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# Generative adversarial networks and their applications

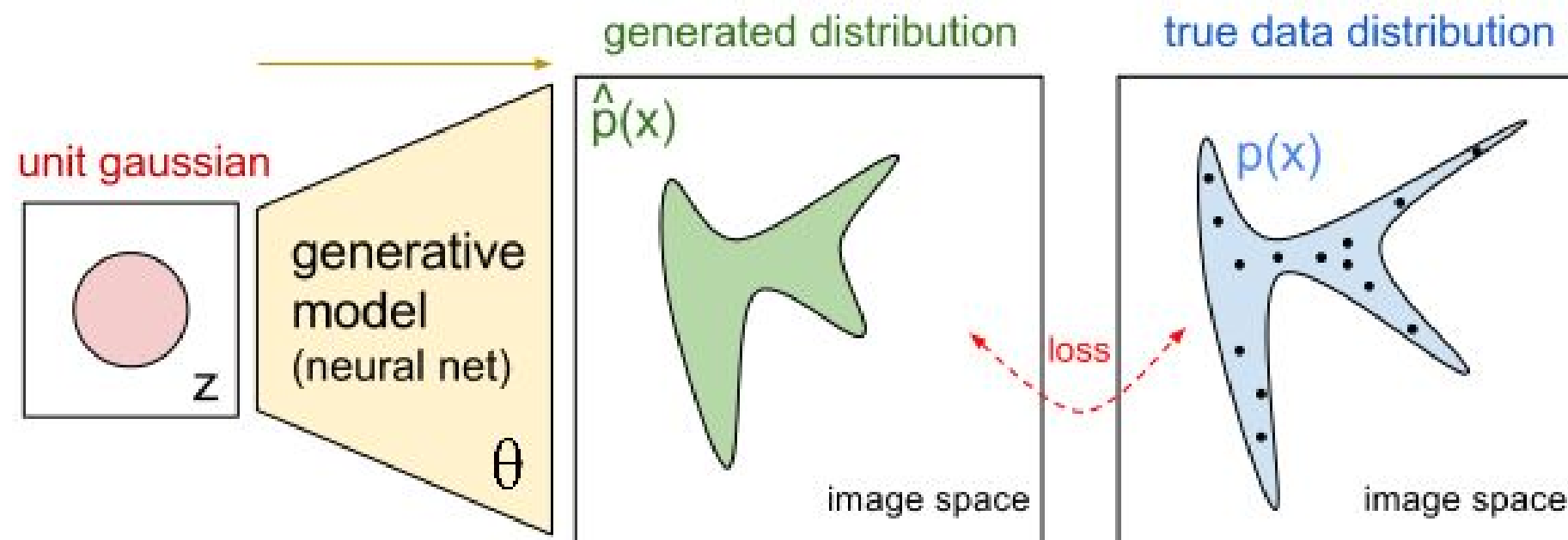
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# Meet agenda

- 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

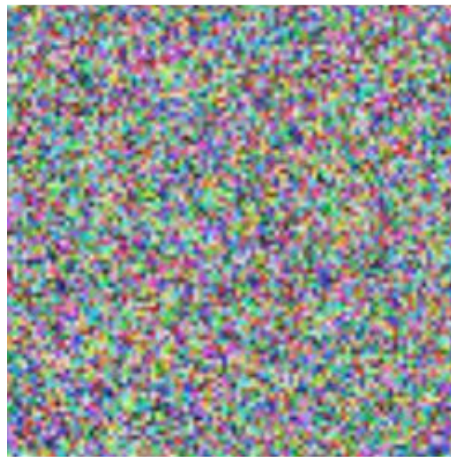
- A model that can generate seemingly natural data samples





