Lecture 19:
Generative Models, Part 1

Last Time: Videos

Many video models:
Single-frame CNN (Try this first!)
Late fusion
Early fusion
3D CNN / C3D
Two-stream networks
CNN + RNN
Convolutional RNN
Spatio-temporal self-attention
SlowFast networks (current SoTA)

Today:
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Supervised vs Unsupervised Learning

Supervised Learning

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Classification

Cat

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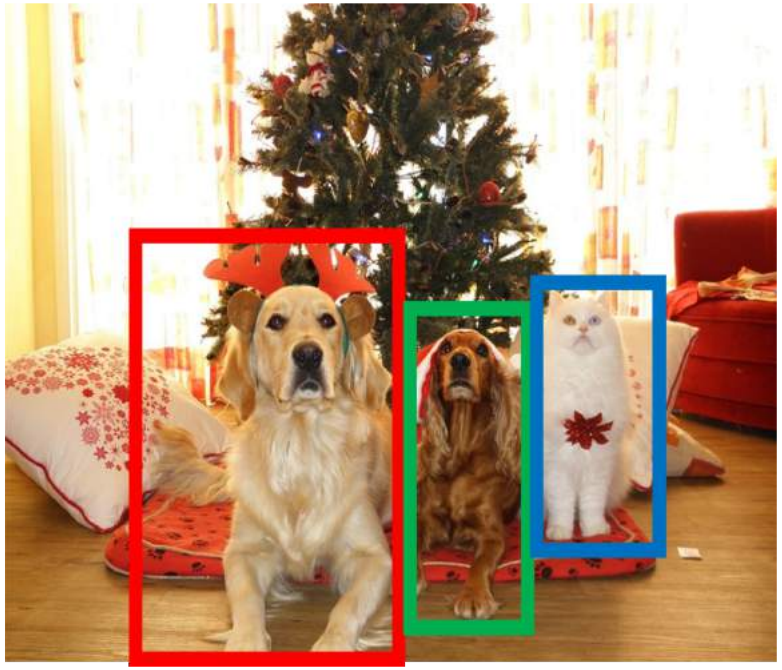

DOG, DOG, CAT

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Semantic Segmentation

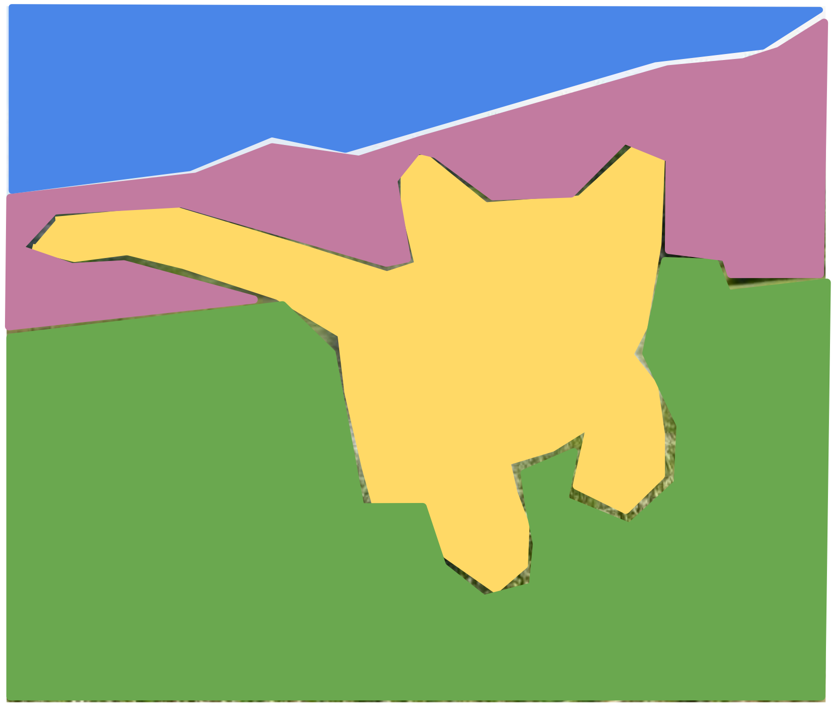

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Image captioning

A cat sitting on a suitcase on the floor

Caption generated using neuraltalk2
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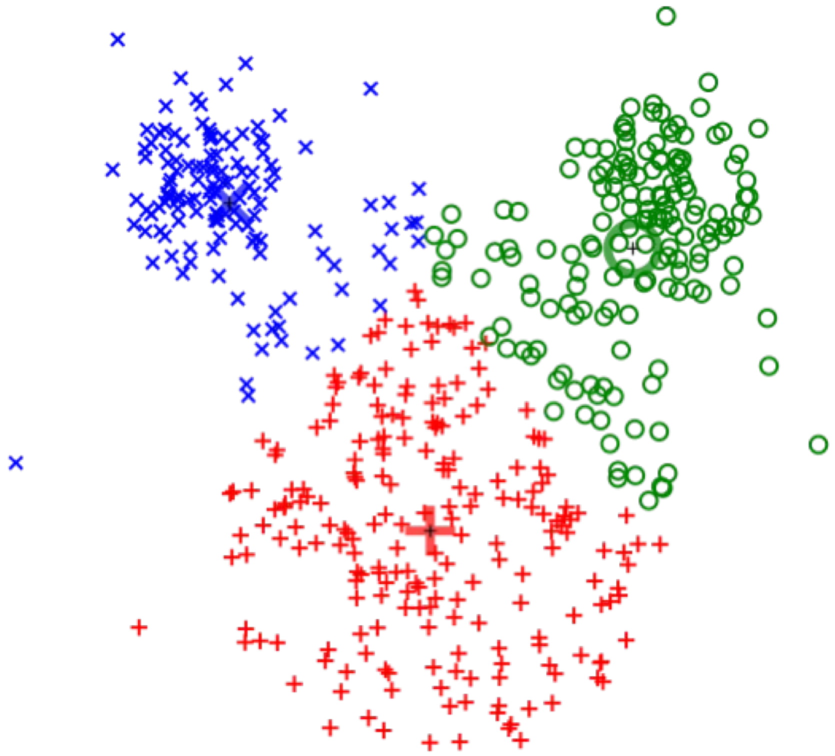
Clustering
(e.g. K-Means)



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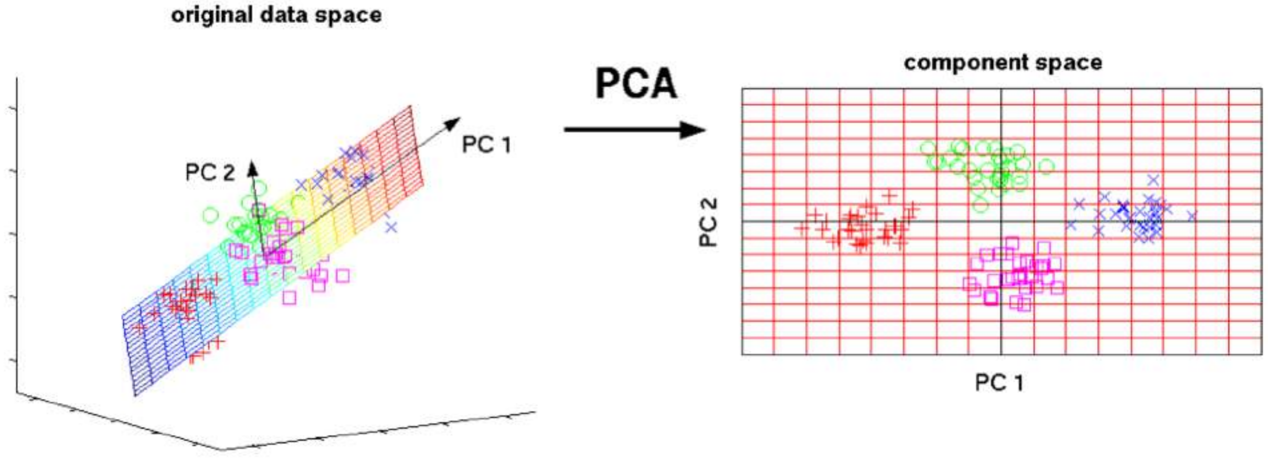
Dimensionality Reduction
(e.g. Principal Components Analysis)



3D → 2D

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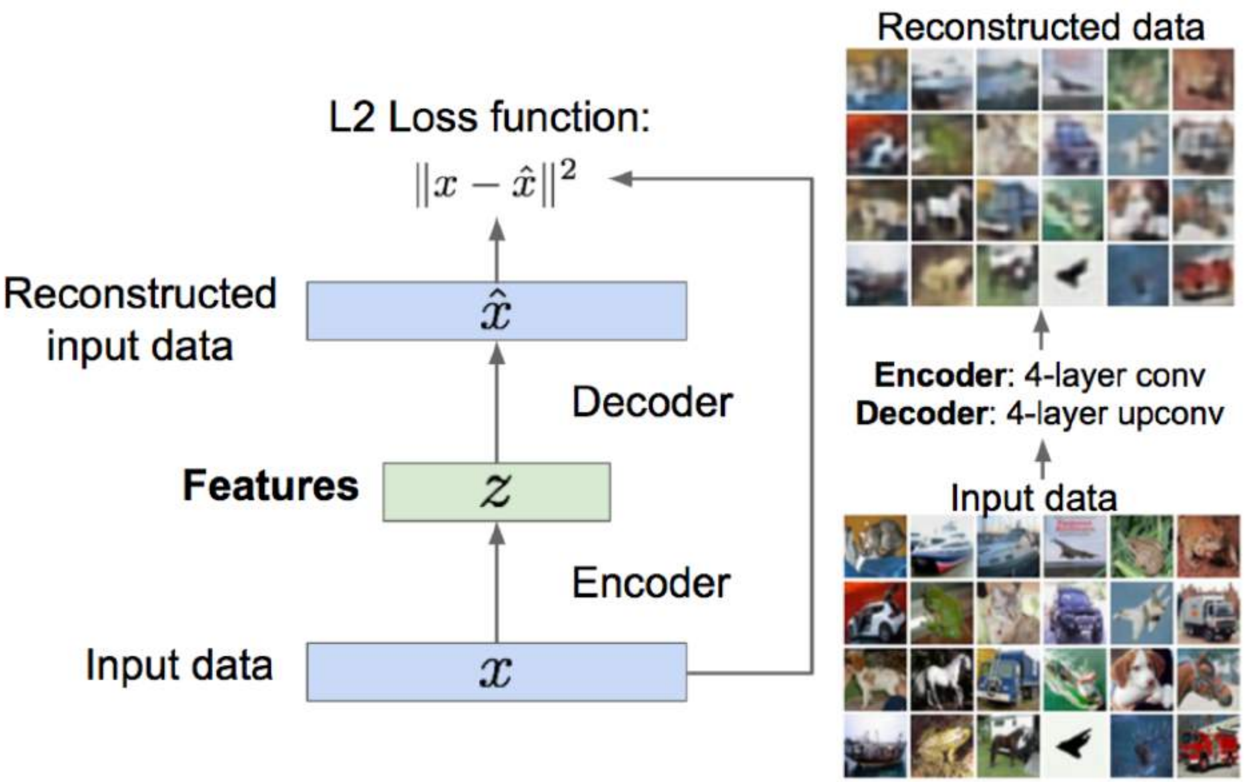
Feature Learning
(e.g. autoencoders)



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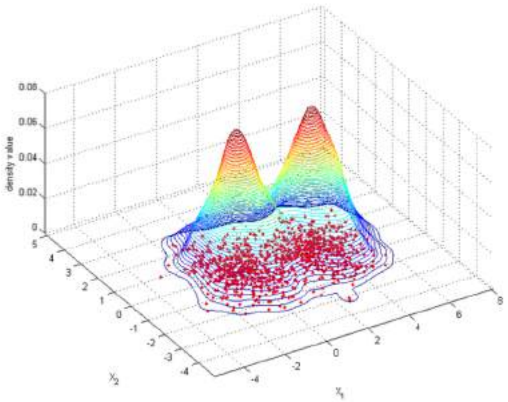

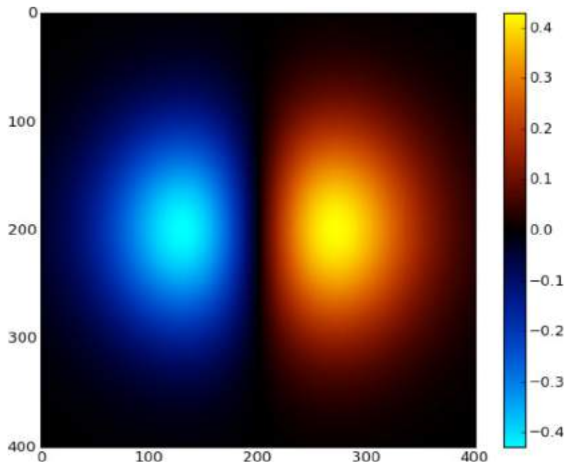

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Probability Recap:

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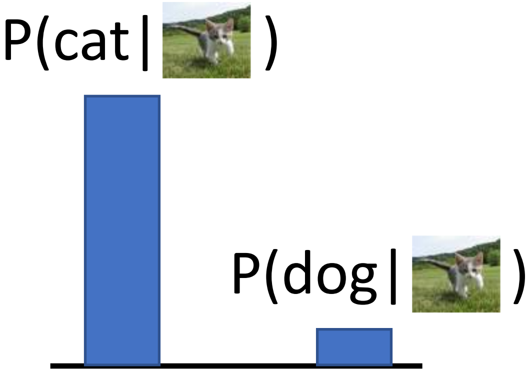

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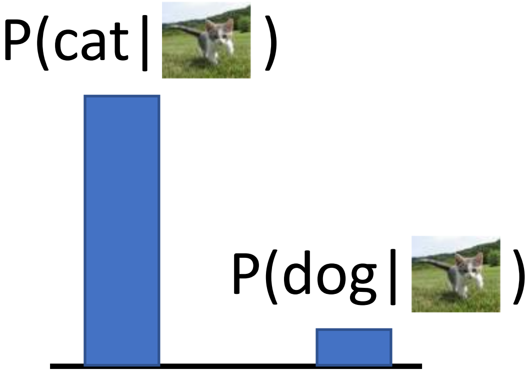

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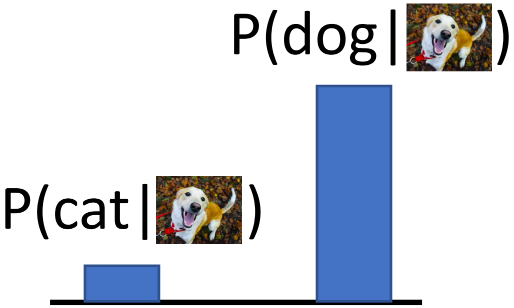

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Discriminative model: the possible labels for each input ”compete” for probability mass. But no competition between **images**

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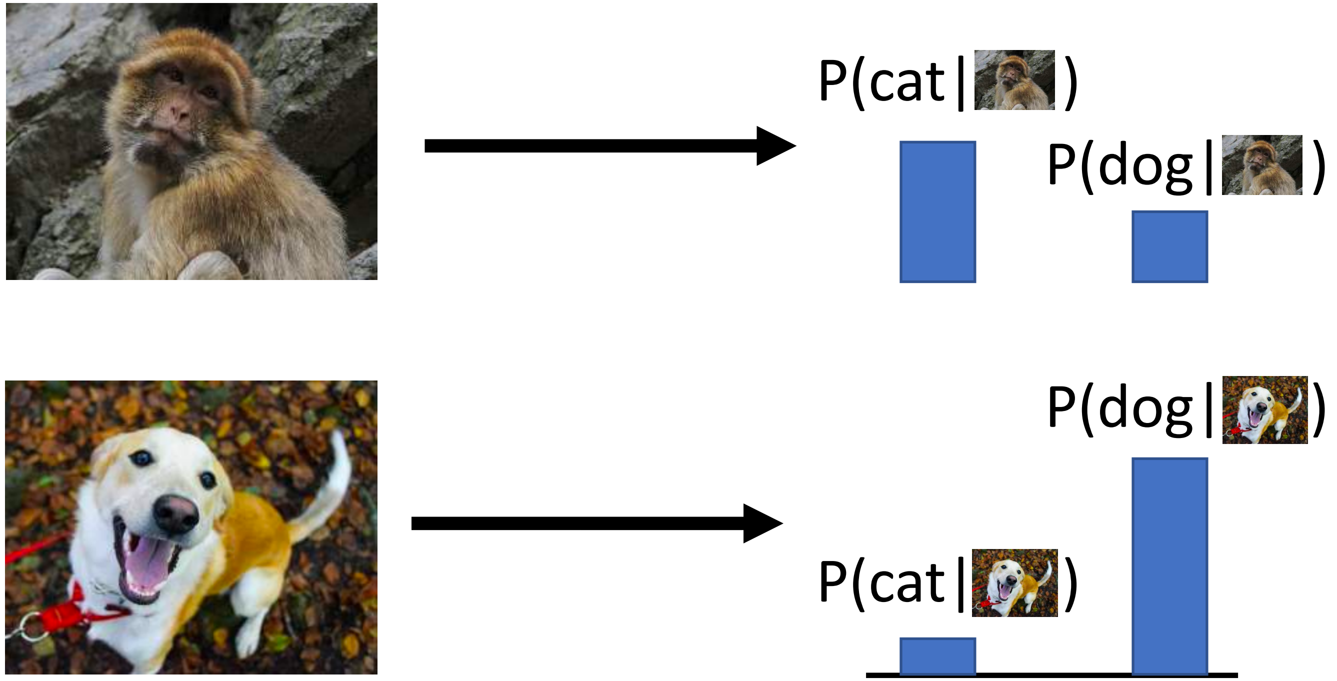

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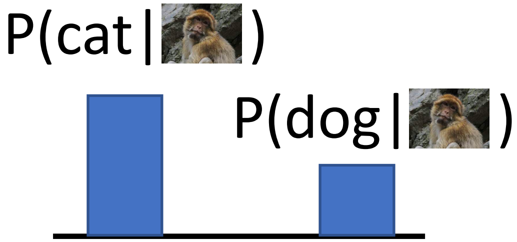

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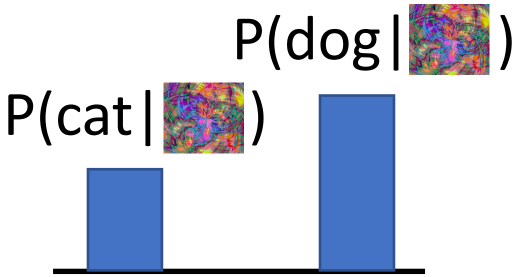

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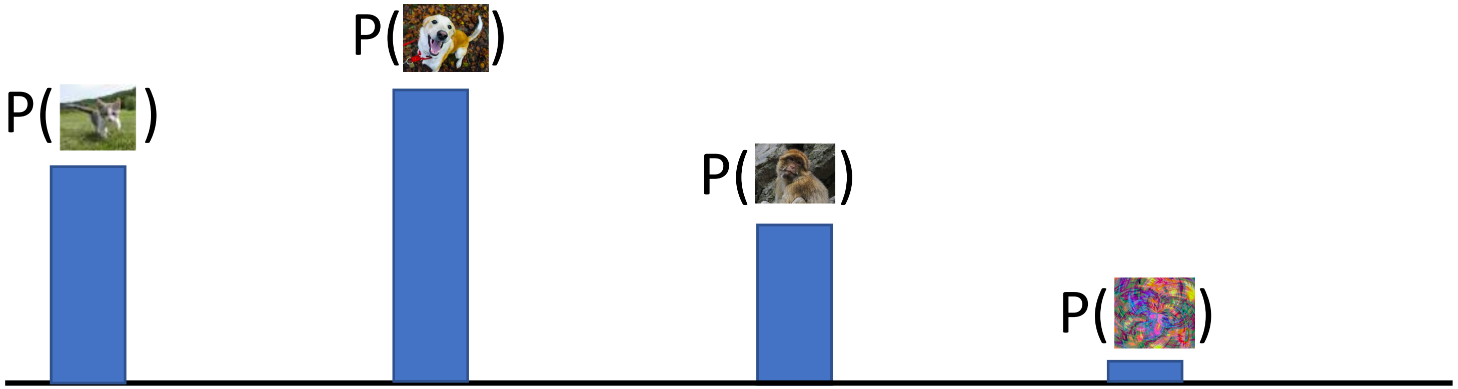




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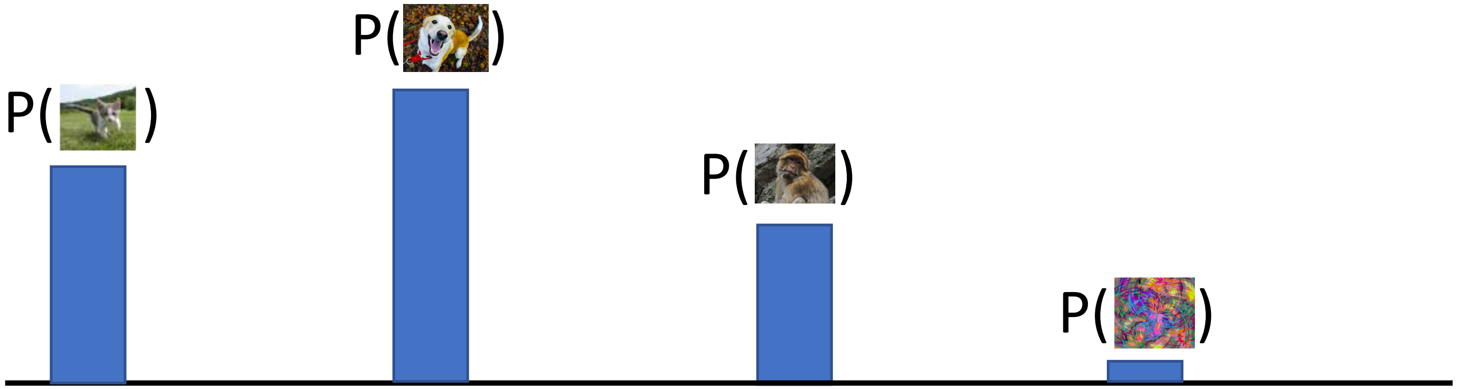




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Requires deep image understanding! Is a dog more likely to sit or stand? How about 3-legged dog vs 3-armed monkey?

