
Deep Generative Learning
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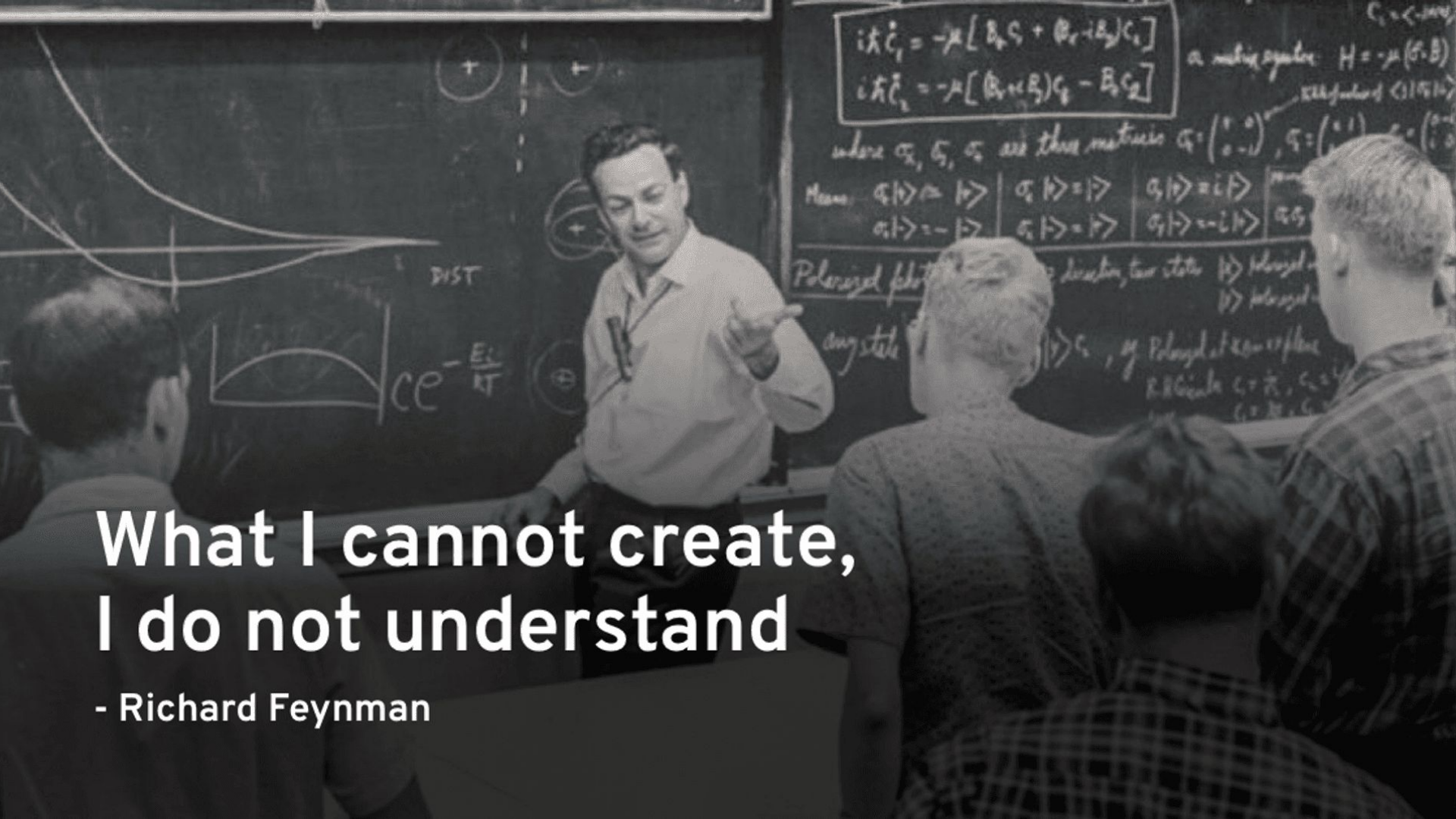
Introduction


What I cannot create,
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- Richard Feynman

Generative AI in Image Applications

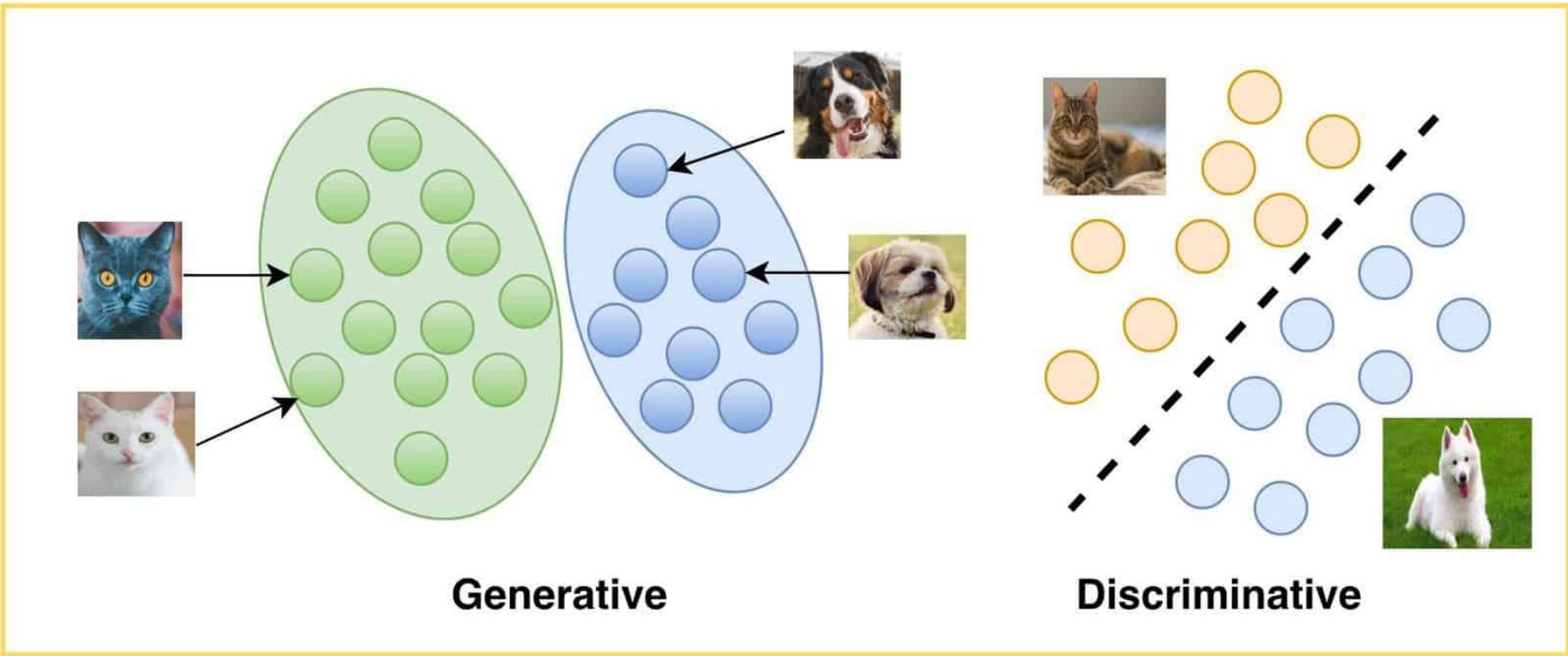
Art & Design

Content Generation

Representation Learning

Entertainment

What is a Generative Model?



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What is a Generative Model?

Samples from a Data Distribution

Train

Neural Network

Sample

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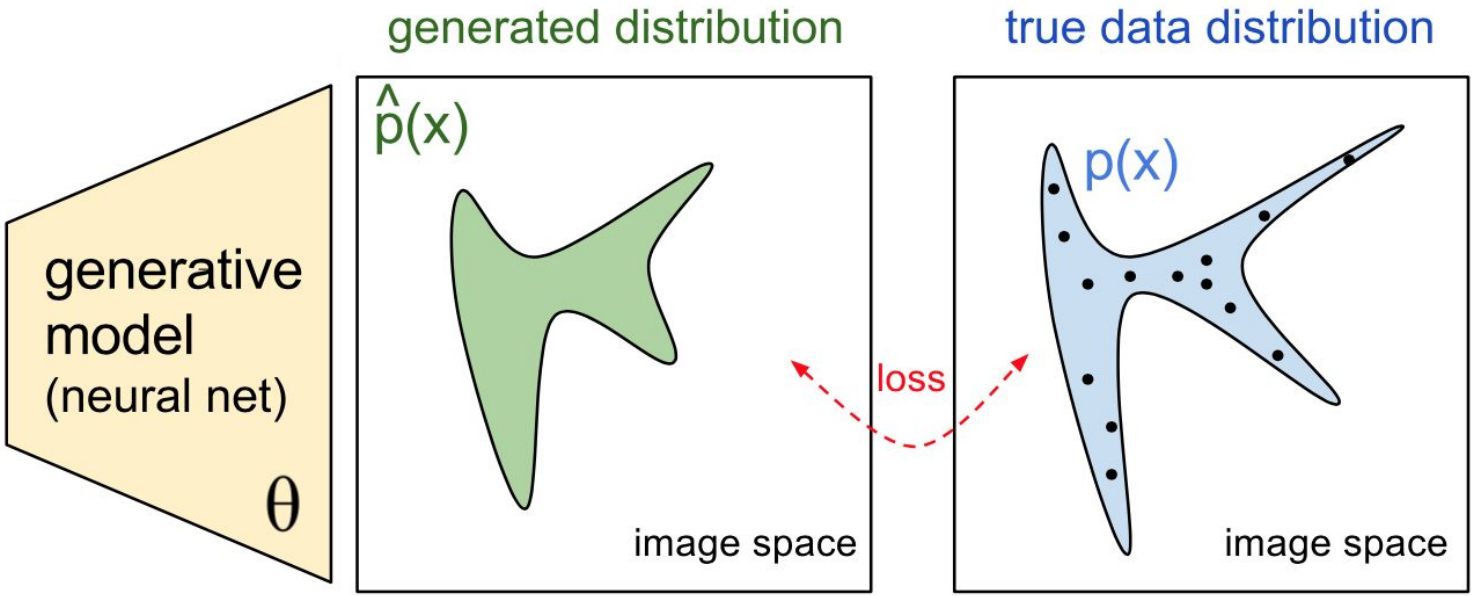

