# 10707 Deep Learning: Spring 2020

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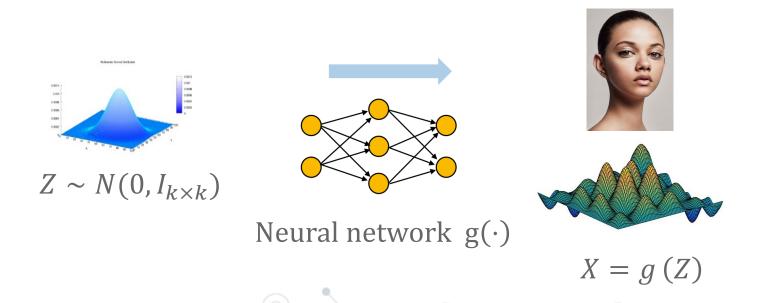
#### Lecture 17:

Generative adversarial networks
Part II: Statistical Issues surrounding GANs

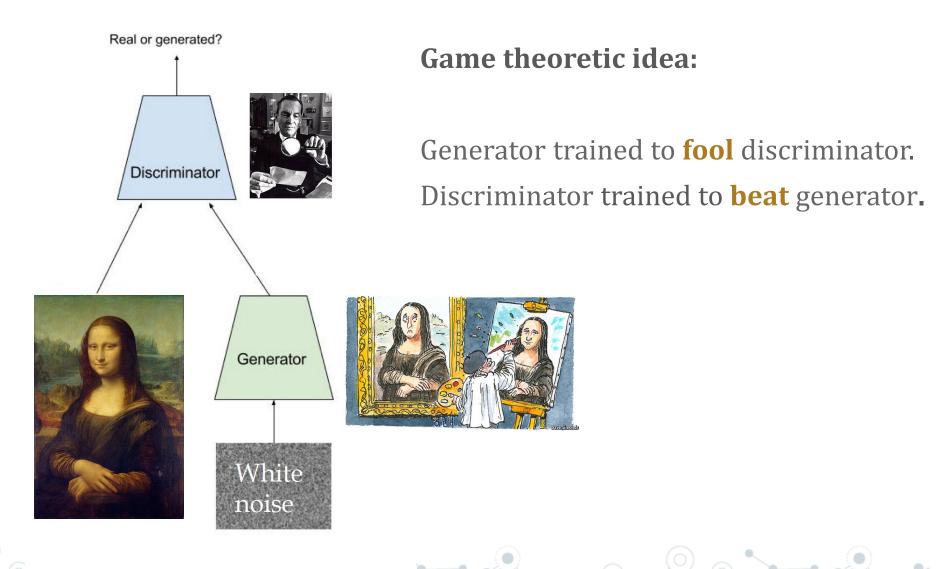
## The GAN paradigm (Goodfellow et al. '14)

**Goal**: **Learn** a distribution close to some distribution we have few samples from. (Additionally, we will be able to sample efficiently from distribution.)

<u>Approach</u>: Fit distribution  $P_g$  parametrized by neural network g



## The GAN paradigm (Goodfellow et al. '14)



#### W-GAN formalization (Arjovsky et al. '17)

#### Min-max problem:

- $\$  Samples from image distr.  $P_{real}$ . Unif. distribution over samples:  $P_{samples}$
- $\ \ \, \ \, \ \, \ \, P_g$  generator distribution:  $Z \sim N(0,I) \rightarrow g(Z)$

#### **Training loss:**

$$\min_{g \in G} \max_{f \in F} \left| \mathbb{E}_{P_g}[f] - \mathbb{E}_{P_{\text{samples}}}[f] \right|$$

Difference of expectation of f on **samples vs generated** images



## Examples of distances $d_F$

$$\max_{f \in F} \left| \mathbb{E}_{P_g}[f] - \mathbb{E}_{P_{\text{samples}}}[f] \right|$$

$$d_F(P_{\text{samples}}, P_g)$$

$$F = \{f : |f|_{\infty} \le 1\}$$
: Total variation distance

Measures differences of bounded functions

Absolute value can be removed (-f is Lip if f is Lip)

 $F = \{f : \text{Lip}(f) \le 1\} : \mathbf{W_1}$  (Wasserstein, earthmover) distance

Measures differences of 1-Lipschitz functions

#### What affects our choice of F?

**Statistical considerations**: very powerful discriminators (e.g. large neural networks) will require a lot of samples. Weak discriminators will specify a very weak metric: very "different" distributions will look very "similar" to metric.

