

# Generalized Energy-Based Models

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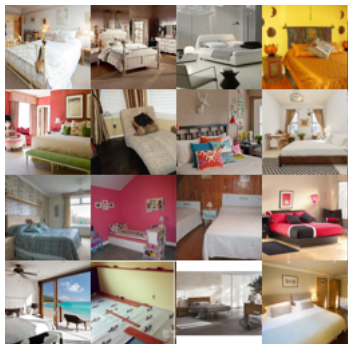


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# Training generative models

- Have: One collection of samples  $X$  from unknown distribution  $P$ .
- Goal: **generate** samples  $Q$  that look like  $P$



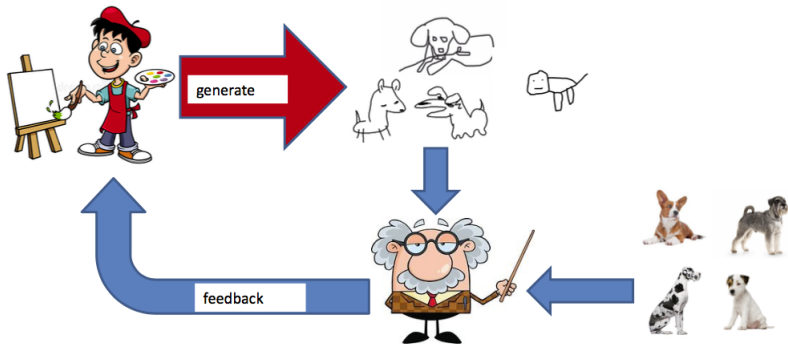
LSUN bedroom samples  $P$



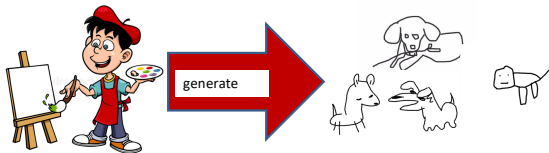
Generated  $Q$ , MMD GAN

Role of divergence  $D(P, Q)$ ?

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# Outline

## Divergences $D(P, Q)$

- Integral probability metrics (MMD, Wasserstein)
- $\phi$ -divergences ( $f$ -divergences) and a variational lower bound (KL)

## Generalized energy-based models

- “Like a GAN” but incorporate **critic** into sample generation
- Perform better than using **generator** alone

Arbel, Zhou, G., Generalized Energy Based Models (ICLR 2021)

# Divergence measures (critics)

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Integral prob. metrics

$$D_{\mathcal{H}}(P, Q) = \sup_{g \in \mathcal{H}} |\mathbf{E}_{X \sim P} g(X) - \mathbf{E}_{Y \sim Q} g(Y)|$$

$\phi$ -divergences

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# The Integral Probability Metrics

# Wasserstein distance

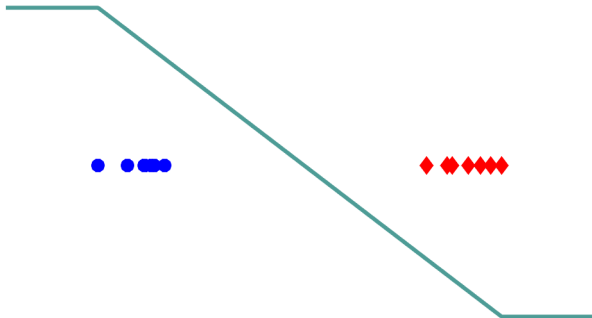


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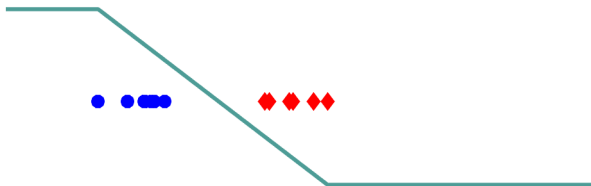


