



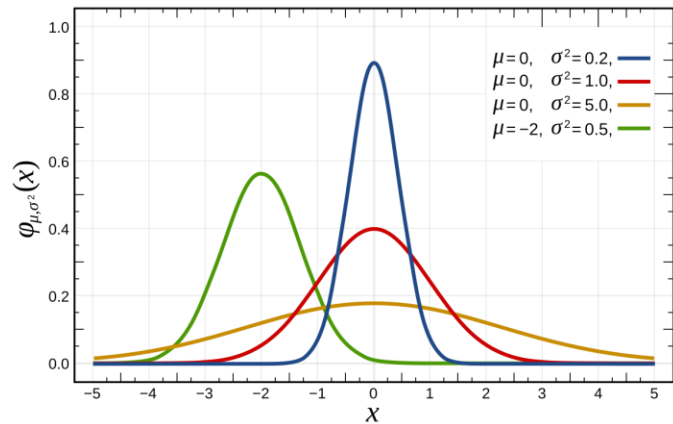
# **Advanced Machine Learning Generative Model**

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# Summary

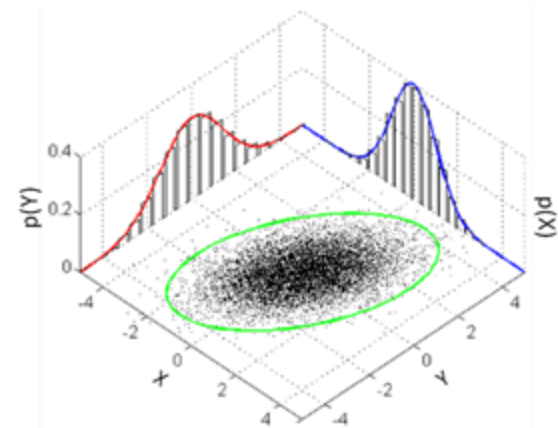


## 1D Gaussian Distribution

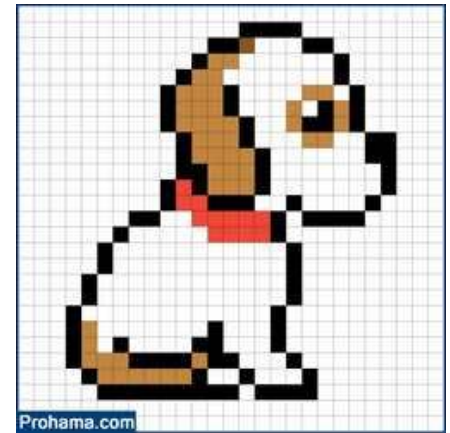
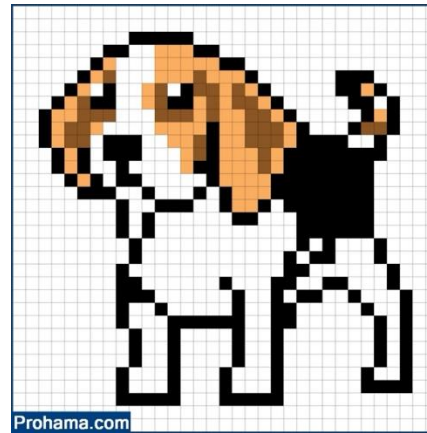
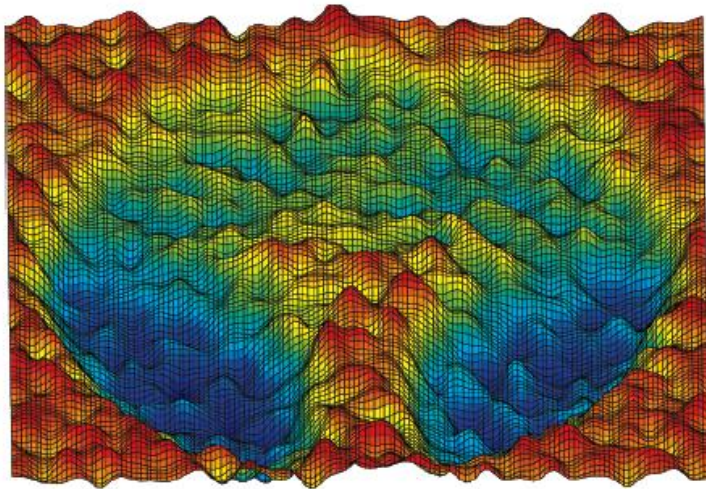


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## 2D Gaussian Distribution



$\mathbb{R}^2$



$\mathbb{R}^{256 \times 256}$



**Probability distribution** of the **objective** based on the **observed data**

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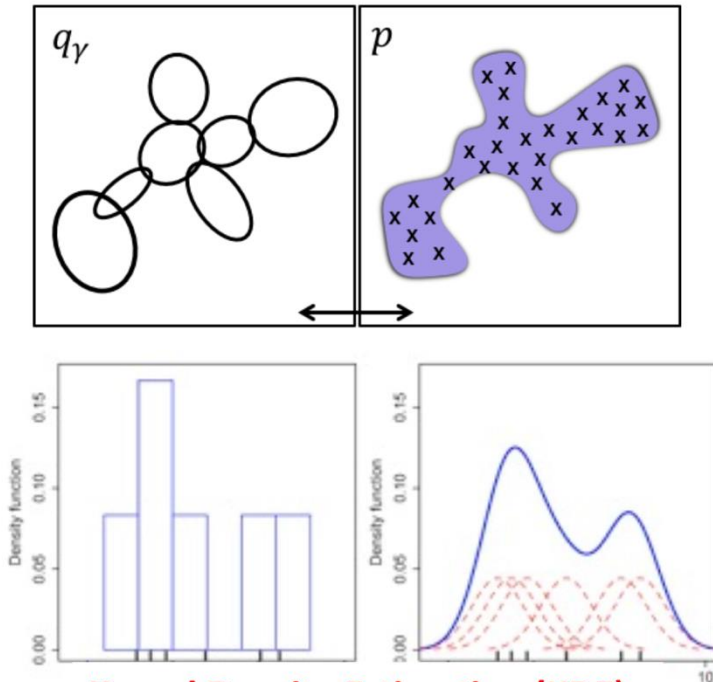
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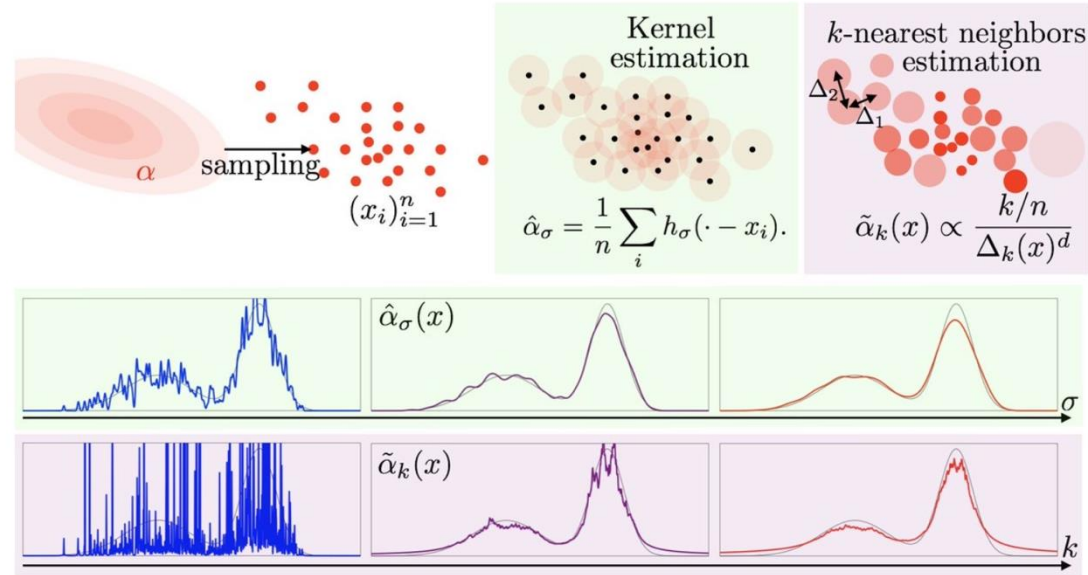


