



Generative Adversarial Text to Image Synthesis

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Text2Image

the flower has petals that are bright pinkish purple with white stigma



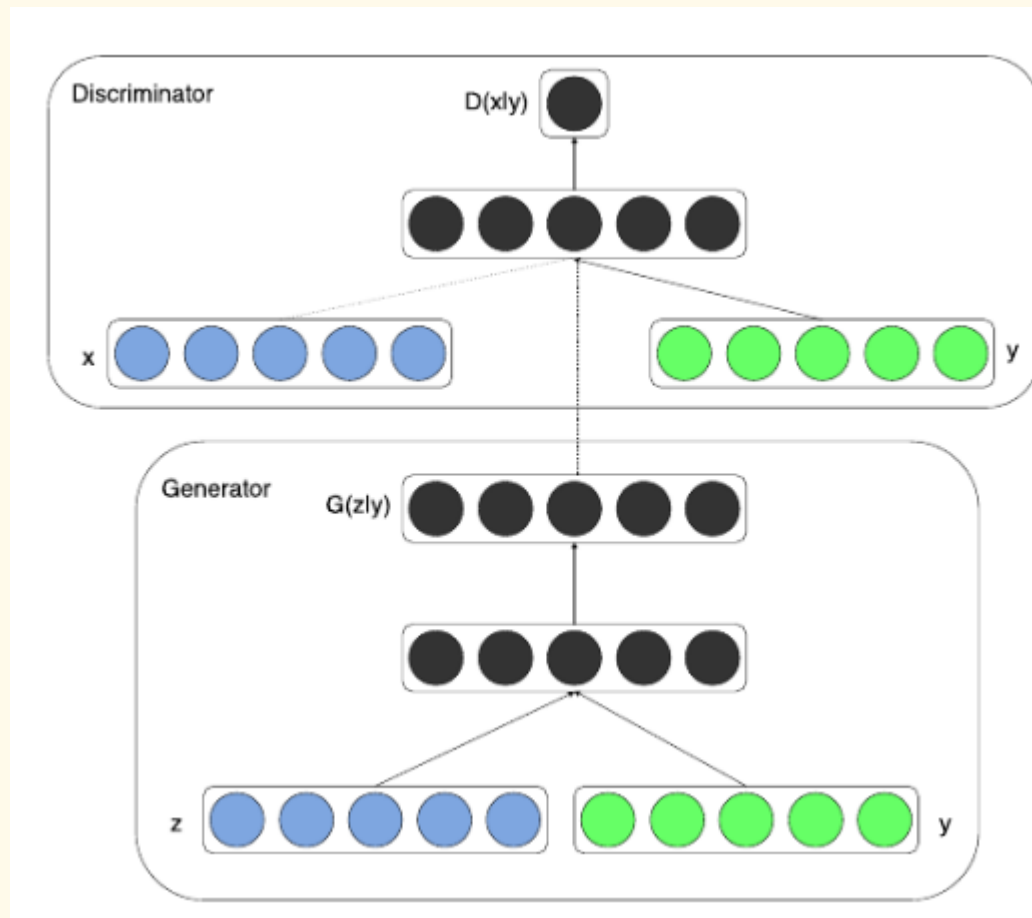
this white and yellow flower have thin white petals and a round yellow stamen



