

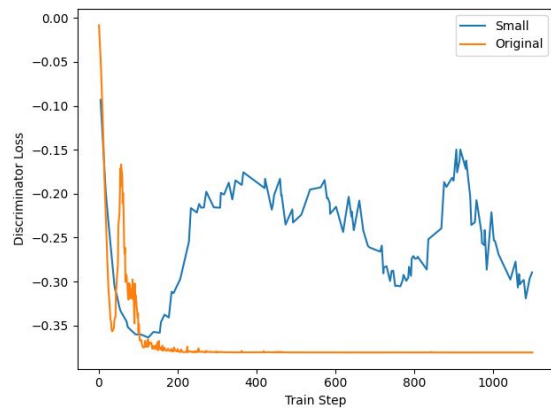
f-GAN

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Changes to vanilla GAN

- To have a functioning baseline, we make simple modifications to the GAN:
 - 4 -> 2 layers
 - Sigmoid instead of tanh (accordingly, no preprocessing of MNIST)
- Without these changes, either vanishing gradients or instability:

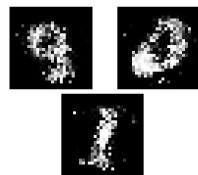
Original model x Small model:



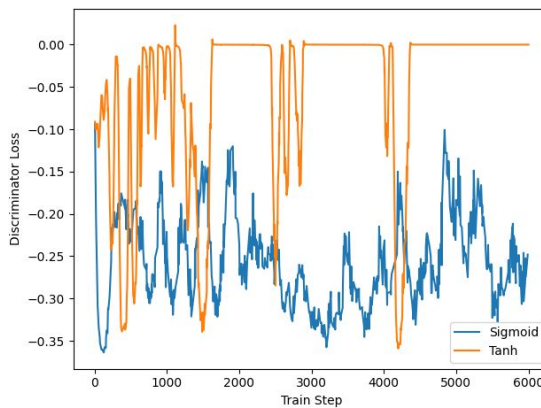
Original Generations



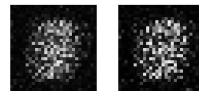
Small Model Generations



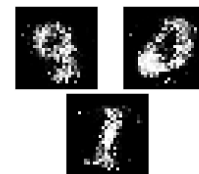
Small model with tanh x Small model with sigmoid:



Original Generations



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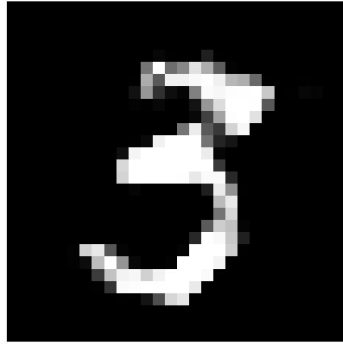
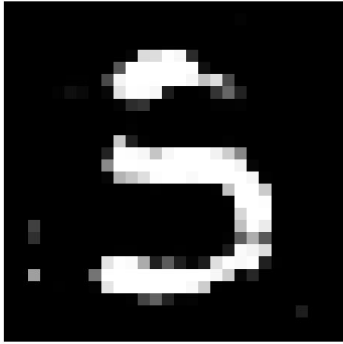
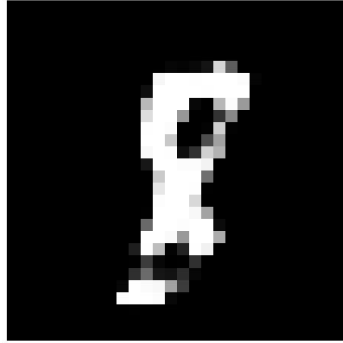
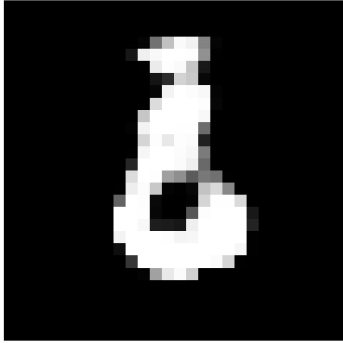
Also explored: W-GAN

Overview

- Uses Earth-Mover (Wassertein-1) distance for model and target distributions.
- Addresses Training instability and mode collapse in standard GANs.
- Network: Generator + Discriminator with Lipschitz constraint.

