

Deep Learning

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Supervised learning

- ▶ Pairs $\{x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^N$ of input and output data.
- ▶ Goal: learn a model $\hat{y}^{(n)} = f(x^{(n)}; \Omega)$.
- ▶ Such that $\mathcal{L}(y^{(n)}, \hat{y}^{(n)}) \approx 0$.
- ▶ ANN's are, by design, models for supervised learning.

Unsupervised learning

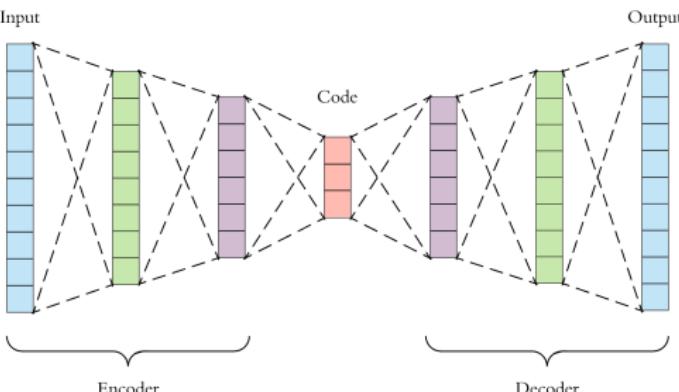
- ▶ No labels $y^{(n)}$ for training, i.e., only $\{x^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^N$.
- ▶ We do not learn a mapping function.
- ▶ Rather, we try to make sense of $\{x^{(n)}\}$.
- ▶ Examples: clustering, density estimation, anomaly detection, dimensionality reduction.

Self-supervised learning

Strictly speaking, unsupervised learning is not possible with ANN's.

We take a roundabout with self-supervised learning.

- ▶ Learn models to approximate a task on the input data.
- ▶ Input and output are the same data, i.e., pairs $(x^{(n)}, \hat{x}^{(n)})$.
- ▶ Examples: clean noisy data, dimensionality reduction.
- ▶ Enter: *AutoEncoders*.



Discriminative vs Generative

Discriminative models

Conditional probability:

$$p(y|x; \Omega).$$

Generative models

Joint probability distribution:

$$p(x, y; \Omega).$$

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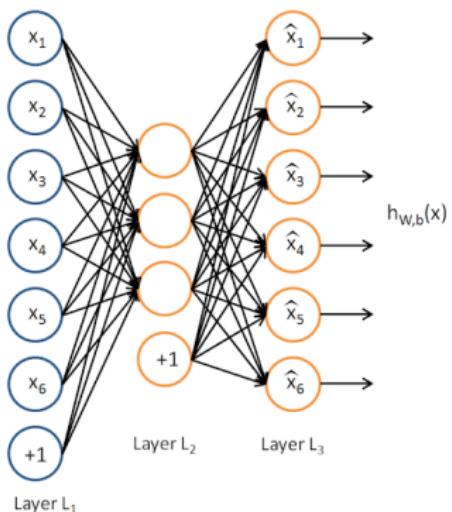
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Autoencoder

LeCun, 1987. "Modèles connexionnistes de l'apprentissage", Ph.D. Thesis.



Vanilla AE.

ANN that learns to reproduce its own input, while learning interesting data representations.

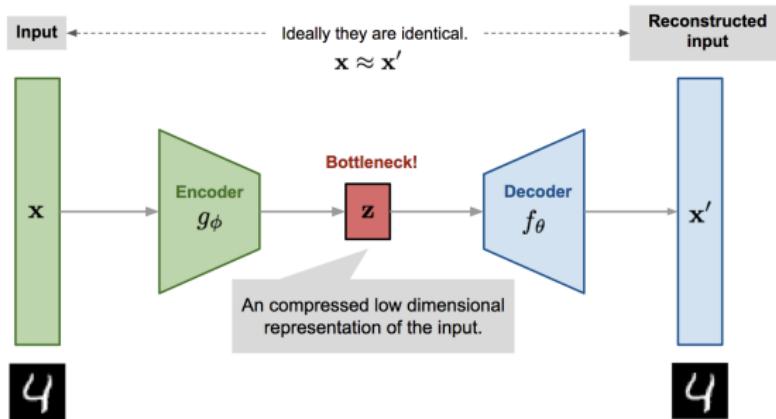
E.g., sparse representations,

$$\mathcal{L}(y, \hat{y}; \Omega) = \|y - \hat{y}\|^2 + \alpha\|\Omega\|_1.$$

Intermediate output is known as *latent representation*, and denotes by z .

