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potential function 3

$$\ell(\theta^{(t)}: D) \ge F(\theta^{(t)}, Q) = \ell(\theta^{(t)}: D) - m \sum_{j=1}^{m} KL(Q(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x}_j) || P(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x}_j, \theta^{(t)}))$$

Fixing θ to $\theta^{(t)}$
Maximizing $F(\theta^{(t)}, Q)$ over $Q \rightarrow$ set Q to posterior probability:
 $Q^{(t+1)}(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x}_j) \leftarrow P(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x}_j, \theta^{(t)})$
Note that
 $F(\theta^{(t)}, Q^{(t+1)}) = \ell(\theta^{(t)}: D)$





