

# Generative Adversarial Networks for Synthetic Time Series Data Generation To Monitor Energy Consumption of CNC Machine

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## Foundational Concepts of GAN

### Introduction

**Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)** are made up of two [neural networks](#), a **discriminator** and a **generator**. They use adversarial training to produce artificial data that is identical to actual data.



Figure 1: Images generated by a GAN created by NVIDIA.

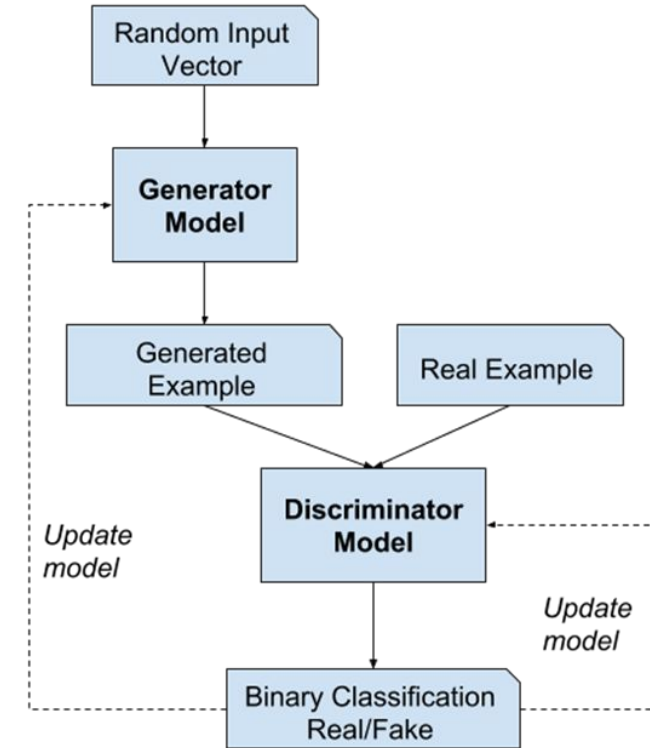


Figure 2: A general GAN architecture

Understanding the Dataset, Data Preprocessing and Architecture Selection

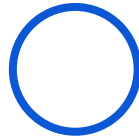
## Project Overview

**Objective:** To implement and evaluate different **Generative Adversarial Network** architectures for **Synthetic Time Series Data Generation**.



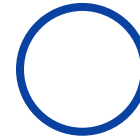
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Understanding the  
data



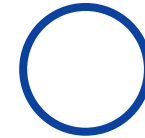
Step 2:

Data Preprocessing



Step 3:

Architecture  
Selection and  
Training



Step 4:

Evaluation and  
Results

Name : CNC Machine Data

Size : 18\*19393

Data Type: Numerical (all columns)

Attributes: Force Parameters, Moment, Material Removed, Acceleration, Velocity and Position Parameters

f_x_sim	f_y_sim	f_z_sim	f_sp_sim	m_sp_sim	materialremoved_sim	a_x	a_y	a_z	a_sp	v_x	...
-7.74482	192.6447	68.96563	192.8003	0.964002	3.412727	-0.31125	0.065	0.00875	0.85875	-3.5355	...
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-5.73019	190.2727	70.10932	190.359	0.951795	3.487273	0.461875	-0.05375	-0.0075	1.2875	-3.54075	...
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## Raw Data Loading

- Import raw data from csv file

## Data Reversal

- Flips data in reverse chronological order
- Ensures time series data is in chronological order for sequential analysis

## Normalization

- Min-Max scaling to standardize data to a 0-1 range
- Prevents dominance by larger values and improves model convergence.

## Sequence Segmentation

- Splits data into sequences of fixed length (seq\_len).
- Prepares sequential input data window

## Random Shuffling

- Shuffles the sequences randomly



## TimeGAN

RNN based generator and discriminator along with a supervisor.

## TransformerGAN

Transformer based generator and discriminator

## WGAN

Wasserstein based loss in critic which acts as discriminator

## TimeGAN for Time-series Data Generation

### TimeGAN

1. Hybrid Architecture  
with Embedding  
Network

2. Multi-objective loss  
function

3. Supervised  
Learning Component

4. Adaptability to  
Multi-Dimensional  
Time-Series

5. High Fidelity and  
Improved Training  
Stability

## Embedder

Maps the original high - dimensional feature space to a lower - dimensional latent space.

## Discriminator

Distinguishes between real and synthetic time-series data.

## Supervisor

Teaches the generator the temporal patterns of real data.

