

# Tutorial 5: DCGAN

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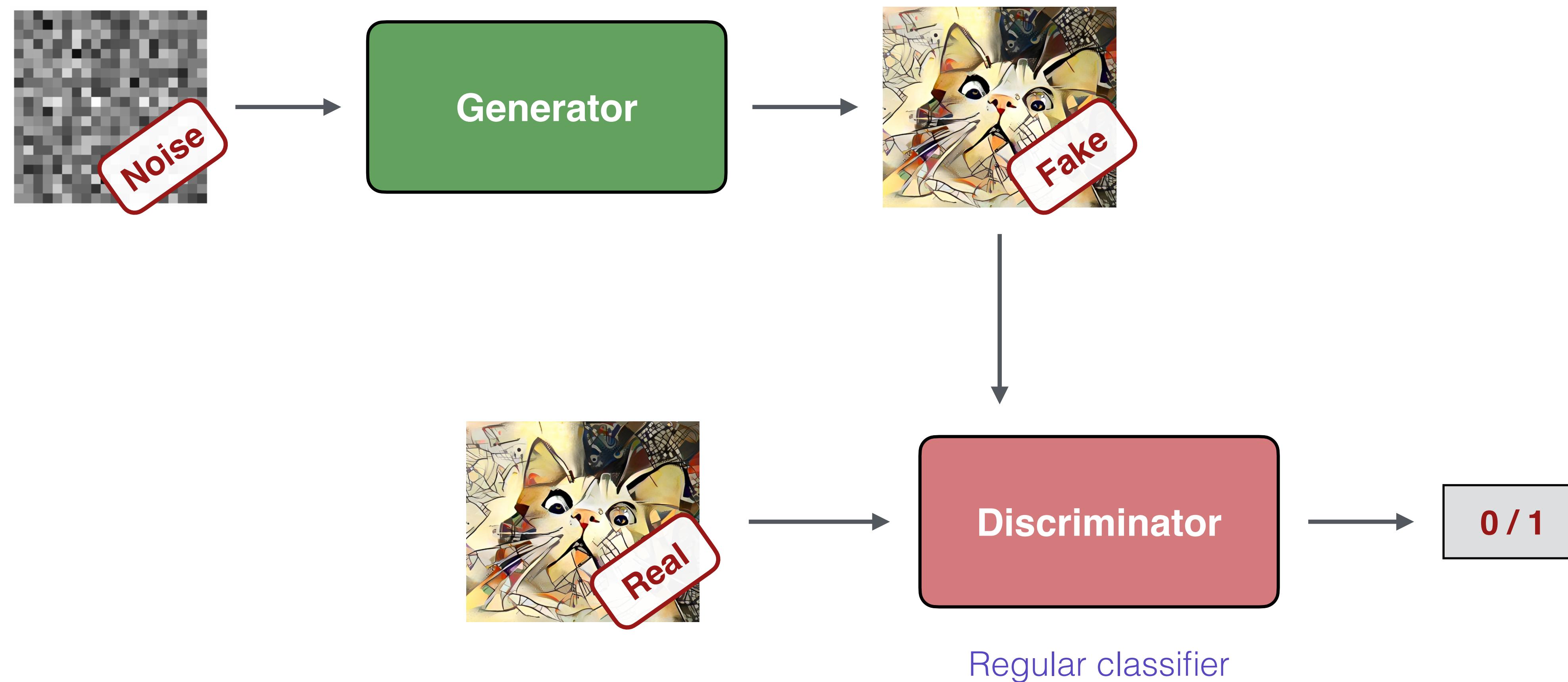


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- ♦ We'll generate some celebrity faces
- ♦ In general, GANs are
  - hard to train (can be unstable)
  - Confusing to understand (loss etc.) You've probably seen in Eilam's lecture
- ♦ Here's some notes on the *confusing part*