# Generative adversarial networks

Noise  $\sim N(0,1)$



Generative  
Model



# Analogy to counterfeit currency



Generator



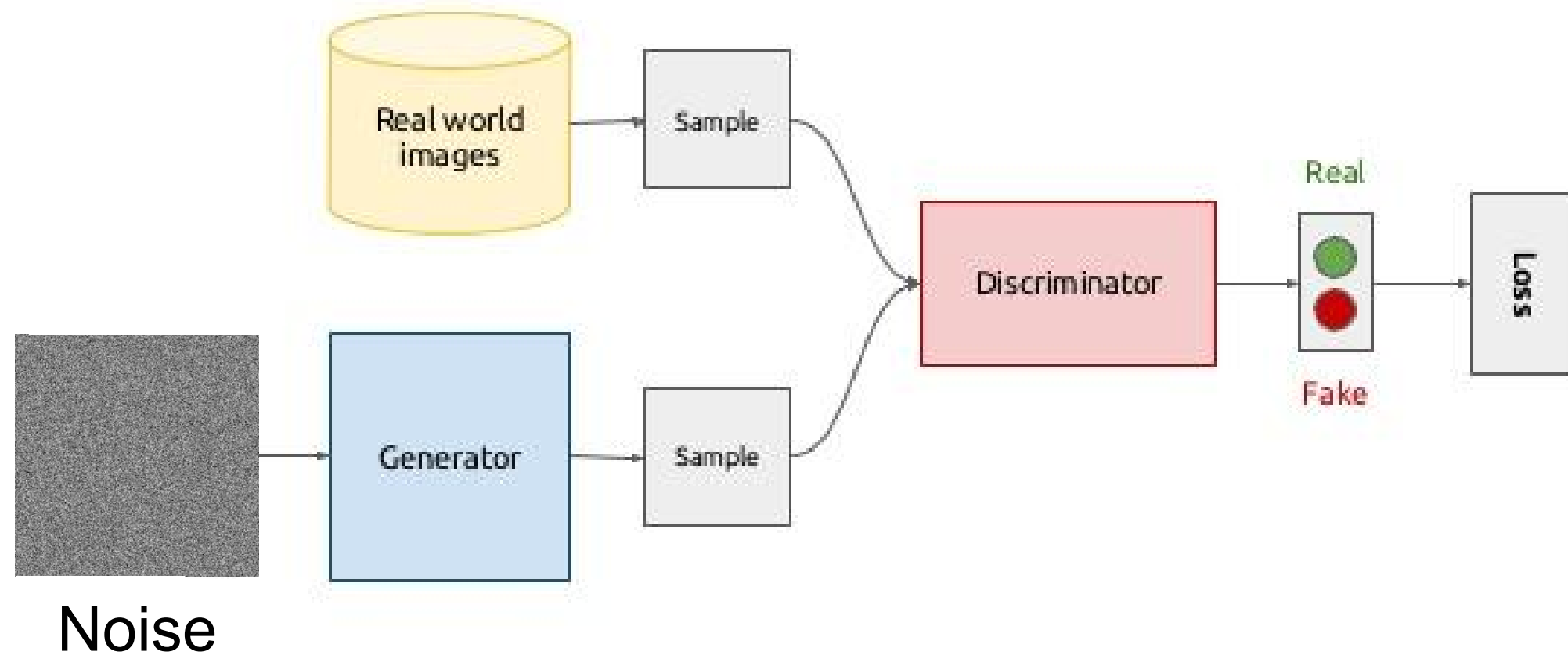
Discriminator



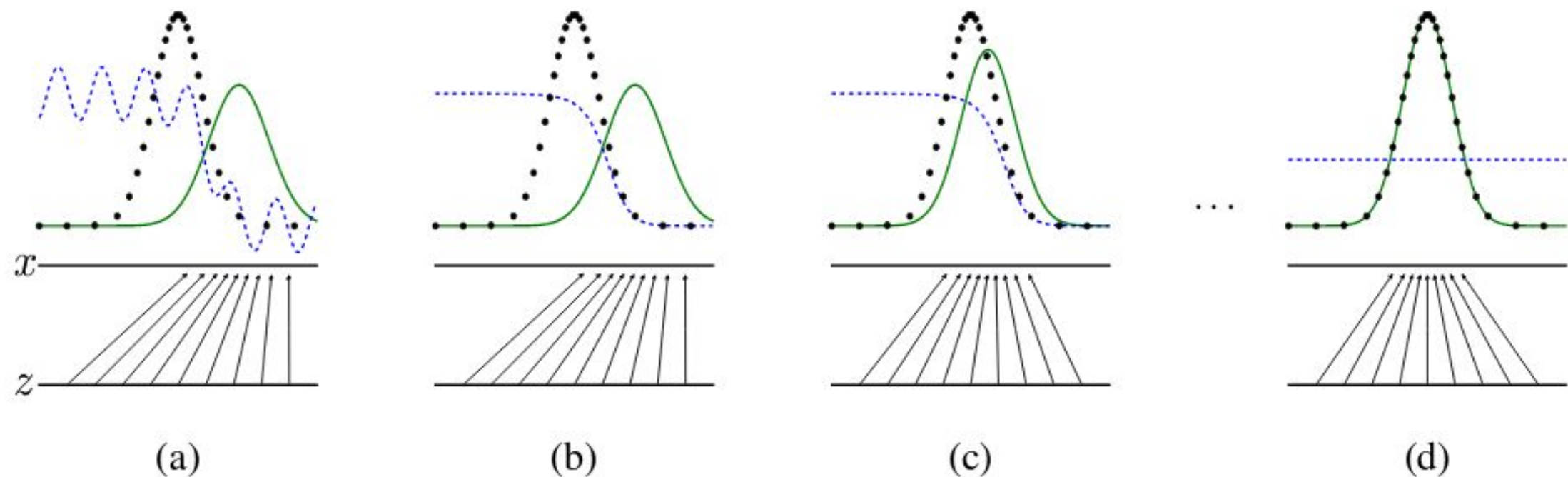
# Motivation

- 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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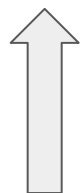
Training stages of a GAN  
Black dotted: True data  
Green solid: Generated data  
Blue dotted: Discriminator loss



