

Technologies with Conflicting Goals



Image based CAPTCHA (Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart) is a type of security measure known as challengeresponse authentication



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☐ This person does not exist: thispersondoesnotexist.com







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Overview

- □ Developed by Ian Goodfellow
- □ In generative modeling, we'd like to train a network that models a distribution,
 - Such as a distribution over images.
- ☐ One way to judge the quality of the model is to sample from it
- □ Active area of research with rapid progress







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Take a Step Back Supervised Learning **Unsupervised Learning** □ Data: (x, y) □ Data: x **Makes Training** * x is data, y is label Just data, no labels! data cheap! ☐ Goal: Learn a function to map x -> y ☐ Goal: Learn some underlying hidden structure of the data Holy grail: ■ Examples: Solve unsupervised learning ■ Examples: Classification, → Understand structure of Clustering, · Regression, visual world Dimensionality reduction, * Object detection, Feature learning, * Semantic segmentation, Density estimation, Image captioning, **.**.. 6/1/2024 pra-sâmi

Generative Models

□ Given the training data, generate new samples from same distribution





 $\ \square$ Want to learn $p_{model}(x)$ similar to $p_{data}(x)$

Training data $\sim p_{data}(x)$

Generated samples $\sim p_{model}(x)$

- □ Addresses density estimation, a core problem in unsupervised learning
- □ Several flavors:
 - Explicit density estimation: explicitly define and solve for p_{model}(x)
 - Implicit density estimation: learn model that can sample from p_{model}(x) without explicitly defining it

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Why Generative Models?

□ Realistic samples for artwork, super-resolution, colorization, etc.

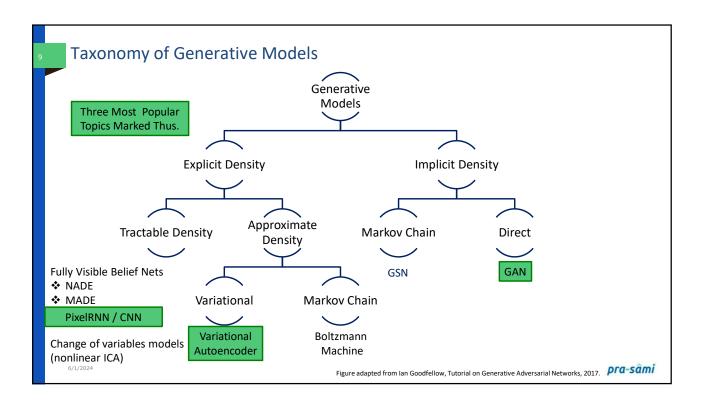


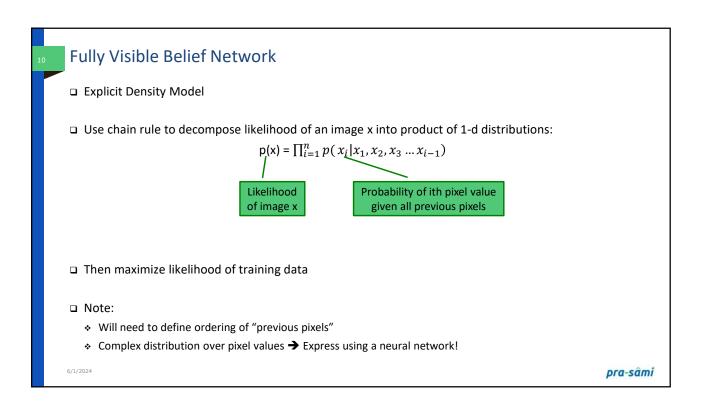


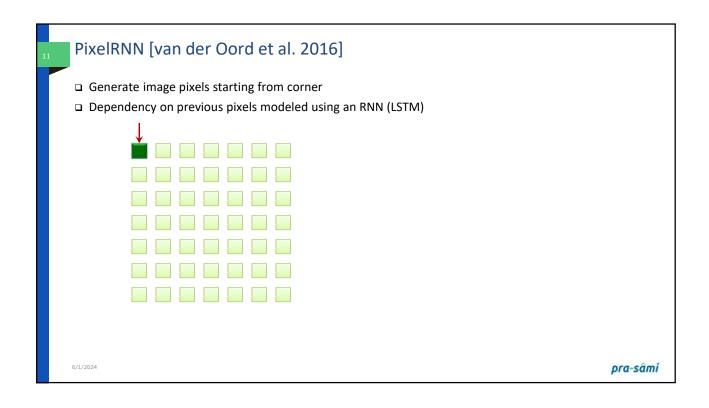


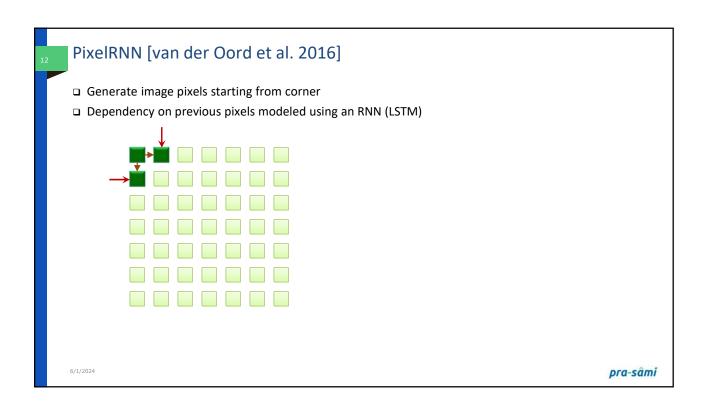
- ☐ Generative models of time-series data can be used for simulation and planning
 - Such as reinforcement learning applications!
- □ Training generative models can also enable inference of latent representations that can be useful as general features

