

# **Generative Adversarial Networks Challenges and Variations**

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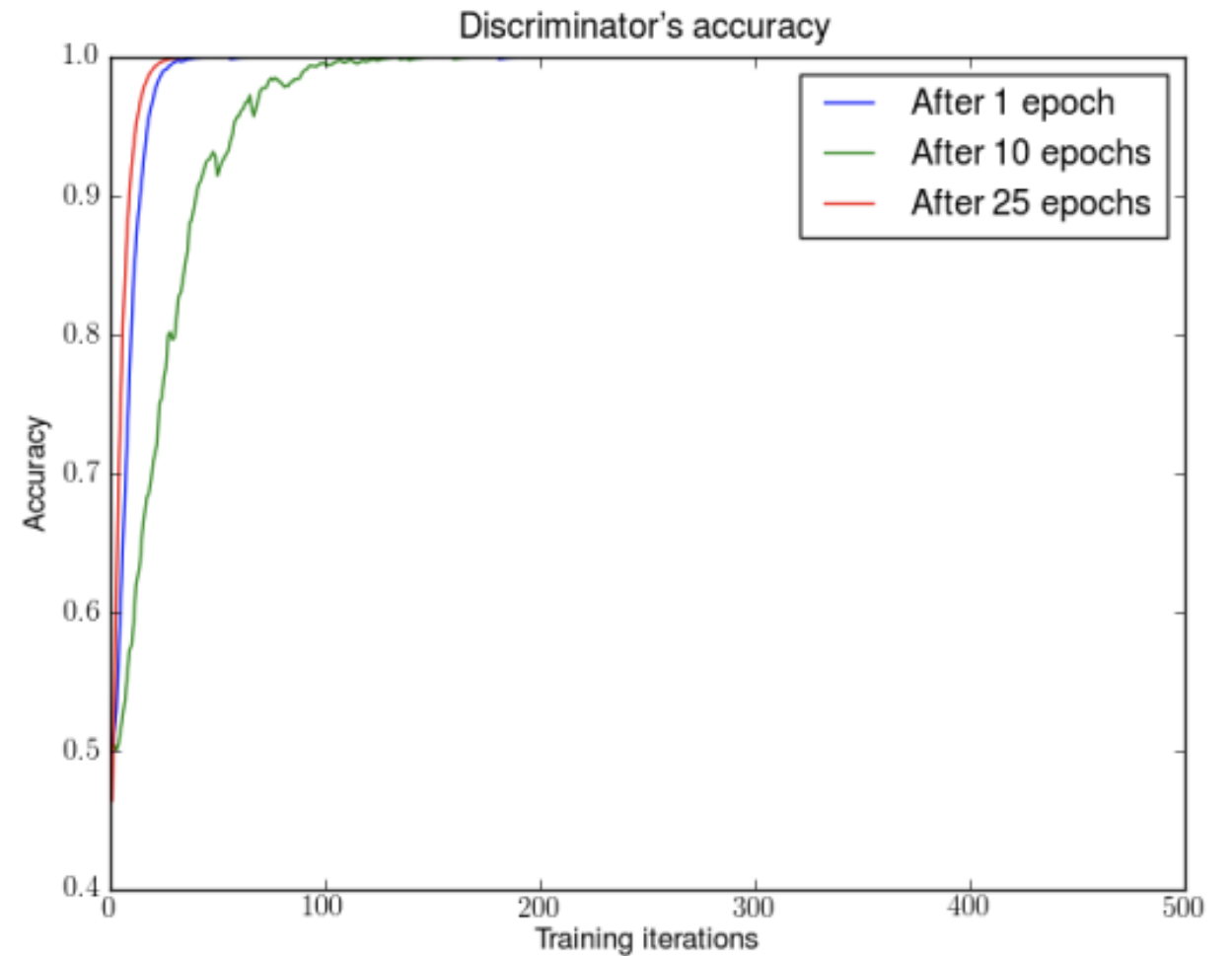
