

# **Generative Adversarial Networks – Part 2**

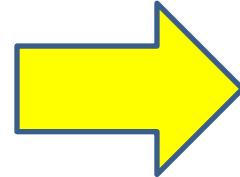
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# Topics for the week

- Transformers
- GNNs
- VAEs
- GANs
- Connecting the dots

# The problem



Try visiting:

<https://thispersondoesnotexist.com>

- From a large collection of images of faces, can a network learn to *generate* new portrait
  - Generate samples from the distribution of “face” images
    - How do we even characterize this distribution?

# Discriminative vs Generative Models

*Given a distribution of inputs X and labels Y.*

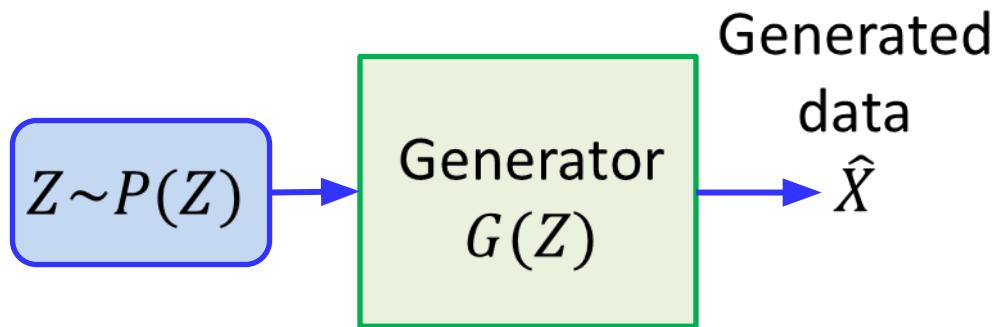
## Discriminative models

- Discriminative models learn conditional distribution  $P(Y | X)$
- Learns decision boundary between classes.
- Limited scope. Can only be used for classification tasks.
- E.g. Logistic regression, SVM etc.

## Generative models

- Generative models learn the joint distribution  $P(Y, X)$
- Learns actual probability distribution of data.
- Can do both generative and discriminative tasks.
- E.g. Naïve Bayes, Gaussian Mixture Model etc.
- Harder problem, requires a deeper understanding of the distribution than discriminative models.

# What we have seen: VAE



- The decoder of a VAE is a generator!
- $\hat{X} \rightarrow$  What input image  $X$  would have been encoded into the  $Z$  that I saw?
- Trained by **maximizing the likelihood of the data**
  - Likelihood maximization does not actually relate to whether the output *actually looks* like a face
- Can we make the training criteria a little more direct?

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- You could just eyeball the results and use your understanding of what faces look like to evaluate what is generated.
- Unfortunately, **you** are not a differentiable function
- But what if we could, find a differentiable proxy for you and your non-differentiable-ness?

# What are GANs

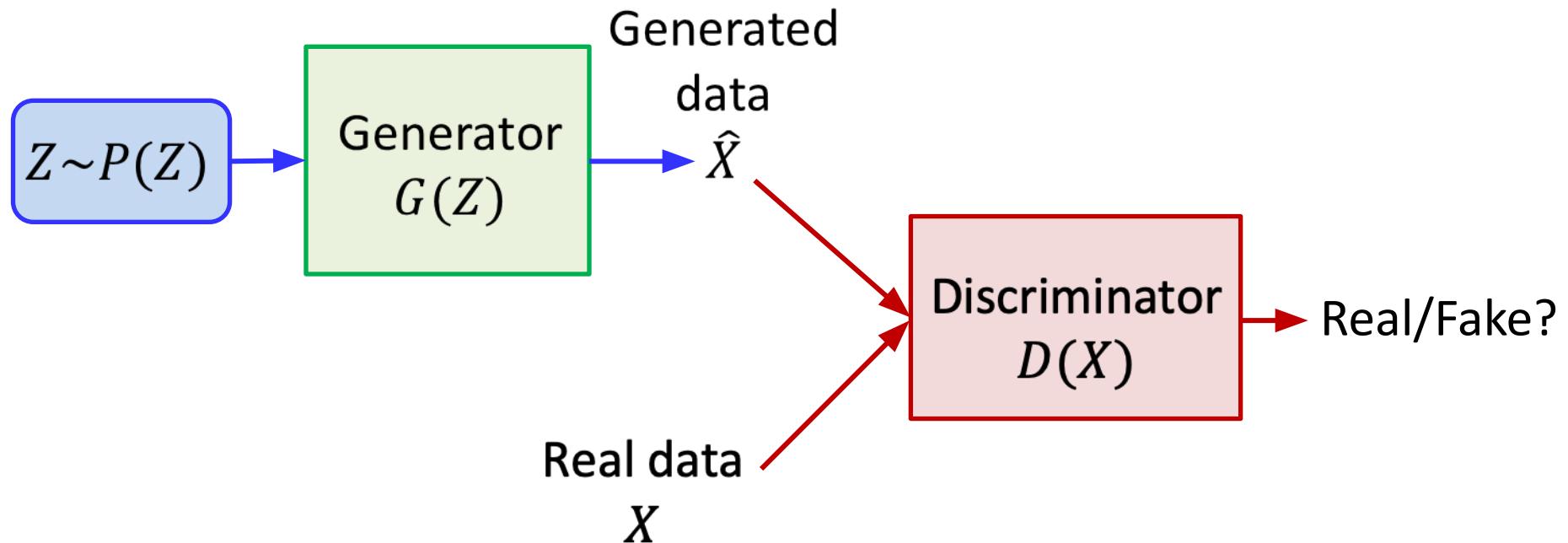


**Generative Models** which generate data similar to the training data .  
E.g. Variational Autoencoders (VAE)

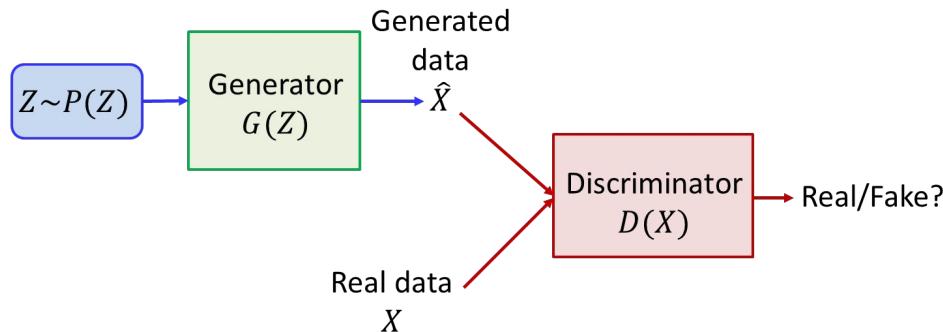
## Adversarial Training

GANS are made up of two competing networks (adversaries) that are trying beat each other.  
A “game” is being played between the two.

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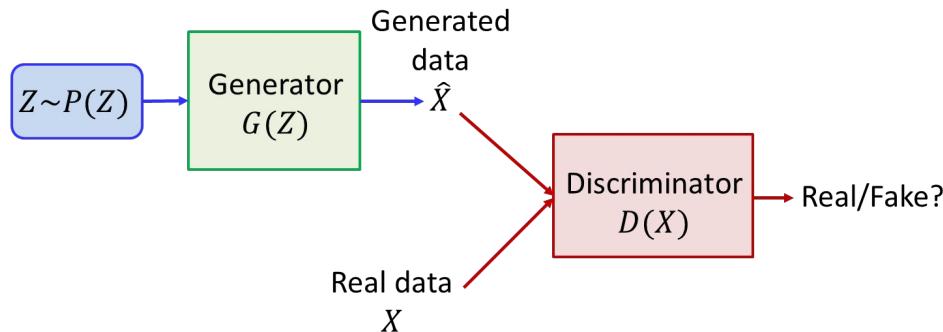


# The GAN formulation



- For real data  $X$ , the desired output of the discriminator is  $D(X) = 1$ 
  - The log probability that the instance is real, as computed by the discriminator is  $\log D(X)$
- For synthetic data  $\hat{X}$ , the desired output of the discriminator is  $D(\hat{X}) = 0$ 
  - The log probability that the instance is synthetic, as computed by the discriminator, is  $\log(1 - D(\hat{X}))$ 
    - $= \log(1 - D(G(Z)))$

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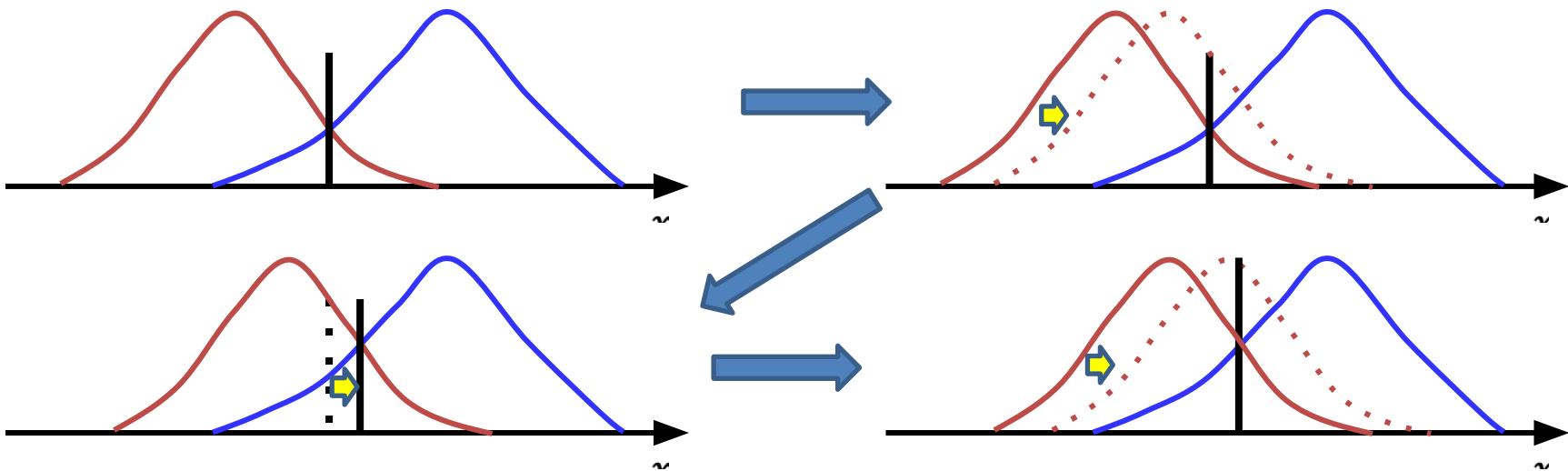


- The original GAN formulation is the following min-max optimization

$$\min_G \max_D \quad E_{x \sim P_X} \log D(x) + E_{\mathbf{x} \sim P_G} \log(1 - D(\mathbf{x}))$$

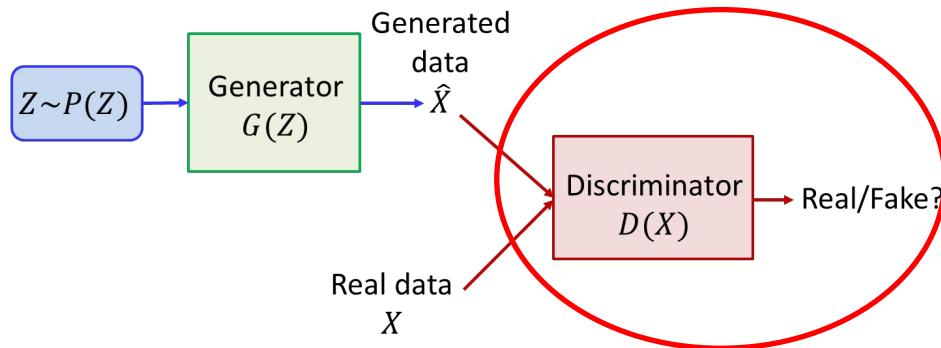
- **Objective of  $D$ :** Optimize for  $D(x) = 1$  and  $D(G(z)) = 0$
- **Objective of  $G$ :** Optimize for  $D(G(z)) = 1$

