

CS480/680: Introduction to Machine Learning

Lec 15: Diffusion Models

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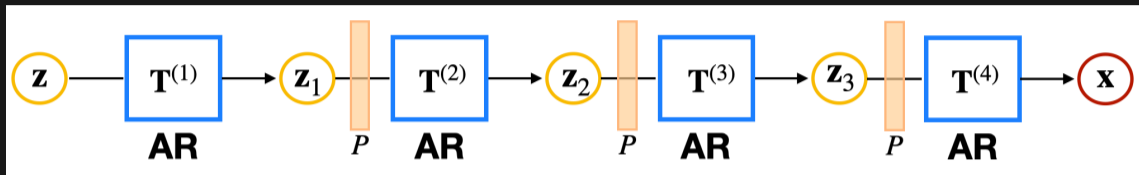


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Auto-Regressive (AR) Flow Recalled



$$(\mathbf{T}_{\#r})(\mathbf{x}) = r(\mathbf{z}) / \det(\nabla \mathbf{T}^{(1)} \mathbf{z}) / \det(\nabla \mathbf{T}^{(2)} \mathbf{z}_1) / \det(\nabla \mathbf{T}^{(3)} \mathbf{z}_2) / \det(\nabla \mathbf{T}^{(4)} \mathbf{z}_3)$$

$$x_j = z_j \cdot \exp(\alpha_j(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1})) + \mu_j(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}) =: T_j(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, z_j)$$

Now let the number of layers approach ∞ !

Neural Ordinary Differential Equations (ODE)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_{t+1} &\approx \mathbf{x}_t + \eta_t \cdot \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) =: \mathbf{T}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \\ d\mathbf{x}_{t+1} &= \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) dt\end{aligned}$$

- Suppose $\mathbf{x}_t \sim p_t$
- Apply change-of-variable-formula we know $\mathbf{x}_{t+1} \sim p_{t+1}$, where

$$\begin{aligned}\log p_{t+1}(\mathbf{x}_{t+1}) &= \log p_t(\mathbf{x}_t) - \log |\det \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{T}_t(\mathbf{x}_t)| \\ &= \log p_t(\mathbf{x}_t) - \log |\det [\text{Id} + \eta_t \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t)]| \\ &\approx \log p_t(\mathbf{x}_t) - \eta_t \cdot \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \rangle\end{aligned}$$

- Continuous change-of-variable formula:

$$\boxed{\frac{d \log p_t(\mathbf{x}_t)}{dt} = - \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \rangle}$$

Stochastic Differential Equations (SDE)

$$d\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) dt + G_t(\mathbf{x}_t) d\mathbf{n}_t$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+1} \approx \mathbf{x}_t + \eta_t \cdot \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) + \mathbf{g}_t(\mathbf{x}_t), \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{g}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \eta_t^2 G_t(\mathbf{x}_t) G_t(\mathbf{x}_t)^\top)$$

- \mathbf{x}_{t+1} is now a **noisy** version of \mathbf{x}_t
- Suppose $\mathbf{x}_t \sim p_t$
- Kolmogorov forward equation (a.k.a. Fokker-Planck equation):

$$\partial_t p_t = - \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}, p_t \mathbf{f}_t \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \partial_{\mathbf{x}}^\top, p_t G_t G_t^\top \rangle$$

- Kolmogorov backward equation (with fixed end time $t > s$):

$$-\partial_s p_s = \langle \mathbf{f}_s, \partial_{\mathbf{x}} p_s \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle G_s G_s^\top, \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \partial_{\mathbf{x}}^\top p_s \rangle$$

ODE \Leftrightarrow SDE

$$d\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) dt$$

$$d\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) dt + G_t(\mathbf{x}_t) d\mathbf{n}_t$$

- Any ODE is a (trivial) SDE with $G_t \equiv \mathbf{0}$
- Conversely, any SDE is equivalent to an ODE:

$$\mathbf{f}_t \leftarrow \mathbf{f}_t - \frac{1}{2}(G_t G_t^\top) \partial_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{1}{2}(G_t G_t^\top) \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t$$

- The [score function](#) plays an important role:

$$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{x}) := \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x})$$

