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Generative adversarial networks and their applications

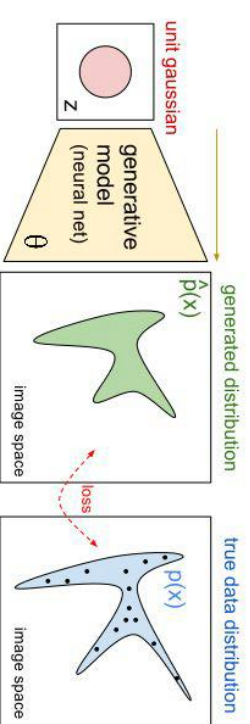
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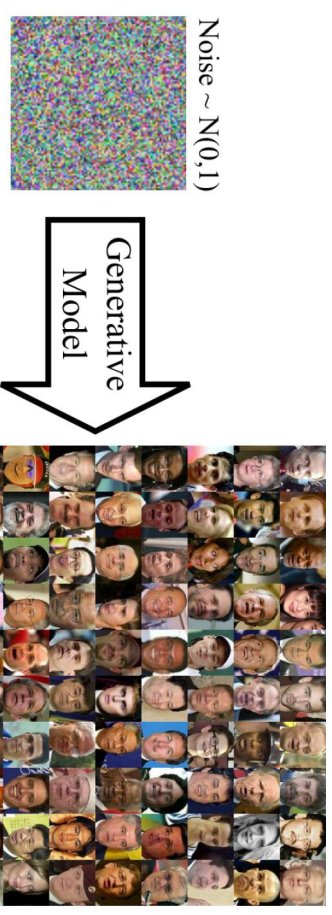
- Phase 1 : Introduction to generative models and GANs
- Phase 2 : Types of GANs
- Phase 3 : Applications of GANs
- Phase 4 : Limitations of GANs
- Phase 5 : GAN Hacks

Generative models

- A model that can generate seemingly natural data samples



Generative adversarial networks



Analogy to counterfeit currency



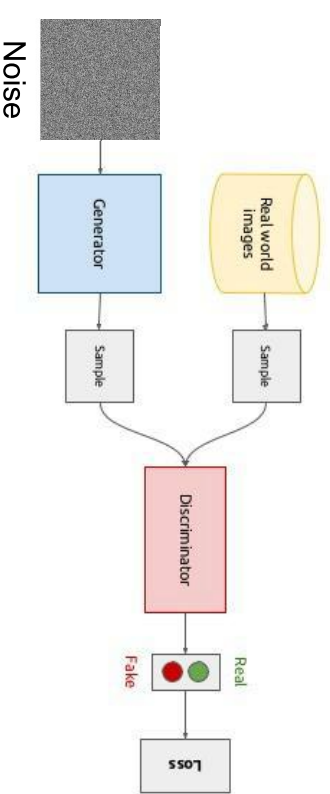
Generator

Discriminator

Motivation

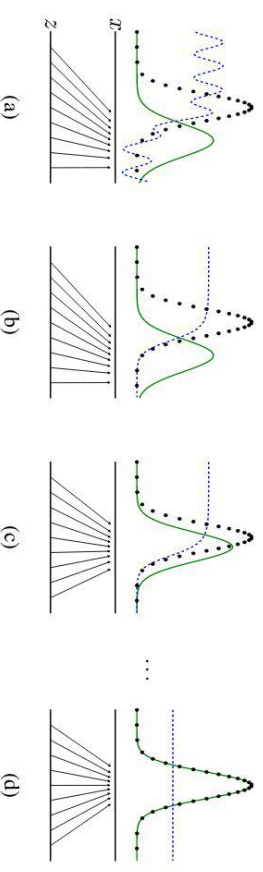
- Necessity is the mother of invention
- Previous approaches used for modeling were based on Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Variational Autoencoders etc.
- Huge intractable probabilistic computations
- Need for a more tractable and easily trainable model leads to the inception of GANs

