

Generative Models

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*You might not think that programmers are artists, but
programming is an extremely creative profession. It's logic-based
creativity.*

- John Romero

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Supervised Learning

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→ Cat

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DOG, DOG, CAT

Object Detection

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GRASS, CAT,
TREE, SKY

Semantic Segmentation

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A cat sitting on a suitcase on the floor

Image captioning

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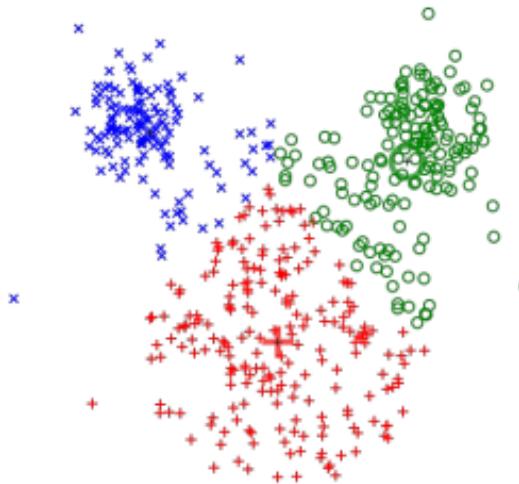
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K-means clustering

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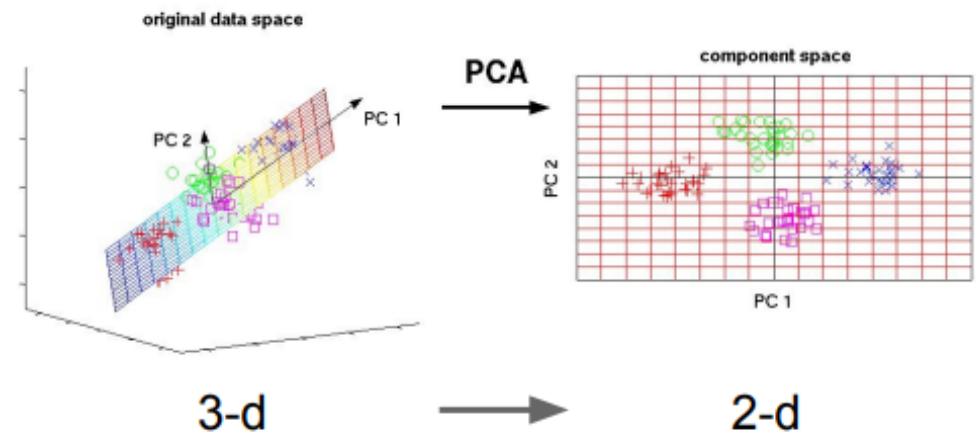
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Principal Component Analysis
(Dimensionality reduction)

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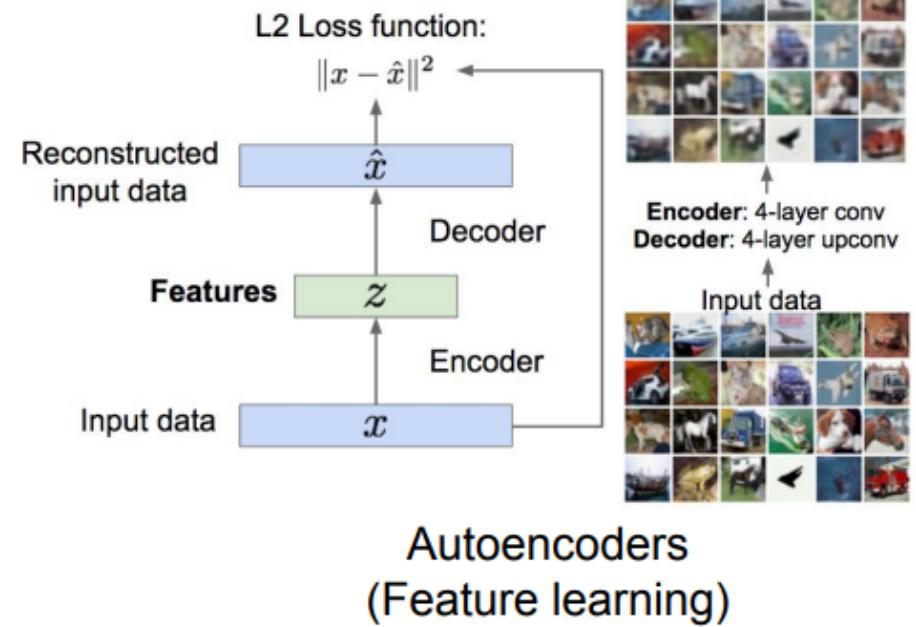
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Use no external labels



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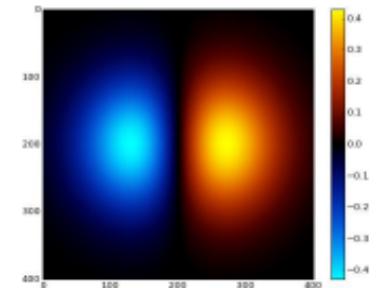
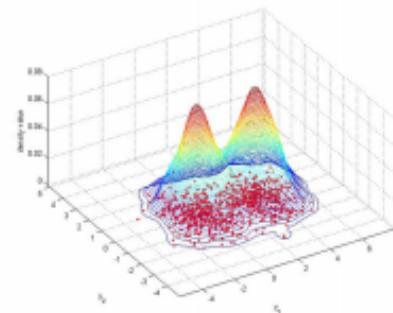
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1-d density estimation



2-d density estimation

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Humans can learn from unlabeled data!

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Unsupervised Learning

Training data is cheap

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Holy grail: Solve
unsupervised learning
=> understand structure
of visual world

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Generative Models

Given training data, generate new samples from same distribution



Training data $\sim p_{\text{data}}(x)$

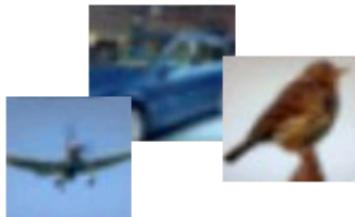


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Addresses density estimation, a core problem in unsupervised learning

Several flavors:

- Explicit density estimation: explicitly define and solve for $p_{\text{model}}(x)$
- Implicit density estimation: learn model that can sample from $p_{\text{model}}(x)$ w/o explicitly defining it

Why Generative Models

- Generative models are one of the most promising approaches to understand the vast amount of data that surrounds us nowadays.
- OpenAI: "...algorithms which are able to create data might be substantially better at understanding intrinsically the world."

