

Autoencoders & Anomaly-detection

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- Intro to Variational Auto-Encoders (VAE)

} Hands-on!

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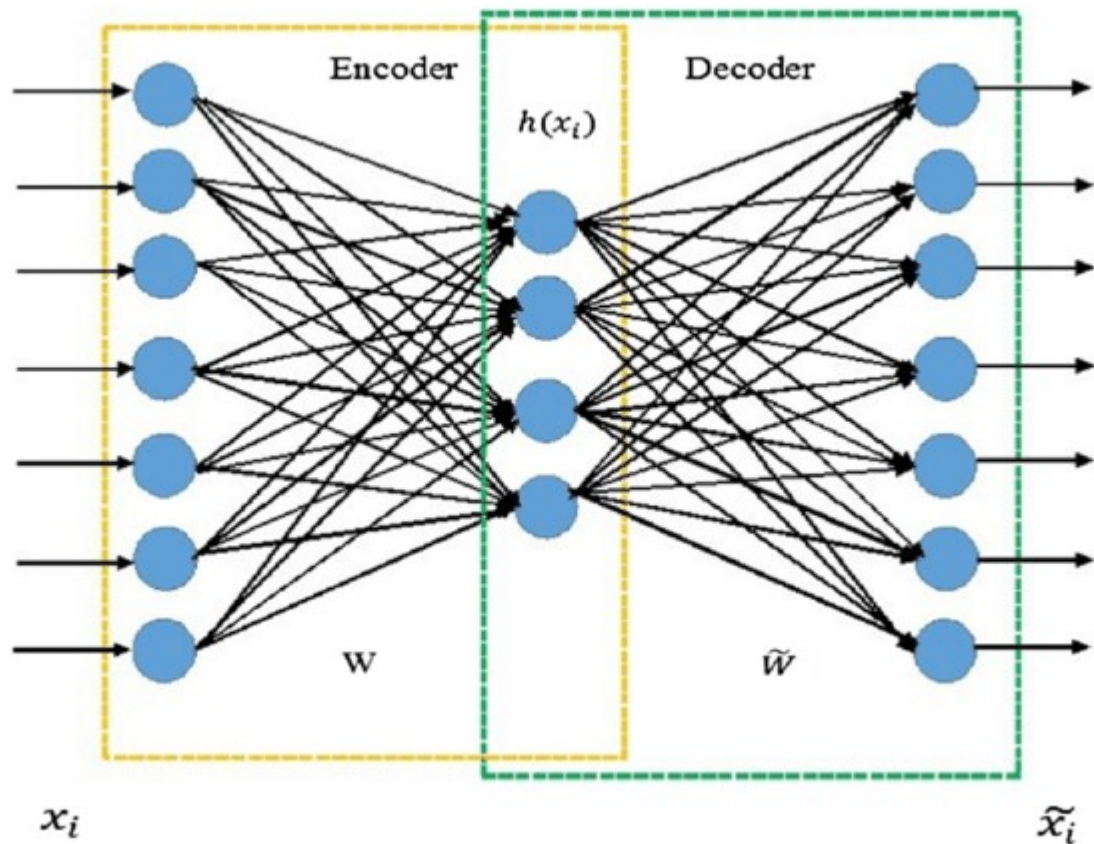
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