

Decentralized Learning of GANs from Multi-Client Non-iid Data

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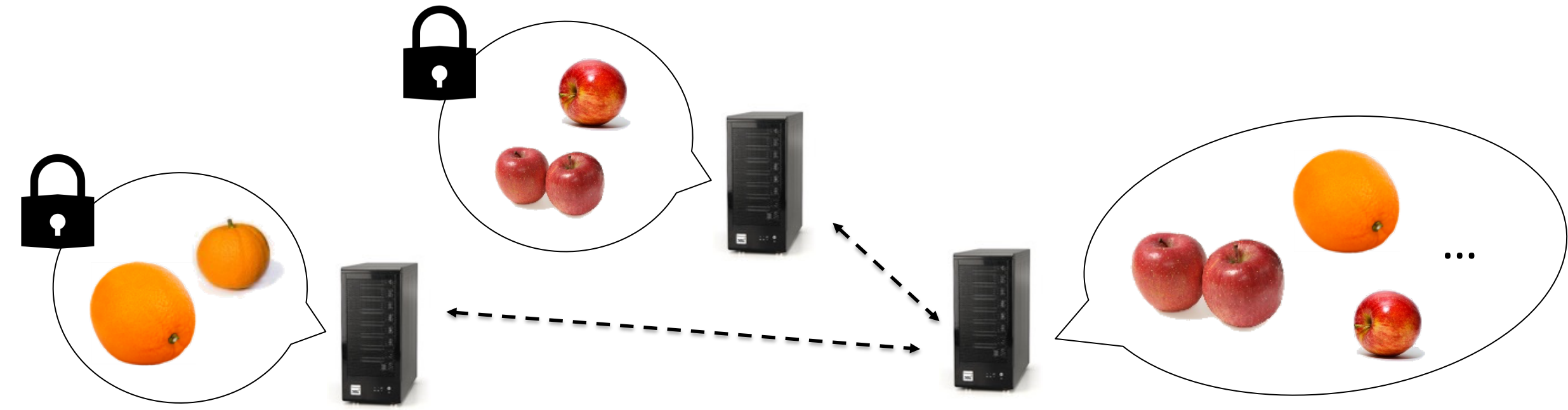
Problem Setting

Input: Multiple image collections $\{X_i \mid i = 1, \dots, N\}$ that are

- Owned separately and privately by different clients
- Drawn from non-identical distributions with different classes, $p_i(x)$

Output: Distribution comprising all the classes, $p_{max}(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \max_i p_i(x)$

s.t. X_i needs to be decentralized and private in each client storage

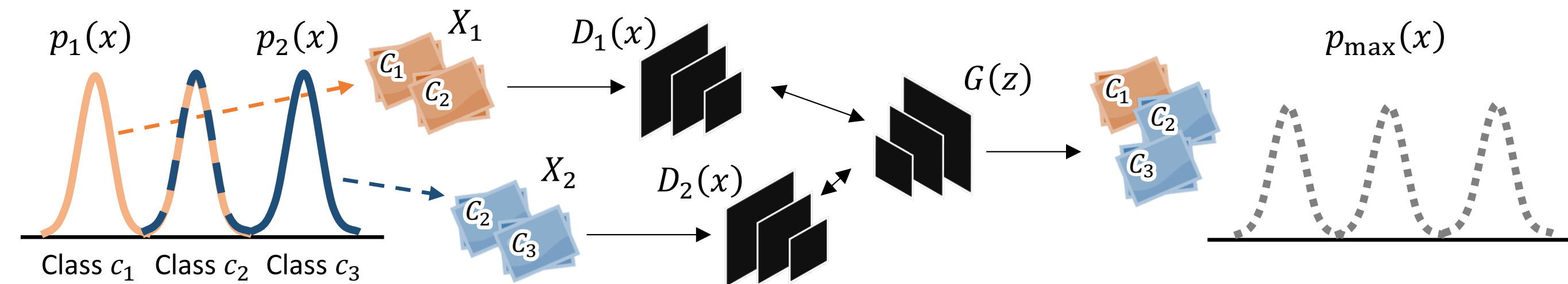


Clients: Cooperate training in a secure fashion

Server: Generate images of all the classes

Decentralized GANs

- Each client trains an individual discriminator $D_i(x)$ with its own data X_i
- Server updates generator G to fool D_1, \dots, D_N to get $p_g = p_{max}$ -> *but how?*



