



CIS 522: Lecture 5R

Autoencoders
02/13/20

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Yes

No

Puppy



Feedback / Logistics

- Lecture Notes
- Puppy as option instead of kitten
- HW2 - Due tonight at midnight!
- HW3 - Computer Vision
 - Groups of 2
- Final Project Abstract Proposal (Due Tuesday 2/18)



Generative Models

Cognitive science

Imagine a kitten

Make it black

Make it play with a ball

Like this?



What is a Generative Model?

Discriminative Model: Given a set of classes C , and a sample X , what is the probability X belongs to class c ?

Succinctly represented as this quantity: $P(c|X)$ (called a **class probability estimate**)

To generate a classification: $\operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(c|X)$

Examples:

1. Logistic Regression
2. Decision Trees
3. Support Vector Machines

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Examples

- Naive Bayes
- **Variational Autoencoder (To be covered in this lecture)**
- Generative Adversarial Networks (To be covered in **next** lecture!)



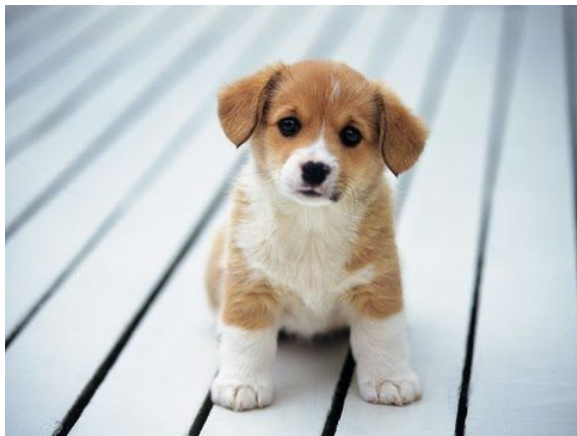
Low-dimensional representations





Cute puppy... but takes ~ **half a million numbers to represent**

Artificial vs. biological representations



X 172k =



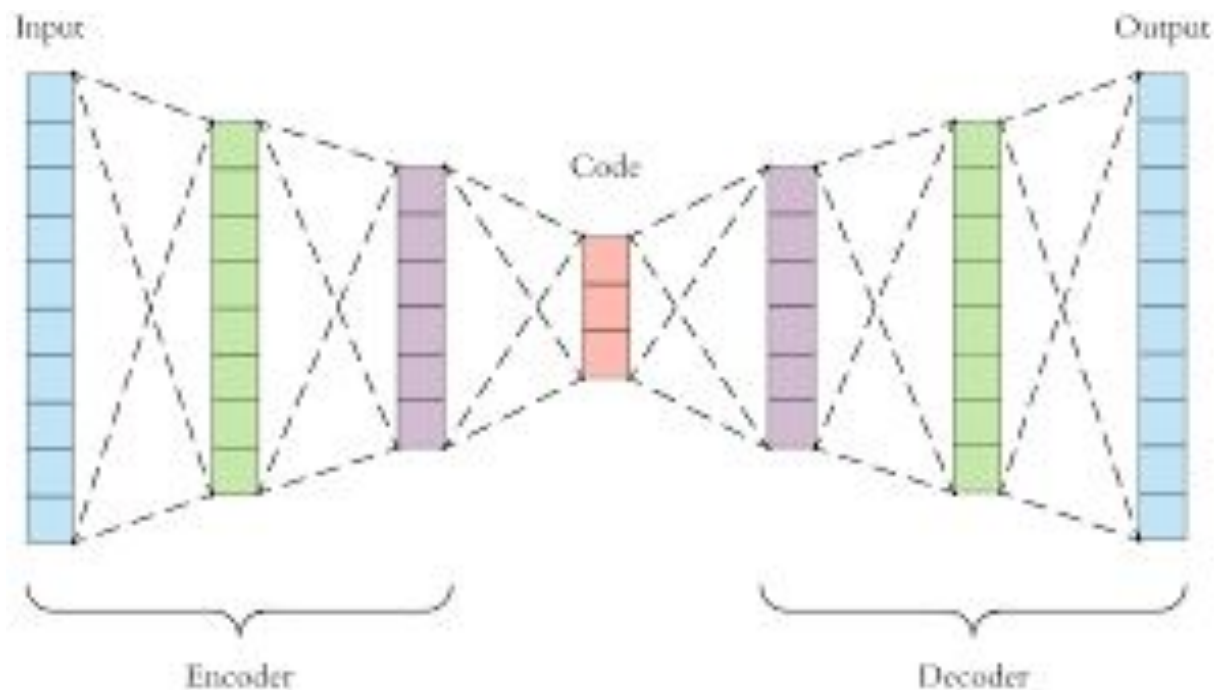
How can we represent a puppy with less numbers?





Autoencoders

Basic architecture



Training

- “Self-supervised” training: desired output Y is just input X
- e.g. MSE loss
- Small bottleneck layer impedes training

you vs. the guy she tells you not to worry about

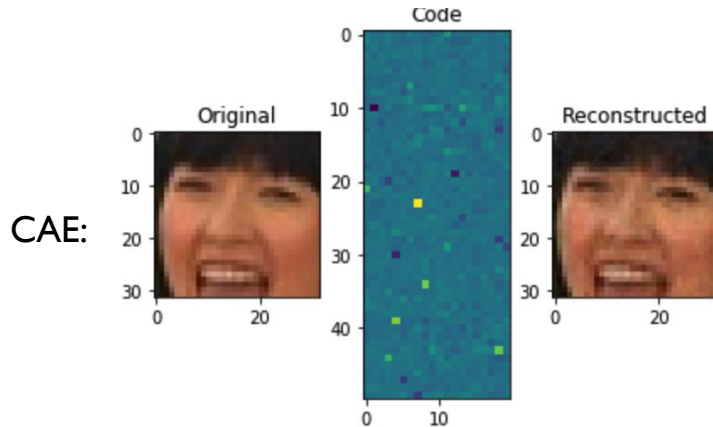


What is a linear autoencoder?