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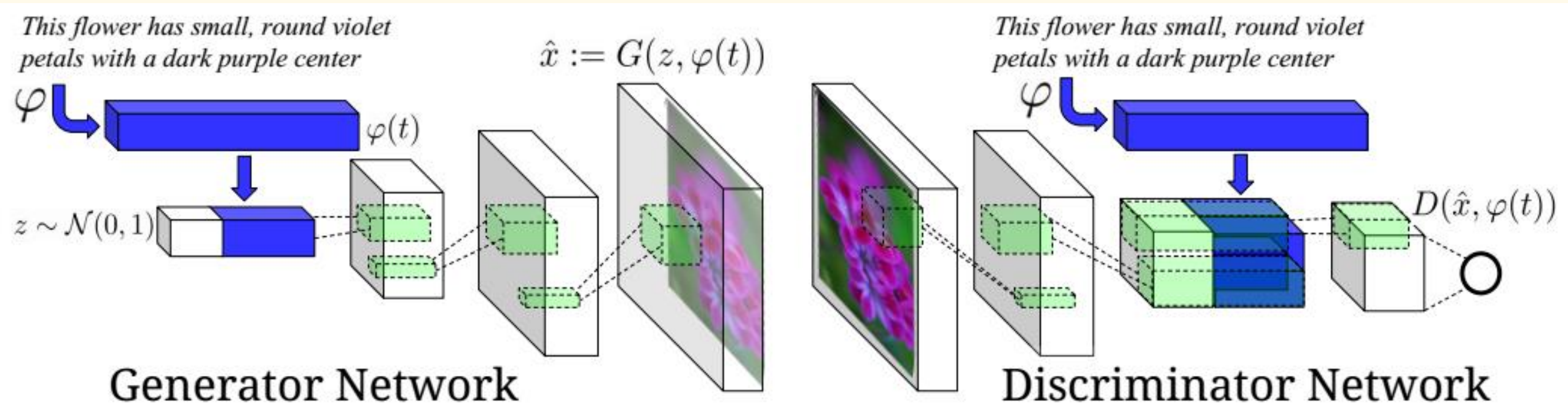
$$\min_G \max_D V(D, G) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}(x)} [\log D(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} [\log(1 - D(G(z)))]$$



* Reed, S., Akata, Z., Lee, H., and Schiele, B. Learning deep representations for fine-grained visual descriptions. In CVPR, 2016.

Text2Image

DCGAN + CGAN , 文字描述 t 由一个现成的词嵌入方法生成向量 $\varphi(t)$





GT

an all black bird
with a distinct
thick, rounded bill.



this small bird has
a yellow breast,
brown crown, and
black superciliary



a tiny bird, with a
tiny beak, tarsus and
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GAN



GAN-CLS 通过加入反例来训练D(与G无关)

Intuition: the discriminator has no explicit notion of whether real training images match the text embedding context.

Algorithm 1 GAN-CLS training algorithm with step size α , using minibatch SGD for simplicity.

- 1: **Input:** minibatch images x , matching text t , mis-matching \hat{t} , number of training batch steps S
- 2: **for** $n = 1$ **to** S **do**
- 3: $h \leftarrow \varphi(t)$ {Encode matching text description}
- 4: $\hat{h} \leftarrow \varphi(\hat{t})$ {Encode mis-matching text description}
- 5: $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)^Z$ {Draw sample of random noise}
- 6: $\hat{x} \leftarrow G(z, h)$ {Forward through generator}
- 7: $s_r \leftarrow D(x, h)$ {real image, right text}
- 8: $s_w \leftarrow D(x, \hat{h})$ {real image, wrong text}
- 9: $s_f \leftarrow D(\hat{x}, h)$ {fake image, right text}
- 10: $\mathcal{L}_D \leftarrow \log(s_r) + (\log(1 - s_w) + \log(1 - s_f))/2$
- 11: $D \leftarrow D - \alpha \partial \mathcal{L}_D / \partial D$ {Update discriminator}
- 12: $\mathcal{L}_G \leftarrow \log(s_f)$
- 13: $G \leftarrow G - \alpha \partial \mathcal{L}_G / \partial G$ {Update generator}
- 14: **end for**

一张图片和他的
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GAN - CLS



GAN-INT 通过插值法增加文本样本数量(针对G)

Deep networks have been shown to learn representations in which interpolations between embedding pairs tend to be near the data manifold

$$\mathbb{E}_{t_1, t_2 \sim p_{data}} [\log(1 - D(G(z, \beta t_1 + (1 - \beta)t_2)))]$$

Because the interpolated embeddings are synthetic, the discriminator D does not have “real” corresponding image and text pairs to train on. However, D learns to predict whether image and text pairs match or not. Thus, if D does a good job at this, then by satisfying D on interpolated text embeddings G can learn to fill in gaps on the data manifold in between training points.

