

# Lecture 19: Generative Models, Part 1

# Last Time: Videos

## **Many video models:**

Single-frame CNN (Try this first!)

Late fusion

Early fusion

3D CNN / C3D

Two-stream networks

CNN + RNN

Convolutional RNN

Spatio-temporal self-attention

SlowFast networks (current SoTA)

# Today: Generative Models, Part 1

# Supervised vs Unsupervised Learning

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Classification



Cat

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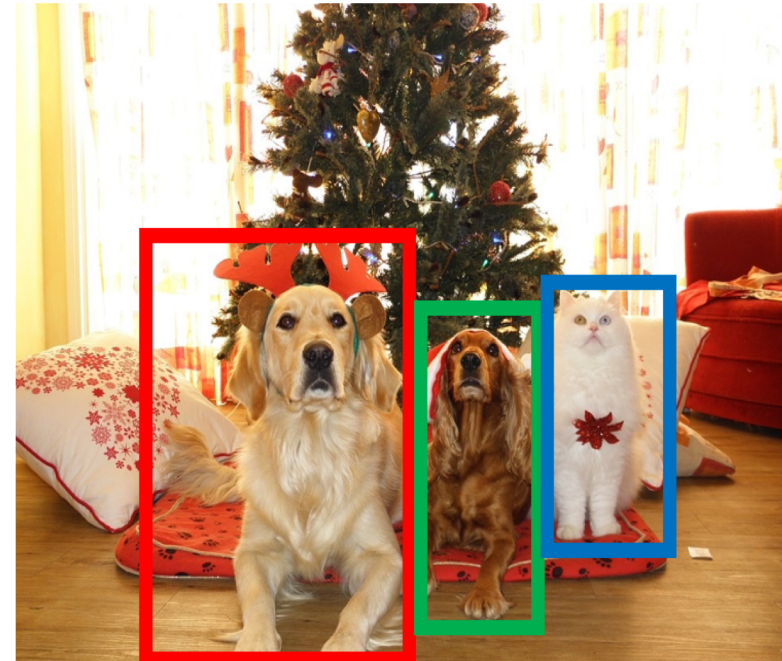
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**DOG, DOG, CAT**

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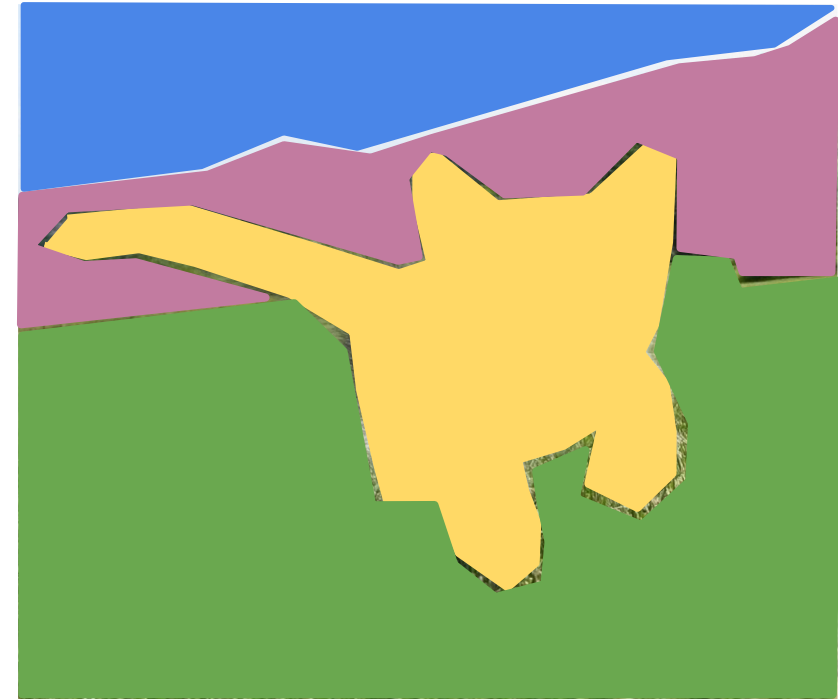
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## Semantic Segmentation



GRASS, CAT, TREE, SKY

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## Image captioning



*A cat sitting on a suitcase on the floor*

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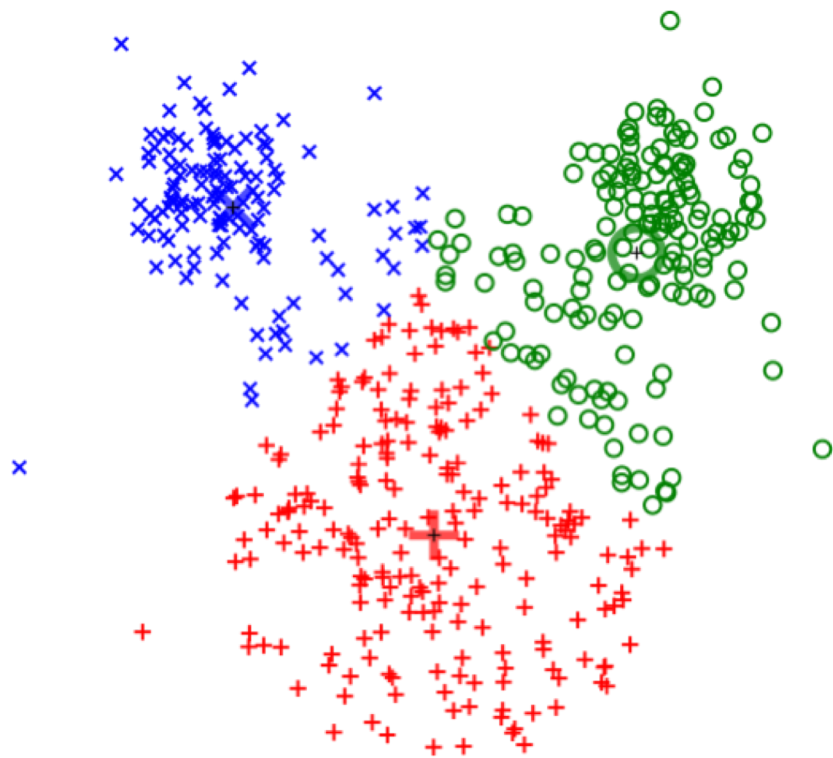
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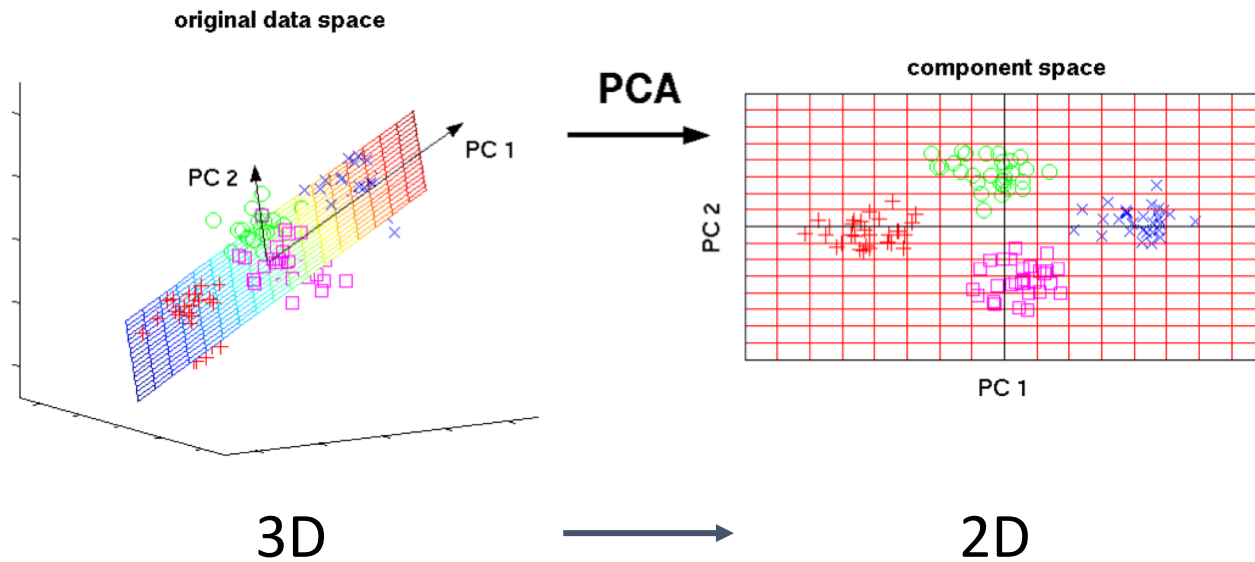
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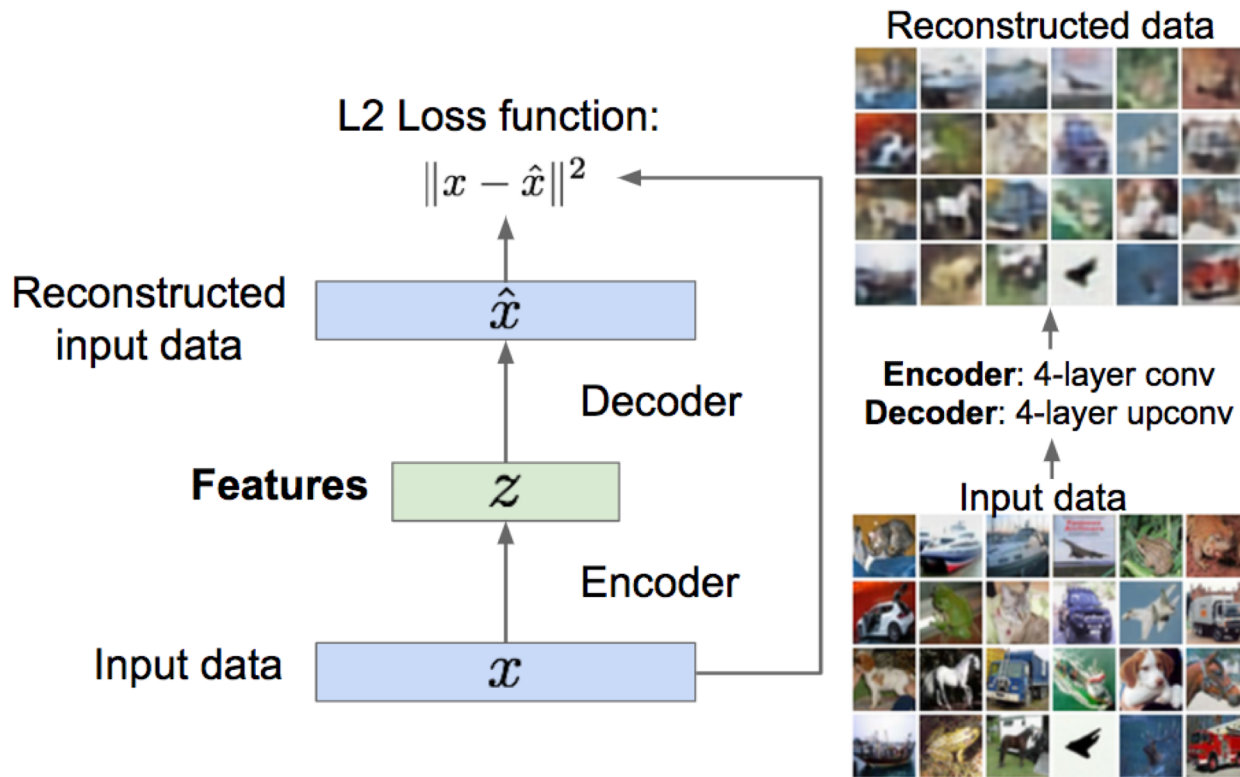
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Feature Learning  
(e.g. autoencoders)



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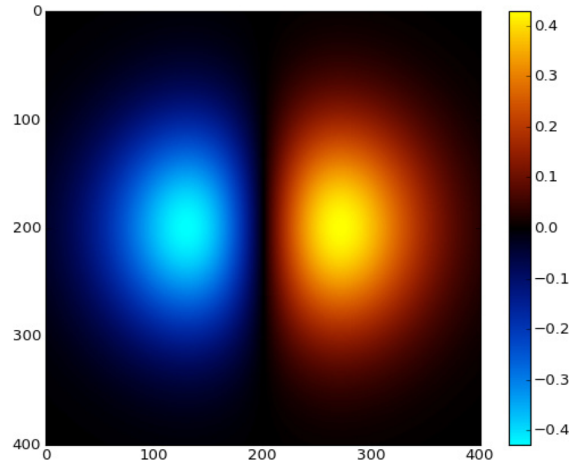
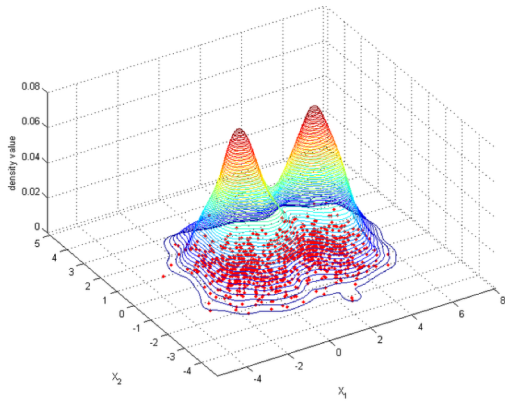
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## Probability Recap:

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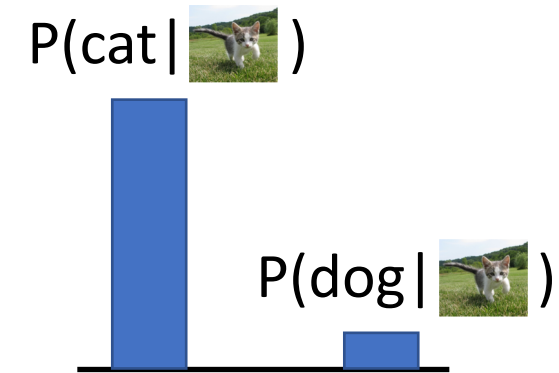
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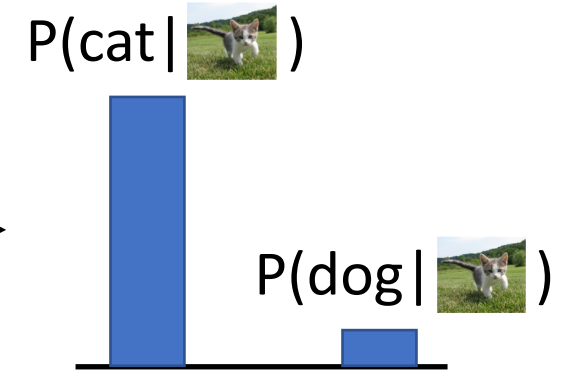
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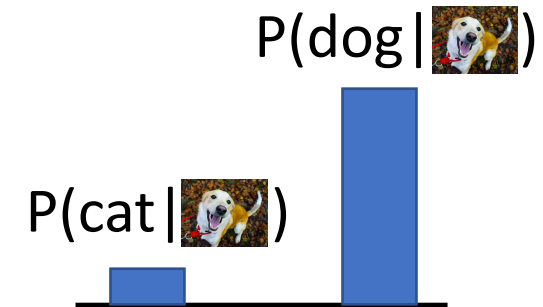
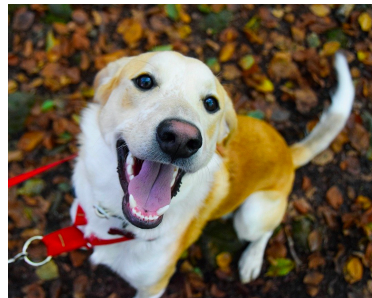


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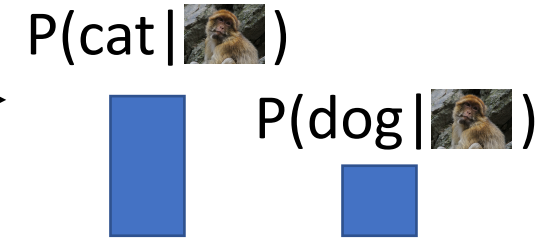