- What happens if no nonlinearity?
- Linear encoder and decoder
- If L2 on encoder and decoder, exactly PCA (Kunin et al. 2019)

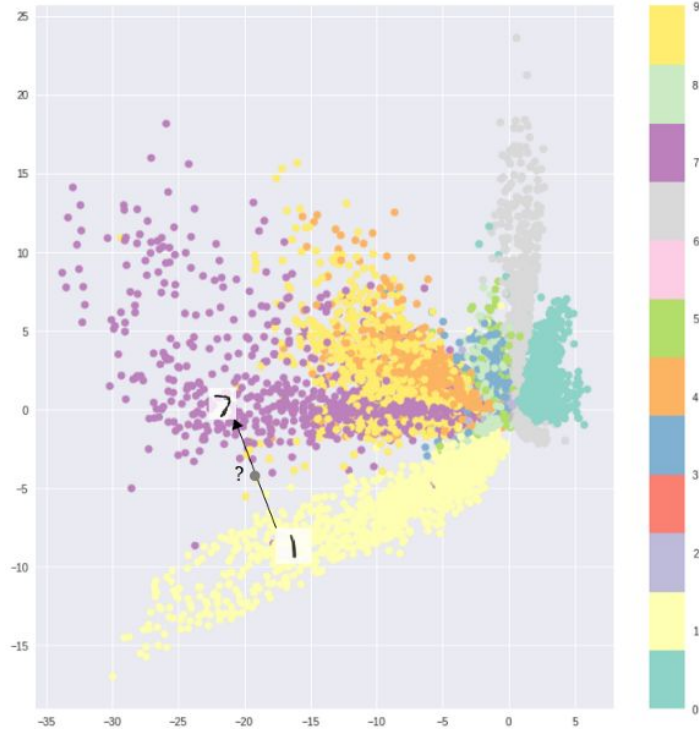
Convolutional Autoencoders

- Decoder has to “undo” the convolution / pooling
- Generally involves upsampling or “deconvolutions”
- Also conv layers reducing # of features



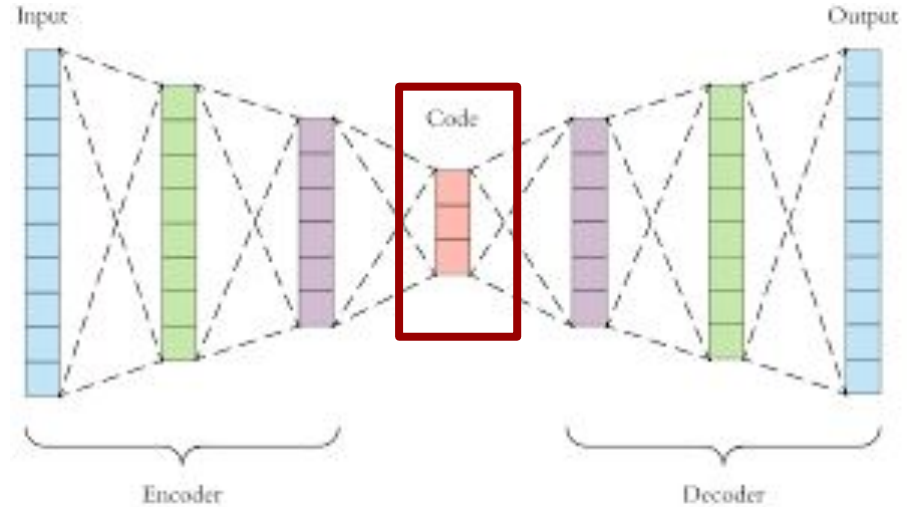
Issue with Convolutional Autoencoders

- Space forms clusters
- Clusters are far apart
- What if we want to interpolate between classes?



Constraining the Features

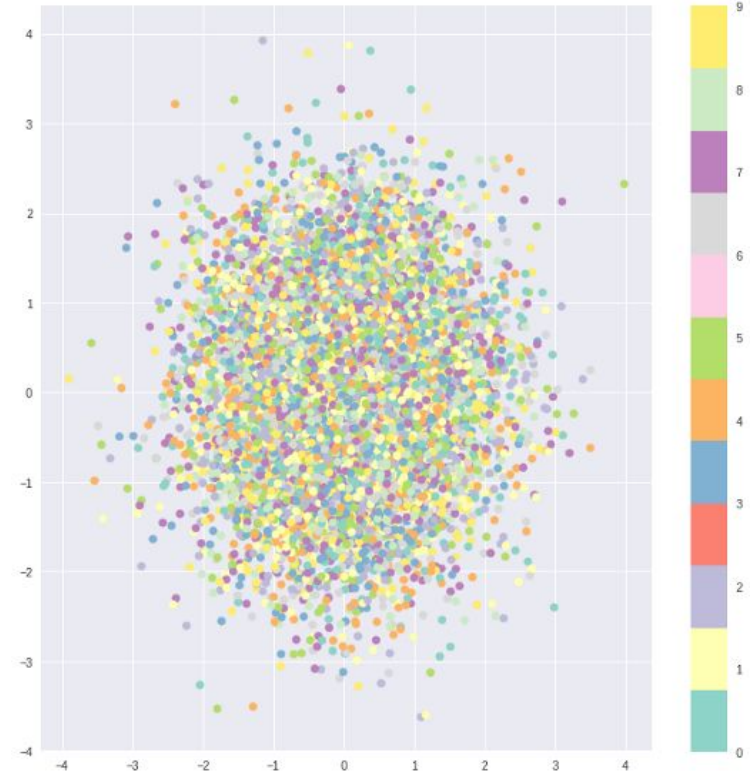
- Currently no constraints on the features.
- What if we constrained the features to the standard normal distribution?



