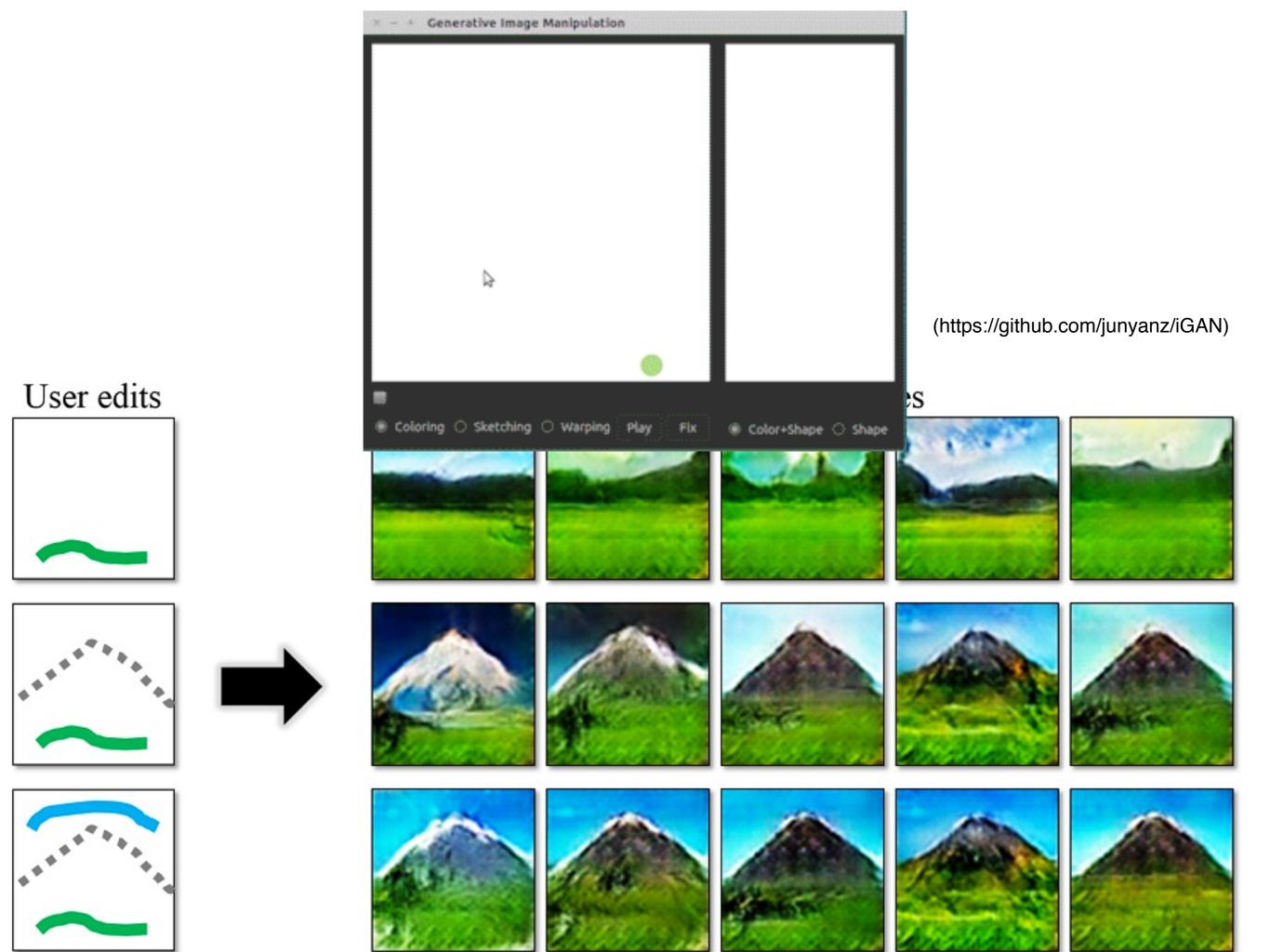
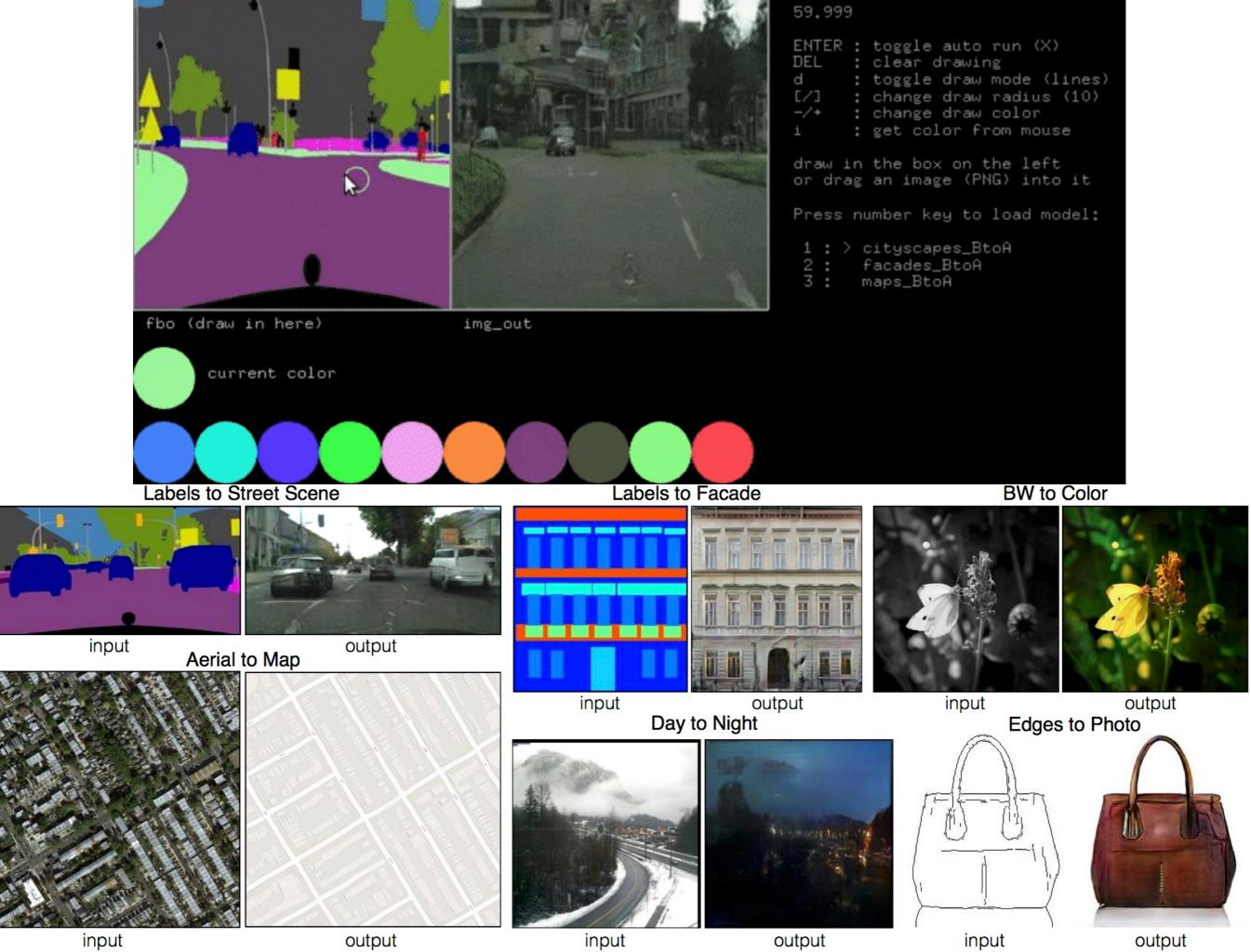
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(https://github.com/kaonashi-tyc/zi2zi)









(https://junyanz.github.io/CycleGAN/)

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Van Gogh

Monet

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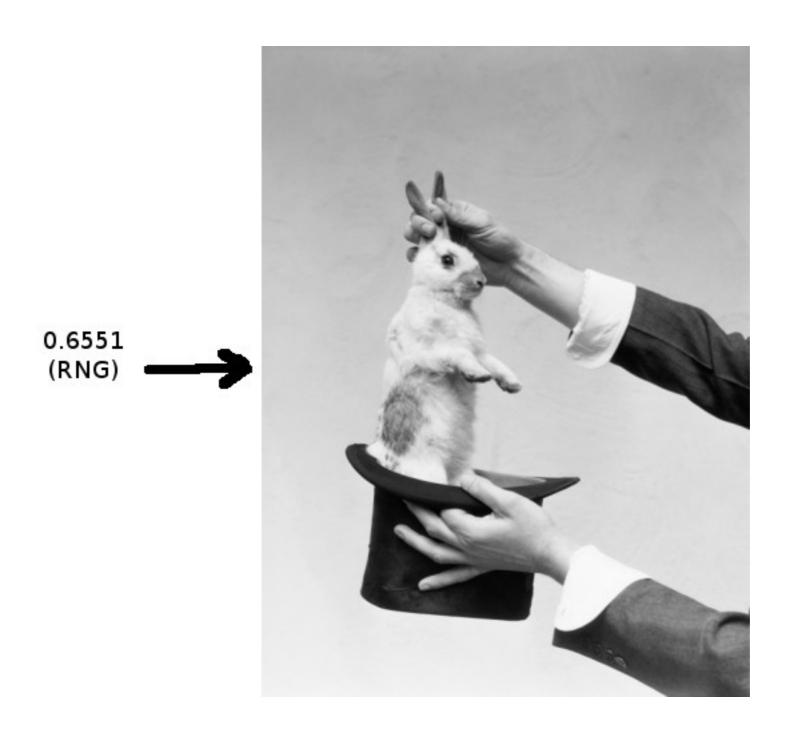


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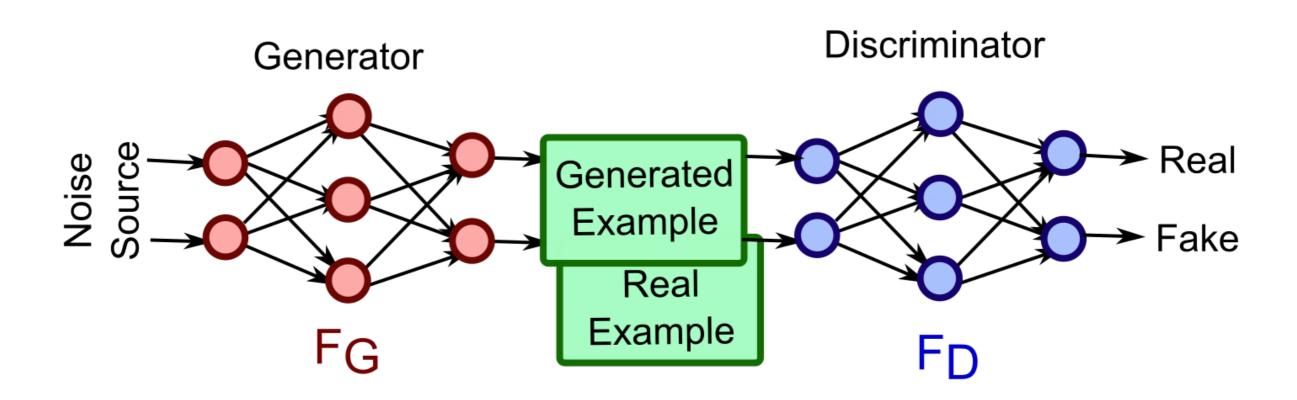
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- G: counterfeiter, trying to fool police with fake currency
- D: policy, trying to detect the counterfeit currency
- Competition drives both to improve, until counterfeits are indistinguishable from genuine currency

 A min-max game between two components: a generator *G* and a discriminator *D*



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• **D**'s goal: maximize V(D,G)

G's goal: minimize max V(D,G)

### Attractiveness

- Generator Networks  $x = G(z; \theta^{(G)})$
- · It is only required that, G is differentiable.
- So, having training data  $x \sim p_{data}(x)$  what we want is a model that can draw samples  $x \sim p_{model}(x)$ , where  $p_{model} \approx p_{data}$
- Don't write a formula for p<sub>data</sub>(x), just learn to draw sample directly.

"There's no free lunch."

-From Economics











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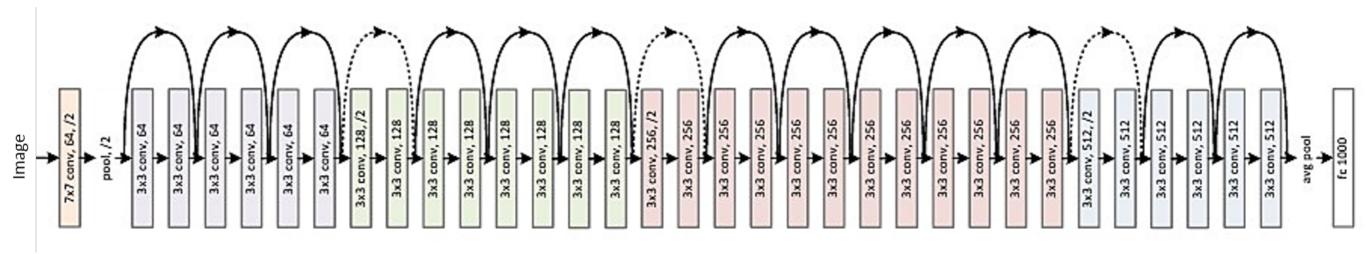






Generated

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# Objectives for GAN

The objective of *D*:

$$L(D, g_{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}_r}[\log D(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}_g}[\log(1 - D(x))]$$

- The objective of G:
  - the original:  $\mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)}[\log(1 D(g_{\theta}(z)))]$
  - · the alternative:  $\mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} \left[ -\log D(g_{\theta}(z)) \right]$
  - Why alternative?

using the original form of the objective of G

$$\mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)}[\log(1 - D(g_{\theta}(z)))]$$

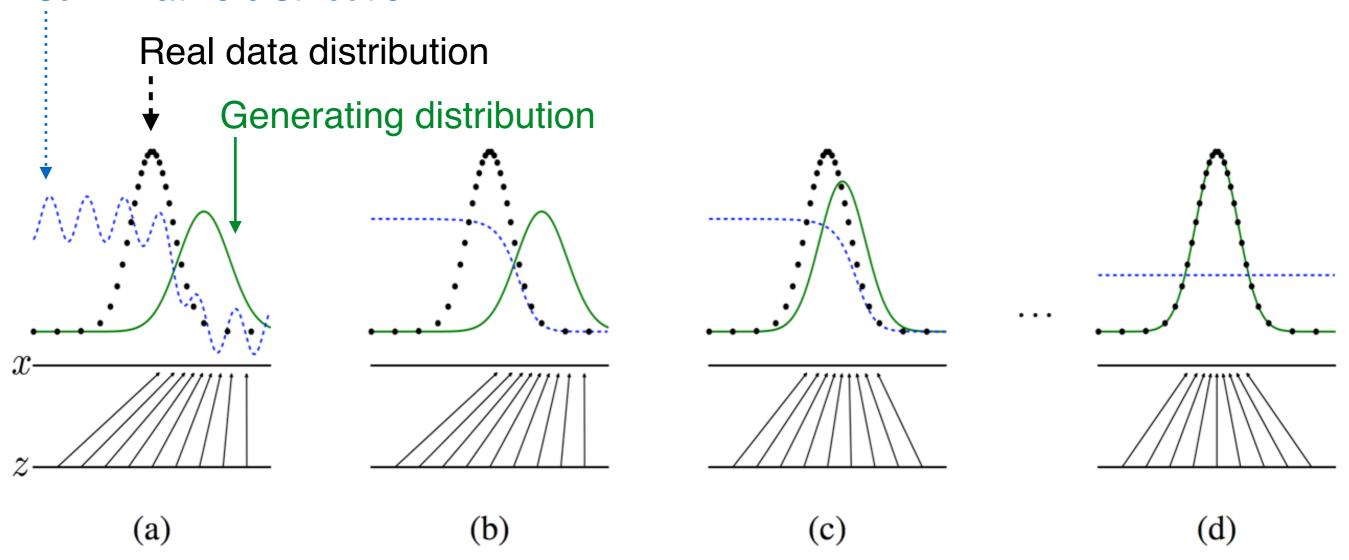
will result in gradient vanishing issue of **D** for **G** because *intuitively*, at the very early phase of training, **D** is very easy to be confident in detecting **G**, so **D** will output almost always 0

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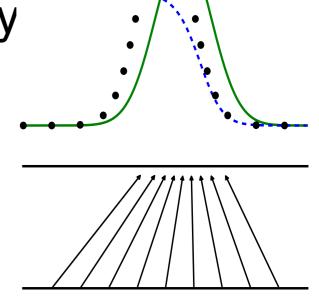
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#### Discriminative distribution