原来的样本数量不足以使得判别器**D**判断图文的关系，通过插值法增加样本数使得**D**能学得他们之间的关系。

GAN-INT-CLS 两种改进方法结合

差值得到的文字描述当作真实的对应文本

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this flower is white and pink in color, with petals that have veins.



these flowers have petals that start off white in color and end in a dark purple towards the tips.



bright droopy yellow petals with burgundy streaks, and a yellow stigma.



a flower with long pink petals and raised orange stamen.



GAN



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CUB contains 200 **bird** species with 11,788 images.

Oxford-102 contains 8,189 images of **flowers** from 102 different categories.

风格转换 - 文字只描述了内容，风格一定在噪声 z 中蕴含

Solution: train a convolutional network S to invert G to regress from samples \hat{x} back onto z .

$$\mathcal{L}_{style} = \mathbb{E}_{t, z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)} ||z - S(G(z, \varphi(t)))||_2^2$$

where S is the style encoder network. With a trained generator and style encoder, style transfer from a query image x onto text t proceeds as follows:

$$s \leftarrow S(x), \hat{x} \leftarrow G(s, \varphi(t))$$

where \hat{x} is the result image and s is the predicted style.

Text descriptions (content) Images (style)



$$s \leftarrow S(x)$$

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.

This bird is **completely red**.

This bird is **completely white**.

This is a **yellow** bird. The **wings are bright blue**.



$$\hat{x} \leftarrow G(s, \varphi(t))$$

插值法实验 - 左边噪声z固定，对文字描述插值，右边相反

‘Blue bird with black beak’ →
‘Red bird with black beak’



‘This bird is completely red with black wings’



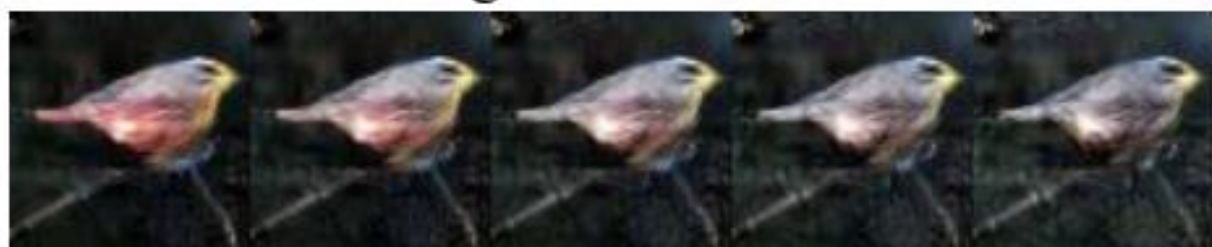
‘Small blue bird with black wings’ →
‘Small yellow bird with black wings’



‘this bird is all blue, the top part of the bill is
blue, but the bottom half is white’



‘This bird is bright.’ → ‘This bird is dark.’



‘This is a yellow bird. The wings are bright blue’



Problem

the generated scenes are not usually coherent; for example the human-like blobs in the baseball scenes lack clearly articulated parts.

Low resolution (64x64像素)

a pitcher is
about to throw
the ball to the
batter.

GT



Ours





StackGAN: Text to Photo-realistic Image Synthesis with Stacked Generative Adversarial Networks

Zhang H, Xu T, Li H, et al.
arXiv preprint. 2016.

