

Competition Introduction/ Business Understanding

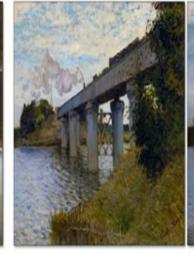
After taking a picture of a beautiful scenery, have you ever wondered what would it look like if a famous painter was there and made a painting of it?

- Focus: translating a photograph to a Monet style painting
- Style Transfer transfer an image from one style to another
 - Imitate color choices and brush strokes

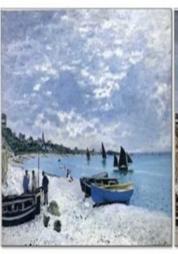
















Project Scope

Phase One:

- Focus Solely on Increasing Competition Placement
- Only worked with Kaggle-Provided Monet Paintings

Phase Two Onwards:

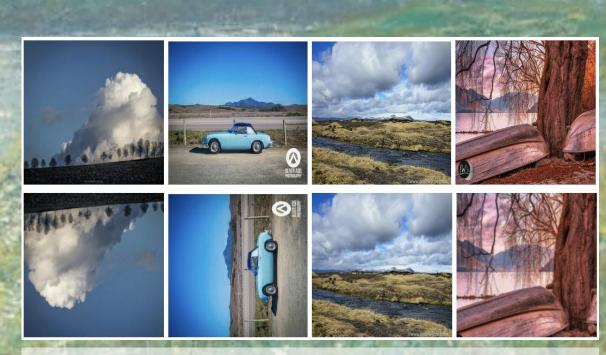
- Shift: Competition Placement ☐ General and Interactive Models for Multiple Artists
- Use all training data provided by authors
- Gather and use artist data for Ukiyo-e, Van Gogh, and Cezanne
- Developed standardized train/test split based on CycleGANs' authors data through adding 10% augmentation of training data to test

Data Acquisition For Competition

- Kaggle competition data
 - 300 Monet paintings sized 256x256 in JPEG and TFRecord formats
 - 7028 photos sized 256x256 in JPEG and TFRecord formats
 - Size: 385.87 MB
- Project Focus: modeling and architectures of modern data science techniques

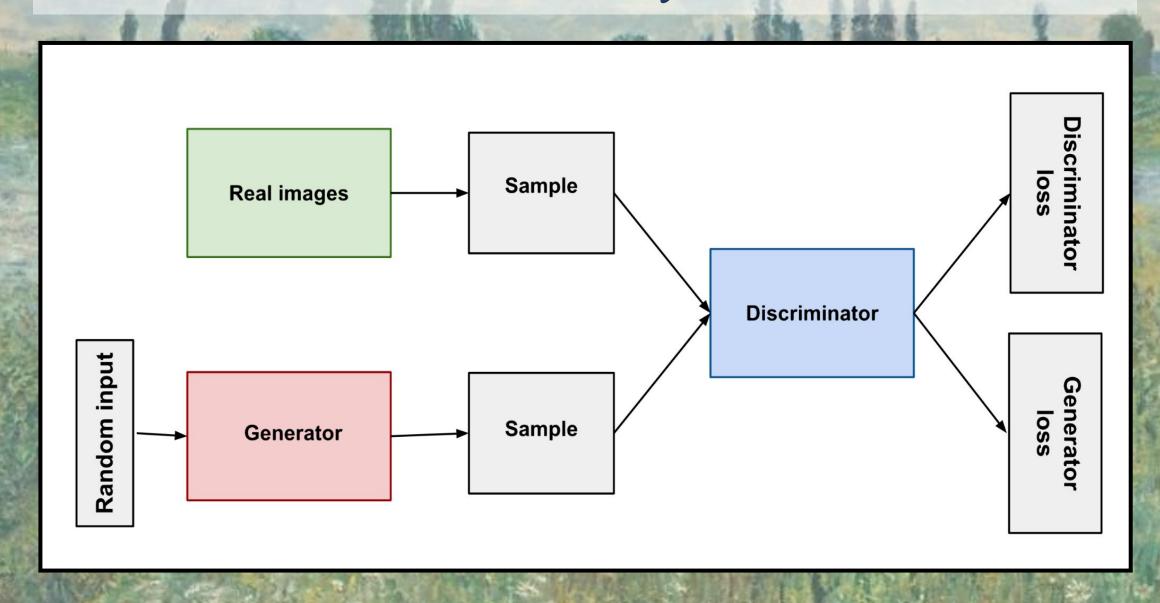
(rather than the data acquisition)