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## Gaussian Mixture Models



**Kernel Density Estimation (KDE)**



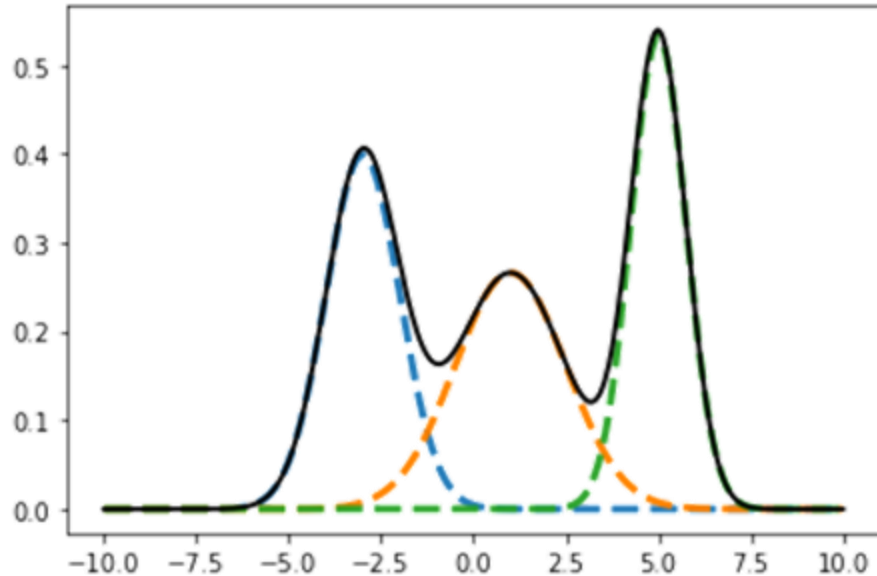
**KNN Density Estimation**

**What is the problem?**

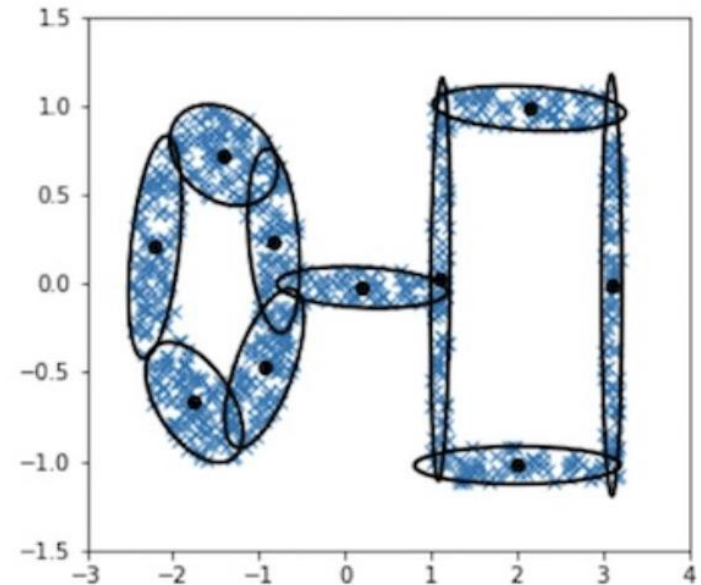
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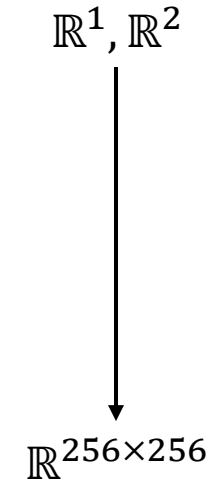
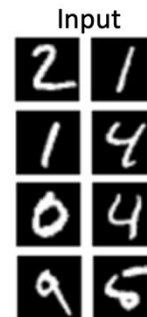
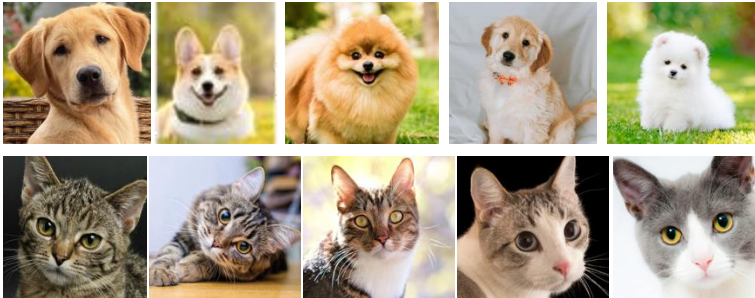
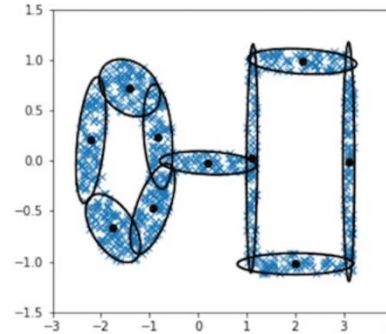
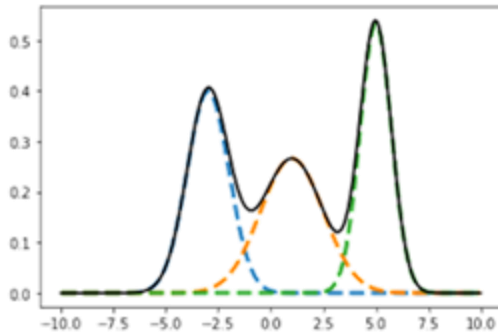
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**All you know for modeling what you do not know is fixed. But how do you know those fixed things is able to model the unknown thing?**

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**What you have is some low-dimensional data**

**But what you want to model is some high-dimensional data, how it could be?**

# Problem?



What we want: model any data distribution



How to transform any data distribution to low dimensional data?

What we have: kernel density estimation to estimate low dimensional PDF



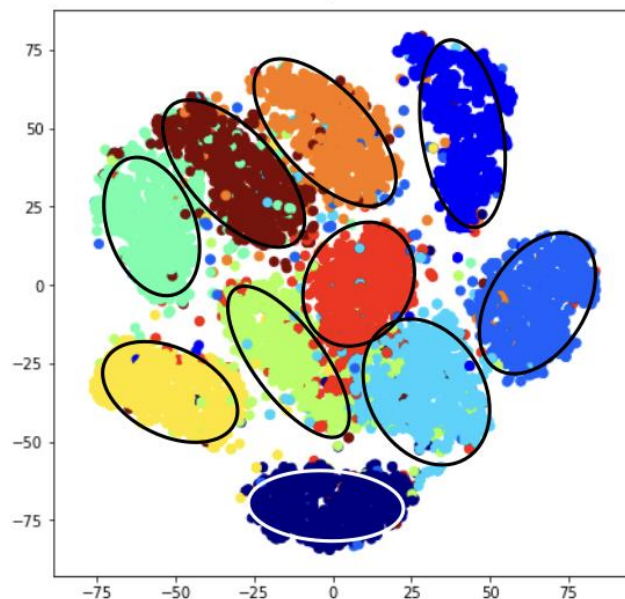
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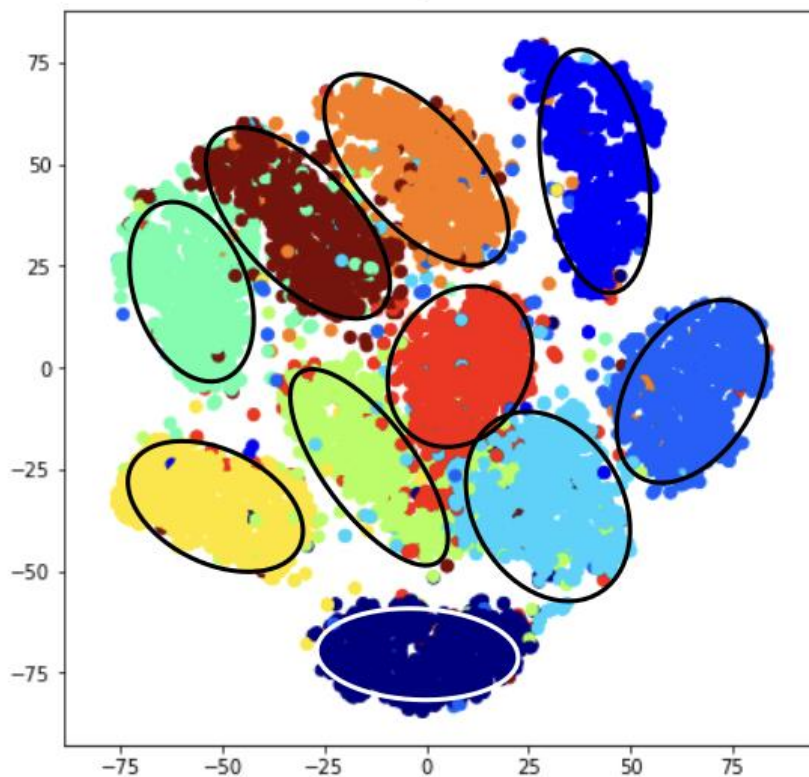




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A key assumption: high-dimensional data lies on the low-dimensional manifold space

