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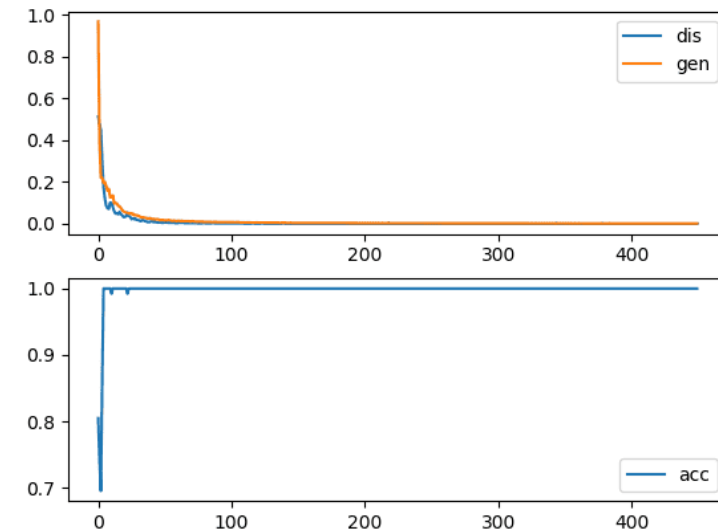
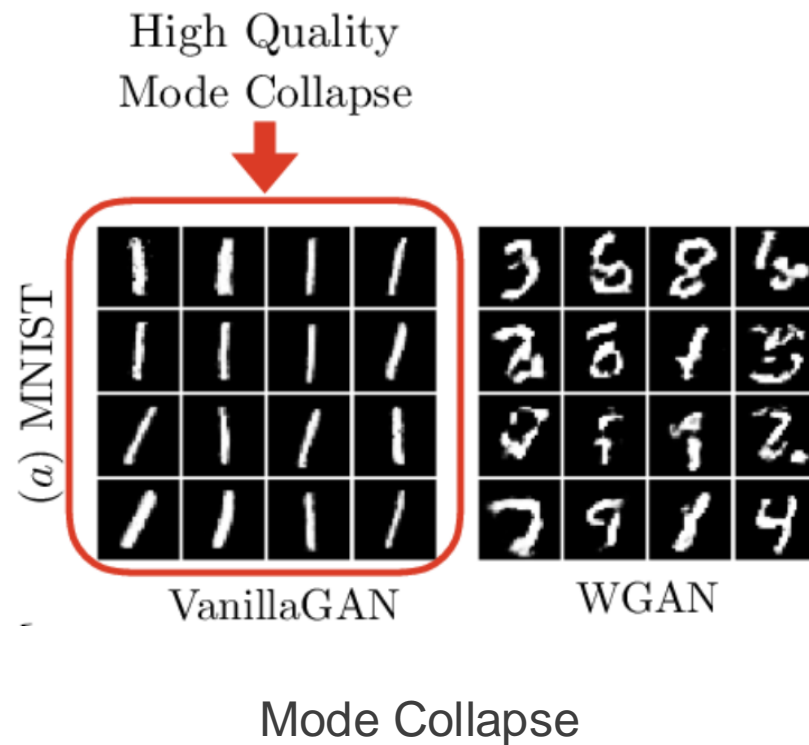
GAN on MNIST

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What are Wasserstein GANs?

Solve 2 problems in Vanilla GANs:



Non convergence

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WGANs innovations

New distance: EM distance

- Easier convergence of probability distributions
- Works on low dimensional manifolds.