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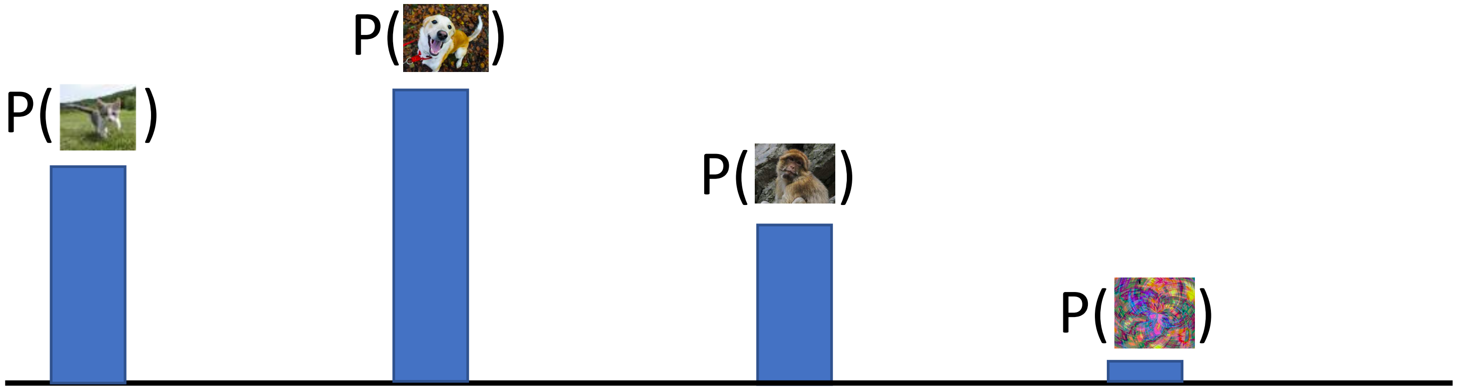

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Model can "reject" unreasonable inputs by assigning them small values

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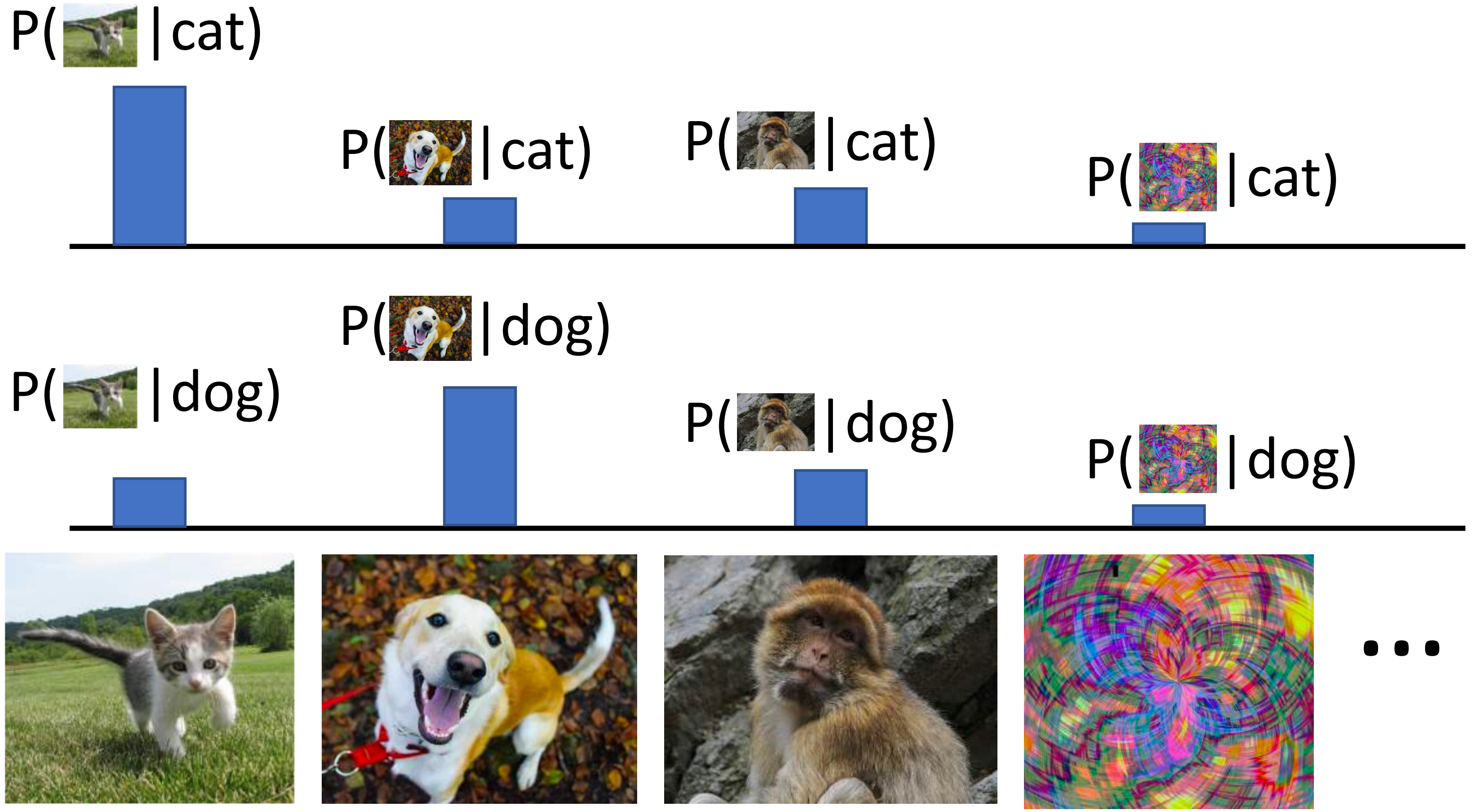

Conditional Generative Model: Each possible label induces a competition among all images

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(Unconditional) Generative Model

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Conditional Generative Model

Prior over labels

We can build a conditional generative model from other components!

What can we do with a discriminative model?

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→

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Feature learning (with labels)

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Conditional Generative Model: Learn $p(x|y)$ → Assign labels, while rejecting outliers!
Generate new data conditioned on input labels

Taxonomy of Generative Models

Generative models

Figure adapted from Ian Goodfellow, Tutorial on Generative Adversarial Networks, 2017.

Taxonomy of Generative Models

Generative models

- Explicit density — Model can compute p(x)
- Implicit density — Model does not explicitly compute p(x), but can sample from p(x)

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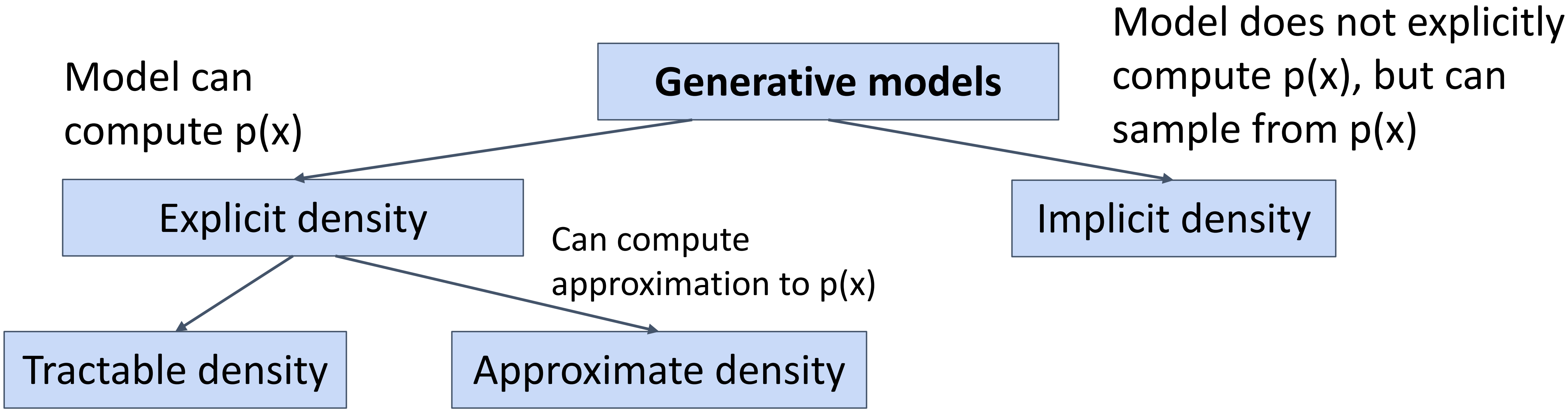

Can compute p(x)

- Autoregressive
- NADE / MADE
- NICE / RealNVP
- Glow
- Ffjord

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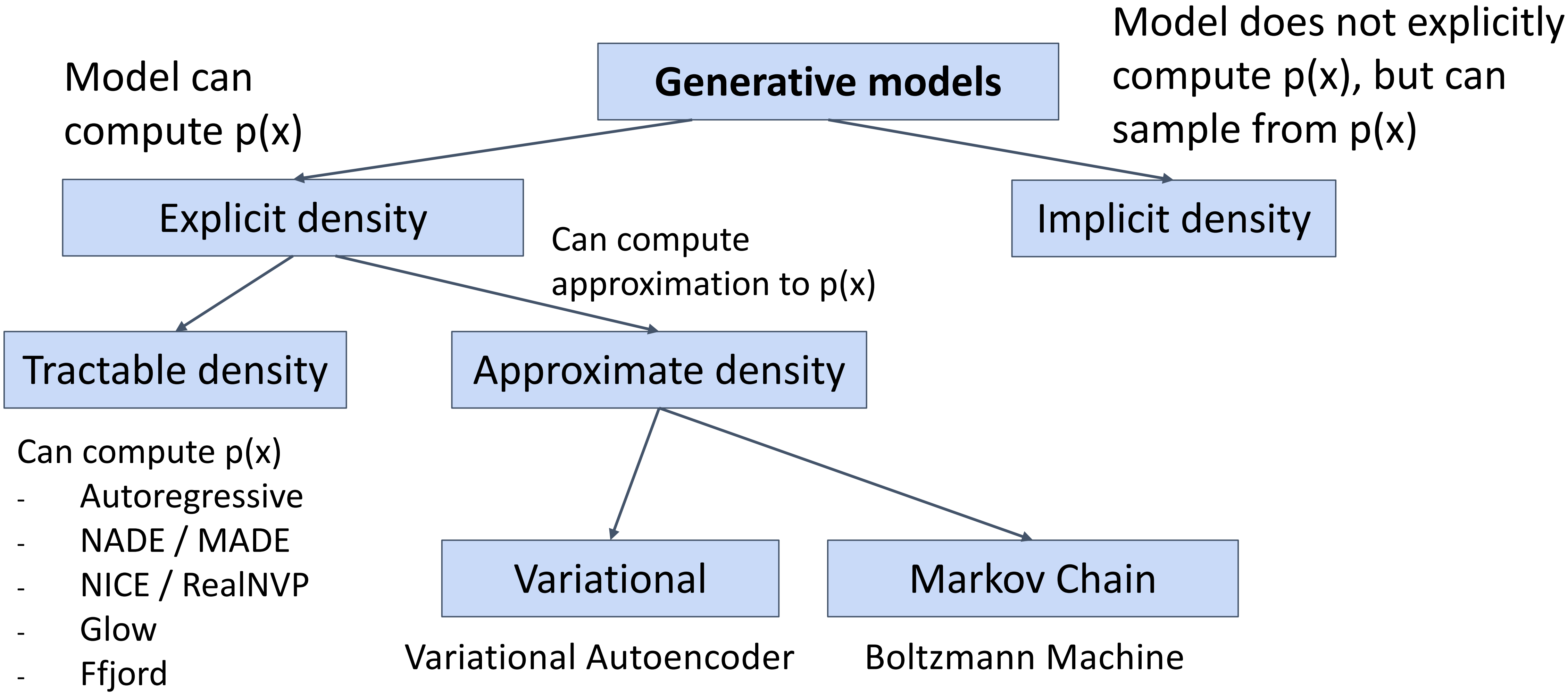

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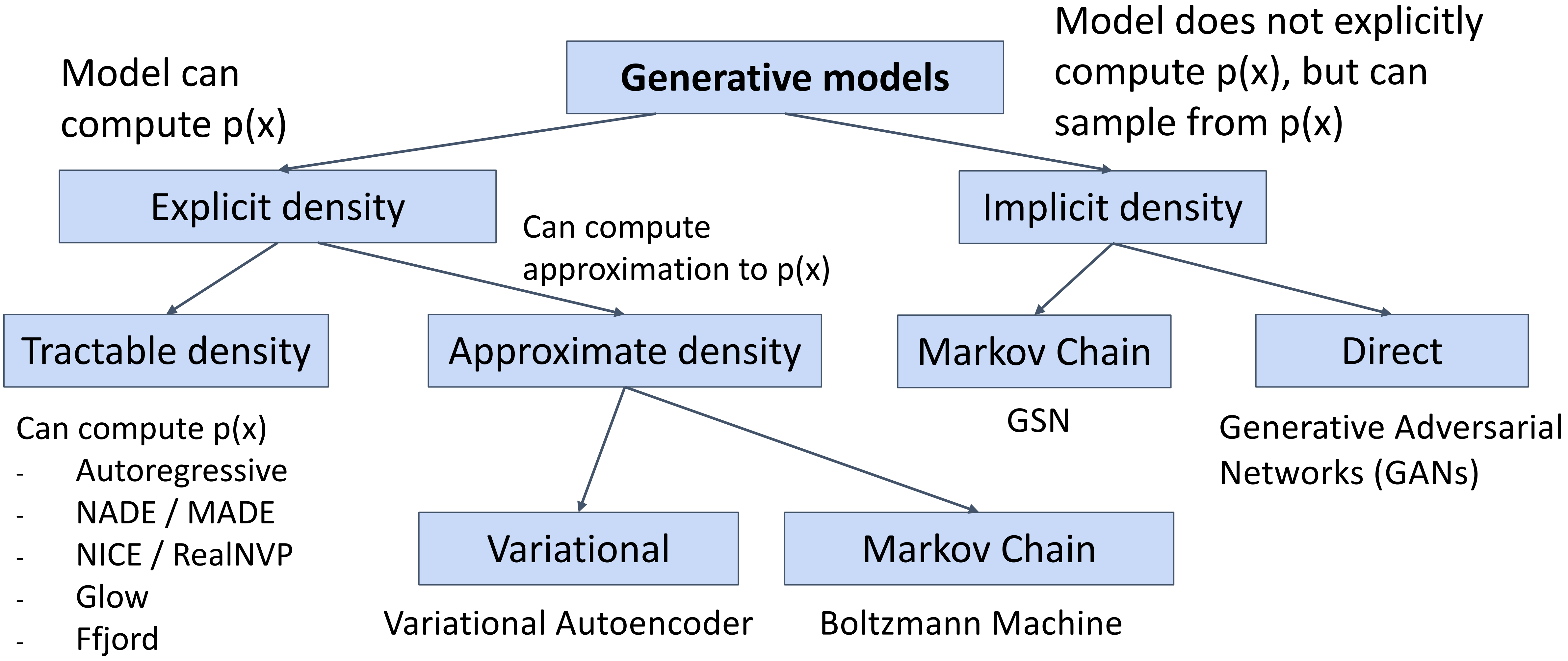

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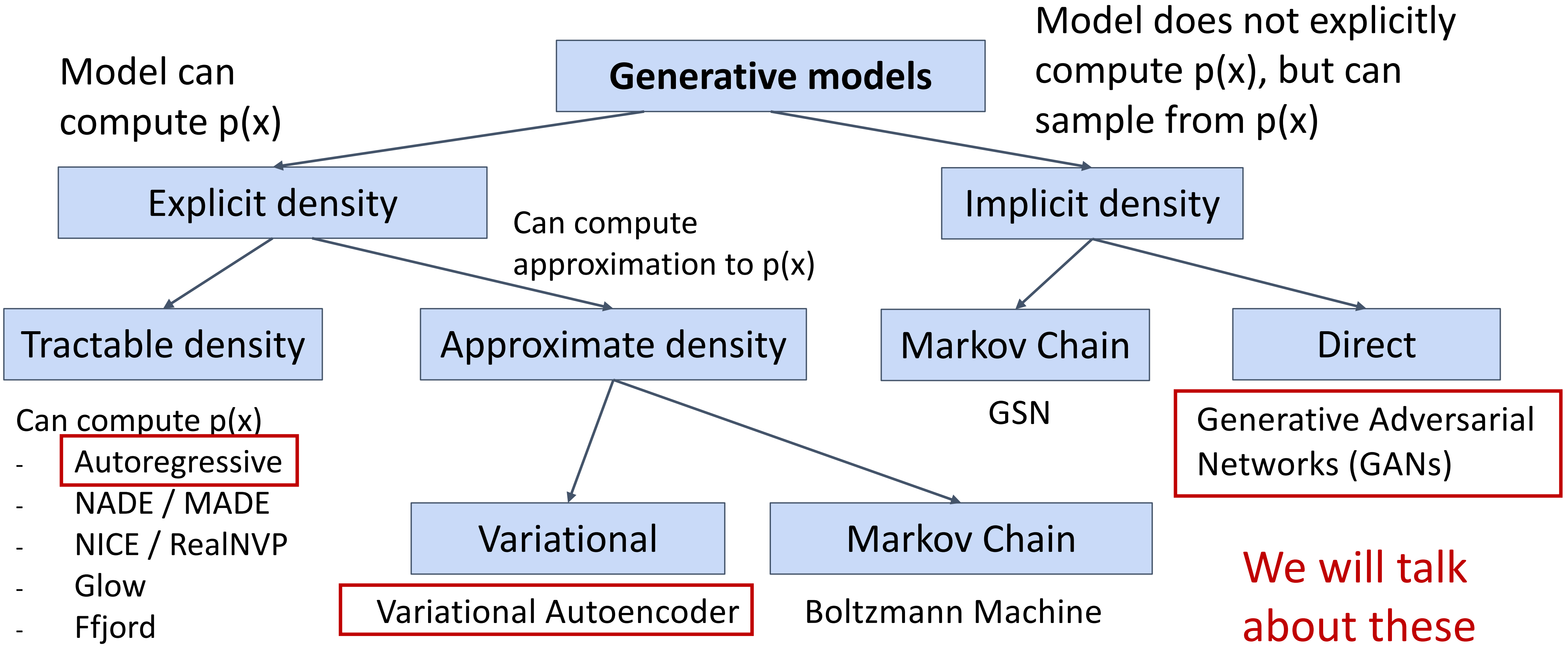

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This will be our loss function!
Train with gradient descent

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We've already seen this! Language modeling with an RNN!

