

# Memory Drawings-to-Scenes Translation

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# Image-to-Image Translation with Conditional Adversarial Networks

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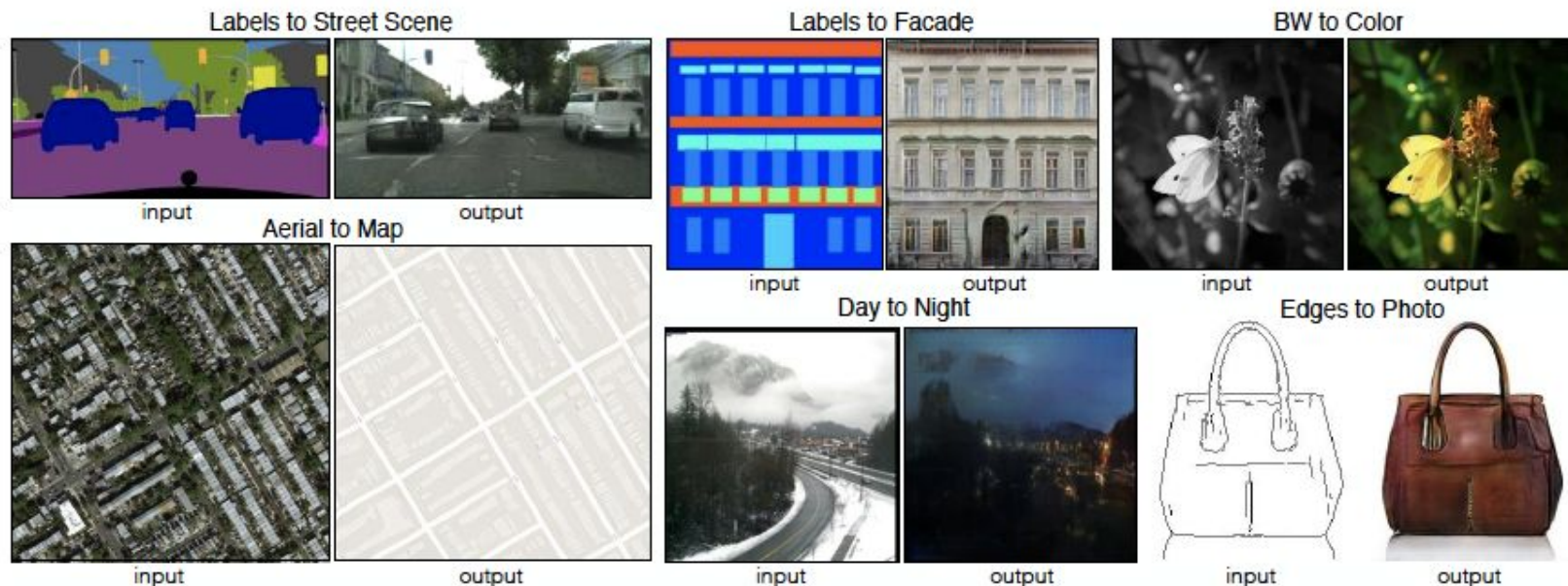


Figure 1: Many problems in image processing, graphics, and vision involve translating an input image into a corresponding output image. These problems are often treated with application-specific algorithms, even though the setting is always the same: map pixels to pixels. Conditional adversarial nets are a general-purpose solution that appears to work well on a wide variety of these problems. Here we show results of the method on several. In each case we use the same architecture and objective, and simply train on different data.

# Conditional Adversarial Networks

- **Generative Adversarial Network (GANs):**
  - Generator and discriminator
  - Noise as input to generator
- **Conditional GANs (cGANs) :**
  - learn a conditional generative model as well as discriminator
  - noise and another condition (such as an observed image) as input to generator

# Generator

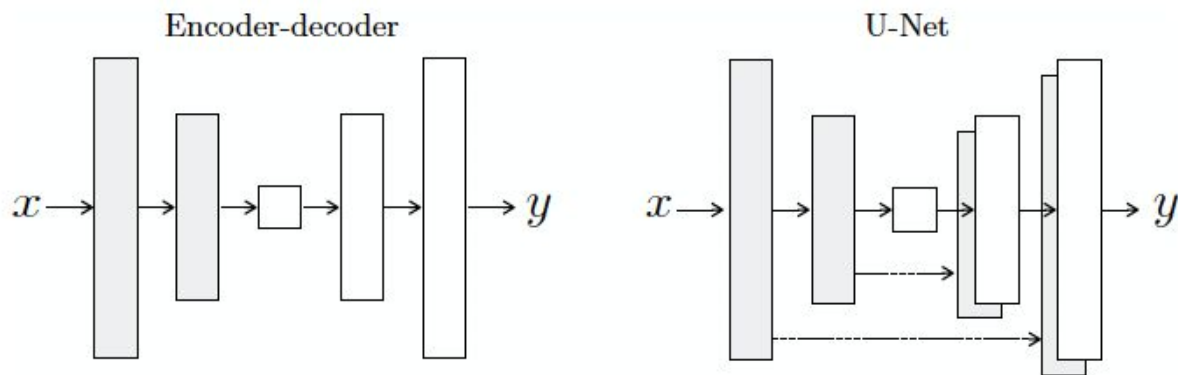


Figure 3: Two choices for the architecture of the generator. The “U-Net” [50] is an encoder-decoder with skip connections between mirrored layers in the encoder and decoder stacks.

