

Generative Models



Distribution learning



Training
Data(CelebA)



Model Samples (Karras et.al.,
2018)

4 years of progression on Faces



Brundage et al.,
2017

Image credits to Andrej Risteski

Distribution learning



BigGAN, Brock et al '18

Distribution learning

Conditional generative model $P(\text{zebra images} \mid \text{horse images})$



Style Transfer



Input Image



Monet



Van Gogh

Image credits to Andrej Risteski

Distribution learning

Source actor



Target actor



Real-time Reenactment

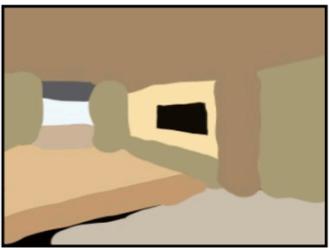


Real-time reenactment

Reenactment Result



Generative model



Generative model of realistic images



Stroke paintings to realistic images
[Meng, He, Song, et al., ICLR 2022]

“Ace of Pentacles”



Generative model of paintings



Language-guided artwork creation
<https://chainbreakers.kath.io> @RiversHaveWings

Generative model



High probability
→



←
Low probability



Generative model
of traffic signs

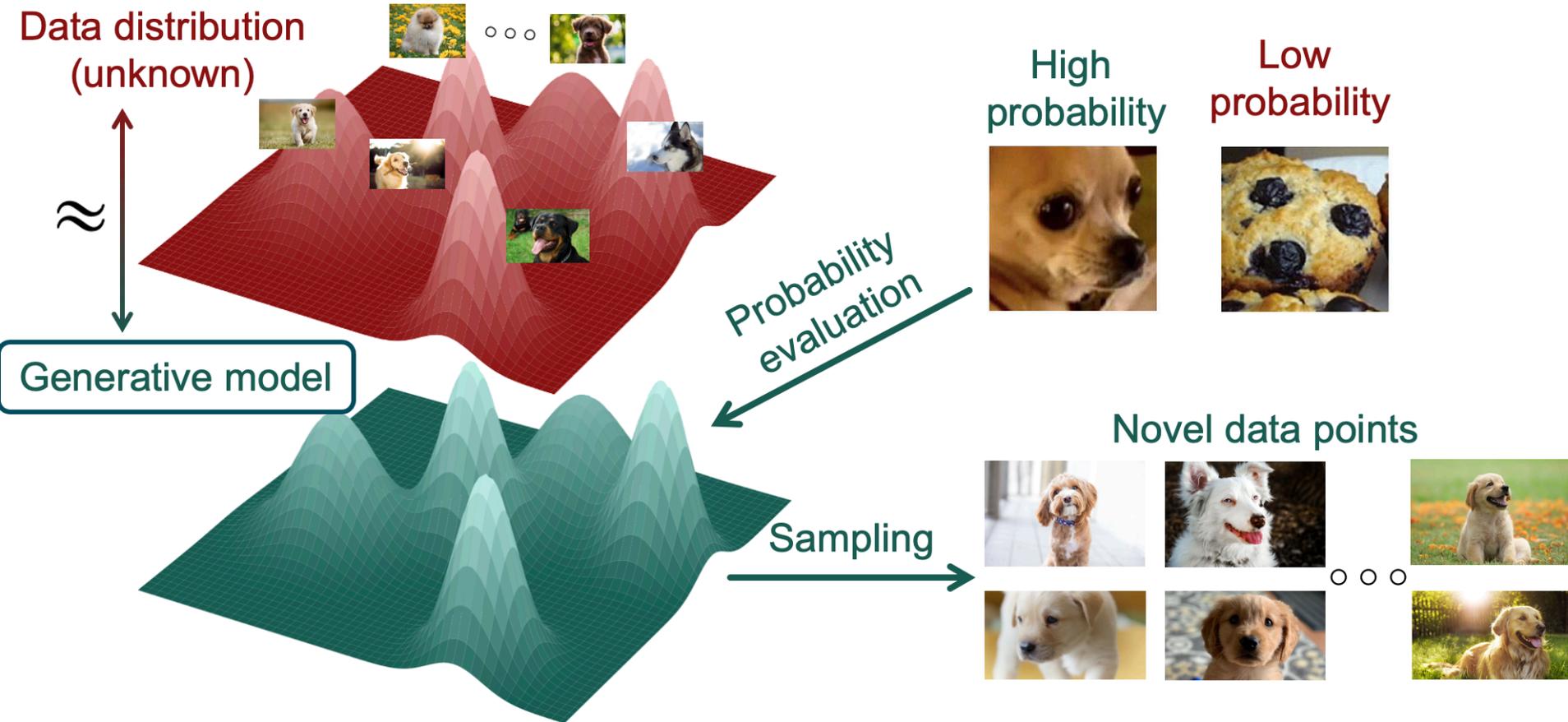


Outlier detection
[Song et al., ICLR 2018]

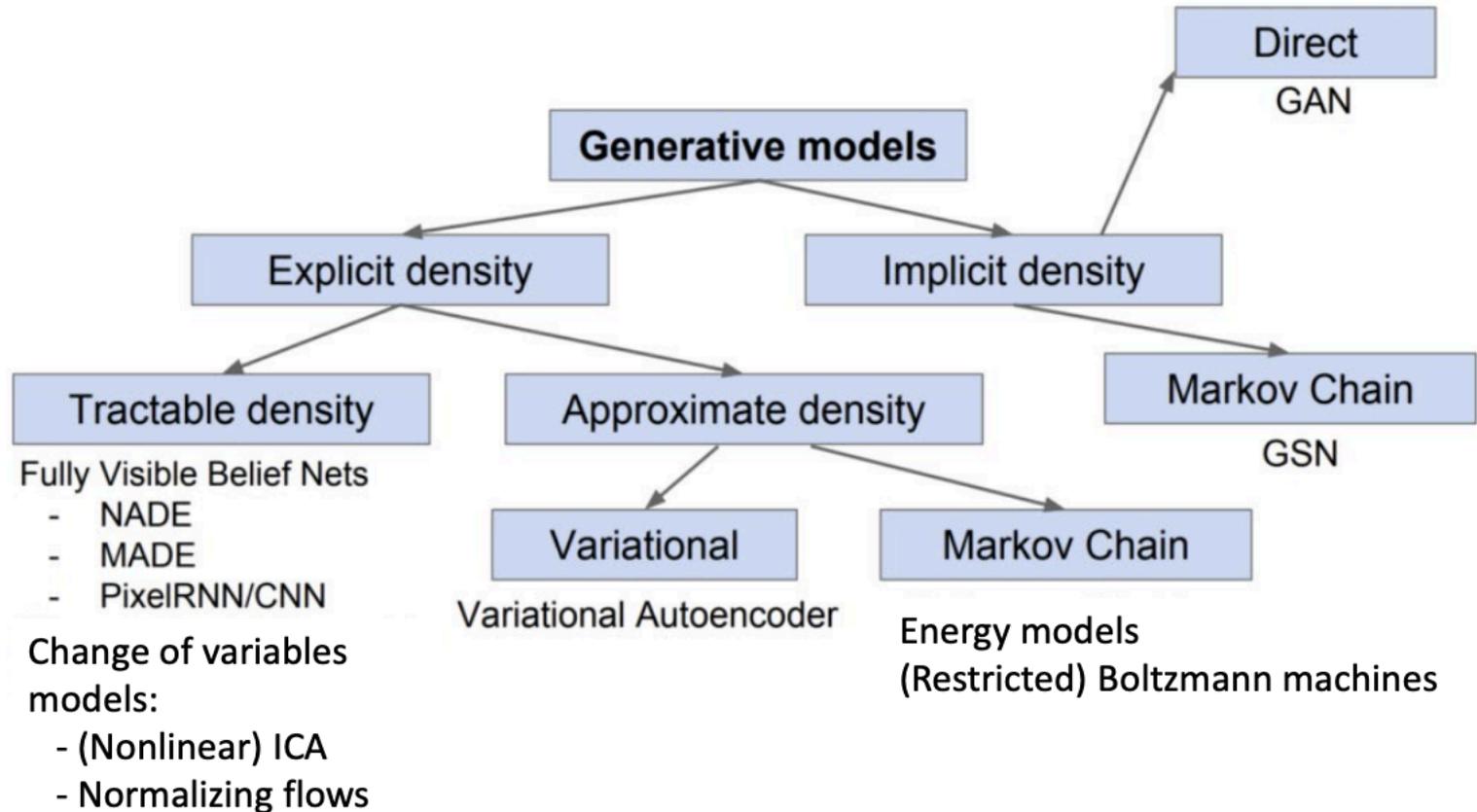
Desiderata for generative models

- **Probability evaluation:** given a sample, it is computationally efficient to evaluate the probability of this sample.
- **Flexible model family:** it is easy to incorporate any neural network models.
- **Easy sampling:** it is computationally efficient to sample a data from the probabilistic model.

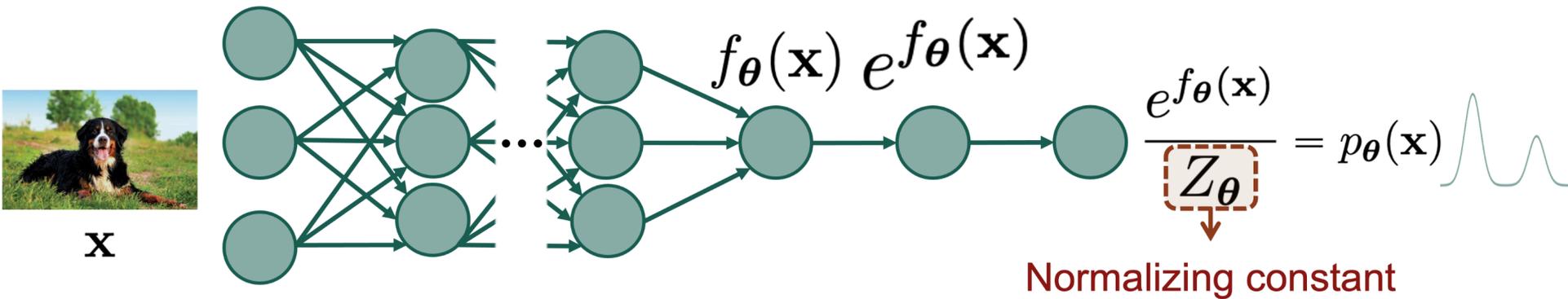
Desiderata for generative models



Taxonomy of generative models



Key challenge for building generative models



Key challenge for building generative models

Approximating the normalizing constant

- Variational auto-encoders [Kingma & Welling 2014, Rezende et al. 2014]
- Energy-based models [Ackley et al. 1985, LeCun et al. 2006]



Inaccurate probability evaluation

Using restricted neural network models

- Autoregressive models [Bengio & Bengio 2000, van den Oord et al. 2016]
- Normalizing flow models [Dinh et al. 2014, Rezende & Mohamed 2015]



Restricted model family

Generative adversarial networks (GANs)

- Model the generation process, not the probability distribution [Goodfellow et al. 2014]



Cannot evaluate probabilities

Training generative models

- **Likelihood-based:** maximize the likelihood of the data under the model (possibly using advanced techniques such as variational method or MCMC):

$$\max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p_{\theta}(x_i)$$

- Pros:
 - **Easy training:** can just maximize via SGD.
 - **Evaluation:** evaluating the fit of the model can be done by evaluating the likelihood (on test data).
- Cons:
 - **Large models needed:** likelihood objective is hard, to fit well need very big model.
 - **Likelihood encourages averaging:** produced samples tend to be blurrier, as likelihood encourages “coverage” of training data.