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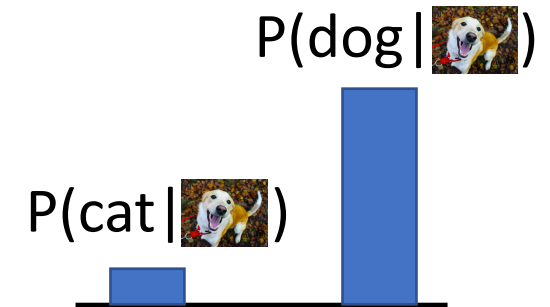
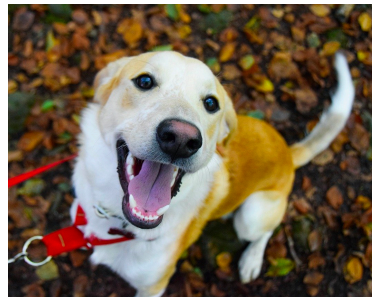
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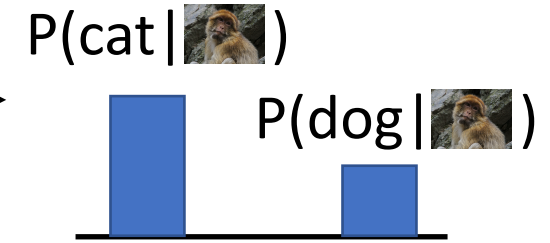


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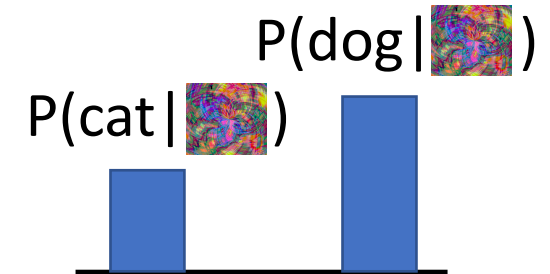
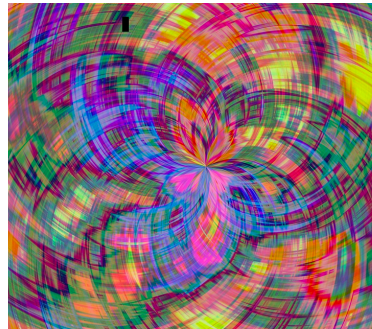
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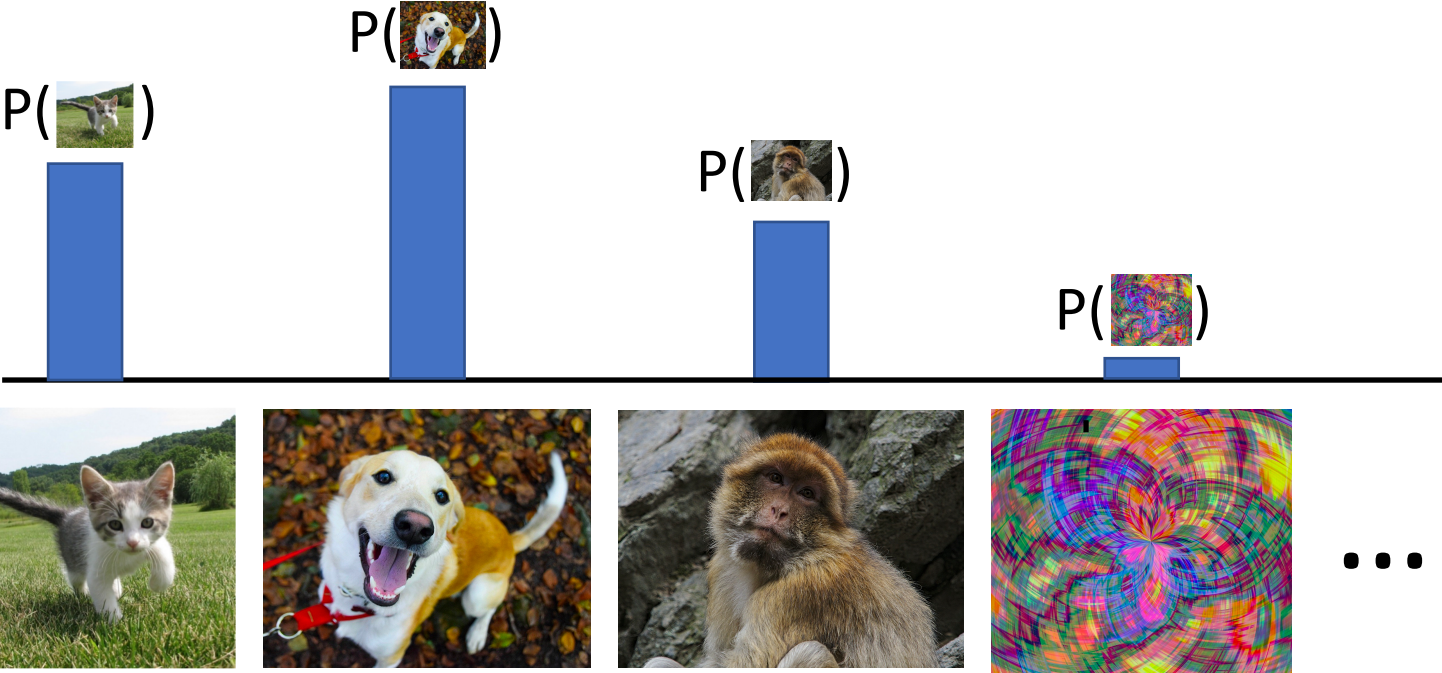
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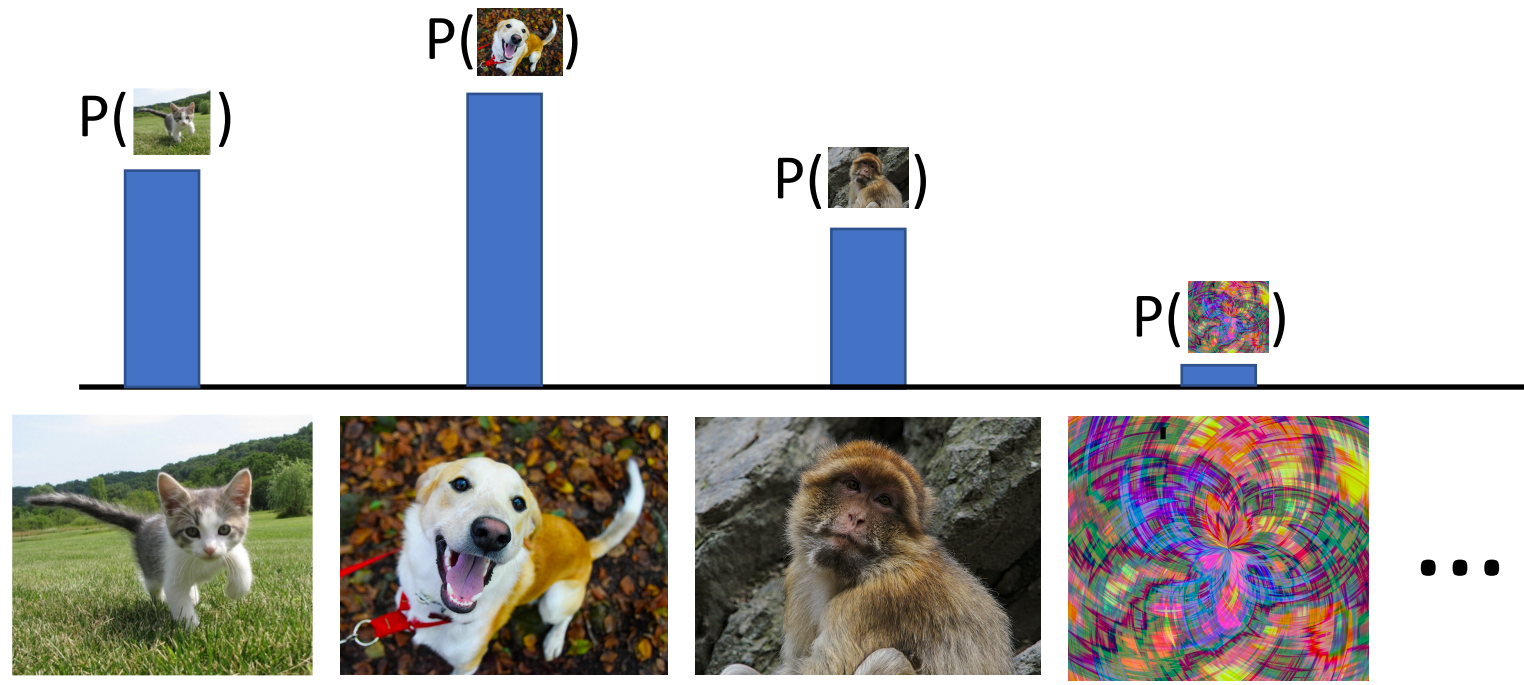
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Requires deep image understanding! Is a dog more likely to sit or stand? How about 3-legged dog vs 3-armed monkey?

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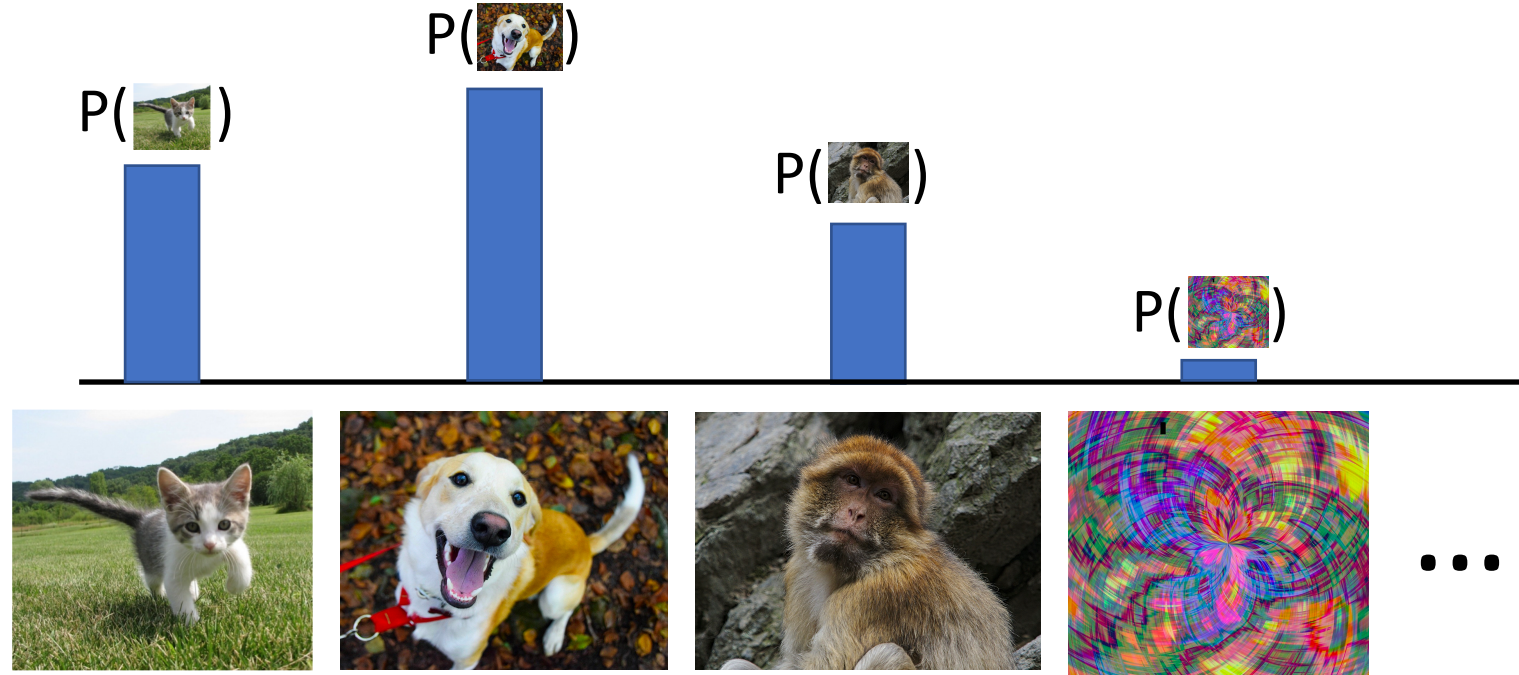
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Model can “reject” unreasonable inputs by assigning them small values

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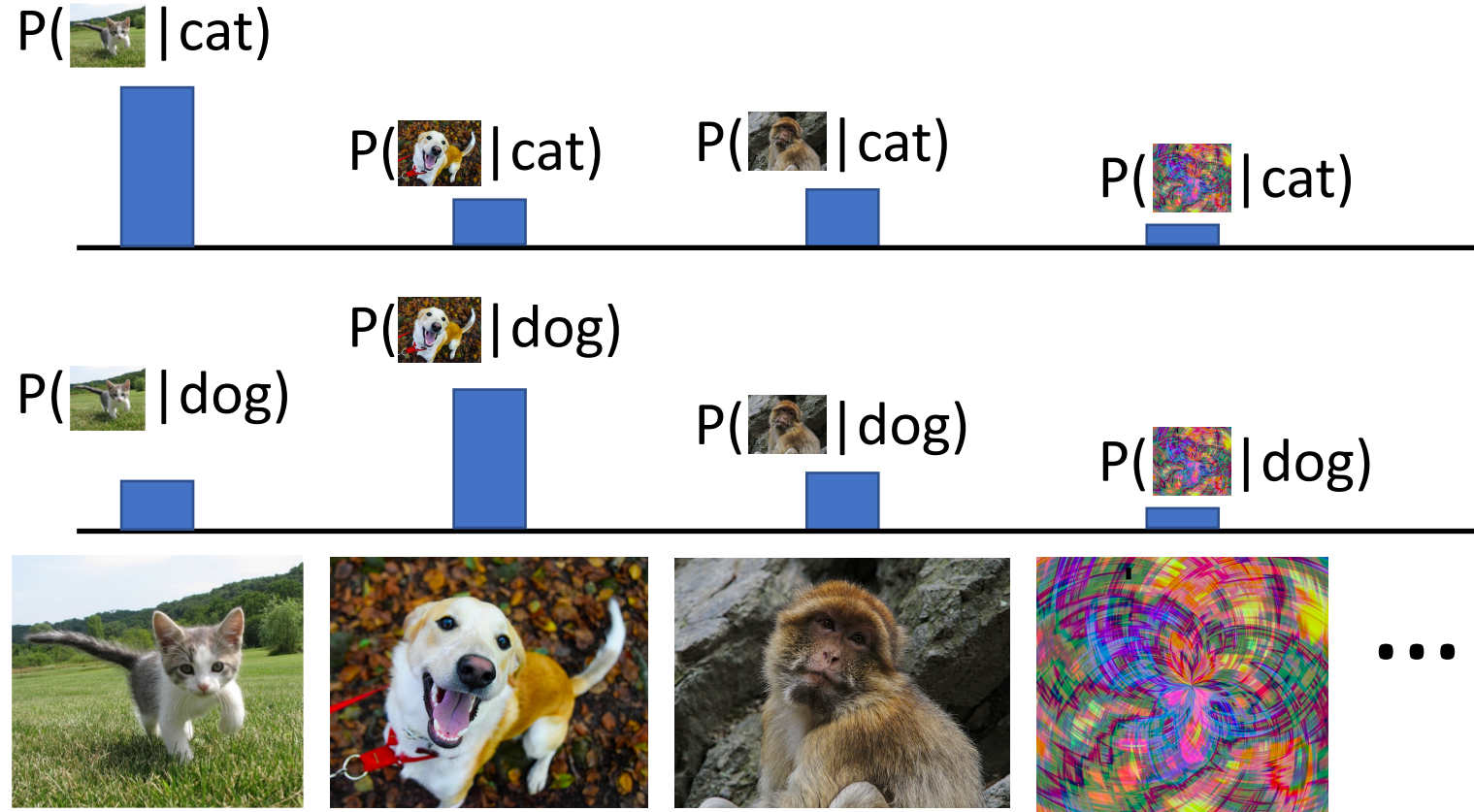
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We can build a conditional generative model from other components!