# GAN



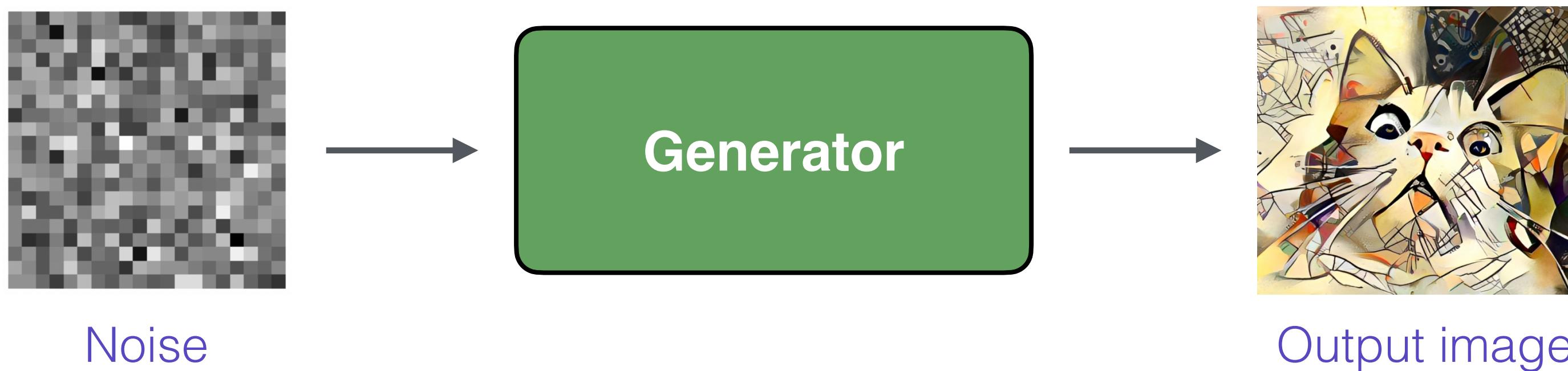
**Loss? It's a bit tricky**

# Discriminator is a regular binary classifier



**Binary Cross entropy loss**

# Generator loss?



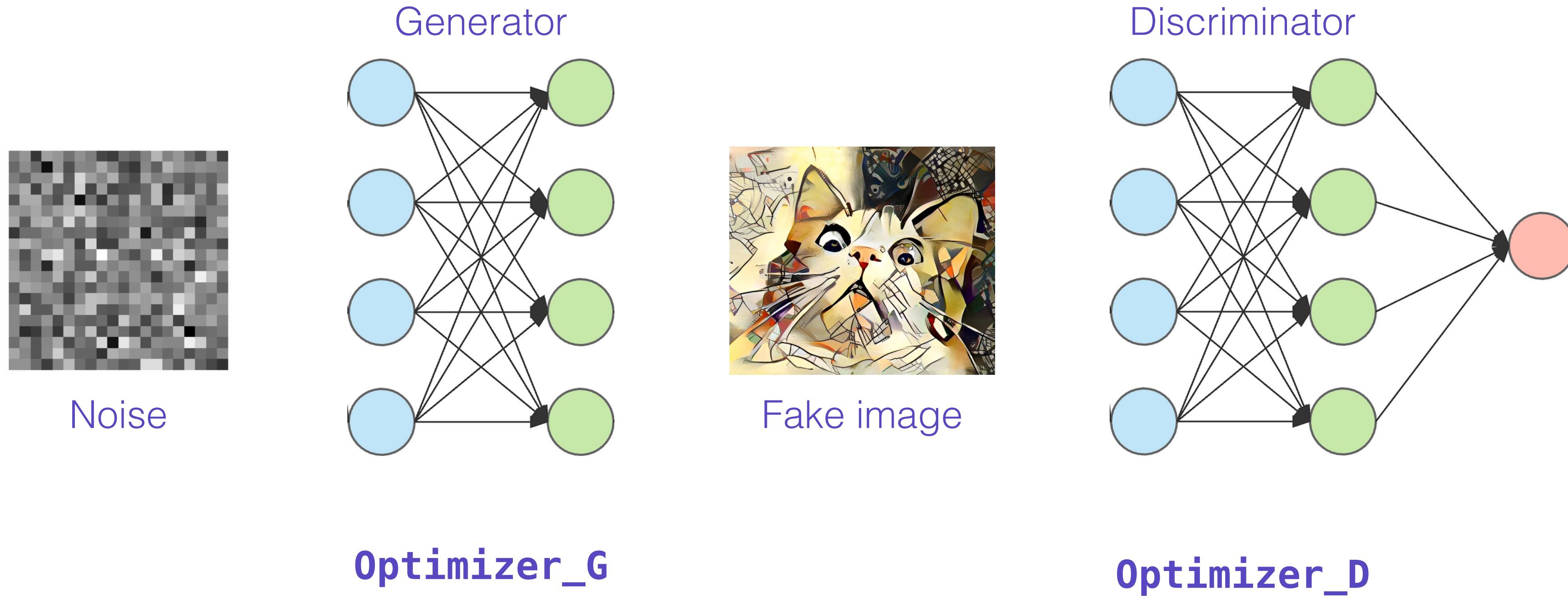
- ♦ Exploit the adversary
- ♦ Generate a FAKE image
  - Ask the Discriminator how REAL does it look?
  - “How REAL does it look?” → “What’s the loss if the target label is REAL?”
  - We flip the label to be REAL (1) and compute the loss

# GAN recipe

- ♦ Train Discriminator
  - Get real images, generate fake images
  - Compute **discriminator loss**; update **discriminator**
- ♦ Train Generator
  - Label the fake images as real
  - Compute **discriminator loss**; update **generator**