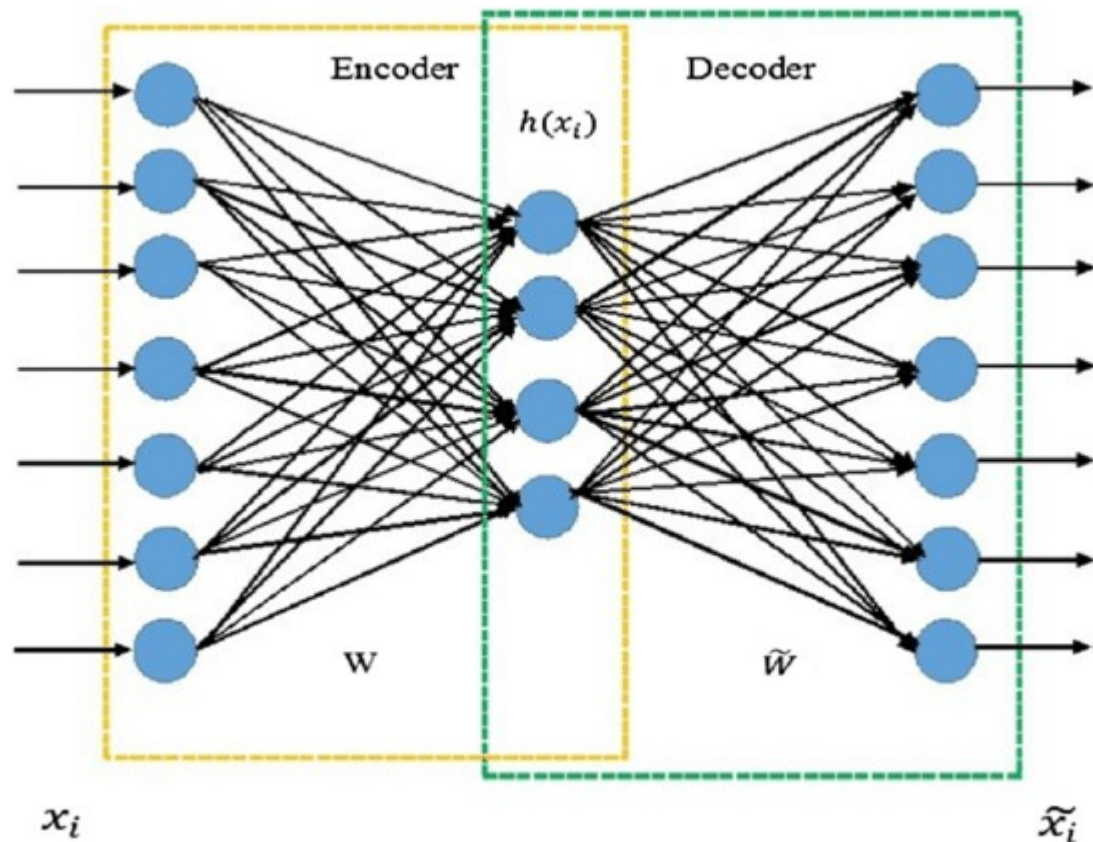
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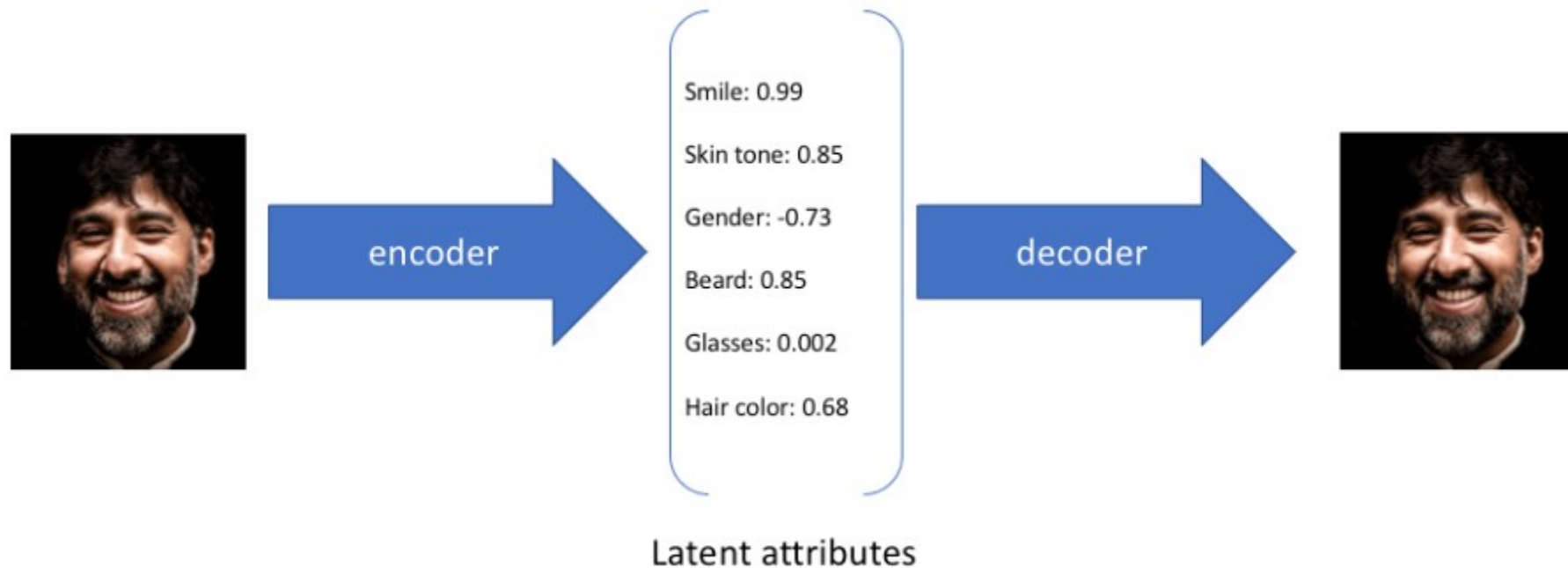
- It is a normal NN
- Specific topological architecture
- Unsupervised:
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Auto-Encoder

