

# EVALUATING AND TUNING PRECISION AND RECALL FOR GENERATIVE MODELS

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# CONTEXT AND MOTIVATION

## CONTEXT

- ▶ Evaluating generative models is a **significant challenge**.
- ▶ Among these models, which one emerges as **the top choice** ?



(a) Midjourney



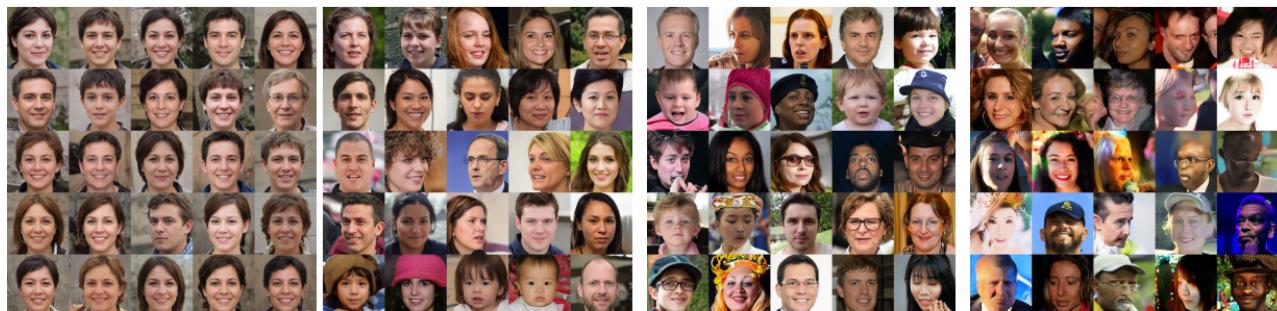
(b) DALL-E 2

**Figure.** Comparison of two generative models: DALL-E and Midjourney given the same prompt:  
*A dog playing with a child.*

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## MOTIVATION

Traditional metrics such as the Fréchet Inception Distance (FID) encapsulate both quality and diversity in an unclear way:



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(b) Set B - FID= 16.9

(c) Set C - FID= 4.5

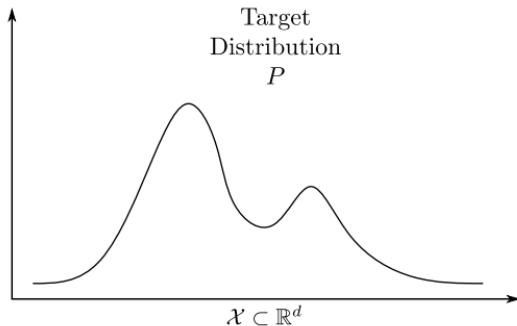
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**Figure.** Source: Kynkäänniemi et al. 2019

