

# Challenge: Learning Large Encoder

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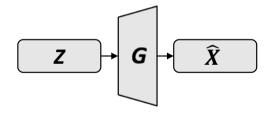
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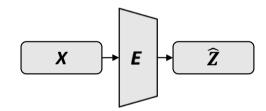
Previous Lecture: Large Image

Scalable



This Lecture: Large Encoder

Reversable



We use images for demonstration

**Unsupervised Representation Learning!** 





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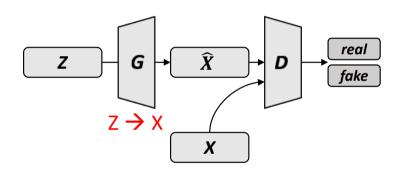


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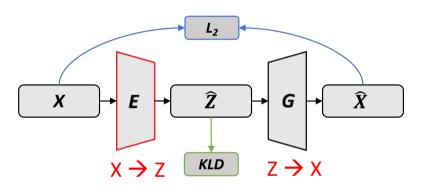
#### VAE vs. GAN



### Vanilla GAN



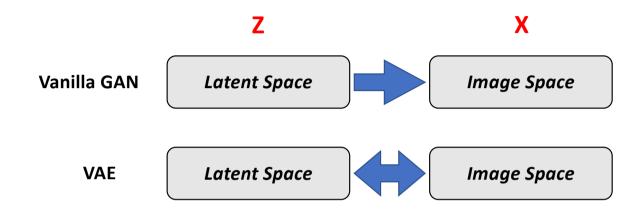
### **VAE** variational autoencoder



VAE has an Encoder that can map x to z





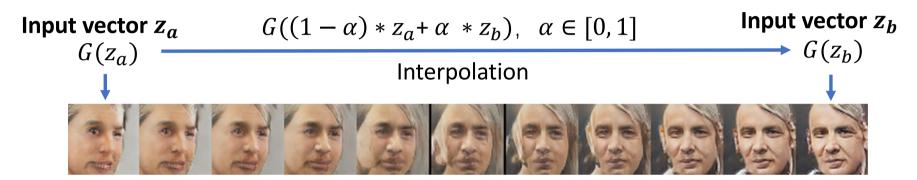


- VAE = **G**enerator + **E**ncoder
- Vanilla GAN = **G**enerator + **D**iscriminator
- Better GAN = Generator + Discriminator + Encoder

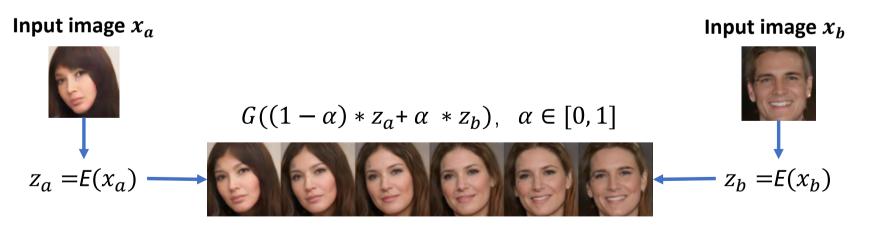
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#### Without Encoder:



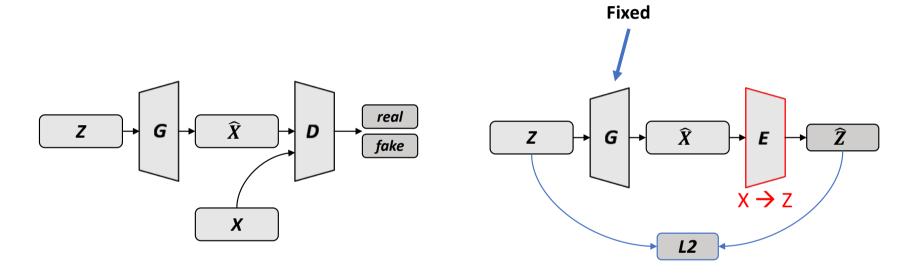
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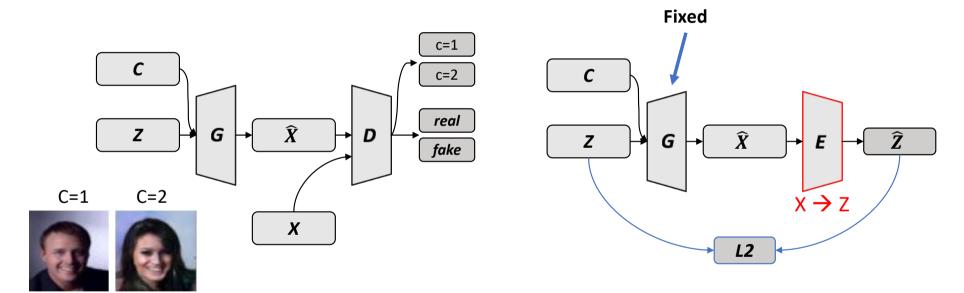