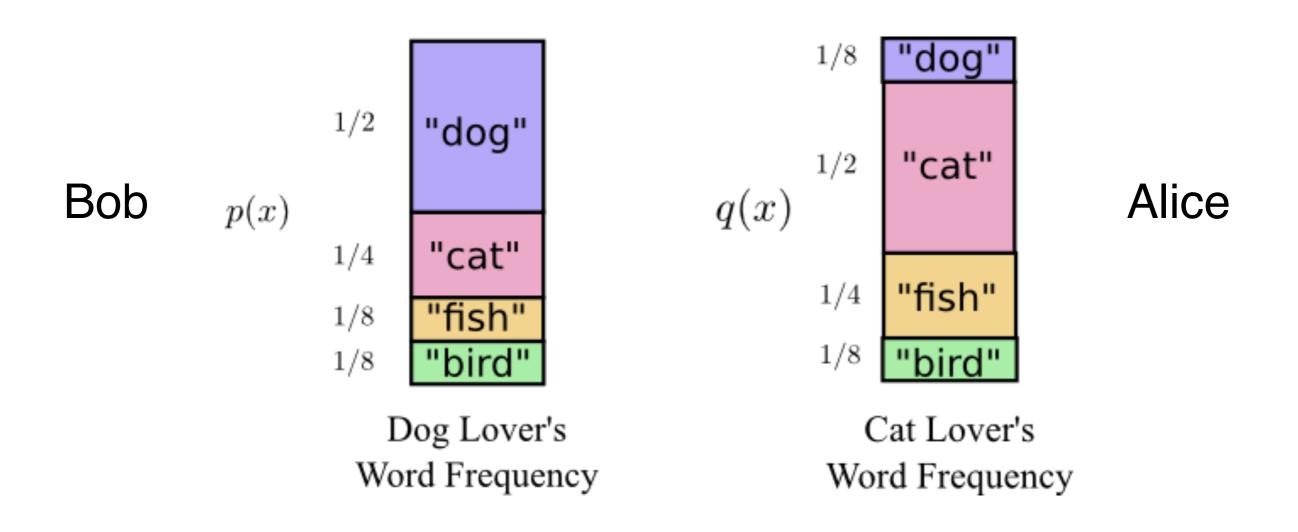
• The optimal D for any  $P_r$  and  $P_g$  is alway

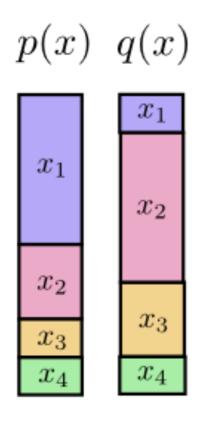
$$D^*(x) = \frac{P_r(x)}{P_r(x) + P_g(x)}$$



and that 
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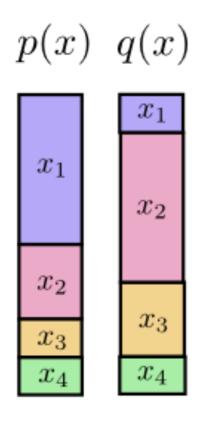


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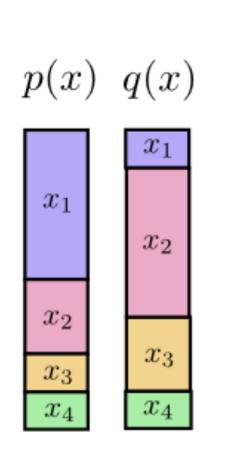


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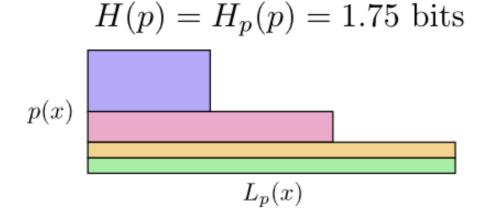
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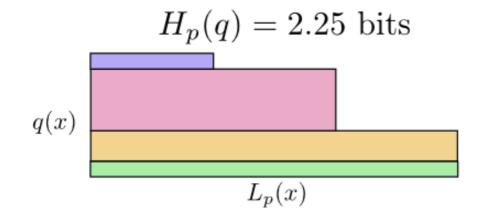
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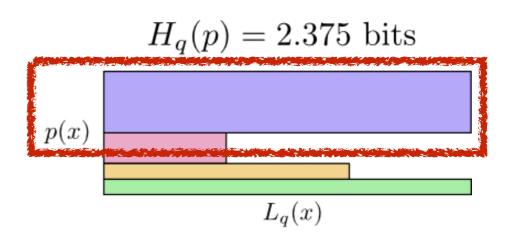
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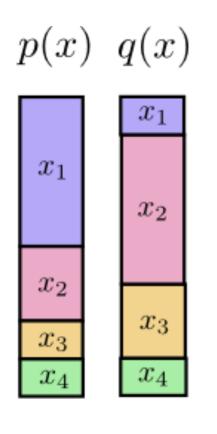




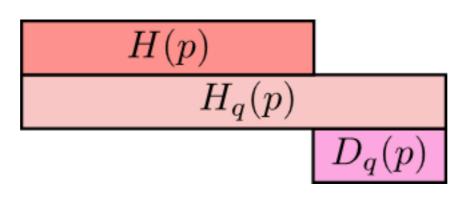


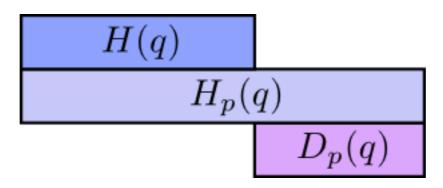
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 bits  $q(x)$  
$$L_q(x)$$

$$H_p(q) \neq H_q(p)$$



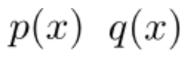
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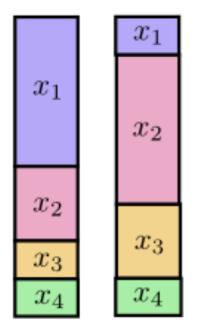




$$H_p(q) \neq H_q(p)$$

KL Divergence 
$$D_q(p) = H_q(p) - H(p)$$





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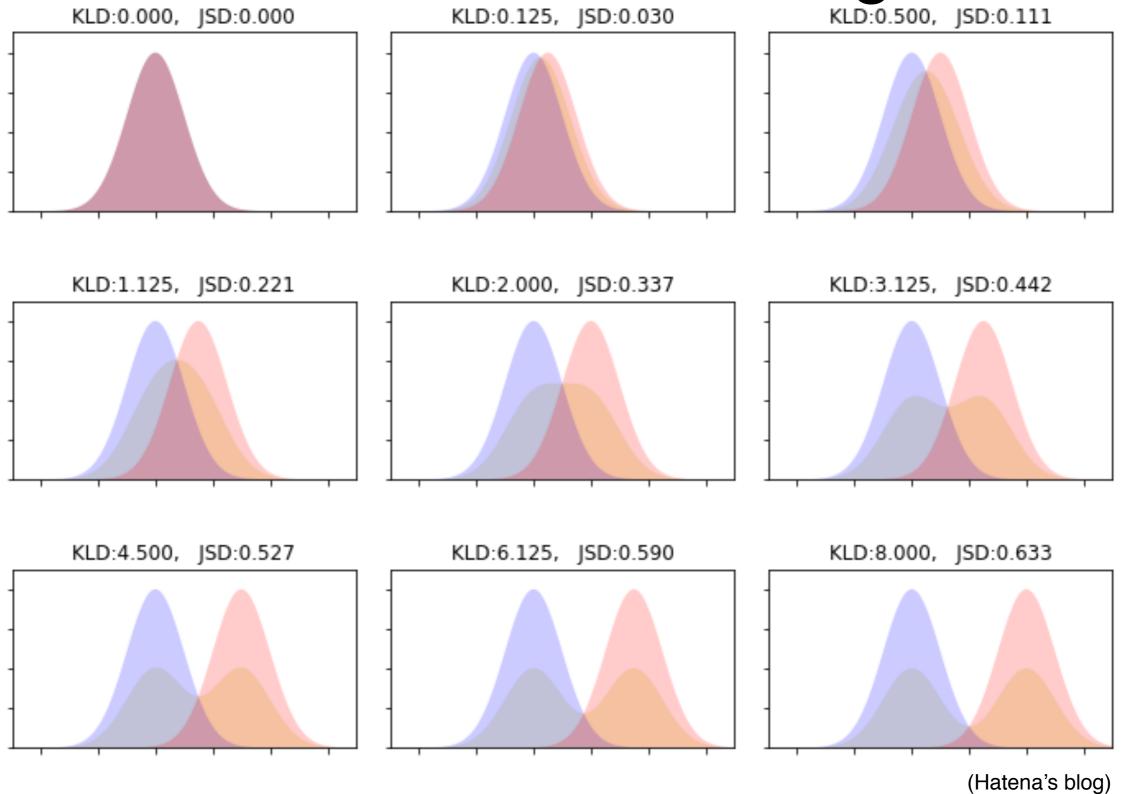
JS Divergence

$$D_{JS}(p|q) = D_{JS}(q|p) = \frac{1}{2}D_{KL}(p|r) + \frac{1}{2}D_{KL}(q|r)$$
$$r = \frac{1}{2}(p+q)$$

Be symmetric!

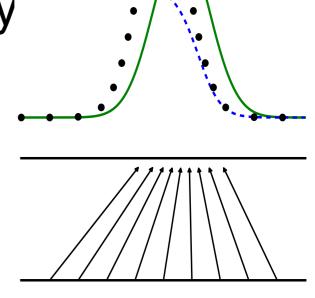
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when:

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- The JS divergence for the two distributions  $P_r$  and  $P_g$  is (almost) always log2 because  $P_r$  and  $P_g$  hardly can overlap (Arjovsky & Bottou, 2017, Theorem 2.1~2.3)
- This results in vanishing gradient in theory!

# The alternative objective

The alternative objective of G:

$$\mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} \left[ -\log D(g_{\theta}(z)) \right]$$

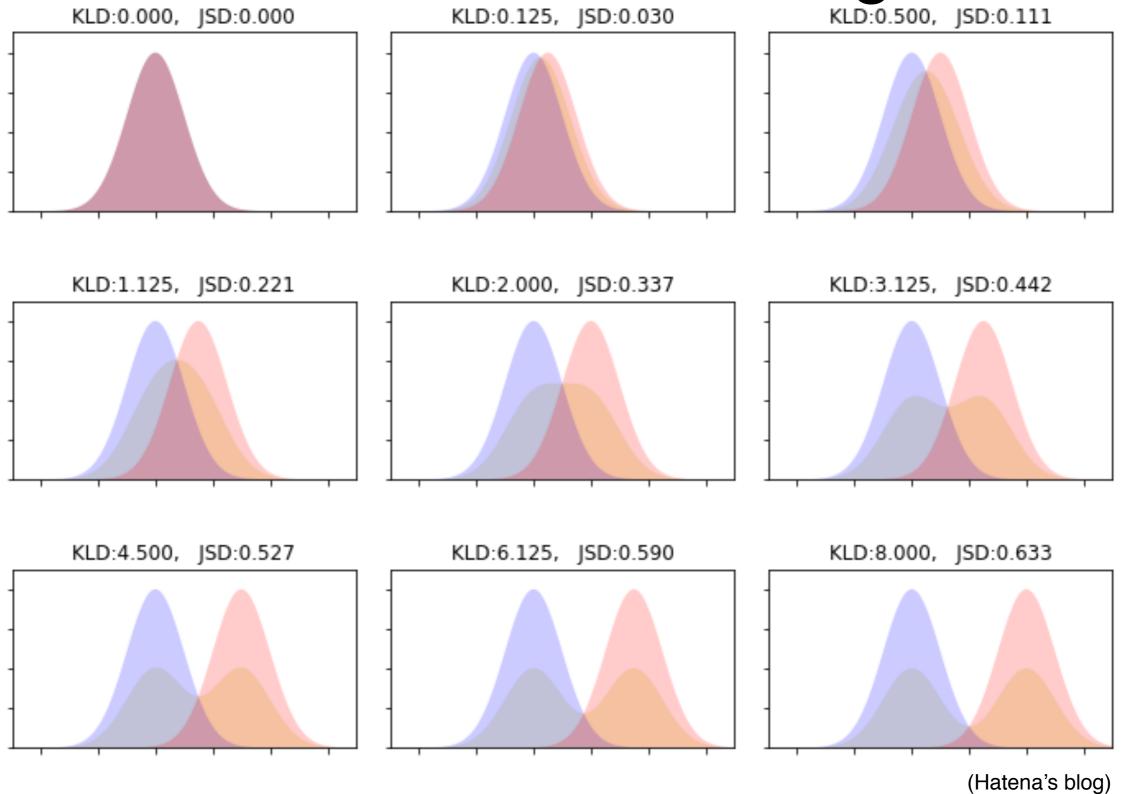
- Instead of minimizing, let G maximize the logprobability of the discriminator being mistaken
- It is heuristically motivated that generator can still learn even when discriminator successfully rejects all generator samples, but not theoretically guaranteed

using the alternative form of the objective of G

$$\mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} \left[ -\log D(g_{\theta}(z)) \right]$$

will result in gradient unstable issue and mode missing problem because theoretically, when **D** is optimal, minimizing the loss is equal to minimizing the KL divergence meanwhile maximizing the JS divergence (Arjovsky & Bottou, 2017, Theorem 2.5):

$$KL(\mathbb{P}_{g_{\theta}}||\mathbb{P}_r) - 2JSD(\mathbb{P}_{g_{\theta}}||\mathbb{P}_r)]$$



## Difficulty 3

 minimizing the KL divergence meanwhile maximizing the JS divergence is crazy:

$$KL(\mathbb{P}_{g_{\theta}}||\mathbb{P}_r) - 2JSD(\mathbb{P}_{g_{\theta}}||\mathbb{P}_r)]$$

which results in gradient unstable issue

### Difficulty 3

minimizing the KL divergence only is biased:

$$KL(\mathbb{P}_{g_{\theta}}||\mathbb{P}_r) - 2JSD(\mathbb{P}_{g_{\theta}}||\mathbb{P}_r)]$$

- because KL divergence is asymmetric, and thus it is not equally treated when G generates an unreal sample and when G fails to generate real sample
- Therefore, G will generate too many few-mode (less diverse) but real samples, a safer strategy

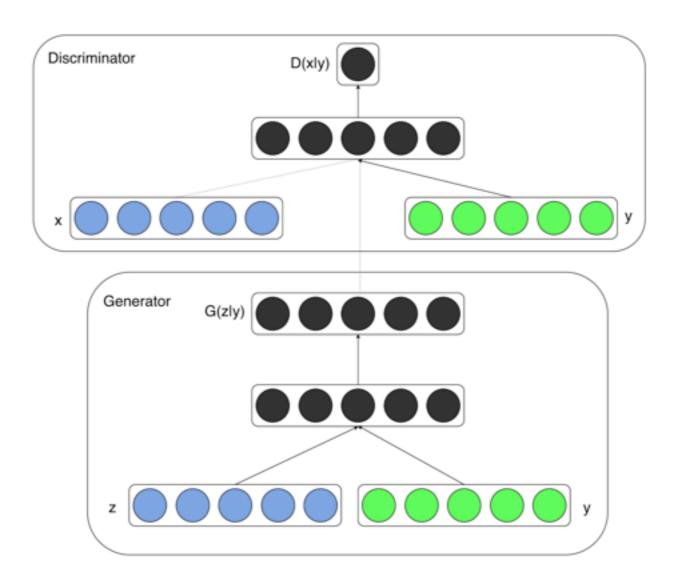
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- Improved GAN (Salimans et al., 2016)
  - feature matching

$$||\mathbb{E}_{oldsymbol{x} \sim p_{ ext{data}}} \mathbf{f}(oldsymbol{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{oldsymbol{z} \sim p_{oldsymbol{z}}(oldsymbol{z})} \mathbf{f}(G(oldsymbol{z}))||_2^2$$

minibatch discrimination

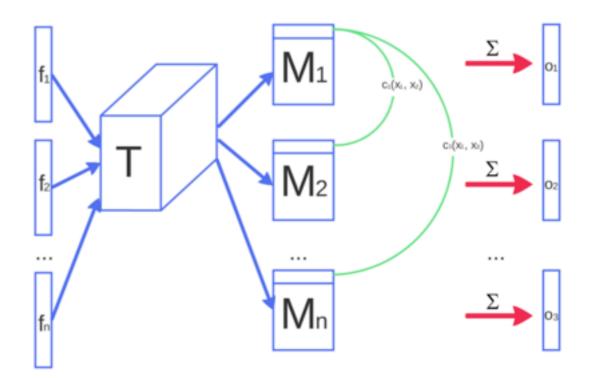
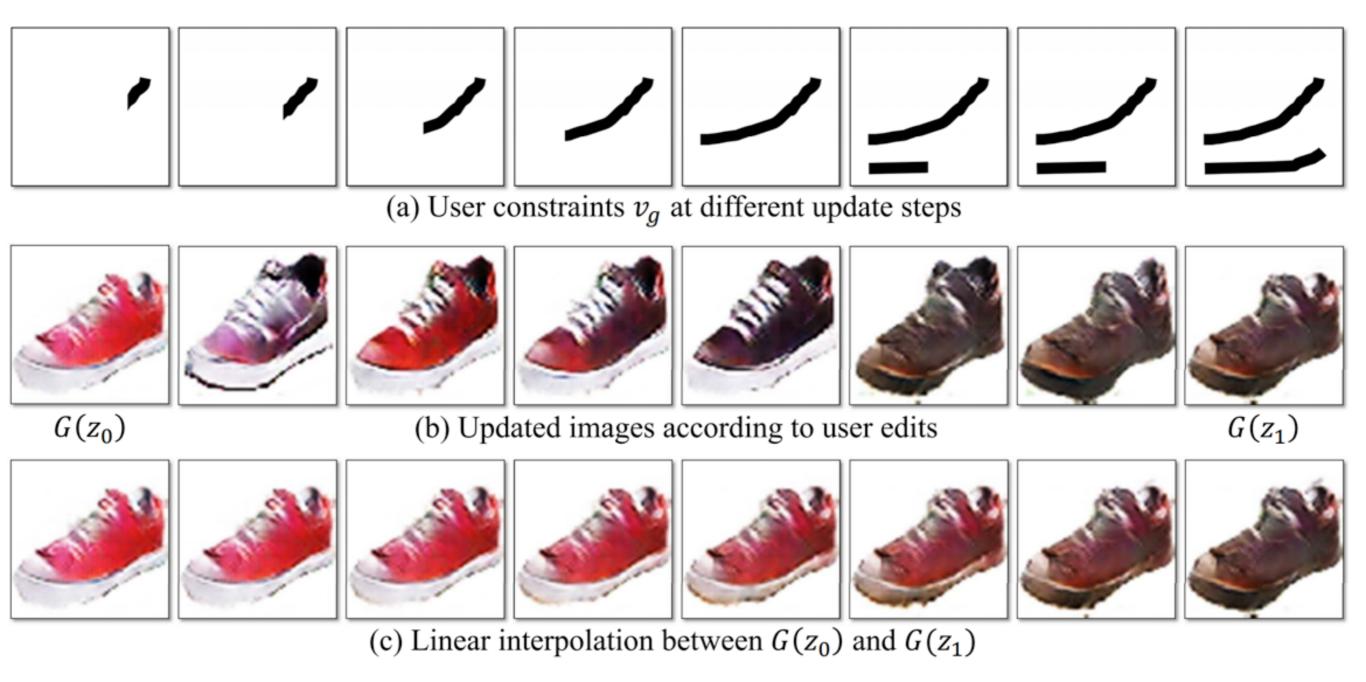


Figure 1: Figure sketches how minibatch discrimination works. Features  $f(x_i)$  from sample  $x_i$  are multiplied through a tensor T, and cross-sample distance is computed.

