Self-Supervised Learning

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Review

- Last lecture on Practical Systems-Level Development Challenges:
  - Motivation
  - Data curation
  - Model maintenance
  - TAs' experiences
- Assignments (Canvas)
  - Final project outlines due in 1 week
- Questions?

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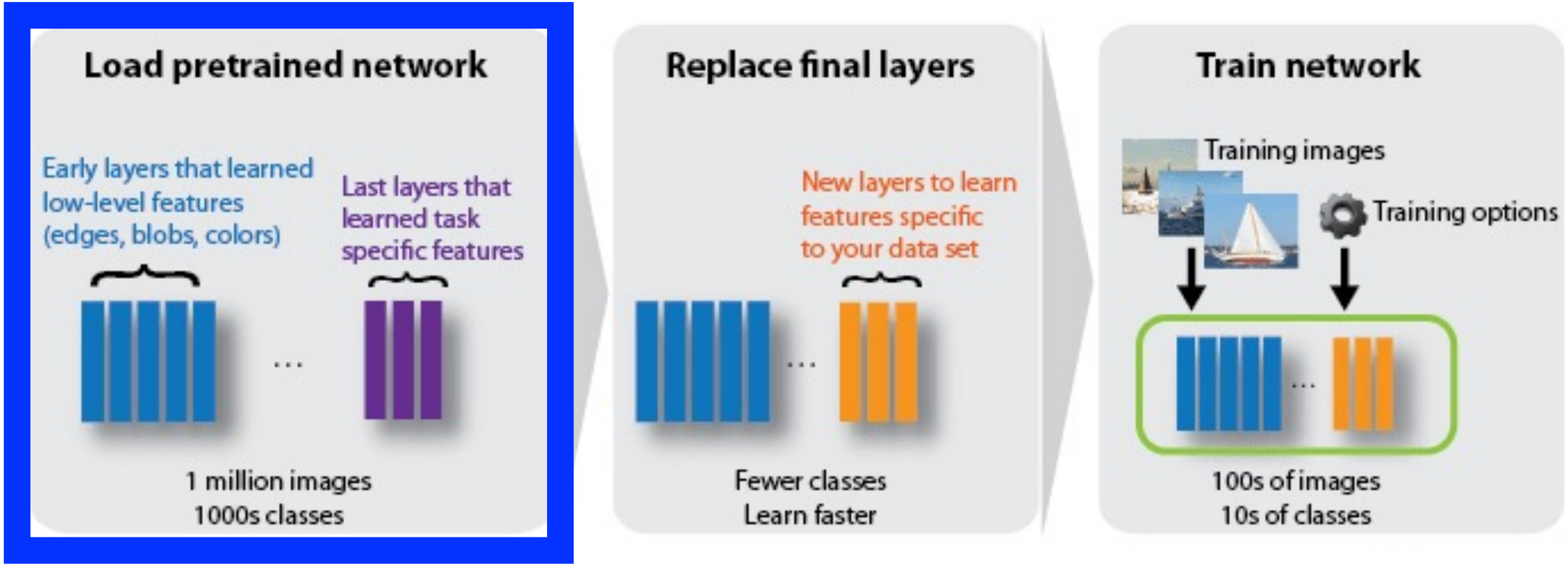
Goal: Create Generalizable Features

Key observation: features from a pretrained network can be useful for other datasets/tasks



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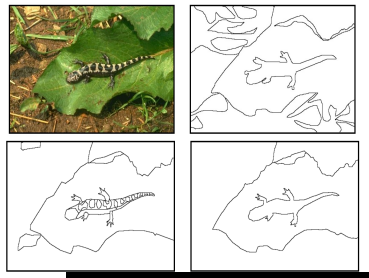
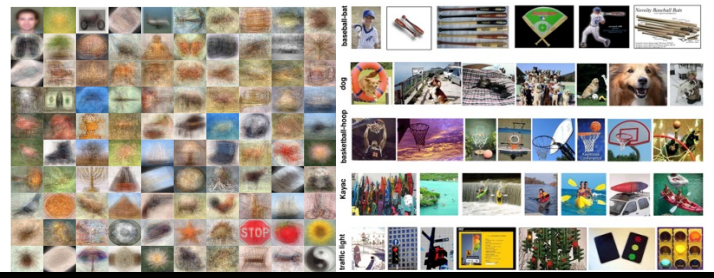
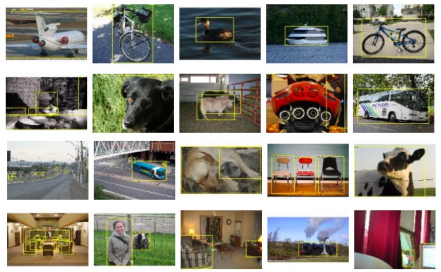
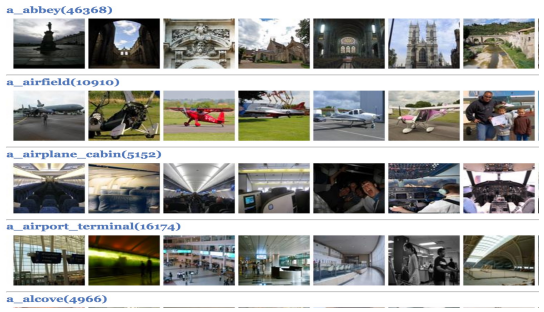
Focus: Avoid Relying on Large Labeled Datasets





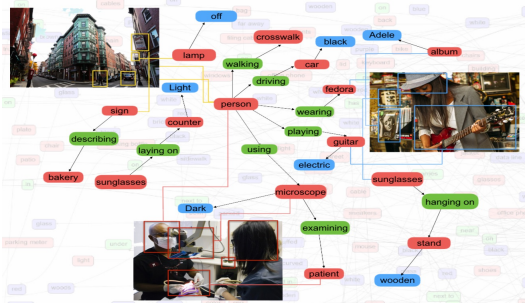


- Expensive
- Relatively Slow to Build Dataset



Places (2014)

MS COCO (2014)



Visual Genome (2016)

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Self-Supervised Learning: Data Gives Supervision

- Relatively Cheap
- Can Collect Data Fast

https://lovevery.com/community/blog/child-development/the-surprising-learning-power-of-a-household-mirror/

https://www.rockettes.com/blog/how-to-use-the-mirror-in-dance-class/

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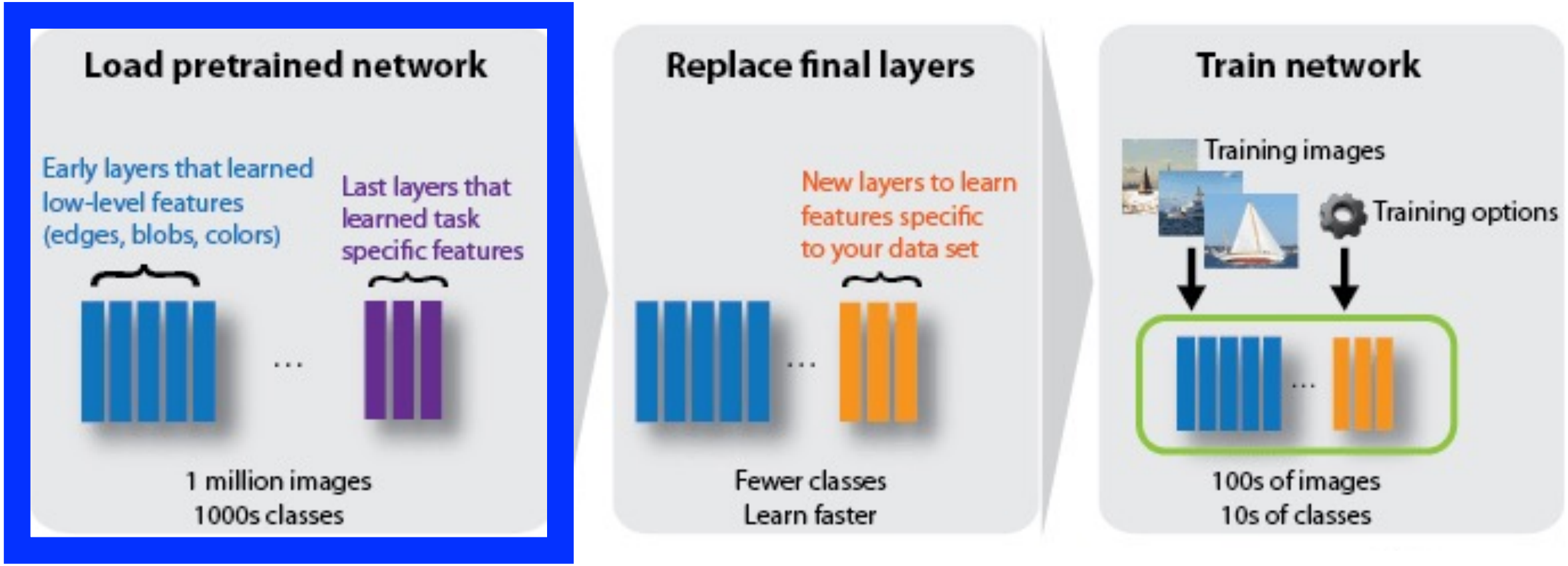
Approach: create features that are useful for other datasets/tasks



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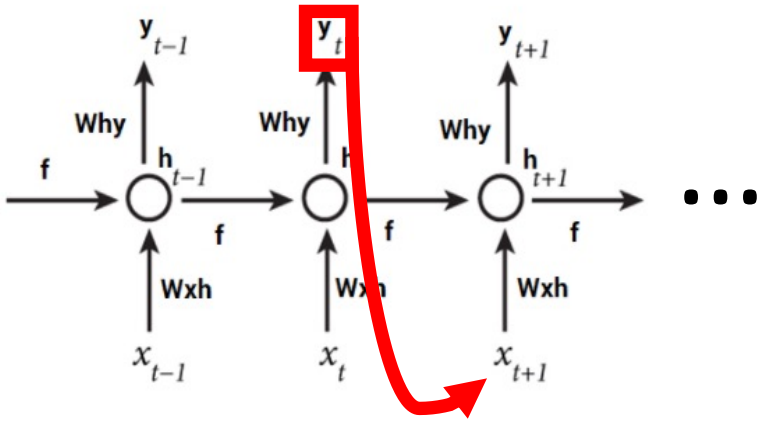
Self-Supervised Learning Methods Already Covered in This Course (Many NLP Methods)

Character prediction with RNNs



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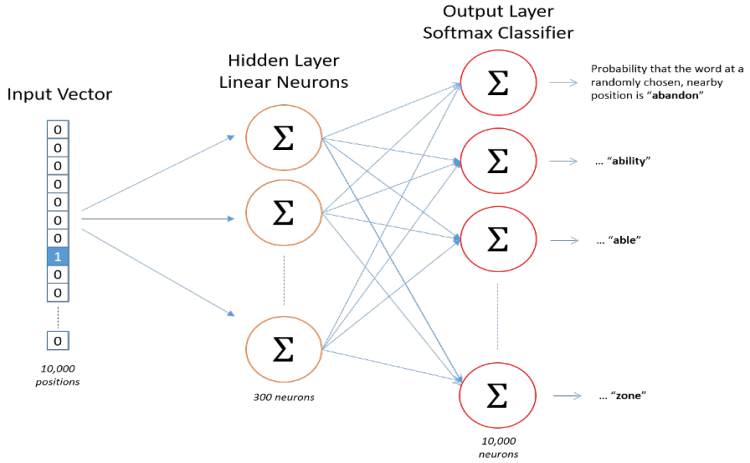
Word embeddings (e.g., word2vec; predict nearby word for given word)



https://towardsdatascience.com/word2vec-skip-gram-model-part-1-intuition-78614e4d6e0b

Transformers (e.g., BERT and LXMERT with masking)

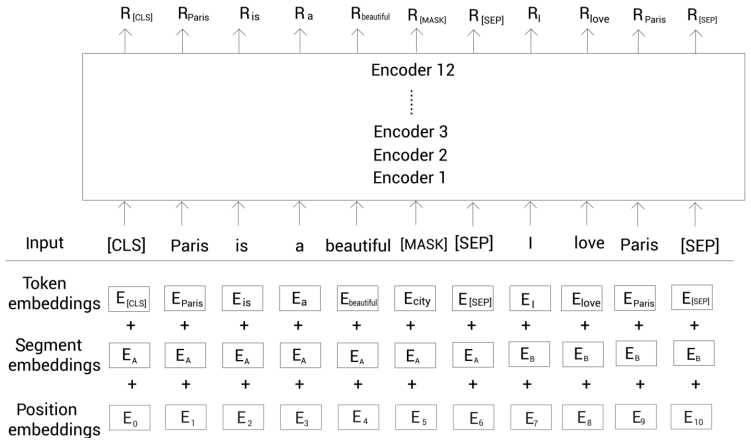


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Image Autoencoder Architecture

- Learn to copy the input to the output

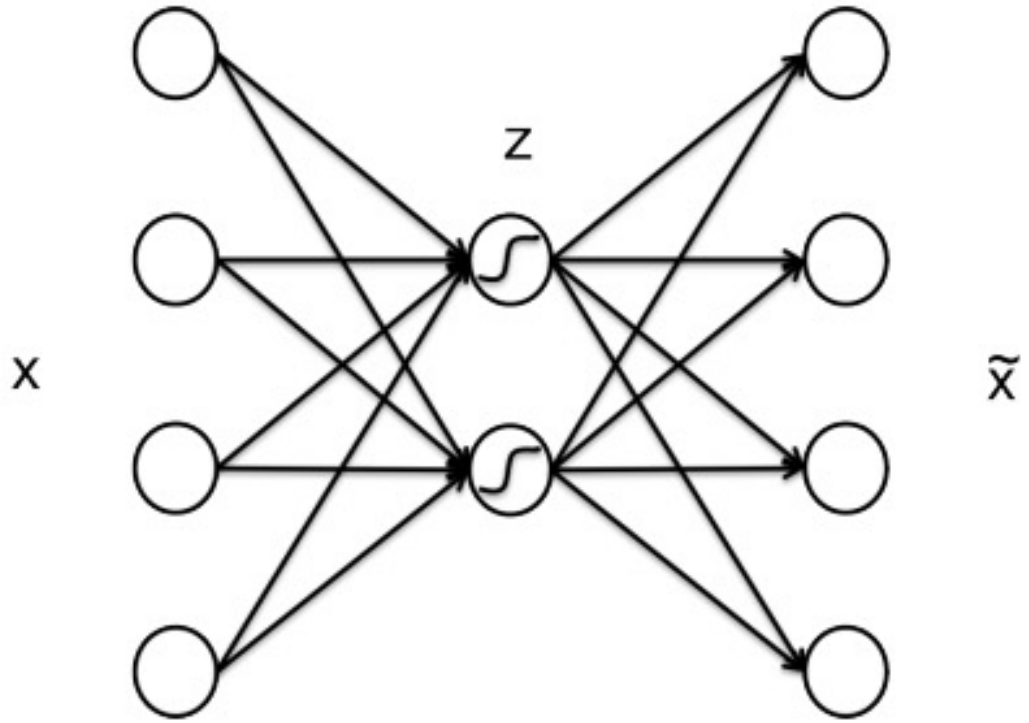

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Image Autoencoder Architecture

- Consists of two parts:
  - **Encoder**: compresses inputs to an internal representation
  - **Decoder**: tries to reconstruct the input from the internal representation