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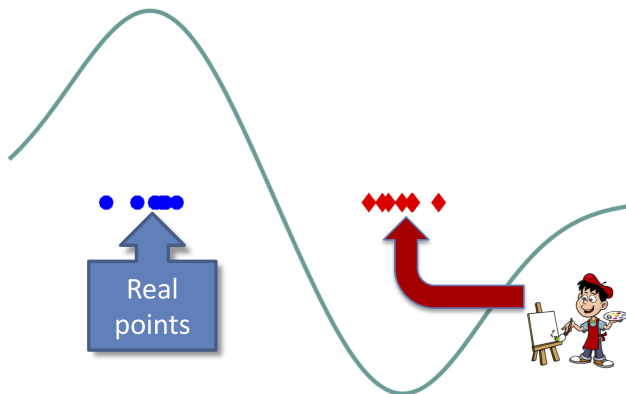
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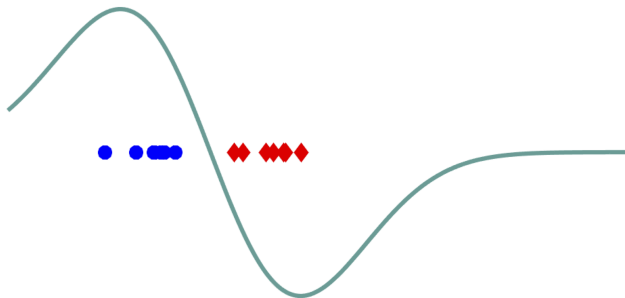
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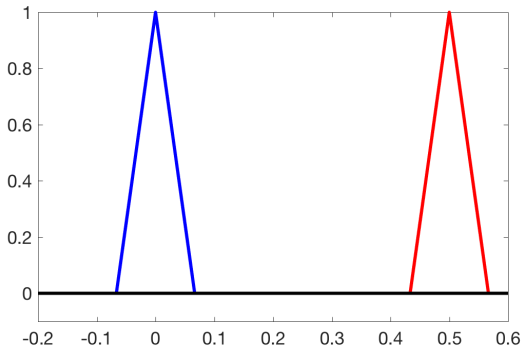
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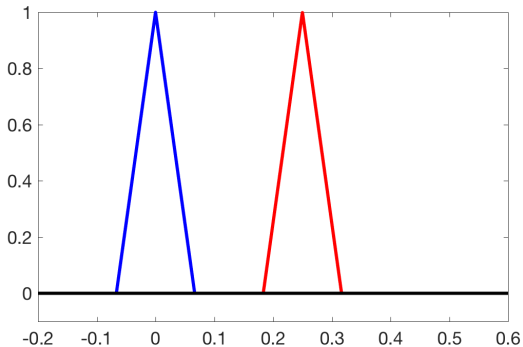
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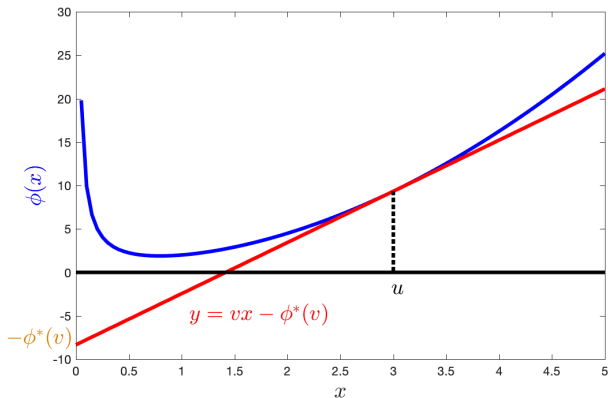
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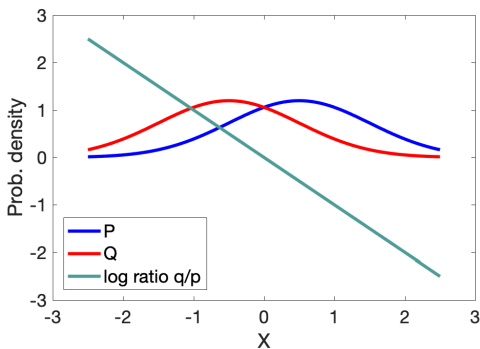
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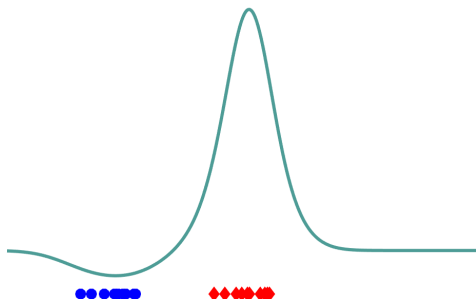