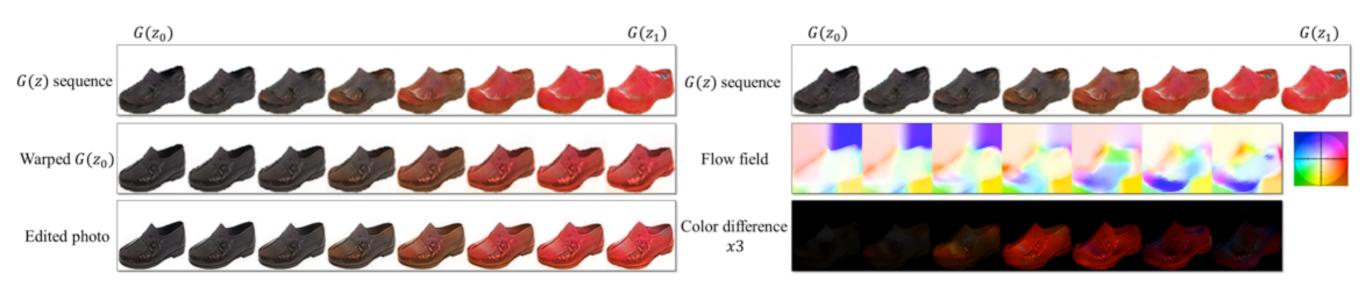
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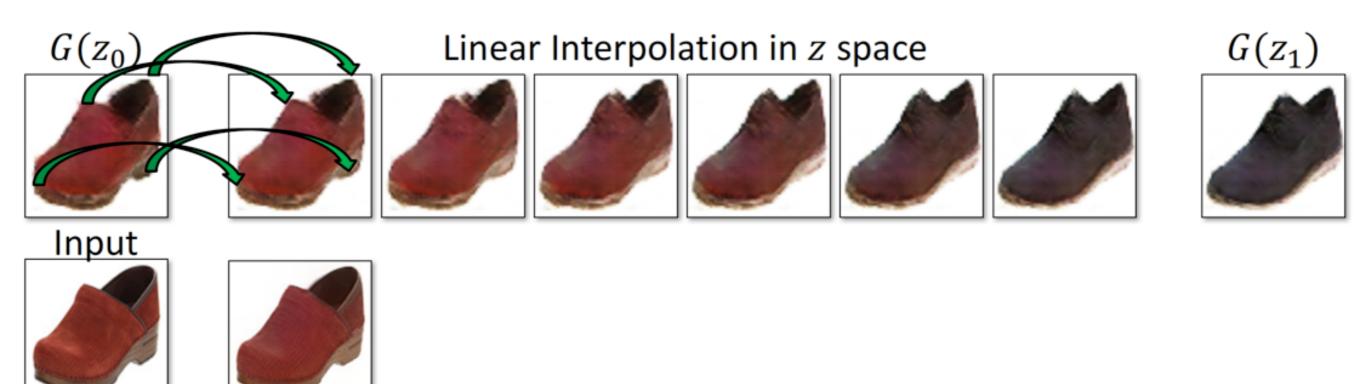
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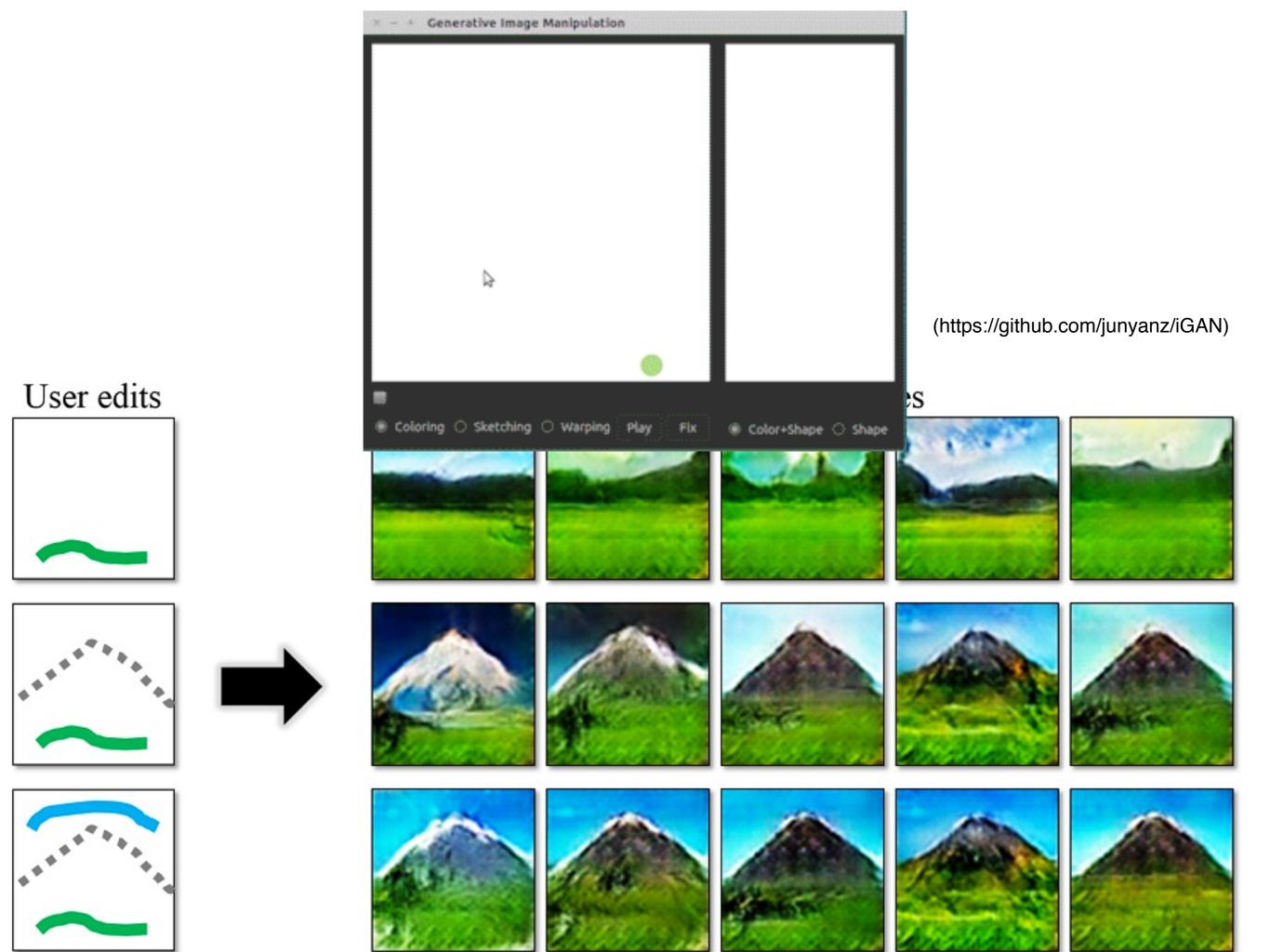


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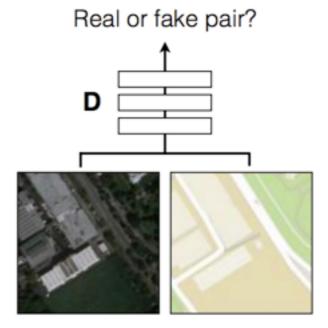
Motion (u, v)+ Color ( $A_{3\times4}$ ): estimate per-pixel geometric and color variation

$$\iint \underbrace{\|I(x,y,t) - A \cdot I(x+u,y+v,t+1)\|^2}_{\text{data term}} + \underbrace{\sigma_s(\|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2)}_{\text{spatial reg}} + \underbrace{\sigma_c\|\nabla A\|^2}_{\text{color reg}} dxdy$$





• pix2pix (Isola et al., 2017) Positive examples

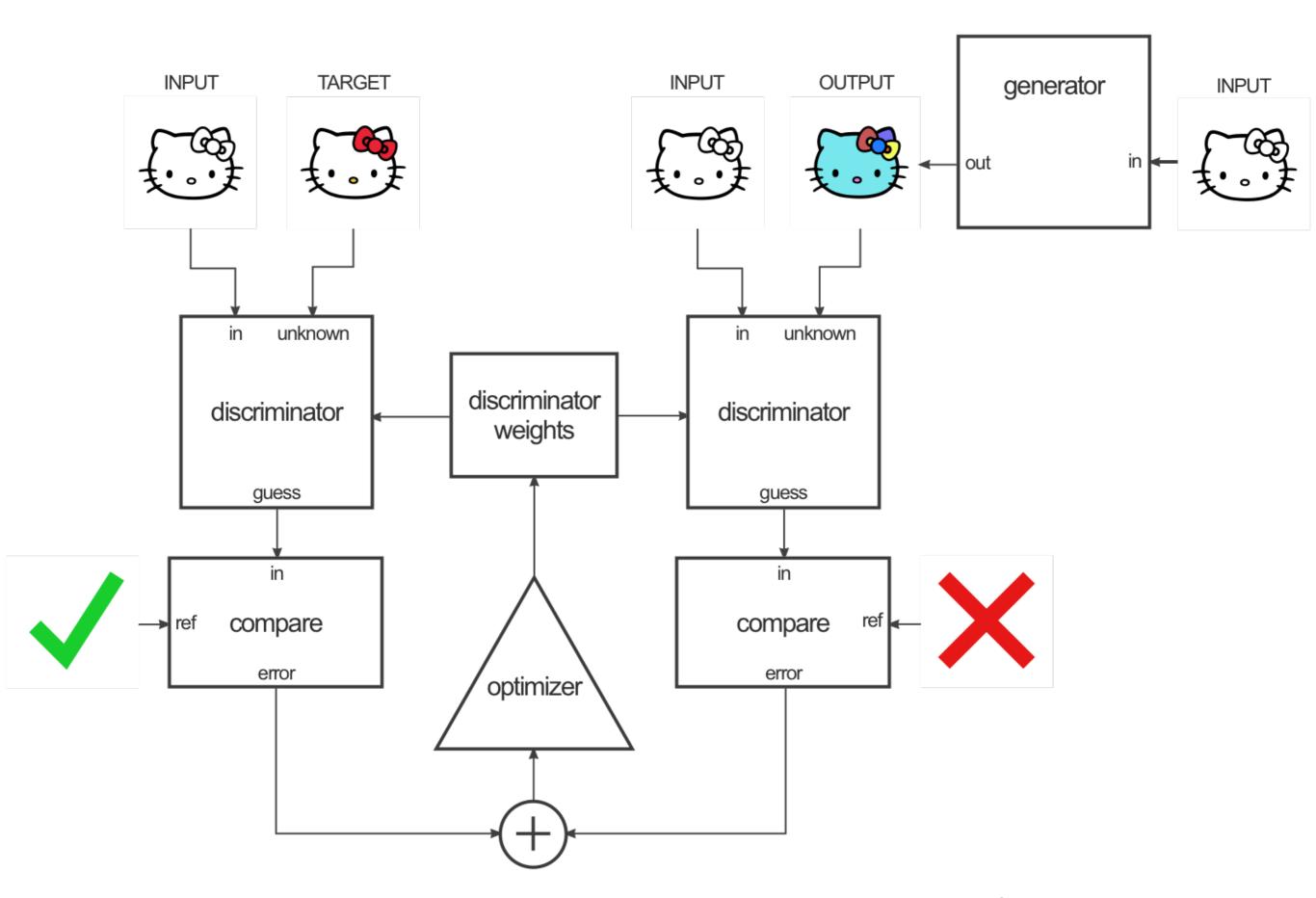


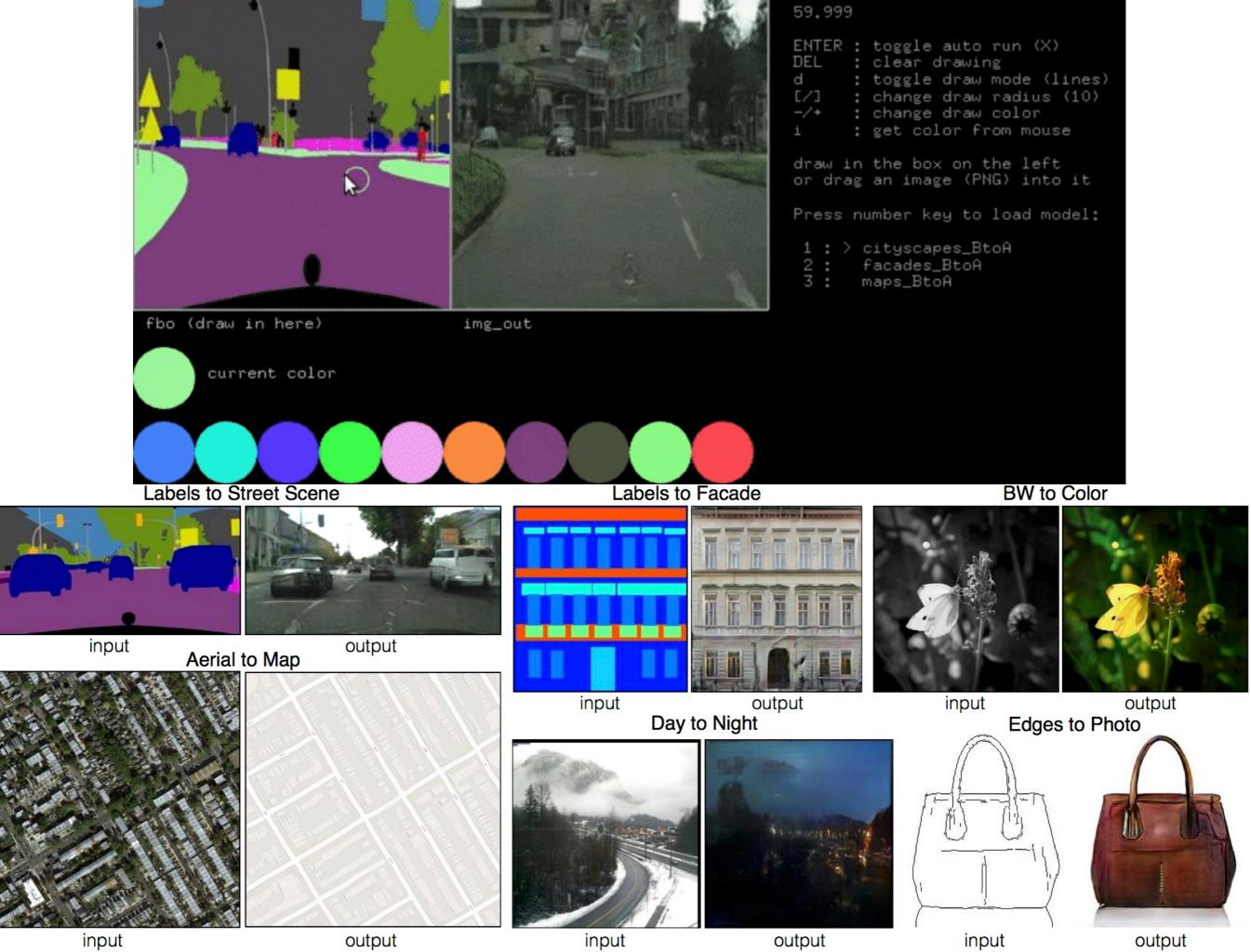
**G** tries to synthesize fake images that fool **D** 

**D** tries to identify the fakes

Real or fake pair?

