



# 《多模态机器学习》

## 第七章 多模态生成

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# 课程提纲

## 单模态表示

视觉模态

文本模态

三维点云

动作模态

## 基本概念

神经网络及其优化

## 经典多模态机器学习

多模态表示

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## 通用多模态机器学习

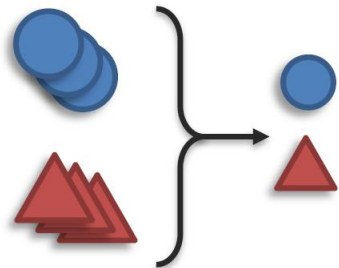
通用多模态（大）模型

多模态预训练

多模态典型应用

# Generation

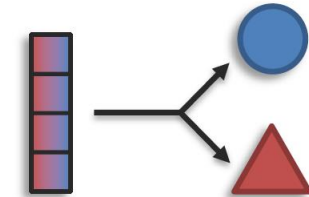
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Reduction



Maintenance



Expansion



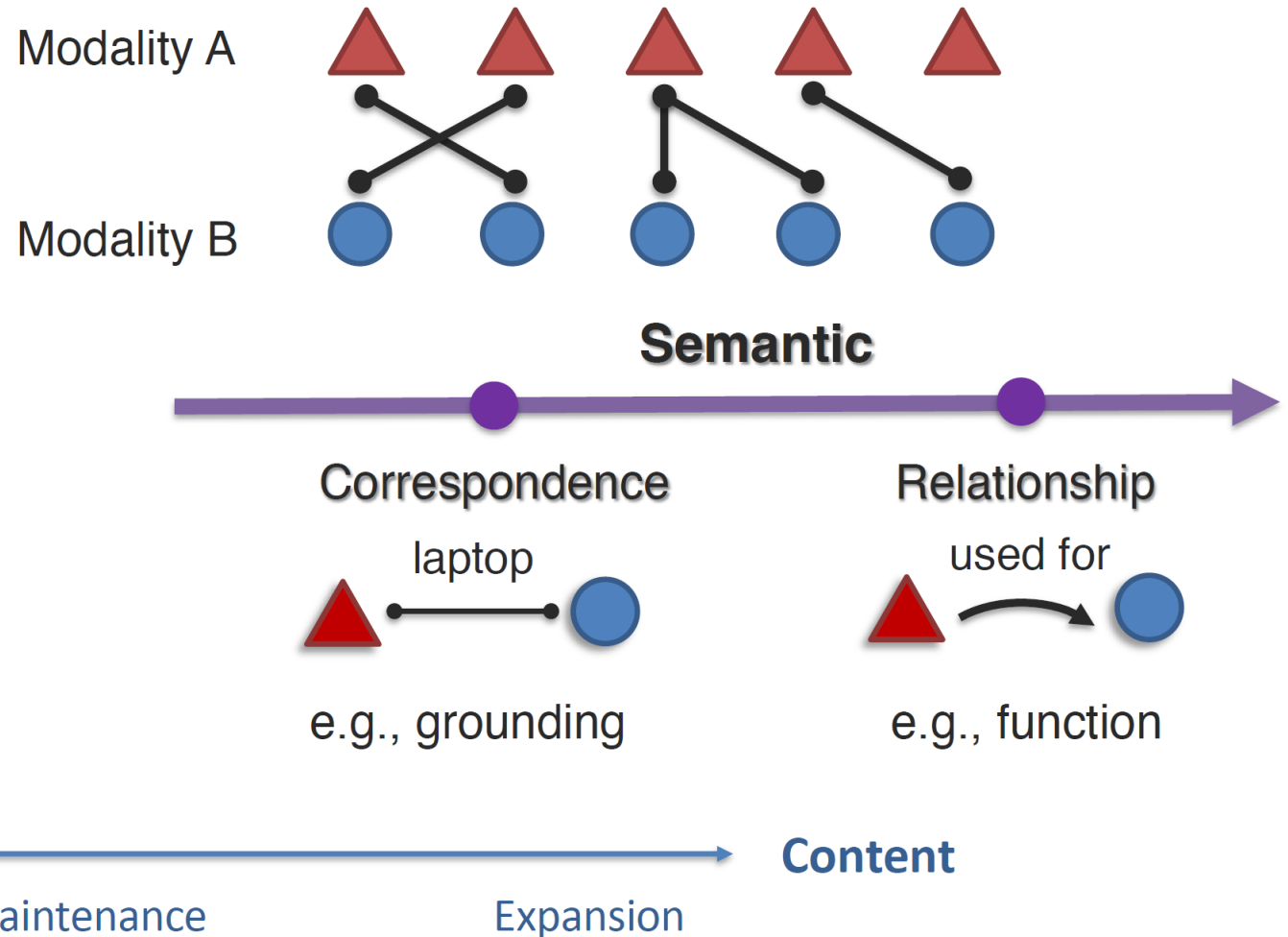
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# Information Content

How modality interconnections change across multimodal inputs and generated outputs.

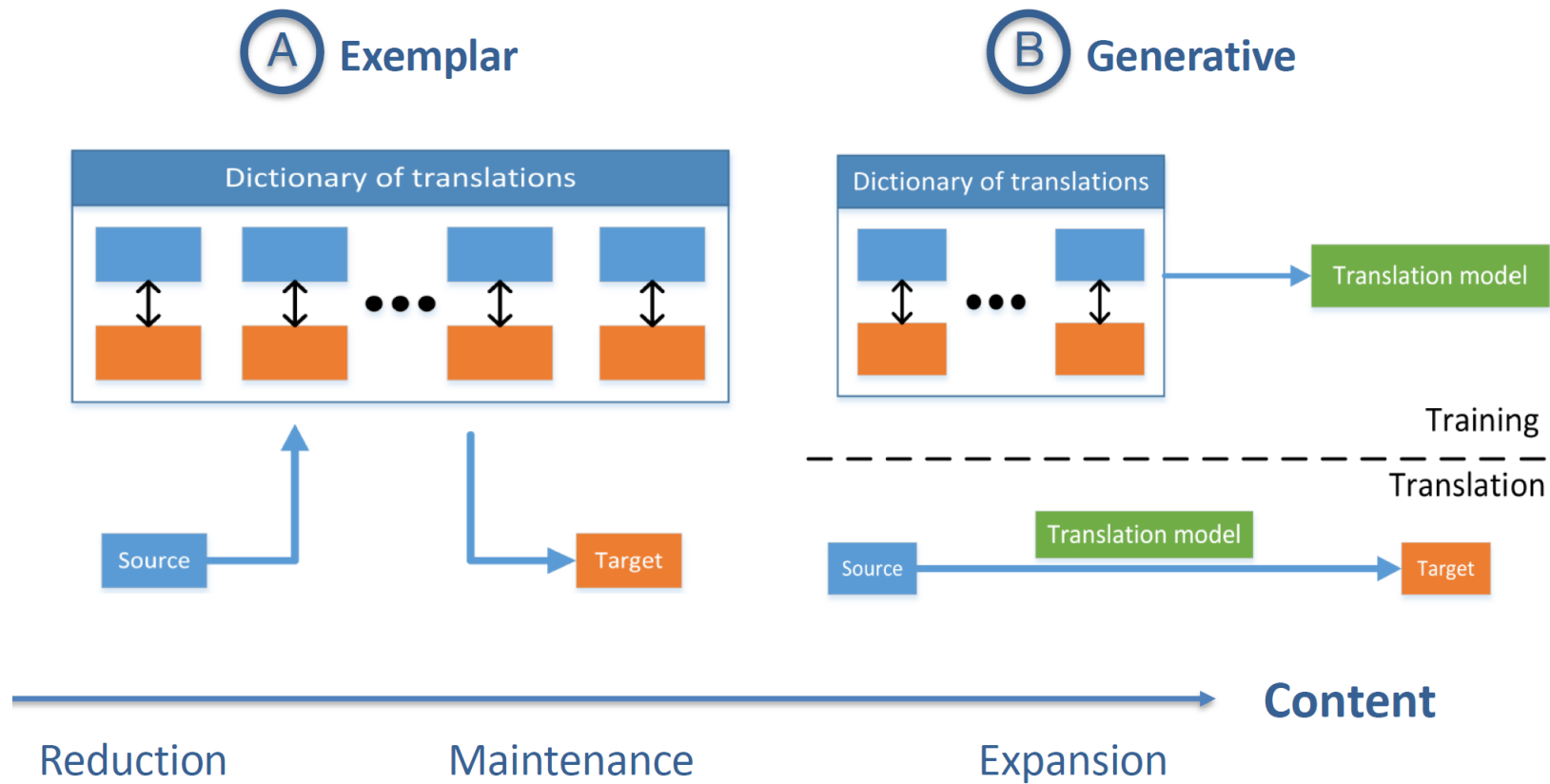
## ① Modality connections

*Modalities are often related and share commonality*



# Generative Process

Generative process to respect modality heterogeneity and decode multimodal data.



# Sub-challenge a: Summarization

**Definition:** Summarizing multimodal data to reduce information content while highlighting the most salient parts of the input.

**Transcript**

today we are going to show you how to make spanish omelet . i 'm going to dice a little bit of peppers here . i 'm not going to use a lot , i 'm going to use very very little . a little bit more then this maybe . you can use red peppers if you like to get a little bit color in your omelet . some people do and some people do n't .... t is the way they make there spanish omelets that is what she says . i loved it , it actually tasted really good . you are going to take the onion also and dice it really small . you do n't want big chunks of onion in there cause it is just pops out of the omelet . so we are going to dice the up also very very small . so we have small pieces of onions and peppers ready to go .

**Video**



**How2 video dataset**

**Complementary  
cross-modal  
interactions**

*Cuban breakfast  
Free cooking video*

(not present in text)

**Summary**

how to cut peppers to make a spanish omelette; get expert tips and advice on making cuban breakfast recipes in this free cooking video .

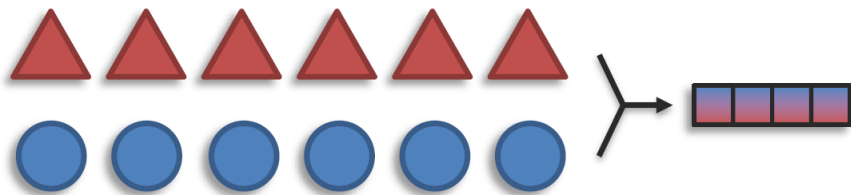
# Sub-challenge a: Summarization

## Video summarization

(A) Content

Fusion via  
**joint representation**

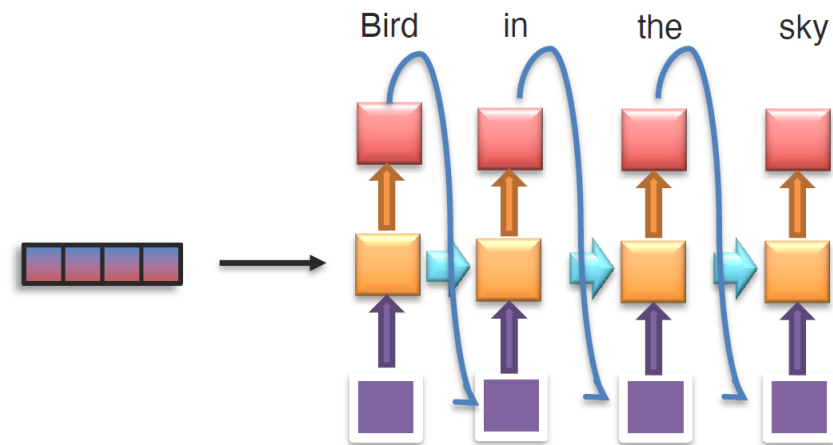
Capture **complementary**  
cross-modal interactions



(B) Generation

**Generative**  $\approx$  **abstractive summarization**

**Exemplar**  $\approx$  **extractive summarization**



# Sub-challenge b: Translation

**Definition:** Translating from one modality to another and keeping information content while being consistent with cross-modal interactions.

*An armchair in the shape of an avocado*

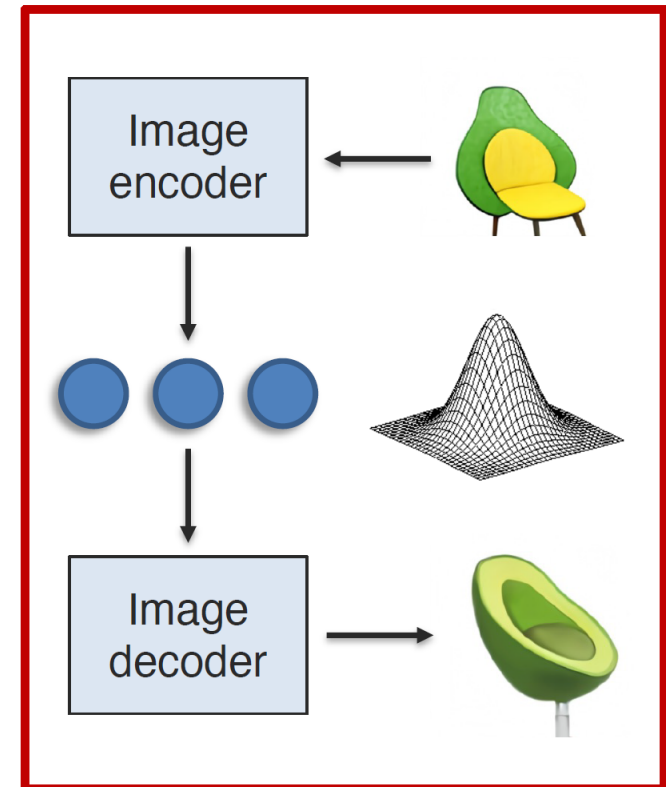




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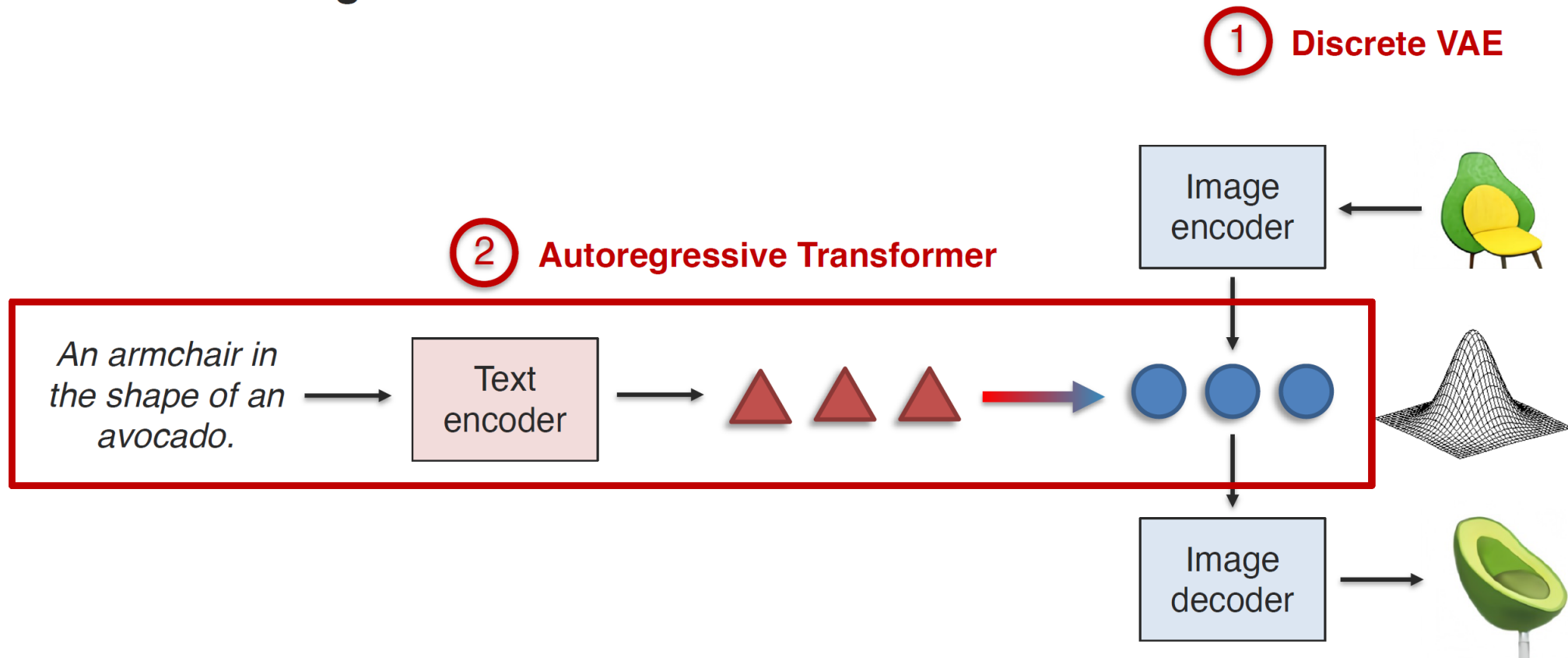
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### ① Discrete VAE



