



# Implicit models – Adversarial Learning

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INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS FOR PATTERN RECOGNITION (ISPR)

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# Generative Learning from a DL Perspective

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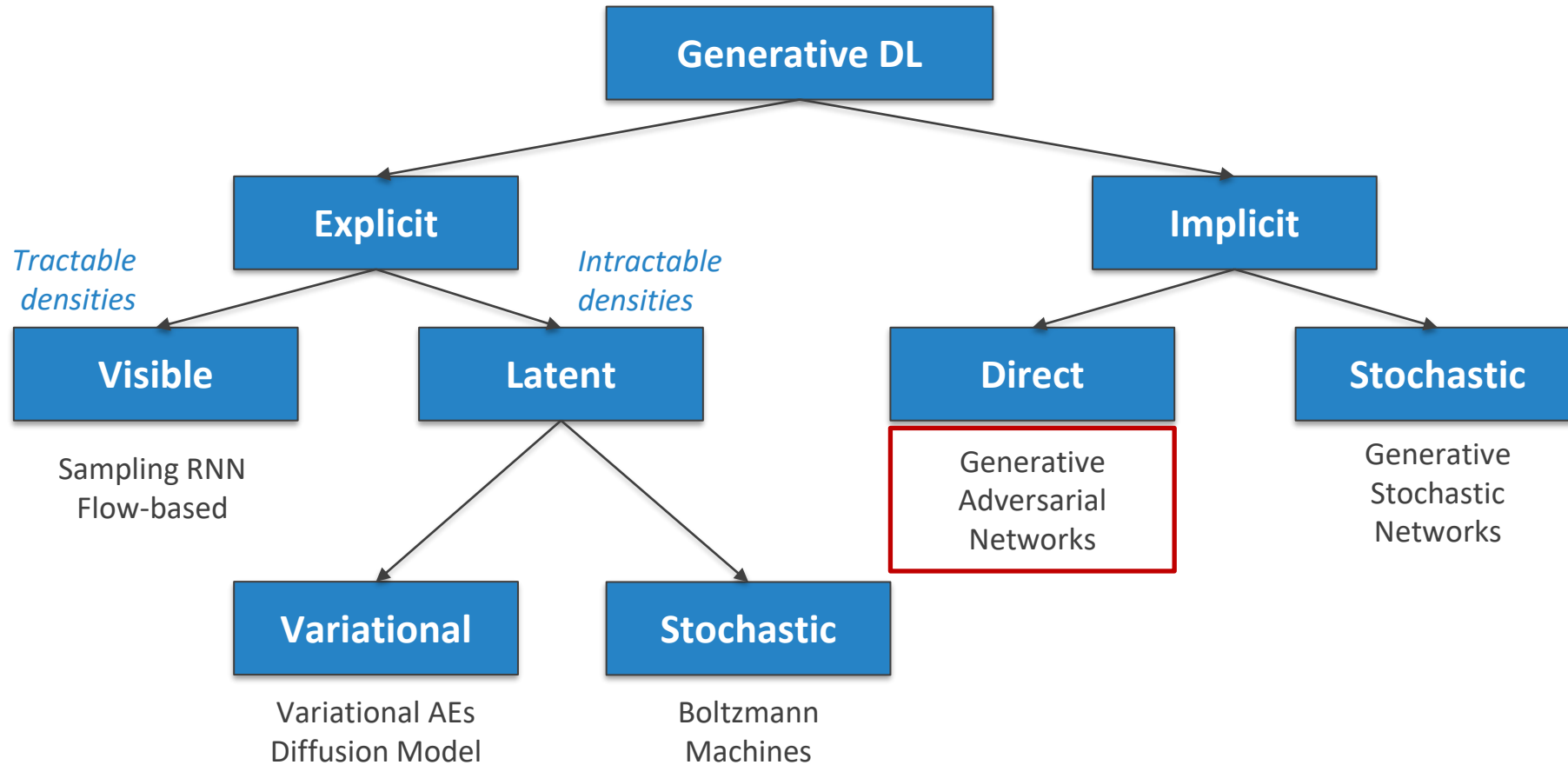
*Given training data, learn a (deep) neural network that **can generate new samples** from (an approximation of) the data distribution*

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

# Distribution Learning Vs Learning to Sample

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- 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

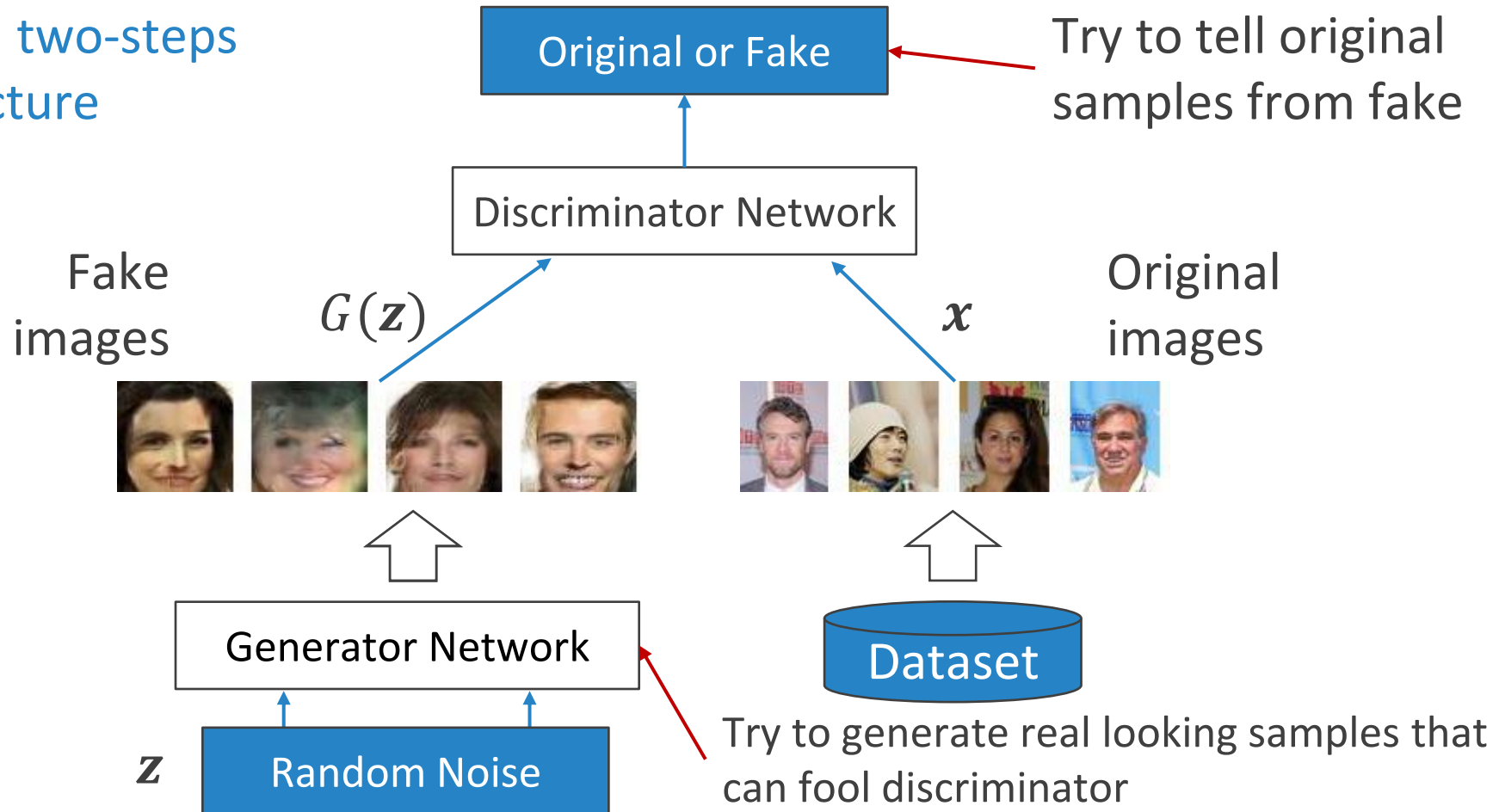
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- We need to learn to sample from a complex, high-dimensional training distribution
  - No straightforward way to do this
- The **catch**
  - Sample from a simple distribution: **random noise**
  - Train a differentiable deterministic function (neural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

