

HW8

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For the code submission, run the last cell in the notebook to create the submission zip file. If you are working in Colab, make sure to download and then upload a copy of the completed notebook itself to its working directory to be included in the zip file. Finally, submit the zip file to Gradescope.

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If you are running the notebook locally, make sure you have created a virtual environment (using `conda` for example) and have the proper packages installed. We are working with `python=3.10` and `torch>=2`.

Files to be included in submission:

- `HW8.ipynb`
- `generator_config.yaml`
- `discriminator_config.yaml`
- `train_config.yaml`

```
[5]: """
DO NOT MODIFY THIS CELL OR ADD ANY ADDITIONAL IMPORTS ANYWHERE ELSE IN THIS_
↳NOTEBOOK!
"""

from typing import Sequence, Union
from tqdm import tqdm
import numpy as np

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# plt.rcParams.update({'figure.autolayout': True})
from IPython.display import display, clear_output
```

```

import torch
from torch import nn, optim
from torch.optim import lr_scheduler
from torch.nn import functional as F
from torch.utils.data import Dataset, DataLoader

from HW8_utils import AirfoilDataset

if torch.cuda.is_available():
    Device = 'cuda'
elif torch.backends.mps.is_available():
    Device = 'mps'
else:
    Device = 'cpu'
print(f'Device is {Device}')

```

Device is cuda

1 Fundamentals of Generative Adversarial Networks (30)

First, you have to answer some questions to validate your knowledge about the fundamentals of GANs. Explain your reasoning for each question, and keep your response concise.

You can also verify your answers by what you observe in the programming section of the assignment.

1.1 QUESTION 1 (10)

For a GAN with a well-balanced generator and discriminator, what should the output of the discriminator be for real data $D(x)$ and fake data $D(G(z))$ in the early iterations of training? How should $D(x)$ and $D(G(z))$ change as the training progresses? (For each case, should it be closer to 0 or 0.5 or 1?)

What would indicate getting close to a successfully trained GAN?

RESPONSE:

In early iterations of training, the discriminator output for real data $D(x)$ should be close to 1 since it is very good at identifying real samples. Thus the output for fake data $D(G(z))$ early on should be close to 0 since the generator is still learning how to fool the discriminator and the outputs of it are still bad so the discriminator can easily detect the fake ones. As training progresses, the generator gets better at producing realistic fake outputs and the discriminator gets less confident when comparing real and fake outputs. Thus overtime $D(x)$ and $D(G(x))$ should go to 0.5

1.2 QUESTION 2 (10)

Assume you have started training a GAN, and you observe in the early iterations that the generator and discriminator losses are similar. The output of the discriminator for real and fake data are also similar.

Do you think that the training will be successful and lead to a good GAN capable of generating realistic samples? If not, what is the problem and how could you mitigate it?

RESPONSE:

If the losses are similar in early iterations this is not a good sign. The discriminator loss should be low meaning confident predictions and the generator loss should be high meaning bad fake samples. Also as mentioned before, the outputs of the discriminator should be close to 1 for real data and 0 for fake data. This could mean that the discriminator is weak and not distinguishing well between real and fake outputs. Or the generator could be too strong initially making it hard for the discriminator to learn. This might be due to poor initialization, bad learning rates, or architecture imbalance. Make sure the generator and discriminator are balanced, try lowering the generator's learning rate and increasing the discriminator's lr. Also using noise in the real data might help stabilize training.

1.3 QUESTION 3 (10)

Assume you have started training a GAN, and you observe that the discriminator loss quickly converges to zero, while the generator loss seems unstable or very large even after training for some time. What do you think the discriminator score is for real and fake data?

Do you think that the training will be successful and lead to a good GAN capable of generating realistic samples? If not, what is the problem and how could you mitigate it?

