

1/20 Lecture 23: Girsanov's, Discretization

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):

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

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

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

+ this = $h \cdot b'_{kh}(\hat{x}_{kh}) + \sqrt{2h} g_{kh}$

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

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

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

So

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

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

Brownian motion wrt. \mathbb{B} , so

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

can also write $d\beta_t$ in terms of \mathbb{A} by equating

$$b_t dt + \sqrt{2} d\tilde{\beta}_t = b'_t dt + \sqrt{2} d\beta_t$$

$$\Rightarrow d\beta_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (b_t - b'_t) dt + d\tilde{\beta}_t.$$

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

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

Girsanov analysis for Langevin

Suppose ρ is α -strongly-log-concave,
i.e. $\alpha \cdot \text{Id} \preceq -\nabla^2 \ln q \preceq L \cdot \text{Id}$

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

TRUE: $dx_t = -\nabla \ln q(x_t) dt + \sqrt{2} dB_t$

$$\text{KL}(\text{TRUE} \parallel \text{ALG}) = \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{E}_{\text{TRUE}} \sum_{k=0}^{T/h-1} \int_{kh}^{(k+1)h} \|\nabla \ln q(x_t) - \nabla \ln q(x_{kh})\|^2 dt$$

$$\leq \frac{L^2}{4} \mathbb{E}_{\text{TRUE}} \sum_{k=0}^{T/h-1} \int_{kh}^{(k+1)h} \|x_{kh} - x_t\|^2 dt$$

$$\|x_t - x_{kh}\|^2 = \left\| \int_0^{t-kh} \nabla \ln q(x_{kh+s}) ds + \sqrt{2}(B_t - B_{kh}) \right\|^2$$

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

$$\leq L^2 h^2 \int_0^T \mathbb{E}_{\text{TRUE}} \|\nabla \ln q(x_t)\|^2 dt + L^2 h d T$$

Note

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{TRUE}} \|\nabla \ln q(x_t)\|^2 \leq \mathbb{E}_q \|\nabla \ln q(x)\|^2 + L^2 W_2^2(\text{law}(x_t), q)$$

(Talagrand's T_2 -inequality)

$$\leq \frac{L^2}{\alpha} \text{KL}(\text{law}(x_t) \parallel q)$$

(data processing)

$$\leq \frac{L^2}{\alpha} \text{KL}(\text{law}(x_0) \parallel q)$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_q \|\nabla \ln q(x)\|^2 &= \int \langle \nabla q, \nabla \ln q \rangle dx \\ &\stackrel{\text{(i.b.p.)}}{=} - \int \Delta \ln q \cdot q dx \\ &\stackrel{\text{b/c } -\nabla^2 \ln q \leq L \cdot \mathbb{1}}{\leq} Ld, \end{aligned}$$

so $\forall t$,

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{TRUE}} \|\nabla \ln q(x_t)\|^2 \leq Ld + \frac{L^2}{\alpha} \text{KL}(\text{law}(x_0) \| q).$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{KL}(\text{TRUE} \| \text{ALG}) \leq L^2 h^2 T \left(Ld + \frac{L^2}{\alpha} \text{KL}(\text{law}(x_0) \| q) \right) + L^2 h d T$$

for sufficiently small ε , if we take $h = \Theta\left(\frac{\varepsilon^2}{L^2 d T}\right)$, then

$$\text{KL}(\text{law}(x_T) \| \text{law}(\hat{x}_T)) \leq \text{KL}(\text{TRUE} \| \text{ALG}) \leq \varepsilon^2$$

Also, $\text{KL}(\text{law}(x_T) \| q) \leq \text{KL}(\text{law}(x_0) \| q) \cdot \exp(-\Omega(\alpha T))$, because q satisfies log-subdecr ineq. w/ constant $\Theta(\alpha)$,

so if $T \geq \frac{1}{\alpha} \log(\text{KL}(\text{law}(x_0) \| q) / \varepsilon)$, can ensure

$$\text{KL}(\text{law}(x_T) \| q) \leq \varepsilon^2.$$

By Pinsker's inequality and triangle inequality for TV,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TV}(\text{law}(\hat{x}_T), q) &\leq \text{TV}(\text{law}(\hat{x}_T), \text{law}(x_T)) + \text{TV}(\text{law}(x_T), q) \\ &\lesssim \varepsilon. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Pros of this argument: discretization error bound only uses smoothness, i.e. the bound $-\nabla^2 \ln q \preceq L \cdot \text{Id}$, not log-concavity