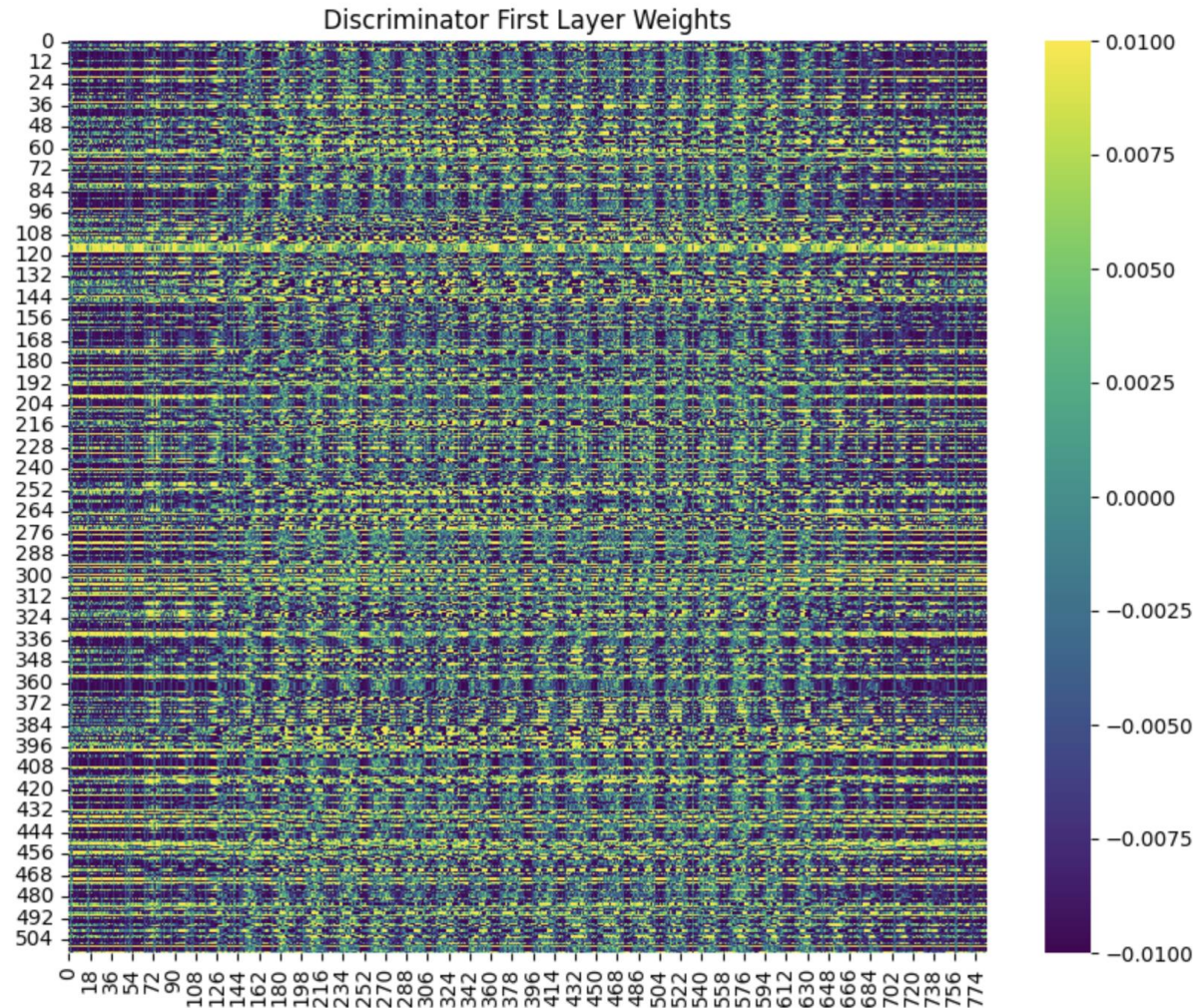
$$D_{JS}(p||q) = \frac{1}{2}D_{KL}(p||\frac{p+q}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}D_{KL}(q||\frac{p+q}{2}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad W(p_r, p_g) = \inf_{\gamma \sim \Pi(p_r, p_g)} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \gamma} [\|x - y\|]$$

Dual problem:

$$W(p_r, p_g) = \frac{1}{K} \sup_{\|f\|_L \leq K} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_r} [f(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_g} [f(x)]$$

In practice, to ensure K Lipschitzianity, we **clip the discriminator's weights**