RESPONSE:

As this sounds like the discriminator is overpowering the generator, I would predict that the discriminator score for real data is close to 1 for real data and close to 0 for fake data as it is confident how to tell the two apart. I do not think training will be successful and lead to a good GAN. As mentioned before, it seems the discriminator is too good too early on which causes the generator to struggle. To mitigate this, try slimming down the discriminator (fewer layers, smaller hidden sizes), reduce the learning rate for the discriminator, add noise to real data to make the discriminator's job harder, or train the generator more frequently than the discriminator.

2 Implement and train a GAN to generate airfoils (70)

You are provided with the UIUC airfoil dataset consisting of 1547 airfoil profiles. The Dataset class to load the data is provided in `HW8_utils.py`. Let's take a look at the dataset. Each sample consists of the y-coordinates of points at pre-defined locations on the x-axis, as well as the name of the airfoil. You will not need the names.

```
[7]: airfoil_dataset = AirfoilDataset()
      print(f'dataset has {len(airfoil_dataset)} samples')
```

dataset has 1547 samples

```
[9]: sample_idx = 431
      y, name = airfoil_dataset[sample_idx]
      print(f'y is {type(y)} and has shape {y.shape} and dtype {y.dtype}')
```

y is <class 'numpy.ndarray'> and has shape (200,) and dtype float32

2.1 Implement a Generator and a Discriminator (20)

You do not need a complicated architecture for the generator and discriminator in this assignment. You can use the example from the recitation to implement the general architecture, but do not copy the exact models, since there might be details specific to the datasets. Try to implement the models by yourself to get comfortable with defining soft-coded architectures.

```
[11]: # AUTOGRADED

class Generator(nn.Module):

    def __init__(
        self,
        latent_size: int,
        output_size: int,
        hidden_sizes: list = [128, 256, 512]
    ):
        super().__init__()

        self.latent_size = latent_size

        layers = []
        in_size = latent_size
        for hidden in hidden_sizes:
            layers.append(nn.Linear(in_size, hidden))
            layers.append(nn.ReLU())
            in_size = hidden

        layers.append(nn.Linear(hidden_sizes[-1], output_size))
        self.model = nn.Sequential(*layers)

    def forward(
        self,
        z: torch.FloatTensor, # (batch_size, latent_size)
    ) -> torch.FloatTensor: # (batch_size, *output_shape)
        """
        Input z is the latent vector, typically sampled from  $N(0, I)$ 
        Outputs generated samples
        """
        return self.model(z)

    def generate(
        self,
        n_samples: int,
        device: str = Device,
    ) -> torch.FloatTensor: # (n_samples, output_size)
        """
        move self to the device
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        sample n_samples latent vectors from N(0, I)
        generate n_samples samples
        """
        self.to(device)
        z = torch.randn(n_samples, self.latent_size, device=device)
        return self(z)

class Discriminator(nn.Module):

    def __init__(
        self,
        input_size: int,
        hidden_sizes: list = [512, 256]
    ):
        super().__init__()

        layers = []
        in_size = input_size
        for hidden in hidden_sizes:
            layers.append(nn.Linear(in_size, hidden))
            layers.append(nn.LeakyReLU(0.2))
            in_size = hidden

        layers.append(nn.Linear(hidden_sizes[-1], 1))
        layers.append(nn.Sigmoid())
        self.model = nn.Sequential(*layers)

    def forward(
        self,
        x: torch.FloatTensor, # (batch_size, input_size)
        ) -> torch.FloatTensor: # (batch_size, 1)

        return self.model(x)