KL Divergence Loss

$$D_{KL}(p||q) = \sum_{i=1}^N p(x_i) \log\left(\frac{p(x_i)}{q(x_i)}\right)$$

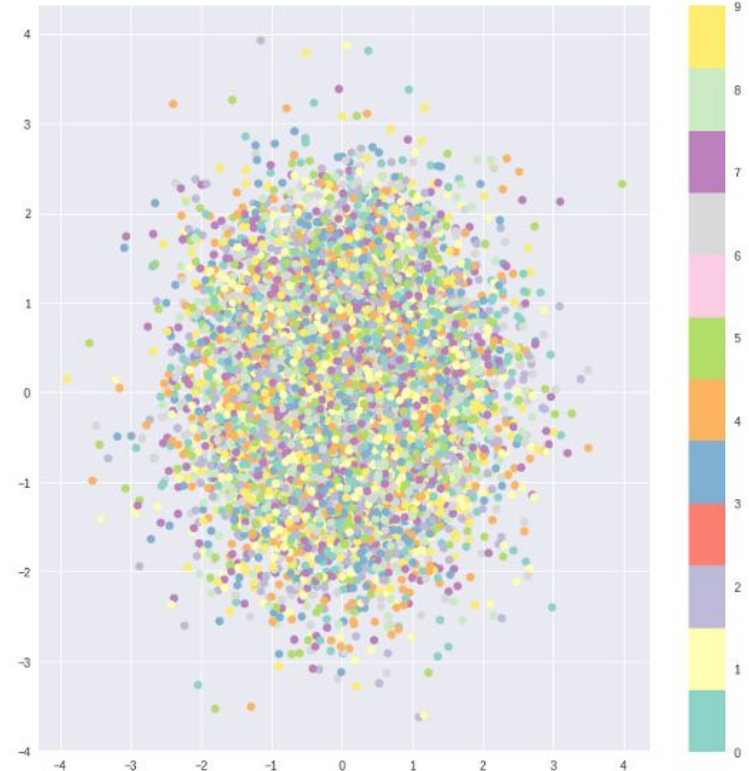
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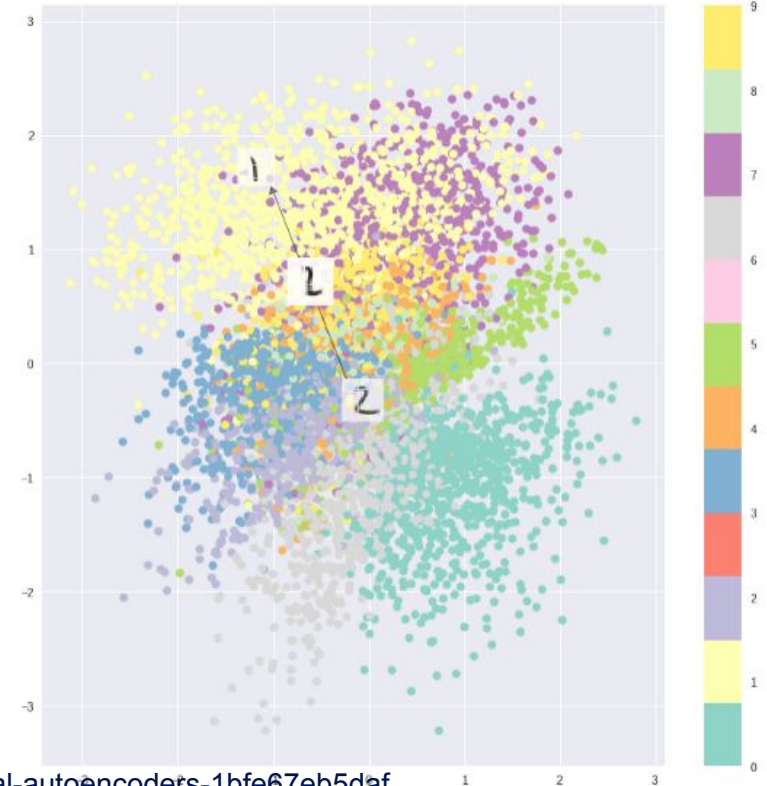
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Only using the KL Divergence Loss

... clearly can't **only** use a KL Divergence Loss



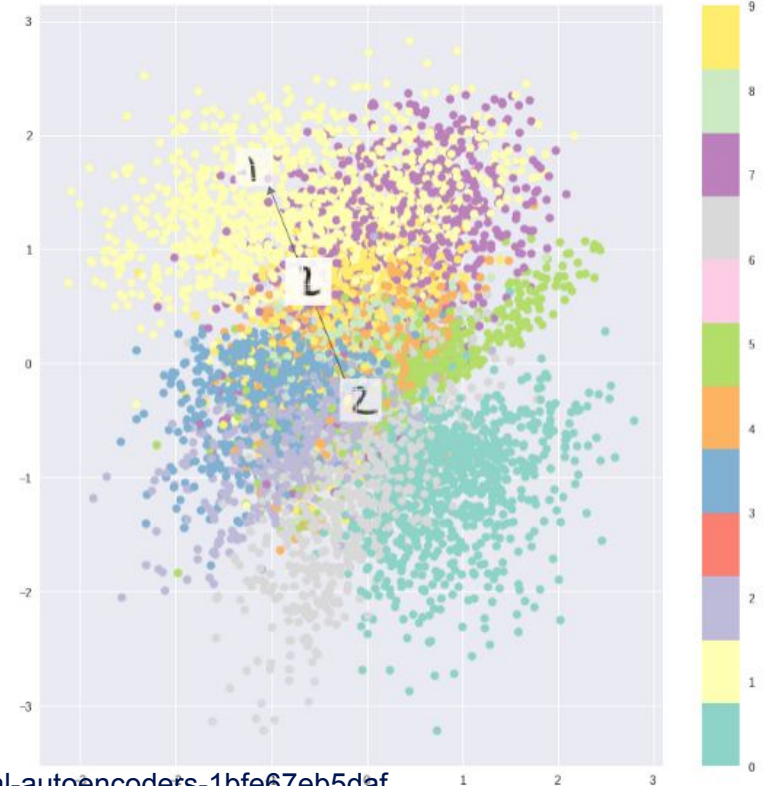
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Much better!



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Regularization

Reconstruction
loss

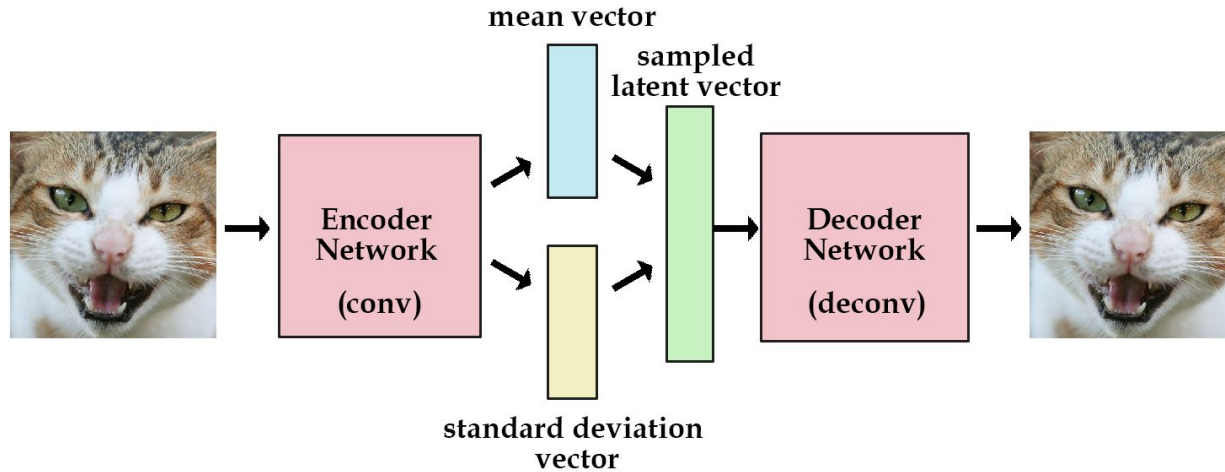
Variational autoencoders (VAEs) - motivation

