

Generative machine learning models for scenario simulation

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Generate a scenario with a probabilistic model

Terms:

- **scenario** is a time series realization of a reconstructed stochastic process,
- **machine learning** selects a reconstruction model to fit data,
- model **generates** data of same distribution.

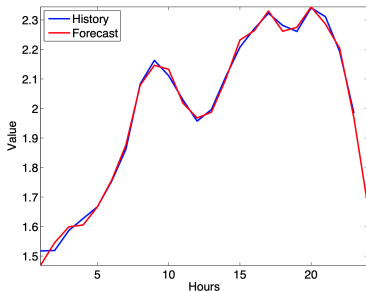
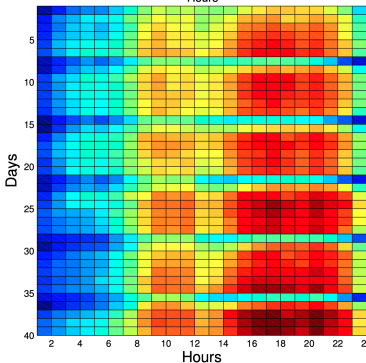
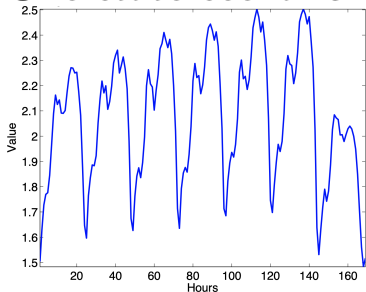
The goal: to reconstruct true distribution of data

The method: Principal Component Analysis (as autoencoder)

Assumptions:

- ① time series are relatively short,
- ② variance of each time series is high,
- ③ covariance of some time series is high.

One-state scenario forecasting model



The design matrix is

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c|c} y_{t+1} & \mathbf{x}_t \\ \hline 1 \times 1 & 1 \times n \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{y} & \mathbf{X} \\ \hline t \times 1 & t \times n \end{array}},$$

the forecasting model $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{X}$,
the forecast $\hat{y}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_t$.

Singular Spectrum Analysis and state space

- ① Construct the Hankel matrix with time series,

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \mathbf{x}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & \dots & x_n \\ x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & \dots & x_{n+1} \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & \dots & x_{n+2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_t & x_{t+1} & x_{t+2} & \dots & x_{t+n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- ② Decompose the matrix and take the k first components,

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{X}_n = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^T = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T.$$

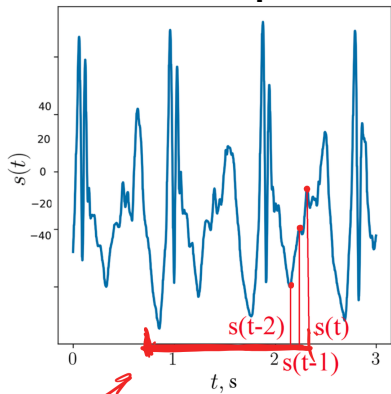
- ③ Reconstruct the time series by anti-diagonal average

$$\hat{x}_t = \text{mean} \mathbf{X}(i, j), \quad i + j = t - 1.$$

State space models describe the change of state \mathbf{x} in time $\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z})$

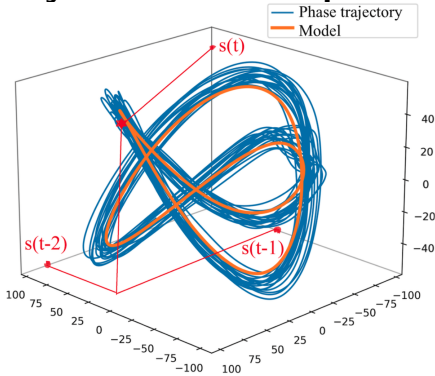
Define the state space by vectors $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t\}$, the phase trajectory \mathbf{X} .