Training generative models

- **Likelihood-free:** use a **surrogate loss** (e.g., GAN) to train a discriminator to differentiate real and generated samples.
- Pros:
 - **Better objective, smaller models needed:** objective itself is learned - can result in visually better images with smaller models.
- Cons:
 - **Unstable training:** typically min-max (saddle point) problems.
 - **Evaluation:** no way to evaluate the quality of fit.

Generative Adversarial Nets



Implicit Generative Model

- **Goal:** a sampler $g(\cdot)$ to generate images
- A simple generator $g(z; \theta)$:
 - $z \sim N(0, I)$
 - $x = g(z; \theta)$ deterministic transformation
- Likelihood-free training:
 - Given a dataset from some distribution p_{data}
 - Goal: $g(z; \theta)$ defines a distribution, we want this distribution $\approx p_{data}$
 - Training: minimize $D(g(z; \theta), p_{data})$
 - D is some distance metric (not likelihood)
 - Key idea: **Learn a differentiable D**

GAN (Goodfellow et al., '14)

- Parameterize the discriminator $D(\cdot; \phi)$ with parameter ϕ
- **Goal:** learn ϕ such that $D(x; \phi)$ measures how likely x is from p_{data}
 - $D(x, \phi) = 1$ if $x \sim p_{data}$
 - $D(x, \phi) = 0$ if $x \not\sim p_{data}$
 - a.k.a., a binary classifier
- GAN: use a neural network for $D(\cdot; \phi)$
- **Training:** need both negative and positive samples
 - Positive samples: just the training data
 - Negative samples: use our sampler $g(\cdot; z)$ (can provide infinite samples).
- **Overall objectives:**
 - Generator: $\theta^* = \max_{\theta} D(g(z; \theta); \phi)$
 - Discriminator uses MLE Training:
$$\phi^* = \max_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} [\log D(x; \phi)] + \mathbb{E}_{\hat{x} \sim g(\cdot)} [\log(1 - D(\hat{x}; \phi))]$$

GAN (Goodfellow et al., '14)

- Generator $G(z; \theta)$ where $z \sim N(0, I)$
 - Generate realistic data

- Discriminator $D(x; \phi)$
 - Classify whether the data is real (from p_{data}) or fake (from G)

- Objective function:

$$L(\theta, \phi) = \min_{\theta} \max_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} [\log D(x; \phi)] + \mathbb{E}_{\hat{x} \sim G} [\log(1 - D(\hat{x}; \phi))]$$

- Training procedure:

- Collect dataset $\{(x, 1) \mid x \sim p_{data}\} \cup \{(\hat{x}, 0) \sim g(z; \theta)\}$

- Train discriminator

$$D : L(\phi) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} [\log D(x; \phi)] + \mathbb{E}_{\hat{x} \sim G} [\log(1 - D(\hat{x}; \phi))]$$

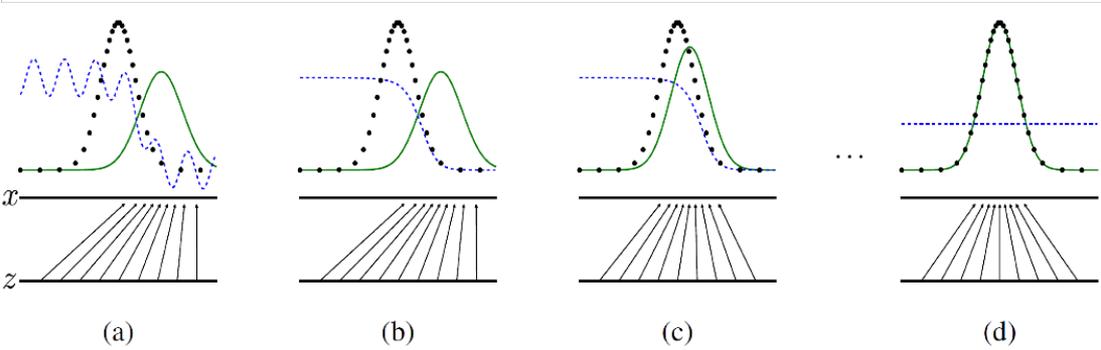
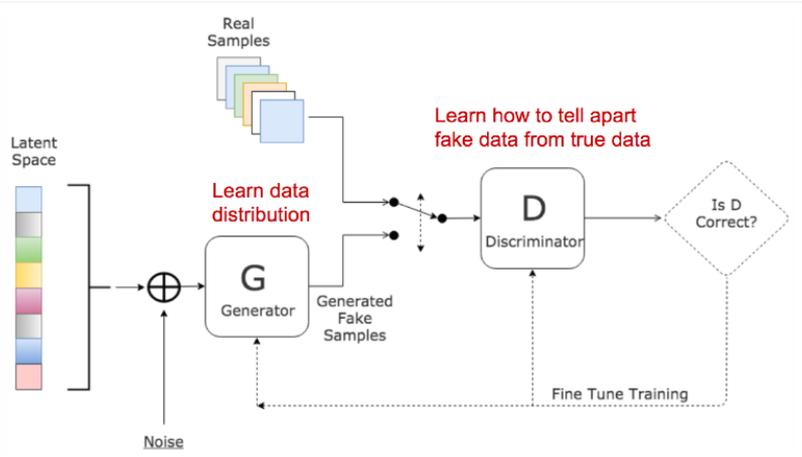
- Train generator $G : L(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim N(0, I)} [\log D(G(z; \theta), \phi)]$

- Repeat

GAN (Goodfellow et al., '14)

• Objective function:

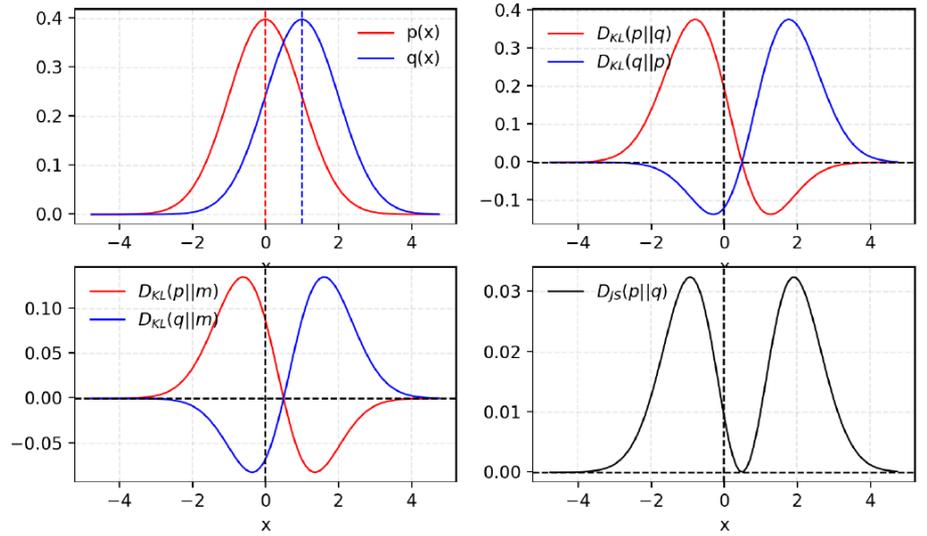
$$L(\theta, \phi) = \min_{\theta} \max_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} [\log D(x; \phi)] + \mathbb{E}_{\hat{x} \sim G} [\log(1 - D(\hat{x}; \phi))]$$



Math Behind GAN

Math Behind GAN

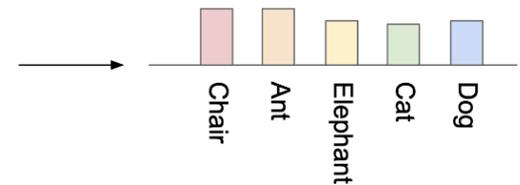
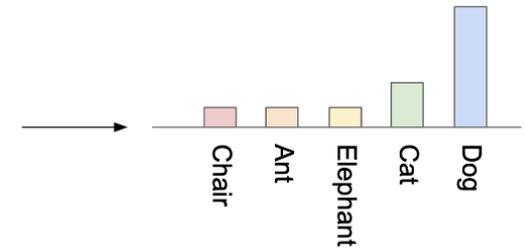
KL-Divergence and JS-Divergence



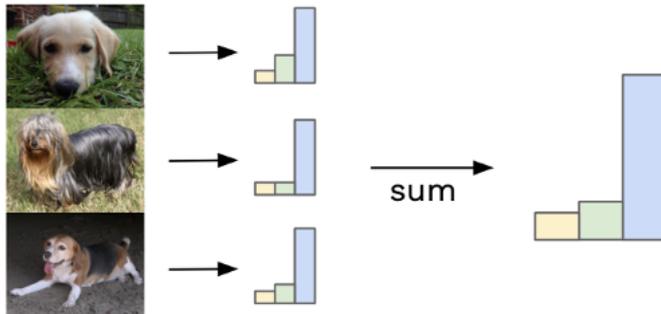
Math Behind GAN

Evaluation of GAN

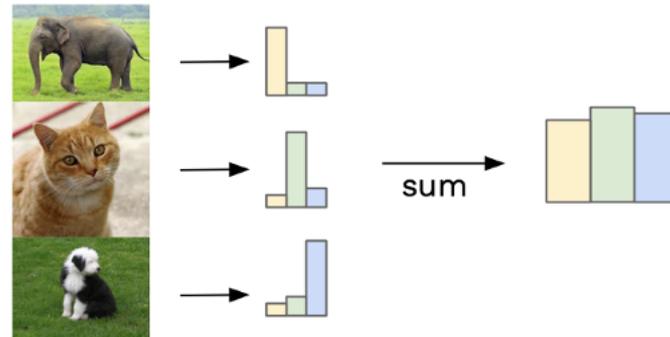
- No $p(x)$ in GAN.
- Idea: use a trained classifier $f(y | x)$:
- If $x \sim p_{data}$, $f(y | x)$ should have low entropy
 - Otherwise, $f(y | x)$ close to uniform.
- Samples from G should be diverse:
 - $p_f(y) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim G}[f(y | x)]$ close to uniform.



