

CS 4803 / 7643: Deep Learning

Topics:

- Variational Auto-Encoders (VAEs)
- AEs, Variational Inference

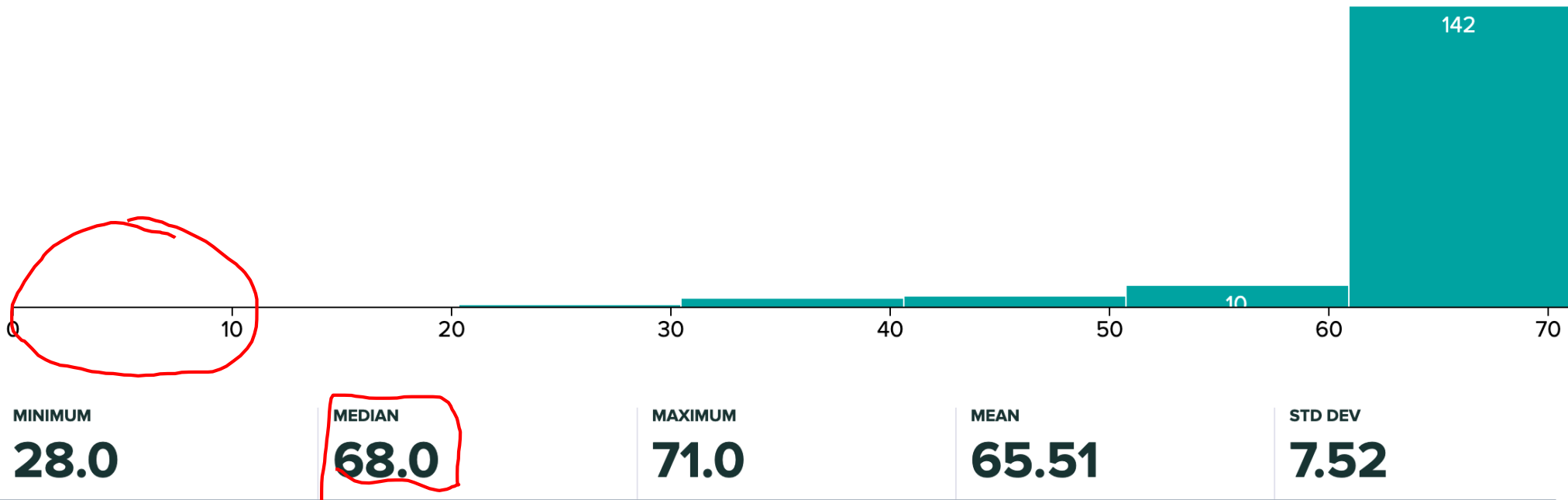
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- HW4 Reminder
 - Due: 11/07, 11:55pm
 - Reinforcement Learning
 - Last HW. Focus on project after that.
- Final project
 - No poster session
 - PDF Report submission
 - Details out soon

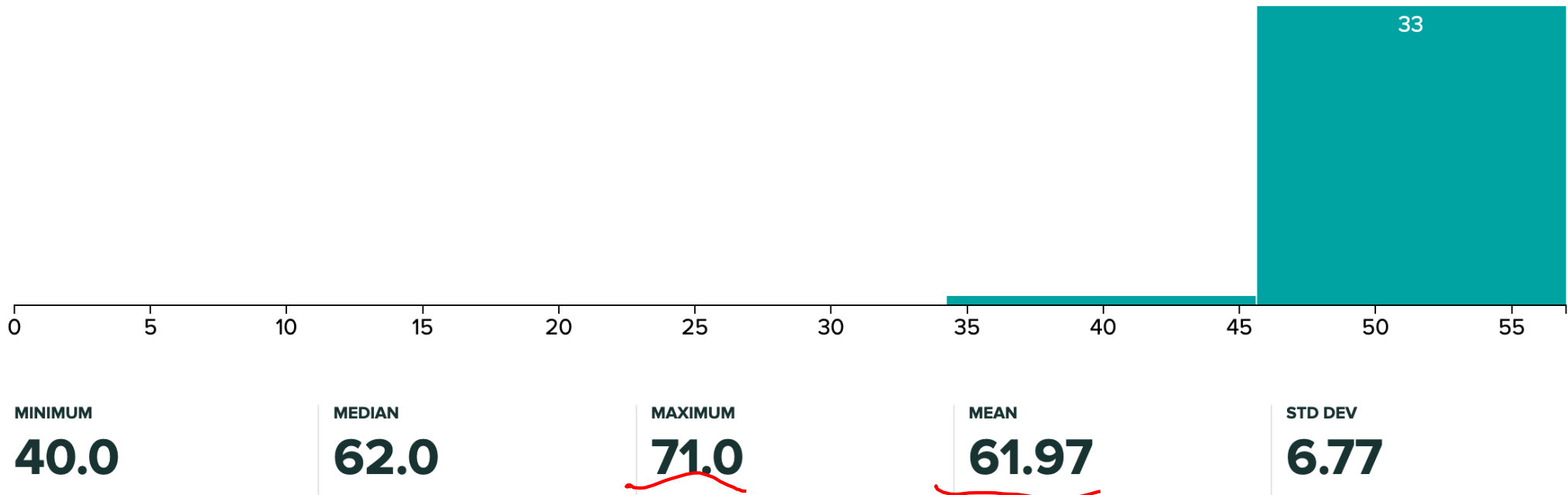
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- Grade histogram: 7643
 - Max possible: 71 (regular credit) + 0 (extra credit)



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Recap from last time 2 lectures ago

Supervised vs Reinforcement vs Unsupervised Learning

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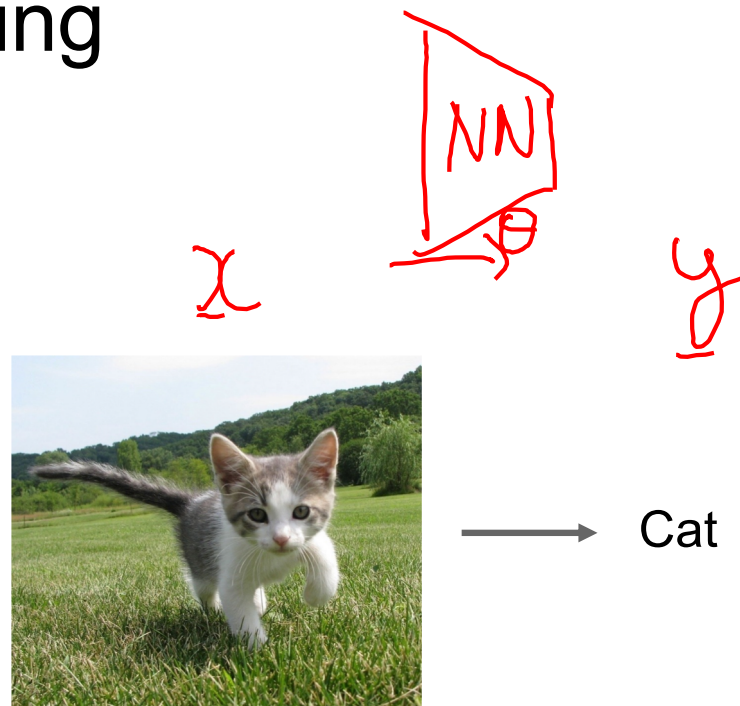
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x is data, y is label

Goal: Learn a *function* to map $x \rightarrow y$

Examples: Classification, regression, object detection, semantic segmentation, image captioning, etc.



Classification

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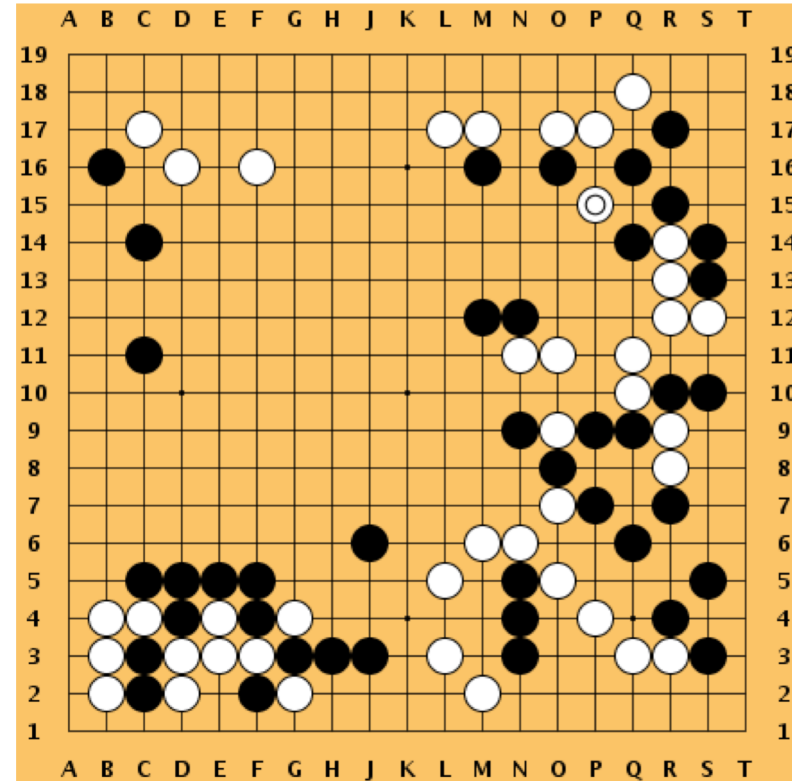
Reinforcement Learning

Given: (e, r)

Environment e , Reward function r
(evaluative feedback)

Goal: Maximize expected reward

Examples: Robotic control, video games, board games, etc.



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Learning

$$p(\vec{x}) \quad p(x_i | x_j)$$

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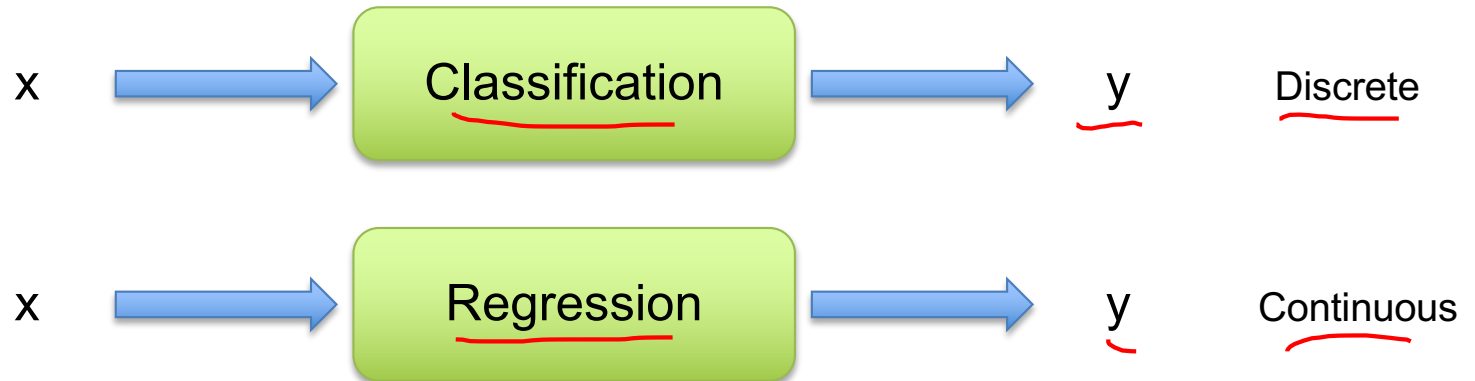
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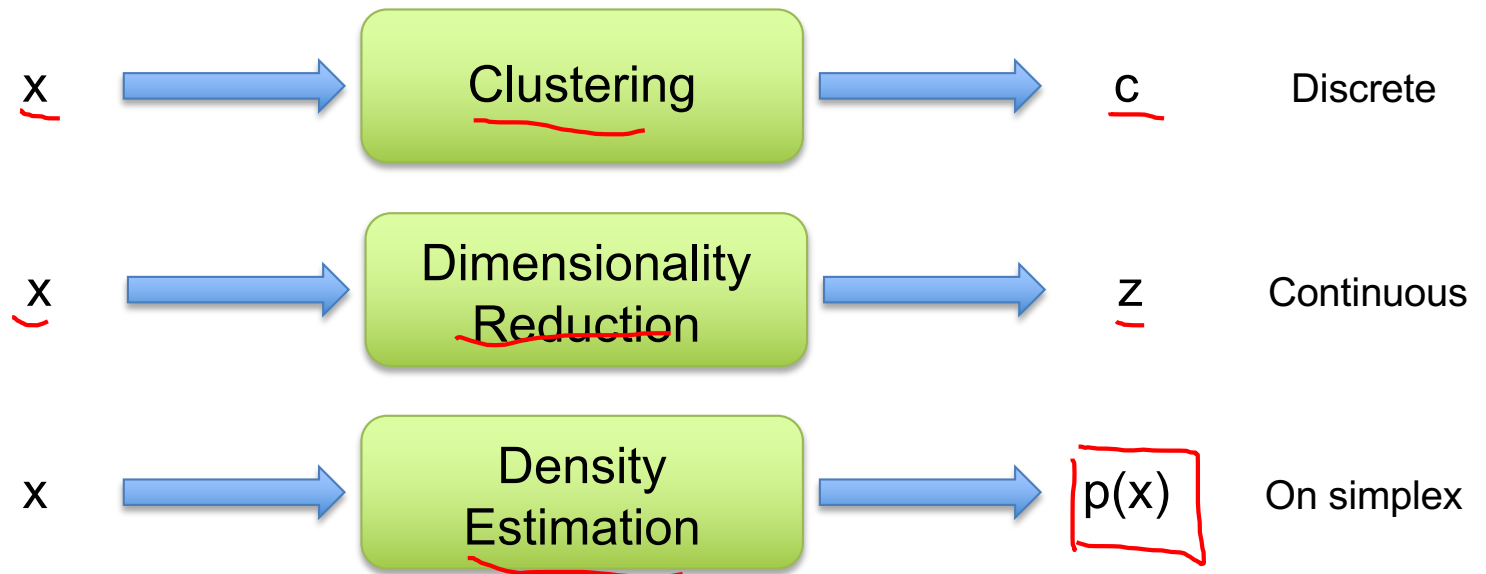
Holy grail: Solve unsupervised learning => understand structure of visual world