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Training stages of a GAN

Black dotted: True data

Green solid: Generated data

Blue dotted: Discriminator loss

Adversarial loss

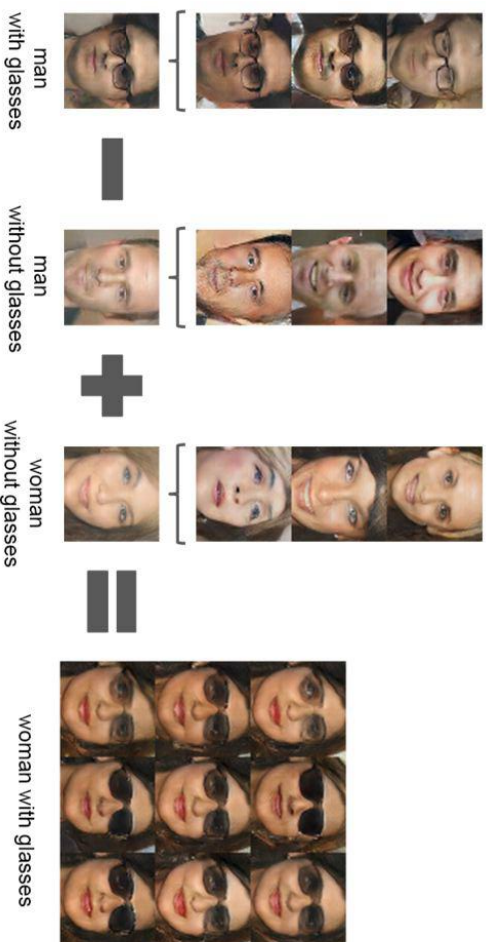
- Loss function proposed in Goodfellow's paper introducing GANs

$$\min_G \max_D V(D, G) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}(x)} [\log D(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} [\log(1 - D(G(z)))].$$



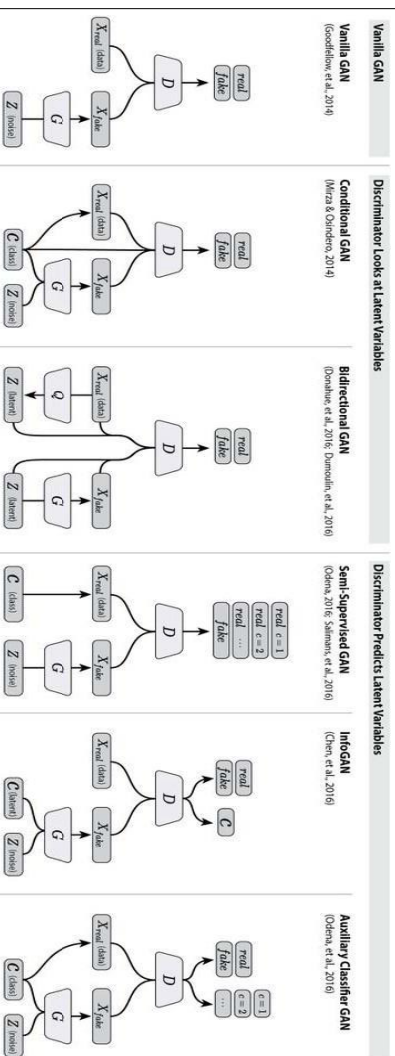
True data Noise provided for
generating data

