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Neural Networks for Computer Vision

Lecture 11: Generative Neural Networks

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¹Fei-Fei Li, Ranjay Krishna, and Danfei Xu. *Stanford CS231n lecture slides*. <http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/>

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Another formulation is thus to find a distribution $p_{model}(x)$ which is similar to the distribution of the training data $p_{data}(x)$. We can do this in two ways:

- Explicitly - define and solve for $p_{model}(x)$
- Implicitly - we find a model that can sample from $p_{model}(x)$ without explicit definition

Fully Visible Belief Network



Explicit density model

$$p(x) = p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$



Likelihood of
image x



Joint likelihood of each
pixel in the image

Fully Visible Belief Network

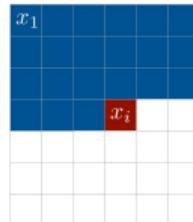


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Likelihood of Probability of i 'th pixel value
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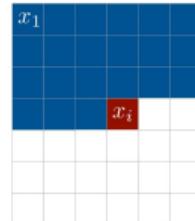
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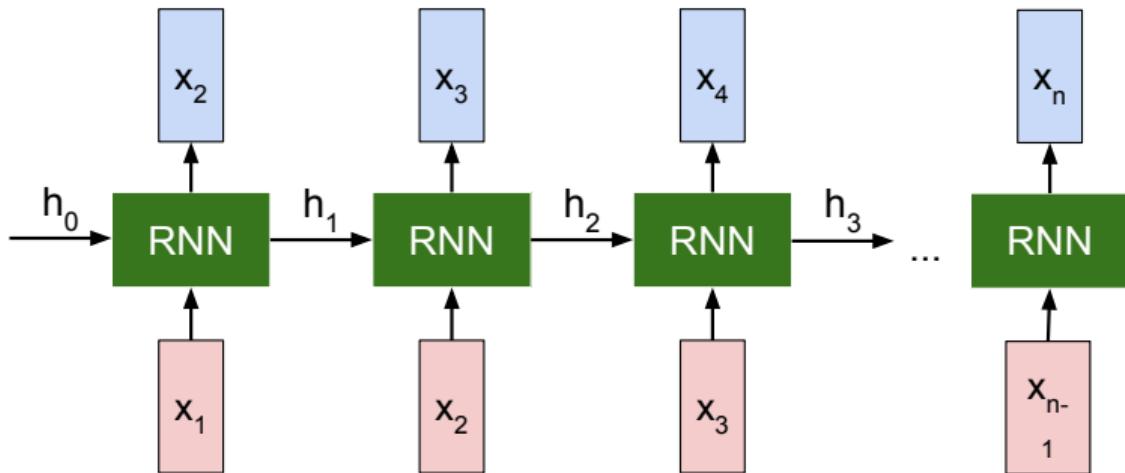
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Complex distribution over pixel
values => Express using a neural
network!

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Recurrent neural network



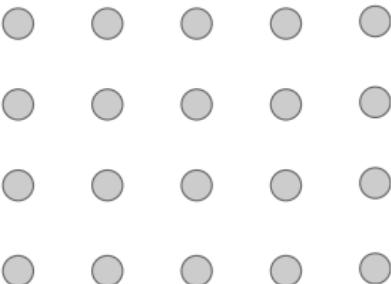
$$p(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$



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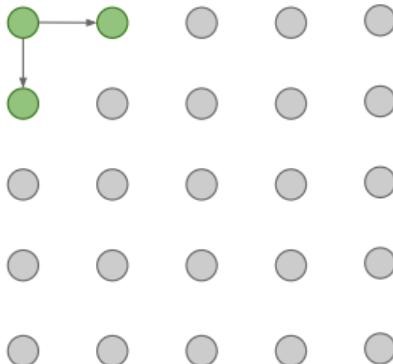
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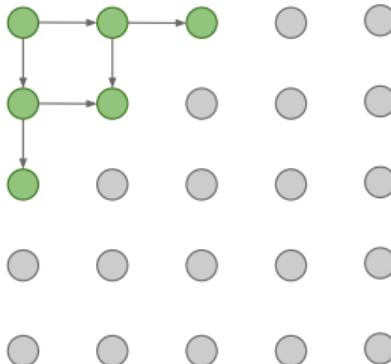


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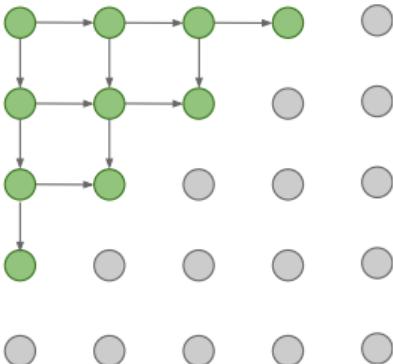
PixelRNN



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Dependency on previous pixels modeled using an RNN (LSTM)

Drawback: sequential generation is slow in both training and inference!

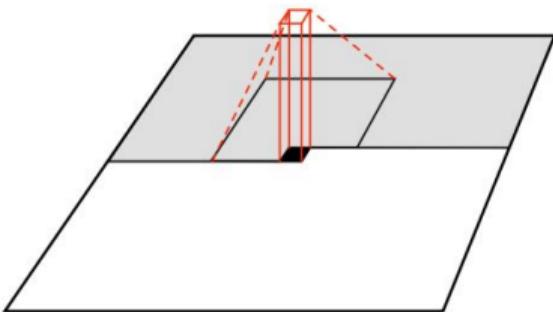


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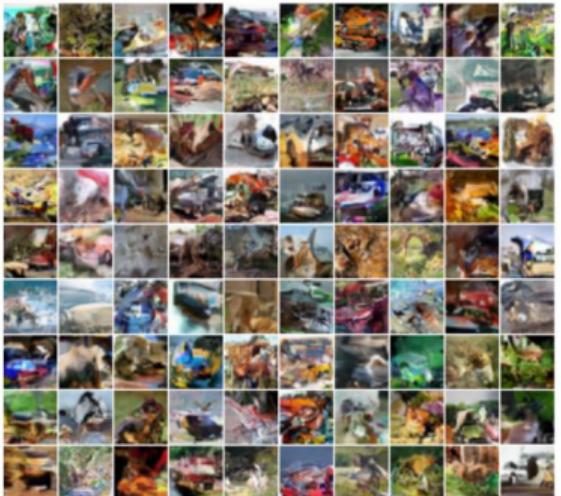


Still generate image pixels starting from corner

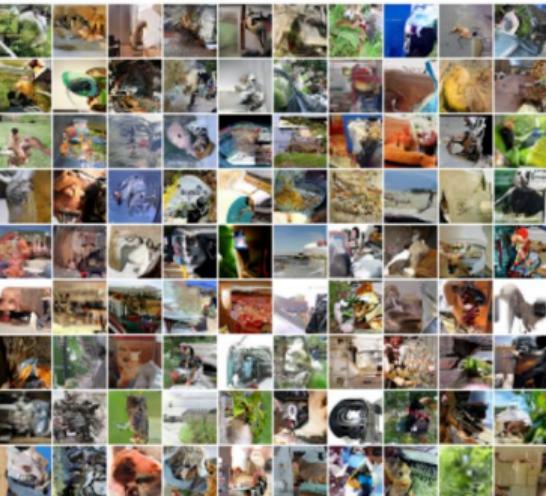
Dependency on previous pixels now modeled using a CNN over context region
(masked convolution)



PixelRNN results



32x32 CIFAR-10



32x32 ImageNet

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PixelCNN/RNN pros and cons



Pros:

- Explicit computation of $p(x)$
- Easy to optimize
- Good samples

Cons:

- Slow sequential generation!

Variational autoencoders - general idea



PixelRNN/CNNs define tractable density function, optimize likelihood of training data:

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

Variational autoencoders - general idea



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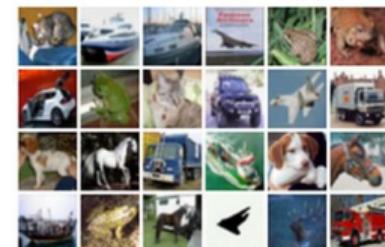
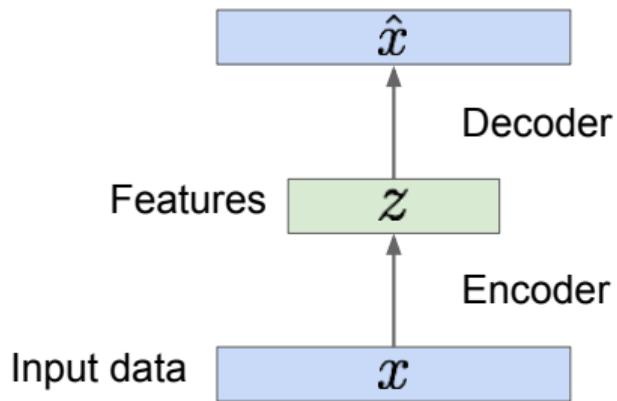
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Why latent \mathbf{z} ?

