gamma(N_{k'd'} + a_{k'})}{\Gamma(N_{d'} + K\bar{a})}\right) \cdot \frac{\prod_{k'} \Gamma(N_{k'd'}^{-dn} + \mathbb{I}(z_{dn} = k') + a_{k'})}{\Gamma(N_{d} + K\bar{a})}$$

$$= AB\prod_{k'} \frac{\left(\prod_{w' \neq w} \Gamma(N_{k'w'} + b_{w'})\right) \cdot \Gamma(N_{k'w}^{-dn} + b_{w}) \cdot (N_{k'w}^{-dn} + b_{w})^{\mathbb{I}(z_{dn} = k')}}{\Gamma(N_{d} + K\bar{a})}$$

$$= AB\left[\prod_{k'} \frac{\left(\prod_{w' \neq w} \Gamma(N_{k'w'} + b_{w'})\right) \cdot \Gamma(N_{k'w}^{-dn} + w\bar{b}) \cdot (N_{k'd'}^{-dn} + a_{k'})^{\mathbb{I}(z_{dn} = k')}}{\Gamma(N_{d} + K\bar{a})}\right]$$

$$= AB\left(\prod_{d' \neq d} \frac{\prod_{k'} \Gamma(N_{k'd'} + a_{k'})}{\Gamma(N_{d'} + K\bar{a})}\right) \cdot \frac{\prod_{k'} \Gamma(N_{k'd'}^{-dn} + a_{k'}) \cdot (N_{k'd'}^{-dn} + a_{k'})^{\mathbb{I}(z_{dn} = k')}}{\Gamma(N_{d} + K\bar{a})}$$

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$$= AB\left(\prod_{k'} \frac{\left(\prod_{w' \neq w} \Gamma(N_{k'w'} + b_{w'})\right) \cdot \Gamma(N_{k'd'}^{-dn} + a_{k'})}{\Gamma(N_{k'd} + K\bar{a})}\right) \cdot \prod_{k'} \left(\frac{N_{k'd'}^{-dn} + a_{k'}}{N_{k'}^{-dn} + W\bar{b}}\right)^{\mathbb{I}(z_{dn} = k')}$$

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$$= AB\left(\prod_{k' \neq$$

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MCMC: Gibbs sampling [GS04]

• For  $\beta$ , use the MAP estimate:

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg\max_{\beta} \log p(\beta|w).$$

Estimate  $p(\beta|w) = \mathbb{E}_{p(z|w)}[p(\beta, z, w)]$  with one sample of z from p(z|w):  $\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_k = \frac{N_{kw} + b_w - 1}{N_k + W\overline{b} - W} \approx \frac{N_{kw} + b_w}{N_k + W\overline{b}}.$ 

• For  $\theta$ , use the MAP estimate:

$$\widehat{\theta}_{dk} = \frac{N_{kd} + a_k - 1}{N_d + K\overline{a} - K} \approx \frac{N_{kd} + a_k}{N_d + K\overline{a}}.$$

MCMC: LightLDA [YGH+15]

$$p(z_{dn} = k | z^{-dn}, w) \propto \left(N_{kd}^{-dn} + a_k\right) \frac{N_{kw}^{-dn} + b_w}{N_k^{-dn} + W\overline{b}}.$$

- Direct implementation: O(K) time.
- Amortized O(1) multinomial sampling: alias table.



- O(1) sampling:  $i \sim \text{Unif}\{1, \dots, K\}, v \sim \text{Unif}[0,1], z = i \text{ if } v < v_i \text{ else } h_i$ .
- O(K) time to build the Alias Table  $\Rightarrow$  Amortized O(1) time for K samples.
- What if the target changes (slightly): use Metropolis Hastings (MH) to correct.

MCMC: LightLDA [YGH+15]

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• Proposal in MH:

$$q(z_{dn} = k) \propto \underbrace{(M_{kd} + a_k)}_{\text{doc-proposal}} \underbrace{\frac{M_{kw} + b_w}{M_k + W\overline{b}}}_{\text{word-proposal}}.$$

Update  $M_{kd} = N_{kd}$ ,  $M_{kw} = N_{kw}$ ,  $M_k = N_k$  every K draws.

