

Deep Generative Models

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Taxonomy

Non-probabilistic

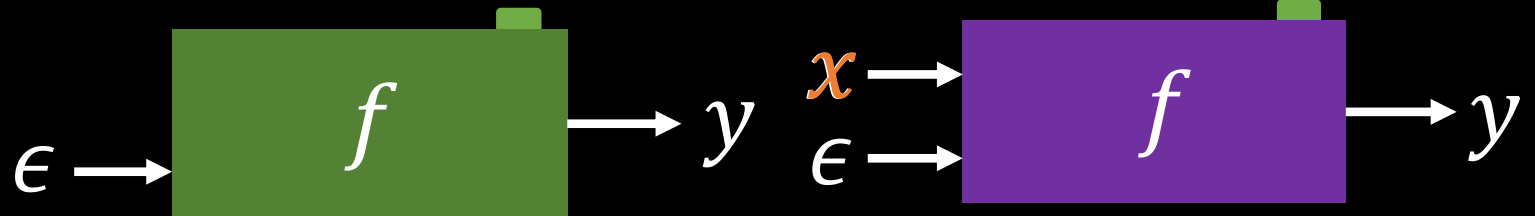


Probabilistic

Generative

Discriminative

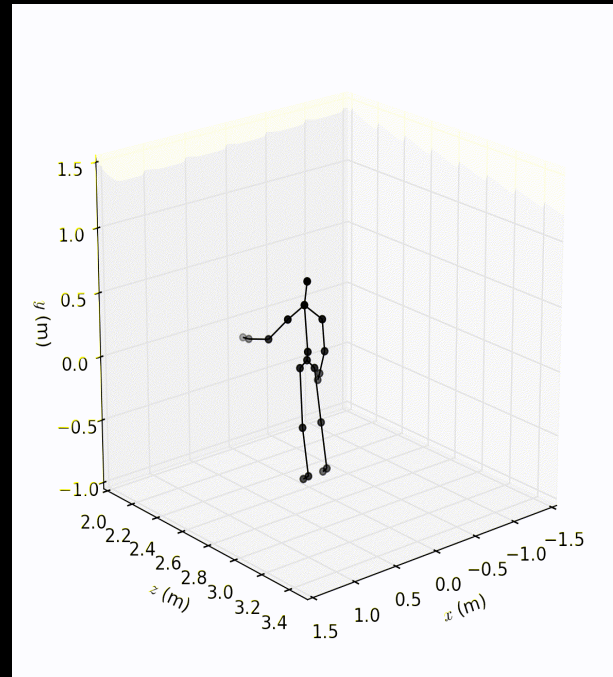
“Conditionally Generative”



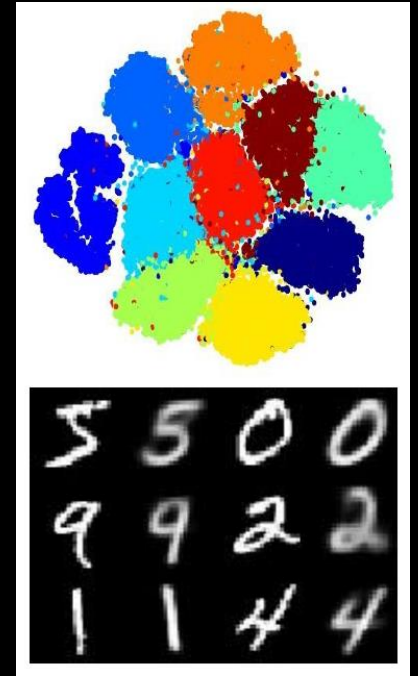




NVIDIA's Progressive GANs [Karras et al., 2018]

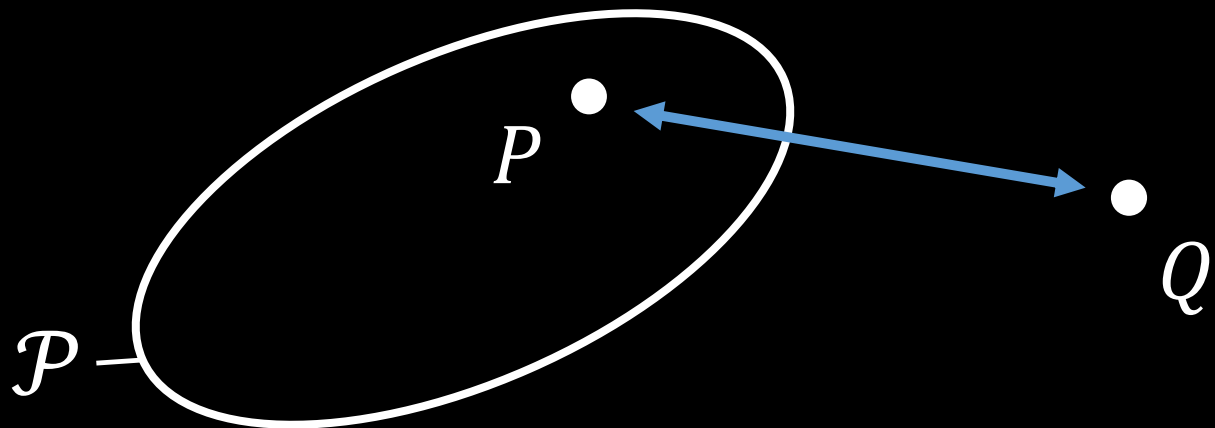


Generating non-image data

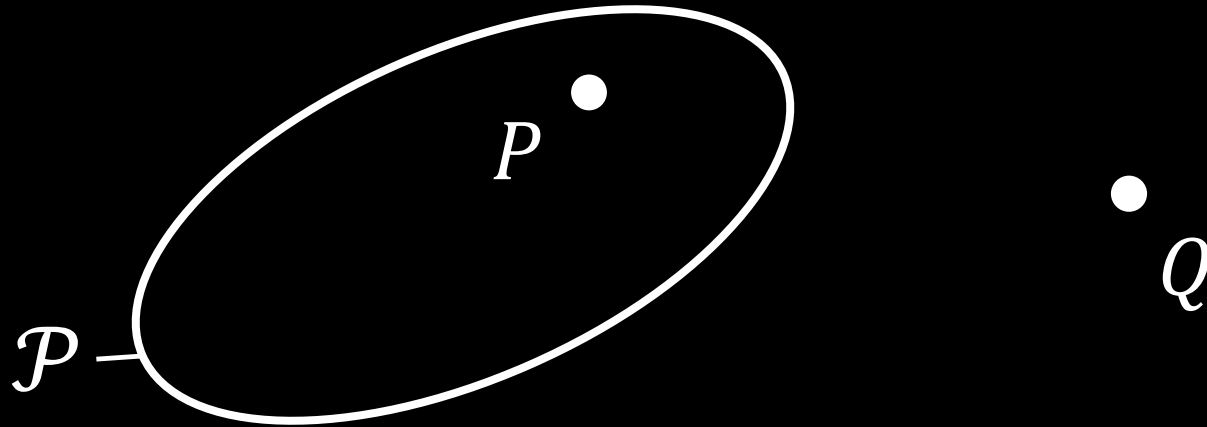


Representation learning
[Zheng et al., 2018]

Learning Probabilistic Models



Learning Probabilistic Models



Assumptions on P :

- tractable sampling
- tractable parameter gradient with respect to sample
- tractable likelihood function

Principles of Density Estimation

Integral Probability Metrics
[Müller, 1997]
[Sriperumbudur et al., 2010]

$$\gamma_{\mathcal{F}}(P, Q) = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \int f dP - \int f dQ \right|$$

- Kernel MMD
- Wasserstein GANs

Proper scoring rules
[Gneiting and Raftery, 2007]

$$S(P, Q) = \int S(P, x) dQ(x)$$

- Variational Autoencoders
- Autoregressive models
- DISCO networks

f -divergences
[Ali and Silvey, 1966],
[Nguyen et al., 2010]

$$D_f(P \parallel Q) = \int q(x) f\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) dx$$

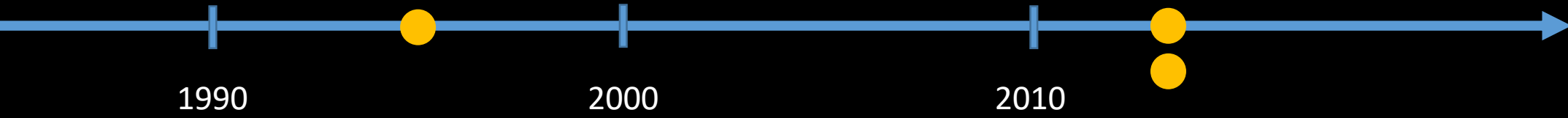
- Generative adversarial networks
- f -GAN, b -GAN

Variational Autoencoders (VAE)

[Kingma and Welling, 2014], [Rezende et al., 2014]



Variational Autoencoders



1. Dayan et al. (1995). The Helmholtz machine. *Neural Computation*
2. Kingma and Welling (2014). Auto-encoding Variational Bayes. NIPS
3. Rezende et al. (2014). Stochastic backpropagation and approximate inference in deep generative models. *ICML*

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def encode(self, x):
    h = F.relu(self.qlin0(x))
    h = F.relu(self.qlin1(h))
    h = F.relu(self.qlin2(h))
    h = F.relu(self.qlin3(h))

    self.qmu = self.qlin_mu(h)
    self.qln_var = self.qlin_ln_var(h)

def decode(self, z):
    h = F.relu(self.plin0(z))
    h = F.relu(self.plin1(h))
    h = F.relu(self.plin2(h))
    h = F.relu(self.plin3(h))

    self.pmu = self.plin_mu(h)
    self.pln_var = self.plin_ln_var(h)

def __call__(self, x):
    # Compute  $q(z|x)$ 
    self.encode(x)

    self.kl = gaussian_kl_divergence(self.qmu, self.qln_var)
    self.logp = 0
    for j in xrange(self.num_zsamples):
        #  $z \sim q(z|x)$ 
        z = F.gaussian(self.qmu, self.qln_var)

        # Compute  $p(x|z)$ 
        self.decode(z)

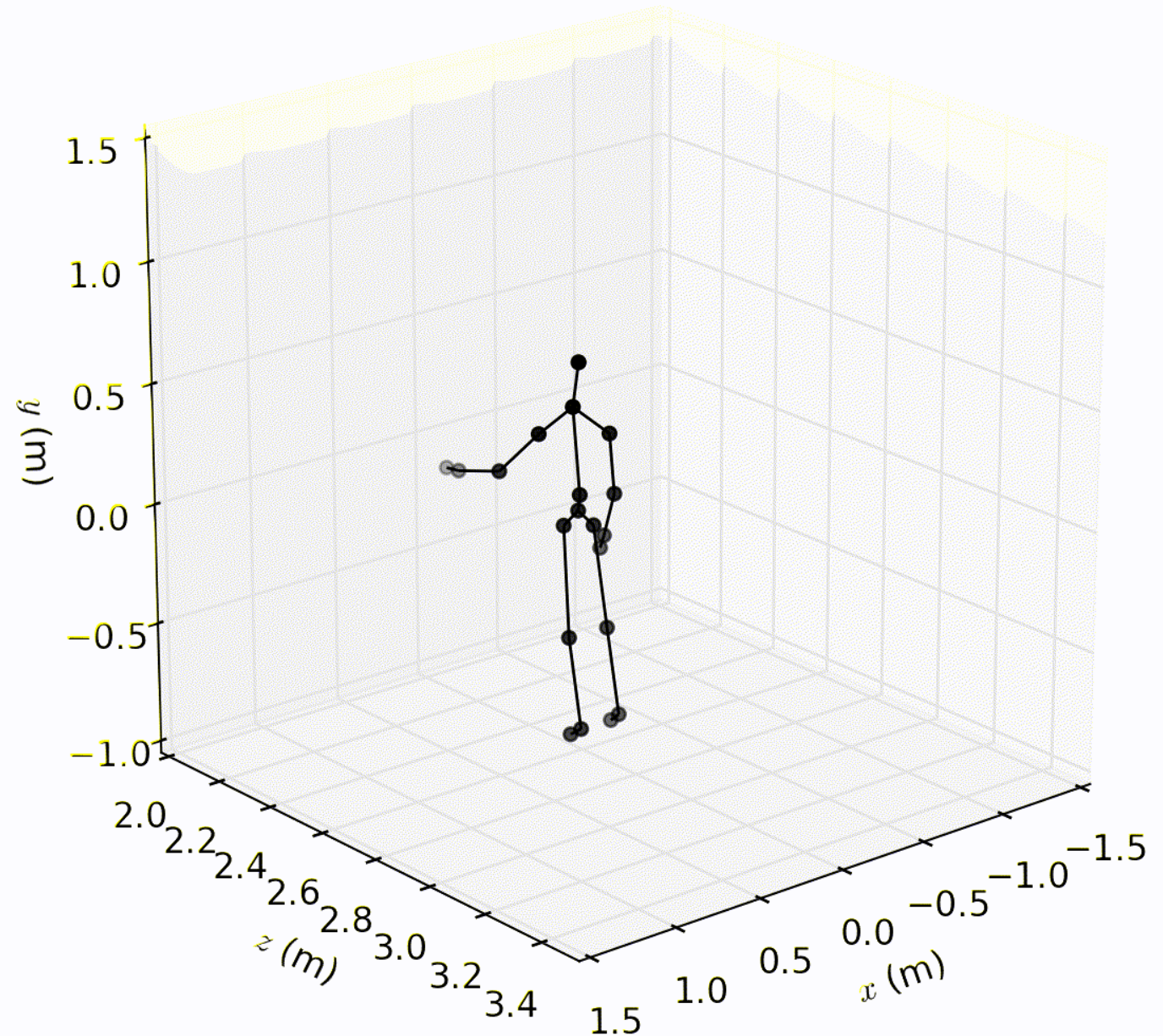
        # Compute objective
        self.logp += gaussian_logp(x, self.pmu, self.pln_var)

    self.logp /= self.num_zsamples
    self.obj = self.kl - self.logp

    return self.obj

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<https://msrc-gitlab/senowozi/posevae/>