Bonus! - Vector space arithmetic of GANs

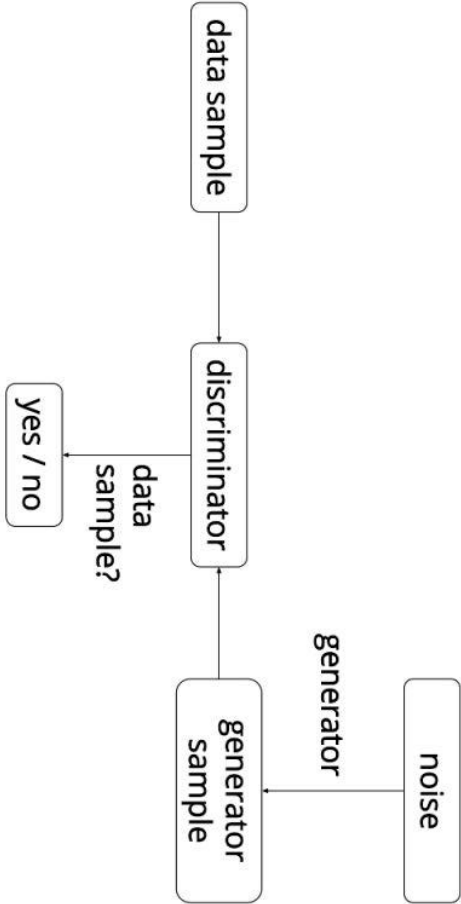


Types of GANs

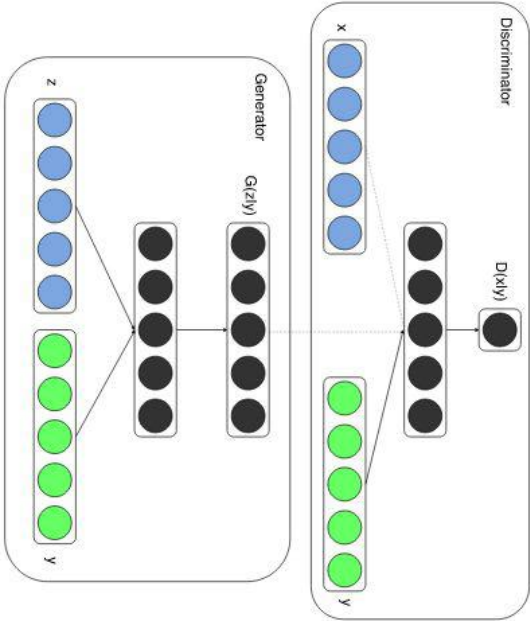
Sub classifications



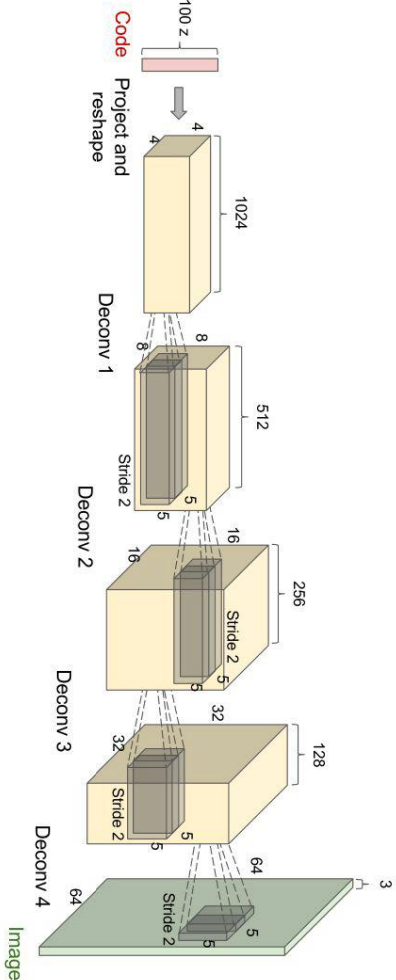
Basic vanilla GAN (T1)



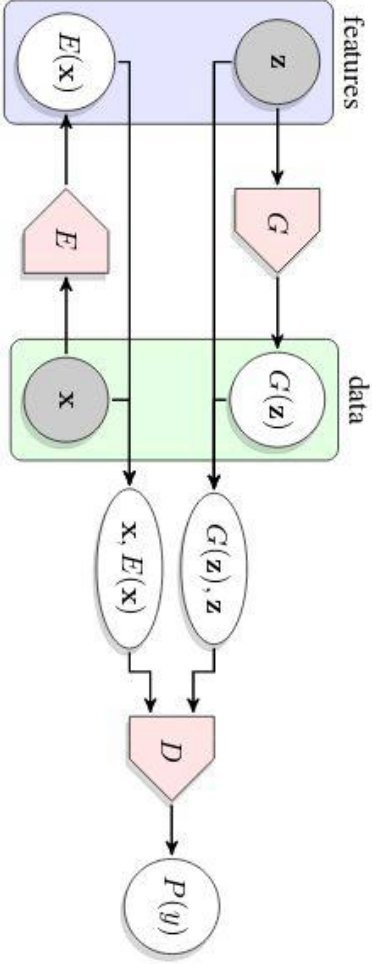
Conditional GAN (T2)