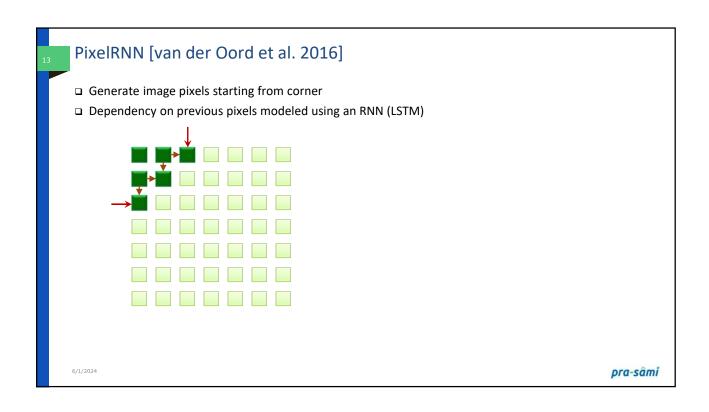
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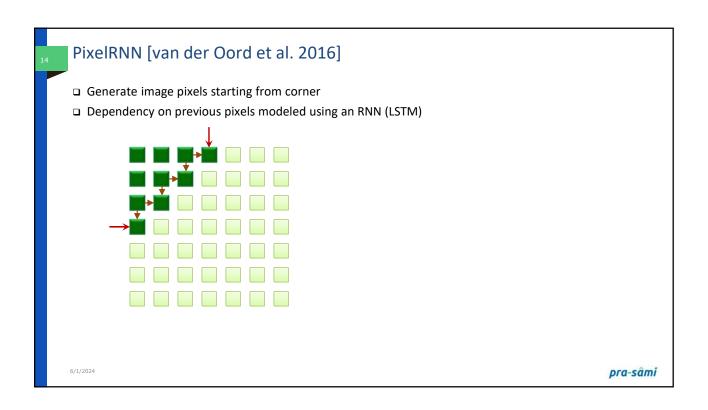


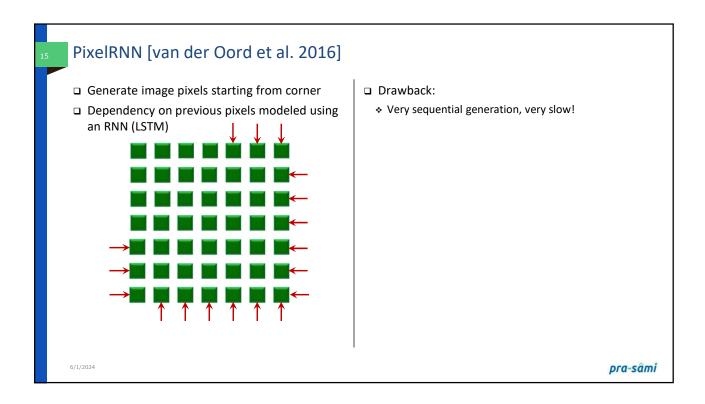


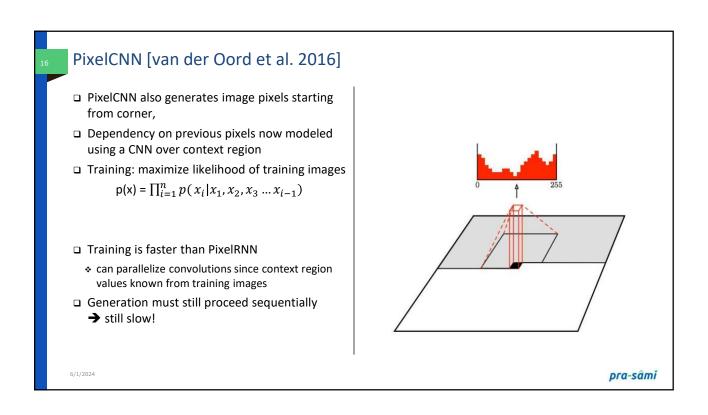












Generation Samples





32x32 CIFAR-10

32x32 ImageNet

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PixelRNN and PixelCNN

Pros:

- □ Can explicitly compute likelihood p(x)
- □ Explicit likelihood of training data gives good evaluation metric
- □ Good samples

Con:

□ Sequential generation → slow

Reference

- Van der Oord et al. NIPS 2016
- Salimans et al. 2017 (PixelCNN++)

Improving PixelCNN performance

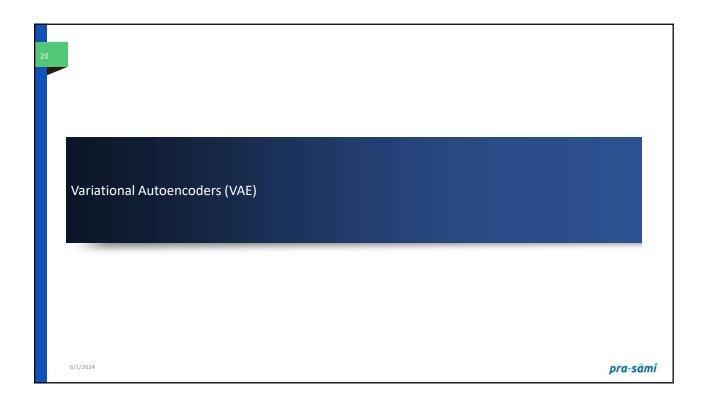
- □ Gated convolutional layers
- □ Short-cut connections
- □ Discretized logistic loss
- □ Multi-scale
- □ Training tricks
- □ Etc...

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Overview

Four modern approaches to generative modeling:
Generative adversarial networks
Reversible architectures
Autoregressive models
Variational autoencoders

All four approaches have different pros and cons
In this session we will focus on
Variational autoencoders i.e. VAEs
Generative Adversarial Networks i.e. GANs



Difference between PixelCNN and VAE

PixelCNNs define tractable density function, optimize likelihood of training data:

$$p(x) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(x_i|x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_{i-1})$$

□ VAEs define **intractable** density function with latent z:

$$p_{\theta}(x) = \int p_{\theta}(z)p_{\theta}(x|z)dz$$

- □ Cannot optimize directly,
 - ❖ So we derive and optimize lower bound on likelihood instead
- □ Too lengthy, remained theoretical discussions...
- □ What if we give up on explicitly modeling density, and just want ability to sample?