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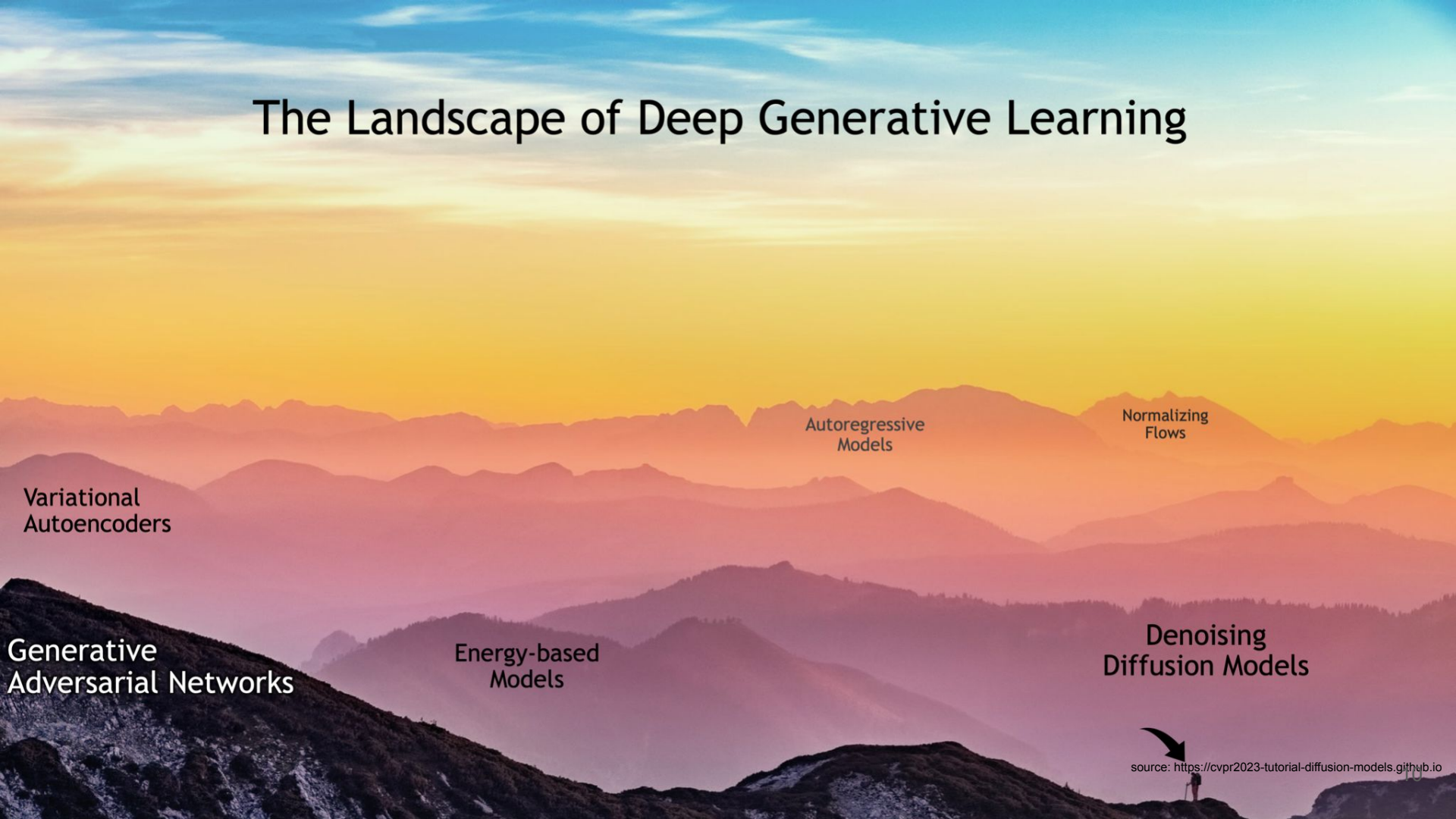
The Landscape of Deep Generative Learning
Autoregressive Models
Normalizing Flows
Variational Autoencoders
Generative Adversarial Networks
Energy-based Models
Denoising Diffusion Models
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Types of generative models

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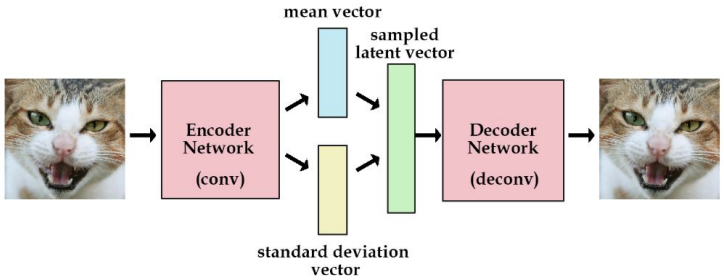
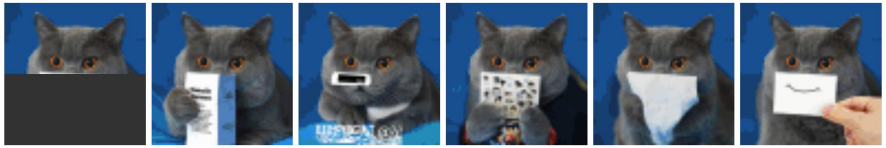


Autoregressive model:



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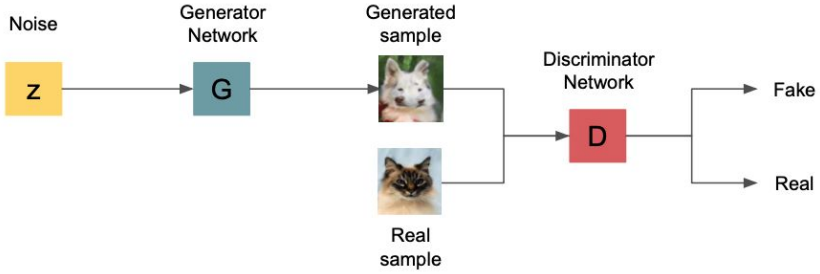

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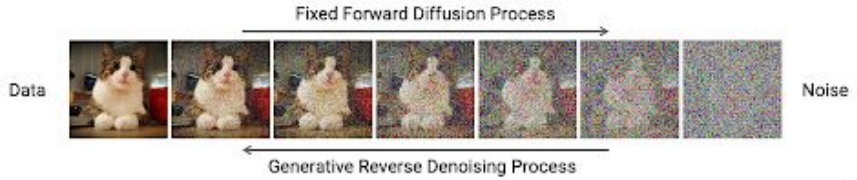

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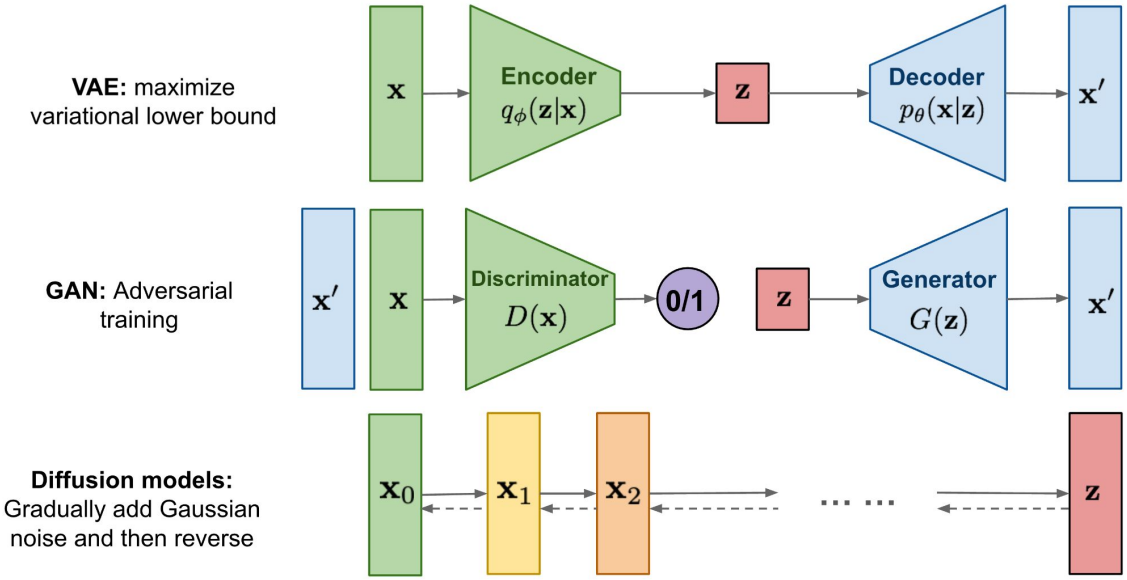

