



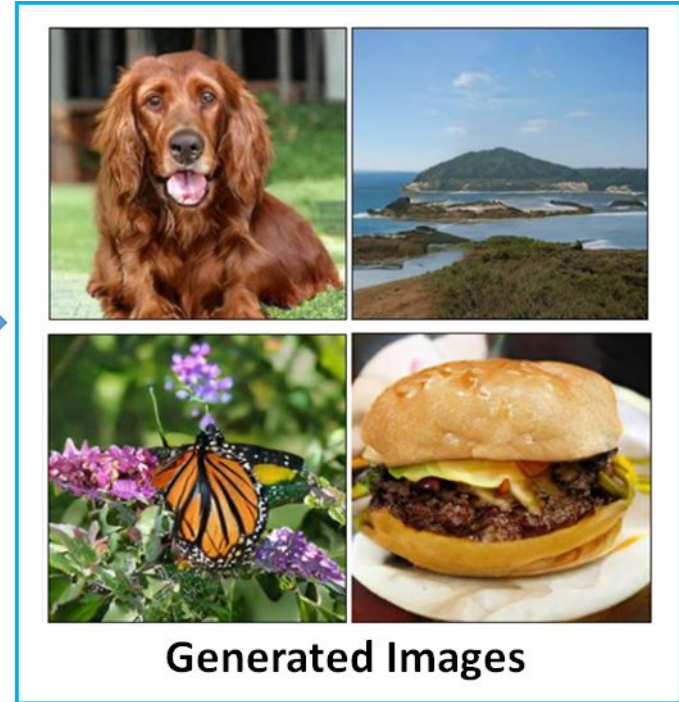
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Bias and Generalization in Deep Generative Models

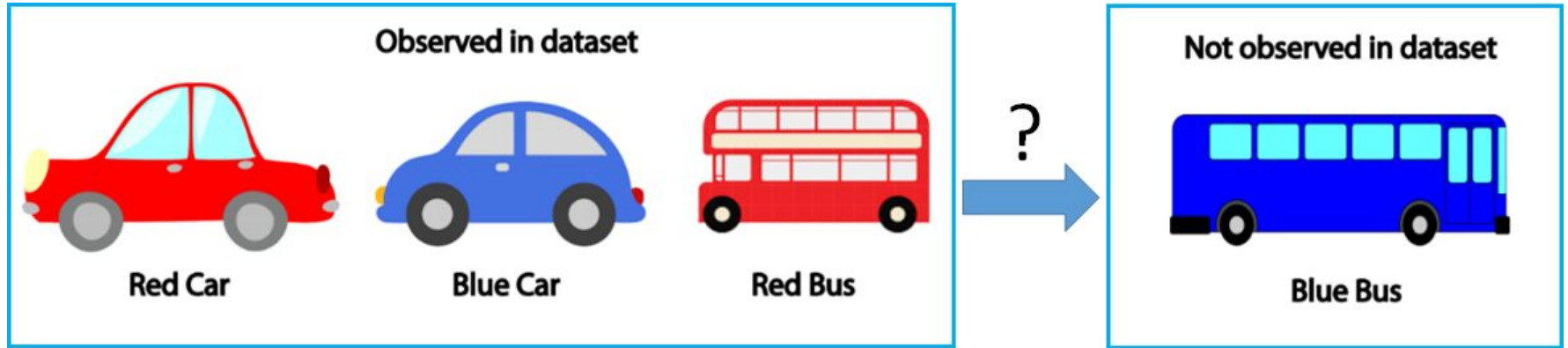
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Success in Generative Modeling of Images



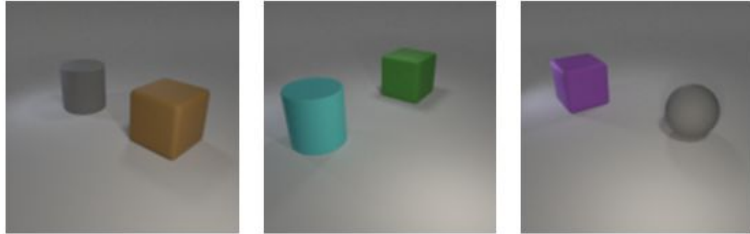
Goal: Understanding Generalization



How do generative models generalize?