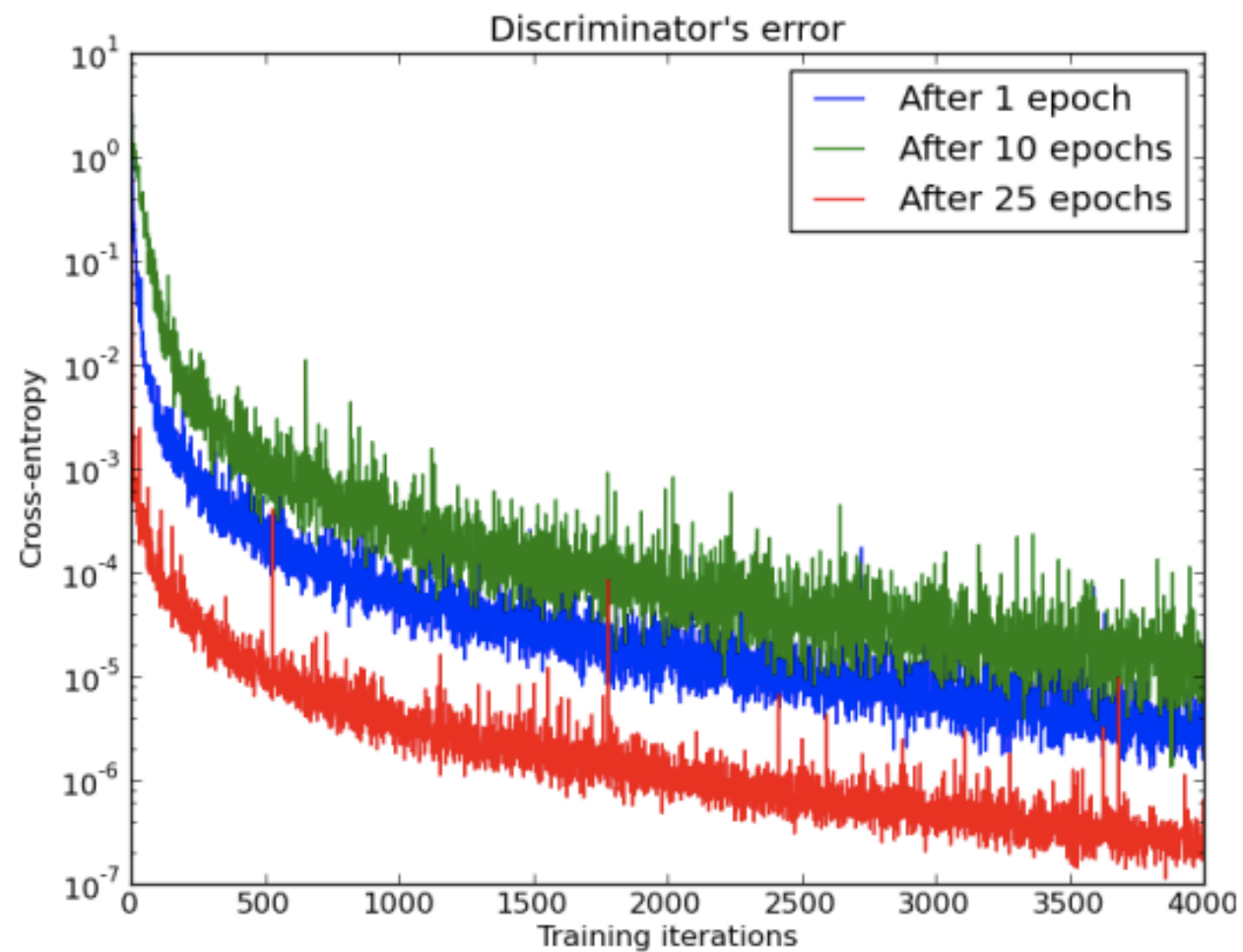
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- Challenges
- Tips and Tricks for Training GAN's
- Variations

