

Image SuperResolution

using GANs

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Problem Statement

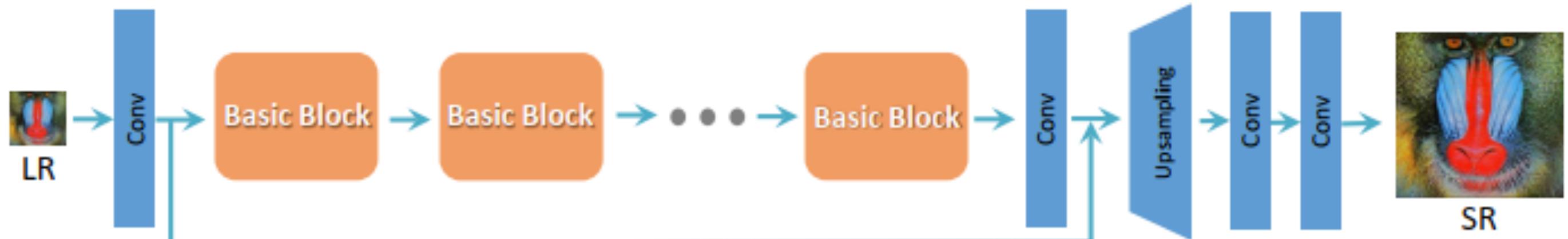
Super resolution is the problem of artificially enlarging a low resolution image to recover a plausible high resolution version. Image Super Resolution (SR) is particularly useful in forensics, biometrics. This is a classical computer vision problem. We implemented a Deep Learning based approach to super resolve existing lower resolution images.

Dataset

Low Resolution Images which are a part of DIV2K dataset provided by NTIRE 2017, 2018 challenges on Image Super Resolution improvement. We use this dataset so as to compare our results with current state-of-the-art.

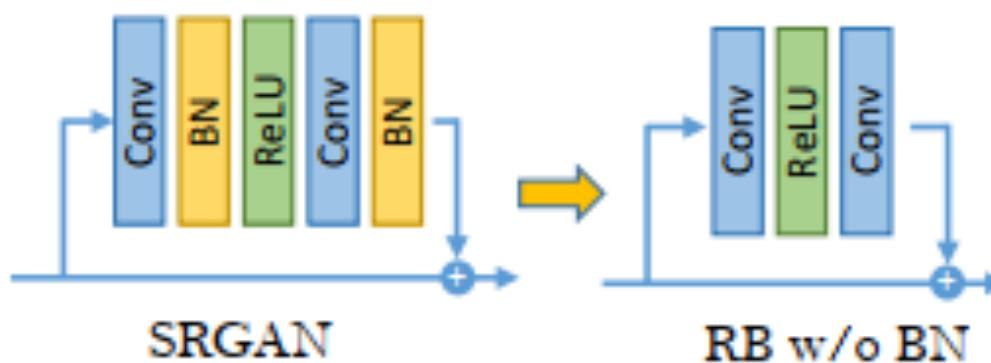
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State-of-the-art

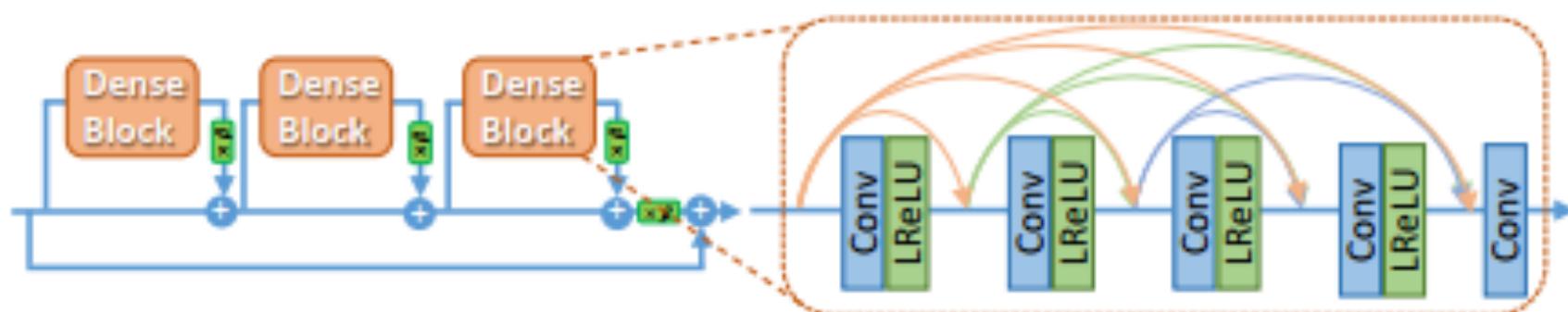


SRGAN with Basic Blocks

Residual Block (RB)



