

More Generative Models

CS280

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Mid-term Logistics

- March 19th Wed before spring break
 - Next Wednesday
- Written exam
- One page (8.5 x 11 in/A4) cheatsheat allowed (both sides)

Final project logistics

- Group of 3 is encouraged. Maximum 4, but more people = higher expectations.

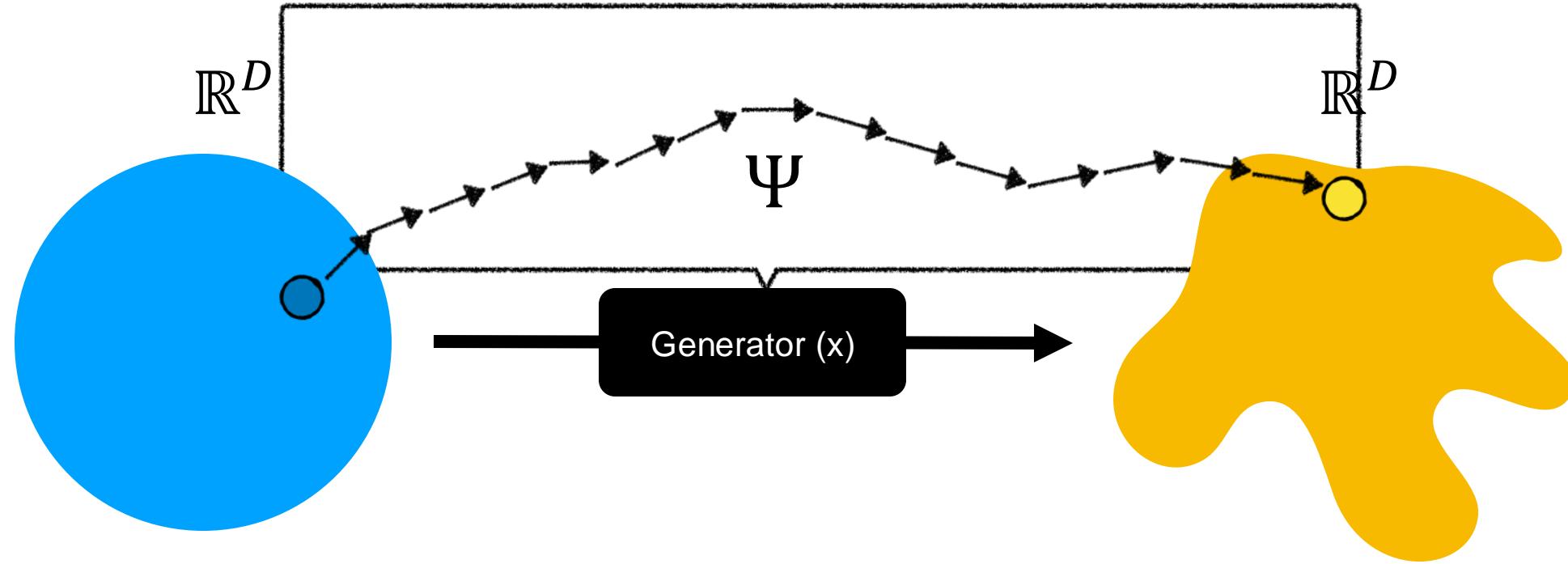
Deliverables:

- 1 page proposal due a week+ after Spring break
- Final project presentation during RRR week over the two dates 5/5 and 5/7
 - Presentation length: 3~5min
- Written report due 5/14

Generative Models

- Autoregressive models
- Flow based generative models
- **Variational autoencoders (VAEs)**
- **Generative adversarial networks (GANs)**

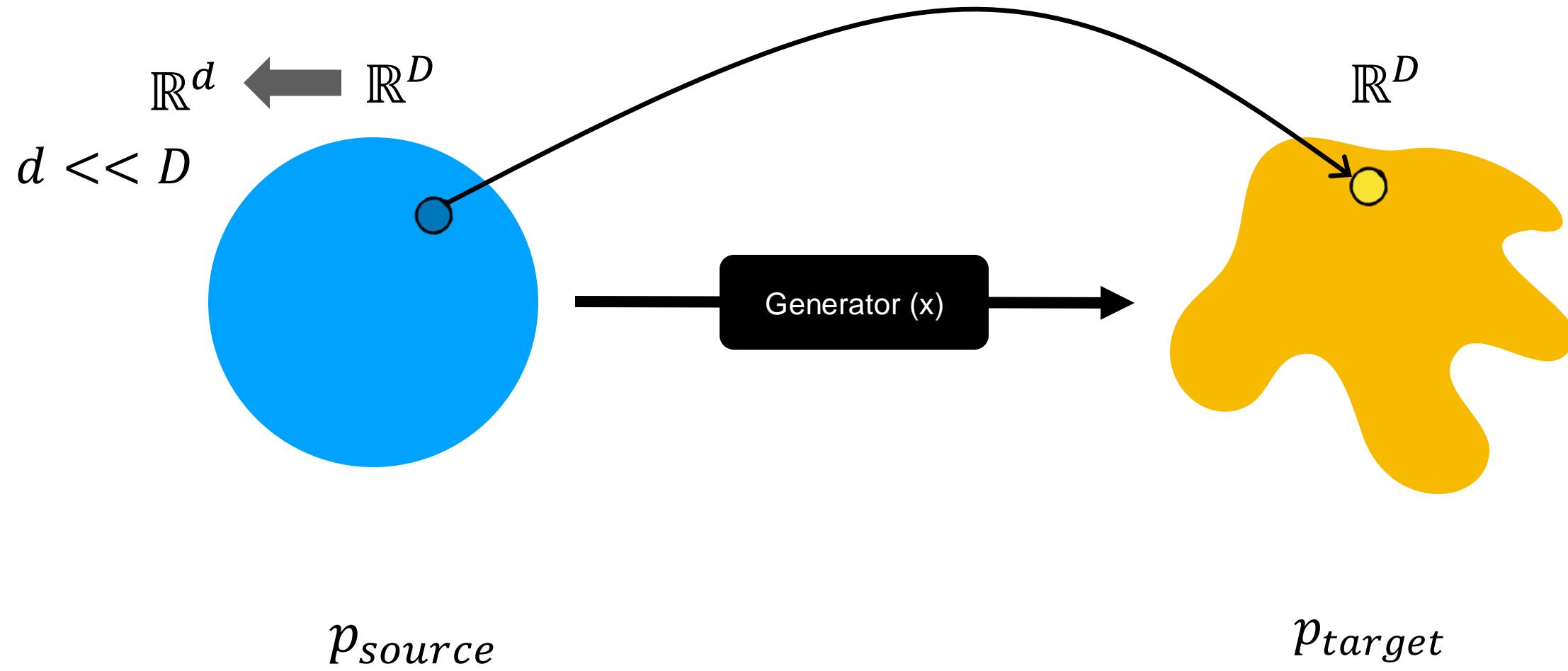
Flow based Generative Models



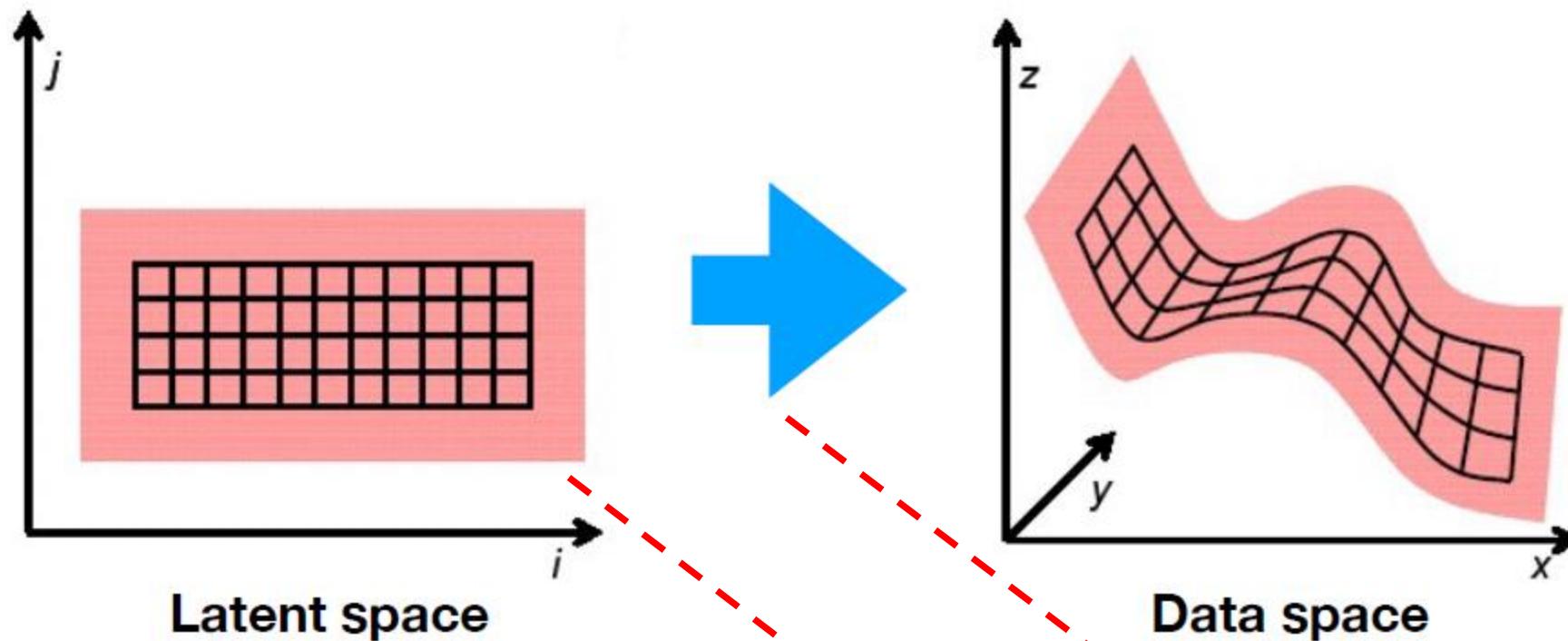
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Latent Space Generative Models



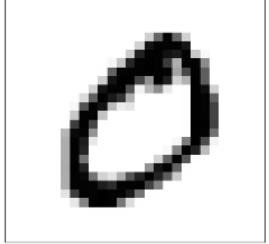
Latent space mapping approach



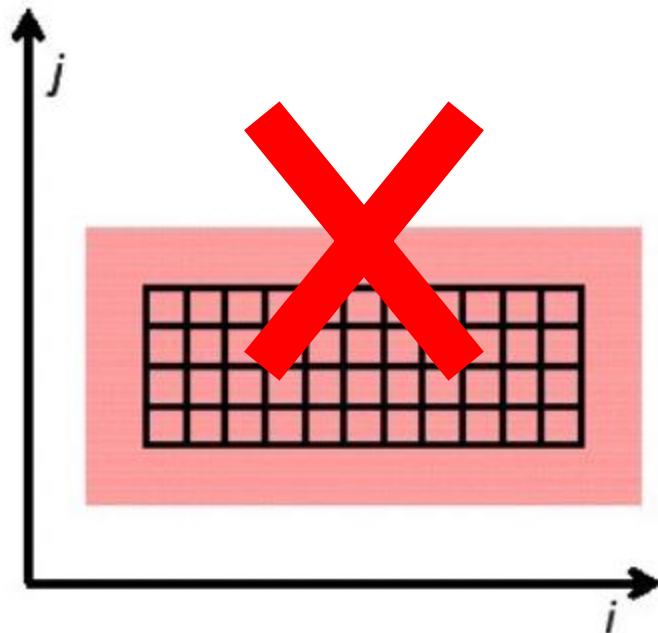
$$\text{Data likelihood: } p_{\theta}(x) = \int p_{\theta}(z)p_{\theta}(x|z)dz$$

Autoencoders

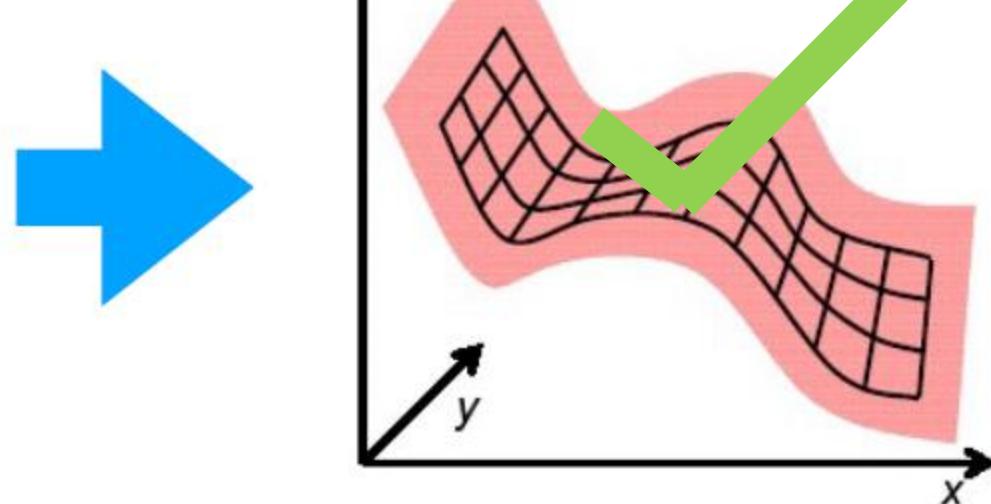
AE does not transform one *pre-determined* distribution to another!