- Want the low-dim representation z to have independent components
- Each component should contribute a similar amount
- z according to unit Gaussian

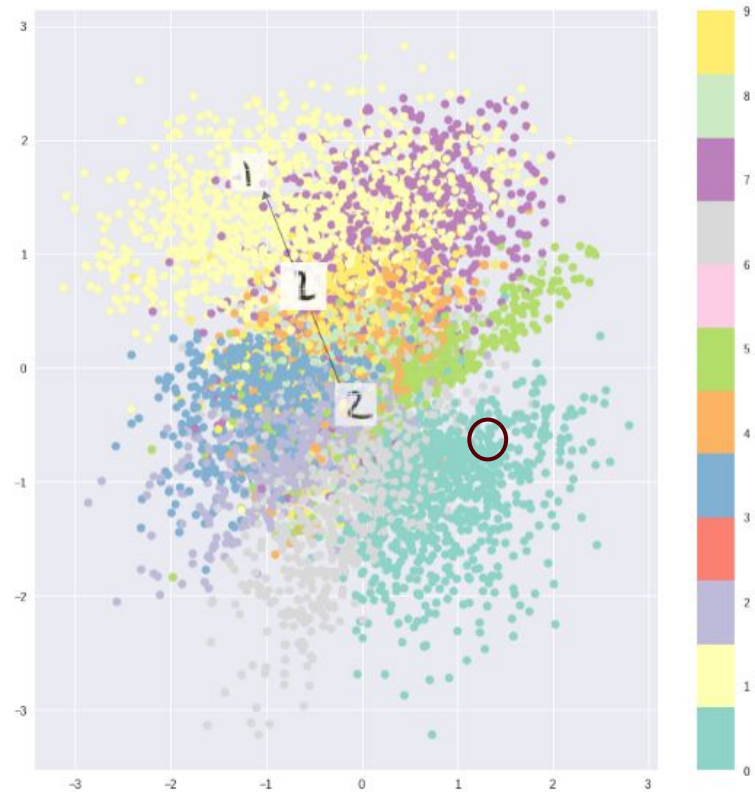
Example:

- Low-dim representation of faces - eye color, hair length, etc.
- Each feature should be independent
- Scale so each feature has same variance

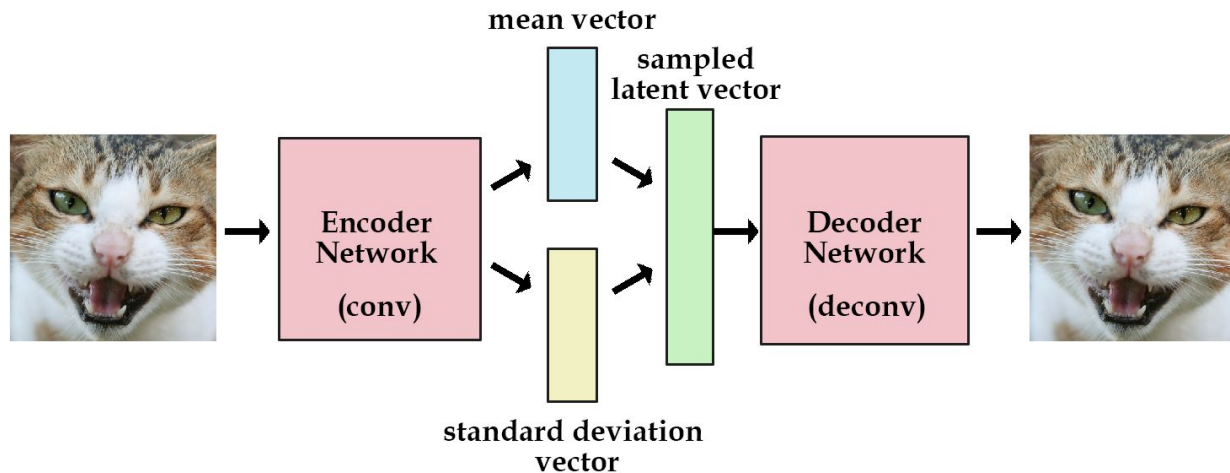
VAE Process



Why sample a latent vector?