Tasks

Supervised Learning



Unsupervised Learning



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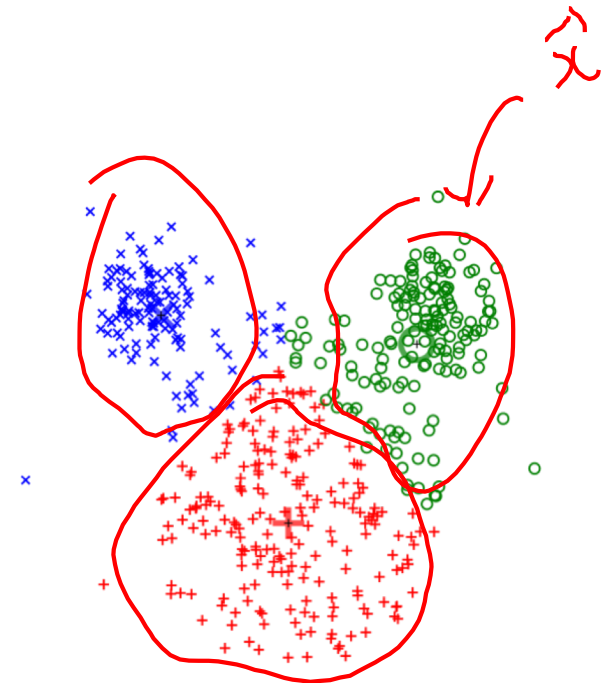
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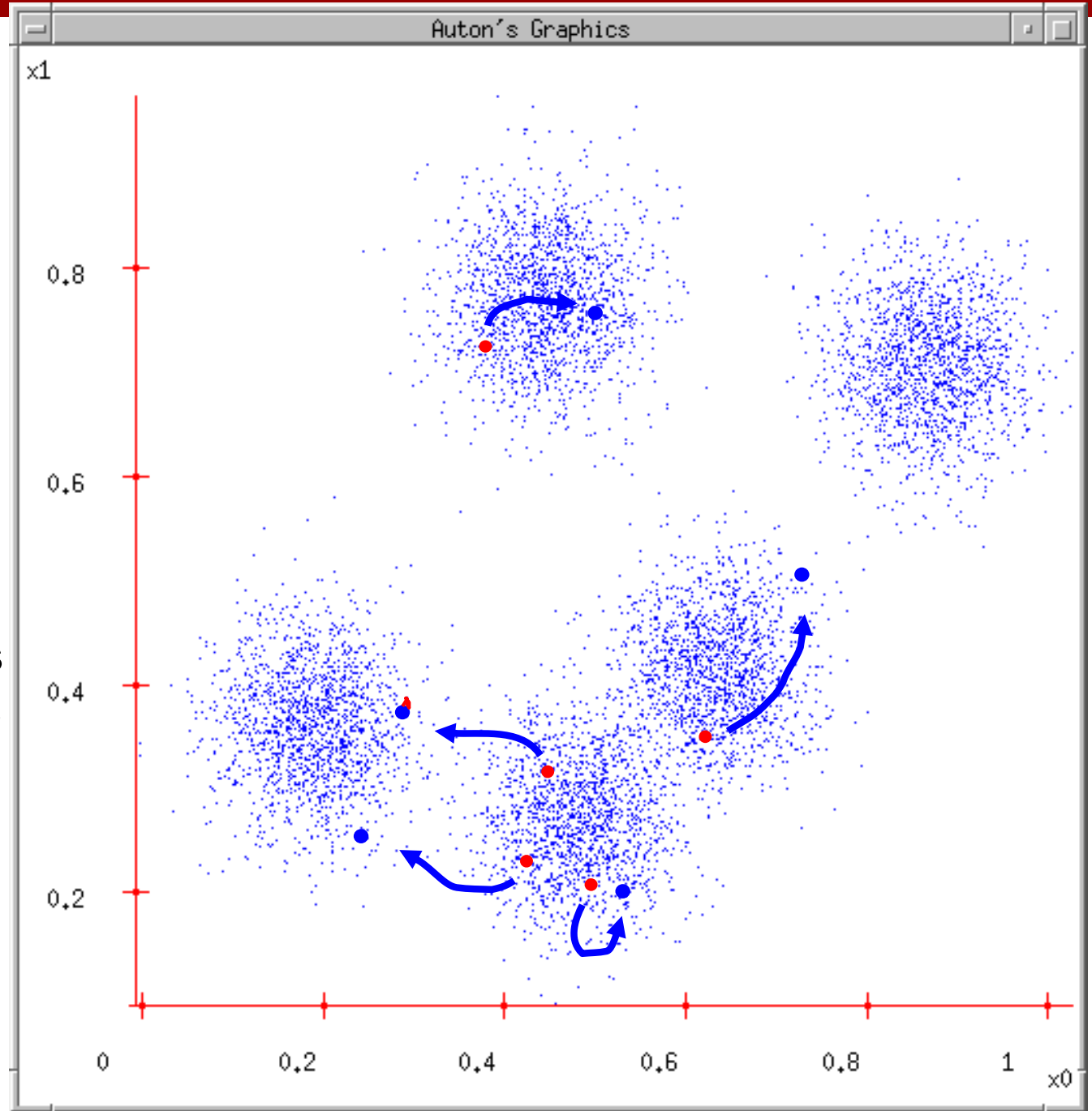


K-means clustering

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K-means

1. Ask user how many clusters they'd like.
(e.g. $k=5$)
2. Randomly guess k cluster Center locations
3. Each datapoint finds out which Center it's closest to.
4. Each Center finds the centroid of the points it owns...
5. ...and jumps there
6. ...Repeat until terminated!



K-means as Co-ordinate Descent

- Optimize objective function:

$$\min_{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k} \min_{a_1, \dots, a_N} F(\mu, a) = \min_{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k} \min_{a_1, \dots, a_N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^k a_{ij} \underbrace{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_j\|^2}_{\text{distortion}}$$

Handwritten notes:
 $a_{ij} = 1$ if $x_i \in \text{class } j$
↓
distortion

- Fix μ , optimize a
- Fix a , optimize μ

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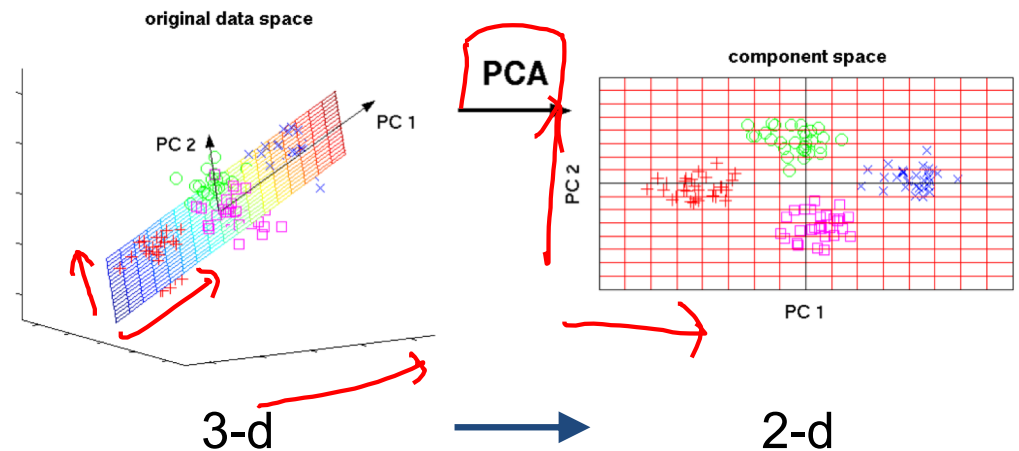
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Principal Component Analysis
(Dimensionality reduction)

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$P(\vec{x})$

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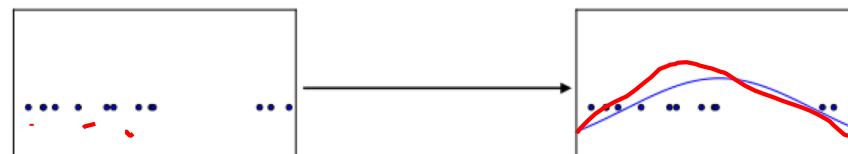
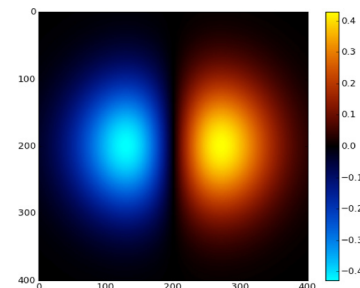
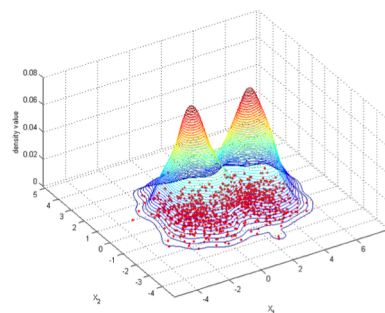


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1-d density estimation



2-d density estimation

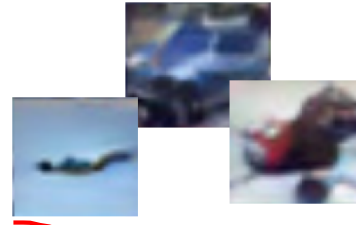
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Generative Models

Given training data, generate new samples from same distribution



Training data $\sim p_{\text{data}}(x)$



Generated samples $\sim p_{\text{model}}(x)$

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Addresses density estimation, a core problem in unsupervised learning

Several flavors: $p(\vec{x})$

- Explicit density estimation: explicitly define and solve for $p_{\text{model}}(x)$
- Implicit density estimation: learn model that can sample from $p_{\text{model}}(x)$ w/o explicitly defining it

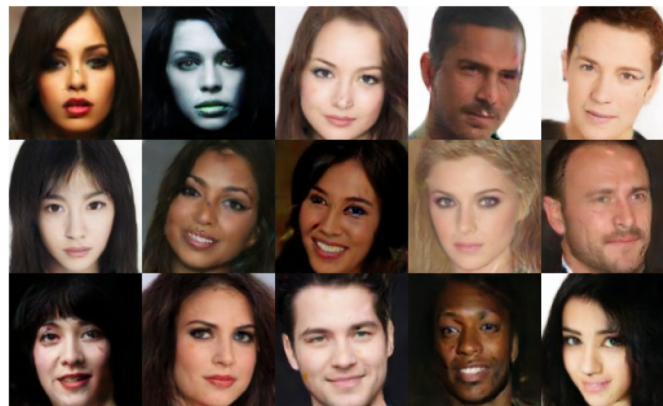
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$x \sim p(\vec{x})$

Why Generative Models?

$p(\text{image} | \text{control})$

- Realistic samples for artwork, super-resolution, colorization, etc.