# Challenges

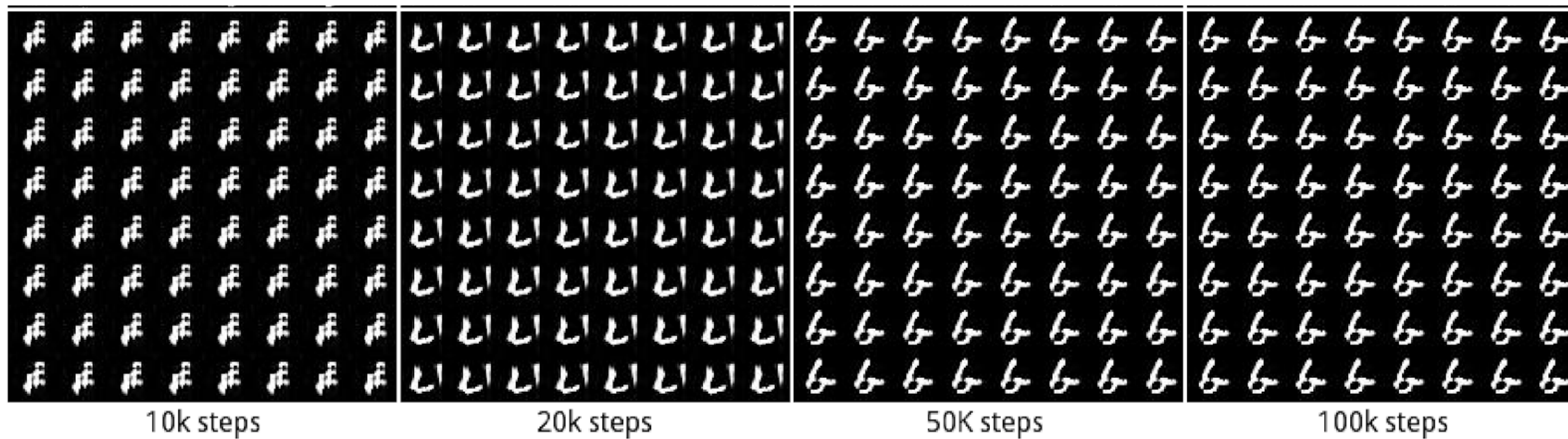
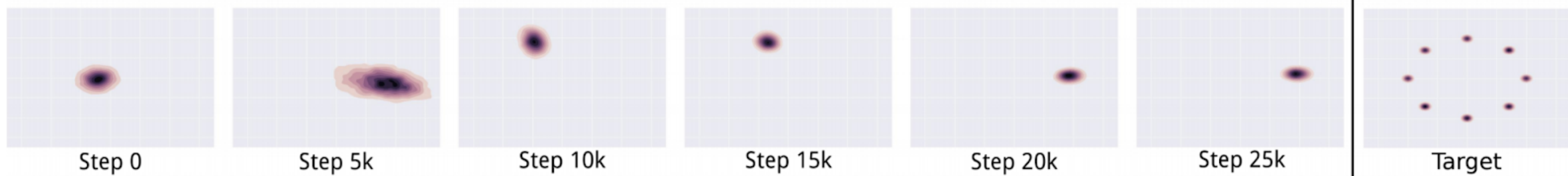
- Vanishing gradient
- Unstability
- Mode collapse

# Vanishing Gradients



[TOWARDS PRINCIPLED METHODS FOR TRAINING GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORKS, Arjovsky, 2017]

