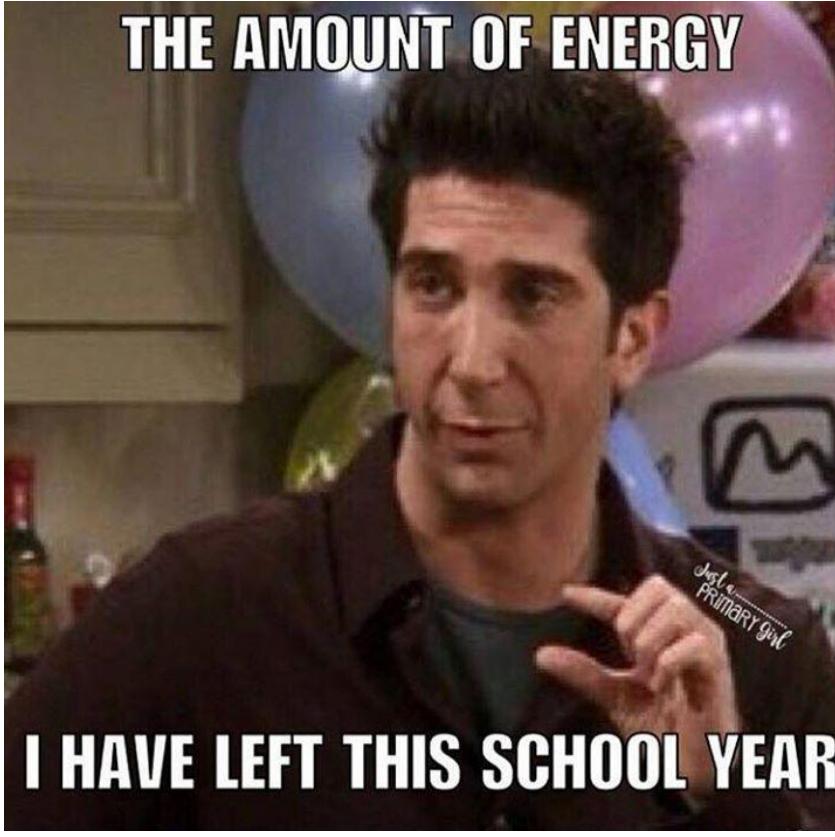


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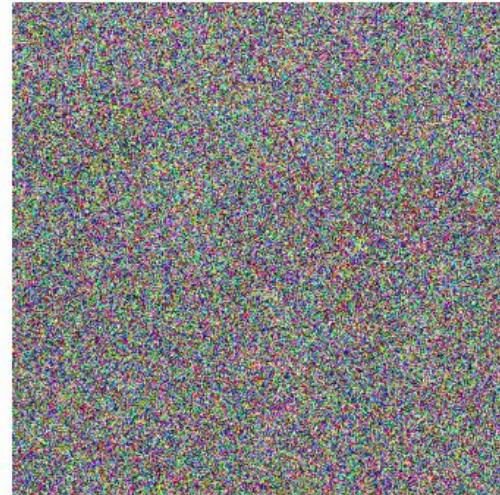
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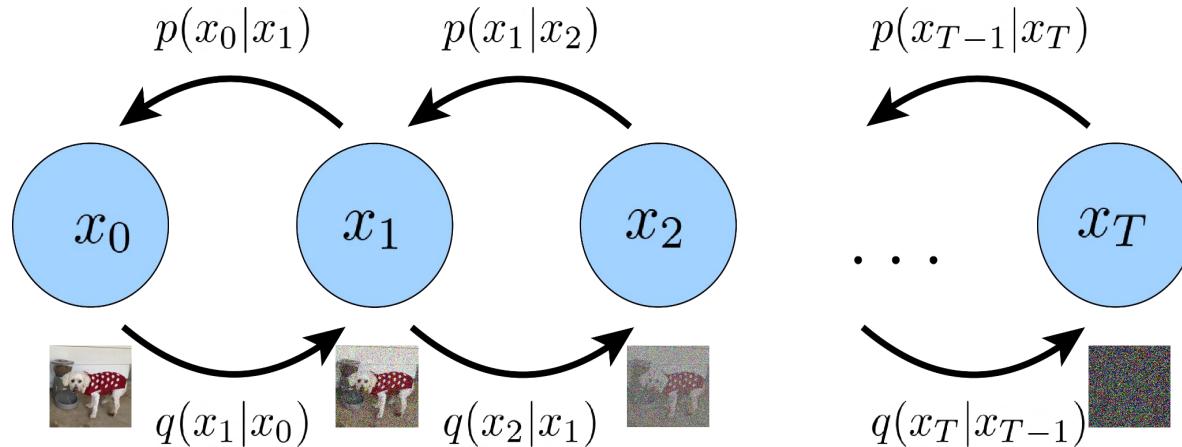
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- Diffusion models simply learn to **reverse** this procedure over many timesteps



