

Kernel Methods for Comparing Distributions and Training Generative Models: Part 1

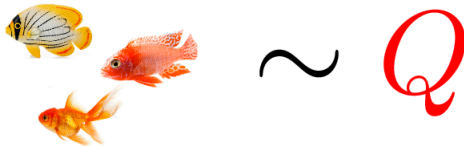
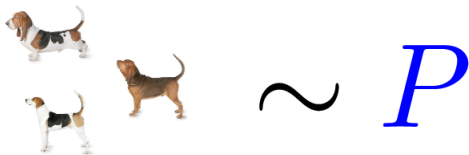
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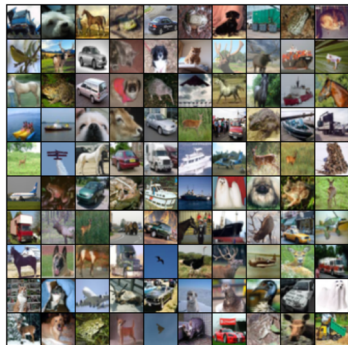
A motivation: comparing two samples

- Given: Samples from unknown distributions P and Q .
- Goal: do P and Q differ?

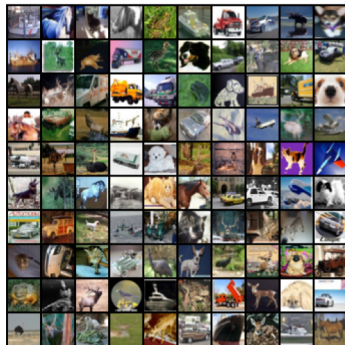


A real-life example: two-sample tests

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CIFAR 10 samples



Cifar 10.1 samples

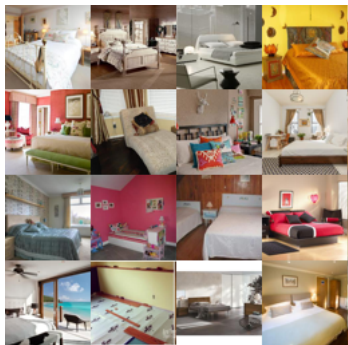
Significant difference?

Feng, Xu, Lu, Zhang, G., Sutherland, Learning Deep Kernels for Non-Parametric Two-Sample Tests, ICML 2020

Sutherland, Tung, Strathmann, De, Ramdas, Smola, G., ICLR 2017.

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

Training a Generative Adversarial Network

(Binkowski, Sutherland, Arbel, G., ICLR 2018),
(Arbel, Sutherland, Binkowski, G., NeurIPS 2018)

A second task: dependence testing

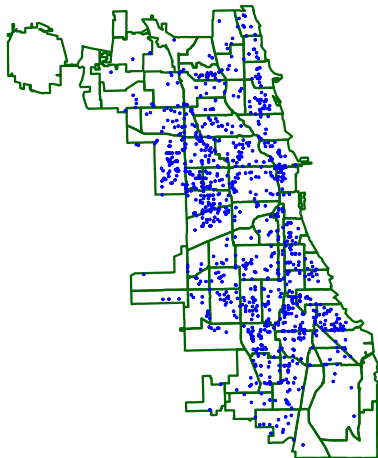
- Given: Samples from a distribution $P_{X,Y}$
- Goal: Are X and Y independent?

X	Y
	<p>A large animal who slings slobber, exudes a distinctive houndy odor, and wants nothing more than to follow his nose.</p>
	<p>Their noses guide them through life, and they're never happier than when following an interesting scent.</p>
	<p>A responsive, interactive pet, one that will blow in your ear and follow you everywhere.</p>

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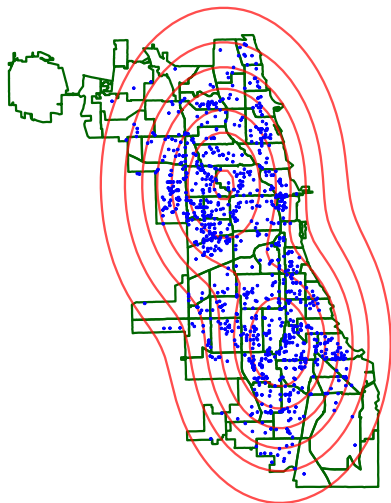
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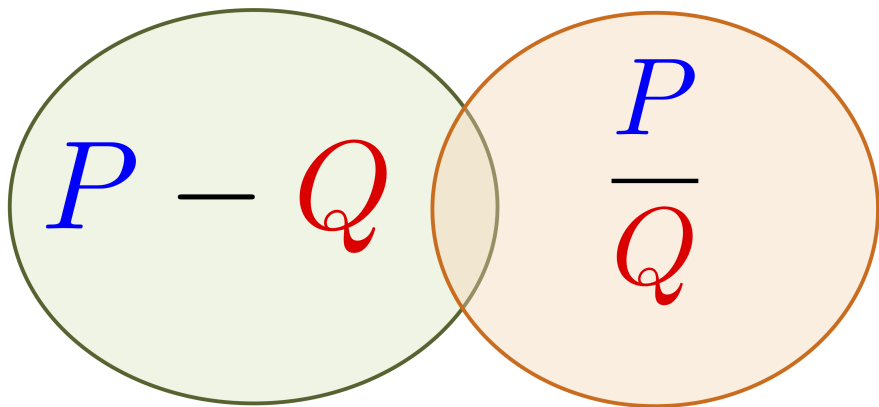
Model is Gaussian mixture with **two** components. Is this a good model?

Outline

- Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD)...
 - ...as a difference in feature means
 - ...as an integral probability metric (not just a technicality!)
- A statistical test based on the MMD
 - learn adaptive NN features
- Training GANs generative adversarial networks with MMD
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- Next part:
 - ϕ -divergences for training GANs and Generalized Energy-Based Models

Divergence measures

Divergences



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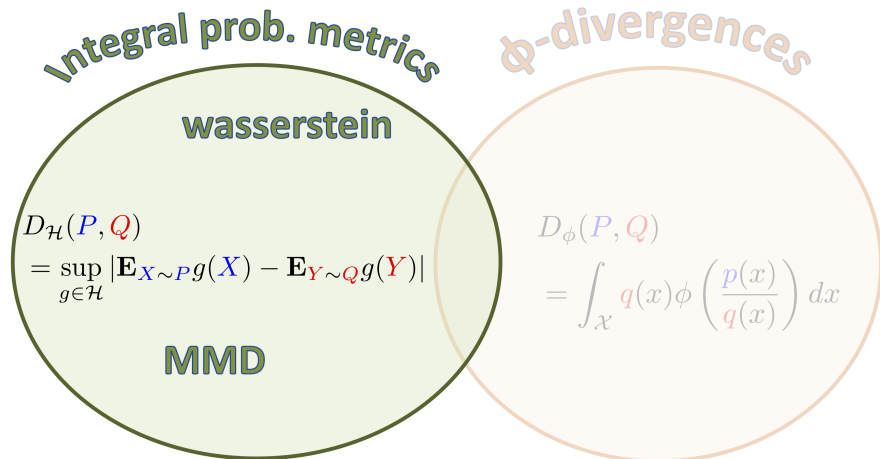
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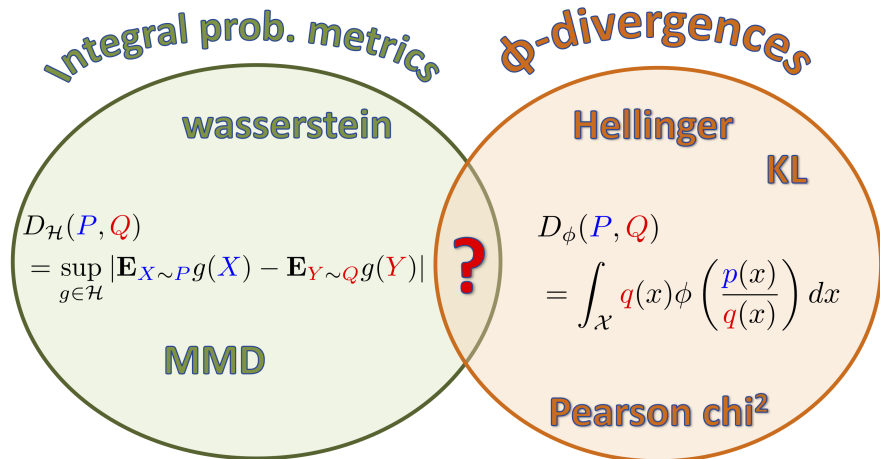
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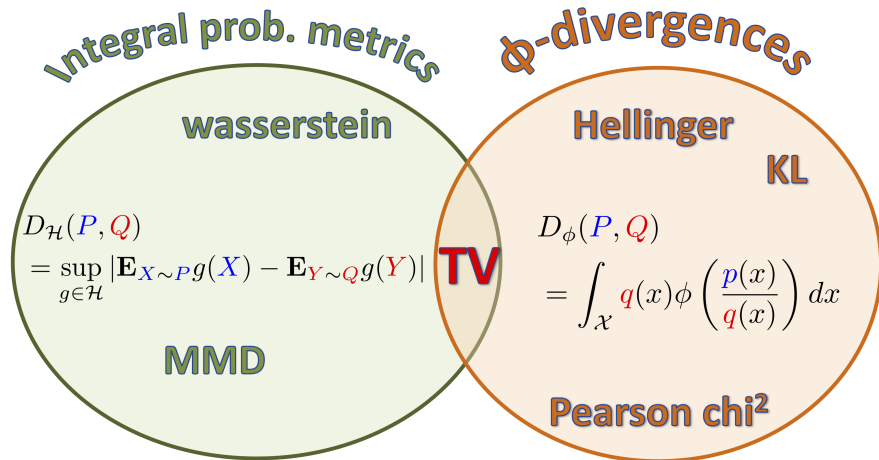
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Pearson χ^2

