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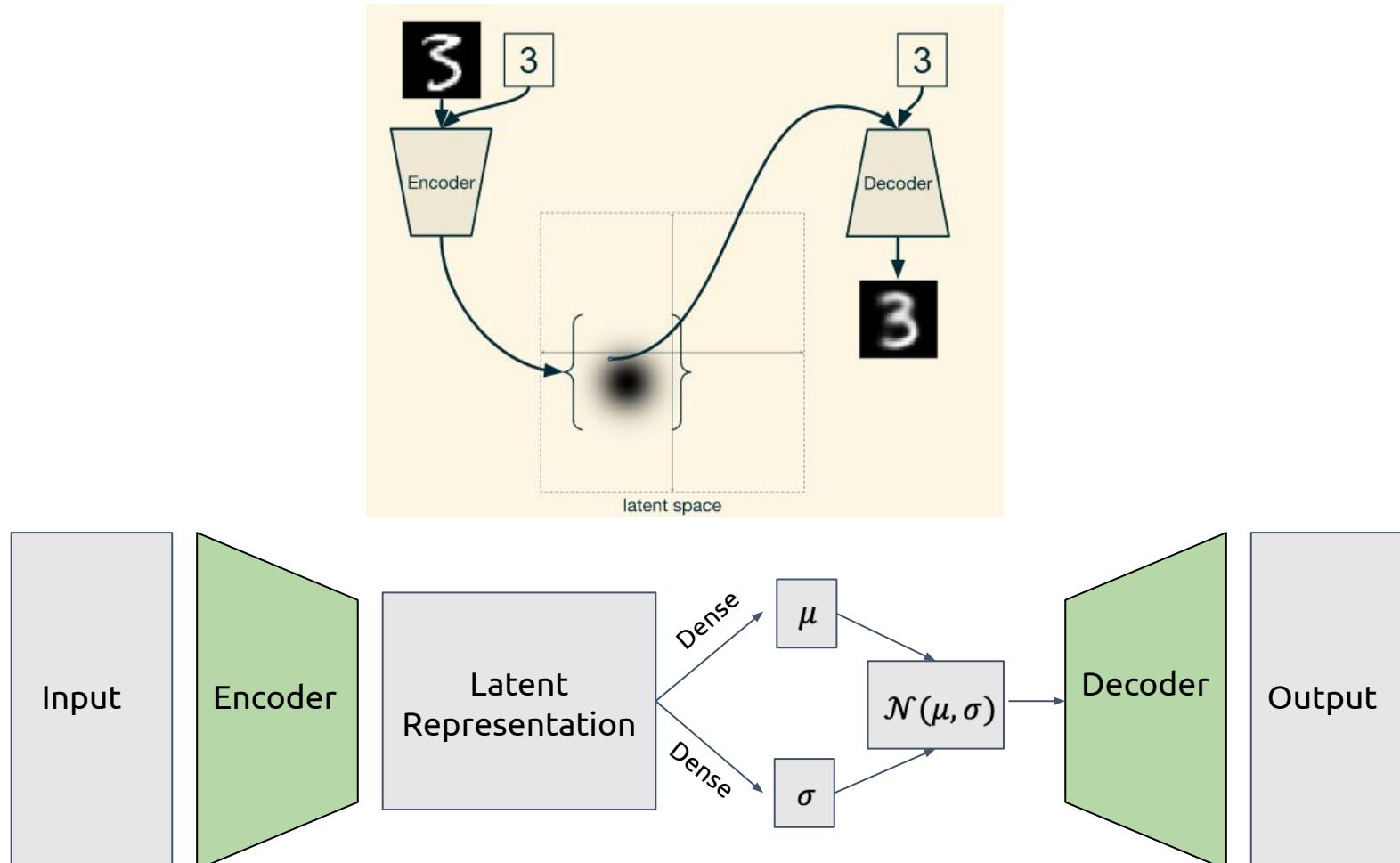
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# Deep Learning



# Review: VAEs and Conditional VAEs



# Review: Why are VAE samples blurry?

Input



VAE reconstruction



<https://towardsdatascience.com/what-the-heck-are-vae-gans-17b8602358a>

- Our reconstruction loss is the culprit
  - Mean Square Error (MSE) loss looks at each pixel in isolation
  - If no pixel is too far from its target value, the loss won't be too bad
  - Individual pixels look OK, but larger-scale features in the image aren't recognizable
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- ***Solutions?***
    - Let's choose a different reconstruction loss!

Today's goal – learn about generative  
adversarial networks (GANs)

(1) Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

(2) Training GANs and challenges

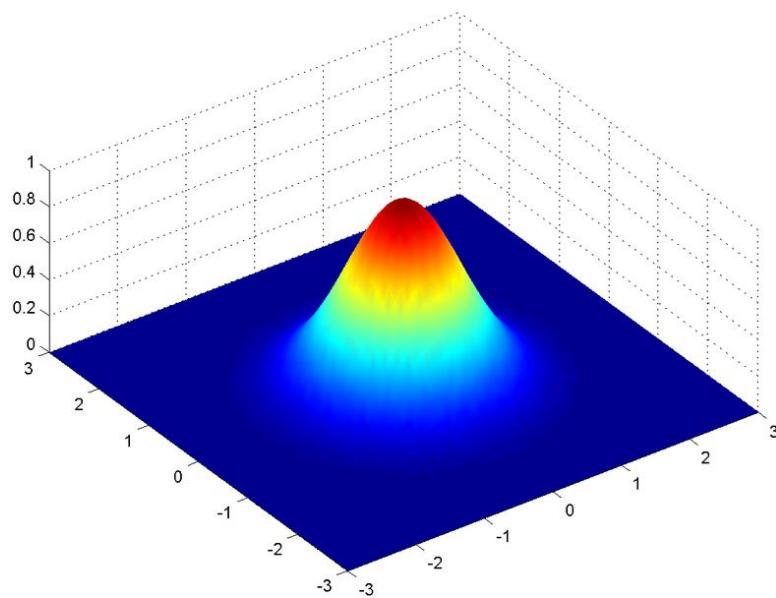
(3) Deepfakes

# Generative Adversarial Networks

(a.k.a. “GANs”)

# Review: A Neural Generative Model

- Input: a point  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$  drawn from the unit normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- Output: a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$  distributed according to some more complex distribution



**The distribution of  
human faces**



# GANs by Analogy

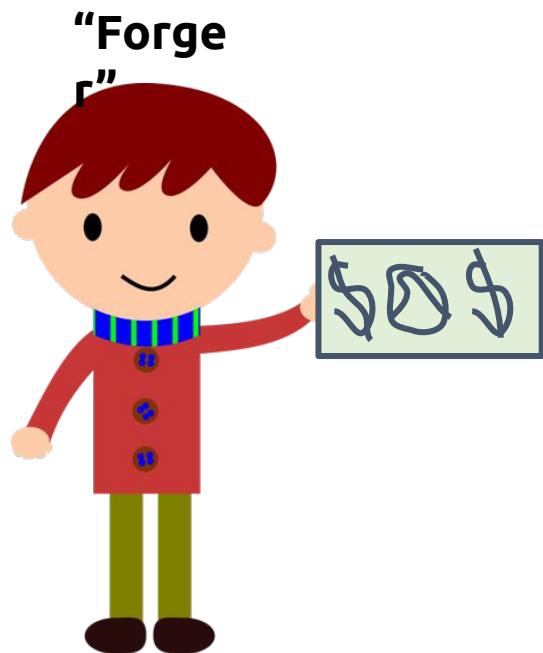
## Scenario:

Two kids are playing a detective game ("Sherlock" or "Nancy Drew") where one of them has to fool the other in making counterfeit dollars



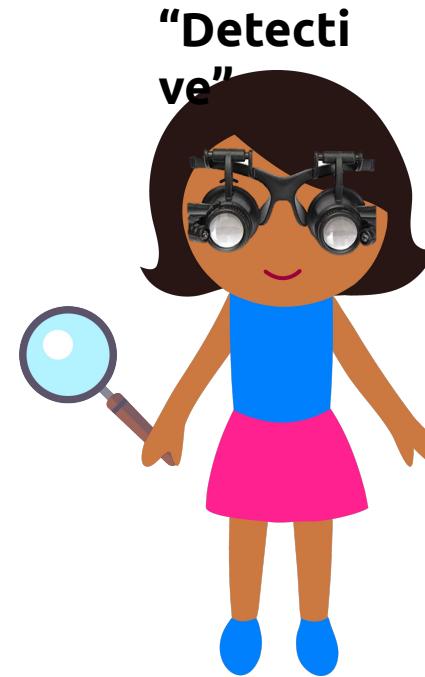
# GANs by Analogy

- Initially, neither one of them is very good at their job
- The Forger produces horrible doodles on paper
- The Detective just looks for obvious “tells” / mistakes



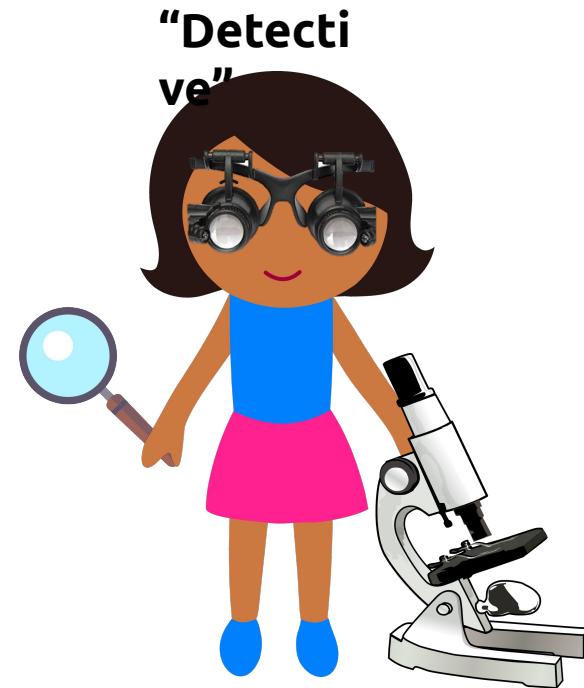
# GANs by Analogy

- As the Detective spots the Forger's fakes, the Forger has to devise better fakes
- The Detective, in turn, has to get better at spotting the Forger's improved fakes



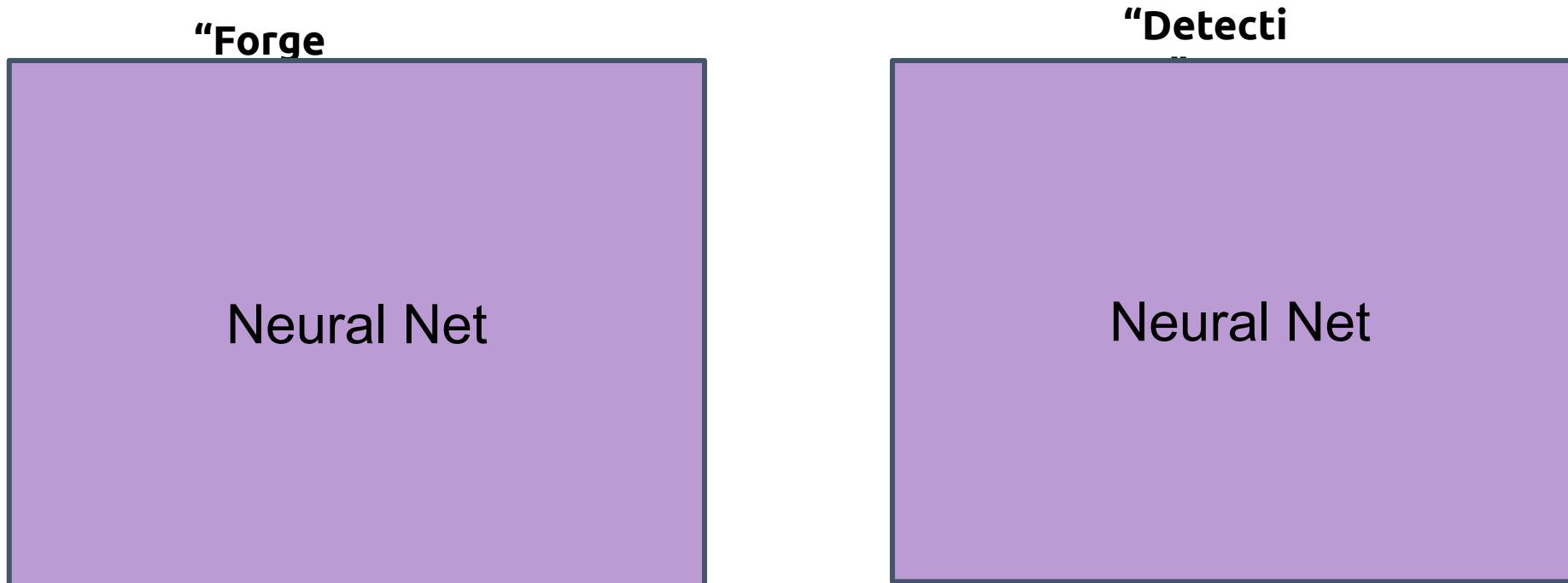
# GANs by Analogy

- If they keep this up long enough, the Forger gets so good that their fakes are virtually indistinguishable from the real thing...
- ...and the Detective has developed ‘superhuman’ abilities to detect them



