

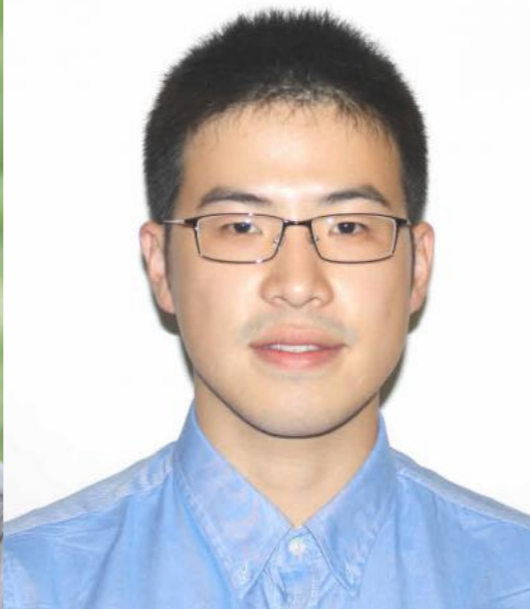
# Robust Statistics and Generative Adversarial Networks

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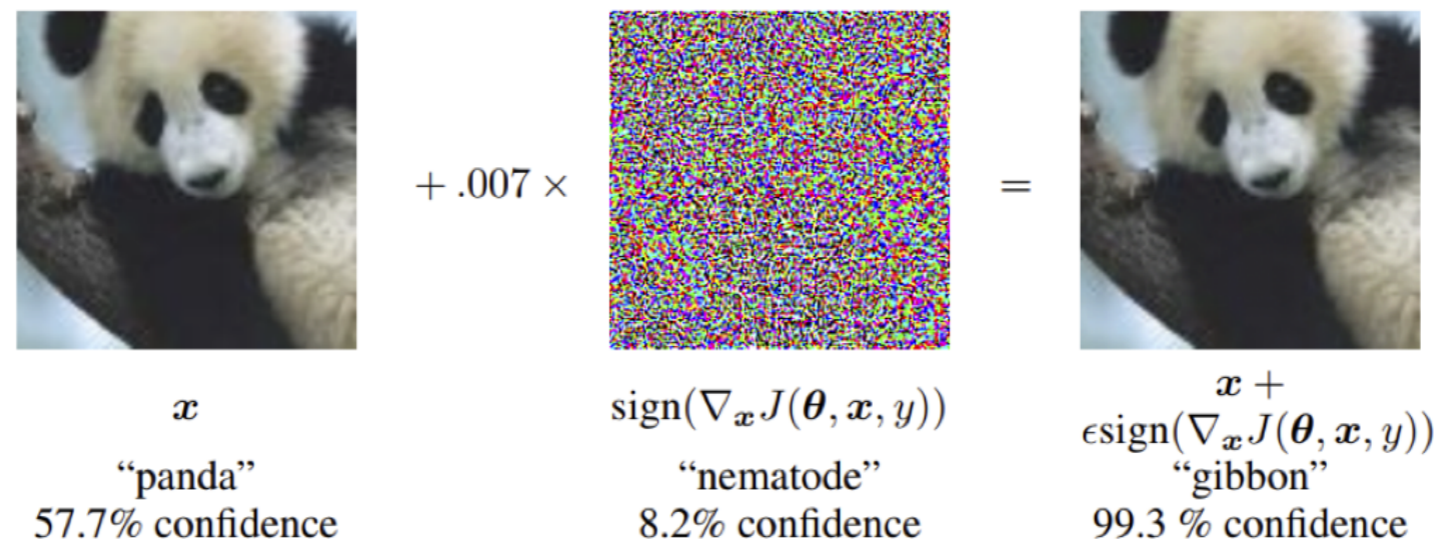


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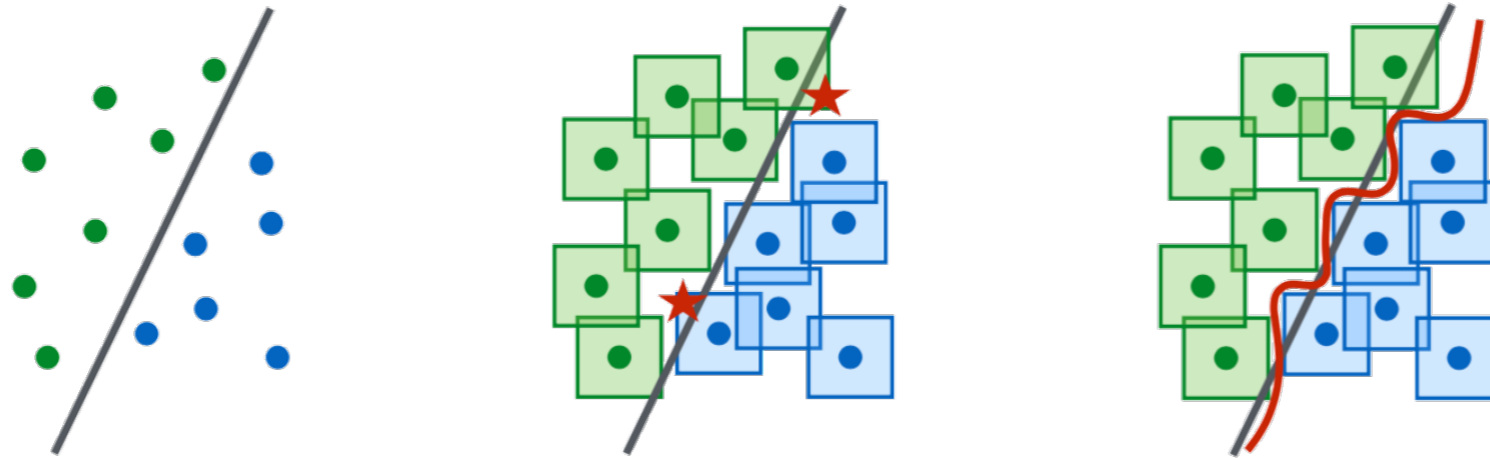
# Deep Learning is Notoriously Not Robust!



[Goodfellow et al., 2014]

- Imperceivable adversarial examples are ubiquitous to fail neural networks
- How can one achieve **robustness**?

# Robust Optimization



- Traditional training:

$$\min_{\theta} J_n(\theta, \mathbf{z} = (x_i, y_i)_{i=1}^n)$$

- e.g. square or cross-entropy loss as negative log-likelihood of logit models
- Robust optimization (Madry et al. ICLR'2018):

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\|\epsilon_i\| \leq \delta} J_n(\theta, \mathbf{z} = (x_i + \epsilon_i, y_i)_{i=1}^n)$$

- robust to any distributions, yet computationally hard

# Distributionally Robust Optimization (DRO)

- Distributional Robust Optimization:

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\epsilon} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim P_{\epsilon} \in \mathcal{D}} [J_n(\theta, \mathbf{z})]$$

- $\mathcal{D}$  is a set of ambiguous distributions, e.g. Wasserstein ambiguity set

$$\mathcal{D} = \{P_{\epsilon} : W_2(P_{\epsilon}, \text{uniform distribution}) \leq \epsilon\}$$

where DRO may be reduced to **regularized maximum likelihood** estimates (Shafieezadeh-Abadeh, Esfahani, Kuhn, NIPS'2015) that are convex optimizations and tractable

# Wasserstein DRO and Sqrt-Lasso

**Theorem (B., Kang, Murthy (2016))** Suppose that

$$c((x, y), (x', y')) = \begin{cases} \|x - x'\|_q^2 & \text{if } y = y' \\ \infty & \text{if } y \neq y' \end{cases} .$$

Then, if  $1/p + 1/q = 1$

$$\max_{P: D_c(P, P_n) \leq \delta} E_P^{1/2} \left( (Y - \beta^T X)^2 \right) = E_{P_n}^{1/2} \left[ (Y - \beta^T X)^2 \right] + \sqrt{\delta} \|\beta\|_p .$$

**Remark 1:** This is sqrt-Lasso (Belloni et al. (2011)).

**Remark 2:** Uses RoPA duality theorem & "**judicious choice of  $c(\cdot)$** "

# Certified Robustness of Lasso

Take  $q = \infty$  and  $p = 1$ , with

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Then for

$$P'_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \delta_{x'_i}$$

with  $\|x_i - x'_i\|_\infty \leq \delta$ ,

$$D_c(P'_n, P_n) = \int \pi((x, y), (x', y')) c((x, y), (x', y')) \leq \delta,$$

for small enough  $\delta$  and well-separated  $x$ 's. Sqrt-Lasso

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\beta} \left\{ E_{P_n}^{1/2} \left[ \left( Y - \beta^T X \right)^2 \right] + \sqrt{\delta} \|\beta\|_1 \right\}^2 \\ & = \min_{\beta} \max_{P: D_c(P, P_n) \leq \delta} E_P \left( \left( Y - \beta^T X \right)^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

provides a certified robust estimate in terms of Madry's adversarial training, using a convex Wasserstein relaxation.

# TV-neighborhood

- Now how about the TV-uncertainty set?

$$\mathcal{D} = \{P_\epsilon : TV(P_\epsilon, \text{uniform distribution}) \leq \epsilon\}?$$



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the sample mean

$$\hat{\theta}_{mean} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \arg \min_{\theta} \ell(\theta, Q)$$

$$\min_{\theta} \max_Q \ell(\theta, Q) \geq \max_Q \min_{\theta} \ell(\theta, Q) = \max_Q \ell(\hat{\theta}_{mean}, Q) = \infty$$



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# Comparisons

	Coordinatewise Median	Tukey's Median
breakdown point	$1/2$	$1/3$
statistical precision (no contamination)	$\frac{p}{n}$	$\frac{p}{n}$
statistical precision (with contamination)	$\frac{p}{n} + p\epsilon^2$	$\frac{p}{n} + \epsilon^2$ : minimax [Chen-Gao-Ren'15]
computational complexity	Polynomial	NP-hard [Amenta et al. '00]

Note: R-package for Tukey median can not deal with more than **10** dimensions!

[<https://github.com/ChenMengjie/DepthDescent>]

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*[Rousseeuw & Hubert, 1999]*

Tukey's depth is not a special case of regression depth.

