

The maximum mean discrepancy and Generative Adversarial Networks

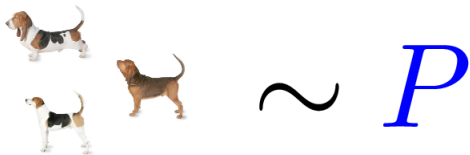
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A motivation: comparing two samples

- Given: Samples from unknown distributions P and Q .
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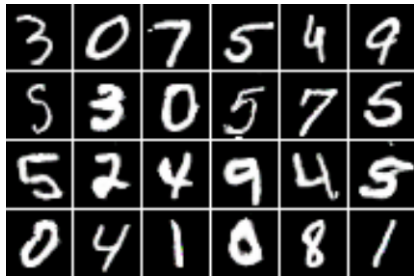
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A real-life example: two-sample tests

- Have: Two collections of samples X, Y from unknown distributions P and Q .
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MNIST samples

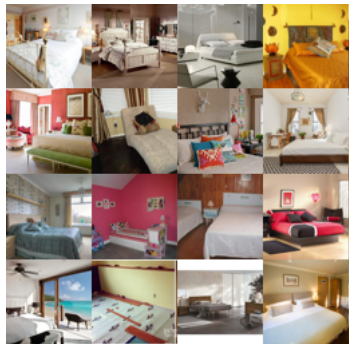


Samples from a GAN

Significant difference in GAN and MNIST?

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

Training generative models

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A portrait created by AI just sold for \$432,000. But is it really art?

An image of Edmond de Belamy, created by a computer, has just been sold at Christie's. But no algorithm can capture our complex human consciousness



▲ Portrait of Edmond de Belamy at Christie's in New York. Photograph: Timothy A Clary/AFP/Getty Images

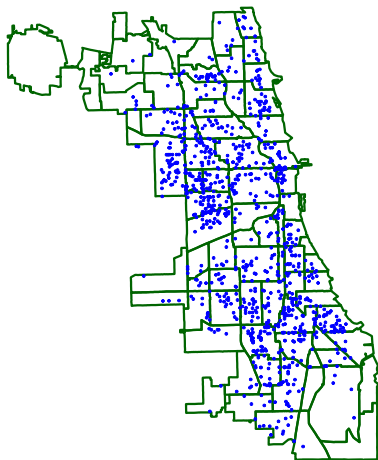
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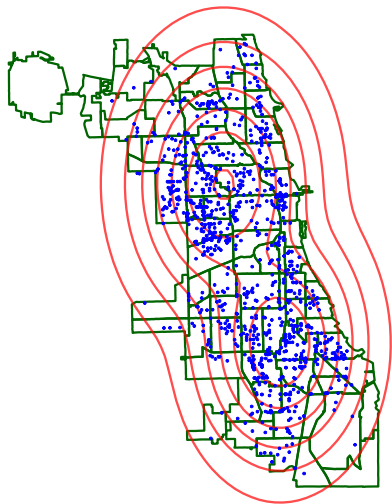
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Model is Gaussian mixture with **two** components. Is this a good model?

Testing statistical dependence

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

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

Text from dogtime.com and petfinder.com

Outline

- Measures of distance between distributions...
 - Difference in feature means
 - Integral probability metrics (not just a technicality!)

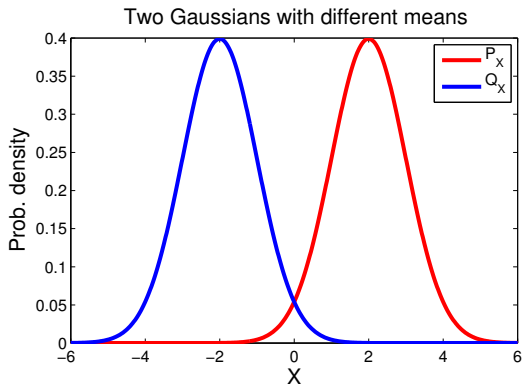
- Statistical testing to compare samples from P and Q

- GAN critic design (if time)
 - Gradient regularisation and data adaptivity

Differences in distributions

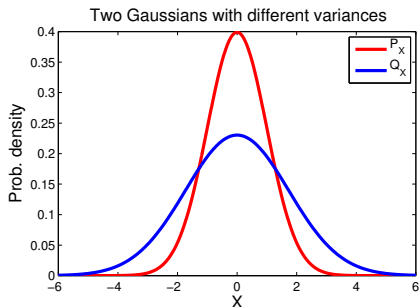
Feature mean difference

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



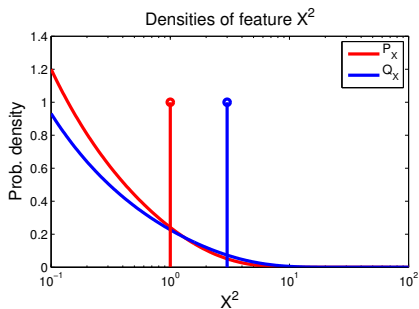
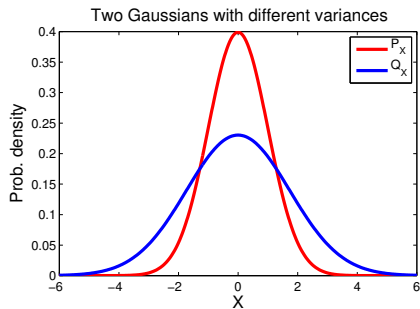
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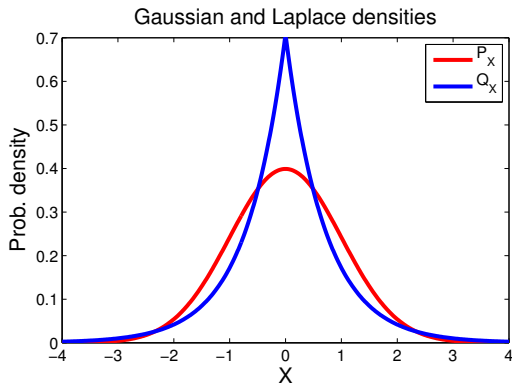
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- Gaussian and Laplace distributions
- Same mean *and* same variance
- Difference in means using **higher order features**...RKHS



Infinitely many features using kernels

**Kernels: dot products
of features**

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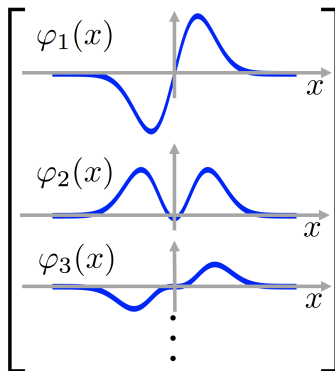
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Exponentiated quadratic kernel

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

$$\varphi(x) =$$



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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 $k(\text{fish}_i, \text{fish}_j)$

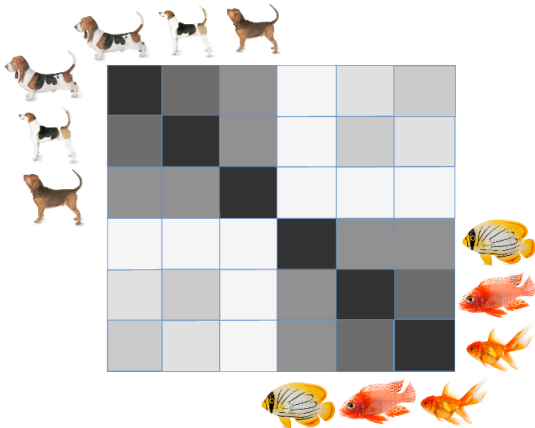
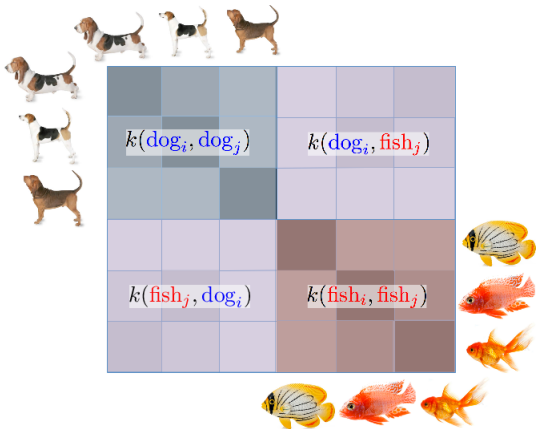


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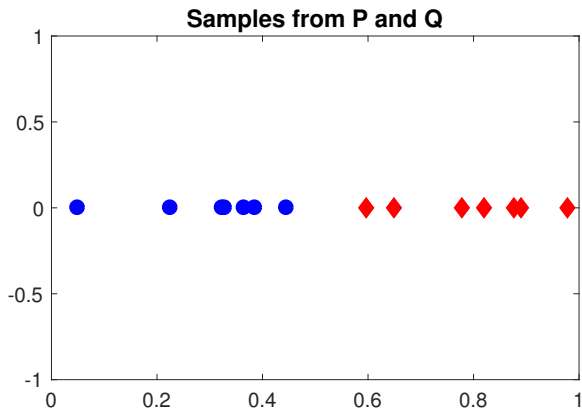
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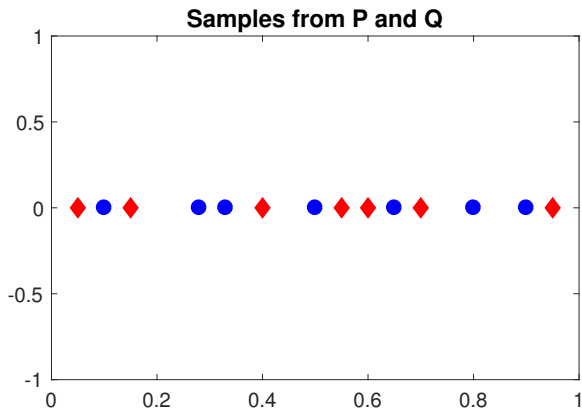
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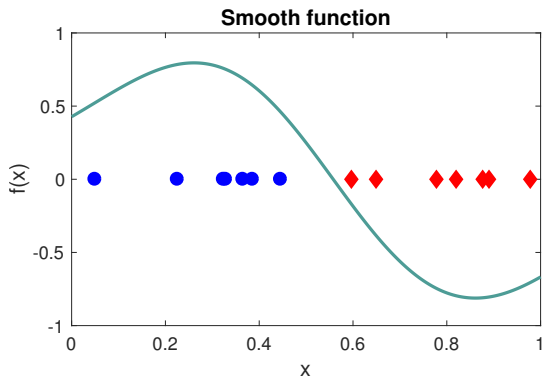