Residual in Residual Dense Block (RRDB)



Enhanced SRGAN with RRDB Blocks

Initial Work - Baseline

SR-CNN

5 Convolutional Layers

Input Size: $64 \times 64 \times 3$ (resized from $32 \times 32 \times 3$)

Output Size: $64 \times 64 \times 3$ (Super-resolved by 2 times)

Loss Function: MSE Loss

Optimiser: Adam

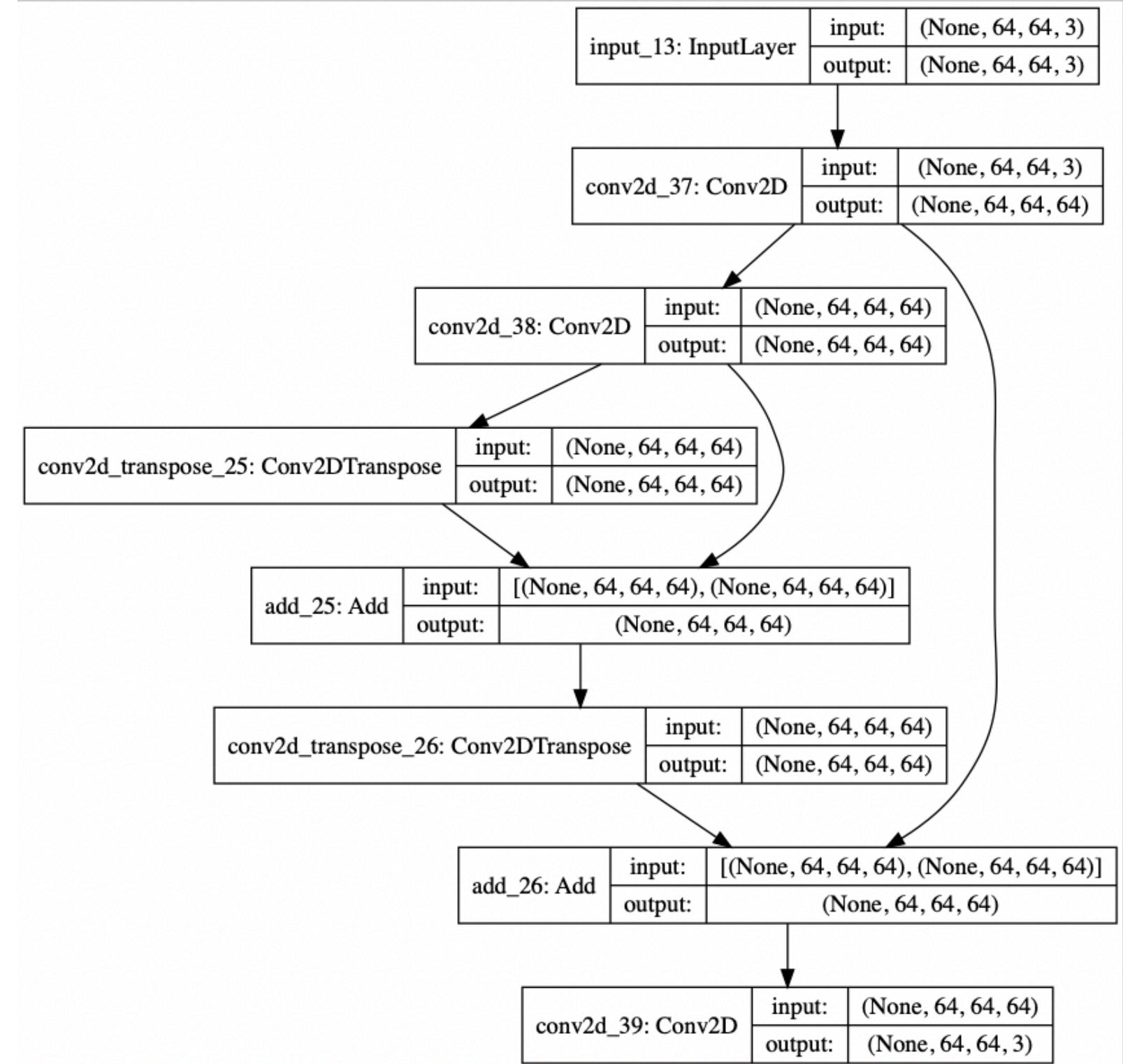