Generalization Example: Object Count

All training images have 2 objects



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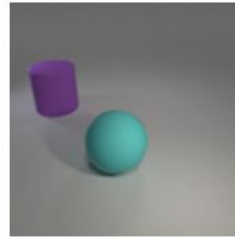
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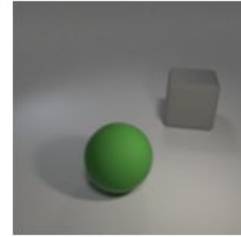


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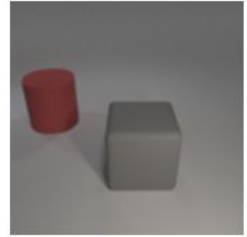
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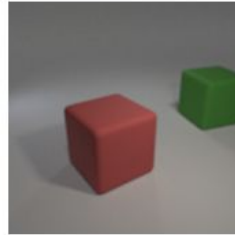


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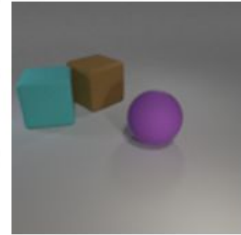


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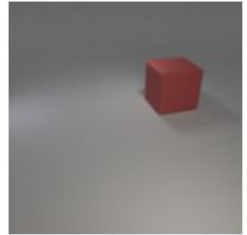
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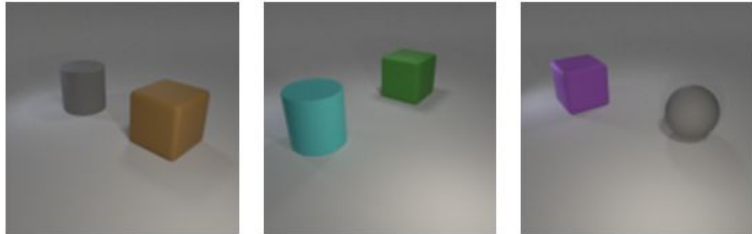
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Empirical Study of Generalization: Method

- Design datasets
- Train generative models (VAE, GAN, PixelCNN)
- Observe generalization behavior
- Find common patterns

Generalization Example: Object Count

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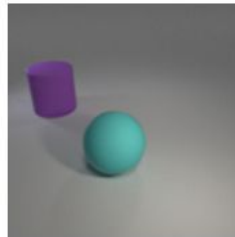
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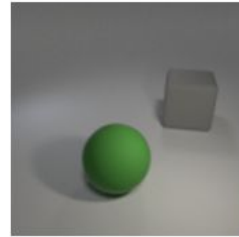


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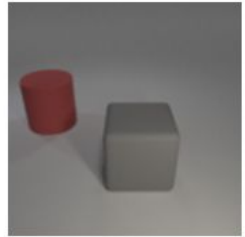
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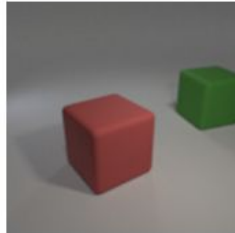


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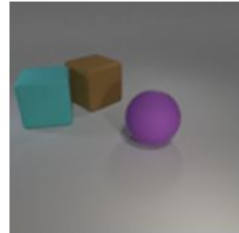


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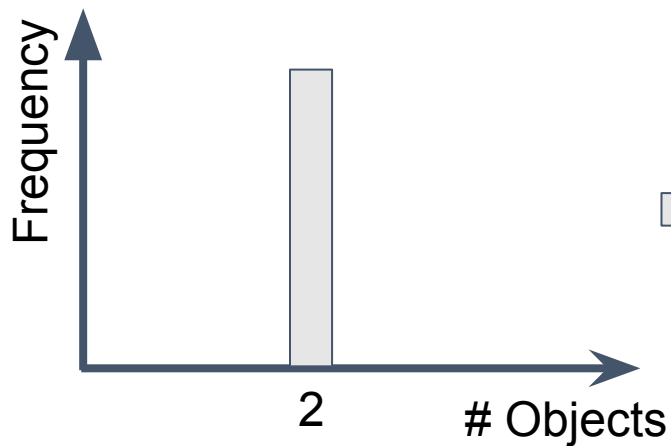