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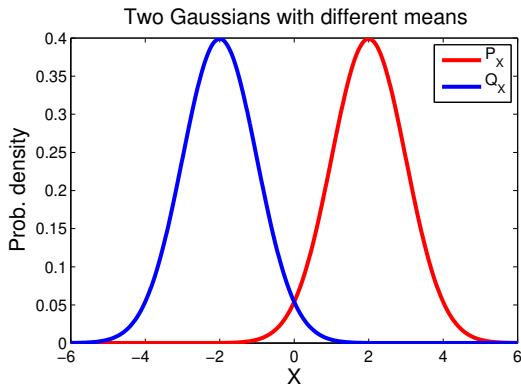


Sriperumbudur, Fukumizu, G, Schoelkopf, Lanckriet, EJS (2012)

The MMD

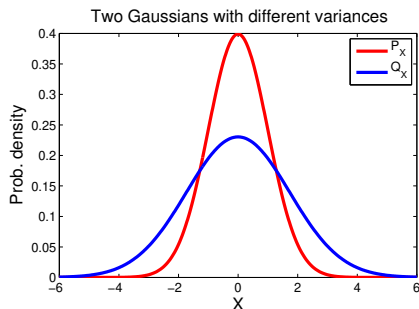
Feature mean difference

- Simple example: 2 Gaussians with different means
- Answer: t-test



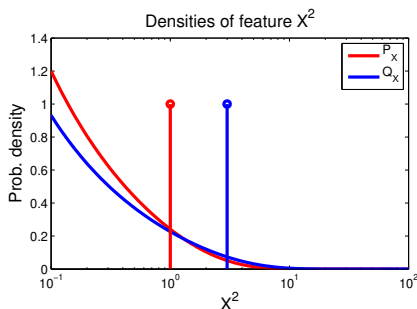
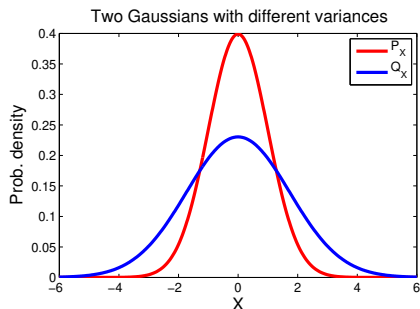
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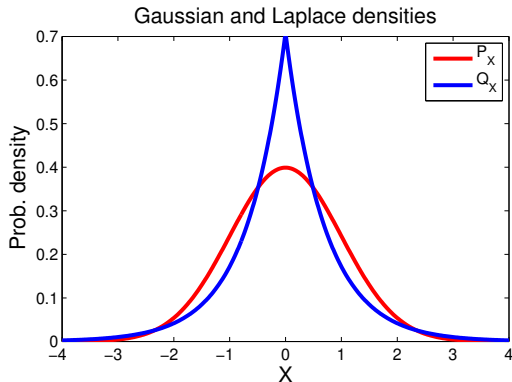
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- Gaussian and Laplace distributions
- Same mean *and* same variance
- Difference in means using **higher order features**...RKHS



Infinitely many features using kernels

Kernels: dot products of features

Feature map $\varphi(x) \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\varphi(x) = [\dots \varphi_i(x) \dots] \in \ell_2$$

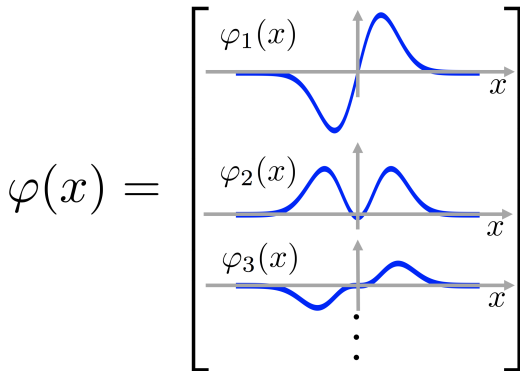
For positive definite k ,

$$k(x, x') = \langle \varphi(x), \varphi(x') \rangle_{\mathcal{F}}$$

Infinitely many features $\varphi(x)$, dot product in closed form!

Exponentiated quadratic kernel

$$k(x, x') = \exp \left(-\gamma \|x - x'\|^2 \right)$$



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(a)= within distrib. similarity, (b)= cross-distrib. similarity.

Illustration of MMD

- Dogs ($= P$) and fish ($= Q$) example revisited
- Each entry is one of $k(\text{dog}_i, \text{dog}_j)$, $k(\text{dog}_i, \text{fish}_j)$, or $k(\text{fish}_i, \text{fish}_j)$

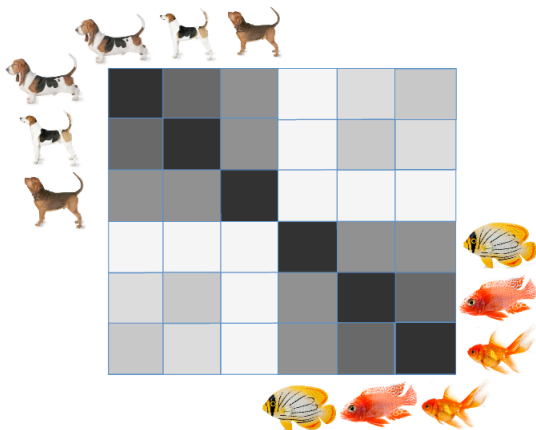
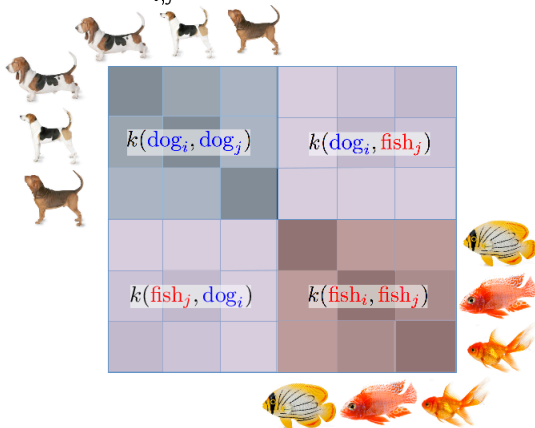


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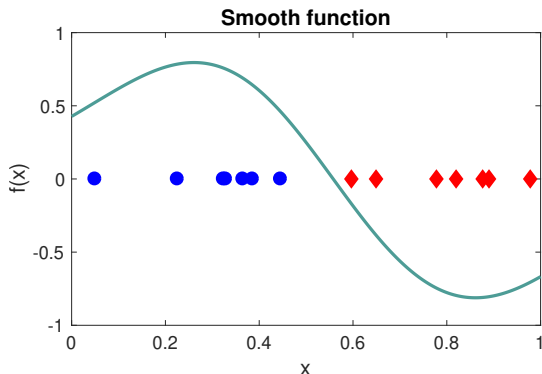


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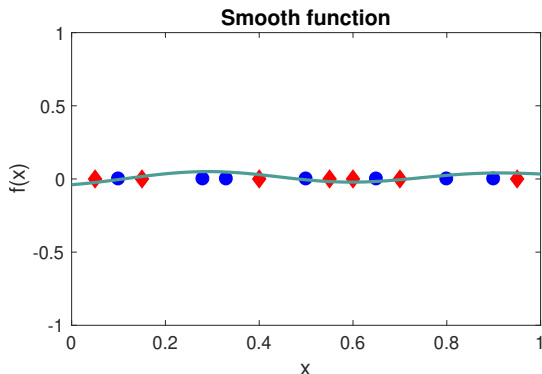


