# Deep Generative Models

Lecture 8

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#### Likelihood-free learning

- Likelihood is not a perfect quality measure for generative model.
- Likelihood could be intractable.

Imagine we have two sets of samples

- $\triangleright$   $S_1 = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^{n_1} \sim \pi(\mathbf{x})$  real samples;
- $\triangleright$   $S_2 = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^{n_2} \sim p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$  generated (or fake) samples.

Let define discriminative model (classifier):

$$p(y = 1|\mathbf{x}) = P(\{\mathbf{x} \sim \pi(\mathbf{x})\}); \quad p(y = 0|\mathbf{x}) = P(\{\mathbf{x} \sim p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})\})$$

#### Assumption

Generative distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$  equals to the true distribution  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  if we can not distinguish them using discriminative model  $p(y|\mathbf{x})$ . It means that  $p(y=1|\mathbf{x})=0.5$  for each sample  $\mathbf{x}$ .

- ▶ **Generator:** generative model  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{z})$ , which makes generated sample more realistic.
- **Discriminator:** a classifier  $D(\mathbf{x}) \in [0,1]$ , which distinguishes real samples from generated samples.

#### GAN optimality theorem

The minimax game

$$\min_{G} \max_{D} \left[ \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} \log D(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} \log (1 - D(\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{z})))}_{V(G,D)} \right]$$

has the global optimum  $\pi(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ , in this case  $D^*(\mathbf{x}) = 0.5$ .

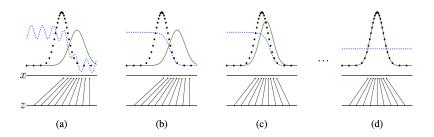
$$\min_{G} V(G, D^*) = \min_{G} \left[ 2JSD(\pi||p) - \log 4 \right] = -\log 4, \quad \pi(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}|\theta).$$

If the generator could be **any** function and the discriminator is **optimal** at every step, then the generator is **guaranteed to converge** to the data distribution.

- Generator updates are made in parameter space, discriminator is not optimal at every step.
- Generator and discriminator loss keeps oscillating during GAN training.

## Objective

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \max_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} \log D_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{\rho(\mathbf{z})} \log (1 - D_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{G}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}))) \right]$$



#### Main problems of standard GAN

- Vanishing gradients (solution: non-saturating GAN);
- Mode collapse (caused by Jensen-Shannon divergence).

#### Standard GAN

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \max_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} \log D_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} \log (1 - D_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{G}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}))) \right]$$

#### Informal theoretical results

The real images distribution  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  and the generated images distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$  are low-dimensional and have disjoint supports. In this case

$$\mathit{KL}(\pi||p) = \mathit{KL}(p||\pi) = \infty, \quad \mathit{JSD}(\pi||p) = \log 2.$$

Goodfellow I. J. et al. Generative Adversarial Networks, 2014 Arjovsky M., Bottou L. Towards Principled Methods for Training Generative Adversarial Networks, 2017

#### Wasserstein distance

$$W(\pi, p) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\pi, p)} \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \sim \gamma} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\pi, p)} \int \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| \gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y}$$

- $\gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  transportation plan (the amount of "dirt" that should be transported from point  $\mathbf{x}$  to point  $\mathbf{y}$ ).
- ►  $\Gamma(\pi, p)$  the set of all joint distributions  $\gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  with marginals  $\pi$  and p ( $\int \gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} = p(\mathbf{y})$ ,  $\int \gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} = \pi(\mathbf{x})$ ).
- $ightharpoonup \gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  the amount,  $\|\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y}\|$  the distance.

## Theorem (Kantorovich-Rubinstein duality)

$$W(\pi||p) = rac{1}{K} \max_{\|f\|_{\mathbf{L}} \leq K} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} f(\mathbf{x}) 
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where  $||f||_L \leq K$  are K-Lipschitz continuous functions  $(f: \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R})$ .

