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Implicit models – Adversarial Learning

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Generative Learning from a DL Perspective

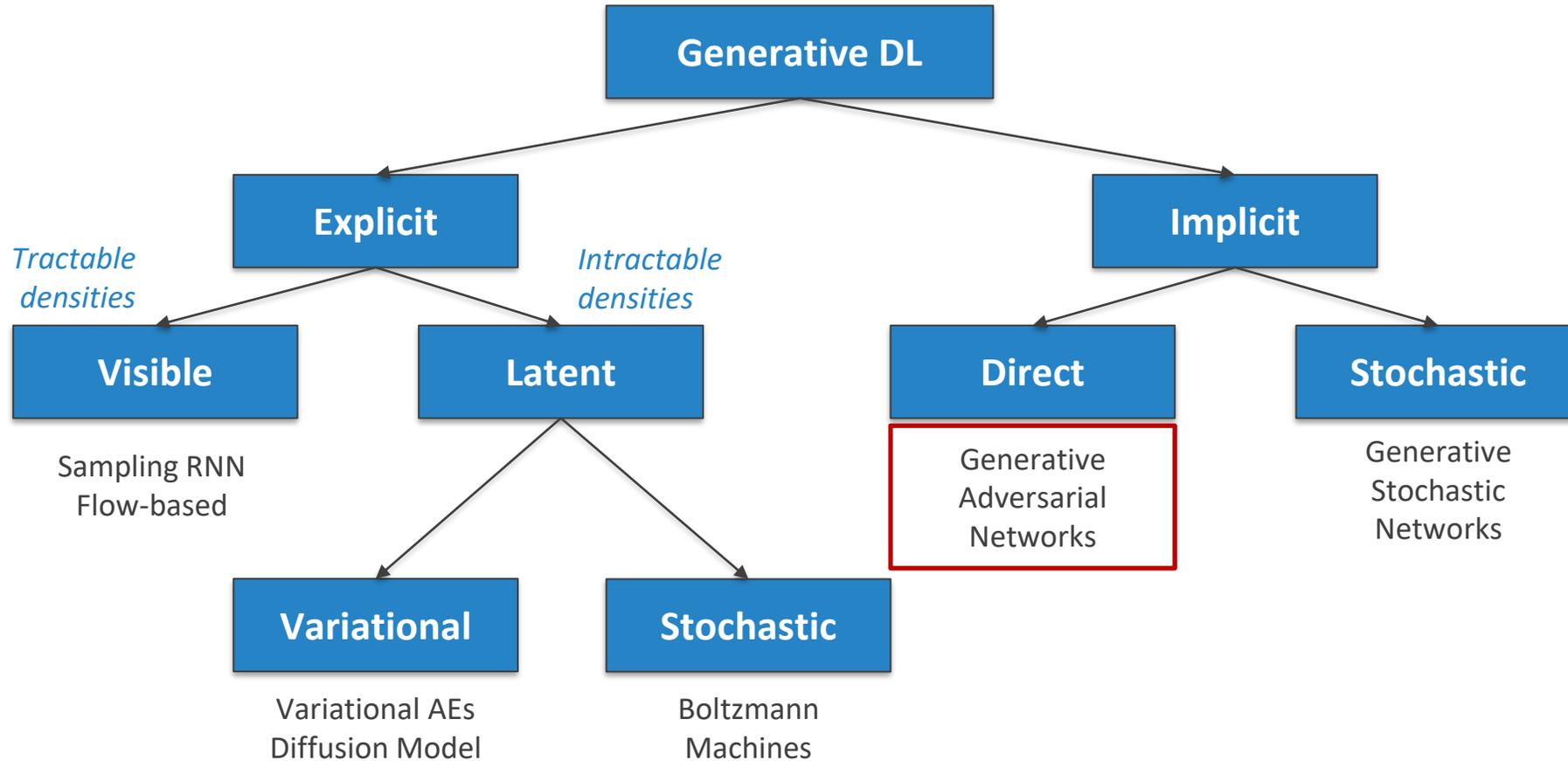
*Given training data, learn a (deep) neural network that **can generate new samples** from (an approximation of) the data distribution*

Two approaches

- **Explicit** \Rightarrow Learn a model density $P_{\theta}(x)$
- **Implicit** \Rightarrow Learn a process that samples data from $P_{\theta}(x) \approx P(x)$



Our Taxonomy



Adapted from I. Goodfellow, Tutorial on Generative Adversarial Networks, 2017



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Distribution Learning Vs Learning to Sample

- Variational AEs learn to approximate an intractable distribution

$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \int P_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})P(\mathbf{z})d\mathbf{z}$$

then sample it to generate the output

- What if we learn to generate samples rather than learning the distribution?
 - Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)
 - Game theoretic approach



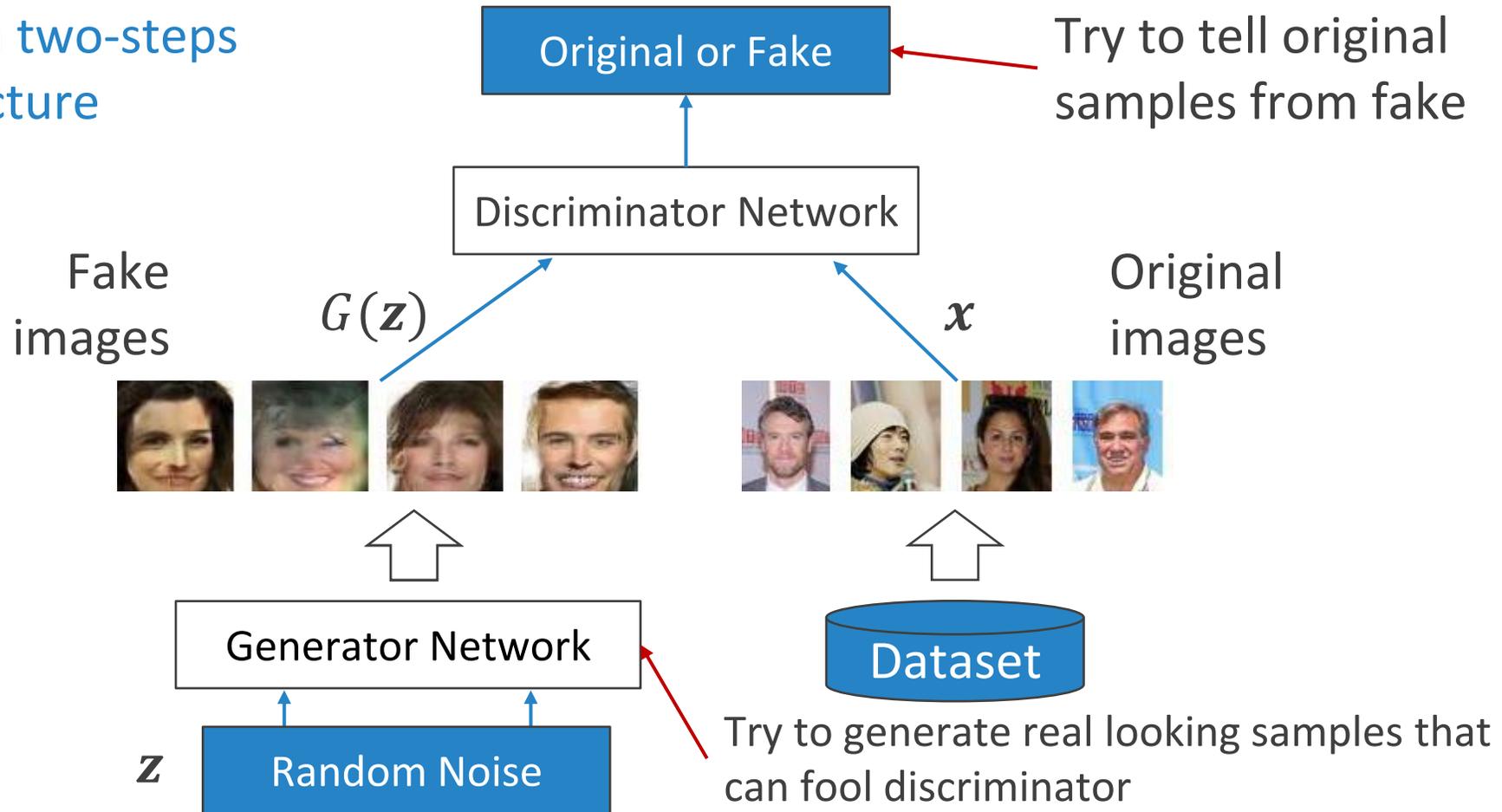
The GAN Catch

- We need to learn to sample from a complex, high-dimensional training distribution
 - No straightforward way to do this
- The **catch**
 - Sample from a simple distribution: **random noise**
 - Train a differentiable deterministic function (neural network) to **transform random noise to the training distribution**