Some background first: Autoencoders

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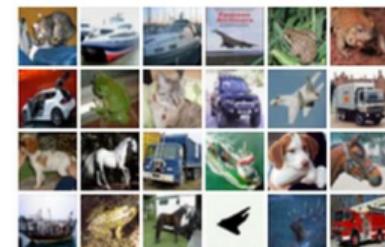
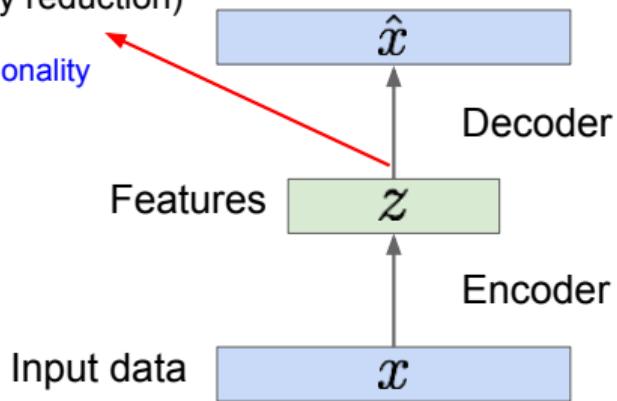


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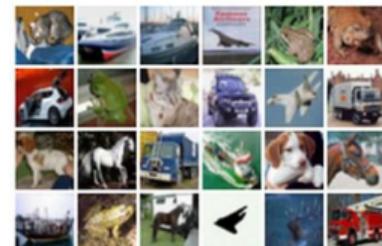
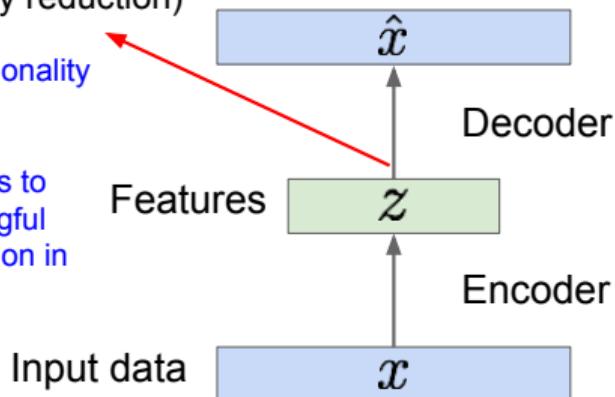
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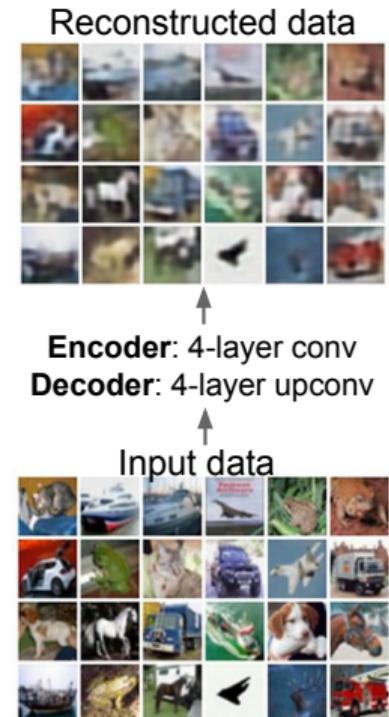
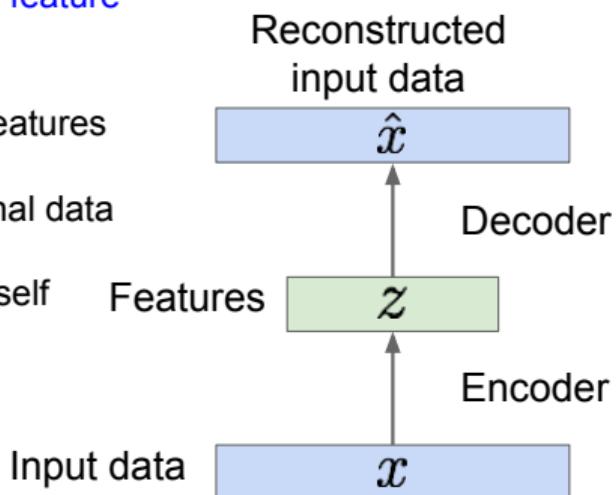
A: Want features to capture meaningful factors of variation in data



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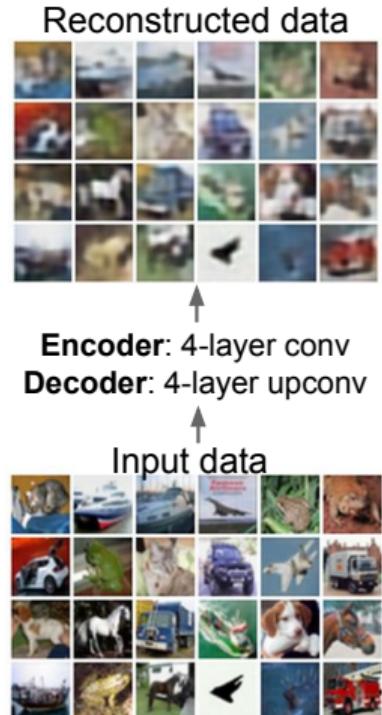
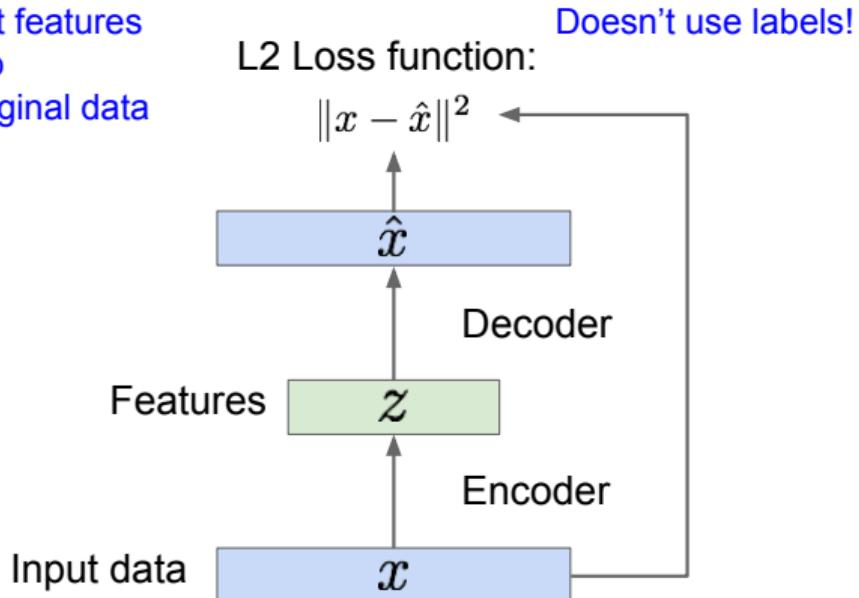
How to learn this feature representation?