- Encoder → Latent → Decoder
- Latent: Reduce info
- NN: minimizing loss-function is equivalent to **selecting relevant features**

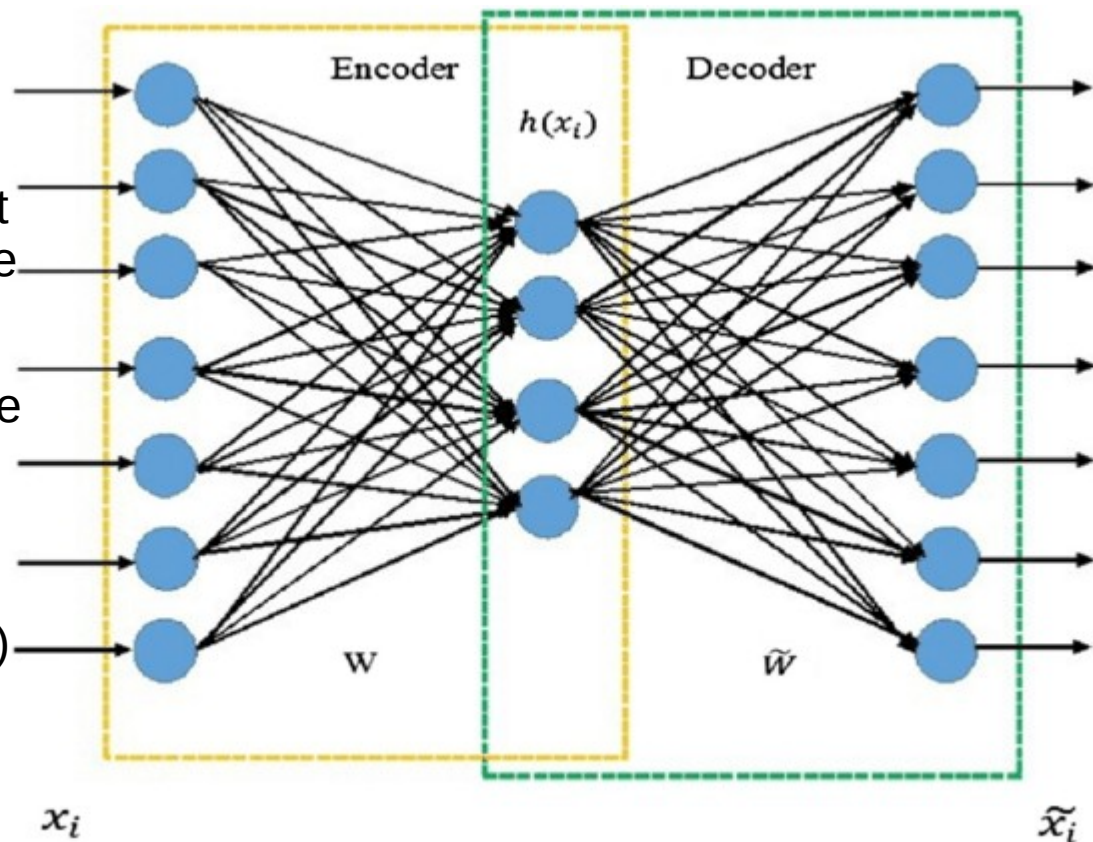


Auto-Encoder



Auto-Encoder for anomalies

- How to use it to detect anomalies?
- Latent space: get the relevant features of the **majority** of the events
- When attempting to reproduce an anomaly will fail
- Mean Square Error (MSE)
 $\text{sqrt}((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots)$



Let's go with the notebooks

Hands-on!

