

# Stabilizing GANs Training via Evolutionary Strategy

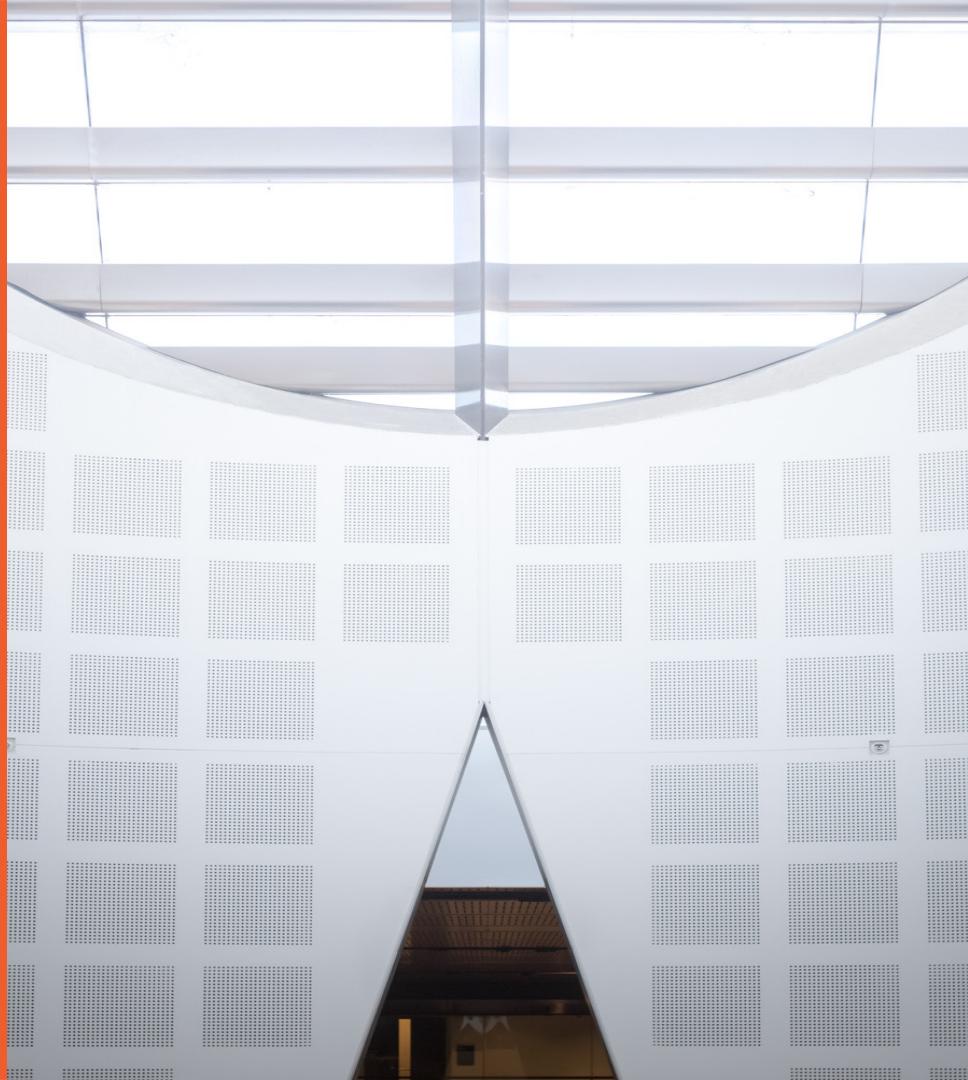
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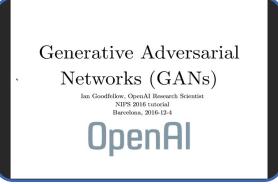


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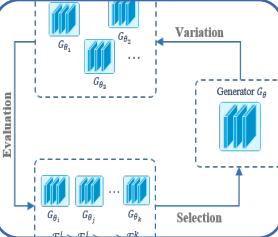


Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)  
Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville  
NIPS 2014 tutorial  
Montreal, 2014-12-14

OpenAI

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## Evolutionary Generative adversarial Networks (E-GAN)



The diagram illustrates the E-GAN framework. It shows a population of generators  $G_{\theta_1}, G_{\theta_2}, \dots, G_{\theta_k}$  in a dashed box labeled "Evaluation". An arrow labeled "Variation" points from one generator to another. A single generator  $G_g$  is shown outside the evaluation box. An arrow labeled "Selection" points from the evaluation box to a subset of generators  $G_{\theta_1}, G_{\theta_j}, \dots, G_{\theta_k}$ , which are then used to train the generator  $G_g$ .

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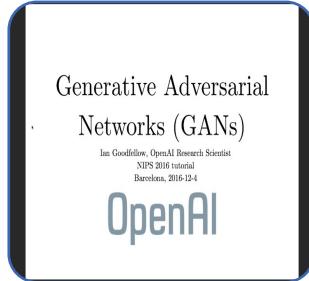


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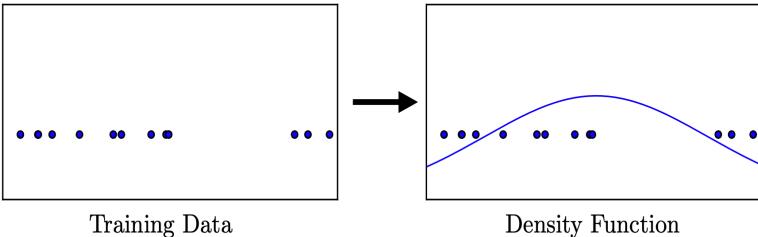
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# Generative Modeling

## Density Estimation:

- An estimate, based on observed data, of an unobservable underlying **probability density function**.



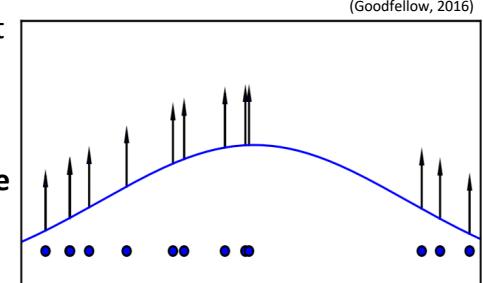
## Sample Generation:

- Through learning the generative model, the algorithm is capable of producing **reasonable samples** following the target distribution.



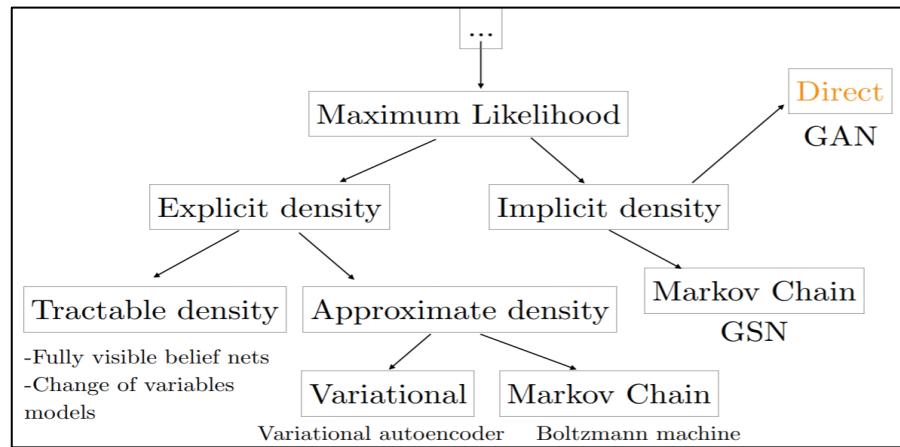
## Maximum Likelihood Estimation:

- Likelihood is the probability that the model assigns to samples. Maximum likelihood estimation aims to choose the parameters for the model that **maximize the likelihood of the training data**.



$$\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} \log p_{\text{model}}(x | \theta)$$

- Deep generative models that can learn via the principle of maximum likelihood differ with respect to **how they represent or approximate the likelihood**.



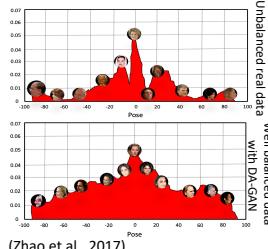
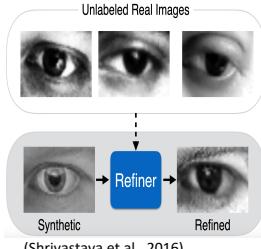
# Generative Modeling

## What can you do with generative models?

- Simulated training data

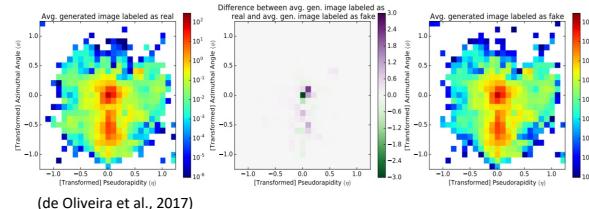
Left: improve the realism of synthetic images from a simulator using unlabeled real data.