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

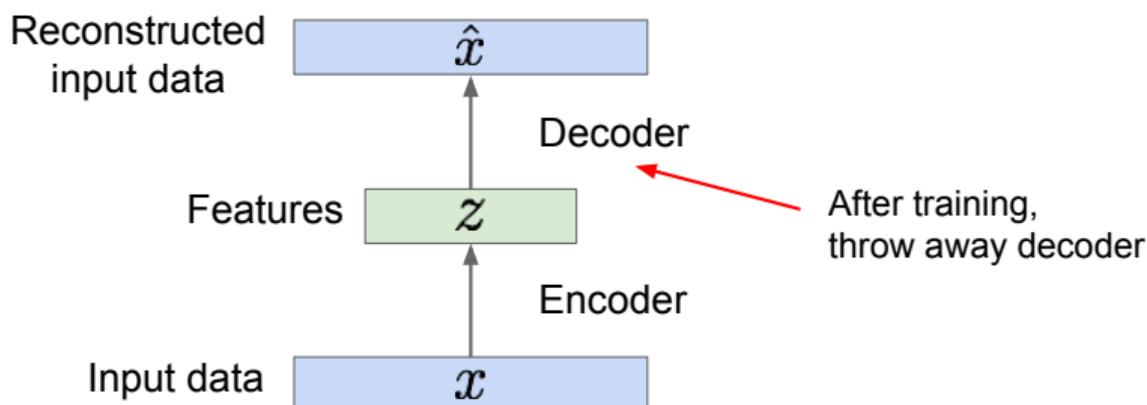


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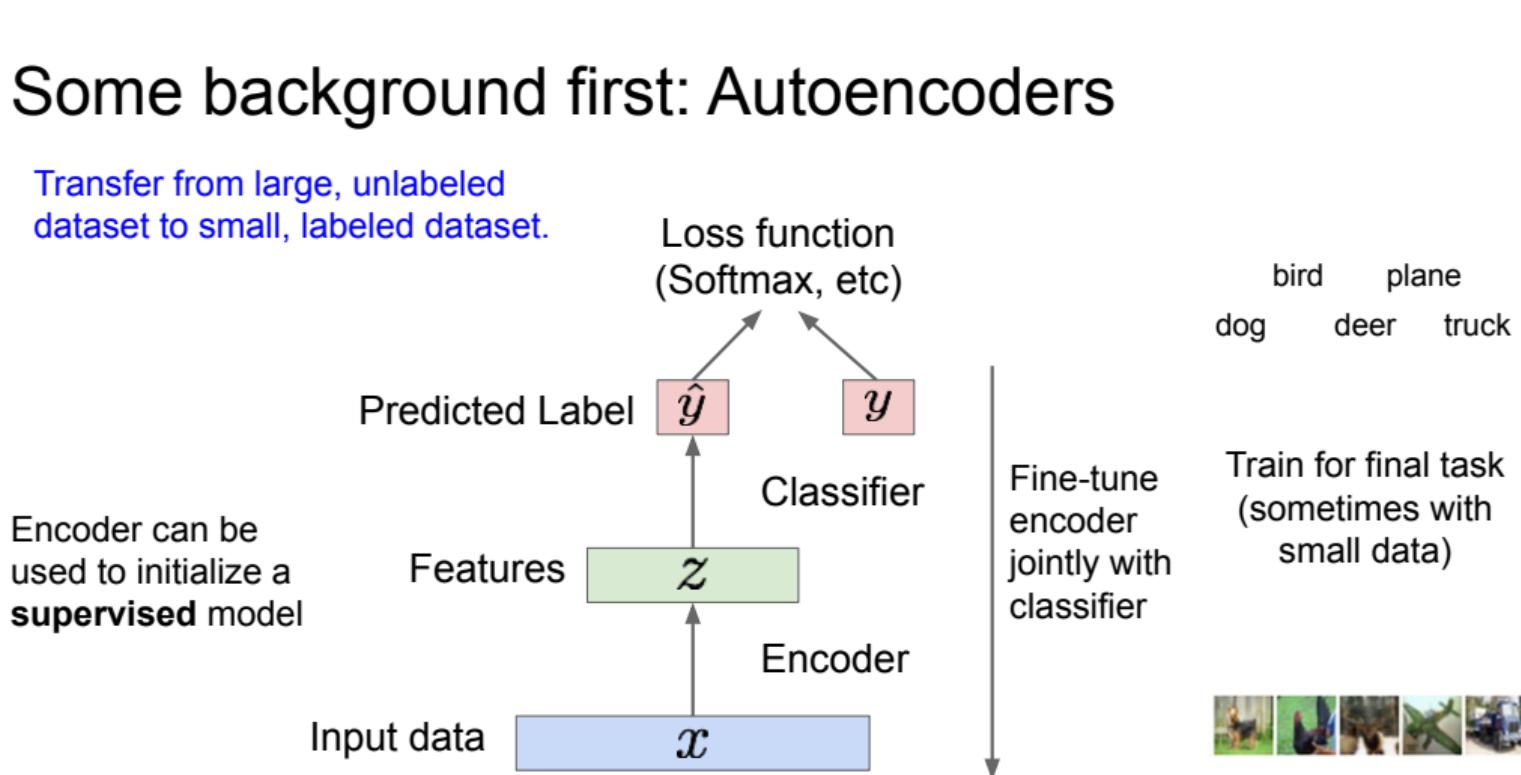


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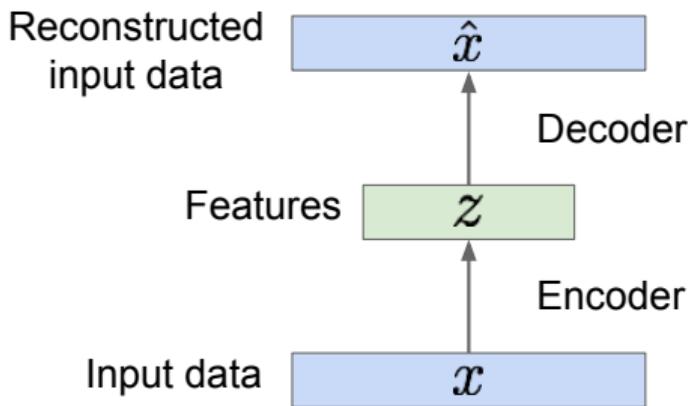


Some background first: Autoencoders

Transfer from large, unlabeled dataset to small, labeled dataset.



Some background first: Autoencoders



Autoencoders can reconstruct data, and can learn features to initialize a supervised model

Features capture factors of variation in training data.

But we can't generate new images from an autoencoder because we don't know the space of z .

How do we make autoencoder a **generative model**?

Variational autoencoders



Probabilistic spin on autoencoders - will let us sample from the model to generate data!

Variational autoencoders

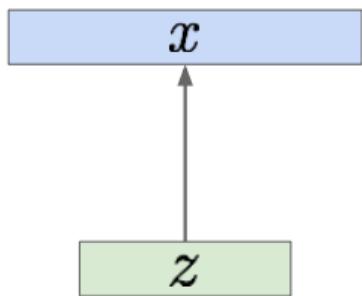


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Variational autoencoders



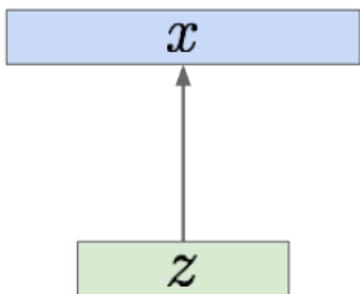
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Intuition (remember from autoencoders!):
 x is an image, z is latent factors used to
generate x : attributes, orientation, etc.

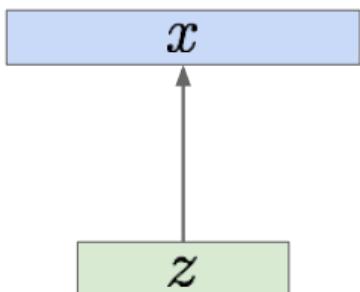
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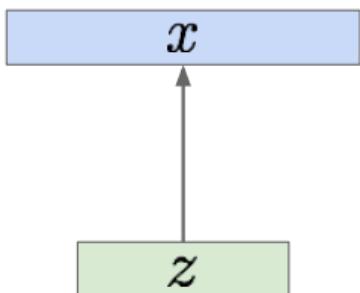


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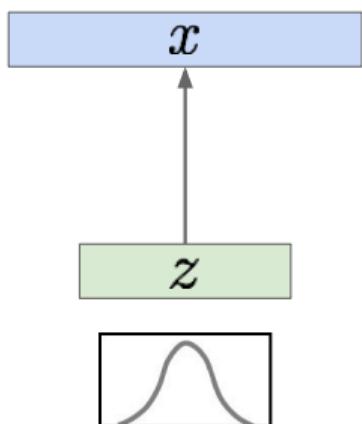
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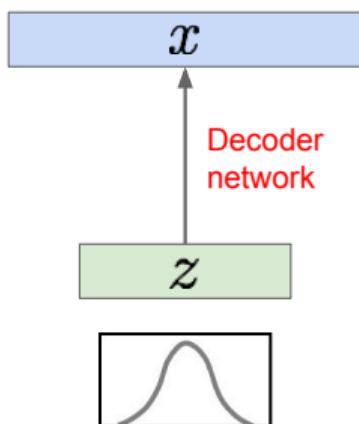
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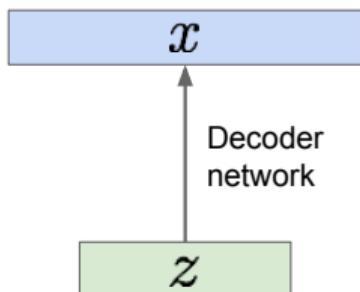
Conditional $p(x|z)$ is complex (generates image) => represent with neural network

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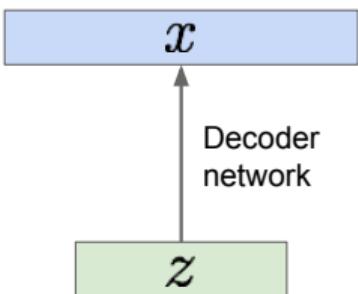
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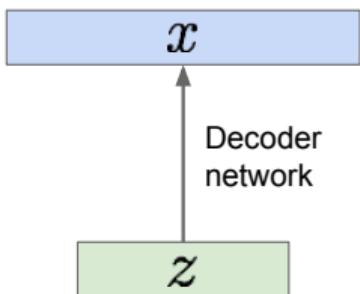
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Q: What is the problem with this?
Intractable!

