

# Introduction to Similarity Learning, Adversarial Examples, Autoencoders and GANs

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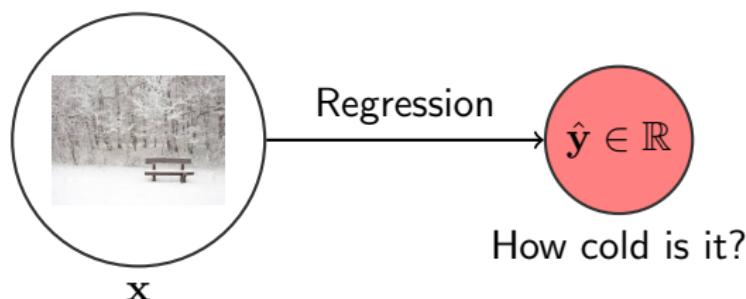
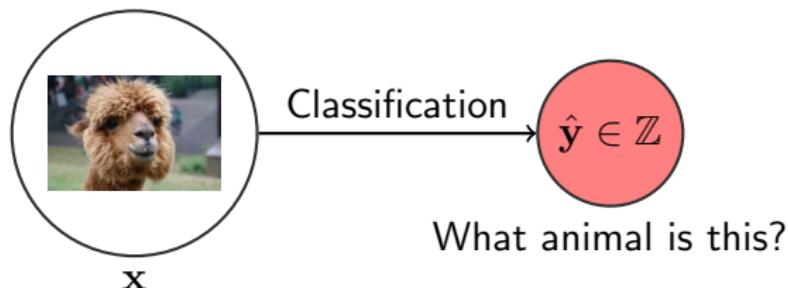
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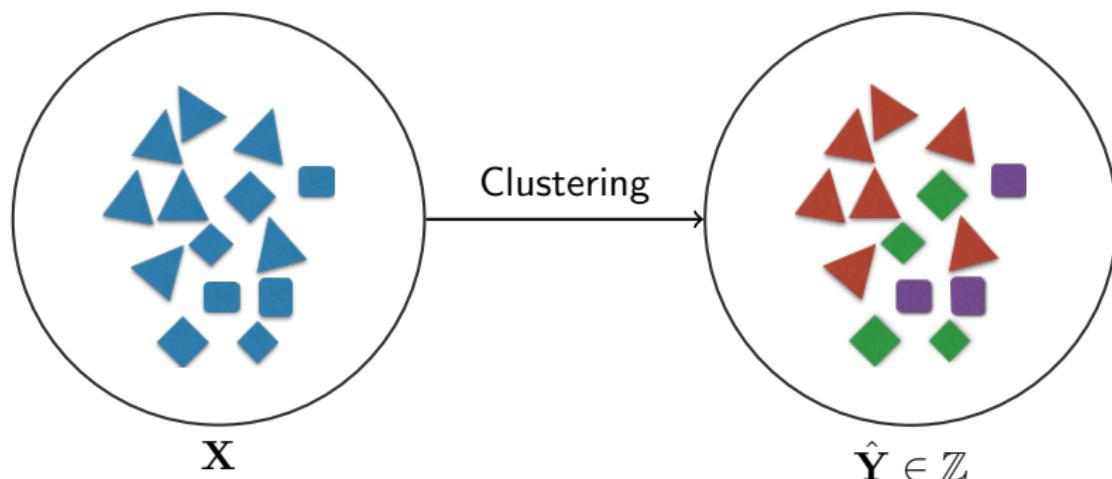
## Supervised Learning

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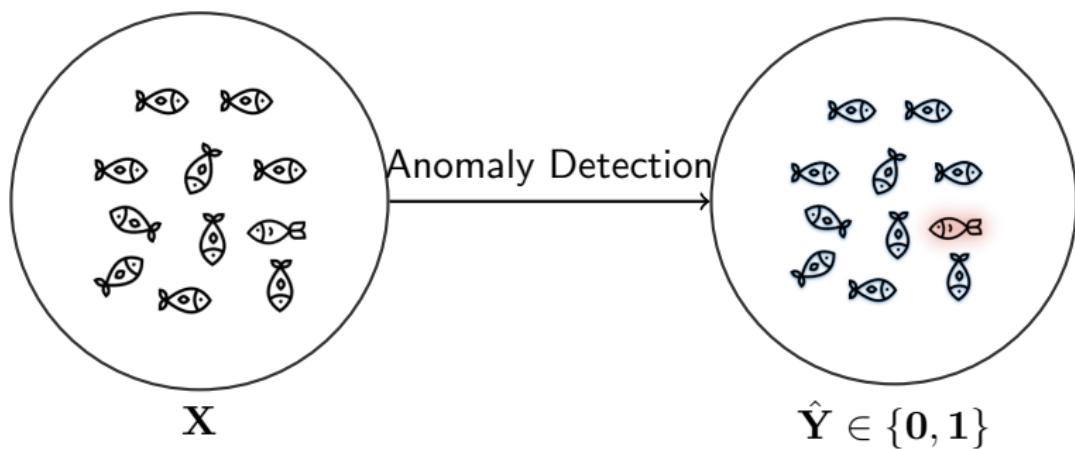
# Unsupervised Learning: Clustering

Given an unlabeled dataset ( $\mathbf{X}$ ), we would like to learn: **How to group objects into categories?**



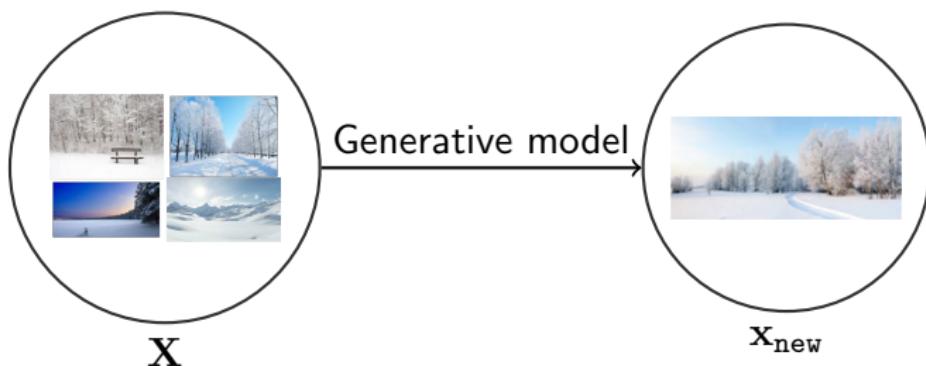
## Anomaly detection

Given an unlabeled dataset ( $\mathbf{X}$ ), we would like to learn: How to identify observations differing significantly from the majority of data?



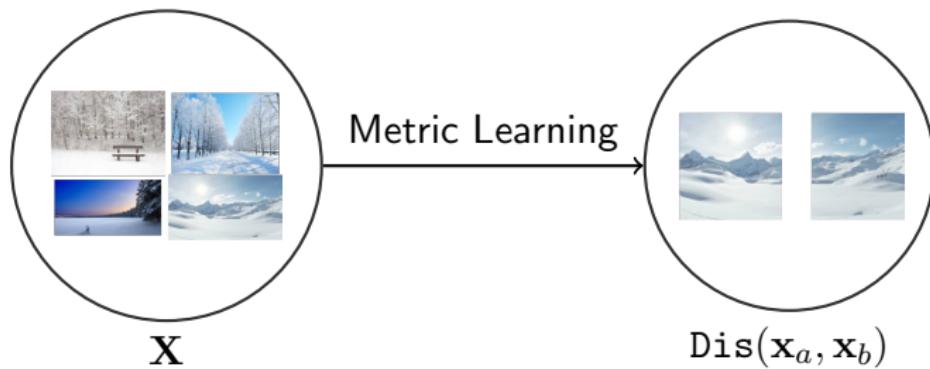
## Unsupervised learning: Generative Models

Given an unlabeled dataset ( $\mathbf{X}$ ), we would like to learn: How to generate a new observation from the same distribution (unknown) of dataset?



# Unsupervised learning: Metric Learning

Given an unlabeled dataset ( $\mathbf{X}$ ), we would like to learn: How to estimate the distance between two objects of  $\mathbf{X}$ ?



- ①  $\text{Dis}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = 0 \iff \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}'$  (Identity)
- ②  $\text{Dis}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = 0, \forall \mathbf{x}$  (Non-negative)
- ③  $\text{Dis}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \text{Dis}(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}), \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$  (Symmetry)
- ④  $\text{Dis}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'') > \text{Dis}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') + \text{Dis}(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}'')$  (Triangle Inequality)

# DL for Metric Learning

Metric Learning has been used in many cases, for example:

- ① Retrieval of Objects: Given a database, find the k-closest point a given example.
- ② Clustering.
- ③ Anomaly detection.
- ④ Pretraining Networks.

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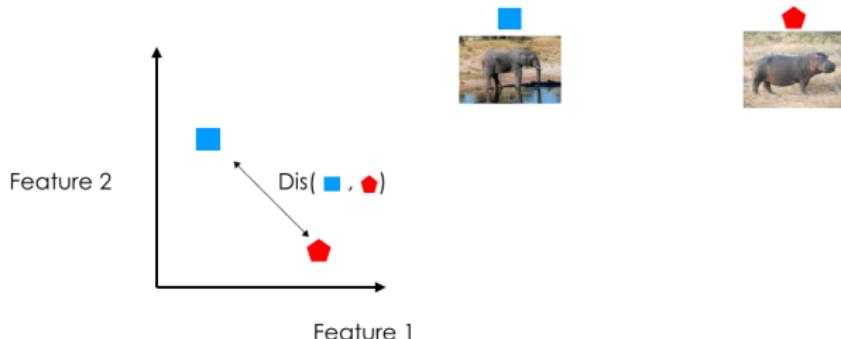
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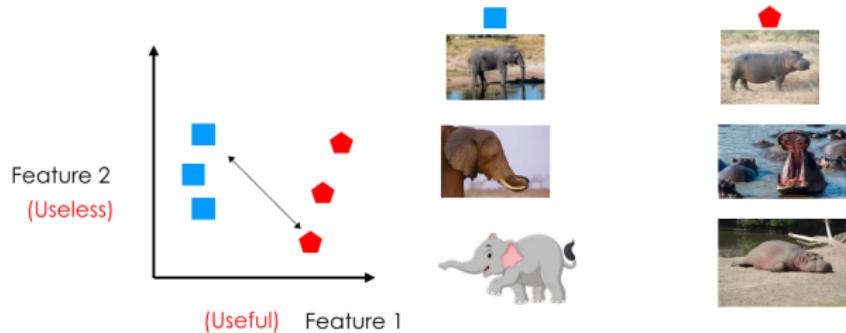


The natural idea is to compute the Euclidean distance:

$$\text{Dis}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots} = \sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})}$$

# Introduction to Metric Learning

How to compare observations?



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Dis}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \sqrt{w_1(x_1 - y_1)^2 + w_2(x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots} \\ &= \sqrt{(\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}))^T (\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}))} \\ &= \sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})} \\ &:= \sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{M} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})}\end{aligned}$$

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The goal in metric learning is to learn  $\mathbf{M}$ . Using the fact that a PSD<sup>1</sup> matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  can always be decomposed as  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L}$  for some  $\mathbf{L}$ , one can show that both parameterizations are equivalent. In practice, an algorithm may thus solve the metric learning problem with respect to either  $\mathbf{M}$  or  $\mathbf{L}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Positive Semidefinite, i.e.,  $x^T M x \geq 0 \forall x$

## Siamese Neural Network

Given a pair of similar examples  $(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$ , a Siamese neural network (sometimes called a *twin neural network*) is an artificial neural network that uses the same weights while working in tandem on two different input vectors to compute comparable output vectors.