"What I cannot create, I do not understand." — Richard P. Feynman

Taxonomy of Generative Models

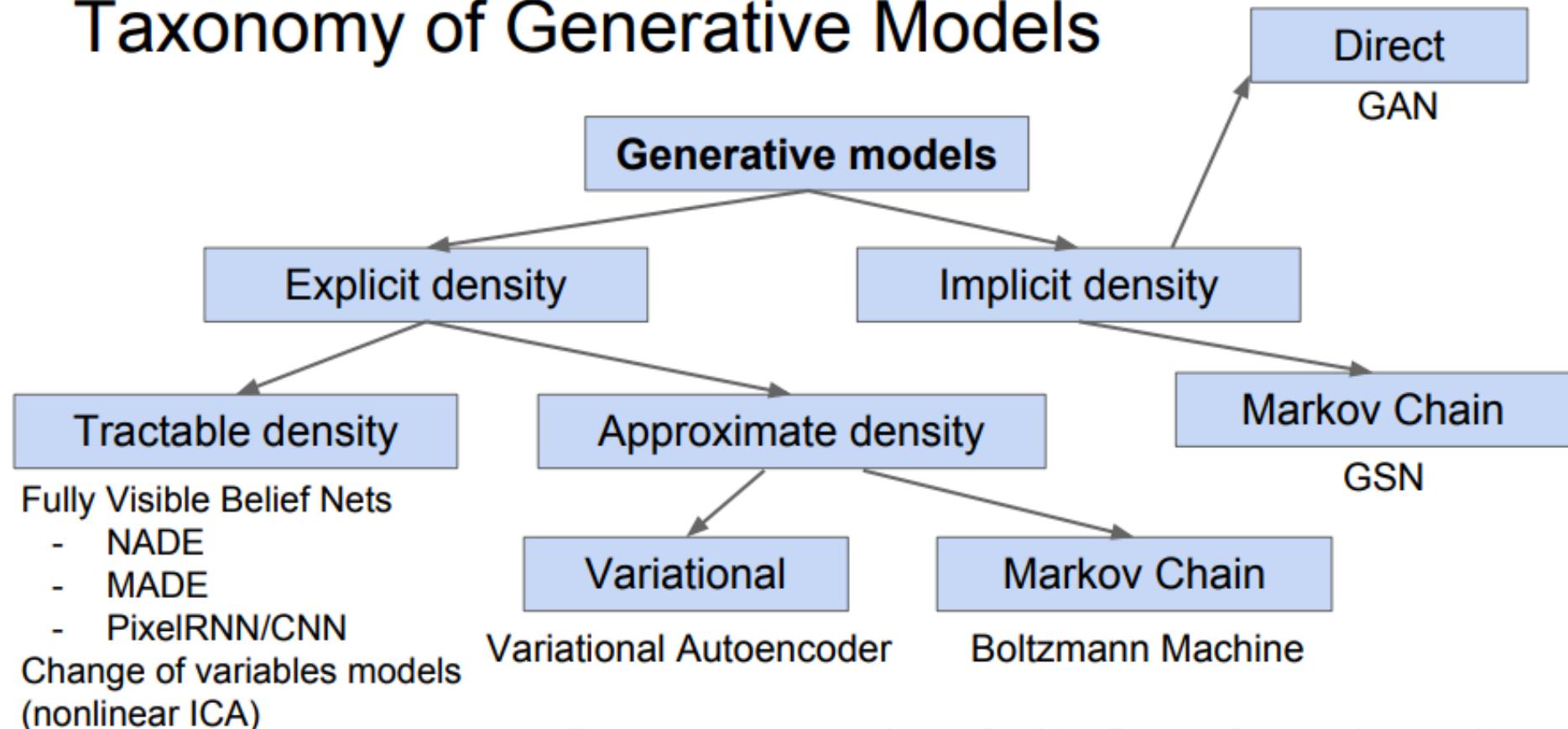
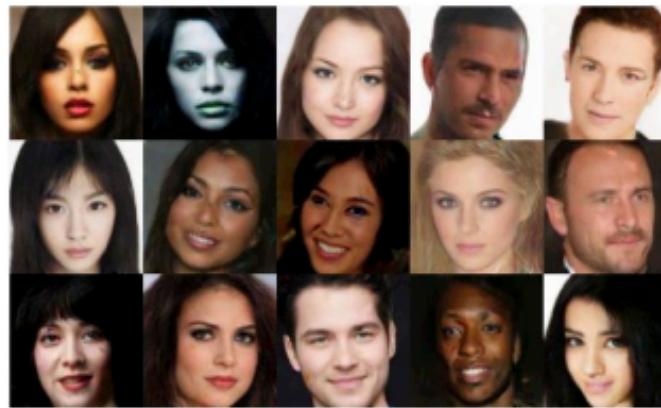


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Why Generative Models?

- Realistic samples for artwork, super-resolution, colorization, etc.



- Generative models of time-series data can be used for simulation and planning (reinforcement learning applications!)
- Training generative models can also enable inference of latent representations that can be useful as general features

