

# CS480/680: Introduction to Machine Learning

## Lec 13: Generative Adversarial Networks

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## Recap: MLE

- Given training data  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\} \sim q(\mathbf{x})$ , the **data density**
- Parameterize  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$ , the **model density**, e.g., Gaussian mixture
- Estimate  $\theta$  by minimizing some “distance” between  $q$  (the unknown data density) and  $p_{\theta}$  (the chosen model density):

$$\min_{\theta} \text{KL}(q \| p_{\theta}) \quad \equiv \quad \int -\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot q(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \approx \quad -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

- After training, can generate new data  $\mathbf{X} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$
- Need a training sample  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  from  $q$  and an explicit form of  $p_{\theta}$

# Generative Adversarial Networks

$$\min_{\theta} \text{KL}(q \| p_{\theta}) \quad \equiv \quad \int -\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot q(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \approx \quad -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

- What if we do not have an explicit form of  $p_{\theta}$ ?
- Would a sample from  $p_{\theta}$  suffice?

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = (2\pi)^{-d/2} [\det(S)]^{-1/2} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top S^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]$$

- Draw  $\mathbf{n} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \text{Id})$
- Set  $\boxed{\mathbf{x} = L\mathbf{n} + \boldsymbol{\mu}}$
- Recall: linear transformation of Gaussian is Gaussian
  - $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}(L\mathbf{n} + \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}$
  - $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top = L \cdot \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^\top) \cdot L^\top = LL^\top =: S$
- Let  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, S)$  and we have found a way to sample from  $p_{\theta}$

# Push-forward Maps

Theorem: Representation through push-forward

Let  $r$  be any **continuous** distribution on  $\mathbb{R}^h$ . For **any** distribution  $p$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , there exist **push-forward maps**  $\mathbf{T} : \mathbb{R}^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  such that

$$\mathbf{Z} \sim r \implies \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{Z}) \sim p$$

- Result is false if  $r$  has a delta mass at some point
- W.l.o.g. we may **simply take**  $r$  to be standard Gaussian noise
- Mapping  $\mathbf{T}$  is not unique; can add additional restrictions to induce uniqueness
- Mapping  $\mathbf{T}$  can be weird if  $h \ll d$ ...

# A Whole New World

- Given training data  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\} \sim q(\mathbf{x})$ , the **data density**
- Can now parameterize the **model density**  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$  as the push-forward of standard Gaussian, i.e., the density of  $\mathbf{T}_{\theta}(\mathbf{Z})$ , where  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \text{Id})$  is noise
- Estimate  $\theta$  by minimizing some “distance” between  $q$  (the unknown data density) and  $p_{\theta}$  (the chosen model density):

$$\min_{\theta} \text{KL}(q \| p_{\theta}) \quad \equiv \quad \int -\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot q(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \approx \quad -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

- After training, can generate new data  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{T}_{\theta}(\mathbf{Z})$  where  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \text{Id})$
- Do not have the density  $p_{\theta}$ ; can only sample from it...

# Minimizing KL with Both Inputs UNKNOWN...

$$\min_{\theta} \text{KL}(q \| p_{\theta}) = \int \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})} \cdot q(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \equiv \int \underbrace{\frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})} - 1 \right]}_{f\left(\frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}\right)} \cdot p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

- $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \mapsto t \log t - t + 1$  is a convex function

Definition: Fenchel conjugate

The conjugate of any function  $f$  is the convex function  $f^*(s) := \max_t st - f(t)$ . Moreover, if  $f$  is convex and continuous, then  $f = f^{**}$ .