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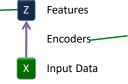
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Background: Autoencoders

- □ Unsupervised approach for learning a lower-dimensional feature representation from unlabeled training data
- □ How to learn these features
 - * Train such that features can be used to reconstruct original data
 - "Autoencoding" encoding itself.

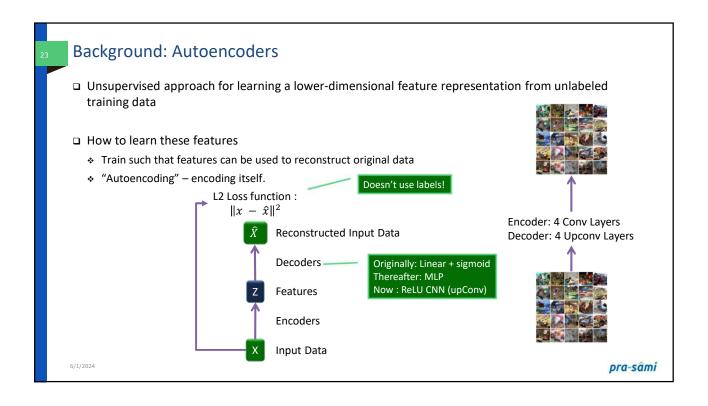
z (dimensions) usually smaller than x (dimensionality reduction)

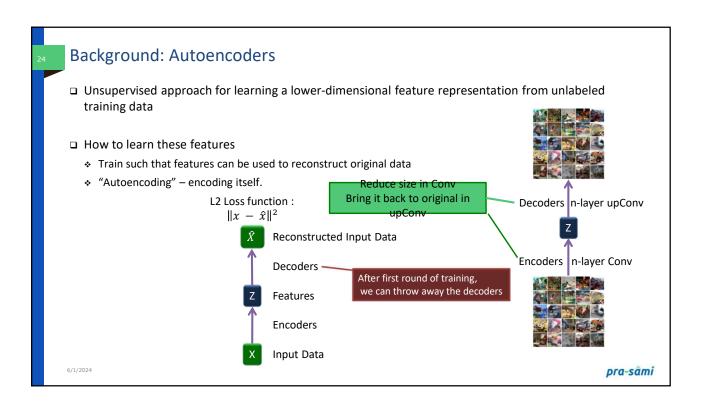


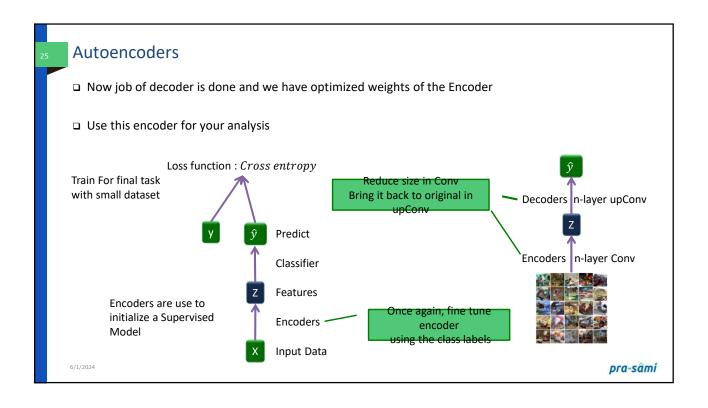
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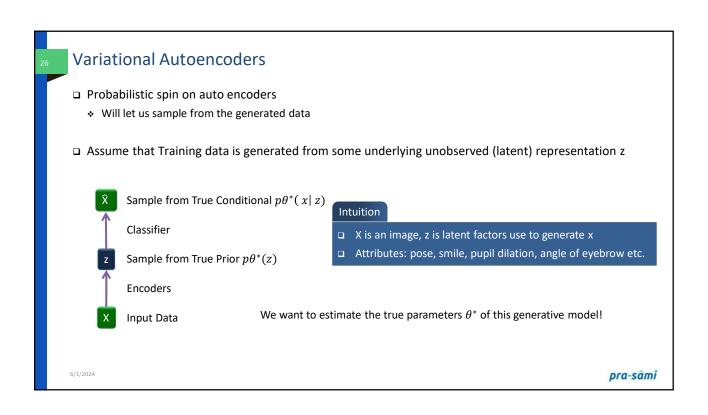
Thereafter: MLP Now: ReLU CNN

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Variational Autoencoders

We want to estimate the true parameters θ^* of this generative model!

How should we represent this model?

Sample from True Conditional $p\theta^*(x|z)$ Conditional $p\theta^*(x|z)$ is complex \Rightarrow represent with Neural Network

Decoder Network

Sample from True Prior $p\theta^*(z)$ Encoders

Input Data

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Variational Autoencoders

- ☐ Straightforward way is to maximize likely hood of data model
 - $p_{\theta}(x) = \int p_{\theta}(z) * p_{\theta}(x|z) * dz$
 - ❖ We need to integrate as we are looking at all possible values of x
 - Hence it is not tractable.
- \Box In details: data likelihood $p_{\theta}(x) = \int p_{\theta}(z) * p_{\theta}(x|z) * dz$
 - $p_{\theta}(z)$ ok, we can use Gaussian Prior probabilities
 - ❖ $p_{\theta}(x|z)$ → Ok too as we can use a decode Neural Network
 - Integration is a problem, as we need to look at all possible values of z
- \Box It turns out that posterior p_{θ} (x|z) is also intractable (difficult to converge)
 - $p_{\theta}(z|x) = p_{\theta}(x|z) * \frac{p_{\theta}(z)}{p_{\theta}(x)}$ Intractable
- □ Solution:
 - * Decoder model for p_{θ} (x| z) and a separate encoder model q_{θ} (z| x)