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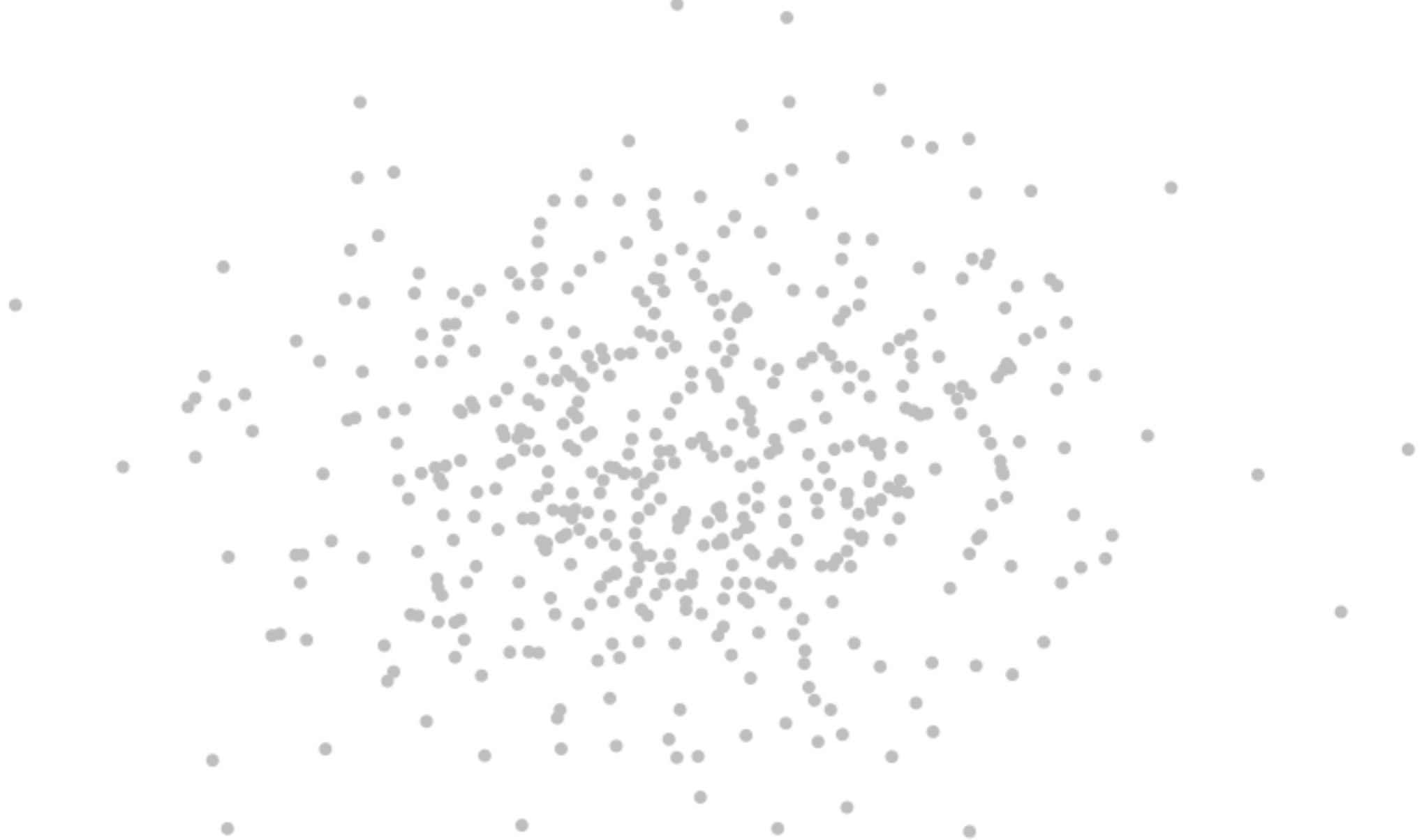
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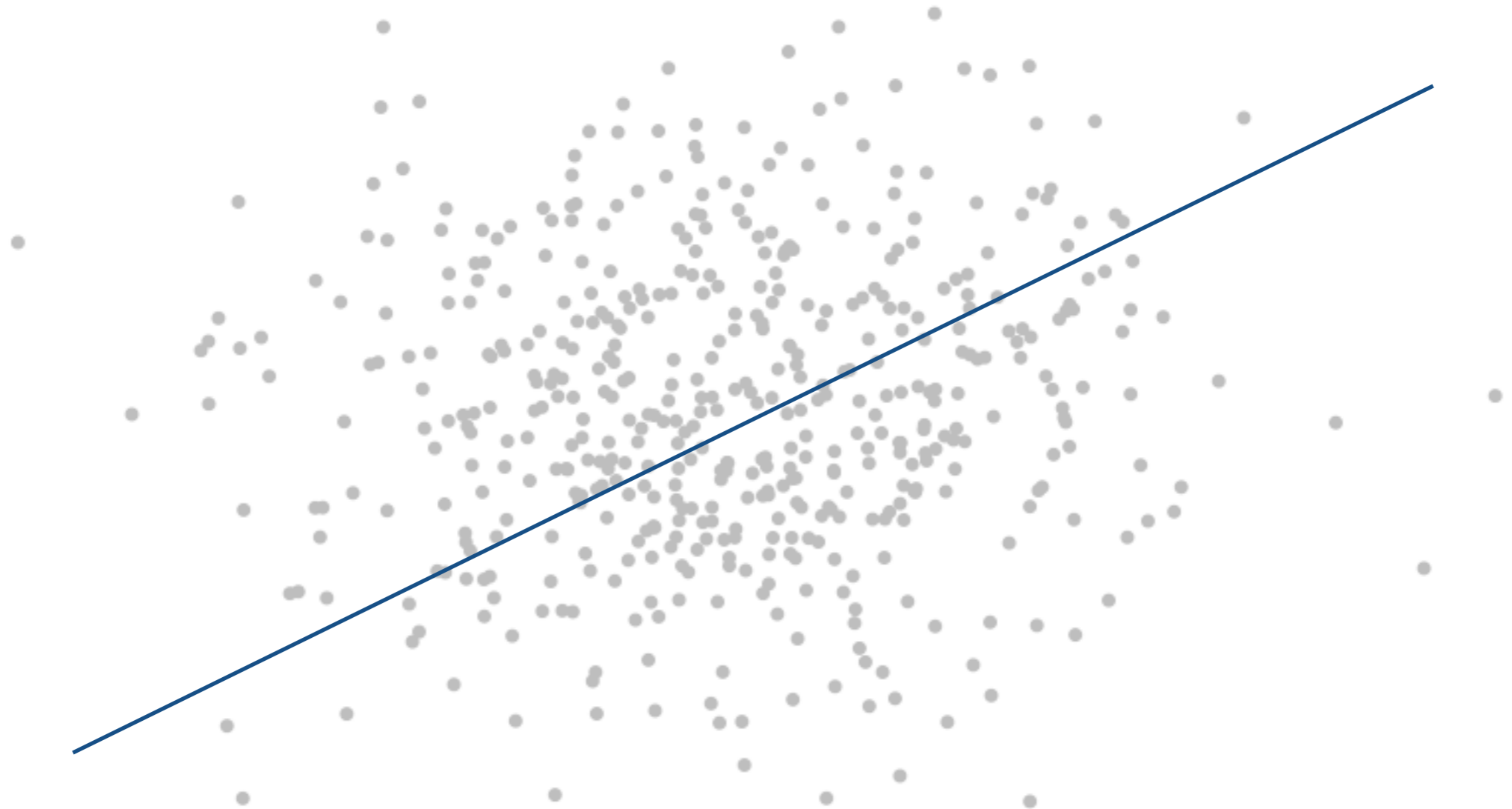


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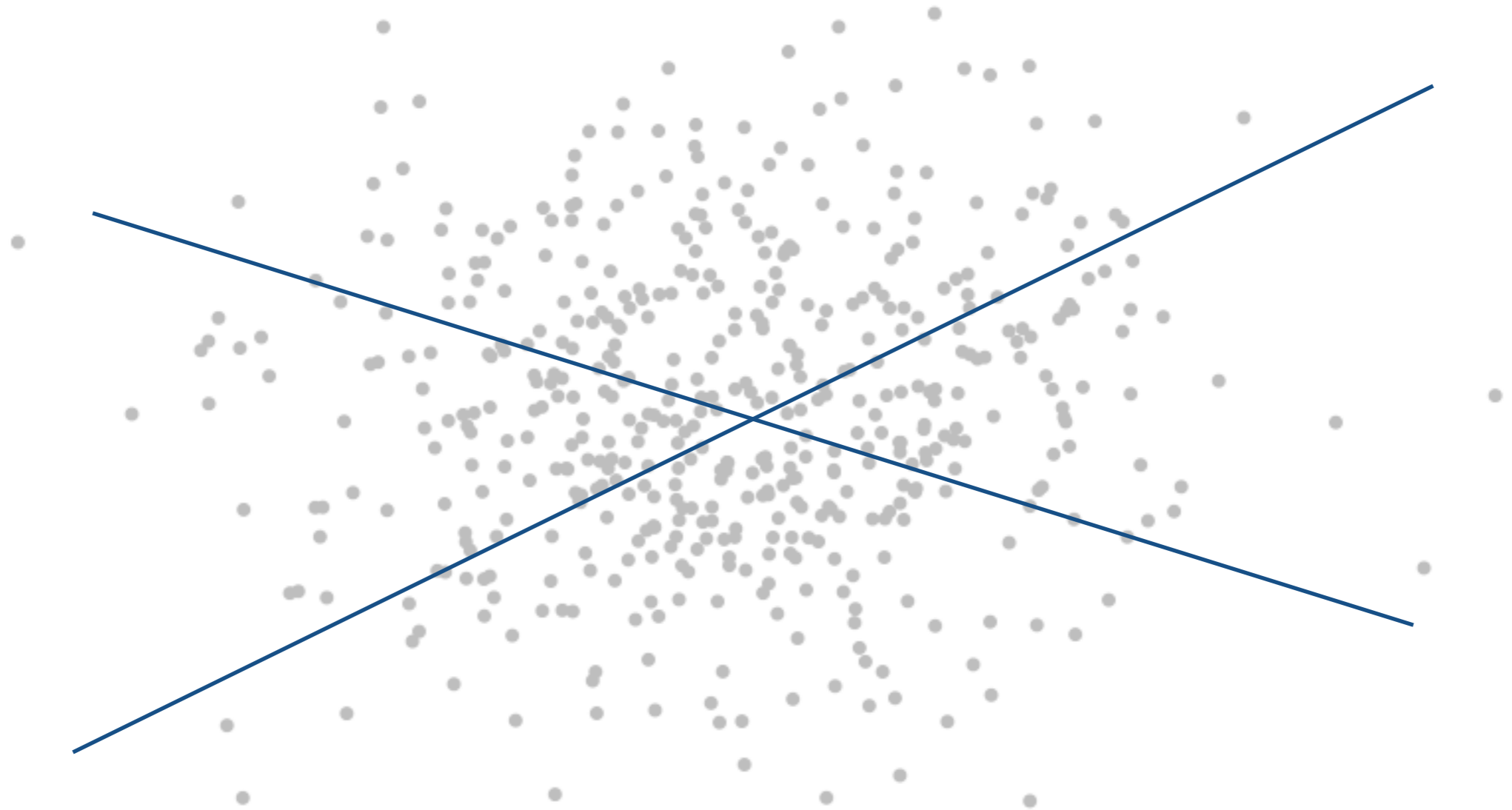