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- Now we have to ensure that f is K-Lipschitz continuous.
- Let  $f_{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$  be a feedforward neural network parametrized by  $\phi$ .
- ▶ If parameters  $\phi$  lie in a compact set  $\Phi$  then  $f_{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$  will be K-Lipschitz continuous function.
- Let the parameters be clamped to a fixed box  $\Phi \in [-c, c]^d$  (e.x. c = 0.01) after each gradient update.

$$\begin{split} K \cdot W(\pi||p) &= \max_{\|f\|_{L} \leq K} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} f(\mathbf{x}) \right] \geq \\ &\geq \max_{\phi \in \mathbf{\Phi}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} f_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} f_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) \right] \end{split}$$

#### Wasserstein GAN

#### Standard GAN objective

$$\min_{m{ heta}} \max_{m{\phi}} \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} \log D_{m{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} \log (1 - D_{m{\phi}}(\mathbf{G}_{m{ heta}}(\mathbf{z})))$$

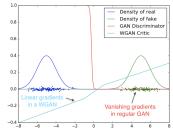
#### WGAN objective

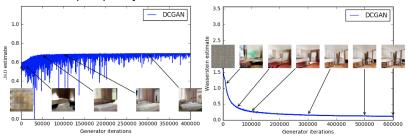
$$\min_{m{ heta}} W(\pi||p) pprox \min_{m{ heta}} \max_{m{\phi} \in m{\Phi}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} f_{m{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} f_{m{\phi}}(\mathbf{G}_{m{ heta}}(\mathbf{z})) \right].$$

- ▶ Discriminator D is similar to the function f, but not the same (it is not a classifier anymore). In the WGAN model, function f is usually called critic.
- ▶ "Weight clipping is a clearly terrible way to enforce a Lipschitz constraint". If the clipping parameter c is too large, it is hard to train the critic till optimality. If the clipping parameter c is too small, it could lead to vanishing gradients.

#### Wasserstein GAN

- WGAN has non-zero gradients for disjoint supports.
- ►  $JSD(\pi||p)$  correlates poorly with the sample quality. Stays constast nearly maximum value  $\log 2 \approx 0.69$ .
- $W(\pi||p)$  is highly correlated with the sample quality.



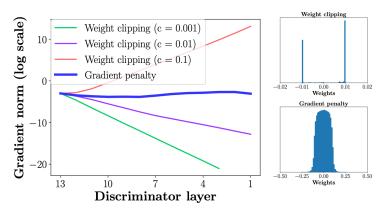


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# Wasserstein GAN with Gradient Penalty



#### Weight clipping analysis

- ▶ The gradients either grow or decay exponentially.
- Gradient penalty makes the gradients more stable.

# Wasserstein GAN with Gradient Penalty

#### **Theorem**

Let  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  and  $p(\mathbf{x})$  be two distribution in  $\mathcal{X}$ , a compact metric space. Let  $\gamma$  be the optimal transportation plan between  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  and  $p(\mathbf{x})$ . Then

1. there is 1-Lipschitz function  $f^*$  which is the optimal solution of

$$\max_{\|f\|_{I} \leq 1} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} f(\mathbf{x}) \right].$$

2. if  $f^*$  is differentiable,  $\gamma(\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{z}) = 0$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = t\mathbf{y} + (1 - t)\mathbf{z}$  with  $\mathbf{y} \sim \pi(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\mathbf{z} \sim p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$  it holds that

$$\mathbb{P}_{(\mathbf{y},\mathbf{z})\sim\gamma}\left[\nabla f^*(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t) = \frac{\mathbf{z} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t}{\|\mathbf{z} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t\|}\right] = 1.$$

## Corollary

 $f^*$  has gradient norm 1 almost everywhere under  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  and  $p(\mathbf{x})$ .

# Wasserstein GAN with Gradient Penalty

A differentiable function is 1-Lipschtiz if and only if it has gradients with norm at most 1 everywhere.

## Gradient penalty

$$W(\pi||p) = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} f(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{original critic loss}} + \lambda \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{U[0,1]} \left[ (\|\nabla f(\hat{\mathbf{x}})\|_2 - 1)^2 \right]}_{\text{gradient penalty}},$$

- Samples  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = t \cdot \mathbf{y} + (1 t) \cdot \mathbf{z}$  with  $t \in [0, 1]$  are uniformly sampled along straight lines between pairs of points:  $\mathbf{y}$  from the data distribution  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  from the generator distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ .
- ► Enforcing the unit gradient norm constraint everywhere is intractable, it turns out to be sifficient to enforce it only along these straight lines.