VAE Process

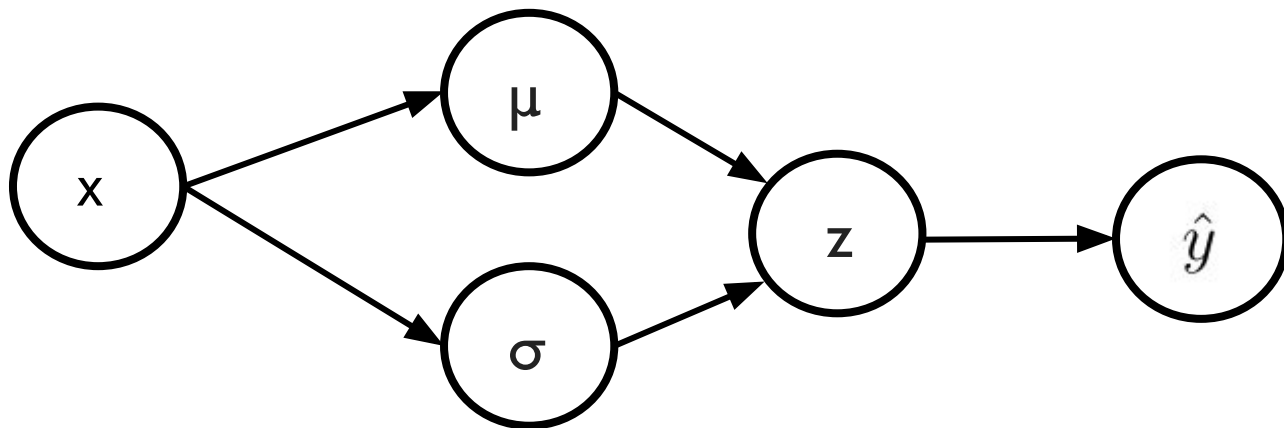


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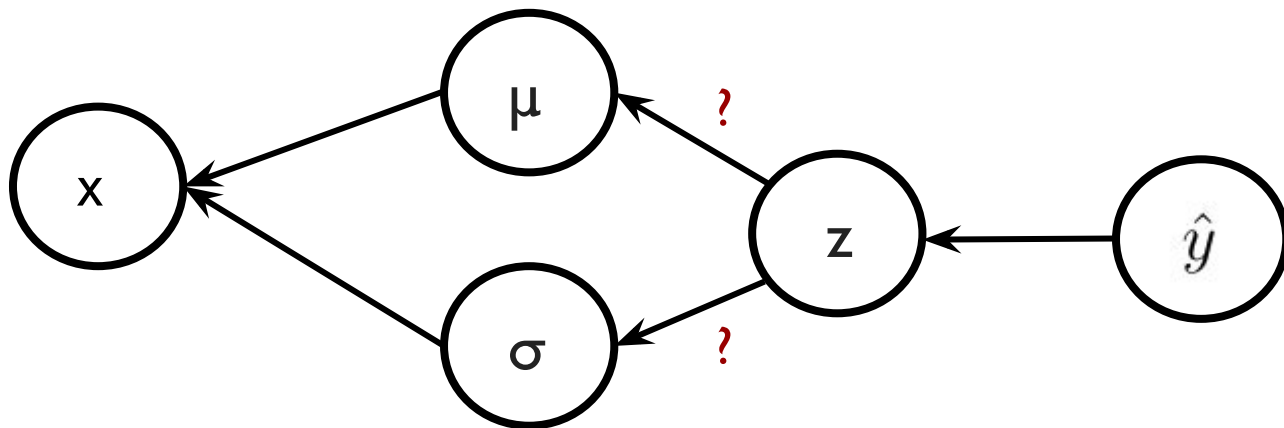
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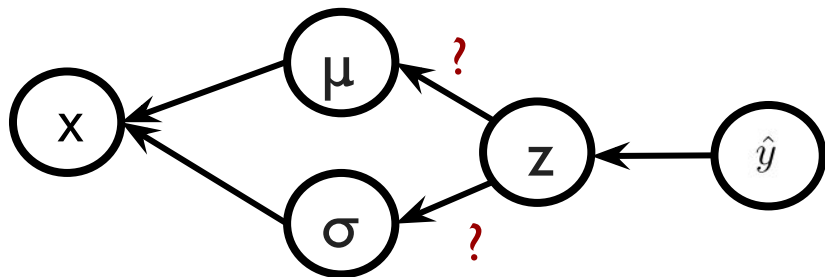
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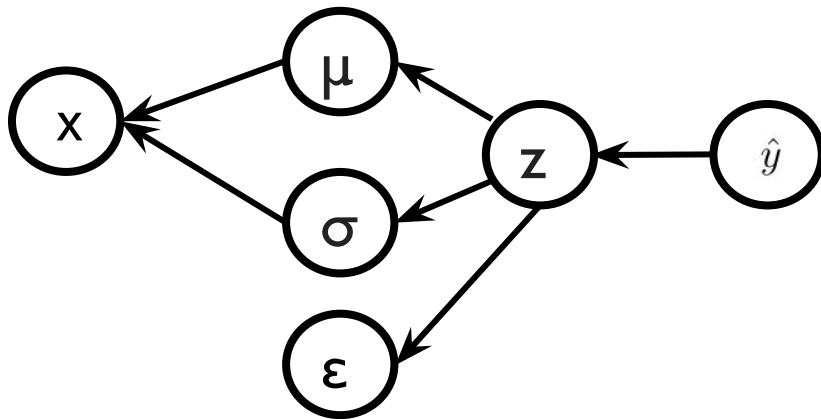
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Reparameterization Trick



$$Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$$



$$\epsilon \sim N(0, I)$$

$$Z = \epsilon\sigma + \mu$$

Where did this loss function come from?

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{q,r} \left(KL(q(z|x) || p(z)) + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z|x)} MSE(x, r(z)) \right)$$

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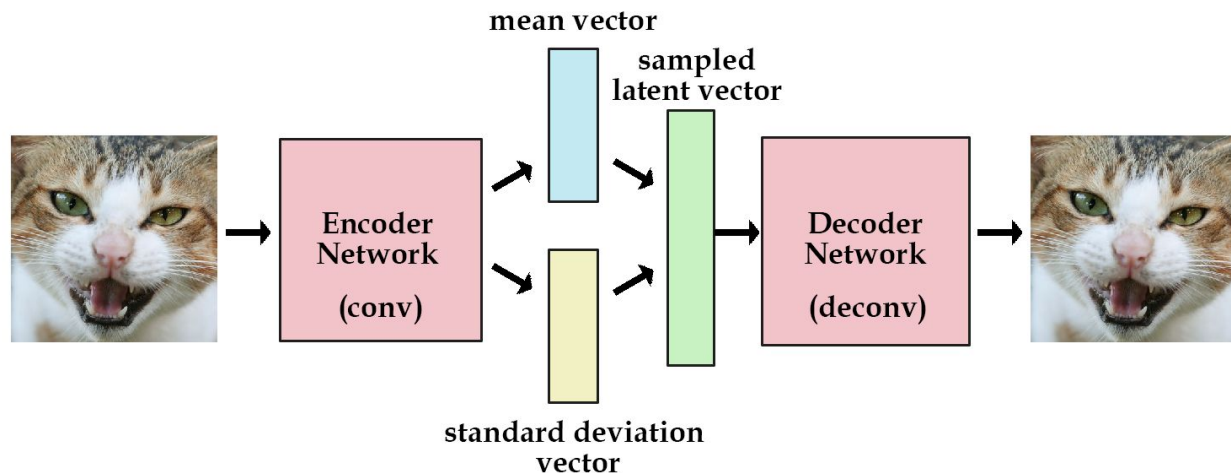
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Can compute individual terms of integral, but not the integral itself!

