



# Semi-implicit generator

Types of generative models

- Explicit generative models: has tractable probability density; can be trained with MLE; for example: VAE, PixelRNN, RealNVP, SBN

- Implicit generative models: has no point-wise evaluable PDF; can be trained adversarially but not with MLE; for example: GAN

### **Semi-implicit Generator**

- Implicit-step:  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i = g_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\boldsymbol{z}_i), \ \boldsymbol{z}_i \sim p(\boldsymbol{z});$  Explicit-step:  $\boldsymbol{x}_i \sim p(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_i).$
- Can be considered as an infinite mixture of analytic densities with an implicit mixing distribution  $\boldsymbol{x}_i \sim \int p(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) p_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}$
- With finite mixture approximation, SIG can be trained in the MLE framework

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \mathbb{H}_{M} = -\mathbb{E}_{p_{\mathsf{data}}(\boldsymbol{x})} \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{1}, \cdots, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{M} \sim p_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \log \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^{M} p(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_{j})$$

# **SIG Generation in Multi-modal Space**

# **Definition 1: Discrete multi-modal space**

Suppose  $(\mathcal{X}, \nu)$  is a metric space with metric  $\nu : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^+, \mathcal{X} = \bigcup U_i$ where  $U_i \cap U_i = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . Let the distance between two sets be  $D(U_i, U_j) = \inf\{\nu(x, y); x \in U_i, y \in U_j\}$  and let the diameter of a set be  $d(U) = sup\{\nu(x,y); x, y \in U\}$ . Suppose there exists  $c_0 > \epsilon_0 > 0$  such that  $\min_{i,j} D(U_i, U_j) > c_0$ ,  $\max_i d(U_i) < \epsilon_0$ . Then  $\mathcal{X} = \bigcup U_k$  is a discrete multi-modal space under mesure  $\nu$ .

- We can study a simplified optimal assignment problem: assuming that N data points have been sampled from the true data distribution, how to assign M generated data to the neighborhood of the true data such that  $\mathbb{H}_M$  defined in (1) is minimized under expectation?

$$\min_{\{m_1,\cdots,m_k\}} -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x}_i \in U_{t_i}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_j \in U_{z_j}} [p(\boldsymbol{x}_i \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_j)],$$

- The discrete multi-modal space  $\mathcal{X} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{K} U_i$ ,  $\boldsymbol{x}_i \in U_{t_i}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_j \in U_{z_j}$ ,  $t_i, z_j \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ and  $\{m_k\}_{k=1}^{K}$  are the number of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ 's that are assigned to be in  $U_k$ .

# Semi-implicit generative model

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# Theorem 1: SIG in multi-modal space

Suppose  $P_{data}$  is defined on a discrete multi-modal space  $\mathcal{X} = \bigcup U_i$  with  $l_2$ -norm. Suppose there are N data points  $x_i \sim P_{data}, i = 1, \cdots, N$ , among which  $n_k$  points belong to  $U_k$ . Suppose we need to sample  $\theta_i \sim p_{\phi}(\theta), j = 1, \cdots, M$ , and  $m_k$ denotes the number of  $\theta$ 's in  $U_k$ . Denoting r as a radial basis function (RBF), we let  $u = \mathbb{E}[r(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})]$  if  $\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta} \in U_i$ , and  $v = \mathbb{E}[r(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})]$  if  $\boldsymbol{x} \in U_i$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in U_i$ ,  $i \neq j$ . Then the objective in (2) is convex and the optimum  $m_k$  to maximize (2) satisfies  $\frac{m_k^*}{M} = \frac{n_k}{N} + (\frac{n_k}{N} - \frac{1}{K}) \frac{Kv}{(u-v)}$ . In particular,  $m_k^* \neq 0$  if  $n_k > \frac{N}{K} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{u-v}{K}}$ .

- We compare different generative models on a  $5 \times 5$  Gaussian mixture model by sampling 50,000 points from trained generator.



