Lecture 4

Generative Adversarial Networks

6.S978 Deep Generative Models

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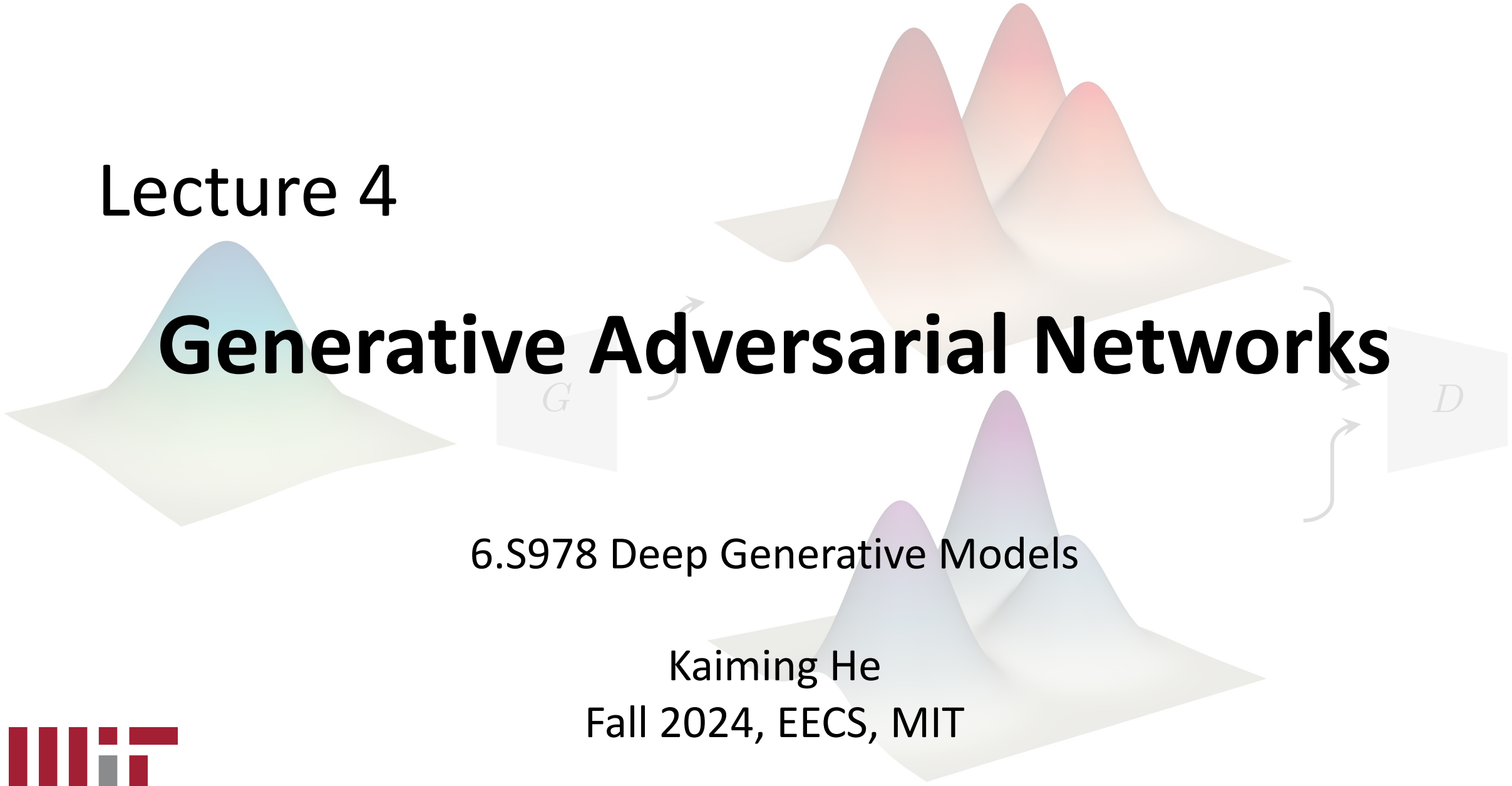


Overview

- Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)
- Wasserstein GAN (W-GAN)
- Adversary as a Loss Function

Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)

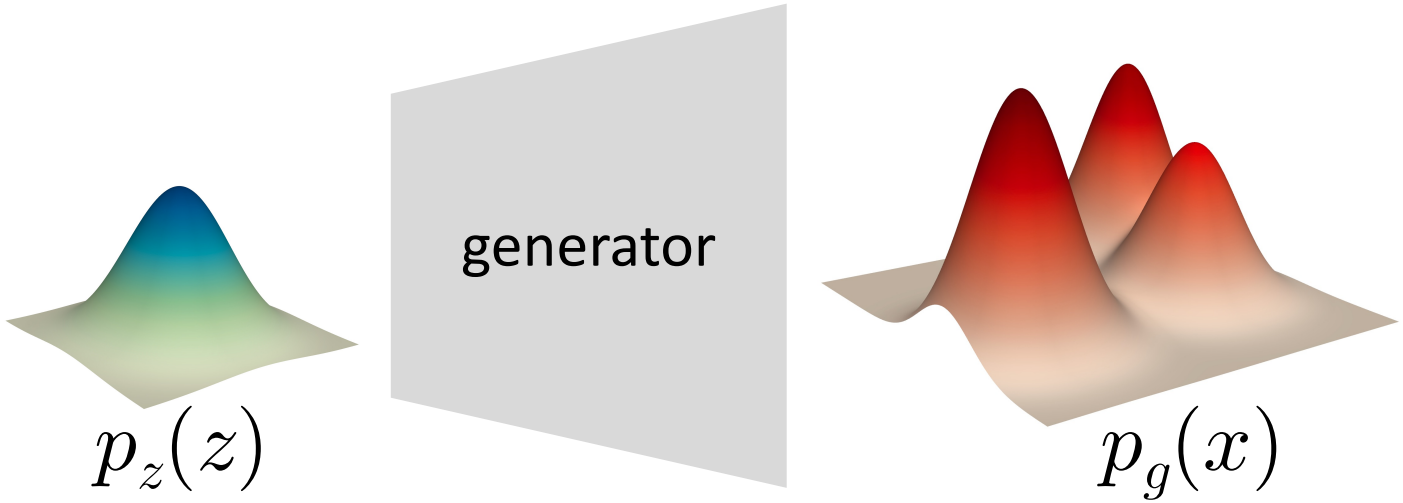
Introduction

- “**Generative**”
  - “Discriminative” was dominant back then
- “**Adversarial**”
  - Generative models w/ discriminative models
  - Min-max process
- “**Networks**”
  - SGD + backprop for problem solving

Recap: Latent Variable Models

Represent a distribution by a neural network:

- z - latent variables
- x - observed variables



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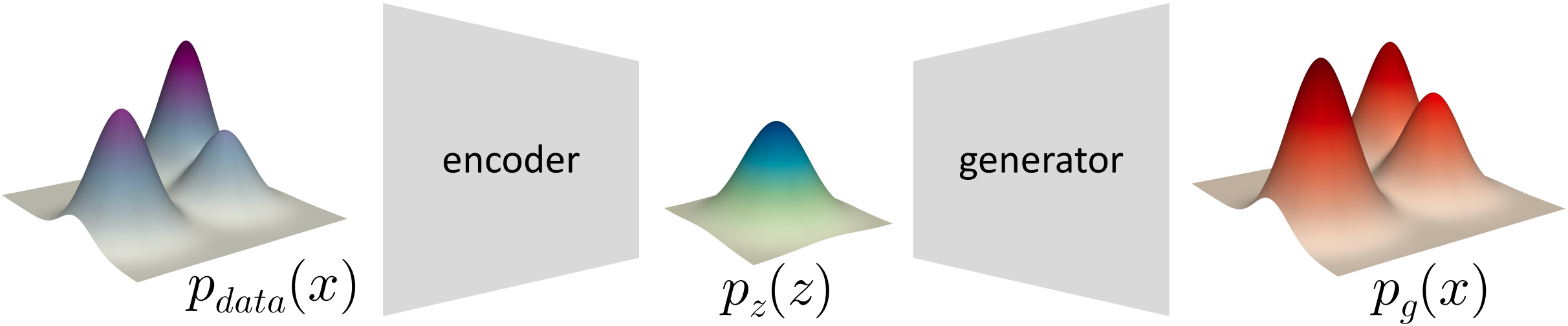
Autoencoding distributions:

"Encoding" data distribution p_{data} into latent distribution p_z



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What's the implication of a "*reconstruction*" loss?

- Elements (e.g., pixels) are **independently** distributed
- Each element follows a **simple** distribution (Gaussian/Bernoulli/...)

Assumptions are too strict for **high-dim** variables

Can we measure the distribution difference in another way?

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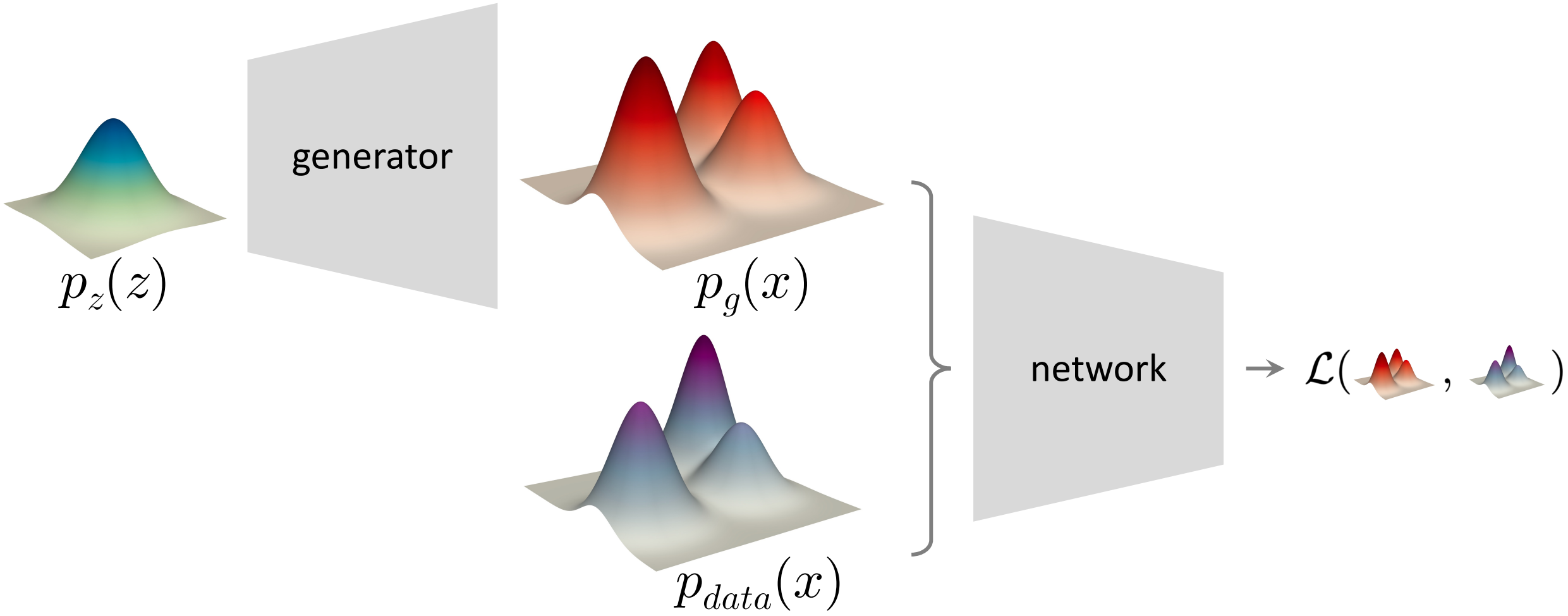

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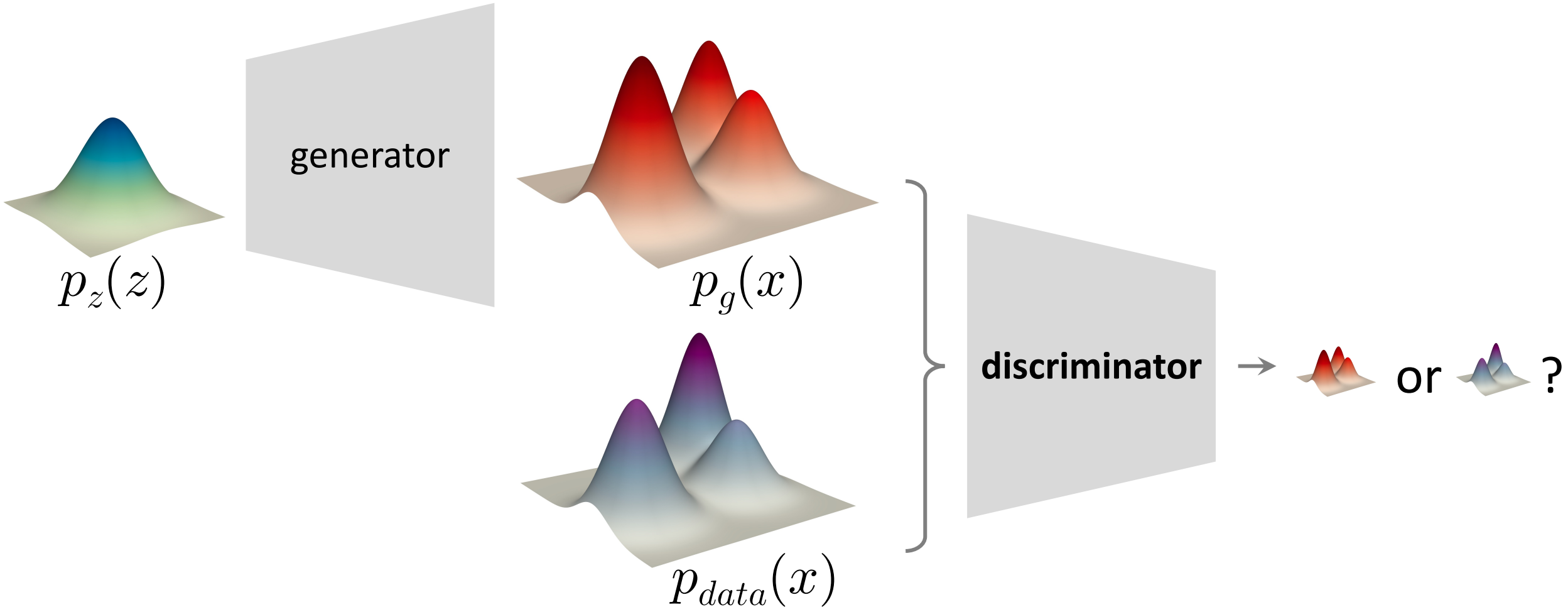

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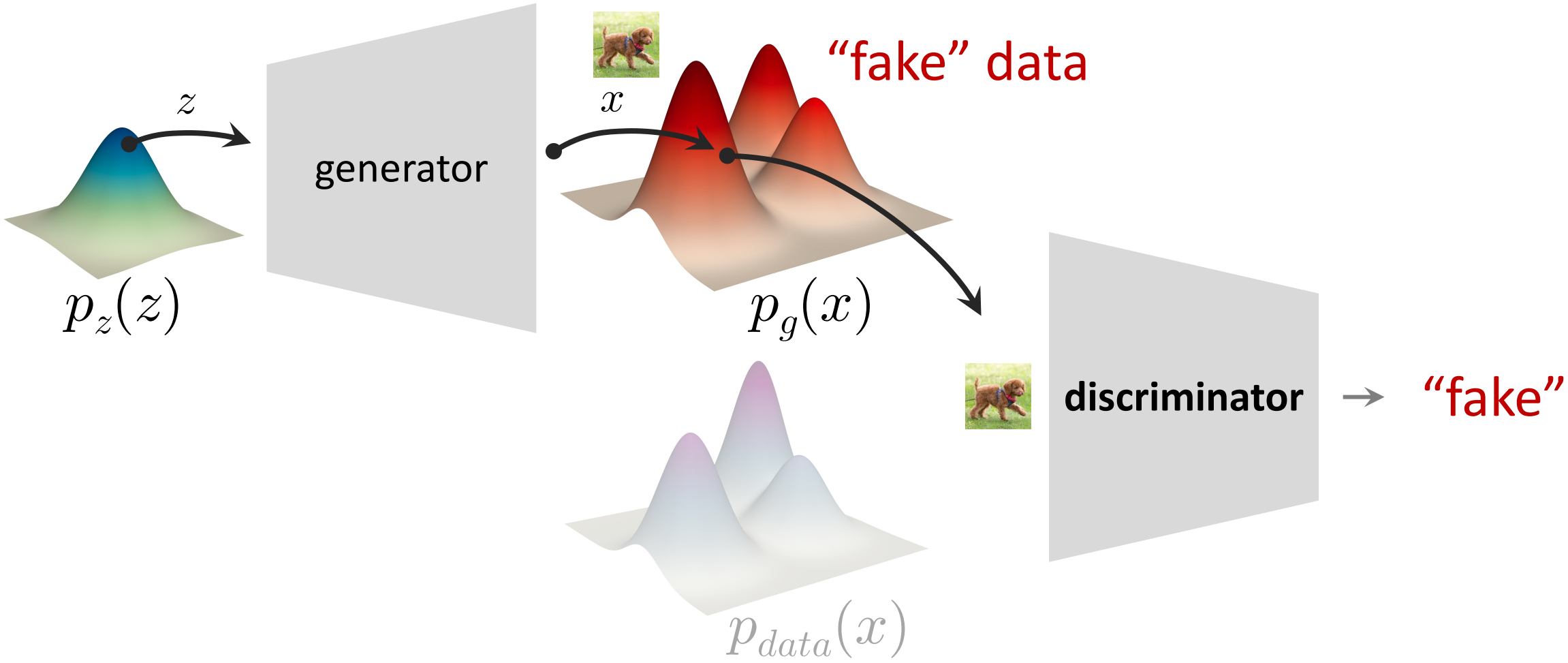

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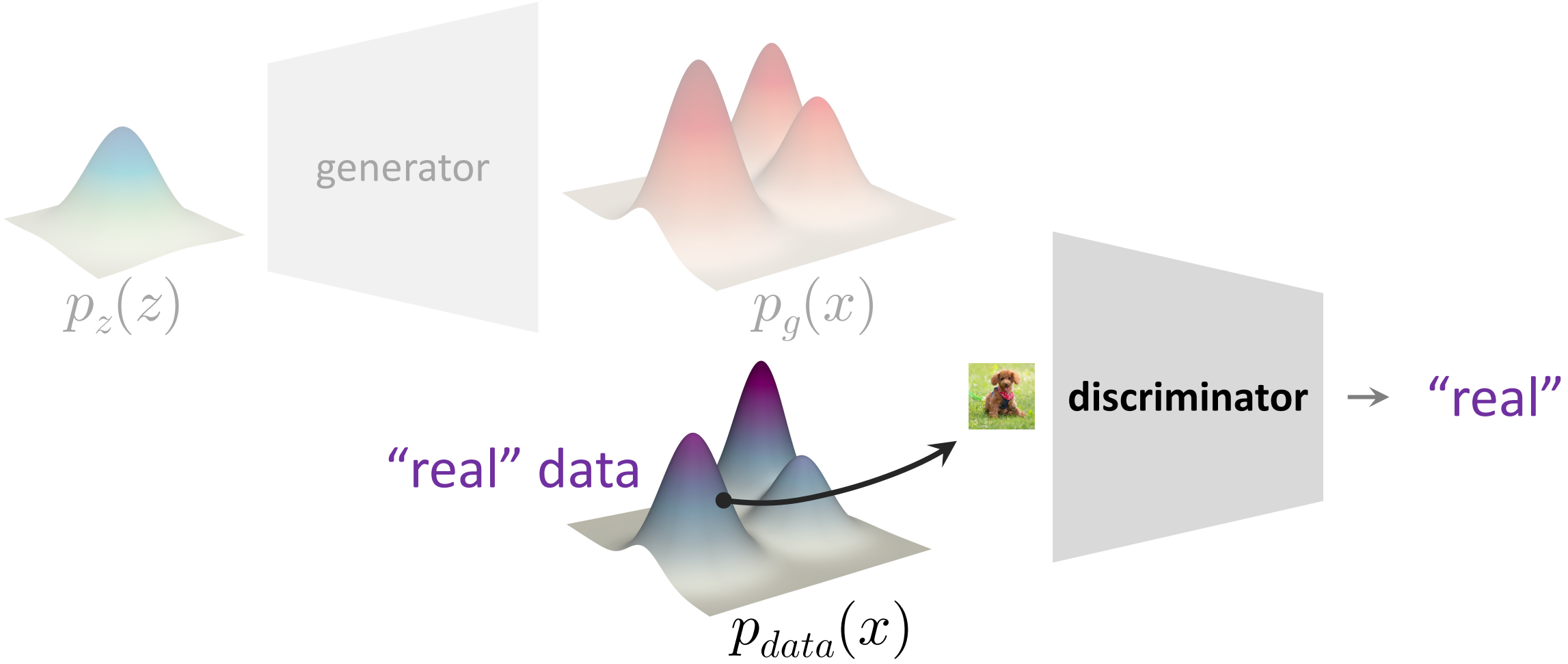

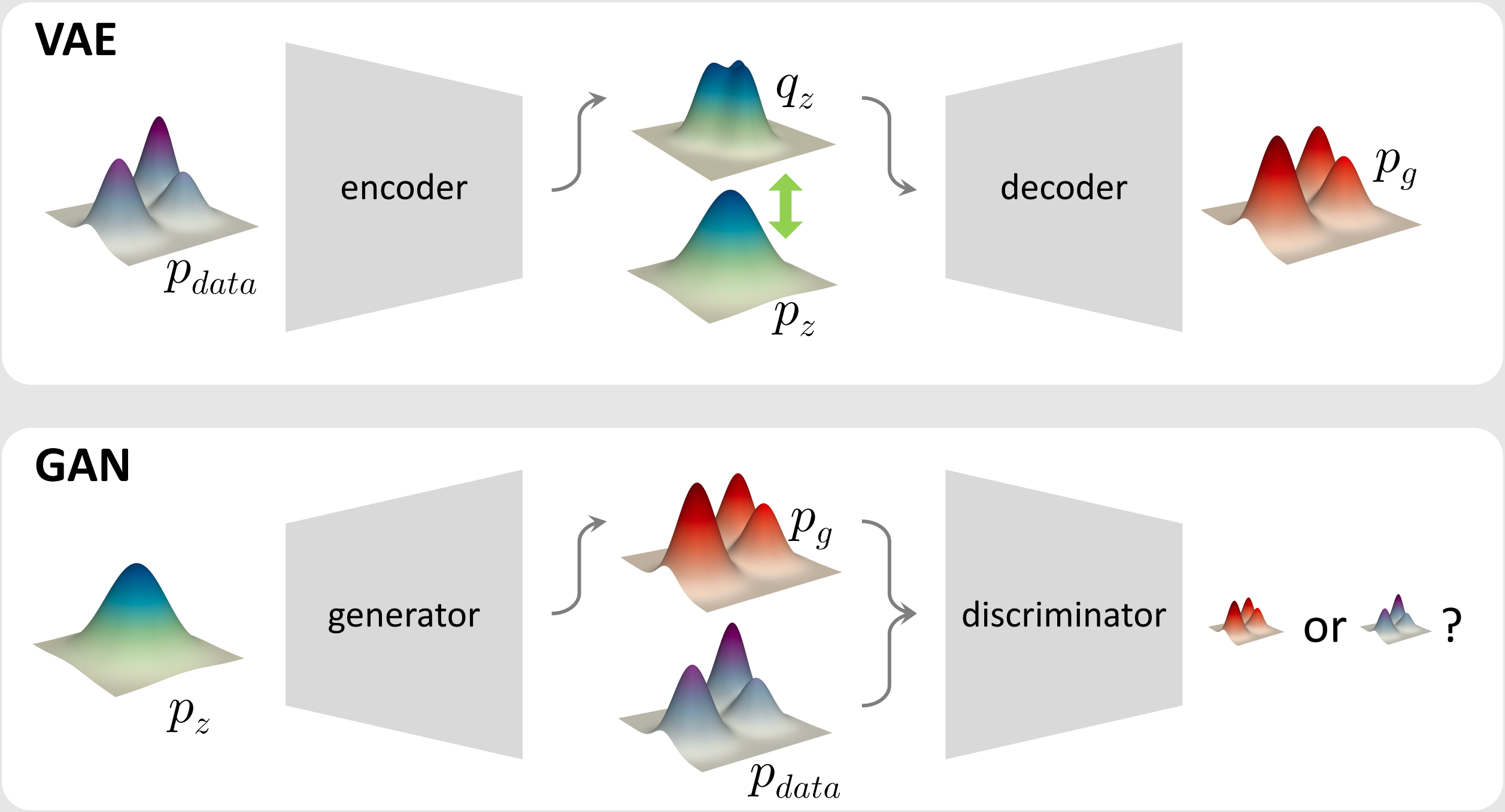
VAE
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encoder
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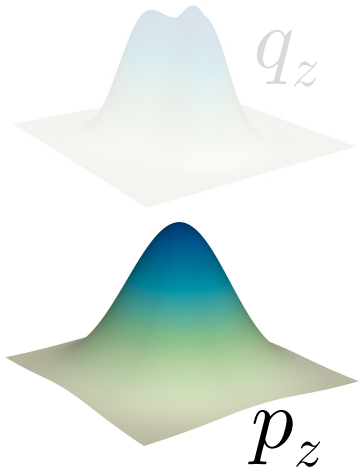
or
?

