

Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models

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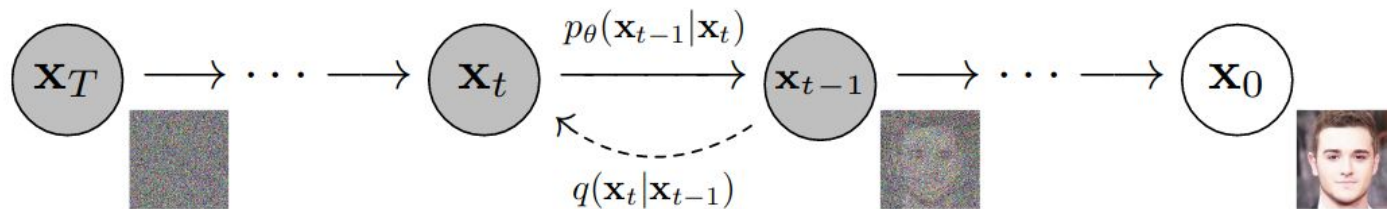


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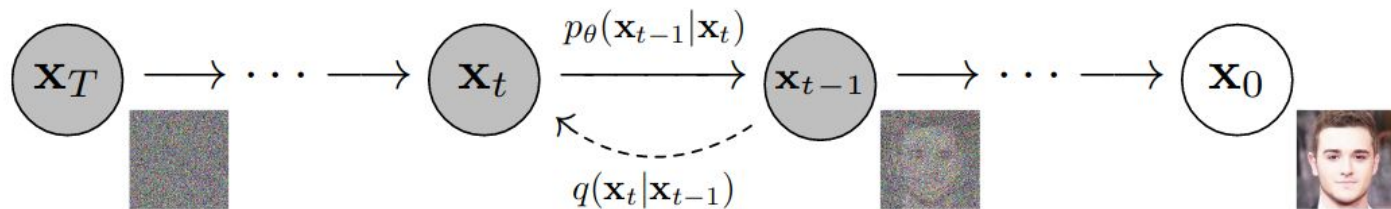


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The End

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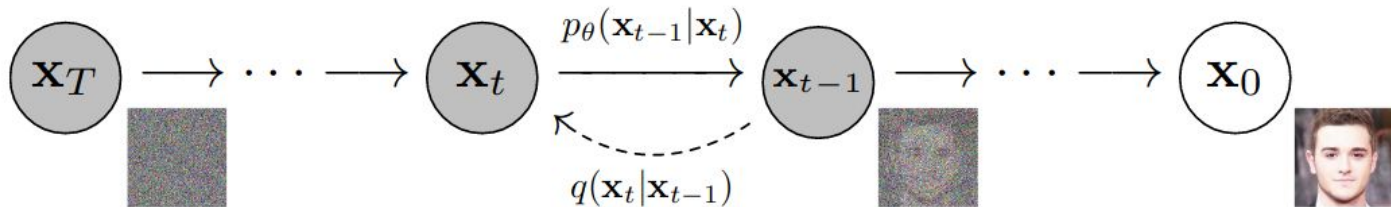


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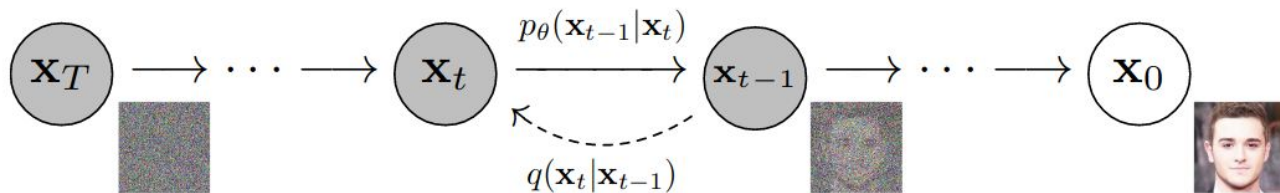


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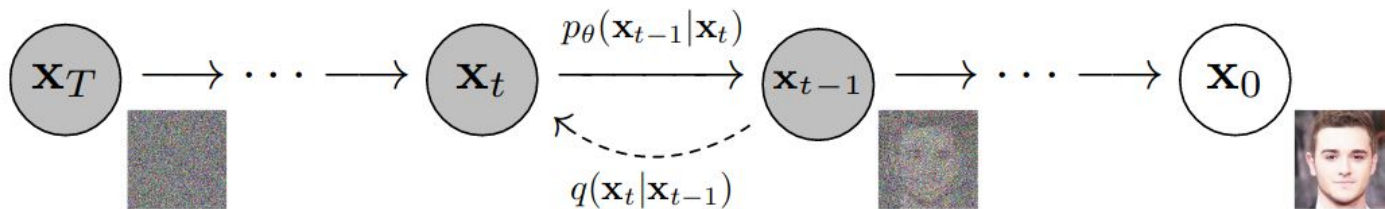