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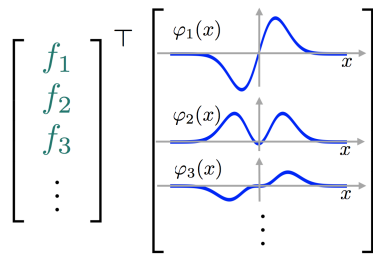
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Functions are linear combinations of features:

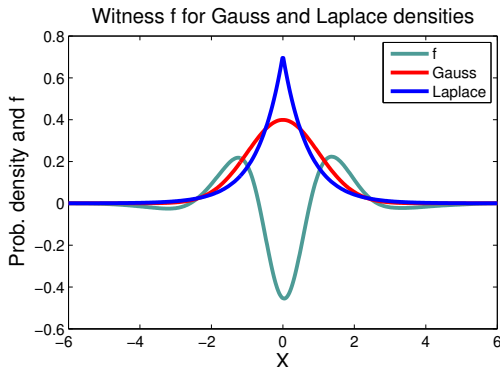
$$f(x) = \langle f, \varphi(x) \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} f_{\ell} \varphi_{\ell}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(x) \\ \varphi_2(x) \\ \varphi_3(x) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$
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For characteristic RKHS \mathcal{F} , $MMD(P, Q; F) = 0$ iff $P = Q$

Other choices for witness function class:

- Bounded continuous [Dudley, 2002]
- Bounded variation 1 (Kolmogorov metric) [Müller, 1997]
- Bounded Lipschitz (Wasserstein distances) [Dudley, 2002]

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Expectations of functions are linear combinations of expected features

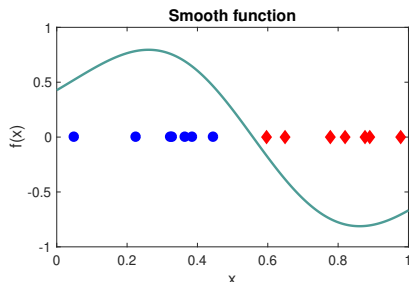
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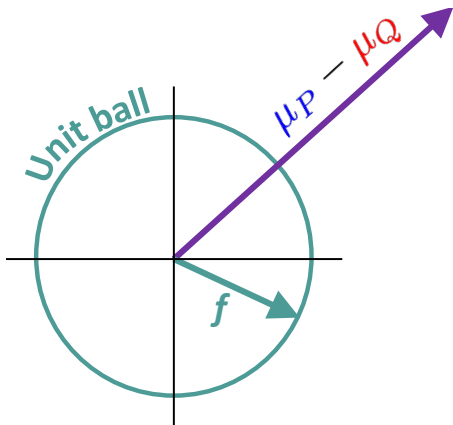
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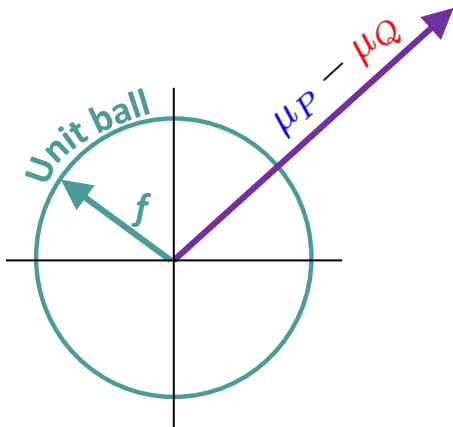
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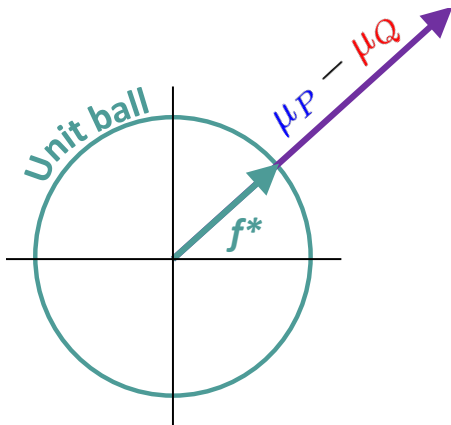
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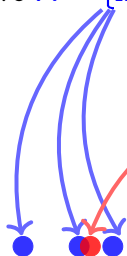
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IPM view equivalent to feature mean difference (kernel case only)

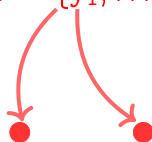
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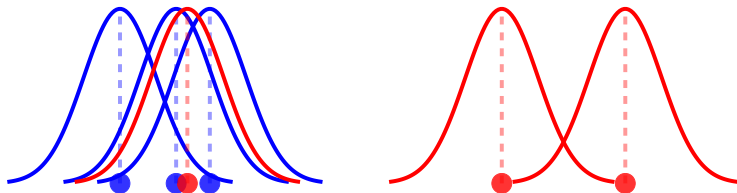


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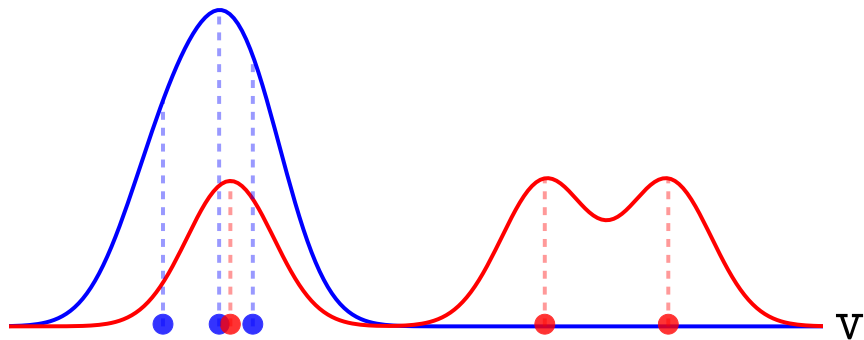
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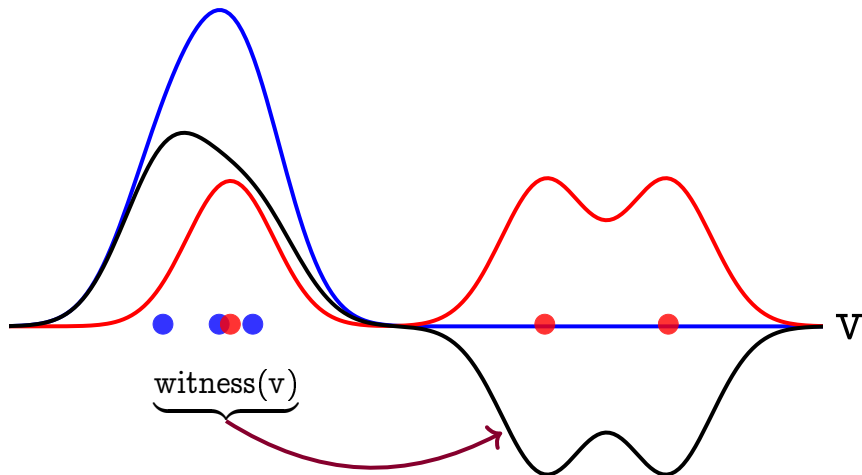
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Don't need explicit feature coefficients $f^* := \begin{bmatrix} f_1^* & f_2^* & \dots \end{bmatrix}$

Two-Sample Testing with MMD

A statistical test using MMD

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How does this help decide whether $P = Q$?