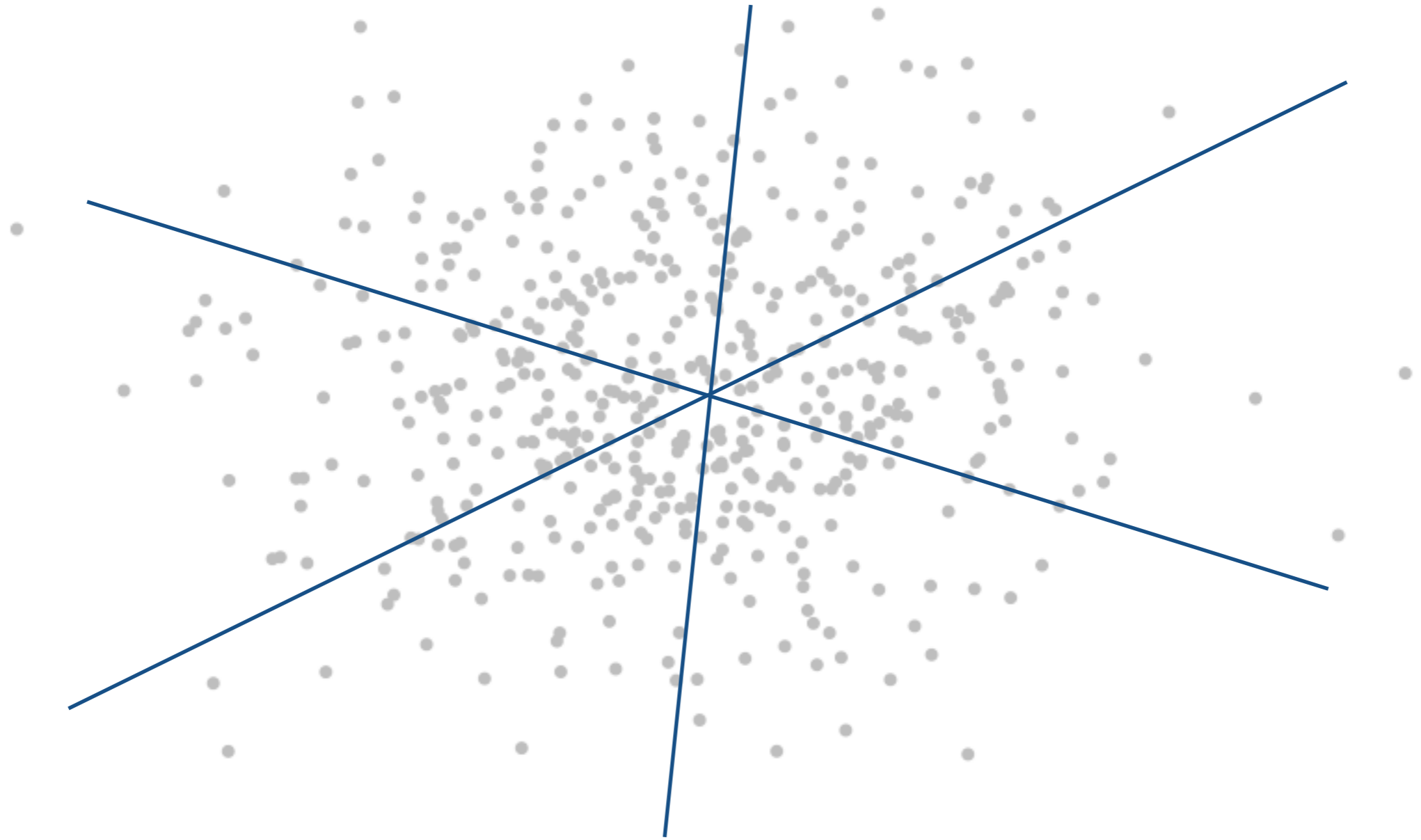
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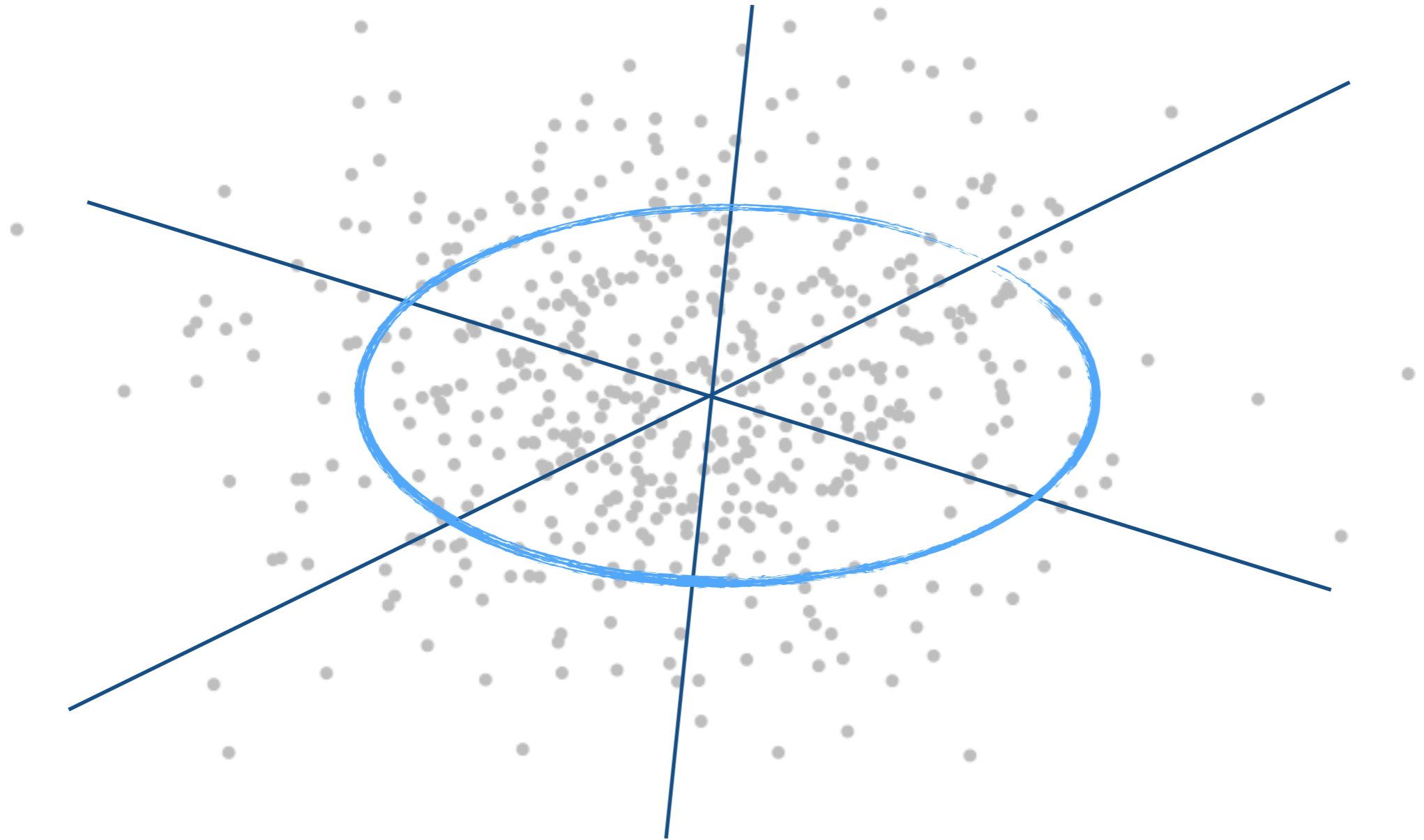
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- Polynomial algorithms are proposed [[Diakonikolas et al.'16](#), [Lai et al. 16](#)] of minimax optimal statistical precision
  - needs information on second or higher order of moments
  - some priori knowledge about  $\epsilon$