# The iterated learning



- Discriminator learns perfect boundary
- Generator moves its distribution past the boundary “into” the real distribution
- Discriminator relearns new “perfect” boundary
- Generator shifts distribution past new boundary
- ...
- In the limit Generator’s distribution sits perfectly on “real” distribution and the perfect discriminator is still random

# Analysis of optimal behavior: The optimal discriminator

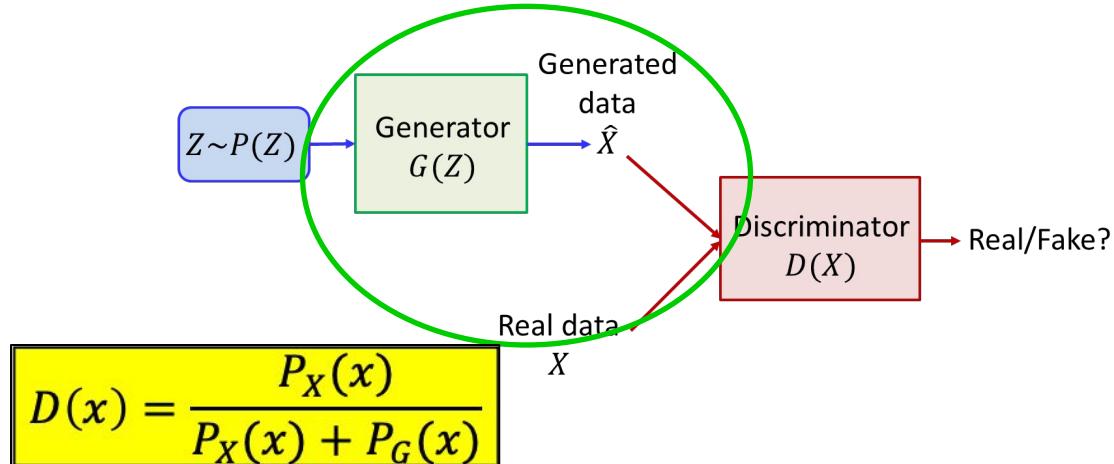


- The **optimal discriminator** would be a Bayesian classifier

$$D(x) = \frac{P_X(x)}{P_X(x) + P_G(x)}$$

- Assuming uniform prior

# Analysis of optimal behavior: The optimal generator



- The optimal generator:

$$\min_G 2D_{JSD}(P_X(x), P_G(x)) - \log 4$$

- The optimal generator minimizes the Jensen Shannon divergence between the distributions of the actual and synthetic data!
  - Tries to make the two distributions maximally similar

# VAEs vs GANs

## VAEs

- Minimizing the KL divergence between distributions of synthetic and true data
- Uses an encoder to predict latent distributions to optimize generator
- More complex formulation
- Simpler optimization. Trains faster and more reliably
- Results are blurry

## GANs

- Minimizing the Jenson-Shannon divergence between distributions of synthetic and true data
- Use a discriminator to optimize generator
- Simpler formulation
- Noisy and difficult optimization
- Sharper results

# Training GANs

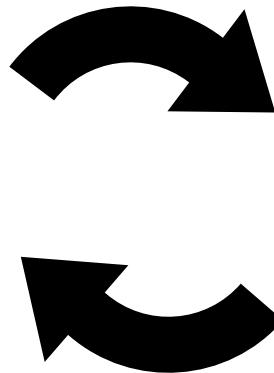
## Notation

- Data sample:  $x$
- Input noise vector:  $z$
- Distribution of Real Data:  $P_X$
- Distribution of Generated Data:  $P_G$
- Distribution of Input noise vector:  $P_Z$
- Generator:  $G(z; \theta_G)$
- Discriminator:  $D(x; \theta_D)$
- Generator output:  $G(z), \hat{x}$
- Discriminator output:  $D(x), D(G(z))$

