Generative Adversarial Networks for Automatic Image Colorization

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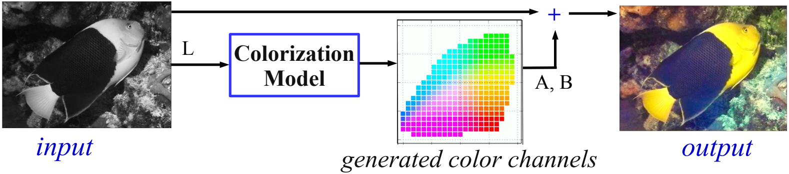
Image Colorization

Problem: produce a *realistic* coloring of gray-scale images



Applications

Colorizing old photos and movies

Colorizing underwater images

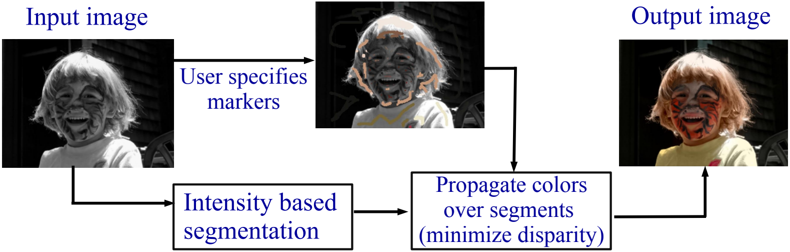
Figure sources: [1], [2], [3]

Background

- Algorithmic choices:
  - **Image-to-image translation**
  - Classification
- Colorspace choices:
  - **LAB**, RGB
- Approaches
  - Classical
  - Deep learning based
    - Generative models
    - **Adversarial model**

Classical Approaches

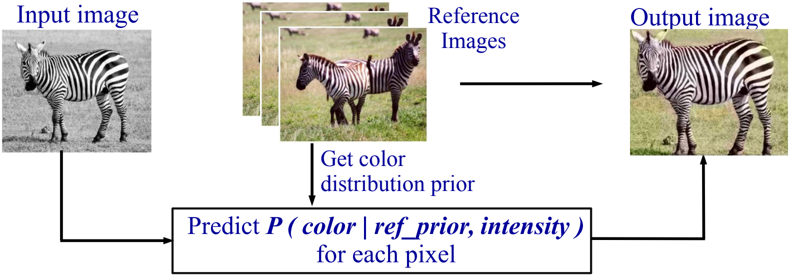
Colorization using User-specified Prior [4]



Pros	**Cons**
Fast	Not automatic
Reliable	Not scalable

Classical Approaches

Colorization using Multi-modal Prediction [5]



Pros

Automatic

Handles multimodality

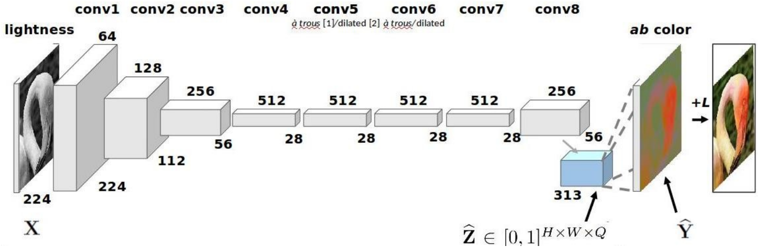
Cons

Depends heavily on reference prior

Not practical

Generative Approach

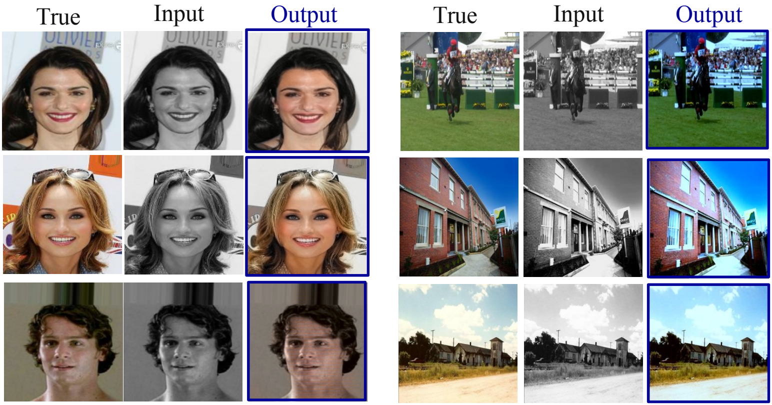
Colorful Image Colorization model [1]



Model Changes	Original model	Adopted model
Output	Classification Probabilities	Image
Trained on	ImageNet	CelebA, Places2
Implementation	Caffe	Tensor-flow

Results

Colorful Image Colorization model as generator only



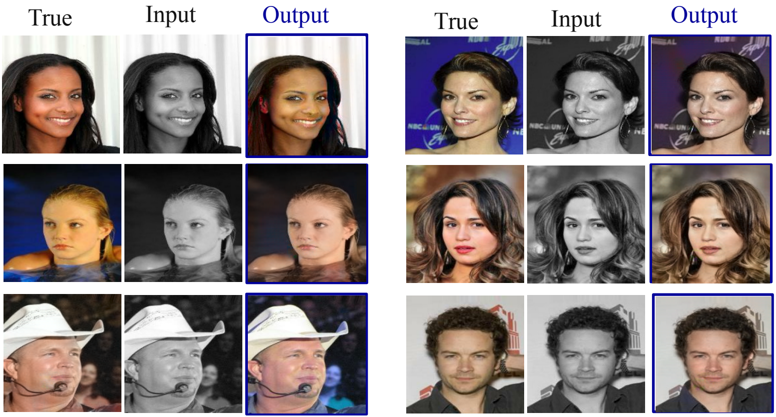
CelebA dataset

Places2 dataset

Loss functions: **L1 loss**, L2 loss, Least-squared loss

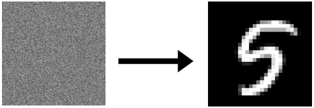
Results

Colorful Image Colorization model as generator in a GAN



Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

- Two player minimax game
  - Discriminator **D**
  - Generator **G**
- D is trained to discriminate between a real image and a generated image



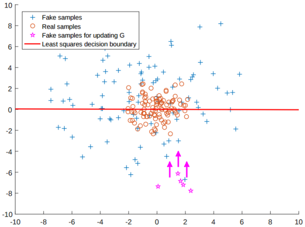
- G is trained to generate an image that will fool D
- Both G and D are neural networks

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

- Conditional GANs generate images given conditional information, such as a class label.

GAN Variations

- Deep Convolutional GANs (DCGANs)
  - Bridge the gap between GANs and Deep Learning
- Least Squares GANs (LSGANs)
  - Use a least squares loss for the discriminator [7]
- Energy-Based GANs (EBGANs)
  - Model the discriminator as an energy function



- Wasserstein GAN (WGAN)
  - Minimizes the Earth Mover distance between two distributions

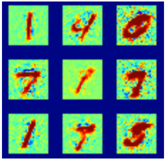
GAN Comparison Results

MNIST
GAN, DCGAN

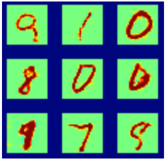
CelebA
EBGAN, WGAN

LSUN
LSGAN

GAN



DCGAN



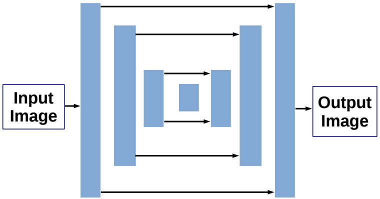
EBGAN

LSGAN

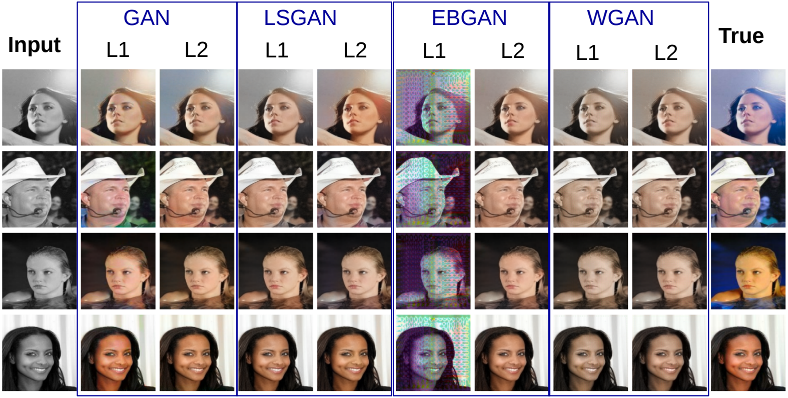
WGAN

GANs Towards Colorization

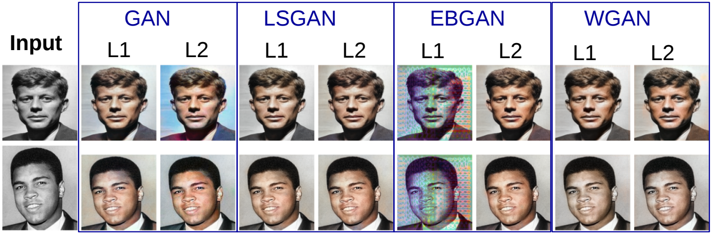
- Tested two generators
  - Pix2Pix
  - Colorful Image Colorization
- Pix2Pix generator is modeled as an encoder-decoder with skip connections
- Combine L1 and L2 loss with GAN Variatons



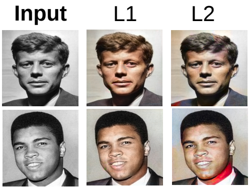
Results in Comparison



Legacy Grayscale Results



Pic2Pix model as Generator



Colorful Image Colorization model as Generator

Lessons Learned

- Automatic colorization is difficult due to
  - Ambiguity
  - Multi-modality
- Need large-scale training to *learn* colorization
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