U-Net: low level information reserved, higher resolution

# Discriminator

- Compare generated images and ground truth, and decide whether the generated image is “real”
- Loss function: combining patchGAN and L1
  - L1 is better for low frequency correctness
  - patchGAN trying to classify whether a  $N \times N$  patch from the image is real or fake ( $N$  is much smaller than the image size)
  - patchGAN is better for high frequency correctness

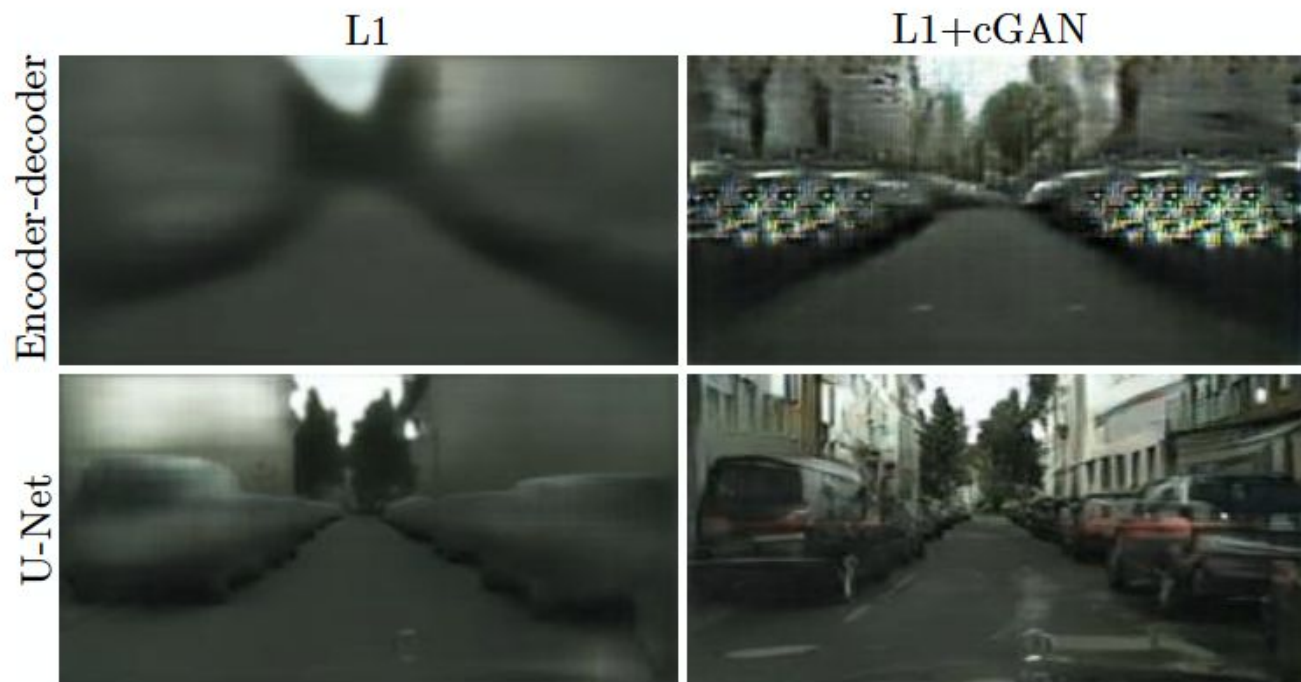


Figure 5: Adding skip connections to an encoder-decoder to create a “U-Net” results in much higher quality results.





Figure 4: Different losses induce different quality of results. Each column shows results trained under a different loss. Please see <https://phillipi.github.io/pix2pix/> for additional examples.

Loss	Per-pixel acc.	Per-class acc.	Class IOU
<b>L1</b>	0.42	0.15	0.11
<b>GAN</b>	0.22	0.05	0.01
<b>cGAN</b>	0.57	0.22	0.16
<b>L1+GAN</b>	0.64	0.20	0.15
<b>L1+cGAN</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.17</b>
<b>Ground truth</b>	0.80	0.26	0.21

Table 1: FCN-scores for different losses, evaluated on Cityscapes labels $\leftrightarrow$ photos.





Figure 6: Patch size variations. Uncertainty in the output manifests itself differently for different loss functions. Uncertain regions become blurry and desaturated under L1. The  $1 \times 1$  PixelGAN encourages greater color diversity but has no effect on spatial statistics. The  $16 \times 16$  PatchGAN creates locally sharp results, but also leads to tiling artifacts beyond the scale it can observe. The  $70 \times 70$  PatchGAN forces outputs that are sharp, even if incorrect, in both the spatial and spectral (colorfulness) dimensions. The full  $286 \times 286$  ImageGAN produces results that are visually similar to the  $70 \times 70$  PatchGAN, but somewhat lower quality according to our FCN-score metric (Table 3). Please see <https://phillipi.github.io/pix2pix/> for additional examples.