# Adversarial loss

- Loss function proposed in Goodfellow's paper introducing GANs

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

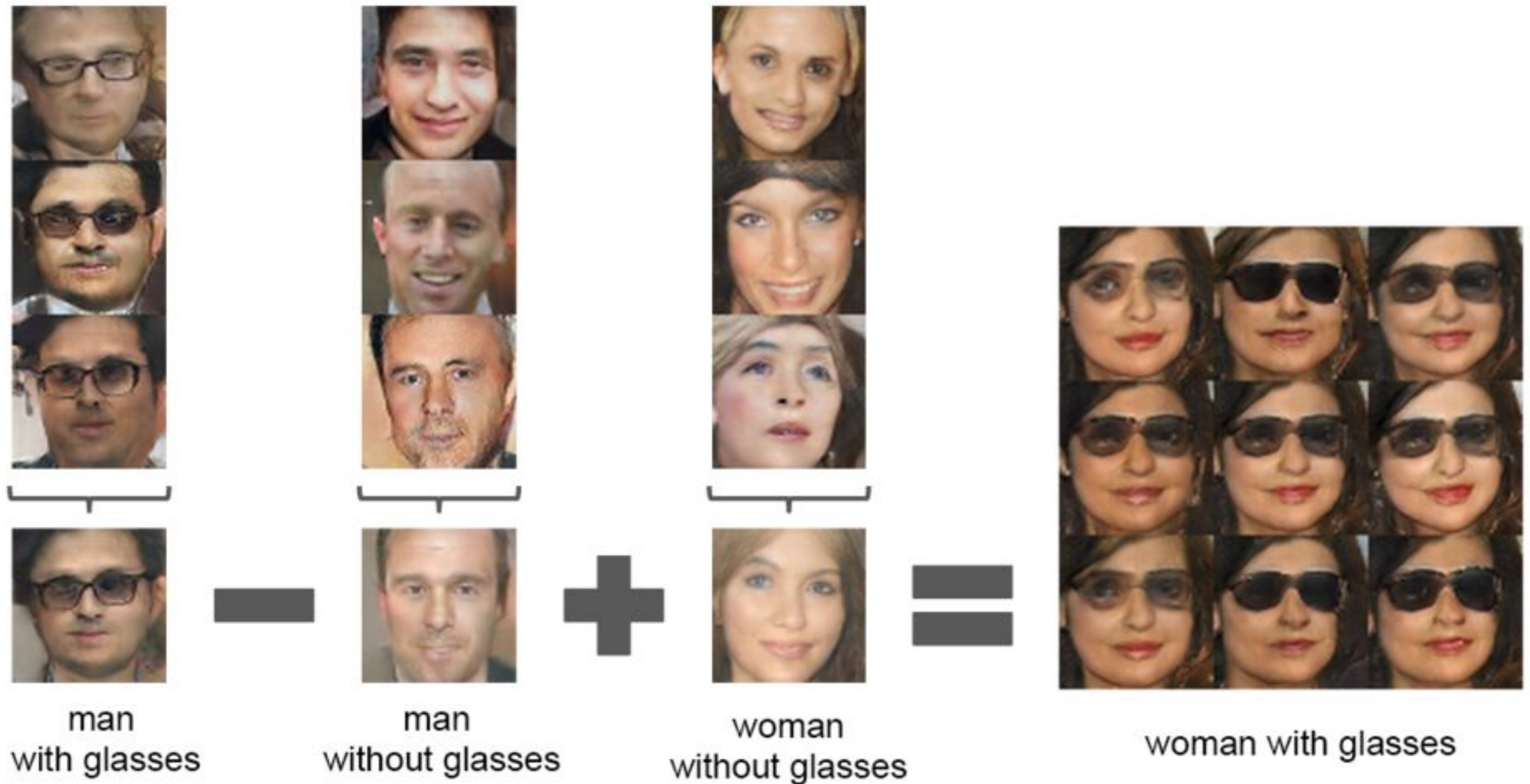


True data



Noise provided for  
generating data

# Bonus! - Vector space arithmetic of GANs

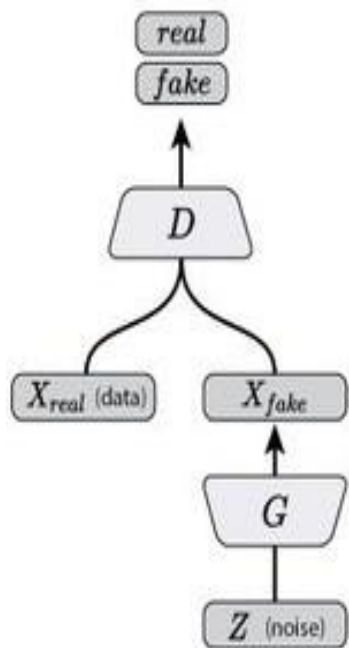


# Types of GANs

# Sub classifications

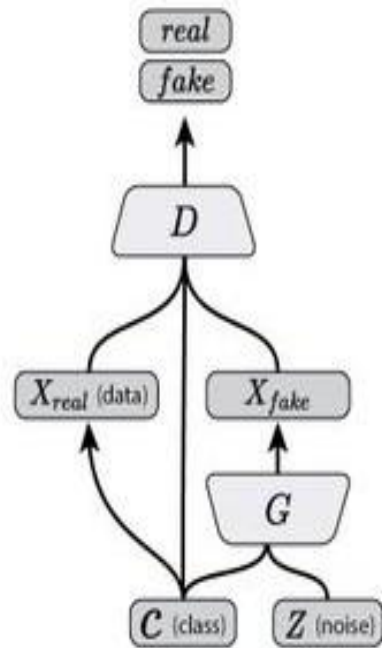
## Vanilla GAN

**Vanilla GAN**  
(Goodfellow, et al., 2014)

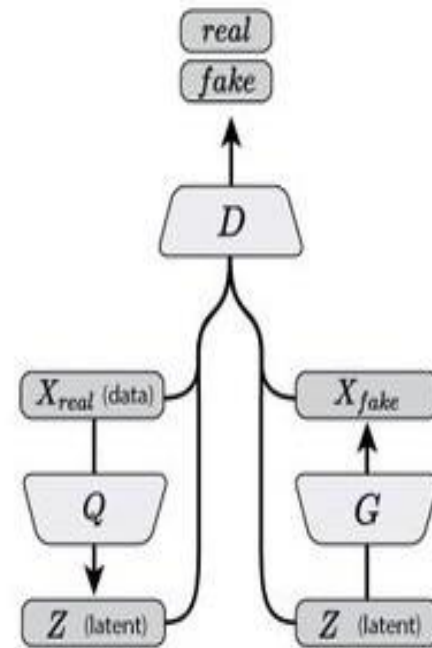


## Discriminator Looks at Latent Variables

**Conditional GAN**  
(Mirza & Osindero, 2014)

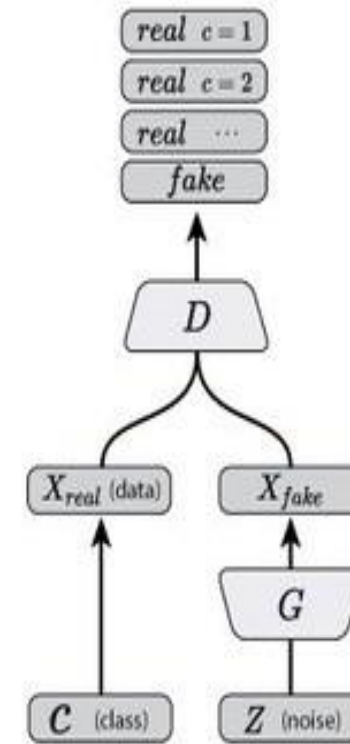


**Bidirectional GAN**  
(Donahue, et al., 2016; Dumoulin, et al., 2016)

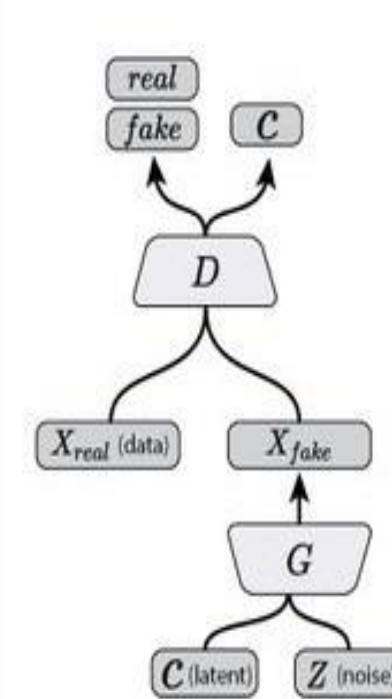


## Discriminator Predicts Latent Variables

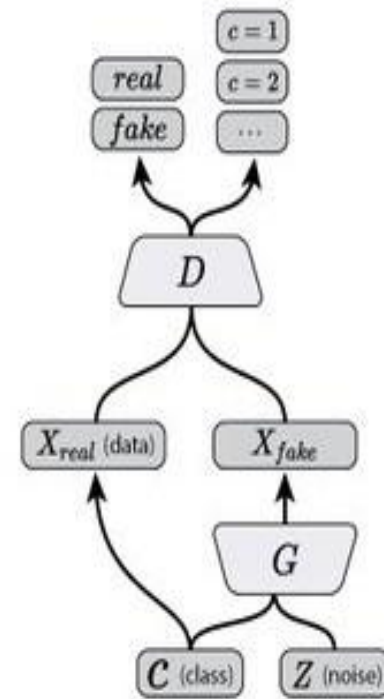
**Semi-Supervised GAN**  
(Odena, 2016; Salimans, et al., 2016)