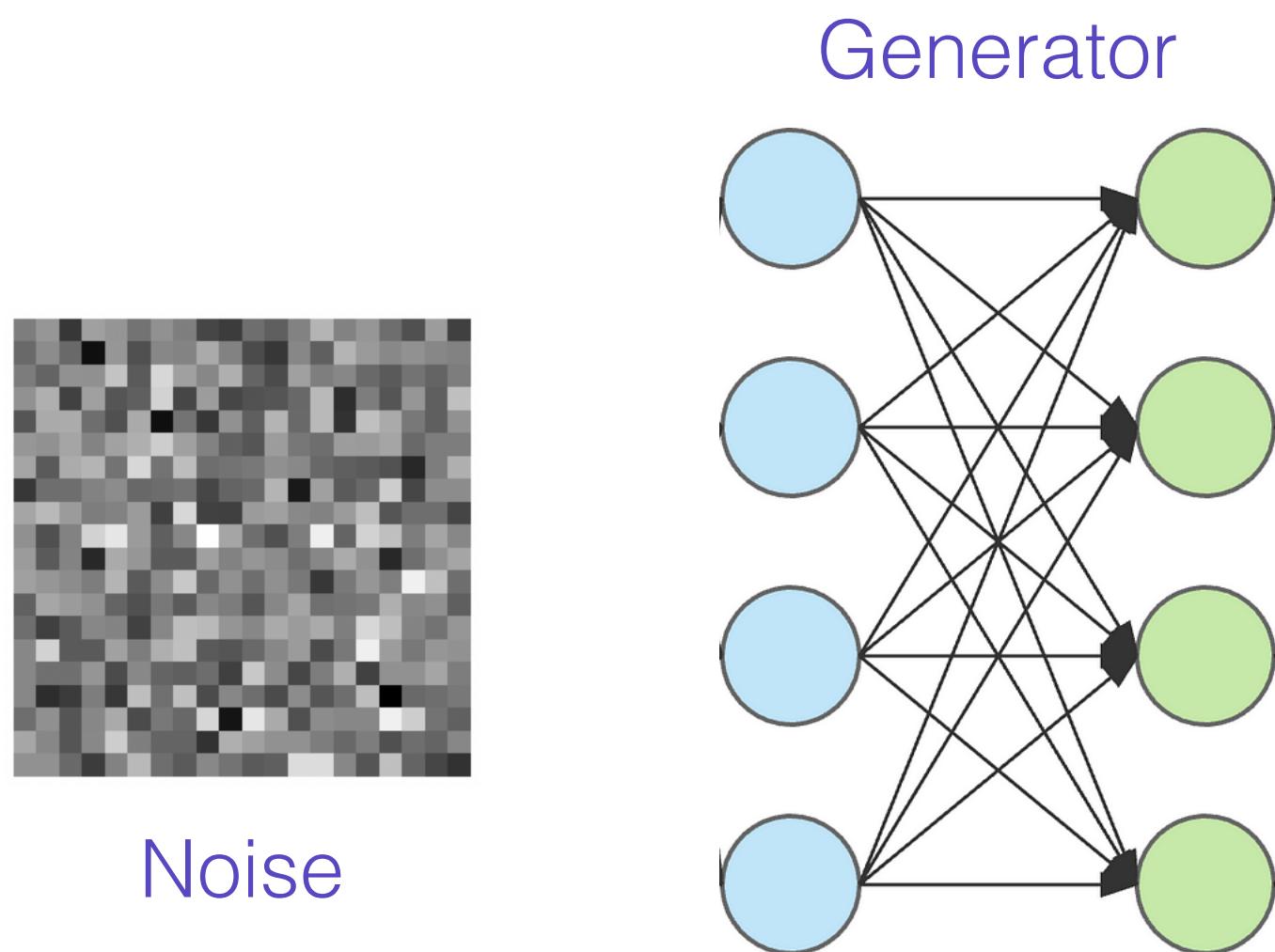
Always computing Discriminator loss, but updating generator when the labels are flipped

.detach()