Discriminator receptive field	Per-pixel acc.	Per-class acc.	Class IOU
$1 \times 1$	0.39	0.15	0.10
$16 \times 16$	0.65	0.21	<b>0.17</b>
$70 \times 70$	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.17</b>
$286 \times 286$	0.42	0.16	0.11

Table 3: FCN-scores for different receptive field sizes of the discriminator, evaluated on Cityscapes labels→photos. Note that input images are  $256 \times 256$  pixels and larger receptive fields are padded with zeros.

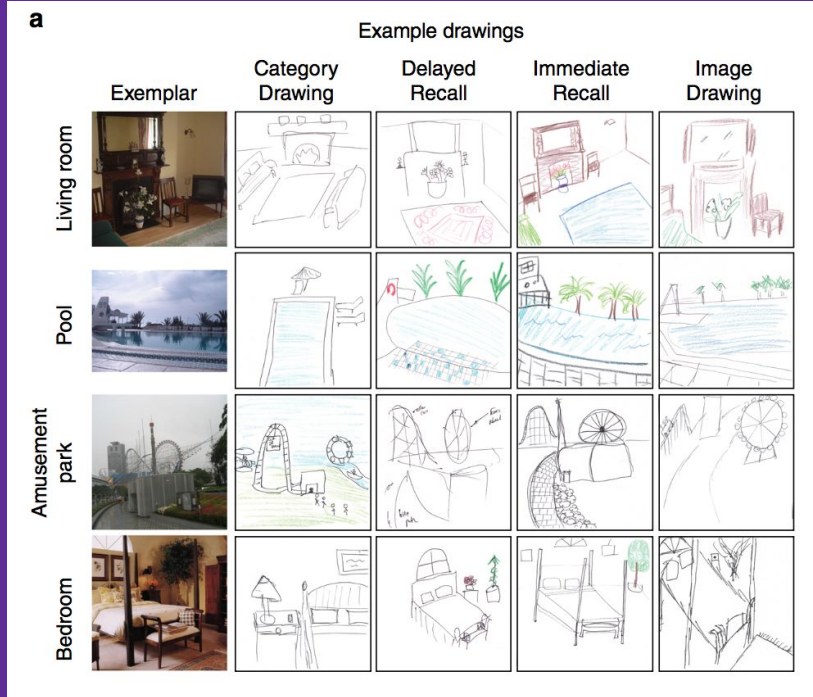
# The Study

- Participants studied 30 scene categories  
(low & high memorability)
- 4 main conditions
- Produced 2682 drawings

**Drawings of real-world scenes during free recall reveal detailed object and spatial information in memory**

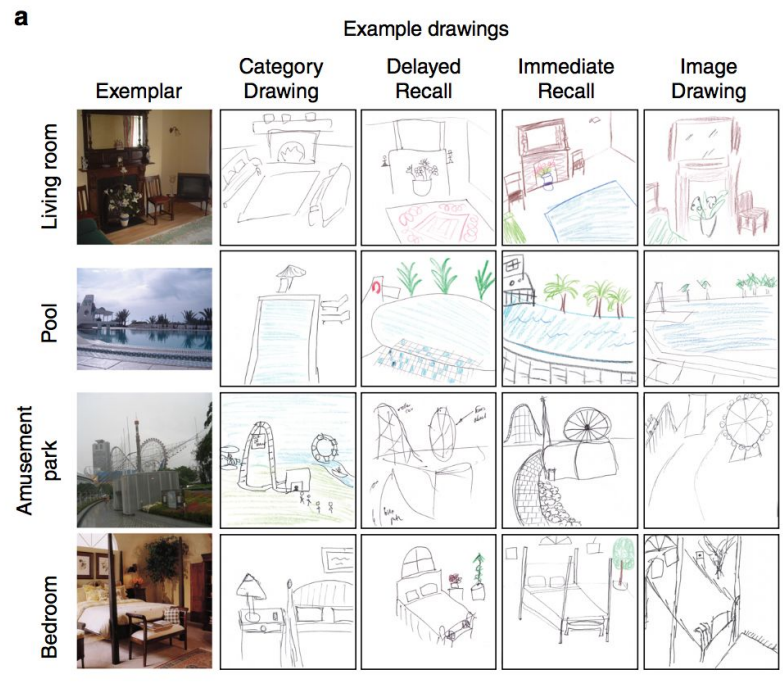
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# Main Results

- 2682 drawings quantified by AMT (number of objects, extraneous, spatial, size)
- Accurate spatial map of entire images
- Objects extremely close to original location



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- What would you be interested in generating from the dataset mentioned in Bainbridge's article?
- They found that “drawing from memory reveal the object and spatial information maintained.” Think about how human memory is different from a computer's memory, do you think that we can train a computer model to extract similar information from a scene? How will we do that?



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- What do you imagine the model would generate if we input a scene drawing then output a scene image, and then ask a person to draw that scene and input it as a new drawing. What scene would that image be like?