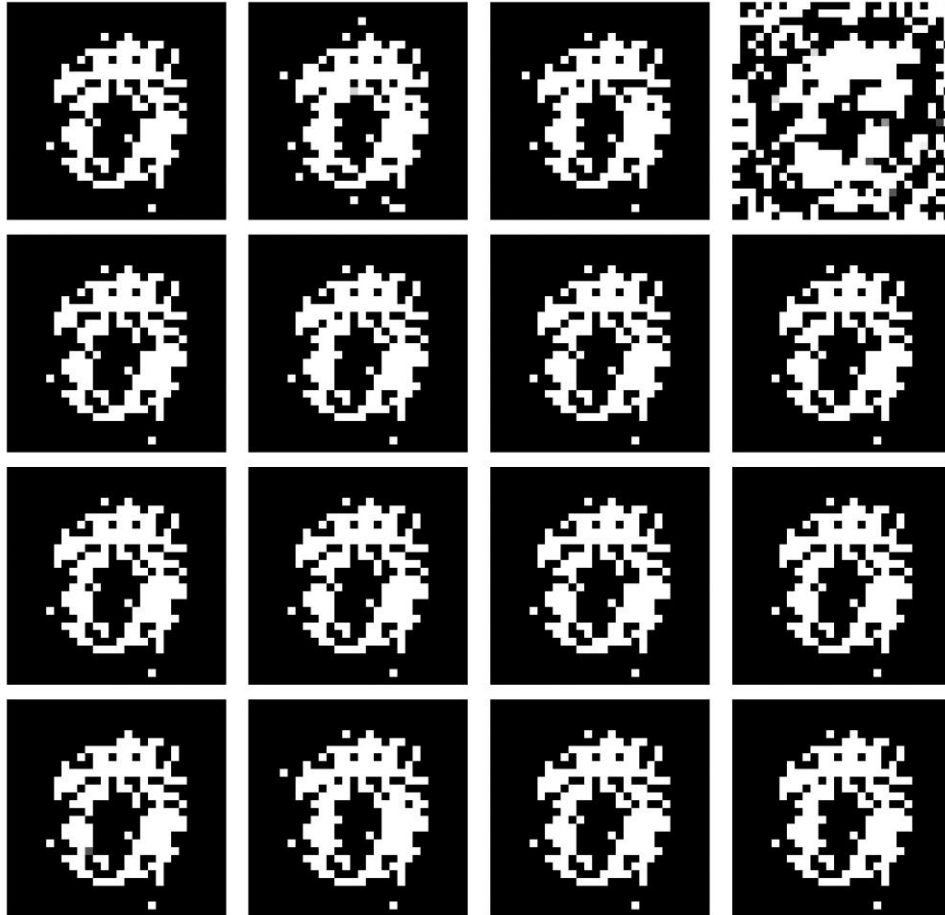
Adjusting weight clipping



- Clipping too small => vanishing gradients
- Clipping too high => Lipschitzianity not well enforced => Poor estimate of EM distance

Mode collapse on MNIST

4x4 Grid of Images



- Easy to detect
- Solved by WGANs

WGAN-GP (Gradient Penalty)

WGANs require the critic to be Lipschitz continuous ($L \leq 1$).

- In the **original WGAN approach** it is enforced by **weight clipping**. However, it reduces the critic's capacity, leading to poor convergence and artifacts in generated samples.
- **Gradient Penalty** penalizes the gradient norm of the discriminator's output with respect to its input, encouraging it to be close to 1.

$$\hat{x} = \alpha \cdot x_{\text{real}} + (1 - \alpha) \cdot x_{\text{fake}}$$

$$\text{gradient_penalty} = \lambda \cdot \mathbb{E} \left[(\|\nabla D(\hat{x})\|_2 - 1)^2 \right]$$