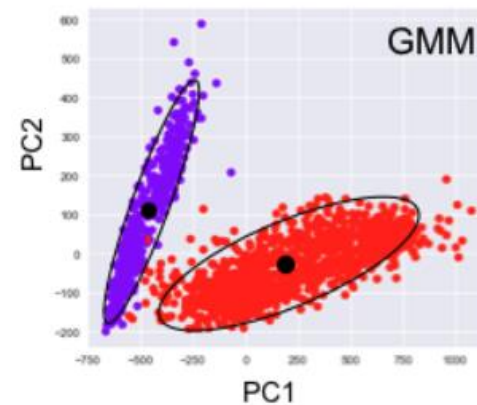
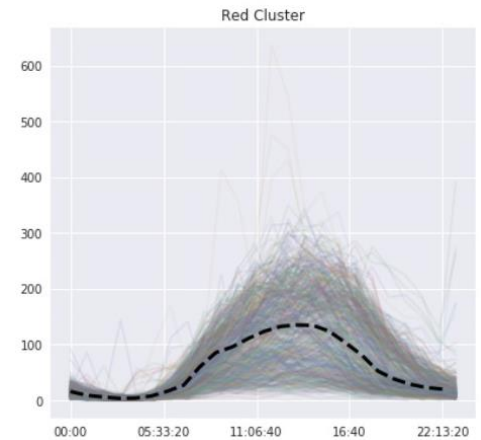
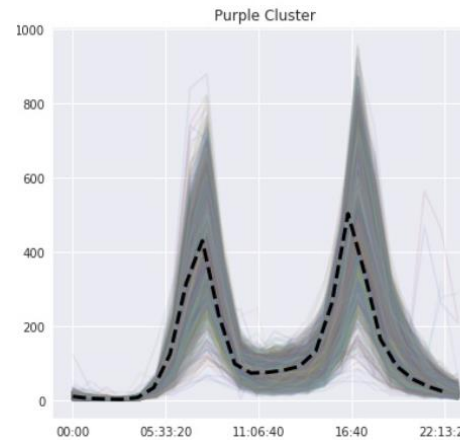
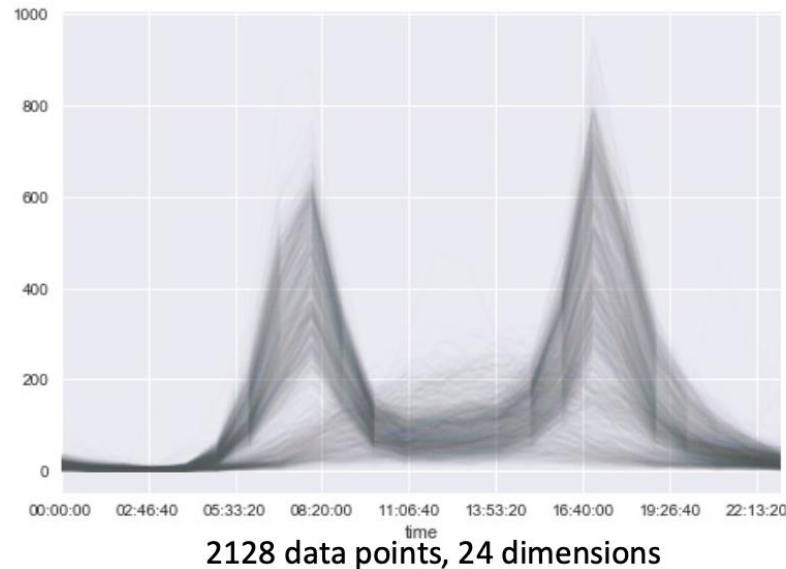




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$$\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \xrightarrow{\text{Good Model}} P(x) \xrightarrow{\text{Good Data}} x$$

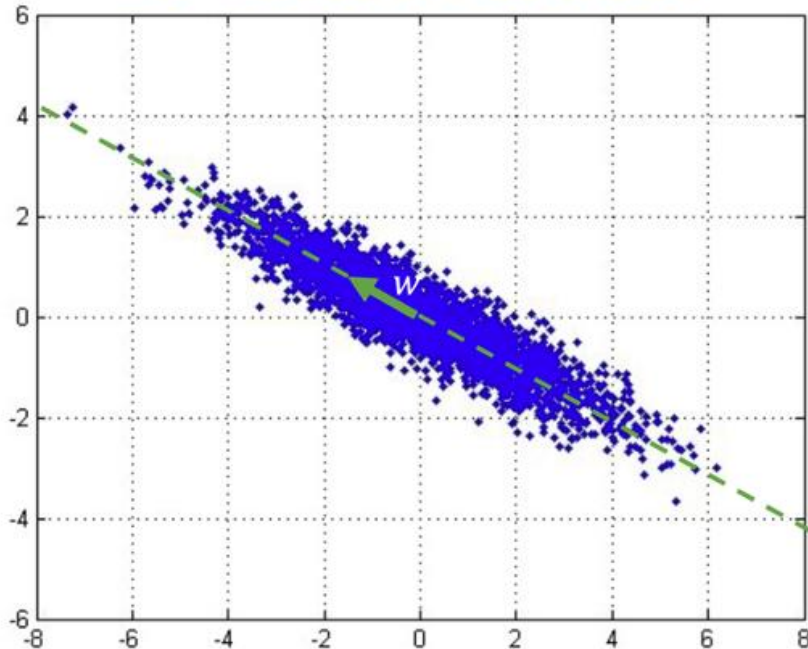
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# PCA - Variance Maximization

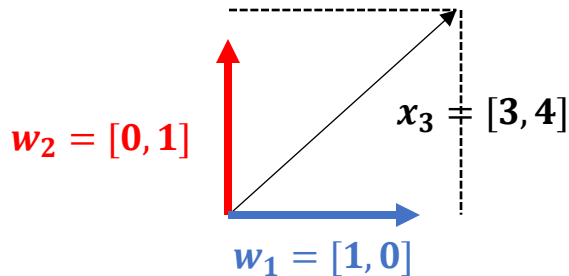


2D Gaussian dataset



What would be a good reduction?

- Find  $w$  such that it maximizes the variance of the projected data
- Find  $w$  such that it minimizes the reconstruction error



$$\cos\theta = \frac{w_1^T x_3}{|w_1|_2 |x_3|_2}$$

$$\cos\theta |x_3|_2 = \frac{w_1^T x_3}{|w_1|_2} = w_1^T x_3$$

# PCA - Variance Maximization



Find  $w$  such that it maximizes the variance of the projected data

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (w^T (x_i - \bar{x}))^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N w^T (x_i - \bar{x}) (x_i - \bar{x})^T w \\ &= w^T \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x}) (x_i - \bar{x})^T \right) w \\ &= w^T S w \end{aligned}$$

Therefore maximizing the variance can be written as:

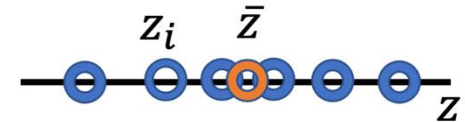
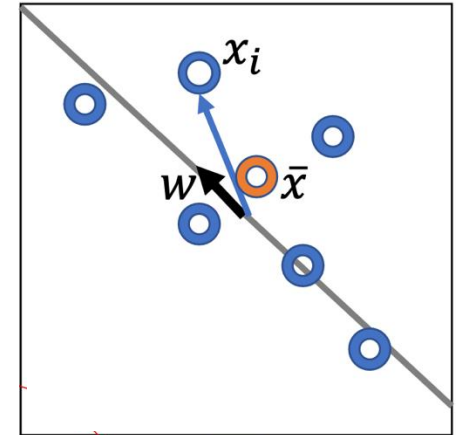
Constrained Optimization  $\max_w w^T S w$  s.t.  $w^T w = 1$   $\xrightarrow{\text{KKT Condition}}$   $S w = \lambda w$

$$L(w, \alpha) = w^T S w + \alpha (w^T w - 1)$$

$$\nabla_w L(w, \alpha) = 2S w + 2\alpha w = 0$$

$$\nabla_w L(w, \alpha) = S w - \lambda w = 0$$

$$S w = \lambda w$$



# PCA - Variance Maximization



Some characteristics of the eigenvectors:

- $\|v_i\| = 1$
- $v_i^T v_j = 0, \forall i \neq j$

Covariance matrix is a real and symmetric matrix (in fact it is PSD) therefore it can be uniquely decomposed via:

$$S = \sum_i \lambda_i v_i v_i^T$$

Multiply both sides by  $v_k$ :

$$S v_k = \lambda_k v_k$$

Therefore  $w$  should be the first eigenvector of  $S$

$$S w = \lambda w$$

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$$

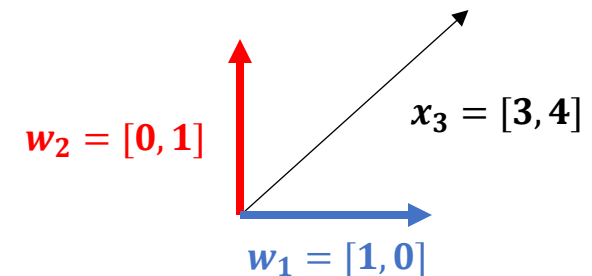
$$w_1 \geq w_2 \geq \dots \geq w_n$$

$$w_1^T x_1 = \sigma_1$$

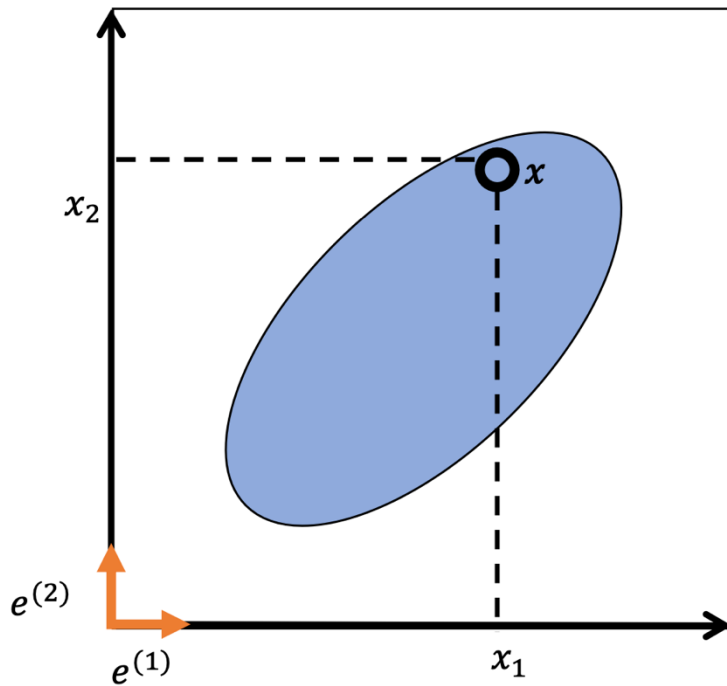
$$w_2^T x_1 = \sigma_2$$

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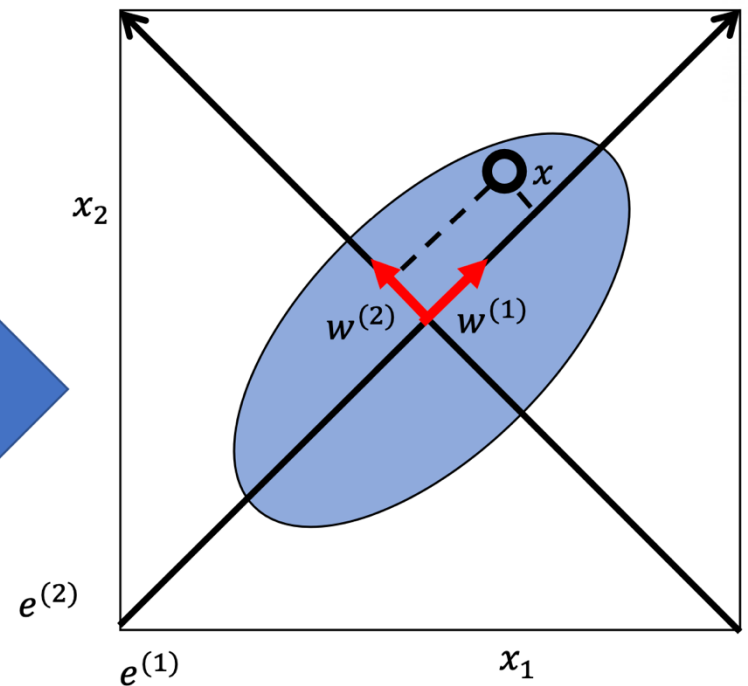
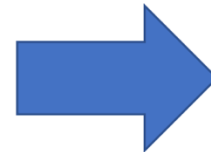
$$w_n^T x_1 = \sigma_n$$



# PCA - Variance Maximization



$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = x_1 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{e^{(1)}} + x_2 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{e^{(2)}}$$



$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \bar{x} + (x^T w^{(1)})w^{(1)} + (x^T w^{(2)})w^{(2)}$$



