
Advanced Prediction Models

Today's Outline

- Unsupervised Learning Landscape
- Autoencoders and Variational Autoencoders (VAE)
- Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)

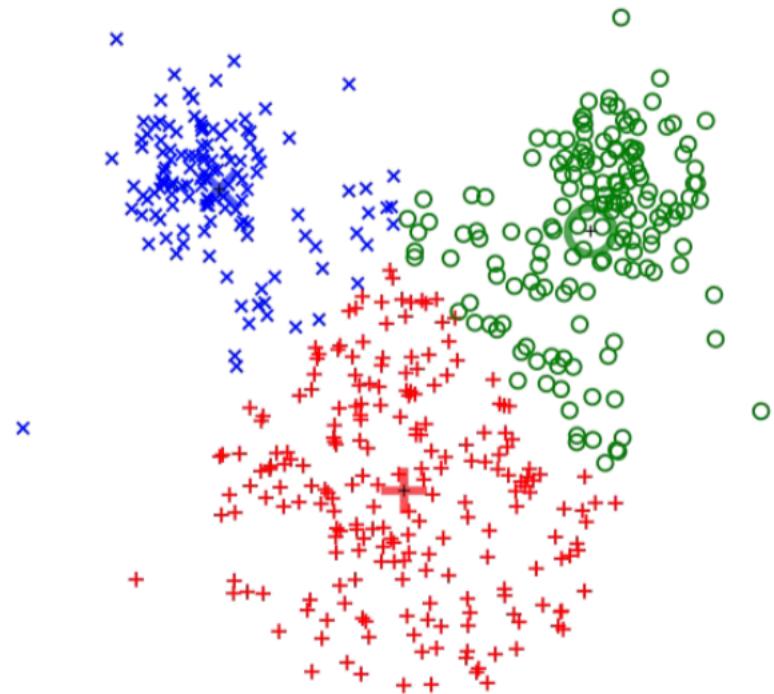
Unsupervised Learning Landscape

Unsupervised Learning

- Supervised learning
 - Involves feature and label pairs as training data
 - Goal is to find a map from feature to label/value
- Unsupervised learning
 - Involves only feature vectors
 - Example: images
 - Goal is to learn some patterns of data
 - There is no objective measure of success

Unsupervised Learning Tasks

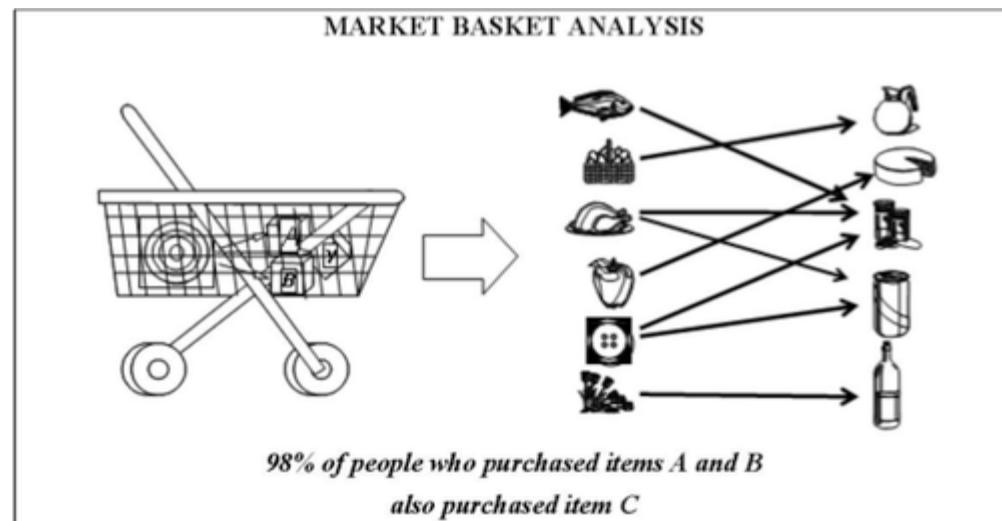
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- Density estimation
- Embedding
- Sampling



K-means clustering

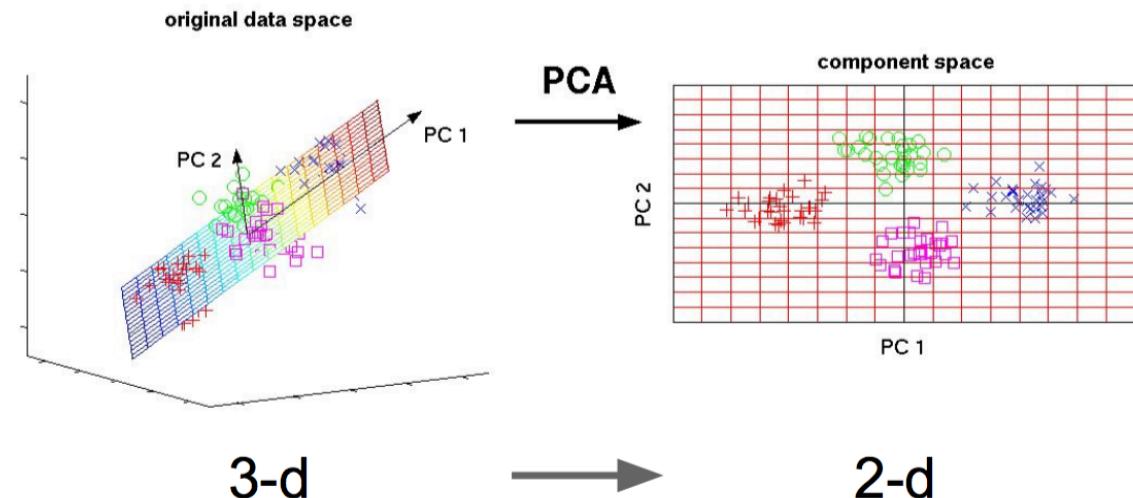
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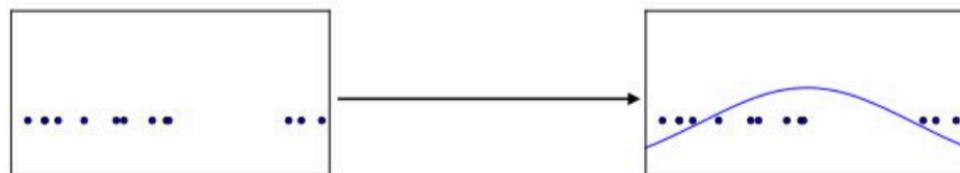
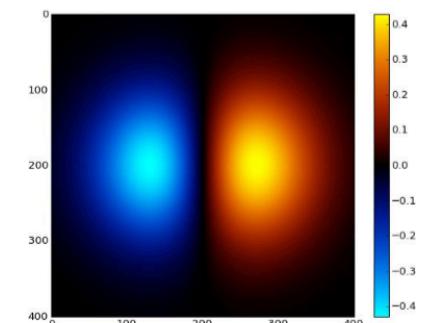
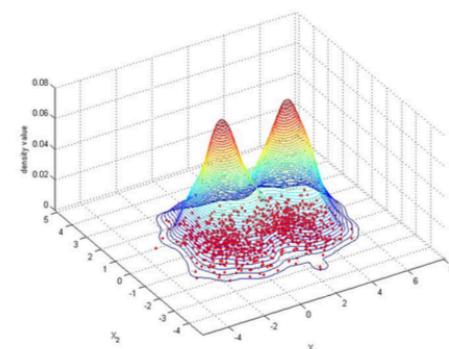


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1-d density estimation

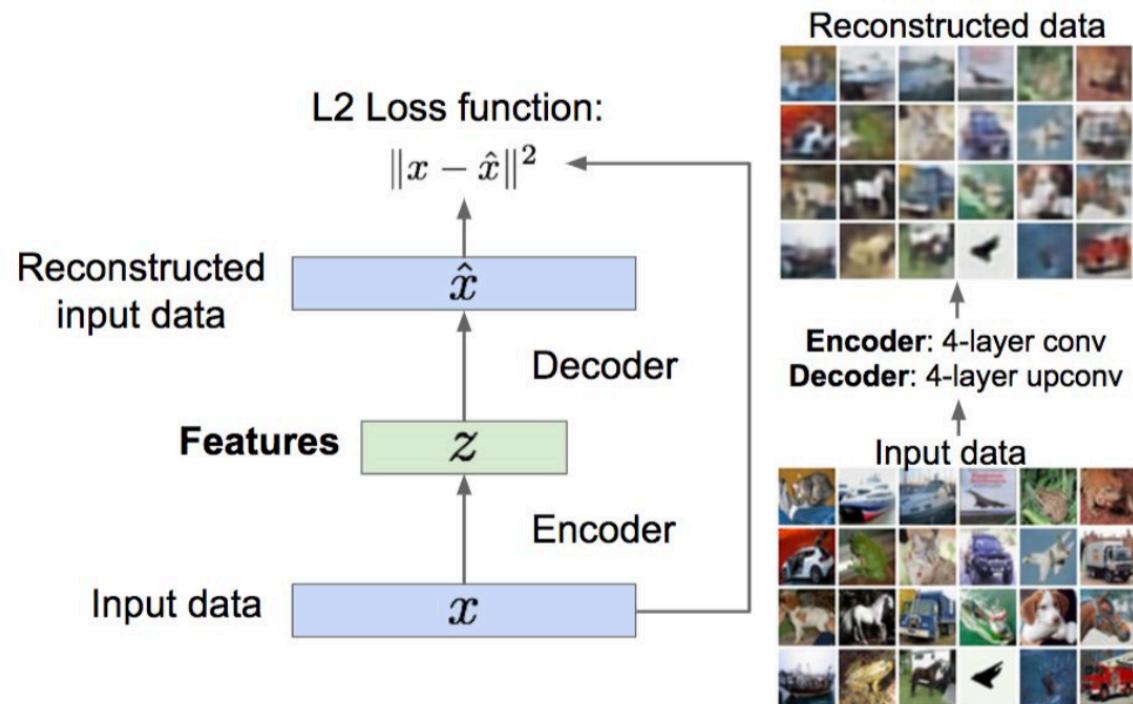


2-d density estimation

¹Reference: CS231n (Stanford, Spring 17)

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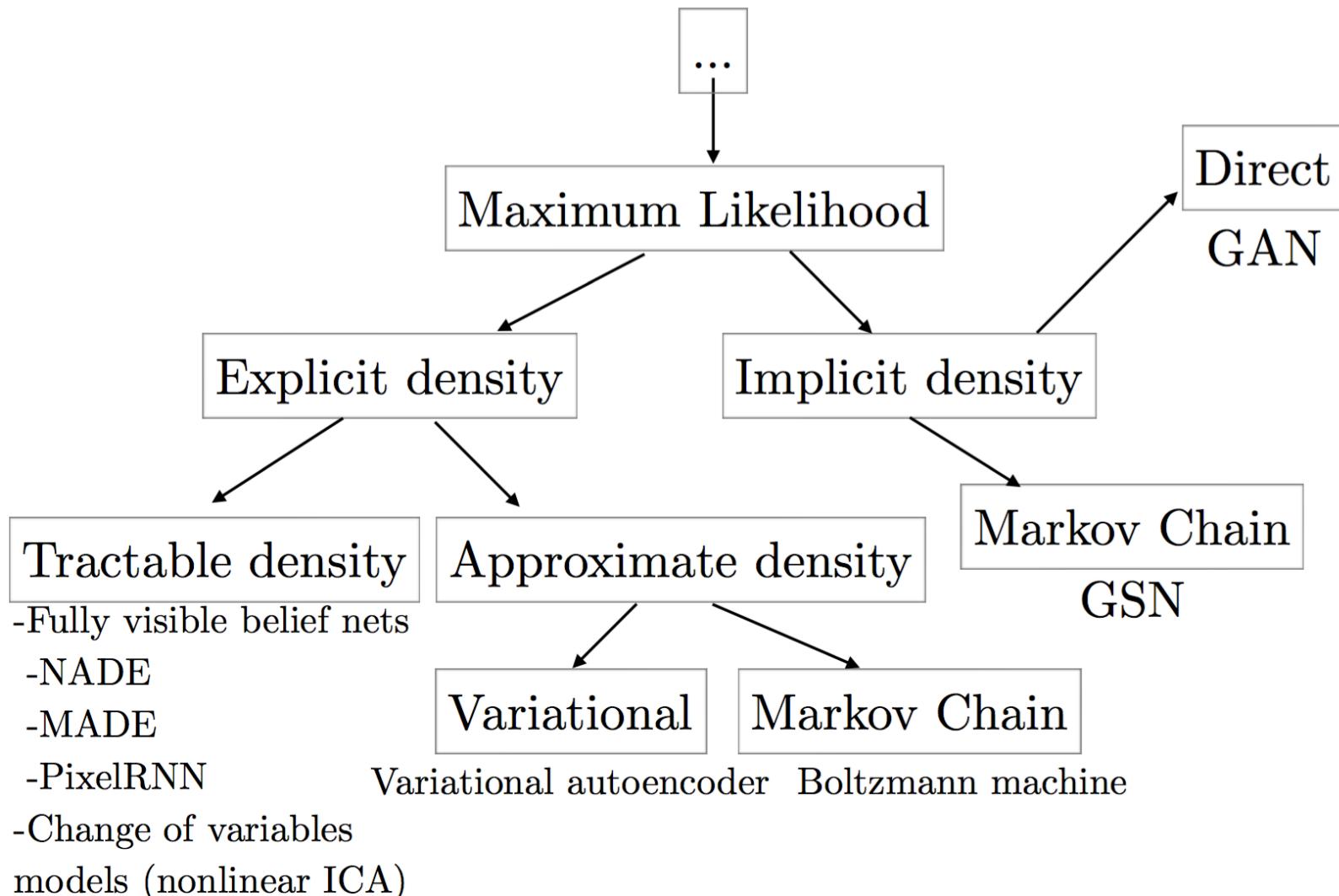
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Learning a Distribution