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Explicit Density Models

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- □ What if we give up on explicitly modeling density, and just want ability to sample?
- □ GANs: don't work with any explicit density function! Instead, take game-theoretic approach: learn to generate from training distribution through 2-player game

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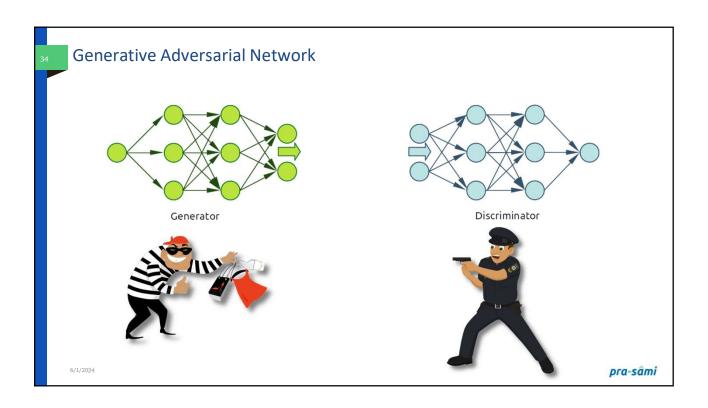
Generative Adversarial Networks

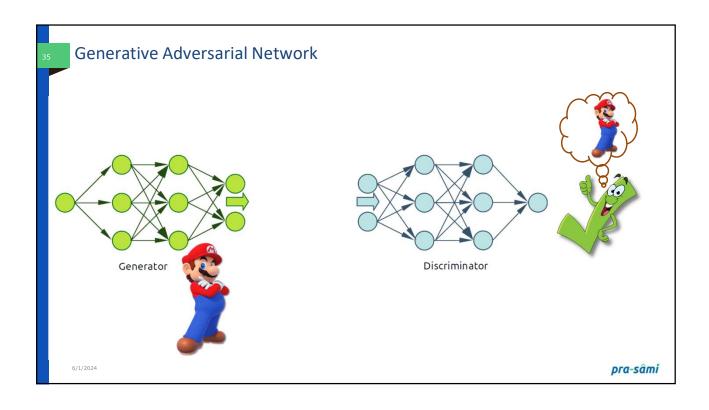
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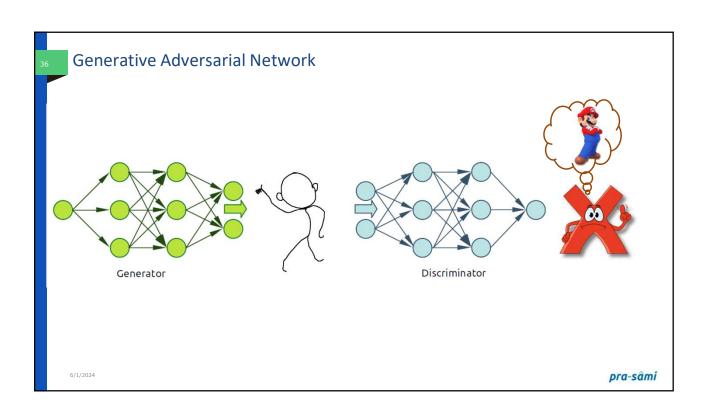
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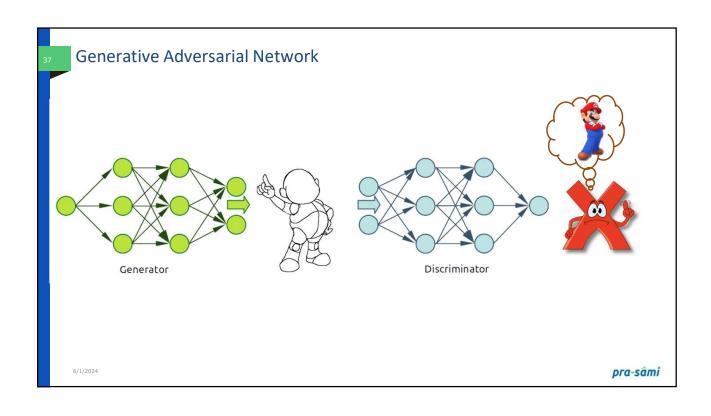
Generative Adversarial Networks The idea behind Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs): train two different networks The generator network tries to produce realistic-looking samples The discriminator network tries to figure out whether an image came from the training set or the generator network The generator network tries to fool the discriminator network Generator Generator

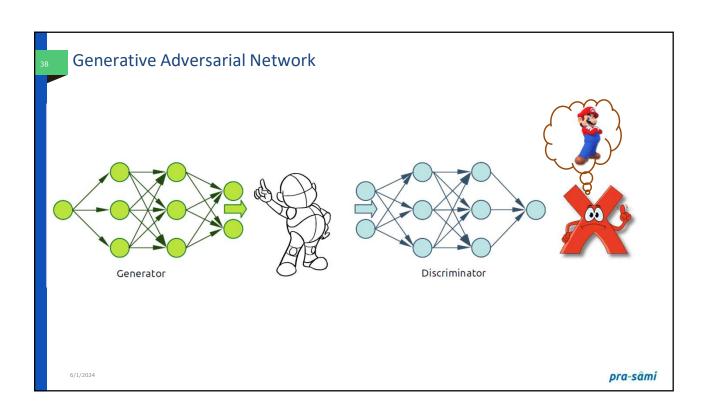
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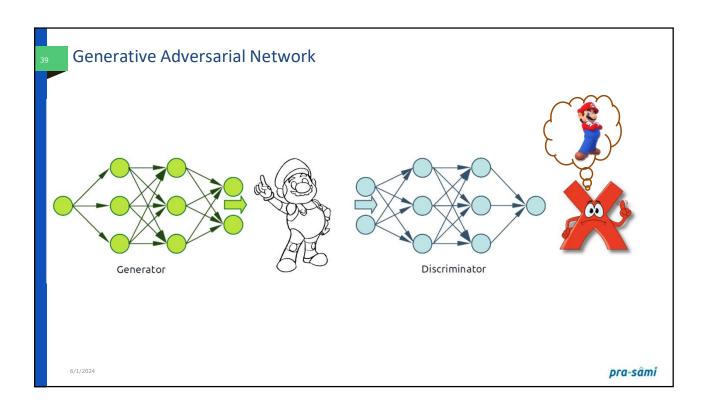