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

Optimizing this doesn't really work

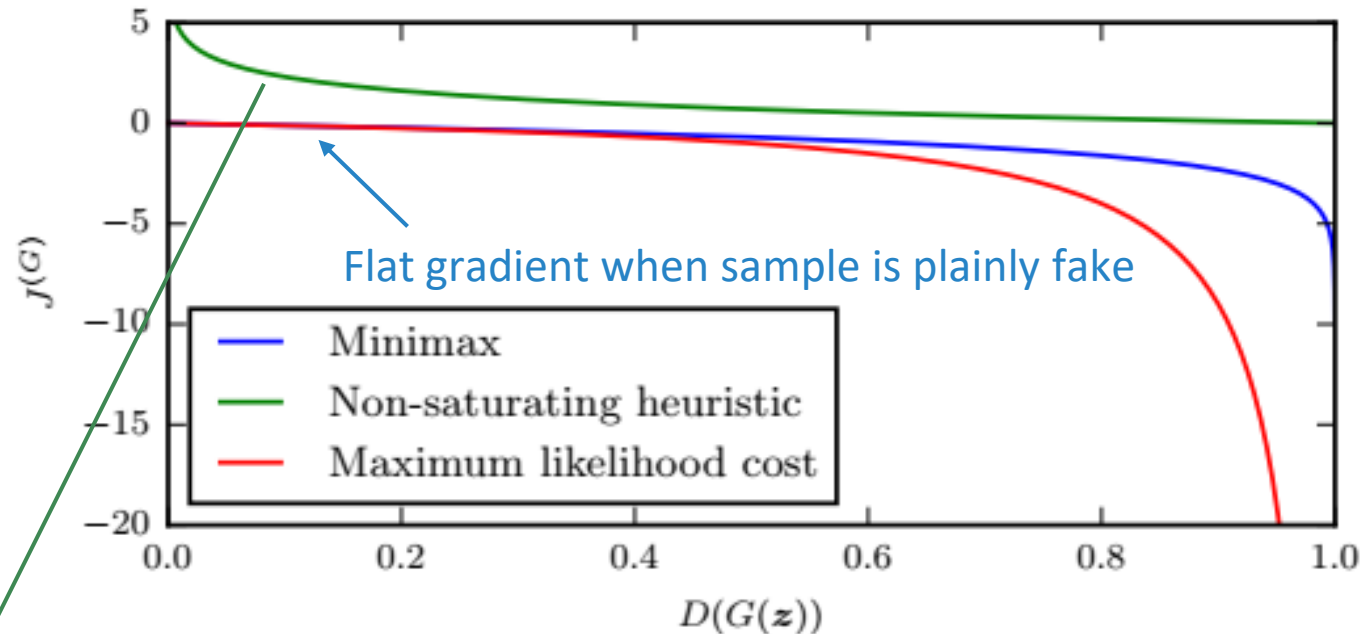


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# The Issue and a Solution

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



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

# 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**

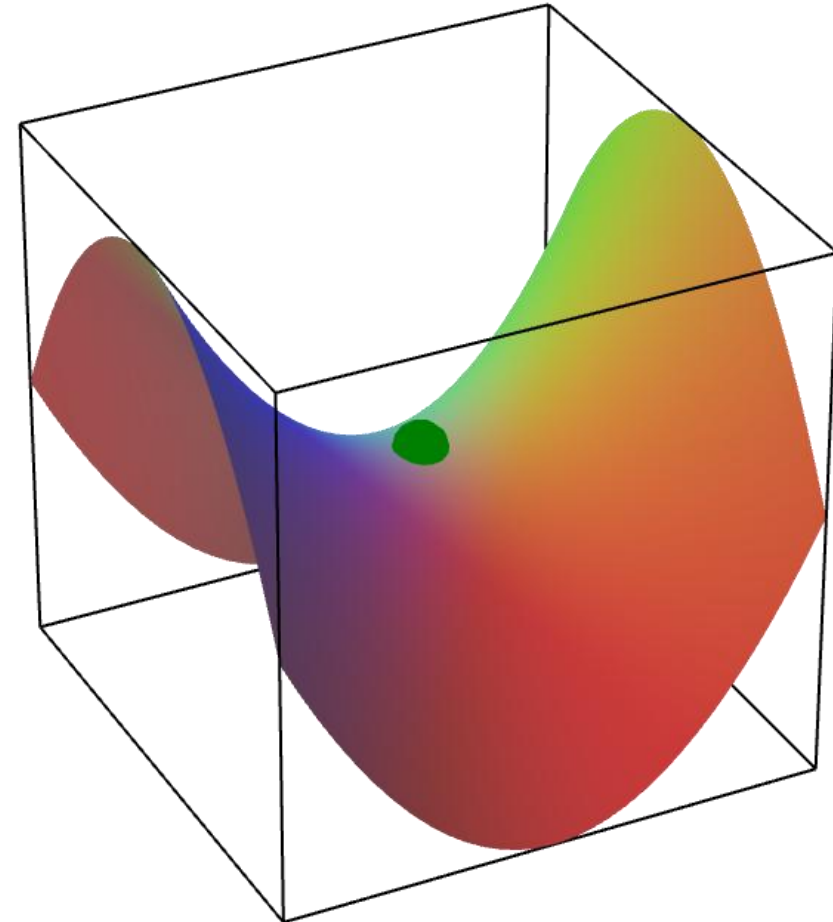
Expectation



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# 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  $D$