VAE

generation

encoder



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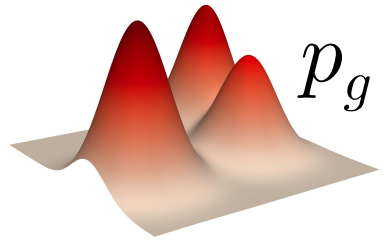

GAN

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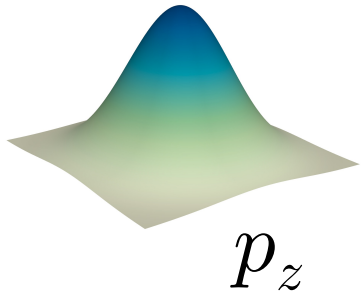

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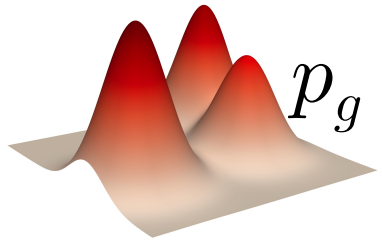

discriminator

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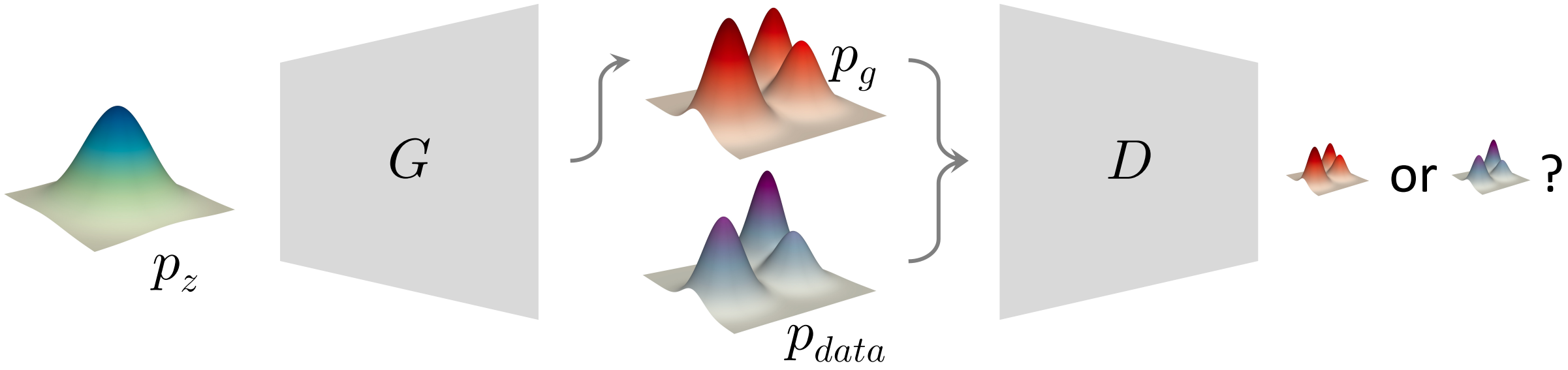
min-max process

(vs. EM's max-max process)



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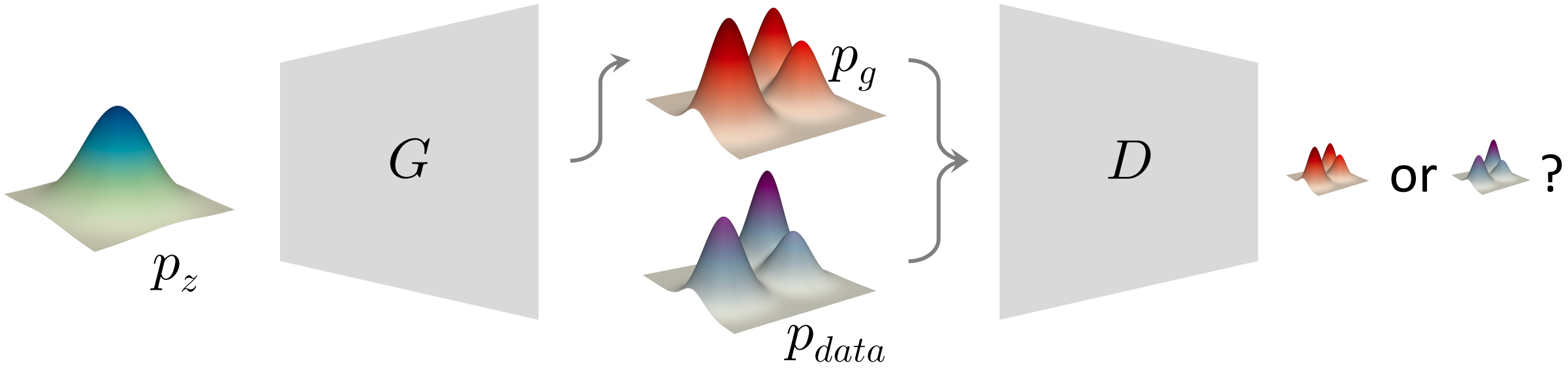

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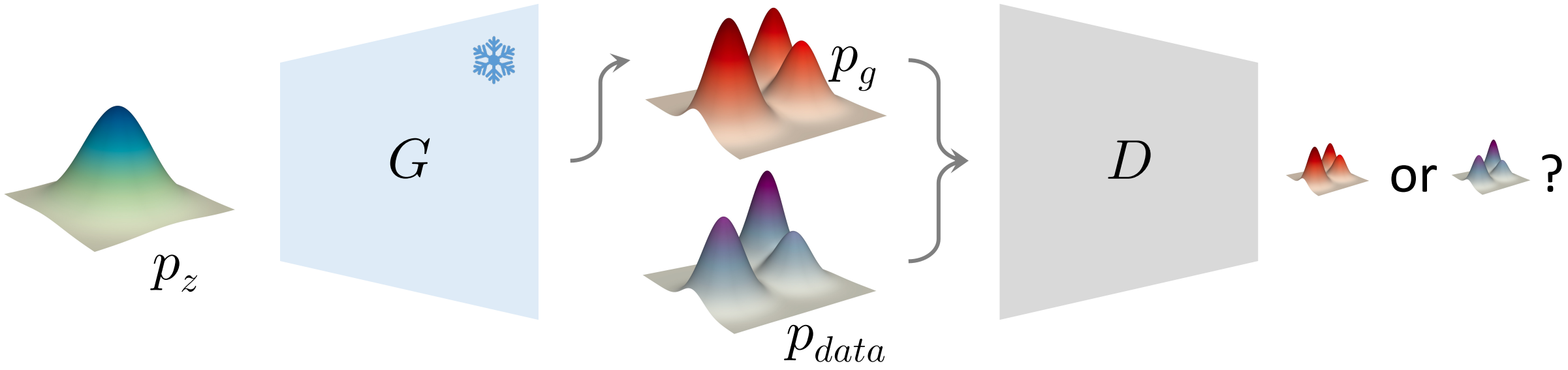

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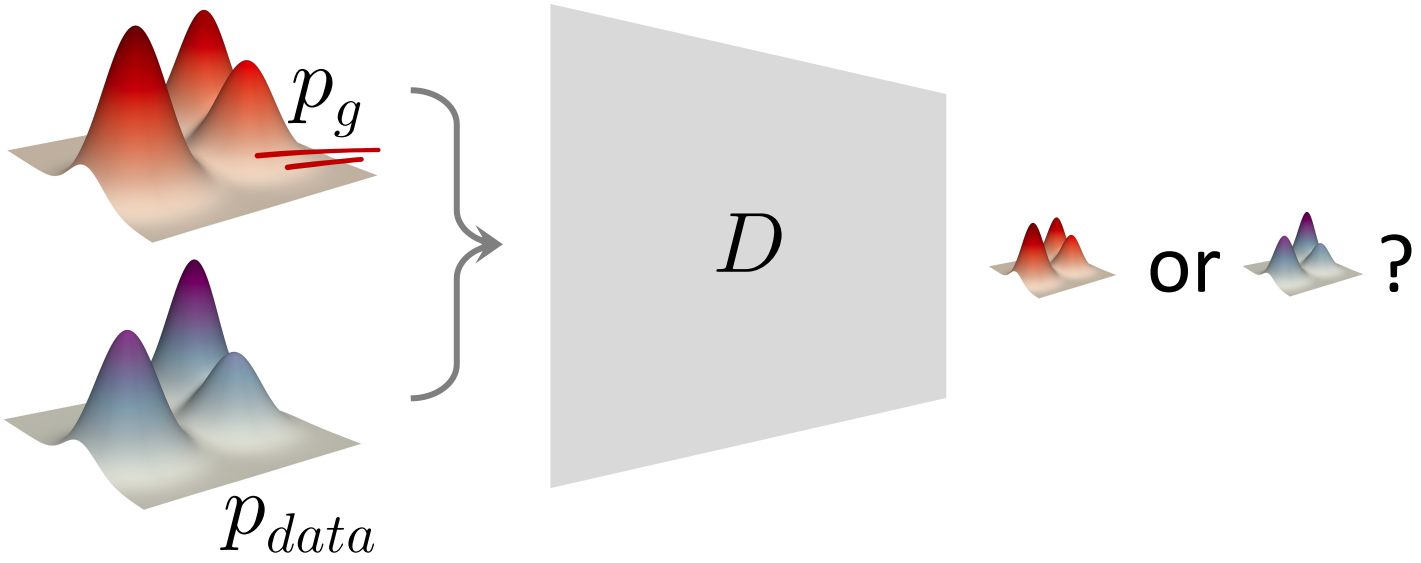

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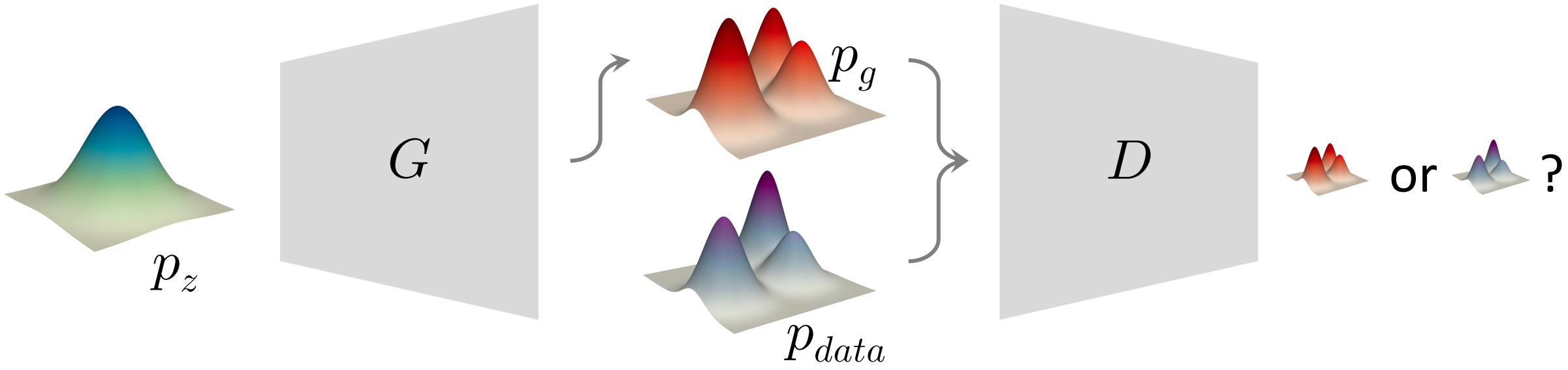

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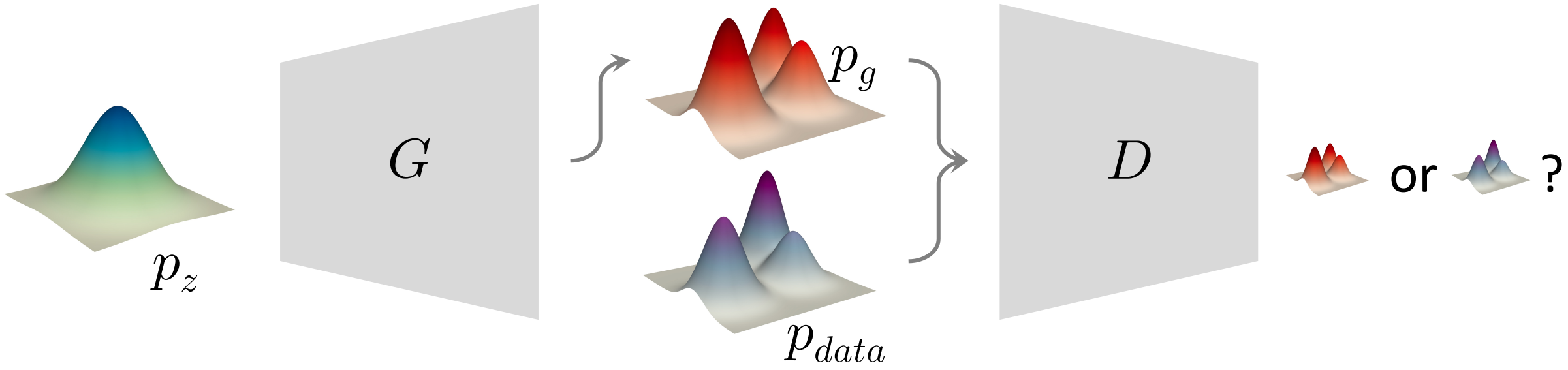

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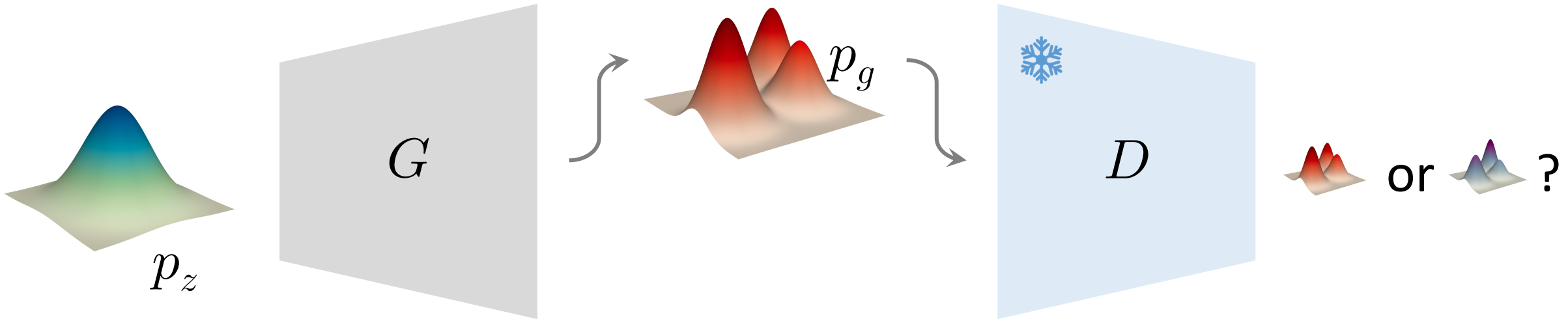

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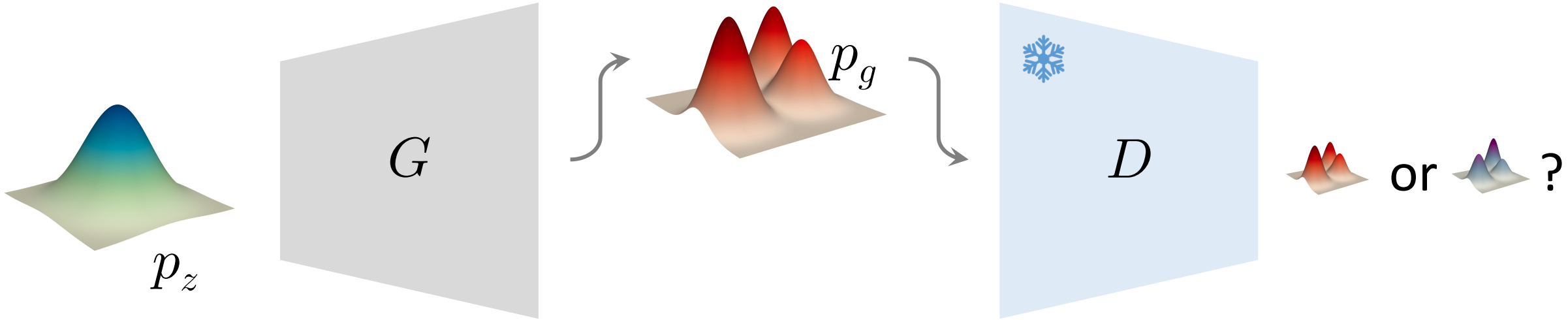

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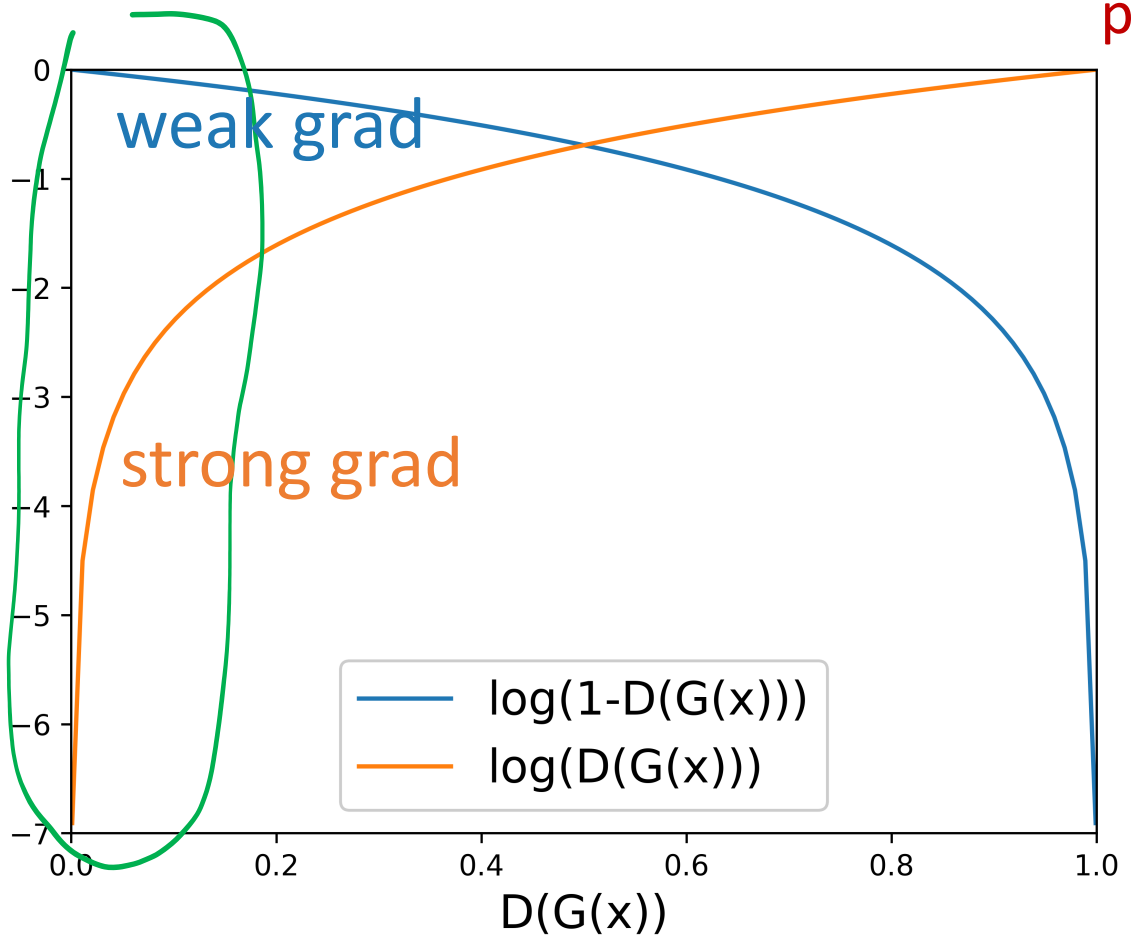

Early in training:

- G is poor
- $D(G)$ is near 0

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minibatch SGD

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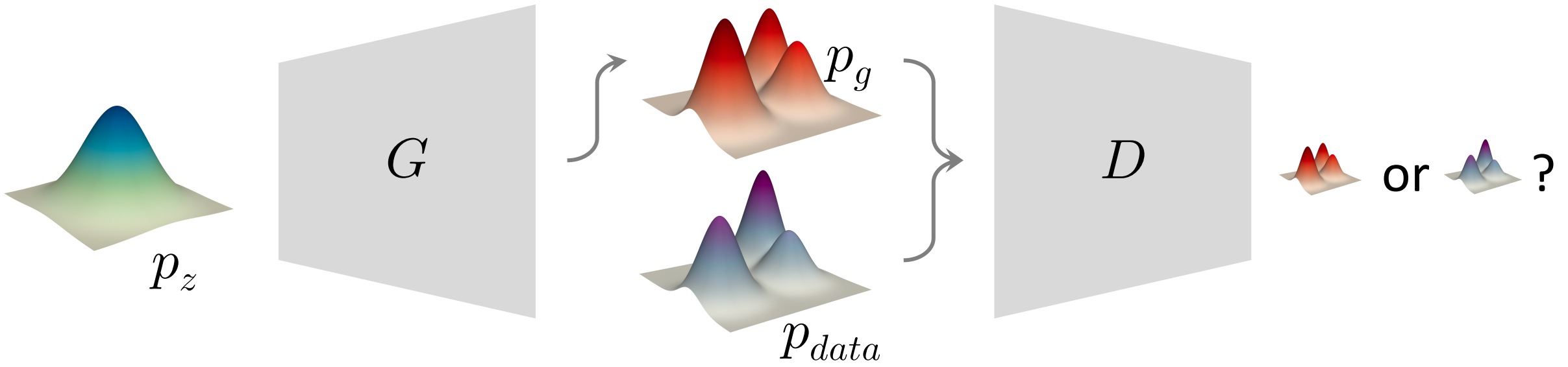

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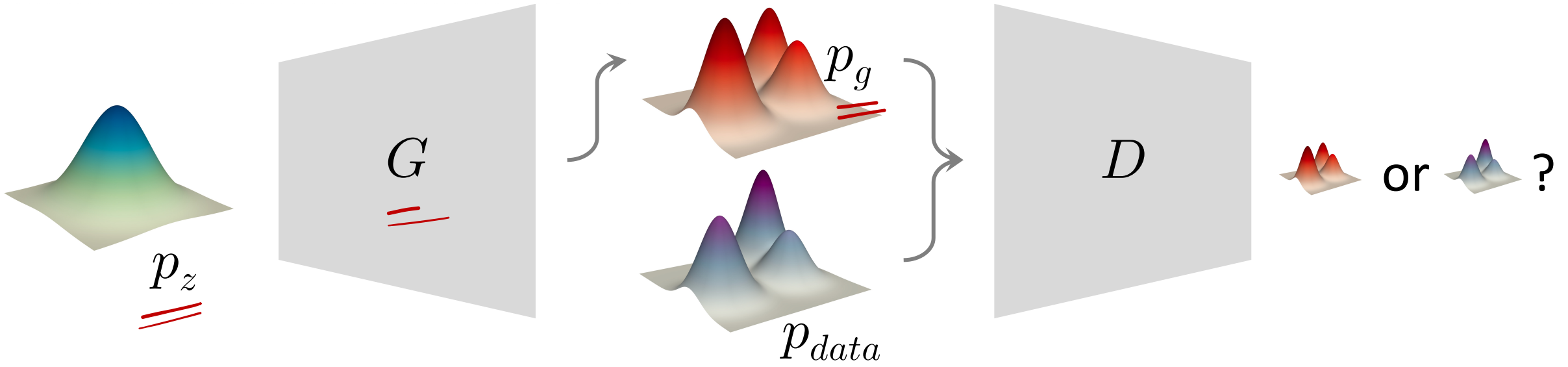

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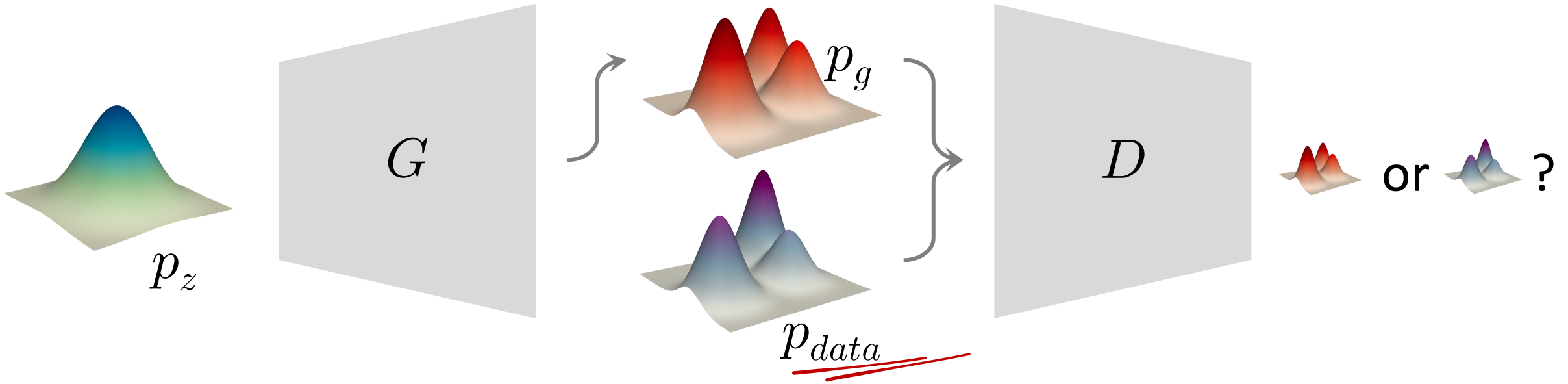

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gradient **ascend**
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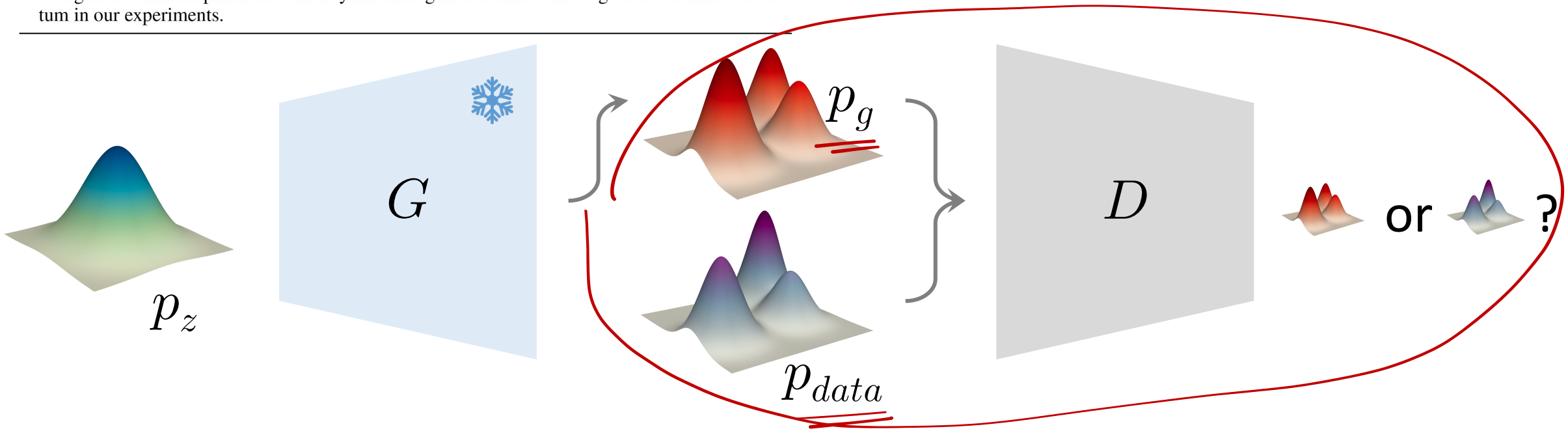

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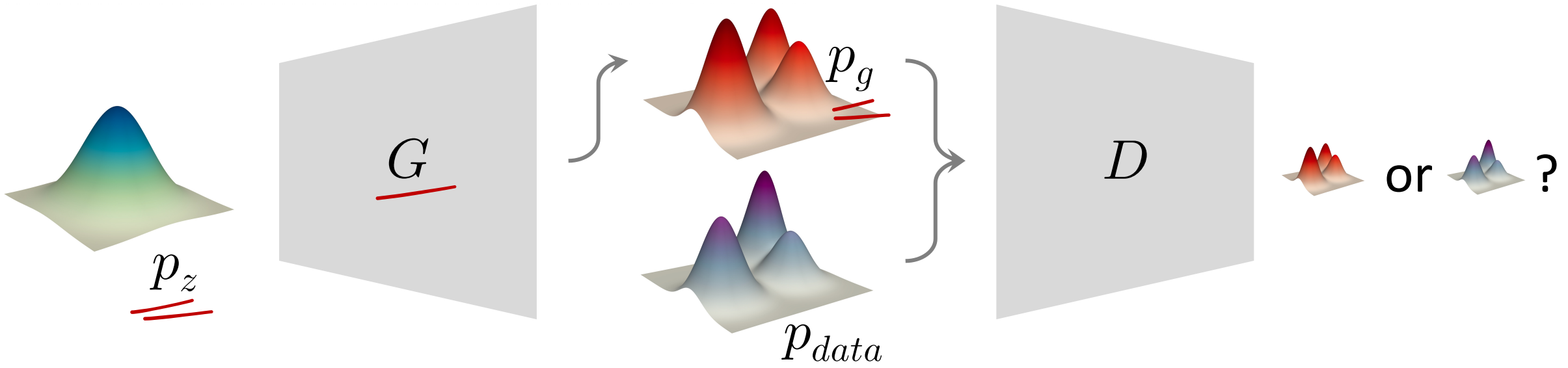