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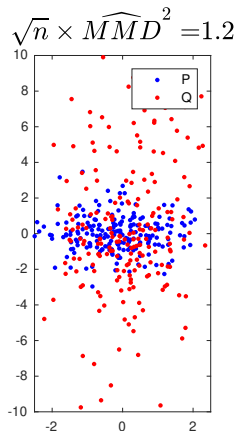
Want Threshold c_α for \widehat{MMD}^2 to get false positive rate α

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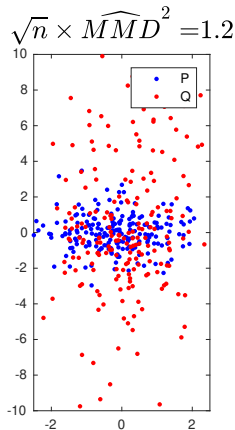
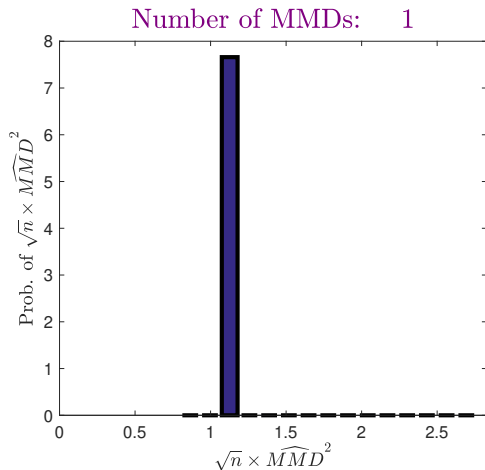


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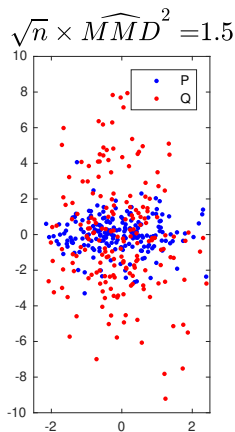
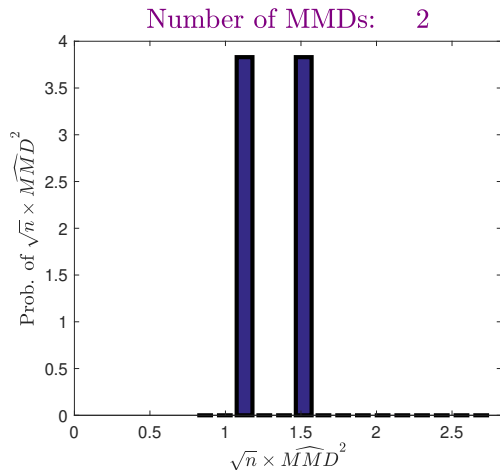


Behaviour of \widehat{MMD}^2 when $P \neq Q$

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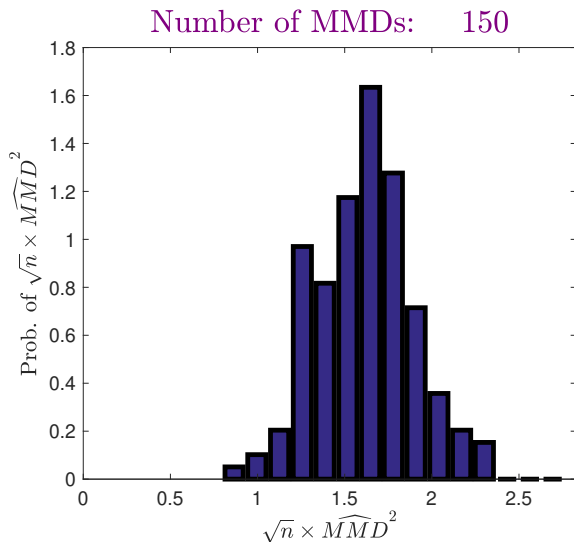
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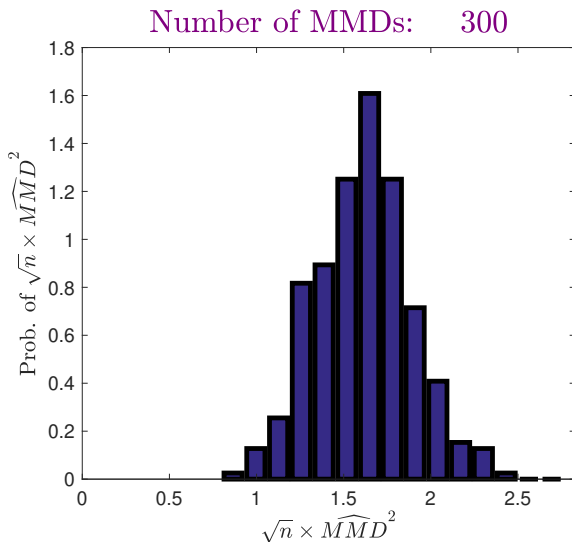
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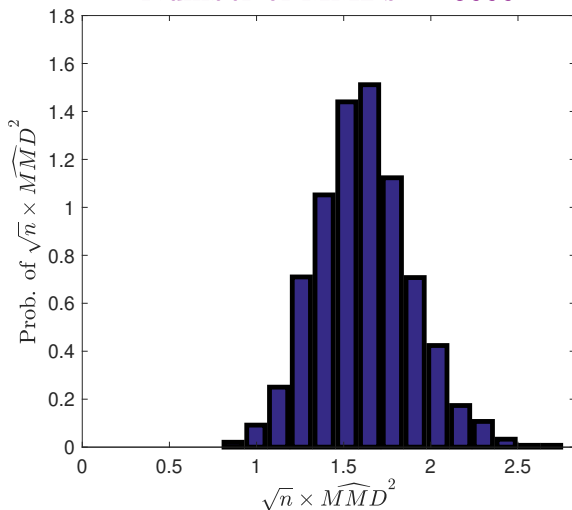
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Behaviour of \widehat{MMD}^2 when $P \neq Q$

Repeat this 3000 times ...

Number of MMDs: 3000



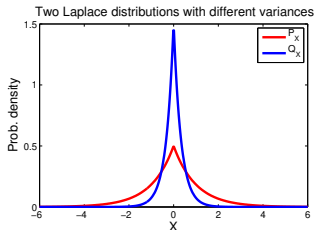
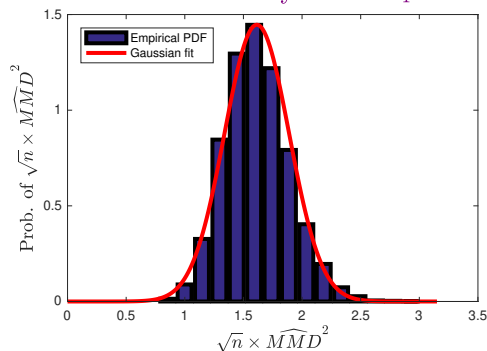
Asymptotics of \widehat{MMD}^2 when $P \neq Q$

When $P \neq Q$, statistic is asymptotically normal,

$$\frac{\widehat{MMD}^2 - MMD^2(P, Q)}{\sqrt{V_n(P, Q)}} \xrightarrow{D} \mathcal{N}(0, 1),$$

where variance $V_n(P, Q) = O(n^{-1})$.

MMD density under \mathcal{H}_1

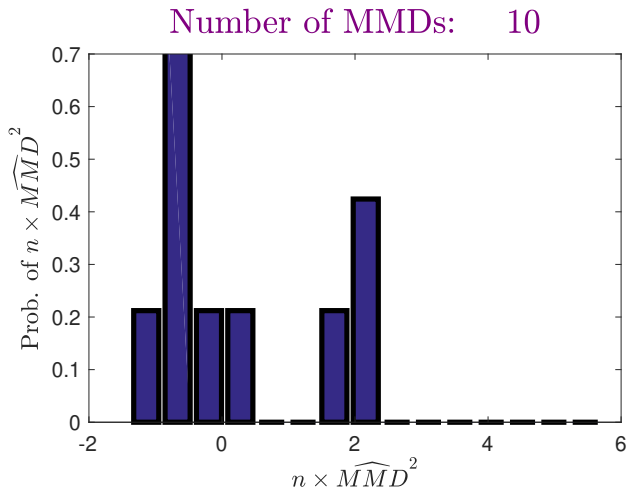


Behaviour of \widehat{MMD}^2 when $P = Q$

What happens when P and Q are the same?

