

Deep Generative Models

Lecture 5

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Recap of Previous Lecture

Assumptions

- ▶ Let $c \sim \text{Cat}(\boldsymbol{\pi})$, where

$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_K), \quad \pi_k = P(c = k), \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1.$$

- ▶ Suppose the VAE employs a discrete latent code c , with prior $p(c) = \text{Uniform}\{1, \dots, K\}$.

ELBO

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi, \theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(c|\mathbf{x})} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|c) - \text{KL}(q_{\phi}(c|\mathbf{x}) \parallel p(c)) \rightarrow \max_{\phi, \theta}.$$

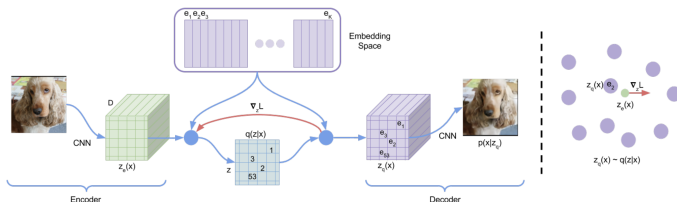
$$\text{KL}(q_{\phi}(c|\mathbf{x}) \parallel p(c)) = -H(q_{\phi}(c|\mathbf{x})) + \log K.$$

Vector Quantization

Define the codebook $\{\mathbf{e}_k\}_{k=1}^K$, where $\mathbf{e}_k \in \mathbb{R}^L$ and K is the size of the dictionary.

$$\mathbf{z}_q = \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{e}_{k^*}, \quad \text{where } k^* = \arg \min_k \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{e}_k\|.$$

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Deterministic Variational Posterior

$$q_\phi(c_{ij} = k^* | \mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k^* = \arg \min_k \|[z_e]_{ij} - \mathbf{e}_k\|; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Straight-Through Gradient Estimation

$$\frac{\partial \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}_q, \theta)}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}_q)}{\partial \mathbf{z}_q} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_q}{\partial \phi} \approx \frac{\partial \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}_q)}{\partial \mathbf{z}_q} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_e}{\partial \phi}$$

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Theorem

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{KL}(q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_i) \parallel p(\mathbf{z})) = \text{KL}(q_{\text{agg},\phi}(\mathbf{z}) \parallel p(\mathbf{z})) + \mathbb{I}_q[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}].$$

ELBO Surgery

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}_{\phi,\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_i)} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathbf{z})}_{\text{Reconstruction Loss}} - \underbrace{\mathbb{I}_q[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}]}_{\text{MI}} - \underbrace{\text{KL}(q_{\text{agg},\phi}(\mathbf{z}) \parallel p(\mathbf{z}))}_{\text{Marginal KL}}$$

Optimal Prior

$$\text{KL}(q_{\text{agg},\phi}(\mathbf{z}) \parallel p(\mathbf{z})) = 0 \Leftrightarrow p(\mathbf{z}) = q_{\text{agg}}(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_i).$$

Thus, the optimal prior distribution $p(\mathbf{z})$ is the aggregated variational posterior $q_{\text{agg},\phi}(\mathbf{z})$.

Hoffman M. D., Johnson M. J. ELBO surgery: yet another way to carve up the variational evidence lower bound, 2016

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- ▶ Standard Gaussian $p(\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}) \Rightarrow$ over-regularization.
- ▶ $p(\mathbf{z}) = q_{\text{agg}, \phi}(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_i) \Rightarrow$ overfitting and extremely high computational cost.

Revisiting ELBO

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}_{\phi, \theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) = \text{RL} - \text{MI} - \text{KL}(q_{\text{agg}, \phi}(\mathbf{z}) \parallel p_{\lambda}(\mathbf{z}))$$

This is the forward KL divergence with respect to $p_{\lambda}(\mathbf{z})$.

ELBO with Learnable VAE Prior

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\phi, \theta}(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x})} [\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) + \log p_{\lambda}(\mathbf{z}) - \log q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x})] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x})} \left[\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) + \underbrace{\left(\log p(\mathbf{f}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{z})) + \log |\det(\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}})| \right)}_{\text{flow-based prior}} - \log q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{f}_{\lambda}^{-1}(\mathbf{z}^*) = \mathbf{g}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{z}^*), \quad \mathbf{z}^* \sim p(\mathbf{z}^*) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$$

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- ▶ Likelihood isn't always a suitable metric for evaluating generative models.
- ▶ Sometimes, the likelihood function can't even be computed exactly.

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The generative model $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$ matches $p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$ if a discriminative model $p(y|\mathbf{x})$ can't distinguish between them — that is, if $p(y = 1|\mathbf{x}) = 0.5$ for every \mathbf{x} .

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Generative Model

Suppose $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z})$, where $p(\mathbf{z})$ is a base distribution, and $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{G}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}))$ is deterministic.