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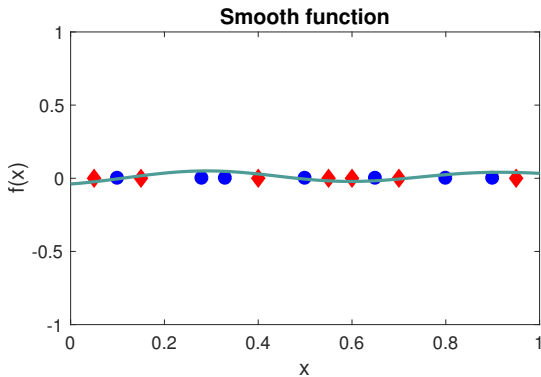


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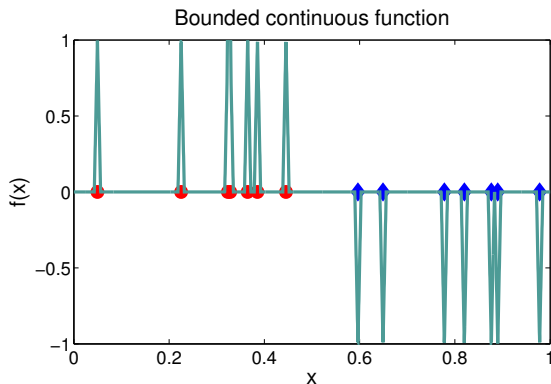
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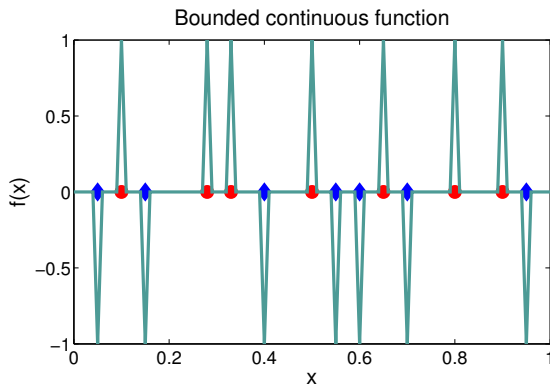
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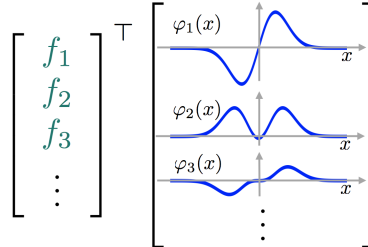
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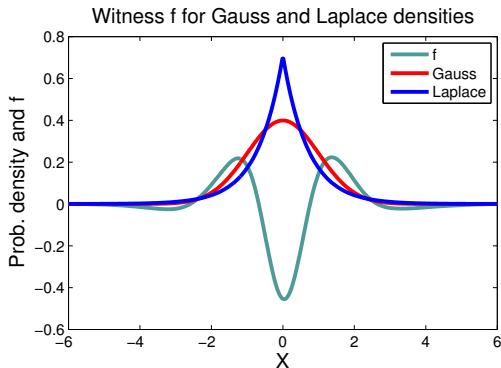
$$f(x) = \langle f, \varphi(x) \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} f_{\ell} \varphi_{\ell}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(x) \\ \varphi_2(x) \\ \varphi_3(x) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

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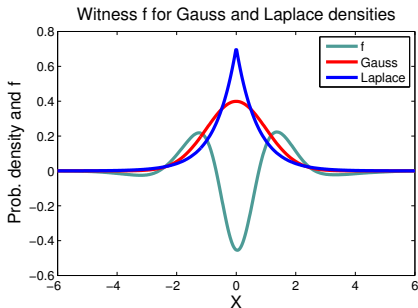
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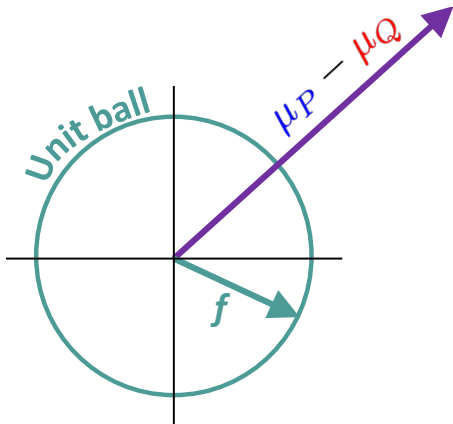
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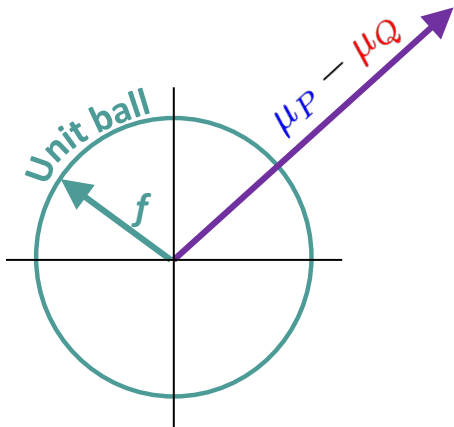
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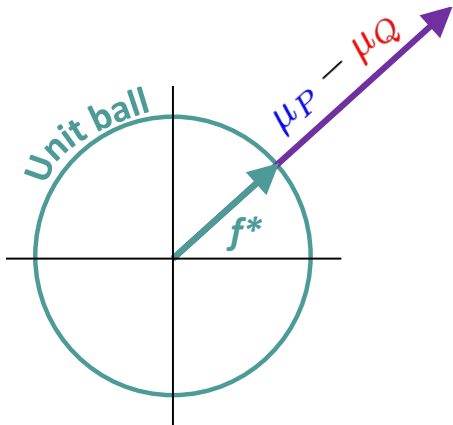
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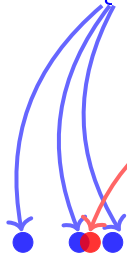
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Function view and feature view equivalent
(kernel case only)

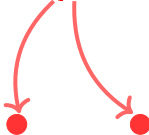
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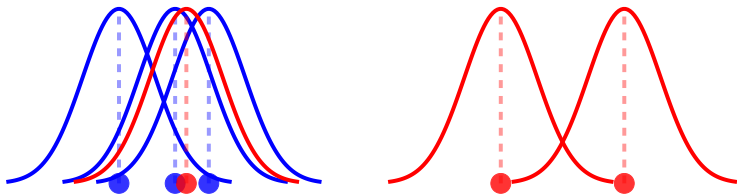


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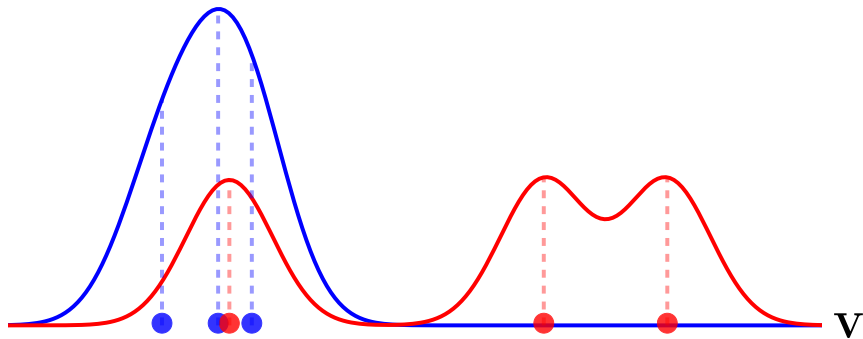
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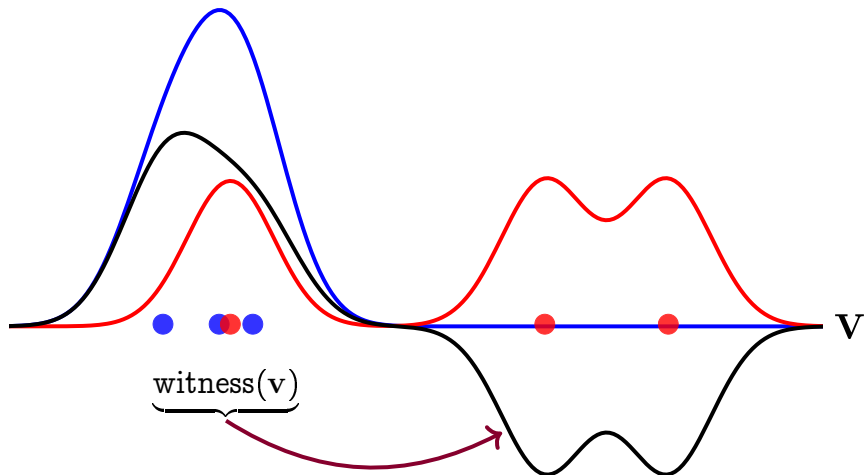
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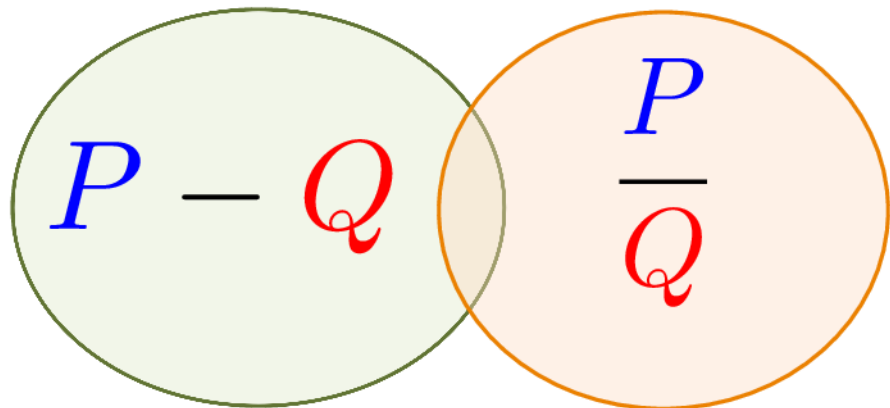
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Don't need explicit feature coefficients $f^* := \begin{bmatrix} f_1^* & f_2^* & \dots \end{bmatrix}$