Model of the phase trajectory in the state space



$t - 1000$

$\dim(s) \approx 1000$

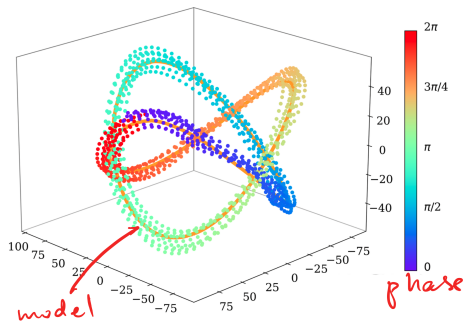
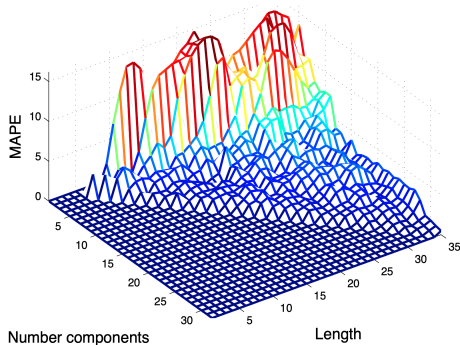


$\dim(x) = 4$

Reduce dimensionality with the principal component analysis, autoencoder $z = \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{x}$ where \mathbf{W} is an orthogonal (rotation) matrix. The first principal components are given by Singular Values Decomposition

$$\sqrt{\lambda_k} \mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{U}_k \quad \text{the SVD is} \quad \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^T$$

The model complexity and the phase trajectory



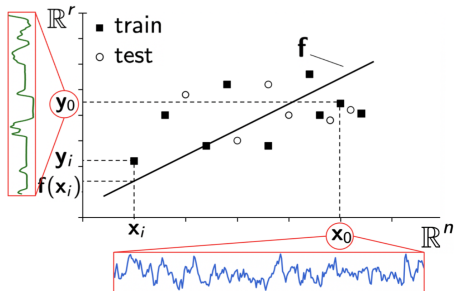
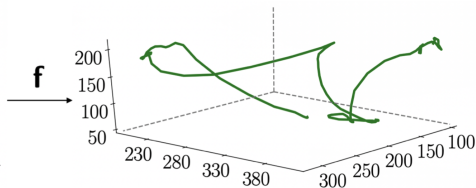
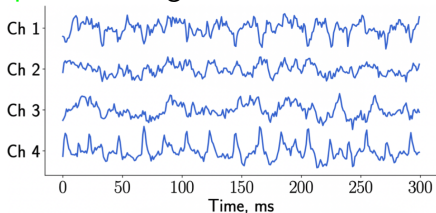
The length is n , here a point of the phase trajectory $\mathbf{x}_t \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the complexity is k . The encoder is

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$1 \times k$ $k \times n$ $n \times 1$

Canonical correlation analysis

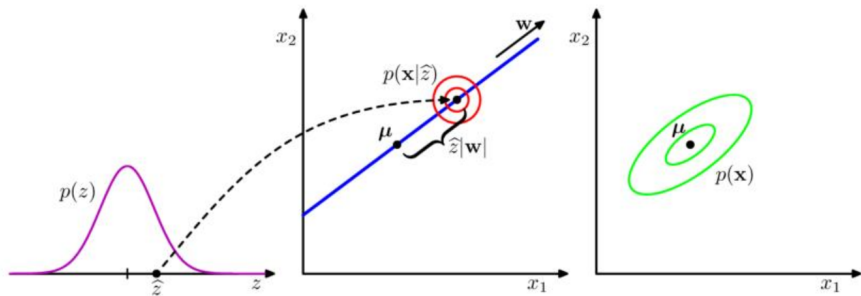
To control the scenario, it reconstructs dependencies in **design space**, **target space**, and align in-between. The forecasting model is $f = W\Lambda Q$.



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{f}} & \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^r \\
 \swarrow \mathbf{W} & & \searrow \mathbf{C} \\
 & \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^\ell & \\
 \nwarrow \mathbf{P} & & \nearrow \mathbf{Q} \\
 \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{t} + \mathbf{e}_x & & \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{e}_y \\
 \text{cov}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{u}) \rightarrow \max_{\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}} & &
 \end{array}$$