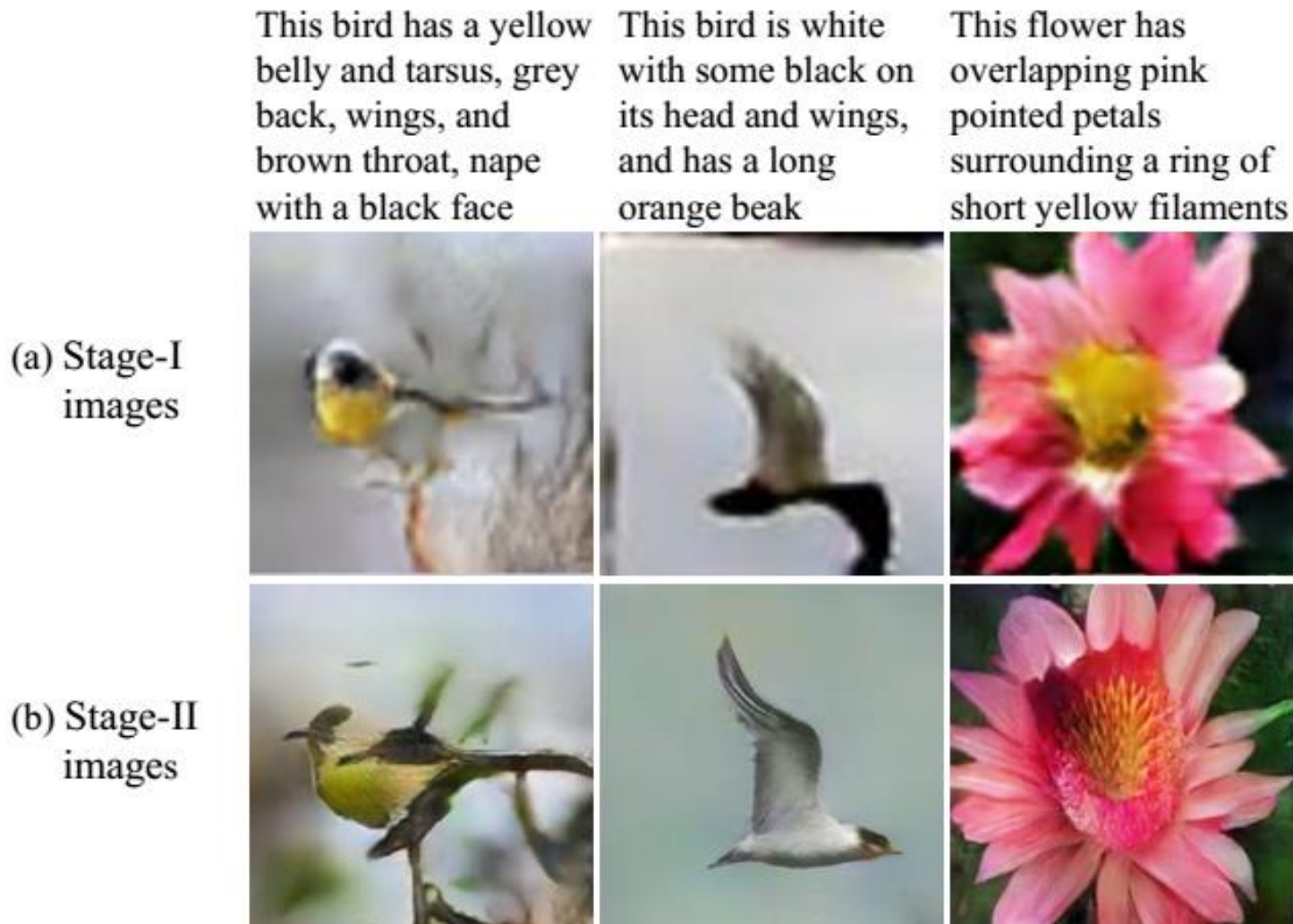


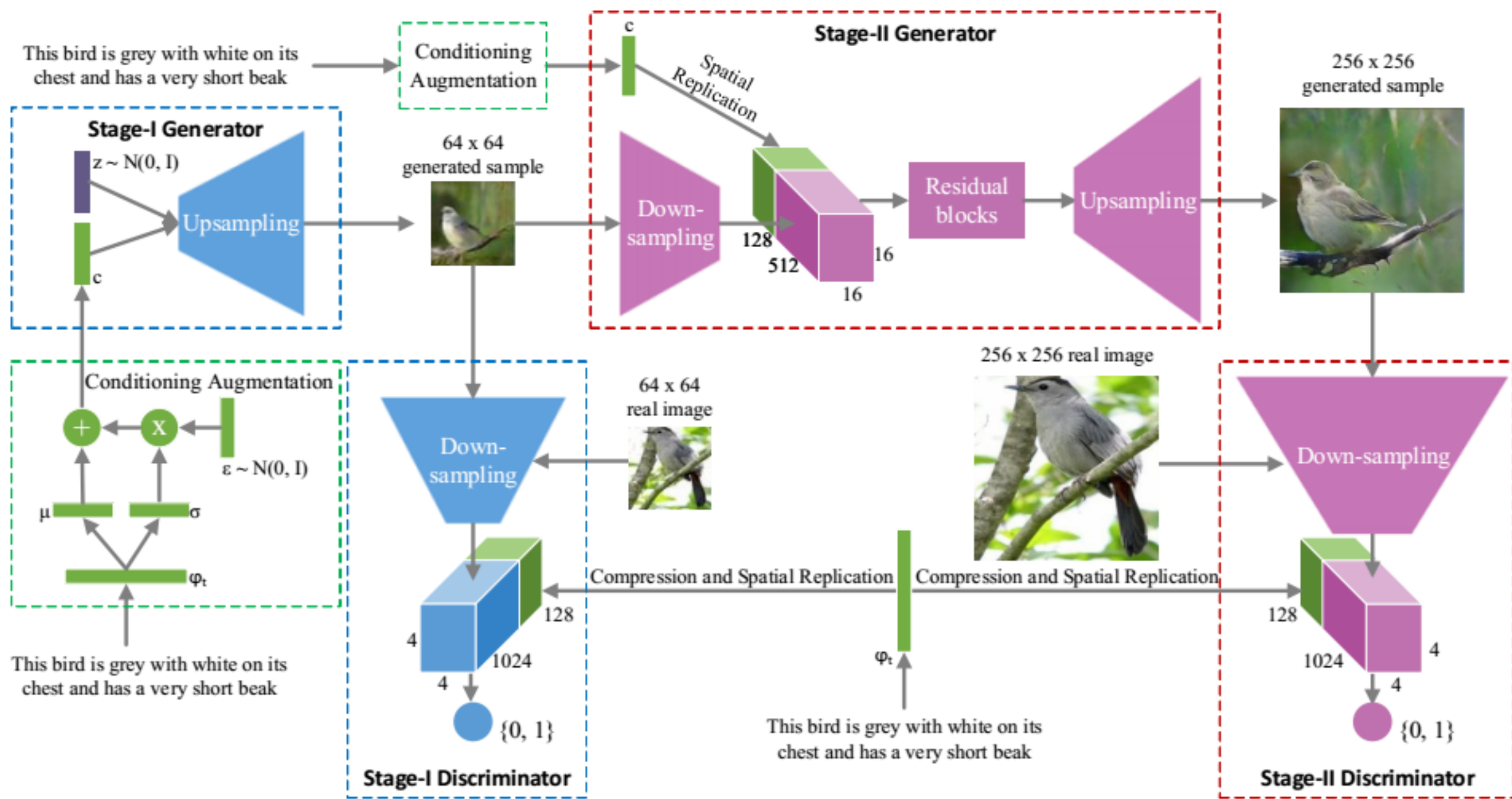
Text2Image

the space of plausible images given text descriptions is multimodal. There are a large number of images that correctly fit the given text description

给定文字描述作为条件，输入是噪声 z 拼上文字向量。一阶段只生成大概的轮廓和颜色的低分辨率图像

给定文字描述和一阶段的图像作为输入，二阶段生成细节和对一阶段改进





we adopt the GAN-CLS for both stages.