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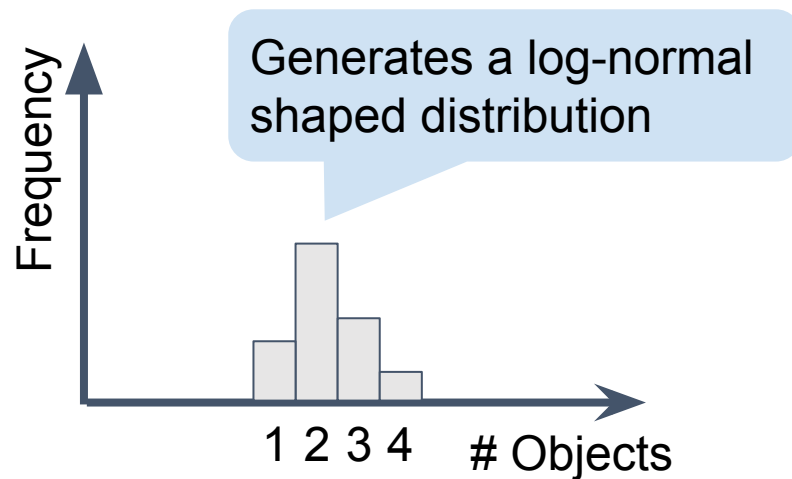


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Generalization in Feature Space: Numerosity

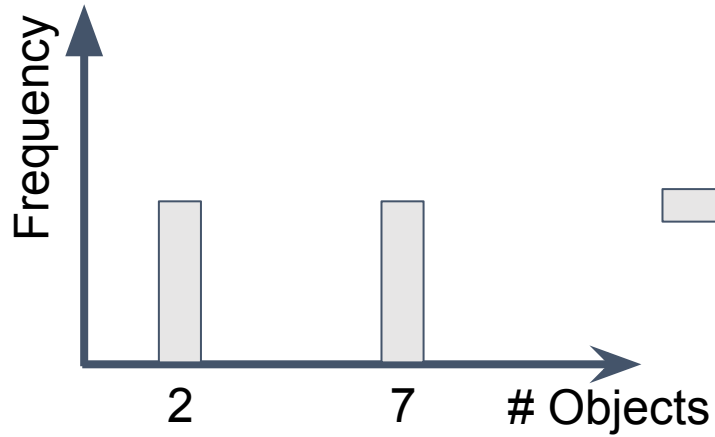


Training Distribution



Generated Distribution
(Observed)

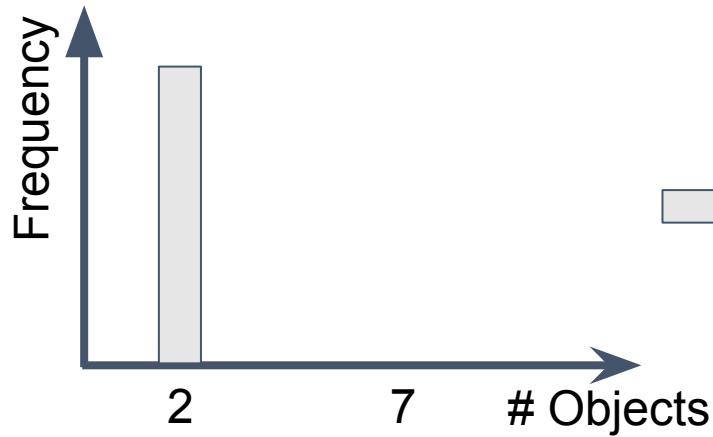
Multiple Numerosities



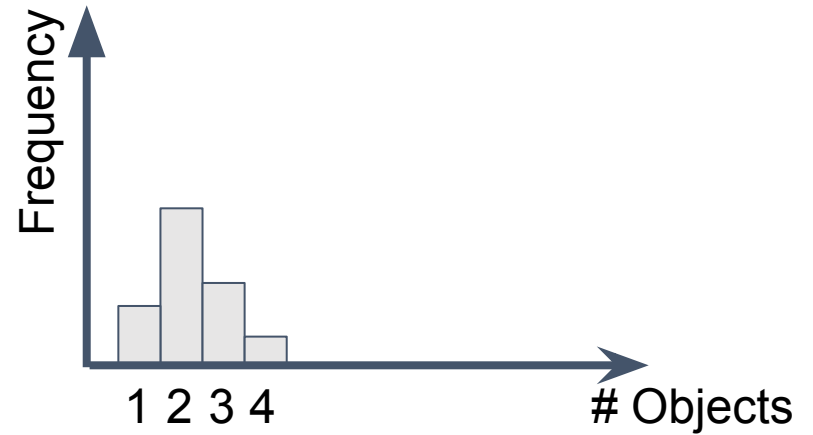
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Training Distribution