**Step 1: Pre-trained G** 

Step 2: Fix G and Train E



Application: Unsupervised/Unpaired Image-to-Image Translation



**Given an ACGAN** 

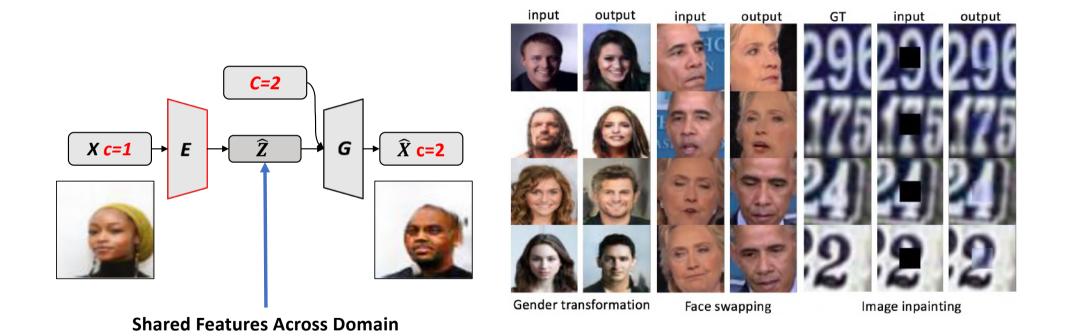
**Learning the Encoder in a Brute Force Way** 

Z : shared latent representation across two domains

Unsupervised Image-to-Image Translation with Generative Adversarial Networks. H. Dong, P. Neekhara et al. arXiv 2017.



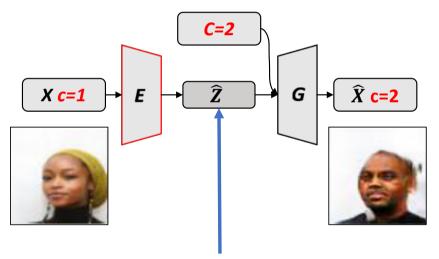
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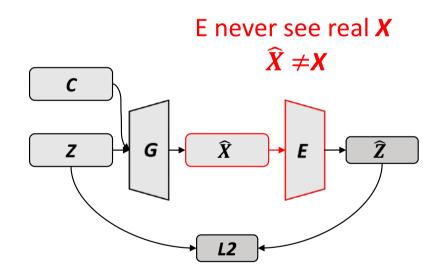


Only Work Well for Simple Image with Small Size

**Shared Features Across Domain** 

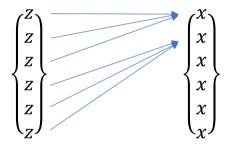


• Limitation: Encoder never see real data sample!

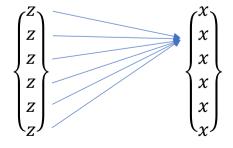




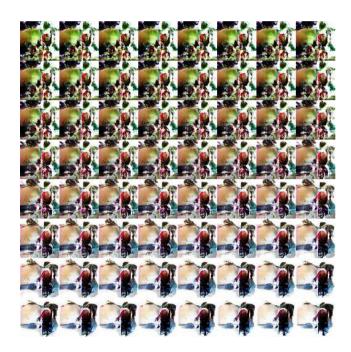
- Limitation: Encoder never see real data sample and the synthesized data distribution != real data distribution
- Mode Collapse



G can only synthesis some part of the dataset x and can fool D



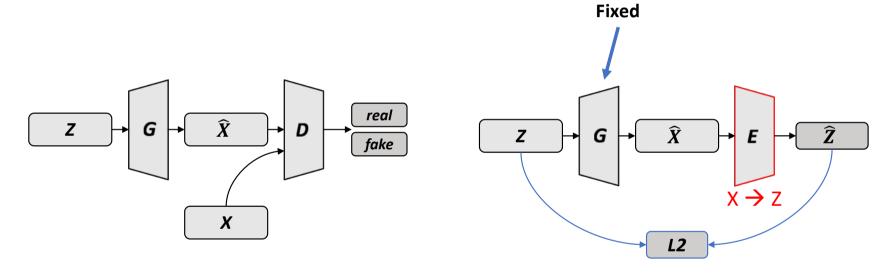
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**Examples of GAN collapse** 



 Only work well if only if the fake distribution == the real distribution, but it is impossible in practice.