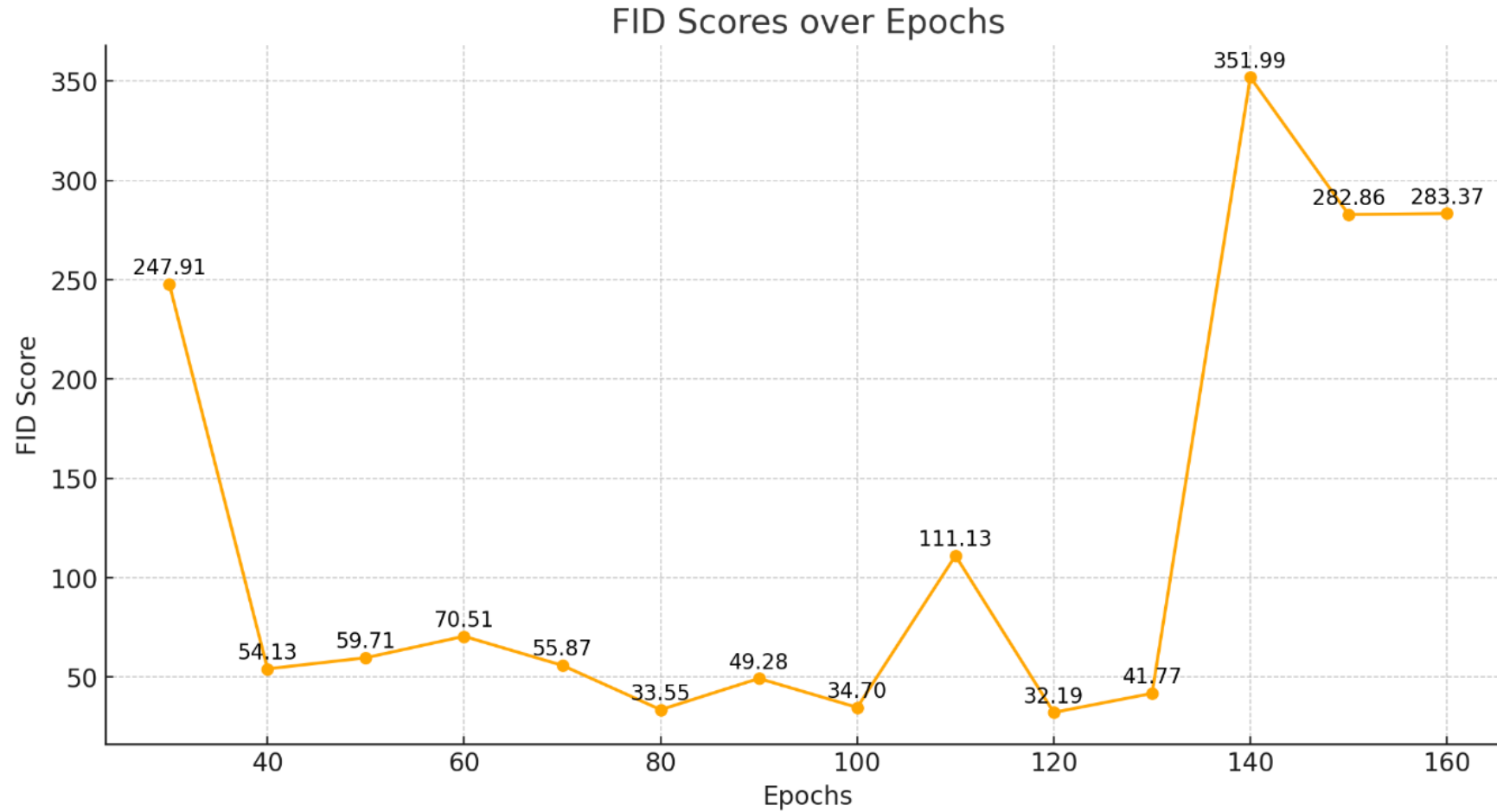
$$D_{\text{loss}} = D_{\text{real}} - D_{\text{fake}} + \text{gradient_penalty}$$

- Maintains the full capacity of the critic (more accurate "real" vs "fake" distinction).
- Provides smoother and more stable training process.
- Improves convergence and quality of samples.