## Recovery

Maps the latent representations back to the original feature space

## Generator

Generates latent space representations from random noise.

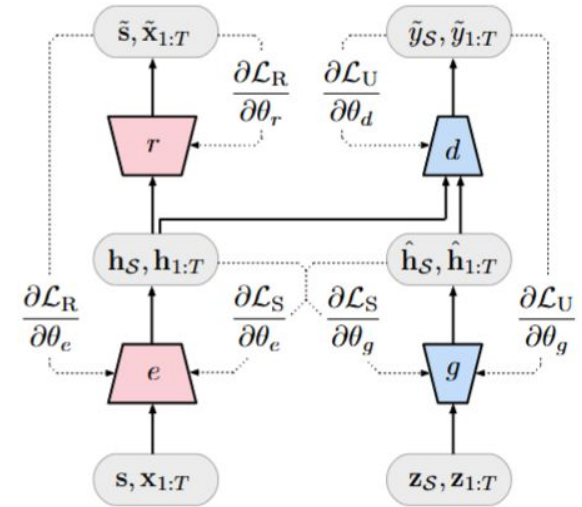


Figure 3: TimeGAN Training Scheme [1]

Transformer GAN for Time-series Data Generation

## Transformer GAN

**1. Long-range  
Dependencies**

**2. Self-Attention  
Mechanism - Identify  
Complex Patterns**

**3. Parallel Processing  
Efficiency**

**4. Handle Irregular  
Time-series Data**

**5. Effective  
Combination of GANs  
and Transformers**

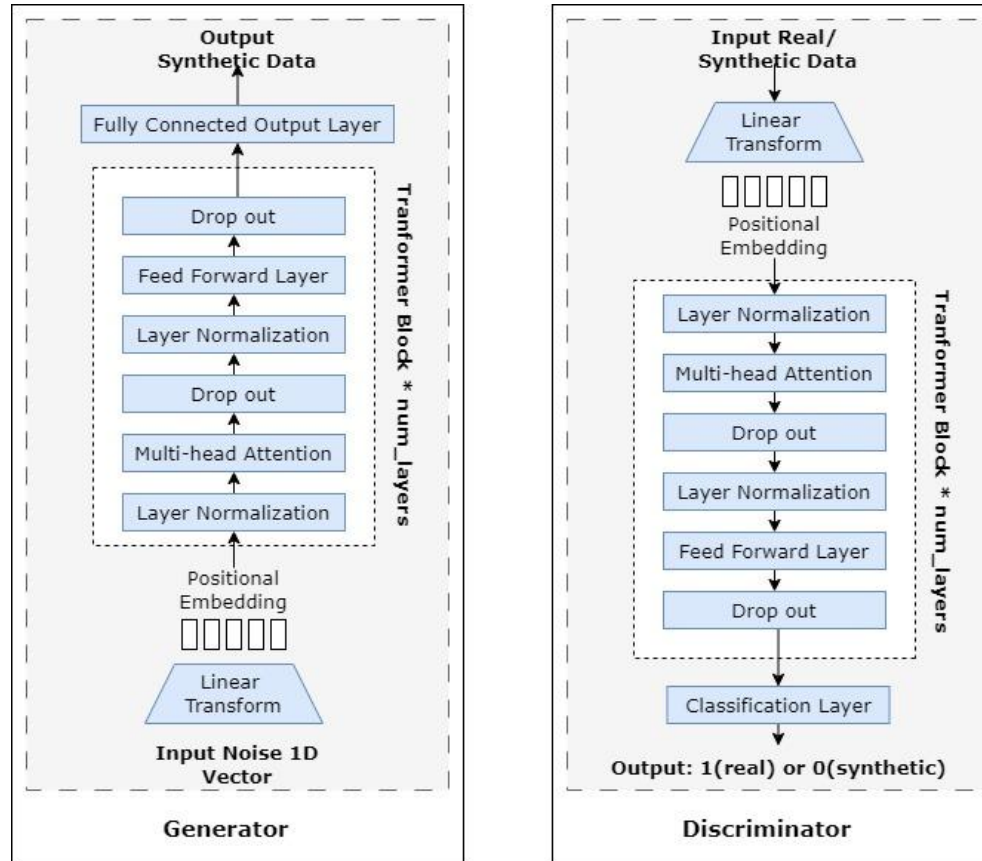


Figure 4 : Transformer GAN Architecture [2]