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

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

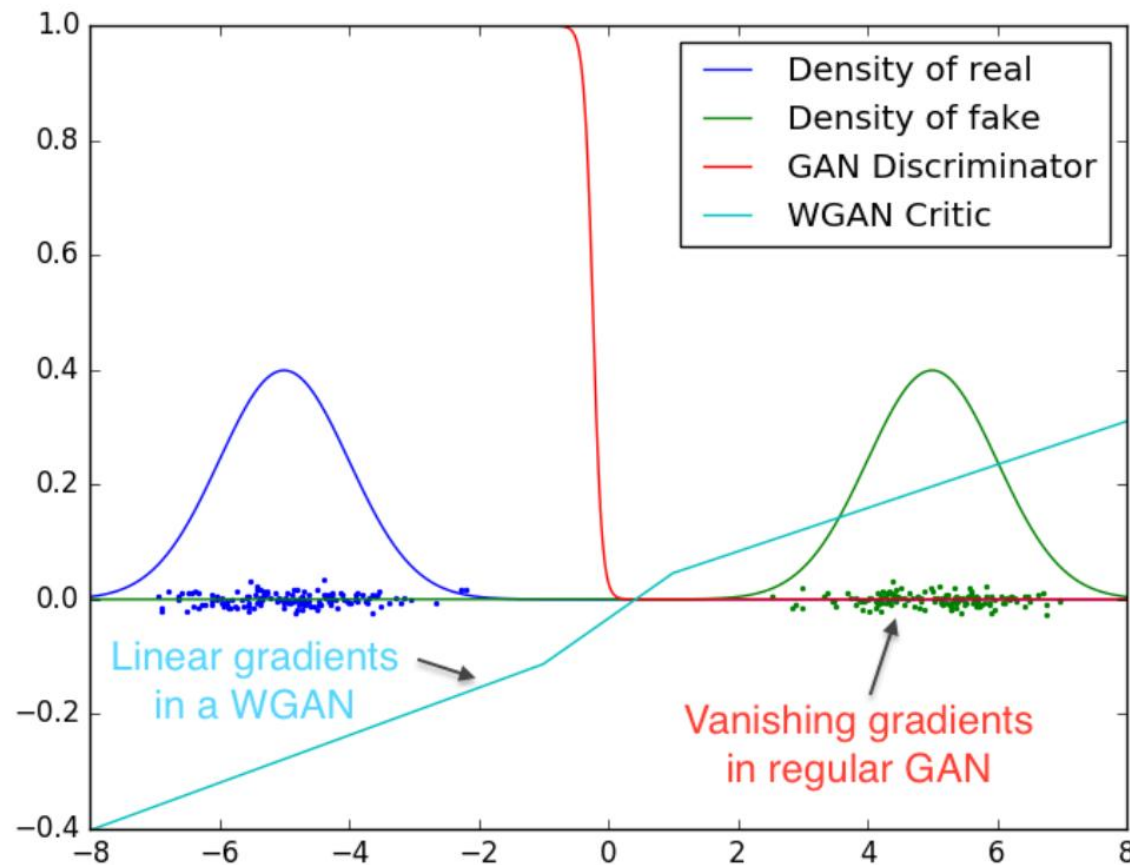
Requires **optimizing  $D$  under a constraint** on Lipschitz seminorm

- Clipping  $D$  weights (slow to converge)



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# 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

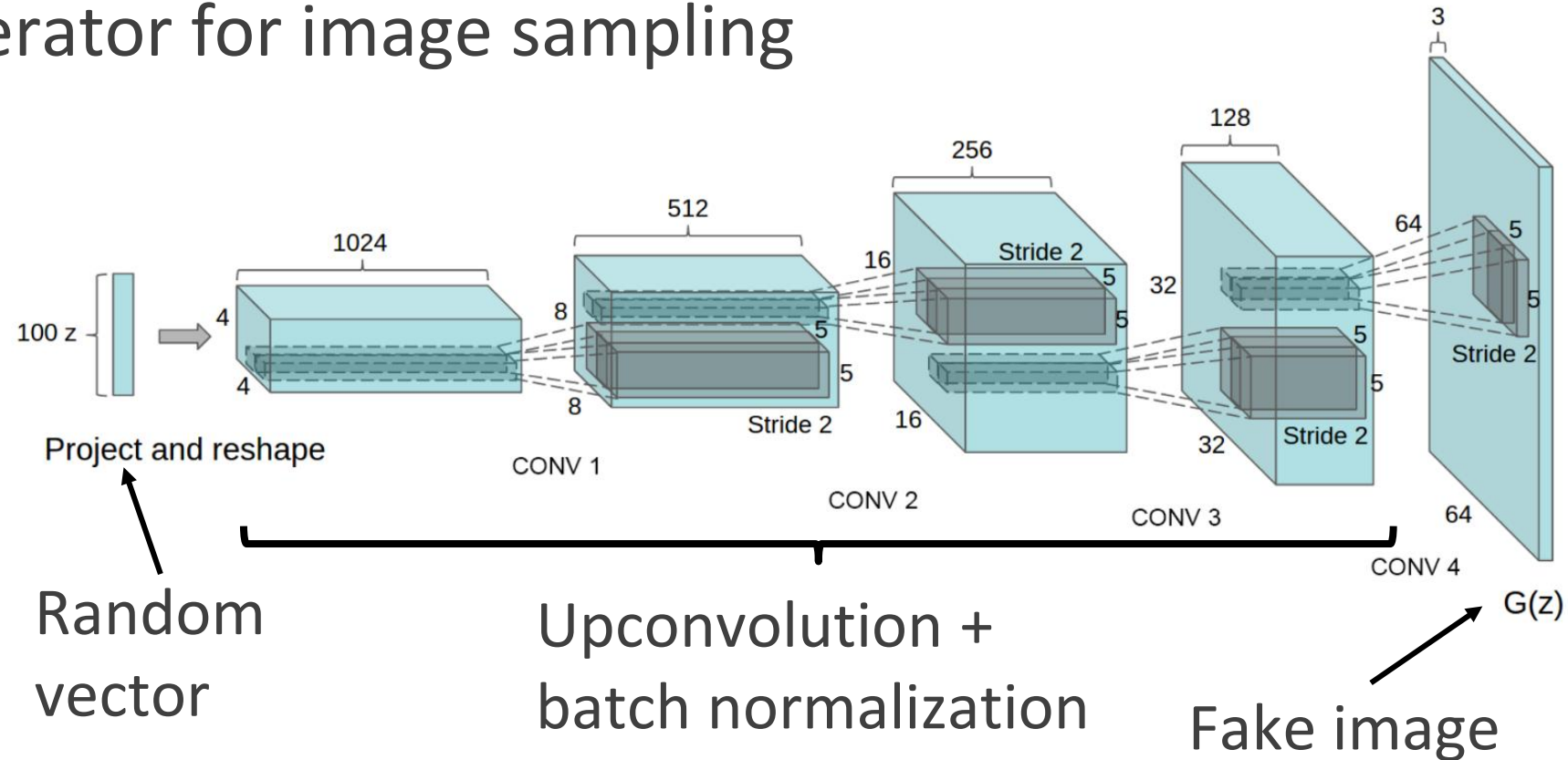
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# The DCGAN Architecture