Generative Adversarial Networks

Again, a **two-steps architecture**



Alternate Optimization

$$C = \min_{\theta_G} \max_{\theta_D} \left[\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_x [\log D_{\theta_D}(x)]}_{\text{Discriminator output for real data } x} + \mathbb{E}_z [\log(1 - \underbrace{D_{\theta_D}(G_{\theta_G}(z))}_{\text{Discriminator output for fake data } G(z)})] \right]$$

- Discriminator output is likelihood of input being real
- Discriminator tries to maximize C s.t.
 - $D_{\theta_D}(x) \rightarrow 1$ and $D_{\theta_D}(G_{\theta_G}(z)) \rightarrow 0$
- Generator tries to minimize C s.t.
 - $D_{\theta_D}(G_{\theta_G}(z)) \rightarrow 1$

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1. Discriminator **gradient ascent**

$$C_D = \max_{\theta_D} \left[\mathbb{E}_x [\log D_{\theta_D}(x)] + \mathbb{E}_z [\log(1 - D_{\theta_D}(G_{\theta_G}(z)))] \right]$$

2. Generator **gradient descent**

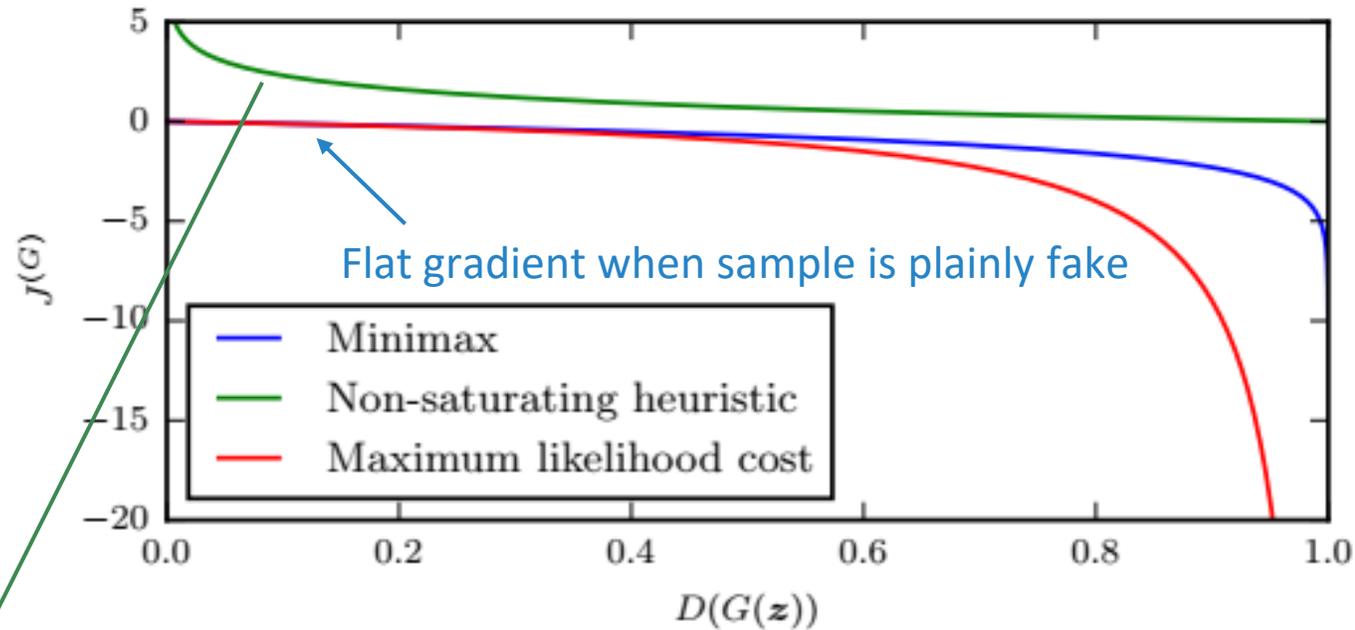
$$C_G = \min_{\theta_G} \left[\mathbb{E}_z [\log(1 - D_{\theta_D}(G_{\theta_G}(z)))] \right]$$

Optimizing this doesn't really work



The Issue and a Solution

The **cost** that the Generator receives in response to generate $G(\mathbf{z})$ depends only on the **Discriminator** response



$$C_G = \max_{\theta_G} \left[\mathbb{E}_z \left[\log(D_{\theta_D}(G_{\theta_G}(z))) \right] \right] \quad \text{maximize likelihood of discriminator being wrong}$$



GAN Training Pseudo-Algorithm

for number of training iterations **do**

for k steps **do**

Stability trick

- Sample minibatch of m noise samples $\{z^{(1)}, \dots, z^{(m)}\}$ from noise prior $p_g(z)$.
- Sample minibatch of m examples $\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$ from data generating distribution $p_{\text{data}}(x)$.
- Update the discriminator by ascending its stochastic gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta_d} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [\log D_{\theta_d}(x^{(i)}) + \log(1 - D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z^{(i)})))]$$

end for

- Sample minibatch of m noise samples $\{z^{(1)}, \dots, z^{(m)}\}$ from noise prior $p_g(z)$.
- Update the generator by ascending its stochastic gradient (improved objective):

$$\nabla_{\theta_g} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log(D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z^{(i)})))$$

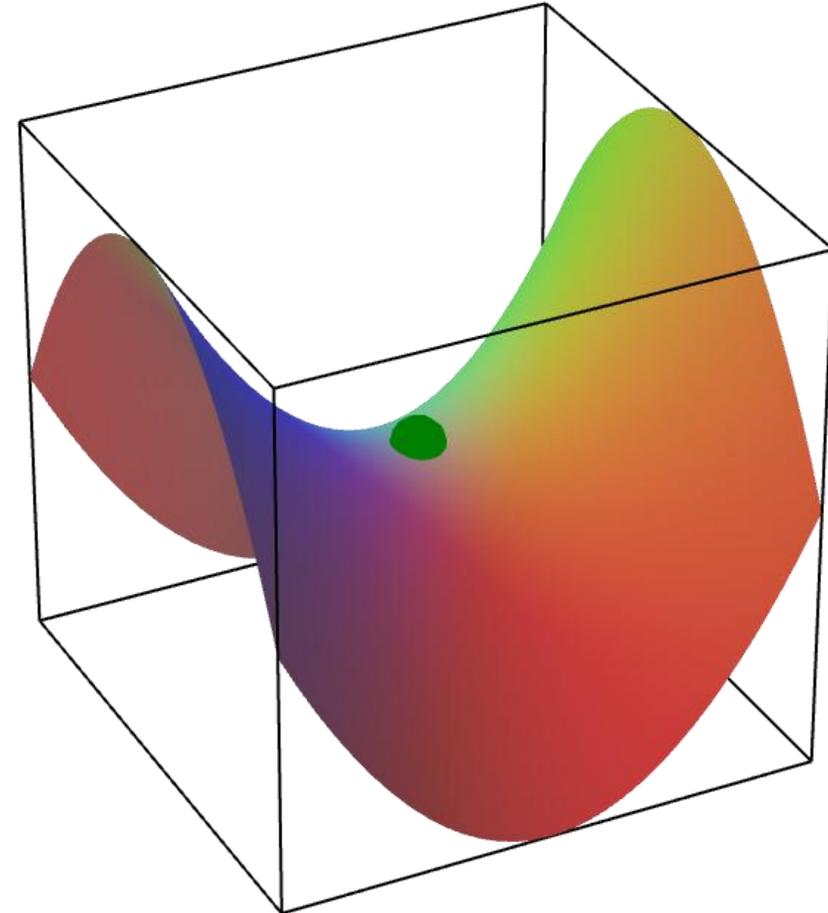
end for

Expectation



A Hard Two-Player Game

- The optimal solution of the min-max problem is a saddle point
- Little stability
 - Initially lot of heuristic work
 - Now converged to more principled solutions