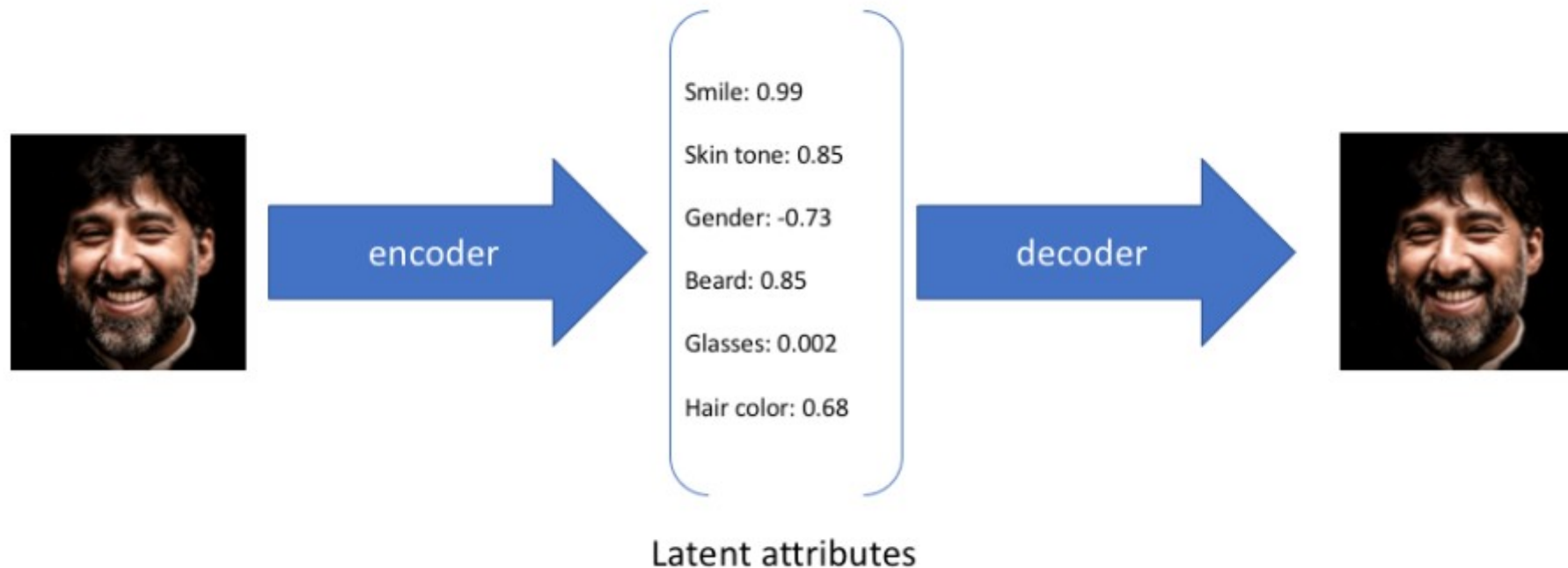
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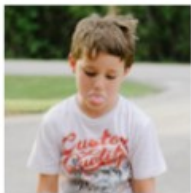
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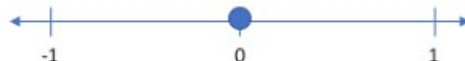
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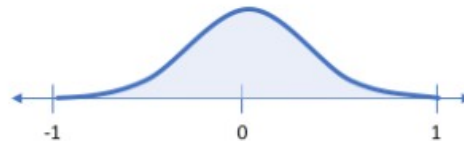
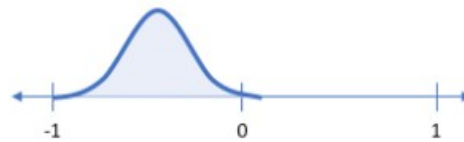