```

2.2 Tracking and Visualization

```

[13]: class GAN_Tracker:
        """
        Logs and plots different loss terms of a GAN during training.
        """
        def __init__(
            self,
            n_iters: int,
            plot_freq: Union[int, None] = None, # plot every plot_freq
            ↪ iterations
        ):

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self.real_scores = []
self.fake_scores = []
self.D_losses = []
self.G_losses = []

self.plot = plot_freq is not None
self.iter = 0
self.n_iters = n_iters

if self.plot:
    self.plot_freq = plot_freq
    self.plot_results()

def plot_results(self):
    self.fig, (self.ax1, self.ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(13, 3),
↪sharex=True)

    # Score plot:
    self.real_score_curve, = self.ax1.plot(
        range(1, self.iter+1),
        self.real_scores,
        label = r'$D(x)$',
    )
    self.fake_score_curve, = self.ax1.plot(
        range(1, self.iter+1),
        self.fake_scores,
        label = r'$D(G(z))$',
    )

    self.ax1.set_xlim(0, self.n_iters+1)
    self.ax1.set_ylim(0, 1)
    self.ax1.set_xlabel('Iteration')
    self.ax1.set_ylabel('Discriminator Score')
    self.ax1.set_title('Discriminator Score')
    self.ax1.grid(linestyle='--')
    self.ax1.legend()

    # Loss plot:
    self.D_loss_curve, = self.ax2.plot(
        range(1, self.iter+1),
        self.D_losses,
        label = 'D',
    )
    self.G_loss_curve, = self.ax2.plot(
        range(1, self.iter+1),

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```

        self.G_losses,
        label = 'G',
    )
    self.ax2.set_xlim(0, self.n_iters+1)
    self.ax2.set_xlabel('Iteration')
    self.ax2.set_ylabel('Loss')
    self.ax2.set_title('Learning Curve')
    self.ax2.grid(linestyle='--')
    self.ax2.legend()

    self.samples_fig, self.samples_axes = plt.subplots(4, 6, figsize=(12, 8),
↪8), sharex=True, sharey=True)
    self.sample_axes = self.samples_axes.flat
    self.samples = []
    for ax in self.sample_axes:
        self.samples.append(ax.plot(airfoil_dataset.get_x(), np.
↪zeros_like(airfoil_dataset.get_x()))[0])
        ax.set_xlim(-0.1, 1.1)
        ax.set_ylim(-0.6, 0.6)
        ax.set_aspect('equal')
        ax.grid(linestyle='--')

    def update(
        self,
        real_score: float,
        fake_score: float,
        D_loss: float,
        G_loss: float,
    ):
        self.real_scores.append(real_score)
        self.fake_scores.append(fake_score)
        self.D_losses.append(D_loss)
        self.G_losses.append(G_loss)
        self.iter += 1

        if self.plot and self.iter % self.plot_freq == 0:

            # score plot:
            self.real_score_curve.set_data(range(1, self.iter+1), self.
↪real_scores)
            self.fake_score_curve.set_data(range(1, self.iter+1), self.
↪fake_scores)
            self.ax1.relim()
            self.ax1.autoscale_view()

            # loss plot:

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        self.D_loss_curve.set_data(range(1, self.iter+1), self.D_losses)
        self.G_loss_curve.set_data(range(1, self.iter+1), self.G_losses)
        self.ax2.relim()
        self.ax2.autoscale_view()

        self.samples_fig.suptitle(f'Generated Samples at Iteration {self.
↪iter}')

        self.fig.canvas.draw()
        clear_output(wait=True)
        display(self.fig)
        display(self.samples_fig)

    def get_samples(
        self,
        samples: torch.FloatTensor, # (n_samples, *output_shape)
    ):
        for sample, sample_img in zip(samples, self.samples):
            sample_img.set_ydata(sample.detach().cpu().numpy())