Interlude: divergence measures

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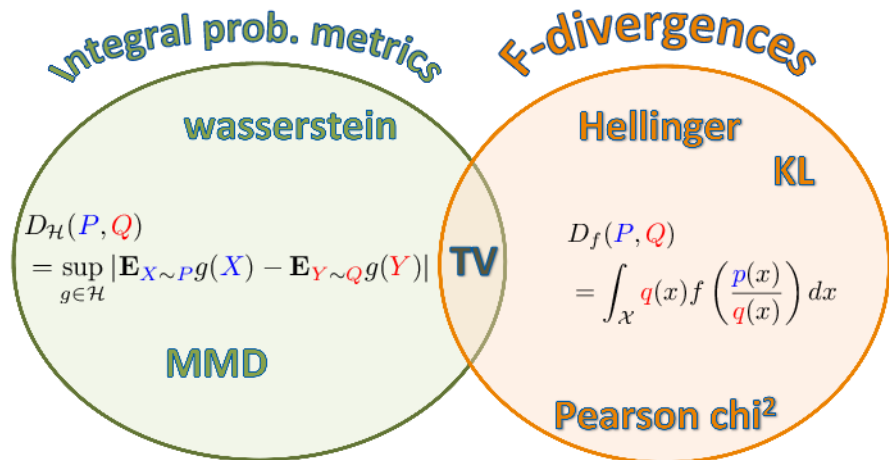
Hellinger

KL

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Pearson χ^2

Divergences



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

Two-Sample Testing with MMD

A statistical test using MMD

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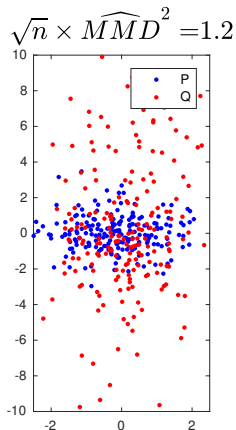
Want **Threshold** c_α for \widehat{MMD}^2 to get **false positive rate** α

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

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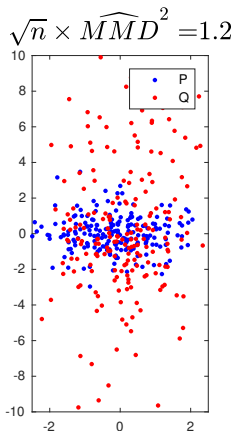
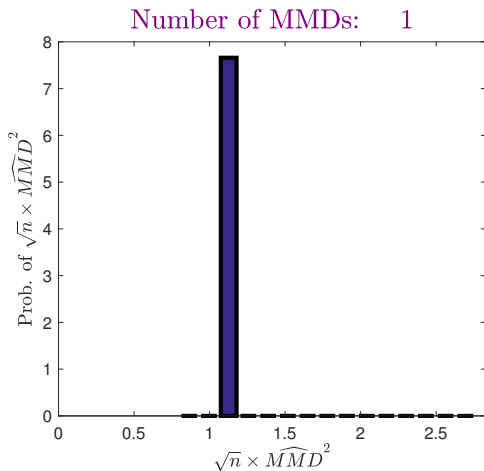


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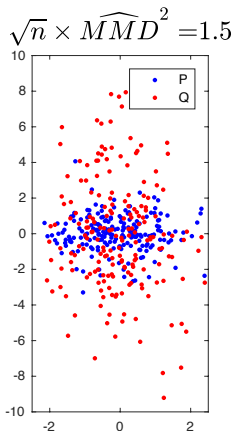
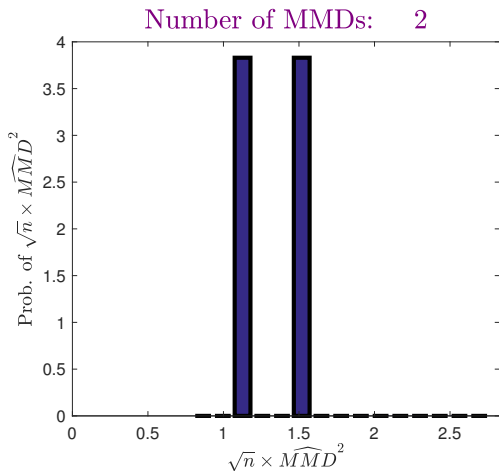


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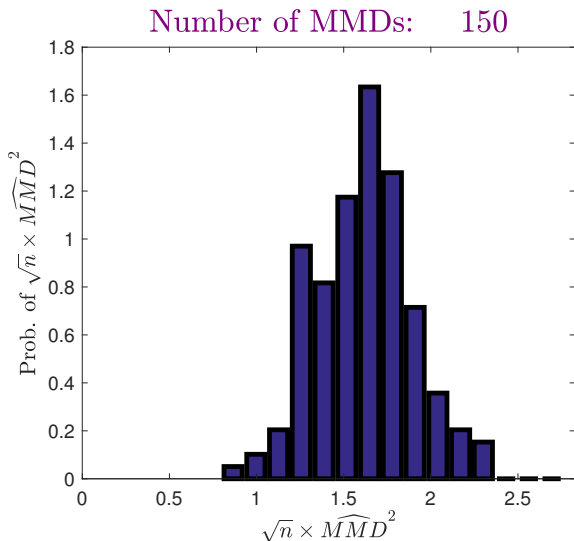
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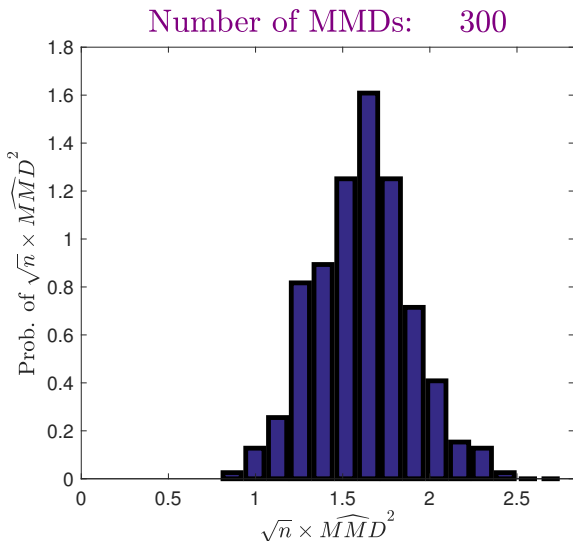
Behaviour of \widehat{MMD}^2 when $P \neq Q$

Repeat this 150 times ...



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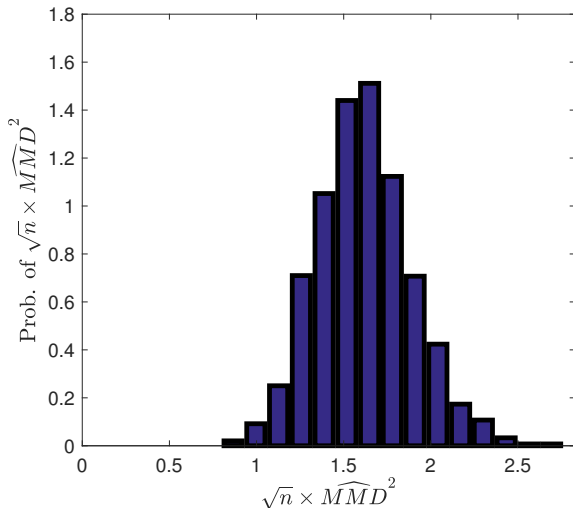
Repeat this 300 times ...



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

Repeat this 3000 times ...

Number of MMDs: 3000



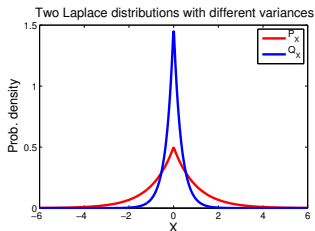
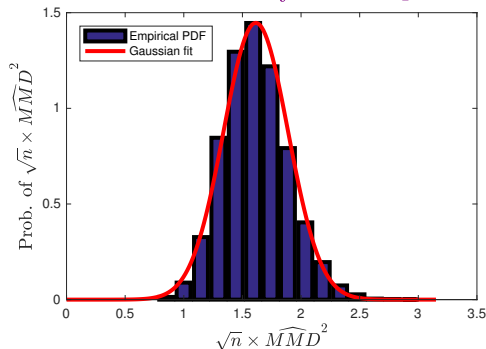
Asymptotics of \widehat{MMD}^2 when $P \neq Q$

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

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

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

MMD density under \mathcal{H}_1

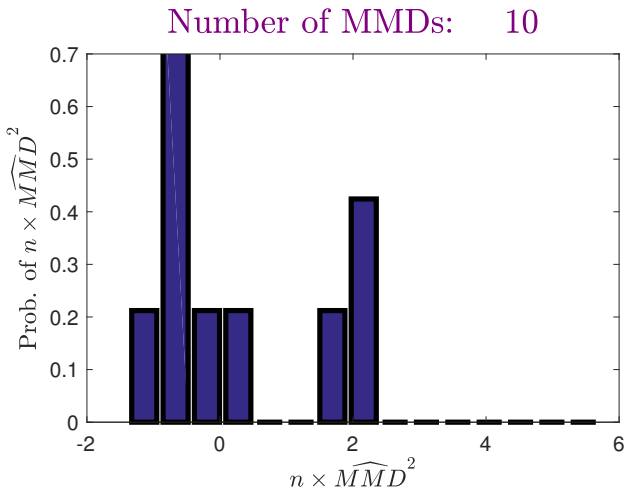


Behaviour of \widehat{MMD}^2 when $P = Q$

What happens when P and Q are the same?