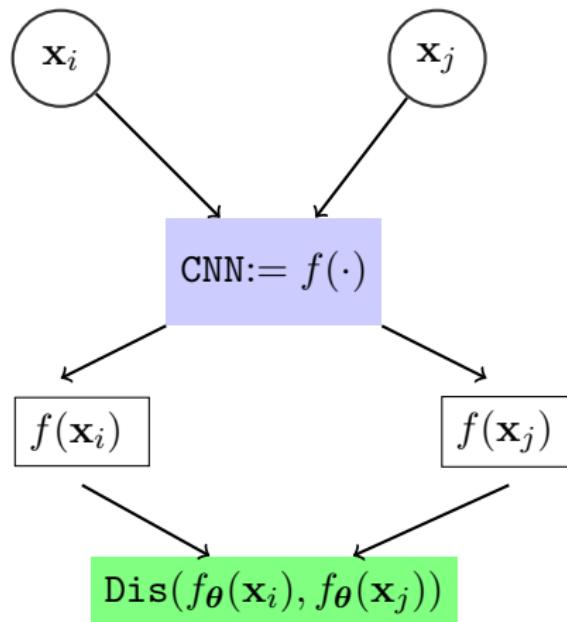


Figure: Scheme of Siamese Network

## How to define the distance?

- A model is used to predict the position in feature space.
- A common way is to use a norm of the difference between the encoding of these two images, i.e.,  
$$\text{Dis}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \|f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) - f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_j)\|_2^2$$
- The important question is how to train the model?
  - ① Loss functions
  - ② how to define the training protocol.

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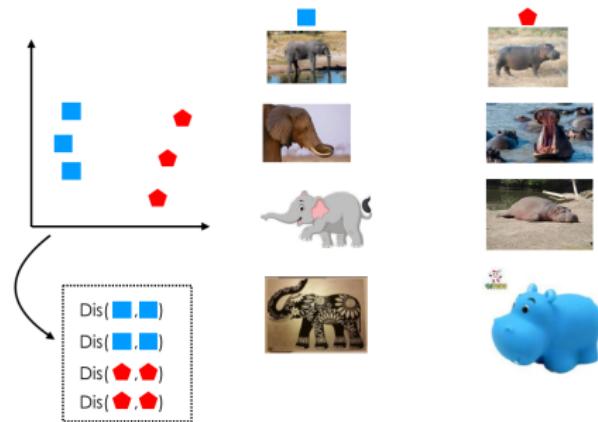


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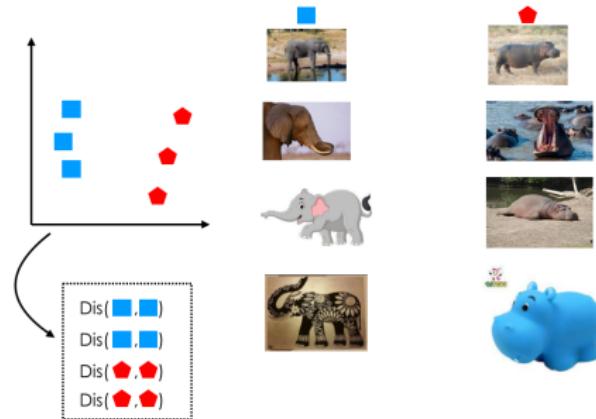


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- The model could learn to *embed every input to the same point*, i.e. predict a constant as output. ( $\theta = 0$ )
- "Neural collapsing". A possible solution is to use a regularization of the projection space to avoid the prediction as a constant.

## Triplet Loss

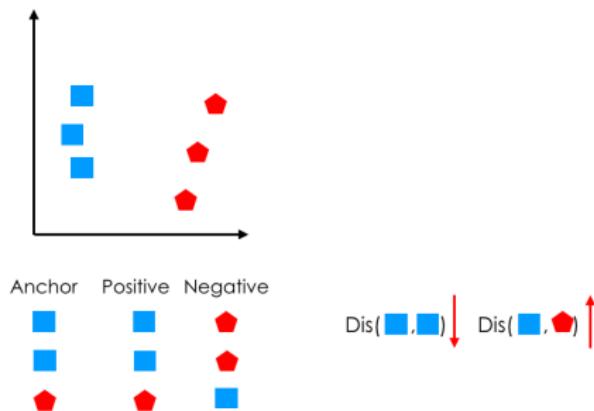


Figure: Triplet Loss:  $L(a_i, p_i, n_i) = \max(\text{Dis}_{ap} - \text{Dis}_{an} + \alpha, 0)$ .

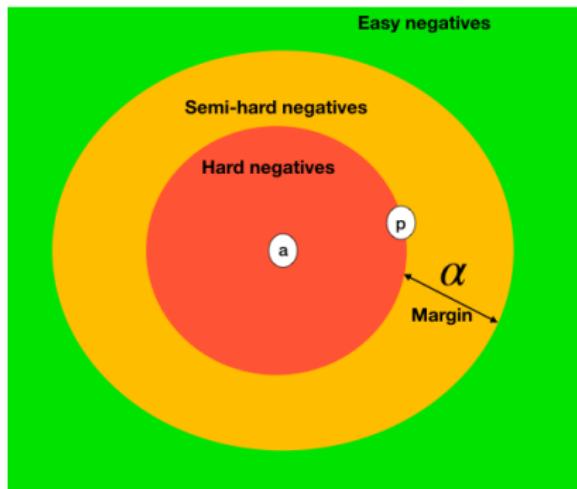
- As  $\text{Dis}_{ap}$  tend to zero,  $\alpha$  play a role of margin, to force  $\text{Dis}_{an} \geq \alpha$ .  $\alpha$  is usually called the *margin*

## Contrastive Loss

- For any positive pair of data-points  $y_{ij} = 1$  this distance should be small, and for negative pair  $y_{ij} = 0$  it should be large.
- Contrastive loss:  
$$L(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = y_{ij} \text{Dis}_{ij}^2 + (1 - y_{ij}) \max(\alpha - \text{Dis}_{ij}, 0)^2$$
- Schroff, Florian, et al. Facenet: A unified embedding for face recognition and clustering, CVPR 2015.

## Hard negative sampling

- After a few epochs, If  $(a, p, n)$  are chosen randomly, it will be easy to satisfy the inequality.



- Random sampling is inefficient to find these hard cases.

## Hard negative sampling

Based on their distances, there are three categories of triplets:

- ① Easy triplets, have a loss of 0 (and gradient equal to 0), because  $\text{Dis}(a, p) + \alpha < \text{Dis}(a, n)$ .
- ② Hard triplets, where the negative is closer to the anchor than the positive,  $\text{Dis}(a, n) < \text{Dis}(a, p)$ ,
- ③ Semi-hard triplets, where negative pair is not closer to the anchor than the positive, but which still have positive loss:  
 $(\text{Dis}(a, p) < \text{Dis}(a, n) < \text{Dis}(a, p) + \alpha)$

Smart Mining for Deep Metric Learning, B. Harwood et al, ICCV  
2017

# Triplet Rank Loss



Figure: Rank between classes

- In general, one can define metric to consider relationship between classes.

# Histogram loss

- Compute all the positives similarities and negatives similarities within a batch.
- The loss pushes to separate the two similarity distributions.

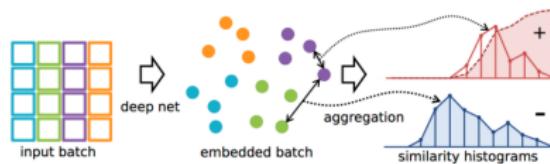


Figure: Histogram loss

Ustinova, Evgeniya, et al. Learning deep embeddings with histogram loss, NIPS 2016

# Metric Learning in a nutshell

- ① Pick a **parametric distance**  $\text{Dis}(\cdot, \cdot)$
- ② Collect **similarity judgements** on data pairs/triples/...
  - $\mathcal{S} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) : \mathbf{x}_i \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_j \text{ are similar}\}$
  - $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) : \mathbf{x}_i \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_j \text{ are dissimilar}\}$
  - $\mathcal{R} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_k) : \mathbf{x}_i \text{ is more similar to } \mathbf{x}_j \text{ than to } \mathbf{x}_k\}$
  - Training your model  $f_{\theta}$ , to minimise a loss function:

$$\arg \min_{\theta} L(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{R}) + \lambda \text{reg}(\theta) \quad (1)$$

## Deep Metric Learning: Second Approach

For a database of  $c$  types of objects (individuals)

- ① Solve the metric learning problem as a classification problem of  $c$  classes with a final softmax layer. In testing the score of similarity is a compute in the feature space before the use of softmax.
- ② Advantage: Easy use of pretrained networks. You shouldn't bother with sampling triplets.
- ③ Disadvantage: Modification of softmax are required. Score is not directly optimized.

# Deep Metric Learning: Second Approach

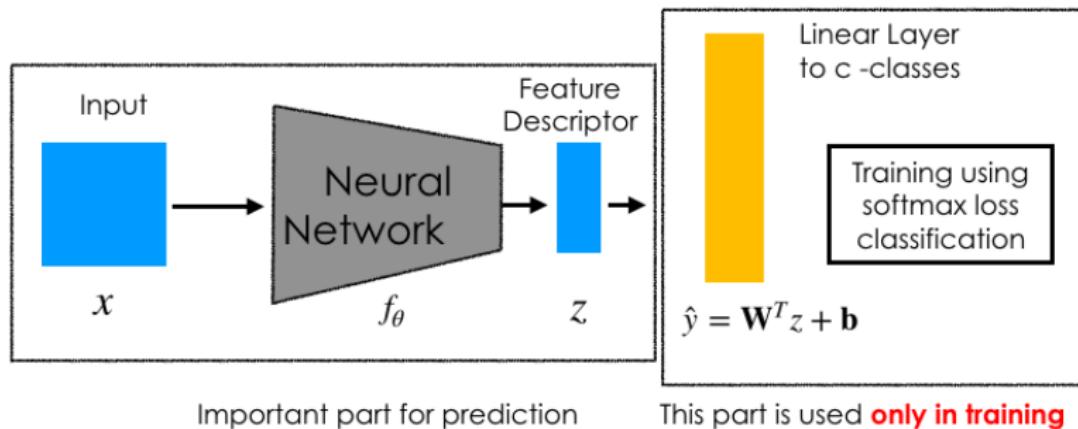


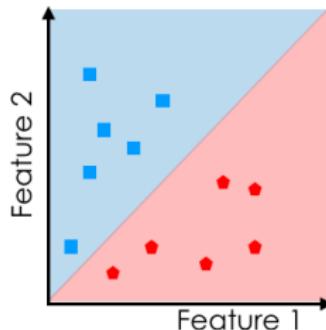
Figure: Metric Learning by means of Supervised Learning

## Softmax

Let  $z = f_{\theta}(x)$  be the feature vector of the sample  $x$  after passing through the model  $f_{\theta}$ . In the classification setting of  $c$  classes, we usually have a linear classification layer  $\hat{y} = \mathbf{W}^T z + \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{W} \in R^{n \times m}$  and  $\mathbf{b} \in R^m$ .

The Softmax Loss for a batch of  $N$  samples is defined as:

$$L_{softmax} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \frac{\exp(\mathbf{W}_{y_i}^T z_i + \mathbf{b}_{y_i})}{\sum_{j=1}^c \exp(\mathbf{W}_j^T z_i + \mathbf{b}_j)} \quad (2)$$

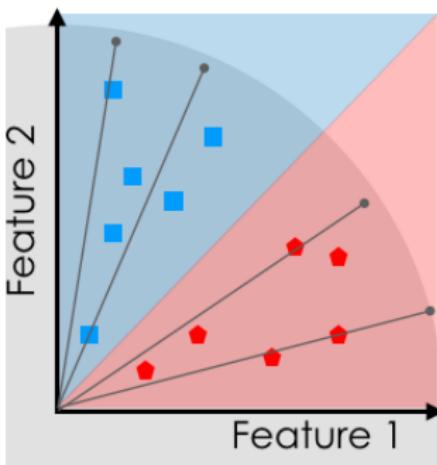
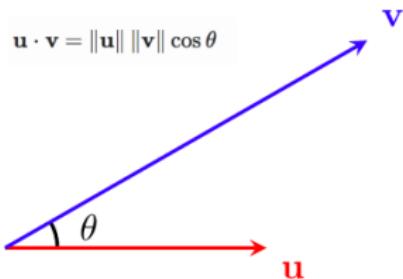


## Modified Softmax

- ① Set bias in the last layer to zero,  $\mathbf{b} = 0$
- ② Normalize the weight so that  $\|\mathbf{W}_j\| = 1$

then,

$$\exp(\mathbf{W}_j^T z_i + \mathbf{b}_j) = \exp(\|\mathbf{W}_j\| \|z_i\| \cos(\theta_{j,i})) = \exp(\|z_i\| \cos(\theta_{j,i}))$$



## Modified Softmax

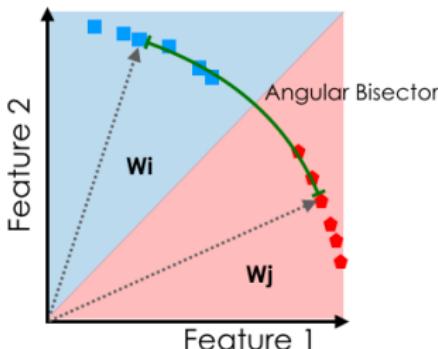


Figure: Modified SoftMax

Decision boundary is harder to make our features discriminative enough.

$$L_{ModSmax} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \frac{\exp(\|z_i\| \cos(\theta_{y_i,i}))}{\sum_{j=1}^c \exp(\|z_i\| \cos(\theta_{j,i}))} \quad (3)$$

Geometrically, it means that we assign the sample to class k if the angle between  $\mathbf{W}_k$  and  $z$  is the smallest among all class center  $\mathbf{W}_j$ .