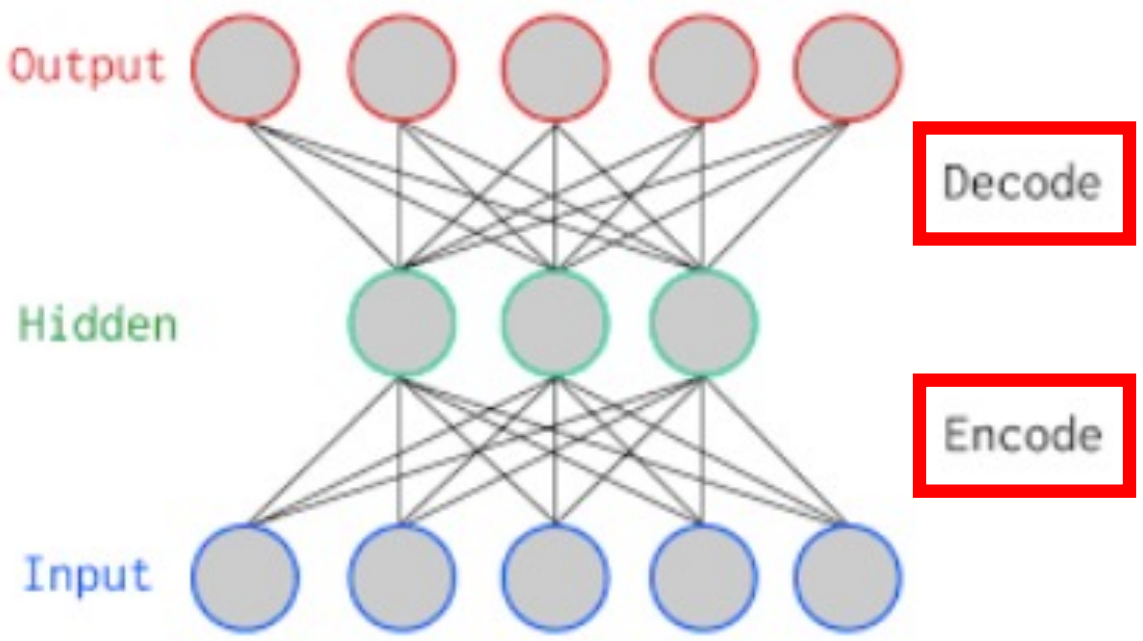

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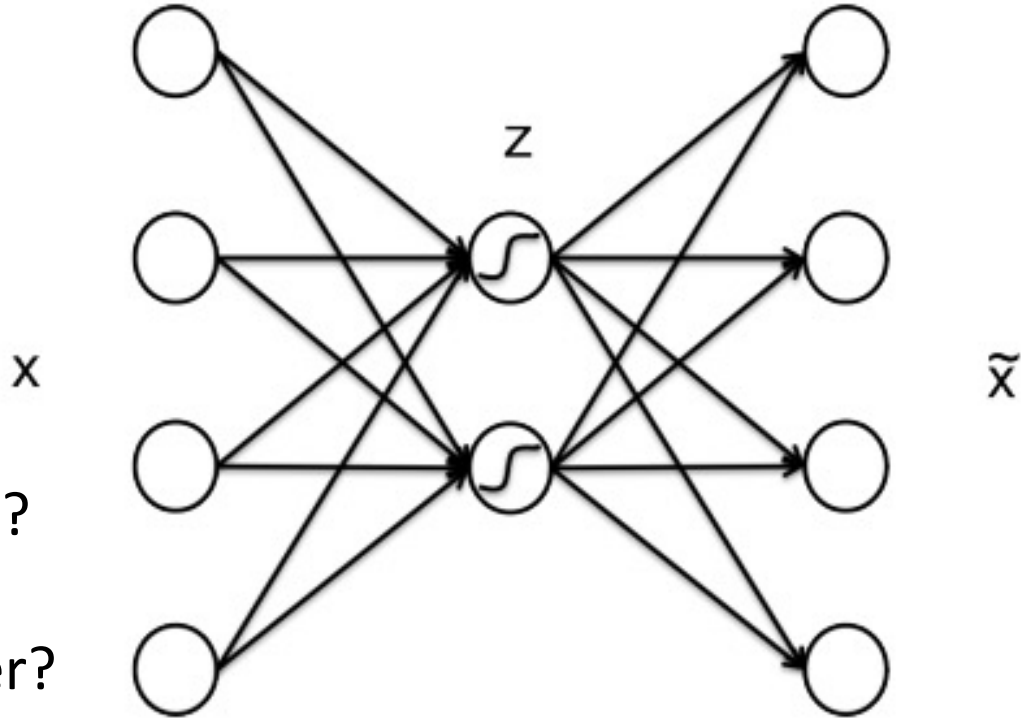
Image Autoencoder Architecture

- Given this input 620 x 426 image (264,120 pixels):



- What would a perfect autoencoder predict?
  - Itself
- What number of nodes are in the final layer?
  - 264,120

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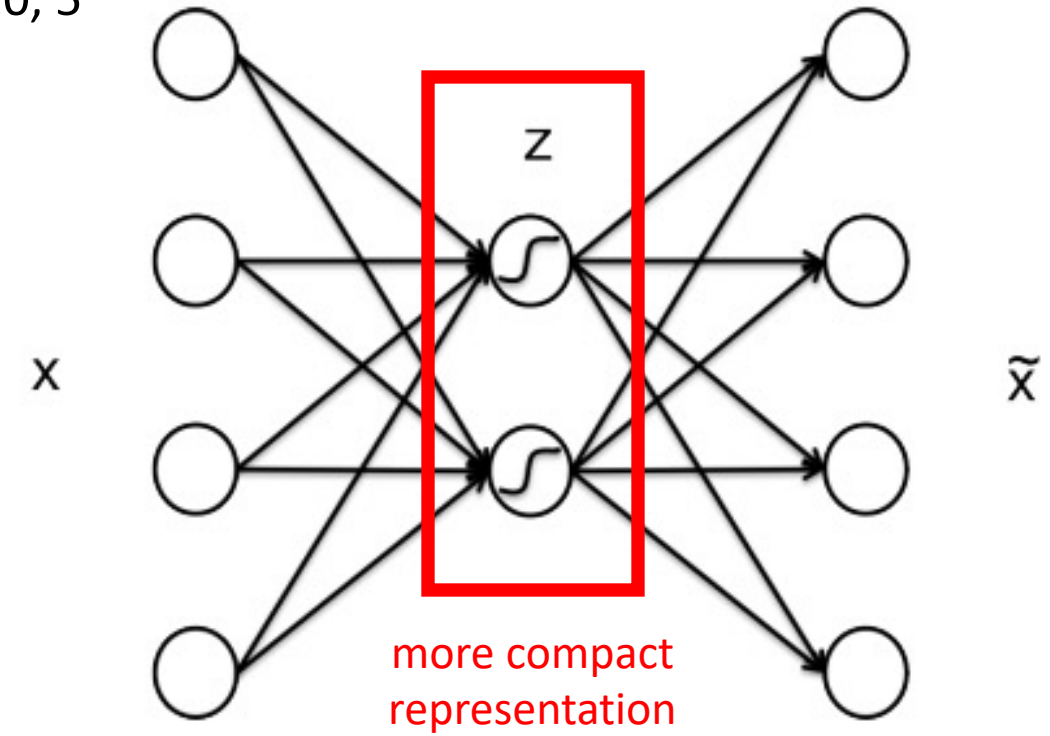
Image Autoencoders

- Intuition: which number sequence is easier to remember?
  - **A:** 30, 27, 22, 11, 6, 8, 7, 2
  - **B:** 30, 15, 46, 23, 70, 35, 106, 53, 160, 80, 40, 20, 10, 5
- **B:** need learn only two rules
  - If even, divide by 2
  - If odd, multiply by 3 and add 1



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Repeat until stopping criterion met:

1. **Forward pass**: propagate training data through network to make prediction
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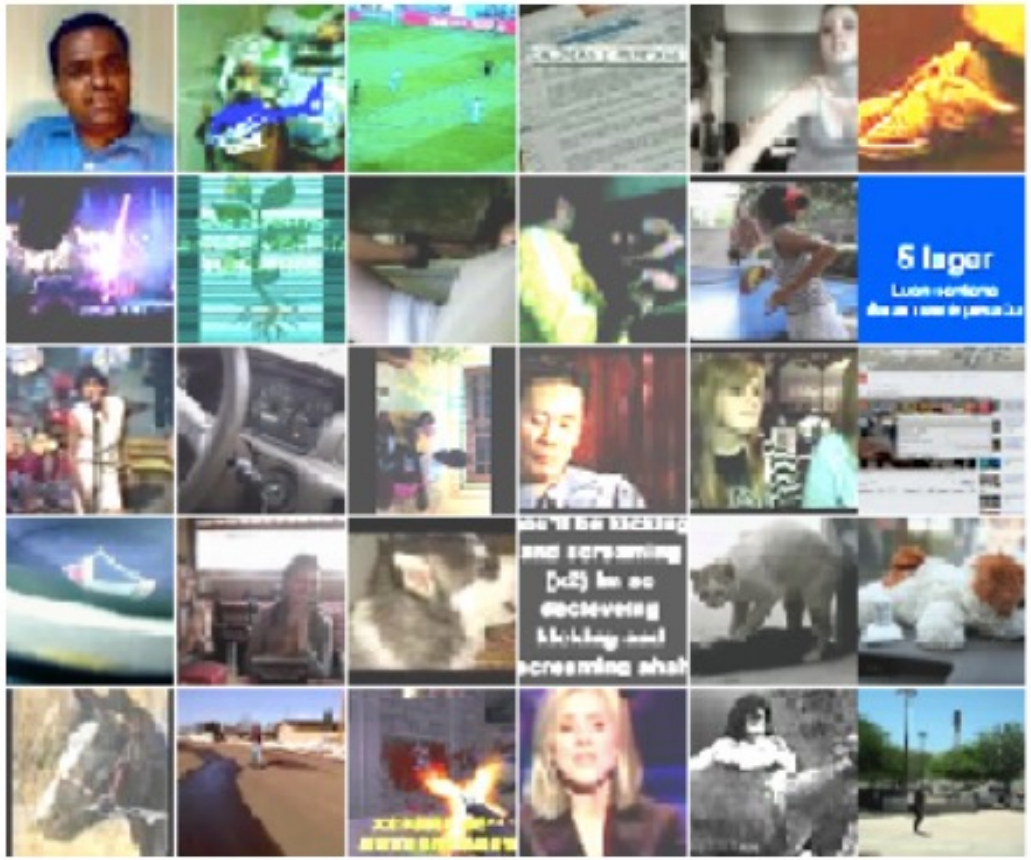
Image Autoencoder Features

- e.g., training data:
  - 1 image taken from 10 million YouTube videos
  - Each image is in color and 200x200 pixels



- What features do you think it learned?

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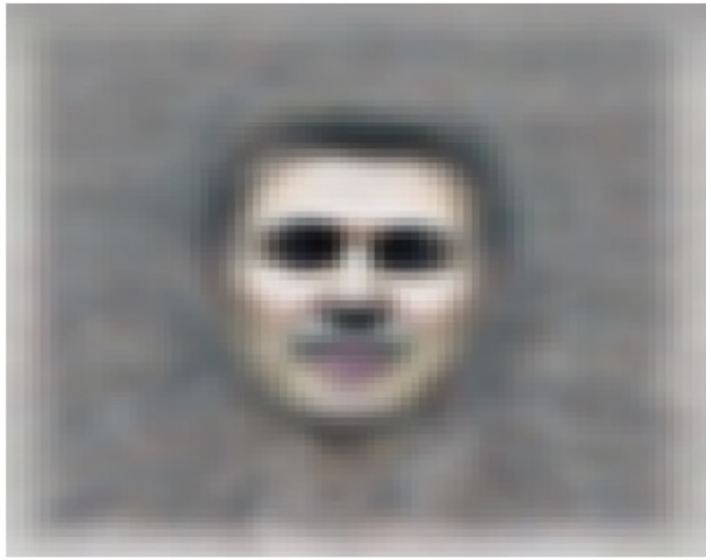
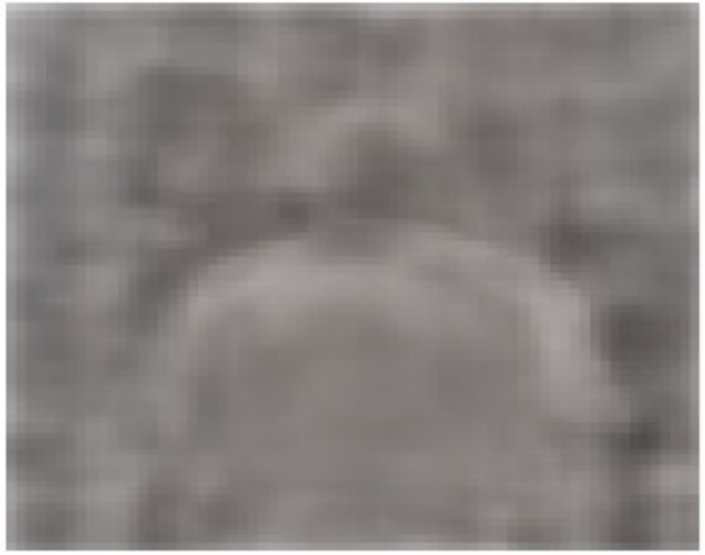
- e.g., features learned include:



human face

cat face



human body

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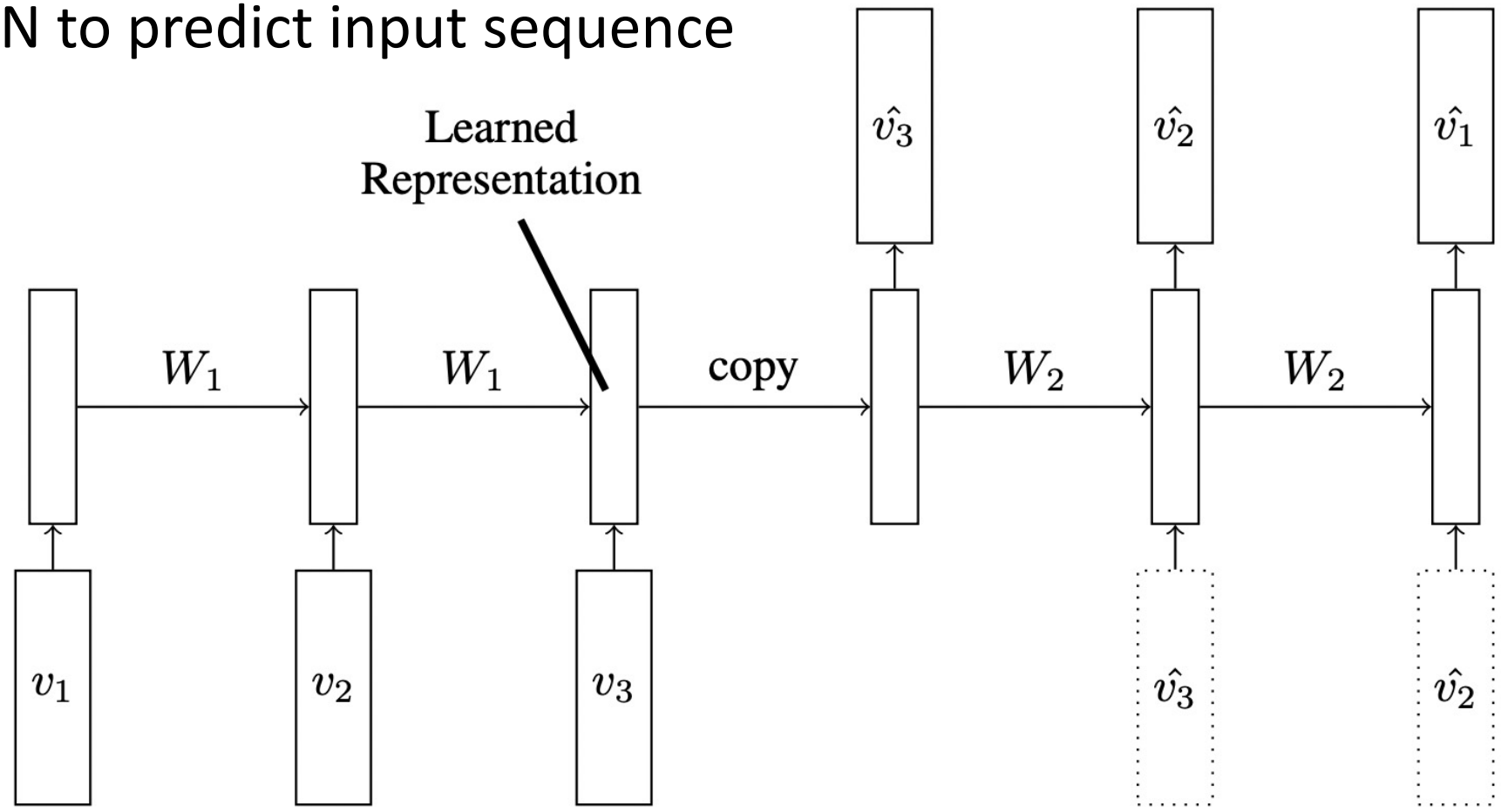
Video Autoencoder