Right: synthesize realistic profile faces for more efficiently training deep pose-invariant models.



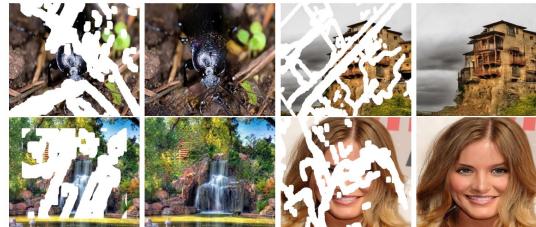
- Simulation by prediction

Produce realistic radiation patterns from simulated high energy particle collisions. Save millions of dollars of CPU time by predicting outcomes of explicit simulations.



- Recovery missing or corrupted data

Image inpainting for irregular holes. The learned generative model learns semantic priors and aim to fill those irregular holes with reasonable and realistic content.



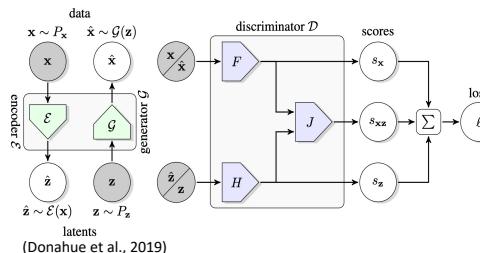
- Realistic generation tasks

High fidelity natural image synthesis with only a single generative model. Conditioned on object labels, diverse samples from complex datasets, such as ImageNet, are generated.



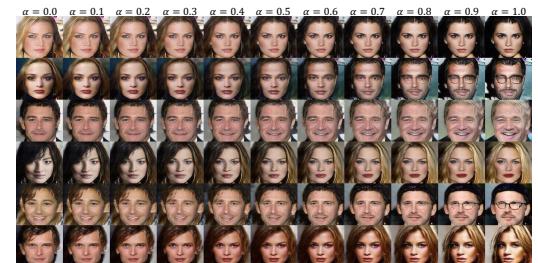
- Solve inference problems

Progress in image generation quality translates to substantially improved representation learning performance.



- Learn useful embedding

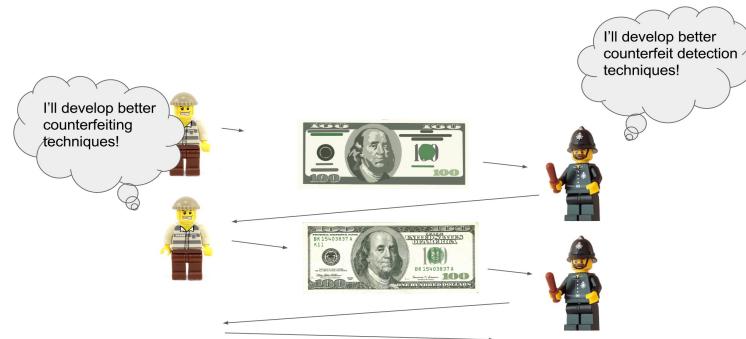
Interpolating in latent space. The generative model learns a meaningful projection from latent noisy space to face images.



# Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

## Adversarial Games:

- For example, a game between police and counterfeiters.



## Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs):

- A Generator and a Discriminator are updated alternately to perform the adversarial game.

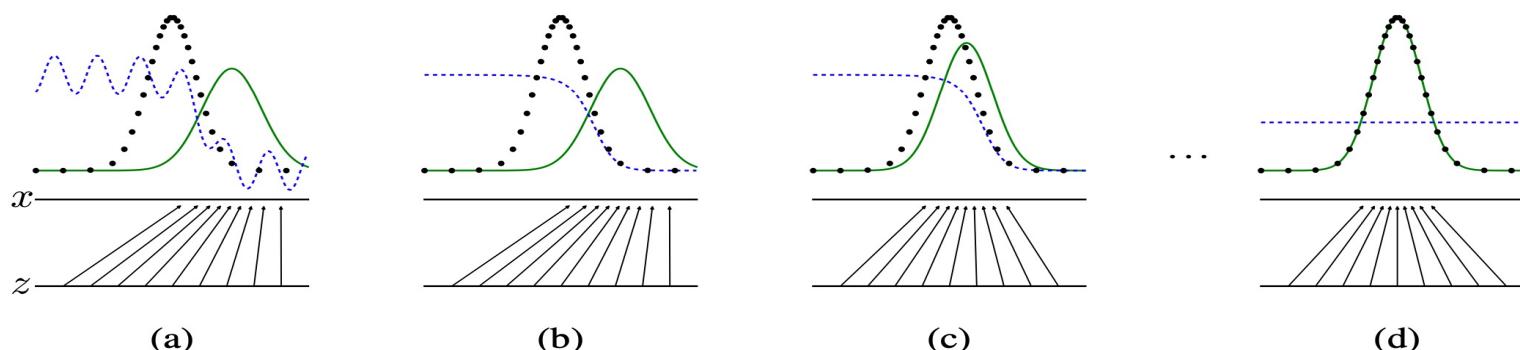
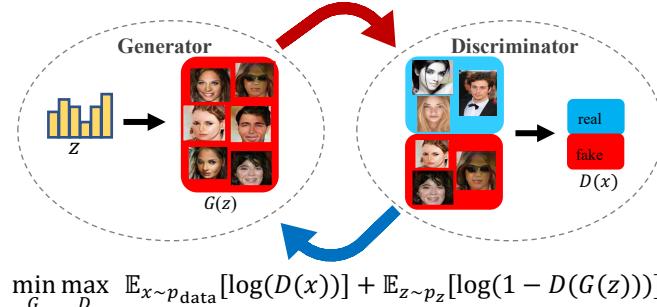
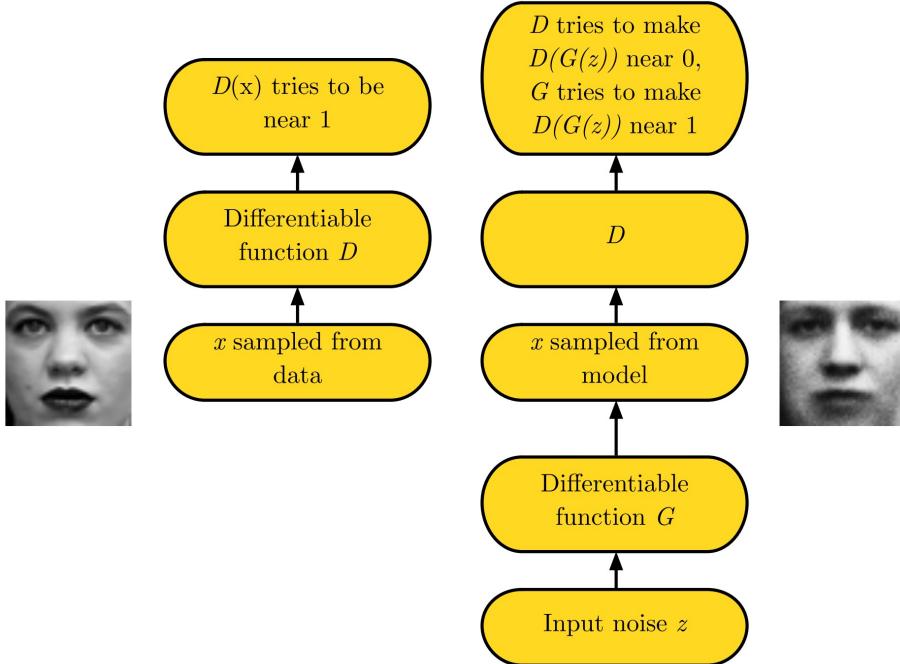


Figure: Data distribution  $p_{data}$  (black, dotted line), generative distribution  $p_g$  (green, solid line), discriminative output  $D(x)$  (blue, dashed line).

# Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

*Original GANs:*



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

(Goodfellow, 2014)

*Minimax Game and Nash Equilibrium:*

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

- **Proposition 1.** For  $G$  fixed, the optimal discriminator  $D$  is

$$D_G^* = \frac{p_{\text{data}}(x)}{p_{\text{data}}(x) + p_g(x)}$$

- **Theorem 1.** Giving the optimal  $D_G^*$ , the game can be reformulated as  $C(G) = \max_D V(D, G)$ . The global minimum of the virtual training criterion  $C(G)$  is achieved if and only if  $p_g = p_{\text{data}}$ . At that point,  $C(G)$  achieves the value  $-\log 4$ .

- **Proposition 2.** If  $G$  and  $D$  have enough capacity, and at each step of adversarial, the discriminator is allowed to reach its optimum given  $G$ , and  $p_g$  is updated so as to improve the criterion,  $\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} [\log(D_G^*(x))] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_g} [\log(1 - D_G^*(G(z)))]$ , then  $p_g$  converges to  $p_{\text{data}}$ .

