# BRUNO: A Deep Recurrent Model for Exchangeable Data

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IID random variables are exchangeable:

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exchangeable 
$$v = 1$$
  $\rho = 0.7$ 



v=1  $\rho=0$ 

De Finetti's theorem says that every exchangeable process is a mixture of i.i.d. processes:

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \int p(\theta) \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|\theta) d\theta$$

where  $\theta$  is some parameter conditioned on which the data is i.i.d.

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Then  $x_1, \ldots x_n$  are i.i.d

with  $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta, v - \rho)$  conditionally on  $\theta ~ \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \rho)$ 

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BRUNO Bayesian

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 are iid:  $p(x_n | x_{1:n-1}) = p(x_n)$ 

=> results of the first *n*-1 tosses do not change the uncertainty about the result of *n*-th tosses

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \int p(\theta) \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|\theta) d\theta$$

rewrite in terms of predictive distributions

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- 2. via exchangeable processes => BRUNO

## A KILLER APPLICATION: META-LEARNING

dogs





otters







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#### **Optimization Based**



 $p_{\theta}(y|x,S) = f_{\theta(S)}(x,S)$  $\theta(S) = g_{\phi}(\theta_0, \{\nabla_{\theta_0} L(x_i,y_i)\}_{(x_i,y_i \in S)})$ 

LSTM meta-learner Model-agnostic meta-learning (MAML)

O. Vinyals Meta-learning symposium talk @ NIPS'17

# EXCHANGEABILITY AND META-LEARNING

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Defines an exchangeable Gaussian process

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$$\mu_{n+1} = (1 - d_n)\mu_n + d_n z_n$$

$$v_{n+1} = (1 - d_n)v_n + d_n(v - \rho)$$

$$d_n = \frac{\rho}{v + \rho(n - 1)}$$

$$\mu_1 = \mu, \quad v_1 = v$$









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# REAL NVP. CHANGE OF VARIABLES



Likelihood evaluation:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{z}) \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right|$$

# REAL NVP'S COUPLING LAYER

 $y_{1:d} = x_{1:d}$ 

$$y_{d+1:D} = x_{d+1:D} \odot \exp(s(x_{1:d})) + t(x_{1:d})$$





(a) Forward propagation

(b) Inverse propagation

#### Jacobian:

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x^{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{I}_{d} & 0\\ \frac{\partial y_{d+1:D}}{\partial x_{1:d}^{T}} & \operatorname{diag}\left(\exp\left[s\left(x_{1:d}\right)\right]\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

# CONVOLUTIONAL REAL NVP

Schemes to partition the dimensions when using convolutions







### Samples from Real NVP trained on CelebA and LSUN

# BRUNO



 \* Latent dimensions are independent, so  $p(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{d=1}^{D} p(z^d)$ 

\* For every latent dimension d:  $(z_1^d,\ldots,z_n^d)\sim\mathcal{N}_n(\mu^d\mathbf{1},\mathbf{K}^d)$  with an exchangeable  $\mathbf{K}^d$ 

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 $egin{aligned} \mathbf{K}^{d}_{ij} = egin{cases} v^{d}, & i = j \ 
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#### Classical RNN objective:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \log p(\mathbf{x}_{n+1} | \mathbf{x}_{1:n})$$





#### Random samples from the dataset



Training sequences



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BRUNO samples from the prior p(x)





# LEARNING TO CORRELATE



28x28 inputs -> 784 latent dimensions with own variances and covariances:

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**Omniglot:** 1623 different handwritten characters from 50 different alphabets. Each of the characters was drawn by 20 different people.

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Fine-tune with a discriminative objective:  $p(y = \operatorname{`bird'} | x, S)$ 

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# CONCLUSION

BRUNO = expressiveness of DNNs + data-efficiency of GPs

A meta-learning exchangeable model with

- exact likelihoods
- fast sampling and inference
- no retraining or changes to the architecture at test time
- recurrent formulation