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Assign labels, while rejecting outliers!  
Generate new data conditioned on input labels

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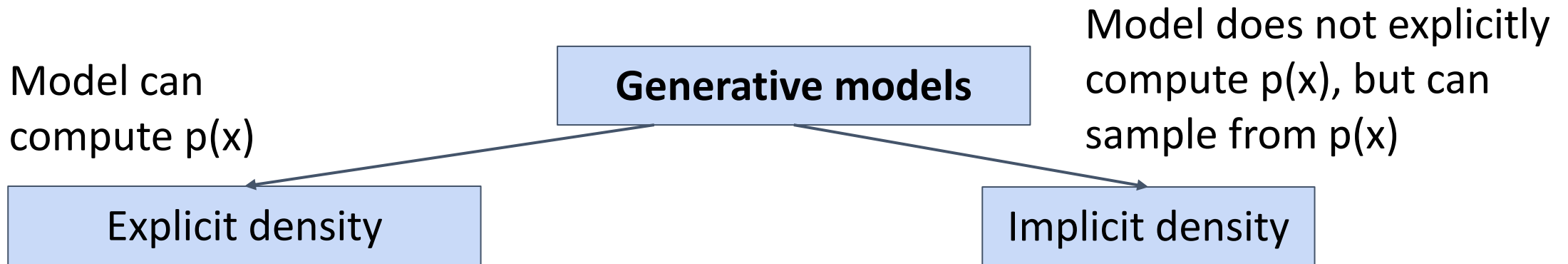


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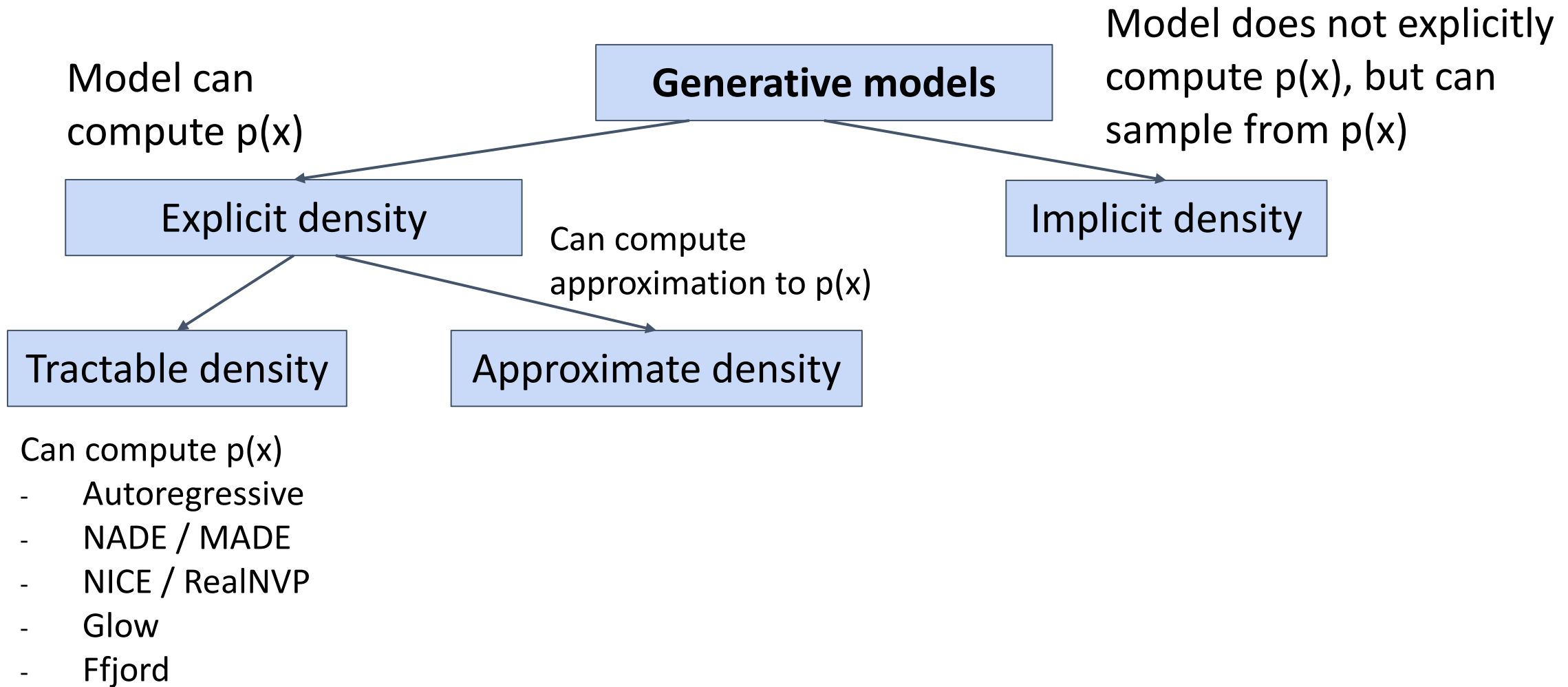


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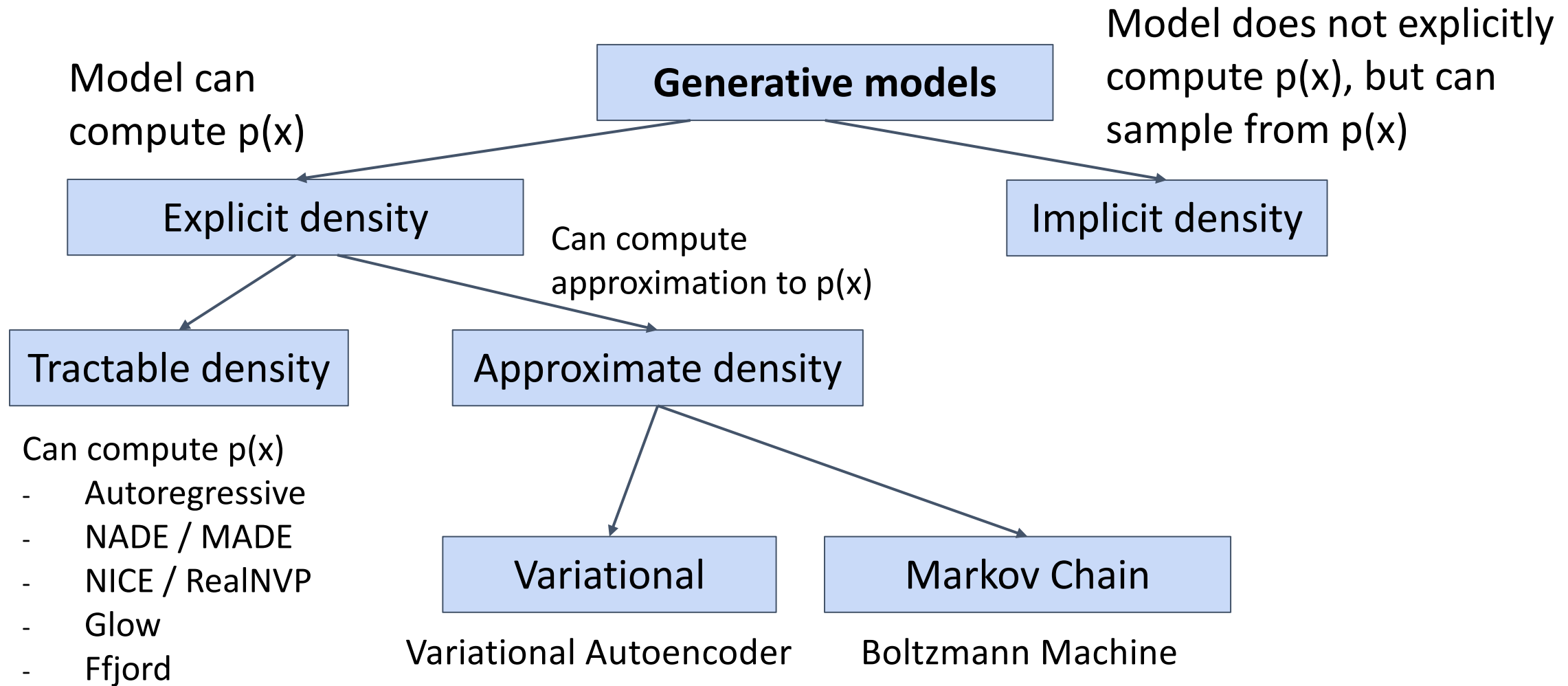


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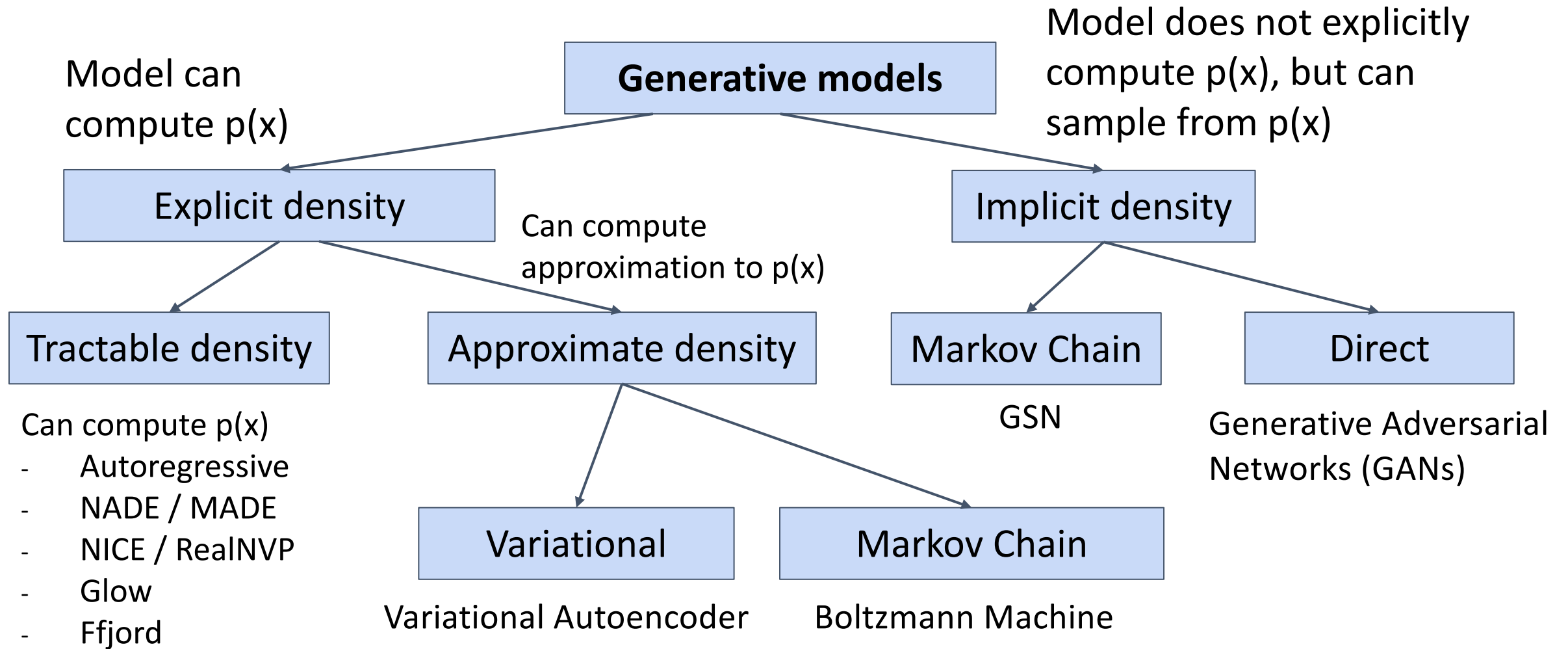


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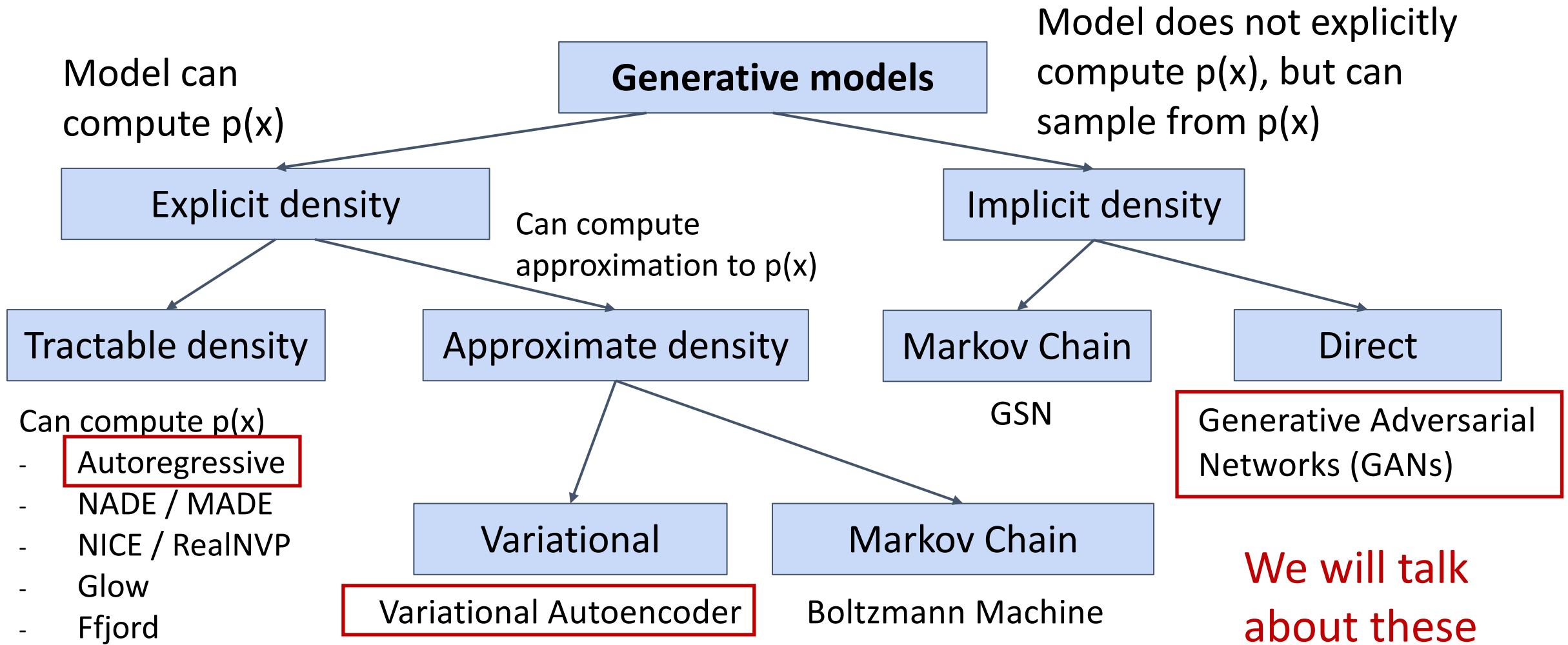