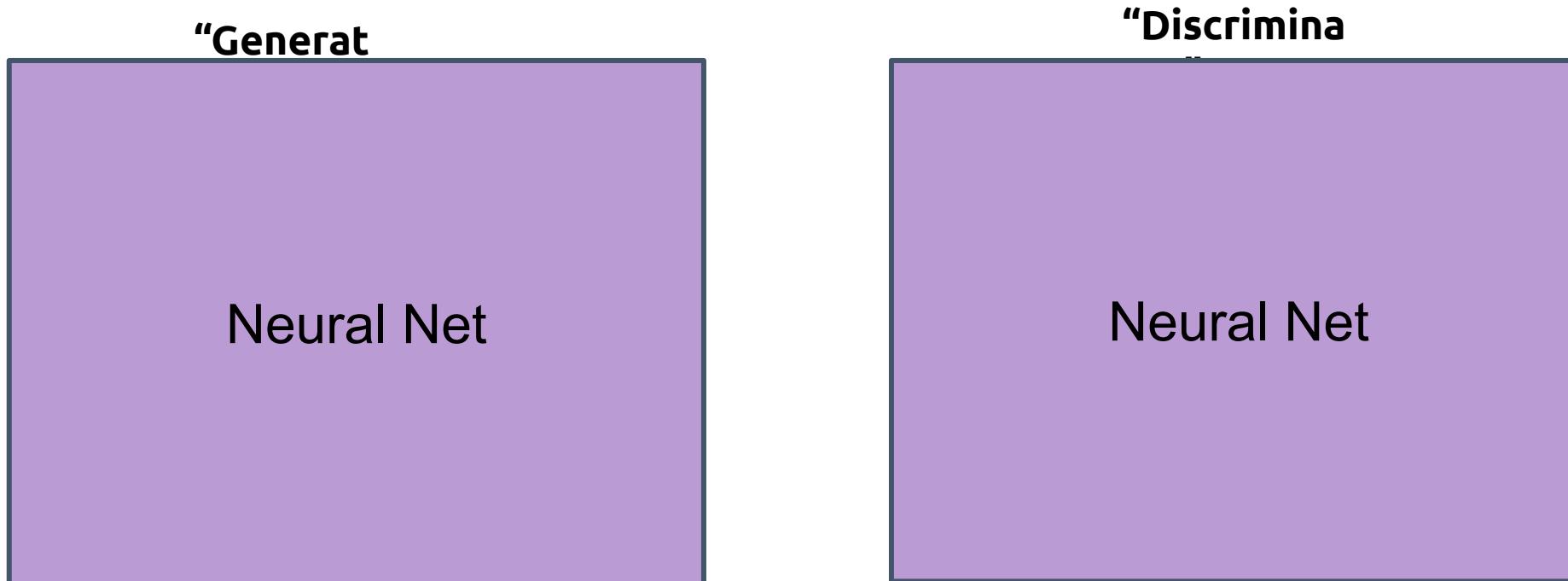
# GANs by Analogy

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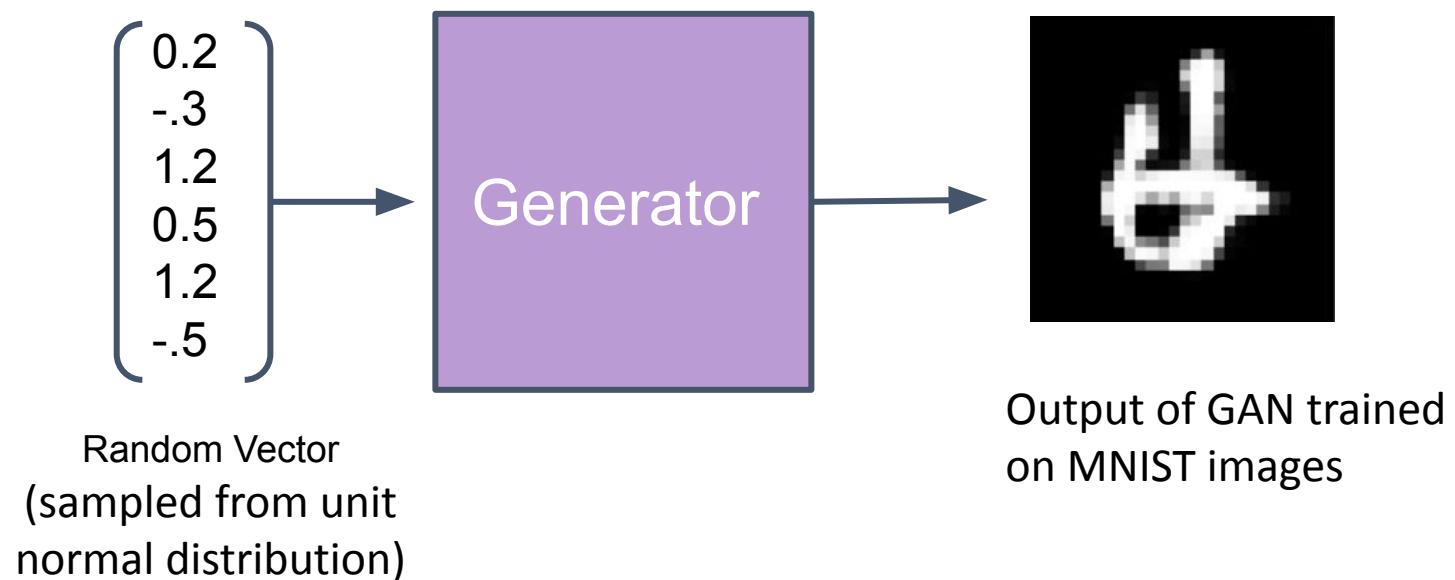
# GANs by Analogy

- GANs operationalize this idea by using neural networks to serve both of these roles
- We call these networks the “Generator” and the “Discriminator”



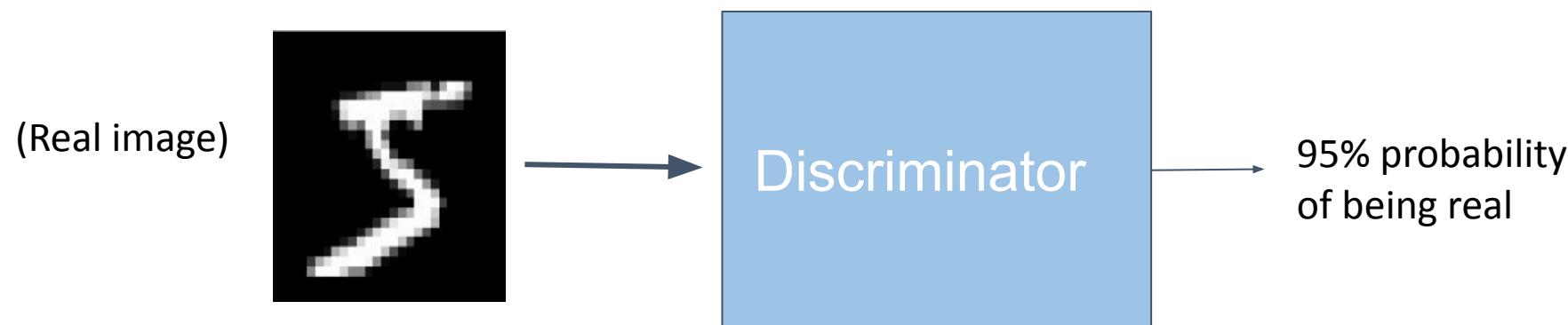
# GANs: The Generator

The generator is a neural network that takes in a random vector and produces a “fake” data point



# GANs: The Discriminator

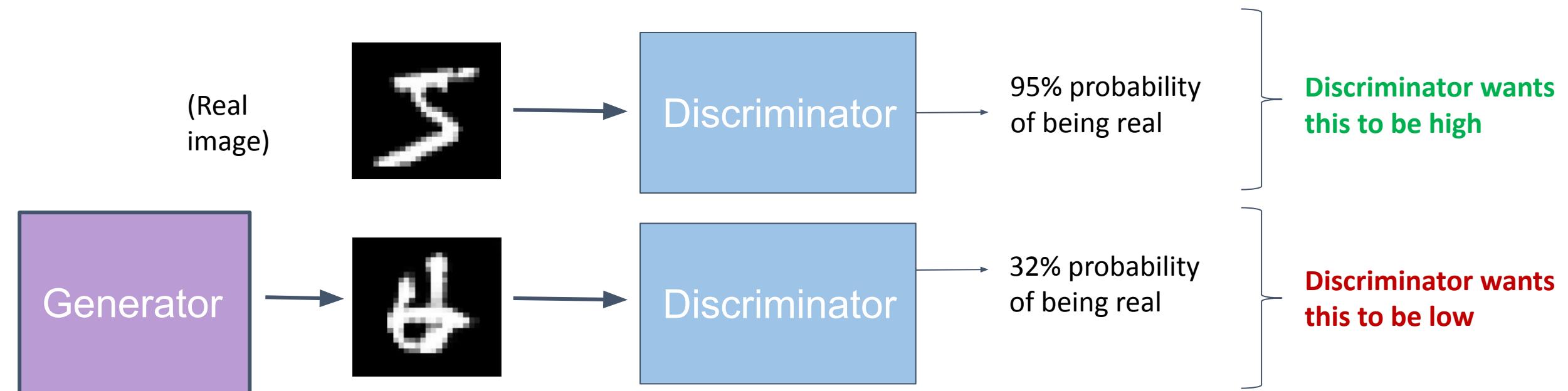
The discriminator is a neural network that takes in images and predicts the probability that the image is real:



# GANs: Training the Discriminator

Discriminator wants to say:

- Real images are real with high probability.
- Fake images are real with low probability.



# GANs: Training the Discriminator

Discriminator wants to maximize:

Which loss does this remind you of?

$$E_x[\log(D(x))] + E_z[\log(1 - D(G(z)))]$$



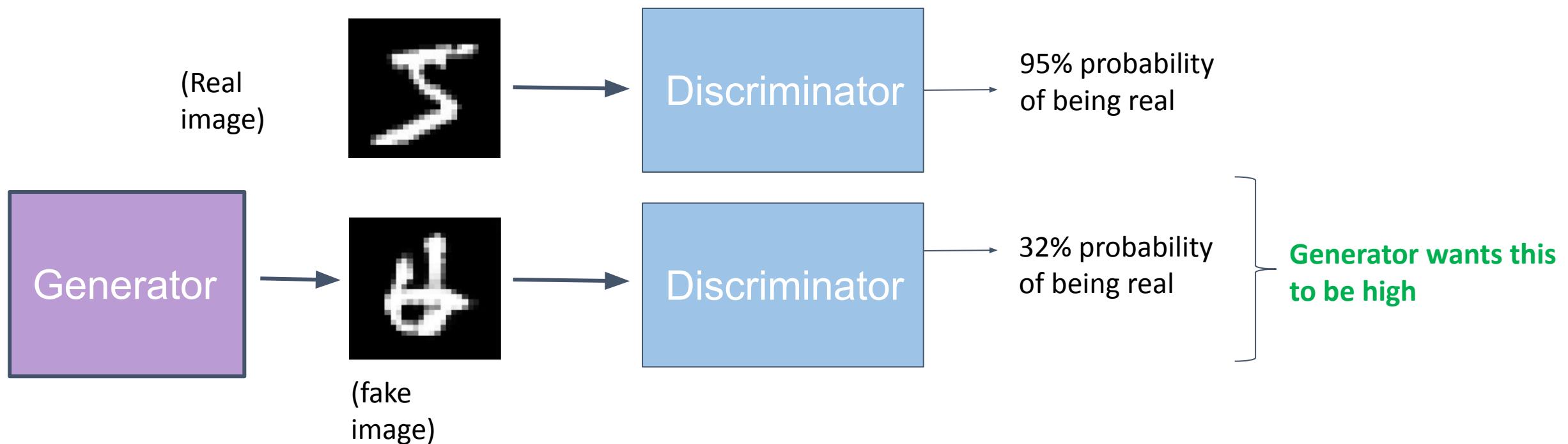
Log probability that the real image  $x$  is predicted to be real by the discriminator.

Log probability that the fake image  $G(z)$  is predicted to be fake by the discriminator.

**Note:** Maximizing this quantity is equivalent to minimizing binary cross entropy loss with fake data labelled as 0 and real data labelled as 1.