- Generative models of time-series data can be used for simulation and planning (reinforcement learning applications!)
- Training generative models can also enable inference of latent representations that can be useful as general features

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Taxonomy of Generative Models

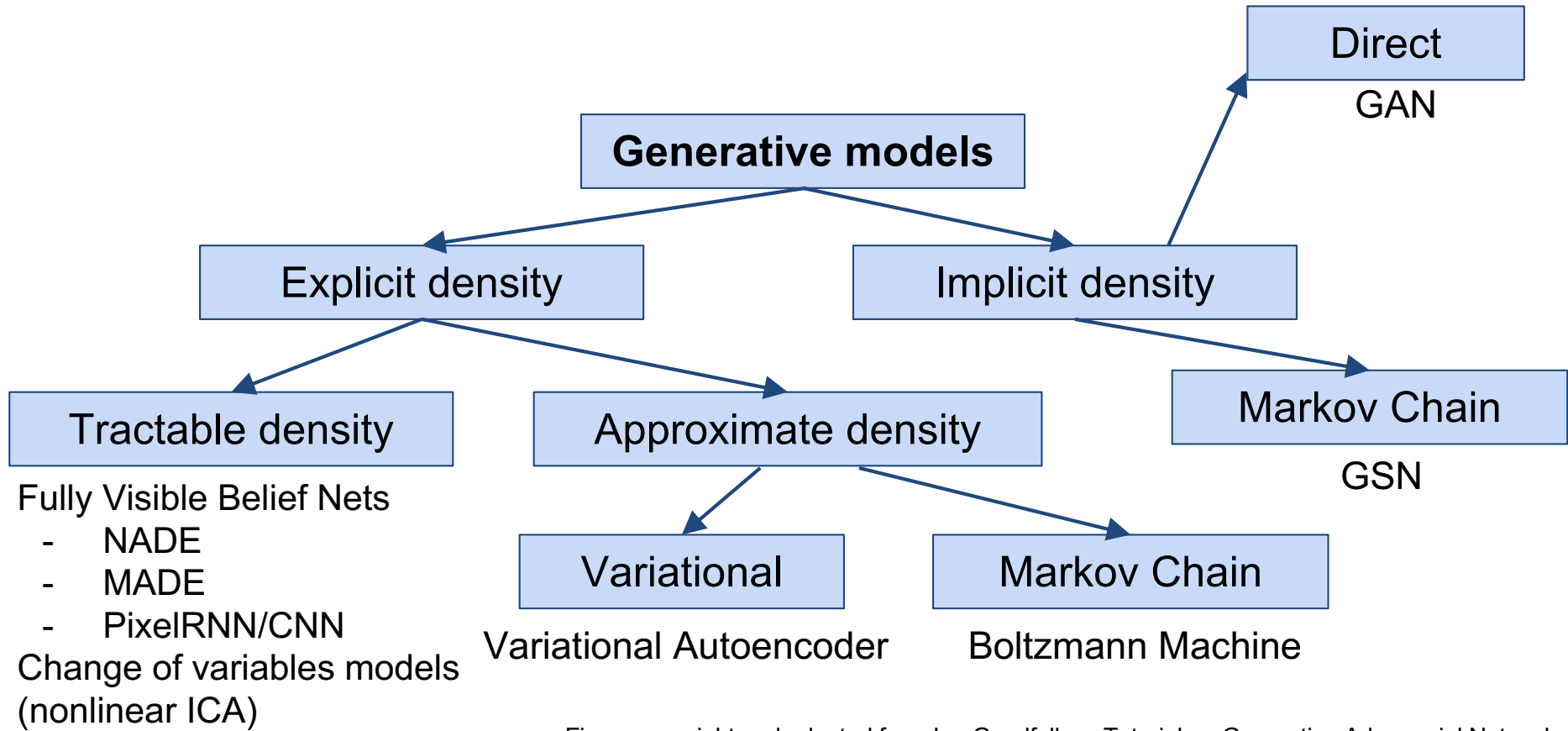


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Taxonomy of Generative Models

We will discuss 3 most popular types of generative models

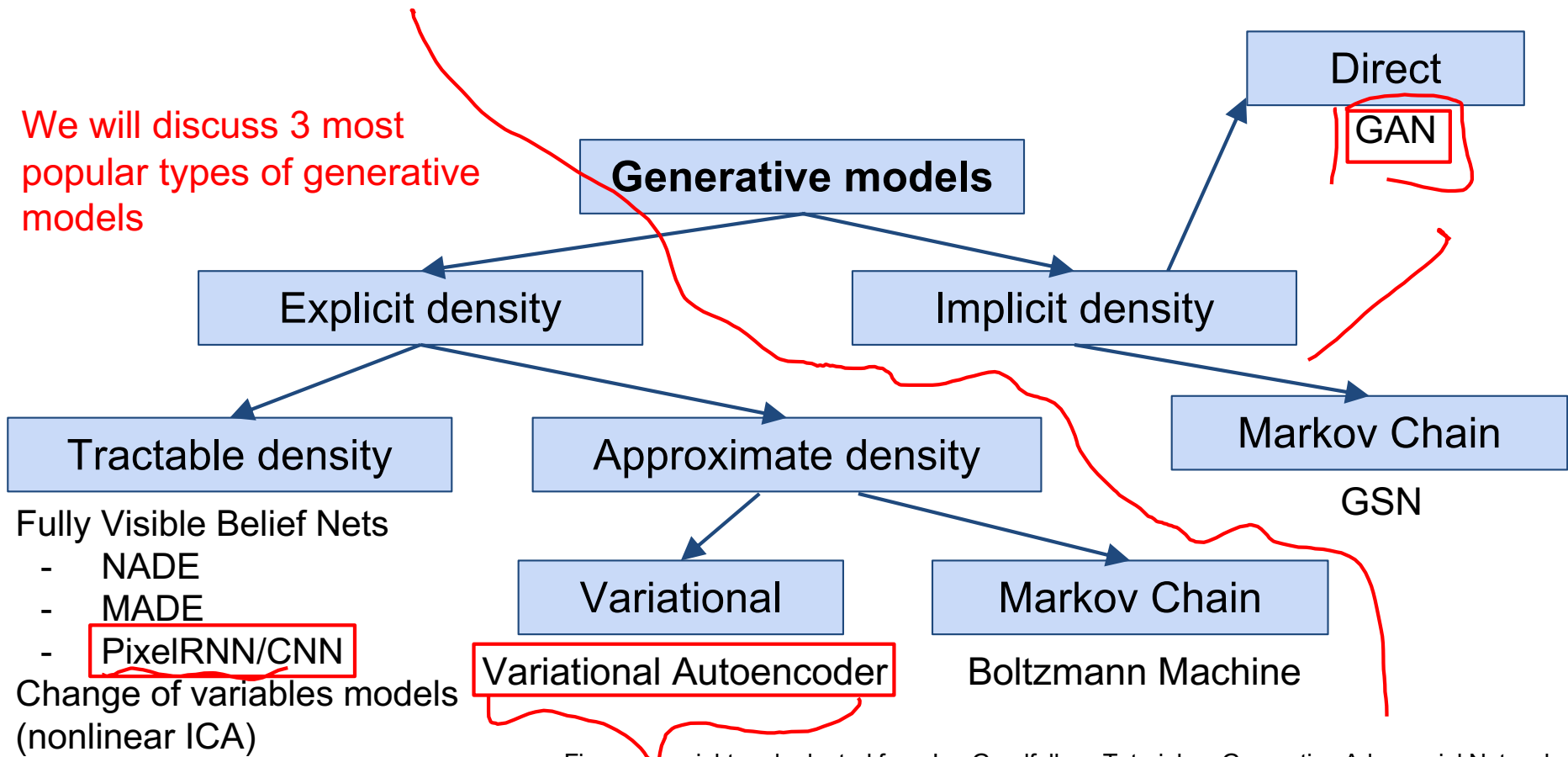


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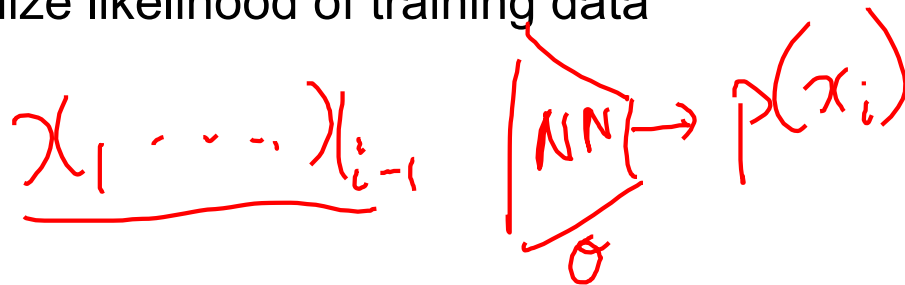
$$p(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$

$D = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$

Likelihood of image x

Probability of i 'th pixel value given all previous pixels

Then maximize likelihood of training data

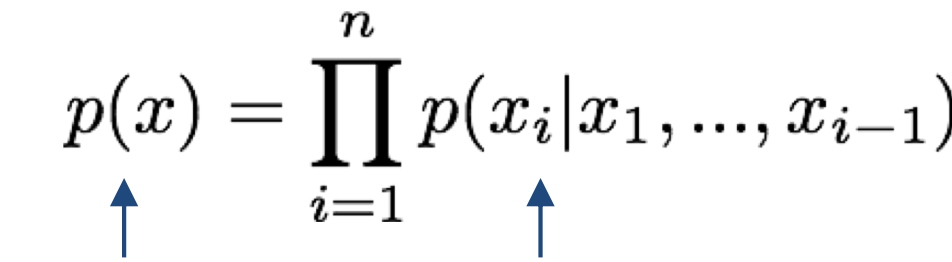


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Complex distribution over pixel values
=> Express using a neural network!

Plan for Today

- Goal: Variational Autoencoders
- Latent variable probabilistic models
 - Example GMMs
- Autoencoders
- Variational Inference



Variational Autoencoders (VAE)

So far...

PixelCNNs define tractable density function, optimize likelihood of training data:

$$\underline{p_{\theta}(\vec{x})} = \prod_{i=1}^n p_{\theta}(x_i | \underline{x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}})$$

$$\underline{p(\vec{x})} \quad D = \{ \vec{x} \}$$

$$p(\vec{x}, \underline{z}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{"latent"} \\ \text{"hidden"} \end{array}$$
$$= \underbrace{p(\vec{x} | z)}_{\text{conditional}} \underbrace{p(z)}_{\text{prior}}$$

