

# AutoEncoders

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- Autoencoders are artificial neural networks capable of learning dense representations of the input data, called *latent representations* or *codings*, without any supervision (i.e., the training set is unlabeled).
- Their job is to take an input  $X$  and predict  $X$ . To make this non-trivial, we need to add a **bottleneck layer** whose dimension is much smaller than the input.

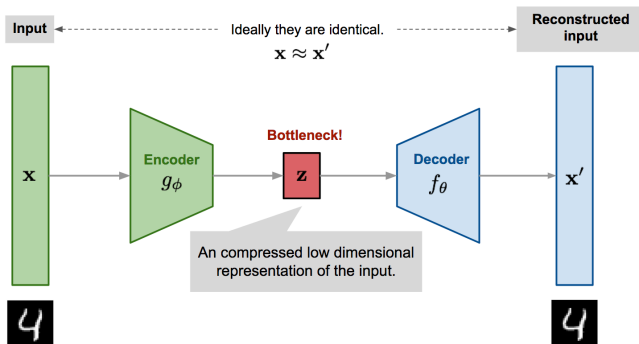


Figure: <https://lilianweng.github.io/posts/2018-08-12-vae/>

# Autoencoders: Structure

- Encoder: compress input into a latent-space of usually smaller dimension.  $h = f(x)$
- Decoder: reconstruct input from the latent space.  $r = g(f(x))$  with  $r$  as close to  $x$  as possible

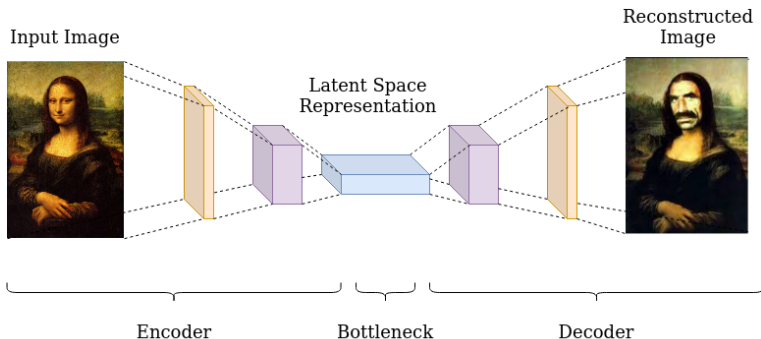


Figure:

<https://emkadeemy.medium.com/1-first-step-to-generative-deep-learning-with-autoencoders-22bd41e56>

# Autoencoders: Applications

- Autoencoders can
  - act as feature detectors
  - be used for unsupervised pretraining of deep neural networks

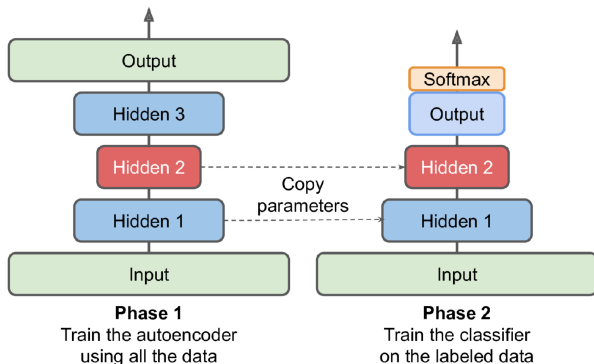


Figure: Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn, Keras, and TensorFlow, 2nd Edition by Aurélien Géron

# Autoencoders: Applications

- Autoencoders can be used as generative models. (will be discussed more later in this chapter.)



Figure: <https://github.com/wojciechmo/vae>

# Autoencoders: Applications

## ■ Watermark removal

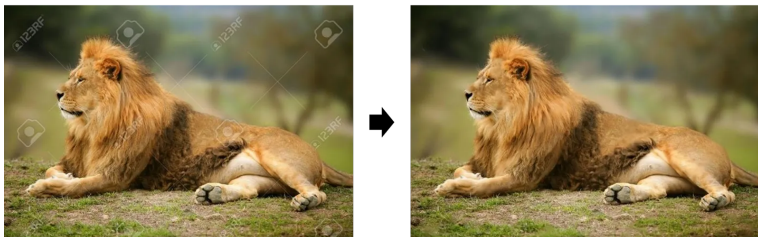


Figure: <https://ai.googleblog.com/2017/08/making-visible-watermarks-more-effective.html>

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## ■ Noise reduction

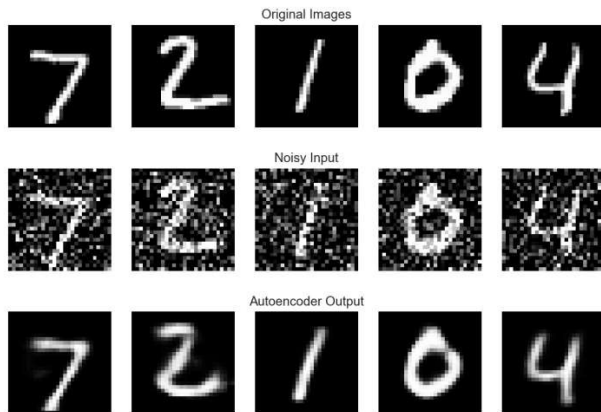


Figure: <https://medium.com/@harishr2301/denoising-autoencoders-996e866e5cd0>

# Stacked Autoencoders

- Autoencoders can have multiple hidden layers. In this case they are called *stacked autoencoders* (or *deep autoencoders*).
- Adding more layers helps the autoencoder learn more complex codings. but be careful about **overfitting**!

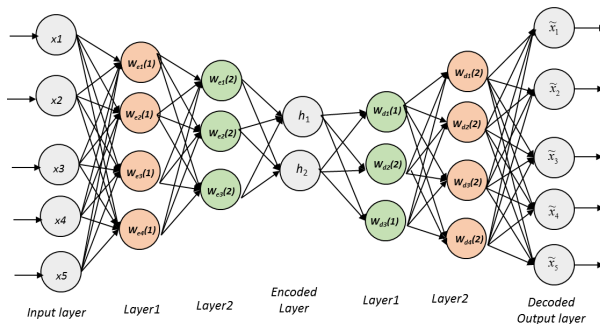


Figure: <https://subscription.packtpub.com/book/big-data-and-business-intelligence/9781787121089/4/ch04lv11sec51/setting-up-stacked-autoencoders>



# Test

- One
  - ▶ One
  - ▶ Two
  - ▶ Three
- For two-dimensional tensors, we have a corresponding sum with indices  $(a, b)$  for  $f$  and  $(i - a, j - b)$  for  $g$ , respectively:

$$(f * g)(i, j) = \sum_a \sum_b f(a, b) g(i - a, j - b)$$

- It is given by,

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - \left( \alpha_t / \sqrt{(v_t)} + e \right) * (\delta L / \delta w_t)$$

where,

$$v_t = \beta * v_t + (1 - \beta) * (\delta L / \delta w_t)^2$$

**Thank You!**

**Any Question?**