Data augmentation

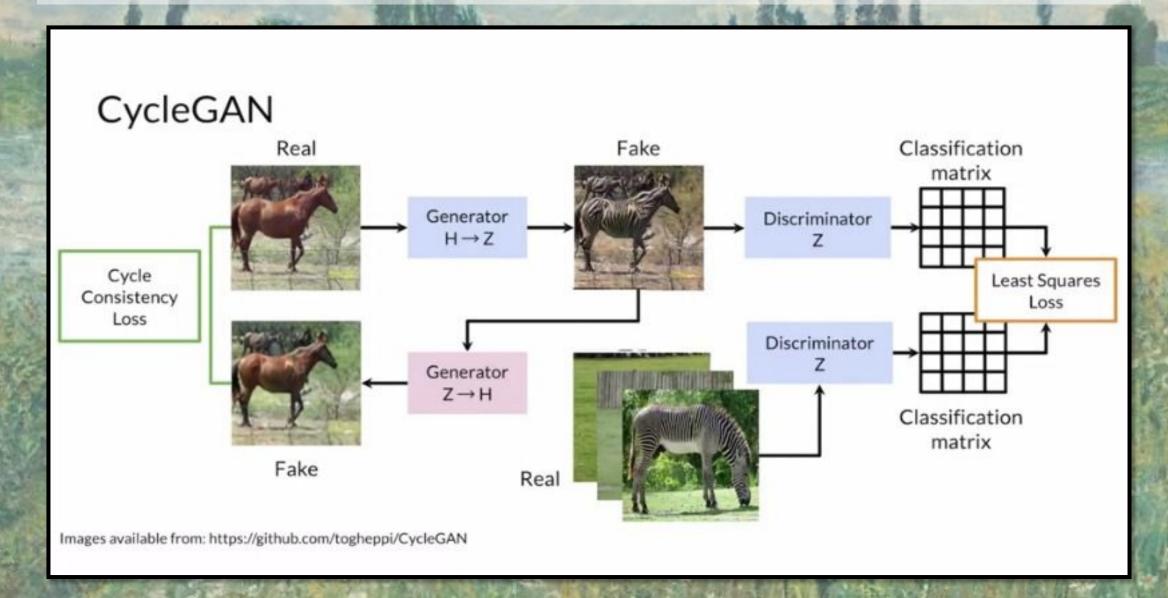


Examples of augmented images using resizing, cropping, rotation, and flipping

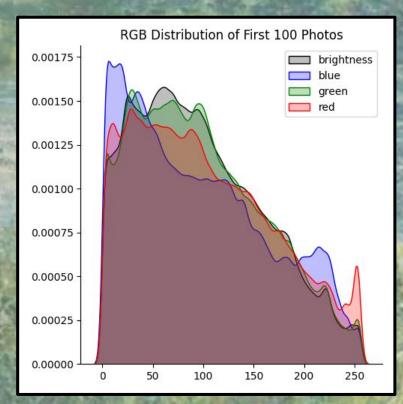
GAN Description

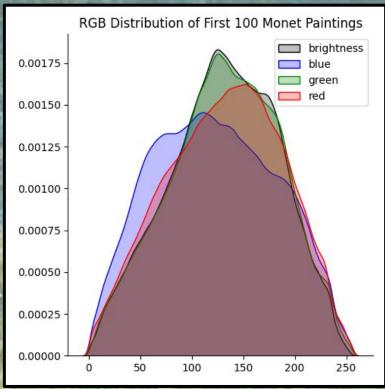


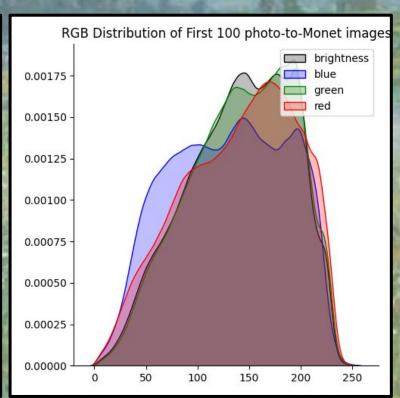
CycleGAN Description



EDA: RGB Distribution (Competition)