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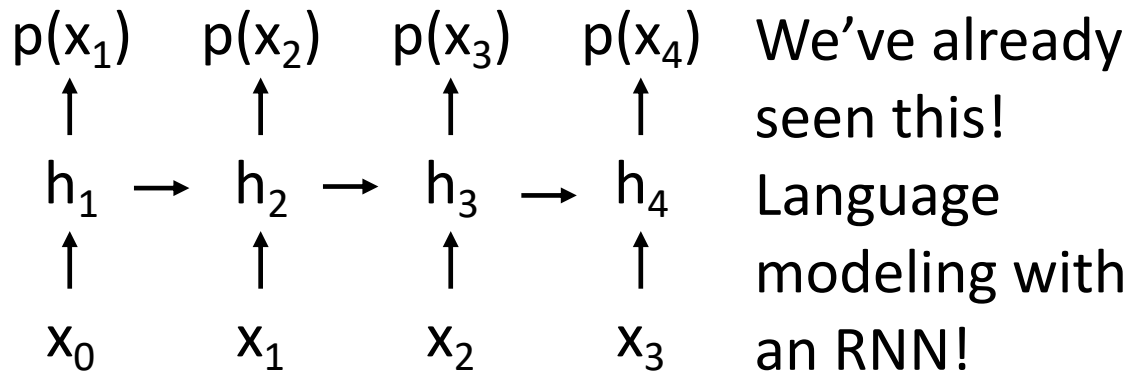
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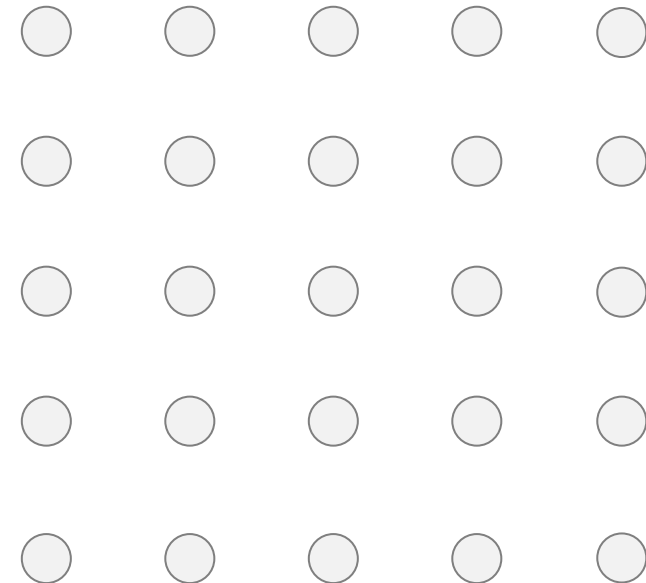
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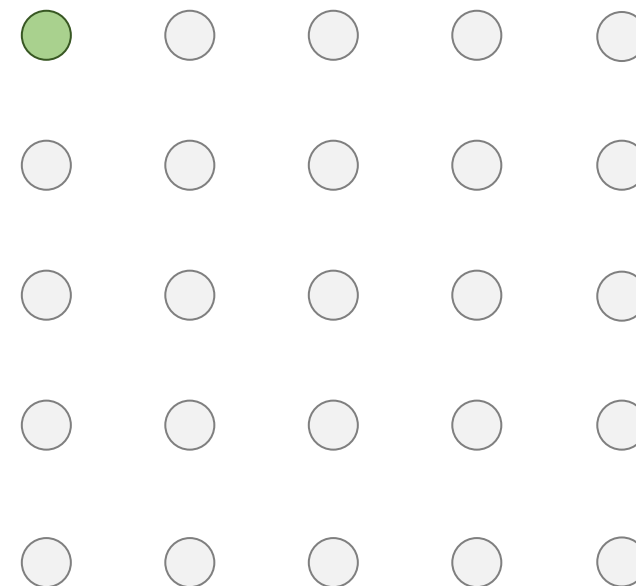
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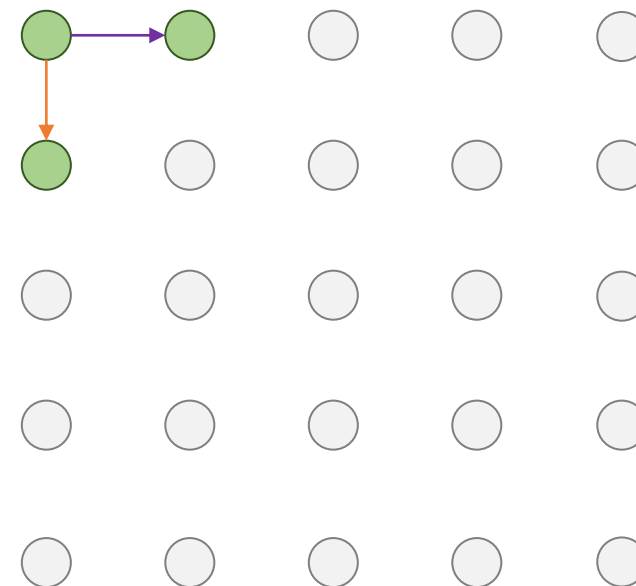
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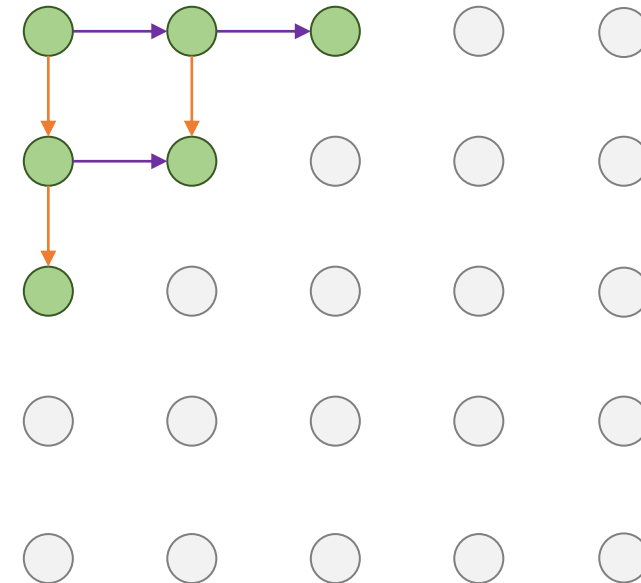
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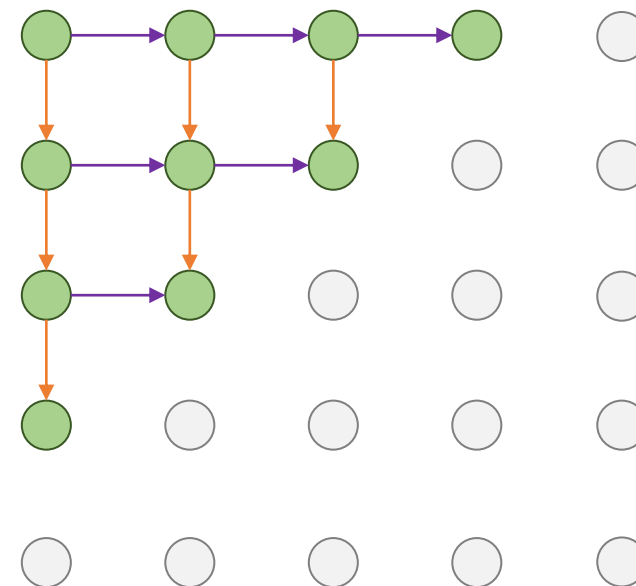
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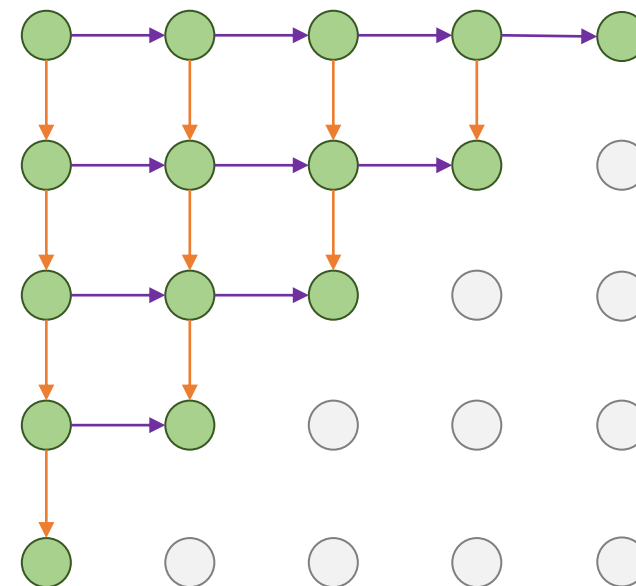
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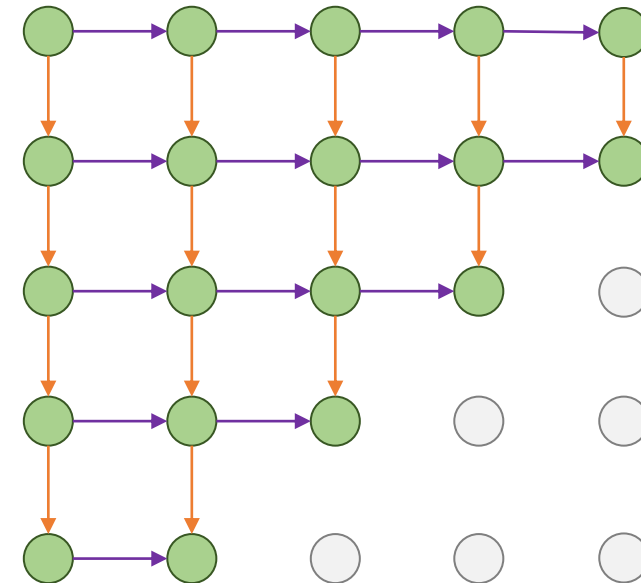
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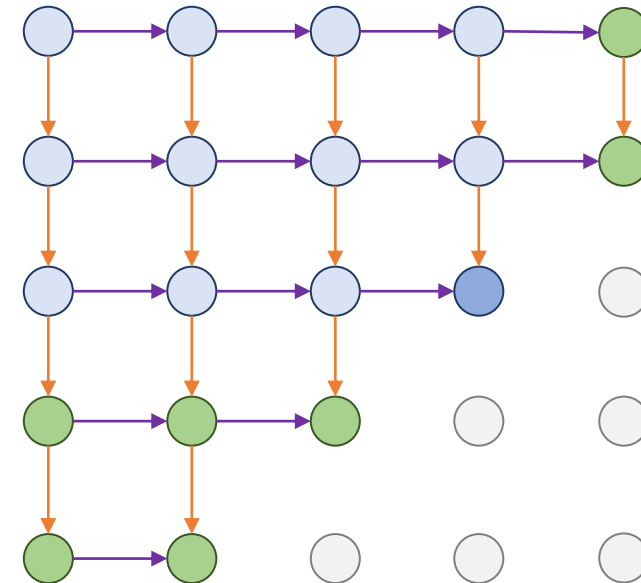
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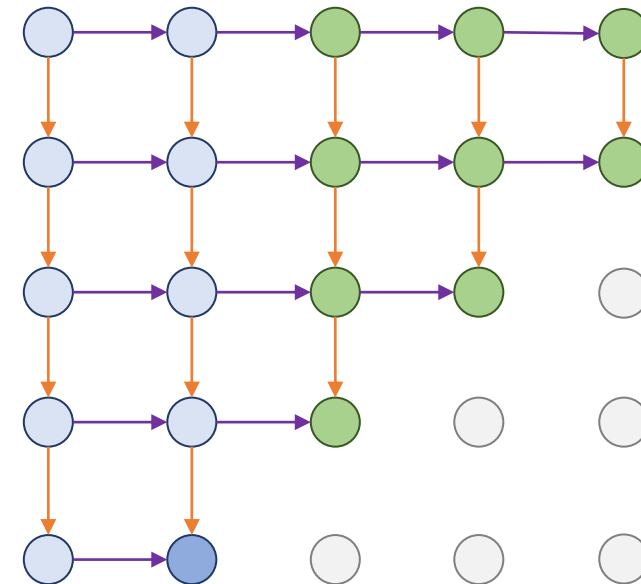
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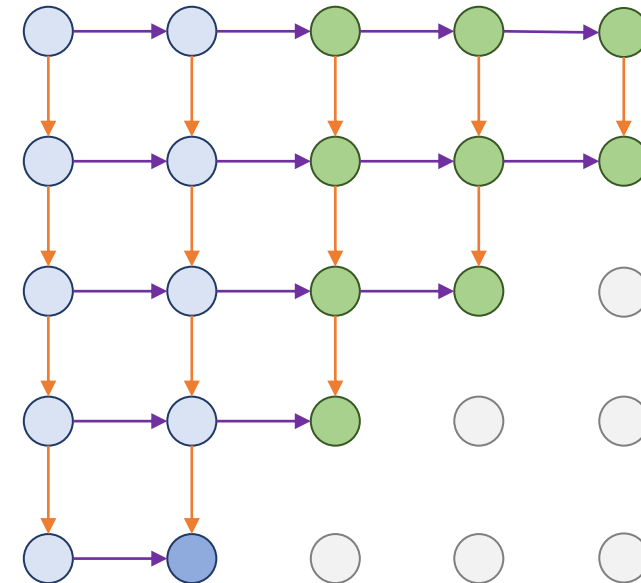
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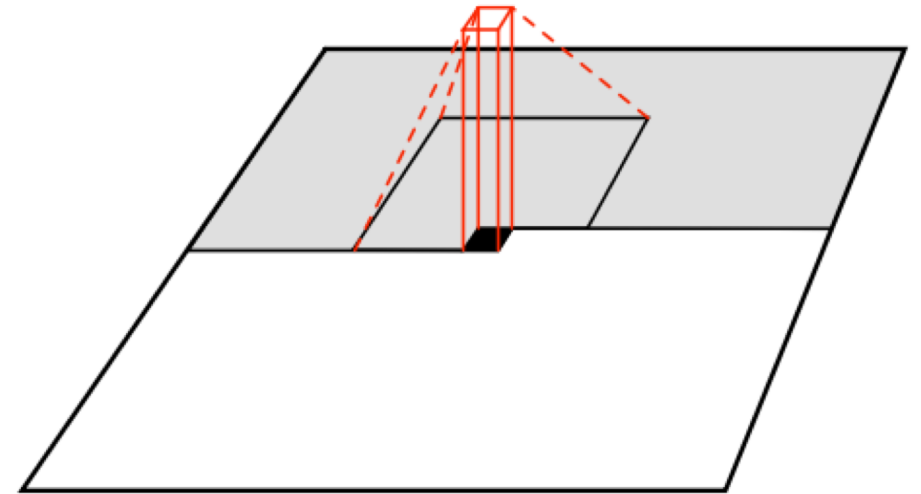


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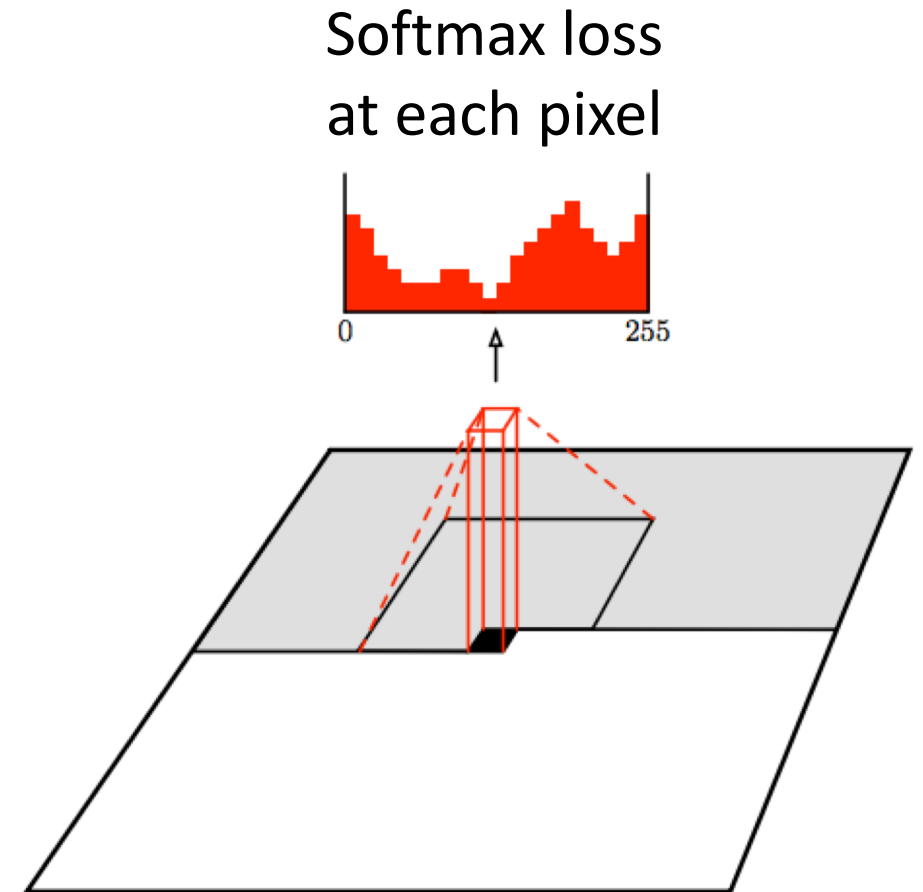
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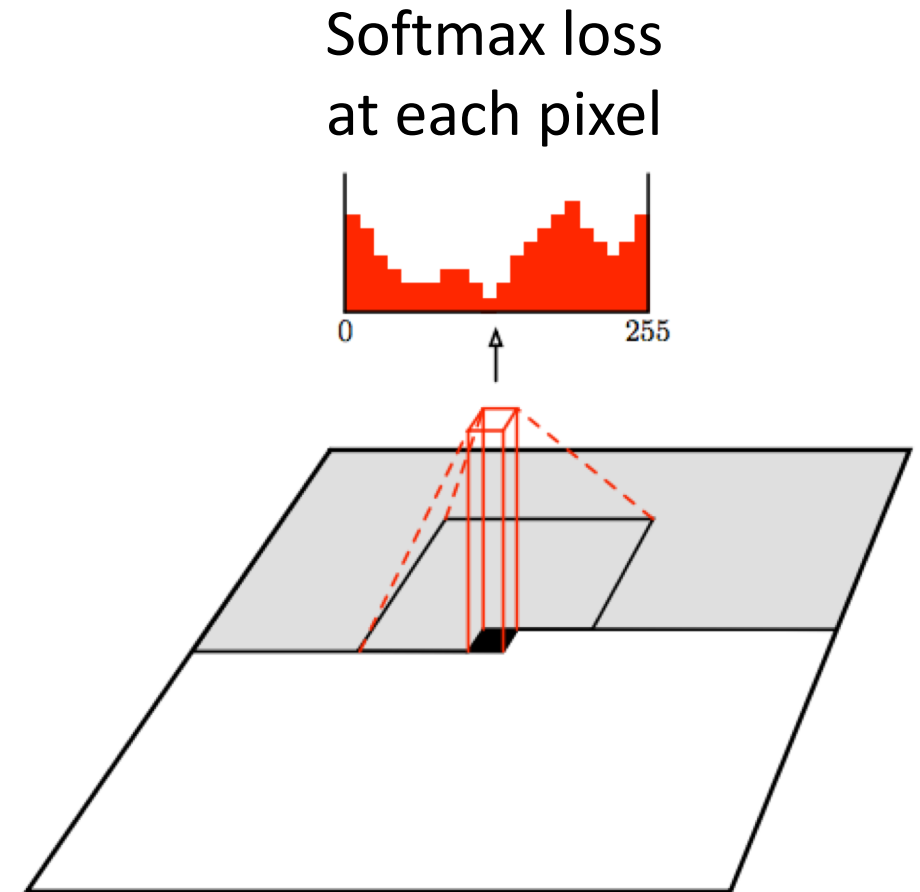
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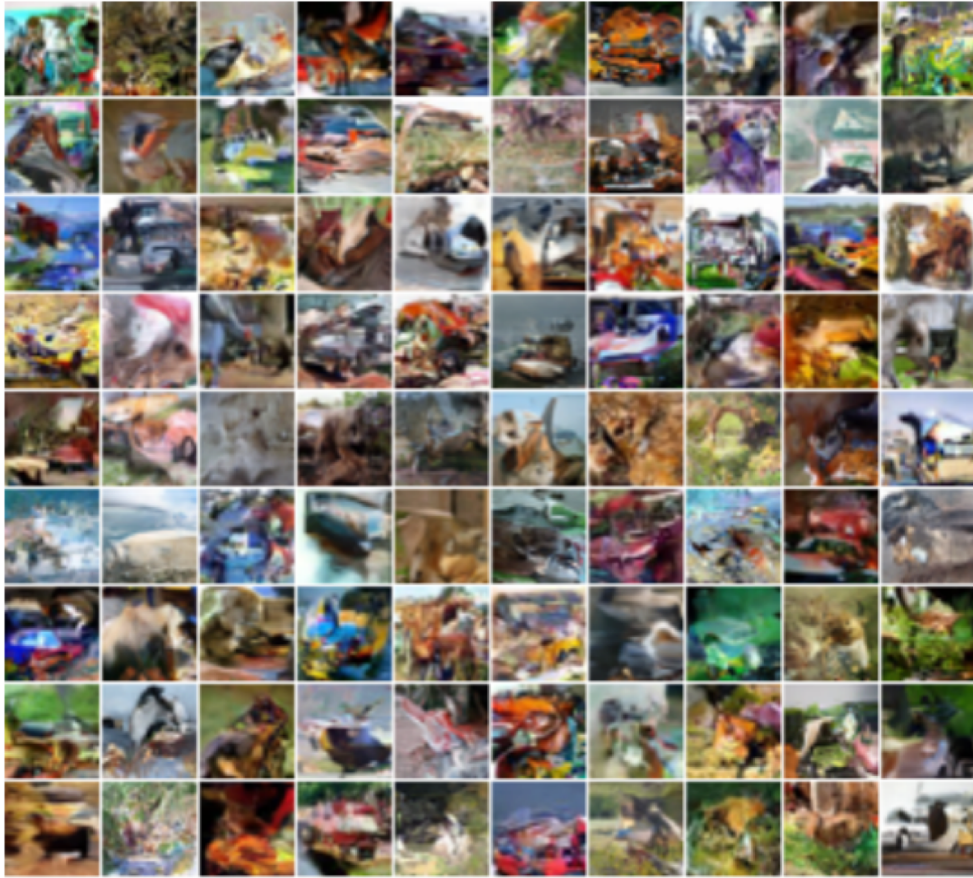
Generation must still proceed sequentially  
=> still slow