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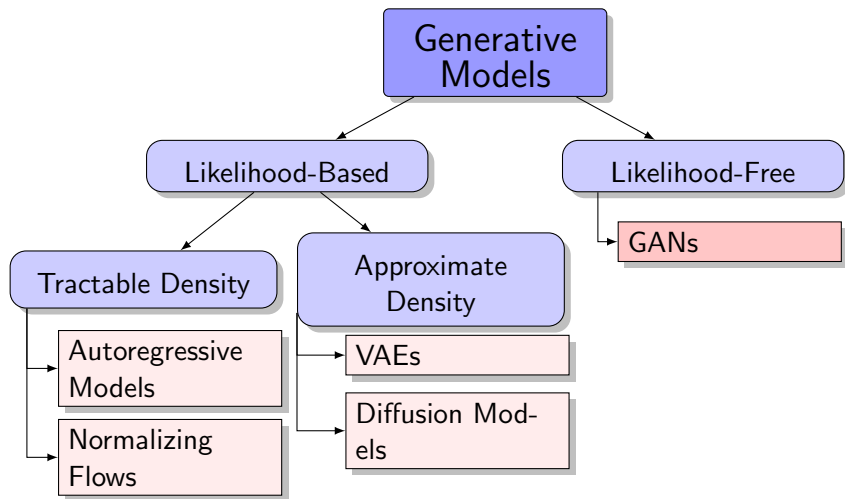
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This can be regarded as a proper distance metric!

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- ▶ Generator updates are performed in parameter space, and the discriminator is often imperfectly optimized.
- ▶ Generator and discriminator losses typically oscillate during GAN training.

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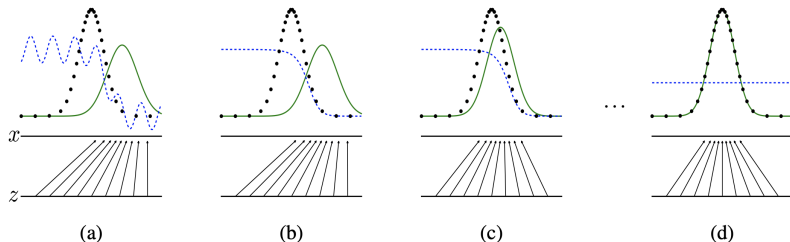
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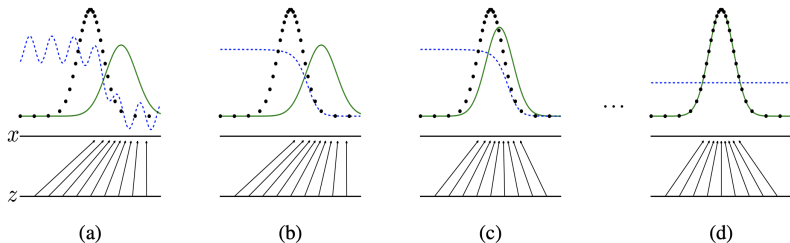


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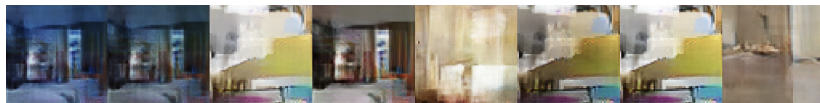
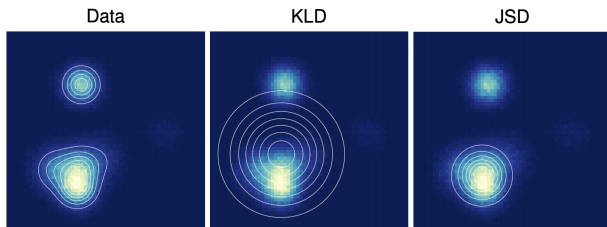
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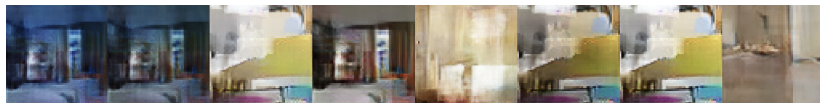
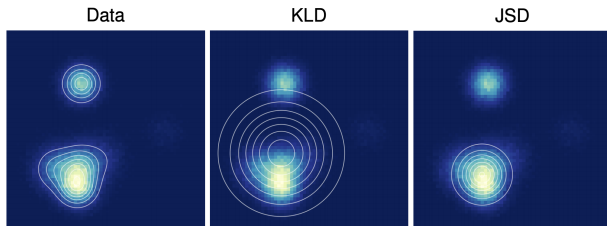
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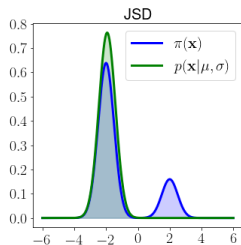
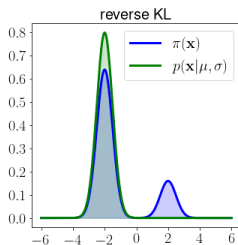
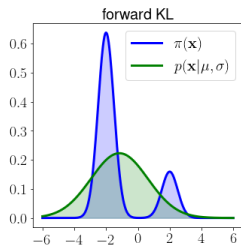
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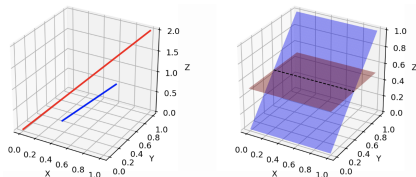
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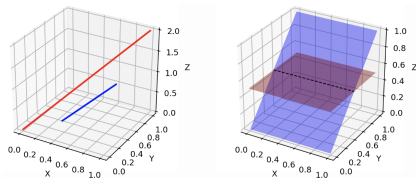


