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# Challenge: High-dimensional Data Generation

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Past	Now	Next
64x64	1K, 2K	Retina Screen



We use images for demonstration

Progressive Growing of GANs for Improved Quality, Stability, and Variation. T. Karras, T. Aila, et al. ICLR. 2018.



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  - For Deep Methods
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#### Formulation



z = 100 values

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#### Formulation



p(x|z,c)





**Predefined features** 





monarch butterfly

goldfinch



daisy



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GTA 5



- Pros:
  - Reasonable Structure
  - As "structure" is relatively more well-defined.
- Cons:
  - Distorted Details
  - We cannot well-define
    "What is a human face" or
    "What is real wall texture".



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Peng, X., Usman, B et al. (2018). VisDA: A synthetic-to-real benchmark for visual domain adaptation. CVPR Workshops



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Input GTA5 CG

https://blog.csdn.net/g

Output image with German street view styleblog. csdn. net/gdymind

Unsupervised image-to-image translation networks. *M.Y. Liu, T. Breuel, J. Kautz. NIPS. 2017* Unpaired Image-to-Image Translation using Cycle-Consistent Adversarial Networks. *J. Zhu, T. Park et al. ICCV 20*17.



#### **CG-based Methods**

- Fully CG-based
- Hybrids
- Limitation
  - Need prior knowledge
    - Intensive Engineering...
  - Limited Generalization
    - Artificially designed generation rule can only capture limited latent structure of domain
  - Improvement need more prior ...
    - Anyway, automatically learning prior knowledge is necessary.



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Deep Methods

- As resolution grows, high-level information contained in same image grows much slower than low-level features
- As shown on the right From 50x50 -> 100x100
  - "High-level" information grows much slower
  - "low-level" information keeps growing
  - Intensively modeling of details
- Note that if we want to keep "R"'s structure, then we have to keep all pixels' relative position fixed and average distance between each pixelpair is proportional to resolution.
  - Long-range dependency problem







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#### **Progressive GAN**

• Recap: DCGAN



- Difficult to scale:
  - Unstable training
  - Computer memory constraints
  - High resolution images make the discriminator easier to discriminate the fake and real images, amplifying the gradient problem.

64x64 work !

1024x1024 fail .....



#### **Progressive GAN**

• From Coarse to Fine :  $4x4 \rightarrow 8x8 \rightarrow 16x16 \rightarrow 32x32 \dots \rightarrow 1024x1024$ 



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#### **Progressive GAN**

• From Coarse to Fine with Condition



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#### Progressive GAN $\rightarrow$ StackGAN

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#### **Progressive GAN**

• Question: Can Computer Graphic Generates This?



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## StyleGAN

• Insert Feature as Style Transfer

Adaptative Normalization:

$$\text{AdaIN}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{y}_{s,i} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i - \mu(\mathbf{x}_i)}{\sigma(\mathbf{x}_i)} + \mathbf{y}_{b,i}$$

where each feature map x<sub>i</sub> is normalized separately, and then scaled and biased using the corresponding scalar components from style y.

prior distribution



A Style-Based Generator Architecture for Generative Adversarial Networks. Ero Karras, Samuli Laine, Timo Aila. arXiv 2018



#### **StyleGAN**

• Hierarchical Latent Code



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## StyleGAN

• Hierarchical Noise

- (a) Noise is applied to all layers.
- (b) No noise. look "smooth"
- (c) Noise in fine layers only  $(64^2 1024^2)$ . fine details
- (b) Noise in coarse layers only  $(4^2 32^2)$ . coarse details



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- Recap: Shape Deformation When Directly Scaling Up DCGAN
  - And recall that deep model's challenges lie on
    - Intensively modeling details
    - Long range dependency
- CNN is a strong inductive bias to model natural details, but fails when modeling long range dependency.



monarch butterfly



goldfinch





redshank



grey whale

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- Non-local layer vs Local layer
  - CNN is "local layer", a neuron only observes part elements of the previous layer.



• Which limits the network's ability to capture global dependencies.