# Mode Collapse

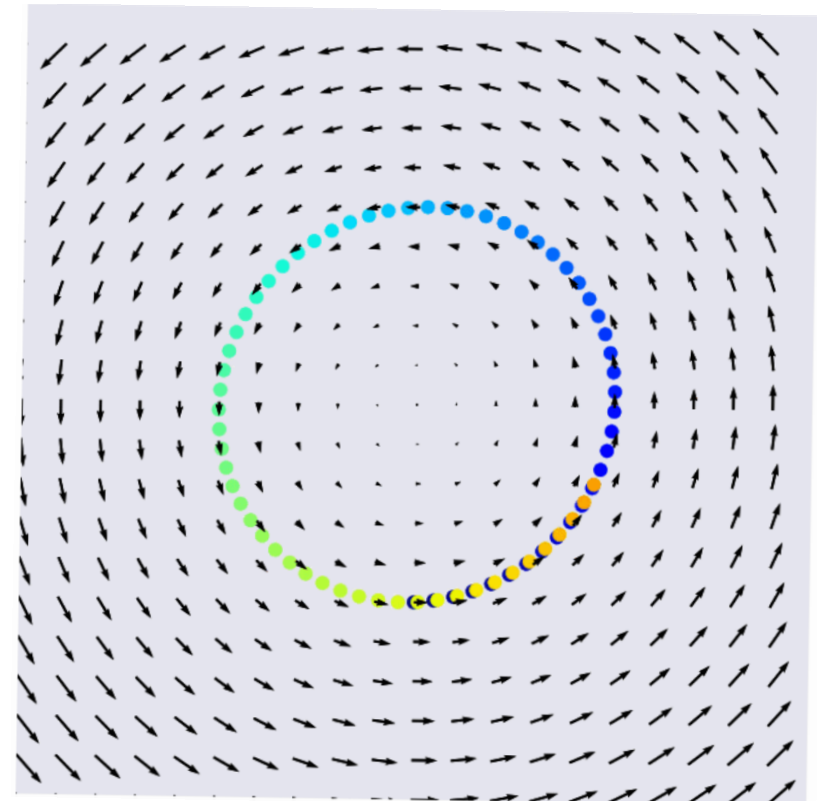


# Unstability

- GAN IS a Two Player Zero-Sum Game
- Zero-sum results in a non-conservative vector field

$$D(\theta_1, \theta_2) = -G(\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

$$v(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} D(\theta_1, \theta_2) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} D(\theta_1, \theta_2) \end{pmatrix}$$



# Training GAN's Tips and Tricks

- Train with labels
  - Class conditional GAN's
- One-sided label smoothing
  - Decrease the confidence (not accuracy) of discriminator
  - $\text{sigmoid\_cross\_entropy\_with\_logits}(D(x), 0.9) + \text{sigmoid\_cross\_entropy\_with\_logits}(D(G(z)), 0.9)$
- Virtual batch normalization
  - Combinationn of batch and reference batch normalisation
- $G > D$  or  $G < D$  or  $G=D$  ?
  - GANs work by estimating the ratio of the data density and model density
  - fine for the discriminator to overpower the generator.
  - increasing the generator size and problem of mode collapse

# Training GAN's Tips and Tricks

- Minibatch features (discrimination)

- Addresses mode collapse problem
- Allow the discriminator to compare an example to a minibatch of generated samples and a minibatch of real samples

- Feature matching

- Addresses non-convergence by a new objective function for generator

$$\| E_{x \sim p_{data}} f(x) - E_{z \sim p_z(z)} f(G(z)) \|_2^2$$

- Train the generator to match the expected value of features on an intermediate layer of discriminator
- Prevents generator from overfitting on current discriminator



# Variations

- WGAN (Wasserstein GAN)
  - Smoothed Gradients
- SeqGAN
  - Sequential Data
- CGAN
  - Conditioning on Class Labels
- InfoGAN
- CycleGAN