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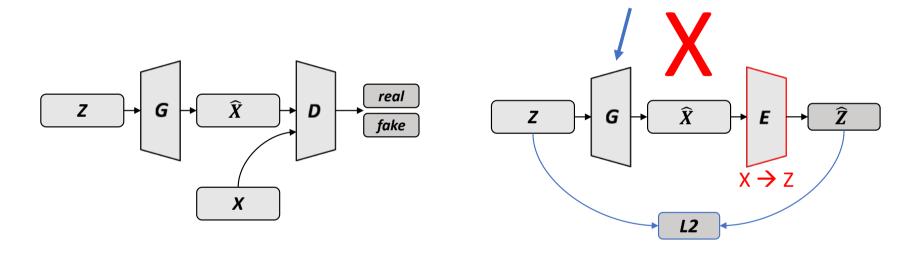
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Could E see real data sample?



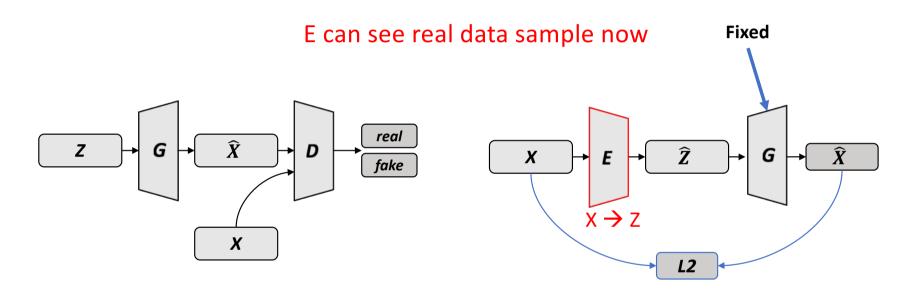
**Step 1: Pre-trained G** 

**Step 2: Fix G and Train E** 

**Fixed** 



Could E see real data sample?



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#### • Problem:

Difficult to converge (even using a super-deep E)

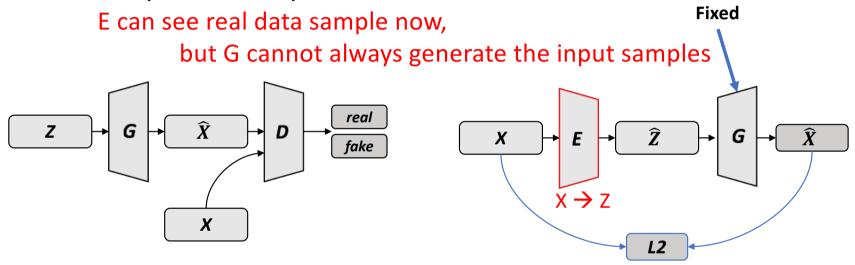
#### • Reason:

Model Collapse: G cannot synthesize the input image, so the loss cannot be reduced

The quality of synthesized images != real images, so the loss cannot be reduced



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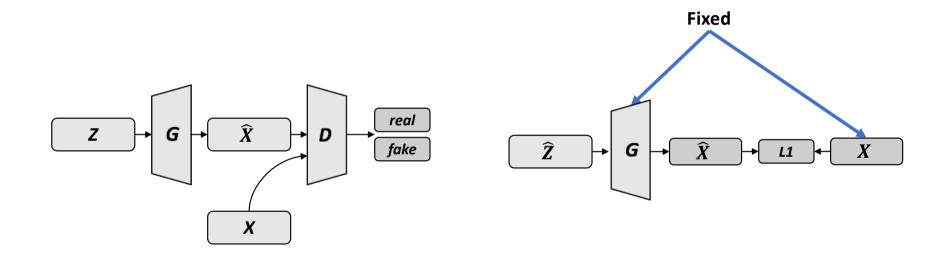


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### Without Encoder

Optimisation-based method: find the optimal z iteratively



**Step 1: Pre-trained G** 

Step 2: Fix G and X, Train Z





Limitation?