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

z continuous

$$\sum_z p_{\theta}(z) p_{\theta}(x|z)$$

z discrete

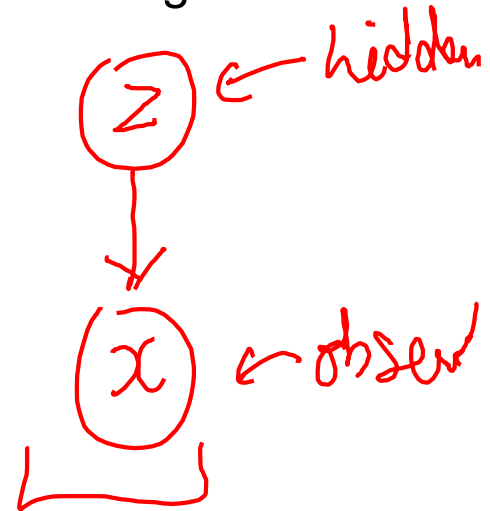
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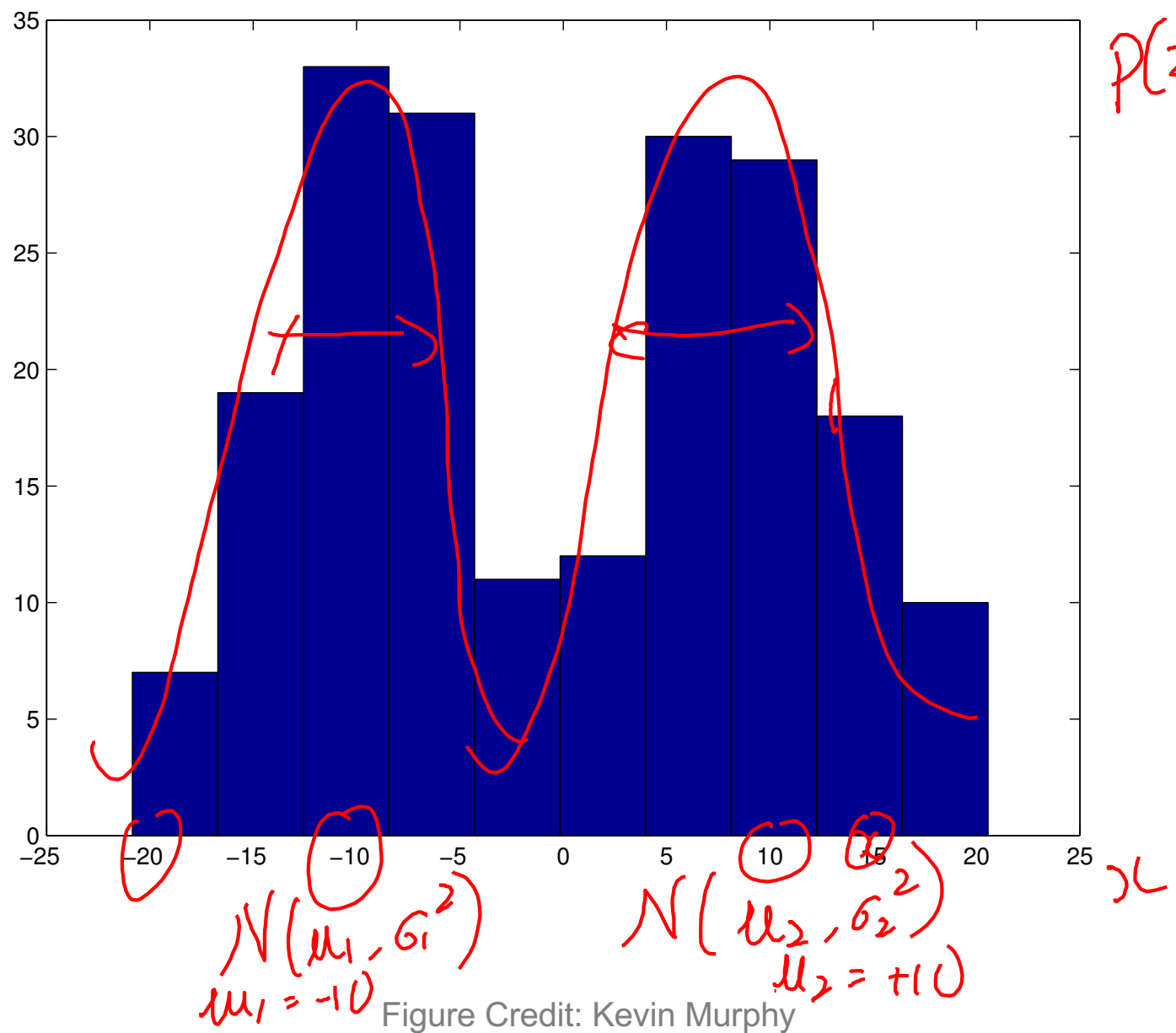
Cannot optimize directly, derive and optimize lower bound on likelihood instead

GMM Gaussian Mixture Model

$z \in \{1, 2\}$

$p(x)$

$$p(z) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$



Gaussian Mixture Model



$$\underline{Z} \sim \text{Cat}(\vec{\pi}) \quad \begin{matrix} \pi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \pi_k \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} z \in \{1, \dots, k\} \\ \pi_c = P(Z=c) \end{matrix}$$

$$X | [Z=c] \sim \underline{N}(\mu_c, \sigma_c^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_c^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu_c)^2}{2\sigma_c^2}}$$

$$P(\vec{x}) = \underbrace{P(Z)}_{\vec{\pi}_2} \underbrace{P(\vec{x} | Z)}_N$$

Gaussian Mixture Model

$$P(z) = \pi_z$$

$$P(x|z) = N(\mu_z, \sigma_z^2)$$

available
from
model

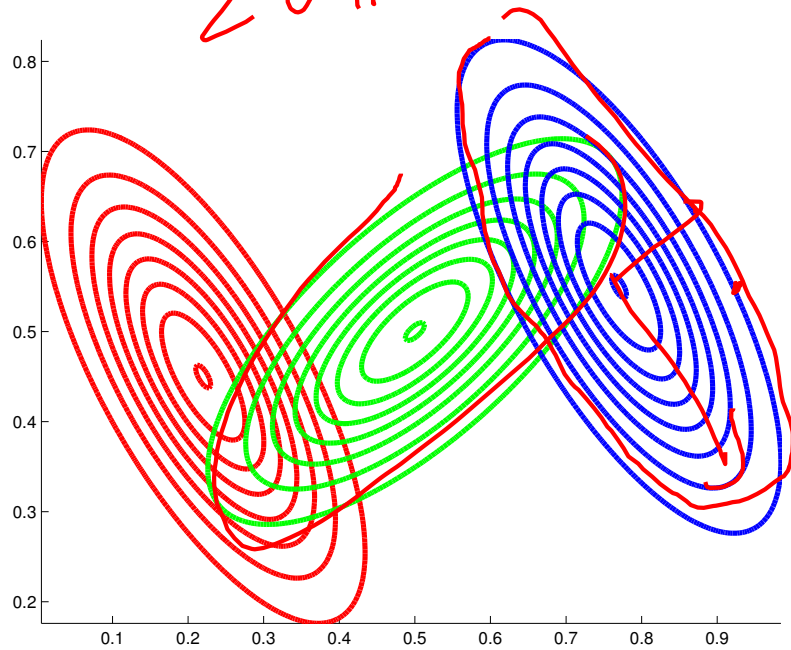
$$P(\vec{x}) = \sum_z P(z) P(x|z) \quad \equiv \text{Marginalization}$$

$$P(z|\vec{x}) = \frac{P(z, \vec{x})}{P(\vec{x})} = \frac{P(\vec{x}|z) P(z)}{\sum_z P(\vec{x}|z) P(z)} \quad \equiv \text{"Inference"}$$

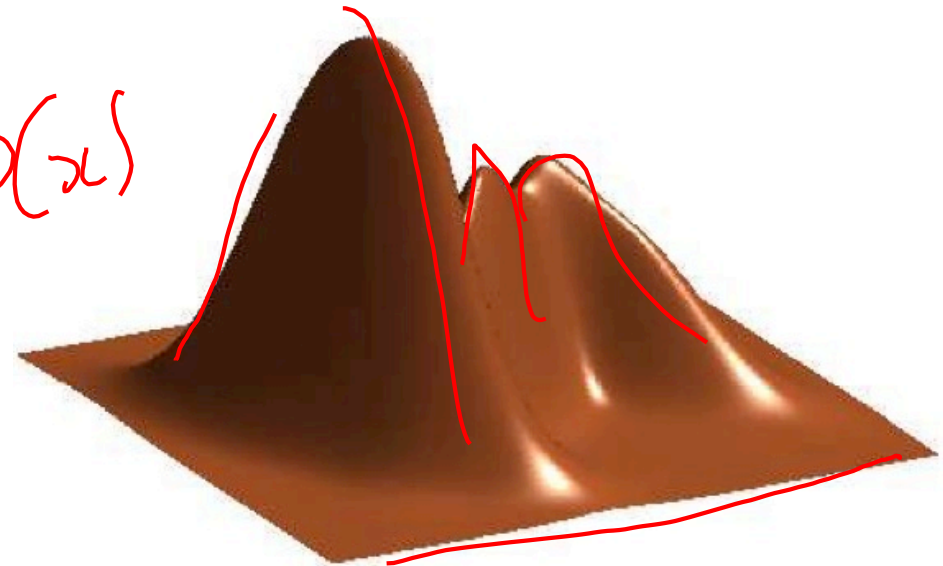
$\mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$
 $\tilde{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
 $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$

GMM

$$N(\tilde{\mu}, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Sigma|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (x - \tilde{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \tilde{\mu})}$$



$P(x)$



K-means vs GMM

- K-Means
 - <http://stanford.edu/class/ee103/visualizations/kmeans/kmeans.html>
- GMM
 - <https://lukapopijac.github.io/gaussian-mixture-model/>

Hidden Data Causes Problems #1

- Fully Observed (Log) Likelihood factorizes
- Marginal (Log) Likelihood doesn't factorize
- All parameters coupled!

$$\text{Parameters} = \{ \underbrace{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k}, \underbrace{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k} \} \equiv \theta$$

$$D = \{ \vec{x}_i \}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} P(D|\theta) \equiv \log P(D|\theta)$$