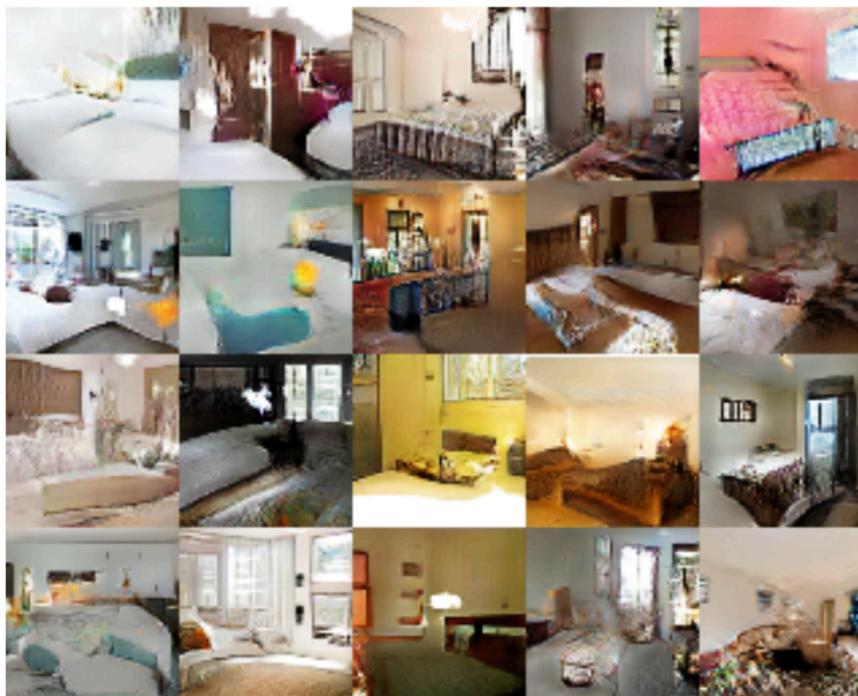
- Given (large amount of) data drawn from P_d , we want to estimate P_m such that samples from P_m are as similar as possible to samples from P_d
- Two approaches:
 - Explicit
 - If we construct P_m explicitly, we can address all the other tasks mentioned
 - Implicit
 - We can directly generate a sample from P_m without explicitly defining it!

Explicit and Implicit Approaches



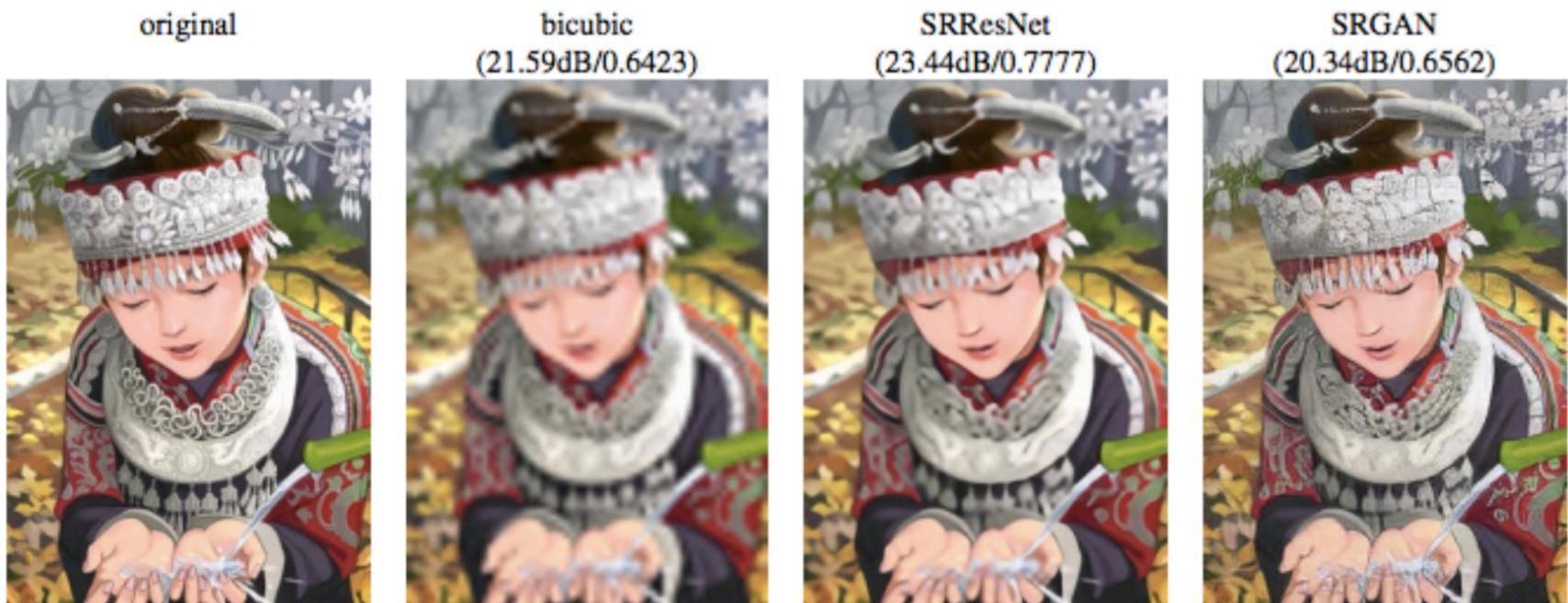
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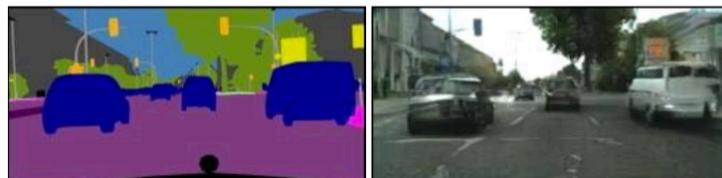
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Labels to Street Scene



Aerial to Map

input

output

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An aerial photograph of a residential area, likely a suburb or town. The image shows a dense arrangement of houses, mostly single-story bungalows with light-colored roofs, arranged in rows along paved streets. The streets form a clear grid pattern. There are patches of greenery, including small trees and lawns, scattered between the houses. The overall layout is organized and typical of planned urban development.

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. The area is characterized by a grid of streets, with several major roads intersecting. Numerous houses, mostly single-family homes, are visible, arranged in rows along the streets. The buildings vary in size and style, with some having larger yards and others being closer together. The surrounding environment includes green spaces, possibly parks or lawns, and some commercial structures visible at the edges of the residential area. The overall impression is of a well-established, suburban community.

input

output

Input



Ground truth



Output



A lime green leather handbag with fringe and a camouflage strap.

A simple line drawing of a handbag with a shoulder strap.

A black leather handbag with a shoulder strap.

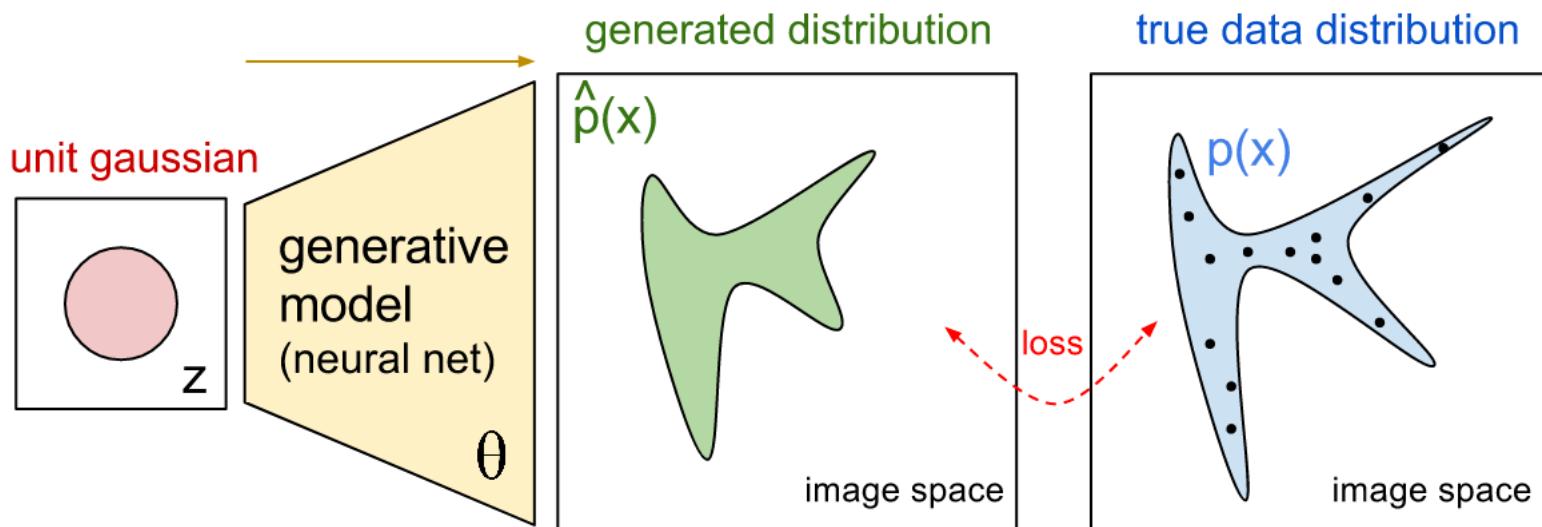
A black leather handbag with a structured design, featuring a top handle, a front flap closure with a buckle, and a long adjustable shoulder strap.

Explicit and Implicit Approaches

- We will look at one model under each approach and work with **image** data
 - Explicit: Variational Autoencoders (VAE)
 - Implicit: Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)
- Both use **neural networks** as a core object

More than Memorization

- Either model (VAE or GAN) will essentially build the yellow box below:



Questions?

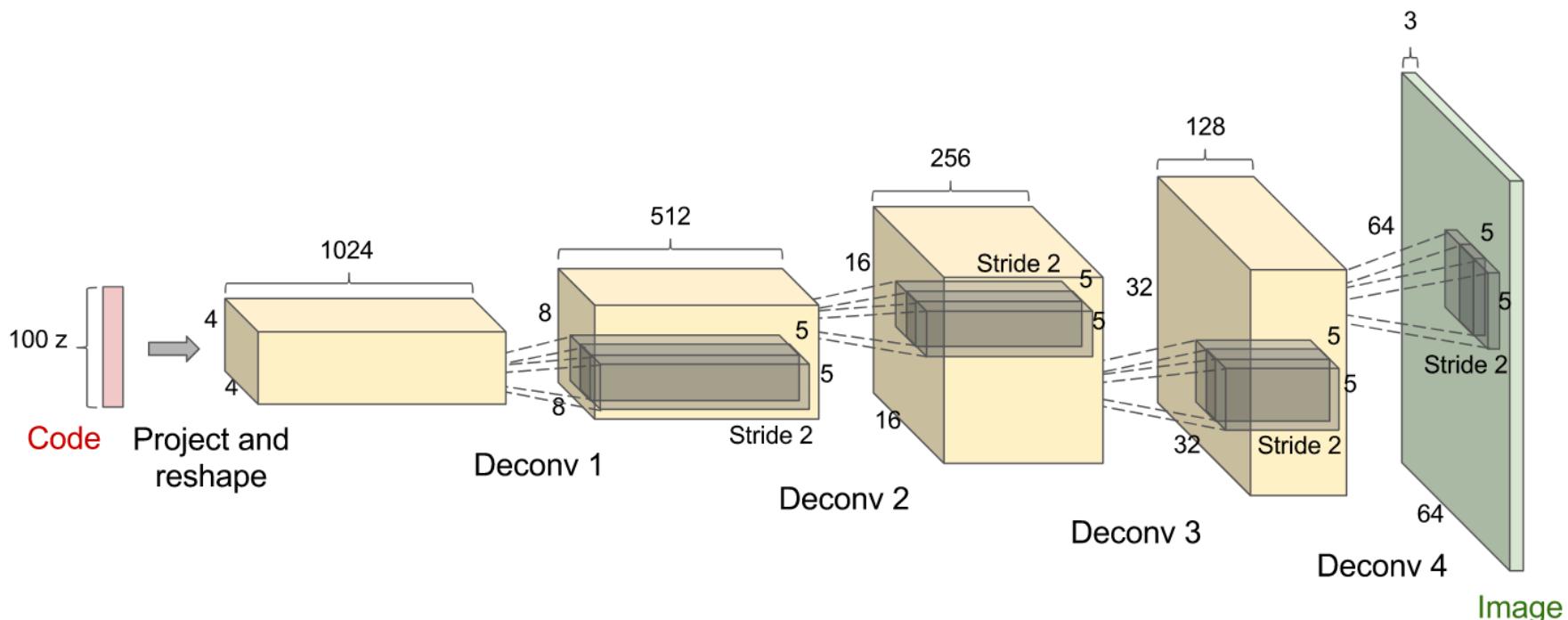
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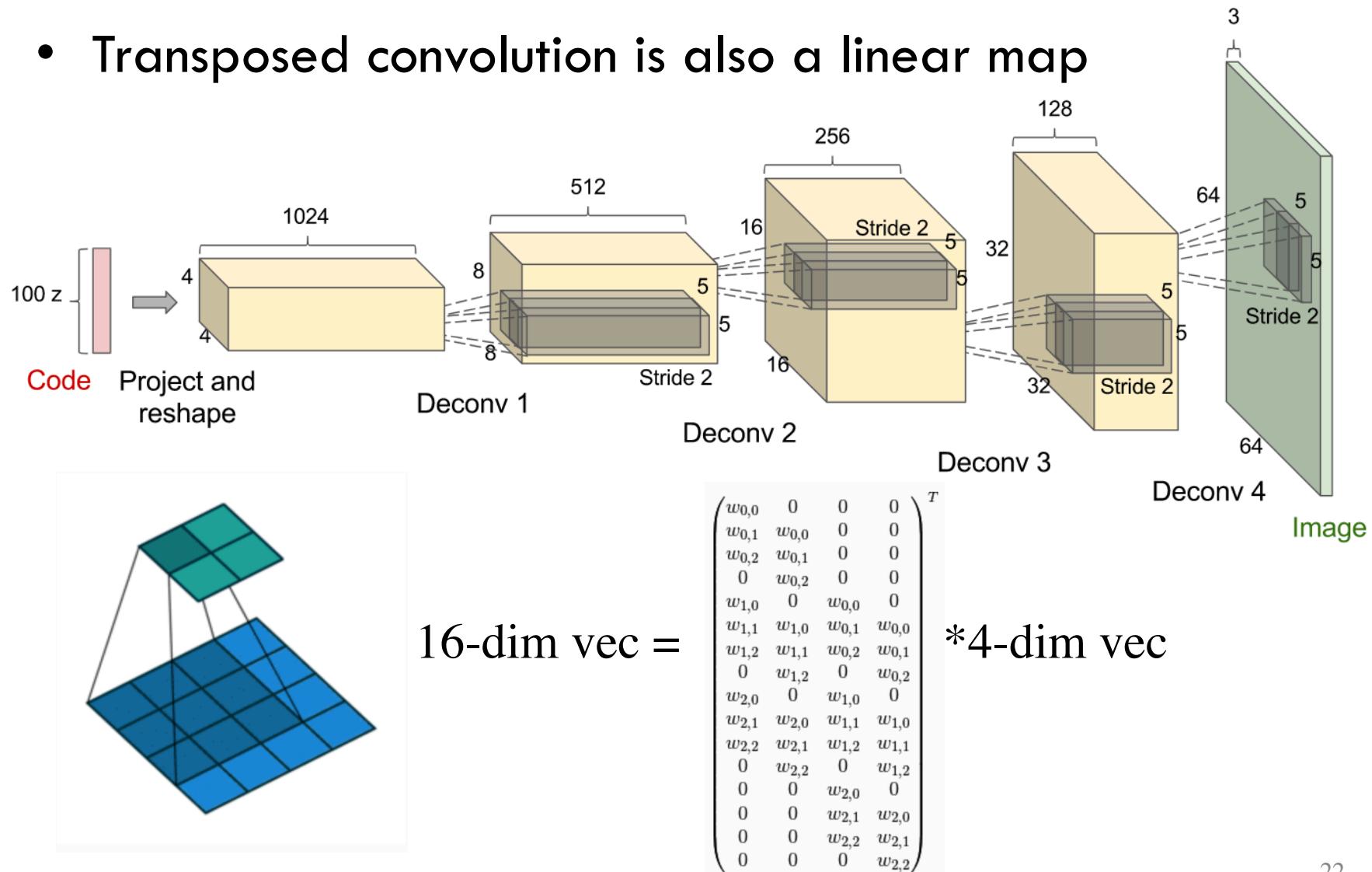
Neural Net as a Transformation Map