**Objective:** How can we assess quality and diversity independently ?

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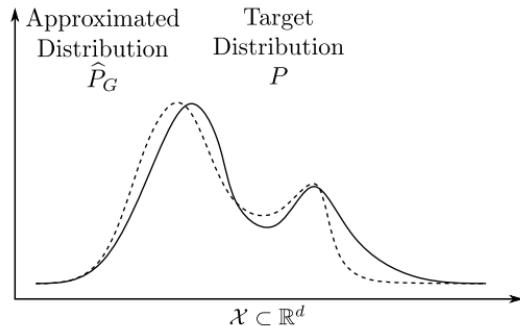
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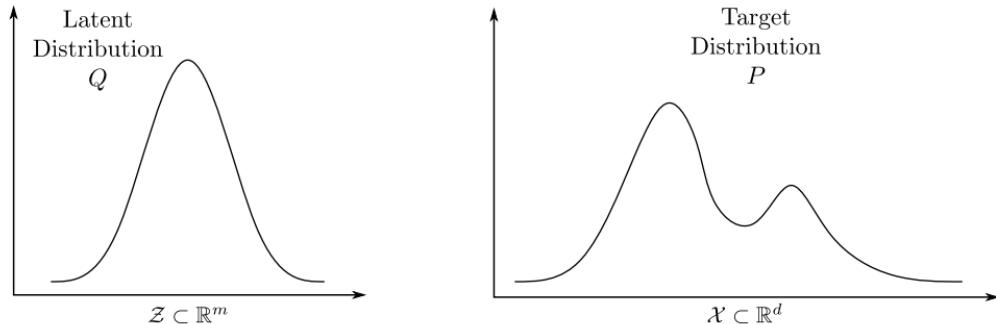
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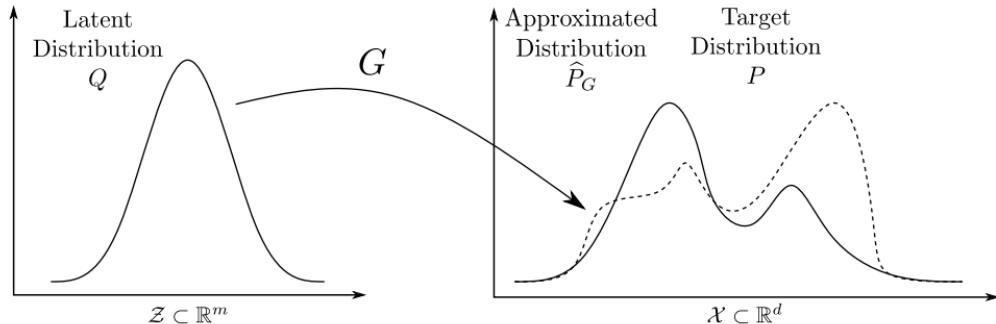
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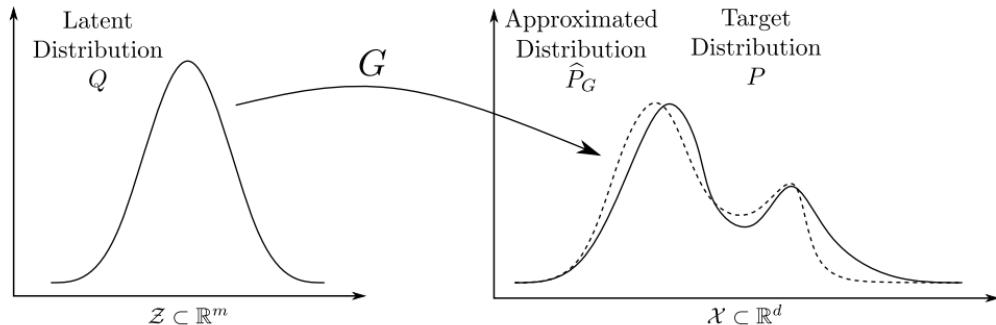
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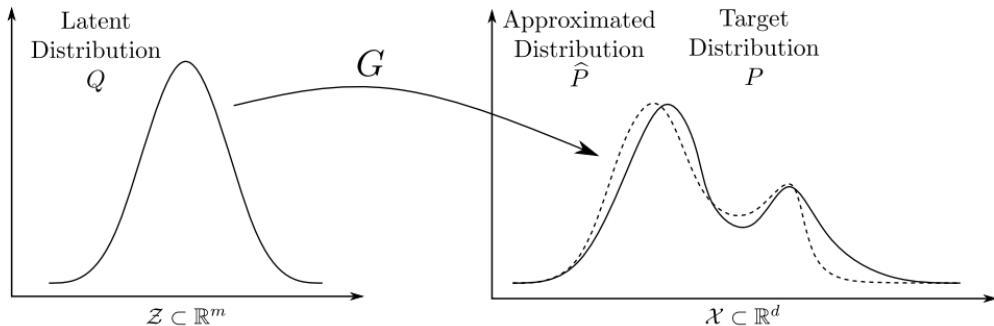


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### INTUITIVE IDEA

To assess models, we use the notion of Precision and Recall, inspired from the classification literature:

|                | Precision  | Recall   |
|----------------|--|--|
| Classification | How much of the <b>positively classified</b> samples are <b>positive</b> ? | How much of the <b>positive</b> samples are <b>positively classified</b> ? |
| Generation     | How much of the <b>generated</b> samples are <b>coherent</b> ?             | How much <b>coherent</b> samples can be <b>generated</b> ?                 |

- ▶ Sajjadi et al. 2018: The key intuition is that precision should measure how much of  $\hat{P}$  can be generated by a “part” of  $P$  while recall should measure how much of  $P$  can be generated by a “part” of  $\hat{P}$ .