Our Contributions

- Forgiver-First Update (F2U):** update G to fool $D_{max}(x) = \max_i D_i(x)$.
Has a theoretical guarantee to achieve $p_g = p_{max}$ as the global optimum!
- Forgiver-First Aggregation (F2A):** update G to fool $D_{agg}(x) = \sum_i w_i D_i(x)$ where w_i adaptively emphasizes forgiving D. Can work well in practice and involve secure-aggregation protocols to make the training provably secure

Forgiver-First Update (F2U)

Lemma 1: When $D_i(x)$ was trained optimally from $p_i(x)$, $D_{max}^*(x) = \max_i D_i(x)$ can be regarded as the optimal discriminator trained from $p_{max}(x)$.

Proof sketch:

- Client-wise optimal discriminator $D_i^*(x) = \frac{p_i(x)}{p_i(x) + p_g(x)}$
- $D_{max}^*(x) = \frac{\max_i p_i(x)}{\max_i p_i(x) + p_g(x)} = \frac{p_{max}(x)}{p_{max}(x) + \alpha p_g(x)}$

Theorem 2: When G is trained against $D_{max}^*(x)$, the GAN achieves its global optimum if and only if $p_g = p_{max}$.

Proof sketch:

- Optimizing Generator's objective for LSGAN corresponding to minimizing f-divergence

$$L(G) = \frac{1}{2} \int_x \frac{(p_{max}(x) + p_g(x)) \alpha^2 p_g^2(x)}{(p_{max}(x) + \alpha p_g(x))^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} D_f(p_g || p_{max}) + const$$

where $f(x) = \frac{(x+1)\alpha^2 x^2}{(1+\alpha x)^2} - \frac{2\alpha^2}{(1+\alpha)^2}$ is a convex continuous function with $f(1) = 0$