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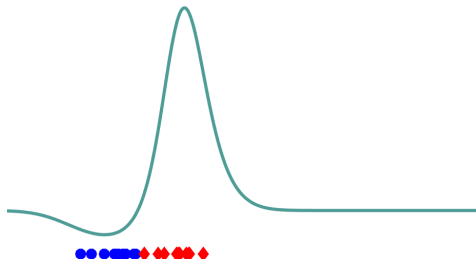


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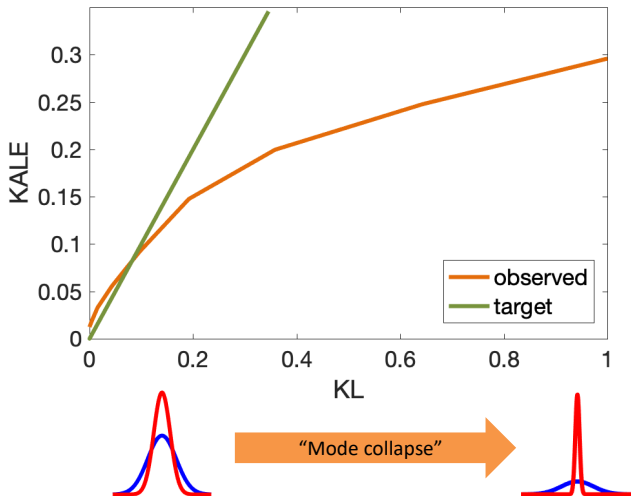
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## The KALE smoothie and “mode collapse”

- Two Gaussians with same means, different variance



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$$\mathcal{H} = \text{span}\{\sigma(w^\top x + b) : [w, b] \in \Theta\}$$

$$\sigma(u) = \max\{u, 0\}^\alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ and } \{\lambda\theta : \lambda \geq 0, \theta \in \Theta\} = \mathbb{R}^{d+1}.$$

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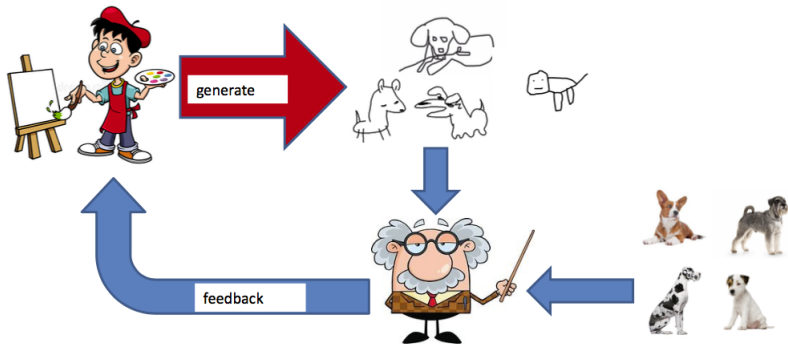
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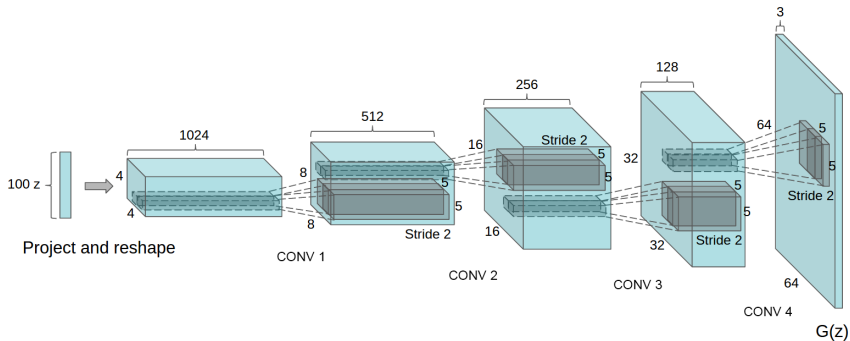
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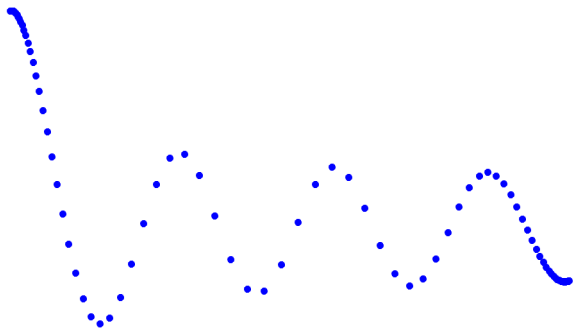
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Radford, Metz, Chintala, ICLR 2016