Wasserstein Distance Models

Attempts to solve the hardness of training adversarial generators by **optimizing the Wasserstein distance** (EMD) between the generator and empirical distribution filtered through the discriminator function D

$$\begin{aligned} G^* &= \operatorname{argmin}_G W(\mu, \mu_G) \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_G \sup_{\|D\|_L \leq 1} \left[\mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mu} [D(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mu_G} [D(x)] \right] \end{aligned}$$

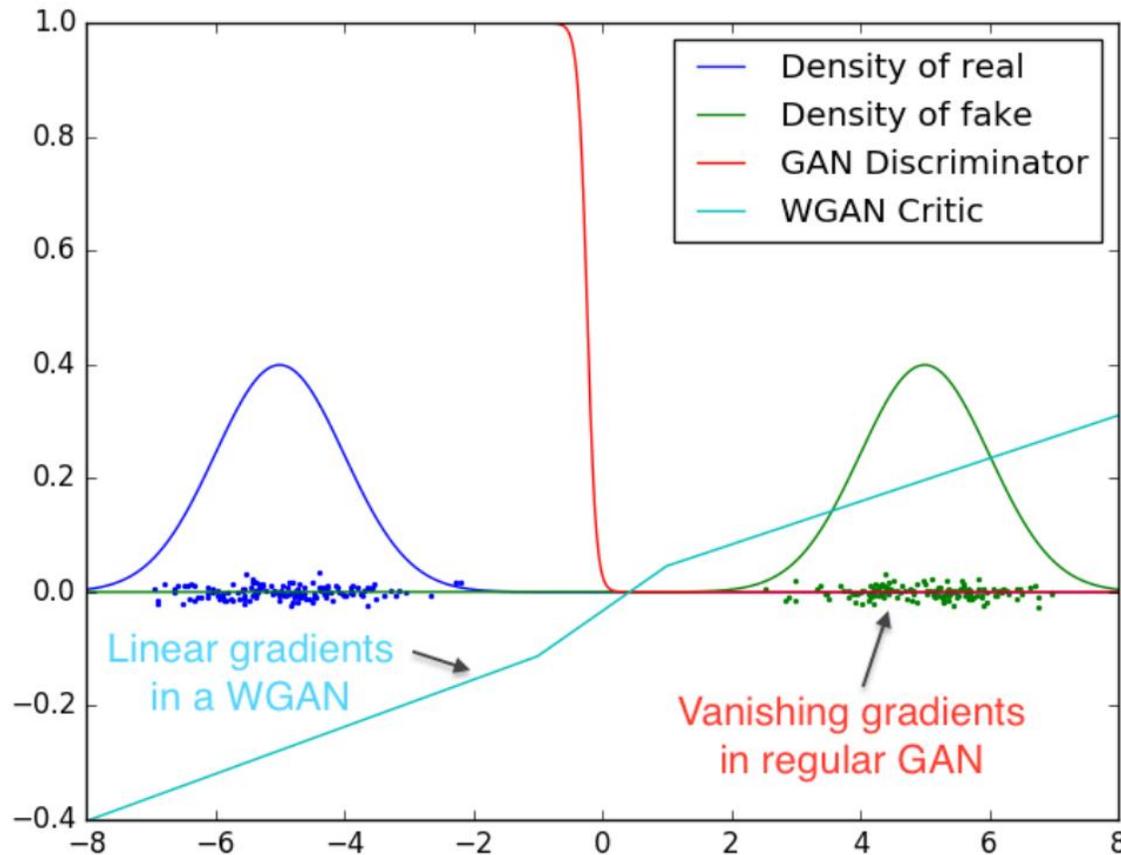
$$\|D\|_L \leq 1$$

Requires **optimizing D under a constraint** on Lipschitz seminorm

- Clipping D weights (slow to converge)



Effect of the Wasserstein Loss



- Classical GAN loss results in saturation (discriminator with zero loss)
- WGAN provide gradients across all the range of training conditions

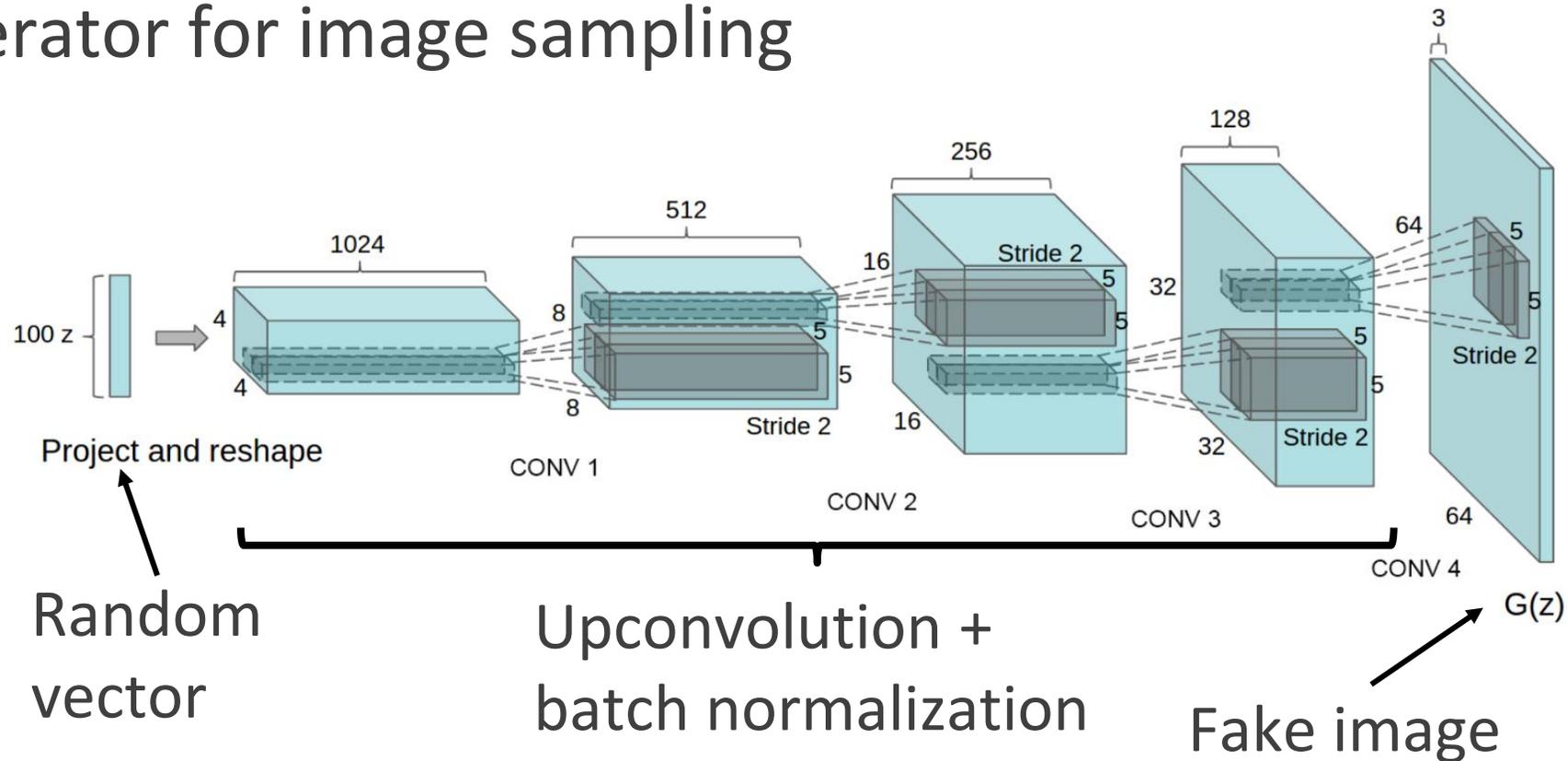
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The DCGAN Architecture

Generator for image sampling



Radford et al, "Unsupervised Representation Learning with Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks", ICLR 2016