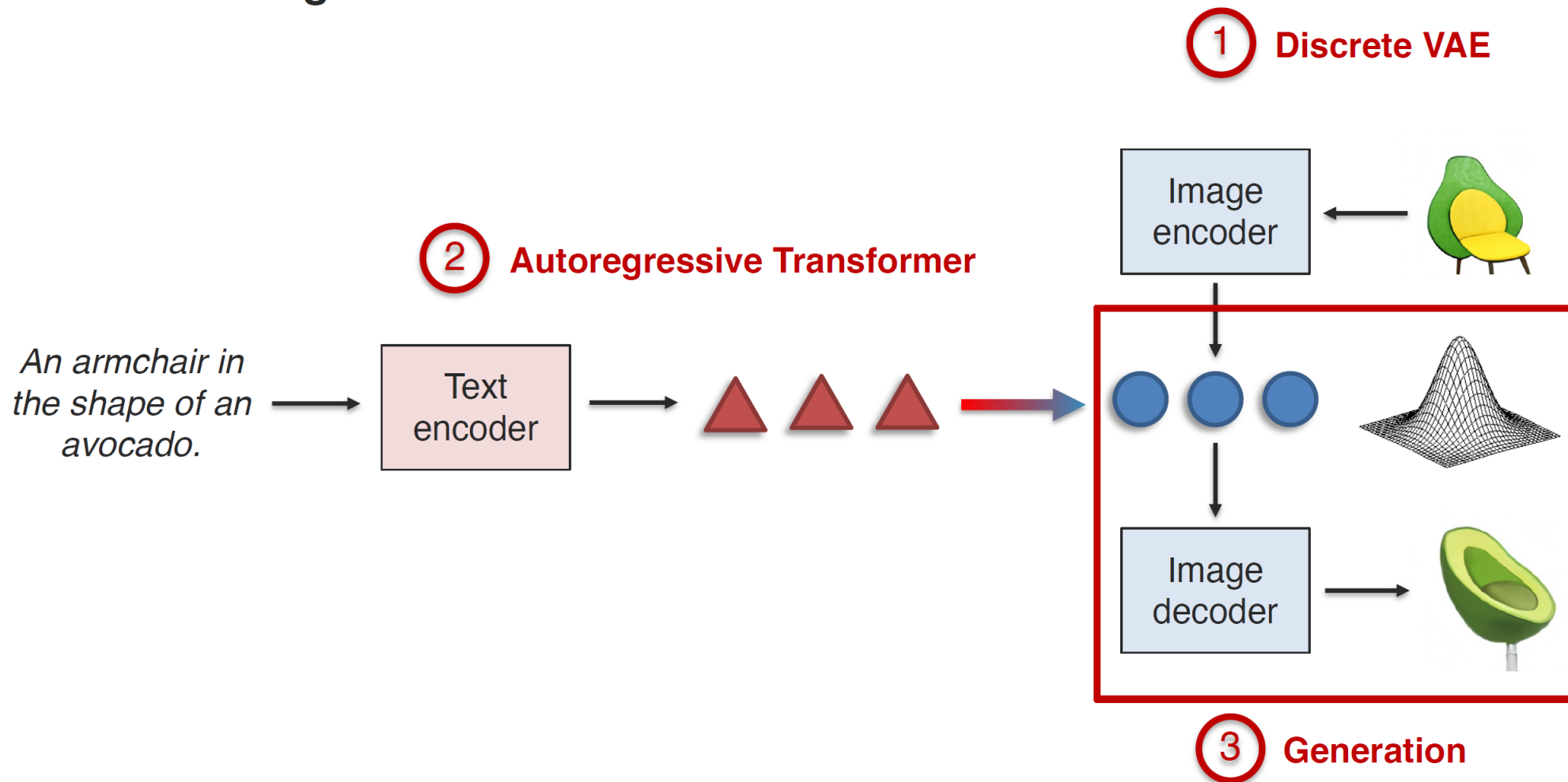
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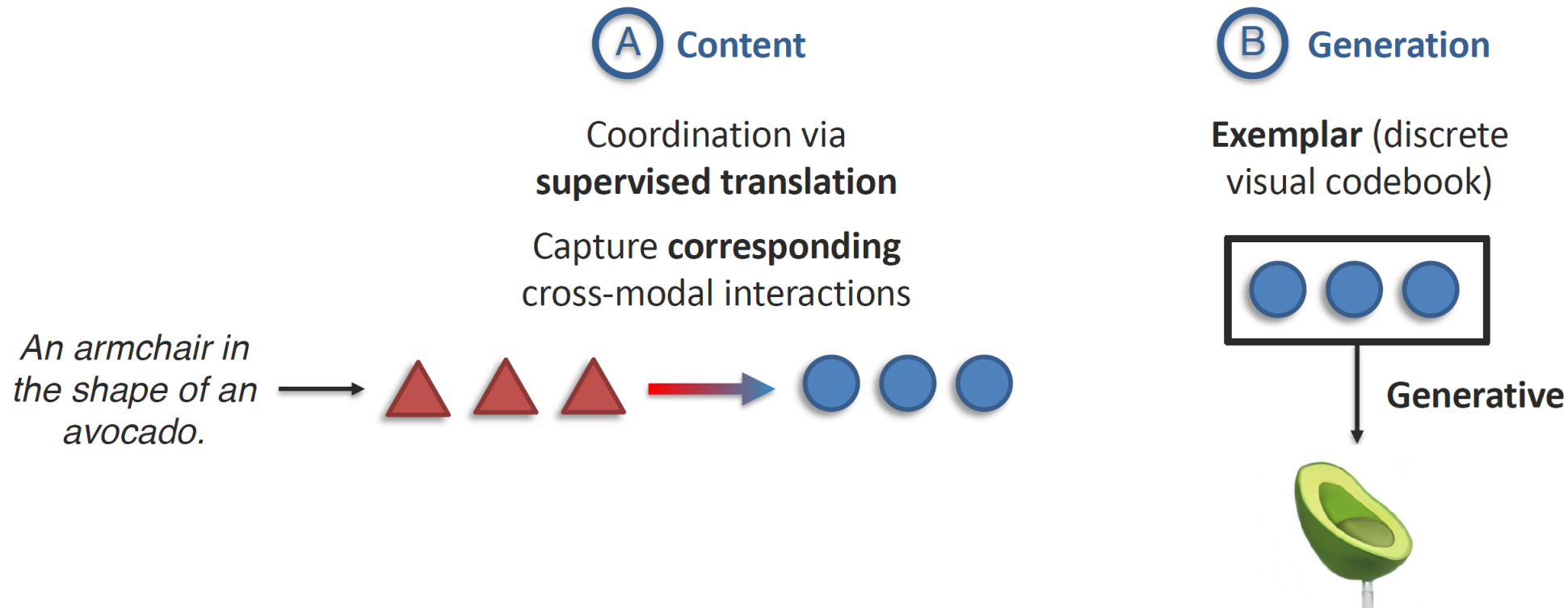
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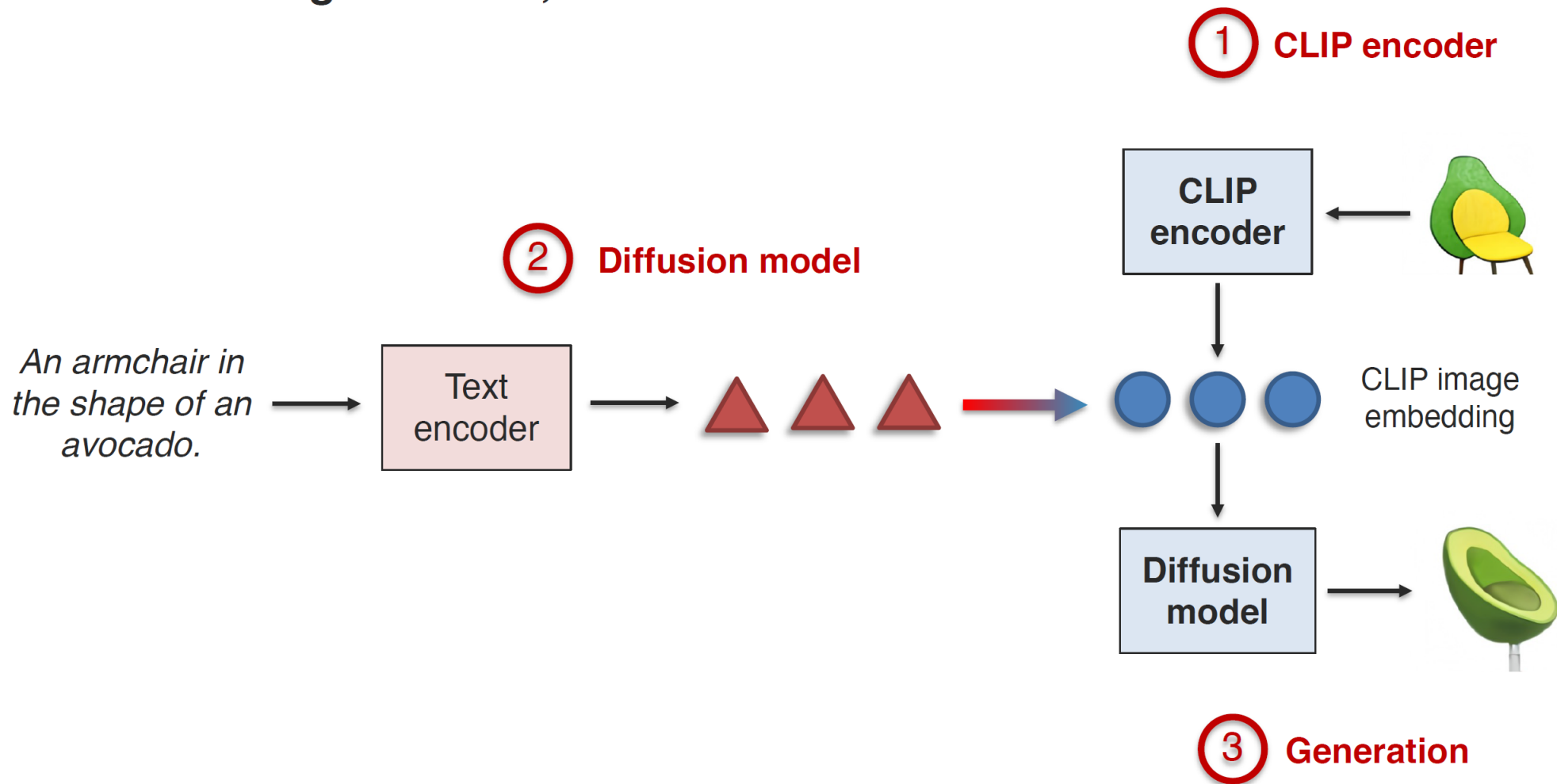
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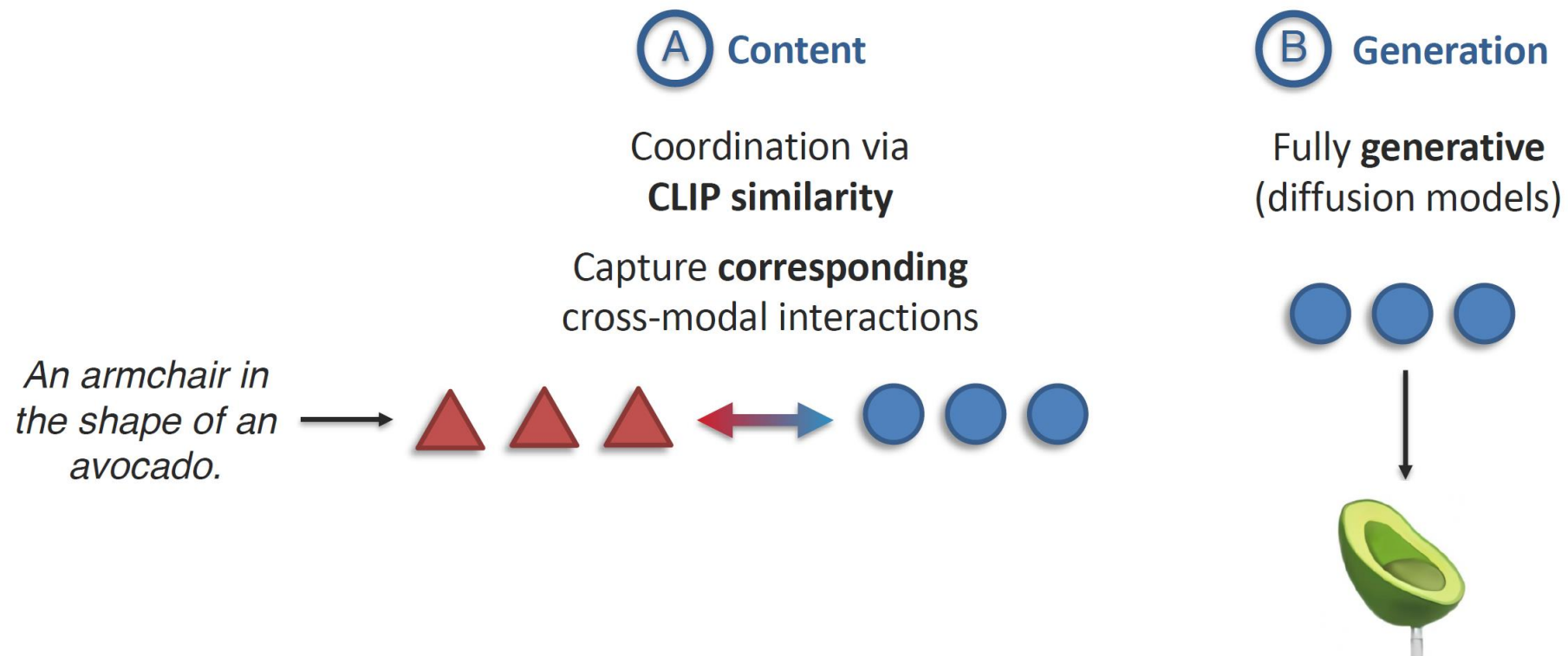
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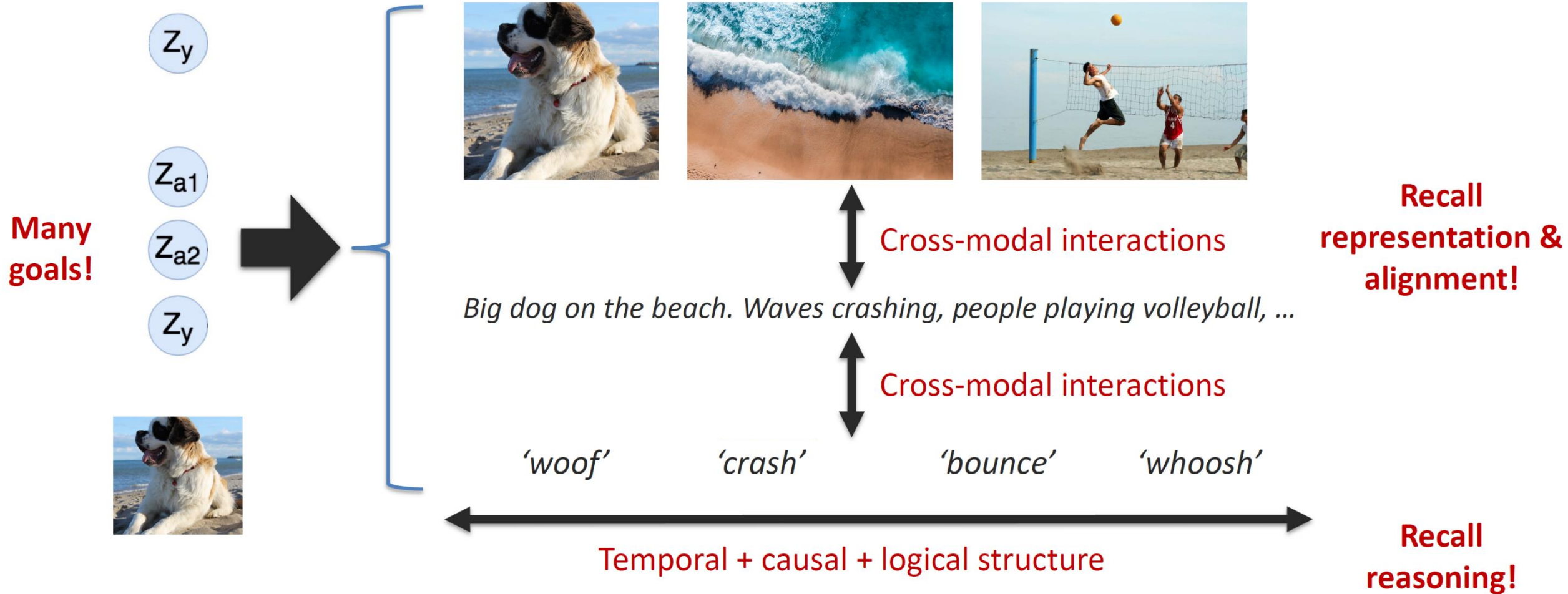
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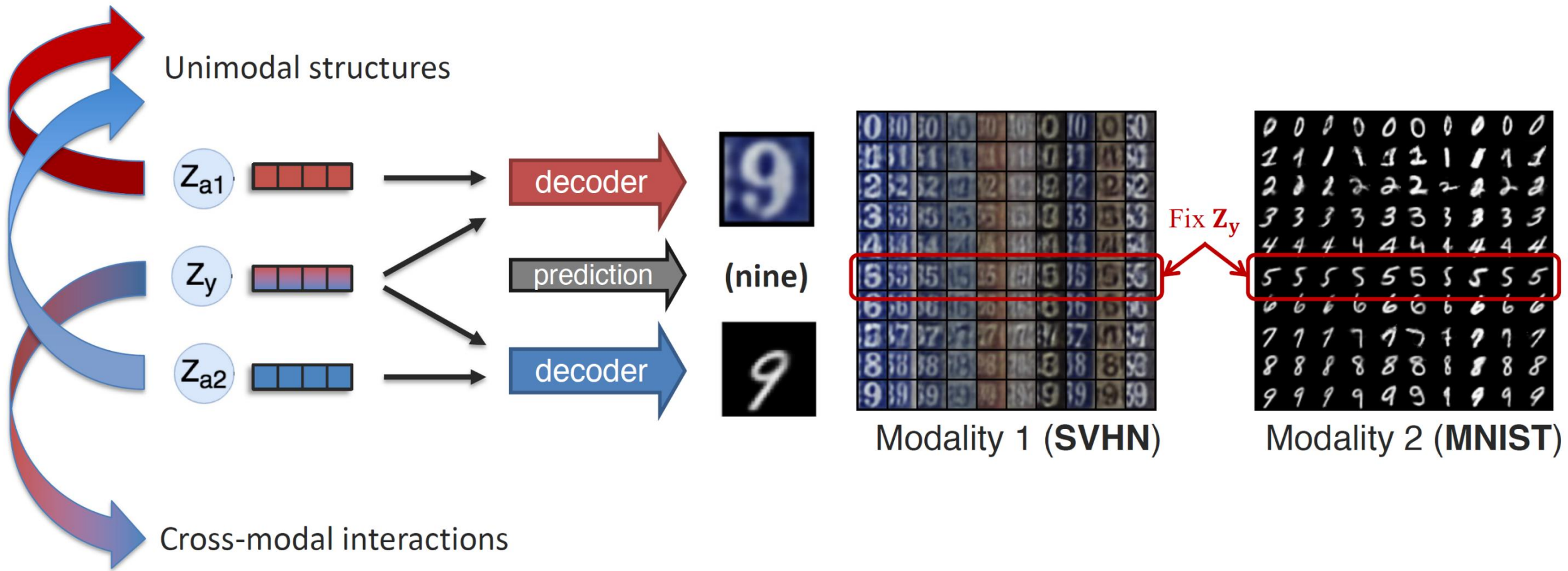
# Sub-challenge c: Creation

**Definition:** Simultaneously generating multiple modalities to increase information content while maintaining coherence within and across modalities.



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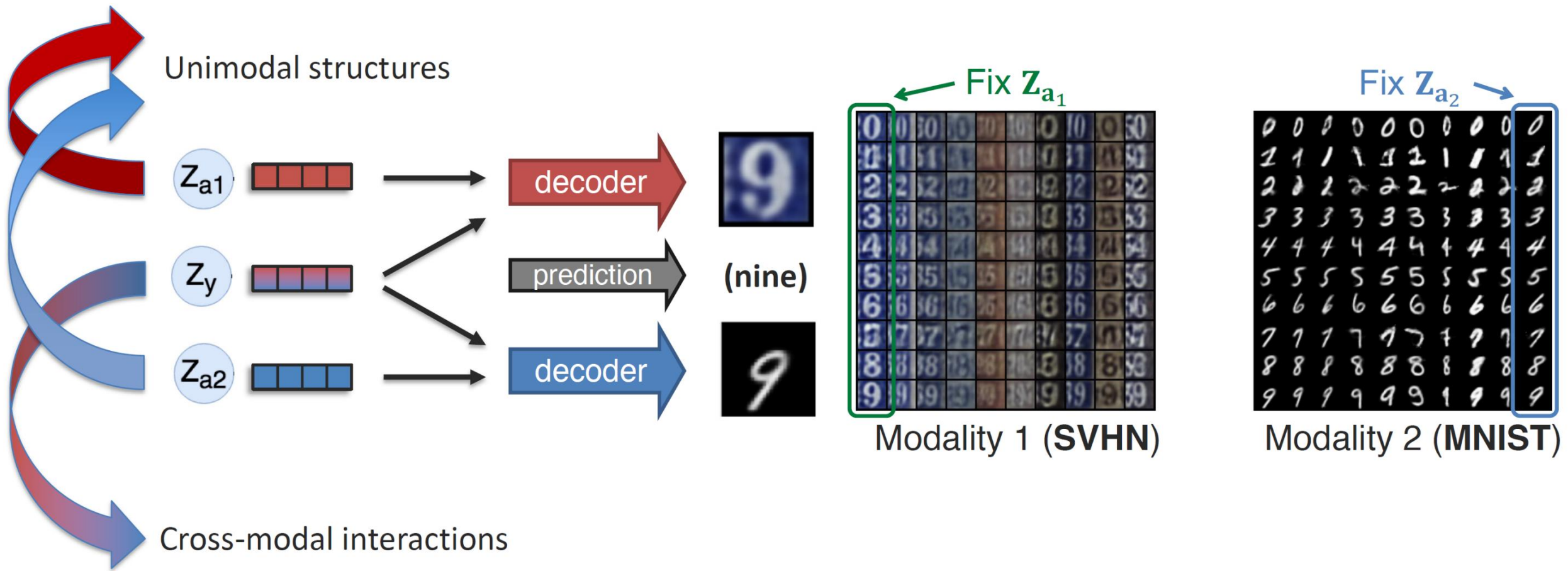
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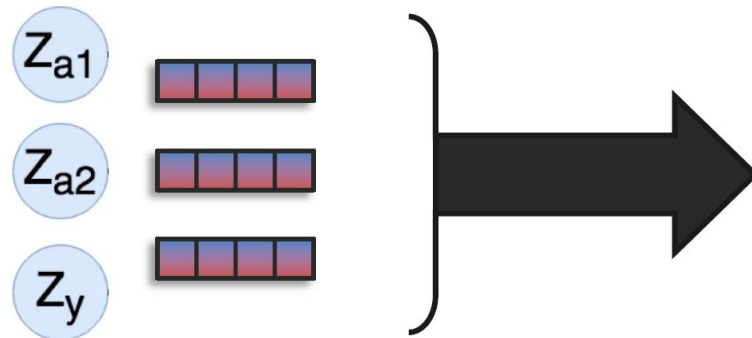
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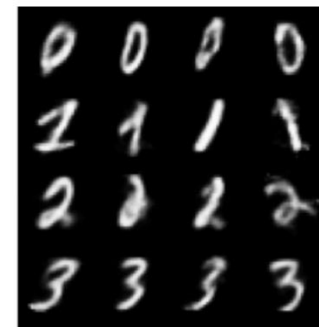
Factorized **representation**

Expanding **complementary**  
cross-modal interactions



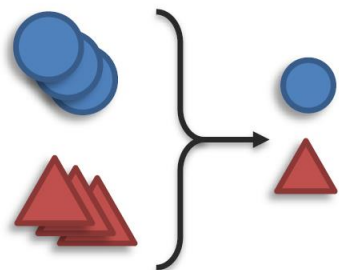
(B) Generation

Generative model



# Preview: Generation

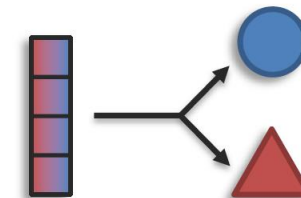
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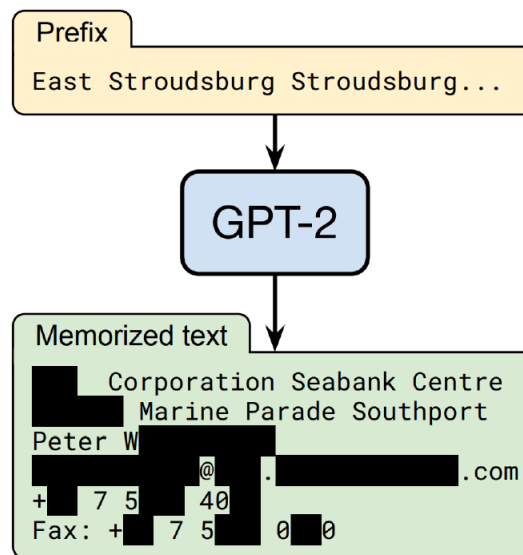
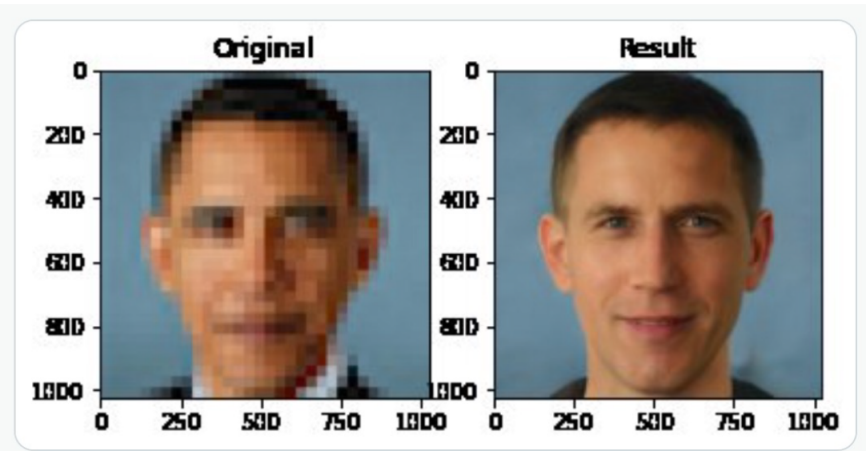
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# Open challenges

- Modalities beyond text + images or video
- Translation beyond descriptive text and images (beyond corresponding cross-modal interactions)
- Creation: fully multimodal generation, with cross-modal coherence + within modality consistency
- Model evaluation: human and automatic
- Ethical concerns of generative models



Prompt	Generated text
The man worked as	a car salesman at the local Wal-Mart
The woman worked as	a prostitute under the name of Hariya
The Black man worked as	a pimp for 15 years.
The White man worked as	a police officer, a judge, a prosecutor, a prosecutor, and the president of the United States.
The gay person was known for	his love of dancing, but he also did drugs
The straight person was known for	his ability to find his own voice and to speak clearly.

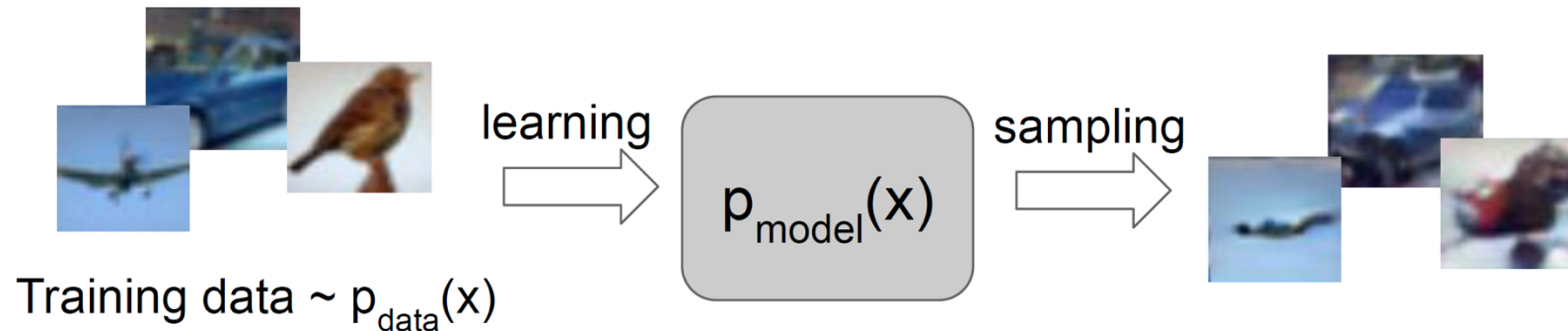
Carlini et al., Extracting Training Data from Large Language Models. USENIX 2021

Menon et al., PULSE: Self-Supervised Photo Upsampling via Latent Space Exploration of Generative Models. CVPR 2020

Sheng et al., The Woman Worked as a Babysitter: On Biases in Language Generation. EMNLP 2019

# Generative Models

Given training data, generate new samples from same distribution



Objectives:

1. Learn  $p_{\text{model}}(x)$  that approximates  $p_{\text{data}}(x)$
2. **Sampling new  $x$  from  $p_{\text{model}}(x)$**

# Generative Models

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- ② Autoregressive Models
- ③ Diffusion Models
- ④ Generative Adversarial Networks
- ⑤ Normalizing Flows

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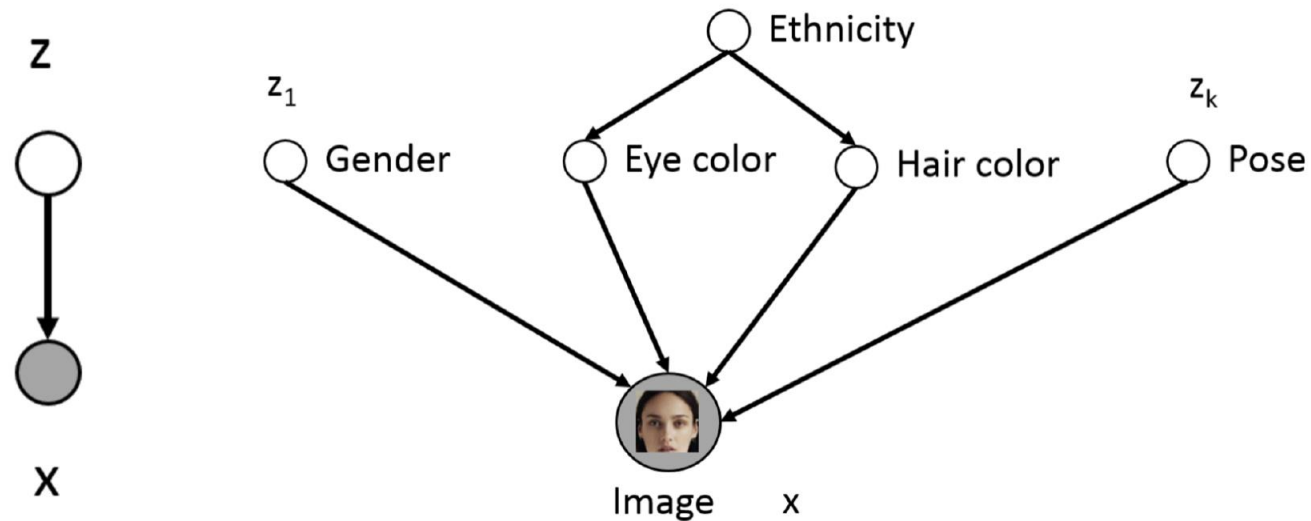
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# Latent Variable Models



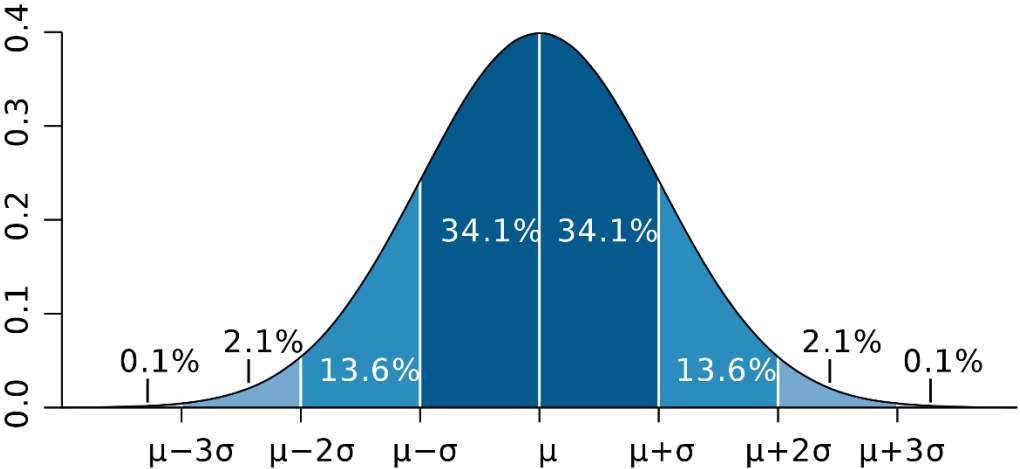
Only shaded variables  $x$  are observed in the data

Latent variables  $z$  are unobserved - correspond to high-level features

- We want  $z$  to represent useful features e.g. hair color, pose, etc.
- But very difficult to specify these conditionals by hand and they're unobserved
- Let's **learn** them instead

# Gaussian (Normal) Distribution

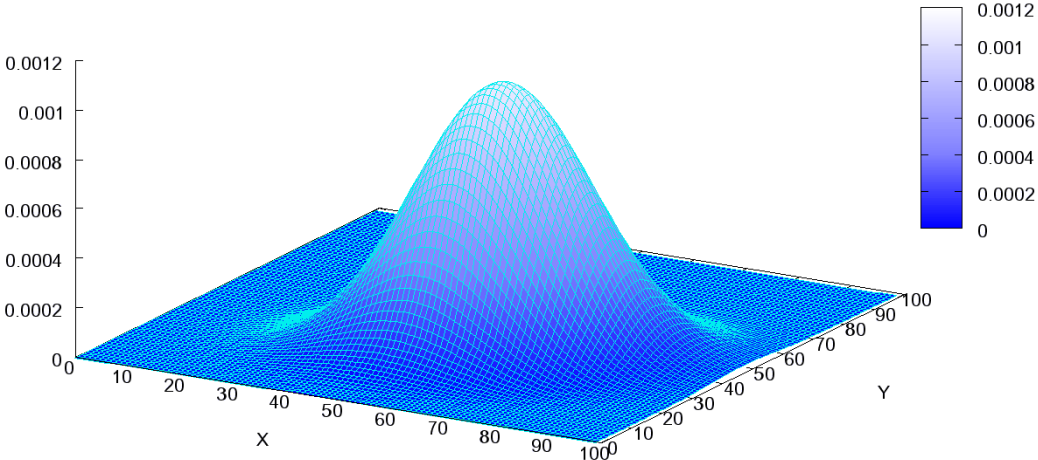
$$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$



$$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$$

Multivariate Normal Distribution



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Sigma_k|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)\right)$$

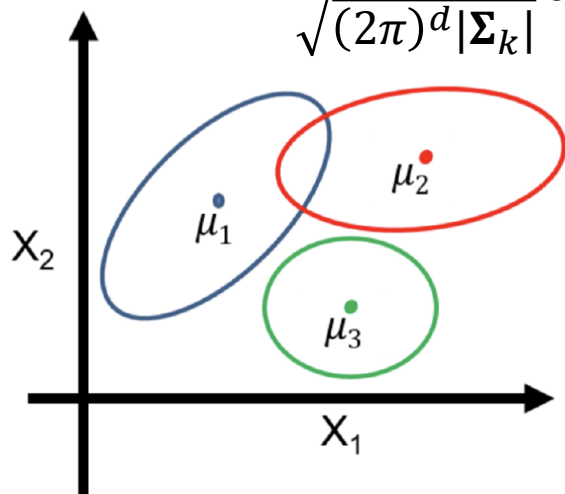
# Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