Our understanding here is much better.

**Algorithmic considerations**: if discriminators are very powerful, gradient information for generator is too weak and can vanish. If they are too weak – metric is weak.

Our understanding of training dynamics is very poor.

## Statistical questions



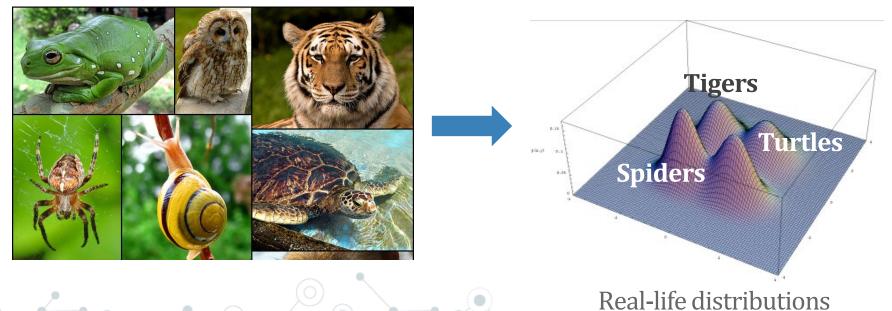
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Small (weak) discriminators ⇒ mode collapse:

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Happens for any  $P_{real}$ 

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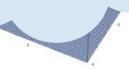
Not memorization!
More training samples
don't help.





Discriminators too

weak:  $\mathbf{d_F}$  cannot distinguish between small-support distr. and  $P_{real}$ .



Real-life distributions have large support!



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$$\forall f \in F : |\mathbb{E}_{P_{gene/rator}} f - \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f| \leq \epsilon$$

In the **model parameters**:

$$\forall x: \left| f_{\theta}(x) - f_{\widehat{\theta}}(x) \right| \le L \left| \left| \theta - \widehat{\theta} \right| \right|_{2}$$

Can grow to infinity

Unit ball

#### Weak discriminators $\Rightarrow$ mode collapse

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**Proof:** Let  $P_{generator}$  be a distribution over N random samples from  $P_{real}$ .

Consider a **fixed**  $f \in F$ . By **Chernoff's inequality**, with we have:

$$\Pr\left[\left|\mathbb{E}_{P_{real}}f - \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}}f\right| \ge \frac{\epsilon}{4}\right] \le 2\exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon^2 N}{2}\right)$$

We will perform a union bound, along with an epsilon net argument.

Why can't we immediately do a union bound? F is not discrete!

#### **Epsilon** nets

How many "mostly different" neural nets are there?



**Def**: An  $\epsilon$  —net for  $\Theta$  is a set  $\Theta_{\epsilon}$  s.t.

for every  $\theta \in F$ ,  $\exists \hat{\theta} \in \Theta_{\epsilon}$ :  $\left| \left| \theta - \hat{\theta} \right| \right|_{2} \le \epsilon$ 

**Easy construction**: there exists an  $\epsilon$  —net of the m-dim unit ball w/ size  $O\left(\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)^m\right)$  (Intuitive: the volume of a  $\epsilon$ -radius ball is  $\sim \epsilon^m$ )

Why is this useful? By *Lipschitzness*, if we have two discriminators  $f_{\theta}$ ,  $f_{\widehat{\theta}}$ 

$$\forall x: \left| f_{\theta}(x) - f_{\widehat{\theta}}(x) \right| \le L \epsilon$$

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Consider an  $\frac{\epsilon}{4L}$  – net of F, which has size  $\exp\left(O\left(m\log\left(\frac{L}{\epsilon}\right)\right)\right)$ .