# GANs: Losses

## Minimax Game and Jensen-Shannon Divergence:

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

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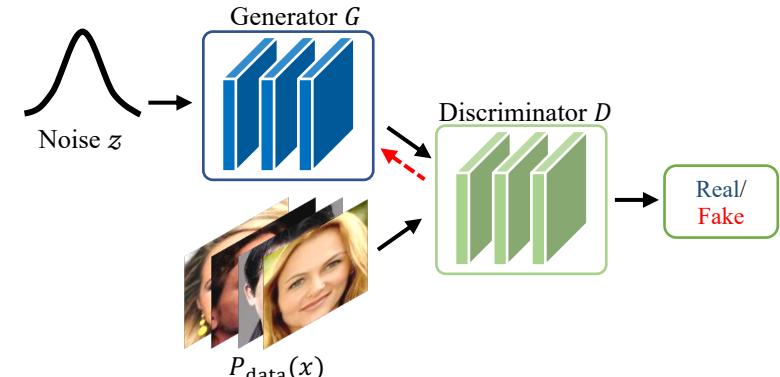
### Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} C(G) &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} [\log(D_G^*(x))] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_g} [\log(1 - D_G^*(G(x)))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} \left[ \log \left( \frac{p_{\text{data}}(x)}{p_{\text{data}}(x) + p_g(x)} \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_g} \left[ \log \left( \frac{p_g(x)}{p_{\text{data}}(x) + p_g(x)} \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} \left[ \log \left( \frac{2 \cdot p_{\text{data}}(x)}{p_{\text{data}}(x) + p_g(x)} \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_g} \left[ \log \left( \frac{2 \cdot p_g(x)}{p_{\text{data}}(x) + p_g(x)} \right) \right] - \log(4) \\ &= KL(p_{\text{data}} || \frac{p_{\text{data}} + p_g}{2}) + KL(p_g || \frac{p_{\text{data}} + p_g}{2}) - \log(4) \\ &= 2 \cdot JSD(p_{\text{data}} || p_g) - \log(4) \end{aligned}$$

Since the **Jensen–Shannon divergence** between two distributions is always non-negative, and zero iff they are equal, we have shown that  $C^* = -\log(4)$  is the global minimum and that the only solution is  $p_g = p_{\text{data}}$ .

## Generalized Adversarial Games:

- Actually, the adversarial progress can be formulated as **not only** as the original **minimax game**. The adversarial game only asks the generator and the discriminator against each other.



- Therefore, the **generalized adversarial game** is:
- $$\begin{aligned} &\max_D \mathbb{E}_{x_r \sim p_{\text{data}}} [f_1(D(x_r))] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z} [f_2(D(G(z)))] \\ &\min_G \mathbb{E}_{x_r \sim p_{\text{data}}} [g_1(D(x_r))] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z} [g_2(D(G(z)))] \end{aligned}$$
- where  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2$  can be defined as different functions.
- Different  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2$  represent **different GAN losses**, which theoretically minimize **different distances** between the generative distribution and real data distribution.

# GANs: Losses

*Different losses and their corresponding distances:*

- **Minimax (regular) GAN:**

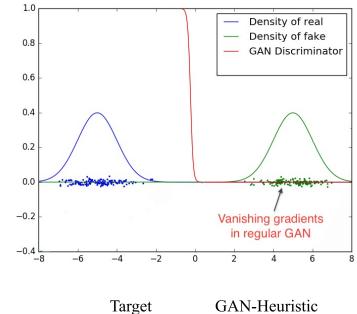
$$\min_G \max_D \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} [\log D(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z} [\log(1 - D(G(z)))]$$

$\downarrow$   
 $JSD(p_G || p_{\text{data}})$  (Jensen-Shannon divergence)

- Pros:** 1) easy to explain and theoretically analyze  
 2) partly avoid mode collapse  
 3) relative satiability at convergence

**Cons:**

- 1) **Gradients vanishing**



- **Heuristic GAN:**

$$\min_G -\mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z} [\log(D(G(z)))]$$

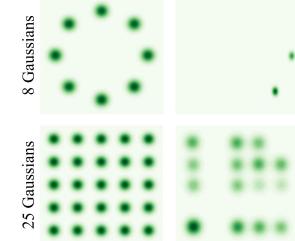
$$\max_D \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} [\log D(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_z} [\log(1 - D(G(z)))]$$

$\downarrow$   
 $KL(p_G || p_{\text{data}}) - 2JSD(p_G || p_{\text{data}})$

- Pros:** 1) KL divergence largely avoids vanishing gradient.  
 2) DCGAN, reasonable performance

**Cons:**

- 1) **Mode collapse caused by KL divergence**  
 2) Instability caused by -JSD



- **Least-squares GAN:**

$$\min_G \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z} [(D(G(z)) - 1)^2]$$

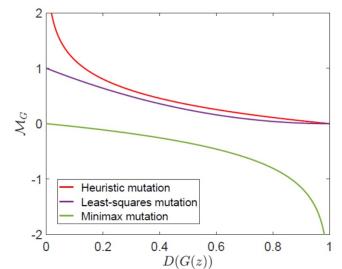
$$\max_D \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} [(D(x) - 1)^2] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_z} [(D(G(z)))^2]$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\chi^2_{\text{Pearson}}(p_{\text{data}} + p_G || 2p_G)$

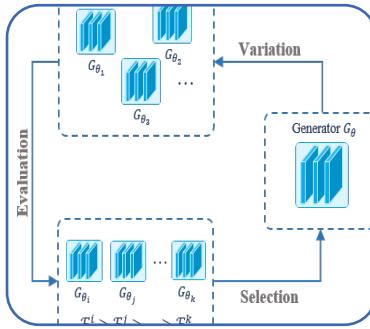
- Pros:** 1) Partly avoid mode collapse  
 2) Non-saturating when  $D(G(z)) \rightarrow 0$

**Cons:**

- 1) **Cannot assign an high cost to generate fake samples.**



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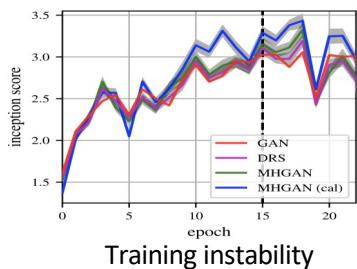
# Two-player v.s. Natural evolution

## Two-player Games (Most current GANs):

- Pre-defined movements and ‘fighting’ strategy.



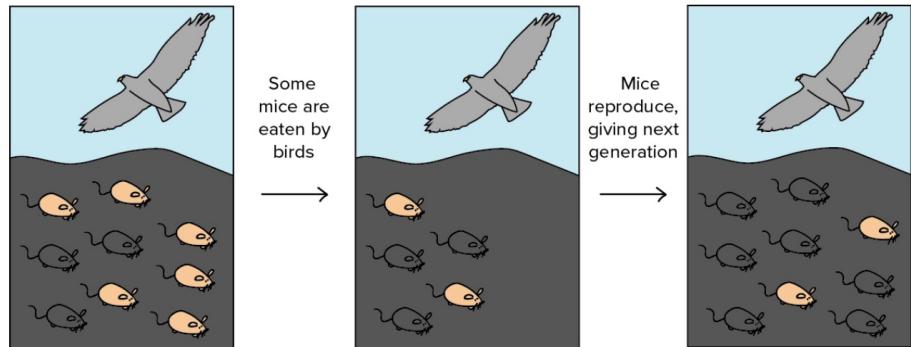
- **Consequence:** Carefully balance the capabilities of both *generator* and *discriminator*, otherwise, training problems (K.O.!)



Mode collapse

## Theory of Evolution & Natural Selection

- In nature, species get evolved by fighting against their natural enemy. Survival of the fittest.

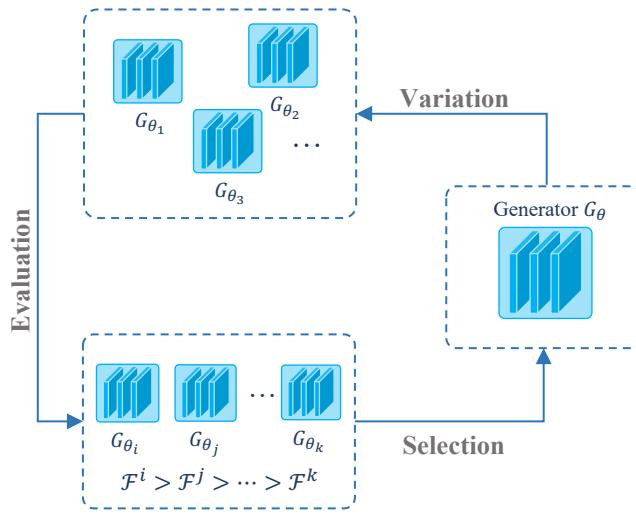


- The adversarial progress may also be regarded as the adversarial game between **the population of generators** (*i.e. Mouse*) and the **natural enemy discriminator** (*i.e. Birds*).