**InfoGAN**  
(Chen, et al., 2016)

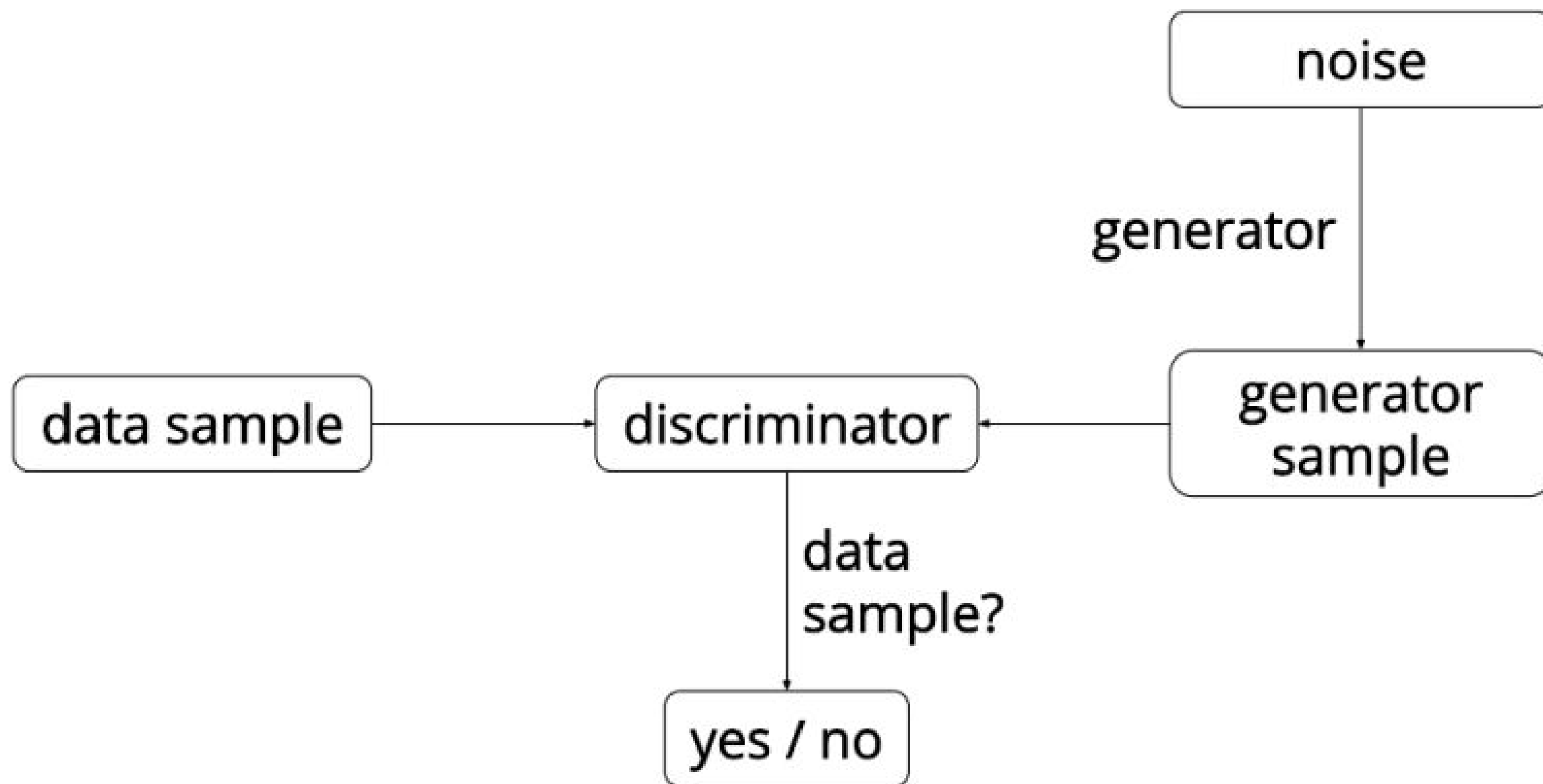


**Auxiliary Classifier GAN**  
(Odena, et al., 2016)

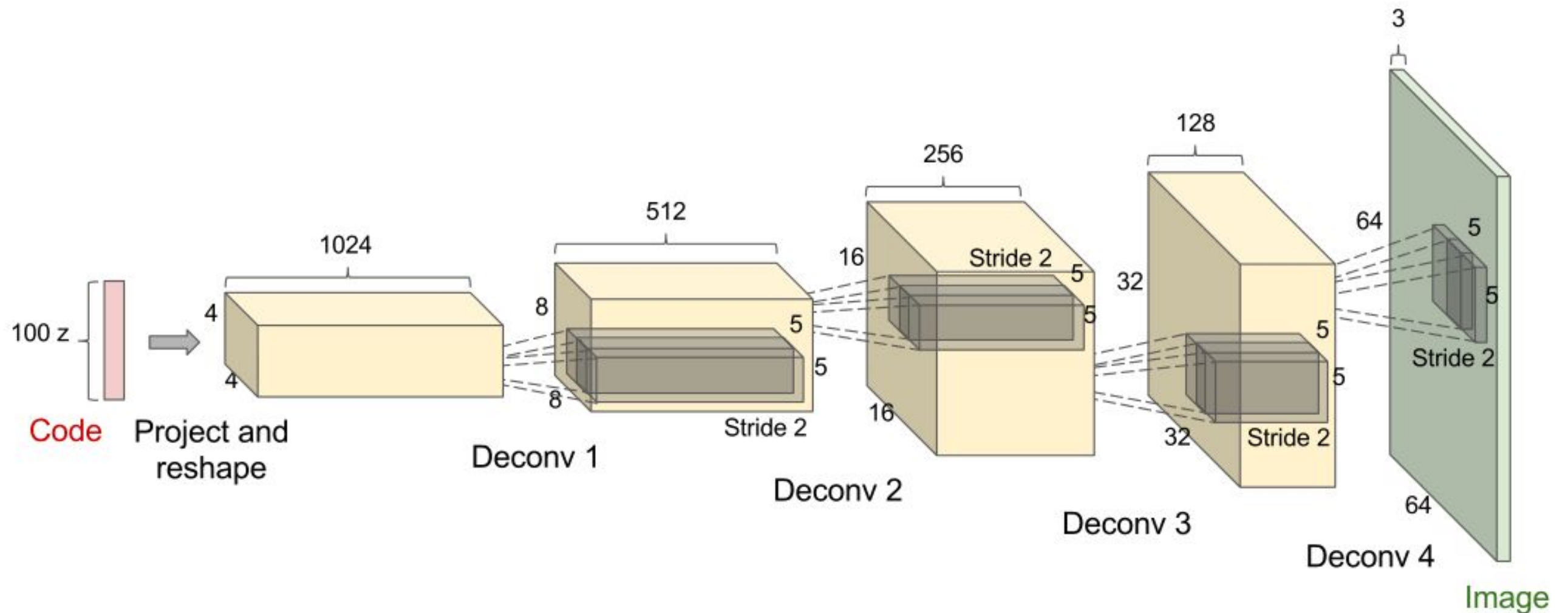