```

2.3 Losses (15)

Hint: use `F.binary_cross_entropy` with the right input and target.

```

[15]: def D_real_loss_fn(
        D_real: torch.FloatTensor, # (batch_size, 1)
    ) -> torch.FloatTensor: # ()
        """
        D_real is D(x), the discriminator's output when fed with real images
        We want this to be close to 1, because the discriminator should recognize_
↪real images
        """
        target = torch.ones_like(D_real)
        return F.binary_cross_entropy(D_real, target)

def D_fake_loss_fn(
    D_fake: torch.FloatTensor, # (batch_size, 1)
) -> torch.FloatTensor: # ()
    """
    D_fake is D(G(z)), the discriminator's output when fed with generated images
    We want this to be close to 0, because the discriminator should not be_
↪fooled
    """
    target = torch.zeros_like(D_fake)

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return F.binary_cross_entropy(D_fake, target)

def G_loss_fn(
    D_fake: torch.FloatTensor, # (batch_size, 1)
    ) -> torch.FloatTensor: # ()
    """
    D_fake is D(G(z)), the discriminator's output when fed with generated images
    We want this to be close to 1, because the generator wants to fool the
    ↪ discriminator
    """
    target = torch.ones_like(D_fake)
    return F.binary_cross_entropy(D_fake, target)

```

2.4 Training (15)

We suggest you avoid copy-pasting from the recitation and try to remember the steps in training a GAN to learn it well. After you implement your solution, compare with the recitation and correct your code accordingly.

```

[17]: def train_GAN(
    generator: Generator,
    discriminator: Discriminator,
    train_dataset: Dataset,
    device: str = Device,
    plot_freq: int = 100,

    # Generator
    optimizer_name_G: str = 'Adam',
    optimizer_config_G: dict = dict(lr=1e-3),
    lr_scheduler_name_G: Union[str, None] = None,
    lr_scheduler_config_G: dict = dict(),

    # Discriminator
    optimizer_name_D: str = 'Adam',
    optimizer_config_D: dict = dict(lr=1e-3),
    lr_scheduler_name_D: Union[str, None] = None,
    lr_scheduler_config_D: dict = dict(),

    n_iters: int = 10000,
    batch_size: int = 64,
    ):

    generator = generator.to(device)
    discriminator = discriminator.to(device)

```

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optimizer_G: optim.Optimizer = optim.
↪__getattr__ (optimizer_name_G)(generator.parameters(),
↪**optimizer_config_G)
    if lr_scheduler_name_G is not None:
        lr_scheduler_G: lr_scheduler.LRScheduler = lr_scheduler.
↪__getattr__ (lr_scheduler_name_G)(optimizer_G, **lr_scheduler_config_G)

optimizer_D: optim.Optimizer = optim.
↪__getattr__ (optimizer_name_D)(discriminator.parameters(),
↪**optimizer_config_D)
    if lr_scheduler_name_D is not None:
        lr_scheduler_D: lr_scheduler.LRScheduler = lr_scheduler.
↪__getattr__ (lr_scheduler_name_D)(optimizer_D, **lr_scheduler_config_D)

train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=batch_size,
↪shuffle=True, drop_last=True)

tracker = GAN_Tracker(n_iters=n_iters, plot_freq=plot_freq)

iter_pbar = tqdm(range(n_iters), desc='Training', unit='iter')
iter = 0

while iter < n_iters:

    for x_real, _ in train_loader:

        x_real = x_real.to(device)
        n_samples = len(x_real)

        # ===== Train Discriminator =====

        generator.train(False).requires_grad_(False)
        discriminator.train(True).requires_grad_(True)

        D_real = discriminator(x_real)
        D_real_loss = D_real_loss_fn(D_real)

        x_fake = generator.generate(n_samples, device=device).detach()
        D_fake = discriminator(x_fake)
        D_fake_loss = D_fake_loss_fn(D_fake)

        D_loss = (D_real_loss + D_fake_loss) / 2
        D_loss.backward()
        optimizer_D.step()
        if lr_scheduler_name_D is not None:
            lr_scheduler_D.step()
        optimizer_D.zero_grad()

```

```

        D_real_avg: float = D_real.mean().item() # average output of ↵
↵discriminator on real data, for logging
        D_fake_avg: float = D_fake.mean().item() # average output of ↵
↵discriminator on fake data, for logging
        D_loss_item: float = D_loss.item() # For logging

        # ===== Train Generator =====

        generator.train(True).requires_grad_(True)
        discriminator.train(False).requires_grad_(False)

        x_fake = generator.generate(n_samples, device=device)
        D_fake = discriminator(x_fake)
        G_loss = G_loss_fn(D_fake)

