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# Cooperative Learning of Energy-based Model and Latent Variable Model via MCMC Teaching

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## A Tale of Two Nets



Bottom-up ConvNet energy ↑ signal (a) Descriptor Net Energy-based Model Lat

Top-down ConvNet latent variables ↓ signal (b) Generator Net Latent Variable Model





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Energy-based Model: Descriptor network (Xie\*, Lu\*, Zhu, Wu, ICML, 2016)

**3 Latent Variable Model**: Generator network (Han\*, Lu\*, Zhu, Wu, AAAI, 2017)

Cooperative Learning: CoopNets (Xie, Lu, Gao, Wu, AAAI, 2018; Xie, Lu, Gao, Zhu, Wu, TPAMI, accepted.)





# Modes of learning

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- Reinforcement learning: policy and value networks based on rewards
- Unsupervised learning:
  - Generative models and density estimation
    - Latent variable models, factor analysis
    - Energy-based models, exponential family models
  - Embedding and auto-encoding





## Deep learning



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## Convolutional neural network (ConvNet or CNN)

- Recurrent neural network (RNN)
- Models with multi-layer latent variables





# Supervised learning



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obs	input	hidden	output
1	$X_1^{\top}$	$h_1^{ op}$	$y_1$
2	$X_2^{\top}$	$h_2^{ op}$	$y_2$
n	$X_n^{\top}$	$h_n^{ op}$	$y_n$



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output :	$Y_i$
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hidden :	$h_i$
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input :	$\Lambda_i$



## ConvNet





# Filtering

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## ConvNet



[Le Cun et al. 1998; Krizhevsky et al. 2012]





## Coordinate-wise non-linearity



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Figure: Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU).



## ConvNet



### L-layer network

$$X \to h^{(1)} \to \dots h^{(l-1)} \to h^{(l)} \to \dots \to h^{(L)} \to \hat{Y},$$





## ConvNet



$$h^{(l)} = f_l(W_l h^{(l-1)} + b_l),$$

where l = 1, ..., L,  $h^{(0)} = X$ ,  $h^{(L+1)} = \hat{Y}$ , and  $\theta = (W_l, b_l, l = 1, ..., L + 1)$ .  $f_l$  is element-wise non-linearity





# Back-propagation



$$\partial h^{(l)} / \partial h^{(l-1)} = f'_l (W_l h^{(l-1)} + b_l) W_l$$



End-to-end training



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$$h^{(l)} = f_l(W_l h^{(l-1)} + b_l),$$

Encompasses the following:

Generalized linear model (GLM), e.g., logistic regression

- Linear spline:  $\sum_k \beta_k \max(0, x b_k)$
- CART/MARS: recursive partitioning, hinge functions



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obs	input	hidden	output
1	$X_1^{\top}$	$h_1^{ op}$	?
2	$X_2^{\top}$	$h_2^ op$	?
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$\mid n \mid$	$X_n^{\top}$	$h_n^{ op}$	?



# Recall supervised learning



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output :	$Y_i$
	$\uparrow$
hidden :	$h_i$
	$\uparrow$
input:	$X_i$



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### Energy-based model

energy :	$f(X_i;\theta)$
	$\uparrow$
features :	$h_i$
	$\uparrow$
input :	$X_i$

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prior : p(h)  $\downarrow$ hidden :  $h_i$   $\downarrow$ input :  $X_i$ 



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 $\begin{array}{cc} \text{code}: & h_i \\ & \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{input}: & X_i \end{array}$ 

Embedding: relative relationship

 $\begin{array}{c} \leftarrow h_i \rightarrow \\ | \\ \leftarrow X_i \rightarrow \end{array}$ 

Multi-dimensional scaling Local linear embedding [Roweis and Saul 2000]





## ConvNet



Bottom-up ConvNetTop-down ConvNetenergyhidden variables h $\Uparrow$  $\Downarrow$  $\Re$  $\Downarrow$ signal Xsignal X(a)  $f(X; \theta)$ (b)  $X = g(h; \alpha)$ 





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$$X \to h^{(1)} \to \dots \to h^{(L)} \to f(X;\theta)$$
$$p(X;\theta) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \exp\left[f(X;\theta)\right] p_0(X).$$