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Encoder Network: $q_{\phi}(z|x)$

Decoder Network: $p_{\theta}(x|z)$

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$$D_{KL}(q_\phi(z | x^{(i)}) || p_\theta(z | x^{(i)})) \quad \text{Intractable term}$$

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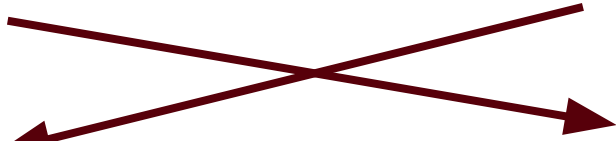
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$$\geq \mathbf{E}_z \left[\log p_\theta(x^{(i)} | z) \right] - D_{KL}(q_\phi(z | x^{(i)}) || p_\theta(z)) \quad (\text{Since KL Div always non-negative})$$

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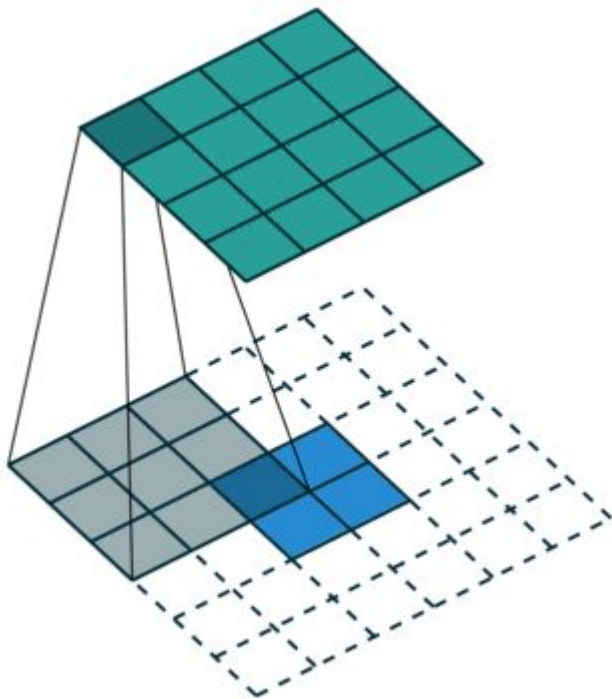
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The diagram consists of two dark red arrows that cross each other. One arrow originates from the D_{KL} term in the equation above and points towards the KL term in the equation below. The other arrow originates from the \mathbf{E}_z term in the equation above and points towards the $\mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z|x)}$ term in the equation below.

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Transposed Convolution (“Deconvolution”)



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What works best to increase resolution?

Upsampling an image

Upsampling + Convolution

Unpooling

Transposed Convolution

None of the above



Issues with VAEs

Input



VAE reconstruction

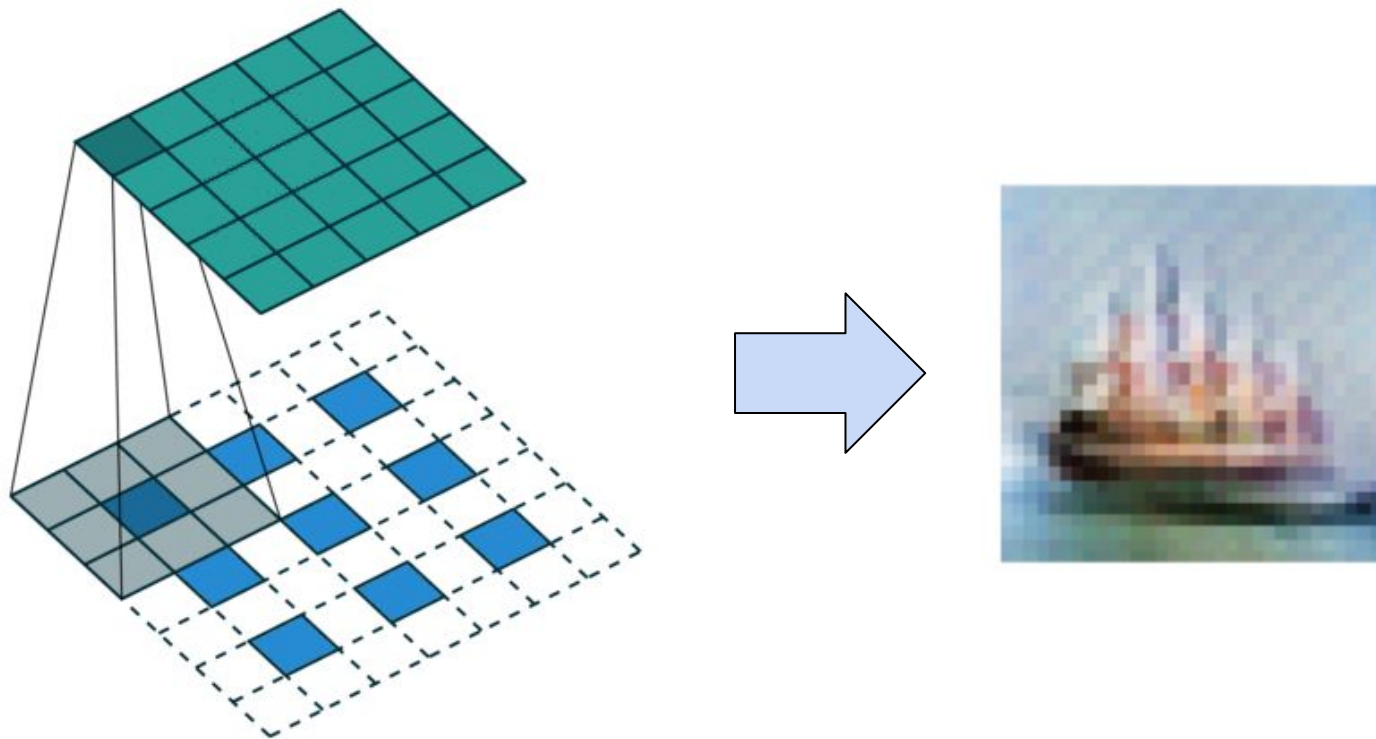


VAE/GAN reconstruction



Current fix is to use a VAE + GAN (you'll learn about GANs in the next lecture)

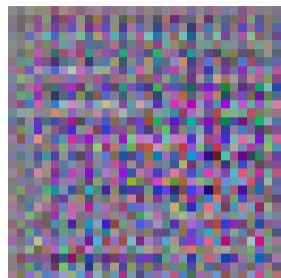
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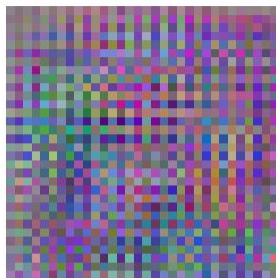
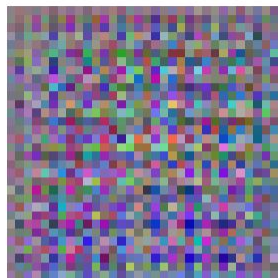
Checkerboarding Artifact



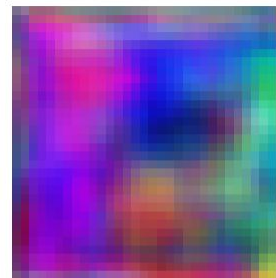
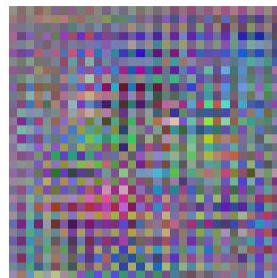
Resize Convolutions



Deconvolution in last two layers.
Artifacts prior to any training.