Deep Convolutional GAN (T1)



Bidirectional GAN (T2)



Semi-supervised GAN (T3)

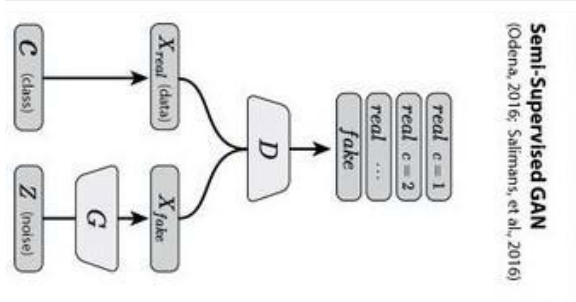
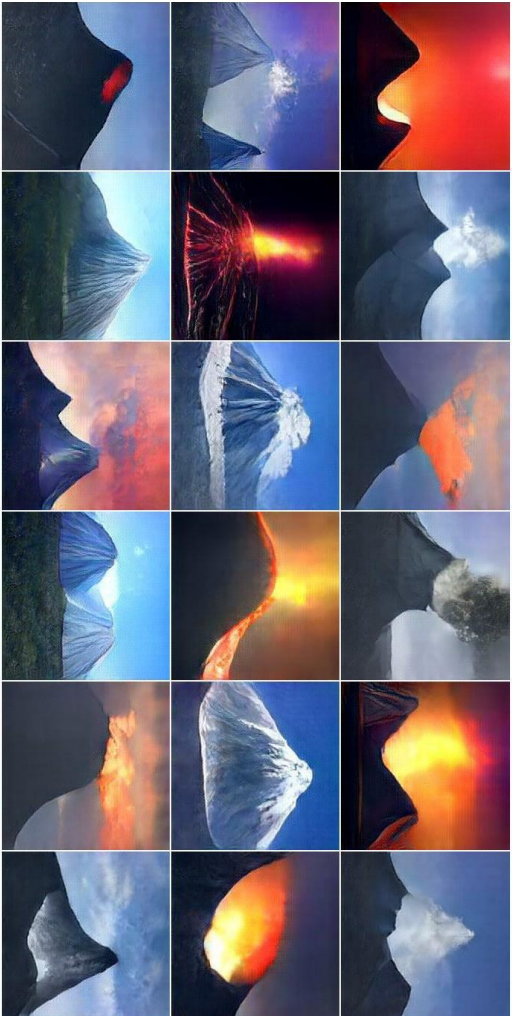


Image generation



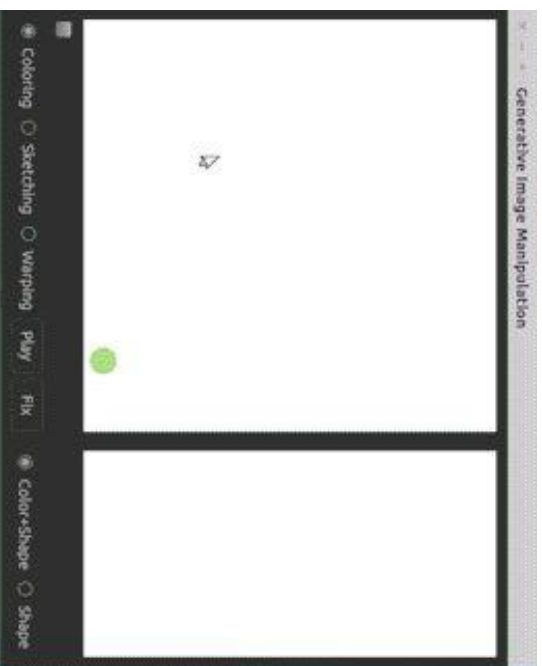
PPGNS - High resolution image generation