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GAN and Images



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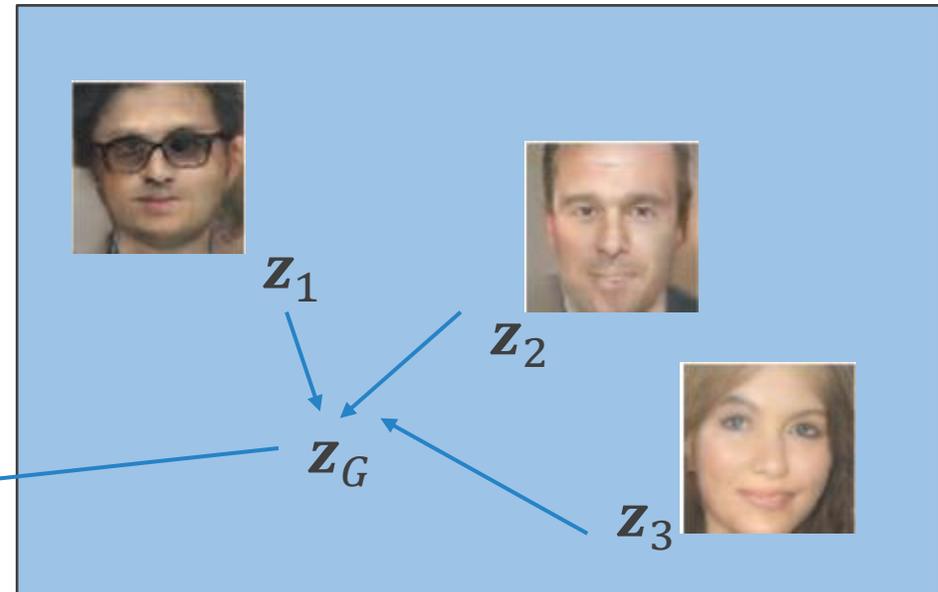


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Latent Space Arithmetic

Can do sensible linear operations on noise vectors (arithmetic, interpolation)

$$z_G = z_1 - z_2 + z_3$$

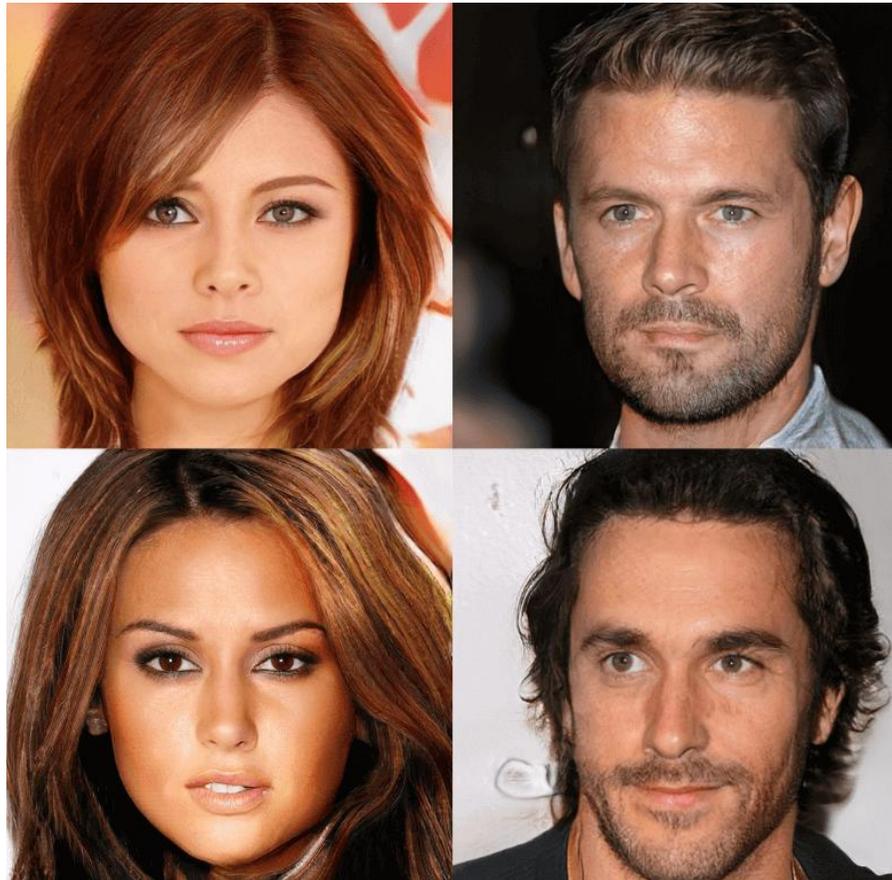


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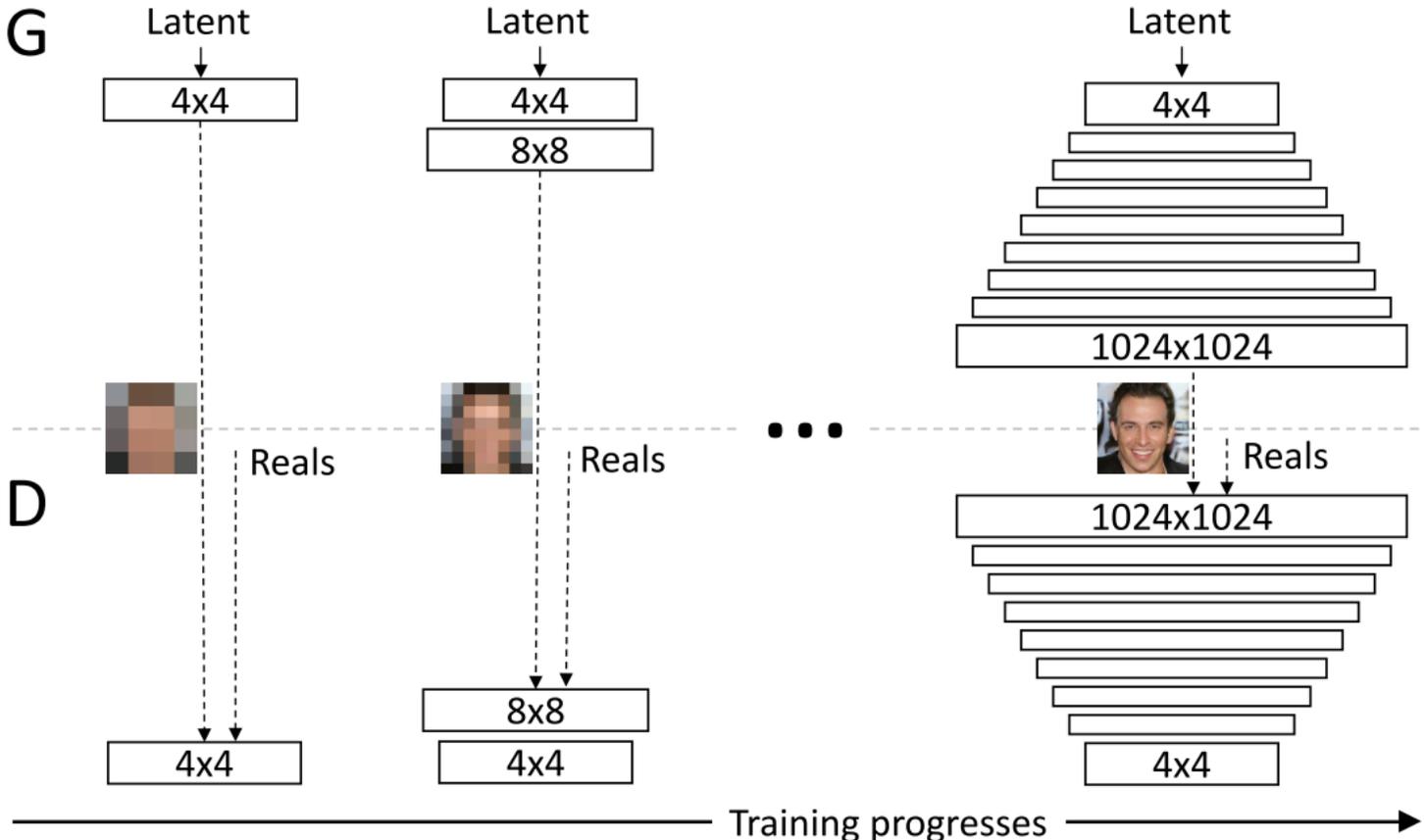
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How to Get High Resolution Samples?