        G_loss.backward()
        optimizer_G.step()
        if lr_scheduler_name_G is not None:
            lr_scheduler_G.step()
        optimizer_G.zero_grad()

        G_loss_item: float = G_loss.item() # For logging

        # ===== Logging =====
        iter += 1
        iter_pbar.update(1)
        if iter % plot_freq == 0:
            with torch.inference_mode():
                tracker.get_samples(generator.generate(n_samples=24, ↵
↵device=device))
            tracker.update(D_real_avg, D_fake_avg, D_loss_item, G_loss_item)

        if iter >= n_iters:
            break

```

2.5 Find and train a good model (20)

As usual, find a good set of hyperparameters and train your model. However, you have to evaluate your model qualitatively by looking at some generated samples. A nice airfoil would be an airfoil with a smooth surface. For this dataset, making a GAN work is more tricky than what you experienced with a VAE, so the generated samples may not be as smooth. In the figure below, all samples are considered nice enough except one.

Your grade also depends on the diversity of the generated samples. If all your samples look the same, your GAN is suffering from *mode collapse*, and you will get at most 5 points depending on the quality of the sample. If your samples are diverse but not nice, you will get 0 (garbage), 5 (too bad, but looks like airfoils), 10 (not bad), or 15 (almost there) points depending on how nice they

are. The grading will be generously done.

HINT: Think about how to balance the generator and discriminator and stabilize the training as it progresses. You may find using learning rate schedulers useful.

DO NOT CHANGE `input_size` and `latent_size`.

```
[49]: """
Choose model and training configuration
"""

input_size = 200 # DO NOT CHANGE
latent_size = 16 # DO NOT CHANGE

generator_config = dict(
    latent_size = latent_size,
    output_size = input_size,
    hidden_sizes = [128, 256], #, 512], ###[64, 128]
)

discriminator_config = dict(
    input_size = input_size,
    hidden_sizes = [512, 256], #[128, 64], #[256, 128], #[512, 256] good but
    ↪need more than 40,000 iters, #[512, 512, 256], #[256, 128], # [512, 256],
    ) ###[256, 128, 64]

train_config = dict(
    # Generator
    optimizer_name_G = 'Adam',
    optimizer_config_G = dict(lr=5e-4), #dict(lr=1e-4), #dict(lr=1e-3),
    lr_scheduler_name_G = 'StepLR',
    lr_scheduler_config_G = dict(gamma = 0.8, step_size = 2000),

    # Discriminator
    optimizer_name_D = 'Adam',
    optimizer_config_D = dict(lr=5e-4), #dict(lr=1e-3),
    lr_scheduler_name_D = 'CyclicLR',
    lr_scheduler_config_D = dict(base_lr=5e-4, mode='exp_range', gamma=0.8,
    ↪max_lr = 5e-3),

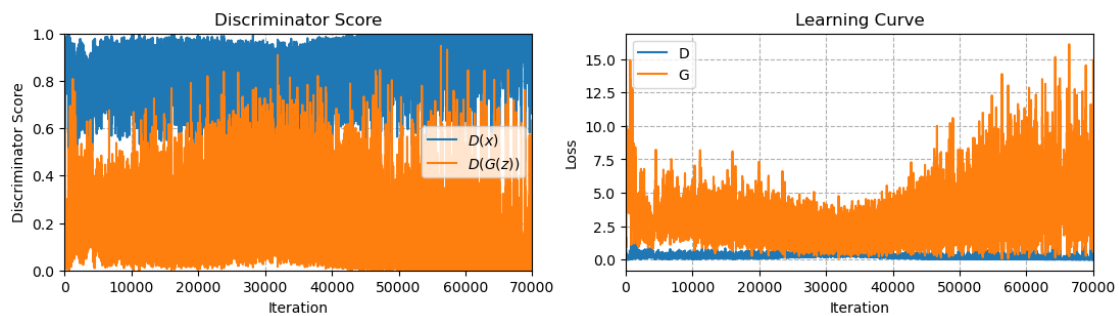
    n_iters = 70000,
    batch_size = 64,
)
```