Variational autoencoders - intractability



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Variational autoencoders - intractability



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Decoder neural network

Variational autoencoders - intractability



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Intractable to compute $p(x|z)$ for every z !

$$\log p(x) \approx \log \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k p(x|z^{(i)}), \text{ where } z^{(i)} \sim p(z)$$

Monte Carlo estimation is too high variance

Variational autoencoders - intractability



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Posterior density: $p_\theta(z|x) = p_\theta(x|z)p_\theta(z)/p_\theta(x)$



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Variational autoencoders - intractability



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Posterior density also intractable: $p_\theta(z|x) = p_\theta(x|z)p_\theta(z)/p_\theta(x)$

Solution: In addition to modeling $p_\theta(x|z)$, learn $q_\phi(z|x)$ that approximates the true posterior $p_\theta(z|x)$.

Will see that the approximate posterior allows us to derive a lower bound on the data likelihood that is tractable, which we can optimize.

Variational inference is to approximate the unknown posterior distribution from only the observed data x

Variational Autoencoders

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Taking expectation wrt. z
(using encoder network) will
come in handy later

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The expectation wrt. z (using encoder network) let us write nice KL terms

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Decoder network gives $p_\theta(x|z)$, can compute estimate of this term through sampling (need some trick to differentiate through sampling).



This KL term (between Gaussians for encoder and z prior) has nice closed-form solution!



$p_\theta(z|x)$ intractable (saw earlier), can't compute this KL term :(But we know KL divergence always ≥ 0 .

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Decoder network gives $p_\theta(x|z)$, can
compute estimate of this term through
sampling.



This KL term (between
Gaussians for encoder and z
prior) has nice closed-form
solution!



$p_\theta(z|x)$ intractable (saw
earlier), can't compute this KL
term :(But we know KL
divergence always ≥ 0 .



Variational Autoencoders

We want to maximize the data likelihood

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Tractable lower bound which we can take gradient of and optimize! ($p_\theta(x|z)$ differentiable, KL term differentiable)

Variational Autoencoders

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Decoder:
reconstruct
the input data

Encoder:
make approximate
posterior distribution
close to prior

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Variational Autoencoders

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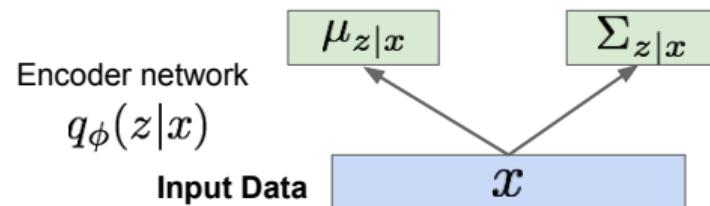
Let's look at computing the KL divergence between the estimated posterior and the prior given some data

Input Data x

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$$D_{KL}(\mathcal{N}(\mu_{z|x}, \Sigma_{z|x}) || \mathcal{N}(0, I))$$

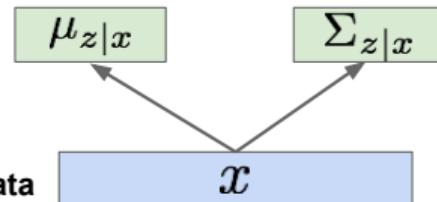
Have analytical solution

Make approximate posterior distribution close to prior

Encoder network

$$q_\phi(z|x)$$

Input Data



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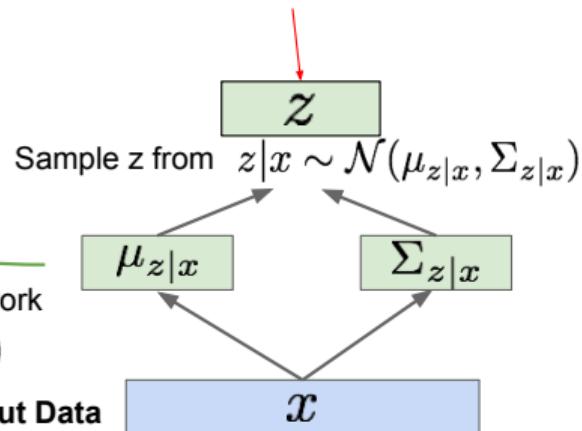
$\mathcal{L}(x^{(i)}, \theta, \phi)$

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Input Data

Not part of the computation graph!



Variational Autoencoders

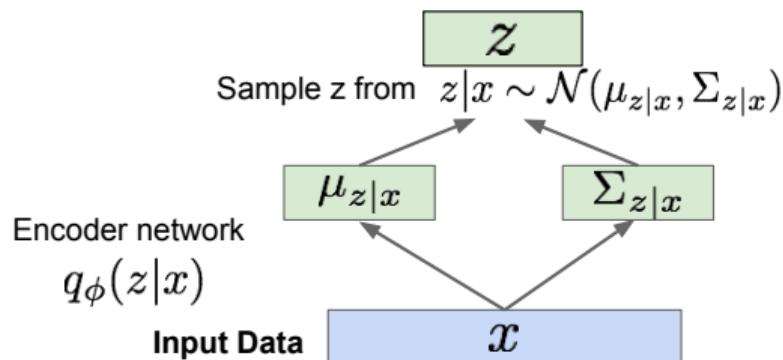
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Reparameterization trick to make sampling differentiable:

$$\text{Sample } \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

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Variational Autoencoders

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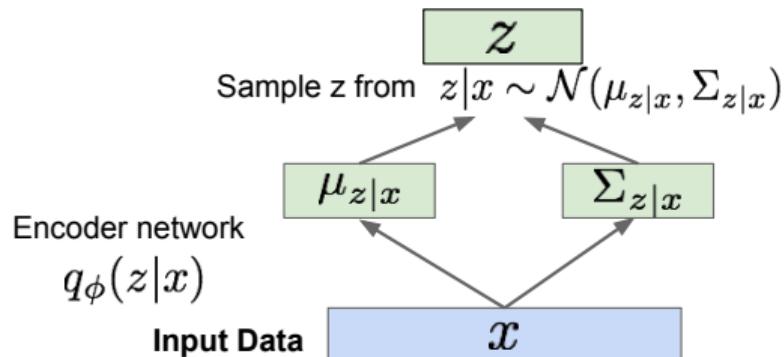
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Part of computation graph