RGB distribution of the first 100 photos (left), the first 100 Monet paintings (center), and the first 100 generated photo-to-Monet images (right), with zeros excluded

Progress Since Demo 2 (Overview)

- Train and evaluate on Van Gogh data
- Worked with Artist-to-Artist Models
- Placed most accurate models on the website
- Allowed for more image formats to be uploadable
- Fixed RGB Distribution Plot
- Allowed for images of any size to be uploaded to RGB distribution plot
- Played around with Decaying Learning Rate for competition
- Created and added icons for the website



Baseline Model Final Model

- CycleGAN
- 120 epochs
- Adam optimizer
 - Loss rate = 0.0002, Beta 1 = 0.5
- ~2 hours
 - Within 3-hour limit for TPU
- TPU v3-8
- Kaggle Notebook
- Steps per epoch = number of Monet samples
- Batch Size = 1

- CycleGAN
- 30 epochs
- Adam optimizer
 - Loss rate = 0.0002, Beta 1 = 0.5, Learning Rate = 0.00005
- ~2.75 hours
 - Within 3-hour limit for TPU
- TPU v3-8
- Kaggle Notebook
- Data augmentation & label smoothing
- Steps per epoch = number of photo samples/batch size
- Batch Size = 4

Performance Evaluation

FID: assesses the quality of images created by a generative model (ex: GAN)

- Finds the distance between feature vectors calculated for real and generated images
- More generalizable and widely used
- Used for general models

MiFID: Kaggle-created modification of FID

- Used for competition

$$ext{FID} = \left|\left|\mu_r - \mu_g
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ight|^2 + ext{Tr}(\Sigma_r + \Sigma_g - 2(\Sigma_r\Sigma_g)^{1/2})$$

Mean μ , covariance Σ , real images r, generated images g, sum of diagonal elements Tr

$$oxed{MiFID = FID \cdot rac{1}{d_{thr}}}$$

 d_{thr} is the memorization distance with a threshold applied

Performance Evaluation Cont.

Demo 1:

MiFID Score:

51.49

Leaderboard:

49/94

Percentile:

~52nd

Demo 2:

MiFID Score:

39.73

Leaderboard:

17/143

Percentile:

~12th

Demo 3:

MiFID Score:

38.29

Leaderboard:

10/146

Percentile:

~7th

Note: best scores have been in mid 30s throughout the competition

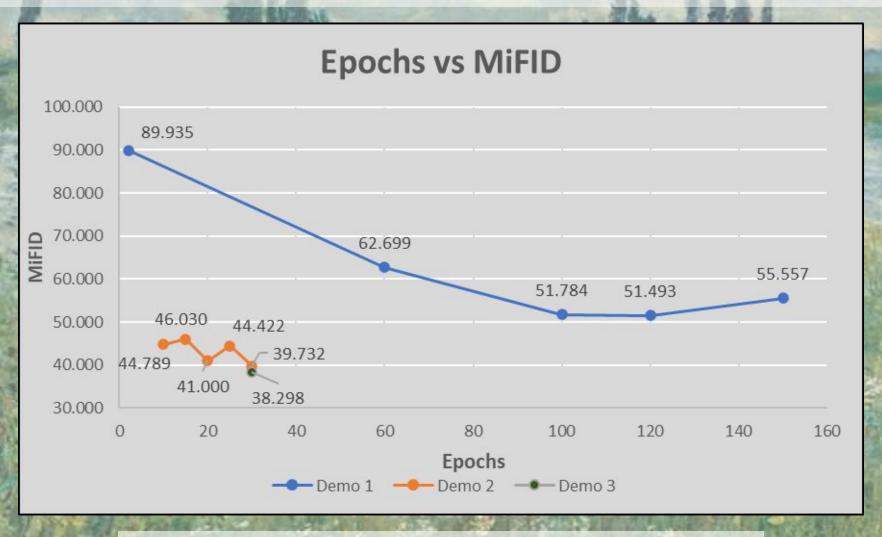
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2	a_beautiful_girl		36.29805	4	18d	
3	Nandita Bhattacharya		37.06163	9	4d	
4	ofek koren		37.64216	5	2mo	
5	Issam Ben Moussa		37.71797	1	6d	
6	rabbie		37.90285	11	10d	Ť
7	刚起来没多久,这下又犯困了		38.11900	1	18d	
8	CLIPTraVeLGAN		38.19282	4	9d	
9	Alena Shevtsova		38.22178	6	1mo	
10	Artificially Creative		38.29769	32	1d	



Your Best Entry!

