# Representation Learning: Autoencoder

# Supervised Learning

- Give the data (x->y), x is the data, y is the label
- Goal: Learn the mapping: from x to y.

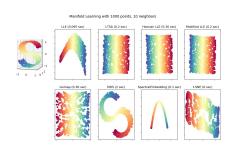
#### Stark Classification



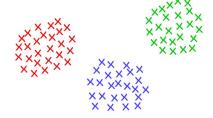


# **Unsupervised Learning**

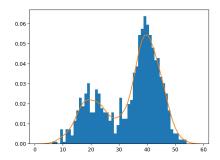
- Given the data x without labels
- Goal: Learn hidden structure(low dimension) from



Representation Learning
Data lies on a low-dimensional
manifold



Clustering Group data points based their similarity

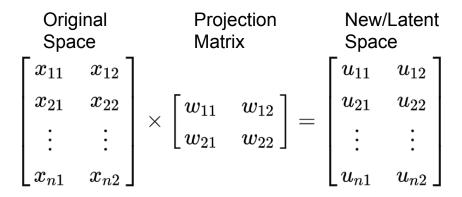


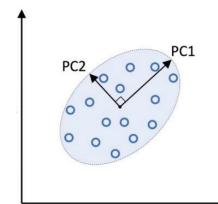
Density Estimation Estimate data probability p(x) from data x1, x2, ..., xn

# Autoencoder

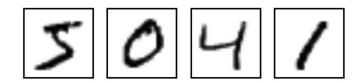
# Principal Component Analysis

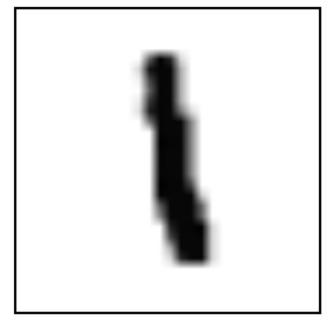
PCA aims to find the directions of maximum variance in high-dimensional data and projects it onto a new subspace with equal or fewer dimensions than the original one