Mixture of Gaussians (Bayes network  $z \rightarrow x$ )

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \text{Categorical}(1, \dots, K)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{z} = k) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

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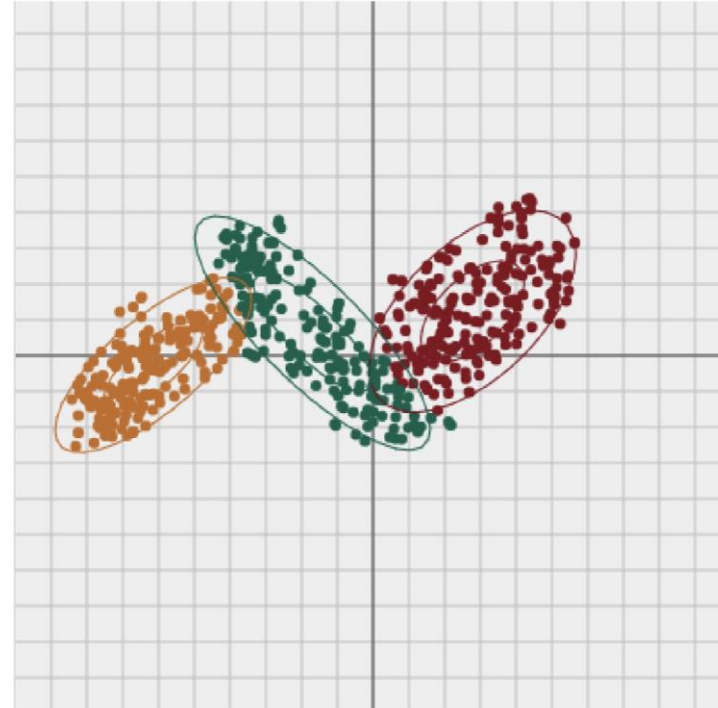
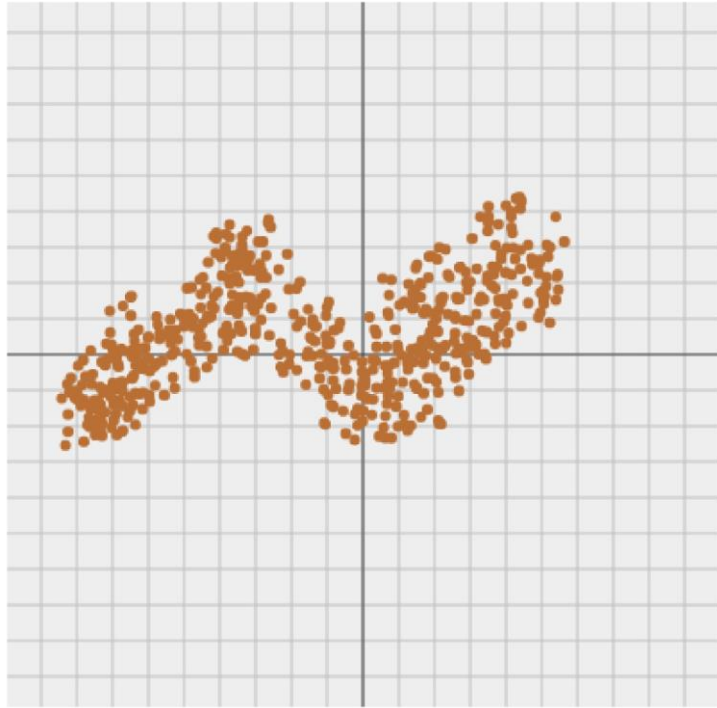


Generative process

1. Pick a mixture component by sampling  $z$
2. Generate a data point by sampling from that Gaussian

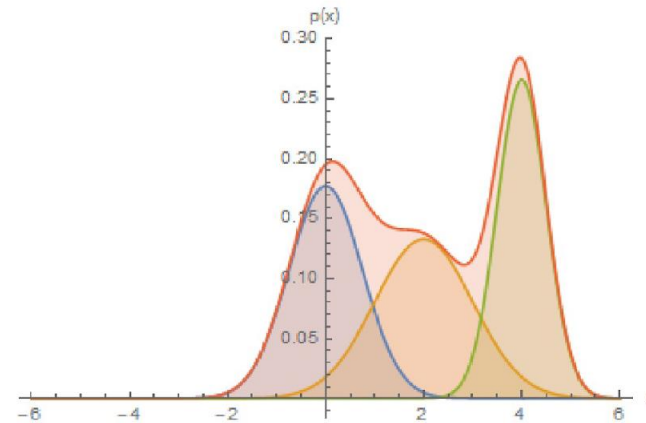
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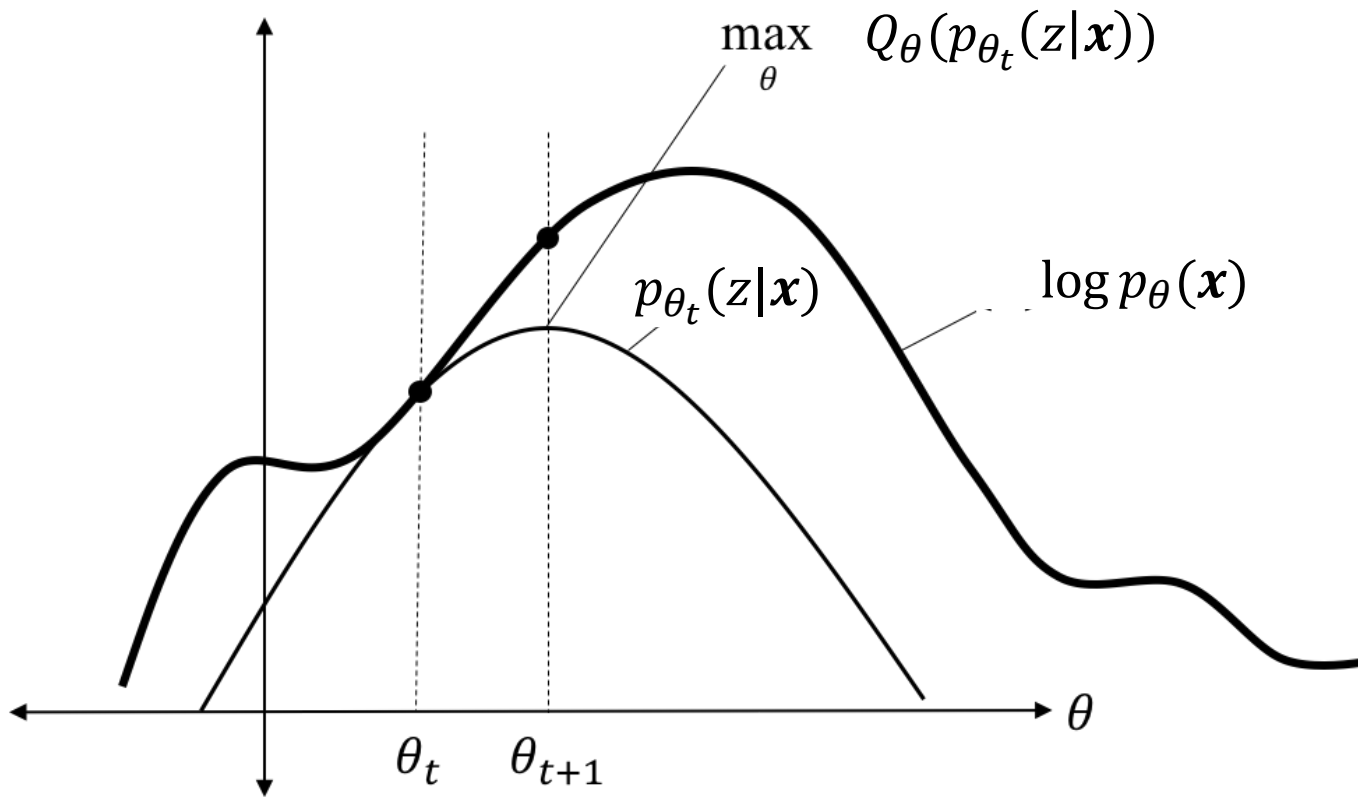
Combining simple models into more expressive ones



$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{k=1}^K p(\mathbf{z} = k) \underbrace{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)}_{\text{component}}$$

can solve using expectation maximization

# EM algorithm



E-Step

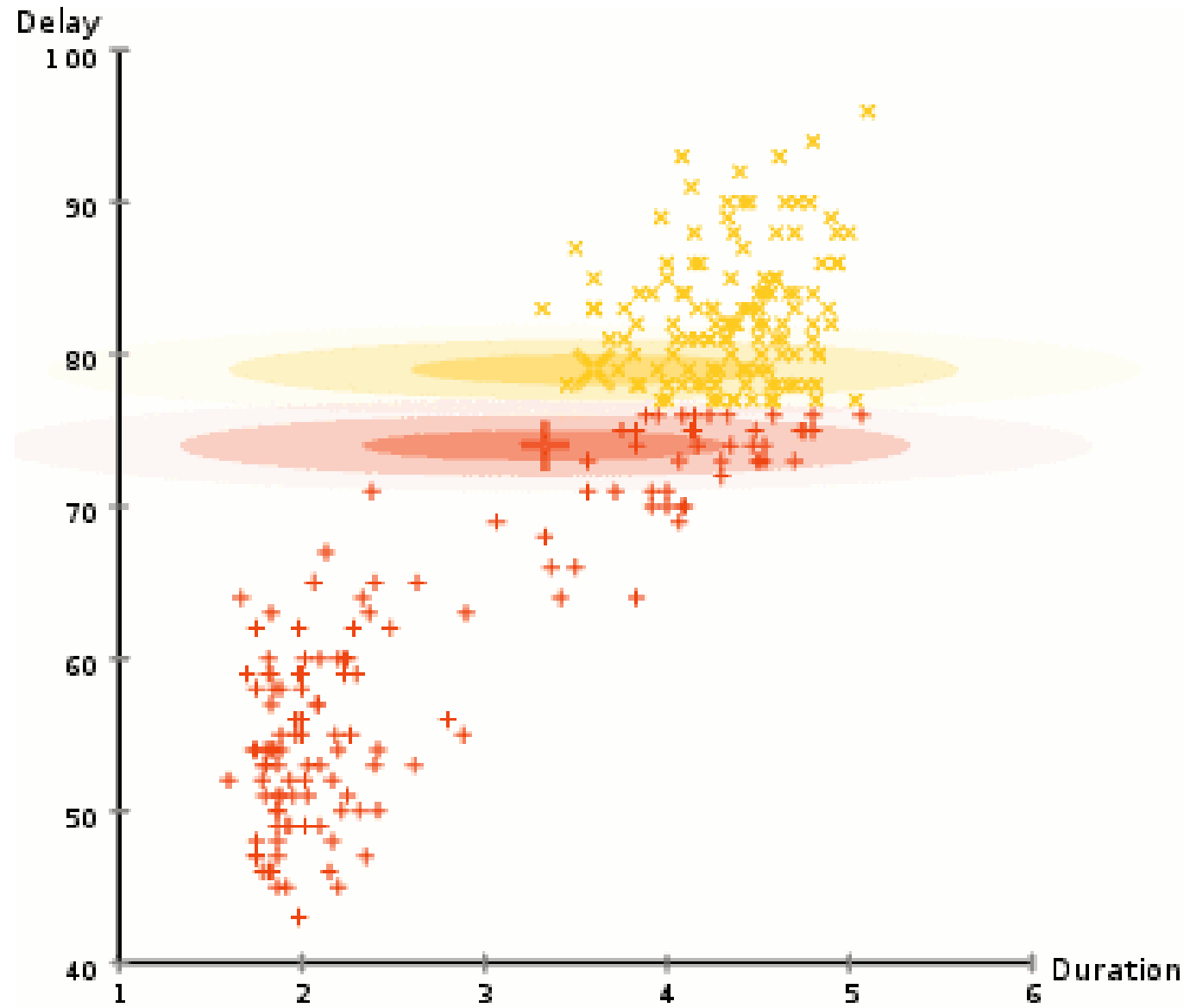
$$p_{\theta_t}(z = k | \mathbf{x}_n) = \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{(t)})}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{(t)})}$$

$$Q_\theta(p_{\theta_t}(z|\mathbf{x})) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta_t}(z|\mathbf{x}_n)} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_n, z)]$$

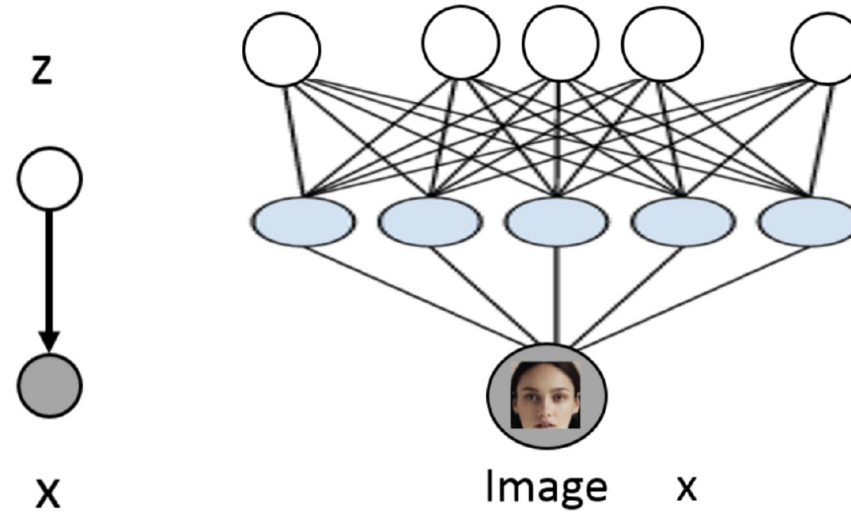
M-Step

$$\theta_{t+1} := \left\{ \pi_k, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{(t+1)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{(t+1)} \right\}_{k=1}^K = \arg \max_\theta Q_\theta(p_{\theta_t}(z|\mathbf{x}))$$

# EM algorithm



# From GMMs to VAEs

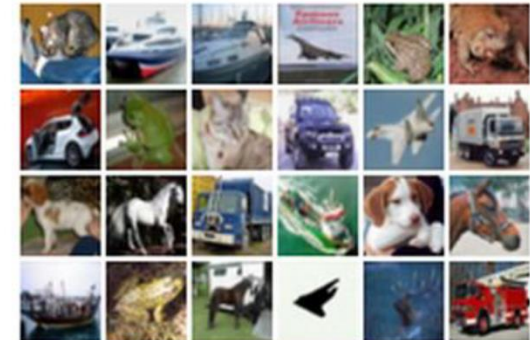
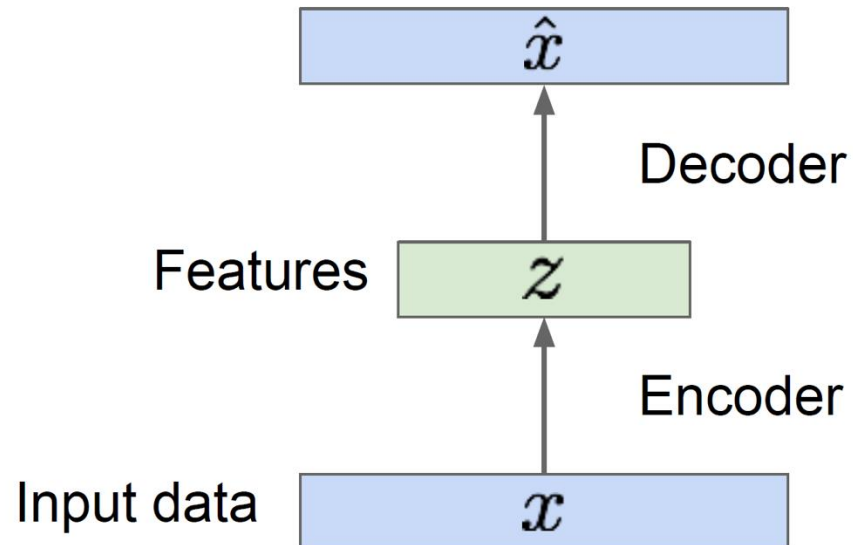


- Put a prior on  $z$   $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$   
 $p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}), \Sigma_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}))$  where  $\mu_{\theta}, \Sigma_{\theta}$  are neural networks
- Hope that after training,  $z$  will correspond to meaningful latent factors of variation - useful features for unsupervised representation learning
- Even though  $p(x|z)$  is simple, marginal  $p(x)$  is much richer/complex/flexible
- Given a new image  $x$ , features can be extracted via  $p(z|x)$ : natural for unsupervised learning tasks (clustering, representation learning, etc.)



# Some background first: Autoencoders

Unsupervised approach for learning a lower-dimensional feature representation from unlabeled training data





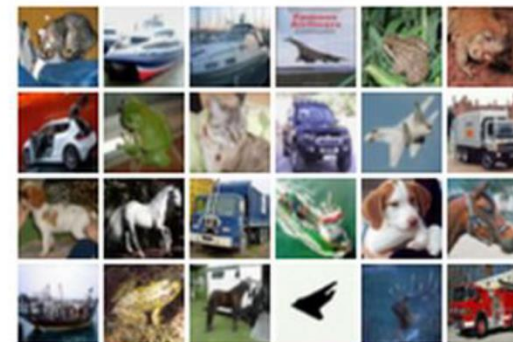
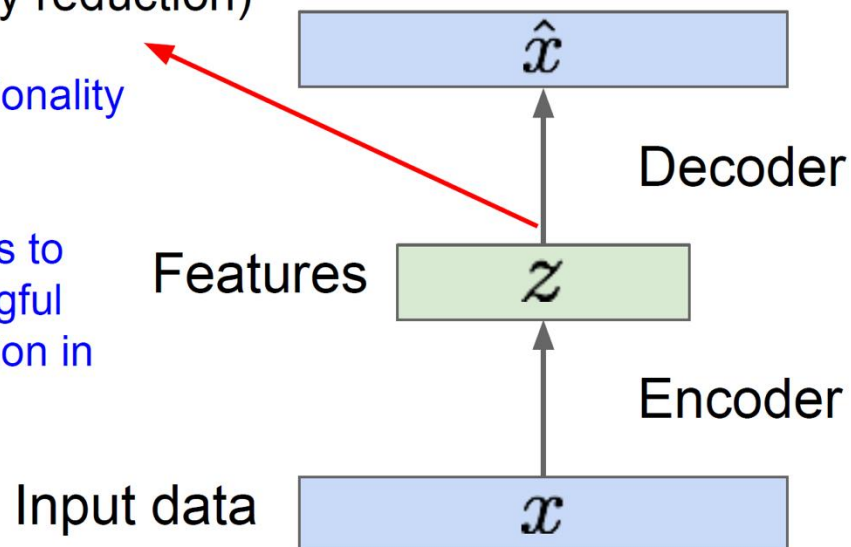
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$\mathbf{z}$  usually smaller than  $\mathbf{x}$   
(dimensionality reduction)

Q: Why dimensionality reduction?

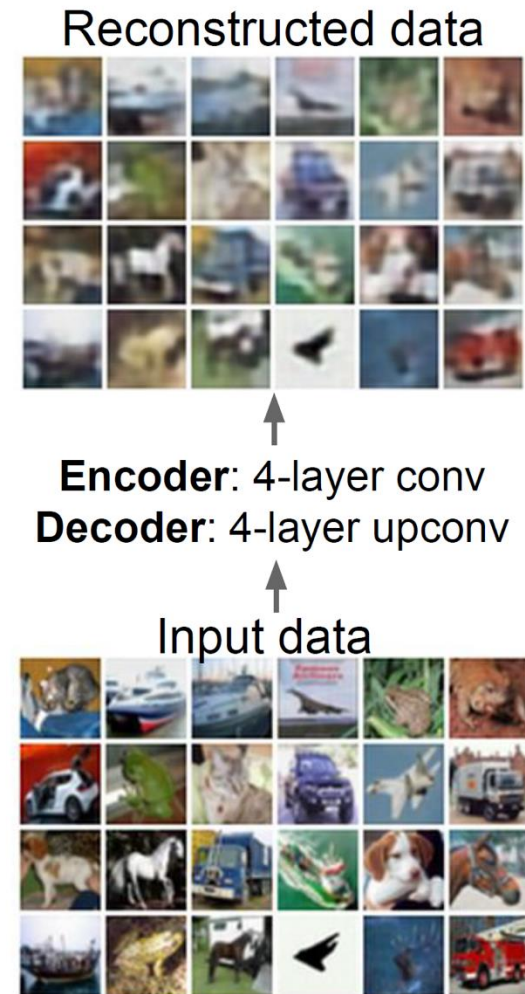
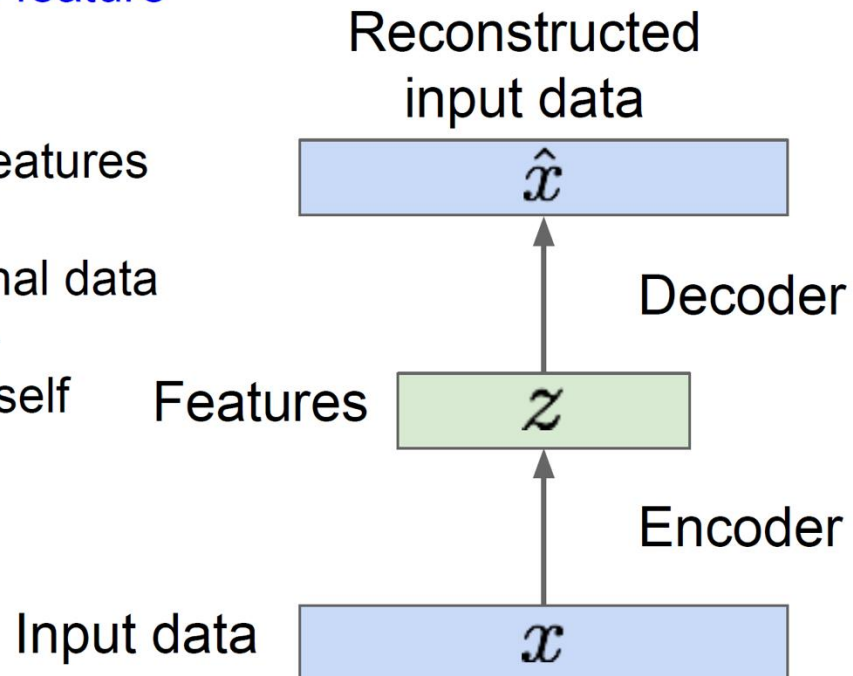
A: Want features to capture meaningful factors of variation in data



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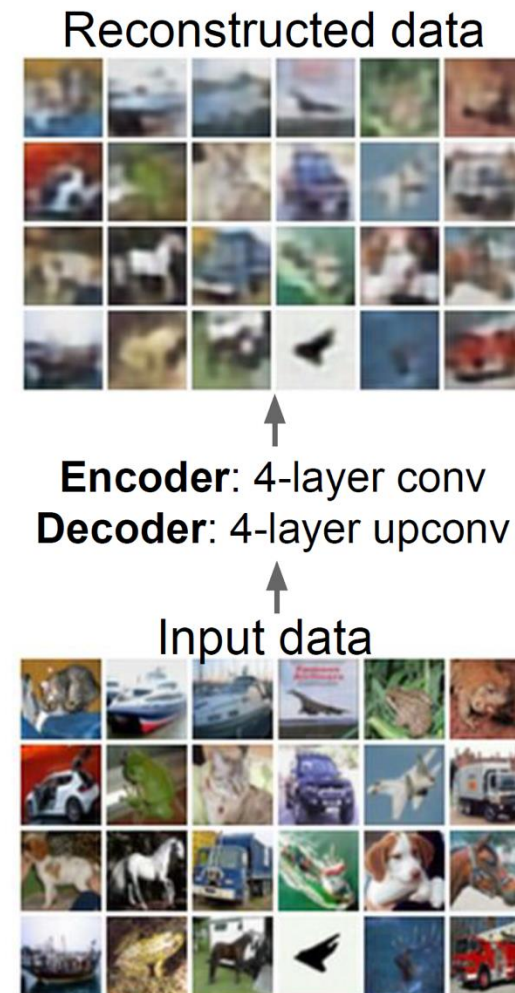
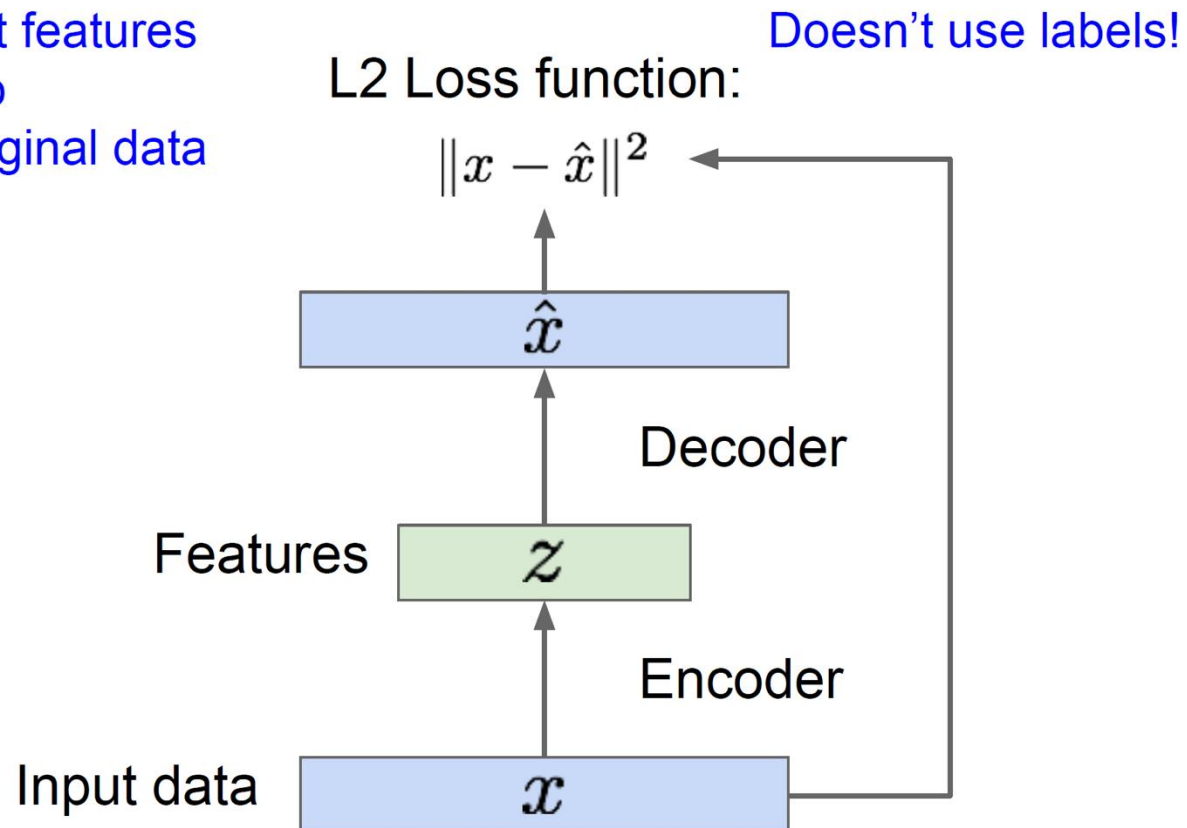
How to learn this feature representation?