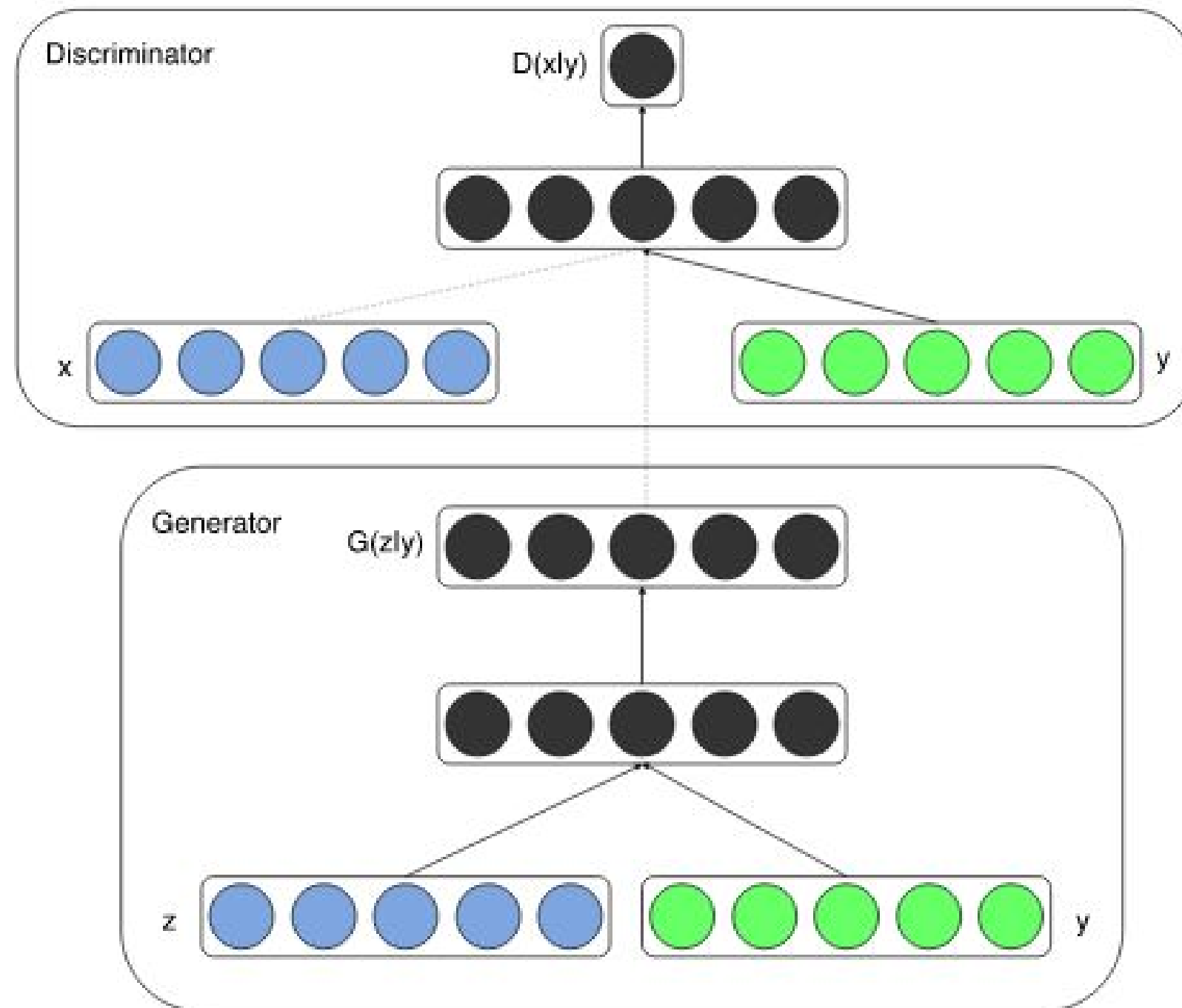
# Basic vanilla GAN (T1)



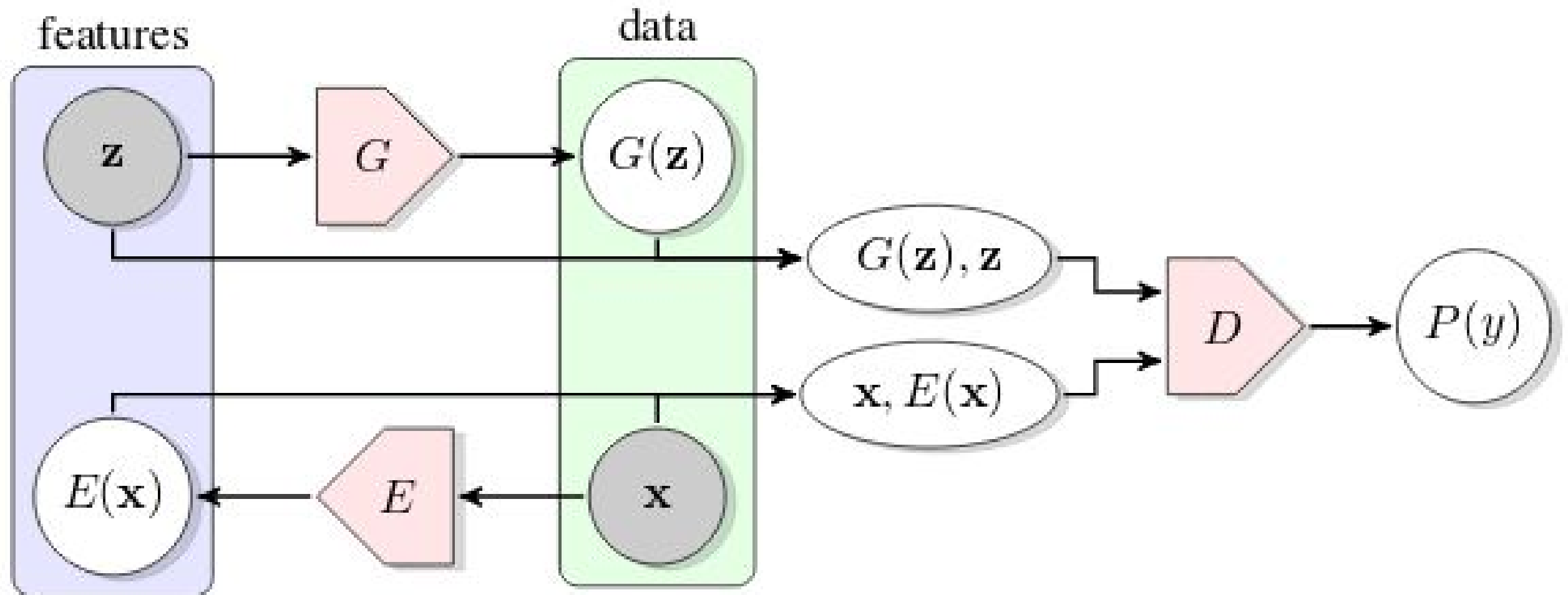
# Deep Convolutional GAN (T1)