• Doc-proposal:

• MH ratio = 
$$\frac{\left(N_{k'd}^{-dn} + a_{k'}\right)\left(N_{k'w}^{-dn} + \beta_{w}\right)\left(N_{k}^{-dn} + W\bar{b}\right)(M_{kd} + a_{k})}{\left(N_{kd}^{-dn} + a_{k}\right)\left(N_{kw}^{-dn} + \beta_{w}\right)\left(N_{k'}^{-dn} + W\bar{b}\right)\left(M_{k'd} + a_{k'}\right)}. O(1).$$

- Sample from  $\propto M_{kd}$ : take  $z_{dn}$  where  $n \sim \text{Unif}\{1, \dots, N_d\}$ . Directly O(1).
- Sample from  $\propto a_k$  (dense): use Alias Table. Amortized O(1).

MCMC: LightLDA [YGH+15]

$$p(z_{dn} = k | z^{-dn}, w) \propto \left(N_{kd}^{-dn} + a_k\right) \frac{N_{kw}^{-dn} + b_w}{N_k^{-dn} + W\overline{b}},$$

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Update  $M_{kd} = N_{kd}$ ,  $M_{kw} = N_{kw}$ ,  $M_k = N_k$  every K draws.

• Word-proposal:

• MH ratio = 
$$\frac{\binom{N_{k'd}^{-dn} + a_{k'}}{(N_{kd}^{-dn} + a_k)\binom{N_{k'w}^{-dn} + \beta_w}{(N_{kw}^{-dn} + \beta_w)\binom{N_k^{-dn} + W\bar{b}}{(M_{k'w}^{-dn} + W\bar{b})(M_{k'w}^{-dn} + W\bar{b})}}. O(1).$$
  
• 
$$\frac{M_{kw} + b_w}{M_k + W\bar{b}} = \frac{M_{kw}}{M_k + W\bar{b}} + \frac{b_w}{M_k + W\bar{b}}.$$
 Sample from either term: use Alias Table. Amortized  $O(1)$ .

#### MCMC: LightLDA [YGH+15]

• Overall procedure for Gibbs sampling (cycle proposal):



- Alternatively use word-proposal and doc-proposal: better coverage on the modes.
- For each  $z_{dn}$ , run the MH chain  $L \leq K$  times and take the last sample.

MCMC: LightLDA [YGH+15]

- System implementation
  - Send the model to data:





 $V_1$ 

 $-V_2$ 

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• Dynamics-Based MCMC and Particle-Based VI: target  $p(\beta|w)$ .  $\nabla_{\beta} \log p(\beta|w) = \mathbb{E}_{p(Z|\beta, W)} [\nabla_{\beta} \log p(\beta, Z, W)].$ 

 Stochastic Gradient Riemannian Langevin Dynamics [PT13], Stochastic Gradient Nose-Hoover Thermostats [DFB+14], Stochastic Gradient Riemannian Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [MCF15].

**Gibbs Sampling** 

Closed-form known

• Accelerated particle-based VI [LZC+19, LZZ19].

MCMC: Stochastic Gradient Riemannian Langevin Dynamics [PT13]  $dx = G^{-1} \nabla \log p \ dt + \nabla \cdot G^{-1} \ dt + \mathcal{N}(0, 2G^{-1} \ dt).$ 

• To draw from  $p(\beta|w)$ ,

$$\nabla_{\beta} \log p(\beta|w) = \frac{1}{p(\beta|w)} \nabla_{\beta} \int p(\beta, z|w) \, dz = \int \frac{1}{p(\beta|w)} \nabla_{\beta} p(\beta, z|w) \, dz$$
$$= \int \frac{p(\beta, z|w)}{p(\beta|w)} \frac{\nabla_{\beta} p(\beta, z|w)}{p(\beta, z|w)} \, dz = \mathbb{E}_{p(z|\beta, w)} \left[ \nabla_{\beta} \log p(\beta, z, w) \right].$$

- $p(\beta, z, w)$  is available in closed form.
- $p(z|\beta, w)$  can be drawn using Gibbs sampling.
- Each  $\beta_k$  is on a simplex: use reparameterization to convert to the Euclidean space (that's where G comes from), e.g.,  $\beta_{kw} = \frac{\pi_{kw}}{\sum_w \pi_{kw}}$ .