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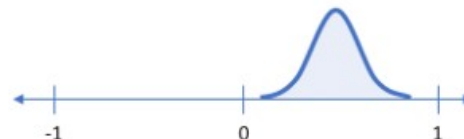
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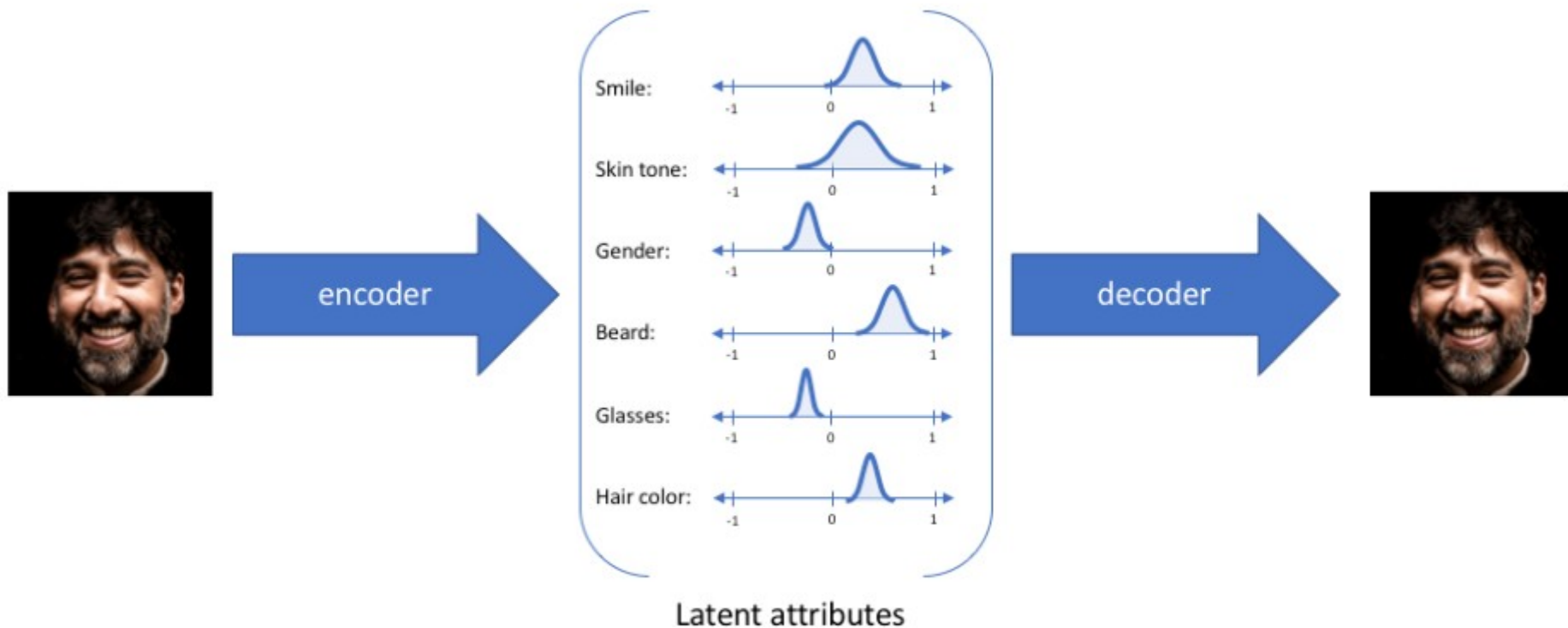
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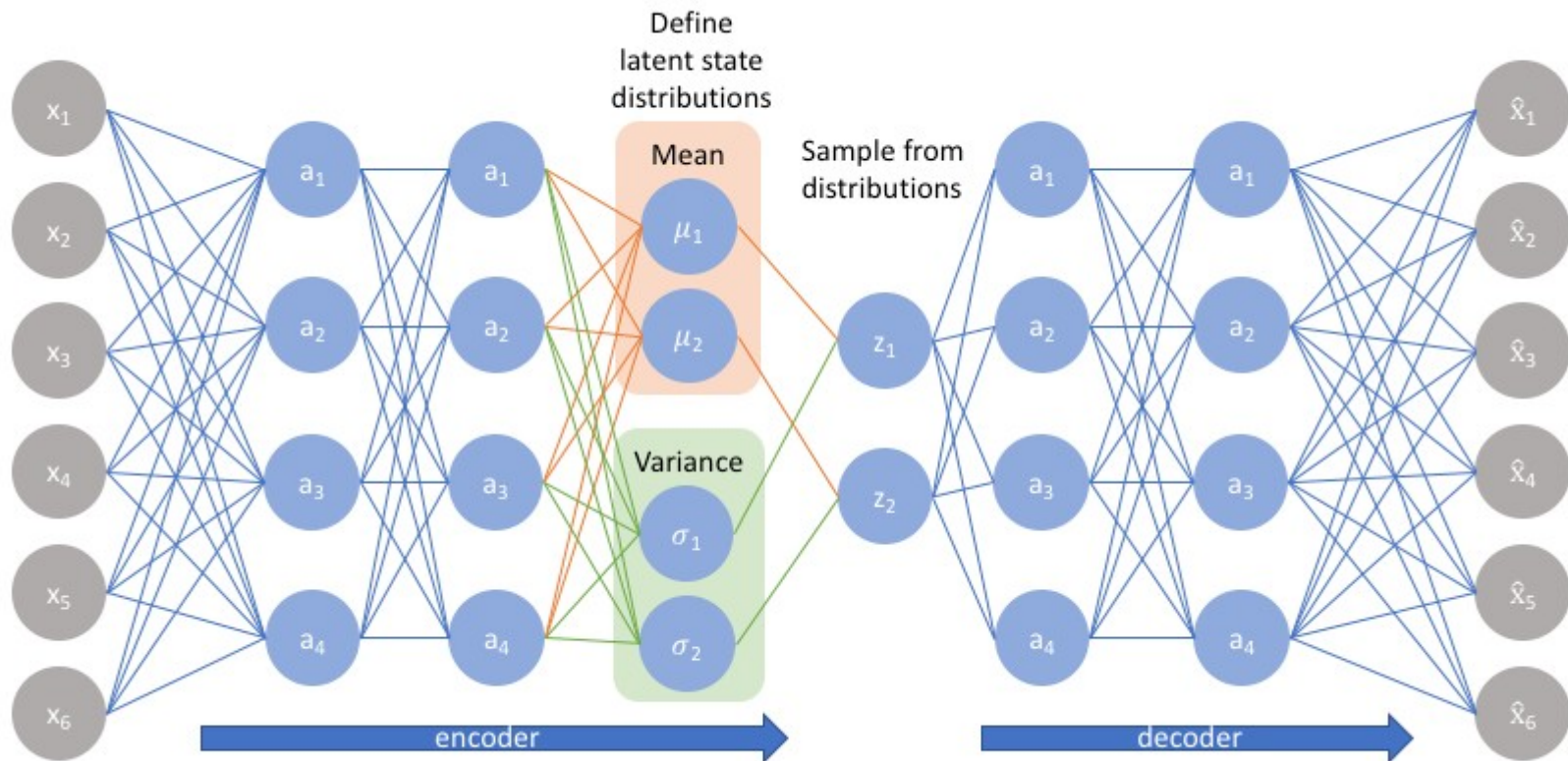
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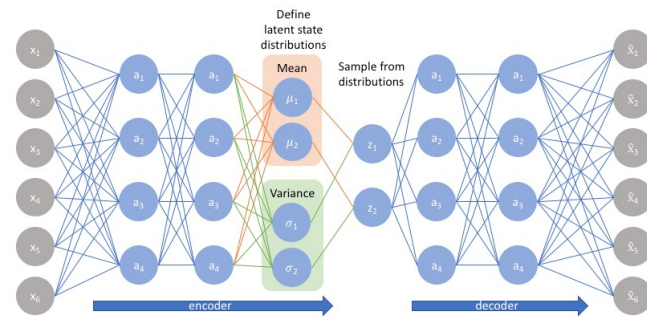