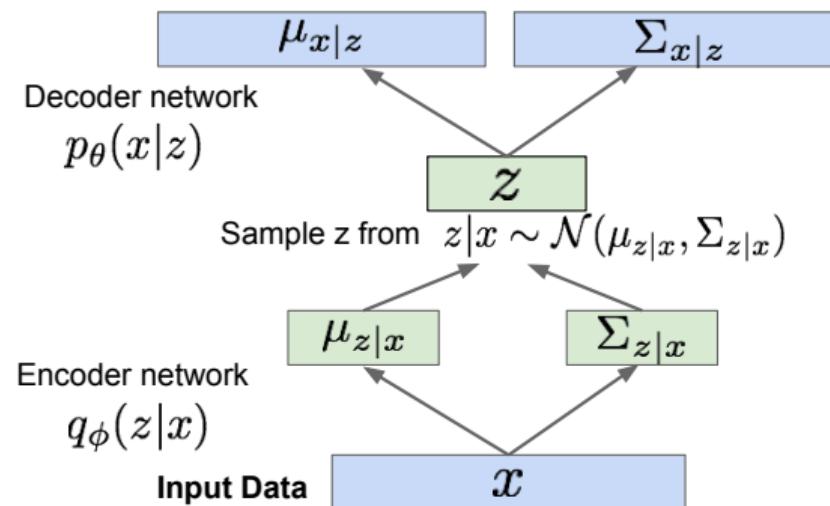
Input to the graph



Variational Autoencoders

Putting it all together: maximizing the likelihood lower bound

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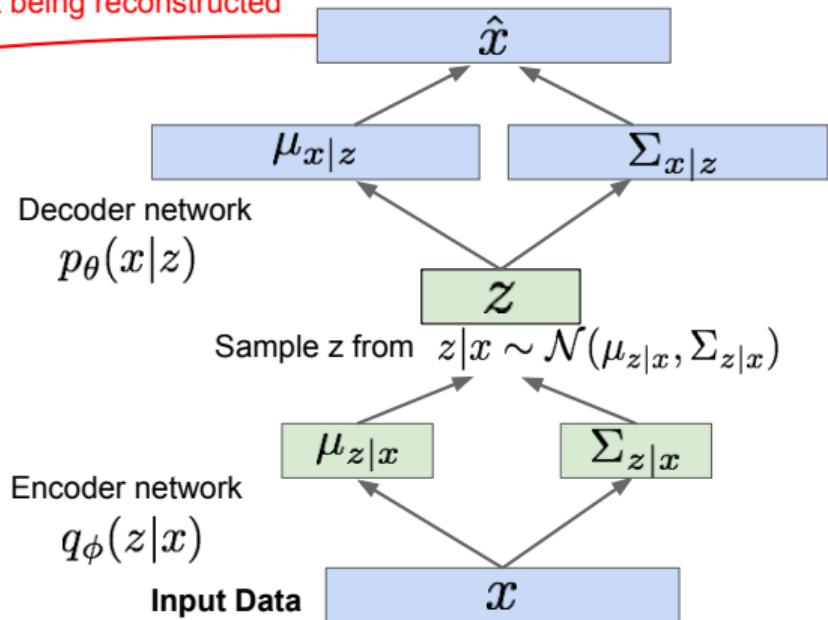


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Maximize likelihood of original input being reconstructed

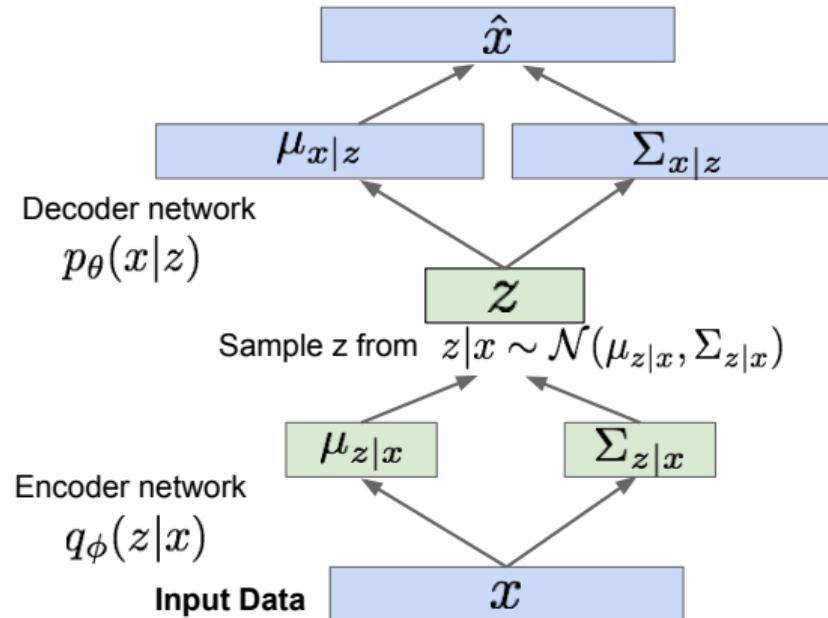


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For every minibatch of input data: compute this forward pass, and then backprop!

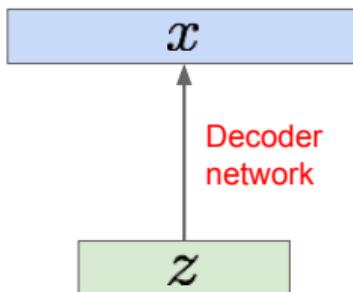


Variational Autoencoders: Generating Data!

Our assumption about data generation process

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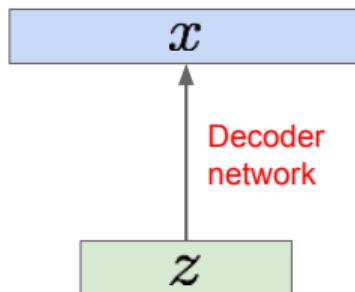
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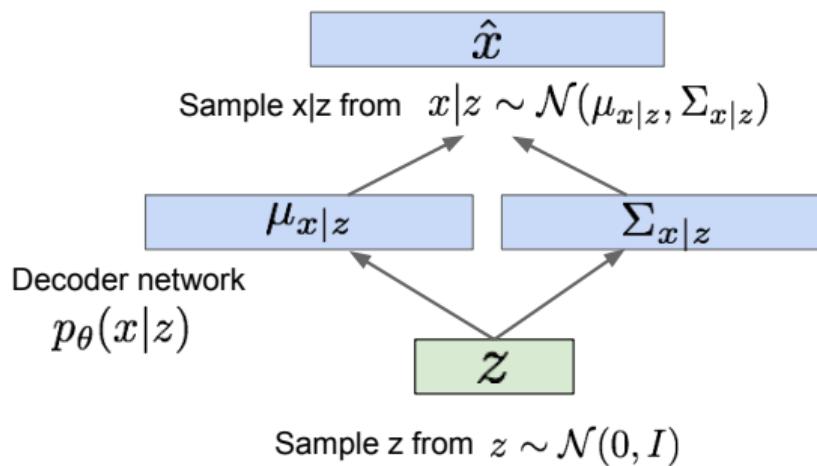
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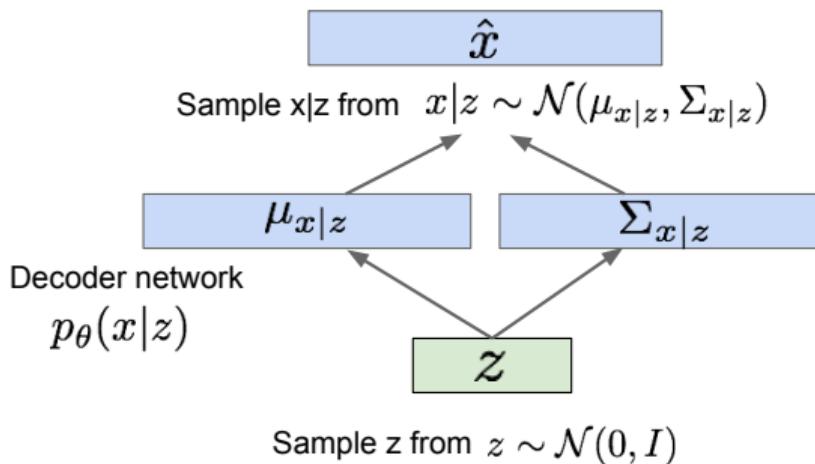
Now given a trained VAE:
use decoder network & sample z from prior!



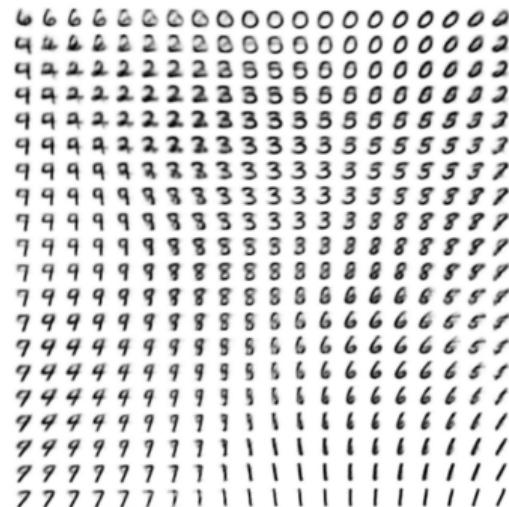
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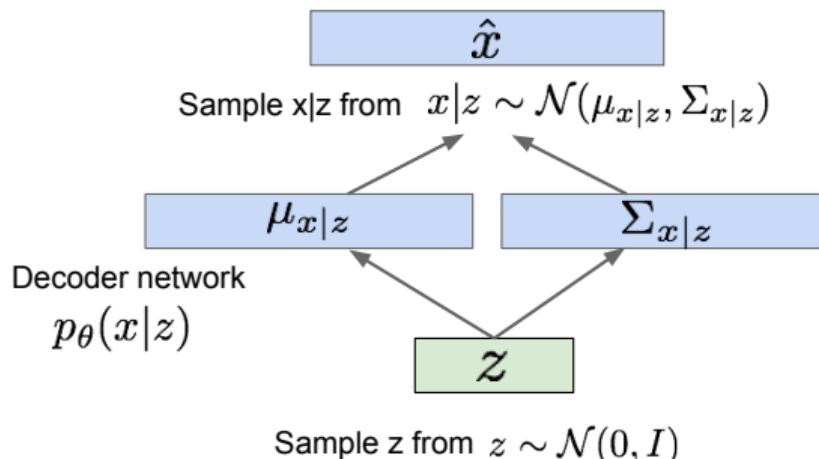


