

1. INTRODUCTION

We present **SketchBot**, a real-time **React + Flask** system for sketch recognition and generation across 10 Google Quick, Draw! classes.

The pipeline enforces identical train serve preprocessing (binarize \rightarrow crop \rightarrow pad \rightarrow resize 64×64 \rightarrow normalize) to avoid distribution shift.

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- We use a compact **SketchCNN** that takes the 64×64 grayscale canvas and outputs 10-way class probabilities, enabling real-time recognition of what the user is drawing.
- We adopt a **Sketch-RNN-style** conditional VAE (**GenerateRNN**): a **BiLSTM encoder** maps stroke sequences to a latent code, and an **LSTM** + MDN decoder samples pen states to generate sketches of classes using a generative deep-learning model.

Both services are exposed through simple HTTP endpoints (/predict, /category) for interactive use. We evaluate the system on the 10-class benchmark and demonstrate robust classification and coherent, classconditioned drawings in real time

Bat	Bicycle	Bus	Cactus	Clock
Door	Guitar	Lightbulb	Paintbrush	smileyface

Table 1. QuickDraw classes used for this work

2. MODEL ARCHITECTURE & PIPELINES

Input image 64x64 Grayscale

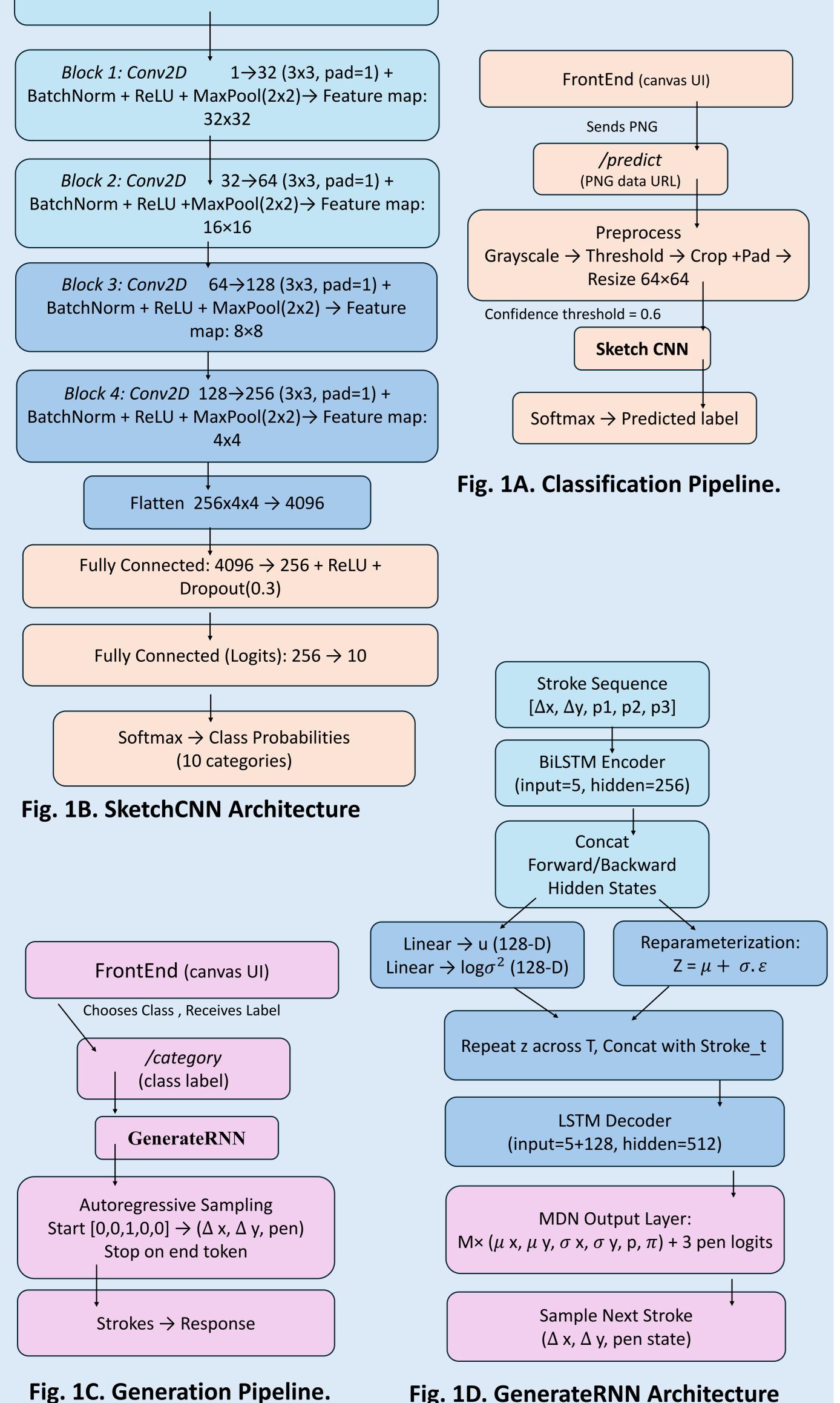


Fig. 1D. GenerateRNN Architecture

3. RESULTS

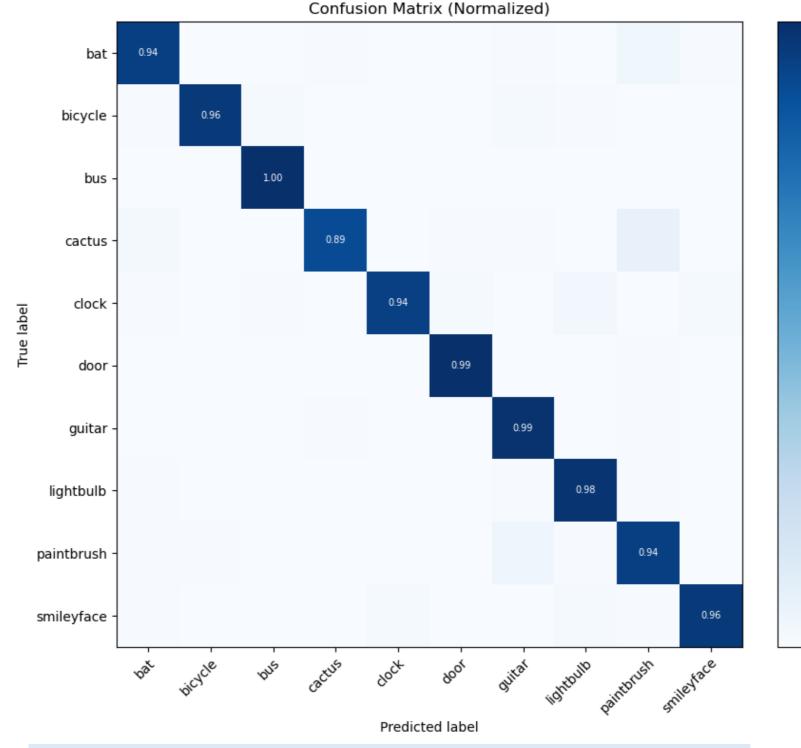


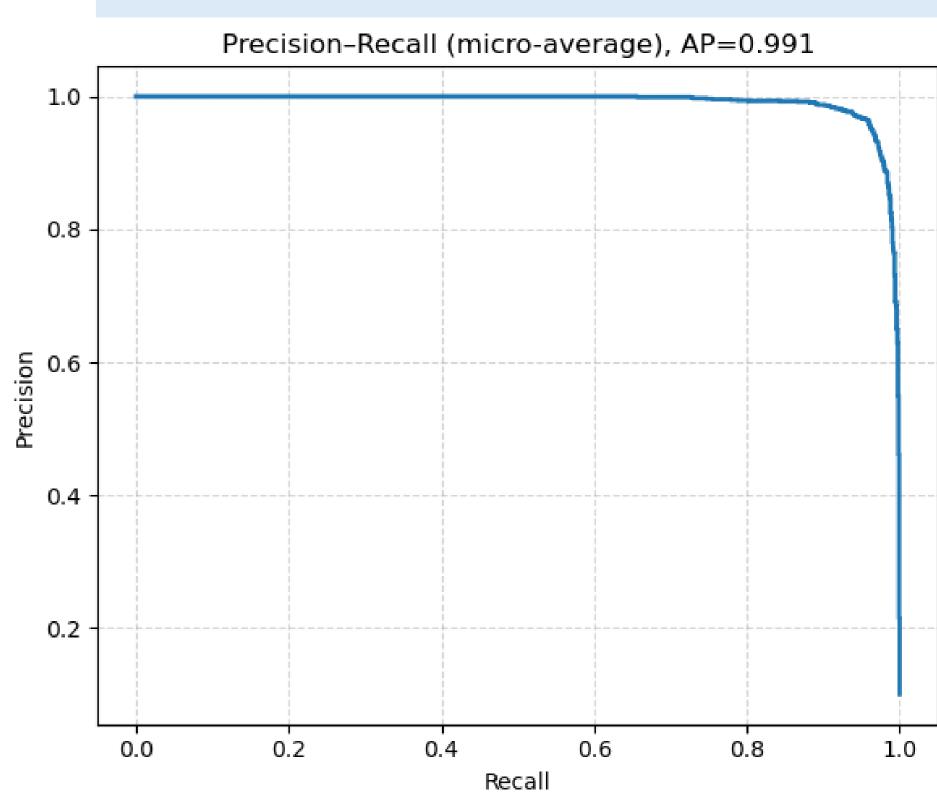
Fig. 2A. Normalized confusion matrix (test Classification set).