<https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.10196>

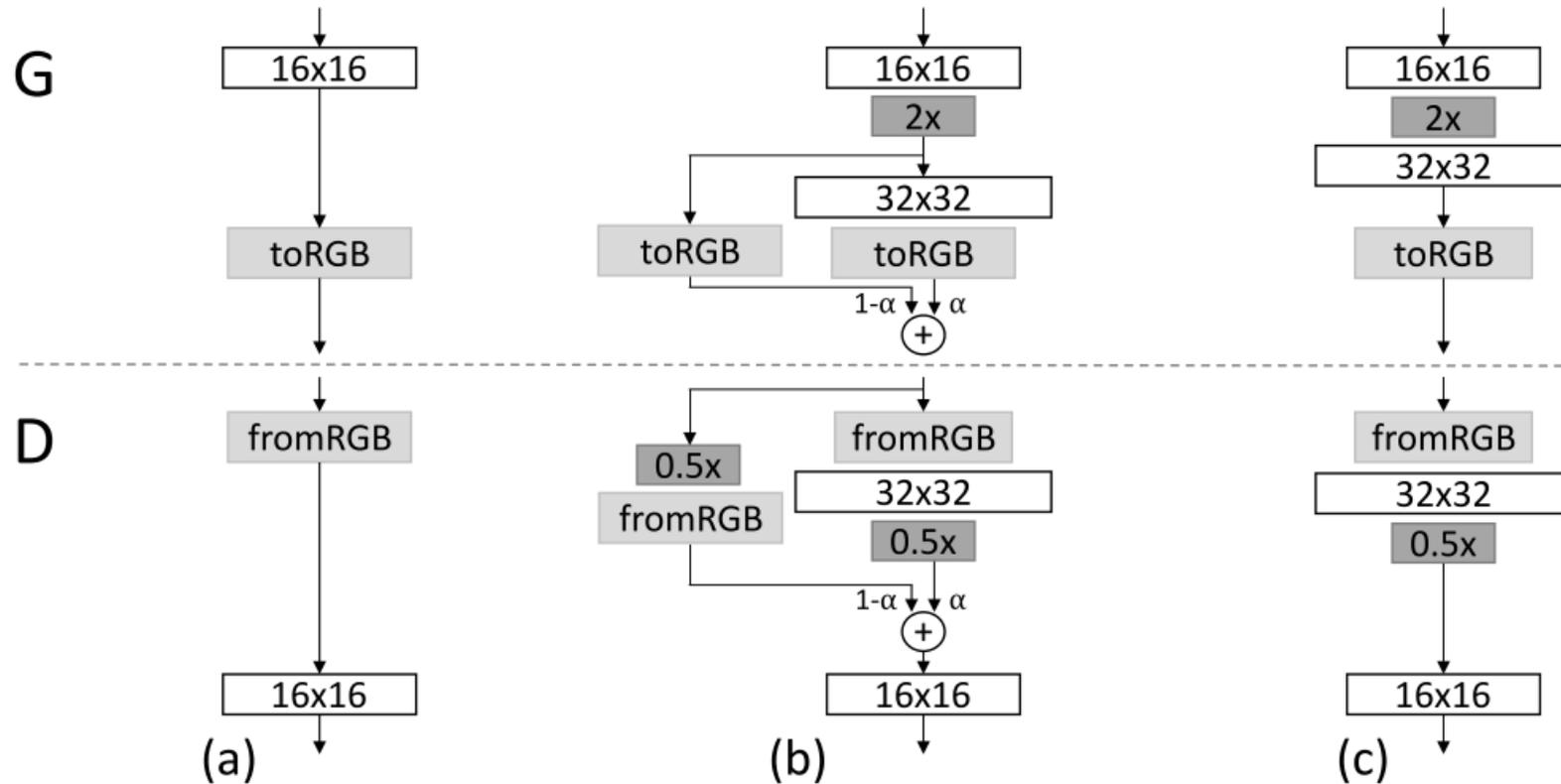
Progressive GAN



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Progressive GAN – Smooth Transition



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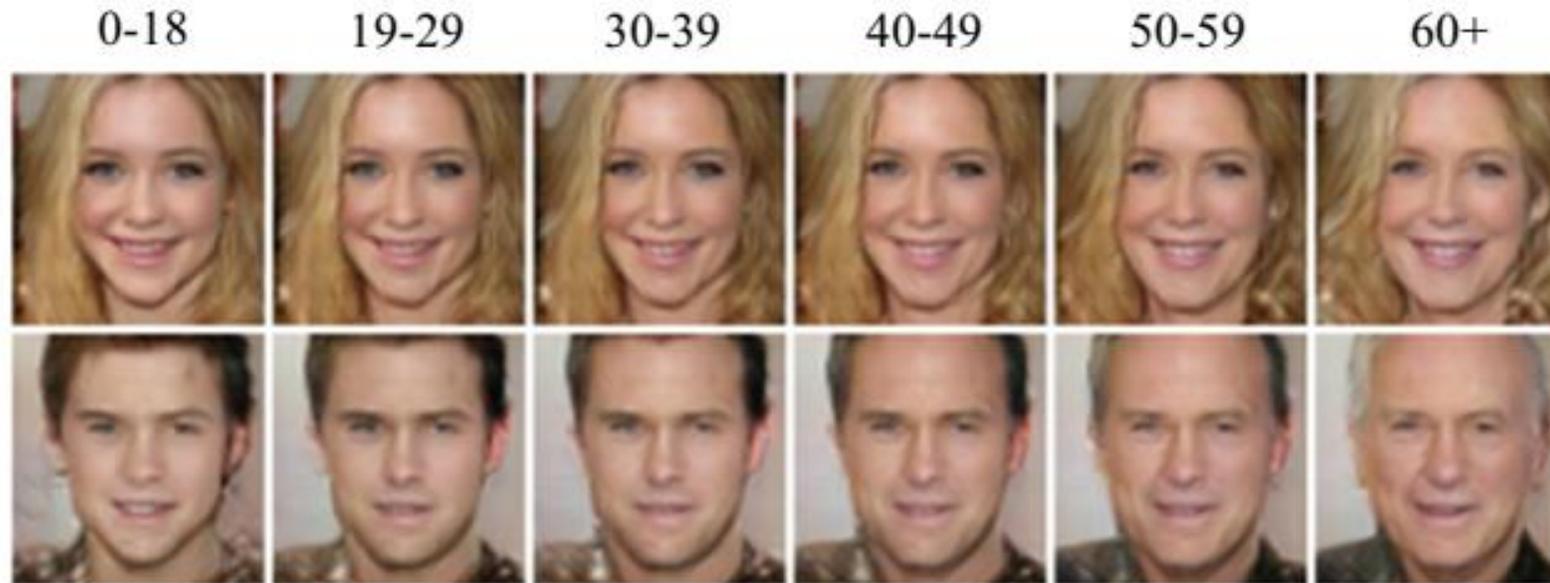


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Conditional Generation

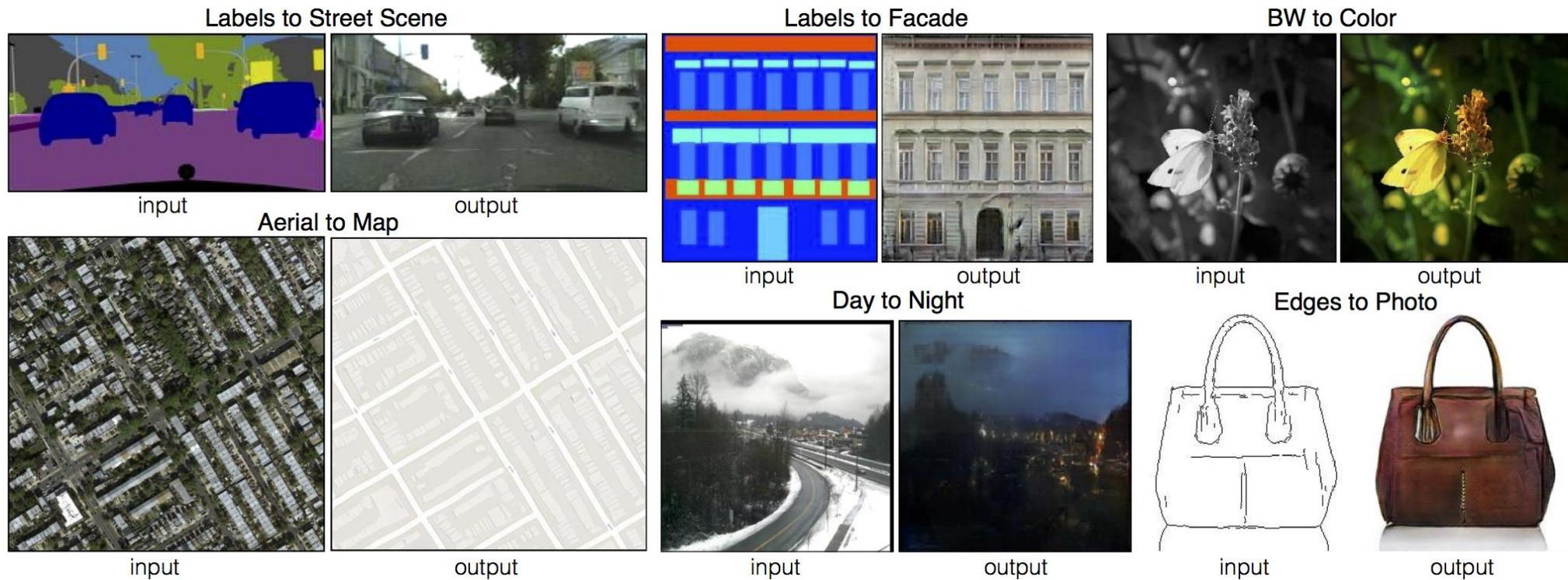
Learn a mapping from an observed side information \mathbf{x} and a random noise vector \mathbf{z} to the fooling samples \mathbf{y}