# GANs: Training the Generator

Generator wants to fool the discriminator. It wants the probability of the discriminator saying a fake image is real to be high.



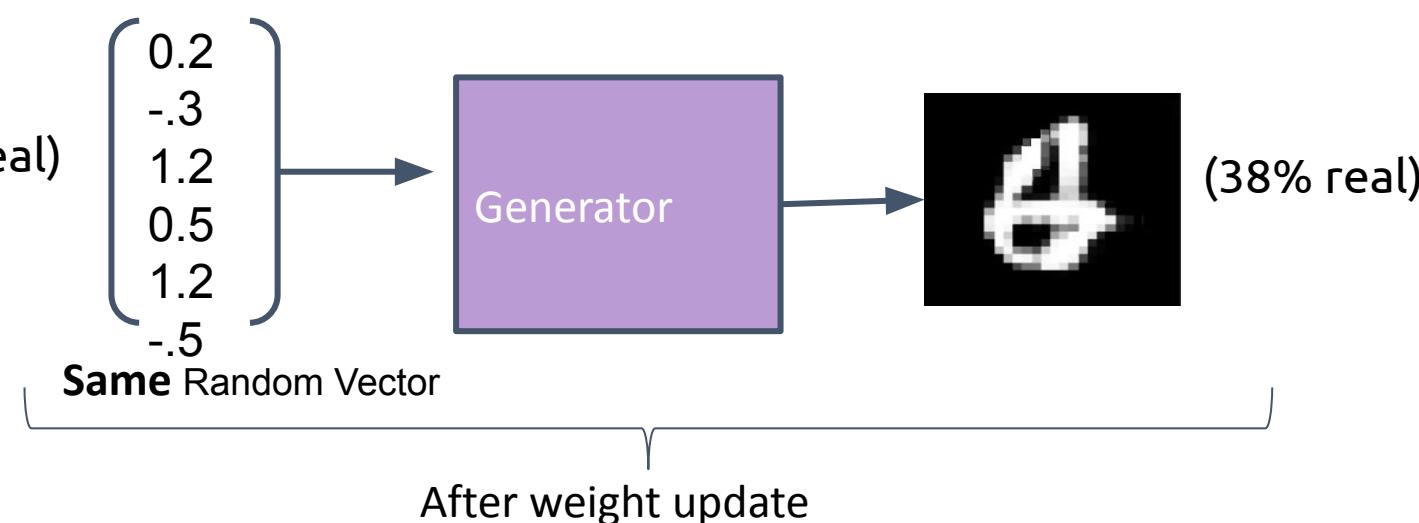
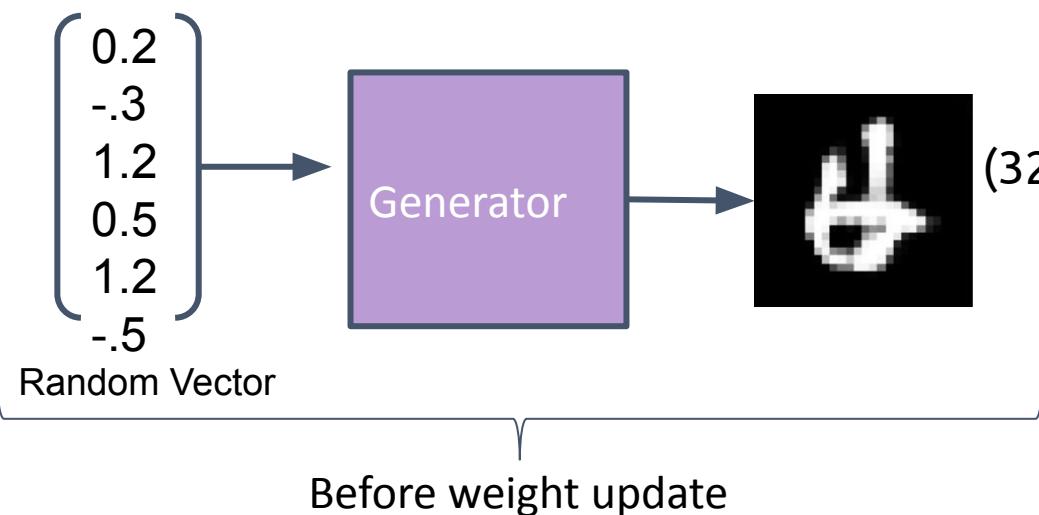
# GANs: Training the Generator

Generator wants to maximize:

$$E_z[\log(D(G(z)))]$$

} Log probability that the fake image z is predicted as real by the discriminator.

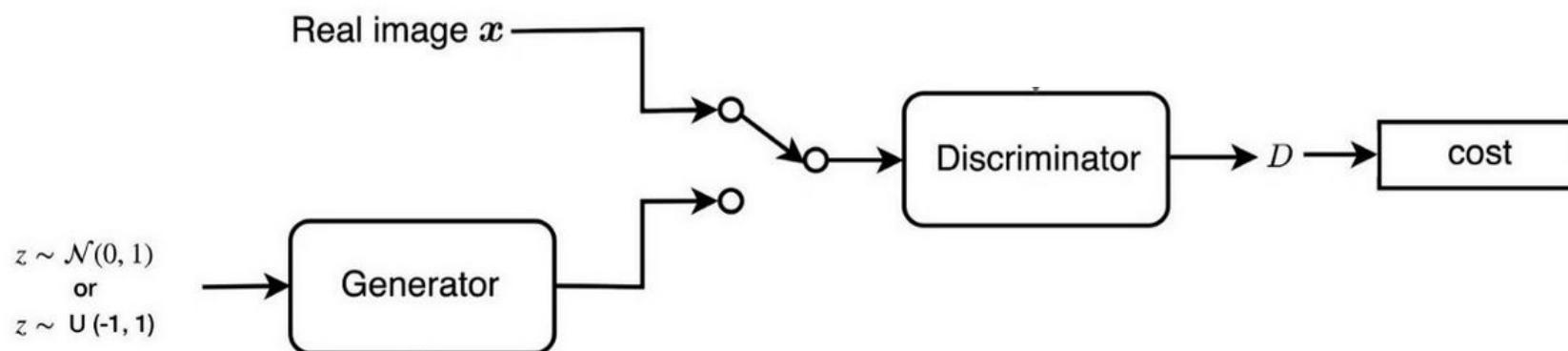
The generator is only allowed to change ***its own weights*** to maximize this value. Performing an update on the generator will cause all of the images to become slightly more realistic according to the discriminator.



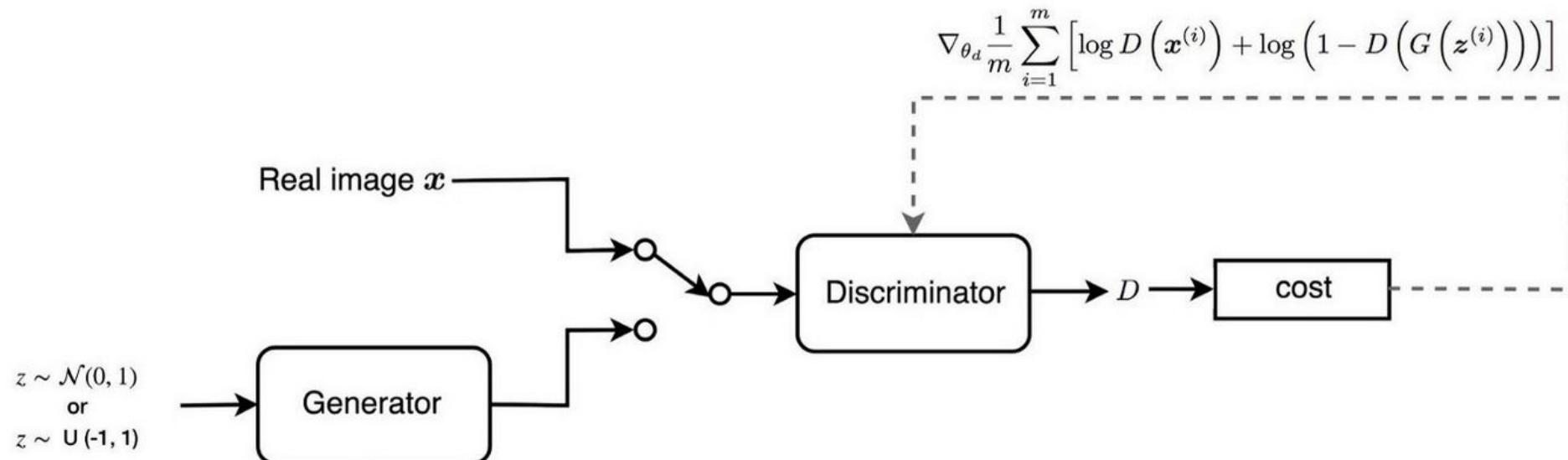
# GAN Loss

$$E_x[\log(D(x))] + E_z[\log(1 - D(G(z)))]$$

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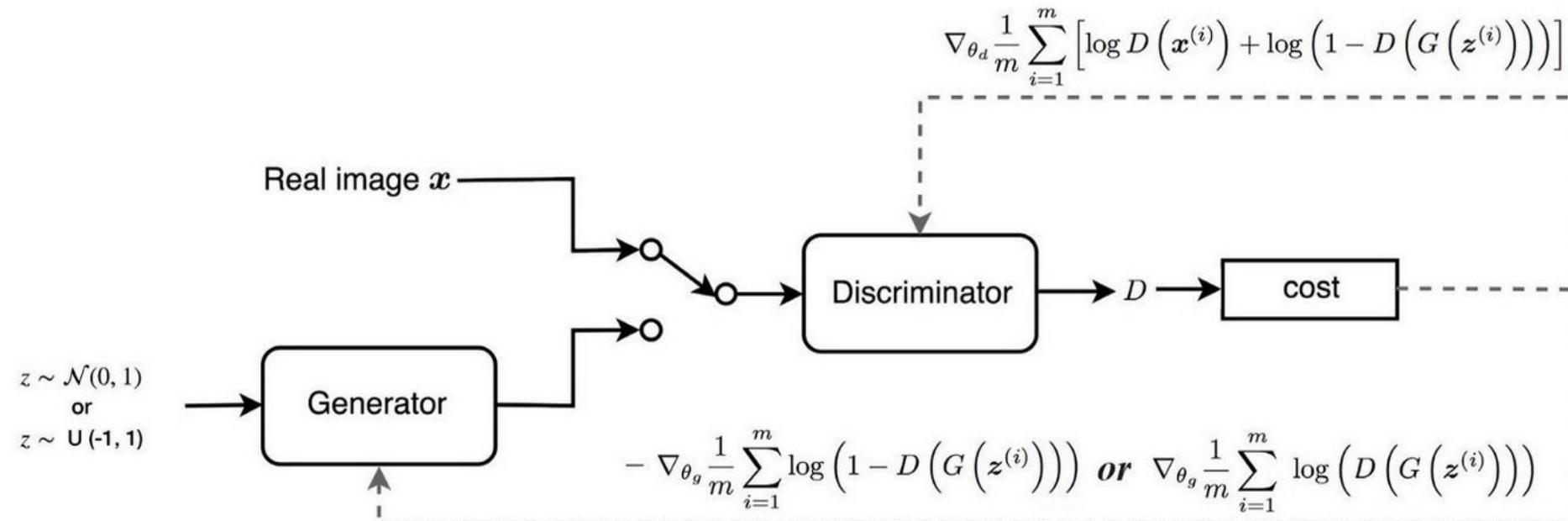


What about generator?