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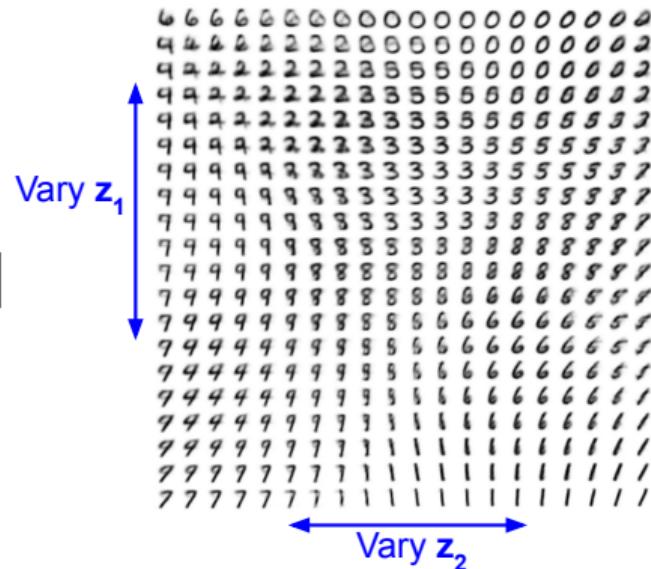
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Data manifold for 2-d z



Variational Autoencoders: Generating Data!

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Also good feature representation that
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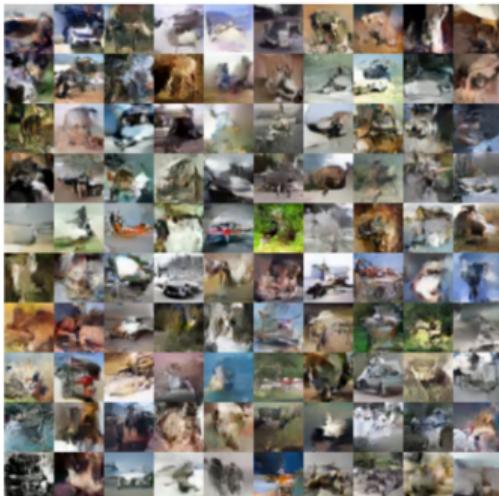
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Variational Autoencoders: Generating Data!



32x32 CIFAR-10



Labeled Faces in the Wild

Variational Autoencoders

Probabilistic spin to traditional autoencoders => allows generating data

Defines an intractable density => derive and optimize a (variational) lower bound

Pros:

- Principled approach to generative models
- Interpretable latent space.
- Allows inference of $q(z|x)$, can be useful feature representation for other tasks

Cons:

- Maximizes lower bound of likelihood: okay, but not as good evaluation as PixelRNN/PixelCNN
- Samples blurrier and lower quality compared to state-of-the-art (GANs)

Active areas of research:

- More flexible approximations, e.g. richer approximate posterior instead of diagonal Gaussian, e.g., Gaussian Mixture Models (GMMs), Categorical Distributions.
- Learning disentangled representations.

Generative adversarial networks - general idea



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GANs: not modeling any explicit density function!

Generative adversarial networks



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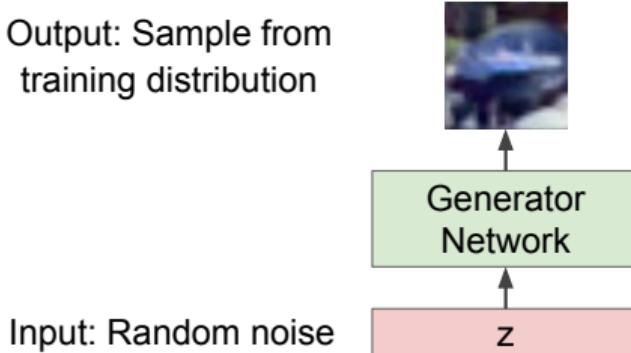
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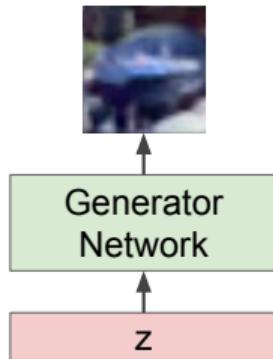
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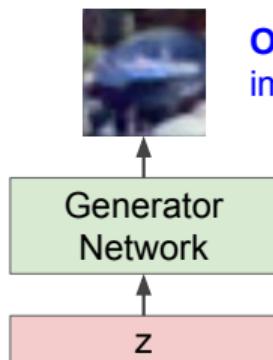
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Objective: generated images should look "real"

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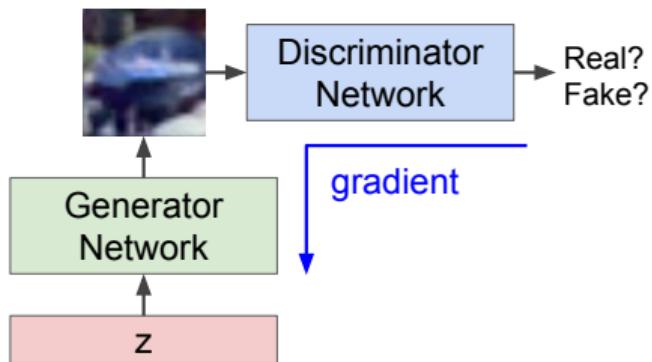
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Solution: Use a discriminator network to tell whether the generate image is within data distribution ("real") or not

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Generative adversarial networks - training



Discriminator network: try to distinguish between real and fake images

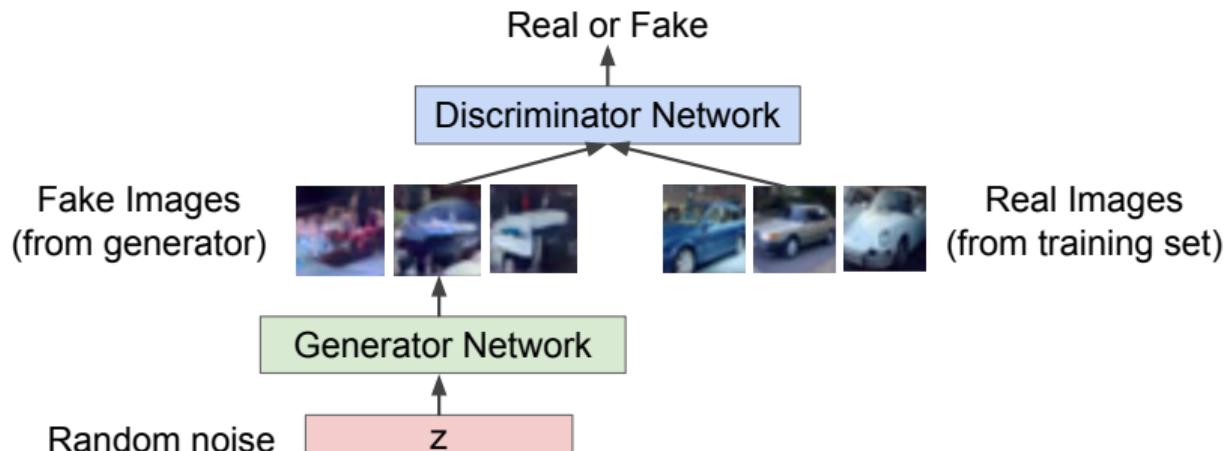
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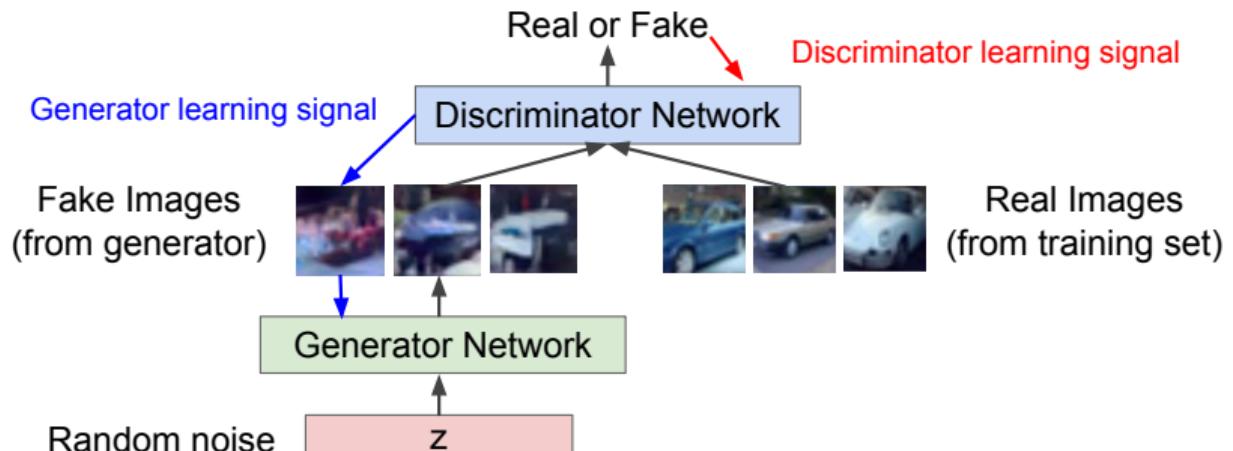


