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Generative Models

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A Recap

1. Feed-forward neural networks
2. How we train neural networks
3. Convolutional neural networks



What will be covered today

1. Generative vs. Discriminative Models
2. Autoencoders - high level
3. Generative Adversarial Models (GANs)
4. Training GANs





Generative vs. Discriminative Models

Discriminative Models

- Model learns the decision boundary to discriminate the data
- Estimates:

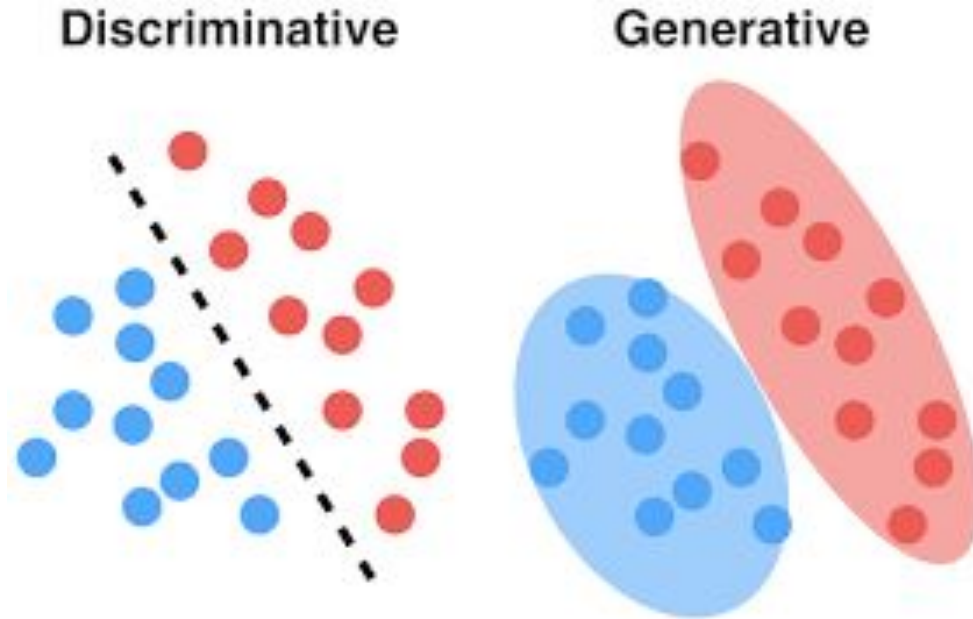
$$P(y|x)$$

Generative Models

- Model learns the probability distribution of the data in order to generate samples from the data.
- Estimates:

$$P(x|y)$$

A Comparison



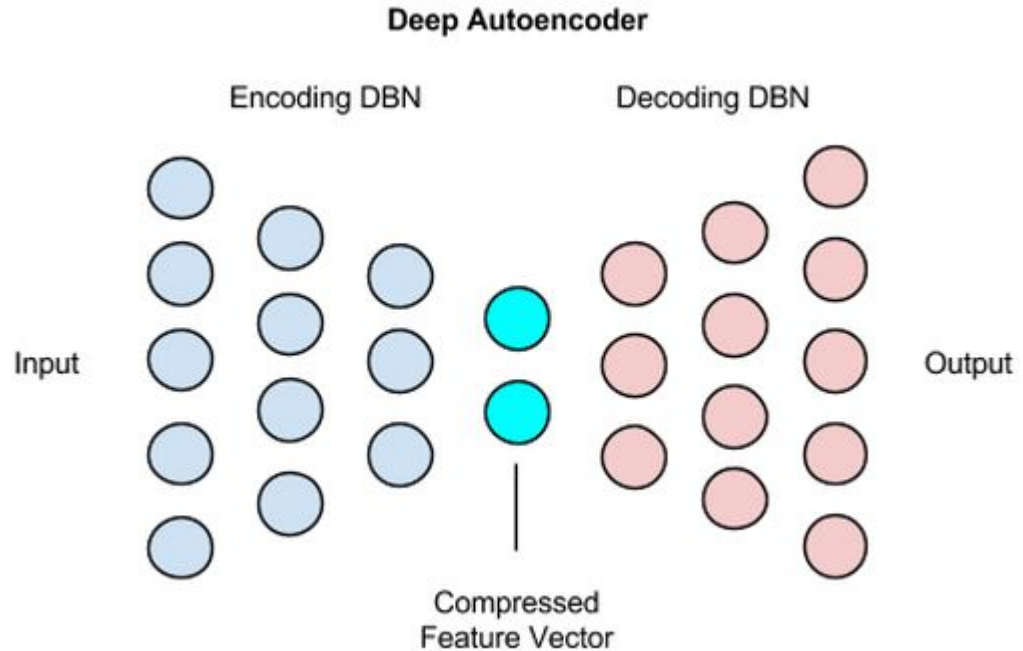


Autoencoders

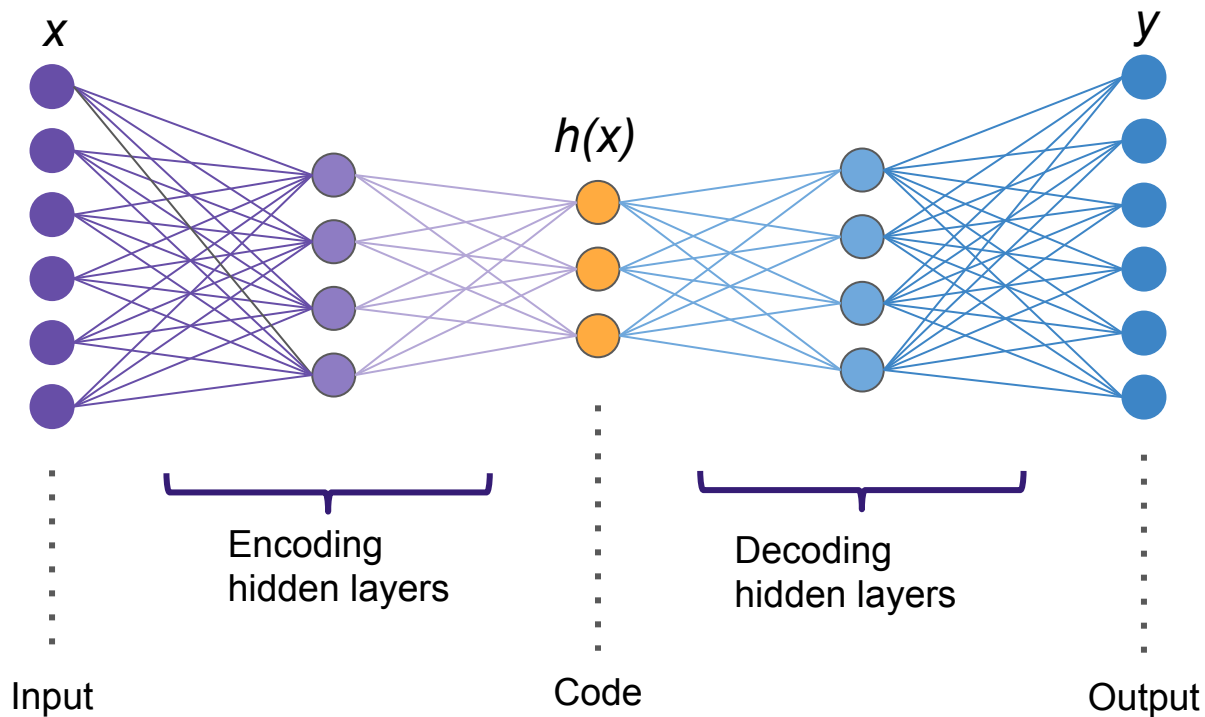
A Generative Model

Autoencoder Intuition

- Introduce a bottle neck that compresses the input into a *latent-space representation*.
- The *encoder* turns the input into the latent-space $h = f(x)$
- The *decoder* reconstruct the input from the latent-space representation $r = g(h)$



Autoencoder Latent Space



Applications of Autoencoders

- Anomaly detection
- Image reconstruction
- Denoising
- Dimensionality reduction