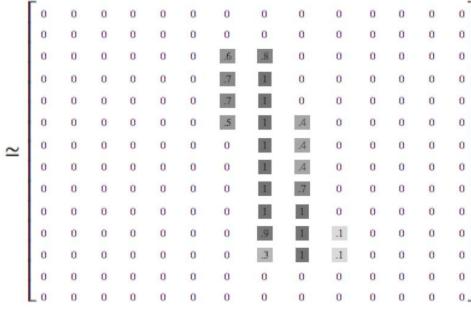




### **MNIST Dataset**

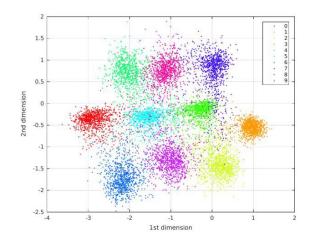




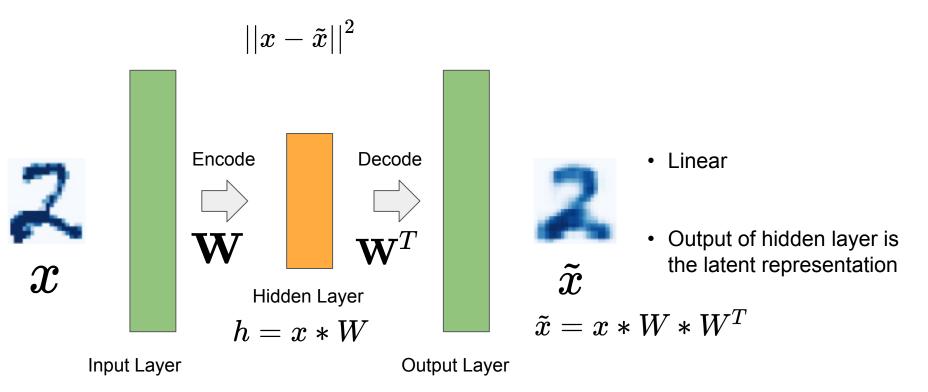


### PCA for MNIST Visualization

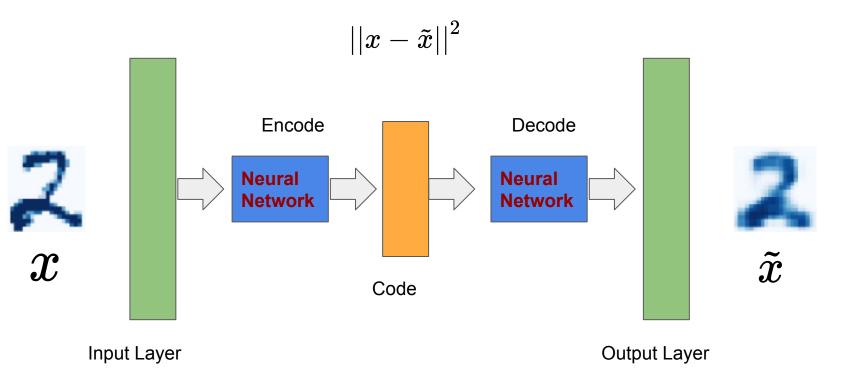
- Each image has 28 by 28 pixels -> 28 by 28 matrix -> 784 dimensional vector
- Using PCA, find a project matrix  $~\mathbf{W} \in R^{784 imes 2}$
- After projection, each image can be encoded into a 2-Dimensional space



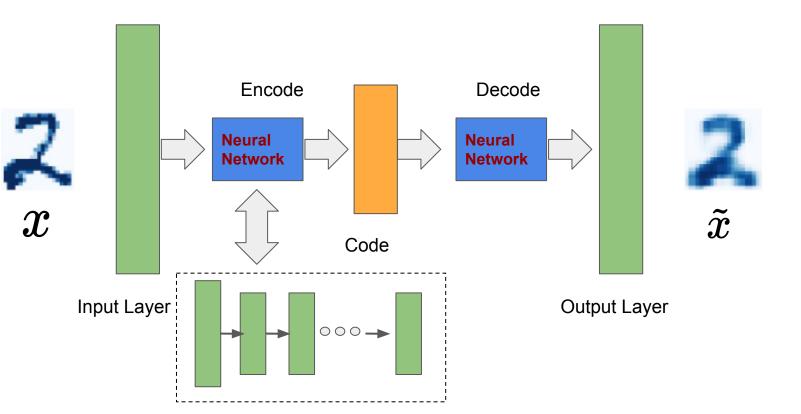
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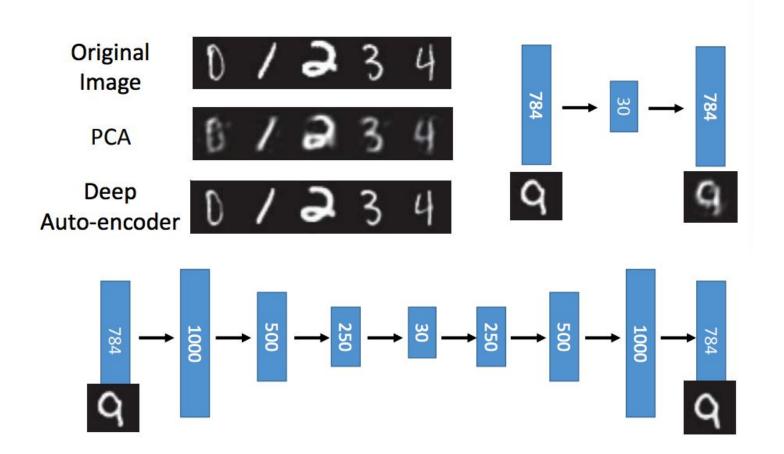
### Autoencoder: NonLinear