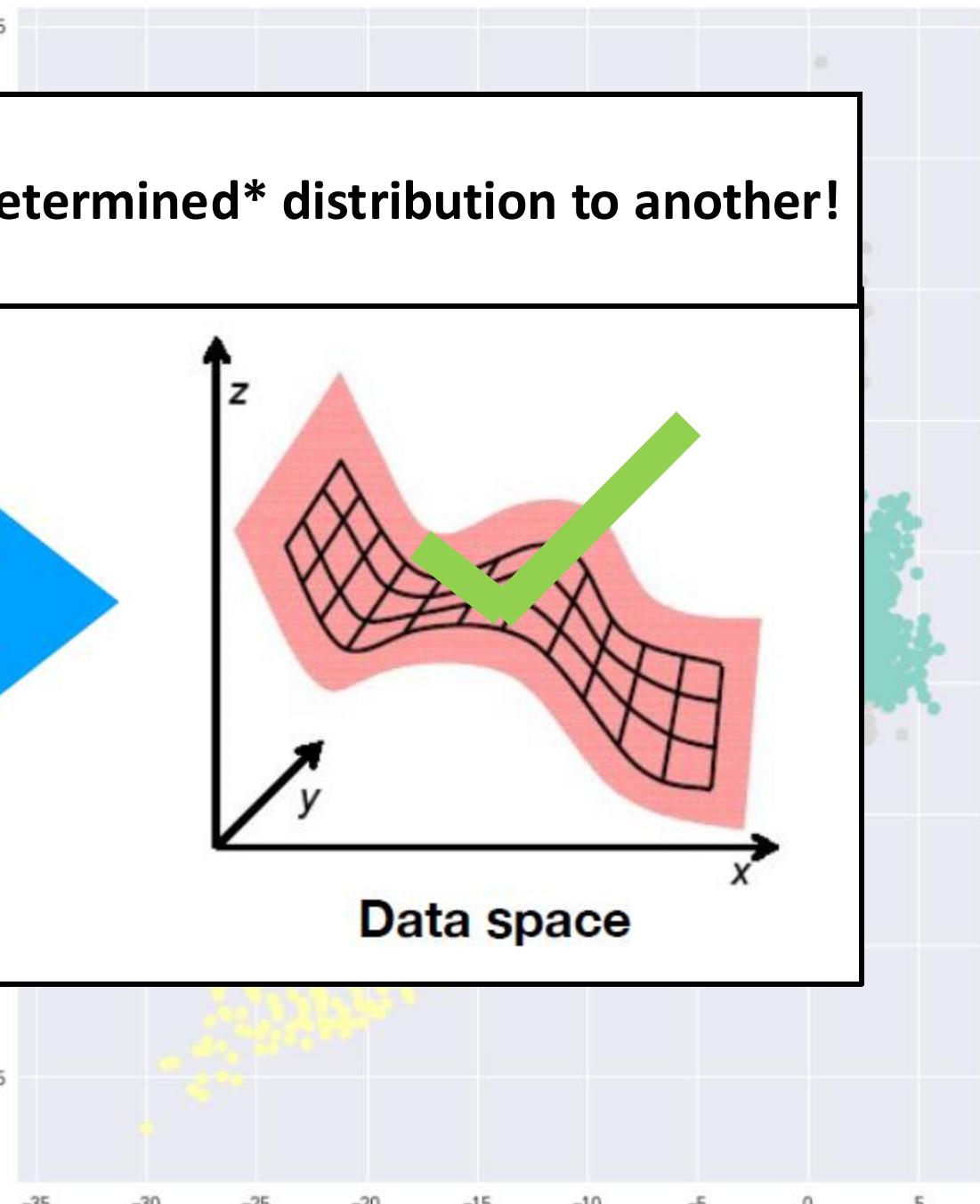
- Gene



Latent space



Data space



Variational Autoencoders

- The Encoder maps x to z . $f(x) = z$
- But need to be able to sample from z ! like $p(z)$
- So we need the encoder to learn $p(z|x)$
- But how to get $p(z|x)$?
- What's wrong?
- So learn $q(z|x)$ and make it close to $p(z)$ $DL(q(z|x)||p(z))$
- Through ELBO (will do later):

$$p(z|x) = \frac{p(x|z)p(z)}{p(x)}$$

$$\max \log p(x) >= \mathbb{E}_{q(z|x)} \log p(x|z) - DL(q(z|x)||p(z))$$

- i.e. max $p(x|z)$ while regularize $q(z|x)$ to be close to $p(z)$

KL divergence on $q(z|x)$ with $p(x)$

- Has a nice closed form if we use gaussians for q and p

$$q(z|x) = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad p(z) = \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

$$D_{\text{KL}}(q(z|x) \parallel p(z)) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n [\sigma_i^2 + \mu_i^2 - 1 - \log \sigma_i^2]$$

Loss: $\mathbb{E}_{q(z|x)} \log p(x|z) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n [\sigma_i^2 + \mu_i^2 - 1 - \log \sigma_i^2]$

$$\text{Objective: } \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z|x)} \log p(x_i|z) - DL(q(z|x_i)||p(z))$$

Another perspective

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P \parallel Q) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} P(x) \log \left(\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \right).$$

$$D_{KL}(q_\phi(z|x_i)||p(z)) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q_\phi(z|x_i)} \left[\log \frac{q_\phi(z|x_i)}{p(z)} \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{z \sim q_\phi(z|x_i)} [\log q_\phi(z|x_i)] - \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q_\phi(z|x_i)} [\log p(z)]}_{\text{Entropy!} \quad -\mathcal{H}(q_\phi(z|x_i))}$$

$$\mathcal{H}(p) = -E_{x \sim p(x)} [\log p(x)] = - \int_x p(x) \log p(x) dx$$

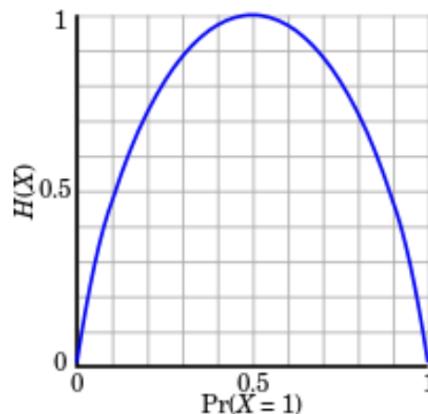
$$- D_{KL}(q_\phi(z|x_i)||p(z)) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q_\phi(z|x_i)} [\log p(z)] + \mathcal{H}(q_\phi(z|x_i))$$

$$\text{Re-written Objective: } \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z|x)} \log p(x_i|z) + \log p(z) + \mathcal{H}(q(z|x_i))$$

A brief aside...

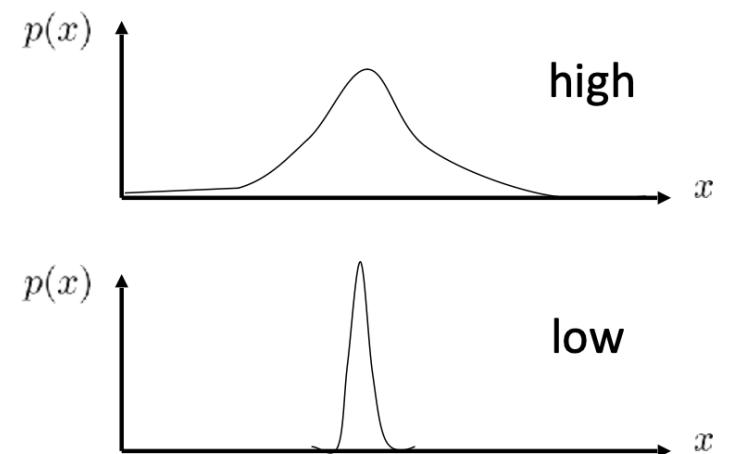
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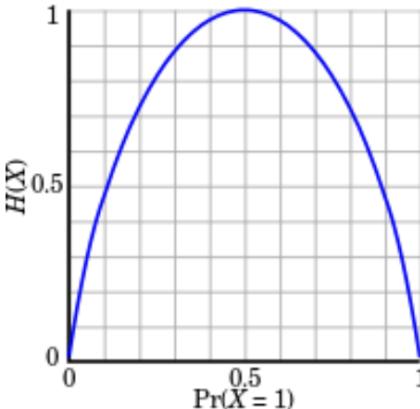
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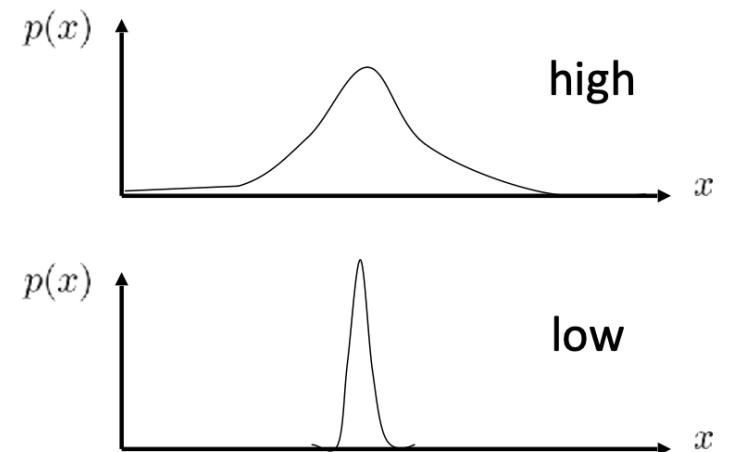
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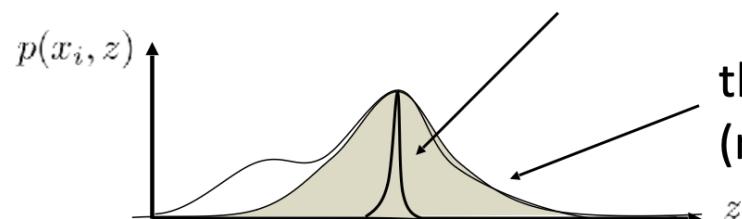
Intuition 2: how large is the log probability in expectation *under itself*

what do we expect this to do?