$$= \sum_i \log P(\vec{x}_i | \theta)$$

$$= \sum_i \log \sum_{z_i} P(\underline{x}_i, \underline{z}_i | \theta)$$

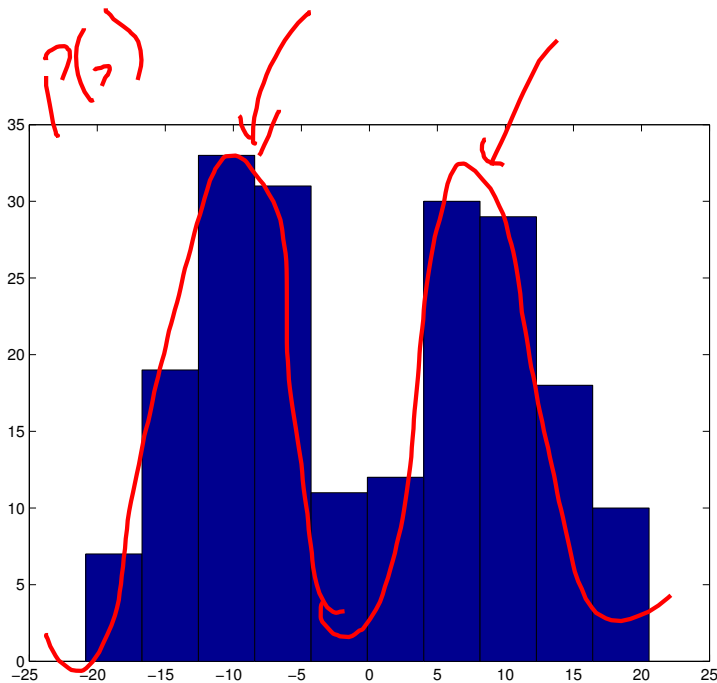
$$\log \int P(x_i | z_i) P(z_i)$$

$$P(\underline{x}_i, \underline{z}_i | \theta)$$

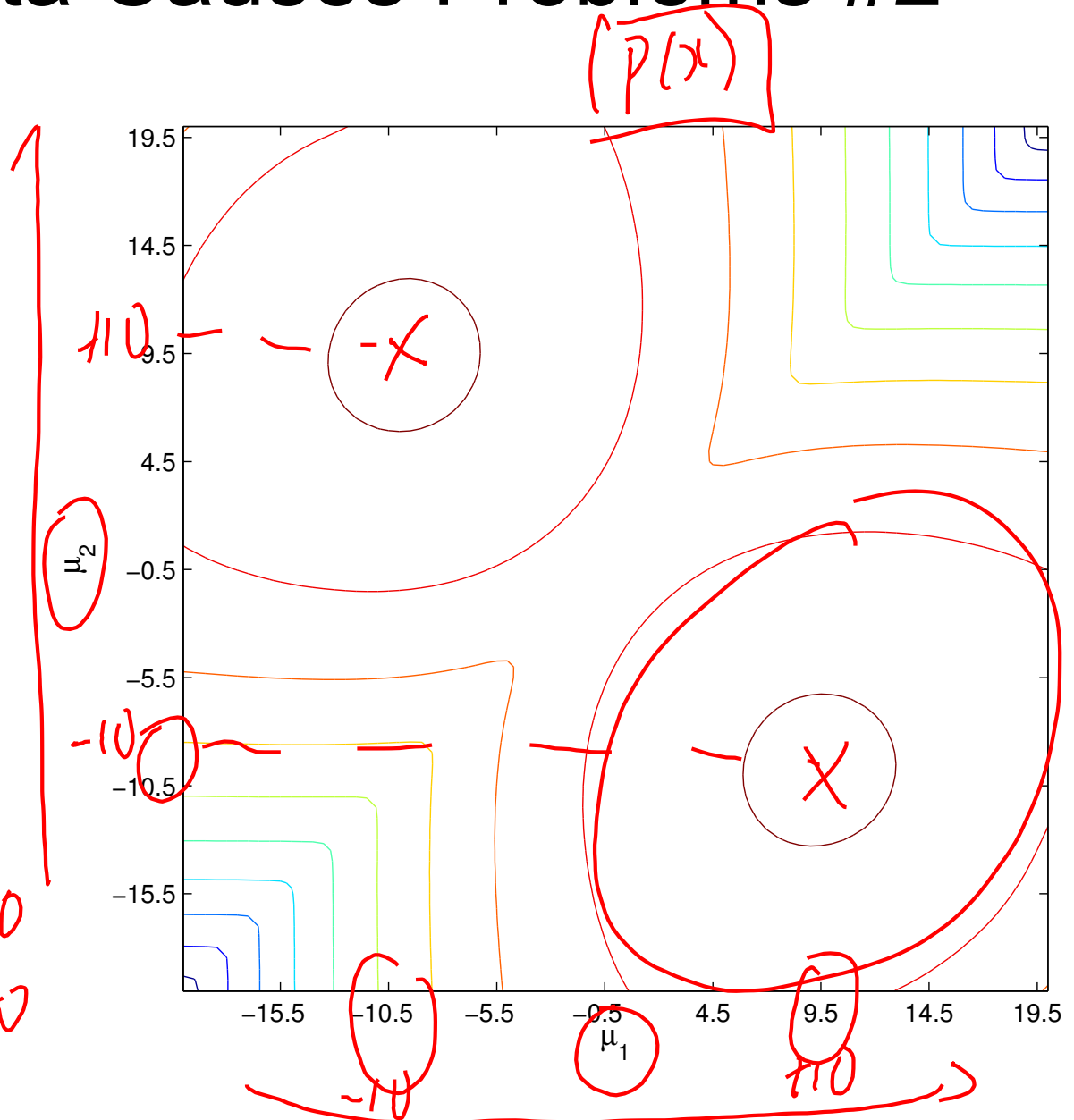
$$z_i = 1$$

Hidden Data Causes Problems #2

- Identifiability

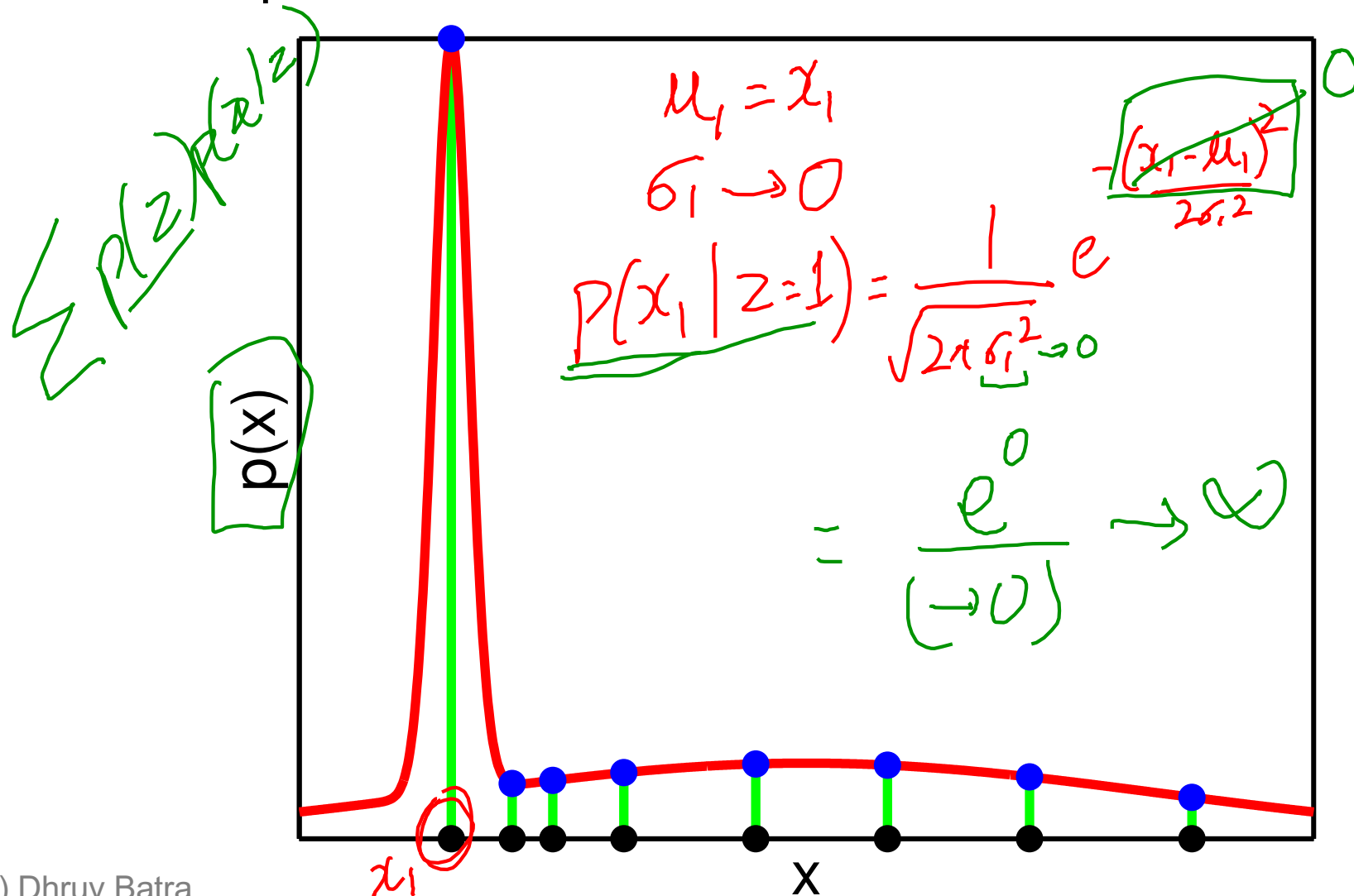


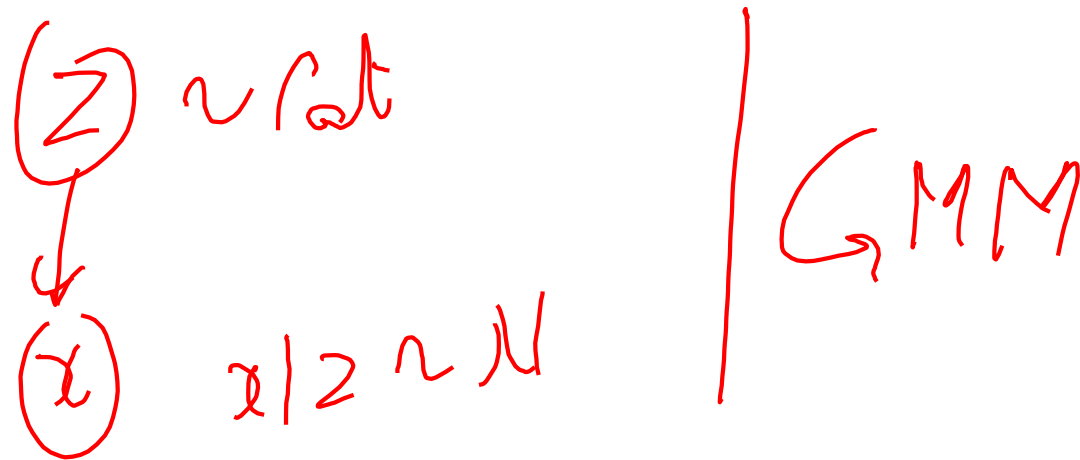
$$\begin{array}{l|l} \mu_1 = -10 & \mu_1 = +10 \\ \mu_2 = +10 & \mu_2 = -10 \end{array}$$



Hidden Data Causes Problems #3

- Likelihood has singularities if one Gaussian “collapses”





Variational Auto Encoders

VAEs are a combination of the following ideas: $p(\vec{x})$

1. Auto Encoders

2. Variational Approximation

- Variational Lower Bound / ELBO

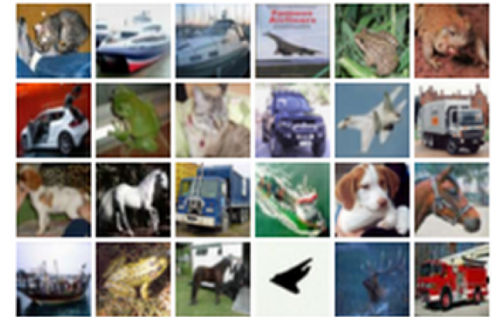
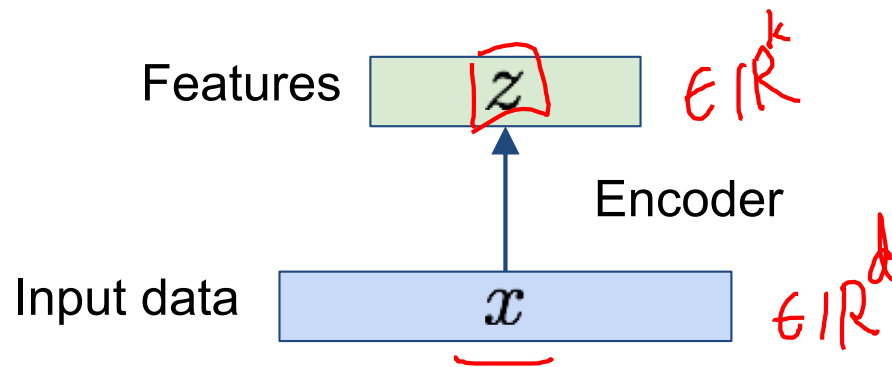
3. Amortized Inference Neural Networks

4. “Reparameterization” Trick

$$\sum p(x|z)$$
$$p(z)$$

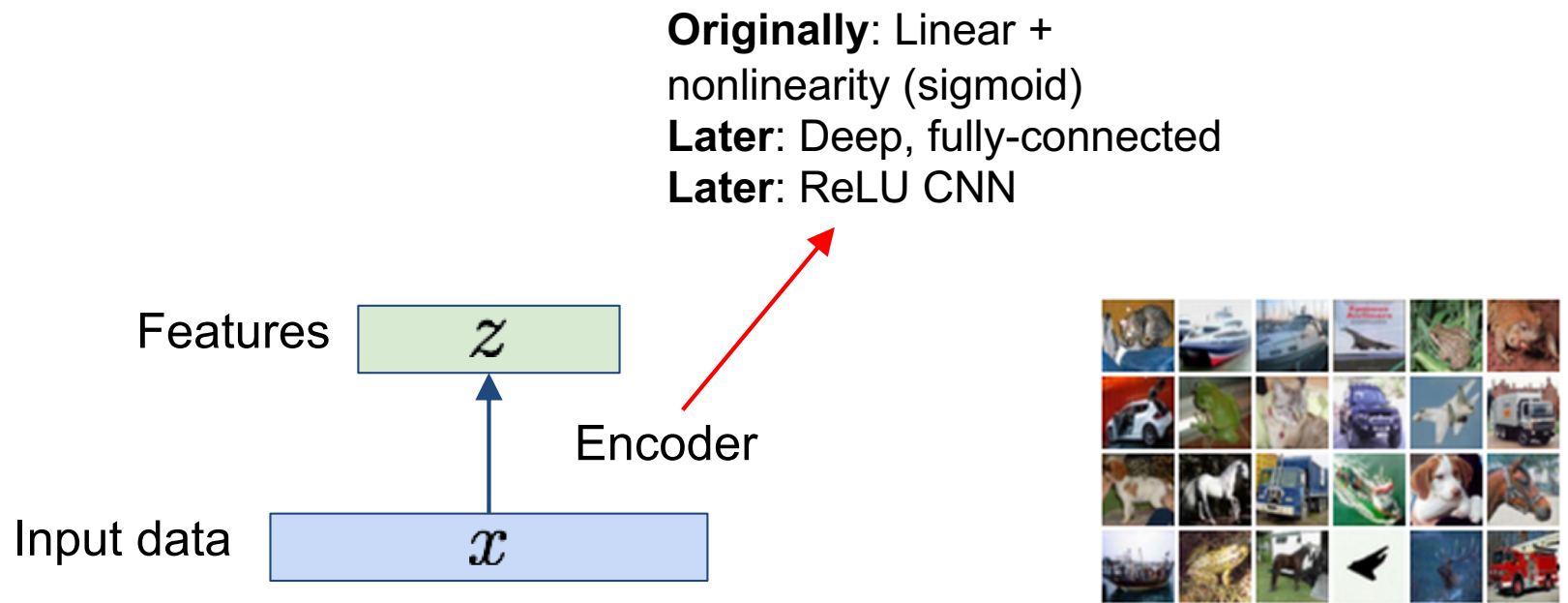
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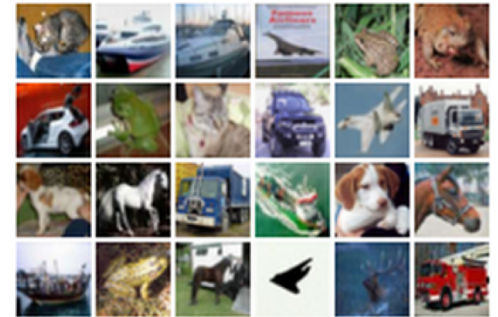
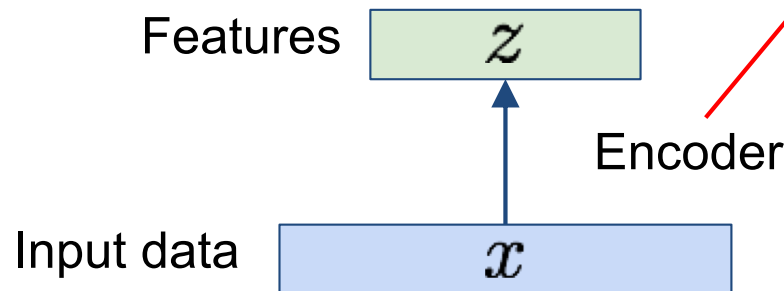
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(dimensionality reduction)