# How to Train a GAN?

Discriminator  
 $D(x)$

*Step 1:*  
Train the Discriminator  
using the current Generator



Generator  
 $G(z)$

*Step 2:*  
Train the Generator  
to beat the Discriminator

**Optimize:**  $\min_G \max_D \mathbb{E}_{P_X} \log D(x) + \mathbb{E}_{P_z} \log(1 - D(G(z)))$

The discriminator is not needed after convergence

# Training GANs

## Training Algorithm

**Algorithm 1:** Minibatch stochastic gradient descent training for GANs

```
for num_epochs do:  
  
    for k_steps do:  
        {z(1) ... z(m)} ~ PZ (Sample m noise vectors)  
        {x(1) ... x(m)} ~ PX (Sample m data points)  
        LD ←  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \log D(x^{(i)}) + \log \left( 1 - D(G(z^{(i)})) \right) \right]$   
        gθD ← ∇θD LD  
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Hyperparameter.  
Goodfellow et al. used k=1

In practice, this saturates early in training. We can instead maximize  $\log(D(G(z)))$  for better gradients.

$$\min_G \max_D \mathbb{E}_{P_X} \log D(x) - \mathbb{E}_{P_Z} \log(D(G(z)))$$

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## Theorems

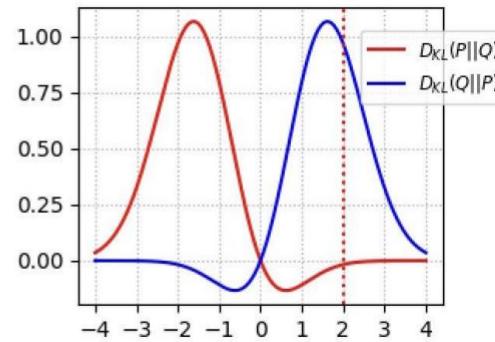
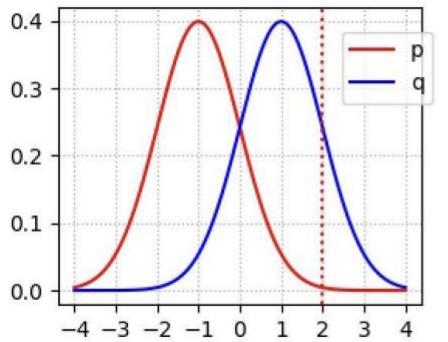
- $L = 2D_{JS}(P_X(x), P_G(x)) - \log 4$

**Theorem 1:** Global minima of the loss is achieved iff  $P_X = P_G$  where  $L = -\log 4$  and  $D(x) = 1/2$

**Theorem 2:** if  $G$  and  $D$  have enough capacity, and at each step of **Algorithm 1**, the discriminator is allowed to reach its optimum given  $G$ , and  $P_G$  is updated so as to improve  $L$ , then  $P_G$  converges to  $P_X$ . [\[Proof in Section 4.2\]](#)

# Training GANs

## Distance Functions - KL

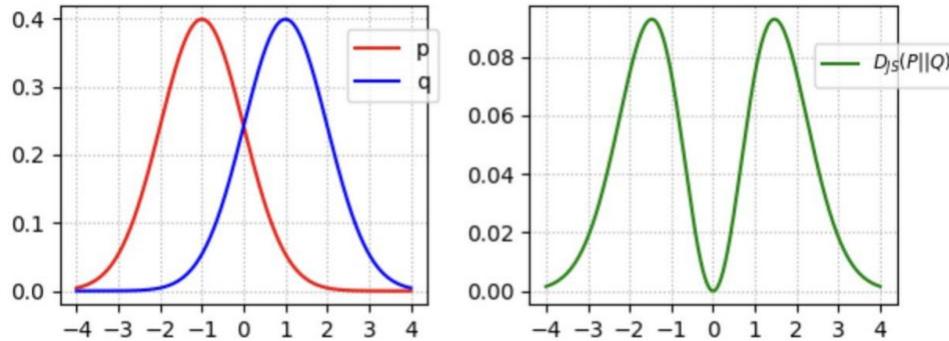


P: Real, X  
Q: Fake, G

1. For  $D_{KL}(P_X \parallel P_G)$ , red:
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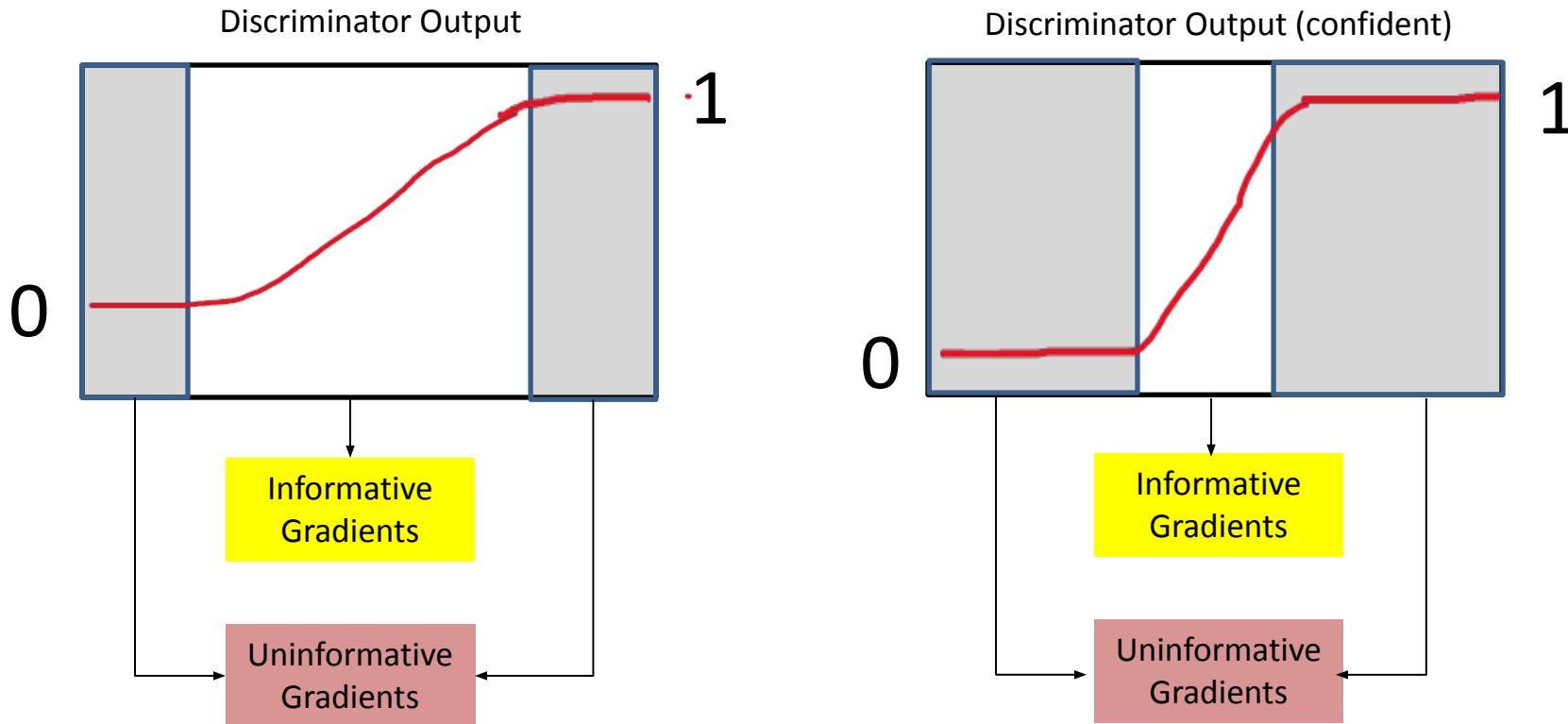
$D_{JS}(P_X, P_G)$  was **supposed** to handle both issues: quality and diversity.

But it didn't quite happen.

We need to look at what exactly causes this difficulty in training GANs, and why JS-Divergence is not a good enough metric for our purpose.

# Difficulty in Training GANs

## Issues with the Discriminator

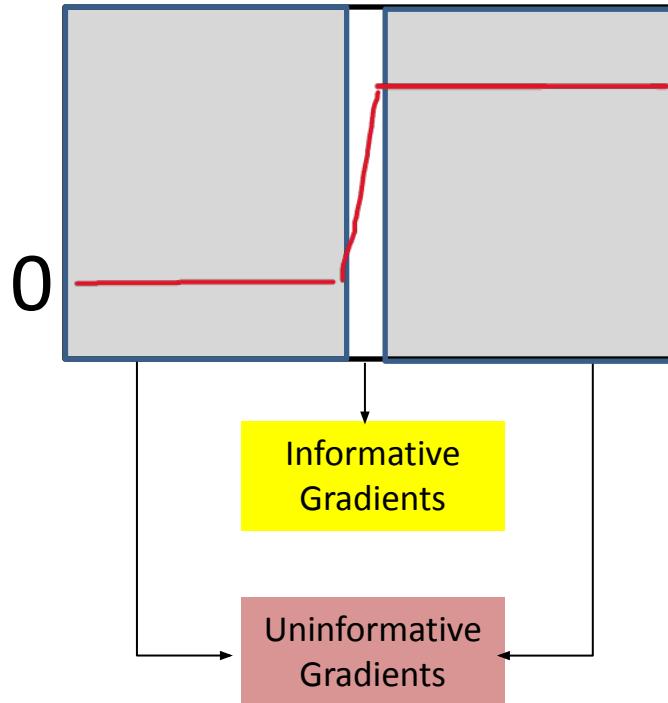


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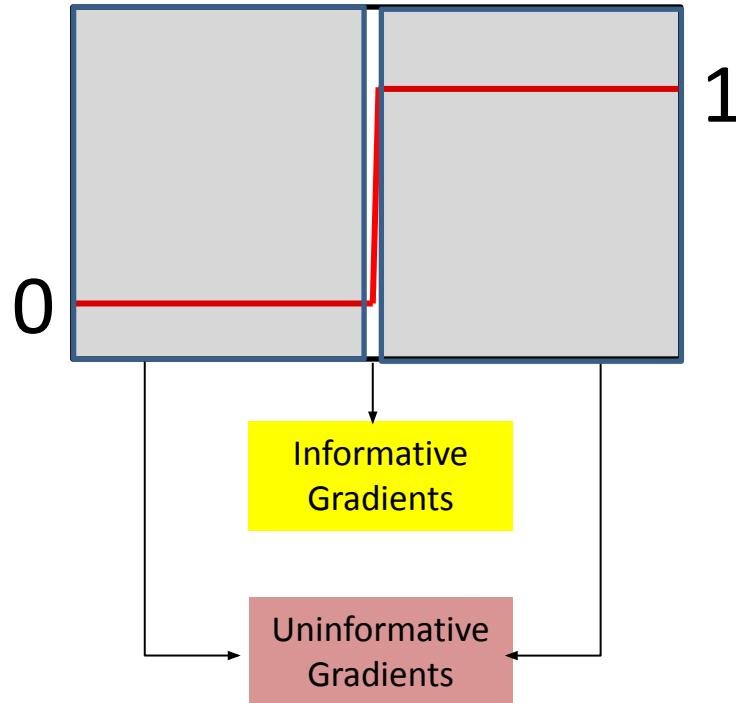
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## Issues with the Discriminator

Discriminator Output (very confident)



Discriminator Output (Step Function)



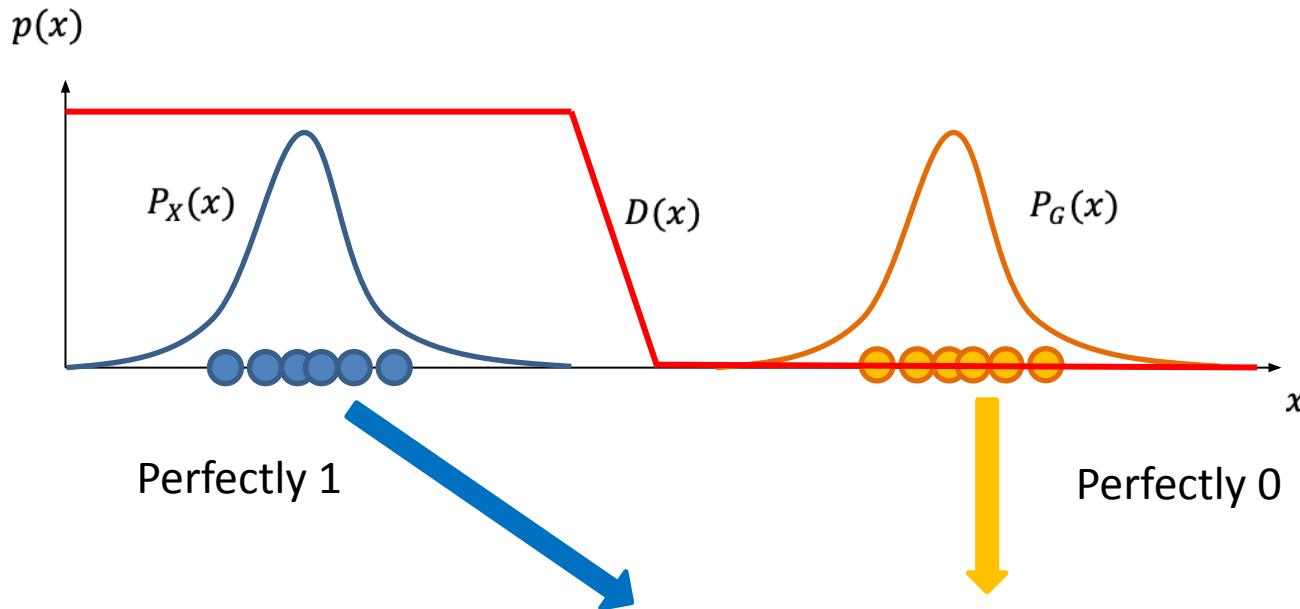
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... Till we eventually achieve a step-function which tells us nothing about how  $G$  should be changed for the desired effect on the model.

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## Uninformative Gradients

During early stages of training, when G is pretty-bad:

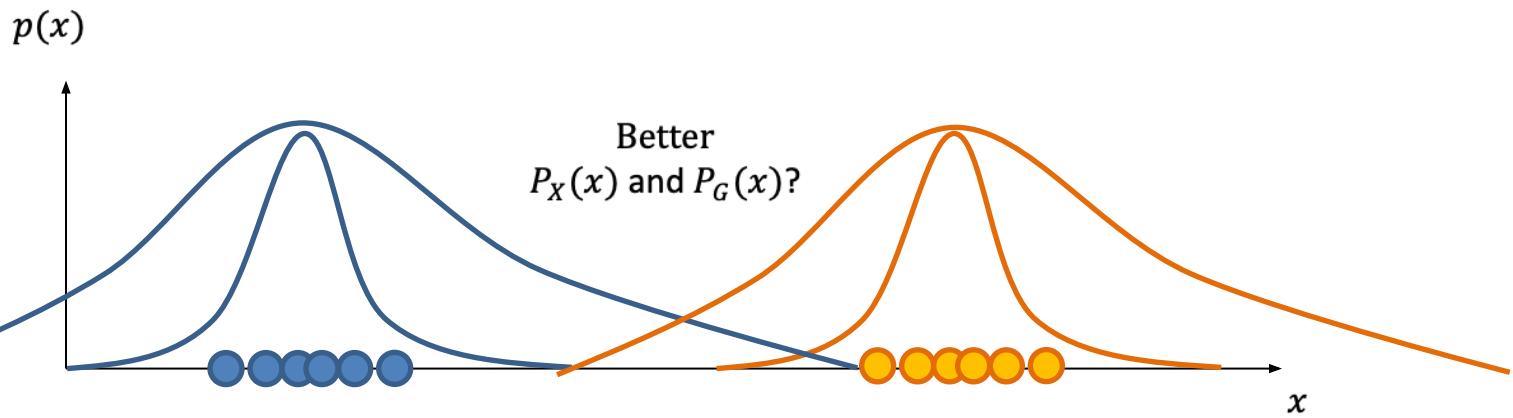
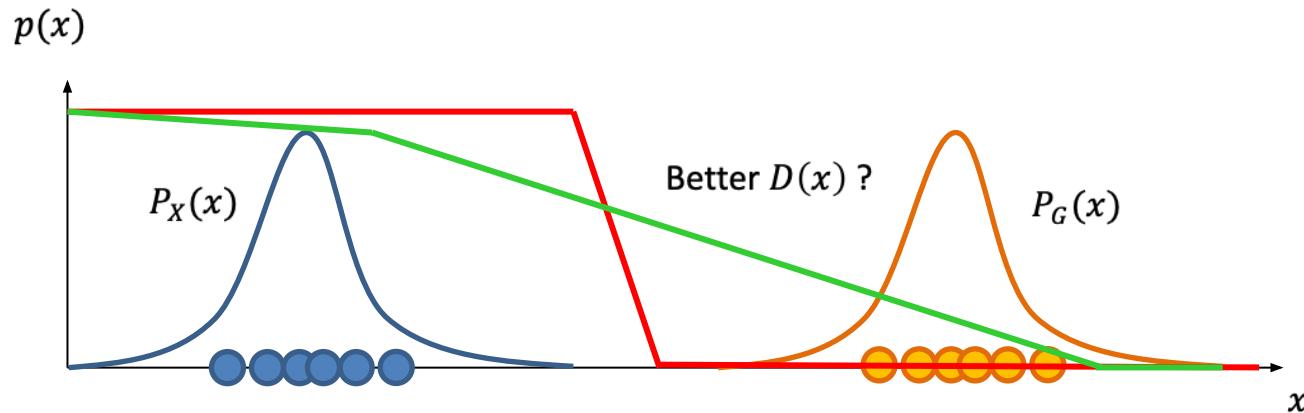


Not very informative..

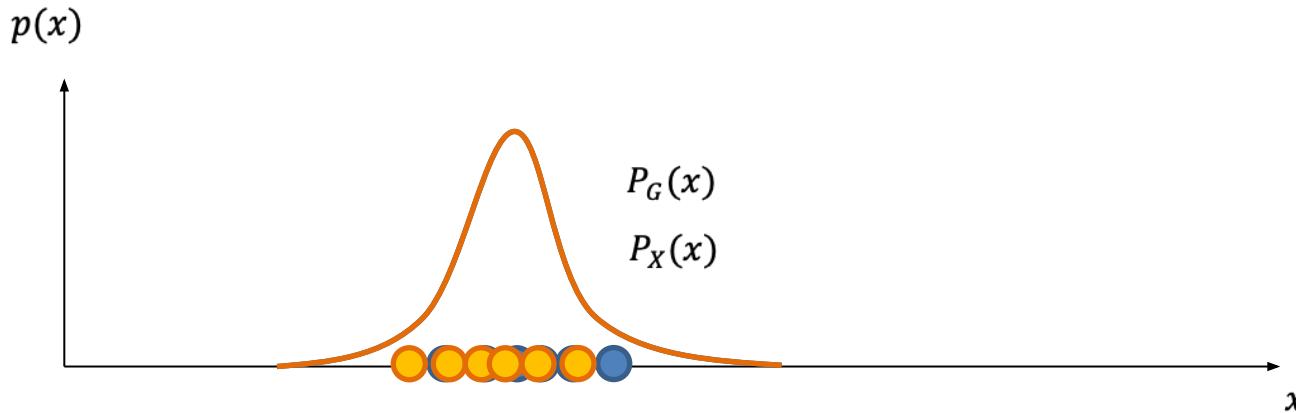