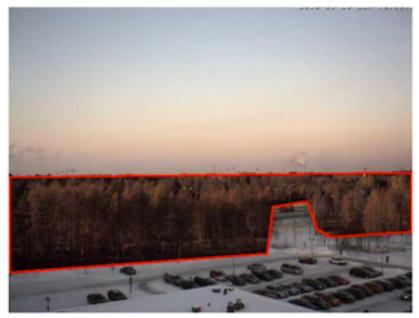
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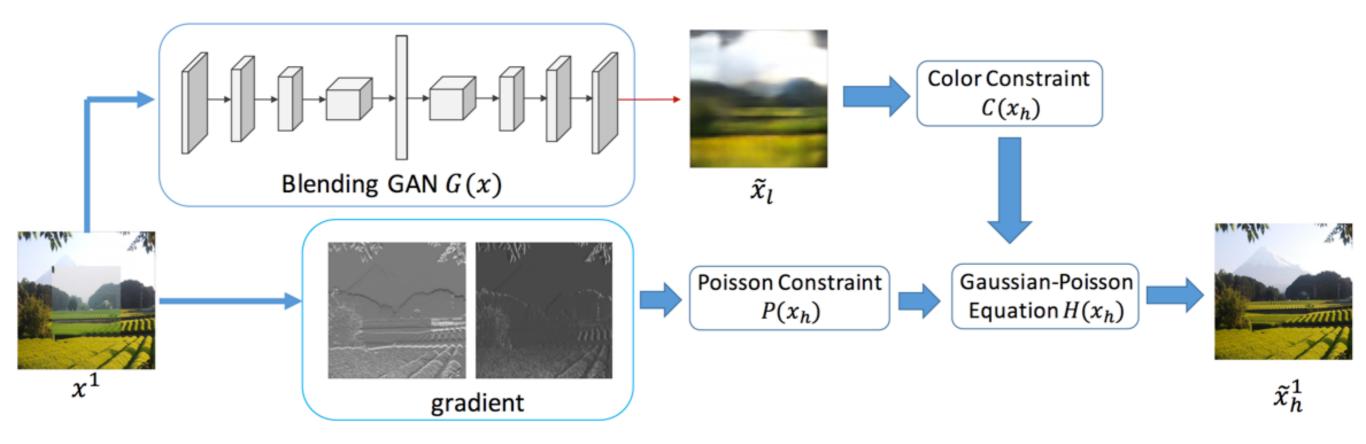






(https://github.com/wuhuikai/GP-GAN)

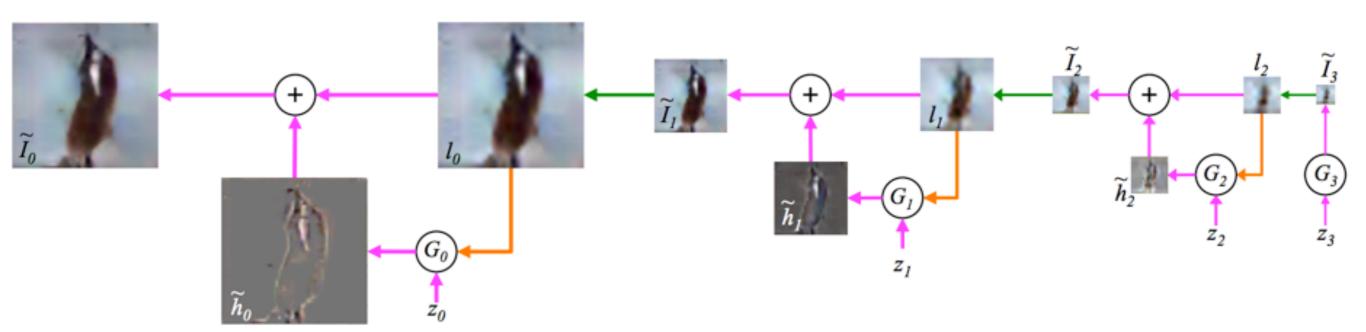
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LAPGAN (Denton et al., 2015)

$$\min_{G} \max_{D} \mathbb{E}_{h,l \sim p_{\text{Data}}(\mathbf{h},\mathbf{l})} [\log D(h,l)] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_{\text{Noise}}(\mathbf{z}),l \sim p_l(\mathbf{l})} [\log (1 - D(G(z,l),l))]$$



- Matching-aware Discriminator (Reed et al., 2016)
  - implicitly separate two sources of error: unrealistic images (for any text), and realistic images of the wrong class that mismatch the conditioning

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\hat{x} \leftarrow G(z, h) {Forward through generator}

s_r \leftarrow D(x, h) {real image, right text}

s_w \leftarrow D(x, \hat{h}) {real image, wrong text}

s_f \leftarrow D(\hat{x}, h) {fake image, right text}

\mathcal{L}_D \leftarrow \log(s_r) + (\log(1 - s_w) + \log(1 - s_f))/2
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## Text descriptions Images (content) (style)



The bird has a **yellow breast** with **grey** features and a small beak.

This is a large **white** bird with **black wings** and a **red head**.

A small bird with a **black head and** wings and features grey wings.

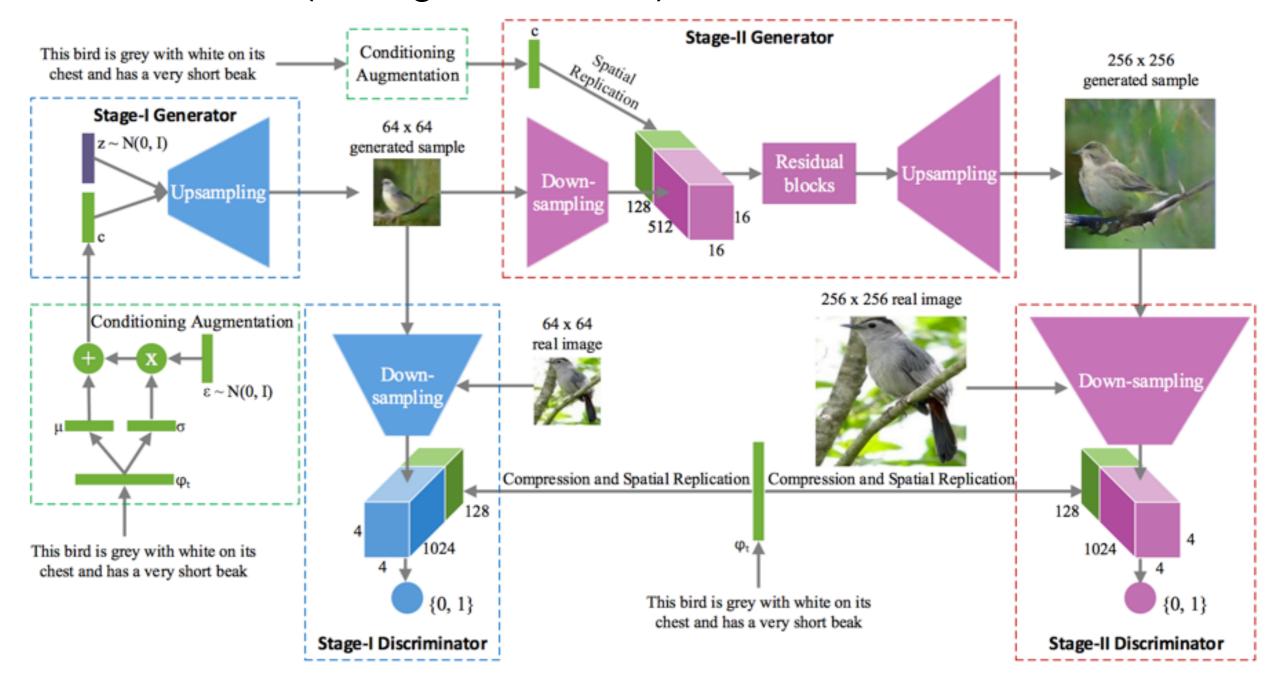
This bird has a **white breast**, brown and white coloring on its head and wings, and a thin pointy beak.

A small bird with **white base** and **black stripes** throughout its belly, head, and feathers.

A small sized bird that has a cream belly and a short pointed bill.



StackGAN (Zhang et al., 2016)

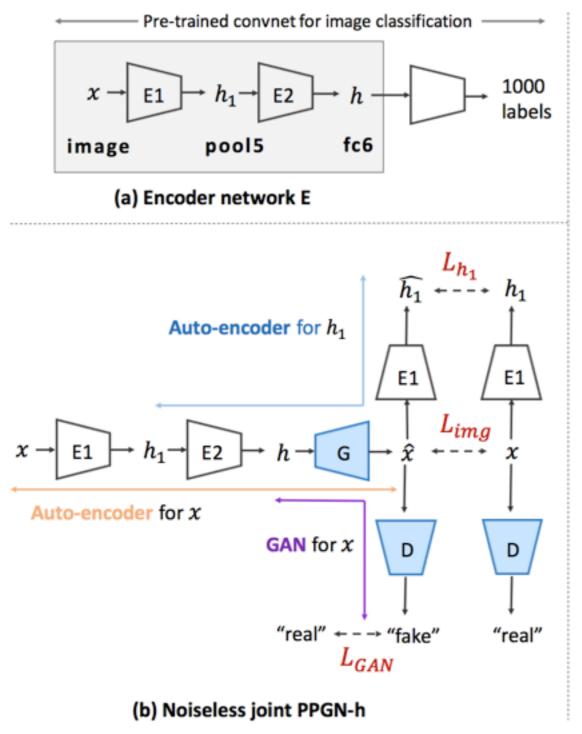


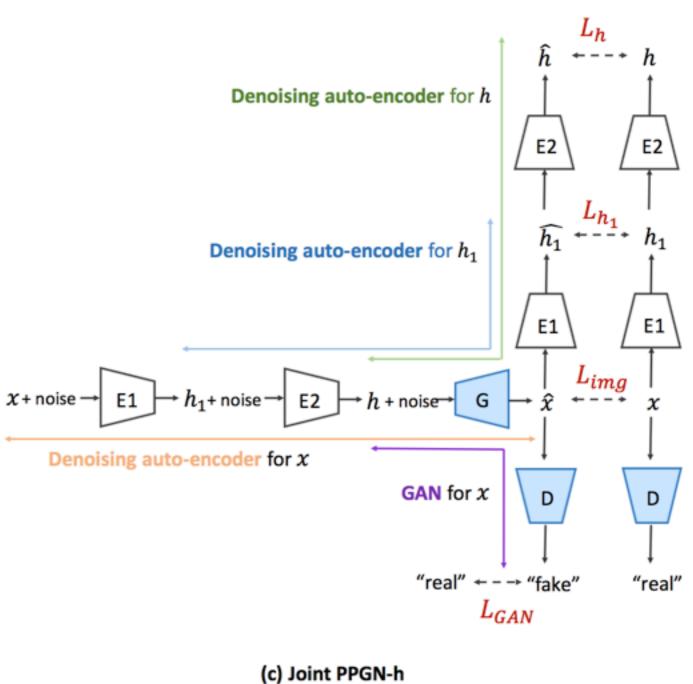
StackGAN (Zhang et al., 2016)

This flower has This flower is This flower is This flower has This flower has This flower has upturned petals long thin pink, white, white and petals that are This flower has a lot of small and yellow in which are thin yellow petals yellow in color, dark pink with Text color, and has petals that are purple petals in and a lot of with petals that and orange white edges description white and has a dome-like with rounded yellow anthers petals that are are wavy and and pink configuration pink shading in the center smooth striped edges stamen 64x64 **GAN-INT-CLS** [22] 256x256 StackGAN

· PPGN (Nguyen et al., 2017)