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Generative learning trilemma

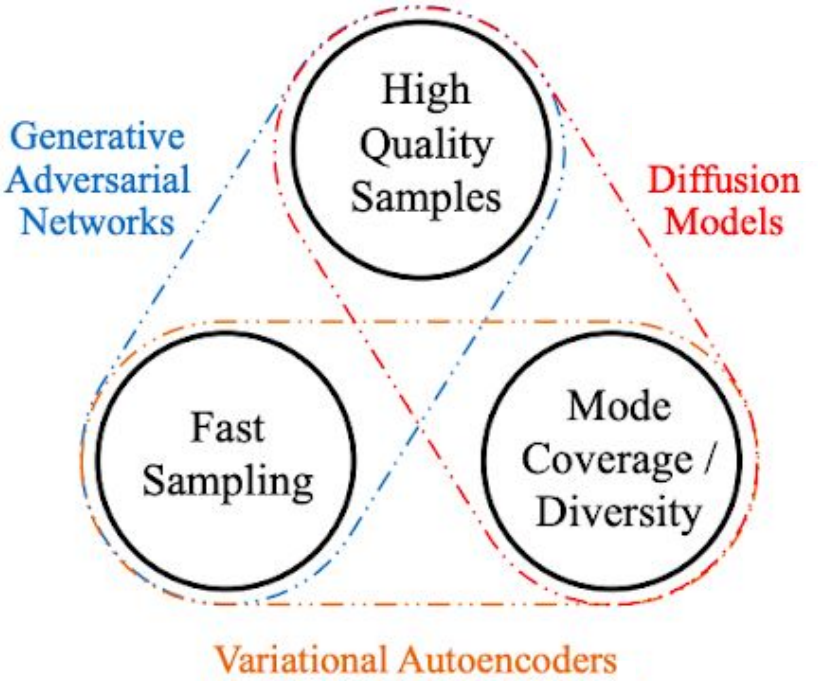
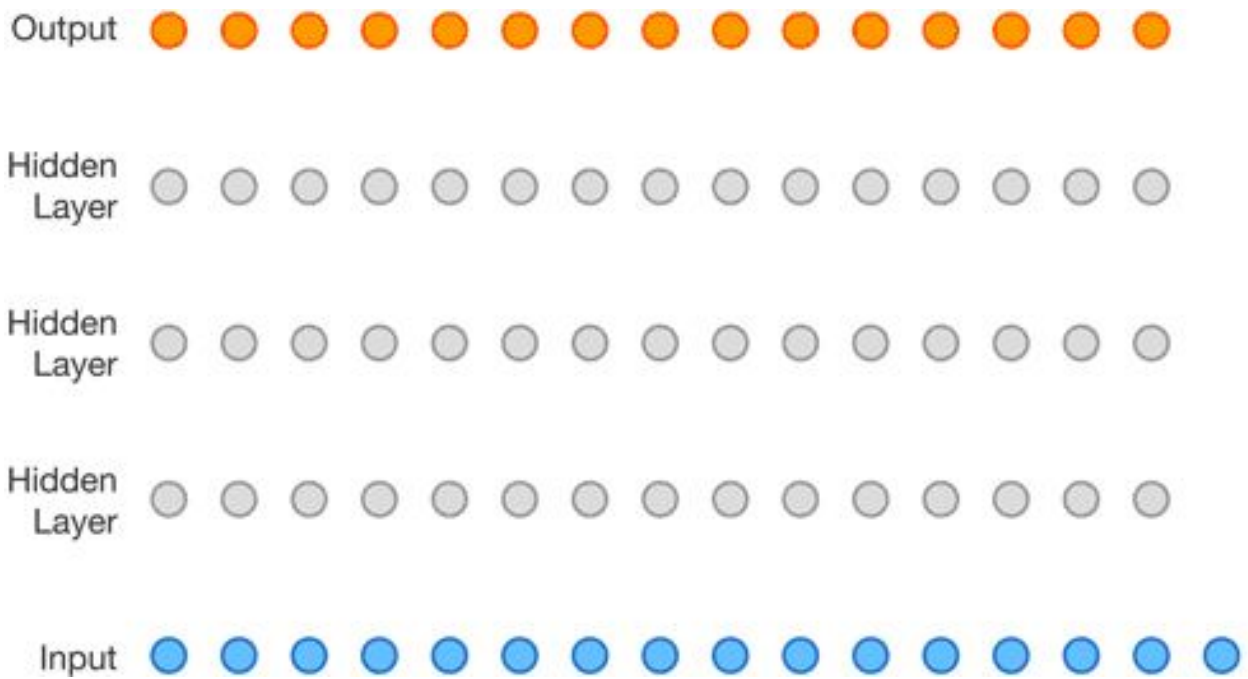
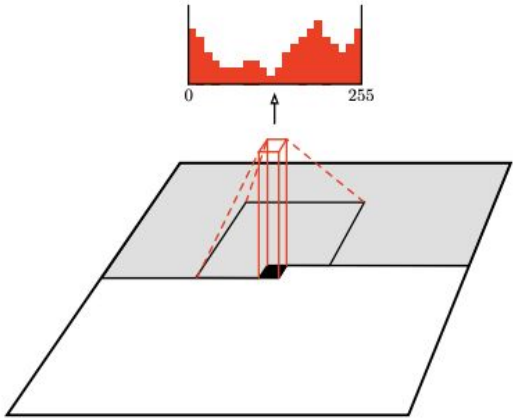


Image Generation

Autoregressive Models



Autoregressive Models: PixelCNN



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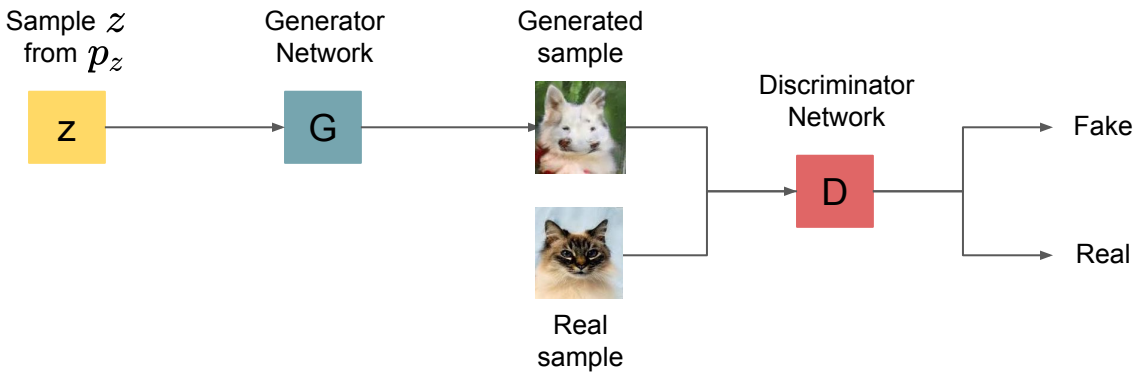
Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)



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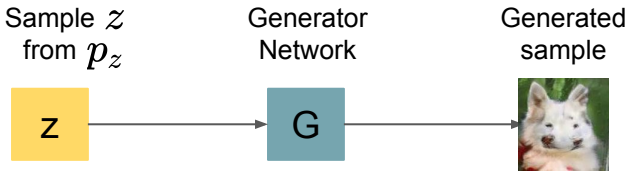

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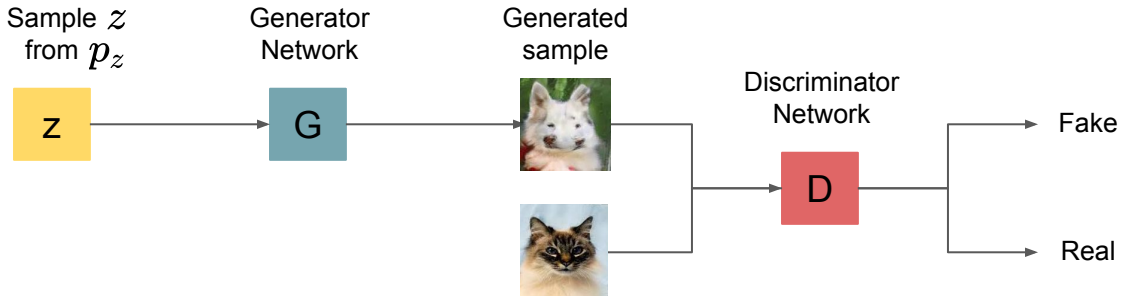