Experiment

Text description	This bird is red and brown in color, with a stubby beak	The bird is short and stubby with yellow on its body	A bird with a medium orange bill white body gray wings and webbed feet	This small black bird has a short, slightly curved bill and long legs	A small bird with varying shades of brown with white under the eyes	A small yellow bird with a black crown and a short black pointed beak	This small bird has a white breast, light grey head, and black wings and tail
64x64 GAN-INT-CLS [22]							
256x256 StackGAN							

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Text
description

This flower has
petals that are
white and has
pink shading

This flower has
a lot of small
purple petals in
a dome-like
configuration

This flower has
long thin
yellow petals
and a lot of
yellow anthers
in the center

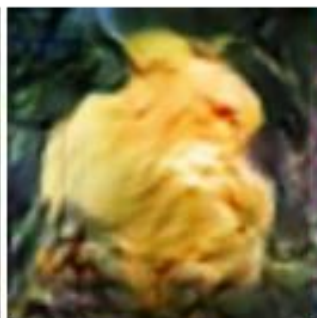
This flower is
pink, white,
and yellow in
color, and has
petals that are
striped

This flower is
white and
yellow in color,
with petals that
are wavy and
smooth

This flower has
upturned petals
which are thin
and orange
with rounded
edges

This flower has
petals that are
dark pink with
white edges
and pink
stamen

64x64
GAN-INT-CLS
[22]



256x256
StackGAN



一阶段和二阶段生成的图像有显著进步，说明分阶段生成图片的可行性

Text description	This bird is blue with white and has a very short beak	This bird has wings that are brown and has a yellow belly	A white bird with a black crown and yellow beak	This bird is white, black, and brown in color, with a brown beak	The bird has small beak, with reddish brown crown and gray belly	This is a small, black bird with a white breast and white on the wingbars.	This bird is white black and yellow in color, with a short black beak
Stage-I images							
Stage-II images							

通过将生成图片从训练集中找出5个最近邻，发现生成的图片和训练集中的图片差别较大，

说明了**stackGAN**不是记住了训练样本，而是找到了语言和图像之间的联系（更强的泛化能力）

Images
generated from
text in test sets

Five nearest neighbors from training sets



Figure 6. For generated images (column 1), retrieving their nearest training images (columns 2-6) by utilizing Stage-II discriminator D to extract visual features. The $L2$ distances between features are calculated for nearest-neighbor retrieval.

由于类似VAE组建的存在，对输入的文字描述加入了一定的扰动，使得即使固定噪声和文字输入，也能输出多样化的图片

This small blue bird has a short pointy beak and brown on its wings



This bird is completely red with black wings and pointy beak



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Figure 7. Birds with different poses and viewpoints generated with the same input text embedding by our StackGAN. The noise vector z and text embedding are fixed for each row.

To demonstrate that our StackGAN learns a smooth latent data manifold, we use it to generate images from linearly interpolated sentence embeddings