The simplest generative model

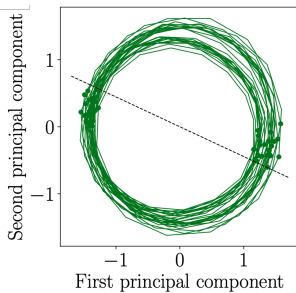
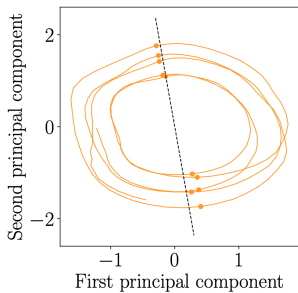
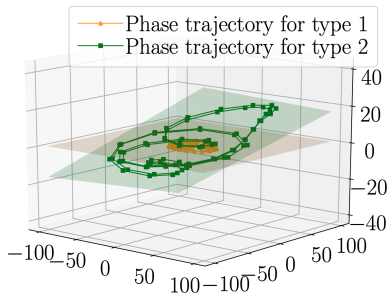
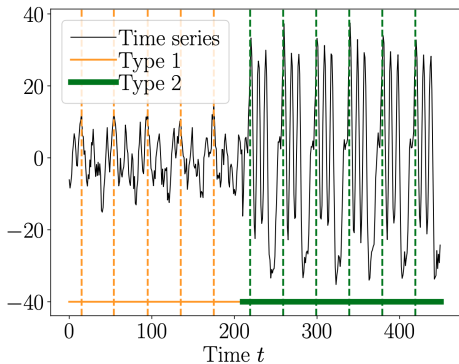
Probabilistic principal component analysis: to reconstruct the initial data, sample from the normal distribution, $\mathbf{x} = \underbrace{\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}}_{\text{deterministic}} + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{\text{stochastic}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$.



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

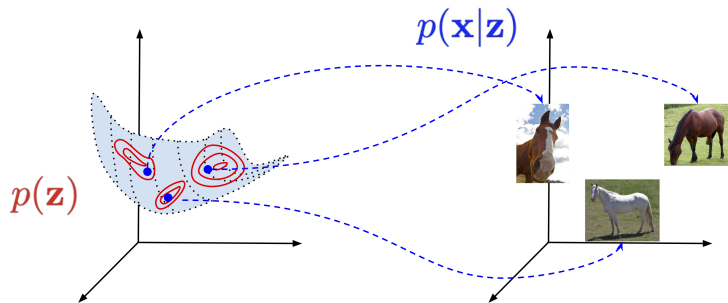
Denote by $p(\mathbf{z})$ distribution in latent space, and $p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z})$ in the data space given the latent variable \mathbf{z} .

Select an optimal manifold, given a mixture



The simplest generative model, a mixture

Each data cluster has its own mean and variance.

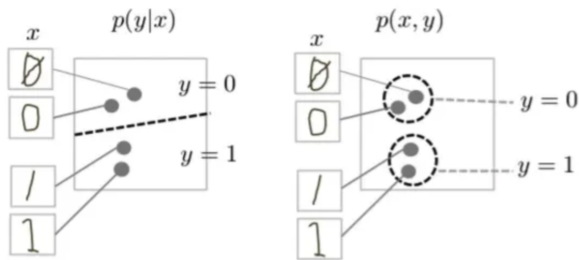


PCA reveals manifolds and reduces data dimensionality. Shall we use a deterministic or a probabilistic manifold?

Generative versus discriminative models

The variable \mathbf{x} is either probabilistic or deterministic.

- Discriminative Model
- Generative Model



The Bayes' rule

$$p(y | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\overbrace{p(\mathbf{x}, y)}^{p(\mathbf{x} | y)p(y)}}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$

Fig 1. From a Machine Learning course by [Google](#)

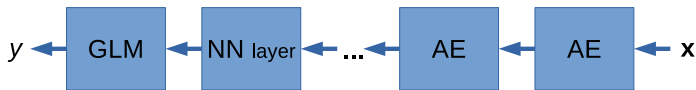
Discriminative: in the logistic regression \mathbf{x} is not a random variable,

$$p(y | \mathbf{x}) = (1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))^{-1}.$$

Generative: in the naive Bayesian \mathbf{x} is a random variable, here it is normally distributed,

$$p(\mathbf{x} | y_k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_k^2}} \exp -\frac{1}{2\sigma_k^2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}_k)^2.$$

Neural network with stack of autoencoders



$$f = \mathbf{w}_{1 \times 1_k}^T \mathbf{z}_{k-1} \circ \mathbf{W}_{k-1}^T \mathbf{z}_{k-2} \circ \cdots \circ \mathbf{W}_2^T \mathbf{z}_1 \circ \mathbf{W}_1^T \mathbf{x}$$