- SAGAN: Introduce attention layer into DCGAN backbone •
  - Attention: have become an integral part of models that must capture global dependencies
  - Illustration of attention: •



- Attention Value =  $\sum_{i=1}^{4} value_i * coefficient_i$  Convex combination of value w.r.t. coefficients  $coefficient_i = \frac{e^{-Key_i^{\circ}Query}}{\sum_{i=1}^{4} e^{-Key_j^{\circ}Query}}$  Correlation coefficient



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#### DCGAN

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# **Big-GAN**

- Big-GAN: Some novel tricks to scale up SAGAN + SAGAN backbone
  - 1. SAGAN -> conditional-SAGAN + skip-z
  - 2. 64x channel -> 96x channel
  - 3. 256x batch size -> 2048x batch size
- Ablation:
  - After applying 1:
    - Performance + 4%
    - Training speed + 18%
  - After applying 2:
    - IS + 21%
  - After applying 3:
    - IS + 50%





# **Big-GAN**

- Big-GAN: Some novel tricks to scale up SAGAN + SAGAN backbone
  - 4. truncation trick
    - Using different latent distribution for sampling than used in training



#### Amenable to truncation

Not amenable

- 5. orthogonal regularization
  - Enforce Generator to be more amenable to truncation
  - Orthogonal regularization can make G smoother

 $R_{\beta}(W) = \beta \| W^{\top} W \odot (\mathbf{1} - I) \|_{\mathrm{F}}^{2},$ 

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# **Big-GAN**

- Big-GAN: Some novel tricks to scale up SAGAN + SAGAN backbone
  - Samples generated by BigGAN at 256x resolution on ImageNet





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 $L = \log p(x|z_q(x)) + \|sg[z_e(x)] - e\|_2^2 + \beta \|z_e(x) - sg[e]\|_2^2, sg: \text{the stop gradient operator that} e: \text{quantized vector}_{z_e(x): \text{ vector from the encoder output}}$ 

Image reconstruction loss Make the quantized vector as close as the original vector





Images contain a lot of redundant information as most of the pixels are correlated and noisy, therefore learning models at the pixel level could be wasteful.

In this experiment we show that we can model  $x = 128 \times 128 \times 3$  images by compressing them to a  $z = 32 \times 32 \times 1$  discrete space (with K=512) via a purely deconvolutional p(x|z). So a reduction of  $\frac{128 \times 128 \times 3 \times 8}{32 \times 32 \times 9} \approx 42.6$  in bits. We model images by learning a powerful prior (PixelCNN) over z. This allows to not only greatly speed up training and sampling, but also to use the PixelCNNs capacity to capture the global structure instead of the low-level statistics of images.

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#### VQ-VAE

• Results – Random Sampling



Samples (128x128) from a VQ-VAE with a PixelCNN prior trained on ImageNet images. From left to right: kit fox, gray whale, brown bear, admiral (butterfly), coral reef, alp, microwave, pickup.



#### • Results – More Data Modalities



Left: original waveform, middle: reconstructed with same speaker-id, right: reconstructed with different speaker-id. The contents of the three waveforms are the same.



First 6 frames are provided to the model, following frames are generated conditioned on an action. Top: repeated action "move forward", bottom: repeated action "move right".



- VQVAE-2: Scale single-level VQ-VAE to hierarchical VQ-VAE
- Intuition: Different level's features encode different level's information

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• An intuitive interpretation of different level's information

![](_page_42_Picture_3.jpeg)

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# **VQ-VAE-2** Limitation

• The latent representation is not a prior distribution, an additional deep model is required to model the latent distribution for sampling, it is not a "real encoding"

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- For VQ-VAE-2, the hierarchical representations are not independent, we cannot change the hierarchical feature individually.
- For both VQ-VAE and VQ-VAE-2, the spatial representations (the features within a same latent map) are not independent, we cannot change the spatial feature individually.

VQ-VAE: Neural discrete representation learning. Van Den Oord, Aaron Vinyals, Oriol Kavukcuoglu, Koray. NIPS 2017. Generating Diverse High-Fidelity Images with VQ-VAE-2. Razavi, Ali Oord, Aaron van den Vinyals, Oriol. arXiv 2019.

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#### **Discussion: Ideal Model**

- High-dimensional data generation
- Data encoding, implicit inverse x->z

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- More
  - Interpolation in latent space
  - Multi-modality
  - Mode collapse
  - Fast training
  - Disentanglement
  - Hierarchical representation with independent property
  - Spatial representation with independent property

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# Thanks