# The Learnt Geometry of Collider Events

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How Much Information is in a Jet / event?





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*(Absolutely no substitutions)*

Aperetif *How much information is in a jet?*

Appetizer *The Metric Space of Collider Events*

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Main Course *Application to W jets*

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### Appetizer *The Metric Space of Collider Events*





### Earth Movers Distance

*Cost to transform one jet into another = Energy \* distance*



Taken from [https://energyflow.network/docs/emd/,](https://energyflow.network/docs/emd/) Eric Metediov, Patrick Komiske III, Jesse Thaler



#### **Quantifying Dimensionality**

**Correlation Dimension:** 
$$
\dim(Q) = Q \frac{\partial}{\partial Q} \ln \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \Theta(\text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}_i, \mathcal{E}_j) < Q)
$$





### Fish Course *The Variational Autoencoder*







$$
Loss = |x_{out} - x_{in}|^2 / 2\beta^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \log \sigma_i^2 - \mu_i^2 - \sigma_i^2)
$$
  
Reconstruction error\nKL(q(z|x)||p(z)) ~ "Information cost"

*Information and the loss function*



*Precise encoding in latent space is penalized by KL term but favoured for reconstruction*

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*Information and the loss function*



*Information and the loss function*



$$
Loss = |x_{out} - \hat{x}_{in}|^2 / 2\beta^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 + \log \sigma_i^2 - \mu_i^2 - \sigma_i^2)
$$

#### The Variational Autoencoder: *Information and the loss function*



*Imprecise encoding in latent space is favoured by KL term but penalized by reconstruction*

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$$

*Information and the loss function*

 $\beta \rightarrow 0$ 

*Info precisely encoded in latent space*

Z<sub>0</sub>  $Z_1$  0  $-1$  0 1 -1 1 0 Z<sub>0</sub>  $Z_1$  $-1$  0 1 0 -1 1 0

Loss =  $|x_{out} - x_{in}|^2 / 2\beta^2 - \sum_i \frac{1}{2}$ 2  $1 + \log \sigma_i^2 - \mu_i^2 - \sigma_i^2$ 

 $\rightarrow$   $\infty$ 

*No info encoded in latent space*

$$
Loss = -\langle log(p(x|z)) + D_{KL}(q(z|x)||P(z))
$$

$$
Loss = -\langle log(exp(-d(x, \rho(z))^2/2\beta^2)) \rangle + D_{KL}(q(z|x)||P(z))
$$

$$
Loss = |x_{out} - x_{in}|^2 / 2\beta^2 - \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \log \sigma_i^2 - \mu_i^2 - \sigma_i^2)
$$
  
Reconstruction error\nKL(q(z|x)||p(z)) ~ "Information cost"

### The Variational Autoencoder: *Information and the loss function*

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#### 1)  $\beta$  is the cost for encoding information

*The encoder will only encode information about the input to the extent that its usefulness for reconstruction is sufficient to justify the cost.*

#### 2)  $\beta$  is dimensionful

*The same dimension as the distance metric, e.g. GeV.*

#### 3)  $\beta$  is the distance resolution in reconstruction space

The stochasticity of the latent sampling will smear the reconstruction at scale  $\sim \beta$ 



### Cheese Course Application to W Jets





## W Jets (training data)



### Jet VAE



## Annealing



















Orientation of third prong (QCD emission)



 $\mathcal{Z}_4$ 

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{max}}$ 

#### Exploring the Learnt Representation: *W Jets*













## Dimensionality



#### Dimensionality  $D_1 \equiv$  $dKL$  $d \log \beta$  $\cong$   $\sum$  $d\log\sigma_i$  $d \log \beta$  $D_{corr} \equiv$  $d \log N$  $d \log r$

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*Variation of information with scale.*

 $D_2 \equiv$  $d(|\Delta x|^2)$  $d \beta^2$ 

*Variation of resolution with scale (think*  $\langle r^2 \rangle = D \sigma^2$  *for D-dimensional Gaussian).*



I am still trying to work out formally the meaning of these expressions, but they have an air of truthiness about them and empirically give sensible results.