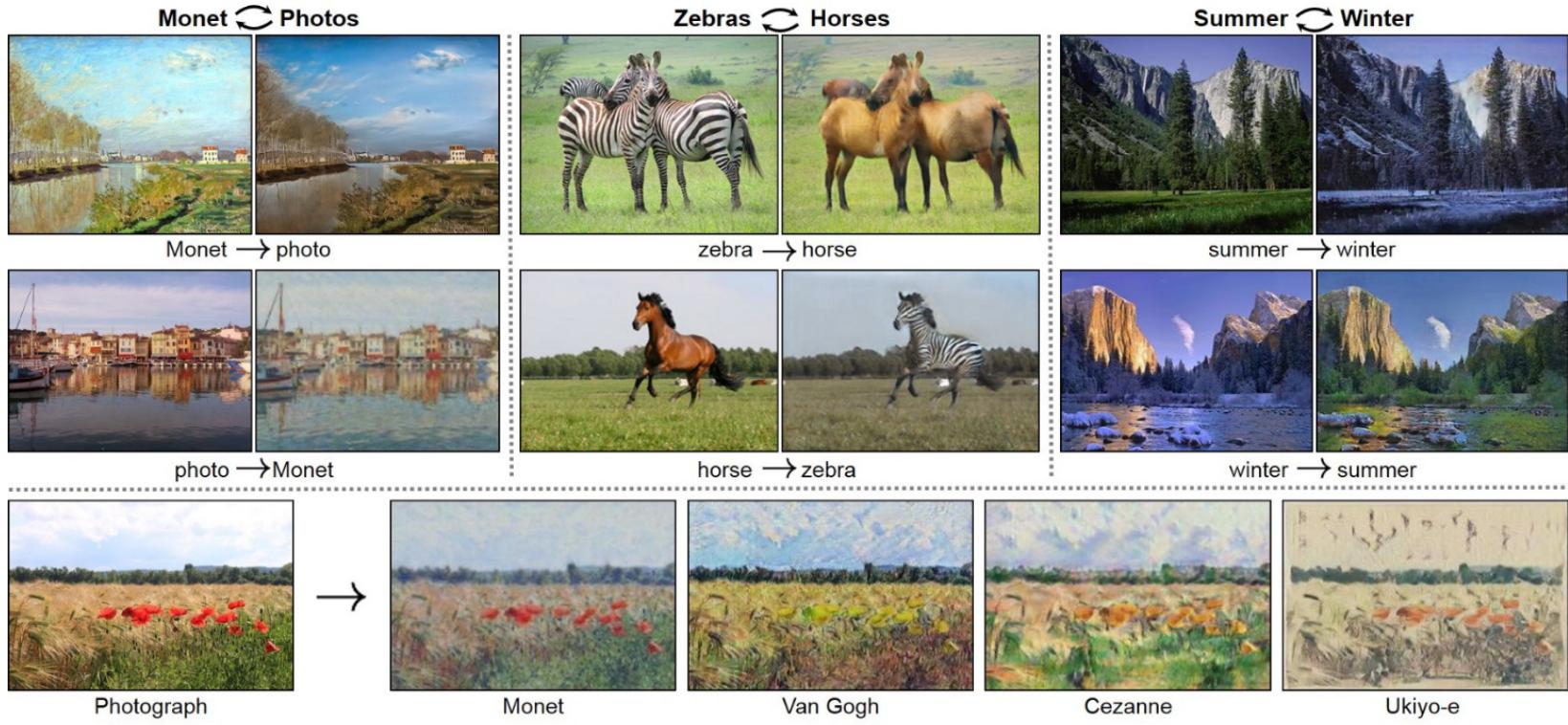


Image-to-Image Translation using GANs.

Fully visible belief network

Explicit density model

Use chain rule to decompose likelihood of an image x into product of 1-d distributions:

$$p(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$

↑ ↑
Likelihood of Probability of i'th pixel value
image x given all previous pixels

Then maximize likelihood of training data

Fully visible belief network - PixelCNN

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Will need to define ordering of “previous pixels”

Complex distribution over pixel values => Express using a neural network!

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Variational Autoencoders (VAE)

PixelCNNs define tractable density function, optimize likelihood of training data:

$$p_{\theta}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n p_{\theta}(x_i|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$

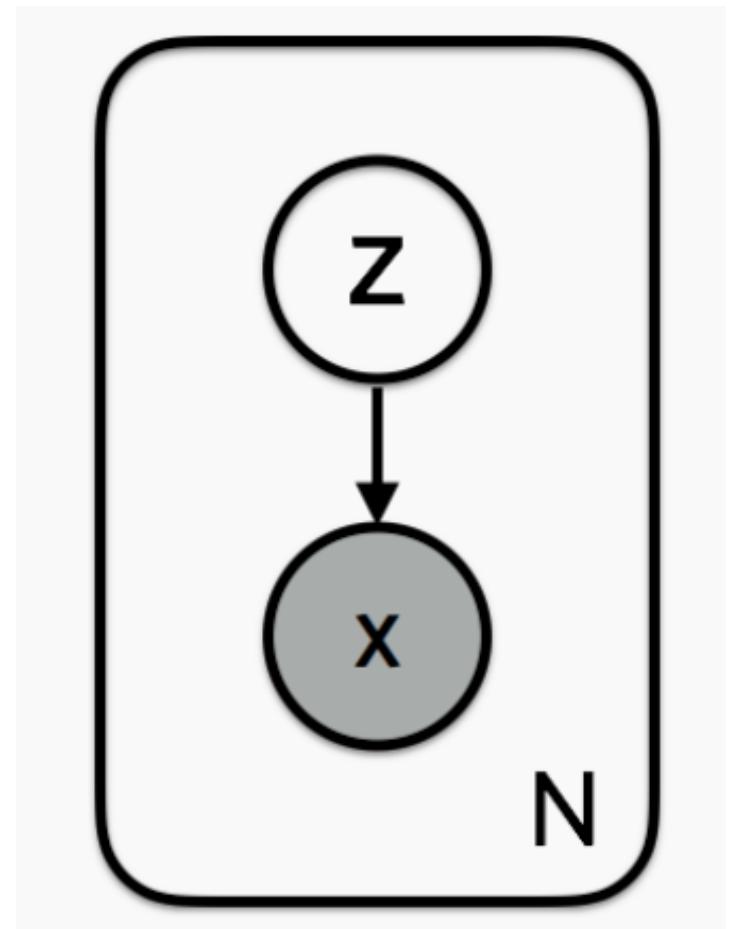
VAEs define intractable density function with latent \mathbf{z} :

$$p_{\theta}(x) = \int p_{\theta}(z)p_{\theta}(x|z)dz$$

Cannot optimize directly, derive and optimize lower bound on likelihood instead

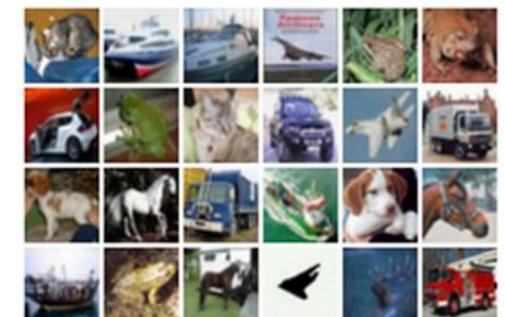
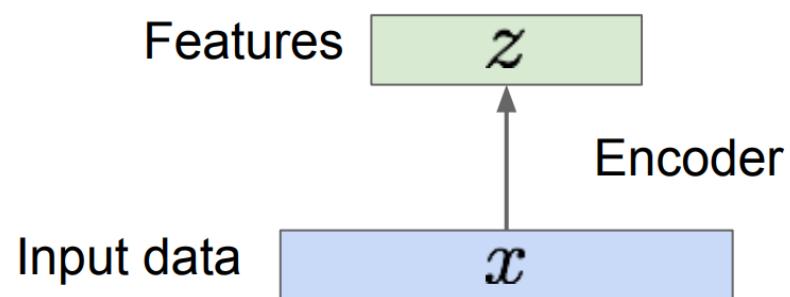
Variational Autoencoder

- Variational autoencoder contains a specific probability model of data x and latent variables z .
- The joint probability of the model: $p(x,z)=p(x|z)p(z)$.
- Follows generative process:
- For each datapoint i :
 - Draw latent variables $z_i \sim p(z)$
 - Draw datapoint $x_i \sim p(x | z)$
- The latent variables are drawn from a prior $p(z)$.
- The data x have a likelihood $p(x|z)$ that is conditioned on latent variables z .