$$G: \{x, z\} \rightarrow y$$



Antipov et al, "Face Aging With Conditional Generative Adversarial Networks", ICIP 2017

Conditional Generation – Image2Image



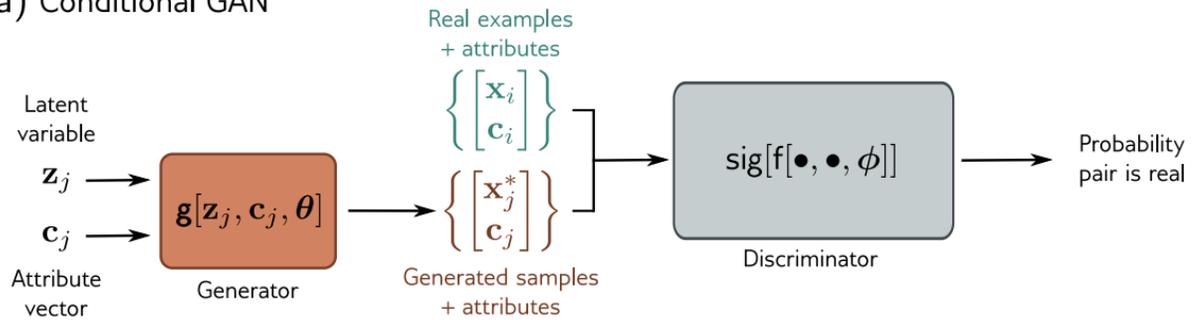
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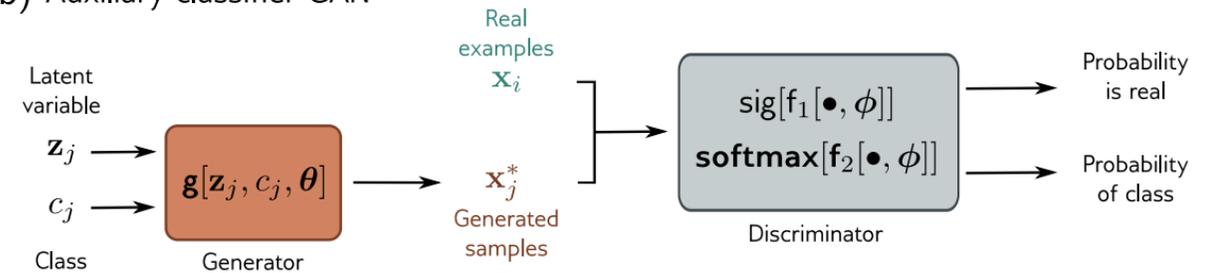
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Flavours of Conditional Generation

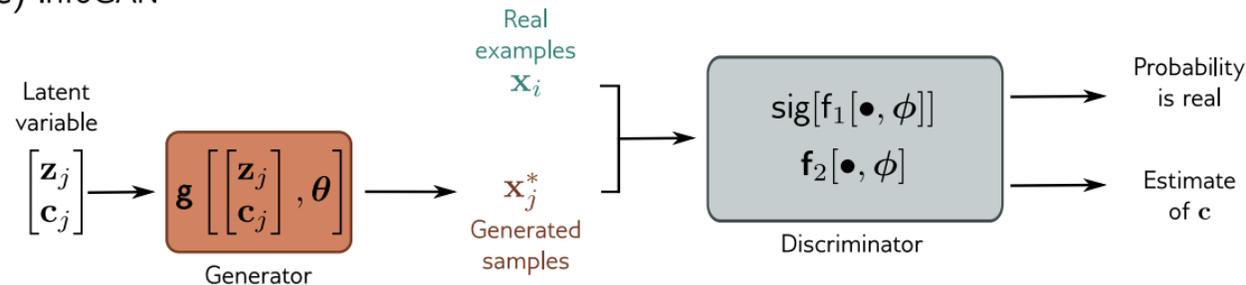
a) Conditional GAN



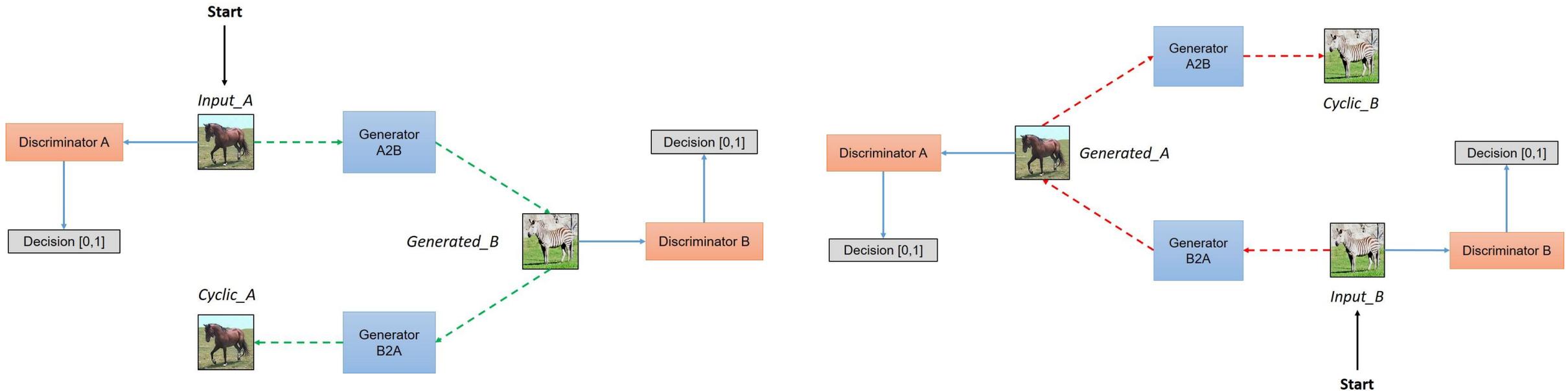
b) Auxiliary classifier GAN



c) InfoGAN



CycleGAN – Style transfer without pairing



Enforce alignment by ensuring that generated images in domain B can lead to good fakes in domain A and vice versa

