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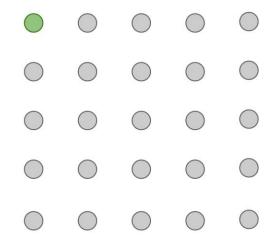
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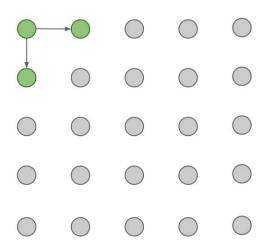
Generate image pixels starting from corner

Dependency on previous pixels modeled using an RNN (LSTM)



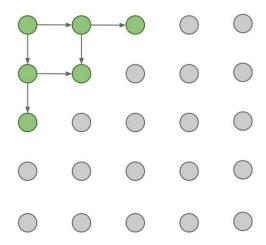
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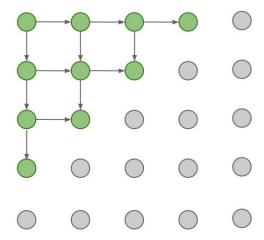
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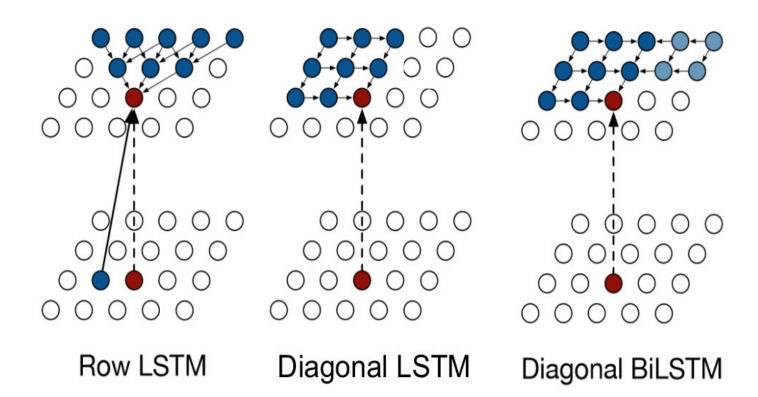
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Drawback: sequential generation is slow!



Variants of Pixel RNN (LSTM)



Still generate image pixels starting from corner

Dependency on previous pixels now modeled using a CNN over context region

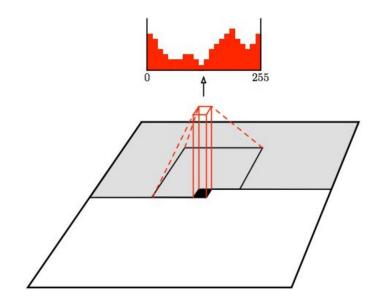


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Training: maximize likelihood of training images

$$p(x) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(x_i|x_1, ..., x_{i-1})$$

Softmax loss at each pixel

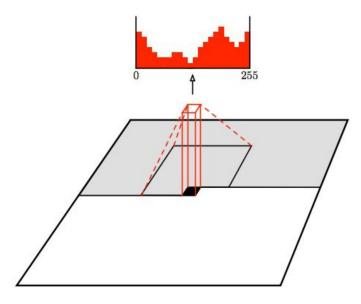


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Training is faster than PixelRNN (can parallelize convolutions since context region values known from training images)

Generation must still proceed sequentially => still slow

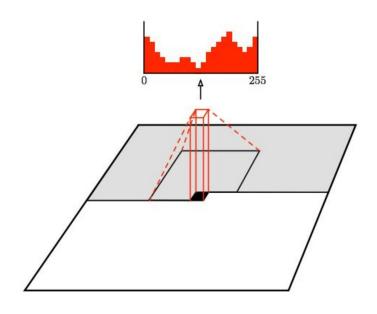
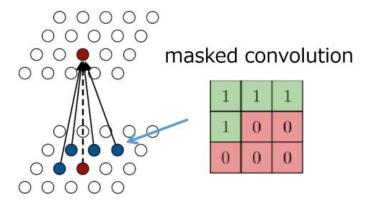


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PixelCNN

- 2D convolution on previous layer
- Apply masks so a pixel does not see future pixels (in sequential order)



Pixel recurrent neural networks, ICML 2016

Generation Samples



32x32 CIFAR-10



32x32 ImageNet

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PixelRNN and PixelCNN

Pros:

- Can explicitly compute likelihood p(x)
- Explicit likelihood of training data gives good evaluation metric
- Good samples

Con:

Sequential generation => slow

Improving PixelCNN performance

- Gated convolutional layers
- Short-cut connections
- Discretized logistic loss
- Multi-scale
- Training tricks
- Etc...

See

- Van der Oord et al. NIPS 2016
- Salimans et al. 2017 (PixelCNN++)