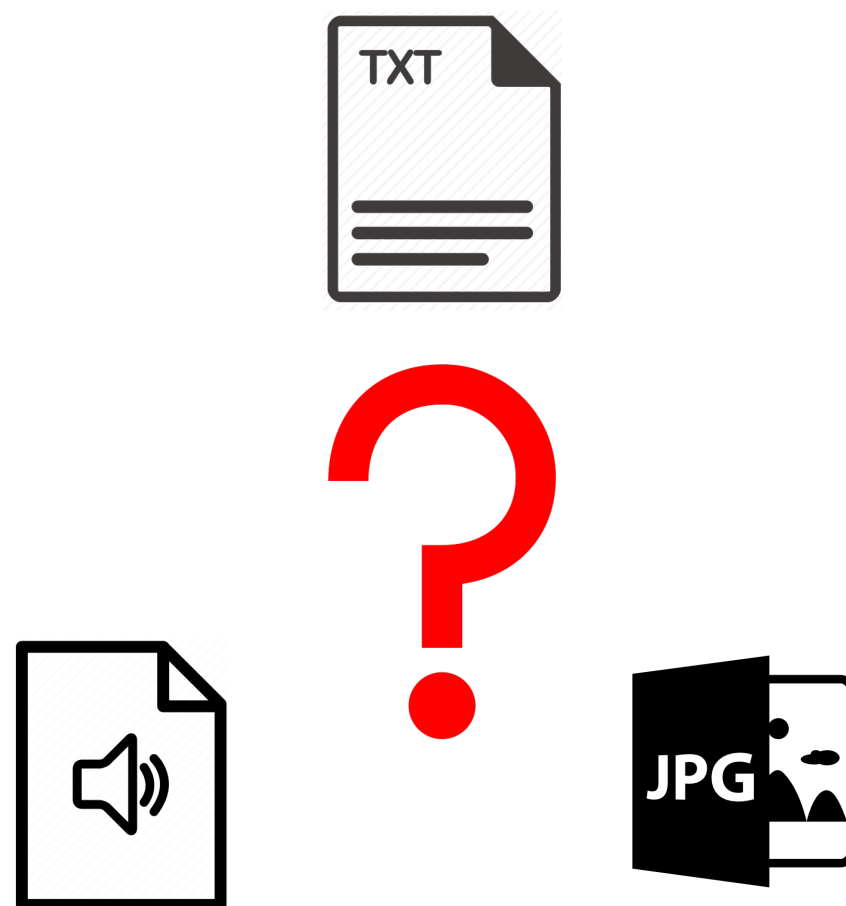


Generalized Multimodal ELBO

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- Joint optimization of the powerset $\mathcal{P}(X)$ of all subsets X_k :

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- **Lemma 1:**
The convex combination of KLDs over the powerset $\mathcal{P}(X)$ describes the joint log-probability $\log p_{\theta}(X)$.

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- **Lemma 2:**
The Generalized ELBO is a multimodal ELBO which approximates the log joint probability $\log p_{\theta}(X)$.
- **Lemma 3:**
Maximizing the Generalized ELBO minimizes the convex combination of KL-divergences shown before.