See also 1810.00597 Danilo Jimenez Rezende, Fabio Viola Dimensionality





## Dimensionality



 $10<sup>4</sup>$ 

 $10<sup>1</sup>$ 



### Dessert *Unsupervised Classification*





### Mixed Samples *Top and light g/q*

Decoder learns:

- 1. If  $z_0 > 0$ , then it is a light jet and ignore the substructure information in  $z_1, z_2$ , etc.
- 2. If  $z_0 < 0$ , then it is a top jet, and get three-prong substructure from  $z_1, z_2$ , etc.



### Mixed Samples *Top and light g/q*



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 $categorical = \{1, 0\}$ 











VAE latent spaces learn concrete representations of the manifolds on which they are trained.

A meaningful distance metric which encodes interesting physics at different scales leads to a meaningful learnt representation which encodes interesting physics at different scales.

#### For a sufficiently simple manifold, the VAE learnt representation is:

- *Orthogonalized*
- *Hierarchically organized*
- *Has a scale-dependent fractal dimension which directly relates to that of the true data manifold*

These properties are due to the demand to be *parsimonious* with information.





# Special thanks to









#### The Variational Autoencoder **Bananas**



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#### The Variational Autoencoder *Dimensionality*

 $D_{corr} \equiv$  $dN$  $d \log r$ 

 $D_1 \equiv$  $d(|\Delta x|^2)$  $d \beta^2$ 

*Variation of resolution with scale (think*  $\langle r^2 \rangle = D \sigma^2$  *for D-dimensional Gaussian).*

$$
D_2 \equiv -\frac{d \, KL}{d \log \beta} \cong \frac{d \log \sigma}{d \log \beta}
$$

*Variation of information with scale.*

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The Variational Autoencoder *Orthogonalization and Organization is Information-Efficient*

Orthogonalization: vs

*Organization:* 

#### Reconstruction Error *Sinkhorn Distance ≈ EMD*



Sinkhorn's algorithm; start with  $\Delta R_{ij}$ ,  $p_{Ti}$ ,  $p_{Tj}$  then:

$$
K_{ij} = \exp(\Delta R_{ij}/\tau)
$$
  
\n
$$
u_i = \mathbf{1}_i
$$
  
\n
$$
v_i = \mathbf{1}_j
$$

Repeat N times:

$$
u_i = p_{Ti}/(K \cdot v)_i
$$
  

$$
v_i = p_{Tj}/(K^T \cdot u)_j
$$

Return  $T_{ij} = u_i K_{ij} v_j$ 

The Variational Autoencoder: Dimensionality

$$
\langle |\Delta x|^2 \rangle = \sum \langle |\Delta x_i|^2 \rangle = D\rho^2 + \sum_{i>D} S_i^2
$$
\n
$$
D = \frac{d\langle |\Delta x|^2 \rangle}{d\rho^2}
$$
\nSetting  $\frac{dL}{d\sigma} = 0$  implies:  
\n1.  $\rho = \beta$   
\n2.  $D = \frac{d}{d\log \beta}$ 

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#### The Variational Autoencoder *Doesn't suffer from curse of dimensionality*



### The Plain Autoencoder *Garbage*

My old plan:

- Train AE on jet images using different latent space sizes N
- Study reconstruction quality as a function of N
- … Learn something about 'jet information'?

Flaws:

1) Jet images are garbage 2) Autoencoders are garbage



## "Jet Images are Garbage"







All three of these jet images are maximally different from eachother according to summed pixel intensity difference, but (a) and (b) are more physically similar than are (b) and (c).

Future Directions

1. What is the point?

### 2. Alternative latent priors?

3. Alternative metrics?





#### ML Engineer:

"*A VAE is a fancy AE with regulated stochastic latent space sampling*"

#### Bayesian statistician:

"*A VAE is a probability model trained to extremize the Evidence Lower BOund on the posterior distribution p(x)*"

#### The Variational Autoencoder: **Bananas** 1.25