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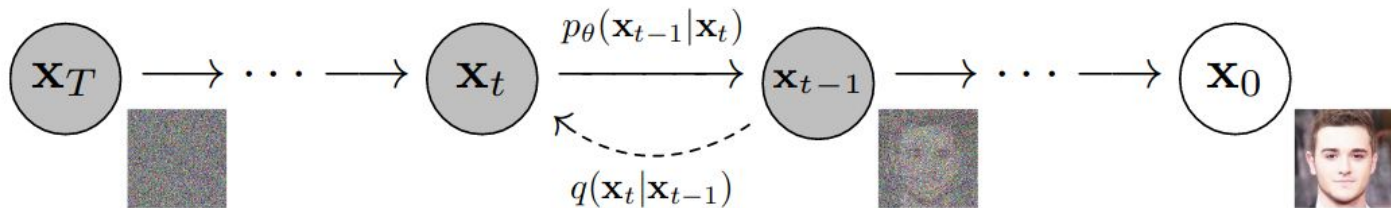


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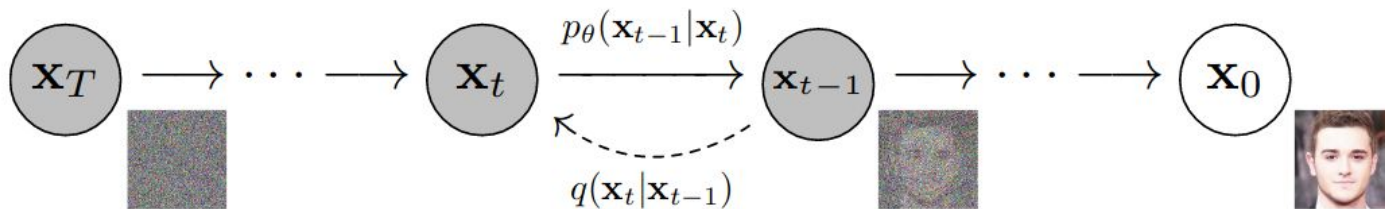


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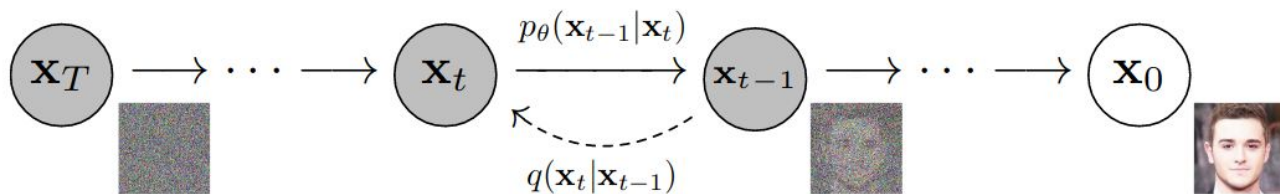


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Write lower bound of the log likelihood

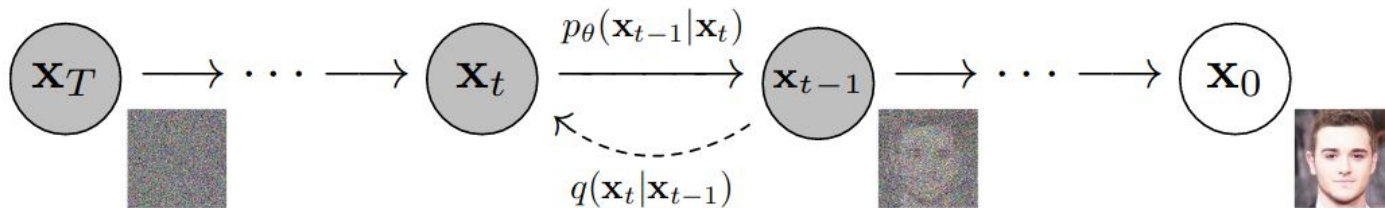


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Main steps to get lower bound of log likelihood

$$\log p(x) = \log \mathbb{E}_{Z \sim p} p(x|Z_{0:T}) \quad (1)$$

$$\geq \mathbb{E}_{Z \sim p} \log p(x|Z_{0:T}) \quad (2)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{Z \sim q|x} \log \left[p(x|Z_{0:T}) \frac{p(Z_{0:T})}{q(Z_{0:T}|x)} \right] \quad (3)$$

$$= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{Z_0 \sim q|x} \log p(x|Z_0)}_{\text{reconstruction loss}} - \mathbb{E}_{Z \sim q|x} \log \frac{q(Z_{0:T}|x)}{p(Z_{0:T})} \quad (4)$$

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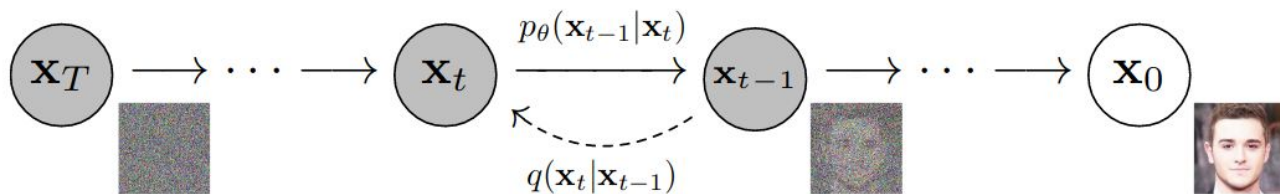


