# Generative Models for Gravitational Wave Data Synthesis: Generative Adversarial Networks and WaveNet

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#### Abstract

This paper presents a comprehensive approach to generating synthetic gravitational wave (GW) data using Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) and WaveNet models. The methodology comprises data preparation, augmentation, model construction, training processes, and plot visualization. Detailed explanations of each step and the underlying concepts are provided to demonstrate the mechanics and effectiveness of these generative models in creating realistic gravitational waveforms. These advancements not only enhance GW detection algorithms but also hold significant implications for the broader field of astrophysics by facilitating more accurate simulations of cosmic events and improving the robustness of astrophysical models by providing augmented GW data.

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## 1 Introduction

Gravitational wave (GW) detection has opened a transformative research avenue in astrophysics, enabling the observation of cosmic events through GWs. These observations provide a new method for studying astrophysical phenomena, such as black hole mergers, neutron star collisions, and other high-energy cosmic events. The procedure for GW data preprocessing, as detailed in [30], and the data preparation steps outlined in [31], are critical for ensuring the data is suitable for advanced techniques and model training. While this paper touches on the results from the data preparation steps, it emphasizes the methodologies for generating synthetic GW data used in enhancing detection algorithms and training machine learning (ML) models. By exploring the use of advanced generative models like GANs and WaveNet, this research contributes to the development of more sophisticated tools for astrophysical analysis. This synthesis of GW data is vital for not only improving detection capabilities but also for expanding our understanding of the universe by simulating scenarios that are challenging to observe directly.

## 2 Data Preparation

#### 2.1 Importing Necessary Libraries

The following code imports necessary libraries and modules for data preprocessing, data preparation, and building ML models, specifically using TensorFlow for neural network (NN) creation and training. We also import warning suppression libraries to ensure a smooth execution of the codes.



Figure 1: Visualization of all the libraries imported.

- numpy: numerical manipulation in Python.
- pandas: data manipulation.
- requests: making requests to web.
- os: operating system interfaces.
- matplotlib.pyplot: plotting library.
- scipy.signal: contains functions for signal processing.
- sklearn.preprocessing: has scaling features.
- tensorflow: library for ML, particularly deep learning (DL).
  - layers: building blocks for NN layers.
  - models.Sequential: a linear stack of layers in Keras.
  - layers: contains various NN layers.
- sklearn.model\_selection: contains the train\_test\_split function for splitting datasets into training and testing sets.
- warnings: manages warnings in Python, suppressing them for clean output.

#### 2.2 Segment and Label Creation

To prepare the data for model training, the GW strain data is segmented. The function create\_segments\_and\_labels is created for segmenting the GW strain data into smaller chunks for analysis.



Figure 2: The shape of the segmented and labeled GW data.

Inputs:

- strain: the time-series data of GW strain.
- t\_start: the start of the GW event selected.
- segment\_length: segment lengths in seconds.
- sampling\_rate: sampling rate in Hz.

Outputs:

- segments: array of segmented GW data
- **labels**: labels for each corresponding segment classifying the presence of an event.

#### 2.3 Reshape Segments

The segments are reshaped to be compatible with Conv1D layers used in deep learning (DL) models. We add an extra dimension of 1 to represent a single channel since Conv1D expects a 3D input in this particular order: data, timesteps, and channels.

Figure 3: The shape of the reshaped GW data.

#### 2.4 Split Data

The data is split into training and testing datasets for the WaveNet model only, as the GAN model doesn't need this step due to its unsupervised nature. We use the function train\_test\_split from sklearn.model\_selection to split the data into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets for the WaveNet model.

#### 2.5 Data Augmentation

Training data is augmented to increase dataset size and variability. We created the function augment\_data to augment the segmented data for the GAN model and the training data for the WaveNet model.

Augmented segment data shape: (6141, 8192, 1)

Figure 4: The shape of the augmented GW data for GAN.



Figure 5: The shape of the augmented training set for WaveNet before and after augmentation. Note that the GW data is purposefully downsampled for a quicker training process.

## 3 Model Training

3.1 GAN

3.1.1 Hyperparameters

latent\_dim = 2 epochs = 5 batch\_size = 64 num\_gw\_data\_to\_generate = 10

Figure 6: The hyperparameters for implementing GAN.