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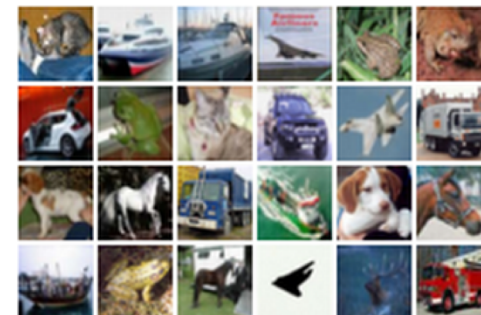
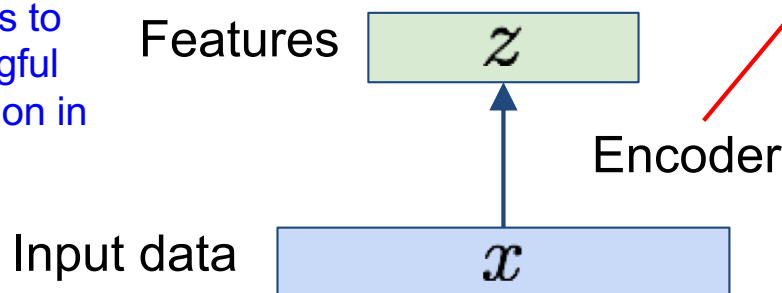
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A: Want features to capture meaningful factors of variation in data