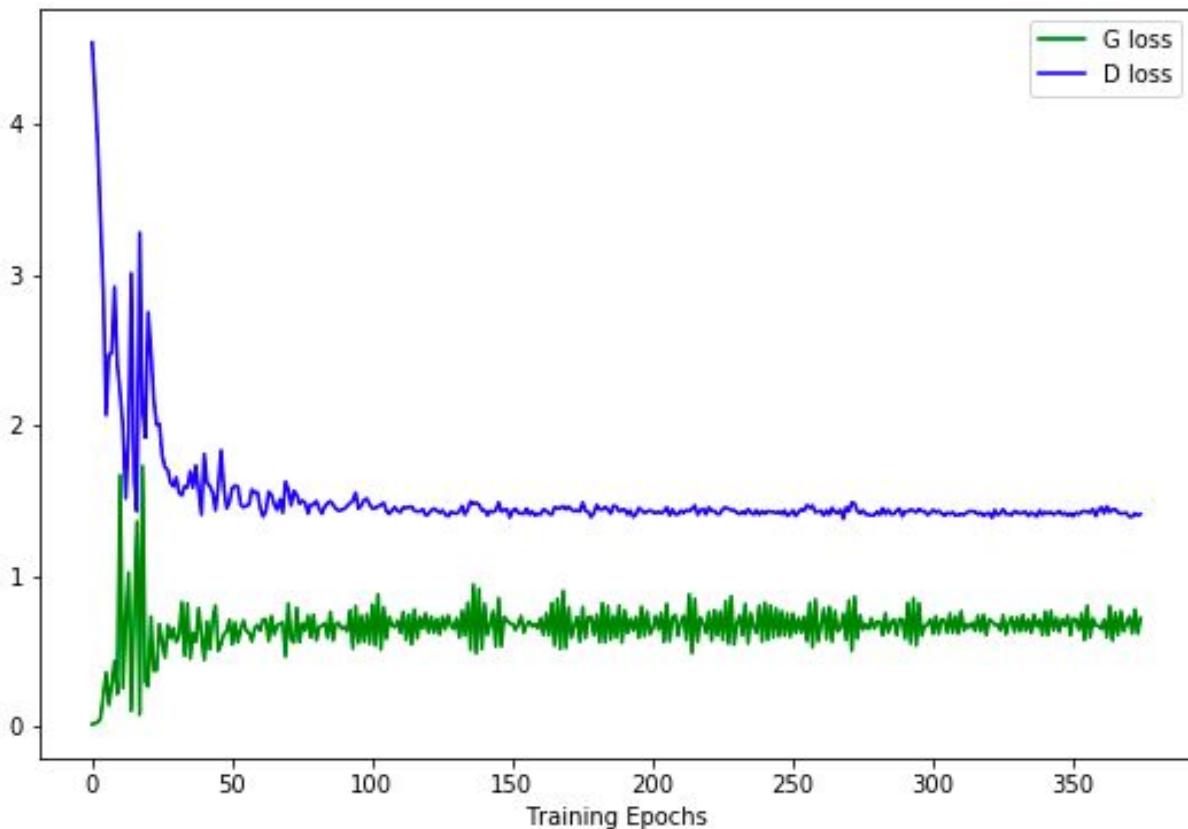
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# GAN Loss



# GAN Training Dynamics



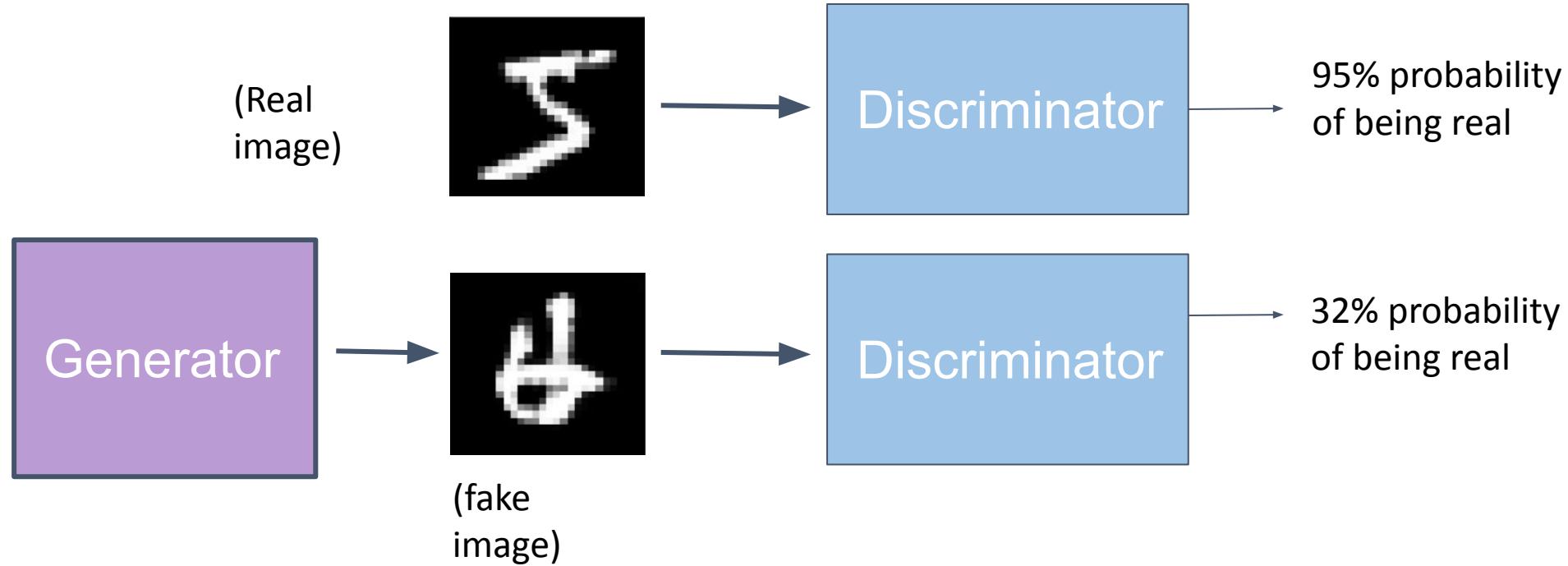
- Does not exhibit the typical “training loss continues to go down” behavior
- *Why?*
  - Training a GAN is a “stalemate” – G and D continually adjust to each other’s improvements
  - More formally, training a GAN to convergence is attempting to find an equilibrium of a two-player minimax game

# Demo

<https://poloclub.github.io/ganlab/>

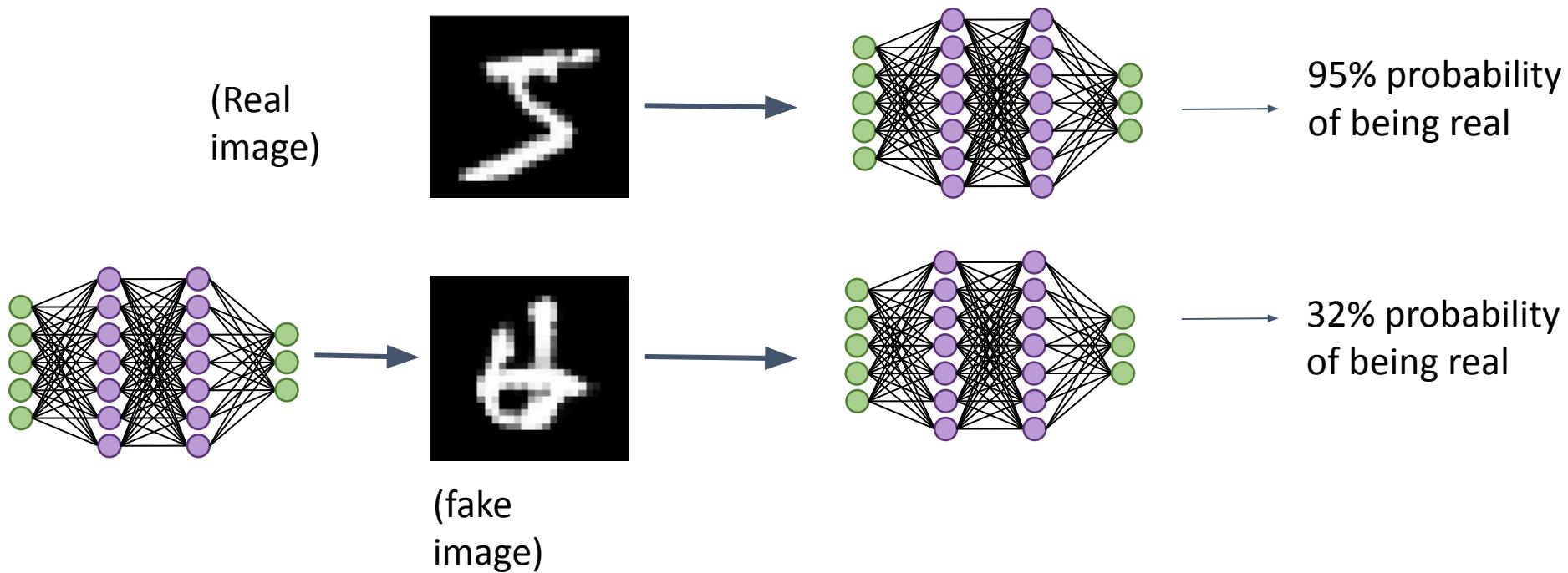
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- Architecture of the networks determined by problem



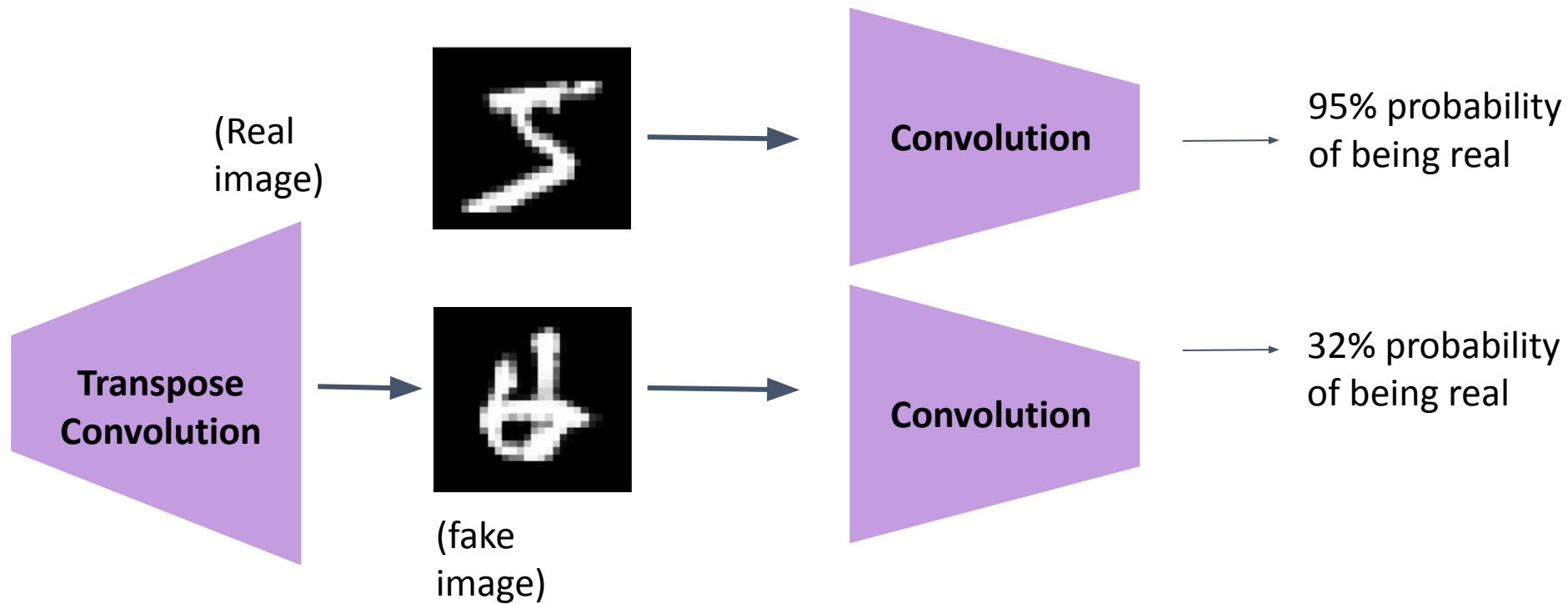
# what do $G$ and $D$ look like inside?

- Architecture of the networks determined by problem
- **Fully connected**



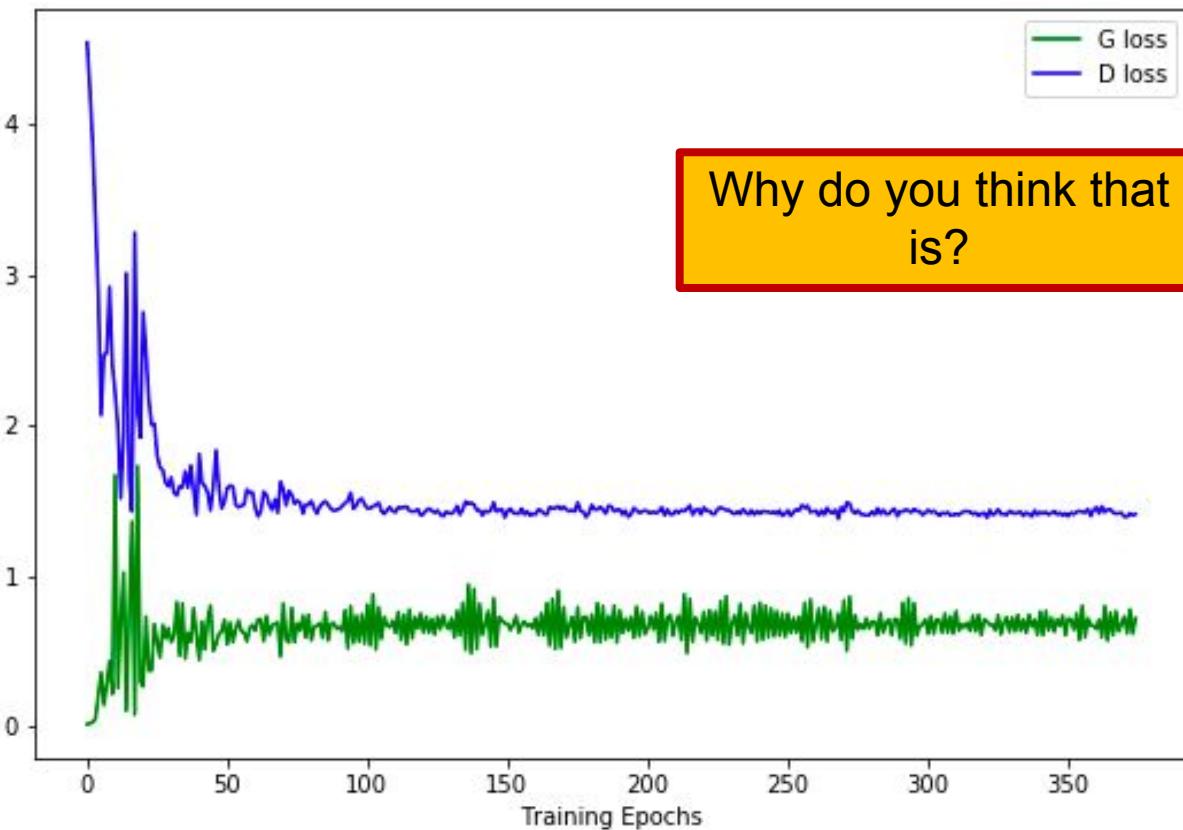
# What do $G$ and $D$ look like inside?

