



We thank all reviewers for their helpful and detailed comments! We have addressed the issue of dual submission in detail in the rebuttal of paper #6290. As R1 notes and we further elucidate, the problem setting, algorithm specifics, and use-case scenarios of the two papers are different and independent – **model bias** of a **pretrained model** for downstream **Monte Carlo evaluation** here vs. **data bias** during **weakly-supervised learning** for **fair data generation** in #6290.

- 6 • **R1: Support of the generative distribution p_θ and p .** Our meta-algorithm takes as input a learned model p_θ and p so
- 7 satisfying the support assumption is tied to the *training* of p_θ (which we do not consider in this work). Nevertheless for
- 8 a likelihood-based model, the support assumption can be empirically verified via evaluating p_θ on held-out data. The
- 9 assumption holds true for most variants of VAEs, flows, and autoregressive which have full support by design. We also
- 10 consider a more general case where we have only sample access to both p_θ and p , where estimating the support is a
- 11 computationally hard problem (related to estimating the entropy of arbitrary distribution via samples).
- 12 To address issues related to the estimation of importance weights via a learned classifier, tricks such as perturbations via
- 13 small, random Gaussian noise (which has full support), regularization (dropout, early stopping etc.) during training
- 14 (L306-307), as well as post-processing schemes (L135-143) can be applied. Empirically, we find self-normalization
- 15 along with early stopping during training (based on validation data) to be sufficient for ensuring good downstream
- 16 performance for various generative models (GANs, autoregressive models) and modalities considered in this work.
- 17 • **R1: Defining and measuring the bias introduced by p_θ .** In this work, bias is defined w.r.t. any function f defined over
- 18 the data domain. Given p_{data} , p_θ and f , the bias is defined as the difference in the expected value of f with respect to
- 19 p_{data} and p_θ (Footnote 1, Page 1). When p_{data} and p_θ are not known directly, the bias can be estimated empirically via
- 20 Monte Carlo using a sufficiently large number of samples from p_θ and p_{data} e.g., as shown in Table 1 and Appendix B.
- 21 • **R1: High variance in importance reweighting.** As with other applications of importance weighting, the extent of and
- 22 solutions to the high variance issue are empirically motivated. They could introduce a bias (e.g., clipping) but reduce
- 23 variance more favorably in the tradeoff. In our setting, the primary limitation was that the estimated importance weights
- 24 could all be small due to artifacts in the generations that were easy to detect via the binary classifier. While we found
- 25 self-normalization to be most effective, we note in L142 that schemes for post-processing importance weights could be
- 26 potentially combined, e.g., self-normalized weights could be clipped when variance is a larger issue.
- 27 • **R1: Choosing the clipping threshold β .** We consider β as a validation hyperparameter with values in $\{0.001, 0.01,$
- 28 $0.01, 1\}$ chosen to maximally reduce the bias in Monte Carlo evaluation of a downstream function of interest.
- 29 • **R2: Intuition and guidelines for design choices in L135-143.** Self-normalization is applied only for the generated
- 30 samples (i.e., those that contribute to bias in Monte Carlo evaluation). Like with other applications, the usage is
- 31 empirically driven. Generative models tend to produce artifacts that are easy to detect via classifiers and hence,
- 32 the estimated importance weights are very small ($\ll 1$). In all our experiments, self-normalization was essential to
- 33 circumvent this issue (see expts. in Tables 4, 5 in Appendix where self-normalization leads to a 53% improvement in
- 34 mean squared error over vanilla importance weighting). It is hyperparameter free and easy to apply. If variance is high,
- 35 the range of the weights can be restricted via clipping or flattening with hyperparameters β, α tuned on validation set.
- 36 • **R2: Data split for reference scores in L168.** Yes, the split is 50-50.
- 37 • **R2: Running procedure in [45] for long.** Yes, ignoring the high computational requirements of [45] and the fact that
- 38 the upper bound for rejection sampling is a heuristic estimate, the procedure in [45] could achieve the same effect as the
- 39 proposed importance weighting approach.
- 40 • **R2, R3: Calibration.** We believe the default calibration behavior is largely due to the fact that our **binary** classifiers
- 41 distinguishing real and fake data do not require very complex neural networks architectures and training tricks that lead
- 42 to miscalibration for **multi-class classification**. As shown by Niculescu-Mizil & Caruana (2005), shallow networks are
- 43 well-calibrated and Guo et al. (2017) further argue that a major reason for miscalibration is the use of a softmax loss
- 44 typical for multi-class problems. Top-left figure shows example calibration curves for the experiment in 5.1.
- 45 • **R3: Interaction of post-hoc normalization schemes with calibration.** While calibration is necessary for a sound
- 46 density ratio estimation procedure, the utility of the derived importance weights for downstream tasks depends on the
- 47 underlying expectation of interest. These expectations are evaluated with finite samples and hence, the asymptotic
- 48 properties of importance weighting (e.g., unbiasedness) are traded off for improved downstream performance using
- 49 self-normalization and other post-processing schemes.
- 50 • **R3: Domain adaptation.** We clarify that we are considering the task of multi-class classification and not domain
- 51 adaptation (L179-181). As we note in L182-183, the Omniglot dataset is a particularly relevant test bed for data
- 52 augmentation since there are a large number of classes and a few number of training examples per class. We will
- 53 consider other related scenarios in future version!
- 54 • **R3: $D_g + \text{LFIW}$ vs. D_g .** Note that this experiment does not only involve Monte Carlo evaluation of a supervised loss
- 55 but also optimization via gradient methods. In the absence of real data D_{cl} , the classifier training is dominated by D_g
- 56 and correcting the bias in the dataset via LFIW towards an unseen dataset (D_{cl}) can potentially have limited gains.
- 57 • **R3: Modes getting closer in Fig 1.** As modes get closer, the importance weights will approach 1 (and the class
- 58 probabilities will approach 0.5) since the mismatch in generative model and data distributions will accordingly decrease.