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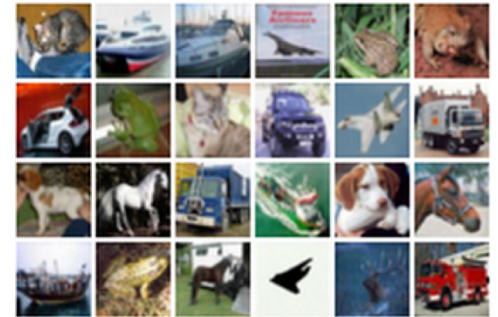
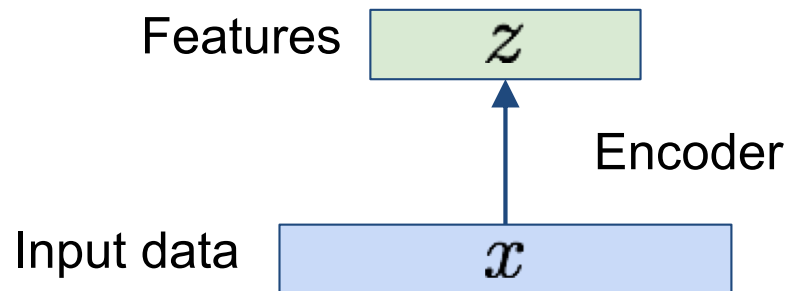
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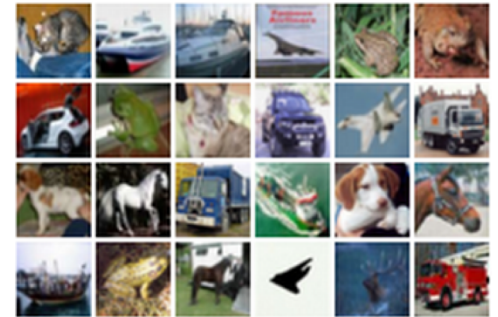
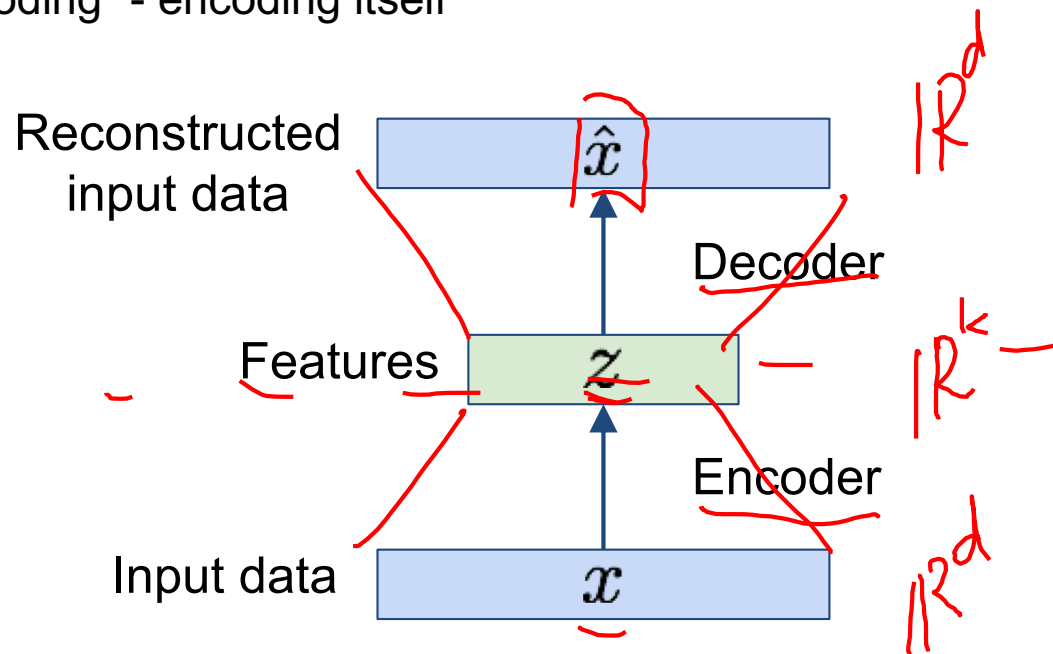
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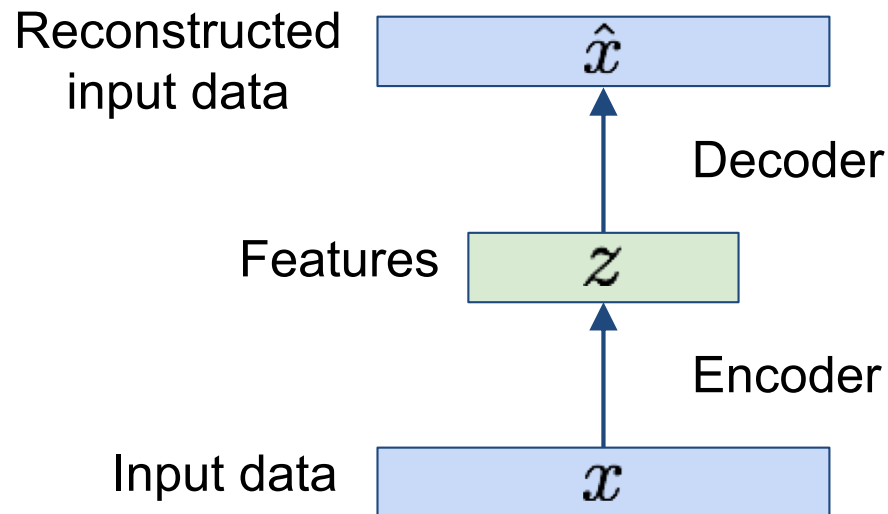
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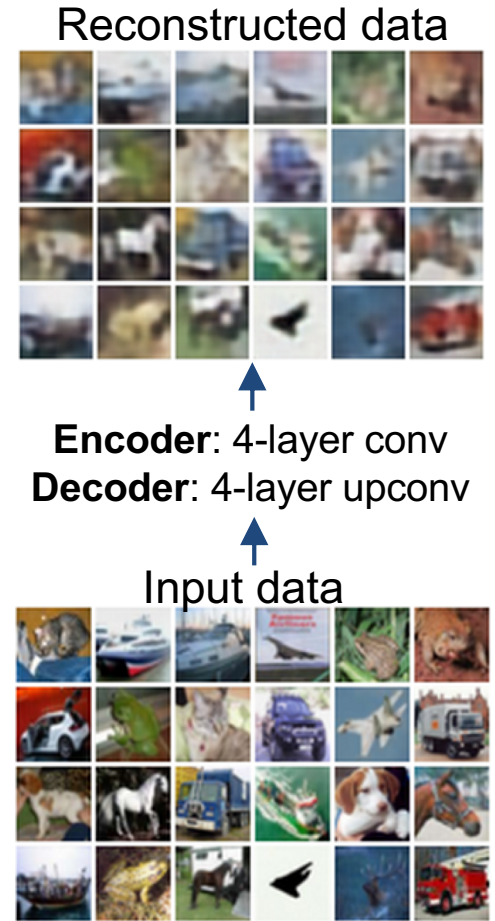
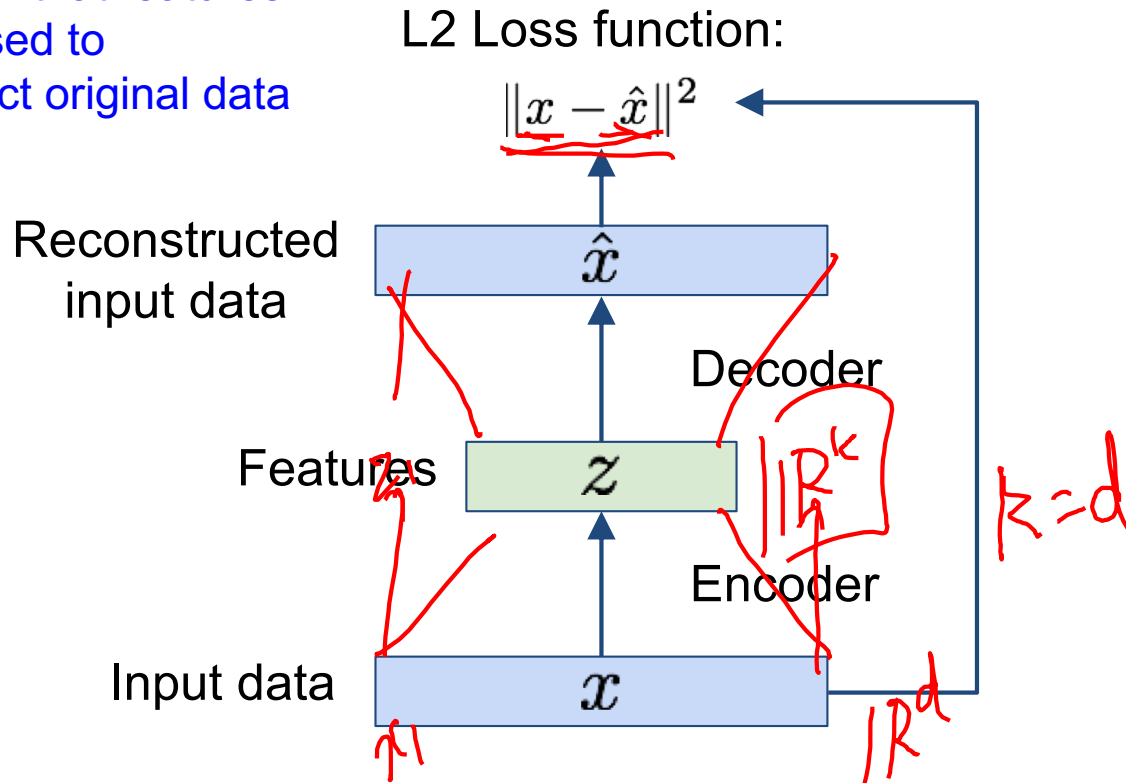
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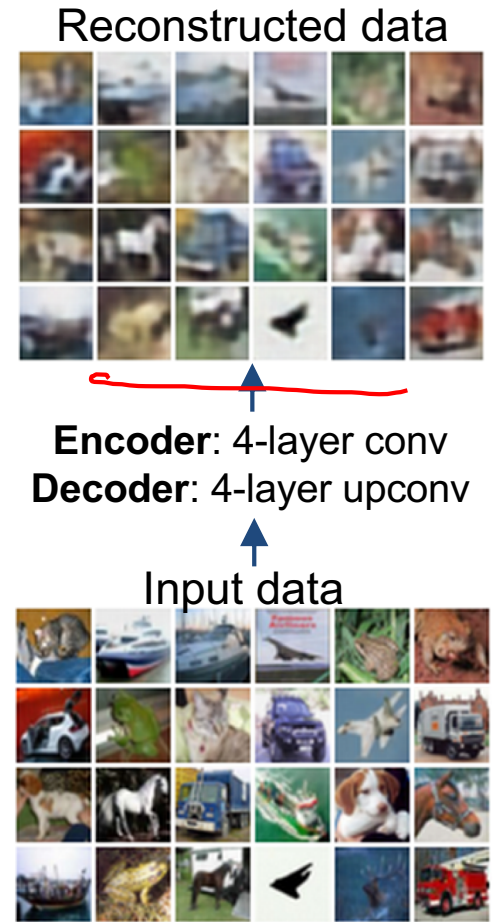
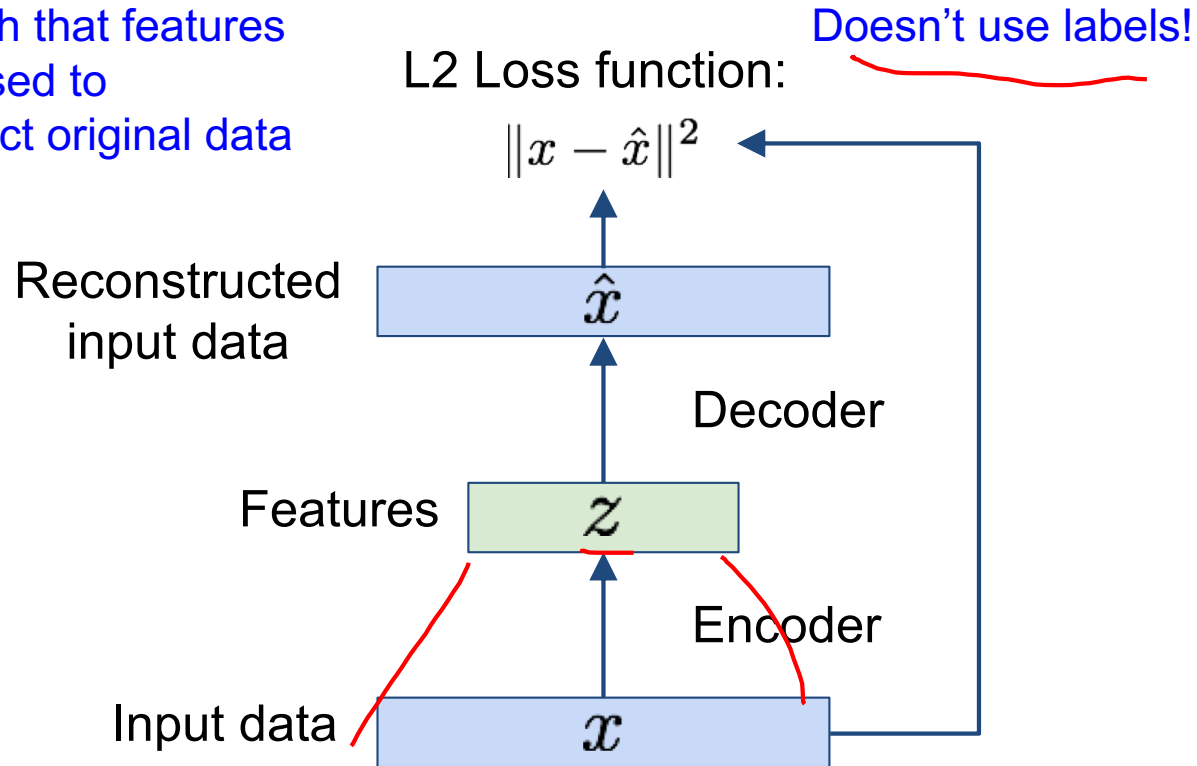
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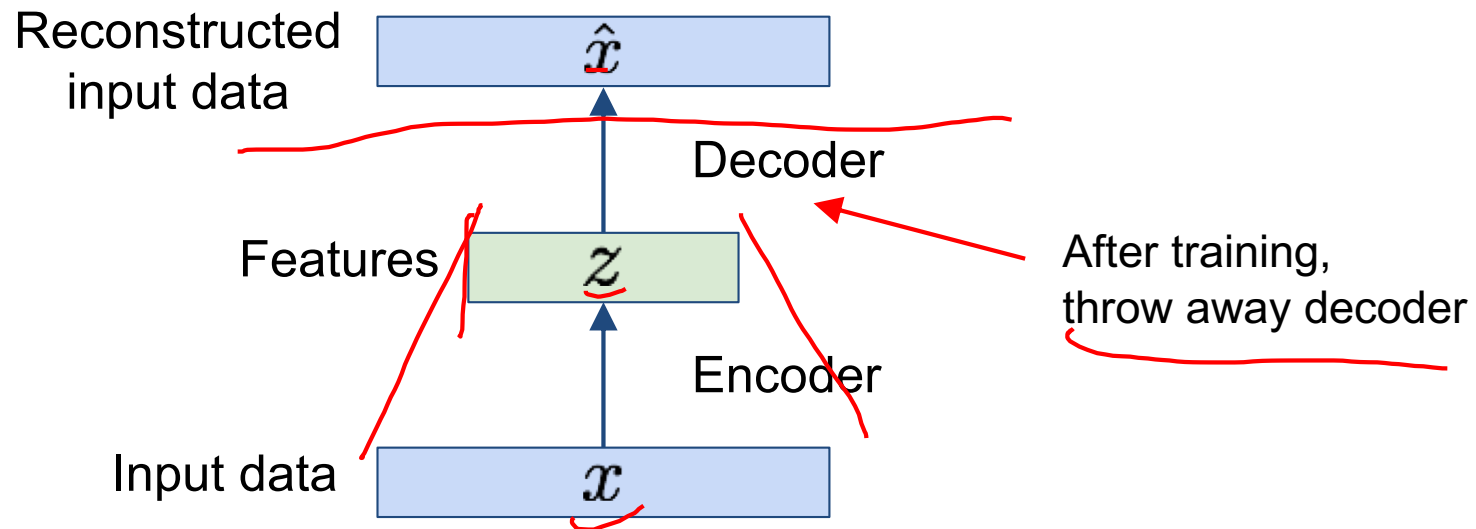
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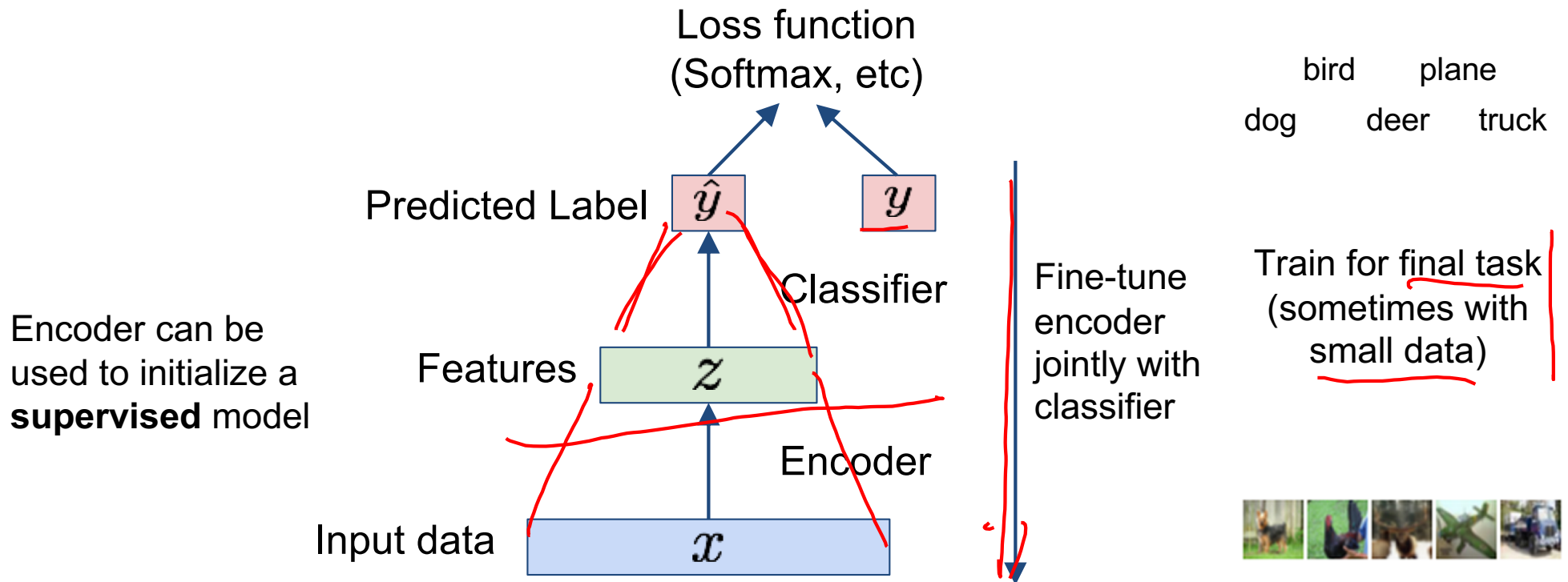
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- Demo
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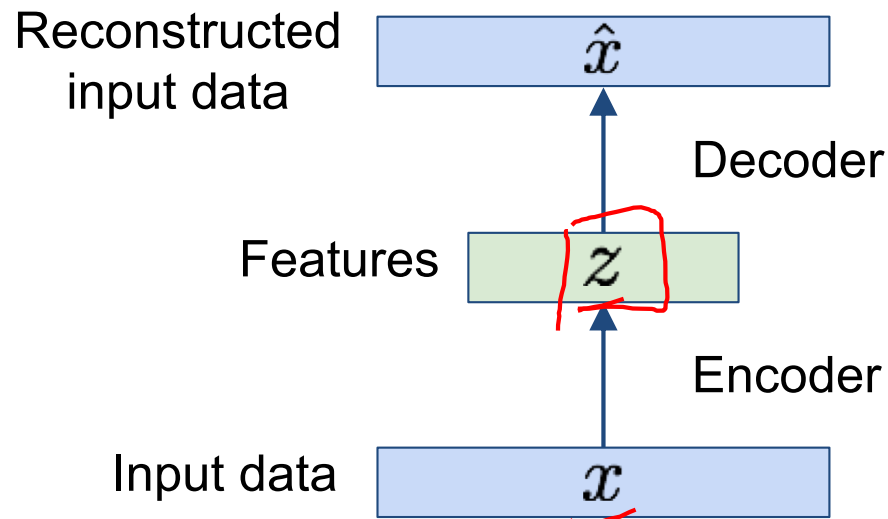
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$$p(\hat{x}|z)$$