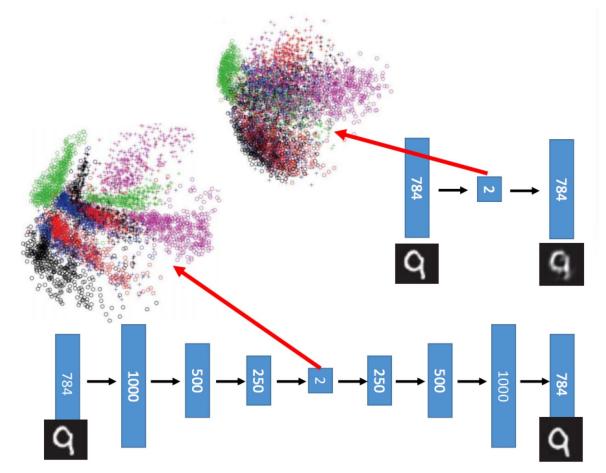
# Deep Autoencoder



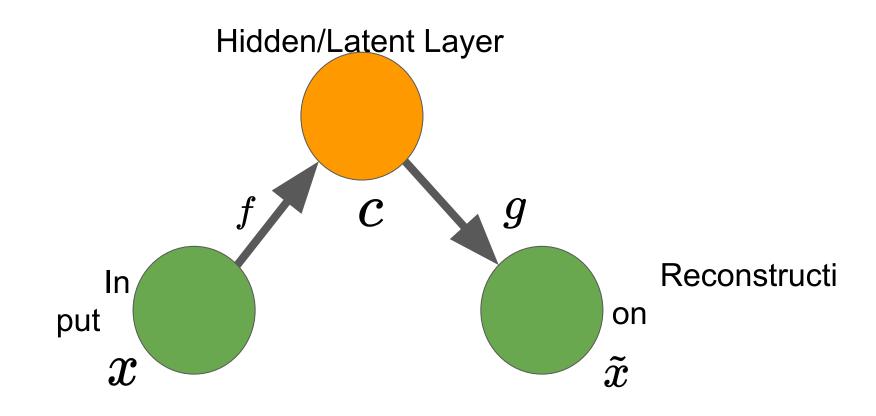
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### Structure of Autoencoder

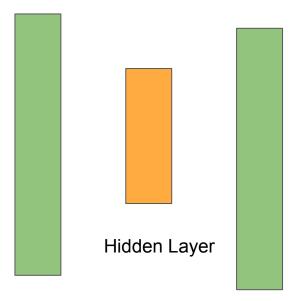


### **Undercomplete** Autoencoder

- Simply copy input to output without learning anything useful
  - The autoencoder just mimic the identity function
  - Reconstruct the training data perfectly
  - Overfitting
- To avoid the above issue, we should use undercomplete autoencoder
  - The hidden layer size c is small compared to the original feature dimensionality

### Sandwich Architecture in Autoencoder

- Forcing c (hidden layer size) is less than d (the input layer size)
  - Learn the important features
  - Information bottleneck:
    - A kind of trade-off between compression and retaining information



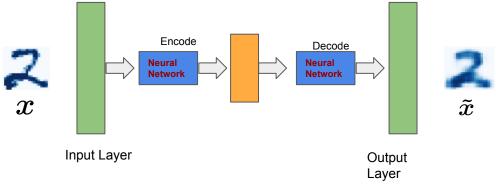




Can we use only 4 bricks to rebuild the previous shape?

# **Optimization Targets**

- For Autoencoder, the training objective is to minimize  $||x \tilde{x}||^2$
- $oldsymbol{\cdot}$  But we do not care the output layer  $ilde{oldsymbol{x}}$
- Hidden representation is what we really want to learn



### **Build Autoencoders in Keras**

https://blog.keras.io/building-autoencoders-in-keras.html

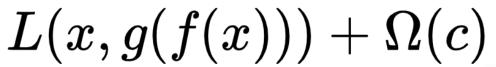
# Regularized Autoencoder

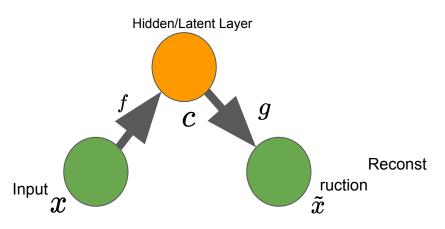
Add different constraintions in case that we learn

the identity transformation, i.e., overfitting

### Sparse Autoencoders

- Constrain on c that penalizes it from dense
- Regularization on output of encoder, not parameters





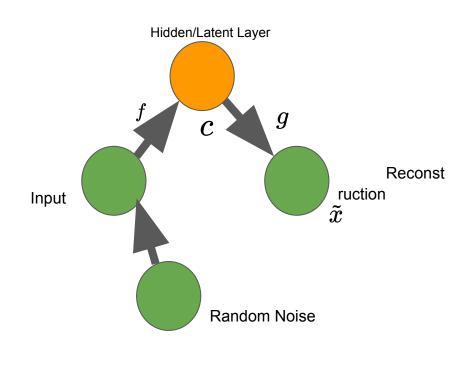
- kernel\_regularizer : instance of keras.regularizers.Regularizer
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#### Example