Neural network error

$$E_y = (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}))^2$$

Autoencoder reconstruction error

$$E_x = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{z})\|^2$$

Types of autoencoders

PCA
 $\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}_n$

skip block
 $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}_n$

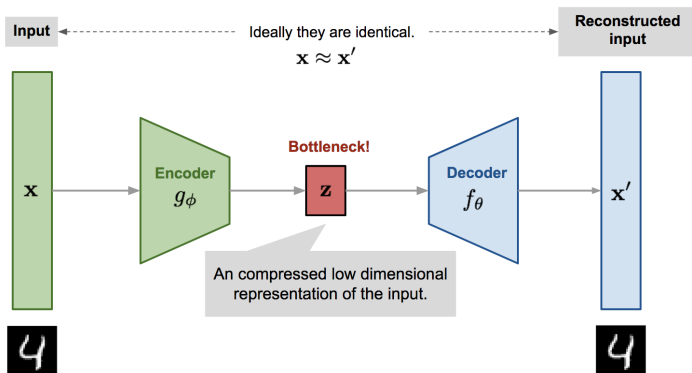
metric
 $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$

multi-linear
 $\mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}$

Autoencoder transform: $\mathbf{z} = (1 + \exp(-\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}))^{-1}$

Reconstruction decoder: $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{x}))$

Autoencoder: probabilistic or deterministic?

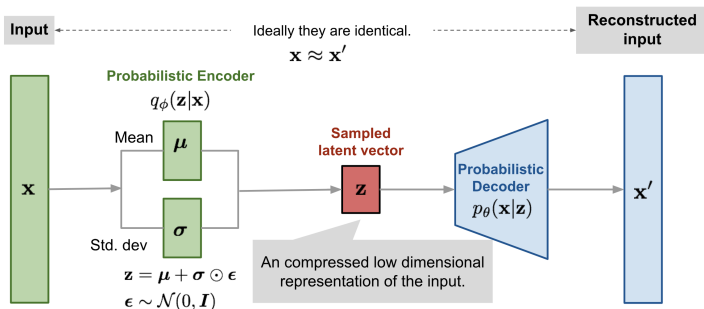


Encoder g_ϕ translates the original high-dimensional x to the low-dimensional latent z .

Decoder f_θ reconstructs original $\hat{x} \sim x$ with the loss function

$$\left(x - f_\theta \left(\underbrace{g_\phi(x)}_{\text{low-dim latent } z} \right) \right)^2$$

Variational autoencoder

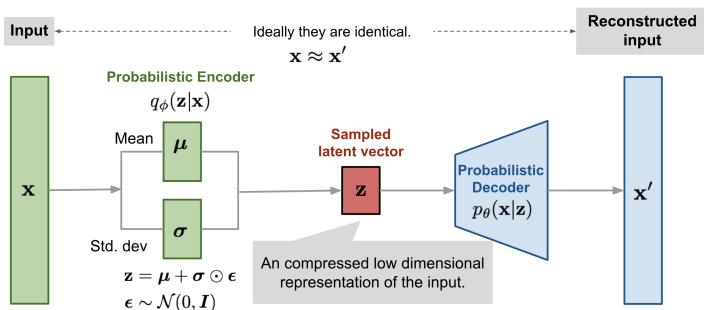


Encoder $q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}) = \text{NN}_{\text{enc}}(\mathbf{x}, \phi)$ outputs $\mu_{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$ and $\sigma_{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$. Decoder $p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}, \theta) = \text{NN}_{\text{dec}}$ outputs \mathbf{x} of similar distribution.

It is **probabilistic decoder**: conditional probability $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z})$ defines a generative model, similar to decoder $f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z})$ and **probabilistic encoder**: the approximation function $q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x})$ similar to $g_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x})$.

From Autoencoder to Beta-VAE by L. Weng, 2018, GitHub

Variational autoencoder



Probability to generate real-data samples $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max \sum_{i=1}^m \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i)$ the data generation procedure uses encoding vector

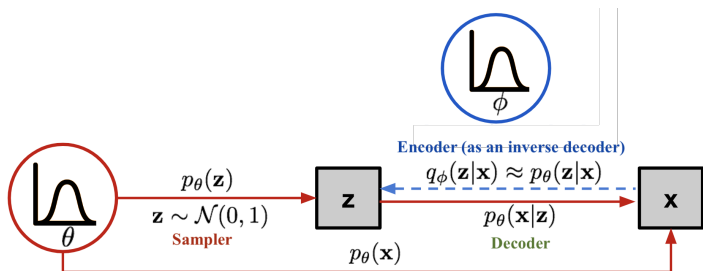
$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i) = \int p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i | \mathbf{z}) p_\theta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$ Approximate it with $q_\phi(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x})$

To generate a sample \mathbf{x}_i that **looks like real data**

- ① sample \mathbf{z}_i from the prior distribution $p_{\hat{\theta}}(\mathbf{z})$
- ② then generate \mathbf{x}_i from the conditional distribution $p_{\hat{\theta}}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}_i)$

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Graphical model of the Variational autoencoder