 $p_0(\boldsymbol{X})$  is the reference distribution such as Gaussian white noise

$$p_0(X) = \frac{1}{(2\pi s^2)^{D/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\|X\|^2}{2s^2}\right]$$

Can be derived from discriminative ConvNet Energy function:

$$\mathcal{E}(X;\theta) = \|X\|^2 / 2s^2 - f(X;\theta)$$



# Relationship with discriminative net

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[Xie et al. 2016]

$$X \to h^{(1)} \to \dots \to h^{(L)} \to f(X; \theta_k)$$

$$p(X;\theta_k) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta_k)} \exp\left[f(X;\theta_k)\right] p_0(X).$$

$$\Pr(k|X) = \frac{\exp(f(X;\theta_k) + b_k)}{\sum_{k=0}^{K} \exp(f(X;\theta_k) + b_k)},$$
(1)



## Maximum likelihood

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$$X_i \sim P_{\text{data}}, i = 1, ..., n.$$

$$p(X;\theta) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \exp \left[-\mathcal{E}(X;\theta)\right]$$

Log-likelihood:

$$L_p(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(X_i; \theta)$$

minimize  $KL(P_{data}|p_{\theta})$ Maximum likelihood learning:

$$-L'_{p}(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathcal{E}(X_{i};\theta) - \mathcal{E}_{\theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathcal{E}(X;\theta) \right]$$



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Langevin revision:

$$X_{\tau+1} = X_{\tau} - \frac{\delta^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} \mathcal{E}(X_{\tau};\theta) + \mathcal{N}(0,\delta^2 I_D)$$

Density shifting:

$$-L'_{p}(\theta) \approx \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{E}(X_{i};\theta) - \frac{1}{\tilde{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{\tilde{n}} \mathcal{E}(\tilde{X}_{i};\theta) \right]$$

Adversarial interpretation:

$$V = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{E}(X_i; \theta) - \frac{1}{\tilde{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{\tilde{n}} \mathcal{E}(\tilde{X}_i; \theta)$$



## Back-propagation



 $\partial f(X;\theta)/\partial \theta$  for updating  $\theta$  $\partial f(X;\theta)/\partial X$  for sampling XThe two derivatives share the same chain rule:

$$\partial h^{(l)} / \partial h^{(l-1)} = f'_l (W_l h^{(l-1)} + b_l) W_l$$



## Analysis by synthesis





D2: Make the dreaming more realistic



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### [Lu et al. 2016]







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### [Gao, Lu, Zhou, Zhu, Wu, 2018]





Forest road

Volcano

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Hotel room Building facade



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	Real images	DCGAN	Multi-grid
Inception score	11.237	6.581	6.565



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Figure: Learning the multi-grid models from the LSUN bedroom dataset. Left: random samples of training examples. Right: synthesized examples generated by the learned models.



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Table: Classification error of L2-SVM trained on the features learned from SVHN.

Test error rate with $\#$ of labeled images	1,000	2,000	4,000
Persistent CD	45.74	39.47	34.18
One-step CD	44.38	35.87	30.45
Wasserstein GAN	43.15	38.00	32.56
Deep directed generative models	44.99	34.26	27.44
DCGAN	38.59	32.51	29.37
Single-grid CD	36.69	30.87	25.60
Multi-grid CD	30.23	26.54	22.83



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Table: Classification error of CNN classifier trained on the features of three grids learned from SVHN.

Test error rate with $\#$ of labeled images	1,000	2,000	4,000
DGN	36.02	-	-
Virtual adversarial	24.63	-	-
Auxiliary deep generative model	22.86	-	-
Supervised CNN with the same structure	39.04	22.26	15.24
Multi-grid CD $+$ CNN classifier	19.73	15.86	12.71



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	Mask	PCD	CD1	SCD	CE	MCD
Error	Mask	0.056	0.081	0.066	0.045	0.042
	Doodle 0.055		0.078	0.055	0.050	0.045
	Pepper	0.069	0.084	0.054	0.060	0.036
PSNR	Mask	Mask 12.81		15.97	17.37	16.42
	Doodle	12.92	12.68	14.79	15.40	16.98
	Pepper	14.93	15.00	15.36	17.04	19.34



## Linear latent variable models



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Top-down from hidden variables (factors, sources, causes, code)  $X_i = Wh_i + \epsilon_i, i = 1, ..., n.$ 