Structure

- ▶ Encoder.
- ▶ Latent representation.
- ▶ Decoder.
- ▶ Regularizers (optional).



Representation Learning

Representation Learning is a subset of machine learning, which of high relevance in deep learning.

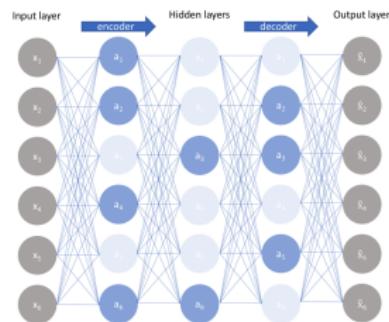
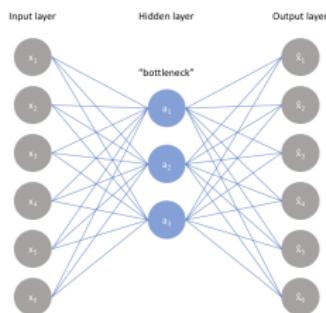
It deals with the study (analysis, design, interpretability, etc.) of the intermediate representations of a deep neural network.

Understand how knowledge is learned and represented.

Understanding and designing *latent representations* can be done by principles of representations learning.

Undercomplete AE

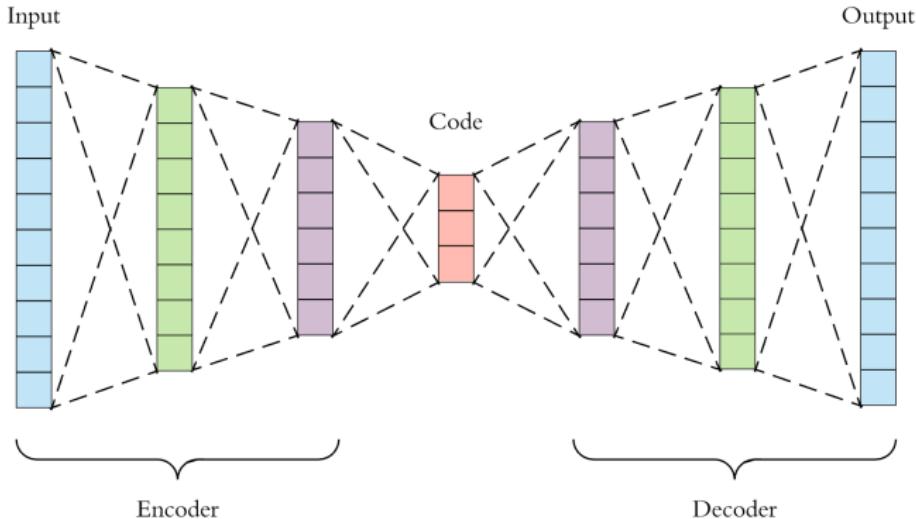
- ▶ AE with hidden representation that are shorter than input.
- ▶ Produces undercomplete representations.
- ▶ Output after the linear transformation equivalent to PCA.



- ▶ Overcomplete AE: larger latent representation.
- ▶ Sparse AE: sparsity by constraints, e.g., L1 regularization.