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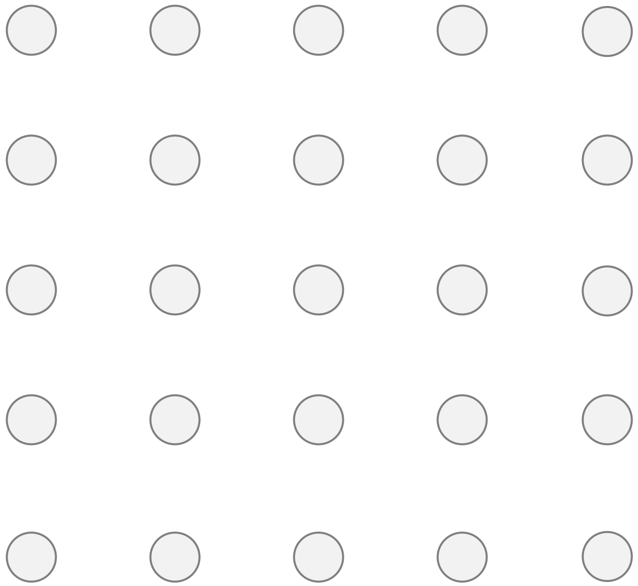

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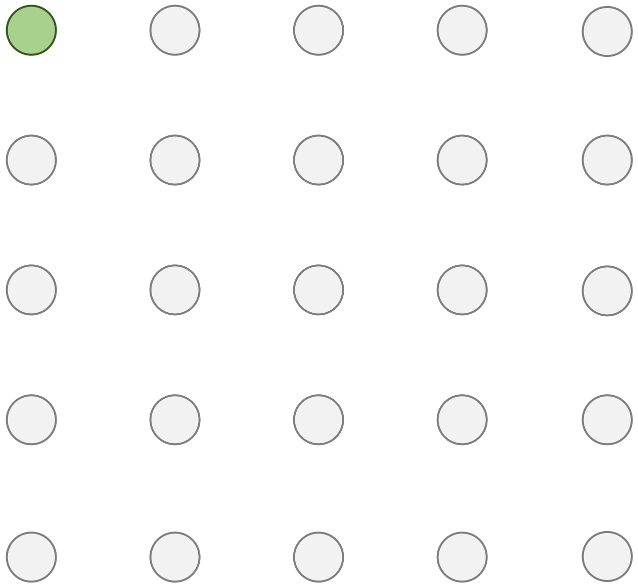

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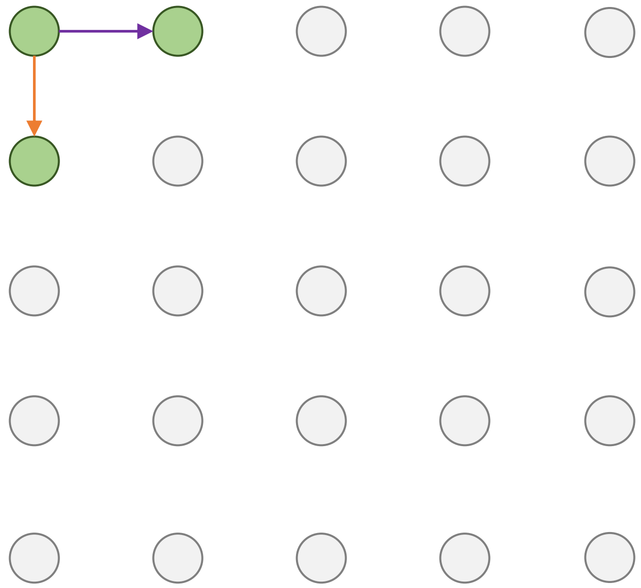

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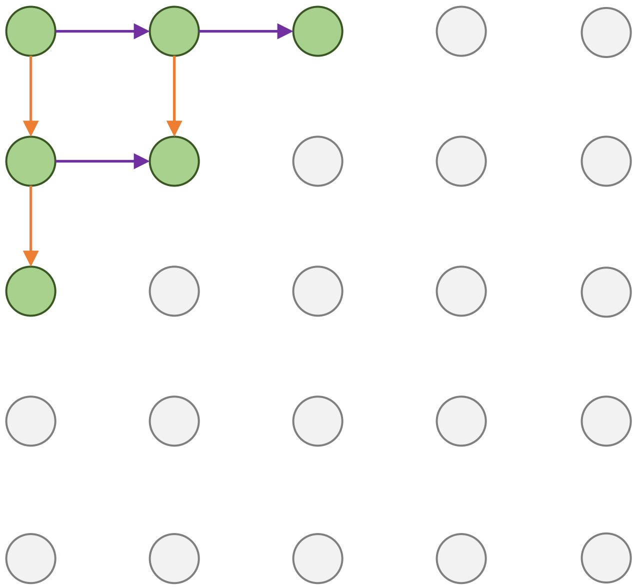

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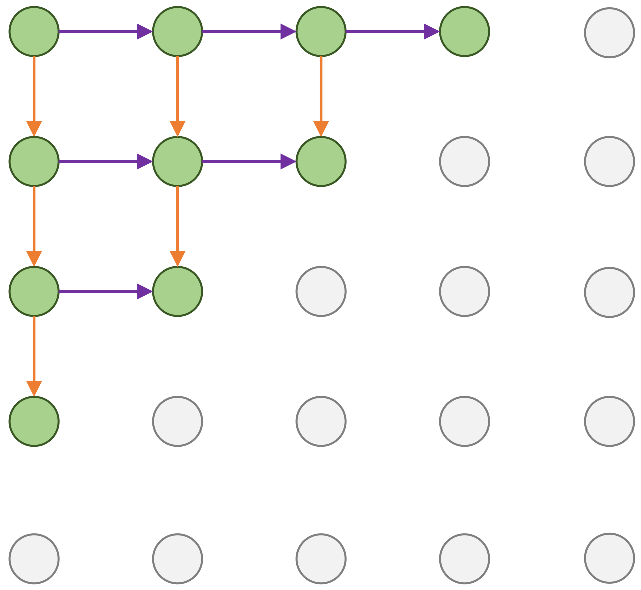

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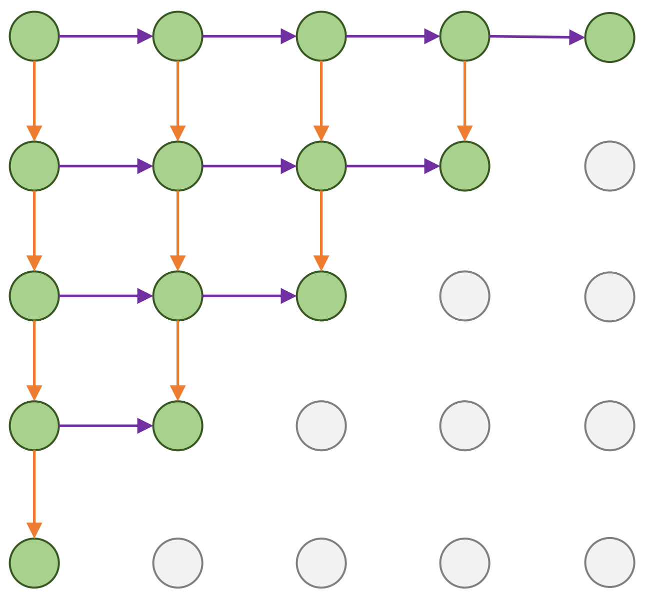

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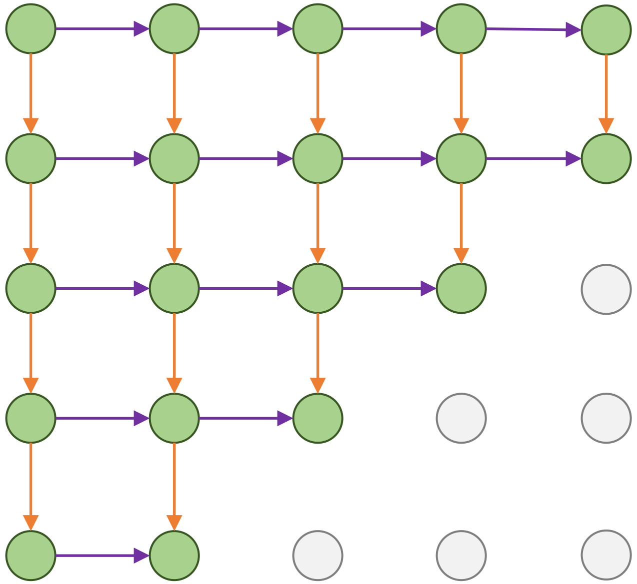

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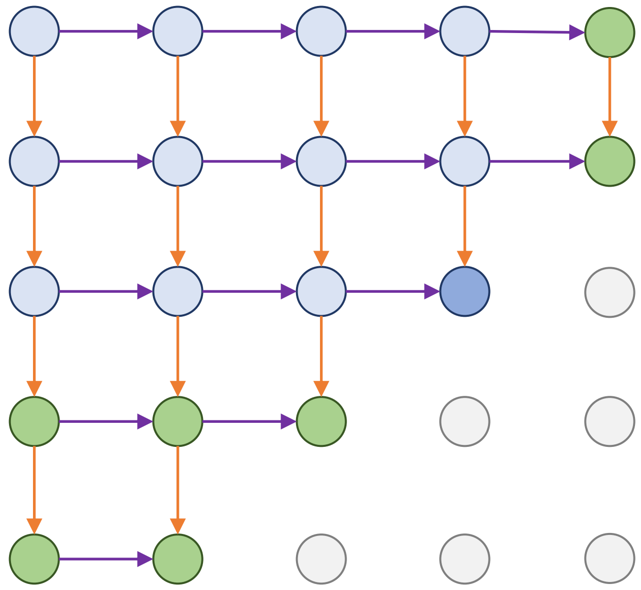

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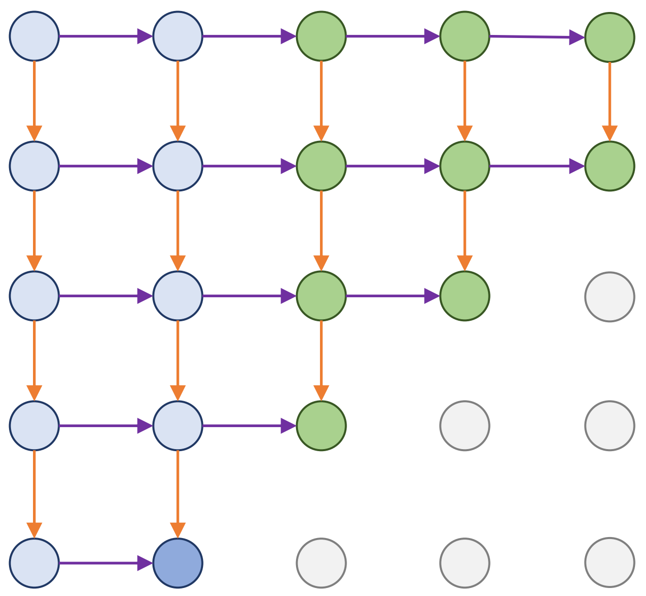

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PixelRNN

Generate image pixels one at a time, starting at the upper left corner

Compute a hidden state for each pixel that depends on hidden states and RGB values from the left and from above (LSTM recurrence)

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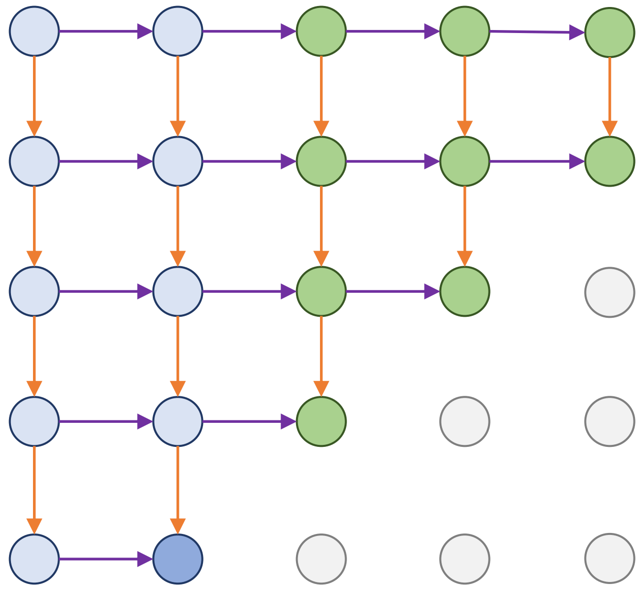

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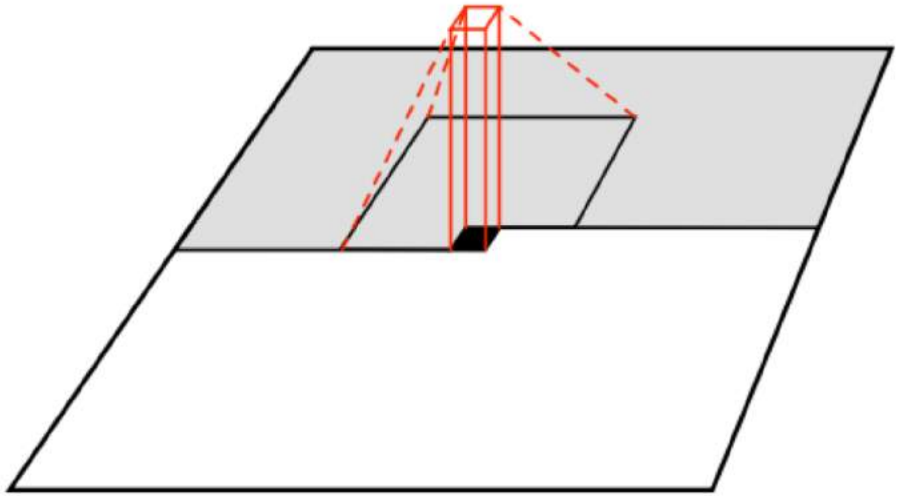

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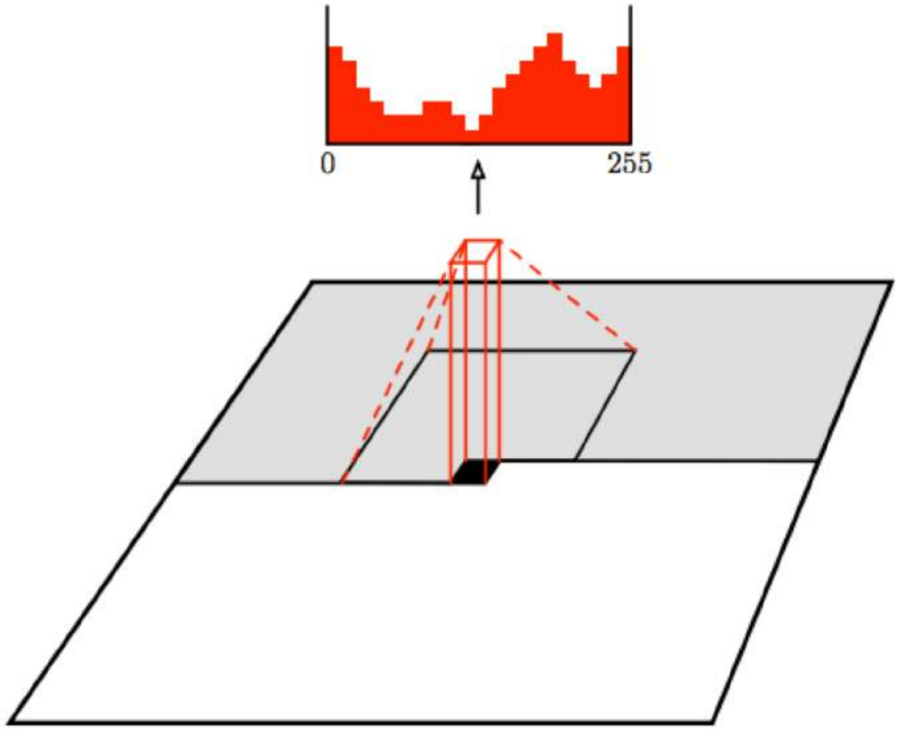

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(can parallelize convolutions since context region values known from training images)

Generation must still proceed sequentially
=> still slow

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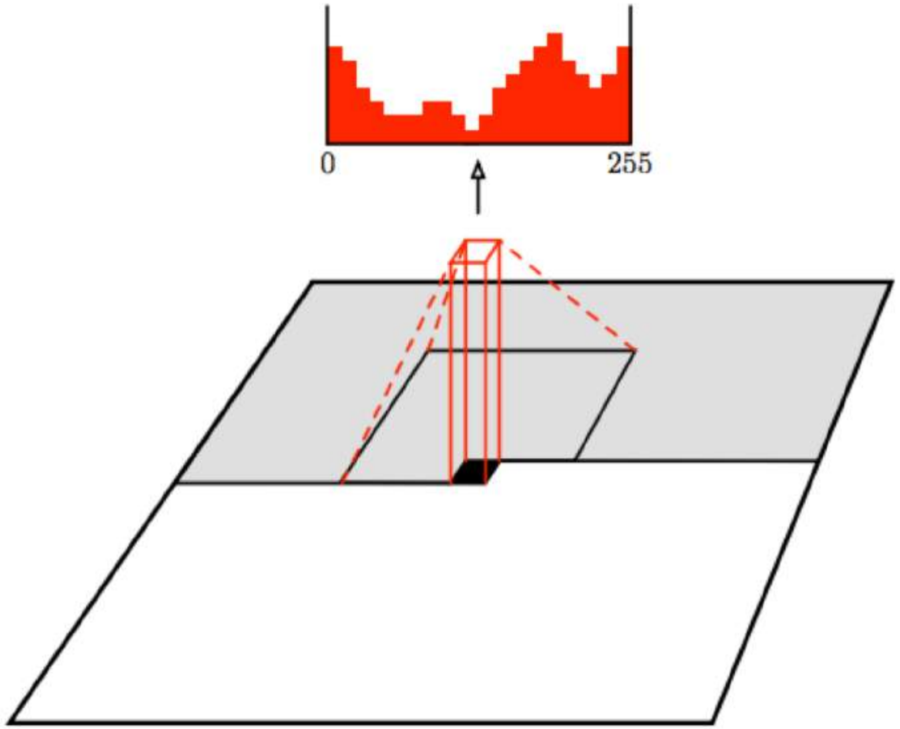

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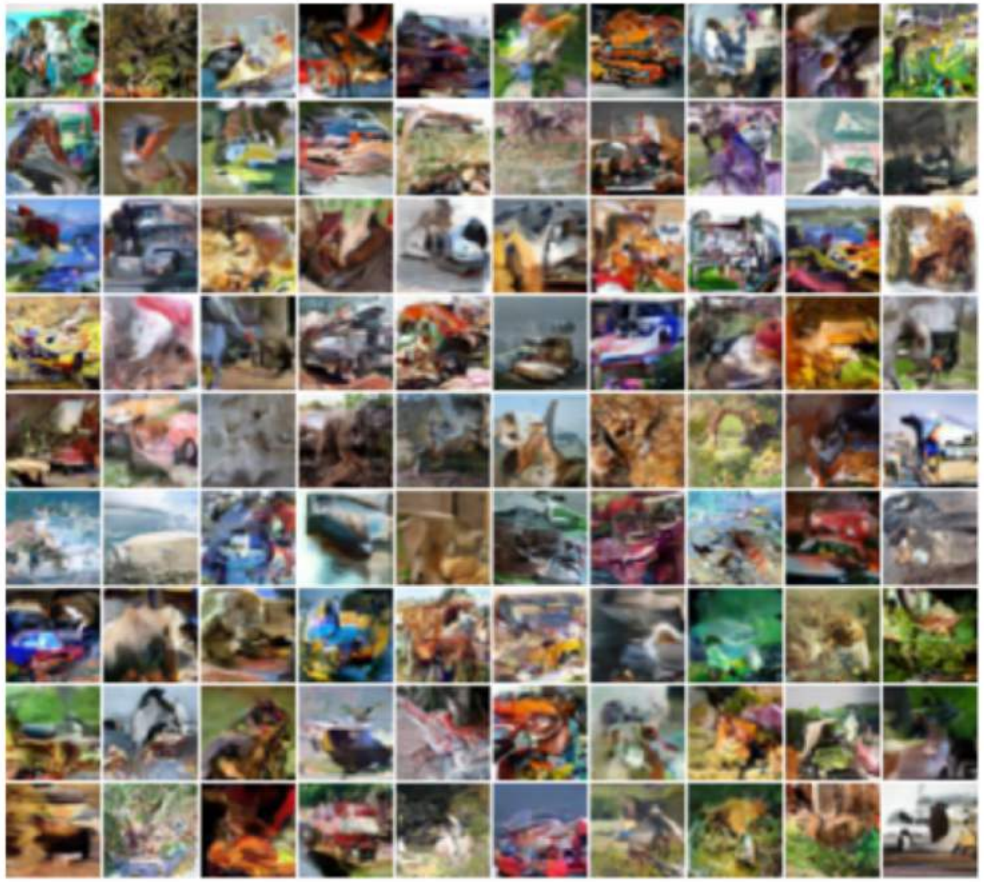
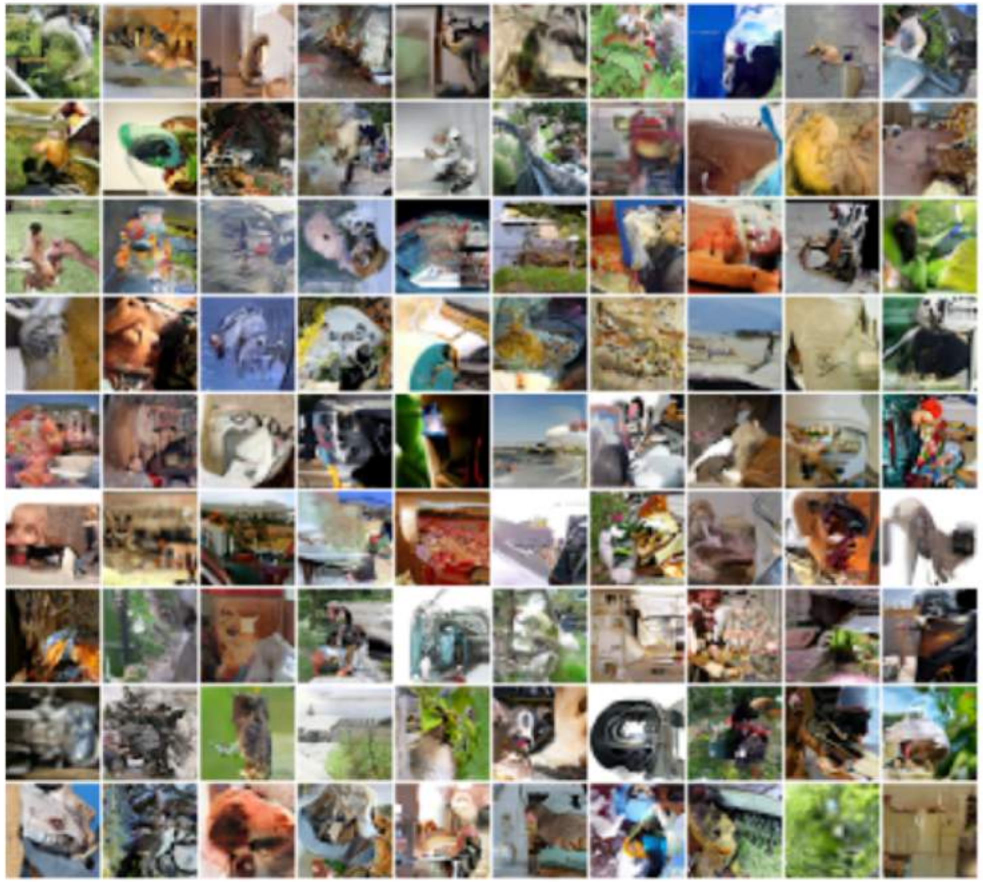
PixelRNN: Generated Samples



32x32 CIFAR-10



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Autoregressive Models: PixelRNN and PixelCNN

Pros:

- Can explicitly compute likelihood p(x)
- Explicit likelihood of training data gives good evaluation metric
- Good samples

Con:

- Sequential generation => slow

Improving PixelCNN performance

- Gated convolutional layers
- Short-cut connections
- Discretized logistic loss
- Multi-scale
- Training tricks
- Etc…

See

- Van der Oord et al. NIPS 2016
- Salimans et al. 2017 (PixelCNN++)

Variational Autoencoders

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PixelRNN / PixelCNN explicitly parameterizes density function with a neural network, so we can train to maximize likelihood of training data:

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Variational Autoencoders (VAE) define an **intractable density** that we cannot explicitly compute or optimize

But we will be able to directly optimize a **lower bound** on the density

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(Regular, non-variational) Autoencoders

Unsupervised method for learning feature vectors from raw data x, without any labels

