



GAN - Theory and Applications

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Generative Adversarial Networks

“Adversarial Training (also called GAN for Generative Adversarial Networks) is the most interesting idea in the last 10 years of ML.”

— Yann LeCun

Generative Adversarial Networks

Two components, the **generator** and the **discriminator**:

- The **generator** G needs to capture the data distribution.
- The **discriminator** D estimates the probability that a sample comes from the training data rather than from G.

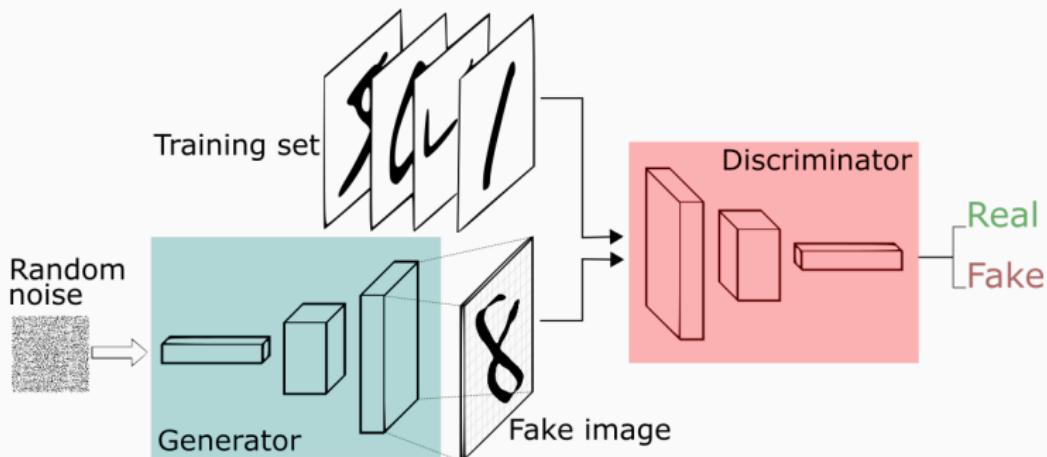


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GANs - Discriminator

- **Discriminator** needs to:

- Correctly classify **real** data:

$$\max_D \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}(x)} [\log D(x)].$$

$$D(x) \rightarrow 1$$

- Correctly classify **wrong** data:

$$\max_D \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} [\log(1 - D(G(z)))].$$

$$D(G(z)) \rightarrow 0$$

- The discriminator is an **adaptive loss function** that gets discarded once the generator has been trained.

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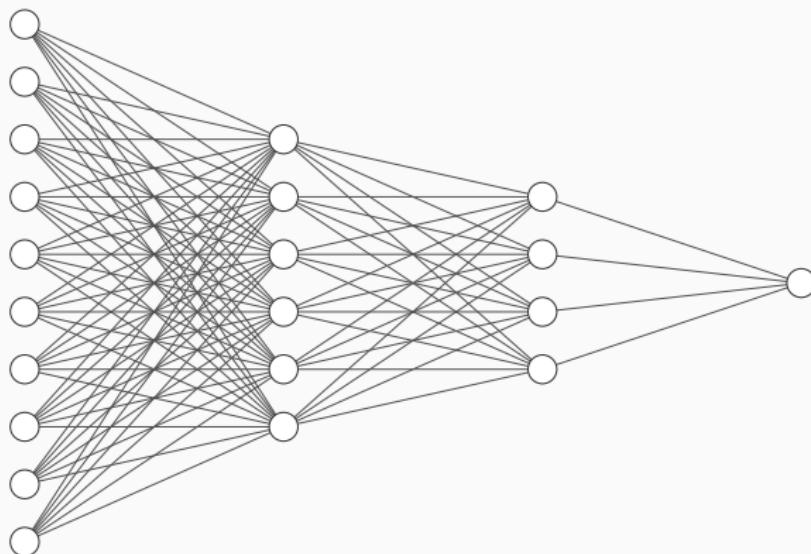
- Saturates easily (Goodfellow et al., 2014):

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(2)

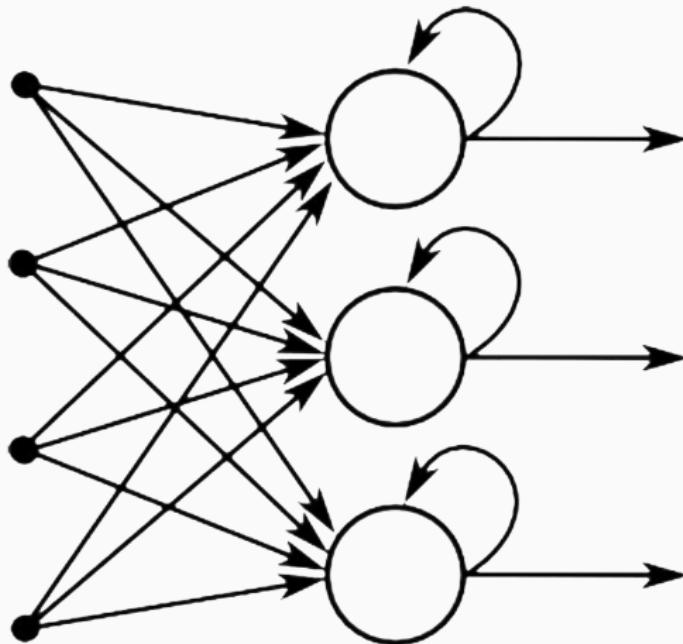
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- Different architectures for different data types.
 - Tuple of numbers? Fully Connected Neural Networks