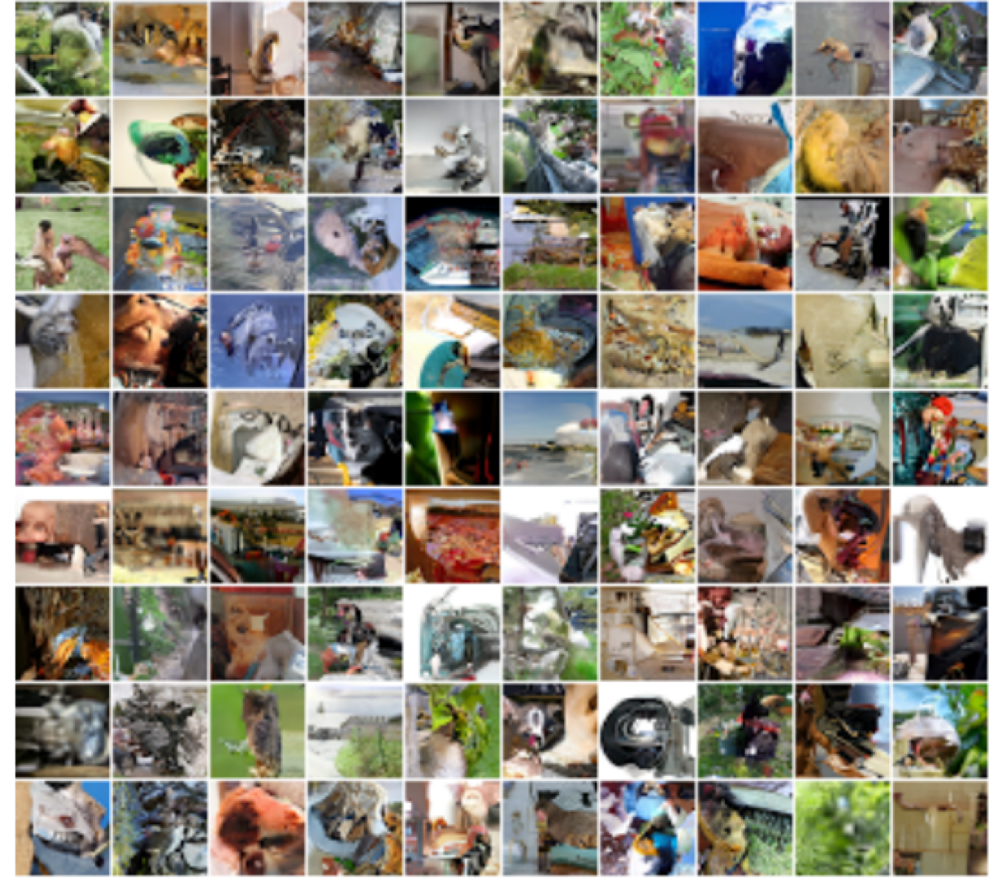
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# PixelRNN: Generated Samples



32x32 CIFAR-10



32x32 ImageNet

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# Autoregressive Models: PixelRNN and PixelCNN

## Pros:

- Can explicitly compute likelihood  $p(x)$
- Explicit likelihood of training data gives good evaluation metric
- 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++)

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PixelRNN / PixelCNN explicitly parameterizes density function with a neural network, so we can train to maximize likelihood of training data:

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Variational Autoencoders (VAE) define an **intractable density** that we cannot explicitly compute or optimize

But we will be able to directly optimize a **lower bound** on the density

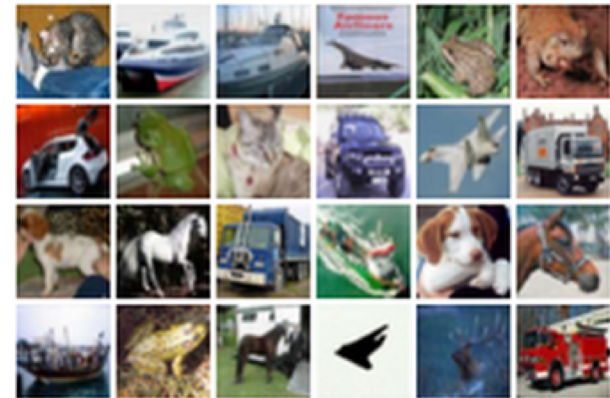
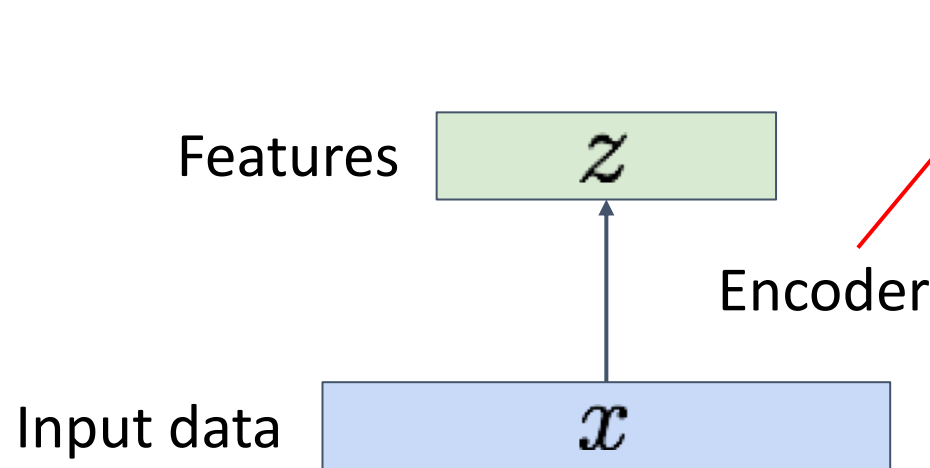
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Unsupervised method for learning feature vectors from raw data  $x$ , without any labels

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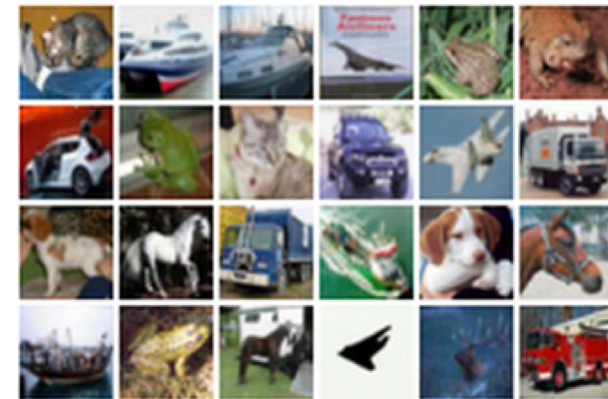
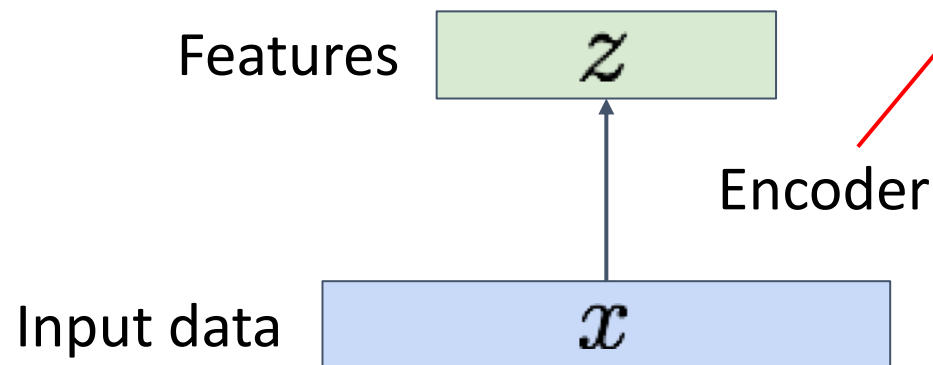
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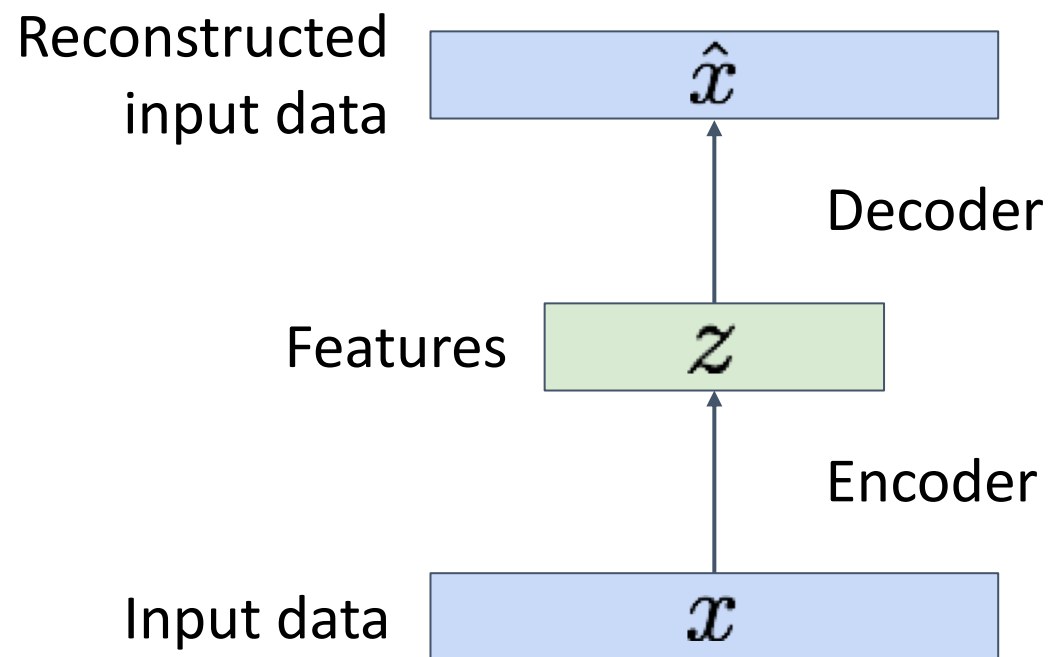
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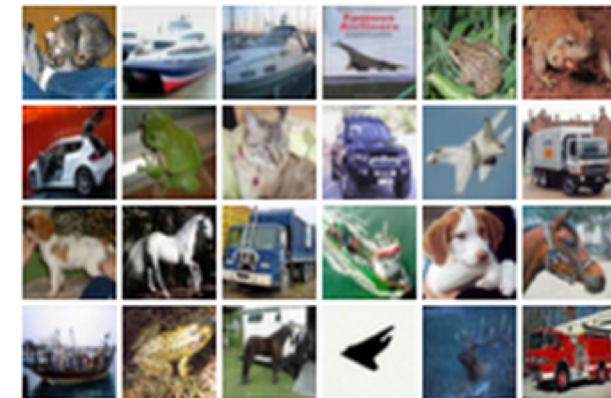
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**Idea:** Use the features to reconstruct the input data with a **decoder**

