

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## Topics in AI (CPSC 532S): **Multimodal Learning with Vision, Language and Sound**

#### **Lecture 16: Generative Models [part 2]**



## Logistics

**Project Proposals** due Monday 11:59pm - They are graded for completeness / development of the proposal - They are **not** graded for quality of the idea

projects

I will hold additional office hours for feedback on Friday ... tentatively 4:30-5:30pm

#### I will provide feedback on the proposals, but don't wait for it to work on the

**PixelRNN and PixelCNN** 

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Also requires defining ordering of "previous pixels"







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#### **Softmax** loss at each pixel





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## **Generated** Samples



32x32 CIFAR-10

#### [van der Oord et al., 2016]



32x32 ImageNet



## PixelRNN and PixelCNN

#### **Pros:**

- Can explicitly compute likelihood p(x)
- Explicit likelihood of training data gives good evaluation metric
- Good samples

#### Con:

— Sequential generation => slow

### Improving PixelCNN performance

- Gated convolutional layers
- Short-cut connections
- Discretized logistic loss
- Multi-scale
- Training tricks
- Etc...

## Multi-scale PixelRNN

Take sub-sampled pixels as additional input pixels

Can capture better global information (more visually coherent)

#### [van der Oord et al., 2016]





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## **Conditional** Image Generation

# vector **h**

 $p(\mathbf{x}) = p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n^2})$  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{h}) = p(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n^2}|\mathbf{h})$  [van der Oord et al., 2016]

Similar to PixelRNN/CNN but conditioned on a high-level image description



## **Conditional** Image Generation



#### African elephant



#### [van der Oord et al., 2016]

#### Sandbar



## Attention RNN: Structured Spatial Attention Mechanism



#### Siddhesh Khandelwal



val Leonid Sigal



## Motivation

### Attention is widely used in vision: helps identify relevant regions of the image





#### **Q:** What color is a hydrant?



A: It is red





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## **Experiments**: Visual Digit Prediction

#### **Task:** Given an image, predict a digit number specified by a query color





|         | SAN    | ¬ CTX  | CTX    | ARNN   |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ectness | 0.1258 | 0.2017 | 0.2835 | 0.3729 |

# Variational Autoencoders (VAE)



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VAEs define intractable density function with latent variables z (that we need to marginalize):

$$p_{\theta}(x) = \int f$$

cannot optimize directly, derive and optimize lower bound of likelihood instead

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### $p_{\theta}(z)p_{\theta}(x|z)dz$





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### Train such that features can reconstruct original data best they can



Input data 

best they can



### **Reconstructed** data



Encoder: 4-layer conv Decoder: 4-layer upconv

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**Intuition:** *x* is an image, *z* is latent factors used to generate x (e.g., attributes, orientation, etc.)



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Conditional  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$  is complex (generates image) Represent with Neural Network







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### What is the problem with this?



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### Intractable !



Data likelihood:  $p_{\theta}(x) = \int p_{\theta}(z) p_{\theta}(x|z) dz$ 

[Kingma and Welling, 2014]





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### **Decoder** Neural Network

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**Solution:** In addition to decoder network modeling  $p_{\theta}(x|z)$ , define additional encoder network  $q_{\Phi}(z|x)$  that approximates  $p_{\theta}(z|x)$ - Will see that this allows us to derive a lower bound on the data likelihood that is tractable, which we can optimize

### [Kingma and Welling, 2014]

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# Since we are modeling probabilistic generation of data, encoder and decoder

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Derivation of lower bound of the data likelihood

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Taking expectation with respect to z (using encoder network) will come in handy later

[Kingma and Welling, 2014]

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 $\left[\frac{c^{(i)}}{c^{(i)}}\right]$ (Multiply by constant)

![](_page_67_Picture_9.jpeg)

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[Kingma and Welling, 2014]

yes' Rule)

(Multiply by constant)  $\frac{p_{\theta}(z \mid x^{(i)})}{p_{\theta}(z)} + \mathbf{E}_{z} \left[ \log \frac{q_{\phi}(z \mid x^{(i)})}{p_{\theta}(z \mid x^{(i)})} \right] \quad \text{(Logarithms)}$ 

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Expectation with respect to z (using encoder network) leads to nice KL terms

[Kingma and Welling, 2014]

yes' Rule)

 $\left[\frac{i}{i}\right]$  (Multiply by constant)  $\frac{b(z \mid x^{(i)})}{p_{\theta}(z)} + \mathbf{E}_{z} \left[ \log \frac{q_{\phi}(z \mid x^{(i)})}{p_{\theta}(z \mid x^{(i)})} \right] \quad \text{(Logarithms)}$  $|x^{(i)}|| p_{\theta}(z)) + D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(z \mid x^{(i)}) \mid |p_{\theta}(z \mid x^{(i)}))|$ 

![](_page_69_Picture_9.jpeg)

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Decoder network gives  $p_A(x|z)$ , can compute estimate of this term through sampling. (Sampling differentiable through **reparam. trick**, see paper.)

[Kingma and Welling, 2014]

yes' Rule)

 $\left|\frac{r^{(i)}}{r^{(i)}}\right|$  (Multiply by constant)  $\frac{\phi(z \mid x^{(i)})}{p_{\theta}(z)} + \mathbf{E}_{z} \left[ \log \frac{q_{\phi}(z \mid x^{(i)})}{p_{\theta}(z \mid x^{(i)})} \right] \quad \text{(Logarithms)}$  $|x^{(i)}|| p_{\theta}(z)) + D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(z \mid x^{(i)}) \mid |p_{\theta}(z \mid x^{(i)}))|$ p<sub>A</sub>(z x) intractable (saw earlier), can't This KL term (between Gaussians) for encoder and z prior) has nice compute this KL term :( closed-form solution! But we know KL divergence always  $\geq 0$ .

![](_page_70_Picture_10.jpeg)

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Tractable lower bound which we can take gradient of and optimize! ( $p\theta(x|z)$  differentiable, KL term differentiable) [Kingma and Welling, 2014]

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## Variational Autoencoder

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$$= \mathbf{Reconstruct} \qquad \text{Make approximate posterior}$$

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Lets look at **computing the bound** (forward pass) for a given mini batch of input data



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For every minibatch of input data: compute this forward pass, and then backprop!





### what can happen without regularisation



https://towardsdatascience.com/understanding-variational-autoencoders-vaes-f70510919f73





what we want to obtain with regularisation

Use decoder network and sample z from **prior** 



Sample z from  $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ 



https://towardsdatascience.com/understanding-variational-autoencoders-vaes-f70510919f73

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Also good feature representation that can be computed using  $q_{\phi}(z|x)!$ 

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