$$f^*(s) = \left[ \max_t st - f(t) \right] = \max_t st - t \log t + t - 1$$

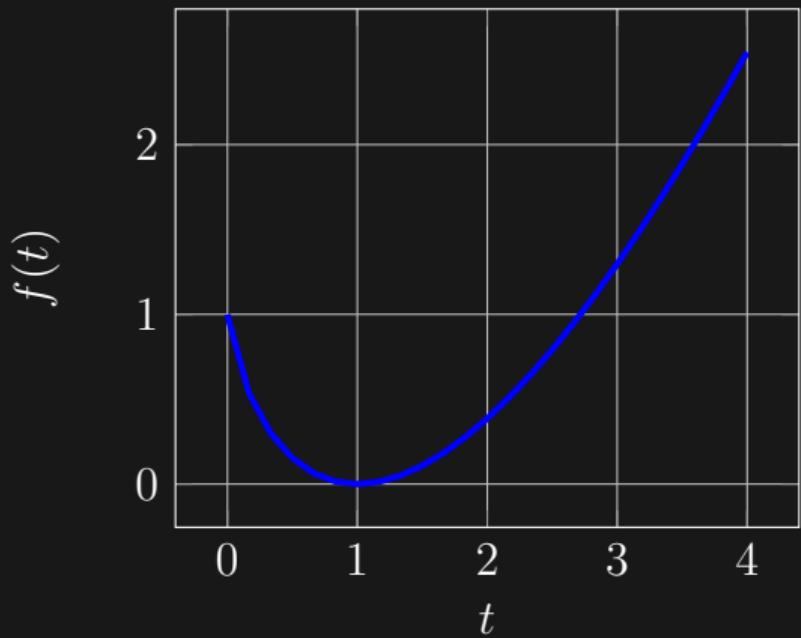
- Setting derivative to 0 we obtain  $s = \log t$ , i.e.,  $t = \exp(s)$
- Plugging back in we obtain

$$f^*(s) = \exp(s) - 1$$

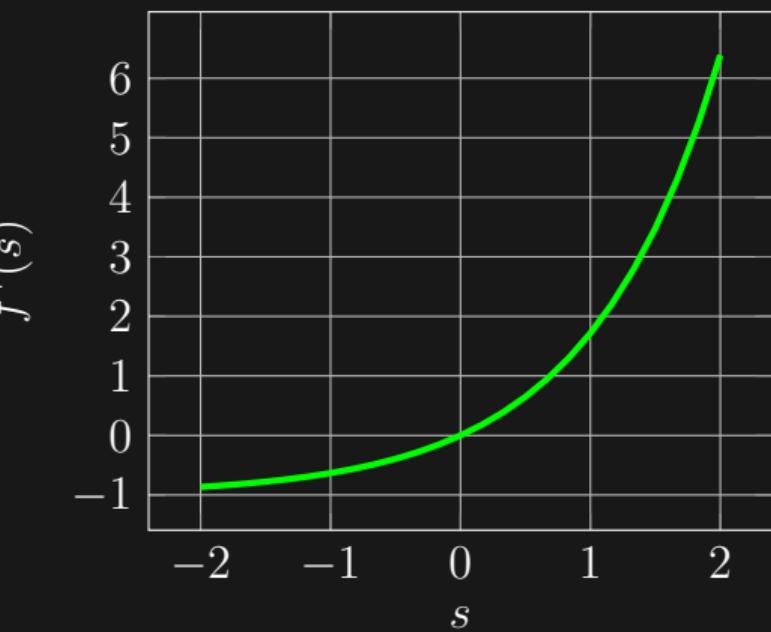
- Since  $f$  is convex and continuous, we have

$$f(t) = \left[ \max_s st - f^*(s) \right] = \left[ \max_s st - \exp(s) + 1 \right]$$

$$t \log t - t + 1$$



$$\exp(s) - 1$$



# Duality

$$\begin{aligned}\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \text{KL}(q \| p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) &\equiv \int \underbrace{\frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})} - 1 \right]}_{f\left(\frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})}\right) - 1} \cdot p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &\equiv \int \left[ \max_s s \frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})} - \exp(s) \right] \cdot p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int \left[ \max_s s q(\mathbf{x}) - \exp(s) p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) \right] \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \max_{S: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}} \int [S(\mathbf{x}) q(\mathbf{x}) - \exp(S(\mathbf{x})) p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})] \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &\approx \max_{S: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n S(\mathbf{x}_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \exp [S(\mathbf{T}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}_j))]\end{aligned}$$

# Putting Things Together

$$\min_{\theta} \text{KL}(q \| p_{\theta}) \quad \approx \quad \min_{\theta} \max_{\phi} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n S_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \exp [S_{\phi}(\mathbf{T}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_j))]$$