Experiments

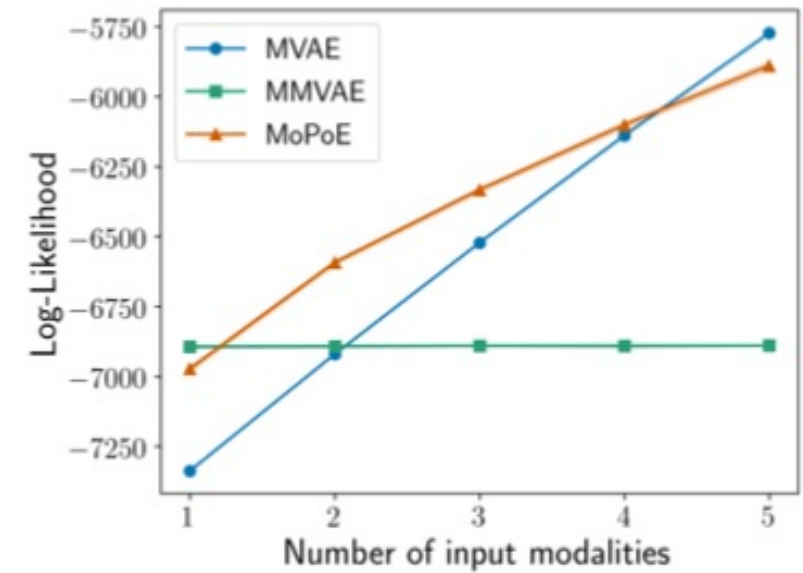
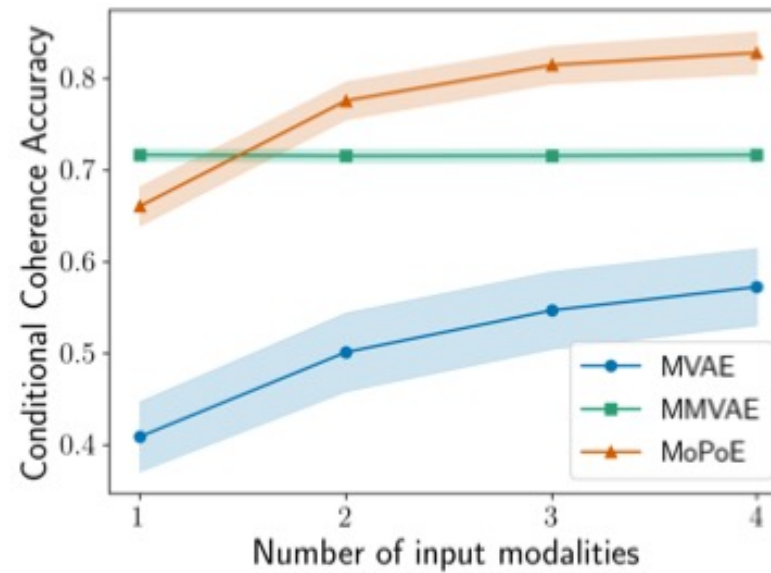
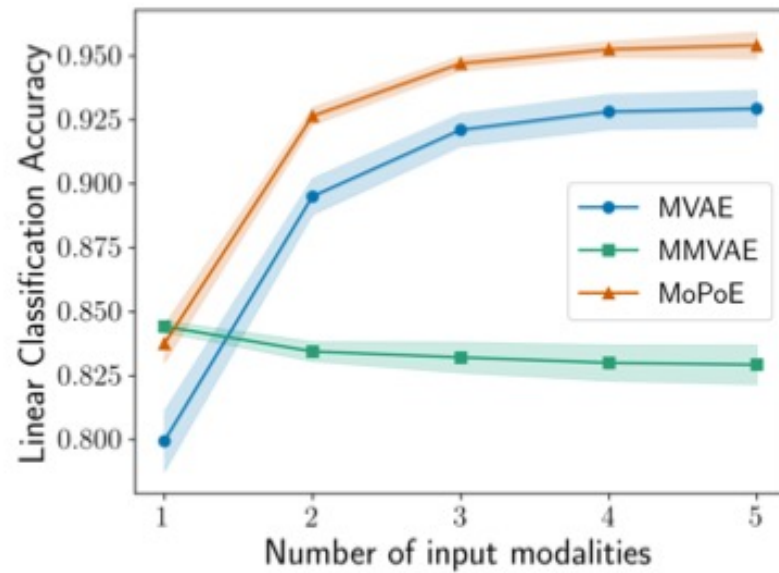
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- MNIST-SVHN-Text: 2 image modalities and 1 text modality
- **polyMNIST**: 5 image modalities
- Bimodal CelebA: 1 image modality and 1 text modality



Experiments: polyMNIST

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- X-axis: number of input modalities
- Y-axis: Evaluation metric
- Experimental results provide empirical evidence for the insights from analysis of ELBO

- New ELBO formulation: based on a convex combination of KL-divergences
- New formulation generalizes previous works
- Superior experimental results: proposed method outperforms or reaches state-of-the-art performance
- Experimental results can be related to objective of models and their choice of posterior approximation function

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