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## **Divergences**

- ► Forward KL divergence in maximum likelihood estimation.
- Reverse KL in variational inference.
- JS divergence in standard GAN.
- Wasserstein distance in WGAN.

#### What is a divergence?

Let  $\mathcal P$  be the set of all possible probability distributions. Then  $D:\mathcal P\times\mathcal P\to\mathbb R$  is a divergence if

- ▶  $D(\pi||p) \ge 0$  for all  $\pi, p \in \mathcal{P}$ ;
- ▶  $D(\pi||p) = 0$  if and only if  $\pi \equiv p$ .

#### General divergence minimization task

$$\min_{p} D(\pi||p)$$

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We do not know the real distribution  $\pi(\mathbf{x})!$ 

#### f-divergence

$$D_f(\pi||p) = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} f\left(\frac{\pi(\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{x})}\right) = \int p(\mathbf{x}) f\left(\frac{\pi(\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{x})}\right) d\mathbf{x}.$$

Here  $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}$  is a convex, lower semicontinuous function satisfying f(1) = 0.

Name	$D_f(P\ Q)$	Generator $f(u)$
Kullback-Leibler	$\int p(x) \log rac{p(x)}{q(x)}  \mathrm{d}x \ \int q(x) \log rac{q(x)}{p(x)}  \mathrm{d}x$	$u \log u$
Reverse KL	$\int q(x) \log \frac{\hat{q}(x)}{p(x)} dx$	$-\log u$
Pearson $\chi^2$	$\int \frac{(q(x)-p(x))^2}{p(x)} dx$	$(u-1)^2$
Squared Hellinger	$\int \left(\sqrt{p(x)}-\sqrt{q(x)} ight)^2\mathrm{d}x$	$\left(\sqrt{u}-1\right)^2$
Jensen-Shannon	$\frac{1}{2} \int p(x) \log \frac{2p(x)}{p(x) + q(x)} + q(x) \log \frac{2q(x)}{p(x) + q(x)} dx$	$-(u+1)\log \tfrac{1+u}{2} + u\log u$
GAN	$\int p(x) \log \frac{2p(x)}{p(x) + q(x)} + q(x) \log \frac{2q(x)}{p(x) + q(x)} dx - \log(4)$	$u\log u - (u+1)\log(u+1)$

Nowozin S., Cseke B., Tomioka R. f-GAN: Training Generative Neural Samplers using Variational Divergence Minimization, 2016

#### Fenchel conjugate

$$f^*(t) = \sup_{u \in dom_f} (ut - f(u)), \quad f(u) = \sup_{t \in dom_{f^*}} (ut - f^*(t))$$

**Important property:**  $f^{**} = f$  for convex f.

#### f-divergence

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$$= \int p(\mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \in \text{dom}_{f^{*}}} \left(\frac{\pi(\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{x})} t - f^{*}(t)\right) d\mathbf{x} =$$

$$= \int \sup_{t \in \text{dom}_{f^{*}}} \left(\pi(\mathbf{x}) t - p(\mathbf{x}) f^{*}(t)\right) d\mathbf{x}.$$

Here we seek value of t, which gives us maximum value of  $\pi(\mathbf{x})t - p(\mathbf{x})f^*(t)$ , for each data point  $\mathbf{x}$ .

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#### Variational f-divergence estimation

$$D_{f}(\pi||p) = \int \sup_{t \in \text{dom}_{f^{*}}} (\pi(\mathbf{x})t - p(\mathbf{x})f^{*}(t)) d\mathbf{x} \ge$$

$$\ge \sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \int (\pi(\mathbf{x})T(\mathbf{x}) - p(\mathbf{x})f^{*}(T(\mathbf{x}))) d\mathbf{x} =$$

$$= \sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} [\mathbb{E}_{\pi}T(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{p}f^{*}(T(\mathbf{x}))]$$

This is a lower bound because of Jensen inequality and restricted class of functions  $\mathcal{T}:\mathcal{X}\to\mathbb{R}$ .