MCMC: Stochastic Gradient Riemannian Langevin Dynamics [PT13]  $dx = G^{-1} \nabla \log p \ dt + \nabla \cdot G^{-1} \ dt + \mathcal{N}(0, 2G^{-1} \ dt).$ 

• Various parameterizations:

Parameterisation	Reduced-Mean	Reduced-Natural	Expanded-Mean	Expanded-Natural
θ	$ heta_k = \pi_k$	$\theta_k = \log \frac{\pi_k}{1 - \sum_k^{K-1} \pi_k}$	$\pi_k = \frac{ \theta_k }{\sum_{k=1}  \theta_k }$	$\pi_k = \frac{\mathrm{e}^{\theta_k}}{\sum_{k=1} \mathrm{e}^{\theta_k}}$
$\nabla_{\theta} \log p(\theta   \mathbf{x})$	$rac{n+lpha}{ heta} - 1rac{n_K+lpha-1}{\pi_K}$	$n + \alpha - (n + K\alpha) \pi$	$rac{n+lpha-1}{ heta}-rac{n_{\cdot}}{ heta_{\cdot}}-1$	$n + \alpha - n.\pi - \mathbf{e}^{\theta}$
$G(\theta)$	$n.\left(\operatorname{diag}(\theta)^{-1} + \frac{1}{1-\sum_k \theta_k}11^T\right)$	$\frac{1}{n}\left(\operatorname{diag}(\pi)-\pi\pi^{T}\right)$	diag $(\theta)^{-1}$	diag $(e^{\theta})$
$G^{-1}(\theta)$	$\frac{1}{n} \left( \operatorname{diag}(\theta) - \theta \theta^T \right)$	$n.\left(\operatorname{diag}(\pi)^{-1} + \frac{1}{1-\sum_k \pi_k}11^T\right)$	diag $(\theta)$	diag $(e^{-\theta})$
$\sum_{k=1}^{D} \left( G^{-1} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \theta_k} G^{-1} \right)_{jk}$	$K heta_j-1$	$rac{1}{\pi_j^2} - rac{K-1}{(1-\sum_k \pi_k)^2}$	-1	$e^{- heta_j}$
$\sum_{k=1}^{D} \left( G^{-1}(\theta) \right)_{jk} \operatorname{Tr} \left( G^{-1}(\theta) \frac{\partial G}{\partial \theta_k} \right)$	$K heta_j - 1$	$rac{1}{\pi_j^2} - rac{K-1}{(1-\sum_k \pi_k)^2}$	-1	$e^{- heta_j}$

# Supervised Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Model structure [MB08]:



- Variational inference: similar to LDA.
- Prediction: for test document w<sub>d</sub>,

$$\hat{y}_d \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{p(y_d|w_d)}[y_d] = \eta^\top \mathbb{E}_{p(z_d|w_d)}[\bar{z}_d] \\ \approx \eta^\top \mathbb{E}_{q(z_d|w_d)}[\bar{z}_d].$$

First do inference (find  $q(z_d|w_d)$ ), then estimate  $\hat{y}_d$ .



# \* Supervised Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Model structure [MB08]:

- Generating process:
  - Draw topics:  $\beta_k \sim \text{Dir}(b), k = 1, ..., K$ ;
  - For each document *d*,
    - Draw topic proportion  $\theta_d \sim \text{Dir}(a)$ ;
    - For each word *n* in document *d*,
      - Draw topic assignment  $z_{dn} \sim \text{Mult}(\theta_d)$ ;
      - Draw word  $w_{dn} \sim \text{Mult}(z_{dn})$ .