# CosFace

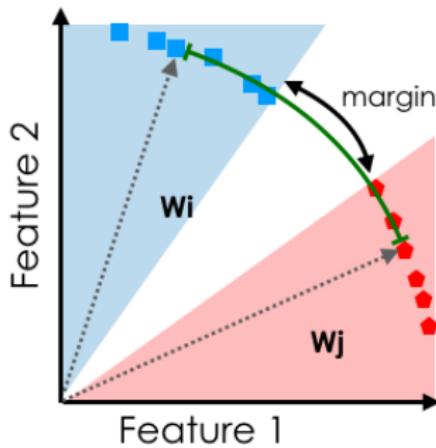
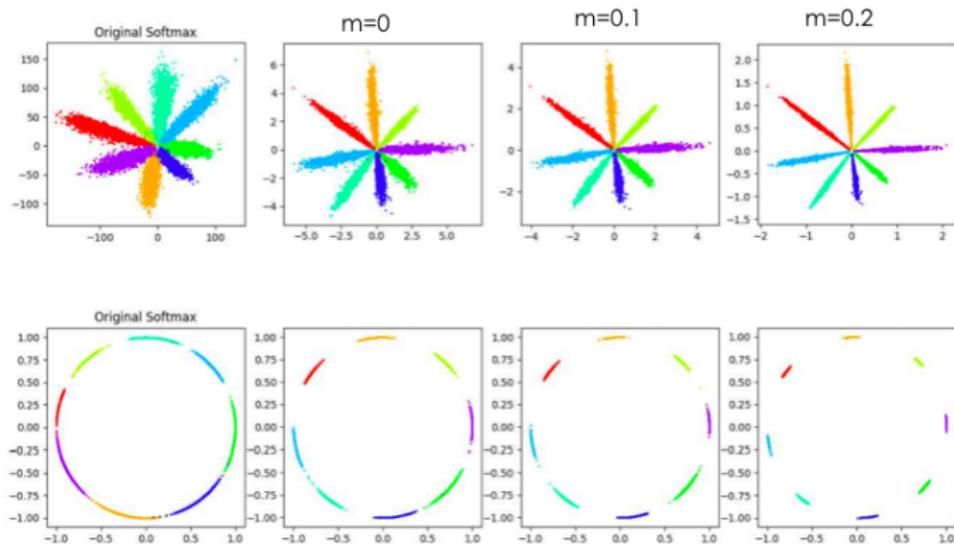


Figure: CosFace (Wang et al. 2018)

Add a normalization for the features  $z$ , so  $\|z\| = 1$ . Add an *scaling* parameter  $s$ , and a *margin* parameter  $m$ .

$$L_{CosFace} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \frac{\exp(s(\cos(\theta_{y_i,i}) - m))}{\exp(s \cos(\theta_{y_i,i}) - m) + \sum_{j \neq y_i} \exp(s \cos(\theta_{i,j}))} \quad (4)$$

## Example



**Figure:** A toy experiment of different loss functions on eight identities with 2D features. The first row maps the 2D features onto the Euclidean space, while the second row projects the 2D features onto the angular space. The gap becomes evident as the margin term  $m$  increases. (Wang et al. 2018)

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# Re-identification

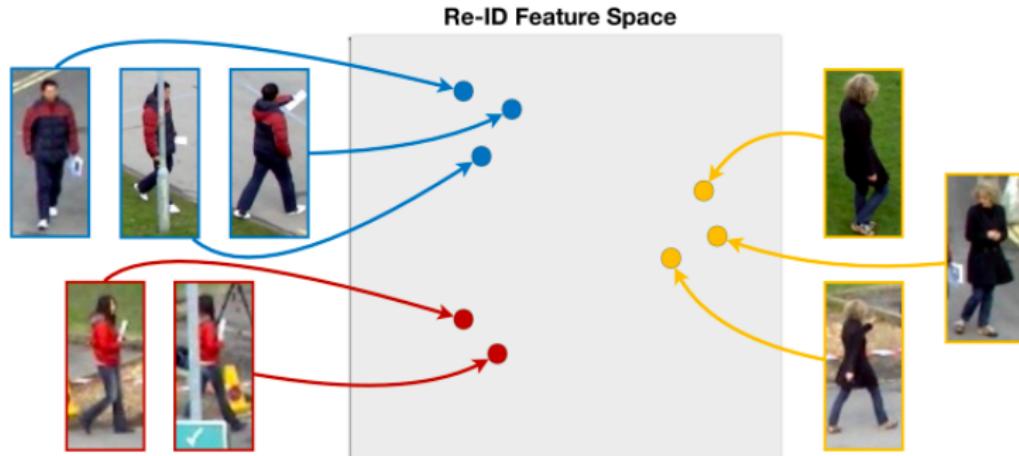


Figure: Person Re-identification

## Example Similarity Learning Applications: Similar geometric reliefs

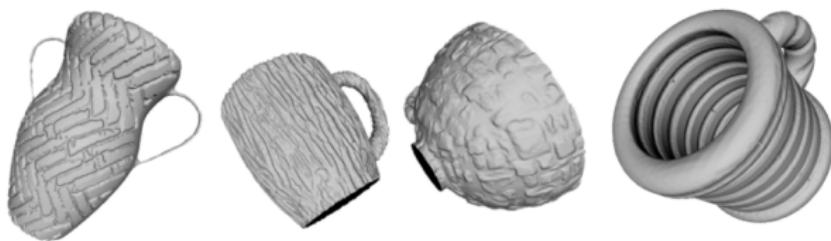


Figure: 220 surfaces characterized by different relief patterns. Only 3D shapes are available.

SHREC'20 track: Retrieval of digital surfaces with similar geometric reliefs, E. Thompson et al, Computers and Graphics, 2020

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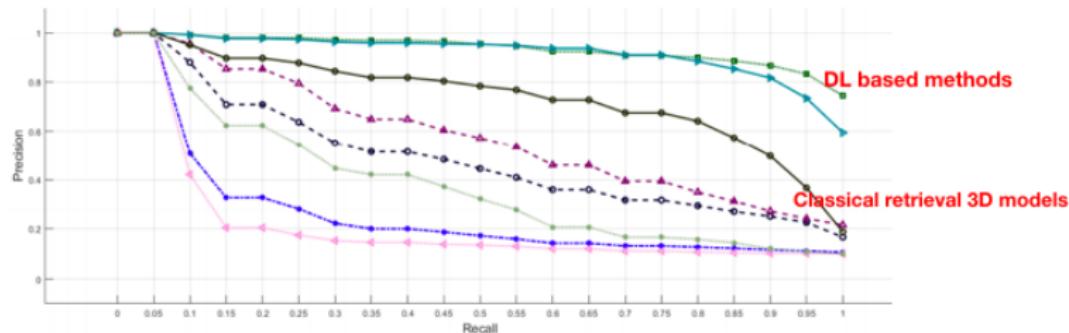


Figure: Results of different methods

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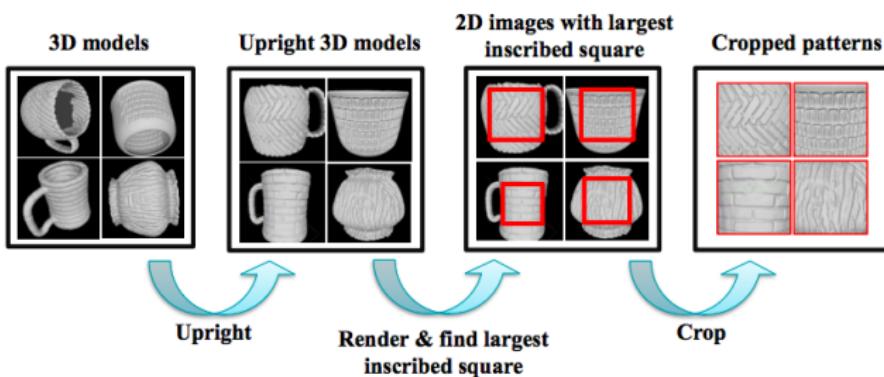


Figure: Using Triplet Loss on pretrained networks from automatic 3D to image mapping.

## Other applications: Multimodal embeddings

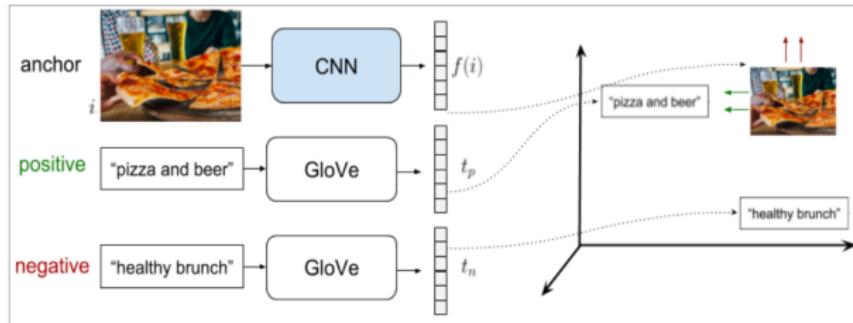


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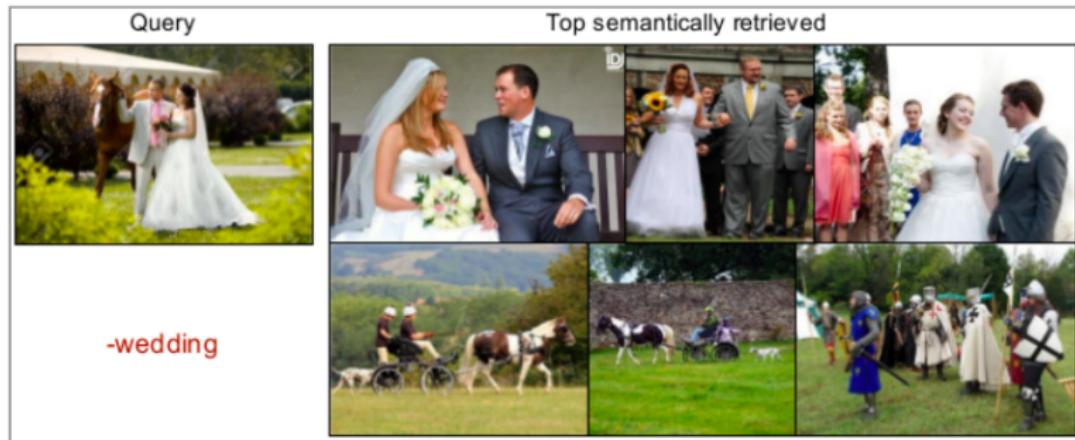


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## Questions?

- ① What is metric learning?
- ② Why do you need to train with positive and negative examples? (Neural Collapse)
- ③ In which kind of problems Metric Learning can be useful?
- ④ How can the softmax be modified to induce greater separability in the classes?
- ⑤ How can supervised learning methods be used for the metric learning problem?

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## Adversarial Examples [Goodfellow et al., 2015]

- Given a ML model  $f_\theta(\cdot)$  and a *small perturbation*  $\delta$ , we call  $\mathbf{x}^{adv}$  an adversarial example if there exists  $x$ , an example drawn from the benign data distribution, such that  $f_\theta(\mathbf{x}) \neq f_\theta(\mathbf{x}^{adv})$  and  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{adv}\| \leq \delta$ .
- An human user would still visually consider the adversarial input  $\mathbf{x}^{adv}$  similar to or the same as the benign input  $x$
- Usually, we are interested in adversarial examples for benign samples  $\mathbf{x}$ , i.e., samples where the model gives a correct prediction.