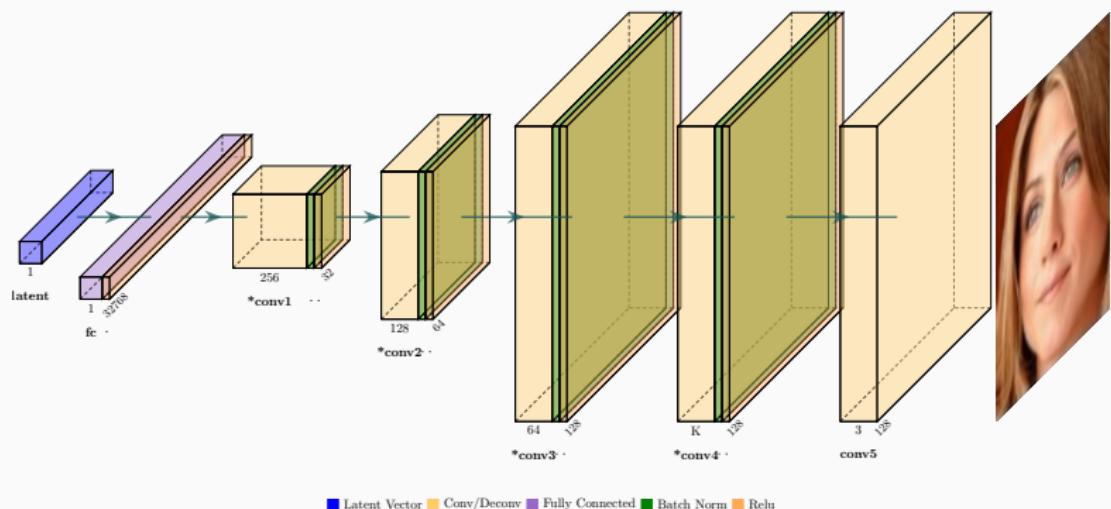
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 - Text or sequences? Recurrent Neural Networks



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 - Images? **Convolutional Neural Networks**



GANs Training

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- Discriminator and generator are **competing** against each other.
- **Alternating** execution of training steps.
- Use **minibatch stochastic gradient descent/ascent**.



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$$J_d = \underbrace{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log D(x^{(i)}) + \log(1 - D(G(z^{(i)})))}_{\text{D performance}}$$

$$\theta_d = \theta_d + \lambda \nabla_{\theta_d} J_d$$

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$$\nabla_{\theta_g} \underbrace{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \underbrace{\log(D(G(z^{(i)))))}_{\text{Generator loss}}}_{\text{Loss estimation}}$$

GANs - Training - Considerations

- Optimizers: Adam, Momentum, RMSProp.
- Training phase can last for an **arbitrary number** of steps or epochs.
- Training is completed when the discriminator is **completely fooled** by the generator.
- Goal: reach a **Nash Equilibrium** where the best D can do is random guessing.

Types of GANs

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Two big families:

- **Unconditional** GANs (just described).
- **Conditional** GANs (Mirza and Osindero, 2014).

Conditional GANs

- Both G and D are **conditioned** on some extra information y .
- In **practice**: perform conditioning by feeding y into the discriminator and generator.

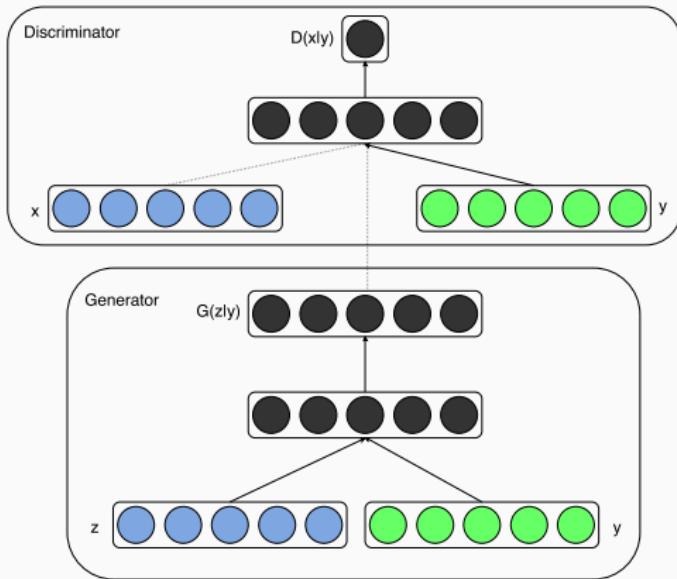


Figure 2: From Mirza and Osindero (2014)

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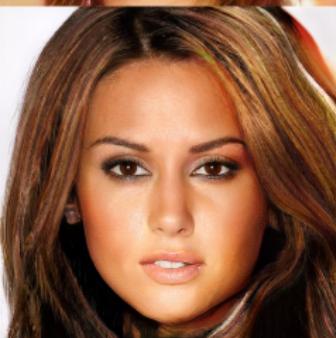
The GANs game becomes:

$$\min_G \max_D \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}(x|y)} [\log D(x, y)] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} [\log(1 - D(G(z|y), y))]$$

Notice: the same representation of the condition has to be presented to both network.

GANs Applications

Face Generation - Karras et al. (2017)



Domain Translation - Isola et al. (2016)

Input



Generated



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Domain Translation - Isola et al. (2016)



Image Super Resolution - Ledig et al. (2016)



LG Image

SRGAN



Generated Image

Thank you for your attention!
Questions?

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