Autoencoders for Image Generation

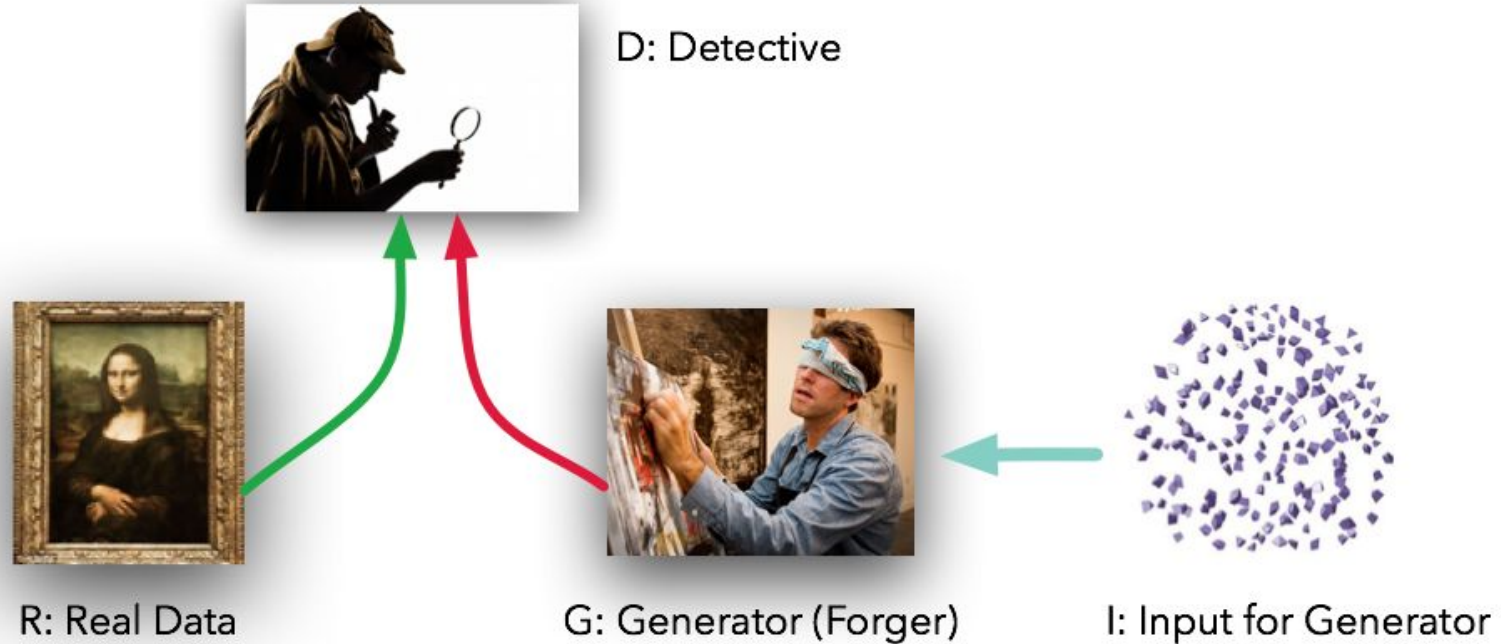


Going Beyond GAN? New DeepMind VAE Model Generates High Fidelity Human Faces

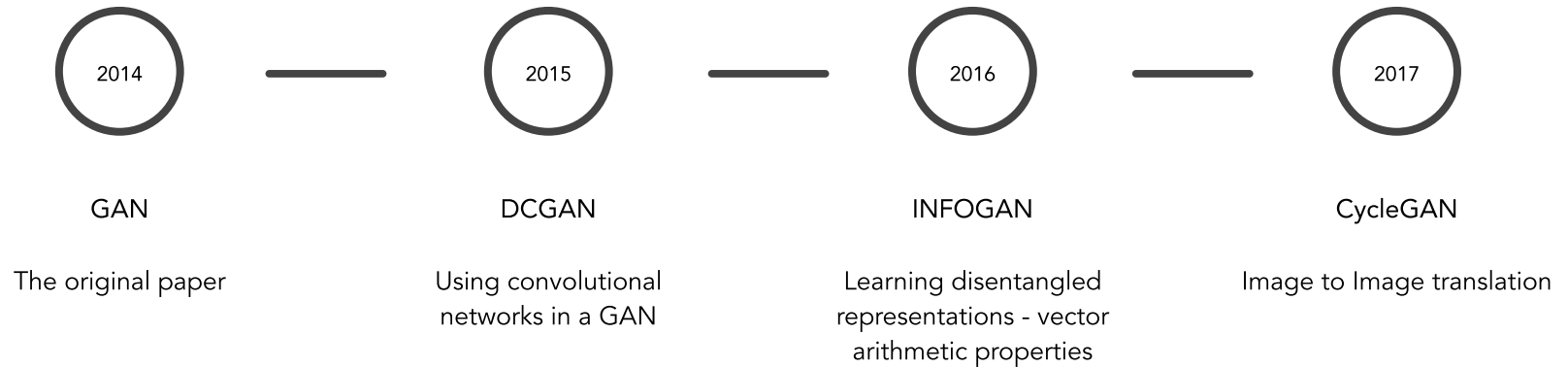


Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

GAN Intuition - What are GANs?