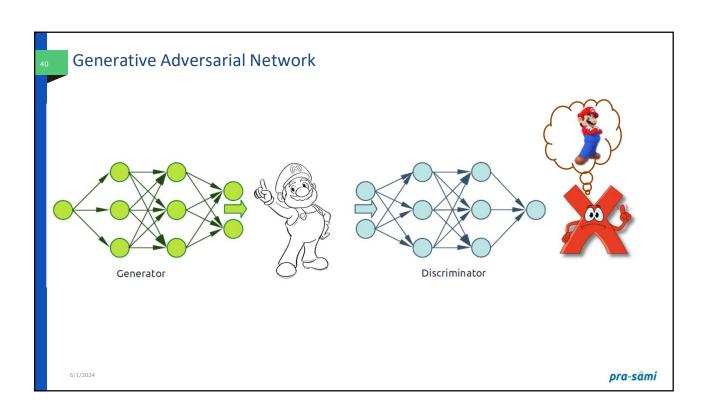


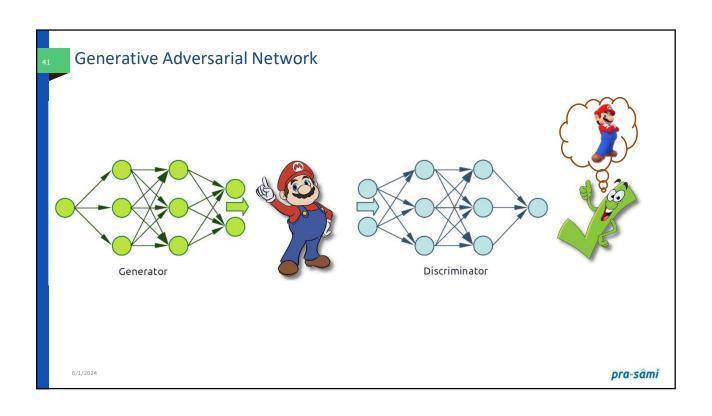


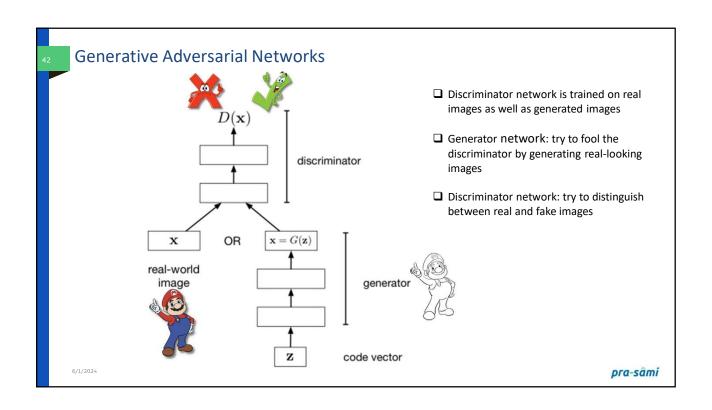


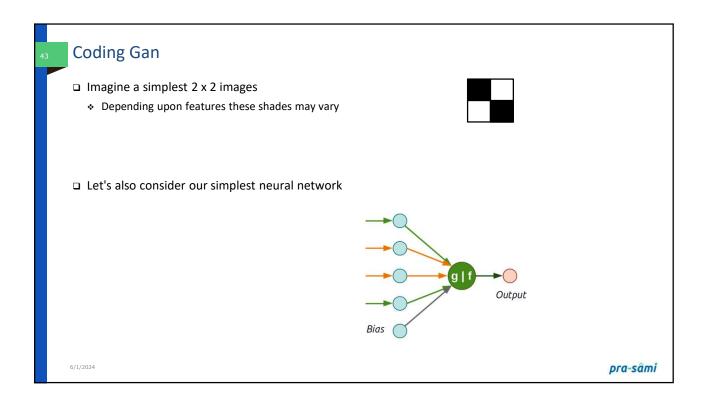


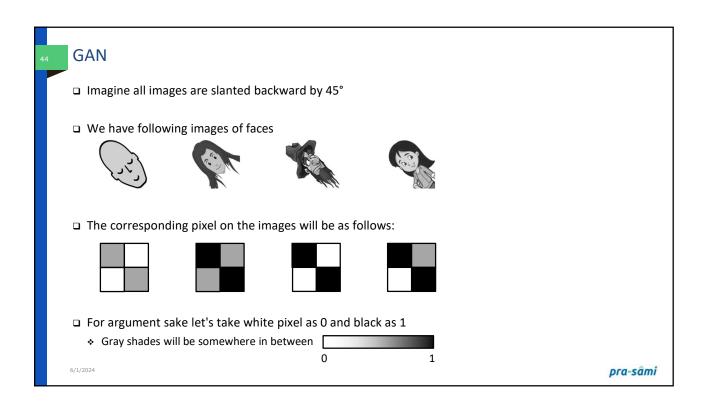


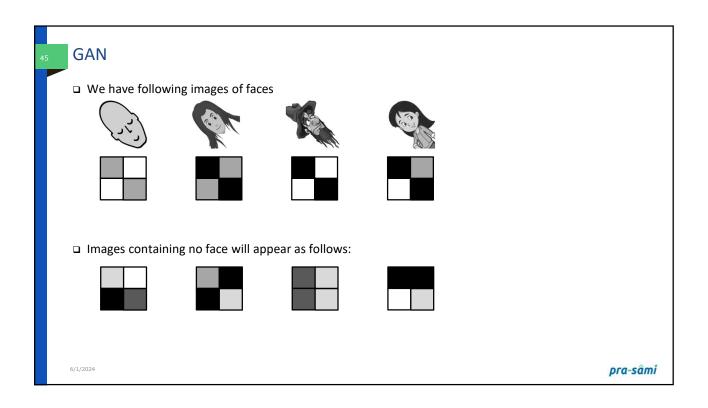


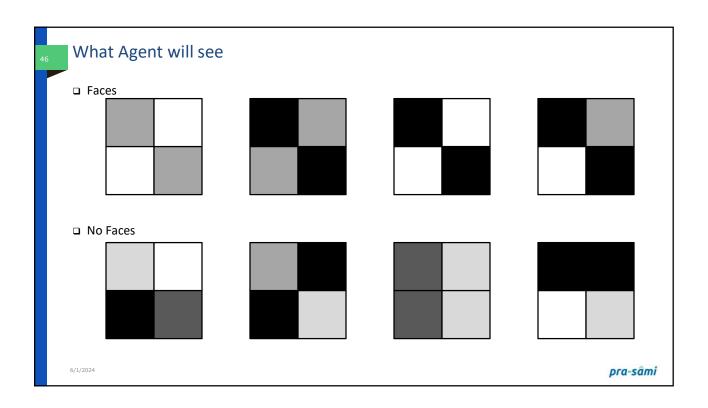


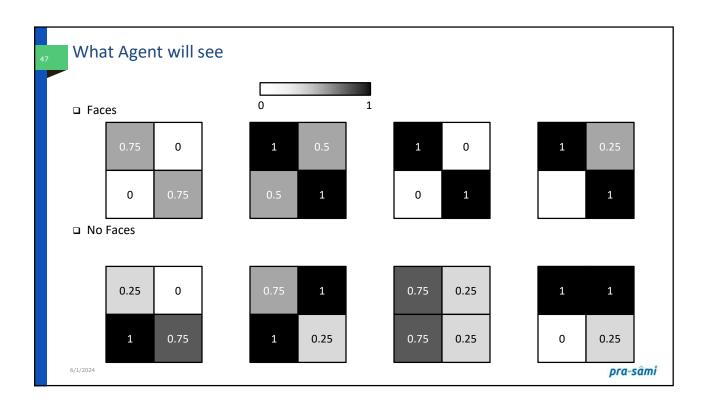


