

# Convergence Analysis of GAN training procedures

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# Generative Adversarial Networks

- latent variable:  $Z \sim P_Z(z)$
- generator :  $G_\theta(z)$
- discriminator :  $D_\psi(x)$
- target function:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \psi) = \mathbb{E}_{P_Z} [f(D_\psi(G_\theta(Z)))] + \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P_D} [f(-D_\psi(X))]$$

- zero-sum game

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\psi} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \psi)$$

$$(\theta, \psi)^{(k)} = F(\theta^{(k-1)}, \psi^{(k-1)})$$

- simultaneous gradient descent :  $F_h(\theta, \psi) = (\theta, \psi) + h\nu(\theta, \psi)$  where  $\nu(\theta, \psi) = \begin{bmatrix} -\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L} \\ \nabla_{\psi} \mathcal{L} \end{bmatrix}$
- alternating gradient descent :  $F_h = F_{2,h} \circ F_{1,h}$
- continuous(ODE solver) :  $\frac{d(\theta, \psi)}{dt} = \nu(\theta, \psi)$

## Theorem (unique Nash-equilibrium [Goodfellow, 2014])

*given that  $G_\theta, D_\psi$  are powerful enough to approximate any real valued function, there is a unique Nash-equilibrium where :*

$$G_\theta(Z) \sim P_D$$

## Theorem (sufficient condition for local convergence [Mescheder, 2017])

given iteration function  $F$  at point  $\bar{x}$ :

- is stationary, i.e.  $F(\bar{x}) = \bar{x}$
- has a Jacobian matrix with eigenvalues smaller than. i.e.  $|\lambda_i(F'(\bar{x}))| < 1$

for every initial point  $x_0$  in some neighbourhood of  $\bar{x}$ , the sequence  $F^{(k)}(x_0)$  converges to  $\bar{x}$ . i.e.  $\|F^{(k)}(x_0) - \bar{x}\| \in O(|\lambda_{\max}(\bar{x})|^k)$

in practice we have :

$$F'(\theta, \psi) = I + h\nu'(\theta, \psi)$$

## proposition (sufficient condition for convergence [Mescheder, 2017])

there exists  $h > 0$  where eigenvalues of  $I + h\nu'(\theta, \psi)$  are within the unit ball if the real part of all eigenvalues of  $\nu'(\theta, \psi)$  are negative.

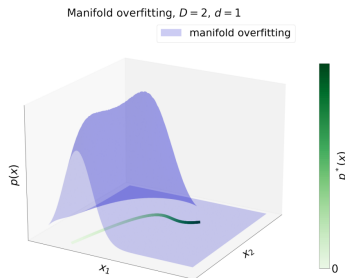
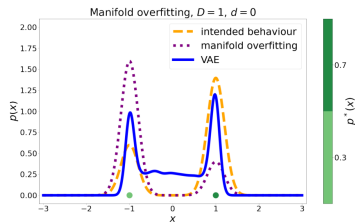
**Which Training Methods for GANs do actually Converge?[Mescheder, 2018]**

# The Manifold Hypothesis

Example (low dimensional dist.  
[Arjovsky, 2014])

divergence between the distribution of  $(0, Z)$  and  $(\theta, Z)$  where  $Z \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1)$  is :

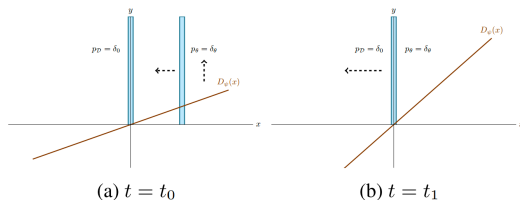
- $W_1(\mathbb{P}_0, \mathbb{P}_\theta) = |\theta|$
- $JS(\mathbb{P}_0, \mathbb{P}_\theta) = \log 2 \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta \neq 0\}}$
- $D_{KL}(\mathbb{P}_0, \mathbb{P}_\theta) = \mathbb{I}_{\{0\}}(\theta)$





## Definition (Dirac-GAN [Mescheder, 2018])

The Dirac-GAN consists of a (univariate) generator distribution  $p_\theta = \delta_\theta$  and a linear discriminator  $D(x) = \psi \cdot x$ . The true data distribution  $P_D$  is given by a Dirac-distribution concentrated at 0.



the target function of Dirac-GAN is:

$$L(\theta, \psi) = f(\psi \cdot \theta) + f(0) \quad ; \quad f(x) = -\log(1 + \exp(-x))$$

the unique Nash-equilibrium is at  $\theta = \psi = 0$ .

the eigenvalues of Jacobian matrix of  $v(\theta, \psi)$  are  $\pm f'(0)i$ , real values of which are zero.