Reverse-time SDE

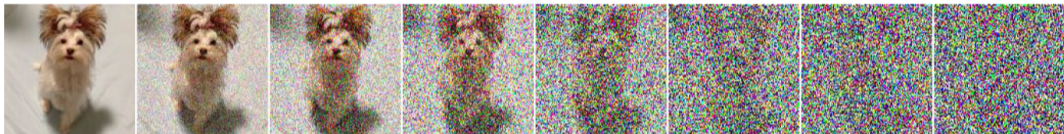
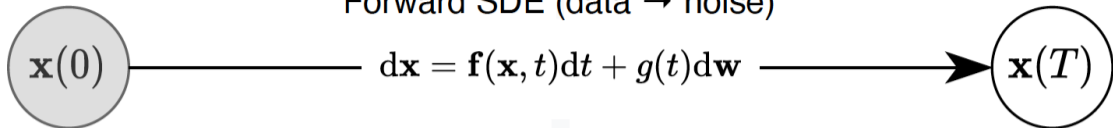
$$d\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) dt + G_t(\mathbf{x}_t) d\mathbf{n}_t$$

$$d\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} = \bar{\mathbf{f}}_t(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t) dt + G_t(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t) d\bar{\mathbf{n}}_t, \quad \text{where}$$

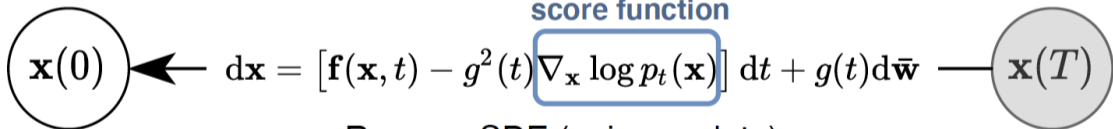
$$\bar{\mathbf{f}}_t = -\mathbf{f}_t + (G_t G_t^\top) \partial_{\mathbf{x}} + (G_t G_t^\top) \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t$$

- Time flows backwards for the bar quantities
- Forward SDE: diffuses data into noise
- Reverse SDE: molds noise into data
- \mathbf{f}_t and G_t together specify $\bar{\mathbf{f}}_t$: key is to estimate the score $\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t$

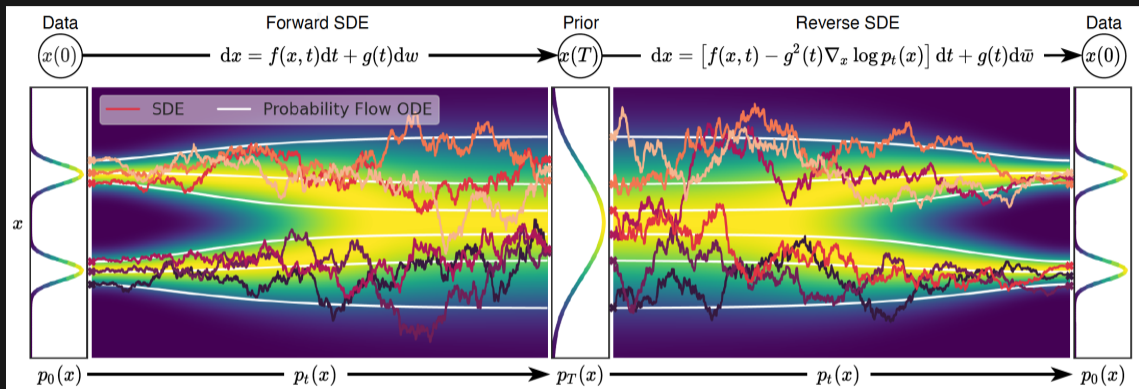
Forward SDE (data \rightarrow noise)



score function



Reverse SDE (noise \rightarrow data)



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Score Matching

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{F}(p||q) &:= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} \|\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{X}) - \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 + \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X}) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}_q(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 \right] \\ &\approx \hat{\mathbb{E}}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 + \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X}) \rangle \right]\end{aligned}$$

- Under mild conditions, $\mathbb{F}(p||q) = 0 \iff p \propto q$
- A Convenient way to estimate the score \mathbf{s}_q and hence the density q
- The model score function \mathbf{s}_p can be chosen as a neural net

Denoising Auto-Encoder

- Suppose also have a latent variable Z with joint density $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$
- Exchange differentiation with integration we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{F}(p||q) &:= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} \|\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{X}) - \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) \sim q} [\|\mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X}) - \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{s}_q(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 - \|\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})\|_2^2] \\ &\approx \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_{(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) \sim q} \|\mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X}) - \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

- Useful when the conditional density $\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})$ is easy to obtain