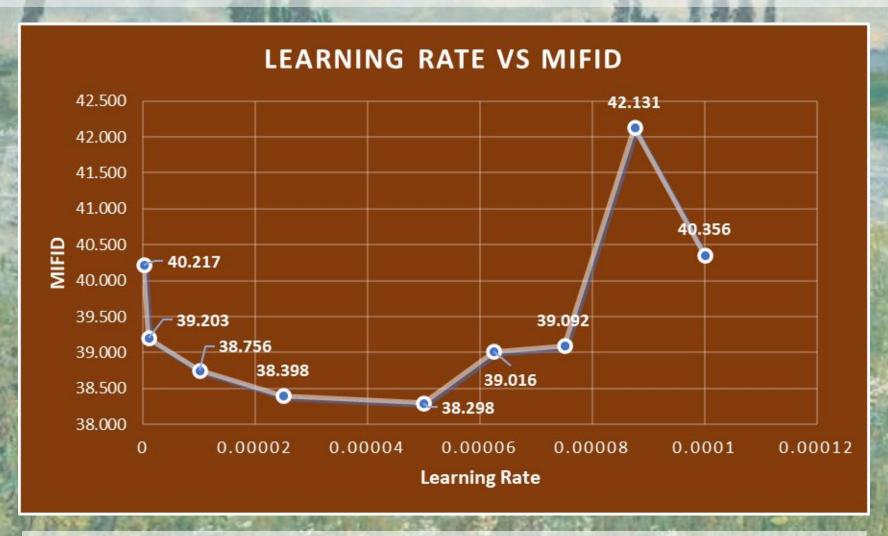
Your submission scored 42.13121, which is not an improvement of your previous score. Keep trying!

Competition Performance Comparison



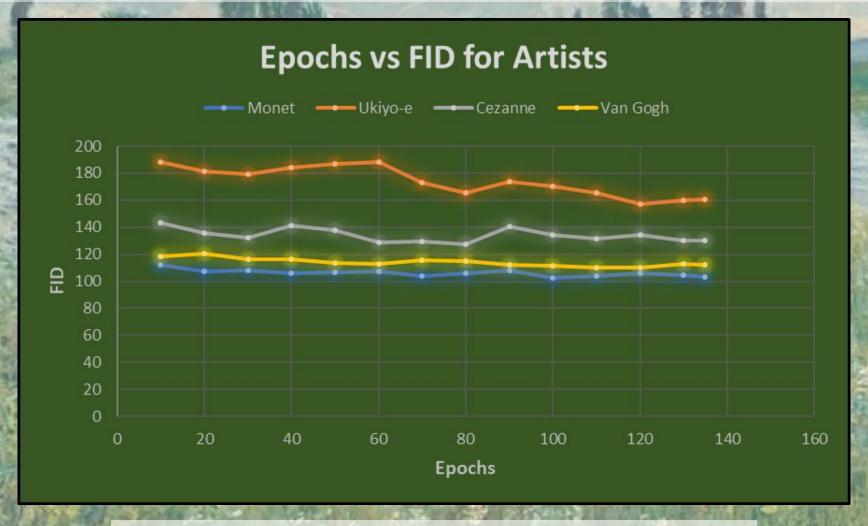
Line Graph Displaying Scores for Epochs Tested