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## Uninformative Gradients

How can we improve on this?



# What is the Goal?



Let us Consider the Worst case scenario,

Let there be 2 distributions  $P$  and  $Q$  such that they are only **1 for 1 value of  $x$**  and 0 otherwise.  
Let  $\theta$  be the distance between the peaks of these distributions.

# So Far,

## VAE: KL Divergence

$$D_{\text{KL}}(p(x) \mid\mid q(x)) = \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \ln \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

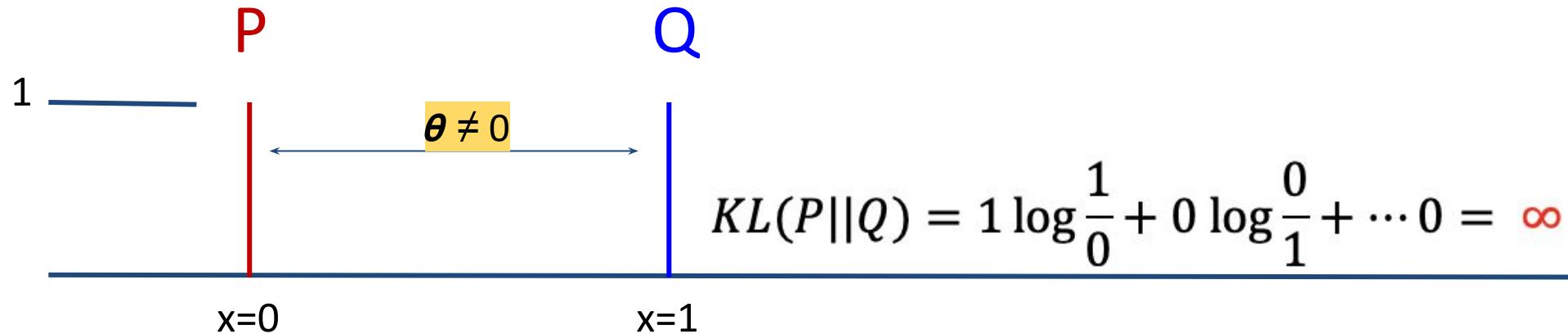
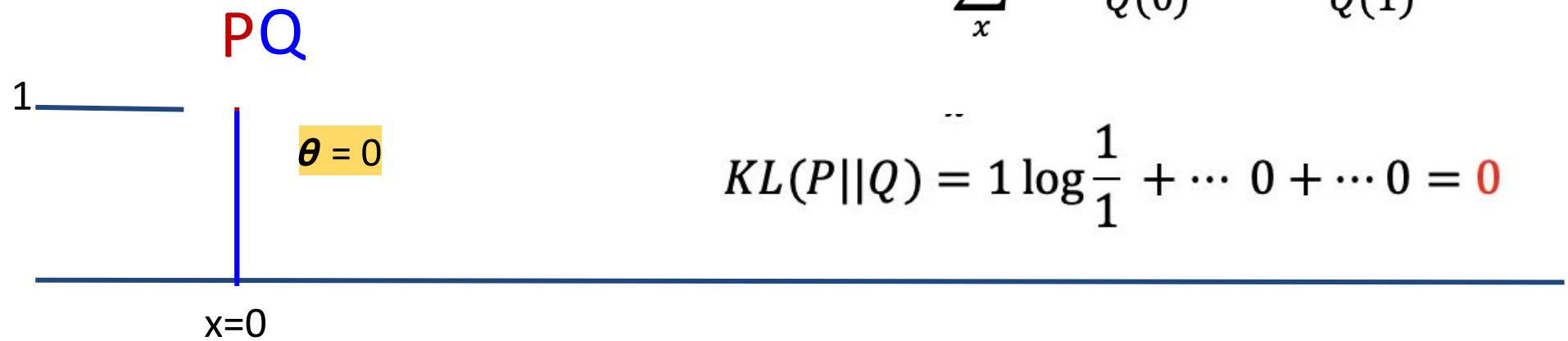
## GAN: JSD

$$D_{JS}(p\|q) = \frac{1}{2} D_{KL}\left(p\|\frac{p+q}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} D_{KL}\left(q\|\frac{p+q}{2}\right)$$

# KL Divergence

$$KL(P||Q) = \sum_x P(x) \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$$

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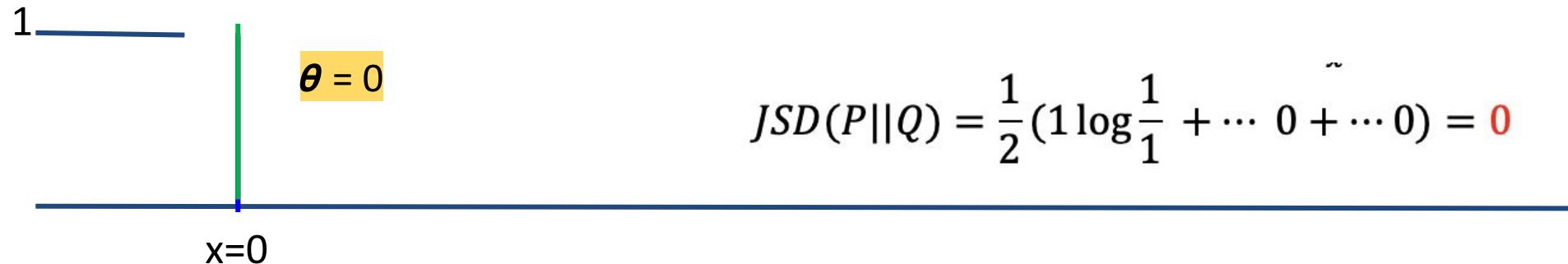
# JS Divergence

$$m = \frac{P+Q}{2} \quad JSD(P||Q) = \frac{1}{2} \text{KL}(P||m) + \frac{1}{2} \text{KL}(Q||m)$$

$$JSD(P||Q) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_x P(0) \frac{P(0)}{m(0)} + P(1) \frac{P(1)}{m(1)} + \dots + \frac{1}{2} \sum_x Q(0) \frac{Q(0)}{m(0)} + Q(1) \frac{Q(1)}{m(1)} + \dots$$

PQm

$$\text{at } x = 0, \quad m = \frac{1+1}{2} = 1$$

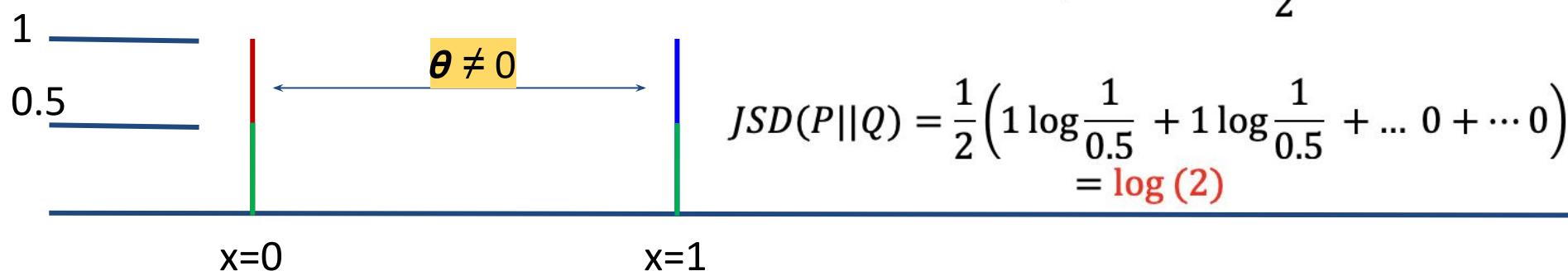


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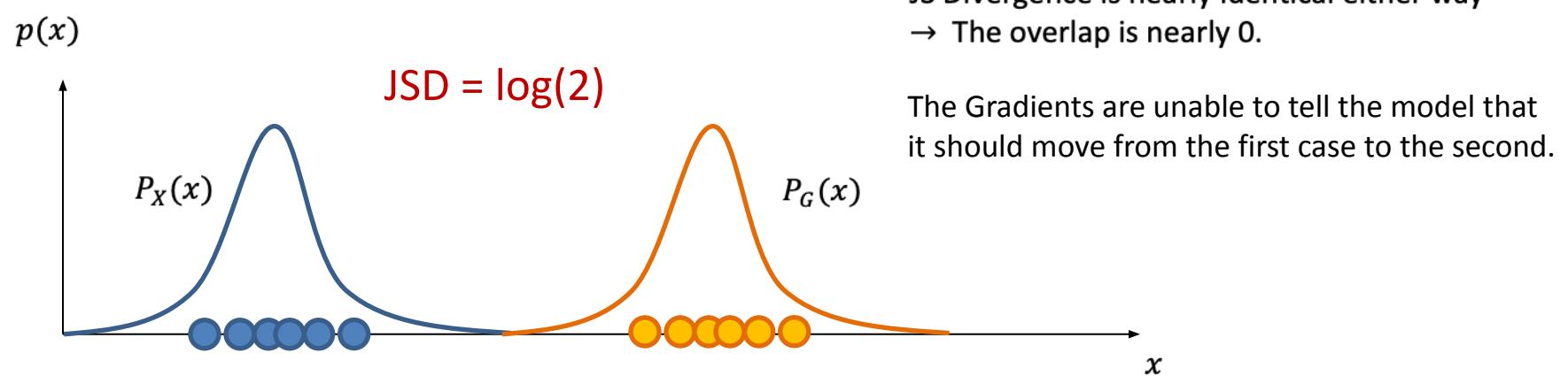
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## Troubles with JS Divergence

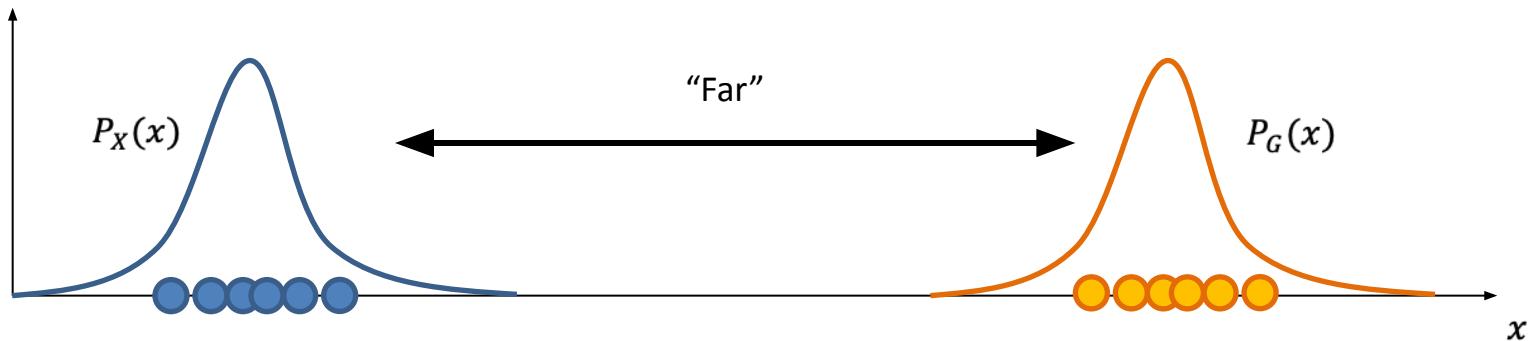


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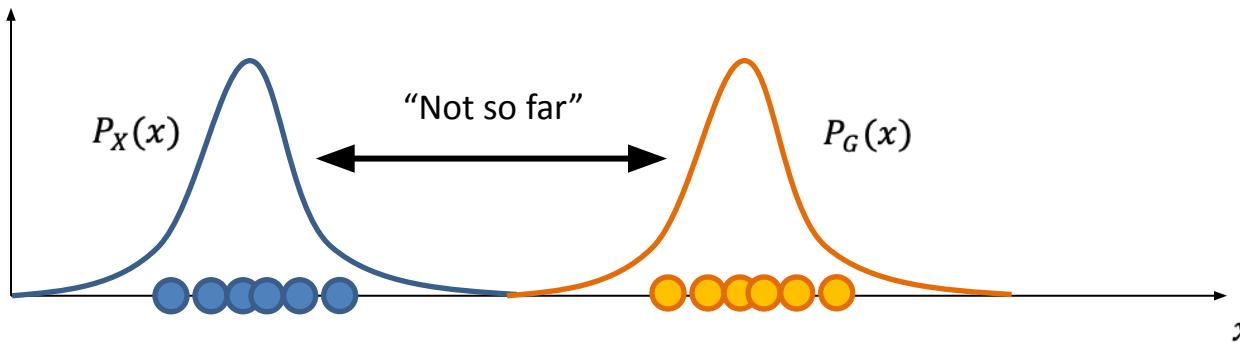
## A better distance metric than JSD

$p(x)$

**What we want:** A metric to tell us how far apart the two distributions are, but not just based on probabilities..

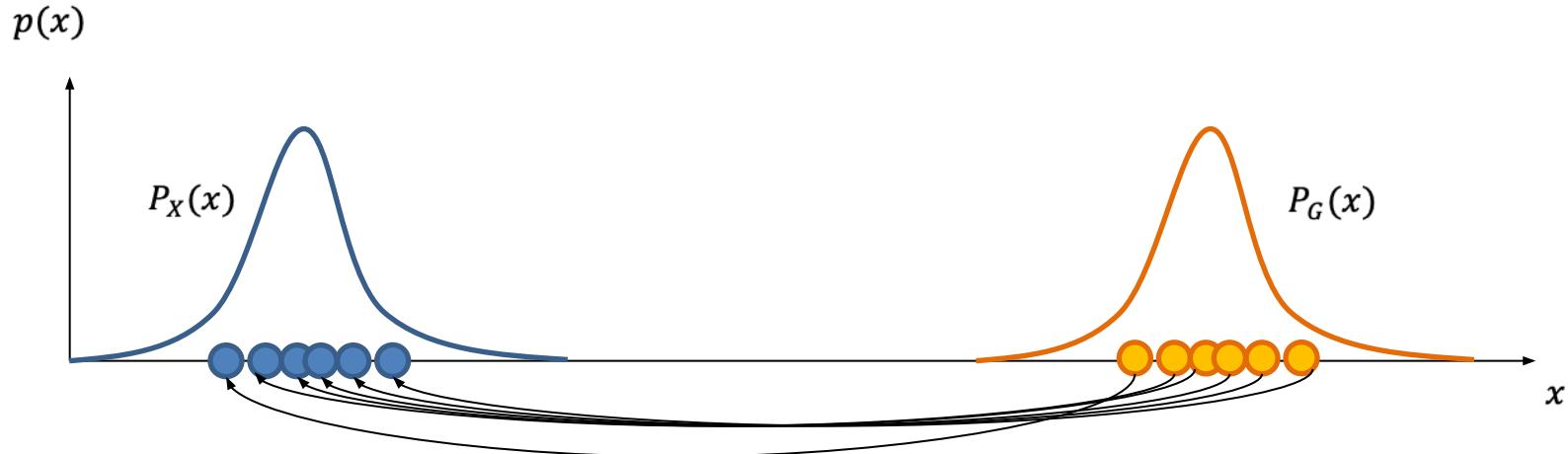


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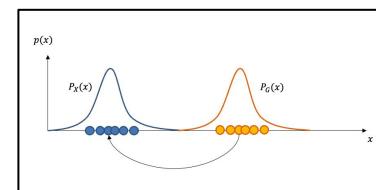
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Imagine all the little points to be specs of dirt, and you want to move one pile of dirt over to another.

### Earth mover's Distance or Optimal Transport:

How much distance you need to cover to move all the parts of one distribution to the other?



# Wasserstein GAN

## Formulation

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Mapping of which x goes to which y

Distance between the points

**Inf** (Topic for real analysis):

Infimum, the closest thing to a lower bound you can get.

As far as we are concerned, an alternative to **min**.

**Goal:** Find the optimal mapping, or optimal plan, of moving the specs of dirt from one place to another.

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Set of all 1-Lipschitz scalar functions:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 1 \cdot |x - y|$$

Basically, the function's slope is bounded by 1.

(K-Lipschitz is bounded by K)

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**How?**