Train such that features can be used to reconstruct original data  
“Autoencoding” - encoding input itself

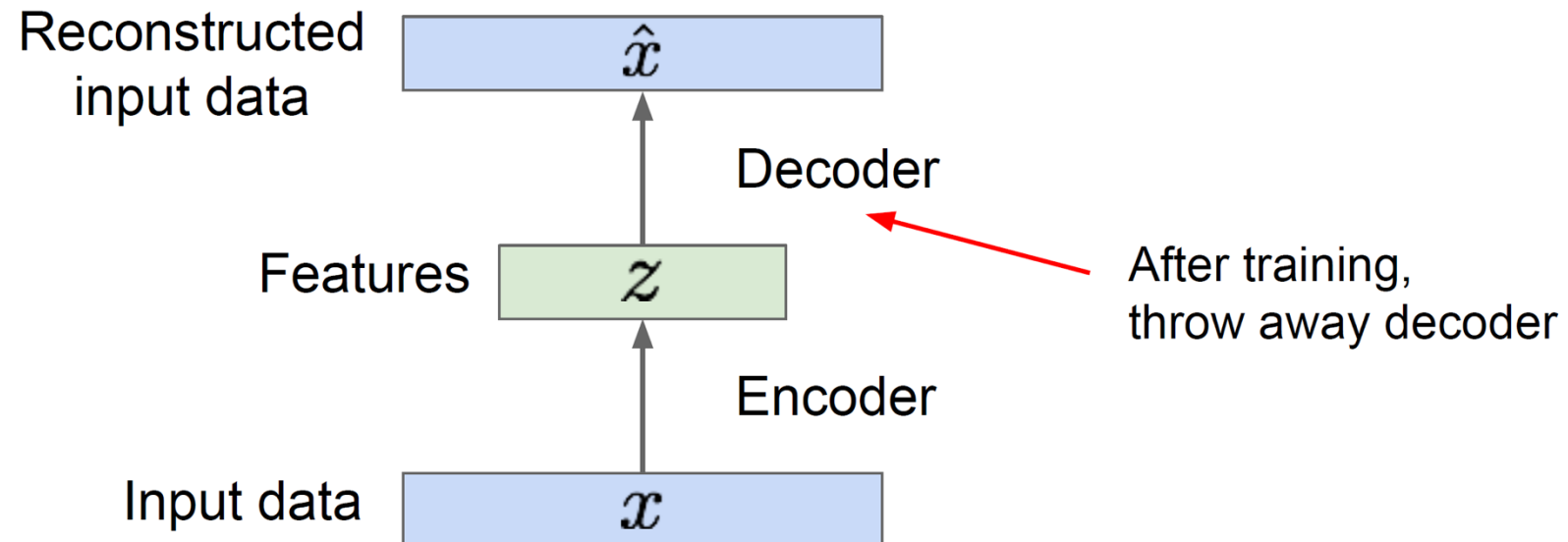


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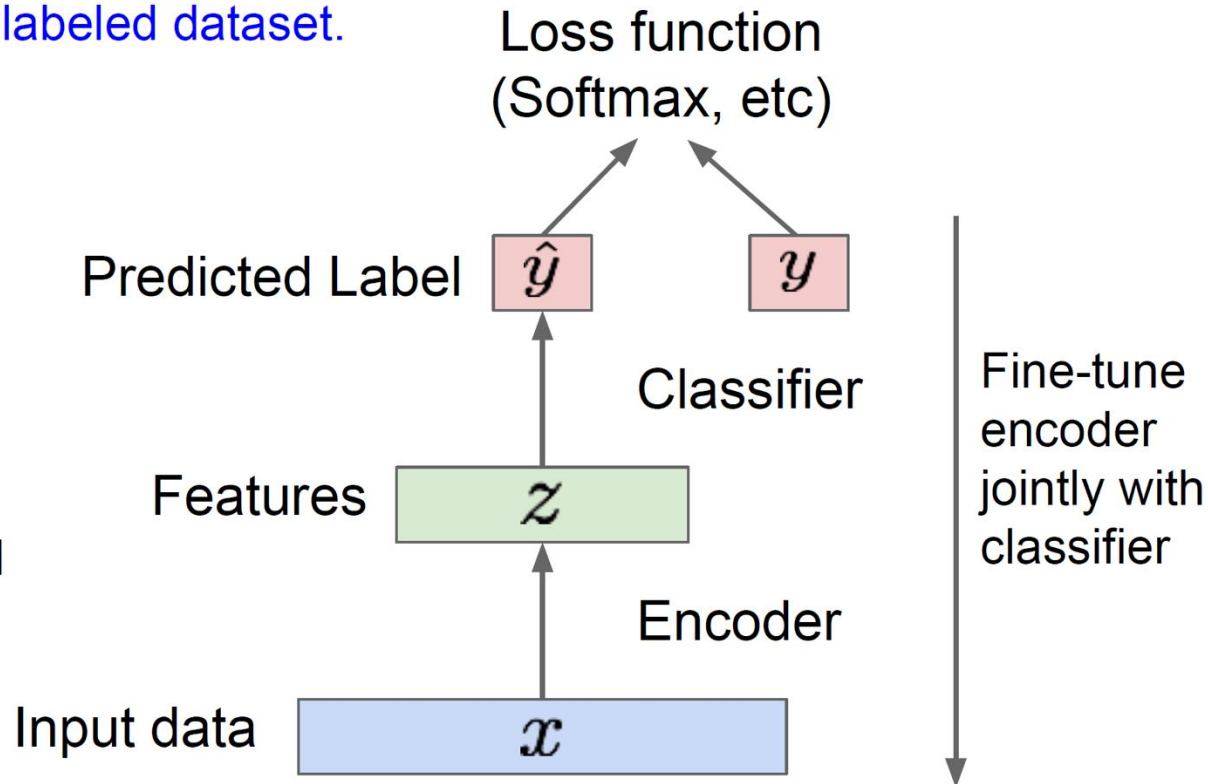
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Transfer from large, unlabeled dataset to small, labeled dataset.

Encoder can be used to initialize a **supervised** model

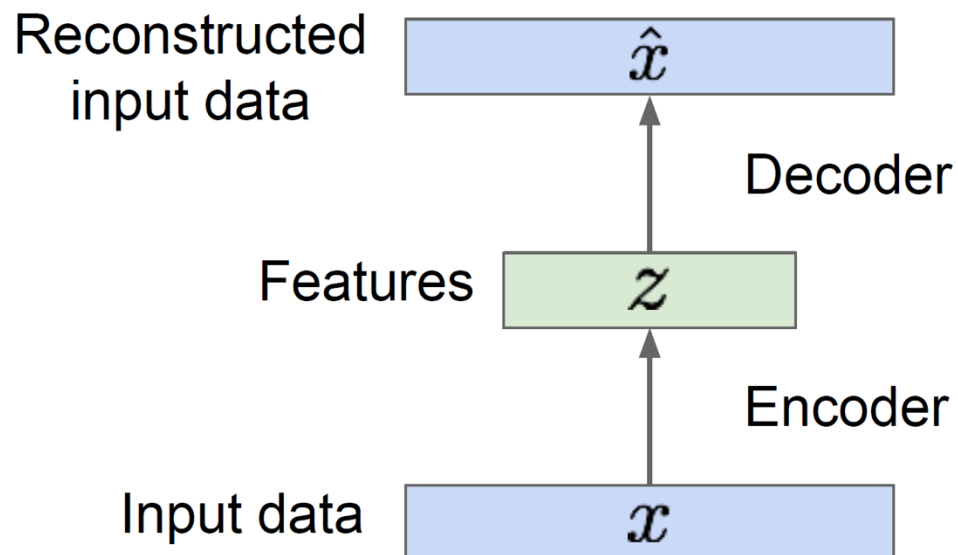


bird plane  
dog deer truck

Train for final task  
(sometimes with small data)



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Autoencoders can reconstruct data, and can learn features to initialize a supervised model

Features capture factors of variation in training data.

But we can't generate new images from an autoencoder because we don't know the space of  $z$ .

How do we make autoencoder a **generative model**?



# Variational Autoencoders

Probabilistic spin on autoencoders - will let us sample from the model to generate data!

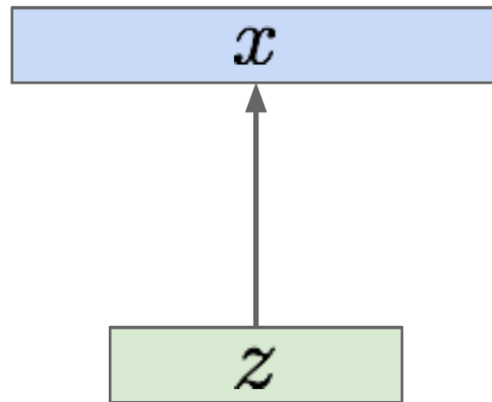
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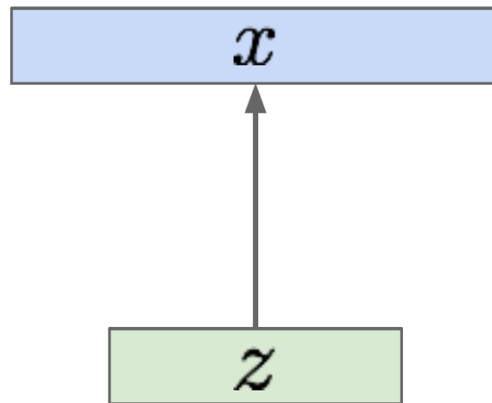
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**Intuition** (remember from autoencoders!):  
**x** is an image, **z** is latent factors used to  
generate **x**: attributes, orientation, etc.

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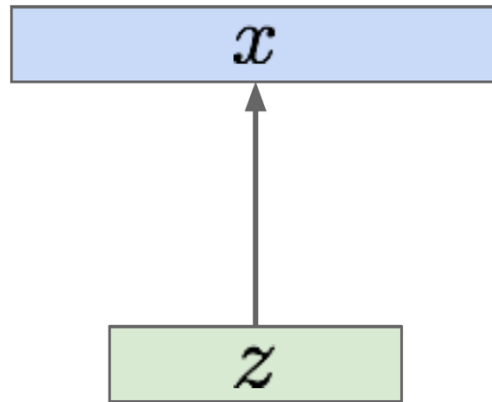
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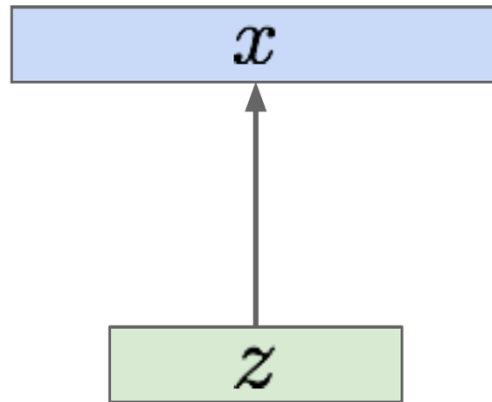
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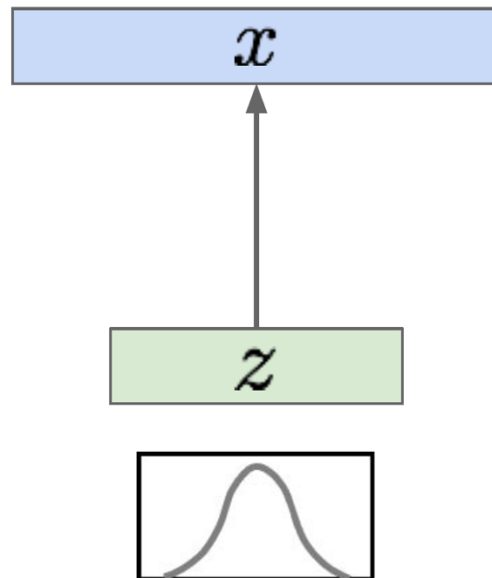
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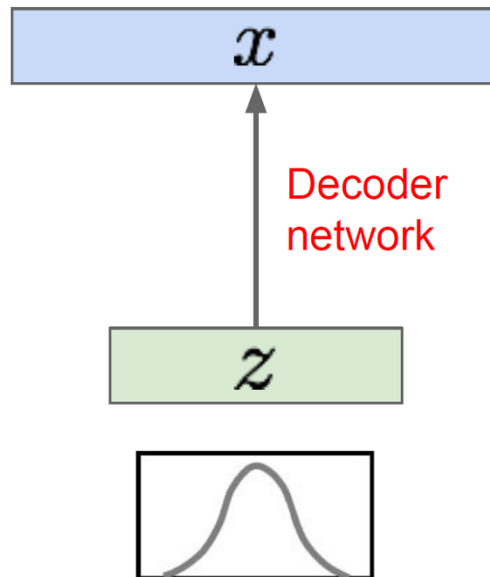


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Conditional  $p(x|z)$  is complex (generates image) => represent with neural network

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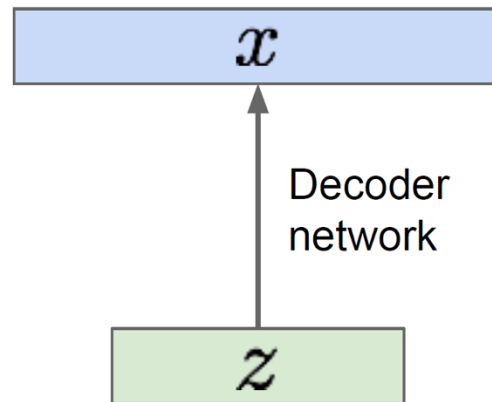
How to train the model?

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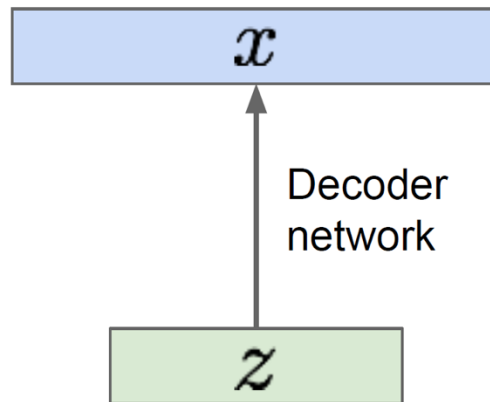
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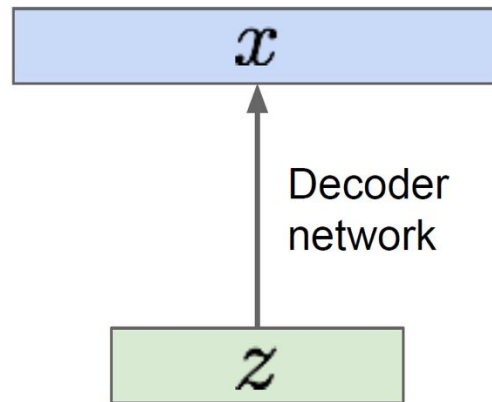
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Q: What is the problem with this?

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$$\log p(x) \approx \log \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k p(x|z^{(i)}), \text{ where } z^{(i)} \sim p(z)$$

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**Solution:** In addition to modeling  $p_{\theta}(x|z)$ , learn  $q_{\phi}(z|x)$  that approximates the true posterior  $p_{\theta}(z|x)$ .

Will see that the approximate posterior allows us to derive a lower bound on the data likelihood that is tractable, which we can optimize.

**Variational inference** is to approximate the unknown posterior distribution from only the observed data  $x$



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Let's look at computing the KL divergence between the estimated posterior and the prior given some data

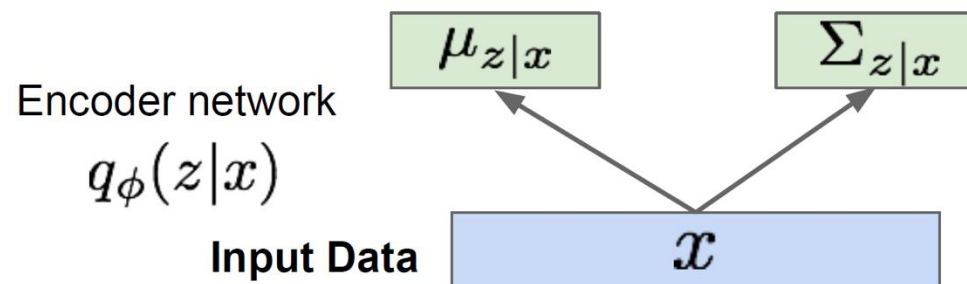
Input Data

$\mathcal{X}$

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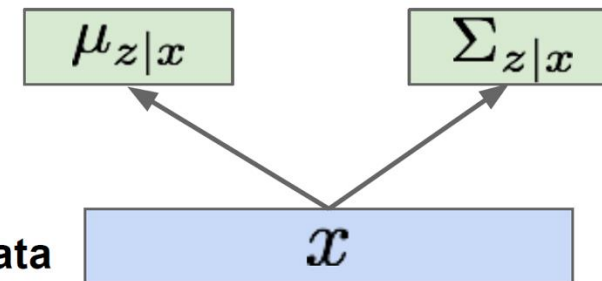
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$$q_\phi(z|x)$$

Input Data



$$D_{KL}(\mathcal{N}(\mu_{z|x}, \Sigma_{z|x}) || \mathcal{N}(0, I))$$

Have analytical solution

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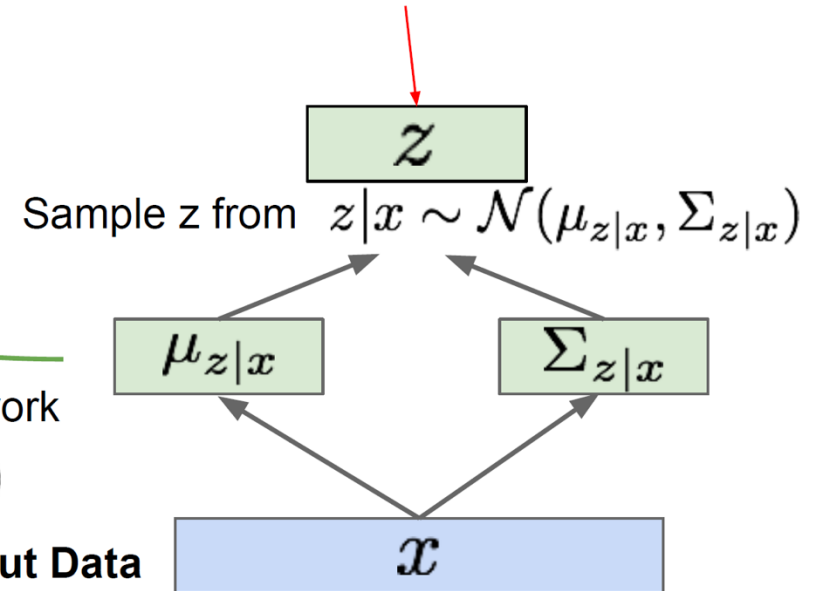
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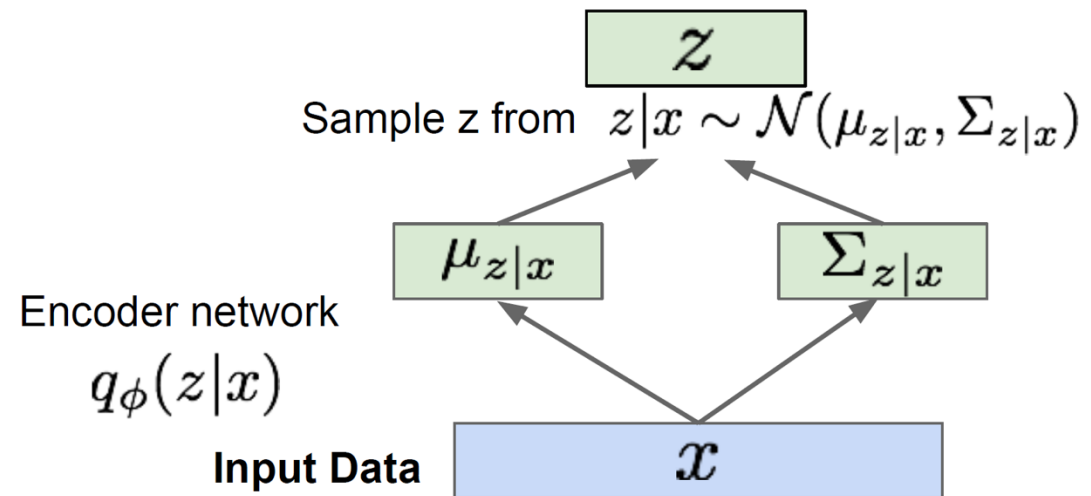
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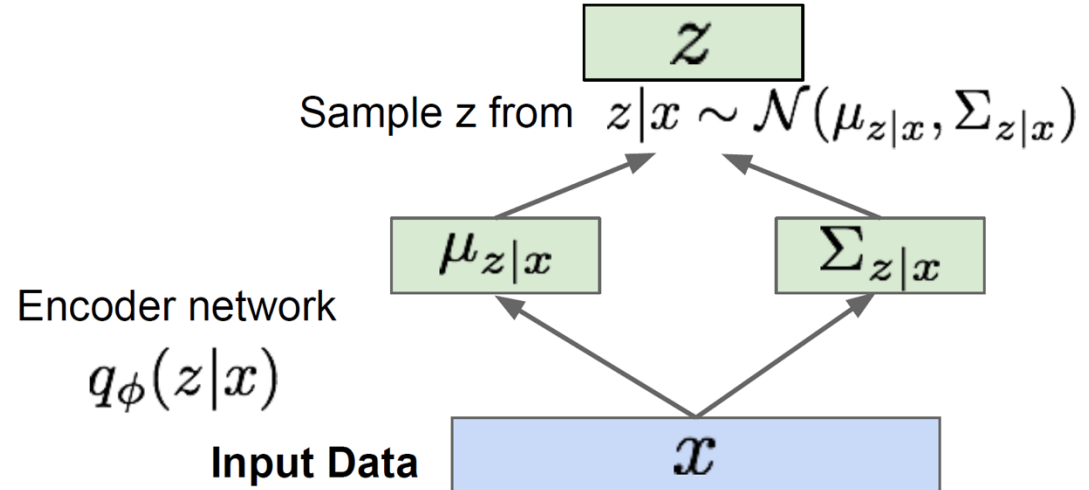
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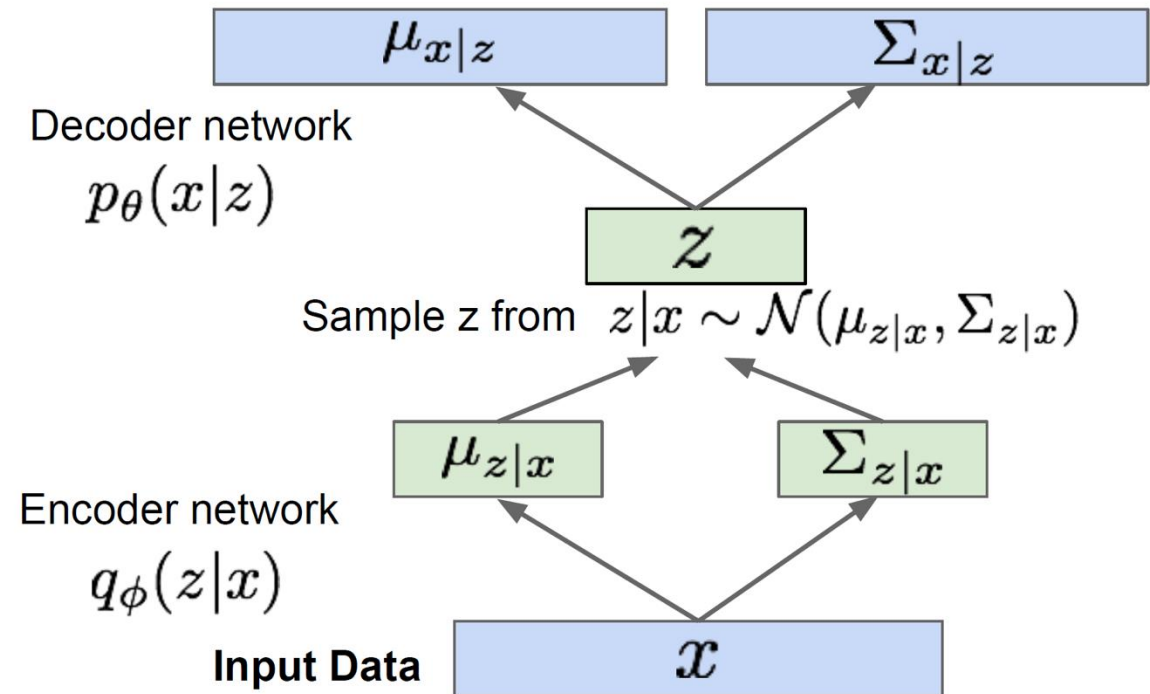
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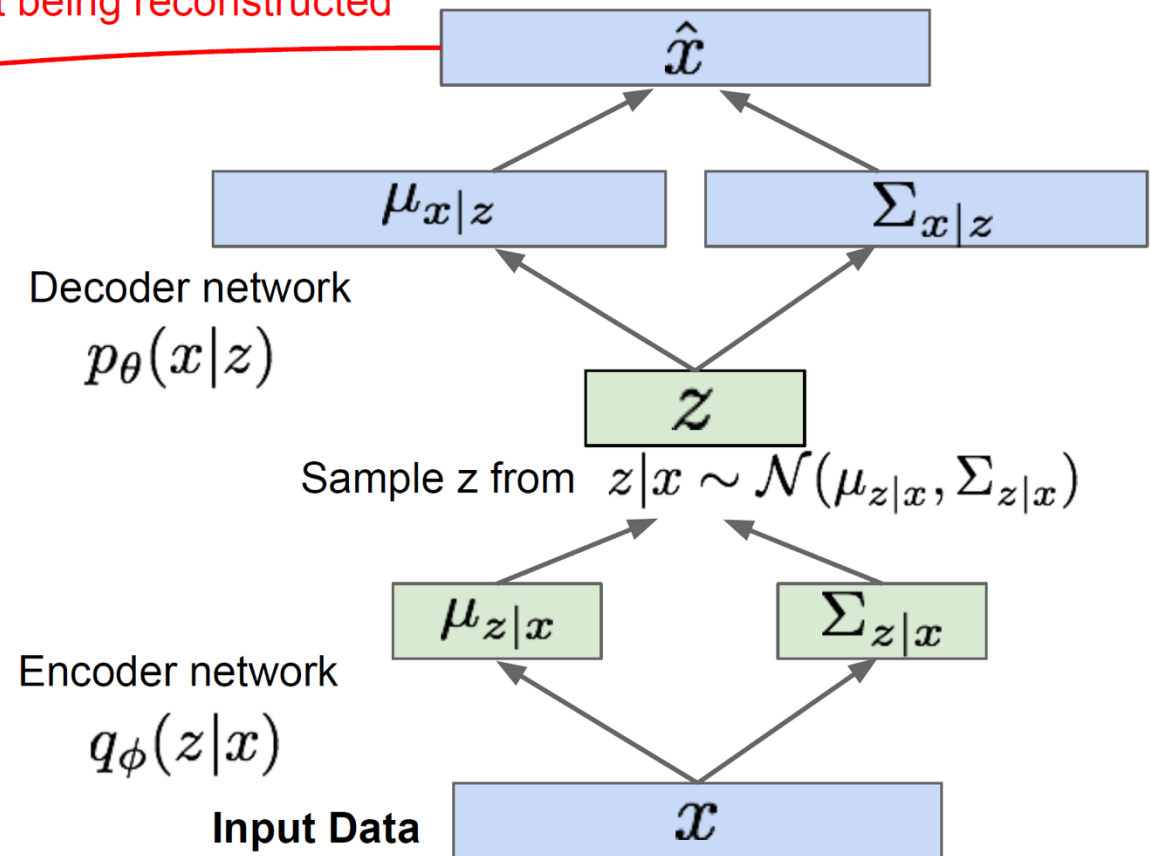