- Loading/connection weights:  $x_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{d} w_{jk} h_{ik}$
- Basis vectors:  $X_i = \sum_{k=1}^d W_k h_{ik}$ .
- Matrix factorization:  $(X_1, ..., X_n) = W(h_1, ..., h_n)$
- Distributed representation, embedding, disentangle



## Factor analysis



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$$\begin{array}{l} h_i \sim \mathrm{N}(0, I_d) \\ X_i = Wh_i + \epsilon_i, \ \epsilon_i \sim \mathrm{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_p) \\ d < p, \ i = 1, ..., n. \\ \text{decathlon } p = 10, \ h_i = (\text{strength, speed, endurance}), \ d = 3 \\ \text{Dimension reduction, principal component analysis} \\ \text{Disentangle, independent causes} \\ \text{Generalizing } h_i \sim p(h) \end{array}$$



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## Factor analysis

 $\begin{array}{l} h_i \sim \mathrm{N}(0, I_d) \\ X_i = W h_i + \epsilon_i, \ \epsilon_i \sim \mathrm{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_p) \\ \text{(1) Generalize } h_i \sim p(h) \text{: ICA, SCA, NMF, RBM, DAE } \dots \\ \text{(2) Generalize to non-linear mapping: } X_i = g(h_i; W) \end{array}$ 



## Make it deep





## Generator with known factors

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Latent variable model [Dosovitskiy et al., 2016]





 $(h_i, X_i): X_i = g(h_i; \alpha) \text{ supervised}$   $h \to h^{(L)} \to \ldots \to h^{(1)} \to X$ 



## Latent variable model: generator network



$$h \sim N(0, I_d)$$
$$X = g(h; \alpha) + \epsilon$$
$$h^{(l-1)} = g_l(W_l h^{(l)} + b_l)$$
$$h^{(L+1)} = h; X = h^{(0)}$$





## Alternating back-propagation

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## [Han et al. 2017]



bottom-up convolutional feature extraction

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \|X_i - g(h_i; \alpha)\|^2$$

Inference:  $h_i \leftarrow h_i + \gamma \partial L_i / \partial h_i$ Learning:  $\alpha \leftarrow \alpha + \gamma \partial L / \partial \alpha$ 



## Alternating back-propagation



$$\begin{split} h^{(l-1)} &= g_l(W_l h^{(l)} + b_l), \\ h^{(L)} &= h; \ X = h^{(0)} = g(h; W) \\ \partial g(h; \alpha) / \partial \alpha; \partial g(h; \alpha) / \partial h \\ \partial h^{(l-1)} / \partial h^{(l)} \text{ shared computation} \end{split}$$





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## Joint distribution:

$$\log p(h, X; \alpha) = \log [p(h)p(X|h; \alpha)] = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} ||X - g(h; \alpha)||^2 - \frac{1}{2} ||h||^2 + \text{const.}$$

Inference:  $h \sim p(h|X;\alpha)$  via Langevin dynamics

$$h_{\tau+1} = h_{\tau} + \frac{\delta^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \log p(h_{\tau} \mid X, \alpha_t) + \mathcal{N}(0, \delta^2 I_d)$$

Learning with  $\{(h_i, X_i), i = 1, ..., n\}$ 

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$$\alpha_{t+1} = \alpha_t + \gamma_t \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \|X_i - g(h_i; \alpha_t)\|^2$$



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[Han et al. 2017]



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$$h = (h_1, h_2)$$



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# Statistics

d=100



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experiment	P.5	P.7	P.9	M20	M30	
error	.0571	.0662	.0771	.0773	.1035	





[Han et al. 2017]



## Non-linear dimension reduction

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## Reconstruction error on testing examples

experiment	d = 20	d = 60	d = 100	d = 200
ABP	.0810	.0617	.0549	.0523
PCA	.1038	.0820	.0722	.0621





## Shared representation

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Figure: Face rotation results on testing images. First column: face image under standard pose  $(0^{\circ})$ . Second to fifth column: each pair shows the rotated face by our method (left) and the ground truth target (right).



## Deformable generator

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## Figure: Two generator networks: one appearance generator and one geometric generator.