## **SLOW**

A naïve way to speed up this method is to:

use one of the previous naïve way to pretrain an encoder, then

step 1: use the encoder to initialize the latent code z when given an image x

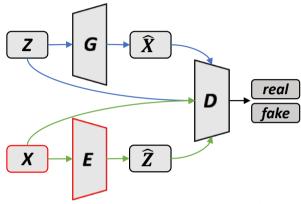
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### Recap: Bidirectional GAN



**BiGAN** 

Bidirectional GAN

$$\left\{X,\hat{Z}\right\}-\{\hat{X},Z\}$$

Consider a BiGAN discriminator input pair  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$ . Due to the sampling procedure,  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  must satisfy at least one of the following two properties:

(a) 
$$\mathbf{x} \in \hat{\Omega}_{\mathbf{X}} \wedge E(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{z}$$
 (b)  $\mathbf{z} \in \hat{\Omega}_{\mathbf{Z}} \wedge G(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{x}$ 

If only one of these properties is satisfied, a perfect discriminator can infer the source of  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  with certainty: if only (a) is satisfied,  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  must be an encoder pair  $(\mathbf{x}, E(\mathbf{x}))$  and  $D_{EG}^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = 1$ ; if only (b) is satisfied,  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  must be a generator pair  $(G(\mathbf{z}), \mathbf{z})$  and  $D_{EG}^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = 0$ .

Therefore, in order to fool a perfect discriminator at  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  (so that  $0 < D_{EG}^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) < 1$ ), E and G must satisfy both (a) and (b). In this case, we can substitute the equality  $E(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{z}$  required by (a) into the equality  $G(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{x}$  required by (b), and vice versa, giving the inversion properties  $\mathbf{x} = G(E(\mathbf{x}))$  and  $\mathbf{z} = E(G(\mathbf{z}))$ .

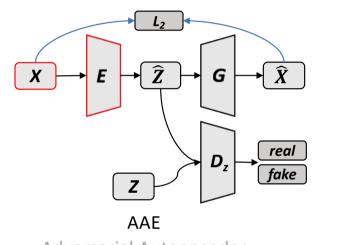
BiGAN: Adversarial Feature Learning. Jeff Donahue, Philipp Krahenbuhl, Trevor Darrell. ICLR 2017.



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### Adversarial Autoencoder



$$\{\hat{Z}\} - \{Z\}$$

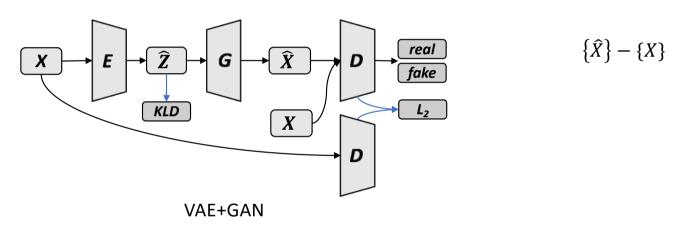
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### **VAE+GAN**





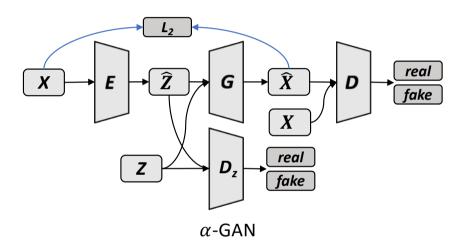
Discriminator as the feature extractor



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$$\left\{ \widehat{X}\right\} -\left\{ X\right\}$$

$$\{\hat{Z}\} - \{Z\}$$

• Training the G and E in Autoencoder way can force the G to be able to generate all X, avoiding GAN mode collapse



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### **BigBiGAN**

- Work on large images
- Combine BigGAN and BiGAN

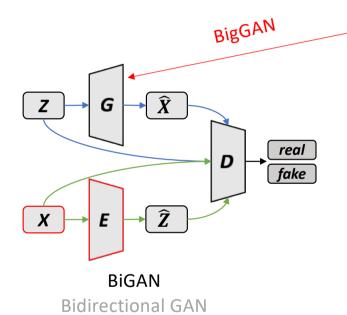




Figure 4: Samples from our BigGAN model with truncation threshold 0.5 (a-c) and an example of class leakage in a partially trained model (d).



### **BigBiGAN**

#### Limitation

image size of  $512x512x3 \rightarrow$  Latent code with size of 1x512

$$\frac{512}{512 \times 512 \times 3} = 0.000651$$

Difficult to be lossless ....