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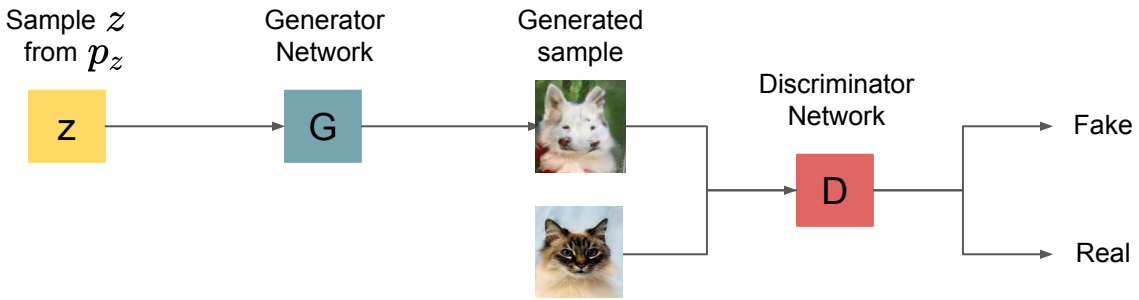

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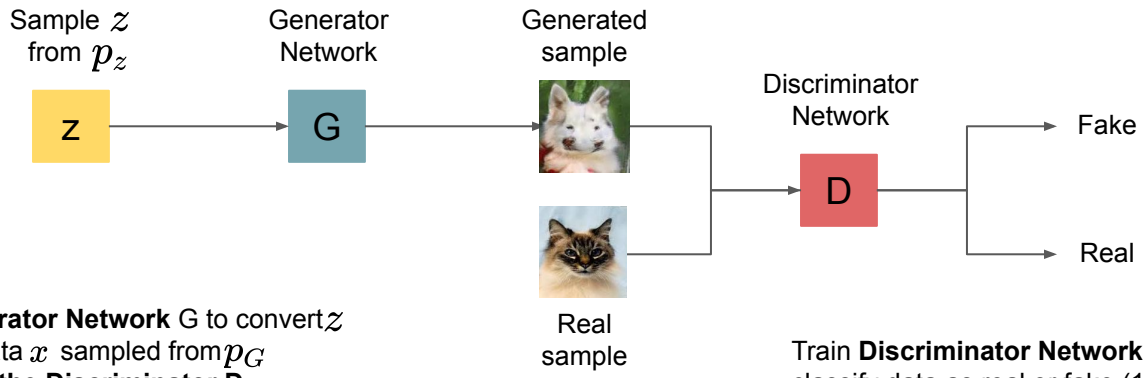

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$$= \min_{\mathbf{G}} \max_{\mathbf{D}} \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{D})$$

Train G and D using alternating gradient updates:

1. Update $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D} + \alpha_{\mathbf{D}} \frac{\delta \mathbf{V}}{\delta \mathbf{D}}$
2. Update $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G} - \alpha_{\mathbf{G}} \frac{\delta \mathbf{V}}{\delta \mathbf{G}}$

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Generative Adversarial Networks: first results

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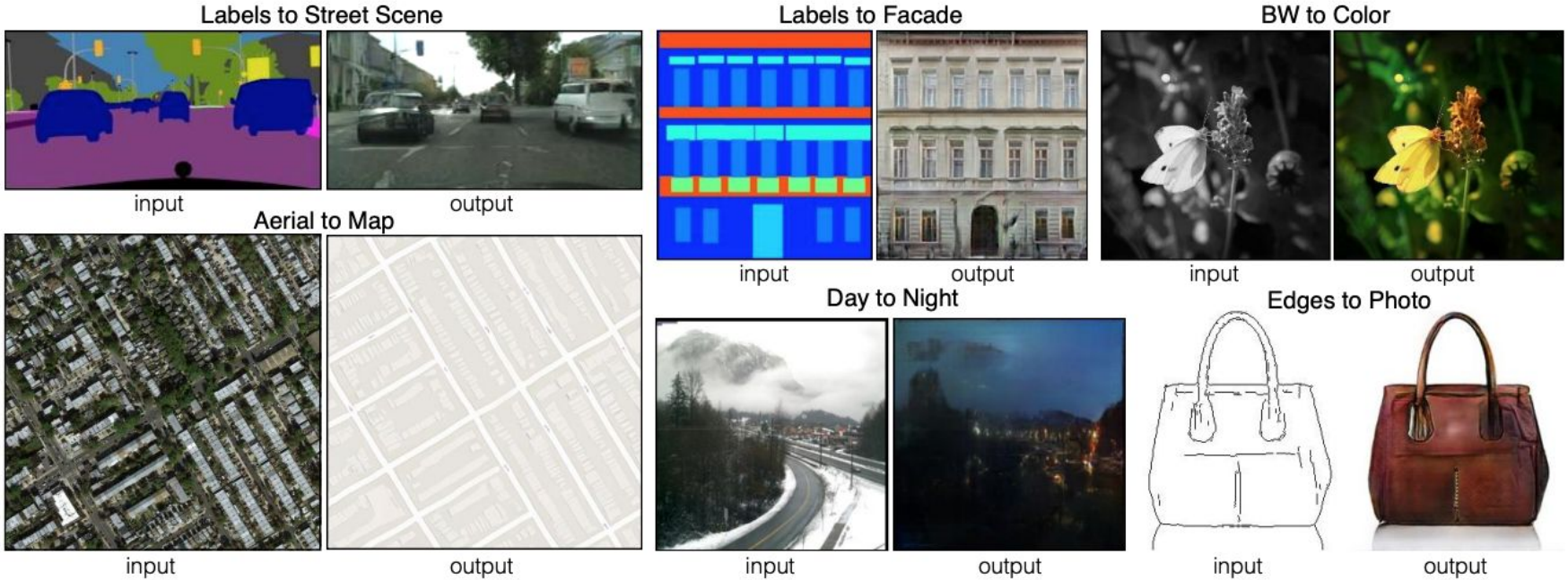
StyleGAN

Karras et al. A Style-Based Generator Architecture for Generative Adversarial Networks. CVPR 2019

Image-to-Image Translation: Pix2Pix



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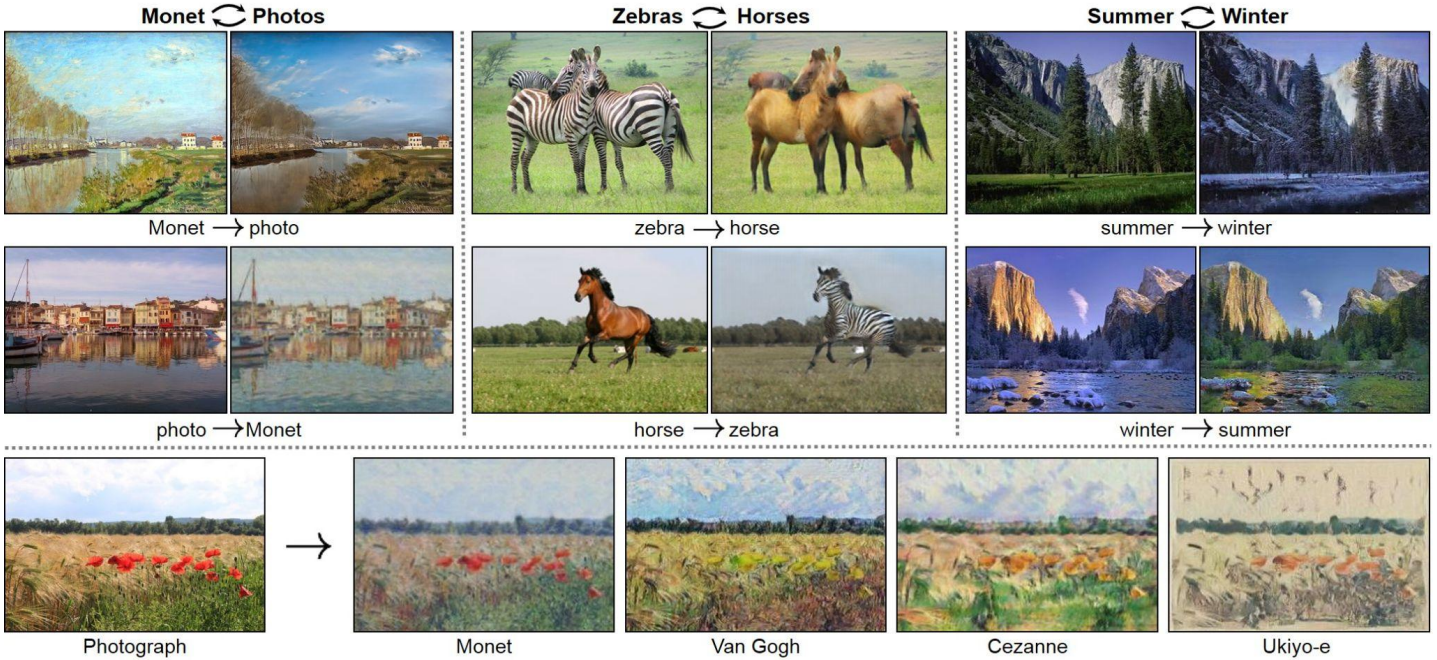
Unpaired Image-to-Image Translation: CycleGAN