## WGAN for Time-series Data Generation

### WGAN



1. Stabilized GAN  
Training

2. Improved Loss  
Function

3. Gradient Clipping  
for Model  
Convergence

4. Flexible  
Architecture for  
Various Data Types

5. Reduced  
Sensitivity to  
Hyperparameters

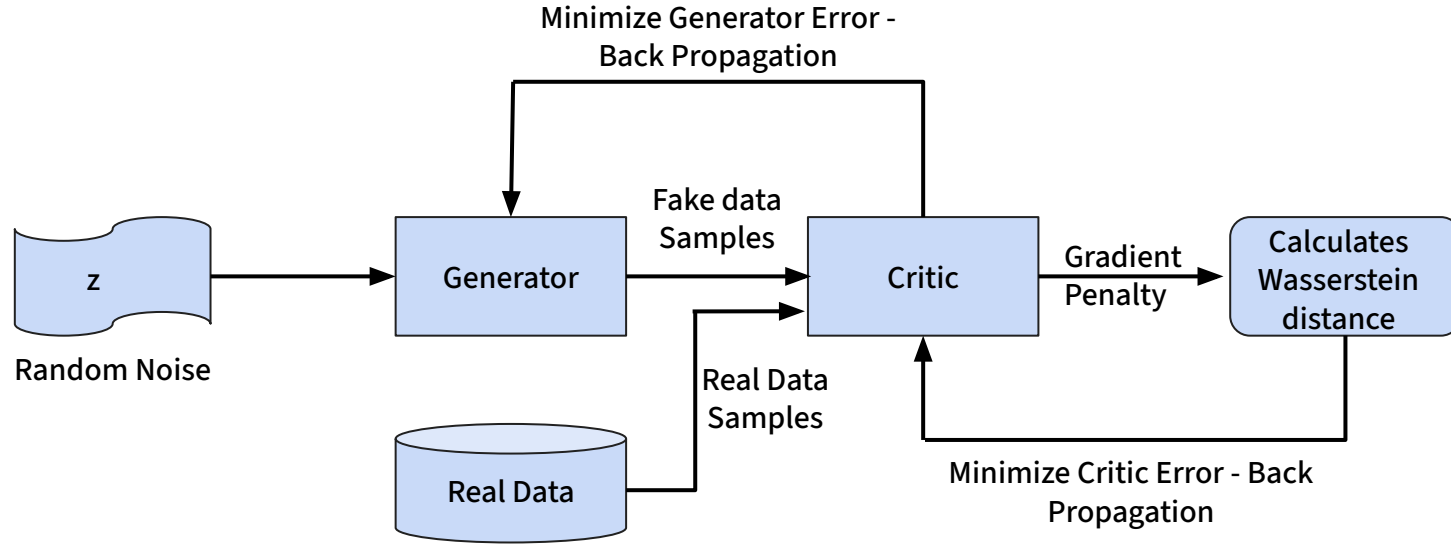


Figure 5 : WGAN Architecture

$$\max_{w \in W} \underbrace{E_{x \sim p_r(x)}[f_w(x)]}_{\text{Expected reward from real data}} - \underbrace{E_{z \sim p(z)}[f_w(g_\theta(z))]}_{\text{Expected reward from generated data}} + \lambda E_{\hat{x} \sim p_{\hat{x}}}[(\|\nabla_{\hat{x}} f_w(\hat{x})\|_2 - 1)^2]$$

[12]

<b>z</b>	Noise vector sample
<b><math>g_\theta(z)</math></b>	Generator network parameterized by $\theta$
<b><math>f_w(x)</math></b>	Critic network parameterized by $w$
<b><math>x, \lambda</math></b>	Real data sample, Gradient penalty

Predictive Score, Discriminative Score and FID Score

## Evaluation Metrics

Evaluation metrics ensure that synthetic data closely resembles real data in terms of realism and feature distribution.

## Quantitative Analysis

Use of metrics associated with statistical measures used for time series analytics

## Qualitative Analysis

Human visual inspection of the generated data.

## Training on Synthetic Data

- Trained a RNN on synthetic data

## Testing on Real Data

- Predicted the value of the last feature of the next sequence for the real data using the trained model

## Score Calculation

- Calculated the mean absolute error (MAE) between the predicted and the original feature value of the real data
- **Average MAE is the predictive score**

## Test - Train Split

- Labelled real data as 1 and synthetic as 0
- Splitted it into training and testing sets.