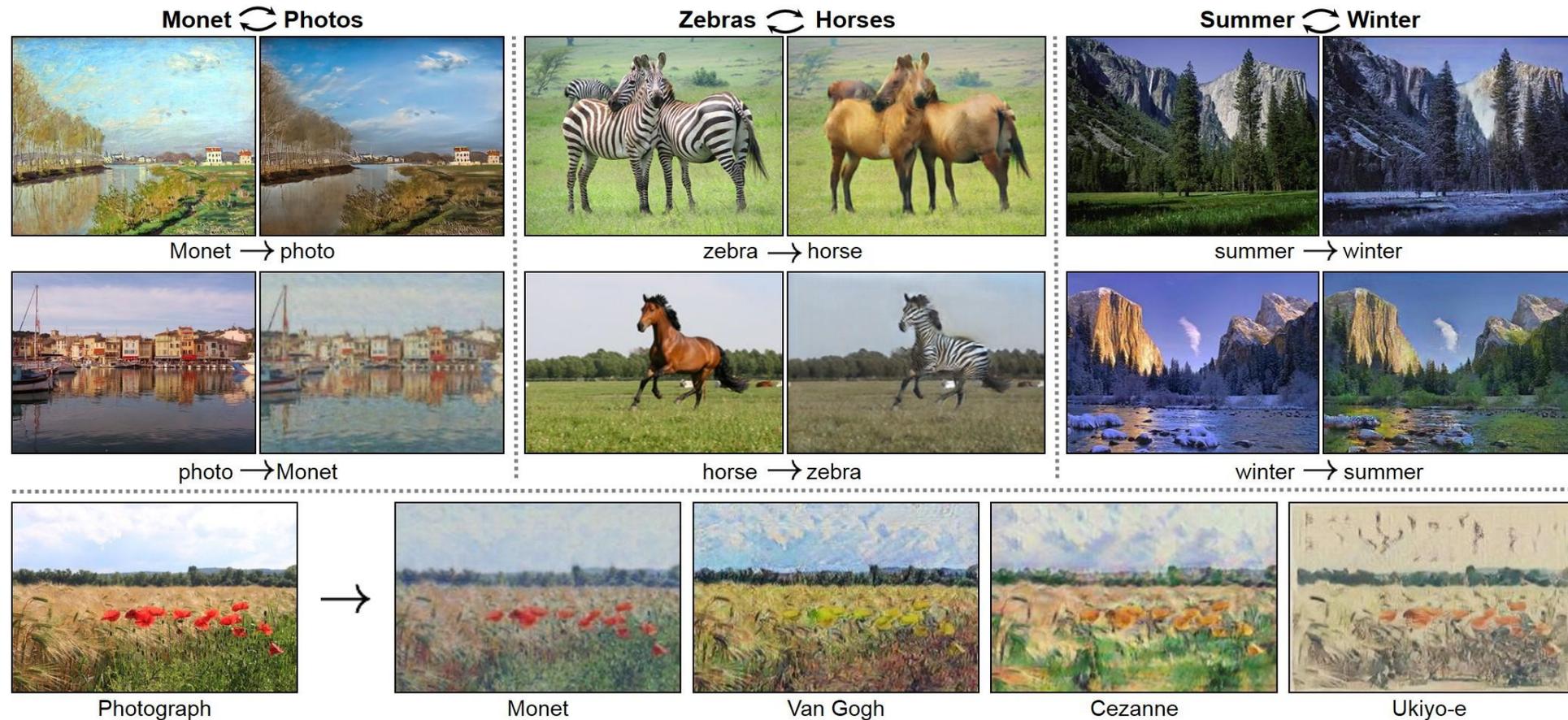
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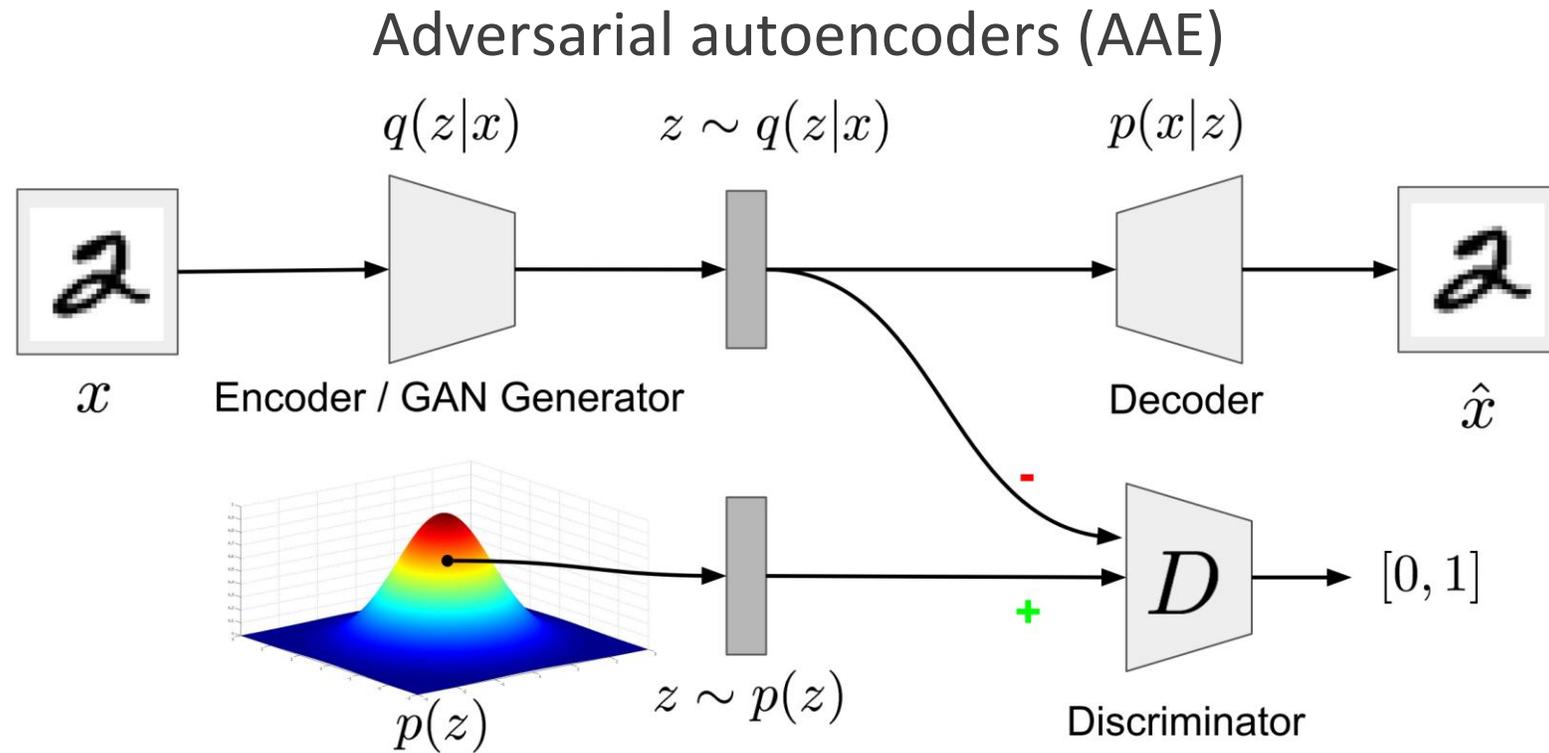
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CycleGAN Examples

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Best of 2 worlds?



Force the latent codes to be **indistinguishable from samples of a priori distribution**



Training AAE

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = \mathbb{E}_Q[\log P(x|z)] - \underbrace{KL(Q(z|x) || P(z))}$$