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

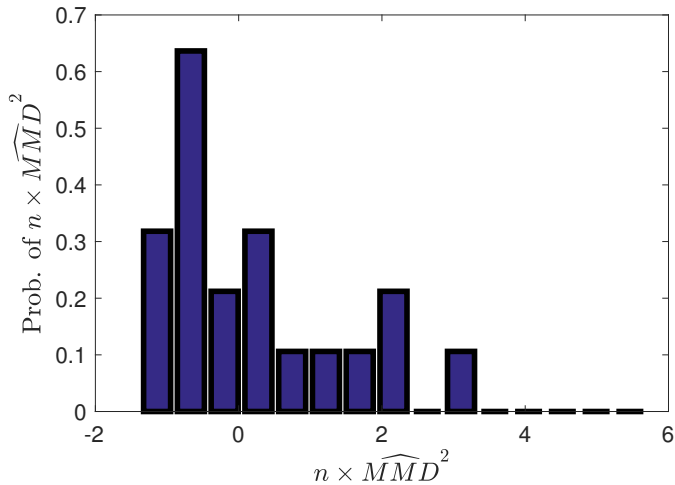
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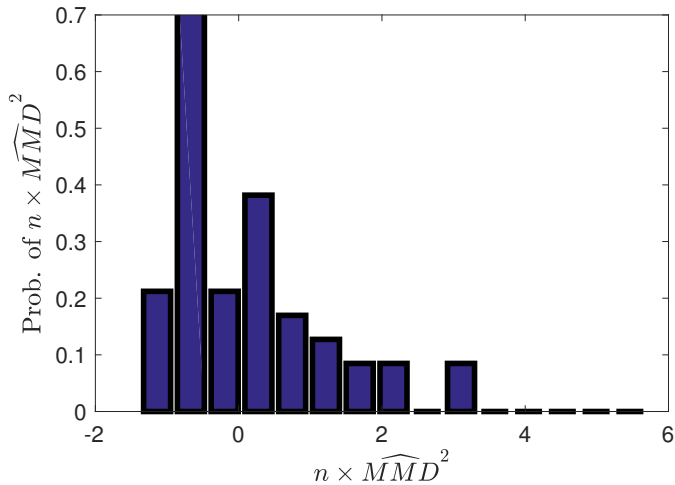
Number of MMDs: 20



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

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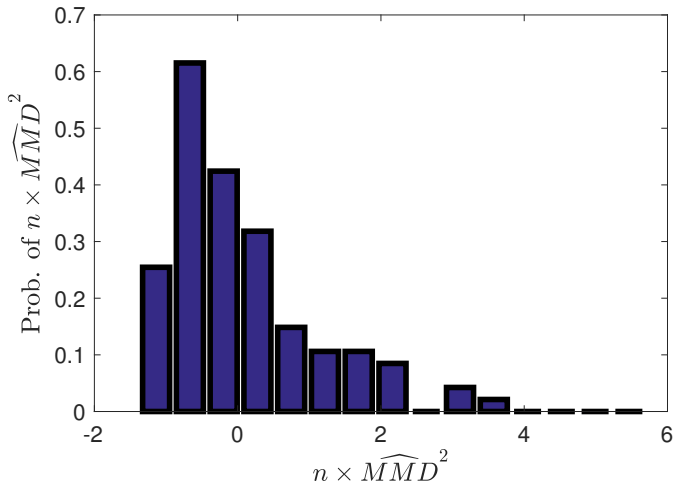
Number of MMDs: 50



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

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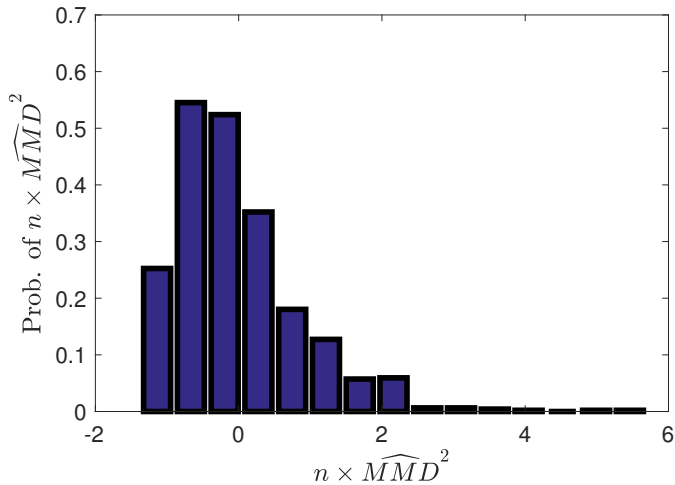
Number of MMDs: 100



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

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Number of MMDs: 1000



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

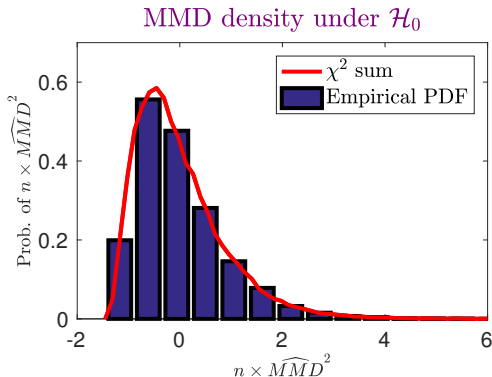
Where $P = Q$, statistic has asymptotic distribution

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

where

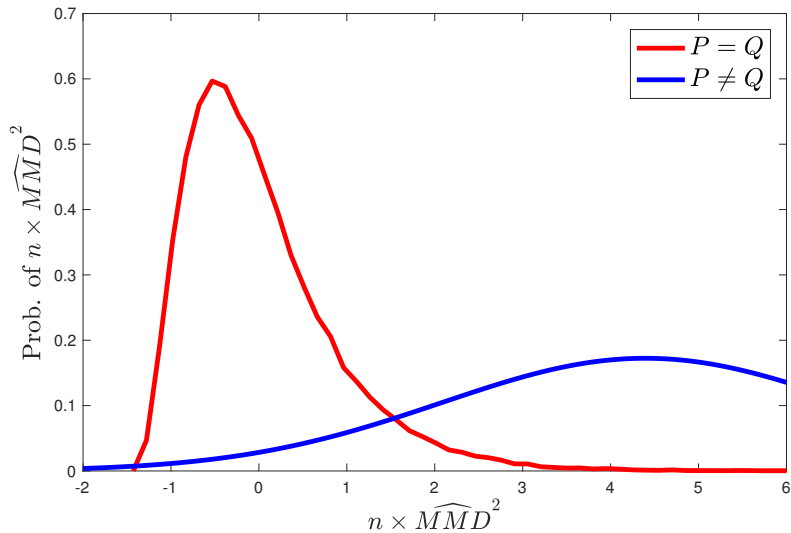
$$\lambda_i \psi_i(x') = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \underbrace{\tilde{k}(x, x')}_{\text{centred}} \psi_i(x) dP(x)$$

$$z_l \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 2) \quad \text{i.i.d.}$$



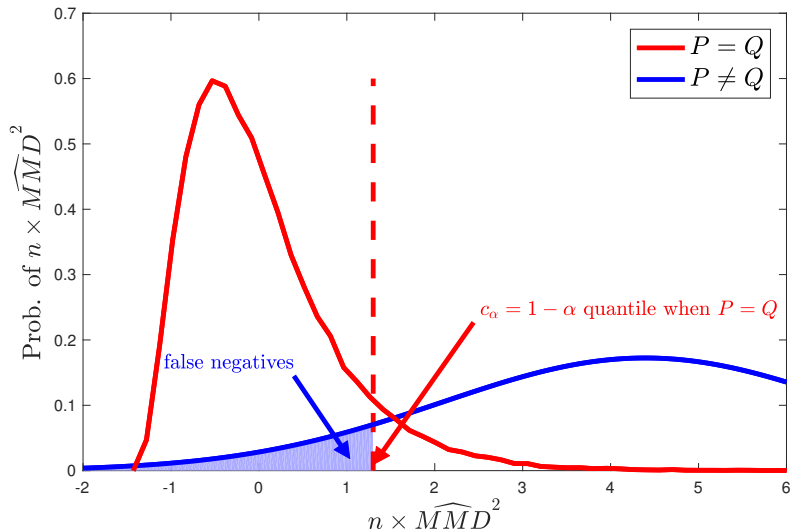
A statistical test

A summary of the asymptotics:



A statistical test

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



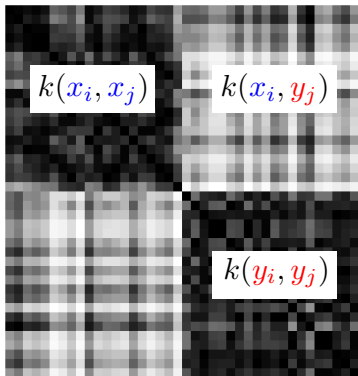
How do we get test threshold c_α ?