Similar labels sum to give focussed distribution



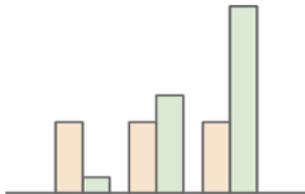
Different labels sum to give uniform distribution



Evaluation of GAN

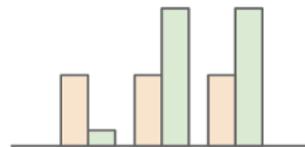
- Inception Score (IS, Salimans et al. '16)
 - Use Inception V3 trained on ImageNet as $f(y|x)$
 - $$IS = \exp \left(\mathbb{E}_{x \sim G} \left[KL(f(y|x) || p_f(y)) \right] \right)$$
 - Higher the better

High KL divergence



Ideal situation

Medium KL divergence



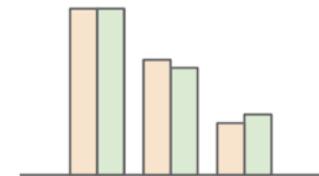
Generated images are not distinctly one label

Low KL divergence



Generated images are not distinctly one label

Low KL divergence



Generator lacks diversity

Label distribution

Marginal distribution

Comments on GAN

- Other evaluation metrics:
 - Fréchet Inception Distance (FID): Wasserstein distance between Gaussians
- Mode collapse:
 - The generator only generate a few type of samples.
 - Or keep oscillating over a few modes.
- Training instability:
 - Discriminator and generator may keep oscillating
 - Example: $-xy$, generator x , discriminatory. NE: $x = y = 0$ but GD oscillates.
 - No stopping criteria.
 - Use Wasserstein GAN (Arjovsky et al. '17):
$$\min_G \max_{f: \text{Lip}(f) \leq 1} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} [f(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{x} \sim p_G} [f(\hat{x})]$$
 - And need many other tricks...

Variational Autoencoder



Architecture

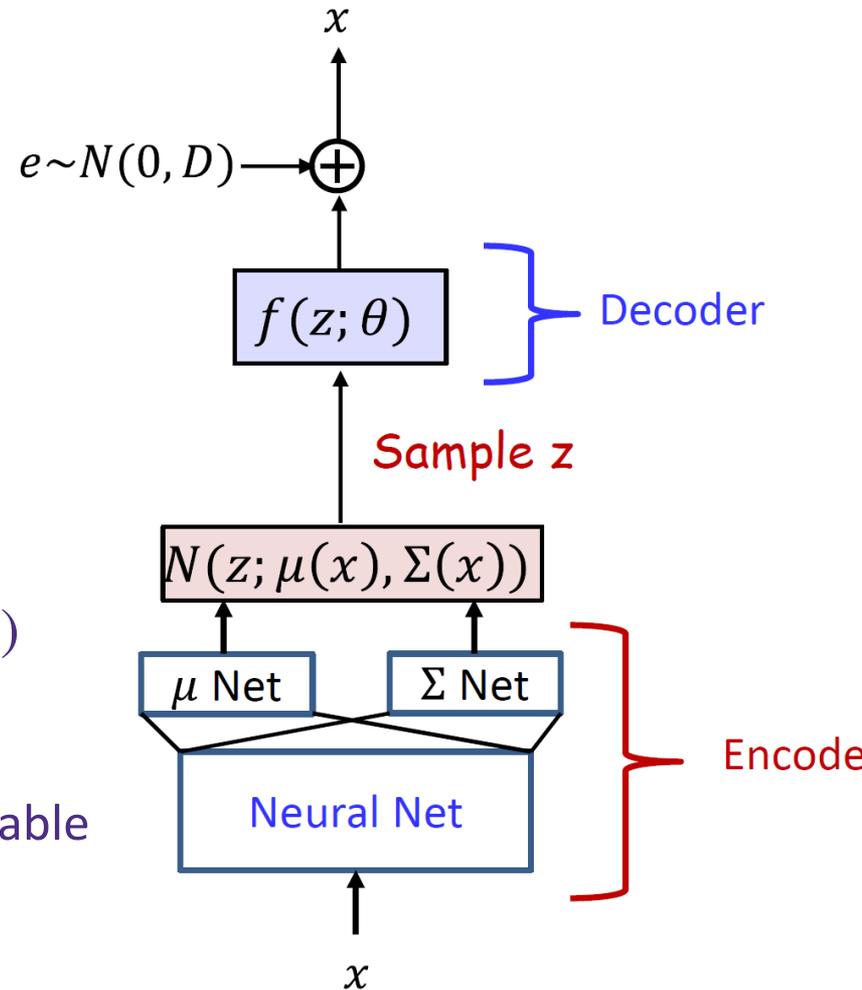
- Auto-encoder: $x \rightarrow z \rightarrow x$
- Encoder: $q(z | x; \phi) : x \rightarrow z$
- Decoder: $p(x | z; \theta) : z \rightarrow x$

- Isomorphic Gaussian:

$$q(z | x; \phi) = N(\mu(x; \phi), \text{diag}(\exp(\sigma(x; \phi))))$$

- Gaussian prior: $p(z) = N(0, I)$
- Gaussian likelihood: $p(x | z; \theta) \sim N(f(z; \theta), I)$

- Probabilistic model interpretation: latent variable model.



VAE Training

- Training via optimizing ELBO

- $L(\phi, \theta; x) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z|x; \phi)} [\log p(z|x; \theta)] - KL(q(z|x; \phi) || p(z))$

- Likelihood term + KL penalty

- KL penalty for Gaussians has closed form.

- Likelihood term (reconstruction loss):

- Monte-Carlo estimation

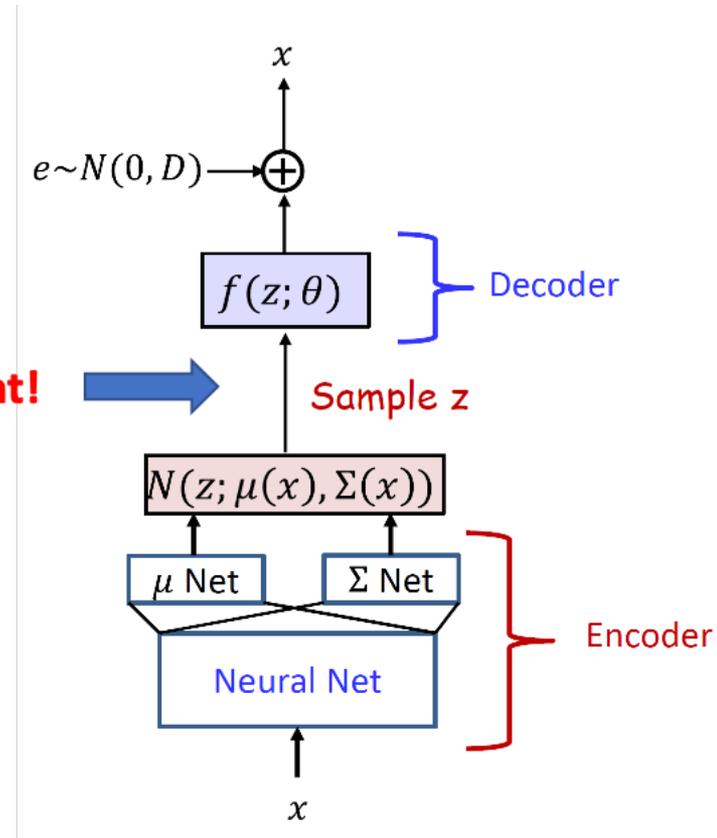
- Draw samples from $q(z|x; \phi)$

- Compute gradient of θ :

- $x \sim N(f(z; \theta); I)$

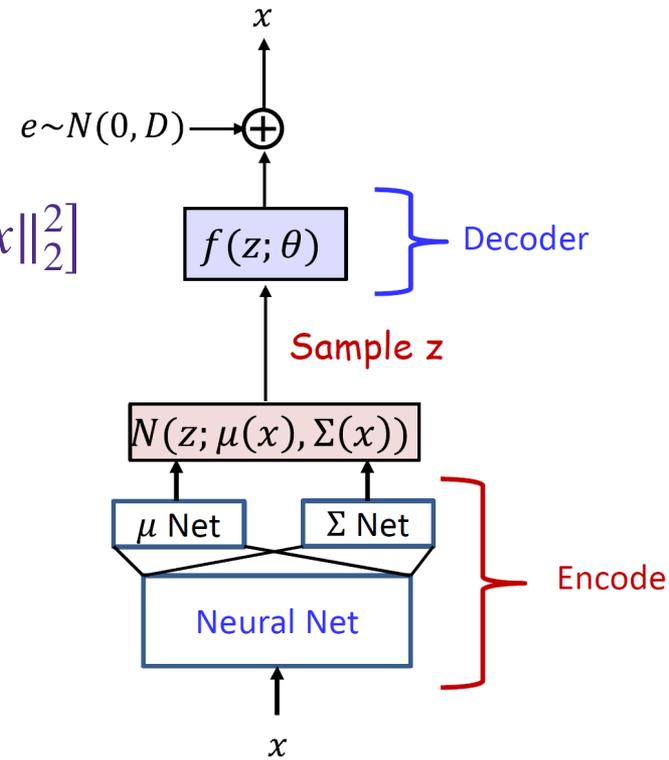
- $p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2} \|x - f(z; \theta)\|_2^2)$

No gradient!