One way (not the best way) is to clip Weights:

1. One layer:  $f(x; \theta) = \text{ReLU}(W_1 x + b_1)$   
if  $W_{1,i,j} \in [-0.1, 0.1]$ , then the slope can't be more than 0.1 (times the dimensionality)
2. Two layer:  $f(x; \theta) = W_2 \text{ReLU}(W_1 x + b_1) + b_2$   
if  $W_{1/2,i,j} \in [-0.1, 0.1]$ , then the slope is still bounded (not 0.1 though)

We can't guarantee the function to be 1-Lipschitz, but some K-Lipschitz for some finite K.  
And that's enough.

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2. Clip all the weights in  $\theta_D$  to some  $[-c, c]$
3. Update  $G(\theta_G)$  to minimize  $-\mathbb{E}_{z \sim P_Z}[D(G(z))]$   
(or equivalently maximize  $\mathbb{E}_{z \sim P_Z}[D(G(z))]$ )

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## Graphics

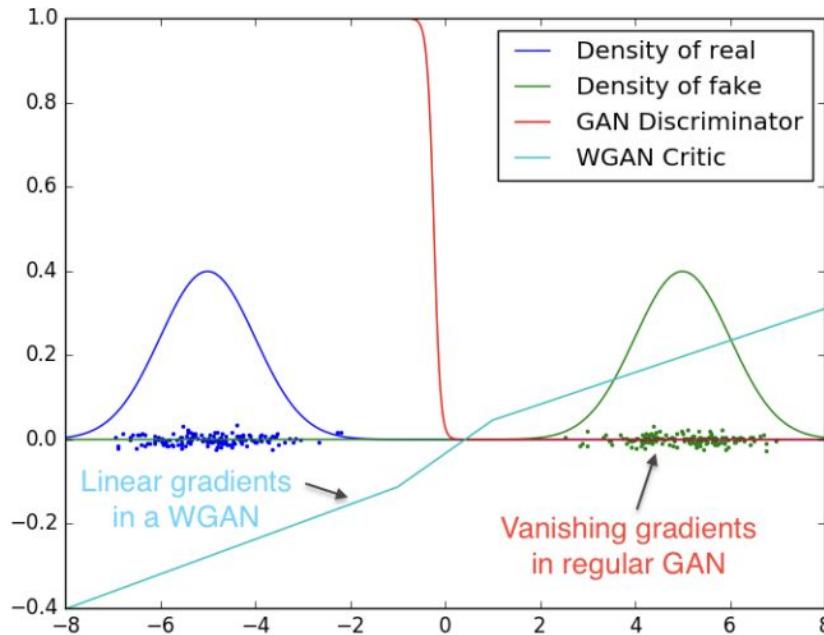


Figure 2: Optimal discriminator and critic when learning to differentiate two Gaussians. As we can see, the discriminator of a minimax GAN saturates and results in vanishing gradients. Our WGAN critic provides very clean gradients on all parts of the space.

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**But**

If the clipping parameter is too large, then it takes too long to train the Discriminator to optimality,  
If too small, then the gradients vanish before reaching the generator.

Not the best way to do this..

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## Gradient Penalty

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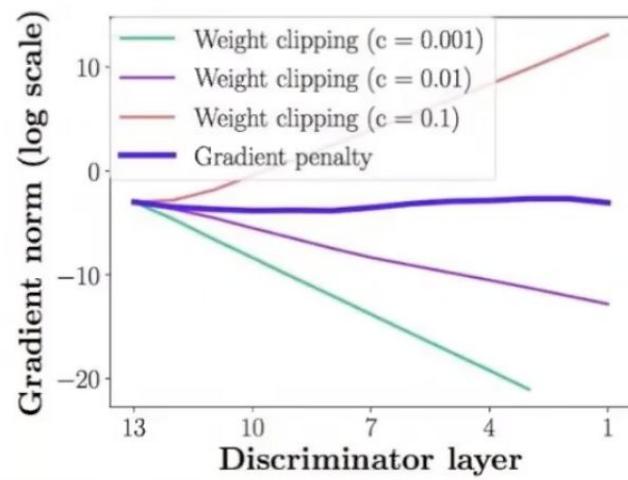
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$$W(P_X, P_G) = \sup_{\|f\|_L \leq 1} \mathbb{E}_{P_X}[f(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{P_G}[f(x)]$$

**What if:** we instead directly attempt to include the Lipschitz constraint in the equation?

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_X} \left[ D(x) - \lambda \left( \|\nabla_x D(x)\|_2 - 1 \right)^2 \right] - \mathbb{E}_{z \sim P_Z} [D(G(z))]$$

**Basically:** Push the norm of the gradient to be close to 1



# Wasserstein GAN

## Spectral Norm

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$$W_l \leftarrow \frac{W_l}{\sigma(W_l)}$$

Where  $\sigma(W_l)$  is the **spectral norm** of  $W_l$

We won't go into details here, but it is sufficient to know that this is a more "principled" way to enforce the Lipschitz constraint on the weights.

It comes from the fact that the Lipschitz norm (the bound) for a composite function is upper bounded by the product of the Lipschitz norms of the composing functions.

# Poll (@1704)

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# GANs GANs Everywhere

## Different Types of GANs

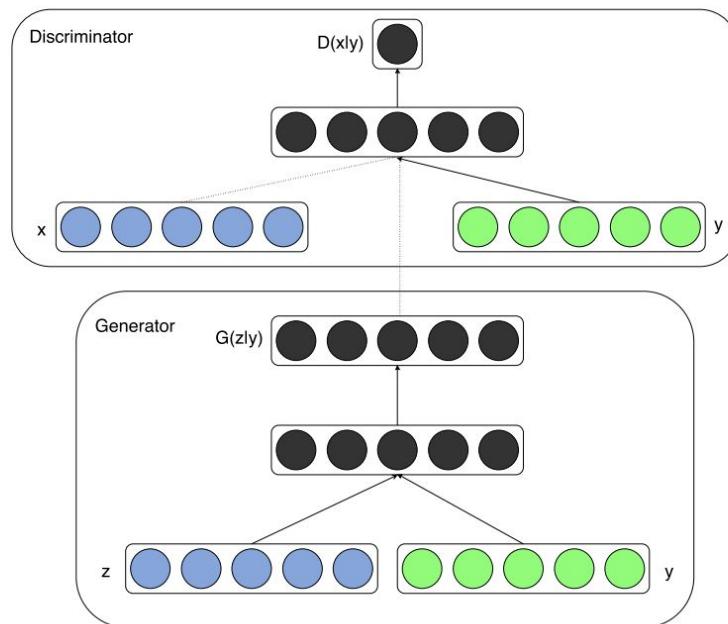
With the advent of WGANs and some other clever ways to give us easier training for GANs, there were several types of GANs proposed in literature:

1. Conditional GAN
2. LapGAN (Laplacian GAN, stacked Conditional GANs)
3. BiGAN (Involves both  $z \rightarrow \hat{x}$  and  $\hat{x} \rightarrow z$  )
4. Recurrent Adversarial Network
5. Categorical GAN