Multiple Numerosities: Only 2

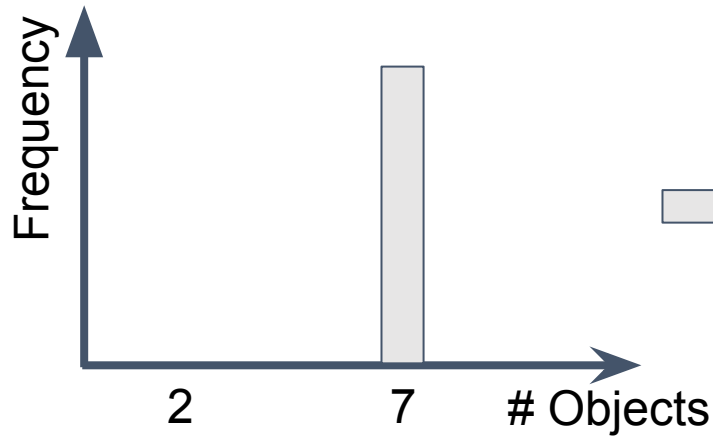


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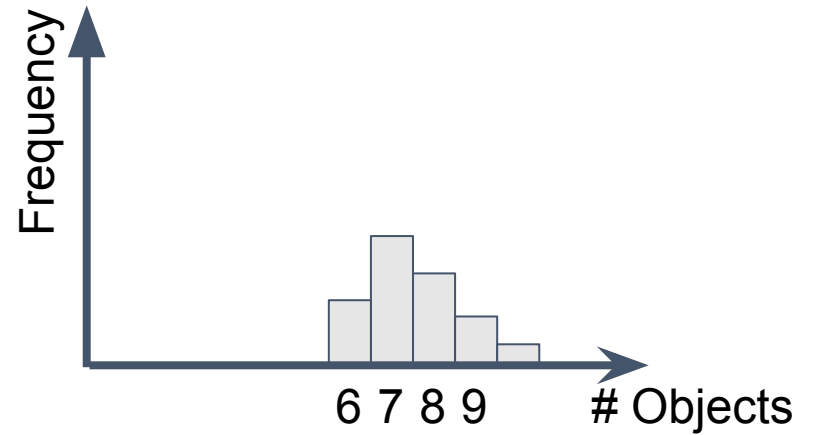