• Draw the response 
$$y_d \sim \mathcal{N}(\eta^{\top} \bar{z}_d, \sigma^2), \bar{z}_d \coloneqq \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} z_{dn}$$
 (one-hot).  
 $p(\beta, \theta, z, w, y)$   
 $= \left(\prod_{k=1}^{K} \operatorname{Dir}(\beta_k | b)\right) \left(\prod_{d=1}^{D} \operatorname{Dir}\left(\prod_{n=1}^{N_d} \operatorname{Mult}(z_{dn} | \theta_d) \operatorname{Mult}(w_{dn} | \beta_{z_{dn}})\right) \mathcal{N}(y_d | \eta^{\top} \bar{z}_d, y_d)$ 



 $\sigma^2$ )

## \* Supervised Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Variational inference [MB08]: similar to LDA.

• Same variational distribution  $q_{\lambda,\gamma,\phi}(\beta,\theta,z) \coloneqq \prod_{k=1}^{K} \operatorname{Dir}(\beta_{k}|\lambda_{k}) \prod_{d=1}^{D} \operatorname{Dir}(\theta_{d}|\gamma_{d}) \prod_{n=1}^{n_{d}} \operatorname{Mult}(z_{dn}|\phi_{dn}).$ 

ELBO $(\lambda, \gamma, \phi; a, b, \eta, \sigma^2)$  is available in closed form.

- E-step: update  $\lambda, \gamma, \phi$  by maximizing ELBO.
- M-step: update  $a, b, \eta, \sigma^2$  by maximizing ELBO.
- Prediction: given a new document  $w_d$ ,  $\hat{y}_d \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{p(y_d|w_d)}[y_d] = \eta^\top \mathbb{E}_{p(z_d|w_d)}[\bar{z}_d] \approx \eta^\top \mathbb{E}_{q(z_d|w_d)}[\bar{z}_d].$ First do inference: find  $q(z_d|w_d)$  i.e.  $\phi_d$ , then estimate  $\hat{y}_d$ .
# \* Supervised Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Variational inference with posterior regularization [ZAX12]

- Regularized Bayes (RegBayes) [ZCX14]:
  - Recall:  $p(z|\{x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\})$ =  $\arg\min_{q(z)}\{-\mathcal{L}[q] = \mathrm{KL}(q(z), p(z)) - \sum_{n} \mathbb{E}_{q}[\log p(x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}|z)]\}.$
  - Regularize posterior towards better prediction:  $\min_{q(z)} \operatorname{KL}(q(z), p(z)) - \sum_{n} \mathbb{E}_{q}[\log p(x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}|z)] + \lambda \ell(q(z); \{x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\}).$
- Maximum entropy discrimination LDA (MedLDA) [ZAX12]:

• 
$$\ell(q; \{w^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\}) = \sum_{n} \ell_{\varepsilon} \left(y^{(n)} - \hat{y}^{(n)}(q, w^{(n)})\right)$$
  
 $= \sum_{n} \ell_{\varepsilon} \left(y^{(n)} - \eta^{\top} \mathbb{E}_{q(Z^{(n)}|W^{(n)})}[\bar{z}^{(n)}]\right),$   
where  $\ell_{\varepsilon}(r) = \max\{0, |r| - \varepsilon\}$  is the hinge (max-margin) loss.

• Facilitates both prediction and topic representation.

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More *flexible* Bayesian model using *deep learning* tools.

• Model structure (decoder) [KW14]:

 $z_d \sim p(z_d) = \mathcal{N}(z_d|0, I),$   $x_d \sim p_{\theta}(x_d|z_d) = \mathcal{N}(x_d|\mu_{\theta}(z_d), \Sigma_{\theta}(z_d)),$ where  $\mu_{\theta}(z_d)$  and  $\Sigma_{\theta}(z_d)$  are modeled by neural networks.