- Overall: strong diagonals **8/10** classes ≥ **0.94** recall.
- **Best:** bus = 1.00; door ≈ 0.99.
- Lowest: cactus \approx 0.89, paintbrush \approx 0.94.
- thin/elongated shapes (cactus, paintbrush) share stroke topology → occasional confusions with rounded/line-like classes.

Fig. 2B Precision–Recall

Classification

- Curve stays near **top-right** → **high** precision across recall.
- Average Precision (micro) 0.991 confirms balanced performance despite class differences.
- Thresholding: the app's **0.6 confidence** keeps precision high while rejecting uncertain cases.



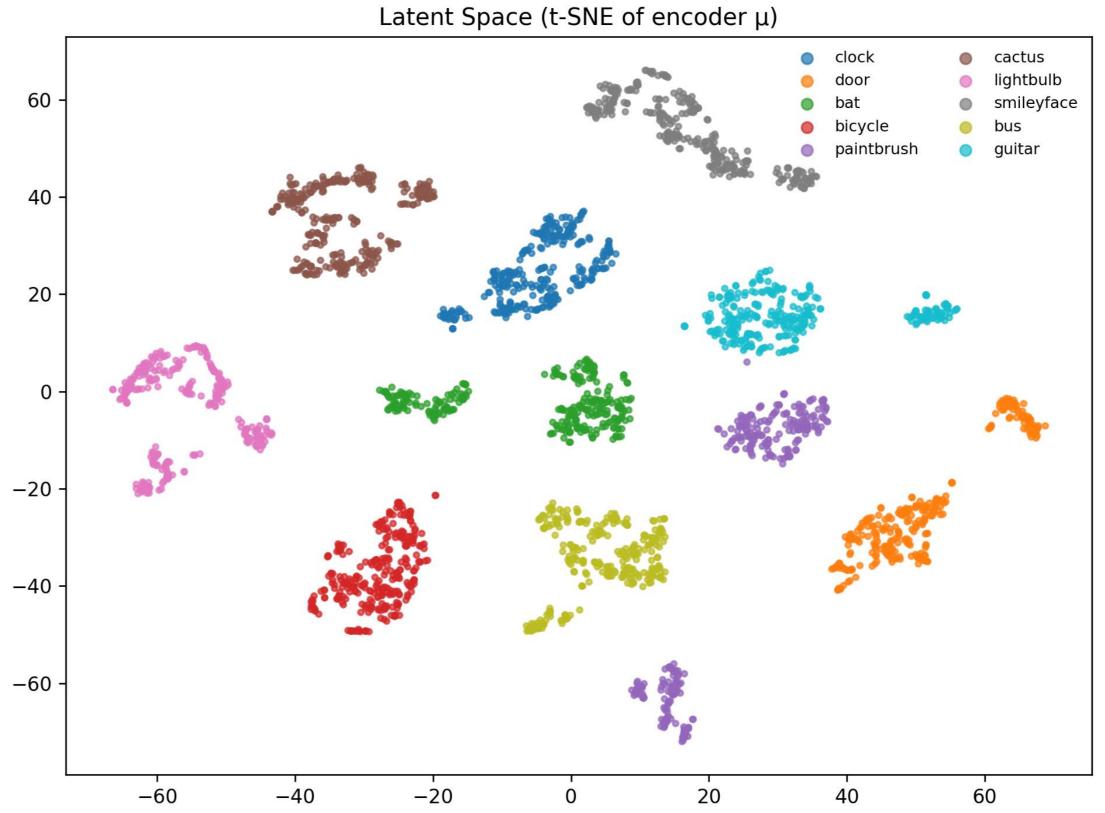


Fig. 3A Latent Space t-SNE

Generation

- Clear class-separable clusters latent z captures object structure.
- Compact clusters indicate consistent intra-class stroke patterns.
- Minimal overlap → decoder can condition on z to produce class-specific strokes.

