

Deep Learning

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- The end result is to reduce the learned representation's sensitivity towards the training input.

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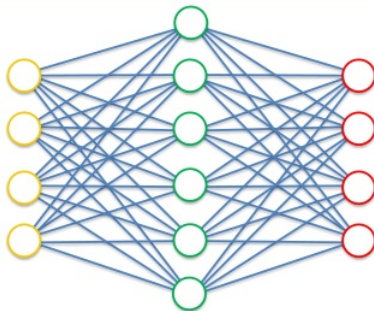
where the added summand is the square of Frobenius norm of the following Jacobian matrix:

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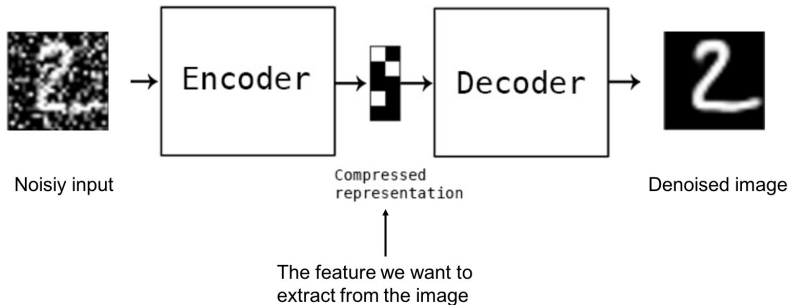
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- The model learns a vector field for mapping the input data towards a lower dimensional manifold which describes the natural data to cancel out the added noise.

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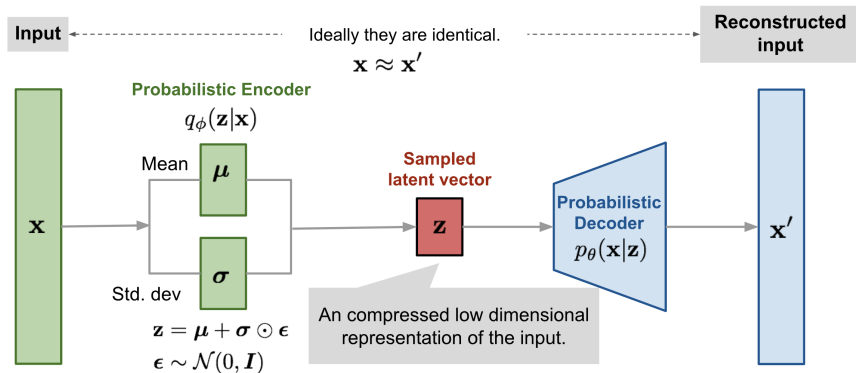
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