Loss function to teach the network parameters

$$L_{\text{VAE}}(\phi, \theta) = \log p_{\theta}(x) + \underbrace{D_{\text{KL}}(q_{\phi}(z | x) \| p_{\theta}(z | x))}_{\text{distributions look similar}} =$$

$$-\mathbb{E}_{z \sim q_{\phi}(z|x)} \log p_{\theta}(x | z) + D_{\text{KL}}(q_{\phi}(z | x) \| p_{\theta}(z)),$$

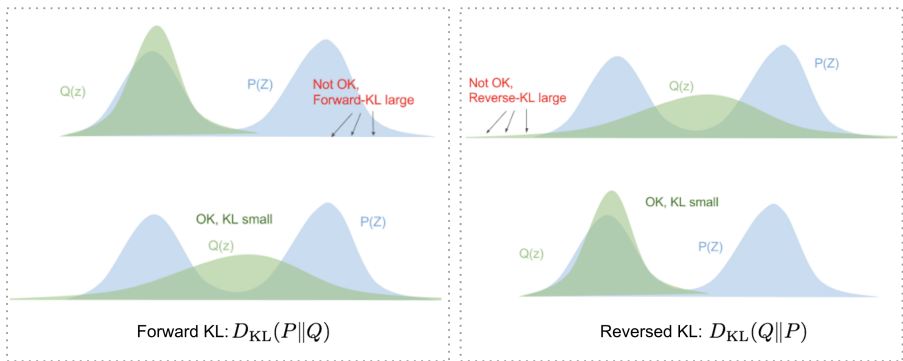
$$\hat{\phi}, \hat{\theta} = \arg \min L_{\text{VAE}}$$

Multi-modal distribution of data and uni-modal prior

Forward and reversed KL divergence

$$D_{\text{KL}}(p \parallel q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\mathbf{x}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x}$$

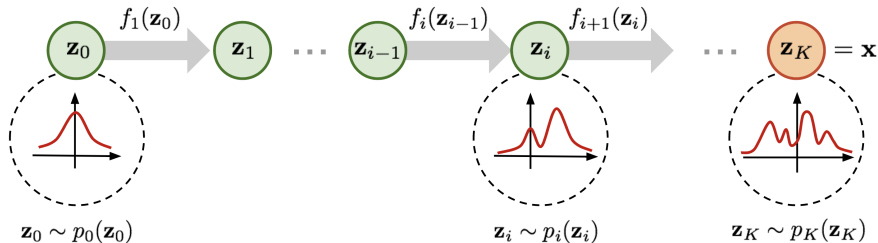
matches two distributions in different ways.



The normalizing flow is a superposition

The flow f_1, \dots, f_K must be

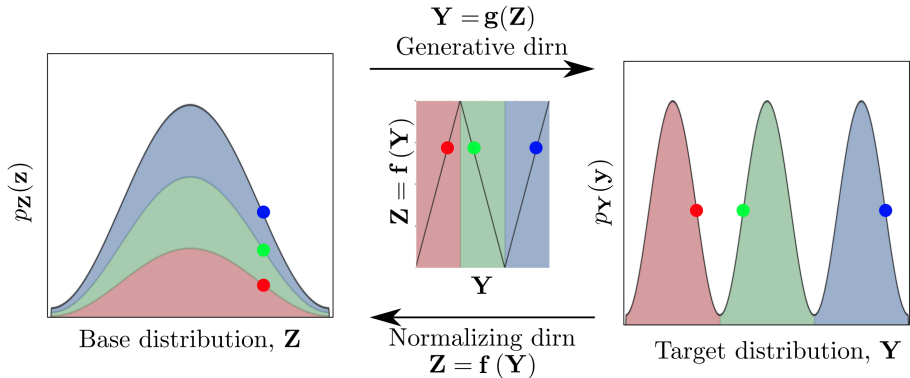
- ① easily invertible,
- ② its Jacobian determinant is easy to compute.



The target distribution $\log p_K(\mathbf{z}_K) = \log p_0(\mathbf{z}_0) - \sum_{i=1}^K \log \left(\det \frac{df_i(\mathbf{z}_{i-1})}{d\mathbf{z}_{i-1}} \right)$.

Let $\mathbf{z}_0 = f_1^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_1)$. Change variables in the pdf so $p_1(\mathbf{z}_1) = p_0(\mathbf{z}_0) \left(\det \frac{df_1^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_1)}{d\mathbf{z}_1} \right)$.