# PCA - Variance Maximization



```
[11]: import torch
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from torchvision import datasets, transforms

# Load MNIST dataset
transform = transforms.ToTensor()
mnist_data = datasets.MNIST(root='./data', train=True, download=True, transform=transform)
images = mnist_data.data.float()
labels = mnist_data.targets

[13]: # Flatten images to vectors of size 784
N, H, W = images.shape # N=60000, H=28, W=28
X = images.view(N, H*W) # shape: (60000, 784)

# Normalize data
mean_image = X.mean(dim=0)
X_centered = X - mean_image

# Compute covariance matrix
cov = (X_centered.T @ X_centered) / (N-1)

# Eigen-decomposition
eigenvalues, eigenvectors = torch.linalg.eigh(cov)
# Sort eigenvalues and eigenvectors in descending order
eigenvalues, indices = torch.sort(eigenvalues, descending=True)
eigenvectors = eigenvectors[:, indices]

[14]: ### Visualization 1: Original MNIST Dataset
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 10, figsize=(10, 2))
for i in range(10):
    axes[i].imshow(X[i].reshape(28, 28), cmap='gray')
    axes[i].axis('off')
plt.suptitle('Original MNIST Samples')
plt.show()
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Original MNIST Samples



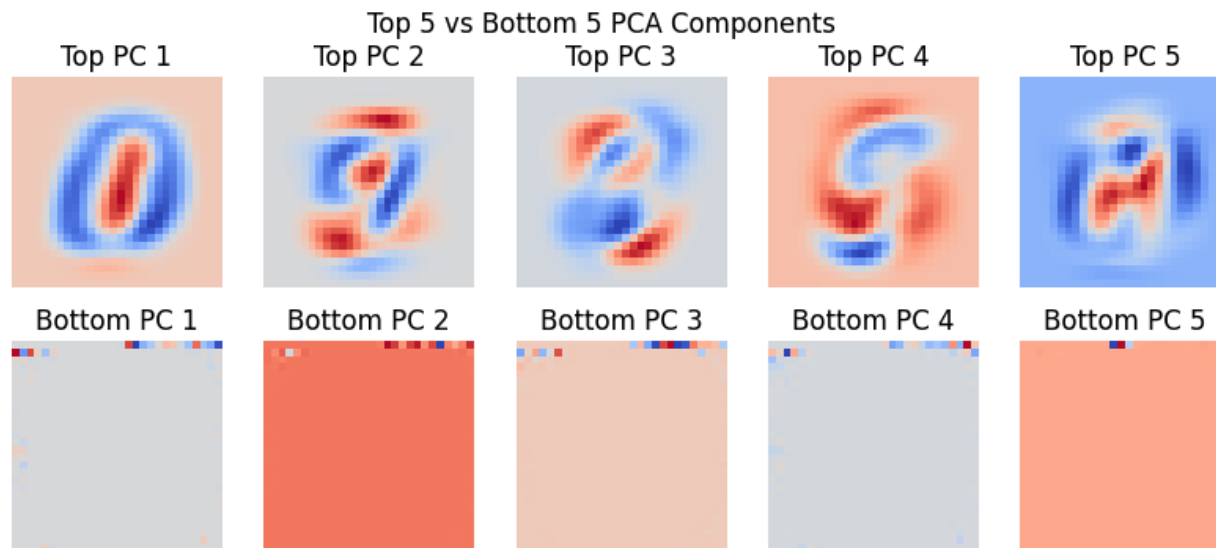
# PCA - Variance Maximization



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### Visualization 2: Top 5 and Bottom 5 PCA Components
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 5, figsize=(10, 4))
for i in range(5):
    top_comp = eigenvectors[:, i].reshape(28, 28)
    bottom_comp = eigenvectors[:, -i-1].reshape(28, 28)

    axes[0, i].imshow(top_comp, cmap='coolwarm')
    axes[0, i].set_title(f'Top PC {i+1}')
    axes[0, i].axis('off')

    axes[1, i].imshow(bottom_comp, cmap='coolwarm')
    axes[1, i].set_title(f'Bottom PC {i+1}')
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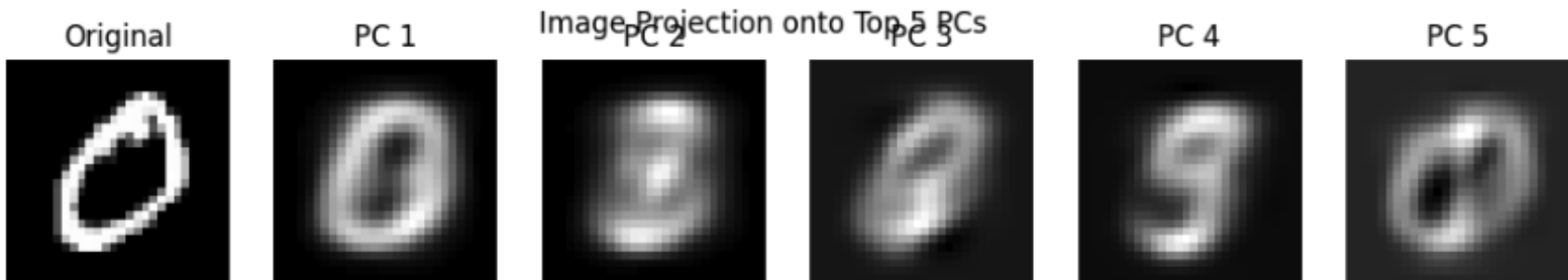


# PCA - Variance Maximization



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]: ### Visualization 4: Projecting a Specific Image onto PC1-5
sample_idx = 1 # Choose an image
test_image = X[sample_idx]
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 6, figsize=(12, 2))
axes[0].imshow(test_image.reshape(28, 28), cmap='gray')
axes[0].set_title('Original')
axes[0].axis('off')

for i in range(5):
    weight = torch.dot(test_image - mean_image, eigenvectors[:, i])
    recon = weight * eigenvectors[:, i] + mean_image
    axes[i+1].imshow(recon.reshape(28, 28), cmap='gray')
    axes[i+1].set_title(f'PC {i+1}')
    axes[i+1].axis('off')
plt.suptitle('Image Projection onto Top 5 PCs')
plt.show()
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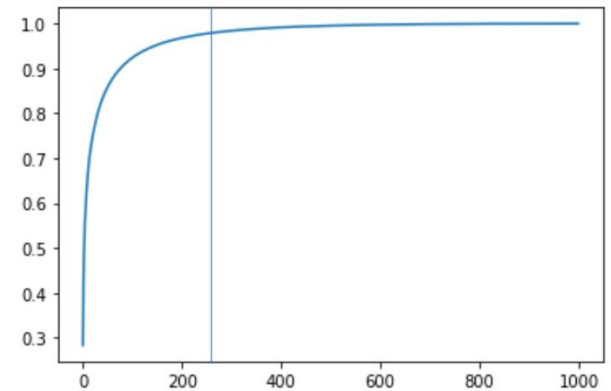
# PCA - Variance Maximization



Input  $x$  = Mean  $\bar{x}$  + 341.6\*  $w^{(1)}$  - 12.7\*  $w^{(2)}$  + ... + 12.2\*  $w^{(1000)}$



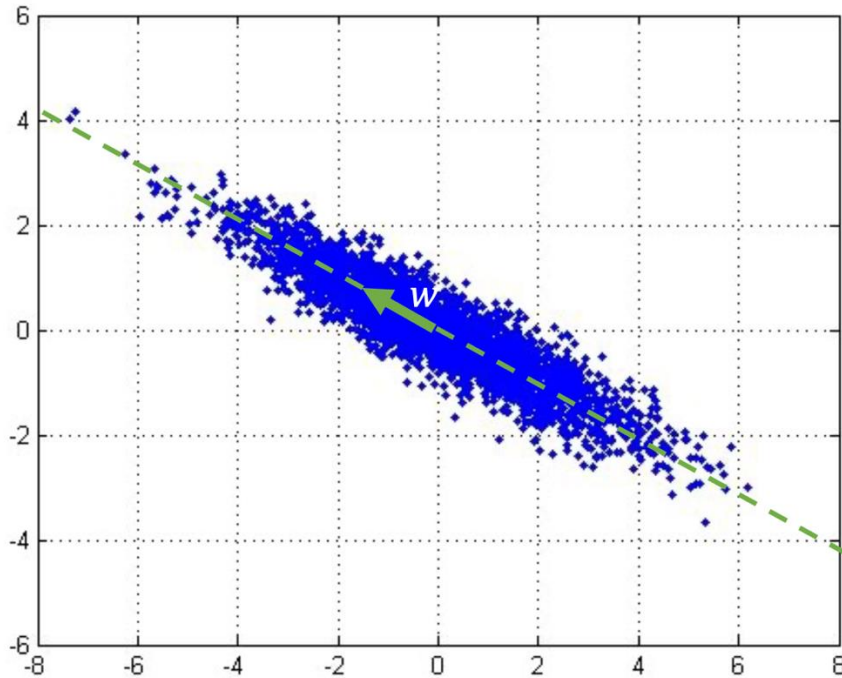
Reconstruction as a function of number of PC components



# Reconstruction Loss for PCA



2D Gaussian dataset



Reduction to 1D

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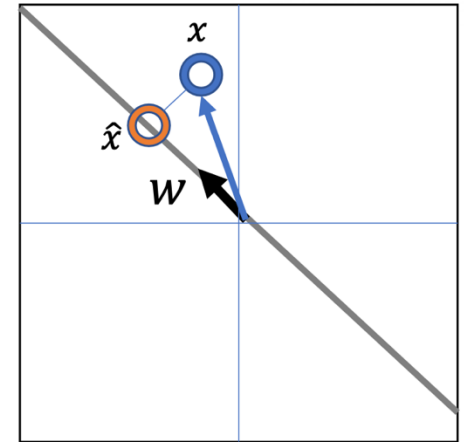