#### Variational divergence estimation

$$D_f(\pi||
ho) \geq \sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\pi} T(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{
ho} f^*(T(\mathbf{x})) \right]$$

The lower bound is tight for  $T^*(\mathbf{x}) = f'\left(\frac{\pi(\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{x})}\right)$ .

#### Example (JSD)

Let define function f and its conjugate  $f^*$ 

$$f(u) = u \log u - (u+1) \log(u+1), \quad f^*(t) = -\log(1-e^t).$$

▶ Let reparametrize  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \log D(\mathbf{x})$ .

$$\min_{C} \max_{D} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} \log D(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{\rho(\mathbf{z})} \log (1 - D(\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{z}))) \right]$$

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**Note:** To evaluate lower bound we only need samples from  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  and  $p(\mathbf{x})$ . Hence, we could fit implicit generative model.



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#### Evaluation of likelihood-free models

How to evaluate generative models?

#### Likelihood-based models

- Split data to train/val/test.
- Fit model on the train part.
- Tune hyperparameters on the validation part.
- Evaluate generalization by reporting likelihoods on the test set.

#### Not all models have tractable likelihoods

- ▶ VAE: compare ELBO values.
- ► GAN: ???

#### Evaluation of likelihood-free models

Let take some pretrained image classification model to get the conditional label distribution  $p(y|\mathbf{x})$  (e.g. ImageNet classifier).

#### What do we want from samples?

Sharpness



The conditional distribution  $p(y|\mathbf{x})$  should have low entropy (each image  $\mathbf{x}$  should have distinctly recognizable object).

Diversity



The marginal distribution  $p(y) = \int p(y|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x}$  should have high entropy (there should be as many classes generated as possible).

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# Frechet Inception Distance (FID)

#### Wasserstein metric

$$W_s(\pi, p) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\pi, p)} \left( \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \sim \gamma} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^s \right)^{1/s}$$

#### **Theorem**

If  $\pi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\pi})$ ,  $p(\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{p}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{p})$ , then

$$W_2^2(\pi, p) = \|oldsymbol{\mu}_\pi - oldsymbol{\mu}_p\|_2^2 + \operatorname{tr}\left[oldsymbol{\Sigma}_\pi + oldsymbol{\Sigma}_p - 2\left(oldsymbol{\Sigma}_\pi^{1/2}oldsymbol{\Sigma}_poldsymbol{\Sigma}_\pi^{1/2}
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#### Frechet Inception Distance

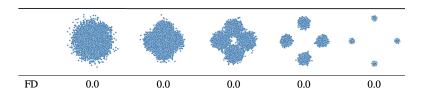
$$\mathsf{FID}(\pi, p) = \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\pi} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{p}\|_{2}^{2} + \mathsf{tr}\left[\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\pi} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{p} - 2\left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\pi}^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{p}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\pi}^{1/2}\right)^{1/2}\right]$$

Representations are the outputs of the intermediate layer from the pretrained classification model.

# Frechet Inception Distance (FID)

$$\mathsf{FID}(\pi, \rho) = \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\pi} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\rho}\|_{2}^{2} + \mathsf{tr}\left[\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\pi} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\rho} - 2\left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\pi}^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\rho}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\pi}^{1/2}\right)^{1/2}\right]$$

- Needs a large sample size for evaluation.
- Calculation of FID is slow.
- High dependence on the pretrained classification model.
- Uses the normality assumption!



Jayasumana S. et al. Rethinking FID: Towards a Better Evaluation Metric for Image Generation. 2024

# Summary

- Wasserstein GAN uses Kantorovich-Rubinstein duality for getting Earth Mover distance as model objective.
- Weight clipping is a terrible way to enforce Lipschitzness. Gradient Penalty adds regularizer to loss that uses neccessary conditions for optimal critic.
- f-divergence family is a unified framework for divergence minimization, which uses variational approximation. Standard GAN is a special case of it.
- We need measure of quality for implicit models like GANs. One way is to analyze sharpness and diversity of samples.
- Frechet Inception Distance is the most popular metric for GAN evaluation.