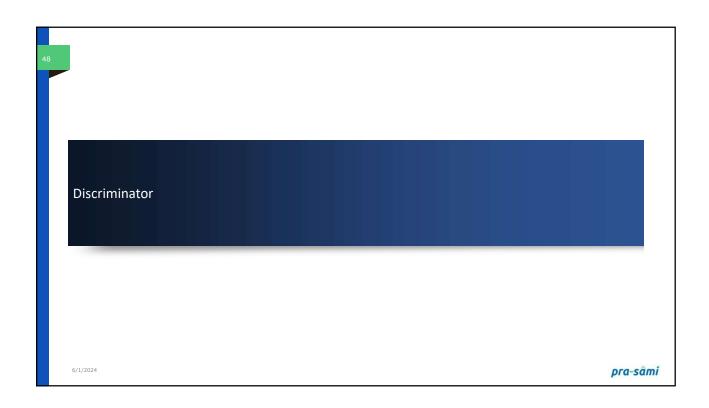


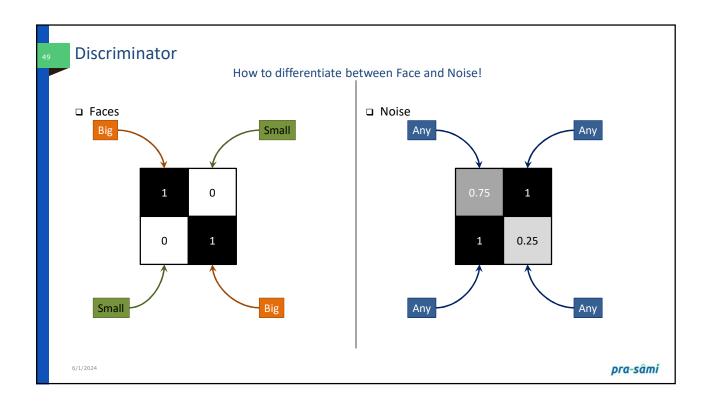


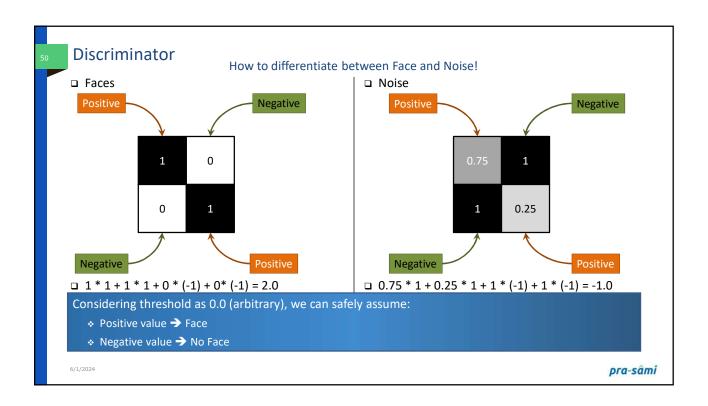


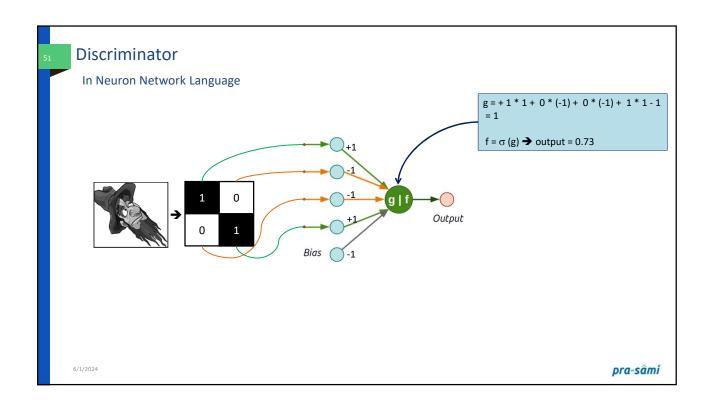


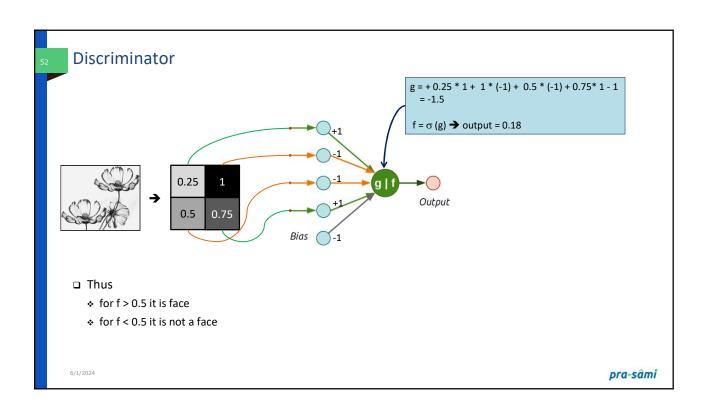


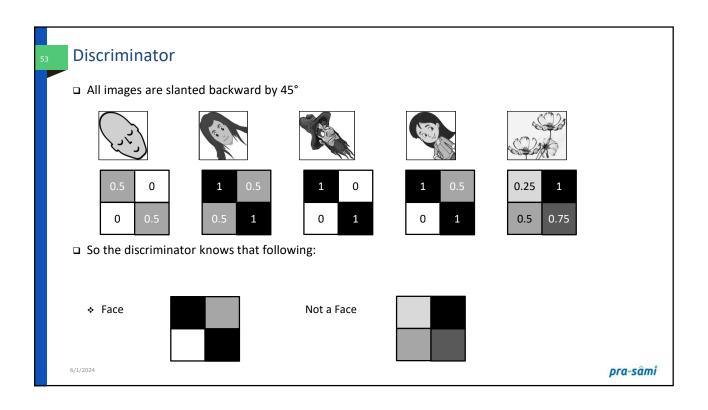


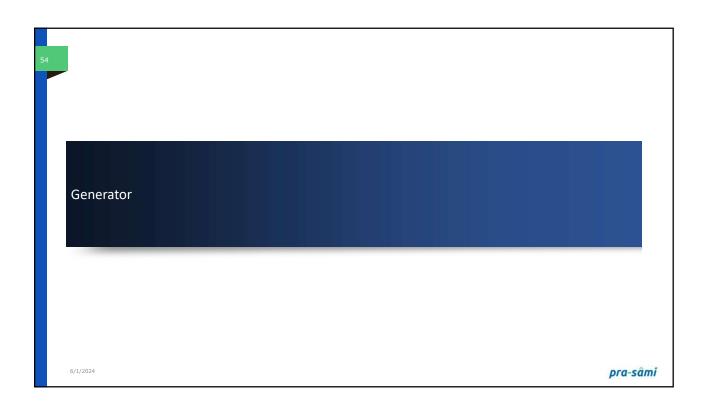


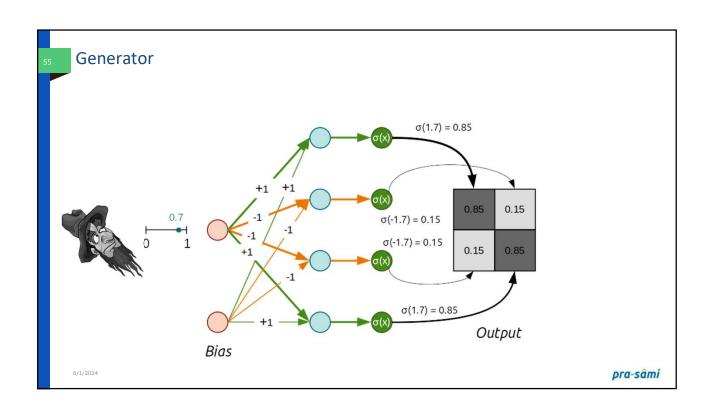


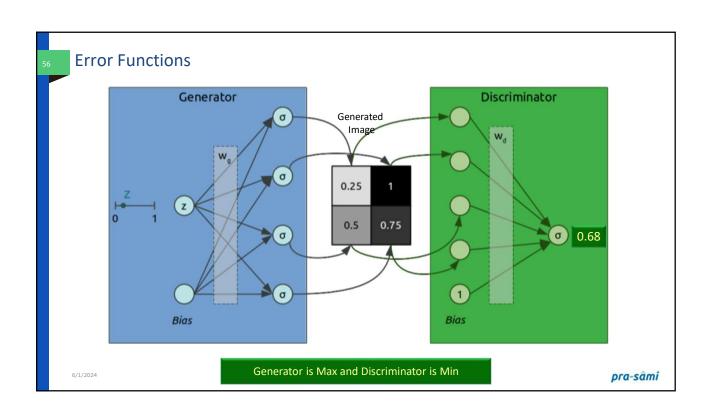




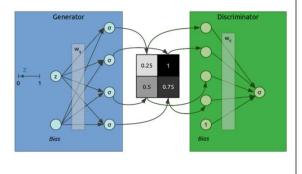








Error Functions



- ☐ Generator and Discriminators are working against each other
- Discriminator tries to generate label as close to0 as possible (Claiming it is fake)
- Generator tries to generate labels as close to 1 as possible (Claiming it to be an image)
 - Error function = -log(p)