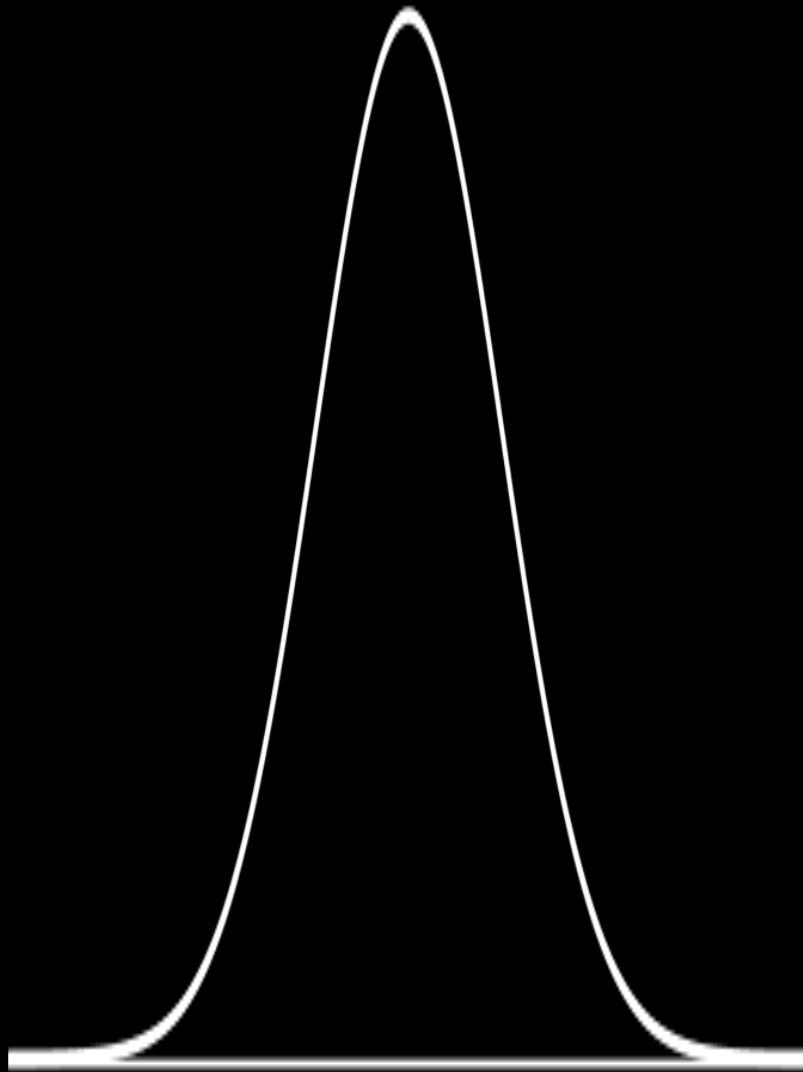
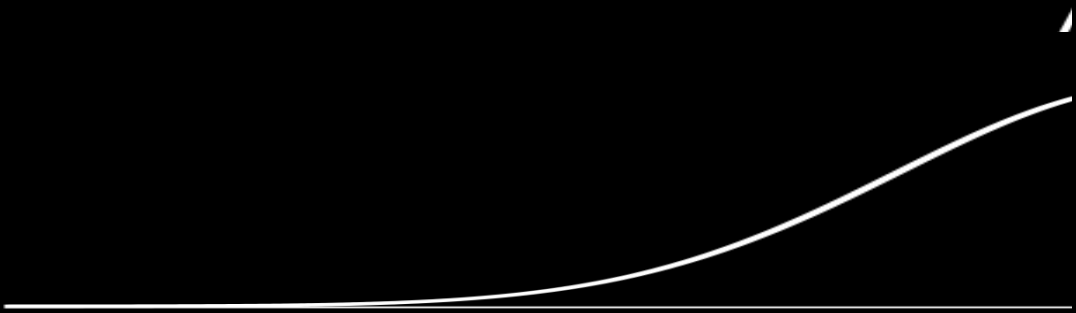


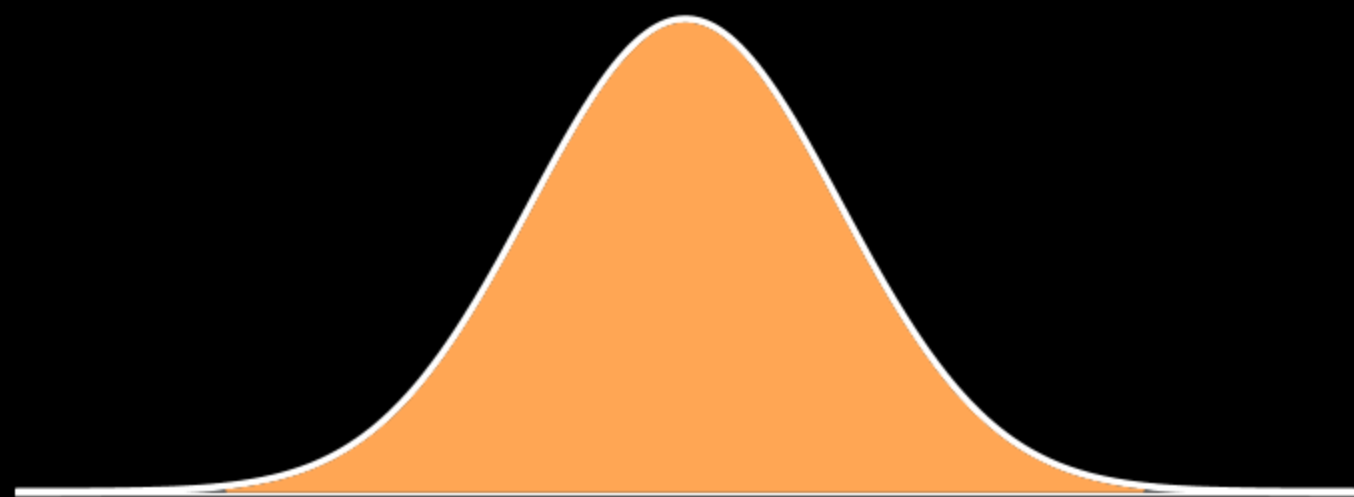
Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

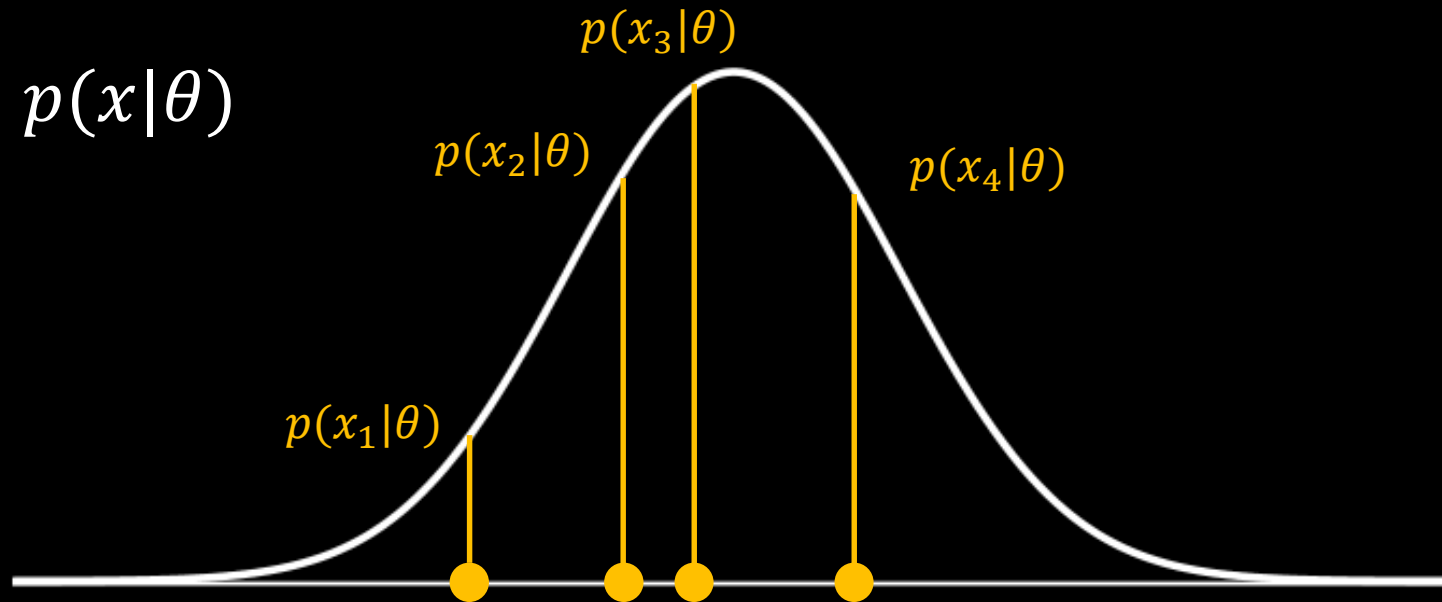
[Fisher, 1929]

- MLE extremely successful:
e.g. least squares and cross-entropy are MLE estimators