“Autoencoding” = encoding itself



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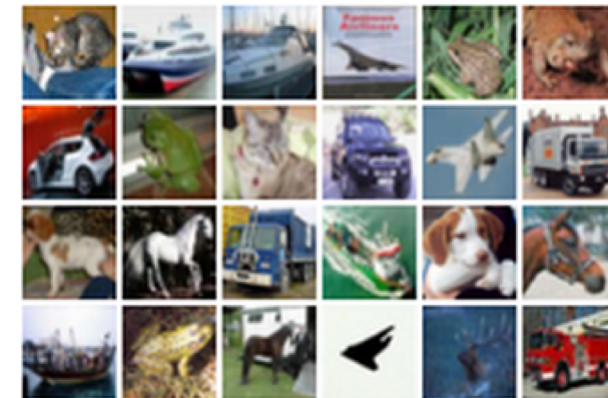
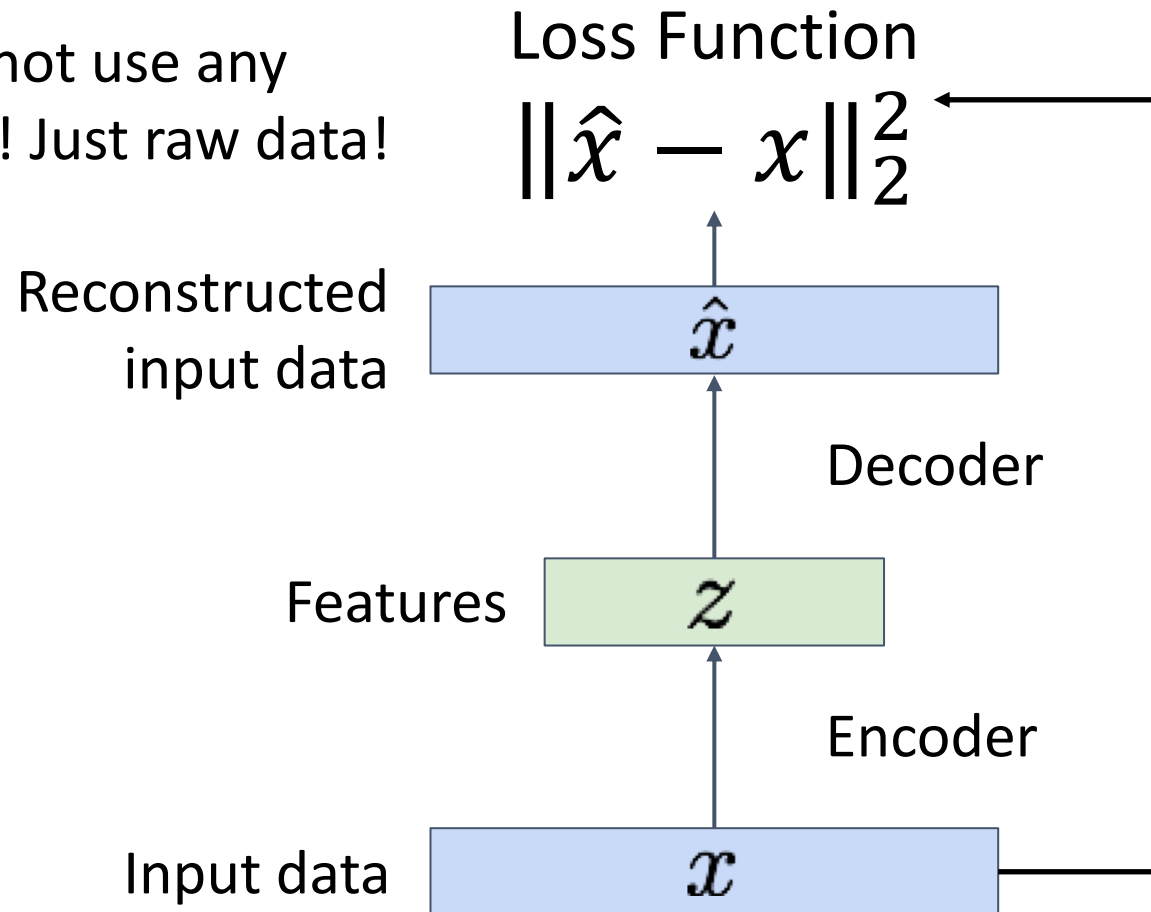
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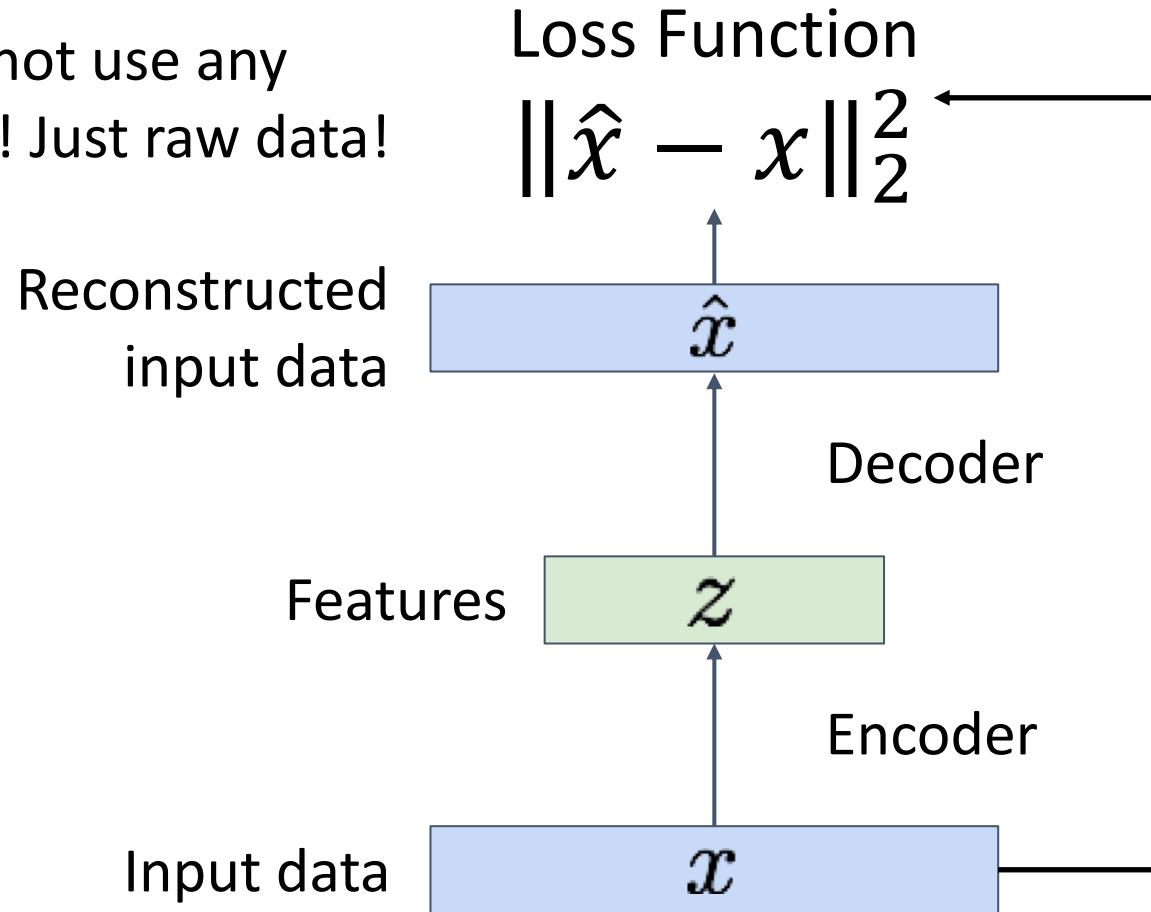


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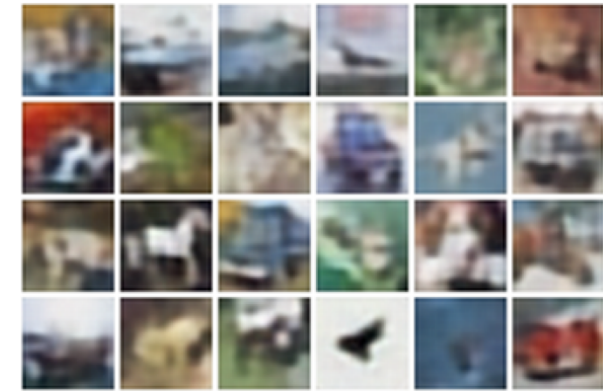
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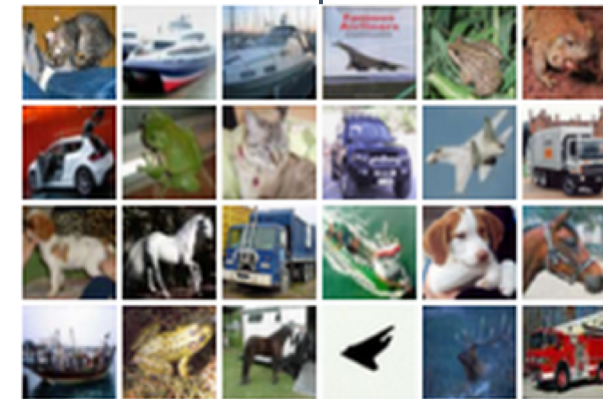
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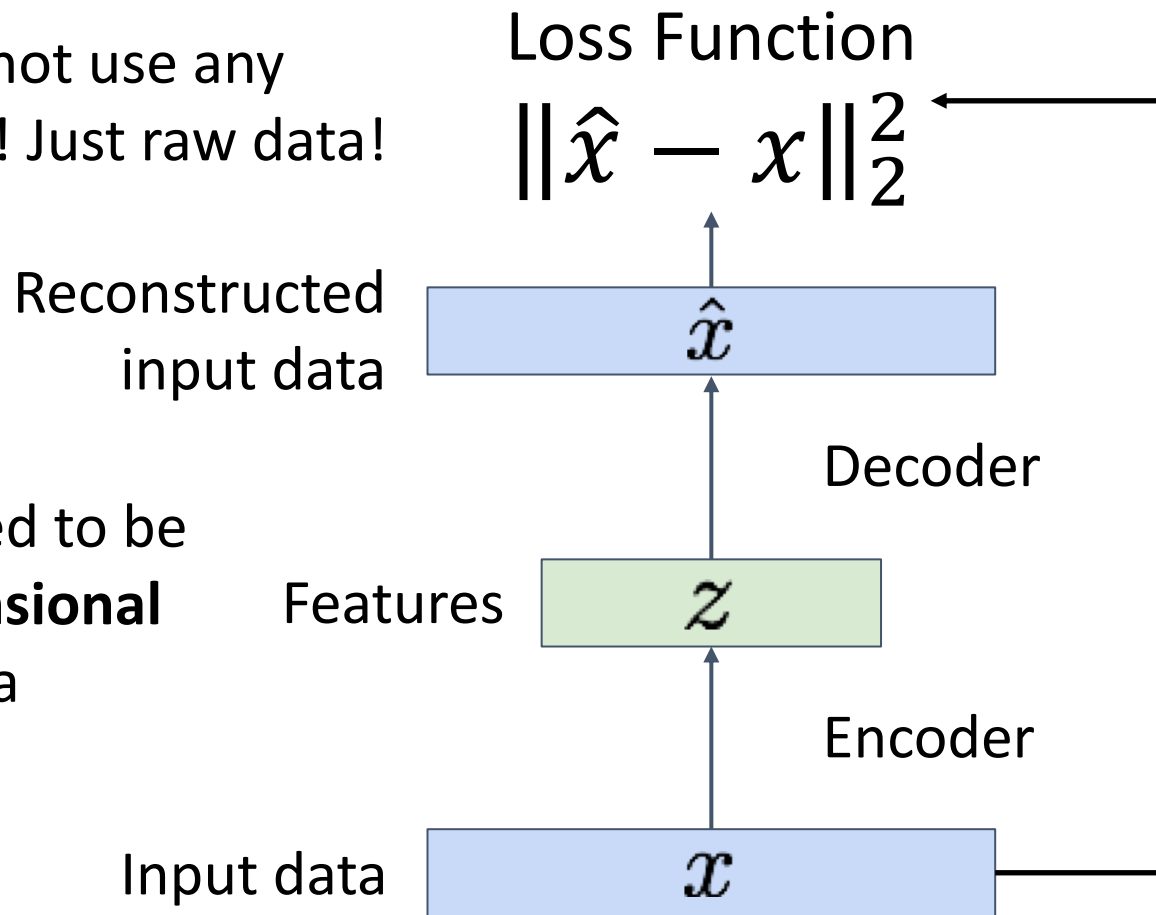


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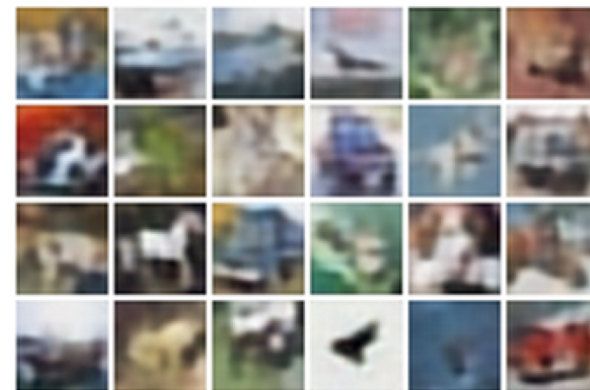
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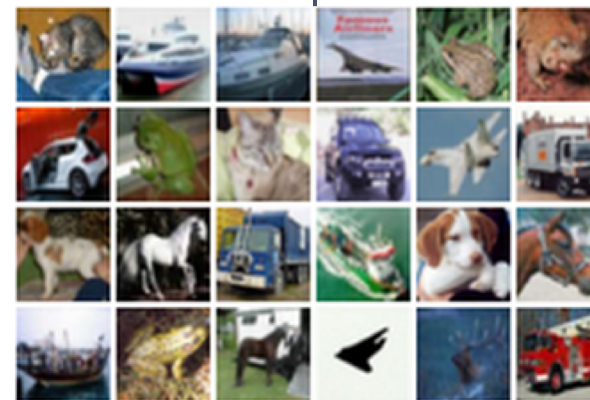


Features need to be **lower dimensional** than the data

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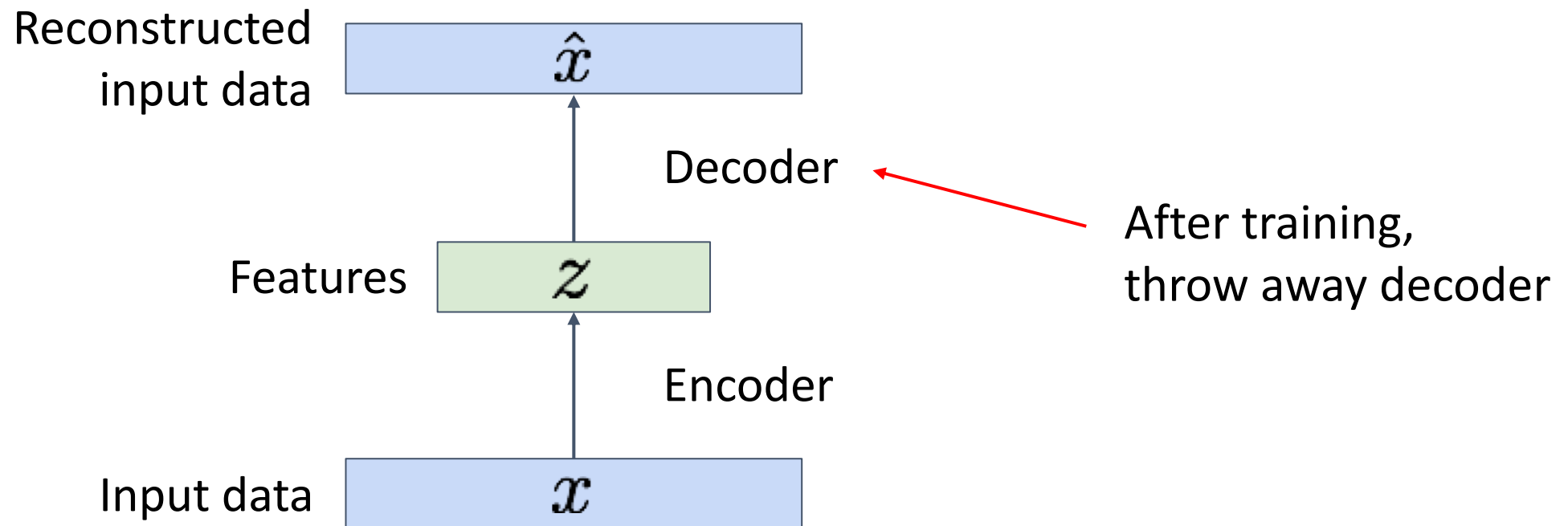
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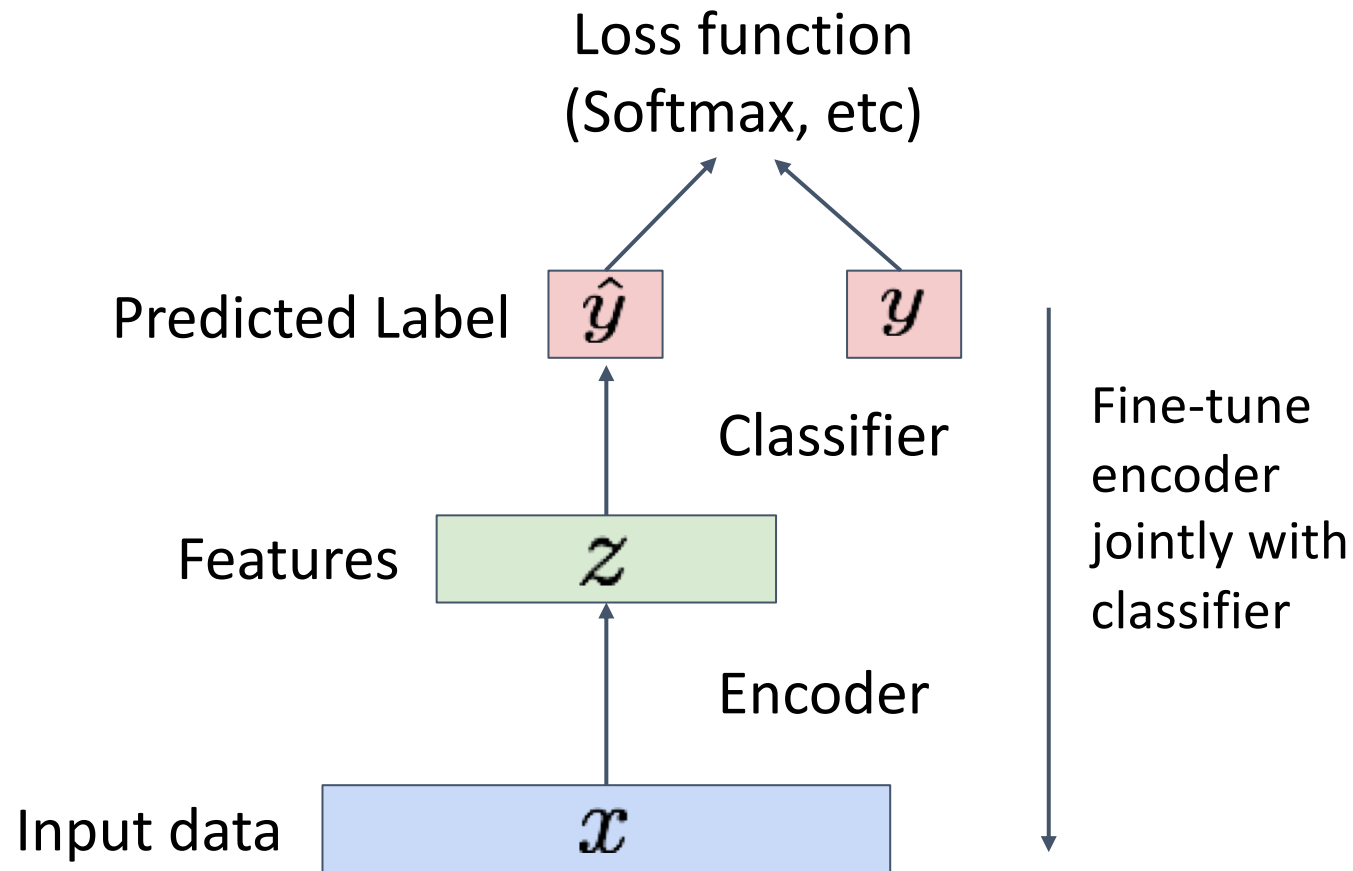
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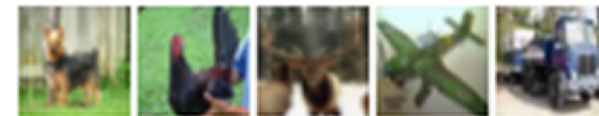
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dog deer truck