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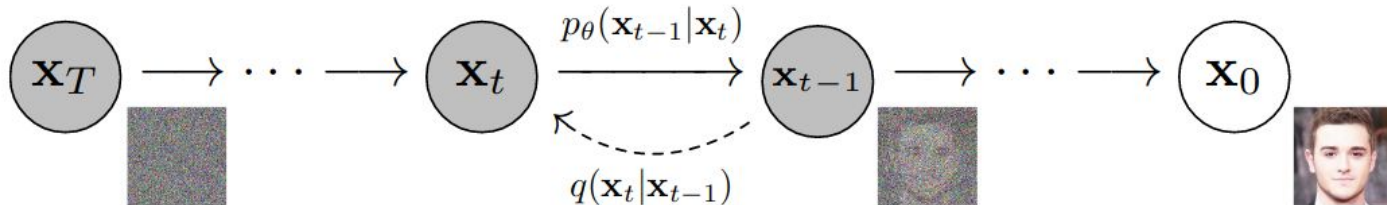


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$$D_{\text{KL}}(P \parallel Q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \log \left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) dx$$

L_t-1

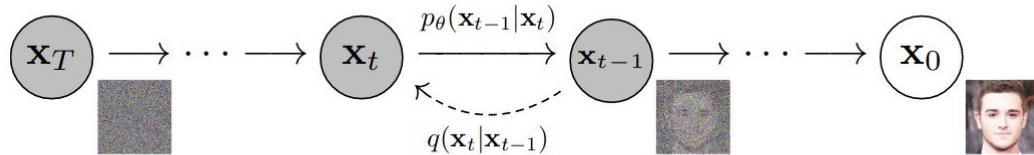


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$$L_{\text{simple}}(\theta) := \mathbb{E}_{t, \mathbf{x}_0, \epsilon} \left[\left\| \epsilon - \epsilon_\theta(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \epsilon, t) \right\|^2 \right]$$

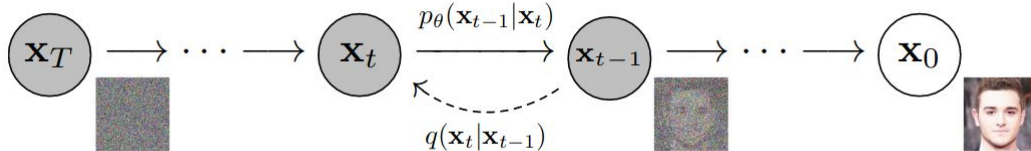


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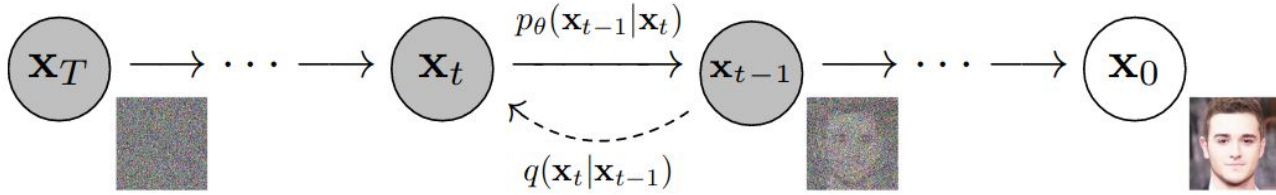


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$$\delta_+(x) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } x = 1 \\ x + \frac{1}{255} & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases} \quad \delta_-(x) = \begin{cases} -\infty & \text{if } x = -1 \\ x - \frac{1}{255} & \text{if } x > -1 \end{cases}$$

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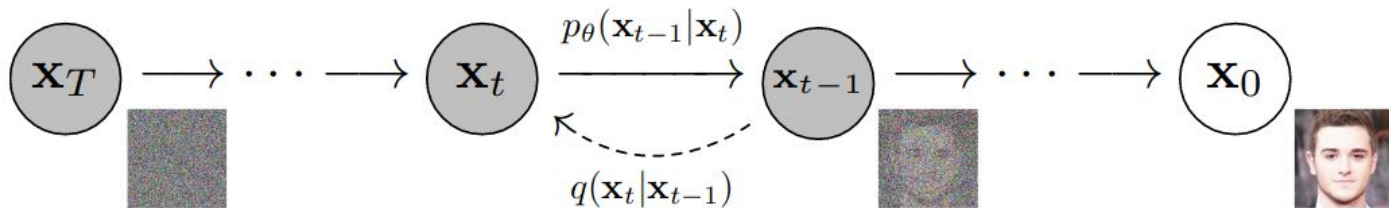


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