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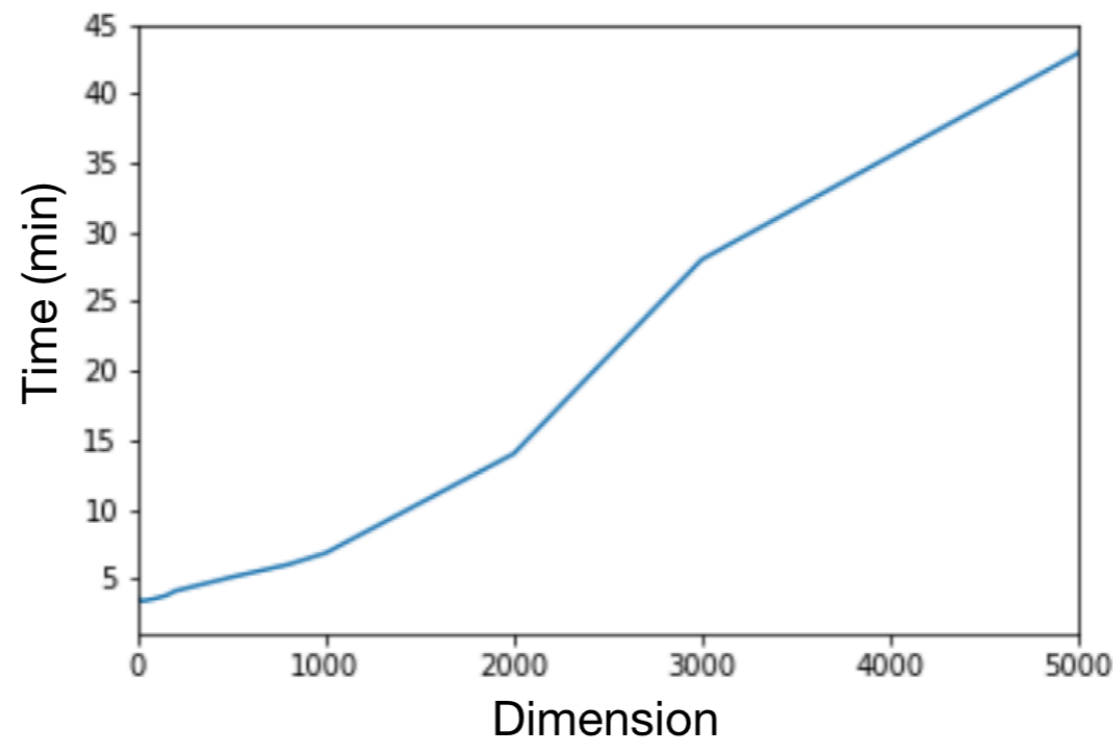


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A practically good algorithm?

# Generative Adversarial Networks [Goodfellow et al. 2014]



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# Robust Learning of Cauchy Distributions

Table 4: Comparison of various methods of robust location estimation under Cauchy distributions. Samples are drawn from  $(1 - \epsilon)\text{Cauchy}(0_p, I_p) + \epsilon Q$  with  $\epsilon = 0.2, p = 50$  and various choices of  $Q$ . Sample size: 50,000. Discriminator net structure: 50-50-25-1. Generator  $g_\omega(\xi)$  structure: 48-48-32-24-12-1 with absolute value activation function in the output layer.

Contamination $Q$	JS-GAN ( $G_1$ )	JS-GAN ( $G_2$ )	Dimension Halving	Iterative Filtering
Cauchy( $1.5 * 1_p, I_p$ )	<b>0.0664 (0.0065)</b>	0.0743 (0.0103)	0.3529 (0.0543)	0.1244 (0.0114)
Cauchy( $5.0 * 1_p, I_p$ )	<b>0.0480 (0.0058)</b>	0.0540 (0.0064)	0.4855 (0.0616)	0.1687 (0.0310)
Cauchy( $1.5 * 1_p, 5 * I_p$ )	0.0754 (0.0135)	<b>0.0742 (0.0111)</b>	0.3726 (0.0530)	0.1220 (0.0112)
Normal( $1.5 * 1_p, 5 * I_p$ )	<b>0.0702 (0.0064)</b>	0.0713 (0.0088)	0.3915 (0.0232)	0.1048 (0.0288)

- *Dimension Halving*: [Lai et al.'16]  
<https://github.com/kal2000/AgnosticMeanAndCovarianceCode>.
- *Iterative Filtering*: [Diakonikolas et al.'17]  
<https://github.com/hoonose/robust-filter>.

# f-GAN

Given a strictly convex function  $f$  that satisfies  $f(1) = 0$ , the  $f$ -divergence between two probability distributions  $P$  and  $Q$  is defined by

$$D_f(P\|Q) = \int f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) dQ. \quad (8)$$

Let  $f^*$  be the convex conjugate of  $f$ . A variational lower bound of (8) is

$$D_f(P\|Q) \geq \sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} [\mathbb{E}_P T(X) - \mathbb{E}_Q f^*(T(X))]. \quad (9)$$

where equality holds whenever the class  $\mathcal{T}$  contains the function  $f'(p/q)$ .

[Nowozin-Cseke-Tomioka'16]  $f$ -GAN minimizes the variational lower bound (9)

$$\hat{P} = \arg \min_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T(X_i) - \mathbb{E}_Q f^*(T(X)) \right]. \quad (10)$$

with i.i.d. observations  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim P$ .

# From f-GAN to Tukey's Median: f-learning

Consider the special case

$$\mathcal{T} = \left\{ f' \left( \frac{\tilde{q}}{q} \right) : \tilde{q} \in \tilde{\mathcal{Q}} \right\}. \quad (11)$$

which is tight if  $P \in \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}$ . The sample version leads to the following  $f$ -learning

$$\hat{P} = \arg \min_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \sup_{\tilde{Q} \in \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f' \left( \frac{\tilde{q}(X_i)}{q(X_i)} \right) - \mathbb{E}_Q f^* \left( f' \left( \frac{\tilde{q}(X)}{q(X)} \right) \right) \right]. \quad (12)$$

- If  $f(x) = x \log x$ ,  $\mathcal{Q} = \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}$ , (12)  $\Rightarrow$  **Maximum Likelihood Estimate**
- If  $f(x) = (x - 1)_+$ , then  $D_f(P \| Q) = \frac{1}{2} \int |p - q|$  is the TV-distance,  $f^*(t) = t \mathbb{I}\{0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ ,  $f$ -GAN  $\Rightarrow$  **TV-GAN**
- $\mathcal{Q} = \{N(\eta, I_p) : \eta \in \mathbb{R}^p\}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}} = \{N(\tilde{\eta}, I_p) : \|\tilde{\eta} - \eta\| \leq r\}$ , (12)  $\xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0}$

**Tukey's Median**

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**(related to)  
matrix depth**

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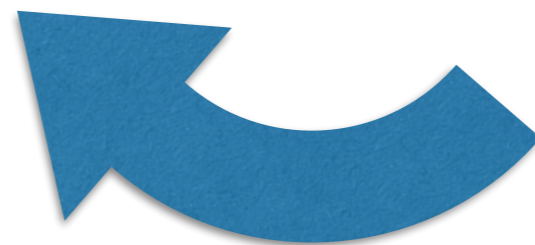
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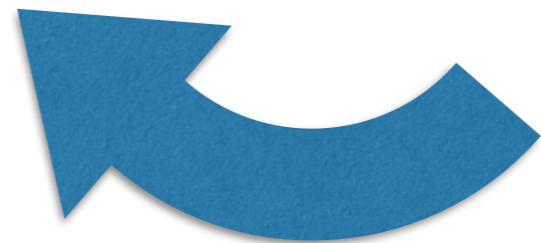
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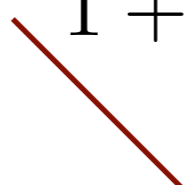
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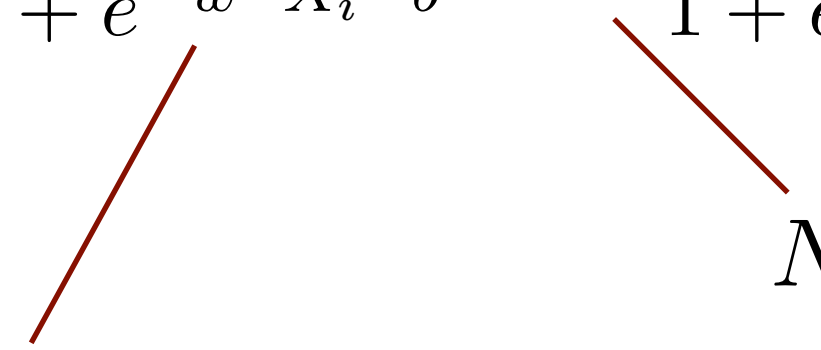
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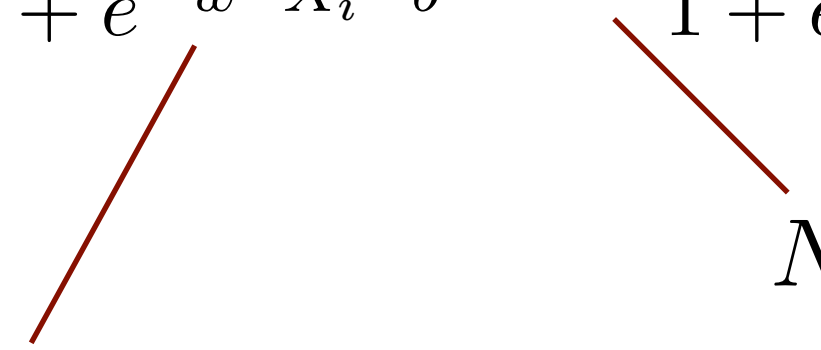
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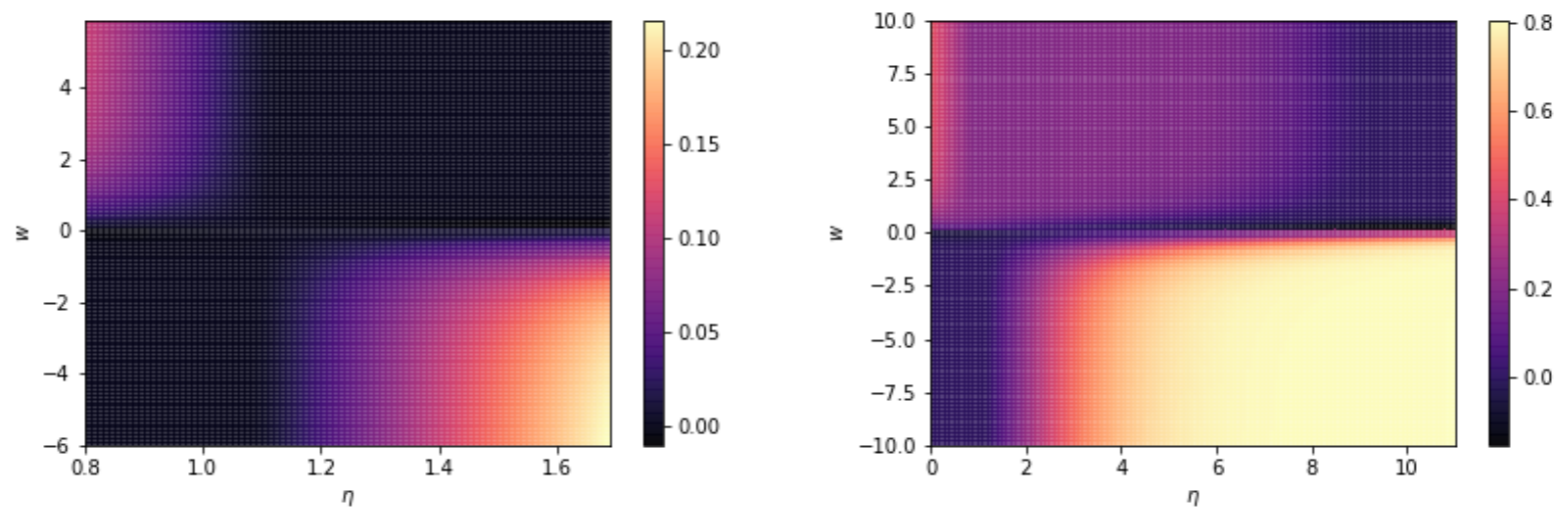
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## rugged landscape!



