
On Autoencoders and Score Matching for Energy Based Models

Supplementary Material

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As a reminder, the score matching objective can be written in two equivalent forms:

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(\theta) &= \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{p}(v)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} (\psi_i(\tilde{p}(v)) - \psi_i(p_\theta(v)))^2 \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{p}(v)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \frac{1}{2} (\psi_i(p_\theta(v)))^2 + \frac{\partial \psi_i(p_\theta(v))}{\partial v_i} \right]. \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1 *The score matching objective, Equation (1), for a latent energy based model can be expressed succinctly in terms of either the free energy or expectations of the energy with respect to the conditional distribution $p(h|v)$. Specifically,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(\theta) &= \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{p}(v)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \frac{1}{2} (\psi_i(p_\theta(v)))^2 + \frac{\partial \psi_i(p_\theta(v))}{\partial v_i} \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{p}(v)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \right] \right)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \text{var}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \right] - \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial^2 E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i^2} \right] \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof First we calculate $\psi_i(p_\theta(v))$ and $\frac{\partial \psi_i(p_\theta(v))}{\partial v_i}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi_i(p_\theta(v)) &= \frac{\partial \log(p(v))}{\partial v_i} \\
 &= \frac{\partial \log \left(\int_h -E_\theta(v, h) dh \right)}{\partial v_i} - \frac{\partial \log(Z(\theta))}{\partial v_i} \\
 &= \frac{\partial \log \left(\int_h -E_\theta(v, h) dh \right)}{\partial v_i} \\
 &= \frac{\int_h \frac{\partial -E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \exp(-E_\theta(v, h)) dh}{\int_{h'} -E_\theta(v, h') dh'} \\
 &\equiv \int_h \frac{\partial -E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} p_\theta(h|v) \equiv \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial -E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \right], \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \psi_i(p_\theta(v))}{\partial v_i} &= \int_h \frac{\partial^2 -E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i^2} p_\theta(h|v) dh \\
 &\quad + \int_h \frac{\partial -E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \frac{\partial p_\theta(h|v)}{\partial v_i} dh. \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Making use of the fact that

$$\frac{\partial p_\theta(h|v)}{\partial v_i} = p_\theta(h|v) \frac{\partial \log(p_\theta(h|v))}{\partial v_i} : \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \log(p_\theta(h|v))}{\partial v_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial v_i} \log \left(\frac{\exp(-E_\theta(v, h))}{\int_{h'} \exp(-E_\theta(v, h')) dh'} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial -E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} - \frac{\partial \log \left(\int_{h'} \exp(-E_\theta(v, h')) dh' \right)}{\partial v_i} \\
 &= \frac{\partial -E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} - \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h'|v)} \left[\frac{\partial -E_\theta(v, h')}{\partial v_i} \right]. \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Where (5) comes from the definition given by (2). Us-

ing (4) with (5) and putting them together with (3):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \psi_i(p_\theta(v))}{\partial v_i} &= \int_h \left(\frac{\partial - E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \right)^2 p_\theta(h|v) dh \\
 &\quad - \left(\int_h \frac{\partial - E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} p_\theta(h|v) dh \right)^2 \\
 &\quad + \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial^2 - E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i^2} \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial E_\theta(v, h)^2}{\partial v_i} \right] - \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \right]^2 \\
 &\quad - \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial^2 E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i^2} \right] \\
 &= \text{var}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \right] - \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial^2 E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i^2} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

We can therefore express the full objective (1) as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(\theta) &= \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{p}(v)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \right] \right)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \text{var}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \right] - \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial^2 E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i^2} \right] \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary 1 *If the energy function of a latent EBM $E_\theta(v, h)$ takes the following form:*

$$E_\theta(v, h) = \frac{1}{2} (v - \mu(h))^T \Omega(h) (v - \mu(h)) + g(h),$$

where $\mu(h)$ is an arbitrary vector-valued function of length n_v , $g(h)$ is an arbitrary scalar function, and $\Omega(h)$ is an $n_v \times n_v$ positive-definite matrix-valued function, then the vector-valued score function $\psi(p_\theta(v))$ will take the following form: $\mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} [\Omega(h)(v - \mu(h))]$. As a result, the score matching objective can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(\theta) &= \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{p}(v)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} [\Omega(h)(v - \mu(h))]_i \right)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \text{var}_{p_\theta(h|v)} [\Omega(h)(v - \mu(h))]_i \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} [\Omega(h)]_{ii} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof To prove this we simply need to derive $\psi_i(p_\theta(v))$ and $\frac{\partial \psi_i(p_\theta(v))}{\partial v_i}$, then invoke Theorem 1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi_i(p_\theta(v)) &= \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \right], \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} [\Omega(h)(v - \mu(h))]_i \\
 \frac{\partial \psi_i(p_\theta(v))}{\partial v_i} &= \text{var}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i} \right] \\
 &\quad - \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} \left[\frac{\partial^2 E_\theta(v, h)}{\partial v_i^2} \right] \\
 &= \text{var}_{p_\theta(h|v)} [\Omega(h)(v - \mu(h))]_i \\
 &\quad - \mathbb{E}_{p_\theta(h|v)} [\Omega(h)]_{ii}. \tag{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

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