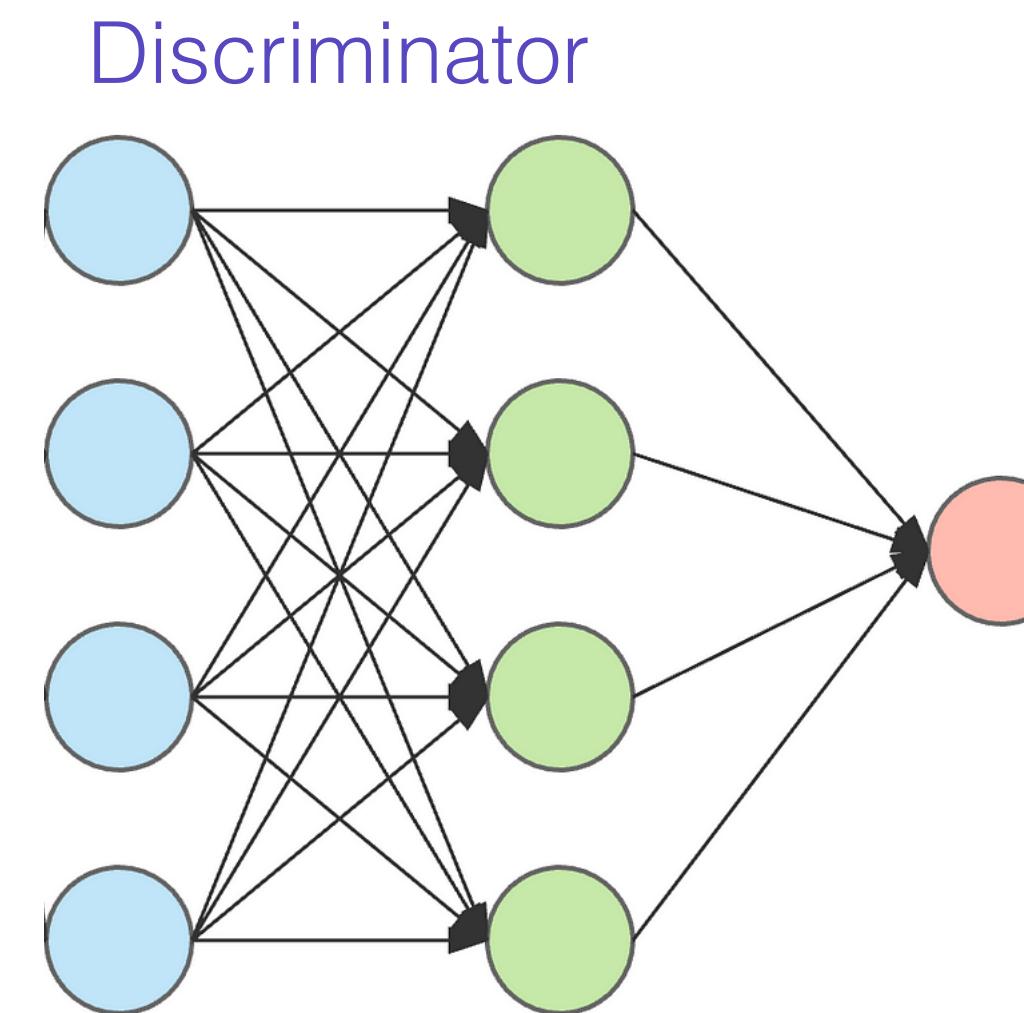


- ◆ Two networks → Two optimizers
  - We decide which one to update when

The two networks actually looks like  
**a one big network**



Fake image



`loss.backward()`

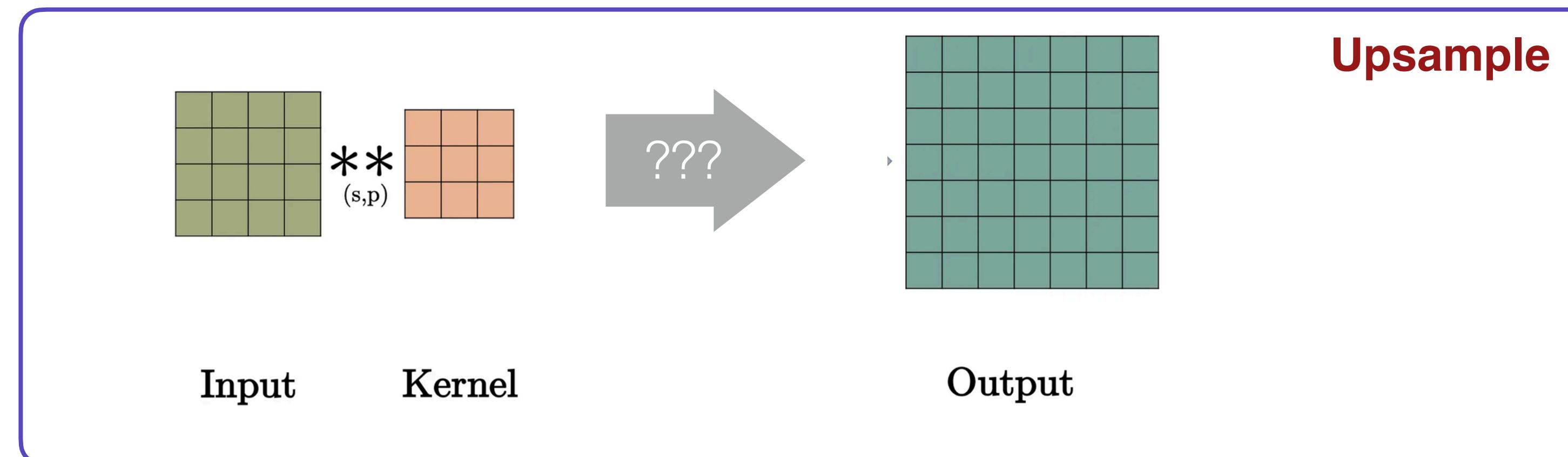
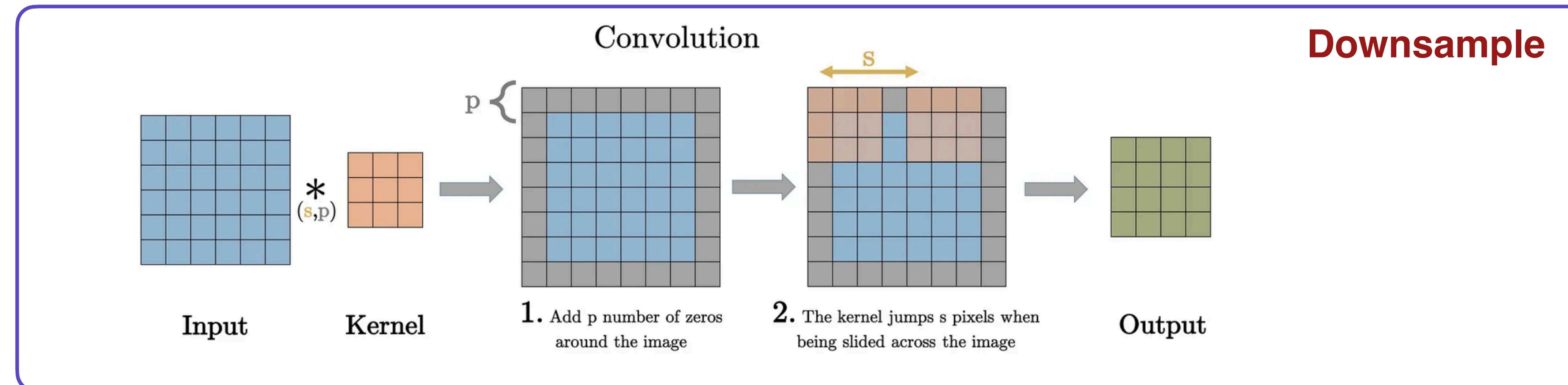
`fake_img.detach()`