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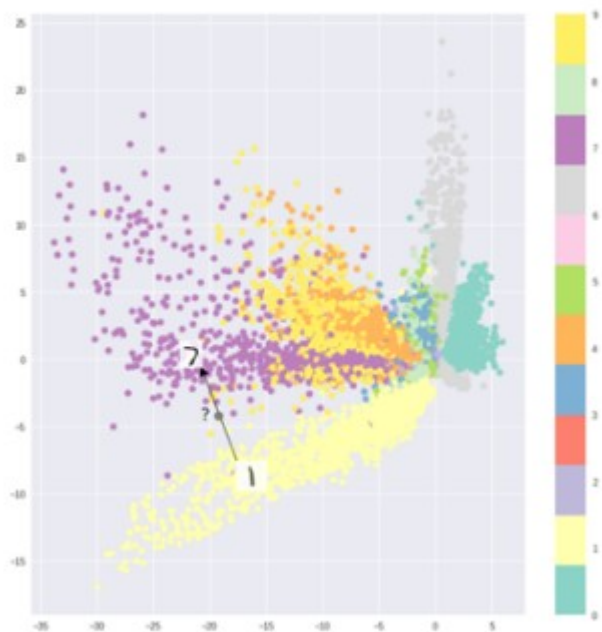
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- AEs cluster data-points in Latent Space → any random sampling in Latent Space may produce not existing outputs
- VAEs fix this issue since the latent space is now sampled from the PDF specified by the “pre-Latent” Space.
- Price to pay: you need more data to correctly train a VAE
- IMO: AEs are better when data is not huge, VAEs are better with huge data, and VAEs are crucial for sampling senseful outputs through the Auto-Encoder