Autoencoders

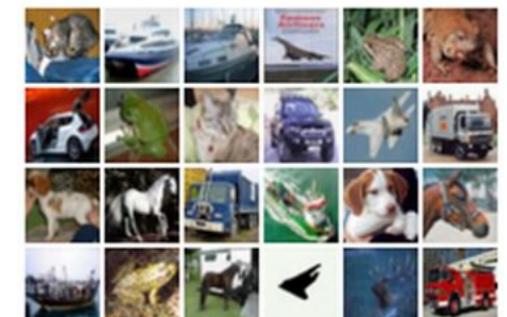
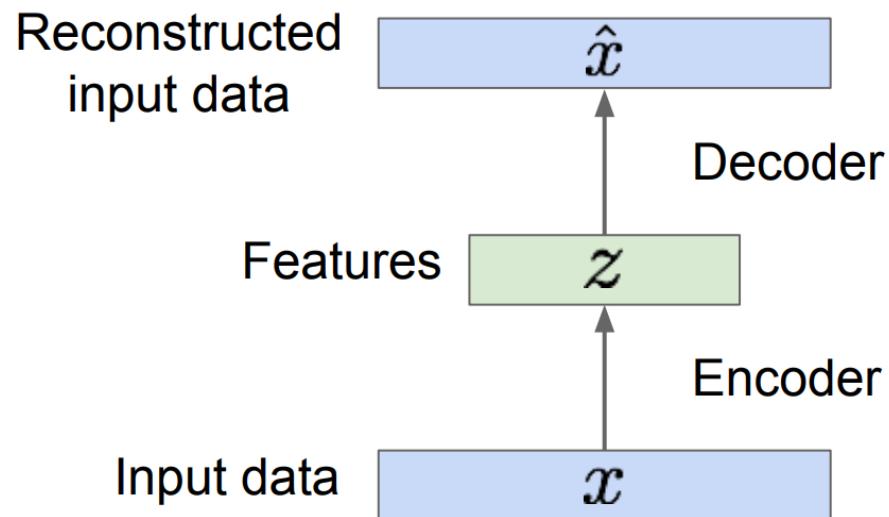
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Train such that features can be used to reconstruct original data
“Autoencoding” - encoding itself



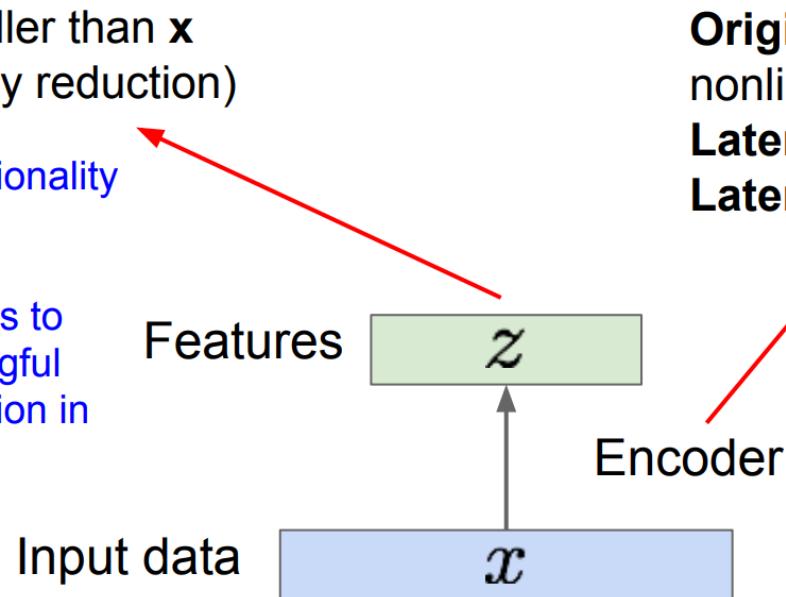
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Unsupervised approach for learning a lower-dimensional feature representation from unlabeled training data

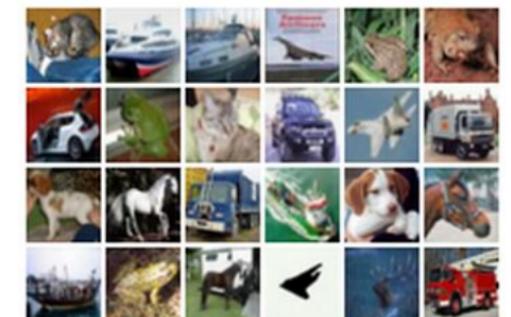
z usually smaller than x
(dimensionality reduction)

Q: Why dimensionality reduction?

A: Want features to capture meaningful factors of variation in data



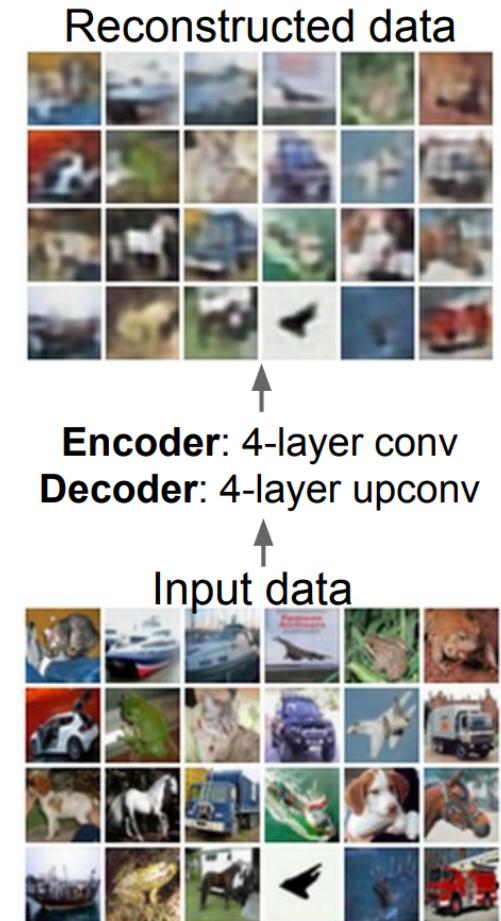
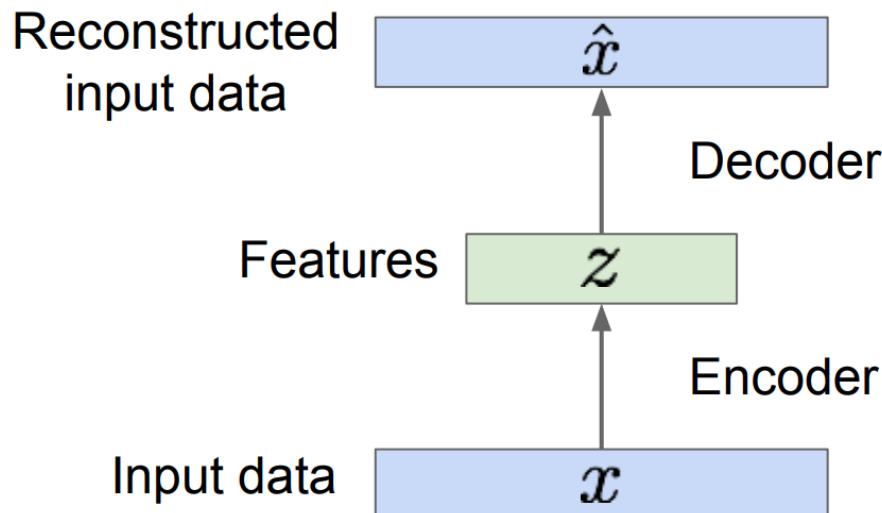
Originally: Linear + nonlinearity (sigmoid)
Later: Deep, fully-connected
Later: ReLU CNN