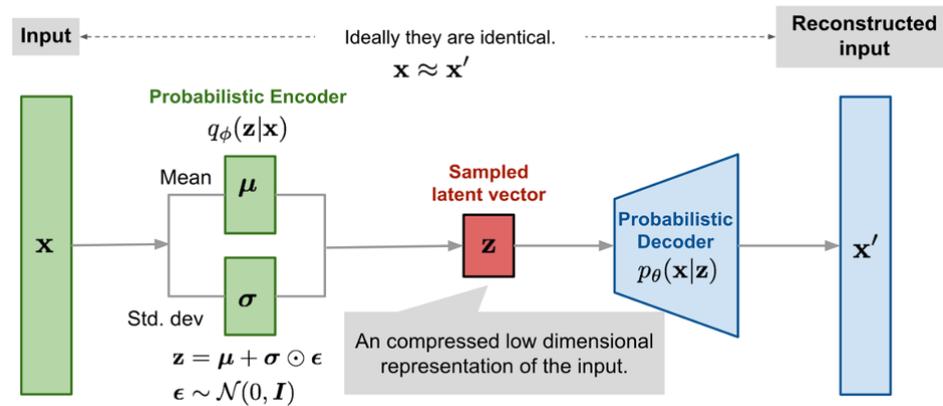
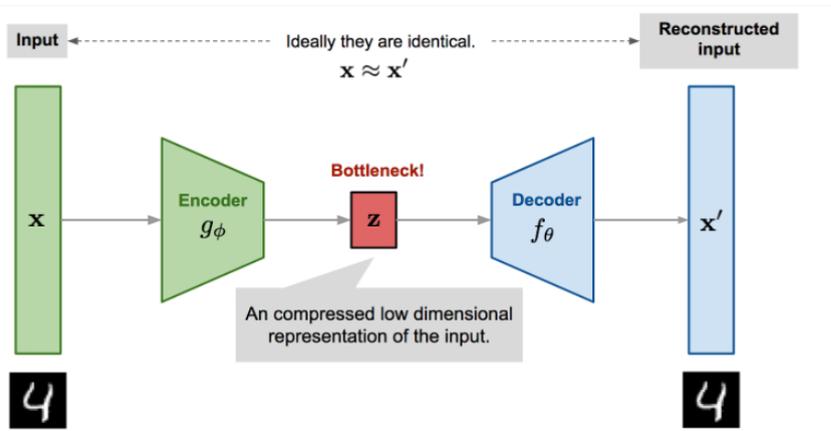
VAE Training

- Likelihood term (reconstruction loss):
 - Gradient for ϕ . Loss: $L(\phi) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z; \phi)} [\log p(x | z)]$
 - Reparameterization trick:
 - $z \sim N(\mu, \Sigma) \Leftrightarrow z = \mu + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, \Sigma)$
 - $L(\phi) \propto \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z | \phi)} [\|f(z; \theta) - x\|_2^2]$
 $\propto \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon \sim N(0, I)} [\|f(\mu(x; \phi) + \sigma(x; \phi) \cdot \epsilon; \theta) - x\|_2^2]$
 - Monte-Carlo estimate for $\nabla L(\phi)$
- End-to-end training



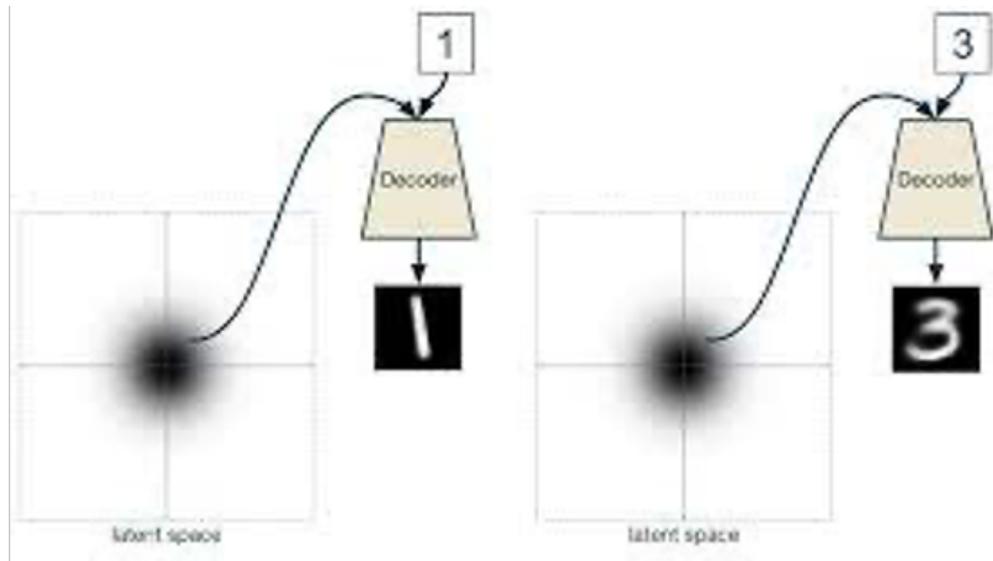
VAE vs. AE

- AE: classical unsupervised representation learning method.
- VAE: a probabilistic model of AE
 - AE + Gaussian noise on z
 - KL penalty: L_2 constraint on the latent vector z



Conditioned VAE

- Semi-supervised learning: some labels are also available



conditioned generation

Comments on VAE

- Pros:
 - Flexible architecture
 - Stable training
- Cons:
 - Inaccurate probability evaluation (approximate inference)

Normalizing Flows

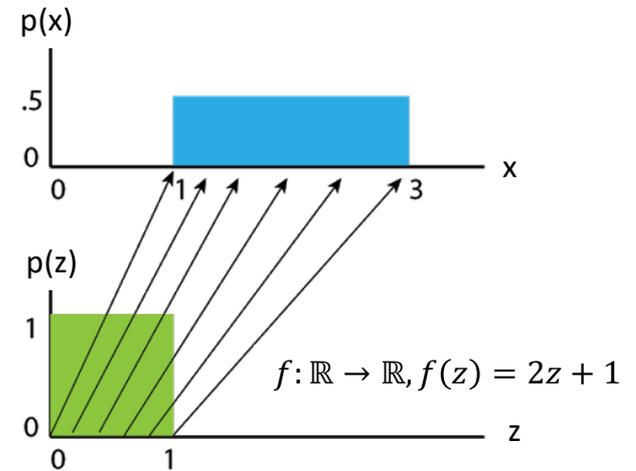


Intuition about easy to sample

- Goal: design $p(x)$ such that
 - Easy to sample
 - Tractable likelihood (density function)
- Easy to sample
 - Assume a continuous variable z
 - e.g., Gaussian $z \sim N(0,1)$, or uniform $z \sim \text{Unif}[0,1]$
 - $x = f(z)$, x is also easy to sample

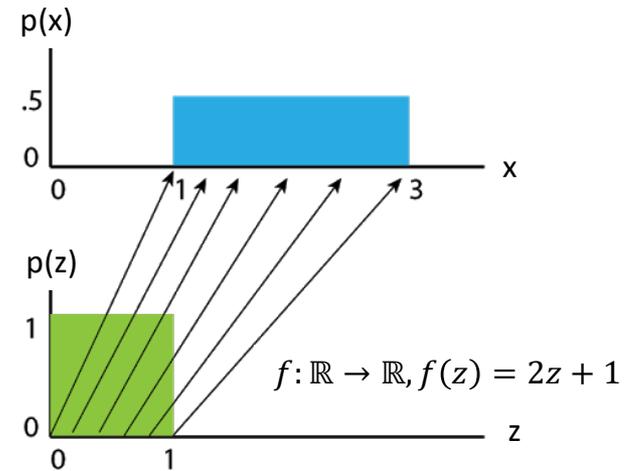
Intuition about tractable density

- Goal: design $f(z; \theta)$ such that
 - Assume z is from an “easy” distribution
 - $p(x) = p(f(z; \theta))$ has tractable likelihood
- Uniform: $z \sim \text{Unif}[0,1]$
 - Density $p(z) = 1$
 - $x = 2z + 1$, then $p(x) = ?$



Intuition about tractable density

- Goal: design $f(z; \theta)$ such that
 - Assume z is from an “easy” distribution
 - $p(x) = p(f(z; \theta))$ has tractable likelihood
- Uniform: $z \sim \text{Unif}[0,1]$
 - Density $p(z) = 1$
 - $x = 2z + 1$, then $p(x) = 1/2$
 - $x = az + b$, then $p(x) = 1/|a|$ (for $a \neq 0$)
 - $x = f(z)$, $p(x) \left| \frac{dz}{dx} \right| = |f'(z)|^{-1} p(z)$
 - Assume $f(z)$ is a bijection



Change of variable

- Suppose $x = f(z)$ for some general non-linear $f(\cdot)$
 - The linearized change in volume is determined by the Jacobian of $f(\cdot)$:

$$\frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1(z)}{\partial z_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1(z)}{\partial z_d} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial f_d(z)}{\partial z_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_d(z)}{\partial z_d} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Given a bijection $f(z) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$
 - $z = f^{-1}(x)$

$$p(x) = p(f^{-1}(x)) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f^{-1}(x)}{\partial x} \right) \right| = p(z) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f^{-1}(x)}{\partial x} \right) \right|$$

- Since $\frac{\partial f^{-1}}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right)^{-1}$ (Jacobian of invertible function)

$$p(x) = p(z) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f^{-1}(x)}{\partial x} \right) \right| = p(z) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z} \right) \right|^{-1}$$

Normalizing Flow

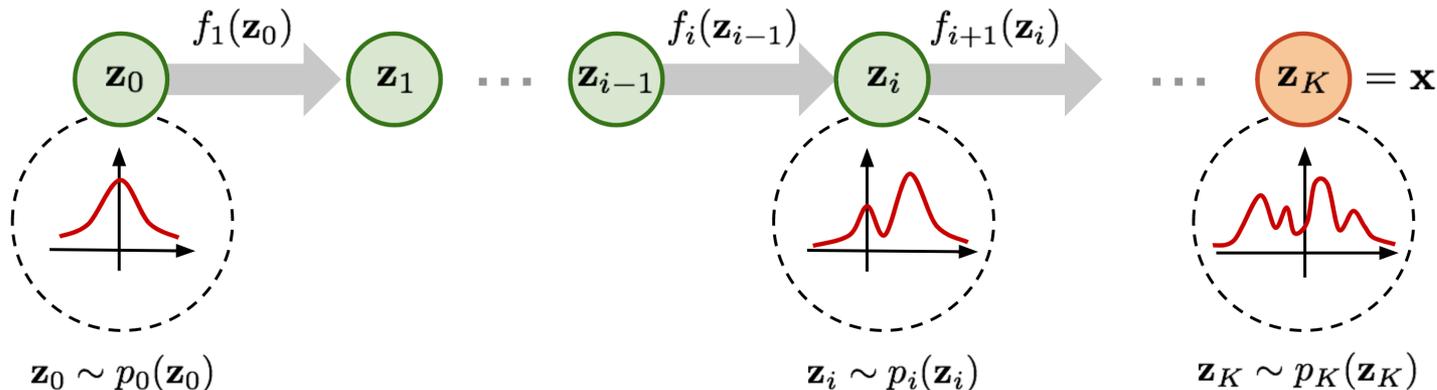
- Idea

- Sample z_0 from an “easy” distribution, e.g., standard Gaussian
- Apply K bijections $z_i = f_i(z_{i-1})$
- The final sample $x = f_K(z_K)$ has tractable density

- Normalizing Flow

- $z_0 \sim N(0, I)$, $z_i = f_i(z_{i-1})$, $x = z_K$ where $x, z_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and f_i is invertible
- Every reversible function produces a normalized density function

- $$p(z_i) = p(z_{i-1}) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial z_{i-1}} \right) \right|^{-1}$$



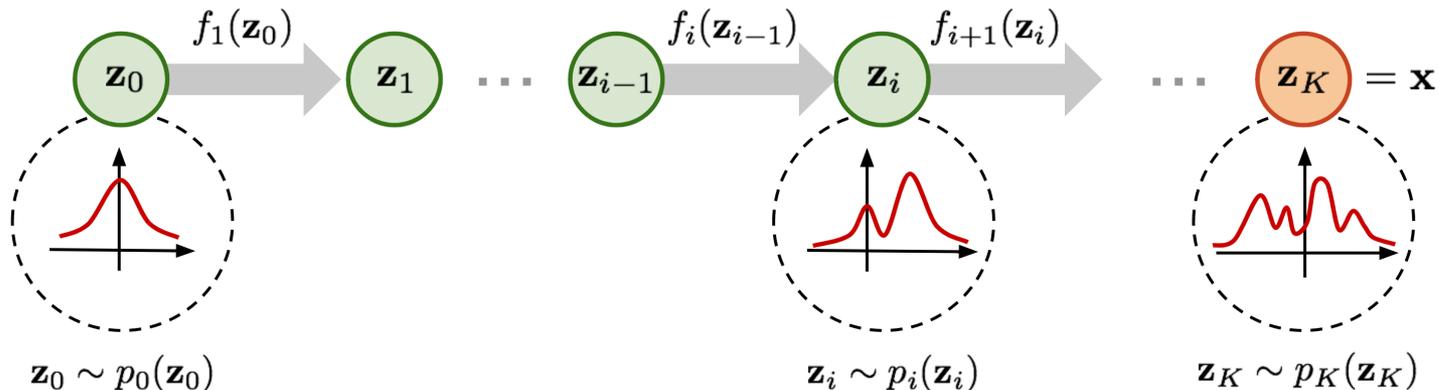
Normalizing Flow

- Generation is trivial
 - Sample z_0 then apply the transformations
- Log-likelihood

$$\bullet \log p(x) = \log p(z_{k-1}) - \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f_K}{\partial z_{k-1}} \right) \right|$$

$$\bullet \log p(x) = \log p(z_0) - \sum_i \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial z_{i-1}} \right) \right|$$

$O(d^3)$!!!