- NN is a function that maps an input to output
- Here is a ~~deconvolutional~~/transposed-convolutional network



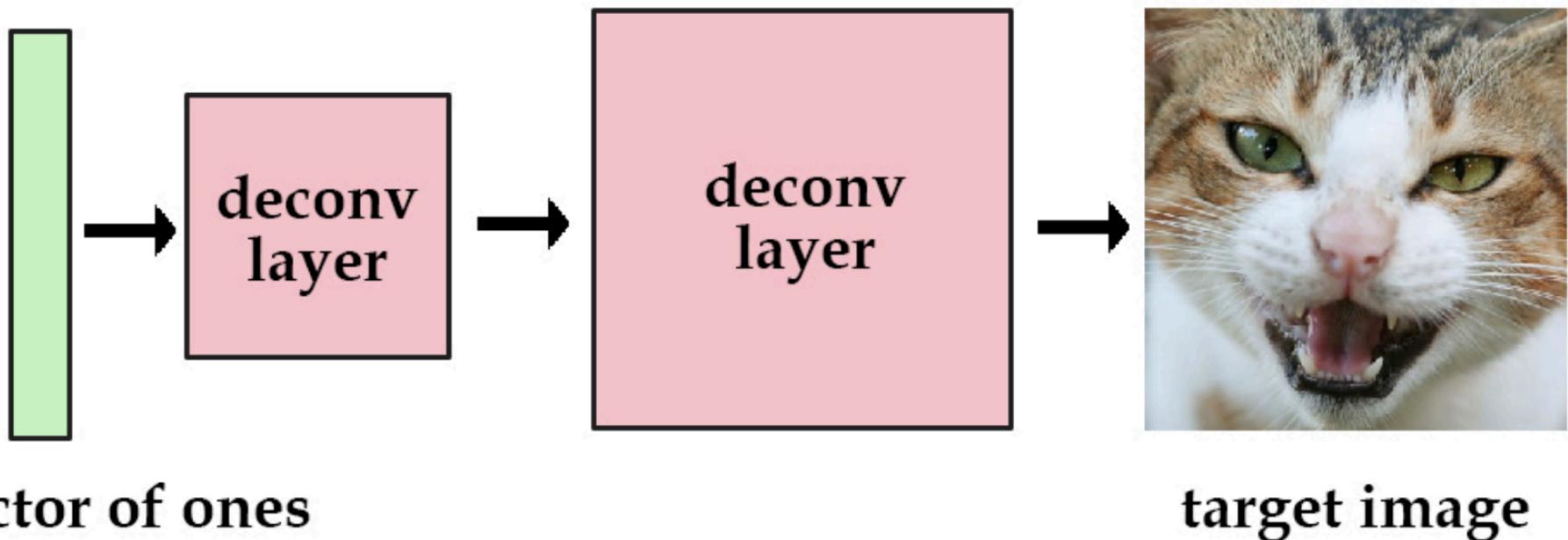
Neural Net as a Transformation Map

- Transposed convolution is also a linear map



Transformation from a Single Vector

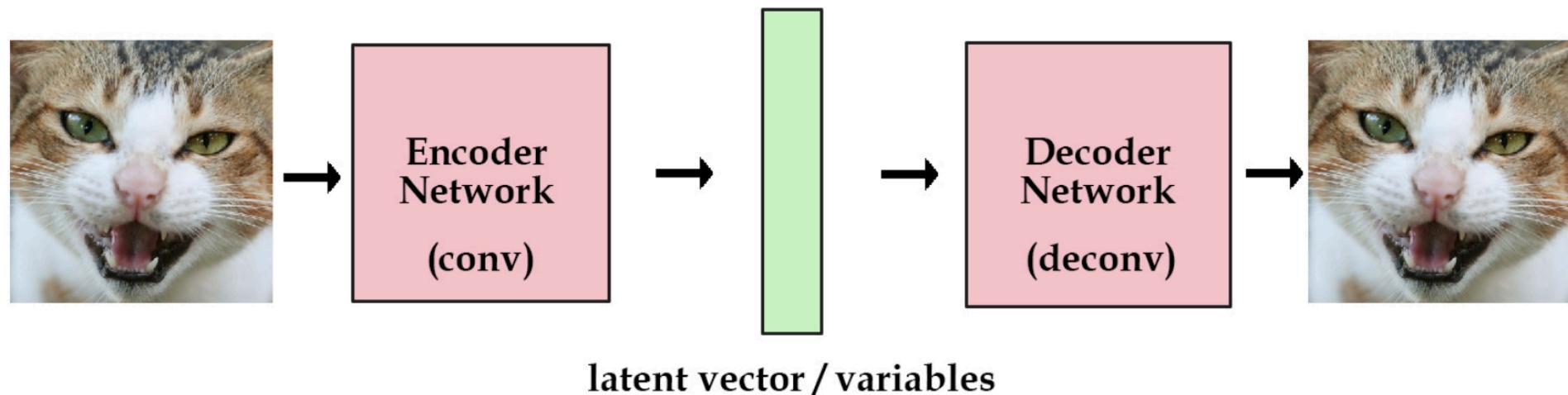
- For example, set inputs to all ones
- Train network to reduce MSE between its output and target image
- Then information related to image is captured in network parameters



¹Reference: <http://kvfrans.com/variational-autoencoders-explained/>

Transformation from Multiple Vectors

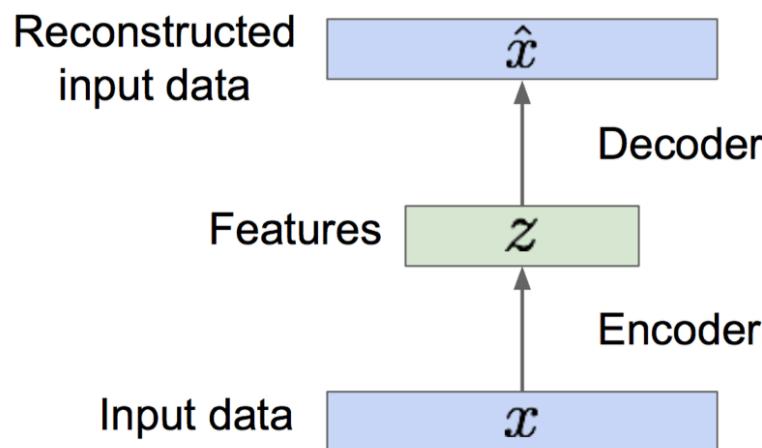
- Do the same with multiple input vectors (e.g., one hot encoded)
- These input vectors are called codes. The network is called a decoder.
- In an autoencoder, we also have an ‘encoder’ that takes original images and ‘codes’ them



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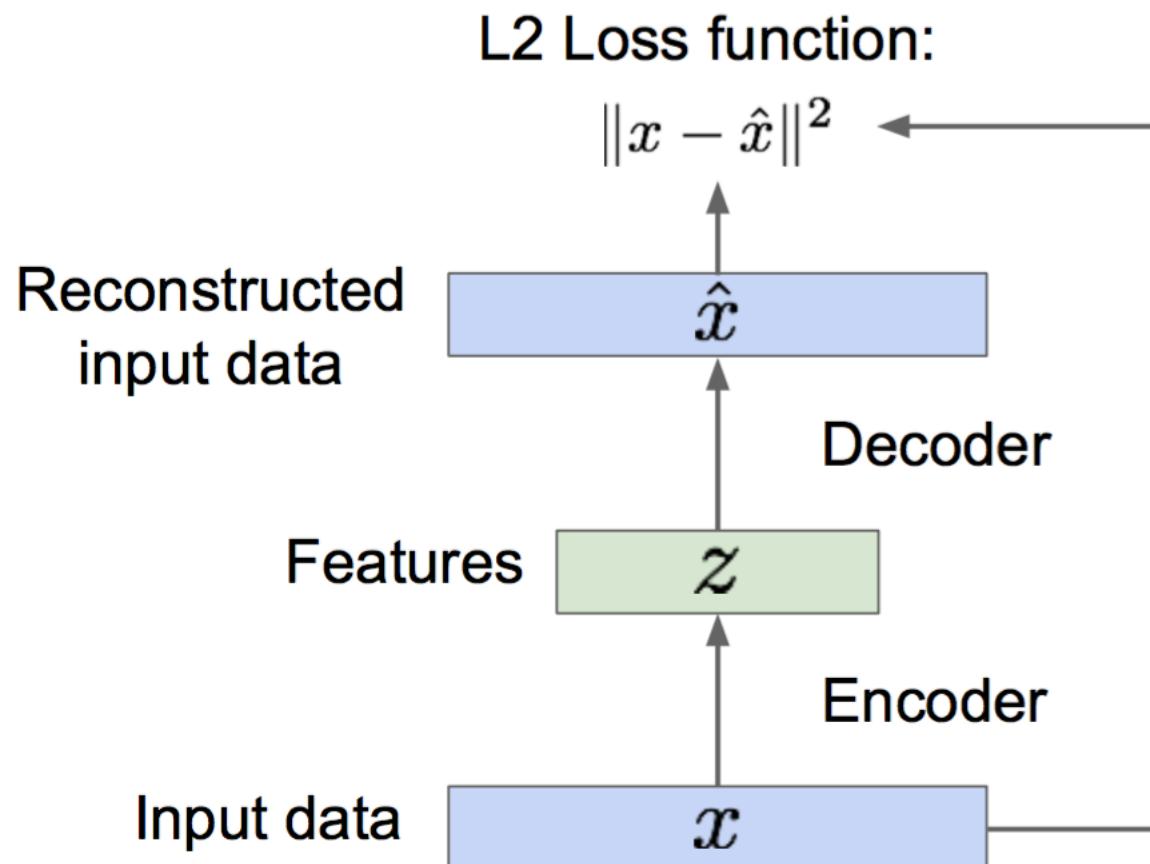
Autoencoder: The Objective

- Captures information in training data
- The latent variable z (also called code) can be thought of as embedding
- Keep the dimension of z smaller than input x , otherwise we have a trivial solution
 - If we choose a larger dimension, add noise to x during training (this is called a denoising autoencoder)

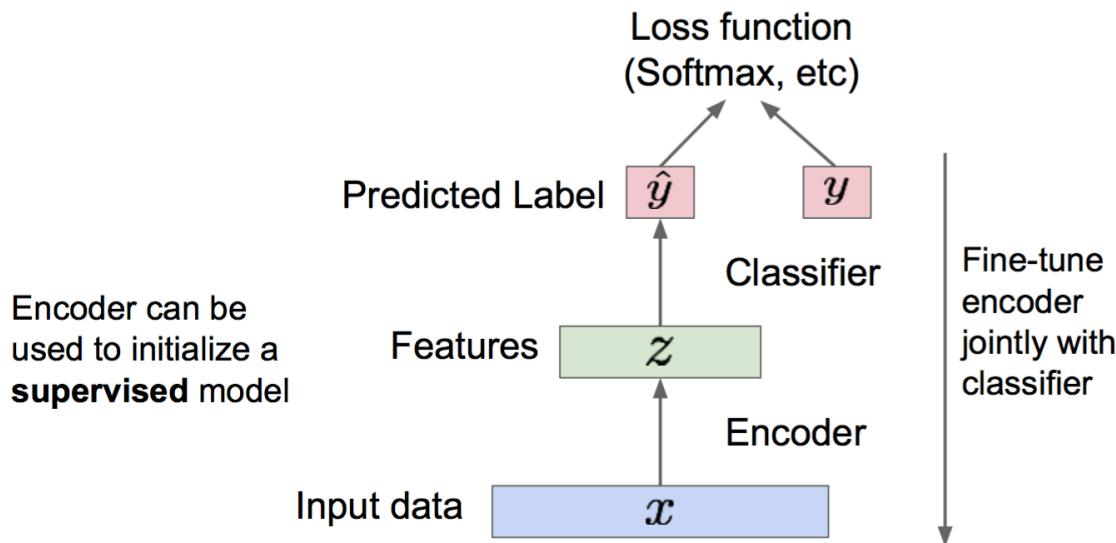


Autoencoder: The Architecture

- No labels are needed here



Autoencoder: Uses



- Reduction in dimension achieved by the encoder is useful
 - Just like PCA
 - Captures meaningful variations in the data via the embeddings
- Named ‘autoencoder’ because it attempts to reconstructs original data
- **Cannot generate new samples yet!**