```
[51]: if __name__ == '__main__':
    generator = Generator(**generator_config)
    discriminator = Discriminator(**discriminator_config)
```

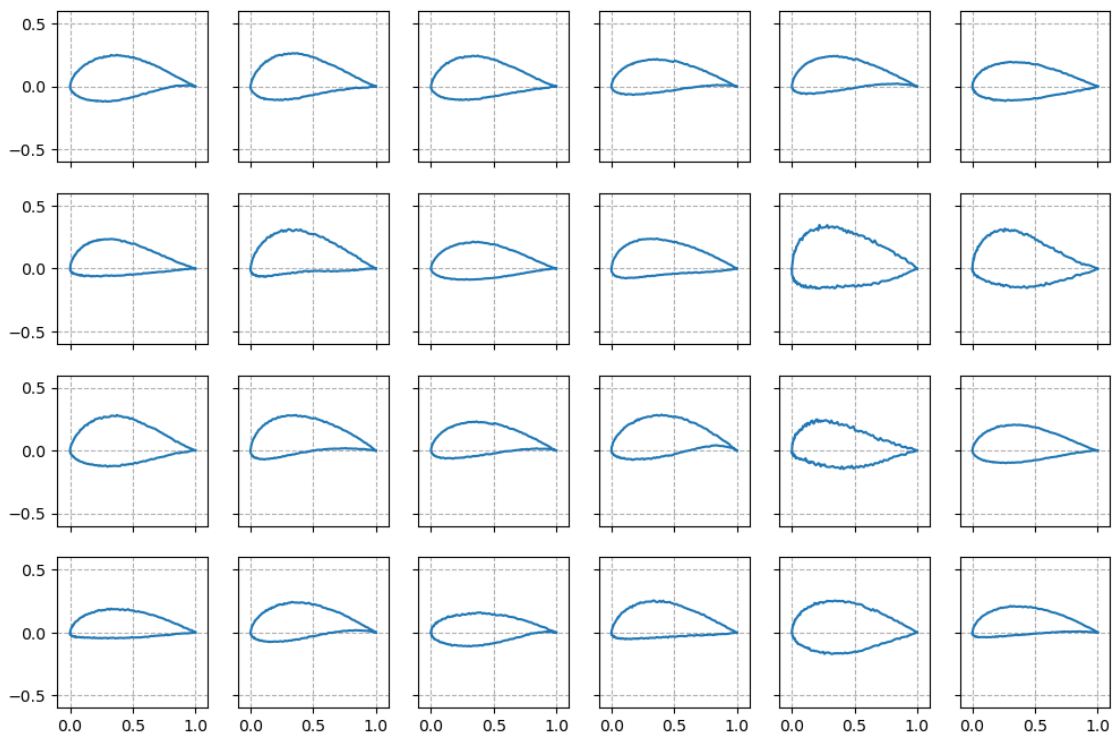
```