# Reconstruction Loss for PCA



Recall how to project a vector  $x$  onto the subspace spanned by the unit vector  $w$  (i.e., onto a line).

$$\hat{x} = ww^T x \quad ||w|| = 1$$

Now let's write the reconstruction error:



$$\text{Reconstruction Error} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|\hat{x}^{(i)} - x^{(i)}\|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|ww^T x^{(i)} - x^{(i)}\|^2$$

$$x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$$

$$w^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 2}$$

$$w \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$$





# Reconstruction Loss for PCA

Minimize the reconstruction error:

$$\min_W \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|WW^T x^{(i)} - x^{(i)}\|^2$$

This can be expanded as:

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (WW^T x^{(i)} - x^{(i)})^T (WW^T x^{(i)} - x^{(i)})$$

Expanding the quadratic form:

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [(x^{(i)})^T WW^T WW^T x^{(i)} - 2(x^{(i)})^T WW^T x^{(i)} + (x^{(i)})^T x^{(i)}]$$

Assuming  $WW^T$  is an orthogonal projection matrix (so  $WW^T WW^T = WW^T$ ), we simplify:

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [(x^{(i)})^T WW^T x^{(i)} - 2(x^{(i)})^T WW^T x^{(i)} + (x^{(i)})^T x^{(i)}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [-(x^{(i)})^T WW^T x^{(i)} + (x^{(i)})^T x^{(i)}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x^{(i)})^T x^{(i)} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x^{(i)})^T WW^T x^{(i)}$$

$$\max_W \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x^{(i)})^T WW^T x^{(i)}$$

# PCA to bridge GMM and High-Dimension Data



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How to transform any data distribution to low dimensional data?

What we have: kernel density estimation to estimate low dimensional PDF



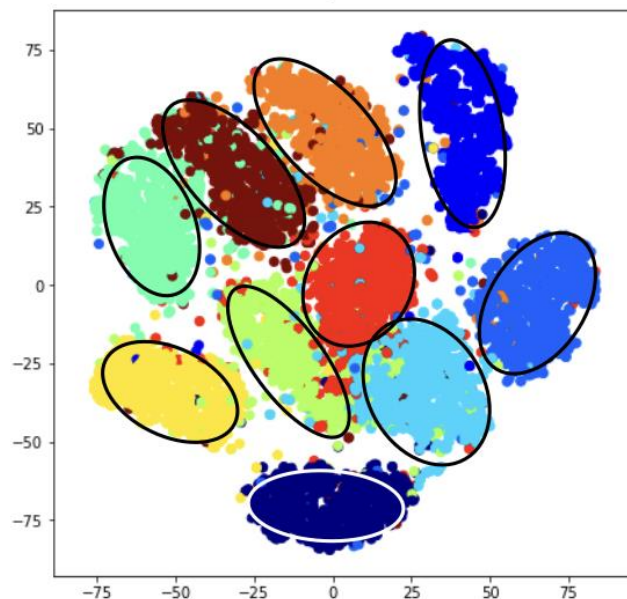
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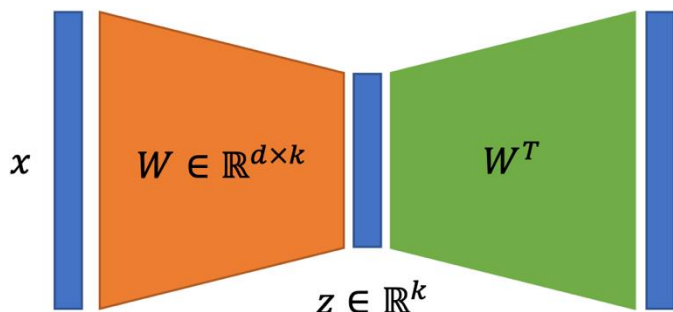
Kernel Density Estimation





[Code Demo](#)

# From PCA to Auto-Encoder



PCA:

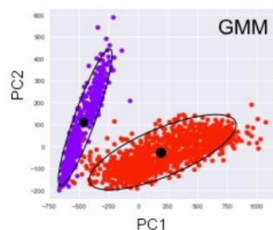
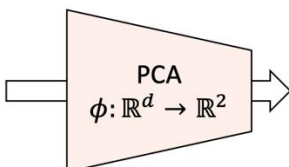
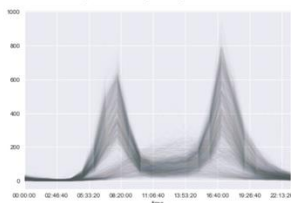
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Linear dimensionality  
Reduction

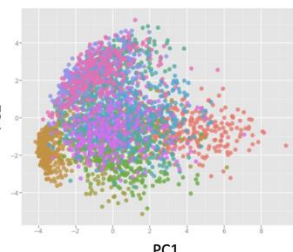
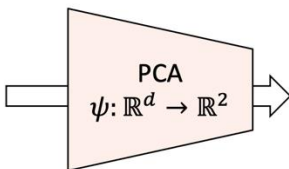
$$\min_W \mathbb{E}_x [\|x - \hat{x}\|^2] = \mathbb{E}_x [\|x - WW^T x\|^2]$$
$$s.t. \quad W^T W = I_{k \times k}$$

High-dimensional data often lives on non-linear manifolds that cannot be captured by linear models such as PCA

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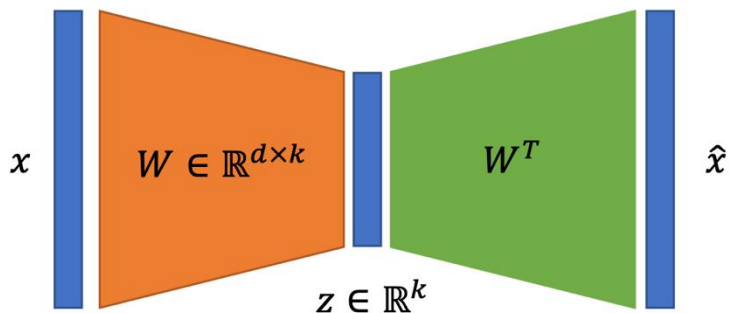
MNIST dataset



Can we add nonlinearity?

**Yes, then it becomes  
neural network!**

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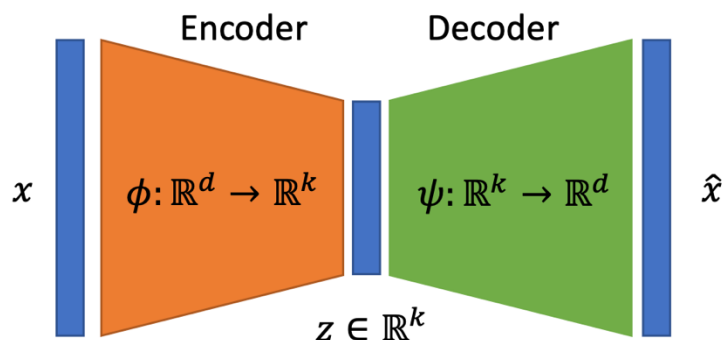


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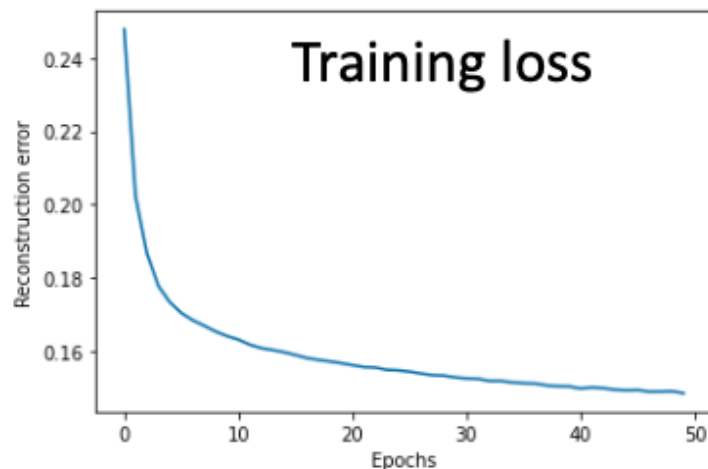
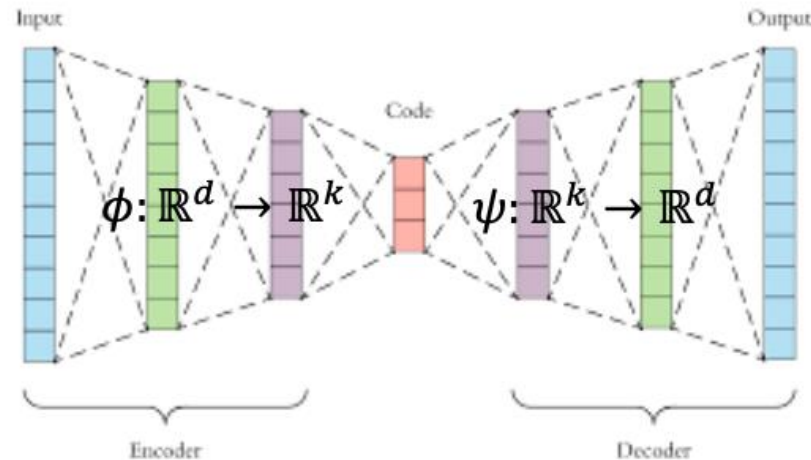
AE:

- Forward transform:  $z = \phi(x)$
- Inverse transform:  $\hat{x} = \psi(z)$

Nonlinear dimensionality  
Reduction

$$\min_{\phi, \psi} \mathbb{E}_x [\|x - \hat{x}\|^2] = \mathbb{E}_x [\|x - \psi(\phi(x))\|^2]$$

# Auto-Encoder



