

#### Lecture 11: Advanced Generative Models

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## Lecture overview

- Early autoregressive models
- Modern autoregressive models
- Normalizing flows
- Flow-based models

## A map of generative models



### Beyond independent dimensions

- Often, in data there is either an order or we can make up an order
  - From a generation point of view, data dimensions depend on each other



## Decomposing likelihood of sequential data

• If  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, ..., x_d]$  is sequential,  $p(\mathbf{x})$  decomposes with chain rule of probabilities

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(x_1) \cdot p(x_2|x_1) \cdot p(x_3|x_1, x_2) \cdot \dots \cdot p(x_d|x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} p(x_i|x_{i})$$

If *x* is *not* sequential, we can assume an artificial order *e.g.*, the order with which pixels make (generate) an image
This can create artificial bias, however

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## Deep networks to model conditional likelihoods

- Model the conditional likelihoods with deep neural networks
  - Logistic regression (Frey et al., 1996), Neural nets (Bengio and Bengio, 2000)
  - *E.g.*, learn a deep net to generate one pixel at a time given past pixels
- The learning objective is to maximize the log-likelihood  $\log p(x)$ 
  - If each conditional is tractable,  $\log p(\mathbf{x})$  is tractable
  - Model conditional probabilities directly and with no partition functions *Z*



# Neural Autoregressive Density Estimation

- Inspired by RBMs but with tractable density estimation
   Each conditional modelled with sigmoidal neural net like in RBMs
- Parameter matrix *W* maps past inputs  $v_{< i}$  to hidden feature  $h_i$
- Parameter matrix *V* generates pixel  $v_i$  given the hidden feature  $h_i$   $p(v_i | v_{< i}) = \sigma(b_i + (V^T)_{i,\cdot} h_i)$  $h_i = \sigma(c + W_{\cdot, < i} v_{< i})$
- Teacher forcing
  - $\circ$  During training use ground truth past inputs  $v_{< i}$
  - During testing use predicted past inputs  $\hat{v}_{< i}$





Figure 1: (Left) Illustration of a fully visible sigmoid belief network. (Right) Illustration of a neural autoregressive distribution estimator.  $\hat{v}_i$  is used as a shorthand for  $p(v_i = 1 | \mathbf{v}_{< i})$ . Arrows connected by a blue line correspond to connections with shared or tied parameters.

Larochelle and Murray, Neural Autoregressive Distribution Estimation

# Masked Autoencoder for Distribution Estimation

- Make an autoregressive autoencoder by setting each output  $x_i$  depend only on previous outputs  $x_{< i}$ 
  - In autoencoders the output dimensions depend on 'future' dimensions also
- Implement this by introducing a masking matrix *M* to multiply weights **Masks**

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{b} + (W \odot M^{W}) \cdot \mathbf{x})$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \sigma(\mathbf{c} + (V \odot M^{V}) \cdot h(\mathbf{x}))$$



For the *k*-th neuron the mask column is  $M_{k,d} = \begin{cases} 1 & m(k) \ge d \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

And m(k) is a integer between 1 and d - 1



Germain, Gregor, Murray, Larochelle, Masked Autoencoder for Distribution Estimation

### MADE architecture



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