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gradient **descend**
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a parameterized
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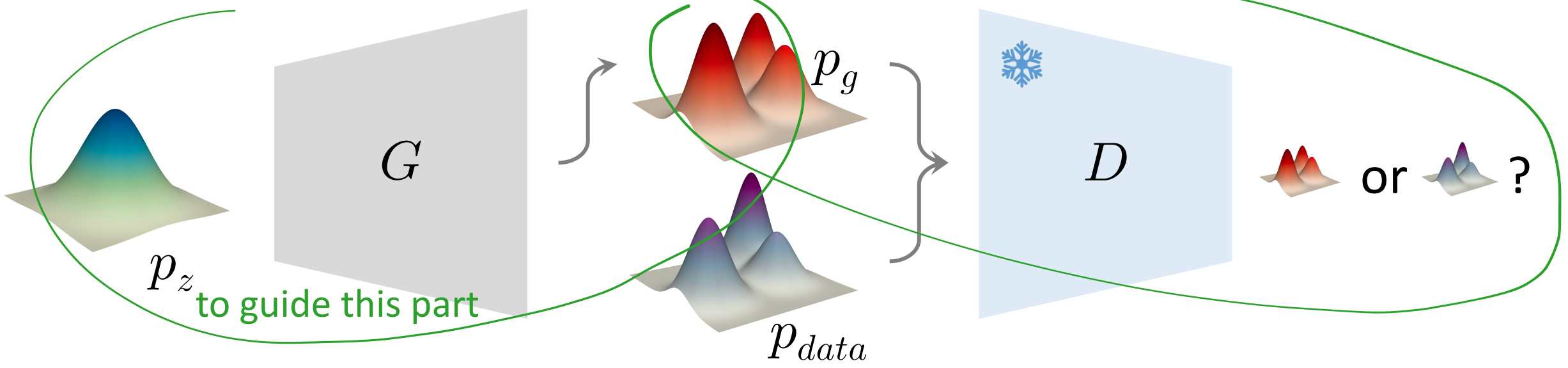

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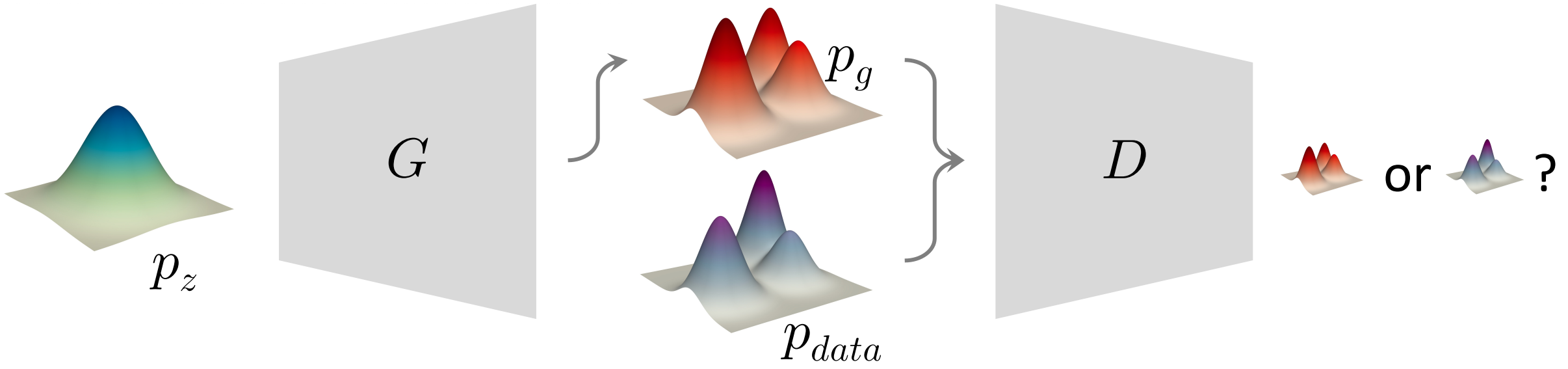

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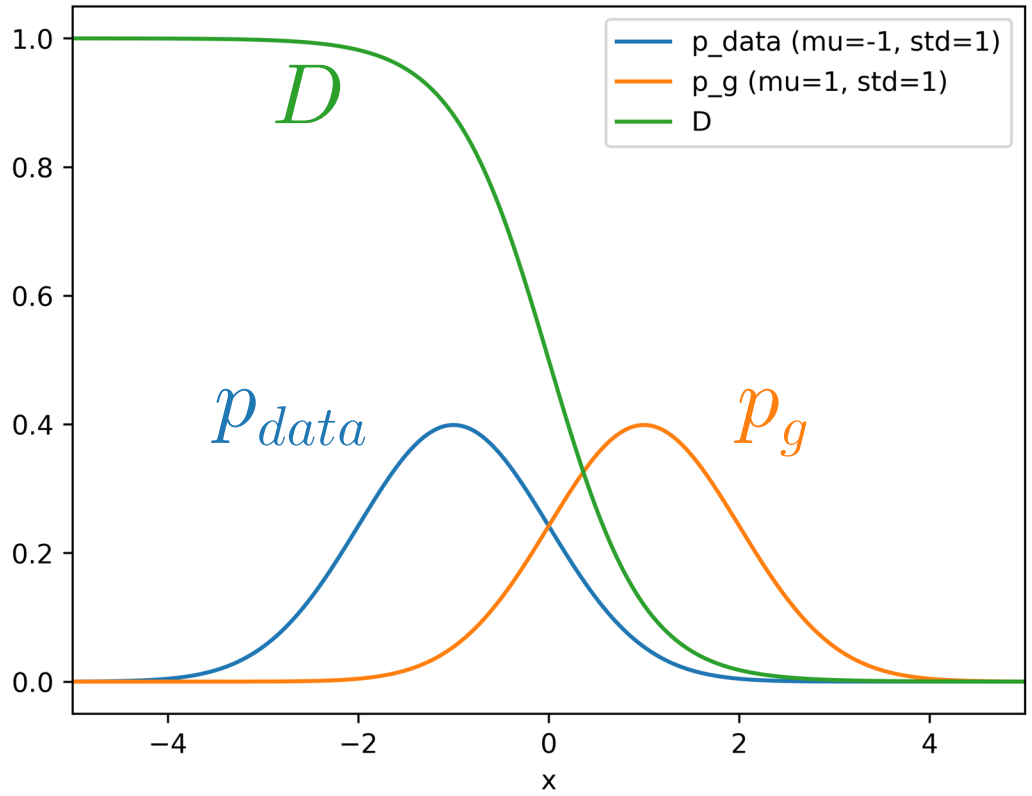

Recap (Lec. 1): Discriminative vs. Generative

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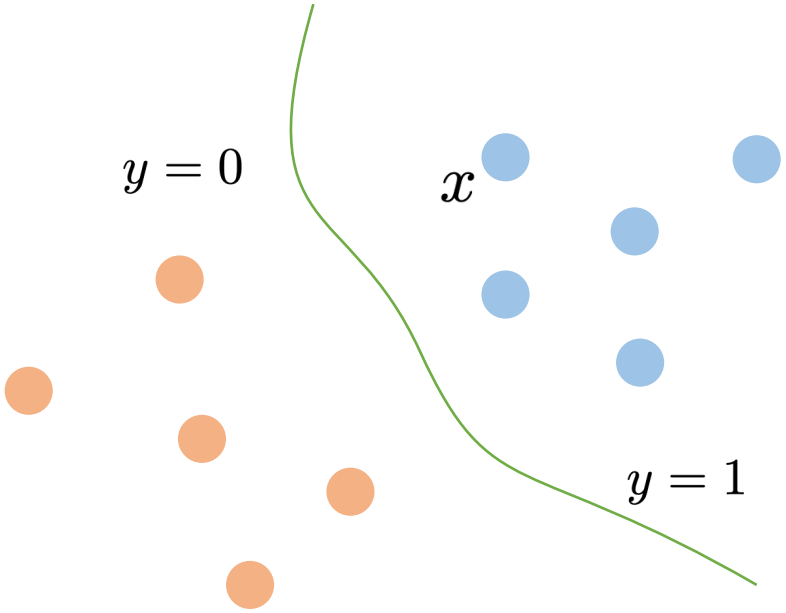

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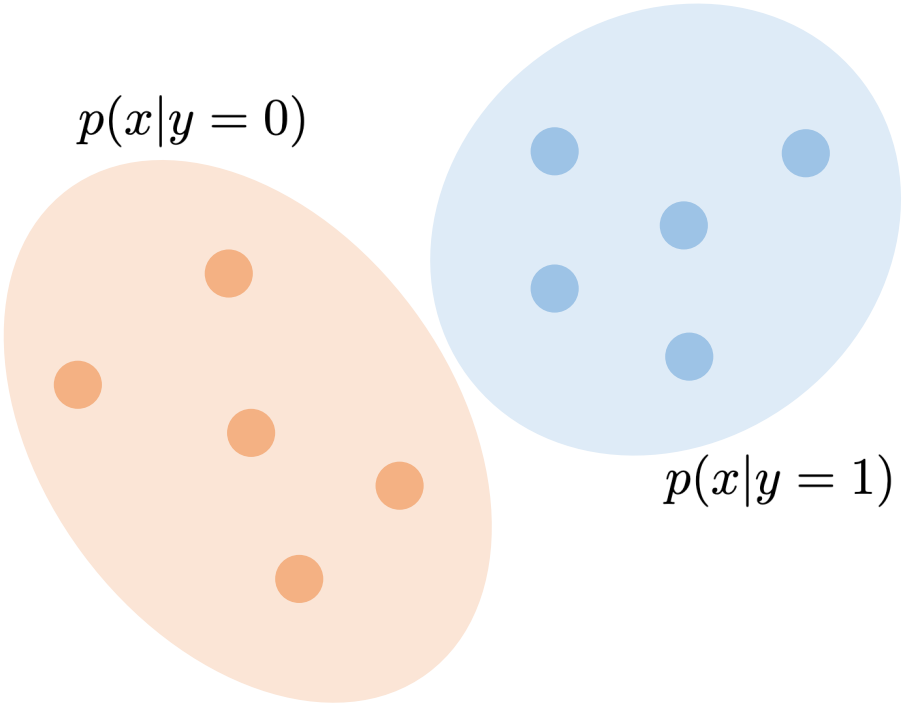

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where D_{JS} is Jensen–Shannon divergence

See proof in “Generative Adversarial Nets”, Goodfellow, et al., 2014

Background: Jensen–Shannon divergence

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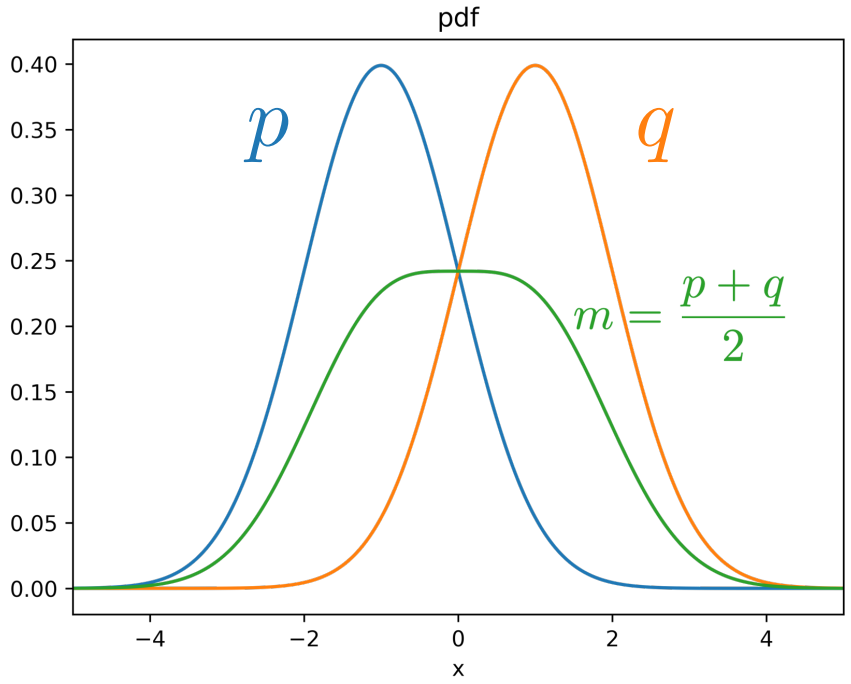

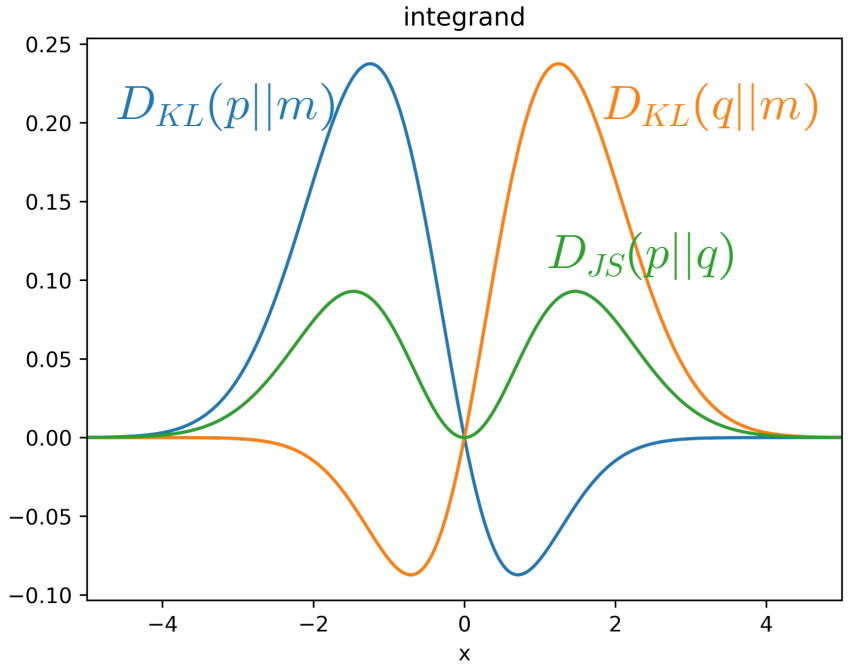

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Properties:

- D_{JS} is symmetric; D_{KL} is not
- D_{JS} is bounded: $[0,\ 1]$; D_{KL} is unbounded: $[0,\ \mathrm{inf})$
- D_{JS} is more stable

Theoretical Results

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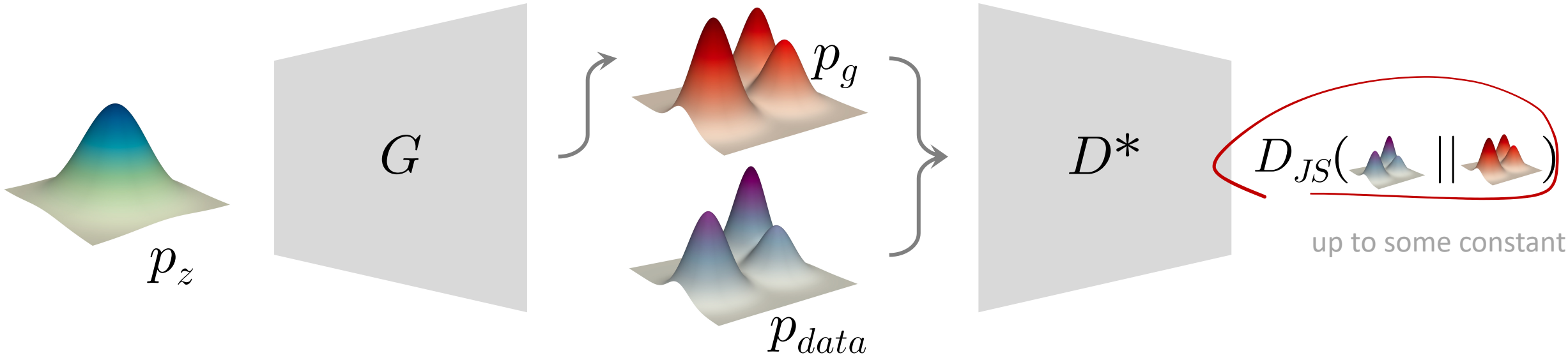

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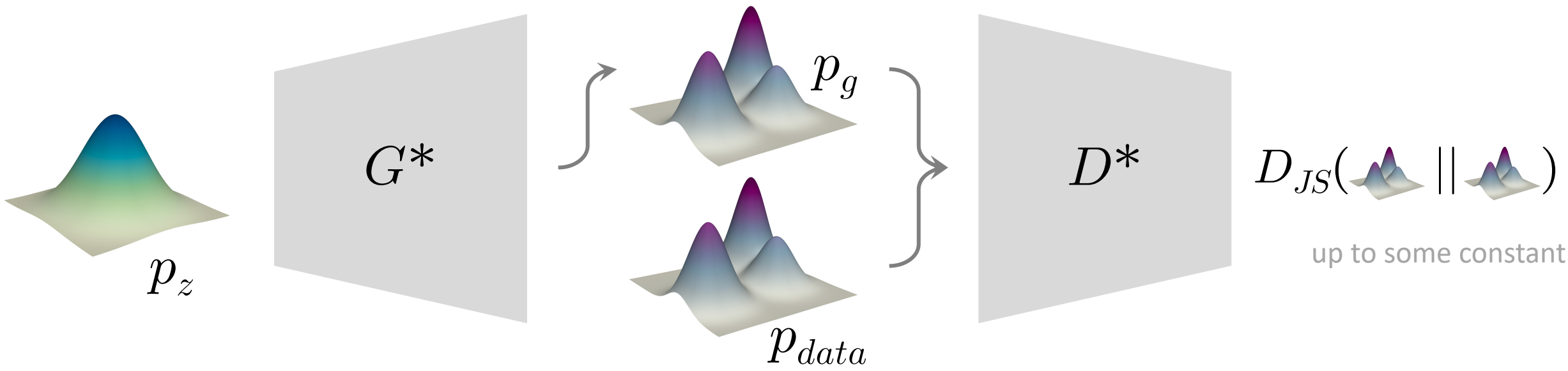

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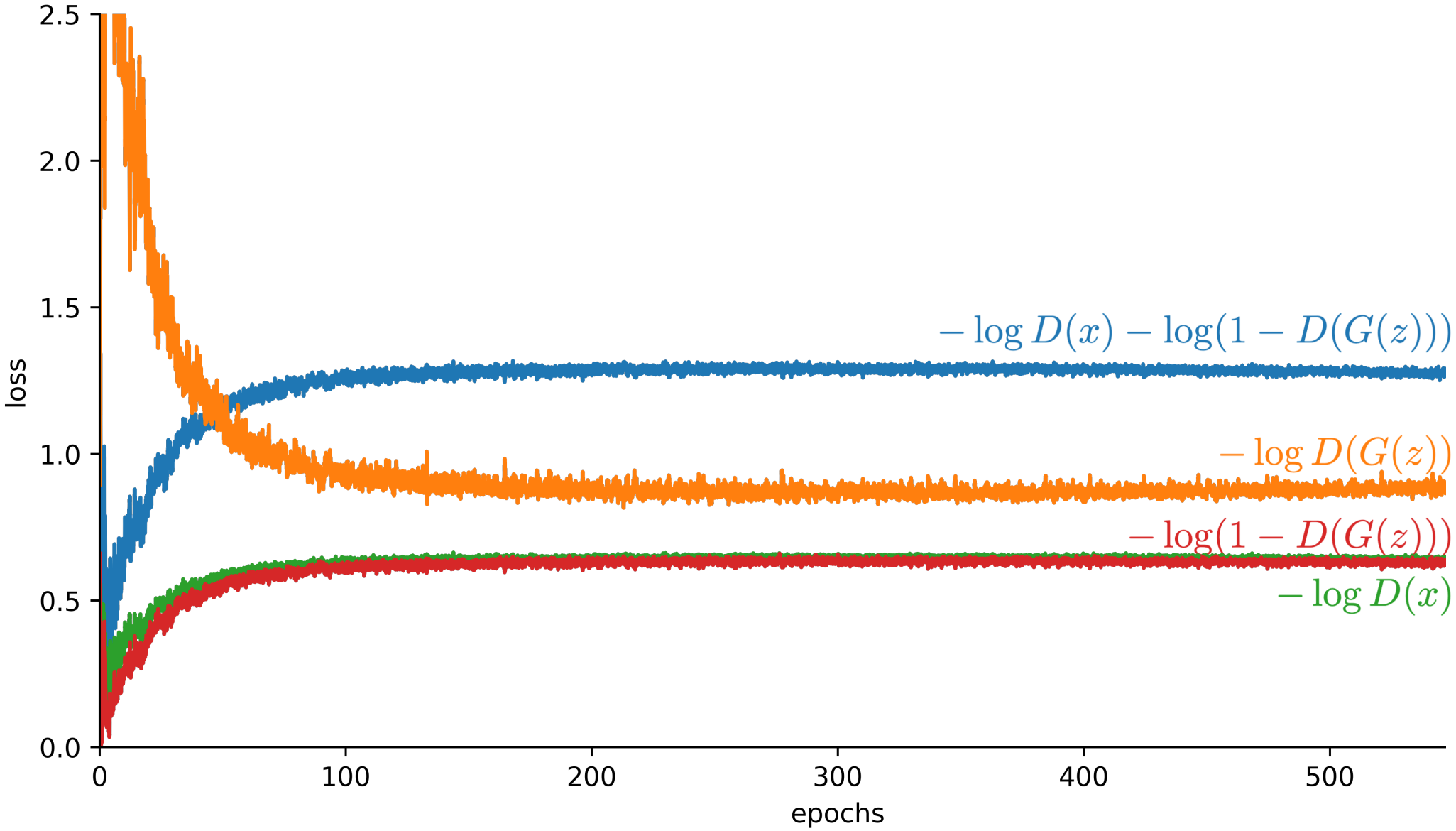

- D loss
- G loss
- $\text{loss}_{\text{fake}}$
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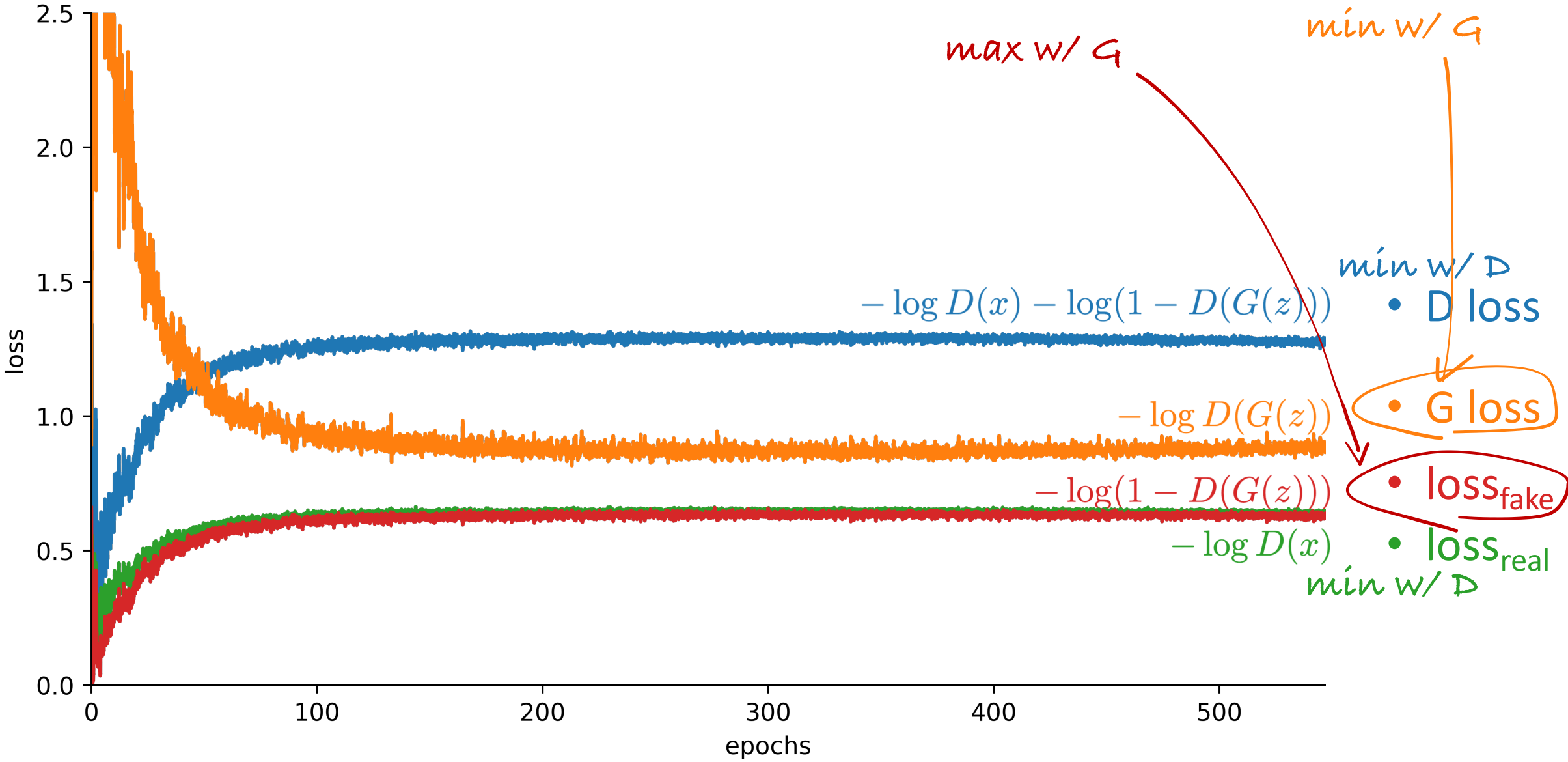