```
class MLP_AE(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, architecture=[784,128,64,2], activation='LeakyReLU'):
        super(MLP_AE, self).__init__()
        self.architecture=architecture
        if activation=='LeakyReLU':
            self.activation=nn.LeakyReLU()
        elif activation=='ReLU':
            self.activation=nn.ReLU()
        elif activation=='Sigmoid':
            self.activation=nn.Sigmoid()
        else:
            print('Activation not defined, reverting to default!')
            self.activation=nn.LeakyReLU()
        # Defining $phi$
        arch=[]
        for i in range(1,len(architecture)):
            arch.append(nn.Linear(architecture[i-1],architecture[i]))
            if i!=len(architecture)-1:
                arch.append(self.activation)
        self.encoder=nn.Sequential(*arch)
        # Defining $psi$
        arch=[]
        for i in range(len(architecture)-1,0,-1):
            arch.append(nn.Linear(architecture[i],architecture[i-1]))
            if i!=1:
                arch.append(self.activation)
        self.decoder=nn.Sequential(*arch)

    def encode(self, f):
        assert f.shape[1]==self.architecture[0]
        return self.encoder(f)

    def decode(self, fhat):
        assert fhat.shape[1]==self.architecture[-1]
        return self.decoder(fhat)

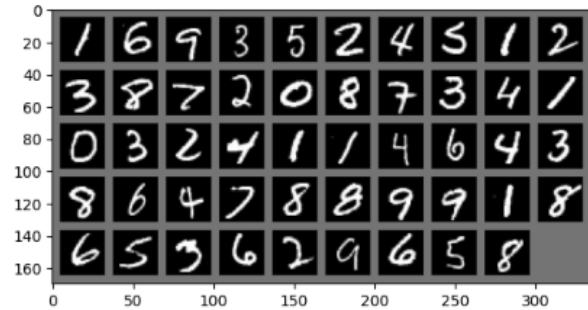
    def forward(self, x):
        return self.decode(self.encode(x))
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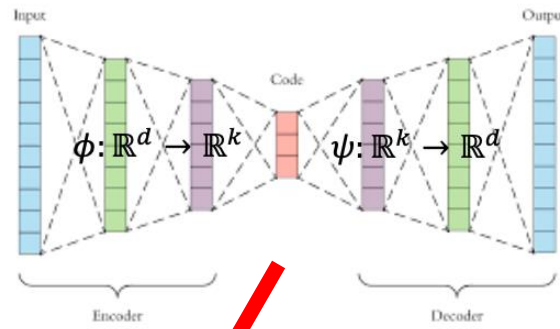
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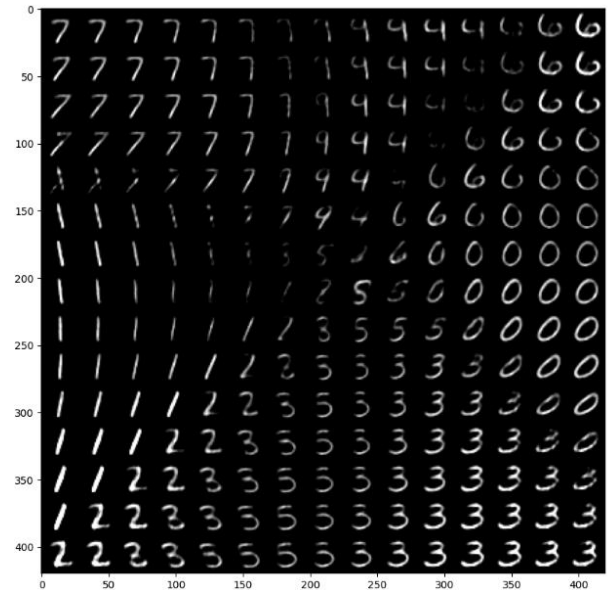
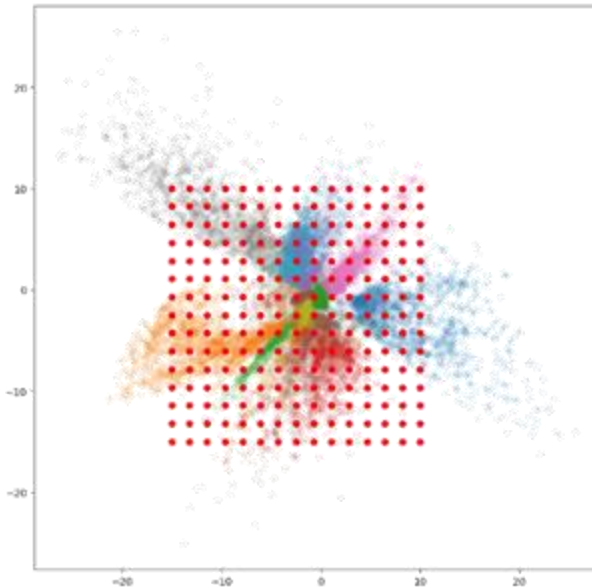
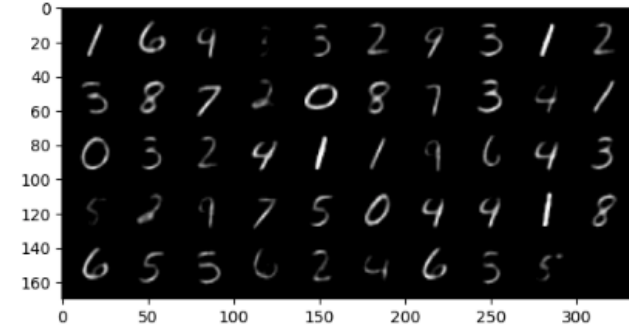
Input



AE



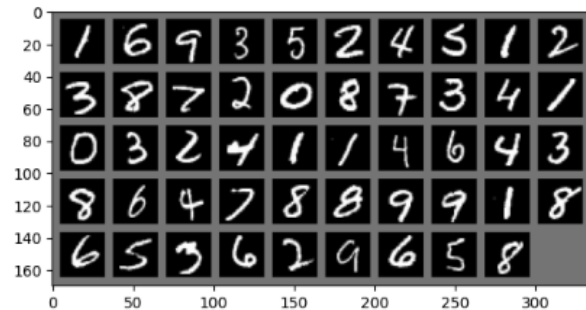
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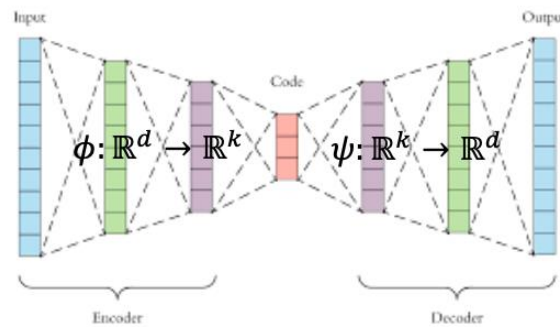
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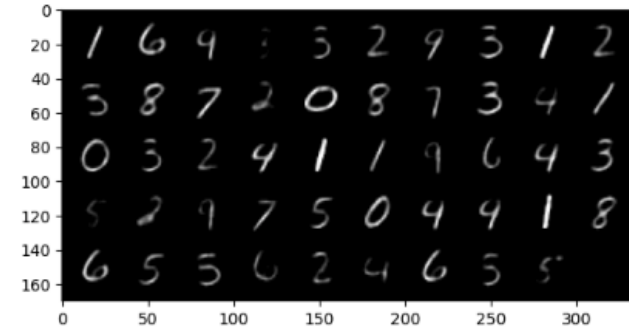
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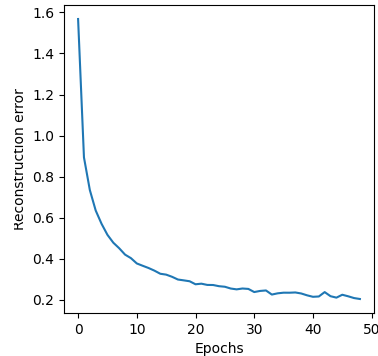
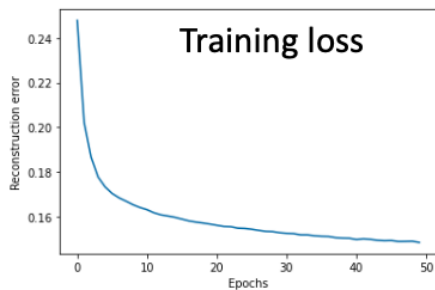
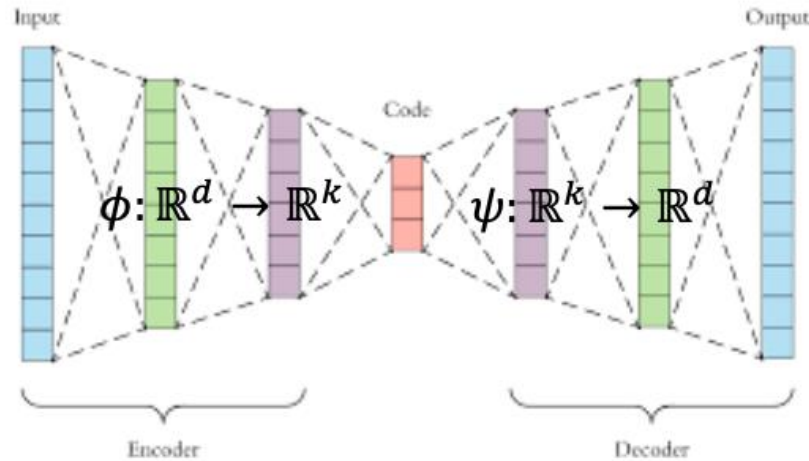


Output



Any problem with this architecture?

# Class-supervised Auto-Encoder



```
class MLP_Discriminant_AE(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, architecture=[784,128,64,2], nclasses=10, activation='LeakyReLU'):
        super(MLP_Discriminant_AE, self).__init__()
        self.architecture=architecture
        if activation=='LeakyReLU':
            self.activation=nn.LeakyReLU()
        elif activation=='ReLU':
            self.activation=nn.ReLU()
        elif activation=='Sigmoid':
            self.activation=nn.Sigmoid()
        else:
            print('Activation not defined, reverting to default!')
            self.activation=nn.LeakyReLU()
        # Defining phi
        arch=[]
        for i in range(1,len(architecture)):
            arch.append(nn.Linear(architecture[i-1],architecture[i]))
            if i!=len(architecture)-1:
                arch.append(self.activation)
        self.encoder=nn.Sequential(*arch)
        # Defining psi
        arch=[]
        for i in range(len(architecture)-1,0,-1):
            arch.append(nn.Linear(architecture[i],architecture[i-1]))
            if i!=1:
                arch.append(self.activation)
        self.decoder=nn.Sequential(*arch)
        self.classifier=nn.Linear(architecture[-1],nclasses)
        self.nclasses=nclasses

    def encode(self, f):
        assert f.shape[1]==self.architecture[0]
        return self.encoder(f)

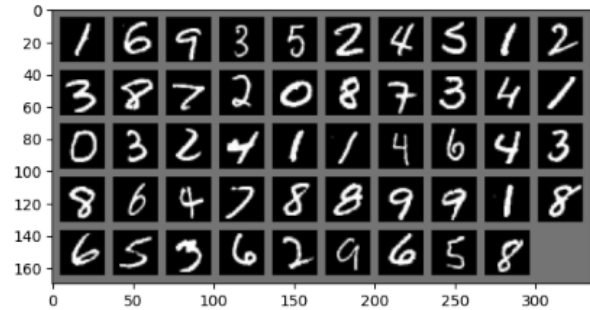
    def decode(self, fhat):
        assert fhat.shape[1]==self.architecture[-1]
        return self.decoder(fhat)

    def forward(self, x):
        z=self.encode(x)
        return self.decode(z),self.classifier(z)
```