Normalizing Flow

- Naive flow model requires extremely expensive computation
 - Computing determinant of $d \times d$ matrices
- Idea:
 - Design a good bijection $f_i(z)$ such that the determinant is easy to compute

Plannar Flow

- Technical tool: Matrix Determinant Lemma:

- $\det(A + uv^\top) = (1 + v^\top A^{-1}u) \det A$

- Model:

- $f_\theta(z) = z + u \odot h(w^\top z + b)$

- $h(\cdot)$ chosen to be $\tanh(\cdot)$ ($0 < h'(\cdot) < 1$)

- $\theta = [u, w, b], \det \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) = \det(I + h'(w^\top z + b)uw^\top) = 1 + h'(w^\top z + b)u^\top w$

- Computation in $O(d)$ time

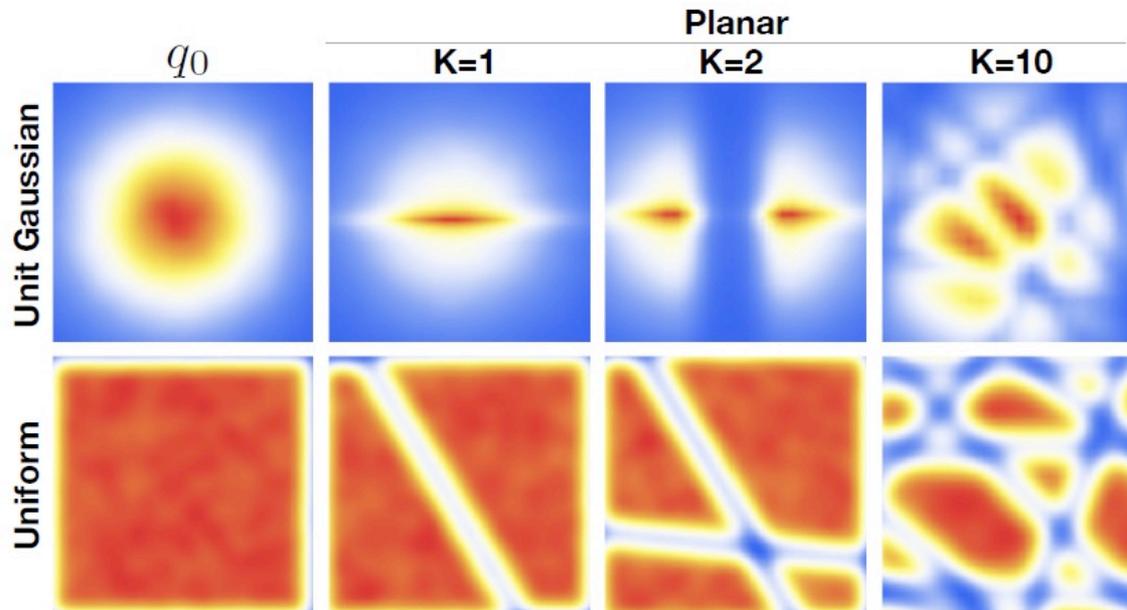
- Remarks:

- $u^\top w > -1$ to ensure invertibility

- Require normalization on u and w

Planar Flow (Rezende & Mohamed, '16)

- $f_{\theta}(z) = z + uh(w^{\top}z + b)$
- 10 planar transformations can transform simple distributions into a more complex one



Extensions

- Other flow models uses triangular Jacobian
 - Suppose $x_i = f_i(z)$ only depends on $z_{\leq i}$

Energy-Based Models

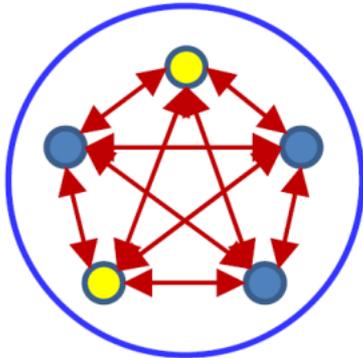
W

Energy-based Models

- Goal of generative models:
 - a probability distribution of data: $P(x)$
- Requirements
 - $P(x) \geq 0$ (non-negative)
 - $\int_x P(x)dx = 1$
- Energy-based model:
 - Energy function: $E(x; \theta)$, parameterized by θ
 - $P(x) = \frac{1}{z} \exp(-E(x; \theta))$ (why exp?)
 - $z = \int_x \exp(-E(x; \theta))dx$

Boltzmann Machine

- Generative model
 - $E(y) = -\frac{1}{2}y^\top W y$
 - $P(y) = \frac{1}{z} \exp(-\frac{E(y)}{T})$, T : temperature hyper-parameter
 - W : parameter to learn
- When y_i is binary, patterns are affecting each other through W



$$z_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_j w_{ji} s_j$$

$$P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$

Boltzmann Machine: Training

- Objective: maximum likelihood learning (assume $T = 1$):
 - Probability of one sample:

$$P(y) = \frac{\exp(\frac{1}{2}y^T y)}{\sum_{y'} \exp(y'^T W y')}$$

- Maximum log-likelihood:

$$L(W) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{y \in D} \frac{1}{2} y^T W y - \log \sum_{y'} \exp(\frac{1}{2} y'^T W y')$$

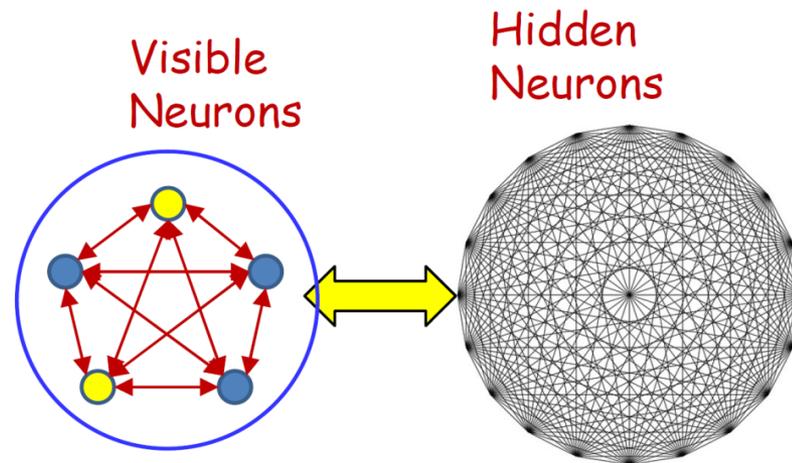
Boltzmann Machine: Training

Boltzmann Machine: Training

Boltzmann Machine with Hidden Neurons

- Visible and hidden neurons:
 - y : visible, h : hidden

- $$P(y) = \sum_h P(y, v)$$

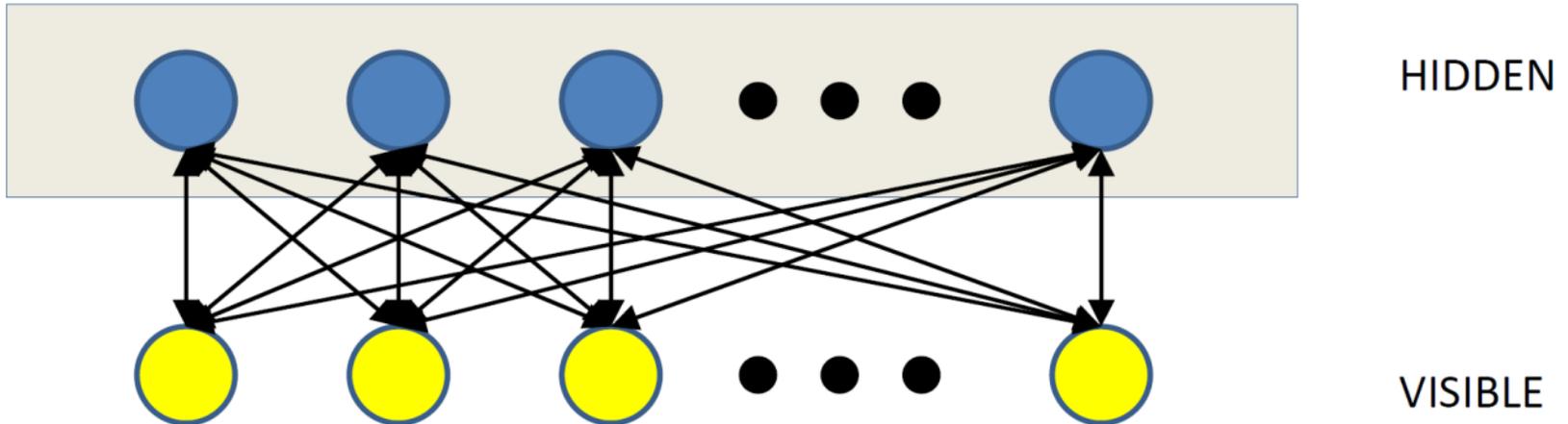


Boltzmann Machine with Hidden Neurons: Training

Boltzmann Machine with Hidden Neurons: Training

Restricted Boltzmann Machine

- A structured Boltzmann Machine
 - Hidden neurons are only connected to visible neurons
 - No intra-layer connections
 - Invented by Paul Smolensky in '89
 - Became more practical after Hinton invested fast learning algorithms in mid 2000