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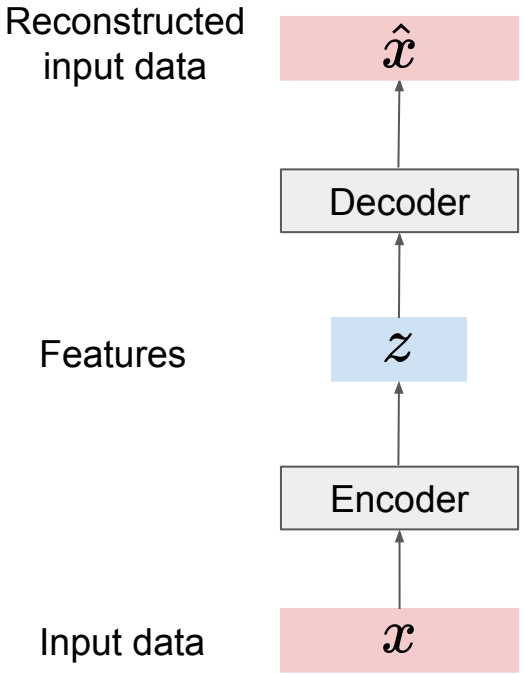

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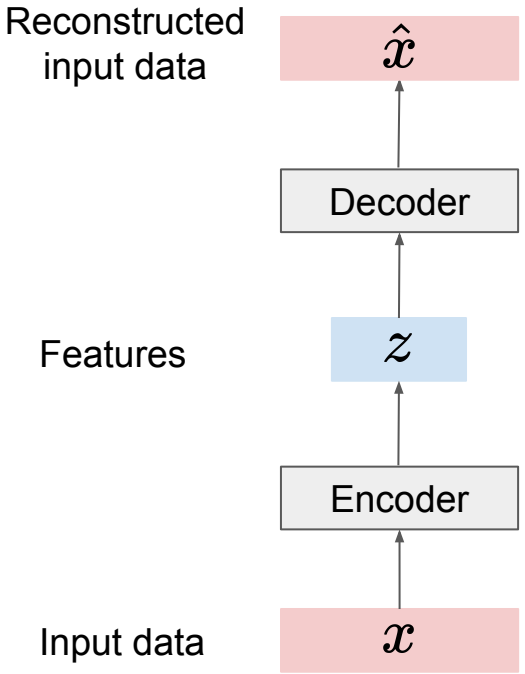

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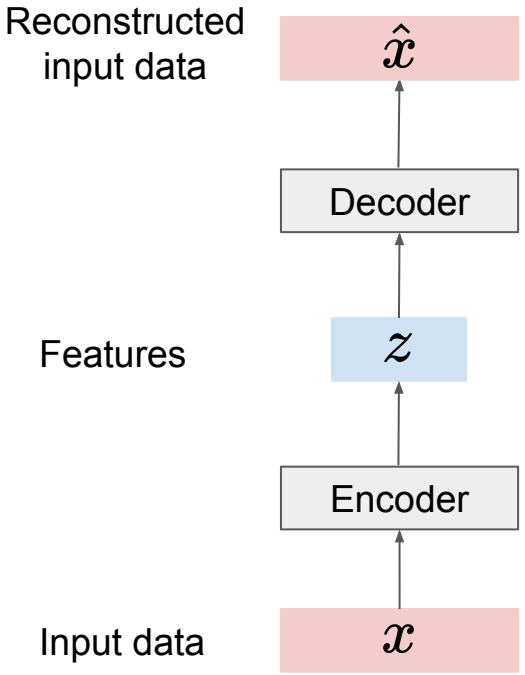

Variational Autoencoders (VAE)

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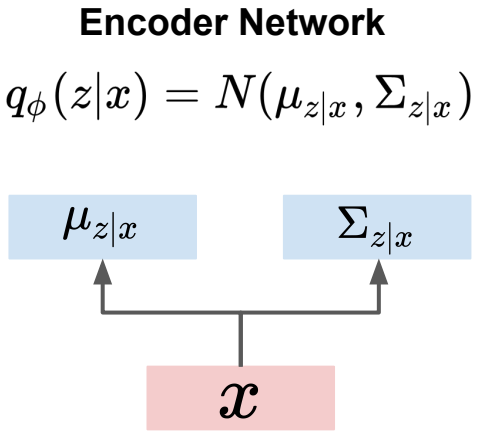

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Encoder Network

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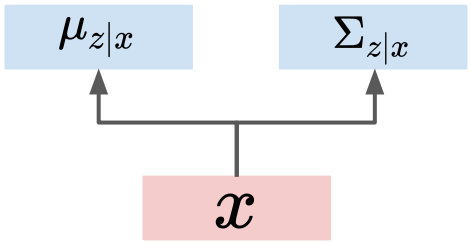

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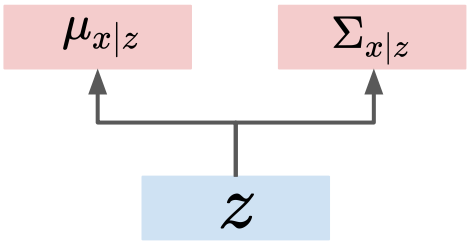

Variational Autoencoders

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

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

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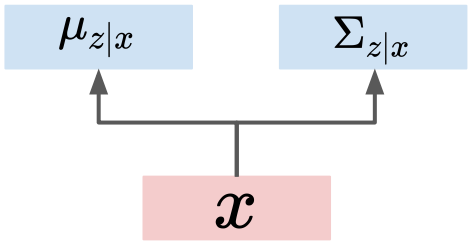

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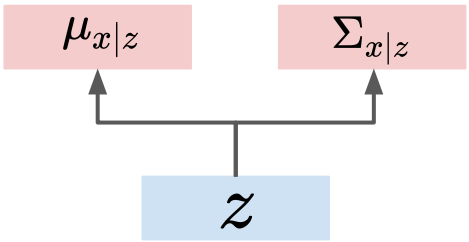

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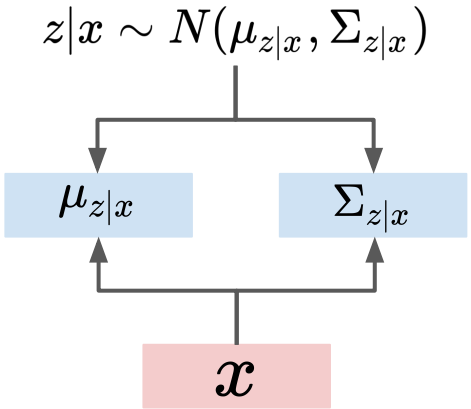

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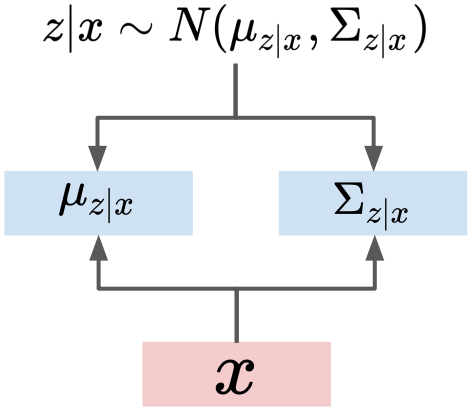

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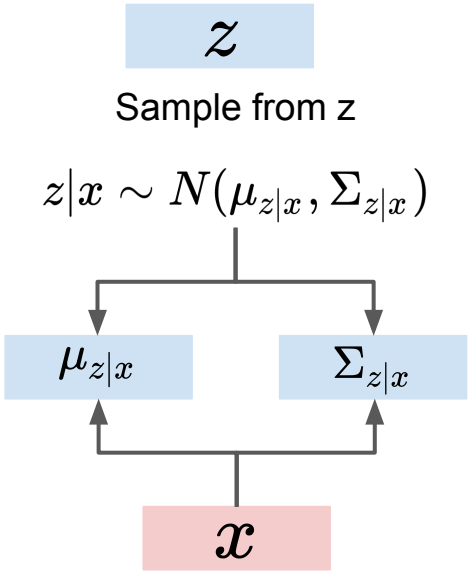