- $\mathbf{T}_{\theta}$ : generator, mapping latent noise  $\mathbf{z}$  to observation  $\mathbf{x}$
- $S_{\phi}$ : discriminator, distinguishing data  $\mathbf{x}$  from generation  $\mathbf{T}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})$
- Both are neural networks parameterized by weights  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ , resp.
- A minimax game between generator and discriminator
- At equilibrium: generator learns data and discriminator cannot distinguish

# Support Considerations

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$$\min_{\theta} \text{KL}(q \| p_{\theta}) = \int \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})} \cdot q(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}$$

- What happens if  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \approx 0$ ?

$$\min_{\theta} \text{KL}(p_{\theta} \| q) = \int \log \frac{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})} \cdot p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}$$

- What happens if  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \approx 0$ ?

$$\min_{\theta} \text{KL}(q \| p_{\theta}) + \text{KL}(p_{\theta} \| q) = \int \left[ \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})} \cdot q(\mathbf{x}) + \log \frac{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})} \cdot p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \right] \, d\mathbf{x}$$

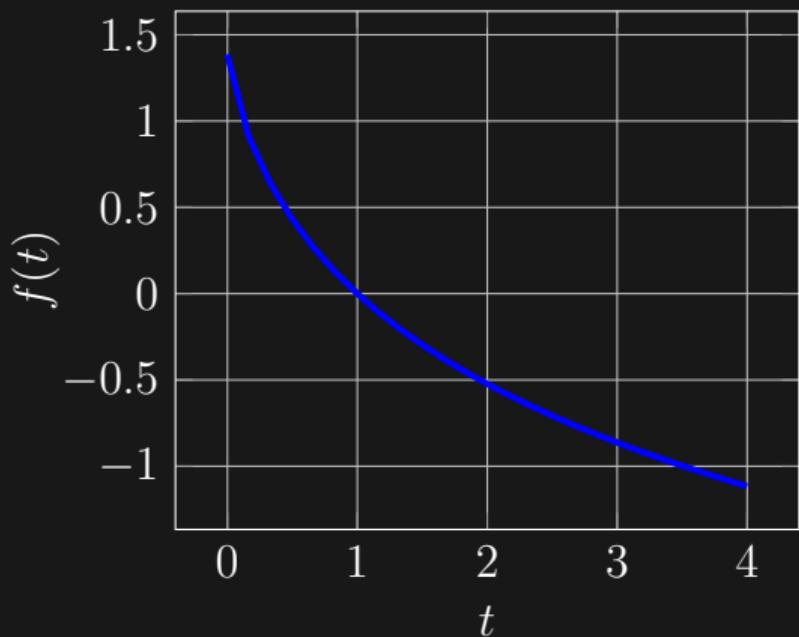
# Generative Adversarial Networks

$$\text{JS}(q\|p_{\theta}) := \text{KL}(q\|\frac{q+p_{\theta}}{2}) + \text{KL}(p_{\theta}\|\frac{q+p_{\theta}}{2})$$

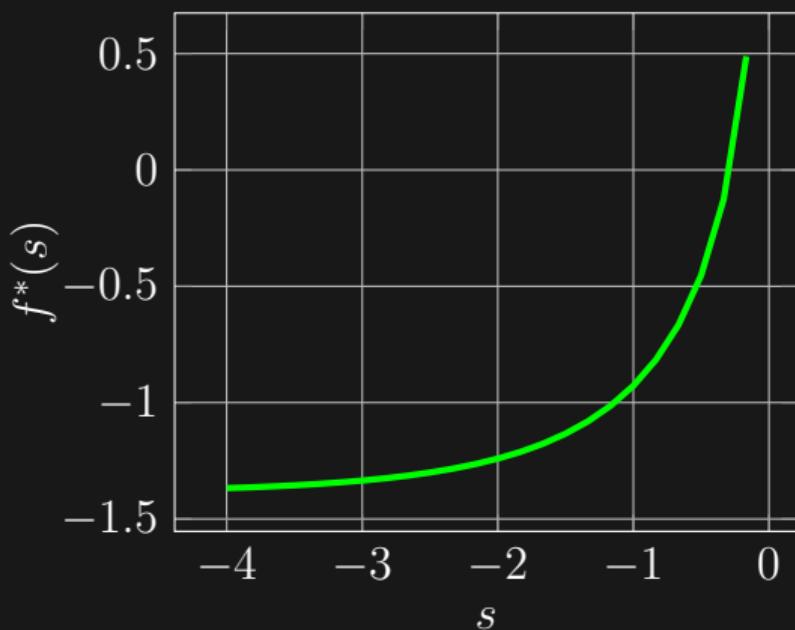
$$\begin{aligned} &= \int q(\mathbf{x}) \log \frac{2q(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x}) + p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})} + p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \log \frac{2p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x}) + p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int \underbrace{\left[ \frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})} \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x})/p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})/p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) + 1} + \log \frac{1}{q(\mathbf{x})/p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) + 1} + \log 4 \right]}_{f\left(\frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}\right)} \cdot p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