- latent\_dim: dimensionality of the latent space (input vector)).
- num\_gw\_data\_to\_generate: number of synthetic gravitational wave data samples to generate after training.

#### 3.1.2 Define Generator

The build\_generator function creates the generator model to synthesize GW data.

```
def build_generator(latent_dim):
 model = Sequential()
 model.add(Dense(256 * 1024, input_dim=latent_dim))
 model.add(LeakyReLU(alpha=0.2))
 model.add(BatchNormalization(momentum=0.8))
 model.add(Reshape((1024, 256)))
 model.add(UpSampling1D())
 model.add(Conv1D(128, kernel_size=3, padding='same'))
 model.add(LeakyReLU(alpha=0.2))
 model.add(BatchNormalization(momentum=0.8))
 model.add(UpSampling1D())
 model.add(Conv1D(64, kernel_size=3, padding='same'))
 model.add(LeakyReLU(alpha=0.2))
 model.add(BatchNormalization(momentum=0.8))
 model.add(UpSampling1D())
 model.add(Conv1D(1, kernel_size=3, padding='same', activation='tanh'))
 return model
```

Figure 7: The construction of the build generator.

- Dense Layer: initial dense layer with latent\_dim input.
- LeakyReLU: LeakyReLU activation function.
- BatchNormalization: normalizes the output.
- Reshape: reshapes the output into a suitable shape for Conv1D layers.
- UpSampling1D: upsamples the input.
- Conv1D Layers: convolutional layers to extract features.
- Activation: tanh activation to output values between -1 and 1.

#### 3.1.3 Define Discriminator

The build\_discriminator function creates the discriminator model to distinguish real versus generated data.

```
ef build_discriminator(input_shape):
  model = Sequential()
  model.add(Conv1D(64, kernel_size=3, strides=2, input_shape=input_shape, padding='same'))
  model.add(LeakyReLU(alpha=0.2))
  model.add(Conv1D(128, kernel_size=3, strides=2, padding='same'))
  model.add(LeakyReLU(alpha=0.2))
  model.add(LeakyReLU(alpha=0.2))
  model.add(Flatten())
  model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))
  return model
```

Figure 8: The construction of the build generator.

- Conv1D Layers: convolutional layers to extract features.
- LeakyReLU: LeakyReLU activation function.
- Flatten: Flattens the 3D tensor into 1D.
- Dense Layer: final dense layer to output a single probability (of it being real and not generated data) with sigmoid activation.

#### 3.1.4 Define GAN

The build\_gan function combines the generator and discriminator into a GAN model.



Figure 9: The construction of the GAN.

- Compile Discriminator: compile the discriminator.
- Freeze Discriminator: ensure only the generator is trained.
- GAN Input: create input layer for the GAN model.
- Generated Data: pass input through the generator to get synthetic data.
- GAN Output: pass generated data through the discriminator to get the probability (of it being real and not generated data).
- Compile GAN: compile the GAN model.

#### 3.1.5 Train GAN

The train\_gan function trains the GAN by alternating between training the discriminator and the generator. The steps are as follows:

```
def train_gan(generator, discriminator, gan, data, epochs, batch_size, latent_dim):
 half_batch = int(batch_size / 2)
 d_losses = []
 g_losses = []
 for epoch in range(1, epochs+1):
     idx = np.random.randint(0, data.shape[0], half_batch)
     real_data = data[idx]
     noise = np.random.normal(0, 1, (half_batch, latent_dim))
     generated_data = generator.predict(noise)
     d_loss_real = discriminator.train_on_batch(real_data, np.ones((half_batch, 1)))
     d_loss_fake = discriminator.train_on_batch(generated_data, np.zeros((half_batch, 1)))
     d_loss = 0.5 * np.add(d_loss_real, d_loss_fake)
     noise = np.random.normal(0, 1, (batch_size, latent_dim))
     valid_y = np.array([1] * batch_size)
     g_loss = gan.train_on_batch(noise, valid_y)
     # Save losses
     d losses.append(d loss[0])
     g_losses.append(g_loss)
     print(f"Epoch {epoch}\n D loss: {d_loss[0]}\n D accuracy: {d_loss[1]}\n G loss: {g_loss}"
 return d_losses, g_losses
```

Figure 10: Visualization of the GAN training loop.