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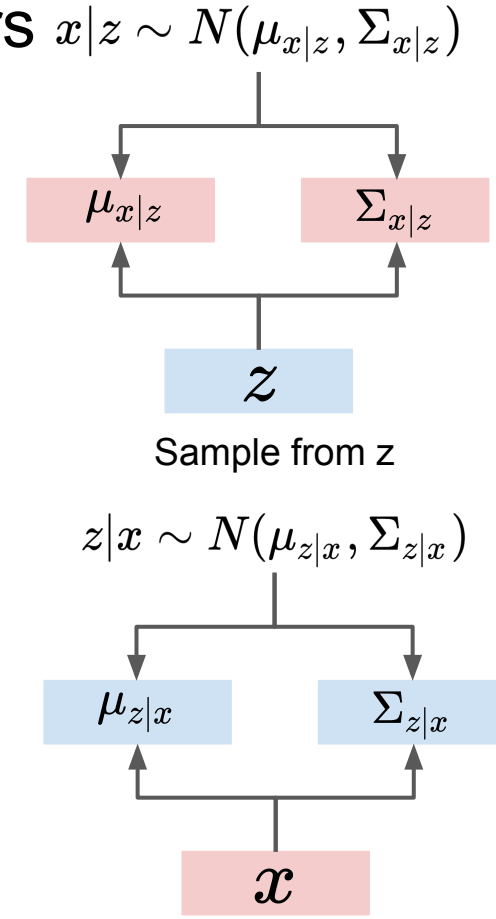

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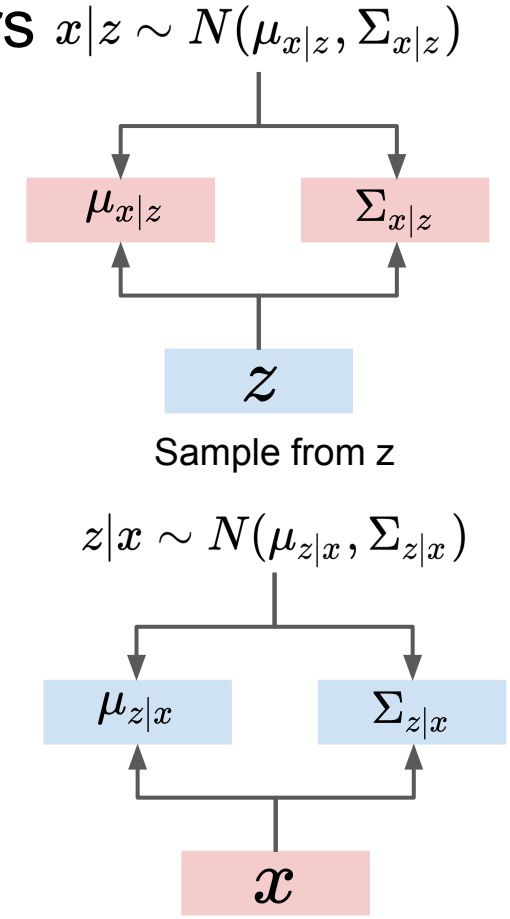


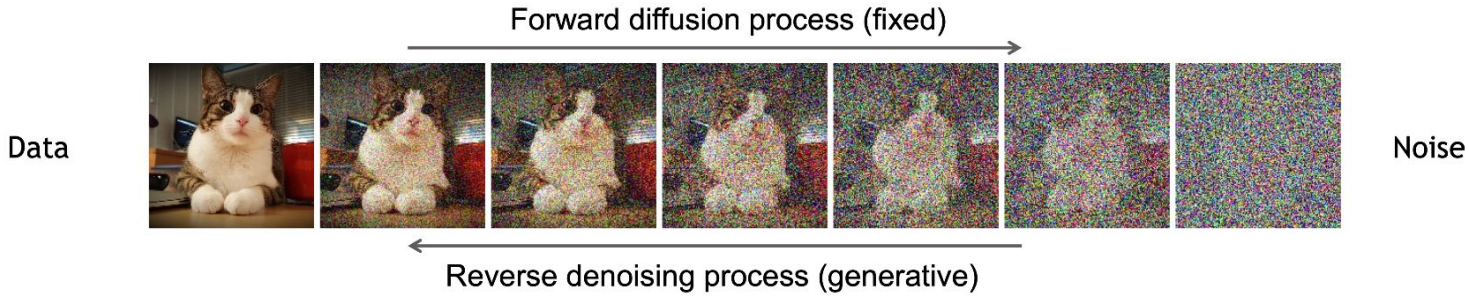
Variational Autoencoders: Results

Denoising Diffusion Models

Learning to generate by denoising

Denoising diffusion models consist of two processes:

- Forward diffusion process that gradually adds noise to input
- Reverse denoising process that learns to generate data by denoising

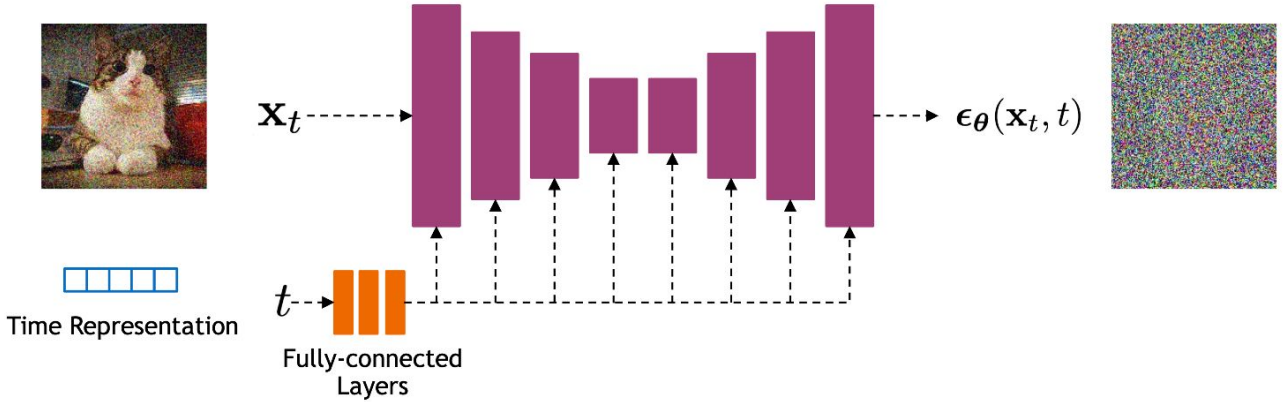


Sohl-Dickstein et al., Deep Unsupervised Learning using Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics, ICML 2015
Ho et al., Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models, NeurIPS 2020
Song et al., Score-Based Generative Modeling through Stochastic Differential Equations, ICLR 2021

Implementation Considerations

Network Architectures

Diffusion models often use U-Net architectures with ResNet blocks and self-attention layers to represent $\epsilon_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)$



Time representation: sinusoidal positional embeddings or random Fourier features.

Time features are fed to the residual blocks using either simple spatial addition or using adaptive group normalization layers. (see Dharivwal and Nichol NeurIPS 2021)

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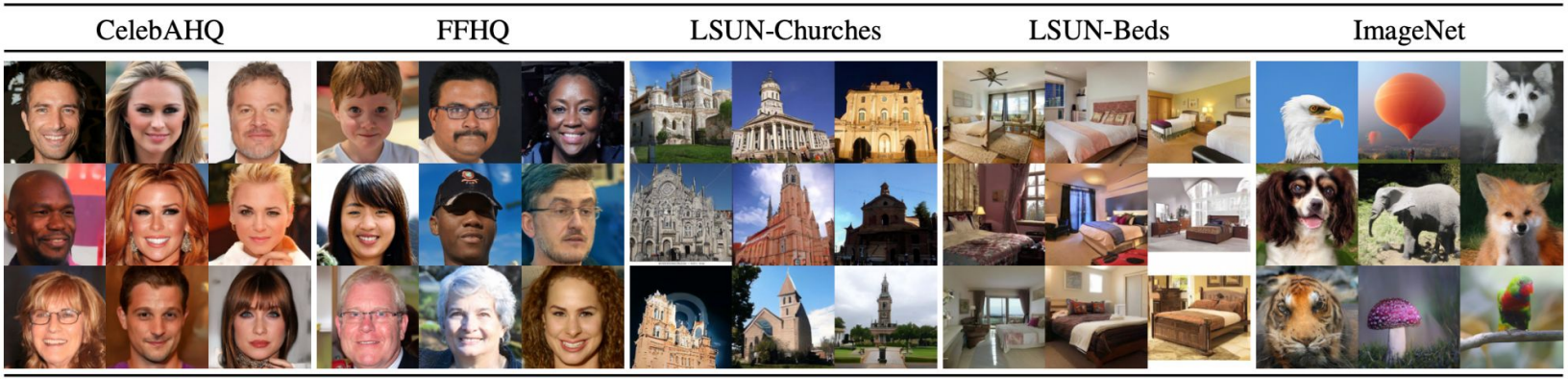

