

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

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Goals

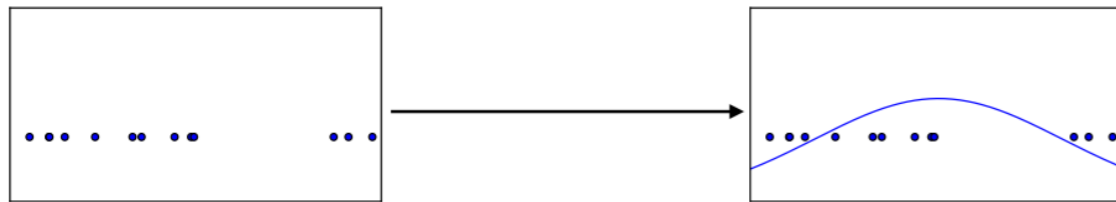
Stimulate discussion



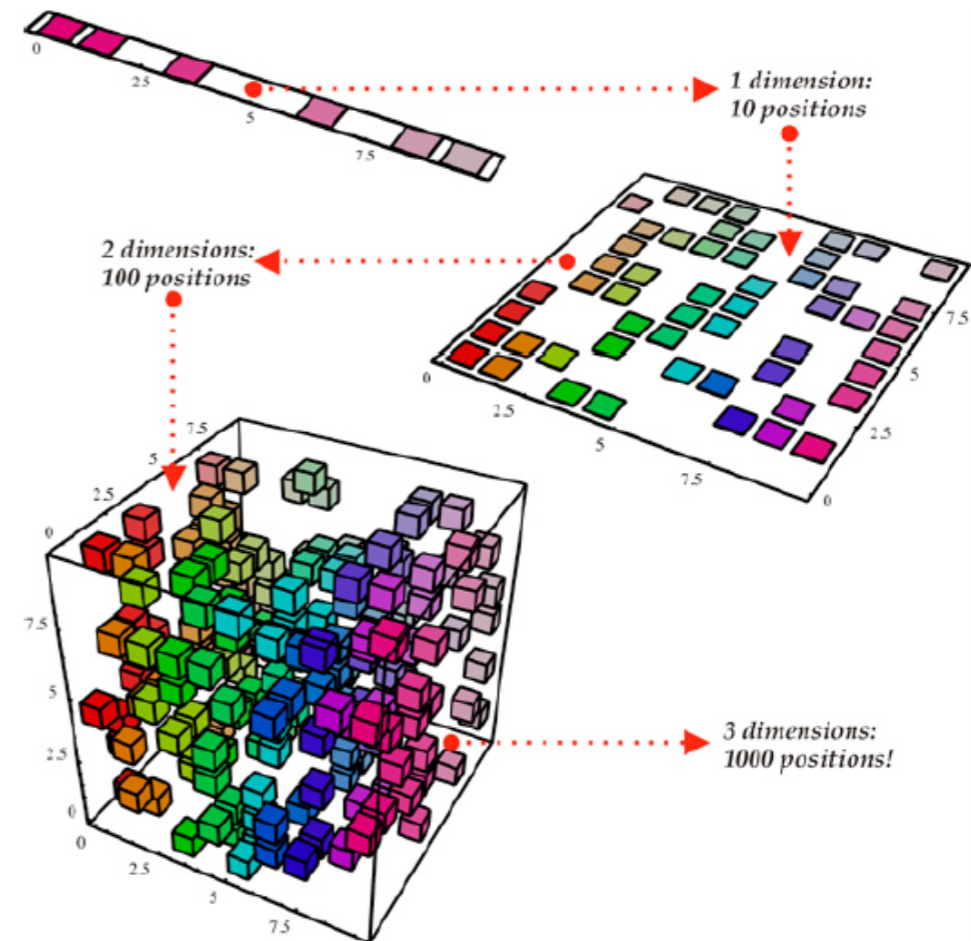
1. Why not using this model?
2. What don't you like in this model?
3. Why not improving it?
4. ...

Sketch of GANs

Density estimation in high-dimensional data (manifold assumption)