Will stop the gradients from flowing back to Generator  
Can train the Discriminator in isolation

Gradients will always flow all the way back to the generator

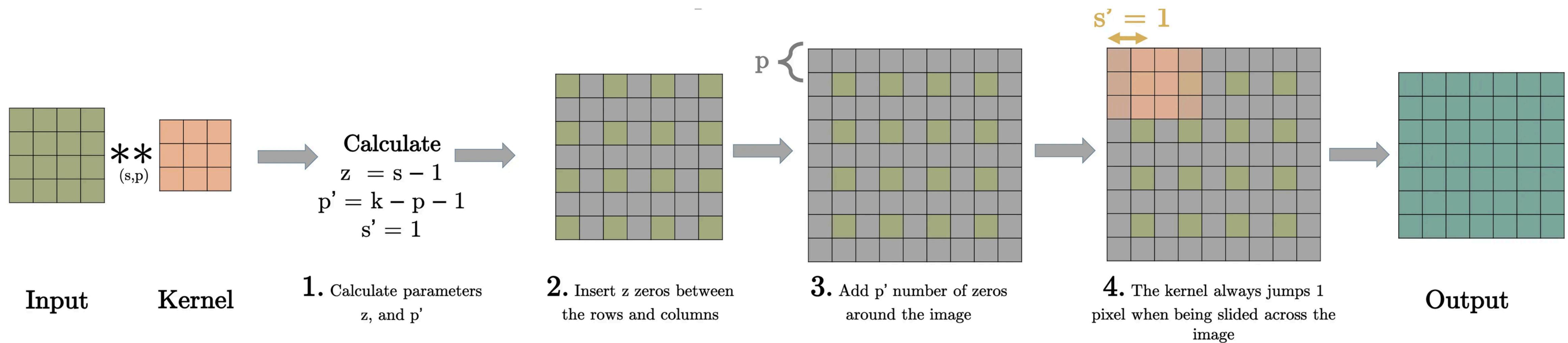
# Transposed Convolution

# Cons vs