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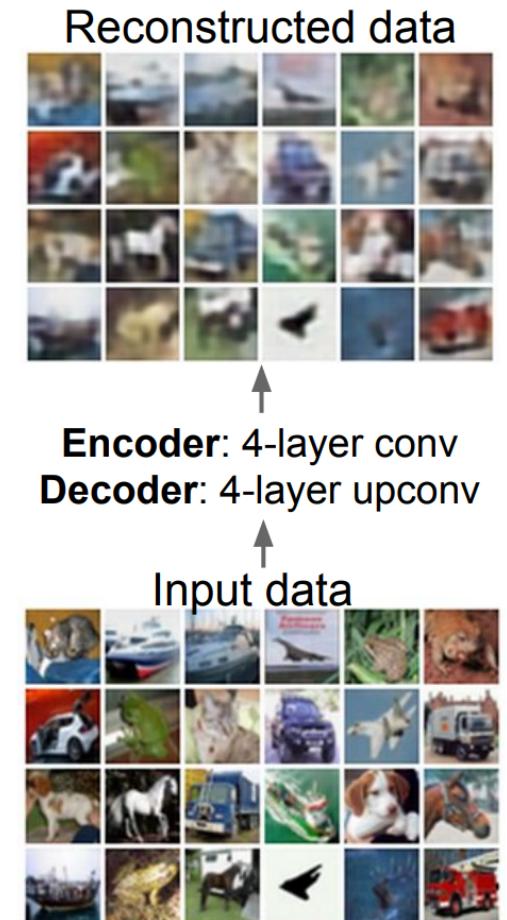
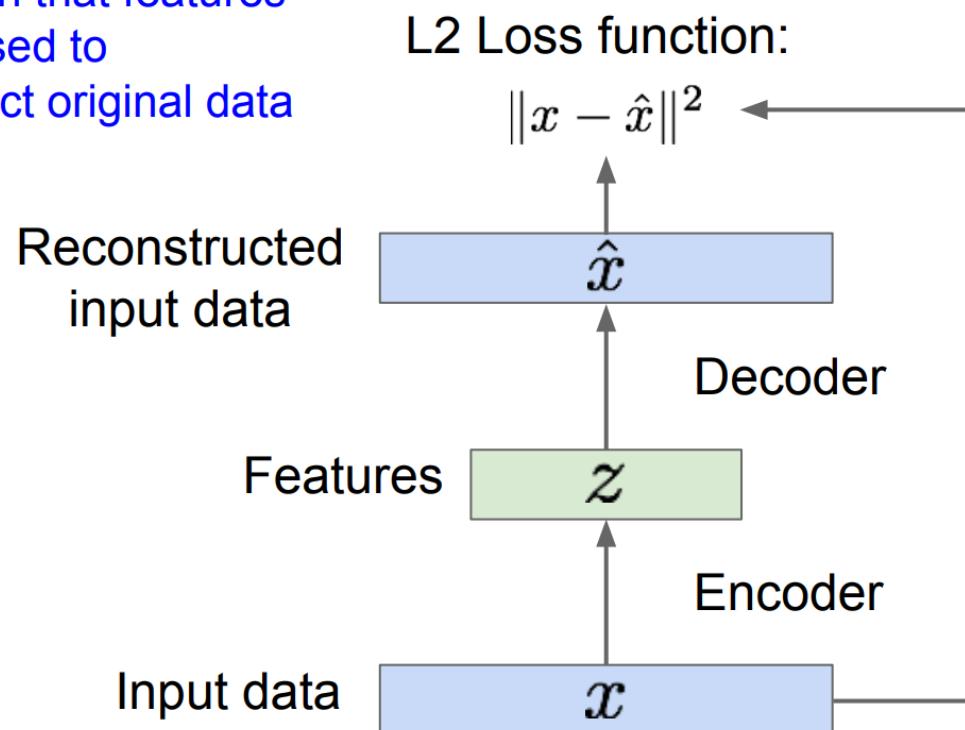
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