

# Wasserstein GAN

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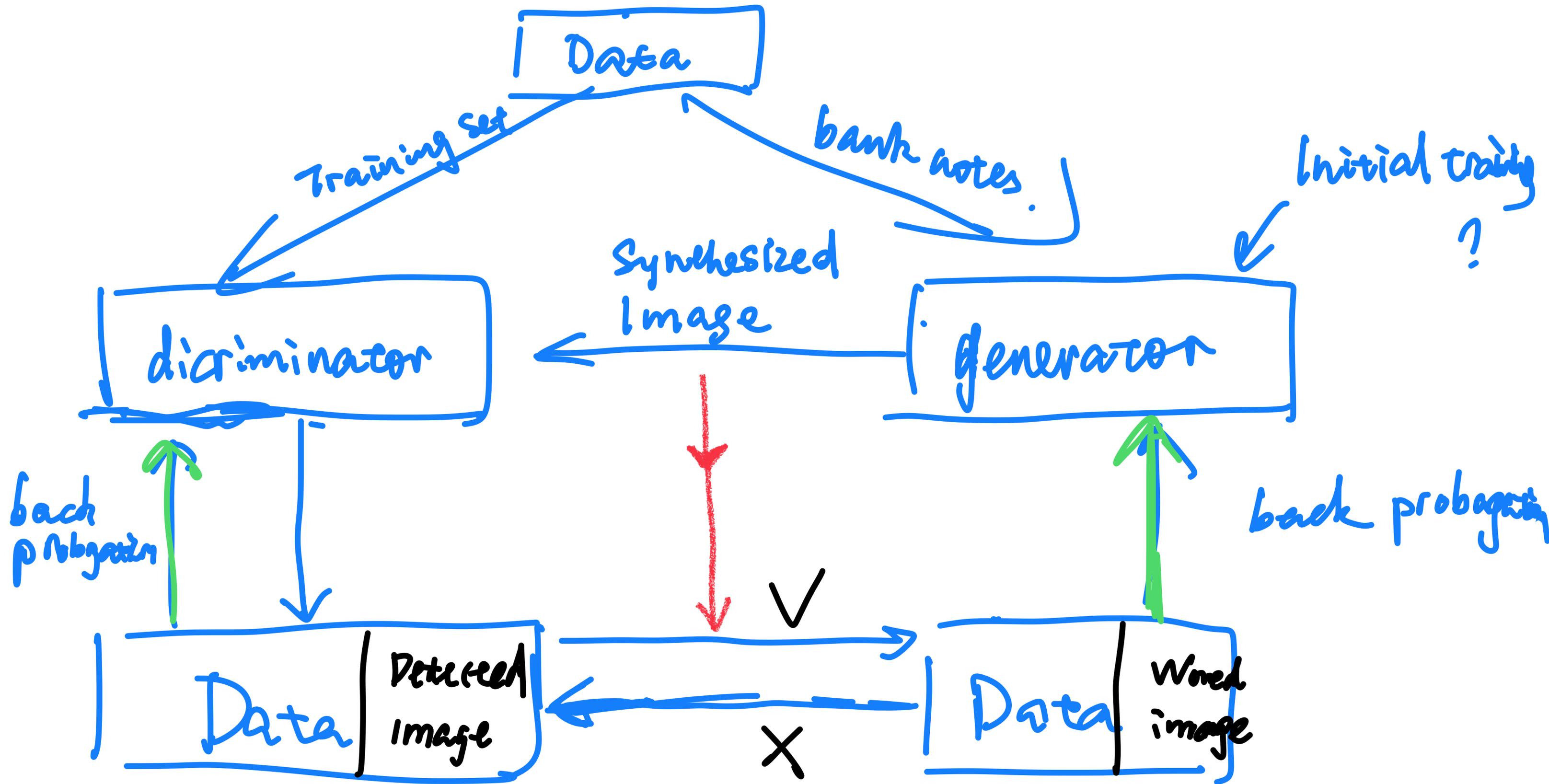
What is GAN?

# Generative adversarial networks (GAN)

- 1 machine learning frameworks designed by Ian Goodfellow (2014)
2. Two neural networks contests w/ each other in a zero-sum game. (generative and discriminative)
3. Indirect training through the discriminator

# How does it work?

1. Train the discriminator w/ training dataset, to achieve acceptable accuracy.
2. Generator is trained based on how well it fools the discriminator.
3. Independent backpropagation procedure applied to both generator and discriminator to produce better synthesized image and better discriminator.



Based on the paper

Wasserstein GAN - {  
- Martin Arjovsky,  
- Soumith Chintala,  
- Léon Bottou.