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Error Functions

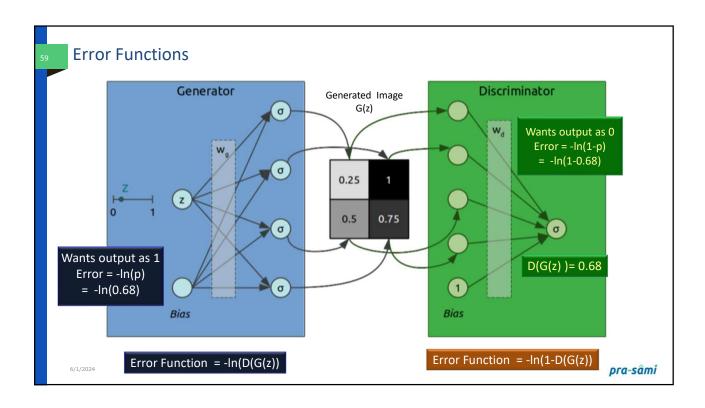
Discriminator

- □ If our value 0 and prediction is 0.1 → error is small
- □ If our value is 0 and prediction is 0.9 → error is large
- □ Consider negative log error
 - ❖ For pred = 0.1; error = In (1- 0.1) = 0.11
 - ❖ For pred = 0.9 error = In (1-0.9) = 2.30
- ☐ Thus our error function is:
 - In (1-pred)

Generator

- □ If our value 1 and prediction is 0.1→ error is large
- □ If our value is 1 and prediction is 0.9 → error is small
- □ Consider negative log error
 - ❖ For pred = 0.1; error = In (0.1) = 2.30
 - ❖ For pred = 0.9 error = In (0.9) = 0.1
- □ Thus our error function is:
 - In (pred)

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Three Reasons that it's a Miracle GANs Work

- □ G has a reinforcement learning task
 - * It knows when it does good (i.e., fools D) but it is not given a supervised signal
 - * Reinforcement learning is hard
 - Back prop through D provides G with a supervised signal; the better D is, the better this signal will be
- □ Can't describe optimum via a single loss
 - Will there be an equilibrium?
- □ D is seldom fooled
 - * But G still learns because it gets a gradient telling it how to change in order to do better the next round.

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Training GANs: Two-player game

- □ Generator network: try to fool the discriminator by generating real-looking images
- □ Discriminator network: try to distinguish between real and fake images
- □ Train jointly in MiniMax game
- MiniMax objective function:

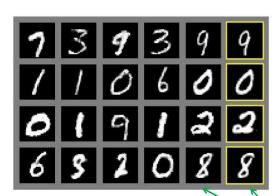
$$\min_{\theta_g} \max_{\theta_d} \left[E_{x \sim pdata} \log D_{\theta_d}(x) + E_{z \sim p(z)} \log (1 - D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_d}(z))) \right]$$

- □ Discriminator outputs likelihood in (0,1) of real image
- \Box Discriminator (θ_d) wants to maximize objective such that D(x) is close to 1 (real) and D(G(z)) is close to 0 (fake)
- $\, \square \,$ Generator (θ_g) wants to minimize objective such that D(G(z)) is close to 1
 - ❖ Discriminator is fooled into thinking generated G(z) is real

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Generative Adversarial Nets





Nearest neighbor from training set

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Reflect...

- □ Which of the following are key components of a Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)?
 - a. Generator
 - b. Discriminator
 - c. Classifier
 - d. Loss function
- □ Answer: a, b, d
- Select the statements that correctly describe the training process of a GAN.
 - a. The generator aims to produce data that is indistinguishable from real data.
 - b. The discriminator provides feedback to the generator about the generated samples.
 - c. GANs are trained using supervised learning techniques.
 - d. The loss function for GANs involves both a generator loss and a discriminator loss.
- ☐ Answer: a, b, d

- Which applications can benefit from the use of Generative Adversarial Networks?
- a. Image generation
- b. Style transfer
- c. Text summarization
- s. Speech recognition
- □ Answer: a, b, d
- □ What is the purpose of the generator in a GAN?
 - a. To discriminate between real and fake data.
 - b. To generate synthetic data.
 - c. To evaluate the quality of generated samples.
 - d. To provide feedback to the discriminator.
- □ Answer: b

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Reflect...

- Choose the correct statements regarding the mode collapse phenomenon in GANs.
 - Mode collapse occurs when the generator produces diverse samples covering the entire data distribution.
 - b. Mode collapse happens when the generator focuses on generating only a limited set of samples.
 - c. Mode collapse is a desired behavior in GAN training.
 - d. Mode collapse is related to the overfitting of the discriminator.
- Answer: b
- Which regularization techniques are commonly used to stabilize GAN training?
 - a. Dropout
 - b. Batch normalization
 - c. L1 regularization
 - d. Gradient clipping
- □ Answer: a, b, d

- Select the statements that correctly describe the challenges associated with training Generative Adversarial Networks.
 - a. GANs may suffer from mode collapse.
 - b. Training GANs can be unstable.
 - c. GANs always converge to a globally optimal solution.
 - GANs require a large amount of labeled training data.
- ☐ Answer: a, b
- □ What is the role of the discriminator in a GAN?
 - a. To generate synthetic data.
 - b. To evaluate the quality of generated samples.
 - c. To provide feedback to the generator.
 - d. To discriminate between real and fake data.
- Answer: d

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