## PRECISION AND RECALL FOR GENERATIVE MODELS

Two notable definitions of precision and recall have emerged in recent years:

- ▶ **Support-based** (Kynkäanniemi et al. (2019)):
  - based on shared distribution support,
  - concise and interpretable,
  - widely used by the community,
  - intractable and computationally expensive.
- ▶ **PR Curves** (Sajjadi et al. (2018), Simon, Webster, and Rabin (2019)):
  - more complex definition, thus less intuitive,
  - mathematically grounded.

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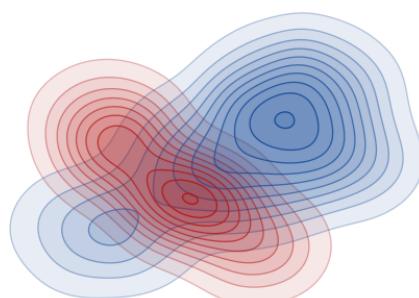
$(\alpha, \beta)$ : THE SUPPORT-BASED METHOD

- ▶ **Precision** is the proportion of generated data that lies on the support of the real data.

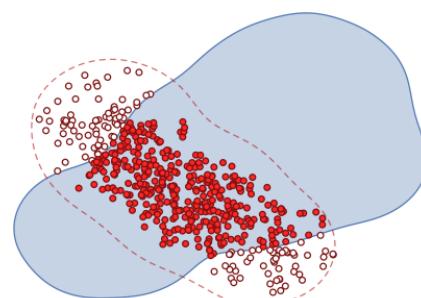
$$\alpha = \hat{P}(\text{Supp}(P))$$

- ▶ **Recall** is the proportion of the support of the real data that is covered by the generated data.

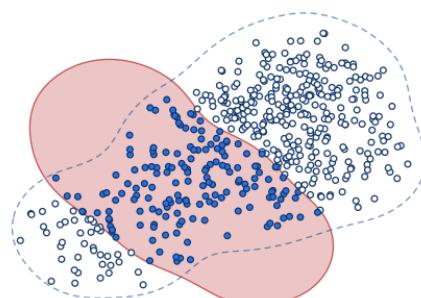
$$\beta = P(\text{Supp}(\hat{P}))$$



(a) Distributions  $P$  (blue) and  $\hat{P}$  (red).



(b) Discretisation of  $\hat{P}$ . Precision is the rate  
of the filled red dots with the total  
number of red dots.



(c) Discretisation of  $P$ . Recall is the rate  
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**Figure.** Example of Precision and Recall. Source Kynkänniemi et al. (2019).

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### DRAWBACKS OF THE SUPPORT BASED METHOD

The drawbacks are that the metric:

- ▶ does not reflect the difference in density,
- ▶ relies k-nn based method to estimate the support,
- ▶ requires finite distribution support.

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## SET OF PRECISION-RECALL

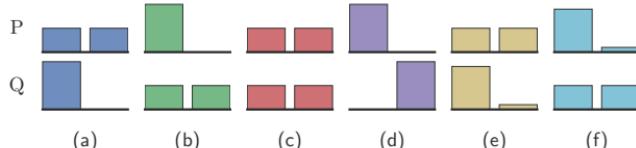
More complex definition for discrete distributions:

### Definition 2.1 (Precision and Recall - Sajjadi et al. 2018)

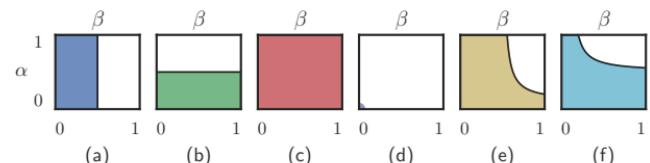
For  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ , the probability distribution  $\hat{P}$  has a precision  $\alpha$  at recall  $\beta$  w.r.t.  $P$  if there exist distributions  $\mu$ ,  $\nu_P$  and  $\nu_{\hat{P}}$  such that

$$P = \beta\mu + (1 - \beta)\nu_P \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{P} = \alpha\mu + (1 - \alpha)\nu_{\hat{P}}$$

The component  $\nu_P$  denotes the part of  $P$  that is “missed” by  $\hat{P}$ . Similarly,  $\nu_{\hat{P}}$  denotes the noise part of  $\hat{P}$ .



(a) Examples of distributions  $P$  and  $\hat{P}$



(b) Corresponding PR sets.

