

# Deep Generative Models

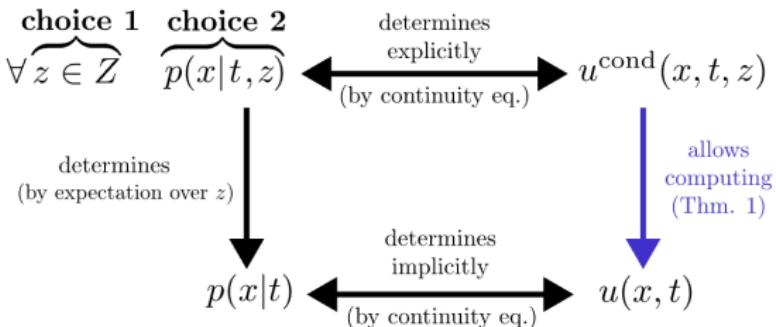
## Lecture 14

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# Recap of Previous Lecture



## Constraints

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}) = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} p_0(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}); \quad \pi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} p_1(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}).$$

- ▶ How should we choose the conditioning latent variable  $\mathbf{z}$ ?
- ▶ How can we define  $p_t(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$  so that it meets the constraints?

## Gaussian Conditional Probability Path

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$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, t) = \boldsymbol{\mu}'_t(\mathbf{z}) + \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}'_t(\mathbf{z})}{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_t(\mathbf{z})} \odot (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_t(\mathbf{z}))$$

## Conditioning Latent Variable

Let's choose  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x}_1$ . Then  $p(\mathbf{z}) = p_1(\mathbf{x}_1)$ .

$$p_t(\mathbf{x}) = \int p_t(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x}_1)p_1(\mathbf{x}_1)d\mathbf{x}_1$$

We must ensure the boundary constraints:

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} p_0(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}); (= \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})) \\ \pi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z})} p_1(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}). \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p_0(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x}_1) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}); \\ p_1(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x}_1) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1). \end{cases}$$

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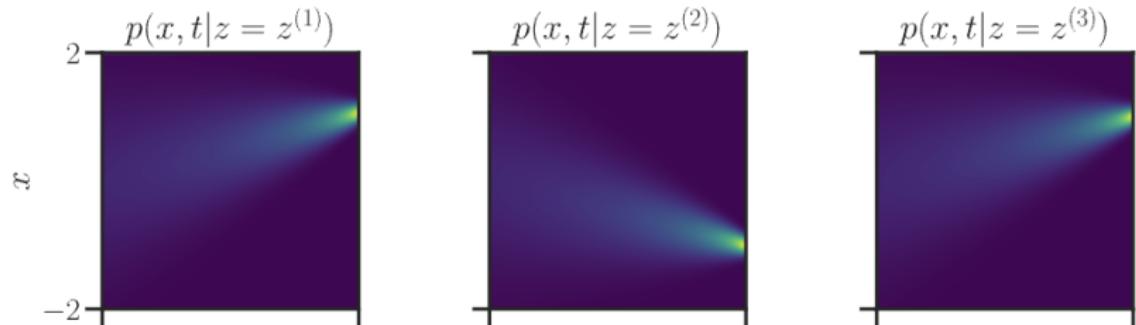
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Let's consider straight conditional paths:

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\mu}_t(\mathbf{x}_1) = t\mathbf{x}_1; \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_t(\mathbf{x}_1) = 1 - t. \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p_t(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x}_1) = \mathcal{N}(t\mathbf{x}_1, (1-t)^2\mathbf{I}); \\ \mathbf{x}_t = t\mathbf{x}_1 + (1-t)\mathbf{x}_0. \end{cases}$$