### **Denoising Autoencoders**

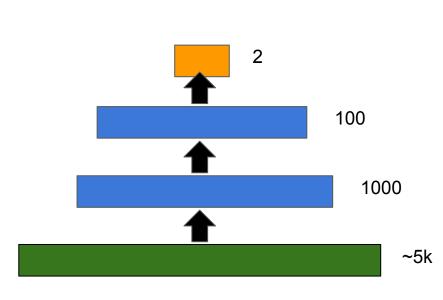
- Add noise into original data points
- Still reconstruct original data points

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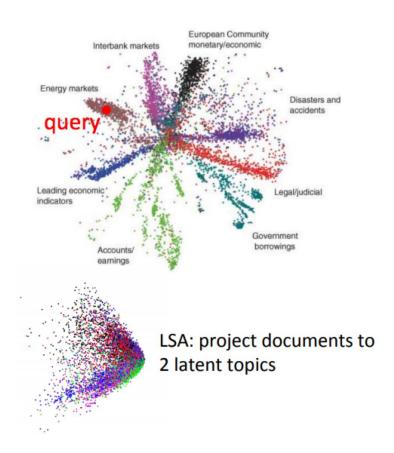


# **Applications of Autoencoders**

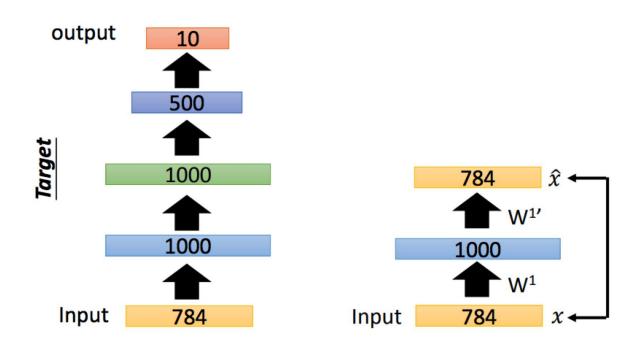
### Better Representation



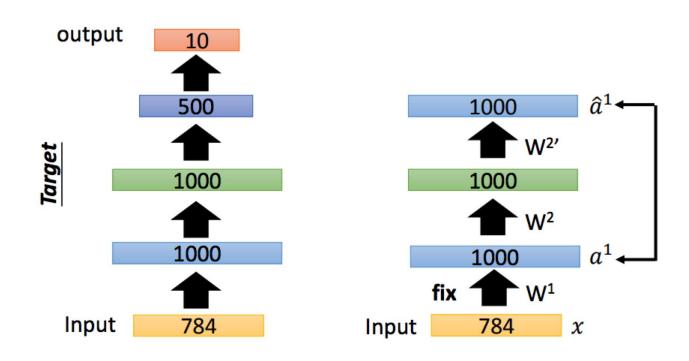
Bag-of-Word



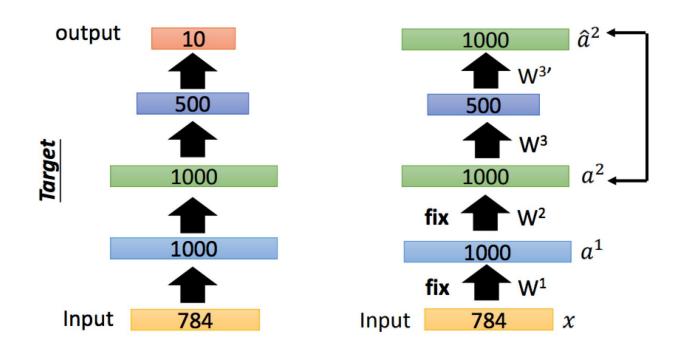
Greedy Layer-wise Pre-training for W1



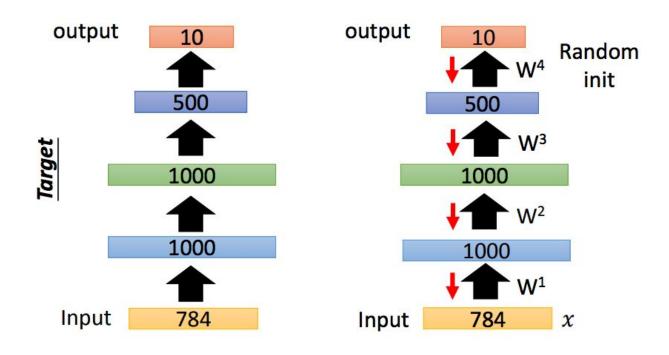
Greedy Layer-wise Pre-training for W2



Greedy Layer-wise Pre-training for W3



Fine-tune by backpropagation



# **Recommendation System**

The two best performing public stocks of the decade - Netflix (+3700%) and Domino's Pizza (+3000%) - perfectly epitomize the 2010s. You either build the world's most advanced machine learning content recommender system, or make a better pizza sauce, there's no middle ground.