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unsupervised learning,

what does it mean to learn a probability distribution?

The classical answer is to learn a probability density.

→ Define a parametric family of densities  $(P_\theta)_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d}$  and finding the one that maximize the likelihood on our data: if we have real data  $\{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^m$ , we would solve the problem

$$\max_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log P_\theta(x^{(i)})$$

If the real data distribution  $P_r$  admits a density and  $P_\theta$  is the distribution of the parameterized density  $P_\theta$ , then, asymptotically, this amounts to minimizing the Kullback-Leibler divergence  $KL(P_r | P_\theta)$ .

**Problem:** KL distance is not defined for distributions supported by low dimensional manifolds.

One remedy is to add noise term to the model distribution.

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Rather than estimating the density of  $P_r$ , we can define a random variable  $z$  w/ a fixed distribution  $q(z)$  and pass it through a parametric function  $g_\theta: z \rightarrow X$  (neural network for ex) to generate samples following a certain distribution  $P_\theta$ .

Pros = 1. this approach can represent distributions confined to a low dimensional manifold.

2. the ability to easily generate samples is often more useful than knowing the numerical values of the density

Variational Auto-Encoders (VAEs) and

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) are

well-known examples of this approach.

GANs Pros: 1. No need to fiddle w/ additional noise term (VAEs has to)  
2. Flexibility in the def of the objective fun.

GANs Cons: ~~training~~ GANs is delicate and unstable.

TV distance.

$$\delta(P_r, P_g) = \sup_{A \in \Sigma} |P_r(A) - P_g(A)|$$

$X := [0, 1]^d$   $\Sigma$  be the set of all Borel subsets of  $X$ .

$P_r, P_g \in \text{Prob}(X)$   $\text{Prob}(X) \sim$  space of probability measures defined on  $X$ .

KL divergence (Kullback-Leibler distance)

$$KL(P_r \| P_g) = \int \log \frac{P_r(x)}{P_g(x)} P_r(x) d\mu(x).$$

$\mu$ -measure  
 $X$ .

$$\forall A \in \Sigma, P_r(A) = \int_A P_r(x) d\mu(x)$$

$$P_g(A) = \int_A P_g(x) d\mu(x).$$

Jensen-Shannon (JS) divergence (distance)

$$JS(P_r, P_g) = KL(P_r || P_m) + KL(P_g || P_m),$$

where  $P_m = (P_r + P_g) / 2$ , symmetric

Earth-Mover (EM) distance or (Wasserstein-1)

$$W(P_r, P_g) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(P_r, P_g)} E_{(x,y) \sim \gamma} [\|x - y\|]$$

$\Pi(P_r, P_g)$  denotes all joint distributions  $\gamma(x,y)$  whose marginals are respectively  $P_r$  and  $P_g$ .

Thm 1. Let  $P_r$  be a fixed dist over  $\mathcal{X}$ . Let  $Z$  be a random variable (e.g. Gaussian) over another space  $\mathcal{Z}$ . Let  $g: \mathcal{Z} \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  be a func; denoted by  $g_\theta(z)$  w/  $z$  the first coordinate and  $\theta$  the second. Let  $P_\theta$  denote the dist of  $g_\theta(z)$ . Then,

1. If  $g$  is continuous in  $\theta$ , so is  $W(P_r, P_\theta)$   $\quad E$

2. If  $g$  is locally Lipschitz and satisfies regularity assumption 1. then  $W(P_r, P_\theta)$  is continuous everywhere, and differentiable a.e.

## Wasserstein GAN

Instead of find ~~inf~~<sup>for</sup>  $W(P_r, P_\theta)$  we use Kantorovich-Rubinstein duality.

$$W(P_r, P_\theta) = \sup_{|f| \leq 1} E_{x \sim P_r}[f(x)] - E_{x \sim P_\theta}[f(x)]$$

$\|f\|_{\infty} \leq 1 \sim 1$ -Lipschitz functions  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Thm 3. Let  $\mathbb{P}_r$  be any dist. Let  $\mathbb{P}_\theta$  be the dist of  $g_\theta(z)$  w/  $z$  a random variable. w/ density  $p$  and  $g_\theta$  a fun satisfying assumption 1. Then there is a soln  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to the problem

$$\max_{\|f\|_L=1} E_{x \sim \mathbb{P}_r} [f(x)] - E_{x \sim \mathbb{P}_\theta} [f(x)]$$

and we have

$$\nabla_\theta W(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_\theta) = -E_{z \sim p(z)} [\nabla_\theta f(g_\theta(z))]$$

when both terms are well-defined.