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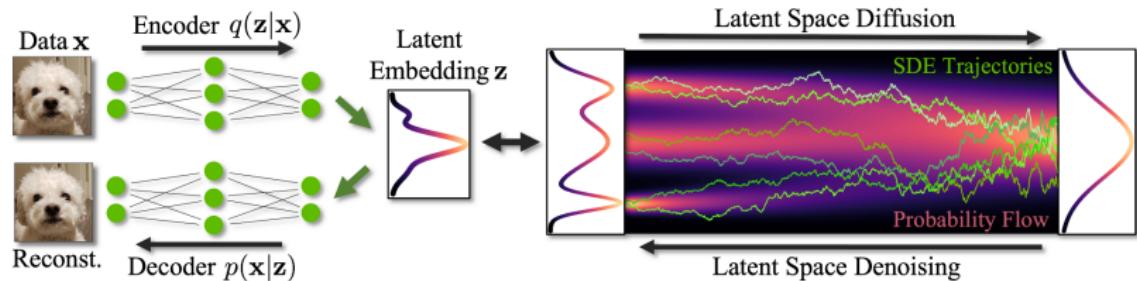
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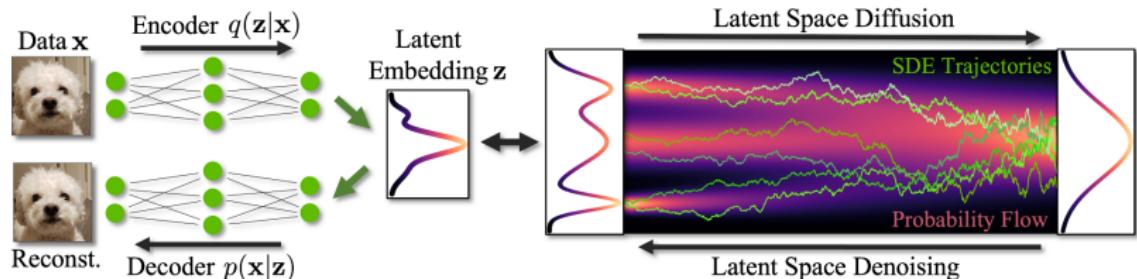


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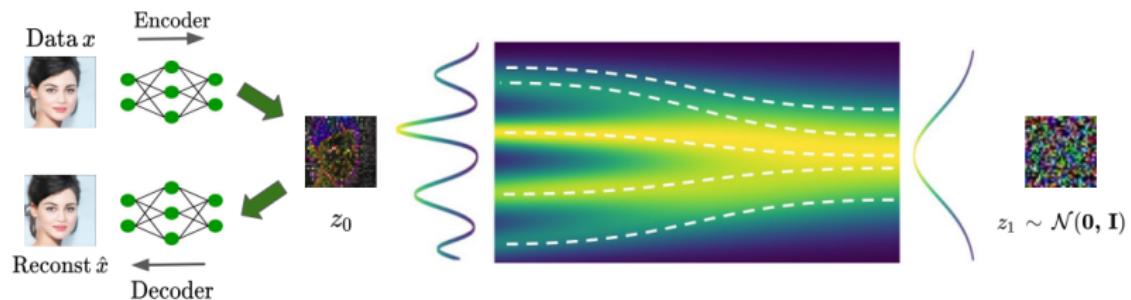
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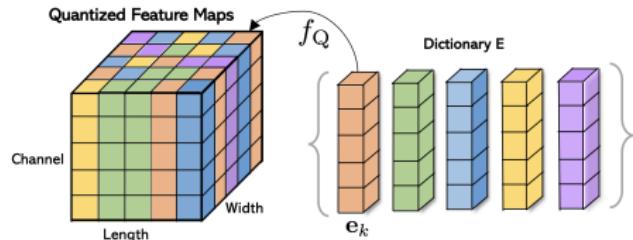
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# Vector Quantized VAE (VQ-VAE)

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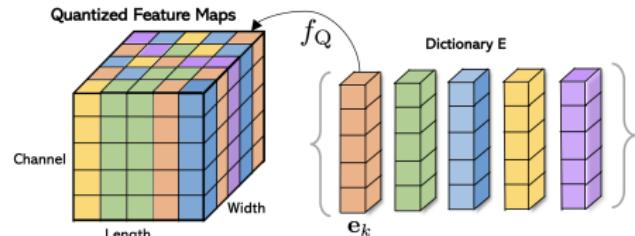