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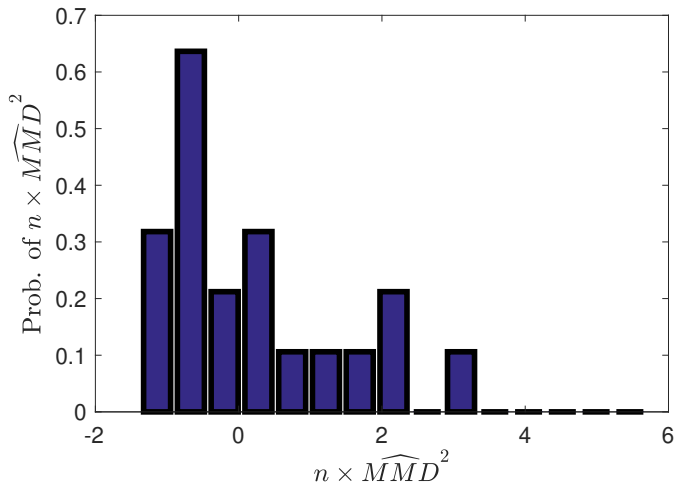
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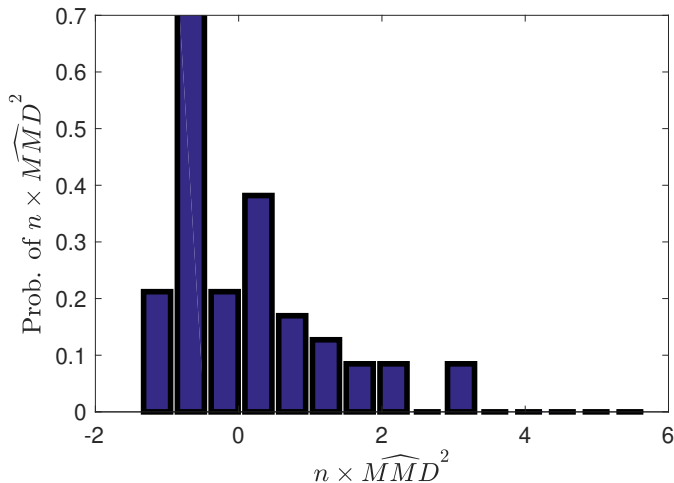
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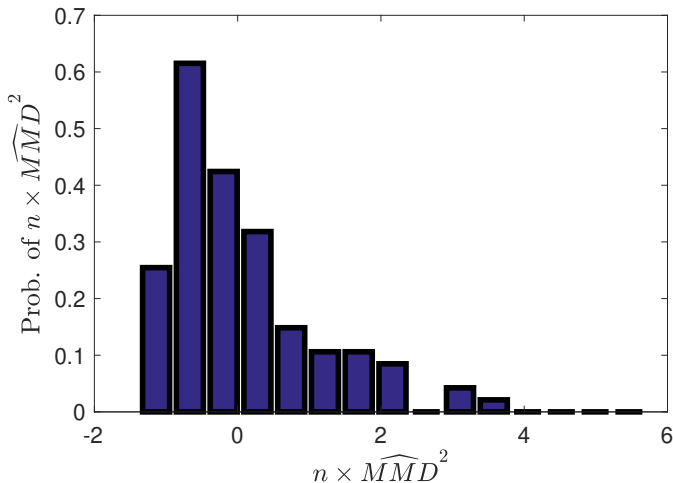
Number of MMDs: 50



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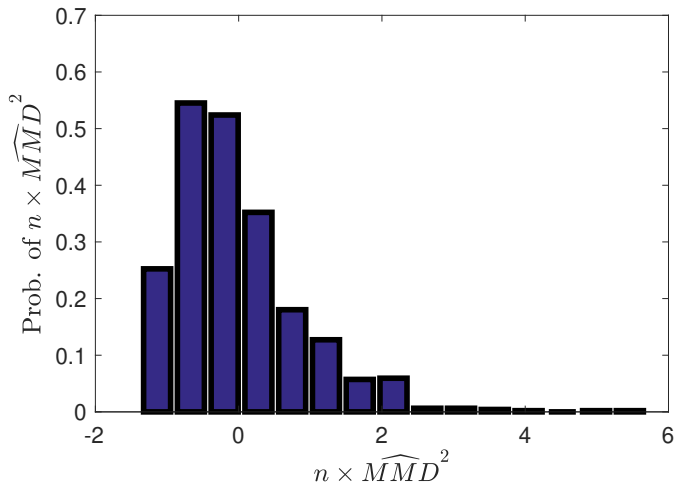
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Behaviour of \widehat{MMD}^2 when $P = Q$

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Number of MMDs: 1000



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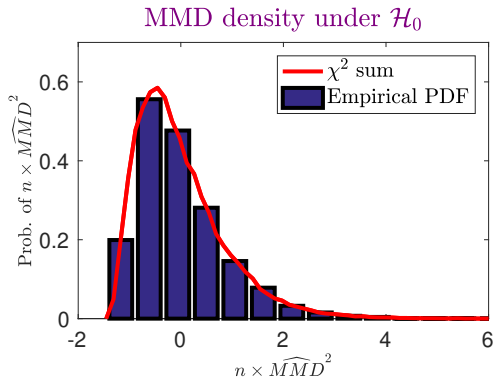
Where $P = Q$, statistic has asymptotic distribution

$$n\widehat{MMD}^2 \sim \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \lambda_l [z_l^2 - 2]$$

where

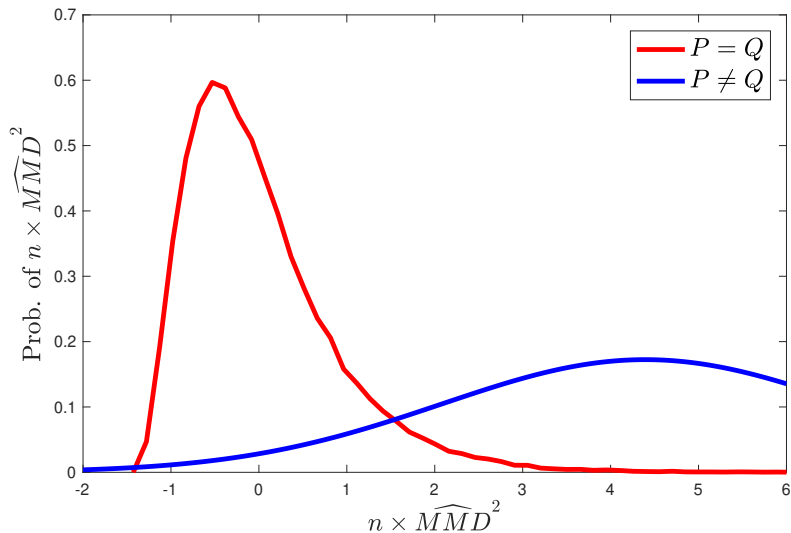
$$\lambda_i \psi_i(x') = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \underbrace{\tilde{k}(x, x')}_{\text{centred}} \psi_i(x) dP(x)$$

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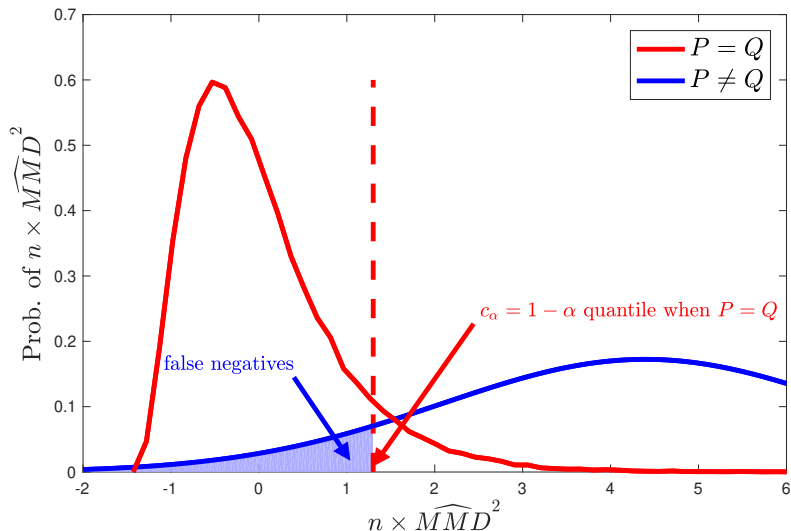
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A summary of the asymptotics:



A statistical test

Test construction: (G., Borgwardt, Rasch, Schoelkopf, and Smola, JMLR 2012)



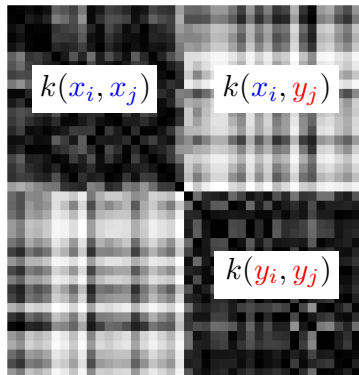
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Original empirical MMD for dogs and fish:

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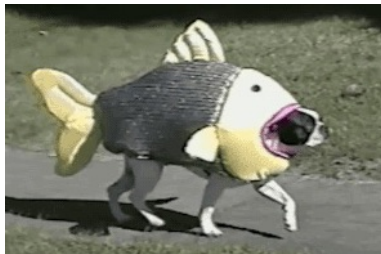