**Figure:** Heatmaps of the landscape of  $F(\eta, w) = \sup_b [E_P \text{sigmoid}(wX + b) - E_{N(\eta, 1)} \text{sigmoid}(wX + b)]$ , where  $b$  is maximized out for visualization. Left: samples are drawn from  $P = (1 - \epsilon)N(1, 1) + \epsilon N(1.5, 1)$  with  $\epsilon = 0.2$ . Right: samples are drawn from  $P = (1 - \epsilon)N(1, 1) + \epsilon N(10, 1)$  with  $\epsilon = 0.2$ . Left: the landscape is good in the sense that no matter whether we start from the left-top area or the right-bottom area of the heatmap, gradient ascent on  $\eta$  does not consistently increase or decrease the value of  $\eta$ . This is because the signal becomes weak when it is close to the saddle point around  $\eta = 1$ . Right: it is clear that  $\tilde{F}(w) = F(\eta, w)$  has two local maxima for a given  $\eta$ , achieved at  $w = +\infty$  and  $w = -\infty$ . In fact, the global maximum for  $\tilde{F}(w)$  has a phase transition from  $w = +\infty$  to  $w = -\infty$  as  $\eta$  grows. For example, the maximum is achieved at  $w = +\infty$  when  $\eta = 1$  (blue solid) and is achieved at  $w = -\infty$  when  $\eta = 5$  (red solid). Unfortunately, even if we initialize with  $\eta_0 = 1$  and  $w_0 > 0$ , gradient ascents on  $\eta$  will only increase the value of  $\eta$  (green dash), and thus as long as the discriminator cannot reach the global maximizer,  $w$  will be stuck in the positive half space  $\{w : w > 0\}$  and further increase the value of  $\eta$ .

# The Original JS-GAN

[Goodfellow et al. 2014] For  $f(x) = x \log x - (x + 1) \log \frac{x+1}{2}$ ,

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What are  $\mathcal{D}$ , the class of discriminators?

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$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ D(x) = \text{sigmoid}(w^T x + b) : w \in \mathbb{R}^p, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

- One-hidden or Multiple layer:

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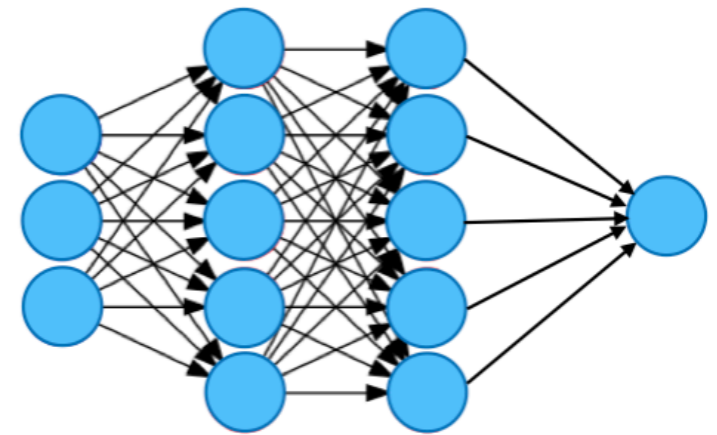
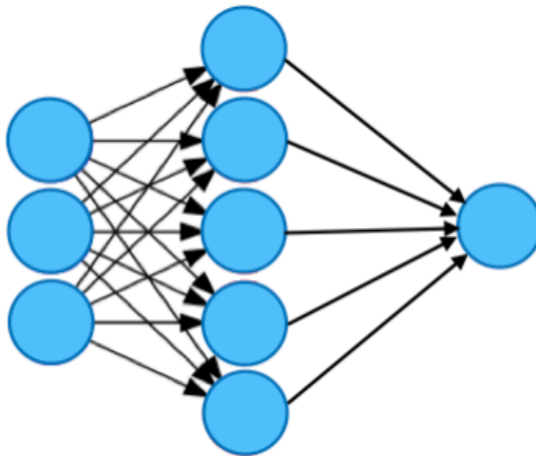
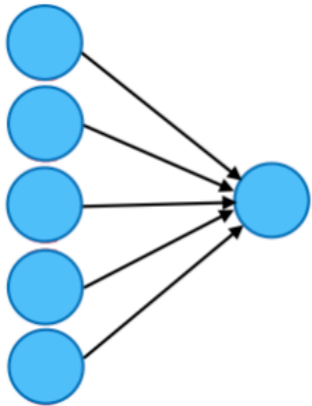


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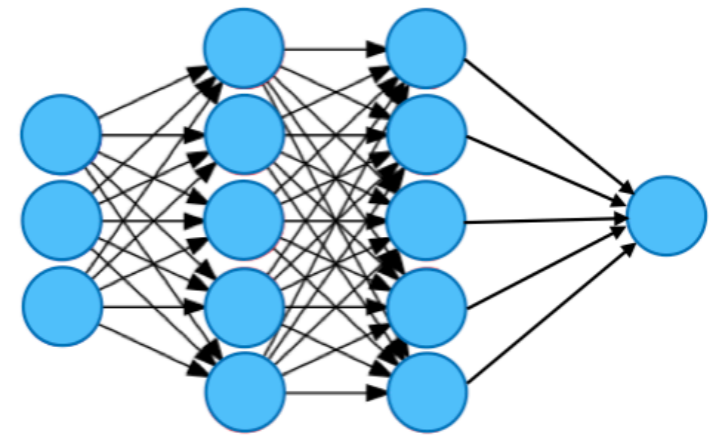
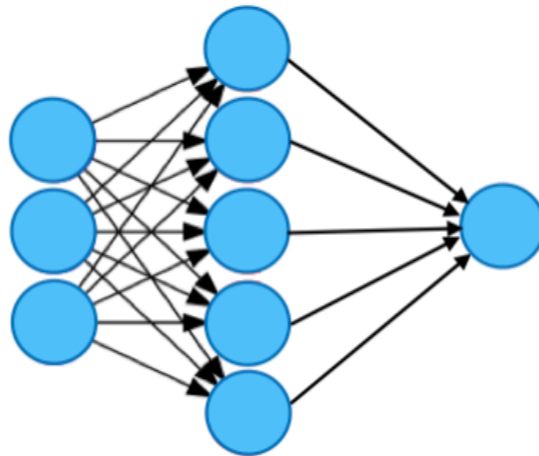
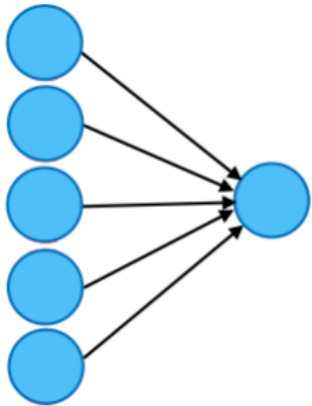


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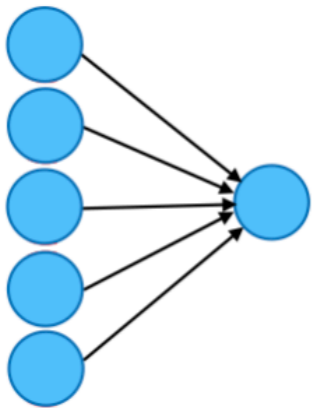


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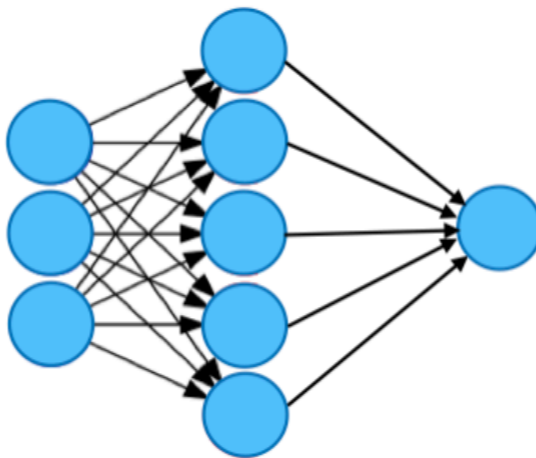
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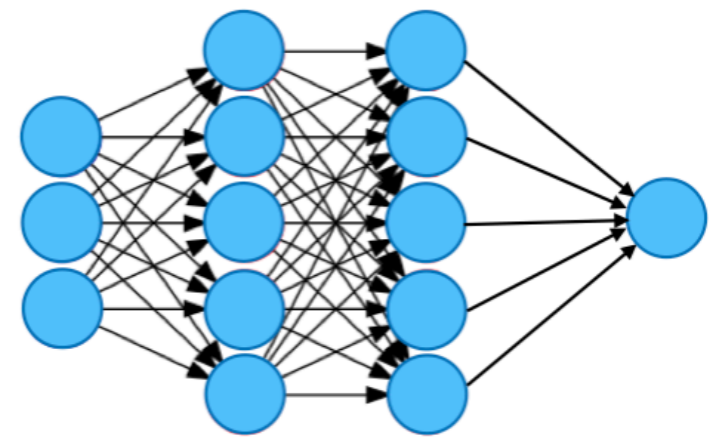
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**Proposition.**

$$\text{JS}_g(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) = 0 \iff \mathbb{P}g(X) = \mathbb{Q}g(X)$$