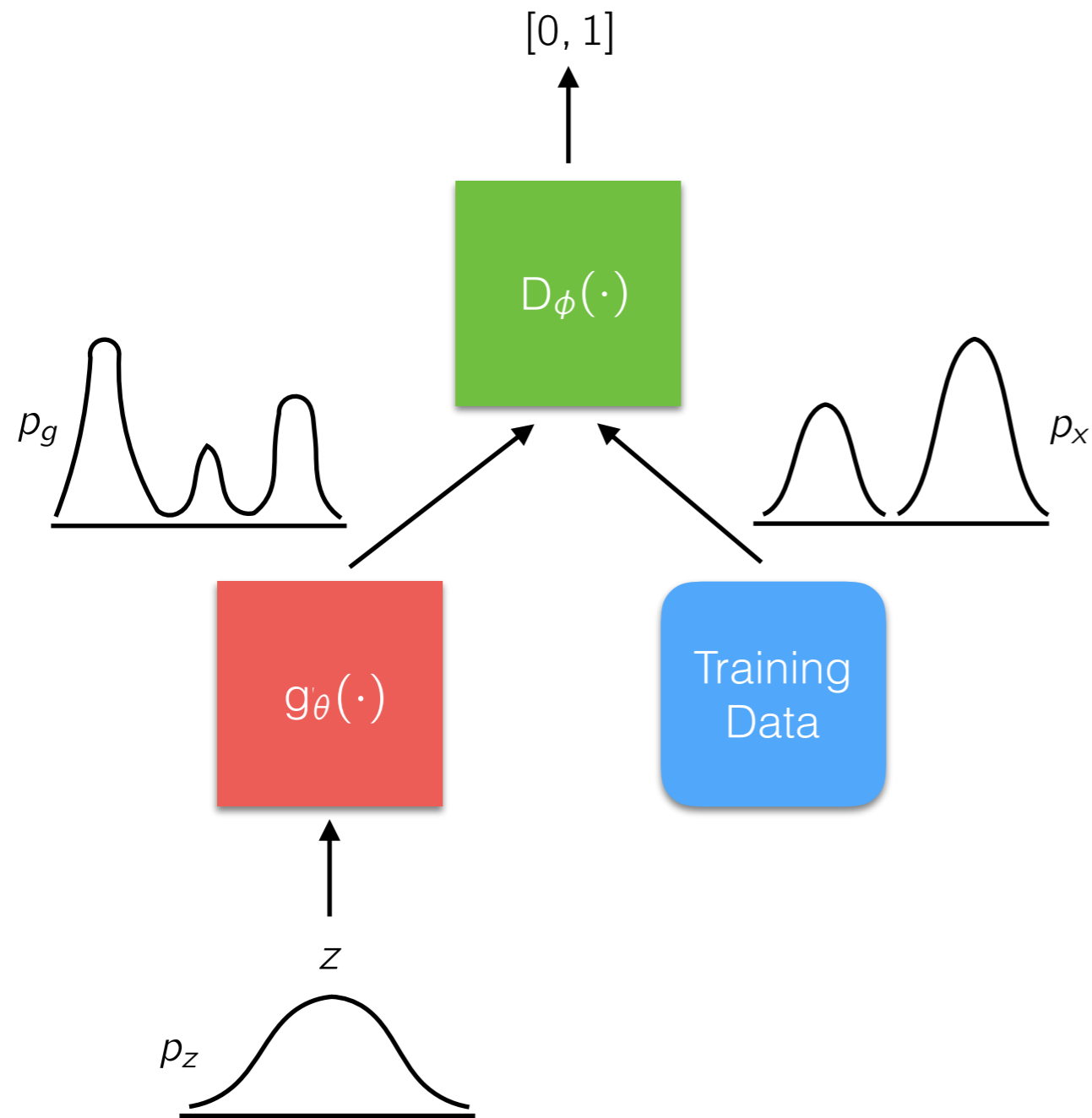


Ian Goodfellow, NIPS 2016 tutorial on GANs



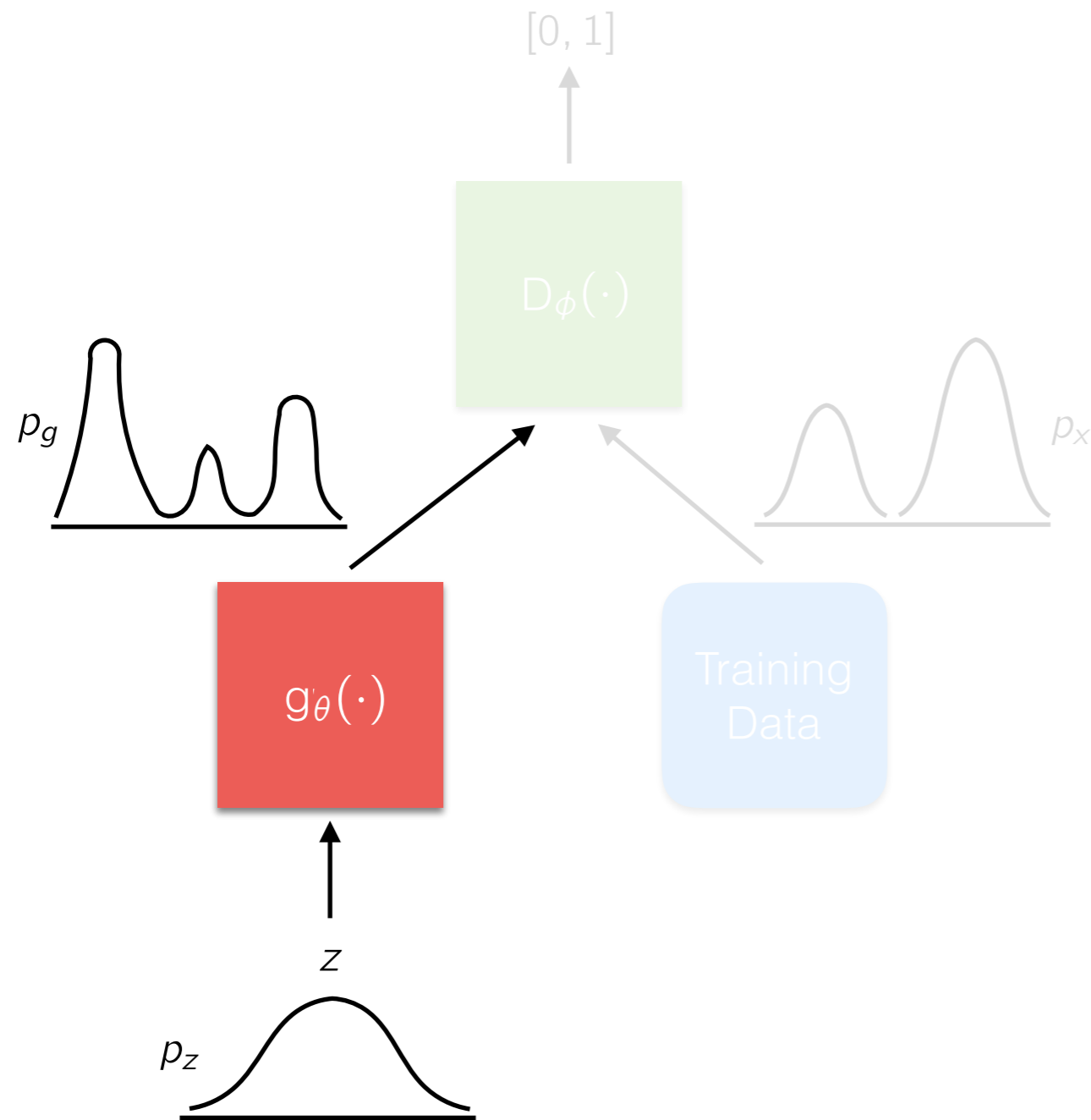
Yoshua Bengio, MLSS 2015 Austin TX

Sketch of GANs



“Generative Adversarial Networks”
ICLR 2014 Ian Goodfellow

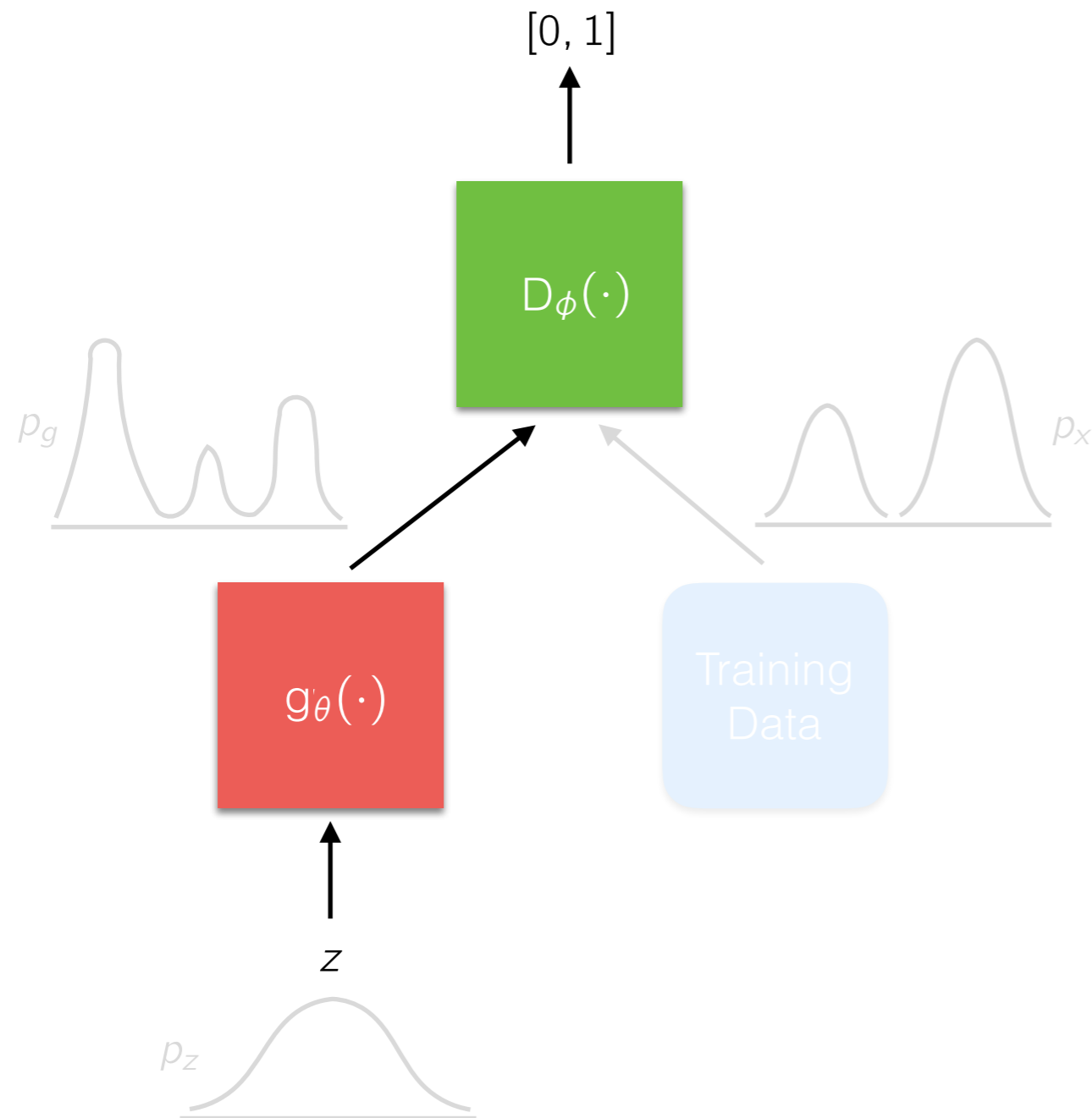
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GENERATIVE

1. Fast sample generation - discriminative function (no Markov chains)
2. Implicit definition of density families

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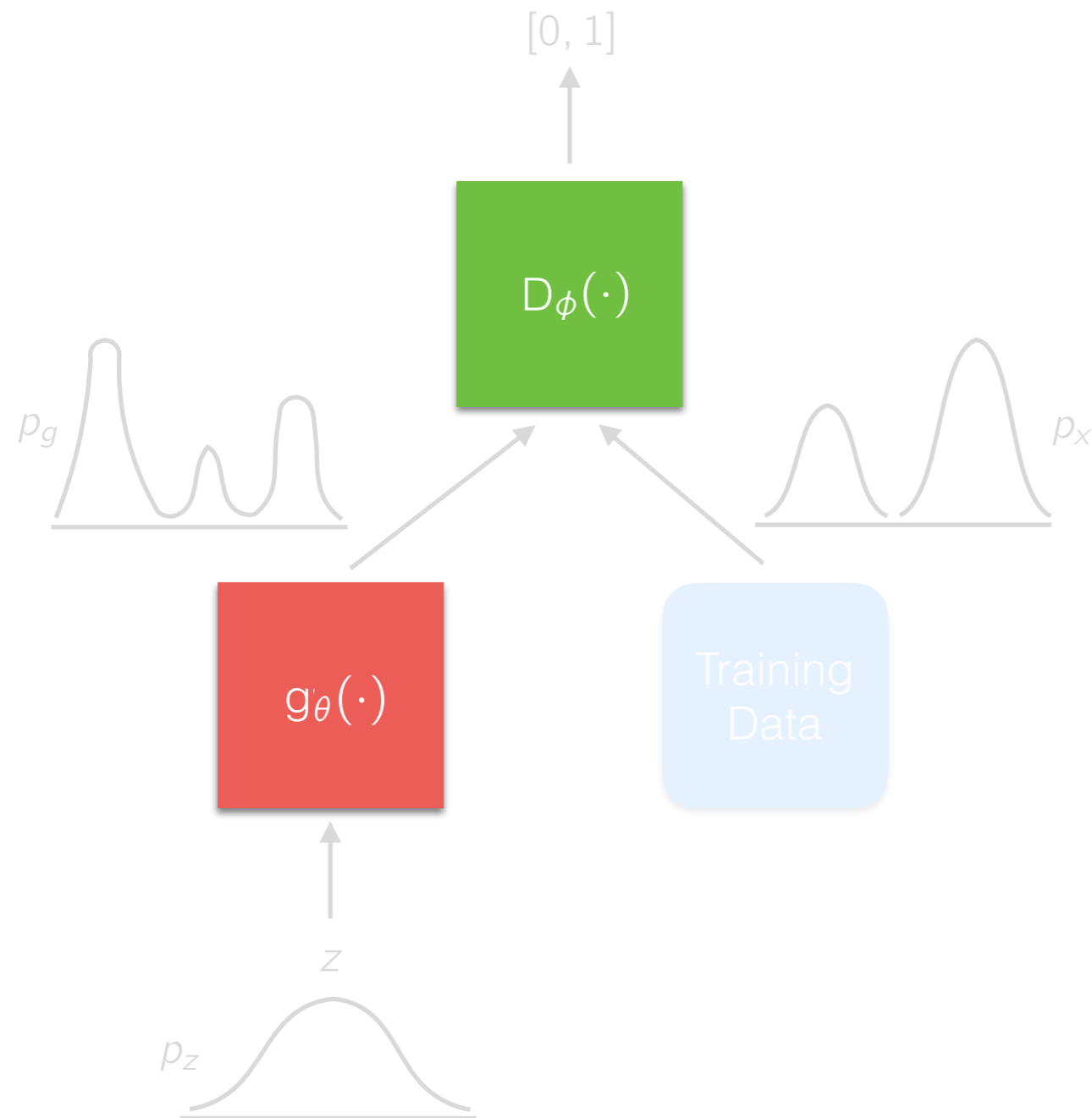


ADVERSARIAL

Game between two adversaries
(no likelihood maximization)

SEE LATER

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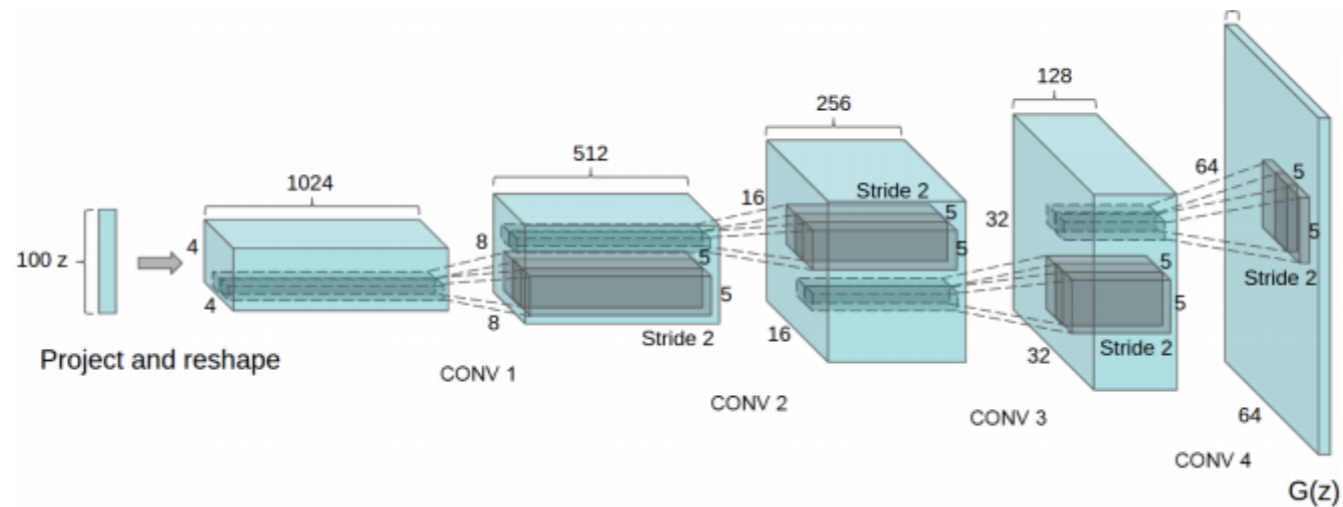


NETWORKS

Exploitation of deep neural architectures
(High capacity and efficient training...)

“Learning Deep Architectures for AI”
Joshua Bengio 2009

Application - Image synthesis



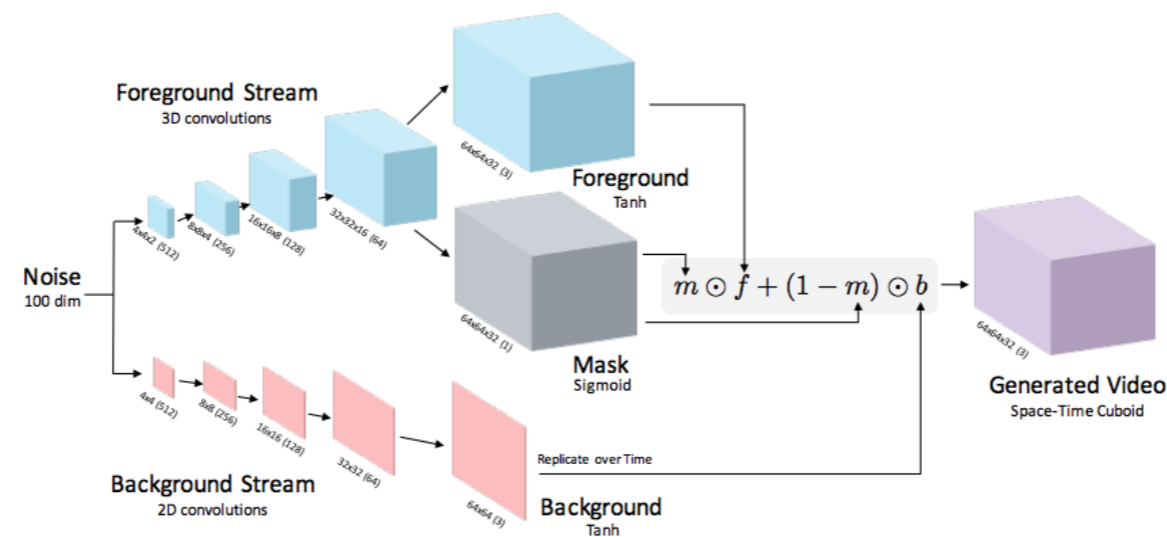
“Unsupervised Representation Learning with Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks”
arXiv 2015 Alec Radford, Luke Metz, Soumith Chintala

Application - Video synthesis

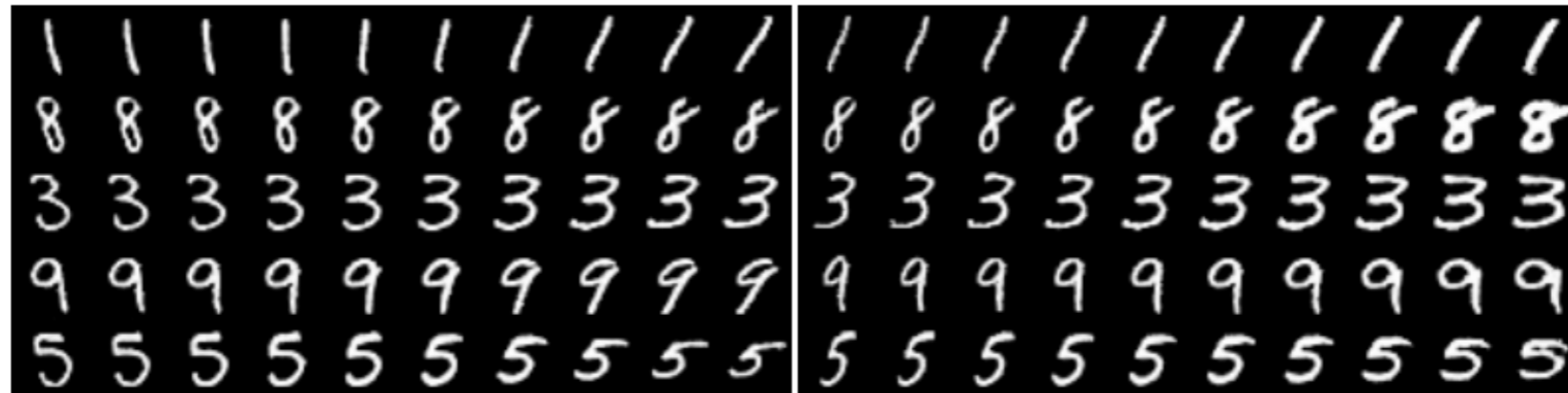
Hallucinated videos



Conditional generation of videos



Application - Representation learning 1



(c) Varying c_2 from -2 to 2 on InfoGAN (Rotation)