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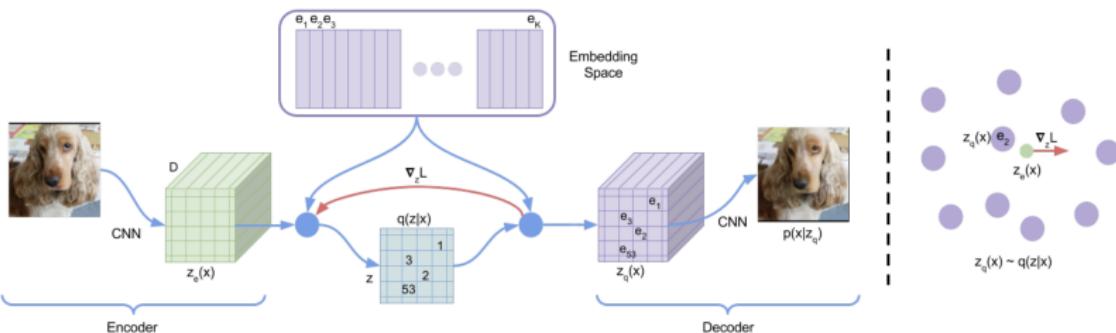
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi, \theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \log p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}_q, \theta) - \log K$$

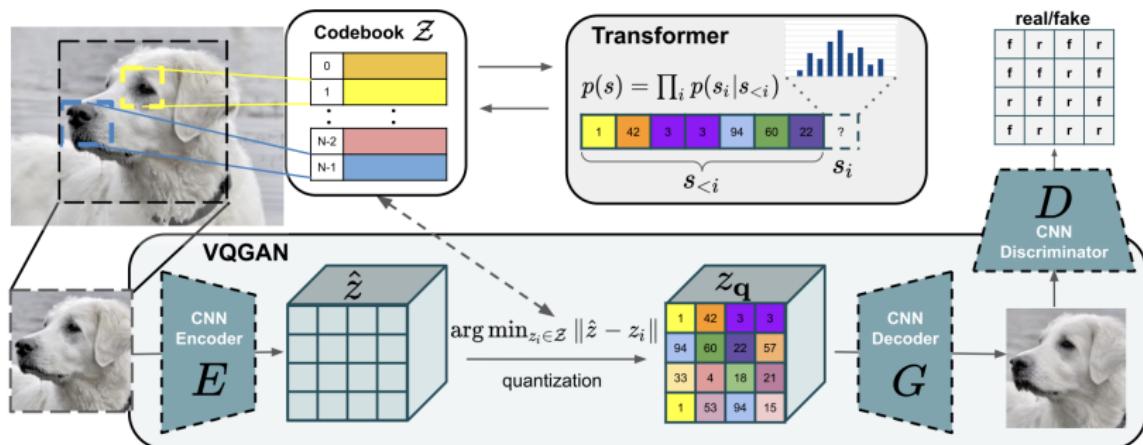


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# Vector Quantized GAN

- ▶ We use a VQ-VAE model and its objective.
- ▶ We add an adversarial loss between generated and real images to further improve the visual quality of reconstructions.