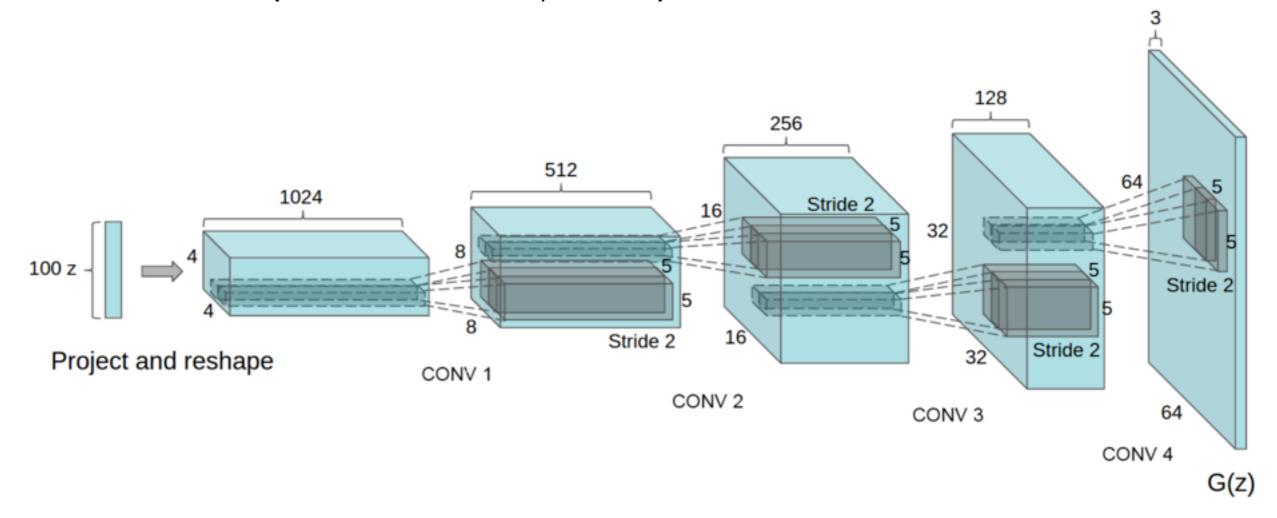




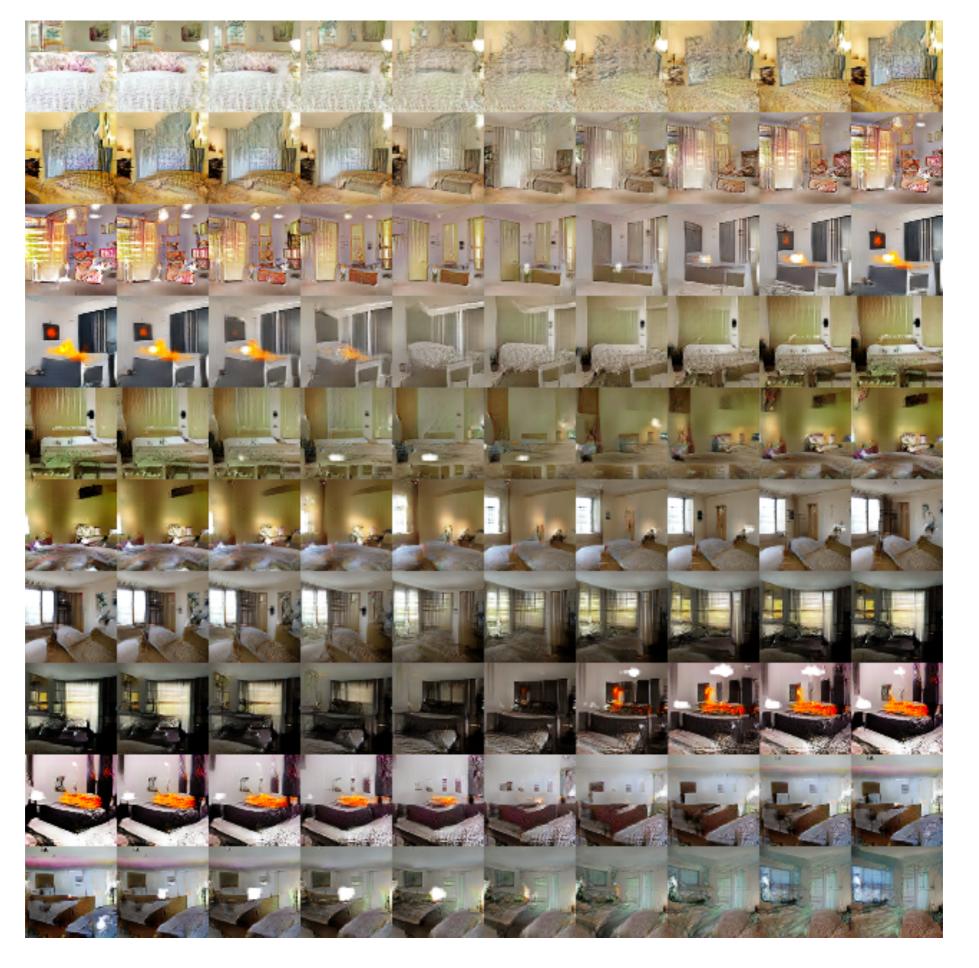


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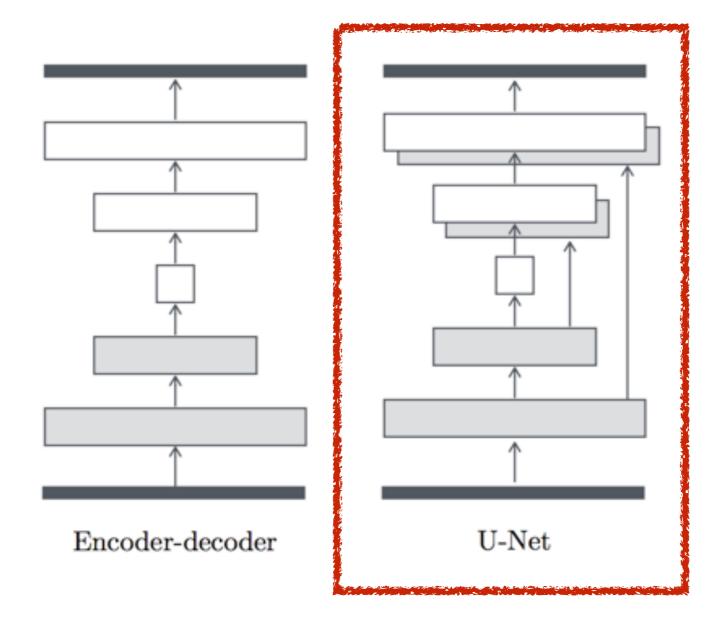
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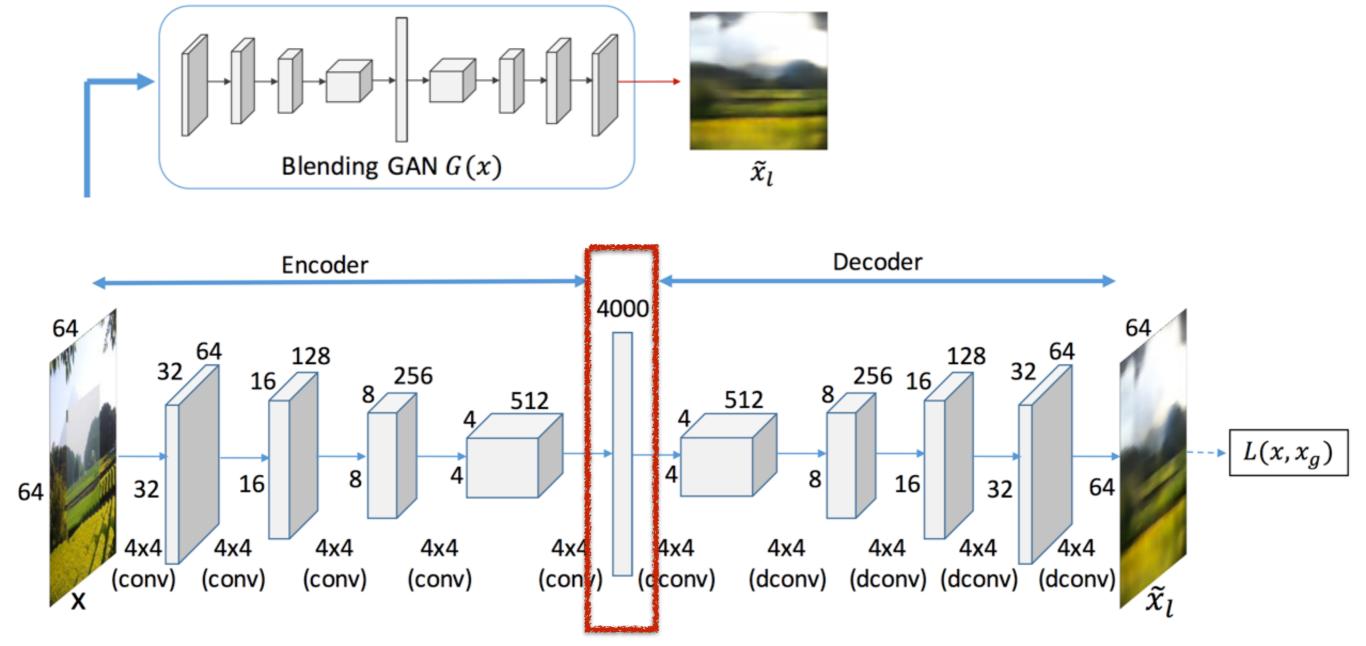
- DCGAN (Radford et al., 2016)
  - Replace any pooling layers with strided convolutions (discriminator) and fractional-strided convolutions (generator)
  - Use batchnorm in both the generator and the discriminator
  - Remove fully connected hidden layers
  - Use ReLU activation in generator for all layers except for the output, which uses Tanh; Use LeakyReLU activation in the discriminator for all layers



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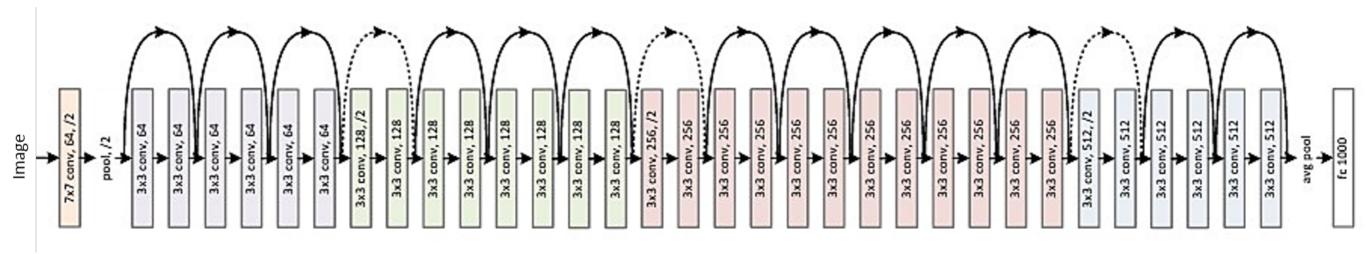


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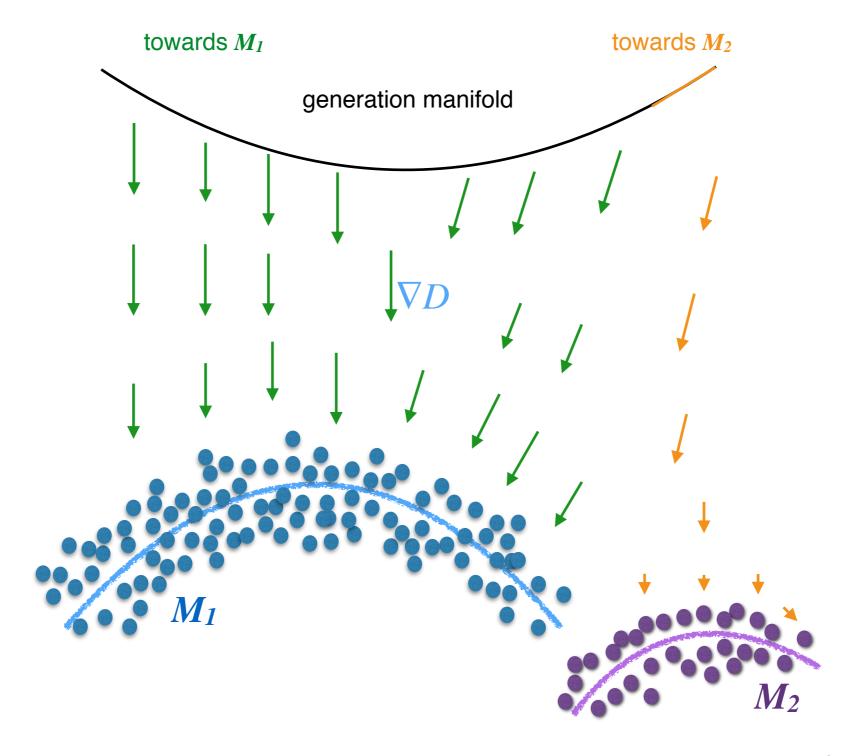
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## Solution 2: Encoder-incorporated

- Mode Regularized GANs (Che et al., 2017)
- Tackling the gradient vanishing issue and mode missing problem by incorporating an additional encoder *E* to:
  - (1) "enforce"  $P_r$  and  $P_g$  overlap
  - (2) "build a bridge" between fake data and real data

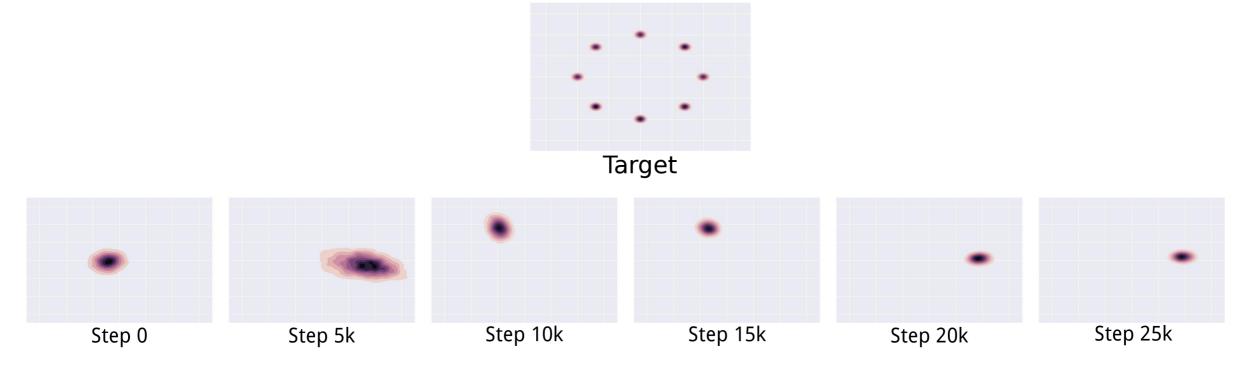
## Mode Missing Problem



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

- D in inner loop: convergence to correct distribution
- G in inner loop: place all mass on most likely point



(Goodfellow's tutorial) (Metz et al., 2016)

- Regularized GANs
  - for encoder  $E: \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_d}[\lambda_1 d(x, G \circ E(x)) + \lambda_2 \log D(G \circ E(x))]$
  - for generator *G*:

$$-\mathbb{E}_{z}[\log D(G(z))] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{d}}[\lambda_{1}d(x, G \circ E(x)) + \lambda_{2}\log D(G \circ E(x))]$$

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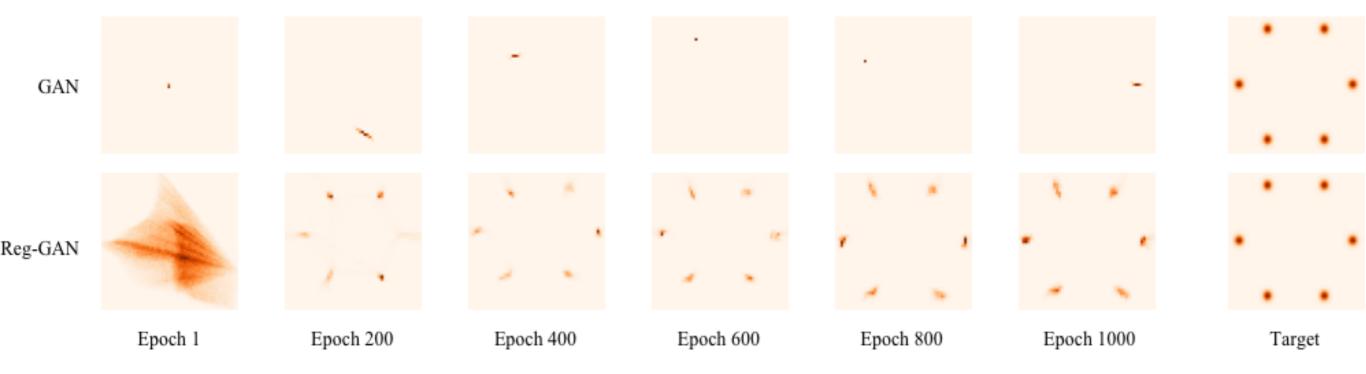
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for discriminator D: same as vanilla GAN

- But it still suffers from gradient vanishing!
- because D is still comparing between real data and fake data

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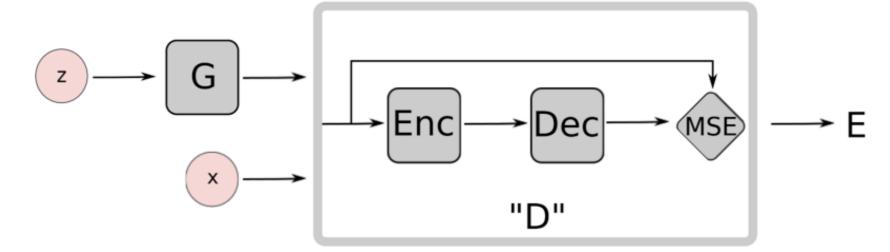
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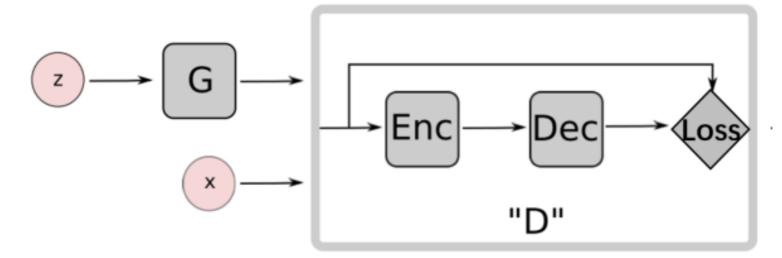
MDGAN Regularized -GAN DCGAN

- Mode Regularized GANs (Che et al., 2017)
- Energy-based GANs (Zhao et al., 2017)
- Boundary Equilibrium GANs (Berthelot et al., 2017)
- · etc.

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# Solution 2: \*Noisy Input

- Add noise to input (both real data and fake data) before passing into D (Arjovsky & Bottou, 2017, Theorem 3.2)
- Add noise to layers in D and G (Zhao et al., 2017)
- Instance Noise (Sønderby et al., 2017)

• All these are indeed "enforcing"  $P_r$  and  $P_g$  to overlap

## Review Mode Missing Problem

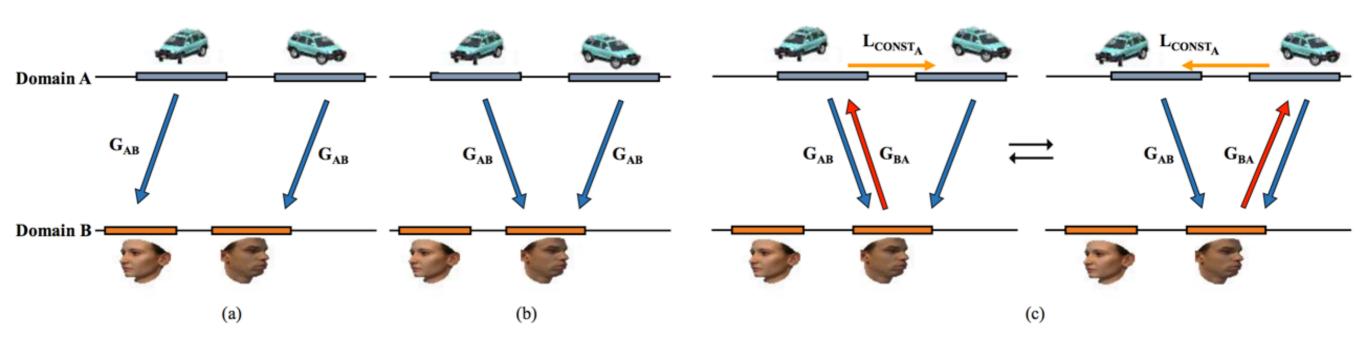
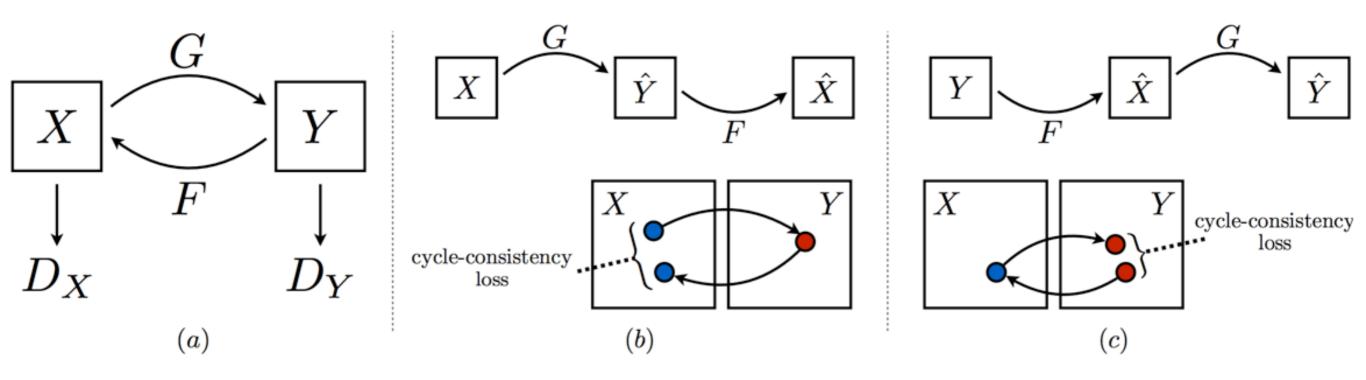