Variational Autoencoder

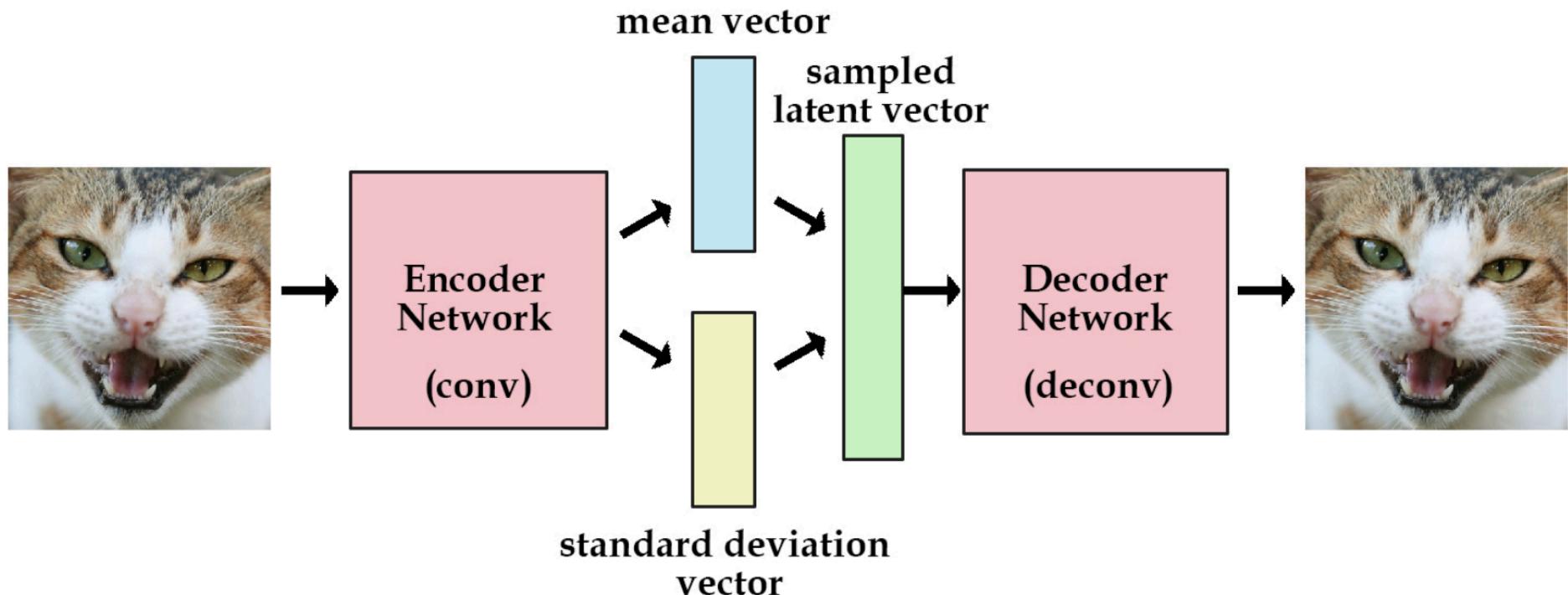
- Probabilistic extension of autoencoding
- The intuitive idea is to make z random, and in particular make P_z a Gaussian
 - If we can manage this, then we can sample from P_z and generate new images
- Two high level changes needed
 - Architecture
 - Loss function

Variational Autoencoder: Loss

- Loss will be sum of two losses
 - Reconstruction loss
 - Latent loss (how far from Gaussian the distribution obtained from encoder is)
 - Measured using KL divergence
 - Encoder generates the mean and covariance of the Gaussian
- We will look at the math behind this shortly

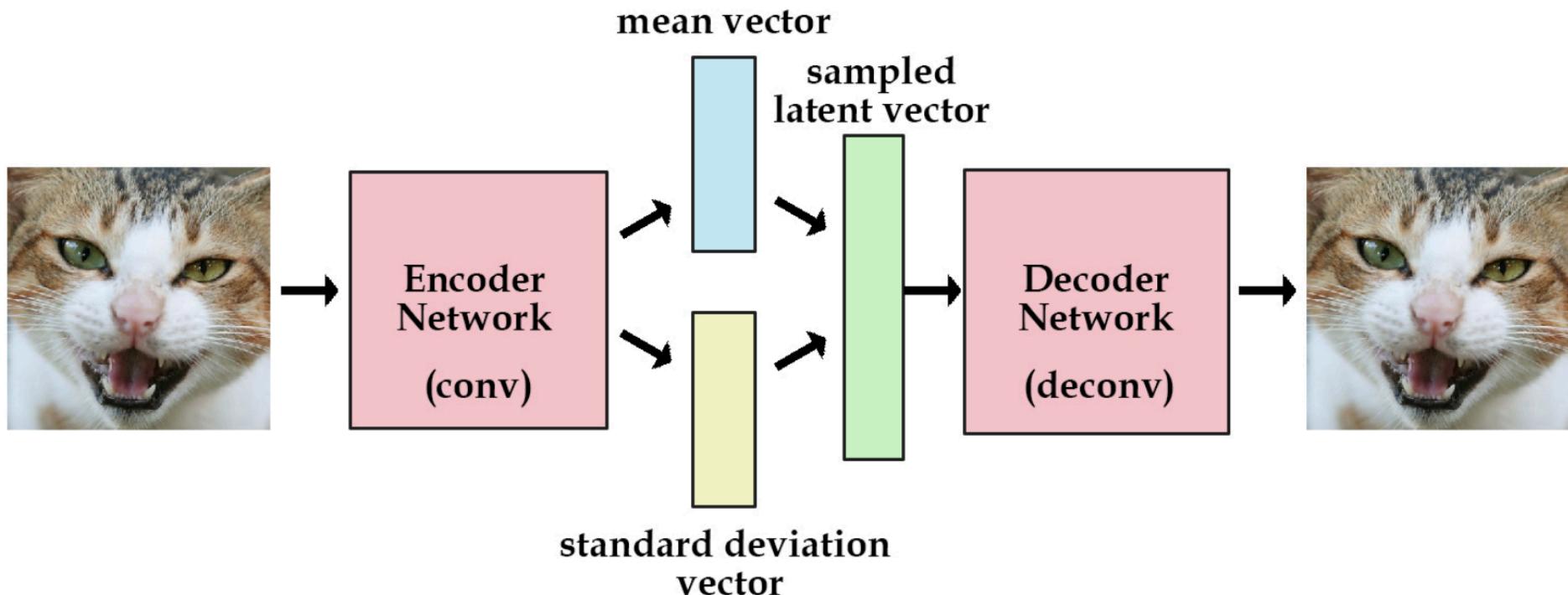
Variational Autoencoder: Architecture

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- Can still backprop given realized sample



Variational Autoencoder: Generalization

- This sampling allows for generalization
 - Gaussian noise ensures we are not remembering only the training data
- Once we have trained, we can sample from a Gaussian and pass it through the decoder to get a new image

Variational Autoencoder: Samples

- Experiments on MNIST
 - Samples generated during training (left, center) and original data



VAE: Derivation

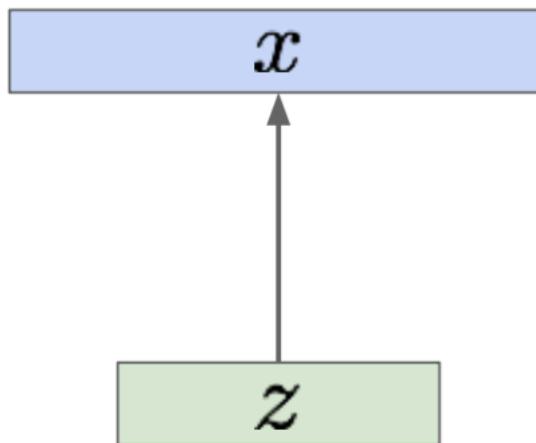
- Assume a model as below
- Variable x represents image, z represents the latent variable
- We want to estimate θ^*

Sample from
true conditional

$$p_{\theta^*}(x | z^{(i)})$$

Sample from
true prior

$$p_{\theta^*}(z)$$



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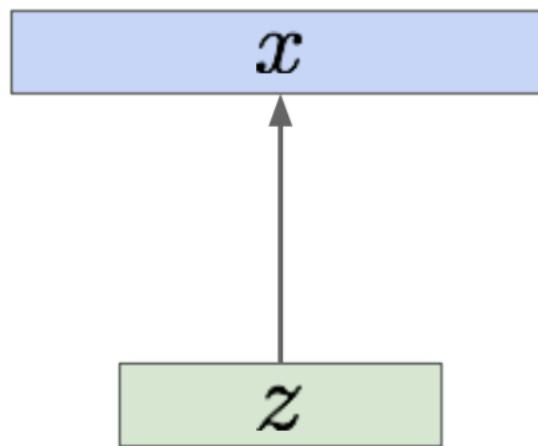
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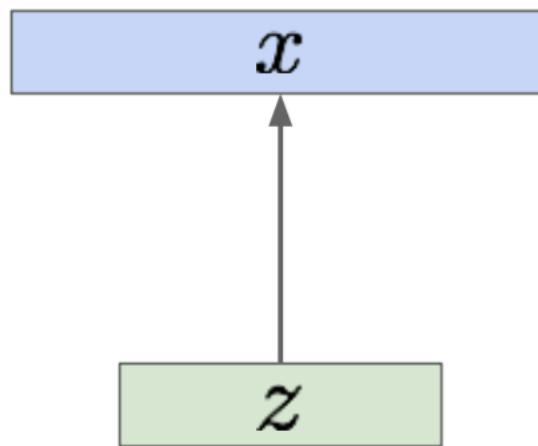
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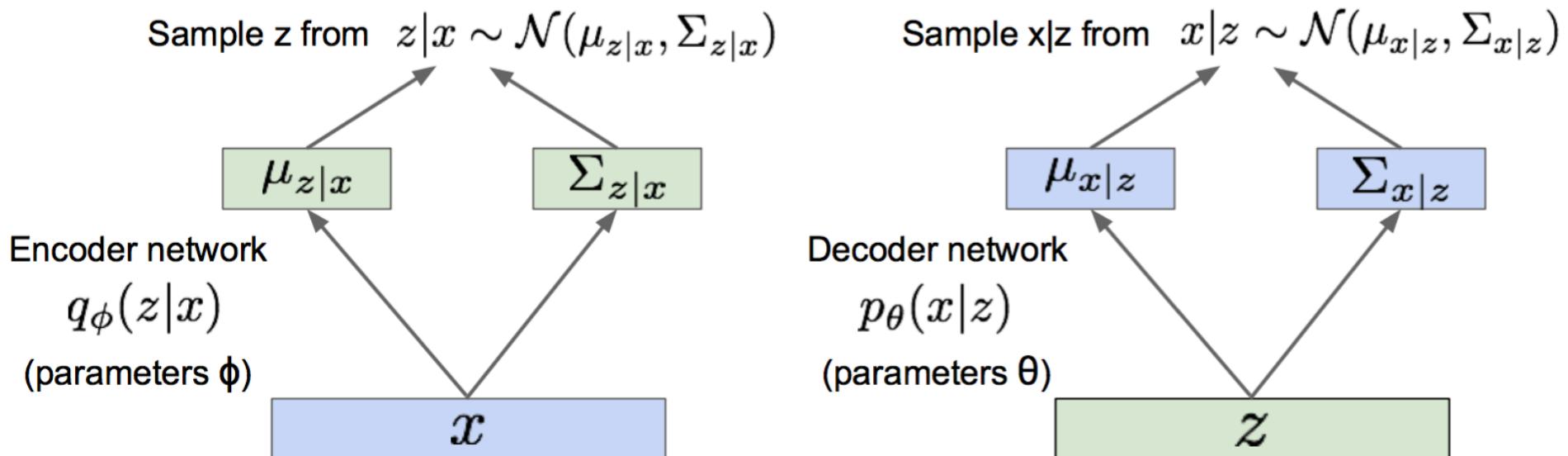
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VAE: Derivation

- We will also make the encoder probabilistic



Aside: Notion of Information

- Information: $-\log P(x)$
- Entropy: $-\sum P(x) \log P(x)$
- KL divergence:
 - A notion of dissimilarity between two distributions
 - $D_{KL}(p||q) = \sum P(x) \log \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$

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VAE: Derivation

- The first two terms constitute a lower bound for the data likelihood that we can maximize tractably

$$= \underbrace{\mathbf{E}_z \left[\log p_\theta(x^{(i)} | z) \right] - D_{KL}(q_\phi(z | x^{(i)}) || p_\theta(z))}_{\mathcal{L}(x^{(i)}, \theta, \phi)} + \underbrace{D_{KL}(q_\phi(z | x^{(i)}) || p_\theta(z | x^{(i)}))}_{> 0}$$

$$\log p_\theta(x^{(i)}) \geq \mathcal{L}(x^{(i)}, \theta, \phi)$$

Variational lower bound (“ELBO”)