## Generator for image sampling



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



# GAN and Images

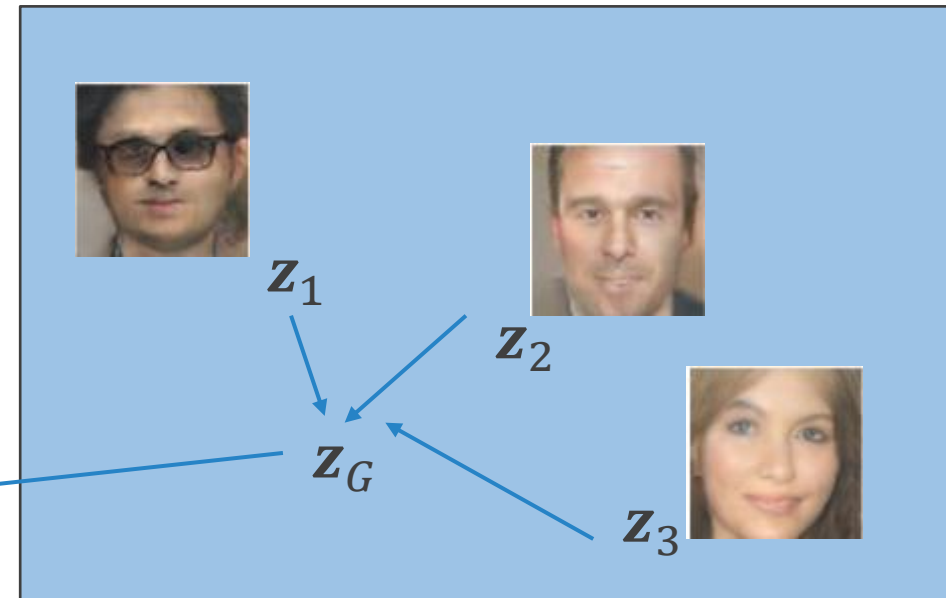


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# Latent Space Arithmetic

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

$$\mathbf{z}_G = \mathbf{z}_1 - \mathbf{z}_2 + \mathbf{z}_3$$



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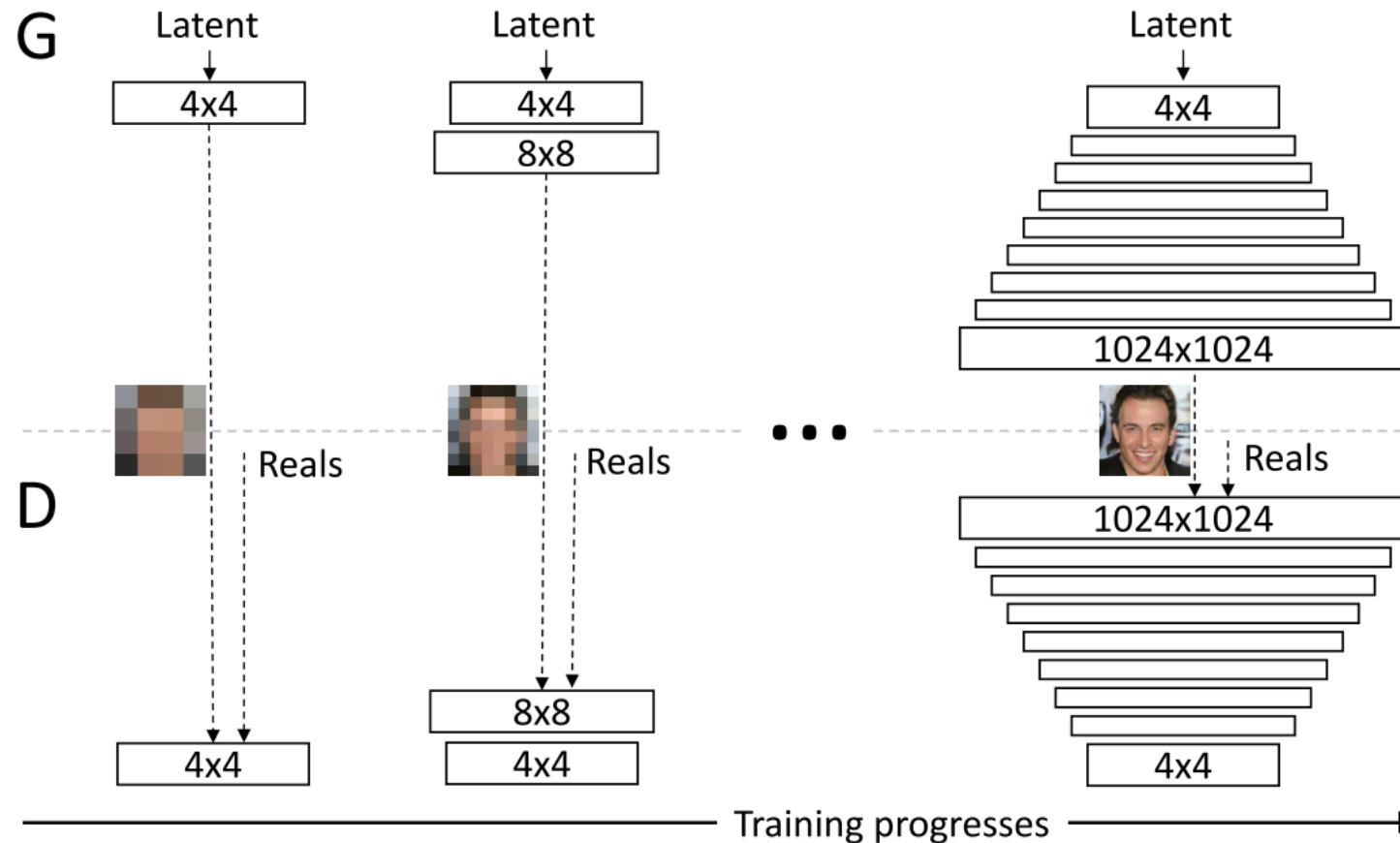
# How to Get High Resolution Samples?

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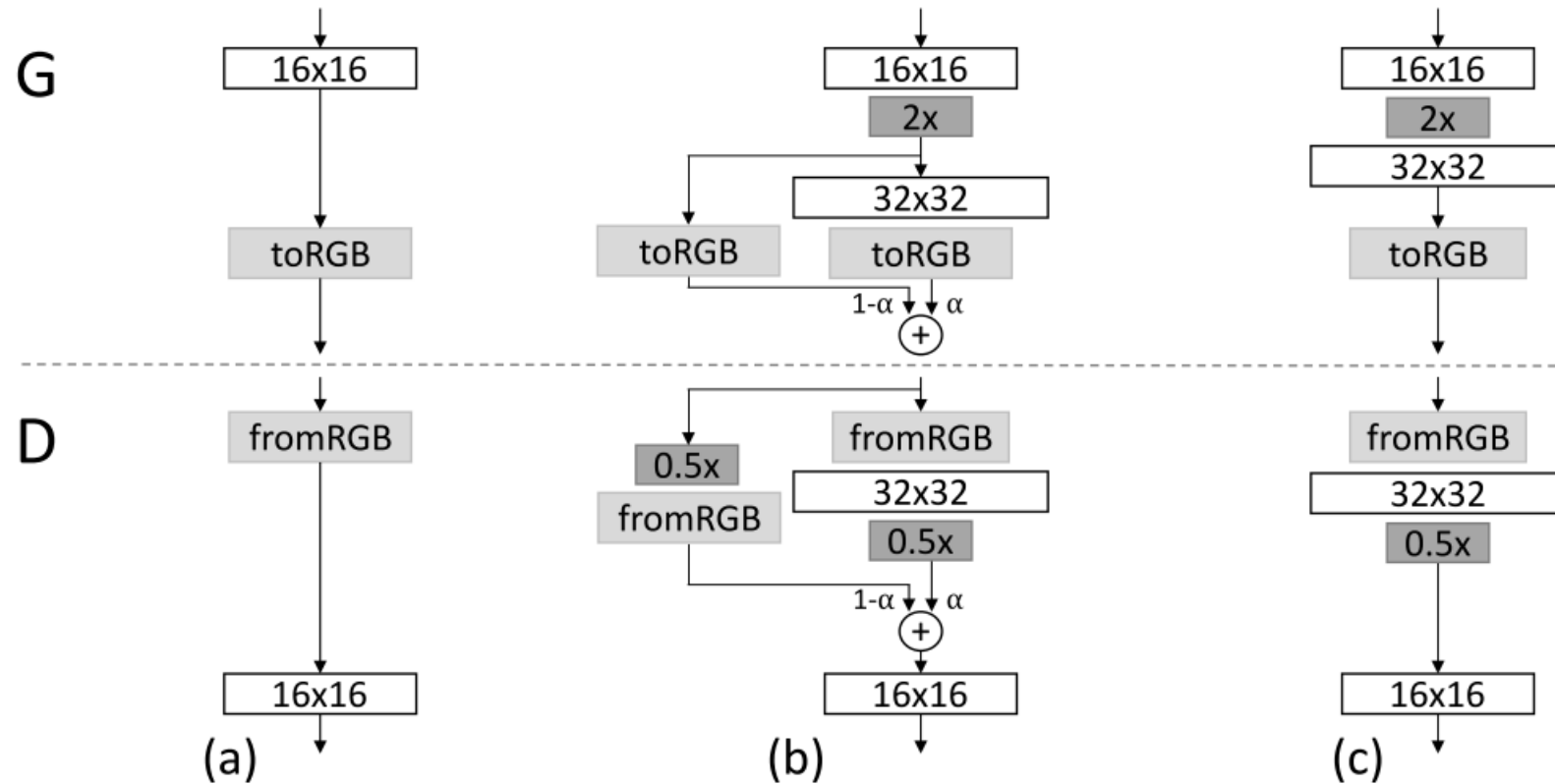
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# Progressive GAN