Original empirical MMD for dogs and fish:

$$X = \left[\text{dog} \quad \text{dog} \quad \text{dog} \quad \dots \right]$$

$$Y = \left[\text{fish} \quad \text{fish} \quad \text{fish} \quad \dots \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{MMD}^2 &= \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} k(x_i, x_j) \\ &+ \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} k(y_i, y_j) \\ &- \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{i,j} k(x_i, y_j) \end{aligned}$$



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Permuted dog and fish samples (**merdogs**):

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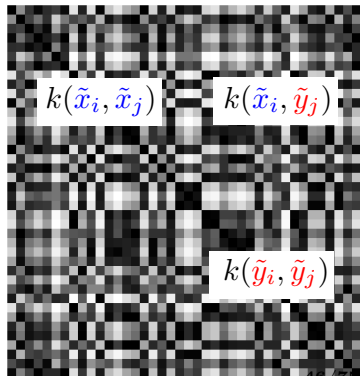
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Permutation simulates

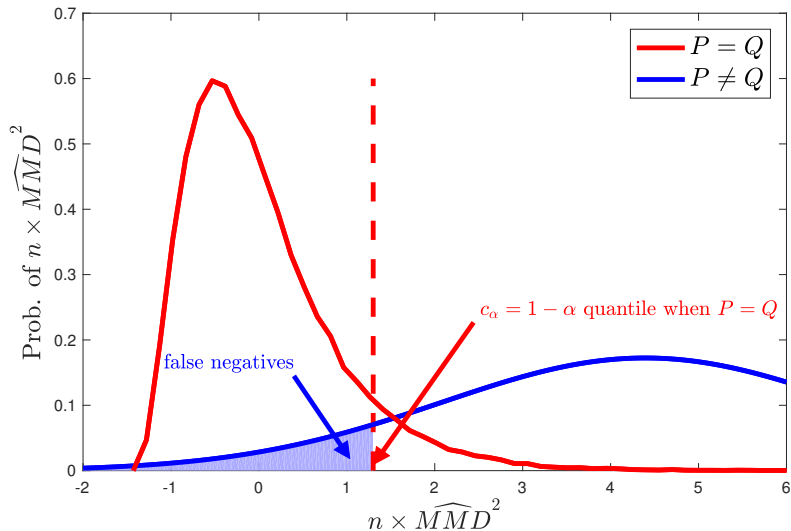
$$P = Q$$



Application: GAN quality evaluation

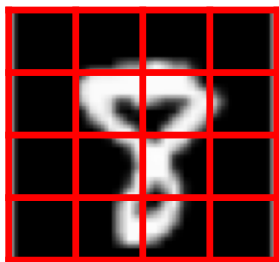
Maximising test power: graphical illustration

- Maximising test power same as minimizing false negatives



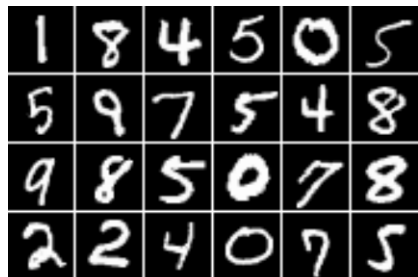
The ARD kernel

σ_1	σ_2	σ_3
σ_i	σ_{i+1}	σ_{i+2}

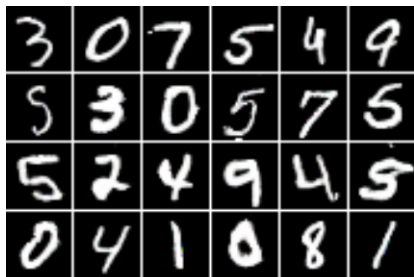


$$k(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = \prod_{i=1}^D \exp \left(\frac{-\left(\mathbf{y}[i] - \mathbf{z}[i] \right)^2}{\sigma_i^2} \right)$$

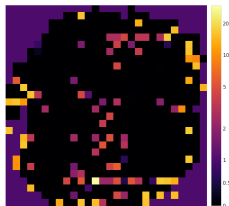
Troubleshooting for generative adversarial networks



MNIST samples



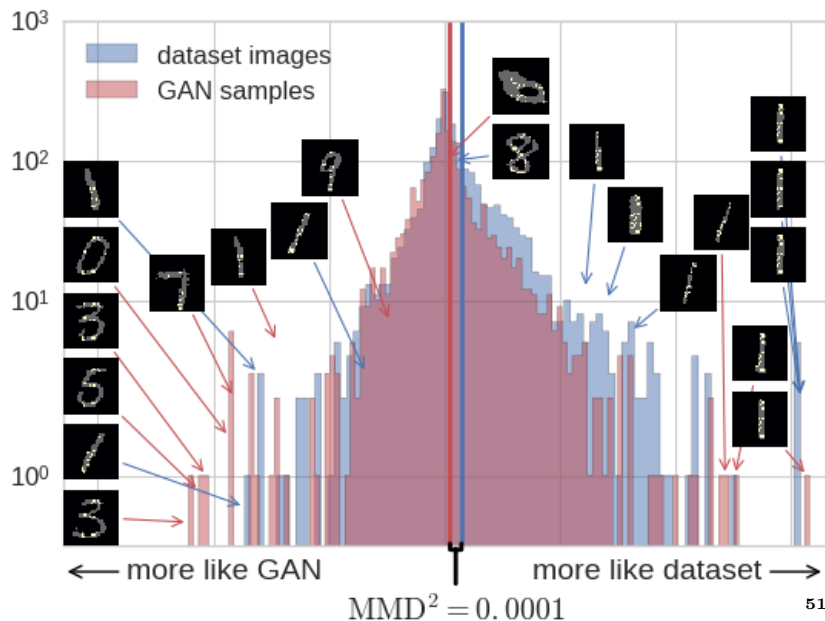
Samples from a GAN



ARD map

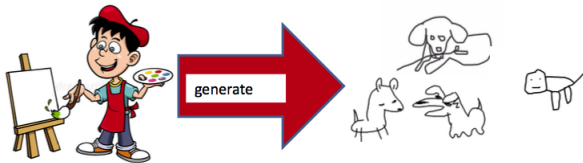
- Power for **optimized ARD kernel**: 1.00 at $\alpha = 0.01$
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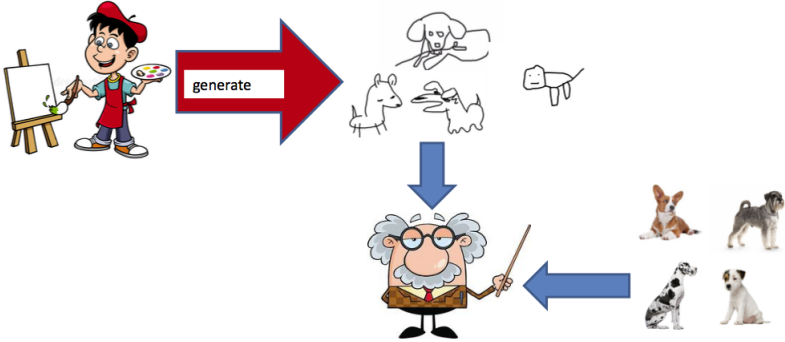


Training Generative Adversarial Networks

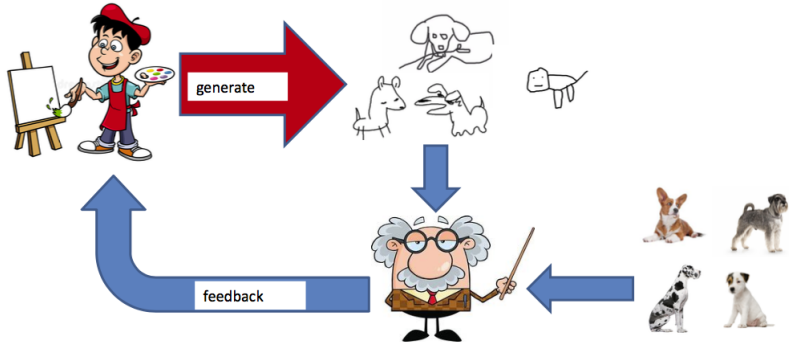
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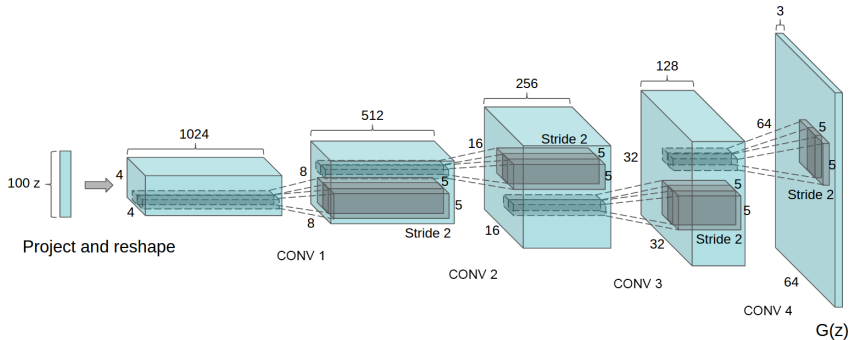
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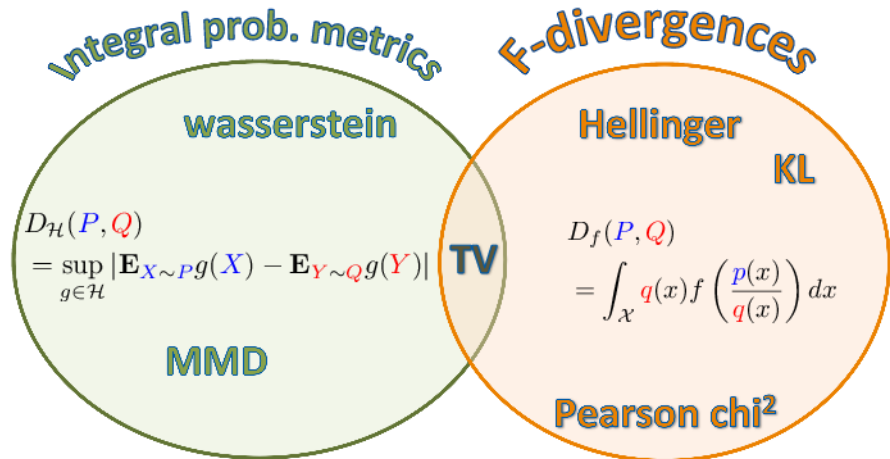


What I *won't* cover: the generator



Radford, Metz, Chintala, ICLR 2016

Choices of critic



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

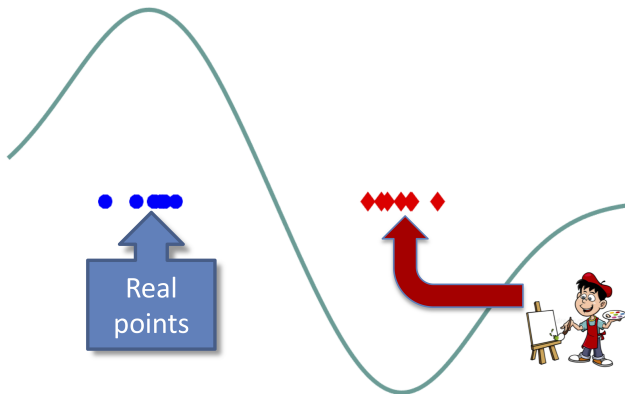
MMD as critic



A helpful critic witness:

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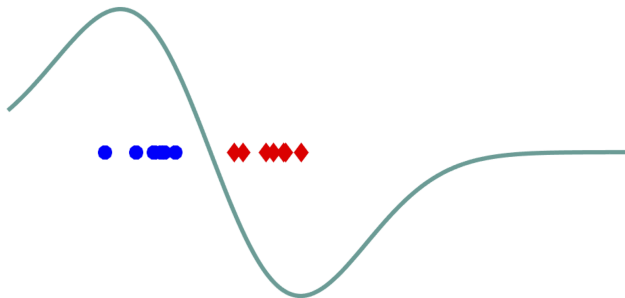
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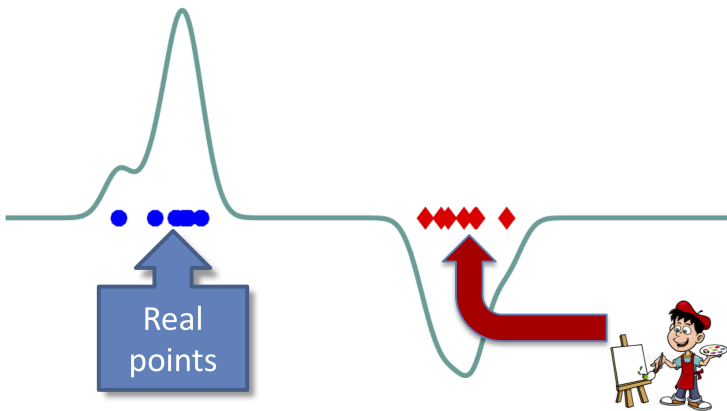


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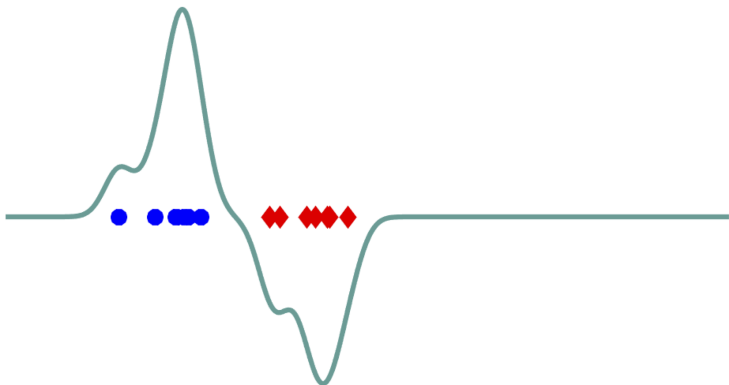


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MMD for GAN critic

Can you use **MMD** as a **critic** to train GANs?

From ICML 2015:

Generative Moment Matching Networks

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Training generative neural networks via Maximum Mean Discrepancy optimization

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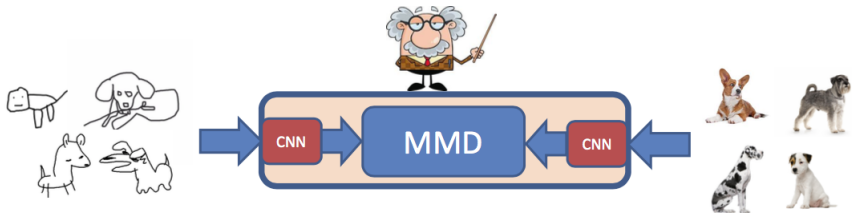
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Need better image features.

CNN features for an MMD witness

- Add convolutional features!
- The **critic** (teacher) also needs to be trained.



$$\mathcal{K}(x, y) = h_{\psi}^{\top}(x)h_{\psi}(y)$$

where $h_{\psi}(x)$ is a CNN map:

- **Wasserstein GAN** Arjovsky et al. [ICML 2017]
- **WGAN-GP** Gulrajani et al. [NeurIPS 2017]

$$\mathcal{K}(x, y) = k(h_{\psi}(x), h_{\psi}(y))$$

where $h_{\psi}(x)$ is a CNN map,

k is e.g. an exponentiated quadratic kernel

MMD Li et al., [NeurIPS 2017]

Cramer Bellemare et al. [2017]

Coulomb Unterthiner et al., [ICLR 2018]

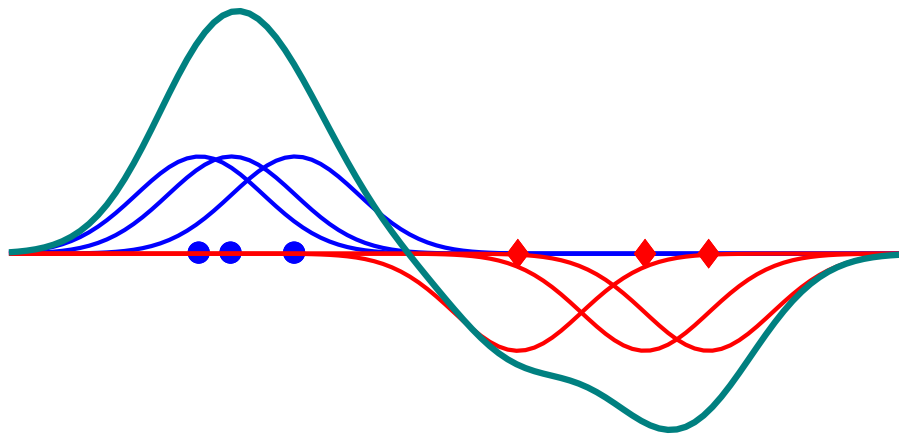
Demystifying MMD GANs Binko et al., [ICLR 2018]

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Witness function, kernels on deep features

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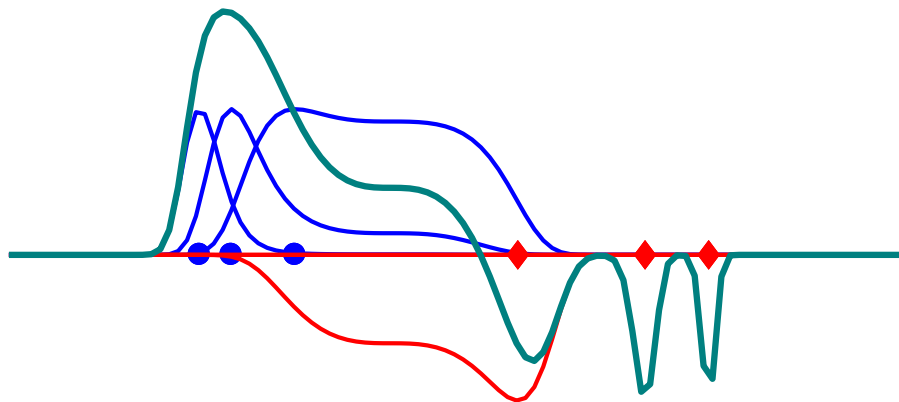
$k(x, y)$ is exponentiated quadratic



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$k(h_\psi(x), h_\psi(y))$ with neural network h_ψ and exp. quadratic k



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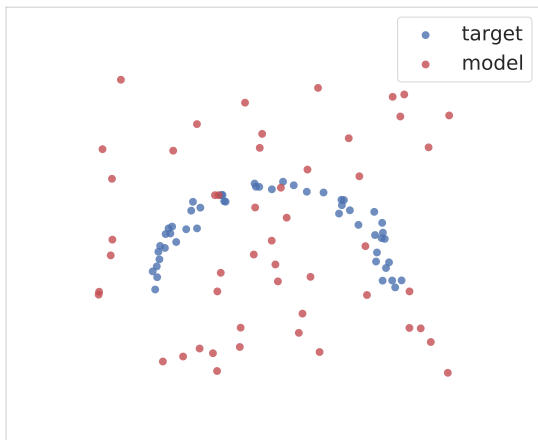
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Relation with test power?

If the MMD with kernel $k(h_\psi(x), h_\psi(y))$ gives a powerful test, will it be a good critic?

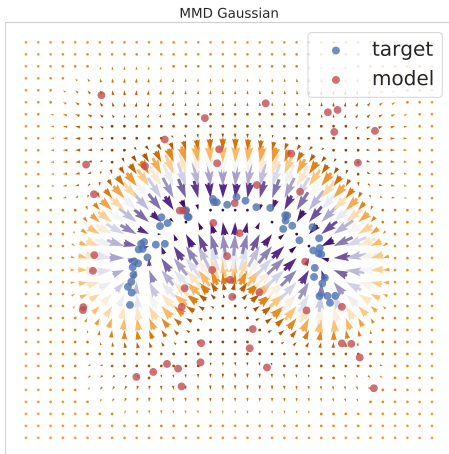
A simple 2-D example

Samples from **target** P and **model** Q



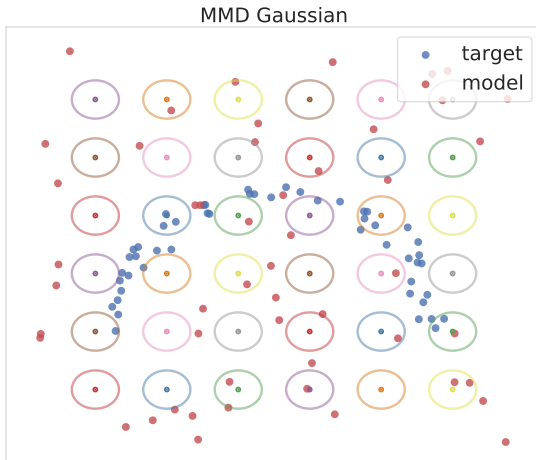
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Witness gradient, MMD with exp. quad. kernel $k(x, y)$



