# CI-GAN : CO-CLUSTERING BY INFORMATION MAXIMIZING GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORKS — APPENDIX

# 1. VARIATIONAL MUTUAL INFORMATION MAXIMIZATION FOR AUTOENCODER

## 1.1. InfoGAN

To understand the objective of AutoEncoder, we need to understand how InfoGAN exploits variational mutual information maximization [1] to overcome the difficulties in maximizing I of the following objective (H represents entropy).

$$\min_{G} \max_{D} V(D,G) - I(c;G(z,c))$$
$$I(c;G(z,c)) = H(c) - H(c|G(z,c))$$

Directly maximizing I is found to be difficult as the derivation involves a posterior distribution  $P(c|\overline{x})$  where  $\overline{x}$  represent the samples generated by G(z,c). Therefore, Chen et al. exploit variational mutual information maximization and optimize the lower bound of I(c;G(z,c)),  $L_I$ , instead. The key idea is to use an auxiliary distribution  $Q(c|\overline{x})$  to approximate  $P(c|\overline{x})$  [2].

$$L_I(G, Q) = \mathbb{E}_{c \sim P(c), \overline{x} \sim G(z, c)}[\log Q(c|\overline{x})] + H(c)$$

Since the lower bound becomes tight as  $Q(c|\overline{x})$  approaches the true distribution  $P(c|\overline{x})$ , the objective becomes the following.

$$\min_{G,Q} \max_{D} V(D,G) - L_I(G,Q)$$

## 1.2. AutoEncoder

As previously described in Section 3, we start from the following objective.

$$\min_{G,Q} \max_{D} V(D_r, G_r) + V(D_c, G_c) - I(x; Q(G(z, c)))$$

$$I(x; Q(G(z, c))) = I(x_r, x_c; Q_r(G_r(z_r, c_r)), Q_c(G_c(z_c, c_c)))$$

Though I(x;Q(G(z,c))) look similar to I(c;G(z,c)) of InfoGAN, directly applying variational mutual information maximization to derive the lower bound is not possible due to the nested posterior distributions and the assumption that  $P_G$  has the same distribution as  $P_{data}$ . Therefore, we first derive  $L_{\overline{x}}$ , the lower bound for  $I(\overline{x};Q(G(z,c)))$ , and exploit the similarity between  $I(\overline{x};Q(G(z,c)))$  and I(x;Q(G(z,c))) to derive  $L_x$ , the lower bound for I(x;Q(G(z,c))).

Before we dive into the detailed derivation, we accentuate *Lemma 5.1* which is originally introduced and proven by Chen et al. [2]. In this section, we replace x' with  $\hat{x}$  to be consistent with the notations used in this work.

**Lemma 5.1** For random variables X,Y and function f(x,y) under suitable regularity conditions:  $\mathbb{E}_{x \sim X,y \sim Y|x}[f(x,y)] = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim X,y \sim Y|x,\widehat{x} \sim X|y}[f(\widehat{x},y)]$ 

# $L_{\overline{x}}$ : Lower bound for $I(\overline{x}; Q(G(z,c)))$

Along with  $P(c|\overline{x})$ , the maximization of  $I(\overline{x}; Q(G(z,c)))$  involves another posterior distribution  $P(\overline{x}|c')$ . Similar to how Q(c|x) is used to approximate P(c|x), we introduce another distribution  $R(\overline{x}|c')$  for approximating  $P(\overline{x}|c')$ .

$$\begin{split} I(\overline{x};Q(G(z,c))) &= H(\overline{x}) - H(\overline{x}|Q(G(z,c))) \\ &= H(\overline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(G(z,c))}[\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(\overline{x}|c')}[\log P(\widehat{x}|c')]] \\ &= H(\overline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(\overline{x})}[\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(\overline{x}|c')}[\log P(\widehat{x}|c')]] \\ &\geq H(\overline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(\overline{x})}[\underbrace{D_{KL}(P(\cdot|c') \parallel R(\cdot|c'))}_{>0} + \mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(\overline{x}|c')}[\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]] \end{split}$$

$$= H(\overline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(\overline{x})} [\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(\overline{x}|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]]$$

$$= R(\overline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(\overline{x}), \widehat{x} \sim P(\overline{x}|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]$$

$$= H(\overline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(\overline{x}), \widehat{x} \sim P(\overline{x}|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]$$

$$= H(\overline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim P_Q(\overline{x}), \widehat{x} \sim P(\overline{x}|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]$$

$$= H(\overline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{\overline{x} \sim P(\overline{x}), c' \sim P_Q(\overline{x}), \widehat{x} \sim P(\overline{x}|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]$$

