

Deriving Optimal Discriminator

Derivation Steps

1

Fix generator G, optimize D

$$\max_D V(D, G)$$



2

Calculus of variations

$$\partial V / \partial D(x) = 0$$



3

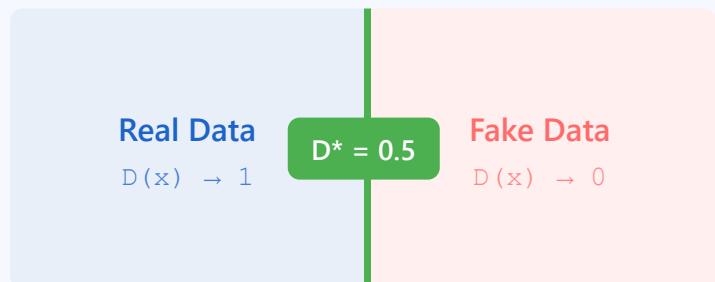
Solve for optimal D

$$p_{\text{data}}(x) / D(x) = p_g(x) / (1 - D(x))$$

Key Insights

- Sigmoid activation natural choice
- Binary cross-entropy loss
- Depends on density ratio
- Neural network approximation

Decision Boundary



At equilibrium: $p_g = p_{\text{data}}$

✓ Optimal Discriminator

$$D^*(x) = p_{\text{data}}(x) / (p_{\text{data}}(x) + p_g(x))$$