TransConv



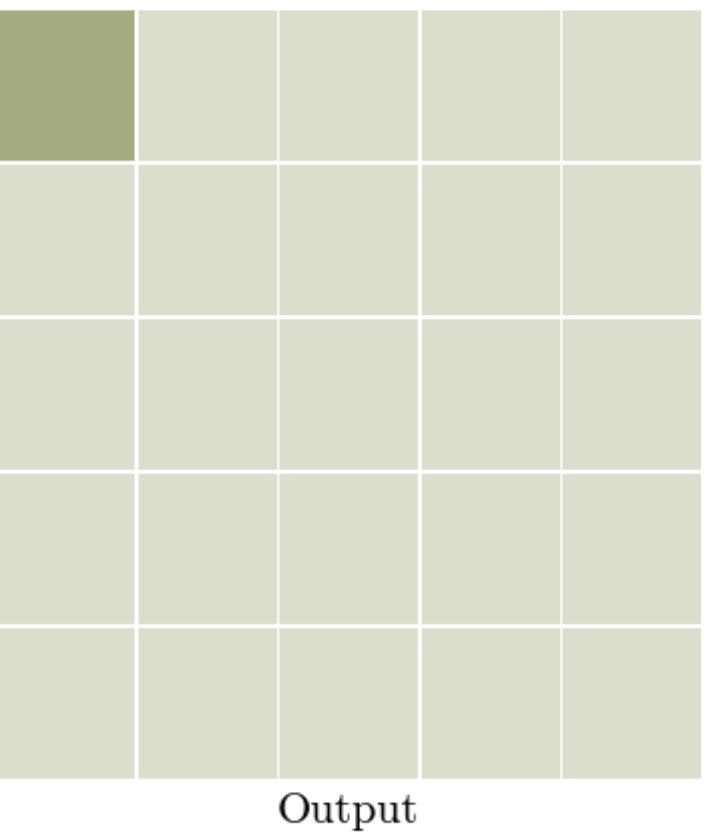
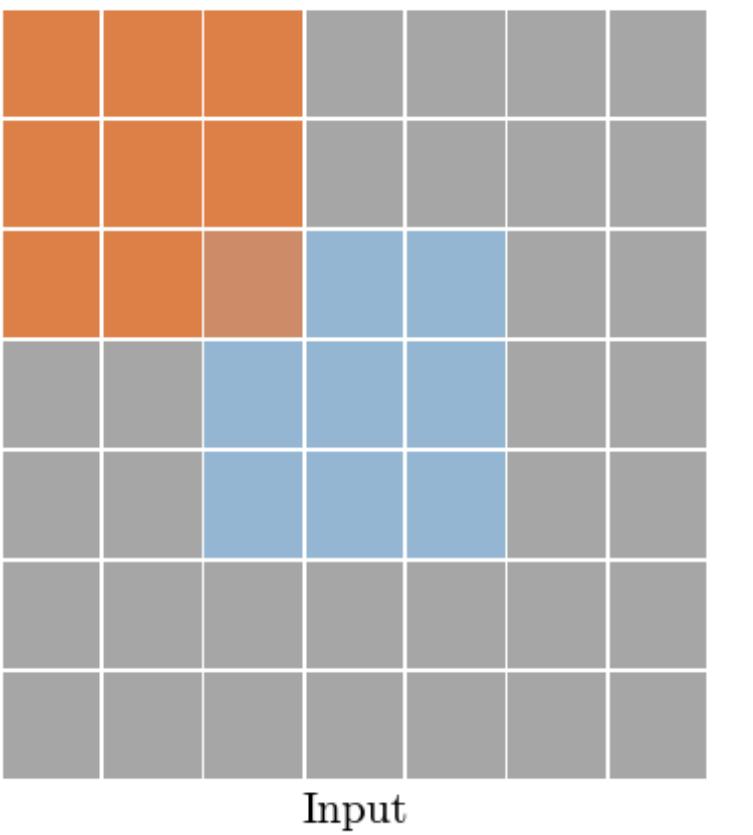
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# TransConv

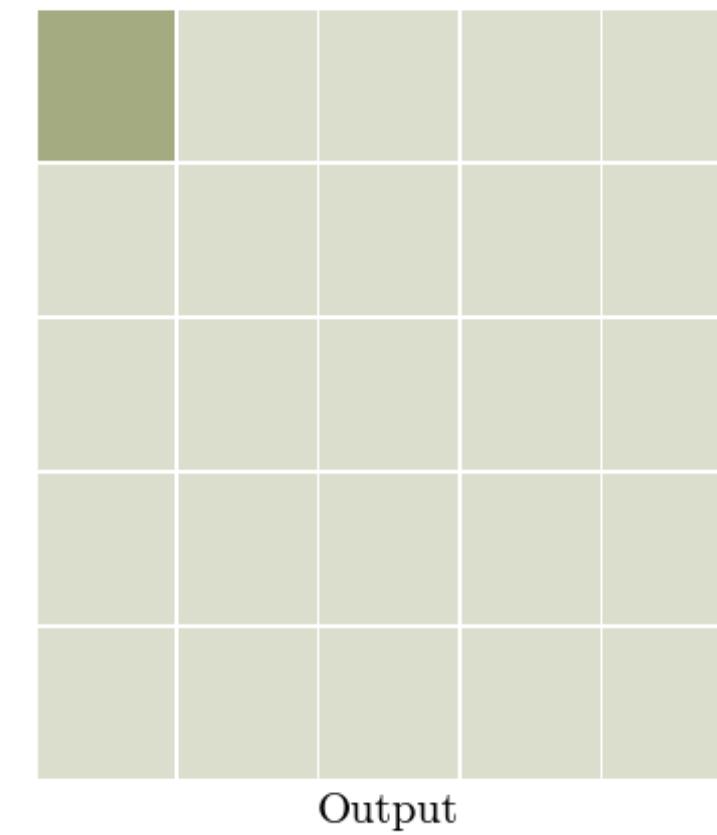
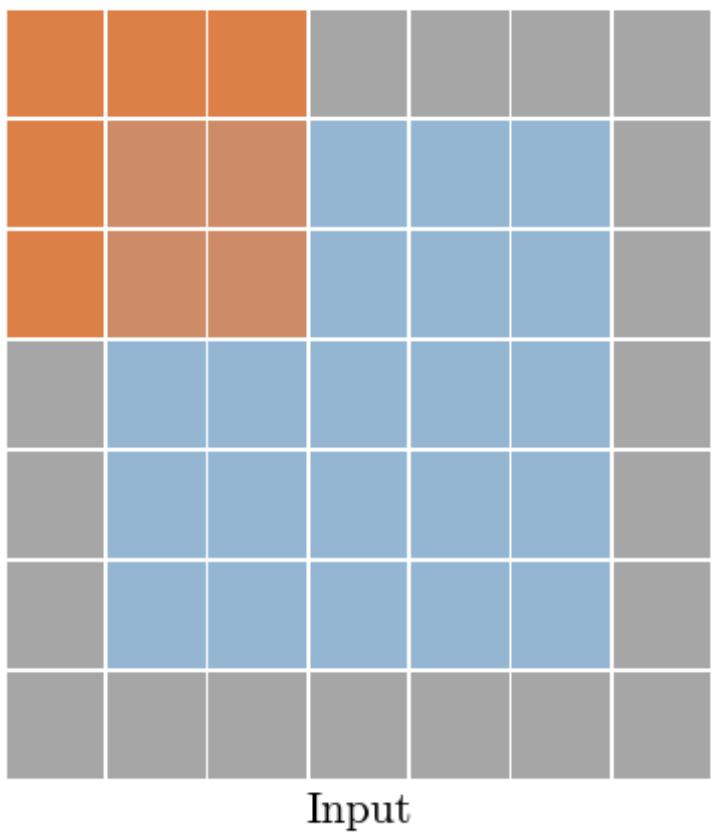