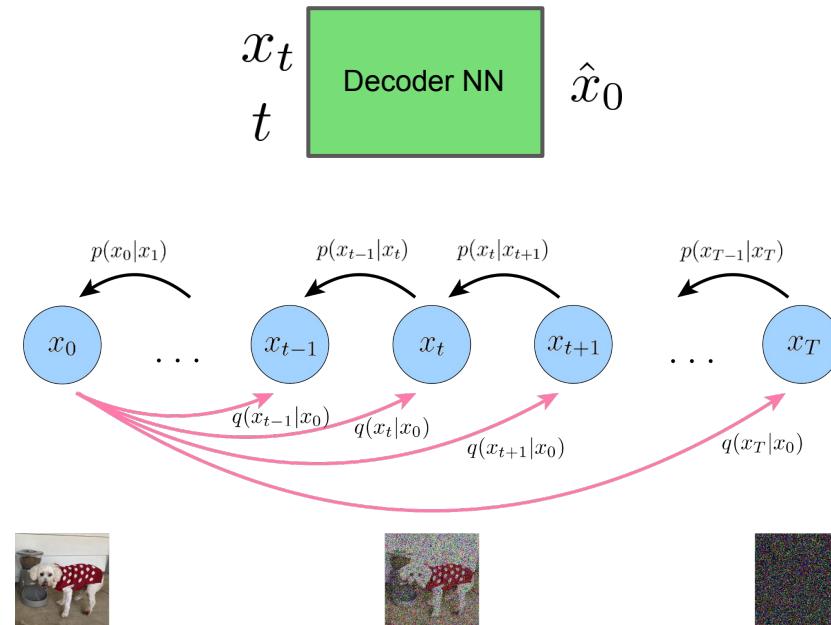
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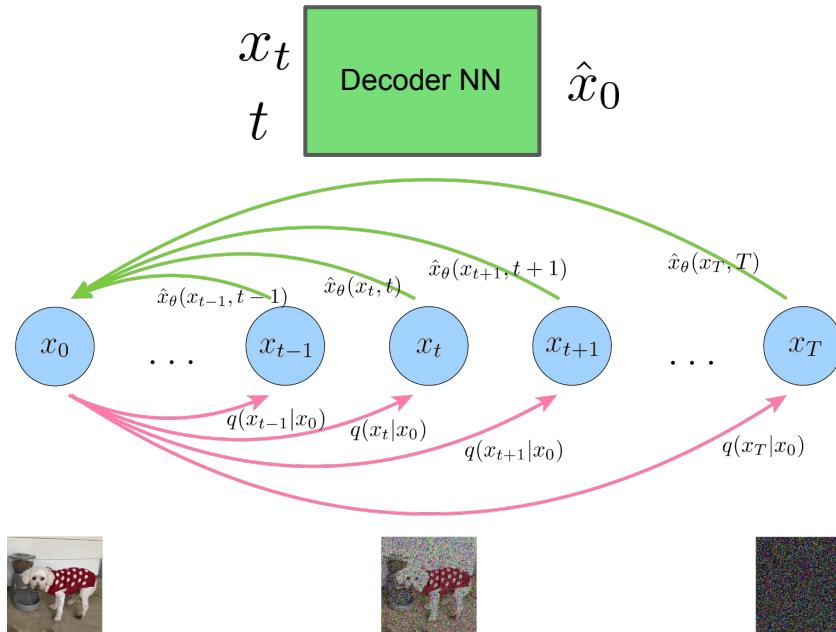
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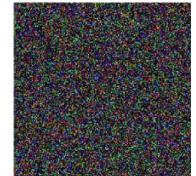
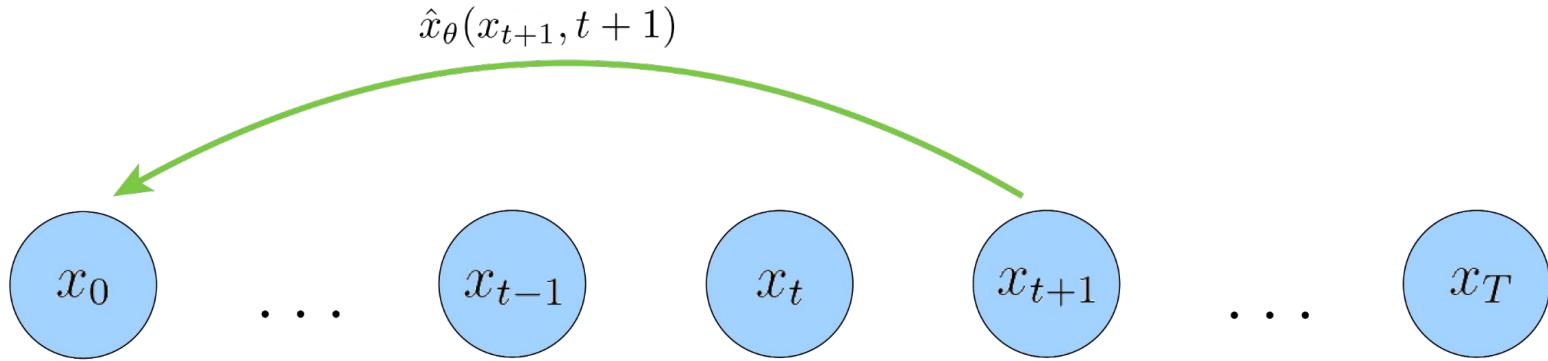
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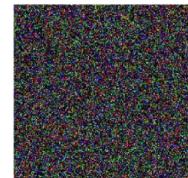
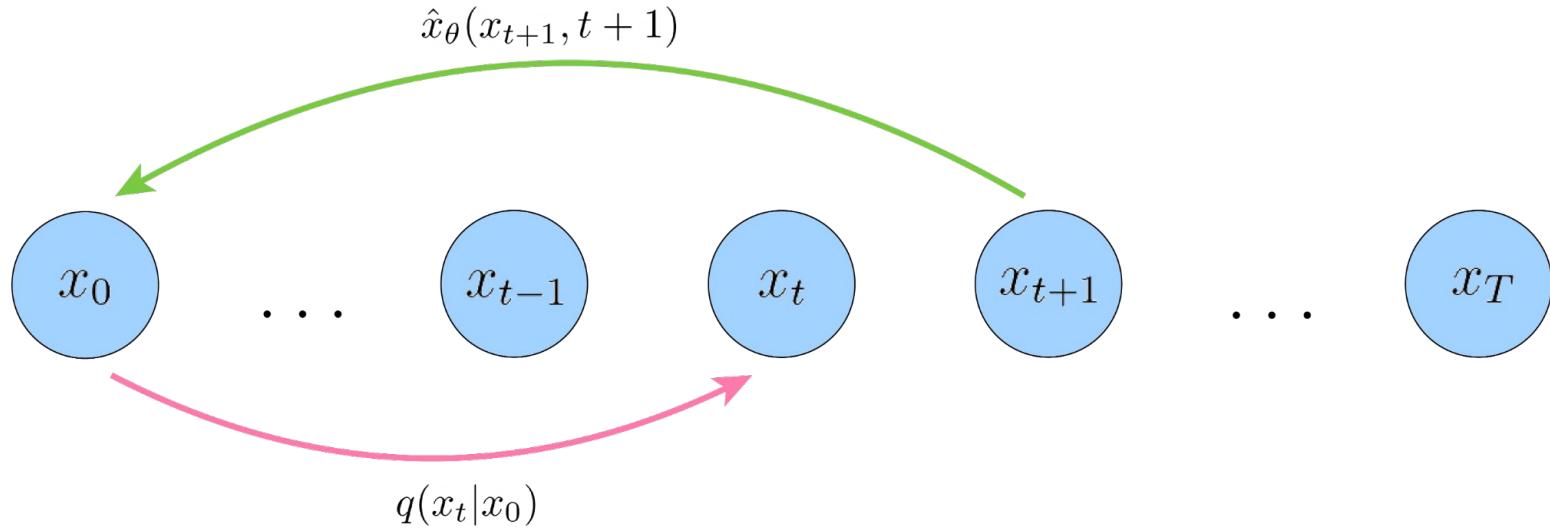
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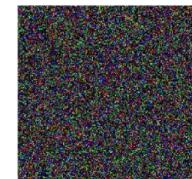
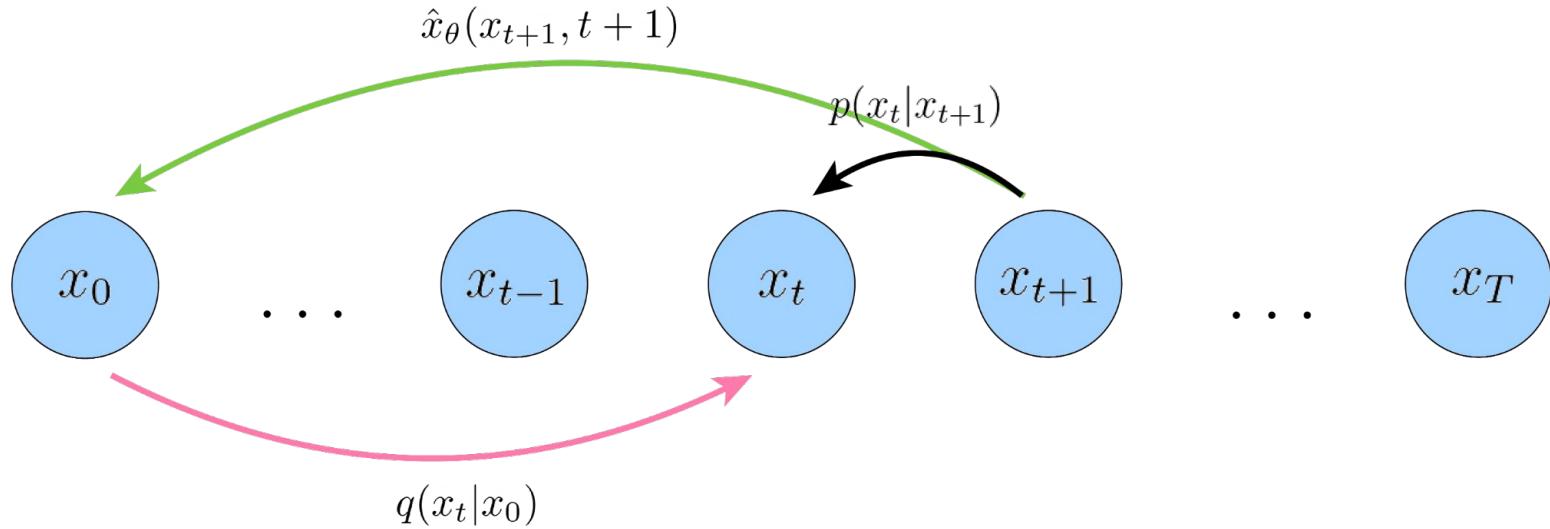
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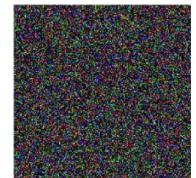
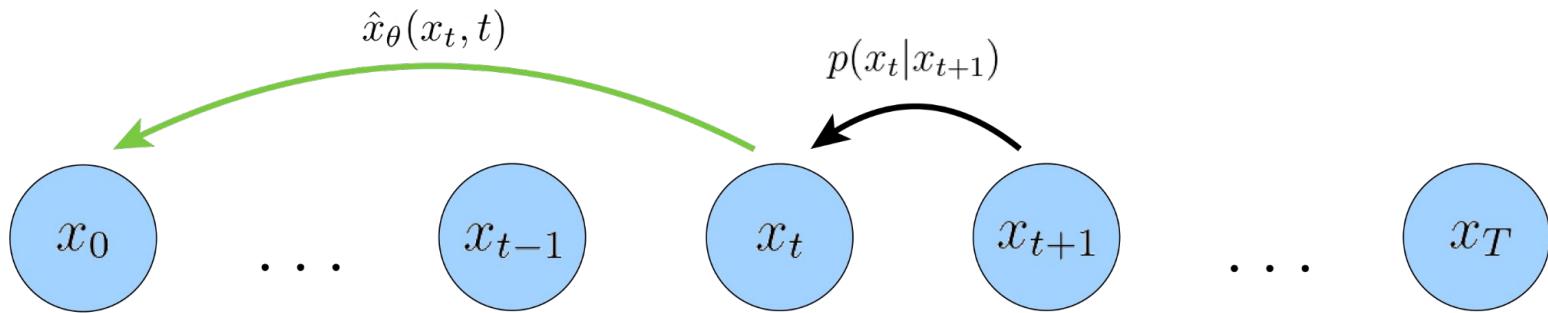
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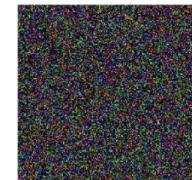
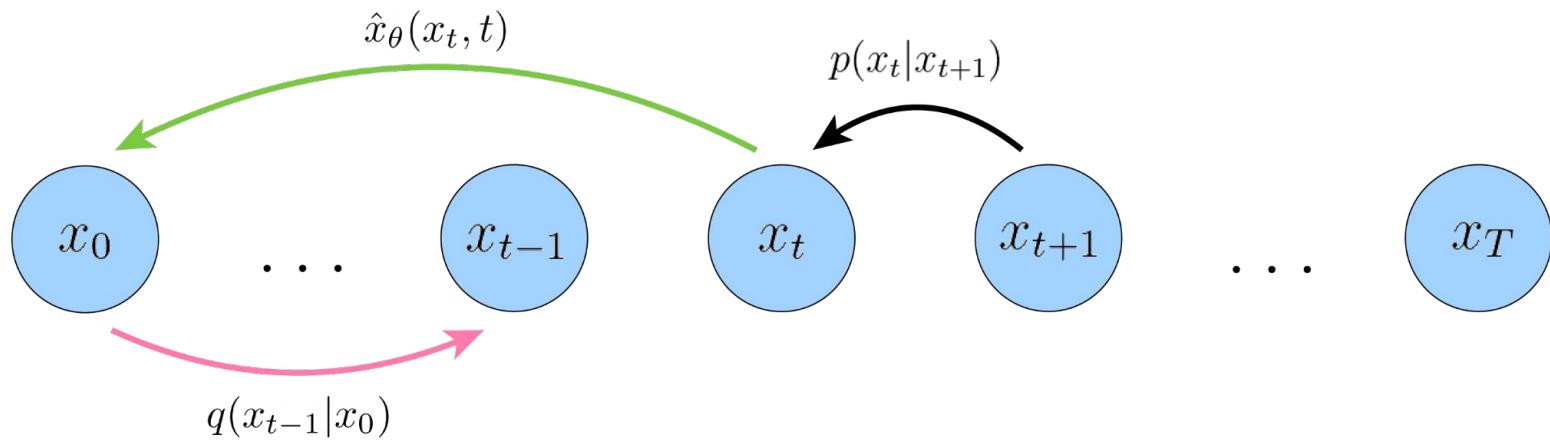
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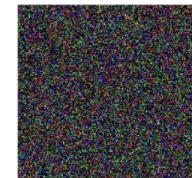
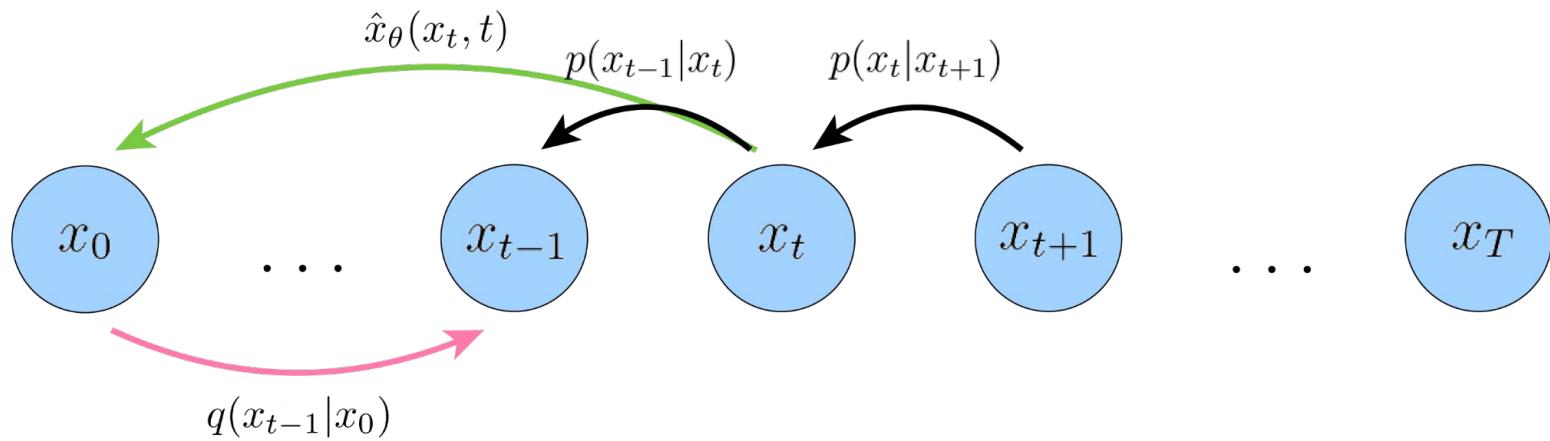
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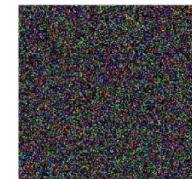
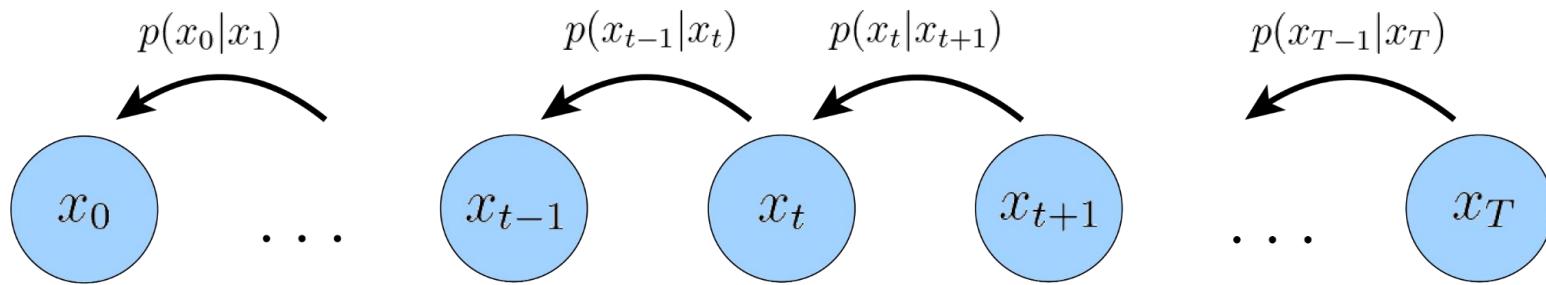
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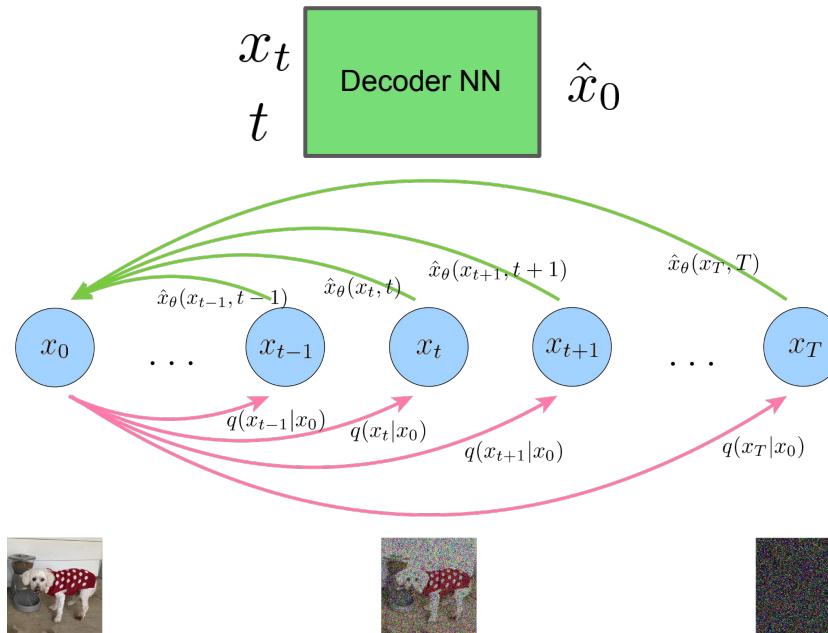
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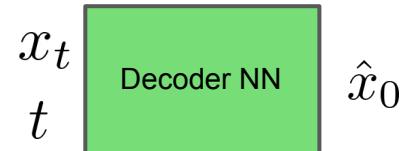
A naive question: *Why don't we just predict one step and be done?*



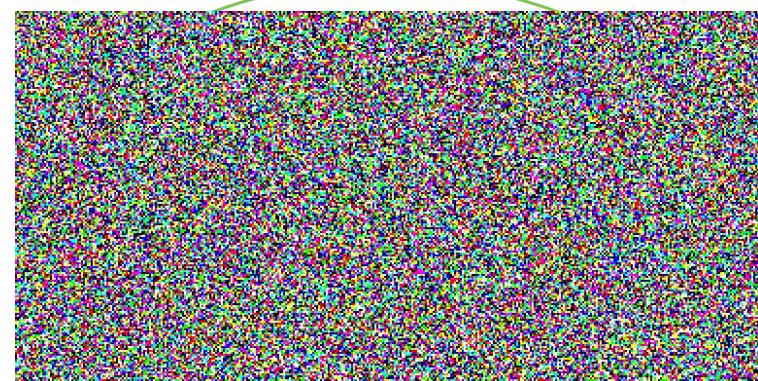
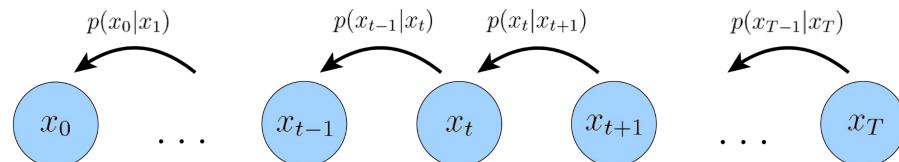
# Diffusion Models: A Quick Review

We have learned that a diffusion model is simply one neural network that predicts a clean image from a noisy image.

Objective:  $\arg \min_{\theta} \|x_0 - \hat{x}_{\theta}(x_t, t)\|^2$



Sampling:



# Diffusion Models as a Noise Predictor

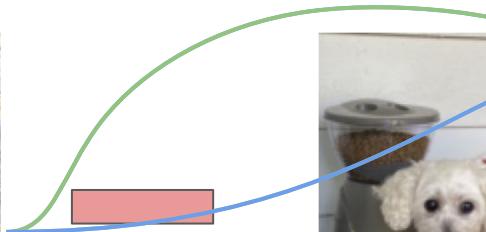
Recall that our objective is to predict  $\hat{x}_{\theta}(x_t, t) \approx x_0$

Image  and Noise ? They are the same!

What does it mean intuitively?

For arbitrary  $x_t \sim q(x_t | x_0)$ , we can rewrite it as  $x_t = x_0 + \alpha_t \epsilon_0$

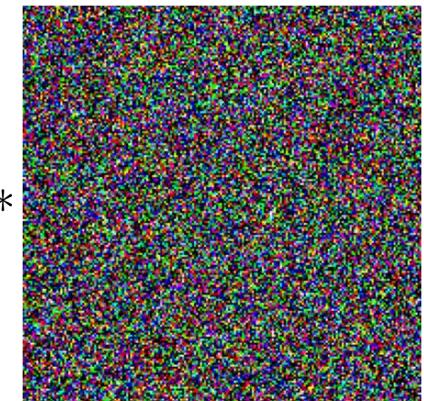
Predicting  $x_0$  determines  $\epsilon_0$  and vice-versa, since they sum to the same thing!