- Train RNN to predict input sequence



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Colorization: *Plausible* Coloring Results

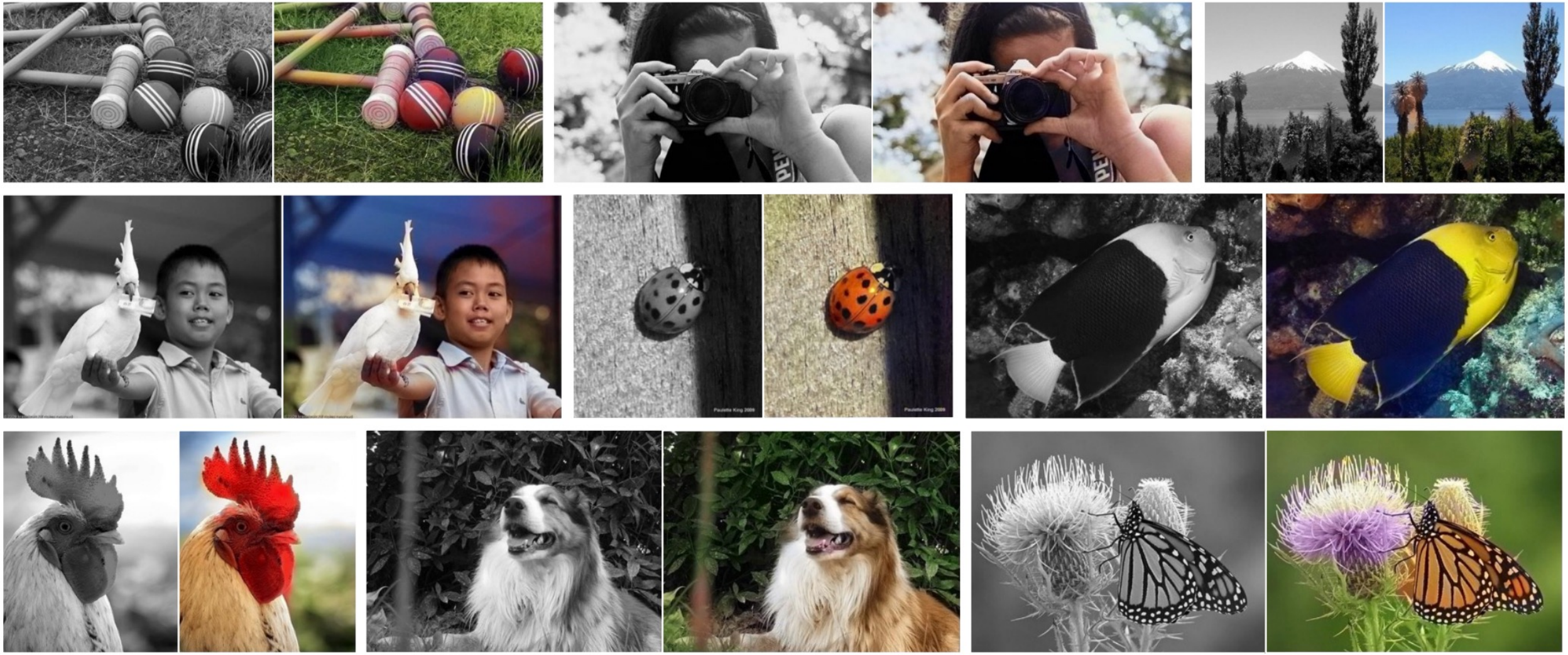

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Image Colorization Architecture

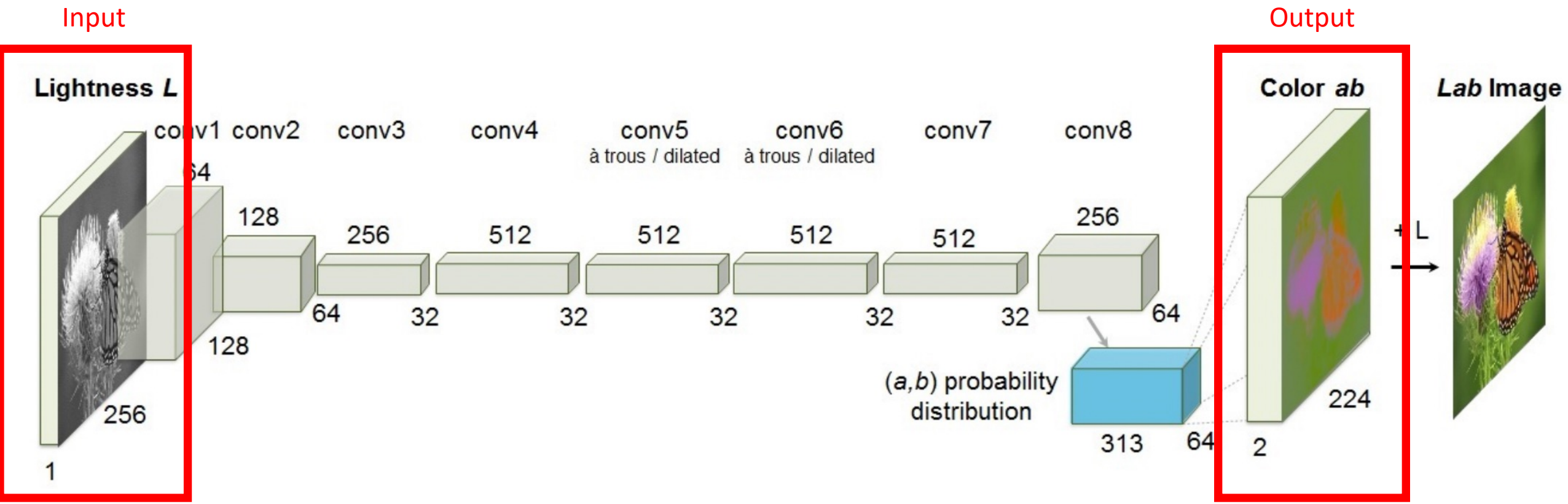

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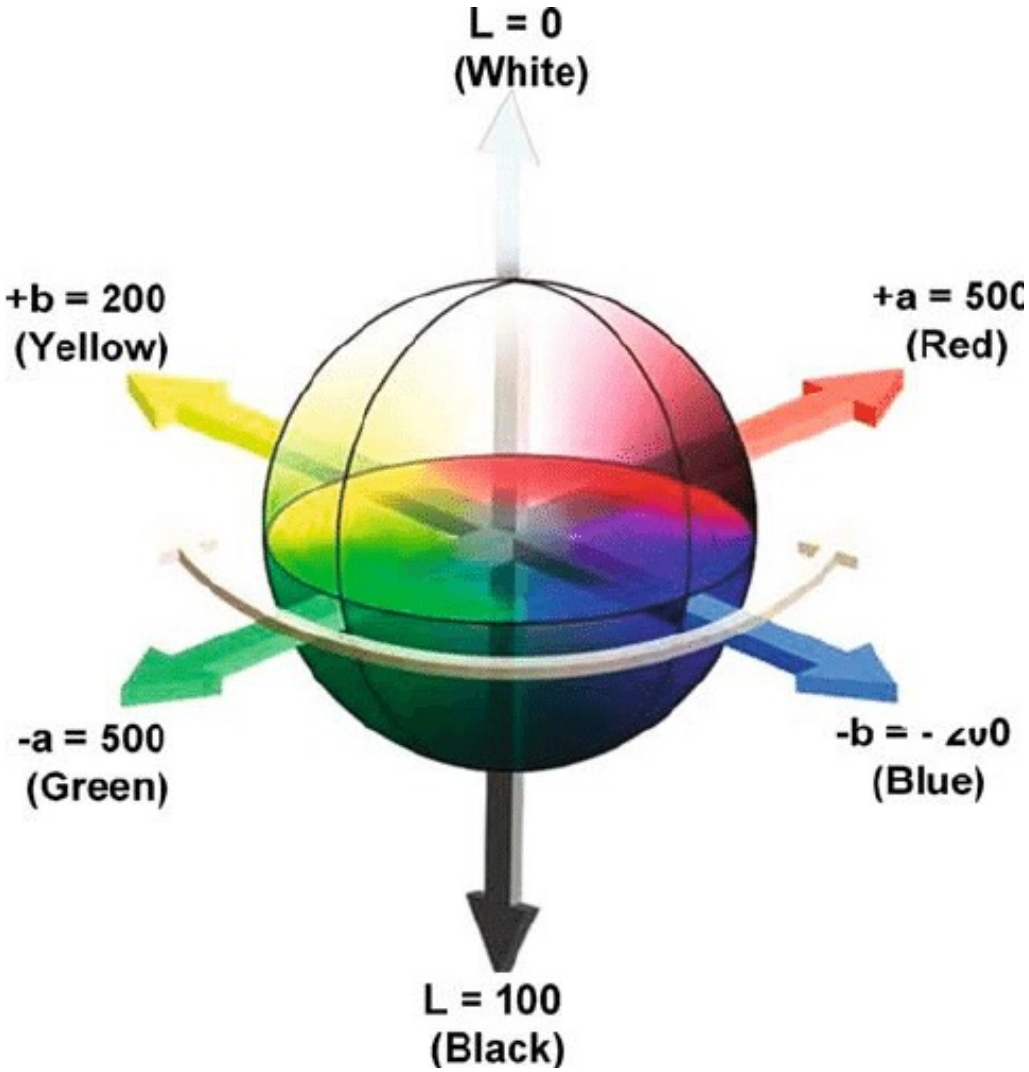
Image Colorization Architecture: CIE *Lab* Color

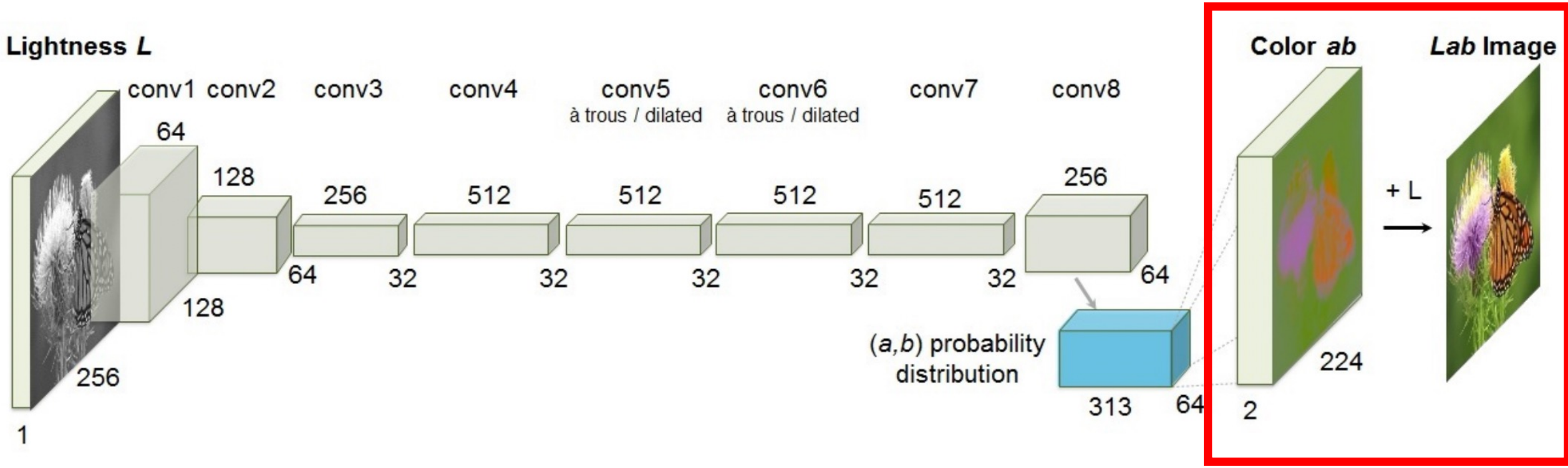


L indicates grayscale information whereas *a* and *b* represent colors

Figure source: https://www.researchgate.net/figure/The-cubical-CIE-Lab-color-space_fig3_23789543

Image Colorization Architecture

Create image by combining predicted *a* and *b* channels with the *L* channel



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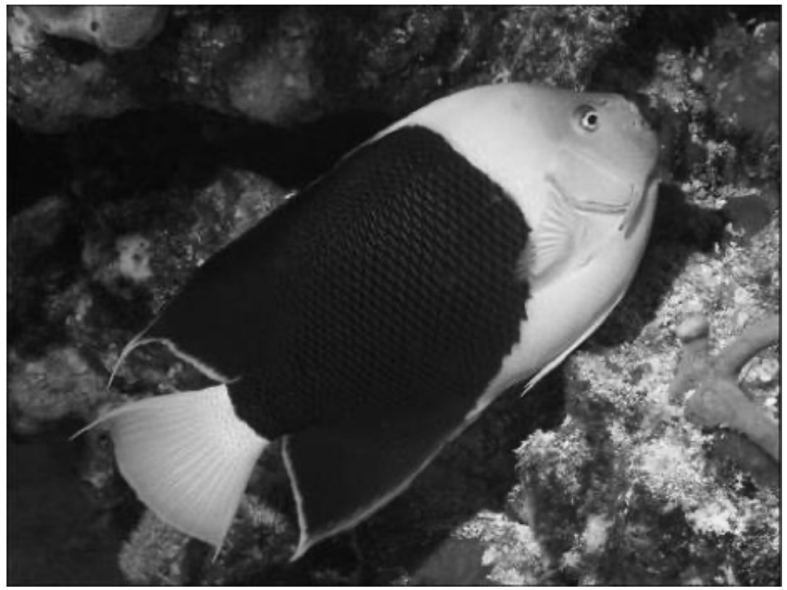

