Unsupervised Representation Learning with Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks Alec Radford, Luke Metz, and Somit Chantal

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Presentation Outline

- Related Work and Existing Limitations
- Problem Statement and Motivation
- Model Architecture and Novelties
- Experimental Details
- Results



Related Work Unsupervised Representation Learning

- Well-studied
- Still relatively unrefined compared to modern results
 - K-Means
 - Autoencoders
 - Ladder Networks
 - **Deep Belief Networks** \bullet



Related Work Generating Images

- Similarly well explored
- Poor generative output
 - VAEs
 - GANs
 - RNNs with Deconvolutions
- Blurry/Wobbly Images



Related Work Existing GAN Models

- Exciting architecture and idea
- Generative output quality not yet crisp
 - "Noisy and incomprehensible"
- Unsuccessful using CNNs to model images
 - LAPGAN utilized a different, iterative upscaling approach \bullet
 - Problem specifically scaling up CNN architectures from supervised learning literature

Problem Statement

Develop an architecture to utilize CNNs within GANs in order to stabilize training and unsupervisedly learn a strong image representation







































Model Architecture Eliminate Pooling Layers

- Uses strided convolutions in place of pooling layers
 - Allows the network to learn its own upscaling and downscaling algorithms



Model Architecture Remove Fully Connected Layers

- Eliminate fully connected head on top of convolutional layers
 - Extreme is global average pooling
 - Helped stability but hurt convergence rate
 - Final convolution layer instead fed into a single sigmoid layer
- Only other fully connected layer is initial generation layer matrix multiplication to reshape noise





Model Architecture Using Batch Normalization

- Normalizes the input to each layer to have zero mean and unit variance
- Stabilizes training and improves gradient flow for deep networks
- Helps with mode collapse
- Applied to all but last generator and first discriminator layers

Input: Values of x over a mini-batch: $\mathcal{B} = \{x_{1...m}\}$; Parameters to be learned: γ, β **Output:** $\{y_i = BN_{\gamma,\beta}(x_i)\}$ $\mu_{\mathcal{B}} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_i$ // mini-batch mean $\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}})^2$ // mini-batch variance $\hat{x}_i \leftarrow \frac{x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 + \epsilon}}$ // normalize $y_i \leftarrow \gamma \hat{x}_i + \beta \equiv BN_{\gamma,\beta}(x_i)$ // scale and shift



Model Architecture Activation Functions

- Tanh for generator output
- ReLU in generator otherwise
- LeakyReLU in discriminator
- Original GAN used Maxout





Model Architecture Overview

- All CNNs
 - No pooling, no fully connected layers
- Utilize batch normalization



- ReLU (+Tanh) for the generator, LeakyReLU for the discriminator
- Simple changes but the result of lots of experimentation



Experimental Details Datasets

- 3 Main Datasets
 - LSUN
 - ImageNet-1k
 - Faces
- Only preprocessing is scaling to range [-1,1]
- No Data Augmentation





Experimental Details Training Specifications

- Mini-Batch SGD
- LeakyReLU slope of 0.2
- Adam Optimizer
- Learning Rate of 0.0002
- Momentum $\beta_1 = 0.5$



Results Analysis of Possible Memorization

- Analysis of limited training
 - 1 Epoch, Small LR
- Hashing model
 - Deduplication and analysis







Results Classifying CIFAR-10 Using DCGAN Features

- Use DCGAN as feature extractor with linear model on top for supervised learning task
- Discriminator feature maps max pooled to same 4x4 size, concatenated, and flattened to 28672 dimensional vector
- Beat strong K-means benchmark

Model	Accuracy	Accuracy (400 per class)	max # of features units
1 Layer K-means	80.6%	63.7% (±0.7%)	4800
3 Layer K-means Learned RF	82.0%	70.7% (±0.7%)	3200
View Invariant K-means	81.9%	72.6% (±0.7%)	6400
Exemplar CNN	84.3%	77.4% (±0.2%)	1024
DCGAN (ours) + L2-SVM	82.8%	73.8% (±0.4%)	512





Results Classifying SVHN Numbers Using DCGAN Features

- Same setup as CIFAR-10
- Here achieves state of the art
- Makes sure architecture is not the key by supervisedly training CNN with the same architecture

Model	error rate
KNN	77.93%
TSVM	66.55%
M1+KNN	65.63%
M1+TSVM	54.33%
M1+M2	36.02%
SWWAE without dropout	27.83%
SWWAE with dropout	23.56%
DCGAN (ours) + L2-SVM	22.48%
Supervised CNN with the same architecture	28.87% (validation)





Results Exploring the Latent Space

- Pick two random points in the latent space, generate outputs along the connecting line
- Checks for memorization
- Evaluates quality of representation





Results Visualizing Discriminator Features

- Use guided back propagation to find exemplar activations of learned features
- Can see bedroom features corresponding to LSUN dataset



Random filters

Trained filters



Results

Removing Features in Generations

- Using manual analysis and logistic regression, identify window features During forward pass, dropped all positive values for these features and
- replaced with noise
- Images do not have windows but remain semantically sound





Results **Performing Vector Arithmetic**

- Vector manipulation similar to Word2Vec •
- Use average of multiple images rather than single image for stability







woman





neutral woman





neutral man



smiling man





man with glasses









man without glasses





woman without glasses















woman with glasses







ResultsConditional DCGANs

- Trained a conditional version of the model
- Evaluated using a nearest neighbor classifier on the test dataset

Model	Test Error @50K samples	Test Error @10M samples
AlignMNIST	-	1.4%
InfiMNIST	-	2.6%
Real Data	3.1%	_
GAN	6.28%	5.65%
DCGAN (ours)	2.98%	1.48%



Conclusion

- Propose a CNN-only architecture for GANs which offers more stable training
- Learns strong representations and produces strong image generations
- Remaining work to improve generative capacity, handle mode collapse, and apply to other domains











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