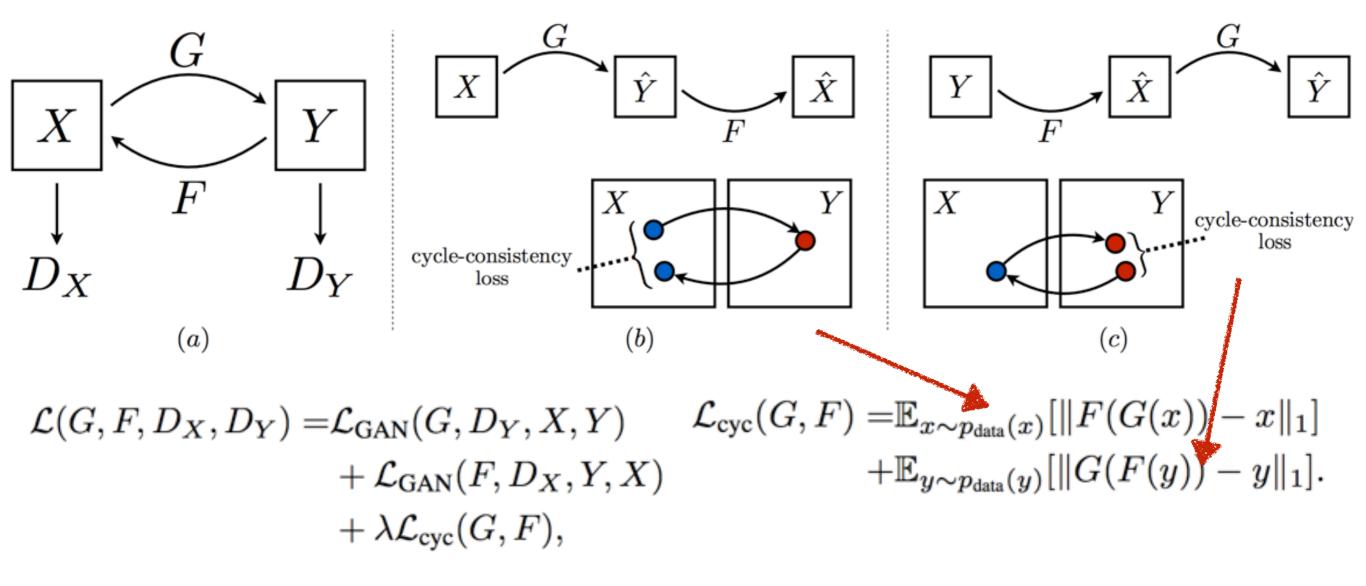
Figure 3. Illustration of our models on simplified one dimensional domains. (a) ideal mapping from domain A to domain B in which the two domain A modes map to two different domain B modes, (b) GAN model failure case, (c) GAN with reconstruction model failure case.

CycleGAN (Zhu et al., 2017)



- DiscoGAN (Kim et al., 2017)
- DualGAN (Yi et al., 2017)

CycleGAN (Zhu et al., 2017)





(https://junyanz.github.io/CycleGAN/)

Ukiyo-e

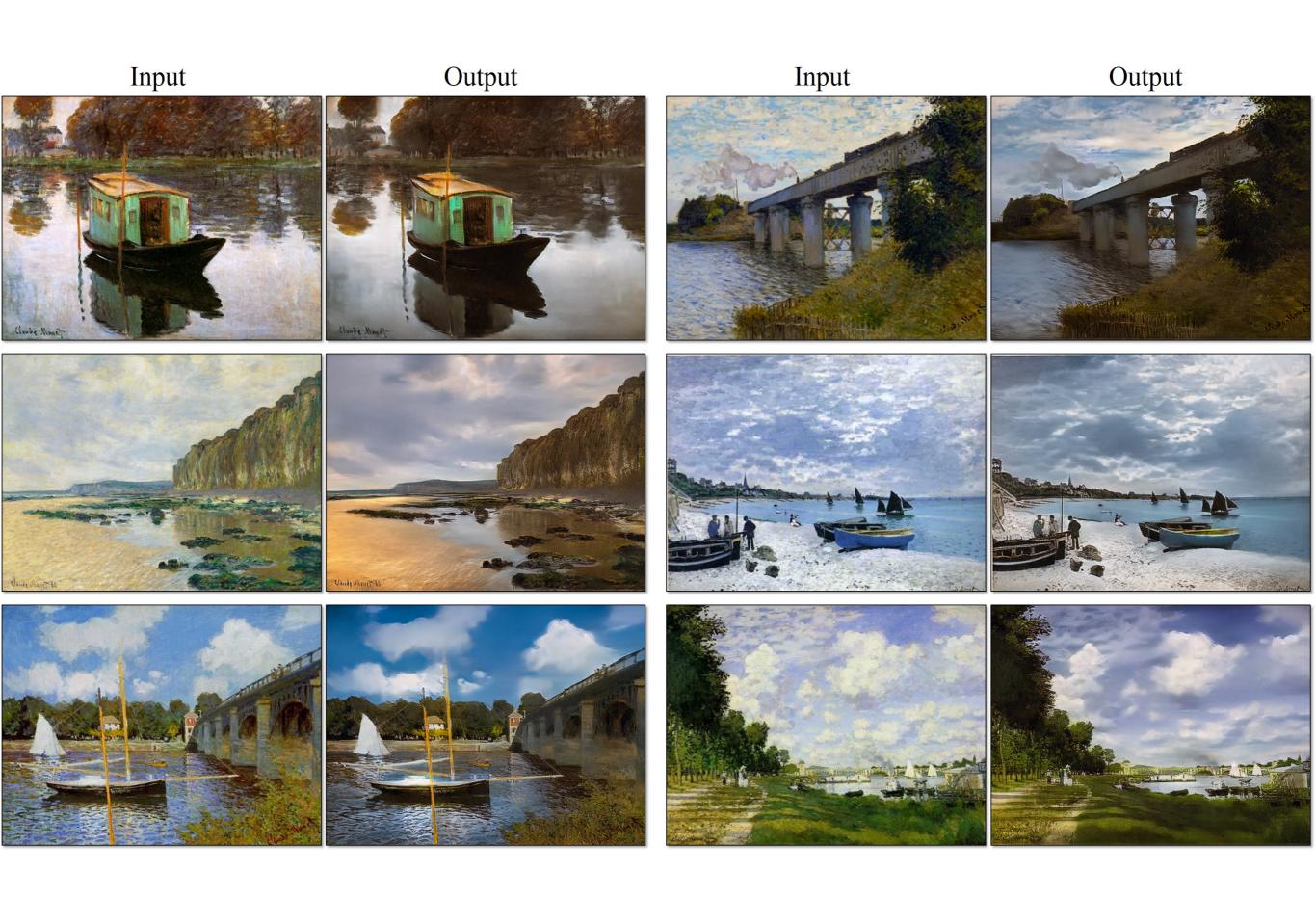
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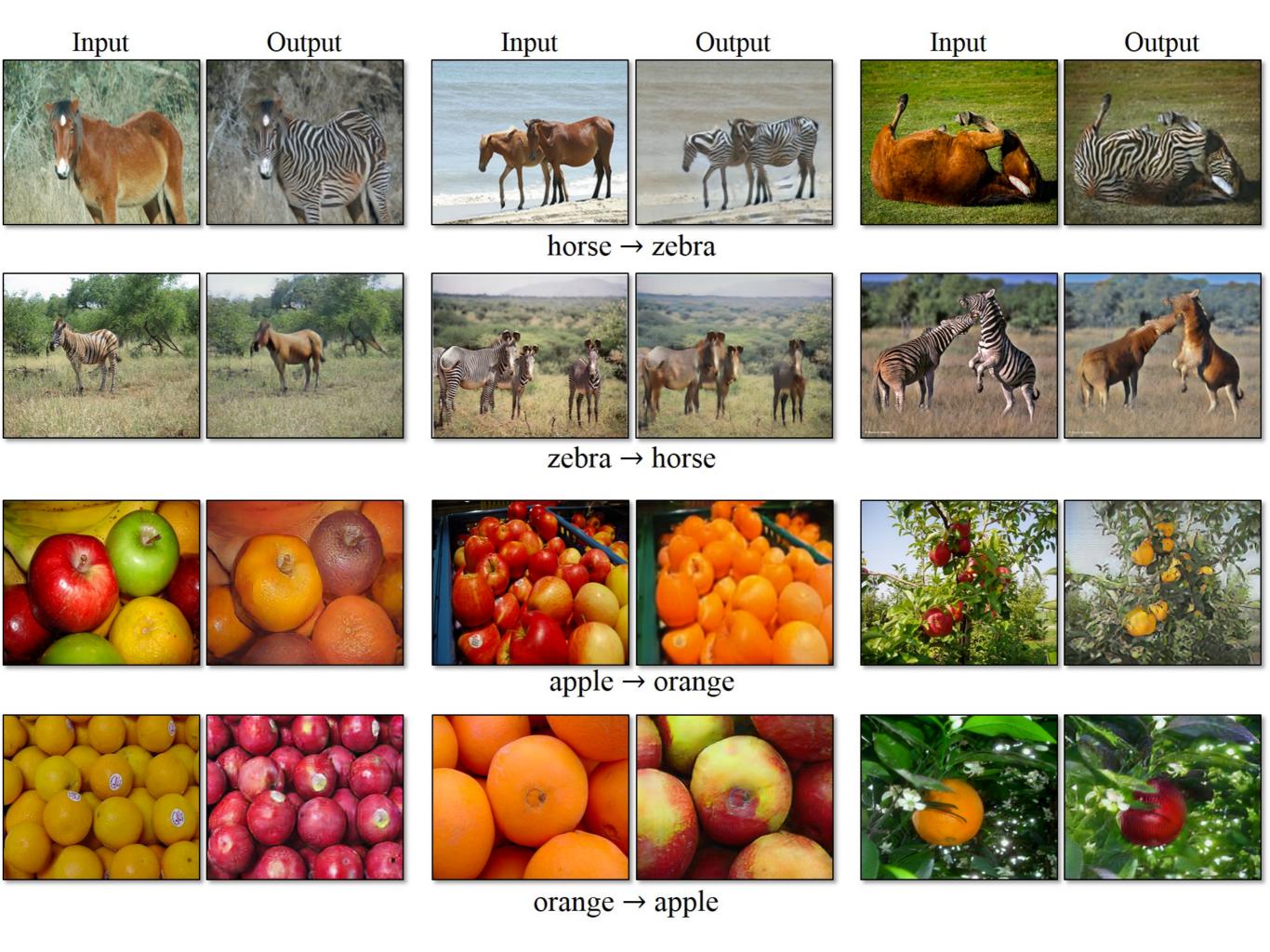
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Ukiyo-e Van Gogh Input Monet Cezanne



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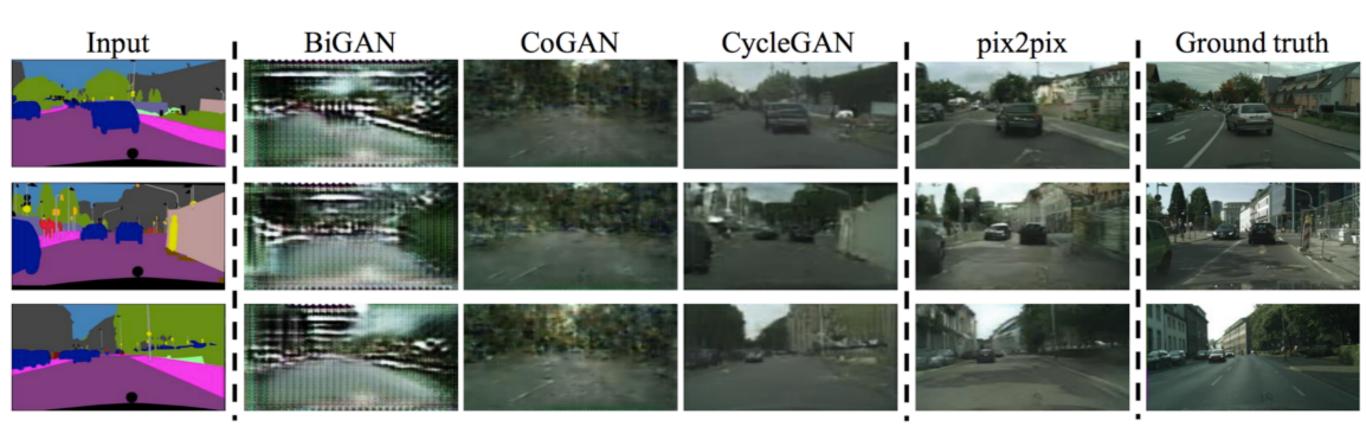
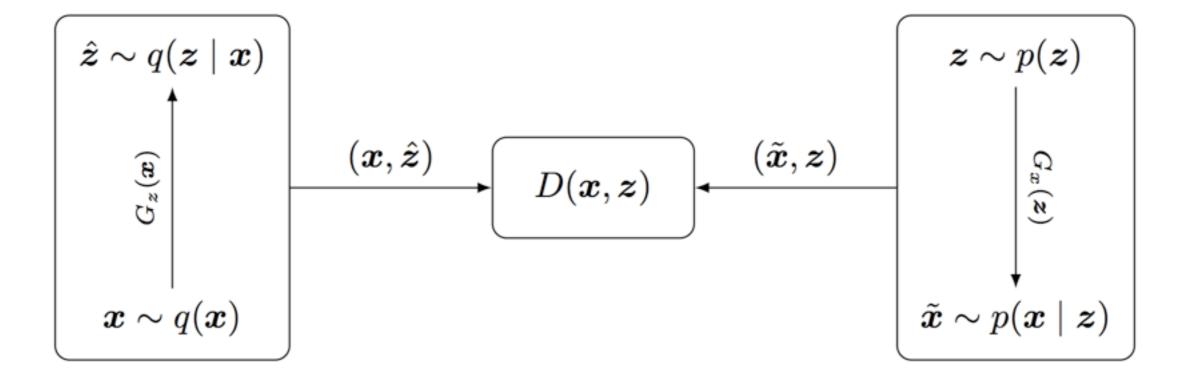
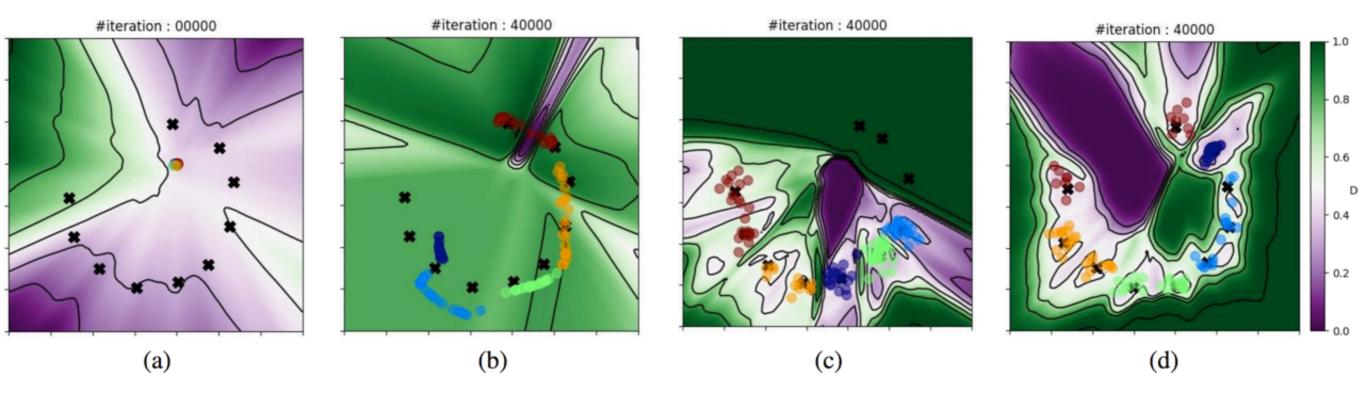


Figure 5: Different methods for mapping labels → photos trained on cityscapes. From left to right: input, BiGAN [5, 6] CoupledGAN [27], CycleGAN (ours), pix2pix [18] trained on paired data, and ground truth.