$p(x|\theta)$





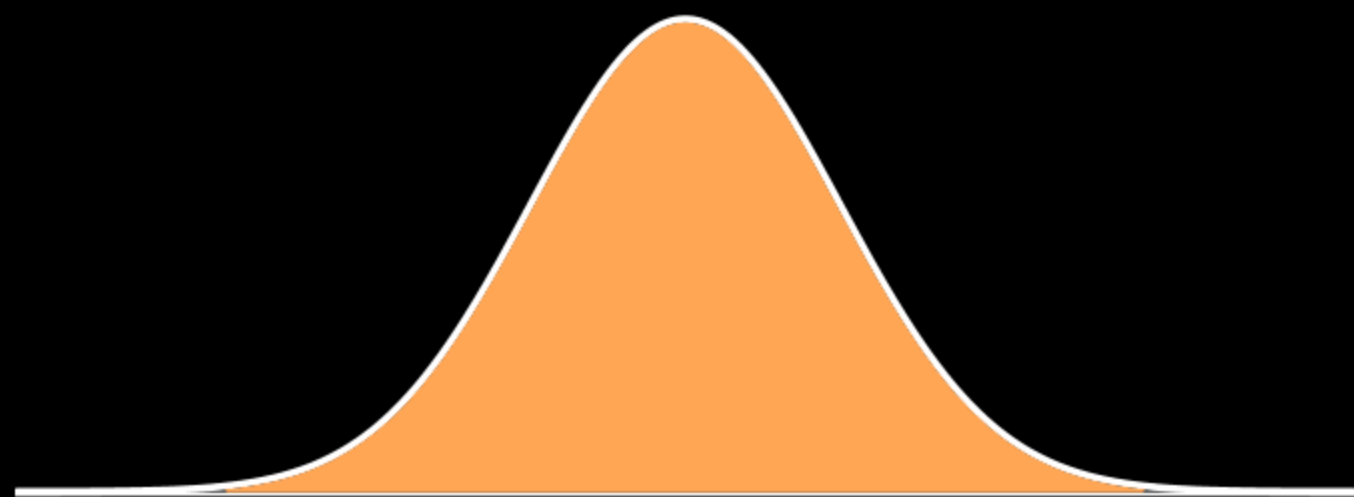


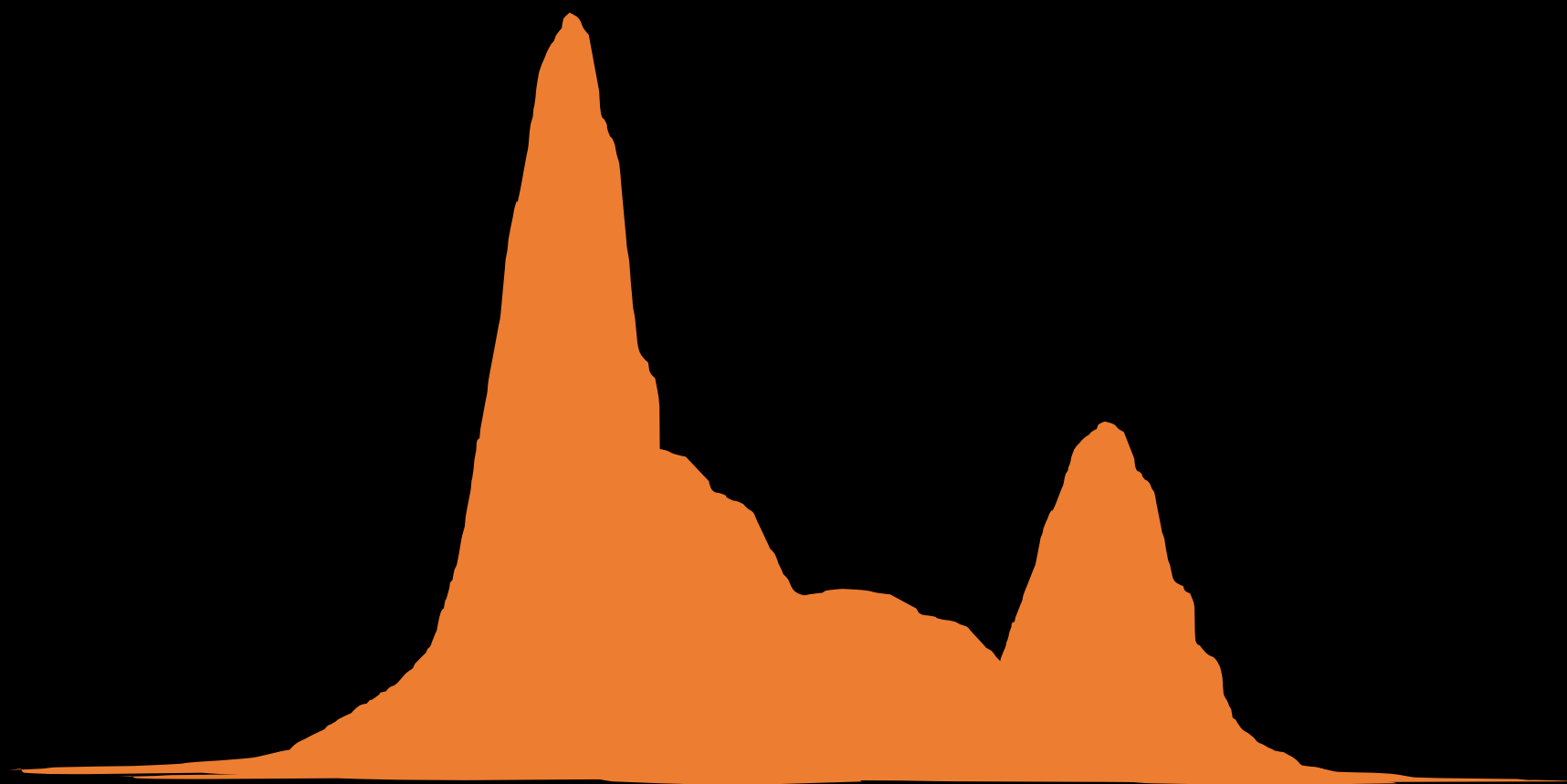
Maximize the *likelihood function*

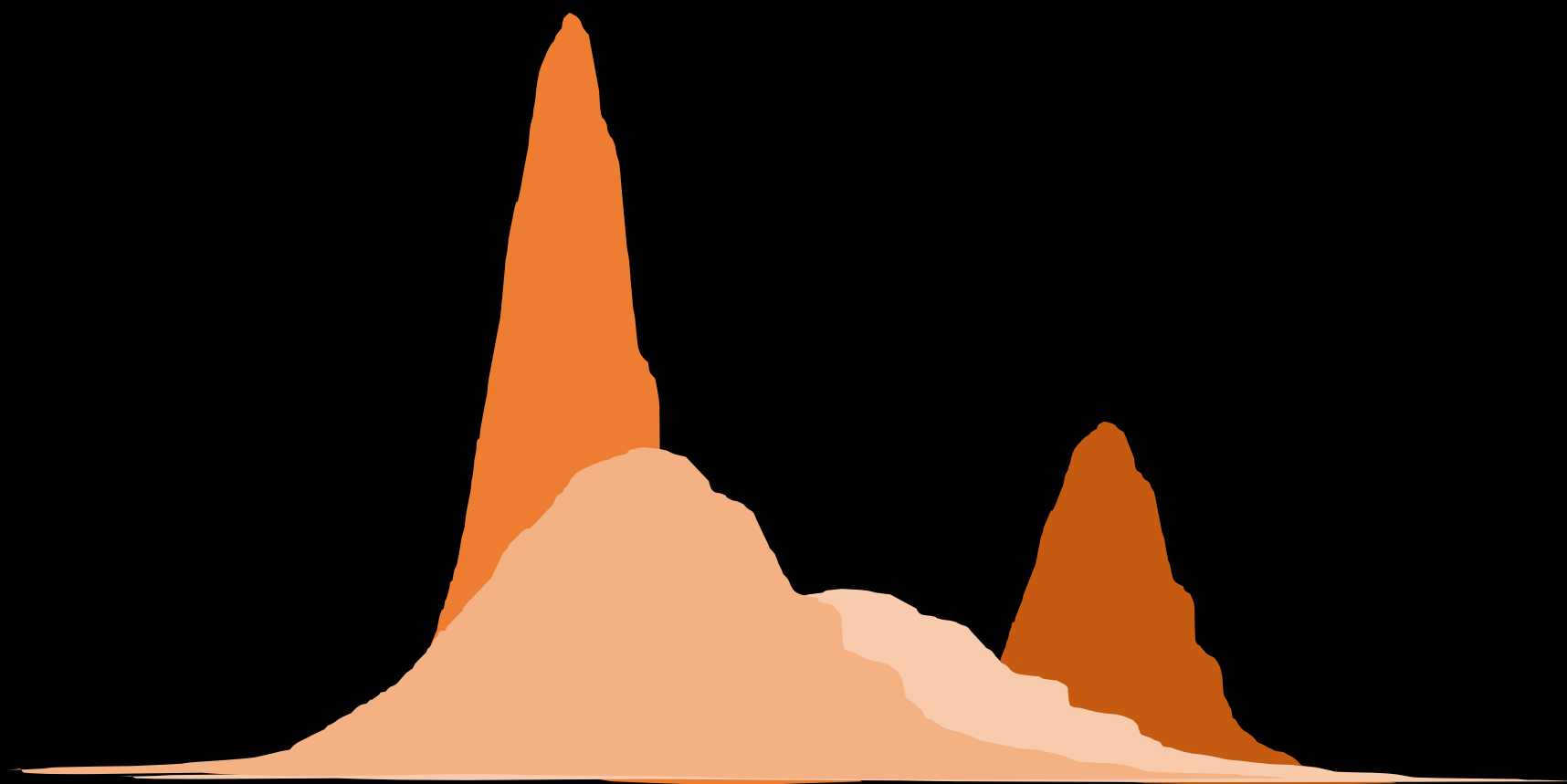
$$L(\theta) = \prod_i p(x_i|\theta)$$

$$\log L(\theta) = \log \prod_i p(x_i|\theta)$$

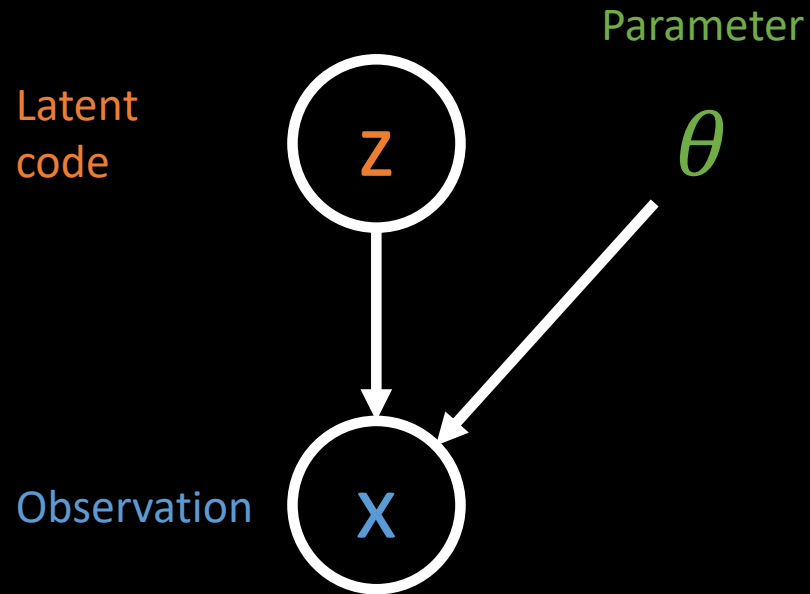
$$\log L(\theta) = \sum_i \log p(x_i|\theta)$$







VAE: Model



$$p(x|\theta) = \int p(x|z, \theta) p(z) dz$$

Example

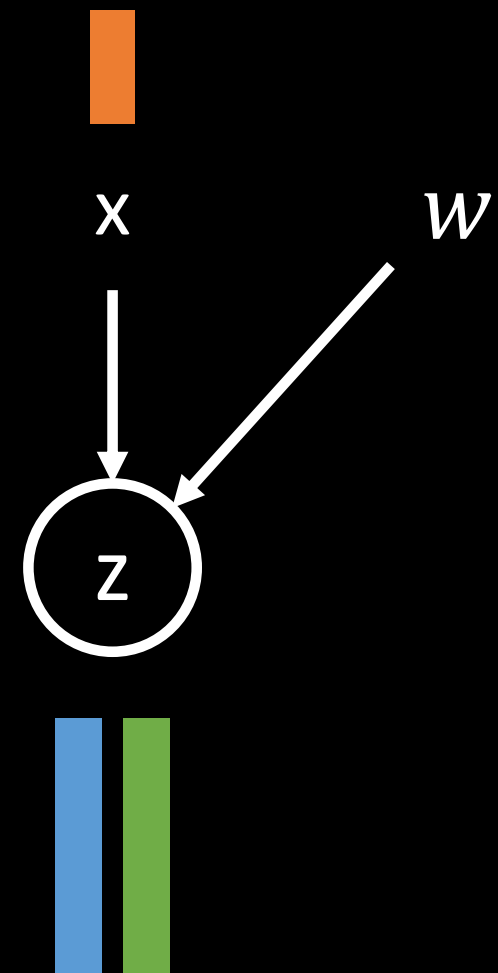
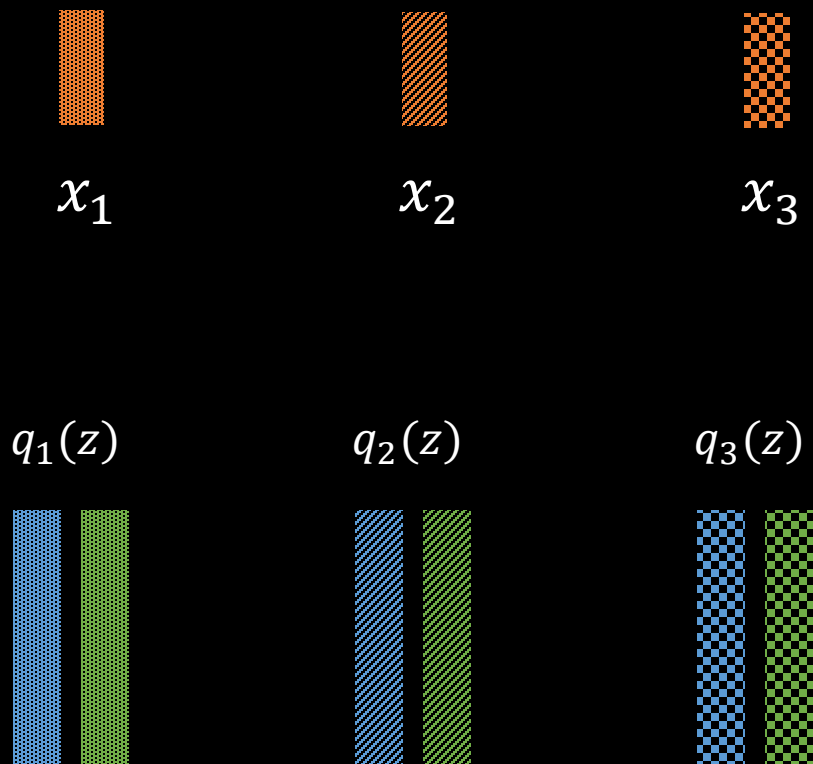
- $p(z)$ is a multivariate standard Normal
- $p(x|z, \theta)$ is a neural network outputting a simple distribution (e.g. diagonal Normal)