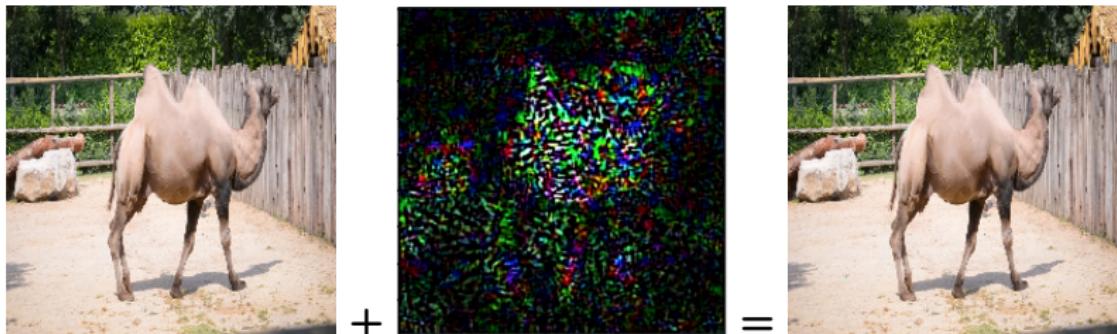


Figure:  $\mathbf{x} + \epsilon = \mathbf{x}^{adv}$

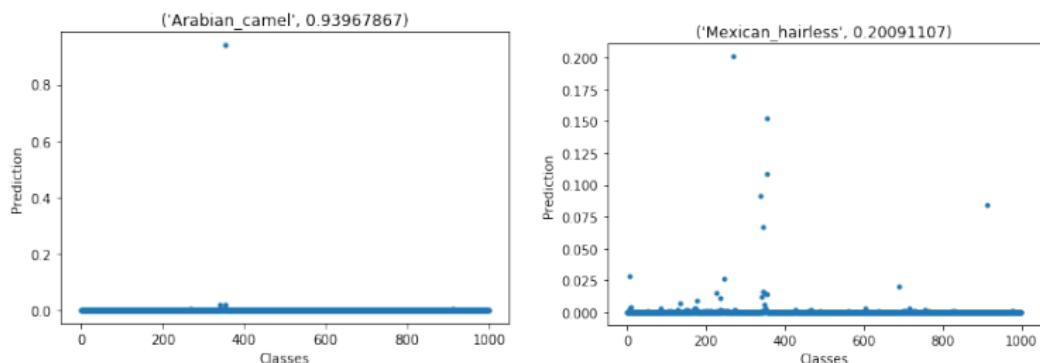
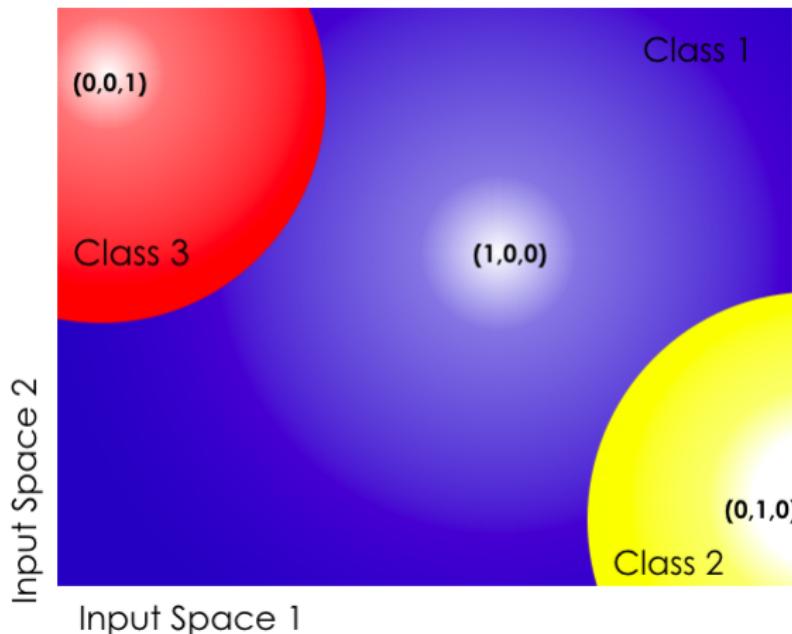


Figure: VGG19 Prediction for:  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}^{adv}$

# Adversarial Gradient



**Figure:** Figure shows the prediction of the model for three points in the input space. Additionally, colours represent the class predicted by the model.

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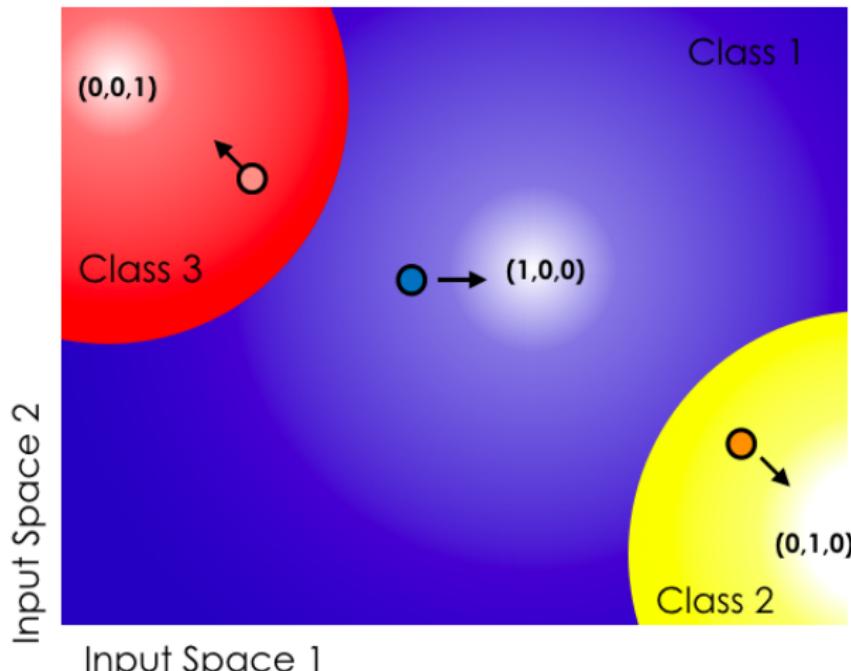


Figure:  $-\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} L(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}), y_{\text{true}}))$

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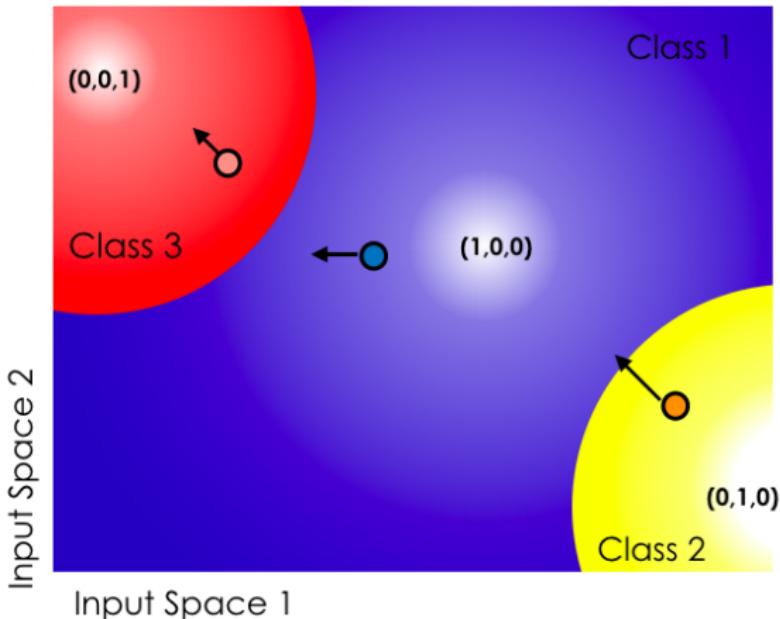


Figure:  $-\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}L(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}), (0, 0, 1))$

## Gradient based Methods

Fast Gradient Sign Method [Goodfellow et al., 2015] Their perturbation can be expressed as

$$\eta = \epsilon \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} L(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}), y_{\text{true}})) \quad (5)$$

where  $\epsilon$  is the magnitude of the perturbation.

- The generated adversarial example  $\mathbf{x}^{adv}$  is calculated as  $\mathbf{x}^{adv} = \mathbf{x} + \eta$ .
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### Adversarial examples as data augmentation

To avoid overfitting and obtain more robust model: Adversarial Training = Data Augmentation with adversarial examples

## Fast Gradient Sign Method II

This single-step attack encourages the network to classify the adversarial example as  $y_t$  by assigning

$$\mathbf{x}^{adv} = \mathbf{x} - \epsilon \cdot sign(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} L(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, ), y_t)) \quad (6)$$

In reference, the convention is choosing the target class as the least likely class predicted by the network.

## Iterative FGSM

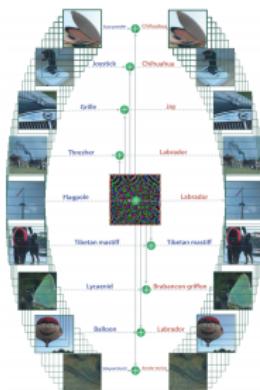
This attack extends FGSM by applying it in an iterative manner, which increases the chance of fooling the original network. Using the subscript to denote the iteration number, this can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_0^{adv} &= \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}_{t+1}^{adv} &= \text{clip}(\mathbf{x}_t^{adv} + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t^{adv}} L(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}), y_t)))\end{aligned}$$

The `clip(a)` makes each value on  $a_i$  of  $\mathbf{a}$  is in range  $[a_i - \epsilon, a_i + \epsilon]$ . This ensures that the max-norm constraint of each component of the perturbation, being no greater than  $\epsilon$  is maintained. It thus corresponds to projected gradient descent ??, with step-size  $\nabla$ , into an  $L_{\infty}$  ball of radius  $\epsilon$  around the input  $\mathbf{x}$ .

# Universal adversarial perturbation

[Moosavi-Dezfooli et al., 2017]



**Figure:** When added to a natural image, an universal perturbation image causes the image to be misclassified by the deep neural network with high probability

Available code in:

<https://github.com/KhrulkovV/singular-fool>

# White box Attacks

Without having access to model's parameters, but only prediction value, some works show that is possible to create adversarial examples by free-derivate methods.



Figure: [Akhtar and Mian, 2018]

# One-pixel attack



Figure: [Su et al., 2019]

Available code in:

<https://github.com/Hyperparticle/one-pixel-attack-keras>

## Interest of adversarial attacks

- <https://foolbox.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>
- Improve our understanding of deep learning
- Build defences against these attacks
- Improve the robustness of the models
- Reduce the overfitting during training.

## Practical Session: Adversarial attacks

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## Questions?

- ① What is an adversarial example?
- ② Can adversarial examples help to avoid overfitting during training?
- ③ Could you explain a technique to create adversarial examples?

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## Goal

Generative models "learn" a joint distribution over a dataset. They are mostly used for sampling applications or density estimation.

- ① (Sampling) A generative model learns to fit a model over observations so one can sample novel data from the model,  
 $\mathbf{x}_{new} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$
- ② (Density estimation) A model learns to estimate the probability of observations. Given a datapoint  $\mathbf{x}$  the model, what is the probability of  $\mathbf{x}$  belong to the dataset?

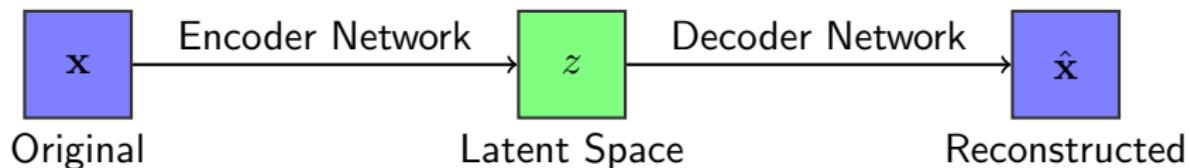
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# Autoencoders

Autoencoders are neural networks whose purpose is twofold:

- ① To compress some input data by transforming it from the input domain to another space, known as the *latent space* (code).
- ② To take this latent representation and transform it back to the original space, such that the output is *similar* to the input.