- $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad t \mapsto t \log t - (t + 1) \log(t + 1) + \log 4$  is convex
- $f^*(s) = -\log(1 - \exp(s)) - \log 4$

$$t \log t - (t + 1) \log(t + 1) + \log 4$$



$$-\log(1 - \exp(s)) - \log 4$$



$$\min_{\theta} \text{JS}(q \| p_{\theta}) \approx \min_{\theta} \max_{\phi} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n S_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \log [1 - \exp(S_{\phi}(\mathbf{T}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_j)))] - \log 4$$

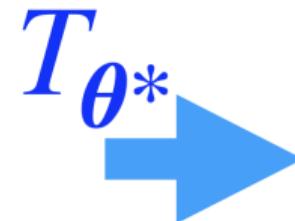
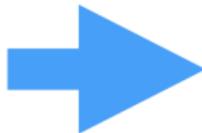
- Apply change of variable:  $S_{\phi} \leftarrow \log S_{\phi}$ :

$$\min_{\theta} \text{JS}(q \| p_{\theta}) \approx \min_{\theta} \max_{\phi} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log S_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \log [1 - S_{\phi}(\mathbf{T}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_j))]$$

- Let  $y(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\} \text{ is real} \\ 0, & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \{\mathbf{T}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_1), \dots, \mathbf{T}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_m)\} \text{ is generated} \end{cases}$
- Let  $\mathfrak{p}_1(\mathbf{x}) := S_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) \in [0, 1]$  be the probability of  $\mathbf{x}$  being real, and  $\mathfrak{p}_0 = 1 - \mathfrak{p}_1$ :

$$\min_{\theta} \underbrace{\max_{\phi} \hat{E}_{\mathbf{x}} \log \mathfrak{p}_{y(\mathbf{x})}}_{\text{logistic regression}}$$

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<https://www.whichfaceisreal.com/>  
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# More Generally

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left[ \mathbb{D}_f(q \| p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) := \int f \left( \frac{q(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})} \right) p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right] \\ \approx \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \max_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n S_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m f^* [S_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{T}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}_j))] \end{aligned}$$

- Choose any **(strictly) convex** function  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with normalization  $f(1) = 0$
- The  $f$ -divergence  $\mathbb{D}_f$  such that  $\mathbb{D}_f(q \| p) \geq 0$ , with equality iff  $q = p$ 
  - $f(t) = t \log t - t + 1$  gives KL
  - $f(t) = -\log t$  gives reverse KL
  - $f(t) = t \log t - (t + 1) \log(t + 1) + \log 4$  gives JS

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# Other Variants

- MMD-GAN. Discriminator from the unit ball of an RKHS:

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{S \in \mathcal{H}_k, \|S\| \leq 1} \mathbb{E}_{X \sim q, Z \sim r} [S(X) - S(\mathbf{T}_{\theta}(Z))]^2$$

- reproducing property:  $S(X) - S(\mathbf{T}_{\theta}(Z)) = \langle k(\cdot, X) - k(\cdot, \mathbf{T}_{\theta}(Z)), S \rangle$
- apply Cauchy-Schwarz to eliminate  $S$

- Wasserstein GAN. Discriminator from all Lipschitz continuous functions:

$$\min_{\theta} \underbrace{\max_{\|S\|_{\text{Lip}} \leq 1} \mathbb{E}_{X \sim q, Z \sim r} [S(X) - S(\mathbf{T}_{\theta}(Z))]}_{\text{Wasserstein distance}}$$

- parameterize  $S$  as a neural network

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