Generated Distribution

Multiple Numerosities: Only 7

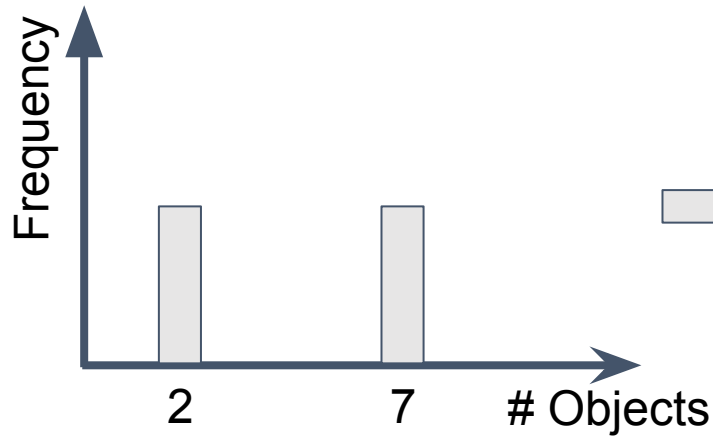


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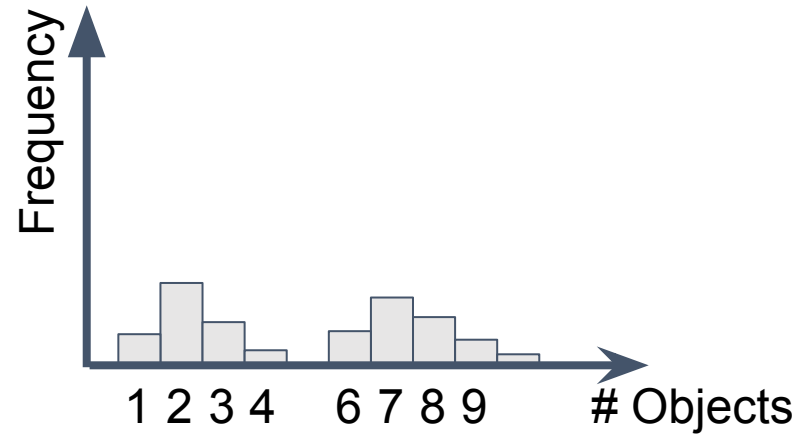


Generated Distribution

Multiple Numerosities: Additive Hypothesis

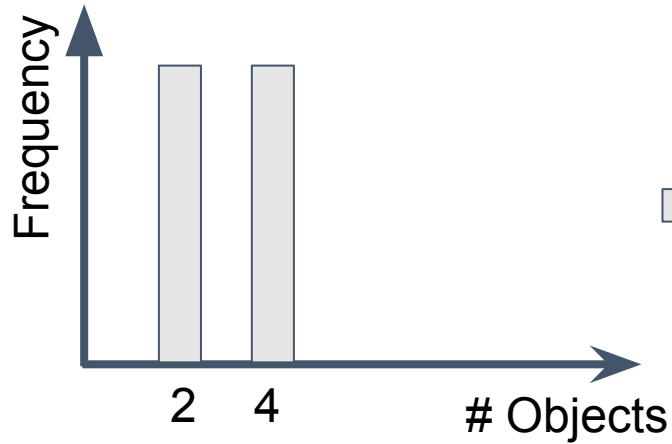


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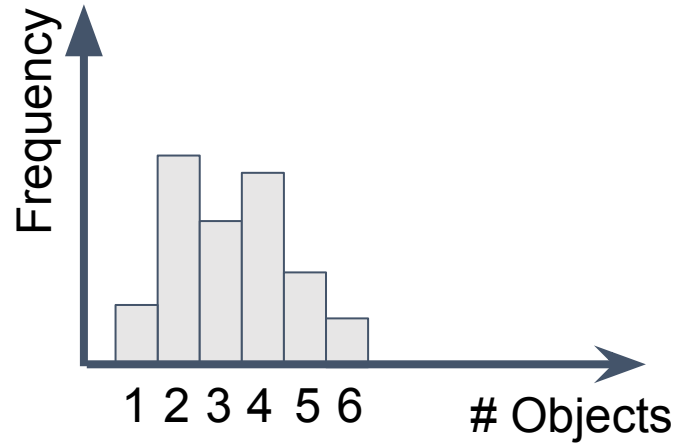


Generated Distribution
(Observed)

Additive Hypothesis with 2 and 4 Objects

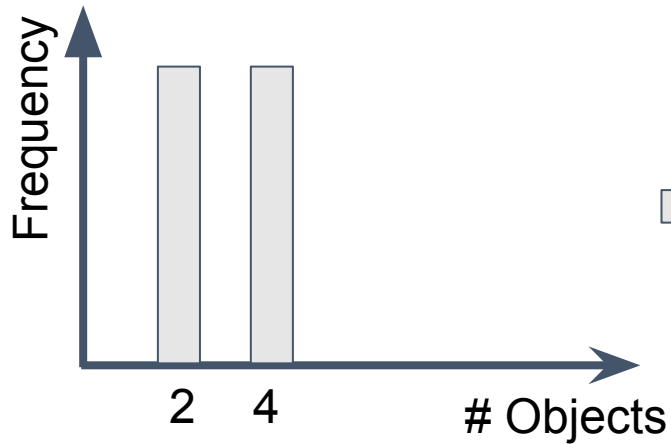


Training Distribution



Generated Distribution
(**Hypothesized**)