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# Progressive GAN – Smooth Transition

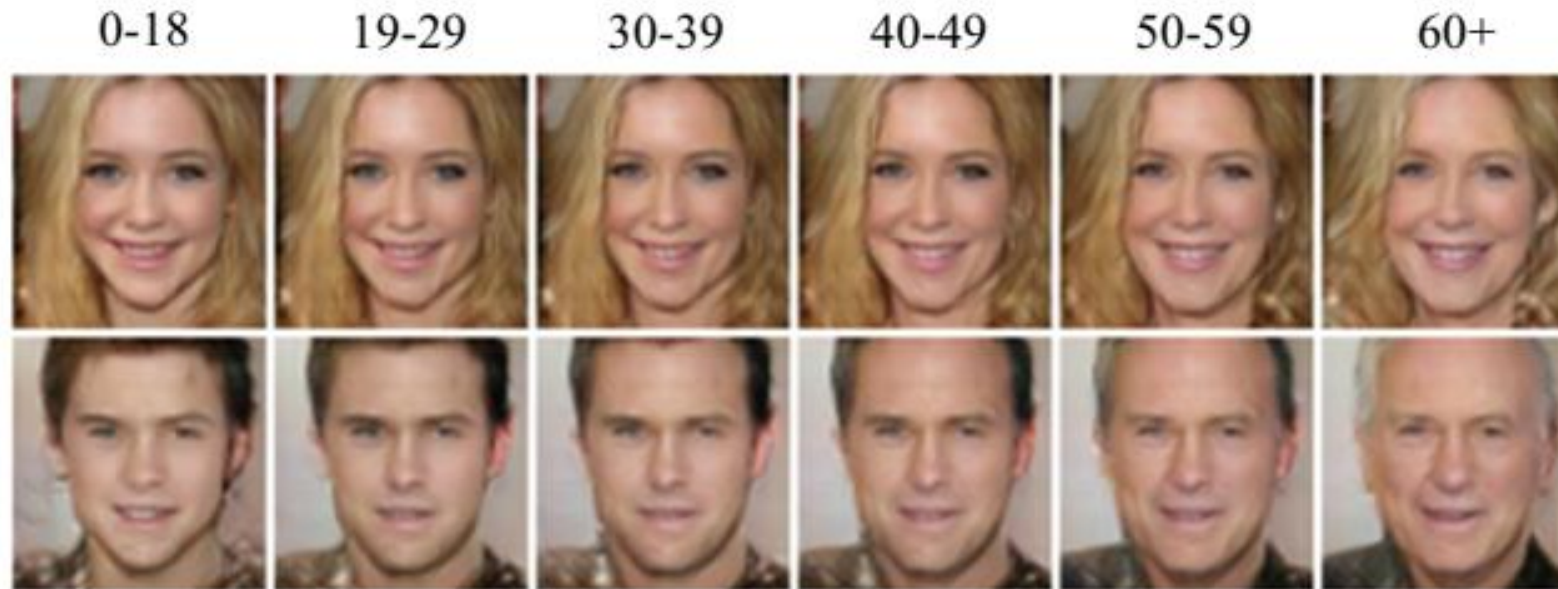


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# Conditional Generation

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

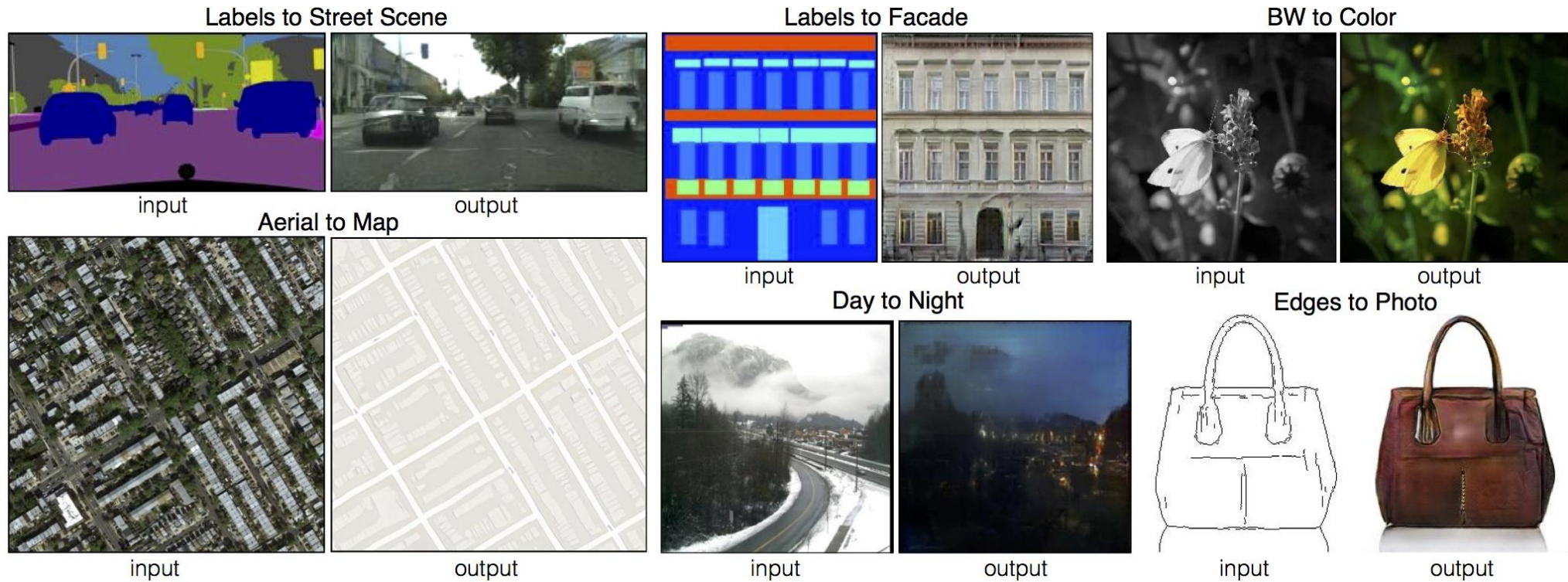
$$G: \{x, z\} \rightarrow y$$



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



# Conditional Generation – Image2Image



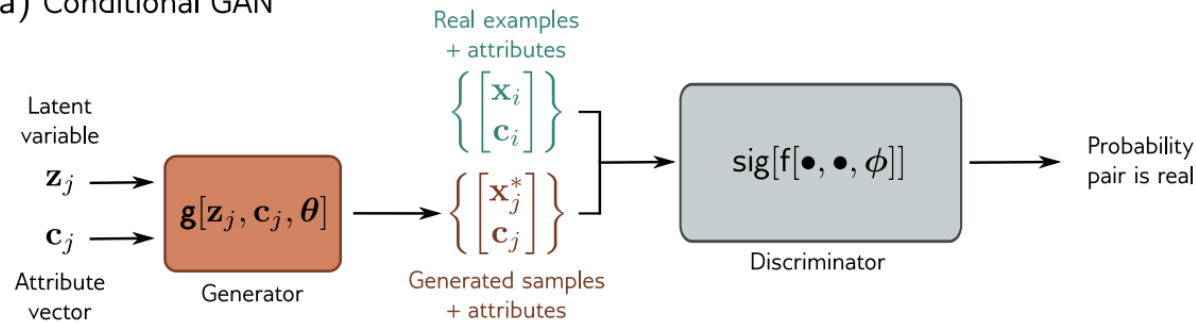
Isola et al, "Image-to-Image Translation with Conditional Adversarial Networks", 2016