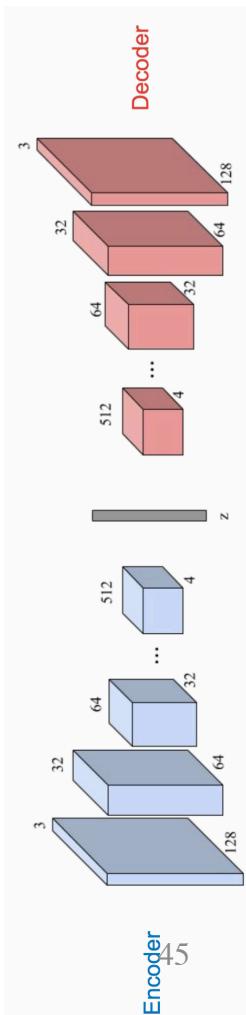
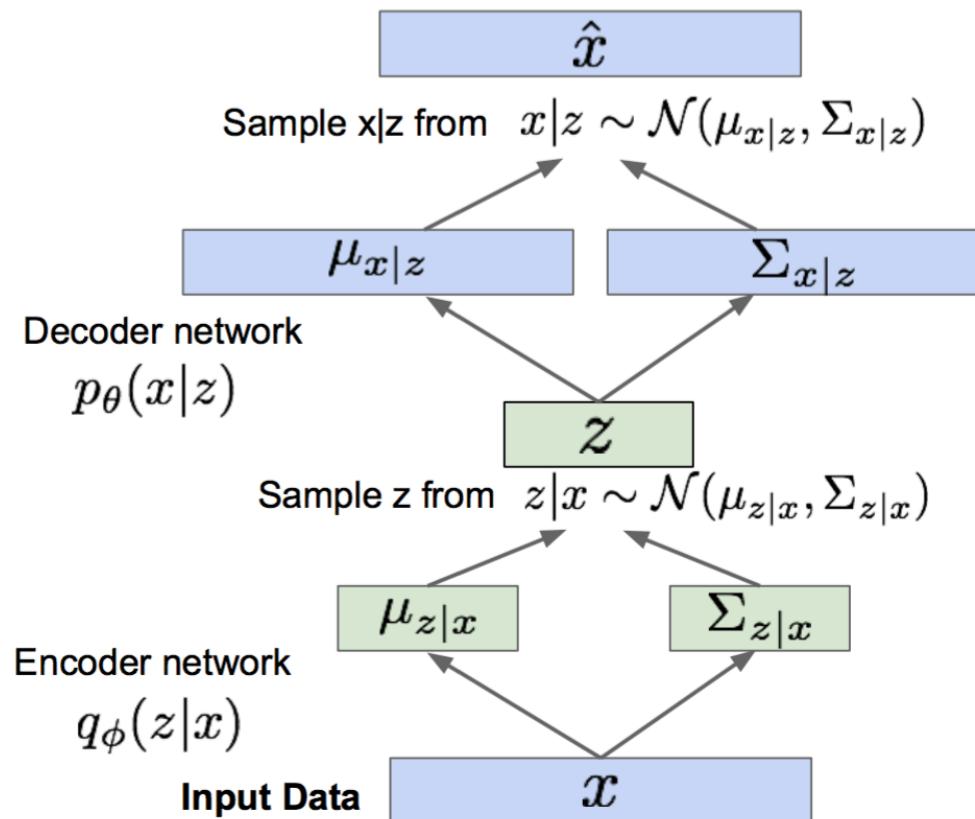
$$\theta^*, \phi^* = \arg \max_{\theta, \phi} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{L}(x^{(i)}, \theta, \phi)$$

Training: Maximize lower bound

- The first term of \mathcal{L} is essentially reconstruction error
- The second term of \mathcal{L} is making the encoder network close to Gaussian prior

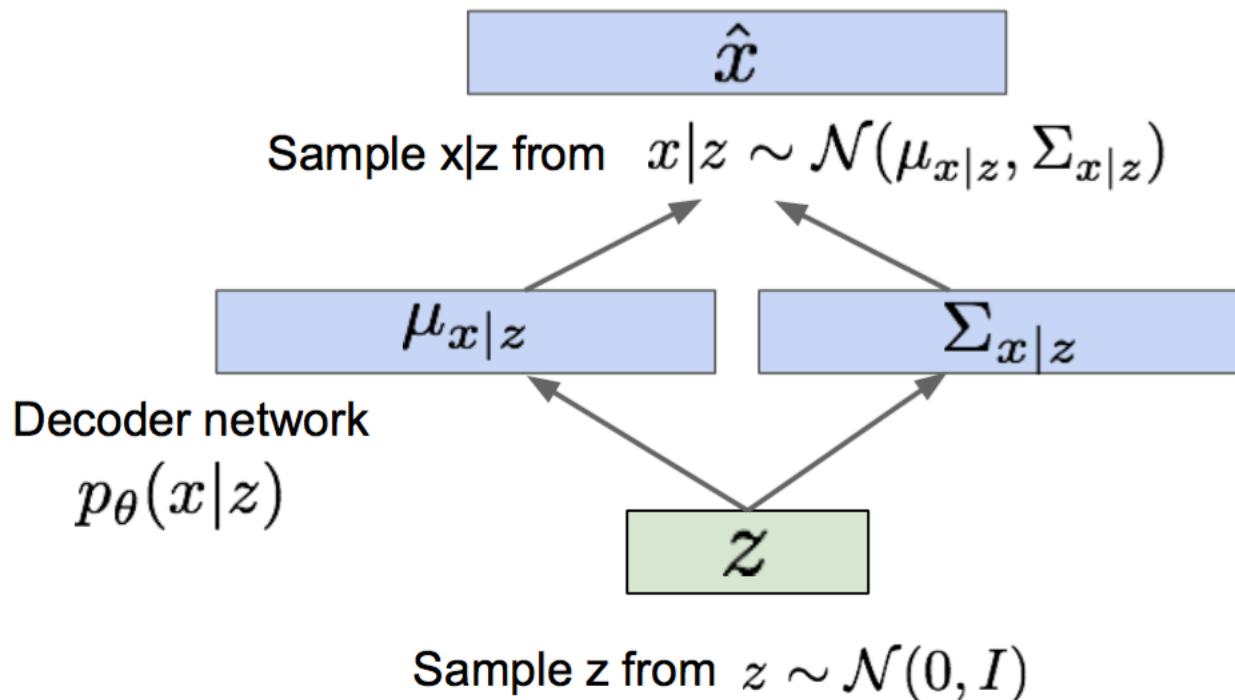
VAE: Derivation

- In summary,



VAE: Samples

- We can create new samples!



Kingma and Welling, "Auto-Encoding Variational Bayes", ICLR 2014

VAE: Experiments

- Some generated samples



Further reading: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1606.05908.pdf>

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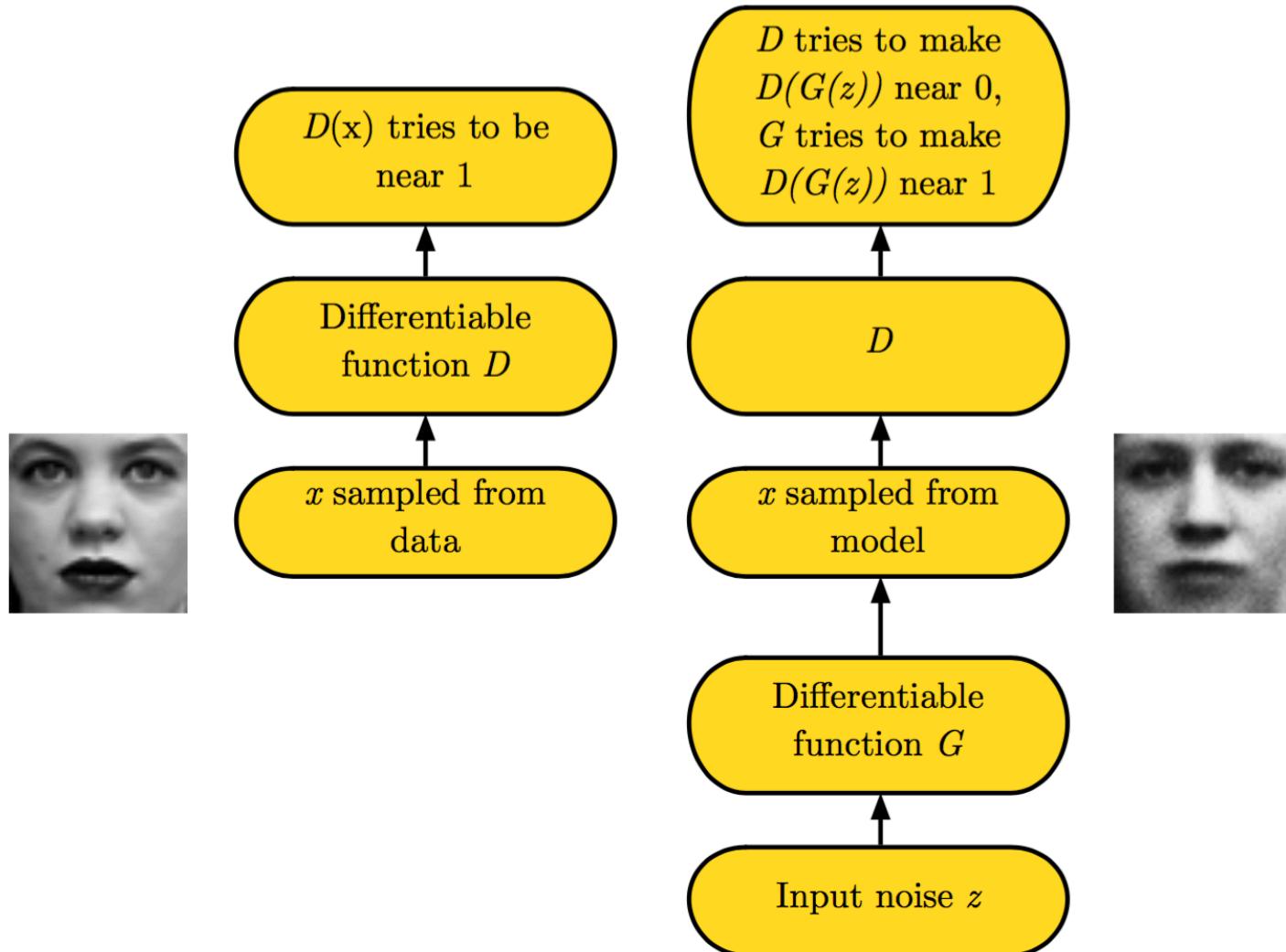
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Generative Adversarial Networks

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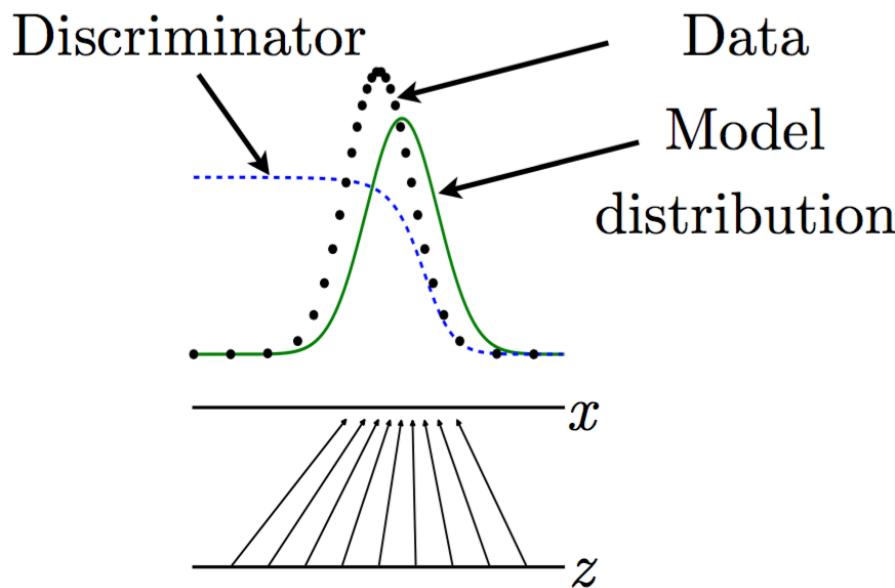
- Overall Idea: Instead of working with an explicit density function, GANs take an ‘adversarial’ or ‘game-theoretic’ approach

GANs: Two Scenarios



The Generator and the Discriminator

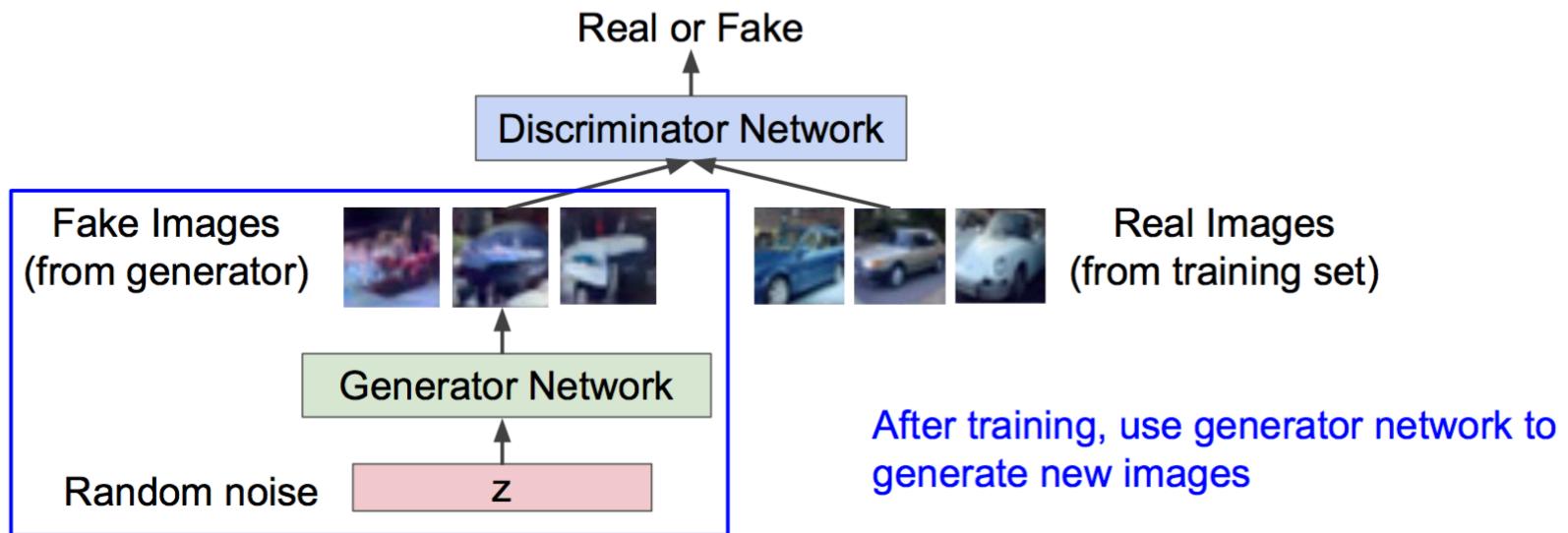
- Assume $X = G_{\theta_g}(z)$
- Differentiable
- $D_{\theta_d}(X)$ takes values in $\{0,1\}$