6. InfoGAN
7. AAE
8. STAR-GAN
9. Pix2Pix
10. CycleGAN

# Conditional GAN

## What is it?

- Provides more control in what type of images are generated by the generator
- Are not strictly unsupervised learning algorithms because they require labeled data as input to the additional layer
- Allows us to generate the outputs for exactly the classes or labels that we desire



# Conditional GAN

## Injecting extra information

Mathematical expression for a simple GAN –

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

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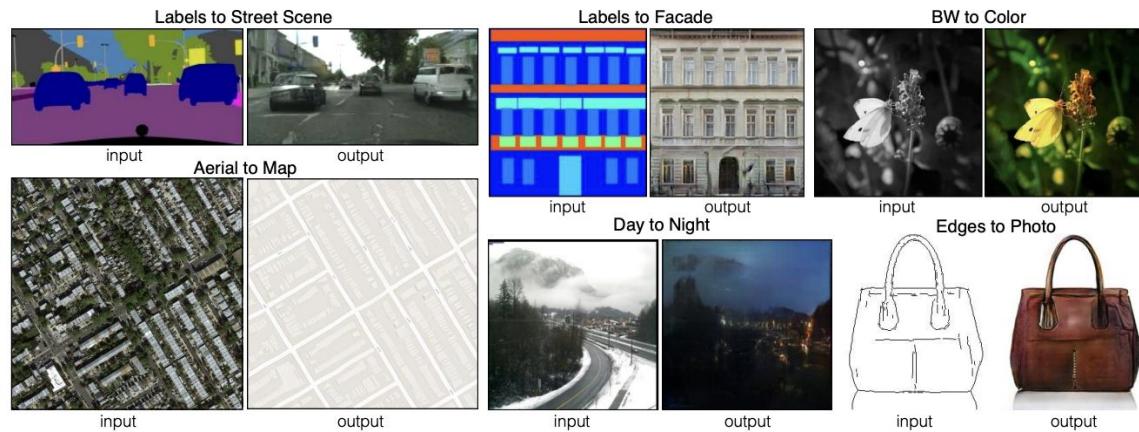
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# Conditional GAN

## Applications

### Image-to-image translation



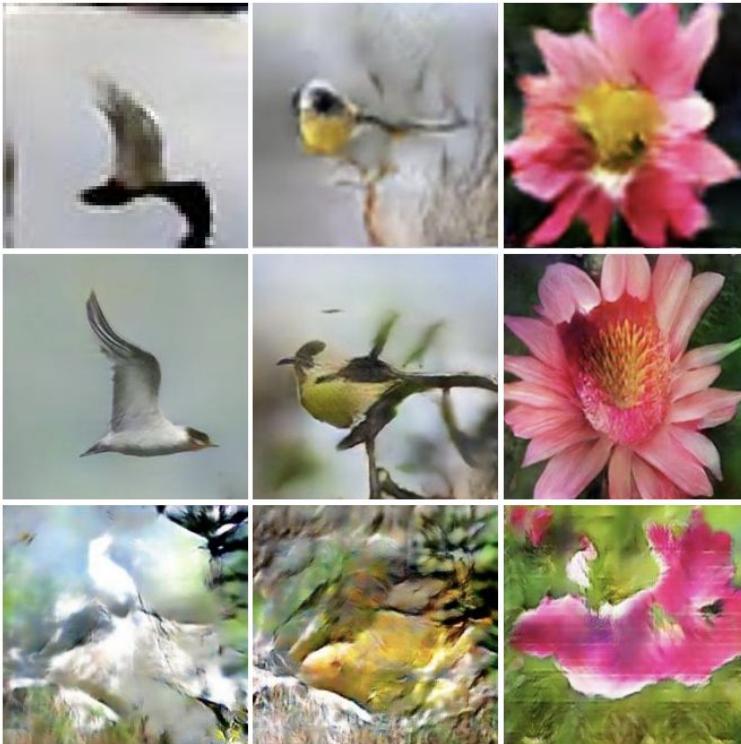
# Conditional GAN

## Applications

This bird is white with some black on its head and wings, and has a long orange beak

This bird has a yellow belly and tarsus, grey back, wings, and brown throat, nape with a black face

This flower has overlapping pink pointed petals surrounding a ring of short yellow filaments



(a) StackGAN  
Stage-I  
64x64  
images

(b) StackGAN  
Stage-II  
256x256  
images

(c) Vanilla GAN  
256x256  
images

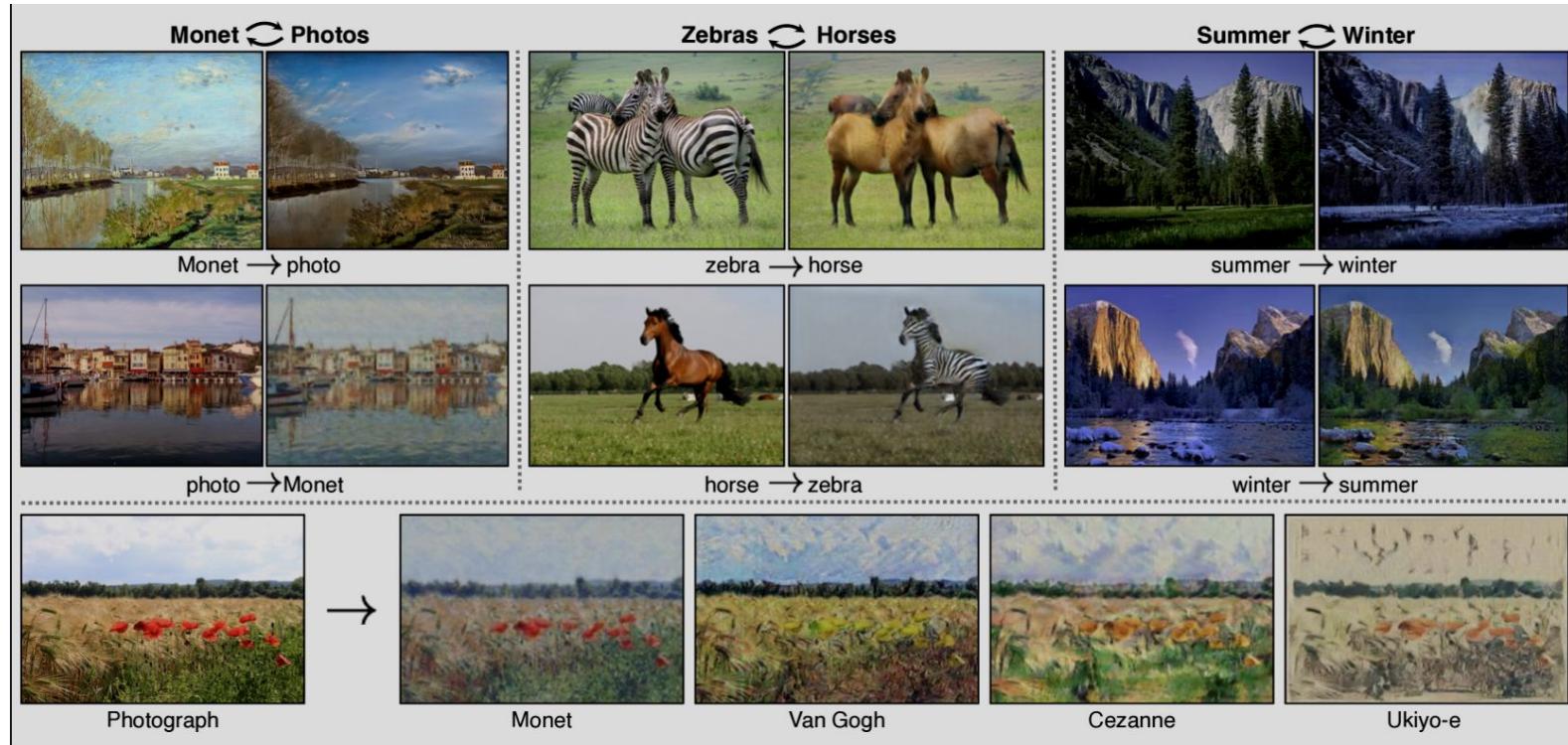
### Text to image synthesis

Figure 1. Comparison of the proposed StackGAN and a vanilla one-stage GAN for generating  $256 \times 256$  images. (a) Given text descriptions, Stage-I of StackGAN sketches rough shapes and basic colors of objects, yielding low-resolution images. (b) Stage-II of StackGAN takes Stage-I results and text descriptions as inputs, and generates high-resolution images with photo-realistic details. (c) Results by a vanilla  $256 \times 256$  GAN which simply adds more upsampling layers to state-of-the-art GAN-INT-CLS [26]. It is unable to generate any plausible images of  $256 \times 256$  resolution.

# Cycle GAN

## Translating Images

**GANs** can be used for much more than image generation.  
By clever training, we can even use them for image translation.

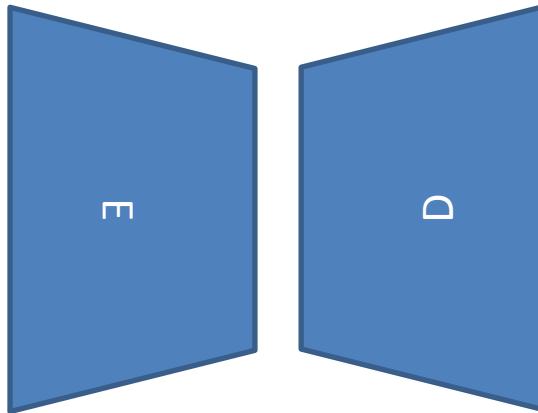


# Why CycleGAN?

Lets try methods we have discussed so far

# Cycle GAN

## Autoencoder Alternative

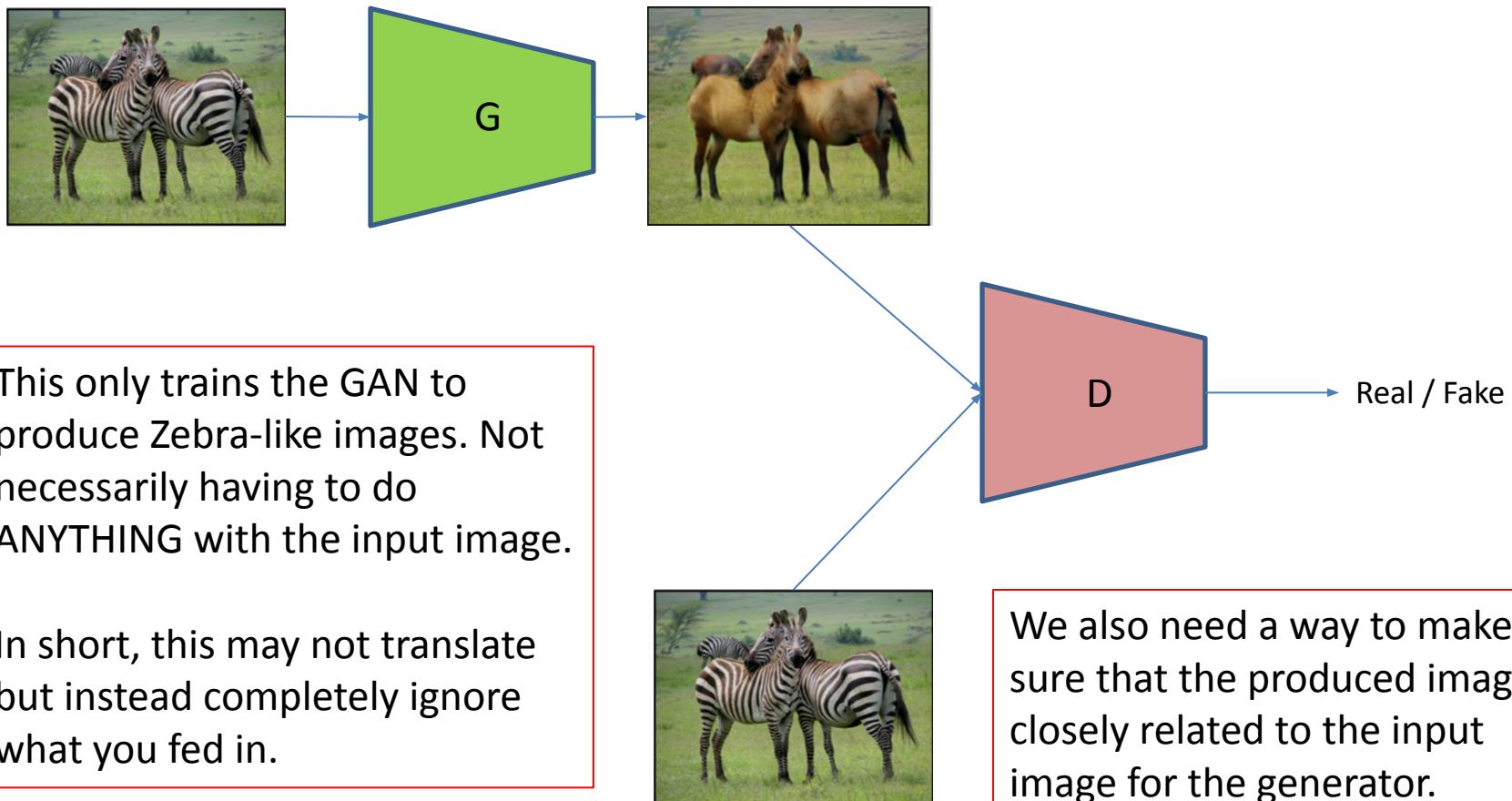


Unless you have paired images, achieving the above with a simple Autoencoder is simply not possible.

So, what if we just threw a GAN (or a WGAN) at it?

# Cycle GAN

## Regular GAN Alternative

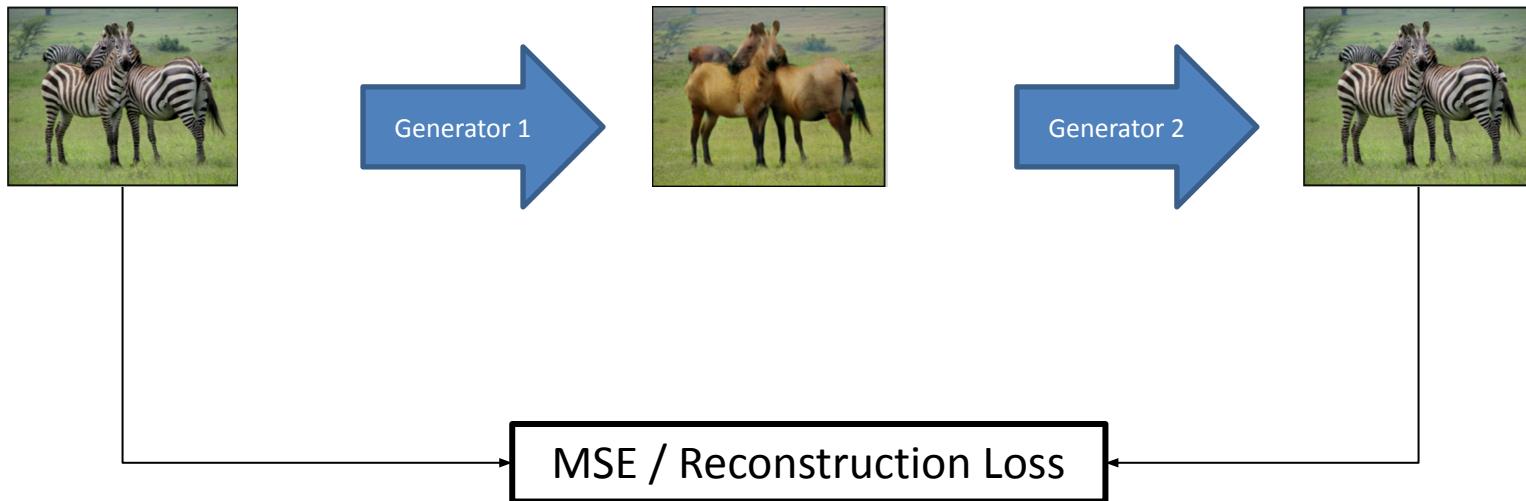


# Cycle GAN

## Cycle consistency Loss

This is where **Cycle GANs** come in.

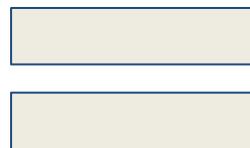
On top of the regular GAN training to ensure that the generated image looks like a zebra, the cycle consistency loss (just a reconstruction loss) ensures that the generated image has retained enough information about the input enough to retrieve it using a different “special purpose” generator.



# What we learn from CycleGAN

- There is no paired dataset of Zebras and Horses
- So there is no easy discriminative method to train Zebras from Horses