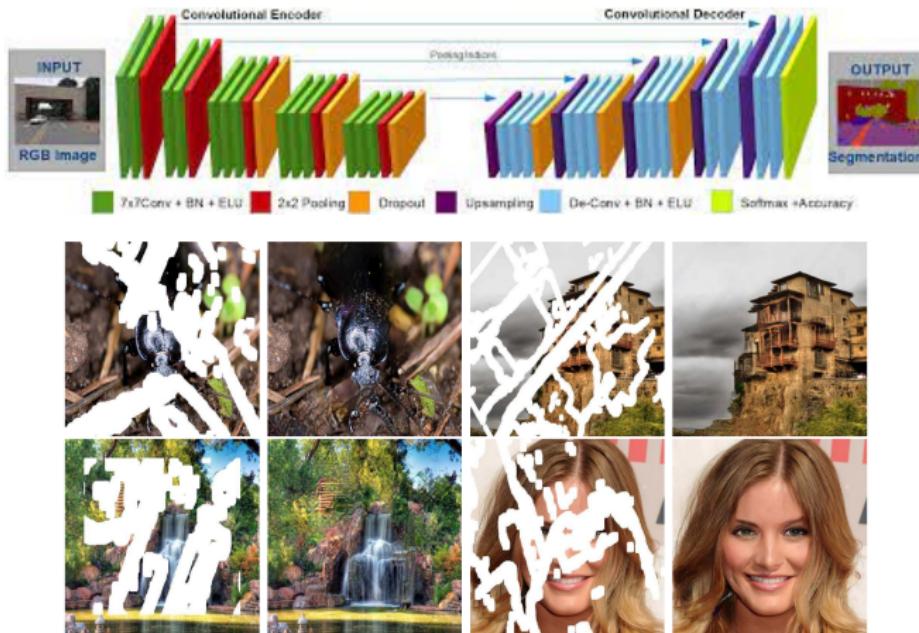
Deep AE

Deeper models enable more non-linear transformations, which might lead to richer latent representations.



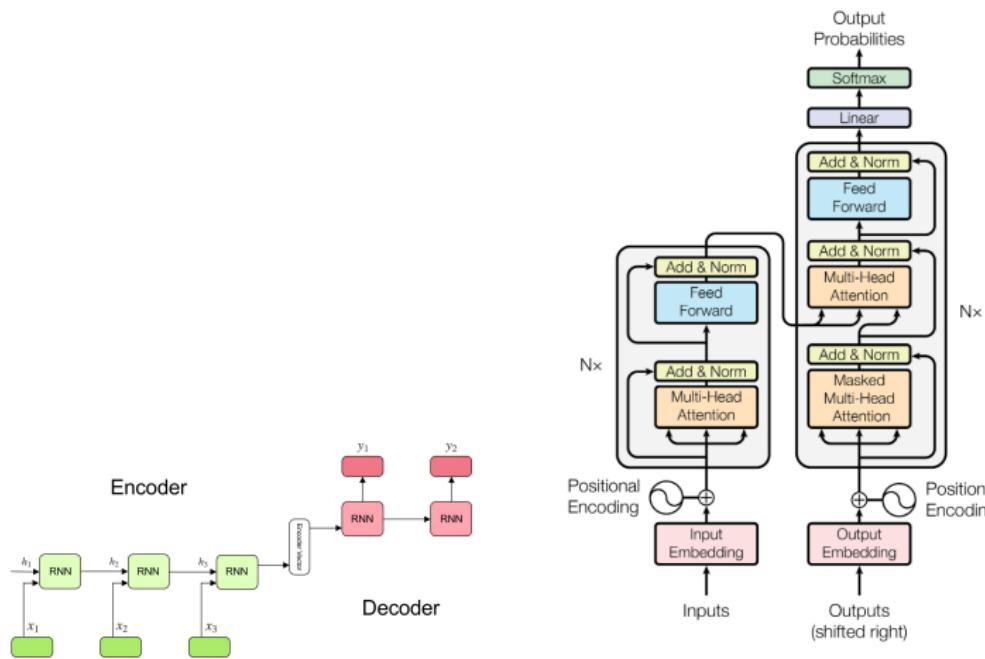
ConvAE

Combine the potential of CNN's with AE architectures.