Actual Result: Prototype Enhancement

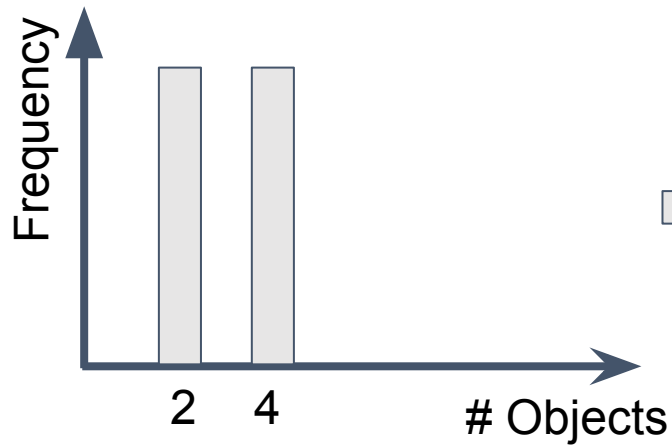


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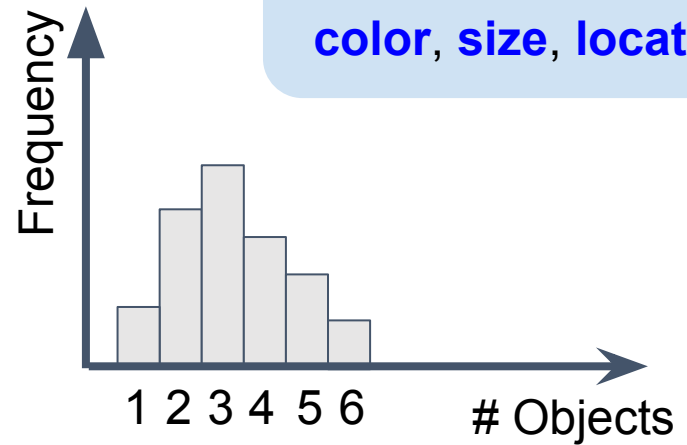


Generated Distribution
(**Observed**)

Prototype Enhancement



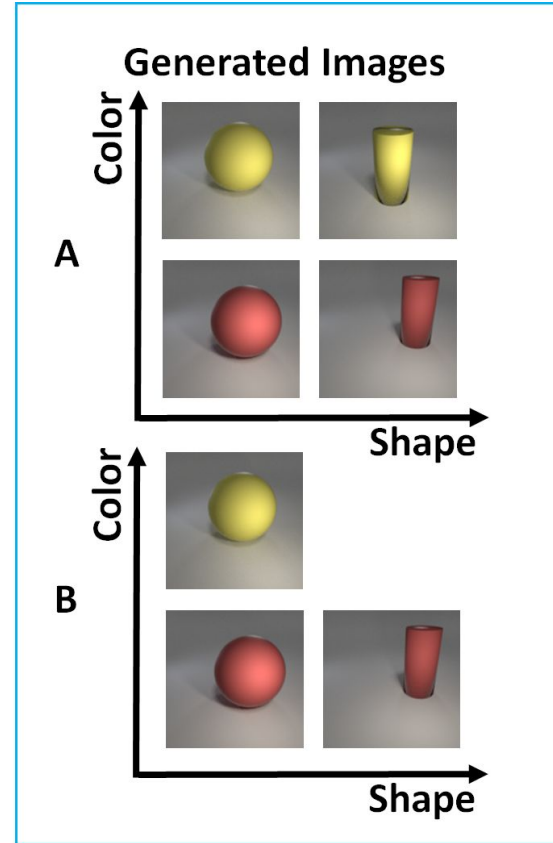
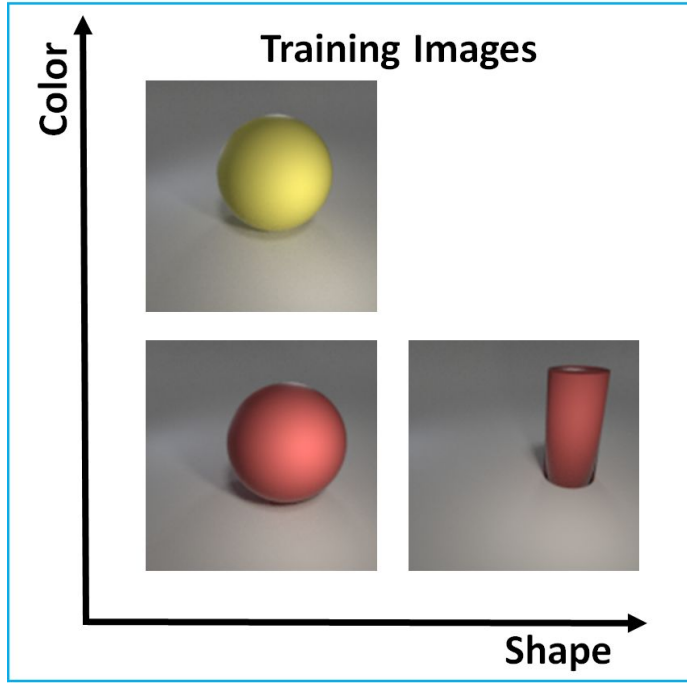
Training Distribution