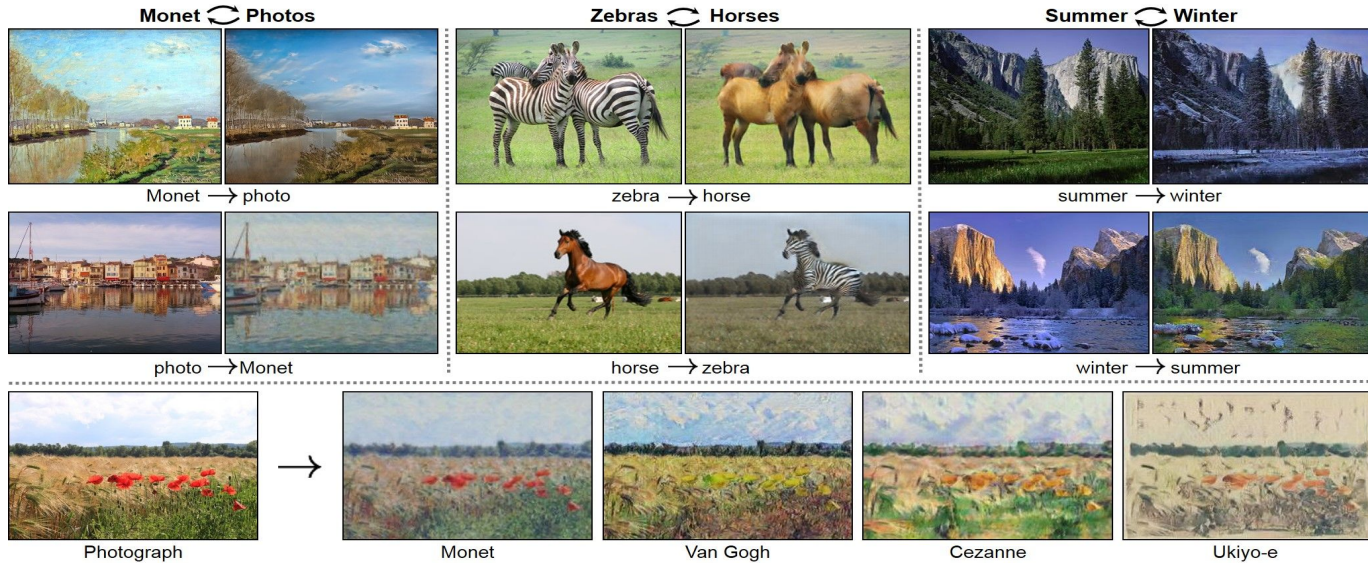


History of GANs



And Many More!

Applications of GANs - Image to Image Translation



<https://github.com/junyanz/CycleGAN>

Applications of GANs - Face Generation



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1710.10196.pdf>

Applications of GANs - Style Transfer



https://www.cv-foundation.org/openaccess/content_cvpr_2016/papers/Gatys_Image_Style_Transfer_CVPR_2016_paper.pdf



How do GANs Work?

Two Opposing Models

The Forger
(The Generator)

The Detective
(The Discriminator)

Some Definitions

\mathbf{x} : space in which examples reside (space that Generator outputs to, and the Discriminator discriminates in)

\mathbf{z} : some space (space that the Generator samples from)

p_g : the distribution in \mathbf{x} of the outputs of the generator

p_{data} : the distribution in \mathbf{x} of the actual data



The Generator - $G(z)$

Generator $G(z)$: Given random input from z , output an example in x

G outputs examples in a distribution p_g in x



The Discriminator - $D(\mathbf{x})$

Discriminator $D(\mathbf{x})$: Given an example in \mathbf{x} , output probability it is a real example

D outputs probability that the example came from p_{data} (the real examples) rather than p_g (the generated examples)



GAN Definition

Goal of Generator: map z to a distribution p_g in \mathbf{x}

- We want p_g to converge to p_{data}

Goal of Discriminator: determine whether \mathbf{x} comes from p_{data} or p_g

- Accuracy of D is $\frac{1}{2}$ when p_g has converged to p_{data}

To motivate this we define a value function:

$$V(D, G) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\log D(\mathbf{x})] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim p_z(\mathbf{z})} [\log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z})))]$$