1:20 PM - 27 Dec 2019

3,926 Retweets 20,086 Likes













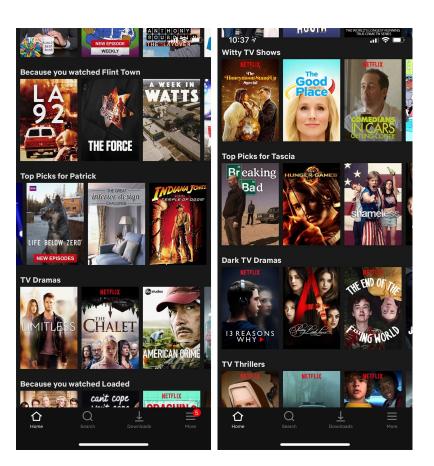




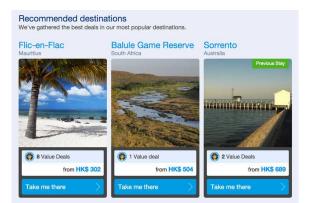




### Rec. Sys. are Everywhere

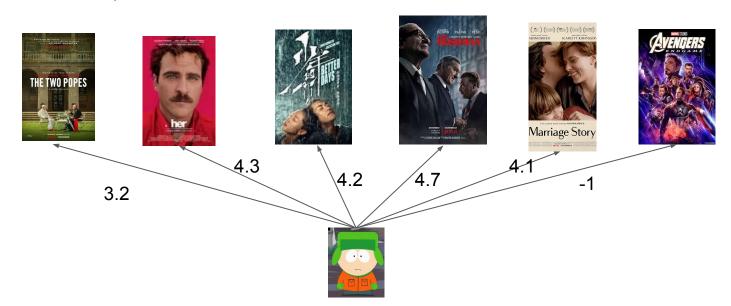






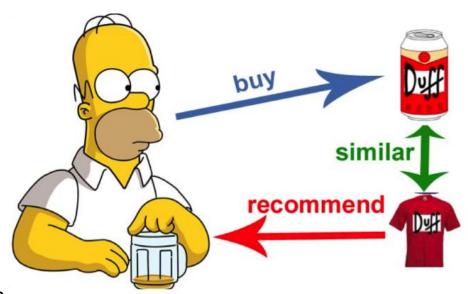
# Core Problem in Rec. Sys.

- Filter Information for users
- Personalization is the key:
  - Given a certain user, compute the score that quantifies how strongly a user u likes/prefer items i.



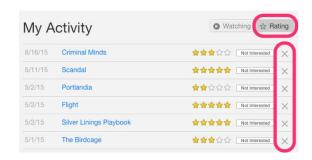
### **Content-based Method**

- Define the similarity from items' content
  - Name: cosine similarity
  - Category
  - Rating
  - Description
  - o Etc
- Combine them into a final score
- Ranked items based on their similar scores compared to users' purchased item



#### **User Behavior**

- Content-based methods: only look at the items' information
- The Insights behind the huge interaction behind users and items



Ratings in Netflix



Order History

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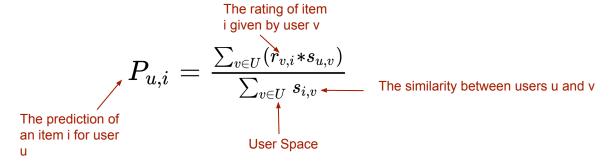
  Item

Item 1 Item 2 Item 3 Item k-1 Imte k User 1 3 0 User User 2 0 3 Vector User n-1 0 2 User n 0 0 0

Vector

### **User-based CF**

- Find the similarity score betweens users
- Recommend products which these similar uses have liked or bought previously

