

Homework 5

Deep Learning 2025 Spring

Due on 2025/4/7

1 True or False

Problem 1. By adding noise to the embedding of a sequence of words and conditionally resample the perturbed sequence to generate a new sequence, we can use diffusion model to generate text.

2 Q&A

Problem 2. (DDPM objective)

In the diffusion model, we train a model ϵ_θ that takes \mathbf{x}_t and step t as input to be the parameterization of μ_θ to predict $\tilde{\mu}_t$ (the mean value of \mathbf{x}_{t-1} given \mathbf{x}_t and \mathbf{x}_0), which is used in the reverse process where

$$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \mu_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \Sigma_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)) \quad (1)$$

The forward process is defined as:

$$q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{\alpha_t} \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, (1 - \alpha_t) \mathbf{I}), q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T} | \mathbf{x}_0) = \prod_{t=1}^T q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) \quad (2)$$

use the reparameterization trick, we have

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\alpha_t} \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \epsilon_{t-1}, \text{ where } \epsilon_{t-1}, \epsilon_{t-2}, \dots \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) \quad (3)$$

1. Prove that with reparameterization trick we have

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \epsilon, \text{ where } \epsilon \dots \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) \quad (4)$$

which means $q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t) \mathbf{I})$, where $\{a_t\}$ is a given array and $\bar{\alpha}_t = \prod_{i=1}^t \alpha_i$.

2. Prove the conditional probability $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)$ (which is the target of $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t)$) is a Gaussian distribution with mean

$$\tilde{\mu}_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \left(\mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}} \epsilon \right) \quad (5)$$

3. Since the KL divergence is always non-negative, we have

$$-\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0) \leq -\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0) + D_{\text{KL}}(q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0) \| p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)) \quad (6)$$

Show that

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})} \left[\log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})} \right] \geq -\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_0)} \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0) \quad (7)$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})} \left[\log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)}{p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})} \right] = \mathbb{E}_q \left[\underbrace{D_{\text{KL}}(q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) \| p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_T))}_{L_T} + \sum_{t=2}^T \underbrace{D_{\text{KL}}(q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) \| p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t))}_{L_{t-1}} - \underbrace{\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)}_{L_0} \right] \quad (8)$$

4. In practise L_T is a constant and L_0 is often taken out for separate processing so here we consider the expression of $L_{1:T-1}$ and since $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t)$ and $q(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0)$ are gaussian distribution, we have

$$L_t = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0, \epsilon} \left[\frac{1}{2\|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\theta\|_2^2} \|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_0) - \boldsymbol{\mu}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)\|^2 \right] \quad (9)$$

Prove that the formula above can be rewritten as:

$$L_t = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_0, \epsilon} \left[\frac{(1 - \alpha_t)^2}{2\alpha_t(1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)\|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\theta\|_2^2} \|\epsilon - \epsilon_\theta(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}\mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}\epsilon_t, t)\|^2 \right] \quad (10)$$

where $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \left(\mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}} \epsilon \right)$ and $\boldsymbol{\mu}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \left(\mathbf{x}_t - \frac{1 - \alpha_t}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}} \epsilon_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t) \right)$

Problem 3. (Fisher divergence) Let $p_{\text{data}}(x)$ denote the data distribution (unknown) and $p_\theta(x) = \frac{e^{-E_\theta(x)}}{Z(\theta)}$ the model distribution, where $E_\theta(x)$ is the energy function and $Z(\theta)$ the partition function. The score function of a distribution $p(x)$ is defined as $\nabla_x \log p(x)$. The Fisher divergence between p_{data} and p_θ is given by:

$$F(p_{\text{data}} \| p_\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} [\|\nabla_x \log p_{\text{data}}(x) - \nabla_x \log p_\theta(x)\|_2^2].$$

Prove that the Fisher divergence can be rewritten as:

$$F(p_{\text{data}} \| p_\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|\nabla_x \log p_\theta(x)\|_2^2 + \text{tr}(\nabla_x^2 \log p_\theta(x)) \right] + \text{Const.},$$

where $\text{tr}(\nabla_x^2 \log p_\theta(x))$ is the trace of the Hessian of $\log p_\theta(x)$.

Hint: Refer to the paper by Song, 2020[2].

Problem 4. (Denoising score matching) Prove that the objective in denoising score matching

$$\int q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})^\top \mathbf{s}_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) d\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \quad (11)$$

can be rewritten as

$$E_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}), \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \sim q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})} [\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} | \mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{s}_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})] \quad (12)$$

Problem 5. The schedule of increasing noise levels in the noise-conditioned score network (NCSN)[2] resembles the forward diffusion process in denoising diffusion probabilistic models (DDPM)[1]. Explain how the diffusion process in DDPM can be used to approximate the score function $\mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)$ in NCSN.

References

- [1] Jonathan Ho, Ajay Jain, and Pieter Abbeel. Denoising diffusion probabilistic models, 2020.
- [2] Yang Song and Stefano Ermon. Generative modeling by estimating gradients of the data distribution, 2020.