The Generator's Goal

Create convincing generated examples

- Value function is small when the Discriminator predicts that the generated example is from the data
- G wants to minimize the value function

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{z})} [\underbrace{\log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z})))}_{\text{This is small when } D(G(\mathbf{z})) \text{ is close to 1}}]$$

This is small when $D(G(\mathbf{z}))$ is close to 1
(when the discriminator thinks the
generated example is from the data)

The Discriminator's Goal

Correctly distinguish between real and generated examples

- Discriminator: Value function is large when D predicts that examples from the data are from the data, and examples from the generator are from the generator (i.e. it makes correct predictions)
- D wants to maximize the value function

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\log D(\mathbf{x})] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{z})} [\log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z})))]$$

This is large when $D(\mathbf{x})$ is close to 1
(when the discriminator identifies
the real examples as real)

This is large when $D(G(\mathbf{z}))$ is close to 0
(when the discriminator identifies the
generated example as generated)



GAN Definition

2-player minimax game:

- D tries to correctly classify real examples and generated examples
- G tries to fool D by creating generated examples that are mistaken for real examples

G tries to minimize and D tries to maximize the value function:

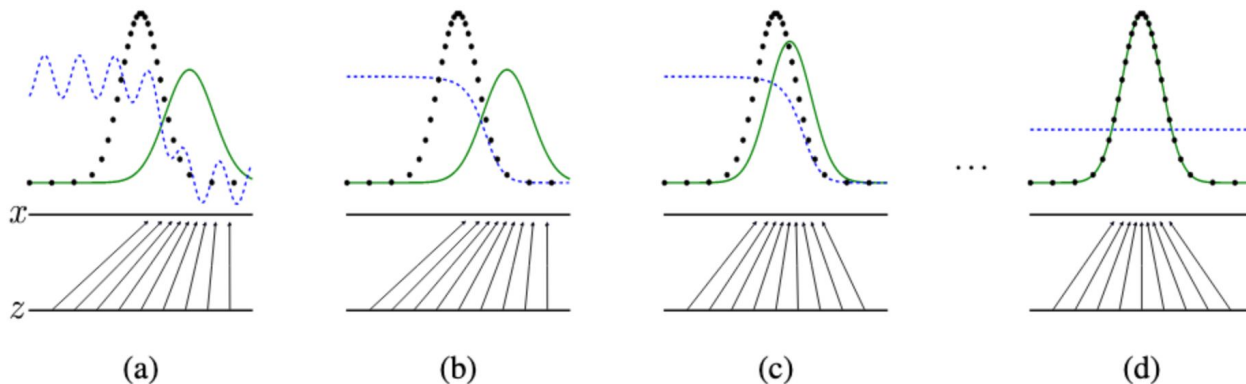
$$\underbrace{\min_G \max_D}_{\text{Minimize over G, maximize over D}} V(D, G) = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\log D(\mathbf{x})]}_{\text{Large when D assigns correct label}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{z})} [\log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z})))]}_{\text{Small when G fools D}}$$



GAN Convergence

- Black: p_{data} (real examples)
- Green: p_g (generated examples)
- Blue: D's prediction

p_g converges to p_{data} , and the D's prediction converges to $\frac{1}{2}$ (can't distinguish between real and generated)





Training GANs

Training GANs - The Algorithm

Algorithm 1 Minibatch stochastic gradient descent training of generative adversarial nets. The number of steps to apply to the discriminator, k , is a hyperparameter. We used $k = 1$, the least expensive option, in our experiments.

for number of training iterations **do**

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- Update the discriminator by ascending its stochastic gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta_d} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[\log D(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + \log \left(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)})) \right) \right].$$

end for

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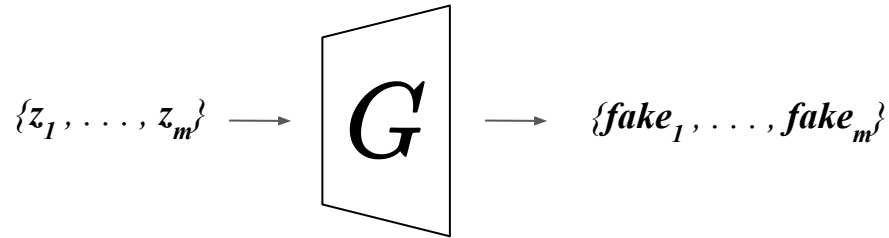
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The Algorithm - Updating the Discriminator