VAE: Maximum Likelihood Training

- Maximize the data log-likelihood, **per-instance** variational approximation

$$\begin{aligned}\log p(x|\theta) &= \log \int p(x|z, \theta) p(z) dz \\ &= \log \int p(x|z, \theta) \frac{q(z)}{q(z)} p(z) dz \\ &= \log \int p(x|z, \theta) \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} q(z) dz \\ &= \log \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z)} \left[p(x|z, \theta) \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} \right] \\ &\geq \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z)} \left[\log p(x|z, \theta) \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z)} [\log p(x|z, \theta)] - D_{\text{KL}}(q(z) \parallel p(z))\end{aligned}$$

Inference networks



Inference networks

- Amortized inference [Stuhlmüller et al., NIPS 2013]
- Inference networks, recognition networks [Kingma and Welling, 2014]
- “Informed sampler” [Jampani et al., 2014]
- “Memory-based approach” [Kulkarni et al., 2015]

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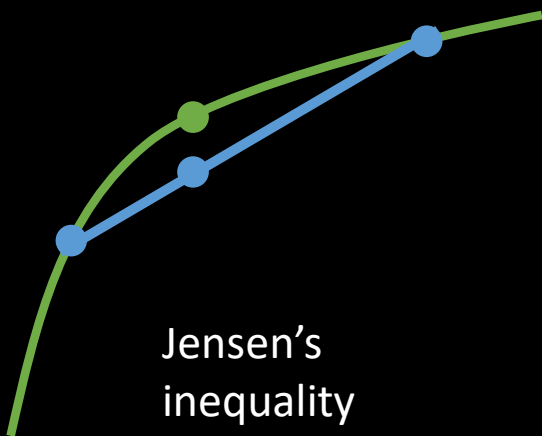
$$= \log \int p(x|z, \theta) \frac{q(z|x, w)}{q(z|x, w)} p(z) dz$$

$$= \log \int p(x|z, \theta) \frac{p(z)}{q(z|x, w)} q(z|x, w) dz$$

$$= \log \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z|x, w)} \left[p(x|z, \theta) \frac{p(z)}{q(z|x, w)} \right]$$

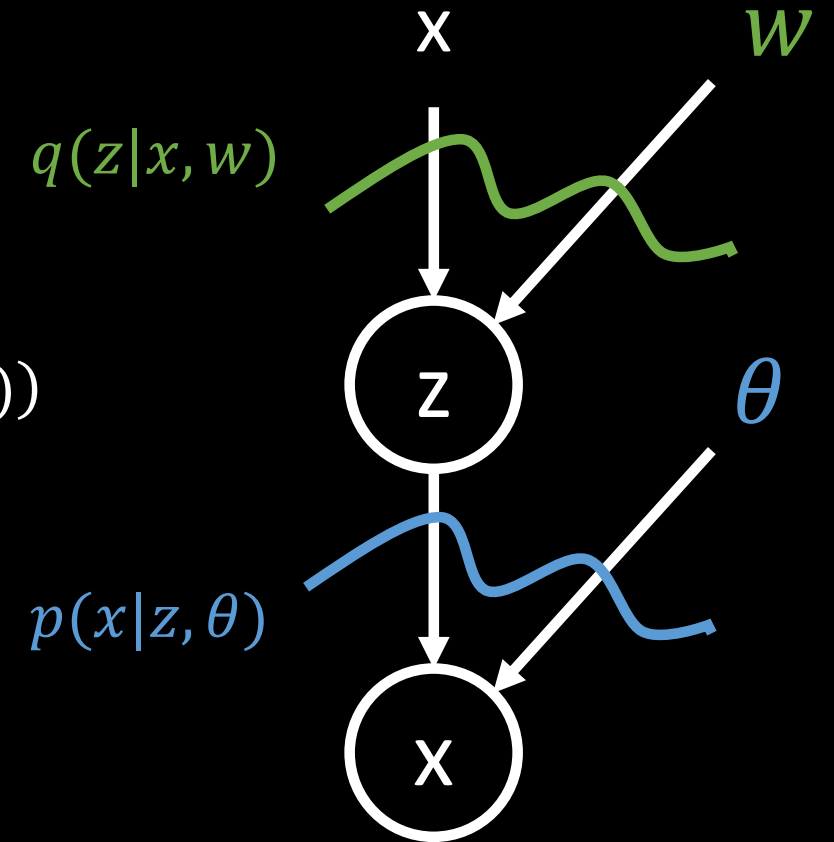
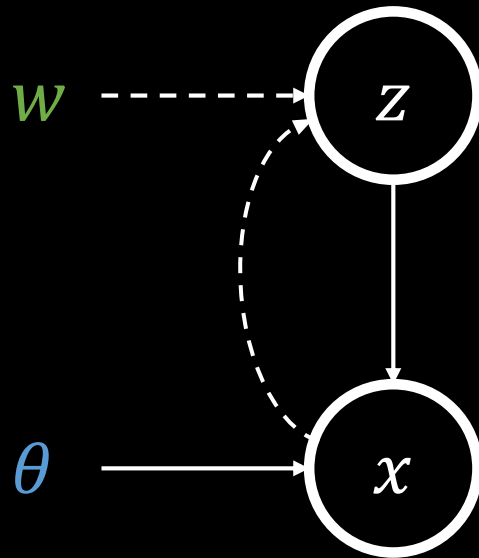
$$\geq \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z|x, w)} \left[\log p(x|z, \theta) \frac{p(z)}{q(z|x, w)} \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z|x, w)} [\log p(x|z, \theta)] - D_{\text{KL}}(q(z|x, w) \parallel p(z))$$



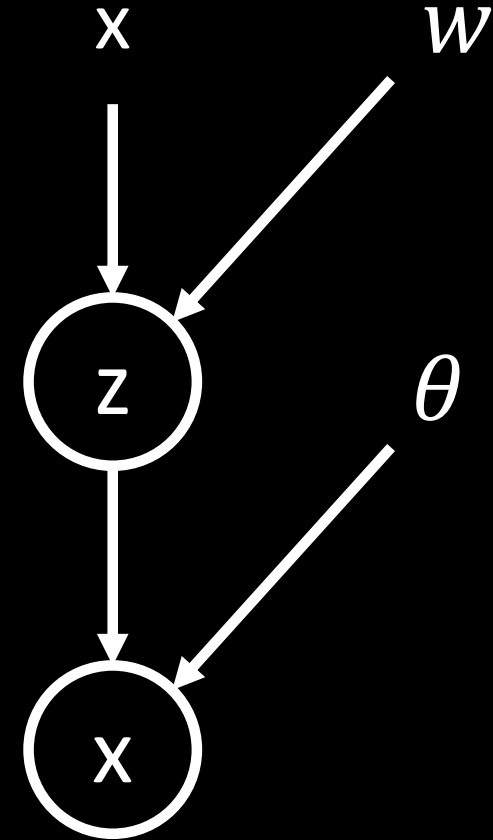
Autoencoder viewpoint

$$\max_{w, \theta} \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z|x, w)} [\log p(x|z, \theta)] - D_{\text{KL}}(q(z|x, w) \parallel p(z))$$



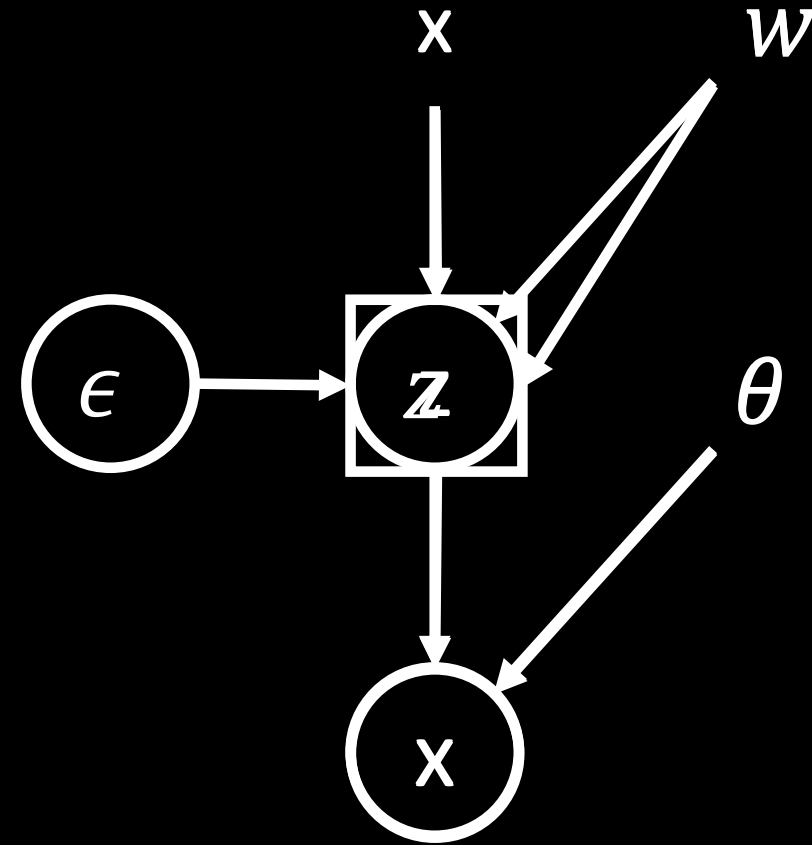
Reparametrization Trick

- [Rezende et al., 2014]
[Kingma and Welling, 2014]



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- [Rezende et al., 2014]
[Kingma and Welling, 2014]
- Stochastic computation graphs
[Schulman et al., 2015]



(Live Azure Demo)

<https://notebooks.azure.com/nowozin/libraries/variational-autoencoder>

Problems in VAEs

- Inadequate inference networks
 - Loose ELBO
 - Limits what the generative model can learn
- Parametric conditional likelihood assumptions
 - Limits the expressivity of the generative model
 - “Noise term has to explain too much”
- No control over latent representation that is learned

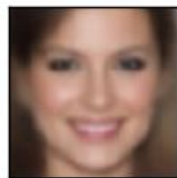
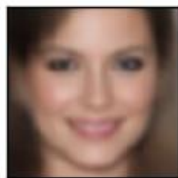
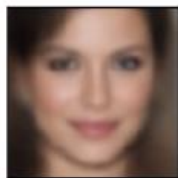
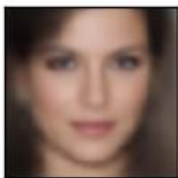
“Blurry images” in VAE models

from [Tulyakov et al., 2017]

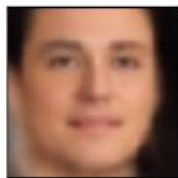
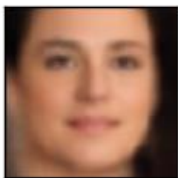
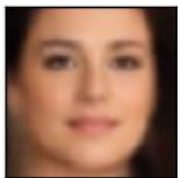
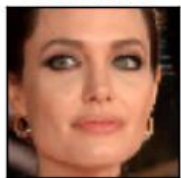
Not smiling



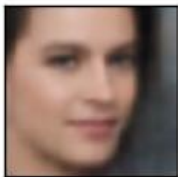
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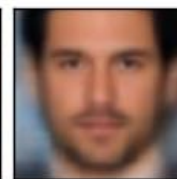
Female



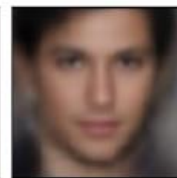
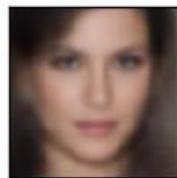
Male



No beard



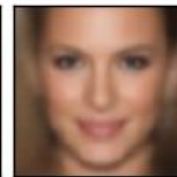
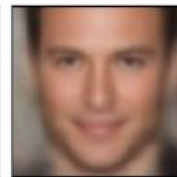
Has beard



Male



Female



Improving Inference Networks

- State of the art in inference network design:
 - NICE [Dinh et al., 2015]
 - Hamiltonian variational inference (HVI) [Salimans et al., 2015]
 - Importance weighted autoencoder (IWAE) [Burda et al., 2016]
 - Normalizing flows [Rezende and Mohamed, 2016]
 - Auxiliary deep generative networks [Maaløe et al., 2016]
 - Inverse autoregressive flow (IAF) [Kingma et al., NIPS 2016]
 - Householder flows [Tomczak and Welling, 2017]
 - Adversarial variational Bayes (AVB) [Mescheder et al., 2017]
 - Deep and Hierarchical Implicit Models [Tran et al., 2017]
 - Variational Inference using Implicit Distributions [Huszár, 2017]
 - Adversarial Message Passing for Graphical Models [Karaletsos, 2016]
 - Jackknife Variational Inference [Nowozin, 2018]