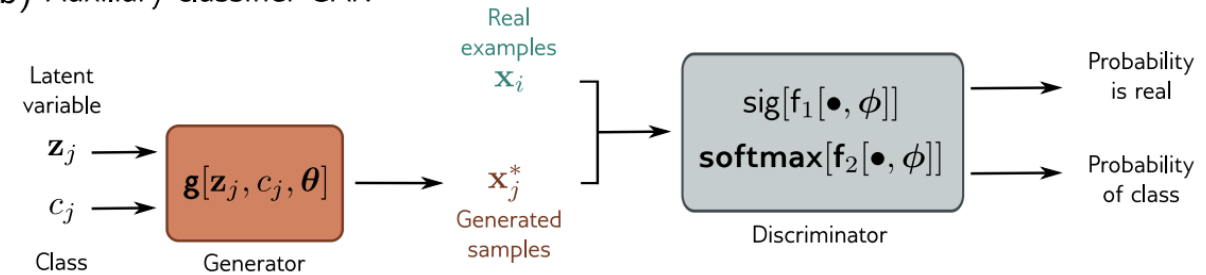
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# Flavours of Conditional Generation

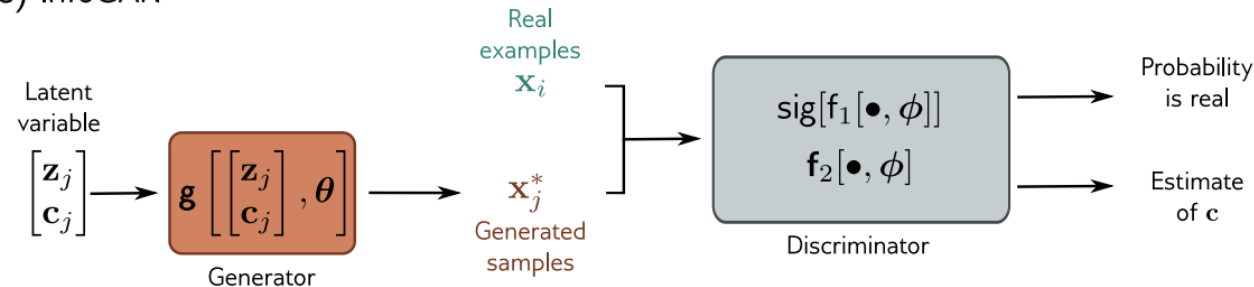
a) Conditional GAN



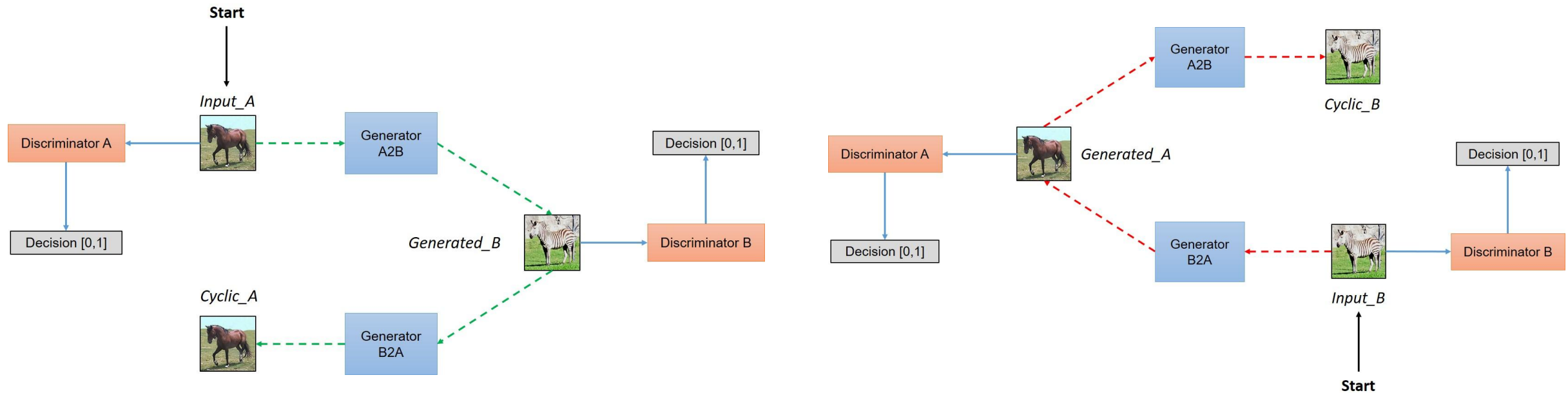
b) Auxiliary classifier GAN



c) InfoGAN



# CycleGAN – Style transfer without pairing



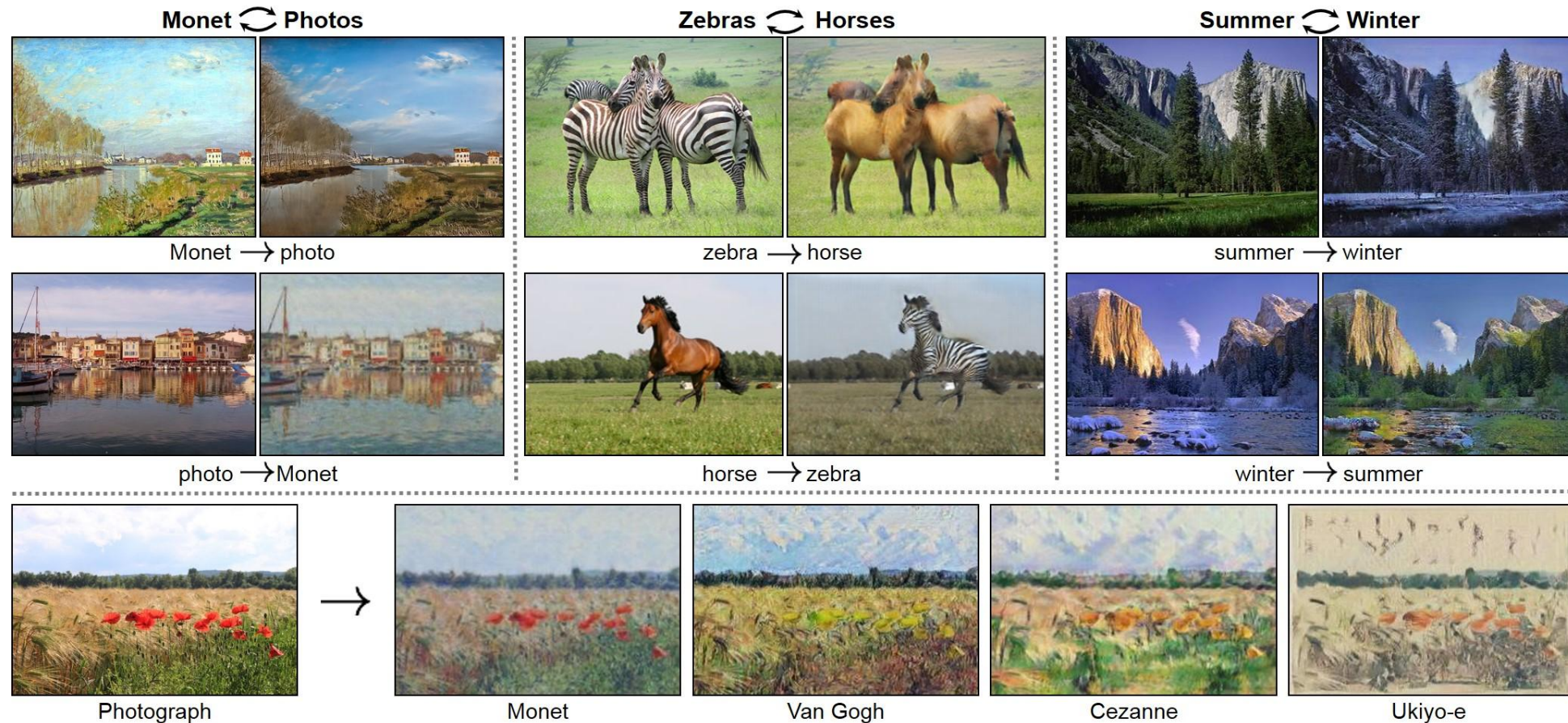
Enforce alignment by ensuring that generated images in domain B can lead to good fakes in domain A and vice versa