Deconvolution only in last layer.
Artifacts prior to any training.



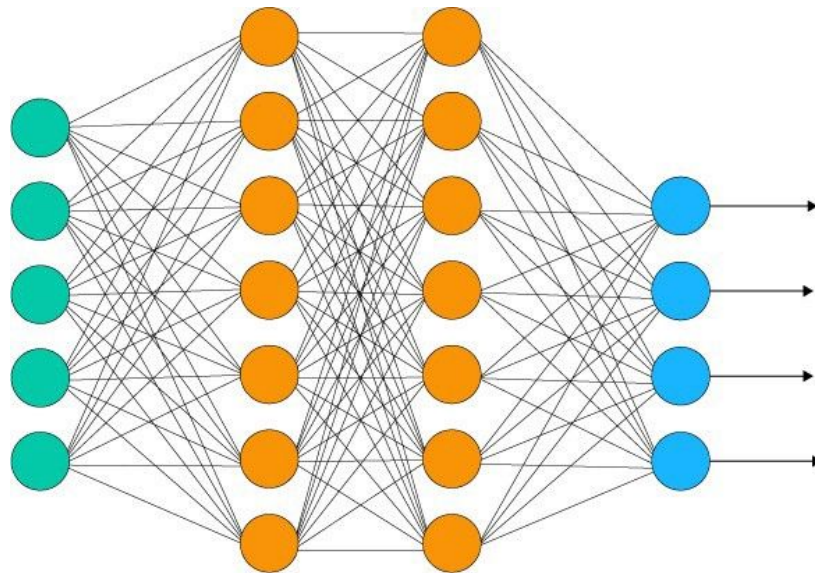
All layers use resize-convolution.
No artifacts before or after training.



Better Weight Initialization

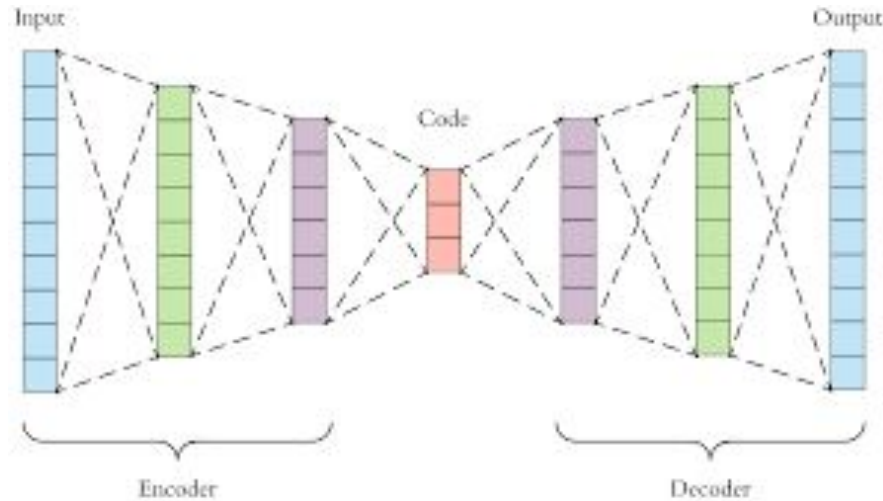
- Train unsupervised with unlabeled inputs
- Throw away decoder network
- Start training with labeled data!

“Explainable” AI



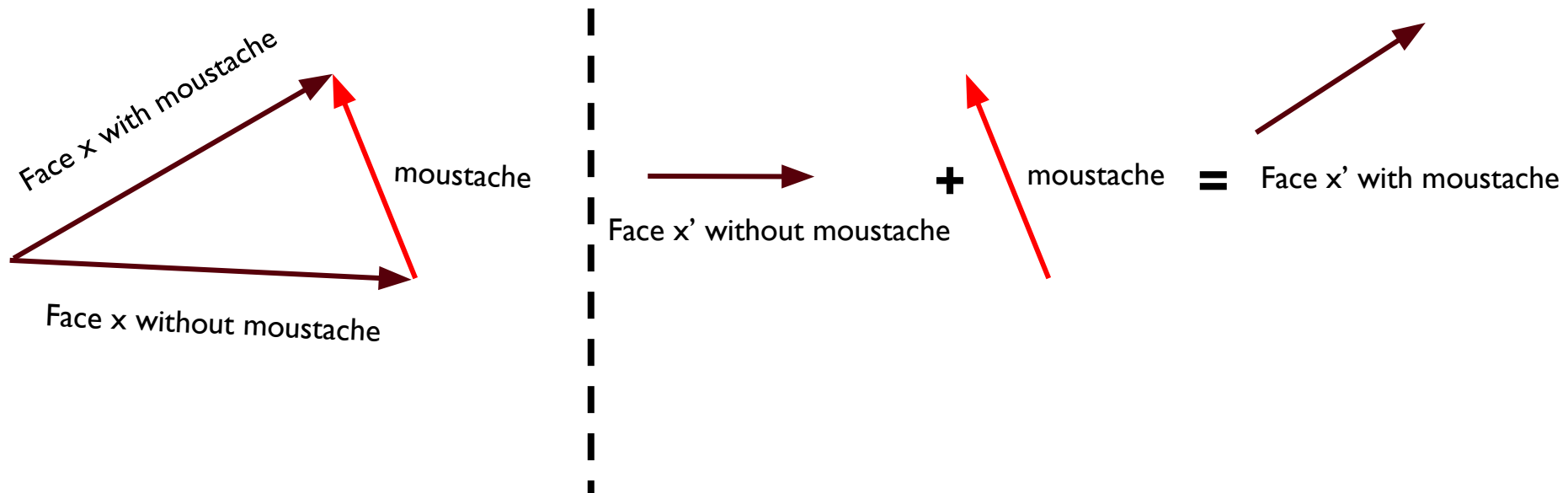
What do these weights mean?
What if we do a mis-prediction?