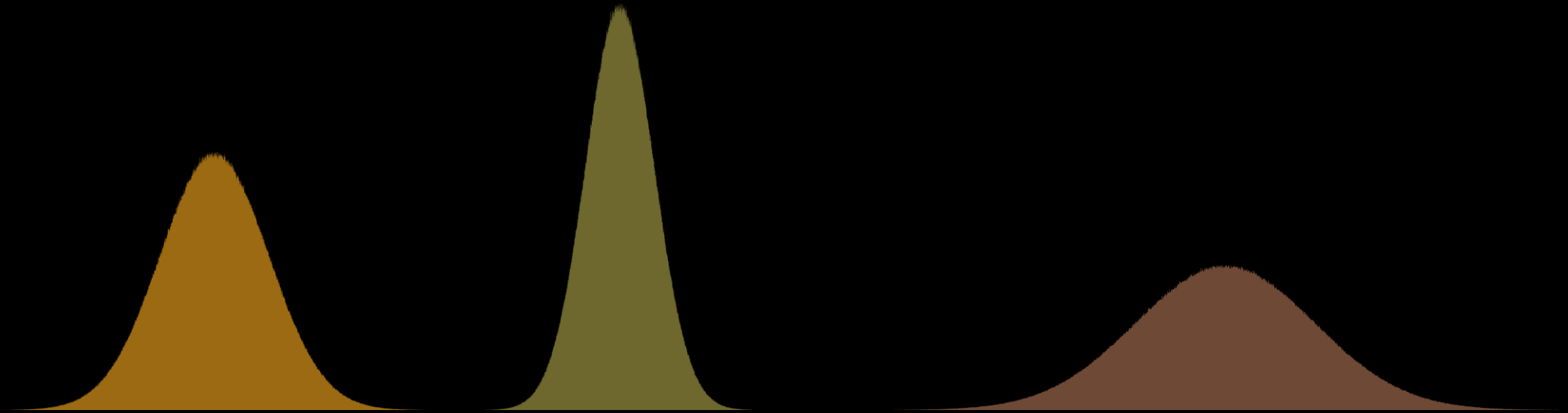
Generative Adversarial Networks

[Goodfellow et al., NIPS 2014], [Nowozin, Cseke, Tomioka, NIPS 2016]



GAN = Implicit Models +
Estimation procedure

Classic parametric models



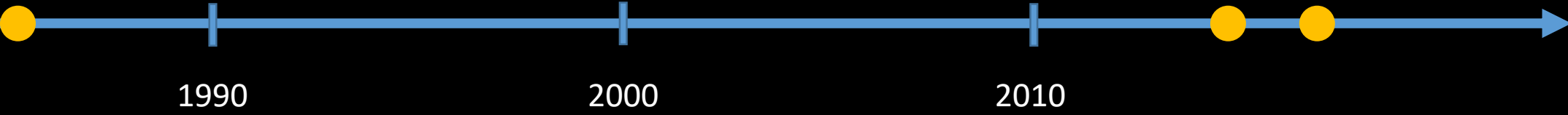
- Density function available
- Limited expressive power
- Mature field in statistics and learning theory

Implicit Model / Neural Sampler / Likelihood-free Model



- Highly expressive model class
- Density function not defined or intractable
- Lack of theory and learning algorithms
- Basis for generative adversarial networks (GANs)

Implicit Models

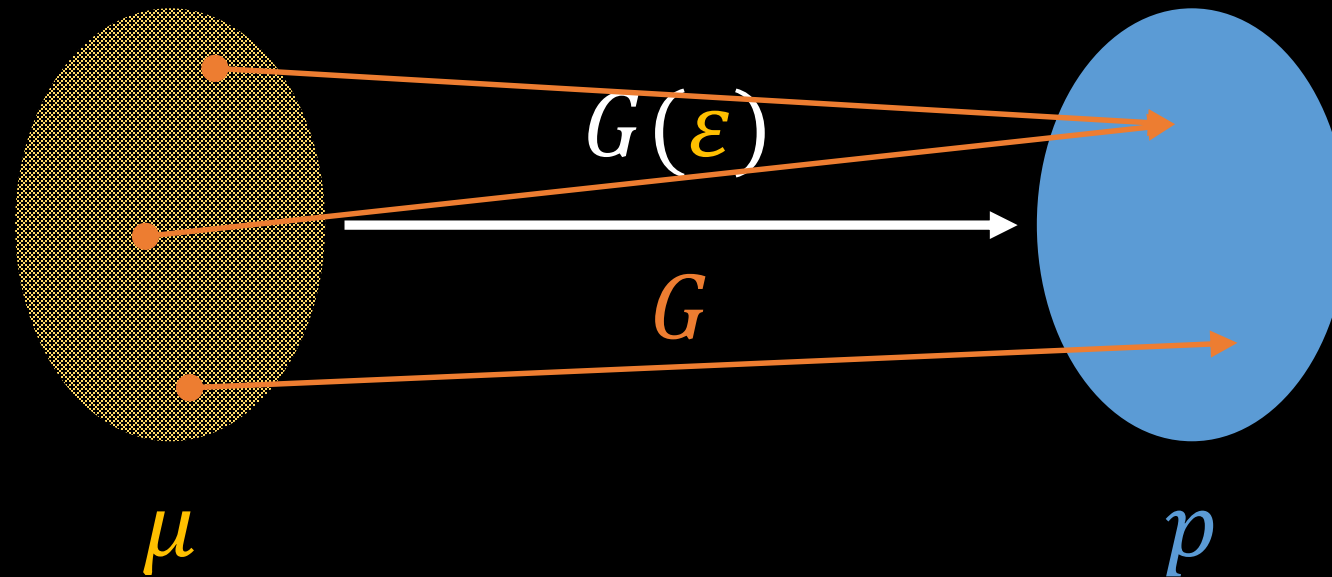


1. Diggle and Gratton (1984). Monte Carlo methods of inference for implicit statistical models. *JRSS B*
2. Goodfellow et al. (2014). Generative Adversarial Nets. NIPS
3. Mohamed and Lakshminarayanan (2016). Learning in Implicit Generative Models. *arXiv:1610.03483*

Implicit models as building blocks

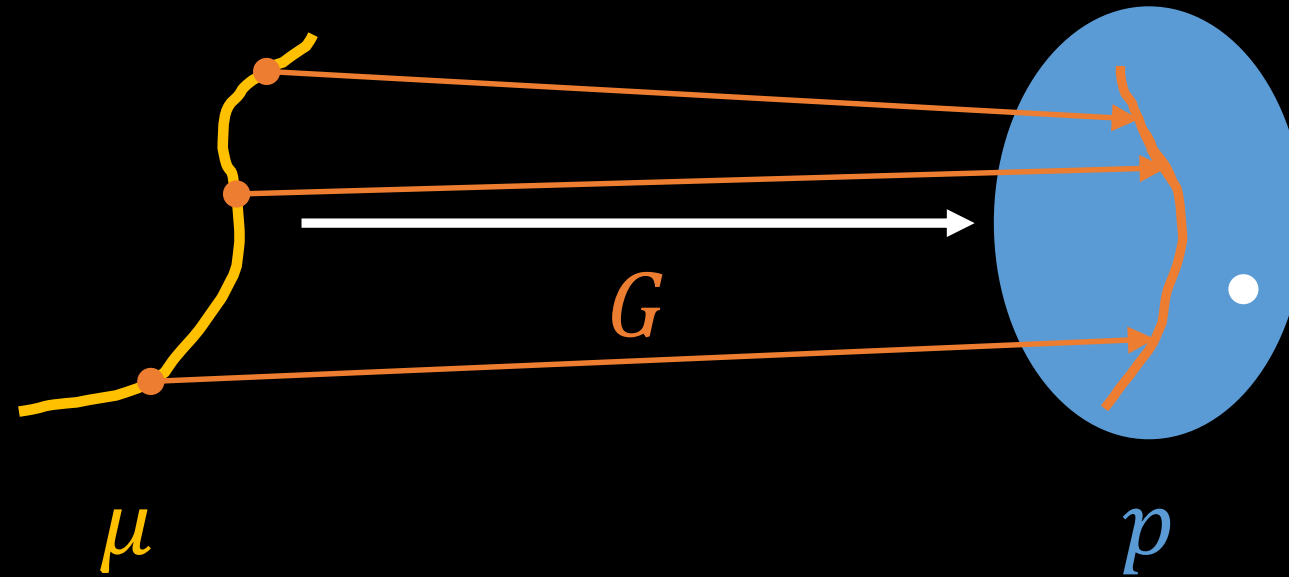
- For inference (as in AVB), or
- As model component, or
- As regularizer

Implicit Models: Problem 1



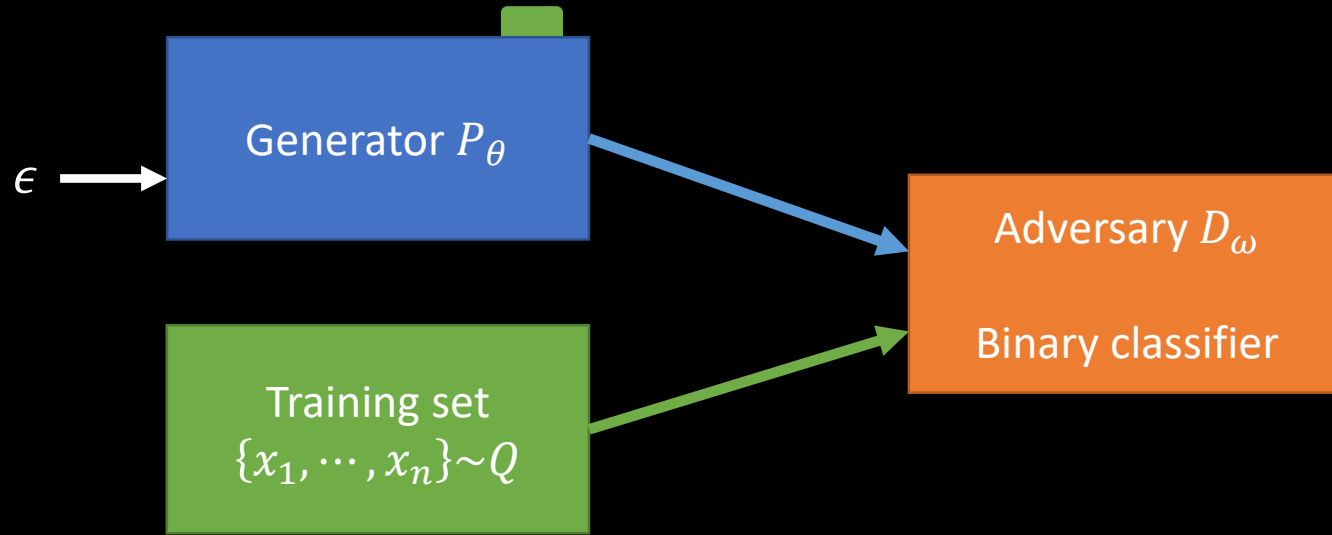
$$p(x) = \int_{z \in G^{-1}(x)} \mu(z) \, dz$$