**Try to make things simple but not simpler**

*–Albert Einstein*

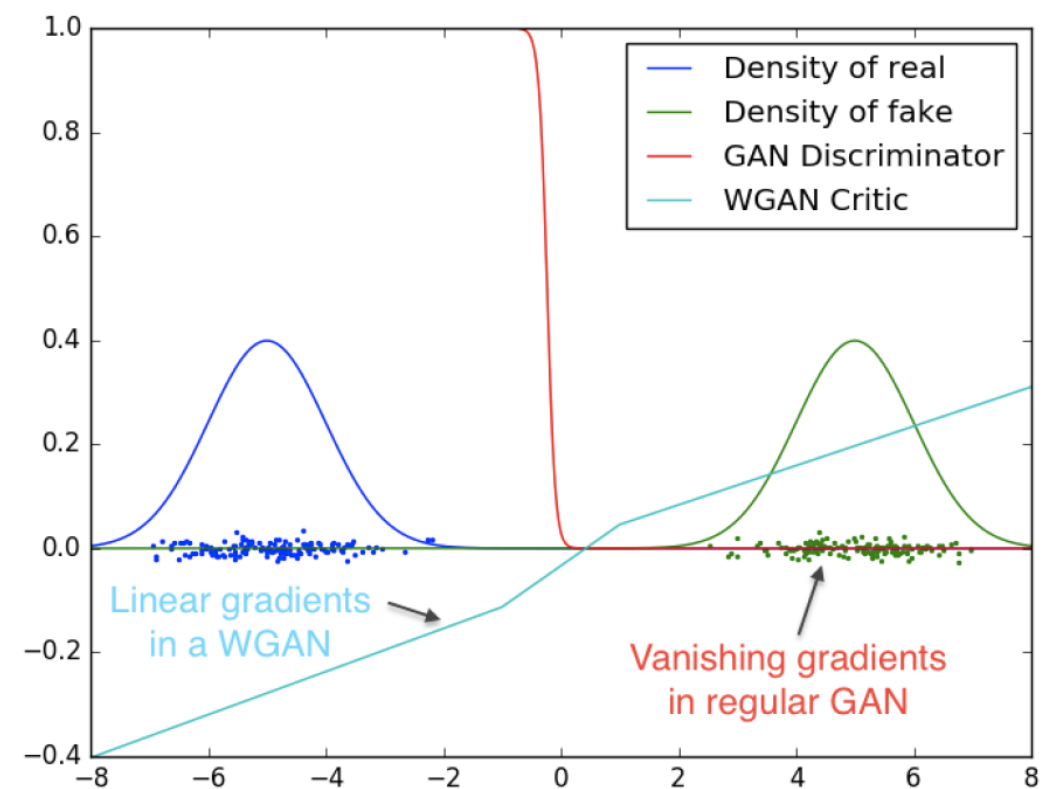
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# WGAN (Wasserstein GAN)