• Variational inference (encoder) [KW14]:



- Amortized inference: approximate local posteriors  $\{p(z_d | x_d)\}_{d=1}^{D}$  globally by  $\phi$ .
- Objective:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\text{ELBO}(x)] \approx \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^{D} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z_d | x_d)} \left[ \log p_{\theta}(z_d) p_{\theta}(x_d | z_d) - \log q_{\phi}(z_d | x_d) \right].$$

Gradient estimation with the reparameterization trick:

$$z_d \sim q_{\phi}(z_d | x_d) \Leftrightarrow z_d = g_{\phi}(x_d, \epsilon) \coloneqq v_{\phi}(x_d) + \epsilon \sqrt{\Gamma_{\phi}(x_d)}, \epsilon \sim q(\epsilon) = \mathcal{N}(\epsilon | 0, I).$$

 $\nabla_{\phi,\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\text{ELBO}(x)] \approx \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^{D} \mathbb{E}_{q(\epsilon)} \left[ \nabla_{\phi,\theta} \left( \log p_{\theta}(z_d) p_{\theta}(x_d | z_d) - \log q_{\phi}(z_d | x_d) |_{z_d = g_{\phi}(x_d, \epsilon)} \right) \right].$ (Smaller variance than REINFORCE-like estimator [Wil92]:  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\theta}}[f] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\theta}}[f \nabla_{\theta} \log q_{\theta}]$ .)

• Generation results [KW14]



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• With spatial attention structure [GDG+15]





- Inference with importance-weighted ELBO [BGS15]
  - ELBO:  $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[q_{\phi}(z)] = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)}[\log p_{\theta}(z, x)] \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z)}[\log q_{\phi}(z)].$
  - A tighter lower bound:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta}^{(k)}[q_{\phi}] \coloneqq \mathbb{E}_{z^{(1)},\dots,z^{(k)} \sim \text{i.i.d.} q_{\phi}} \left[ \log \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{p_{\theta}(z^{(k)}, x)}{q_{\phi}(z^{(k)})} \right].$$

Ordering relation:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta}\left[q_{\phi}\right] = \mathcal{L}_{\theta}^{(1)}\left[q_{\phi}\right] \le \mathcal{L}_{\theta}^{(2)}\left[q_{\phi}\right] \le \dots \le \mathcal{L}_{\theta}^{(\infty)}\left[q_{\phi}\right] = \log p_{\theta}(x) \,.$$

If 
$$\frac{p(z,x)}{q(Z|X)}$$
 is bounded.

- Parametric Variational Inference: towards more flexible approximations.
  - Explicit VI:

Normalizing flows [RM15, KSJ+16]. Using a tighter ELBO [BGS15].

• Implicit VI:

Adversarial Auto-Encoder [MSJ+15], Adversarial Variational Bayes [MNG17], Wasserstein Auto-Encoder [TBGS17], [SSZ18a], [LT18], [SSZ18b].

- MCMC [LTL17] and Particle-Based VI [FWL17, PGH+17]:
  - Train the encoder as a sample generator.
  - Amortize the update on samples to  $\phi$ .

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Specify  $p_{\theta}(x, z)$  by an energy function  $E_{\theta}(x, z)$ :  $p_{\theta}(x, z) | \propto \exp(-E_{\theta}(x, z))$  $p_{\theta}(x, z) = \frac{1}{Z_{\theta}} \exp(-E_{\theta}(x, z)), Z_{\theta} = \int \exp(-E_{\theta}(x', z')) dx' dz'.$ 

- Only correlation and no causality: p(x, z) is either p(z)p(x|z) or p(x)p(z|x).
- + Flexible and simple in modeling dependency.
- Harder to learn and generate than BayesNets.
  - Learning: even  $p_{\theta}(x, z)$  is unavailable.  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x)] = -\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)p_{\theta}(z|x)}[\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x, z)] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x, z)}[\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x, z)].$ (augmented) data distribution model distribution
    (Bayesian inference) (generation)
  - Bayesian inference: generally same as BayesNets.
  - Generation: rely on MCMC or train a generator.

=0 if  $E = \log p$ .

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• Learning:  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x)] = -\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)p_{\theta}(z|x)}[\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x,z)] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x,z)}[\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x,z)].$ 

**Bayesian Inference** 

• Boltzmann Machine: Gibbs sampling for both inference and generation [HS83].



$$E_{\theta}(x,z) = -x^{\mathsf{T}}Wz - \frac{1}{2}x^{\mathsf{T}}Lx - \frac{1}{2}z^{\mathsf{T}}Jz.$$
  

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$p_{\theta}(z_{j}|x,z_{-j}) = \operatorname{Bern}\left(\sigma\left(\sum_{i=1}^{D}W_{ij}x_{i} + \sum_{m\neq j}^{P}J_{jm}z_{j}\right)\right),$$

