# Deep Generative Models

Lecture 9

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## Recap of previous lecture

## Disentanglement learning

A disentangled representation is a one where single latent units are sensitive to changes in single generative factors, while being invariant to changes in other factors.

 $\beta$ -VAE

$$\mathcal{L}(q, \theta, \beta) = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \theta) - \beta \cdot KL(q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})||p(\mathbf{z})).$$

Representations becomes disentangled by setting a stronger constraint with  $\beta>1$ . However, it leads to poorer reconstructions and a loss of high frequency details.

#### **ELBO** surgery

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{L}_{i}(q, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \beta) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_{i})} \log p(\mathbf{x}_{i}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}_{\text{Reconstruction loss}} - \beta \cdot \underbrace{\mathbb{I}_{q}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}] - \beta \cdot \underbrace{KL(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}))}_{\text{Marginal KL}}$$

## Recap of previous lecture

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

#### Two sample test

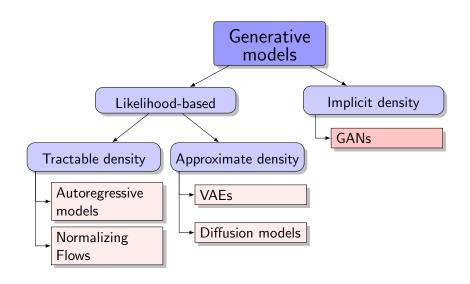
$$H_0: \pi(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}), \quad H_1: \pi(\mathbf{x}) \neq p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

If test statistic  $T(S_1, S_2) < \alpha$ , then accept  $H_0$ , else reject it.

- $ightharpoonup p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$  minimizes the value of test statistic  $T(S_1, S_2)$ .
- It is hard to find an appropriate test statistic in high dimensions.  $T(S_1, S_2)$  could be learnable.

## Outline

## Generative models zoo



# Vanilla GAN optimality

#### **Theorem**

The minimax game

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

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

## Proof (fixed G)

$$V(G, D) = \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} \log D(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} \log(1 - D(\mathbf{x}))$$

$$= \int \underbrace{\left[\pi(\mathbf{x}) \log D(\mathbf{x}) + p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \log(1 - D(\mathbf{x})\right]}_{y(D)} d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\frac{dy(D)}{dD} = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{x})}{D(\mathbf{x})} - \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{1 - D(\mathbf{x})} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad D^*(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{x})}{\pi(\mathbf{x}) + p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}$$

## Vanilla GAN optimality

Proof continued (fixed  $D = D^*$ )

$$V(G, D^*) = \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} \log \frac{\pi(\mathbf{x})}{\pi(\mathbf{x}) + p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} + \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{\pi(\mathbf{x}) + p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}$$

$$= KL\left(\pi(\mathbf{x})||\frac{\pi(\mathbf{x}) + p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{2}\right) + KL\left(p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)||\frac{\pi(\mathbf{x}) + p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{2}\right) - 2\log 2$$

$$= 2JSD(\pi(\mathbf{x})||p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)) - 2\log 2.$$

Jensen-Shannon divergence (symmetric KL divergence)

$$JSD(\pi(\mathbf{x})||\rho(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ KL\left(\pi(\mathbf{x})||\frac{\pi(\mathbf{x}) + \rho(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}{2}\right) + KL\left(\rho(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})||\frac{\pi(\mathbf{x}) + \rho(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}{2}\right) \right]$$

Could be used as a distance measure!

$$V(G^*, D^*) = -2 \log 2$$
,  $\pi(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ .

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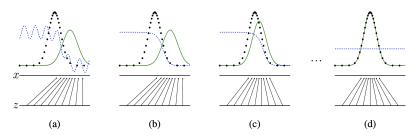
$$\min_{G} V(G, D^*) = \min_{G} \left[ 2JSD(\pi||p) - \log 4 \right] = -\log 4, \quad \pi(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}|\theta).$$

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.

#### Vanilla GAN

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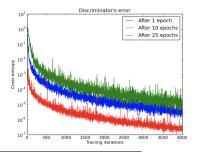
- Generator updates are made in parameter space.
- Discriminator is not optimal at every step.
- Generator and discriminator loss keeps oscillating during GAN training.

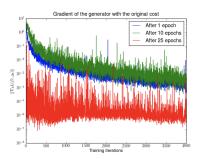
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Early in learning, G is poor, D can reject samples with high confidence. In this case,  $log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z})))$  saturates.





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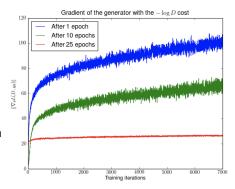
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## Non-saturating GAN

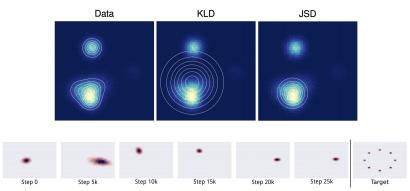
- Maximize  $\log D(G(z))$  instead of minimizing  $\log(1 D(G(z)))$ .
- Gradients are getting much stronger, but the training is unstable (with increasing mean and variance).



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## Mode collapse

The phenomena where the generator of a GAN collapses to one or few distribution modes.



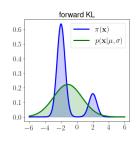
Alternate architectures, adding regularization terms, injecting small noise perturbations and other millions bags and tricks are used to avoid the mode collapse.

