

# Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

## Conceptual Overview

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# Outline

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# Why Generative Models?

- Discriminative models classify data.
- Generative models create new data.
- Applications: image synthesis, data augmentation, creative AI.

# Why Is It Hard?

- Complex high-dimensional distributions.
- Likelihood often intractable.
- Traditional methods require complex sampling.

# Learning by Competition

- Generator produces fake samples.
- Discriminator detects real vs fake.
- Both improve through competition.

# Generator and Discriminator

## Generator

Input: random noise

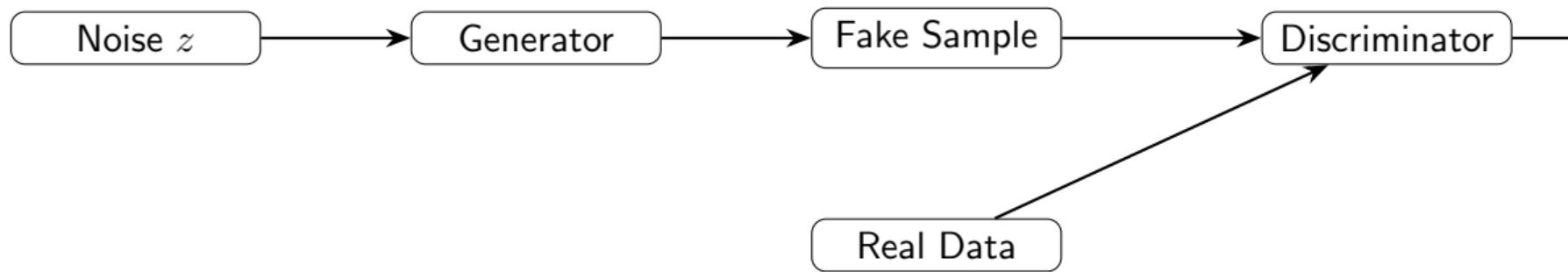
Output: synthetic data

## Discriminator

Input: real or fake sample

Output: probability of being real

# GAN Architecture Diagram



# Training Procedure

- ① Train discriminator on real and fake data.
- ② Train generator to fool discriminator.
- ③ Repeat until convergence.

# Minimax Objective

$$\min_G \max_D V(D, G)$$

# Advantages

- Sharp realistic samples.
- No explicit likelihood required.
- Fast sampling via forward pass.

# Limitations

- Training instability.
- Mode collapse.
- Hyperparameter sensitivity.

# Real-World Applications

- Image generation.
- Super-resolution.
- Image-to-image translation.
- Data augmentation.

# Popular Variants

- DCGAN
- Conditional GAN
- WGAN
- StyleGAN

# Questions?