

Differential Entropy Estimation under Gaussian Convolutions

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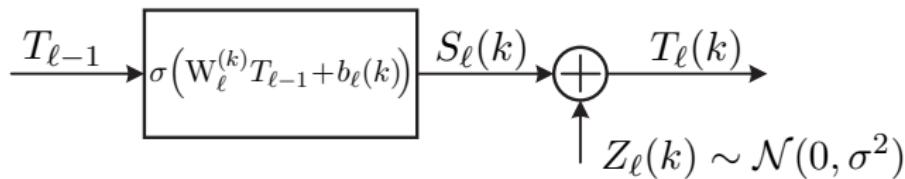
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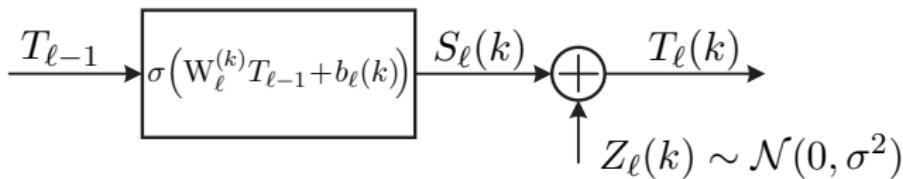
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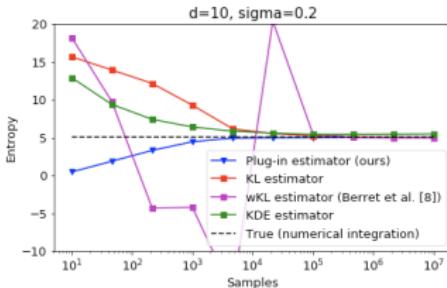
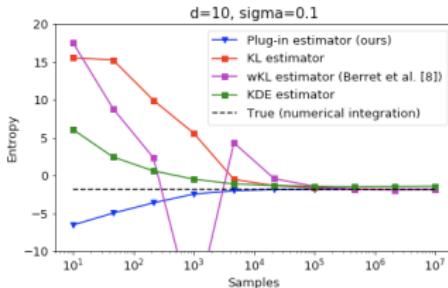
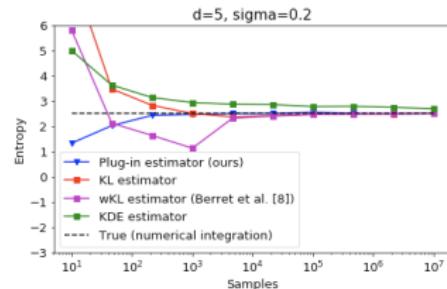
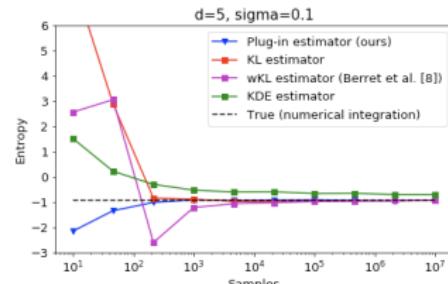
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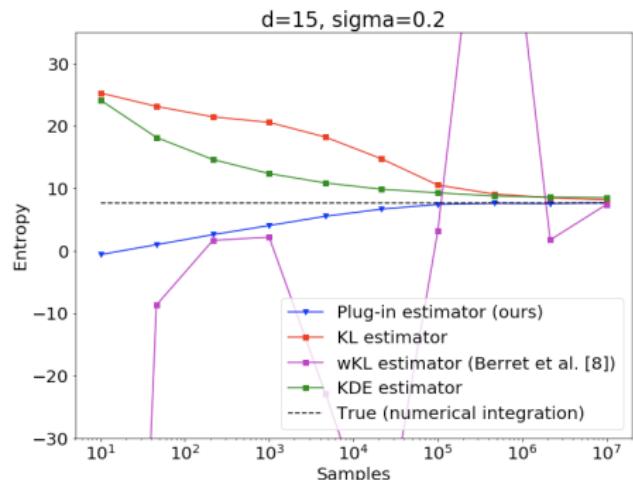
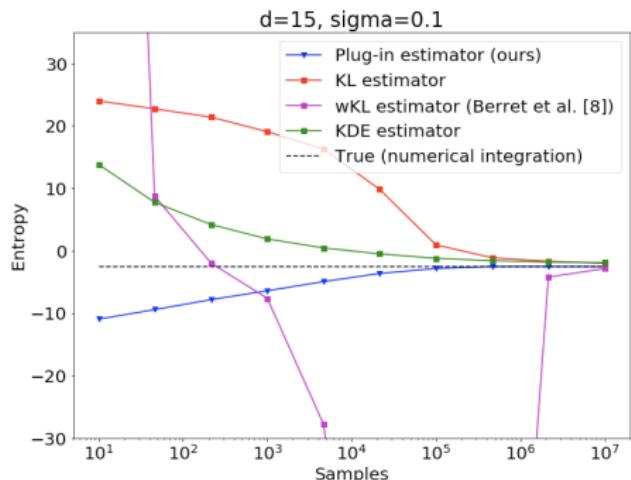