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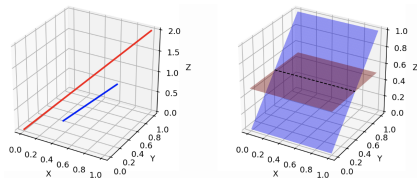
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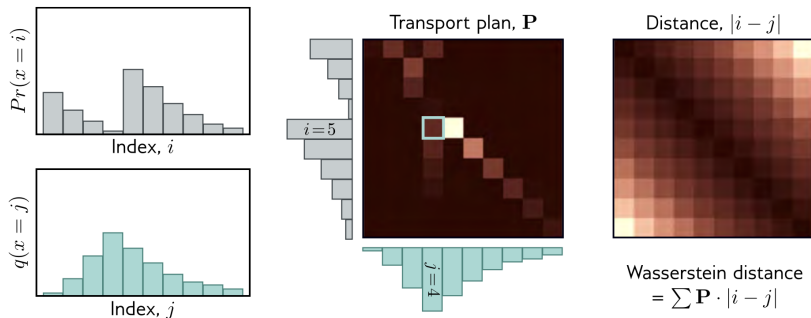
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Wasserstein Distance (Discrete)

Also known as the **Earth Mover's Distance**.

Optimal Transport Formulation

The minimum cost of moving and transforming a pile of "dirt" shaped like one probability distribution to match another.



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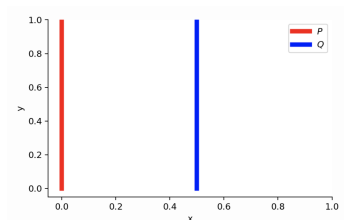
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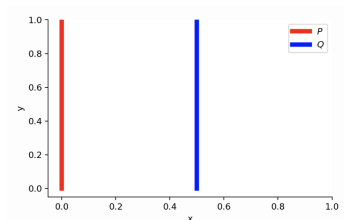
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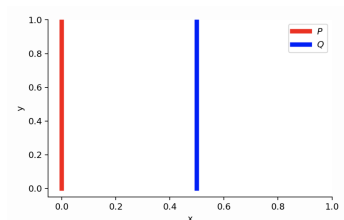
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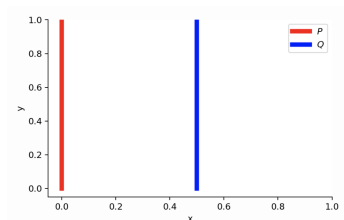
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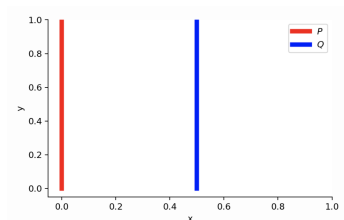
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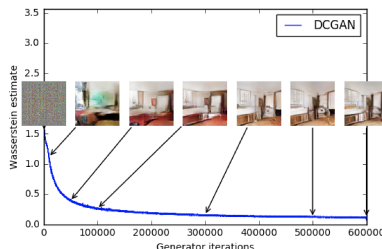
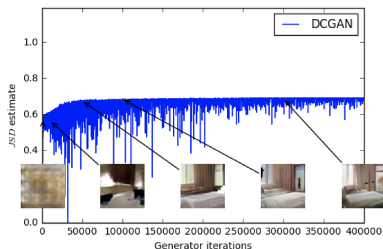
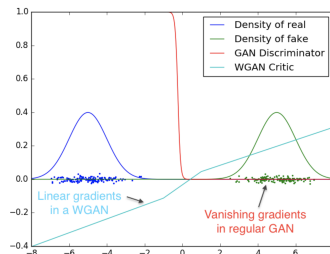
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- ▶ The discriminator D is replaced by function f : in WGAN, it is known as the **critic**, which is *not* a classifier.
- ▶ *"Weight clipping is a clearly terrible way to enforce a Lipschitz constraint."*
 - ▶ If c is large, optimizing the critic is hard.
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Wasserstein GAN

- ▶ WGAN provides nonzero gradients even if distributions' supports are disjoint.
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- ▶ $W(p_{\text{data}} || p_{\theta})$ is tightly correlated with quality.



Summary

- ▶ Likelihood is not a reliable metric for generative model evaluation.
- ▶ Adversarial learning casts distribution matching as a minimax game.
- ▶ GANs, in theory, optimize the Jensen-Shannon divergence.
- ▶ KL and JS divergences fail as objectives when the model and data distributions are disjoint.
- ▶ The Earth Mover's (Wasserstein) distance provides a more meaningful loss for distribution matching.
- ▶ Kantorovich-Rubinstein duality allows us to compute the EM distance using only samples.
- ▶ Wasserstein GAN enforces the Lipschitz condition on the critic through weight clipping—although better alternatives exist.