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Generator objective Discriminator objective

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Discriminator output
for real data x

Discriminator output for
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- Discriminator (θ_d) wants to **maximize objective** such that $D(x)$ is close to 1 (real) and $D(G(z))$ is close to 0 (fake)
- Generator (θ_g) wants to **minimize objective** such that $D(G(z))$ is close to 1 (discriminator is fooled into thinking generated $G(z)$ is real)

Generative adversarial networks - training



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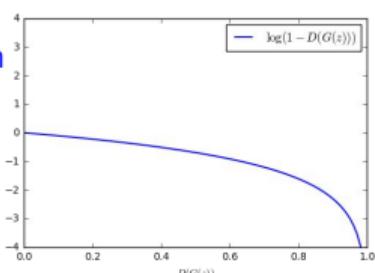
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Gradient signal dominated by region where sample is already good

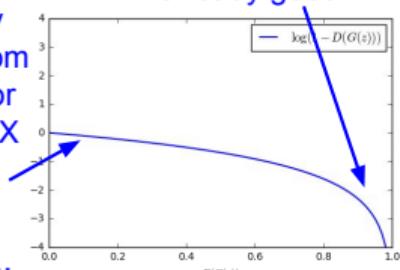
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But gradient in this region is relatively flat!



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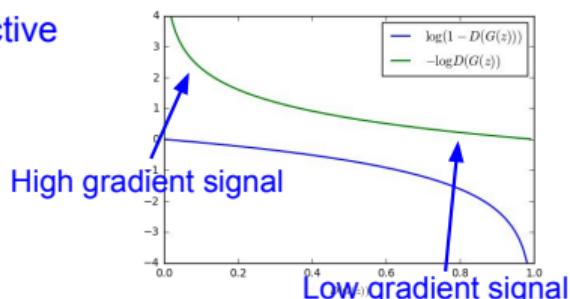
$$\max_{\theta_d} \left[\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} \log D_{\theta_d}(x) + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} \log(1 - D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z))) \right]$$

2. Instead: **Gradient ascent** on generator, different objective

$$\max_{\theta_g} \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} \log(D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z)))$$

Instead of minimizing likelihood of discriminator being correct, now maximize likelihood of discriminator being wrong.

Same objective of fooling discriminator, but now higher gradient signal for bad samples => works much better! Standard in practice.



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Putting it together: GAN training algorithm

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:

$$\nabla_{\theta_d} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[\log D_{\theta_d}(x^{(i)}) + \log(1 - D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z^{(i)}))) \right]$$

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 ascending its stochastic gradient (improved objective):

$$\nabla_{\theta_g} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log(D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z^{(i)})))$$

end for

Generative adversarial networks - results



a)



b)



c)



d)

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Generator is an upsampling network with fractionally-strided convolutions
Discriminator is a convolutional network

Architecture guidelines for stable Deep Convolutional GANs

- Replace any pooling layers with strided convolutions (discriminator) and fractional-strided convolutions (generator).
- Use batchnorm in both the generator and the discriminator.
- Remove fully connected hidden layers for deeper architectures.
- Use ReLU activation in generator for all layers except for the output, which uses Tanh.
- Use LeakyReLU activation in the discriminator for all layers.

Radford et al, "Unsupervised Representation Learning with Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks", ICLR 2016

Alec Radford, Luke Metz, and Soumith Chintala. "Unsupervised representation learning with deep convolutional generative adversarial networks." In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:1511.06434* (2015)

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Samples
from the
model look
much
better!

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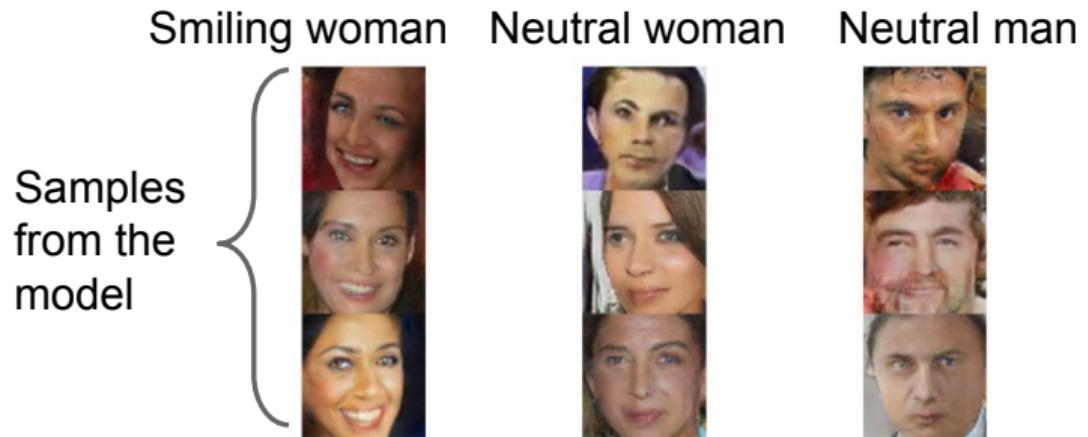
Interpolating
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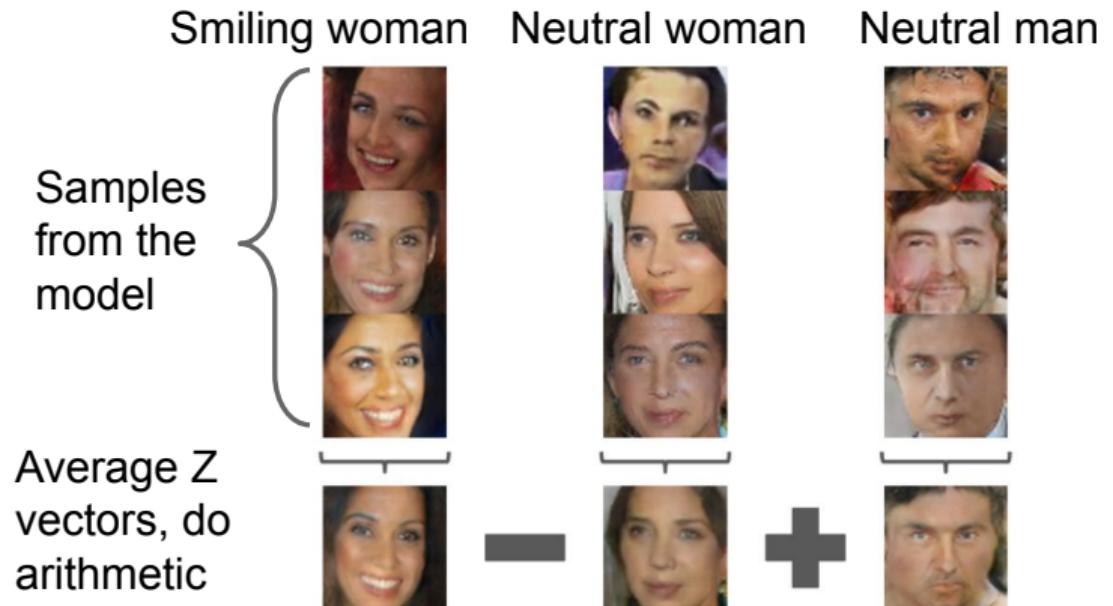
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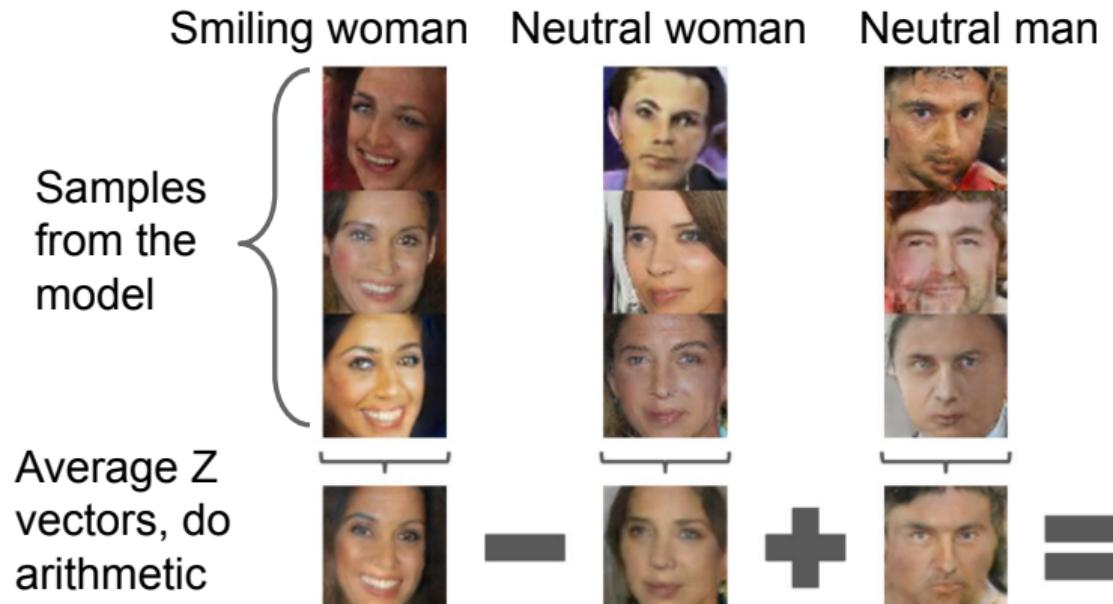