# Conditional GAN (T2)



# Bidirectional GAN (T2)

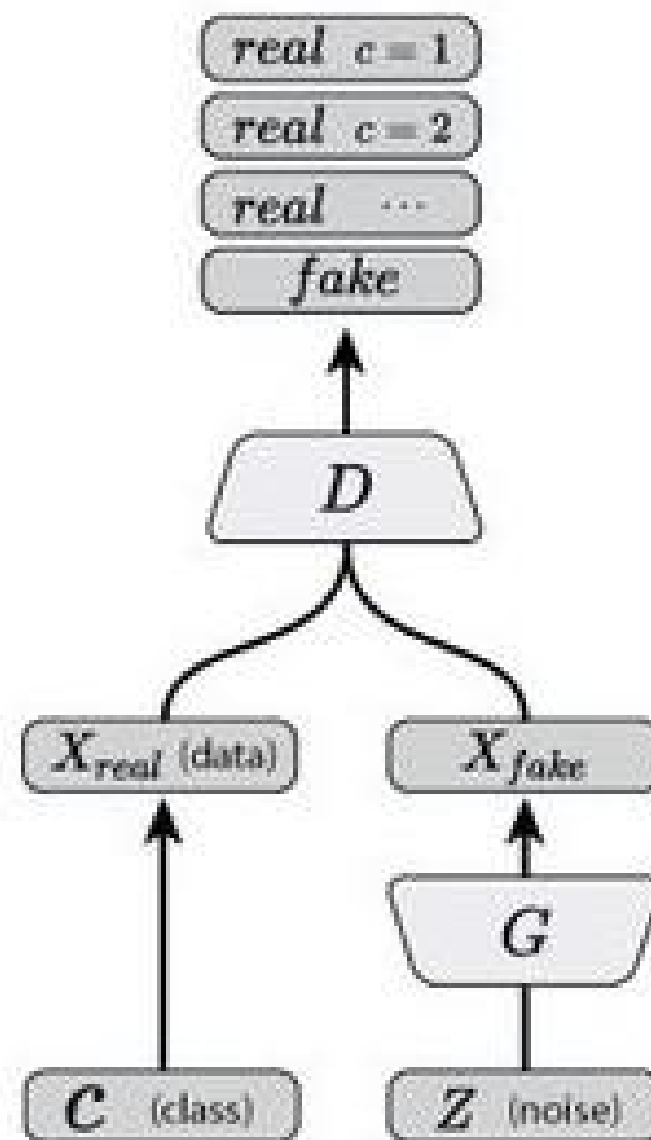




# Semi-supervised GAN (T3)

## Semi-Supervised GAN

(Odena, 2016; Salimans, et al., 2016)



# Applications of GANs

# Image generation



# PPGNs - High resolution image generation



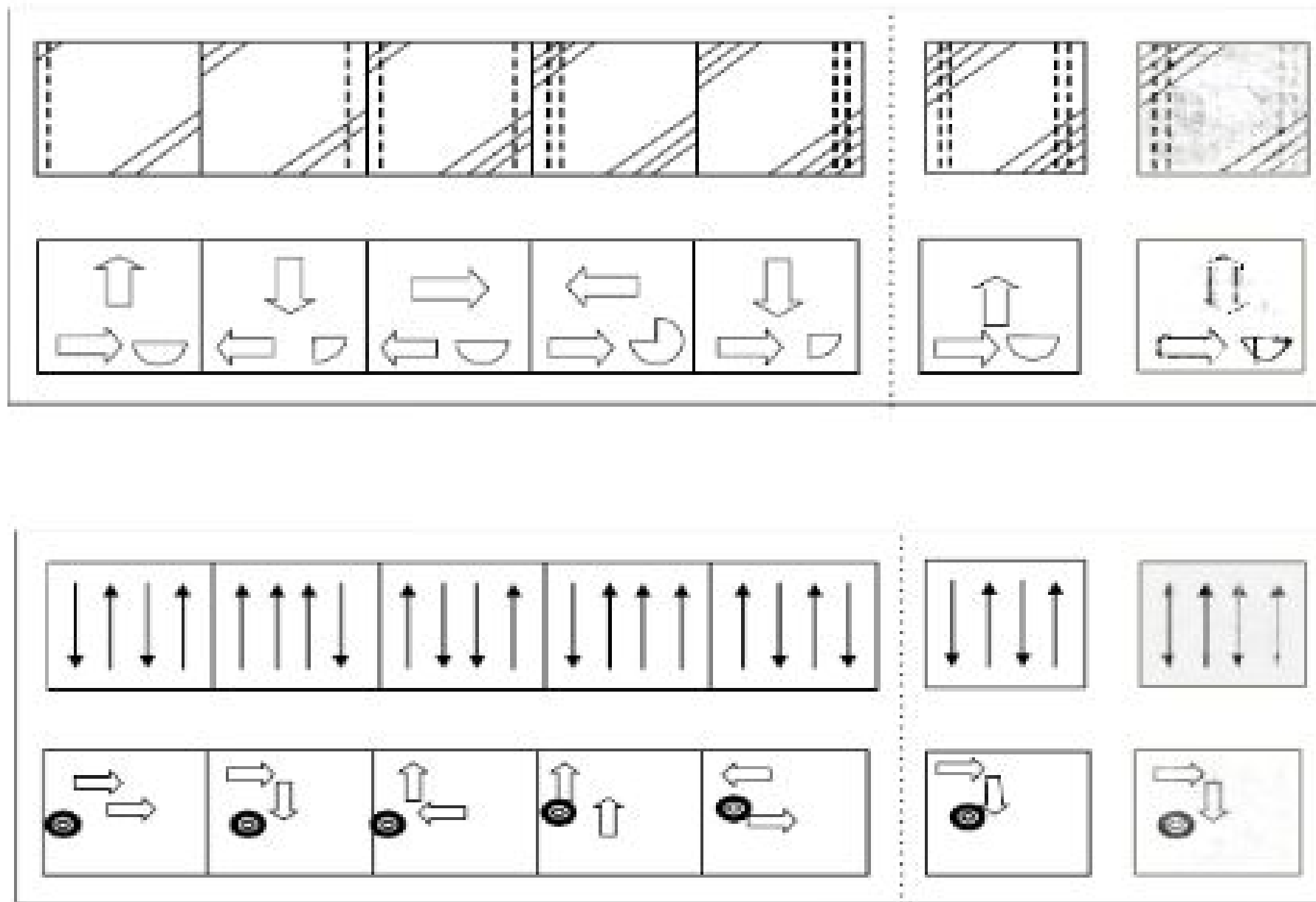
volcano



# Interactive image generation - iGANs



# GANs for Diagrammatic Abstract Reasoning



# Image super resolution using SRGANs



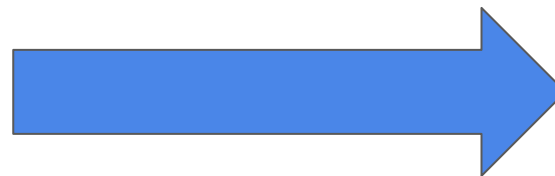
(Result of our experiment  
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# Image inpainting