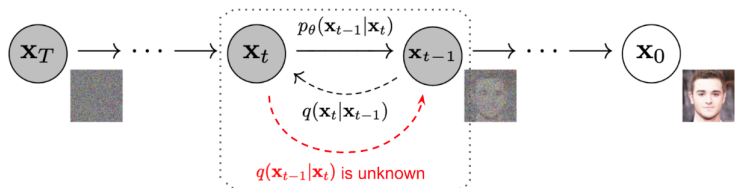
An example of the flow: piecewise bijective



A monotone function maps sections of data domain to the base distribution.

To invert the function, sample the base distribution with a gating network. Use a mixture of experts network.

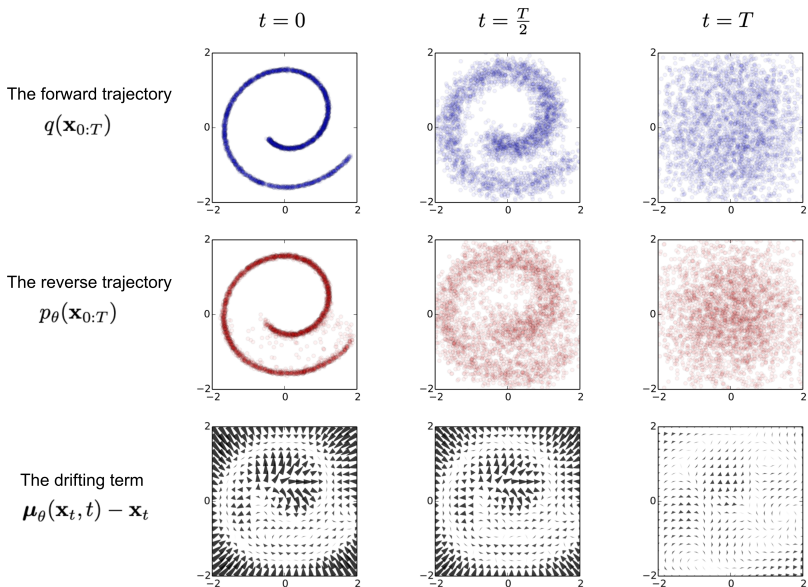
Diffusion models: learn slowly by adding noise



Given the data distribution $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim q(\mathbf{x})$ set:

- ① forward diffusion process $\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{1 - \beta_t} \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{\beta_t} \mathbf{z}_t$, sampling i.i.d. $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$,
- ② sampling $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ and learning parameters θ of U-Net $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$,
- ③ reverse diffusion process $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) = p(\mathbf{x}_T) \prod_{t=1}^T p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$,
- ④ slow learning gives $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t))$.

An example of training a diffusion model



Building complex generative models

The main challenge is to estimate the normalizing constant

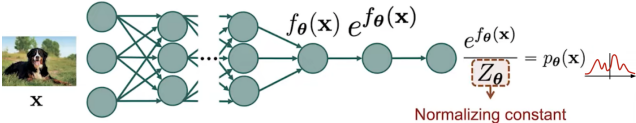
$$Z_{\theta} = \int \exp(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{x}$$



Unknown data distribution



Model distribution

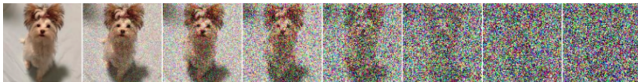


Approximate unknown true distribution with a neural network

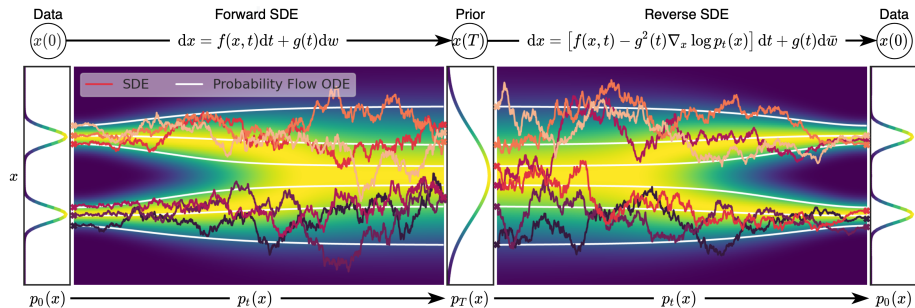
Normalizing for Gaussian distribution $Z_{\mu} = 2\pi^{-\frac{d}{2}}$

Score-based generative model via Neural SDEs

SDE smoothly transforms a complex data distribution to a known prior distribution by slowly injecting noise.