(d) Varying c_3 from -2 to 2 on InfoGAN (Width)

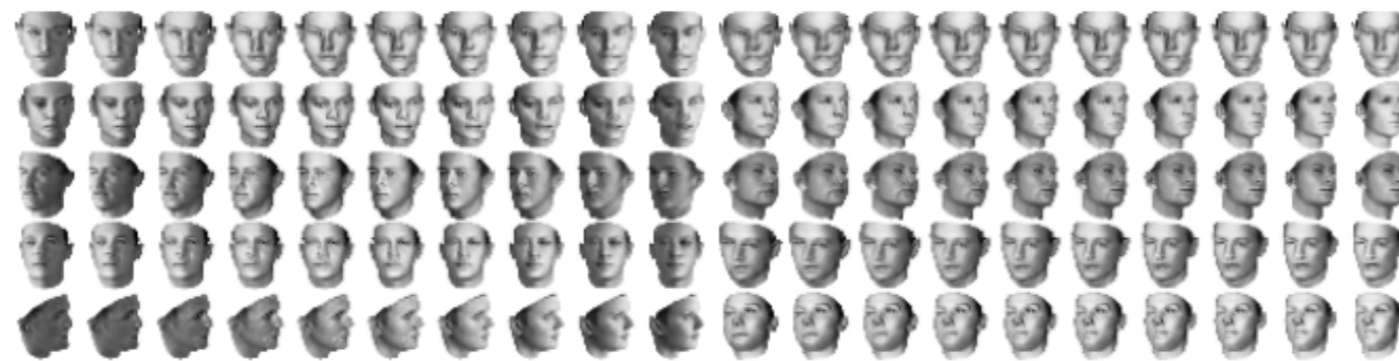
“InfoGAN: Interpretable Representation Learning by Information Maximizing Generative Adversarial Nets”
NIPS 2016 Xi Chen, Yan Duan, Rein Houthoofd, John Schulman, Ilya Sutskever, Pieter Abbeel

Application - Representation Learning 2



(a) Azimuth (pose)

(b) Elevation



(c) Lighting

(d) Wide or Narrow

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PAPERS about GANs 2014-2016	
Generative Adversarial Networks	ICLR 2014
Deep Generative Image Models Using a Laplacian Pyramid of Adversarial Networks (UNSUPERVISED)	NIPS 2015
Draw: A Recurrent Neural Network for Image Generation (UNSUPERVISED)	ICML 2015
Unsupervised Representation Learning with Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks	arXiv 2015
InfoGAN: Interpretable Representation Learning by Information Maximizing Generative Adversarial Nets	NIPS 2016
Towards Principled Unsupervised Learning	ICLR 2016 (workshop)
Improved Techniques for Training GANs	NIPS 2016
Unsupervised and Semi-Supervised Learning with Categorical Generative Adversarial Networks	ICLR 2016
Generating Videos with Scene Dynamics	NIPS 2016
NIPS 2016 Tutorial: Generative Adversarial Networks PAPER+VIDEO	NIPS 2016
PAPERS about GANs accepted to ICLR 2017	
Towards Principled Methods for Training Generative Adversarial Networks (FIRST THEORETICAL PAPER)	ICLR 2017
Adversarially Learned Inference (SoA in SEMI-SUPERVISED LEARNING)	ICLR 2017
Learning to Generate Samples from Noise Through Infusion Training	ICLR 2017
Improving Generative Adversarial Networks with Denoising Feature Matching	ICLR 2017
LR-GAN: Layered Recursive Generative Adversarial Networks for Image Generation	ICLR 2017
Mode Regularized Generative Adversarial Networks	ICLR 2017
Generative Models and Model Criticism via Optimized Maximum Mean Discrepancy	ICLR 2017
Calibrating Energy-Based Generative Adversarial Networks	ICLR 2017
Unrolled Generative Adversarial Networks	ICLR 2017
Generative Multi-Adversarial Networks	ICLR 2017
Energy-Based Generative Adversarial Networks	ICLR 2017

Probably hot topic?

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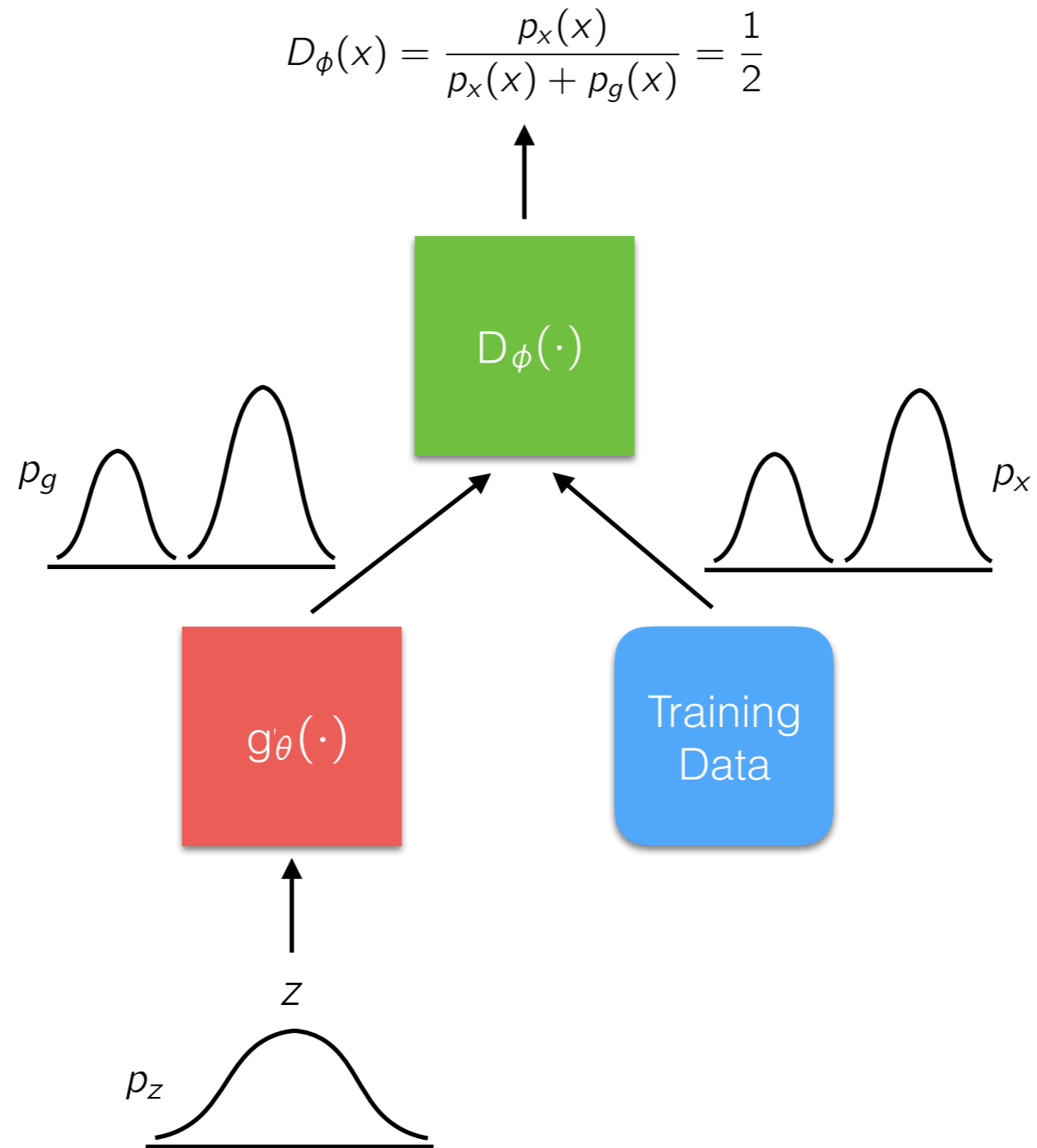
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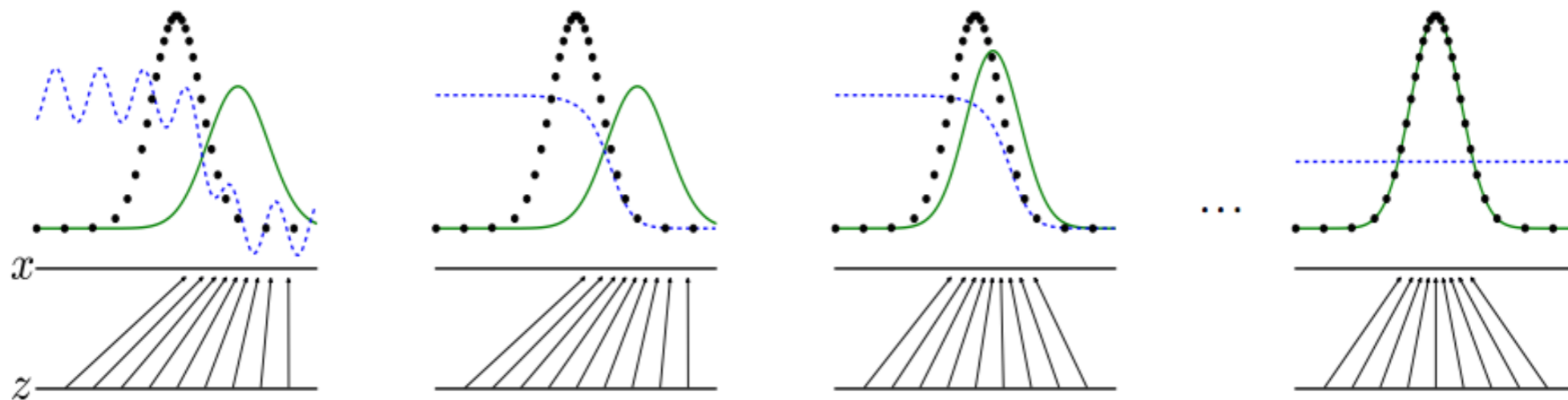
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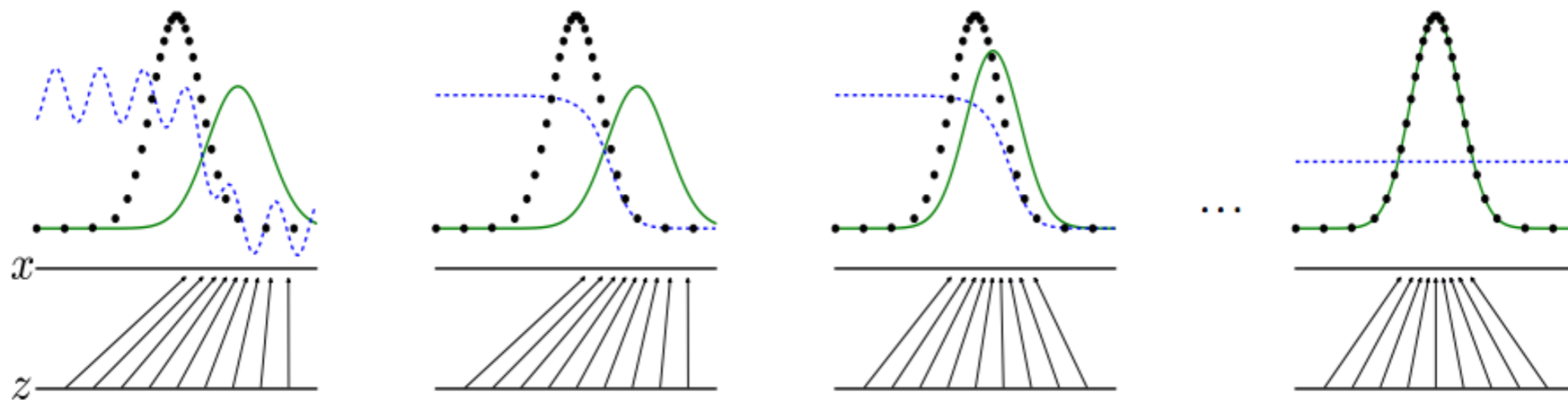


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DON'T WORRY, THERE IS A DEMO

Why is it better than traditional
generative approaches?

