

Generative Adversarial Nets

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Introduction

- deep learning successes
 - mainly **discriminative** models
 - = mapping high dimensional input to classes
 - = using backpropagation, dropout ... + units with nice gradient
- deep learning difficulties
 - **generative** models
 - = difficult computations during maximum likelihood estimation and similar strategies
 - > GAN to the rescue

Adversarial nets framework

- generative model G - discriminative model D
- $G(z = \text{noise}) \rightarrow \text{data space}$
- $D(\text{data sample } x) \rightarrow [0-1] = \text{prob. that } x \text{ is from training data}$
- goal
 - = G recovers training data distribution: $p_g = p_d$
 - = $D(x) = 0.5$ everywhere = cannot tell generated data from training ones

Adversarial nets framework

- two-player minimax game with value function $V(G, D)$:

$$\min_G \max_D V(D, G) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\log D(\mathbf{x})] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{z})} [\log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z})))]$$

- $D(\mathbf{x})$ = prob. that \mathbf{x} from training data is from training data
 - G wants to minimize this while D maximize
- $D(G(\mathbf{z}))$ = prob. that sample generated by G is from training data
 - G wants to maximize this \Rightarrow minimize $[1 - D(G(\mathbf{z}))]$

Training

- both models = MLP
 - => training can be done using only backprop and dropout
- k steps of training the D -> 1 step of training the Generator
 - => Discriminator is always near its optimal solution if Generator improves slowly enough

for number of training iterations **do**

for k steps **do**

- Sample minibatch of m noise samples $\{\mathbf{z}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}^{(m)}\}$ from noise prior $p_g(\mathbf{z})$.
- Sample minibatch of m examples $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$ from data generating distribution $p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$.
- Update the discriminator by ascending its stochastic gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta_d} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[\log D \left(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \right) + \log \left(1 - D \left(G \left(\mathbf{z}^{(i)} \right) \right) \right) \right].$$

end for

- Sample minibatch of m noise samples $\{\mathbf{z}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}^{(m)}\}$ from noise prior $p_g(\mathbf{z})$.
- Update the generator by descending its stochastic gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta_g} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log \left(1 - D \left(G \left(\mathbf{z}^{(i)} \right) \right) \right).$$

end for



Sources

- <https://arxiv.org/abs/1406.2661> = original GAN paper by Ian Goodfellow from 2014