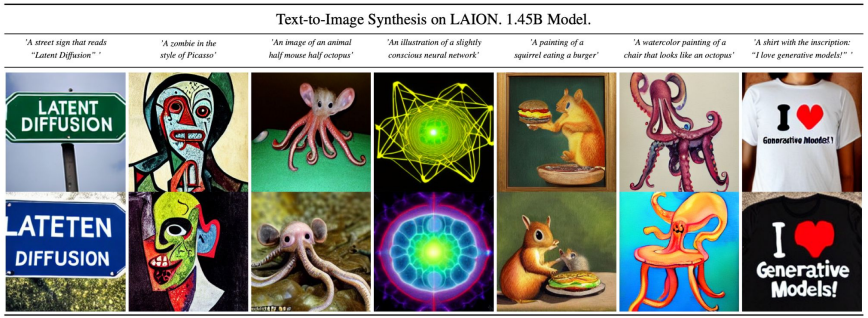

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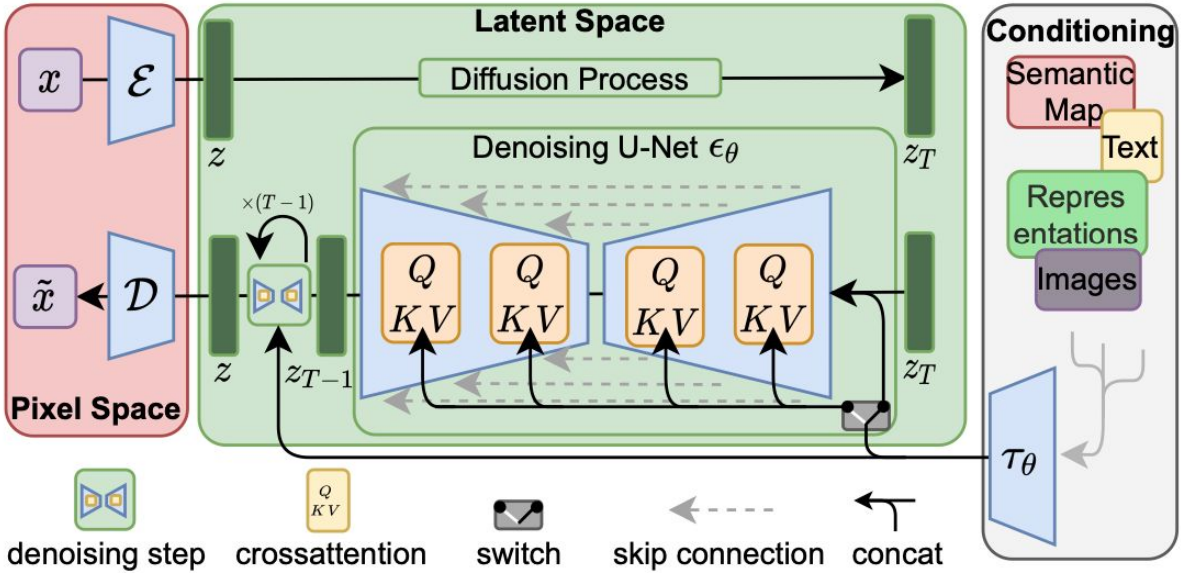

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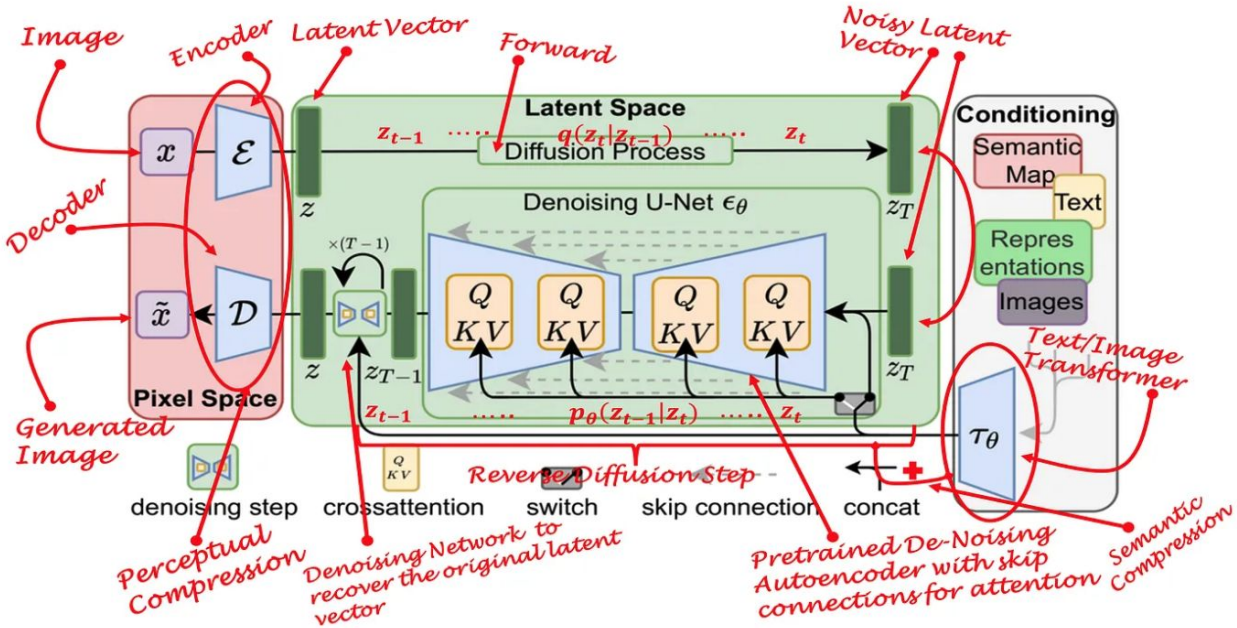

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Generative models evaluation

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Which of these images looks better?

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Which of these images looks more realistic?

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Which of these images appears to be more similar to the text prompt?

Prompt: The saying "BE EXCELLENT TO EACH OTHER" written on a red brick wall with a graffiti image of a green alien wearing a tuxedo. A yellow fire hydrant is on a sidewalk in the foreground.

Generative Models Evaluation

- Human-based ratings and preference judgments
- Inception Score (IS) [1]
- Frechet Inception Distance (FID) [2]

[1] Salimans ey al. Improved Techniques for Training GANs. NeurIPS 2016
[2] Heusel et al. GANs Trained by a Two Time-Scale Update Rule Converge to a Local Nash Equilibrium. NeurIPS 2017

Inception Score (IS)

IS measures:

- the **quality** of the generated images
- their **diversity**

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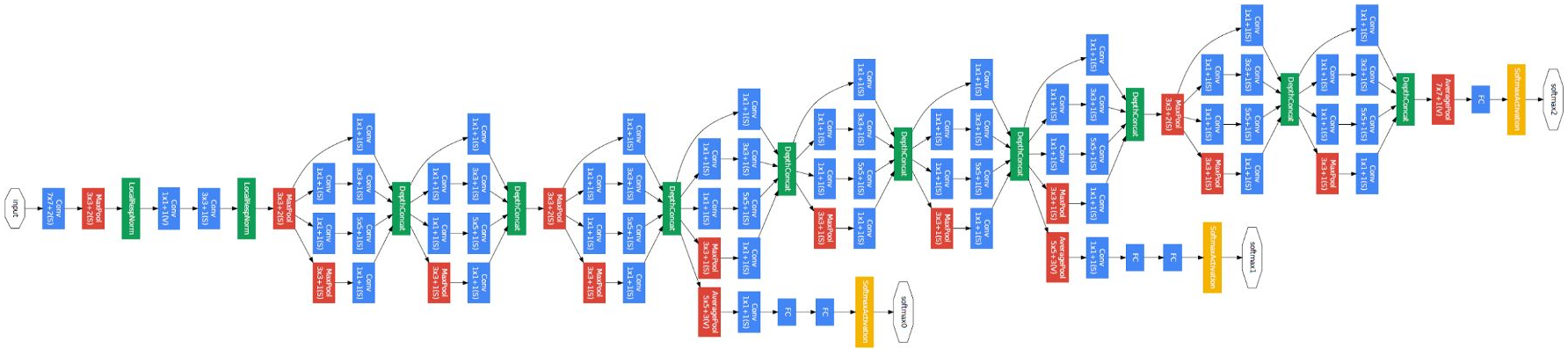
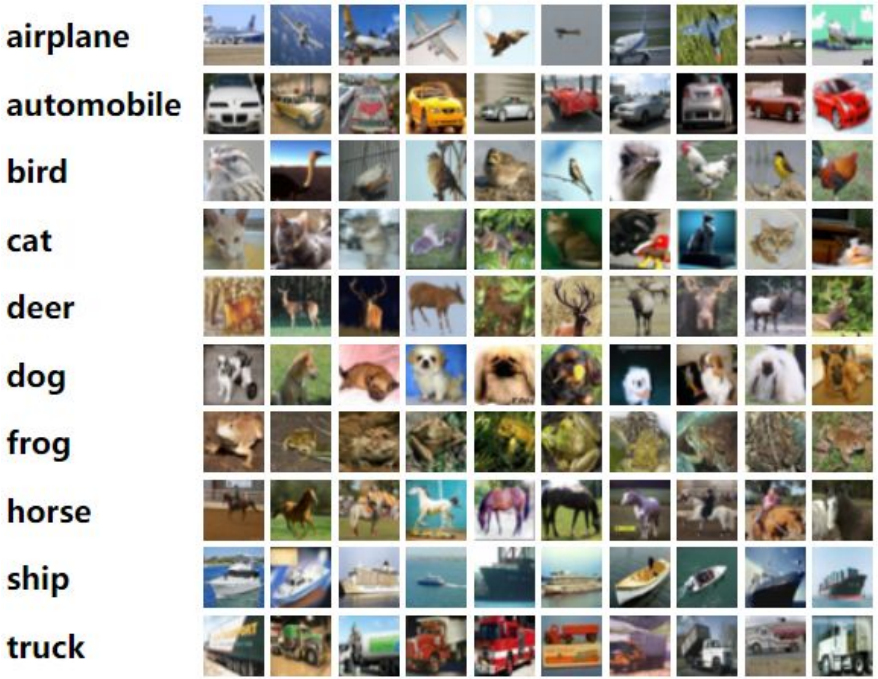
Inception Score