Batch size: 128

No. of epochs: 30

Training Data: 800 images x 4 patches/image

Val. Data: 100 images x 4 patches/image

Metric: PSNR



Results & Analysis



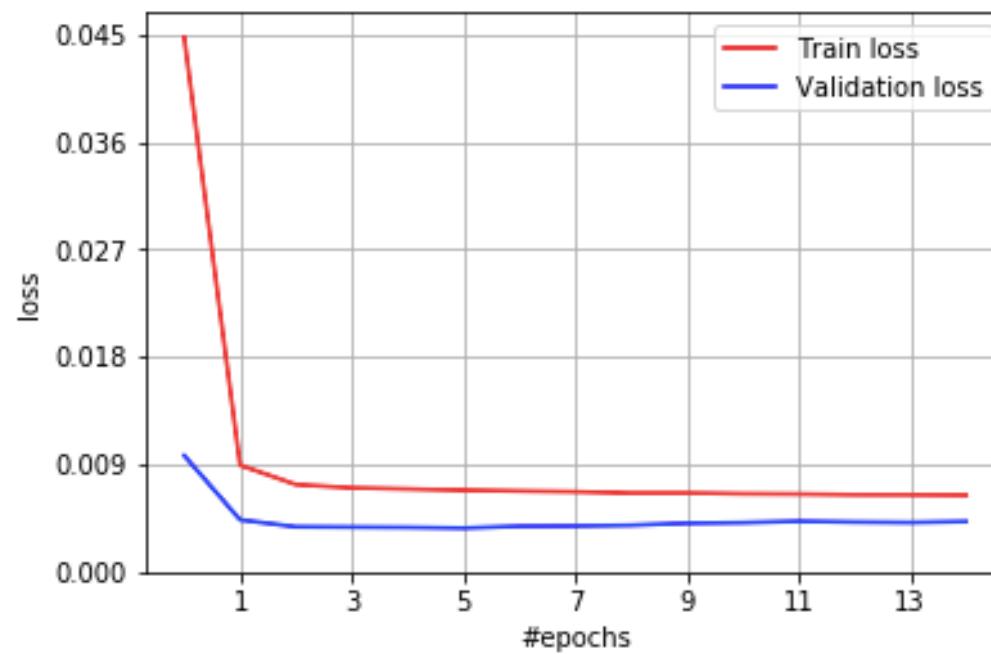
High Resolution



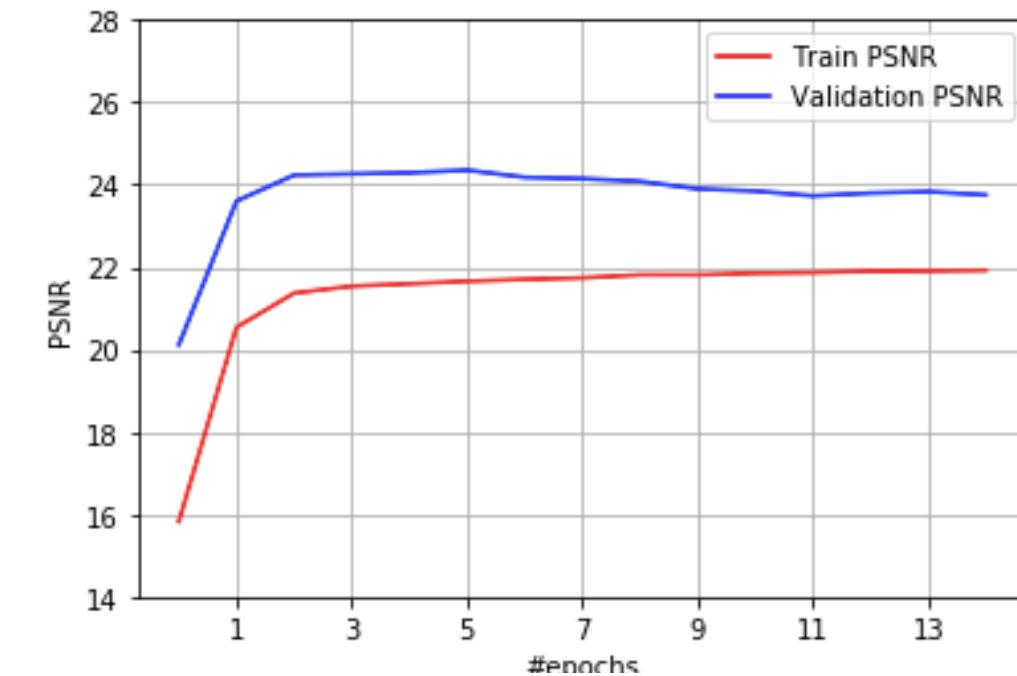
Low Resolution(resized)
PSNR - **30.69 dB** w.r.t HR image