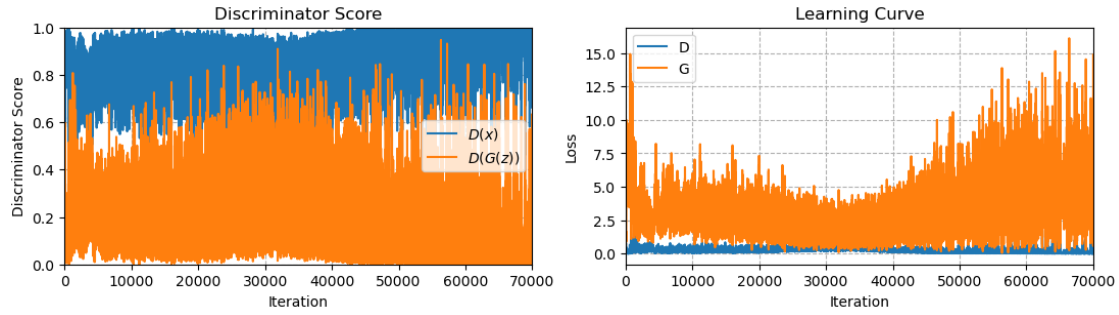
train_GAN(
    generator = generator,
    discriminator = discriminator,
    train_dataset = airfoil_dataset,
    device = Device,
    plot_freq = 500,
    **train_config,
)

```

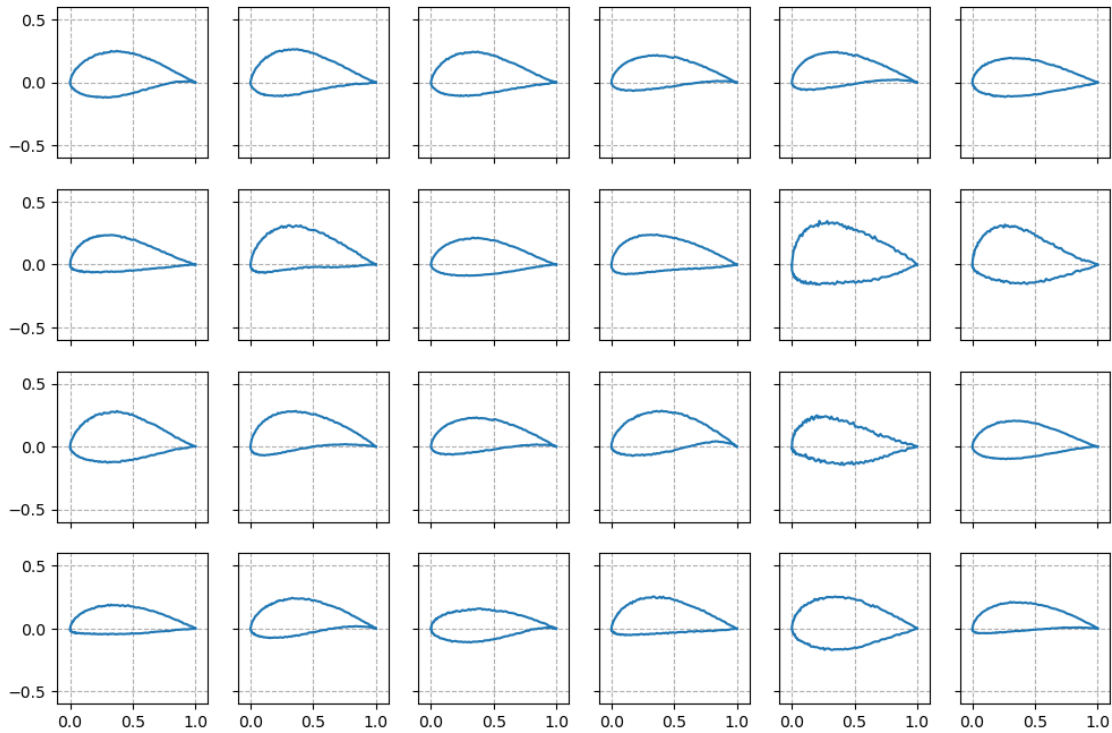


Generated Samples at Iteration 70000





Generated Samples at Iteration 70000



3 Zip files for submission

```
[ ]: from HW8_utils import save_yaml, zip_files

save_yaml(generator_config, 'generator_config.yaml')
save_yaml(discriminator_config, 'discriminator_config.yaml')
save_yaml(train_config, 'train_config.yaml')
```

```
submission_files = ['HW8.ipynb', 'generator_config.yaml', 'discriminator_config.  
↪yaml', 'train_config.yaml']  
zip_files('HW8_submission.zip', submission_files)
```