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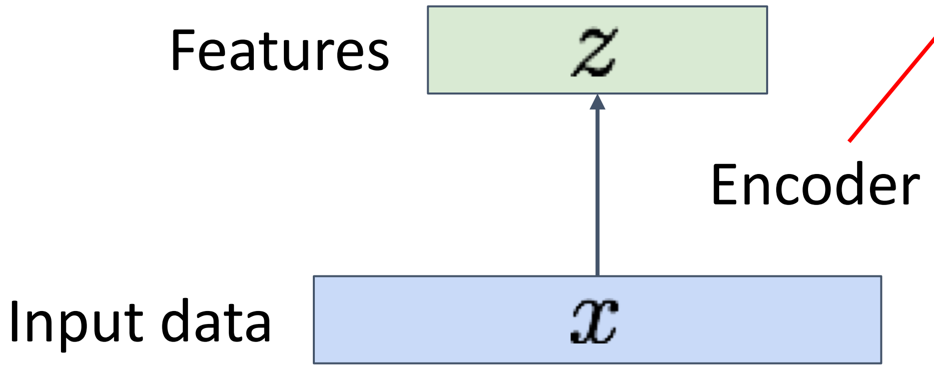


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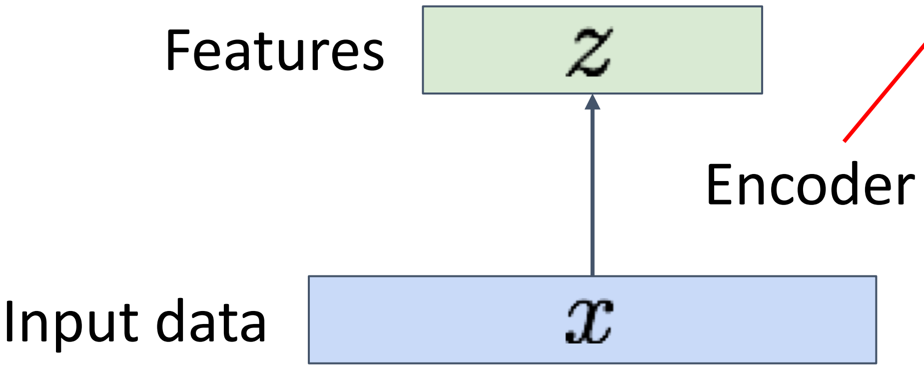

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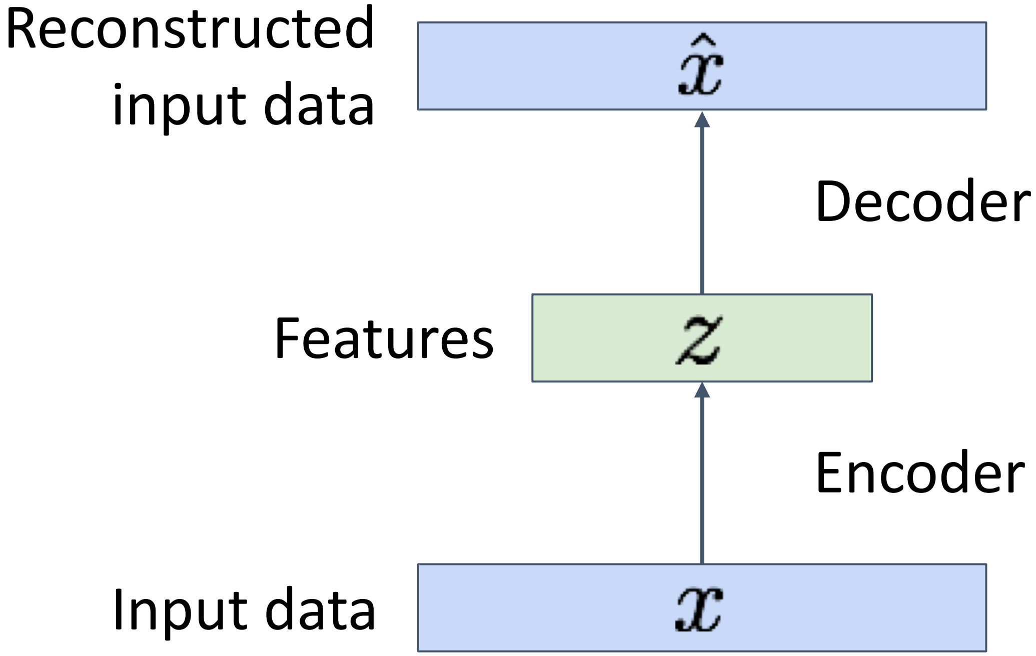
Idea: Use the features to reconstruct the input data with a **decoder**

"Autoencoding" = encoding itself



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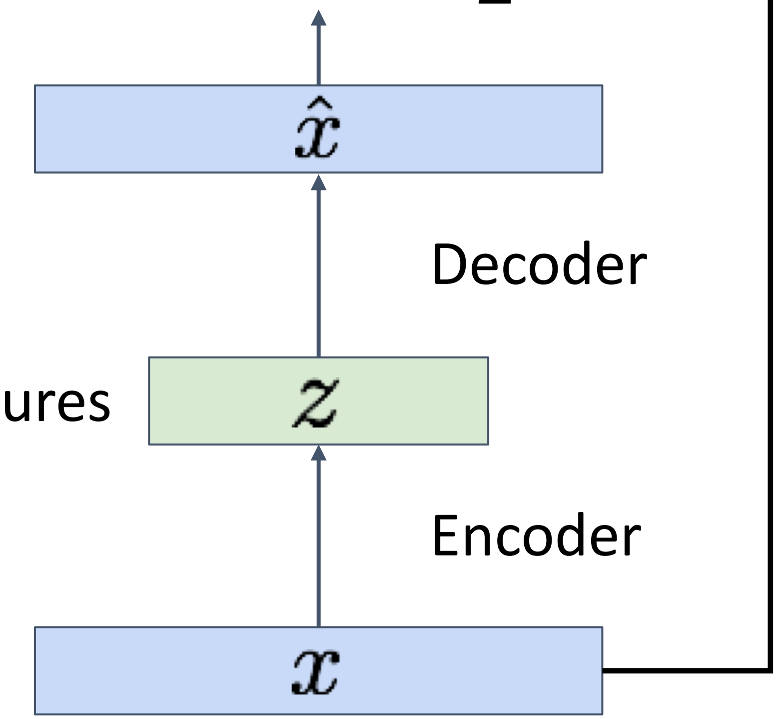
Loss Function

$$\|\hat{x} - x\|_2^2$$



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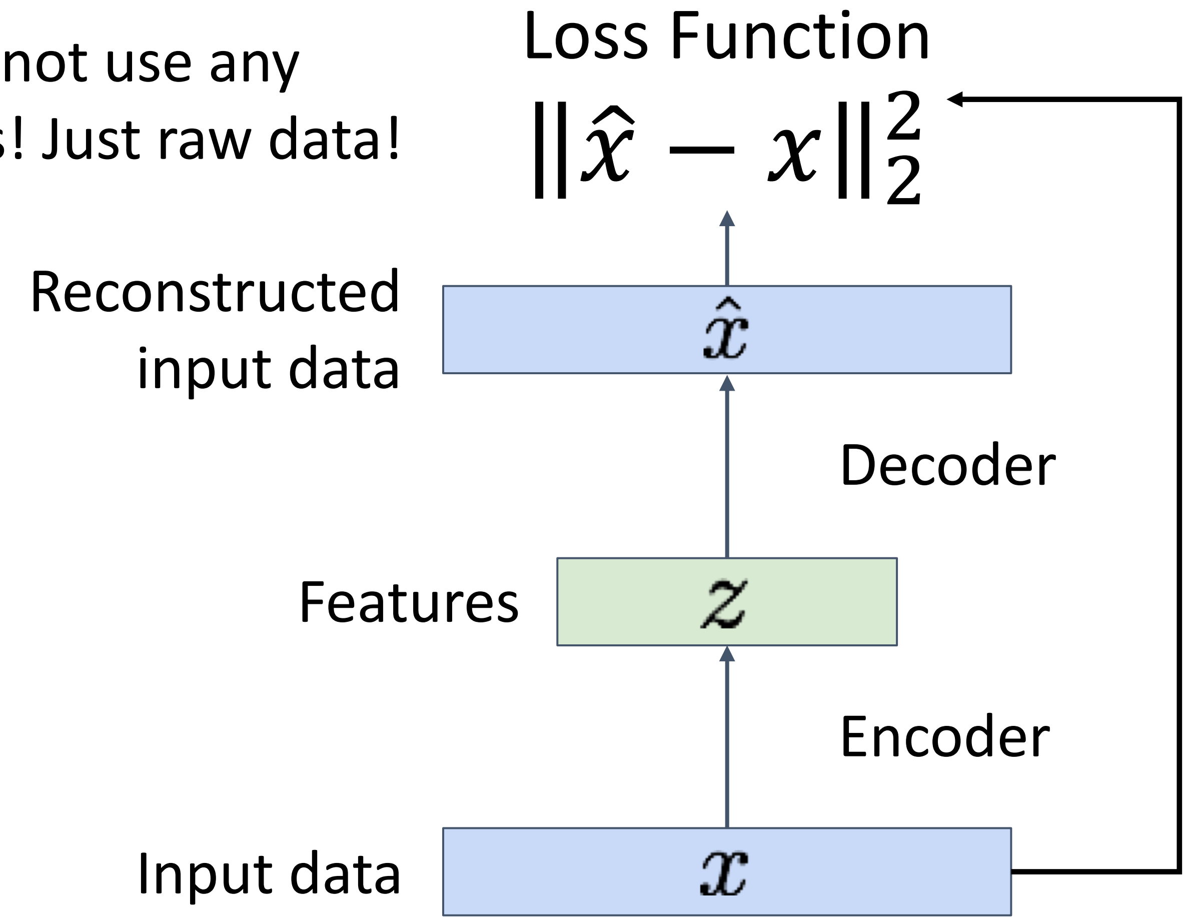

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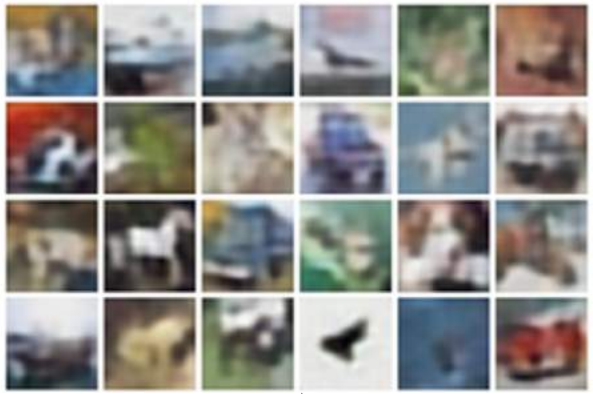

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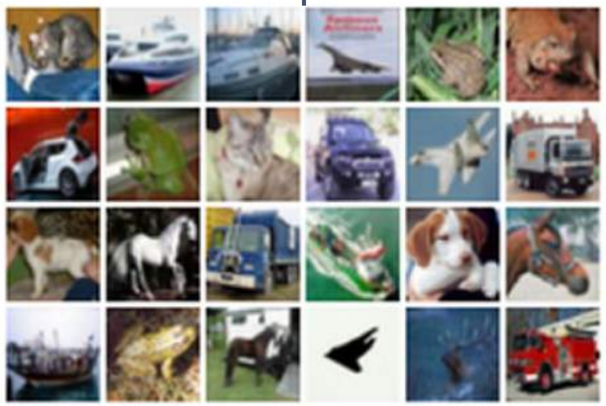

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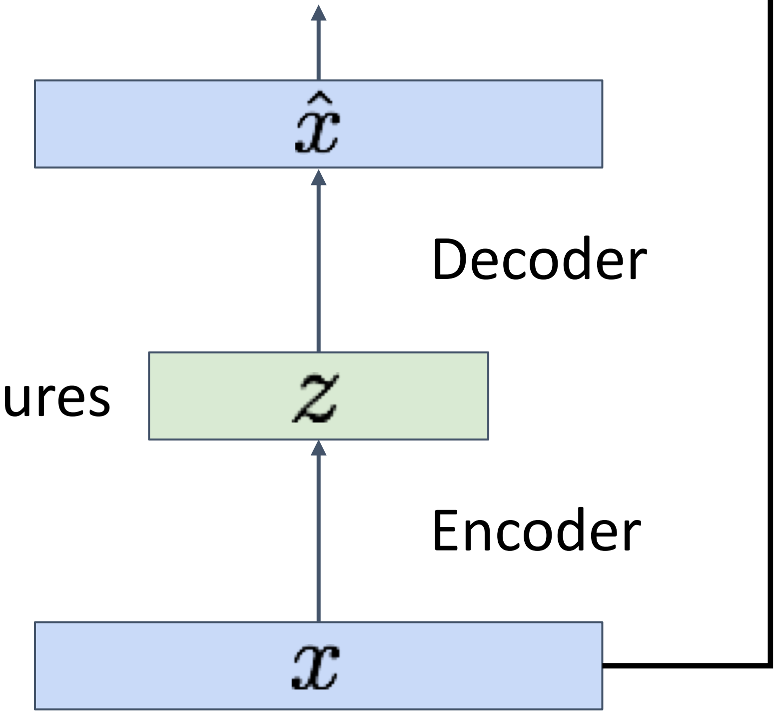
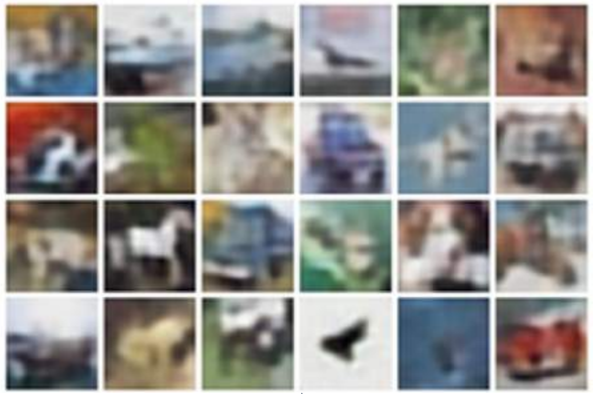


Features

Input data

Features need to be **lower dimensional** than the data

Reconstructed data



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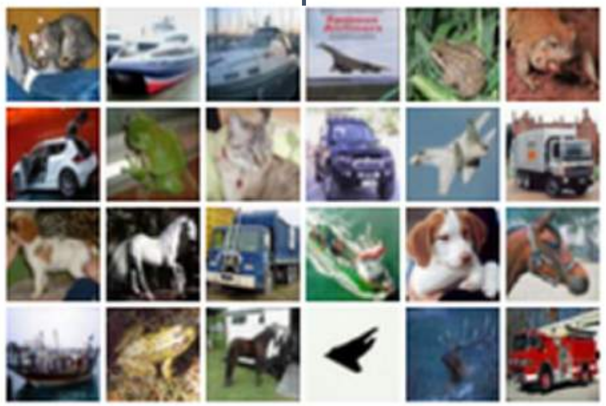

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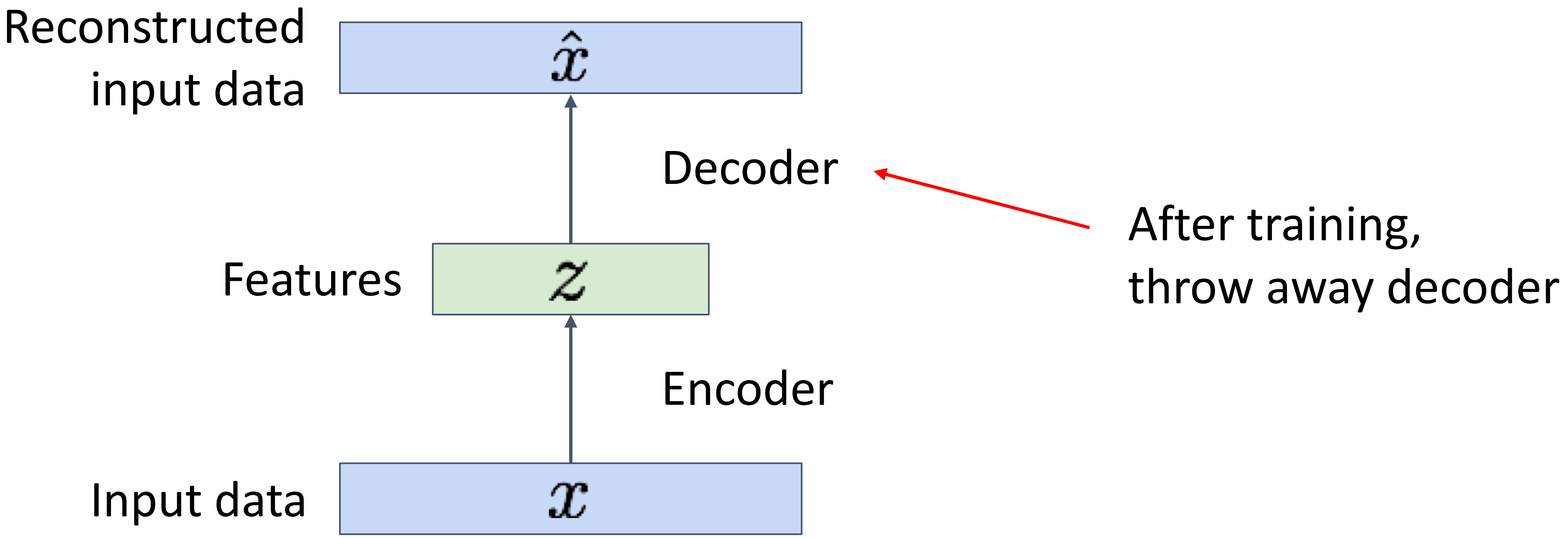

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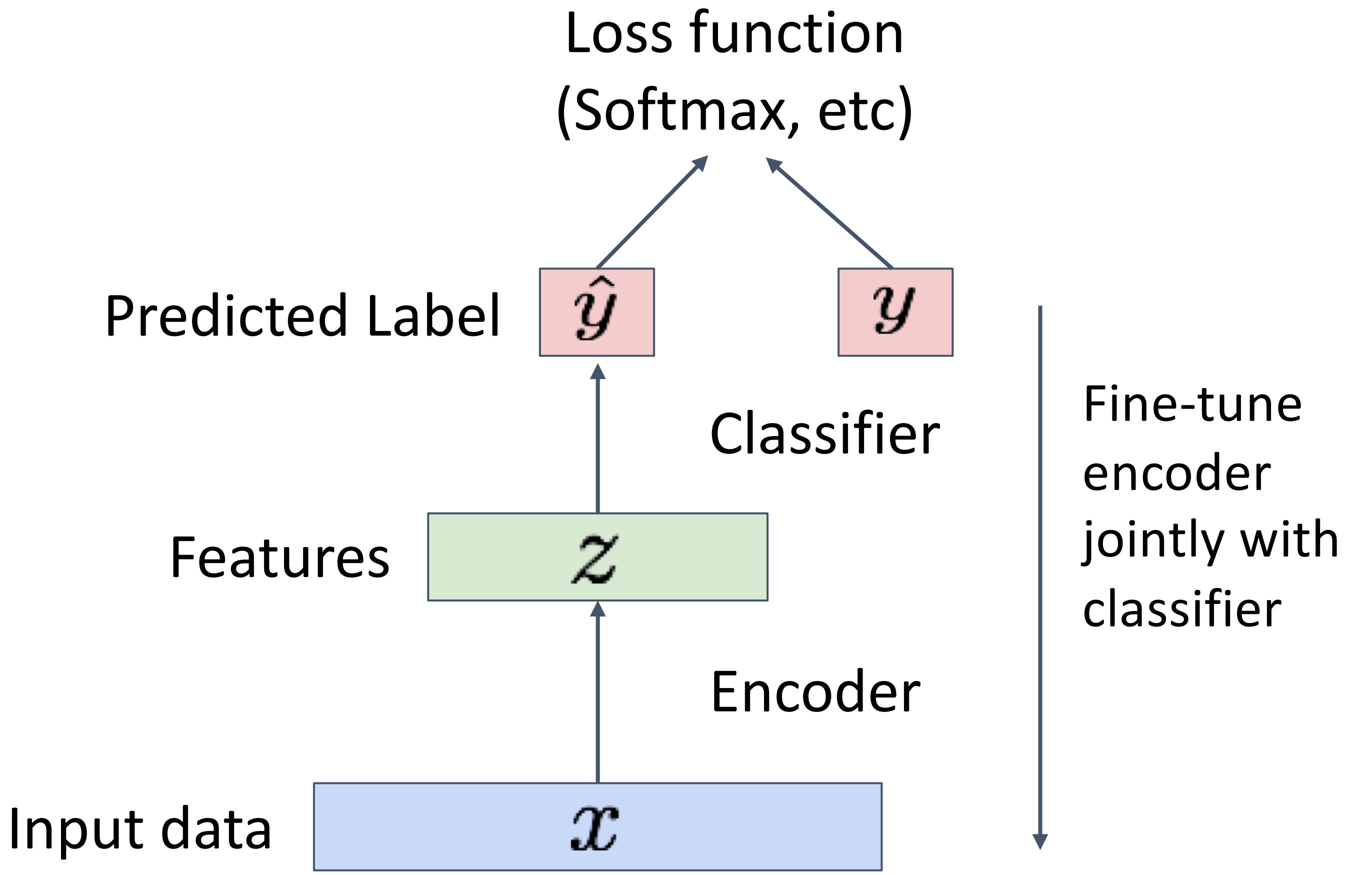

Encoder can be used to initialize a **supervised** model

Train for final task (sometimes with small data)

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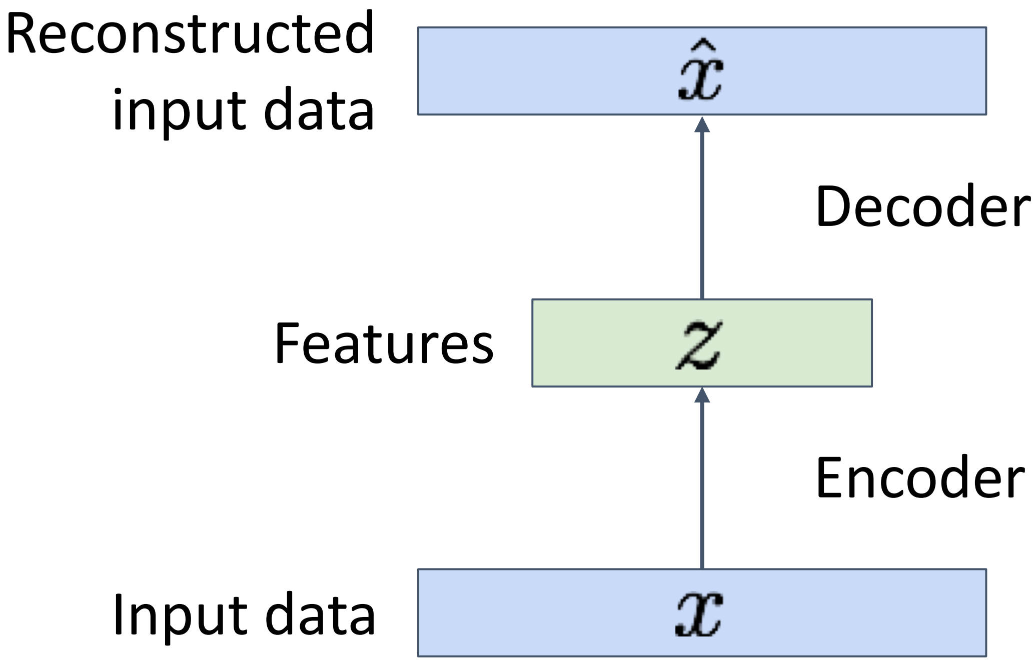
Autoencoders learn **latent features** for data without any labels!