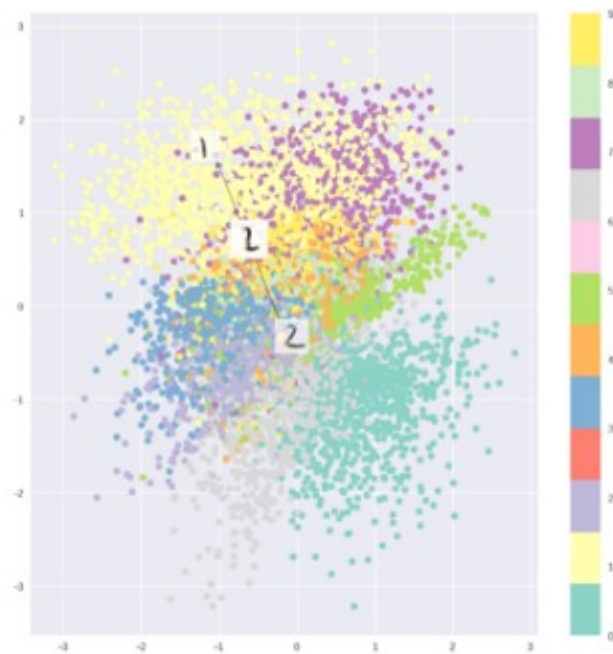
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MINST dataset with 2D Latent Space:

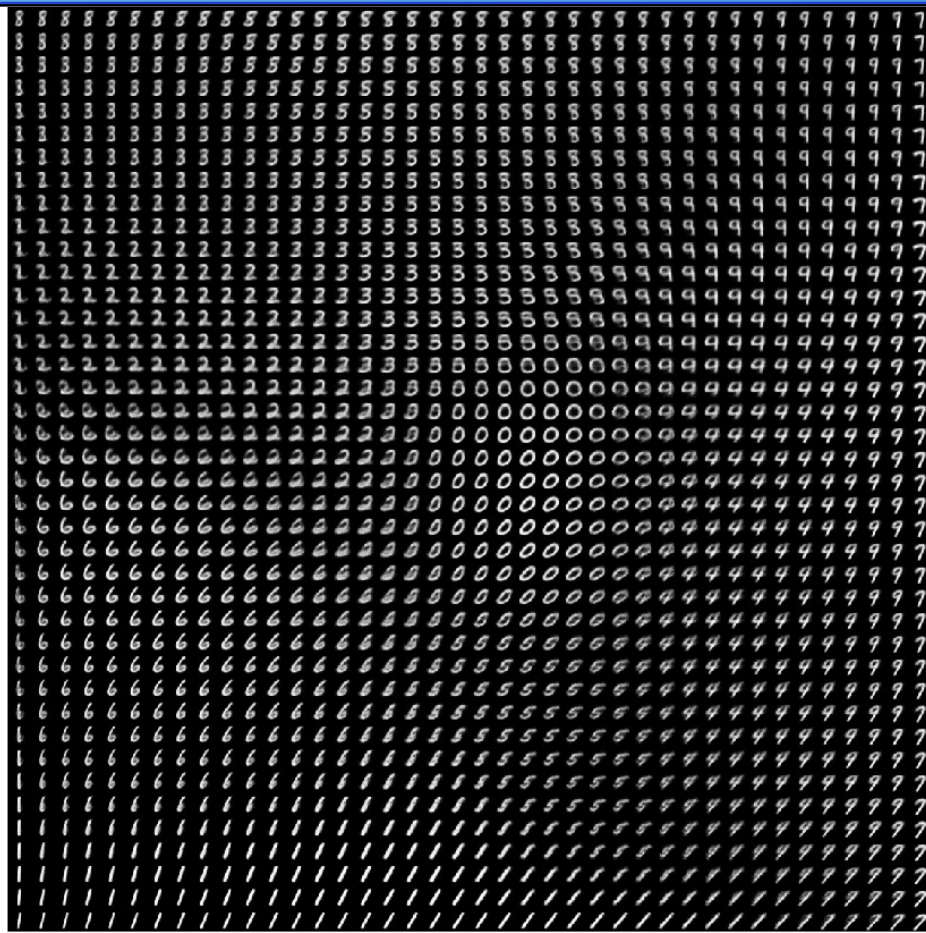


← Auto-Encoder

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Auto-Encoder →



Variational Auto-Encoders (intro)



Data generated by the decoder network of a VAE trained on the MNIST dataset.

Here, it is sampled a grid of values from a two-dimensional Gaussian and displayed the output of the decoder network.

Summary & Conclusions

Auto-encoders:

- NN with a very specific shape
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Notebooks:

- Hands-on academic example
- We worked an 'anomaly-study' though fictitious anomalies sampling
- Get some insight on architecture
- Real data: Credit Card fraud

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Notebook

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