Since  $N \ge c \frac{m \log\left(\frac{Lm}{\epsilon}\right)}{\epsilon^2}$ , the probability on the RHS is bounded by  $2 \exp\left(-\frac{cm \log\left(\frac{Lm}{\epsilon}\right)}{2}\right)$ 

Thus, **union bounding** over the  $\frac{\epsilon}{4L}$  – net, we have, for a sufficiently large c, that

$$\forall \theta \in \Theta_{\frac{\epsilon}{4L}} \colon \Pr\left[ \left| \mathbb{E}_{P_{real}} f_{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\theta} \right| \ge \frac{\epsilon}{4} \right] \le \exp(-m)$$

#### Weak discriminators $\Rightarrow$ mode collapse

$$\left(\forall \theta \in \Theta_{\frac{\epsilon}{4L}} \colon \Pr\left[\left|\mathbb{E}_{P_{real}} f_{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\theta}\right| \ge \frac{\epsilon}{4}\right] \le \exp(-m)\right)$$

By **exactly** the same argument, we have

$$\forall \theta \in \Theta_{\frac{\epsilon}{4L}} \colon \Pr\left[ \left| \mathbb{E}_{P_{real}} f_{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f_{\theta} \right| \ge \frac{\epsilon}{4} \right] \le \exp(-m)$$

Since 
$$\left| \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f_{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\theta} \right| =$$

$$\left| \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f_{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{real}} f_{\theta} + \mathbb{E}_{P_{real}} f_{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\theta} \right| \leq$$

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Consider any  $\theta \in \Theta$ . By the definition of an  $\frac{\epsilon}{4L}$ -net, there exists a  $\hat{\theta} \in \Theta_{\frac{\epsilon}{4L}}$ , s.t.

 $\forall x: |f_{\theta}(x) - f_{\widehat{\theta}}(x)| \le \epsilon/4$ . Hence,

$$\left| \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f_{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\theta} \right|$$

$$= \left| \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f_{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f_{\widehat{\theta}} + \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f_{\widehat{\theta}} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\widehat{\theta}} + \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\widehat{\theta}} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\theta} \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f_{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f_{\widehat{\theta}} \right| + \left| \mathbb{E}_{P_{samples}} f_{\widehat{\theta}} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\widehat{\theta}} \right| + \left| \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\widehat{\theta}} - \mathbb{E}_{P_{generator}} f_{\widehat{\theta}} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{\epsilon}{4} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{4} = \epsilon$$

Which is indeed what we want.

## <u>Tension</u>: strength of discriminators

Large discriminators  $\Rightarrow$  poor generalization:

Loss with small # samples differs a lot from loss with infinite # samples.

$$d_F(P_{samples}, P_g) \approx d_F(P_{real}, P_g)$$

This is a problem even for distributions as simple as a standard Gaussian!

For instance, if  $P_{real}$  is a standard d-dimensional Gaussian, with any poly(d) number of samples, with high probability  $W_1(P_{samples}, P_{real}) \ge 1.1$ 

(Like sampling random pts on the unit sphere: in high dimensions they will be far away with high probability)

In other words, the class of all Lipschitz function is too large!!!

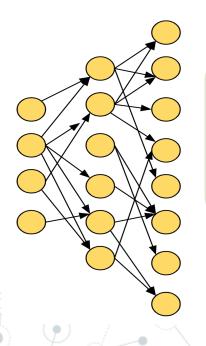


## Sweet spot for <u>natural distributions</u>

Let  $P_{real}$  itself be generated by neural net.  $(P_{real} = P_g, g \in G)$ 

Let G = { 1-to-1 neural networks of bounded size }

Design **small** discriminators F w/ good distinguishing power.



- She Less general than arbitrary neural-net generators
- Shallows data to lie on low-dim. manifold.