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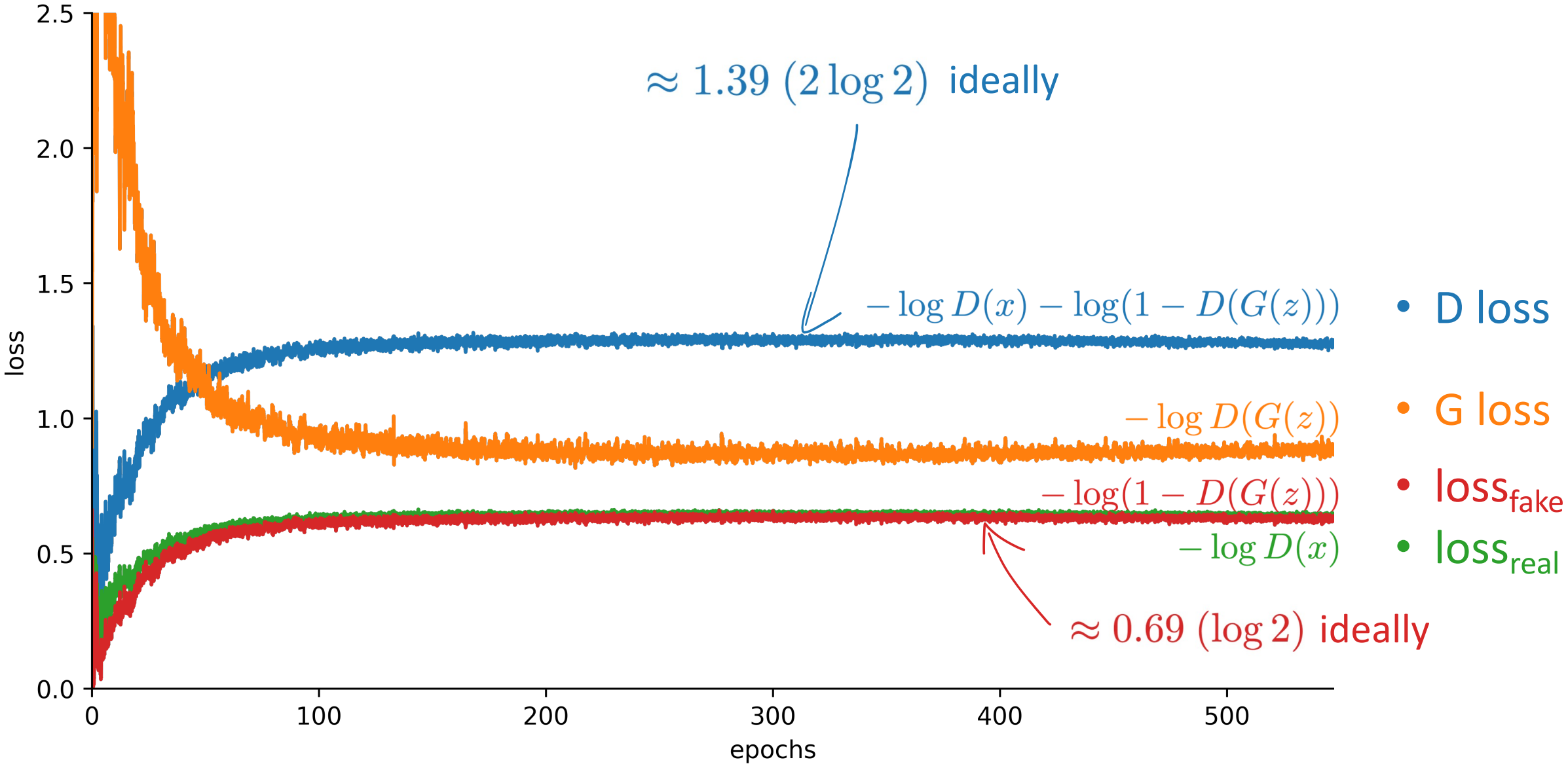

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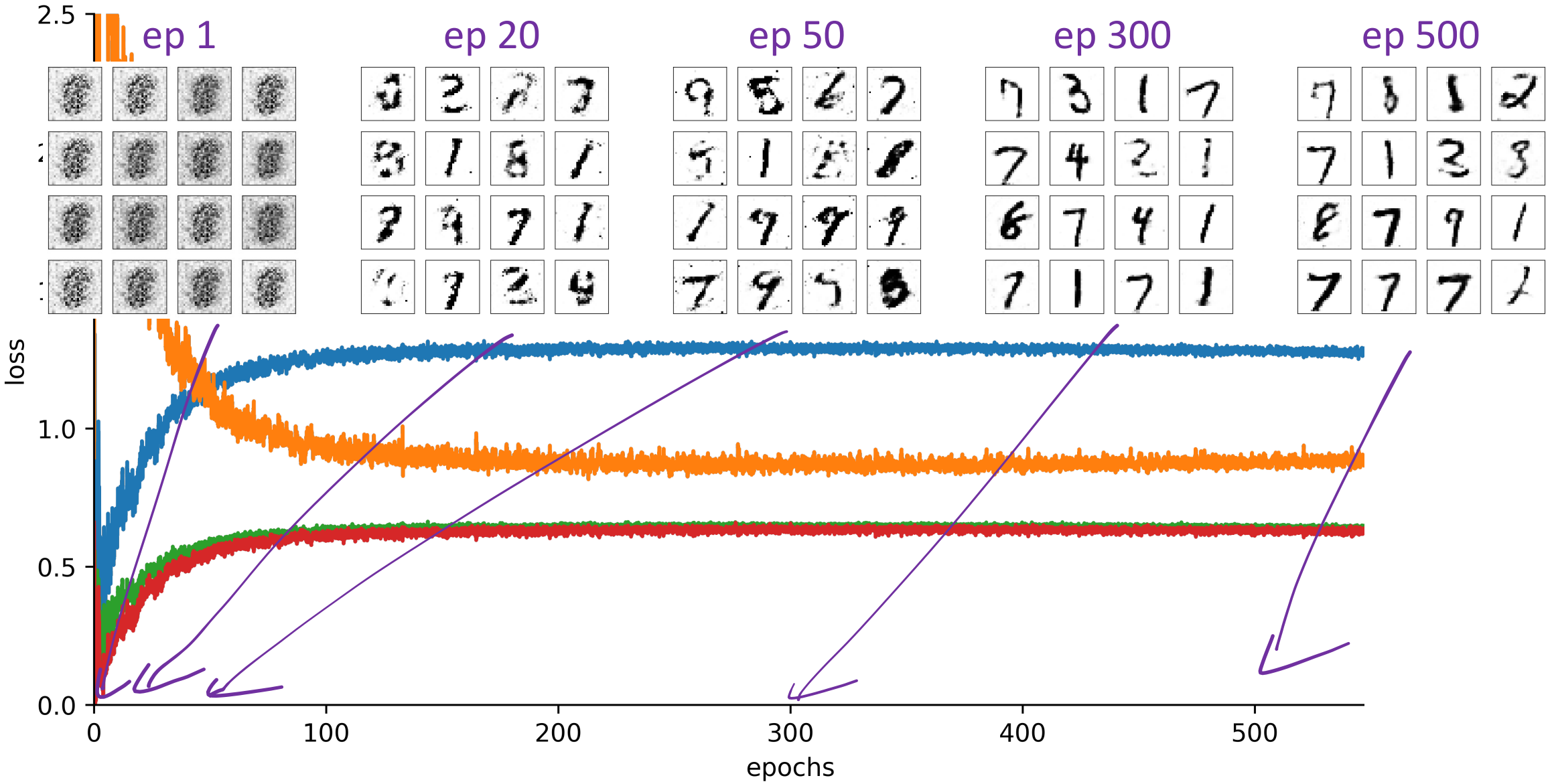

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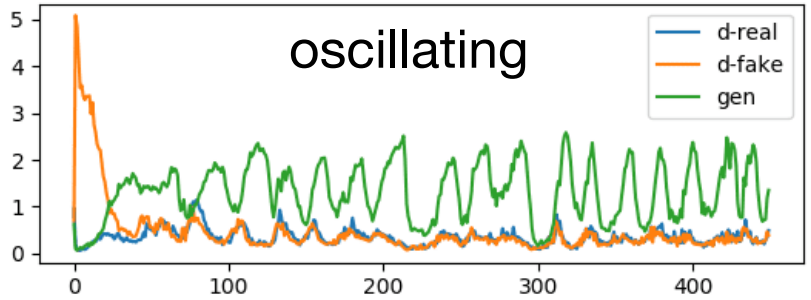
Problems of GAN

Difficult to train/converge

- Hard to achieve equilibrium
- Vanishing gradients
- Mode collapse



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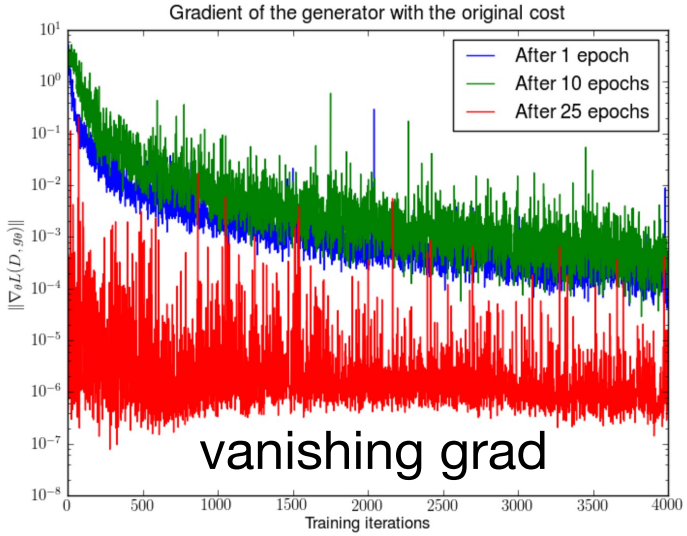

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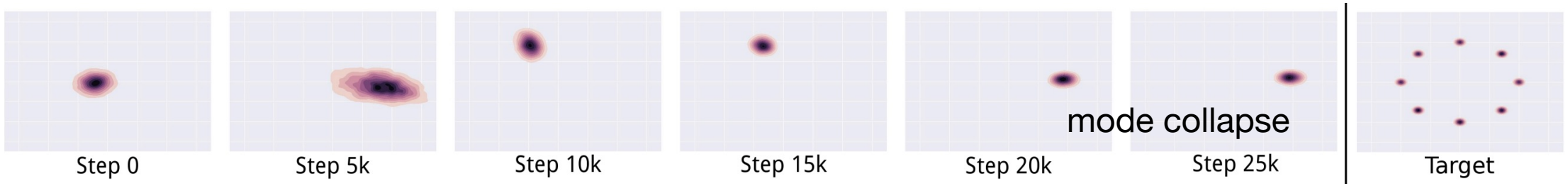

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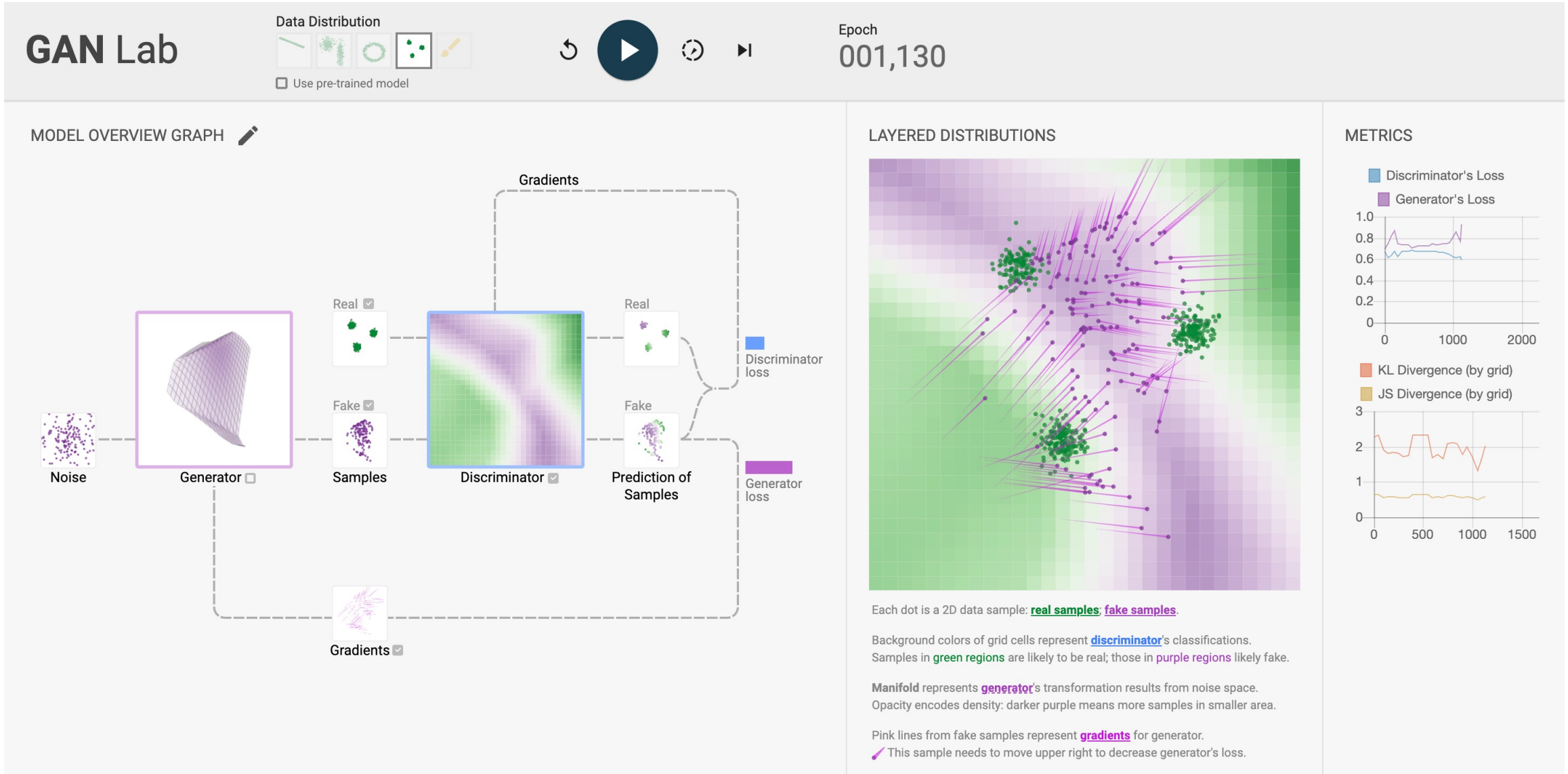
Running example: GAN Lab

https://poloclub.github.io/ganlab/



Wasserstein GAN

W-GAN in Short

For mathematicians:

- Wasserstein distance, instead of JS divergence

For engineers:

- remove logarithms
- clip weights

For laymen:

- art critic, instead of forgery expert

Summarized by Reddit user danielvarga: https://www.reddit.com/r/MachineLearning/comments/5qxoaz/comment/dd7aomb/

Recap: GAN optimizes for D_{JS}

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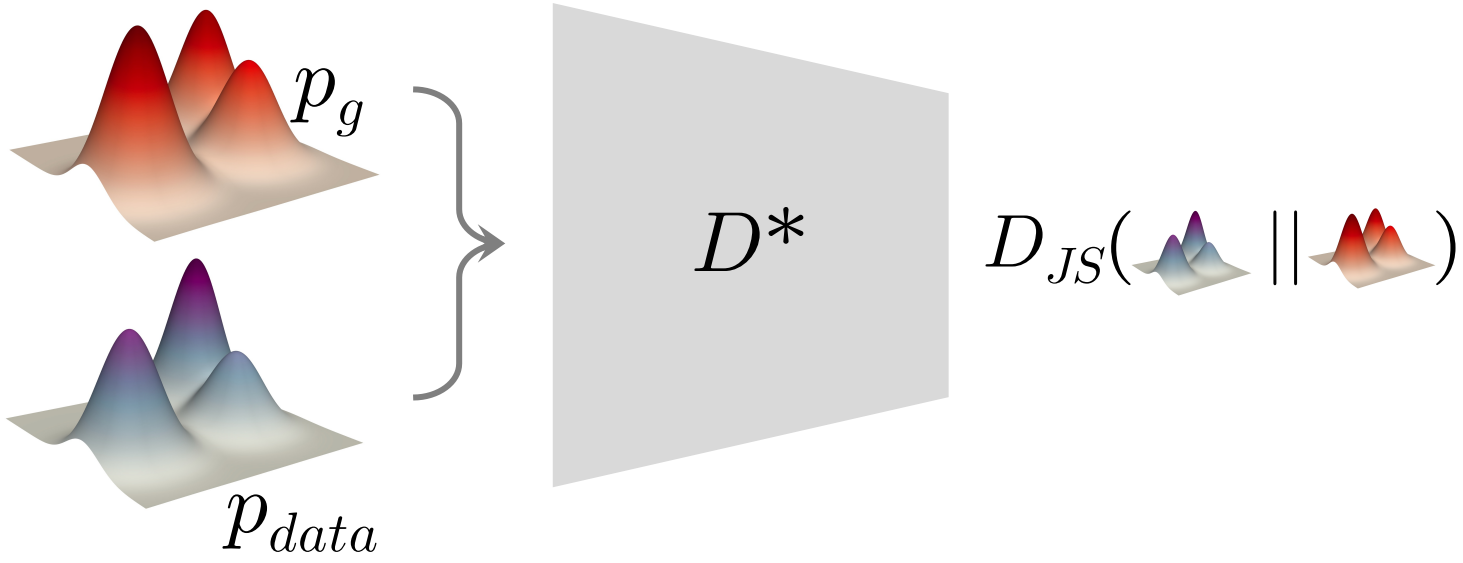

Problems of D_{JS}

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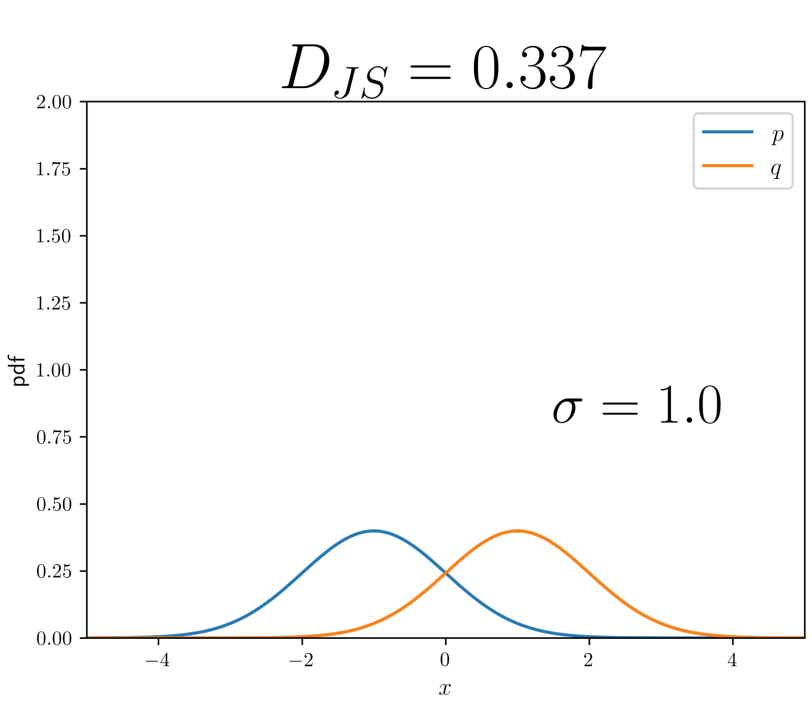

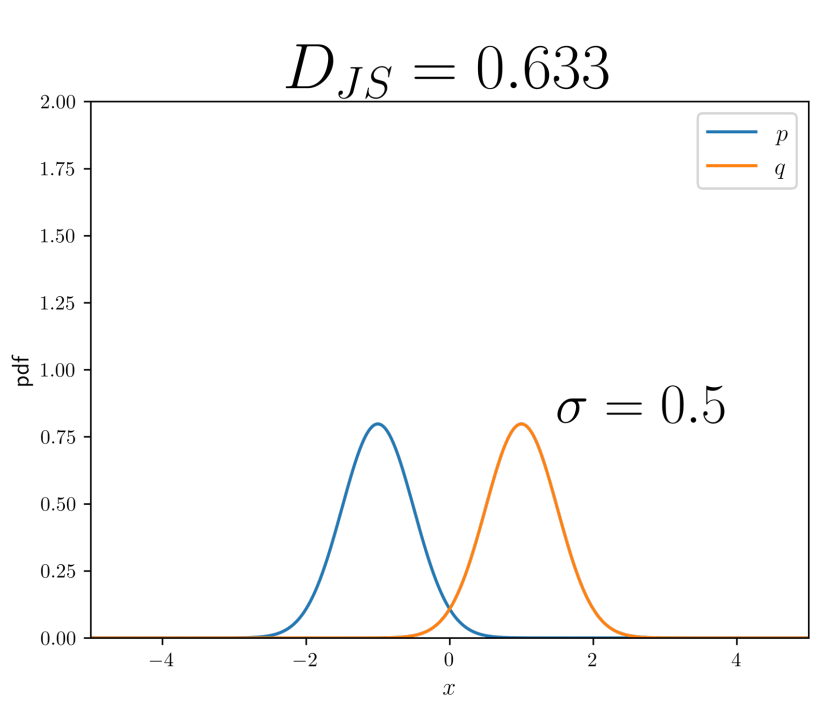

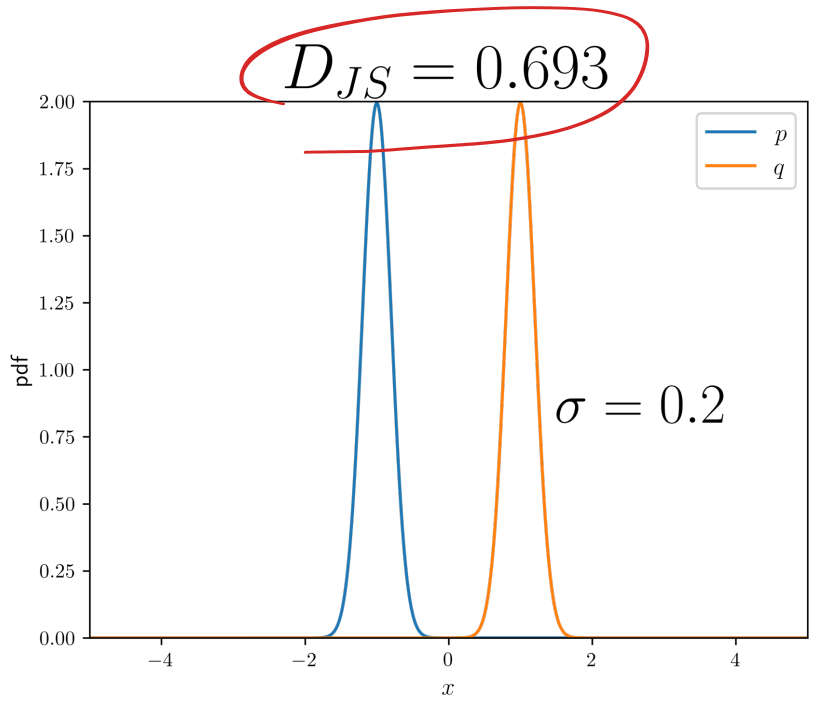

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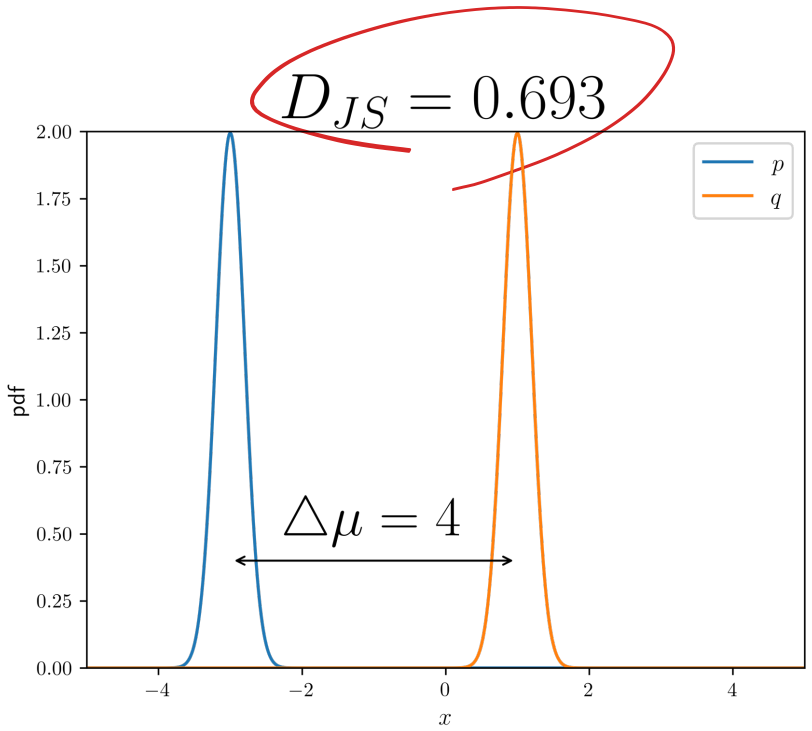

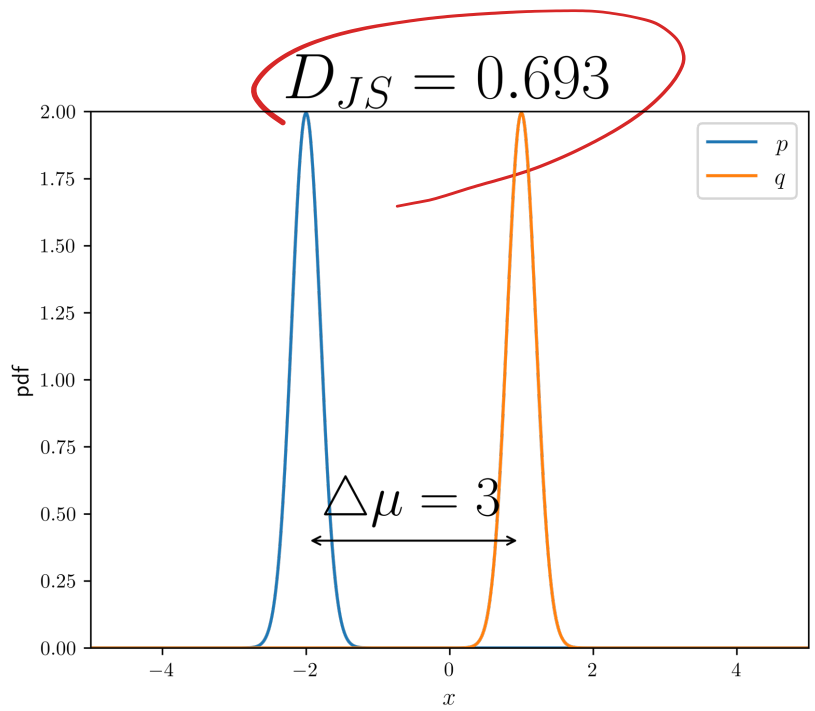

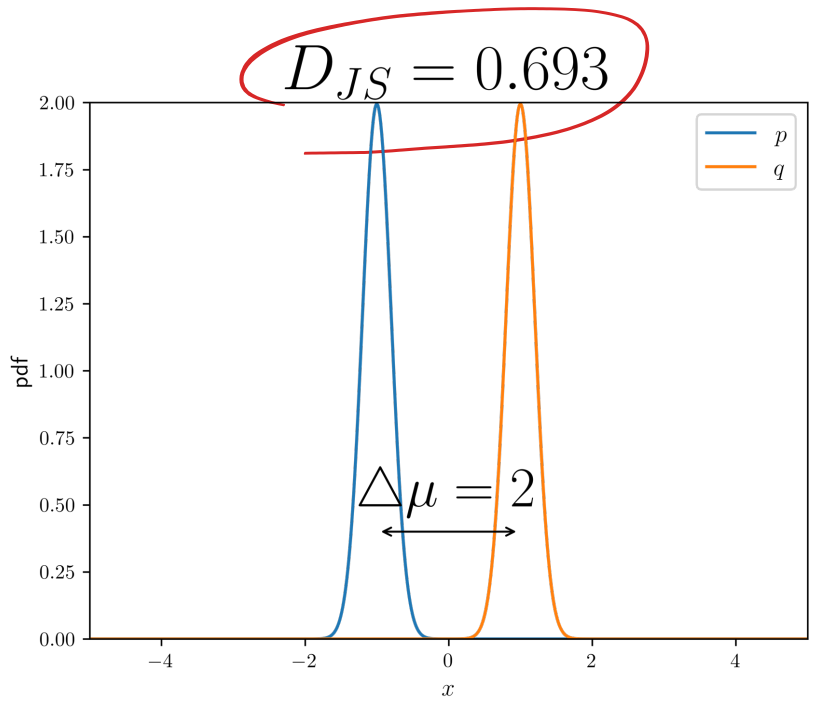

Problems of D_{JS}

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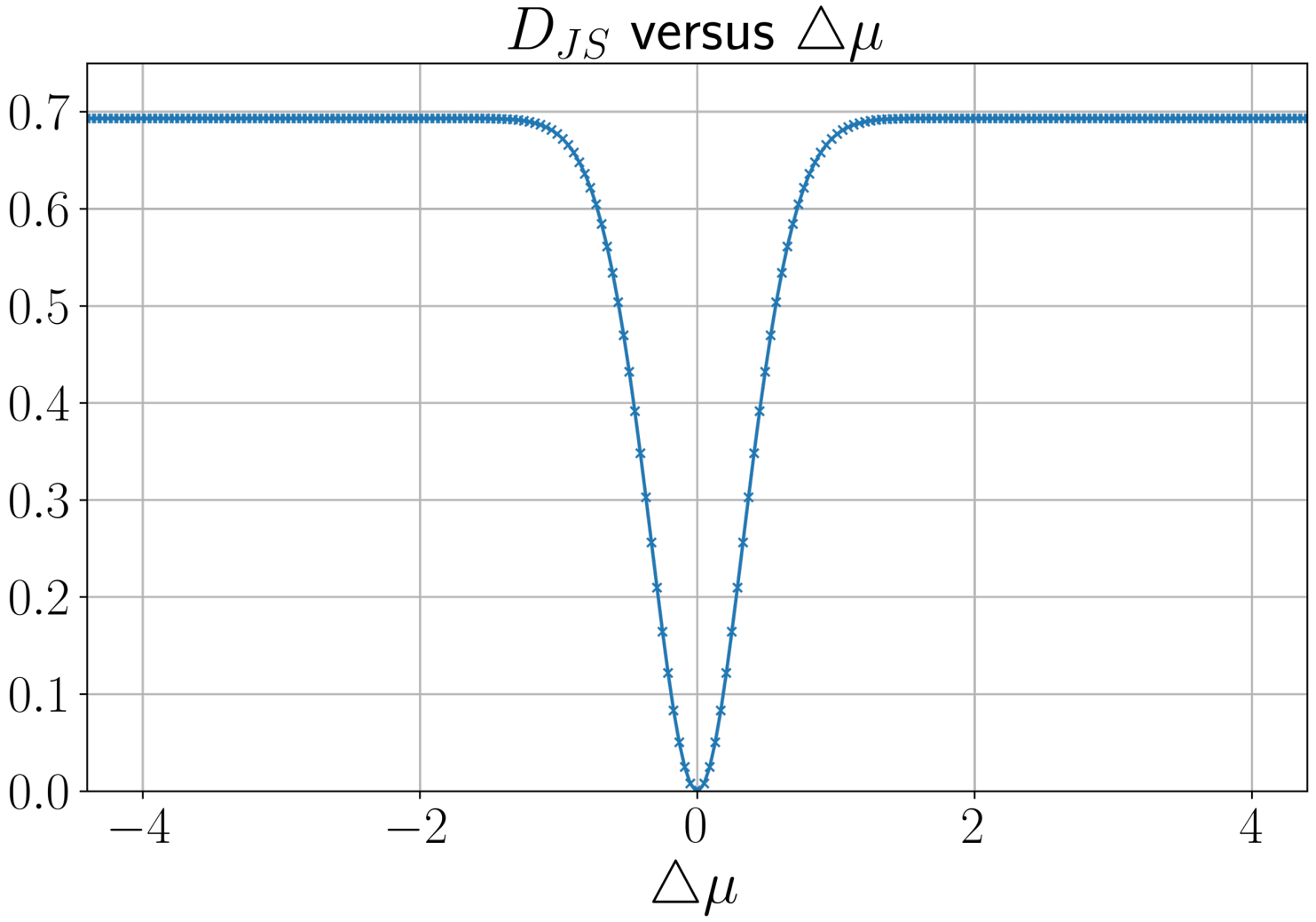