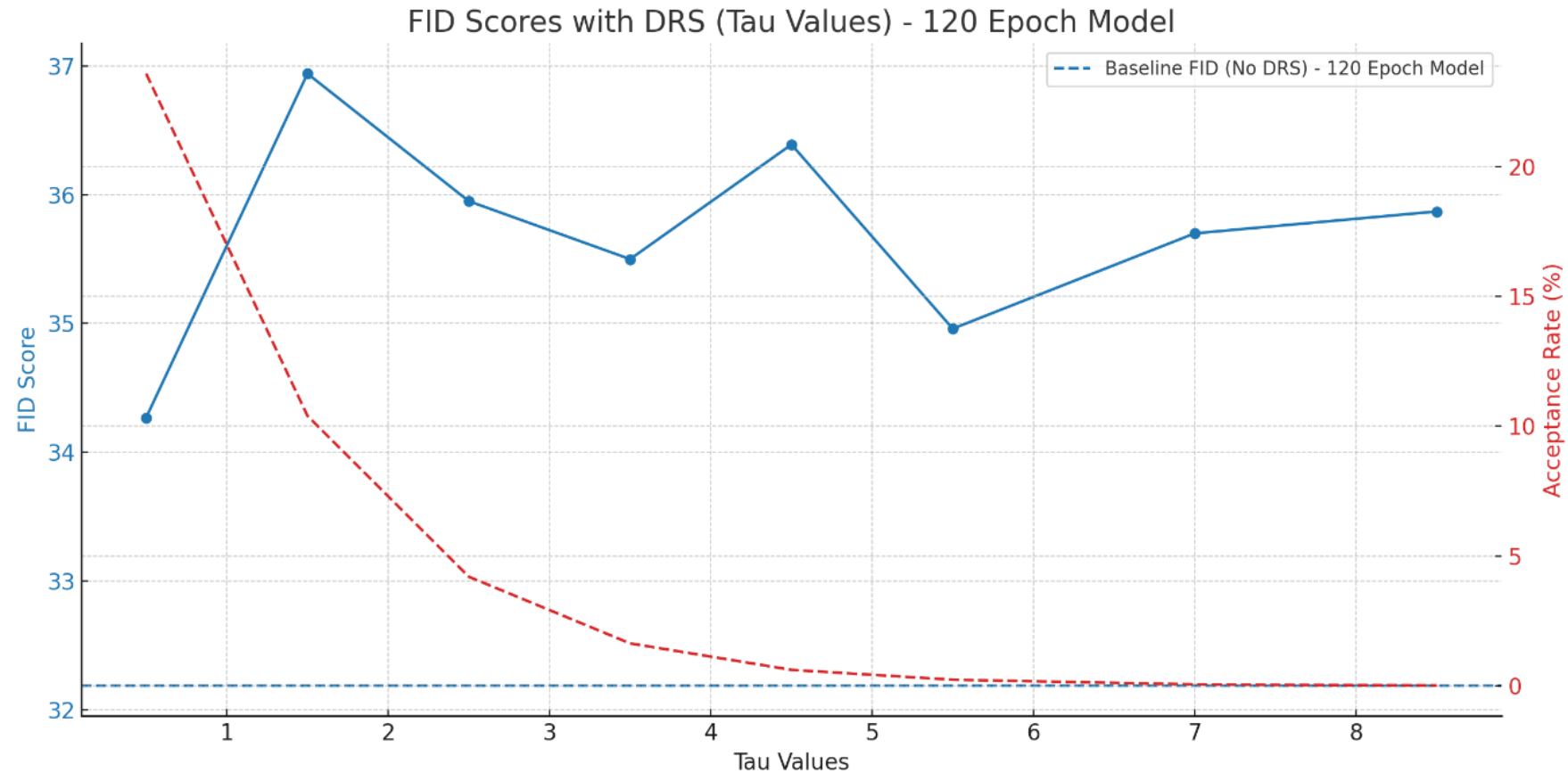
Discriminator Rejection Sampling (DRS)

- Post-processing technique applied to the generator's output to improve the quality of the generated samples by taking advantage of the discriminator.
- Selectively accepts or rejects generated samples based on the discriminator's confidence, retaining more "realistic" samples according to the discriminator.
- Basic Steps:
 1. Generate a batch of fake samples using the Generator.
 2. Pass them through the Discriminator to obtain logits (confidence scores).
 3. Compute acceptance probability (e.g. sigmoid with a threshold τ).
 4. Sample from a Bernoulli distribution to select which ones to accept
 5. Repeat till the desired number of samples is obtained

WGAN-GP FID Results



DRS Effect on FID for WGAN-GP



Discriminator **Optimal** Transport [1]

$$W(p, q) = \max_{\|\tilde{D}\|_{\text{Lip}} \leq 1} \left(\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p} [\tilde{D}(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{y \sim q} [\tilde{D}(y)] \right)$$

Theorem 1: D^* satisfies the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{D}^*\|_{\text{Lip}} &= 1 \\ T(y) &= \arg \min_x \{ \|x - y\|^2 - D^*(x) \} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2: Each objective function of GAN using logistic, or hinge, or identity loss with gradient penalty, provides lower bound of the mean discrepancy of $\tilde{D} = D/K$ between p and p_G

$$VD(G, D) \leq K \left(\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p} [\tilde{D}(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{y \sim p_G} [\tilde{D}(y)] \right)$$

Target space DOT

$$T_{\text{eff}}^D(y) = \arg \min_x \left\{ \|x - y\|^2 - \frac{1}{K_{\text{eff}}} D(x) \right\}$$

$$K_{\text{eff}} = \max_{x, y \sim p_G} \left\{ \frac{|D(x) - D(y)|}{\|x - y\|_2} \right\}$$

Algorithm 1 Target space optimal transport by gradient descent

Require: trained D , approximated K_{eff} by (20), sample y , learning rate ϵ and small vector δ