Inception image classifier pre-trained on CIFAR10



Inception Score

CIFAR10 dataset:

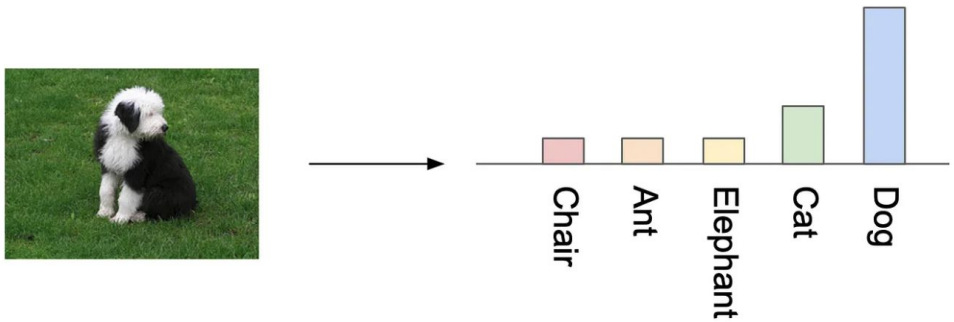


Inception Score

Generated images are passed through a pre-trained image classifier (e.g. Inception network trained on CIFAR-10).

The classifier predicts the label distribution *p(y|x)*, where:

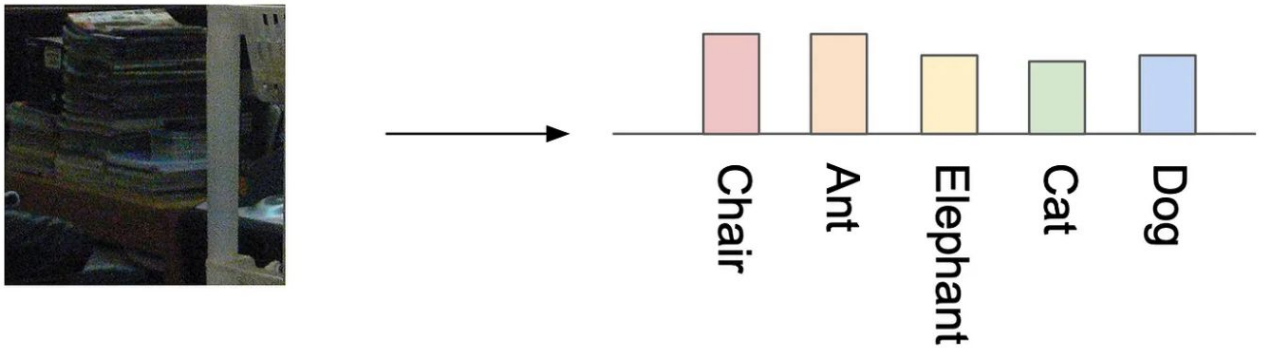
- x: generated image
- y: predicted class label



Inception Score: Low Confidence Example

If the predicted label distribution is **flat or uncertain**, the image is likely **ambiguous or low quality**.

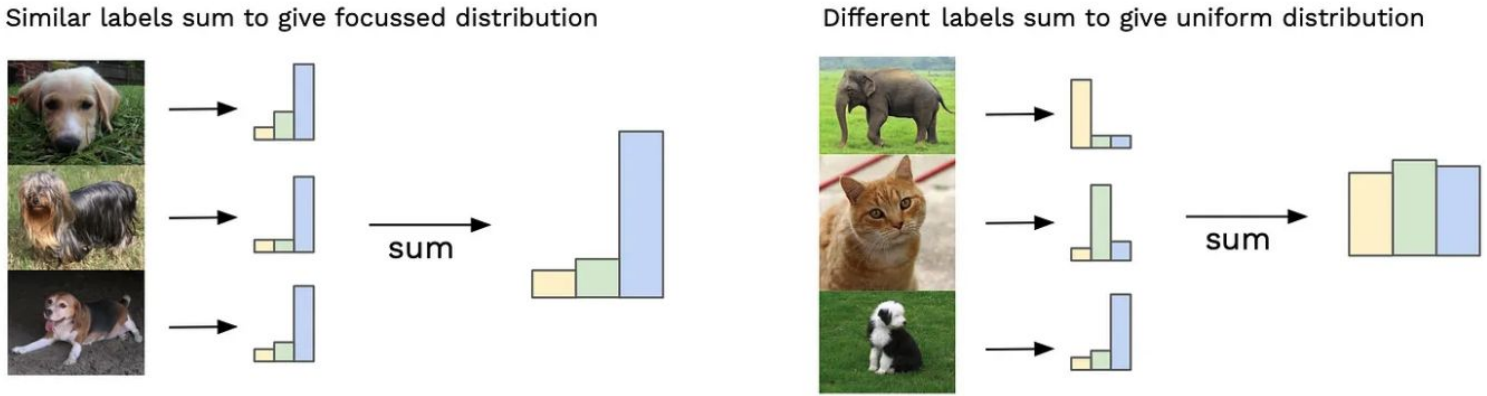
✅ Low confidence → classifier spreads probability across many classes
❌ This leads to a **low Inception Score**



Inception Score: Measuring Diversity with Marginal Distribution

Calculate marginal probability $p(y) = \int_z p(y|x = G(z))dz$

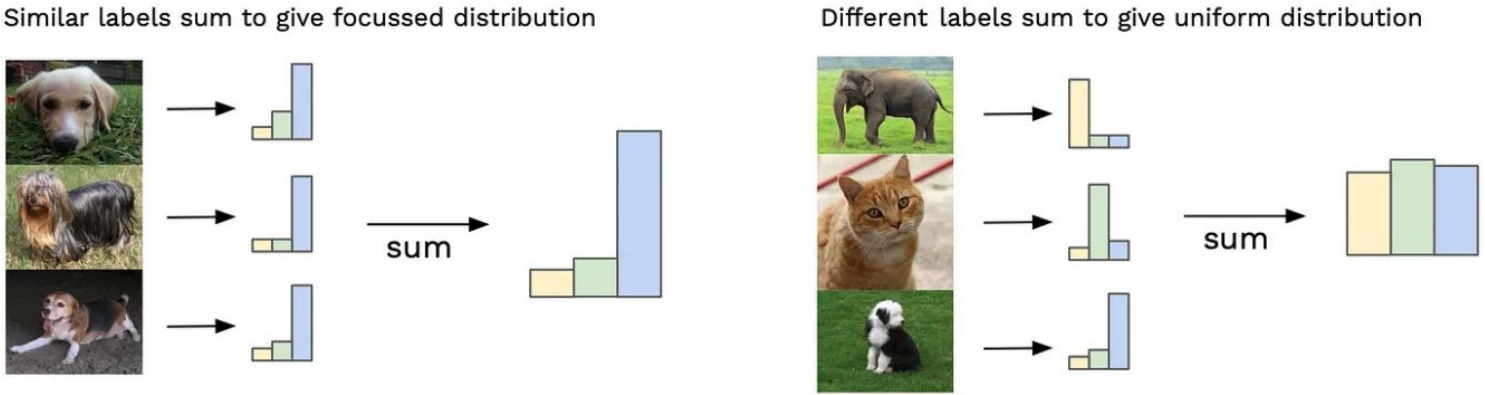
The marginal *p(y)* shows how diverse the generated samples are.



Inception Score: Measuring Diversity with Marginal Distribution

The marginal probability tells us how much variety the generator produces.

- **Low diversity**: similar predictions → focused marginal
- **High diversity**: varied predictions → uniform marginal



Inception Score

- **Quality**: conditional probability **p(y|x)**
- **Diversity**: marginal probability **p(y)**

We want

- the conditional probability **p(y|x)** to be highly predictable (**low entropy**) i.e. given an image, we should know the object type easily.
- the marginal probability **p(y)** to be uniform (**high entropy**).

Inception Score

Compute their KL-divergence to combine these two criteria:

$$IS(G) = \exp(E_{x \sim p_g} KL(p(y|x)||p(y)))$$

A **high Inception Score** means:

- Clear, confident predictions → **high image quality**
- Diverse labels across samples → **high diversity**

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- Use the **Inception network** to extract features from an intermediate layer

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where *Tr* sums up all the diagonal elements

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Frechet Inception Distance

- **Lower** FID values mean **better** image quality and diversity
- FID is sensitive to mode collapse, the distance increases when modes are missed
- FID is more robust to noise than IS. If the model only generates one image per class, the distance will be high

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