The loss function for a given input vector is usually the reconstruction error:

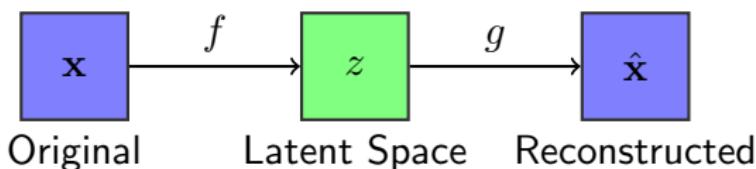
$$L(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}\|^2$$

## Autoencoder

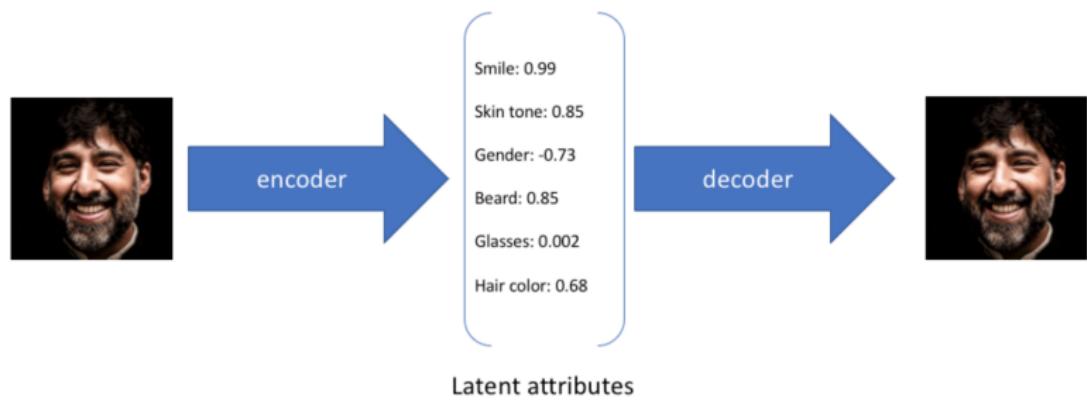
- An *autoencoder* is a neural network that is trained to attempt to copy its input to its output.
- The network may be viewed as consisting of two parts: an encoder function  $z = f(\mathbf{x})$  and a decoder that produces a reconstruction  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = g(f(\mathbf{x}))$ .
- The composition of  $f$  and  $g$  is called the *reconstruction function*
- If an autoencoder succeeds to learn  $g(f(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x}$  everywhere, then it is not especially useful (overfitting).
- The learning process consists in minimizing the loss function:

$$L(\mathbf{x}, g(f(\mathbf{x}))), \quad (7)$$

where  $L$  is a loss function, such as mean squared error.



# Latent space intuition



Credits:  
<https://www.jeremyjordan.me/variational-autoencoders/>

## Type of Autoencoders:

- ① Vanilla autoencoder
- ② Regularized autoencoder (Sparse)
- ③ Denoising autoencoder
- ④ Variational autoencoder

## Regularized Autoencoders

A regularized autoencoder is simply an autoencoder whose training criterion involves a regularity penalty  $\Omega(f)$  on the code layer  $f$ , in addition to the reconstruction error:

$$L(\mathbf{x}, g(f(\mathbf{x}))) + \Omega(f) \quad (8)$$

- $L_1: \Omega(f) = \lambda \sum ||\theta||$
- $L_2: \Omega(f) = \lambda \sum ||\theta||^2$

```
from keras import regularizers
model.add(Dense(64, input_dim=64,
                kernel_regularizer=regularizers.l2(0.01))
```

**Figure:** Regularizers in Keras. Note: Kernel and bias regularizer are not the same.

# Sparse Autoencoders

Regularization of the representation learned by the Auto-Encoders.

- Enforcing most code coefficients to be close to 0 (to be inactive).
- Capturing a more robust representation of the manifold structure.

Example:  $L_1$  sparsity constraint

$$L(\mathbf{x}, g(f(\mathbf{x}))) + \lambda \sum_i |\theta_i|$$

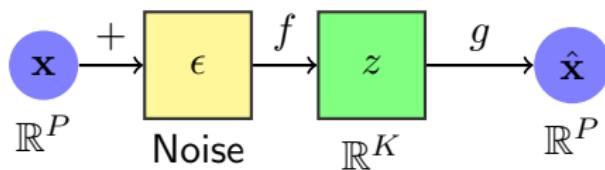
## Denoising Autoencoders (DAE)[Vincent et al., 2008]

### Idea

Add noise to the inputs to avoid overfitting. The loss is then:

$$L(\mathbf{x}, g(f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}))), \quad (9)$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  is a corrupted copy of  $\mathbf{x}$  by some form of noise.



An over-complete autoencoder with high capacity can end up learning an identity function where  $\text{input}=\text{output}$ . Add noise to avoid overfitting.

## DAE example

In [Vincent et al., 2008] the noise consists in setting to zero each pixel with a given probability  $p$ . Typical values are 0.3 or 0.5.



Credits:

<http://www.opendeep.org/v0.0.5/docs/tutor-your-first-model>

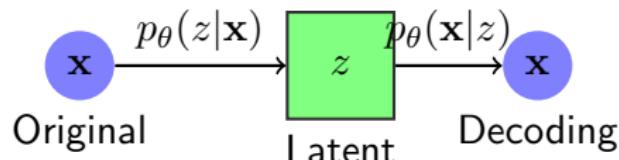
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## Modern Autoencoder

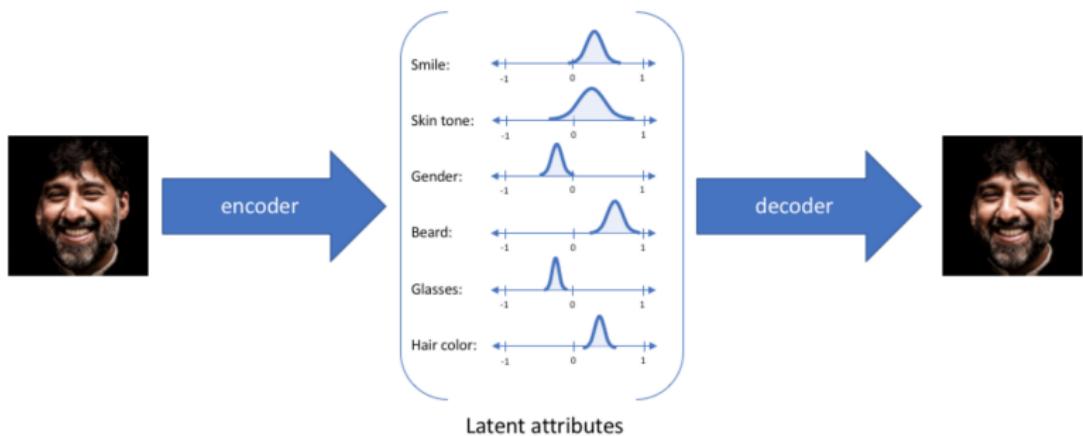
- Modern autoencoders have generalized the idea of an encoder and a decoder beyond deterministic functions to stochastic mappings  $p_{\text{encoder}}(z|x)$  and  $p_{\text{decoder}}(x|z)$ .

# Variational Autoencoder



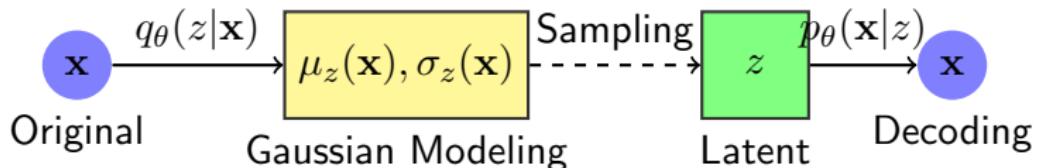
- Training via maximum likelihood of  $p(\mathbf{x})$
- Intractability: the true posterior density  $p_\theta(z|\mathbf{x})$  cannot be calculated in polynomial time
- Solution: Approximate  $p_\theta(z|\mathbf{x})$  by means of  $q_\theta(z|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(z; \mu_z(\mathbf{x}), \sigma_z(\mathbf{x}))$

# Latent space intuition (variational case)



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# Variational Autoencoder



- Gaussian modeling
- Training via maximum likelihood of  $p(\mathbf{x})$
- Learning the parameters  $\theta$  via backpropagation?

## Training via maximum likelihood

Assume we would like to compute the likelihood of an image  $\mathbf{x}$  from the training set:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) &= \log(p(\mathbf{x})) \\ &= \sum_z q(z|\mathbf{x}) \log(p(\mathbf{x})) \\ &= \sum_z q(z|\mathbf{x}) \log\left(\frac{p(z, \mathbf{x})}{p(z|\mathbf{x})}\right) \\ &= \sum_z q(z|\mathbf{x}) \log\left(\frac{p(z, \mathbf{x})q(z|\mathbf{x})}{q(z|\mathbf{x})p(z|\mathbf{x})}\right) \\ &= \sum_z q(z|\mathbf{x}) \log\left(\frac{p(z, \mathbf{x})}{q(z|\mathbf{x})}\right) + \sum_z q(z|\mathbf{x}) \log\left(\frac{q(z|\mathbf{x})}{p(z|\mathbf{x})}\right) \\ &= \sum_z q(z|\mathbf{x}) \log\left(\frac{p(z, \mathbf{x})}{q(z|\mathbf{x})}\right) + \underbrace{KL(q(z|\mathbf{x}), p(z|\mathbf{x}))}_{\geq 0} \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{lvb}(\mathbf{x}) + KL(q(z|\mathbf{x}), p(z|\mathbf{x})) \\ &\geq \mathcal{L}^{lvb}(\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

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\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) \geq \mathcal{L}^{lvb}(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_z q(z|\mathbf{x}) \log \left( \frac{p(z, \mathbf{x})}{q(z|\mathbf{x})} \right) \\
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&= \sum_z q(z|\mathbf{x}) \log(p(\mathbf{x}|z)) + \sum_z q(z|\mathbf{x}) \log \left( \frac{p(z)}{q(z|\mathbf{x})} \right) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{q(z|\mathbf{x})} \log(p(\mathbf{x}|z)) - KL(q(z|\mathbf{x}), p(z)) \\
&= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q(z|\mathbf{x})} \log(p(\mathbf{x}|z))}_{\text{Expected Reconstruction}} - \underbrace{KL(q(z|\mathbf{x}), p(z))}_{\text{Regularization } \mathcal{N}(0, 1)}
\end{aligned}$$

- First term implies the use of many realization of sampling process (in practice we only have a few of samples per training example!)
- Second term is simply a formula for diagonal multivariate Gaussian distribution.

# Reparametrization trick

Backpropagation is possible through random sampling!

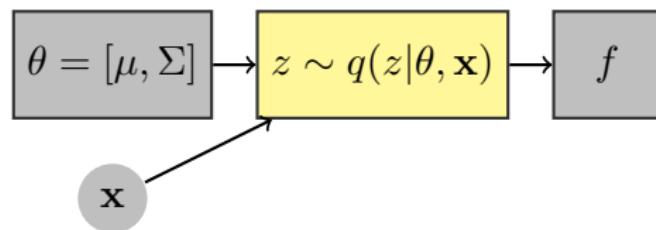


Figure: Original Formulation

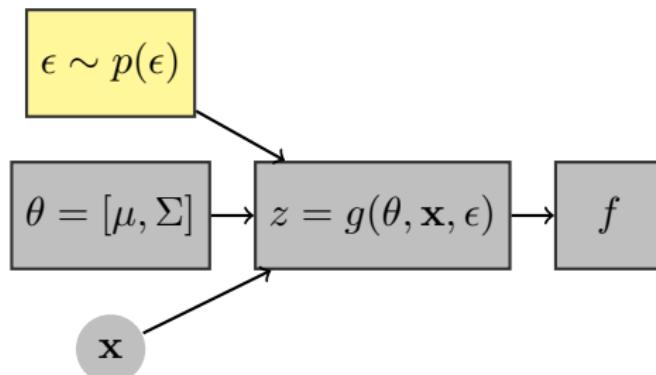


Figure: Reparametrization trick. Backpropagation

## Applications of autoencoders

- Data denoising
- Dimensionality Reduction
- Database understanding
- Unsupervised pre-training (First self-training approach)
- Generative models

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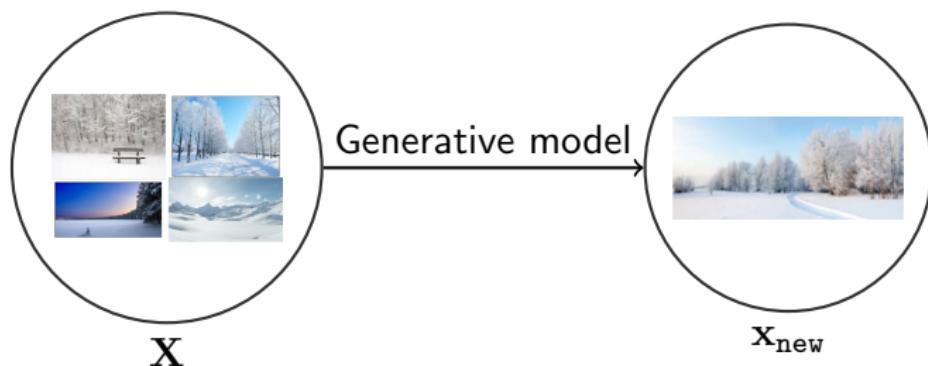
# Which face is real?