- But using GANs, we can train distributions to match.

# Neural Style Transfer Results



# Style transfer with CycleGAN

Input



Monet



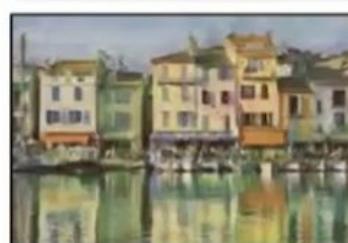
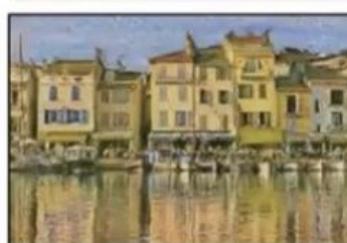
Van Gogh



Cezanne



Ukiyo-e



# Comparing

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# StarGAN

## Generalization of CycleGAN

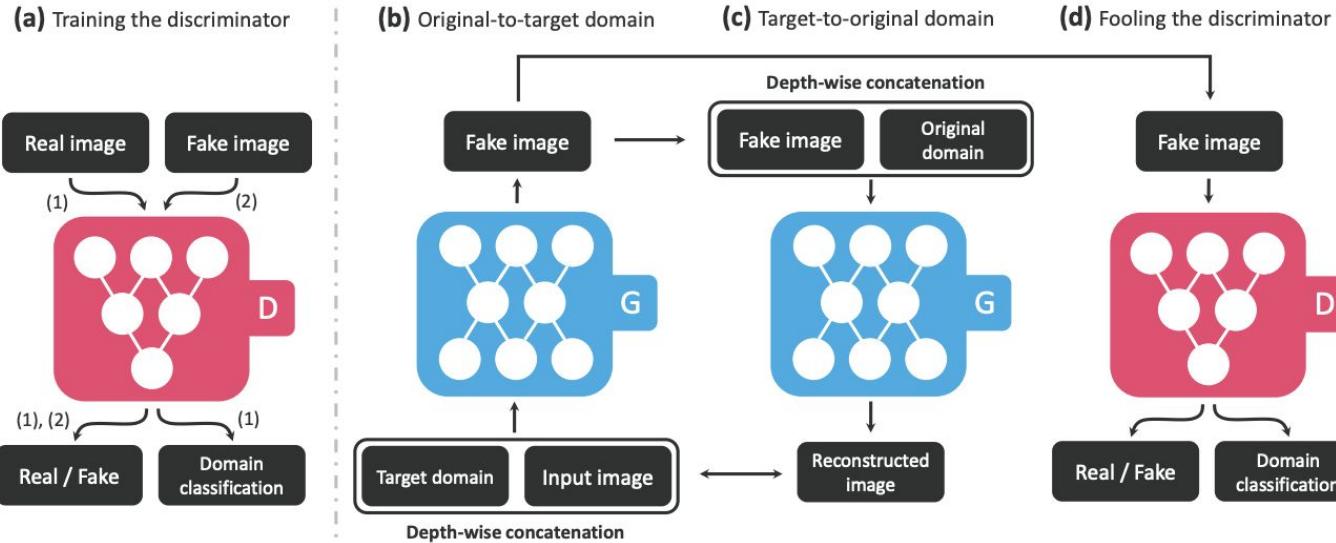
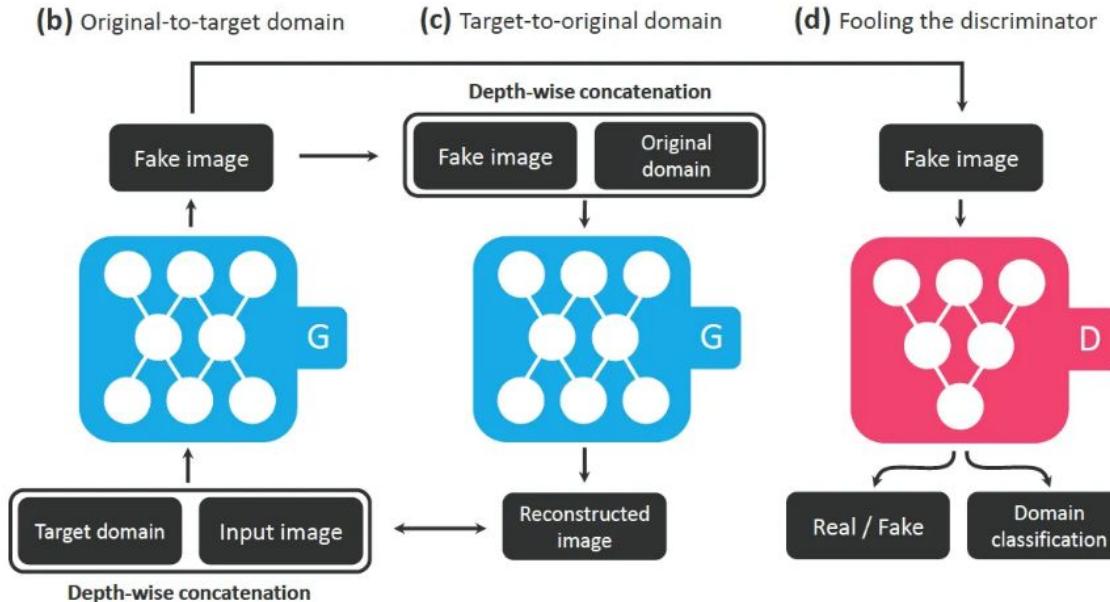


Figure 3. Overview of StarGAN, consisting of two modules, a discriminator  $D$  and a generator  $G$ . **(a)**  $D$  learns to distinguish between real and fake images and classify the real images to its corresponding domain. **(b)**  $G$  takes in as input both the image and target domain label and generates an fake image. The target domain label is spatially replicated and concatenated with the input image. **(c)**  $G$  tries to reconstruct the original image from the fake image given the original domain label. **(d)**  $G$  tries to generate images indistinguishable from real images and classifiable as target domain by  $D$ .

Given training data from two different domains, StarGANs learn to translate images from one domain to the other  
 For Example — changing the hair color (attribute) of a person from black (attribute value) to blond (attribute value).

# StarGAN

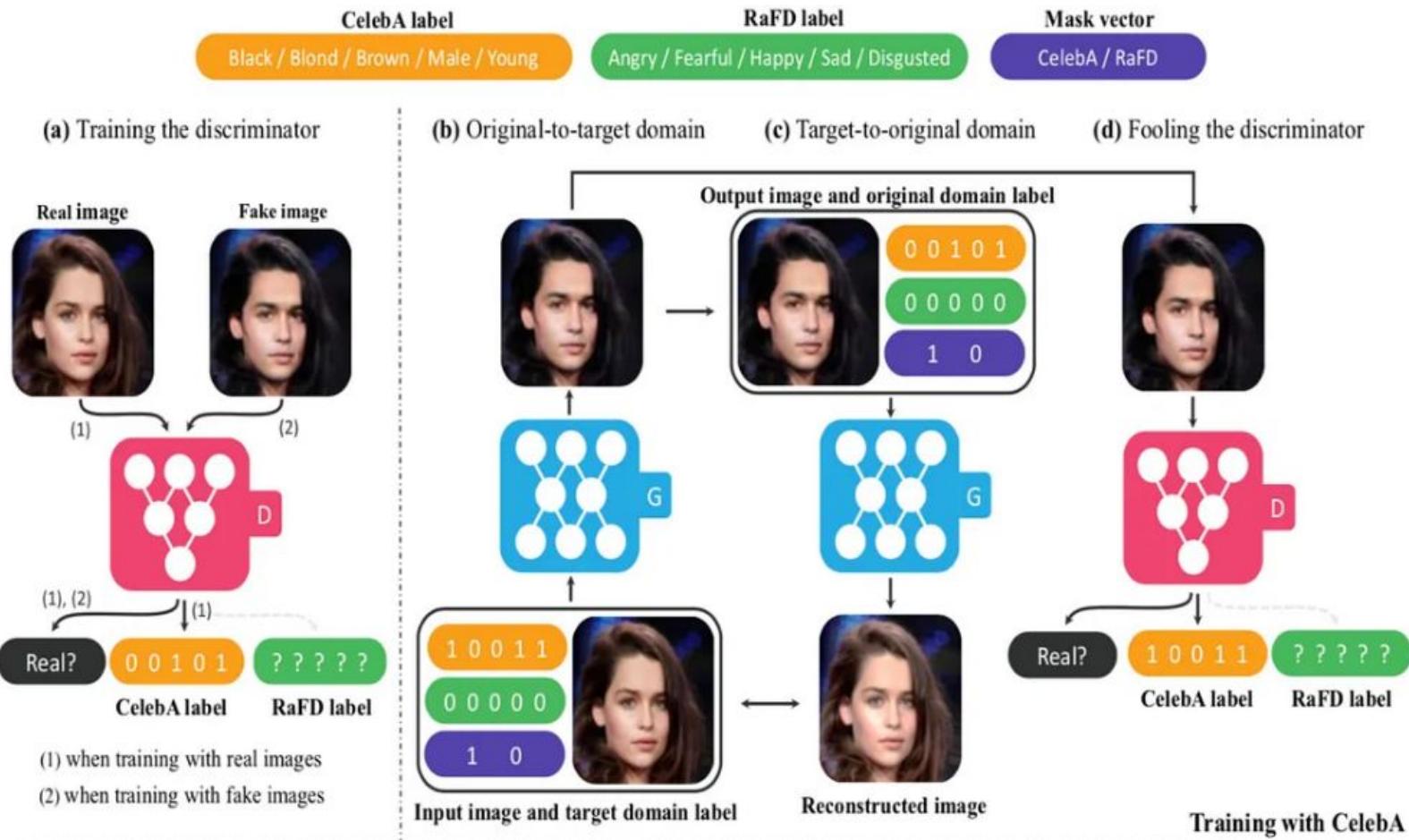
## How does it work?



- G takes in as input both the image and target domain label and generates an fake image.
- It then tries to reconstruct the original image from the fake image conditioned on the original domain label.
- Discriminator tells if image is fake and classifies an image to its corresponding domain, so G will ultimately learn to generate realistic images corresponding to the given target domain. (d)

# StarGAN

## Image-to-Image Translation



# StarGAN

## Objectives of StarGAN

### Objectives of Discriminator:

1. Identify whether an image is fake or not.
2. Predict the target domain of the input image.
  - Uses an auxiliary classifier to learn the mapping of original image and its corresponding domain from the dataset

# StarGAN

## Objectives of StarGAN

### Objectives of the Generator:

1. The images generated are realistic.
2. The images generated are classifiable as target domain by D.
3. Able to reconstruct the original image from the fake image given the original domain label. (Cycle consistency Loss)

# BiGAN

## Adversarial Feature Learning

A Bi-Directional Generative Adversarial Network trains an encoder/decoder pair in an elegant fashion. The discriminator tries to tell the difference between pairs of real data and encoded real data from data generated from prior samples and prior samples. [DKD16]

The BiGAN training objective is defined as a minimax objective

$$\min_{G,E} \max_D V(D, E, G) \quad (2)$$

where

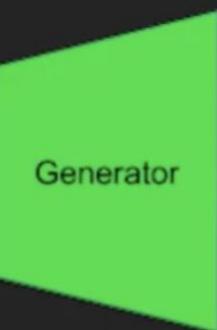
