

Tuesday, 26. November 2024

## Handout Kick-Off Meeting

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Generative Data Augmentation using Multi-Agent Diverse Generative Adversarial Networks

### Agenda

Research Topic

- Generative Data Augmentation (GDA)

- Vanilla GAN

- Multi-Agent Diverse GAN (MAD-GAN)

- Classifier with GDA & Research Questions

Challenges, Risks & Solutions

Technologies

# Key Points Discussed

## 1. Generative Data Augmentation (GDA)

### **Definition:**

Expanding training datasets by generating synthetic labeled samples to improve classification performance.

Applied in image, text, and audio domains.

### **Benefits:**

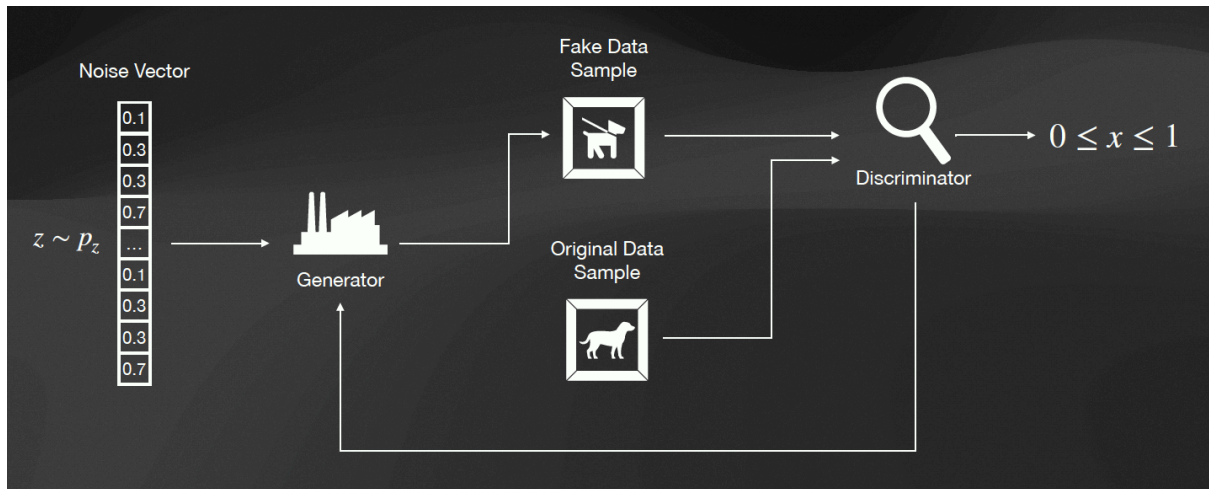
- Improves classification accuracy, especially with limited training data.
- Reduces overfitting, enhance generalization.
- Versatile across multiple scenarios.

### **Drawbacks:**

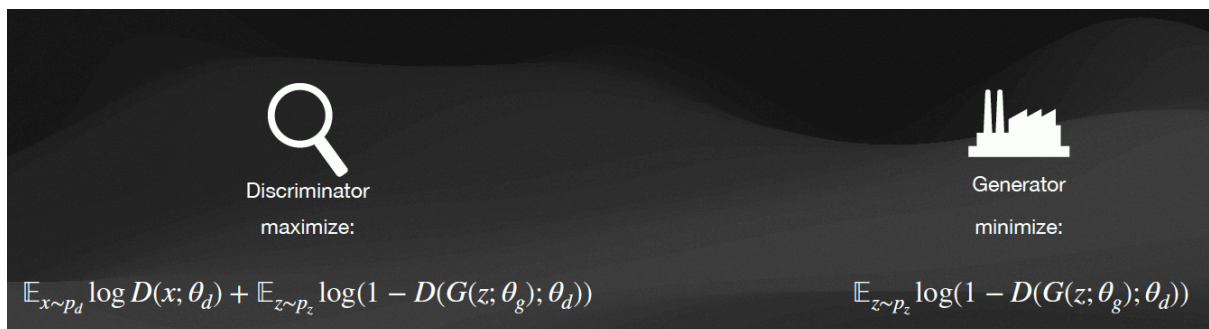
- May not be effective with insufficient training data.
- Requires manual tuning of augmentation datapoints.
- Can negatively impact performance with too limited training data to start with.