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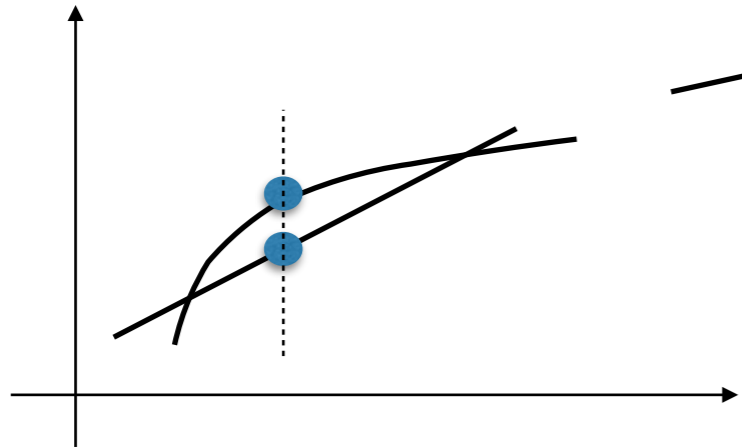
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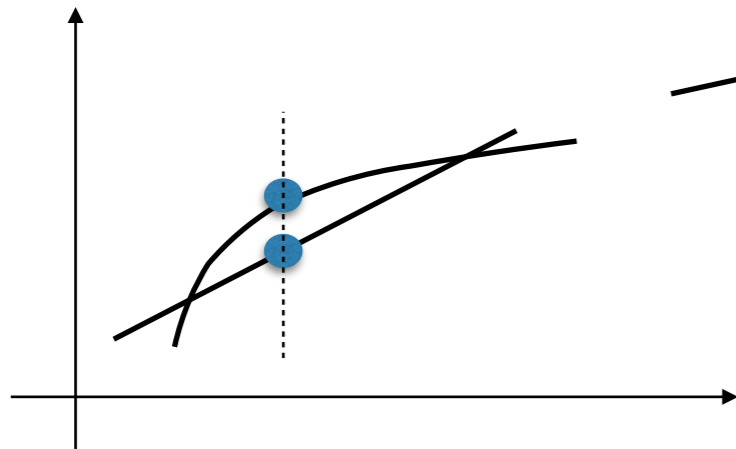
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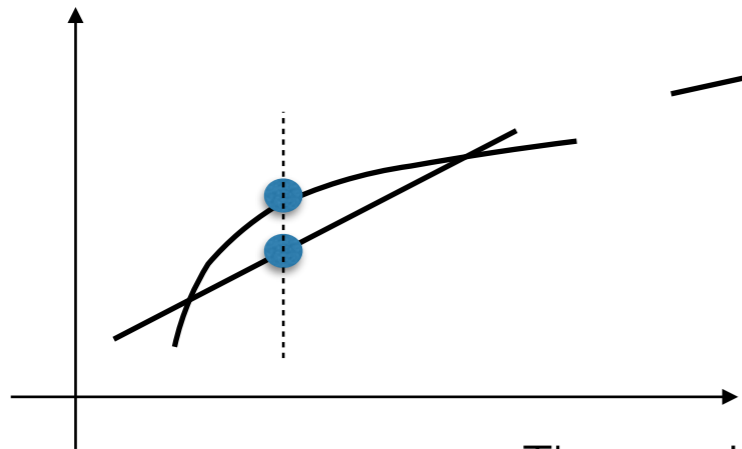
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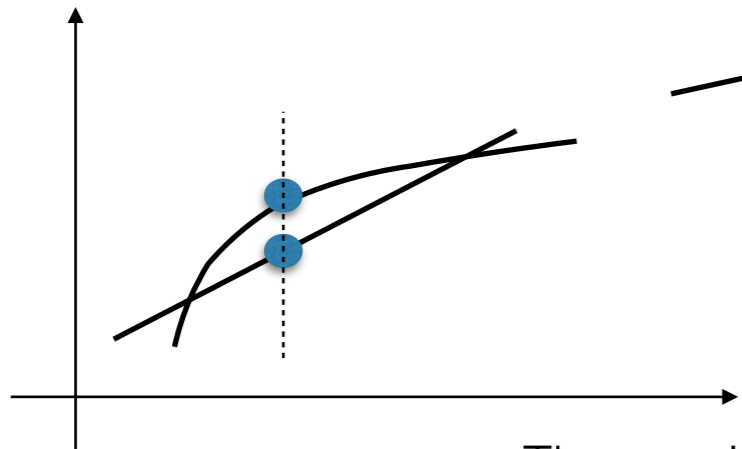


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Traditional generative approaches vs. GANS

	Traditional Generative Approaches	GANs
Optimization	$\min KL(p_g, p_x)$	$\min JSD(p_g, p_x)$
$p_x > 0$ $p_g \rightarrow 0$	0 (Low cost for mode dropping)	$\log(2)$
$p_g > 0$ $p_x \rightarrow 0$	Infinity (High cost for fake data)	$\log(2)$
Minimum	0	0

Is there any issue?

Problem of vanishing gradients

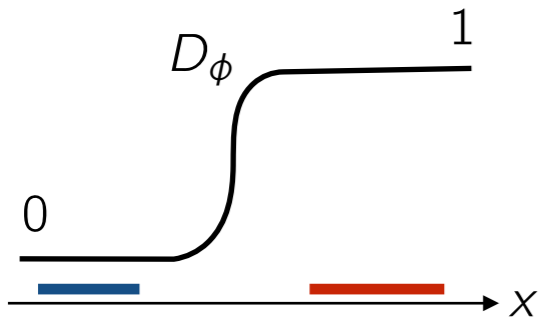
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and the Jacobian of the generator is bounded
(by any scalar M)

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$$\|\nabla_\theta E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \log(1 - D_\phi(g_\theta(z))) \right\}\|_2 \leq M \frac{\epsilon}{1 - \epsilon}$$

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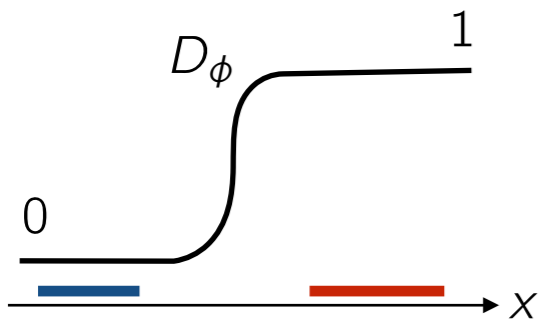
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and the Jacobian of the generator is bounded
(by any scalar M)

⇓

$$\|\nabla_\theta E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \log(1 - D_\phi(g_\theta(z))) \right\}\|_2 \leq M \frac{\epsilon}{1 - \epsilon}$$

This happens when the discriminator is “too strong”. For example, when it is updated more frequently than the generator

Problem of vanishing gradients

Proof: $\|\nabla_{\theta} E_{z \sim p_z} \{ \log(1 - D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))) \}\|_2^2 = \|E_{z \sim p_z} \{ \nabla_{\theta} \log(1 - D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))) \}\|_2^2$
 $= \|E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ -\frac{\nabla_{\theta} D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))}{1 - D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))} \right\}\|_2^2$

Jensen's inequality $\longrightarrow \leq E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \left\| \frac{\nabla_{\theta} D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))}{1 - D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))} \right\|_2^2 \right\}$

$$= E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \frac{\|\nabla_{\theta} D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))\|_2^2}{|1 - D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))|^2} \right\}$$

$$= E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \frac{\|\nabla_x D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z)) J(g_{\theta}(z))\|_2^2}{|1 - D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))|^2} \right\}$$

Cauchy-Schwartz inequality $\longrightarrow \leq E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \frac{\|\nabla_x D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))\|_2^2 \|J(g_{\theta}(z))\|_2^2}{|1 - D_{\phi}(g_{\theta}(z))|^2} \right\}$

Since the discriminator is close to optimality, namely

$$\|D_{\phi} - D_{\phi}^*\| \doteq \sup_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \left\{ |D_{\phi} - D_{\phi}^*| + \|\nabla_x D_{\phi} - \nabla_x D_{\phi}^*\|_2 \right\} < \epsilon$$

(values and gradients are both similar) and since

$$\|\nabla_x D_{\phi} - \nabla_x D_{\phi}^*\|_2^2 \geq \|\nabla_x D_{\phi}\|_2^2 - \|\nabla_x D_{\phi}^*\|_2^2$$

$$\|\nabla_x D_{\phi}\|_2^2 < \|\nabla_x D_{\phi}^*\|_2^2 + \epsilon^2 \quad \text{Cont.}$$

Problem of vanishing gradients

Proof: $E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \frac{\|\nabla_x D_\phi(g_\theta(z))\|_2^2 \|J(g_\theta(z))\|_2^2}{|1 - D_\phi(g_\theta(z))|^2} \right\} < E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \frac{(\|\nabla_x D_\phi^*(g_\theta(z))\|_2^2 + \epsilon^2) \|J(g_\theta(z))\|_2^2}{|1 - D_\phi(g_\theta(z))|^2} \right\}$

$$|D_\phi - D_\phi^*| < \epsilon$$

$$|-1 + D_\phi + 1 - D_\phi^*| < \epsilon$$

$$|1 - D_\phi^* - (1 - D_\phi)| < \epsilon$$

$$|1 - D_\phi^*| - |(1 - D_\phi)| \leq |1 - D_\phi^* - (1 - D_\phi)|$$

$$|1 - D_\phi^*| - |(1 - D_\phi)| < \epsilon$$

$$< E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \frac{(\|\nabla_x D_\phi^*(g_\theta(z))\|_2^2 + \epsilon^2) \|J(g_\theta(z))\|_2^2}{(|1 - D_\phi^*(g_\theta(z))| - \epsilon)^2} \right\}$$

At optimality

$$\nabla_x D_\phi^*(x) = 0$$

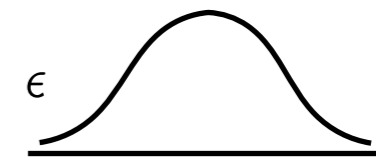
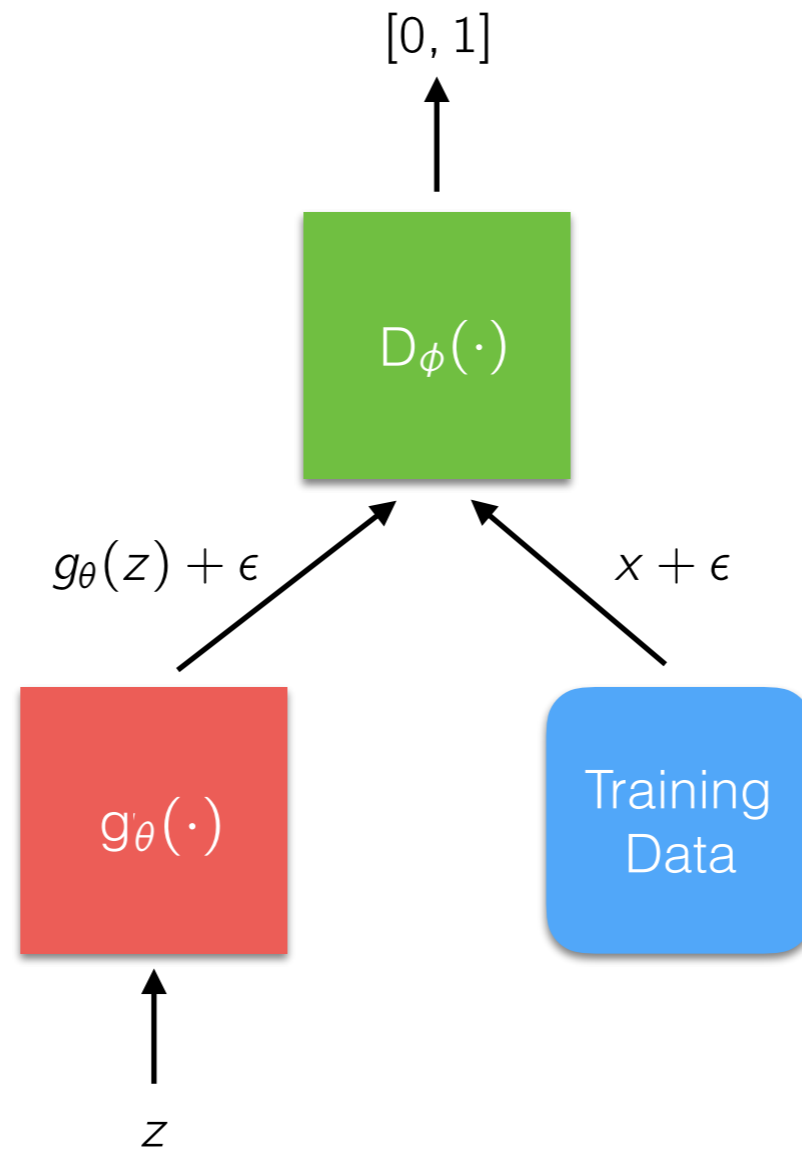
$$D_\phi^*(x) = 0, \forall x \in \text{supp}(p_g) \setminus \mathcal{L}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_\theta E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \log(1 - D_\phi(g_\theta(z))) \right\}\|_2^2 &< E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \frac{\epsilon^2 \|J(g_\theta(z))\|_2^2}{(1 - \epsilon)^2} \right\} \\ &\leq M^2 \frac{\epsilon^2}{(1 - \epsilon)^2} \quad \mathbf{QED} \end{aligned}$$

How do you solve it?