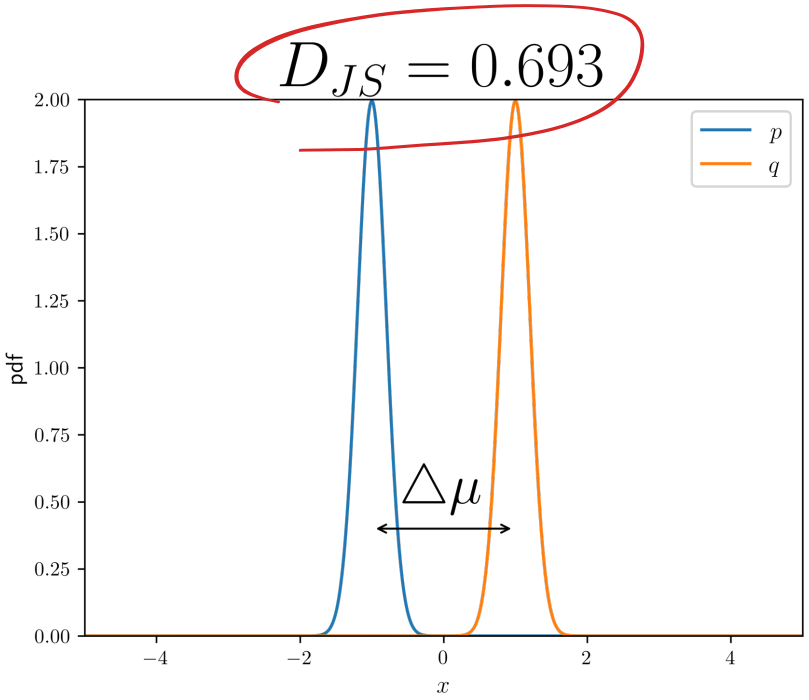

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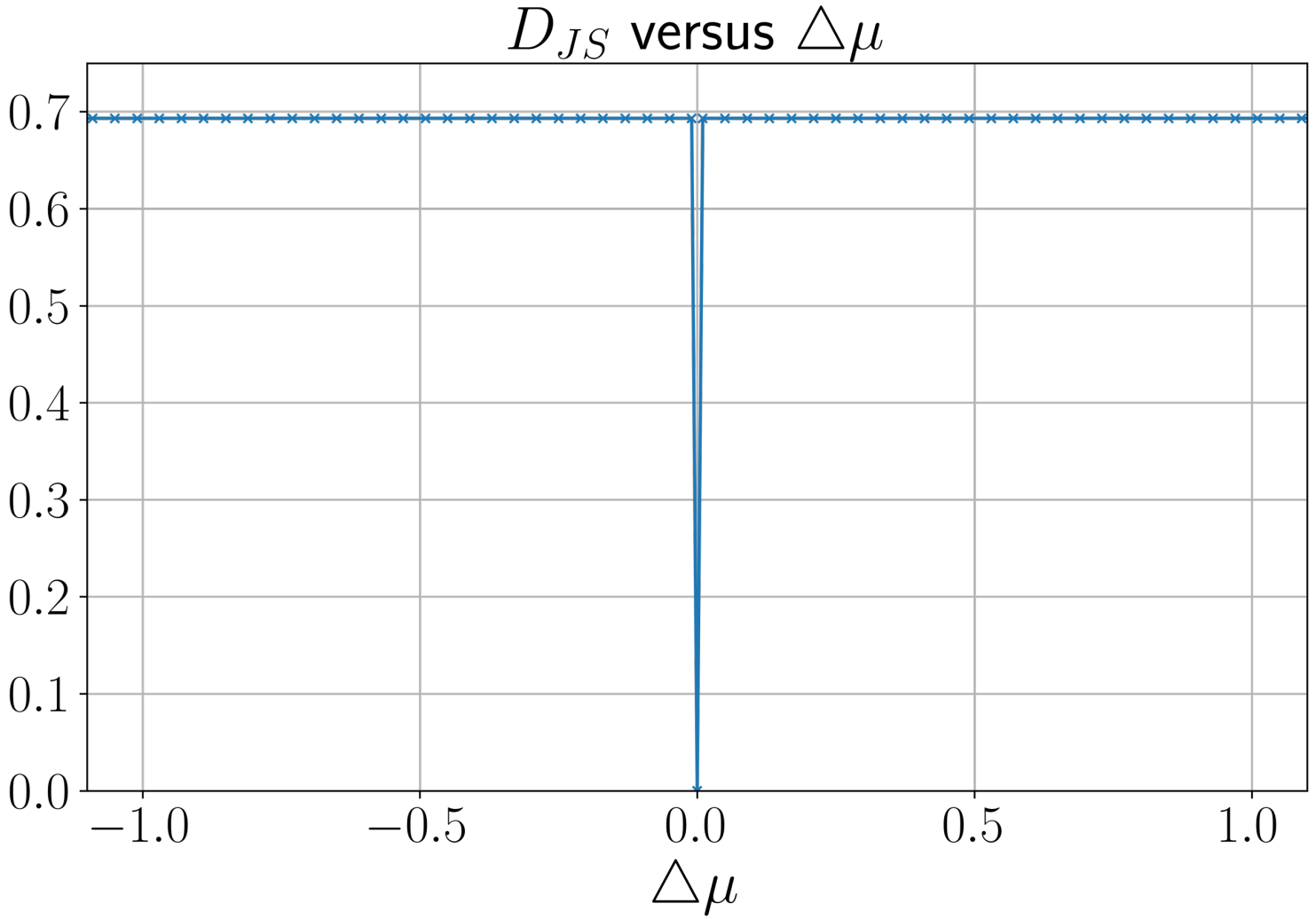

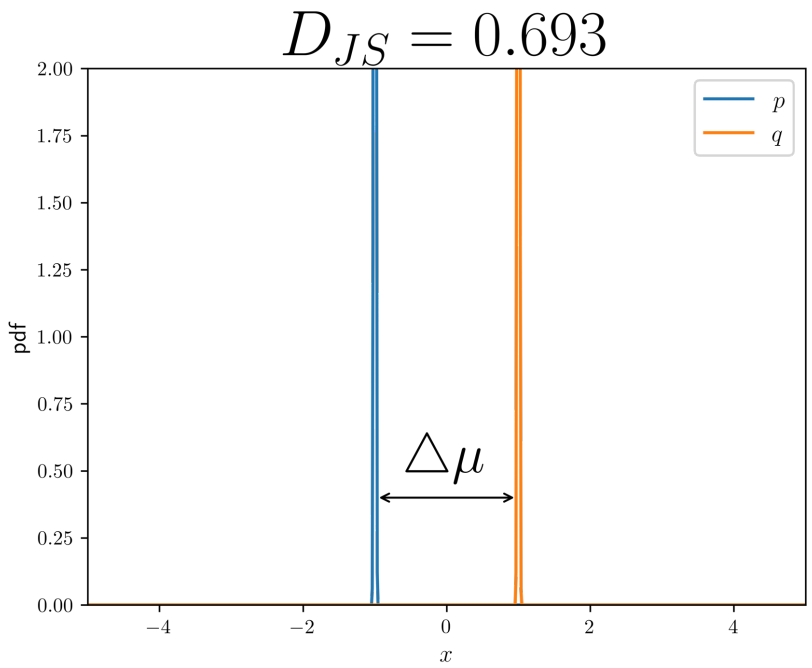

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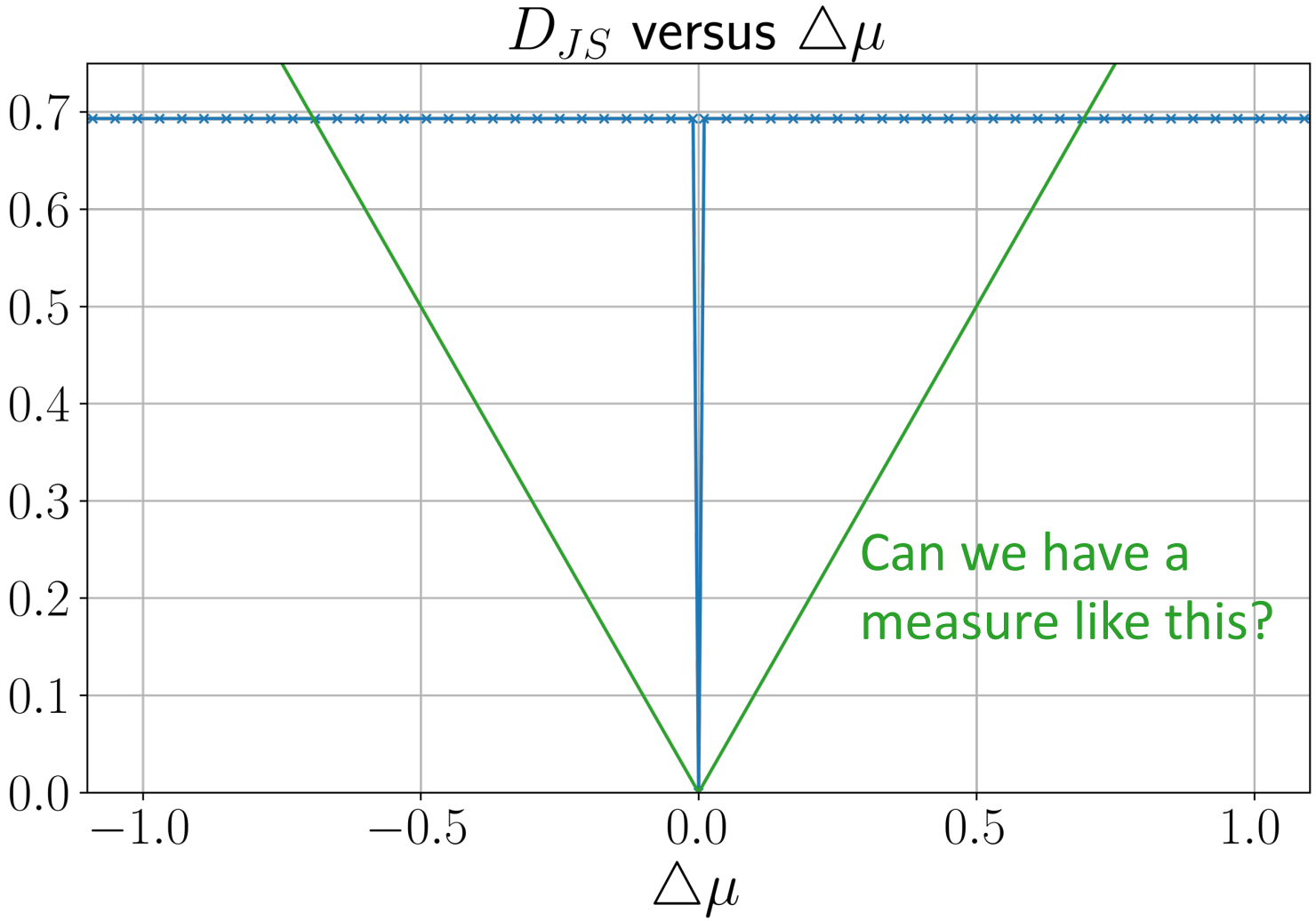
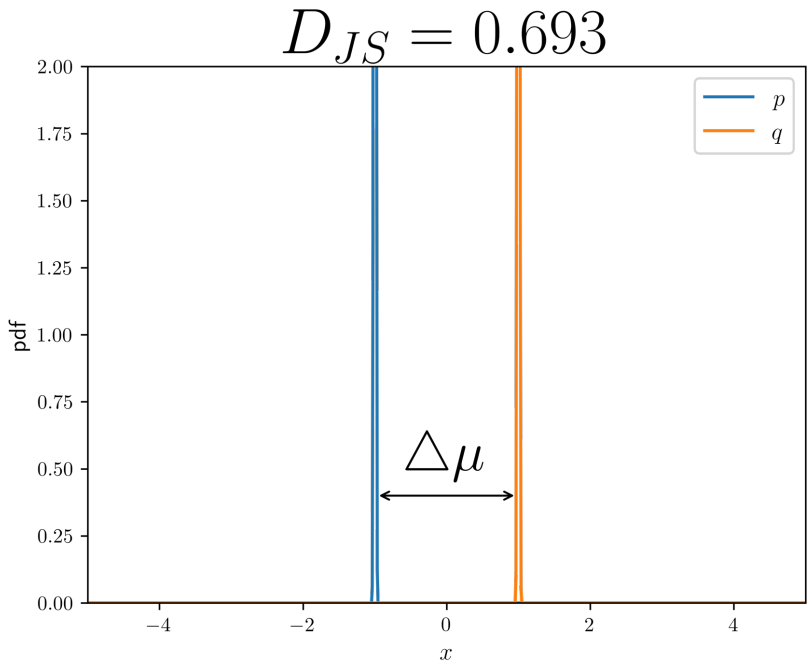
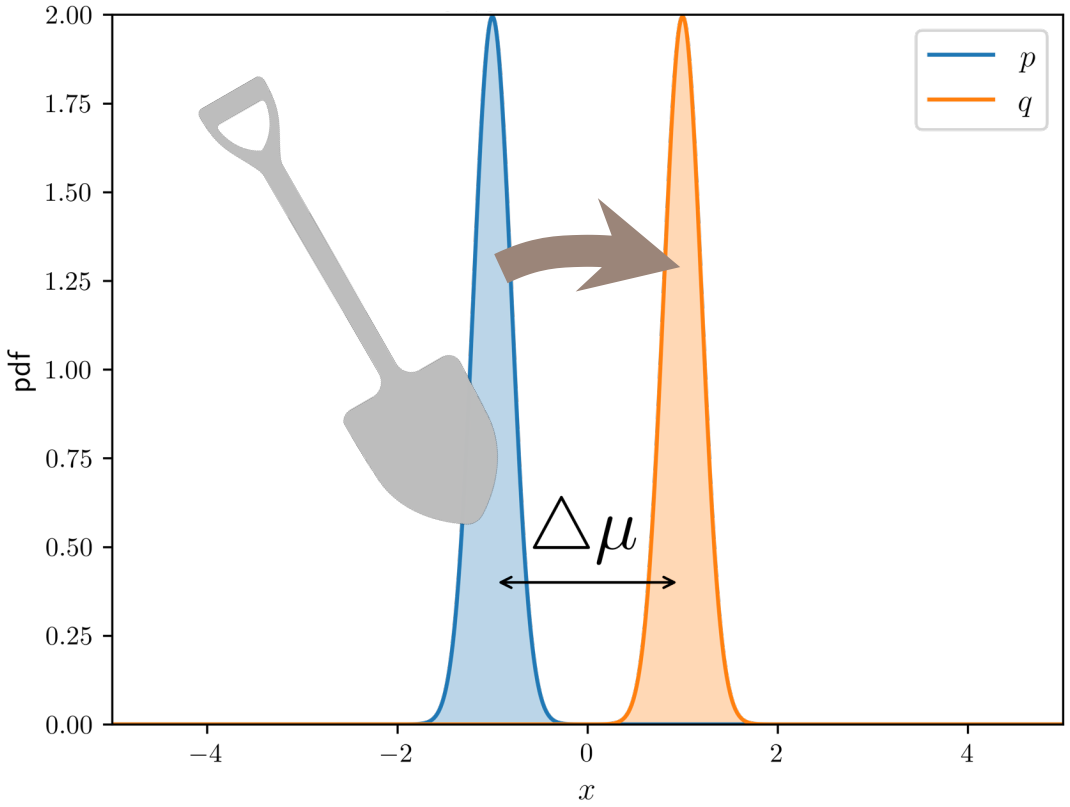
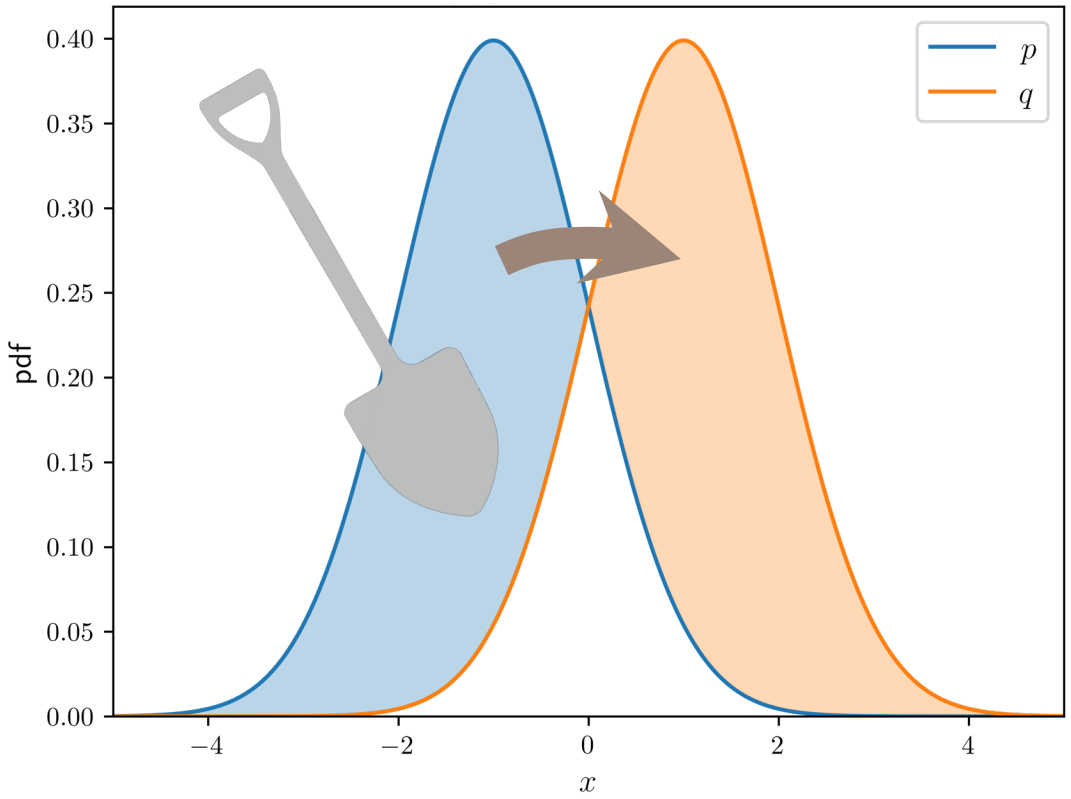




Wasserstein Distance

"Earth Mover's Distance"





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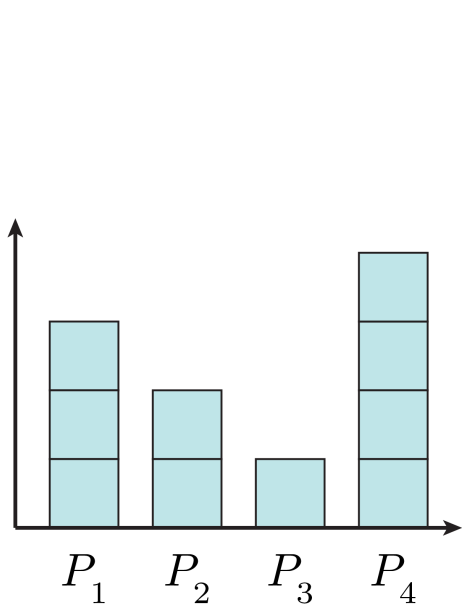

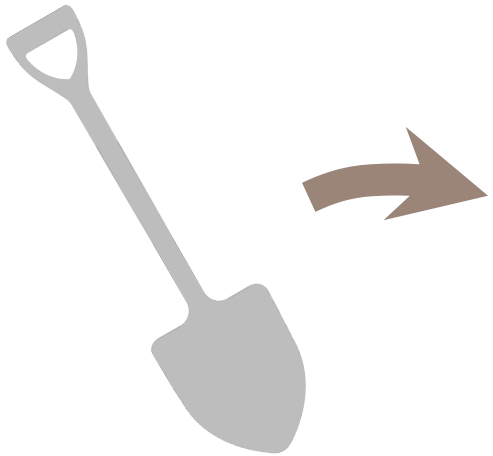

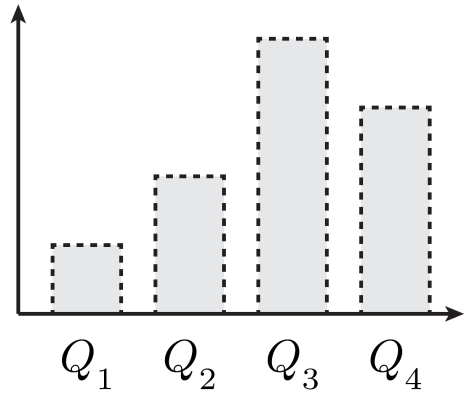

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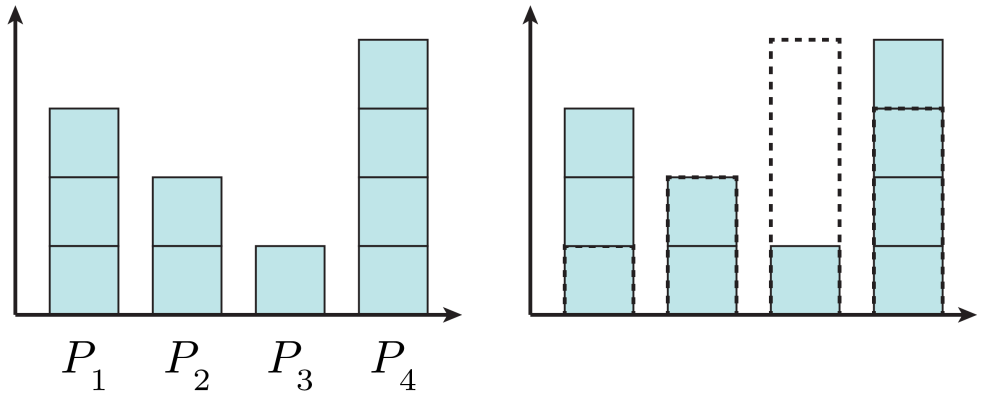

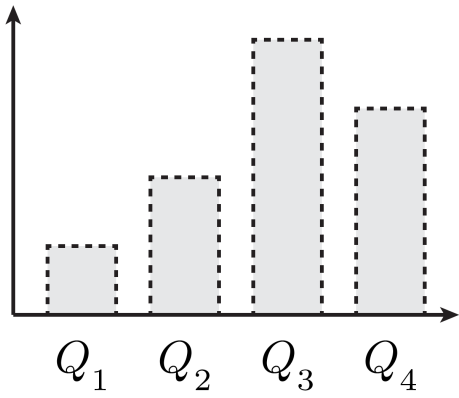

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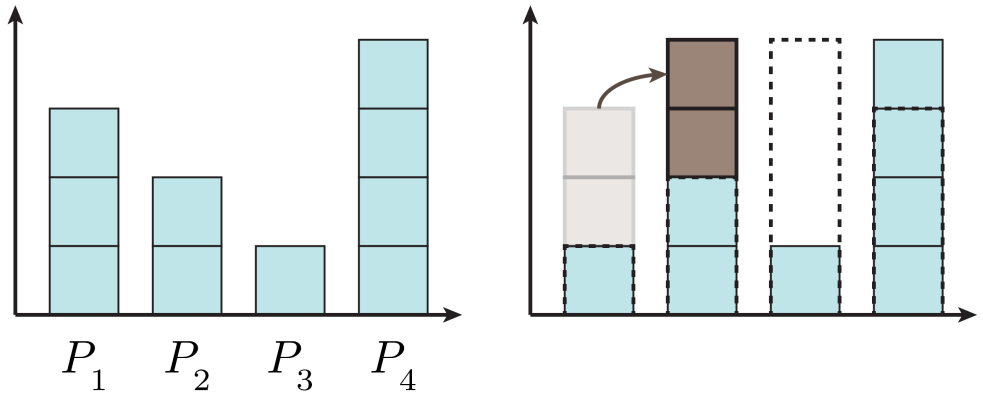