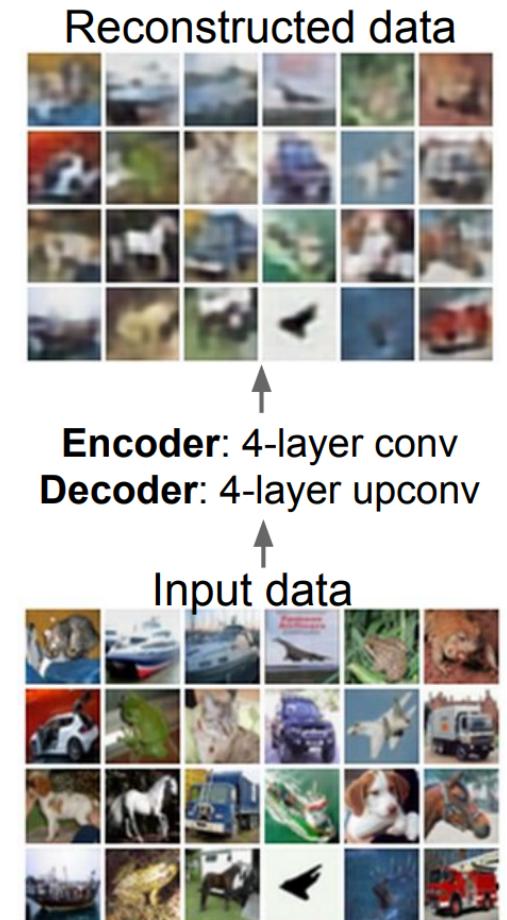
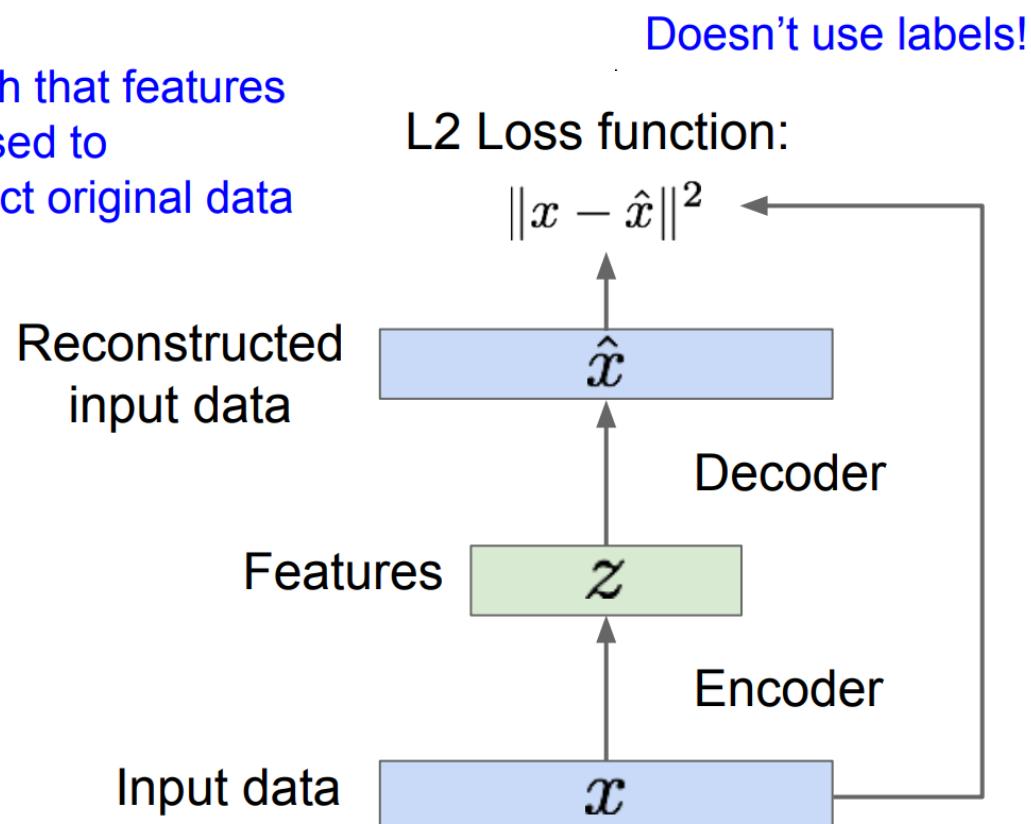
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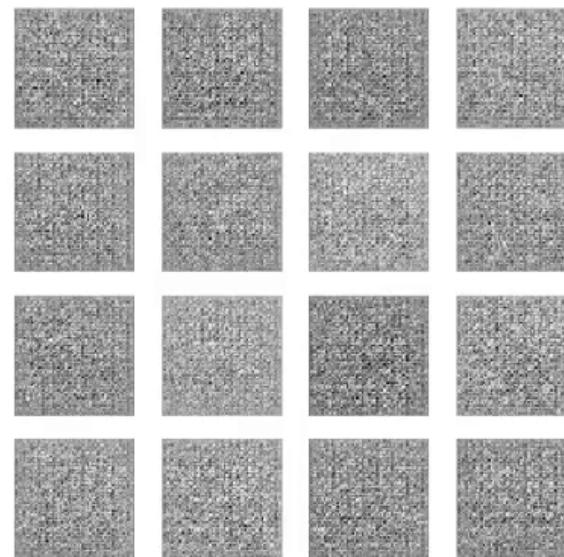