**Figure.** Examples of PR sets for different distributions  $P$  and  $\hat{P}$ . Source: Sajjadi et al. 2018.

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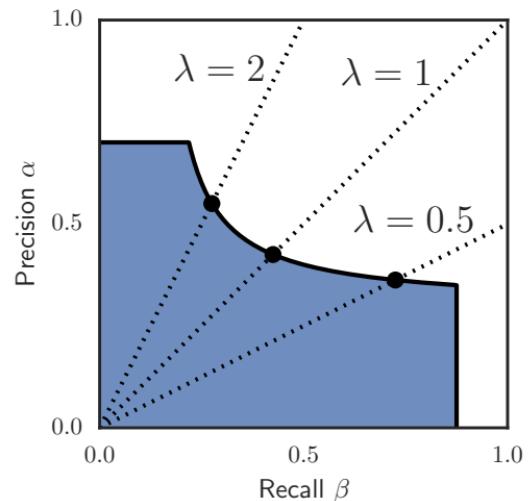
### PR-CURVES

The frontier of the set of  $\text{PR}(P, \hat{P})$ , is the PR-Curve denoted PRD, parameterized by  $\lambda \in [0, \infty]$  and can be computed with the functions:

$$\alpha(\lambda) = \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}} \min(\lambda p(x_i), \hat{p}(x_i))$$

and

$$\beta(\lambda) = \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}} \min(p(x_i), \hat{p}(x_i)/\lambda)$$



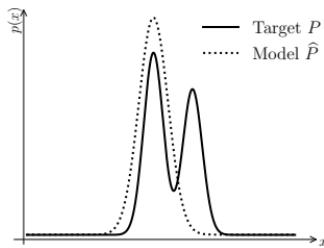
**Figure.** Example of the PRD set. Source: Sajjadi et al. 2018

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## PR-CURVES FOR CONTINUOUS DISTRIBUTIONS

Definition extended for continuous distributions:

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(a) Example with good precision

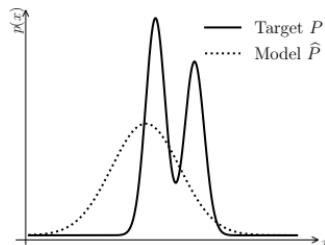
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(c) Example with good recall

(d) PR-Curves

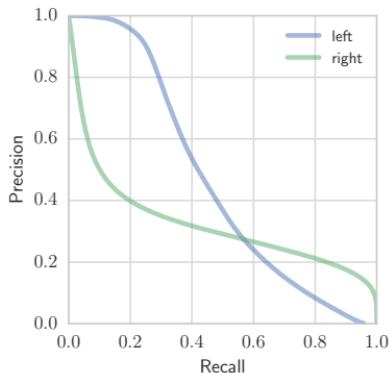
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## PR-CURVES IN PRACTICE

In practice:



(e) High Precision, Low Recall



(f) PR-Curves



(g) High Recall, Low Precision

**Figure.** Examples for two different GANS. Source: Sajjadi et al. 2018.

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### DRAWBACKS OF THE PR-CURVES

The drawbacks are that the metric:

- ▶ rely on density estimation or density ratio estimation,
- ▶ is variable in high dimension,
- ▶ does not synthesize well.

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## COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TWO METHODS



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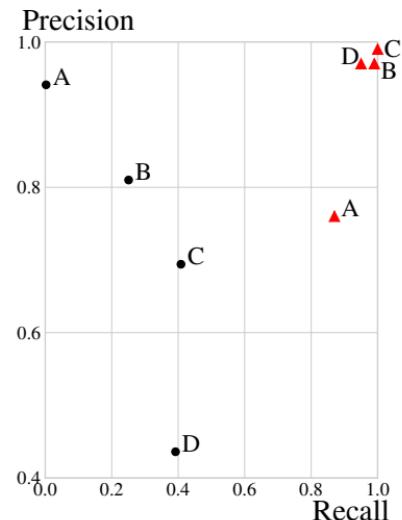
(b) Set B



(c) Set C

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**Figure.** Samples. Source: Kynkänniemi et al. 2019