Grayscale image: *L* channel

$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 1}$

Color information: *ab* channels

$\widehat{\mathbf{Y}} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 2}$

L

ab

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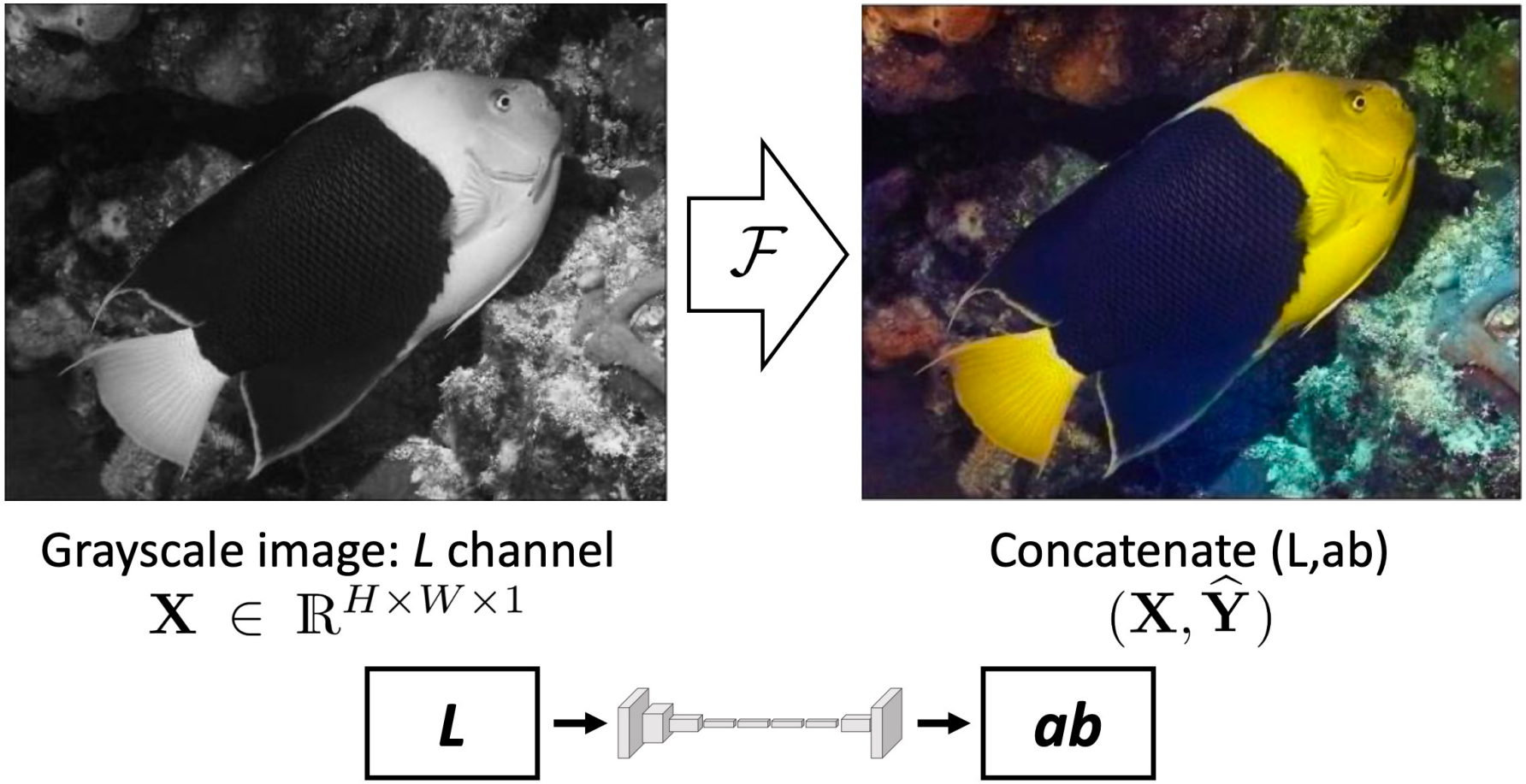

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For 1.3 million ImageNet images, repeat until stopping criterion met:

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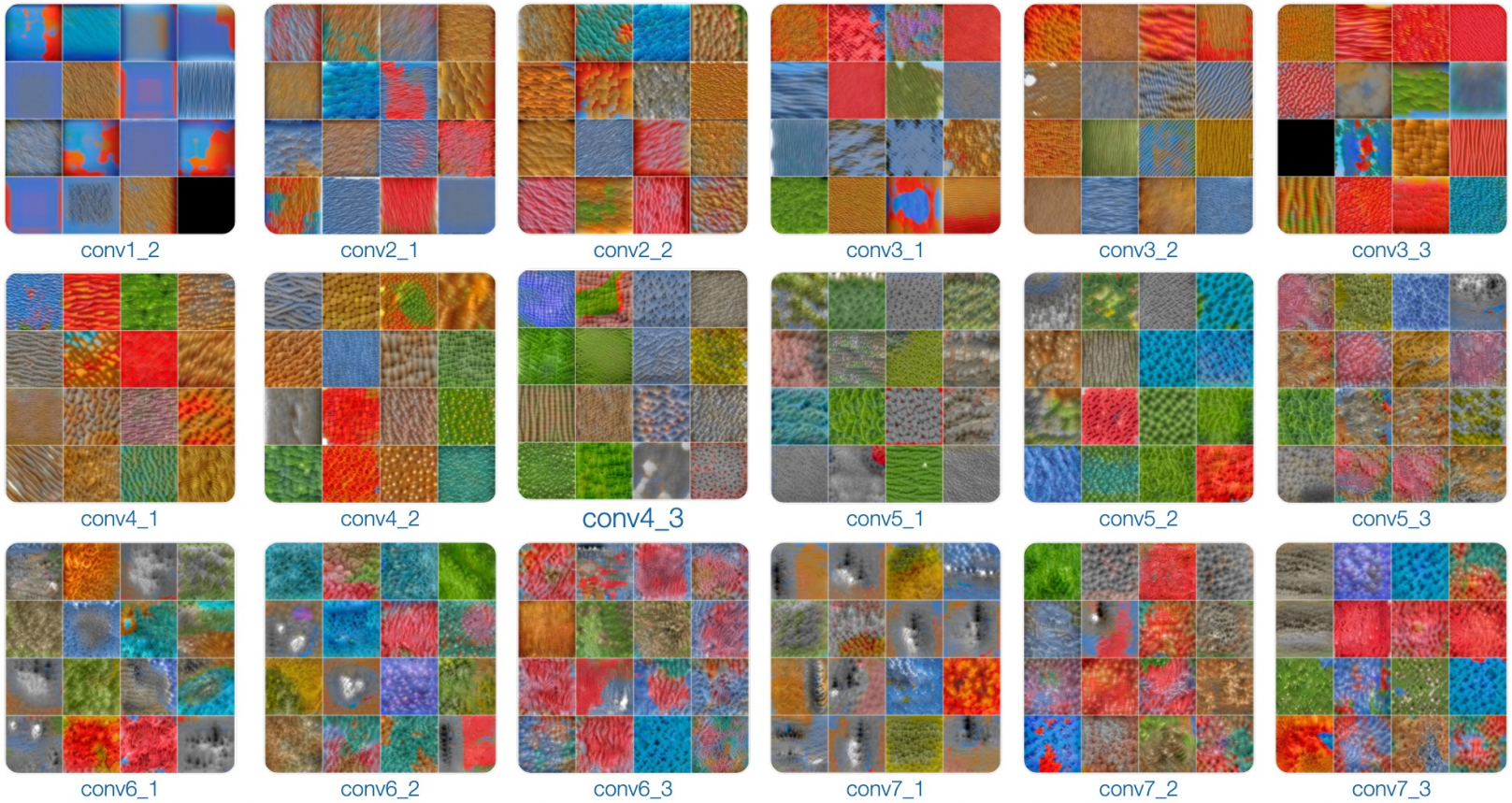
Image Colorization Features

Task requires understanding an image at the pixel and semantic-level



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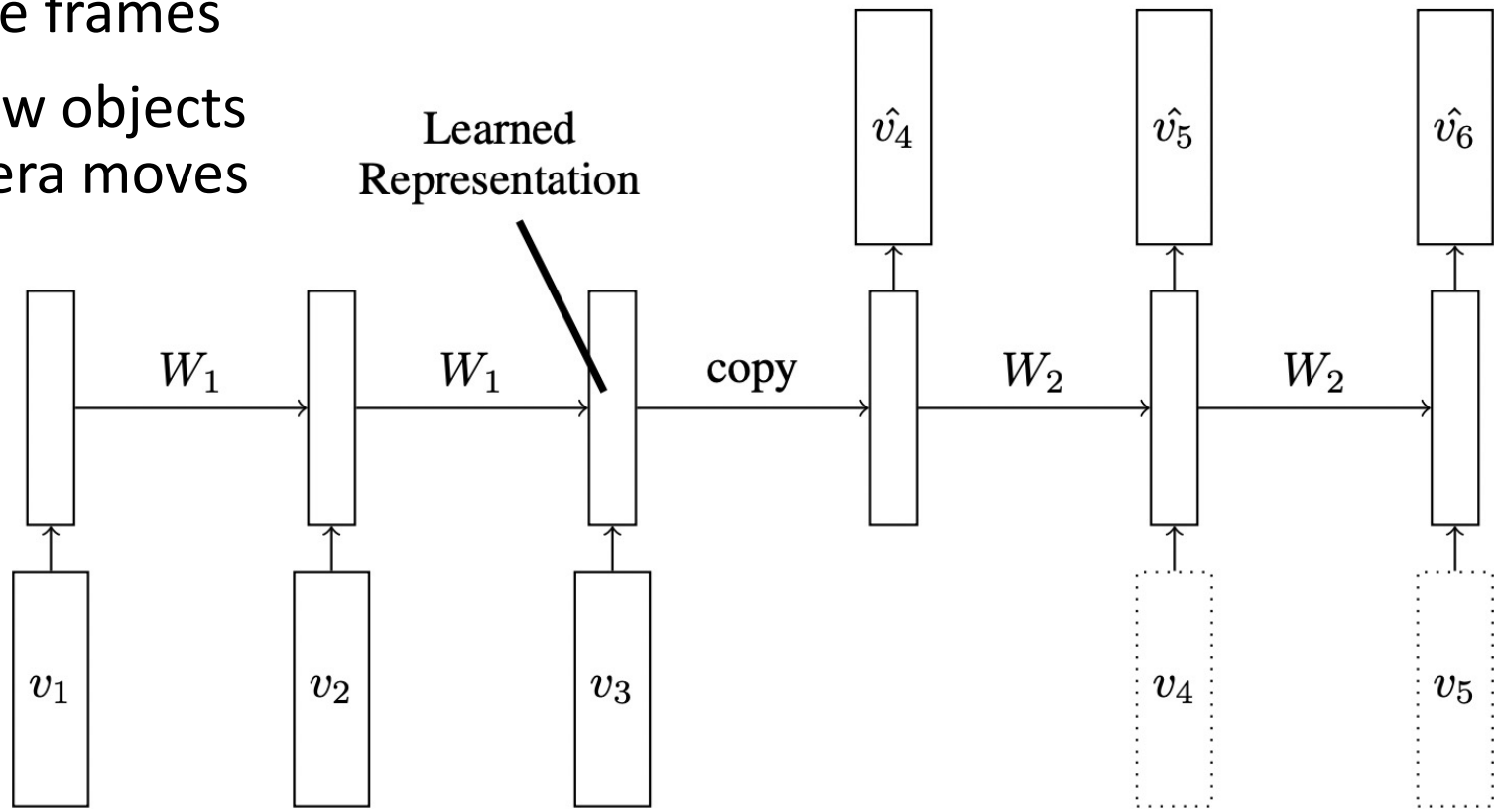
Video Prediction

- Train RNN to predict future frames
- Limitations: identifying new objects and background as a camera moves



What type of features might be learned?

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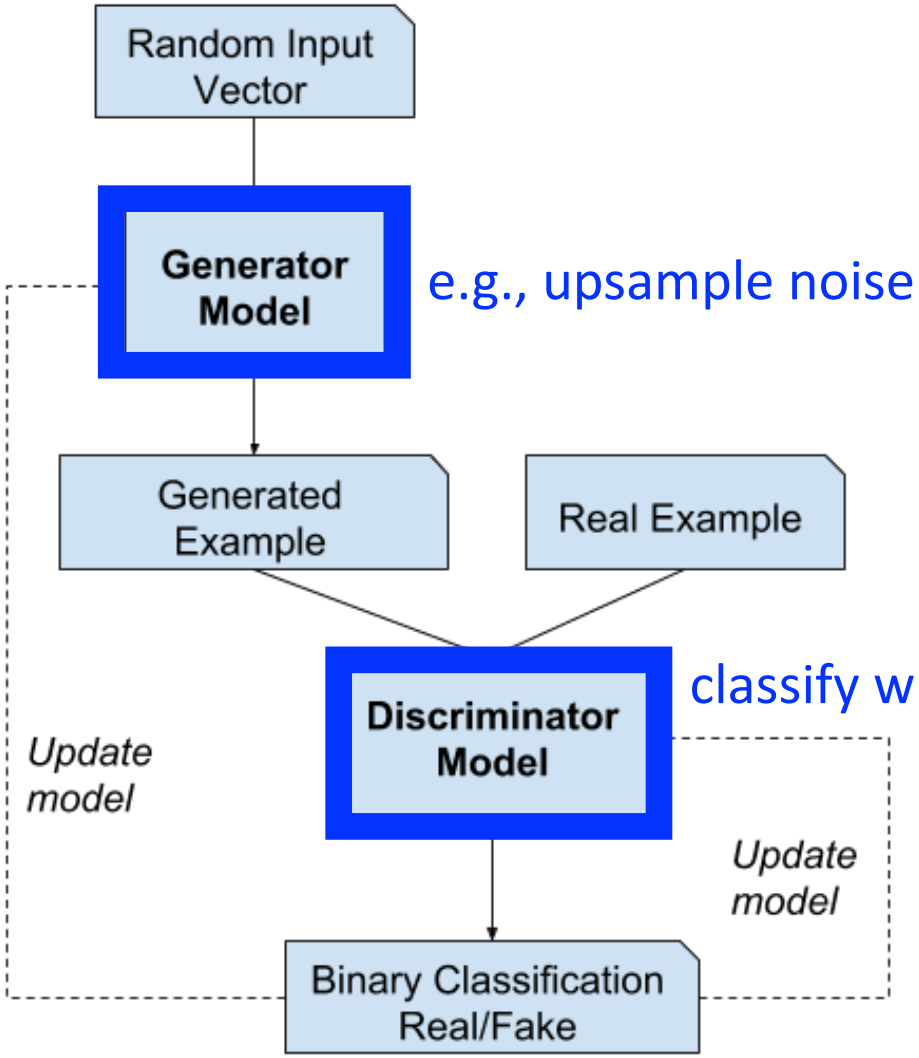
GAN: Basic Architecture