## Discriminator Training

- Trained discriminator to classify data based on the labels
- Used binary cross entropy loss

## Score Calculation

- Calculated the discriminator's accuracy on the test set
- Computed discriminative score as  $|\text{accuracy} - 0.5|$

## Extract Features

- Used **InceptionTime** neural network
- Capture distributions of the extracted features

## Calculate Mean & Covariance

- **Mean** - how closely two distributions centered around the same point in feature space.
- **Covariance matrix** - shape and spread of the feature distribution.

## Calculate Frechet Distance

- A large **Mean** and **Covariance** difference - synthetic data not same as real data

$$FID(\mu_r, \Sigma_r, \mu_g, \Sigma_g) = \|\mu_r - \mu_g\|_2^2 + Tr(\Sigma_r + \Sigma_g - 2(\Sigma_r \Sigma_g)^{\frac{1}{2}})_{[3]}$$

$\mu_r$	Mean (real)
$\mu_g$	Mean (generated)
$\Sigma_r$	Cov. Matrix (real)
$\Sigma_g$	Cov. Matrix (generated)

Evaluation Results of TimeGAN, TransformerGAN and WGAN

## Our Results



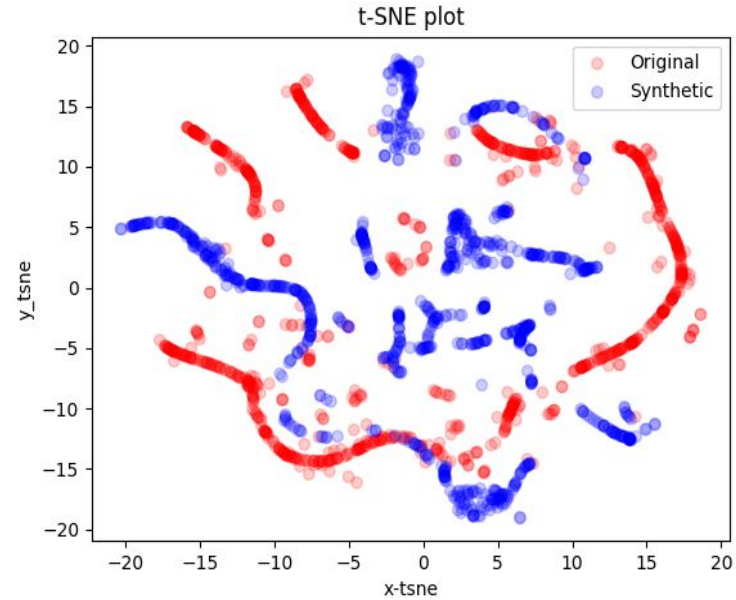
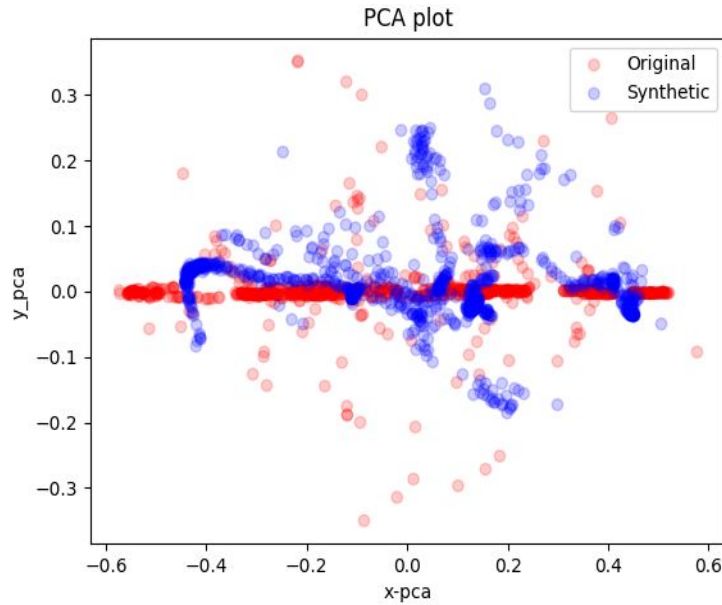