Implicit Models: Problem 2



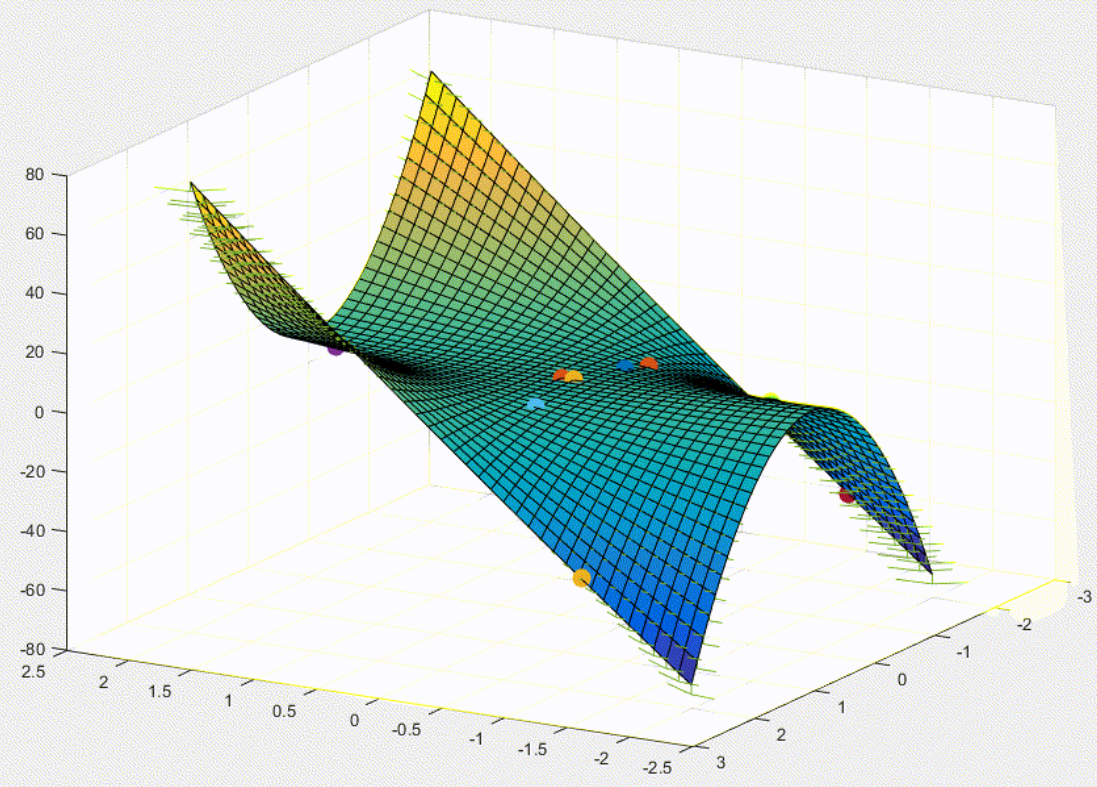
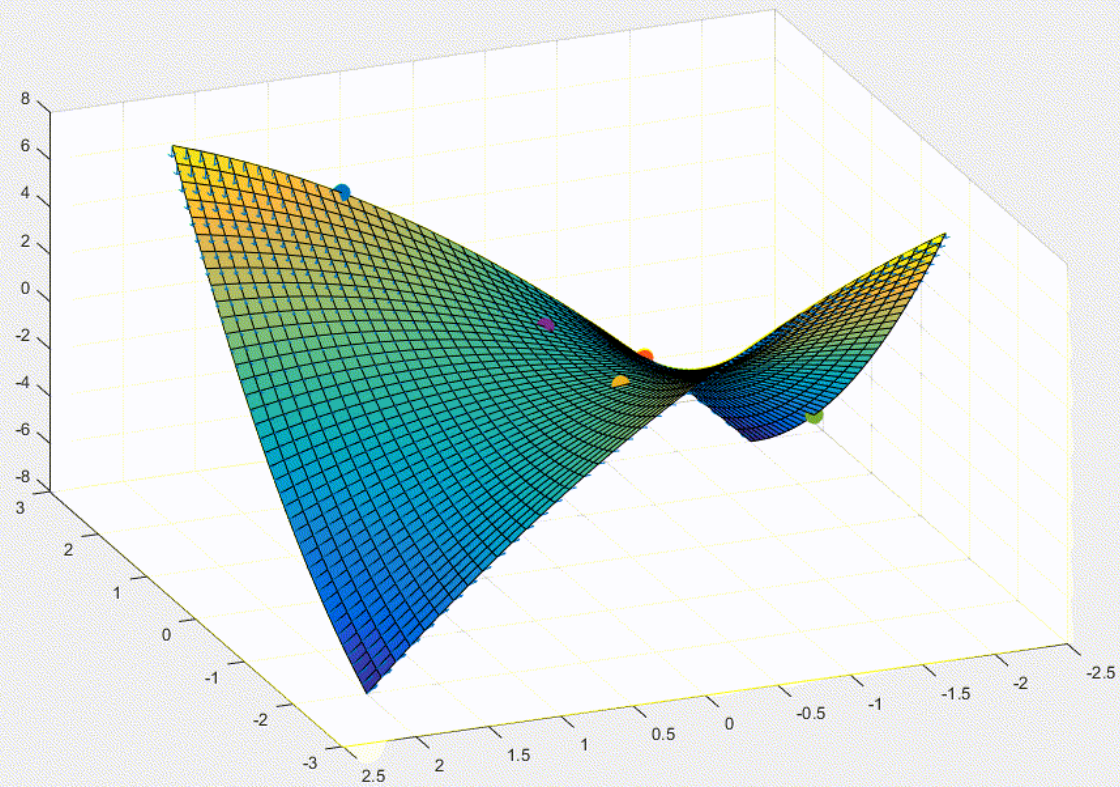
$p(x)$ not defined a.e.

GAN Training Objective [Goodfellow et al., 2014]



- Generator tries to fool discriminator (i.e. generate realistic samples)
- Discriminator tries to distinguish fake from real samples
- Saddle-point problem

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\omega} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_{\theta}} [\log D_{\omega}(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q} [\log(1 - D_{\omega}(x))]$$



Progress of GANs, 2013-2018



[Goodfellow et al., 2013]
University of Montreal



[Radford et al., 2015]
Facebook AI Research

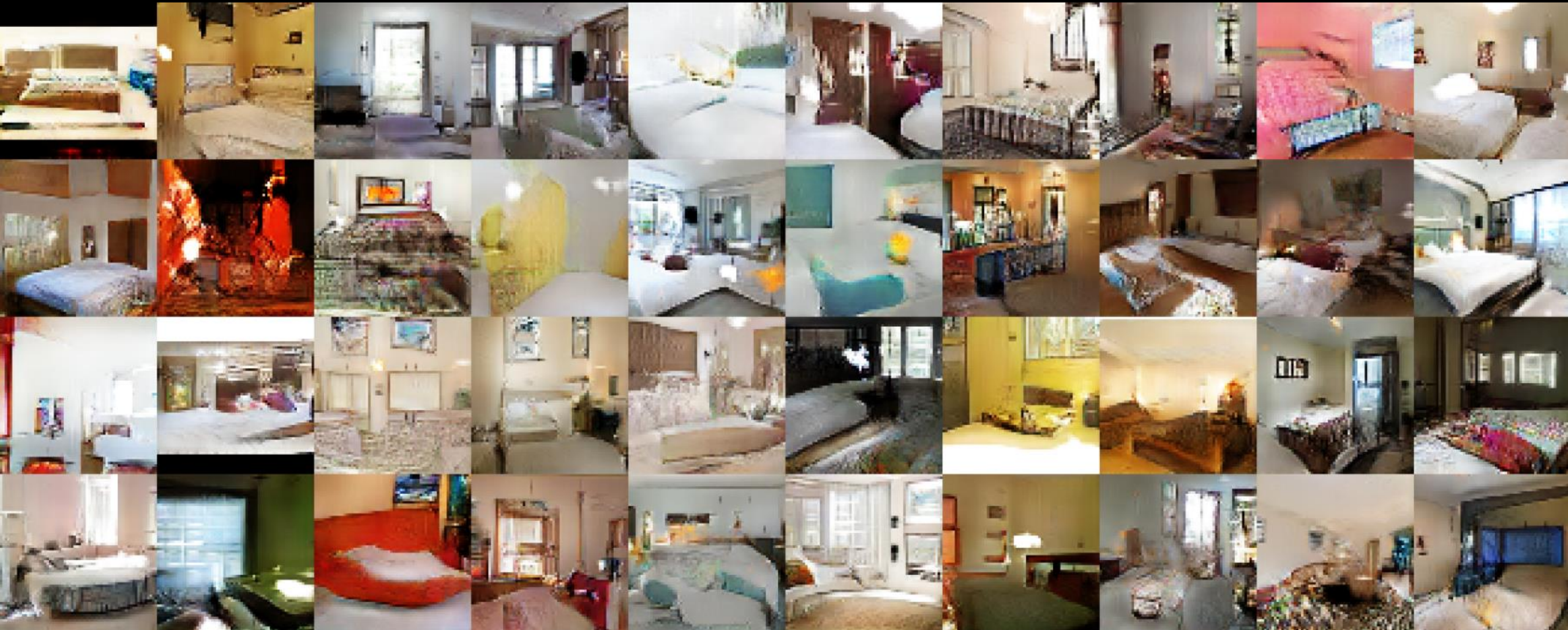


[Roth et al., 2017]
Microsoft and ETHZ

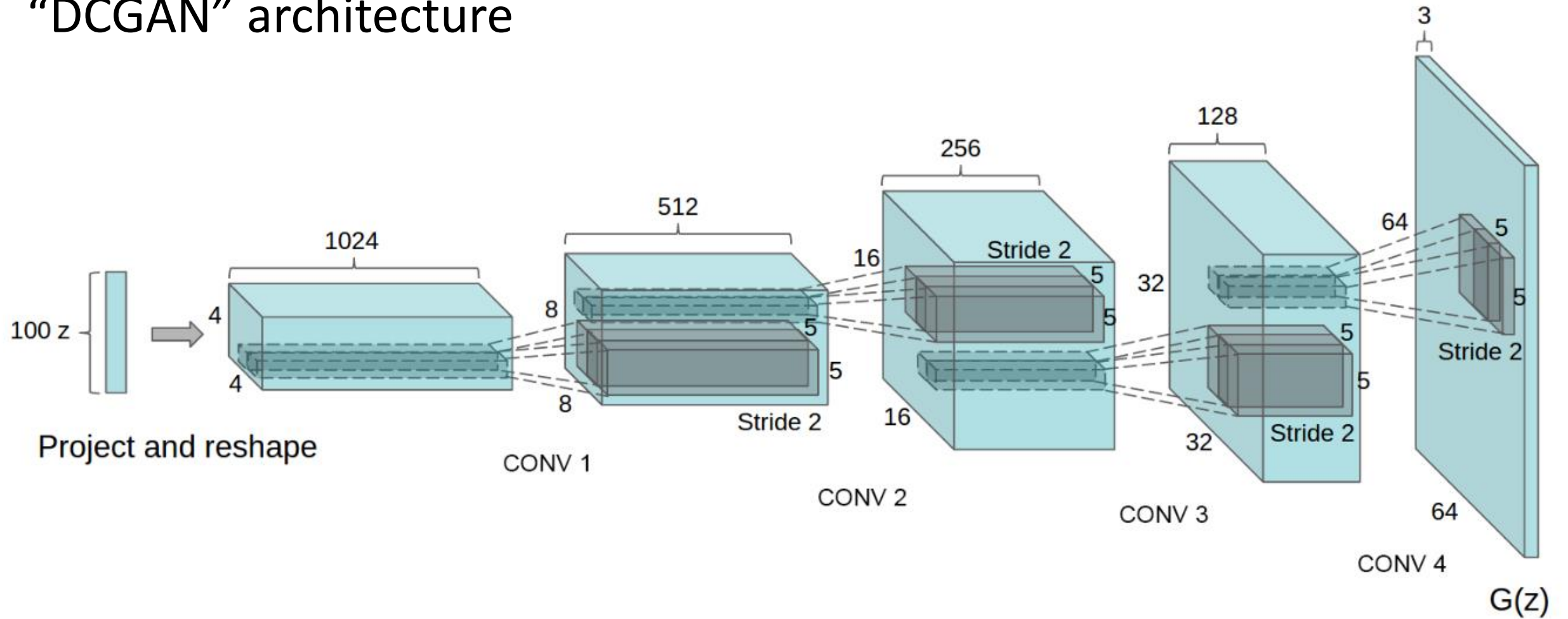


[Karras et al., 2018]
NVIDIA

Natural Images (Radford et al., 2015, arXiv:1511.06434)



“DCGAN” architecture



Linear interpolation in latent space [Radford et al., 2015]



Estimating f -divergences from samples

[Nguyen, Wainwright, Jordan, 2010]