Can use features to initialize a **supervised** model

Not probabilistic: No way to sample new data from learned model



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Kingma and Welling, Auto-Encoding Variational Beyes, ICLR 2014

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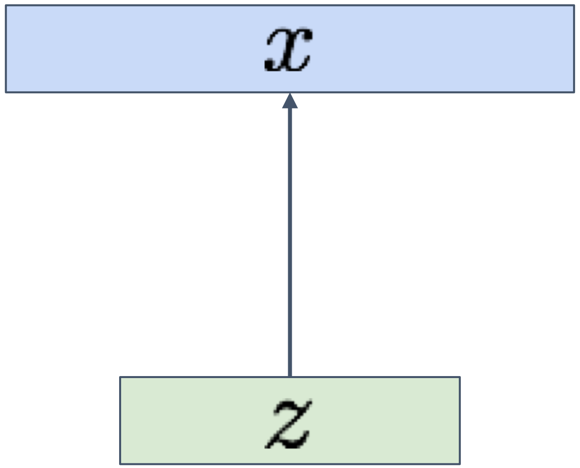

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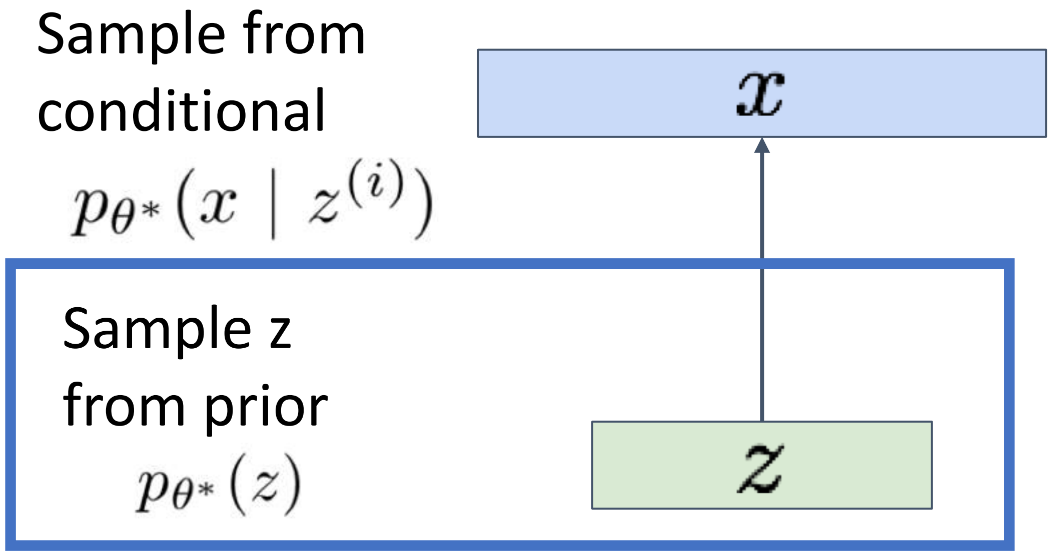

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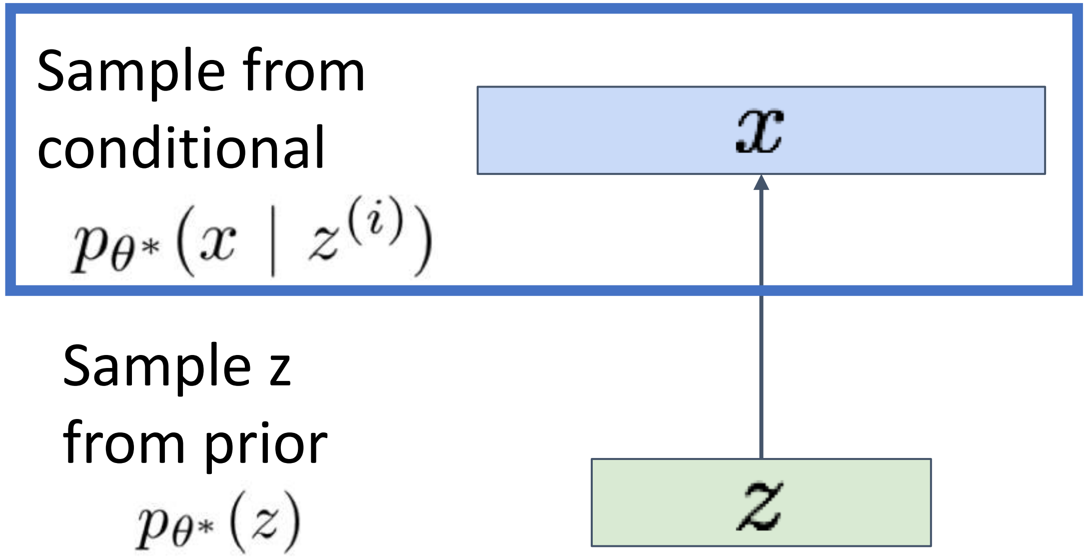

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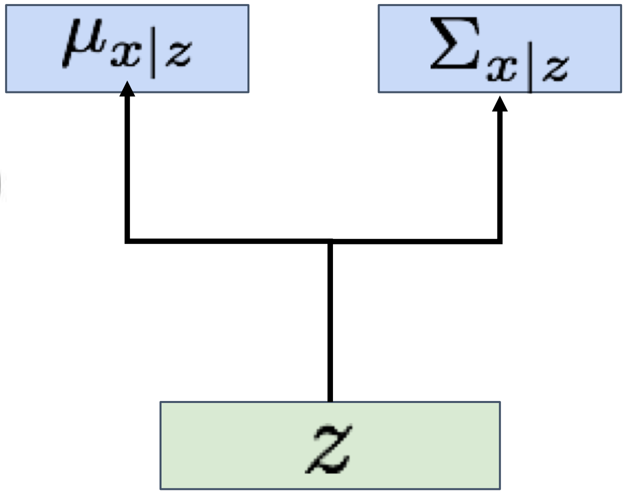

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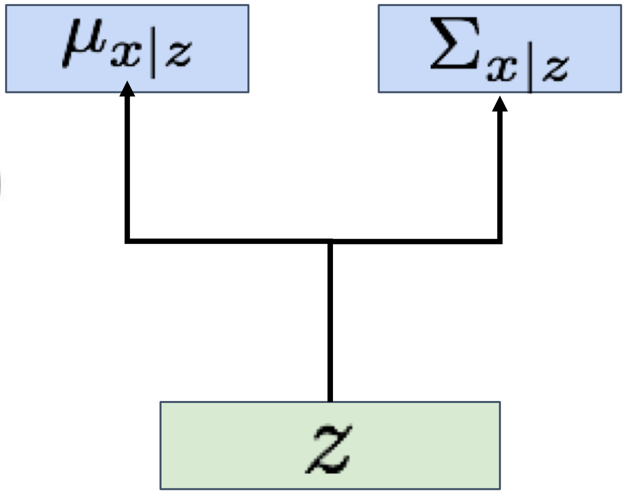

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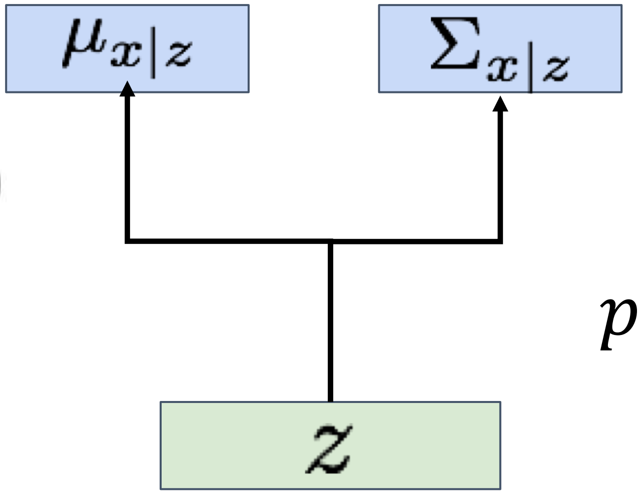

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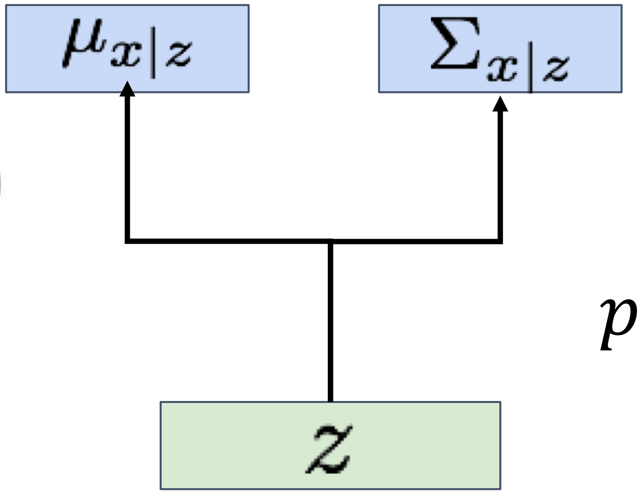

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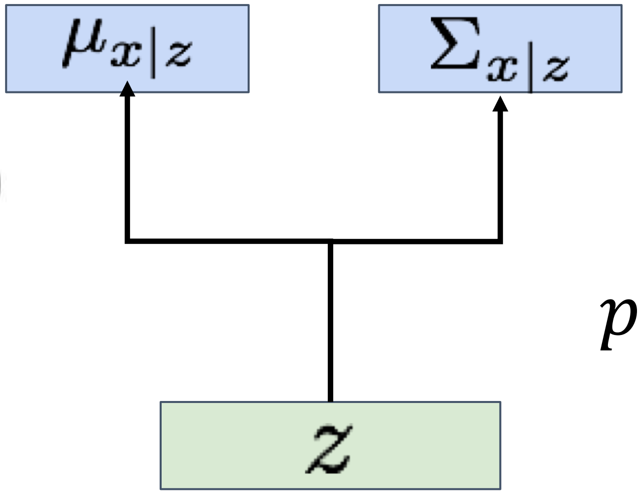

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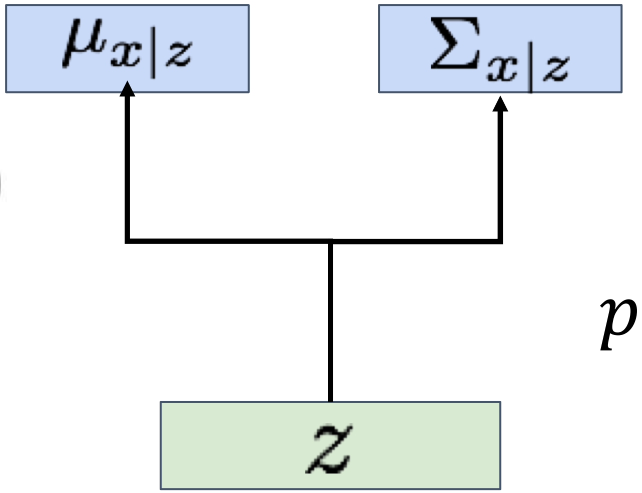

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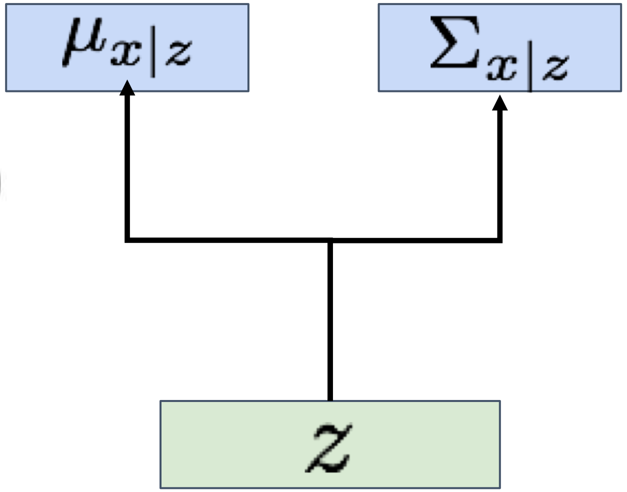

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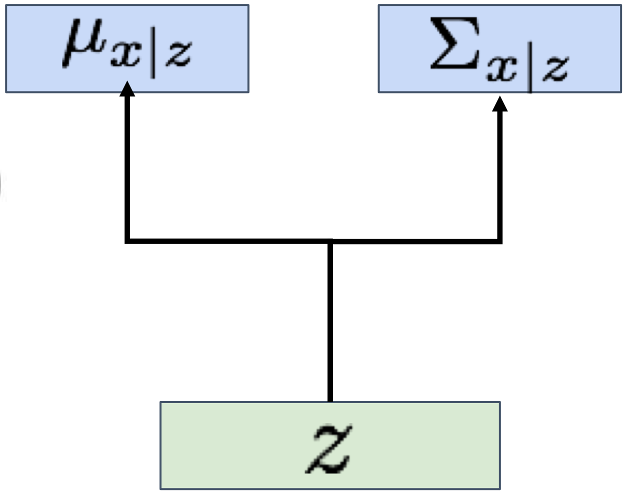

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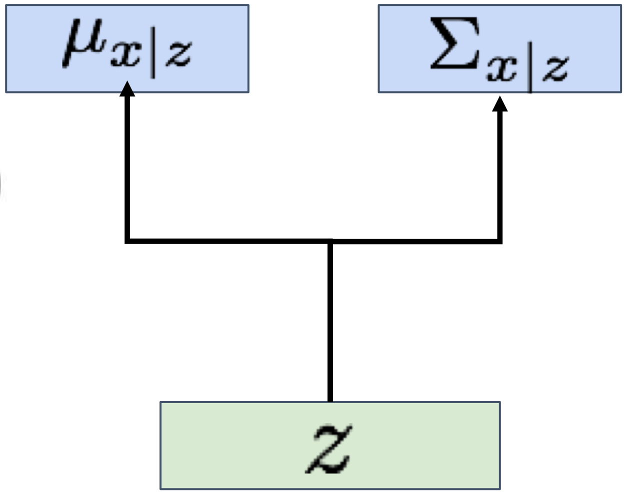

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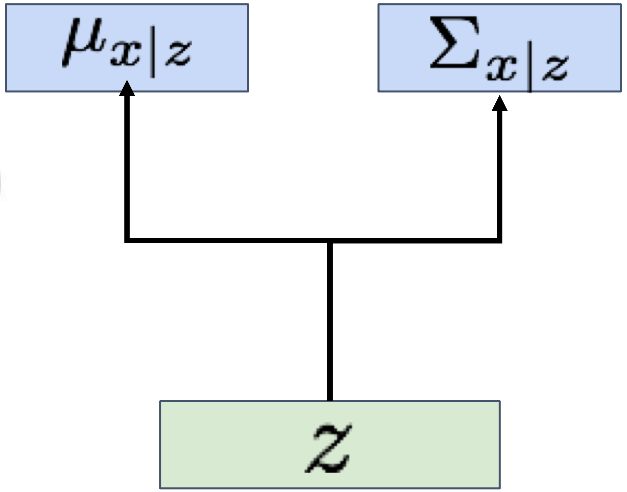

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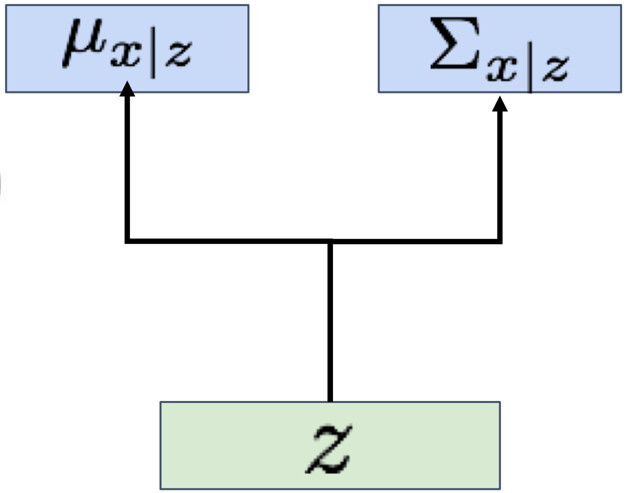

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Solution: Train another network **(encoder)** that learns $q_\phi(z \mid x) \approx p_\theta(z \mid x)$

Recall $p(x, z) = p(x \mid z)p(z) = p(z \mid x)p(x)$

Variational Autoencoders

Decoder must be **probabilistic**:
Decoder inputs z, outputs mean $\mu_{x|z}$ and (diagonal) covariance $\Sigma_{x|z}$

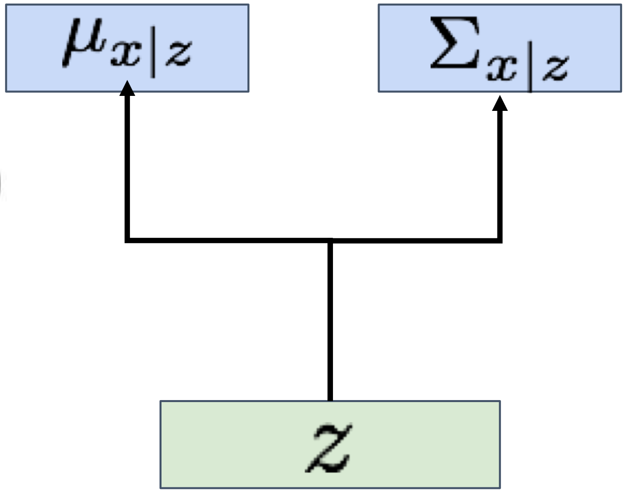
Sample x from Gaussian with mean $\mu_{x|z}$ and (diagonal) covariance $\Sigma_{x|z}$

Sample from conditional

$p_{\theta^*}(x \mid z^{(i)})$

Sample z from prior

$p_{\theta^*}(z)$



Assume training data $\{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$ is generated from unobserved (latent) representation **z**

How to train this model?