$x_0$



$\alpha_t *$



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# Diffusion Models as a Score Predictor 100

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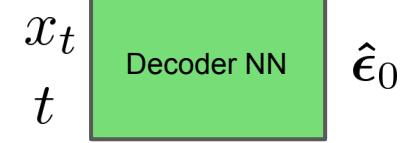
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$$\text{?} \quad \text{?} \quad \text{?} \quad x_t = x_0 + \alpha_t \epsilon_0$$



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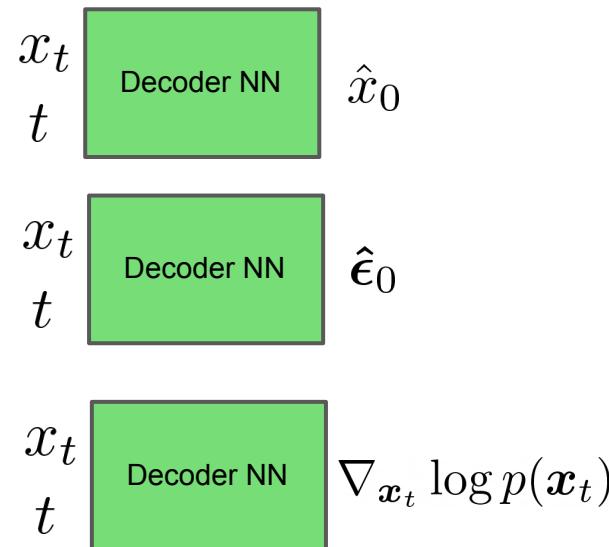
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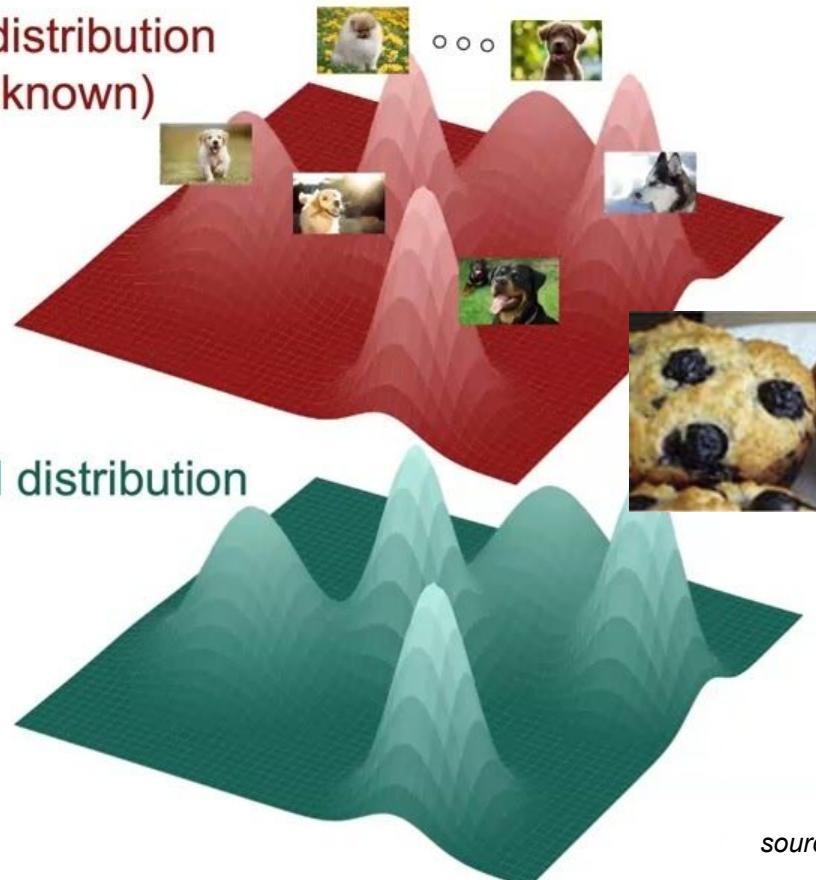
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# Recap: Generative Modeling

Data distribution  
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# Probability-based Generative Modeling

Why is modeling the **probability** hard in GenMo?



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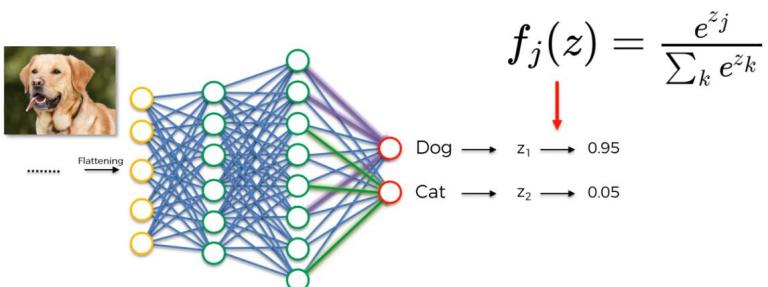
# Probability-based Discriminative Modeling

What about modeling the **probability** for classifiers?



Probabilities, and therefore model outputs, have to be:

- Non-negative:  $0 \leq p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$
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How did we do this for discriminative modeling?

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In GenMo we do not model the probability over all labels for an image...

We model the **probability of all possible images** - there's no way we can pass everything through our model and softmax over the result!



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This puts a lot of architectural burden on our network, to output **valid** probabilities!



# A simple observation...

All probability distributions can be written as:

$$p_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{Z_{\theta}} e^{-f_{\theta}(x)}$$

This is a concept from thermodynamics, where the  $f_{\theta}(x)$  is a flexible, unconstrained value called the **energy**.

$Z_{\theta}$  is a normalization constant, computed as:  $Z_{\theta} = \int_x e^{-f_{\theta}(x)} dx$

# Energy-based Generative Modeling ⚡

Idea: Let's just model the energy function  $f_{\theta}(x)$  using a flexible neural network!

$f_{\theta}(x)$  is called an *energy-based model (EBM)* or unnormalized probabilistic model.

How do we train our energy function?

- We can try interpreting it as a probability:  $p_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{Z_{\theta}} e^{-f_{\theta}(x)}$
- Then we can maximize log likelihood as before:  $\max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p_{\theta}(x_i)$

What is the problem with this?  $Z_{\theta} = \int_x e^{-f_{\theta}(x)} dx$

*Intractable for complex parameterizations!*



## Another simple observation...

How do we avoid calculating the normalization constant?

Remember that  $Z_{\theta}$  is a *constant* that only depends on parameters  $\theta$

Then, if we take the input gradient of the log of the probability:

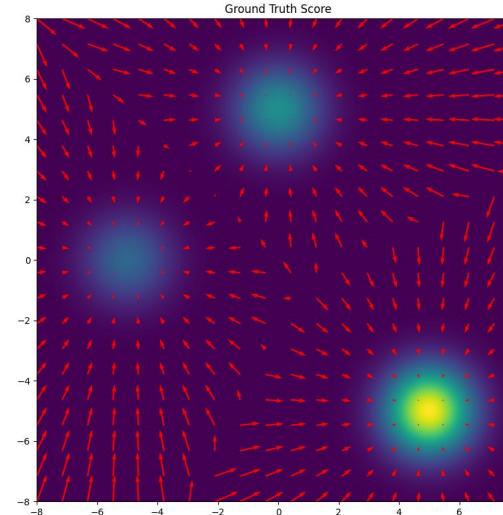
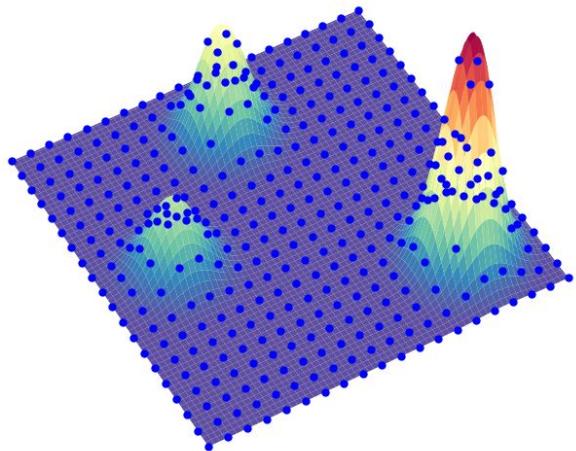
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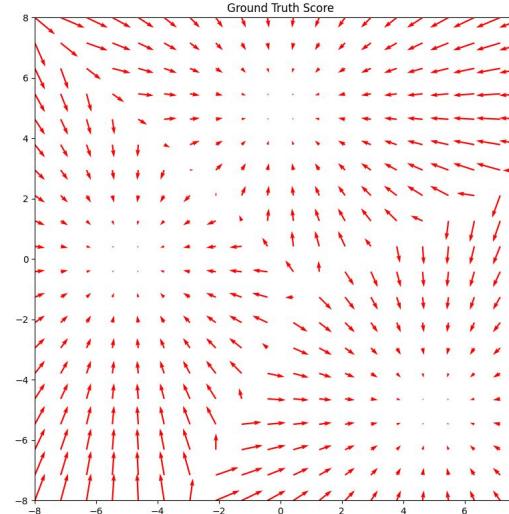
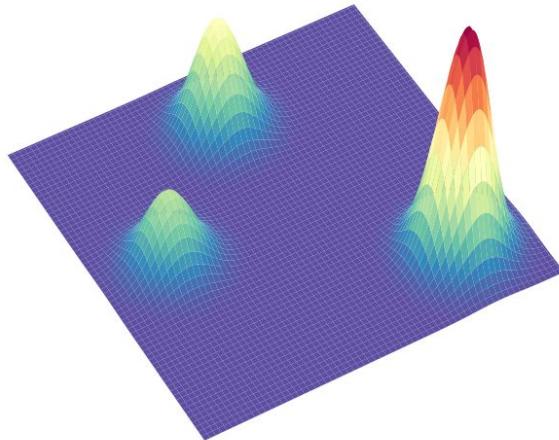


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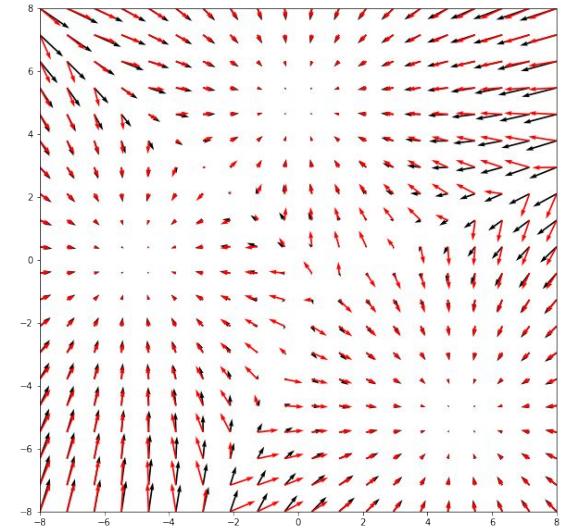
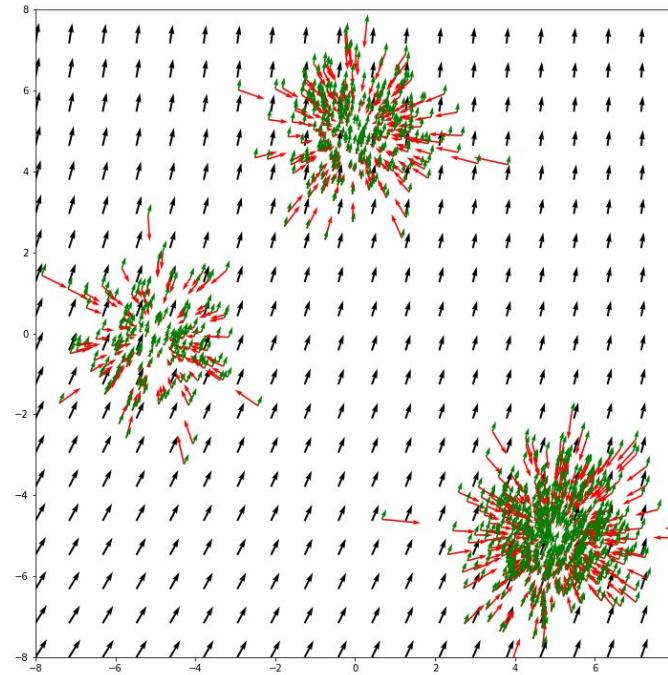
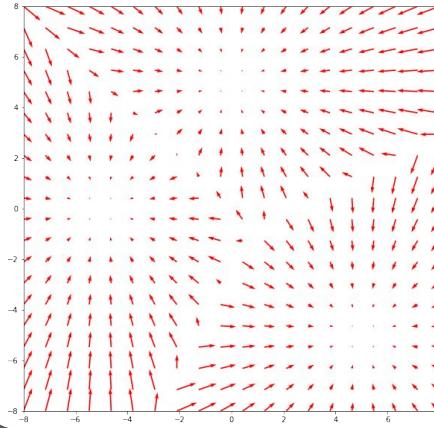
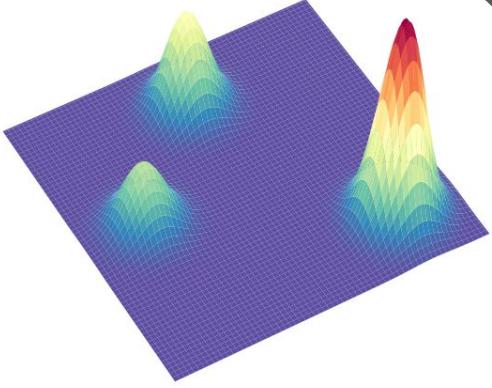
Idea: Let's just model the score function  $s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$  using a flexible neural network!

The score is still an unconstrained value, which is attractive to model directly.

How do we train our score function?

- Minimize the Fisher Divergence between the ground truth and predicted score
$$\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \|\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}) - s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right]$$
- Intuitively this is simply minimizing the L2-distance between our score model and the ground truth score

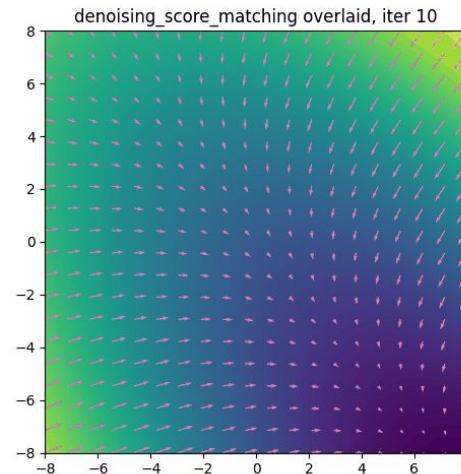
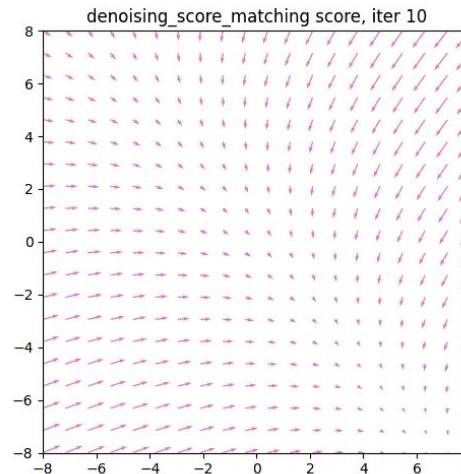
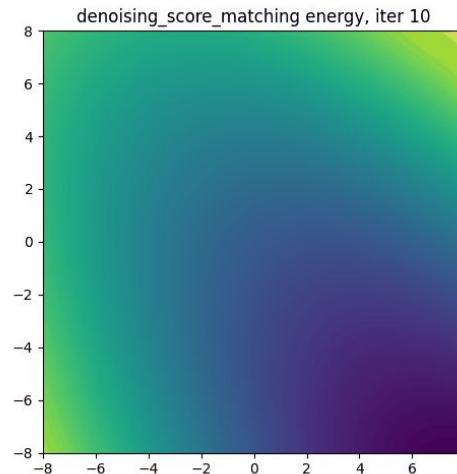
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We can visualize the learned energy along with the score estimate below:

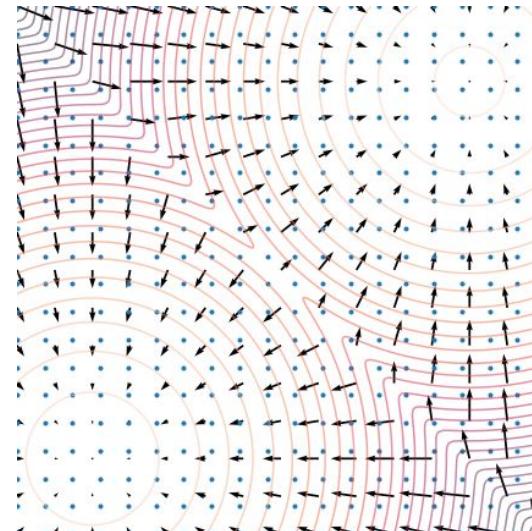
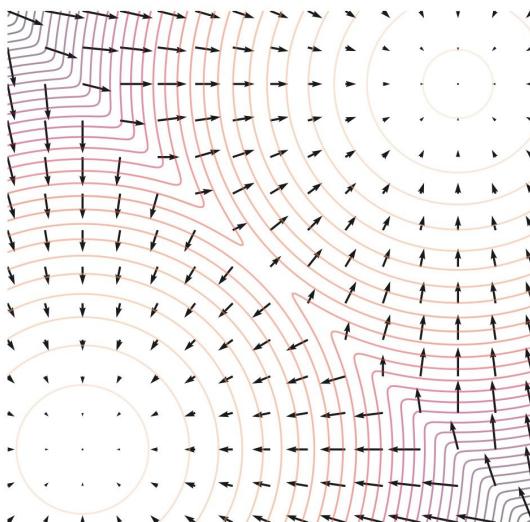




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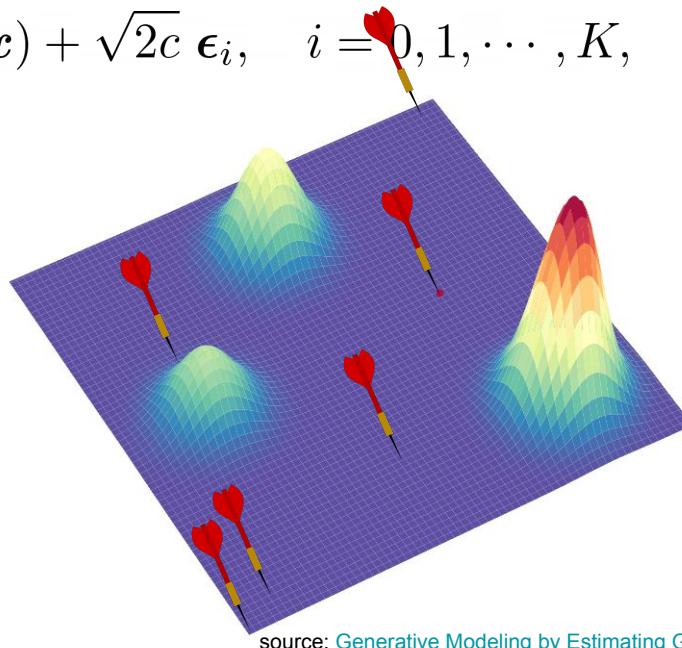
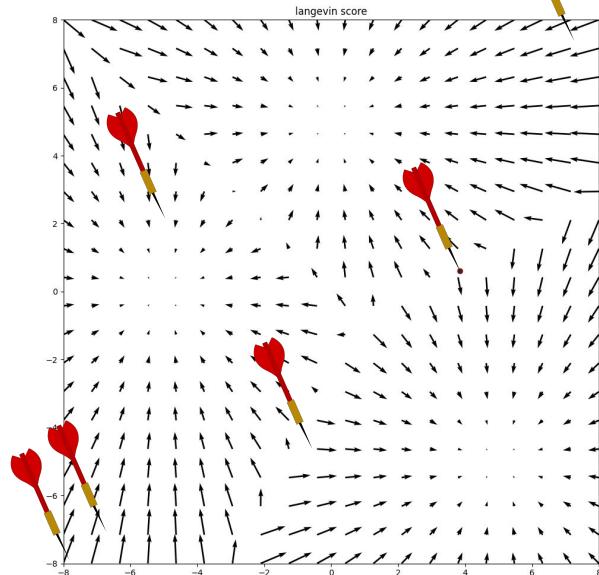
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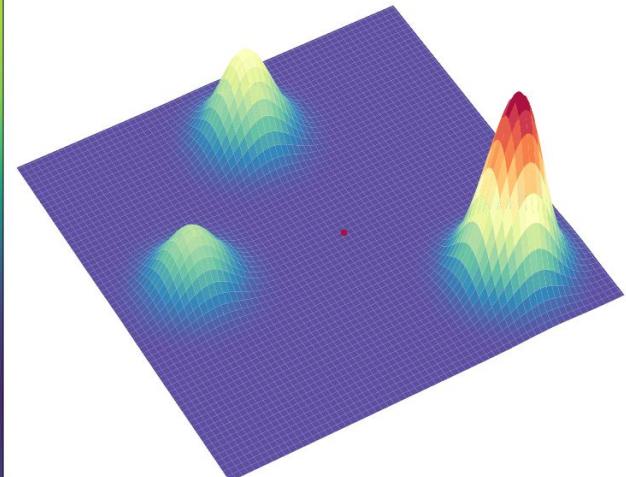
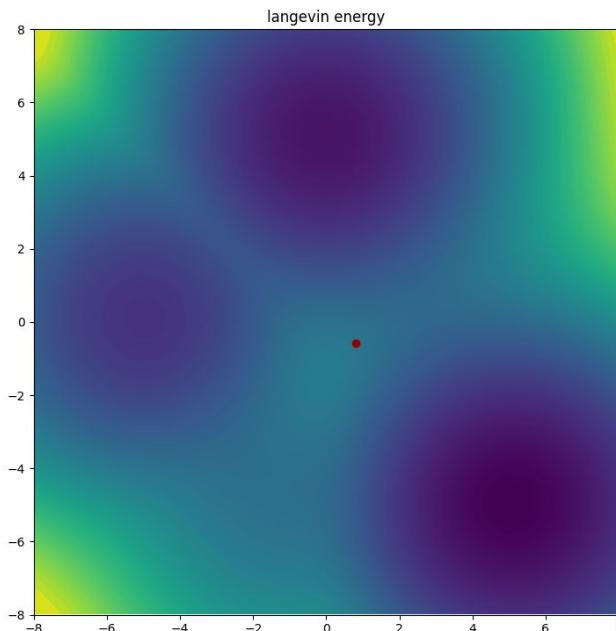
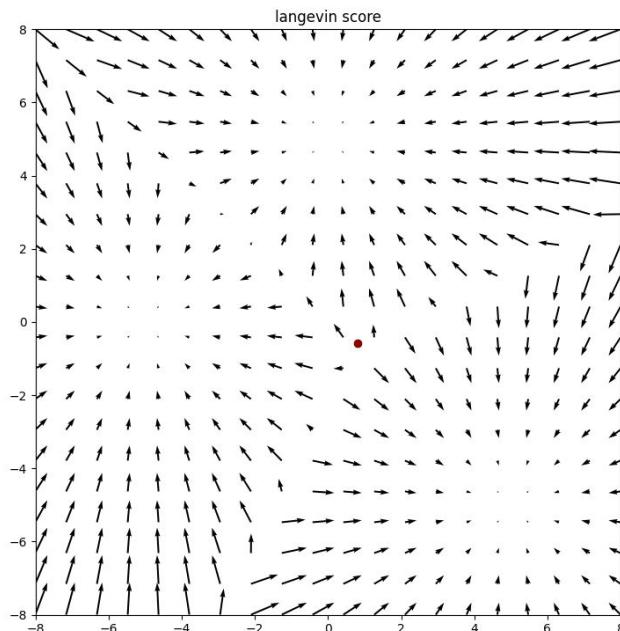
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What is the problem with this optimization objective?

$$\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \|\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}) - s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right]$$

# Score Matching

Fortunately, there are a class of methods called score matching that minimize the Fisher Divergence without needing to know the ground-truth score!

Ground Truth Score Matching:  $\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \|\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}) - s_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right]$

Hyvarinen Score Matching:  $\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \text{tr}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})) + \frac{1}{2} \|s_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right]$

Sliced Score Matching:  $\mathbb{E}_{p_{\mathbf{v}}} \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \mathbf{v}^T \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{2} \|s_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right]$

Denoising Score Matching:  $\mathbb{E}_{q_{\sigma}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x})} [\|\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_{\sigma}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{s}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\|_2^2]$

# Hyvarinen Score Matching

Hyvarinen (2005) utilized integration by parts to remove the unknown  $\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x})$

$$\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \|\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}) - s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right]$$

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \int p(\mathbf{x}) \left[ s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})^\top s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - 2s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})^\top \nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla \log p(\mathbf{x})^\top \nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}) \right] d\mathbf{x}$$

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log-deriv trick:  
 $p(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla p(\mathbf{x})$

$$\int p(\mathbf{x}) s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})^\top \nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})^\top \nabla p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

$$= [p(\mathbf{x}) s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int p(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

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$$\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \text{tr}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})) + \frac{1}{2} \|s_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right]$$

We have gotten rid of unknown  $\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x})$  🎉

But now we have to compute  $\text{tr}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}))$

When our data has high dimensionality, this is **not cheap** - many nested backprops!

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s_{\theta,1}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial s_{\theta,1}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial s_{\theta,1}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial s_{\theta,2}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial s_{\theta,2}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial s_{\theta,2}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial s_{\theta,3}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial s_{\theta,3}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial s_{\theta,3}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

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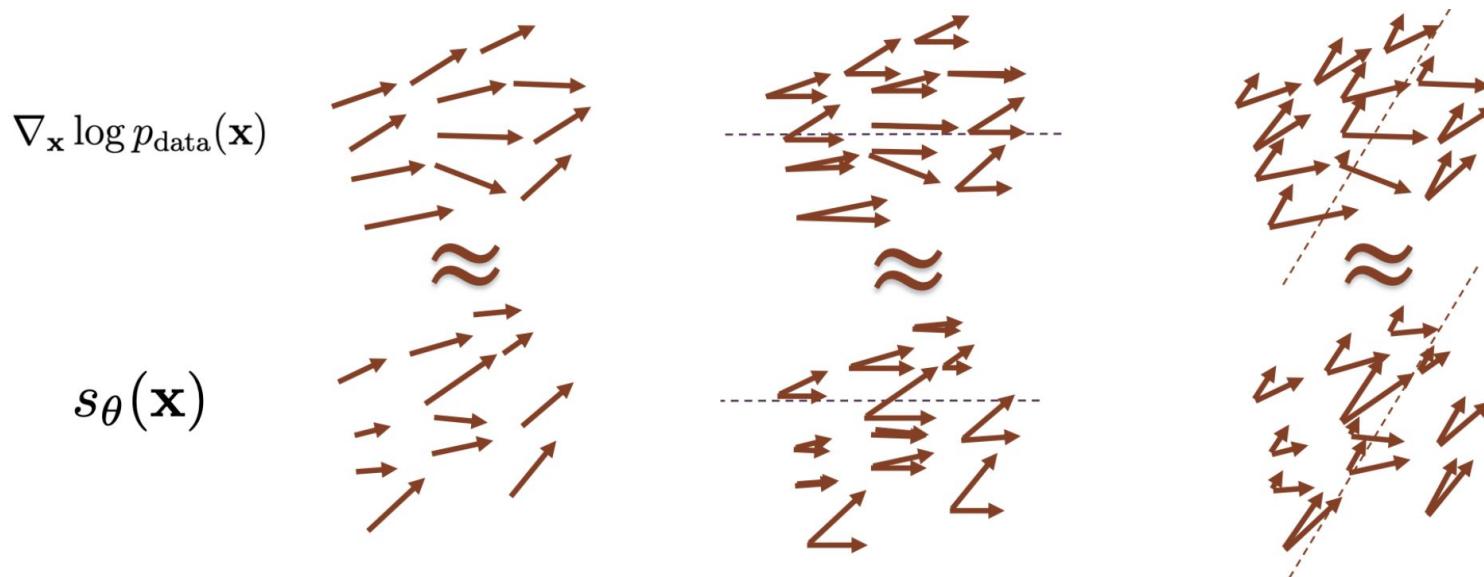
Intuition - when we project to a lower dimension, the problem becomes tractable.

- $p_{\mathbf{v}}$  is a simple distribution of random vectors, e.g. the multivariate std. normal.

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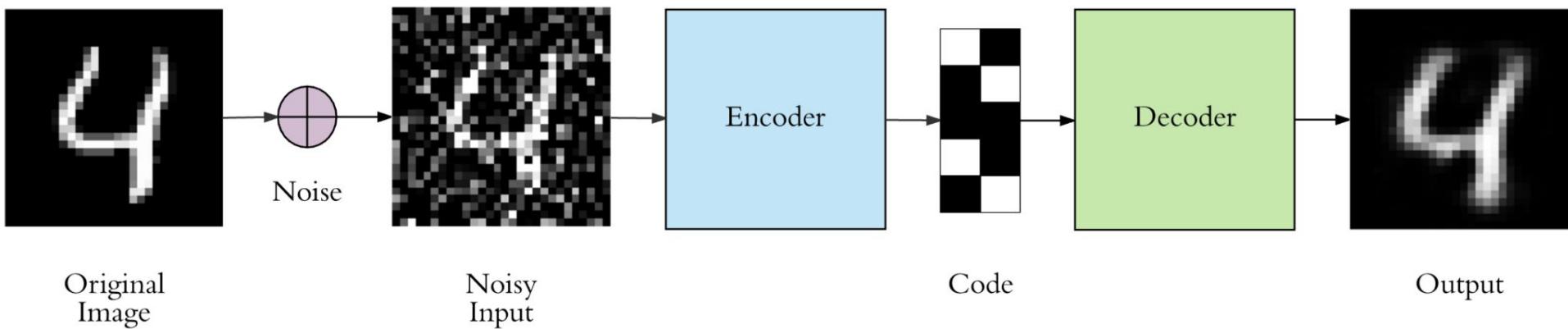
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# Denoising Autoencoders

Denoising Autoencoders work as follows:



The rationale is that this minimizes “memorization” - the input is corrupted from the start!

# Denoising Score Matching

Vincent (2010) proved that matching the score for a noisy perturbation of the input can also minimize the score for the ground truth estimator.