$$E_{z \sim q_i(z)}[\log p(x_i|z) + \log p(z)] + \mathcal{H}(q_i)$$

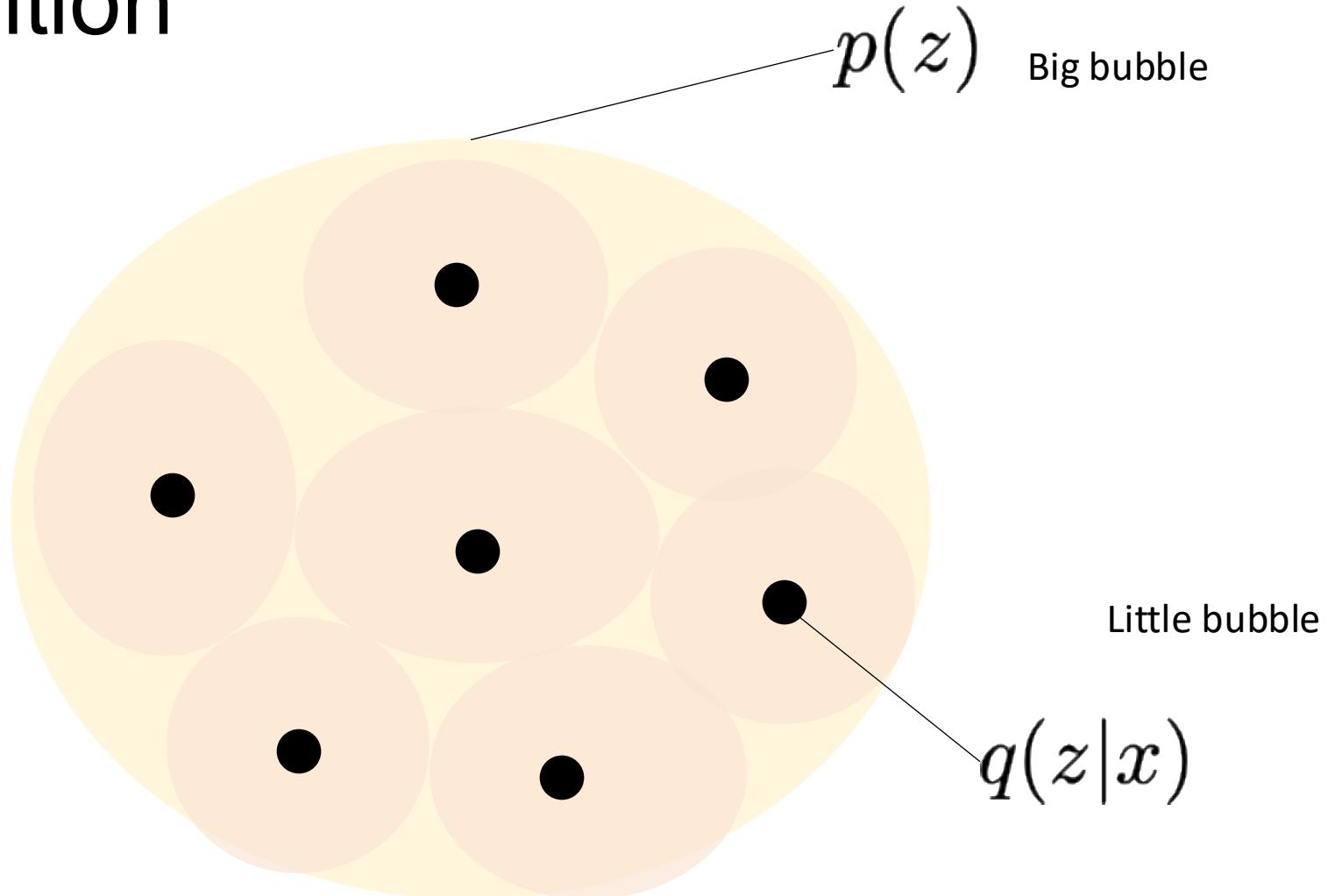


this maximizes the first part



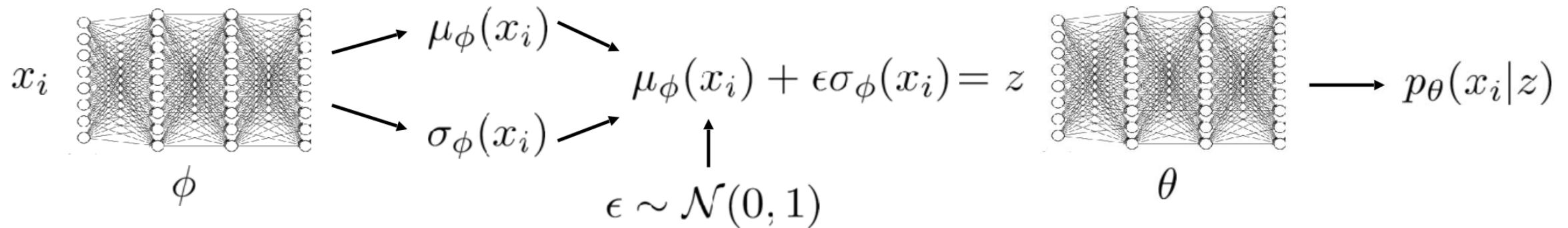
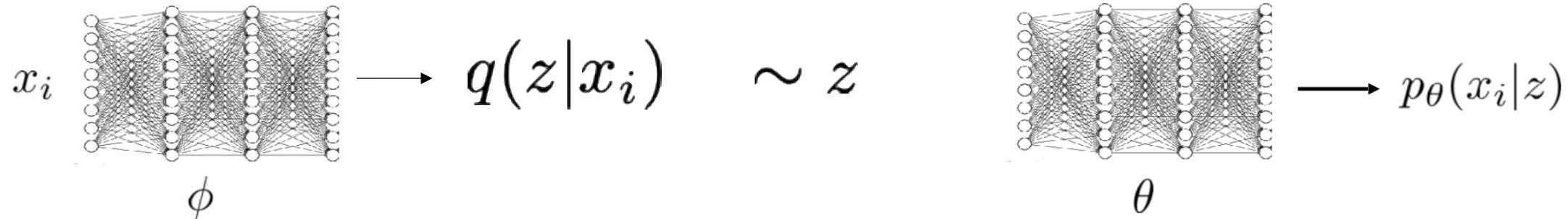
this also maximizes the second part
(makes it as wide as possible)

Another intuition

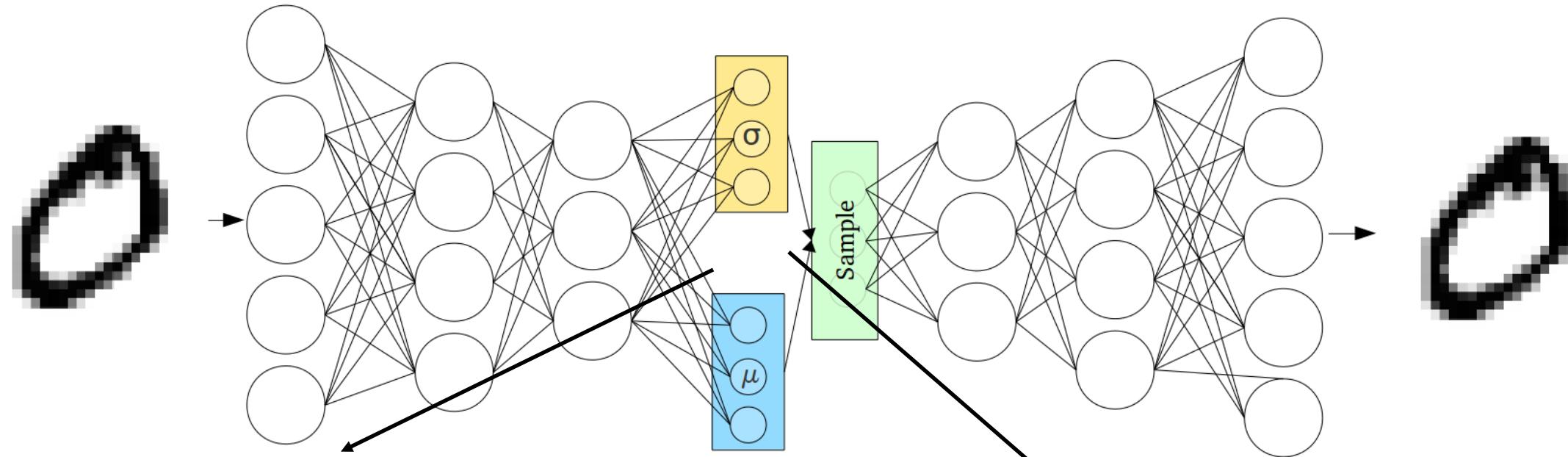


Nice converstaion with Yan LeCunn

How do you train through sampling?



Variational Autoencoders (Kingma&Welling 2014)

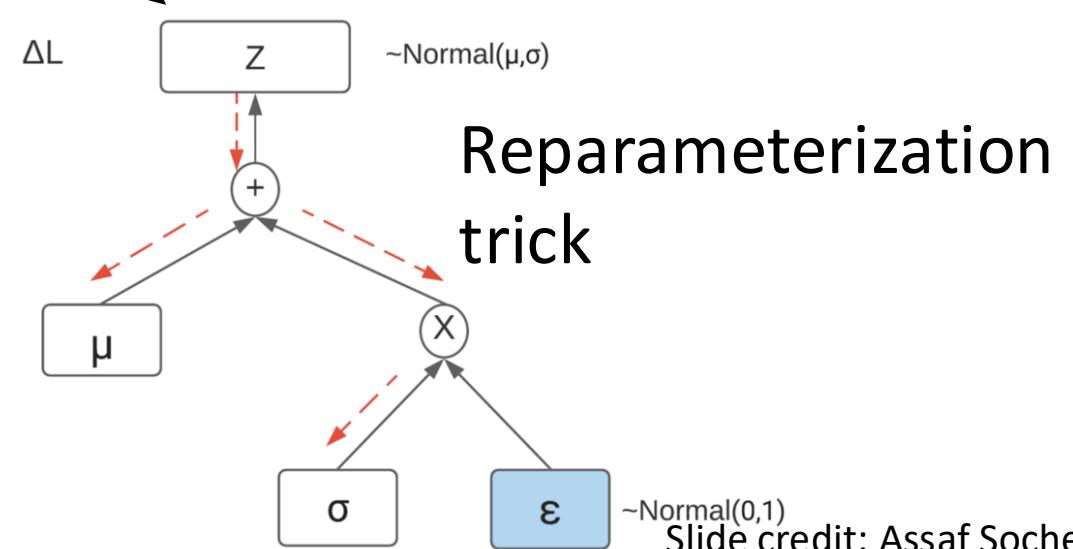


Regularization:

encourage $p(z) \sim N(0,1)$

by KL divergence:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 + \mu_i^2 - \log(\sigma_i) - 1$$