- Architecture of the networks determined by problem
- **Convolutional / Transpose convolutional**



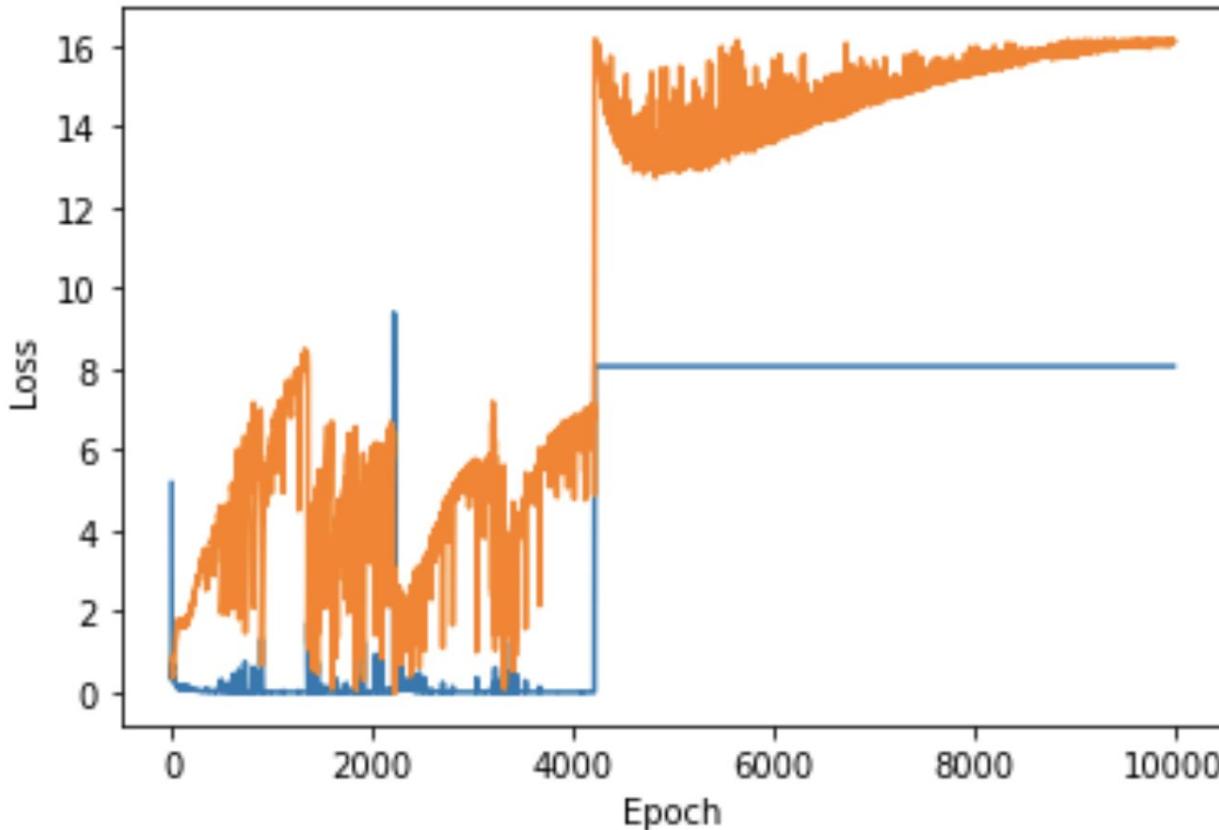
# Problems with GANs

# GAN training can be *very* unstable



- This picture? You get this if everything is working well
- Turns out, equilibria are hard to find
  - With every other net we've trained, the loss function is with respect to a fixed target value we're trying to hit
  - Here, we have a "moving target" (G's target is fool D, D's target is detect G)
- These curves can oscillate a lot

# GAN training can be *very* unstable



- In particular: what happens if the discriminator ever becomes perfect at detecting G's fakes?
  - The discriminator always returns probability zero
  - Since D is returning a constant, the gradient through D is zero
  - The generator stops training

Generator loss:  $E_z[\log(D(G(z)))]$

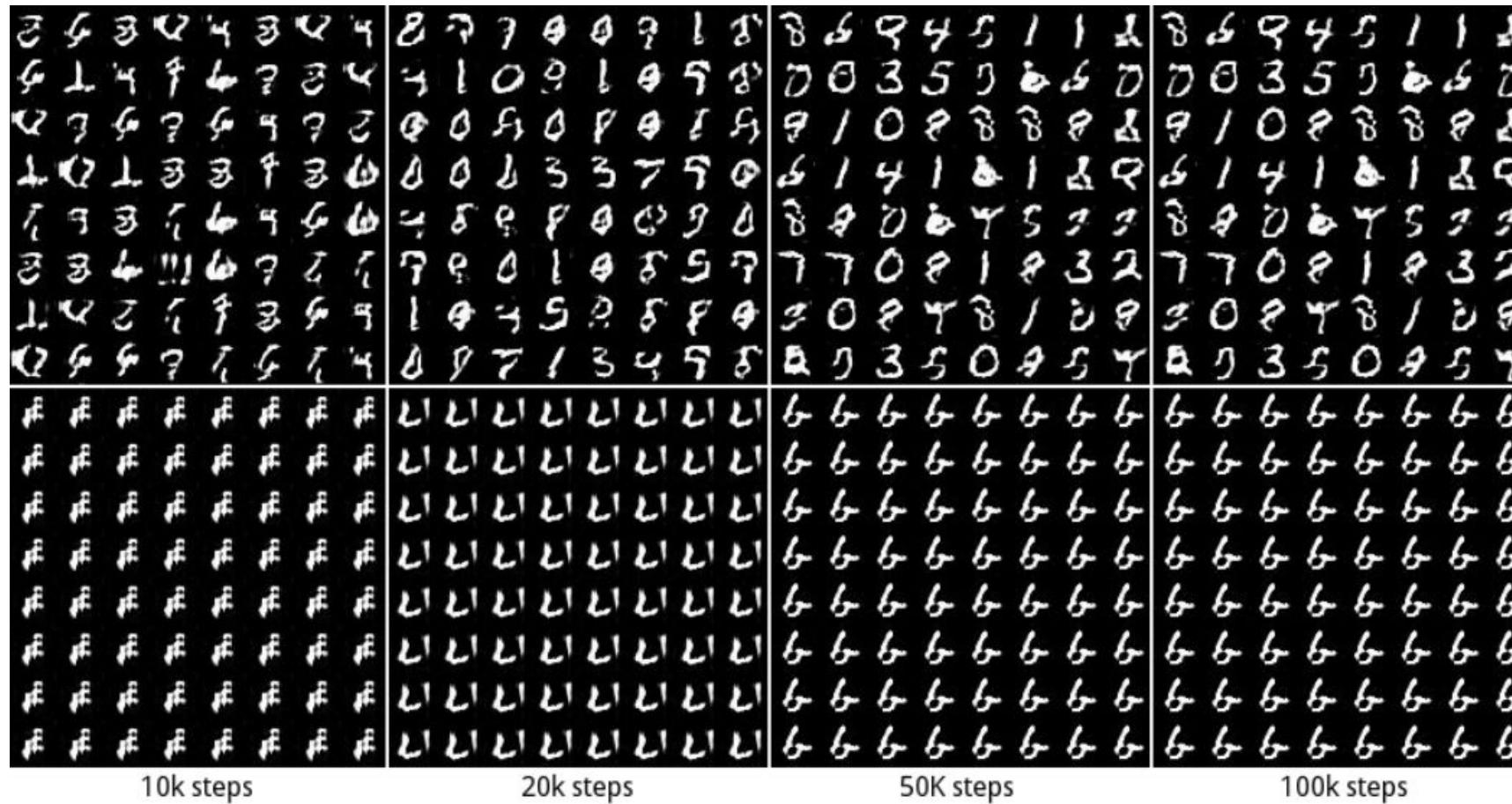
Vanishing gradient

# Mode Collapse

- Generator loss says: “generate an output that looks real”
- It does not say: “generate **every** output that looks real”
- The generator can “cheat” by finding one output / a few outputs that reliably fool the discriminator (the specific one(s) it finds can shift over training)

How do we fix this?

# Mode Collapse



Output from a healthy GAN

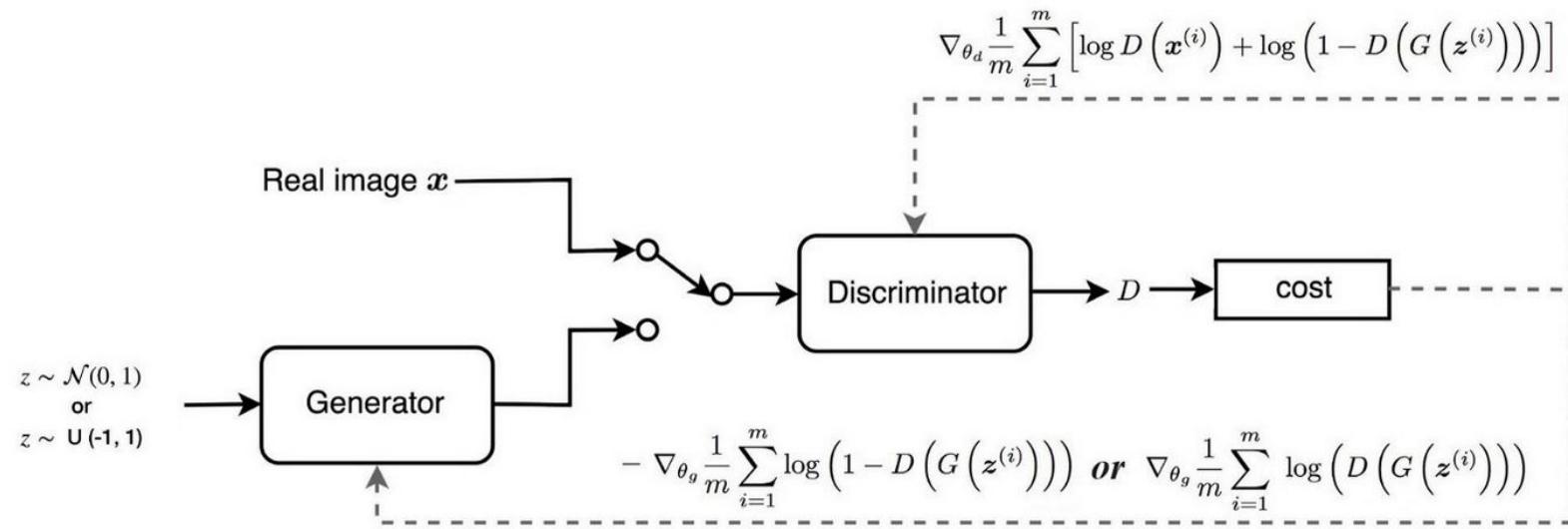
Output from a GAN with mode collapse.  
All outputs from GAN, regardless of random input noise, are the same.