- Three most important components in an evolution process:
  - 1) *Genetic variation*
  - 2) *Individual evaluation*
  - 3) *Natural selection*

# Evolutionary training framework

**Framework:** Evolutionary Generative Adversarial Networks (E-GAN)



**Variation:** Given an individual  $G_\theta$  in the population, several copies of each individual, or parent, are created, each of which are modified by different mutations. Then, each modified copy in  $\{G_{\theta_1}, G_{\theta_2}, \dots\}$  is regarded as one child

- **Gene** is the parameters of the network.
- **Mutations** correspond to different generator losses (i.e. updating strategies)

**Evaluation:** For each child, its performance, or individual's quality, is evaluated by a fitness function  $\mathcal{F}(\cdot)$  that depends on the current enemy (i.e., discriminator  $D$ ).

- **Fitness function:** select the suitable/desired individuals for the following adversarial game.
- Or, we hope to evaluate the performance of current generator individual. Two properties are focused, 1) the quality and 2) the diversity of generated samples. Thus,

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_q + \lambda \mathcal{F}_d$$

- **Quality fitness score:**

$$\mathcal{F}_q = \mathbb{E}_z[D(G_{\theta_n}(z))]$$

- **Diversity fitness score:**

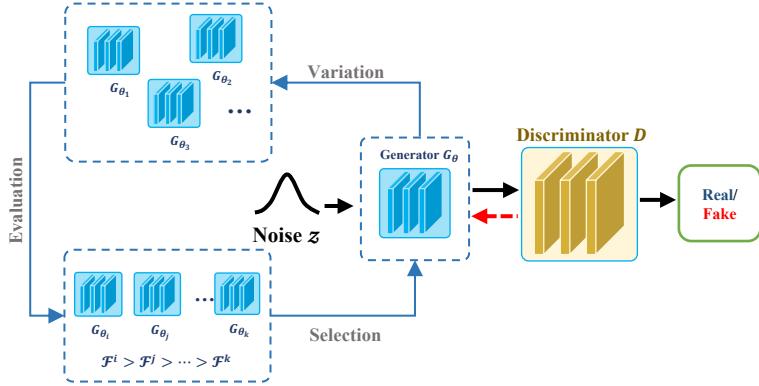
$$\mathcal{F}_d = -\log \|\nabla_D - \mathbb{E}_x[\log D(x)] - \mathbb{E}_z[\log(1 - D(G_{\theta_n}(z)))]\|$$

**Selection:** We employ a simple yet useful survivor selection strategy to determine the next generation based on the  $\mathcal{F}$  of existing individuals.

- Fitness scores evaluated in different generations cannot compare with each other.
- Select desired offspring is equivalent to selecting the effective adversarial strategies.
- $(\mu, \lambda)$ -selection: sorting  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^\lambda$ , the  $\mu$ -best individuals are selected.

# Evolutionary training framework

How about the discriminator  $D$  ?



- Updating strategy (vanilla training loss)

$$\mathcal{L}_D = -\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}} [\log D(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{y \sim p_g} [\log(1 - D(y))]$$

- Proof of the Optimal Discriminator

Based on our proving, though different two-player GANs have different training losses for both  $G$  and  $D$ , discriminator's losses considered in the proposed E-GAN lead to the same optimal discriminator:

$$D_{E-GAN}^* = \frac{p_{\text{data}}(x)}{p_{\text{data}}(x) + p_g(x)}$$

**Complete E-GAN Algorithm:**

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**Algorithm 1** E-GANs. Default Values  $\alpha = 0.0002$ ,  $\beta_1 = 0.5$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0.99$ ,  $n_D = 3$ ,  $n_m = 3$ , and  $m = 32$

**Require:** the batch size  $m$ . the discriminator's updating steps per iteration  $n_D$ . the number of parents  $\mu$ . the number of mutations  $n_m$ . Adam hyper-parameters  $\alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2$ , the hyper-parameter  $\gamma$  of evaluation function.

**Require:** initial discriminator's parameters  $w_0$ . initial generators' parameters  $\{\theta_0^1, \theta_0^2, \dots, \theta_0^\mu\}$ .

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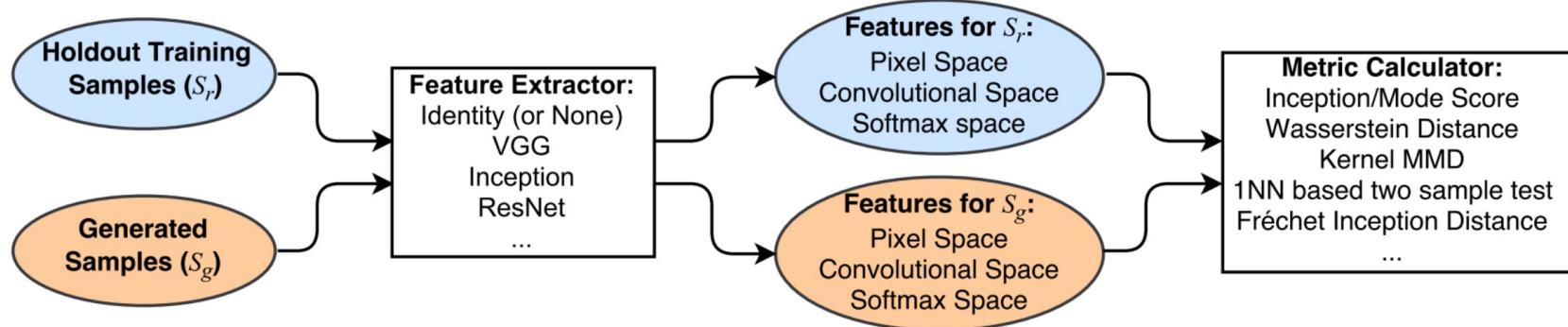
1: for number of training iterations do
2:   for  $k = 0, \dots, n_D$  do
3:     Sample a batch of  $\{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^m \sim p_{\text{data}}$  (training data),
   and a batch of  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^m \sim p_z$  (noise samples).
4:      $g_w \leftarrow \nabla_w [\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log D_w(x^{(i)})$ 
5:        $+ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^\mu \sum_{i=1}^{m/\mu} \log(1 - D_w(G_{\theta_j}(z^{(i)})))]$ 
6:      $w \leftarrow \text{Adam}(g_w, w, \alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2)$ 
7:   end for
8:   for  $j = 0, \dots, \mu$  do
9:     for  $h = 0, \dots, n_m$  do
10:      Sample a batch of  $\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^m \sim p_z$ 
11:       $g_{\theta_j.h} \leftarrow \nabla_{\theta_j} \mathcal{M}_G^h(\{z^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^m, \theta_j^h)$ 
12:       $\theta_{\text{child}}^{j,h} \leftarrow \text{Adam}(g_{\theta_j.h}, \theta^j, \alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2)$ 
13:       $\mathcal{F}^{j,h} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}_q^{j,h} + \gamma \mathcal{F}_d^{j,h}$ 
14:    end for
15:  end for
16:   $\{\mathcal{F}^{j_1,h_1}, \mathcal{F}^{j_2,h_2}, \dots\} \leftarrow \text{sort}(\{\mathcal{F}^{j,h}\})$ 
17:   $\theta^1, \theta^2, \dots, \theta^\mu \leftarrow \theta_{\text{child}}^{j_1,h_1}, \theta_{\text{child}}^{j_2,h_2}, \dots, \theta_{\text{child}}^{j_\mu,h_\mu}$ 
18: end for

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# E-GANs: Experiments

## Evaluation Metrics:



- **The Inception Score (IS):**

$$\text{IS}(\mathbb{P}_g) = e^{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbb{P}_g} [KL(p_{\mathcal{M}}(y|\mathbf{x}) || p_{\mathcal{M}}(y))]}$$

where  $p_{\mathcal{M}}(y|\mathbf{x})$  denotes the label distribution of  $\mathbf{x}$  as predicted by  $\mathcal{M}$ , and  $p_{\mathcal{M}}(y) = \int_{\mathbf{x}} p_{\mathcal{M}}(y|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbb{P}_g$ , i.e., the marginal of  $p_{\mathcal{M}}(y|\mathbf{x})$  over the probability measure  $\mathbb{P}_g$ .

A higher IS happens when the Inception network is very **confident that the image belongs to a particular ImageNet category**, and has  $p_{\mathcal{M}}(y)$  close to uniform, i.e., **all categories are equally represented**.