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Smiling Man



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Glasses man



No glasses man



No glasses woman



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Woman with glasses



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2017: Explosion of GANs

“The GAN Zoo”

See also: <https://github.com/soumith/ganhacks> for tips and tricks for trainings GANs

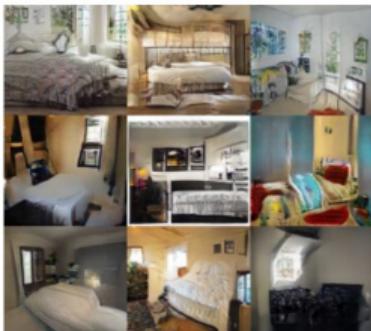
- GAN - Generative Adversarial Networks
- 3D-GAN - Learning a Probabilistic Latent Space of Object Shapes via 3D Generative-Adversarial Modeling
- acGAN - Face Aging With Conditional Generative Adversarial Networks
- AC-GAN - Conditional Image Synthesis With Auxiliary Classifier GANs
- AdaGAN - AdaGAN: Boosting Generative Models
- AEGAN - Learning Inverse Mapping by Autoencoder based Generative Adversarial Nets
- AffGAN - Amortised MAP Inference for Image Super-resolution
- AL-CGAN - Learning to Generate Images of Outdoor Scenes from Attributes and Semantic Layouts
- ALI - Adversarially Learned Inference
- AM-GAN - Generative Adversarial Nets with Labeled Data by Activation Maximization
- AnoGAN - Unsupervised Anomaly Detection with Generative Adversarial Networks to Guide Marker Discovery
- ArtGAN - ArtGAN: Artwork Synthesis with Conditional Categorical GANs
- b-GAN - b-GAN: Unified Framework of Generative Adversarial Networks
- Bayesian GAN - Deep and Hierarchical Implicit Models
- BEGAN - BEGAN: Boundary Equilibrium Generative Adversarial Networks
- BiGAN - Adversarial Feature Learning
- BS-GAN - Boundary-Seeking Generative Adversarial Networks
- CGAN - Conditional Generative Adversarial Nets
- CaloGAN - CaloGAN: Simulating 3D High Energy Particle Showers in Multi-Layer Electromagnetic Calorimeters with Generative Adversarial Networks
- CCGAN - Semi-Supervised Learning with Context-Conditional Generative Adversarial Networks
- CatGAN - Unsupervised and Semi-supervised Learning with Categorical Generative Adversarial Networks
- CoGAN - Coupled Generative Adversarial Networks

- Context-RNN-GAN - Contextual RNN-GANs for Abstract Reasoning Diagram Generation
- C-RNN-GAN - C-RNN-GAN: Continuous recurrent neural networks with adversarial training
- CS-GAN - Improving Neural Machine Translation with Conditional Sequence Generative Adversarial Nets
- CVAE-GAN - CVAE-GAN: Fine-Grained Image Generation through Asymmetric Training
- CycleGAN - Unpaired Image-to-Image Translation using Cycle-Consistent Adversarial Networks
- DTN - Unsupervised Cross-Domain Image Generation
- DCGAN - Unsupervised Representation Learning with Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks
- DiscoGAN - Learning to Discover Cross-Domain Relations with Generative Adversarial Networks
- DR-GAN - Disentangled Representation Learning GAN for Pose-Invariant Face Recognition
- DualGAN - DualGAN: Unsupervised Dual Learning for Image-to-Image Translation
- EBGAN - Energy-based Generative Adversarial Network
- f-GAN - f-GAN: Training Generative Neural Samplers using Variational Divergence Minimization
- FF-GAN - Towards Large-Pose Face Frontalization in the Wild
- GAWWN - Learning What and Where to Draw
- GeneGAN - GeneGAN: Learning Object Transfiguration and Attribute Subspace from Unpaired Data
- Geometric GAN - Geometric GAN
- GoGAN - Gang of GANs: Generative Adversarial Networks with Maximum Margin Ranking
- GP-GAN - GP-GAN: Towards Realistic High-Resolution Image Blending
- IAN - Neural Photo Editing with Introspective Adversarial Networks
- iGAN - Generative Visual Manipulation on the Natural Image Manifold
- IcGAN - Invertible Conditional GANs for image editing
- ID-CGAN - Image De-raining Using a Conditional Generative Adversarial Network
- Improved GAN - Improved Techniques for Training GANs
- InfoGAN - InfoGAN: Interpretable Representation Learning by Information Maximizing Generative Adversarial Nets
- LAGAN - Learning Particle Physics by Example: Location-Aware Generative Adversarial Networks for Physics Synthesis
- LAPGAN - Deep Generative Image Models using a Laplacian Pyramid of Adversarial Networks

<https://github.com/hindupuravinash/the-gan-zoo>

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Better training and generation



LSGAN, Zhu 2017.



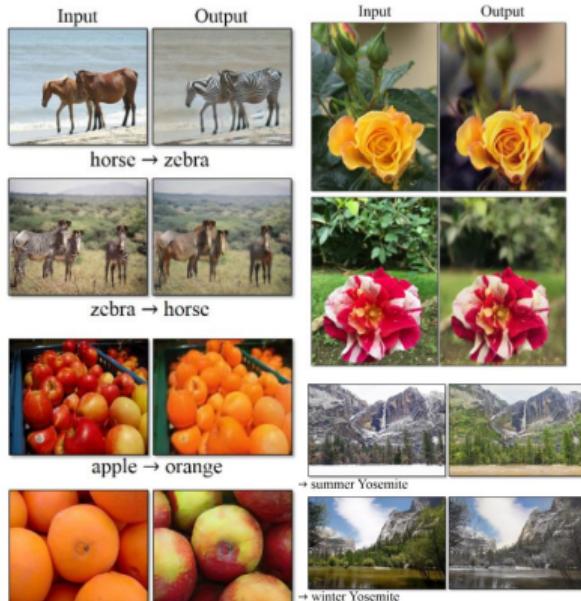
Wasserstein GAN,
Arjovsky 2017.
Improved Wasserstein
GAN, Gulrajani 2017.



Progressive GAN, Karras 2018.

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Source->Target domain transfer



Text -> Image Synthesis

this small bird has a pink breast and crown, and black primaries and secondaries.



this magnificent fellow is almost all black with a red crest, and white cheek patch.



Reed et al. 2017.

Many GAN applications



Pix2pix. Isola 2017. Many examples at <https://phillipi.github.io/pix2pix/>

2019: BigGAN



Brock et al., 2019