LSTM and transformer

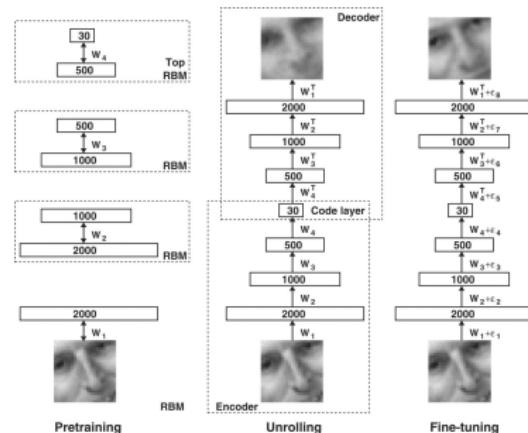
Similarly, we can combine AE with language models.



Pretraining with AE's

Often, there is a lot of unlabeled data out there.

1. Pretrain your model with an AE.
2. Transfer weights to a decision model (classifier).
3. Fine tune the transferred weights for specific task.



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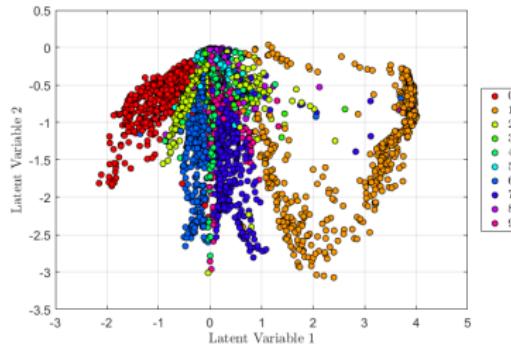
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AE's limitations

Latent space of AE is learned to comply with the task of interest, but with no other particular restriction, specially not on its shape.

- ▶ No special structure.
- ▶ Latent space might be discontinuous.
- ▶ Sampling from it produces samples from the unknown space.
- ▶ Decoding unknown samples might lead to noise.



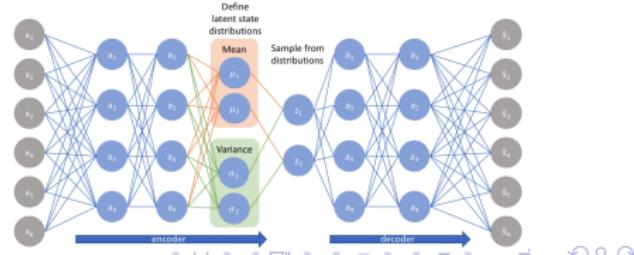
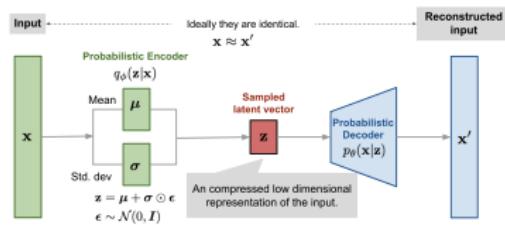
Variational AE (VAE)

Kingma & Welling, 2013. “Auto-Encoding Variational Bayes”.

Variational inference

Approximate an observable probability distribution $p(z|x)$, with another parametric distribution $q(z)$.

- ▶ $q(z)$ is chosen to be a Gaussian.
- ▶ VAE’s latent space is, by design, continuous.
- ▶ Latent representation: means (μ) and standard deviations (σ).

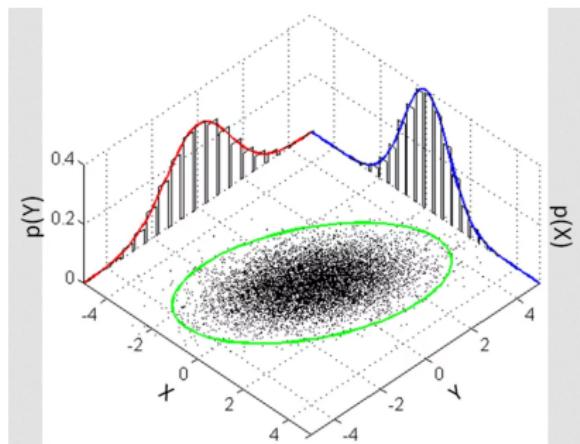


Variational inference

Goal: find a distribution $q(z|x)$ of some latent variable z , from which we could sample $z \sim q(z|x)$, and then we can generate new synthetic samples $\hat{x} \sim p(x|z)$.