Recent Solution



Add zero-mean noise

“Towards Principled Methods for Training Generative Adversarial Networks”
ICLR 2017 Martin Arjovsky, Leon Bottou

Recent Solution

Theorem 3.2:

$$D_{\phi}^*(x) = \frac{p_{x+\epsilon}(x)}{p_{x+\epsilon}(x) + p_{g+\epsilon}(x)}$$

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$$

Recent Solution

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where

$$b(z) = a(z) \frac{p_{x+\epsilon}}{p_{g+\epsilon}}$$

Recent Solution

Proof: $E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \nabla_{\theta} \log(1 - D_{\phi}^*(g_{\theta}(z))) \right\} = E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \nabla_{\theta} \log \frac{p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))}{p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z)) + p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))} \right\}$

$$= E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \nabla_{\theta} \log(p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))) - \nabla_{\theta} \log(p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z)) + p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))) \right\}$$

$$= E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \frac{\nabla_{\theta} p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))}{p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))} - \frac{\nabla_{\theta} p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z)) + \nabla_{\theta} p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))}{p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z)) + p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))} \right\}$$

$$= E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \nabla_{\theta} \{-p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))\} - \frac{1}{p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z)) + p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))} \frac{p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))}{p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))} \nabla_{\theta} \{-p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))\} \right\}$$

$$= E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ 2\sigma^2 a(z) \nabla_{\theta} \{-p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))\} - 2\sigma^2 b(z) \nabla_{\theta} \{-p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))\} \right\}$$

$$a(z) \doteq \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \frac{1}{p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z)) + p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))}$$

$$b(z) \doteq \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \frac{1}{p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z)) + p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))} \frac{p_{x+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))}{p_{g+\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z))}$$

Cont.

Recent Solution

Proof: Recall that adding two independent random variables produces a random variable with density obtained by convolving the two original densities

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ \nabla_{\theta} \log(1 - D_{\phi}^*(g_{\theta}(z))) \right\} &= E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ -2\sigma^2 a(z) \nabla_{\theta} \int p_{\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z) - y) p_x(y) dy + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. 2\sigma^2 b(z) \nabla_{\theta} \int p_{\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z) - y) p_g(y) dy \right\} \\
 &= E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ -2\sigma^2 a(z) \nabla_{\theta} \int \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\frac{\|g_{\theta}(z) - y\|^2}{2\sigma^2}} p_x(y) dy + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. 2\sigma^2 b(z) \nabla_{\theta} \int \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\frac{\|g_{\theta}(z) - y\|^2}{2\sigma^2}} p_g(y) dy \right\} \\
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 &= E_{z \sim p_z} \left\{ a(z) \int p_{\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z) - y) \nabla_{\theta} \|g_{\theta}(z) - y\|^2 p_x(y) dy - \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

(it should be derived)!
It comes from the
optimal discriminator
formula which is
assumed fixed (and
therefore not
dependent on \theta)

QED

Why does it work?

Interpretation

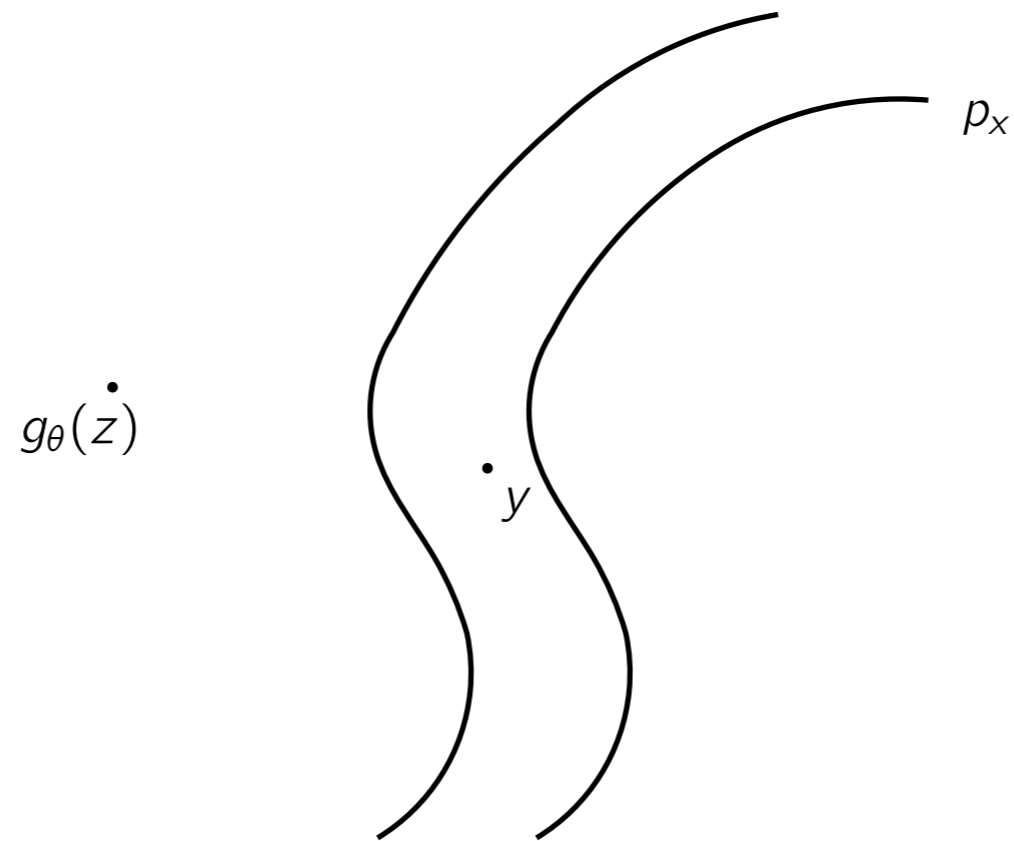
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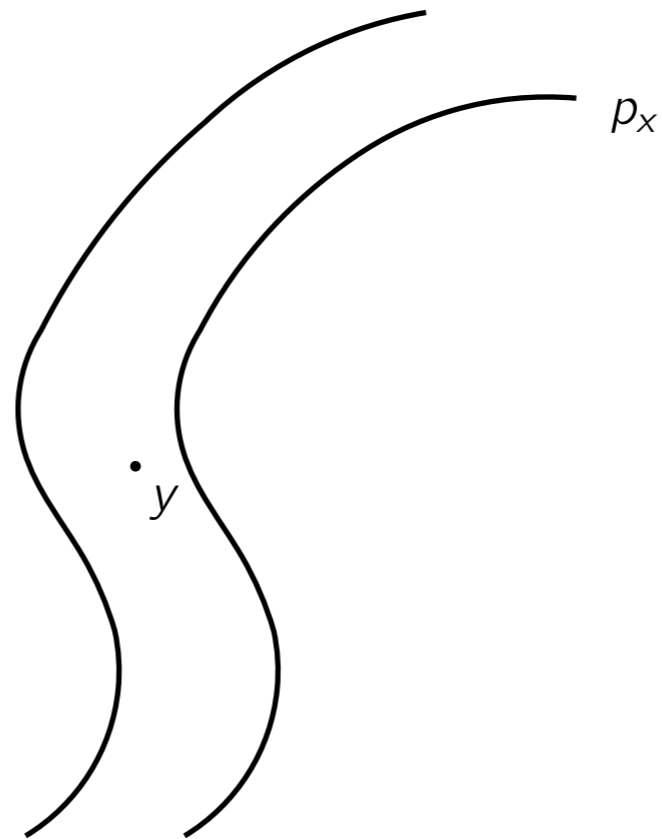
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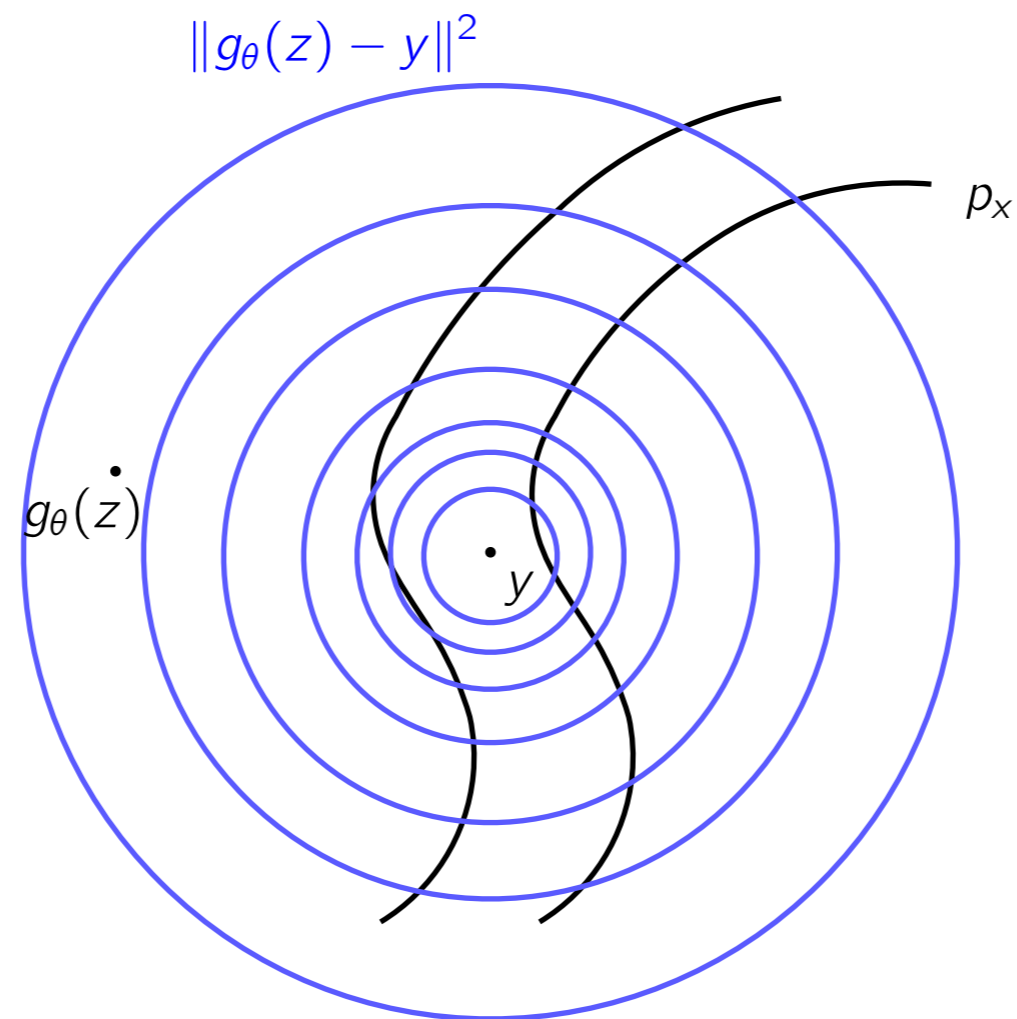
$g_{\theta}(\dot{z})$