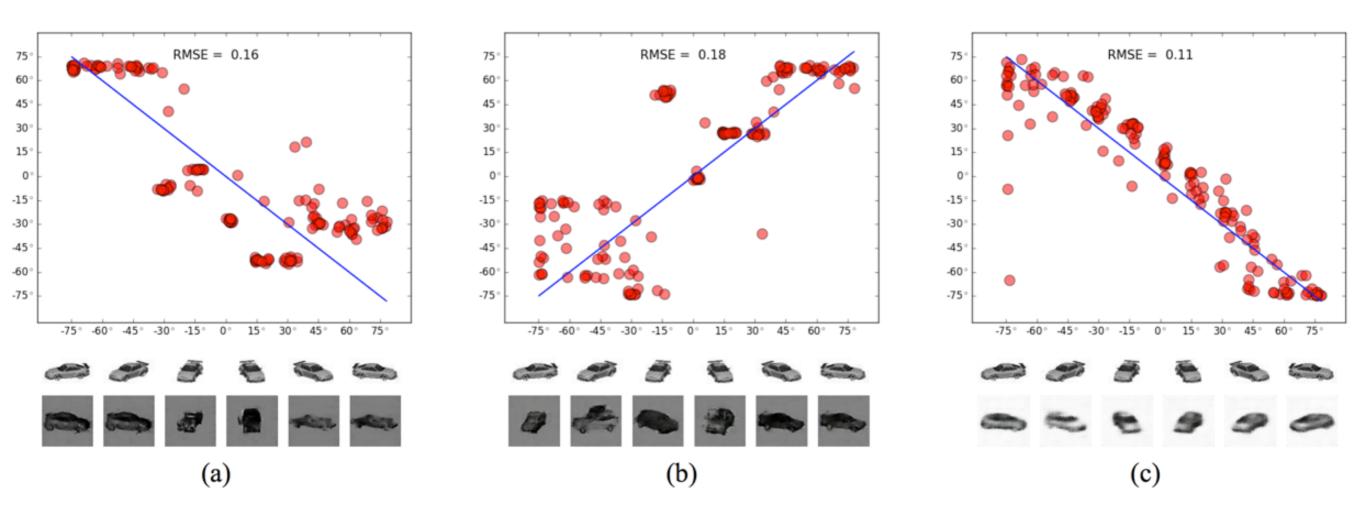
- · CycleGAN (Zhu et al., 2017)
- BiGAN (Donahue et al., 2017; Dumoulin et al., 2017)
  - G:  $Z \rightarrow X + F: X \rightarrow Z$



DiscoGAN (Kim et al., 2017)



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minimizing the KL divergence only is biased:

$$KL(\mathbb{P}_{g_{\theta}}||\mathbb{P}_r) - 2JSD(\mathbb{P}_{g_{\theta}}||\mathbb{P}_r)]$$

- because KL divergence is asymmetric, and thus it is not equally treated when G generates an unreal sample and when G fails to generate real sample
- Therefore, G will generate too many few-mode (less diverse) but real samples, a safer strategy

#### Content

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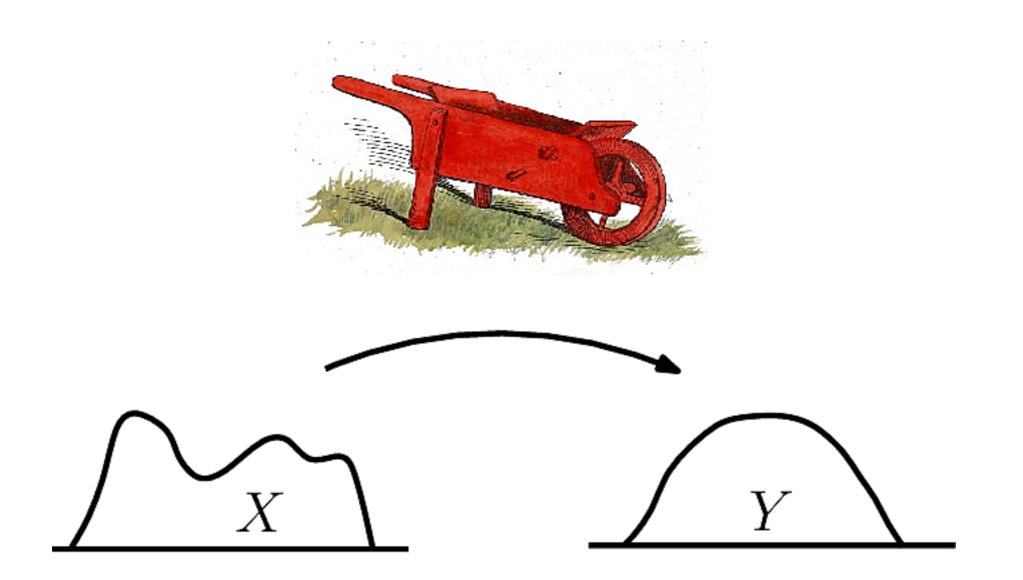
•Why is it superior to KL and JS divergence?

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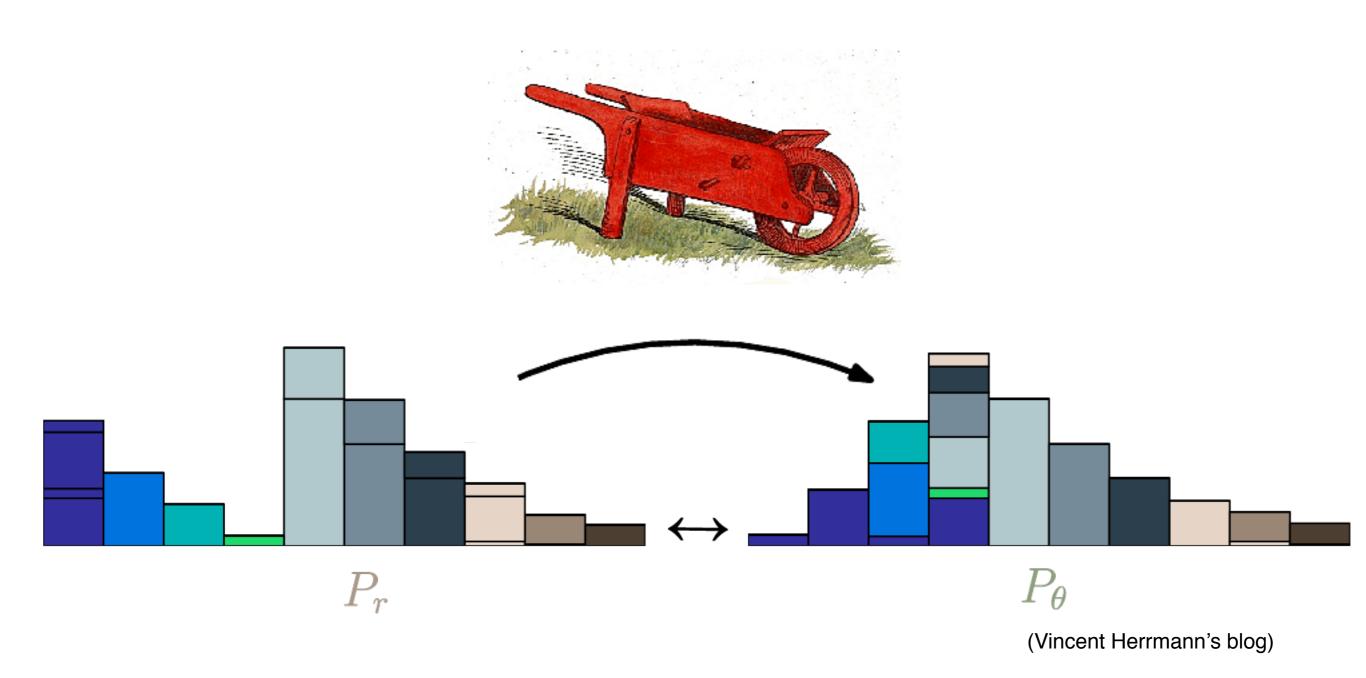
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where  $\Pi(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g)$  denotes the set of all joint distributions  $\gamma(x, y)$  whose marginals are respectively  $\mathbb{P}_r$  and  $\mathbb{P}_g$ . Intuitively,  $\gamma(x, y)$  indicates how much "mass" must be transported from x to y in order to transform the distributions  $\mathbb{P}_r$  into the distribution  $\mathbb{P}_g$ . The EM distance then is the "cost" of the optimal transport plan.

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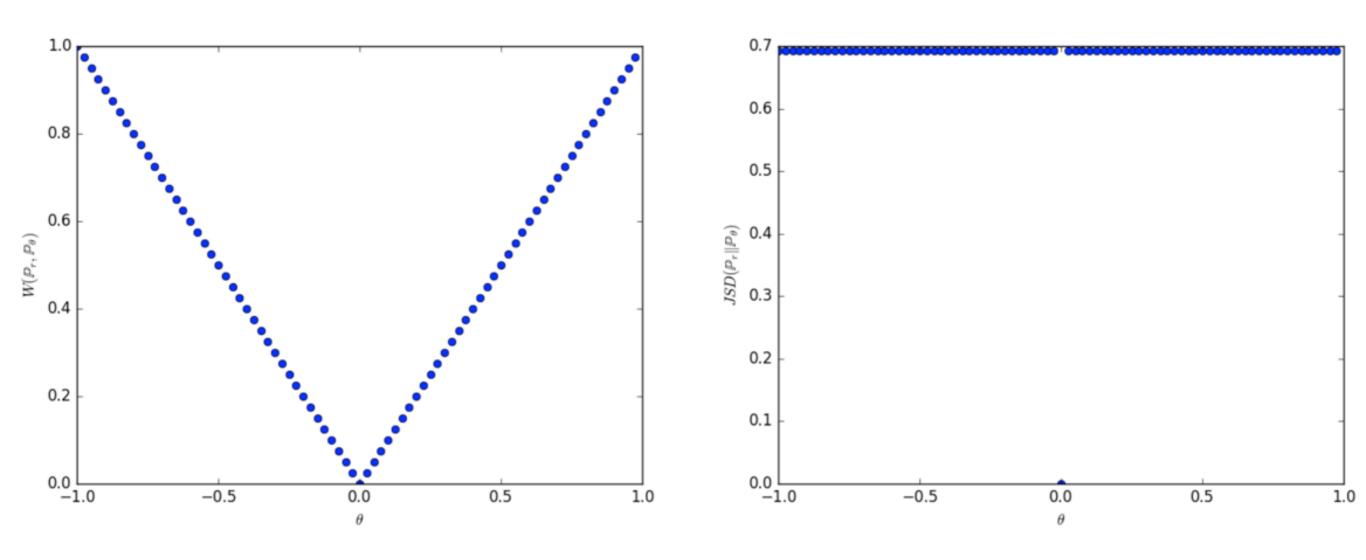


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  - And most importantly, it can reflect the distance of two distributions even if they do not overlap, and thus can provide meaningful gradients



Wasserstein Distance

JS Divergence

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 By applying the Kantorovich-Rubinstein duality (Villani, 2008), Wasserstein GANs becomes:

$$\min_{G} \max_{D \in \mathcal{D}} \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim \mathbb{P}_r} \left[ D(\boldsymbol{x}) \right] - \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}} \sim \mathbb{P}_q} \left[ D(\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}) \right]$$

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- In other words, D is the set of 1-Lipschitz functions
  - Lipschitz continuity

## Lipschitz Continuity

- real-value function:  $f: R \to R$
- positive constant: K

$$|f(x_1)-f(x_2)| \leq K|x_1-x_2|$$

 In other words, a Lipschitz continuous function has bounded first derivative. Intuitively, the slope of a KK-Lipschitz function never exceeds KK, for a more general definition of slope.

$$d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \leq K d_X(x_1, x_2)$$

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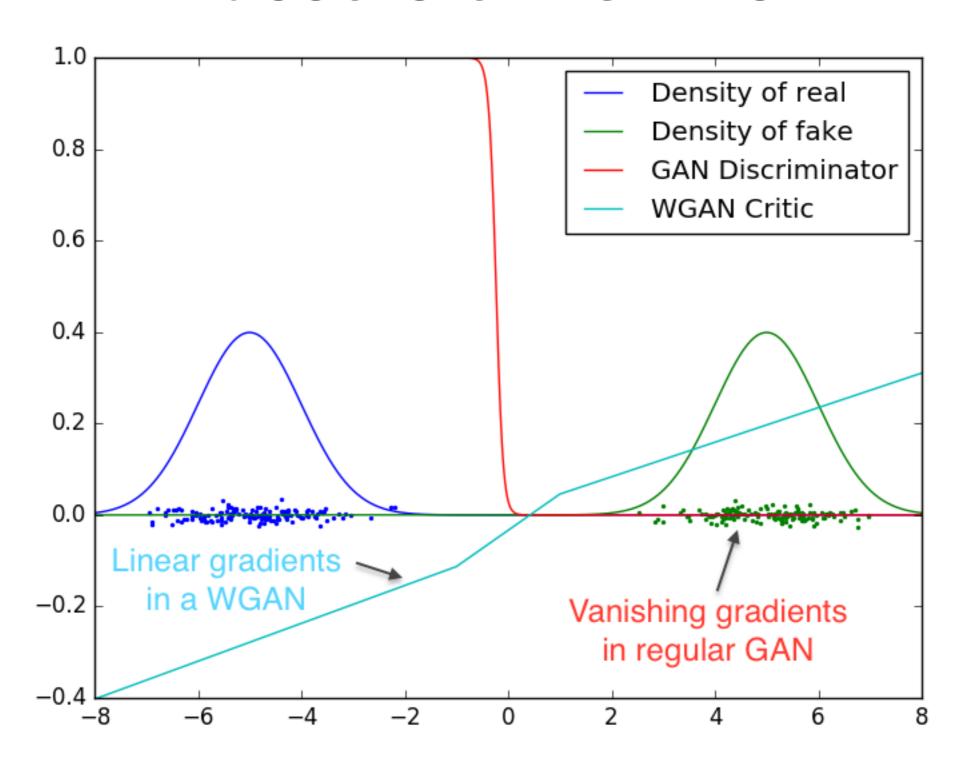
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 To satisfy this requirement, WGAN enforces the weights of **D** lie within a compact space [-c, c] by applying weight clipping

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Also, WGAN removes the sigmoid layer in *D* because by using Wasserstein distance, *D* in
 WGAN is doing regression rather than classification



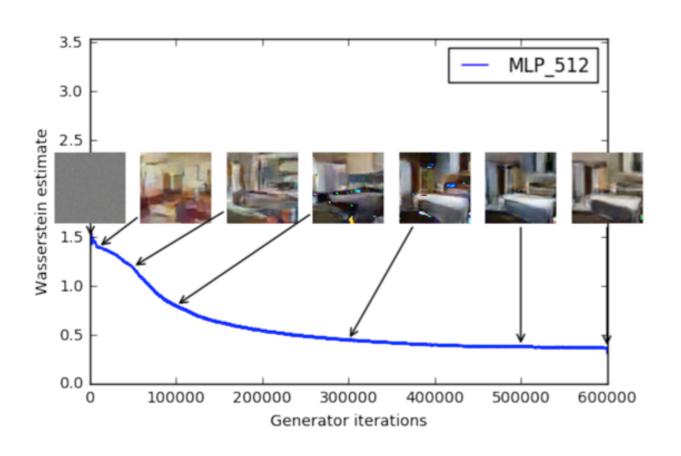


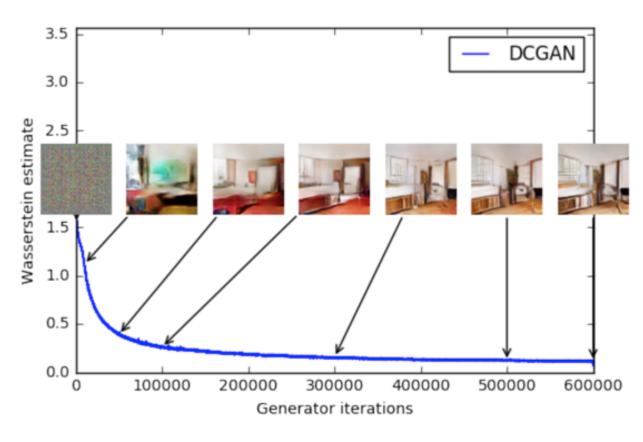
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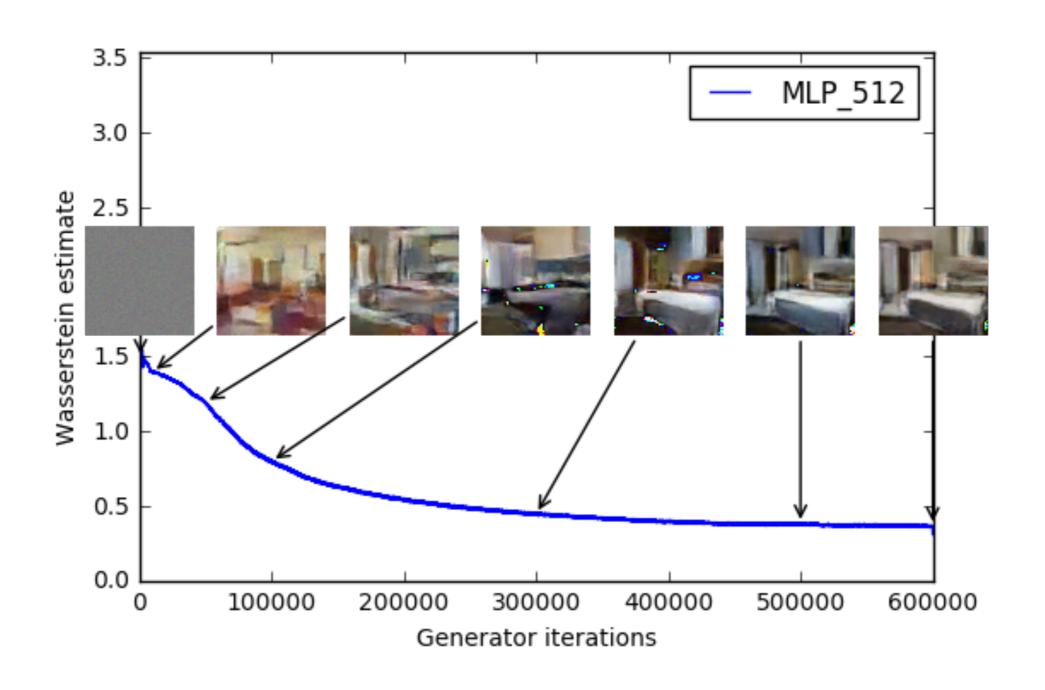
$$L(D^*, g_\theta) = 2JSD(\mathbb{P}_r || \mathbb{P}_g) - 2\log 2$$