- Divergence between two distributions

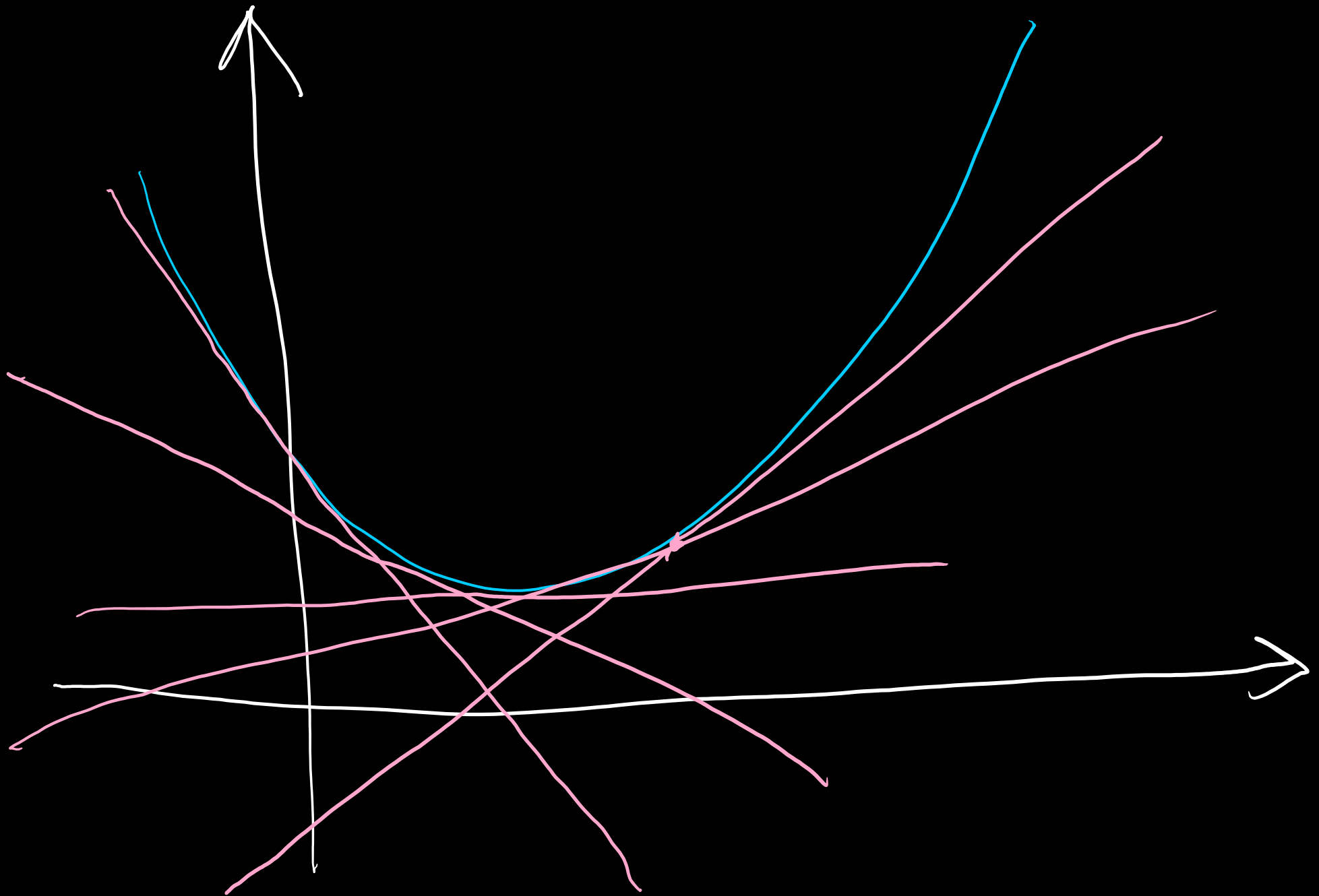
$$D_f(P \parallel Q) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} q(x) f\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) dx$$

f : generator function (convex & $f(1)=0$)

- Every convex function f has a *Fenchel conjugate* f^* so that

$$f(\mathbf{u}) = \sup_{t \in \text{dom}_{f^*}} \{t\mathbf{u} - f^*(t)\}$$

“any convex f can be represented as point-wise max of *linear* functions”



Estimating f -divergences from samples (cont)

[Nguyen, Wainwright, Jordan, 2010]

$$\begin{aligned} D_f(P \parallel Q) &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} q(x) f\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} q(x) \sup_{t \in \text{dom}_{f^*}} \left\{ t \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} - f^*(t) \right\} dx \\ &\geq \sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) T(x) dx - \int_{\mathcal{X}} q(x) f^*(T(x)) dx \right) \\ &= \sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \left(\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P}[T(x)]}_{\text{samples from } P} - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q}[f^*(T(x))]}_{\text{samples from } Q} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Approximate using: samples from P samples from Q

f -GAN and GAN objectives

- GAN

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\omega} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_{\theta}} [\log D_{\omega}(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q} [\log(1 - D_{\omega}(x))]$$

- f -GAN

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\omega} (\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_{\theta}} [T_{\omega}(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q} [f^*(T_{\omega}(x))])$$

- GAN discriminator-variational function correspondence: $\log D_{\omega}(x) = T_{\omega}(x)$
- GAN minimizes the Jensen-Shannon divergence (which was also pointed out in Goodfellow et al., 2014)

f -divergences

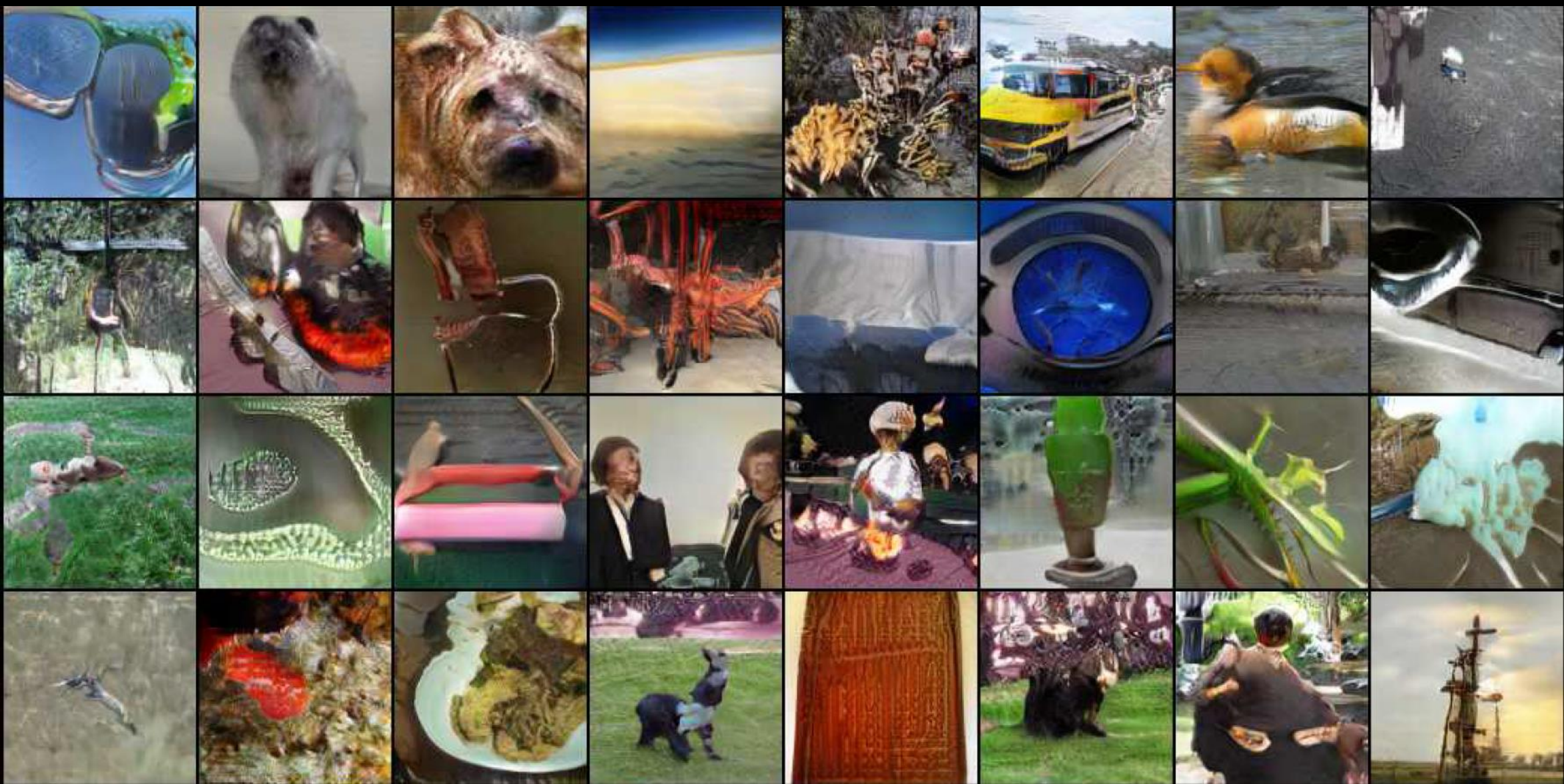
Name	$D_f(P\ Q)$	Generator $f(u)$
Total variation	$\frac{1}{2} \int p(x) - q(x) \, dx$	$\frac{1}{2} u - 1 $
Kullback-Leibler	$\int p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \, dx$	$u \log u$
Reverse Kullback-Leibler	$\int q(x) \log \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \, dx$	$-\log u$
Pearson χ^2	$\int \frac{(q(x)-p(x))^2}{p(x)} \, dx$	$(u - 1)^2$
Neyman χ^2	$\int \frac{(p(x)-q(x))^2}{q(x)} \, dx$	$\frac{(1-u)^2}{u}$
Squared Hellinger	$\int \left(\sqrt{p(x)} - \sqrt{q(x)} \right)^2 \, dx$	$(\sqrt{u} - 1)^2$
Jeffrey	$\int (p(x) - q(x)) \log \left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \, dx$	$(u - 1) \log u$
Jensen-Shannon	$\frac{1}{2} \int p(x) \log \frac{2p(x)}{p(x)+q(x)} + q(x) \log \frac{2q(x)}{p(x)+q(x)} \, dx$	$-(u + 1) \log \frac{1+u}{2} + u \log u$
Jensen-Shannon-weighted	$\int p(x) \pi \log \frac{p(x)}{\pi p(x)+(1-\pi)q(x)} + (1 - \pi)q(x) \log \frac{q(x)}{\pi p(x)+(1-\pi)q(x)} \, dx$	$\pi u \log u - (1 - \pi + \pi u) \log(1 - \pi + \pi u)$
GAN	$\int p(x) \log \frac{2p(x)}{p(x)+q(x)} + q(x) \log \frac{2q(x)}{p(x)+q(x)} \, dx - \log(4)$	$u \log u - (u + 1) \log(u + 1)$
α -divergence ($\alpha \notin \{0, 1\}$)	$\frac{1}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} \int \left(p(x) \left[\left(\frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \right)^\alpha - 1 \right] - \alpha(q(x) - p(x)) \right) \, dx$	$\frac{1}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} (u^\alpha - 1 - \alpha(u - 1))$

Difficult

- GANs have
 - “mode collapse”
- 2018: large-scale GANs
 - Stabilization
 - Conservation



ImageNet 1000 classes, 128x128, unconditional generation, ResNet 55 [Mescheder et al., ICML 2018], arXiv:1801.04406



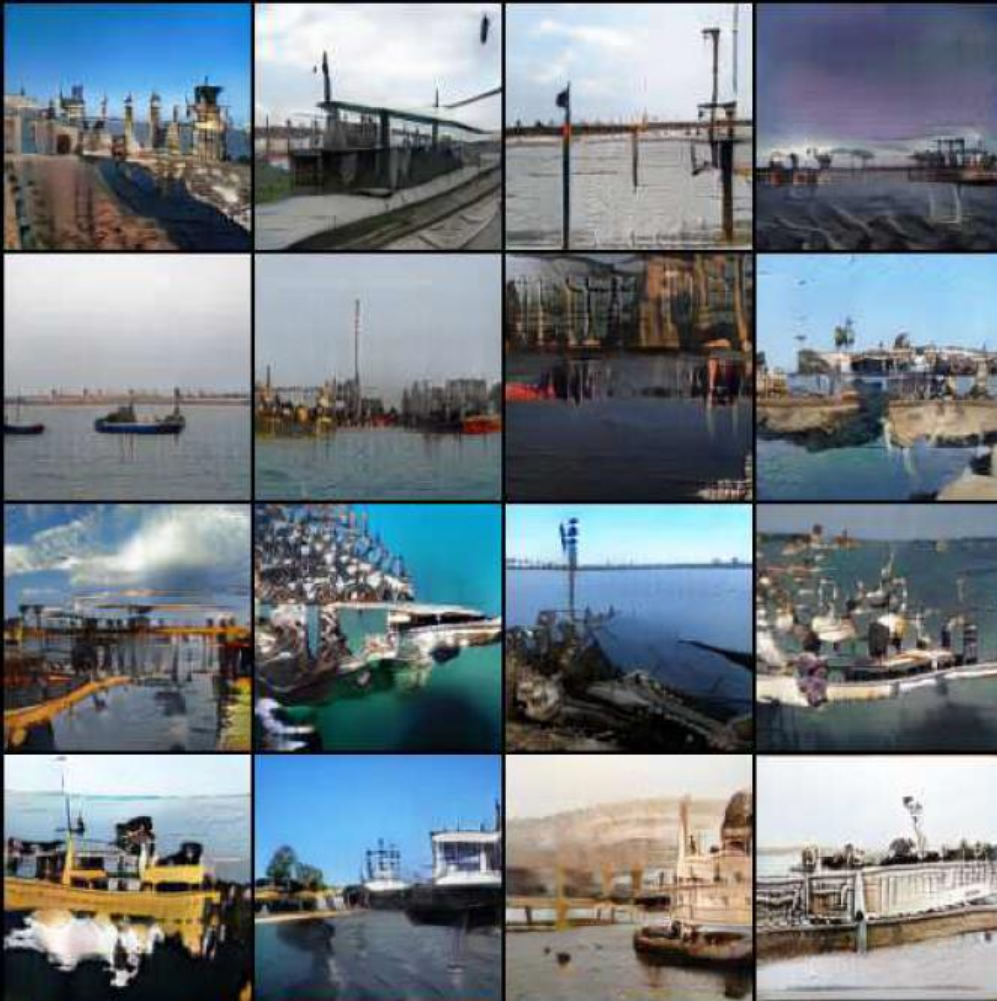


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ImageNet conditional generation [Mescheder et al., ICML 2018], arXiv:1801.04406



dock



pizza

Playing around with GANs

- https://github.com/rothk/Stabilizing_GANs
- Paper [Roth et al., NIPS 2017] <https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.09367>
- NIPS 2017 state of the art GAN models
 - Allows 150 layer ResNet GANs
 - TensorFlow implementation
- New state of the art: [Mescheder et al., ICML 2018], code https://github.com/LMescheder/GAN_stability

Thanks!