Initialize $x \leftarrow y$

for n_{trial} in range(N_{updates}) **do**

$x \leftarrow x - \epsilon \nabla_x \left\{ \|x - y + \delta\|_2 - \frac{1}{K_{\text{eff}}} D(x) \right\}$ (δ is for preventing overflow.)

end for

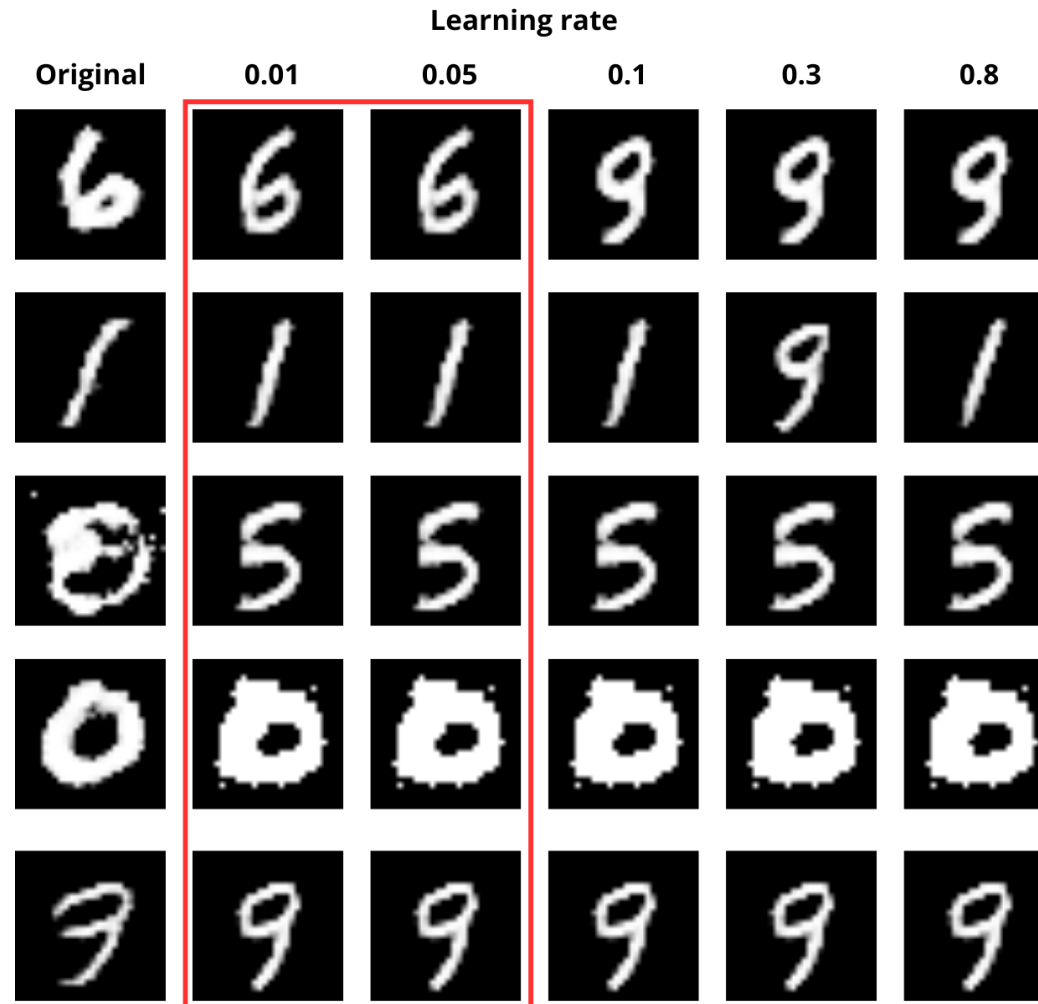
return x

Latent space DOT

$$T_{\text{eff}}^{D \circ G}(z_y) = \arg \min_z \left\{ \|z - z_y\|^2 - \frac{1}{k_{\text{eff}}} (D \circ G)(z) \right\}$$

$$k_{\text{eff}} = \max_{z, z_y \sim p_Z} \left\{ \frac{|(D \circ G)(z) - (D \circ G)(z_y)|}{\|z - z_y\|_2} \right\}$$

Latent space DOT - Result



With:
Lr = 0.01
Epochs = 10000

Vanilla GAN FID: 38.85
V GAN + DOT FID : 91.56

THANKS FOR LISTENING

Time for your questions



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