Assumption:
 $\sigma \gg 1, p_{\epsilon} \simeq k$

Interpretation

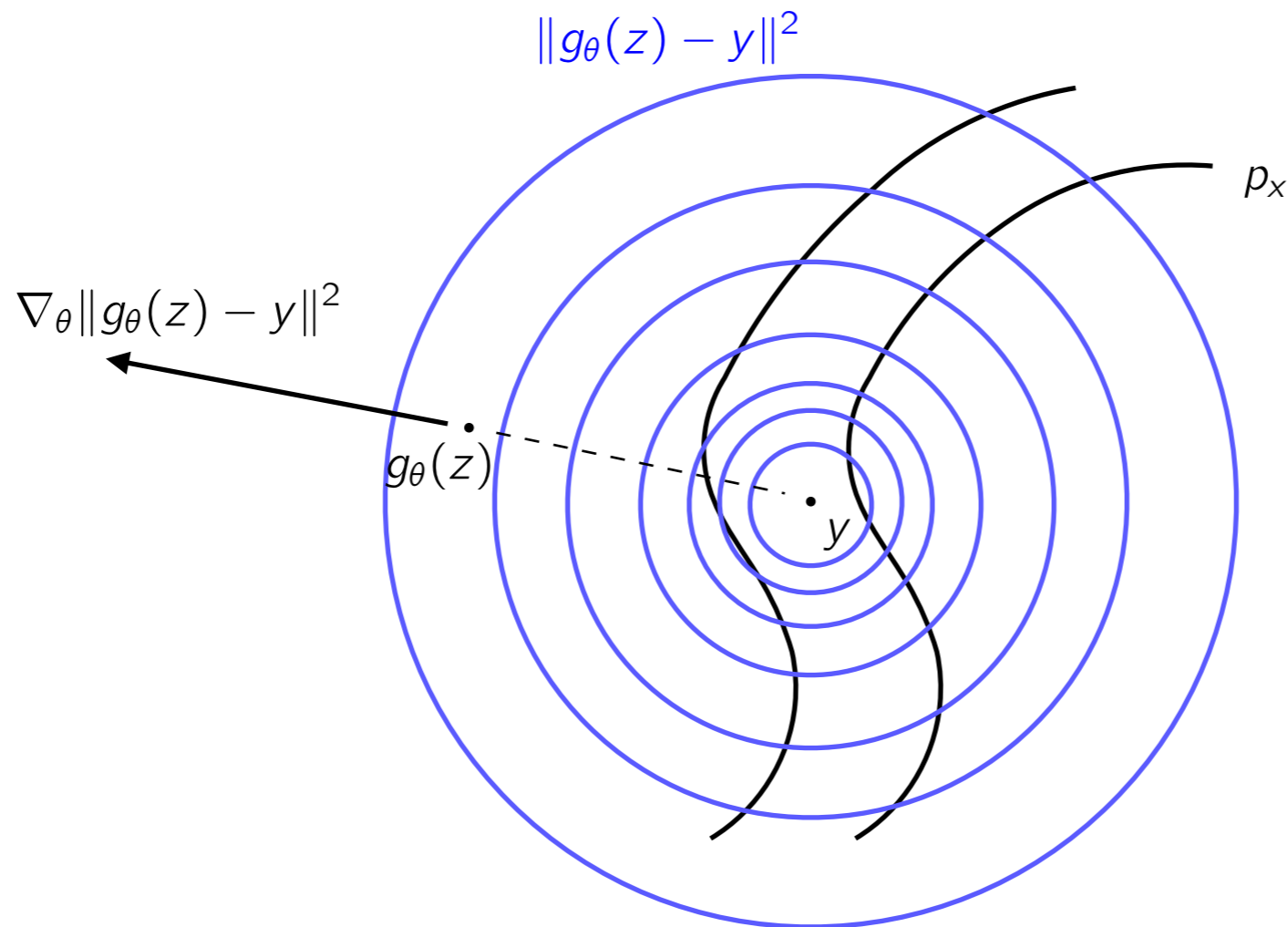
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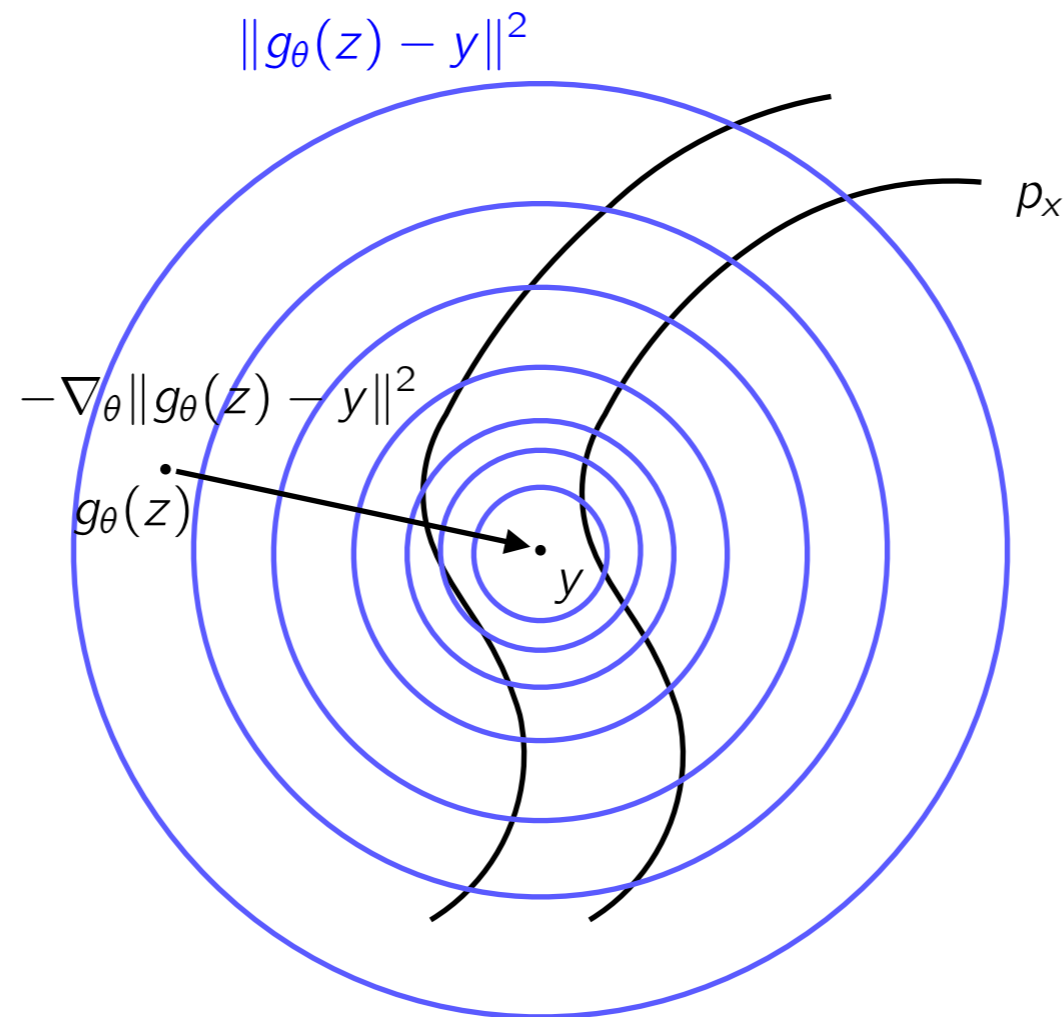
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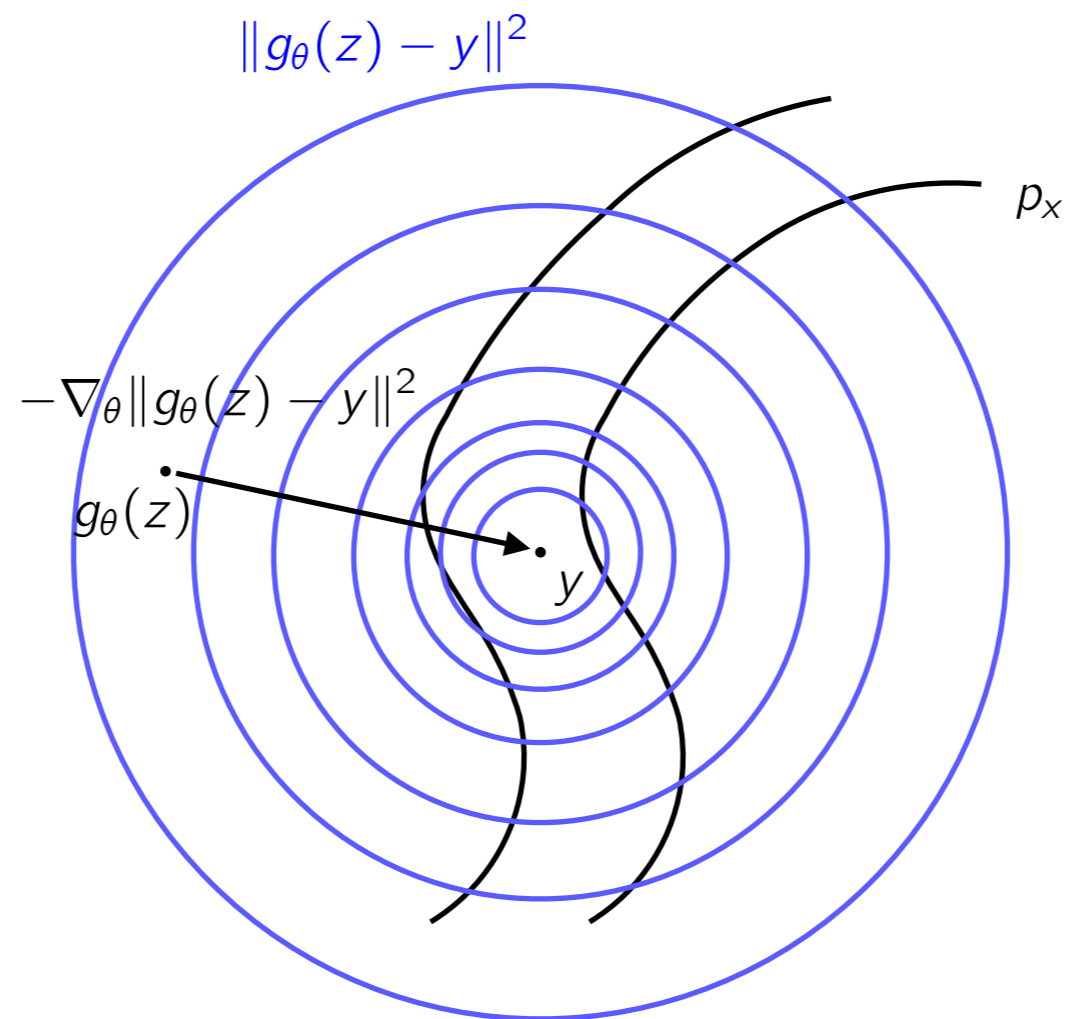
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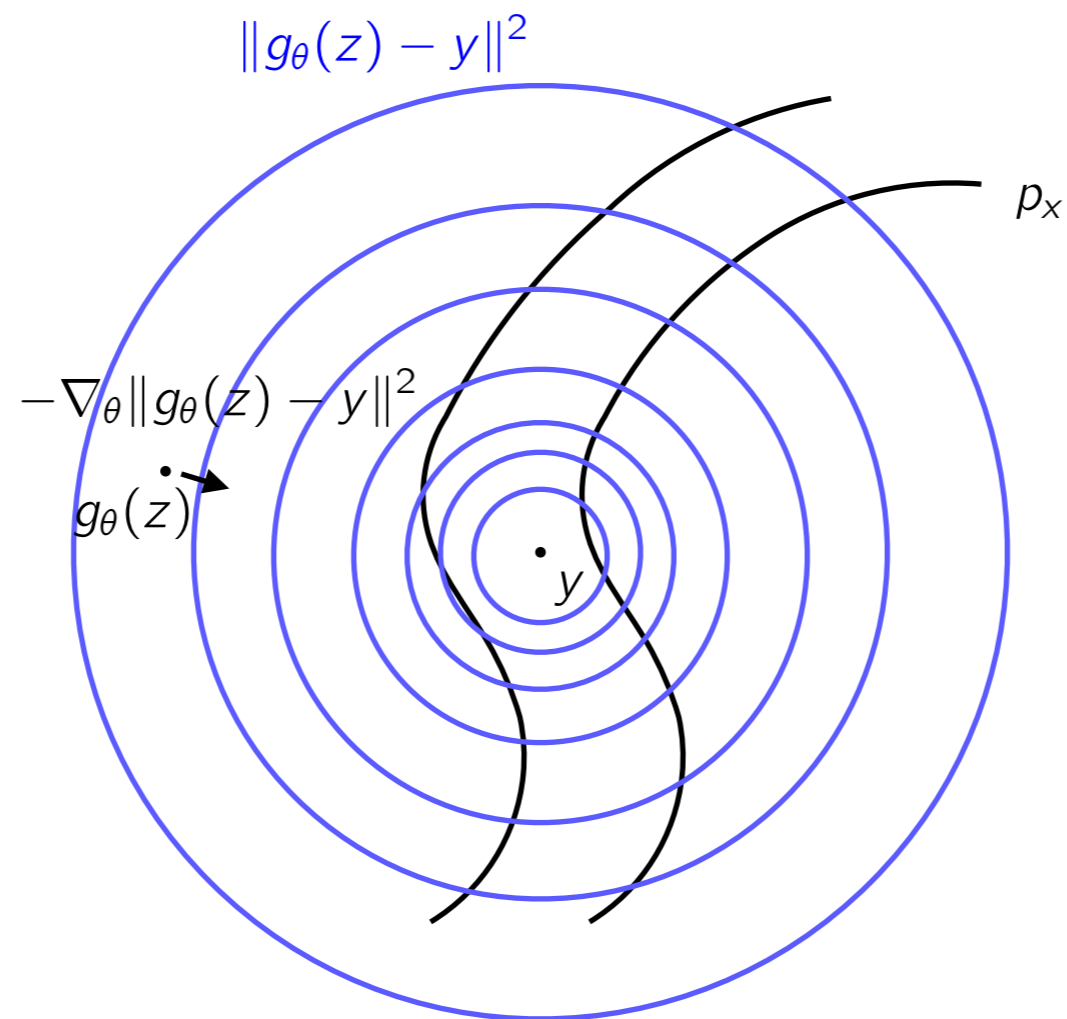


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The overall effect is to move generated points close to the data manifold (ATTRACTION TO HIGH DENSITY)

Interpretation

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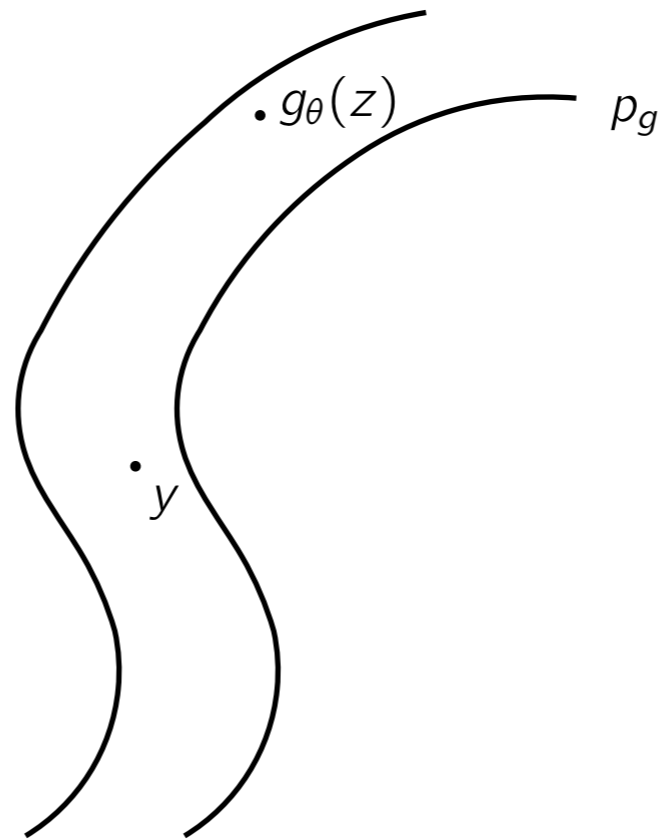