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Additional Material

Maximum Likelihood

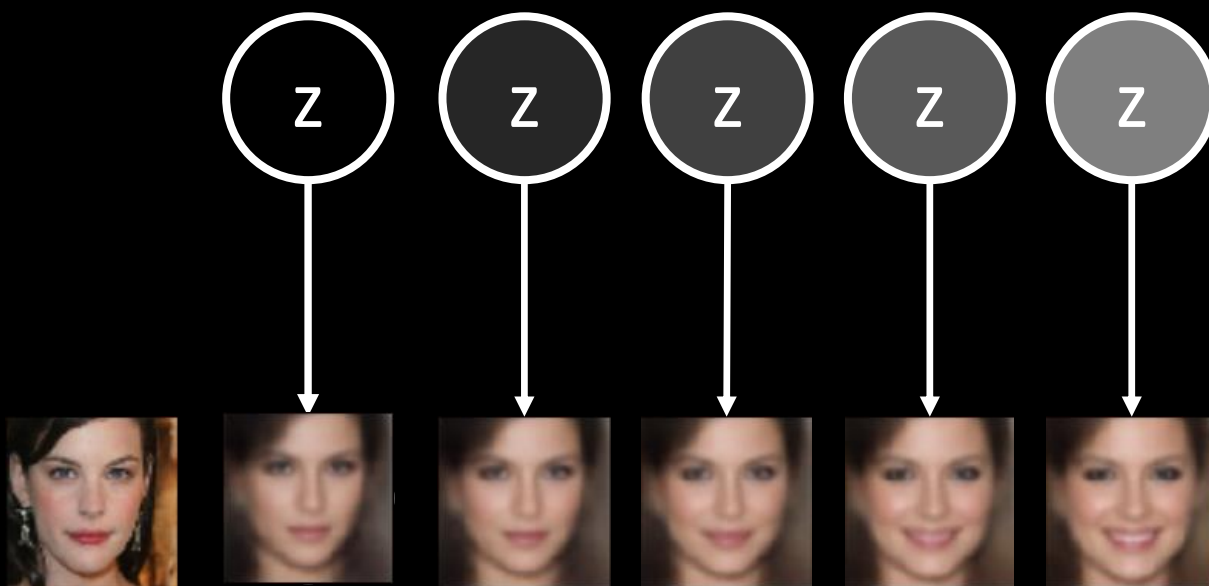
- Fisher, 1928:
Estimate model parameters by maximizing the likelihood function

$$p(X; \theta) = \prod_i p(x_i; \theta)$$

- Equivalently, maximize the log-likelihood (more convenient)

$$\log p(X; \theta) = \sum_i \log p(x_i; \theta)$$

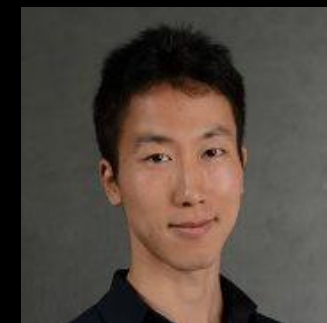
Representation Learning

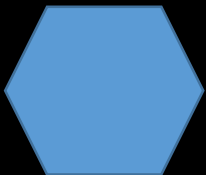
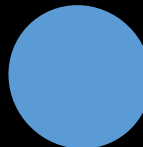
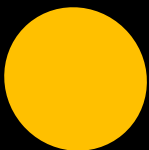


VAEs for Representation Learning



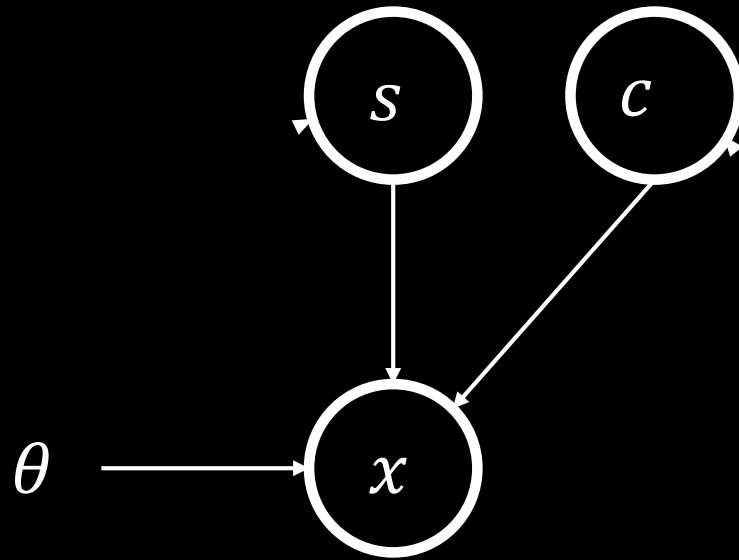
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arXiv:1705.08841, NIPS 2017

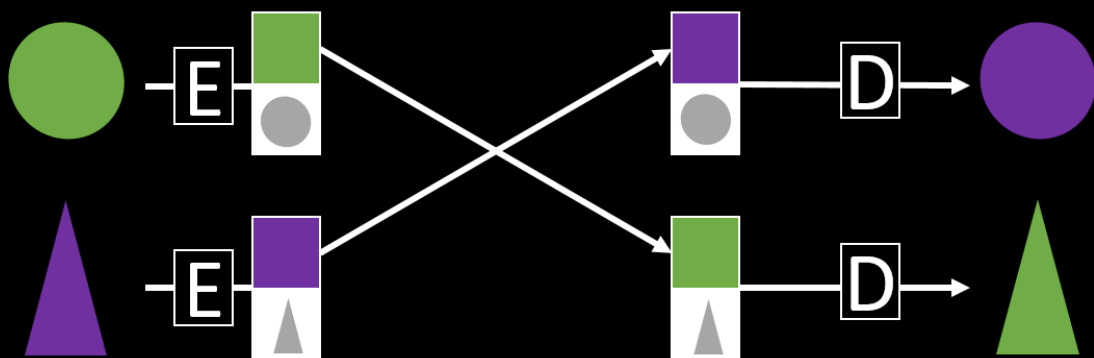




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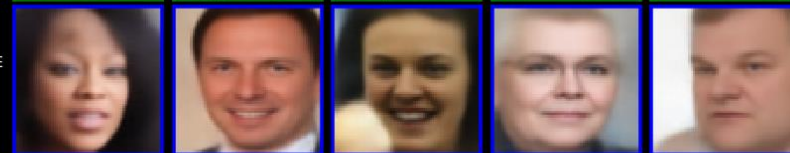


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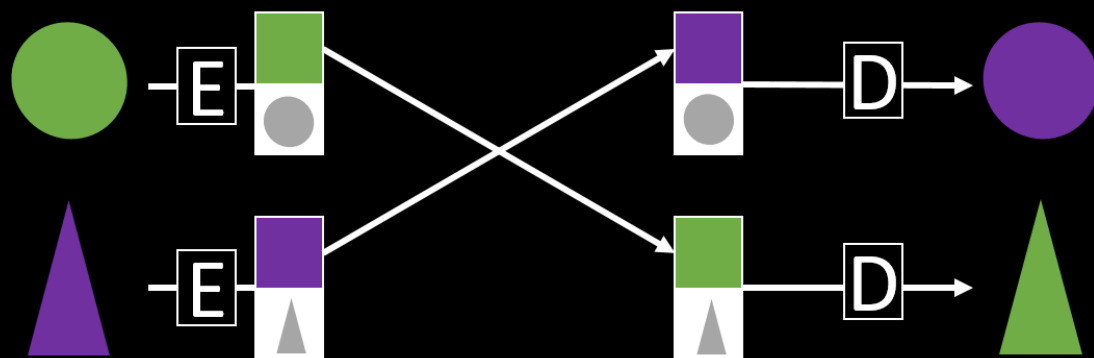
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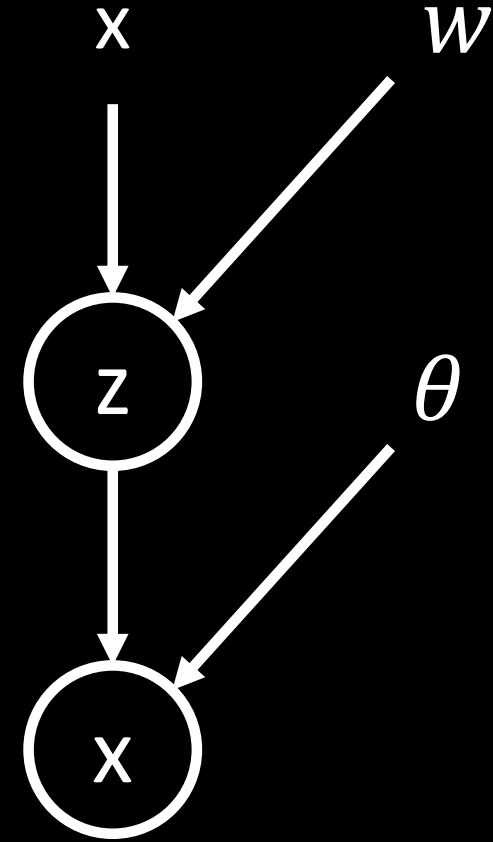




Control over the latent space

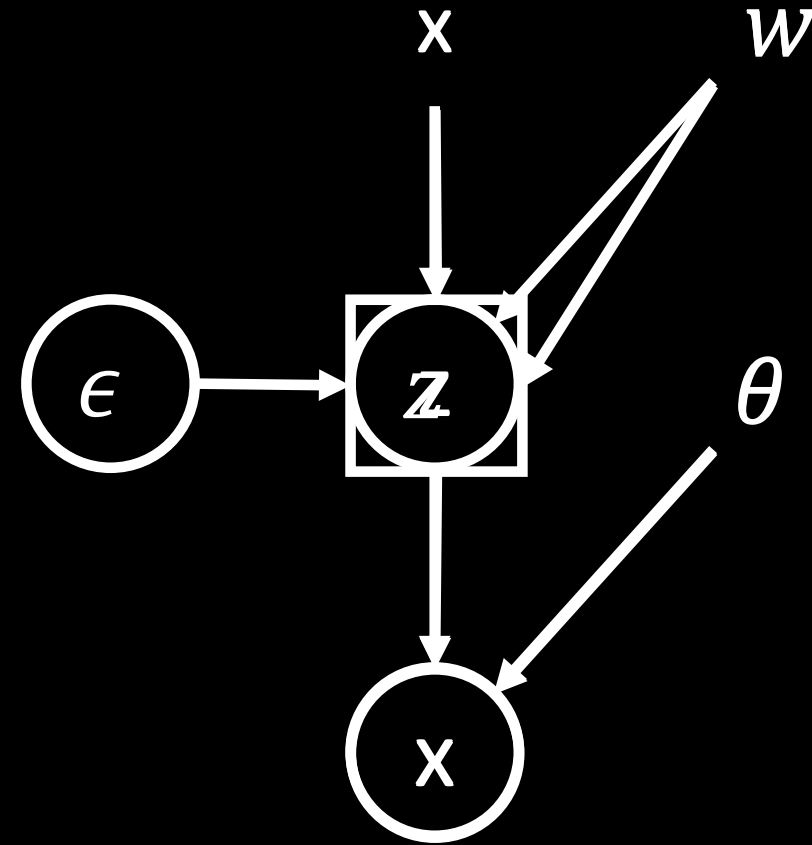
Reparametrization Trick

- [Rezende et al., 2014]
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[Schulman et al., 2015]



From highly-recommended tutorial: [Doersch, "Tutorial on Variational Autoencoders", arXiv:1606.05908]