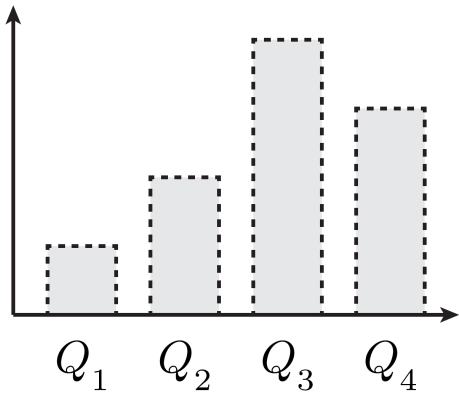

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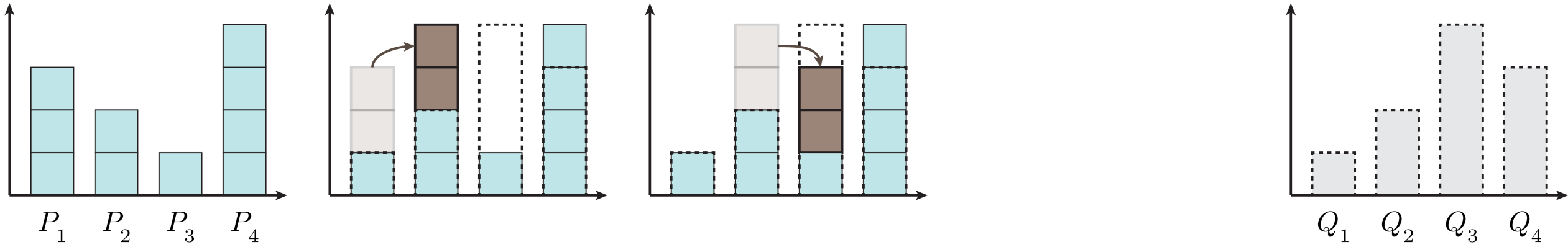

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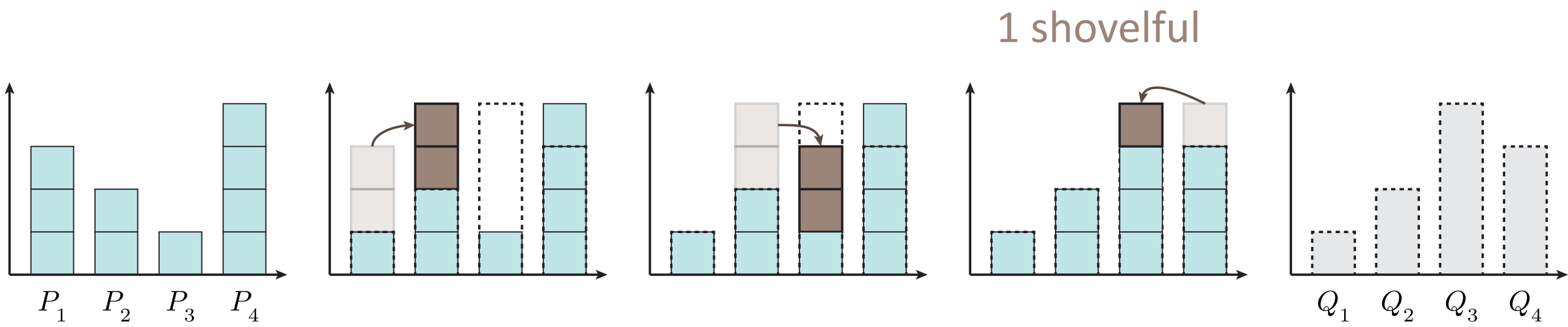

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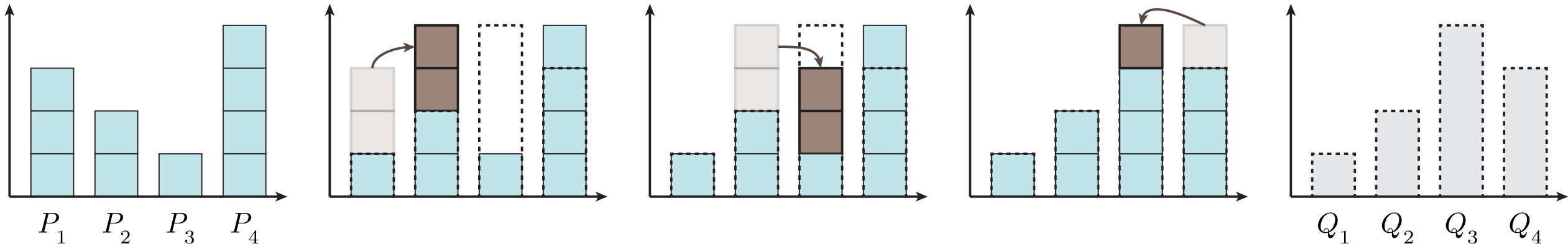

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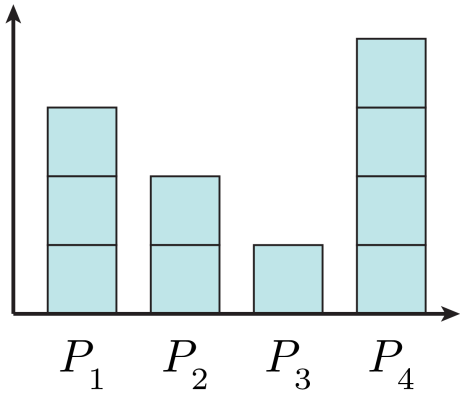

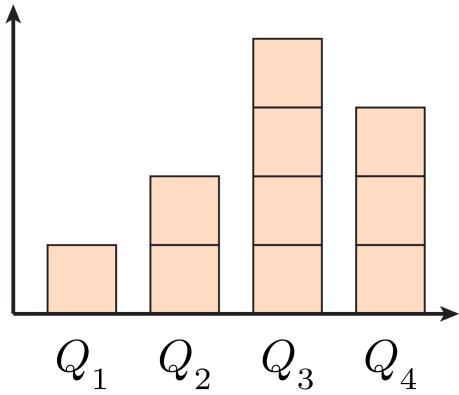

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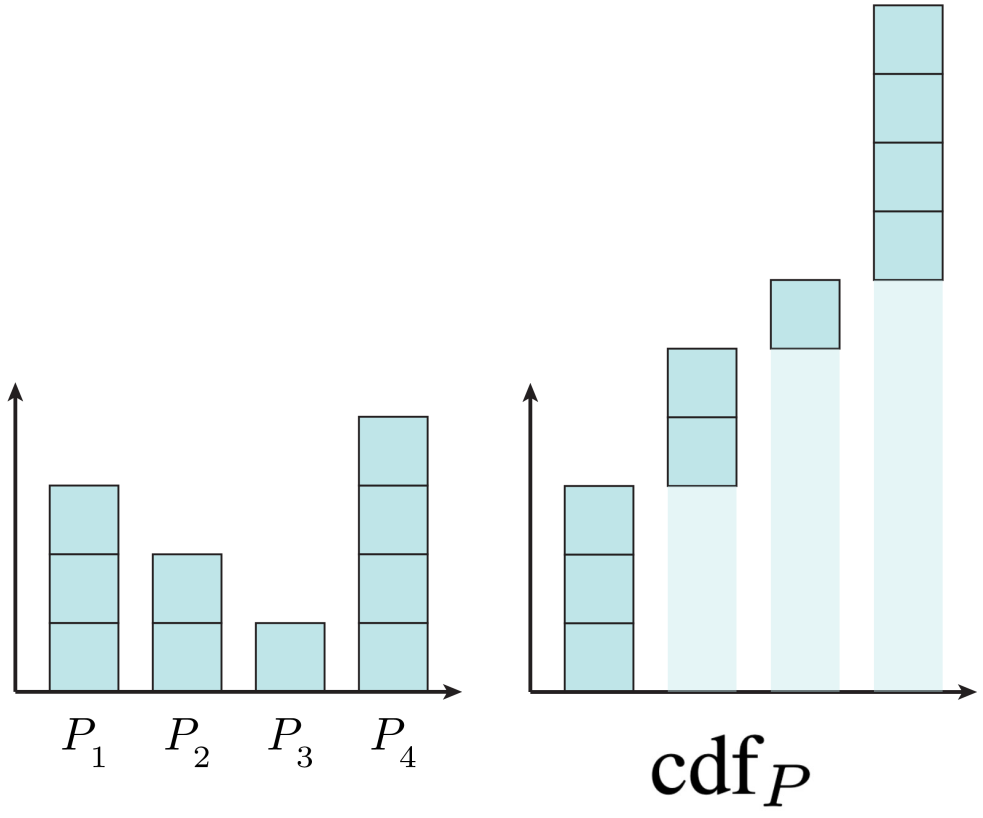

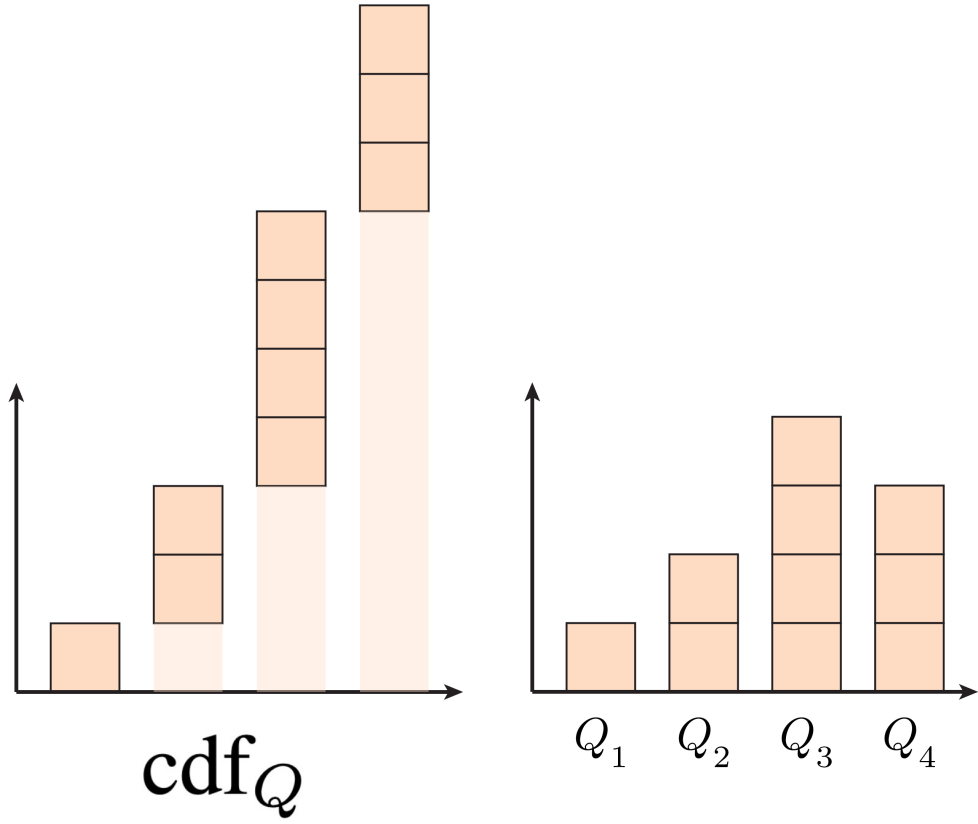

- cdf: cumulative distribution function

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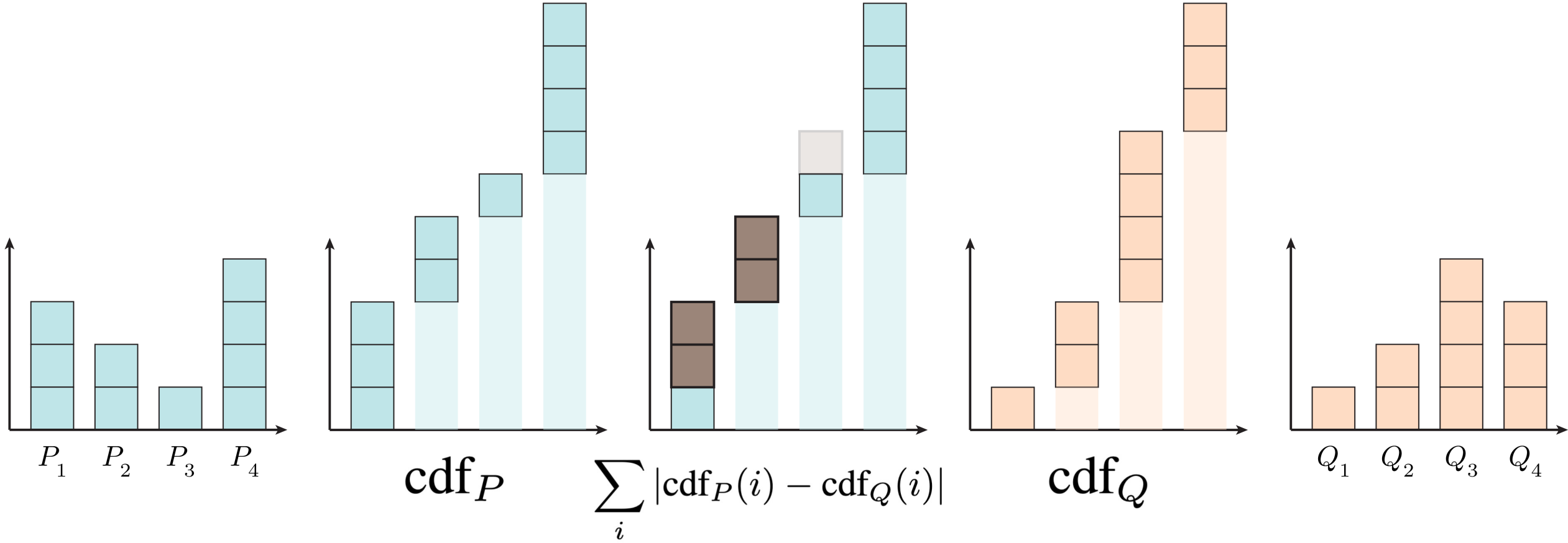

$$W(P, Q) = 5 \times \blacksquare$$

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Wasserstein Distance

- 1-Wasserstein Distance (1-d, discrete)

l_1-norm

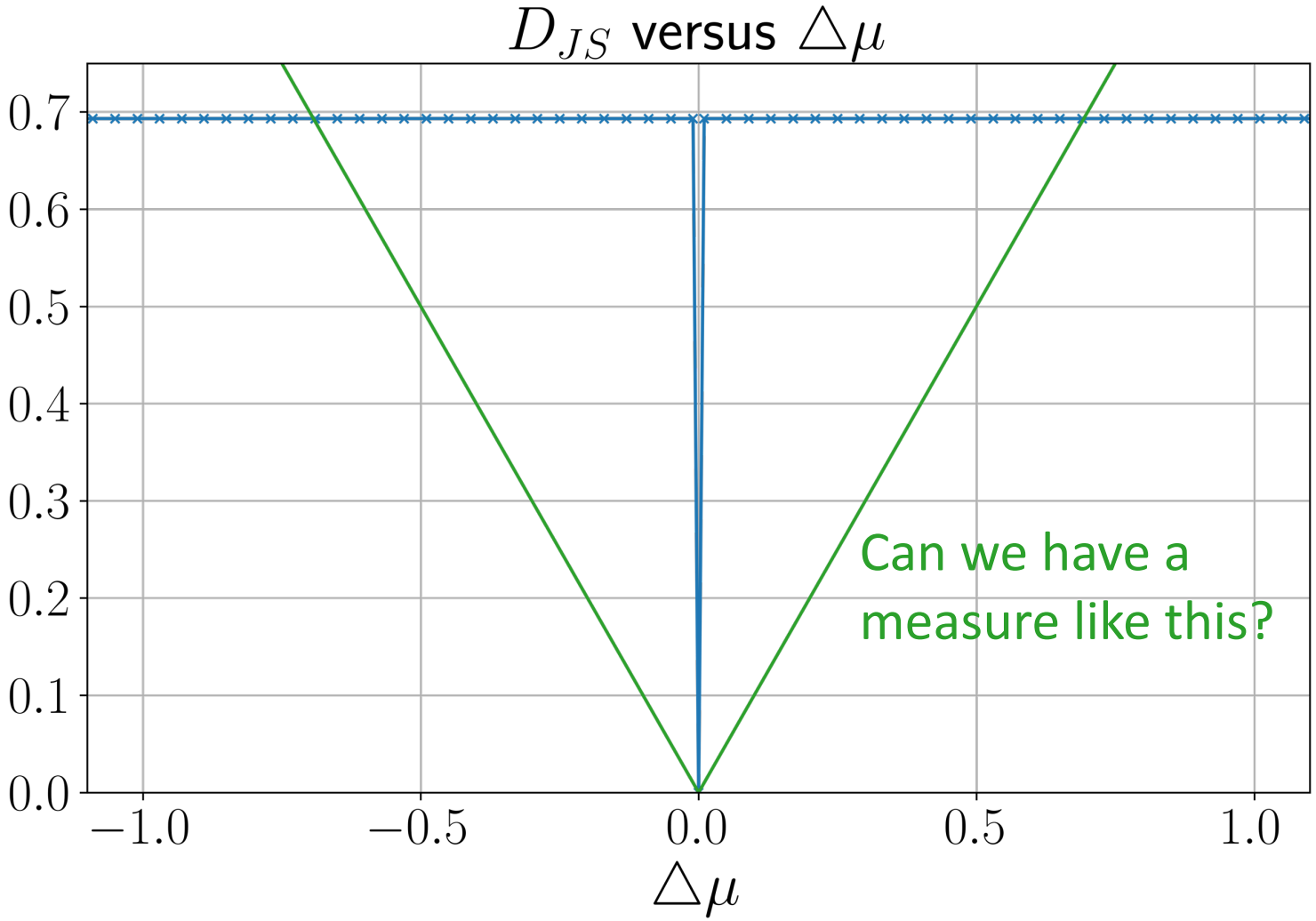
$$W_1(P, Q) = \sum_i |\text{cdf}_P(i) - \text{cdf}_Q(i)|$$

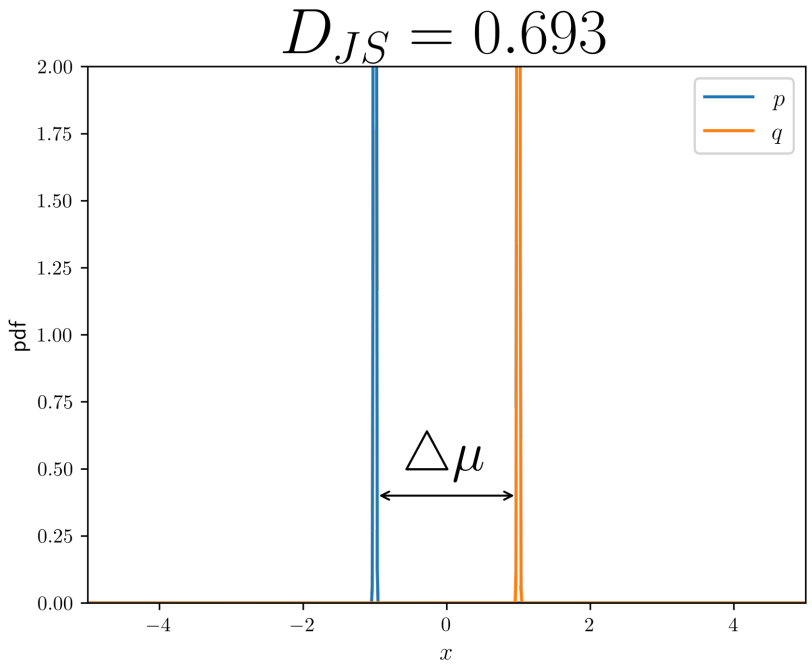
- 1-Wasserstein Distance (1-d, continuous)

$$W_1(p, q) = \int_x |\text{cdf}_p(x) - \text{cdf}_q(x)| dx$$

Recap: D_{JS}

- D_{JS} is a delta function when p and q are delta functions

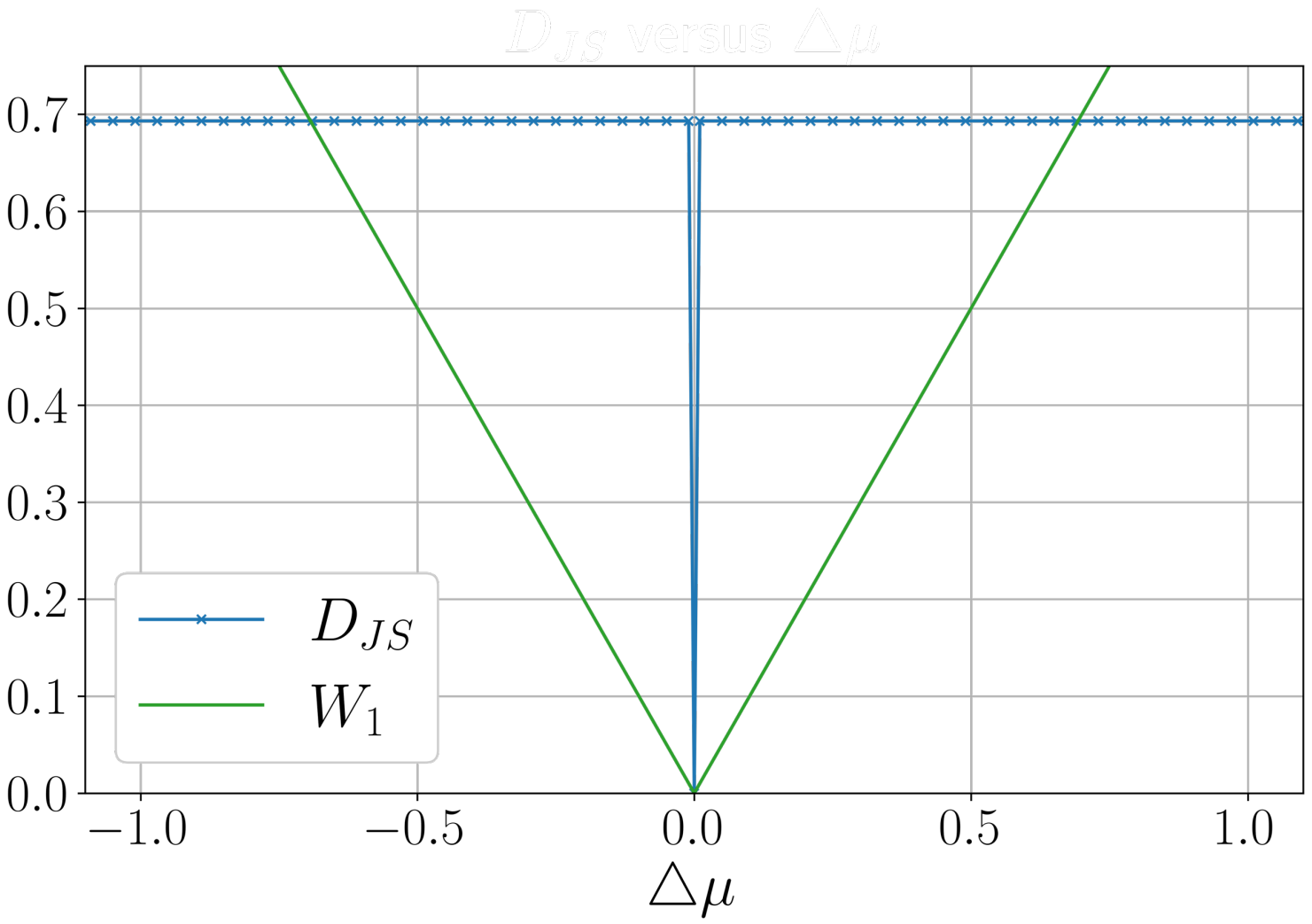


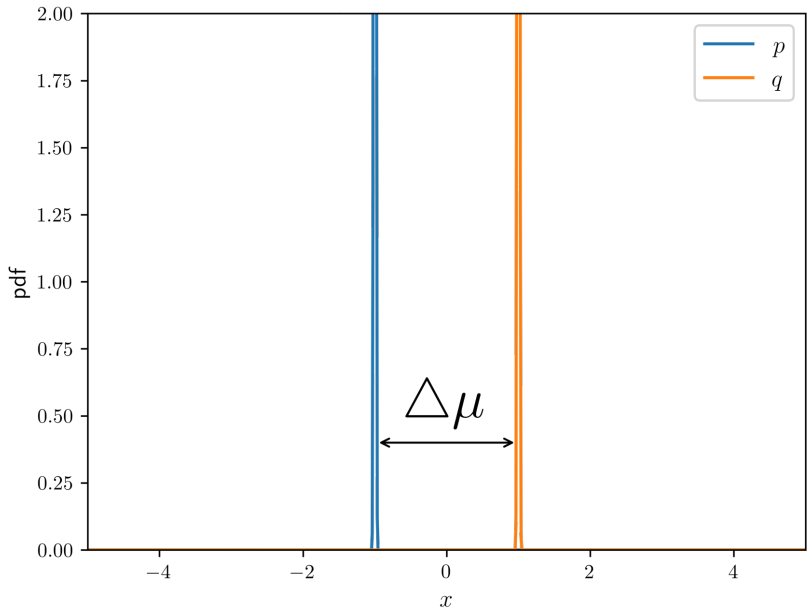


Wasserstein Distance

- when p and q are delta functions:

$$W_1(p, q) = |\mu_p - \mu_q|$$





Wasserstein Distance

- 1-Wasserstein Distance (high-dim, continuous)

$$W_1(p,q) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(p,q)} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim\gamma}[|x-y|]$$