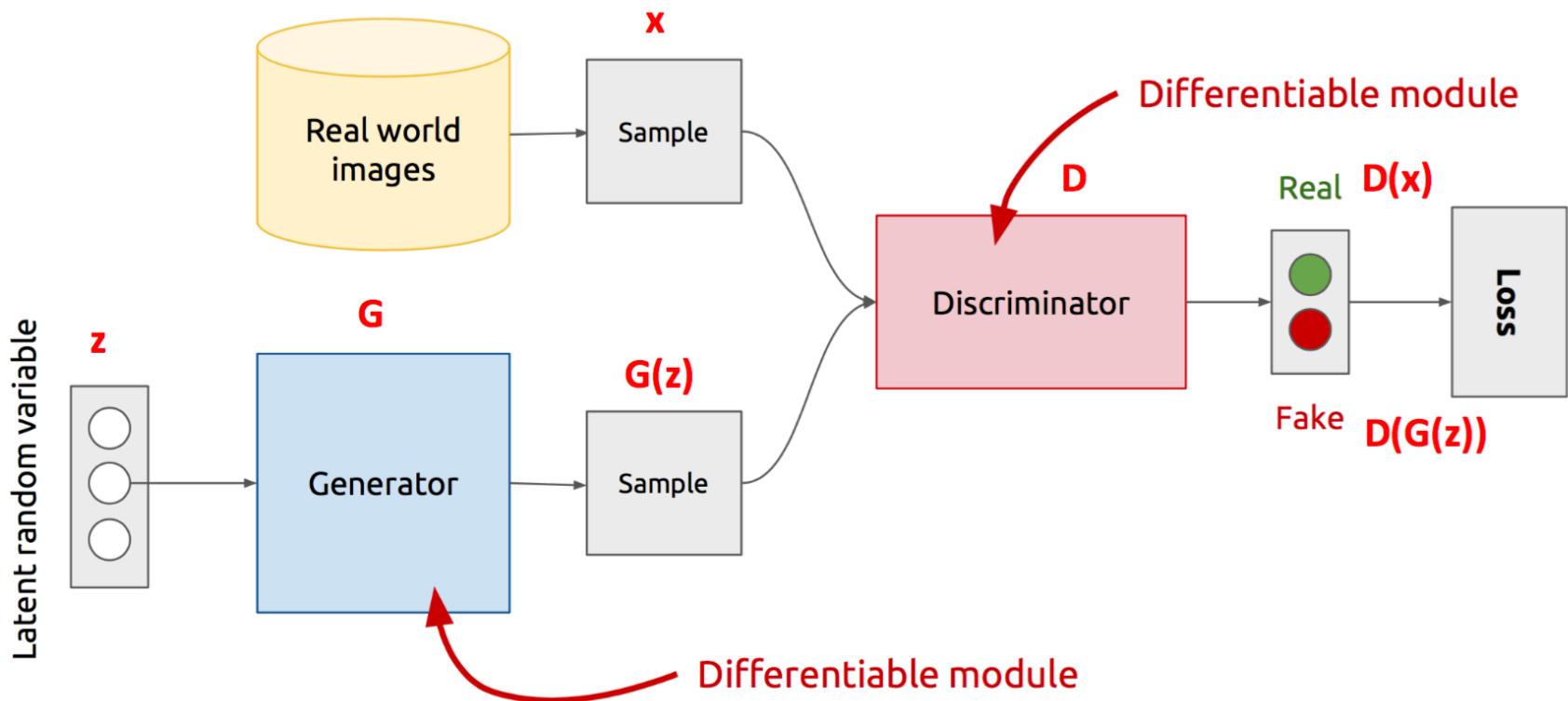
The Generator and the Discriminator

Generator network: try to fool the discriminator by generating real-looking images

Discriminator network: try to distinguish between real and fake images



The Generator and the Discriminator



The Objectives

- The generator and the discriminator are playing a minimax game.
- $J(D) = -E_{P_d} \log D(x) - E_{P_m} \log(1 - D(x))$
 - Where $P_m(x)$ is the derived distribution using $G(z)$ and P_z
- $J(G) = -J(D)$

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- The optimal strategy for the discriminator at equilibrium is
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- The optimal strategy for the generator is to find parameters such that
 - $P_d = P_m$

The Training Procedure

- Create a minibatch of real data
- Create a minibatch of generated data
- Score the discriminator
- Backprop to update the parameter θ_d
- Score the generator
- Backprop to update the parameter θ_g

The Training Procedure

Minimax objective function:

$$\min_{\theta_g} \max_{\theta_d} \left[\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} \log D_{\theta_d}(x) + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} \log(1 - D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z))) \right]$$

Alternate between:

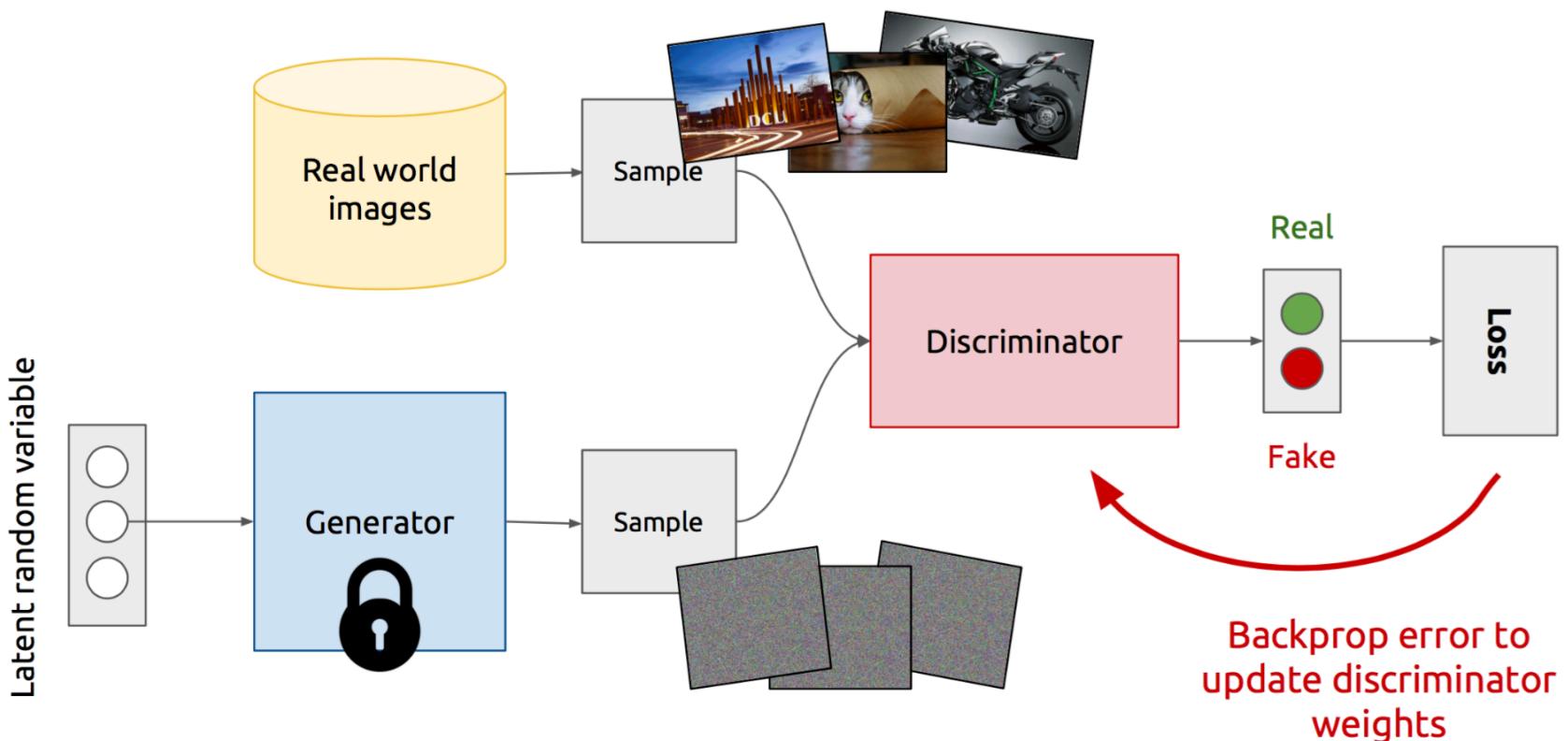
1. **Gradient ascent** on discriminator

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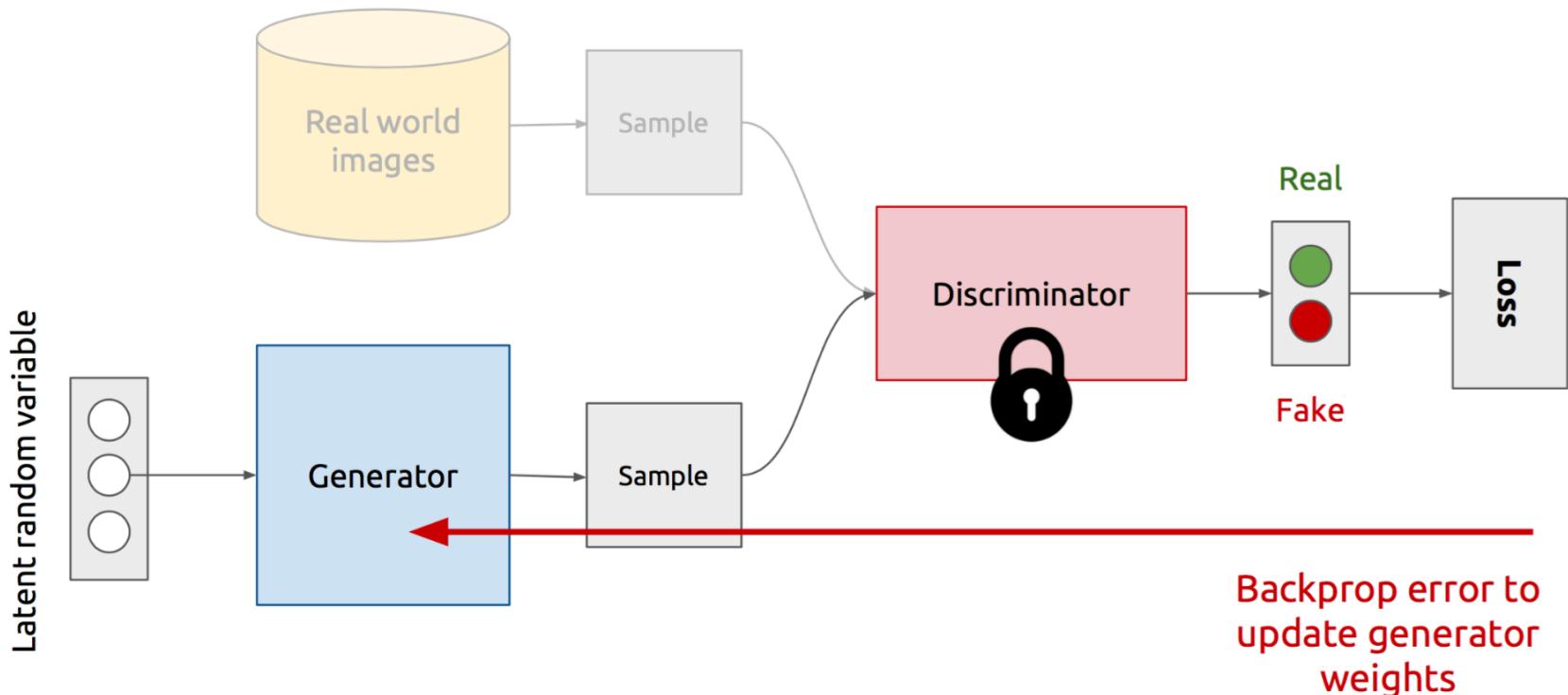
2. **Gradient descent** on generator