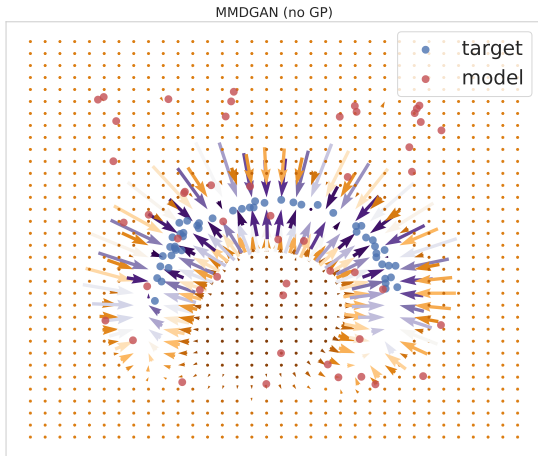
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What the kernels $k(x, y)$ look like



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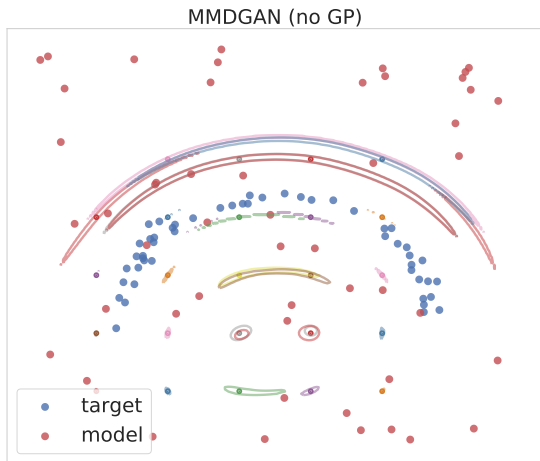
Witness gradient, **maximise MMD** to learn $h_{\psi}(x)$ for $k(h_{\psi}(x), h_{\psi}(y))$



(4 layer, fully connected, RELU, skipthrough 1-4, **early stage**)

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On gradient regularizers for MMD GANs

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Maximise scaled MMD over critic features:

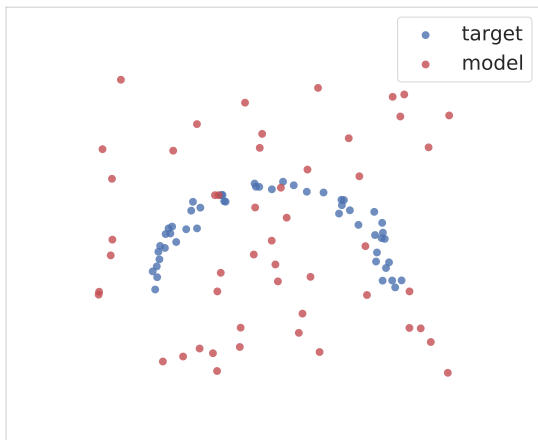
$$SMMD(P, \lambda) = \sigma_{P, \lambda} MMD$$

where

$$\sigma_{P, \lambda}^2 = \lambda + \int k(h_\psi(x), h_\psi(x)) dP(x) + \sum_{i=1}^d \int \partial_i \partial_{i+d} k(h_\psi(x), h_\psi(x)) dP(x)$$

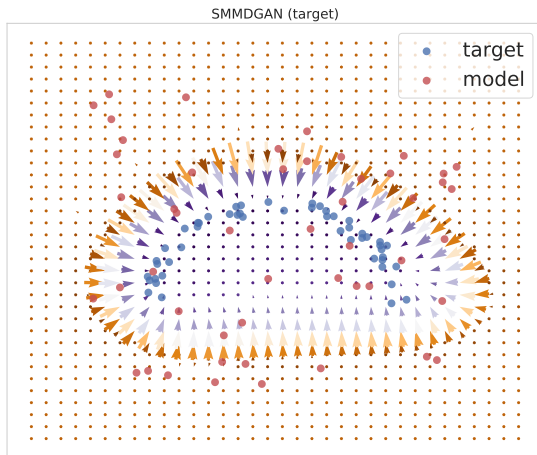
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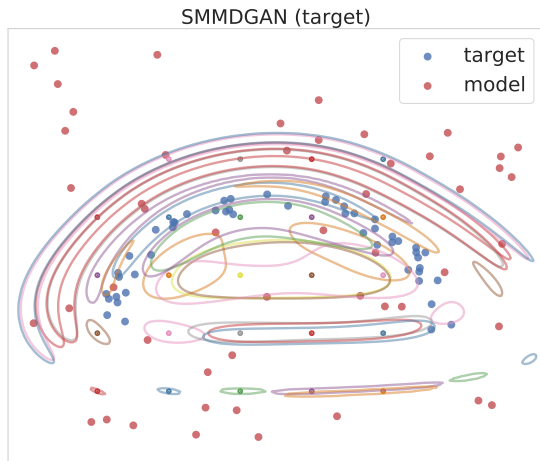
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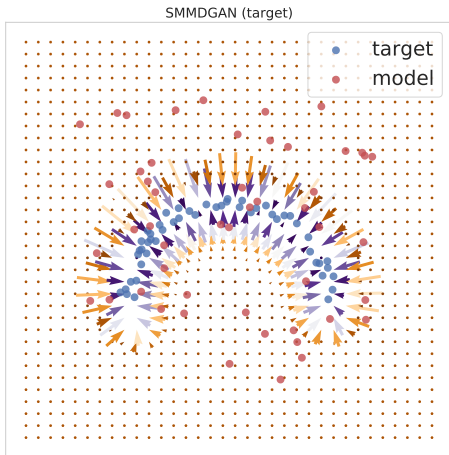
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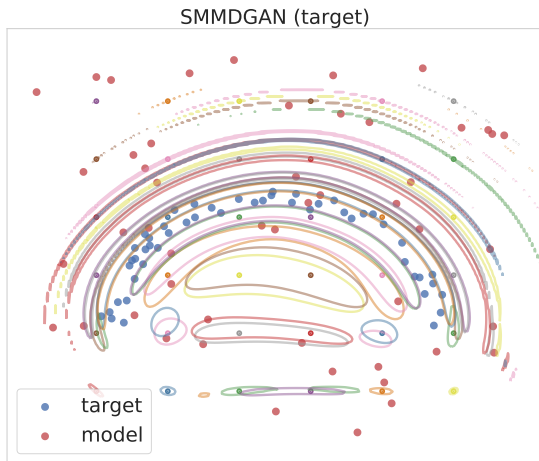
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Alternate critic and generator training:

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Evaluation and experiments

Benchmarks for comparison (all from ICLR 2018)

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Results: celebrity faces 160×160

KID scores:

■ Sobolev GAN:

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■ SN-GAN:

18

■ Old MMD
GAN:

13

■ SMMD GAN:

6

202 599 face images, re-
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× 160

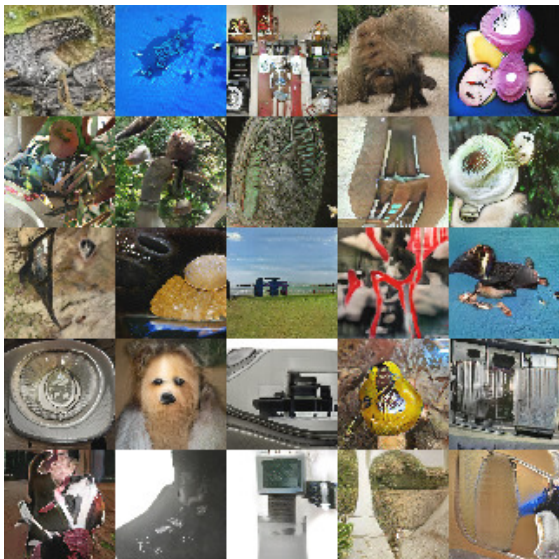


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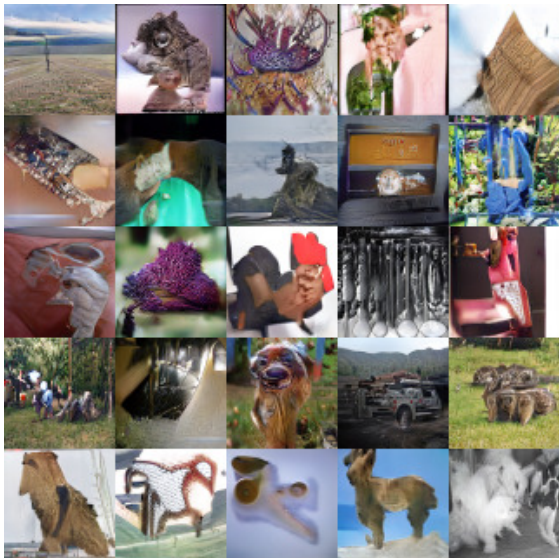
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Summary

- MMD critic gives **state-of-the-art performance for GAN training** (FID and KID)
 - use convolutional input features
 - train with **new gradient regulariser**
- Faster training, simpler critic network
- **Reasons for good performance:**
 - Unlike WGAN-GP, MMD loss still a valid critic when features not optimal
 - Kernel features do some of the “work”, so simpler h_ψ features possible.
 - Better gradient/feature regulariser gives better critic

“Demystifying MMD GANs,” including KID score, ICLR 2018:

<https://github.com/mbinkowski/MMD-GAN>

Gradient regularised MMD, NeurIPS 2018:

<https://github.com/MichaelArbel/Scaled-MMD-GAN>

From Gatsby:

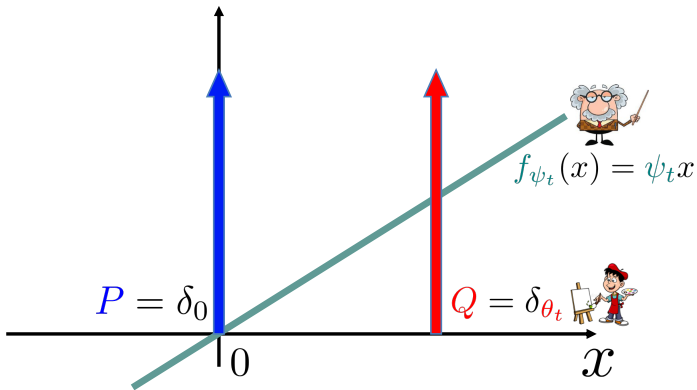
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Questions?