Generator available online from  
<http://www.whichfaceisreal.com/>, based on StyleGAN by  
Tero Karras, Samuli Laine, and Timo Aila from NVIDIA.

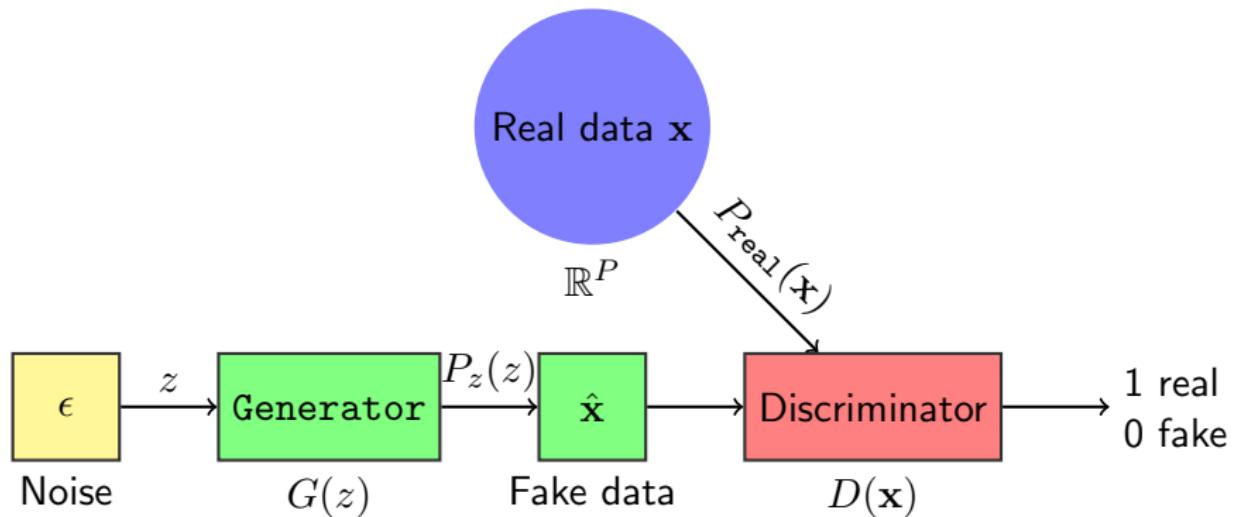
## Unsupervised learning: Generative Models

Given an unlabeled dataset ( $\mathbf{X}$ ), we would like to learn: How to generate a new observations from the same distribution (unknown) of dataset?



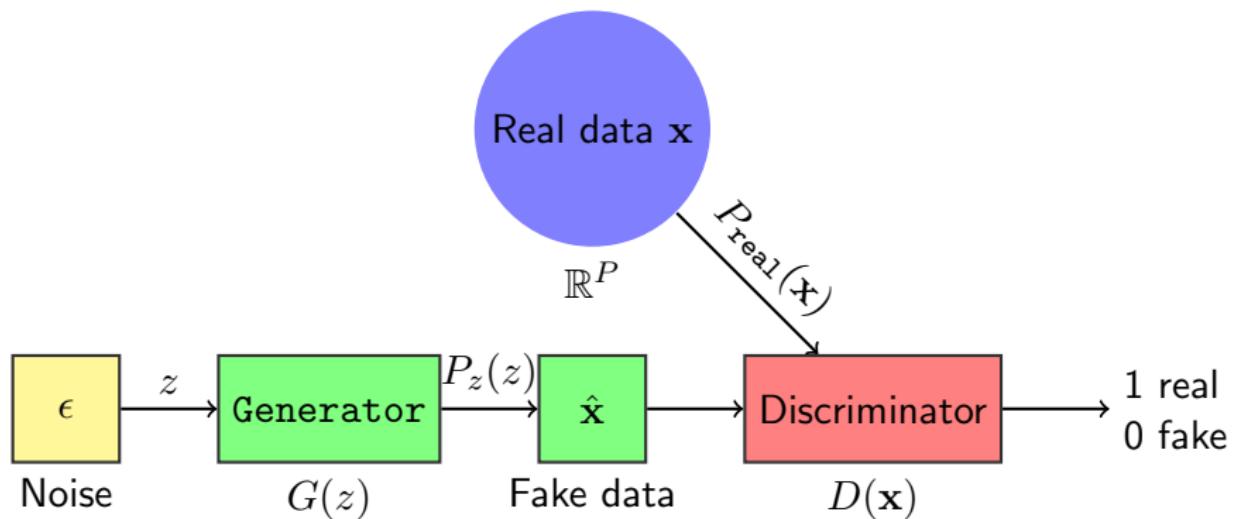
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[Goodfellow et al., 2014]



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*“The coolest idea in machine learning in the last 20 years”* - Yann LeCun.

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We require that the discriminator  $D$  recognises examples from the  $P_{\text{real}}(\mathbf{x})$  distribution,

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim P_{\text{real}}(\mathbf{x})} [\log D(\mathbf{x})] \quad \text{Decision over Real Data}$$

where  $\mathbb{E}$  denotes the expectation. This term comes from the “1” class of the log-loss function.

Additionally, we would like to trick the discriminator via a good generator  $G$ . Thus, the term comes from “0” class of the log-loss function:

$$\mathbb{E}_{z \sim P_z(z)} [\log(1 - D(G(z)))] \quad \text{Decision over Fake Data}$$

## Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

Questions: Optimal Discriminator? Optimal Generator? We define:

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$$G^* = \arg \min_G V(G, D^*)$$

This is called the *minimax formulation*, since the generator and discriminator are playing a *zero-sum game* against each other:

$$\min_G \max_D V(G, D) \tag{10}$$

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- Then If  $G$  is fixed,
- $P_{\text{real}}(\mathbf{x}) \log D(\mathbf{x}) + P_{g(\mathbf{x})} \log(1 - D(x))$  the optimal discriminator  $D^*(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P_{\text{real}}(\mathbf{x})}{P_{\text{real}}(\mathbf{x}) + P_g(\mathbf{x})}$

Given an optimal discriminator  $D^*(\mathbf{x})$ , find  $\min_G V(G, D^*)$ .

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by means of Divergence Jensen–Shannon<sup>2</sup> we can obtain:

$$Div_{JS}(P_{\text{real}} || P_g) = \frac{1}{2} (\log 4 + \min_G V(G, D^*)) \quad (12)$$

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- $D^*(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2}$
- and  $\min_G \max_D V(G, D) = -2 \log 2$

## Proof with more details

- ① <https://srome.github.io/An-Annotated-Proof-of-Generative-Adversarial-Networks-with-Implementation-Notes/>
- ② Generative Adversarial Nets:  
(<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1406.2661.pdf>)

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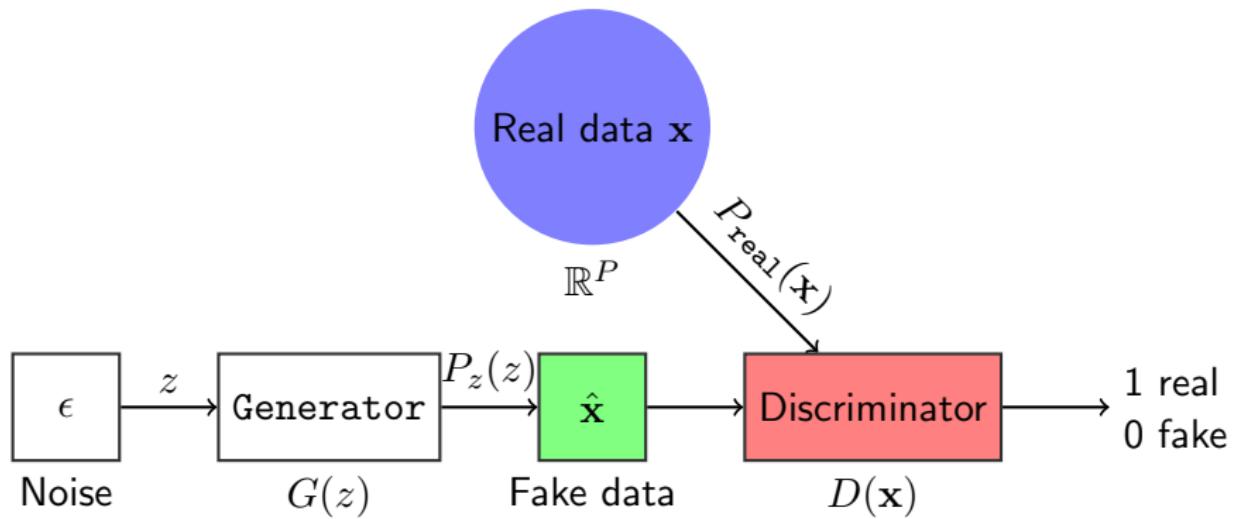


Figure: Only Discriminator should be updated

## Training GANs: Training the Generator

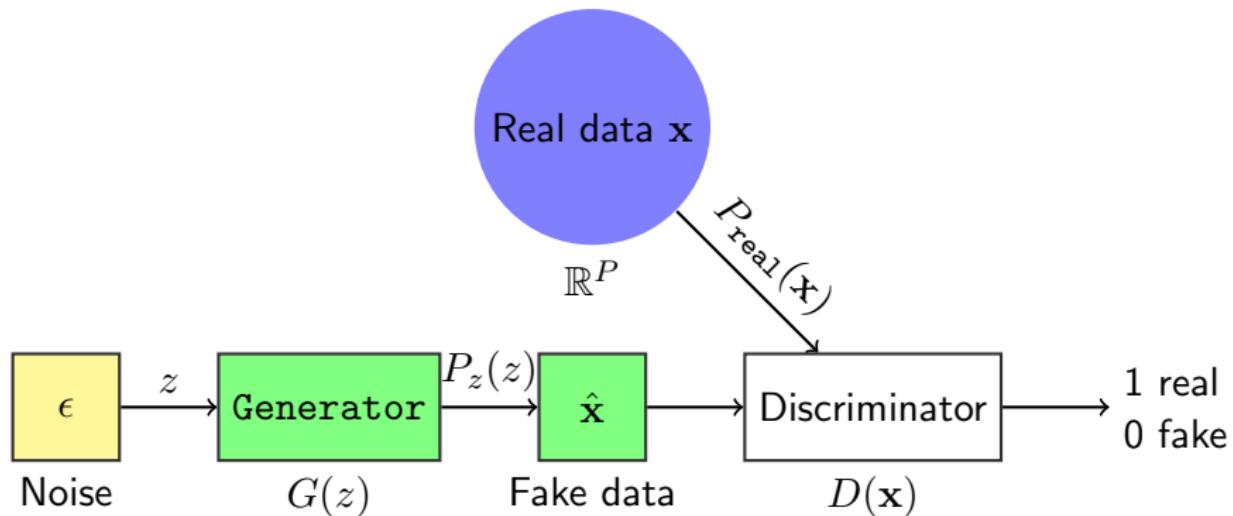


Figure: Discriminator should be set to "non-trainable" weights

# How to Train a GAN?

Bad news: GANs are hard to train. **Tips and tricks to make GANs work** <https://github.com/soumith/ganhacks>

- Use others loss functions.
- Avoid Sparse Gradients: ReLU, MaxPool
- Use Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks when you can. It works!
- Use SGD for discriminator and ADAM for generator
- Use Dropouts in G in both train and test phase
- ...