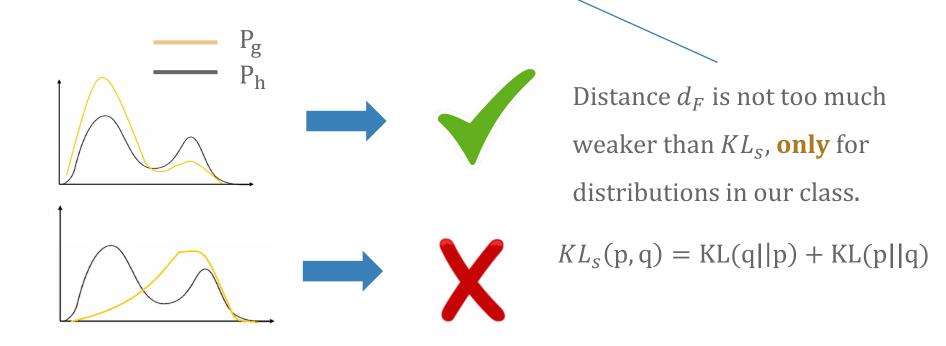




#### Distinguishing power

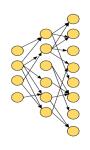
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$$G$$
, if:  $\forall g, h \in G : d_F(P_g, P_h) \gtrsim KL_s(P_g, P_h)$ 



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# Neural nets of <u>slightly larger</u> depth/size than generators. (Suggestion for practice!)



Thm (Bai-Ma-Risteski luntary: Small discriminators F with distinguishing power for  $G = \{1-to-1 \text{ neural nets} \text{ of bdd size}\}$  exist.

So, if  $P_{real}$  generated by 1-to-1 neural net with **d** params,

w/**poly(d)** samples, 
$$d_F(P_{samples}, P_g) \le \epsilon \Rightarrow KL_s(P_{real}, P_g) \le O(\epsilon)$$

Training was successful

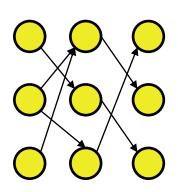
True distribution learned.



## Natural distributions: more formally

Let  $P_{real}$  itself be generated by neural net.  $(P_{real} = P_g, g \in G)$ 

Let G be the set of neural networks  $\mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$  that are:



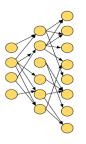
Parametrized by weight matrices  $W_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ , biases  $b_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ 

**Invertible**: all  $W_i$  are *full-rank*, non-linearity  $\sigma$  is *invertible* and differentiable.

Number of layers is l. (Size is clearly bdd by  $l d^2$ )



#### Main result



**Thm** (Bai-Ma-Risteski ICLR'19): Let  $P_{real}$  generated by 1-to-1 neural net with depth bounded by l and invertible, differentiable activation. Let F be the set of neural networks of depth l+1, size  $O(l \ d^2)$  activations  $\sigma^{-1}$ ,  $(\cdot)^2$ ,  $\log \ (\sigma^{-1})'$ .

Then, if we have  $N \ge poly(d, l, 1/\epsilon)$  training samples,

$$d_F(P_{samples}, P_g) \le \epsilon \Rightarrow KL_S(P_{real}, P_g) \le O(\epsilon)$$

$$=KL(p||q) + KL(q||p)$$

#### Distinguishing power: main idea

Discriminators F have **distinguishing power** against generators G,

if: 
$$\forall g, h \in G : d_F(P_g, P_h) \gtrsim KL_s(P_g, P_h)$$

**Claim**: if F is chosen as the set of neural networks of depth l+1, size  $O(l \ d^2)$  activations  $\sigma^{-1}$ ,  $(\cdot)^2$ ,  $\log \ (\sigma^{-1})'$ , then F has distinguishing power against G.

#### Distinguishing power

What does this buy us?

Remember, small training error means  $d_F(P_{samples}, P_g)$  is small.

Since the neural networks in F are bounded in size (i.e. the capacity of the class is bounded): one can use similar techniques as the ones we saw in the section on generalization to show that if we have N training samples

$$d_F(P_{\text{samples}}, P_g) = d_F(P_{\text{real}}, P_g) \pm \frac{poly(d)}{N}$$

Taking 
$$N \ge poly\left(d, \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$$
,  $\left|d_F\left(P_{\text{samples}}, P_{\text{g}}\right) - d_F\left(P_{\text{real}}, P_{\text{g}}\right)\right| \le \epsilon$ 