<https://junyanz.github.io/CycleGAN/>



# CycleGAN Examples

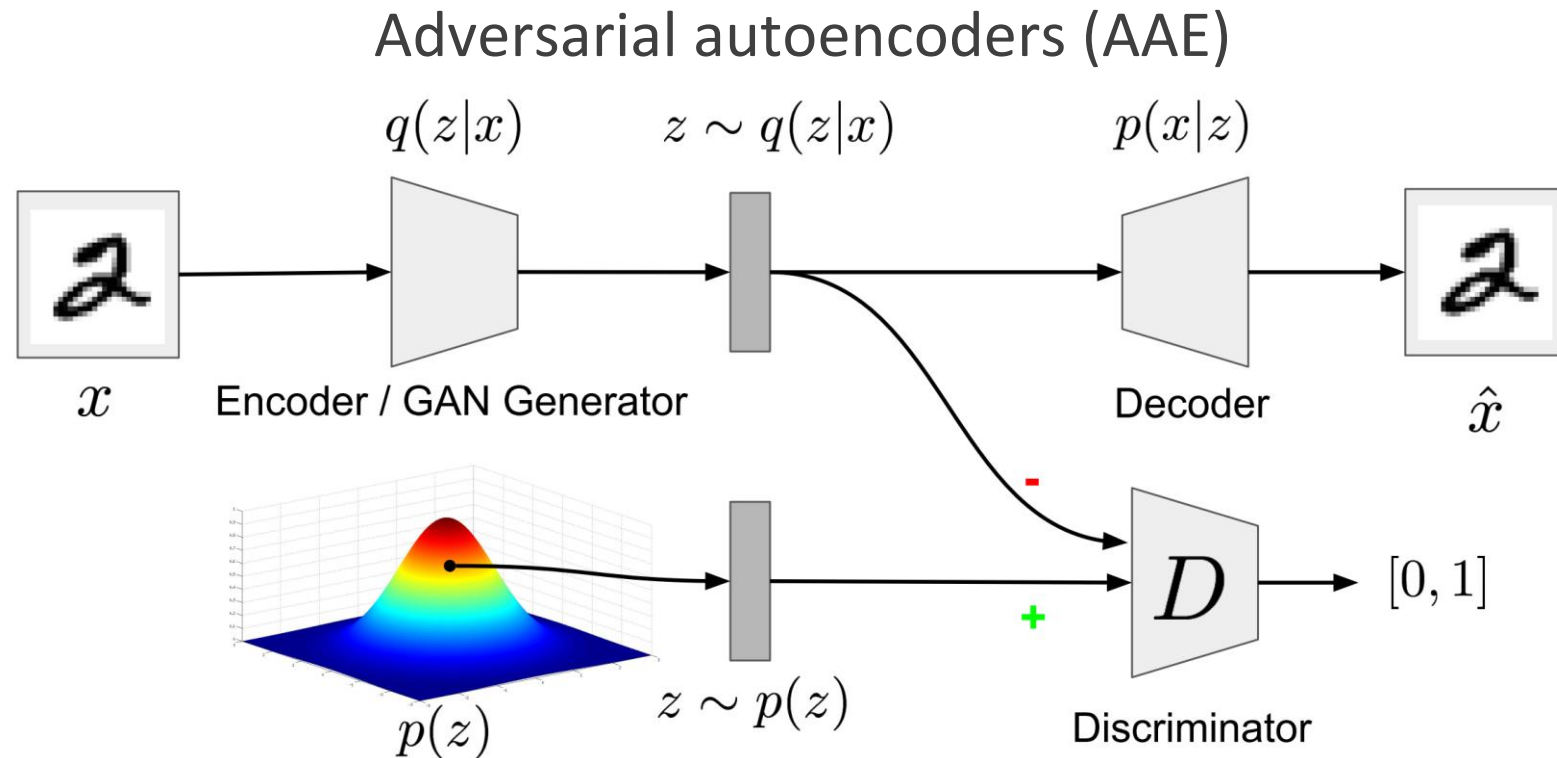
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# Best of 2 worlds?



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

# Training AAE

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$$\mathcal{L}(x) = \mathbb{E}_Q[\log P(x|z)] - \underbrace{KL(Q(z|x) || P(z))}_{\text{Replaced by an adversarial loss}}$$