# Wasserstein GANs (WGANs)

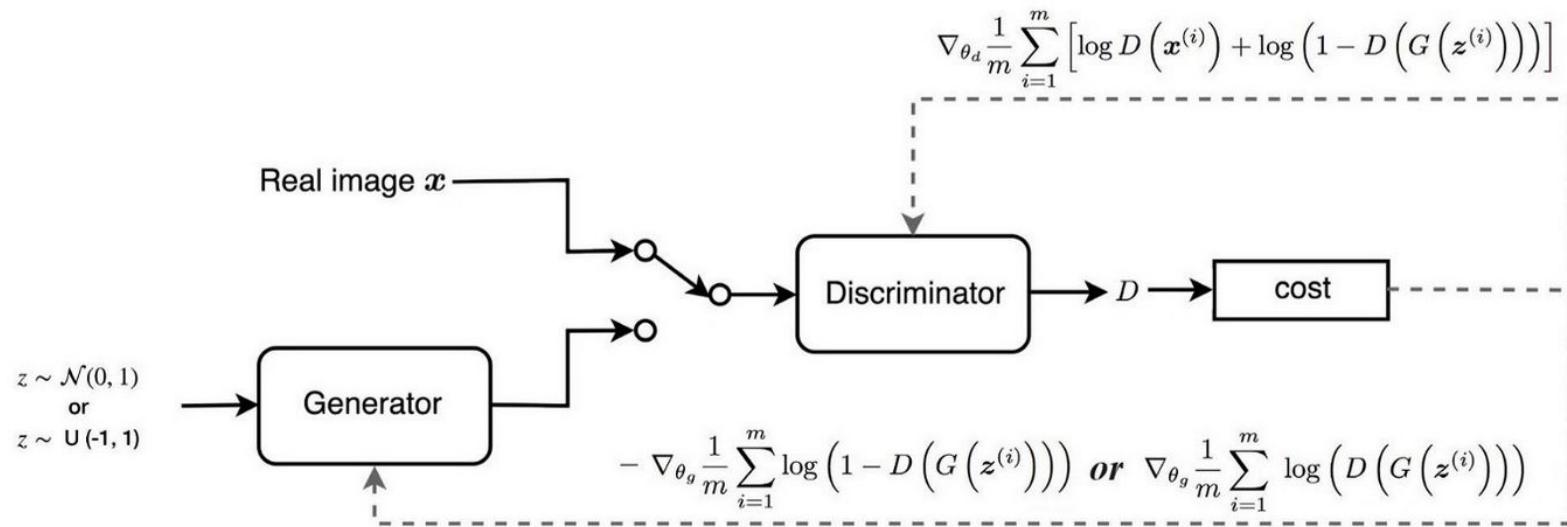
$$L_{critic}(w) = \max_{w \in W} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}_r}[f_w(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{z \sim Z}[f_w(g_\theta(z))]$$

Eq. 5: Critic Objective Function.

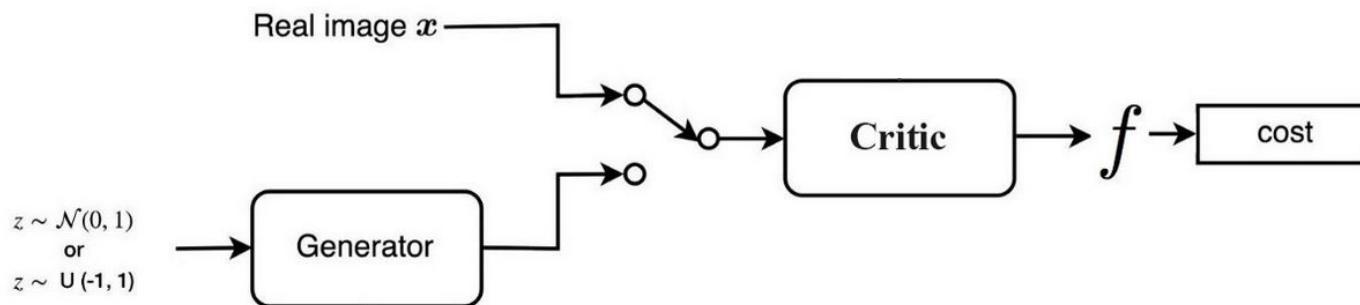
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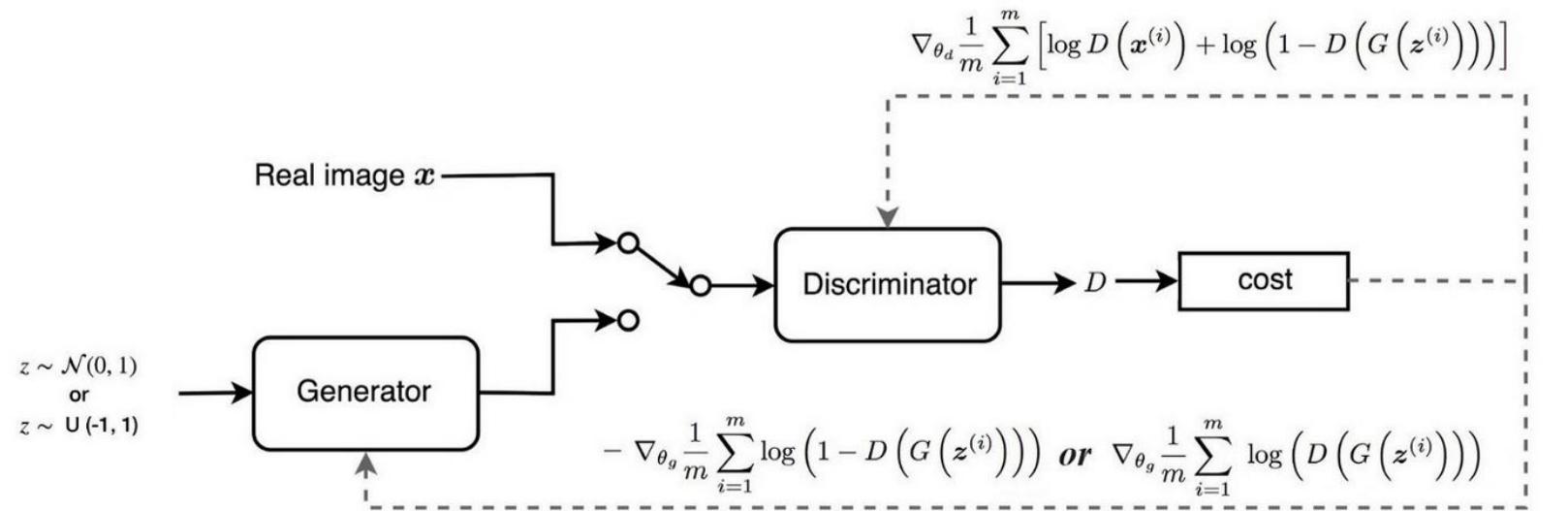
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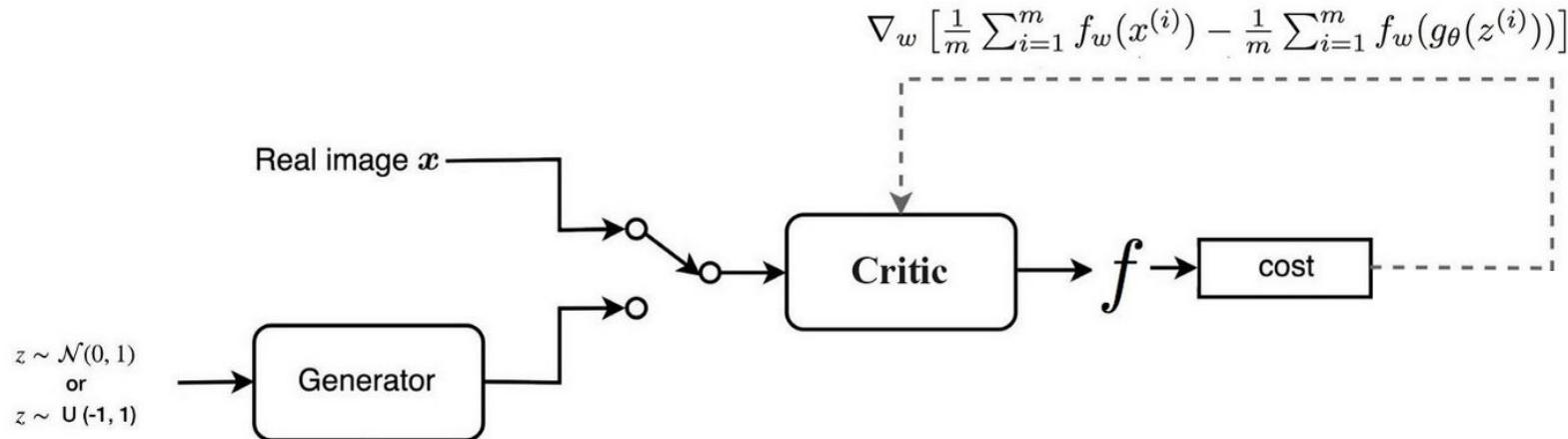
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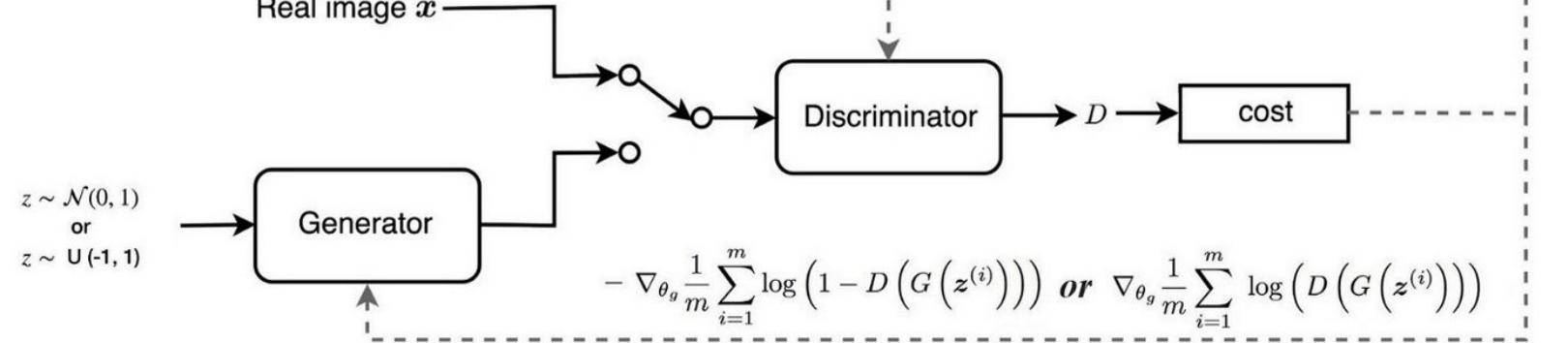
# GAN



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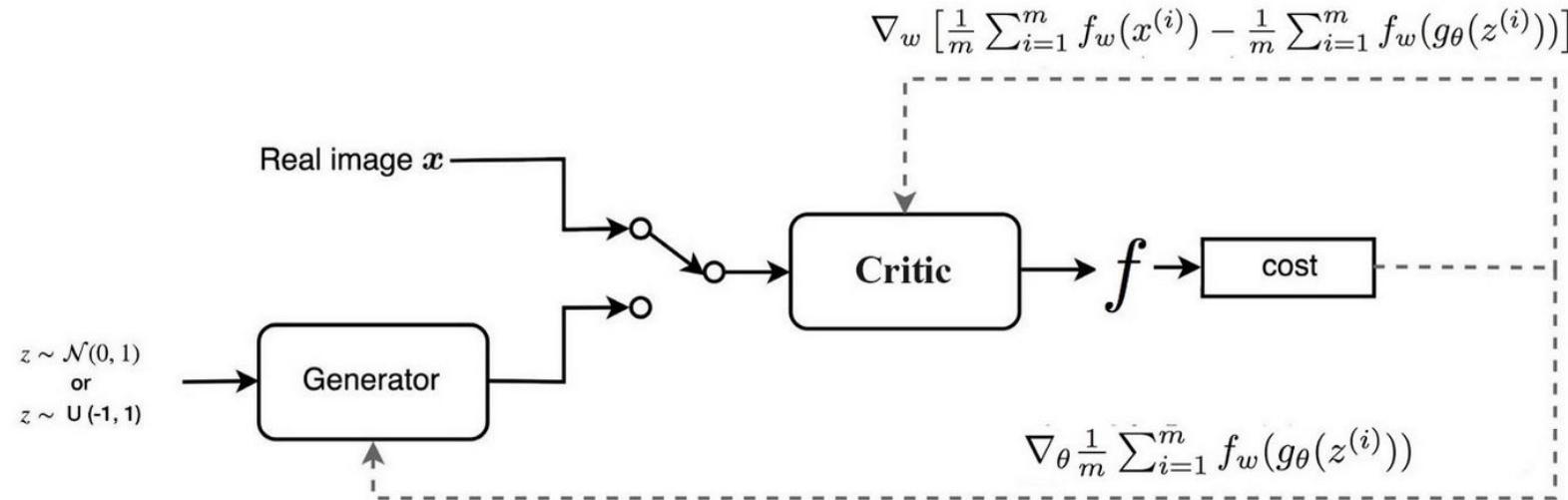
# GAN



Any questions?



