# Kernel Methods for Comparing Distributions and Training Generative Models: Part 2 

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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 $D(P, Q)$ ?

## Outline

- $\phi$-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)

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## The Integral Probability Metrics



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## The KALE smoothie and "mode collapse"

- Two Gaussians with same means, different variance



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$\mathcal{H}$ dense in $C(\mathcal{X})$ for $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}$ when:

$$
\mathcal{H}=\operatorname{span}\{\sigma(w \top x+b):[w, b] \in \Theta\}
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$\sigma(u)=\max \{u, 0\}^{\alpha}, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\{\lambda \theta: \lambda \geq 0, \theta \in \Theta\}=\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$.

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= & \int f(x) d Q(x)-f\left(x^{\prime}\right) d P\left(x^{\prime}\right) \\
& -\int \underbrace{(\exp (-f)+f-1)}_{\geq 0} d Q \\
\leq & \int f(x) d Q(x)-f\left(x^{\prime}\right) d P\left(x^{\prime}\right) \leq L W_{1}(P, Q)
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# How to train your GAN <br> Generalized Energy-Based Model 

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## Reminder: the generator



Radford, Metz, Chintala, ICLR 2016

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## Generalized energy-based models

Define a model $Q_{B_{\theta}, E}$ as follows:

- Sample from generator with parameters $\theta$

$$
X \sim Q_{\theta} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad X=B_{\theta}(Z), \quad Z \sim \eta
$$

■ Reweight the samples according to importance weights:

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

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

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fQ,E}(x)\mathrm{ is Radon-Nikodym derivative of }\mp@subsup{Q}{\mp@subsup{B}{0}{},E}{}\mathrm{ wrt }\mp@subsup{Q}{0}{}\mathrm{ .
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■ When $Q_{\theta}$ has density wrt Lebesgue on $\mathcal{X}$, this is a standard energy-based model.

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■ When $K L\left(P, Q_{\theta}\right)$ 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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Jointly maximizing yields the maximum likelihood energy $E^{*}$ and corresponding $c^{*}=\log \int \exp (-E) d Q_{\theta}$.

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Assumptions:
$■$ Functions in $\mathcal{E}$ parametrized by $\psi \in \Psi$, where $\Psi$ compact,

- jointly continous w.r.t. $(\psi, x), L$-lipschitz and $L$-smooth w.r.t. $x$.
$\square(\theta, z) \mapsto B_{\theta}(z)$ 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} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad Z \sim \nu_{B, E}, \quad X=B_{\theta}(Z)
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## Experiments

## Examples: sampling at modes

Tempered GEBM Cifar10 samples at different stages of sampling using a Kinetic Langevin Algorithm (KLA). Early samples $\rightarrow$ late samples. Model run at low temperature $(\beta=100)$ for better quality samples.


## Sampling at modes: results

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


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

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## Questions?



## Post-credit scene: MMD flow

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## Sanity check: reduction to EBM case