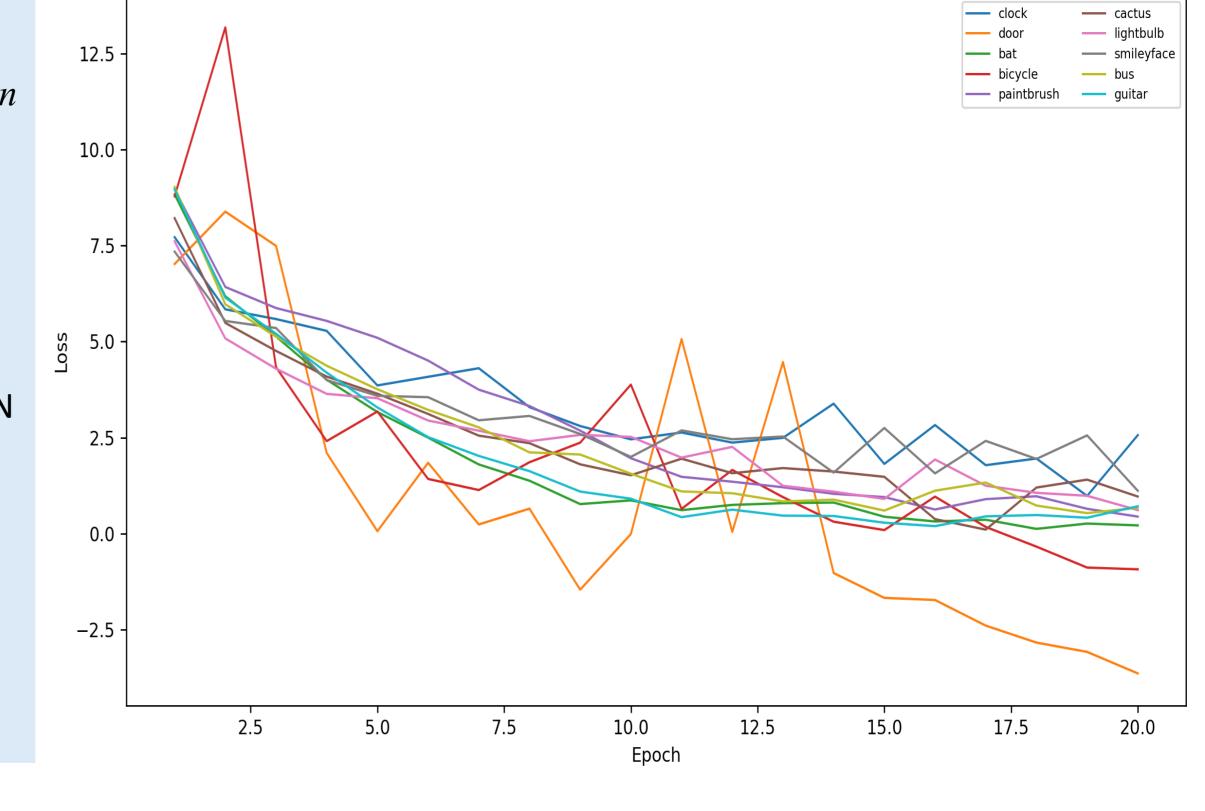
Fig. 3B Total Loss by Class

Generation

 $\mathcal{L}_{total} = \mathcal{L}_{rec} + \beta.\mathcal{L}_{KL}$

Strong downward trend in first **5–8 epochs**; most classes plateau ~epoch 12-**15**.

Occasional **spikes** from MDN sampling/difficulty of some classes.



Total Loss by Class

4. CONCLUSION

- Our classifier achieves **96.0%** test accuracy (Macro-F1 0.959, AP 0.991); the per-class F1 plot is uniformly high most classes ≥ 0.94 with bus and door near 0.99 and cactus/paintbrush slightly lower due to similar thin, line-like strokes.
- the generator learns class-separable latents and draws coherent, class-conditioned sketches showing that compact models can power a **reliable**, interactive tool.
- Next, we will build a Transformer/attentionbased conditional generator and strengthen conditioning with **KL-annealing** and probability calibration.