# WGAN

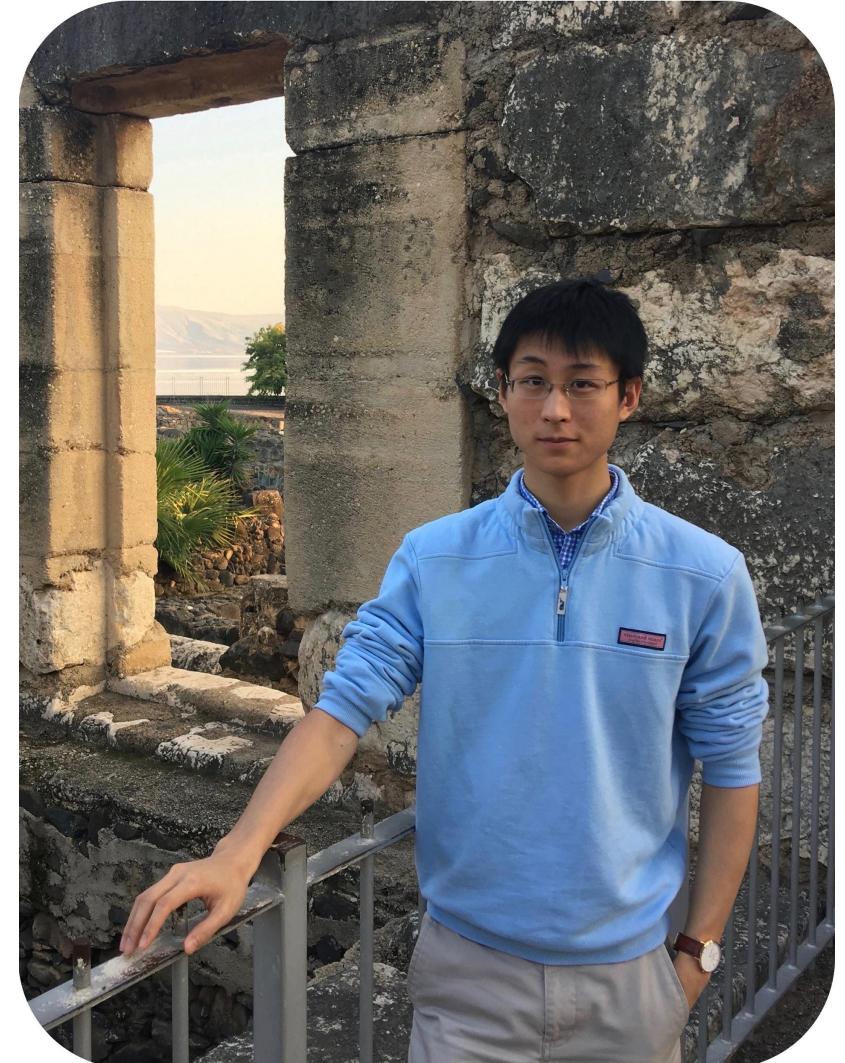


# Diffusion models

- State-of-the-art models for image generation

**Stable.AI** DALL-E 2

- Guest lectures by [Calvin Luo](#) (CS Ph.D. student) – Wednesday and Friday this week



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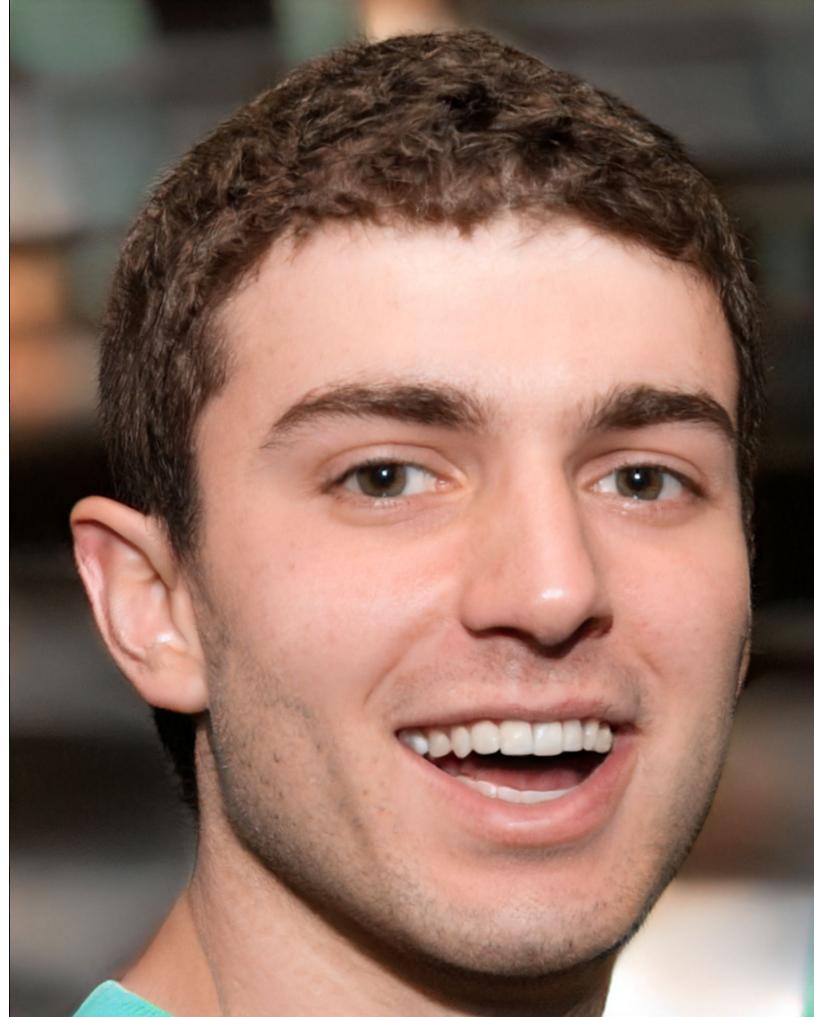
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**(3) Deepfakes**

Deep generative models are  
getting really good

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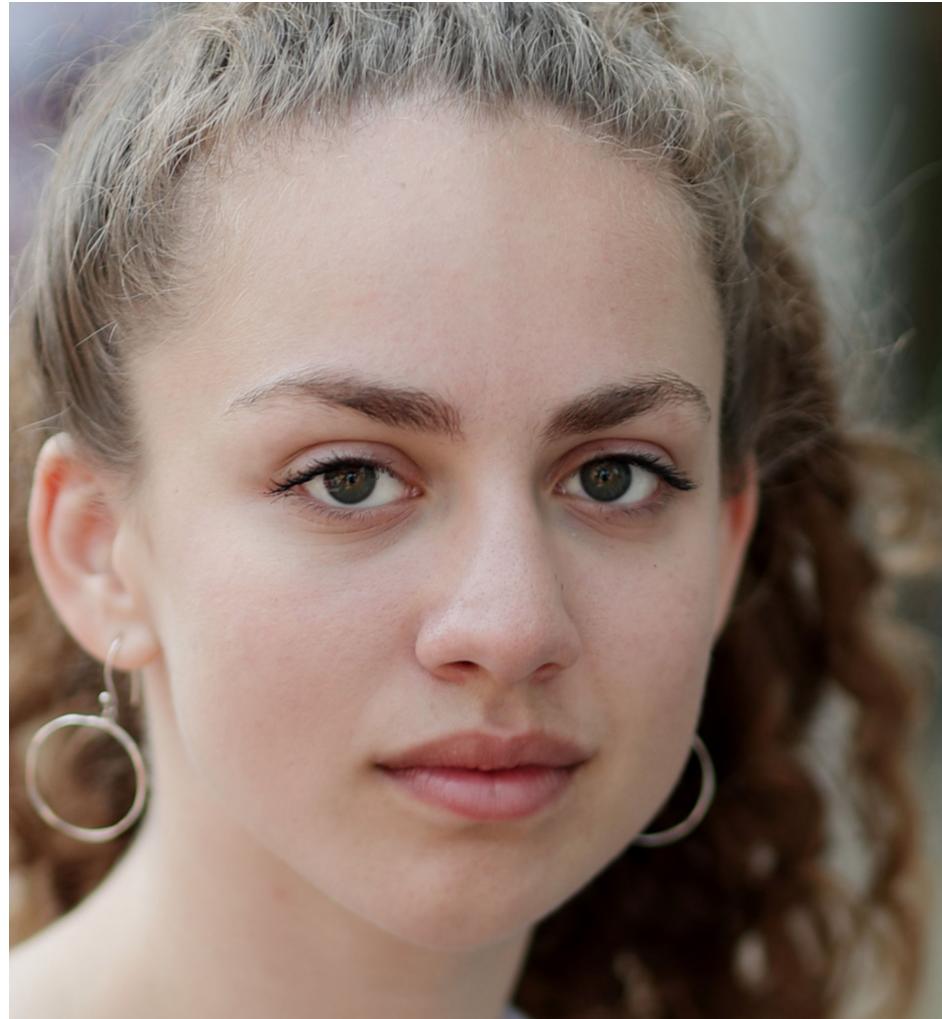
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**What is a “deep fake?”**

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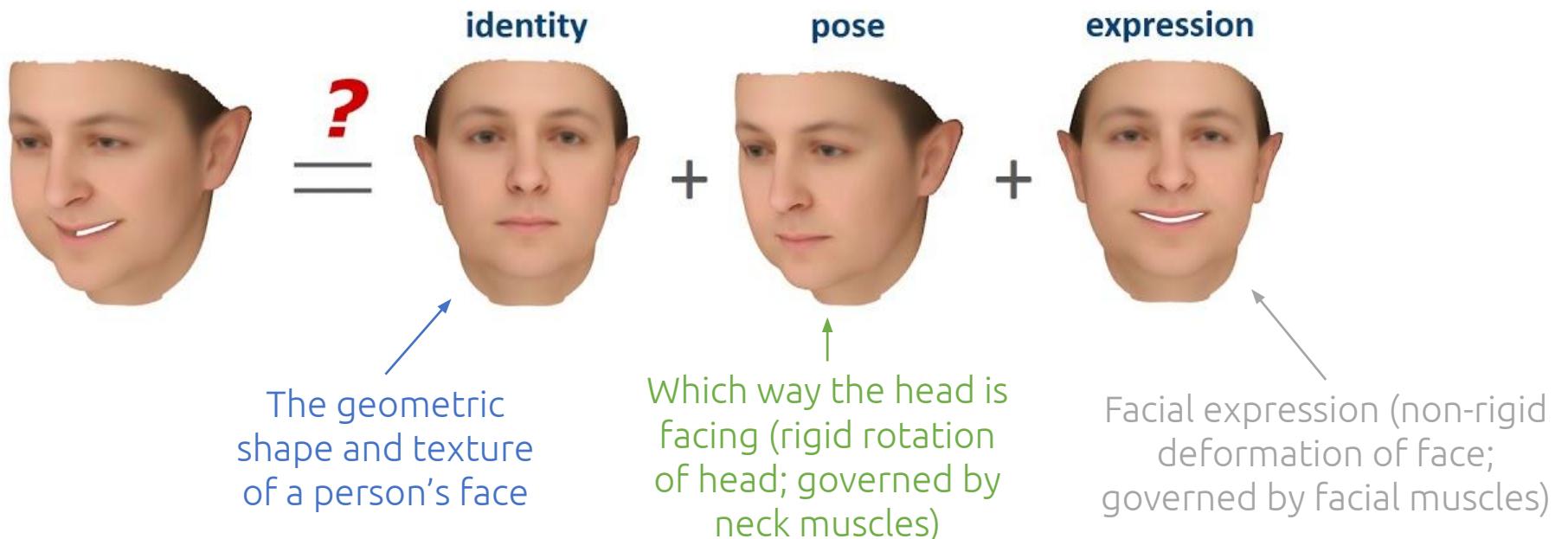
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**deep·fake** \ di:p feɪk \ n

A video depicting a person in which the identity or the expression of the person's face has been digitally altered via a deep-learning-based technique.