“Explainable” AI



Vary each of the features in the code vector and see what the output looks like!

VAE Vector Arithmetic



Style Disentanglement



VAE

z_{artist}

z_{time}

z_{style}

Mona lisa painted by Dali in 2019?

Cubist “Starry Night” in 1500?

Style Disentanglement

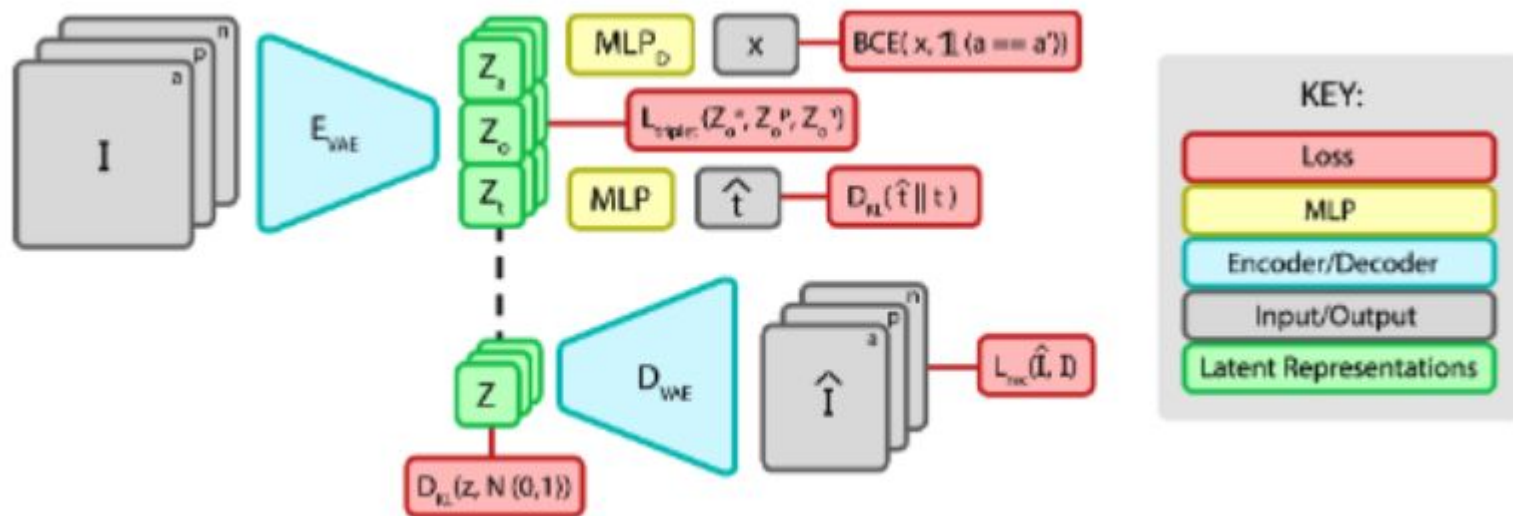
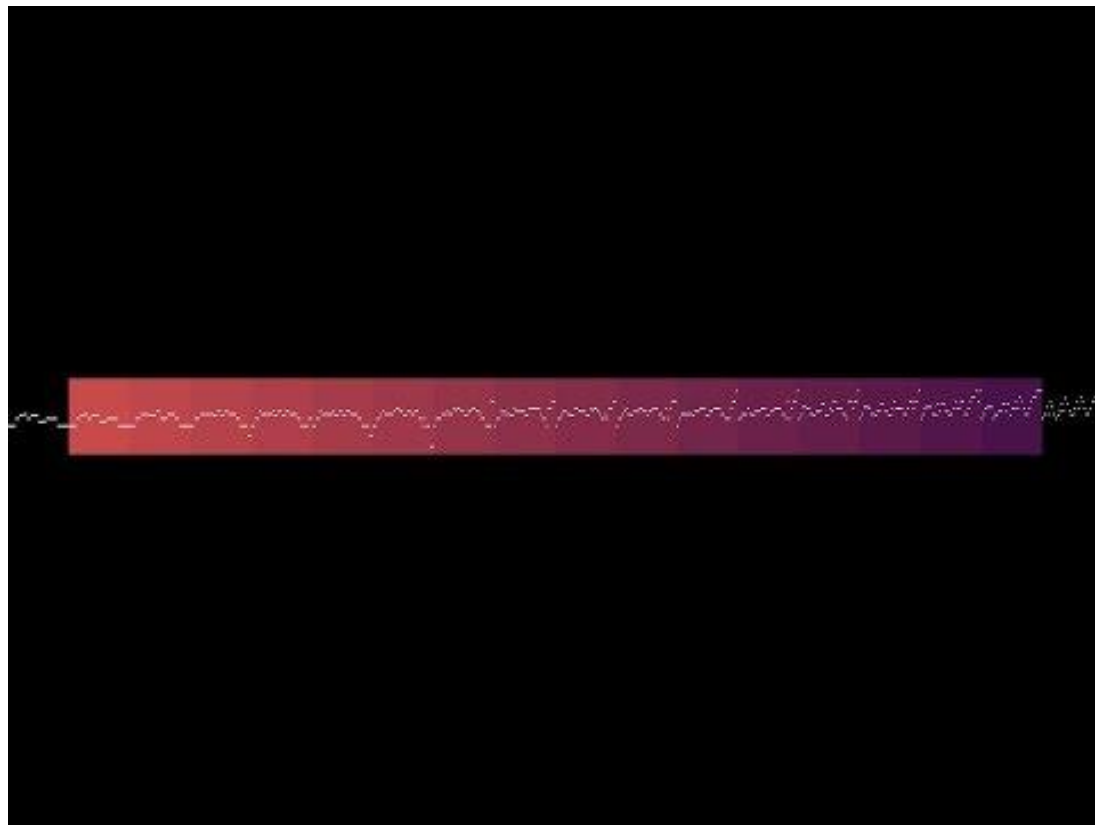


Figure 1. VAE architecture.

Interpolation of Latent Vectors - Music VAE



How could lecture 9 have been better?