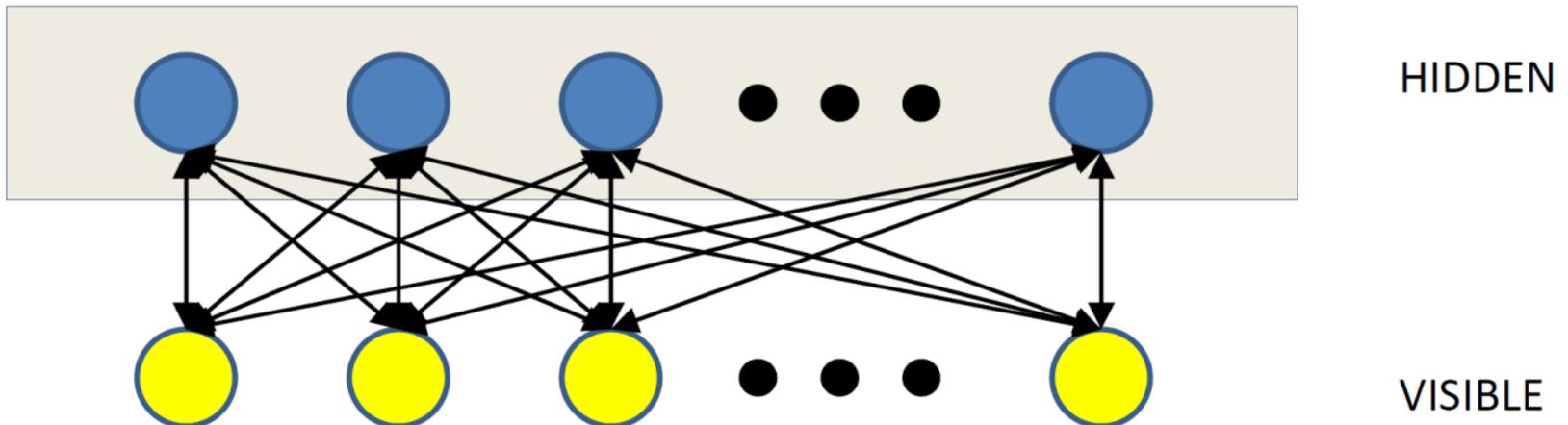


Restricted Boltzmann Machine

- Computation Rules

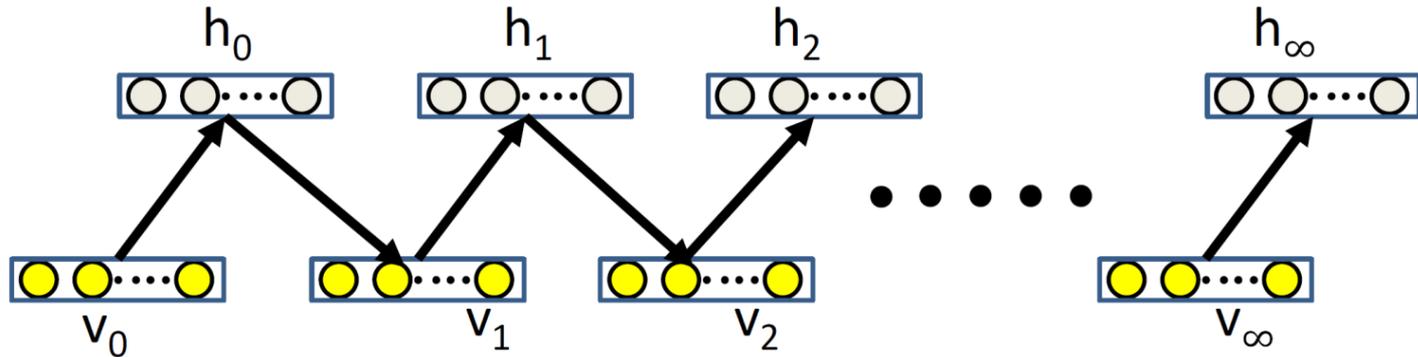
- Iterative sampling

- Hidden neurons h_i : $z_i = \sum_j w_{ij}v_j, P(h_i | v) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z_i)}$
- Visible neurons v_j : $z_j = \sum_i w_{ij}h_i, P(v_j | h) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z_j)}$



Restricted Boltzmann Machine

- Sampling:
 - Randomly initialize visible neurons v_0
 - Iterative sampling between hidden neurons and visible neurons
 - Get final sample (v_∞, h_∞)

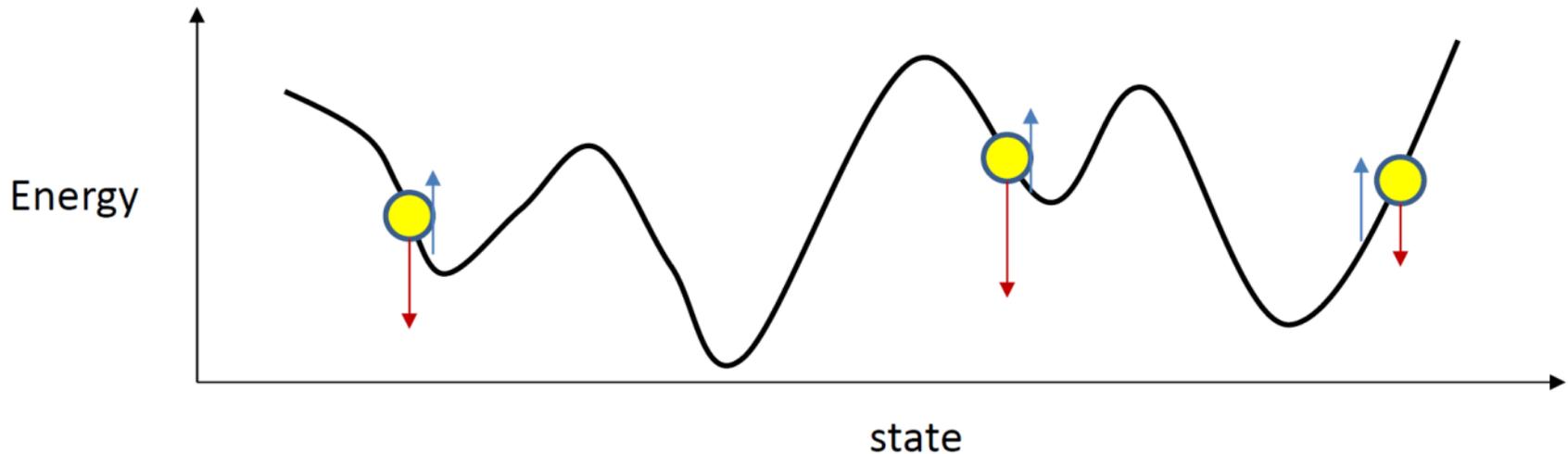


Restricted Boltzmann Machine

- Maximum likelihood estimated:

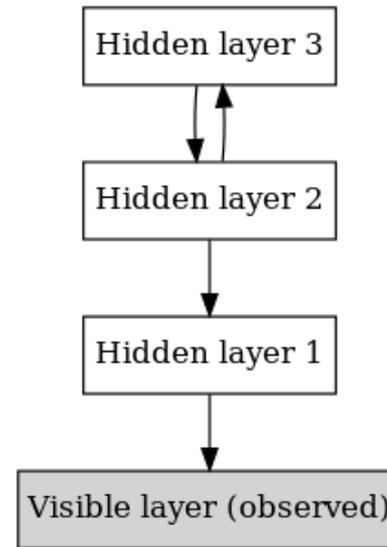
- $$\nabla_{w_{ij}} L(W) = \frac{1}{N_p K} \sum_{v \in P} v_{0i} h_{0j} - \frac{1}{M} \sum v_{\infty i} h_{\infty j}$$

- No need to lift up the entire energy landscape!
 - Raising the neighborhood of desired patterns is sufficient

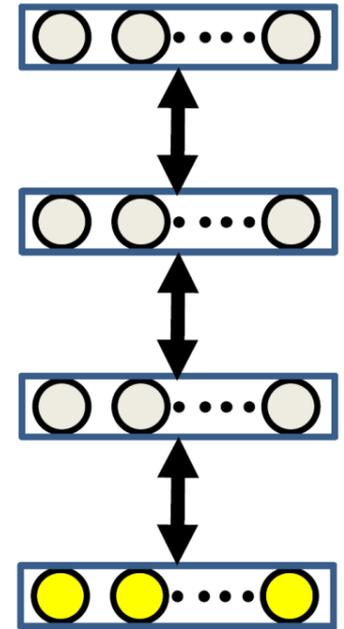


Deep Boltzmann Machine

- Can we have a **deep** version of RBM?
 - Deep Belief Net ('06)
 - Deep Boltzmann Machine ('09)
- Sampling?
 - Forward pass: bottom-up
 - Backward pass: top-down
- Deep Boltzmann Machine
 - The very first deep generative model
 - Salakhudinov & Hinton