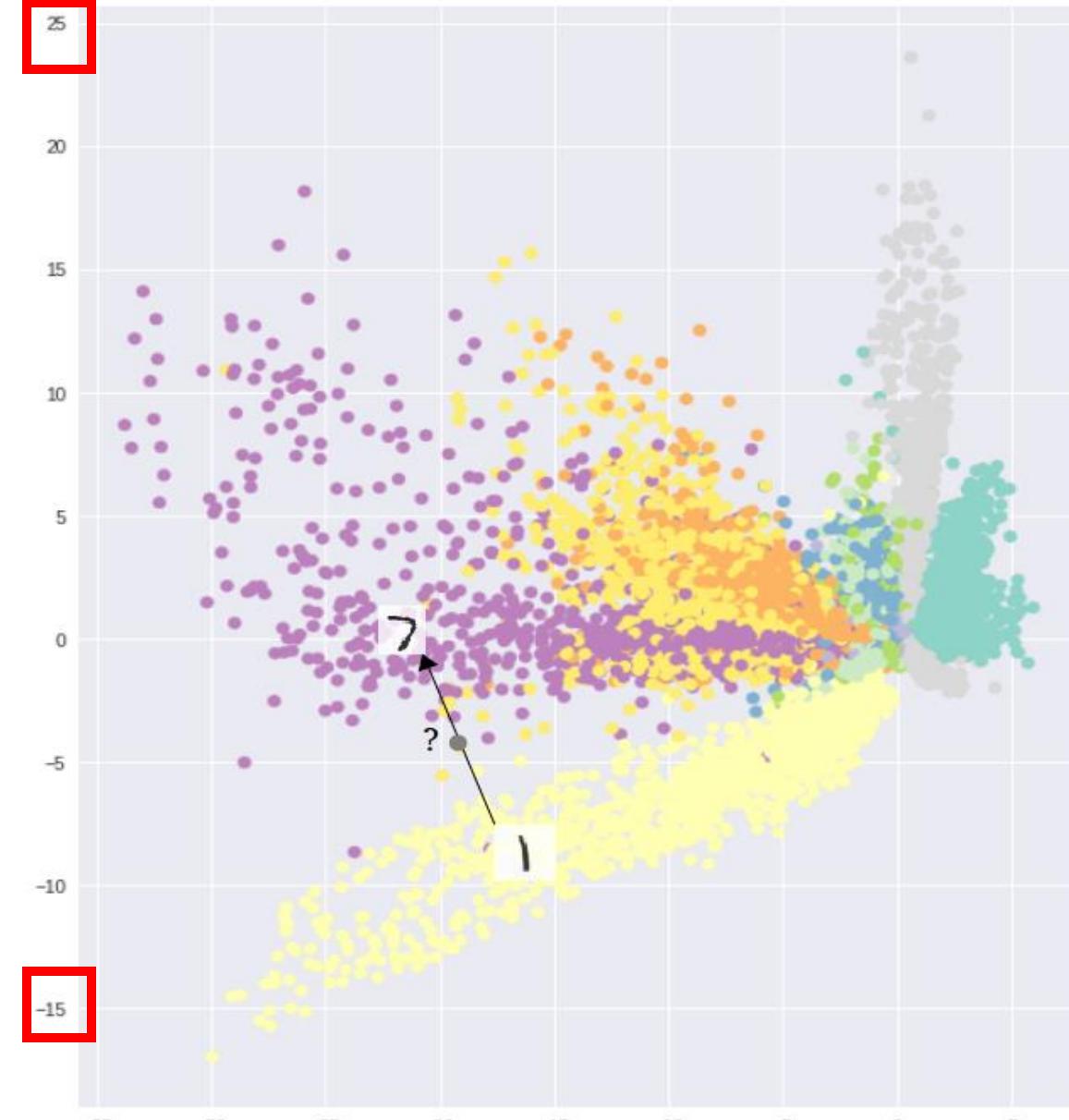
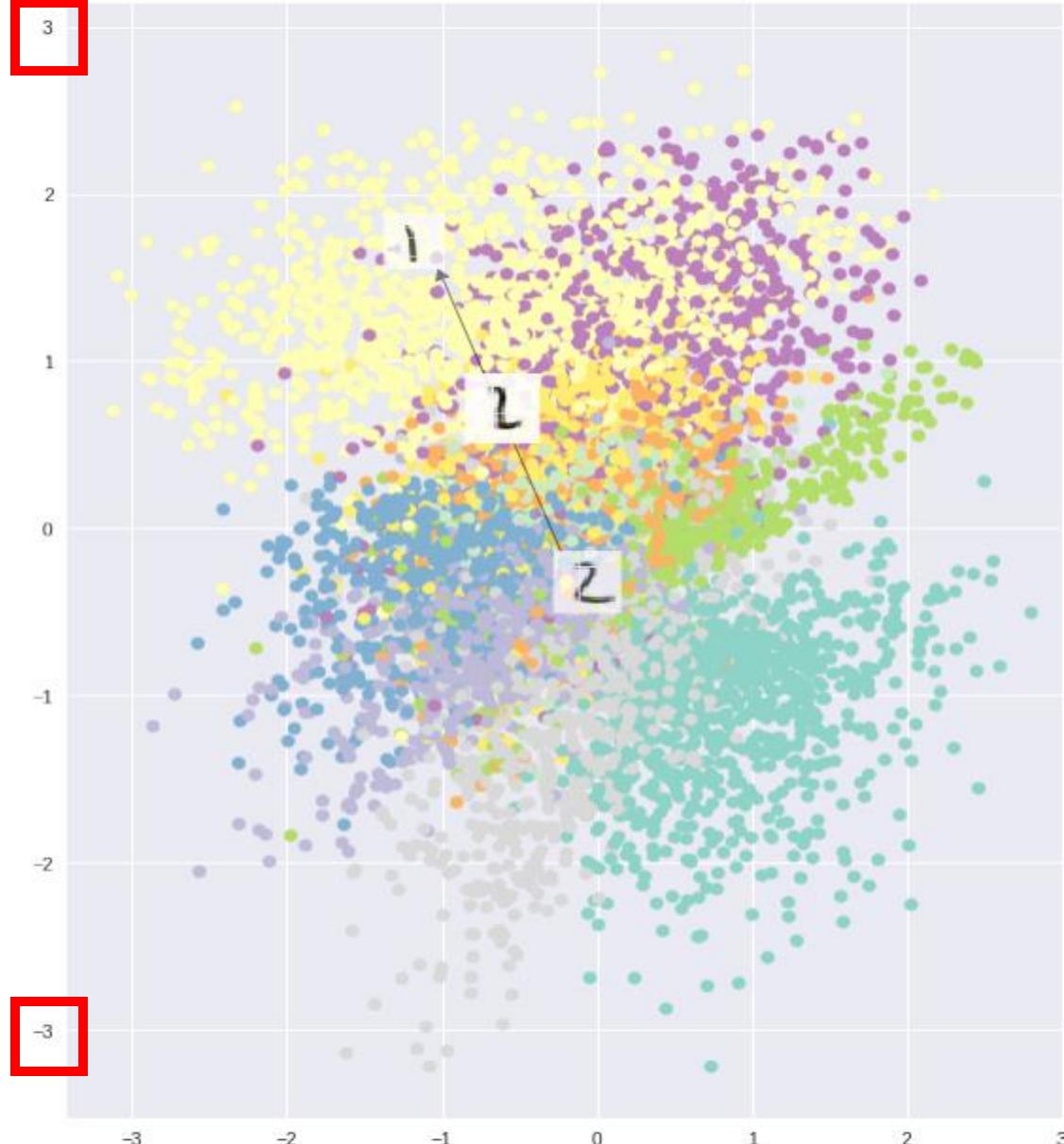
Reparameterization
trick

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VAE

AE

Also check out the scale!

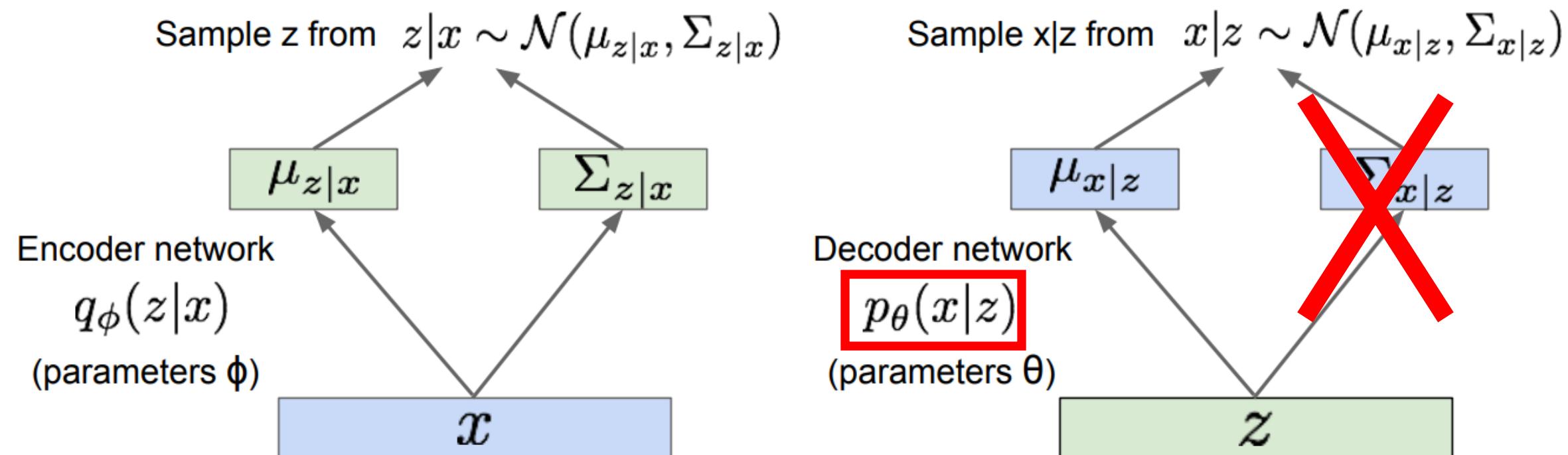


Probabilistic interpretation

$$N(0,1)$$

Data likelihood: $p_\theta(x) = \int p_\theta(z) p_\theta(x|z) dz$

Goal: make $\log p_\theta(x^{(i)})$ as high as possible



$$\log p_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\log p_\theta(x^{(i)}) &= \mathbf{E}_{z \sim q_\phi(z|x^{(i)})} [\log p_\theta(x^{(i)})] \quad (p_\theta(x^{(i)}) \text{ Does not depend on } z) \\
&= \mathbf{E}_z \left[\log \frac{p_\theta(x^{(i)} | z)p_\theta(z)}{p_\theta(z | x^{(i)})} \right] \quad (\text{Bayes' Rule}) \\
&= \mathbf{E}_z \left[\log \frac{p_\theta(x^{(i)} | z)p_\theta(z)}{p_\theta(z | x^{(i)})} \frac{q_\phi(z | x^{(i)})}{q_\phi(z | x^{(i)})} \right] \quad (\text{Multiply by constant}) \\
&= \mathbf{E}_z [\log p_\theta(x^{(i)} | z)] - \mathbf{E}_z \left[\log \frac{q_\phi(z | x^{(i)})}{p_\theta(z)} \right] + \mathbf{E}_z \left[\log \frac{q_\phi(z | x^{(i)})}{p_\theta(z | x^{(i)})} \right] \quad (\text{Logarithms}) \\
&= \mathbf{E}_z [\log p_\theta(x^{(i)} | z)] - D_{KL}(q_\phi(z | x^{(i)}) || p_\theta(z)) + D_{KL}(q_\phi(z | x^{(i)}) || p_\theta(z | x^{(i)}))
\end{aligned}$$

 Decoder network gives $p_\theta(x|z)$, can compute estimate of this term through sampling. (Sampling differentiable through reparam. trick, see paper.)