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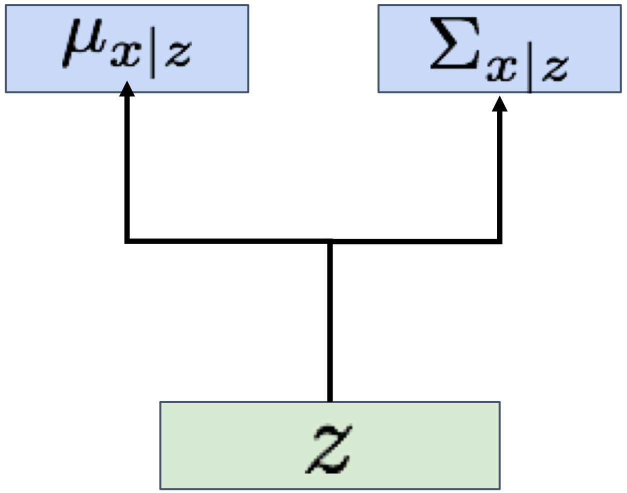
Use **encoder** to compute $q_\phi(z \mid x) \approx p_\theta(z \mid x)$

Variational Autoencoders

Decoder network inputs latent code z, gives distribution over data x

$$p_\theta(x \mid z) = N(\mu_{x|z}, \Sigma_{x|z})$$



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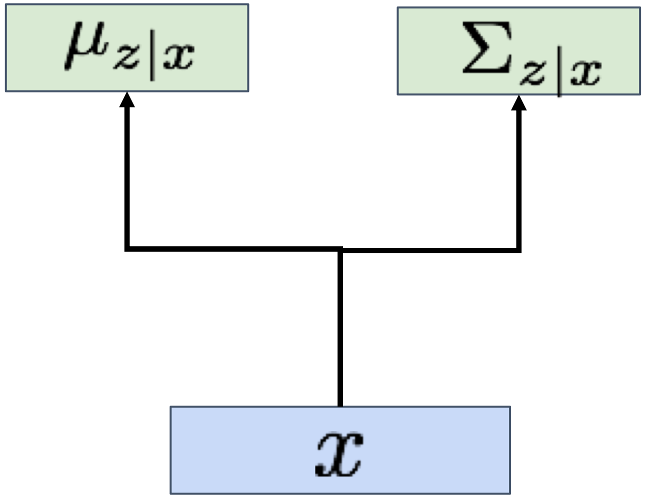

If we can ensure that $q_\phi(z \mid x) \approx p_\theta(z \mid x)$,

then we can approximate

$$p_\theta(x) \approx \frac{p_\theta(x \mid z)p(z)}{q_\phi(z \mid x)}$$

Idea: Jointly train both encoder and decoder

Variational Autoencoders

$$\log p_\theta(x) = \log \frac{p_\theta(x \mid z)p(z)}{p_\theta(z \mid x)}$$

Bayes' Rule

Variational Autoencoders

$$\log p_\theta(x) = \log \frac{p_\theta(x \mid z)p(z)}{p_\theta(z \mid x)} = \log \frac{p_\theta(x|z)p(z)q_\phi(z|x)}{p_\theta(z|x)q_\phi(z|x)}$$

Multiply top and bottom by $q_\Phi(z|x)$

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Data reconstruction

Variational Autoencoders

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KL divergence between prior, and samples from the encoder network

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KL divergence between encoder and posterior of decoder

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KL is >= 0, so dropping this term gives a **lower bound** on the data likelihood:

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Variational Autoencoders

Jointly train **encoder** q and **decoder** p to maximize the **variational lower bound** on the data likelihood

$$\log p_\theta(x) \geq E_{z \sim q_\phi(z|x)}[\log p_\theta(x|z)] - D_{KL}\left(q_\phi(z|x), p(z)\right)$$

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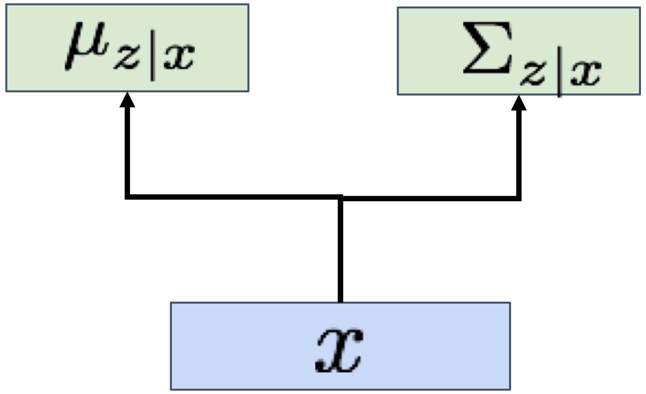

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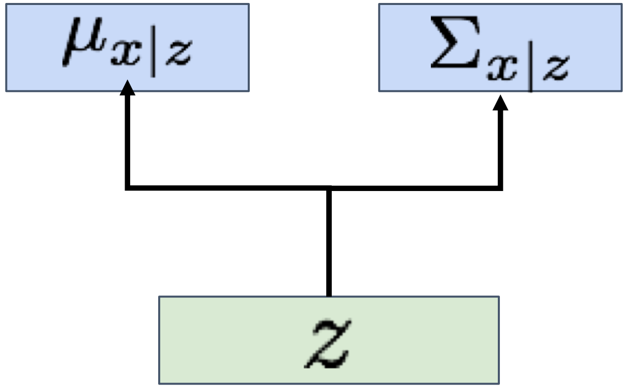

Variational Autoencoders

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Input Data x

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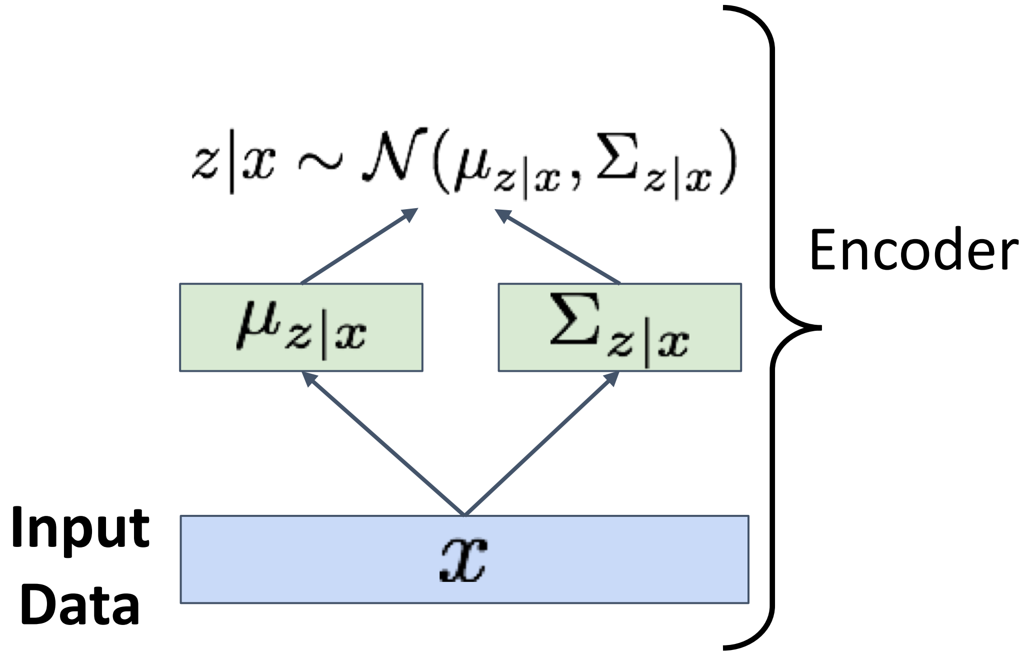

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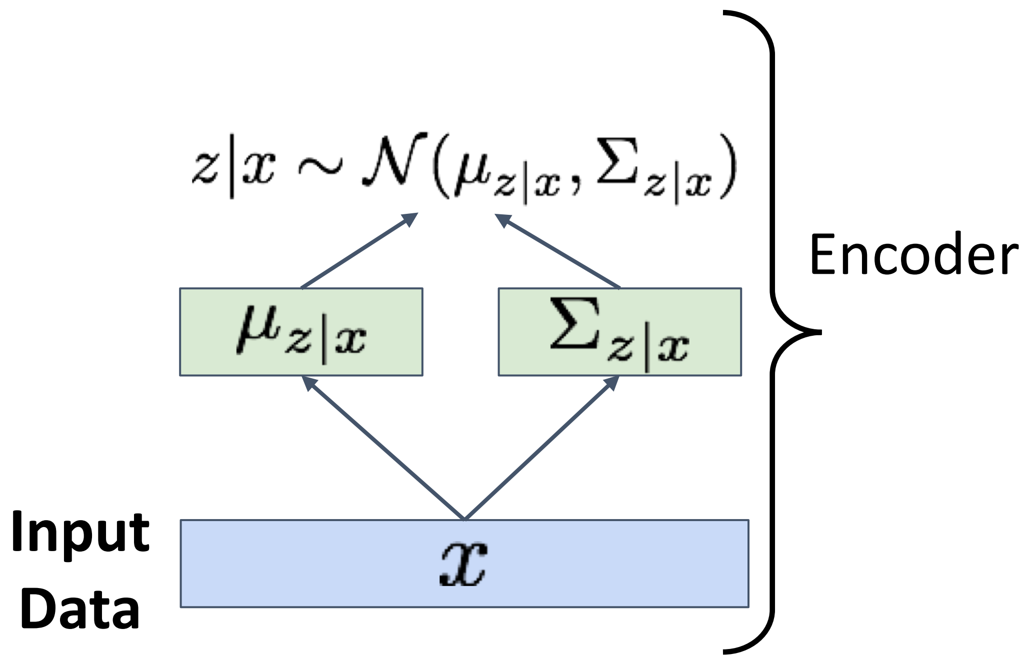

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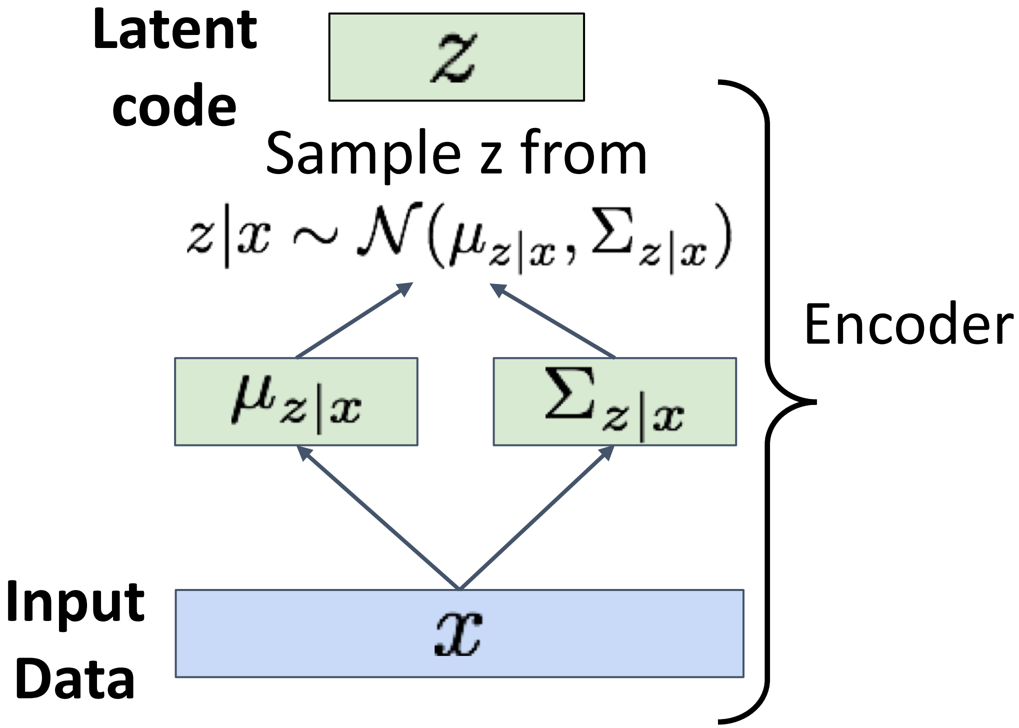

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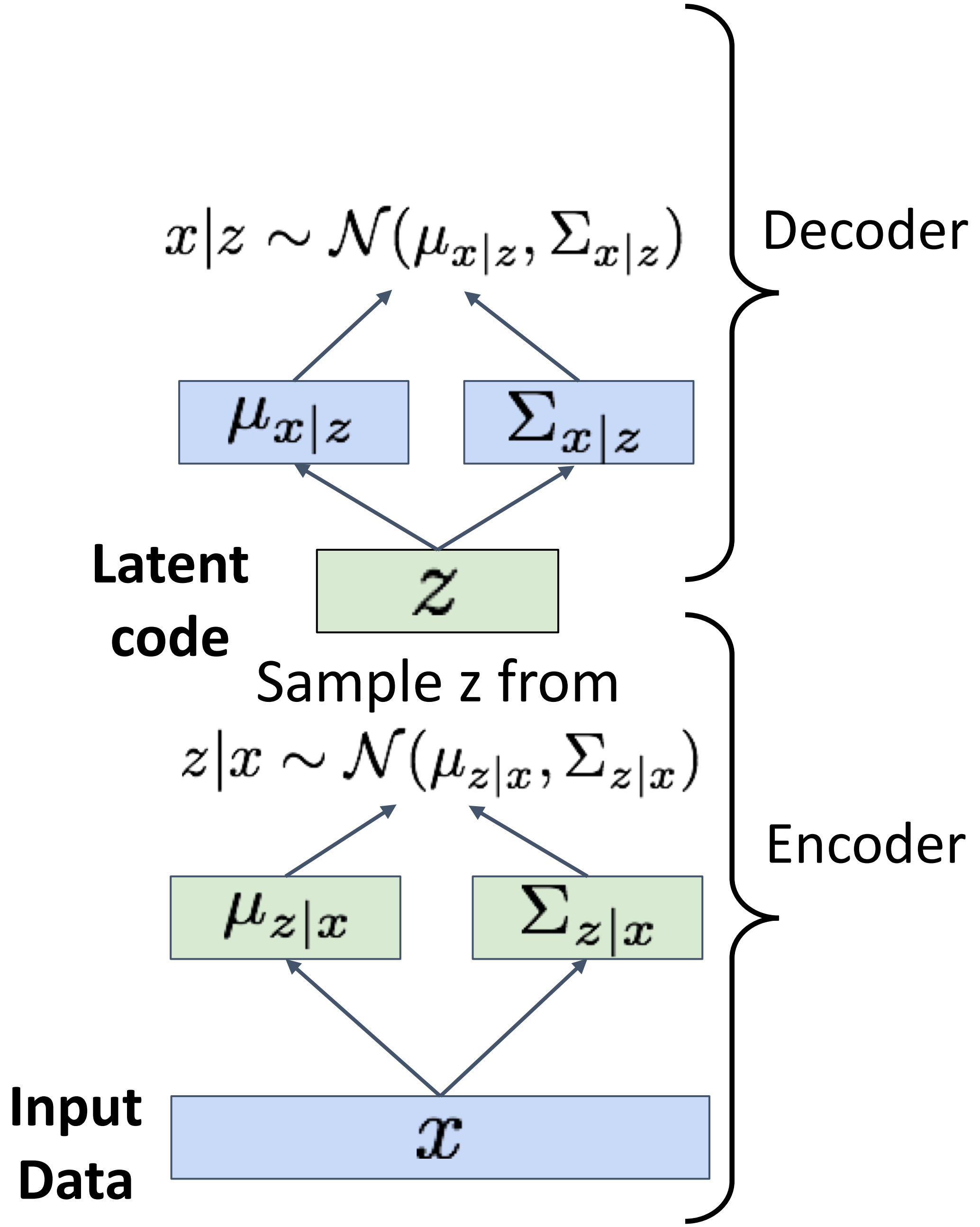

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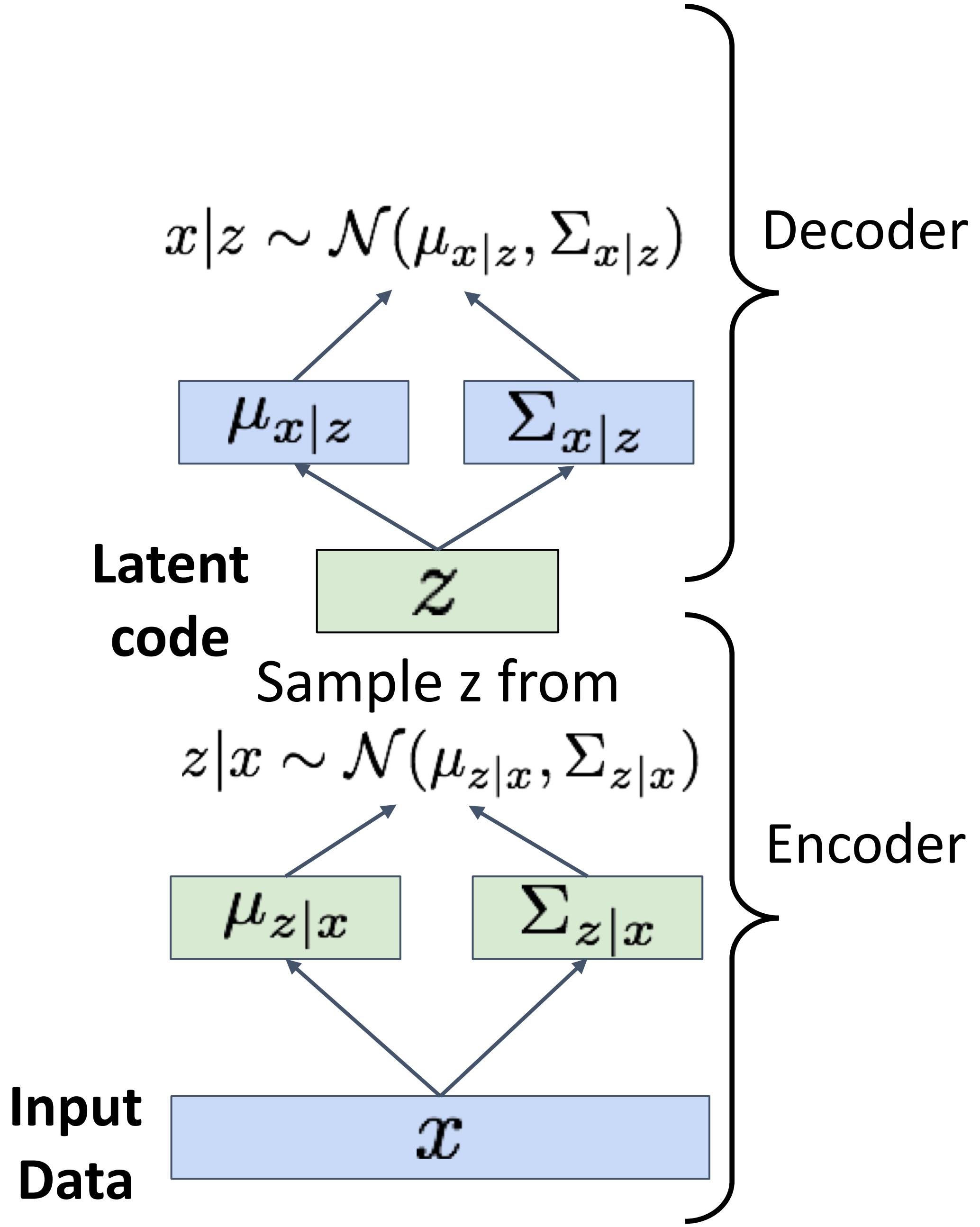

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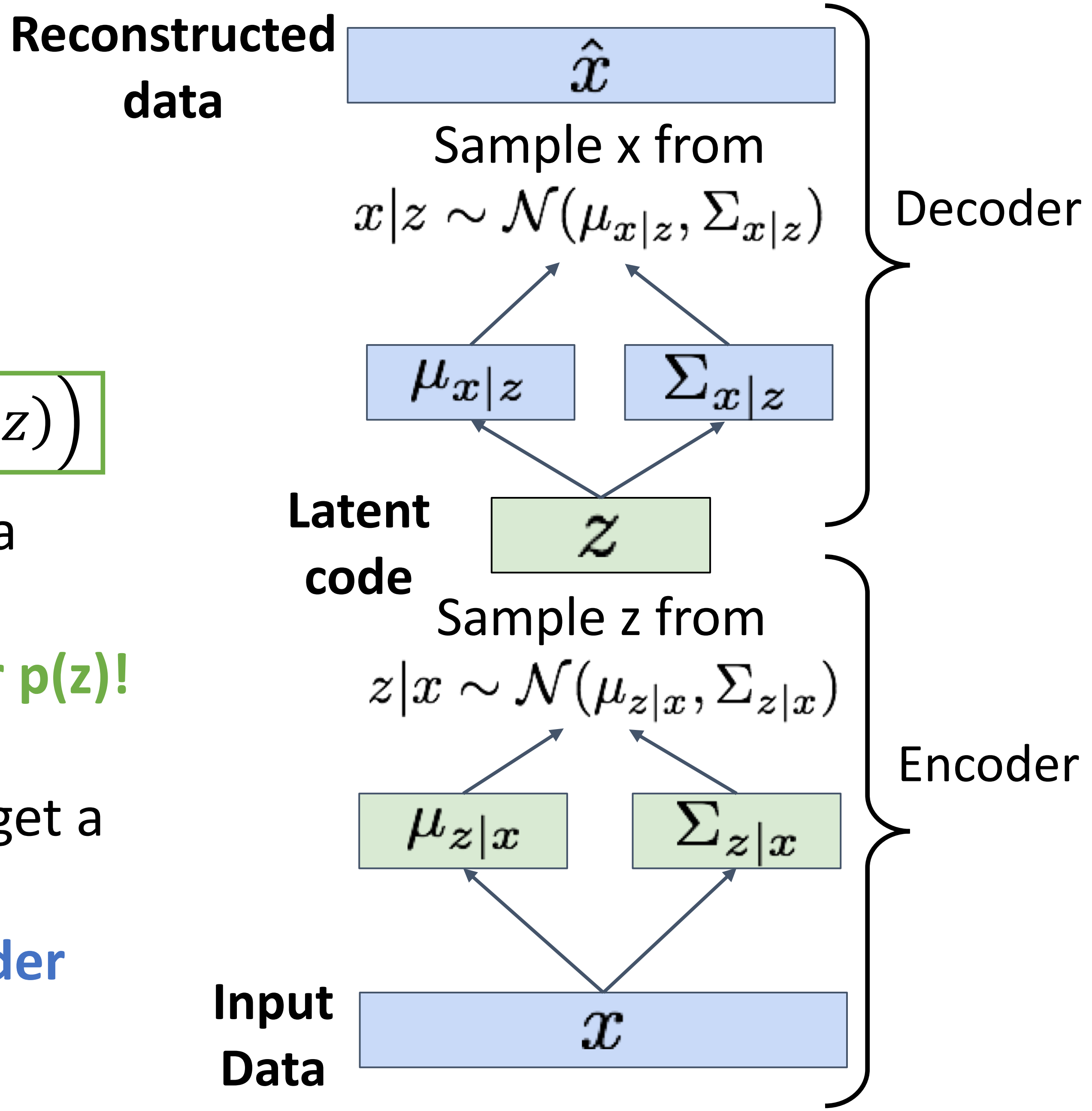

Variational Autoencoders: Generating Data

After training we can generate new data!

