Contrastive Convolutional Auto-Encoder(CCAE)

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Introduction

We are interested in image generation, using AI technquies.



Image generation has many application, in fields of data augmentation, super resolution etc.

Different approaches to the problem

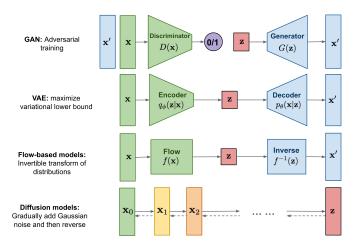


Figure: Different approaches to the problem

Survey of different models

- Auto-Encoder: Gives identity maps, Invertible, good reconstruction, not suitable for new image generation.
- Variational Auto-Encoder: Identity maps, Invertible, Bad reconstruction, suitable for new image generation.
- Generative Adversarial Networks: Good image generation, non-identity map, non-trivial inversion, suitable for generation of new samples, difficult to train.
- Invertible Generative Adversarial Networks: Good image generation, Identity map, difficult to train and invert.
- **Diffusion model**: Non-trivial inversion, no latent space in architecture.

VICReg Architecture

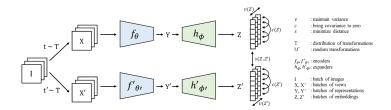


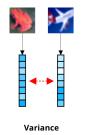
Figure: The VICReg architecture

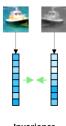
Encoder
$$f_{enc}: \mathbb{R}^{c \times h \times w} \to \mathbb{R}^{2048}$$
 (1)

Decoder
$$f_{dec}: \mathbb{R}^{2048} \to \mathbb{R}^{c \times h \times w}$$
 (2)

Projector
$$f_{proj}: \mathbb{R}^{2048} \to \mathbb{R}^{8192}$$
 (3)

Mathematical description and VICReg Loss







Invariance

Covariance

$$Y = f_{enc}(X) \tag{4}$$

$$Z = f_{proj}(Y)$$

(5)

$$X' = f_{dec}(Y)$$

 $Y' = f_{enc}(X')$

$$Z' = f_{proj}(Y')$$

Architecture I for Image generation

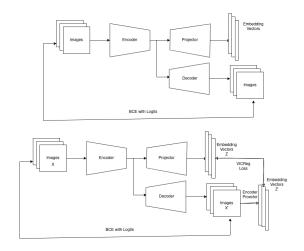


Figure: Architecture for image generation

Results

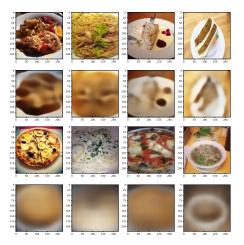


Figure: Input and Reconstructed image with Convolutional Autoencoders (above), Input and Reconstructed image using VICReg inversion(below)

Loss

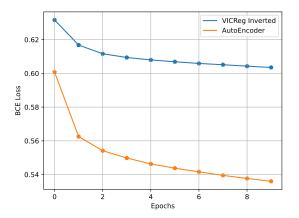


Figure: Comparing the losses for the different architectures