- **The Fréchet Inception Distance (FID):**

$$\text{FID}(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g) = \|\mu_r - \mu_g\| + \text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}_r + \mathbf{C}_g - 2(\mathbf{C}_r \mathbf{C}_g)^{1/2})$$

where  $\mu_r$  ( $\mu_g$ ) and  $\mathbf{C}_r$  ( $\mathbf{C}_g$ ) are the **mean** and **covariance** of the real (generated) distribution, respectively. Note the variables (or distributions  $\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g$ ) correspond to **features** extracted from real (generated) samples.

Under the **Gaussian assumption** on both  $\mathbb{P}_r$  and  $\mathbb{P}_g$ , i.e., extracted features, the Fréchet distance is equivalent to the **Wasserstein-2 distance**.

# E-GANs: Experiments

## Synthetic Datasets and Mode Collapse:

- Target/real distribution: 2D Gaussian mixture distributions (8 Gaussians and 25 Gaussians)
- Quantitative metric: Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD).
- Two-player GANs are more or less troubled by the mode collapse issue. Meanwhile, E-GAN without diversity fitness function (i.e.  $\gamma=0$ ) also shows model collapse. Yet, the basic E-GAN model, which only keeps the best children each iteration, achieved much better performance.

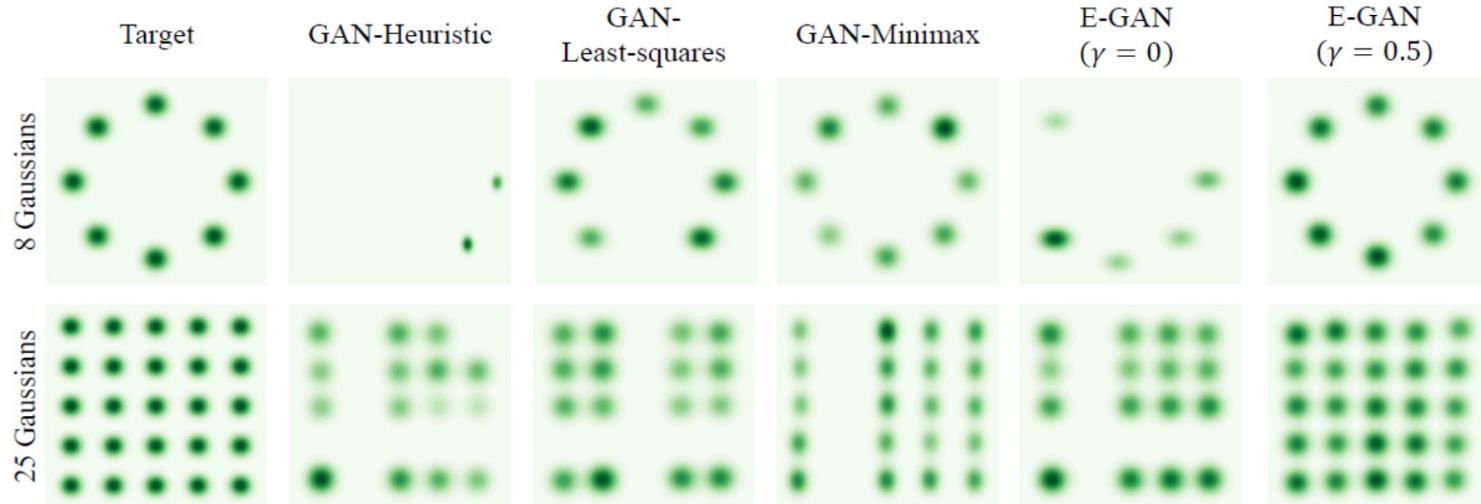


TABLE II

MMD ( $\times 10^{-2}$ ) WITH MIXED GAUSSIAN DISTRIBUTIONS ON OUR TOY DATASETS. WE RAN EACH METHOD FOR 10 TIMES, AND REPORT THEIR AVERAGE AND BEST RESULTS. THE METHOD WITH LOWER MMD VALUE IMPLIES THE GENERATED DISTRIBUTION IS CLOSER TO THE TARGET ONE.

Methods	8 Gaussians		25 Gaussians	
	Average	Best	Average	Best
GAN-Heuristic	45.27	33.2	2.80	2.19
GAN-Least-squares	3.99	3.16	1.83	1.72
GAN-Minimax	2.94	1.89	1.65	1.55
E-GAN ( $\lambda = 0$ , without GP)	11.54	7.31	1.69	1.60
E-GAN ( $\lambda = 0.5$ , without GP)	<b>2.36</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.04</b>

# E-GANs: Experiments

## CIFAR-10 Dataset and Training Stability:

- Convergence speed:

Much less training iterations, and reasonable training time

- Training stability and inception score:

GAN-Heuristic: instability at convergence

GAN-Minimax: invalid

Fitness function: limited performance

- Selected adversarial strategies:

More GAN-Heuristic in the beginning, yet Minimax became more and more

- # of survived parents:

Long-term, bigger population brings better performance

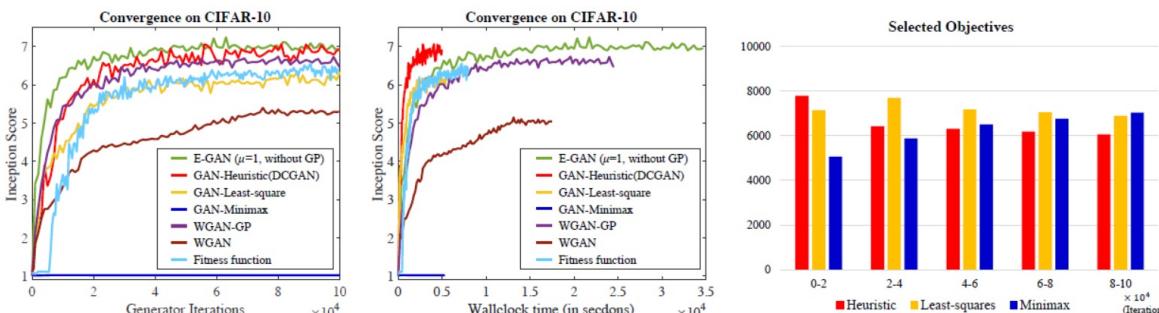


Fig. 4. Experiments on the CIFAR-10 dataset. CIFAR-10 inception score over generator iterations (left), over wall-clock time (middle), and the graph of selected mutations in the E-GAN training process (right).



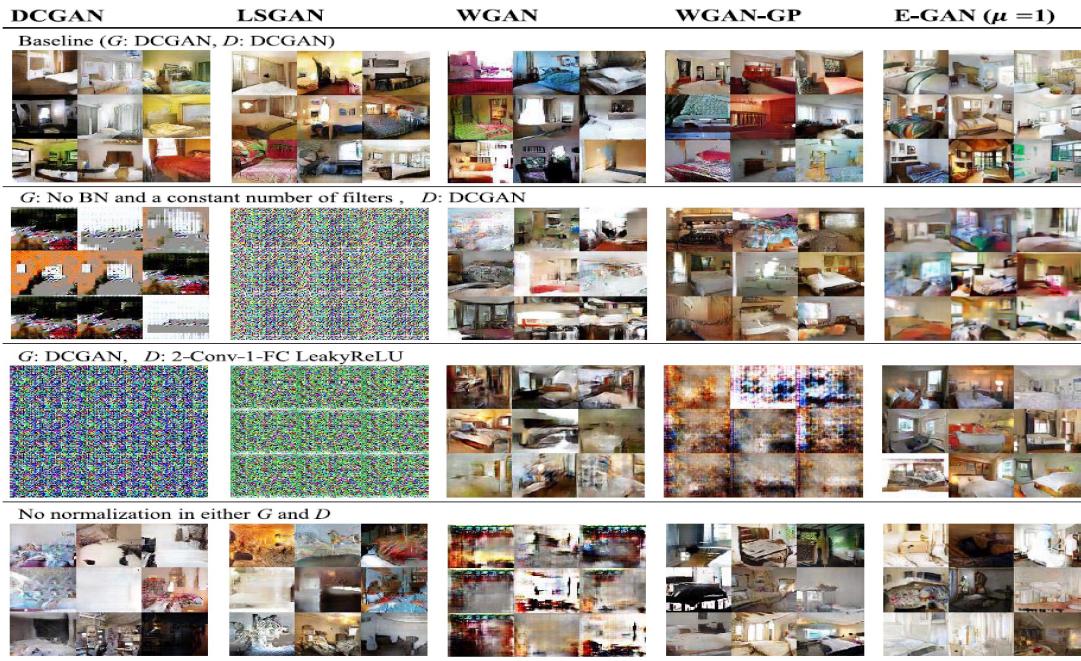
TABLE III  
INCEPTION SCORES AND FIDS WITH UNSUPERVISED IMAGE  
GENERATION ON CIFAR-10. THE METHOD WITH HIGHER IS OR  
LOWER FID IMPLIES THE GENERATED DISTRIBUTION  
IS CLOSER TO THE TARGET ONE. † [22], ‡ [6]

Methods	Inception score	FID
Real data	$11.24 \pm .12$	7.8
<b>-Standard CNN-</b>		
(ours) E-GAN-GP ( $\mu = 1$ )	$7.13 \pm .07$	33.2
(ours) E-GAN-GP ( $\mu = 2$ )	$7.23 \pm .08$	31.6
(ours) E-GAN-GP ( $\mu = 4$ )	$7.32 \pm .09$	29.8
(ours) E-GAN-GP ( $\mu = 8$ )	<b><math>7.34 \pm .07</math></b>	<b>27.3</b>
(ours) E-GAN ( $\mu = 1$ , without GP)	$6.98 \pm .09$	36.2
DCGAN (without GP) <sup>†</sup>	$6.64 \pm .14$	-
GAN-GP <sup>‡</sup>	$6.93 \pm .08$	37.7
WGAN-GP <sup>‡</sup>	$6.68 \pm .06$	40.2

# E-GANs: Experiments

## LSUN and Architecture Robustness:

- Experiments of architecture robustness. Different GAN architectures, which correspond to different training challenges.
- According to both visual observation and FID score (FID is better than IS in this case), our E-GAN achieved better results on all of four different configurations.
- 128x128 Bedrooms are generated and reported below.