Learning Rate Performance Comparison

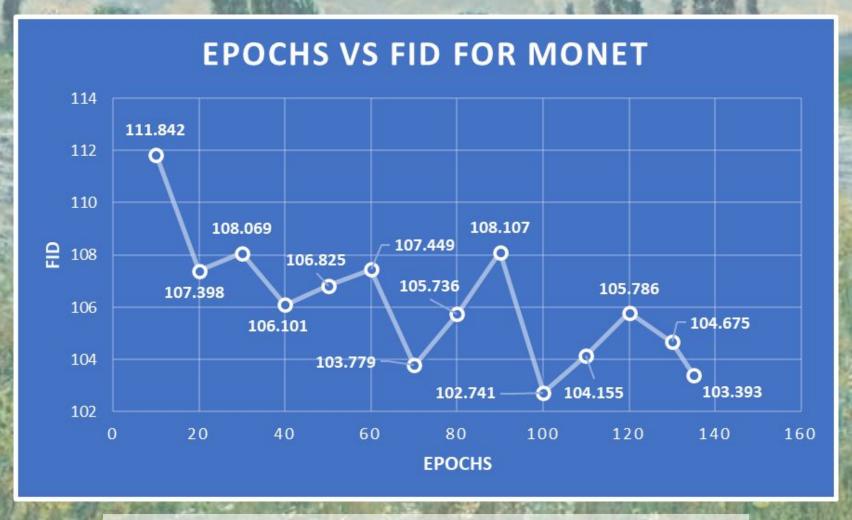


Line Graph Displaying Scores for Learning Rates Tested at 30 Epochs

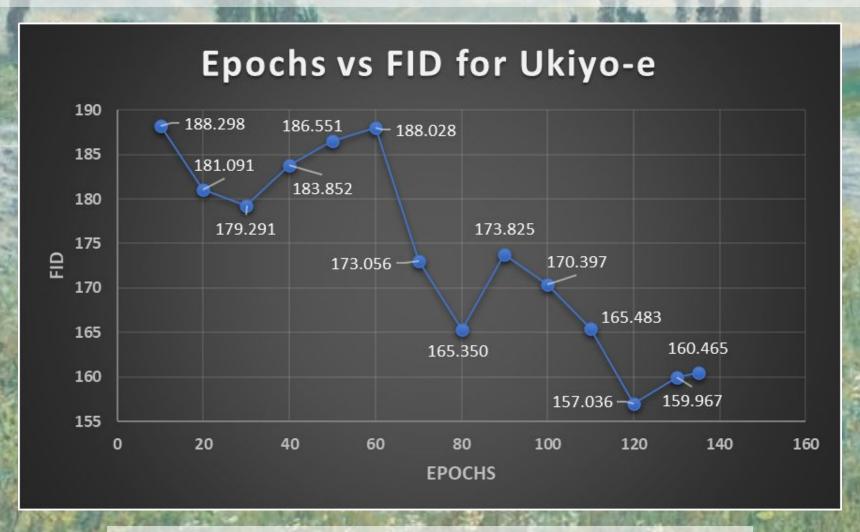
All Artists Performance Comparison



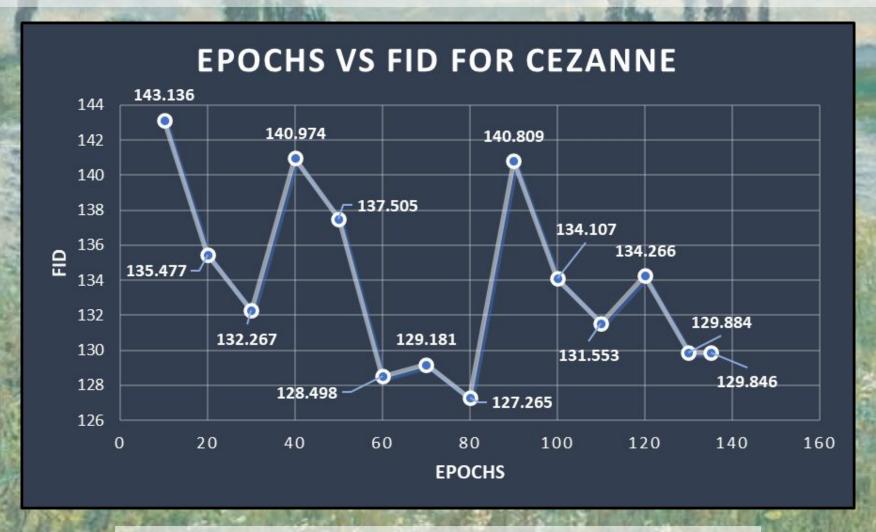
Monet General Performance Comparison



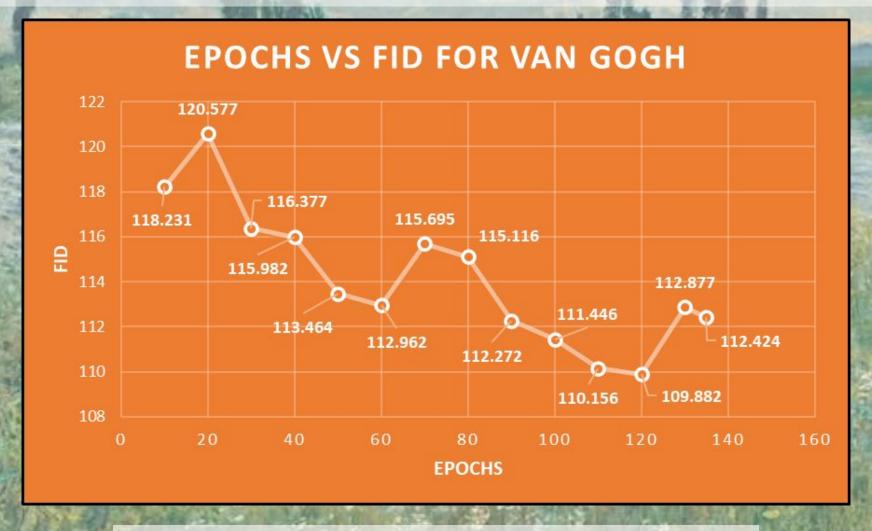
Ukiyo-e Performance Comparison



Cezanne Performance Comparison



Van Gogh Performance Comparison



Competition Output Observations

Pros:

- Good with nature