# **GAN** with Semi-implicit Regularizer

- Generative adversarial network (GAN) solves a minimax problem

$$\min_{G} \max_{D} V(D,G) = \mathbf{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim p_{data}(\boldsymbol{x})} [\log D(\boldsymbol{x})] +$$

- Changing generator loss from  $\mathbf{E}_{z}[\log(1 - D(G(z))]$  to  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}_{z}\exp(\sigma^{-1}(D(G(z))))$ , and setting discriminator as ideally optimal one, the generator loss of GAN is identical to the SIG loss.

- Combining SIG and GAN objective as GAN-SI can interpolate between the adversarial training (weak fitting) and MLE training (strong fitting). - For GAN-SI, the discriminative loss is

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} - \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim P_d} \log D_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}(\boldsymbol{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{z} \sim p(\boldsymbol{z})} \log(1 - D_{\gamma}(T_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\boldsymbol{z})))$$
(3)

- the generator loss is a linear combination of the original GAN loss and SIG loss

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} - \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{z} \sim g(\boldsymbol{z})}[\log D_{\gamma}(T_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\boldsymbol{z})) - \lambda \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim P_d} \log \int p(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) p_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}],$$
(4)

-  $\gamma$  are the discriminator network parameters,  $m{ heta}=T_{m{\phi}}(m{z})$  is the deterministic transform in the implicit distribution and  $\lambda \geq 0$  is a hyperparameter to balance the strength between the GAN and SIG objectives.

- $\mathbf{E}_{\boldsymbol{z} \sim p(\boldsymbol{z})}[\log(1 D(G(\boldsymbol{z})))]$

# **GAN-SI** Experiments

# Stacked MNIST

|             | IS                        | High quality     | $\exp(H(y x))$   | $\exp(H(y))$              | Mode                        | $KL(P_g)  P_d$           |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| DCGAN(S)    | 2.9±0.52                  | <b>0.63±0.14</b> | 1.96±0.32        | 5.1±1.19                  | 21.0±8.12                   | 4.99±0.24                |
| DCGAN-SI(S) | <b>4.33</b> ± <b>0.59</b> | 0.6±0.07         | 2.05±0.2         | <b>8.78±0.41</b>          | 279.2±296.52                | <b>2.63</b> ± <b>1.0</b> |
| DCGAN(M)    | 5.59±0.36                 | 0.7±0.03         | 1.71±0.09        | 9.51±0.31                 | 811.8±116.24                | 0.75±0.35                |
| DCGAN-SI(M) | <b>5.93</b> ± <b>0.47</b> | <b>0.72±0.04</b> | <b>1.65±0.11</b> | <b>9.75</b> ± <b>0.11</b> | <b>969.0</b> ± <b>29.19</b> | <b>0.3±0.13</b>          |
| DCGAN(L)    | 4.71±1.12                 | 0.67±0.08        | 1.78±0.17        | 8.25±1.32                 | 389.8±477.24                | 2.95±2.33                |
| DCGAN-SI(L) | 6.05±0.68                 | <b>0.73±0.06</b> | <b>1.62±0.17</b> | 9.75±0.12                 | <b>957.0</b> ± <b>32.74</b> | <b>0.36±0.12</b>         |

### CIFAR10

- We test the semi-implicit regularizer on the CIFAR-10 dataset.
- quality and diversity of generated samples.





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Extended version at https://github.com/mingzhang-yin



- To measure the performance on discrete multimode data, we stack 3 randomly chosen MNIST images on the RGB color channels to form a  $28 \times 28 \times 3$  image (MNIST-3).

- MNIST-3 contains 1000 modes corresponding to 3-digit between 0 and 999.

- High quality image and entropy  $\exp(H(y|x))$  reflect sample quality while  $\exp(H(y))$ , Mode and KL reflect sample diversity. For Inception score, High quality image,  $\exp(H(y))$ , higher is better; for  $\exp(H(y|x))$  and KL, lower is better.

- We combine semi-implicit regularizer with DCGAN and WGAN-GP to balance the

(b)DCGAN-SI