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Generation

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Bayesian Inference

Generation

• Restricted Boltzmann Machine [Smo86]:



$$E_{\theta}(x,z) = -x^{\mathsf{T}}Wz + b^{(x)^{\mathsf{T}}}x + b^{(z)^{\mathsf{T}}}z.$$

• Bayesian Inference is exact:

$$p_{\theta}(z_k|x) = \operatorname{Bern}\left(\sigma\left(x^{\top}W_{k} + b_k^{(z)}\right)\right).$$

 Generation: Gibbs sampling. Iterate:

$$p_{\theta}(z_k|x) = \operatorname{Bern}\left(\sigma\left(x^{\top}W_{k}+b_k^{(z)}\right)\right),$$
$$p_{\theta}(x_k|z) = \operatorname{Bern}\left(\sigma\left(W_{k}z+b_k^{(x)}\right)\right).$$

Deep Energy-Based Models:

No latent variable;  $E_{\theta}(x)$  is modeled by a neural network.  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x)] = -\mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)}[\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x')}[\nabla_{\theta} E_{\theta}(x')].$ 

• [KB16]: learn a generator

$$x \sim q_\phi(x) \Leftrightarrow z \sim q(z), x = g_\phi(z),$$

to mimic the generation from  $p_{\theta}(x)$ :  $\arg\min_{\phi} \operatorname{KL}(q_{\phi}, p_{\theta}) = \arg\min_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{q(z)} \left[ E_{\theta} \left( g_{\phi}(z) \right) \right] -$ 



approx. by batch normalization Gaussian



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- [DM19]: estimate  $\mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}(x')}[\cdot]$  by samples drawn by the Langevin Dynamics  $x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} \varepsilon \nabla_x E_{\theta}(x^{(k)}) + \mathcal{N}(0, 2\varepsilon).$ 
  - Replay buffer for initializing the LD chain.
  - L<sub>2</sub>-regularization on the energy function.



Deep Energy-Based Models:

• [DM19]



ImageNet32x32 Generation

Model	Inception	FID		
CIFAR-10 Unconditional				
PixelCNN (Van Oord et al., 2016)	4.60	65.93		
PixelIQN (Ostrovski et al., 2018)	5.29	49.46		
EBM (single)	6.02	40.58		
DCGAN (Radford et al., 2016)	6.40	37.11		
WGAN + GP (Gulrajani et al., 2017)	6.50	36.4		
EBM (10 historical ensemble)	6.78	38.2		
SNGAN (Miyato et al., 2018)	8.22	21.7		
CIFAR-10 Conditional				
Improved GAN	8.09	-		
EBM (single)	8.30	37.9		
Spectral Normalization GAN	8.59	25.5		
ImageNet 32x32 Conditional				
PixelCNN	8.33	33.27		
PixelIQN	10.18	22.99		
EBM (single)	18.22	14.31		
ImageNet 128x128 Conditional				
ACGAN (Odena et al., 2017)	28.5	-		
EBM* (single)	28.6	43.7		
SNGAN	36.8	27.62		

#### Generative Model: Summary

Latent Variable Models				
Deterministic Generative Models		Bayesian Generative Models		
GANs	Flow-Based	BayesNets	MRFs	
<ul> <li>+ Abstract representation and manipulated generation</li> <li>- Harder learning</li> </ul>				
<ul><li>+ Flexible modeling</li><li>+ Easy and good generation</li></ul>		<ul> <li>+ Robust to small data and adversarial attack</li> <li>+ Principled inference</li> <li>+ Prior knowledge</li> </ul>		
<ul><li>Hard inference</li><li>Hard learning</li></ul>	<ul><li>+ Easy inference</li><li>+ Stable learning</li><li>- Hard model design</li></ul>	<ul><li>+ Causal information</li><li>+ Easier learning</li><li>+ Easy generation</li></ul>	<ul><li>+ Simple dependency modeling</li><li>- Harder learning</li><li>- Hard generation</li></ul>	
p(z)	p(z)	p(z) (z)		
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