- ▶ Hard to find the marginal $p(x)$, as we need to integrate its conditional over the whole latent space.

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= \int_{\Omega} p(x, z) dz, \\ &= \int_{\Omega} p(x|z)p(z) dz. \end{aligned}$$

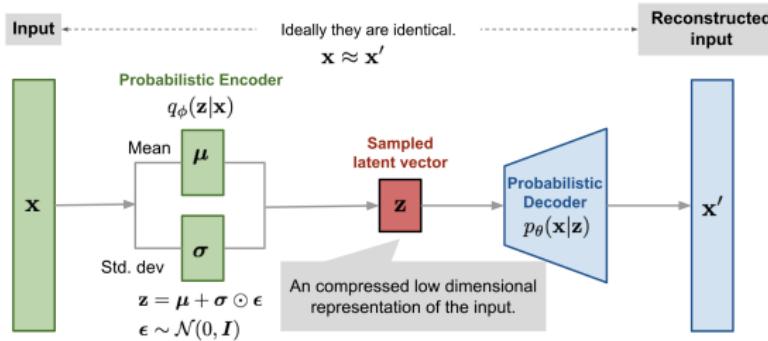


VAE loss function

- ▶ Instead, minimize the difference between the observable distribution and the ideal Gaussian.
- ▶ Use Kullback-Leibler divergence.

$$\mathcal{L}^T = \mathcal{L}^R(x, \hat{x}) + \gamma D_{KL}(q(z) || p(z)),$$

where, $p(z) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$, and γ is a weighting factor.



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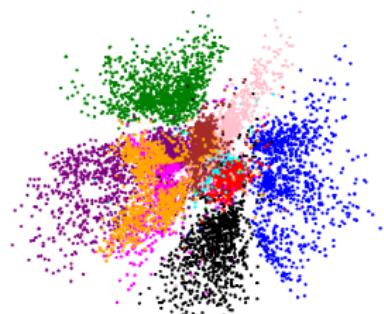
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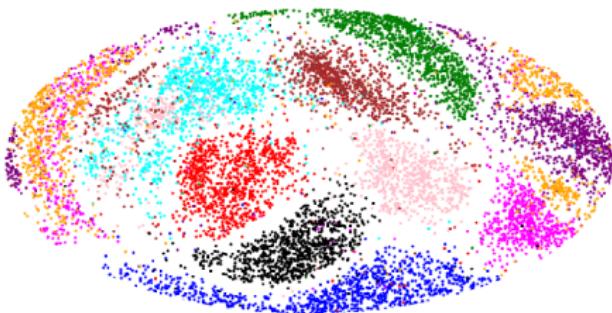
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Variational latent space

Example no the MINST dataset.

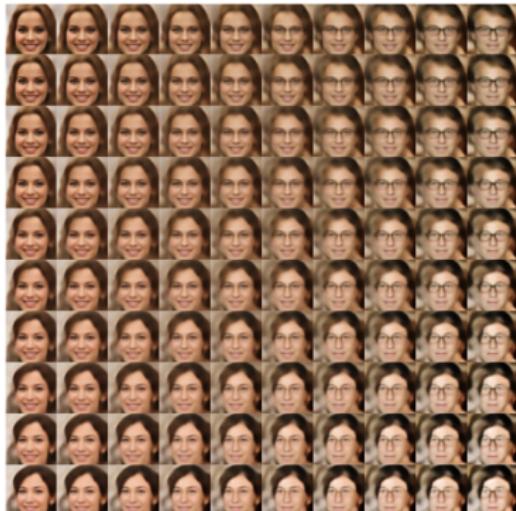
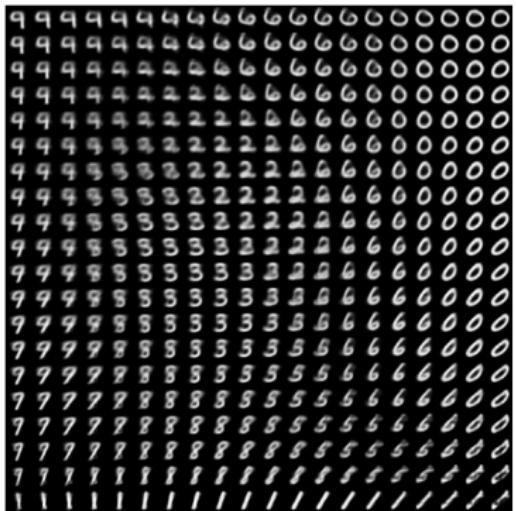