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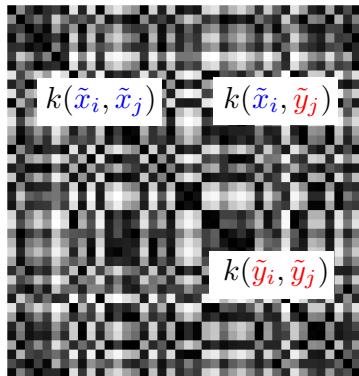
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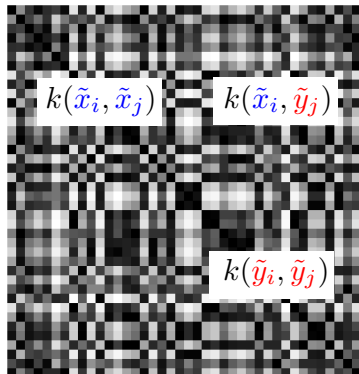
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Exact level α (upper bound
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(when unpermuted statistic
included in pool)

Proposition 1, Schrab, Kim, Albert, Laurent, Guedj, Gretton (2021), MMD Aggregated Two-Sample Test, arXiv:2110.15073



How to choose the best kernel:
optimising the kernel parameters

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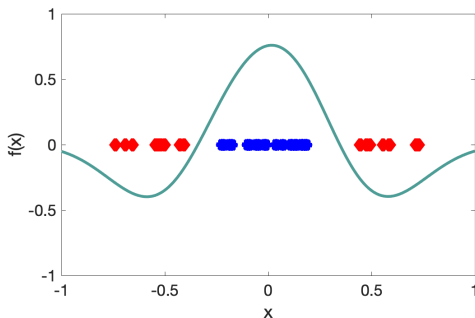
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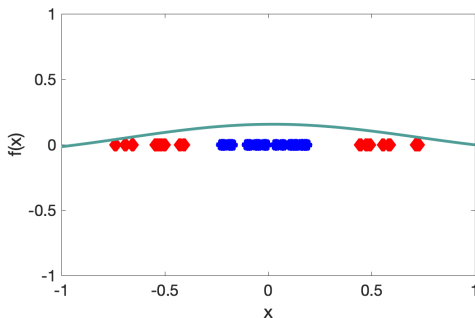


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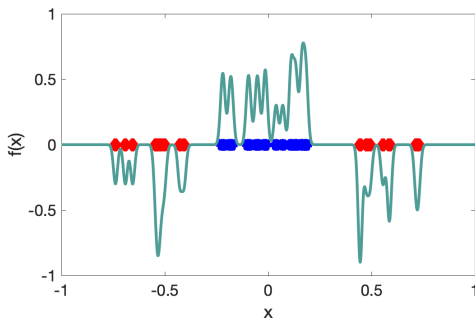


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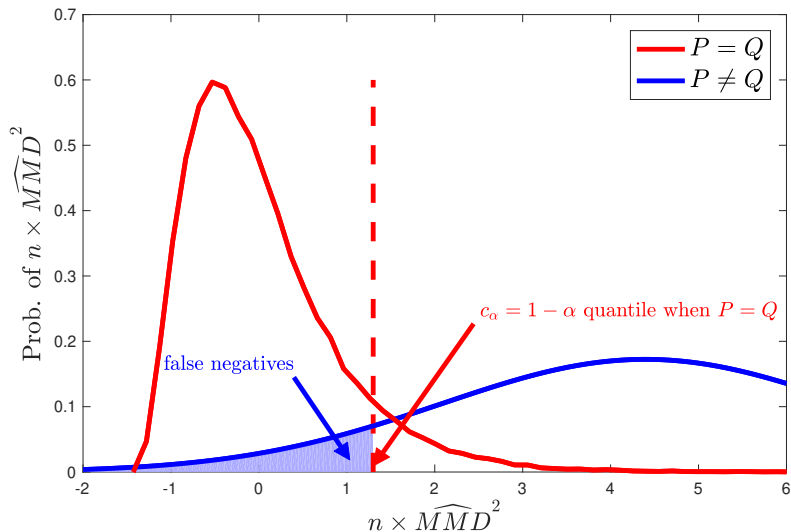
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Graphical illustration

- Maximising test power same as minimizing false negatives



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For large n , second term negligible!

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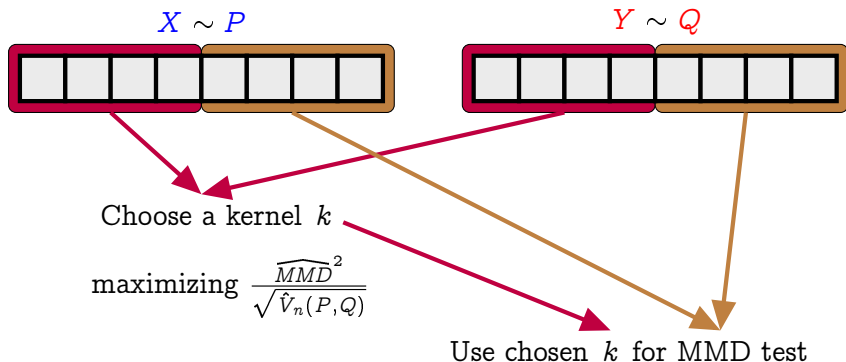
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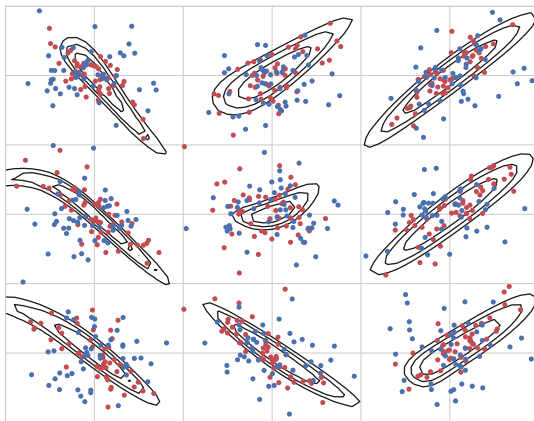


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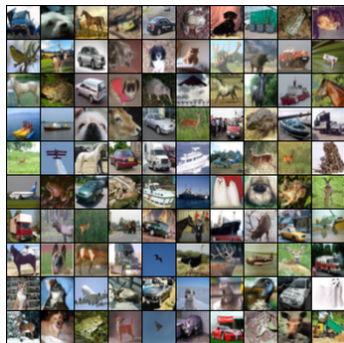
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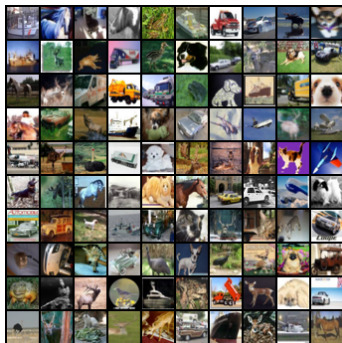
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CIFAR-10 test set (Krizhevsky 2009)

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CIFAR-10.1 (Recht+ ICML 2019)

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Code: <https://github.com/fengliu90/DK-for-TST>

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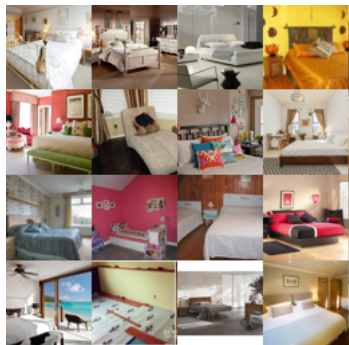


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MMD for GAN training

Training implicit generative models

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



LSUN bedroom samples P



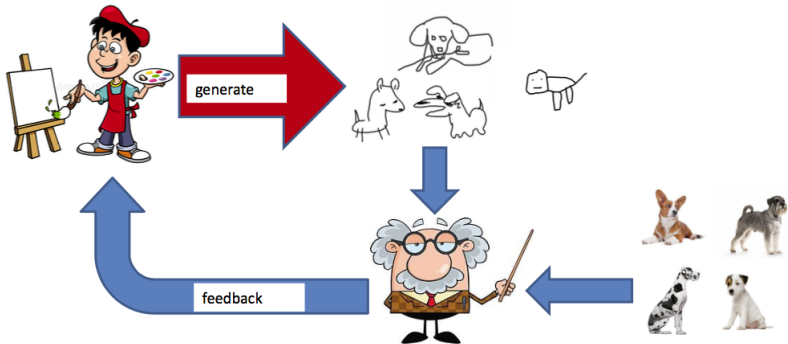
Generated Q , MMD GAN

Using a critic $D(P, Q)$ to train a GAN

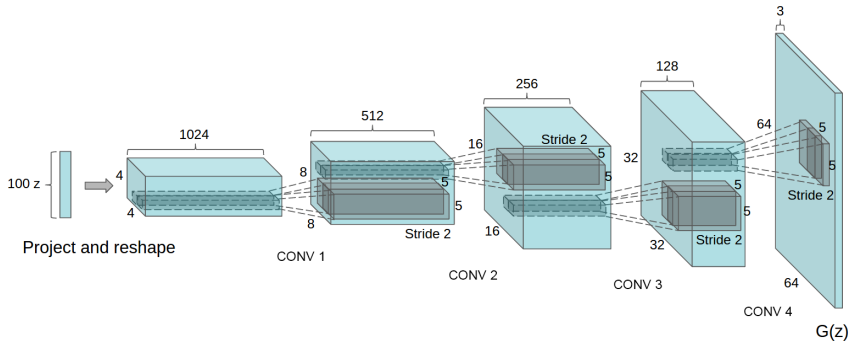
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Visual notation: GAN setting