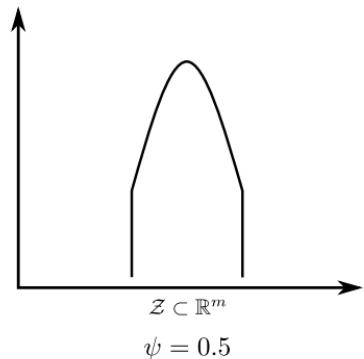
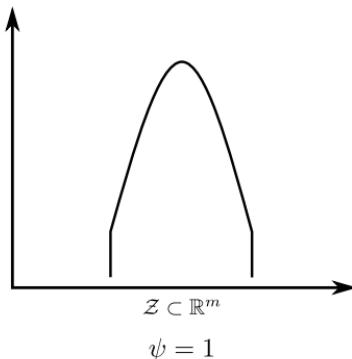
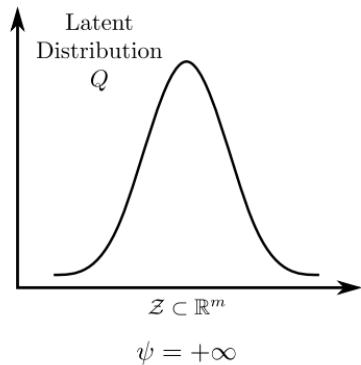


**Figure.** Support based (black) and PR-Curves (Red)

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### HARD TRUNCATION

Truncating the latent distribution:

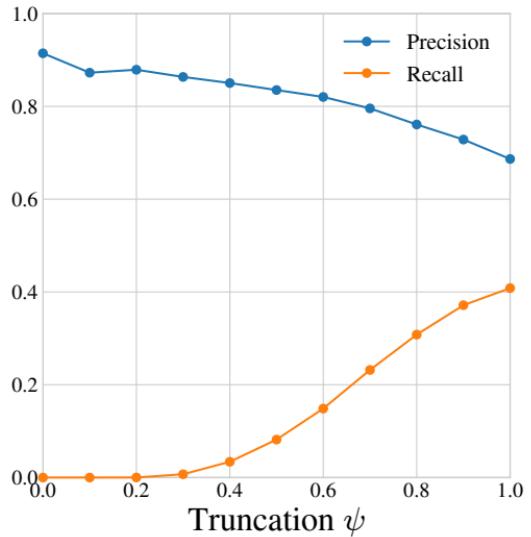


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## HARD TRUNCATION



**Figure.** From left to right:  $\psi = 0.0$ ,  $\psi = 0.3$ ,  
 $\psi = 0.7$ ,  $\psi = 1.0$ .

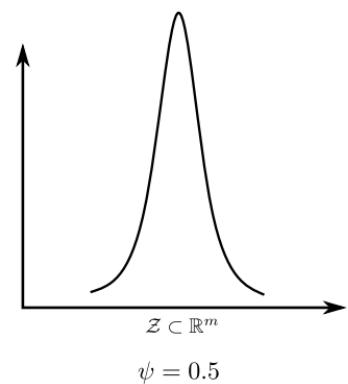
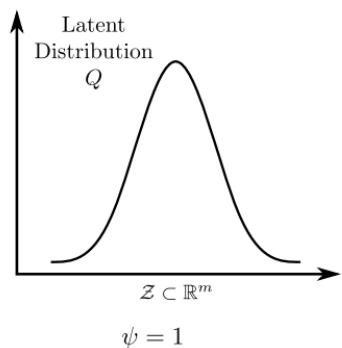
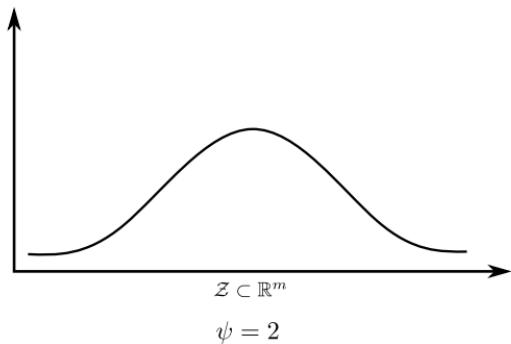


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### SOFT TRUNCATION

Re-scaling the latent distribution:



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(a)  $\psi = 0.04$

(b)  $\psi = 0.5$

(c)  $\psi = 1.0$

(d)  $\psi = 2.0$

**Figure.** Soft-Truncation on BigGAN. Source:Brock, Donahue, and Simonyan 2019.

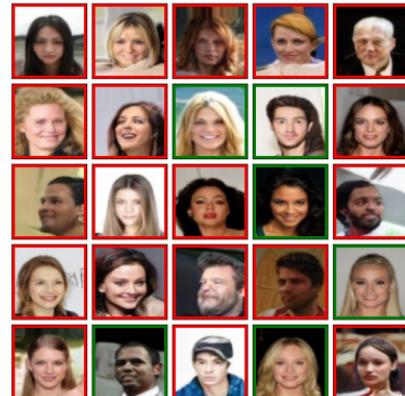
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### REJECTION SAMPLING