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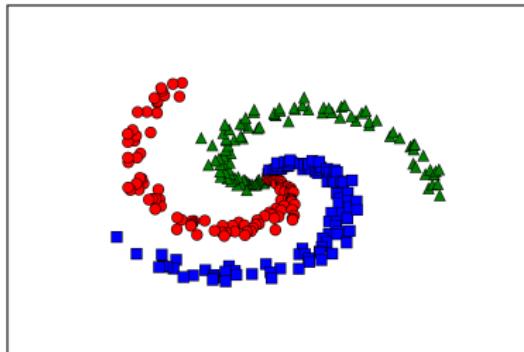
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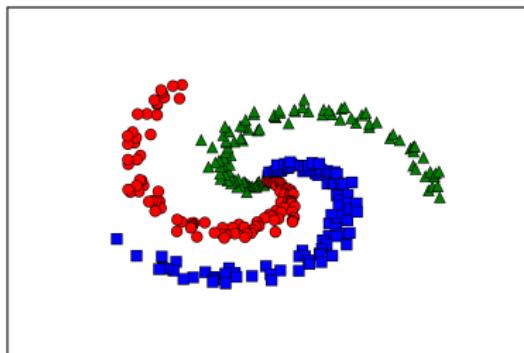
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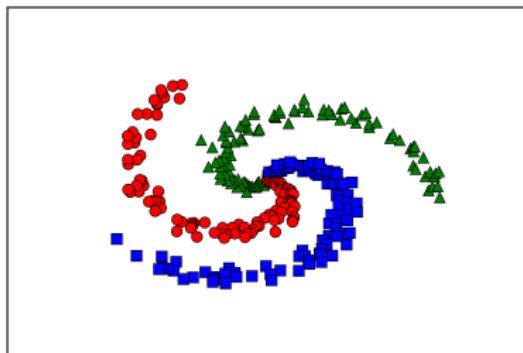
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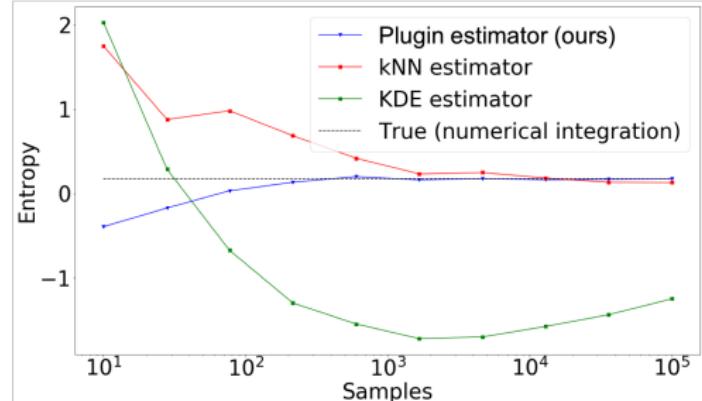
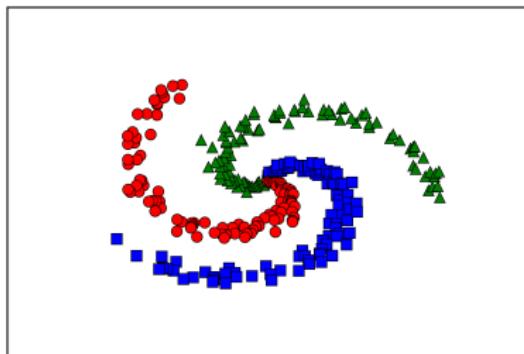
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 - ▶ New high-dimensional & nonparametric functional estimation problem
- **Intrinsically Difficult Problem:**
 - ▶ Sample complexity is exponential in dimension
- **Plug-in Estimator:**
 - ▶ Attains parametric estimation rate $O\left(\frac{c^d}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$
 - ▶ Empirically outperforms general-purpose estimation via ‘noisy’ samples
- **arXiv:1810.05728:** Study MI trends during DNN training (estimation)
- **Future Work:** Non-Gaussian conv.? Multiplicative noise (Dropout)?

Thank you!