### **BigBiGAN**

#### Limitation



Figure 2: Selected reconstructions from an unsupervised BigBiGAN model (Section 3.3). Top row images are real data  $\mathbf{x} \sim P_{\mathbf{x}}$ ; bottom row images are generated reconstructions of the above image  $\mathbf{x}$  computed by  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}))$ . Unlike most explicit reconstruction costs (e.g., pixel-wise), the reconstruction cost implicitly minimized by a (Big)BiGAN [4, 7] tends to emphasize more semantic, high-level details. Additional reconstructions are presented in Appendix B.



### **BigBiGAN**

Limitation



Figure 7:  $128 \times 128$  reconstructions from an unsupervised BigBiGAN model, trained using the lighter augmentation from [24] with generation results reported in Table 3. The top rows of each pair are real data  $\mathbf{x} \sim P_{\mathbf{x}}$ , and bottom rows are generated reconstructions computed by  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}))$ .



## **BigBiGAN**

Main Goal: Large Scale Adversarial Representation Learning

|                  | Top-1 / Top-5 Acc. (%) |               |                                |               |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Metric           | k=1                    | k = 5         | k = 25                         | k = 50        |
| $\overline{D_1}$ | 38.09 / -              | 41.28 / 58.56 | 43.32 / 65.12                  | 42.73 / 66.22 |
| $D_2$            | 35.68 / -              | 38.61 / 55.59 | 43.32 / 65.12<br>40.65 / 62.23 | 40.15 / 63.42 |

Table 6: Accuracy of k nearest neighbors classifiers in BigBiGAN feature space on the ImageNet validation set. We report results under the normalized  $\ell_1$  distance  $D_1$  as well as the normalized  $\ell_2$  (cosine) distance  $D_2$ .



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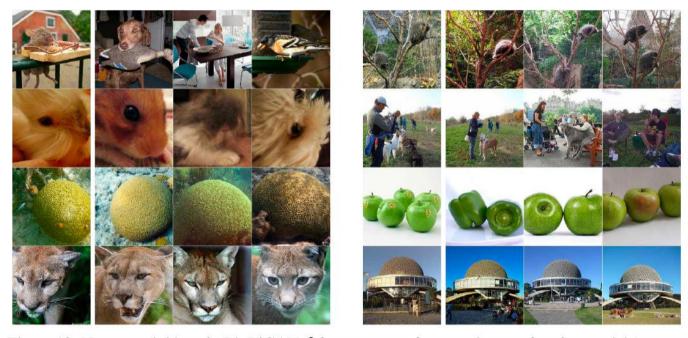


Figure 12: Nearest neighbors in BigBiGAN  $\mathcal{E}$  feature space, from our best performing model (*RevNet*  $\times 4$ ,  $\uparrow \mathcal{E} LR$ ). In each row, the first (left) column is a query image, and the remaining columns are its three nearest neighbors from the training set (the leftmost being the nearest, next being the second nearest, etc.). The query images above are the first 24 images in the ImageNet validation set.

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## **BigBiGAN**

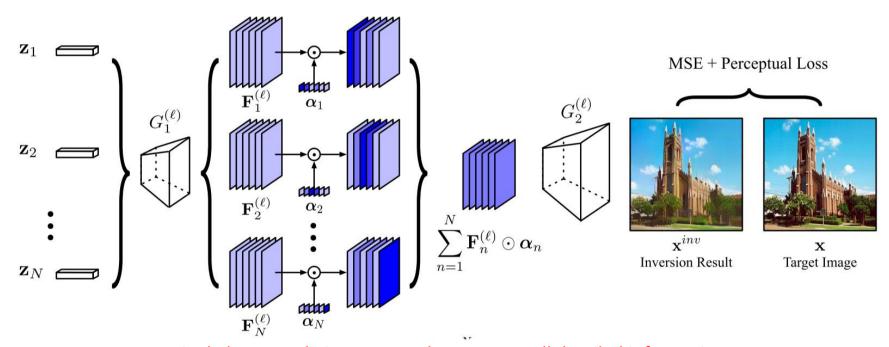
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  - A single latent code cannot represent a high-resolution image
    - Other information inside the generator
    - High compression rate
  - Next: any solution?



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An Optimisation-based Method



A single latent code is not enough to recover all detailed information. We can use multiple latent codes to recover different feature maps.