The intuition is that following the gradient of some simple Gaussian perturbation of an input should move us towards the original clean input.

$$\mathbb{E}_{q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x})}[\|\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{s}_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\|_2^2]$$

With a simple gaussian for  $q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}; \mathbf{x}, \sigma^2)$

We know that indeed:  $\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})$

# Denoising Score Matching

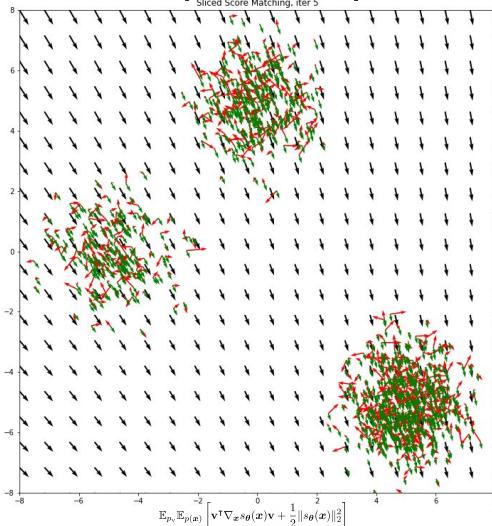
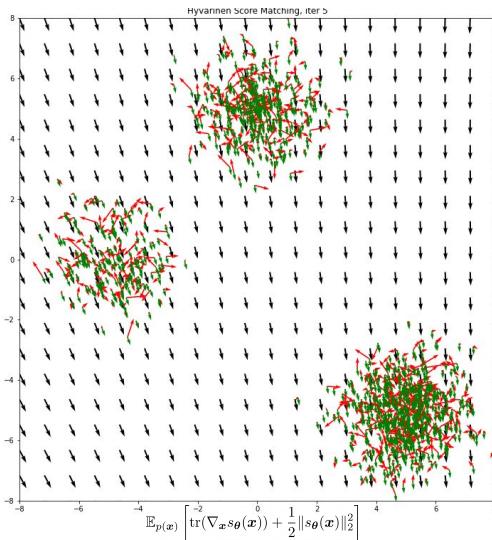
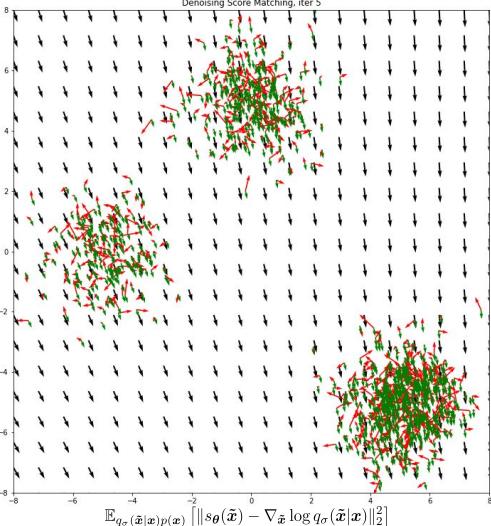
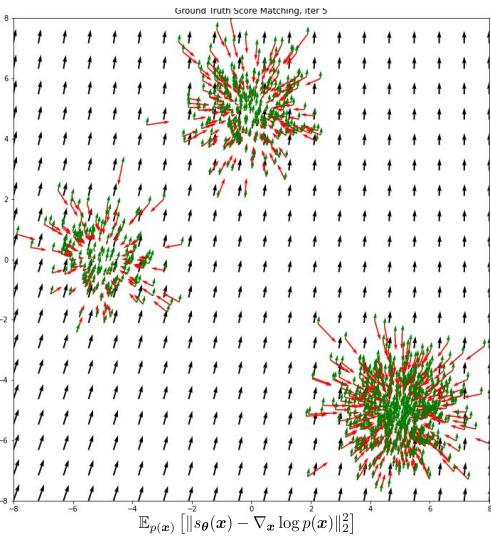
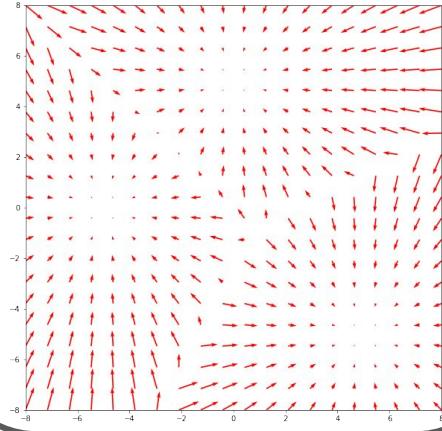
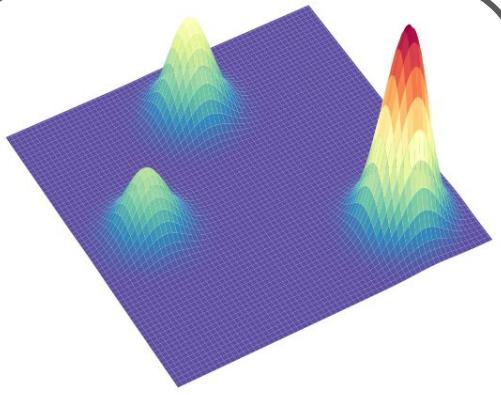
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A simple algorithm:

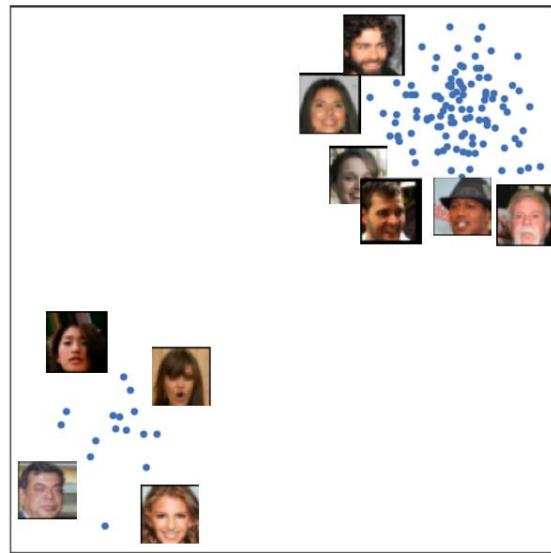
- Take in your input sample
- Perturb it with some Gaussian noise
- Compute the score estimate for the noisy sample
- Compare it with the ground truth score computed by the noising Gaussian

$$\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})$$

# Score Matching



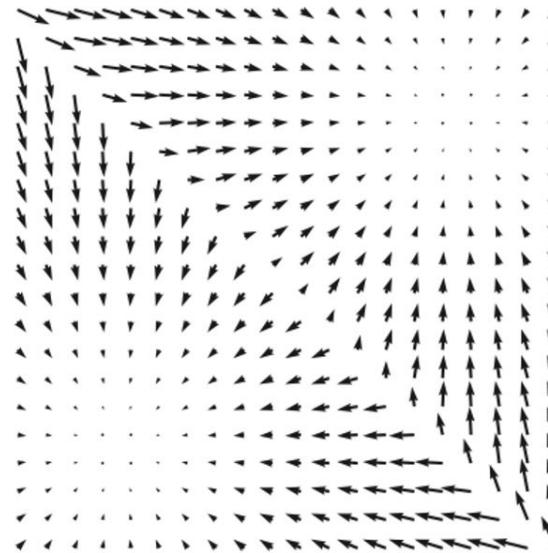
# Score-based Generative Modeling 100



Data samples

$$\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} p(\mathbf{x})$$

score  
matching



Scores

$$\mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x}) \approx \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x})$$

Langevin  
dynamics



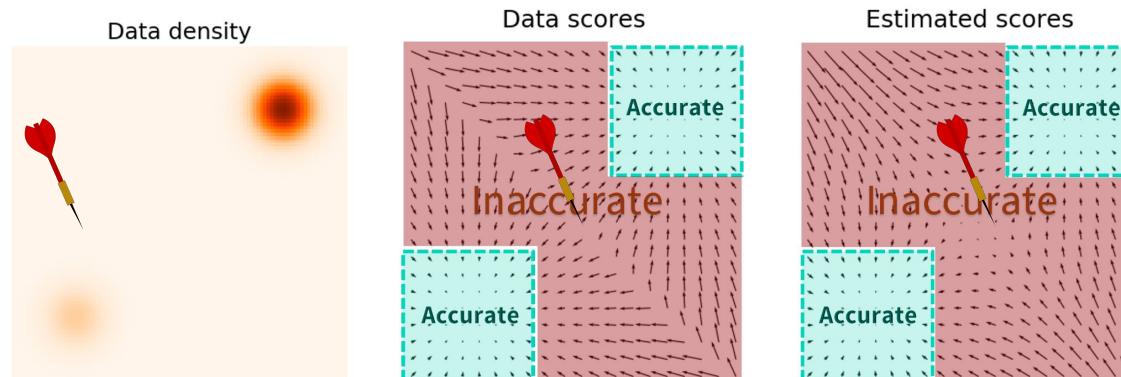
New samples

# Score-based Generative Modeling 100

What is the problem with vanilla score-matching?

$$\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x})}[\|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2] = \int p(\mathbf{x}) \|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{s}_\theta(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

Our model of the score will not learn the low-density regions well

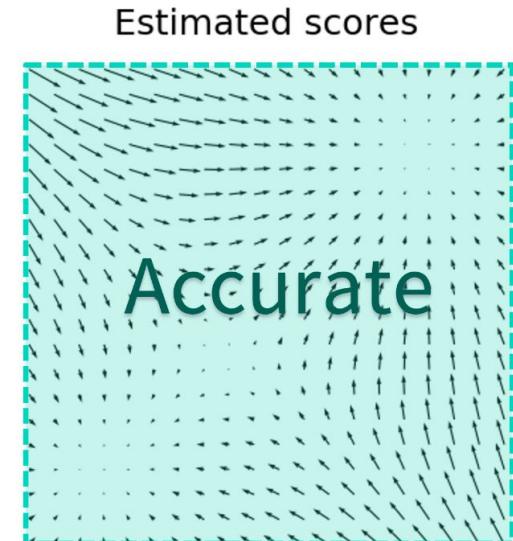
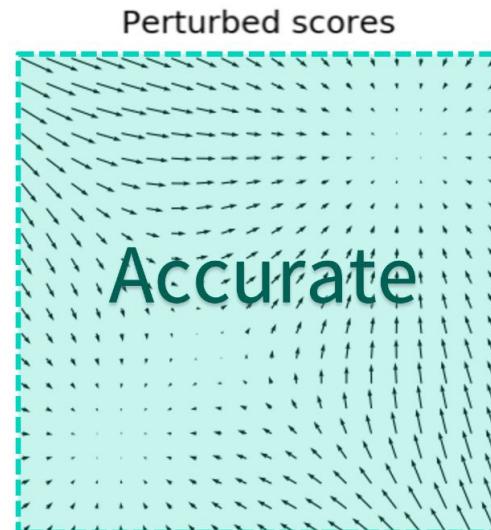
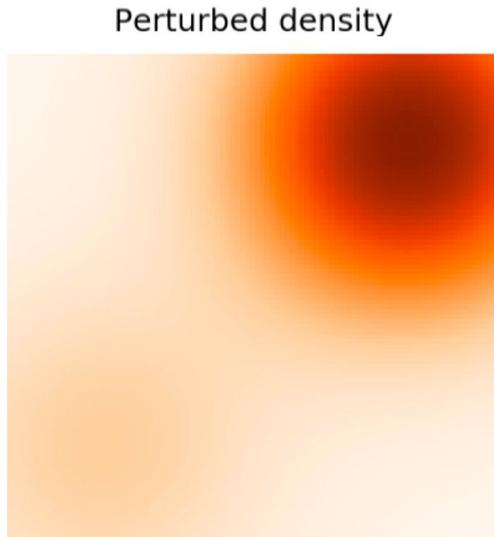


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# Score-based Generative Modeling 100

What is the solution for vanilla score-matching?

- Adding Gaussian noise!



# Score-based Generative Modeling 100

How do we choose an appropriate noise scale for the perturbation process?

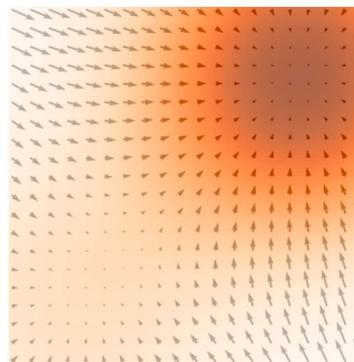
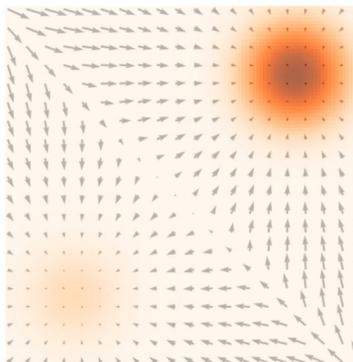
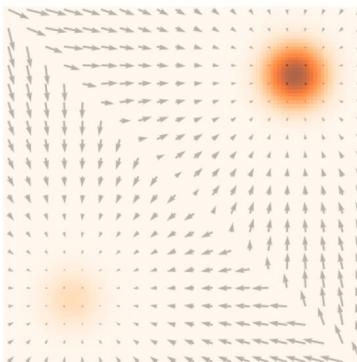
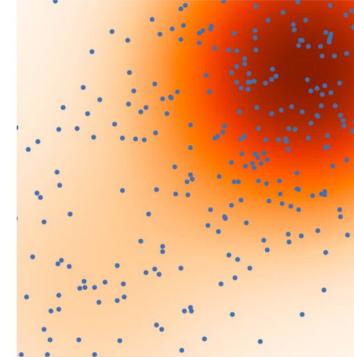
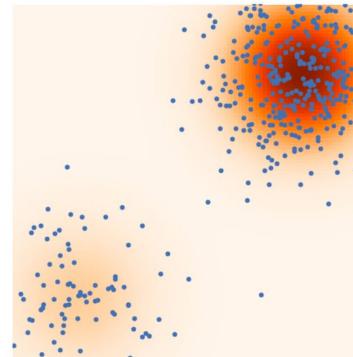
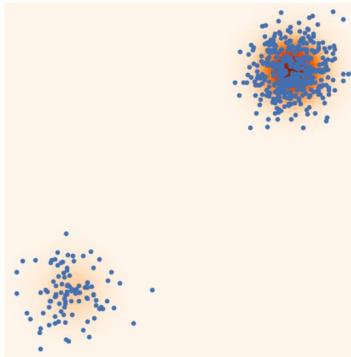