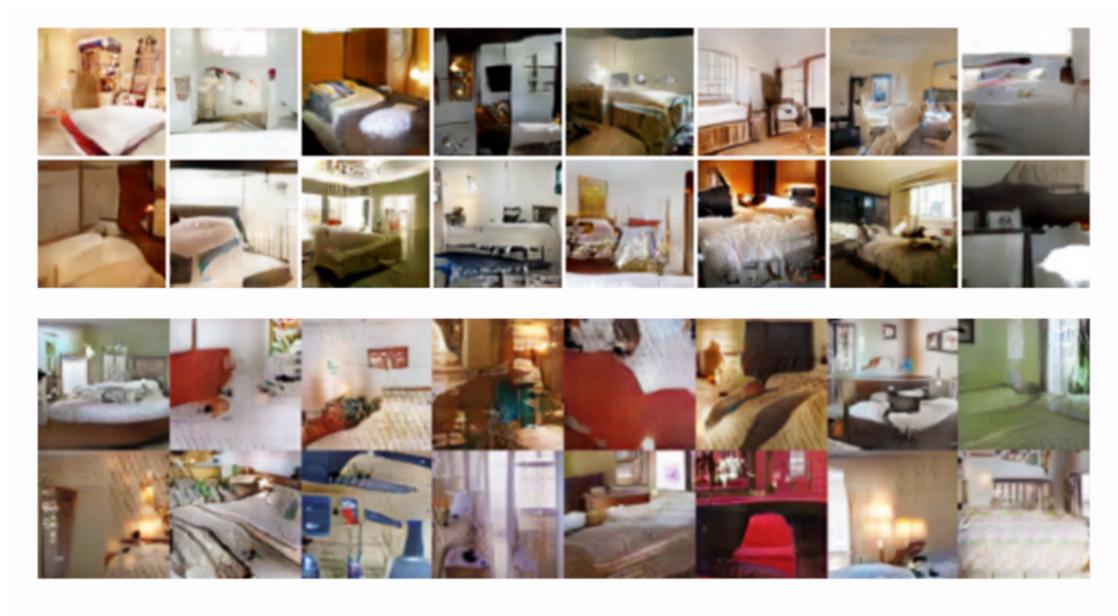
- The JS divergence for the two distributions  $P_r$  and  $P_g$  is (almost) always log2 because  $P_r$  and  $P_g$  hardly can overlap (Arjovsky & Bottou, 2017, Theorem 2.1~2.3)
- This results in vanishing gradient in theory!

 This new value function of WGAN seems correlate with the quality of the generated samples:

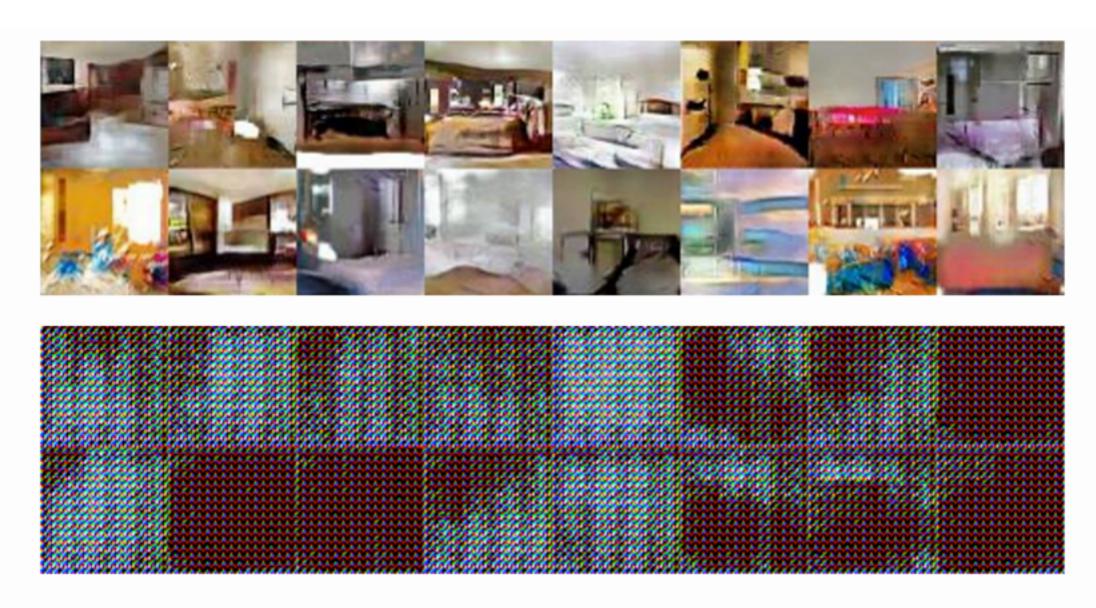




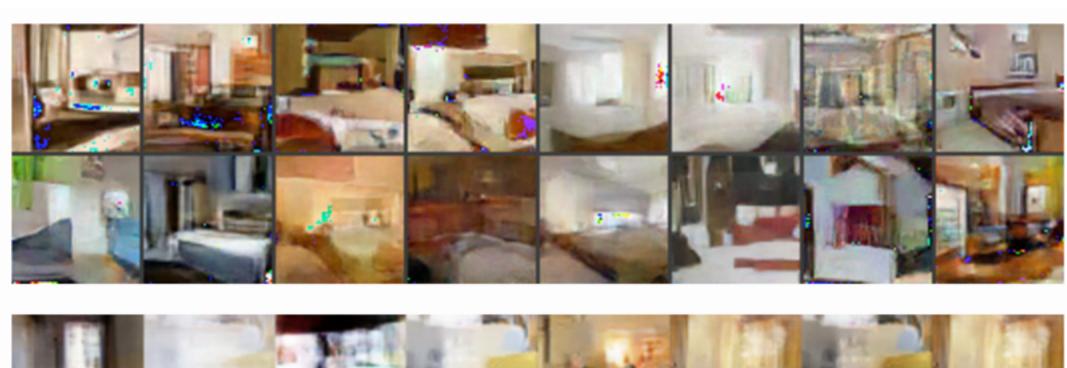




Top: WGAN with the same DCGAN architecture. Bottom: DCGAN



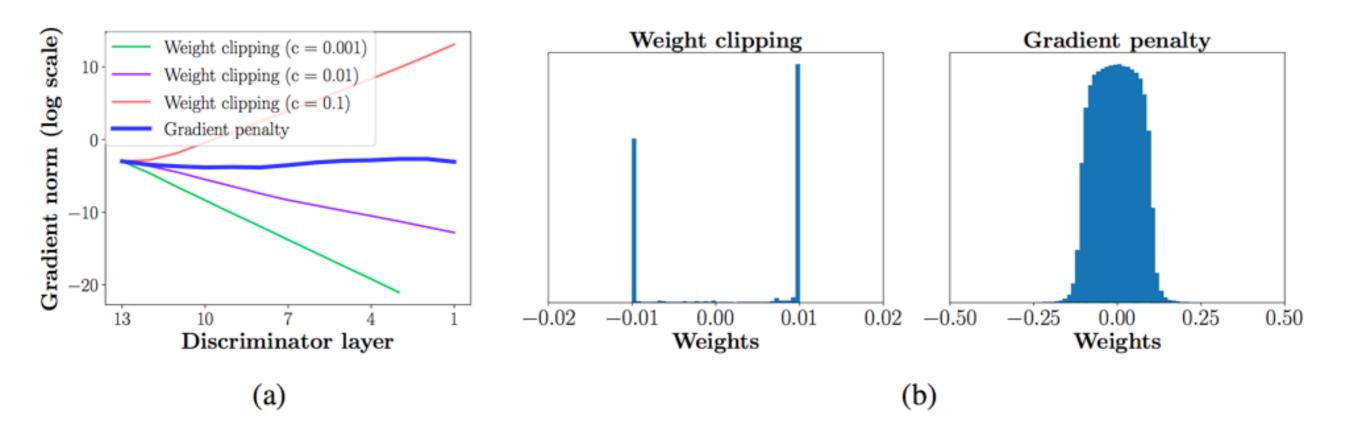
Top: WGAN with DCGAN architecture, no batch norm. Bottom: DCGAN, no batch norm.





Top: WGAN with MLP architecture. Bottom: Standard GAN, same architecture.

The drawbacks of weight clipping



• bias **D** toward much simpler functions

The drawbacks of weight clipping

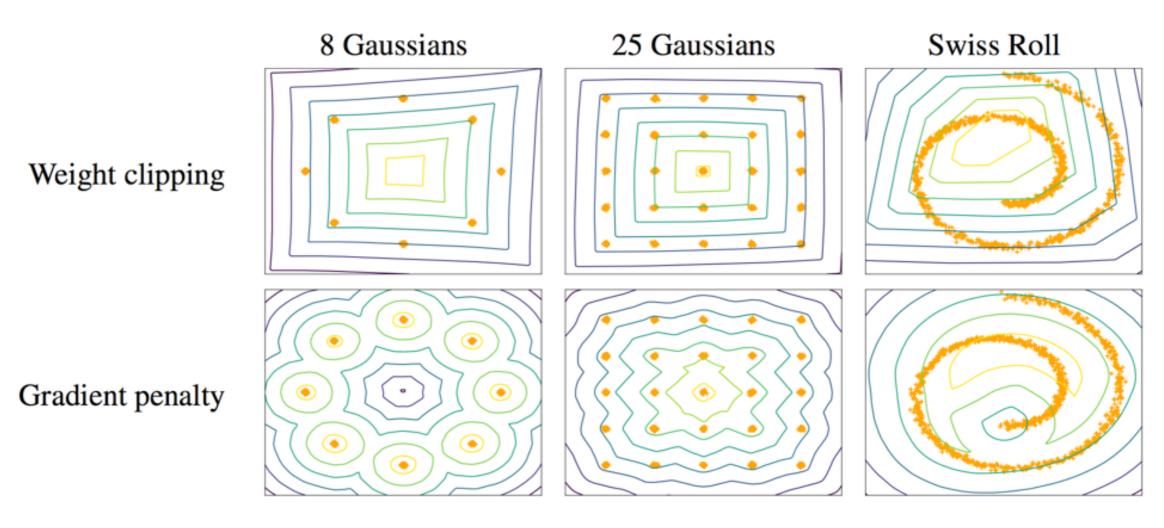
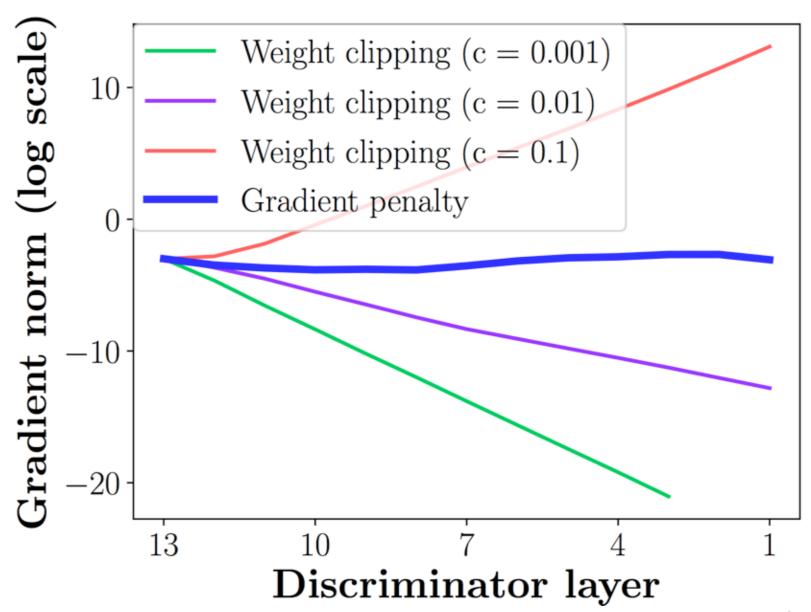


Figure 1: Value surfaces of WGAN critics trained to optimality on toy datasets. Critics trained with weight clipping fail to capture higher moments of the data distribution. The 'generator' is held fixed at the real data plus Gaussian noise.

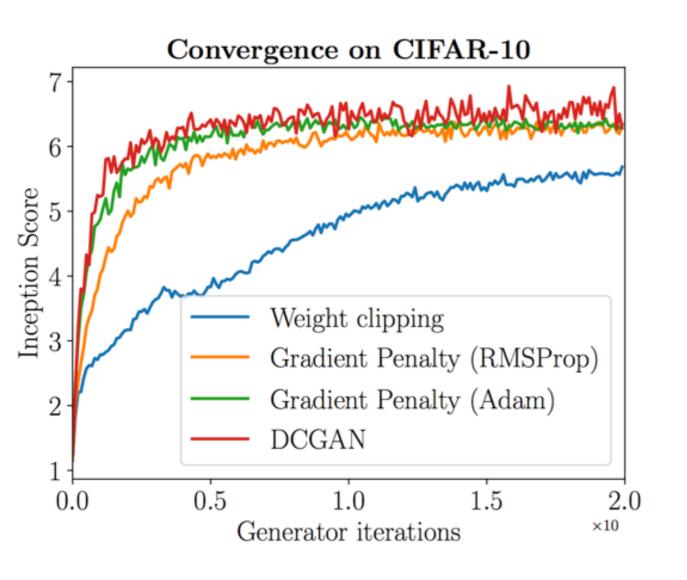
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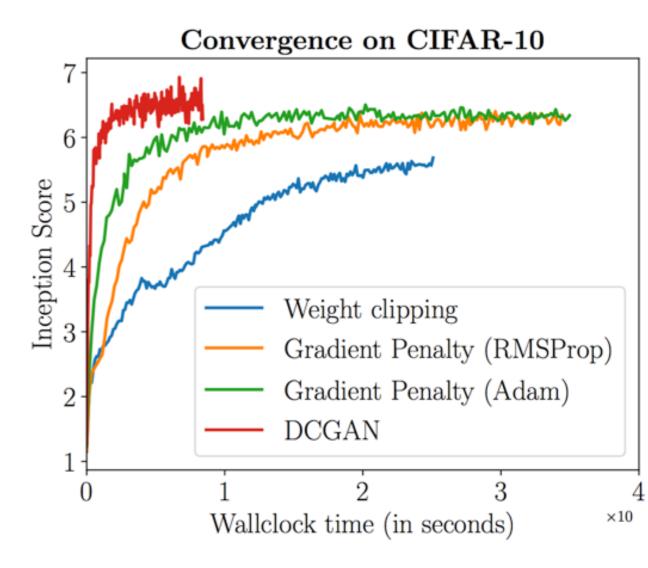


(Gulrajani et al., 2017)

- The optimal **D** under WGAN:
  - has gradients with norm 1 almost everywhere under  $P_r$  and  $P_g$ .
- The objective of improved WGAN-GP:

$$L = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} \sim \mathbb{P}_g} \left[ D(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) \right] - \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim \mathbb{P}_r} \left[ D(\boldsymbol{x}) \right] + \lambda \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} \sim \mathbb{P}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}}} \left[ (\|\nabla_{\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}} D(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})\|_2 - 1)^2 \right]}_{\text{Our gradient penalty}}$$





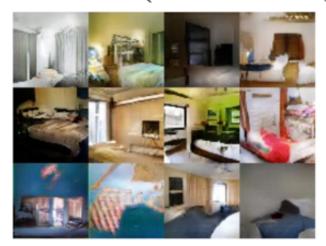
**DCGAN** 

**LSGAN** 

WGAN (clipping)

WGAN-GP (ours)

Baseline (G: DCGAN, D: DCGAN)



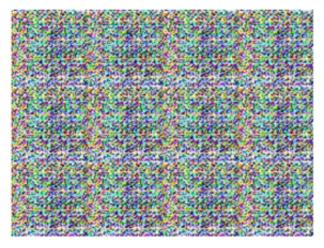






G: No BN and a constant number of filters, D: DCGAN









## Take-home Messages

- Try WGAN-GP
- Try noisy input
- Try specific architecture (with careful analysis of the certain problem)
- Try different type of the noise
- Checklist here: <a href="https://github.com/soumith/ganhacks">https://github.com/soumith/ganhacks</a>

# Thanks for your attention! Any questions?







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