“In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice, there is.”

## High-resolution GANs

Progressive Growing of GANs for Improved Quality, Stability, and Variation [Karras et al., 2017]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G06dEcZ-QTg>

## Applications of GANs: Earn money!

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23-25 Oct, 2018: Auction house "Christies" sold a portrait for 432,000 dollars that had been generated by a GANs



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*Edmond de Belamy, from La Famille de Belamy*

Price realised ⓘ

USD 432,500

Estimate ⓘ

USD 7,000 - USD 10,000

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generative Adversarial Network print, on canvas, 2018, signed with GAN model loss function in ink by the publisher, from a series of eleven unique images, published by Obvious Art, Paris, with original gilded wood frame  
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## GANs to improve simulations

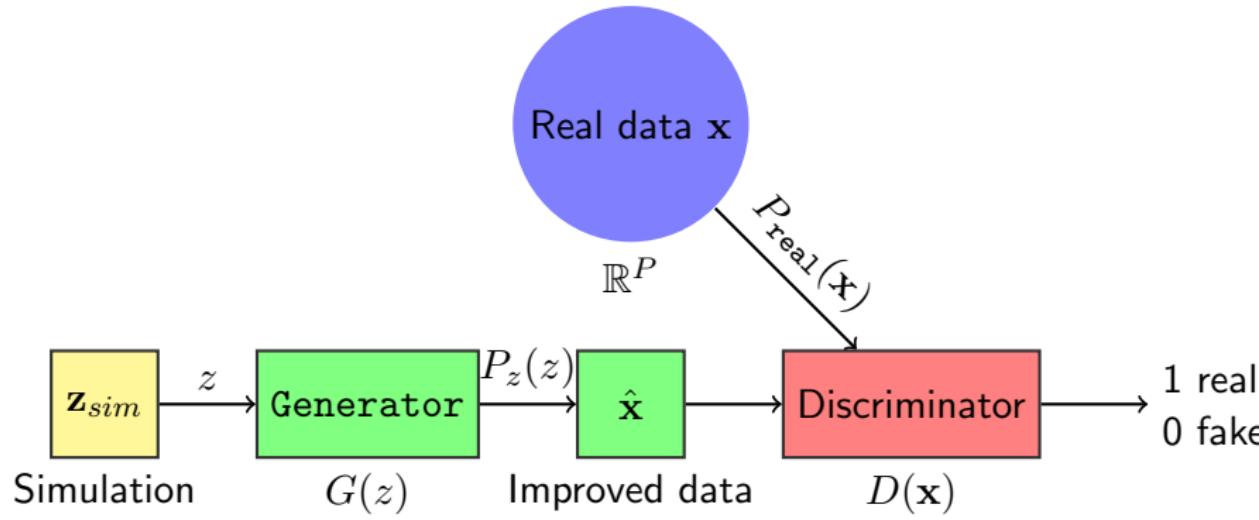


Figure: In this case, Generator is called Refiner

## Application: Refine simulations

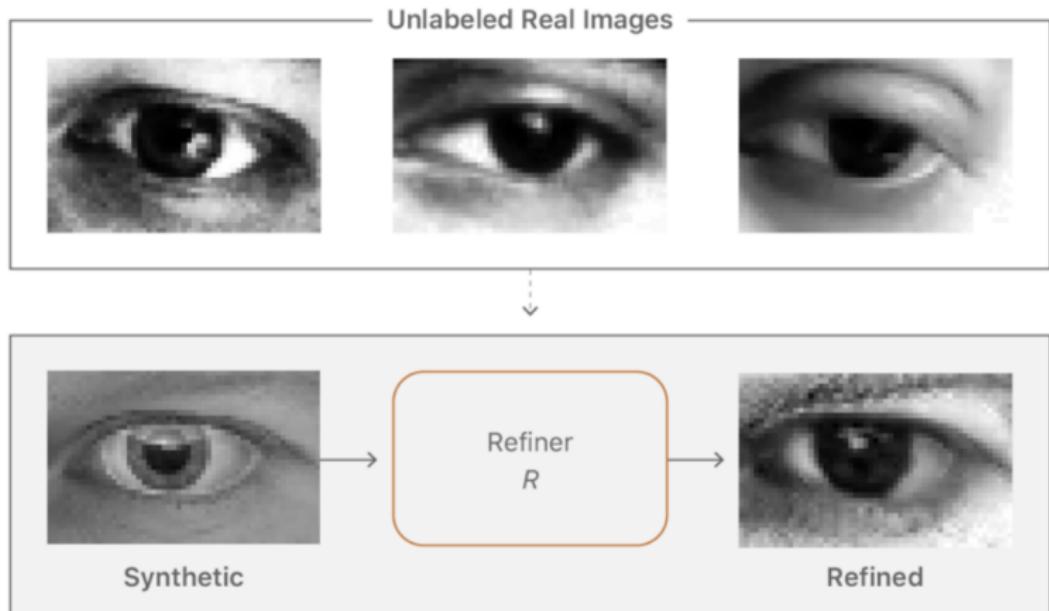
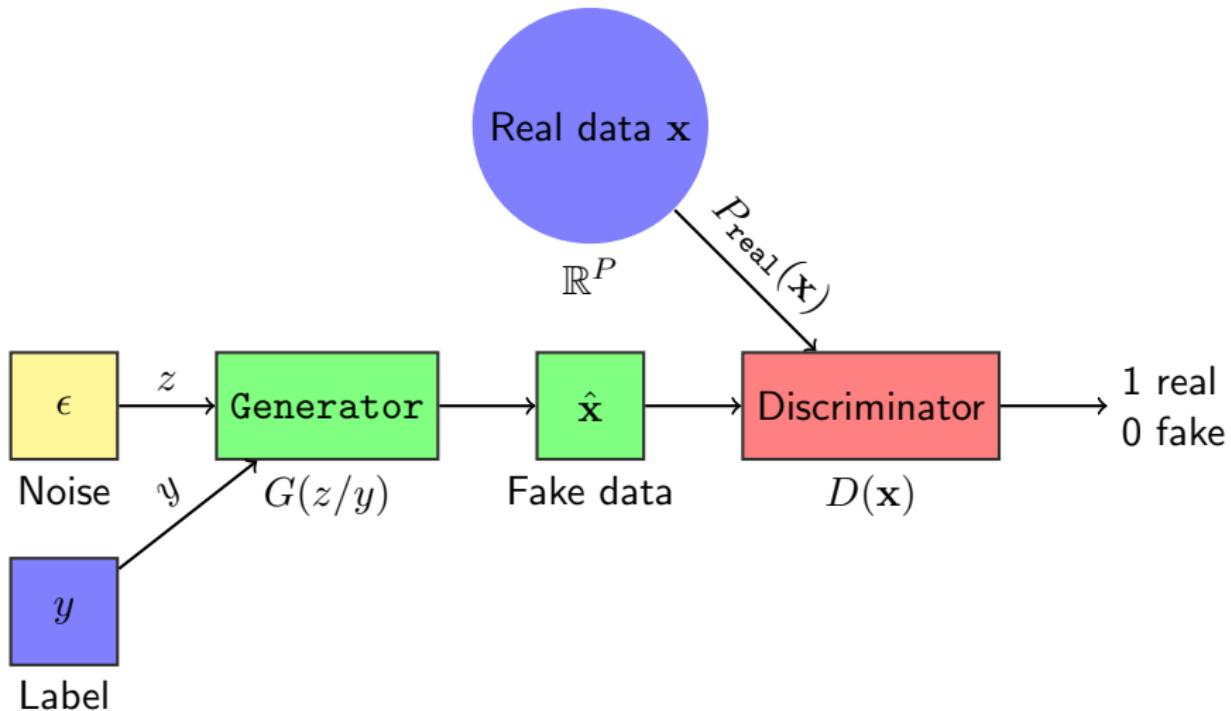


Figure: Learning from Simulated and Unsupervised Images through Adversarial Training [Shrivastava et al., 2017]

# Conditional Generative Adversarial Networks (cGANs)



## cGANs [Antipov et al., 2017]

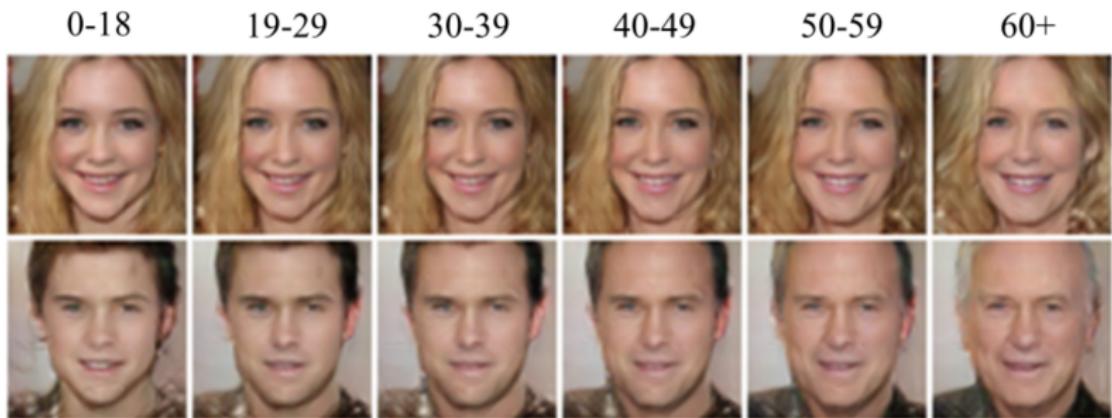
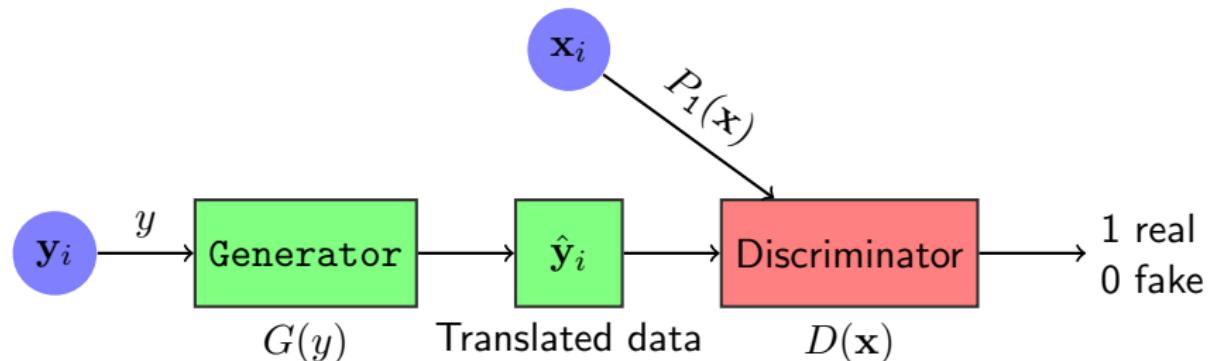


Figure: Face aging with conditional generative adversarial networks

# GANs for Pix2Pix



**Figure:** Training data are pairs of image:  $(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)$  for  $i \in 1, \dots, N$ . In this case, Generator is called Translator

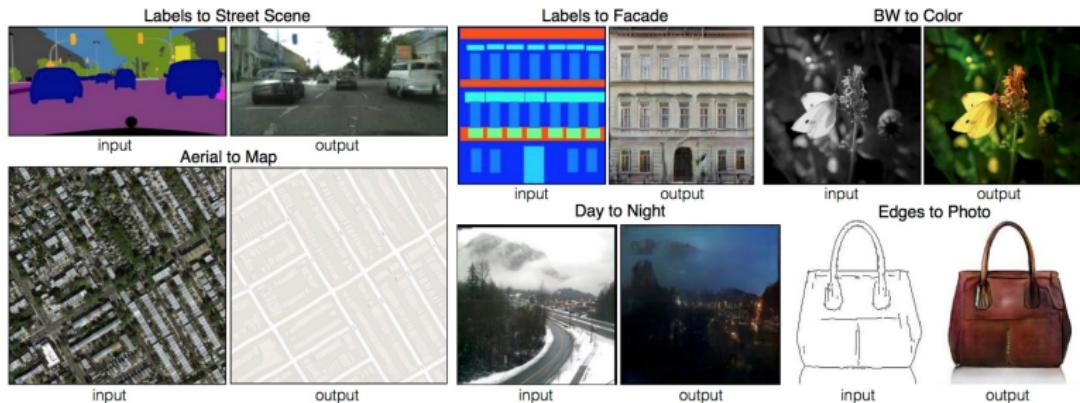
**Note:** the discriminator takes as input both images,  $(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)$ .