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**Theorem [GLYZ18].** For a neural network class  $\mathcal{T}$  with at least one hidden layer and appropriate regularization, we have

$$\|\hat{\theta} - \theta\|^2 \lesssim \begin{cases} \frac{p}{n} + \epsilon^2 & \text{(indicator/sigmoid/ramp)} \\ \frac{p \log p}{n} + \epsilon^2 & \text{(ReLU+sigmoid features)} \end{cases}$$

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# JS-GAN: Adaptation to Unknown Covariance

**unknown  
covariance?**

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no need to change the discriminator class

# Generalization

## Strong Contamination model:

$X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} P$  for some  $P$  satisfying  $\text{TV}(P, E(\theta, \Sigma, H)) \leq \epsilon$

$$(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\Sigma}, \hat{H}) = \underset{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^p, \Gamma \in \mathcal{E}_p(M), H \in \mathcal{H}(M')}{\text{argmin}} \max_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n S(T(X_i), 1) + \mathbb{E}_{X \sim E(\eta, \Gamma, G)} S(T(X), 0) \right]$$

A scoring rule  $S$  is *regular* if both  $S(\cdot, 0)$  and  $S(\cdot, 1)$  are real-valued, except possibly that  $S(0, 1) = -\infty$  or  $S(1, 0) = -\infty$ . The celebrated Savage representation [50] asserts that a regular scoring rule  $S$  is proper if and only if there is a convex function  $G(\cdot)$ , such that

$$\begin{cases} S(t, 1) = G(t) + (1 - t)G'(t), \\ S(t, 0) = G(t) - tG'(t). \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Here,  $G'(t)$  is a subgradient of  $G$  at the point  $t$ . Moreover, the statement also holds for strictly proper scoring rules when convex is replaced by strictly convex.

# Consistency

**Theorem [GYZ19].** For a neural network class  $\mathcal{T}$  with at least one hidden layer and appropriate regularization, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|\hat{\theta} - \theta\|^2 &\leq C \left( \frac{p}{n} \vee \epsilon^2 \right), \\ \|\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma\|_{\text{op}}^2 &\leq C \left( \frac{p}{n} \vee \epsilon^2 \right),\end{aligned}$$

# Example 1: Log Score and JS-GAN

1. *Log Score*. The log score is perhaps the most commonly used rule because of its various intriguing properties [31]. The scoring rule with  $S(t, 1) = \log t$  and  $S(t, 0) = \log(1 - t)$  is regular and strictly proper. Its Savage representation is given by the convex function  $G(t) = t \log t + (1 - t) \log(1 - t)$ , which is interpreted as the negative Shannon entropy of Bernoulli( $t$ ). The corresponding divergence function  $D_{\mathcal{T}}(P, Q)$ , according to Proposition 3.1, is a variational lower bound of the Jensen-Shannon divergence

$$\text{JS}(P, Q) = \frac{1}{2} \int \log \left( \frac{dP}{dP + dQ} \right) dP + \frac{1}{2} \int \log \left( \frac{dQ}{dP + dQ} \right) dQ + \log 2.$$

Its sample version (13) is the original GAN proposed by [25] that is widely used in learning distributions of images.

# Example 2: Zero-One Score and TV-GAN

2. *Zero-One Score.* The zero-one score  $S(t, 1) = 2\mathbb{I}\{t \geq 1/2\}$  and  $S(t, 0) = 2\mathbb{I}\{t < 1/2\}$  is also known as the misclassification loss. This is a regular proper scoring rule but not strictly proper. The induced divergence function  $D_{\mathcal{T}}(P, Q)$  is a variational lower bound of the total variation distance

$$\text{TV}(P, Q) = P\left(\frac{dP}{dQ} \geq 1\right) - Q\left(\frac{dP}{dQ} \geq 1\right) = \frac{1}{2} \int |dP - dQ|.$$

The sample version (13) is recognized as the TV-GAN that is extensively studied by [21] in the context of robust estimation.

# Example 3: Quadratic Score and LS-GAN

3. *Quadratic Score*. Also known as the Brier score [6], the definition is given by  $S(t, 1) = -(1 - t)^2$  and  $S(t, 0) = -t^2$ . The corresponding convex function in the Savage representation is given by  $G(t) = -t(1 - t)$ . By Proposition 2.1, the divergence function (3) induced by this regular strictly proper scoring rule is a variational lower bound of the following divergence function,

$$\Delta(P, Q) = \frac{1}{8} \int \frac{(dP - dQ)^2}{dP + dQ},$$

known as the triangular discrimination. The sample version (5) belongs to the family of least-squares GANs proposed by [39].



# Example 4: Boosting Score

4. *Boosting Score.* The boosting score was introduced by [7] with  $S(t, 1) = -\left(\frac{1-t}{t}\right)^{1/2}$  and  $S(t, 0) = -\left(\frac{t}{1-t}\right)^{1/2}$  and has an connection to the AdaBoost algorithm. The corresponding convex function in the Savage representation is given by  $G(t) = -2\sqrt{t(1-t)}$ . The induced divergence function  $D_{\mathcal{T}}(P, Q)$  is thus a variational lower bound of the squared Hellinger distance

$$H^2(P, Q) = \frac{1}{2} \int \left( \sqrt{dP} - \sqrt{dQ} \right)^2.$$

# Example 5: Beta Score and new GANs

5. *Beta Score.* A general Beta family of proper scoring rules was introduced by [7] with  $S(t, 1) = - \int_t^1 c^{\alpha-1} (1-c)^\beta dc$  and  $S(t, 0) = - \int_0^t c^\alpha (1-c)^{\beta-1} dc$  for any  $\alpha, \beta > -1$ . The log score, the quadratic score and the boosting score are special cases of the Beta score with  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = -1/2$ . The zero-one score is a limiting case of the Beta score by letting  $\alpha = \beta \rightarrow \infty$ . Moreover, it also leads to asymmetric scoring rules with  $\alpha \neq \beta$ .

# Robust Learning of Gaussian Distributions

$Q$	$n$	$p$	$\epsilon$	TV-GAN	JS-GAN	Dimension Halving	Iterative Filtering
$N(0.5 * 1_p, I_p)$	50,000	100	.2	<b>0.0953 (0.0064)</b>	0.1144 (0.0154)	0.3247 (0.0058)	0.1472 (0.0071)
$N(0.5 * 1_p, I_p)$	5,000	100	.2	<b>0.1941 (0.0173)</b>	0.2182 (0.0527)	0.3568 (0.0197)	0.2285 (0.0103)
$N(0.5 * 1_p, I_p)$	50,000	200	.2	<b>0.1108 (0.0093)</b>	0.1573 (0.0815)	0.3251 (0.0078)	0.1525 (0.0045)
$N(0.5 * 1_p, I_p)$	50,000	100	.05	0.0913 (0.0527)	0.1390 (0.0050)	0.0814 (0.0056)	<b>0.0530 (0.0052)</b>
$N(5 * 1_p, I_p)$	50,000	100	.2	2.7721 (0.1285)	<b>0.0534 (0.0041)</b>	0.3229 (0.0087)	0.1471 (0.0059)
$N(0.5 * 1_p, \Sigma)$	50,000	100	.2	0.1189 (0.0195)	<b>0.1148 (0.0234)</b>	0.3241 (0.0088)	0.1426 (0.0113)
Cauchy( $0.5 * 1_p$ )	50,000	100	.2	0.0738 (0.0053)	<b>0.0525 (0.0029)</b>	0.1045 (0.0071)	0.0633 (0.0042)

**Table:** Comparison of various robust mean estimation methods. The smallest error of each case is highlighted in bold.

- *Dimension Halving:* [Lai et al.'16]  
<https://github.com/kal2000/AgnosticMeanAndCovarianceCode>.
- *Iterative Filtering:* [Diakonikolas et al.'17]  
<https://github.com/hoonose/robust-filter>.