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Latent code z

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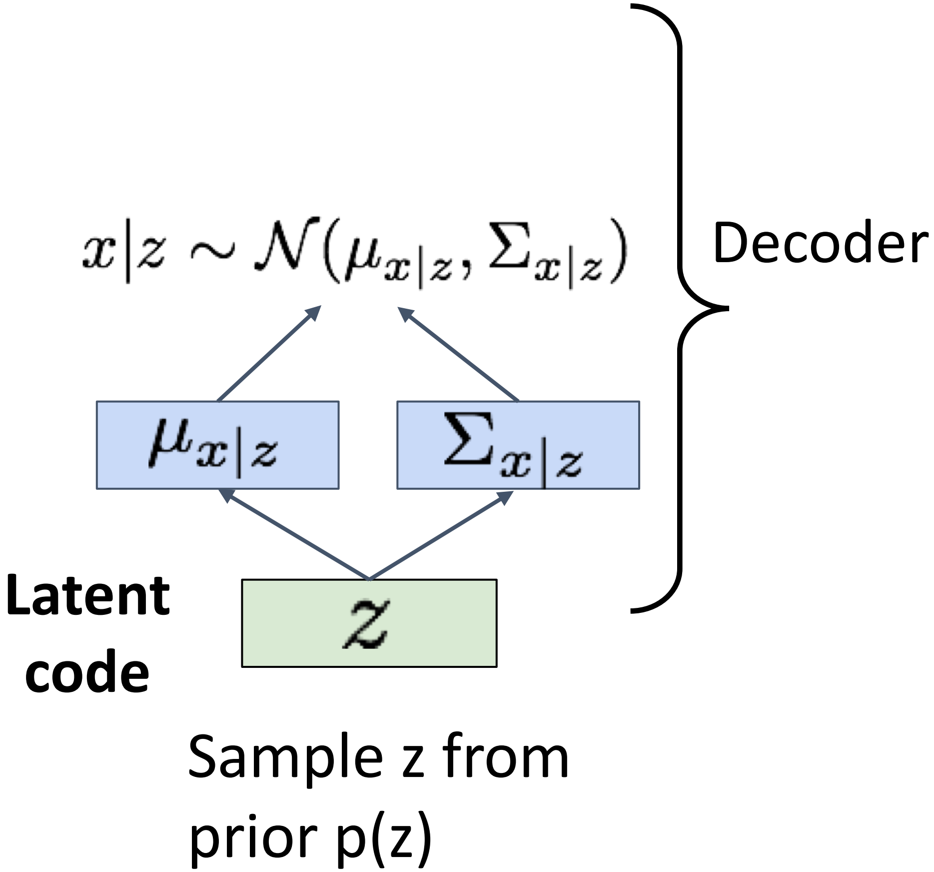

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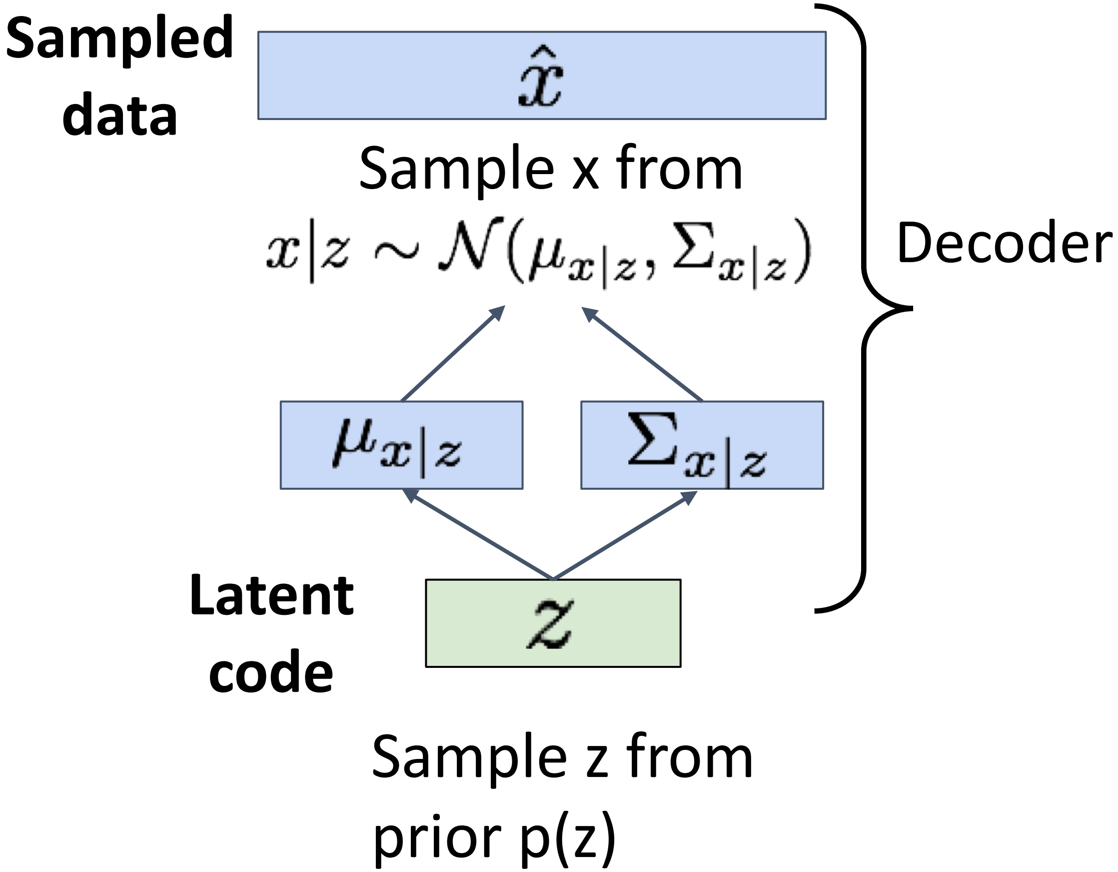

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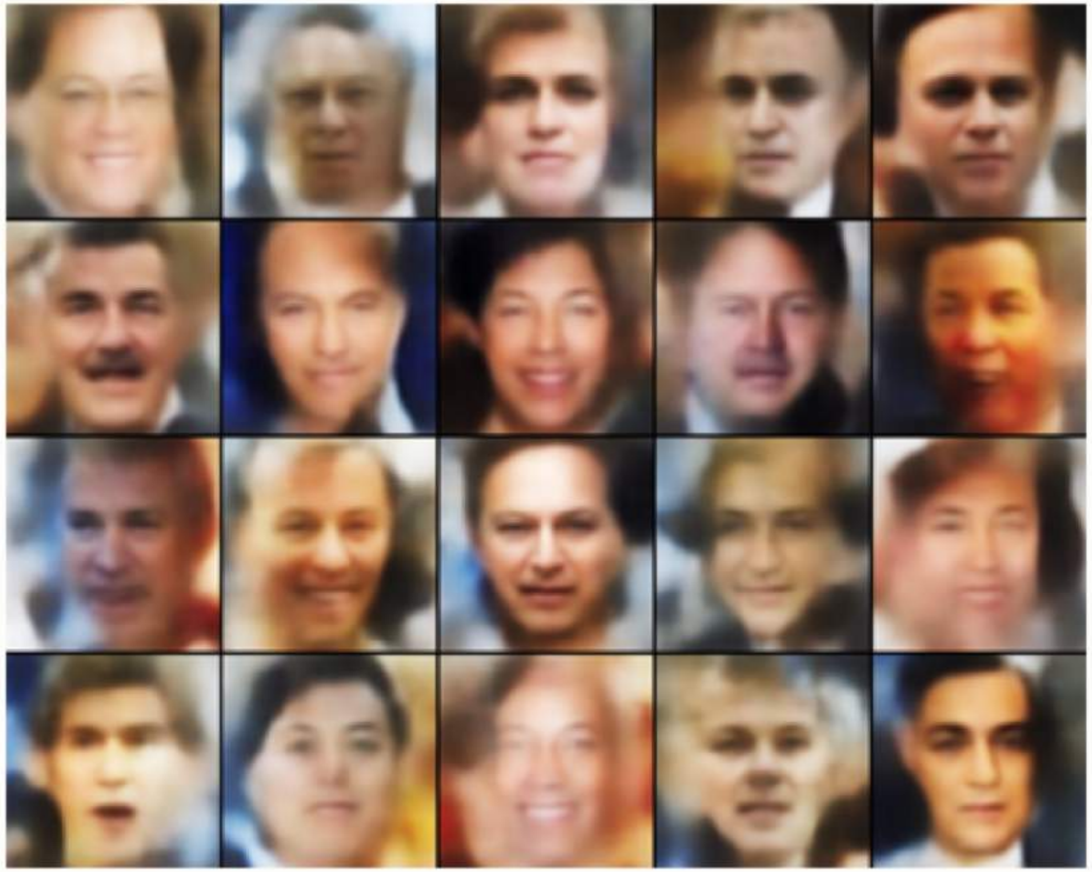
32x32 CIFAR-10

Labeled Faces in the Wild



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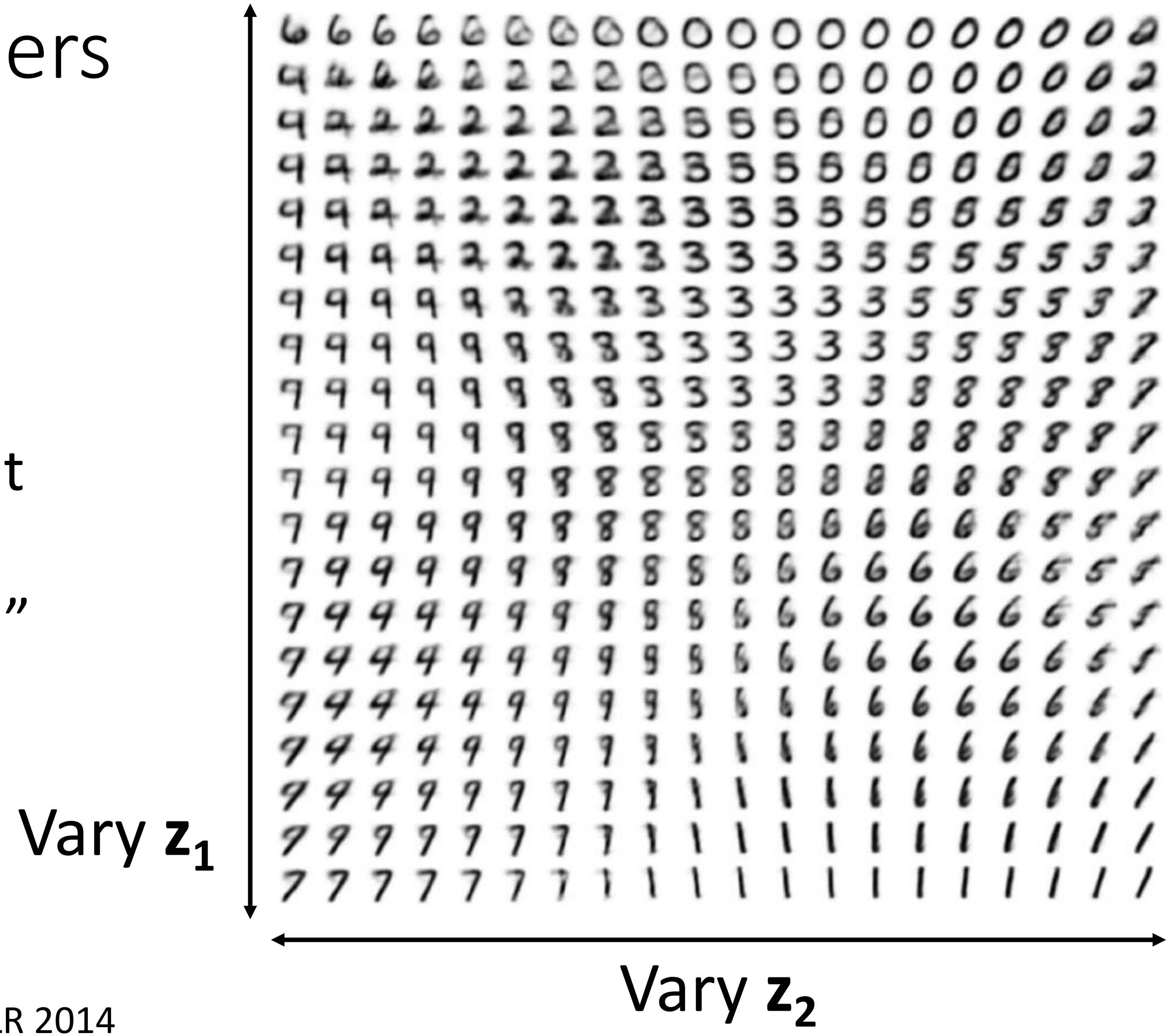

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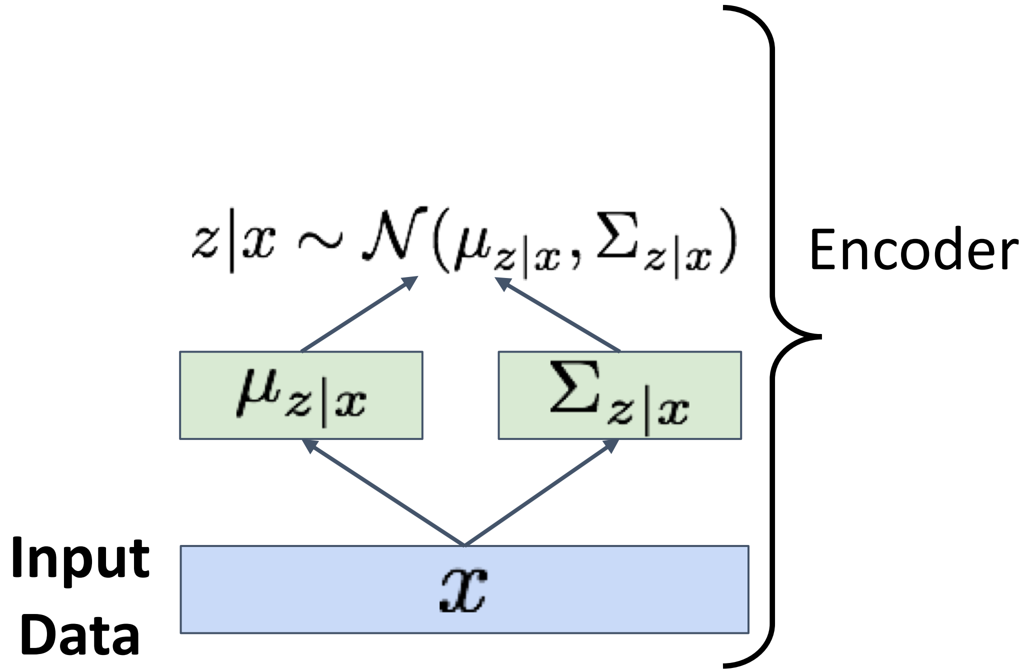

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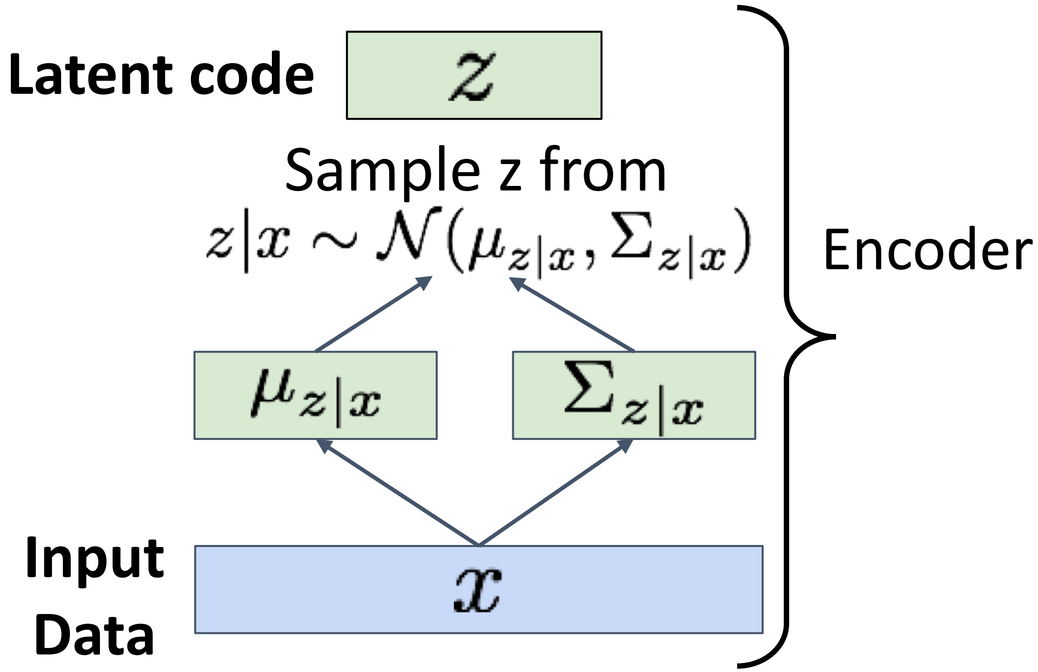

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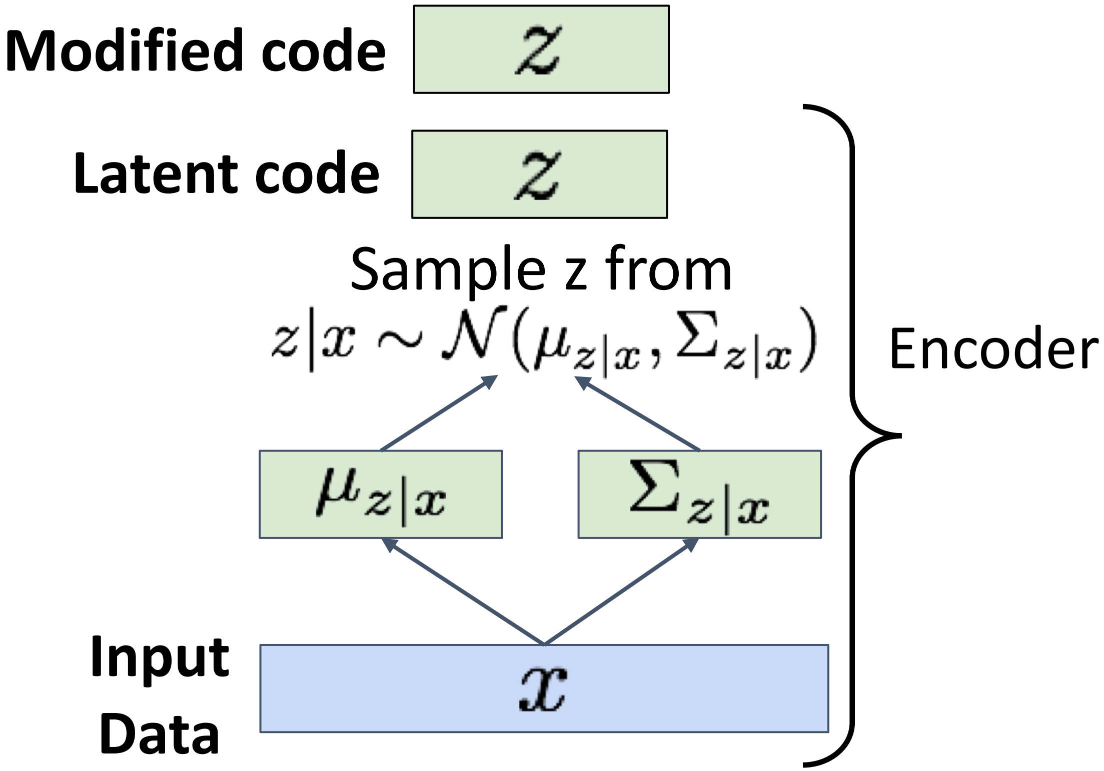

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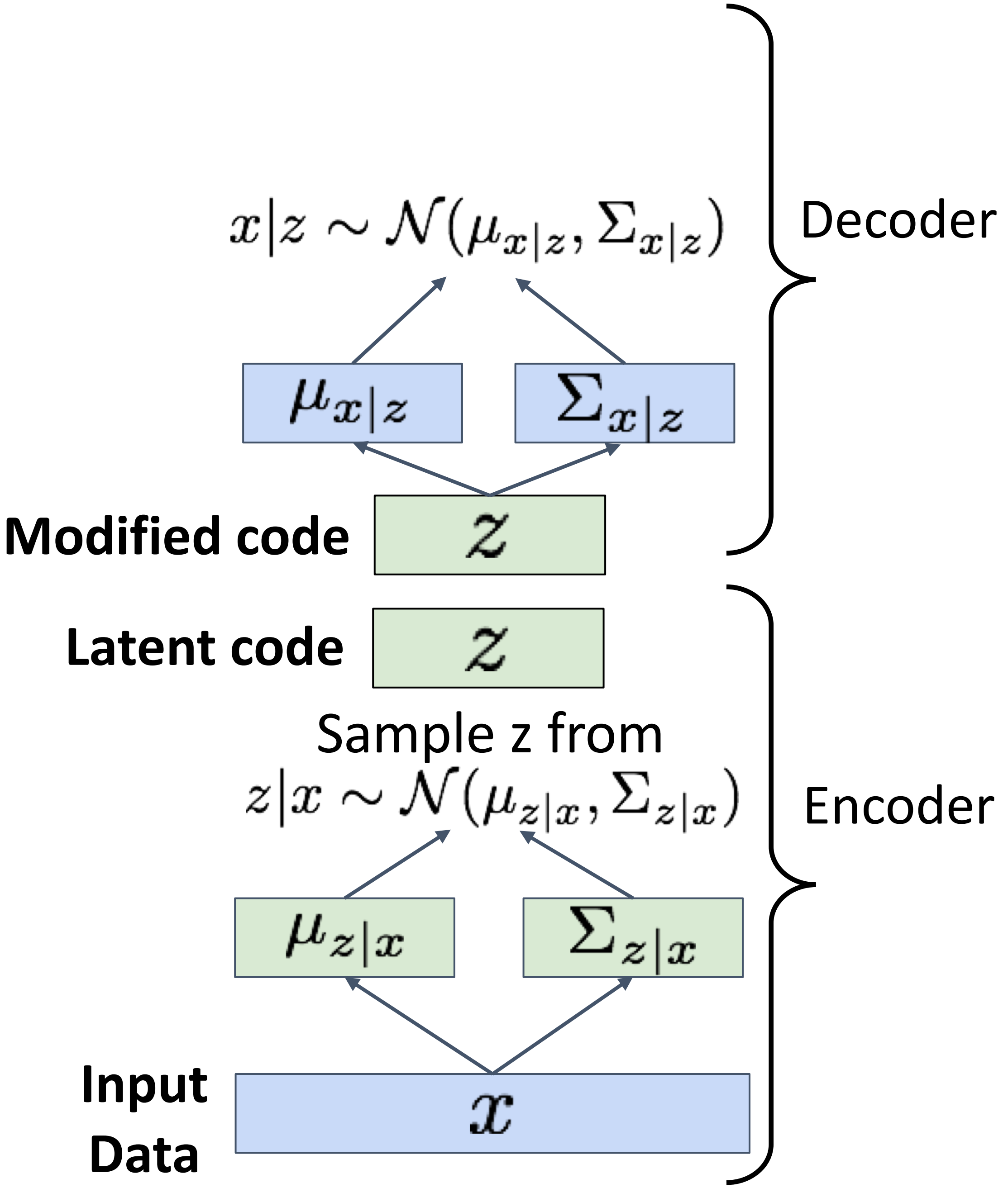