## Training images

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Figure: Example training images from CelebA. The training set contains 10000 images from CelebA, and they are cropped to  $64 \times 64$  pixels by the OpenFace. These faces have different colors, illuminations, identities, viewing angles, shapes, and expressions.



## Appearance latent vector

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Statistics Recea Figure: Each dimension of the appearance latent vector encodes appearance information such as color, illumination and gender.



## Geometric latent vector

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Figure: Each dimension of the geometric latent vector encodes fundamental geometric information such as shape and viewing angle. In the first line, the shape of the face changes from fat to thin from left to the right. In the second line, the pose of the face varies from left to right.



## Transferring

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Figure: The first row shows the 7 unseen faces from CelebA. The second row shows the generated faces by transferring and recombining the first row's 2nd-7th faces' geometric vectors with the first row's 1th face's appearance vector. The third row shows the generated faces by transferring and recombining the first row's 2nd-7th faces' appearance vectors with the first row's 1st face's geometric vector.



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[Xie et al. 2017]

## Bottom-up ConvNet energy ↑ signal (a) Descriptor Net (teacher)

Top-down ConvNet **latent variables** ↓ signal (b) Generator Net (student)

Student writes initial draft Teacher revises Student learns from revision Teacher learns from outside review





D1 needs to dream hard, but generator is a better dreamer D2 learns without thinking







G1 needs to think hard, but descriptor does not need to think G2 learns only if latent factors known



learning





Generator  $\rightarrow$  initial draft; Descriptor  $\rightarrow$  revised draft Generator reconstructs the revised, knowing latent factors Descriptor shifts from revised towards observed Generator shifts from initial towards revised Jump-starting each other's Langevin



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Key:  $\hat{h}_i$  known, no need for inference





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$$\mathrm{KL}(p^{(t+1)} \| p_{\theta^{(t)}}) \le \mathrm{KL}(q_{\alpha^{(t)}} \| p_{\theta^{(t)}})$$

Descriptor:

$$\min_{\theta} [\mathrm{KL}(P_{\mathrm{data}} \| p_{\theta}) - \mathrm{KL}(M_{\theta} q_{\alpha} \| p_{\theta})],$$

Generator:

$$\min_{\alpha} \operatorname{KL}(M_{\theta} q_{\alpha_t} \| q_{\alpha}).$$



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 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{MCMC}: & P^{(t)} & \xrightarrow{\text{Markov transition}} & P^{(t+1)} \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ &$ 



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Figure: Images generated by CoopNets learned from 10 Imagenet scene categories. The training set consists of 1100 images randomly sampled from each category.



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Figure: Left: Average softmax class probability on single Imagenet category versus the number of training images. Middle: Top 5 classification error. Below: Average pairwise structural similarity.





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Table: Inception scores of different methods on learning from 10 Imagenet scene categories. n is the number of training images randomly sampled from each category.

	n = 50	n = 100	n = 300	n = 500	<i>n</i> = 700	<i>n</i> = 900	n = 1100
CoopNets	2.66±.13	3.04±.13	3.41±.13	3.48±.08	3.59±.11	3.65±.07	3.79±.15
DCGAN	$2.26 \pm .16$	$2.50 \pm .15$	$3.16 \pm .15$	3.05±.12	3.13±.09	3.34±.05	3.47±.06
EBGAN	$2.23 \pm .17$	2.40±.14	2.62±.08	2.46±.09	2.65±.04	2.64±.04	2.75±.08
W-GAN	$1.80 {\pm}.09$	$2.19 \pm .12$	2.34±.06	2.62±.08	2.86±.10	2.88±.07	3.14±.06
VAE	$1.62 {\pm}.09$	$1.63 {\pm}.06$	$1.65 {\pm}.05$	1.73±.04	1.67±.03	$1.72 \pm .02$	1.73±.02
InfoGAN	$2.21 \pm .04$	$1.73 {\pm}.01$	2.15±.03	2.42±.05	2.47±.05	2.29±.03	2.08±.04
Method of	$2.44 \pm .27$	2.38±.13	2.42±.09	2.94±.11	3.02±.06	3.08±.08	3.15±.06
Algorithm G	$1.72 \pm .07$	$1.94 {\pm}.09$	2.32±.09	2.40±.06	2.45±.05	$2.54 {\pm}.05$	2.61±.06
Persistent CD	$1.30 {\pm}.08$	$1.94 {\pm}.03$	$1.80 {\pm}.02$	1.53±.02	1.45±.04	$1.35 {\pm}.02$	1.51±.02

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Divergence triangle Table: The performance of CoopNets, DCGAN, W-GAN, and VAE on LSUN bedrooms, CelebA and Cifar-10 datasets with respect to the Fréchet Inception Distance (FID).