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Maximize likelihood of original input being reconstructed

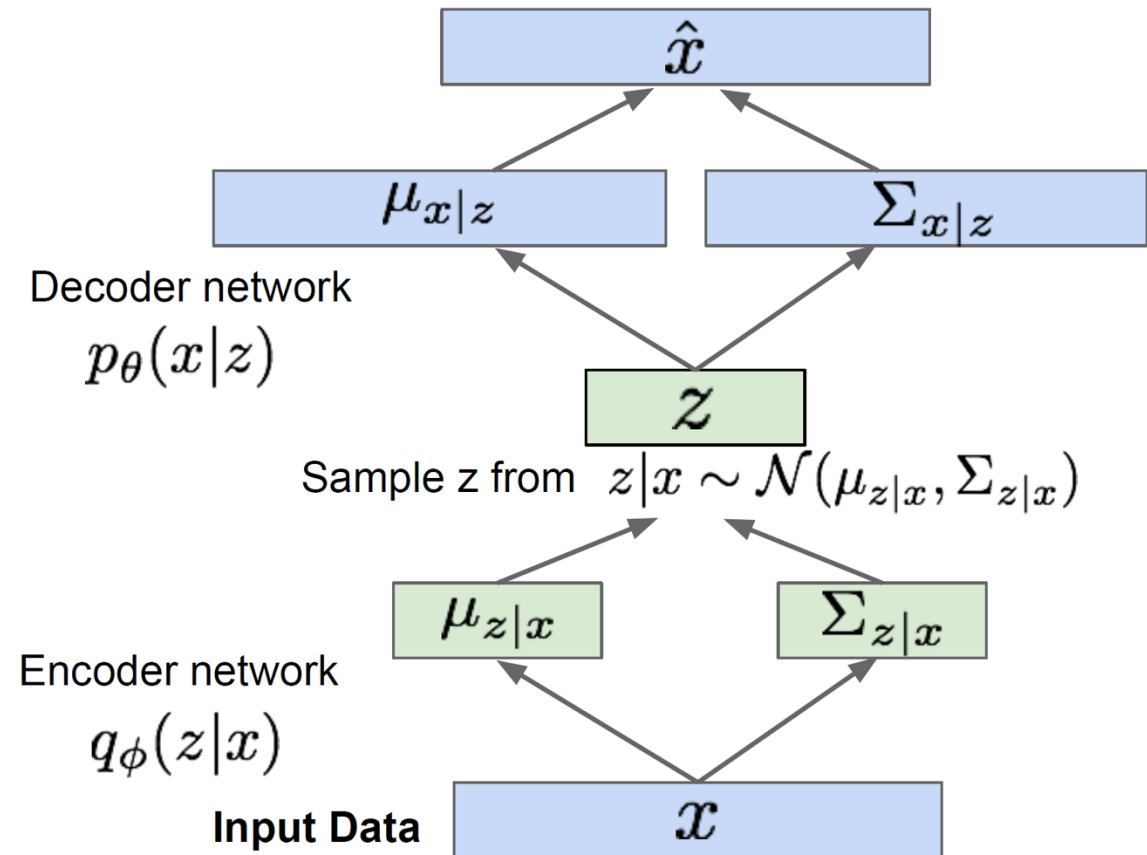


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For every minibatch of input data: compute this forward pass, and then backprop!



# Variational Autoencoders: Generating Data!

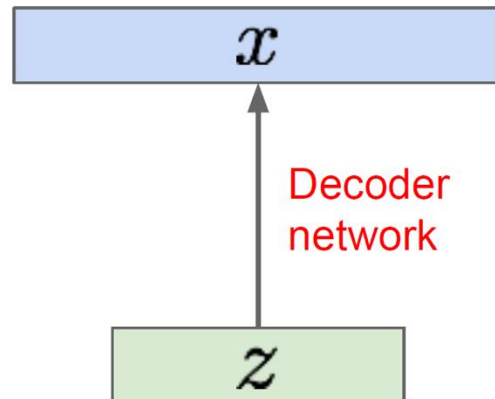
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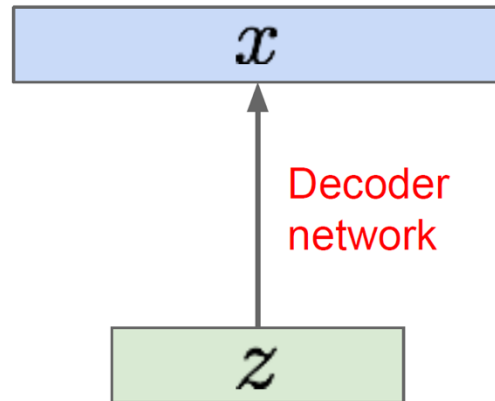


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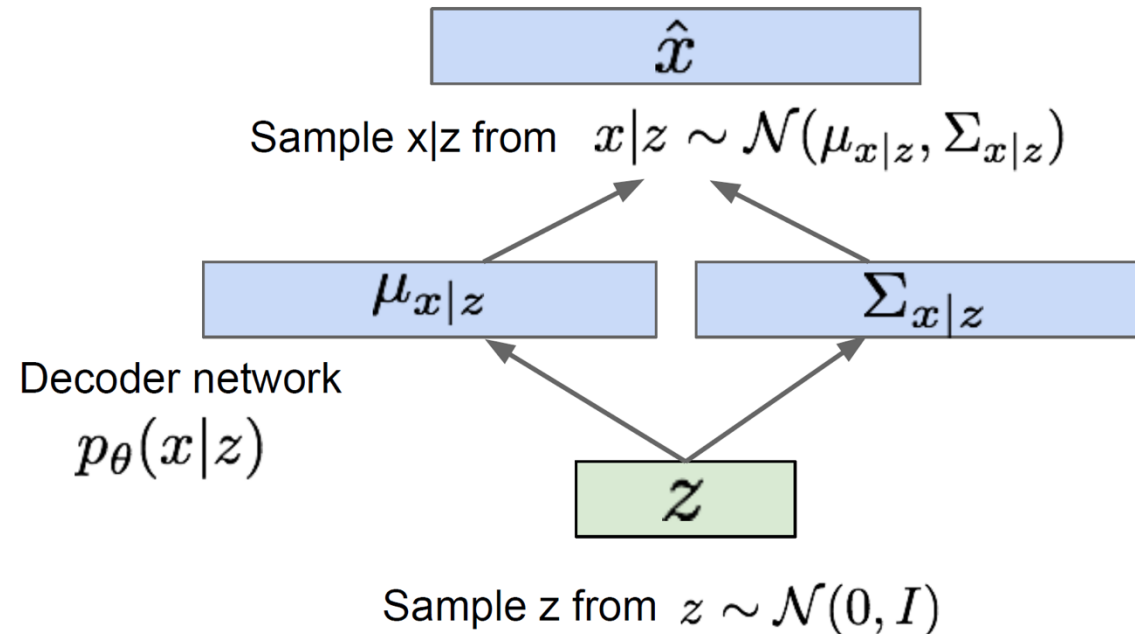
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Now given a trained VAE:  
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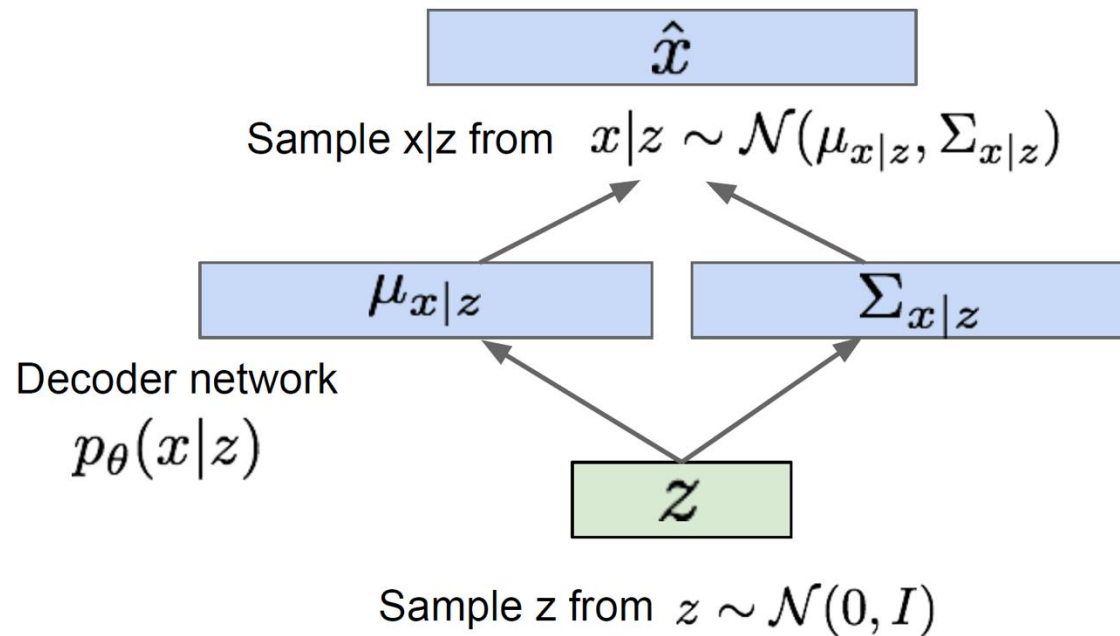




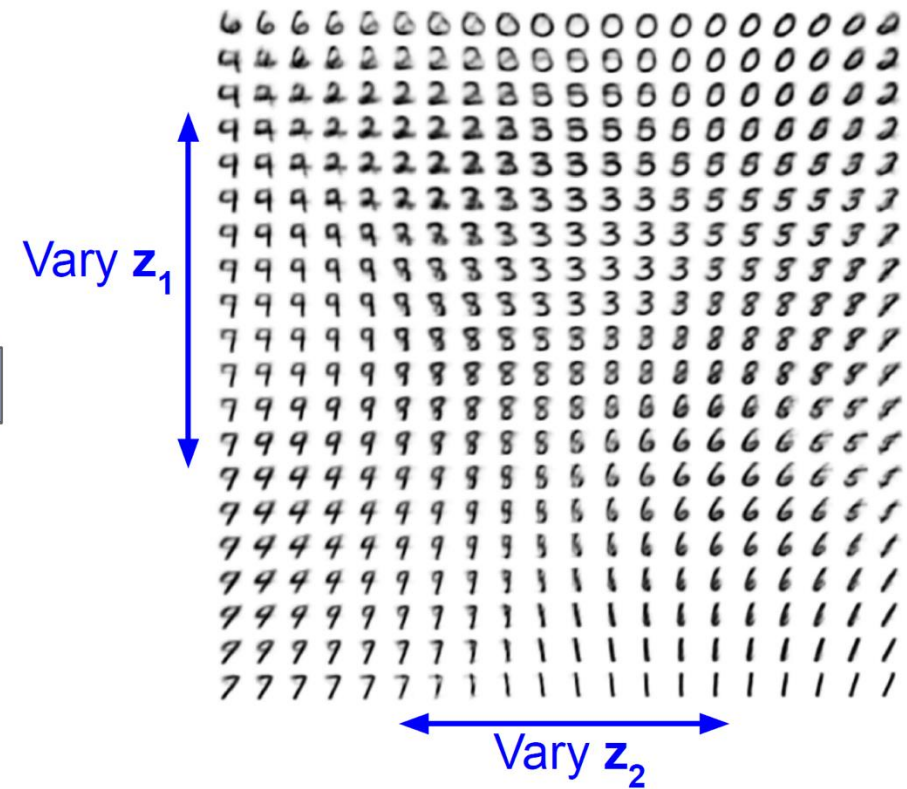


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Data manifold for 2-d  $z$



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Also good feature representation that  
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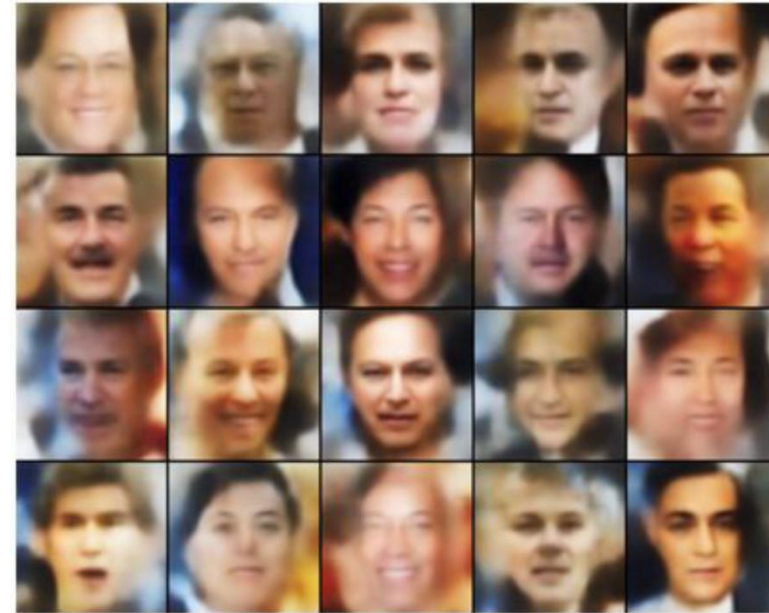
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32x32 CIFAR-10



Labeled Faces in the Wild

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## Variational Autoencoders

Probabilistic spin to traditional autoencoders => allows generating data

Defines an intractable density => derive and optimize a (variational) lower bound

### Pros:

- Principled approach to generative models
- Interpretable latent space.
- Allows inference of  $q(z|x)$ , can be useful feature representation for other tasks

### Cons:

- Maximizes lower bound of likelihood: okay, but not as good evaluation as PixelRNN/PixelCNN
- Samples blurrier and lower quality compared to state-of-the-art (GANs)

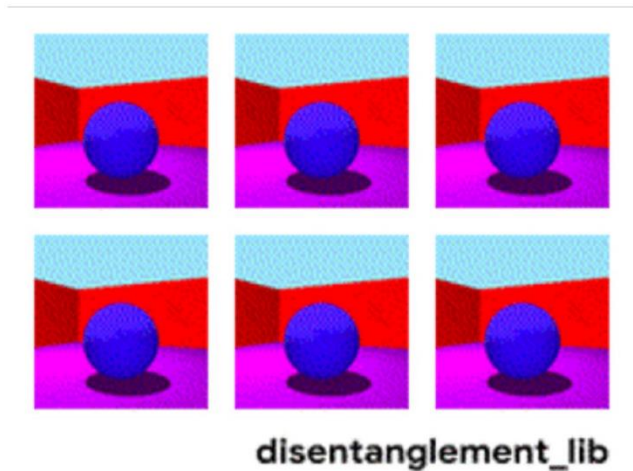
### Active areas of research:

- More flexible approximations, e.g. richer approximate posterior instead of diagonal Gaussian, e.g., Gaussian Mixture Models (GMMs), Categorical Distributions.
- Learning disentangled representations.

# VAEs for Disentangled Generation

Disentangled representation learning

- Very useful for style transfer: disentangling **style** from **content**



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From negative to positive

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consistently slow .  
consistently good .  
consistently fast .

my goodness it was so gross .  
my husband 's steak was phenomenal .  
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it was super dry and had a weird taste to the entire slice .  
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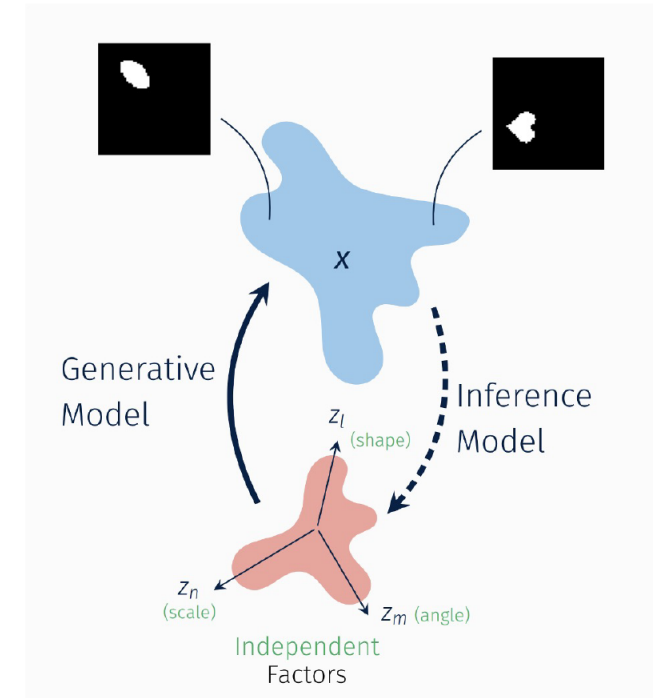
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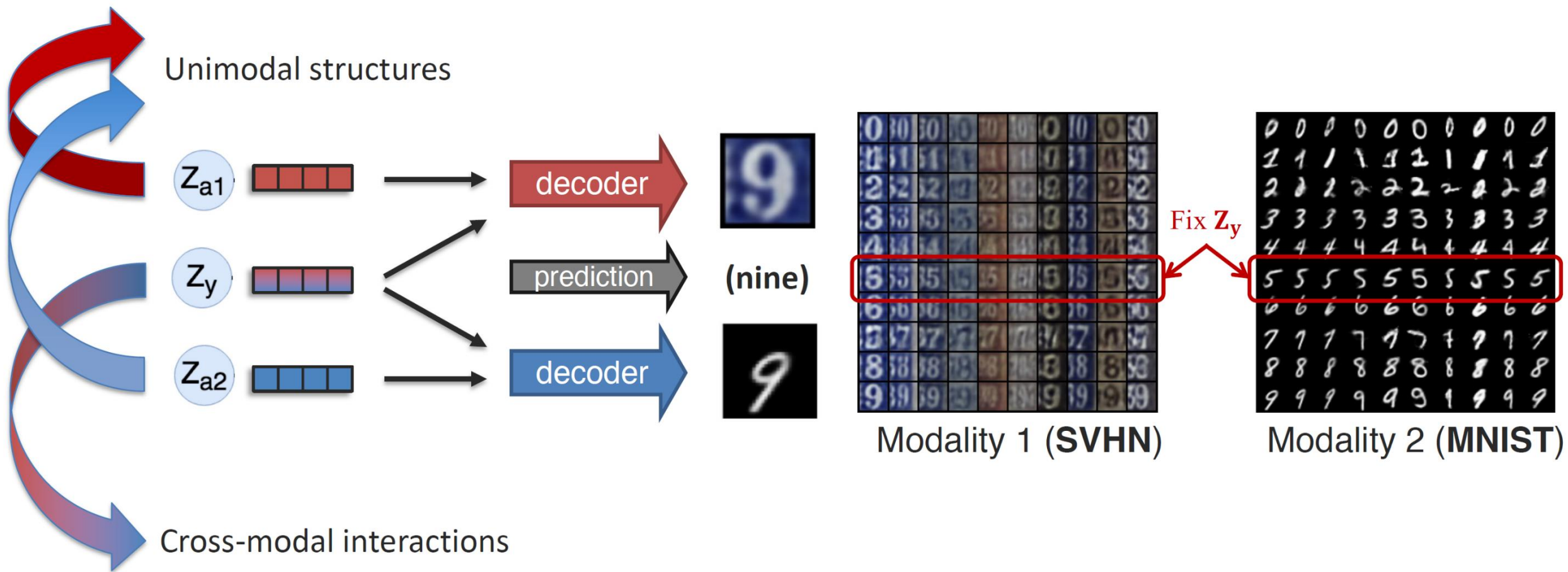
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- beta-VAE: beta = 1 recovers VAE, beta > 1 imposes stronger constraint on the latent variables to have independent dimensions
- Difficult problem!
  - Positive results [Hu et al., 2016, Kulkarni et al., 2015]
  - Negative results [Mathieu et al., 2019, Locatello et al., 2019]
  - Better benchmarks & metrics to measure disentanglement [Higgins et al., 2017, Kim & Mnih 2018]