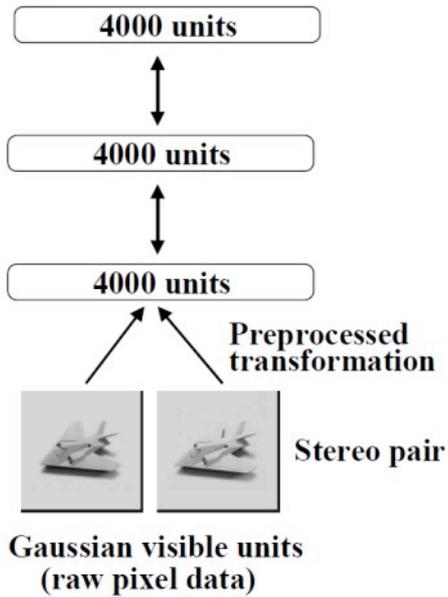
deep belief net



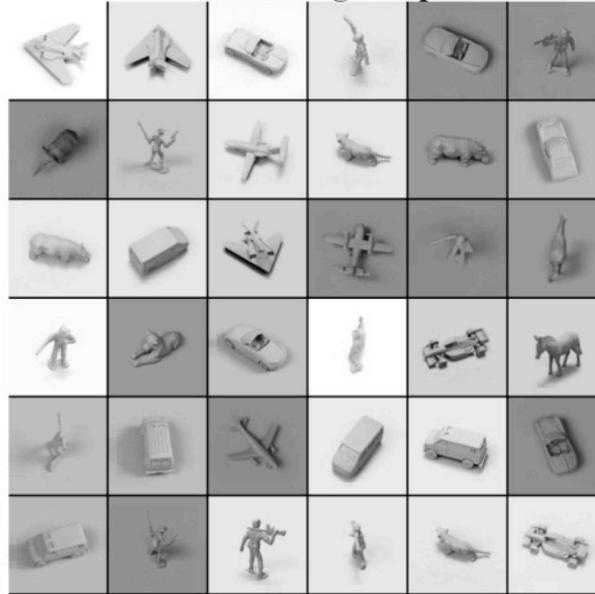
Deep Boltzmann Machine

Deep Boltzmann Machine

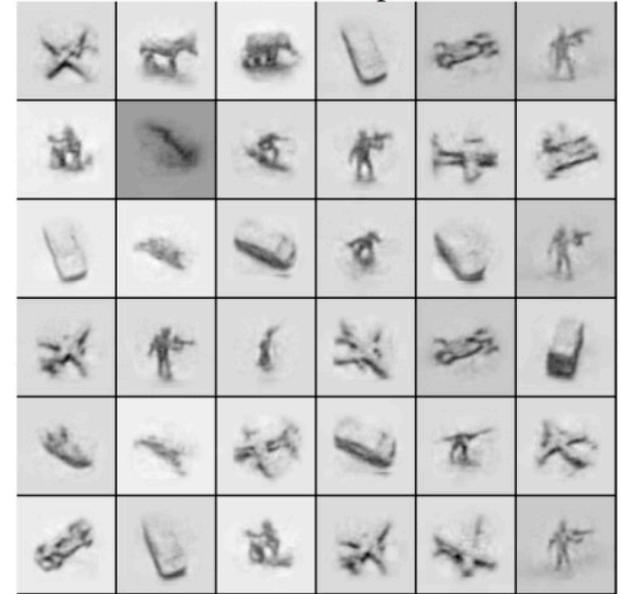
Deep Boltzmann Machine



Training Samples



Generated Samples



Summary

- Pros: powerful and flexible

- An arbitrarily complex density function $p(x) = \frac{1}{z} \exp(-E(x))$

- Cons: hard to sample / train

- Hard to sample:
 - MCMC sampling
 - Partition function
 - No closed-form calculation for likelihood
 - Cannot optimize MLE loss exactly
 - MCMC sampling

Score-Based Models and Diffusion Models



Recap: Boltzmann Machine Training

- Objective: maximum likelihood learning (assume $T = 1$):
 - Probability of one sample:

$$P(y) = \frac{\exp(\frac{1}{2}y^\top W y)}{\sum_{y'} \exp(y'^\top W y')}$$

- Maximum log-likelihood:

$$L(W) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{y \in D} \frac{1}{2} y^\top W y - \log \sum_{y'} \exp(\frac{1}{2} y'^\top W y')$$

Can we avoid calculating the gradient of normalizing constant ($\nabla_x Z_\theta$)?

Score Matching

- Score Function
 - Definition:

$$\nabla_x \log p_{data}(x) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

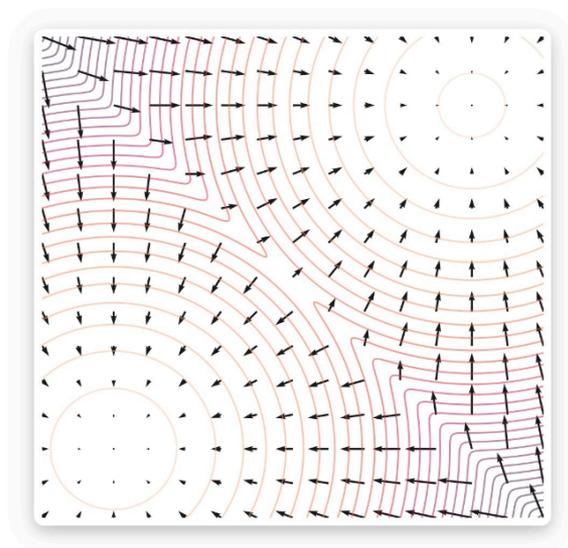
- Idea: directly fitting the score function:

- $\min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{p_{data}} \|\nabla_x \log p_{\theta}(x) - \nabla_x \log p_{data}(x)\|^2$

- No need to compute $\nabla_x Z_{\theta}$!

- Problem:

- How to compute $\nabla_x \log p_{data}(x)$?



Score function (the vector field) and density function (contours) of a mixture of two Gaussians.

Score Matching

Score Matching

Sliced Score Matching

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x \in D} \|s_{\theta}(x)\|^2 - 2 [Tr(Ds_{\theta}(x))]$$

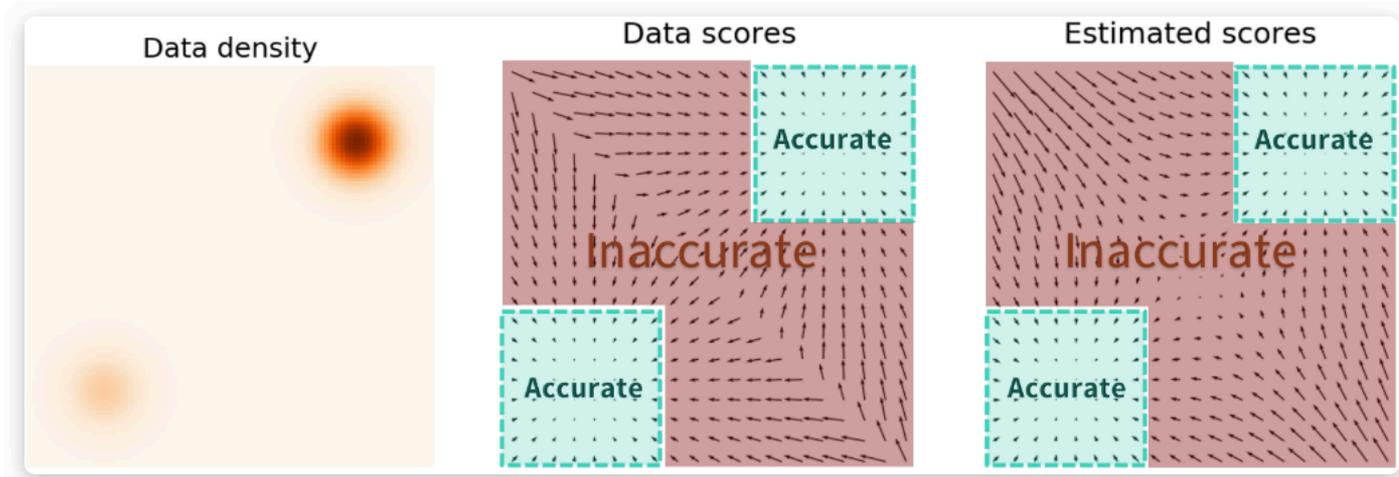
Score Matching: Langevin Dynamics

$$x_{t+1} \leftarrow x_t + \epsilon \nabla_x \log p(x) + \sqrt{2\epsilon} z_t, z_t \sim N(0, I)$$

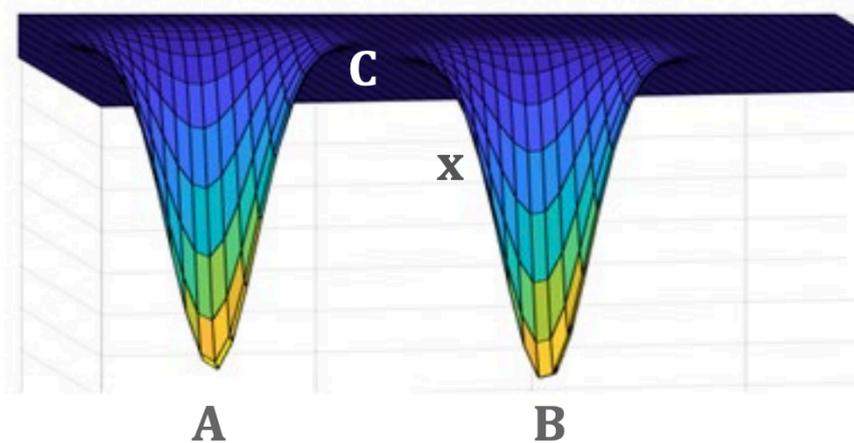
Stationary (equilibrium distribution): $p(x)$

Practical Issues

- Score function estimation is inaccurate in low density regions (few data available).



- Sampling is Slow



Annealing: Denoising Score Matching

- Fit several “smoothed” versions of p_{data} :
 - Choose temperatures: $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_T$
 - $p_{\sigma_i, data}(x) = p_{data}(x) * N(0, \sigma_i) = \int_{\delta} p_{data}(x - \delta) N(x; \delta, \sigma_i) d\delta$
- Implementation:
 - Take a sample x , draw a sample $z \sim N(0, \sigma_i)$, output $x' = x + z$.

$$\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \dots > \sigma_{L-1} > \sigma_L$$

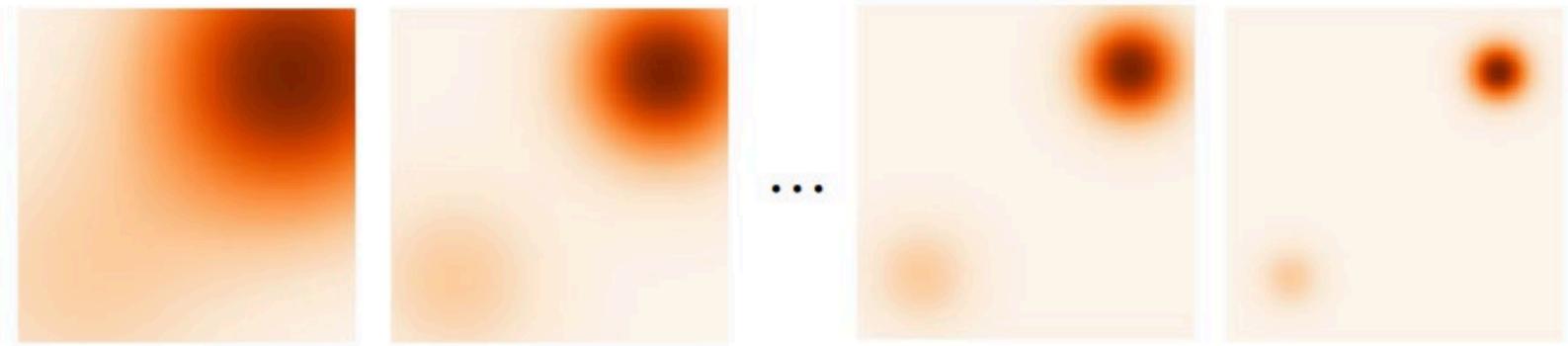


Figure by Stefano Ermon.