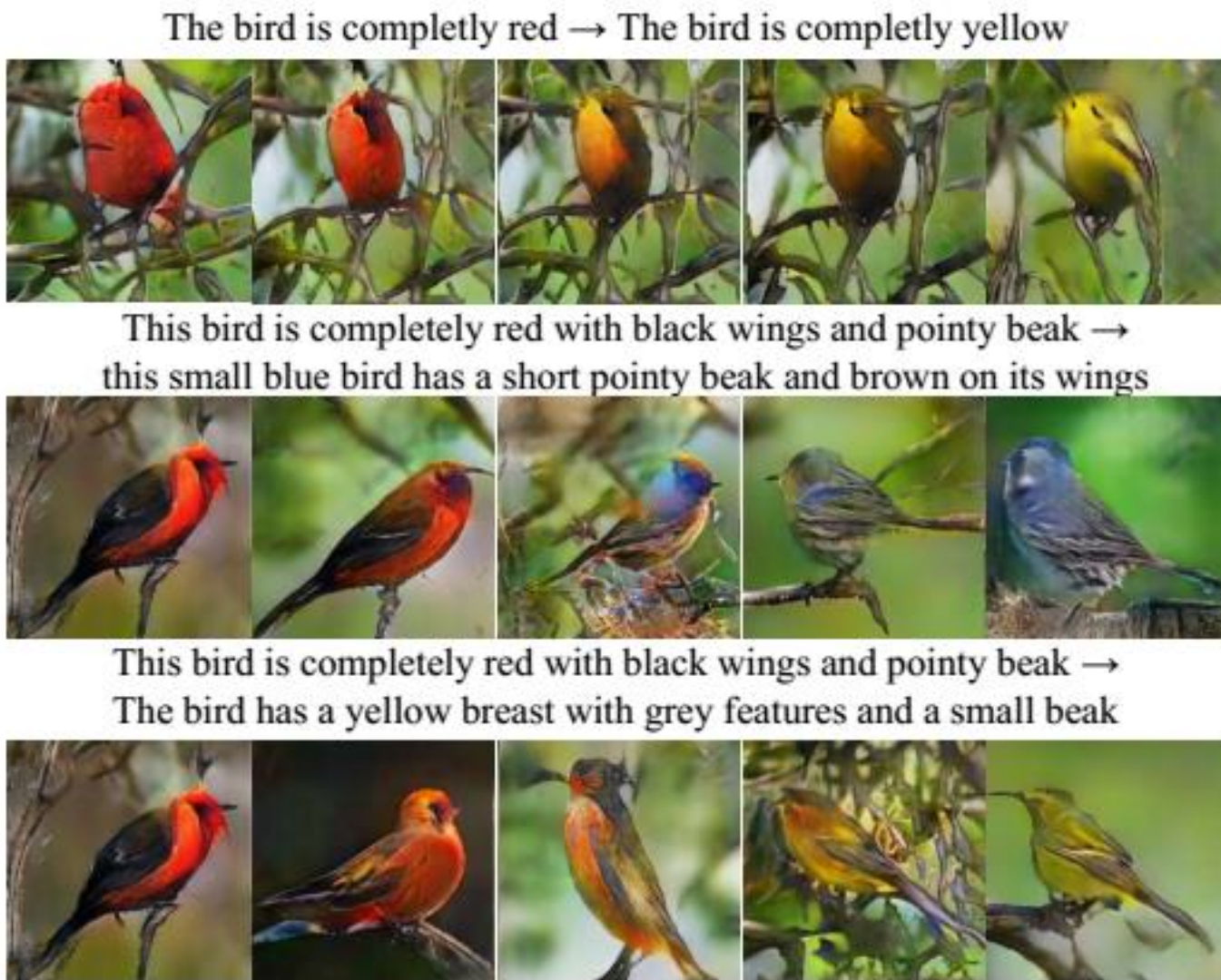


Figure 8. (Left to right) Images generated by interpolating two sentence embeddings. Gradual appearance changes from the first sentence's meaning to that of the second sentence can be observed. The noise vector z is fixed to be zeros for each row.



More example

This bird sits close to the ground with his short yellow tarsus and feet; his bill is long and is also yellow and his color is mostly white with a black crown and primary feathers

Stage-I
images



Stage-II
images



A large bird has large thighs and large wings that have white wingbars

Stage-I
images



Stage-II
images



The small bird has a red head with feathers that fade from red to gray from head to tail

Stage-I
images



Stage-II
images



This bird is black with green and has a very short beak

Stage-I
images



Stage-II
images



This flower has white petals with a yellow tip and a yellow pistil

Stage-I
images



Stage-II
images



A flower with small pink petals and a massive central orange and black stamen cluster

Stage-I
images



Stage-II
images





Failure cases

The main reason for failure cases is that Stage-I GAN fails to generate plausible rough shapes or colors of the objects

							This medium sized bird is primarily black and has a large wingspan and a long black bill with a strip of white at the beginning of it
			Bird has brown body feathers, brown breast feathers, and brown beak	The medium sized bird has a dark grey color, a black downward curved beak, and long wings	Colored bill with a white ring around it on the upper part near the bill	This bird has a dark brown overall body color, with a small white patch around the base of the bill	
Text description	This particular bird has a brown body and brown bill	Grey bird with black flat beak with grey and white big wings					
Stage-I images							
Stage-II images							

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		Text description						
		The petals of this flower are white with a large stigma	A unique yellow flower with no visible pistils protruding from the center	This flower is pink and yellow in color, with petals that are oddly shaped	This is a light colored flower with many different petals on a green stem	This flower is yellow and green in color, with petals that are ruffled	The flower have large petals that are pink with yellow on some of the petals	A flower that has white petals with some tones of yellow and green filaments
Stage-I images								
								



Thank you