## 2. Vanilla GAN

Architecture:

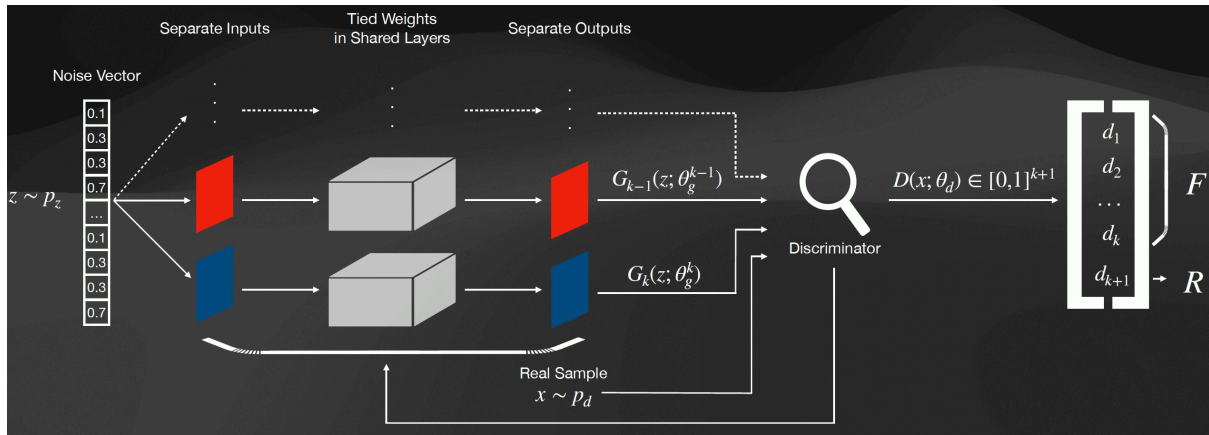


Objective functions:




### 3. Multi-Agent Diverse GAN (MAD-GAN)

Architecture:



Objective functions:

  
Discriminator

maximize:

$$\max_{\theta_d} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p} H(\delta, D(x, \theta_d))$$

with  $\delta$  as Dirac delta distribution:


$$\delta \in \{0, 1\}^{k+1}, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$$

if sample originates from  $G_j$ :

$$\delta(j) = 1$$

if sample originates from  $p_d$ :

$$\delta(k+1) = 1$$

  
Generator

minimize:

$$\mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z} \log(1 - D(G(z; \theta_g); \theta_d))$$

Theoretical equilibrium at

$$p_g = p_d$$

## 4. Classifier with GDA

### Points of research:

- Influence of MAD-GAN GDA on classifier performance.
- Impact of different loss functions on generated images.
- Effect of the number of generators in MAD-GAN.
- Ratio between real and fake samples for subsequent classifier.
- Comparison between MAD-GAN GDA, classic data augmentation, and Vanilla GAN GDA.

## 5. Challenges, Risks & Solutions

### Challenges:

1. Combining MAD-GAN with conditionality constraint of CGANs.
2. High computational costs with high-definition training samples and high number of generators.
3. Sensitivity to hyperparameters.

### Risks:

1. Incorrect combination of objective functions.
2. Generated images may degrade classifier performance.
3. Difficulty in proving statistical significance of improvements.

### Solutions:

C/R1: Using auxiliary classifier and manual checking of generated images and corresponding classes.

C2: Use low-resolution datasets (e.g., MNIST, Fashion-MNIST, CIFAR-10/-100).

C3: Automated hyperparameter optimization and curriculum learning.

R2: Do not use too challenging dataset to limit the chances of occurrence.

R3: Perform statistical significance tests.

## 6. Technologies

### **Programming Libraries:**

Anaconda, Python, TensorFlow, TensorFlow-Probability, Scikit-learn, Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Jupyter, PIL.

### **Software:**

Terminals, Jupyter Lab, VS Code, Tex Shop.

## 7. Sources

### **References to relevant literature and research papers for kick-off meeting:**

Zheng et al. (2023), Azizi et al. (2023), Besnier et al. (2020), Goodfellow et al. (2014), Ghosh et al. (2018).