volcano

Applications of GANs

Interactive image generation - iGANs



GANs for Diagrammatic Abstract Reasoning

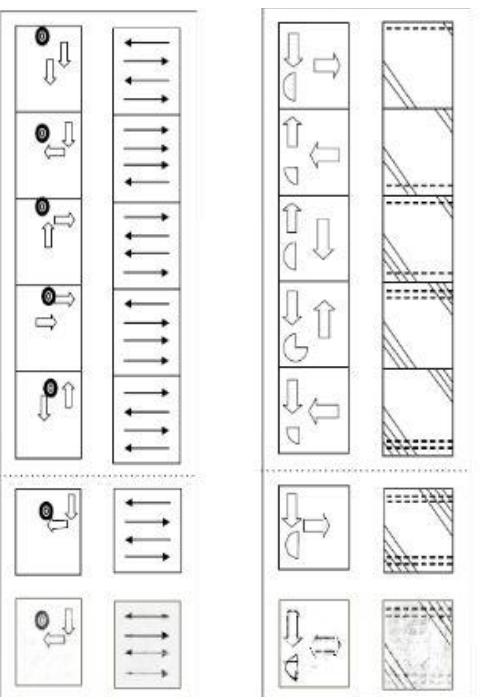
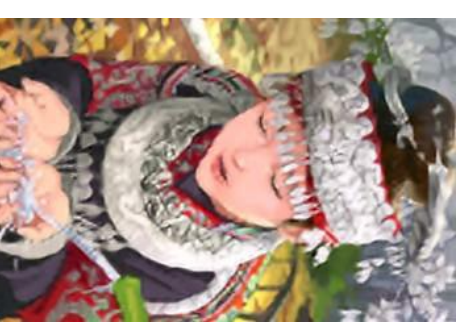
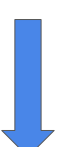
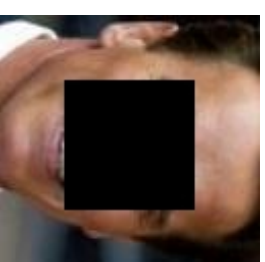


Image super resolution using SRGANs



(Result of our experiment
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Image inpainting

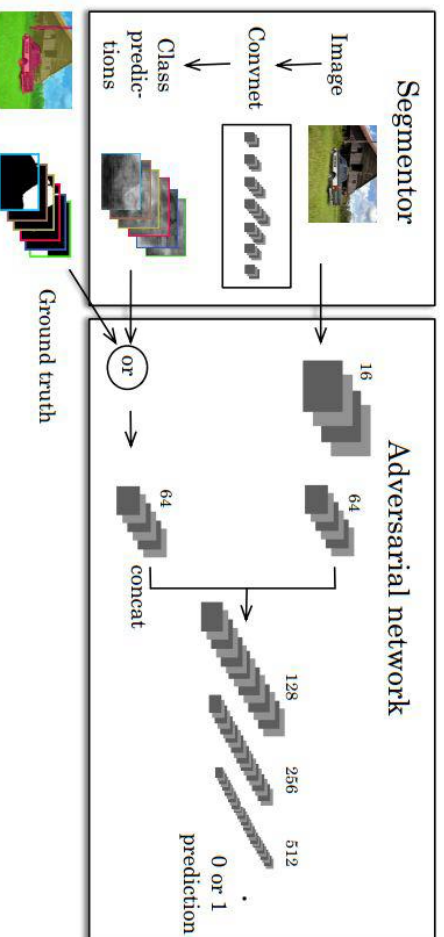


Input to GAN

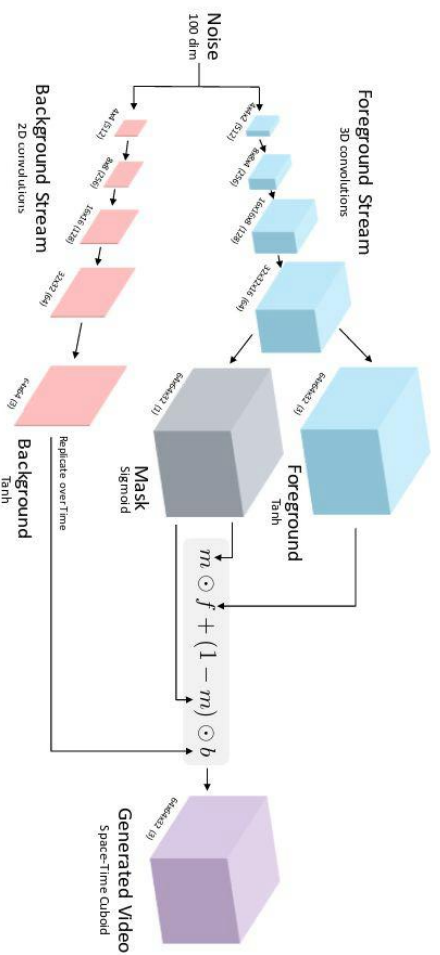
GAN generated output

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Semantic segmentation using Adversarial networks