Assumption:
 $\sigma \rightarrow 0, p_{\epsilon}(g_{\theta}(z) - y) \simeq 0$

VANISHING GRADIENTS

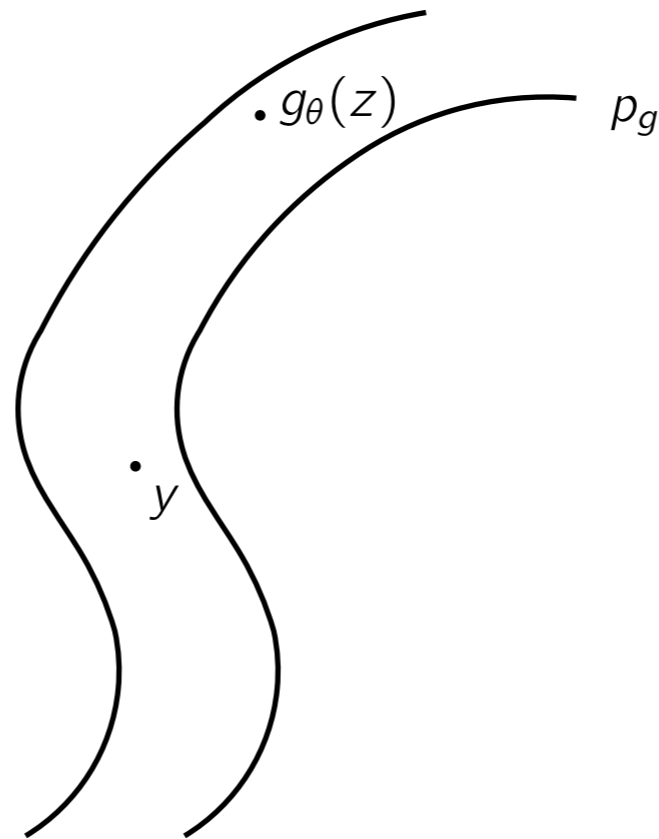
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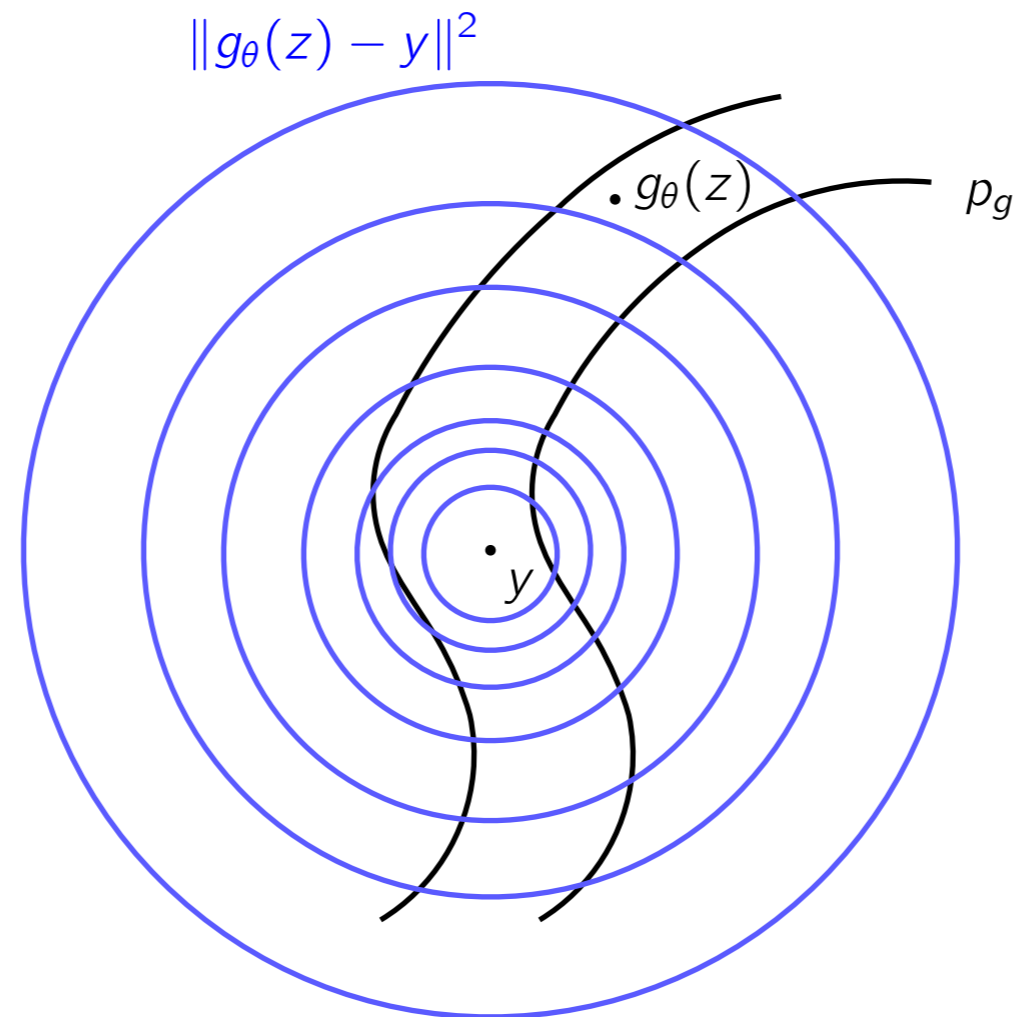
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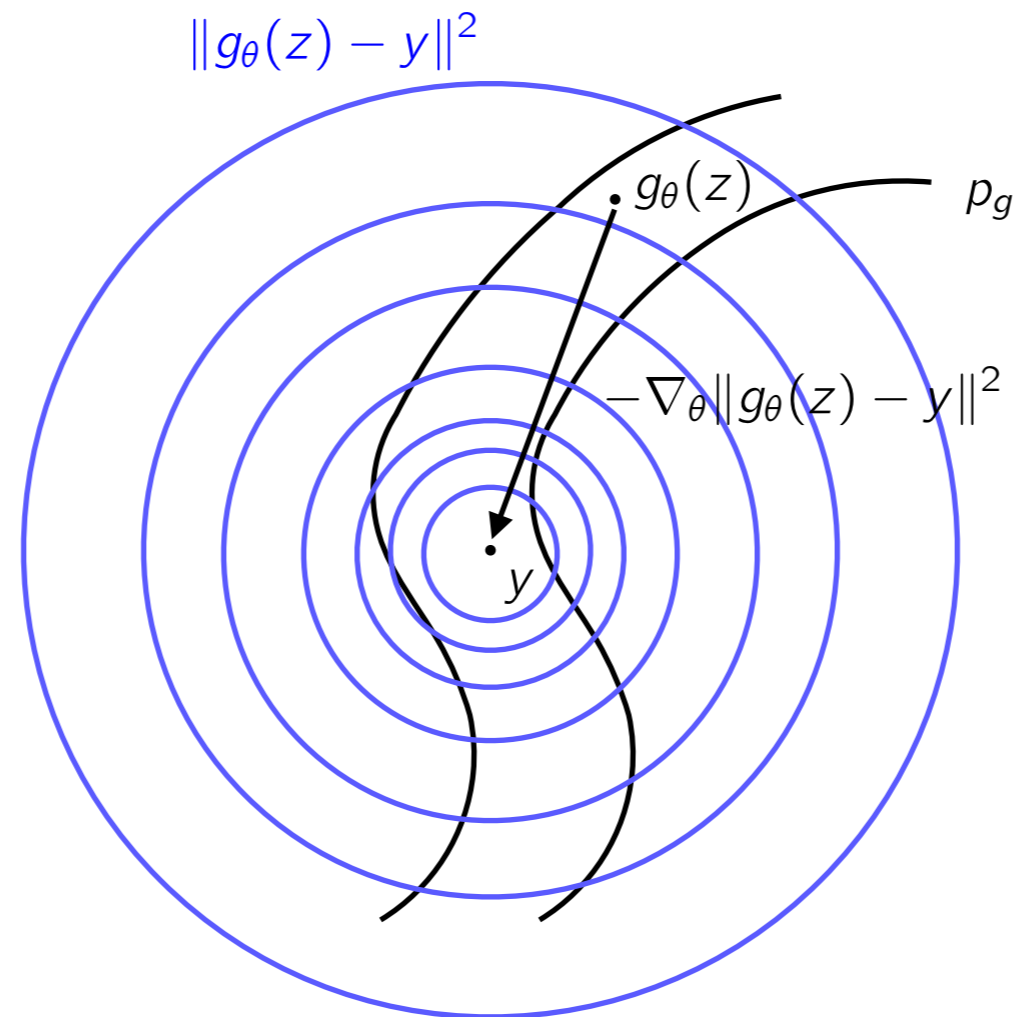
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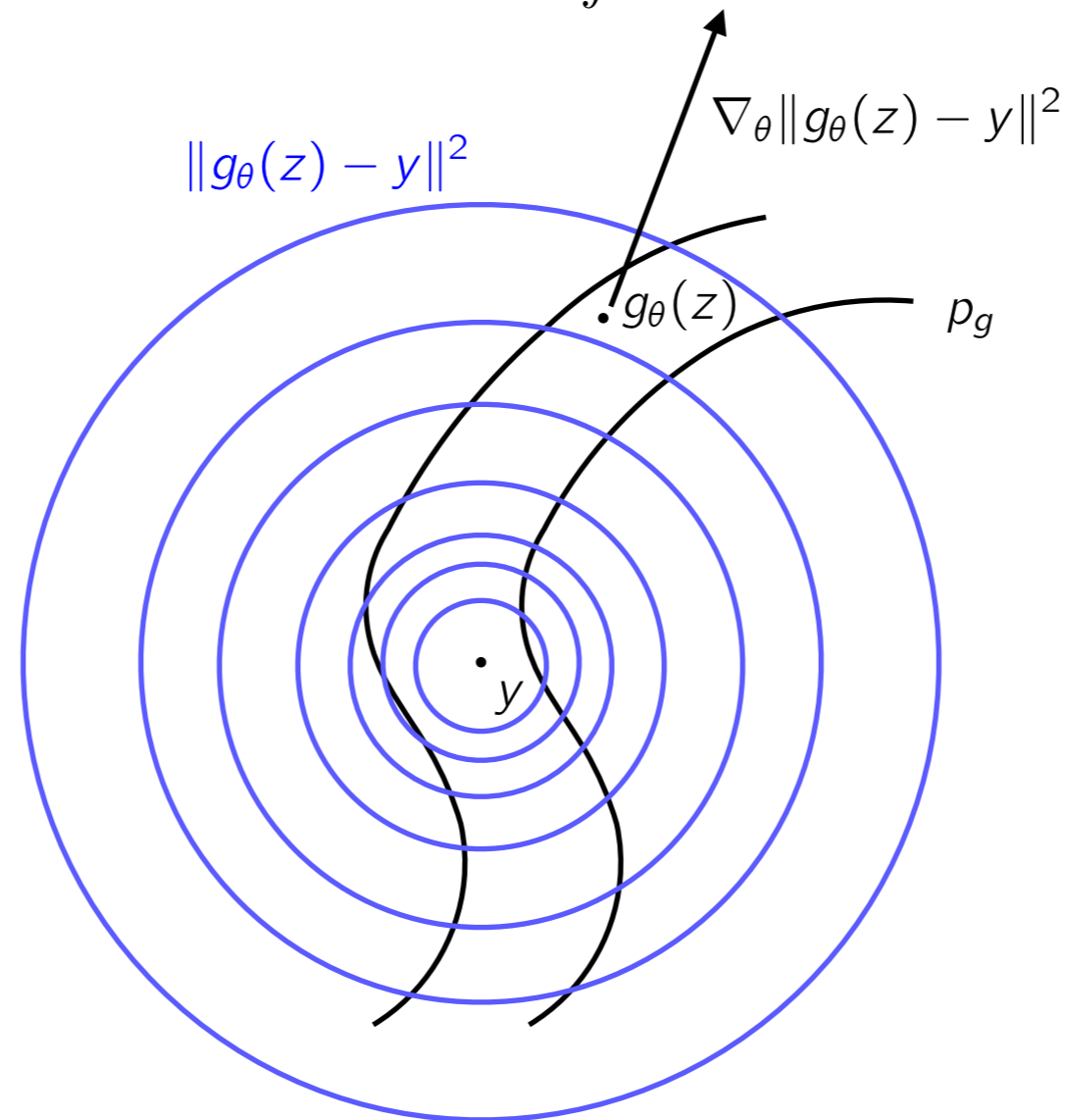
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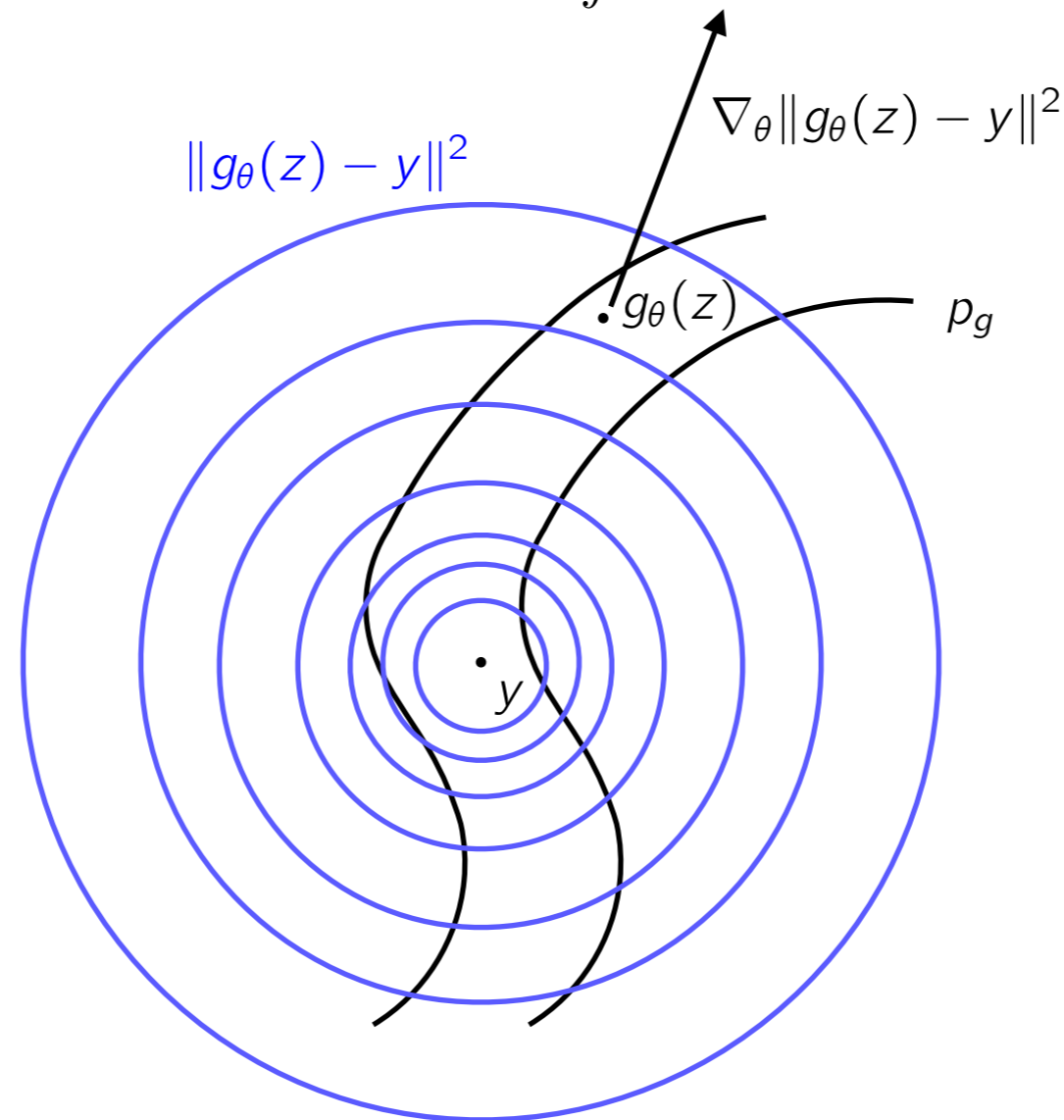
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The overall effect is to stretch the generated manifold
 (STRETCHING HIGH DENSITY REGIONS)