  - all joint distributions $\gamma(x, y)$ whose marginals are p and q

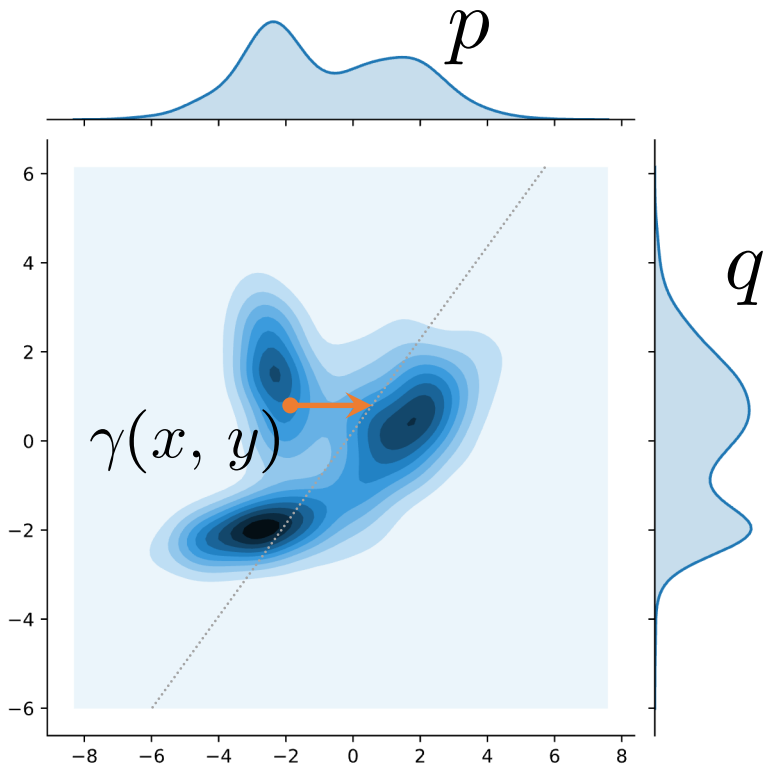


Figure: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wasserstein_metric

W-GAN optimizes for Wasserstein Distance

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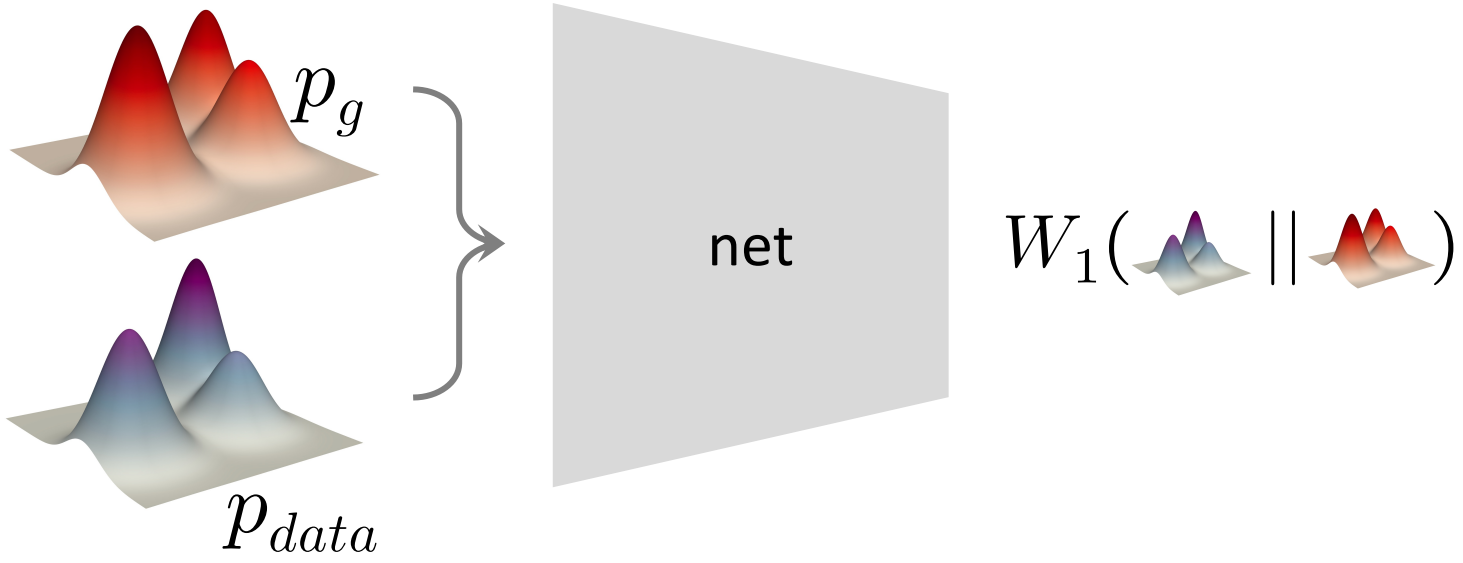

W-GAN optimizes for Wasserstein Distance

- Kantorovich-Rubinstein duality:

$$W_1(p, q) = \sup_{\|f\|_L \leq 1} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p}[f(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{x \sim q}[f(x)]$$

  - all 1-Lipschitz functions

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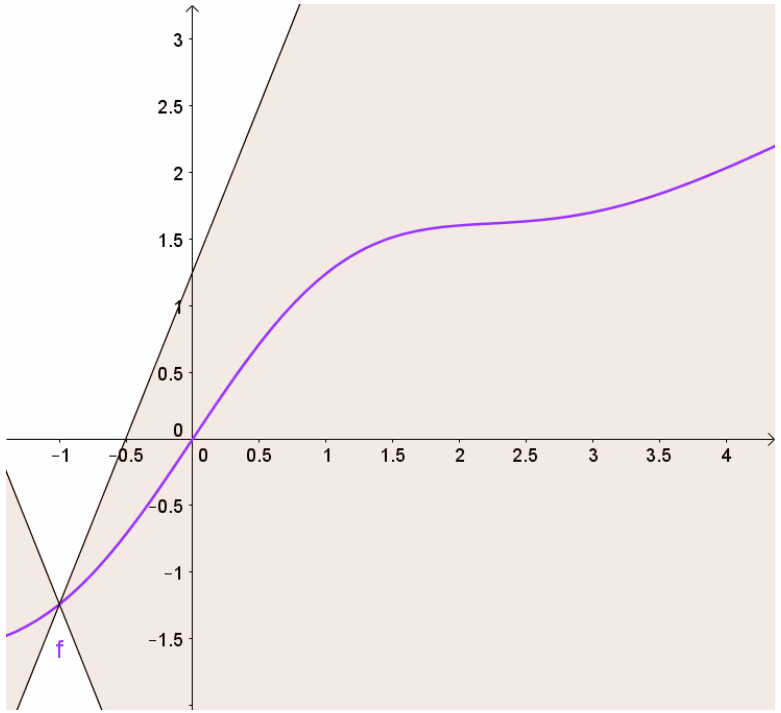
K-Lipschitz continuity:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq K|x - y|, \quad \forall x, y$$

gradient is bounded:

$$\frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|} \leq K$$



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W-GAN optimizes for Wasserstein Distance

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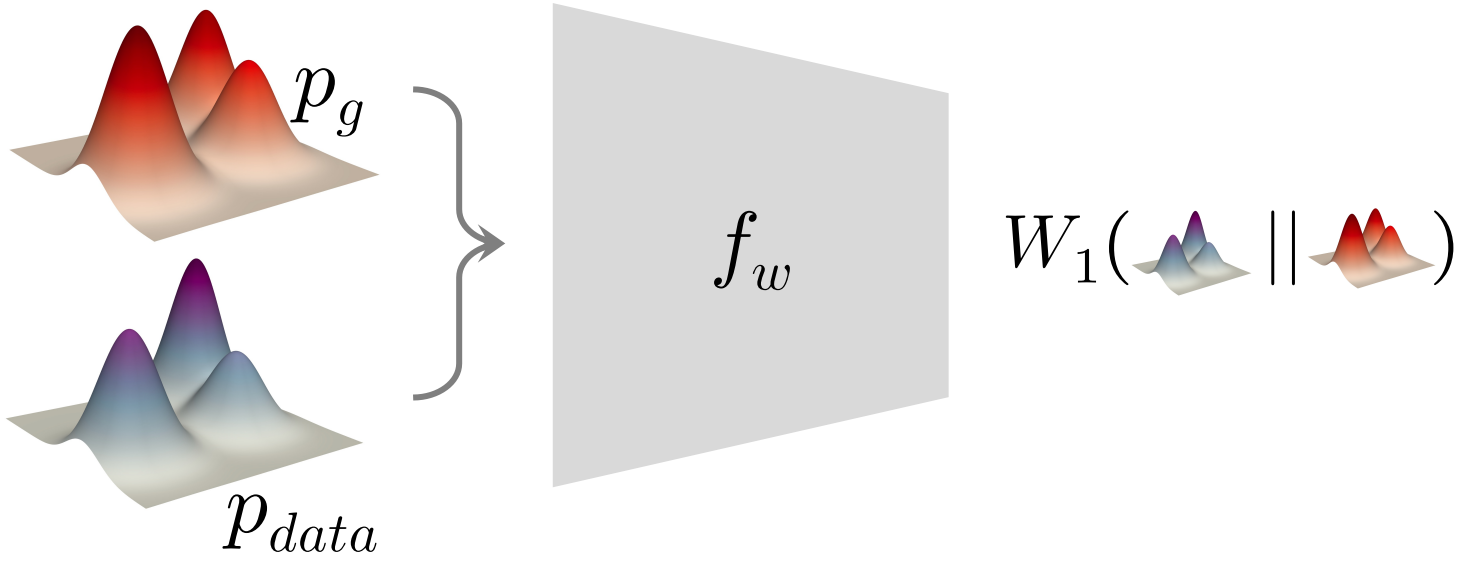

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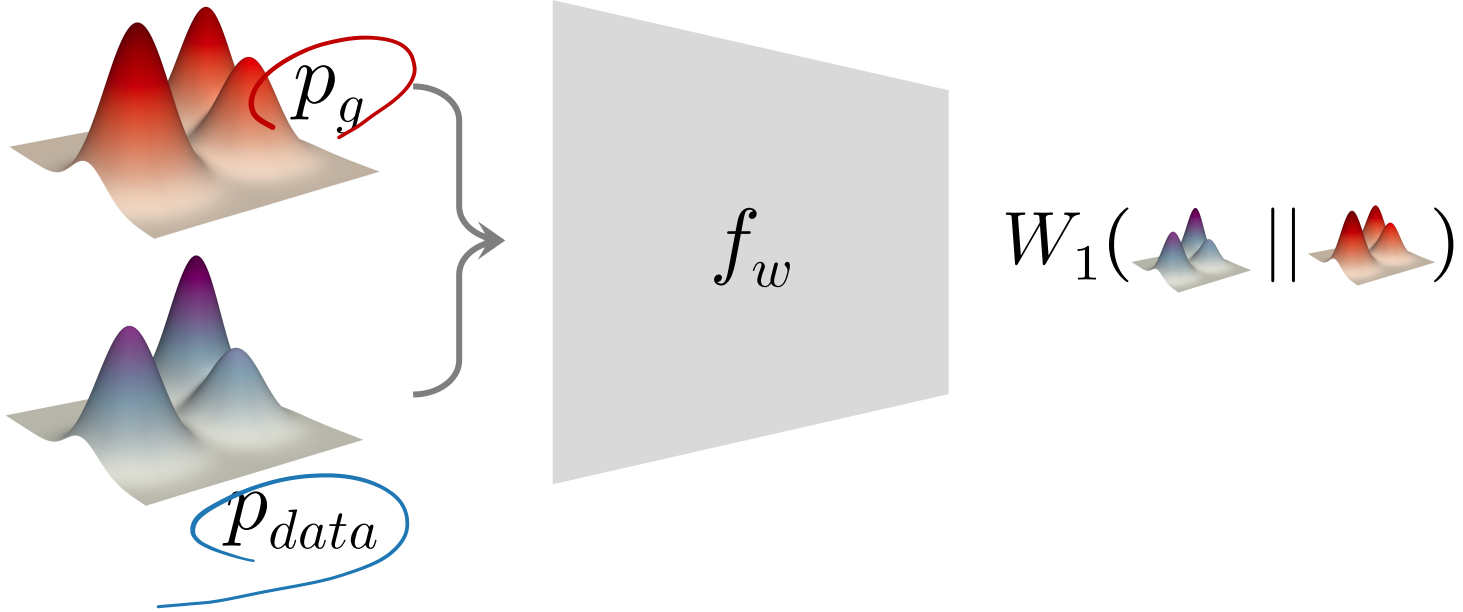

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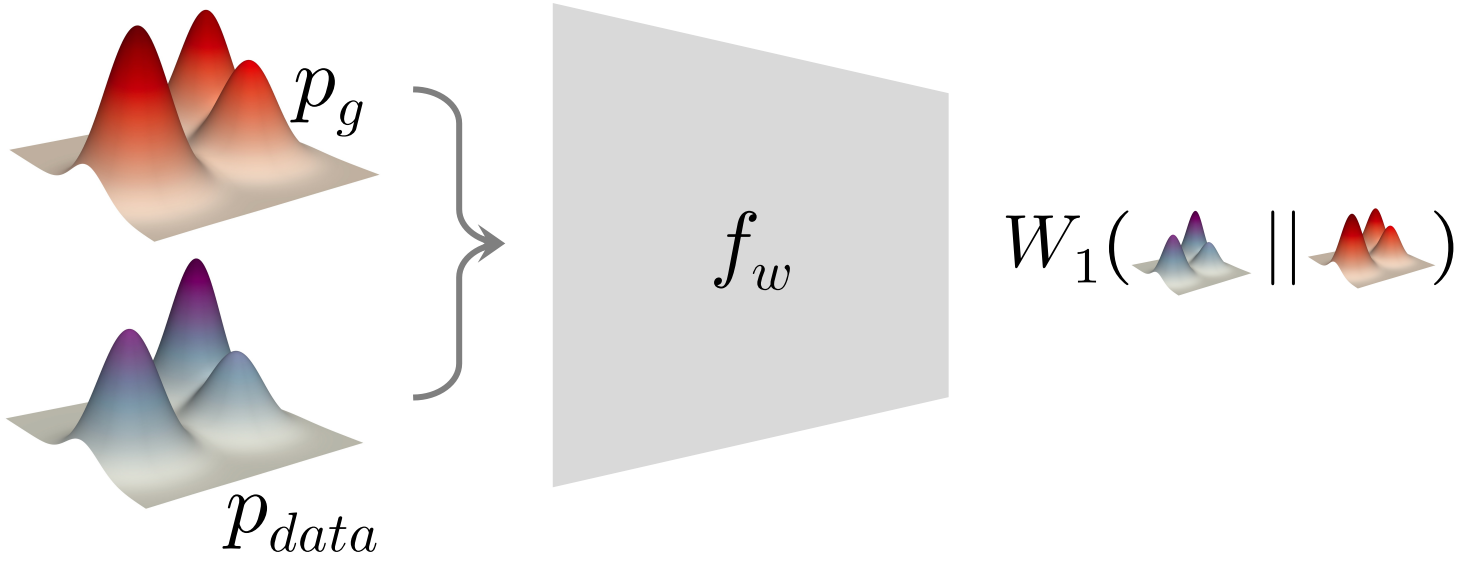
  - weights are bounded: in practice, clipped $[-0.01, 0.01]$



W-GAN vs. original GAN

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  - clip weights
  - remove logarithms

- original GAN's objective function (D-step):

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

W-GAN vs. original GAN

"art critic"
- value/merit/quality/...
- direction to improve (gradients)

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"forgery expert"
- real/fake

W-GAN algorithm annotated

Algorithm 1 WGAN, our proposed algorithm. All experiments in the paper used the default values $\alpha = 0.00005$, $c = 0.01$, $m = 64$, $n_{\text{critic}} = 5$.

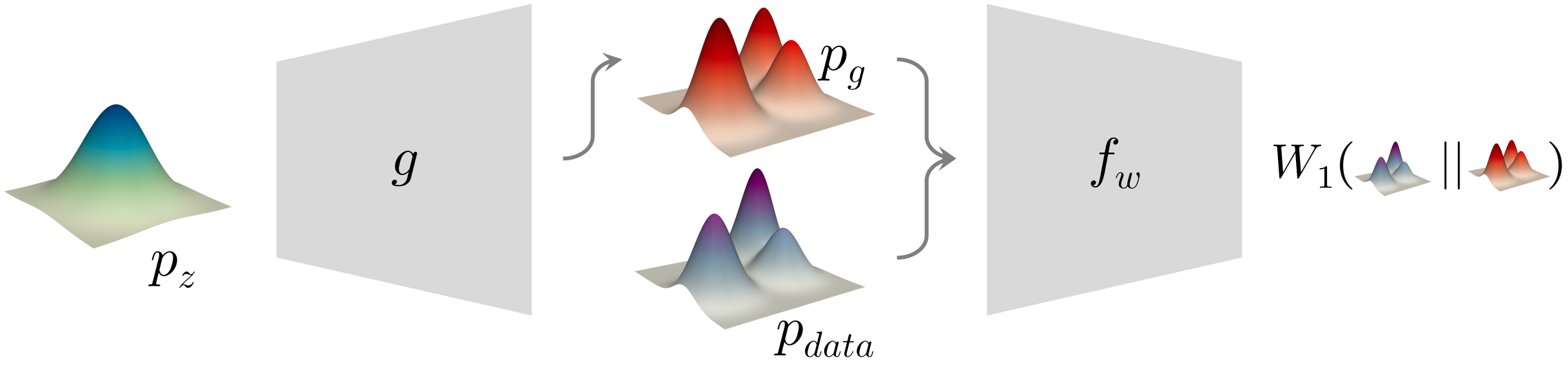
Require: : α, the learning rate. c, the clipping parameter. m, the batch size. n_{critic}, the number of iterations of the critic per generator iteration.

Require: : w_0, initial critic parameters. θ_0, initial generator's parameters.

while θ has not converged **do**
  for $t = 0, ..., n_{\text{critic}}$ **do**
    Sample $\{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{m} \sim \mathbb{P}_r$ a batch from the real data.
    Sample $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{m} \sim p(z)$ a batch of prior samples.
    $g_w \leftarrow \nabla_w \left[\frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m} f_w(x^{(i)}) - \frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m} f_w(g_\theta(z^{(i)}))\right]$
    $w \leftarrow w + \alpha \cdot \text{RMSProp}(w, g_w)$
    $w \leftarrow \text{clip}(w, -c, c)$
  end for
  Sample $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{m} \sim p(z)$ a batch of prior samples.
  $g_\theta \leftarrow -\nabla_\theta \frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m} f_w(g_\theta(z^{(i)}))$
  $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \cdot \text{RMSProp}(\theta, g_\theta)$
end while

remove logarithms

clip weights



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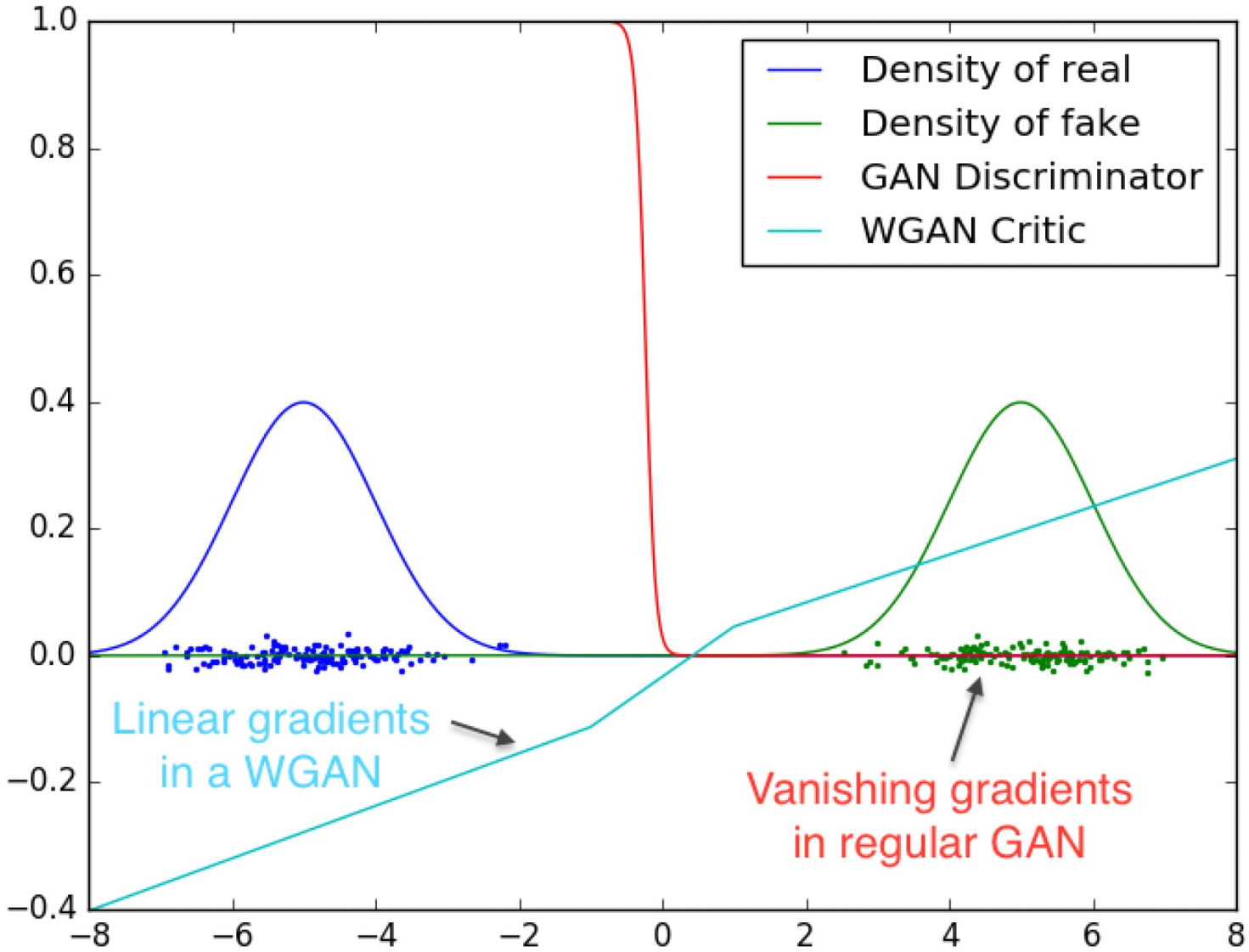

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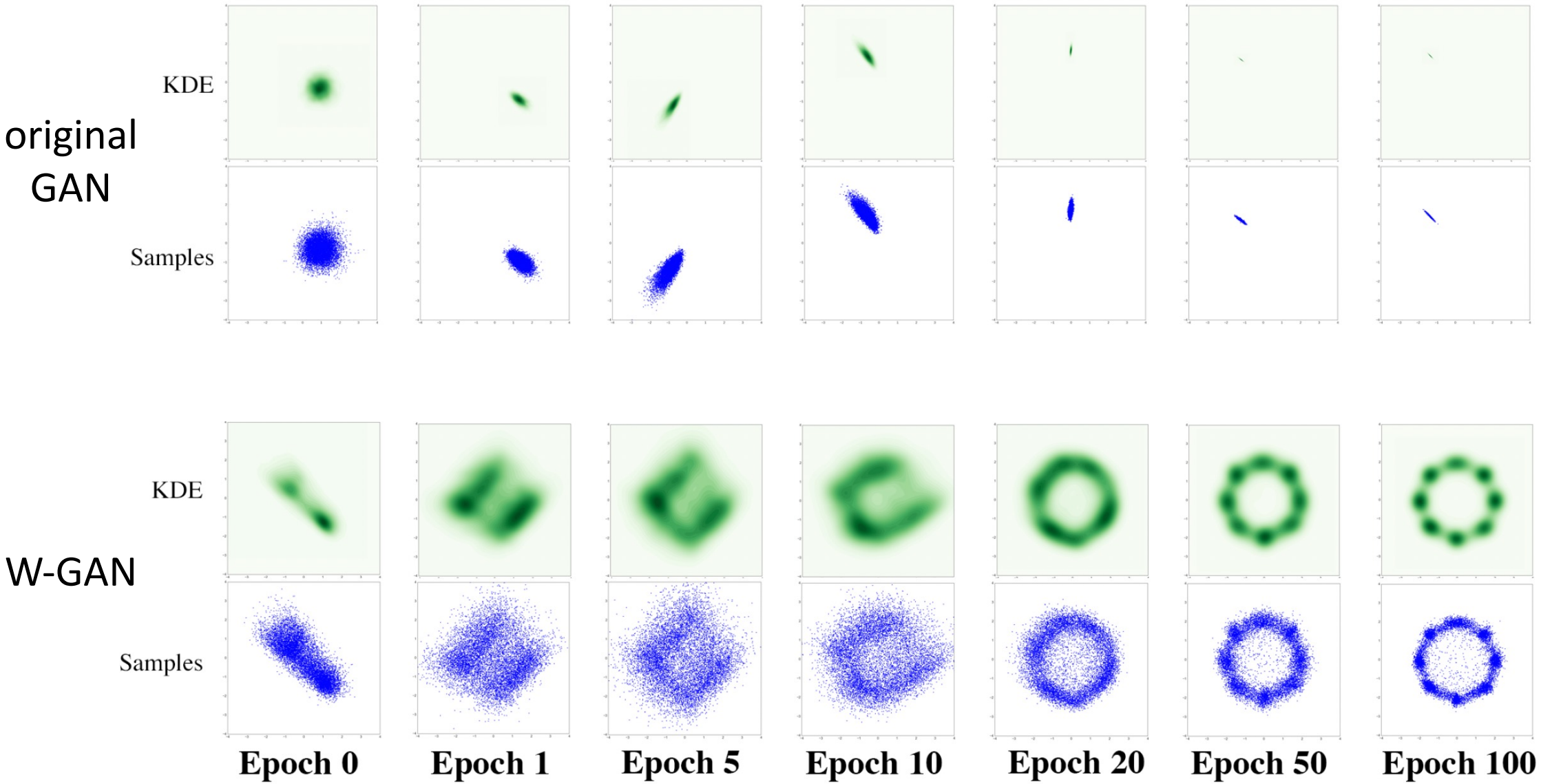


W-GAN in Short

For mathematicians:

- Wasserstein distance, instead of JS divergence

For engineers:

- remove logarithms — Wasserstein distance
- clip weights — Lipschitz continuity

For laymen:

- art critic instead of a forgery expert — gradients

Summarized by Reddit user danielvarga: https://www.reddit.com/r/MachineLearning/comments/5qxoaz/comment/dd7aomb/

Brief: LSGAN, EBGAN

- Least Square (LS) GAN:

$$\mathbb{E}_{x\sim p_{\text{data}}}(D(x)-b)^2 \quad + \quad \mathbb{E}_{x\sim p_g}(D(x)-a)^2$$

- Energy-based (EB) GAN:

$$\mathbb{E}_{x\sim p_{\text{data}}}D(x) \quad + \quad \mathbb{E}_{x\sim p_g}[m-D(x)]^+$$

Mao, et al., “Least Squares Generative Adversarial Networks”, ICCV 2017
Zhao, et al., “Energy-based Generative Adversarial Networks”, ICLR 2017

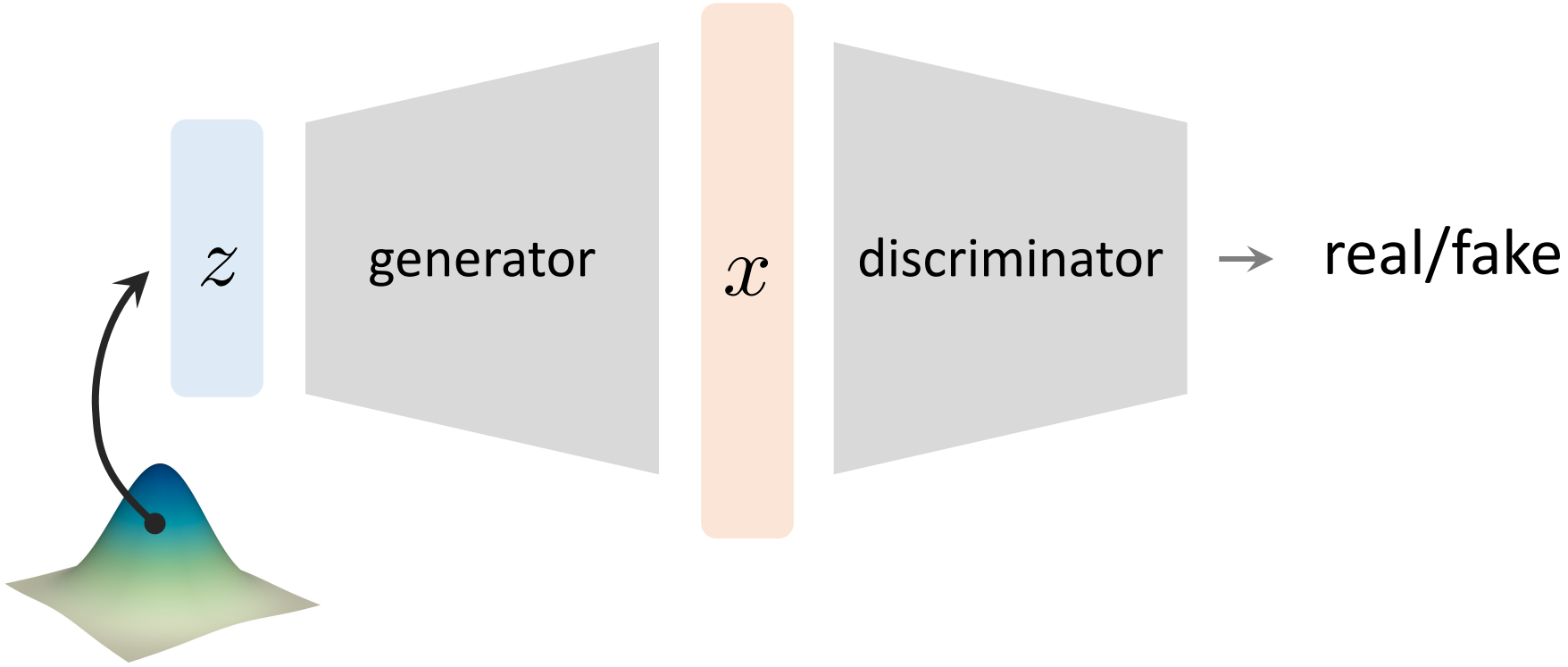
Adversary as a Loss Function

Adversary as a Loss Function

- GAN essentially defines an **adversarial loss** function
- Input to networks is **not** necessarily random/noise
- **Beyond L2/L1**: adversarial loss encourages output to look “realistic”
- **Combined with L2/L1**: reconstruction loss largely stabilizes training