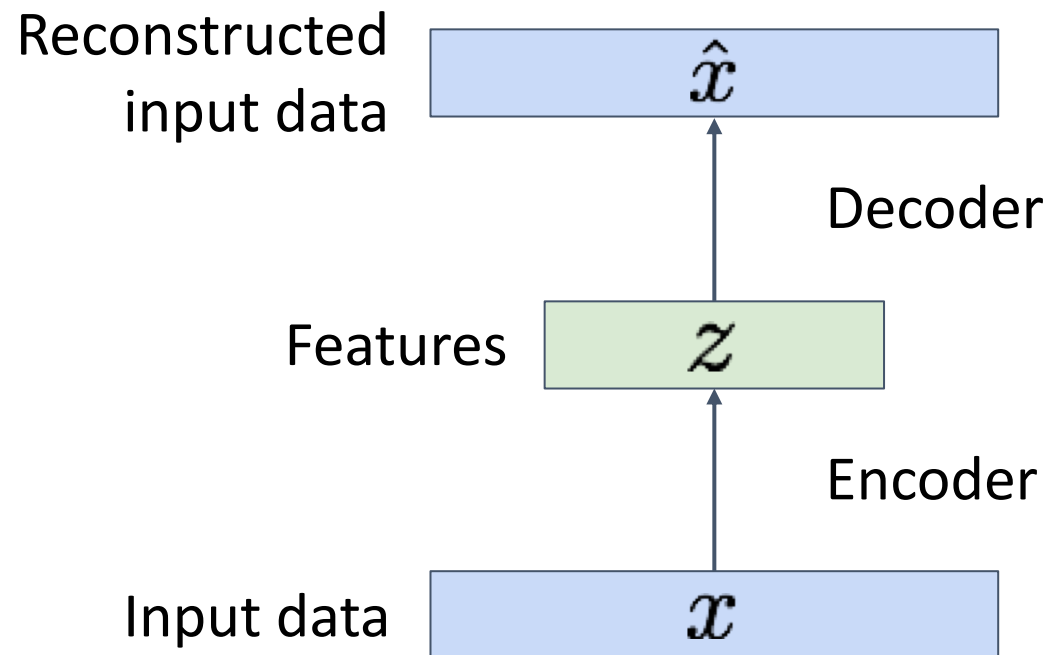
Train for final task  
(sometimes with small data)

# (Regular, non-variational) Autoencoders

Autoencoders learn **latent features** for data without any labels!

Can use features to initialize a **supervised** model

**Not probabilistic: No way to sample new data from learned model**



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Kingma and Welling, Auto-Encoding Variational Beyes, ICLR 2014

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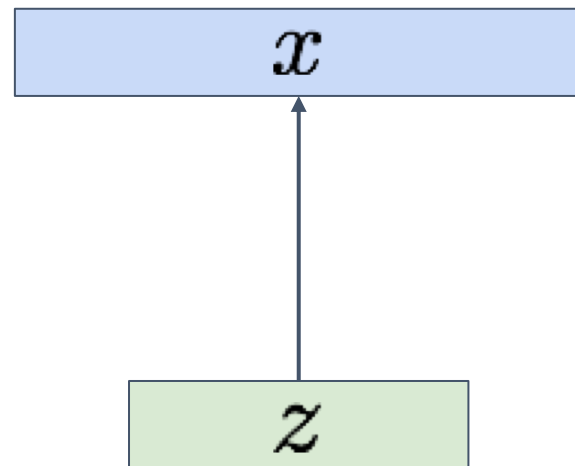
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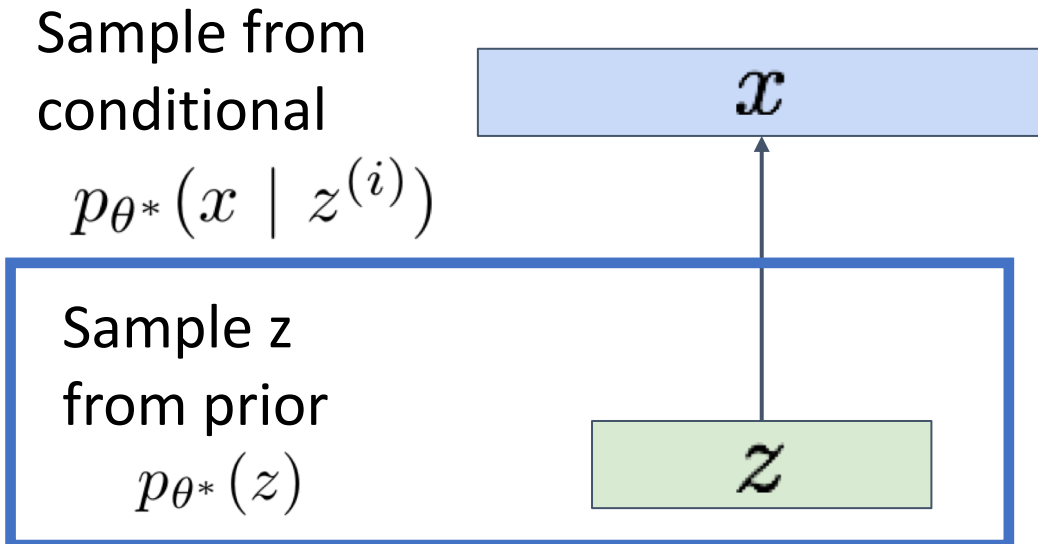
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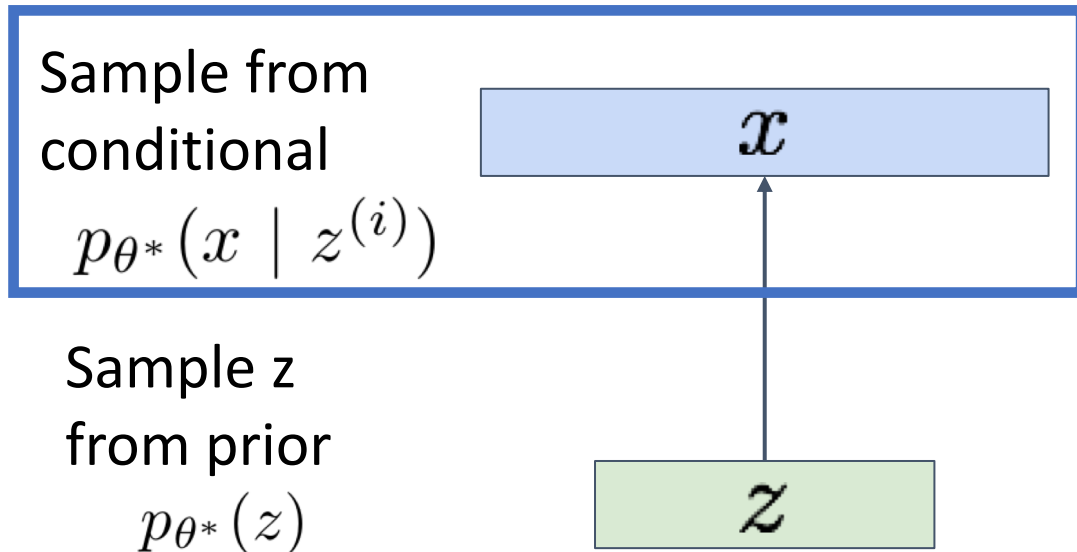
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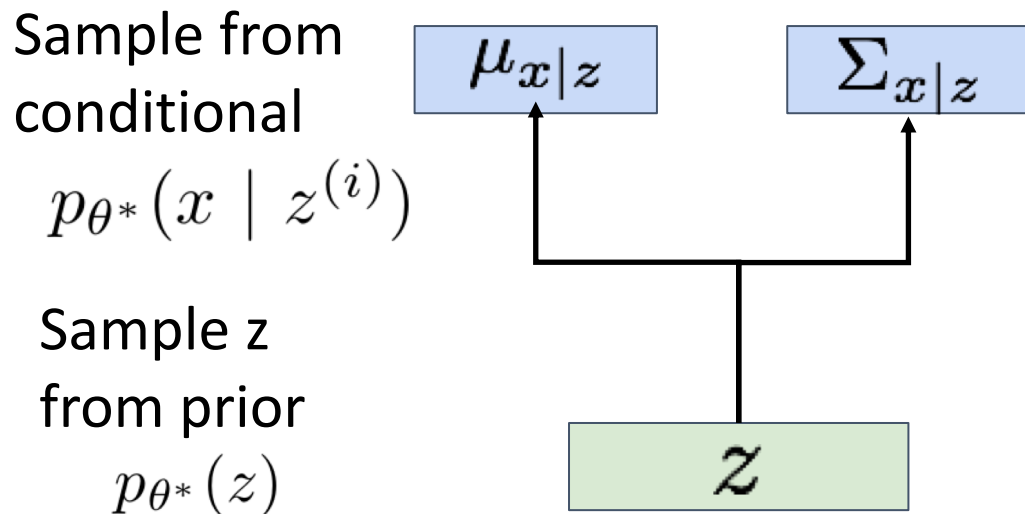
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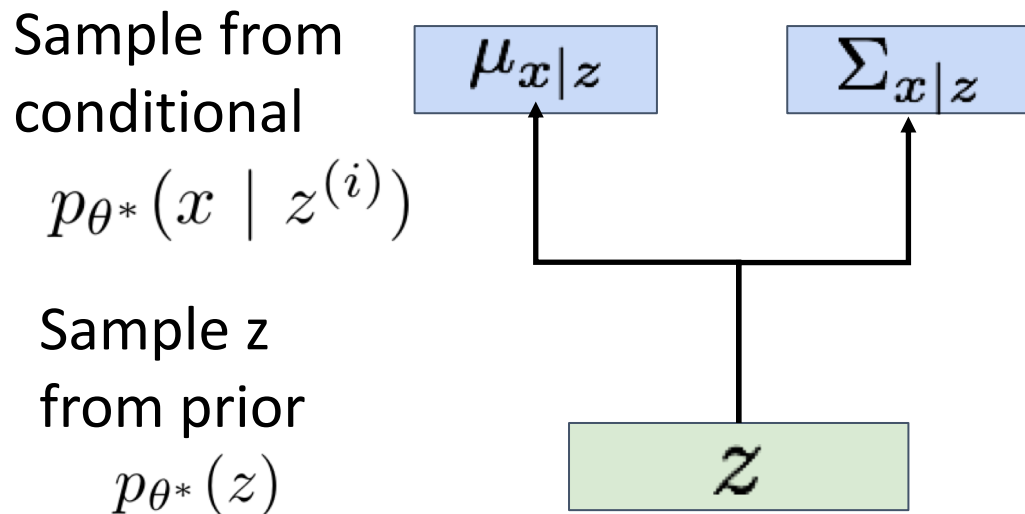
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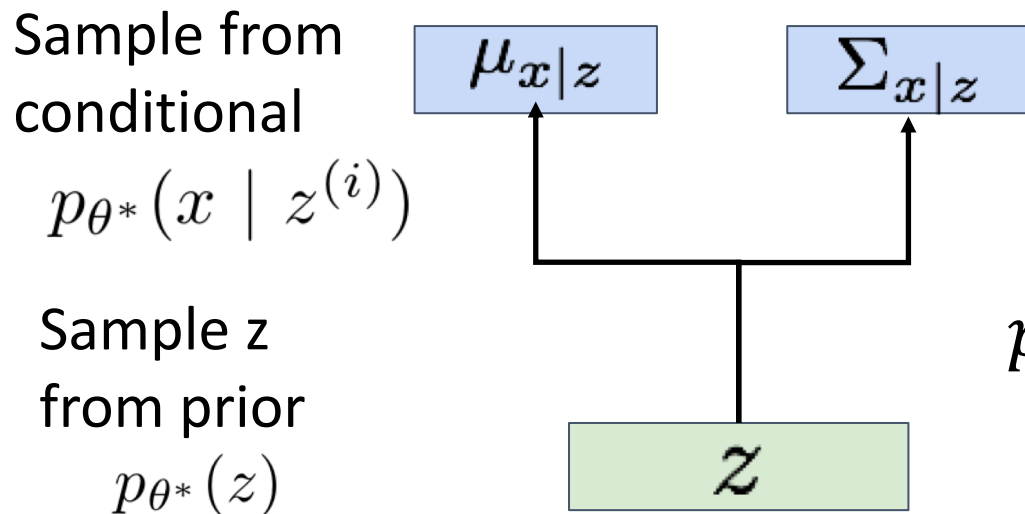
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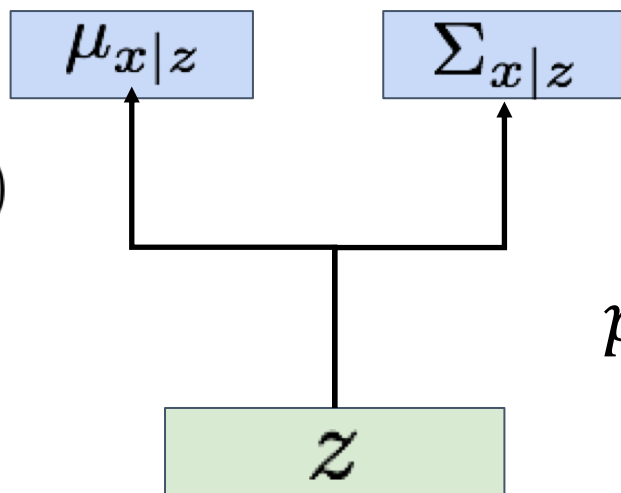
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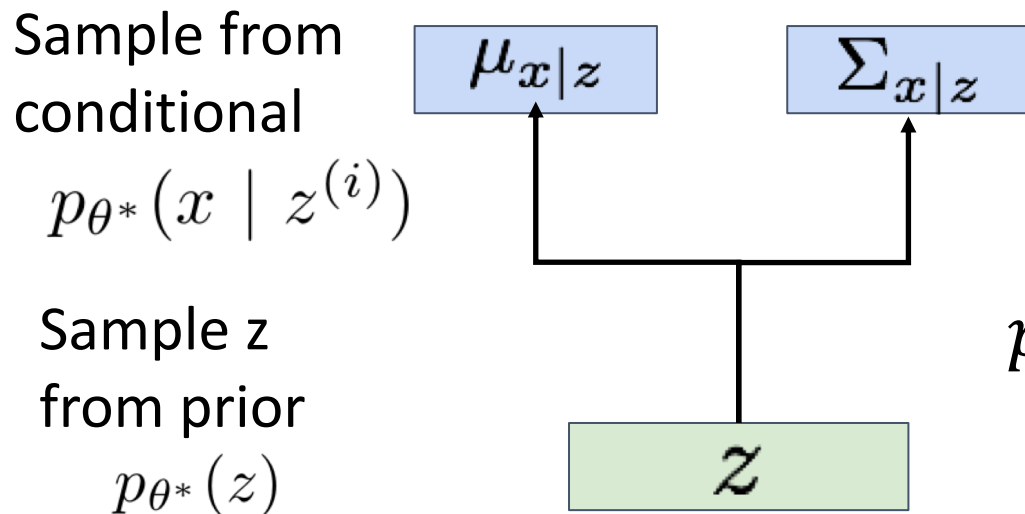
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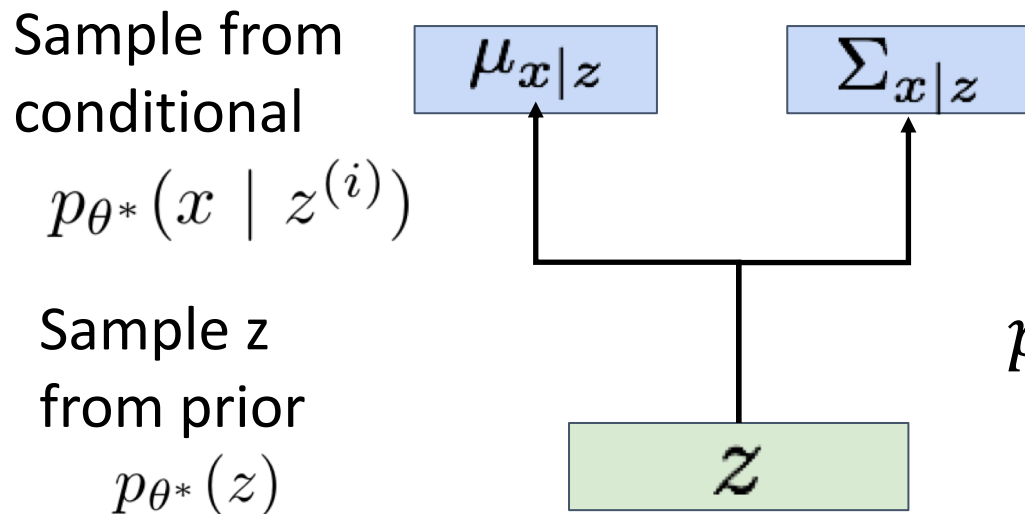
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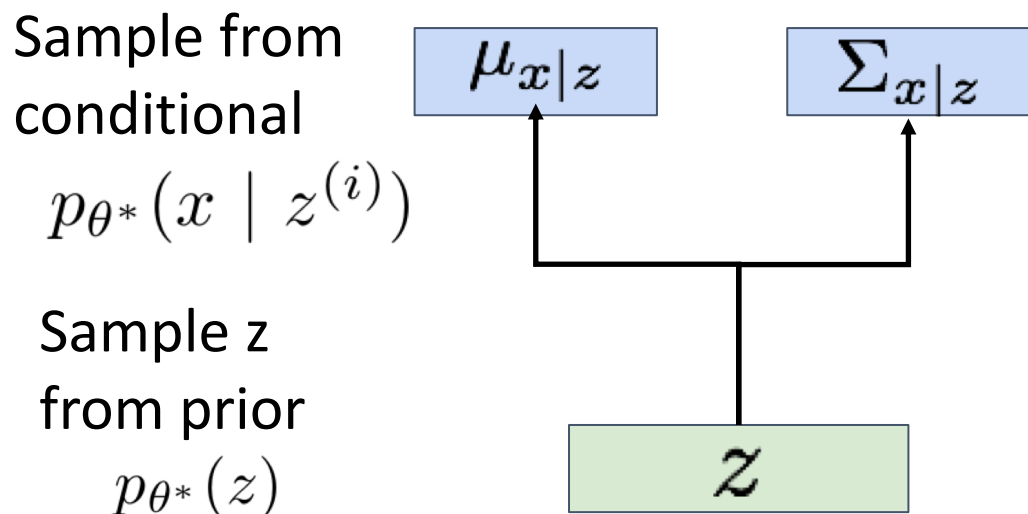
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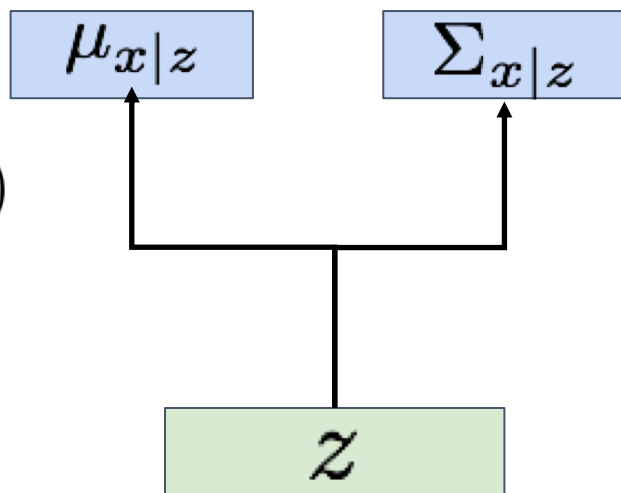
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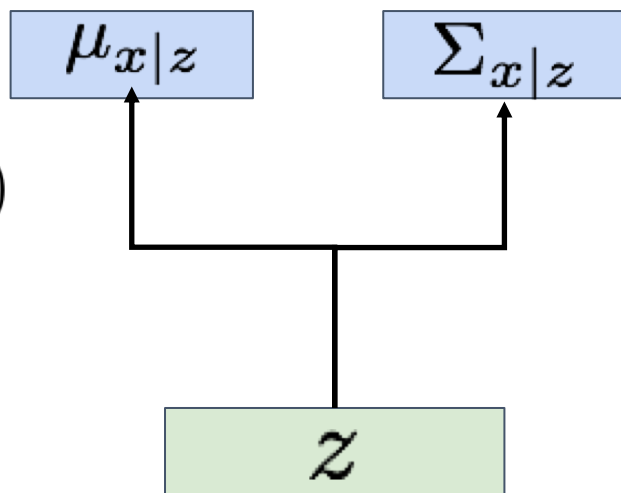
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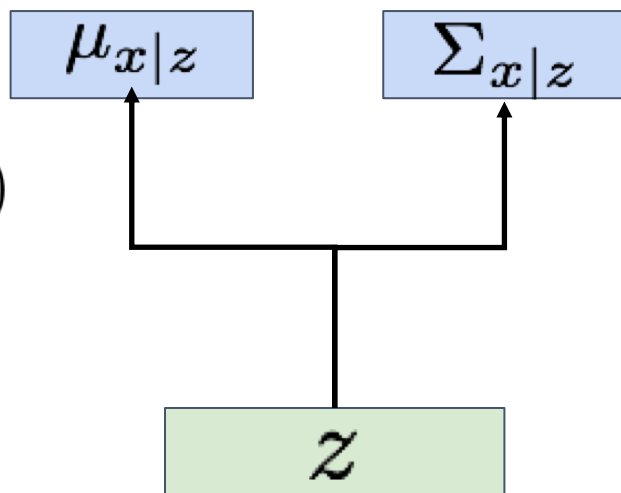
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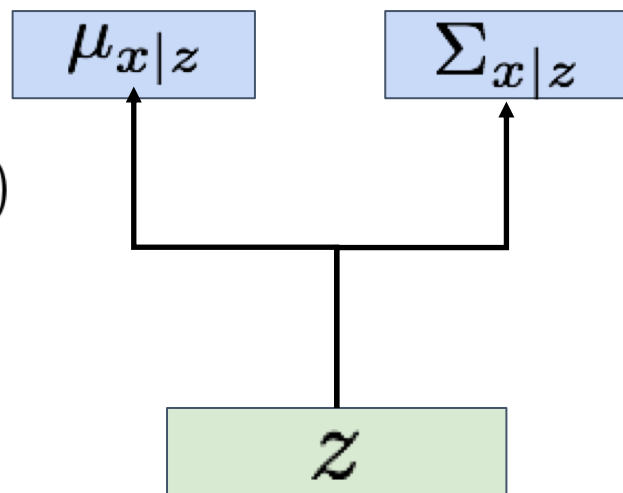
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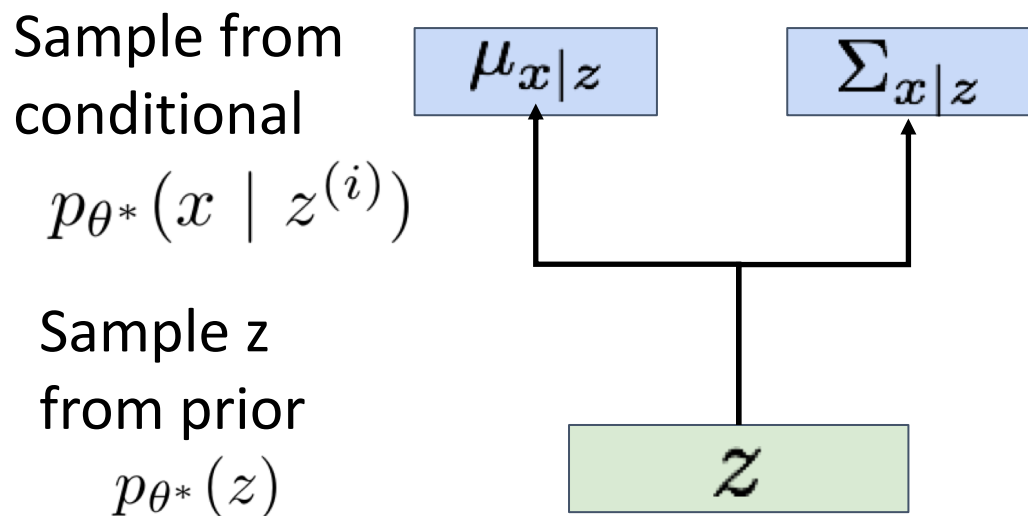