$$p(y|x)$$

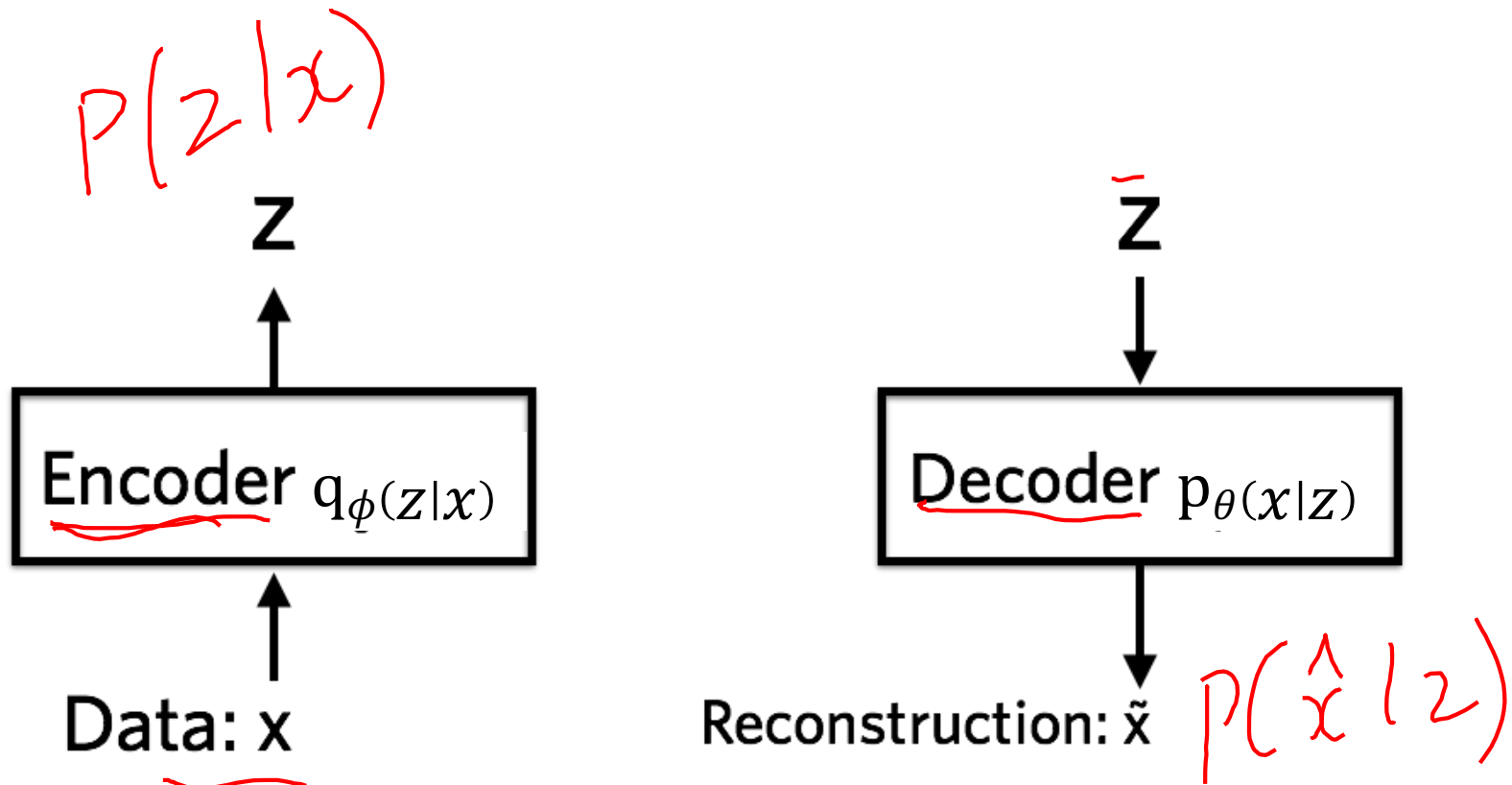
Autoencoders can reconstruct data, and can learn features to initialize a supervised model

Features capture factors of variation in training data. Can we generate new images from an autoencoder?



Variational Autoencoders

Probabilistic spin on autoencoders - will let us sample from the model to generate data!



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Key problem

$$\bullet \frac{P(z|x)}{P(x)} = \frac{P(z, x)}{P(x)} = \frac{P(x|z)P(z)}{\sum_z P(x|z)P(z)}$$

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$q(z)$

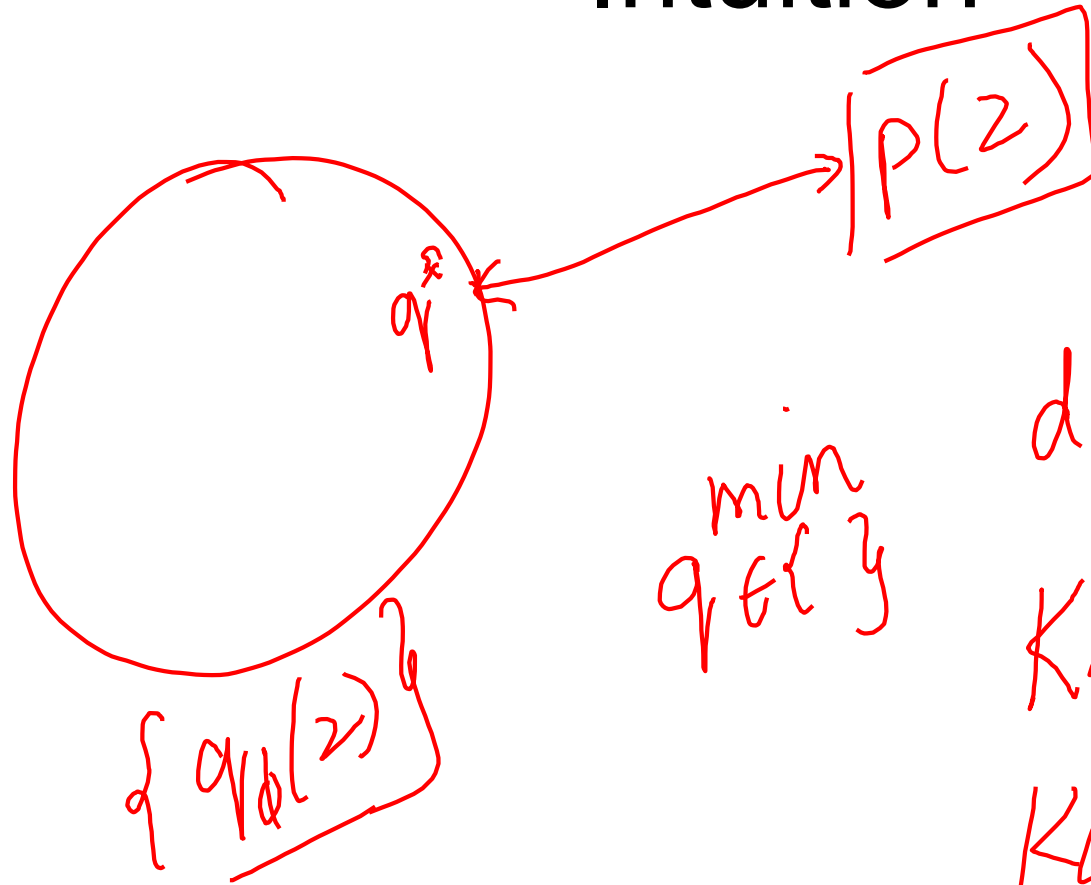
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What is Variational Inference?

- A class of methods for
 - approximate inference, parameter learning
 - and approximating integrals basically..
- Key idea
 - Reality is complex
 - Instead of performing approximate computation in something complex,
 - Can we perform exact computation in something “simple”?
 - Just need to make sure the simple thing is “close” to the complex thing.

Intuition



min
 $q \in \mathcal{Y}$

$$d(P, q)$$

$$KL(P(z) \parallel q(z))$$

$$KL(q(z) \parallel P(z))$$

$$KL(P \parallel q) = \sum_z \underbrace{P(z)}_{\text{error}} \log \underbrace{\frac{P(z)}{q(z)}}_{\text{error}}$$

$$\sum_{\text{Support}} q(z) \log \underbrace{\frac{q(z)}{P(z)}}_{\text{error}}$$

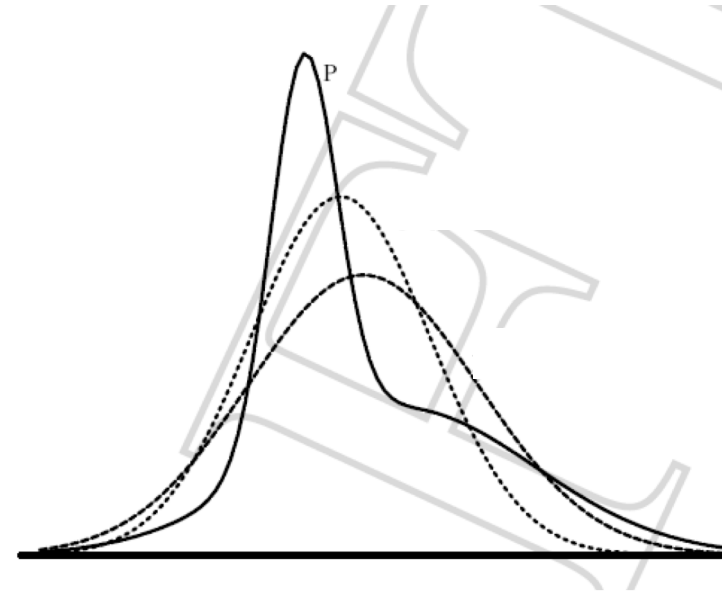
KL divergence:

Distance between distributions

- Given two distributions p and q KL divergence:
- $D(p||q) = 0$ iff $p=q$
- Not symmetric – p determines where difference is important

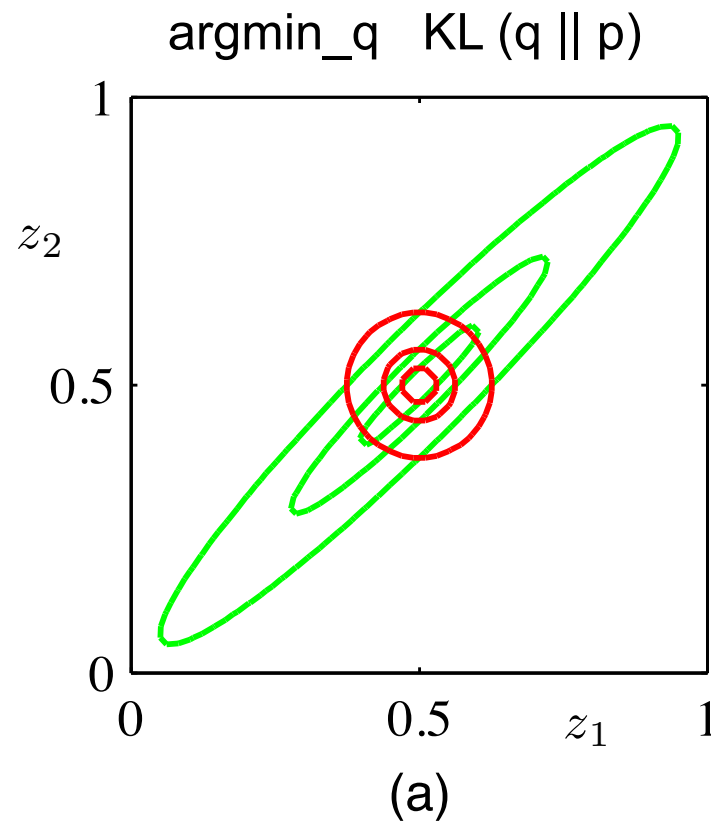
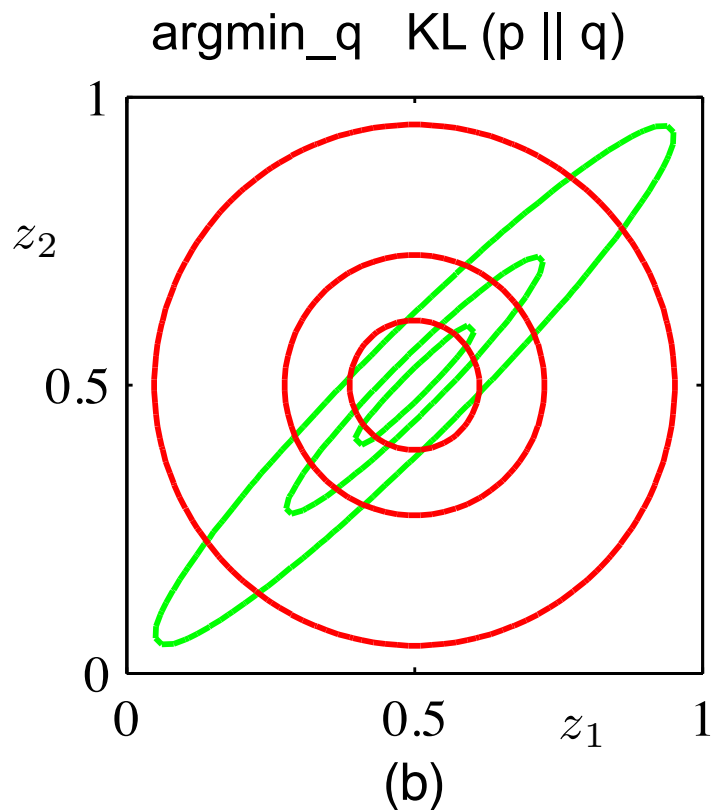
Find simple approximate distribution

- Suppose p is intractable posterior
- Want to find simple q that approximates p
- KL divergence not symmetric
- $D(p||q)$
 - true distribution p defines support of diff.
 - the “correct” direction
 - will be intractable to compute
- $D(q||p)$
 - approximate distribution defines support
 - tends to give overconfident results
 - will be tractable



Example 1

- p = 2D Gaussian with arbitrary co-variance
- q = 2D Gaussian with diagonal co-variance



p = Green; q = Red

Example 2

- p = Mixture of Two Gaussians
- q = Single Gaussian μ, σ