Does indeed produce high quality samples, but not so much variability:

W-GAN generations



FID: 96.83
Precision: 0.6
Recall: 0.06

f-GAN

Overview

- Extends GANs to a larger class of f-divergence functions.
- Flexibility in choosing divergence functions based on training complexity.
- Network: Generative Model (Q) + Variational Function (T).

- Different divergences: Total Variation, Forward Kullback-Leibler, Reverse Kullback-Leibler, Pearson, Hellinger, and Jensen shannon.

f-GAN

GANs are special cases of a Variational Divergence Minimization framework:

1. For a given f-divergence, $D_f(P\|Q) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} q(x) f\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) dx$,
2. One can use the convex conjugate of f, noted f^* , to rewrite D_f as:

$$\sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} (\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [T(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q} [f^*(T(x))])$$

3. From this formulation we can derive the objective function:

$$F(\theta, \omega) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [T_{\omega}(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q_{\theta}} [f^*(T_{\omega}(x))].$$

4. We train the discriminator T_{ω} to maximize the objective and the generator Q_{θ} to minimize it.

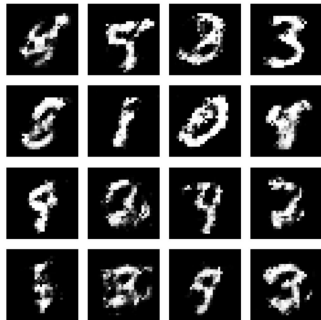
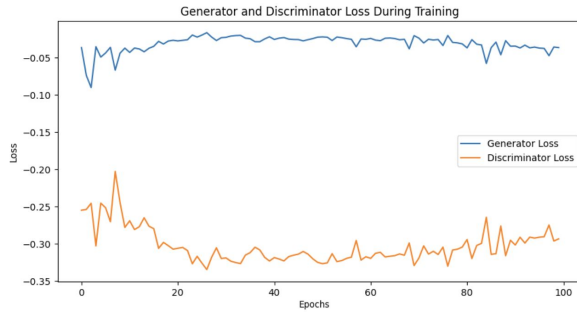
f-GAN

