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## Definition

A *generative probabilistic model* (or *generative model*) is a probabilistic model. The term “generative” arises from a distinctive feature of these models that we can sample from them using digital computers.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Future editions will include.

<sup>2</sup>Future editions will discuss digital computers, and may collapse this sheet with probabilistic models sheet on which it depends.