Super Resolved
PSNR - **30.87 dB** w.r.t HR image



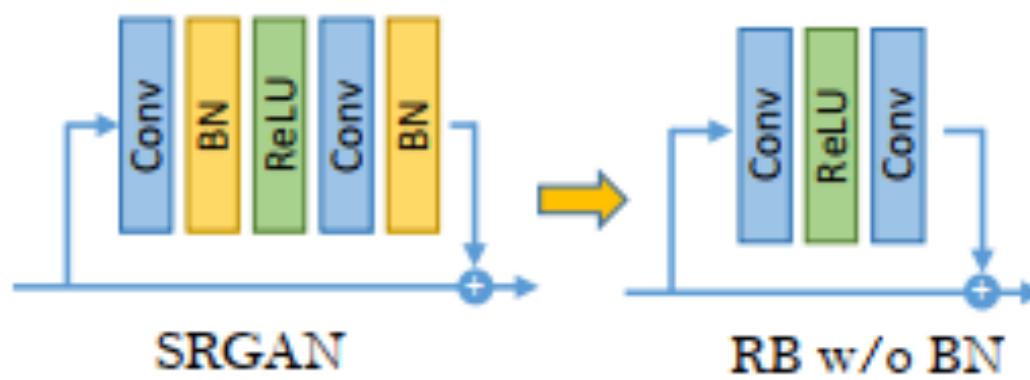
Train vs. Validation Loss



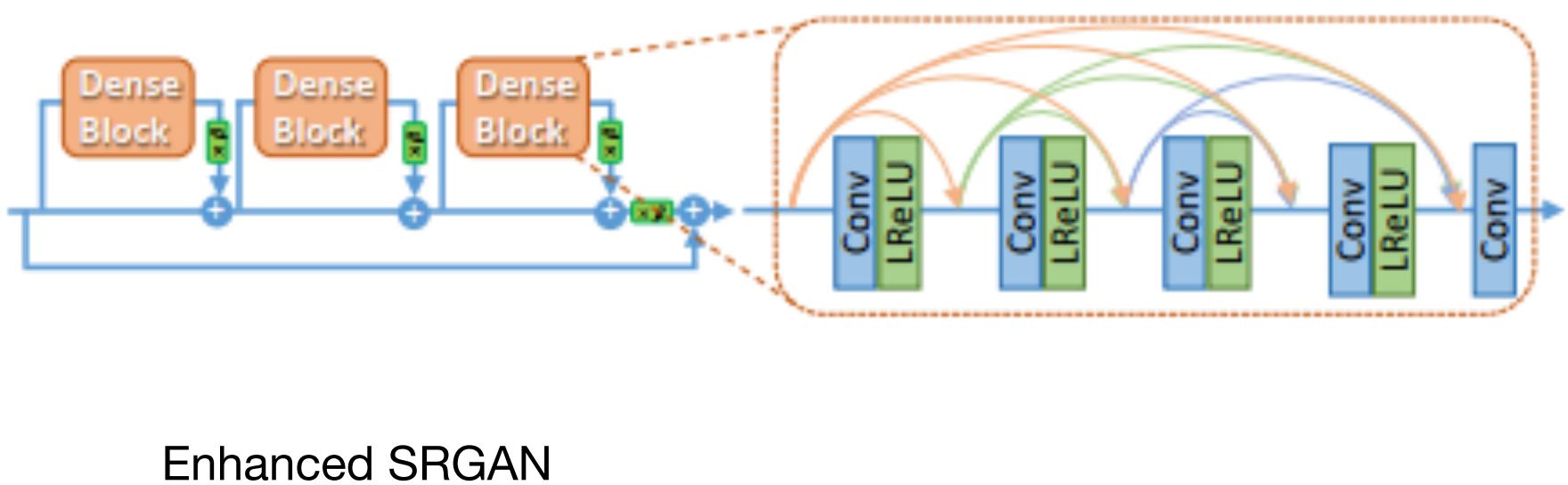
Train vs. Validation PSNR

Enhanced Super Resolution GAN - our current work

Residual Block (RB)



Residual in Residual Dense Block (RRDB)



Enhanced SRGAN

- Improvements over SRGAN include replacing original basic blocks with RRDB blocks
- Removed all the batch-norm layers
- Perceptual loss used before activation features
- Relativistic Discriminator - Not just discriminate between real & fake_(generated) images, but discriminate based on how natural the generated image is.

$$D(x_r) = \sigma(C(\text{Real})) \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{Real?}$$

Real?

$$D(x_f) = \sigma(C(\text{Fake})) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{Fake?}$$

Fake?

a) Standard GAN

$$D_{Ra}(x_r, x_f) = \sigma(C(\text{Real}) - \mathbb{E}[C(\text{Fake})]) \rightarrow 1$$

More realistic than fake data?

$$D_{Ra}(x_f, x_r) = \sigma(C(\text{Fake}) - \mathbb{E}[C(\text{Real})]) \rightarrow 0$$

Less realistic than real data?