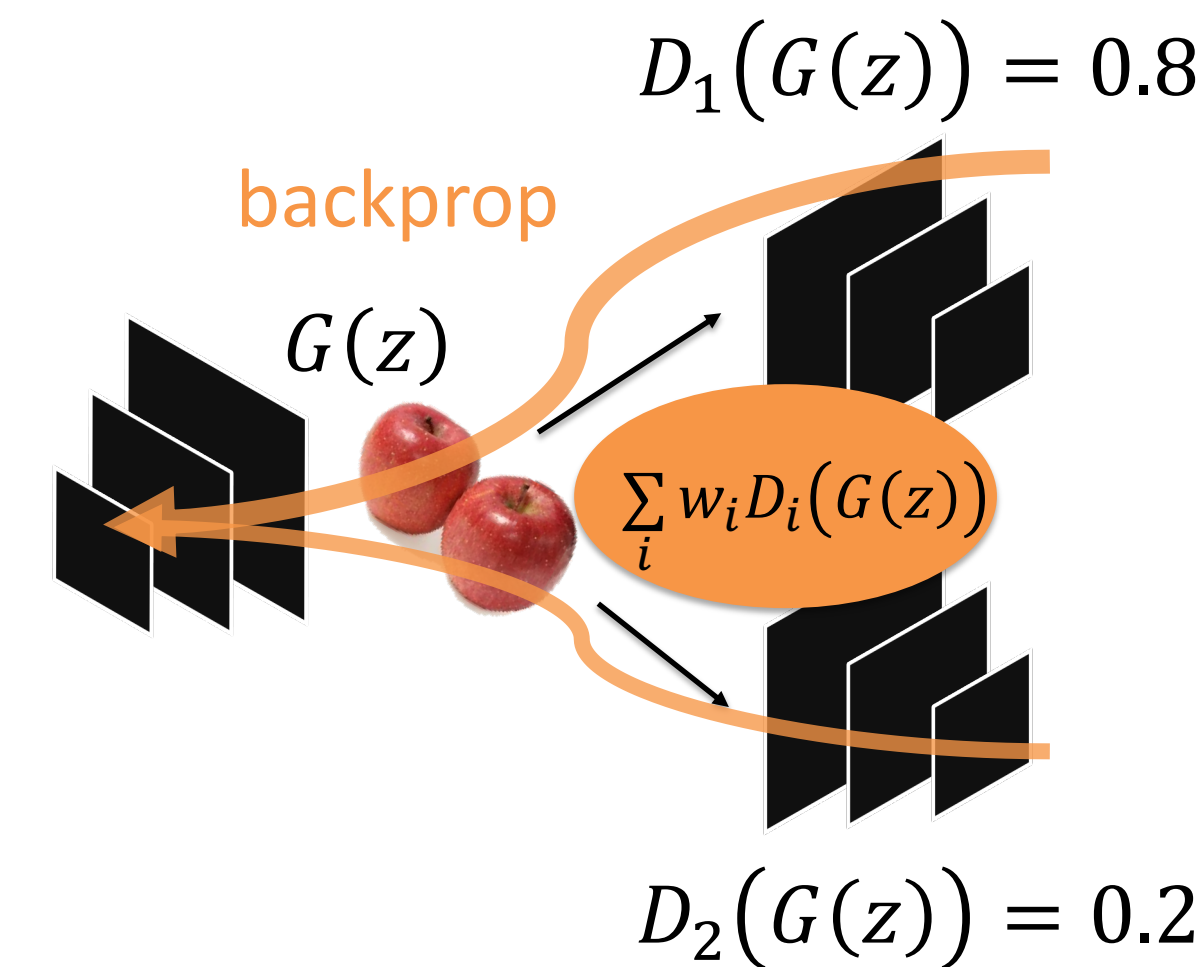
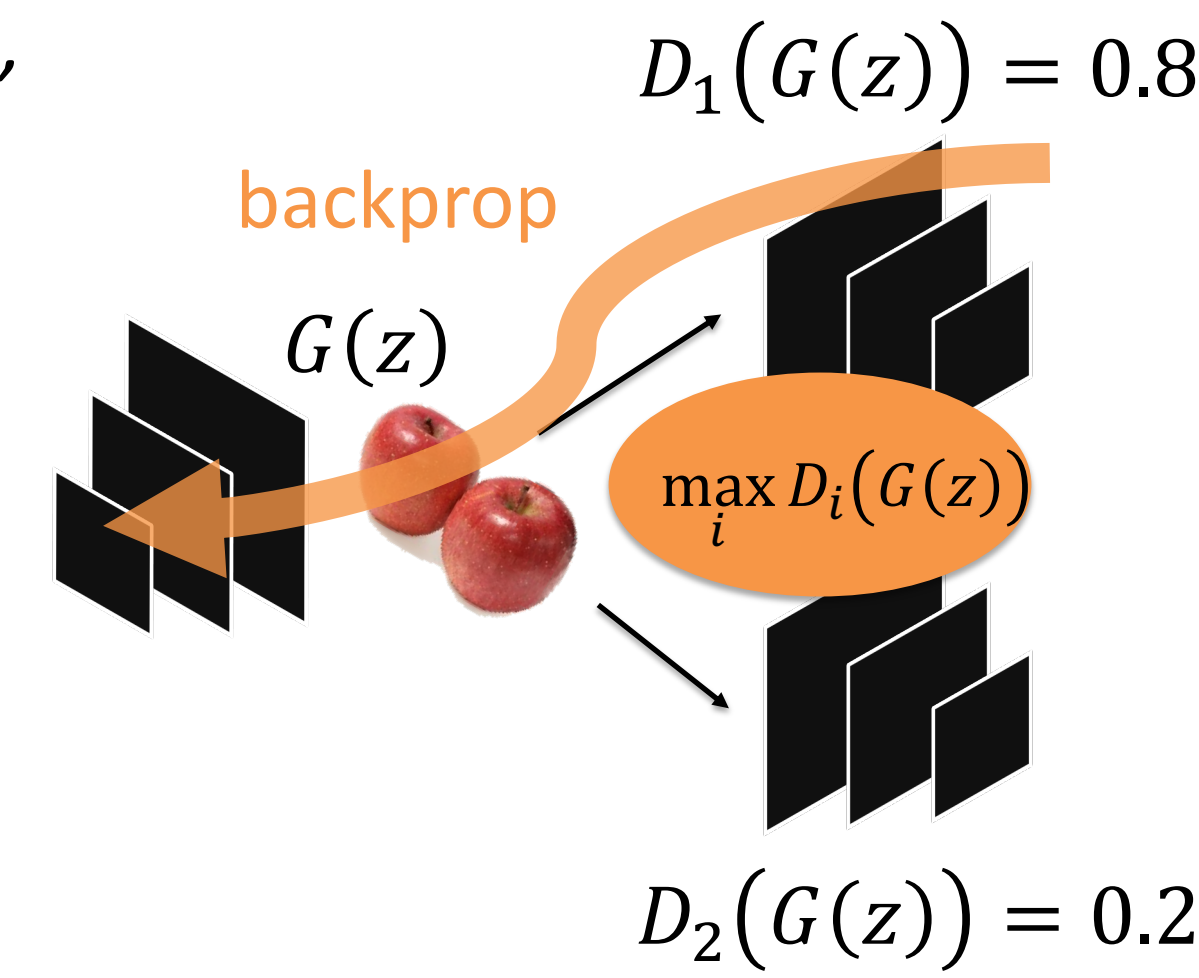
Forgiver-First Aggregation (F2A)