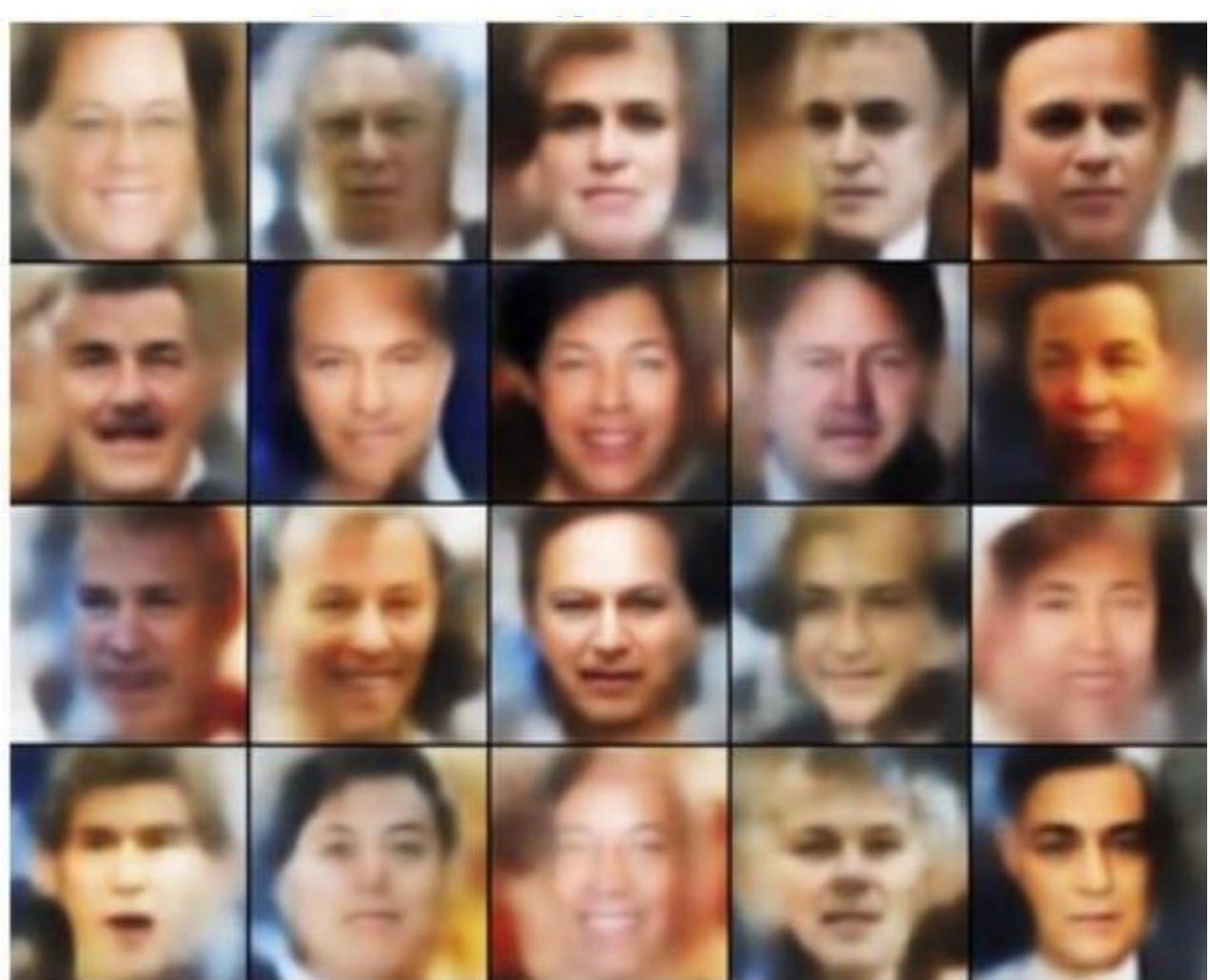
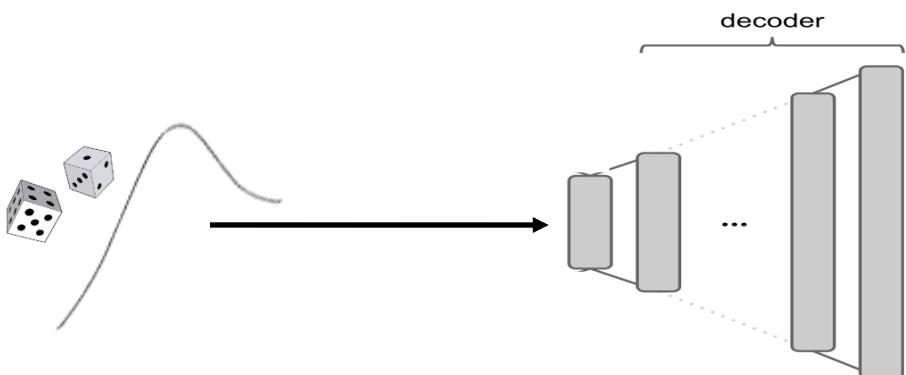
 This KL term (between Gaussians for encoder and z prior) has nice closed-form solution!

 $p_\theta(z|x)$ intractable (saw earlier), can't compute this KL term :(But we know KL divergence always ≥ 0 .

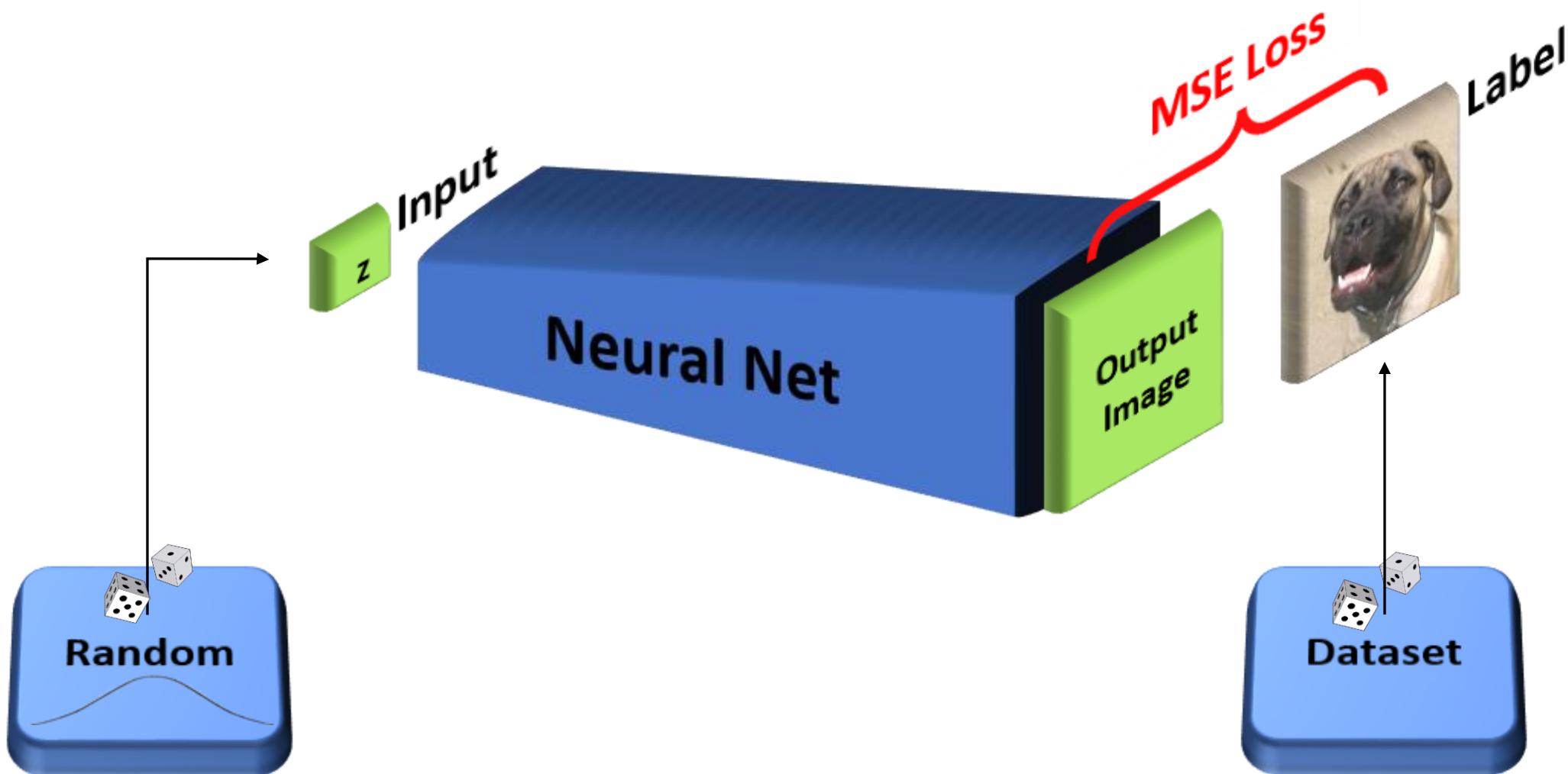
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Generate data



How about this idea for a generative model?

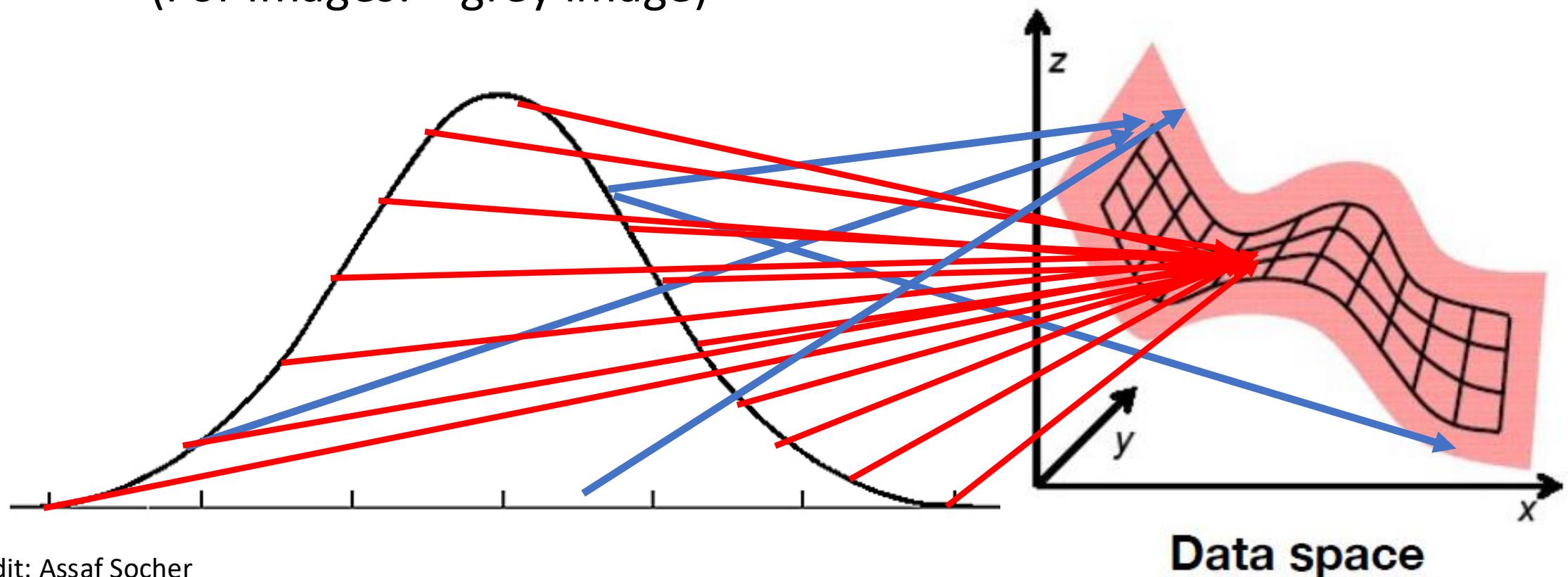


No good!

Multimodality not obtained!

In expectation: every noise is mapped to every instance

Best L2 solution: All noise is mapped to the mean
(For images: ~ grey image)



Generative Adversarial Networks



The
GANFather

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Q: What makes a good counterfeiter?

Q: Who do you train first?

A: Alternate training! G,D,G,D....

Minimax game: Make the weights cop do the ~~worst update~~ worst update

$$\text{Maxi}_{\mathbf{G}} \min_{\mathcal{D}} \max \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} \log(D(x)) + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z} \log(1 - D(\mathbf{G}(z))) \right\}$$

FAQ1: Why does it work?

- D learns probability! G trains to sample instance with high probability!
- Objective does not determine mapping directly- arrangement of latent space is learned!
- Theory: minimizes JS divergence between generated and real distributions.

FAQ2: Why alternating?