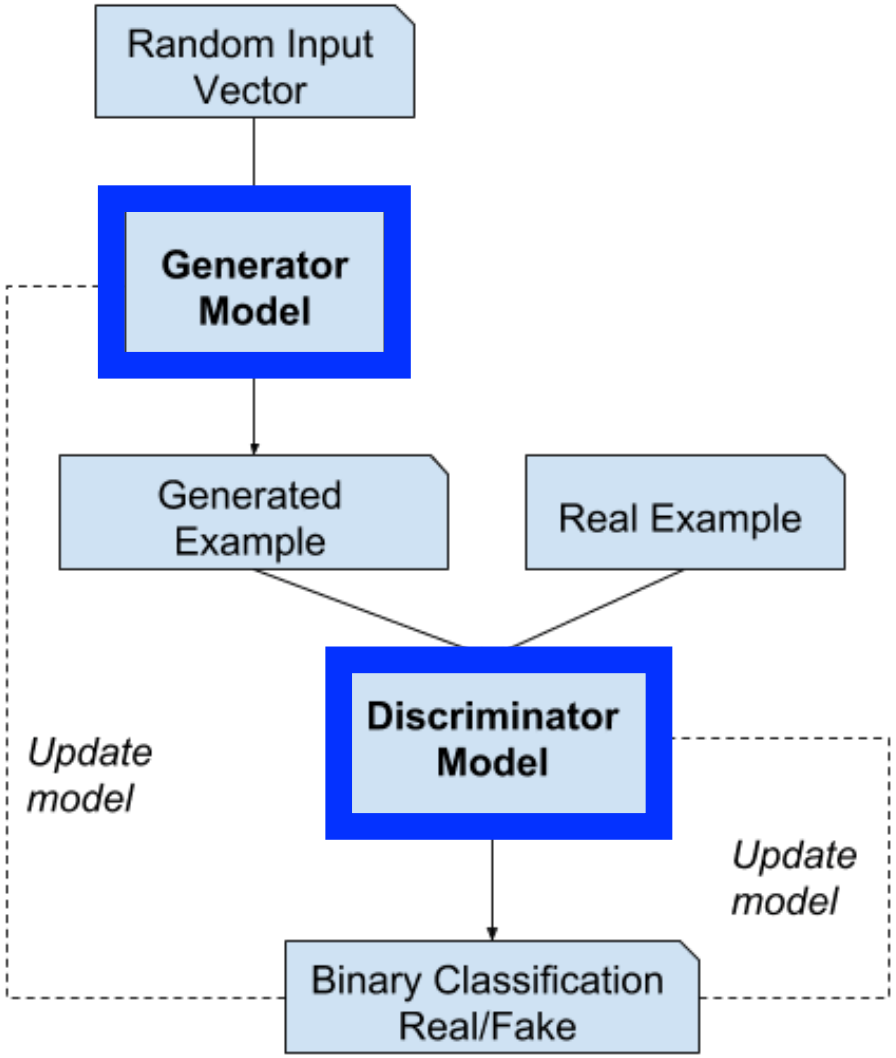
e.g., upsample noise to image of desired size

classify which examples are real

Consists of two models that compete against each other

https://machinelearningmastery.com/what-are-generative-adversarial-networks-gans/

GAN: Training



The two models are iteratively trained separately

- Train discriminator using fake and real images
- Train generator using just fake images and penalize it when the discriminator recognizes images are fake

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GAN: Discriminator Loss Function

Discriminator tries to minimize classification error

Discriminator wants a value of 1 for real images

Discriminator wants a value of 0 for fake images

$$J^{(D)} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x}\sim p_{\text{data}}} \log D(\boldsymbol{x}) - \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{z}} \log\left(1 - D\left(G(\boldsymbol{z})\right)\right)$$

Real image

Input noise

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1701.00160.pdf

GAN: Generator Loss Function

Generator tries to maximize classification error

$$J^{(G)} = -J^{(D)}$$

Want the discriminator to mistakenly arrive at a value of 1 for fake images

$$J^{(G)} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}_{\boxed{\boldsymbol{z}}} \log \boxed{D\left(G(\boldsymbol{z})\right)}$$

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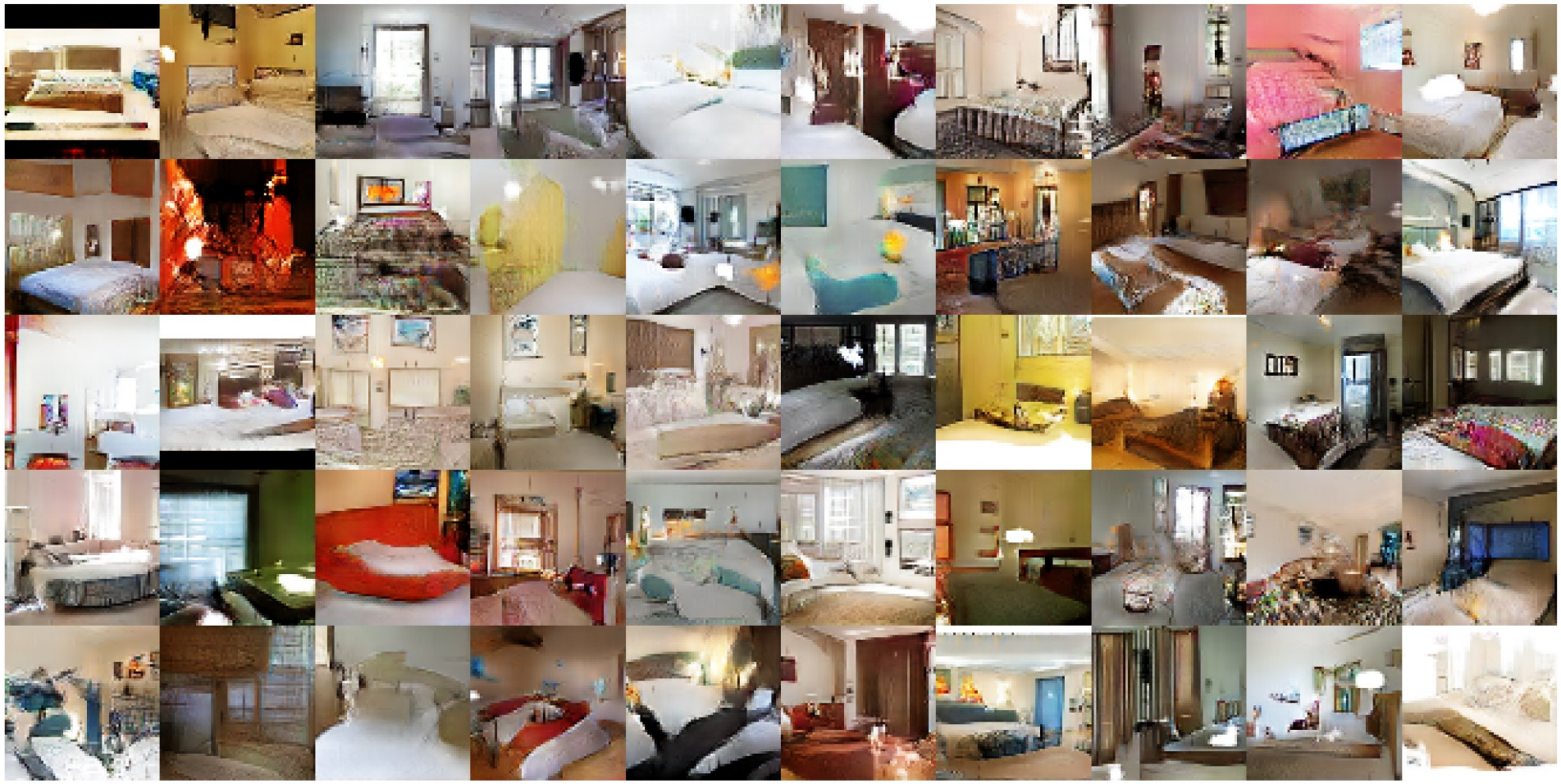
DGANs: GANs that Use Convolutional Layers



Bedrooms generated by observing over 3M bedroom images

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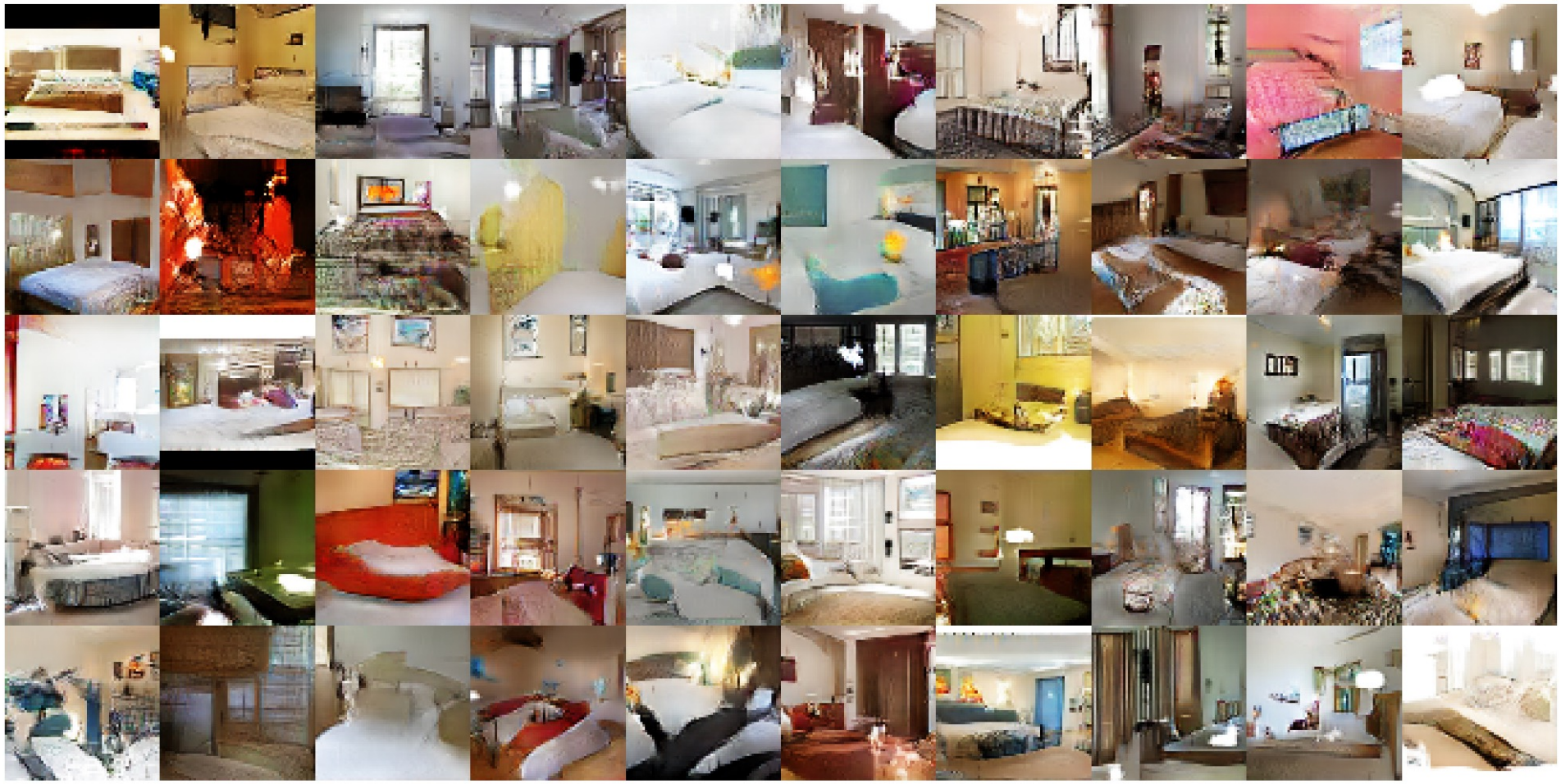

What objects does it learn to generate?

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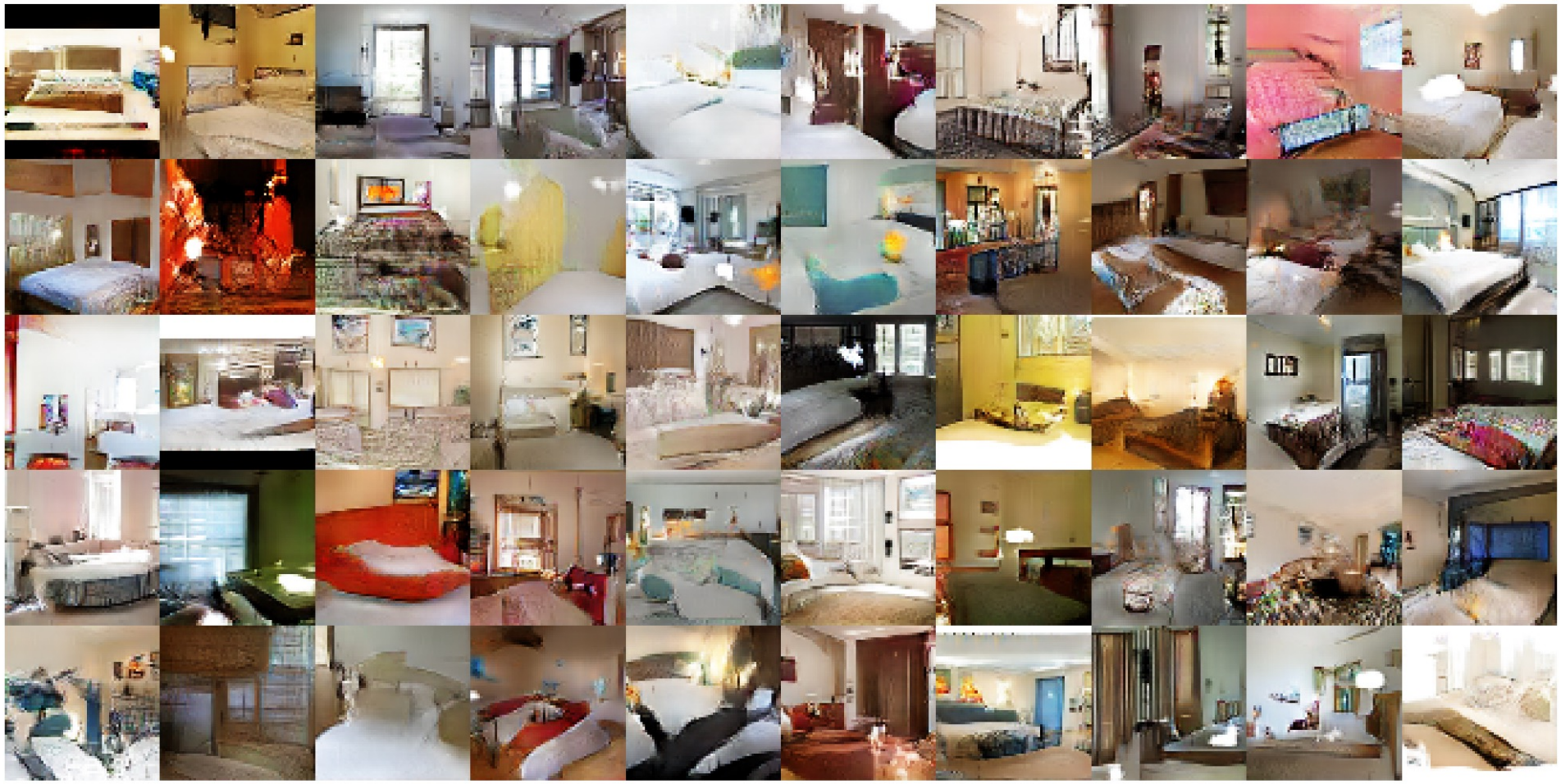

What objects may it not have learned to generate?

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Faces generated by observing over 3M images of 10K people

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What does it generate poorly or not all?

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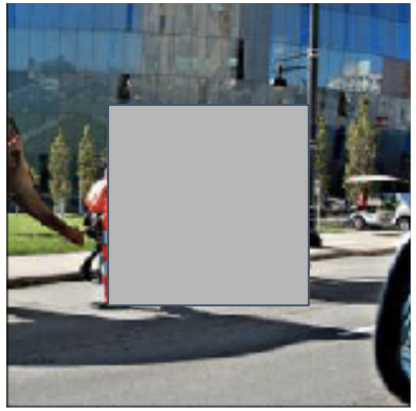
Task: Hole Filling

- What might fit into this hole?