# Score-based Generative Modeling 100

$\sigma_1$

$\sigma_2$

$\sigma_3$



# Score-based Generative Modeling 100

Now, we estimate the score function of each noise-perturbed distribution

$$s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, t) \approx \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p_{\sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

for all  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$

We model it as a neural network, called the **Noise Conditional Score Network**

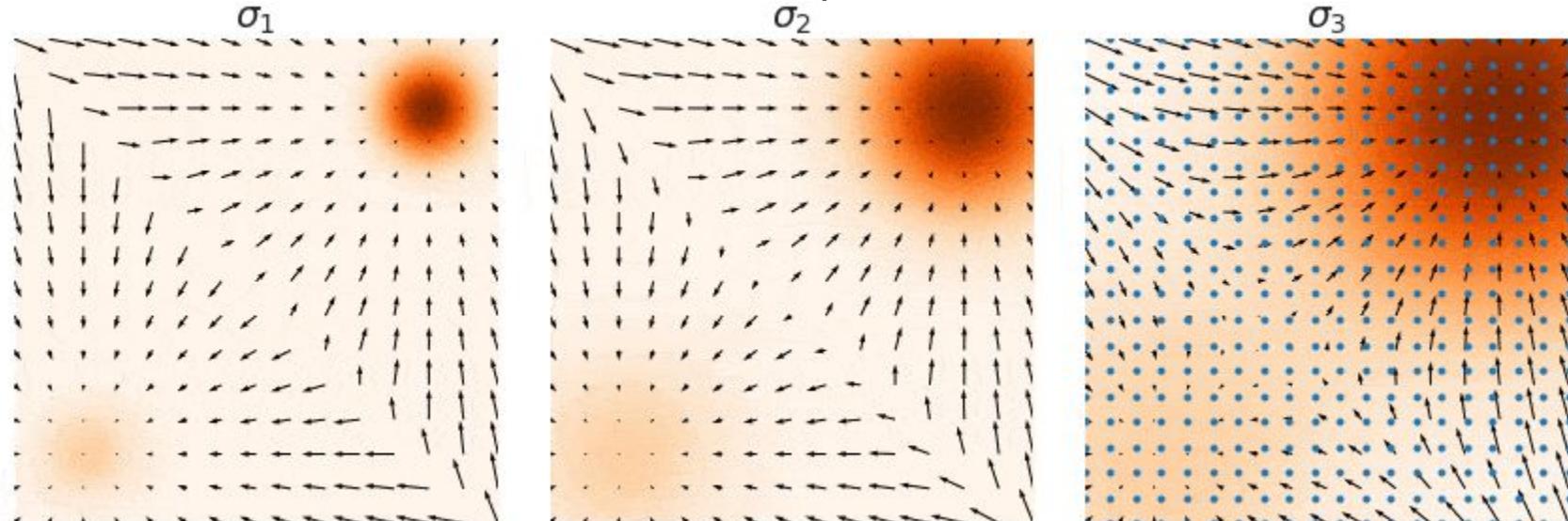
The training objective is a weighted sum of Fisher divergences for all noise scales:

$$\arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{t=1}^T \lambda(t) \mathbb{E}_{p_{\sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_t)} \left[ \|\nabla \log p_{\sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_t) - s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, t)\|_2^2 \right]$$

# Score-based Generative Modeling 100

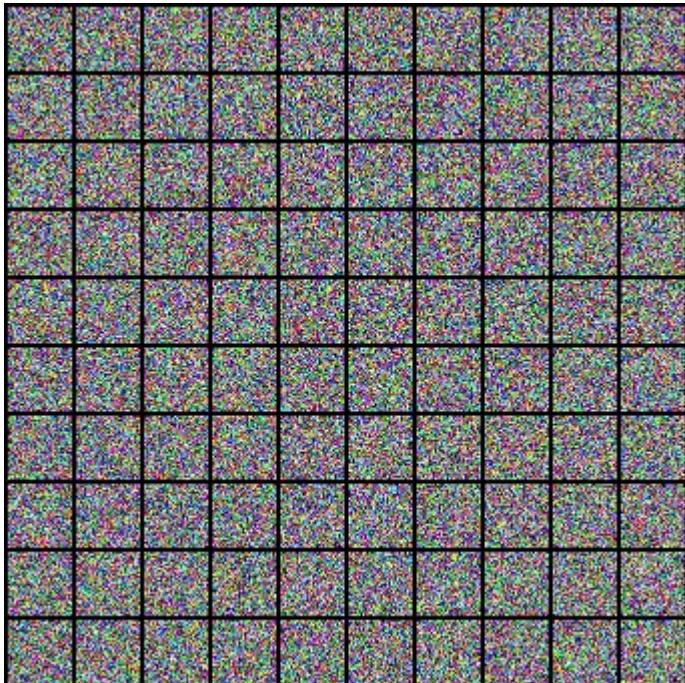
Sampling is done using annealed Langevin Dynamics

- Running Langevin dynamics for each noise level in sequence, initializing the next noise level with the results of the previous one.

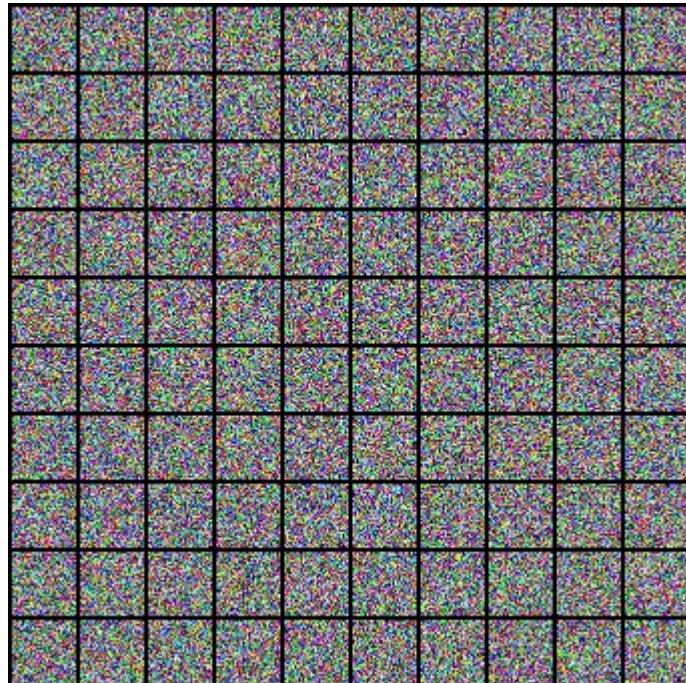


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# Examples!



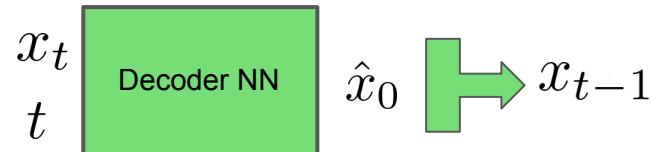
Celeb-A



CIFAR-10

# Review: Variational Diffusion Models

We want to learn a denoising decoder:



$$\hat{x}_{t-1} = \hat{x}_0 + \alpha_{t-1} * \epsilon$$

*reparam. trick!*

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

But what is the form of  $x_{t-1}$ ?

Recall that:

$$q(x_{t-1}|x_0) = \mathcal{N}(x_{t-1}|x_0, \alpha_{t-1}^2 I)$$
$$\therefore x_{t-1} = x_0 + \alpha_{t-1} * \epsilon$$

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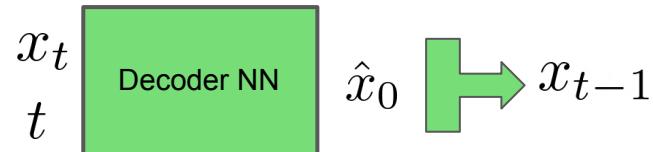
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*Do we really need to predict  $\sigma_{dec}$ ?*

*What is the ground truth signal for  $\mu_{dec}$ ?*

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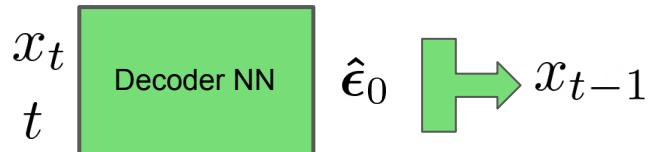
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## Review: Score and Noise ?

There is a relationship between the score and the noise, which we can derive by equating Tweedie's formula with the Reparameterization Trick.

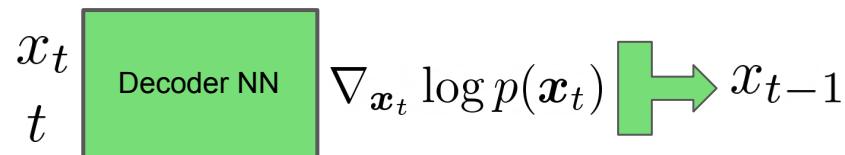
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_0 &= \mathbf{x}_t + \alpha_t^2 \nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathbf{x}_t - \alpha_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \\ \therefore \alpha_t^2 \nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}_t) &= -\alpha_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \\ \nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}_t) &= -\frac{1}{\alpha_t} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0\end{aligned}$$

Intuitively, the direction to move in data space towards a natural image is the negative noise term that was added.



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# Unifying Two Interpretations - Training Objective

The Hierarchical VAE interpretation of diffusion models shows that we can use a network to model the score function at arbitrary noise corruptions, learned by:

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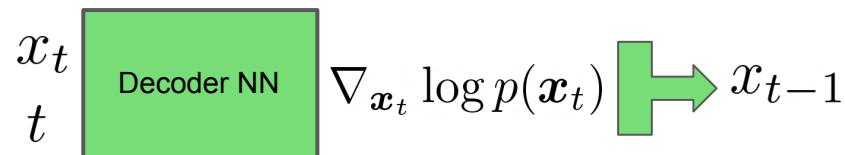
Score-based generative modeling also uses a network to model the score function at arbitrary levels of Gaussian noise corruption, learned by:

$$\arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{t=1}^T \lambda(t) \mathbb{E}_{p_{\sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_t)} \left[ \|\nabla \log p_{\sigma_t}(\mathbf{x}_t) - s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, t)\|_2^2 \right]$$



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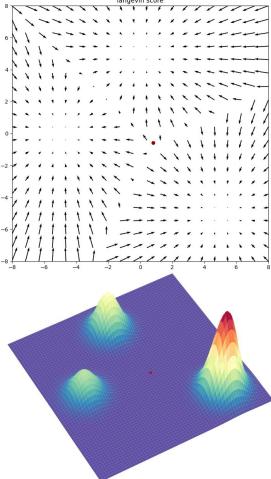
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# Unifying Two Interpretations - Sampling Procedure

Let's take a closer look at Langevin Dynamics:

$$\mathbf{x}_{i+1} \leftarrow \boxed{\mathbf{x}_i} + c \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) + \sqrt{2c} \boxed{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, K,$$

Recall our denoising transition from the Hierarchical VAE formulation:

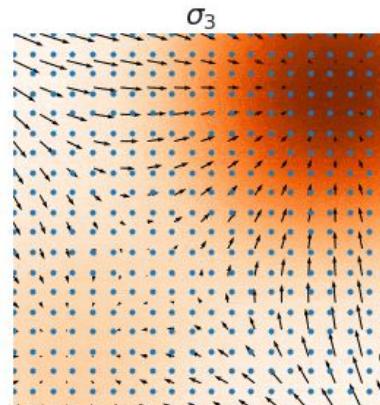
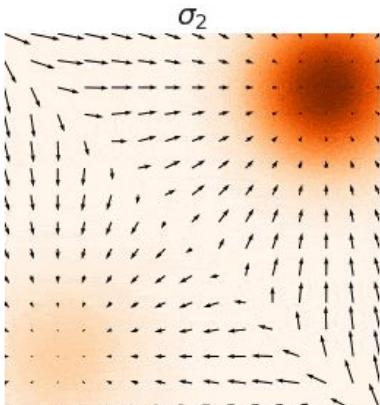
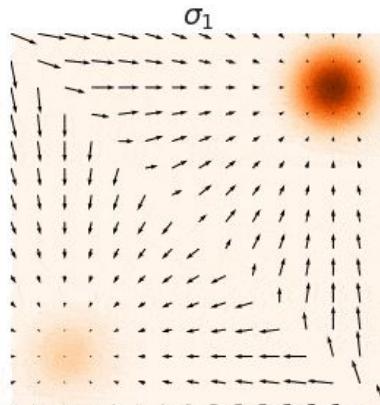
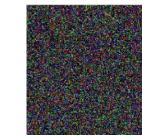
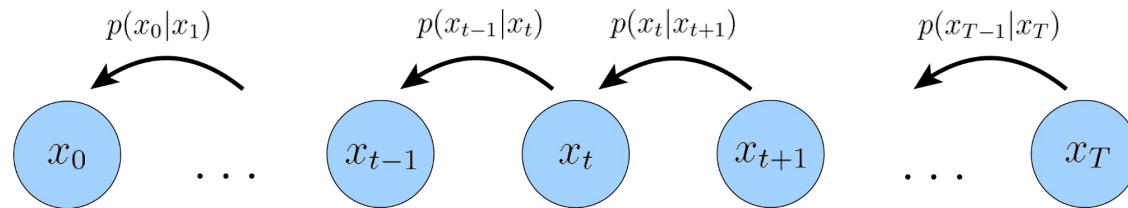
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Annealed Langevin Dynamics sampling is **analogous** to Markov Chain procedure.

## HVAEs

# Sampling



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# Unifying Two Interpretations

We have shown two equivalently valid ways to describe a diffusion model!

- One takes the perspective of a Markovian Hierarchical VAE, where samples are steadily denoised through “hierarchies”
- Another takes the perspective of energy-based models and score matching where we iteratively refine an input through noise levels.



*they are two sides of the same coin!*

# Conditional Diffusion Models

So far we have been learning an unconditional diffusion model  $p_\theta(x)$

# Conditional Diffusion Models

$$p(\text{image} \mid \text{text\_caption})$$

How do we incorporate conditional information, to control data generation?

“a painting of a fox sitting in a field at sunrise in the style of Claude Monet”



Parti (but pretend it is ImageN)



StableDiffusion



Dall-E 2.0

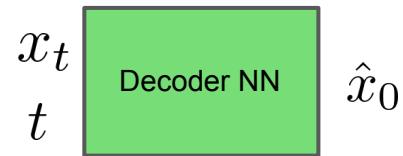
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Suppose we have conditioning information  $y$  and now want to learn  $p_\theta(\mathbf{x} \mid y)$

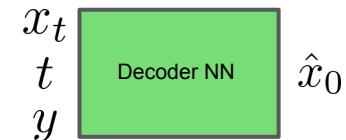
Well an unconditional diffusion model  $p_\theta(\mathbf{x})$  really is just:



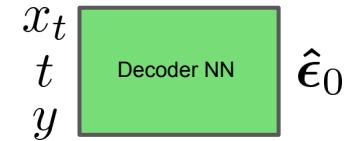
# Three Different Interpretations

It turns out, training a DiffModel can be implemented as a neural net that:

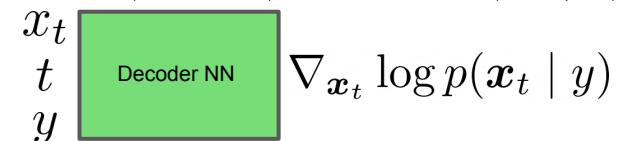
-  Predicts original image  $\hat{x}_\theta(x_t, t) \approx x_0 \longrightarrow \hat{x}_\theta(x_t, t, y) \approx x_0$



-  Predicts noise epsilon  $\hat{\epsilon}_\theta(x_t, t) \approx \epsilon_0 \longrightarrow \hat{\epsilon}_\theta(x_t, t, y) \approx \epsilon_0$



-  Predicts score function  $s_\theta(x_t, t) \approx \nabla_{x_t} \log p(x_t) \longrightarrow s_\theta(x_t, t, y) \approx \nabla \log p(x_t | y)$



Caveat: A conditional diffusion model trained by this simple conditioning may ignore or downplay the given conditioning information.