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$$= H(\overline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{\overline{x} \sim P(\overline{x}), c' \sim Q(\overline{x})} [\log R(\overline{x}|c')]$$

$$= H(\overline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{\overline{x} \sim P(\overline{x}), c' \sim Q(G(z,c))} [\log R(\overline{x}|c')]$$

$$= L_{\overline{x}}(G, Q, R)$$

$$(\overline{x} = G(z, c))$$

Overall, as the distributions Q and R approach the true posterior distribution, the lower bound becomes tight increasing the mutual information  $I(\overline{x}; Q(G(z,c)))$ .

# $L_x$ : Lower bound for I(x; Q(G(z,c)))

To derive  $L_x$ , we first assume that  $P_G$  has the same distribution as  $P_{data}$  (x = G(z, c)). Also we leverage an auxiliary distribution R(x|c') to approximate P(x|c'). Then,  $L_x$  can be derived in almost the same way.

$$\begin{split} I(x;Q(G(z,c))) &= H(x) - H(x|Q(G(z,c))) &\qquad \text{(by the definition of } I) \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(G(z,c))} [\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(x|c')} [\log P(\widehat{x}|c')]] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(x)} [\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(x|c')} [\log P(\widehat{x}|c')]] \\ &\geq H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(x)} [\underbrace{D_{KL}(P(\cdot|c') \parallel R(\cdot|c'))}_{\geq 0} + \mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(x|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(x)} [\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(x|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(x)} [\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(x|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(x)} [\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(x|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(x)} [\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(x|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{c' \sim Q(x)} [\mathbb{E}_{\widehat{x} \sim P(x|c')} [\log R(\widehat{x}|c')]] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P(x), c' \sim P_Q(x)} [\log R(x|c')] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P(x), c' \sim Q(x)} [\log R(x|c')] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P(x), c' \sim Q(x)} [\log R(x|c')] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P(x), c' \sim Q(x)} [\log R(x|c')] \\ &= H(x) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P(x), c' \sim Q(x)} [\log R(x|c')] \\ &= L_x(G, Q, R) \end{split}$$

Given the two lower bounds  $L_x$  and  $L_{\overline{x}}$ , the differences can be summarized as follow:

- 1.  $L_x$  has a constant term H(x) while  $L_{\overline{x}}$  has  $H(\overline{x})$
- 2. Generator for  $L_x$  has a distribution of  $P_{data}$  while the one for  $L_{\overline{x}}$  has  $P_{G(z,c)}$
- 3. The distribution R approximates P(x|c') in the case of  $L_x$  while it approximates  $P(\overline{x}|c')$  in the case of  $L_{\overline{x}}$

Interestingly, the first difference can be ignored as it simply yields that the gap between the two lower bounds is bounded by a constant value. Furthermore, the second difference is minimized indirectly by GAN—throughout the training process, generator learns to produce realistic data; the distribution  $P_{G(z,c)}$  becomes the distribution  $P_{data}$ . To minimize the difference between P(x|c') and  $P(\overline{x}|c')$ , AutoEncoder exploits the network R which reconstructs the original pair of row and column samples from the two independent cluster labels  $c'_r$  and  $c'_c$ .

Altogether, the objective of AutoEncoder can be written as follows with the architecture in Figure 1.

$$\min_{G,Q} \max_{D} V(D_r, G_r) + V(D_c, G_c) - L_I(G_r, Q_r) - L_I(G_c, Q_c) - L_x(G, R)$$

## 2. MODEL ARCHITECTURE

As illustrated in Figure 1, Combiner and AutoEncoder share the same architectures for G, D and Q in order to ensure coherence. First of all, the size of z is set to 50 and the input data is assumed to have 196 features (14  $\times$  14). The size of c depends on the dataset as it must be equal to the number of clusters.

Given a random variable z and a random encoding vector c, G first applies a fully connected (FC) layer and a batch normalization (BN) layer to generate a tensor of size  $128 \times 7 \times 7$ . We then upscale the tensor by factor of 2 and apply a 2D convolutional (CONV) layer reducing the number of channels to 64. With a stride of 1 for both dimensions, a padding of 1 on all sides, and a kernel of size  $3 \times 3$ , we then obtain a tensor of size  $64 \times 14 \times 14$ . Next, the tensor is fed into another BN layer with a rectified linear unit (ReLU) activation. The final layer of G is a 2D CONV layer with tanh activation.

