

# 1/20 Lecture 22: Diffusion Models

① Fokker-Planck equations for forward + reverse processes are time reversals of each other.

Forward:  $dx_t = -x_t dt + \sqrt{2} dB_t$

$$\partial_t q_t = -\operatorname{div}(-x \cdot q_t) + \Delta q_t = \underline{\operatorname{div}(x \cdot q_t) + \Delta q_t}$$

Reverse:  $dx_t^{\leftarrow} = (x_t^{\leftarrow} + 2\nabla \ln q_{T-t}^{\leftarrow}) dt + \sqrt{2} dB_t$

$$\partial_t q_t^{\leftarrow} = -\operatorname{div}\left((x + 2\nabla \ln q_t^{\leftarrow}) \cdot q_t^{\leftarrow}\right) + \Delta q_t^{\leftarrow}$$

Note  $\operatorname{div}(\nabla \ln q_t^{\leftarrow}) \cdot q_t^{\leftarrow}$

$$= \operatorname{div}\left(\frac{\nabla q_t^{\leftarrow}}{q_t^{\leftarrow}} \cdot q_t^{\leftarrow}\right)$$

$$= \operatorname{div}(\nabla q_t^{\leftarrow}) = \Delta q_t^{\leftarrow}$$

$$= \underline{-\operatorname{div}(x \cdot q_t^{\leftarrow}) - \Delta q_t^{\leftarrow}}$$

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② Heuristic proof of Girsanov's:

Given (A)  $dx_t = b_t dt + \sqrt{2} dB_t$

(B)  $dx_t = b'_t dt + \sqrt{2} dB_t$

Consider discrete-time approx, i.e.

$$\hat{x}_{(k+1)h} \leftarrow \hat{x}_{kh} + h \cdot b_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) + \sqrt{2h} g_{kh}$$

$$\hat{x}_{(k+1)h} \leftarrow \hat{x}_{kh} + h \cdot b'_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) + \sqrt{2h} g_{kh}$$

for  $g_{kh} \sim N(0, Id)$

Likelihood of observing trajectory

$$(\hat{x}_0, \hat{x}_h, \hat{x}_{2h}, \dots, \hat{x}_{Nh})$$

under (A) vs (B):

$$(A): \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4h} \left\| \hat{x}_{(k+1)h} - \hat{x}_{kh} - h \cdot b_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) \right\|^2\right)$$

$$(B): \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4h} \left\| \hat{x}_{(k+1)h} - \hat{x}_{kh} - h \cdot b'_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) \right\|^2\right)$$

$$\frac{(A)}{(B)} = \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4h} \left[ \underbrace{\|b_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh})\|^2 \cdot h^2 - \|b'_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh})\|^2 \cdot h^2 - 2h \langle \hat{x}_{(k+1)h} - \hat{x}_{kh}, b_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) - b'_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) \rangle}_{\text{under (B), this} = h \cdot b'_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) + \sqrt{2h} g_{kh}} \right]\right)$$

$$= \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4h} \left[ -\|b_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) - b'_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh})\|^2 \cdot h^2 \right]\right)$$

$$+ h \cdot 2\sqrt{2} \langle \sqrt{h} g_{kh}, b_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) - b'_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) \rangle$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} h \|b_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) - b'_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh})\|^2\right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \langle \underbrace{\sqrt{h} g_{kh}}_{\text{"dB}_{kh}} , b_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) - b'_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) \rangle\right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{(h \rightarrow 0)} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} \int_0^T \|b_t - b'_t\|^2 dt\right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^T \langle dB_t, b_t - b'_t \rangle\right)$$

So

$$KL(\textcircled{A} \parallel \textcircled{B}) =$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{\textcircled{A}} \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \int_0^T \|b_t - b'_t\|^2 dt + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^T \langle dB_t, b_t - b'_t \rangle \right] \quad (\textcircled{A})$$

Brownian motion wrt.  $\textcircled{B}$ , so

$$\mathbb{E}_{\textcircled{A}}[\cdot] \neq 0!$$

can also write  $d\beta_+$  in terms of  $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}$  by equating

$$b_+ dt + \sqrt{2} d\tilde{\beta}_+ = b'_+ dt + \sqrt{2} d\beta_+$$

$$\Rightarrow d\beta_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (b_+ - b'_+) dt + d\tilde{\beta}_+$$

Substituting into  $(*)$  and noting  $\mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\mathbb{A}}} [d\tilde{\beta}_+] = 0$ ,

$$KL(\tilde{\mathbb{A}} \parallel \mathbb{B}) = \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\mathbb{A}}} \int_0^T \|b_+ - b'_+\|^2 dt \quad \square$$

③ Girsanov analysis for Langevin (will finish in next lecture)

$$\text{ALG: } d\hat{x}_+ = -\nabla \ln q(\hat{x}_{kh}) dt + \sqrt{2} d\beta_+ \text{ for } t \in [kh, (k+1)h)$$

$$\text{TRUE: } dx_+ = -\nabla \ln q(x_+) dt + \sqrt{2} d\beta_+$$

$$KL(\text{TRUE} \parallel \text{ALG}) = \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{E}_{\text{TRUE}} \int_0^T \|\nabla \ln q(x_+) - \nabla \ln q(x_{kh})\|^2 dt$$

$$\leq \frac{L^2}{4} \mathbb{E}_{\text{TRUE}} \int_0^T \|x_{kh} - x_+\|^2 dt$$

$$\|x_+ - x_{kh}\|^2 = \left\| \int_0^h \nabla \ln q(x_{kh+s}) ds + \sqrt{2} (\beta_+ - \beta_{kh}) \right\|^2$$

$$\leq 2h \int_0^h \|\nabla \ln q(x_{kh+s})\|^2 ds + 4 \|\beta_+ - \beta_{kh}\|^2$$

$$\leq \frac{L^2 h}{2} \int_0^T \mathbb{E}_{\text{TRUE}} \left[ \|\nabla \ln q(x_t)\|^2 dt + 2hd \right]$$