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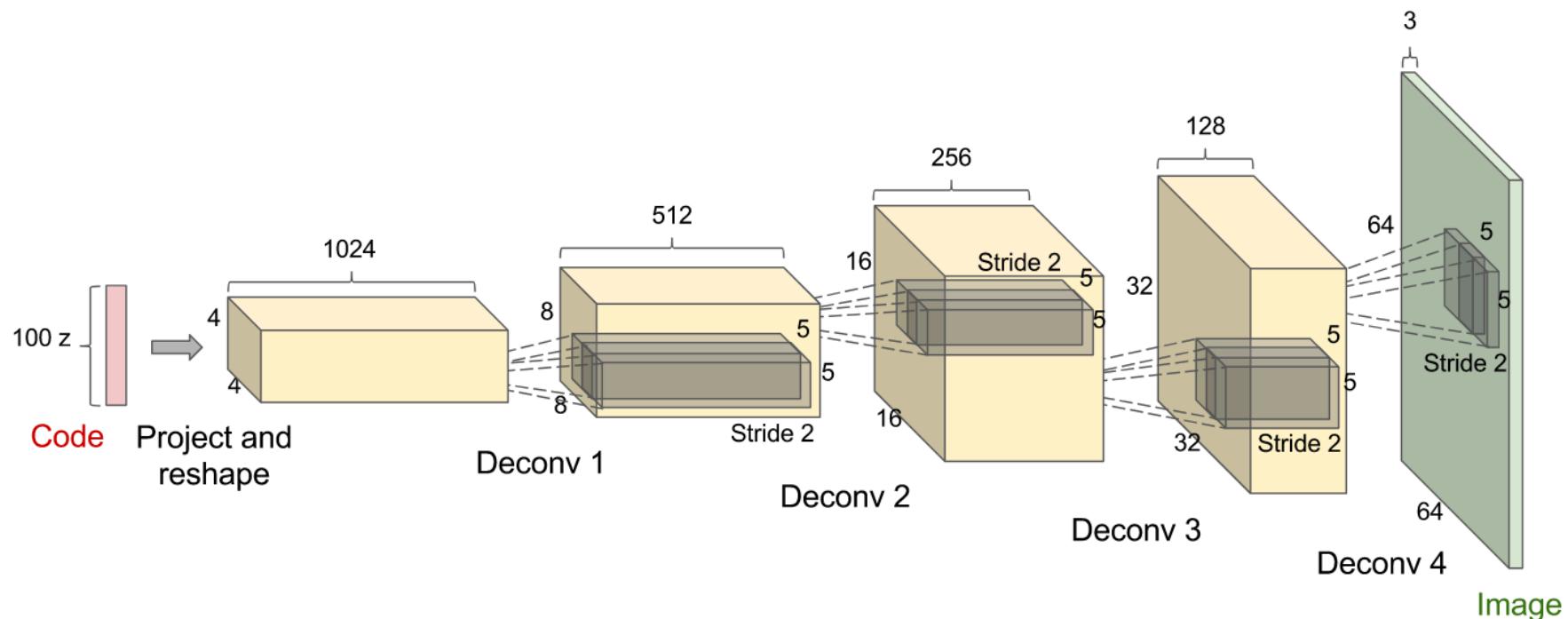


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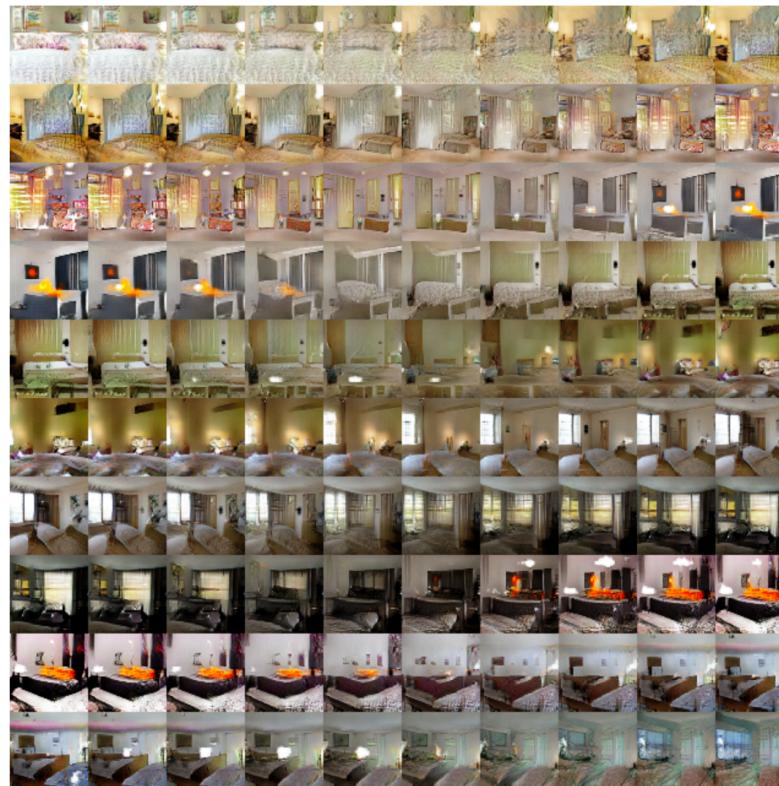
Example Generator Architecture

- DCGAN

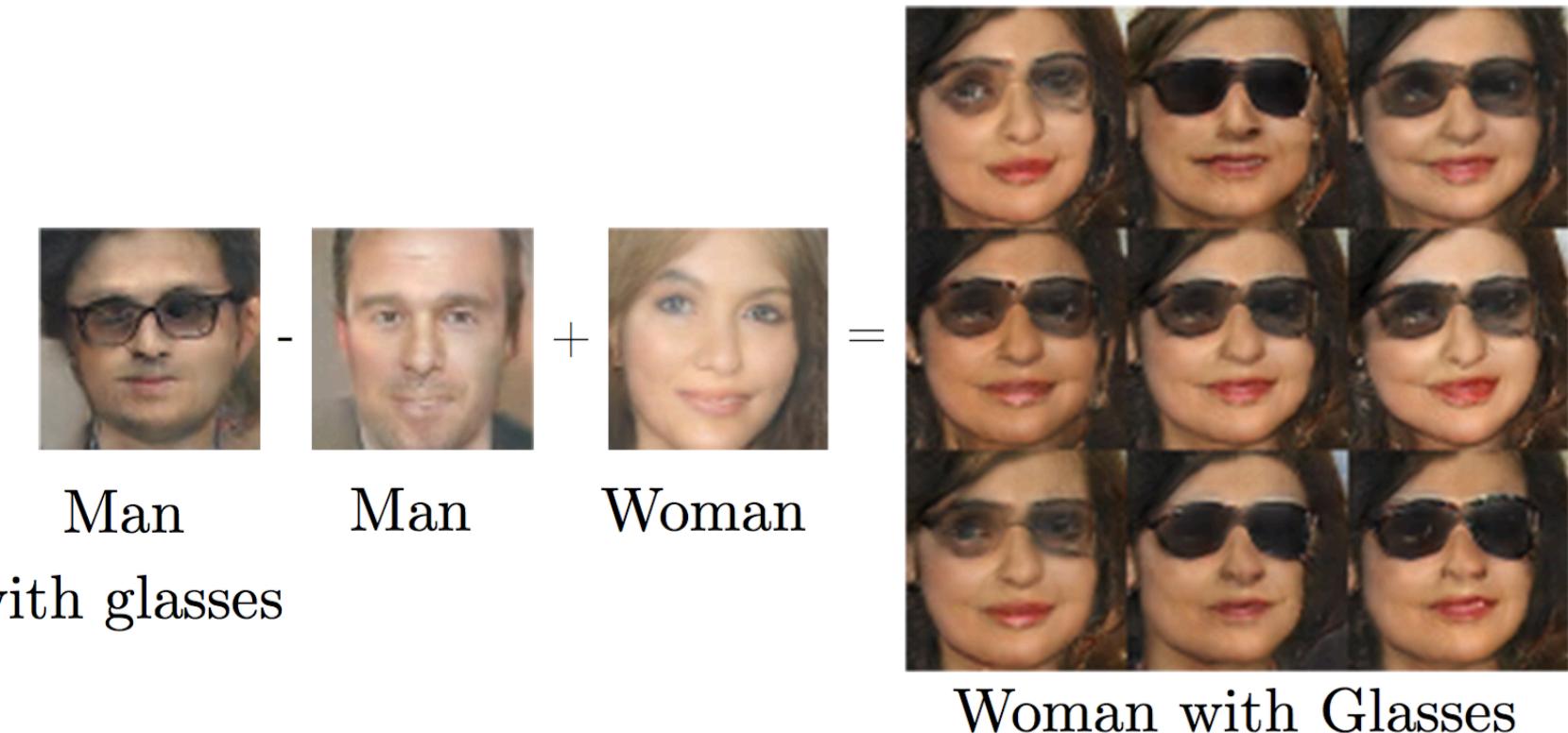


GAN Properties: Latent Space

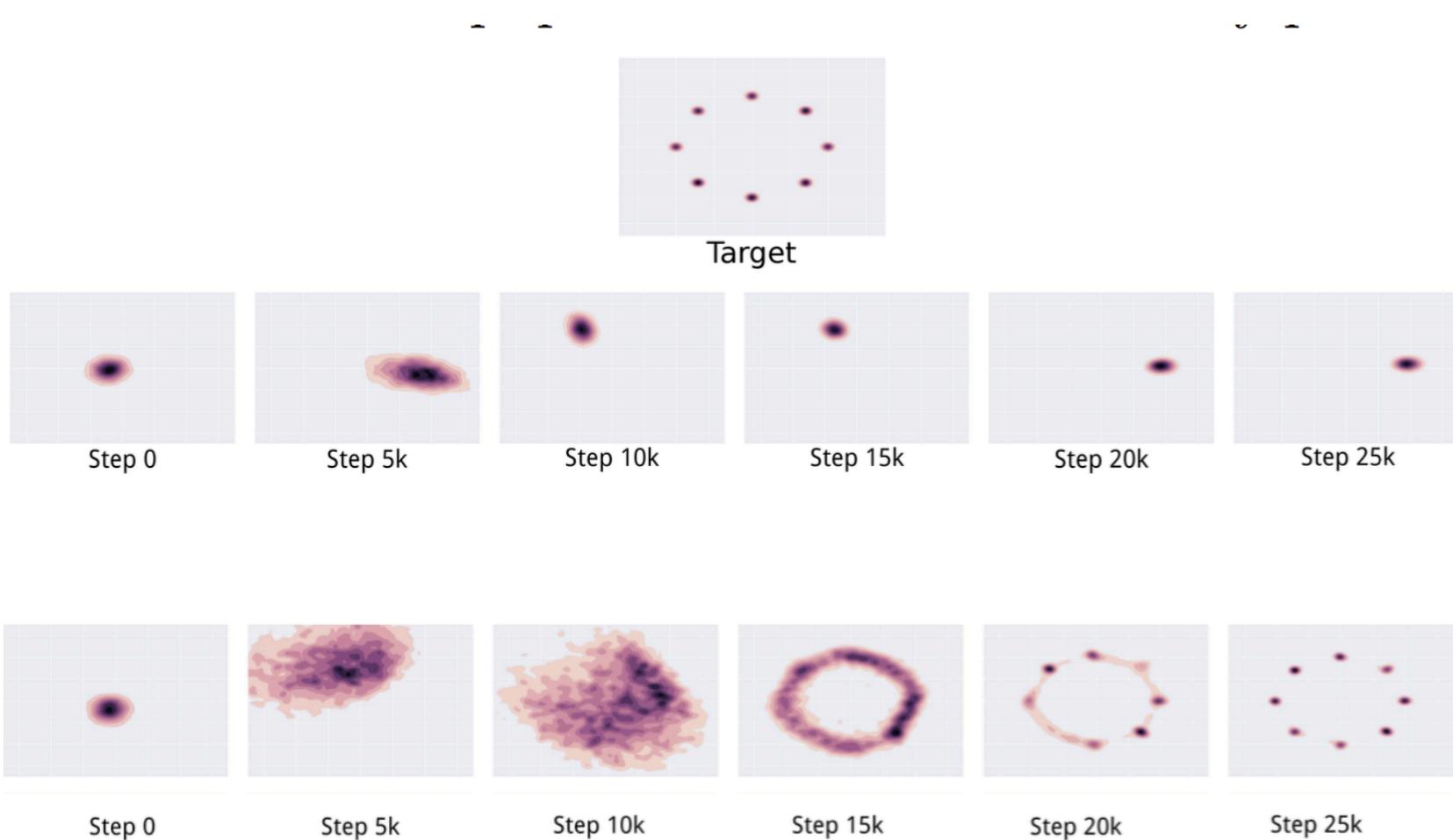
- Consider Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Network (DCGAN)
 - You can walk from one point to another in the bedroom latent space (e.g., 6th and 10th rows)



GAN Properties: Latent Space Arithmetic as a Byproduct

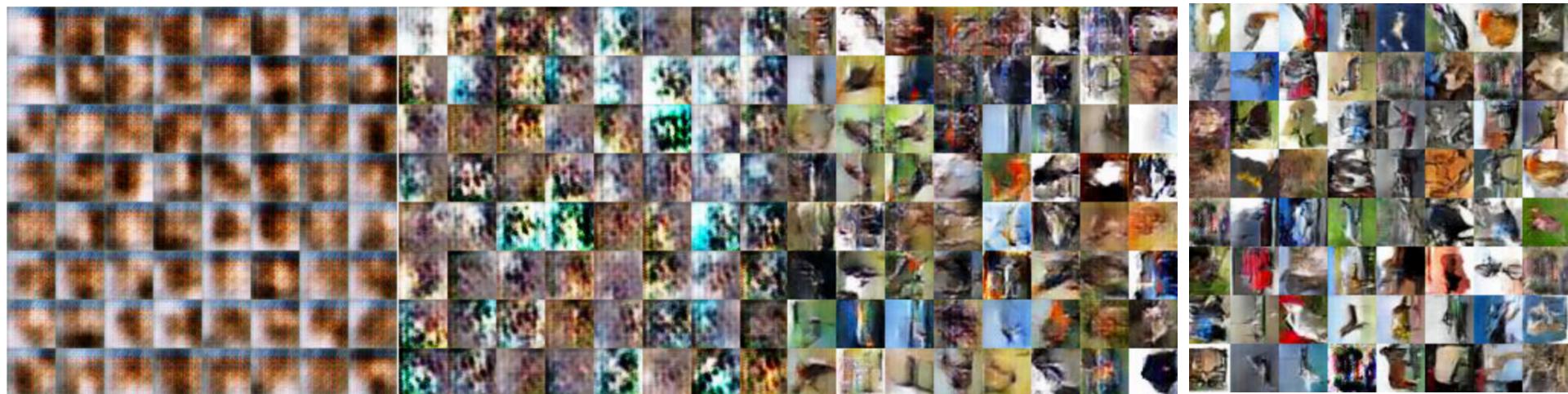


GAN Properties: Mode Collapse Issue



GAN: Experiments

- Experiments on CIFAR-10 (only generated images below)
 - Code: <https://github.com/kvfrans/generative-adversarial>