But, by what we showed, we also have  $d_F(P_{real}, P_g) \ge KL_s(P_{real}, P_g)$ . Hence:

$$KL_s(P_{\text{real}}, P_g) \le d_F(P_{\text{real}}, P_g) + \epsilon$$

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**Proof**: Remember that  $d_F(P_g, P_h) = \max_{f \in F} |\mathbb{E}_{P_g} f - \mathbb{E}_{P_h} f|$ 

On the other hand, we also have  $KL_s(P_g, P_h) = KL(P_g||P_h) + KL(P_h||P_g)$ =  $\mathbb{E}_{P_g}(\log P_g - \log P_h) - \mathbb{E}_{P_h}(\log P_g - \log P_h)$ 

Suppose it were the case that  $\log P_g - \log P_h \in F$ : then, we'd have

$$\max_{f \in F} |\mathbb{E}_{P_g} f - \mathbb{E}_{P_h} f| \ge |\mathbb{E}_{P_g} (\log P_g - \log P_h) - \mathbb{E}_{P_h} (\log P_g - \log P_h)| \ge K L_s (P_g, P_h)$$

#### Distinguishing power: the density

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if: 
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So, it suffices to show that  $\forall g, h: \log P_g - \log P_h \in F$ 

First, notice that if x = g(z), then (inverting one layer at a time):

$$z = W_1^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(W_2^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(\dots \sigma^{-1}(W_l^{-1}(x - b_l) - \dots) - b_2) - b_1)$$

Invert one layer

Let us denote the map above by  $g^{-1}$ . Let us denote by  $\phi(z)$  the density of z under the standard Gaussian. Then, by the change of variables formula:

$$P_g(x) = \phi(g^{-1}(x)) |\det(J_x(g^{-1}(x)))|$$

$$Iacobian wrt x$$

#### Distinguishing power: the density

So, 
$$\log P_g(x) = \log \phi(g^{-1}(x)) + \log |\det(J_x(g^{-1}(x)))|$$

Consider the first term:  $g^{-1}(x)$  is a neural network of depth l, size  $O(l d^2)$  and activations  $\sigma^{-1}$ .

As 
$$\phi(g^{-1}(x)) = Z + \exp(-||g^{-1}(x)||^2)$$
, we have  $\log \phi(g^{-1}(x)) = -||g^{-1}(x)||^2$ 
$$||g^{-1}(x)||^2 = \sum_i (g_i^{-1}(x))^2$$

Hence,  $\phi(g^{-1}(x))$  can be represented by an extra layer on top of  $g^{-1}(x)$  with activation  $(\cdot)^2$ .



#### Distinguishing power: the Jacobian

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Let us denote:  $h_l = W_l^{-1}(x - b_l)$ ,  $h_{l-1} = W_{l-1}^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(h_l) - b_l)$ , etc.

Claim: 
$$J_{x}(g^{-1}(x)) = W_{1}^{-1} diag((\sigma^{-1})'(h_{2}))W_{2}^{-1} ... W_{l-1}^{-1} diag((\sigma^{-1})'(h_{l}))W_{l}^{-1}$$

**Pf**: As a simple special case: 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \sigma^{-1} \left( W_l^{-1} (x - b_l) \right)_i = (\sigma^{-1})'(h_l) \left( W_l^{-1} \right)_{ij}$$

Writing it as a matrix: 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sigma^{-1} \left( W_l^{-1} (x - b_l) \right) = W_l^{-1} \operatorname{diag}((\sigma^{-1})'(h_l))$$

The claim follows by a similar calculation and the chain rule.

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Since det(AB) = det(A) det(B), we have

$$\log \det (J_{x}(g^{-1}(x))) = C + \sum_{k=1}^{l} \sum_{i=1}^{d} \log (\sigma^{-1})'(h_{k})_{i}$$

Which clearly is expressible as a l-layer neural net with size  $O(ld^2)$  and activations  $\log (\sigma^{-1})'$ .

Altogether, we get that  $\forall g \in G$ ,  $\log P_g \in F$ , from which we get  $\forall g, h$ :  $\log P_g - \log P_h \in F$ 

Hence,  $d_F(P_g, P_h) \ge JS(P_g, P_h)$ , i. e. F has distinguishing power wrt to F.