# Variational Autoencoders

Decoder must be **probabilistic**:

Decoder inputs  $z$ , outputs mean  $\mu_{x|z}$  and (diagonal) covariance  $\Sigma_{x|z}$

Sample  $x$  from Gaussian with mean  $\mu_{x|z}$  and (diagonal) covariance  $\Sigma_{x|z}$



Recall  $p(x, z) = p(x | z)p(z) = p(z | x)p(x)$

Assume training data  $\{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$  is generated from unobserved (latent) representation  $z$

How to train this model?

Basic idea: **maximize likelihood of data**

Another idea: Try Bayes' Rule:

$$p_{\theta}(x) = \frac{p_{\theta}(x | z)p_{\theta}(z)}{p_{\theta}(z | x)} \approx \frac{p_{\theta}(x | z)p_{\theta}(z)}{q_{\phi}(z | x)}$$

Use **encoder** to compute  $q_{\phi}(z | x) \approx p_{\theta}(z | x)$



# Variational Autoencoders

**Decoder network** inputs latent code  $z$ , gives distribution over data  $x$

**Encoder network** inputs data  $x$ , gives distribution over latent codes  $z$

If we can ensure that  $q_\phi(z | x) \approx p_\theta(z | x)$ ,

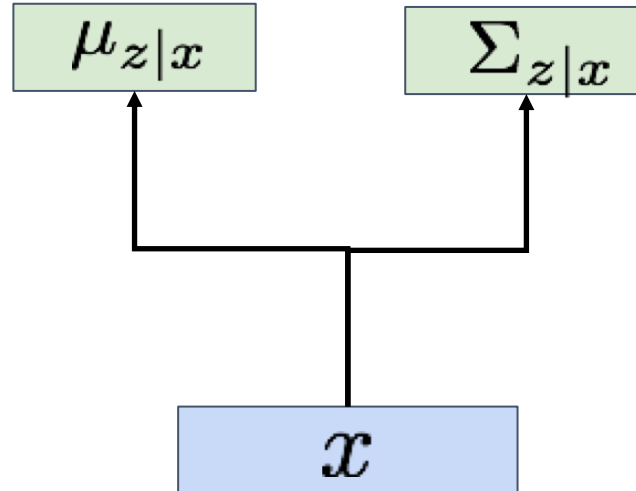
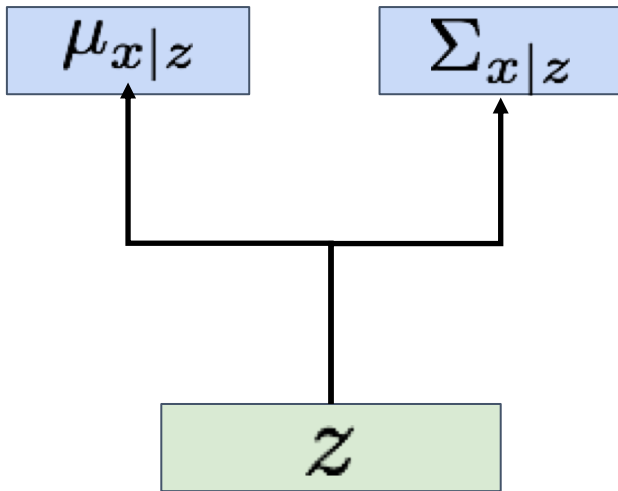
then we can approximate

$$p_\theta(x) \approx \frac{p_\theta(x | z)p(z)}{q_\phi(z | x)}$$

**Idea:** Jointly train both encoder and decoder

$$p_\theta(x | z) = N(\mu_{x|z}, \Sigma_{x|z})$$

$$q_\phi(z | x) = N(\mu_{z|x}, \Sigma_{z|x})$$



# Variational Autoencoders

$$\log p_{\theta}(x) = \log \frac{p_{\theta}(x | z)p(z)}{p_{\theta}(z | x)}$$

Bayes' Rule

# Variational Autoencoders

$$\log p_{\theta}(x) = \log \frac{p_{\theta}(x|z)p(z)}{p_{\theta}(z|x)} = \log \frac{p_{\theta}(x|z)p(z)q_{\phi}(z|x)}{p_{\theta}(z|x)q_{\phi}(z|x)}$$

Multiply top and bottom by  $q_{\phi}(z|x)$

# Variational Autoencoders

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Split up using rules for logarithms

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$$\log p_{\theta}(x) = E_{z \sim q_{\phi}(z|x)} [\log p_{\theta}(x)]$$

We can wrap in an expectation since it doesn't depend on  $z$

# Variational Autoencoders

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$$= E_{z \sim q_{\phi}(z|x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x|z)] - D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(z|x), p(z)) + D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(z|x), p_{\theta}(z|x))$$

Data reconstruction



# Variational Autoencoders

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KL divergence between prior, and samples from the encoder network

# Variational Autoencoders

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KL divergence between encoder  
and posterior of decoder

# Variational Autoencoders

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KL is  $\geq 0$ , so dropping this term gives a **lower bound** on the data likelihood:

# Variational Autoencoders

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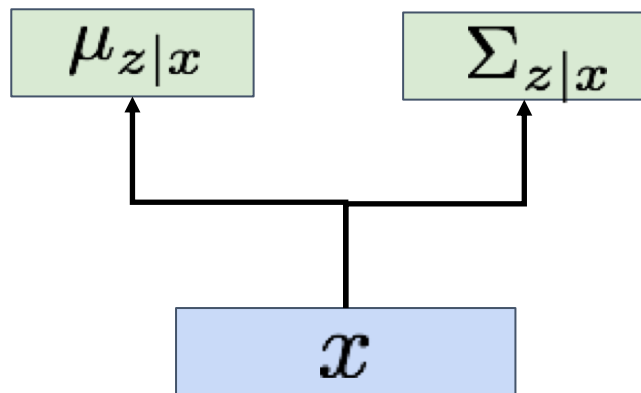
# Variational Autoencoders

Jointly train **encoder**  $q$  and **decoder**  $p$  to maximize the **variational lower bound** on the data likelihood

$$\log p_{\theta}(x) \geq E_{z \sim q_{\phi}(z|x)} [\log p_{\theta}(x|z)] - D_{KL} \left( q_{\phi}(z|x), p(z) \right)$$

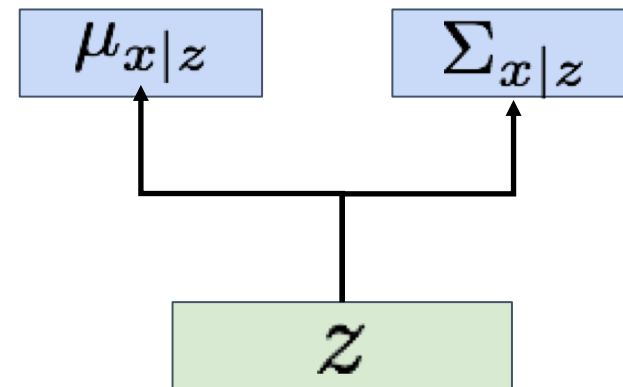
**Encoder Network**

$$q_{\phi}(z | x) = N(\mu_{z|x}, \Sigma_{z|x})$$



**Decoder Network**

$$p_{\theta}(x | z) = N(\mu_{x|z}, \Sigma_{x|z})$$



Next Time:  
Generative Models, part 2

More Variational Autoencoders,  
Generative Adversarial Networks