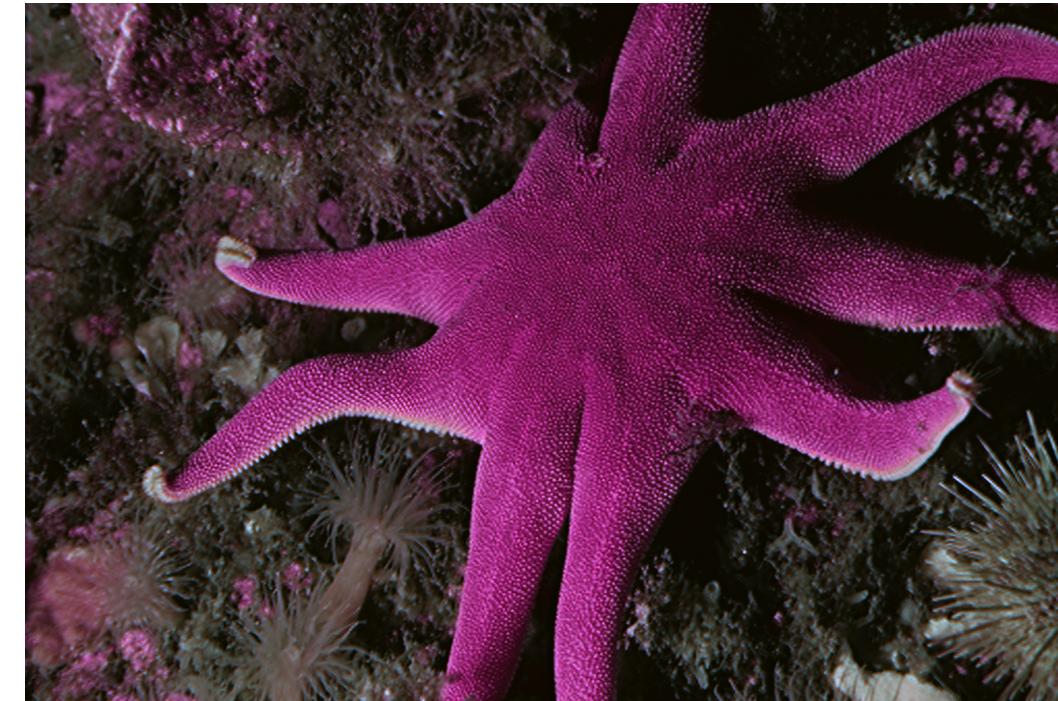
b) Relativistic GAN

RaGAN - Discriminator

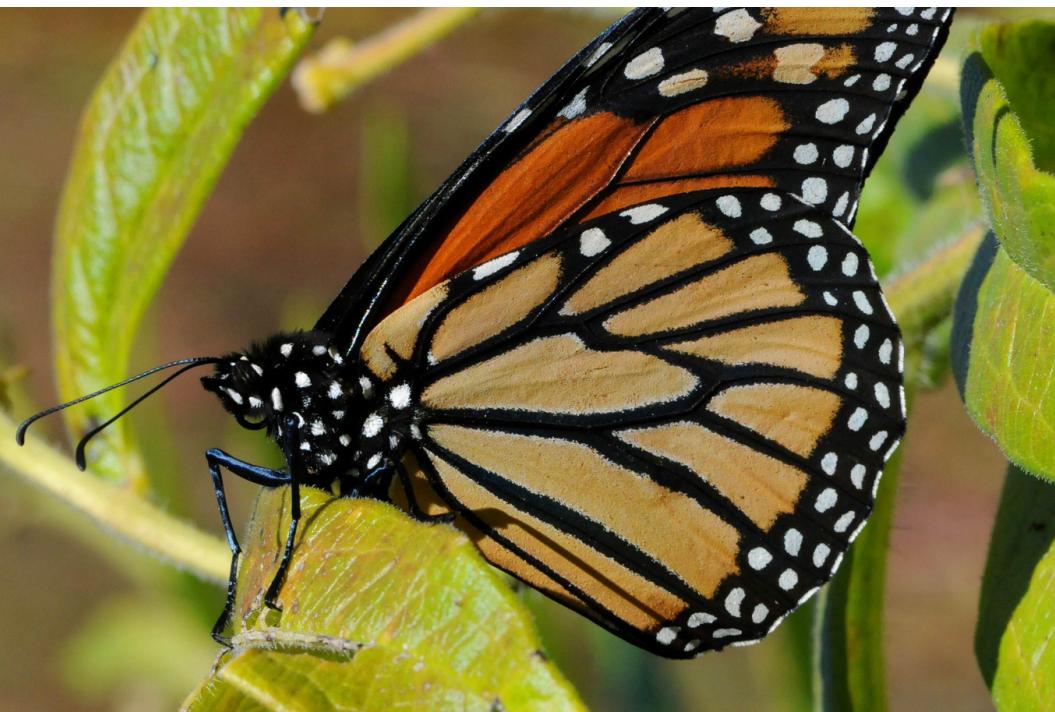
Results



Original HR



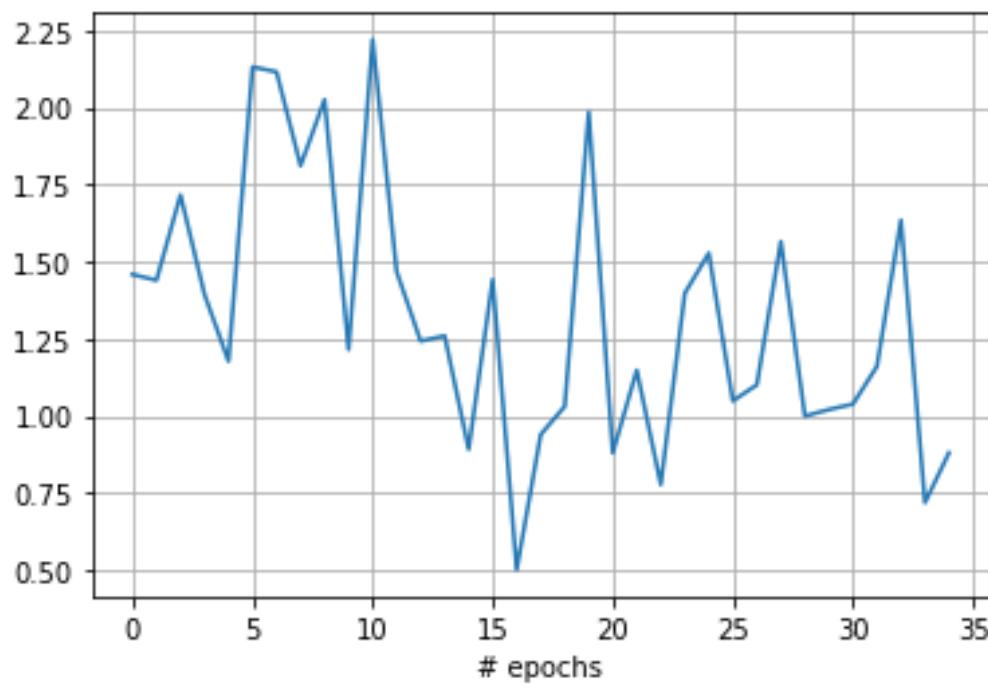
SR Image - 28.887 dB



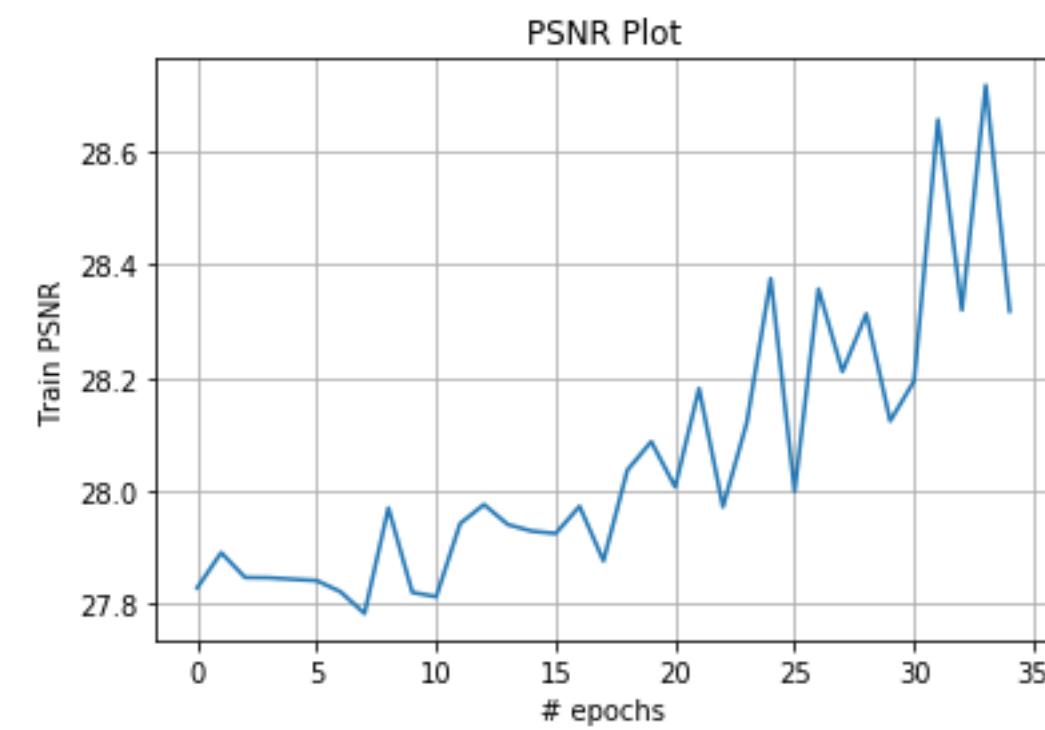
Original HR



SR Image - 28.348 dB



Loss plot



PSNR Plot

Potential for Future Work

- Enhance the model with spectral normalization
- Apply the work to super resolve low resolution video
- Improve the performance and submit work to super-resolution challenges

Individual Contribution

- Baseline: Subhani Shaik
- Advanced work: Srivatsava Kesanupalli
- Part of baseline, advanced work, literature survey done by all 3 of us

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