$D_{agg}(x) = \sum_i w_i D_i(x)$ where $w_i = \text{softmax}(\lambda D_i(x))$

- $\lambda \rightarrow$ large, $D_{agg}(x)$ will converge to $D_{max}(x)$.
- $\lambda \rightarrow$ small, $D_{agg}(x)$ will average $D_i(x)$ equally.
- λ is updated via backprop to better fit to given data

Security consideration

- $D_i(x)$ can be used to infer if X_i contains certain x .
- $D_{agg}(x)$ and its loss gradient consist of summation over client-wise variables
- All the computations needed to update G can be wrapped by secure-aggregation that allows one to compute $\sum_i a_i$ while keeping a_i secret.



Full paper (arXiv)



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Experimental Results

- Data:** splitting MNIST, FMNIST, and CIFAR10 into five subsets such that X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5 contains $\{0, 1\}, \{2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6, 7\}, \{8, 9\}$ -th classes
(**Non-OVL:** non-overlapping condition)
 $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 3, 4, 5\}, \{4, 5, 6, 7\}, \{6, 7, 8, 9\}, \{8, 9, 0, 1\}$ -th classes
(**Mod-OVL:** moderately-overlapping condition)
- Baselines:** MD-GAN, GMAN
(both learns G from multiple D s but with different aggregation strategies)

	FID scores					
	MNIST		F-MNIST		CIFAR10	
	Non-OVL	Mod-OVL	Non-OVL	Mod-OVL	Non-OVL	Mod-OVL
MD-GAN	38.42	34.33	56.09	47.12	56.64	50.30
GMAN*	67.69	58.65	56.79	49.84	50.50	41.83
F2U (Ours)	22.19	13.38	43.67	32.65	66.43	40.42
F2A (Ours)	18.96	14.53	37.16	29.03	38.92	41.01

Related Work

- Distributed SGD:** mostly assumes iid data and supervised learning
- Federated learning:** assumes non-iid data but still with supervised setting
- GANs with multiple Ds and/or Ds:** mainly for stabilizing training, modeling multi-domain data, etc, not for decentralized learning

Future Directions

- More practical settings: conditional, multiple Gs, etc.
- Other adversarial learning: GAIL, adversarial domain adaptation, etc.