Figure 6 : PCA and t-SNE Plots of TimeGAN(LSTM) for 10k Iterations

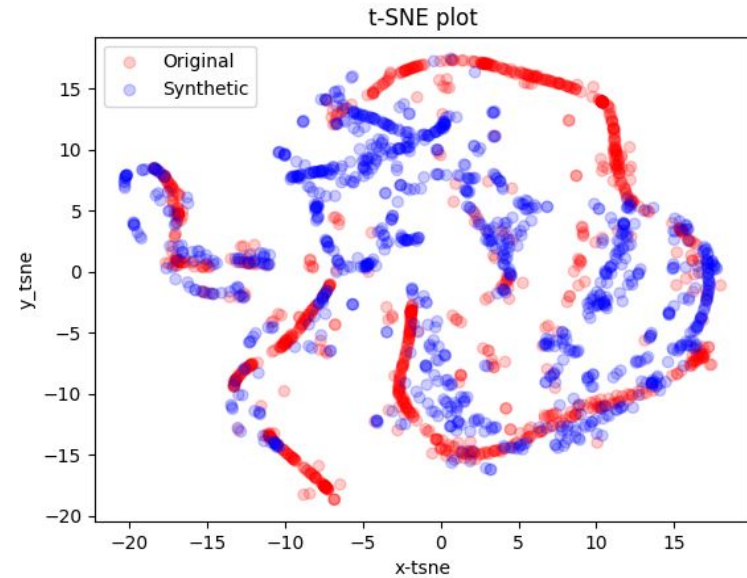
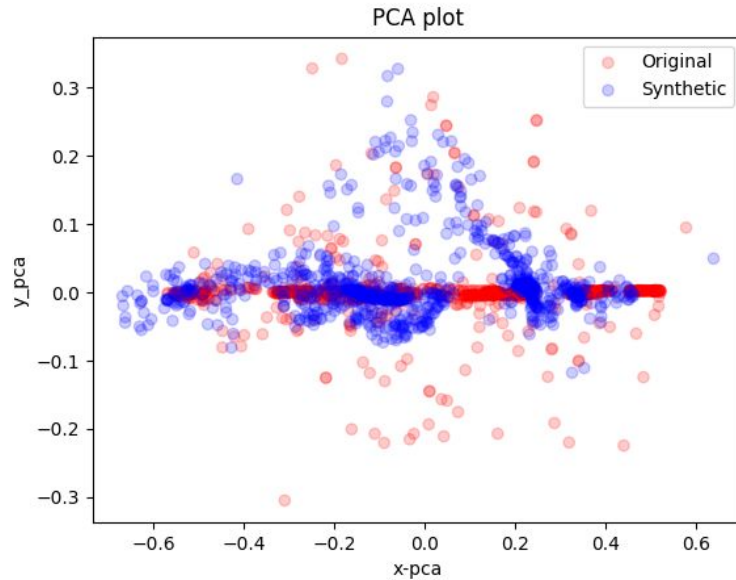


Figure 7 : PCA and t-SNE plots of TimeGAN(GRU) for 10k iterations

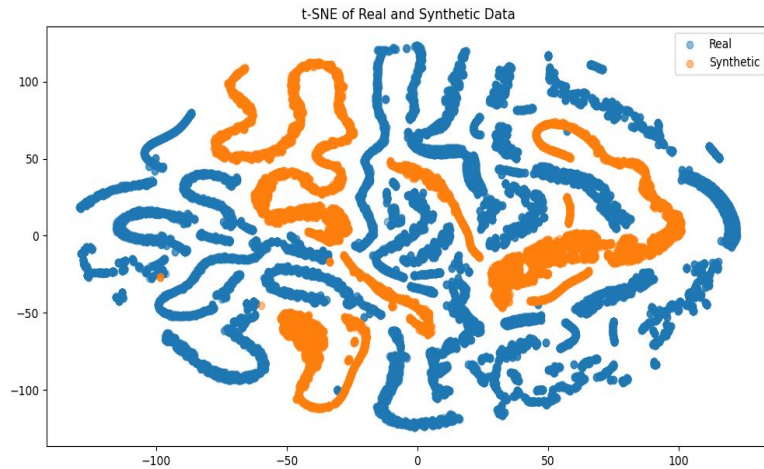
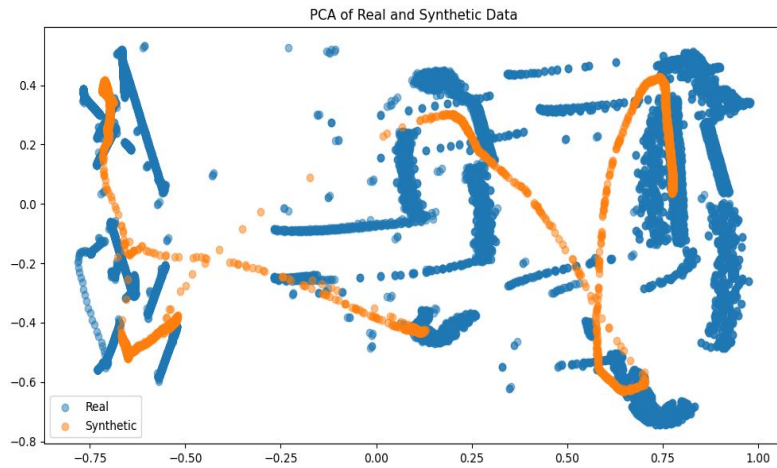