What I *won't* cover yet: the generator



Radford, Metz, Chintala, ICLR 2016

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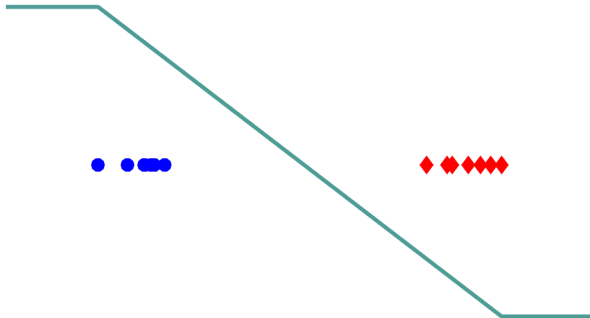


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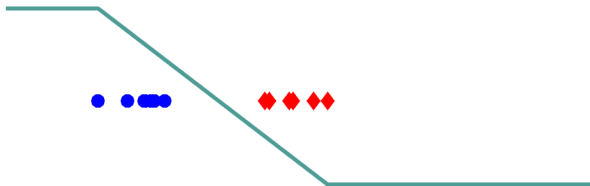


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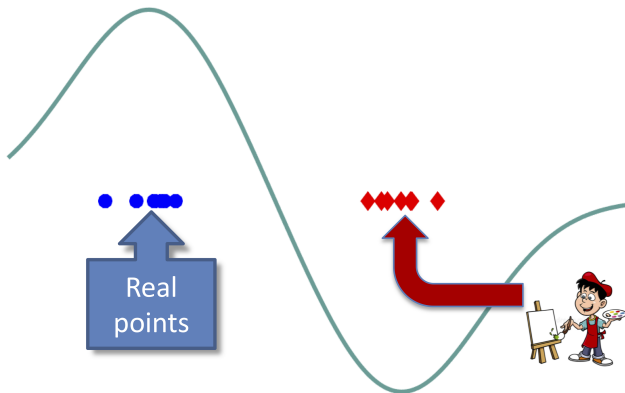
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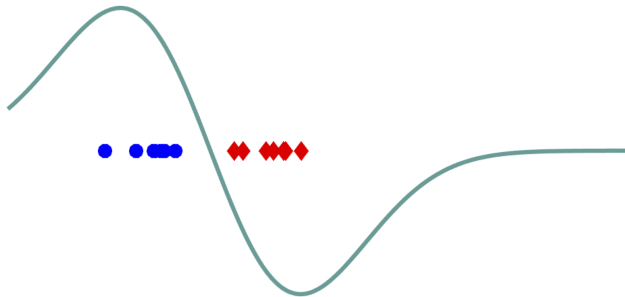
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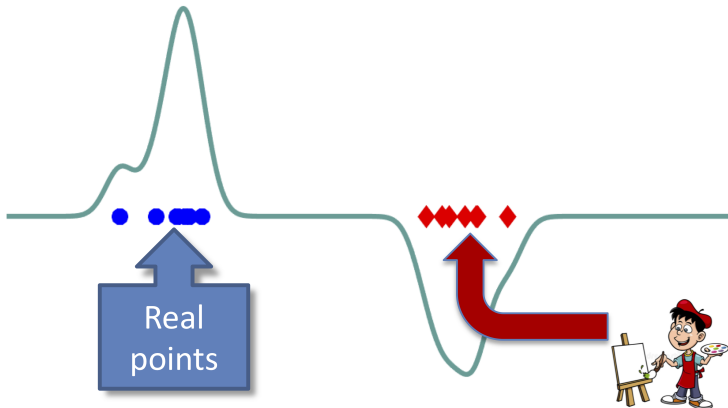


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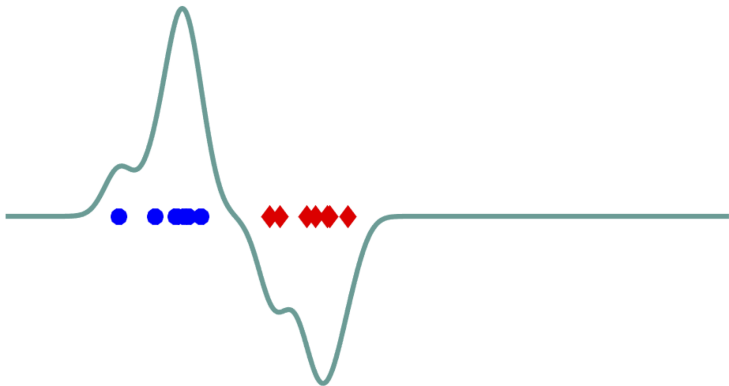


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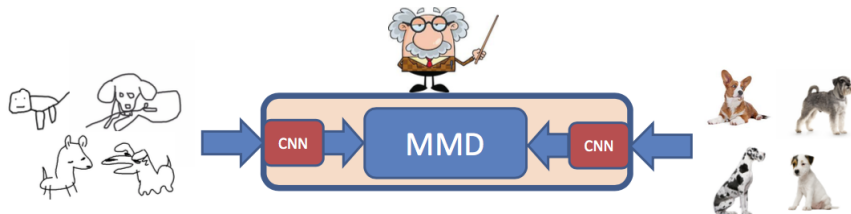
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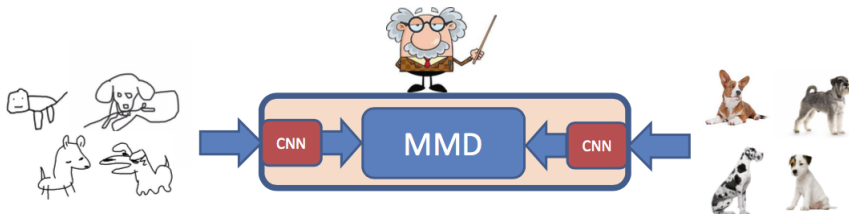
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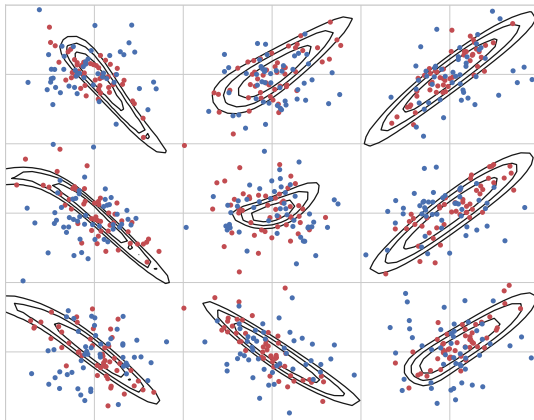
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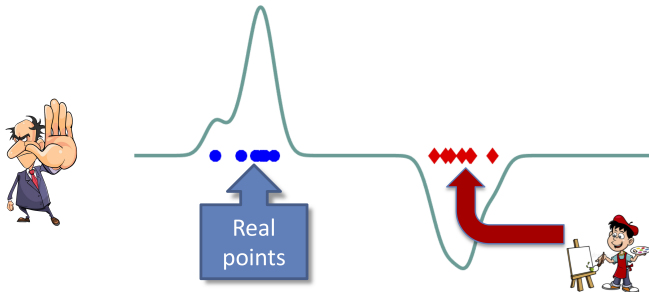
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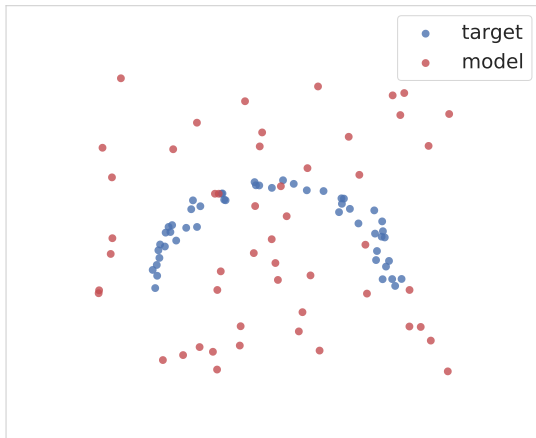
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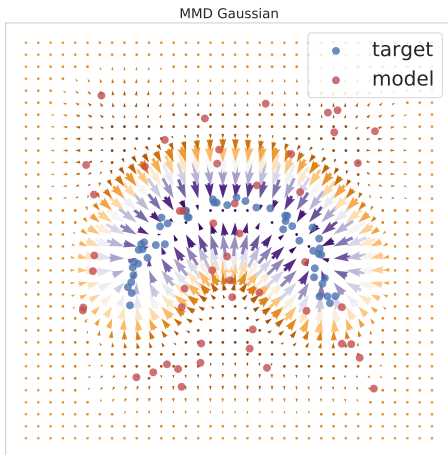
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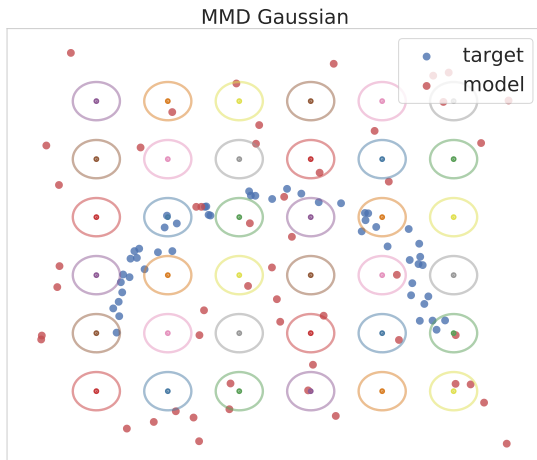
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Adaptive neural net features + kernels