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GAN Models



Output of a GAN through time, learning to Create Hand-written digits.

GANs – Generative Adversarial Models

- Unsupervised – do not use labeled data
- Generative – learn joint probability $p(x, y)$
- Adversarial learning algorithm – minimax concept
- Generative models learn the intrinsic distribution function $p(x,y)$, allowing them to generate both synthetic inputs x' and outputs/targets y' , typically given some hidden parameters.

AI Generates Fake Celebrity Faces

- http://research.nvidia.com/publication/2017-10_Progressive-Growing-of

AI Learns Fashion Sense

- <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1711.02231.pdf>

Image to Image Translation using Cycle-Consistent Adversarial Neural Networks

- <https://junyanz.github.io/CycleGAN/>

AI Creates Modern Art

- <https://www.technologyreview.com/s/608195/machine-creativity-beats-some-modern-art/>

This Deep Learning AI Generated Thousands of Creepy Cat Pictures

- https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/a3dn9j/this-deep-learning-ai-generated-thousands-of-creepy-cat-pictures

MIT is using AI to create pure horror

- <https://qz.com/817604/mits-nightmare-machine-uses-artificial-intelligence-to-create-horrific-images-of-ghoulish-faces-and-scary-places/>

Amazon's new algorithm designs clothing by analyzing a bunch of pictures

- <https://www.theverge.com/2017/8/24/16195858/amazon-ai-fashion-designer>

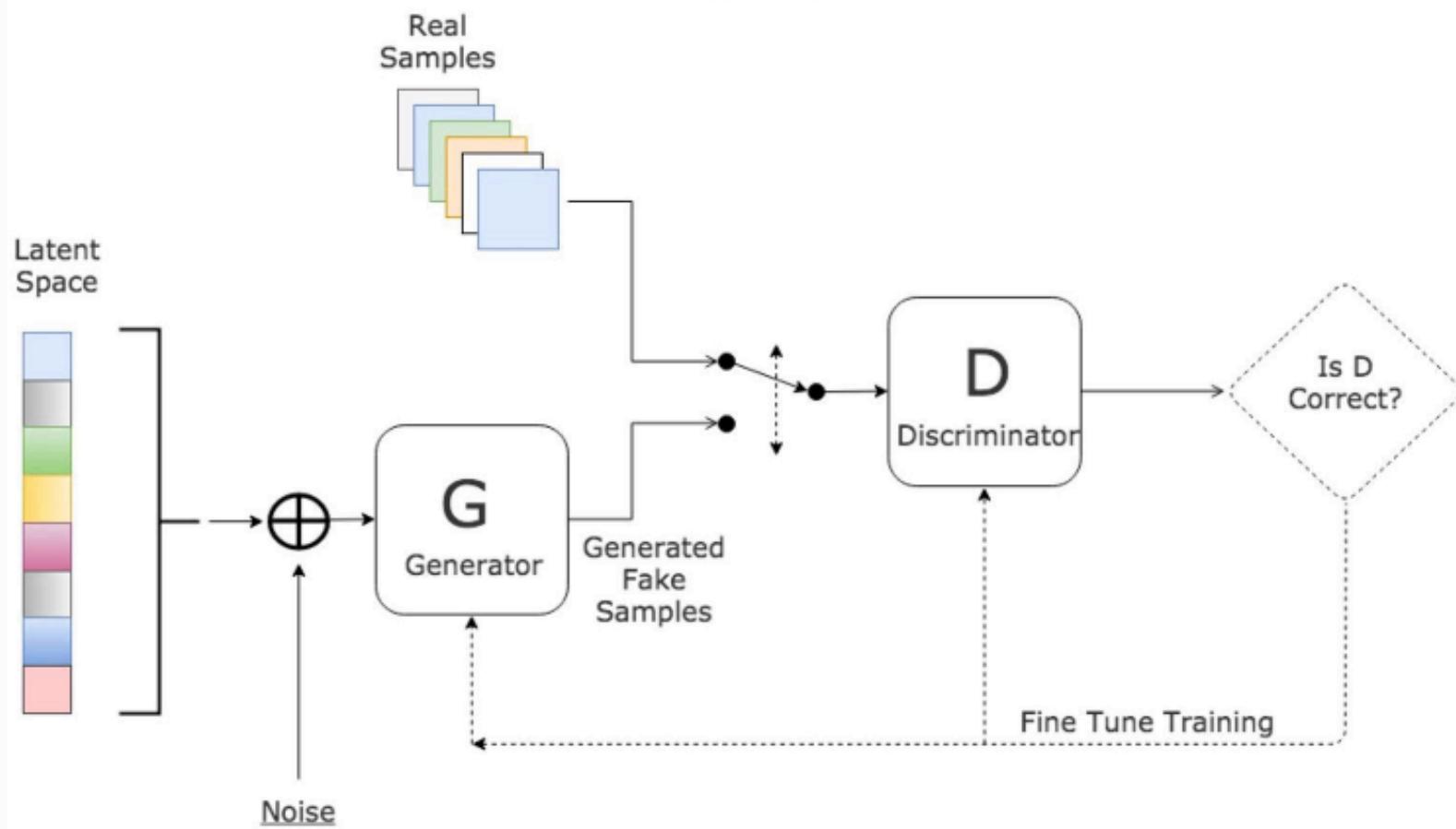
AI creates Photo-realistic Images

- <https://www.inverse.com/article/39018-these-neutral-networks-can-generate-realistic-photos>

Pros and Cons of GANs

- They currently generate the sharpest generated images
- They are easy to train (since no statistical inference is required), and only back-propagation is needed to obtain gradients
- GANs are difficult to optimize due to unstable training dynamics.
- No statistical inference can be done. GANs belong to the class of ***direct implicit*** density models; they model $p(x)$ without explicitly defining the PDF.

Generative Adversarial Network



Generative Adversarial Networks are composed of two models:

Generator

- Aims to generate new data similar to the expected one. The Generator could be thought of as forger, which creates fake works of art.

Discriminator

- Goal is to recognize if an input data is '*real*' — belongs to the original dataset — or if it is '*fake*' — generated by a forger. In this scenario, a Discriminator could be thought of as a person who identifies forgeries.

How do these models interact?

- The Generator and Discriminator are adversaries.
- The Generator (forger) needs to learn how to create data in such a way that the Discriminator isn't able to distinguish it as fake anymore.
- The competition between the two is what improves their respective models.

Mathematical Model

- A neural network $G(z, \Theta_1)$ is used to model the Generator.
- Its role is to map input noise variables z to the desired data space x (i.e., images).
- A second neural network $D(x, \Theta_2)$ models the discriminator and outputs the probability that the data came from the real dataset, in the range (0,1).
- In both cases, Θ_i represents the weights or parameters that define each neural network.

Mathematical Model

Generator

- Weight's are optimized to maximize the probability that any fake image is classified as belonging to the real dataset.
- **The loss/error function used for this network maximizes $D(G(z))$.**

Discriminator

- Weight's are optimized to maximize the probability that any real data input x is classified as belonging to the real dataset, while minimizing the probability that any fake image is classified as belonging to the real dataset.
- **Maximizes the function $D(x)$, and it also minimizes $D(G(z))$.**

MiniMax

- During training, the Discriminator and Generator are trying to optimize opposite loss functions.
- Can be thought of two agents playing a minimax game with value function $V(G, D)$.
- In this minimax game, the generator is trying to maximize it's probability of having it's outputs recognized as real, while the discriminator is trying to minimize this same value.

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

Value Function of Minimax Game played by Generator and Discriminator

Algorithm 1 Minibatch stochastic gradient descent training of generative adversarial nets. The number of steps to apply to the discriminator, k , is a hyperparameter. We used $k = 1$, the least expensive option, in our experiments.

for number of training iterations **do**

for k steps **do**

- Sample minibatch of m noise samples $\{\mathbf{z}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}^{(m)}\}$ from noise prior $p_g(\mathbf{z})$.
- Sample minibatch of m examples $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$ from data generating distribution $p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$.
- Update the discriminator by ascending its stochastic gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta_d} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[\log D(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + \log (1 - D(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)}))) \right].$$

end for

- Sample minibatch of m noise samples $\{\mathbf{z}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}^{(m)}\}$ from noise prior $p_g(\mathbf{z})$.
- Update the generator by descending its stochastic gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta_g} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log (1 - D(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)}))).$$