To reverse the SDE compute the score $\nabla_x \log p_t(x)$ of the distribution at each t .




Score-based generative modeling through SDE by Y. Song, 2022, ArXiv

Create a test generative model

A 30-second project. Request for a code

 You
python, create a simple variational autoencoder and generate periodic time-series

 ChatGPT

Define the model

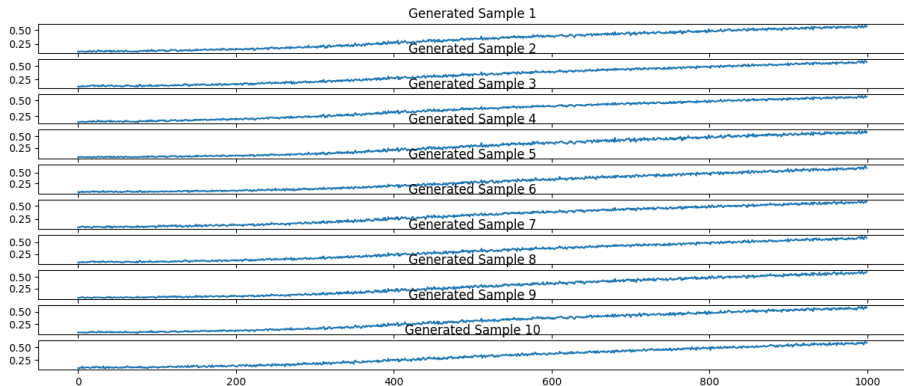
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class VAE(models.Model):
    def __init__(self, encoder, decoder, **kwargs):
        super(VAE, self).__init__(**kwargs)
        self.encoder = encoder
        self.decoder = decoder
        self.total_loss_tracker = tf.keras.metrics.Mean(name="total_loss")
        self.reconstruction_loss_tracker = tf.keras.metrics.Mean(
            name="reconstruction_loss"
        )
        self.kl_loss_tracker = tf.keras.metrics.Mean(name="kl_loss")
```

Run with a useful optimizer