Adversary as a Loss Function

- GAN: input is random



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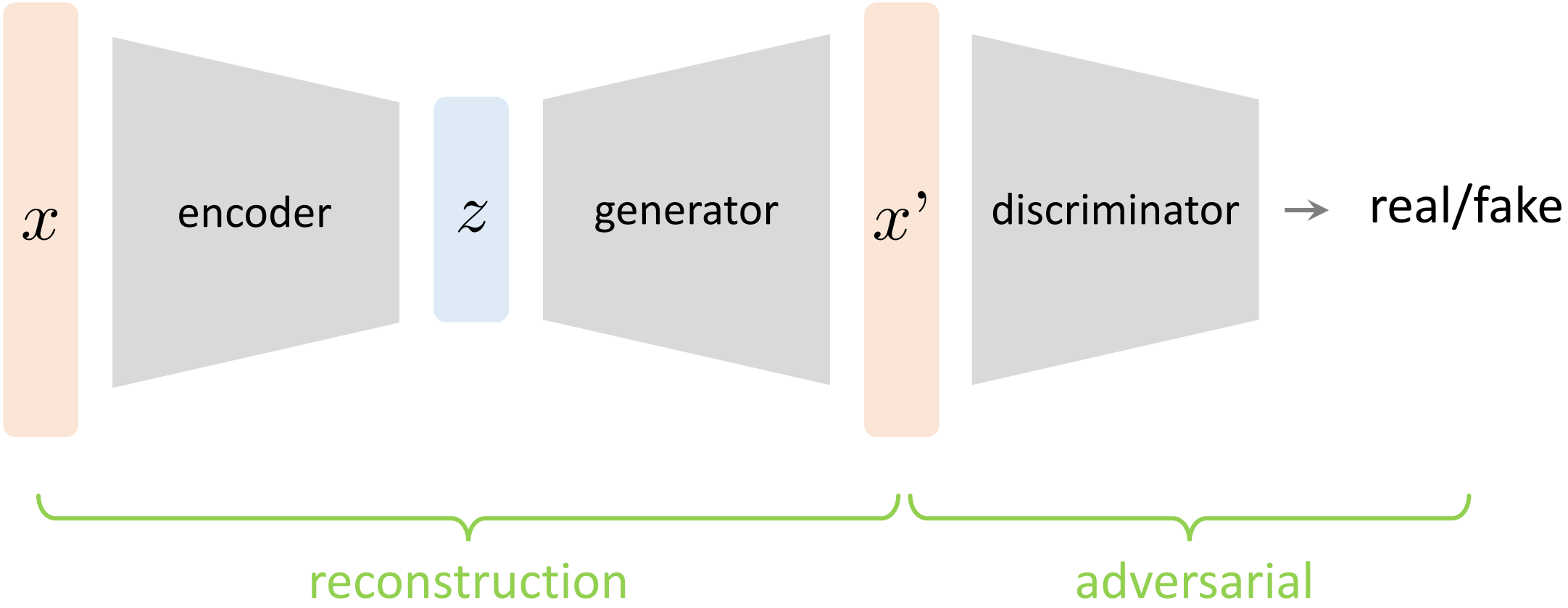

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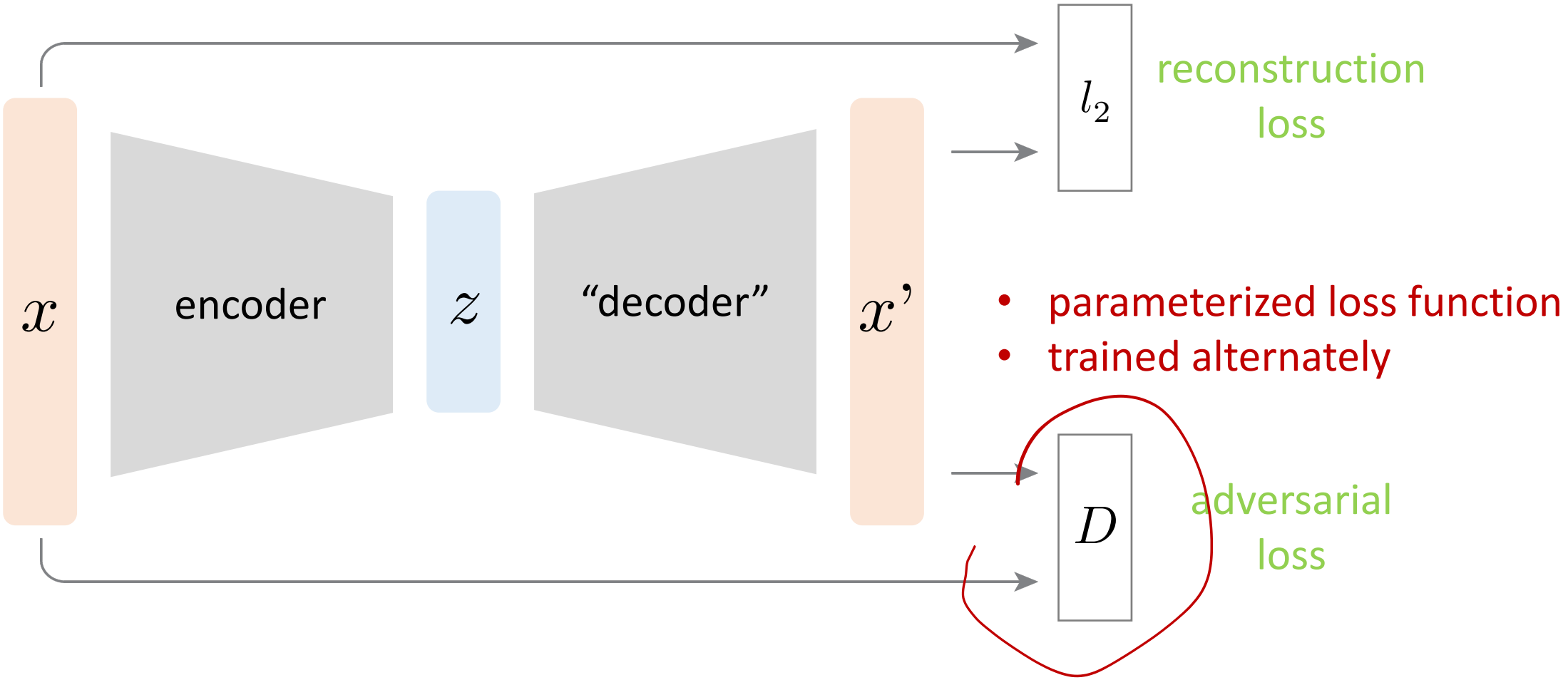

Example: Super-Resolution GAN

- better PSNR
- worse PSNR, but better visual quality

original

bicubic
(21.59dB/0.6423)

SRResNet
(23.44dB/0.7777)

SRGAN
(20.34dB/0.6562)

Ledig, et al., "Photo-Realistic Single Image Super-Resolution Using a Generative Adversarial Network", CVPR 2016

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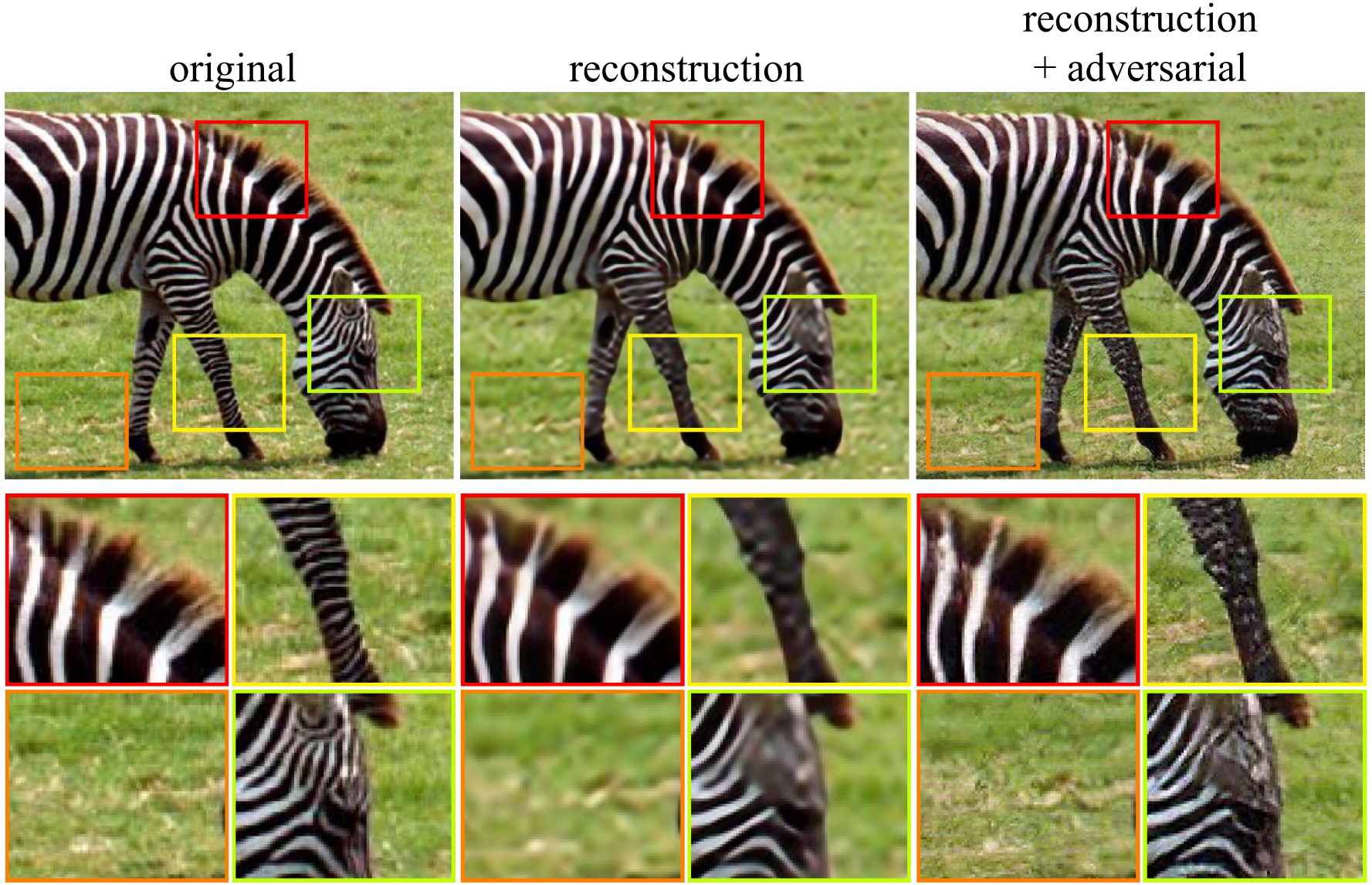

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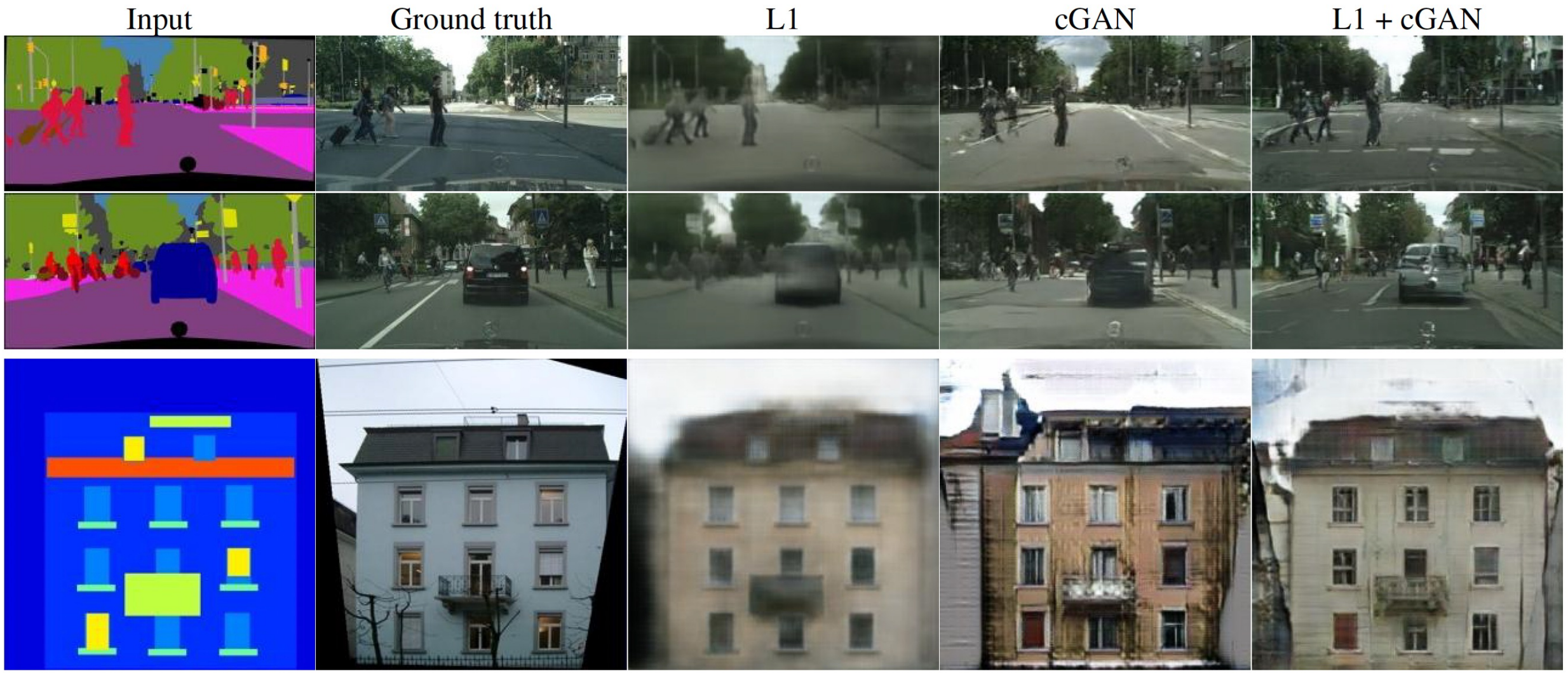
Example: Context Encoder

Pathak, et al., “Context Encoders: Feature Learning by Inpainting”, CVPR 2016

Example: pix2pix



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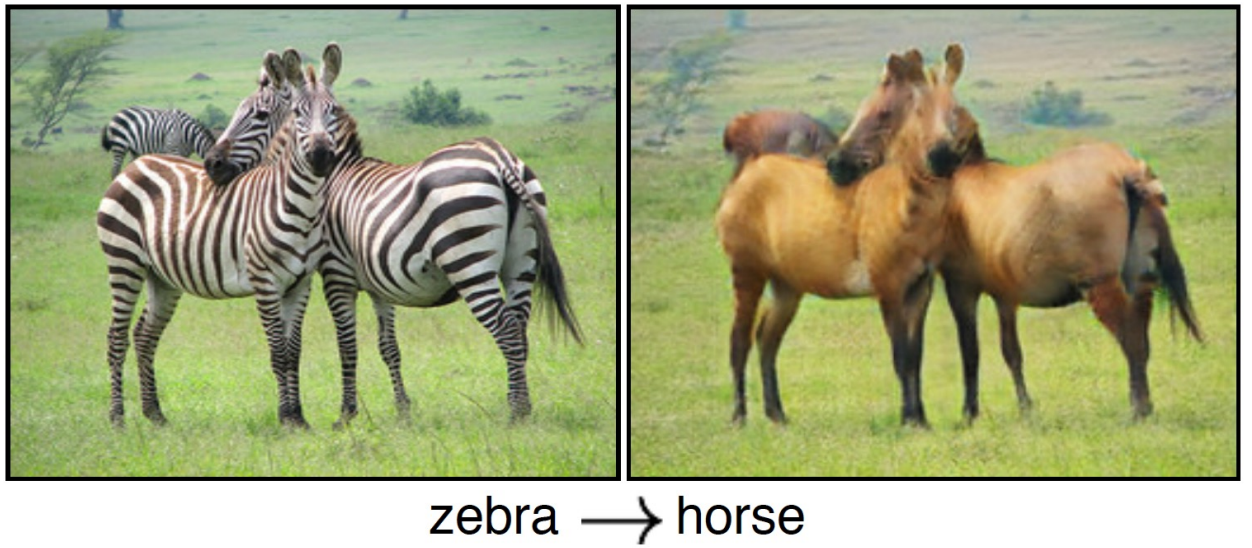
Example: CycleGAN



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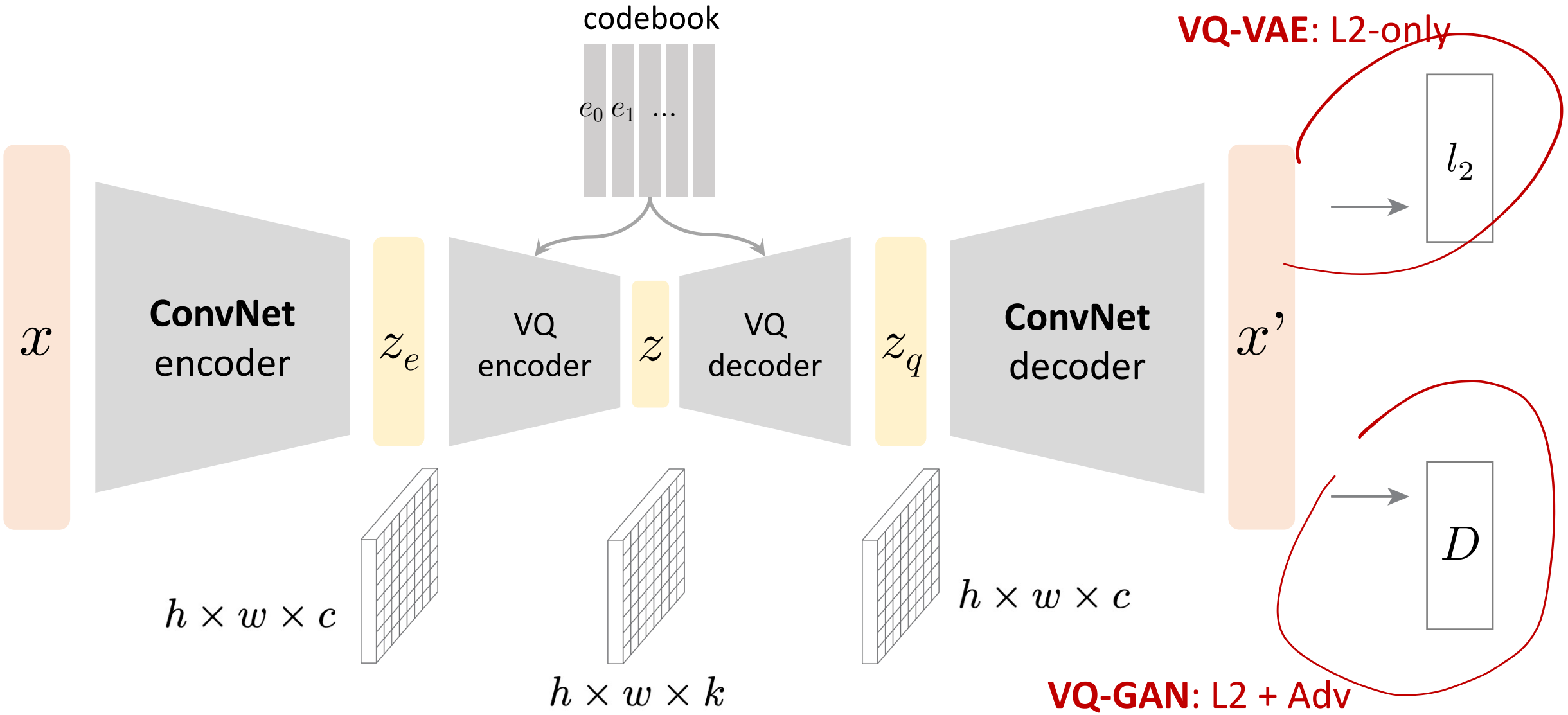
From VQ-VAE to VQ-GAN



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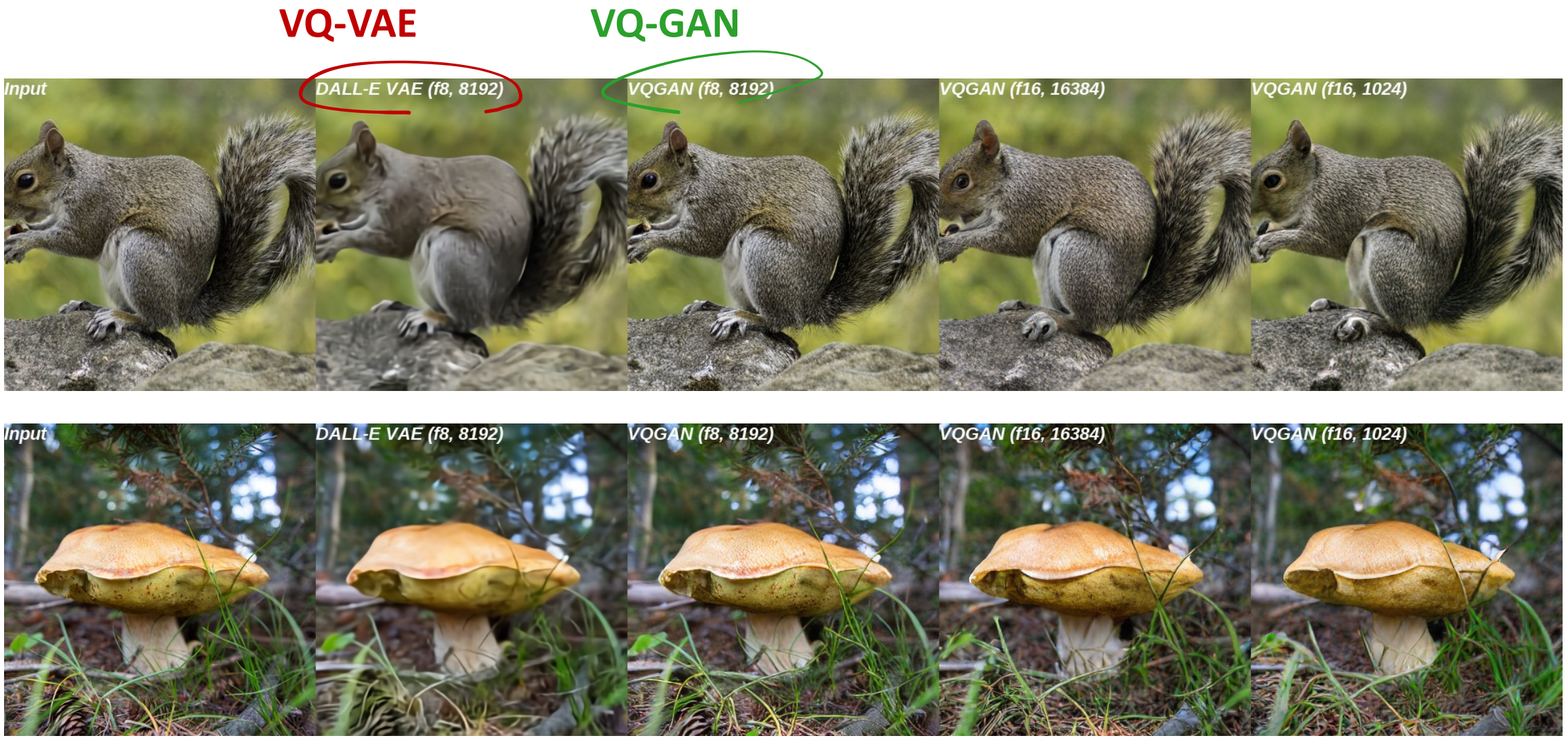

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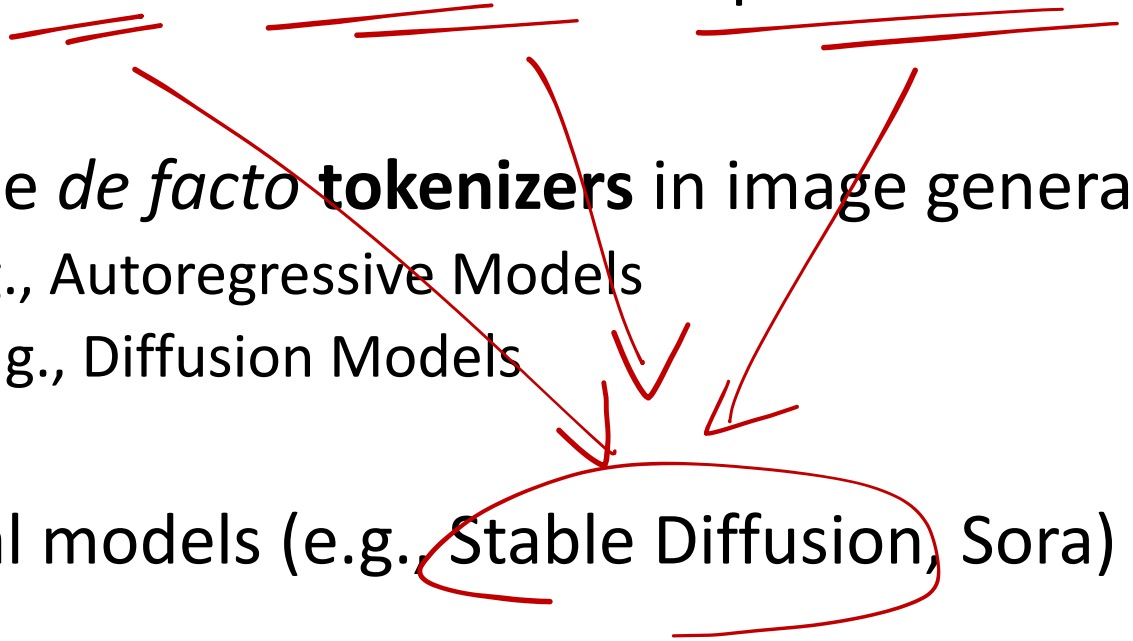
Discussion

- To be precise: **VQ-GAN** = **VQ-VAE** + Adv Loss + Perceptual Loss

- w/o VQ, it's **VAE** + Adv Loss + Perceptual Loss

- Both are the *de facto* **tokenizers** in image generation
  - w/ VQ: e.g., Autoregressive Models
  - w/o VQ: e.g., Diffusion Models

- Commercial models (e.g., Stable Diffusion, Sora) use these tokenizers



It involves everything!

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