# Guidance

Guidance provides more explicit control on the amount of weight the model gives to the conditioning information, at the cost of sample diversity.

- How much should our generated  $x$  match  $y$ ?

Let us take the score-based perspective of diffusion models.

Now, we are interested in learning  $\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}_t | y)$  rather than unconditional score function  $\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}_t)$

# Classifier Guidance

Score of a conditional diffusion model:

$$\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}_t | y) = \nabla \log \left( \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_t)p(y | \mathbf{x}_t)}{p(y)} \right)$$



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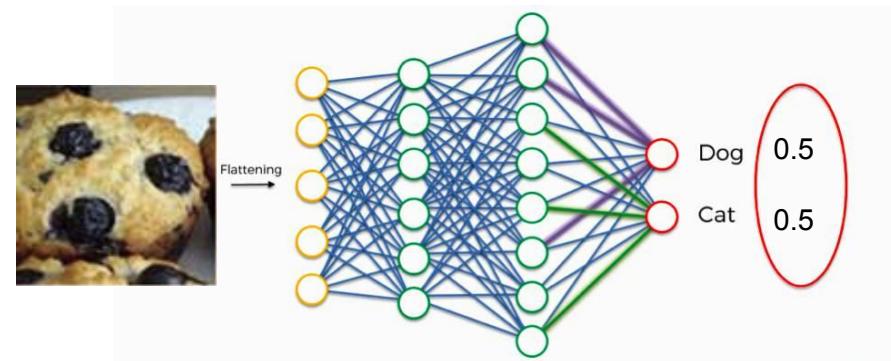
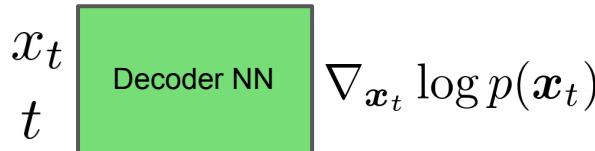
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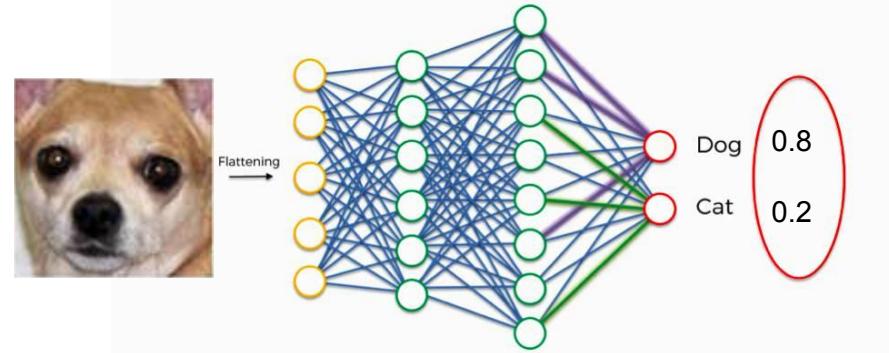
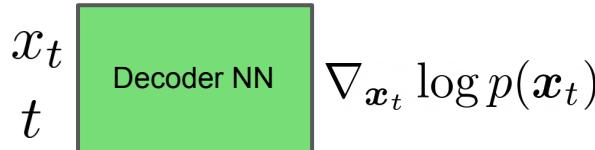
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Sampling is then done by querying the learned unconditional score function as well as the adversarial gradient of a classifier.

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{x}_t) + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{(dog face image)} \\ - \\ \text{(blueberry muffin image)} \end{array} \right)$$



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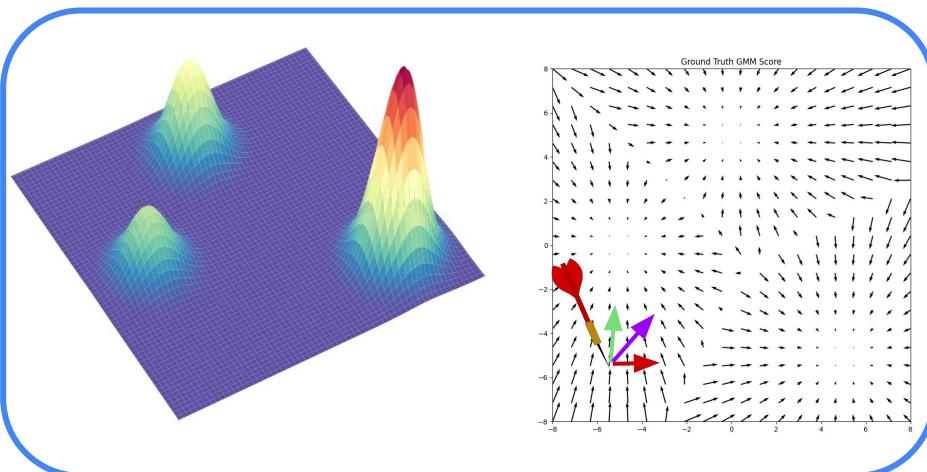
- The classifier attempts to tell us how good the noisy image matches the conditional label. It must be trained for arbitrary noise levels, however!

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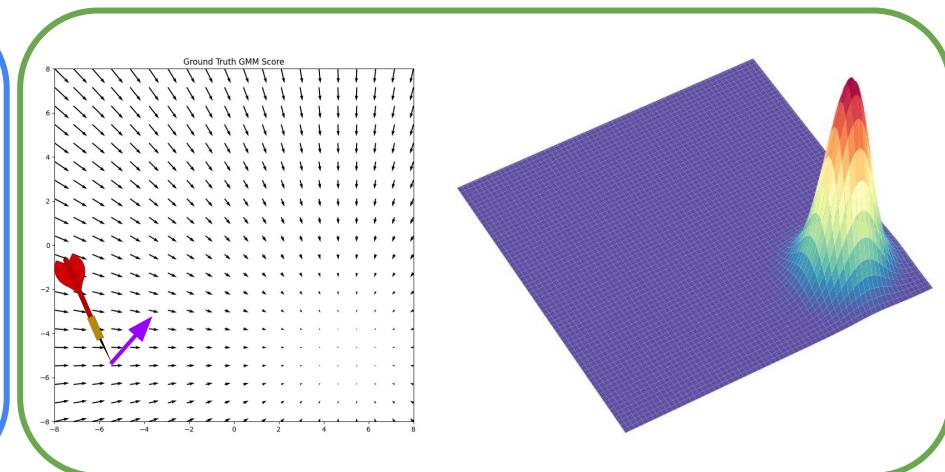
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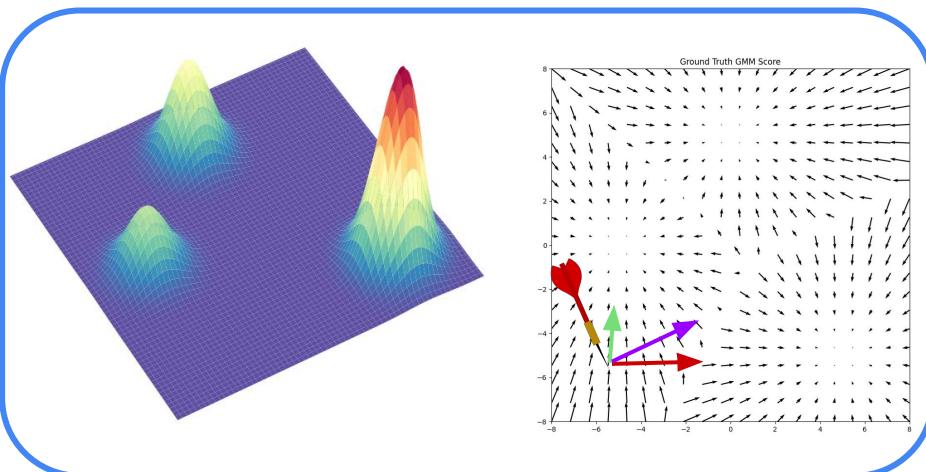


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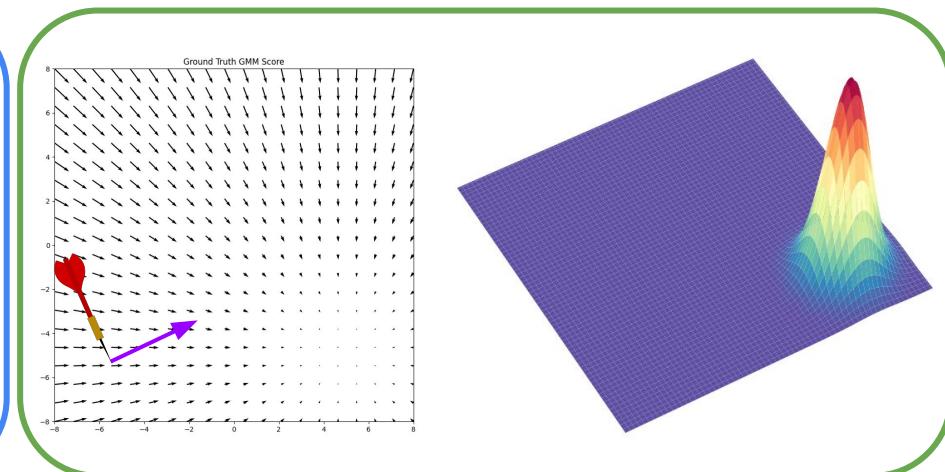
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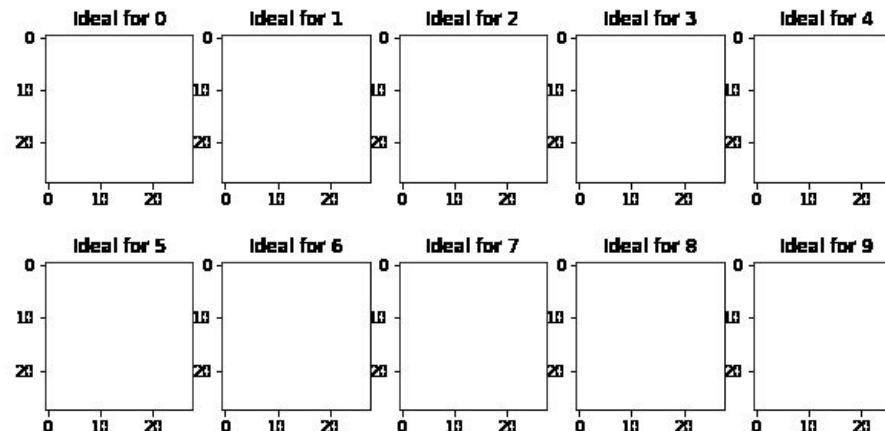
Why not just use  $\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}_t | y) = \nabla \log p(y | \mathbf{x}_t)$ ?

## TASK 3: Input Opti

So far, we've been training more powerful this can be and what strategy if we really needed to

A pretty common issue with decisions by just looking at its

We're going to finish off the last MNIST model that classify as



are starting to realize just how anything using a similar

model is doing to make its t.

optimized inputs for our

= )

# Classifier-Free Guidance

Let's revisit the score of a conditional diffusion model:

$$\nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}_t \mid y) = \nabla \log p(y \mid \mathbf{x}_t) + \nabla \log p(\mathbf{x}_t)$$


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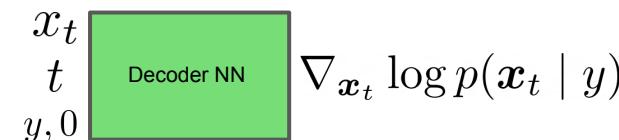
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Just one - as long as we train it with dropout on the conditioning info!

# Classifier-Free Guidance



source: [画像生成AI「Stable Diffusion」でどれぐらいプロンプト・呪文の指示に従うかを決めるCFG\(classifier-free guidance\)とは一体何なのか？](#)

# Classifier-Free Guidance



A bald eagle made of chocolate powder, mango, and whipped cream.



A photo of a Corgi dog riding a bike in Times Square. It is wearing sunglasses and a beach hat.



A bucket bag made of blue suede. The bag is decorated with intricate golden paisley patterns. The handle of the bag is made of rubies and pearls.



Three spheres made of glass falling into ocean. Water is splashing. Sun is setting.



A photo of a raccoon wearing an astronaut helmet, looking out of the window at night.



The Toronto skyline with Google brain logo written in fireworks.

# Models in Practice

Let's explore some of the state-of-the-art diffusion models in practice:

- DALL-E 2  **OpenAI**
- ImageN  **Google Brain**
- StableDiffusion  **nVIDIA**

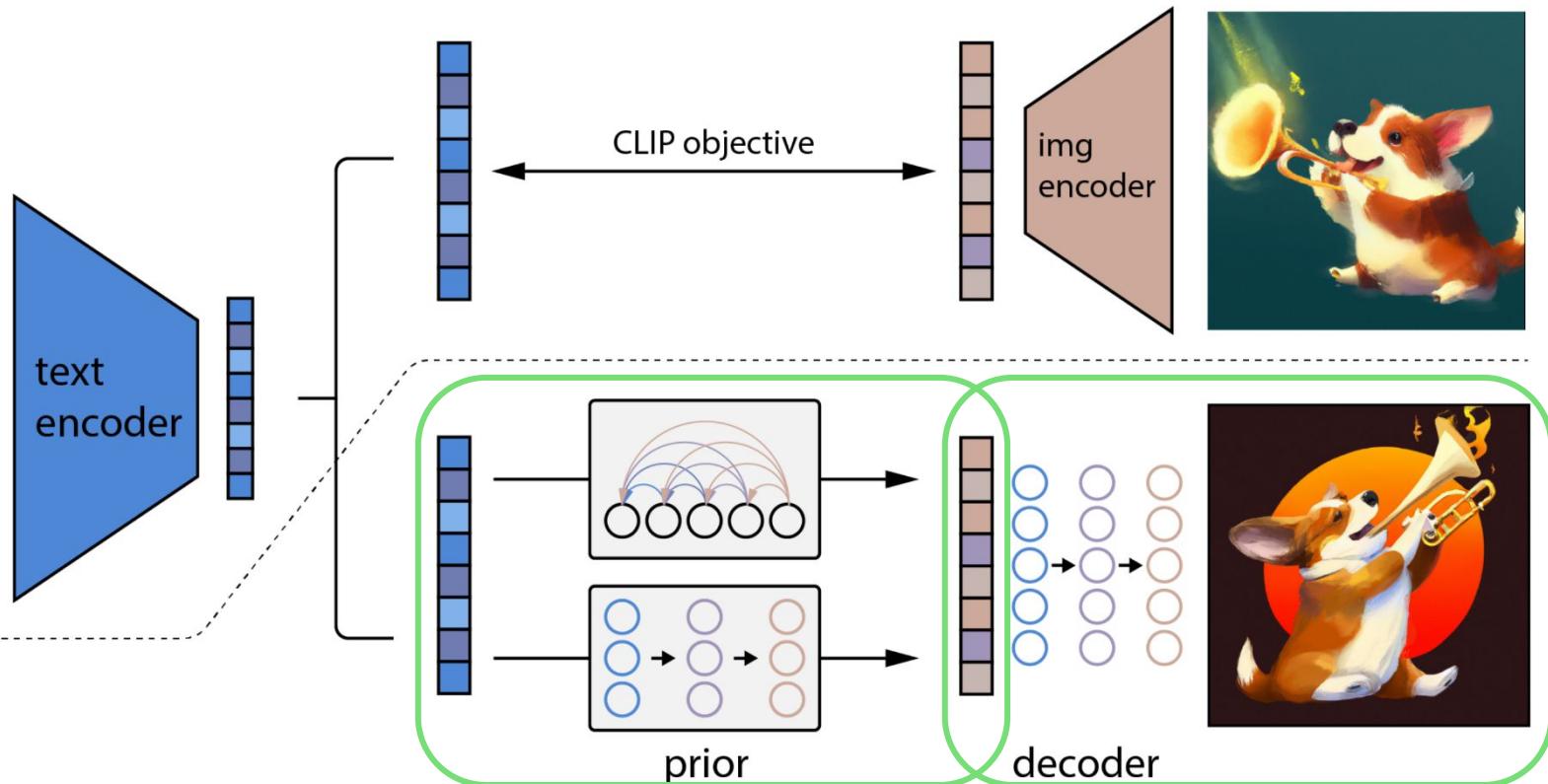


# DALL-E 2

“where is the diffusion model?”