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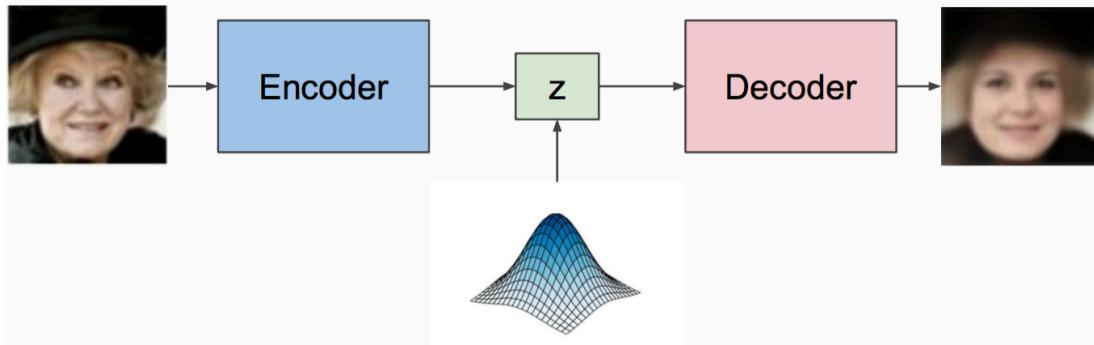
VAE and GAN

- VAEs
 - Are generative models that use regularized log likelihood to approximate performance score
 - Tend to achieve higher likelihoods of data, but the generated samples don't have real-world properties like sharpness
 - Can compare generated images with original images, which is not possible with GANs
 - Part of graphical models with principled theory

VAE and GAN

- GANs
 - Are generative models that use a supervised learning classifier to approximate performance score
 - No constraint that a ‘bed’ should look like a ‘bed’
 - Try to solve an intractable game, vastly more difficult to train
 - Tend to have sharper image samples
 - Start with latent variables and transform them deterministically
 - There is no Markov chain style of sampling required
 - They are asymptotically consistent (will converge to P_d), whereas VAEs are not
 - Many many variations have been proposed in the past 3 years ($>150!$)

VAE and GAN



VAE

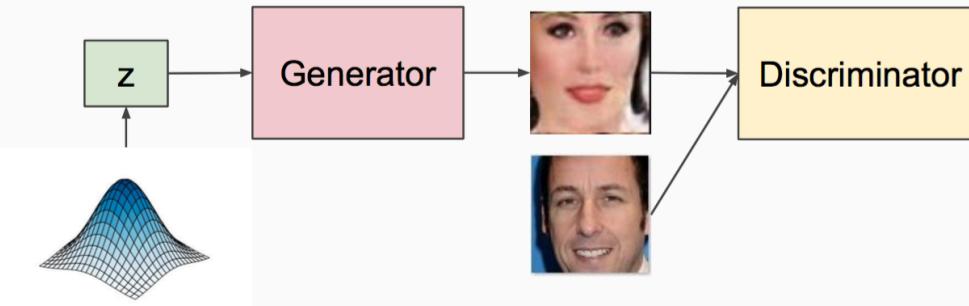
- ✓ : Given an X **easy** to find z .
- ✓ : Interpretable probability $P(X)$

X : Usually outputs blurry Images

GAN

✓ : Very sharp images

X : Given an X **difficult** to find z . (Need to backprop.)



✓ / X : No explicit $P(X)$.

Summary

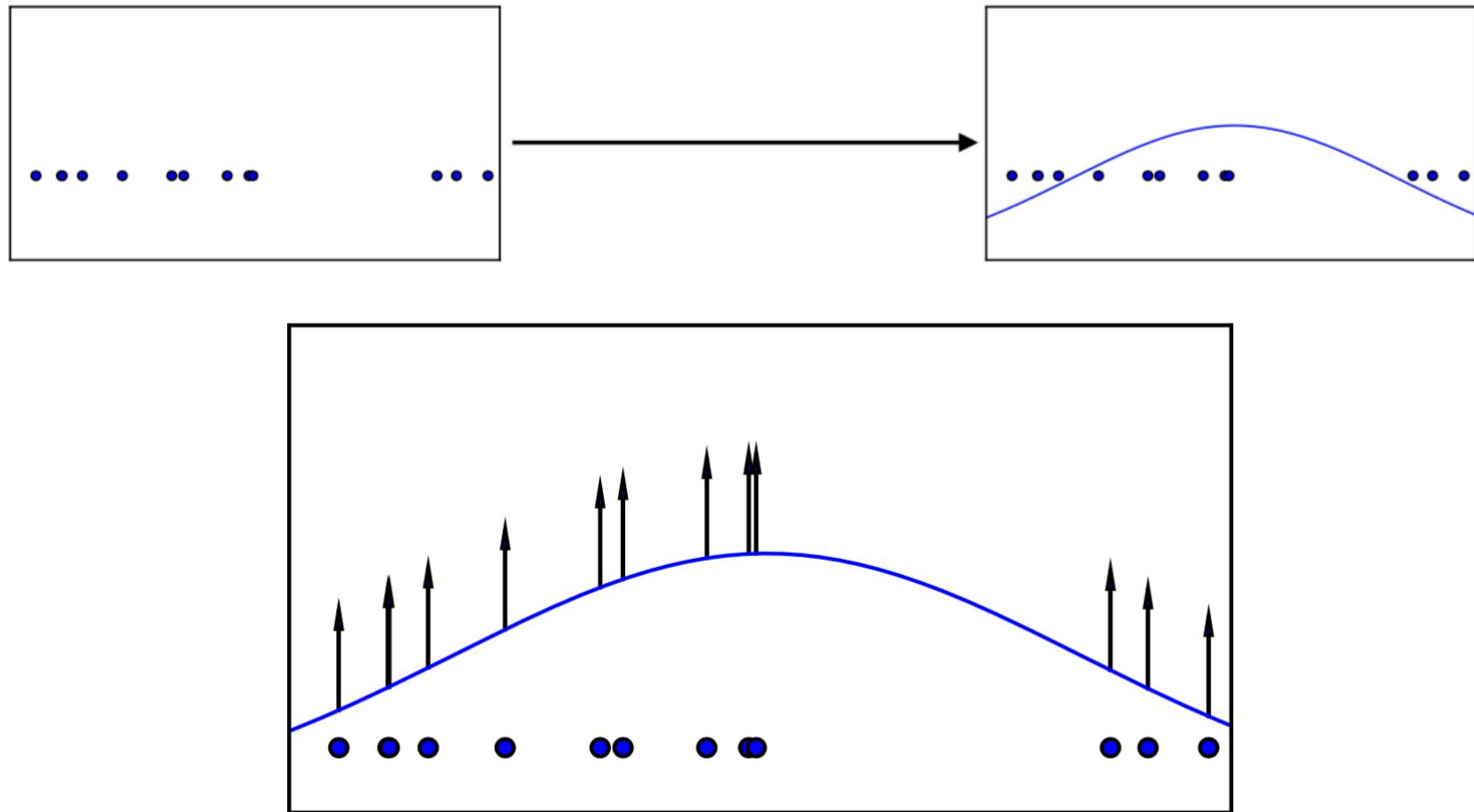
- Both models are recent (VAEs from 2013, GANs from 2014) and have initiated very exciting new directions in machine learning and AI
- Useful in many applications such as
 - Image denoising
 - Image Super-resolution
 - Reinforcement learning
 - Generating embeddings
 - Artistic help
- Eventually help the computer understand the world better

Appendix

Sample Exam Questions

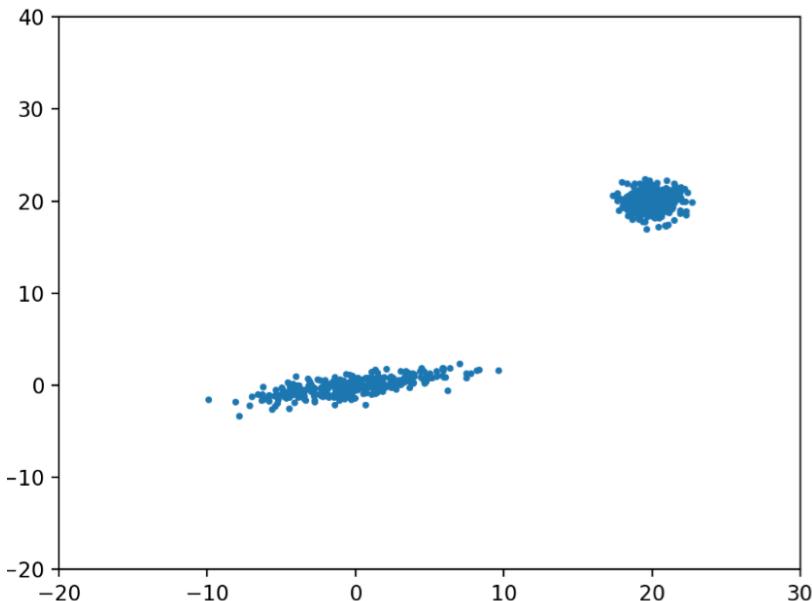
- What are the uses of generative models?
- What is the difference between a regular autoencoder and a variational autoencoder?
- What is the qualitative objective of the discriminator in a GAN? What is the qualitative objective of the generator?
- Describe some differences between a VAE model and a GAN.

Maximum Likelihood Estimation I



Maximum Likelihood Estimation II

Step 1: observe a set of samples



Step 2: assume a GMM model

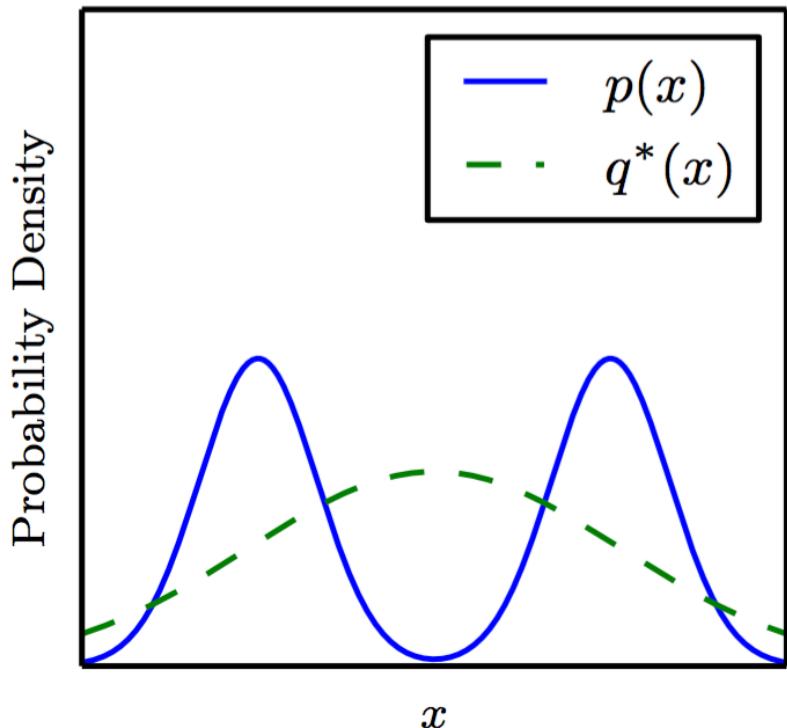
$$p(x|\theta) = \sum_i \pi_i \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$$

Step 3: perform maximum likelihood learning

$$\max_{\theta} \sum_{x^{(j)} \in \text{Dataset}} \log p(\theta|x^{(j)})$$

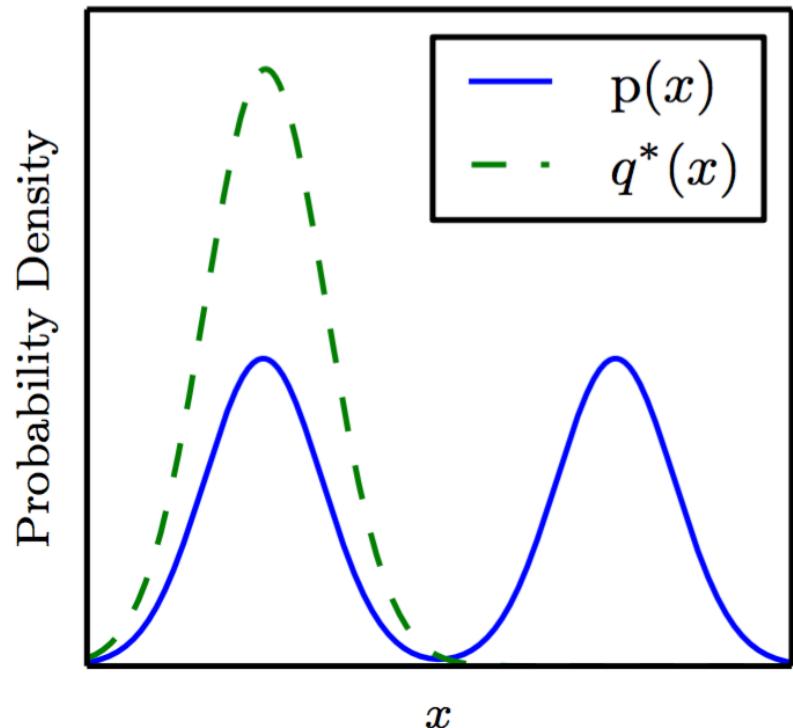
KL Divergence

$$q^* = \operatorname{argmin}_q D_{\text{KL}}(p\|q)$$



Maximum likelihood

$$q^* = \operatorname{argmin}_q D_{\text{KL}}(q\|p)$$



Reverse KL