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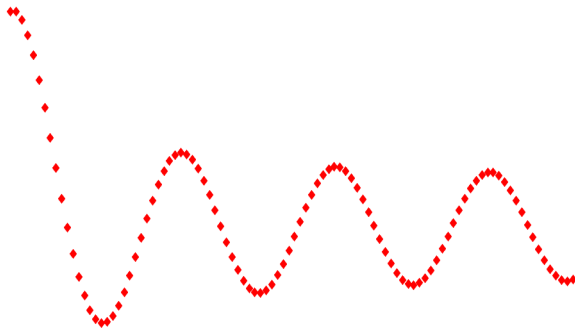
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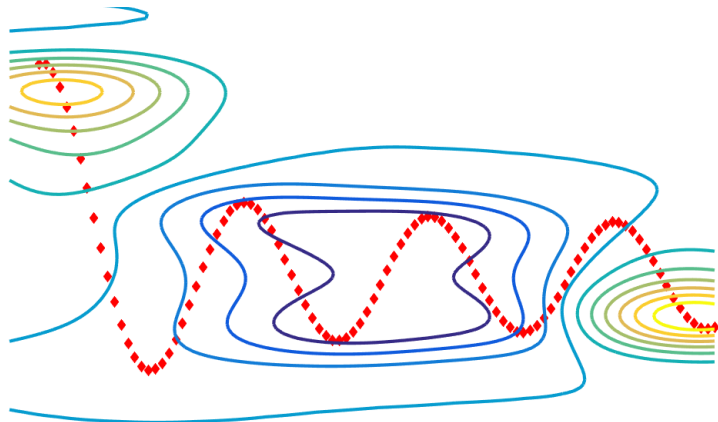
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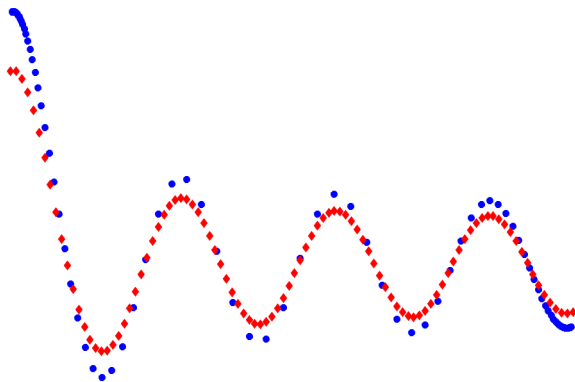


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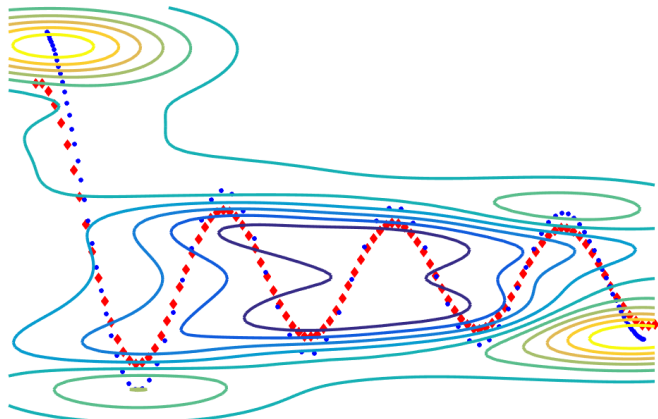


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- Sample from **generator** with parameters  $\theta$

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- Reweight the samples according to importance weights:

$$f_{Q, E}(x) = \frac{\exp(-E(x))}{Z_{Q_\theta, E}}, \quad Z_{Q, E} = \int \exp(-E(x)) dQ_\theta(x),$$

where  $E \in \mathcal{E}$ , the energy function class.

$f_{Q, E}(x)$  is Radon-Nikodym derivative of  $Q_{B_\theta, E}$  wrt  $Q_\theta$ .

- When  $Q_\theta$  has density wrt Lebesgue on  $\mathcal{X}$ , standard energy-based model (**special case**)
- **Sample from model via HMC** on posterior of  $Z$ .