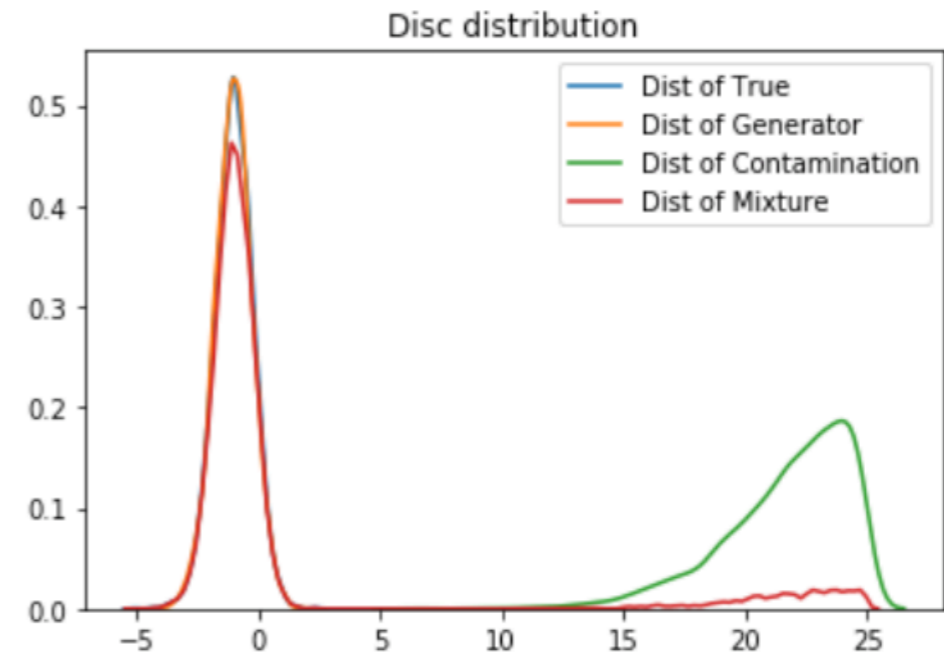
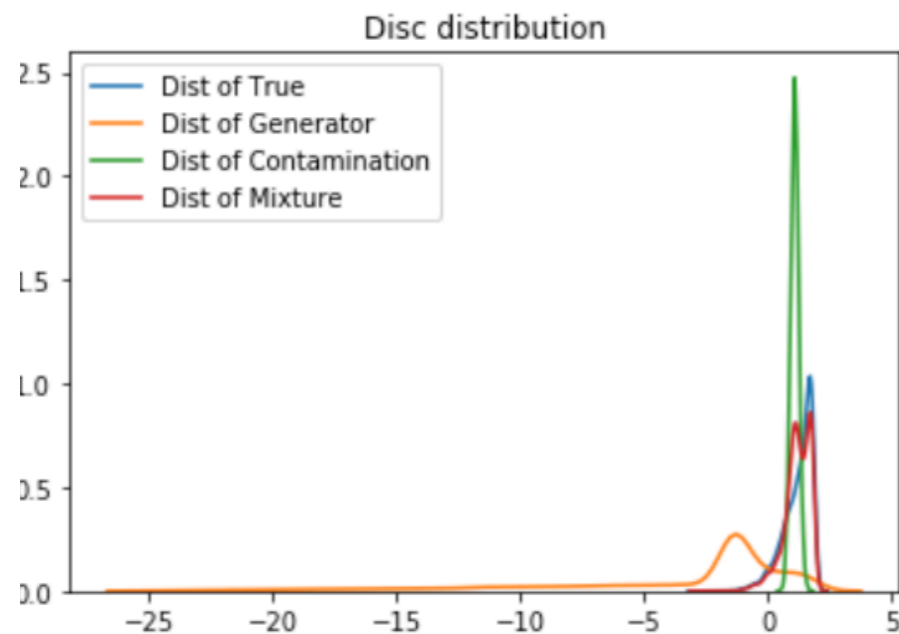
# Robust Learning of Cauchy Distributions

Table 4: Comparison of various methods of robust location estimation under Cauchy distributions. Samples are drawn from  $(1 - \epsilon)\text{Cauchy}(0_p, I_p) + \epsilon Q$  with  $\epsilon = 0.2, p = 50$  and various choices of  $Q$ . Sample size: 50,000. Discriminator net structure: 50-50-25-1. Generator  $g_\omega(\xi)$  structure: 48-48-32-24-12-1 with absolute value activation function in the output layer.

Contamination $Q$	JS-GAN ( $G_1$ )	JS-GAN ( $G_2$ )	Dimension Halving	Iterative Filtering
Cauchy( $1.5 * 1_p, I_p$ )	<b>0.0664 (0.0065)</b>	0.0743 (0.0103)	0.3529 (0.0543)	0.1244 (0.0114)
Cauchy( $5.0 * 1_p, I_p$ )	<b>0.0480 (0.0058)</b>	0.0540 (0.0064)	0.4855 (0.0616)	0.1687 (0.0310)
Cauchy( $1.5 * 1_p, 5 * I_p$ )	0.0754 (0.0135)	<b>0.0742 (0.0111)</b>	0.3726 (0.0530)	0.1220 (0.0112)
Normal( $1.5 * 1_p, 5 * I_p$ )	<b>0.0702 (0.0064)</b>	0.0713 (0.0088)	0.3915 (0.0232)	0.1048 (0.0288)

- *Dimension Halving*: [[Lai et al.'16](#)]  
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# Discriminator identifies outliers

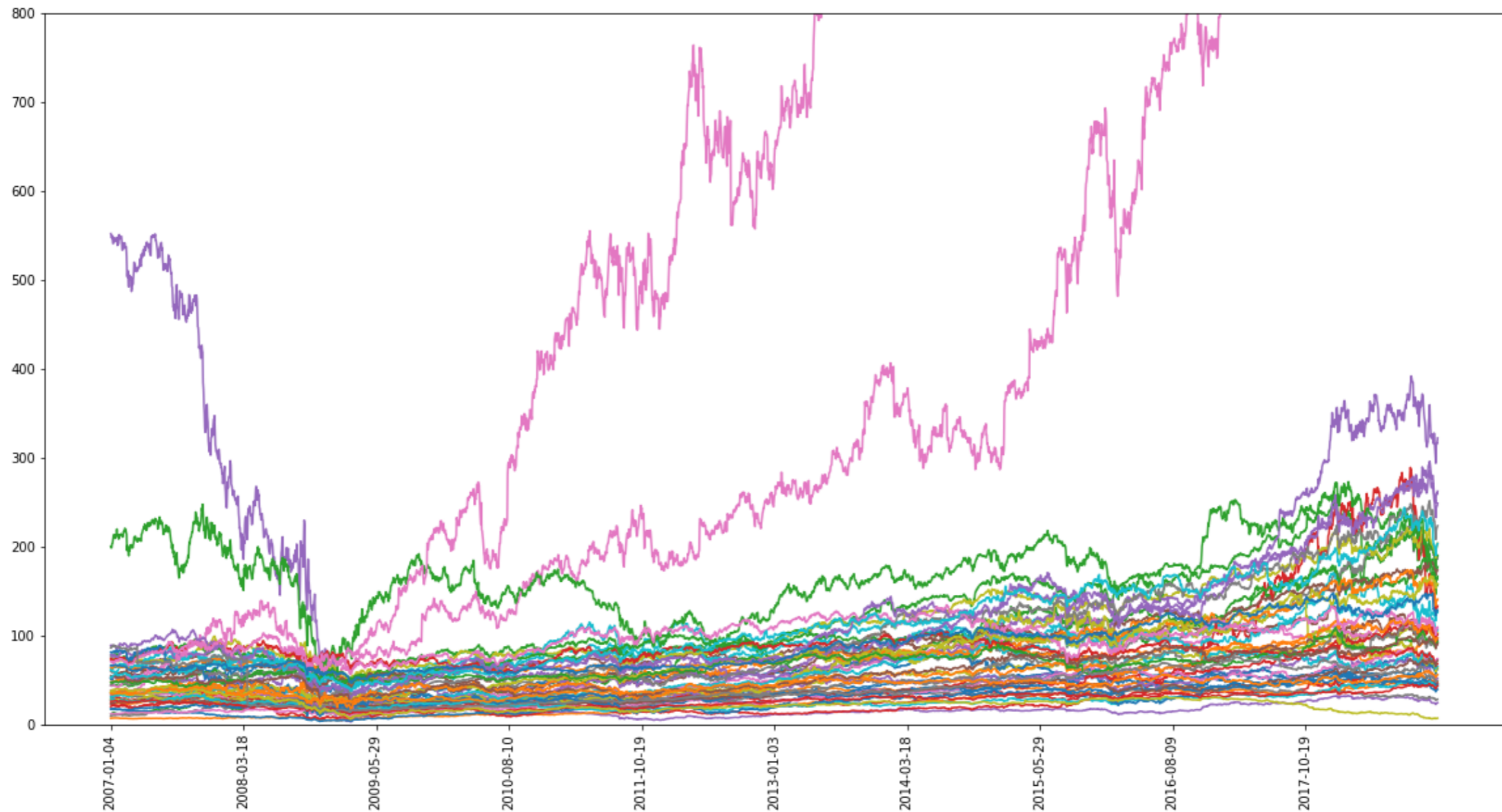


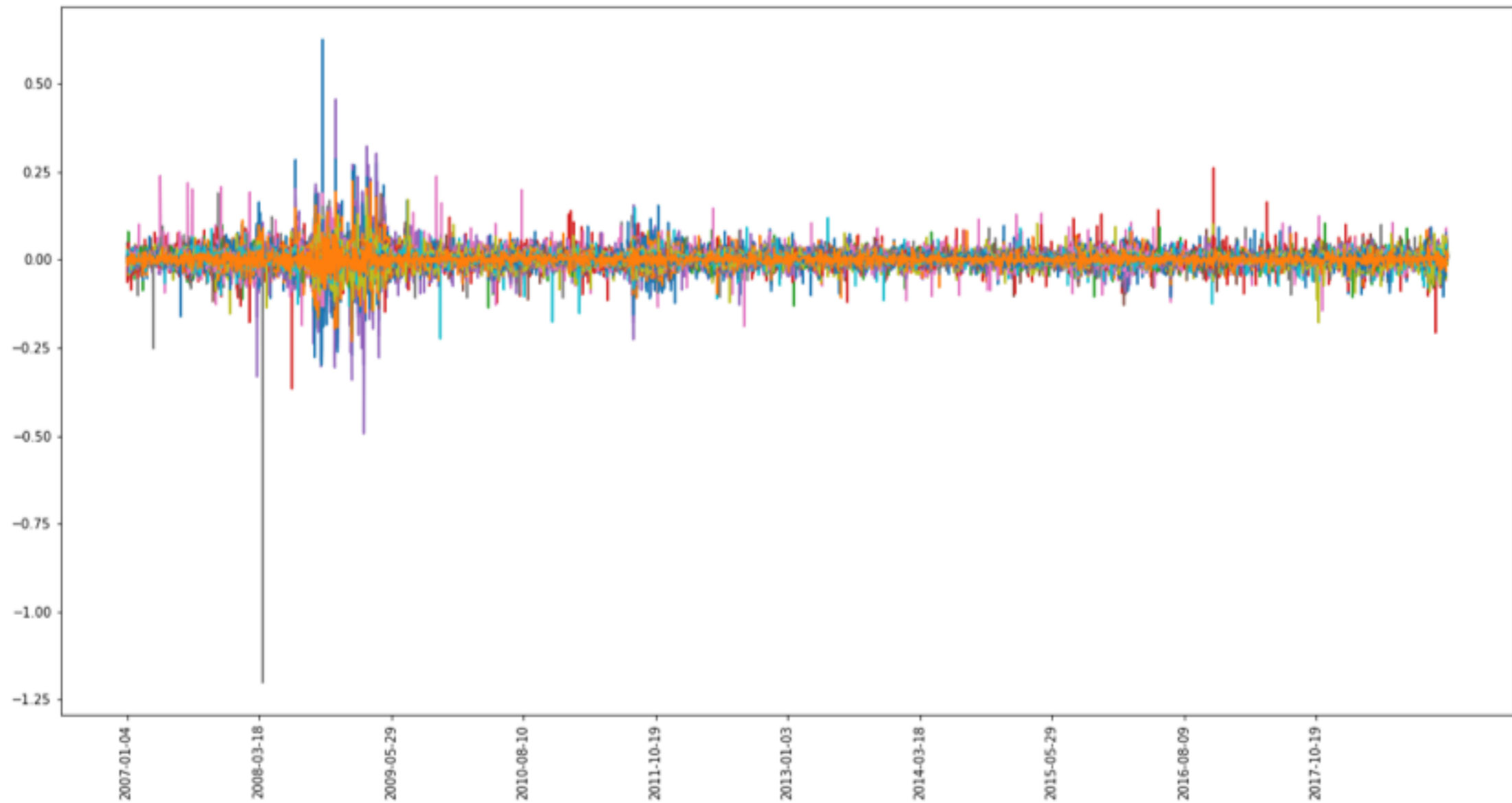
$$(1 - \epsilon)N(0_p, I_p) + \epsilon Q$$
$$N(5 * 1_p, I_p)$$