D and Q share a single network for feature representation; we repeatably apply a group of layers which consists of a 2D CONV layer with ReLU activation, a dropout layer, and a BN layer. The stride of each CONV layer is set to 2 and the number of channels is reduced by factor of 2 starting from 16. Therefore, the final tensor has a size of  $64 \times 2 \times 2$ . D and Q then apply different FC layers to evaluate authenticity and to reconstruct the initial encoding vector c, respectively.

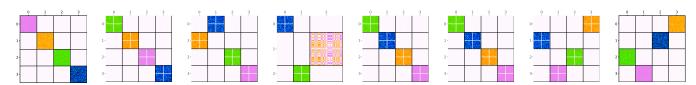
While Combiner has an additional FC layer for  $Q_{co}$  that reconstructs d, AutoEncoder has R which reconstructs the original pairs from encoding pairs. The network architecture of R is same as G except that their input and output tensor have different sizes; the input for R is the concatenation of  $c_r'$  and  $c_c'$  and the output is the concatenation of row and column samples.

#### 3. HYPERPARAMETER TUNING FOR SYNTHETIC DATASETS

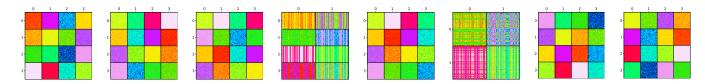
Since CI-GAN consists of multiple networks, we have applied grid search to find the best hyperparameter setting for each model. For *Combiner*, every component is trained with the learning rate of 0.00005.  $Q_{co}$  is trained once for every three epochs of row and column training. The quality of the generated co-clusters is found to be better when G is updated along with  $Q_{co}$ . On the other hand, AutoEncoder produces the best result with the learning rate of 0.0001. Training G along with G is found to be unnecessary when G is trained once for every five epochs of row and column training.

# 4. SAMPLE CO-CLUSTERS ON SYNTHETIC DATASETS

Figure 5~9 are co-clusters generated from one of the experiments on synthetic datasets. Each entries are colored based on gist\_ncar\_r colormap of Matplotlib and the two dimensions are grouped based on their labels for better interpretation.



**Fig. 5**. Co-clusters and accuracy on Diagonal dataset. From left to right: Original, *Spec-Co* (1.000), *Spec-Bi* (1.000), *Info-CC* (0.579), *SA-CC* (1.000), *CoClus* (0.563), *Combiner* (1.000), *AutoEncoder* (1.000).



**Fig. 6.** Co-clusters and accuracy on Checker-Shuffled dataset. From left to right: Original, *Spec-Co* (1.000), *Spec-Bi* (1.000), *Info-CC* (0.636), *SA-CC* (1.000), *CoClus* (0.333), *Combiner* (1.000), *AutoEncoder* (1.000).

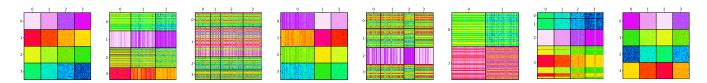
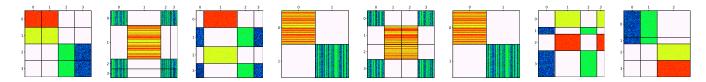
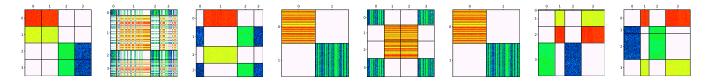


Fig. 7. Co-clusters and accuracy on Checker-Ordered dataset. From left to right: Original, *Spec-Co* (0.255), *Spec-Bi* (0.037), *Info-CC* (0.784), *SA-CC* (0.132), *CoClus* (0.333), *Combiner* (0.640), *AutoEncoder* (1.000).



**Fig. 8**. Co-clusters and accuracy on Mixed-Identical dataset. From left to right: Original, *Spec-Co* (0.266), *Spec-Bi* (0.519), *Info-CC* (0.333), *SA-CC* (0.206), *CoClus* (0.333), *Combiner* (0.604), *AutoEncoder* (0.574).



**Fig. 9**. Co-clusters and accuracy on Mixed-Similar dataset. From left to right: Original, *Spec-Co* (0.057), *Spec-Bi* (0.519), *Info-CC* (0.333), *SA-CC* (0.203), *CoClus* (0.333), *Combiner* (0.601), *AutoEncoder* (0.650).

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