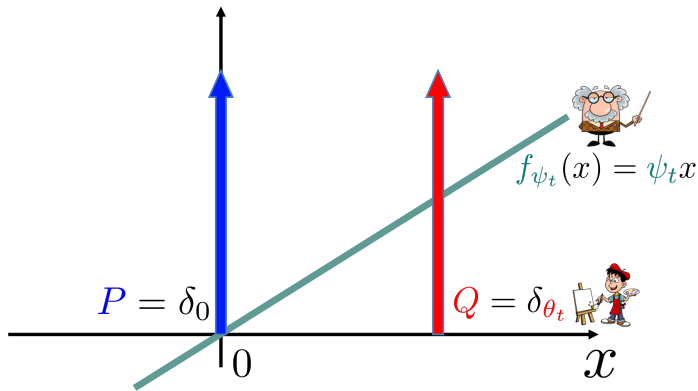




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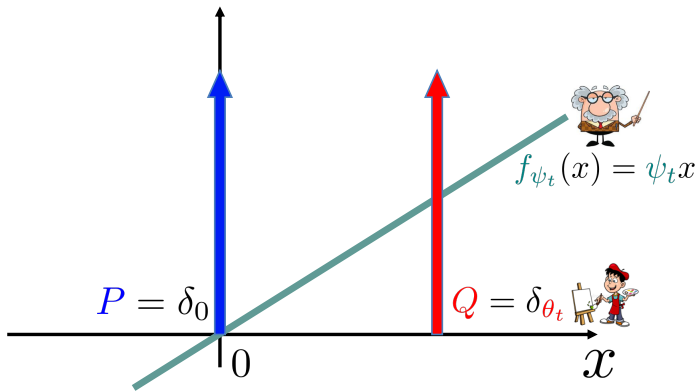
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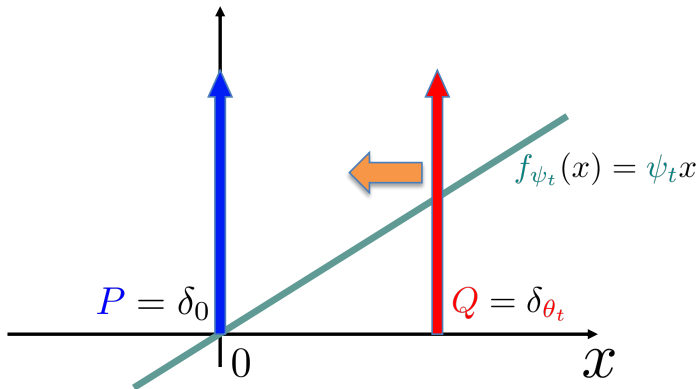


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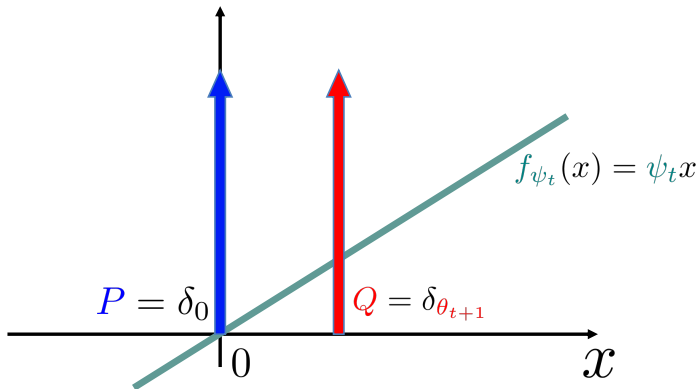


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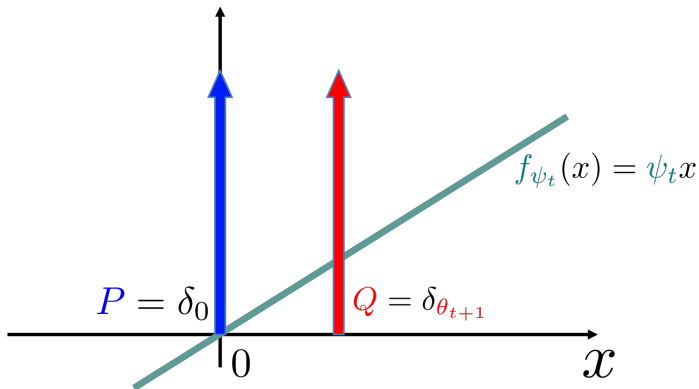


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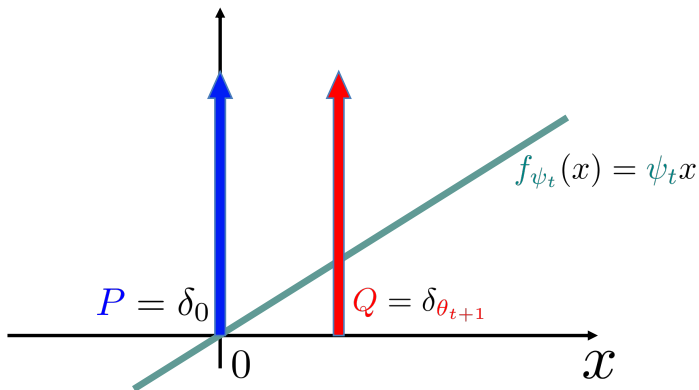
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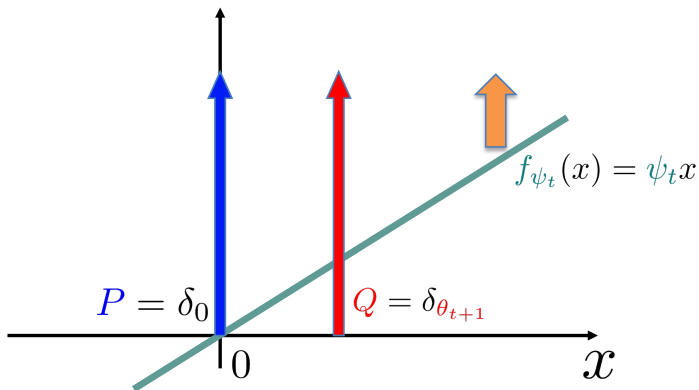


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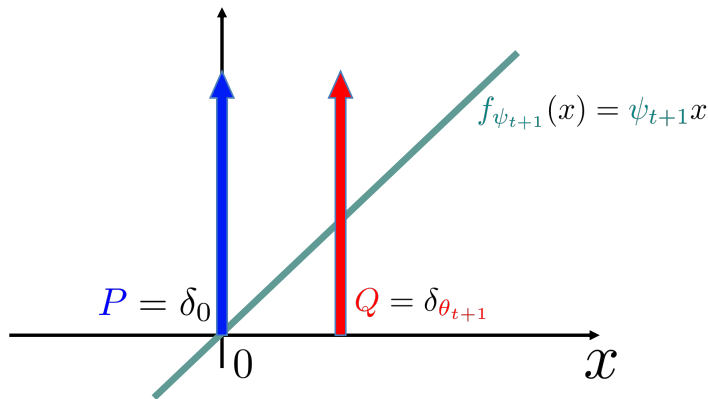


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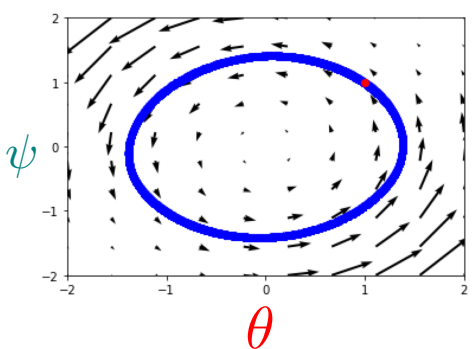
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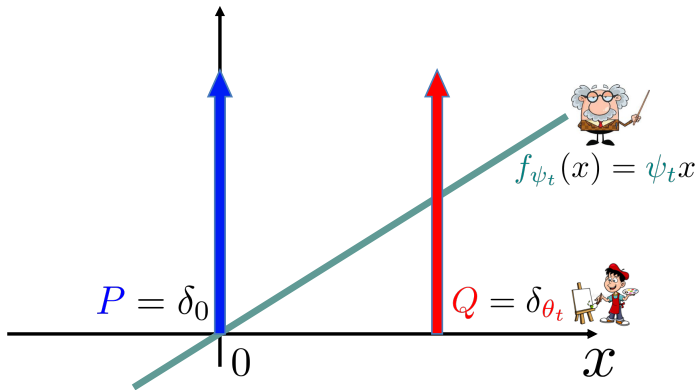
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A solution: control witness gradient



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Convergence issues for WGAN-GP penalty

WGAN-GP style gradient penalty **may not converge near solution**

Nagarajan and Kolter [NeurIPS 2017], Mescheder et al. [ICML 2018], Balduzzi et al. [ICML 2018]

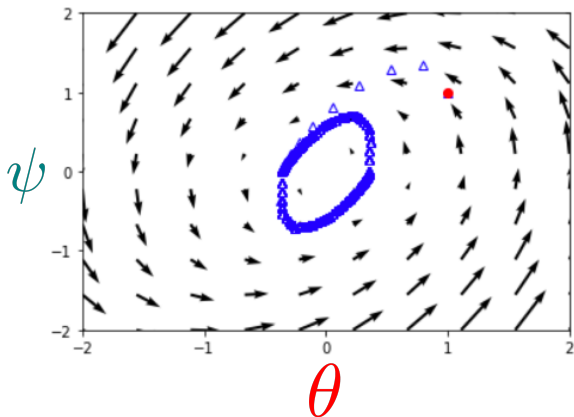


Figure from Mescheder et al. [ICML 2018]