Interpretation

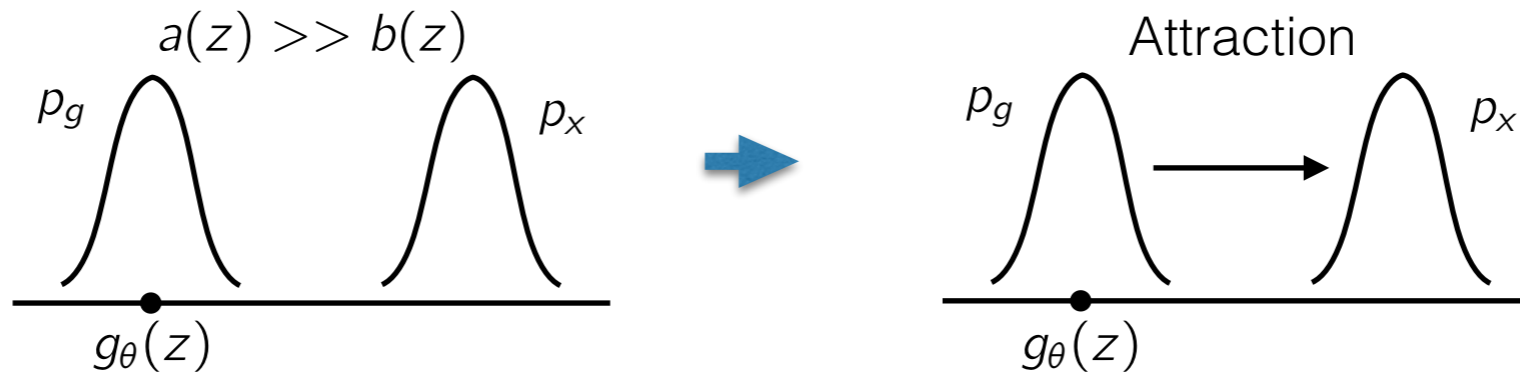
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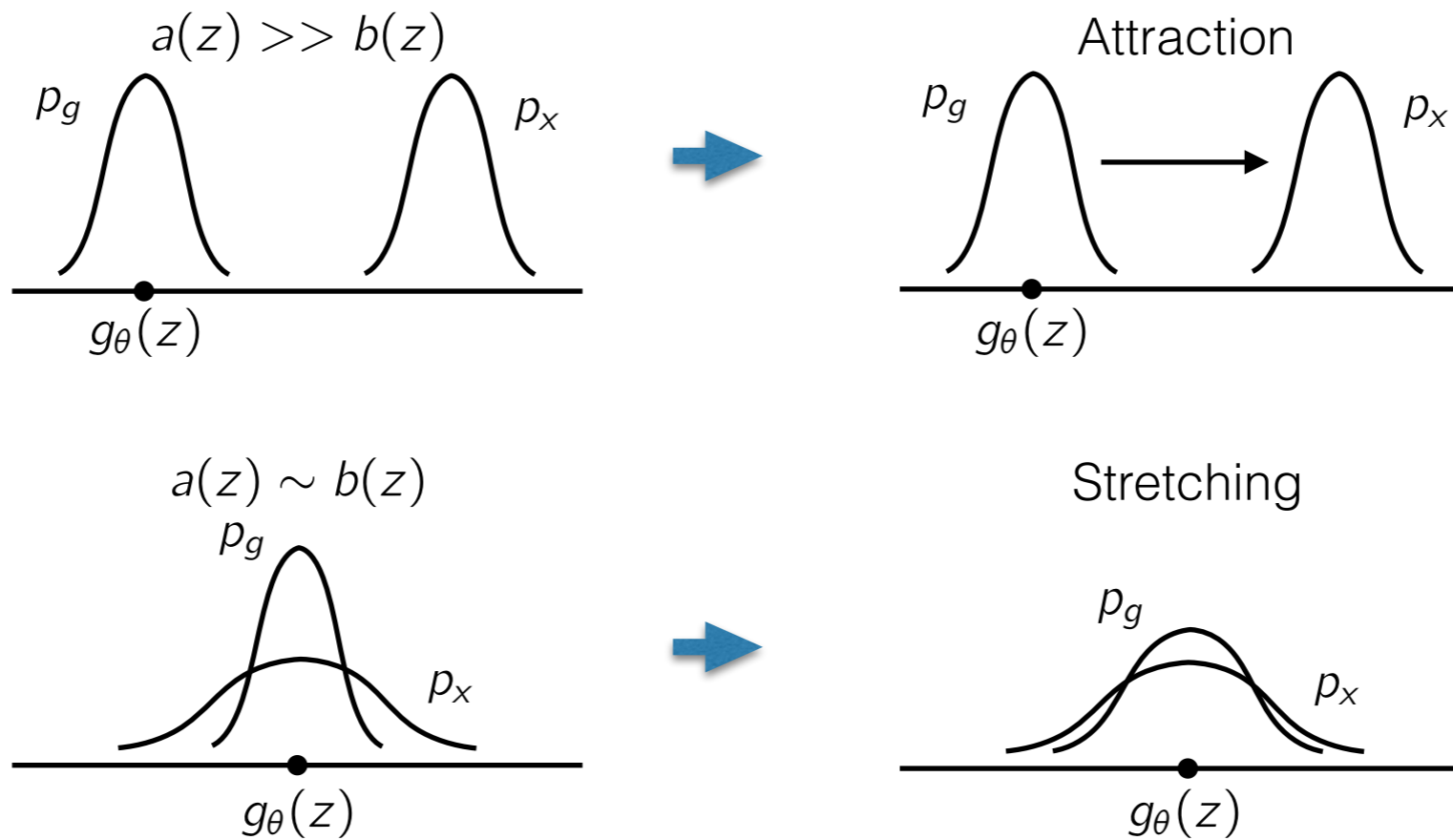
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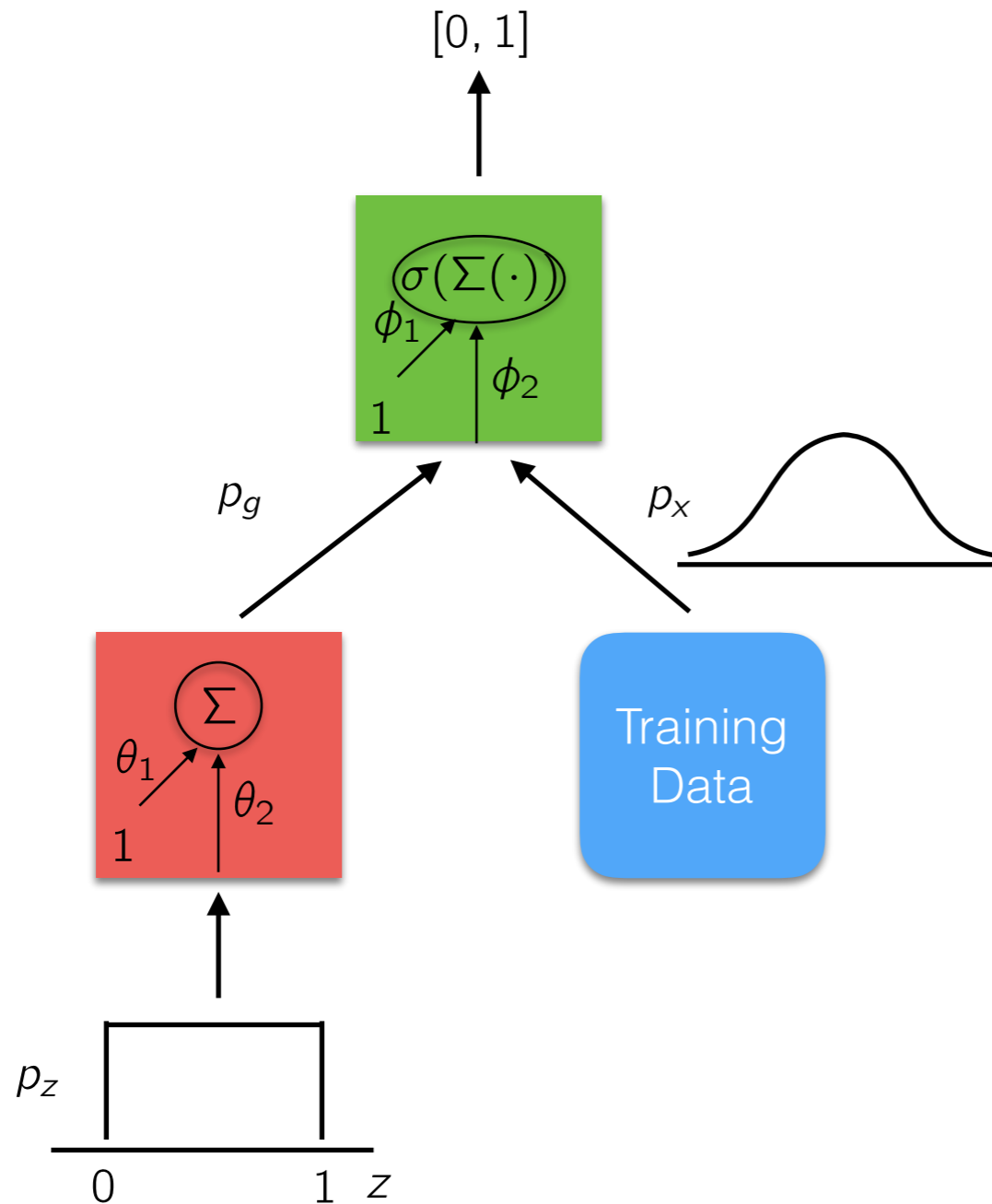
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DEMO

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Normal:

GAMES = 1500

DISCRIMINATOR_STEPS = 1

GENERATOR_STEPS = 1

Strong discriminator:

GAMES = 100

DISCRIMINATOR_STEPS = 600

GENERATOR_STEPS = 1

Strong generator:

GAMES = 10

DISCRIMINATOR_STEPS = 1

GENERATOR_STEPS = 600

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