Input to GAN

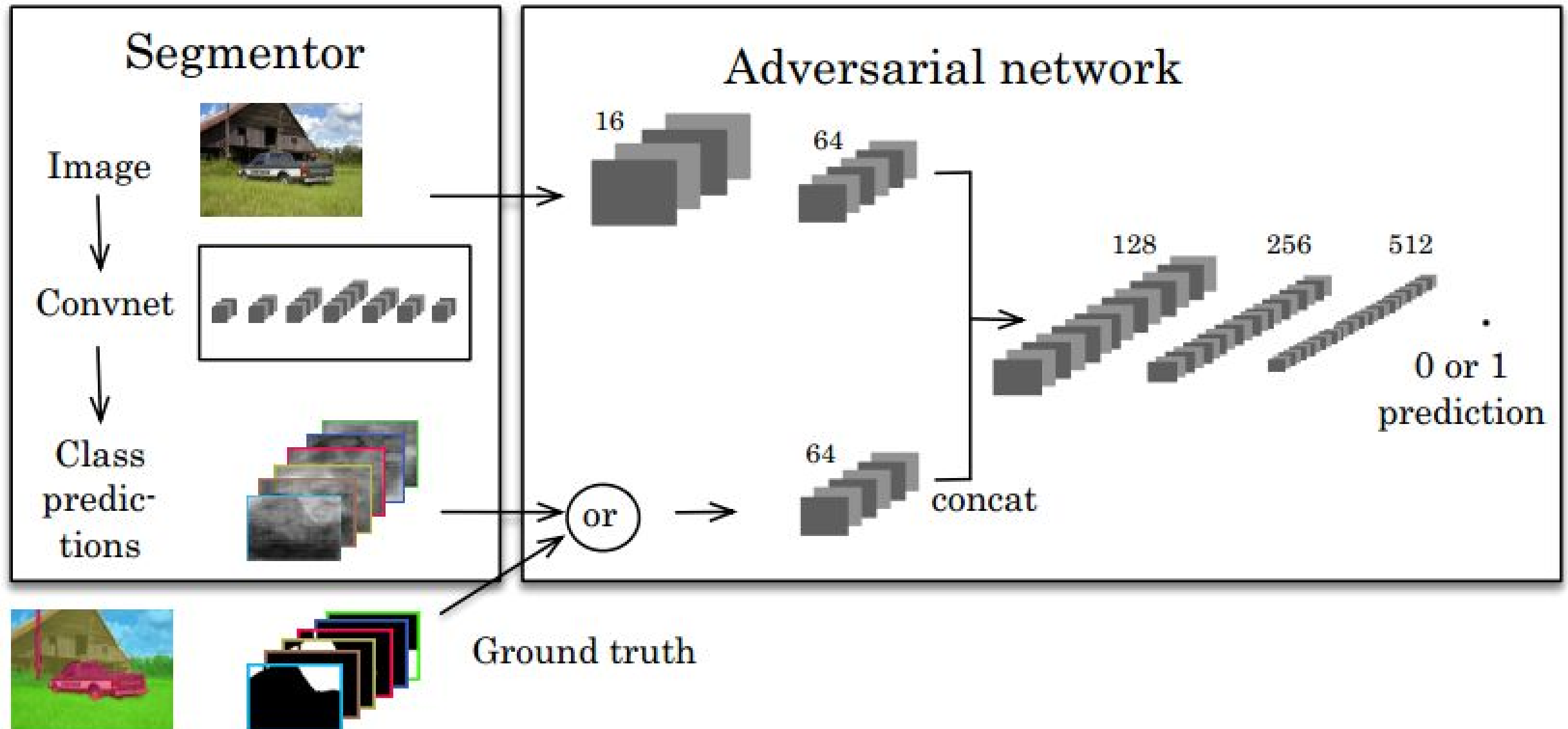
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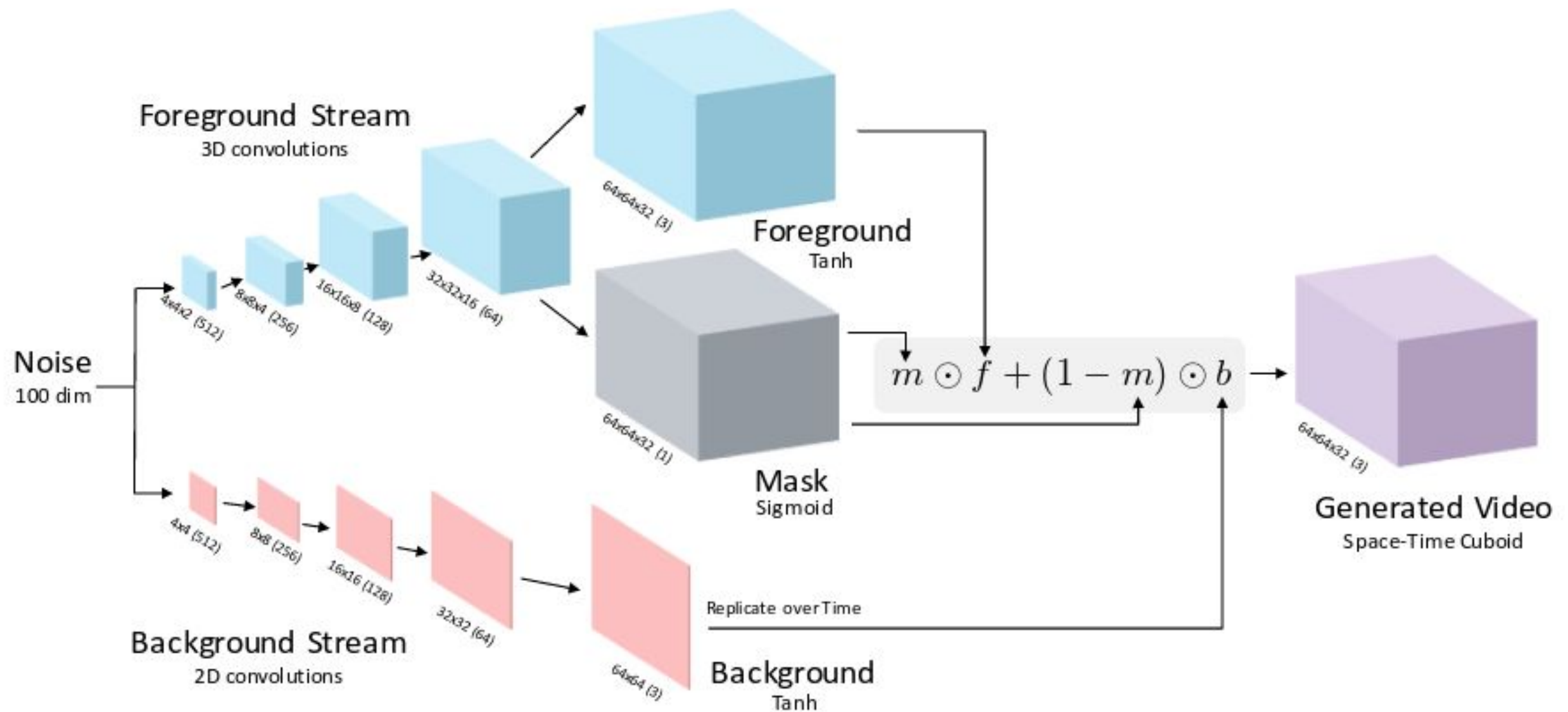
GAN generated  
output