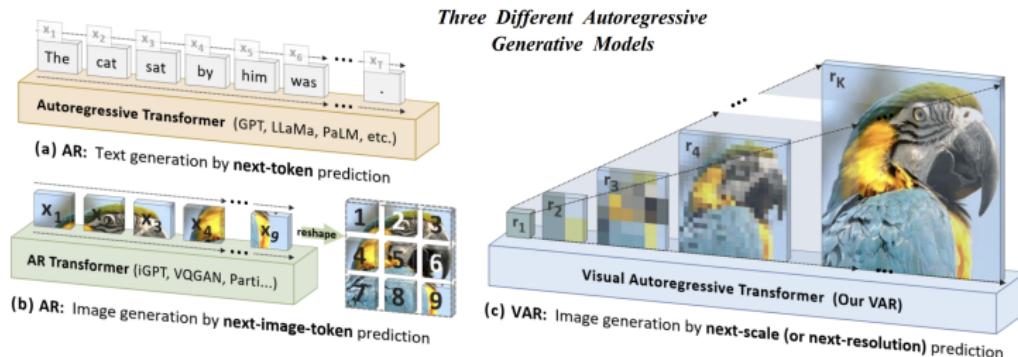


# LlamaGen: Pure Autoregression

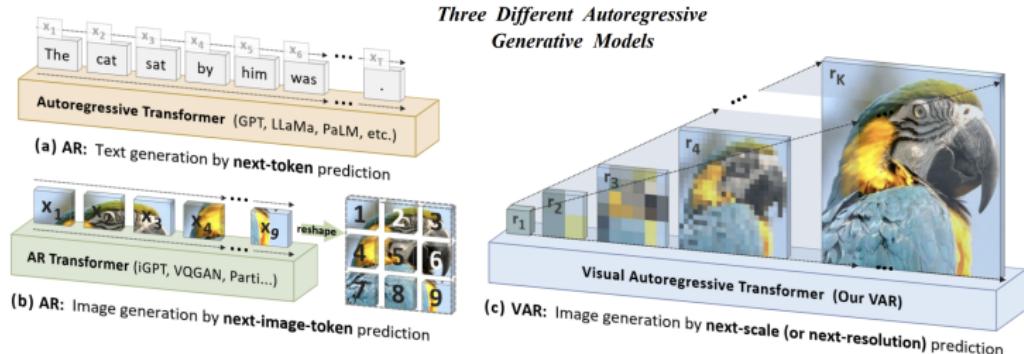
- ▶ Use a VQ-GAN encoder for mapping images into the discrete latent space (codebook vectors).
- ▶ Train a pure autoregressive model (Llama-based) in the latent space.
- ▶ Use the VQ-GAN decoder to map discrete tokens back to image space.



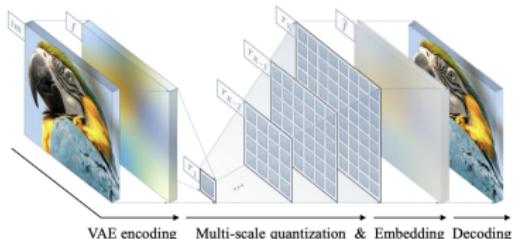
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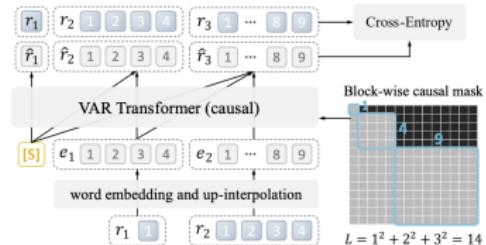
# Visual Autoregressive Modeling (VAR)