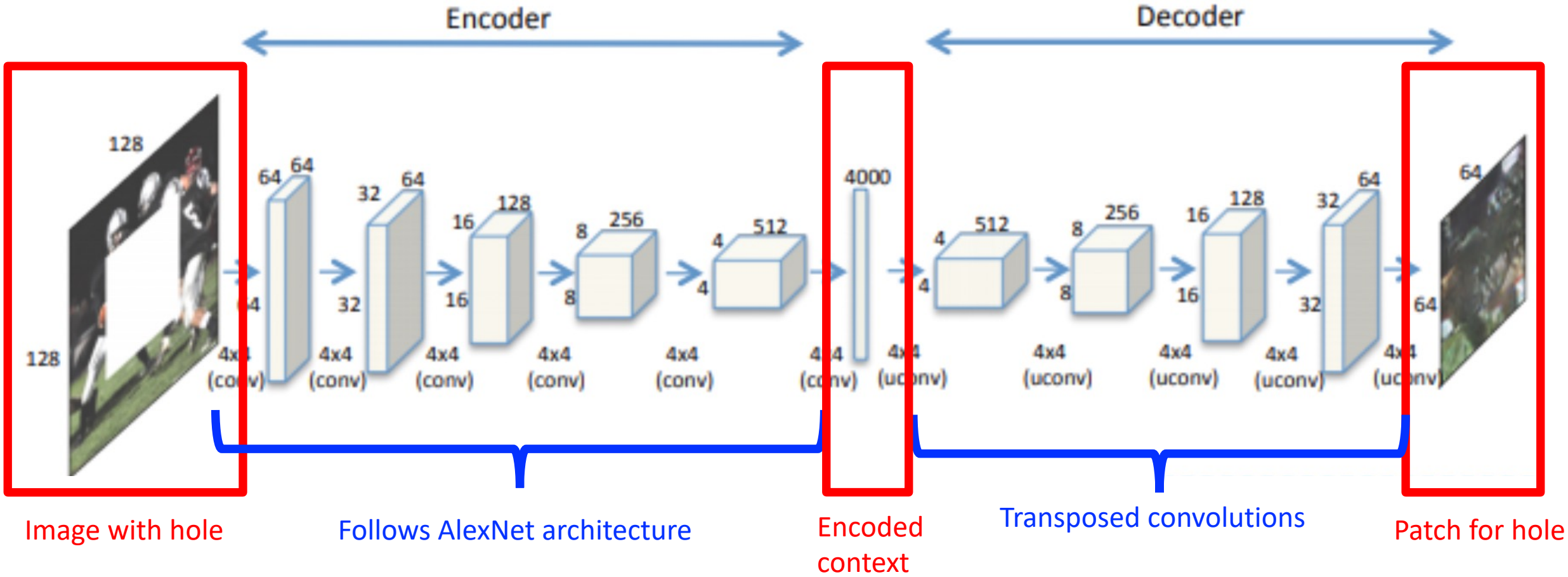


- Many items may plausibly fit into the hole:



- Challenge: have up to 1 known ground truth region per hole

Architecture



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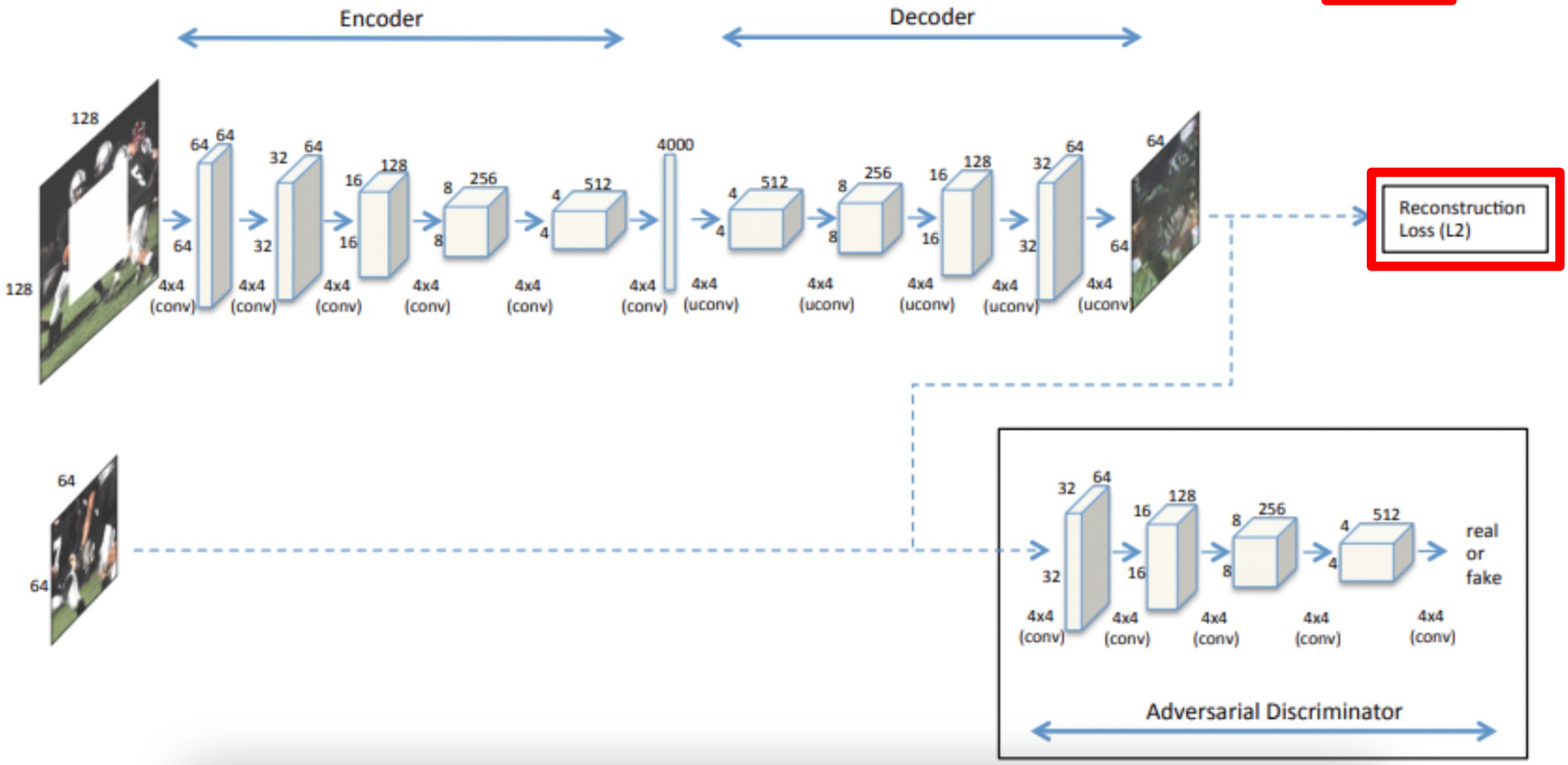
Training: Loss Functions ($\mathcal{L} = \lambda_{adv}\mathcal{L}_{adv} + \lambda_{rec}\boxed{\mathcal{L}_{rec}}$)



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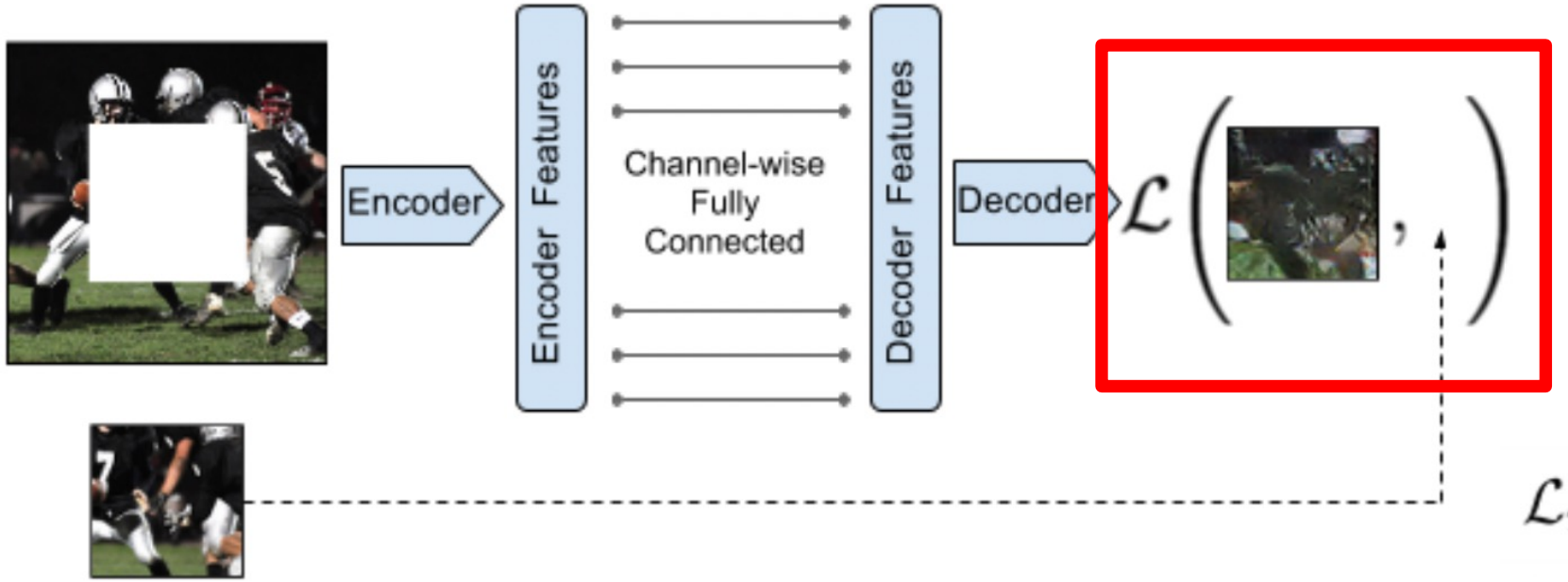

Learns to fit into the context by computing the L2 loss to compare the original patch content (P) to the predicted patch content created by the model when given the image with hole (CE(X')).

$$\mathcal{L}_{rec} = \|\mathbf{P} - CE(\mathbf{X}')\|_2^2$$

Pathak et al., Context encoders: Feature learning by inpainting; CVPR 2016

Training: Reconstruction Loss (i.e., Self-Supervised Learning Approach)

(a) Input context

(c) Context Encoder
($L2$ loss)

Why might training with this loss function alone lead to blurry results?
- It averages the multiple plausible inpaintings for a hole

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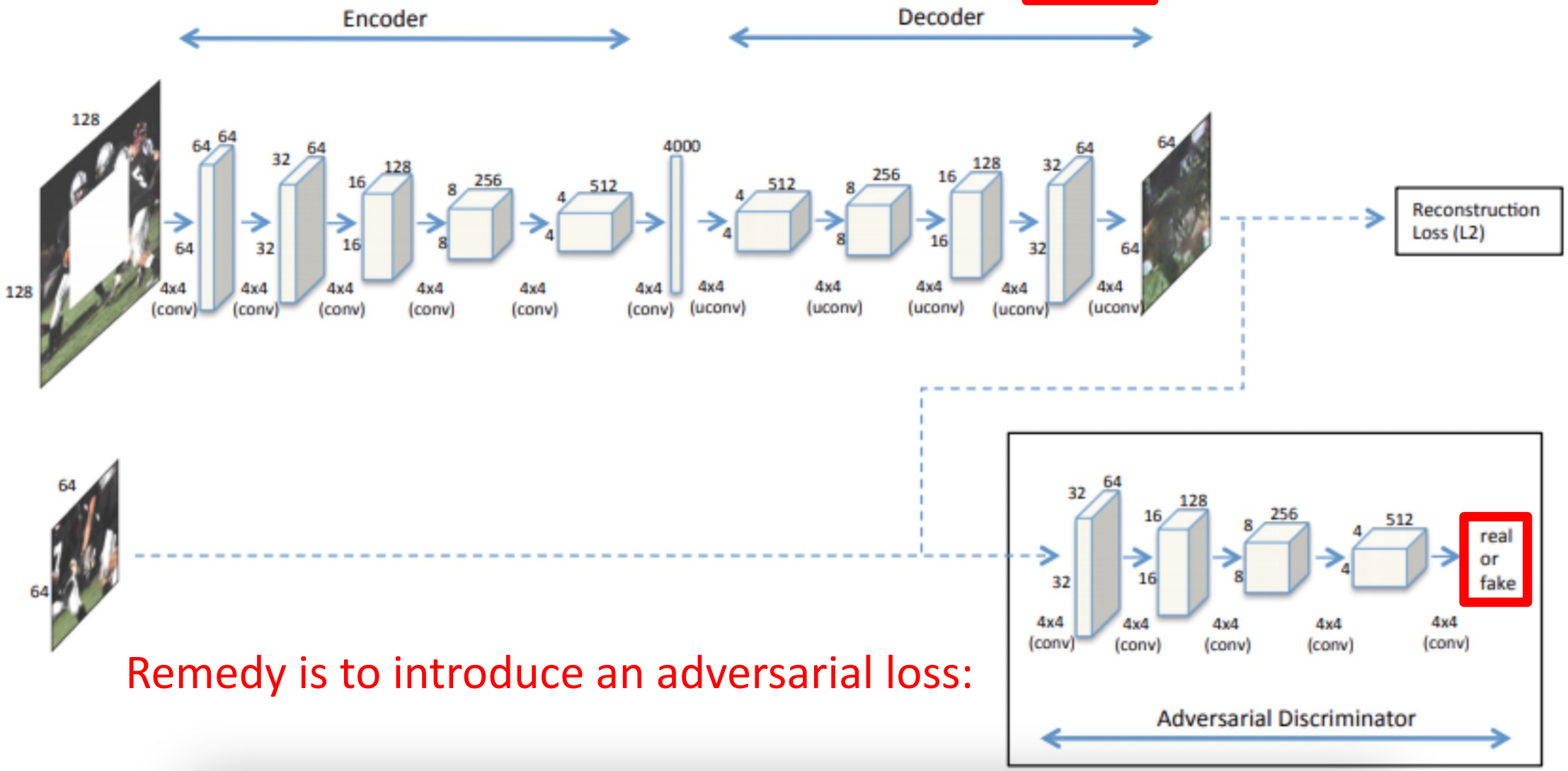

Remedy is to introduce an adversarial loss:

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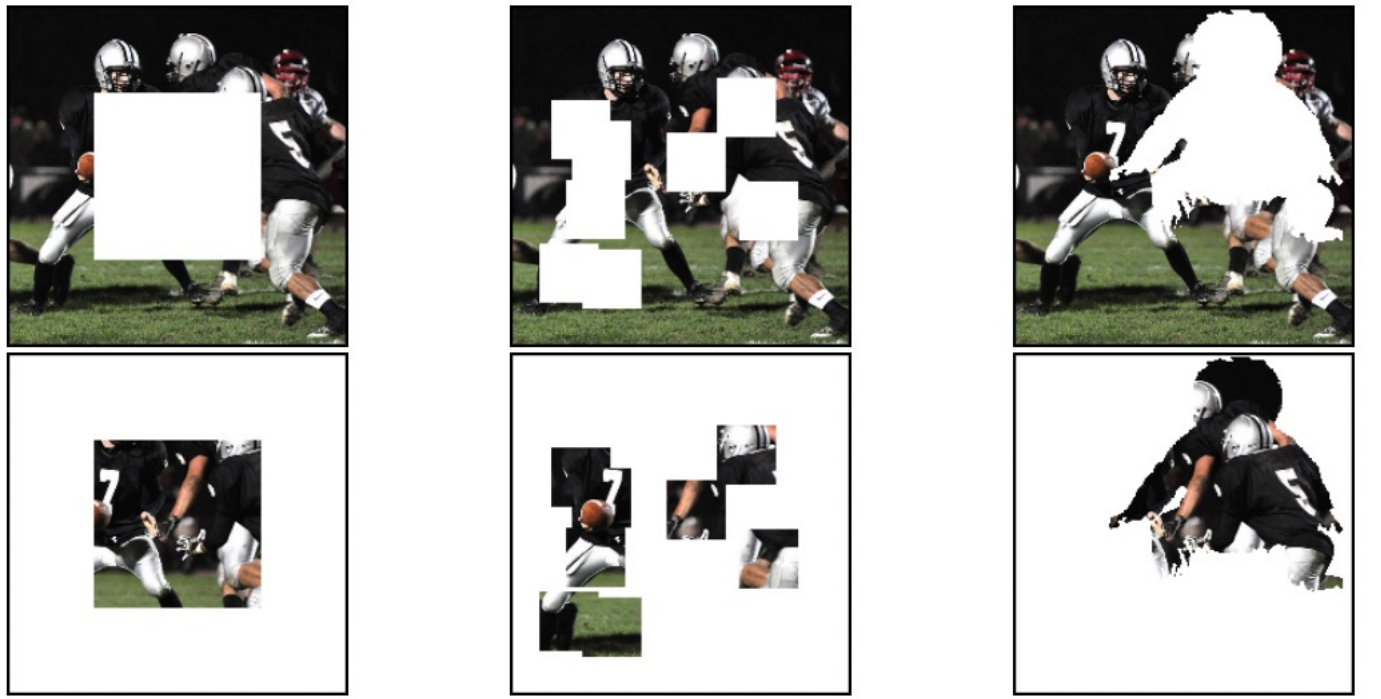
Training: Datasets



(a) Central region (b) Random block (c) Random region

Training completed on ImageNet (all 1.2M and a 100K subset) for three hole types

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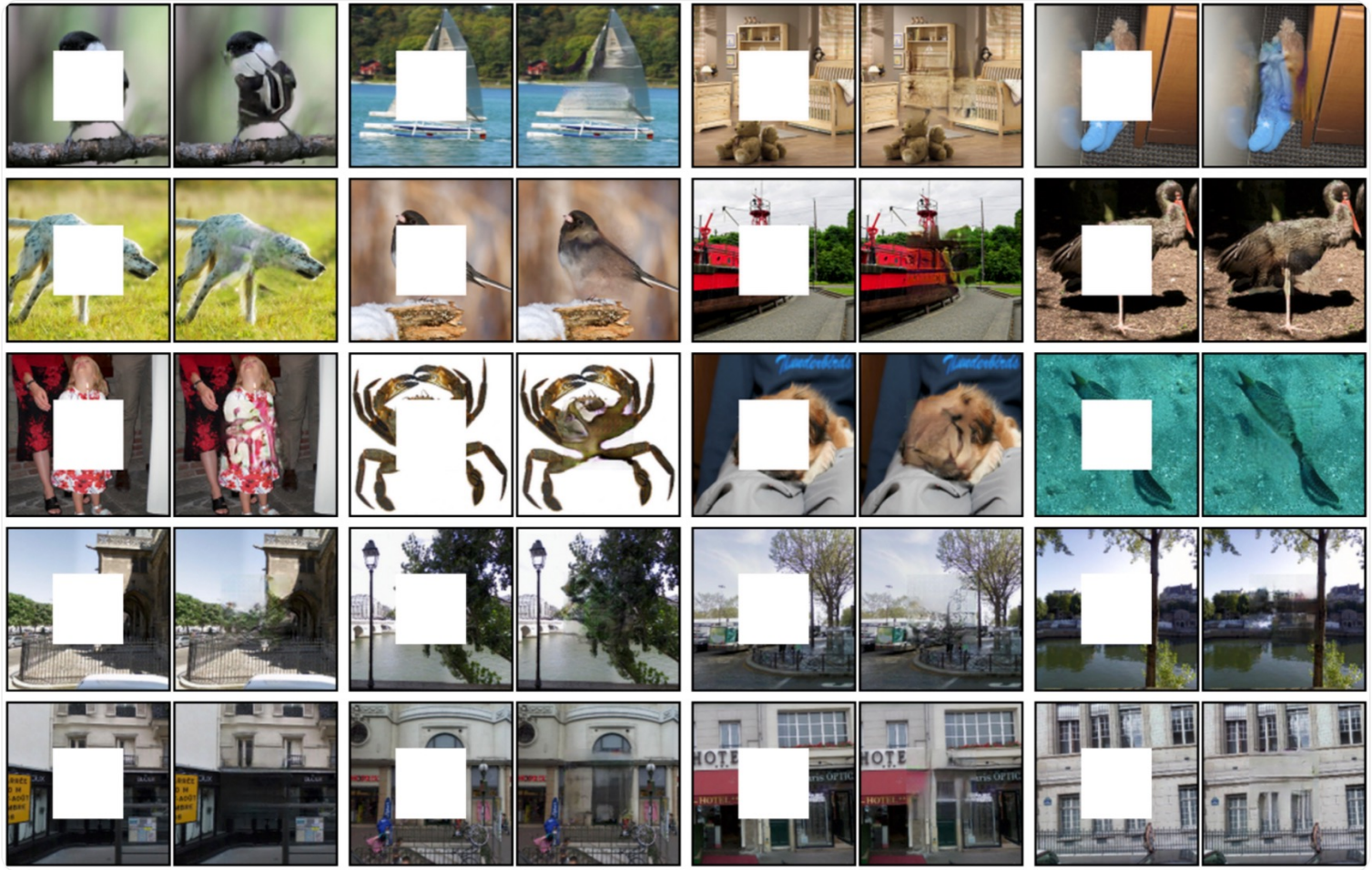
Results: https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~dpathak/context_encoder/



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- Timing context: predict relative positions of video frames
- Similarity context: clustering

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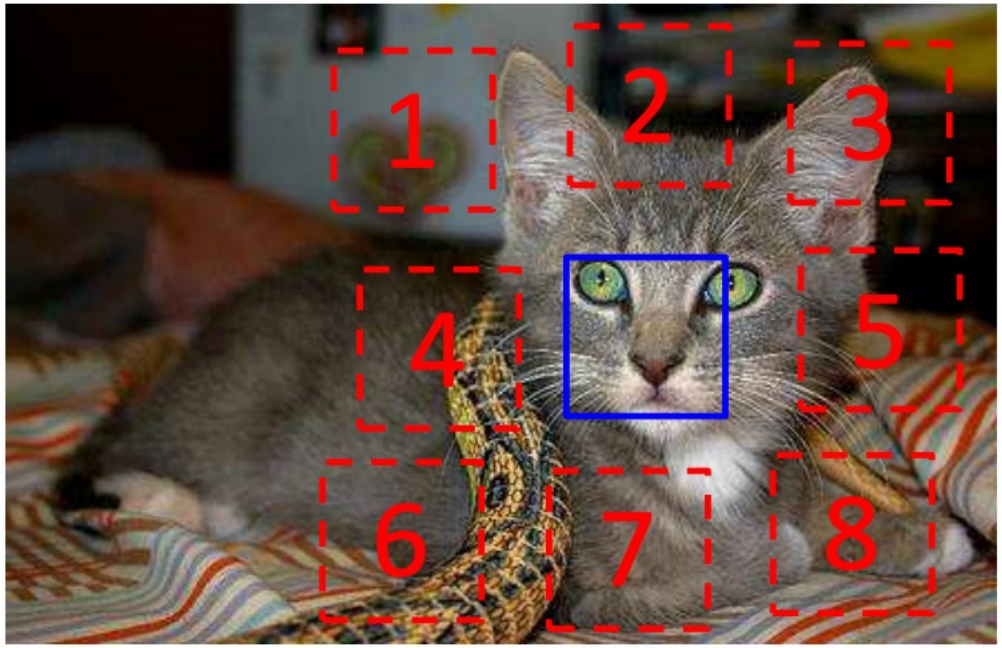

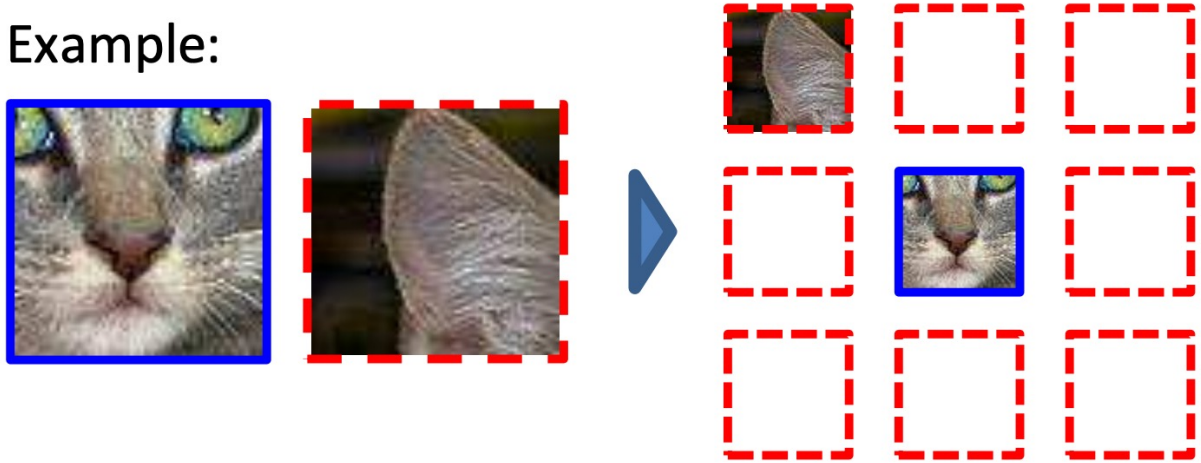

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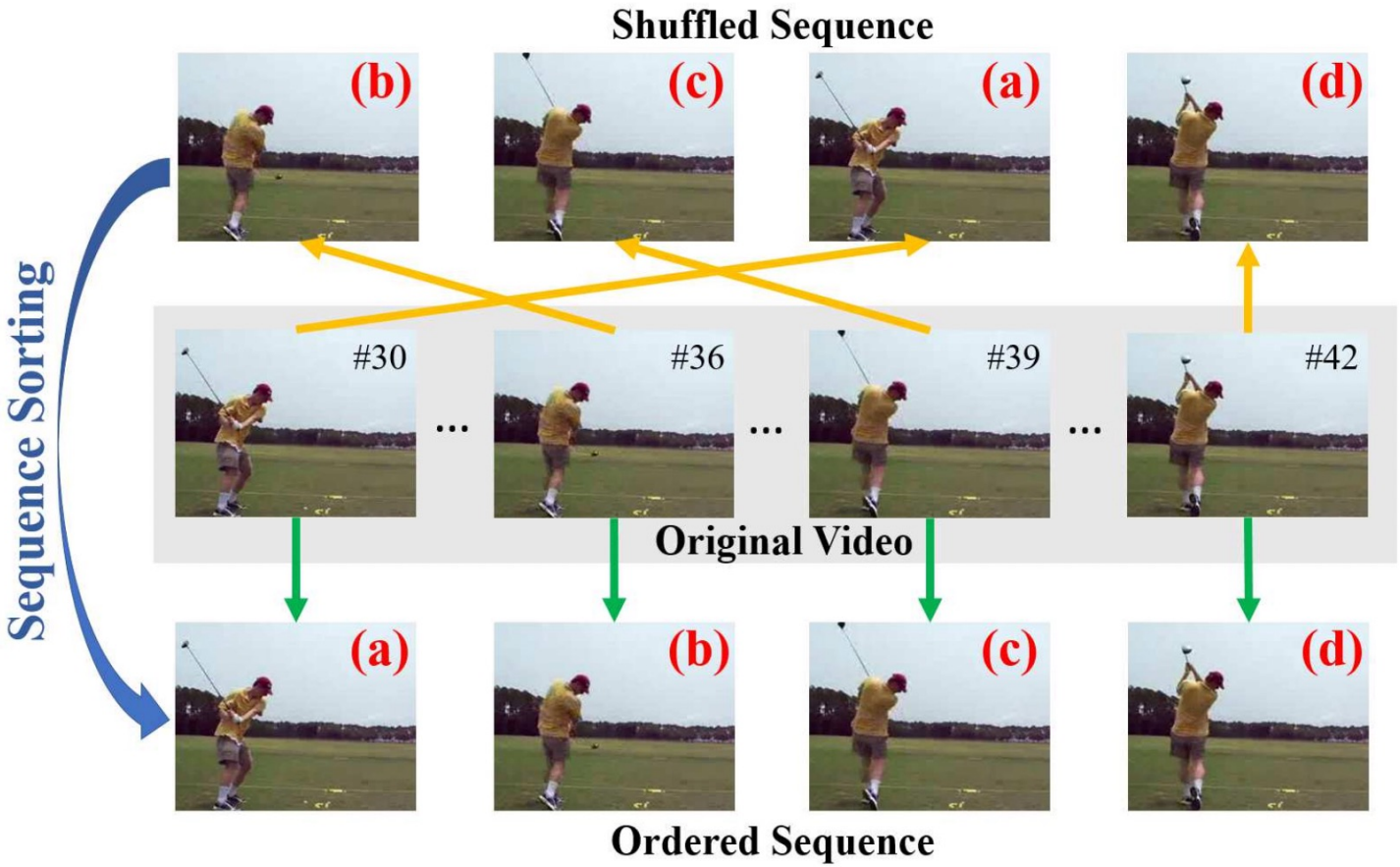

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Similarity Context: Predict Clusters

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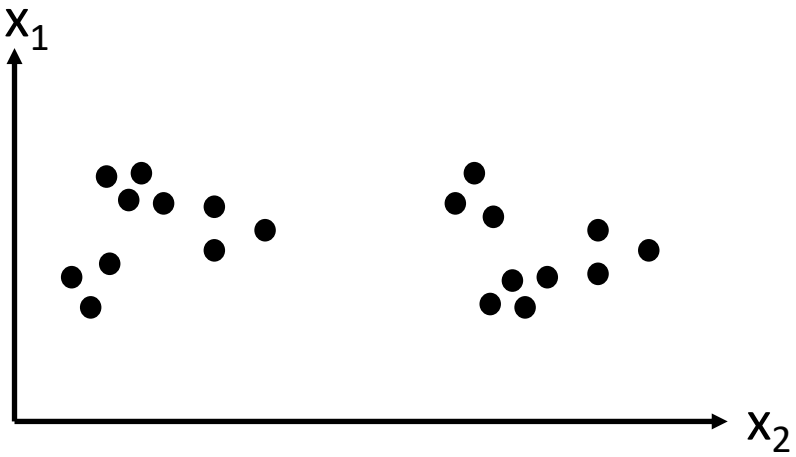

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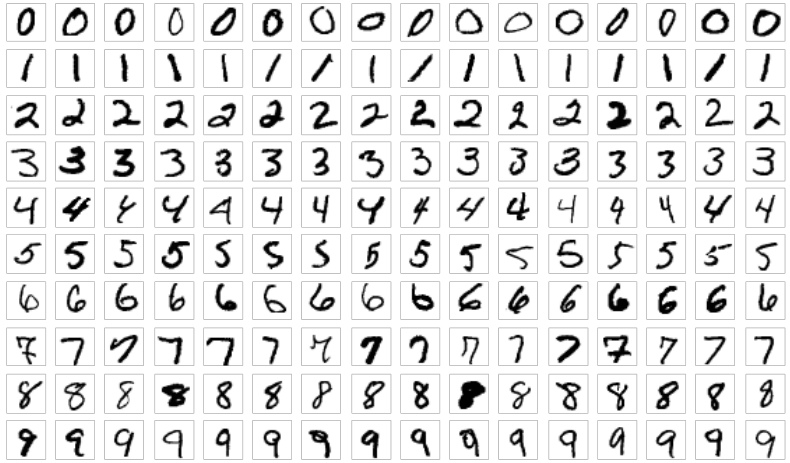