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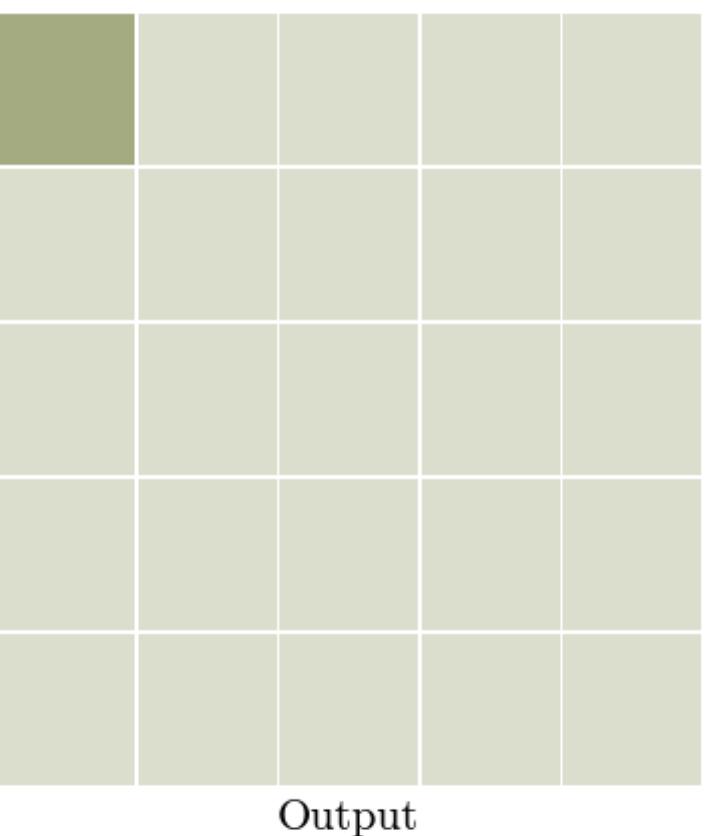
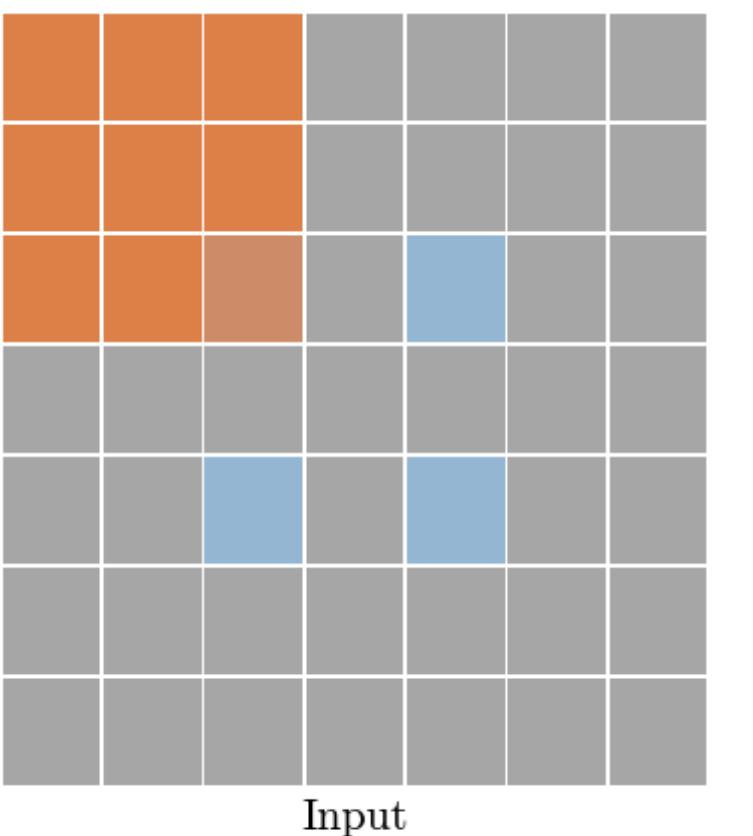
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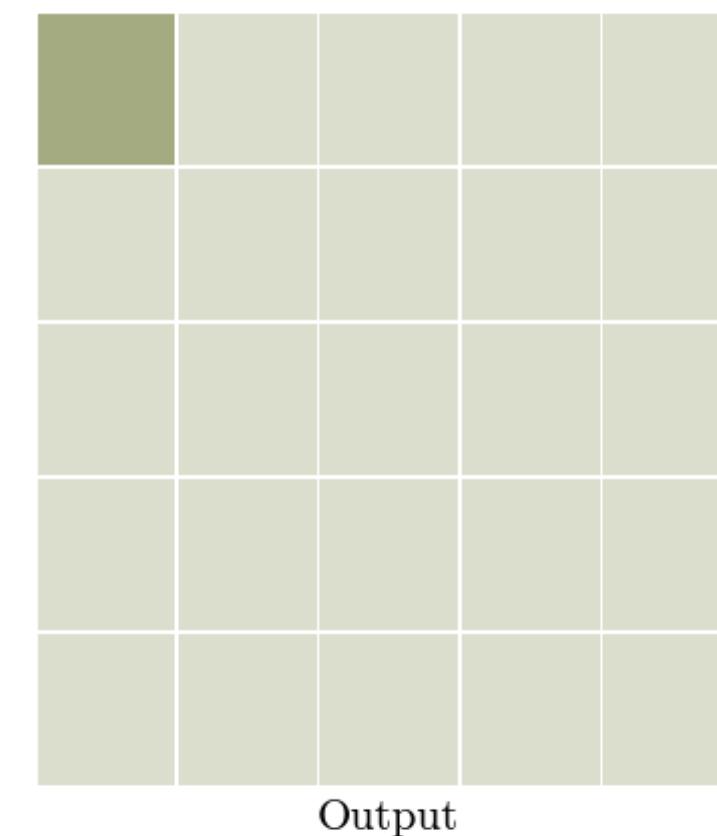
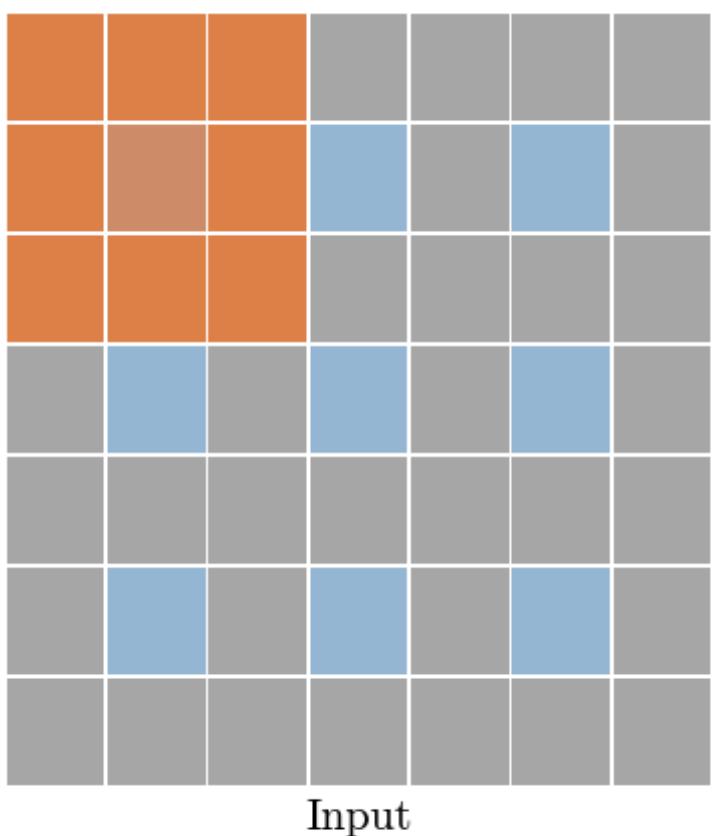
Compute

$$\begin{aligned} z &= s - 1 \\ p' &= k - p - 1 \\ s' &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Type: transposed`conv - Stride: 2 Padding: 0



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Output size

$$o = (i - 1) \times s + k - 2p$$

k = kernel  
p = padding  
s = stride