	LSUN	CelebA	Cifar-10
W-GAN	67.72	52.54	48.40
DCGAN	70.40	21.40	37.70
VAE	243.47	50.53	126.32
Generator in CoopNets (ours)	64.30	16.98	35.25
Descriptor in CoopNets (ours)	35.42	16.65	33.61



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	task	CoopNets	DCGAN	$MRF\ell_1$	$MRF\ell_2$	inter1	inter2	inter3	inter4	inter5
	M30	0.115	0.211	0.132	0.134	0.120	0.120	0.265	0.120	0.120
error	M40	0.124	0.212	0.148	0.149	0.135	0.135	0.314	0.135	0.135
	M50	0.136	0.214	0.178	0.179	0.170	0.166	0.353	0.164	0.164
PSNR	M30	16.893	12.116	15.739	15.692	16.203	16.635	9.524	16.665	16.648
	M40	16.098	11.984	14.834	14.785	15.065	15.644	8.178	15.698	15.688
	M50	15.105	11.890	13.313	13.309	13.220	14.009	7.327	14.164	14.161




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Learning energy-based model, latent variable model, and inference model together.





## Three models

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Let  $P_{\text{data}}(X)$  be the data distribution and  $p_{\theta}(X)$  be the energy-based model. Let  $q(h)q_{\alpha}(X|h)$  be the latent variable model. Let  $\rho_{\phi}(h|X)$  be the inferential model. Consider joint distribution of (X,h), three families of models can be considered:

- $P_{\text{data}}$  distribution:  $P_{\text{data}}(h, X) = P_{\text{data}}(X)\rho_{\phi}(h|X)$
- P distribution:  $P(h, X) = p_{\theta}(X)\rho_{\phi}(h|X)$
- Q distribution:  $Q(h, X) = q(h)q_{\alpha}(X|h)$



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 $MLE: \min_{\theta} KL(P_{data}(X) || q_{\alpha}(X))$ Variational Auto-encoder (VAE) [Kingma and Welling, 2014]

 $\text{VAE}: \min_{\alpha} \min_{\phi} \text{KL}(P_{\text{data}} \| Q)$ 



# Maximum likelihood and contrastive divergence



 $\begin{aligned} \text{MLE} &: \min_{\alpha} \text{KL}(P_{\text{data}}(X) \| p_{\theta}(X)) \end{aligned}$   $\begin{aligned} \text{Adversarial Contrasive Divergence [Dai et al., 2017]} \\ \text{ACD} &: \min_{\theta} \max_{\phi} [\text{KL}(P_{\text{data}} \| P) - \text{KL}(Q \| P)] \end{aligned}$ 



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 $\max_{\theta} \min_{\alpha} \min_{\phi} [\operatorname{KL}(P_{\text{data}} \| Q) + \operatorname{KL}(Q \| P) - \operatorname{KL}(P_{\text{data}} \| P)],$ 

Moment matching and mode seeking Wake and sleep (Hinton et al., 1998) Actor and critic; policy and value



## Results: 32x32



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Figure: First row: Cifar10 dataset. Second row:SVHN dataset. From left to right: test images, test reconstruction, samples.



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## Results: 64x64



Figure: CelebA dataset. From left to right: original images, reconstruction, samples.



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Figure: Fashion dataset. original images, reconstruction, sample, sample reconstruction.



## Conclusions

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- Neural networks as powerful approximator and interpolator
- High dimensional linear spline with recursive partitioning
- Vector representation, embedding, encoder-decoder
- Computation vs representation, learned computation
- Energy-based model: value, critic, planning, optimal control, Lagrangian formulation
- Latent variable model: policy, actor, impulsive, initialization, Hamiltonian formulation
- More explicit models, sparsity and disentanglement, And-Or grammar, symbolic and logical reasoning