Appendix A  Model Architecture

Figure 1. LBAE Encoder

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Appendix B  Compression

While not a comprehensive evaluation, the Table 1 shows compression performance of our method LBAE compared with VAE and, only on the CIFAR-10 dataset, to the VQ-VAE (van den Oord et al., 2017). Compression ratio on the ImageNet images with resolution $128 \times 128 \times 3$, as presented in the VQ-VAE work, has not been yet explored with our method.

The compression is reported as the input sample (image) size over the compressed latent representation both in bits, similar to the method in VQ-VAE publication. Additionally, we relate the compression ratio to the reconstruction quality reported as FID. On the CIFAR-10, the VQ-VAE discrete latent code indexes $8 \times 8 \times 10$ embeddings in a dictionary with 512 entries. Therefore, each index requires 9 bits and together the code consumes $8 \times 8 \times 10 \times 9 = 5760$ bits. Size of the real-valued VAE latents is estimated as 32 bits (32 bits floating-point variables) per dimension. Arguably, the latents do not saturate all 32 bits at each dimension, thus the reported values are just informative. More thorough evaluation in this direction is a subject of upcoming research work.

In Table 1, we can observe that LBAE shows significantly higher compression compared to VAE as well as higher quality in FID. LBAE offers also higher compression than the VQ-VAE, although we could not compare the reconstruction quality, thus this result can not be considered conclusive.

Table 1. Comparison of input/latent size compression ratio and corresponding FIDs on the test dataset reconstruction. VQ-VAE compression is based on data from the van den Oord et al. 2017 publication, available only for CIFAR-10.
Appendix C  Qualitative results

Appendix C.1  CIFAR-10

Figure 3. Reconstruction on the test dataset.

Figure 4. Random samples with LBAE method.

Figure 5. Interpolation on the test dataset.
Appendix C.2 MNIST

Figure 6. Reconstruction on the test dataset.

Figure 7. Random samples with LBAE method.

Figure 8. Interpolation on the test dataset.
Appendix C.3  CelebA

Figure 9. Reconstruction on the test dataset.  
Figure 10. Random samples with LBAE method.  
Figure 11. Interpolation on the test dataset.
Figure 12. Interpolation between test images (left) and the same images (right) with modified attributes.
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