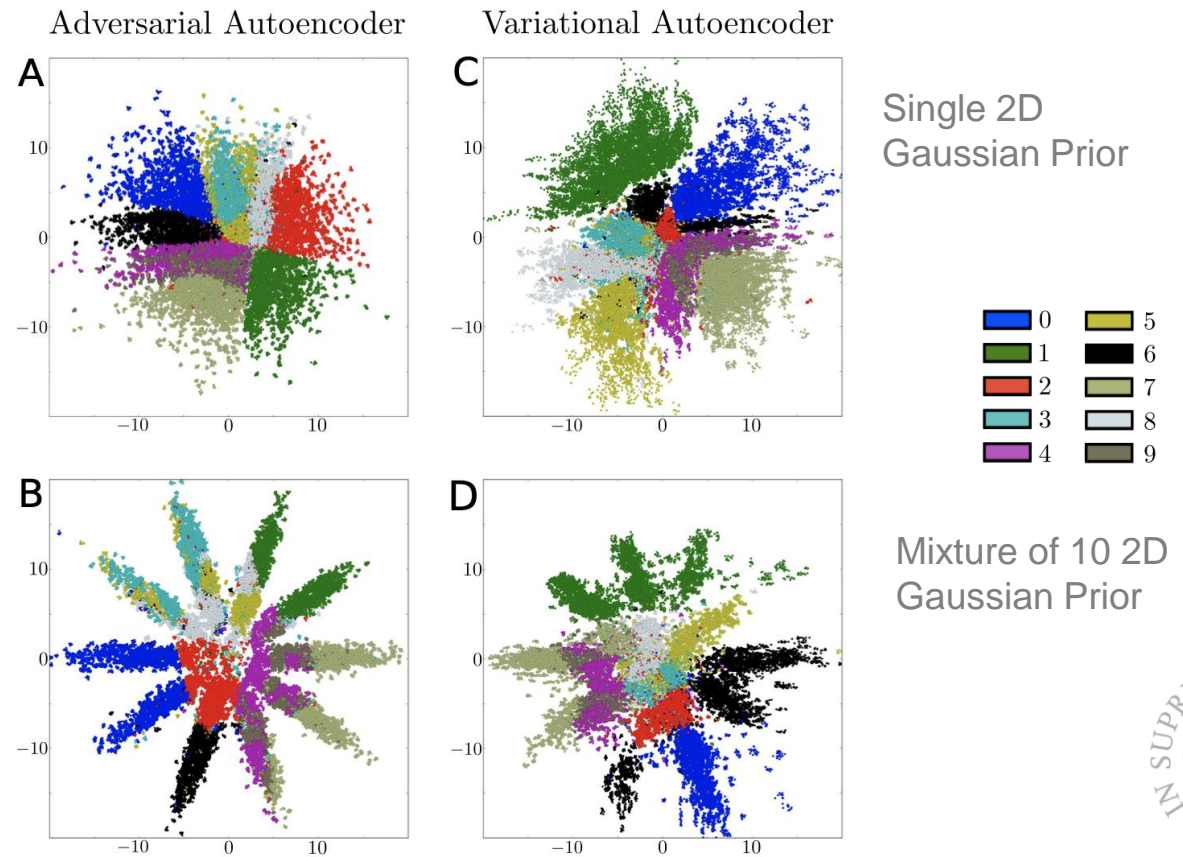
Replaced by an adversarial loss

- **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

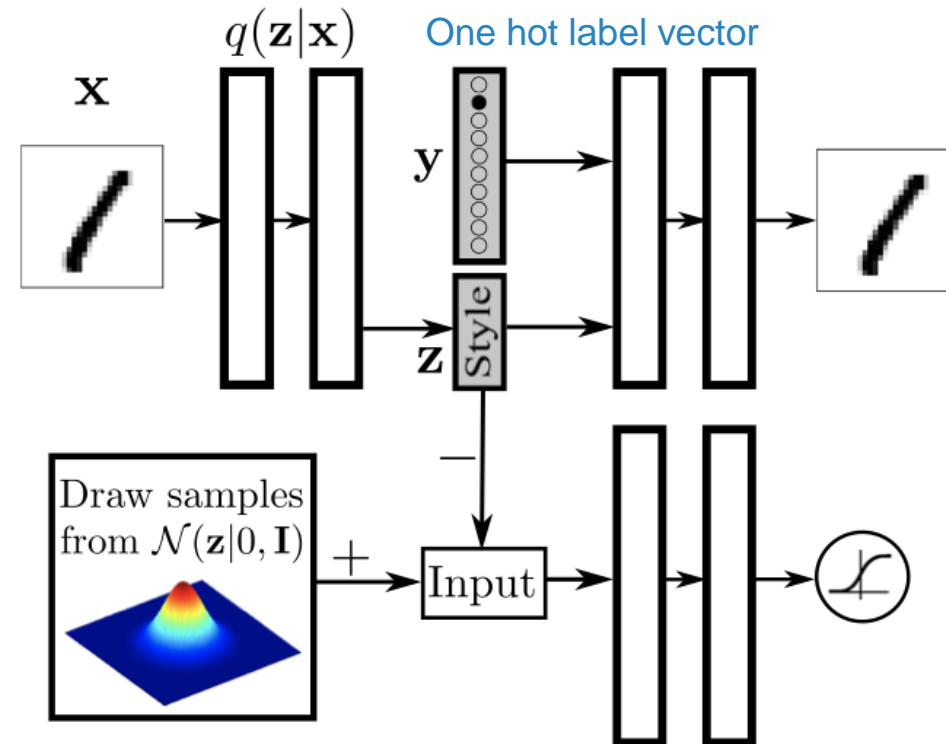
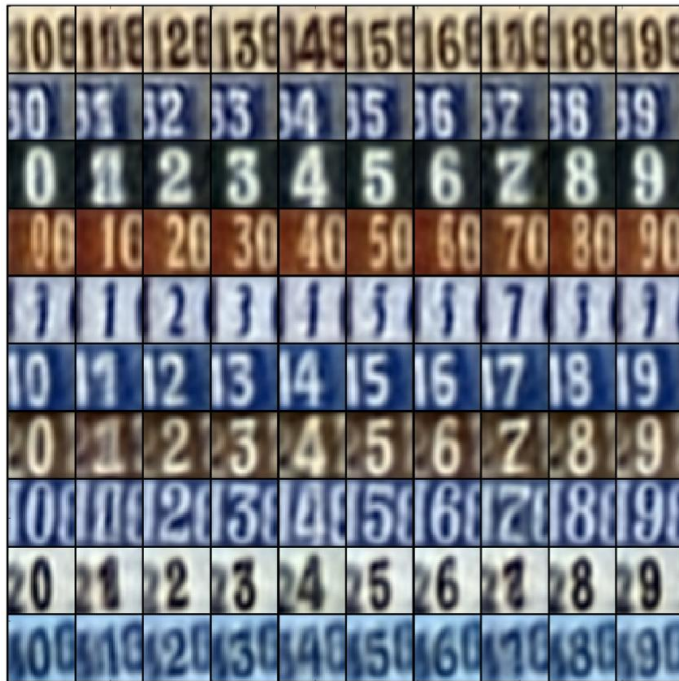
AAE yields a smoother coverage of the latent space

<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)

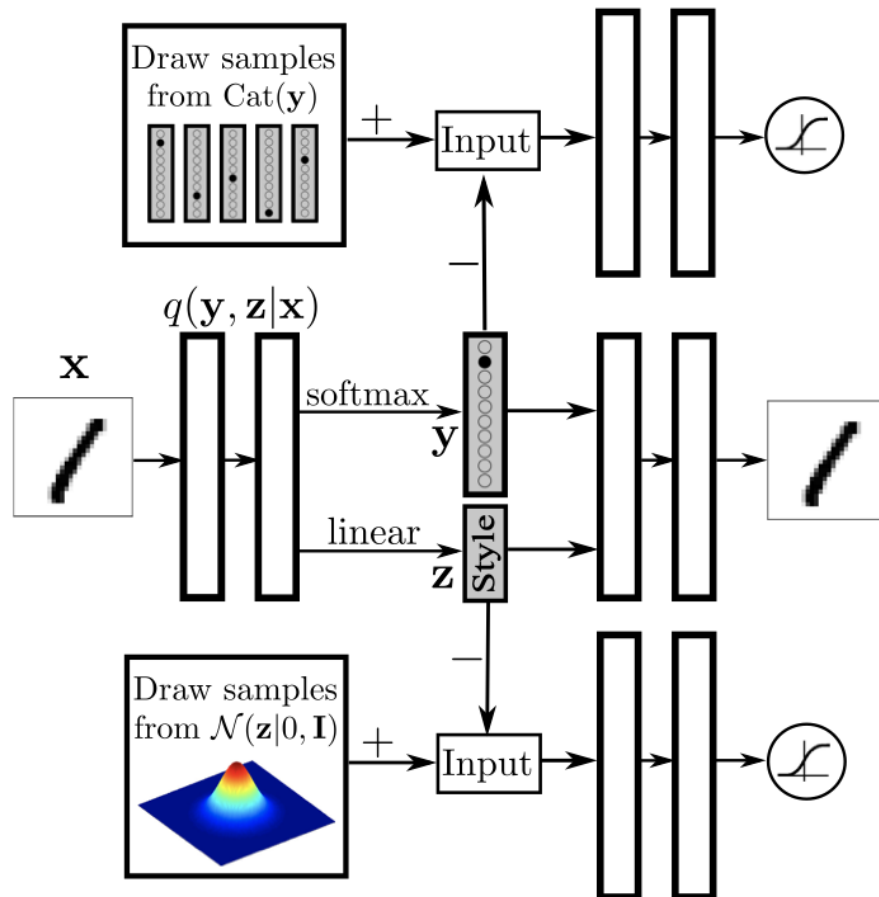


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# AAE – Semi-supervised learning



Factorize latent code in

- One hot encoding vector  $y$
- Continuous code  $z$

Distribution of  $y$  made little distinguishable from a multinomial (induced from data)

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



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# Software

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- 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

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- 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

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Back to explicit approaches

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



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