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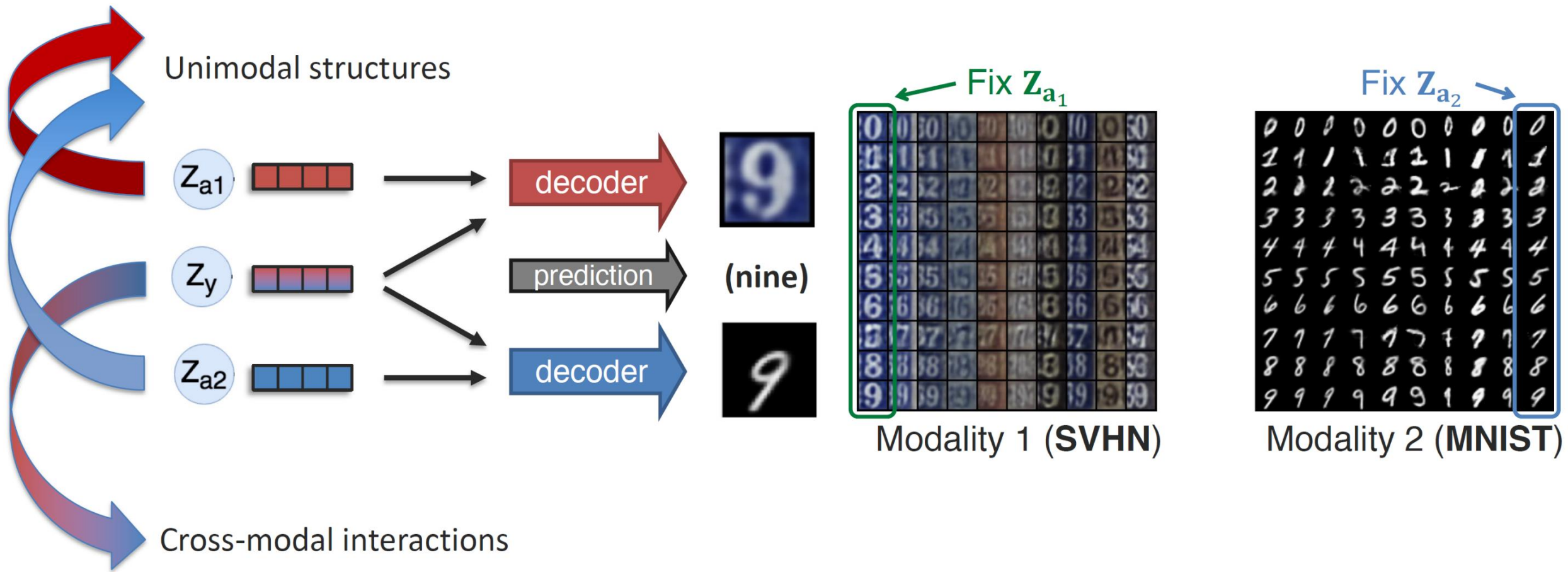
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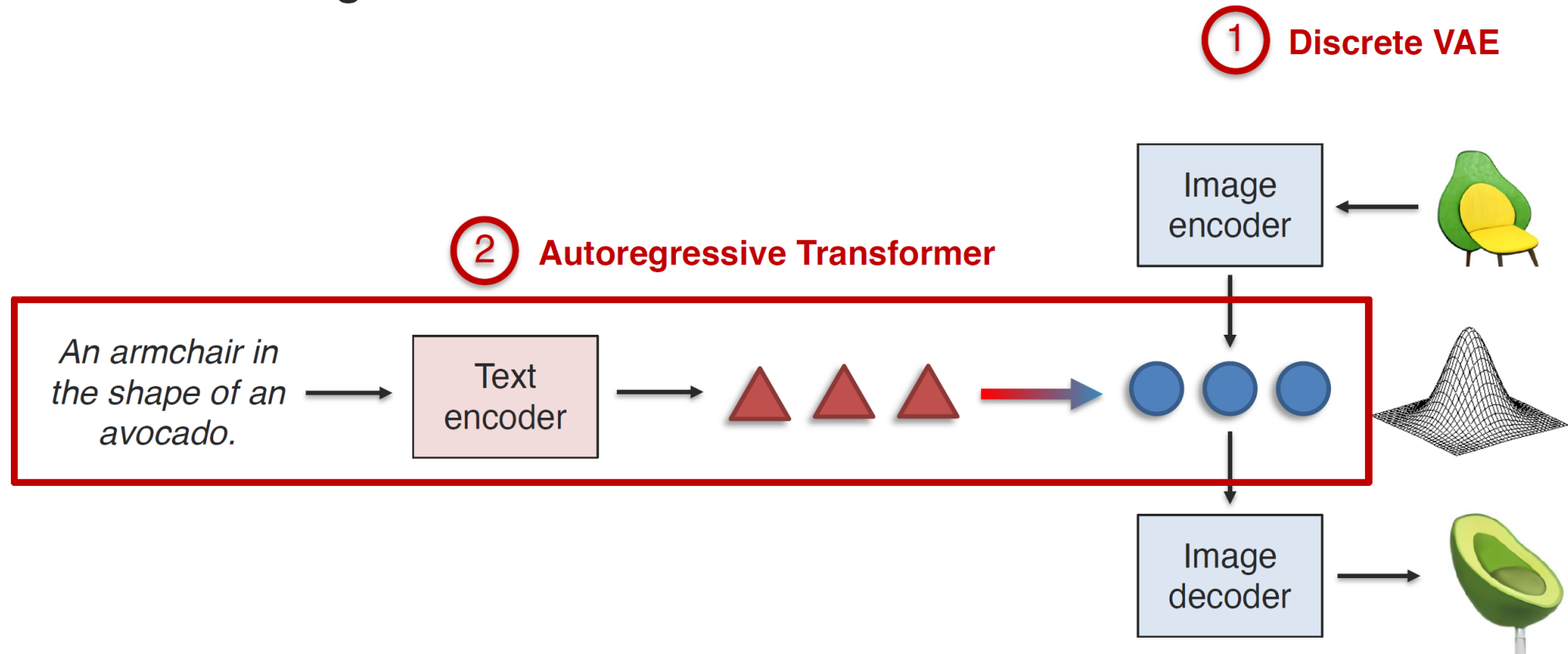
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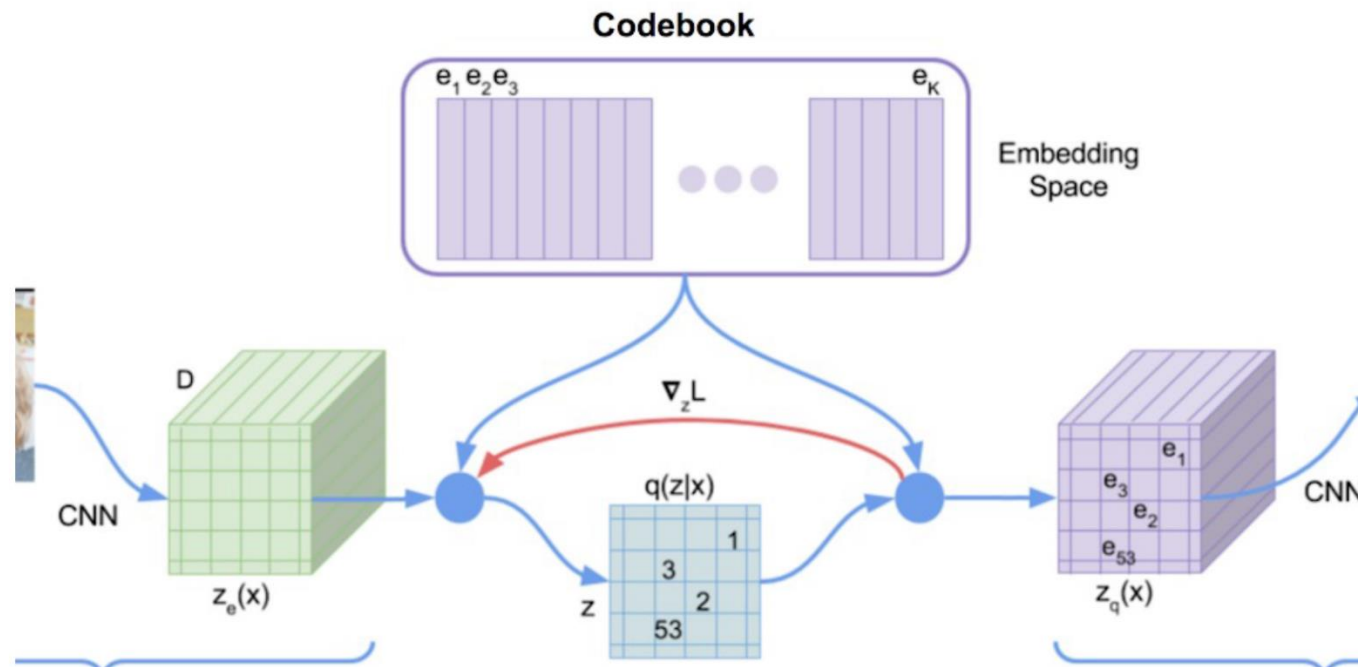
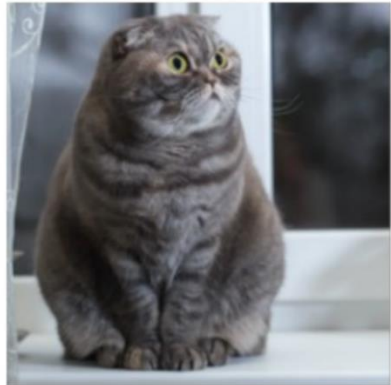
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## DALL·E: Text-to-image translation at scale



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## (1) Discrete visual tokens from a VQ-VAE

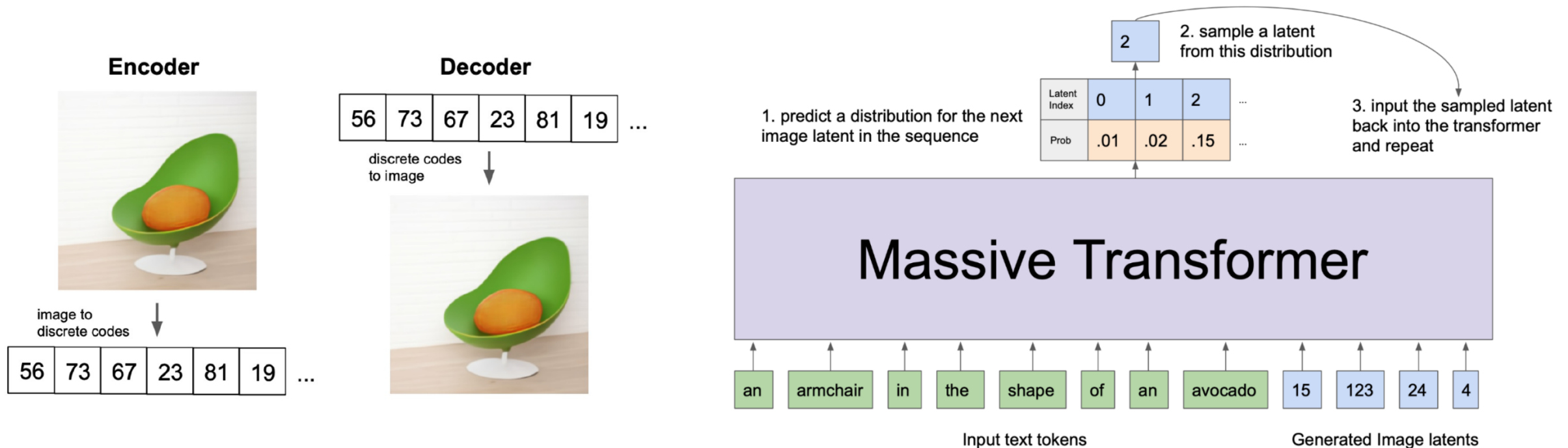


32 x 32 grid of digits, [0... 8192]  
Each digit is a “visual token”

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.12092>, Figures from Charlie Snell,  
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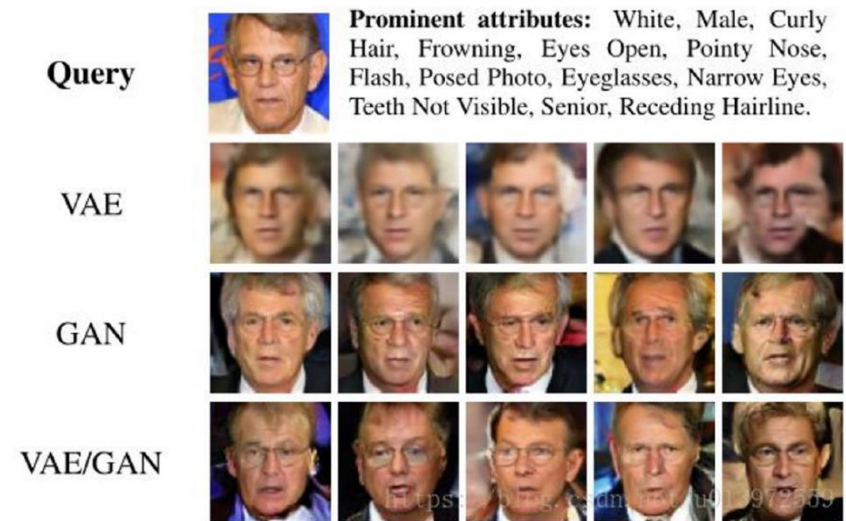
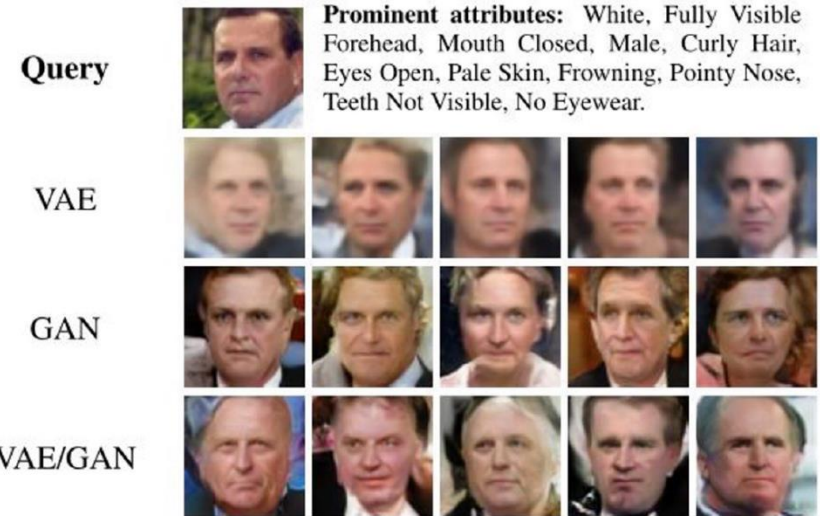
## (2) Autoregressive generation of the tokens



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# Summary: Variational Autoencoders

- Relatively easy to train.
- Explicit inference network  $q(z|x)$ .
- More blurry images (due to reconstruction).



# Generative Models

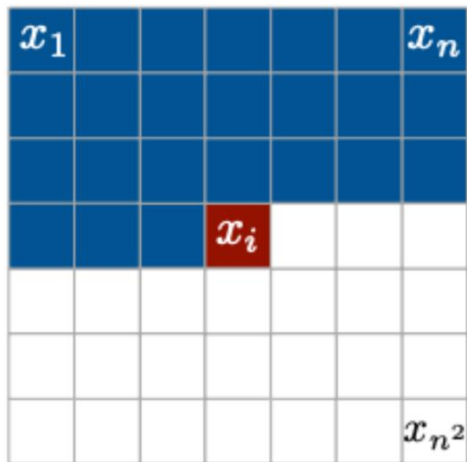
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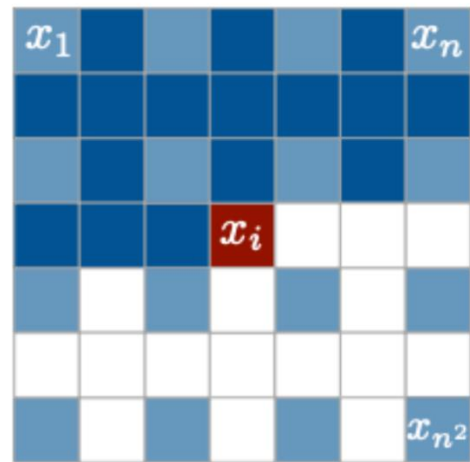
# More Likelihood-based Models: Autoregressive Models

## Autoregressive models

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n^2} p(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$



Context



Multi-scale context



Figure 1. Image completions sampled from a PixelRNN.

# Autoregressive Models

Autoregressive language models

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{t=1}^T p(x_t | x_1, \dots, x_{t-1})$$

Input Prompt:

Recite the first law of robotics



Output:



# Fully visible belief network (FVBN)

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Explicit density model

$$p(x) = p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

↑  
Likelihood of  
image  $x$

↑  
Joint likelihood of each  
pixel in the image

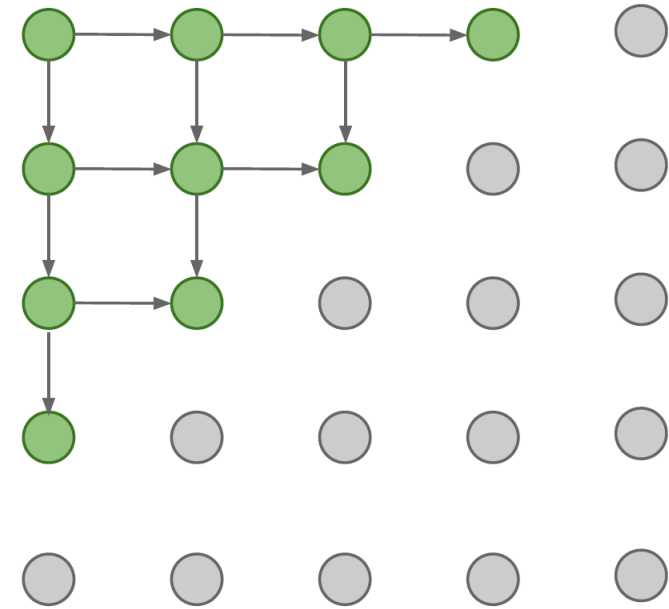


# PixelRNN

Generate image pixels starting from corner

Dependency on previous pixels modeled using an RNN (LSTM)

Drawback: sequential generation is slow in both training and inference!



# PixelCNN

Still generate image pixels starting from corner

Dependency on previous pixels now modeled using a CNN over context region (masked convolution)

Training is faster than PixelRNN (can parallelize convolutions since context region values known from training images)

Generation is still slow:

For a 32x32 image, we need to do forward passes of the network 1024 times for a single image

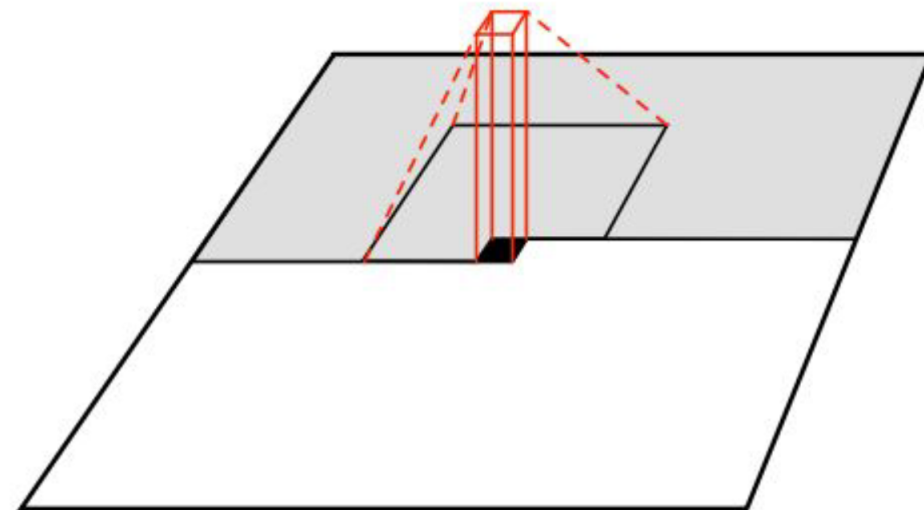


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# Summary: Autoregressive Models

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## Pros:

- Can explicitly compute likelihood  $p(x)$
- Easy to optimize
- Good samples

## Con:

- Sequential generation => slow

## Improving PixelCNN performance

- Gated convolutional layers
- Short-cut connections
- Discretized logistic loss
- Multi-scale
- Training tricks
- Etc...

## See

- Van der Oord et al. NIPS 2016
- Salimans et al. 2017  
(PixelCNN++)

# Generative Models

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# Diffusion Models

Diffusion destroy structures along time

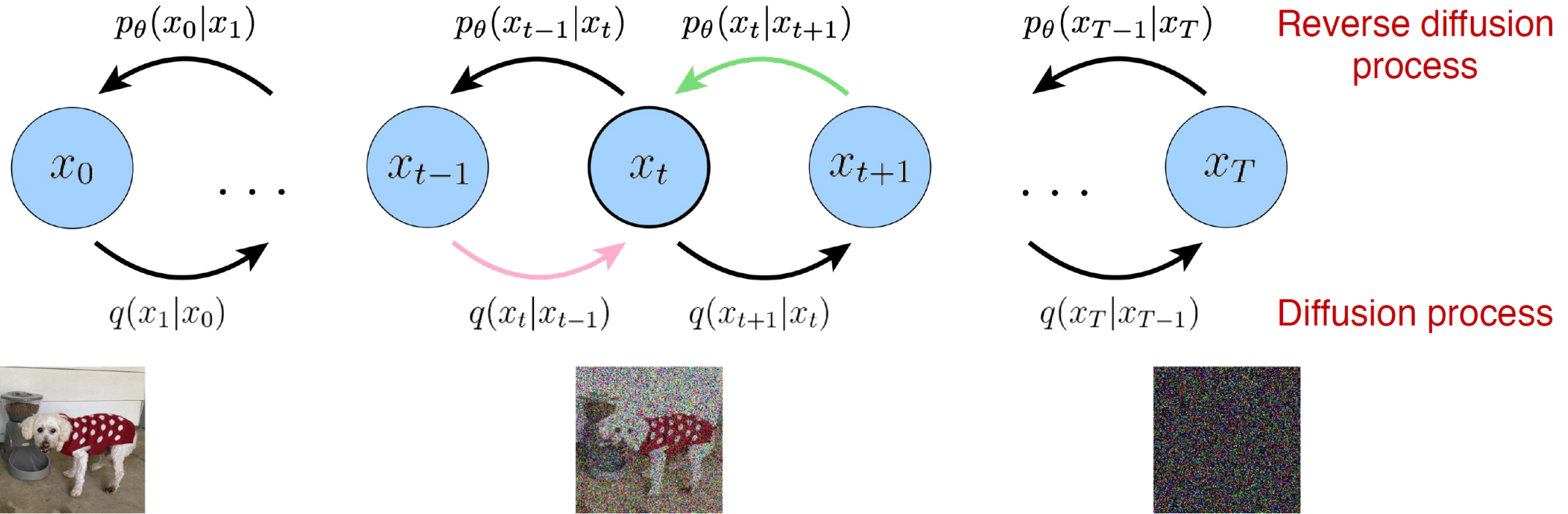


What if we can reverse time?



# Diffusion Models

## Generative modeling via denoising



Encoding via adding noise:

$$q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{\alpha_t}\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, (1 - \alpha_t)\mathbf{I}) \quad \text{Noise parameters}$$

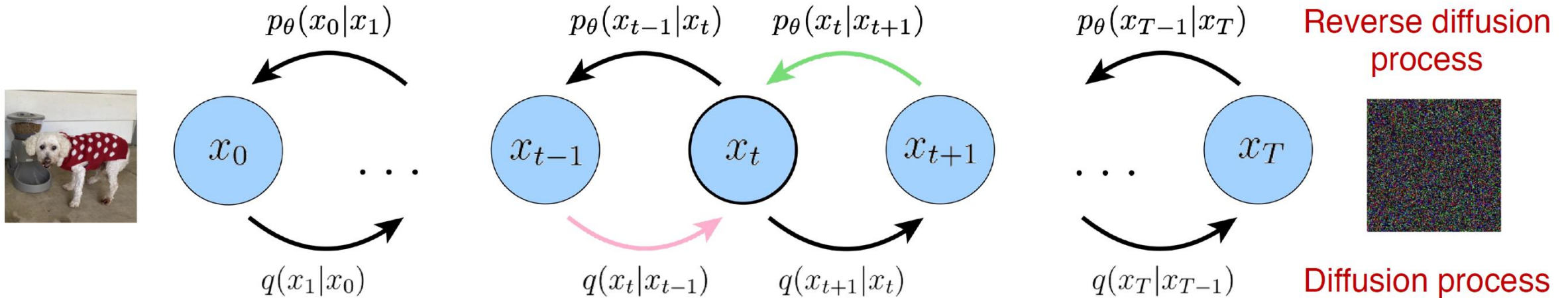
Decoding via denoising:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{0:T}) = p(\mathbf{x}_T) \prod_{t=1}^T p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t) \quad \text{where } p(\mathbf{x}_T) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_T; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$



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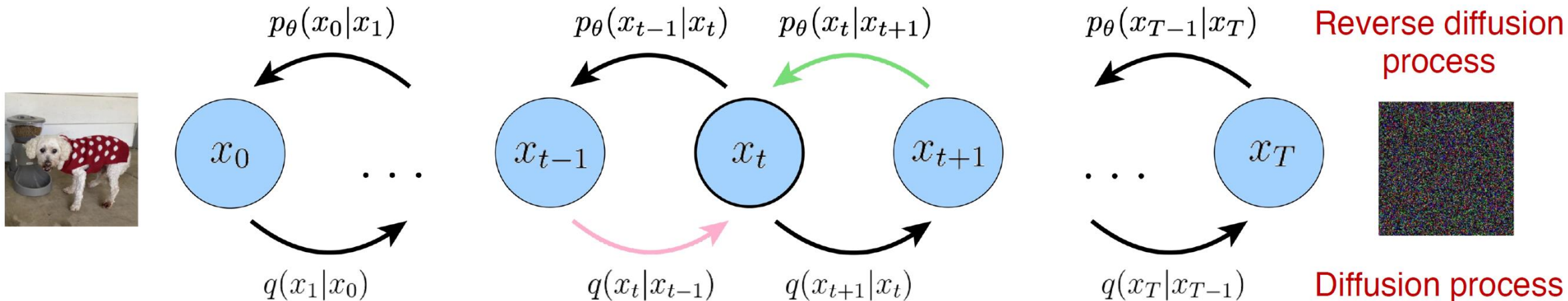


Similar to variational autoencoder, but:

1. The latent dimension is exactly equal to the data dimension.
2. Encoder  $q$  is not learned, but pre-defined as a Gaussian distribution centered around the output of previous timestep.
3. Gaussian parameters of latent encoders vary over time such that distribution of final latent is a standard Gaussian.

# Learning Diffusion Models

Key idea: use variational inference

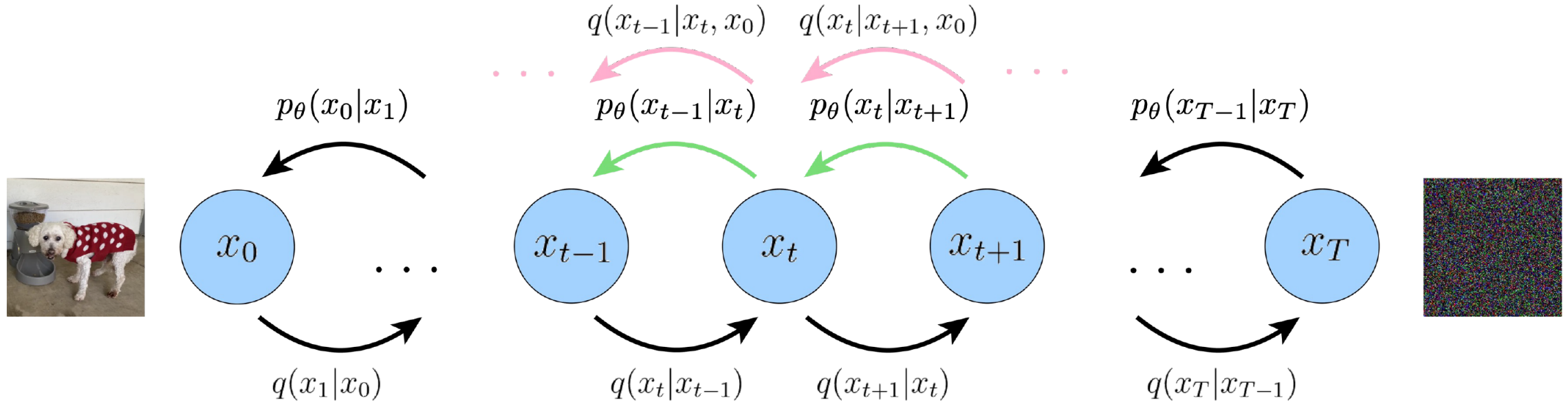


$$\begin{aligned}
 \log p(\mathbf{x}) &\geq \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{0:T})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}|\mathbf{x}_0)} \right] && \text{Our old friend the ELBO} \\
 &= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_0|\mathbf{x}_1)]}_{\text{reconstruction term}} - \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}(q(\mathbf{x}_T|\mathbf{x}_0) \parallel p(\mathbf{x}_T))}_{\text{prior matching term}} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Multi-level VAE!

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Intuition: Neural network to predict cleaner image  $x_{t-1}$  from noisy image  $x_t$  at time  $t$ , consistent with the noise adding process.