## Example: Colab

### ① Simple GANS

<https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1Zft81l92IJreLiLHBwe5n-HZPGSRQFif?usp=sharing>

# Pix2Pix transformation



**Figure:** Example of Pix2Pix, a.k.a. image-to-image translation,  
[Isola et al., 2017]

# Semantic Image Synthesis with Spatially-Adaptive Normalization [Park et al., 2019]

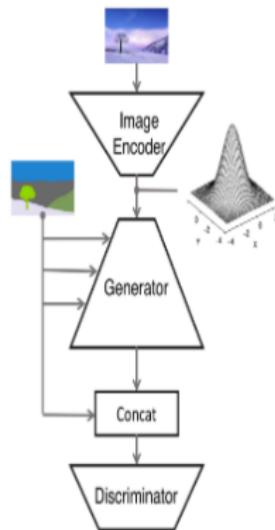


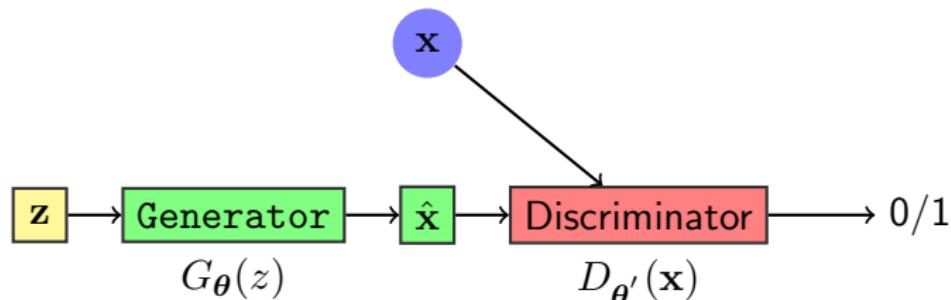
Figure: Use SPADE new module in the generator

<http://gaugan.org/gaugan2/>

## Conclusion on GANs

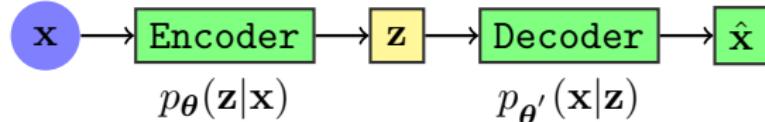
- Interesting for generation from data.
- Conditioning can help to include priori information.
- Generated images (as well as other types of data) are already very realistic

# Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)



- Two steps training: Discriminator and Generator.
- In "testing" only the Generator is used.
- Pretty fast in "testing"
- Hard to optimise.

# Variational Autoencoders

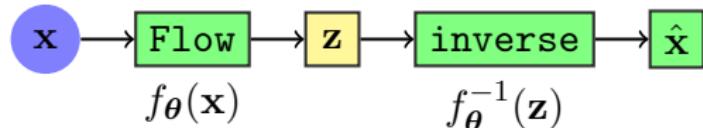


- One step training: Autoencoder and Decoder.
- In "testing" only the Decoder is used and the generation is done by "walking" in the feature space.
- Pretty fast in "testing"
- Easy to use in simple case. Not necessary a good idea in hard problems.

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## Flow-based models



- Flow models restrict the function to be a chain of invertible functions, called a *flow*, therefore the whole function is *invertible*.
- Given  $p_z(\mathbf{z})$  where  $\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{z})$  and  $\mathbf{z} = f^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$  we are looking for  $p_x(\mathbf{x})$

$$p_x(\mathbf{x}) = p_z(f^{-1}(\mathbf{x})) \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial f^{-1}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) \right| \quad (13)$$

# SIREN

SIREN is a neural network using a periodic activation function, i.e., each **layer** has the following expression:

$$\text{SIREN}(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) = \sin(\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b}_i) \quad (14)$$

- ① Any derivative of a SIREN is itself a SIREN.

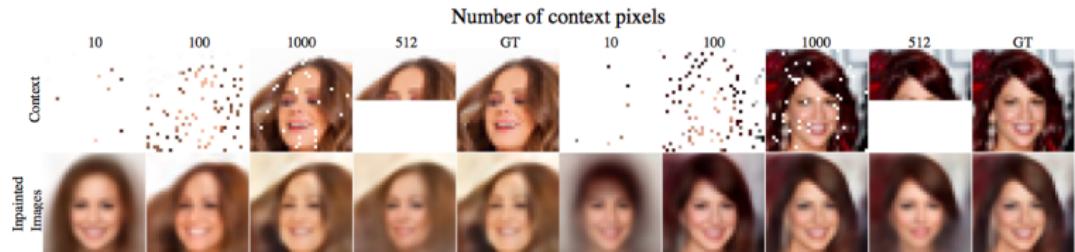
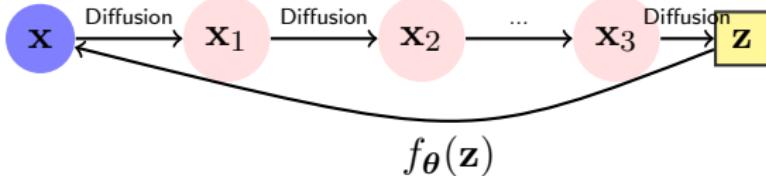


Figure: SIREN [Sitzmann et al., 2020]

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## Diffusion models



- The *forward diffusion* process is defined as add a small amount of Gaussian noise to the sample  $T$  steps producing a sequence of noisy samples  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T$

# Diffusion models

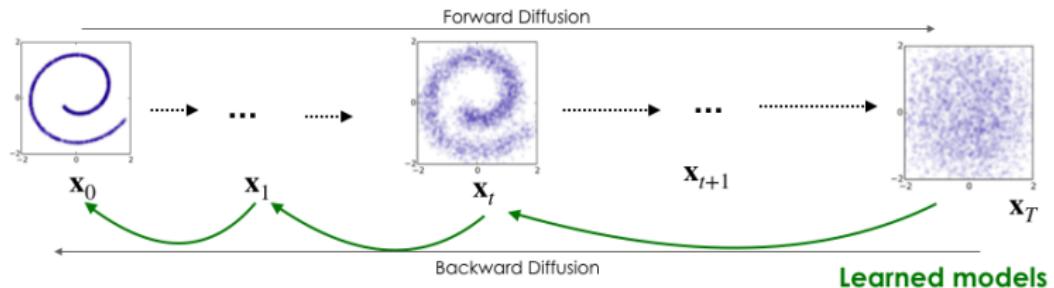


Figure: Diffusion models

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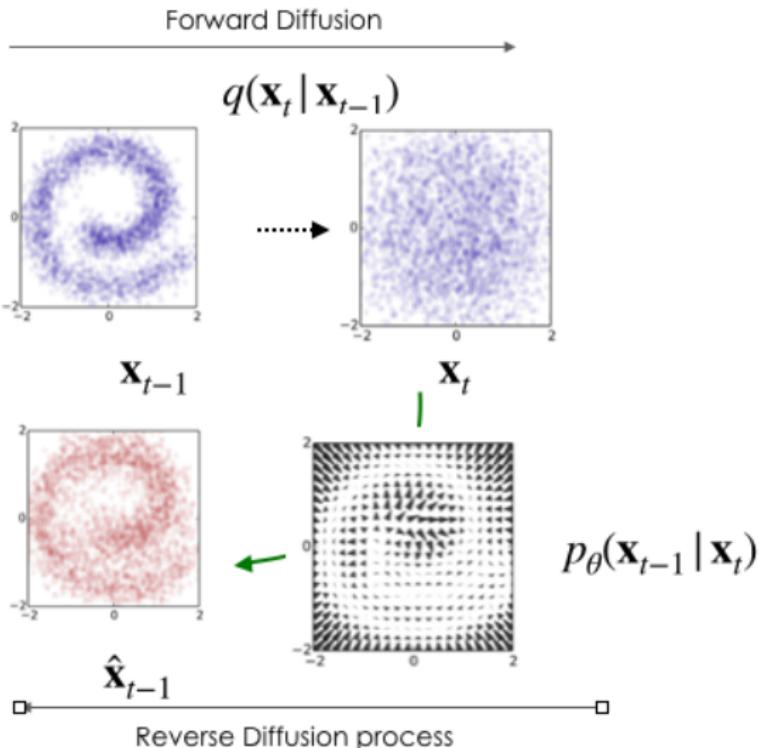


Figure: Diffusion models

# Stable Diffusion models

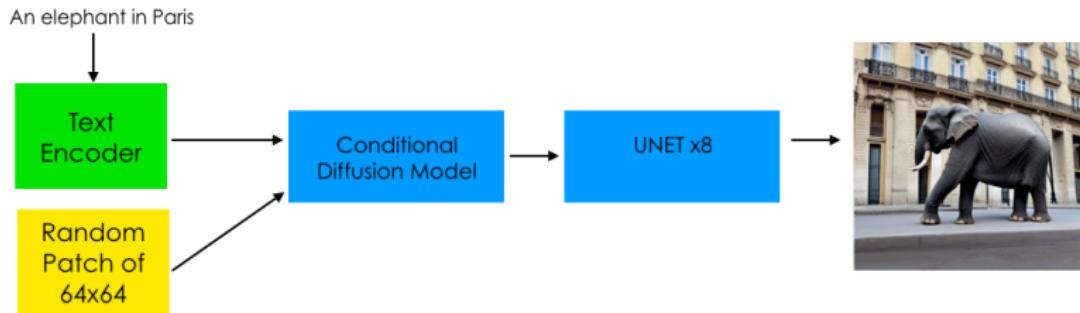


Figure: StableDiffusion

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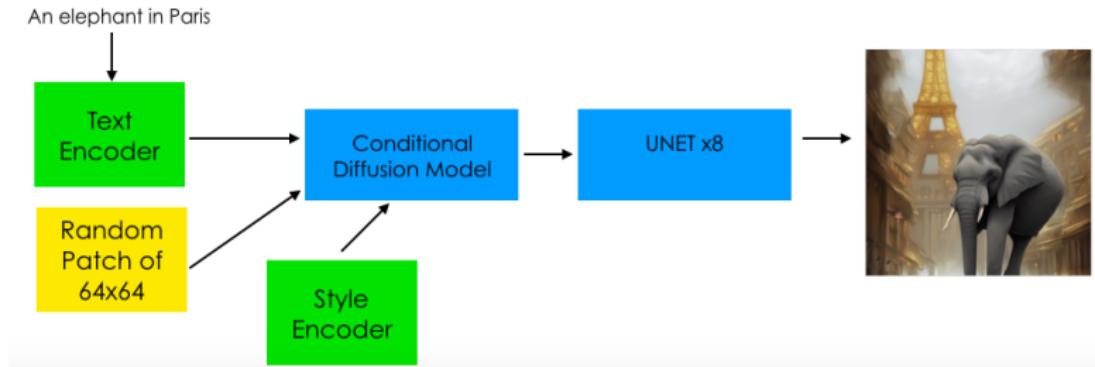


Figure: StableDiffusion

## Example: Colab

- ① Stable Diffusion Model

[https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1xmskXN15B3vK\\_HtwKy\\_HNFlKgCPgemiT?usp=sharing](https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1xmskXN15B3vK_HtwKy_HNFlKgCPgemiT?usp=sharing)

## Questions

- The word “adversarial” in the acronym for GANs suggest two-players. What are the two players, and what are their respective goals?
- What is the difference between adversarial attacks and adversarial networks?
- If the discriminator is able to detect correctly fake images means that GANs converges: True/False
- Suppose you have a code to generate "city maps" and also a base of real city maps. How can you try to improve the quality of your generator by considering the real images?

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