Annealing: Denoising Score Matching

$$\arg \min_{\theta} \sum_i \lambda(\sigma_i) \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\sigma_i, data}} \|s_{\theta}(x, i) - \nabla_x \log p_{\sigma_i, data}(x)\|^2$$

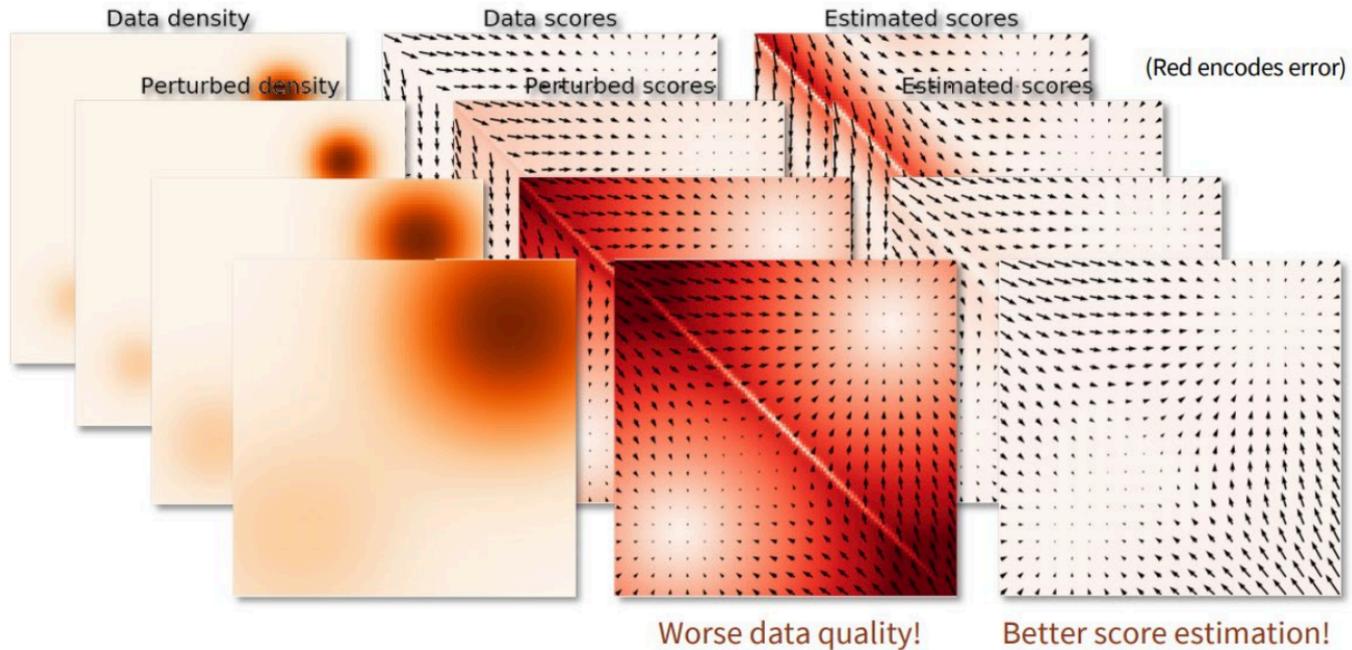


Figure by Stefano Ermon.

Annealed Langevin Dynamics

Algorithm 1 Annealed Langevin dynamics.

Require: $\{\sigma_i\}_{i=1}^L, \epsilon, T$.

1: Initialize $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0$

2: **for** $i \leftarrow 1$ to L **do**

3: $\alpha_i \leftarrow \epsilon \cdot \sigma_i^2 / \sigma_L^2$ $\triangleright \alpha_i$ is the step size.

4: **for** $t \leftarrow 1$ to T **do**

5: Draw $\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$

6: $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_t \leftarrow \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{t-1} + \frac{\alpha_i}{2} \mathbf{s}_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{t-1}, \sigma_i) + \sqrt{\alpha_i} \mathbf{z}_t$

7: **end for**

8: $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0 \leftarrow \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_T$

9: **end for**

return $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_T$

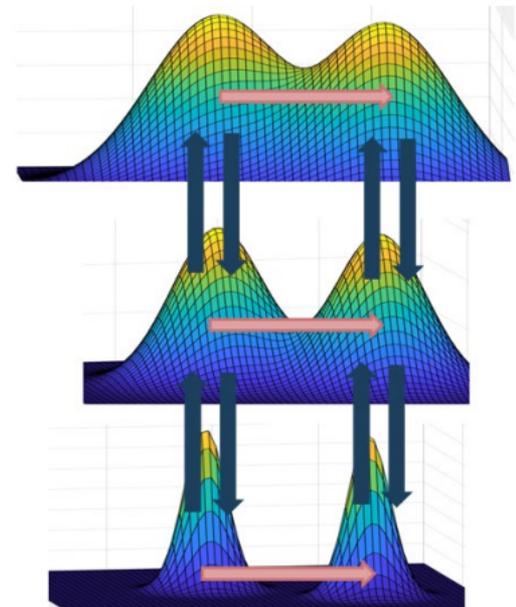


Figure from Song-Ermon '19

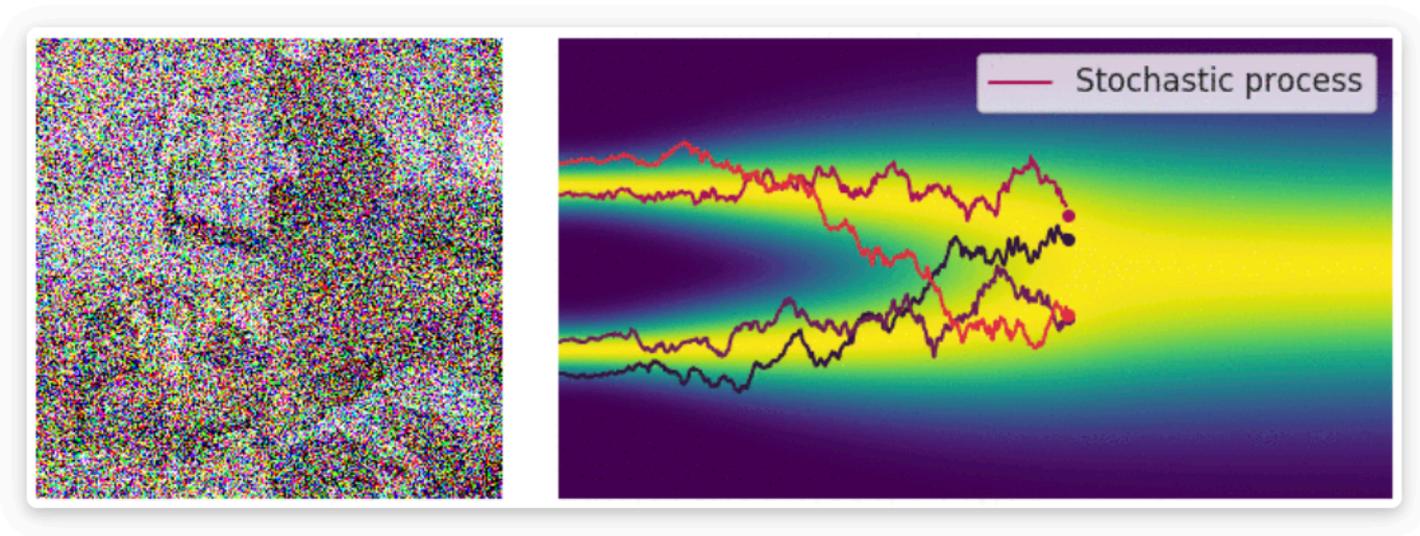
Diffusion Models



An image generated by Stable Diffusion based on the text prompt "a photograph of an astronaut riding a horse"

Perturbing Data with an SDE

- Let the number of noise scales approaches infinity!

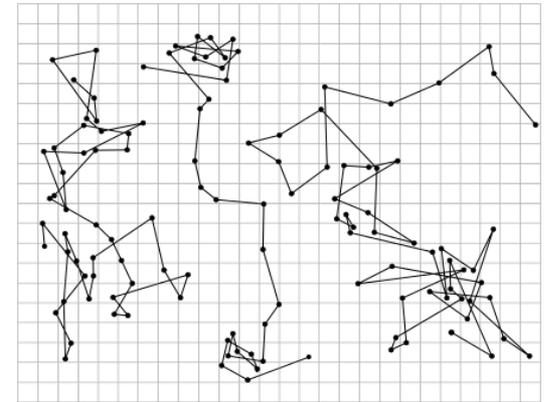


Perturbing data to noise with a continuous-time stochastic process.

Stochastic Differential Equations

$$dx = f(x, t)dt + g(t)dw$$

- $x(0)$: real image, $x(T)$: Gaussian noise.
- $f(x,t)$: drift terms. $g(t)$: diffusion coefficient.
- dw : Brownian motion
 - $w(t + u) - w(t) \sim N(0, u)$
- $f(x,t)$ and $g(t)$ are parts of the model.



- Variance Exploding SDE: $dx = \sqrt{\frac{d[\sigma^2(t)]}{dt}}dw.$
- Variance Preserving SDE: $dx = -\frac{1}{2}\beta(t)xdt + \sqrt{\beta(t)}dw.$
- $\sigma(t), \beta(t)$ are hyper-parameters.

Reversing the SDE

- Reversing the SDE: finding some stochastic process that goes from noise to data.
 - Use to generate data!
- Theorem (Anderson '82): there exists a reversing SDE, and it has a nice form:

$$dx = [f(x, t) - g^2(t) \nabla_x \log p_t(x)]dt + g(t)dw$$

- Strategy: learn the score function, then solve this reverse SDE.

Reversing the SDE

- Learning the score function: use score matching!

$$\arg \min_{\theta} \sum_i \lambda(\sigma_i) \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\sigma_i, data}} \|s_{\theta}(x, i) - \nabla_x \log p_{\sigma_i, data}(x)\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{t \sim \text{unif}[0, T]} \mathbb{E}_{p_t(x)} \left[\lambda(t) \|s_{\theta}(x, t) - \nabla_x \log p_t(x)\|^2 \right]$$

- Use existing techniques: sliced score matching
- No need to tune temperature schedule
 - Still need to choose a forward SDE, $\lambda(\sigma_i)$, etc
 - Typically choose $\lambda(t) \propto 1/\mathbb{E} \left[\|\nabla_{x(t)} \log p(x(t) | x(0))\|^2 \right]$

Sampling by Solving the Reverse SDE

$$dx = [f(x, t) - g^2(t) \nabla_x \log p_t(x)]dt + g(t)dw$$

- Euler-Maruyama discretization:
 - $\Delta x \leftarrow [f(x, t) - g^2(t)s_\theta(x, t)]\Delta t + g(t)\sqrt{\Delta t}z_t$
 - $x \leftarrow x + \Delta x$
 - $t \leftarrow t + \Delta t$
- Other solvers:
 - Runge-Kutta
 - Predictor-corrector (Song et al. '21)

Evaluating Probability by Converting to ODE

- De-randomizing SDE

$$dx = [f(x, t) - g^2(t) \nabla_x \log p_t(x)]dt + g(t)dw$$

$$dx = [f(x, t) - g^2(t) \nabla_x \log p_t(x)]dt, x(T) \sim p_T$$

- Given an initial distribution and an ODE, we can evaluate probability at any time
 - Say given $x(T) \sim p_T$ and $dx = f(x, t)dt$

$$\log p_0(x(0)) = \log p_T(X(T)) + \int_0^T \text{Tr}(Df_\theta(x, t))dt$$

- Solve via ODE.