Use Bayes rule to reverse, proportional to a Gaussian

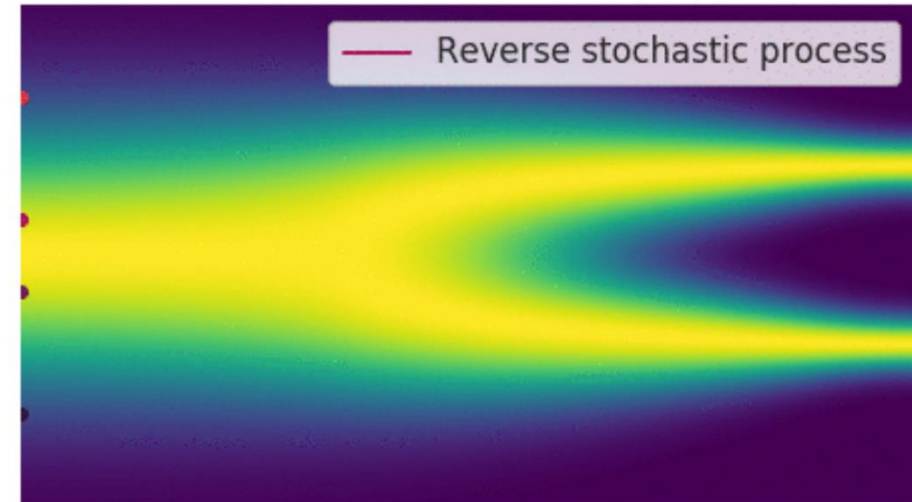
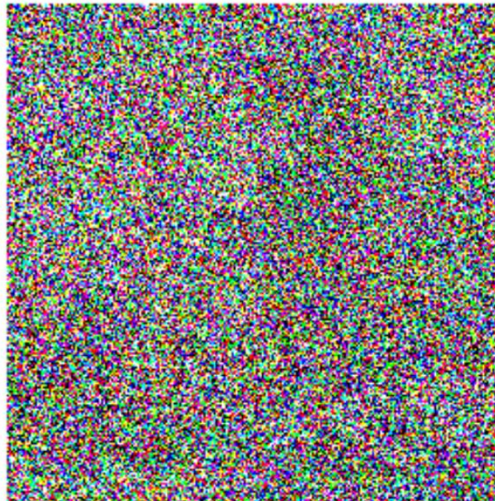
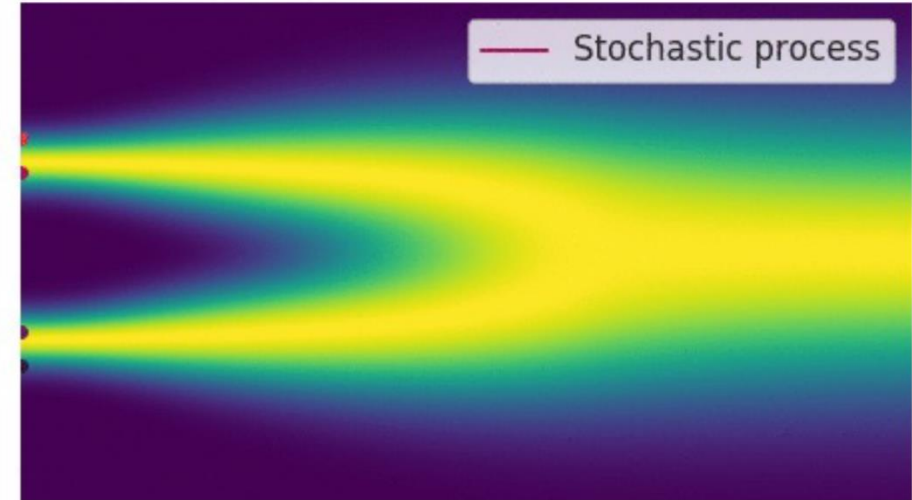
Also parameterize as Gaussian, use reparameterization trick

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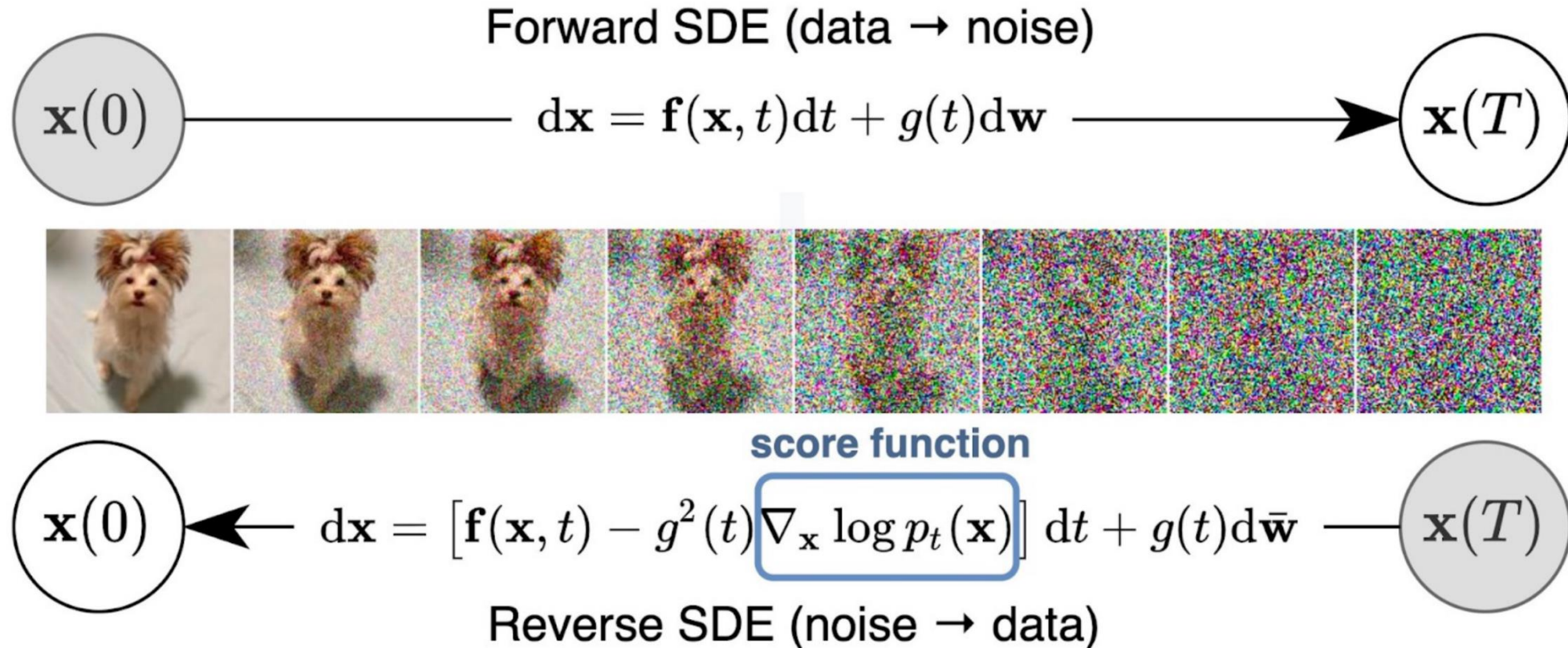
From discrete diffusion process to continuous diffusion process

- Higher quality samples
- Exact log-likelihood
- Controllable generation



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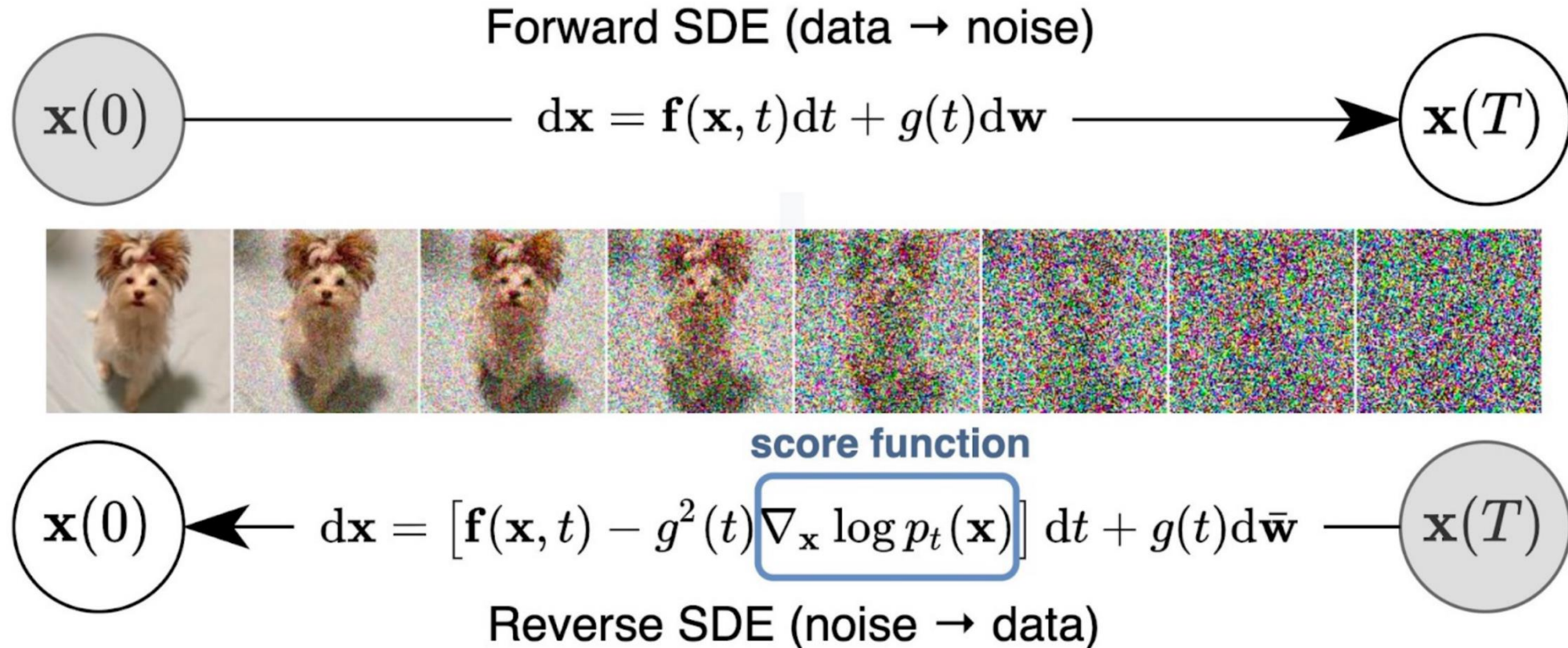
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# Conditioning Diffusion Models on Text

- **DALL-E 2** <https://cdn.openai.com/papers/dall-e-2.pdf>
- Diffusion on top of frozen CLIP



A black apple and a green backpack. X



A horse riding an astronaut. X

- **Imagen** <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2205.11487.pdf>

Diffusion on top of frozen T5 embeddings



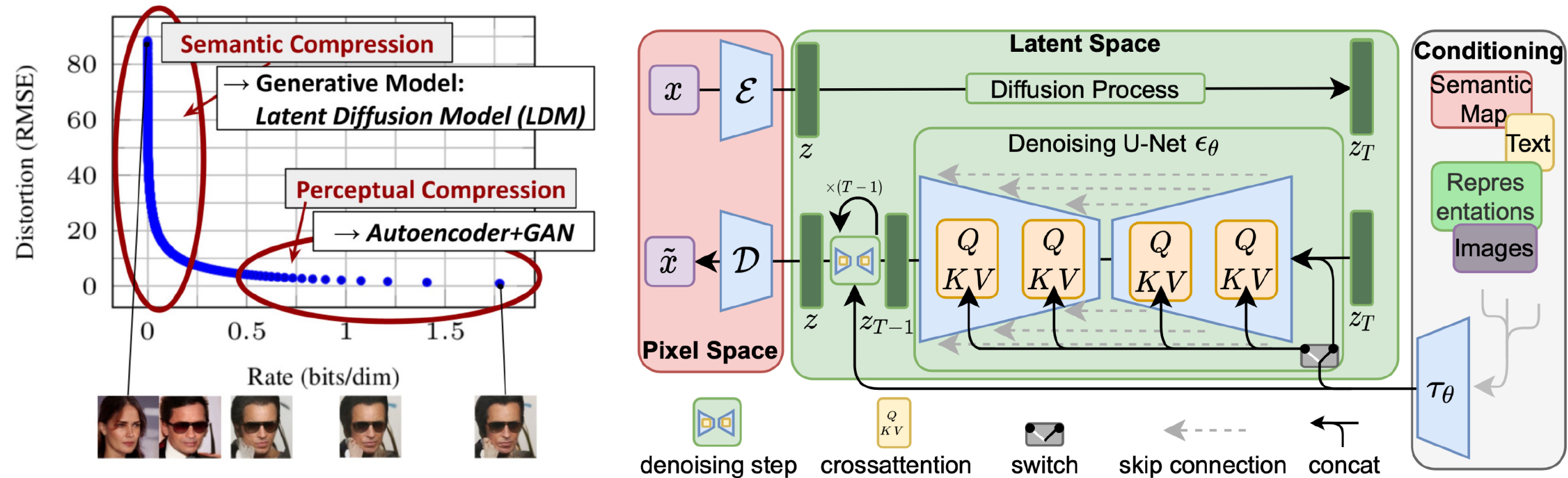


# Text-to-Image Generation with Latent Diffusion

## 1. Directly training diffusion models with conditional information

Diffusion process in latent space instead of pixel space – faster training and inference.

Use autoencoder for perceptual compression, diffusion model for semantic compression.



# Text-to-Image Generation with Latent Diffusion

## Text-to-Image Synthesis on LAION. 1.45B Model.

'A street sign that reads  
"Latent Diffusion" '

'A zombie in the  
style of Picasso'

'An image of an animal  
half mouse half octopus'

'An illustration of a slightly  
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'A shirt with the inscription:  
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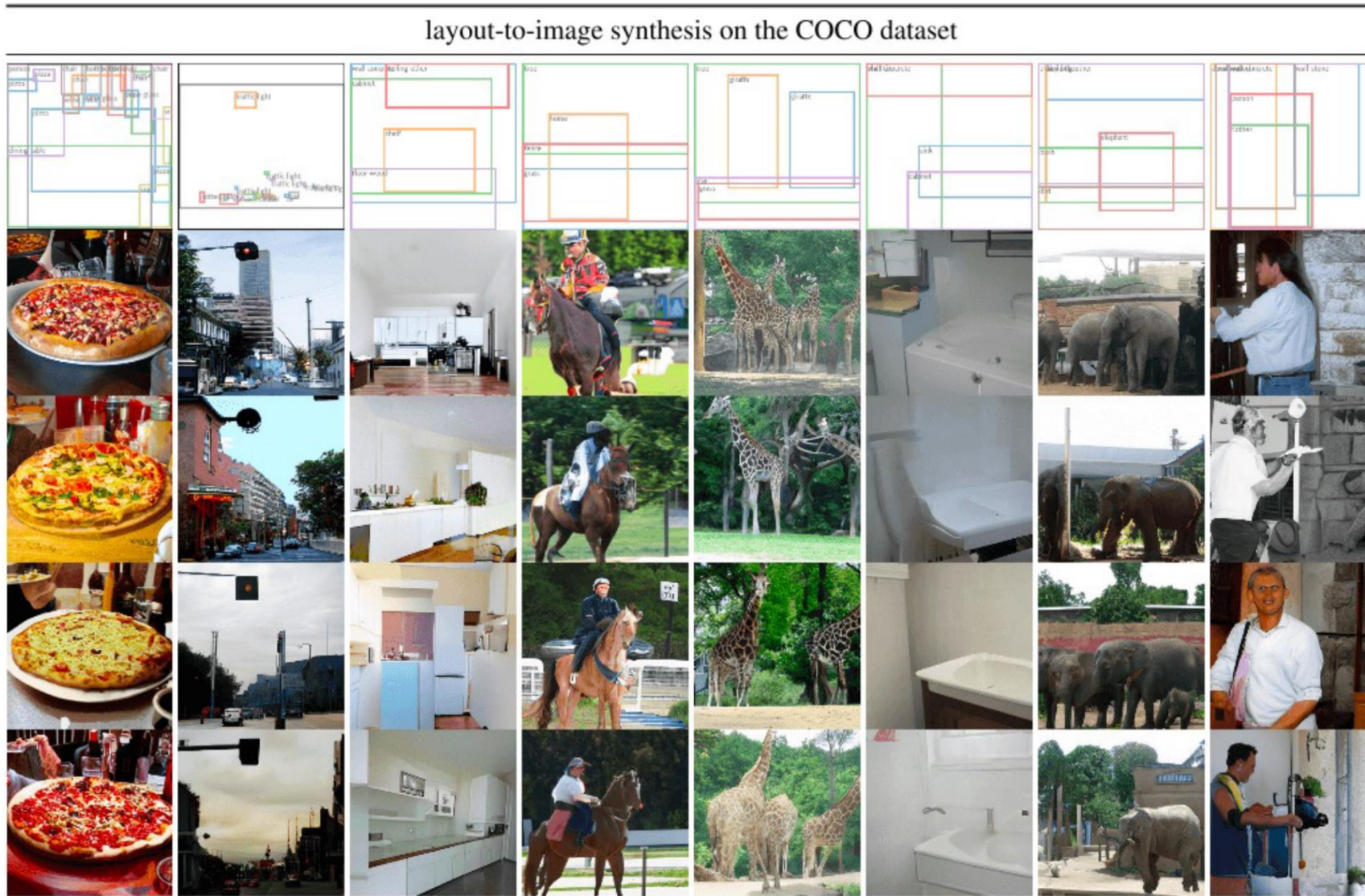


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Semantic Synthesis on Flickr-Landscapes [21]



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# Summary: Diffusion Models

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## Likelihood-based

1. Autoregressive models – exact inference via chain rule

Easy to train,  
exact likelihood

Slow to  
sample from

2. VAEs – approximate inference via evidence lower bound

Fast & easy to  
train

Lower generation  
quality

3. Diffusion model – approximate inference via modeling noise

High generation  
quality

Slow to  
sample from

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GANs: not modeling any explicit density function!

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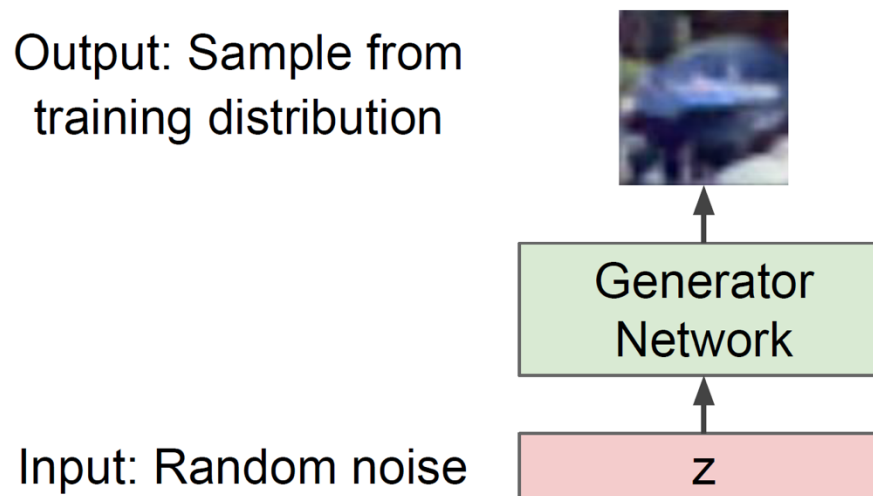
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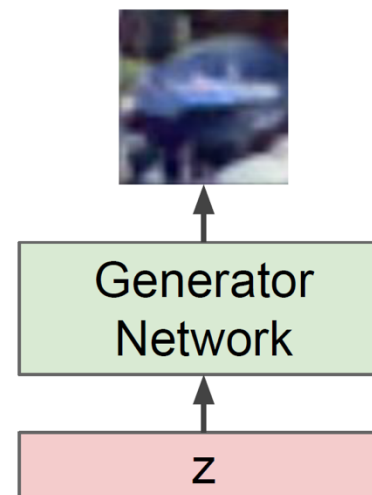
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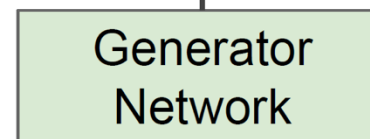
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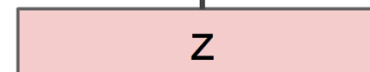
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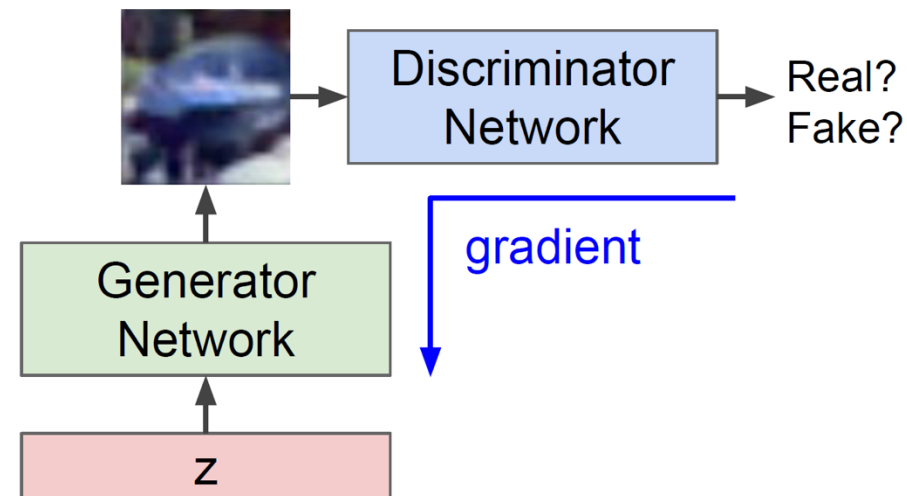
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# Training GANs: Two-player game

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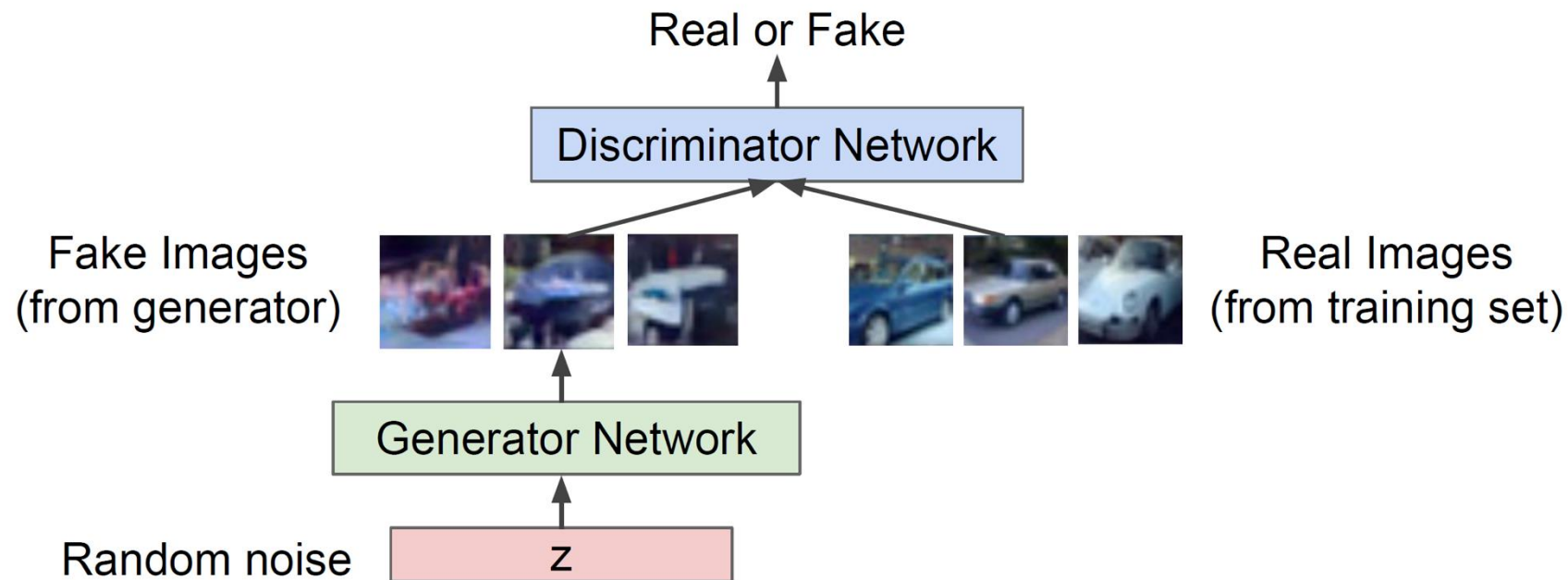
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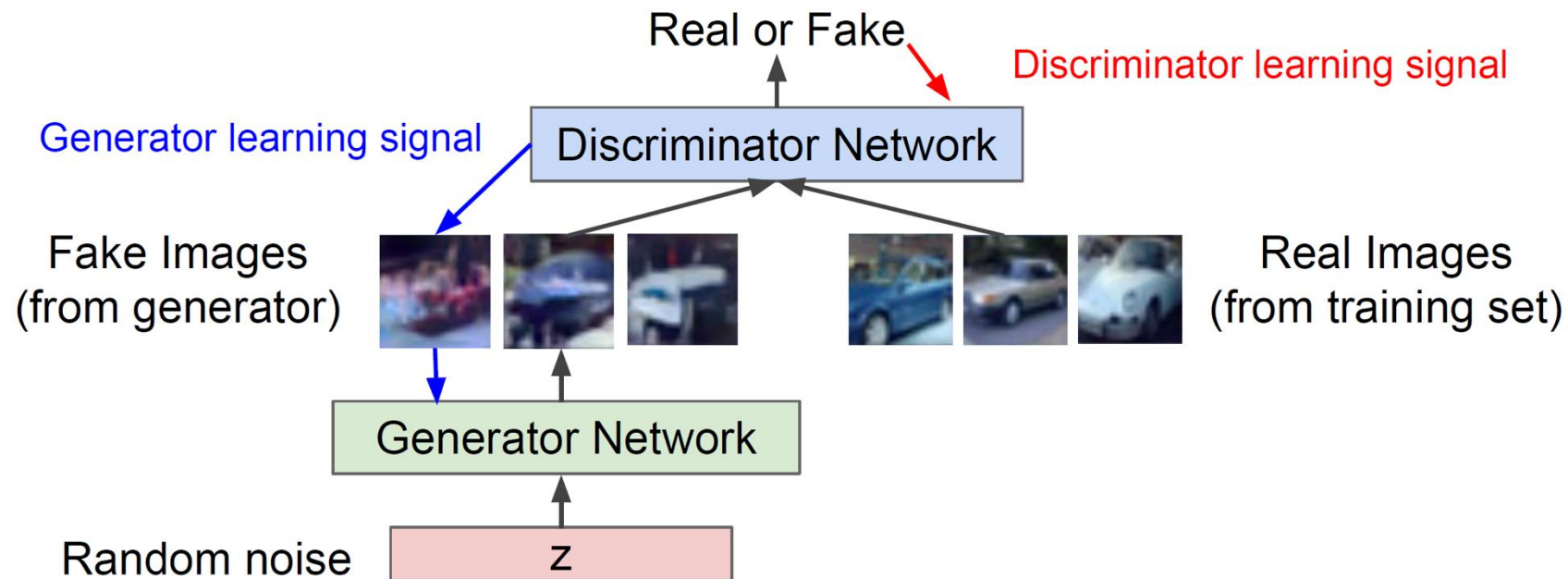
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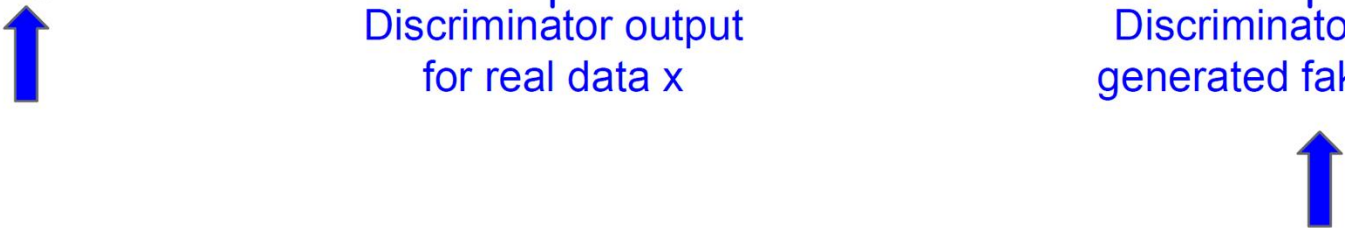
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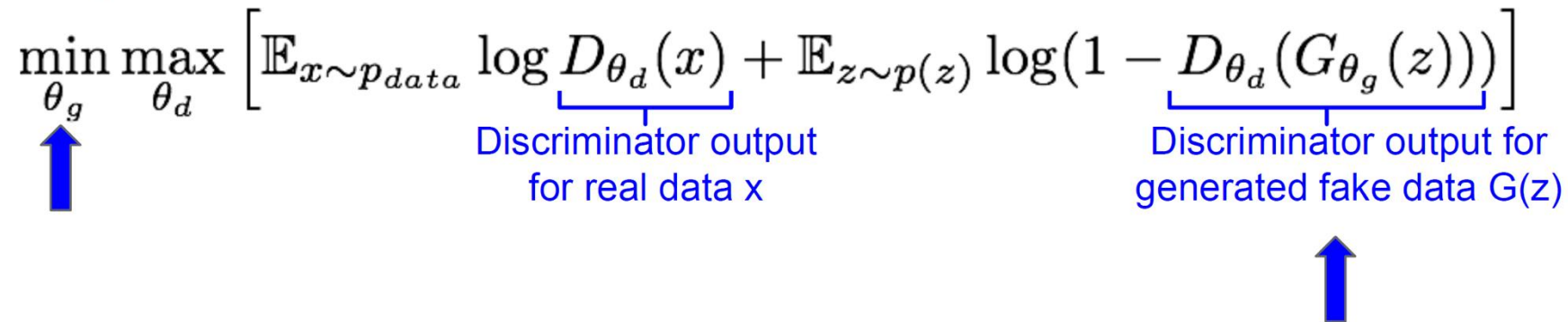
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- Discriminator ( $\theta_d$ ) wants to **maximize objective** such that  $D(x)$  is close to 1 (real) and  $D(G(z))$  is close to 0 (fake)
- Generator ( $\theta_g$ ) wants to **minimize objective** such that  $D(G(z))$  is close to 1 (discriminator is fooled into thinking generated  $G(z)$  is real)