In Rejection Sampling methods, we use the discriminator, trained as classifier to accept or reject samples:



(a) MNIST



(b) CelebA

- ▶ Azadi et al. 2019
- ▶ Issenhuth et al. 2022
- ▶ Turner et al. 2019

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### BOOSTING

Boosting Generative models:



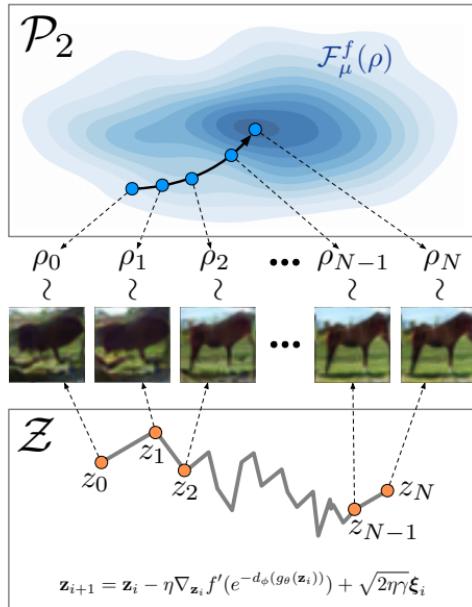
**Figure.** Left: Samples from the dataset given high weights by the discriminator. Right: Samples from the dataset given low weights by the discriminator. The next model will focus on the sample on the right.  
Source: Tolstikhin et al. 2017

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- ▶ Grover and Ermon 2017

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## GRADIENT DESCENT

Using the discriminator as a classifier and perform a gradient descent:



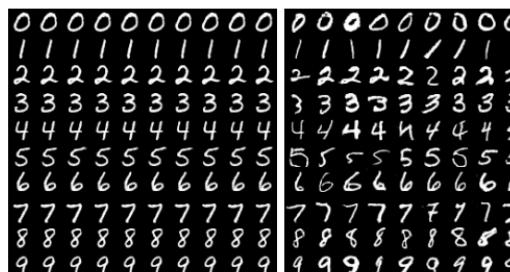
- ▶ Ansari, Ang, and Soh 2021
- ▶ Tanaka 2019
- ▶ Che et al. 2021

Figure. Source: Ansari, Ang, and Soh 2021

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## GAUSSIAN MIXTURES

Training a Gaussian Mixture  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \sigma I)$  in the latent space:



(a)  $\sigma = 0.1$

(b)  $\sigma = 1$

(c)  $\sigma = 2$



(d) Precision and Recall

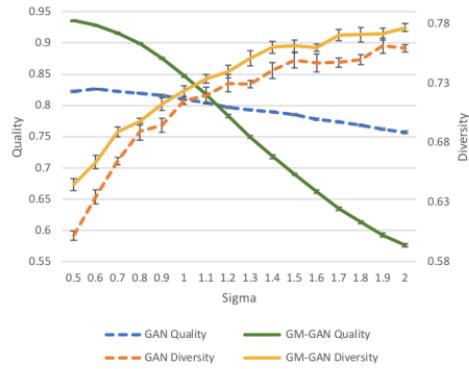


Figure. Source: Ben-Yosef and Weinshall 2018

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- ▶ Pandeva and Schubert 2019

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### *f*-GANs

A GAN consists of two components:

- ▶ a Generator,  $G : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$
- ▶ a Discriminator,  $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \text{dom}(f^*)$

Nowozin, Cseke, and Tomioka (2016) propose a general framework where the GAN minimizes any  $f$ -divergence  $\mathcal{D}_f$  estimated by solving the dual estimation via the following min-max optimization problem:

$$\min_G \max_T \mathcal{D}_{f,T}^{\text{dual}}(P \parallel \hat{P}_G) = \min_G \max_T \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim P} [T(\mathbf{x})] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \hat{P}_G} [f^*(T(\mathbf{x}))],$$

- ▶ Nowozin, Cseke, and Tomioka 2016
- ▶ Arjovsky, Chintala, and Bottou 2017
- ▶ Verine et al. 2023