### Lemma (integral curves do not converge)

*The integral curves of the gradient vector field  $v(\theta, \psi)$  do not converge to the Nash-equilibrium. More specifically, every integral curve  $(\theta(t), \psi(t))$  of the gradient vector field  $v(\theta, \psi)$  satisfies  $\theta(t)^2 + \psi(t)^2 = \text{const}$  for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .*

### Lemma (simultaneous gradient does not converge)

*For simultaneous gradient descent, the Jacobian of the update operator  $F_h(\theta, \psi)$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_{\{1,2\}} = 1 \pm h f'(0)i$  with absolute values  $\sqrt{1 + h^2 f'(0)^2}$  at the Nash-equilibrium. Independently of the learning rate, simultaneous gradient descent is therefore not stable near the equilibrium.*

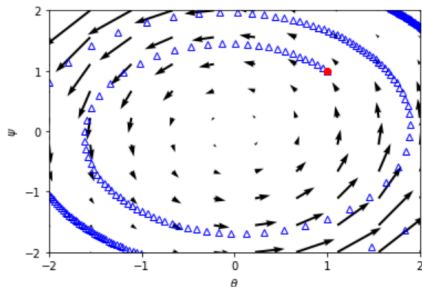
### Lemma (alternating gradient descent does not converge)

*For alternating gradient descent with  $n_g$  generator and  $n_d$  discriminator updates, the Jacobian of the update operator  $F_h(\theta, \psi)$  has eigenvalues*

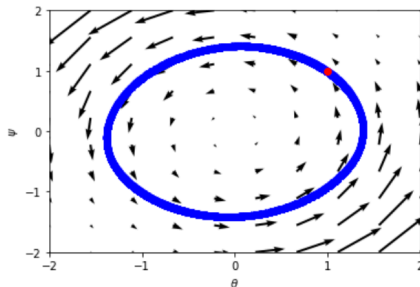
$$\lambda_{1,2} = 1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{2}\right)^2 - 1} \quad ; \quad \alpha = \sqrt{n_g n_d} h f'(0)$$

which implies that eigenvalues cannot be strictly inside the unit circle.

## a toy data distribution



(a) SimGD



(b) AltGD

Theorem (Convergence for continuous distributions[Nagarajan, 2017])

*under some suitable assumptions - gradient descent based GAN optimization is locally convergent for absolutely continuous distributions*

# Creating convergent procedures

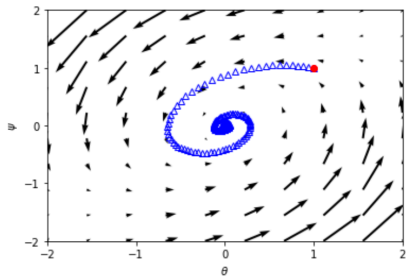
- adding Independent gaussian noise to data points will make both distributions continuous, thus, making the gradient descent convergent.
- in the Dirac-GAN case:

## Lemma

*When using Gaussian instance noise with standard deviation  $\sigma$ , the eigenvalues of the Jacobian of the gradient vector field are given by*

$$\lambda_{1,2} = f''(0)\sigma^2 \pm \sqrt{f''(0)^2\sigma^4 - f'(0)^2}$$

- if  $f''(0) < 0$  both eigenvalues have negative real parts which means additive noise leads to convergence in the Dirac-GAN.