- Performs well with "sprawling images"

Cons:

- Not always good with people, modern architecture, defined lines/boundaries
- Not always high performance with darker images
- For detailed photos, the paintings mostly become blurred and hard to discern
- Translation among photos varies
 - Some see little change
- Some photos become pixelated/blurred
 - Good or Bad?

Good Example Outputs (Redo based on decayed learning rate)



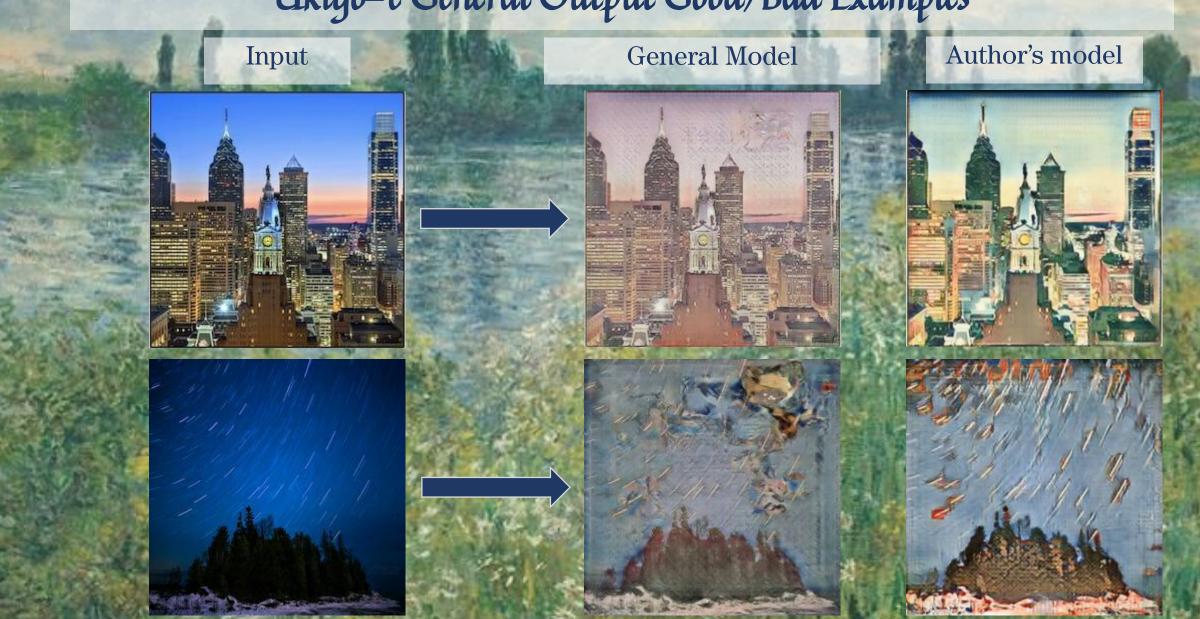
Bad Example Outputs (Competition)



Monet General Output Good/Bad Examples



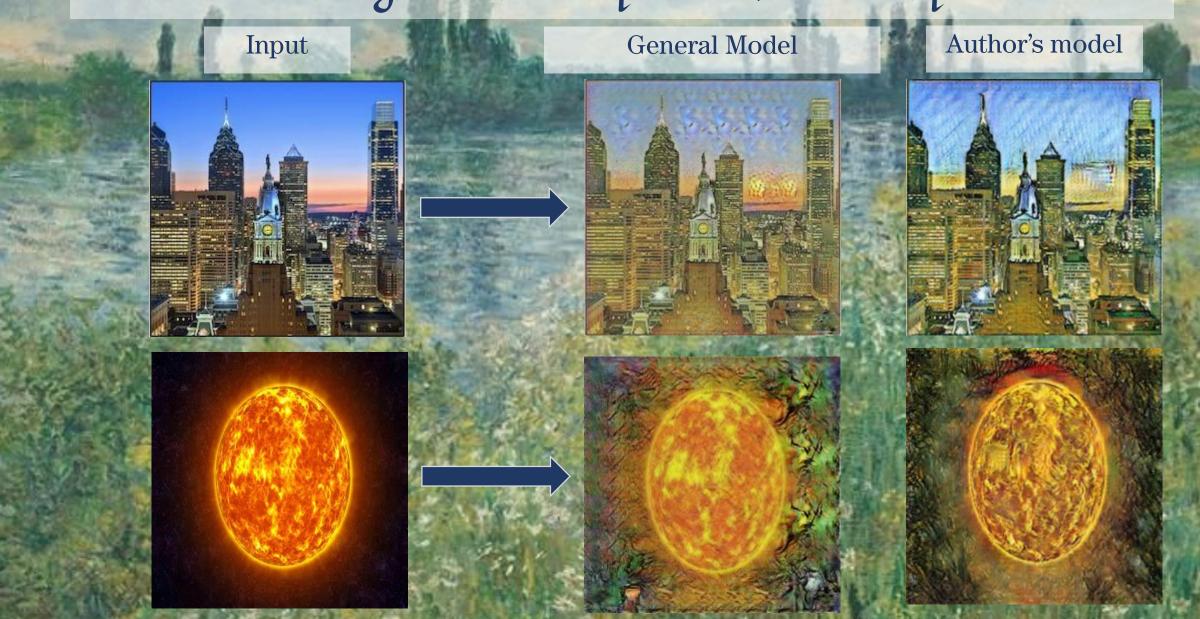
Ukiyo-e General Output Good/Bad Examples



Cezanne General Output Good/Bad Examples



Van Gogh General Output Good/Bad Examples





Challenges

Memory limits

Out of memory error when not using TPU

Time limits

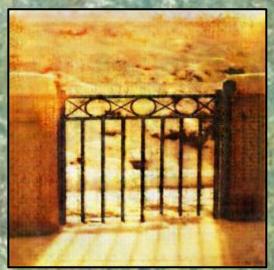
- Hard to experiment with different approaches
- Can't use better models such as UVC-GAN

Evaluation limits

 Unable to quantitatively compare our competition model and our generic model due to train/test differences



Road (generated)



Block (generated)

Potential Future Steps

- Gather data for more epochs
- Experiment with smaller batch sizes
- Experiment further with decaying learning rate
- Experiment with more powerful models (UVCGAN V2)



Expected Questions

How long did it take you to run models?

- About 8 hours to generate weights, 2 hours for evaluation

Where do you see this technology in the future?

- Advancing, but increasing time, compute, and data required for SOTA results



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