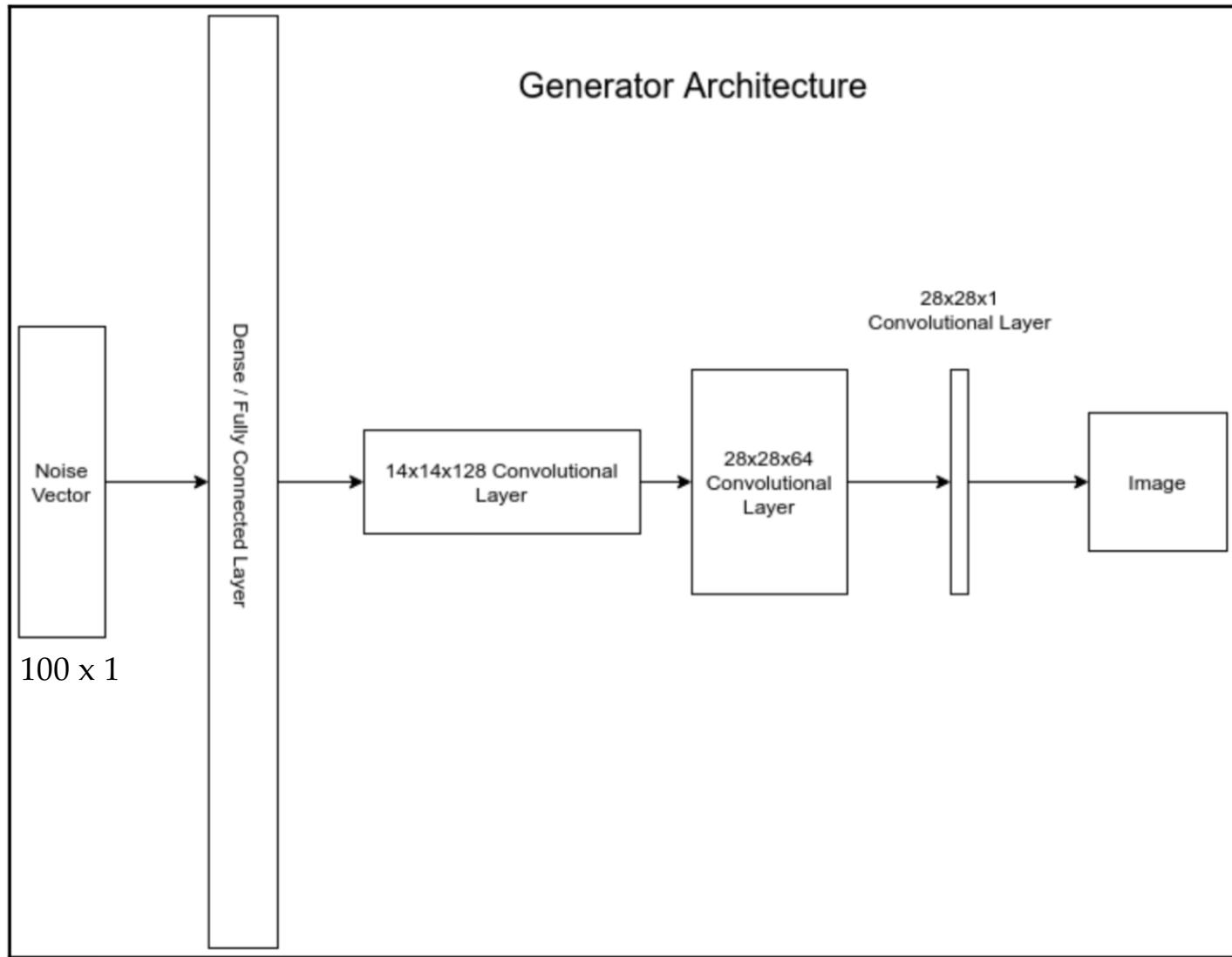
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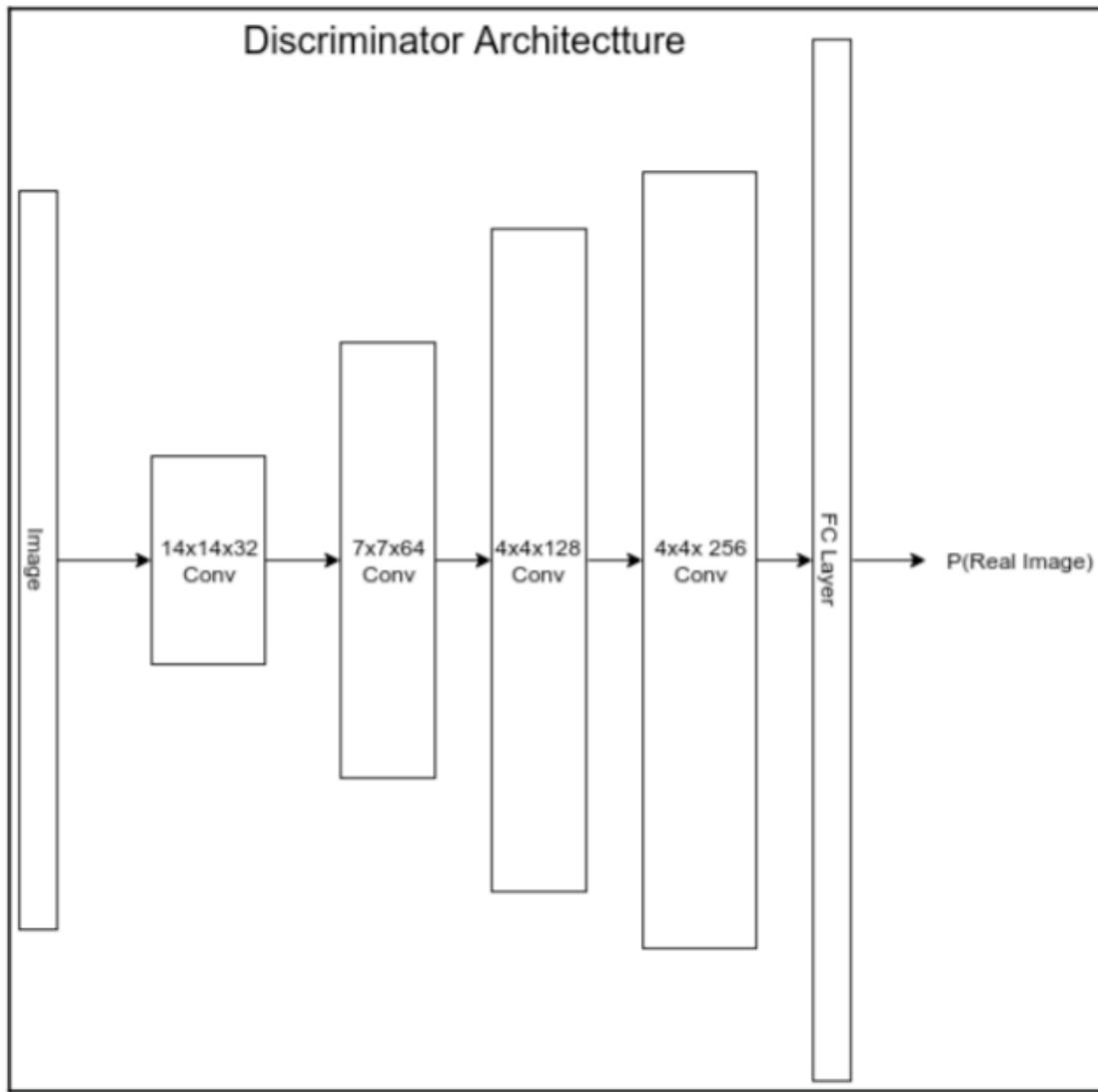
The gradient-based updates can use any standard gradient-based learning rule. We used momentum in our experiments.

The fundamental steps to train a GAN can be described as following:

1. Sample a **noise** set and a **real-data** set, each with size m .
2. Train the **Discriminator** on this data.
3. Sample a different noise **subset** with size m .
4. Train the **Generator** on this data.
5. **Repeat** from Step 1.

Generator Architecture





- <https://blog.keras.io/building-autoencoders-in-keras.html>

[Go to demo](#)