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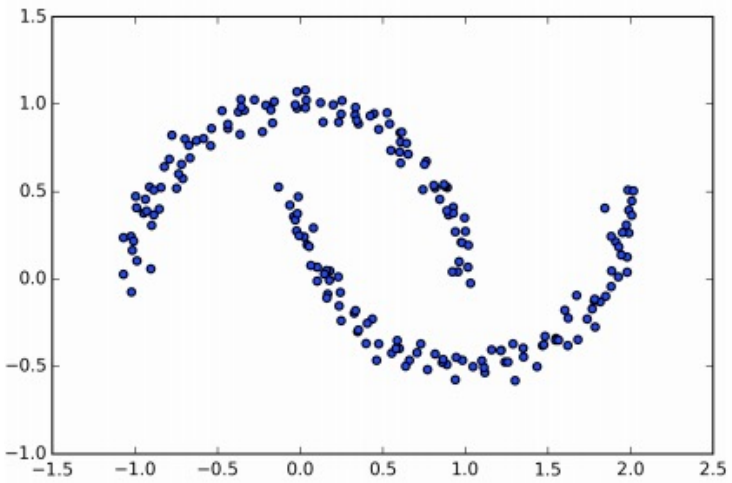

CNNS are trained to identify cluster assignments OR to recognize whether images belong to the same cluster

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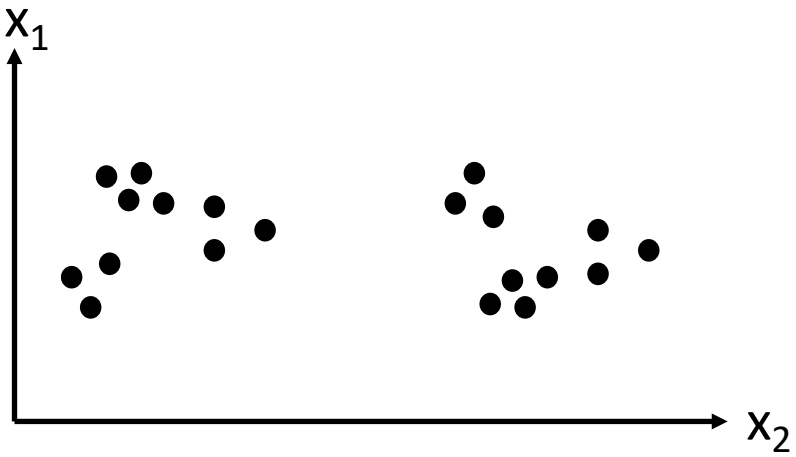

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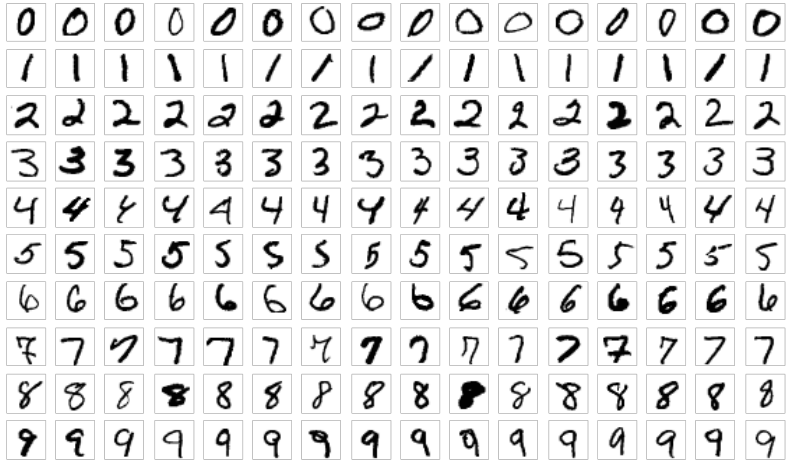

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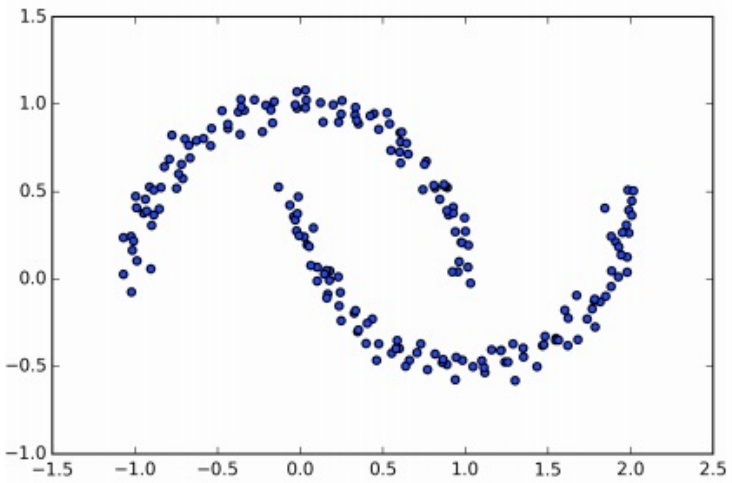

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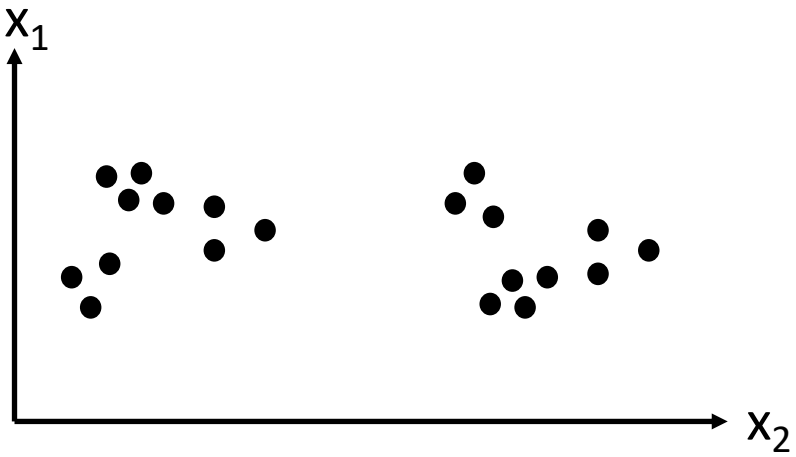

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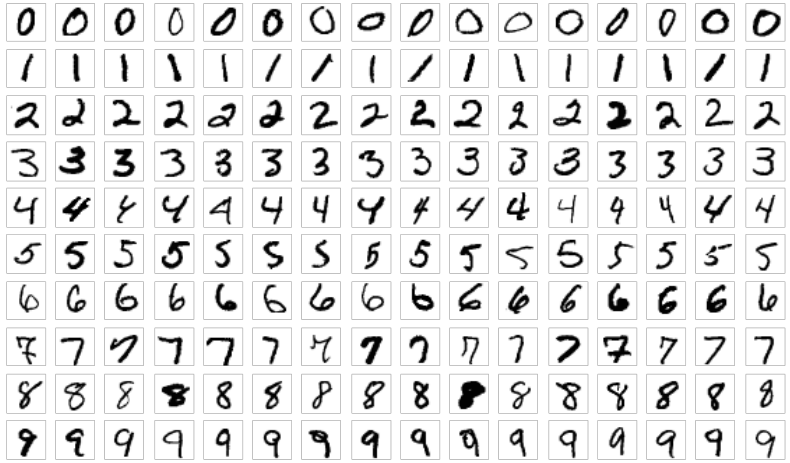

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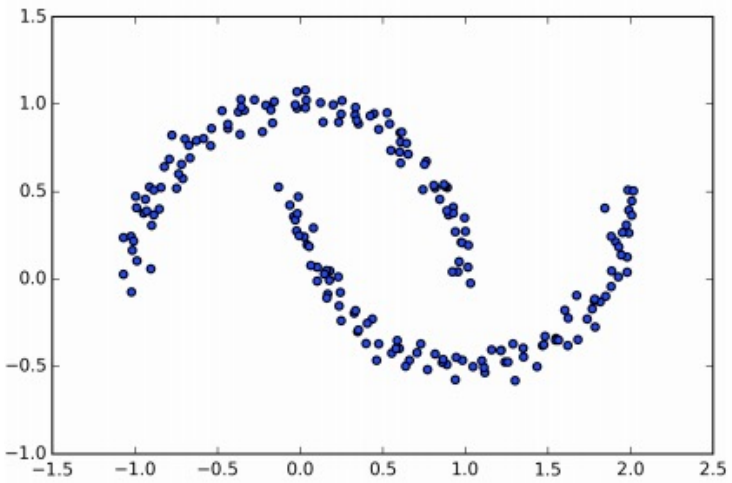

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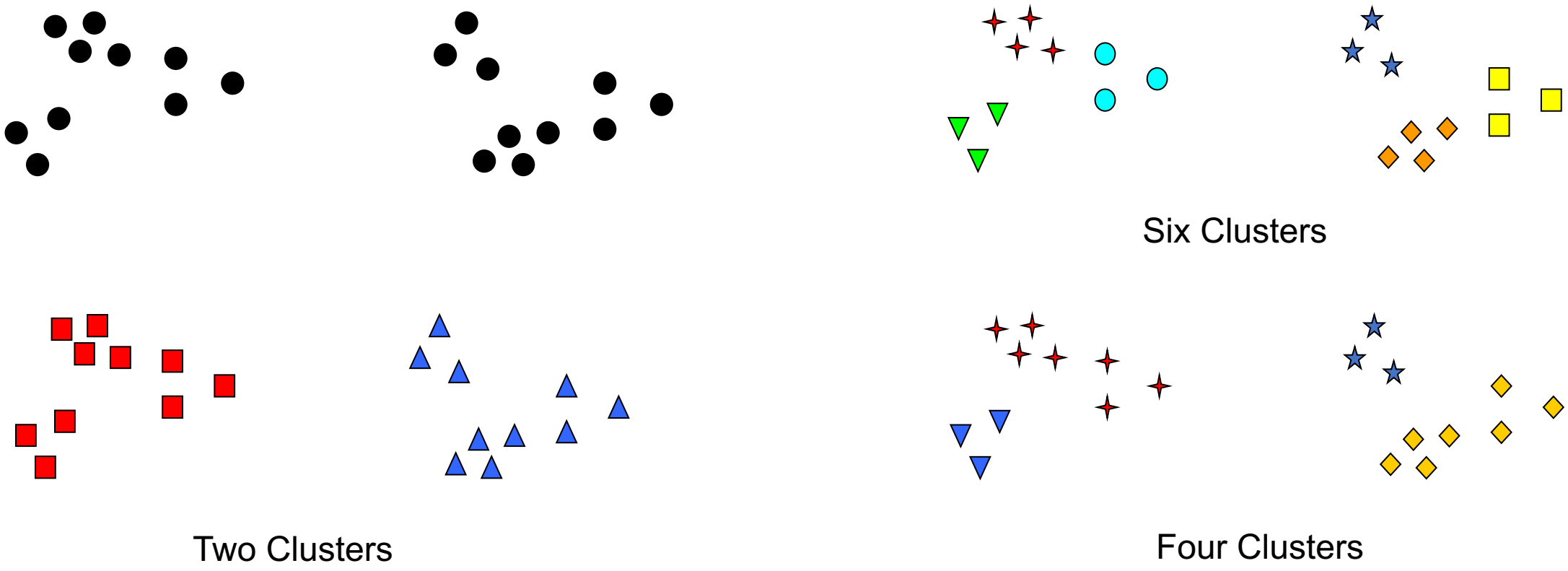

Number of clusters can be ambiguous.

Slide adapted from: https://www-users.cs.umn.edu/~kumar001/dmbook/slides/chap7_basic_cluster_analysis.pdf

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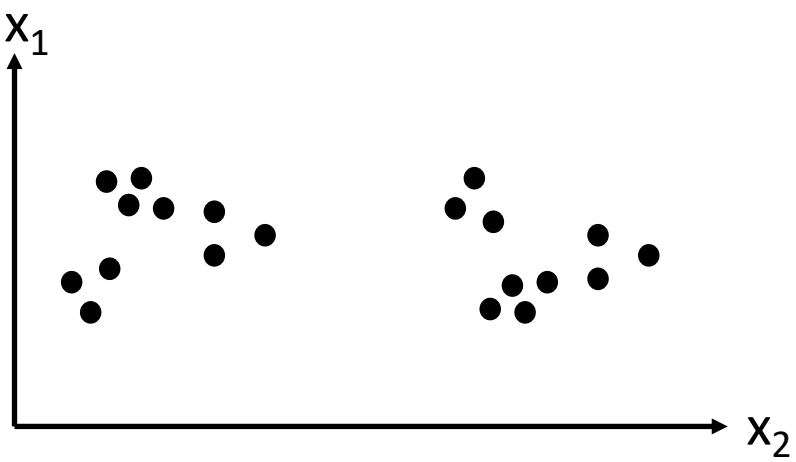

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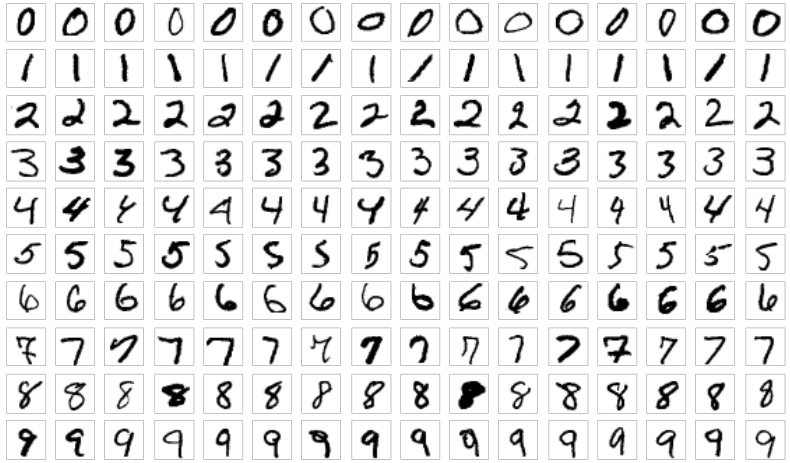

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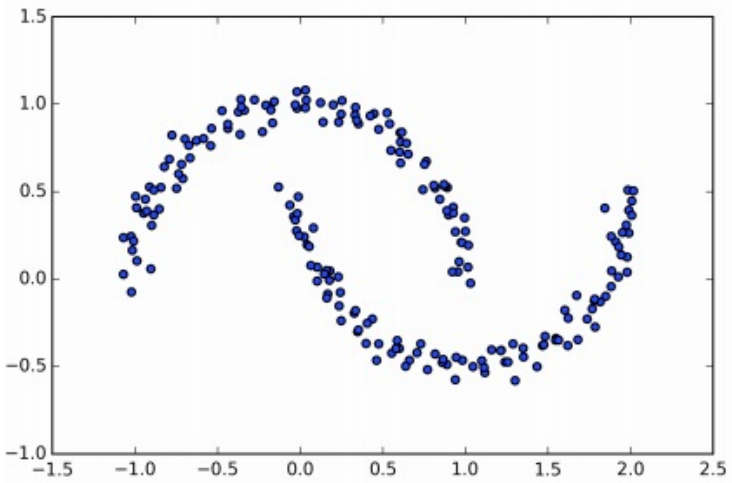

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