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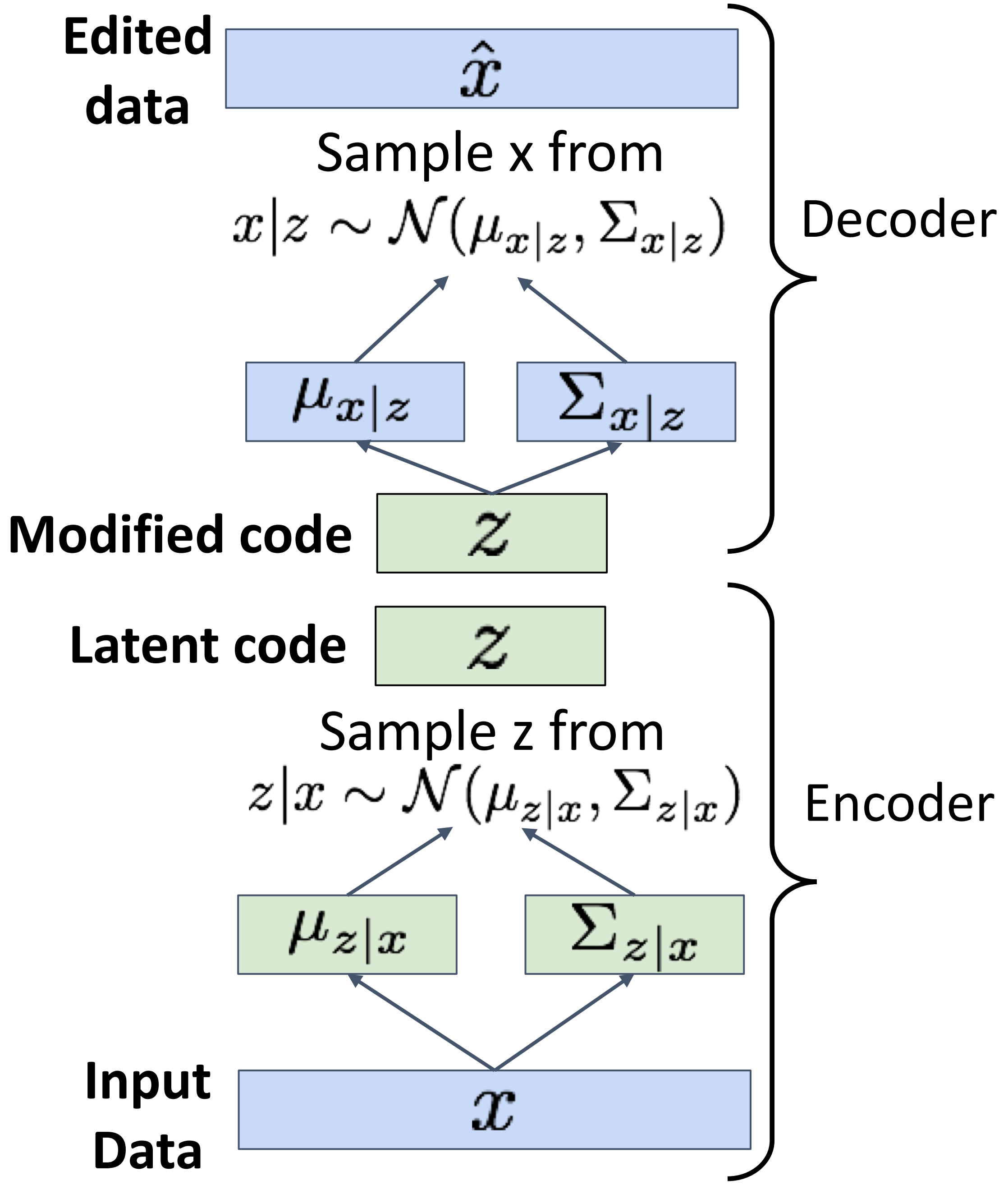

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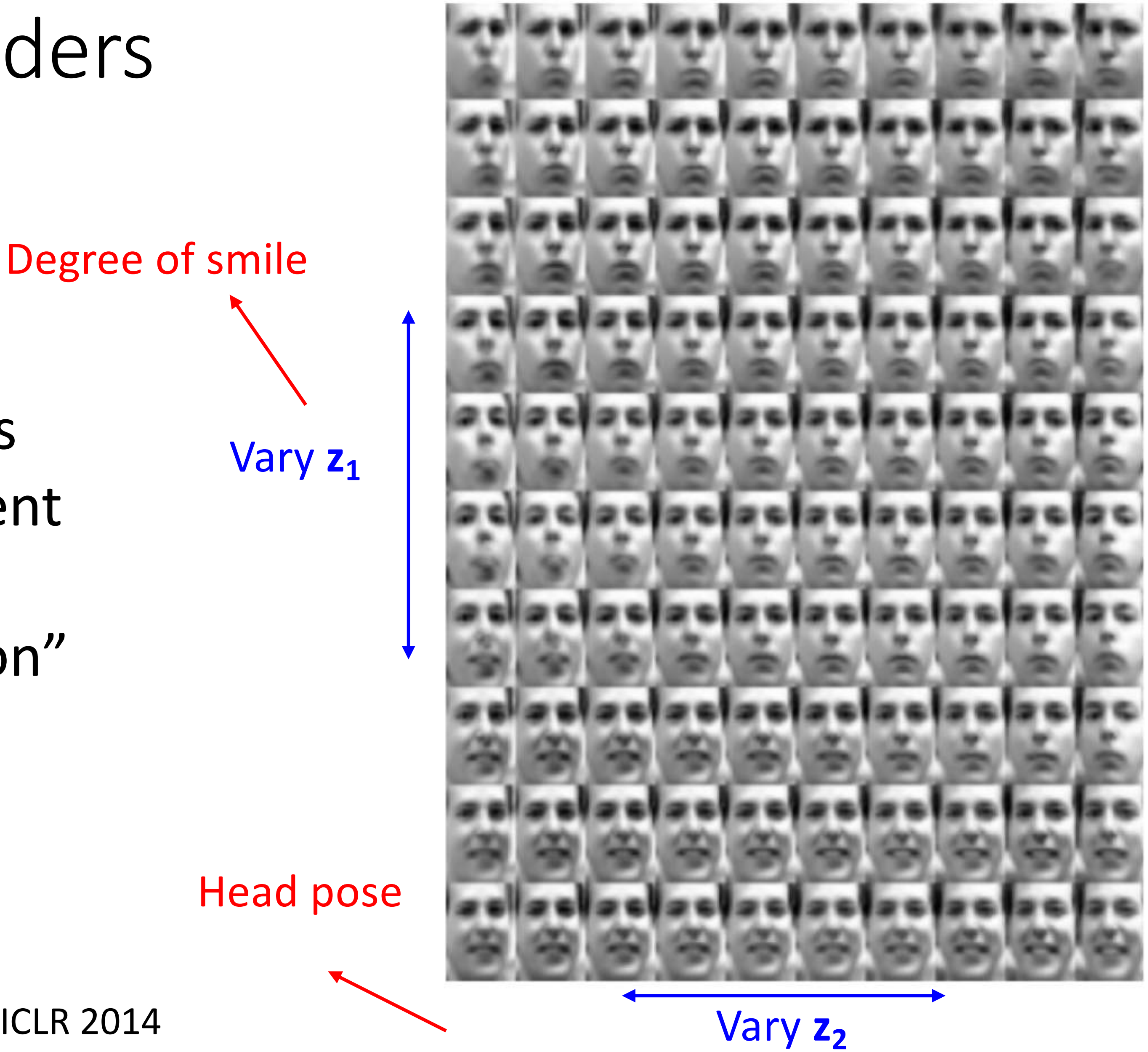

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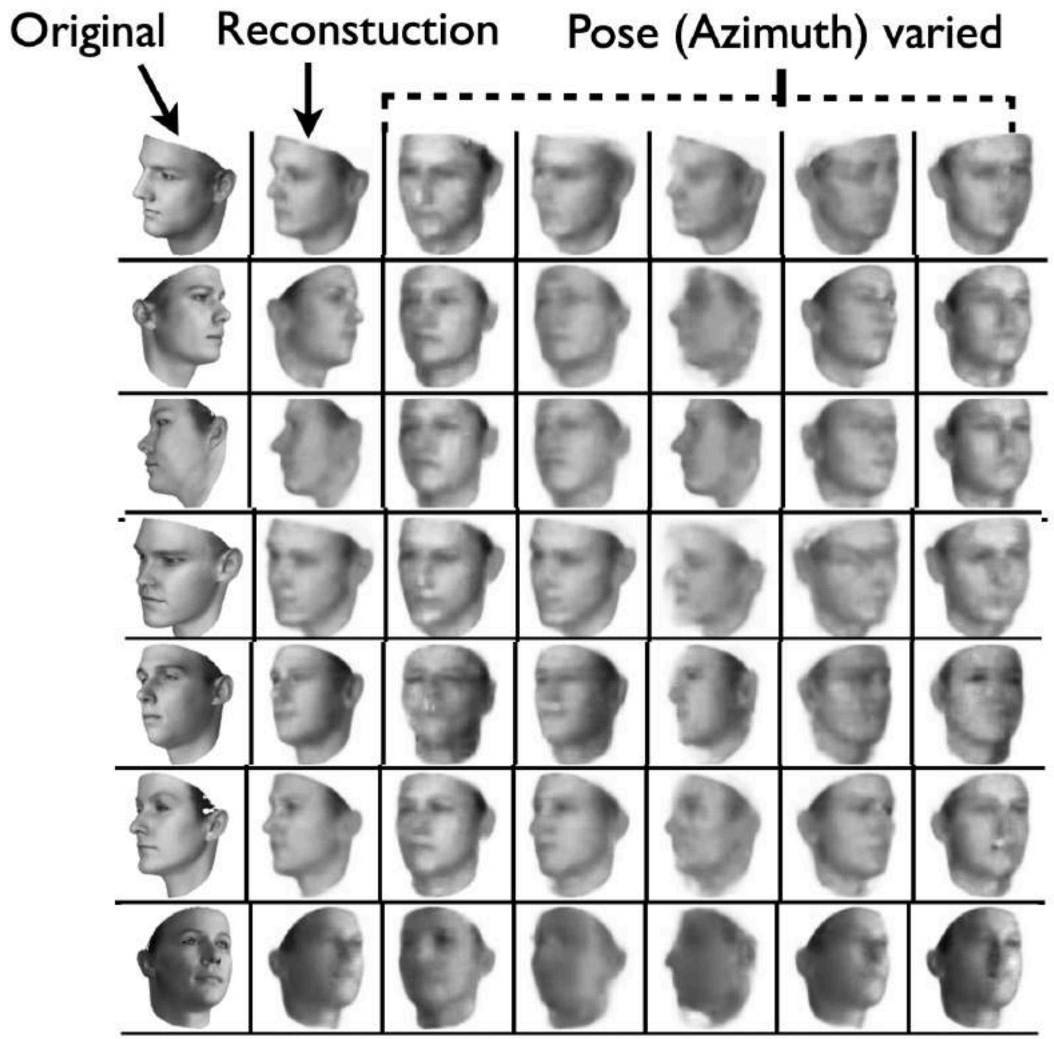

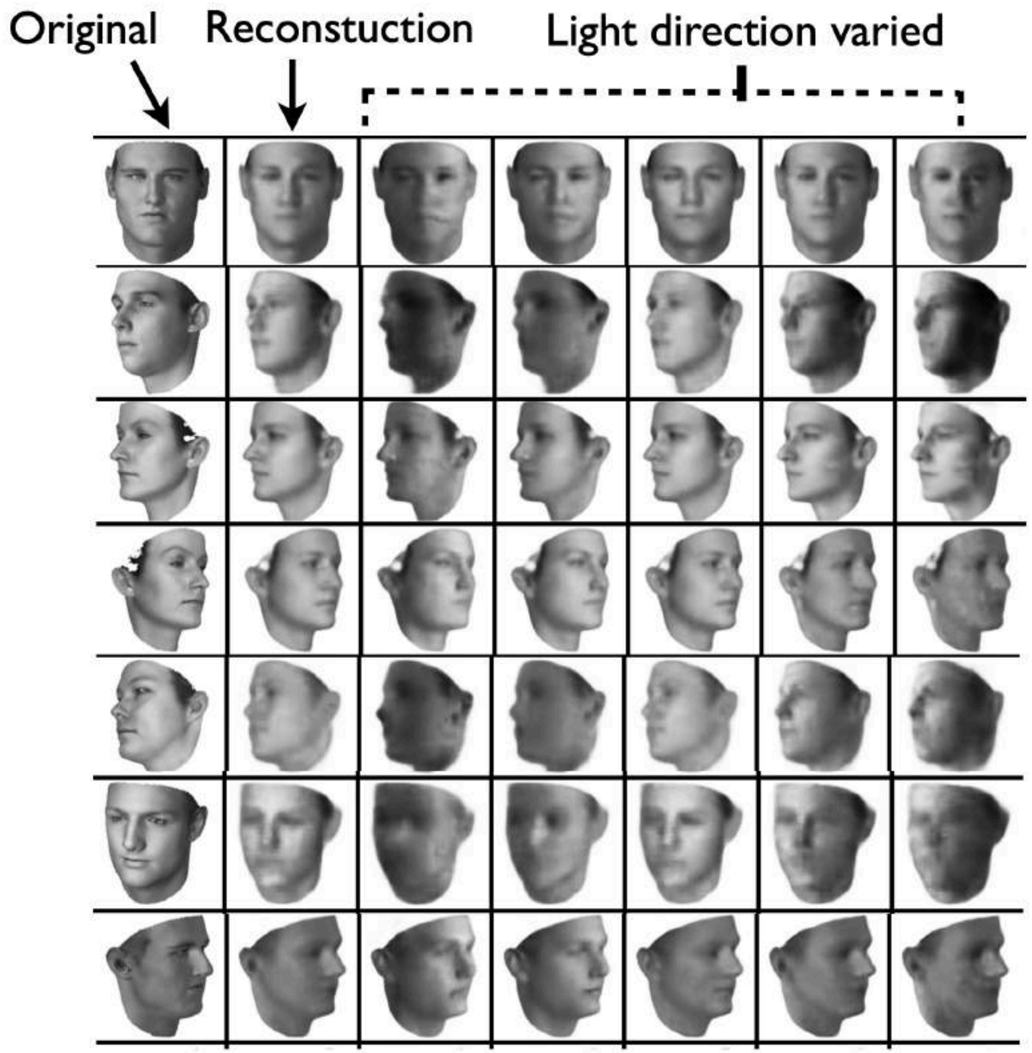

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Variational Autoencoder: Summary

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
- 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)
- Incorporating structure in latent variables, e.g., Categorical Distributions

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Can we combine them and get the best of both worlds?

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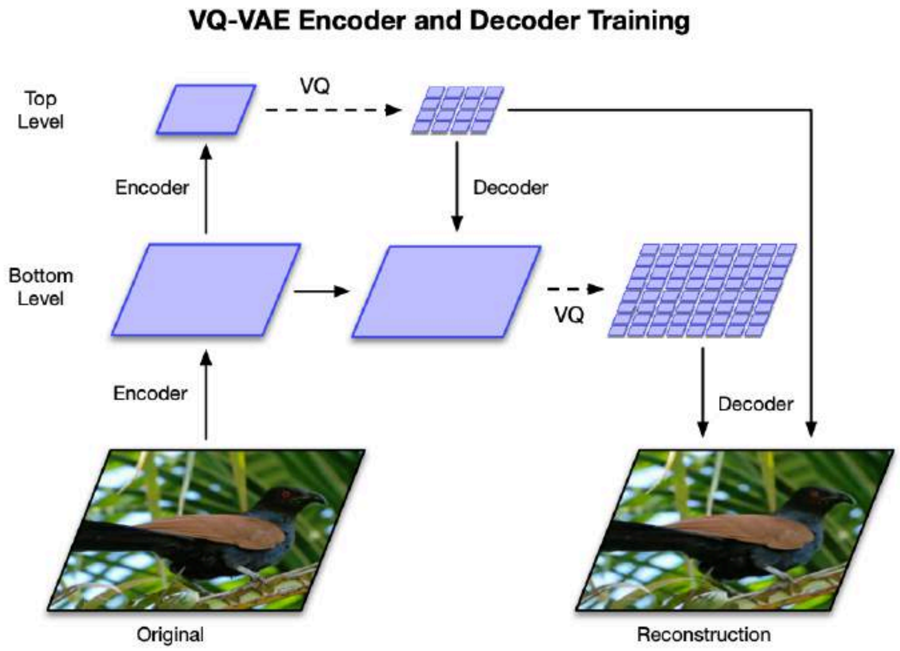
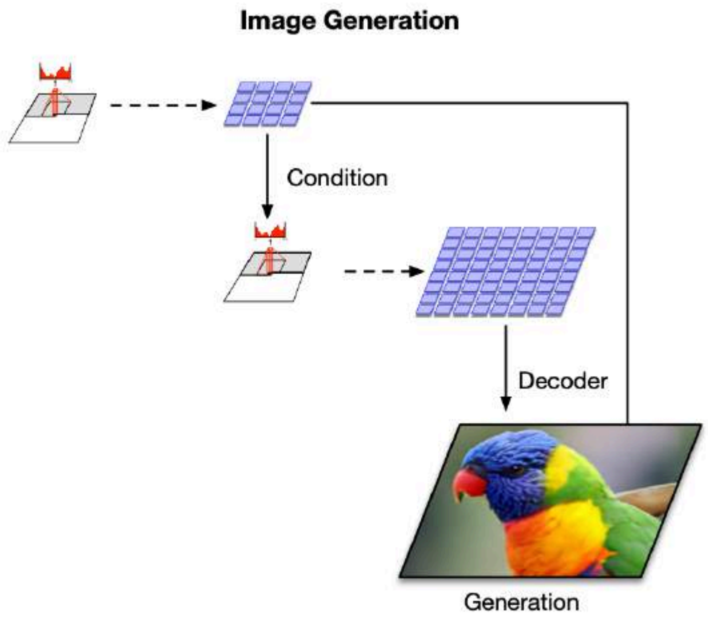
Train a VAE-like model to generate multiscale grids of latent codes



Use a multiscale PixelCNN to sample in latent code space



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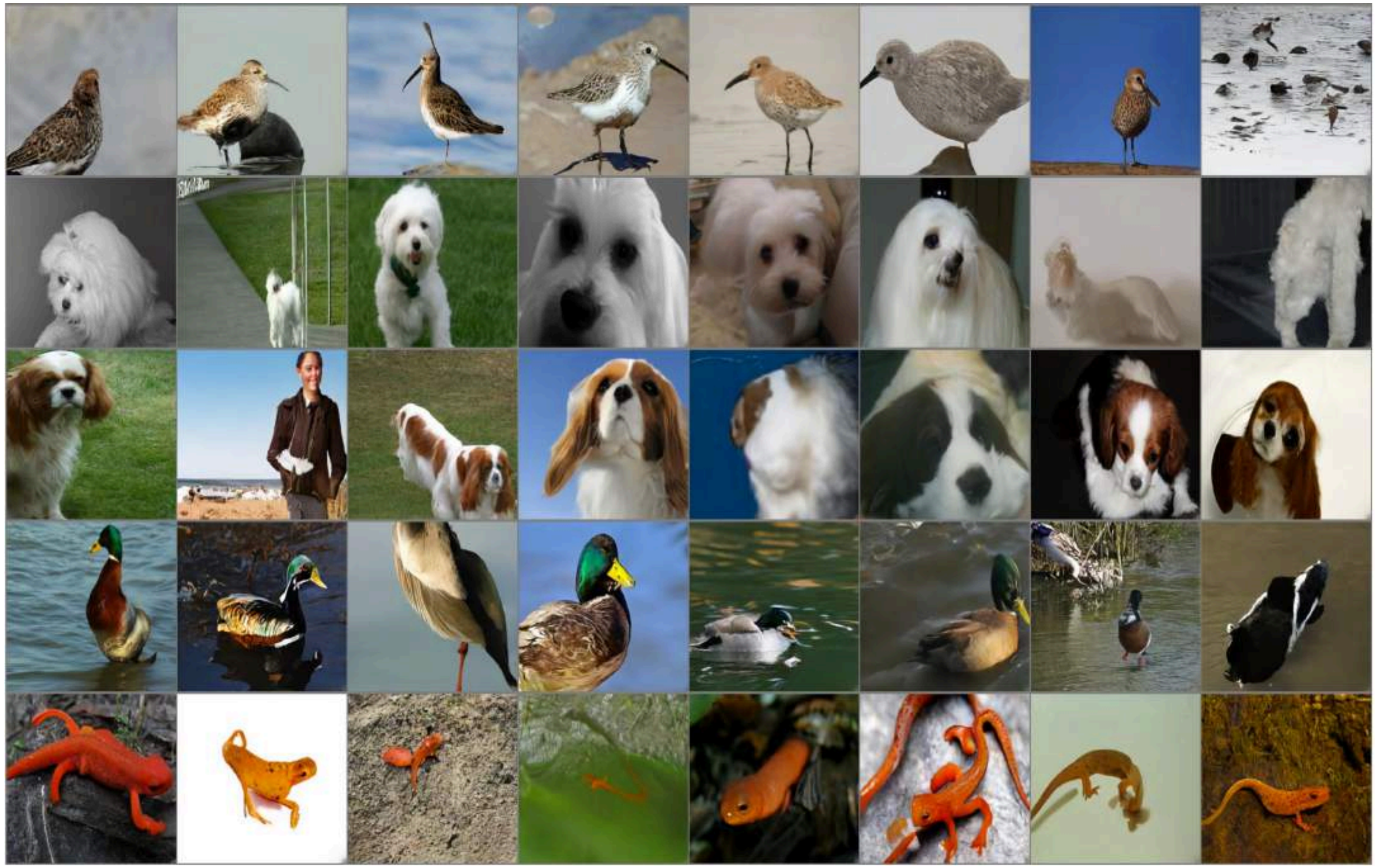
Pekinese

Papillon

Drake

Spotted Salamander



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Generative vs Discriminative models

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Next Time:
Generative Models, part 2
(Generative Adversarial Networks)