# What kinds of alterations?

- Computer vision researchers use the following scheme to talk about face appearance:



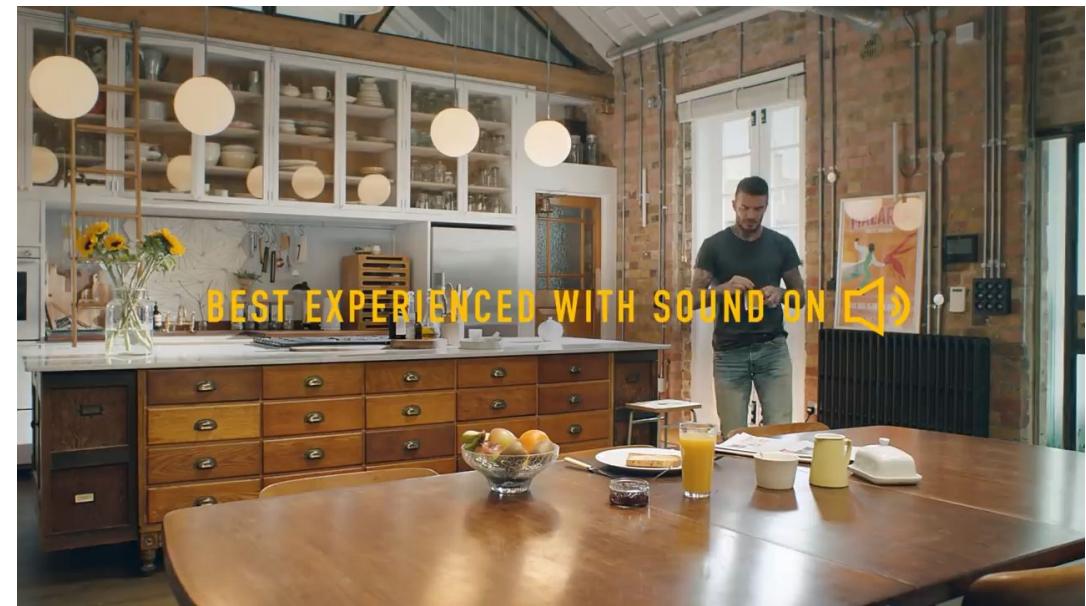
# Two main “flavors” of deepfake

Face swap



- *Modify identity; keep pose and expression the same*
- **Application:** “digital doubles” (e.g. putting an actor’s face onto a stuntperson’s body)

Video puppetry



- *Modify expression (+ pose); keep identity the same*
- **Application:** language dubbing

Why are people worried about  
deepfakes?

# Fake visual media has been around for a while

## Fake photos



## Fake videos



# How deepfakes change the game

- Now anyone with a GPU-equipped computer and some free time can create relatively realistic deepfakes



How are deepfakes made?

# Two main “flavors” of deepfake

**Face swap**



**Video puppetry**



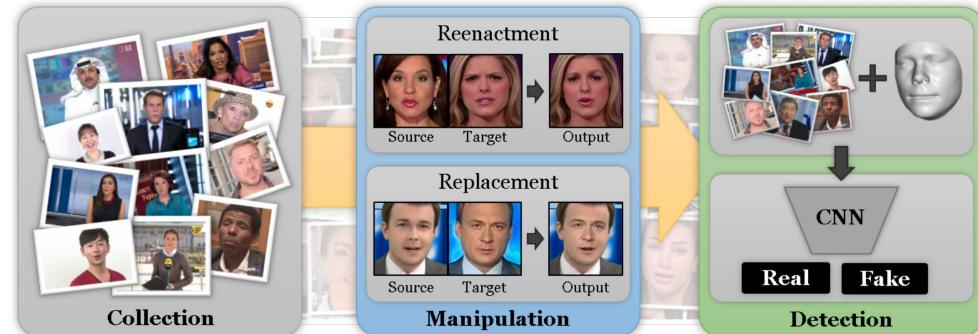
Alan Zucconi's

Can deepfakes be stopped?

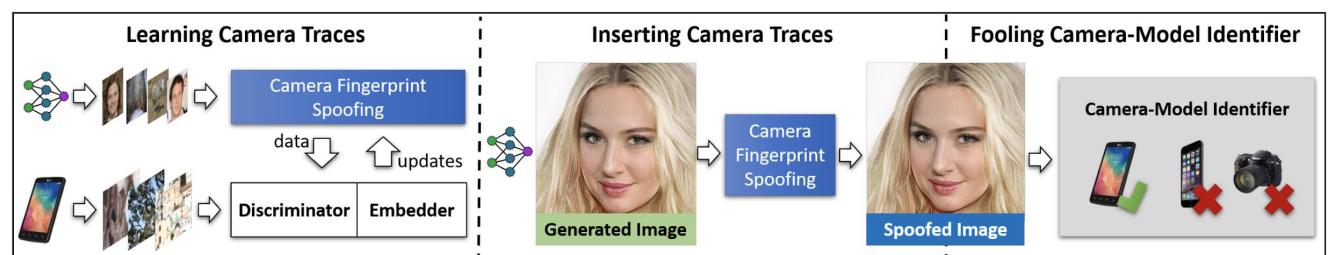
# Detecting deepfakes

- Deep learning

- “Fighting fire with fire”

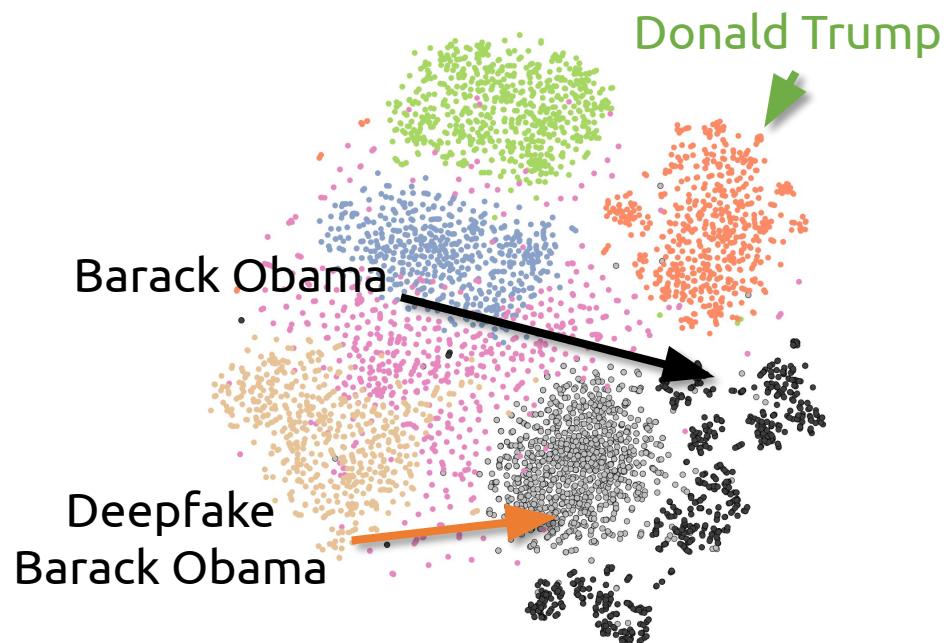


- ...but an adversary can train a model to fool your detector

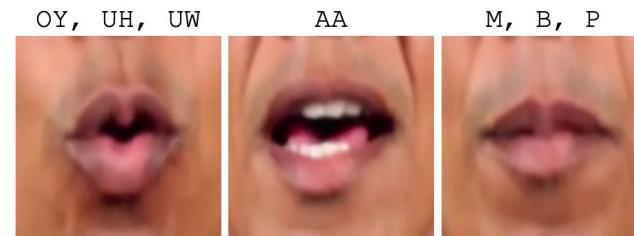


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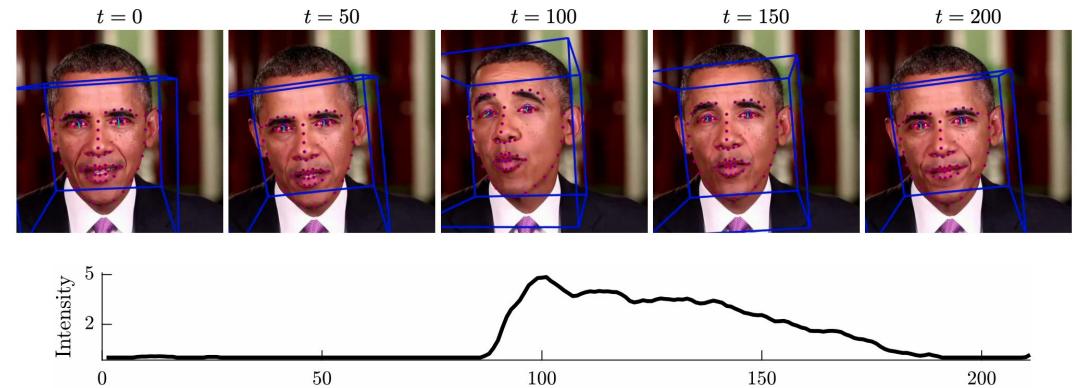
- Deep learning
- “Classic” computer vision



- Find inconsistencies between movements of lips and sounds

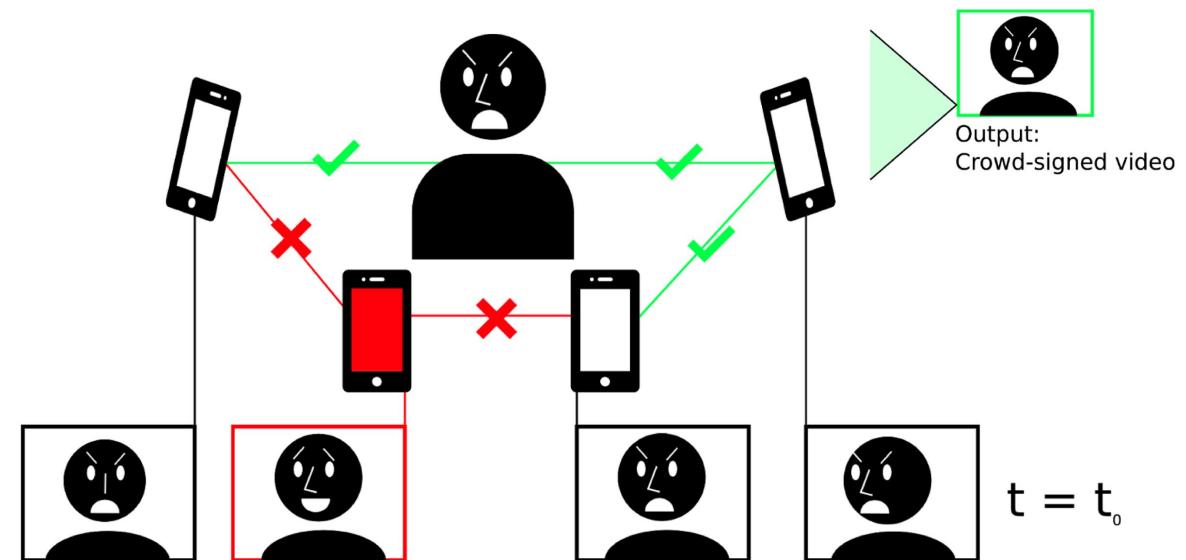


- Compute a “fingerprint” for a person based on how facial features tend to move over time



# Detecting deepfakes

- Deep learning
- “Classic” computer vision
- **Social verification**



Parting thoughts

# “What should I do about all this?”

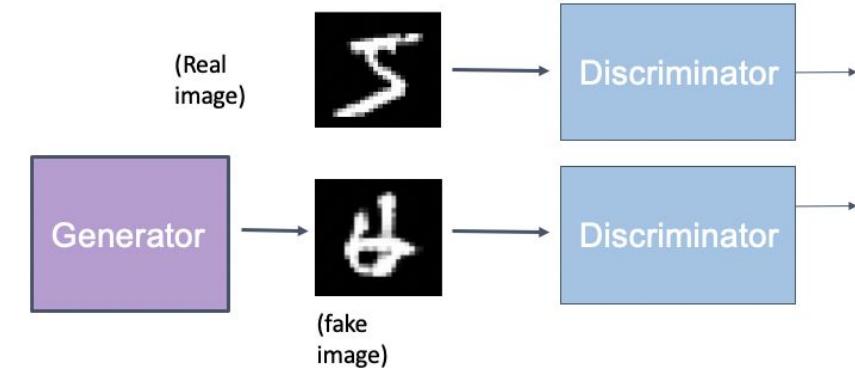
- *If you’re working in ML/CV research:*
  - Think critically about, and articulate, the potential real-world impacts of your work (some conferences require this now)
  - Consider contributing to detection efforts if you also work on synthesis problems
- *If you’re working on user-facing products & services:*
  - Be vigilant for fake content on your platform
  - Initiate (and sustain) serious conversations with your coworkers and employers about how to responsibly take action
- *If you’re working in the government / non-profit sector:*
  - Help educate your less-technical colleagues about how deepfakes work
  - Support (or start!) movements to draft meaningful legislation

# Recap

Generative  
Adversarial  
Networks  
(GANs)



Architecture



GAN Loss + Training

Solving problem w/ GANs □ WGANs

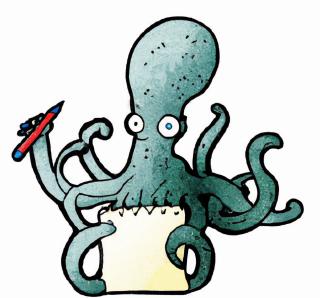


Deepfakes

What are deepfakes?

Why are they a problem?

How to detect deepfakes?



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