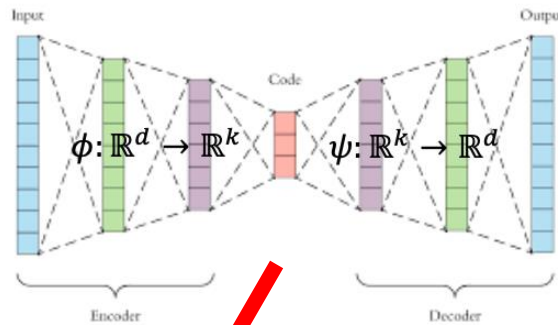
# Class-supervised Auto-Encoder



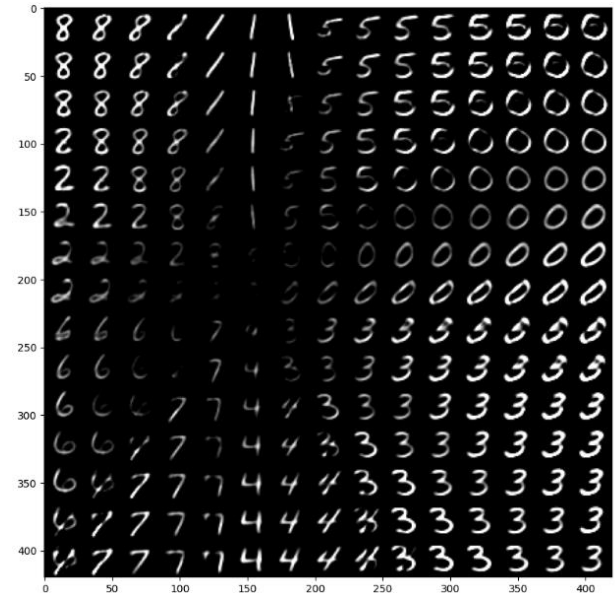
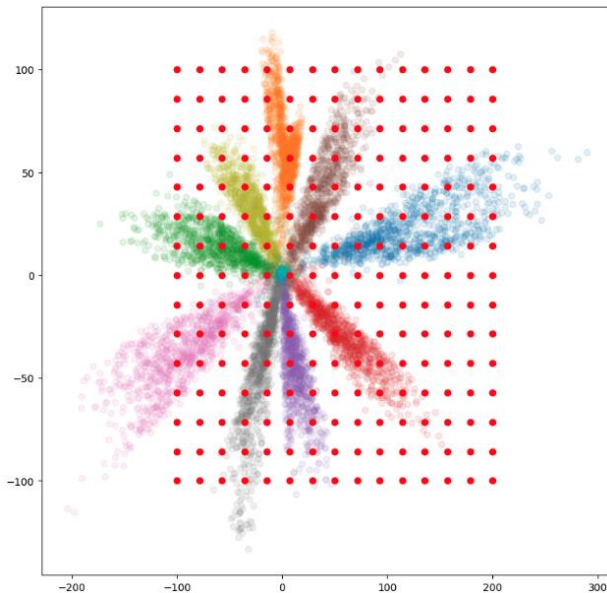
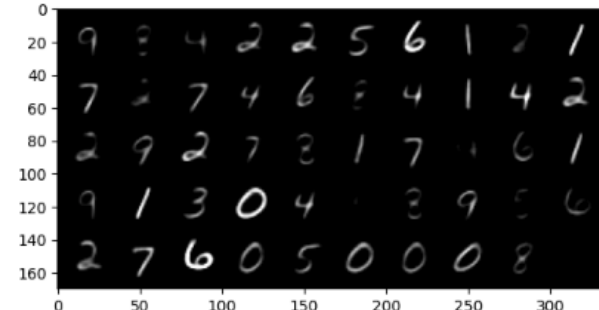
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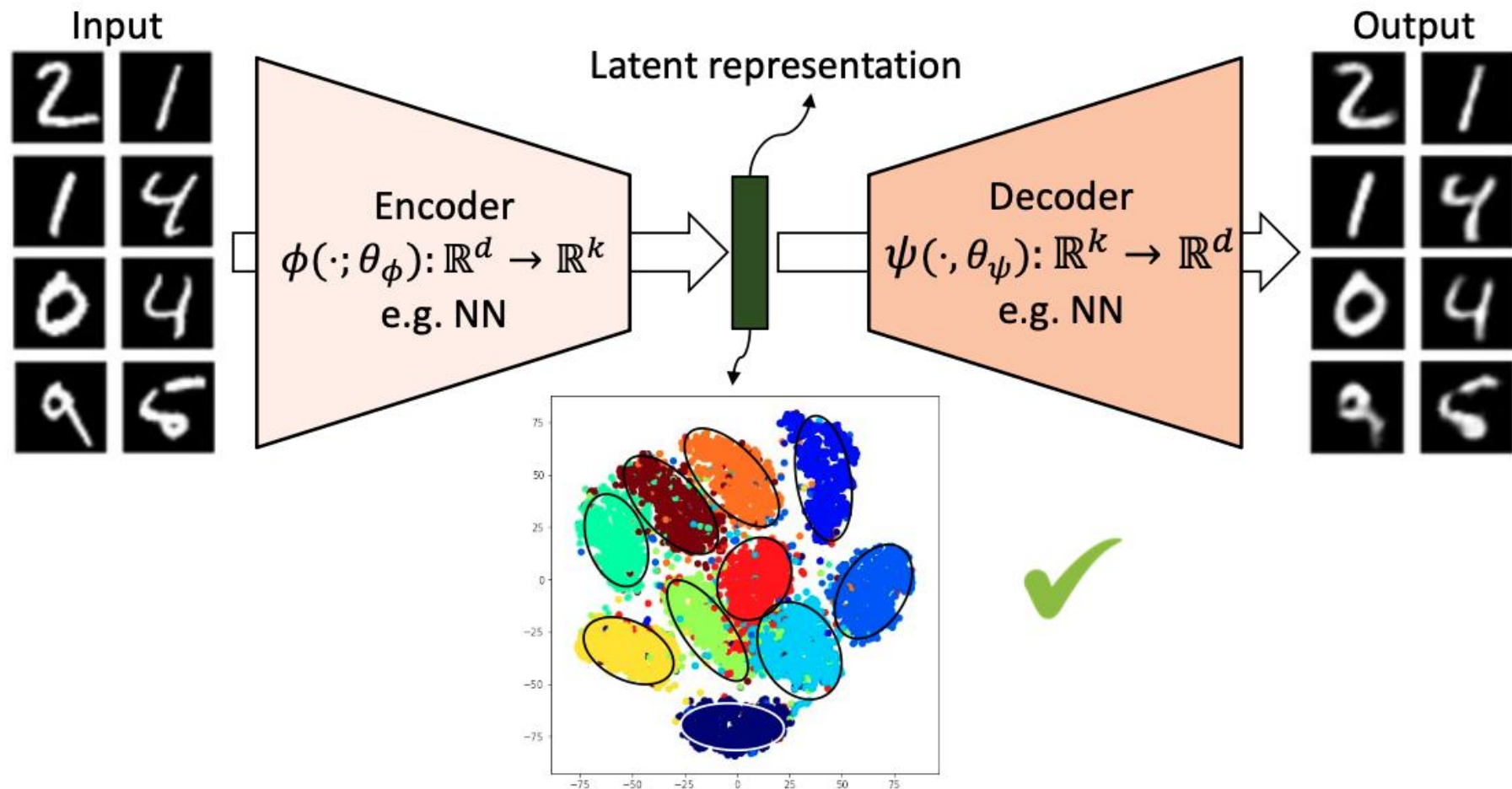
AE



Output



# Problem with Auto-Encoder



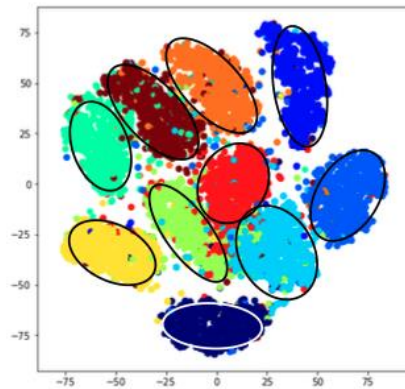


# Problem with Auto-Encoder



Deep Auto-Encoders (AE) could provide pseudo-invertible nonlinear dimensionality reduction

Sample GMM in the latent space



Decoder  
 $\psi(\cdot, \theta_\psi): \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$   
e.g. NN

Synthesized images



SW-GMM

The encoder in the AE captures the nonlinear variations in the dataset enabling GMM modeling in the latent space while the decoder enables generative modeling.

Kolouri, S., Rohde, G. K., and Hoffmann, H., "Sliced Wasserstein Distances for Learning Gaussian Mixture Models", CVPR'18.