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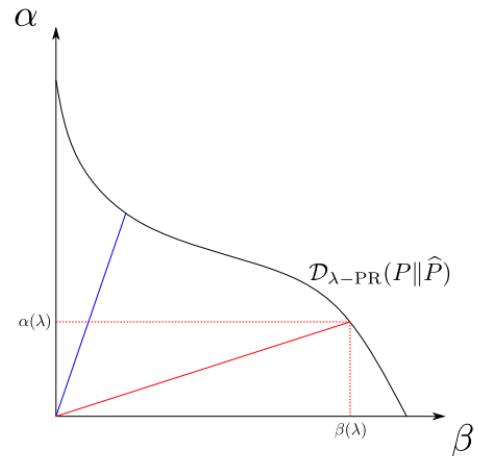
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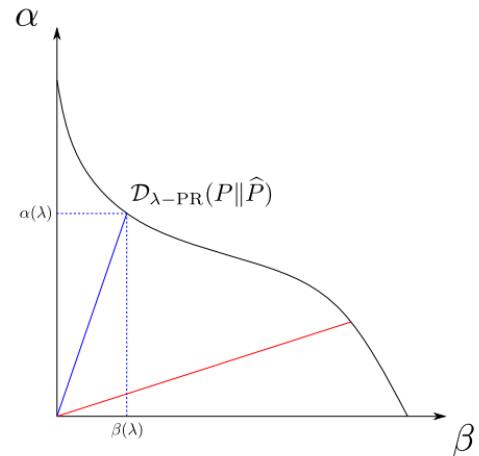
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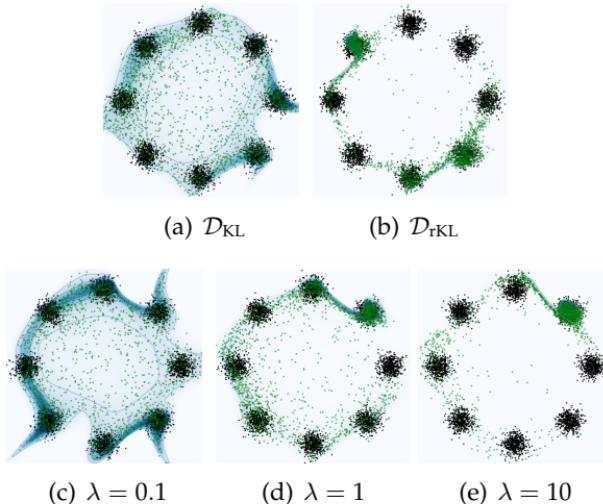
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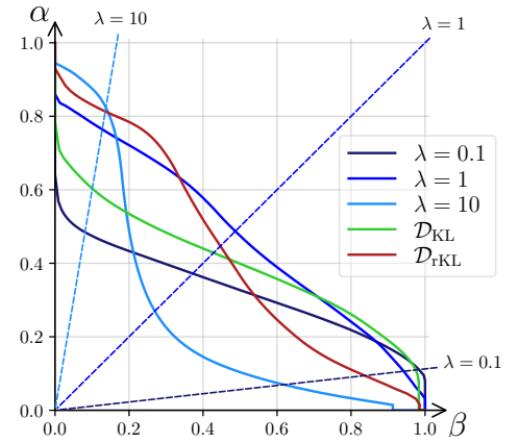


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## *f*-GANs



**Figure.** Models trained on 2D Gaussians. Samples drawn from the true distribution  $P$  are shown in black, samples drawn from the estimated distribution  $\hat{P}$  are shown in green and the log-likelihood of  $\hat{P}$  is shown in blue (darker means higher density).



**Figure.** Corresponding PR Curves.

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(a)  $\lambda = 0.1$



(b)  $\lambda = 1$



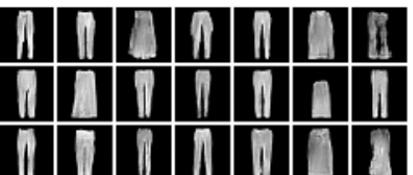
(c)  $\lambda = 10$



(d)  $\lambda = 0.1$



(e)  $\lambda = 1$



(f)  $\lambda = 10$

**Figure.** Samples from a models trained on MNIST and FashionMNIST. Recall decreases as the precision increases for  $\lambda$  between 0.1 and 10.

## CONCLUSION

Thanks !

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