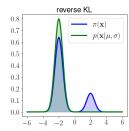
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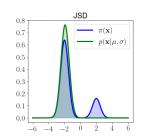
## Jensen-Shannon vs Kullback-Leibler

## Mode covering vs mode seeking

$$KL(\pi||p) = \int \pi(\mathbf{x}) \log \frac{\pi(\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x}, \quad KL(p||\pi) = \int p(\mathbf{x}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x})}{\pi(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x}$$
$$JSD(\pi||p) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ KL\left(\pi(\mathbf{x})||\frac{\pi(\mathbf{x}) + p(\mathbf{x})}{2}\right) + KL\left(p(\mathbf{x})||\frac{\pi(\mathbf{x}) + p(\mathbf{x})}{2}\right) \right]$$



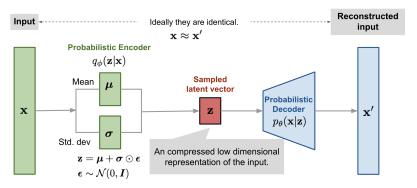




# Mode collapse: Deep Convolutional GAN



## VAE recap



- Encoder  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \phi) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|\mu_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}), \sigma_{\phi}(\mathbf{x})).$
- Variational posterior  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \phi)$  originally approximates the true posterior  $p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \theta)$ .
- Which methods are you already familiar with to make the posterior is more flexible?

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# Adversarial Variational Bayes

## ELBO objective

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi, oldsymbol{ heta}) = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathsf{z}|\mathsf{x}, oldsymbol{\phi})} \left[ \log p(\mathsf{x}|\mathsf{z}, oldsymbol{ heta}) + \log p(\mathsf{z}) - \log q(\mathsf{z}|\mathsf{x}, oldsymbol{\phi}) 
ight] 
ightarrow \max_{\phi, oldsymbol{ heta}}.$$

What is the problem to make the variational posterior model an implicit model?

- The first term is reconstruction loss that needs only samples from  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \phi)$  to evaluate.
- Reparametrization trick allows to get gradients of reconstruction loss

$$abla_{\phi} \int q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x},\phi) f(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} = 
abla_{\phi} \int r(\epsilon) f(\mathbf{z}) d\epsilon$$

$$= \int r(\epsilon) 
abla_{\phi} f(g(\mathbf{x},\epsilon,\phi)) d\epsilon \approx 
abla_{\phi} f(g(\mathbf{x},\epsilon^*,\phi)),$$
where  $\epsilon^* \sim r(\epsilon)$ ,  $\mathbf{z} = g(\mathbf{x},\epsilon,\phi)$ ,  $\mathbf{z} \sim g(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x},\phi)$ .

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- ▶ The third term requires the explicit the value of  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \phi)$ .
- We could join second and third terms:

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x},\phi)}\log\frac{p(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x},\phi)} = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x},\phi)}\log\frac{p(\mathbf{z})\pi(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x},\phi)\pi(\mathbf{x})}.$$

We have to estimate density ratio

$$r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \frac{q_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})}{q_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})} = \frac{p(\mathbf{z})\pi(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\phi})\pi(\mathbf{x})}.$$

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## Density ratio trick

Consider two distributions  $q_1(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $q_2(\mathbf{x})$  and probabilistic model

$$p(\mathbf{x}|y) = egin{cases} q_1(\mathbf{x}), & \text{if } y = 1, \\ q_2(\mathbf{x}), & \text{if } y = 0, \end{cases} \qquad y \sim \mathsf{Bern}(0.5).$$

#### Density ratio

$$\frac{q_1(\mathbf{x})}{q_2(\mathbf{x})} = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|y=1)}{p(\mathbf{x}|y=0)} = \frac{p(y=1|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x})}{p(y=1)} / \frac{p(y=0|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x})}{p(y=0)} = 
= \frac{p(y=1|\mathbf{x})}{p(y=0|\mathbf{x})} = \frac{p(y=1|\mathbf{x})}{1 - p(y=1|\mathbf{x})} = \frac{D(\mathbf{x})}{1 - D(\mathbf{x})}$$

Here  $D(\mathbf{x})$  is a discriminator model the output of which is a probability that  $\mathbf{x}$  is a sample from  $q_1(\mathbf{x})$  rather than from  $q_2(\mathbf{x})$ .

## Adversarial Variational Bayes

$$\max_{D} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x},\phi)} \log D(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{z}) + \mathbb{E}_{\pi(\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} \log (1 - D(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{z})) \right]$$

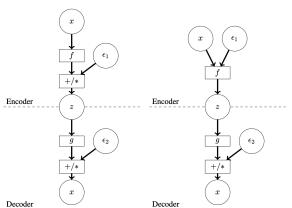
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## Summary

- Adversarial learning suggests to solve minimax problem to match the distributions.
- Vanilla GAN tries to optimize Jensen-Shannon divergence (in theory).
- Mode collapse and vanishing gradients are the two main problems of vanilla GAN. Lots of tips and tricks has to be used to make the GAN training is stable and scalable.
- ► KL and JS divergences work poorly as model objective in the case of disjoint supports.
- Adversarial Variational Bayes uses density ratio trick to get more powerful variational posterior.