Use kernels $k(h_\psi(x), h_\psi(y))$ with features

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where L_1, L_2, L_3 are fully connected with quadratic nonlinearity.

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Witness gradient, maximize **regularized** $SMMD(P, \lambda)$
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vector field movie, use Acrobat Reader to play

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On gradient regularizers for MMD GANs

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Maximise scaled MMD over critic features:

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where

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Alternate critic and generator training:

- Weaker critics can give better signals to poor (early stage) generators.
- Incomplete training of the critic is also a regularisation strategy

Don't *just* use gradient regularizers!

Spectral norm regularizer (effectively smooths critic class; ICLR 2018):

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Entropic regularizer (avoid mode collapse):

arXiv.org > stat > arXiv:1910.04302

Statistics > Machine Learning

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Results: unconditional imagenet 64×64

KID scores:

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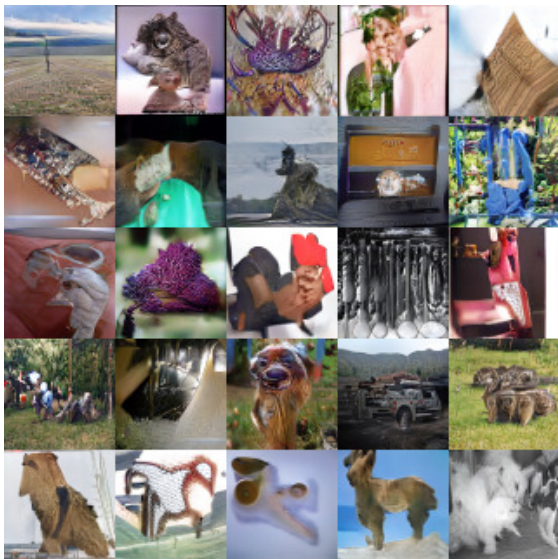
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ILSVRC2012 (ImageNet)
dataset, 1 281 167 images,
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Summary

- GAN critics rely on two sources of regularisation
 - Regularisation by incomplete training
 - Data-dependent gradient regulariser
- Some advantages of hybrid kernel/neural features:
 - MMD loss still a valid critic when features not optimal (unlike WGAN-GP)
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“Demystifying MMD GANs,” including KID score, ICLR 2018:

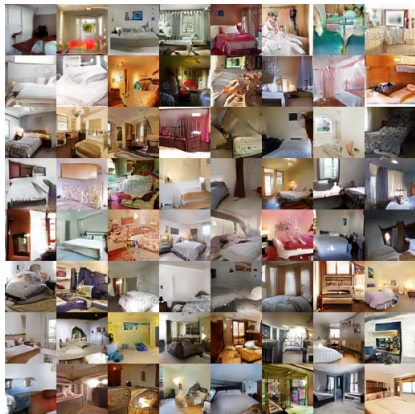
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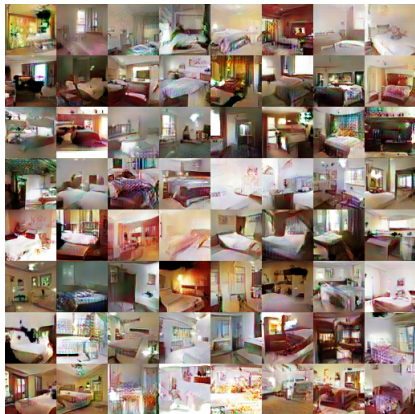
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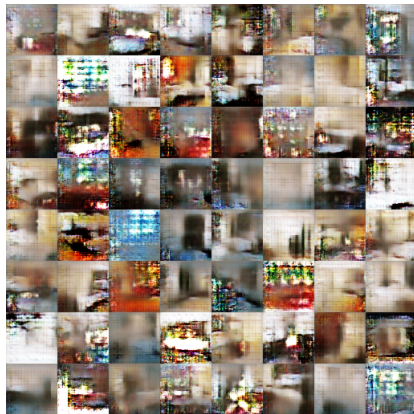
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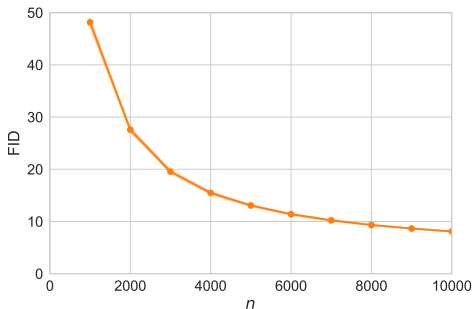
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Problem: bias. For finite samples can consistently give incorrect answer.

- Bias demo, CIFAR-10 train vs test



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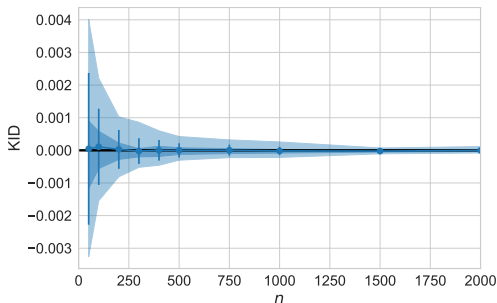
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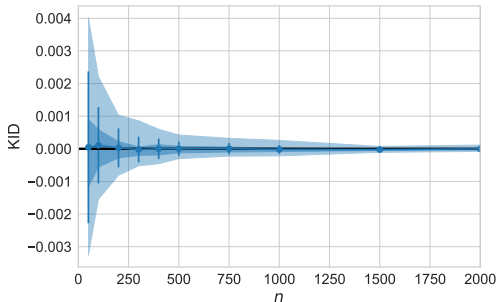
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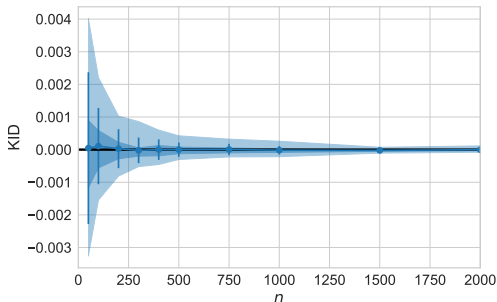
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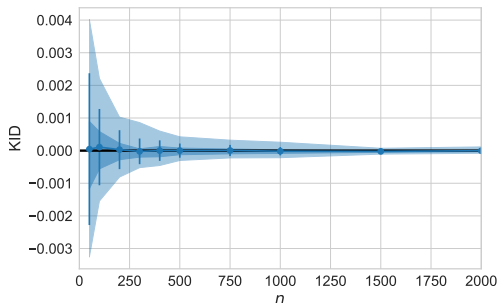
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[Bounliphone et al. ICLR 2016]