$$V(D, E, G) := \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\mathbf{X}}} \left[ \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim p_E(\cdot|\mathbf{x})} [\log D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})]}_{\log D(\mathbf{x}, E(\mathbf{x}))} \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\mathbf{Z}}} \left[ \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_G(\cdot|\mathbf{z})} [\log (1 - D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}))]}_{\log(1-D(G(\mathbf{z}), \mathbf{z}))} \right]. \quad (3)$$

# BiGAN

## Adversarial Feature Learning

### BiGAN Architecture

Latent Codes



Generated Images



Real Image,  
Fake Code

OR

Real Code,  
Fake Image?



Dataset Images

Encoder

Generated  
Latent Codes



# LAPGAN

## Stacking CGANs

A Laplacian GAN is constructed of a chain of conditional GANs, to generate progressively larger images. A GAN generates small, blurry images. A conditional GAN generates larger images conditioned on the smaller image, repeated until you reach the desired size.[DCSF15]

# LAPGAN

## Stacking CGANs

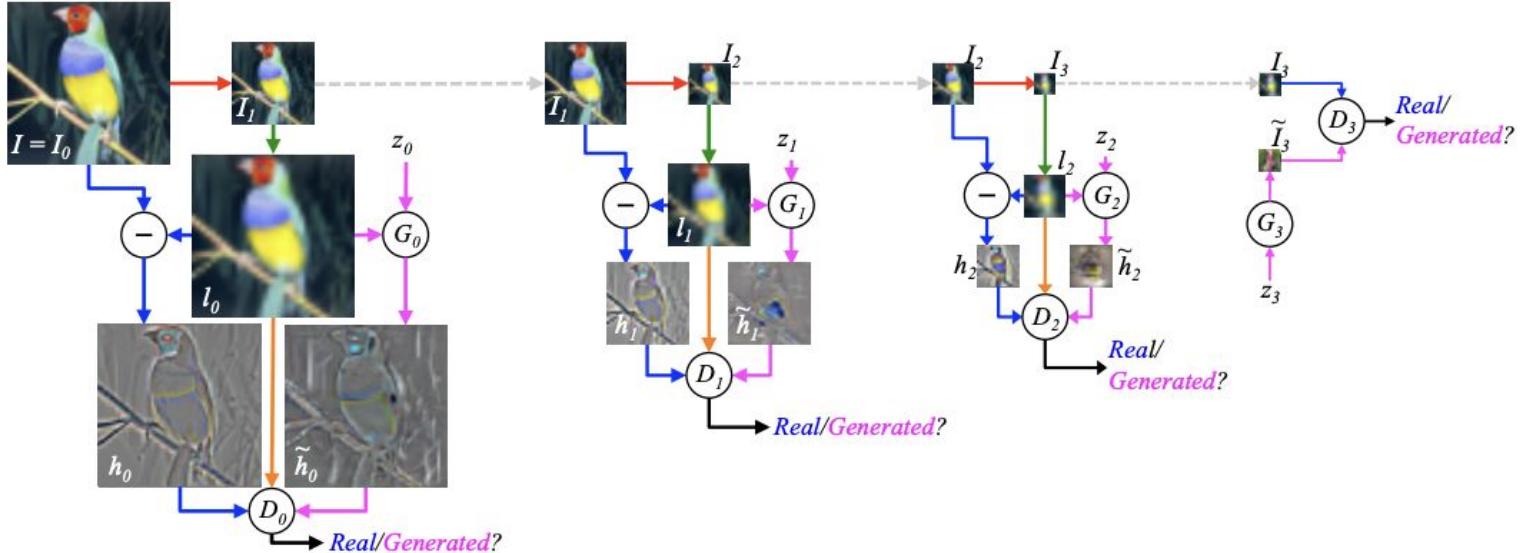


Figure 2: The training procedure for our LAPGAN model. Starting with a  $64 \times 64$  input image  $I$  from our training set (top left): (i) we take  $I_0 = I$  and blur and downsample it by a factor of two (red arrow) to produce  $I_1$ ; (ii) we upsample  $I_1$  by a factor of two (green arrow), giving a low-pass version  $l_0$  of  $I_0$ ; (iii) with equal probability we use  $l_0$  to create *either* a real *or* a generated example for the discriminative model  $D_0$ . In the real case (blue arrows), we compute high-pass  $h_0 = I_0 - l_0$  which is input to  $D_0$  that computes the probability of it being real vs generated. In the generated case (magenta arrows), the generative network  $G_0$  receives as input a random noise vector  $z_0$  and  $l_0$ . It outputs a generated high-pass image  $\tilde{h}_0 = G_0(z_0, l_0)$ , which is input to  $D_0$ . In both the real/generated cases,  $D_0$  also receives  $l_0$  (orange arrow). Optimizing Eqn. 2,  $G_0$  thus learns to generate realistic high-frequency structure  $\tilde{h}_0$  consistent with the low-pass image  $l_0$ . The same procedure is repeated at scales 1 and 2, using  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ . Note that the models at each level are trained independently. At level 3,  $I_3$  is an  $8 \times 8$  image, simple enough to be modeled directly with a standard GANs  $G_3$  &  $D_3$ .

# **GANs**

## **And Many More...**

# Summary

- Training GANs is difficult for a lot of reasons
- Primarily, the issues of the discriminator capturing the wrong boundary, being too confident (and non differentiable), and getting saturated due to the formulation of the objective.
- We can remedy this by using Earth mover's metric – Wasserstein Distance
- The Lipschitz constraint of WGANs can be imposed in several ways including weight clipping, gradient penalties, and spectral norm.
- There are (so) many variants of GANs which do more than just image generation and are able to do image translation (or style transfer) as well!

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