Figure 7 : PCA and t-SNE plots of TransformerGAN for 3k iterations

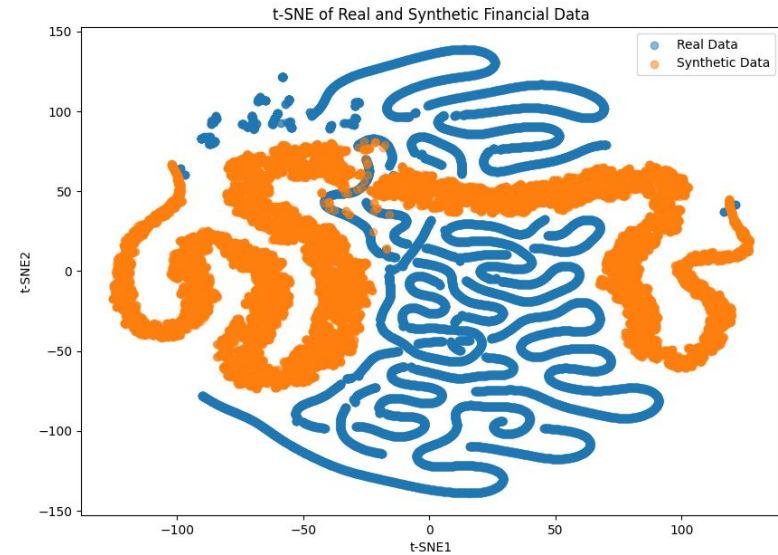
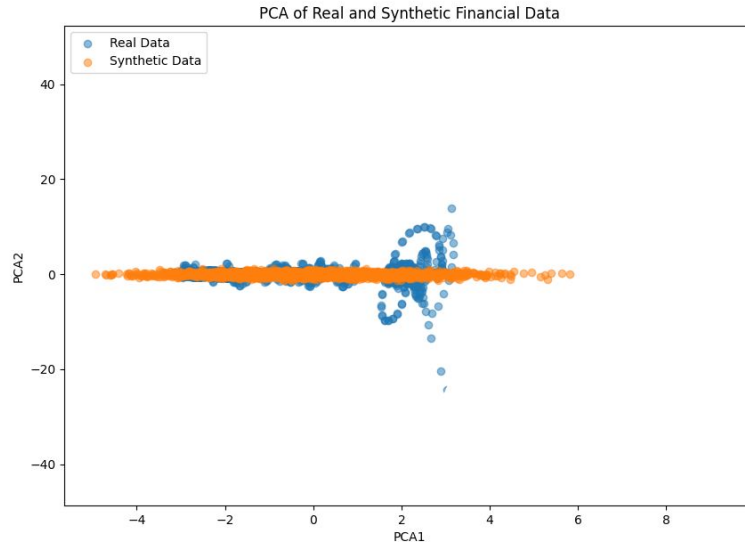


Figure 9 : PCA and t-SNE Plots of WGAN for 10k Iterations

Model	Predictive Score	Discriminative Score	FID Score
TimeGAN (GRU)	0.0111	0.4033	0.6667
TimeGAN (LSTM)	0.0075	0.3634	0.1047
TransformerGAN	0.5024	0.5148	0.2594
WGAN	0.2242	0.5841	0.2867

What our results conclude?

## Conclusion



- **TimeGAN (LSTM)** demonstrated the highest performance, effectively generating synthetic data that closely replicates CNC machine energy consumption, showing its value in complex time series applications.
- **Model stability and architecture customization** are key to improving the realism and utility of synthetic data.

Check out our github repo [here](#)

Opportunities for further Development and Improvement

## **Future Work**





- Developing **training techniques** to ensure stable GAN performance and creating **hybrid model architectures** to enhance the quality of synthetic data generation.
- Development of **interactive visualizations** to illustrate the comparison between real data and synthetic data generated by different models.
- **Forecasting energy consumption** patterns of CNC machines by utilizing synthetic data for **energy demand prediction**.

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