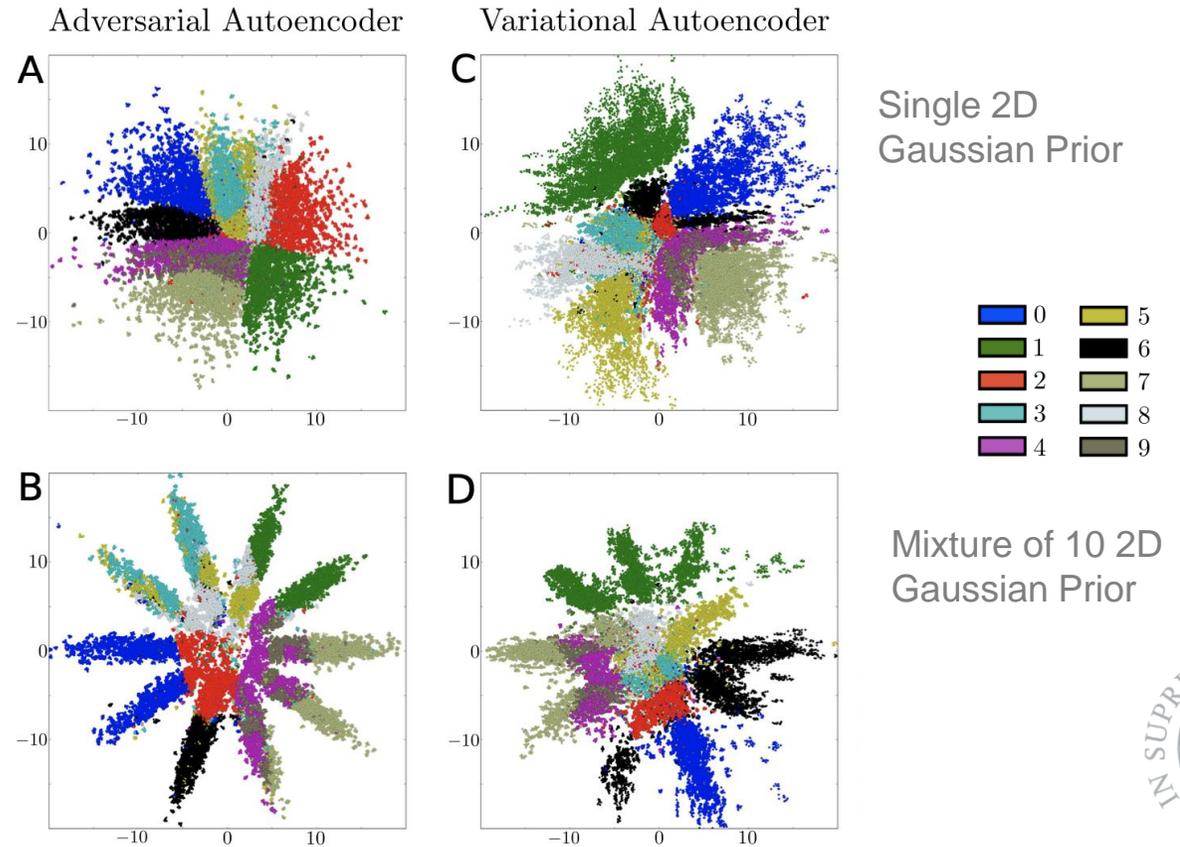
Replaced by an adversarial loss

- **Reconstruction phase** - Update the encoder and decoder to minimize reconstruction error
- **Regularization phase** - Update discriminator to distinguish true prior samples from generated samples; update generator to fool the discriminator
- Adversarial regularization allows to impose priors for which we cannot compute the KL divergence

AAE Vs VAE

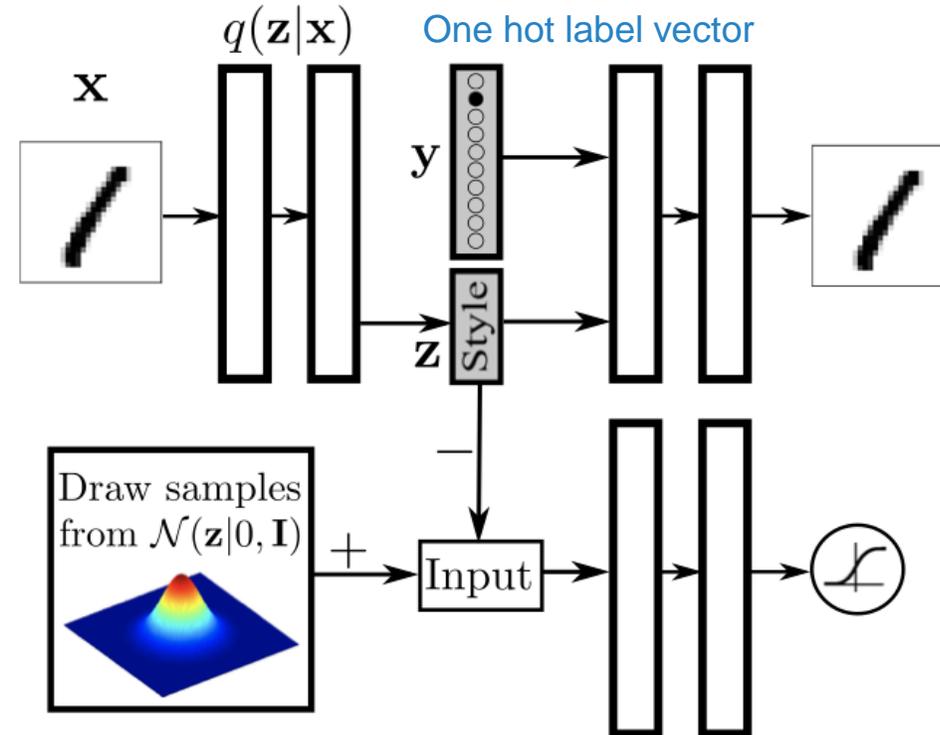
AAE yields a smoother coverage of the latent space

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1511.05644>



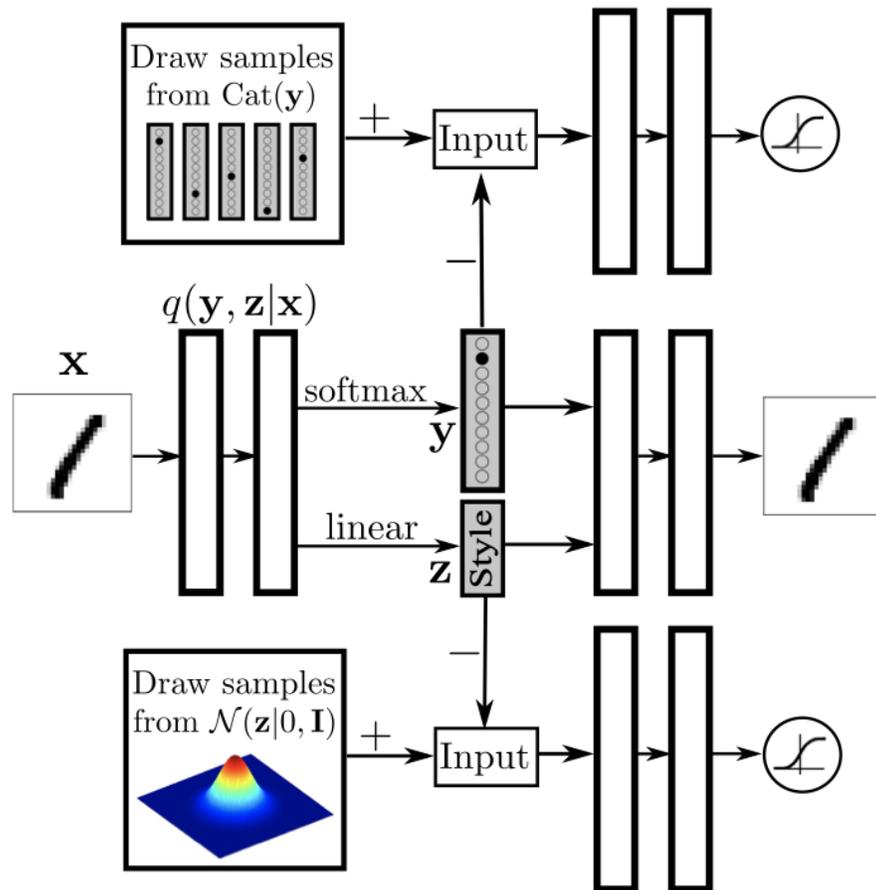
AAE – Style transfer (supervised)

Incorporate label information explicitly to force \mathbf{z} to capture class-independent information (e.g. style)



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AAE – Semi-supervised learning



Factorize latent code in

- One hot encoding vector \mathbf{y}
- Continuous code \mathbf{z}

Distribution of \mathbf{y} made little distinguishable from a multinomial (induced from data)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1511.05644>

Software

- A list of acknowledged VAE implementations is kept by Kingma [here](#)
- Plenty of DCGAN implementations
 - [PyTorch](#)
 - [Keras-Tensorflow](#)
- Conditional GAN for image-to-image
 - [Pytorch](#) code
- So many GANs: check out the historical list in the [GAN-Zoo](#)



Take Home Messages

- GAN – **Learn to sample** rather than learn the distribution
 - Sample quality only recently surpassed by diffusion models (tomorrow)
 - Unstable/difficult to train
 - Cannot perform inference (no distribution learning)
 - Needs differentiable generator
- Adversarial Autoencoders
 - Leveraging **adversarial penalties** in place of KL regularization
 - Useful to impose **“complex” or empirical priors**



Next Lecture

Back to explicit approaches

- Diffusion models
- Generative learning as a noising-denoising process
- Guided diffusion
- Conditional diffusion
- Latent space diffusion (CLIP)