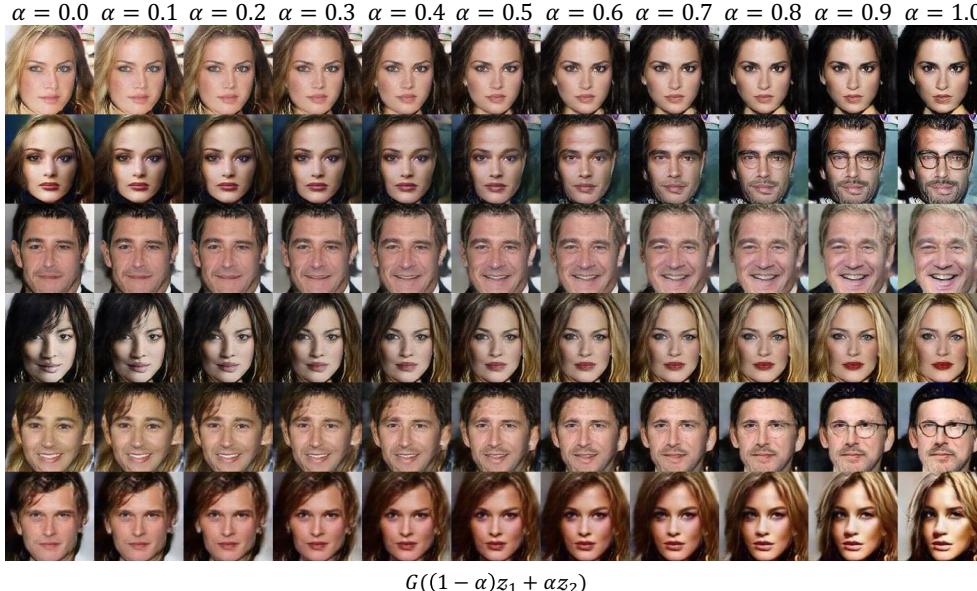


Methods	FID			
	-Baseline-	-Weak G-	-Weak D-	-Weak both-
DCGAN	43.7	187.3	410.6	82.7
LSGAN	46.3	452.9	423.1	126.2
WGAN	51.1	113.6	129.2	115.7
WGAN-GP	38.5	66.7	385.8	73.2
(ours) E-GAN ( $\mu = 1$ , without GP)	34.2	63.3	64.8	71.9
(ours) E-GAN ( $\mu = 4$ , without GP)	<b>29.7</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>60.9</b>

# E-GANs: Experiments

## CelebA and Space Continuity:

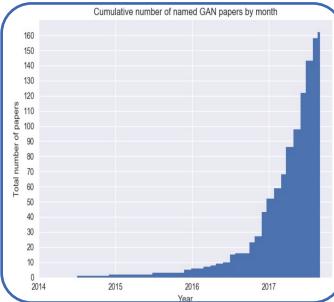
- We first select pairs of generated faces and record their corresponding latent vectors  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ . The two images in one pair have different attributes, such as gender, expression, hairstyle, and age. Then, linear interpolating between them, i.e.  $(1 - \alpha)z_1 + \alpha z_2$ .
- Generated samples can seamlessly change between these semantically meaningful face attributes.



## Conclusion:

To reduce training difficulties and improve generative performance, we devised an evolutionary algorithm to evolve a population of generators to adapt to the natural enemy (*i.e.* the discriminator  $D$ ). In contrast to two-player GANs, the evolutionary paradigm allows the proposed E-GAN to overcome the limitations of individual adversarial objectives and preserve the well-performing offspring after each iteration. Experiments showed that E-GAN improves the training stability of GAN models and achieves convincing generative performance.

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# GANs: Visual Applications

*The first GAN in 2014:*



(Goodfellow et al., 2014)

- The generator and discriminator employ basic **fully-connected nets**.

*DCGAN in 2015:*



(Radford et al., 2015)

- The generator and discriminator employ **deep convolutional nets**.

*CoGAN in 2016:*



(Liu et al., 2015)

- **Multiple** generator and discriminator with **weight sharing** layers.

*StyleGAN in 2018:*



(Karras et al., 2015)

- Inject the input into the each convolutional layer of the generator through **adaptive instance normalization (AdaIN)**.

*SNGAN & projection discriminator in 2018:*



(Miyato et al., 2014)

- **Spectral normalization** is devised to control the **Lipschitz constant** of the discriminator function, which can stabilize training process.
- **Projection D** structure is devised for better conditional generation.

*SAGAN in later 2018:*



(Zhang et al., 2018)

- **Self-attention module** is introduced to improve generation capability and performance.

*GauGAN in 2019:*



(Park et al., 2019)

- **Spatially-Adaptive Normalization** is proposed to involve semantic information during the generation.

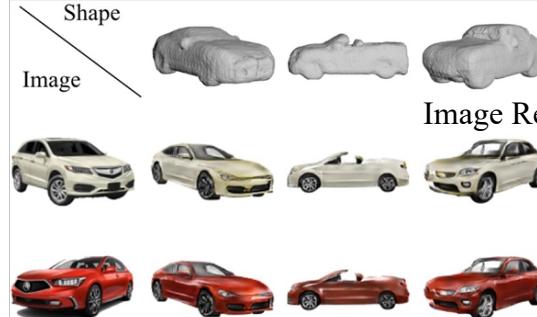
# GANs: Visual Applications

## Image Generation



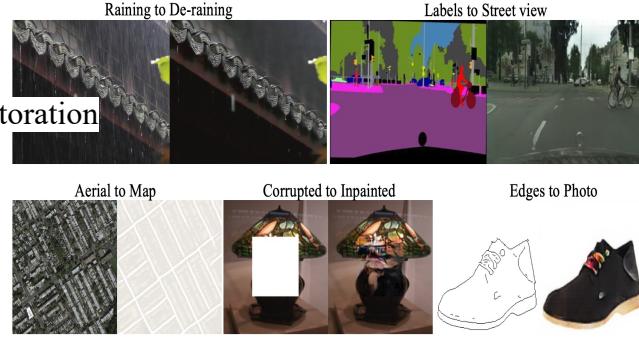
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## 3D Object Generation



Zhu, et al. "Visual object networks: image generation with disentangled 3D representations." In *NeurIPS*, 2018.

## Image Restoration



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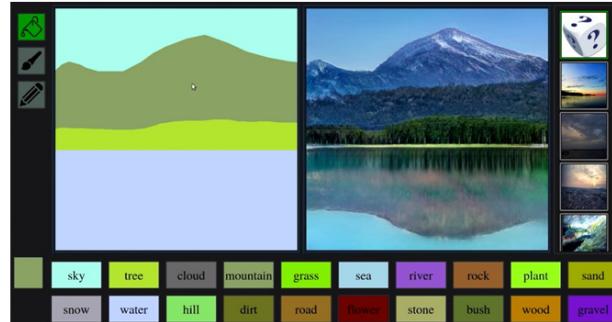
## Video Generation