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#### Reconstruction

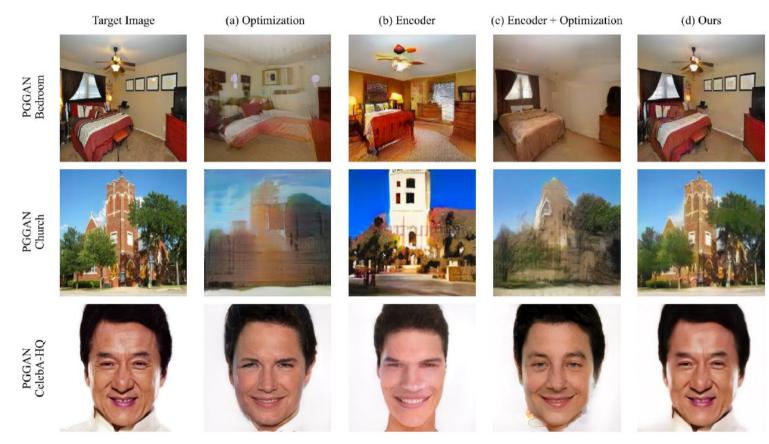


Image Processing Using Multi-Code GAN Prior. Gu, Jinjin. Shen, Yujun. Zhou, Bolei. arXiv 2019.



## Inpainting

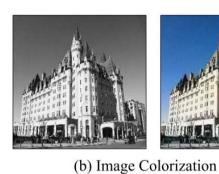




#### More



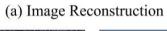


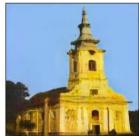


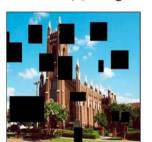




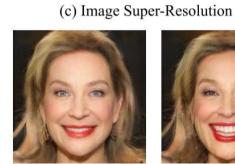














(d) Image Denoising

(e) Image Inpainting

(f) Semantic Manipulation



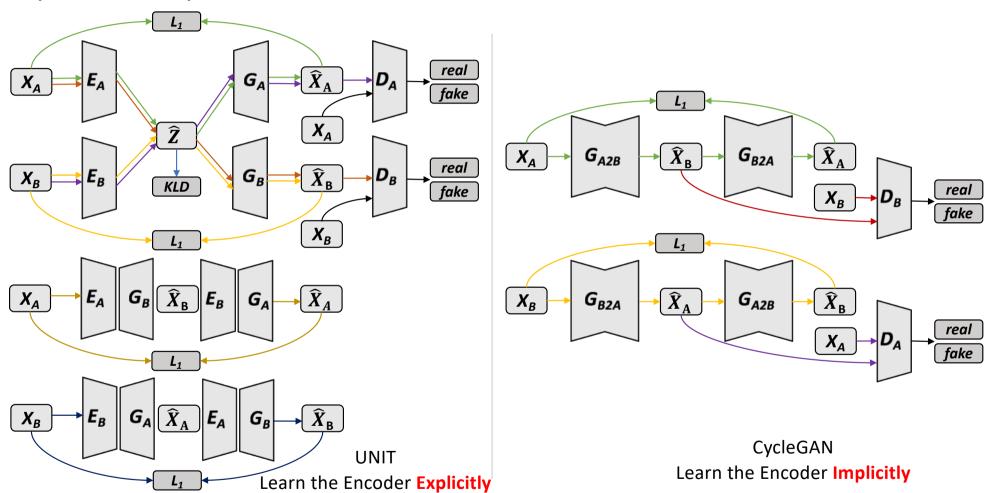
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Input Husky



Liu et al.

Learn the Encoder Explicitly



zebra  $\rightarrow$  horse



horse  $\rightarrow$  zebra

CycleGAN
Learn the Encoder Implicitly

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Input GTA5 CG

nttps://blog.csdn.net/gdymind

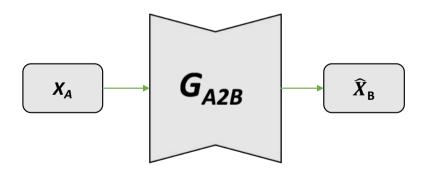
Output image with German street view styleblog. csdn. net/gdymind

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## Implicit vs. Explicit Encoder

- Simple normal distribution is difficult to model complex images
- 3D tensors can contain more spatial information than vectors
- Many applications do not need interpolation



- Image inpainting
- Image super resolution
- Image-to-image translation
- ....



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## Summary

- GAN:  $G + D \rightarrow G + D + E$
- Learning E from real data is important
- GAN mode collapse
- BiGAN, AAE, VAE+GAN,  $\alpha$ -GAN, BigBiGAN
- Autoencoder can help to avoid mode collapse
- Learning E implicitly
- The E can be extended to text and any other data type
- Still on the way ...



# Thanks