- Discriminator helps identify outliers or contaminated samples
- Generator fits uncontaminated portion of true samples

# Application: Price of 50 stocks from 2007/01 to 2018/12

Corps are selected by ranking in market capitalization





**Log-return.  $y[i] = \log(\text{price}_{\{i+1\}}/\text{price}_{\{i\}})$**

Fit data by Elliptica-GAN.

Apply SVD on scatter.

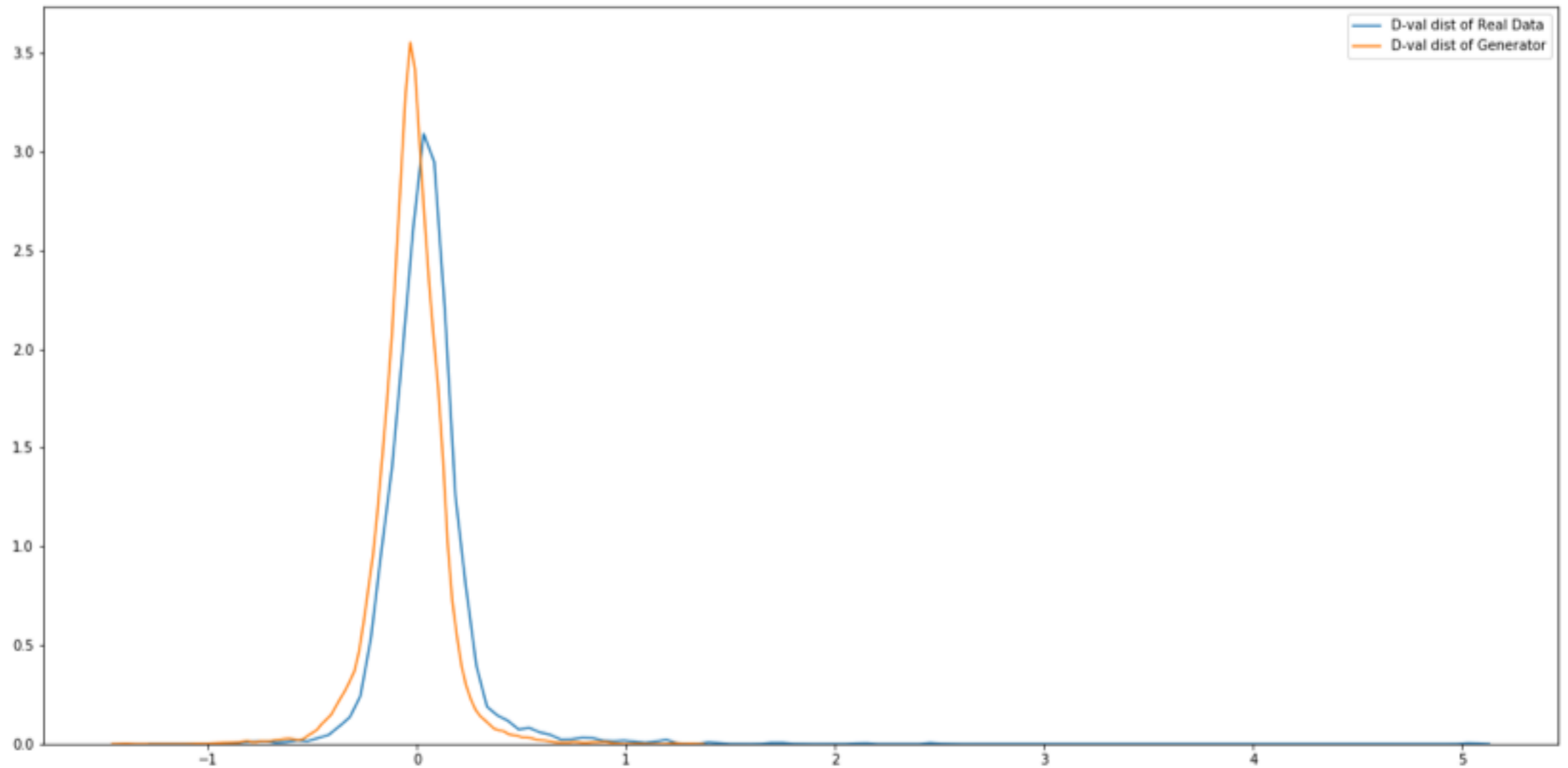
Dimension reduction on  $R^2$ .

outlier **x** and **o** are selected from Discriminator value distribution.





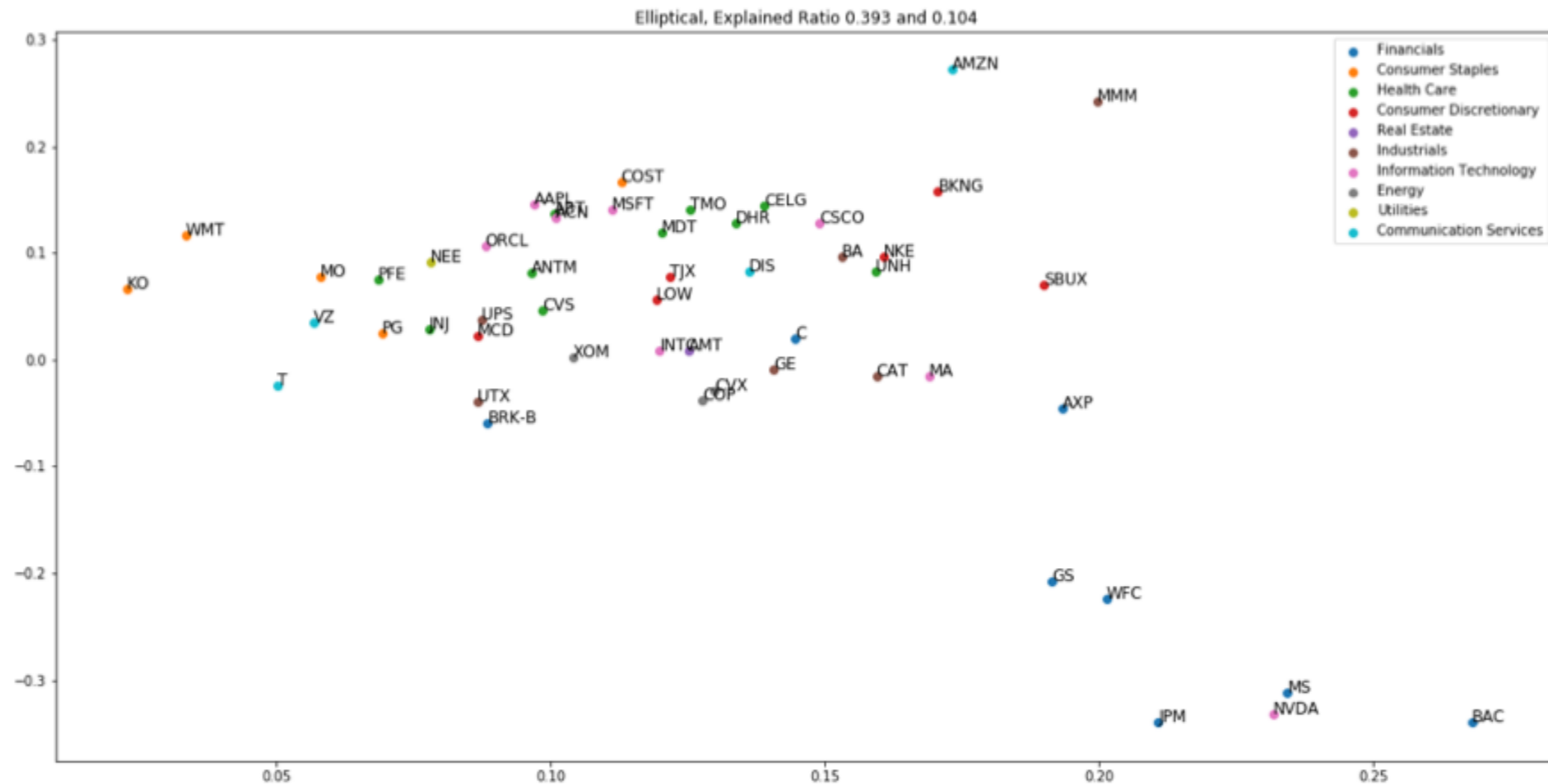
# Discriminator value distribution from (Elliptical) Generator and real samples. Outliers are chosen from samples larger/ lower than a chosen percentile of Generator distribution





# Loading of Elliptical Scatter:

## Comparing with PCA, it's more robust in the sense that it does not totally dominate by Financial company (JPM, GS)



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# Thank You