照片

生成视频帧

## Image-to-Image translation



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输入图像

## Style Transfer



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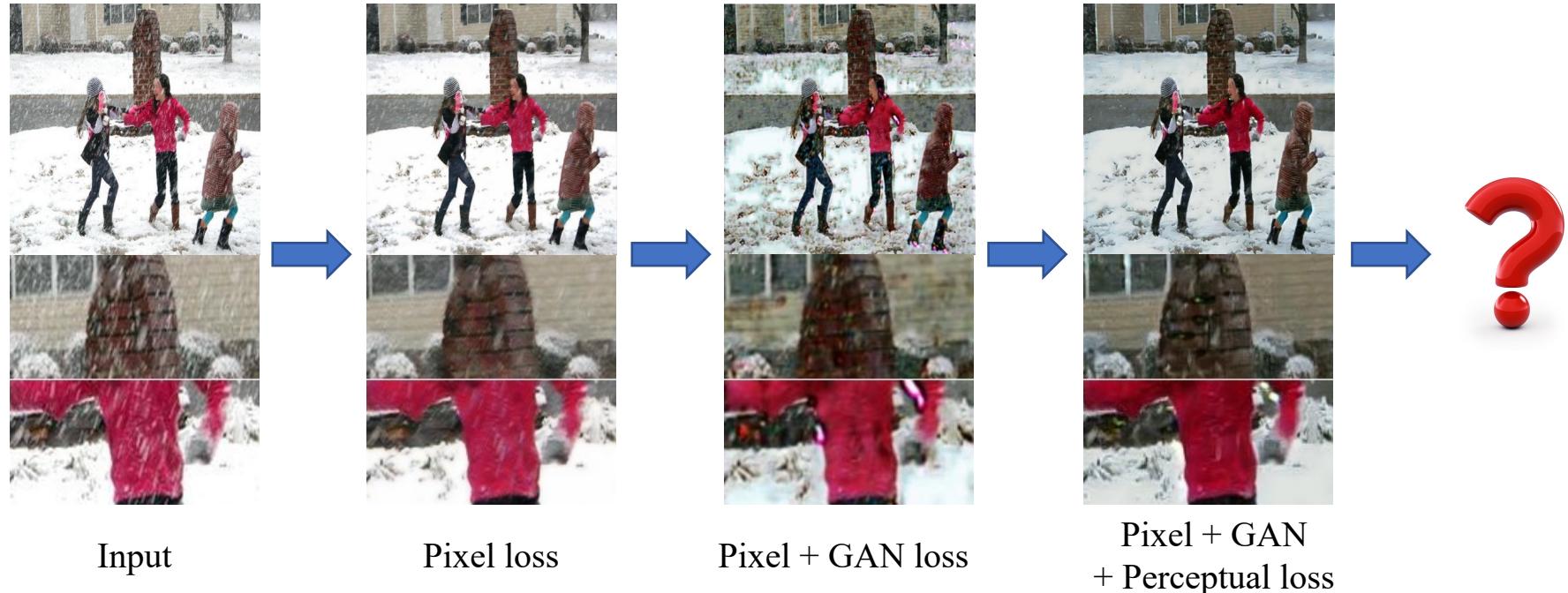
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# Pix2pix, CycleGAN & Perceptual loss



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# Pix2pix, CycleGAN & Perceptual loss



Pixel loss



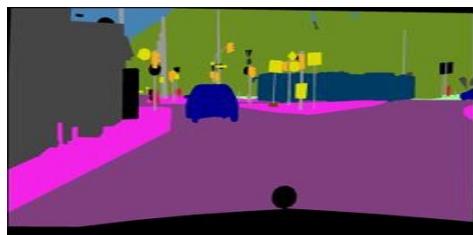
Pixel + GAN loss



Pixel + Perceptual loss



Pixel + GAN  
+ Perceptual loss



Input



Output

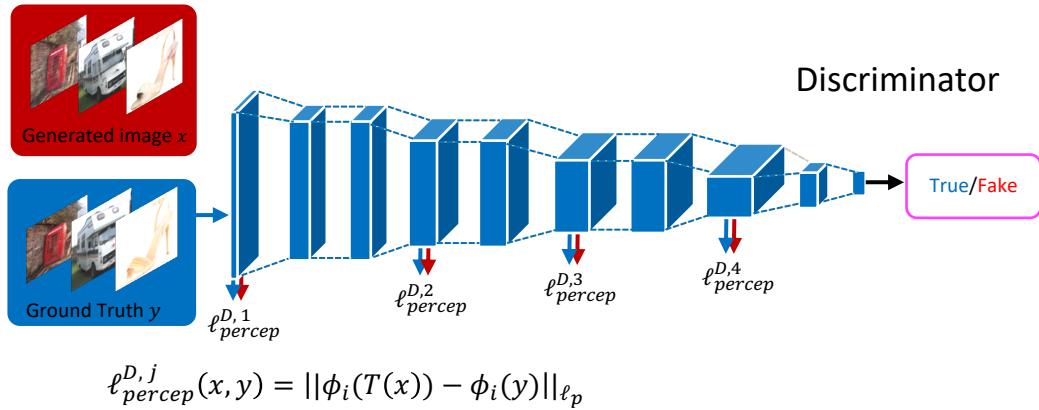


Ground truth

Pixel loss  
Perceptual loss

# Perceptual adversarial networks (PAN)

*Perceptual adversarial loss (feature matching loss)*



$$\begin{aligned} & \min_G -\mathbb{E}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} [\log D(G(x))] + \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \sum_{(x,y)} \lambda_j \ell_{percep}^{D,j}(x, y) \\ & \max_D \mathbb{E}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} [\log D(y)] - \mathbb{E}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} [\log(1 - D(G(x)))] + \left[ m - \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \sum_{(x,y)} \lambda_j \ell_{percep}^{D,j}(x, y) \right]^+ \end{aligned}$$

- The perceptual adversarial loss is devised to form dynamic measurements based on the hidden layers of the discriminator  $D$ .
- It minimizes differences between generated images and real images from dynamic semantic feature levels.
- The subsequently proposed **feature matching loss** (pix2pixHD) shares a similar idea with us and is widely used in existing algorithms.



(Wang et al., 2018)

# PAN: Experiments

TABLE III  
DE-RAINING

	PSNR(dB)	SSIM	UQI	VIF
L2	22.77	0.7959	0.6261	0.3570
cGAN	21.87	0.7306	0.5810	0.3173
L2+cGAN	22.19	0.8083	0.6278	0.3640
ID-CGAN	22.91	0.8198	0.6473	0.3885
PAN	<b>23.35</b>	<b>0.8303</b>	<b>0.6644</b>	<b>0.4050</b>
PA Loss+cGAN	23.22	0.8078	0.6375	0.3904

TABLE IV  
IN-PAINTING

	PSNR(dB)	SSIM	UQI	VIF
Context-Encoder	21.74	0.8242	0.7828	0.5818
PAN	<b>21.85</b>	<b>0.8307</b>	<b>0.7956</b>	<b>0.6104</b>