Similar pattern for other features:
color, size, location

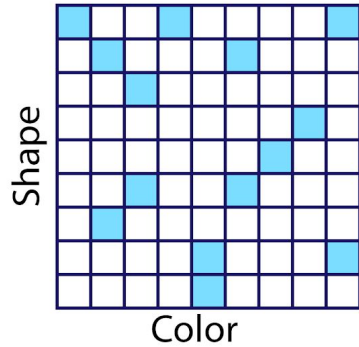
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Multiple Features

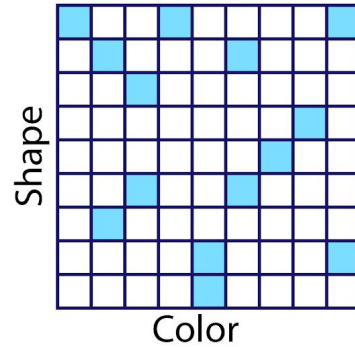




Memorization vs. Generalization

Training Distribution



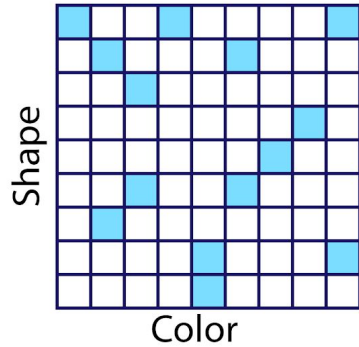
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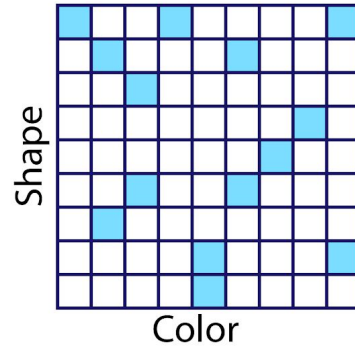
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Memorization vs. Generalization

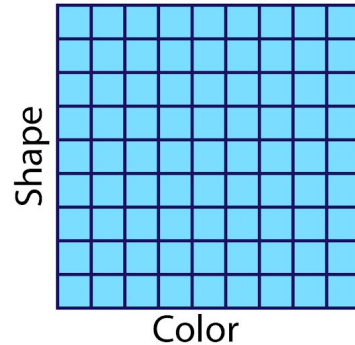
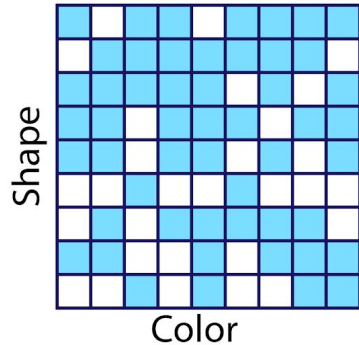
Training Distribution



Generated Distribution



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Different Setups, Similar Results

- Different features (shape, color, size, numerosity, etc.)
- Different models: (VAE, GAN, PixelCNN, etc.)
- Different architectures (fully connected, convolutional, etc.)
- Different hyper-parameters (network size, learning rate, etc.)

Conclusion

- New methodology: design datasets to probe generative models
- Observed common patterns across different setups

Welcome to our poster session for further discussions!

Tuesday 5-7pm @ Room 210 & 230 AB #6

Code available at github.com/ermongroup/BiasAndGeneralization