- Gradients are meaningless when game is unbalanced.
- Pre-train D? Negative examples?
- Pre-train G? What loss?
For G, D is a **learned loss function**



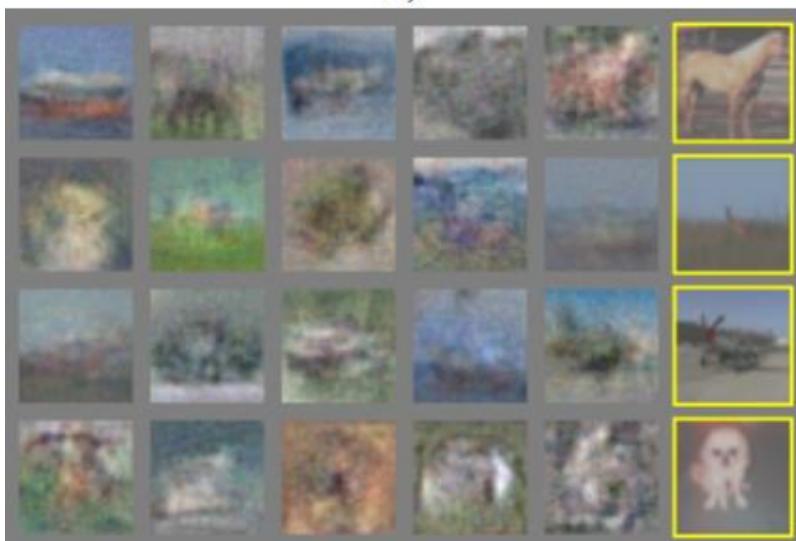
GANs, Goodfellow 2014



a)



b)



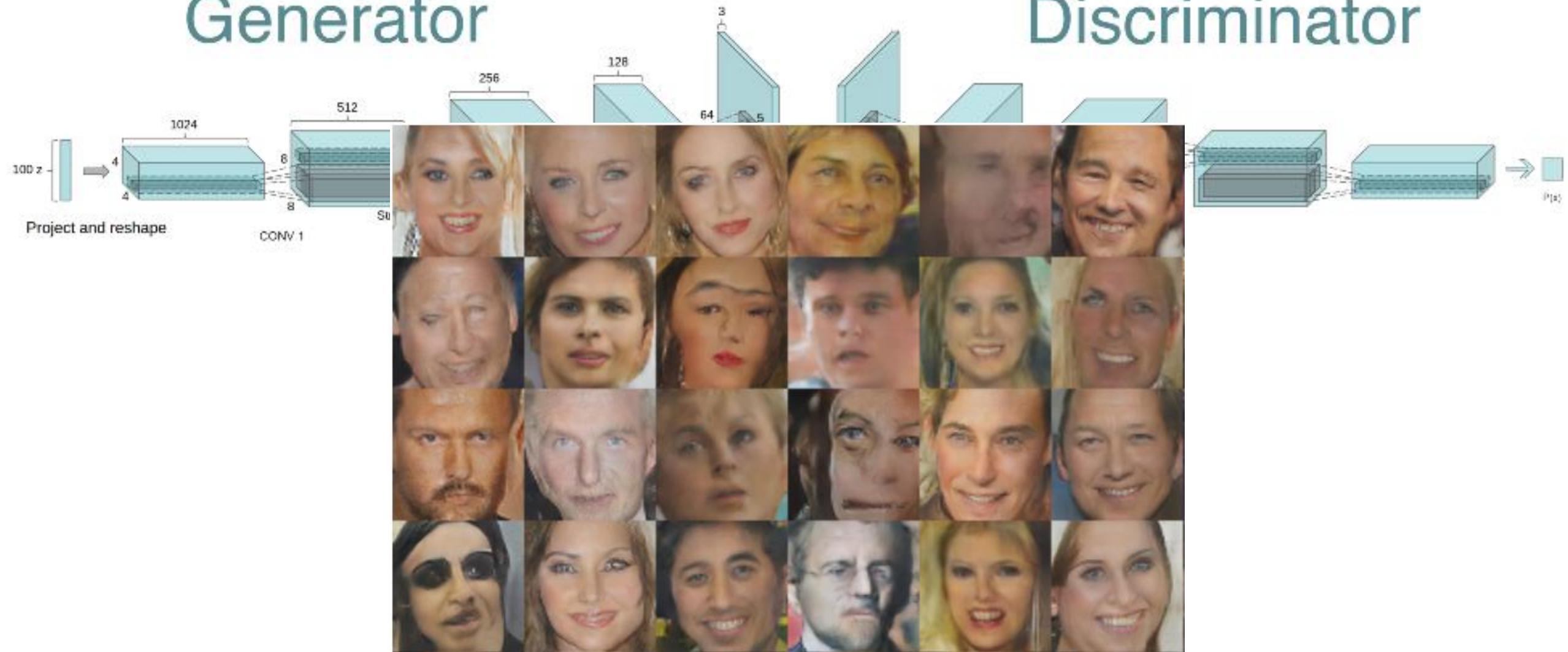
c)



d)

DCGAN Radford 2015

Generator

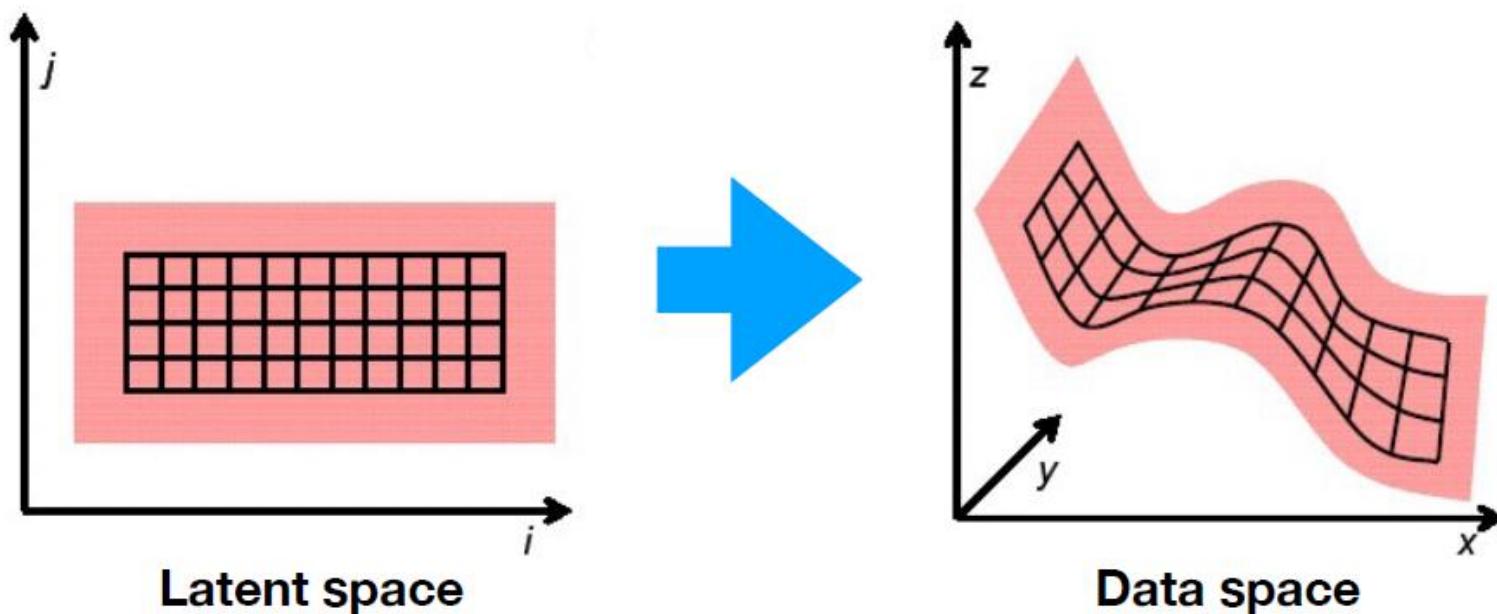


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Latent space interpolation

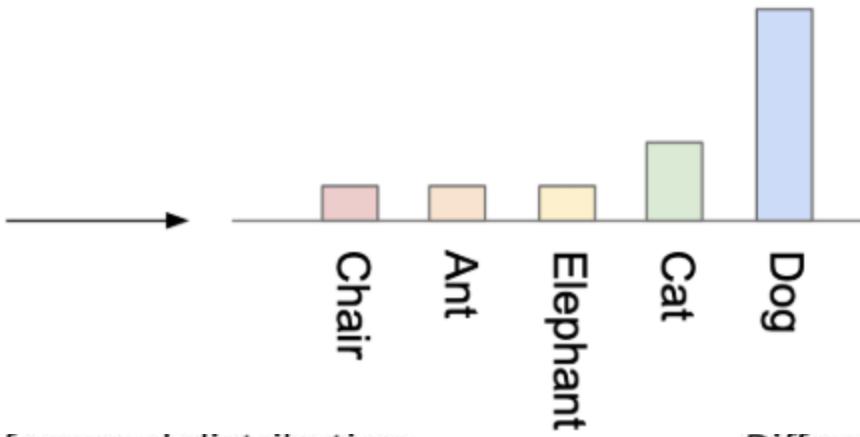


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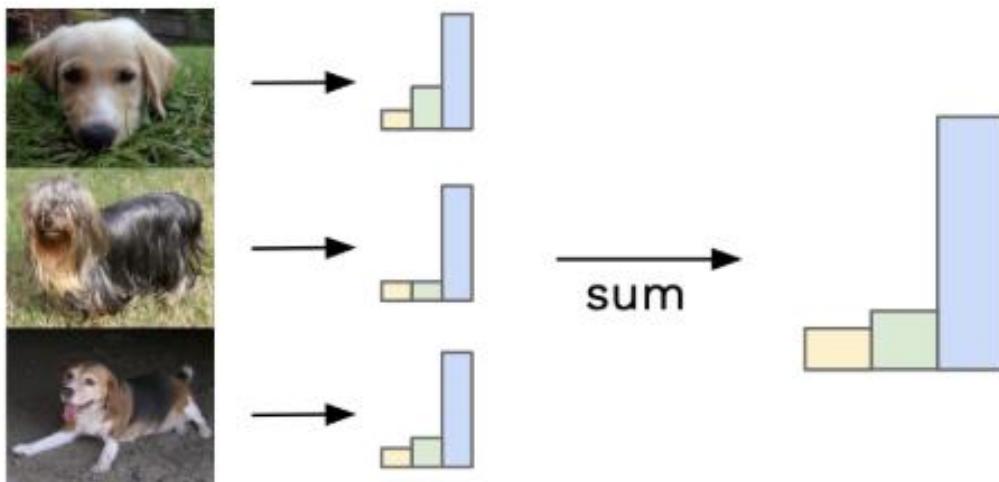


1. Every point is mapped to a valid example.
2. Network is continuous.

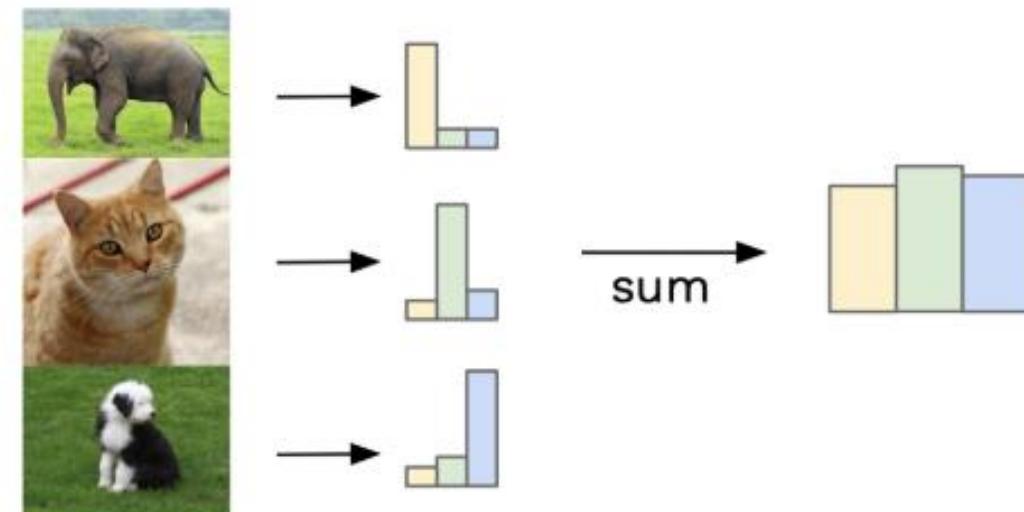
Evaluation metrics: Inception score



Similar labels sum to give focussed distribution



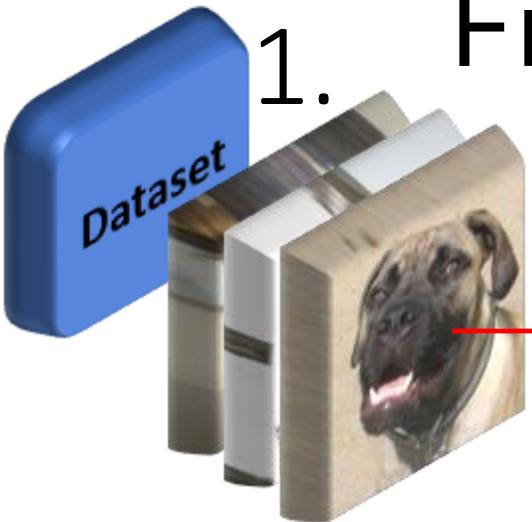
Different labels sum to give uniform distribution



$$\text{IS}(G) = \exp \left(\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_a} D_{KL} (p(y|\mathbf{x}) \parallel p(y)) \right)$$