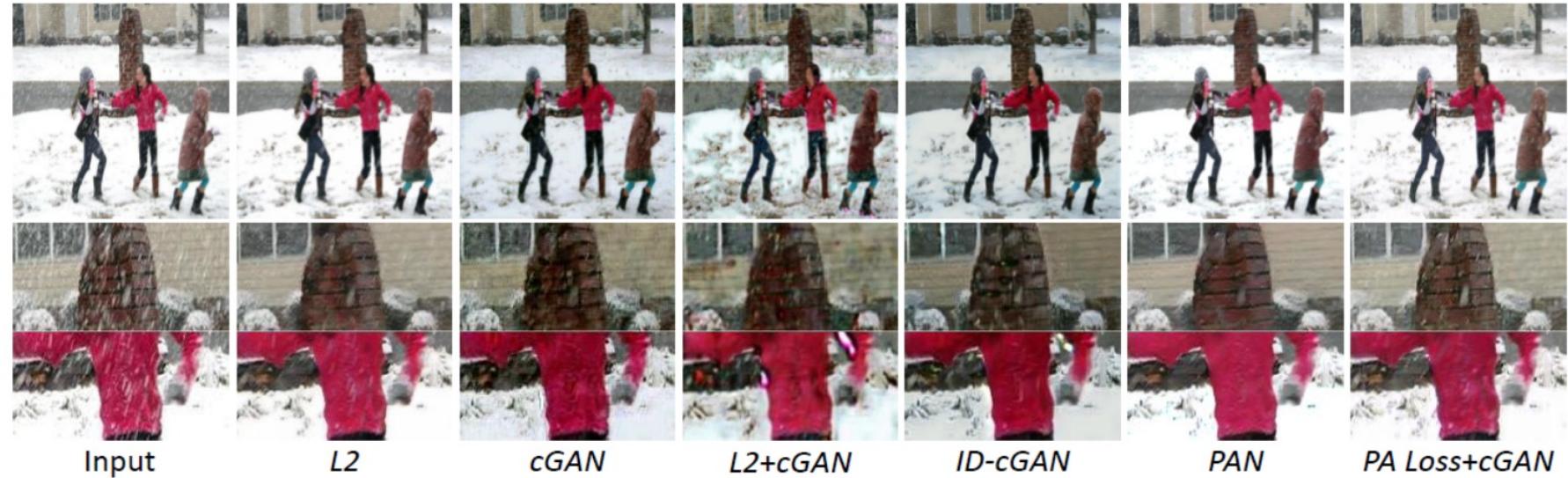
TABLE V  
COMPARISON WIHT PIX2PIX-CGAN

Senmatic labels → Cityscapes imgs				
	PSNR(dB)	SSIM	UQI	VIF
pix2pix-cGAN	15.74	0.4275	0.07315	0.05208
PAN	<b>16.06</b>	<b>0.4820</b>	<b>0.1116</b>	<b>0.06581</b>
Edges → Shoes				
	PSNR(dB)	SSIM	UQI	VIF
ID-cGAN	<b>20.07</b>	0.7504	0.2724	0.2268
PAN	19.51	<b>0.7816</b>	<b>0.3442</b>	<b>0.2393</b>
Edges → Handbags				
	PSNR(dB)	SSIM	UQI	VIF
ID-cGAN	<b>16.50</b>	0.6307	0.3978	0.1723
PAN	15.90	<b>0.6570</b>	<b>0.4042</b>	<b>0.1841</b>
Cityscapes images → Semantic labels				
	PSNR(dB)	SSIM	UQI	VIF
ID-cGAN	19.46	0.7270	0.1555	0.1180
PAN	<b>20.67</b>	<b>0.7725</b>	<b>0.1732</b>	<b>0.1638</b>
Aerial photos → Maps				
	PSNR(dB)	SSIM	UQI	VIF
ID-cGAN	26.10	0.6465	0.09125	0.02913
PAN	<b>28.32</b>	<b>0.7520</b>	<b>0.3372</b>	<b>0.1617</b>

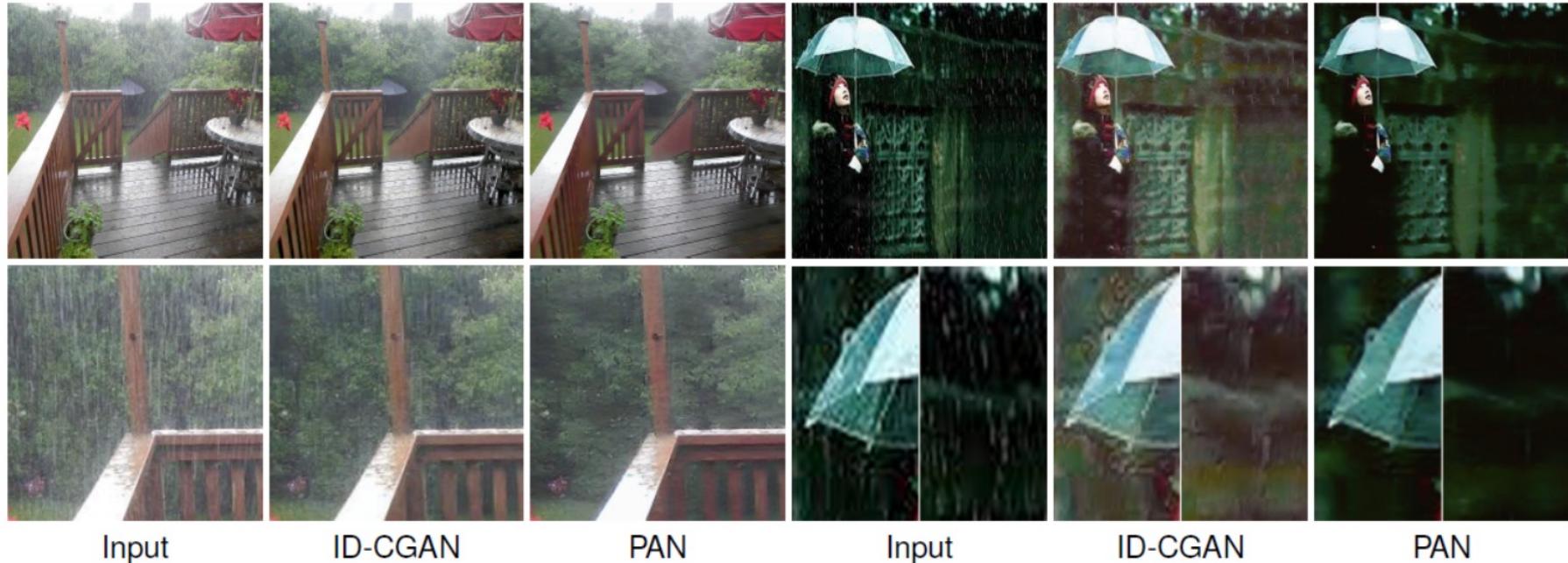
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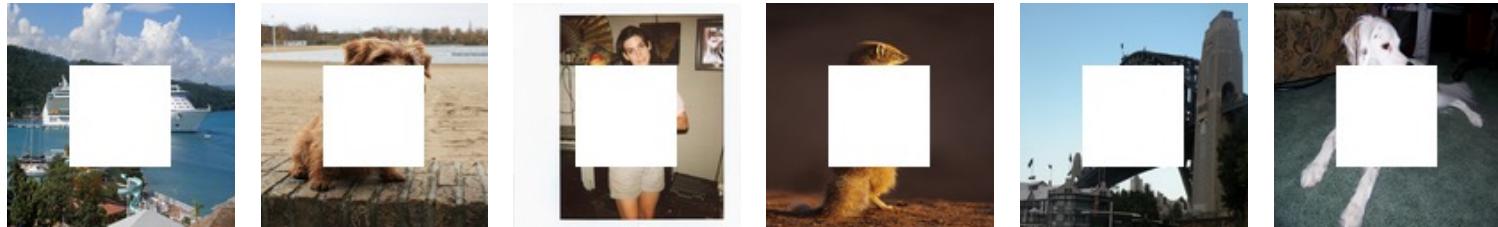


# PAN: Experiments



# PAN: Experiments

Input



Context  
Encoder

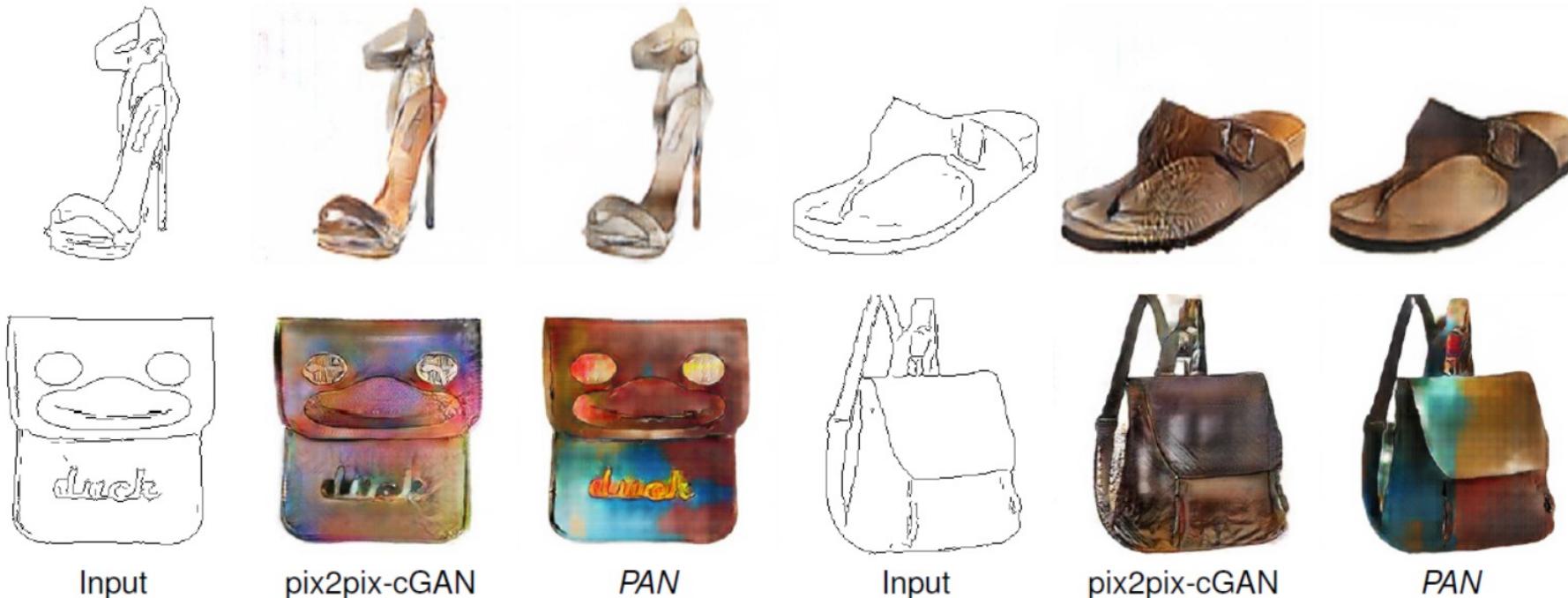


PAN (Ours)



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# PAN: Experiments



# PAN: Experiments