(f) Instance noise

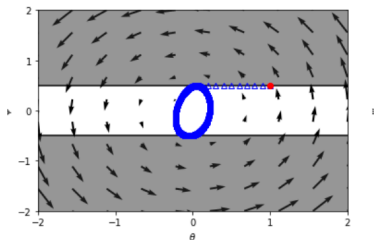
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \psi) = \mathbb{E}_{P_Z} [D_\psi(G_\theta(Z))] - \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P_D} [D_\psi(X)] ; \quad D_\psi \text{ is 1-Lipschitz}$$

- To make the divergence continuous with respect to the parameters of the generator, Wasserstein GANs (WGANs) replace the Jensen-Shannon divergence used in the original derivation of GANs with the Wasserstein-divergence
- alternating and simultaneous gradient descent for Wasserstein divergence does not converge in the Dirac-GAN problem.



# Wasserstein GAN

A WGAN trained with simultaneous or alternating gradient descent with a fixed number of discriminator updates per generator update and a fixed learning rate  $h > 0$  does generally not converge to the Nash equilibrium for the Dirac-GAN.



(c) WGAN ( $n_d = 5$ )

regularizing the target function for Wasserstein GAN can make it convergent (Wasserstein GAN with Quadratic Transport Cost [Liu, 2019]).

# Regularizing Wasserstein GAN [Liu, 2019]

- consider the linear program:

$$\begin{cases} \max_{H_i, H_j} & \frac{1}{m} \sum H_j - \frac{1}{m} \sum H_i \\ \text{subject to} & |H_i - H_j| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|x_i - y_j\|^2 \end{cases}$$

- consider the optimal transport problem:

$$\sigma(j) = \underset{i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \|x_i - y_j\|^2 + H_i^* - H_j^*$$

- define losses:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\psi} & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum D_{\psi}(y_j) - \frac{1}{n} H_j^* \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum (D_{\psi}(x_i) - H_i^*)^2 \\ & + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbb{E}_{X \sim G_{\theta}(Z)} \left[ (\|\nabla_x D_{\psi}(X)\| - \|y_{\sigma^*}(X) - X\|)^2 \right]}_{\text{gradient regularization}} \\ \min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta) &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum D_{\psi}(G_{\theta}(Z_i)) \end{aligned}$$

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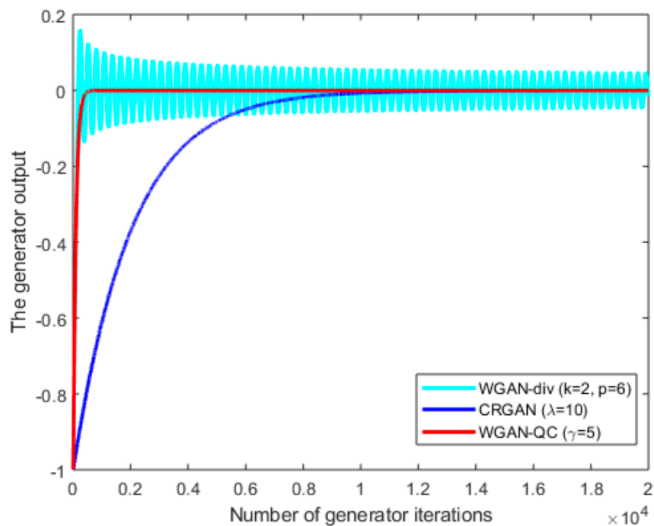
where it can be shown that :

$$-\nabla v'(\theta^*, \psi^*) = \begin{bmatrix} M_{DD} + M_R & M_{GD} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where :

$$\begin{aligned} M_R &= \lambda \cdot \mathbb{E}_{P_Z} \left[ \nabla_{\theta, \psi} D_{\psi^*}(G_{\theta}(Z)) \nabla_{\theta, \psi} D_{\psi^*}(G_{\theta}(Z))^T \right] \\ M_{DD} &= \mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_D} \left[ \nabla_{\psi} D_{\psi^*}(y) \right] \mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_D} \left[ \nabla_{\psi} D_{\psi^*}(y) \right]^T \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_D} \left[ \nabla_{\psi} D_{\psi^*}(y) \nabla_{\psi} D_{\psi^*}(y)^T \right] \\ M_{GD} &= -\mathbb{E}_{Z \sim P_Z} \left[ \nabla^2 D_{\psi^*}(G_{\theta}(Z)) \nabla_{\theta} G_{\theta^*}(Z)^T \right] \end{aligned}$$

## Convergence WGAN-QC in Dirac-GAN



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