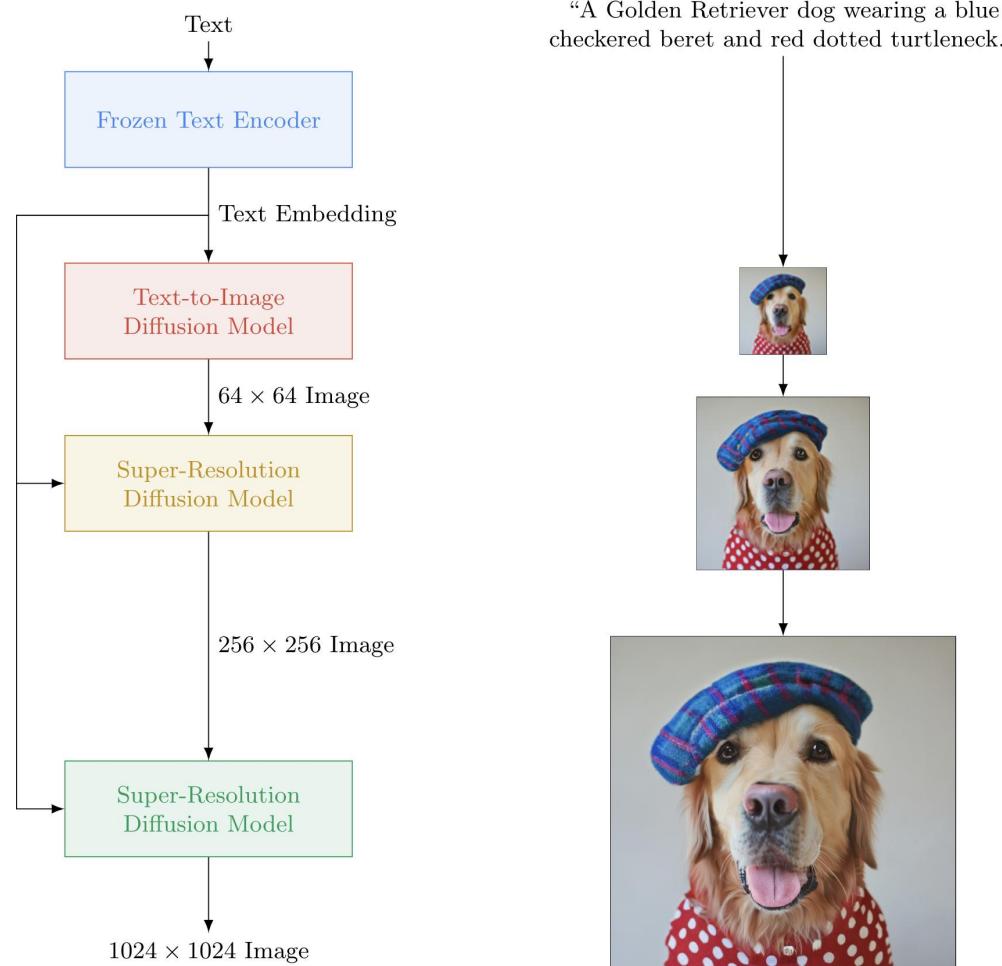


“a corgi  
playing a  
flame  
throwing  
trumpet”



source: [Hierarchical Text-Conditional Image Generation with CLIP Latents](#)

# ImageN



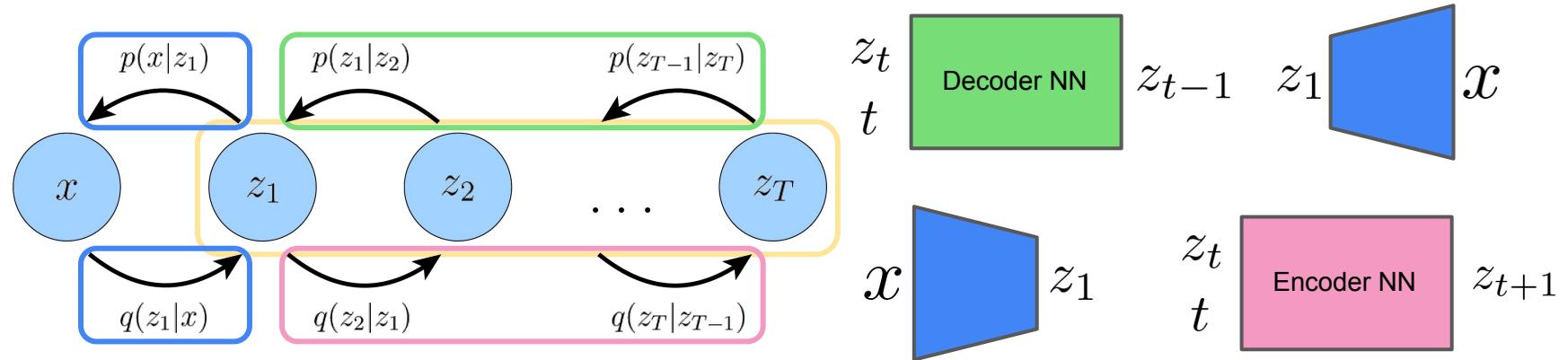
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# StableDiffusion

Remember this?

- In a VAE we learn two networks: an encoder and a decoder.
- How many do we need to learn for a Hierarchical VAE?

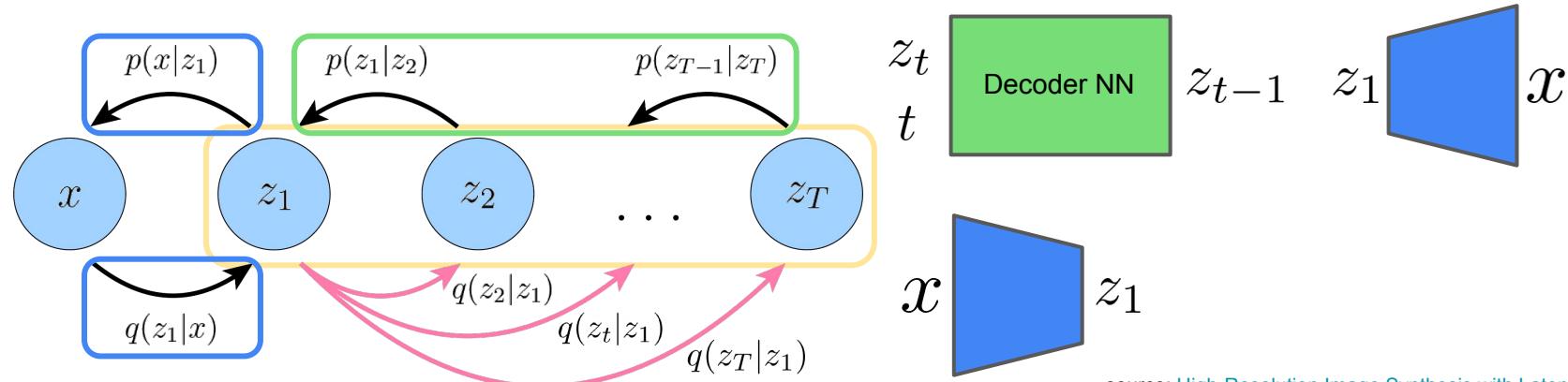
*...what if we assume all latent dimensions are the same?*



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- We model the latent distribution using a diffusion model

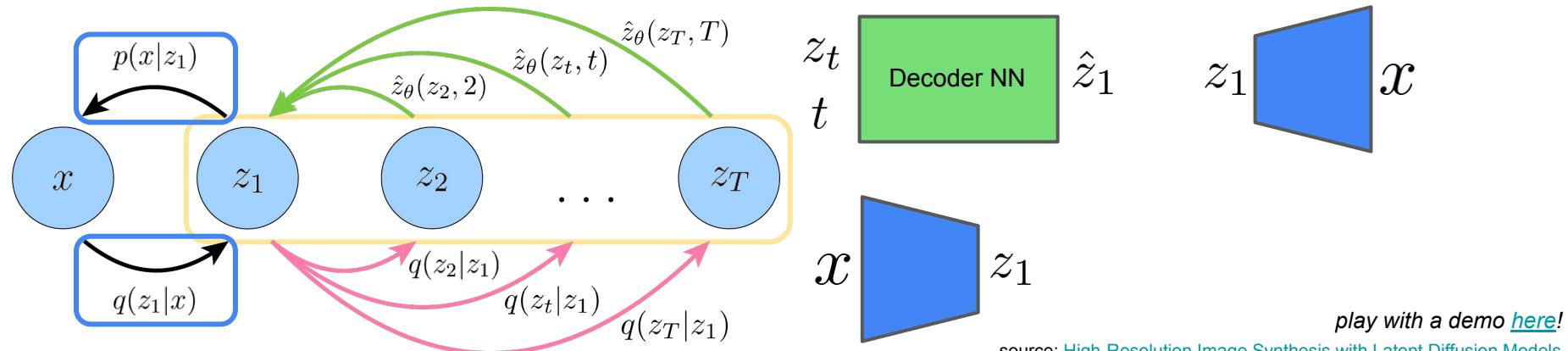


source: [High-Resolution Image Synthesis with Latent Diffusion Models](#)

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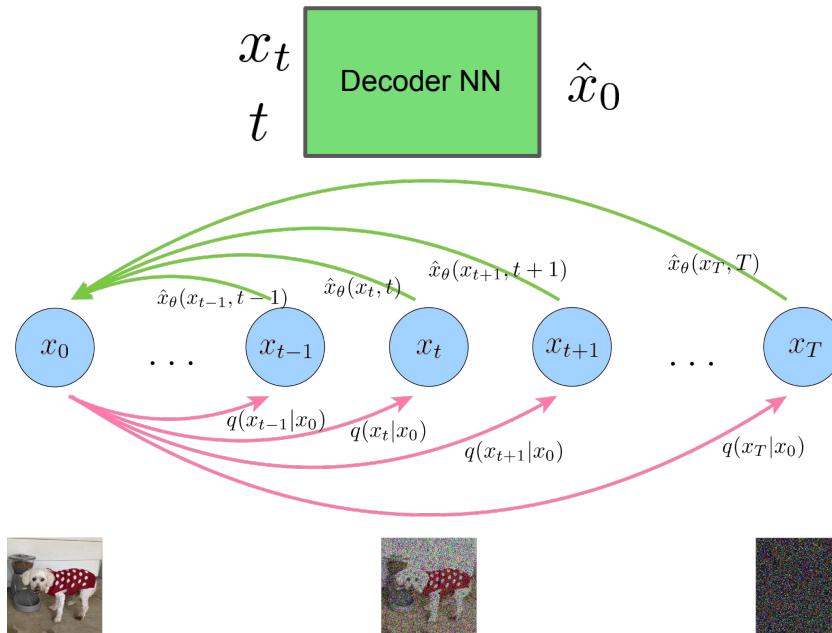
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- Projects the image into a smaller latent space
- Learns the diffusion model for ***only the latent***
- Re-projects the denoised latents back to image space
- Benefits?



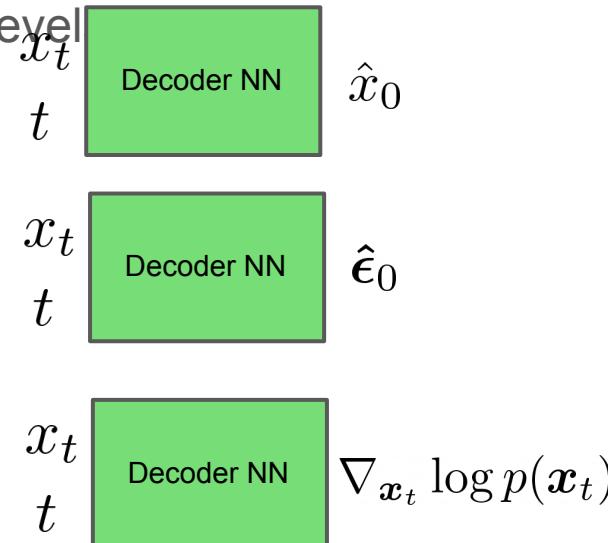
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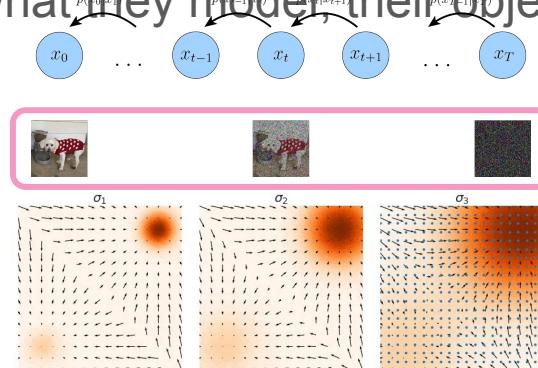
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$p(\text{image} \mid \text{text\_caption})$



$x_t$   
 $t$   
 $y, 0$

Decoder NN

$\nabla_{x_t} \log p(x_t \mid y)$

source: [ImageN](#), [StableDiffusion](#), [Dall-E 2.0](#)

# Is it Good?

Diffusion models have amazing generative performance!

- Probably state of the art generative model right now
- Absolutely incredible at learning conditional distributions