1. Sample minibatch of m noise samples $\{z_1, \dots, z_m\}$ from a random distribution.
2. Then run samples through the generator (G) - to get fake examples

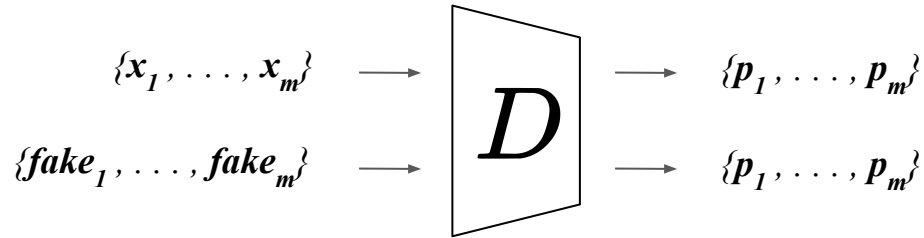


3. Sample minibatch of m examples $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ from the true dataset

Real	Fake
$\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$	$\{fake_1, \dots, fake_m\}$

The Algorithm - Updating the Discriminator

4. Get probability scores for real and fake examples



Real

$\{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$

Fake

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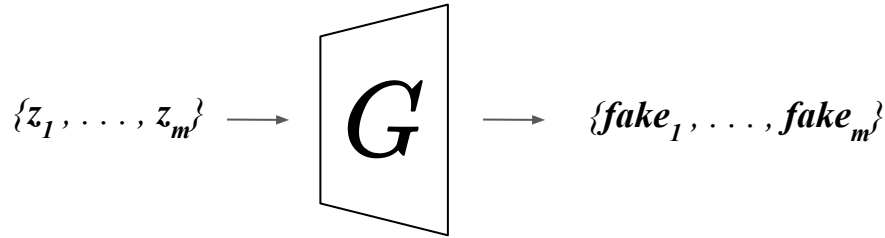
The Algorithm - Updating the Discriminator

5. Use probability scores to update the discriminator's parameters

$$\theta_G := \theta_G - \alpha \cdot \nabla_{\theta_G} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[\log \overbrace{D(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}^{\text{Real } \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}} + \log(1 - \overbrace{D(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)}))}^{\text{Fake } \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}}) \right]$$

The Algorithm - Updating the Generator

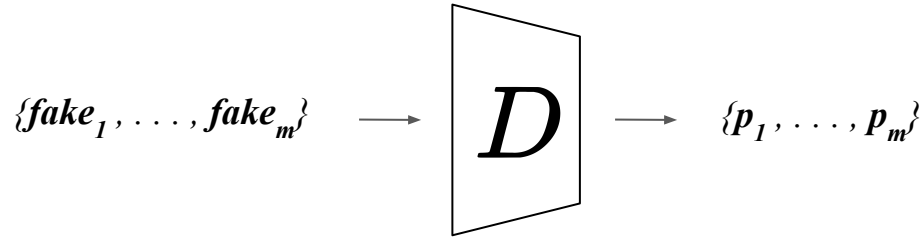
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Fake
 $\{fake_1, \dots, fake_m\}$

The Algorithm - Updating the Generator

8. Get probability scores for new fake examples



Fake
 $\{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$

The Algorithm - Updating the Generator

9. Use probability scores to update the generator's parameters

$$\theta := \theta - \alpha \cdot \nabla_{\theta} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)})))$$

Fake
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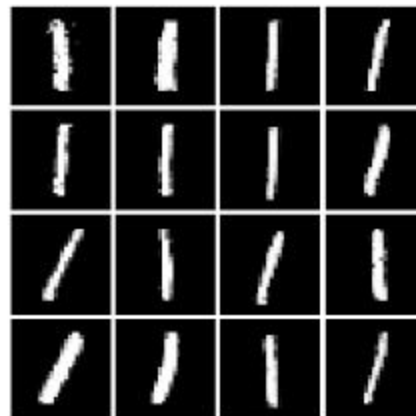
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Training GANs - Issues

- Non-Convergence
- Mode Collapse
- Diminished Gradient
- Sensitive to Hyperparameters!