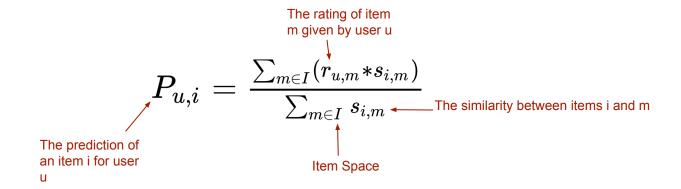


$$s_{u,v} = cos(ec{u},ec{v}) = rac{ec{u} * ec{v}}{||ec{u}|||ec{v}||}$$

Cosine similarity used a lot in information retrieval

### Item-based CF

- Find the similarity between each item pair
- Recommend similar items which were liked or purchased by the users in the past



$$s_{i,m} = cos(ec{i},ec{m}) = rac{ec{i}*ec{m}}{||ec{i}|||ec{m}||}$$

### **Data Sparsity**

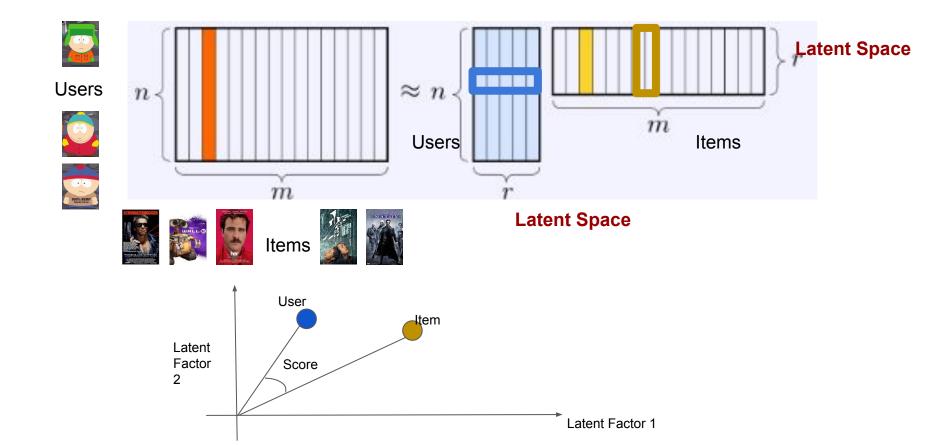
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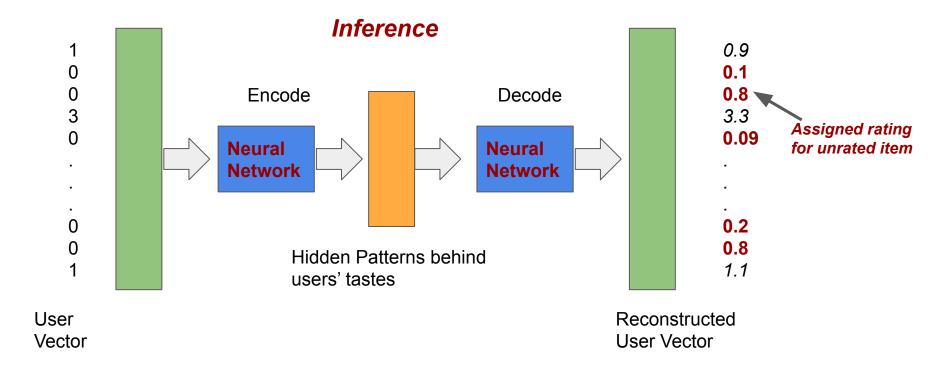
Similarities between users and items are zero

- Data Preprocessing:
  - Use the mean value of the row
  - Use the mean value of the column
- Matrix Factorization
  - Singular Value Decomposition
  - Non-Negative Matrix Factorization
  - Auto-encoder

### NMF for Rec.



### Autoencoder for Rec.



### Pros & Cons of CF

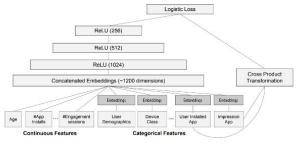
- Pros:
  - Capture latent user and item factors
  - Can handle sparsity
  - Scalable computation (ALS)
- Cons:
  - Biases (Temporal and Popularity)
  - Cold Start Problem
  - No Context-awareness

# How to evaluate Rec. Sys.

- Offline Evaluation:
  - Train/Test Splitting
  - RMSE
  - Recall
  - o Etc
- Online Evaluation:
  - A/B Testing
  - Click-Through Rate (CTR)
  - Conversion Rate (CR)
  - Etc

# Advanced Rec. Sys.

Deep Learning for Rec.:



Wide & Deep model

• Reinforcement Learning for Rec.:

