# **Diffusion Model**

Computer Vision - Project

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### What is Diffusion?



Diffusion is the state-ofthe-art generative process to generate images for creating new images near the original one. It also allows to generate images from text.

First generation: Denoising

**Diffusion Probabilistic Models** 

#### **Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models**

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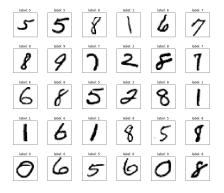
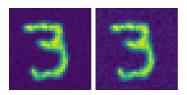
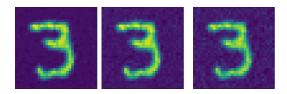
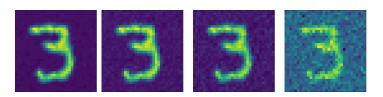


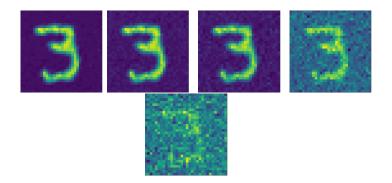
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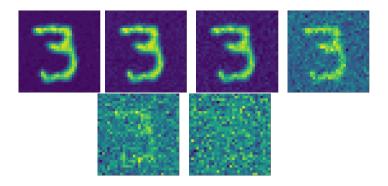




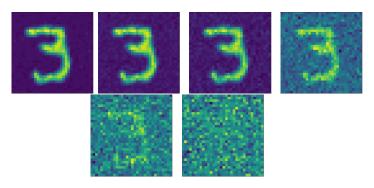








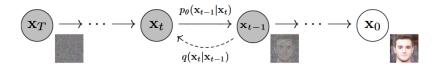
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Formally:  $q(x_{t+1} \mid x_t) := \mathcal{N}(x_{t+1}; \sqrt{1 - \beta_t} x_t, \beta_t I)$  for some schedule  $(\beta_t)_t$ . Can we learn to reverse this process ?

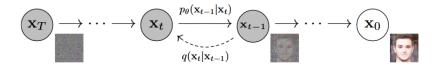
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$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= \sqrt{\alpha_t} x_{t-1} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \epsilon_{t-1} \\ &= \sqrt{\alpha_t} \sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}} x_{t-2} + \sqrt{\alpha_t} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{t-1}} \epsilon_{t-1} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \epsilon_{t-1} \\ &= \sqrt{\alpha_t} \alpha_{t-1} x_{t-2} + \sqrt{\alpha_t} (1 - \alpha_{t-1}) + (1 - \alpha_t) \bar{\epsilon_t} \\ &= \sqrt{\alpha_t} \alpha_{t-1} x_{t-2} + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \alpha_{t-1} \bar{\epsilon_t} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $G_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_1^2 I)$ ,  $G_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_2^2 I)$ , the sum of them gives  $g_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) I)$ .

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For now, our model is learning  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$ , i.e. we sample according to

$$p_{\theta}(x_{t-1} \mid x_t) := \mathcal{N}(x_{t-1}; \mu_{\theta}(x_t, t), \Sigma_{\theta}(x_t, t))$$

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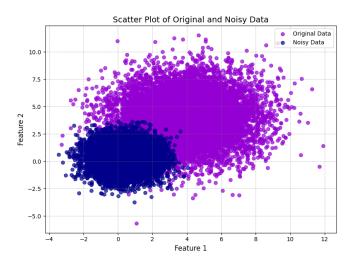
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$$E_q\left[\frac{\beta_t^2}{2\sigma_t^2\alpha_t(1-\bar{\alpha_t})}\|\epsilon-\epsilon_\theta(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha_t}}x_0+\sqrt{1-\bar{\alpha_t}}\epsilon,t)\|\right]$$

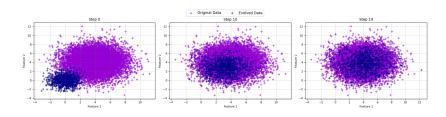
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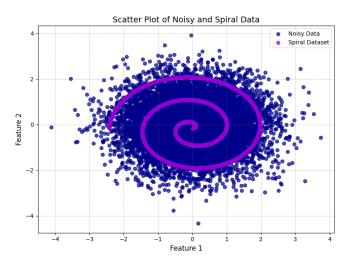
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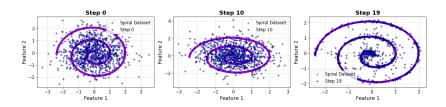
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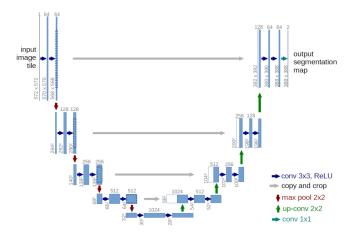
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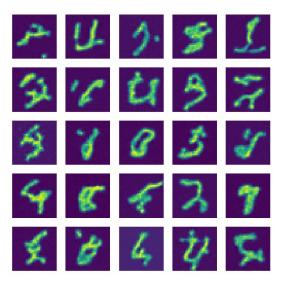
## **Generating Images**

We need a model powerful enough to predict  $\epsilon$  (or  $\mu$ ) for 2D images (the size of  $\epsilon$ ), for this we use UNet.



### **Our results - MNIST Generation**

## Generated Images



## Amelioration

## **Accelerating generation**

## **Auto-Encoding Variational Bayes**

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Imagine that you have T=10,000. You can not do 10,000 steps to generate one image. But, using the reparametrization trick:

$$x_T = x_0 + \sigma_{T,0} \epsilon_T \Rightarrow \tilde{x_0}$$
$$x_{T-k} = \tilde{x_0} + \sigma_{T-k,0} \epsilon_{T-k}$$

So we can generate with T/k steps.

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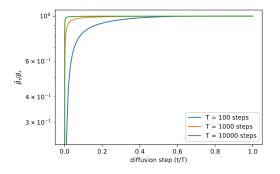


Figure 1. The ratio  $\tilde{\beta}_t/\beta_t$  for every diffusion step for diffusion processes of different lengths.

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Hence, they interpolate between the two extreme values, and let the model learn v(t):

$$\Sigma_{ heta}(x_t,t) := \exp(v_{ heta}(t)\log(eta_t) + (1-v_{ heta}(t))\log(ar{eta}_t))$$

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If we have a classifer that gives  $p_{\phi}(y \mid x_t)$ , we can sample using

$$p_{\theta,\phi}(x_t \mid x_{t+1}, y) = Zp_{\theta}(x_t \mid x_{t+1})p_{\phi}(y \mid x_t)$$

This way if we set y = 3, we can trick our model to generate somthing that looks like a 3.

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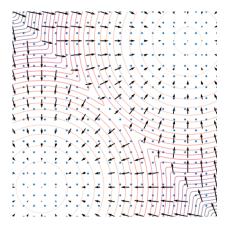
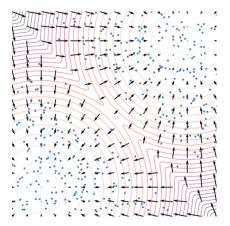


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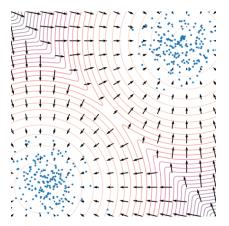
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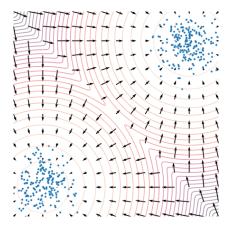
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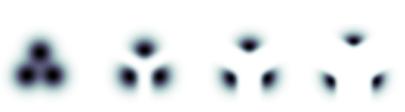


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We can do a trade-of by following more  $p_{\phi}$  or  $p_{\theta}$  between exploration and distance to the original distribution.

GLIDE: draw what you prompt

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Rather than using  $p_{\phi}$ , they train both models simultaneously and use the gradient of  $p_{\theta}(z \mid c)$  to estimate  $\nabla \log p(z \mid c)$ .

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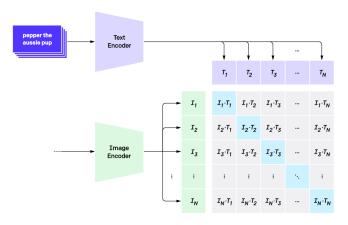
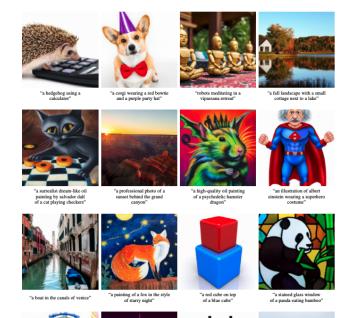


Figure 2: How to compare an image and a text

# Results (OpenAI GLIDE)



State-of-the-art brief review

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