f-divergences functions

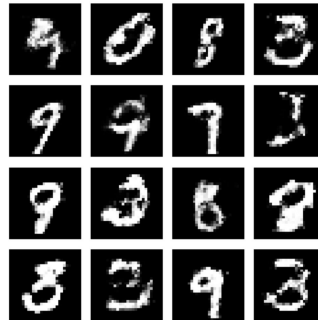
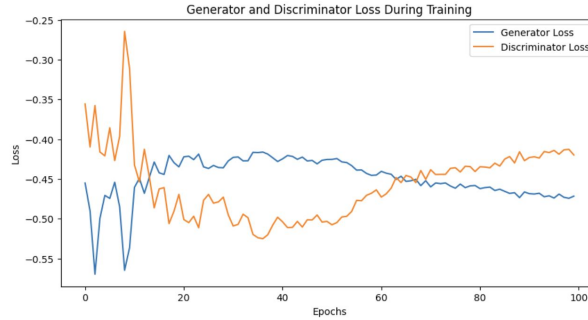
Name	$D_f(P Q)$	Generator $f(u)$	$T^*(x)$
Total variation	$\frac{1}{2} \int p(x) - q(x) \, dx$	$\frac{1}{2} u - 1 $	$\frac{1}{2} \text{sign}(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} - 1)$
Kullback-Leibler	$\int p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \, dx$	$u \log u$	$1 + \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$
Reverse Kullback-Leibler	$\int q(x) \log \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \, dx$	$-\log u$	$-\frac{q(x)}{p(x)}$
Pearson χ^2	$\int \frac{(q(x)-p(x))^2}{p(x)} \, dx$	$(u - 1)^2$	$2(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} - 1)$
Neyman χ^2	$\int \frac{(p(x)-q(x))^2}{q(x)} \, dx$	$\frac{(1-u)^2}{u}$	$1 - [\frac{q(x)}{p(x)}]^2$
Squared Hellinger	$\int (\sqrt{p(x)} - \sqrt{q(x)})^2 \, dx$	$(\sqrt{u} - 1)^2$	$(\sqrt{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} - 1) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{q(x)}{p(x)}}$
Jeffrey	$\int (p(x) - q(x)) \log \left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \, dx$	$(u - 1) \log u$	$1 + \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} - \frac{q(x)}{p(x)}$
Jensen-Shannon	$\frac{1}{2} \int p(x) \log \frac{2p(x)}{p(x)+q(x)} + q(x) \log \frac{2q(x)}{p(x)+q(x)} \, dx$	$-(u + 1) \log \frac{1+u}{2} + u \log u$	$\log \frac{2p(x)}{p(x)+q(x)}$
Jensen-Shannon-weighted	$\int p(x) \pi \log \frac{p(x)}{\pi p(x) + (1-\pi)q(x)} + (1-\pi)q(x) \log \frac{q(x)}{\pi p(x) + (1-\pi)q(x)} \, dx$	$\pi u \log u - (1-\pi + \pi u) \log(1-\pi + \pi u)$	$\pi \log \frac{p(x)}{(1-\pi)q(x) + \pi p(x)}$
GAN	$\int p(x) \log \frac{2p(x)}{p(x)+q(x)} + q(x) \log \frac{2q(x)}{p(x)+q(x)} \, dx - \log(4)$	$u \log u - (u + 1) \log(u + 1)$	$\log \frac{p(x)}{p(x)+q(x)}$
α -divergence ($\alpha \notin \{0, 1\}$)	$\frac{1}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} \int \left(p(x) \left[\left(\frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \right)^\alpha - 1 \right] - \alpha(q(x) - p(x)) \right) \, dx$	$\frac{1}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} (u^\alpha - 1 - \alpha(u - 1))$	$\frac{1}{\alpha-1} \left[\left[\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right]^{\alpha-1} - 1 \right]$

f-GAN generations

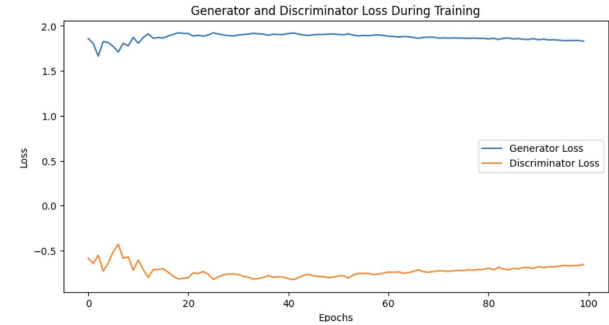
total variation:



forward kl:

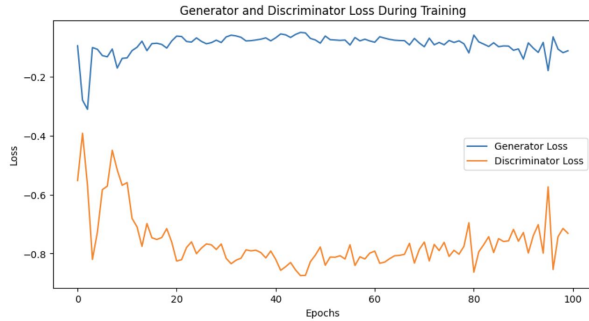


reverse kl:

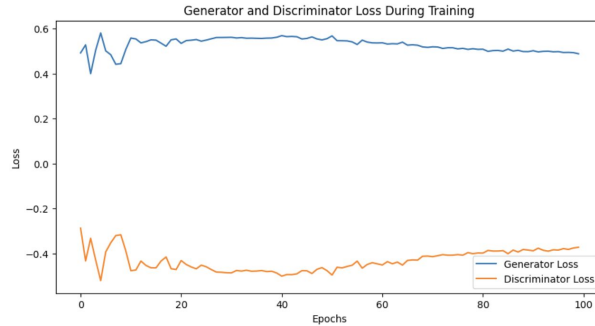


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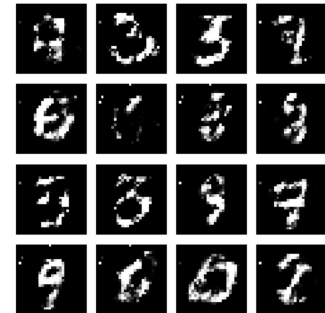
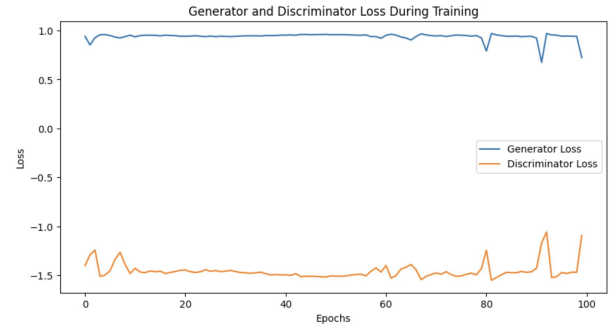
pearson:



hellinger:

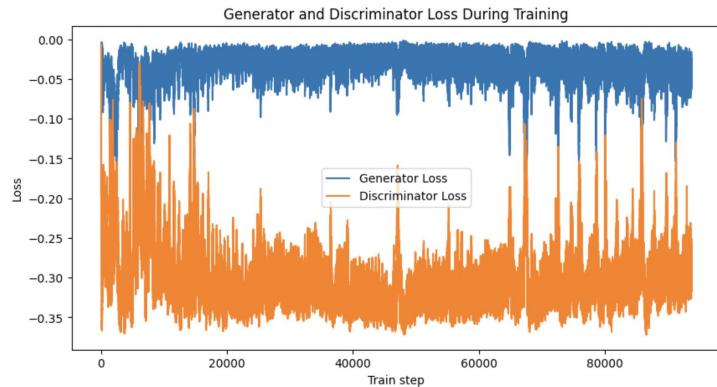


jensen shannon:

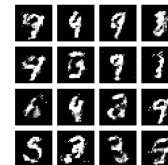
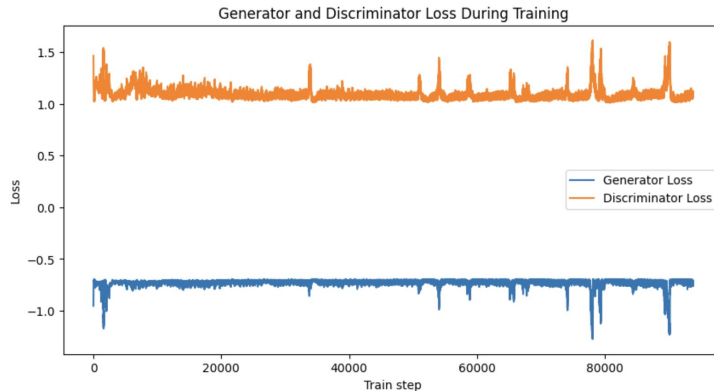


Comparison

- Stability of Training: f-GANs can be more stable than Vanilla GANs
- Speed of Convergence



f-divergence: total variation



Going further: PR control

- How to control the trade-off between precision and recall?
- Vérine et al. (2023) proposes PR divergence: $f_{\lambda}(u) = \max(\lambda u, 1) - \max(\lambda, 1)$



Higher λ gives more precision, less recall



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