Cons: can only control discretization error over bounded time range

Girsanov analysis for diffusion models

$$\text{ALG: } d\hat{x}_t = (\hat{x}_t + 2s_{T-kt}(\hat{x}_{kt}))dt + \sqrt{2}dB_t \text{ for } t \in [kh, (k+1)h)$$

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

$$\text{KL}(\text{TRUE} \parallel \text{ALG}) = \mathbb{E}_{\text{TRUE}} \sum_{k=0}^{\lceil T/h \rceil - 1} \int_{kh}^{(k+1)h} \left\| \nabla \ln q_{T-t}(x_t) - s_{T-kt}(x_{kh}) \right\|^2 dt$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \nabla \ln q_{T-t}(x_t) - s_{T-kt}(x_{kh}) \right\|^2$$

$$\lesssim \mathbb{E} \left\| \nabla \ln q_{T-t}(x_t) - \nabla \ln q_{T-t}(x_{kh}) \right\|^2 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$+ \mathbb{E} \left\| \nabla \ln q_{T-t}(x_{kh}) - \nabla \ln q_{T-kt}(x_{kh}) \right\|^2 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$+ \mathbb{E} \left\| s_{T-kt}(x_{kh}) - \nabla \ln q_{T-kt}(x_{kh}) \right\|^2 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

① (discretization in space)

$$\textcircled{1} \leq L^2 \mathbb{E} \|x_t - x_{kh}\|^2$$

Joint distribution agrees with that of forward process,
i.e.

$$(x_t, x_{kh}) \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{\text{law}} (x_t, e^{-(t-kh)} x_t + N(0, 1 - e^{-2(t-kh)} \text{Id}))$$

$$\leq L^2 \left\{ \mathbb{E} \| (1 - e^{-(t-kh)}) x_t \|^2 + \underbrace{(1 - e^{-2(t-kh)}) d}_{\Theta(h)} \right\}$$

$$\lesssim L^2 h d + L^2 h^2 \mathbb{E} \|x_t\|^2$$

But $x_t \stackrel{\text{law}}{=} e^{-t} x + \sqrt{1 - e^{-2t}} g$ for $x \sim \eta, g \sim N(0, \text{Id})$,

$$\text{so } \mathbb{E} \|x_t\|^2 \leq e^{-2t} m_2^2 + (1 - e^{-2t}) d \\ \leq m_2^2 + d$$

$$\lesssim \boxed{L^2 h d + L^2 h^2 m_2^2}$$

③ (score error):

$$\textcircled{3} \leq \Sigma_{sc}^2 \text{ by assumption}$$

② (discretization in time):

Sketch

Consider distribution $p \propto e^{-V}$ and $p' = p * N(0, \sigma^2 \text{Id})$ for $V \preceq L \cdot \text{Id}$. Let's see how to control

$$\mathbb{E}_{p'} \left\| \nabla \ln p - \nabla \ln p' \right\|^2$$

Note $\nabla \ln p'(x) \stackrel{\text{using that } (a*b)' = a'b}{=} \frac{\int p(y) \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|y-x\|^2) \cdot \frac{\nabla p(y)}{p(y)} dy}{\int p(y) \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|y-x\|^2) dy}$

$$= -\mathbb{E}_{P_{x, \sigma^2}} [\nabla V(y)]$$

for $P_{x, \sigma^2} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{law}(y \mid y + \sigma g = x)$ for $y \sim p$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p'} \left\| \nabla \ln p(x) - \nabla \ln p'(x) \right\|^2 &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p'} \left\| \mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_{x, \sigma^2}} [\nabla V(y) - \nabla V(x)] \right\|^2 \\ &\leq L^2 \cdot \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p'} \mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_{x, \sigma^2}} \|y - x\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

But $\text{law}(x, y) = \text{law}(\tilde{y} + \sigma g, \tilde{y})$ for $\tilde{y} \sim p$,

$$\leq L^2 \sigma^2 d$$