Training Loop:

- Train Discriminator:
  - Sample real data.
  - Generate synthetic data.
  - Train on real data (labeled 1) and synthetic data (labeled 0).
  - Compute the discriminator loss.
- Train Generator:
  - Generate random noise.
  - Create an array with every element labeled 1 for the noise.

- Train on the random noise and array.
- Compute the generator loss.

#### 3.2 WaveNet

#### 3.2.1 Define Causal Convolutional Layer

The causal convolutional layers are used to maintain causality in time series data.



Figure 11: The causal Conv1D class.

CausalConv1D Class:

- \_\_init\_\_ function:
  - Inherits from layers.Layer.
  - Creates a Conv1D layer.
- Call function:
  - Defines the forward pass by returning the convolutional layer that's applied to the input tensor.

#### 3.2.2 Define Residual Block

The residual block is added to build complex feature representations while maintaining gradient flow through skip connections.

```
lass ResidualBlock(layers.Layer):
def __init__(self, filters, kernel_size, dilation_rate, **kwargs):
    super(ResidualBlock, self).__init__(**kwargs)
    self.causal_conv = CausalConv1D(filters, kernel_size, dilation_rate)
    self.dense_tanh = layers.Dense(filters, activation='tanh')
    self.dense_sigmoid = layers.Dense(filters, activation='sigmoid')
    self.skip_conv = layers.Conv1D(filters, 1)
    self.residual_conv = layers.Conv1D(filters, 1)
def call(self, x):
    out = self.causal conv(x)
    tanh out = self.dense tanh(out)
    sigmoid_out = self.dense_sigmoid(out)
    gated_activation = tanh_out * sigmoid_out
    skip_out = self.skip_conv(gated_activation)
    residual_out = self.residual_conv(gated_activation)
    return skip_out, x + residual_out
```

Figure 12: The residual block class.

ResidualBlock Class:

- \_\_init\_\_ function:
  - Inherits from layers.Layer.
  - Creates a CausalConv1D layer.
  - Creates two Dense layers with tanh and sigmoid activations, respectively.
  - Creates two Conv1D layers for skip and residual connections.
- Call function:
  - Defines the forward pass:
    - \* Applying the CausalConv1D layer to the input.
    - \* Applying the Dense layers with tanh and sigmoid activations to the output of the previous layer.
    - \* Multiplying the outputs of the tanh and sigmoid layers to create a gated activation.
    - \* Applying the **skip\_conv** layer to the gated activation for the skip connection.
    - \* Applying the **residual\_conv** layer to the gated activation and adding it to the input to create the residual output.
  - Returning the skip output and the residual output.

#### 3.2.3 Define and train WaveNet

The build\_wavenet function creates a WaveNet model for sequential data generation.



Figure 13: The construction of the WaveNet.

- Inputs: input layer with specified shape.
- **Residual Blocks**: apply multiple residual blocks with different dilation rates.
- Skip Connections: collect and sum connections.
- Activations and Convolutions: layers to produce output.

We then train the WaveNet on augmented data and validate it on test data.

history = model.fit(X\_train\_aug, y\_train\_aug, epochs=10, batch\_size=128, validation\_data=(X\_test, y\_test))

Figure 14: Training and saving its history for WaveNet

## 4 Model Evaluation and Visualization

## 4.1 GAN



Figure 15: Visualization of the discriminator and generator losses over epochs (G = Generator, D = Discriminator).

## 4.2 WaveNet



Figure 16: Visualization of the loss and accuracy over epochs.

## 5 Generated Data Visualization

## 5.1 GAN



Figure 17: Example 1 of the GW segments generated.



Figure 18: Example 2 of the GW segments generated.





Figure 19: Example 1 of the GW segments generated.



Figure 20: Example 2 of the GW segments generated.

## 6 Conclusion

The application of GANs and WaveNet models for generating synthetic GW data increases the potential of ML techniques in astrophysics. These models are capable of creating realistic waveforms that augment existing datasets and enhance GW detection algorithms. By advancing the methodologies for synthetic data generation, this research facilitates the development of more accurate and efficient tools for astrophysical exploration. The broader implications of this work include improved simulations of cosmic events and a deeper understanding of the underlying physical processes, thereby contributing to the field of astrophysics.

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