Mode Collapse on MNIST

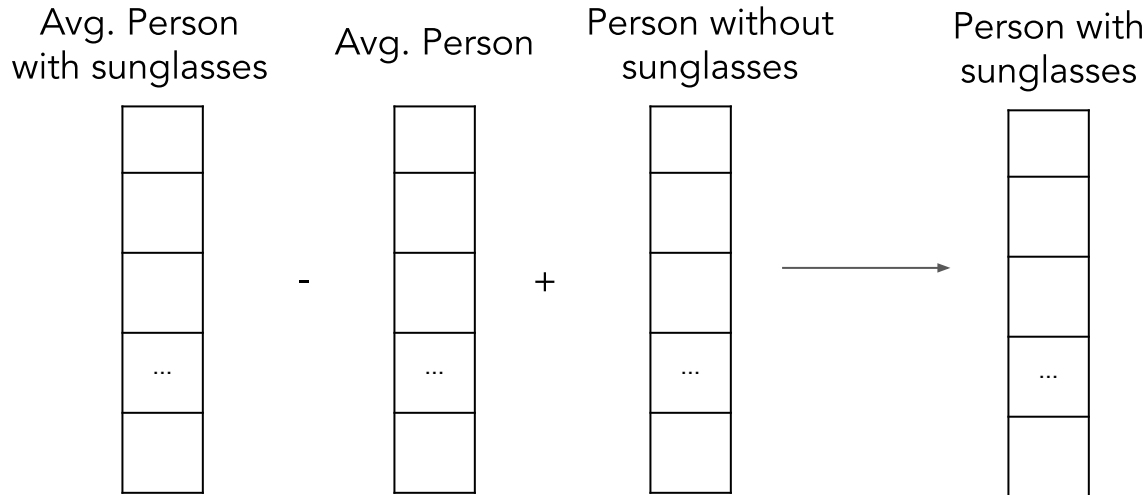
An Interesting Property of GANs - Latent Vector Arithmetic



(b) Presence or absence of glasses

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1606.03657.pdf>

An Interesting Property of GANs - Latent Vector Arithmetic





Project Ideas

Open Questions

Open Questions about Generative Adversarial Networks

What we'd like to find out about GANs that we don't know yet.

- Problem 1** What are the trade-offs between GANs and other generative models?
- Problem 2** What sorts of distributions can GANs model?
- Problem 3** How can we Scale GANs beyond image synthesis?
- Problem 4** What can we say about the global convergence of the training dynamics?
- Problem 5** How should we evaluate GANs and when should we use them?
- Problem 6** How does GAN training scale with batch size?
- Problem 7** What is the relationship between GANs and adversarial examples?





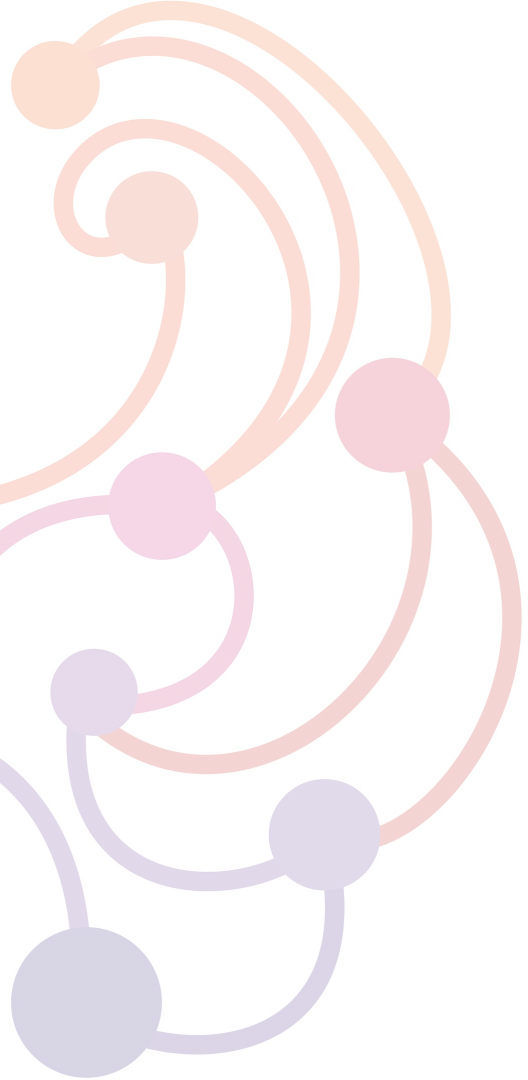
Coding Example

Link to Collab Notebook and Github - https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/dcgan_faces_tutorial.html

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