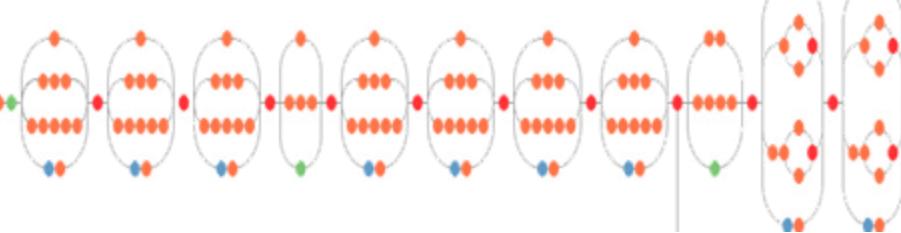
Fréchet Inception Distance (FID)

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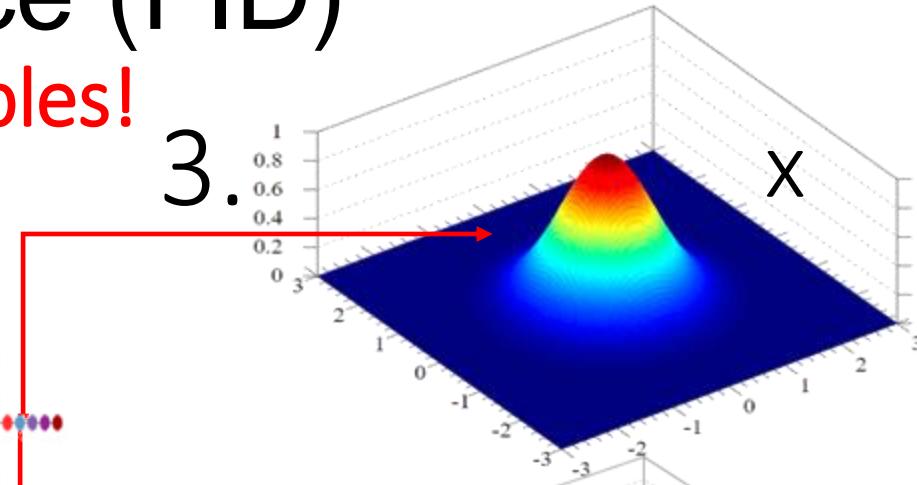


Depends on the number of samples!

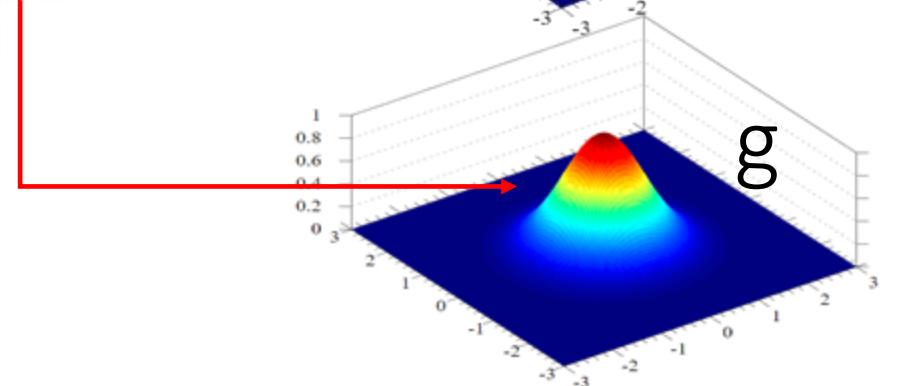
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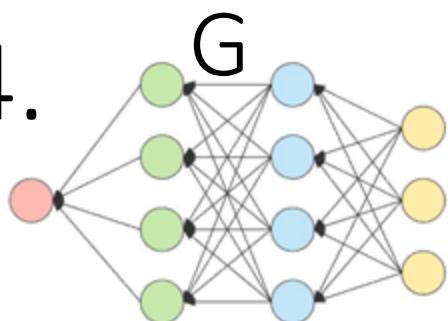


x



g

4.



$$5. \text{ FID}(x, g) = \|\mu_x - \mu_g\|_2^2 + \text{Tr}(\Sigma_x + \Sigma_g - 2(\Sigma_x \Sigma_g)^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

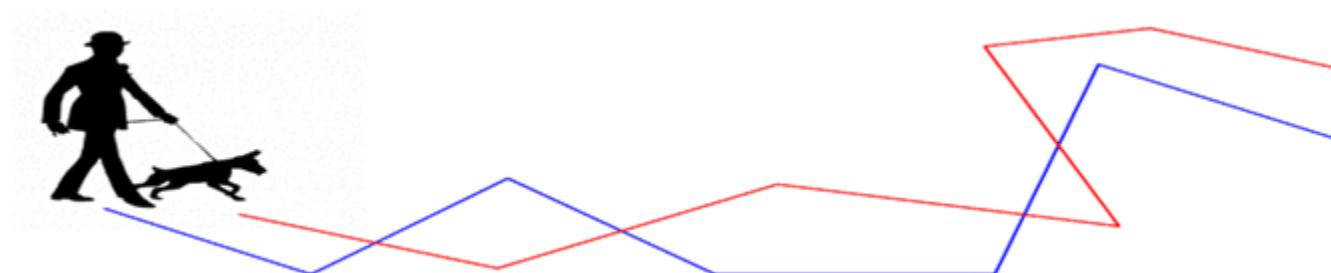
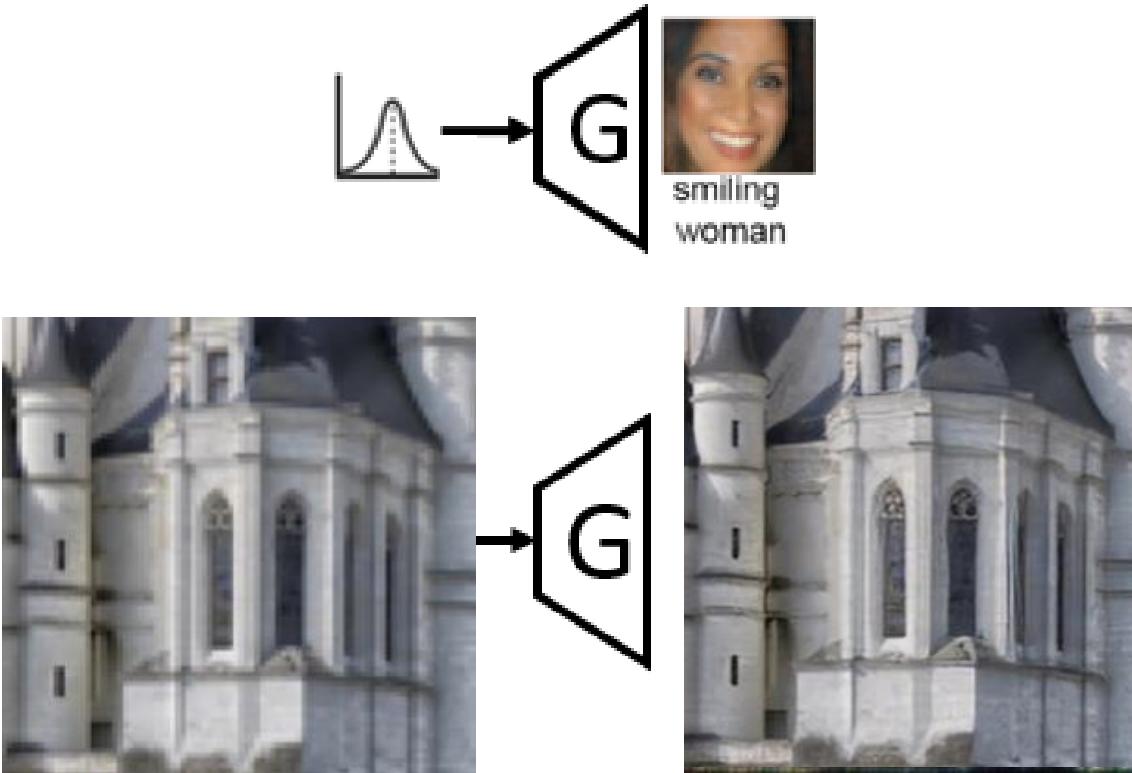
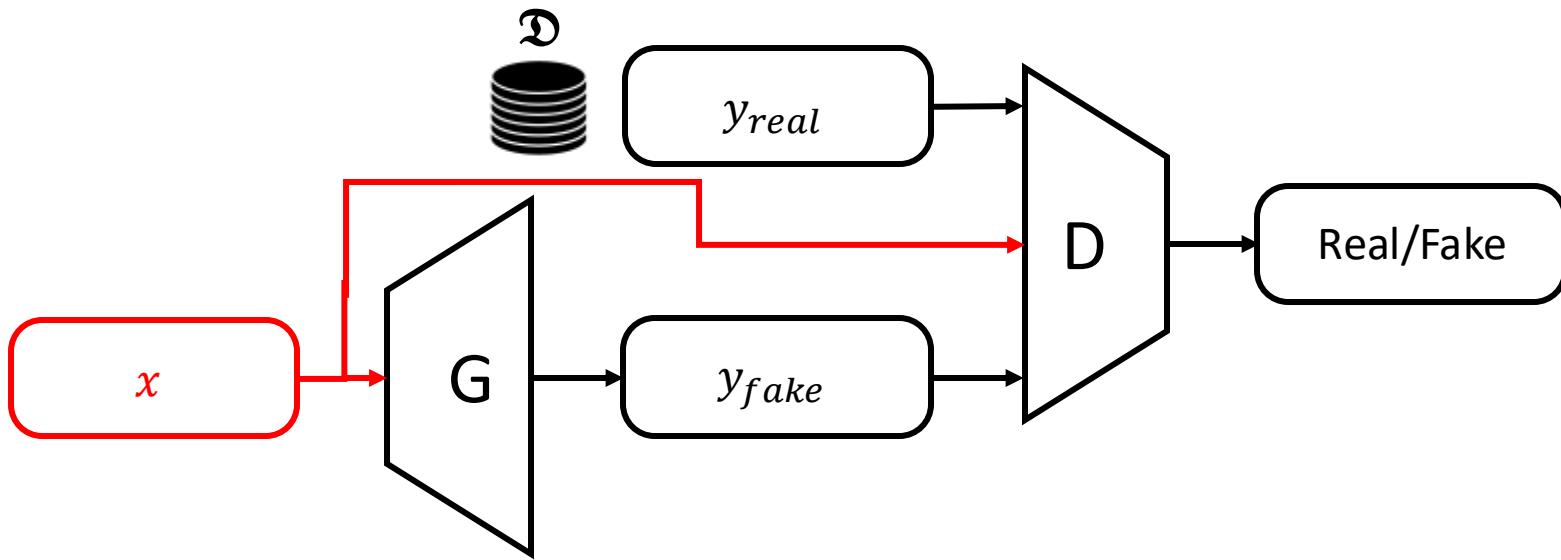


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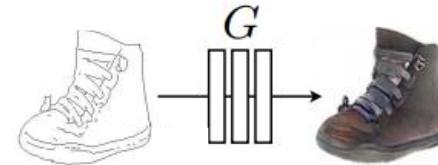


Conditional GAN



$$\mathcal{L}_{C-GAN} = \min_G \max_D \mathbb{E}[\log D(y, x)] + \mathbb{E}[\log(1 - D(G(x), x))]$$

Pix2Pix



$$\mathcal{L}_{C-GAN} = \min_G \max_D \mathbb{E}[\log D(y, \mathbf{x})] + \mathbb{E}[\log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}))]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{L1} = \|y - G(x, z)\|_1$$

$$Objective = \mathcal{L}_{C-GAN} + \lambda \cdot \mathcal{L}_{L1}$$

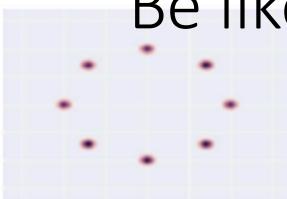
Training GANs is hard

- Stability



- Mode collapse

Training
GANs
Be like:

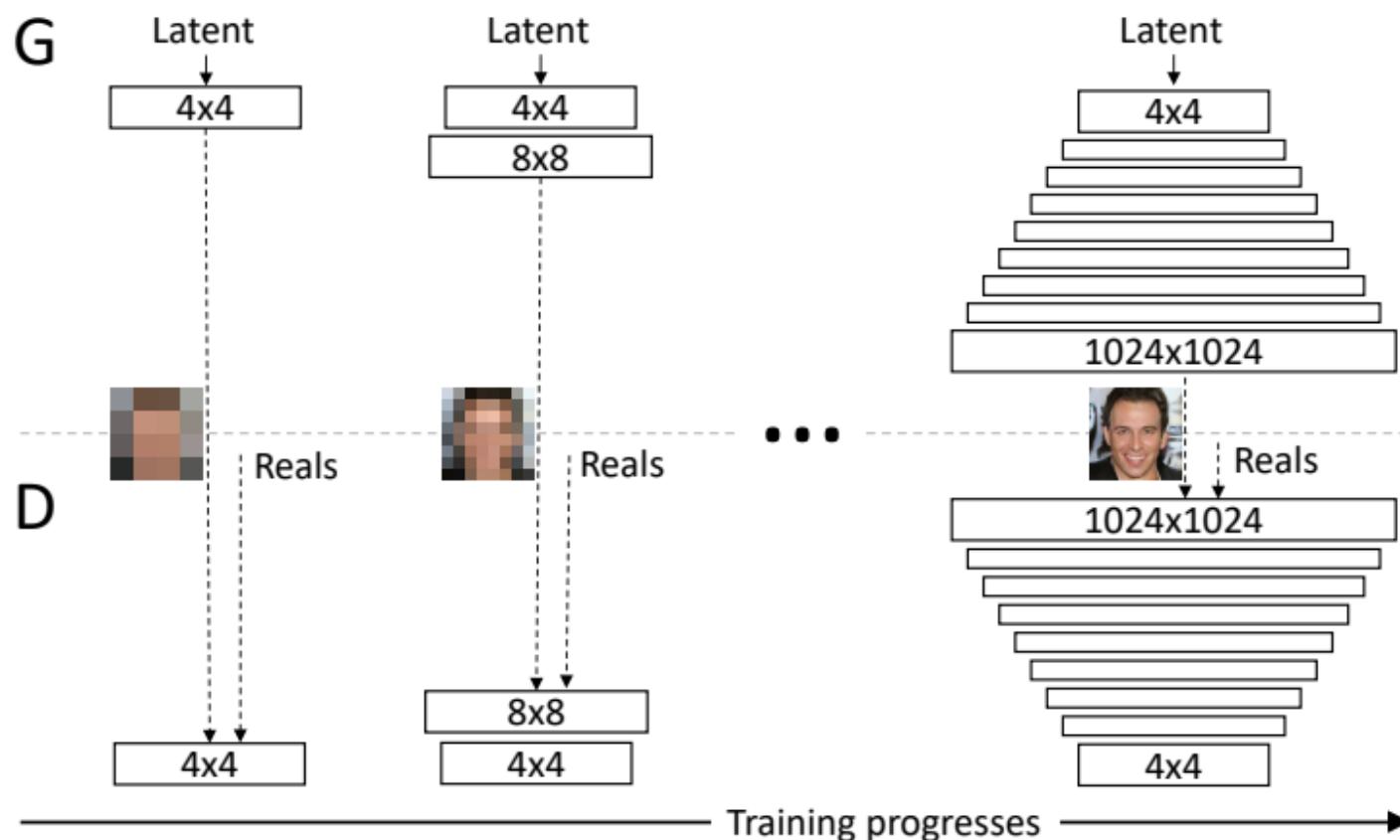


- GANs can over-train

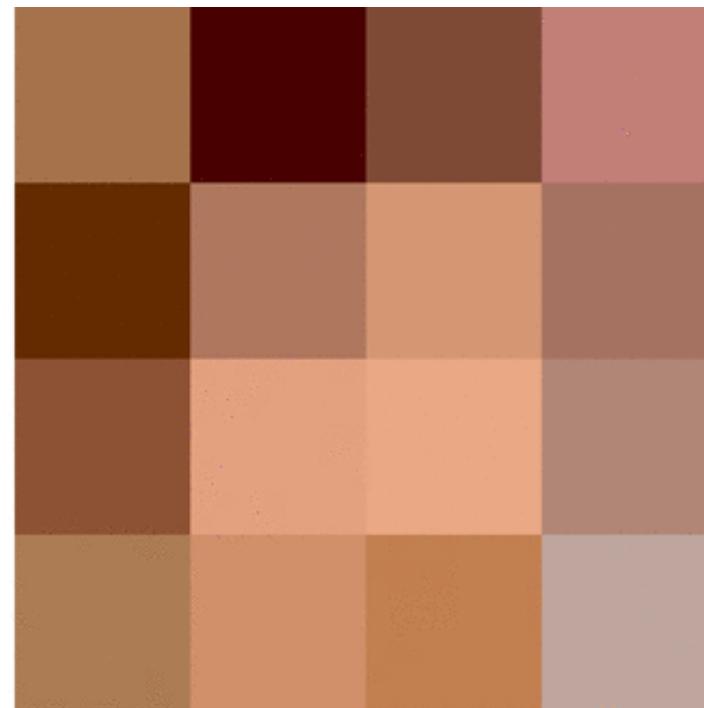
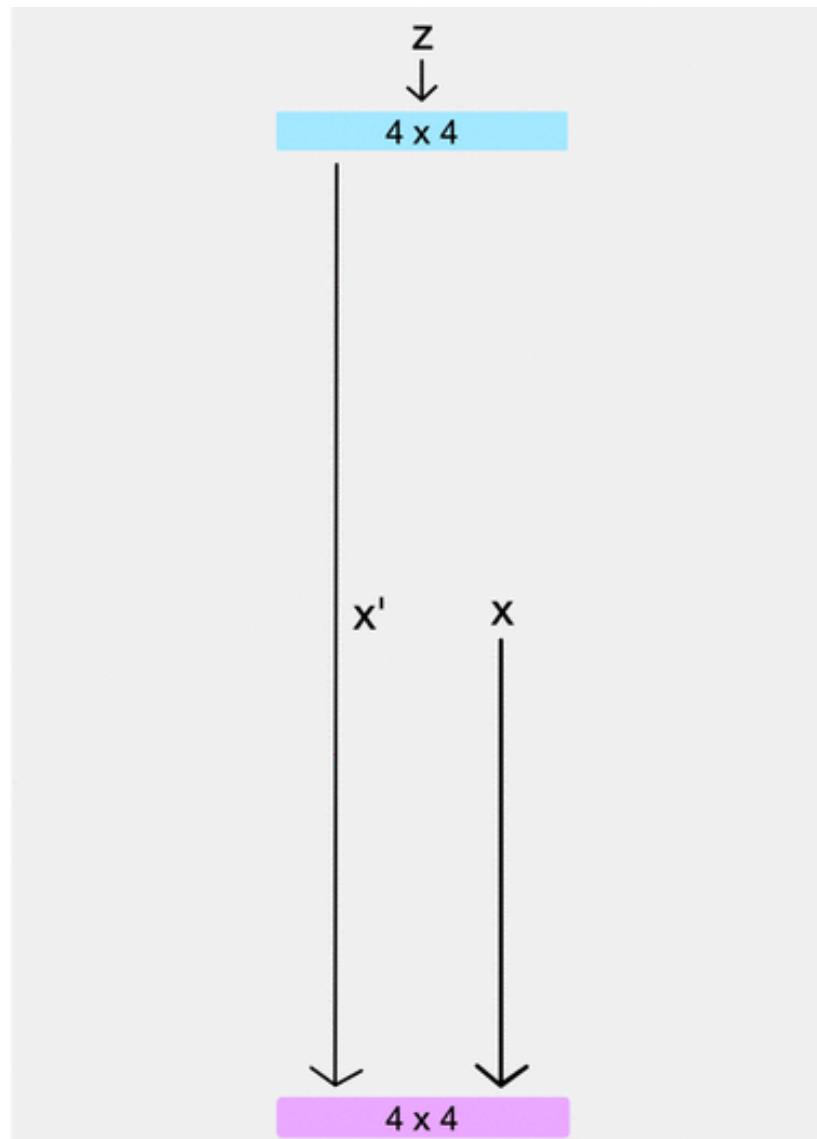


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Progressive Grow



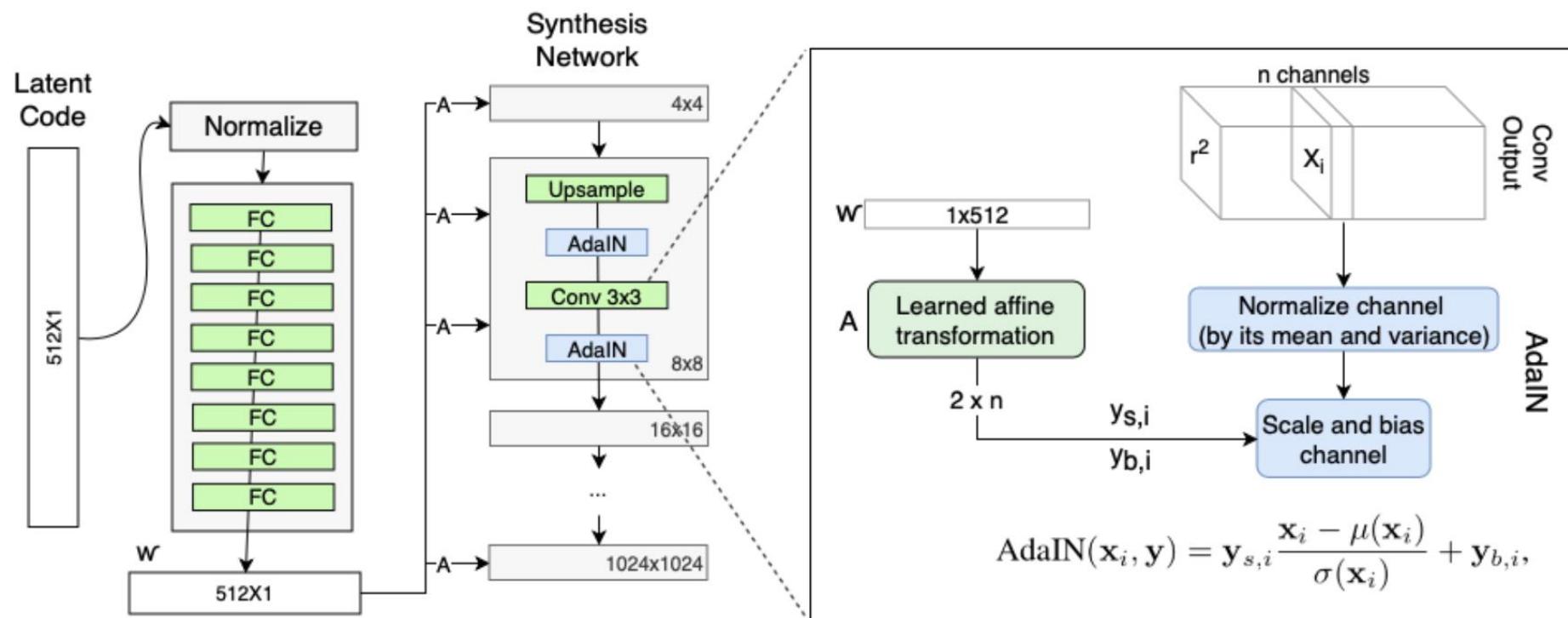
Progressive Growing of GAN, Karras et al., Feb 2018



Training time: 0 days
4x4 resolution

Generator	z = random code
Discriminator	x = real image x' = generated image

Style Modules (AdaIN)



The generator's Adaptive Instance Normalization (AdaIN)

Results

Source A: gender, age, hair length, glasses, pose



Source B:
everything
else

Result of combining A and B