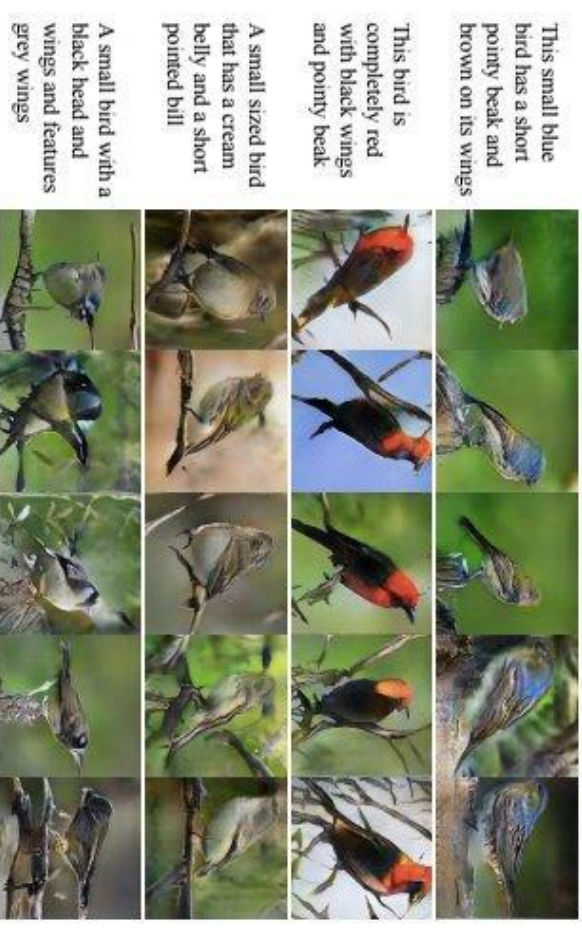


Video generation using Adversarial networks



Generator network

Impressive text to image results



Limitations of GANs

Mode collapse

- Generator keeps generating highly similar looking images
- Happens when the generator is optimized while keeping the discriminator constant for many iterations

Difficulty in reaching convergence

- Generator and discriminator losses keep oscillating
- Network does not converge to an optimal solution

Predicting pixels based on context

- GANs are trained to predict all pixels in an image at once
- Giving one pixel and predicting its neighbouring pixels is hence difficult

Relative strength of the two networks

- Either of the two networks becoming extremely strong relative to the other
- Network never learns beyond this point

Inverting labels

- While training generator, flip labels sent to the discriminator
- Label of real image is made fake(say class 0) and that of generated image is made real(class 1)

Dealing with these issues

- GAN Hacks

Normalizing images

- Standard practice of normalizing images by mean normalizing and scaling by stddev should work
- Make sure that the images are normalized to values between -1 and +1
- Paper explaining intuition [Sampling Generative Networks](#)

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Schedule for training G and D

- People tend to find a fixed (nIter_Gen/nIter_Disc) training schedule
- Better to train G or D based on a loss threshold
- if $\text{loss_G} > A$:
 train_G()
If $\text{loss_D} > B$:
 train_D()

Noisy D input

- Add noise to inputs of the discriminator
- Label of real image is made fake(say class 0) and that of generated image is made real(class 1)
- Paper explaining intuition: [Towards Principled Methods for Training Generative Adversarial Networks](#)

One sided label smoothing

- Technique proposed in the 1980's
- Instead of having hard labels like 0 and 1, smoothen the labels by making them close to 0 and 1
- For example, 0, 1 \rightarrow 0.1, 0.9

Feature matching

- Modify the loss function of the generator to include intermediate feature activations rather than output
- Forces the generator to generate data that match the statistics of real data

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“What I cannot create, I do not understand”

- Richard Feynman

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