# Semantic segmentation using Adversarial networks



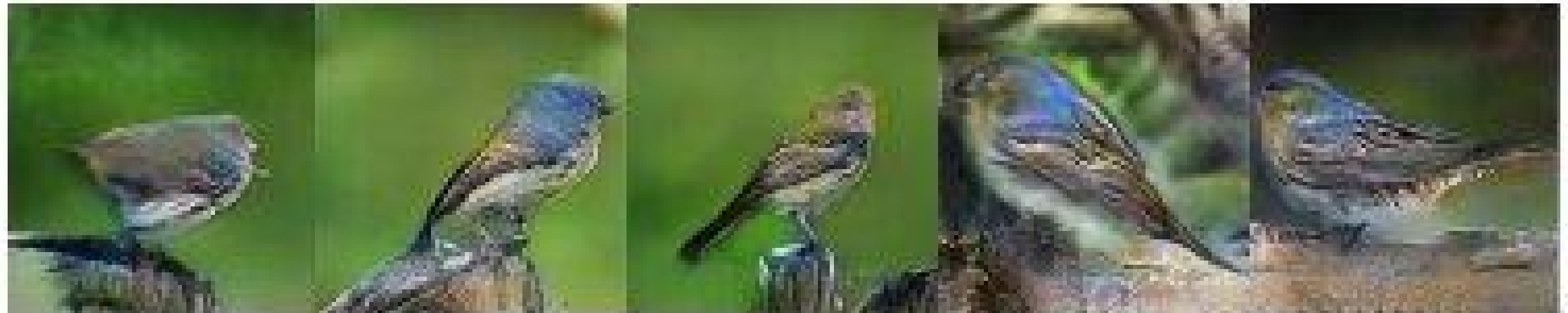
# Video generation using Adversarial networks



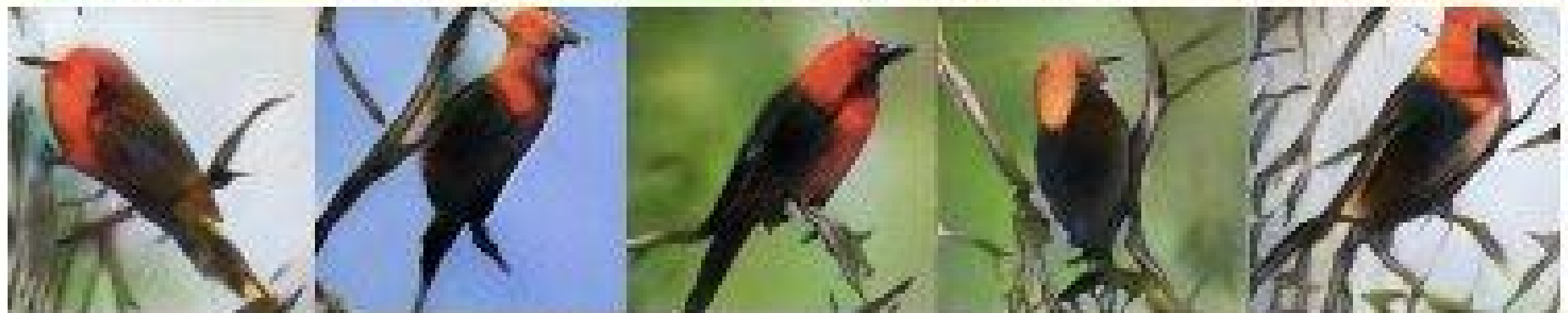
Generator network

# Impressive text to image results

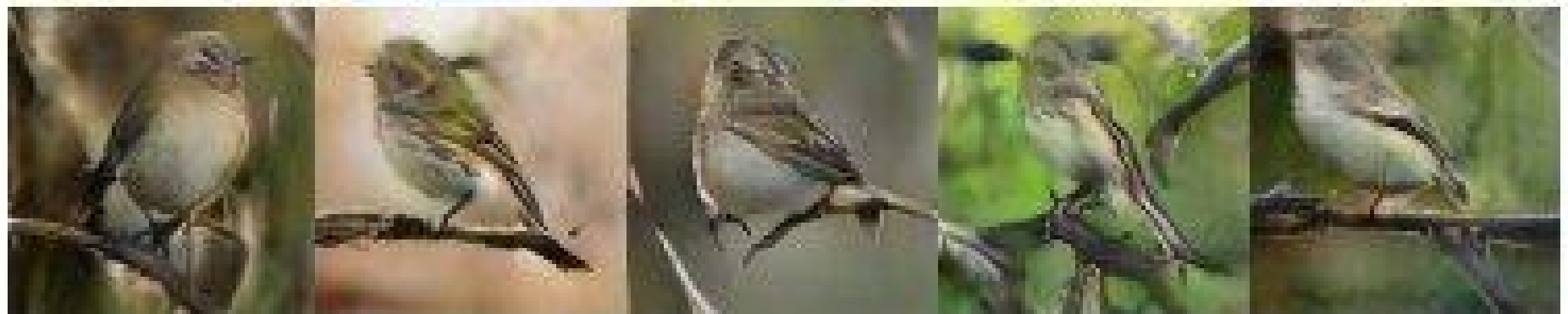
This small blue bird has a short pointy beak and brown on its wings



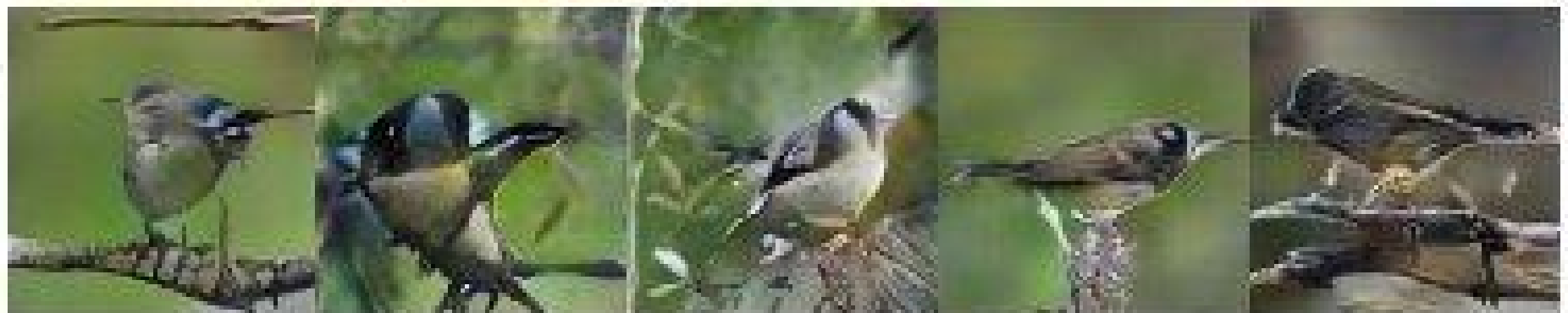
This bird is completely red with black wings and pointy beak



A small sized bird that has a cream belly and a short pointed bill



A small bird with a black head and wings and features grey wings



# 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



# 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

# Difficulty in reaching convergence

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

# Relative strength of the two networks

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

# 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](#)



# 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)

# 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](#)

# 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

# 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



# References

- [Ian's talk on GANs](#)
- [Generative Adversarial Networks - Ian et al](#)
- [DCGANs](#)
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“What I cannot create, I do not understand”

- Richard Feynman

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