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- When  $KL(P, Q_\theta)$  well defined, above is **Donsker-Varadhan** lower bound on KL
  - tight when  $E(z) = -\log(p(z)/q(z))$ .
- However, **Generalized Log-Likelihood** still defined when  $P$  and  $Q_\theta$  mutually singular (as long as  $E$  smooth)!

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Generalized Log-Likelihood has the lower bound:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{P,Q}(E) &\geq - \int (E + c) dP - \int \exp(-E - c) dQ_\theta + 1 \\ &:= \mathcal{F}(P, Q_\theta; \mathcal{E} + \mathbb{R}) \end{aligned}$$

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This is the KALE! with function class  $\mathcal{E} + \mathbb{R}$ .



## KALE and the energy function

Fit the model using Generalized Log-Likelihood:

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One last trick...(convexity of exponential)

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Jointly maximizing yields the maximum likelihood energy  $E^*$  and corresponding  $c^* = \log \int \exp(-E) dQ_\theta$ .

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**Assumptions:**

- Functions in  $\mathcal{E}$  parametrized by  $\psi \in \Psi$ , where  $\Psi$  compact,
  - jointly continuous w.r.t.  $(\psi, x)$ ,  $L$ -lipschitz and  $L$ -smooth w.r.t.  $x$ .
- $(\theta, z) \mapsto B_{\theta}(z)$  jointly continuous wrt  $(\theta, z)$ ,  $z \mapsto B_{\theta}(z)$  uniformly Lipschitz w.r.t.  $z$ , lipschitz and smooth wrt  $\theta$  (see paper: constants depend on  $z$ )

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**Sample**  $z \sim \nu_{B, E}$  via Langevin diffusion-derived algorithms (MALA, ULA, HMC,...) to exploit gradient information.

**Generate** new samples in  $\mathcal{X}$  via

$$X \sim Q_{B, E} \iff Z \sim \nu_{B, E}, \quad X = B_\theta(Z).$$

# Experiments



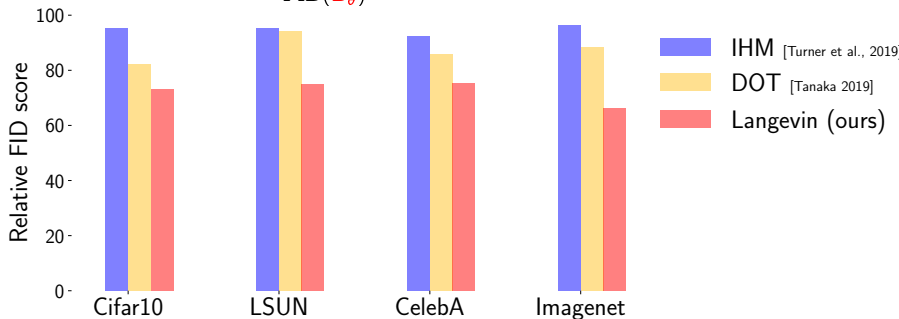
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## Sampling at modes: results

The relative FID score:  $\frac{\text{FID}(Q_{B_\theta, E})}{\text{FID}(B_\theta)}$

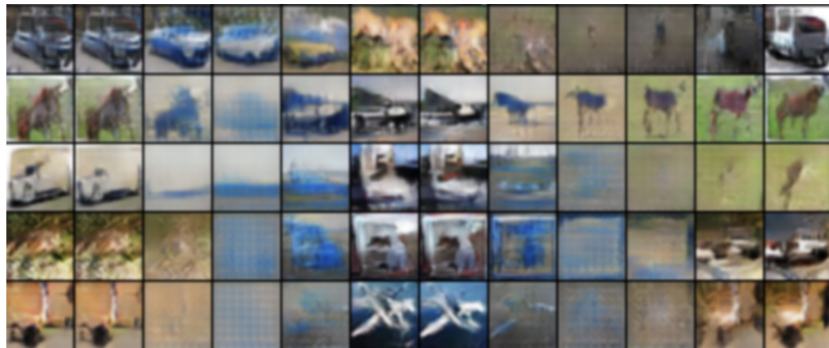


For a given generator  $B_\theta$  and energy  $E$ , samples **always better** (FID score) than generator alone.

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# Sanity check: reduction to EBM case