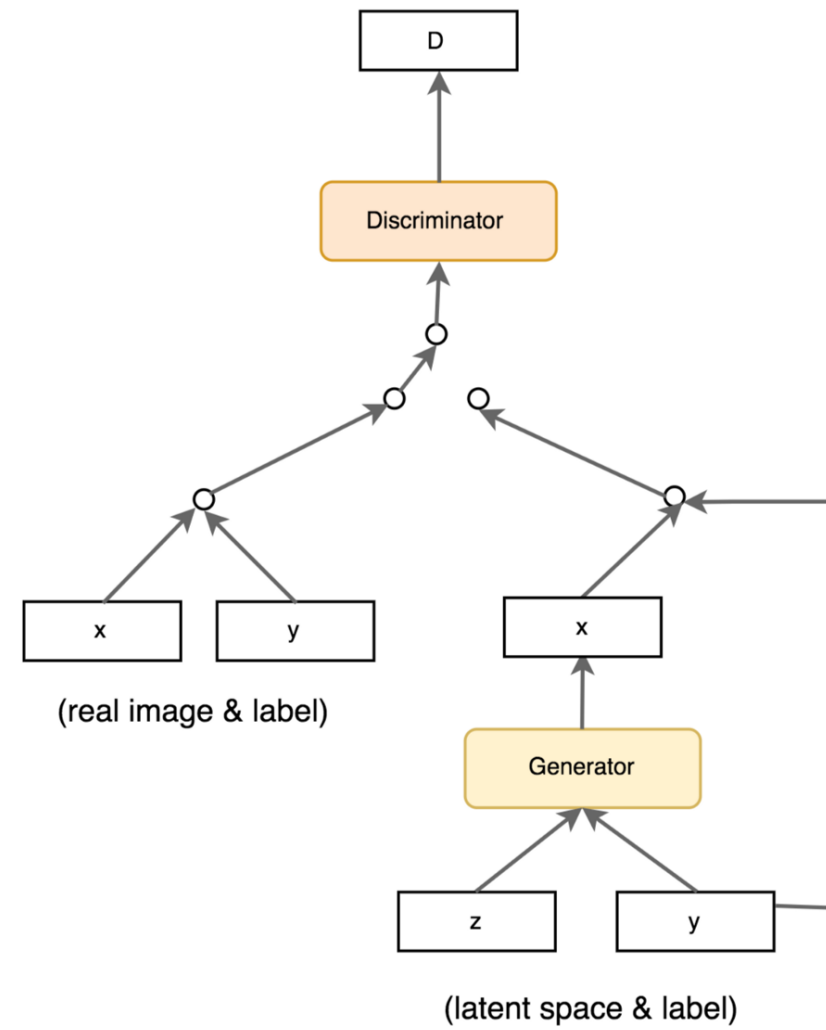
	Discriminator/Critic	Generator
GAN	$\nabla_{\theta_d} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [\log D(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + \log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)})))]$	$\nabla_{\theta_g} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m -\log(D(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)})))$
WGAN	$\nabla_w \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - f(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)}))]$	$\nabla_{\theta_g} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m -f(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)}))$

**More smooth gradient,  
so model always learns**



# CGAN

- Provides labels in both G



# InfoGAN

$$\min_G \max_D V_{\text{infoGAN}}(D, G) = V_{\text{GAN}}(D, G) - \lambda I(c; G(z, c))$$

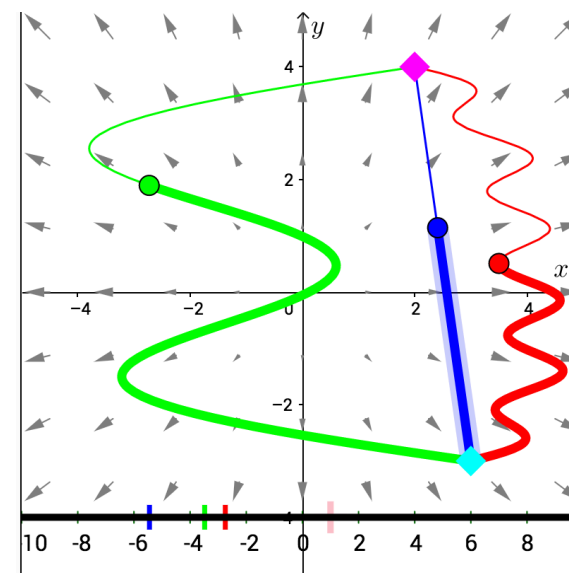
with

$$V_{\text{GAN}}(D, G) \equiv \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} \log D(x) + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} \log(1 - D(G(z, c)))$$

**The discriminator should predict the class also**

# Conservative vs Non-conservative Vector Fields

- Non-conservative vector fields are independent of the path



<http://mathinsight.org/>

- Conservative vector fields are path dependent
  - Often used for gradient of a scalar function

# GAN IS a Two Player Zero-Sum Game

- Discriminator and Generator are trying to maximise their own payoff
- Gradient ascend to find Nash equilibrium

- $D(\theta_1, \theta_2)$   
 $G(\theta_1, \theta_2)$

$$x_{t+1} = x_t + hv(x)$$
$$v(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} D(\theta_1, \theta_2) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} G(\theta_1, \theta_2) \end{pmatrix}$$