Score-based Diffusion Generative Models

$$d\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) dt + G_t(\mathbf{x}_t) d\mathbf{n}_t$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+1} \approx \mathbf{x}_t + \eta_t \cdot \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) + \mathbf{g}_t(\mathbf{x}_t), \quad \text{where } \mathbf{g}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \eta_t^2 G_t(\mathbf{x}_t) G_t(\mathbf{x}_t)^\top)$$

- Key is to estimate the score $\mathbf{s}_t(\mathbf{x}) = \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t$
- Apply denoising auto-encoder score matching:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_{t \sim \mu, (\mathbf{X}_t, \mathbf{X}_0) \sim q(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)} \lambda_t \|\mathbf{s}_t(\mathbf{X}_t; \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_0)\|_2^2$$

- $\mathbf{X}_0 \sim q(\mathbf{x})$, the data density
- $q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0)$ can be derived from the forward SDE, in closed-form if \mathbf{f}_t is affine

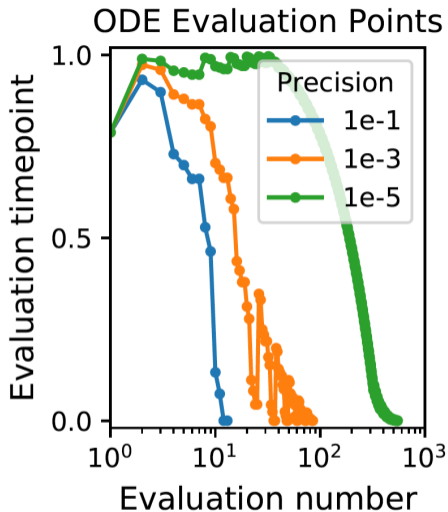
Inference After Learning

$$d\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) dt + G_t(\mathbf{x}_t) d\mathbf{n}_t$$

$$d\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} = \left[-\mathbf{f}_t + (G_t G_t^\top) \partial_{\mathbf{x}} + (G_t G_t^\top) \mathbf{s}_t(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right] dt + G_t(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t) d\bar{\mathbf{n}}_t$$

$$d\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \left[\mathbf{f}_t - \frac{1}{2} (G_t G_t^\top) \partial_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{1}{2} (G_t G_t^\top) \mathbf{s}_t(\mathbf{x}_t; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right] dt$$

- Run the reverse SDE or the equivalent ODE
 - sample $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \text{Id})$
 - apply numerical SDE or ODE solver (e.g. [Euler-Maruyama](#))



NFE=14

NFE=86

NFE=548



Interpolation











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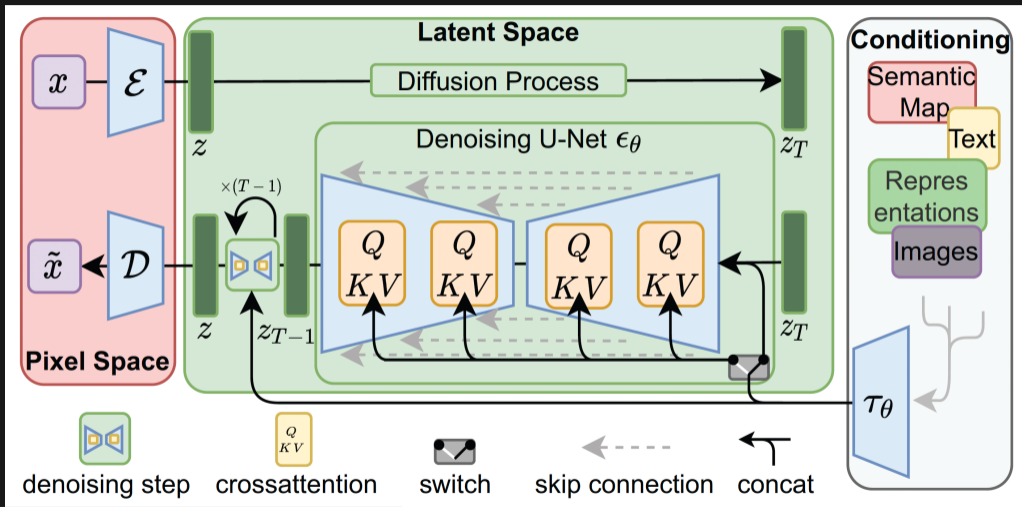
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Stable Diffusion



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