(a) \mathbb{R}^2 latent space of the \mathcal{N} -VAE.



(b) Hammer projection of S^2 latent space of the \mathcal{S} -VAE.

VAE examples



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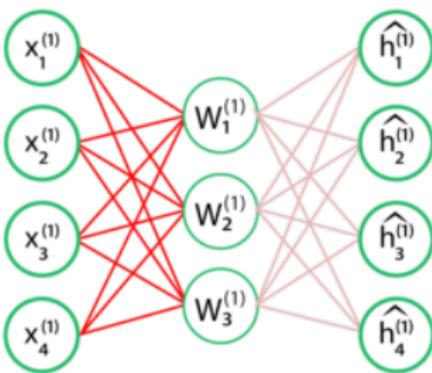
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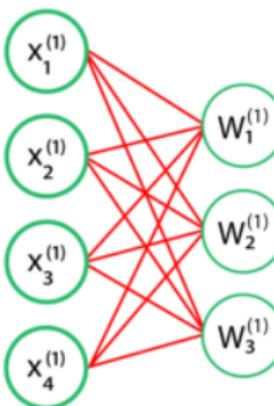
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Restricted Boltzmann Machines (RBM)

- ▶ Two-layers NN: Input and hidden representation.
- ▶ No output layer.
- ▶ Backprop against feed-forward loss.
- ▶ Input reconstruction from hidden representation.



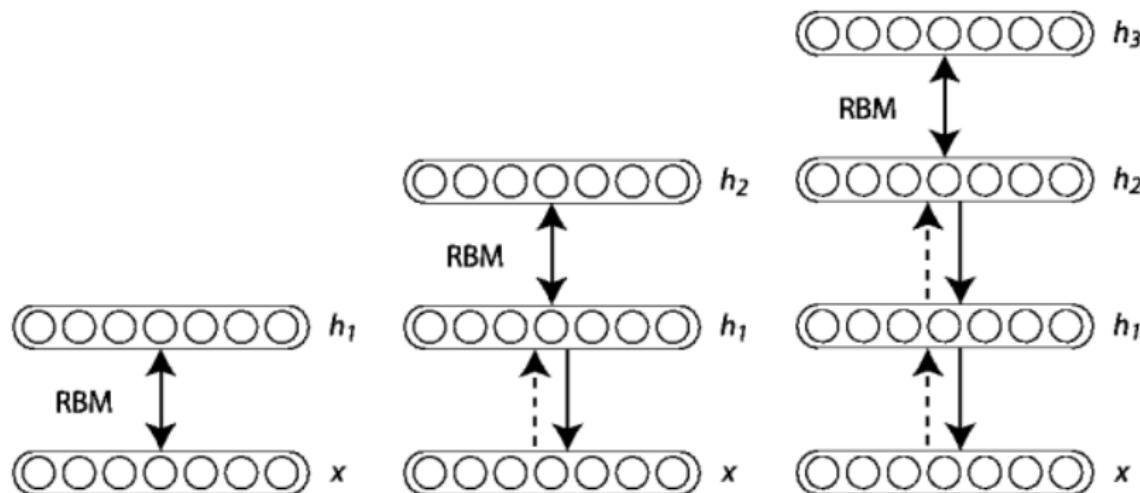
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RBM_s

Deep Belief Networks (DBN)

Cascaded array of RBM's.



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