**Stage 1: Training multi-scale VQVAE on images**  
(to provide the ground truth for training Stage 2)



**Stage 2: Training VAR transformer on tokens**  
( $\$$  means a start token with condition information)



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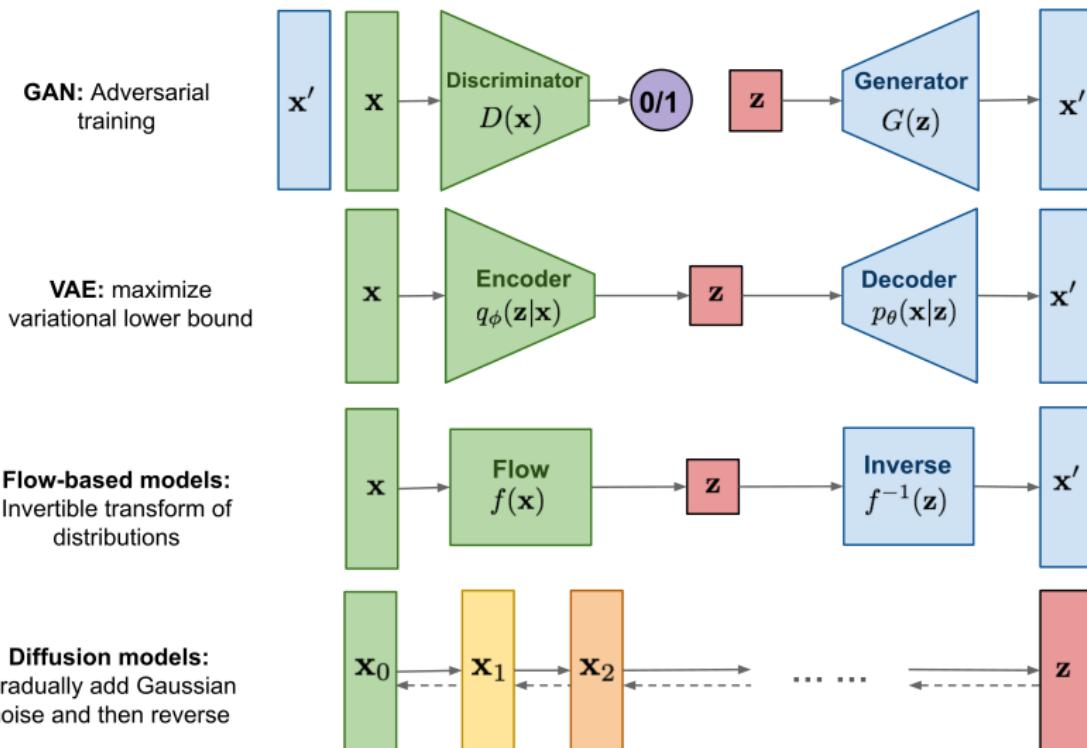
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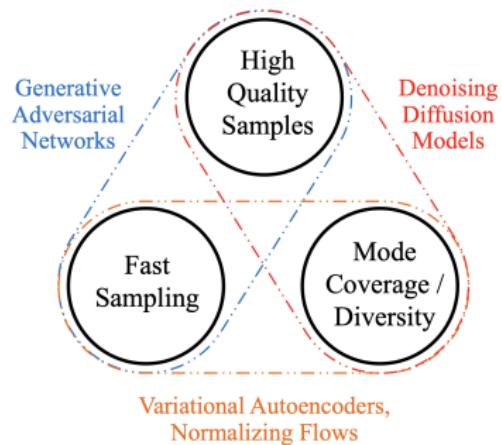
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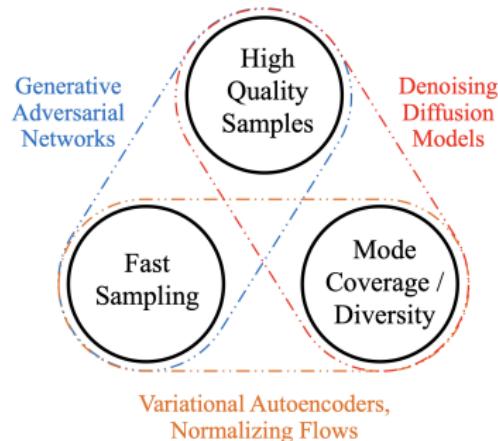


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Model	Efficient	Sample quality	Coverage	Well-behaved latent space	Disentangled latent space	Efficient likelihood
GANs	✓	✓	✗	✓	?	n/a
VAEs	✓	✗	?	✓	?	✗
Flows	✓	✗	?	✓	?	✓
Diffusion	✗	✓	?	✗	✗	✗

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## Summary

- ▶ Most state-of-the-art generative models are latent variable models with either continuous or discrete latent spaces.