```
# Instantiate the VAE model
vae = VAE(encoder, decoder)
vae.compile(optimizer=tf.keras.optimizers.Adam())
```

This code is generated by ChatGPT 3.5

The generated time series



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To program a simple project

Set an object to sample

describe a type of relations between time series (none, multi-linear, metric)

- ① a point in a phase trajectory
- ② set of points in trajectories
- ③ a dynamic graph in a graph trajectory
- ④ CCA source and target trajectories

Set a generation model to tune

put forward a hypothesis on data distribution; it makes optimization criteria to tune NN

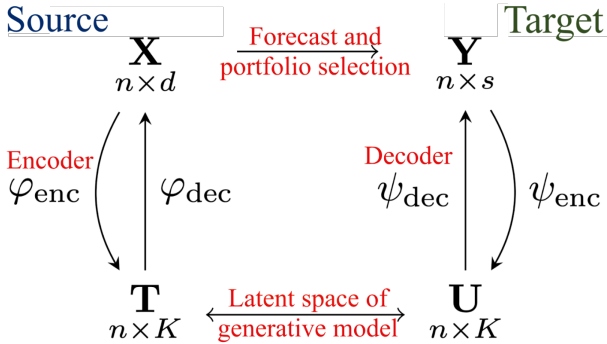
- ① variational auto-encoder
- ② normalizing flow model
- ③ diffusion probabilistic model

Set an external utility function

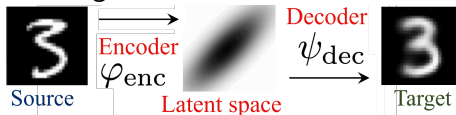
it selects a type of model and structure of the neural network

Select performance measurement routine and dataset

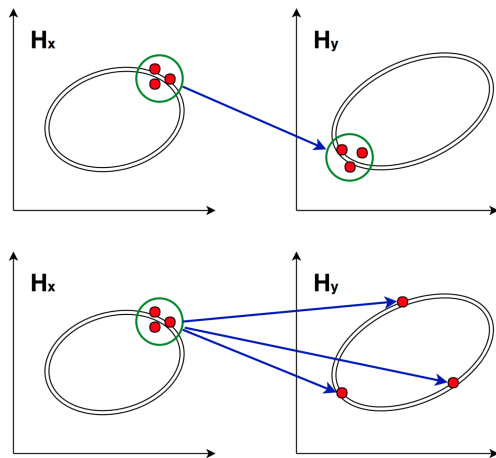
Generative model for Canonical Correlation Analysis



- ① Approximates both spaces, design and target
- ② Reduce the dimensionality of spaces, select the connected data
- ③ Select a subset of target time series



Convergent cross mapping as a distance function

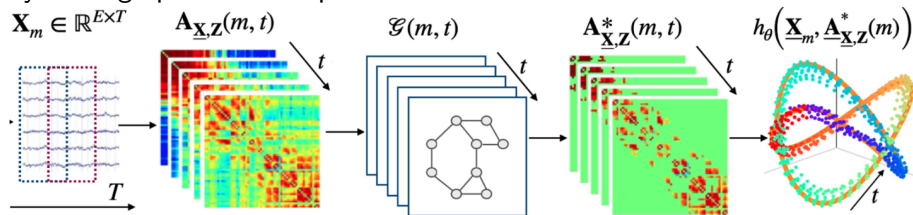


The time series \mathbf{y} depends on the time series \mathbf{x} , if in the neighbourhood $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \in H_x$ there exists a Lipschitz continuous map

$$\varphi H_x \rightarrow H_y \quad \text{such that} \quad \rho_{H_y}(\varphi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')) \geq L \rho_{H_x}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}').$$

High variance and high co-variance in time series

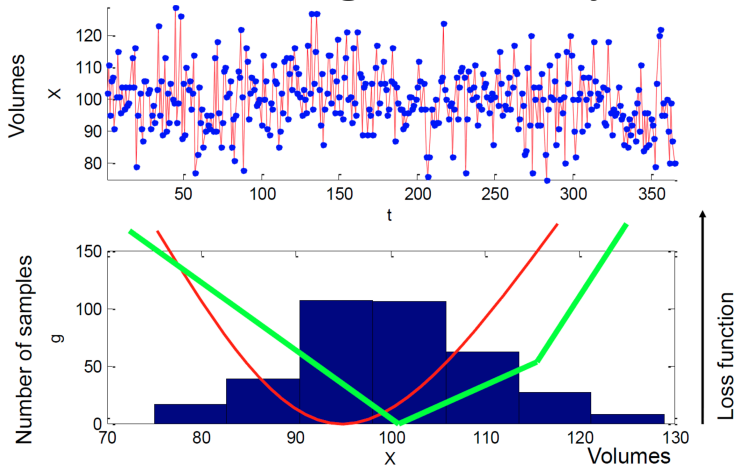
Dynamic graph reflects dependencies between the time series.



To reconstruct the dependencies

- ① define distance between points of the phase trajectories,
- ② make low-rank decomposition, prune the dependency graph,
- ③ reconstruct time series.

Convolution with an engineered utility function



There given the histogram $\{x_i, g_i\}$ and the utility function $L(z, x)$, for example, $|z - x|$ or $(z - x)^2$. Find the forecast \hat{x} as

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_{z \in \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}} \sum_{i=1}^m g_i L(z, x_i).$$

Tools to create generative models

General purpose

- ① PyTorch, TensorFlow (Keras, TFP), and JAX
- ② DCGAN, Torch-GAN and Conditional GAN
- ③ Google AutoML

Generative models and collections

- ① Pytae: most common variational autoencoder models
- ② UNet diffusion: denoising diffusion probabilistic model in PyTorch
- ③ PGMC: collection of generative models in PyTorch

CCA and Graph networks

- ① DeepCCA: deep canonical correlation analysis
- ② DGCCA: deep generalized canonical correlation analysis:
- ③ pyRiemann: Biosignals classification with Riemannian geometry

Articles to read

- ① Introduction to Probabilistic Programming by A. Das, 2020, ayandas
- ② Foundation of Variational Autoencoder (VAE) by A. Das, 2020, ayandas
- ③ From Autoencoder to Beta-VAE by L. Weng, 2018, GitHub
- ④ Flow-based Deep Generative Models by L. Weng, 2018, GitHub
- ⑤ Normalizing Flows: review by I. Kobyzin et al., 2020, IEEE
- ⑥ Variational Inference with Normalizing Flows by D.J. Rezende, S. Mohamed, 2015, ArXiv
- ⑦ Score-Based Generative Modeling through Stochastic Differential Equations by Y. Song et al., 2015, ArXiv
- ⑧ Denoising diffusion probabilistic models by J. Ho, 2020 ArXiv
- ⑨ Deep unsupervised learning using Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics by J. Sohl-Dickstein et al., 2015, ArXiv
- ⑩ An Intuitive Tutorial to Gaussian Processes Regression by J. Wang, 2020, ArXiv