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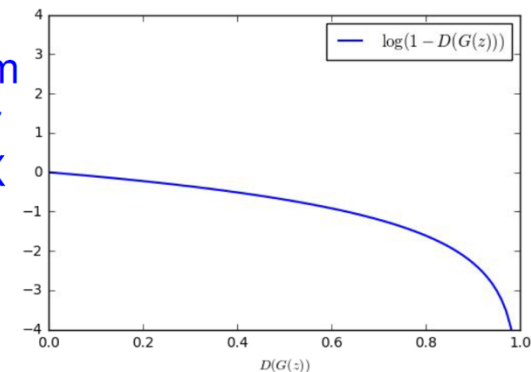
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In practice, optimizing this generator objective does not work well!

When sample is likely fake, want to learn from it to improve generator (move to the right on X axis).





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1. **Gradient ascent** on discriminator

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Gradient signal dominated by region where sample is already good

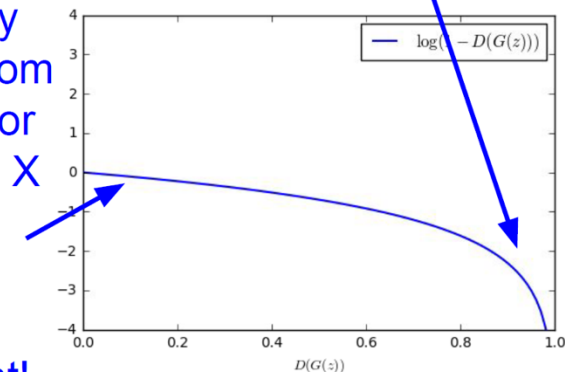
2. **Gradient descent** on generator

$$\min_{\theta_g} \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} \log(1 - D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z)))$$

In practice, optimizing this generator objective does not work well!

When sample is likely fake, want to learn from it to improve generator (move to the right on X axis).

But gradient in this region is relatively flat!



# Training GANs: Two-player game

Minimax objective function:

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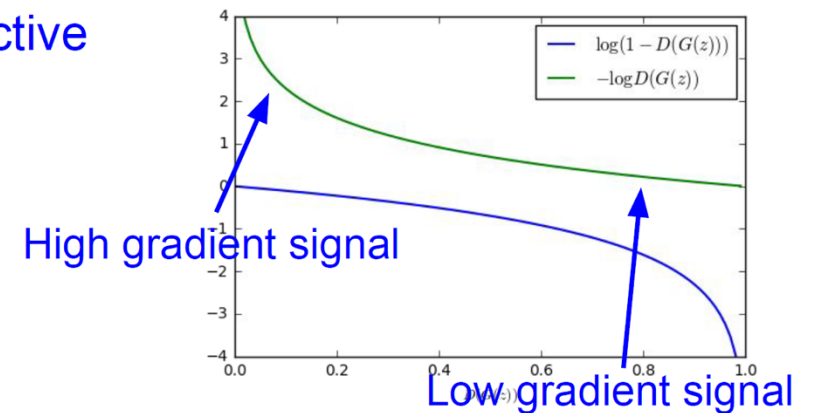
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2. **Instead: Gradient ascent** on generator, **different objective**

$$\max_{\theta_g} \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} \log(D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z)))$$

Instead of minimizing likelihood of discriminator being correct, now maximize likelihood of discriminator being wrong.

Same objective of fooling discriminator, but now higher gradient signal for bad samples => works much better! Standard in practice.



# Training GANs: Two-player game

## Putting it together: GAN training algorithm

**for** number of training iterations **do**

**for**  $k$  steps **do**

- 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:

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

**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**

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**end for**

Some find  $k=1$   
more stable,  
others use  $k > 1$ ,  
no best rule.

Followup work  
(e.g. Wasserstein  
GAN, BEGAN)  
alleviates this  
problem, better  
stability!

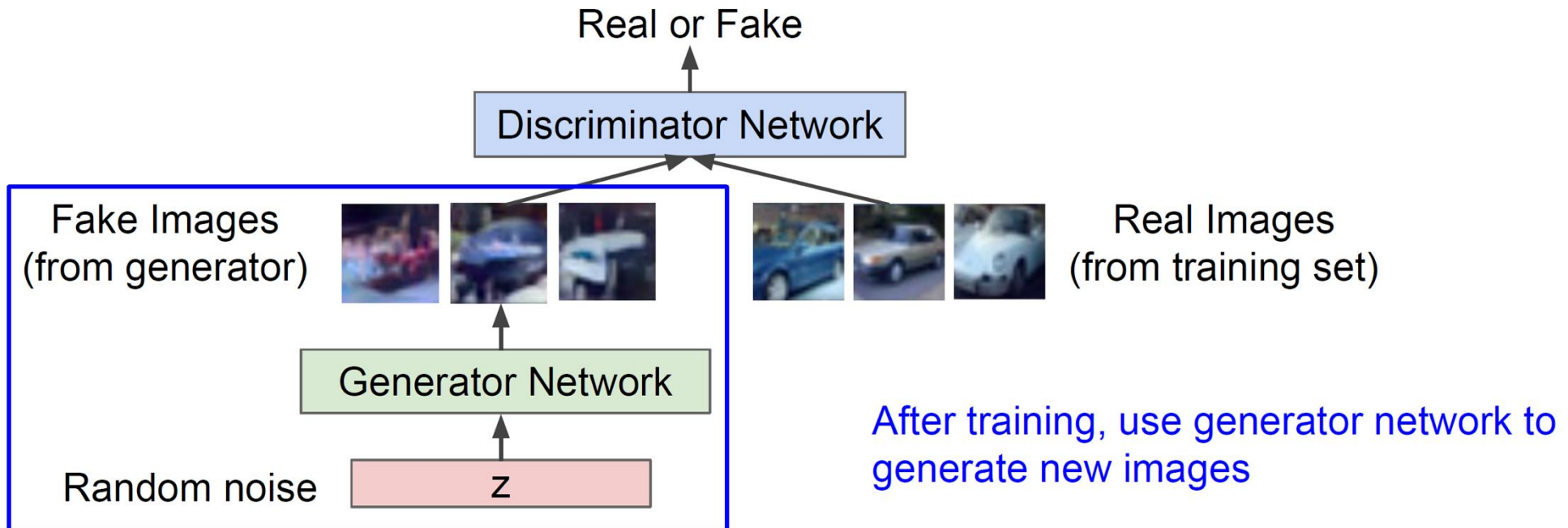
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# Training GANs: Two-player game

**Generator network:** try to fool the discriminator by generating real-looking images

**Discriminator network:** try to distinguish between real and fake images



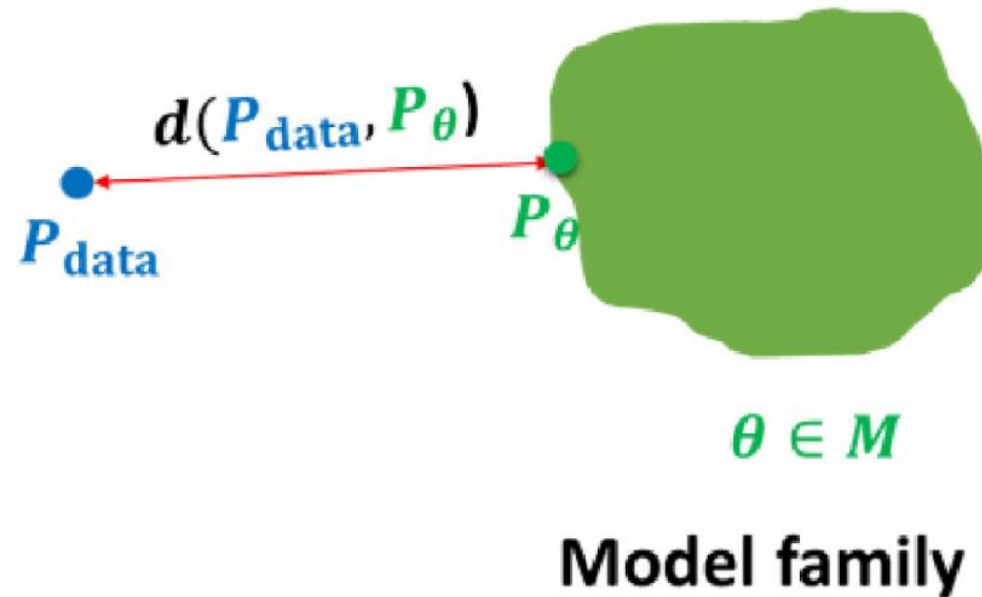
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# Minimizing the distribution distance

Maximizing the discriminator is actually estimating the distribution distance between the data and the model!!!



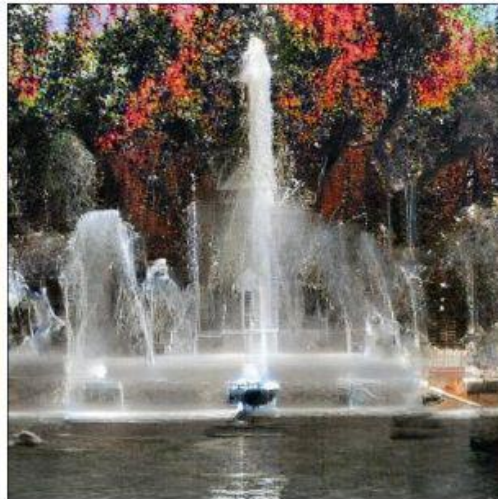
$$x_i \sim P_{\text{data}} \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



# Generative Adversarial Nets: Convolutional Architectures

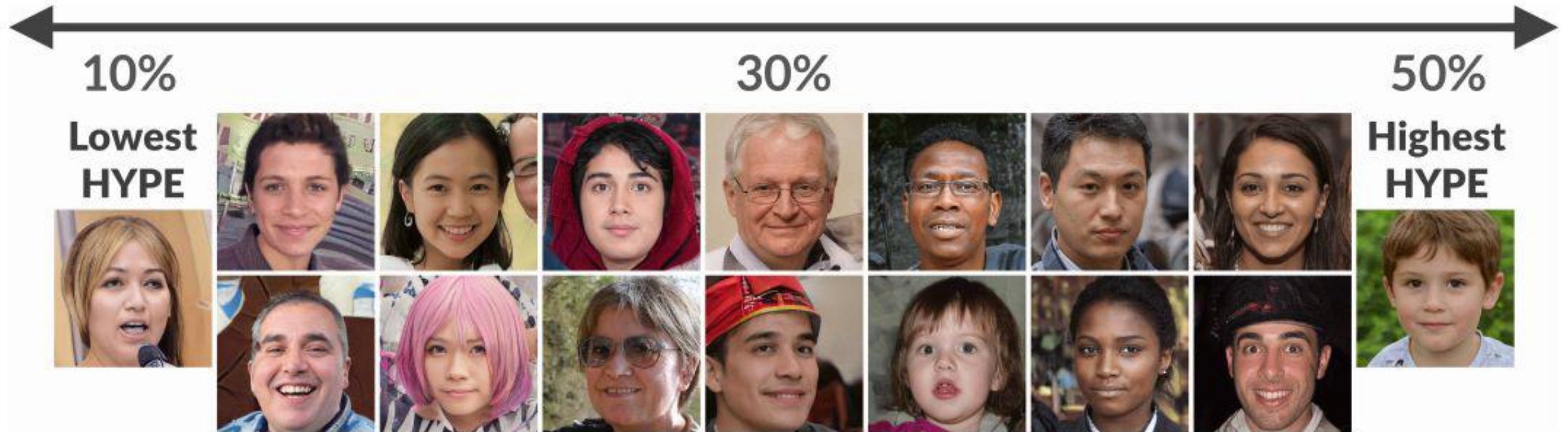


# 2019: BigGAN





# HYPE: Human eYe Perceptual Evaluations



# Explosion of GANs

## “The GAN Zoo”

- GAN - Generative Adversarial Networks
- 3D-GAN - Learning a Probabilistic Latent Space of Object Shapes via 3D Generative-Adversarial Modeling
- acGAN - Face Aging With Conditional Generative Adversarial Networks
- AC-GAN - Conditional Image Synthesis With Auxiliary Classifier GANs
- AdaGAN - AdaGAN: Boosting Generative Models
- AEGAN - Learning Inverse Mapping by Autoencoder based Generative Adversarial Nets
- AffGAN - Amortised MAP Inference for Image Super-resolution
- AL-CGAN - Learning to Generate Images of Outdoor Scenes from Attributes and Semantic Layouts
- ALI - Adversarially Learned Inference
- AM-GAN - Generative Adversarial Nets with Labeled Data by Activation Maximization
- AnoGAN - Unsupervised Anomaly Detection with Generative Adversarial Networks to Guide Marker Discovery
- ArtGAN - ArtGAN: Artwork Synthesis with Conditional Categorical GANs
- b-GAN - b-GAN: Unified Framework of Generative Adversarial Networks
- Bayesian GAN - Deep and Hierarchical Implicit Models
- BEGAN - BEGAN: Boundary Equilibrium Generative Adversarial Networks
- BiGAN - Adversarial Feature Learning
- BS-GAN - Boundary-Seeking Generative Adversarial Networks
- CGAN - Conditional Generative Adversarial Nets
- CaloGAN - CaloGAN: Simulating 3D High Energy Particle Showers in Multi-Layer Electromagnetic Calorimeters with Generative Adversarial Networks
- CCGAN - Semi-Supervised Learning with Context-Conditional Generative Adversarial Networks
- CatGAN - Unsupervised and Semi-supervised Learning with Categorical Generative Adversarial Networks
- CoGAN - Coupled Generative Adversarial Networks
- Context-RNN-GAN - Contextual RNN-GANs for Abstract Reasoning Diagram Generation
- C-RNN-GAN - C-RNN-GAN: Continuous recurrent neural networks with adversarial training
- CS-GAN - Improving Neural Machine Translation with Conditional Sequence Generative Adversarial Nets
- CVAE-GAN - CVAE-GAN: Fine-Grained Image Generation through Asymmetric Training
- CycleGAN - Unpaired Image-to-Image Translation using Cycle-Consistent Adversarial Networks
- DTN - Unsupervised Cross-Domain Image Generation
- DCGAN - Unsupervised Representation Learning with Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks
- DiscoGAN - Learning to Discover Cross-Domain Relations with Generative Adversarial Networks
- DR-GAN - Disentangled Representation Learning GAN for Pose-Invariant Face Recognition
- DualGAN - DualGAN: Unsupervised Dual Learning for Image-to-Image Translation
- EBGAN - Energy-based Generative Adversarial Network
- f-GAN - f-GAN: Training Generative Neural Samplers using Variational Divergence Minimization
- FF-GAN - Towards Large-Pose Face Frontalization in the Wild
- GAWWN - Learning What and Where to Draw
- GeneGAN - GeneGAN: Learning Object Transfiguration and Attribute Subspace from Unpaired Data
- Geometric GAN - Geometric GAN
- GoGAN - Gang of GANs: Generative Adversarial Networks with Maximum Margin Ranking
- GP-GAN - GP-GAN: Towards Realistic High-Resolution Image Blending
- IAN - Neural Photo Editing with Introspective Adversarial Networks
- iGAN - Generative Visual Manipulation on the Natural Image Manifold
- IcGAN - Invertible Conditional GANs for image editing
- ID-CGAN - Image De-raining Using a Conditional Generative Adversarial Network
- Improved GAN - Improved Techniques for Training GANs
- InfoGAN - InfoGAN: Interpretable Representation Learning by Information Maximizing Generative Adversarial Nets
- LAGAN - Learning Particle Physics by Example: Location-Aware Generative Adversarial Networks for Physics Synthesis
- LAPGAN - Deep Generative Image Models using a Laplacian Pyramid of Adversarial Networks

<https://github.com/hindupuravinash/the-gan-zoo>

# Generative Models

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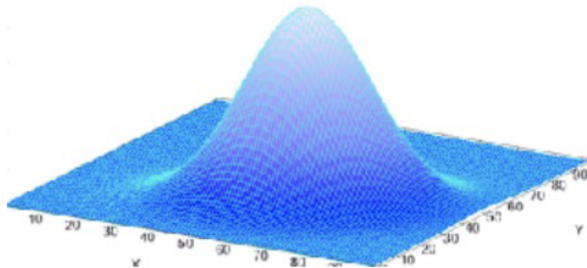
- ① Latent Variable Models
- ② Autoregressive Models
- ③ Diffusion Models
- ④ Generative Adversarial Networks
- ⑤ Normalizing Flows

# Normalizing Flows

Model families so far:

- **Autoregressive models** provide tractable likelihoods but no direct mechanism for learning features.
- **Variational autoencoders** can learn feature representations (via latent variables  $z$ ) but have intractable marginal likelihoods.

Can we do both?



$$Z \sim N(0, I)$$

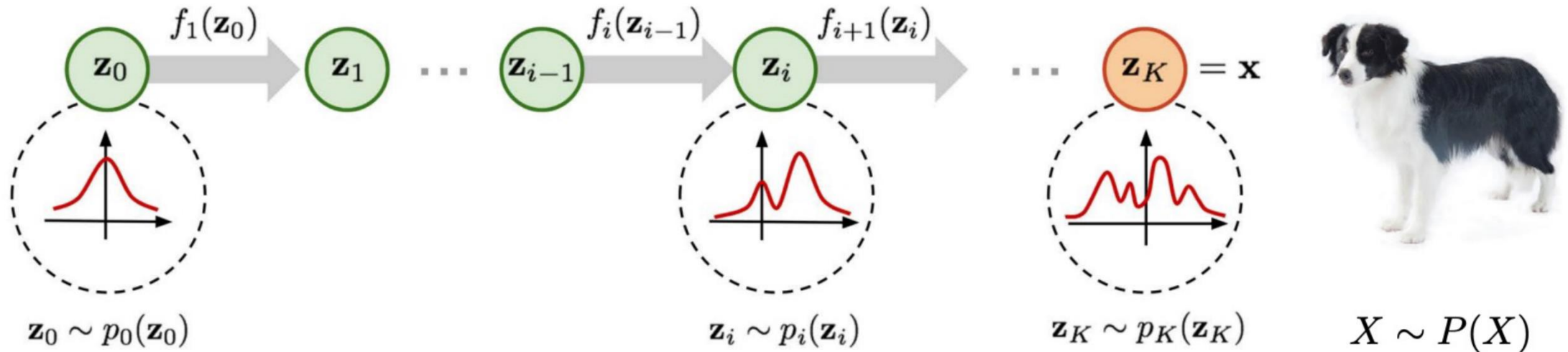
$$X = f(Z)$$

$$Z = f^{-1}(X)$$



$$X \sim P(X)$$

# Normalizing Flows



$$\mathbf{z}_0 \sim p(\mathbf{z}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}_K = f_K \circ f_{K-1} \circ \dots \circ f_1(\mathbf{z}_0)$$

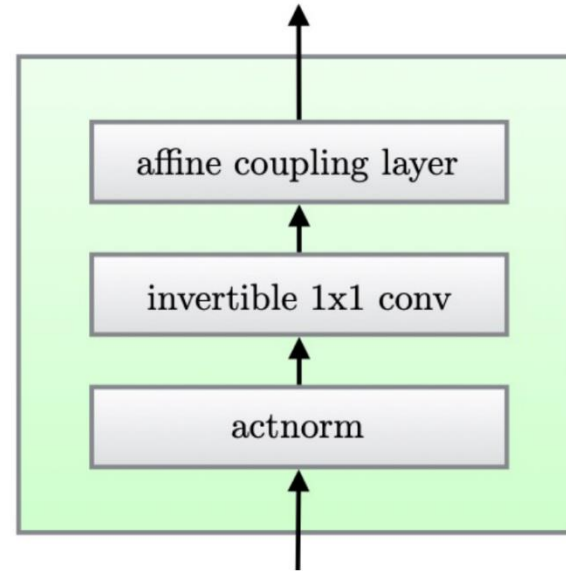
inference:  $\mathbf{z}_i = f_i^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_{i-1})$

density:  $p(\mathbf{z}_i) = p(\mathbf{z}_{i-1}) \left| \det \frac{d\mathbf{z}_{i-1}}{d\mathbf{z}_i} \right|$

training: maximizes data log-likelihood

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}) = \log p(\mathbf{z}_0) + \sum_{i=1}^K \log \left| \det \frac{d\mathbf{z}_{i-1}}{d\mathbf{z}_i} \right|$$

# Normalizing Flows



Description	Function	Reverse Function	Log-determinant
Actnorm. See Section 3.1.	$\forall i, j : \mathbf{y}_{i,j} = \mathbf{s} \odot \mathbf{x}_{i,j} + \mathbf{b}$	$\forall i, j : \mathbf{x}_{i,j} = (\mathbf{y}_{i,j} - \mathbf{b})/\mathbf{s}$	$h \cdot w \cdot \text{sum}(\log  \mathbf{s} )$
Invertible $1 \times 1$ convolution. $\mathbf{W} : [c \times c]$ . See Section 3.2.	$\forall i, j : \mathbf{y}_{i,j} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_{i,j}$	$\forall i, j : \mathbf{x}_{i,j} = \mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{y}_{i,j}$	$h \cdot w \cdot \log  \det(\mathbf{W}) $ or $h \cdot w \cdot \text{sum}(\log  \mathbf{s} )$ (see eq. (10))
Affine coupling layer. See Section 3.3 and (Dinh et al., 2014)	$\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b = \text{split}(\mathbf{x})$ $(\log \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \text{NN}(\mathbf{x}_b)$ $\mathbf{s} = \exp(\log \mathbf{s})$ $\mathbf{y}_a = \mathbf{s} \odot \mathbf{x}_a + \mathbf{t}$ $\mathbf{y}_b = \mathbf{x}_b$ $\mathbf{y} = \text{concat}(\mathbf{y}_a, \mathbf{y}_b)$	$\mathbf{y}_a, \mathbf{y}_b = \text{split}(\mathbf{y})$ $(\log \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \text{NN}(\mathbf{y}_b)$ $\mathbf{s} = \exp(\log \mathbf{s})$ $\mathbf{x}_a = (\mathbf{y}_a - \mathbf{t})/\mathbf{s}$ $\mathbf{x}_b = \mathbf{y}_b$ $\mathbf{x} = \text{concat}(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b)$	$\text{sum}(\log( \mathbf{s} ))$

# Summary: Normalizing Flows

- Relatively easy to train.
- Exact likelihood.
- Very constrained architecture.



Work combining VAEs, autoregressive models, and flow-based models, see <https://lilianweng.github.io/posts/2018-10-13-flow-models/>

# Summary: Generative Models

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## Likelihood-based

1. VAEs – approximate inference via evidence lower bound

Fast & easy to train

Lower generation quality

2. Autoregressive models – exact inference via chain rule

Easy to train, exact likelihood

Slow to sample from

3. Flows – exact inference via invertible transformations

Easy to train, exact likelihood

Constrained architecture

## Likelihood-free

1. GANs – discriminative real vs generated samples

High generation quality

Hard to train, can't get features



# Summary: Generative Models

