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Autoencoders

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Representations in the context of architectures!

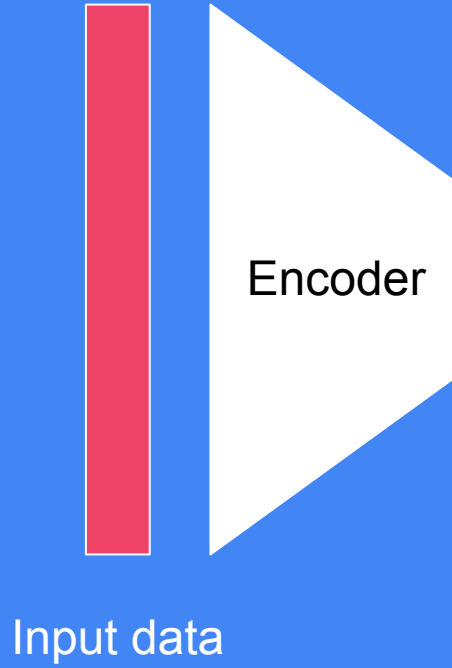
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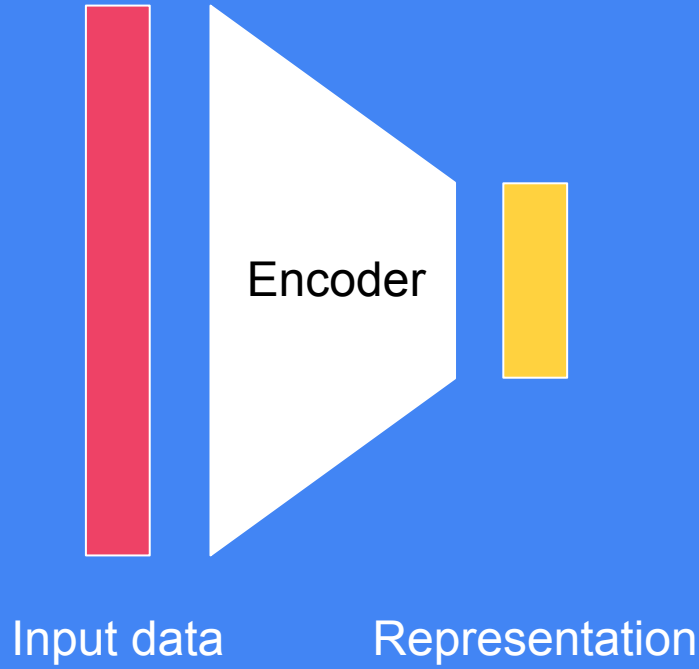


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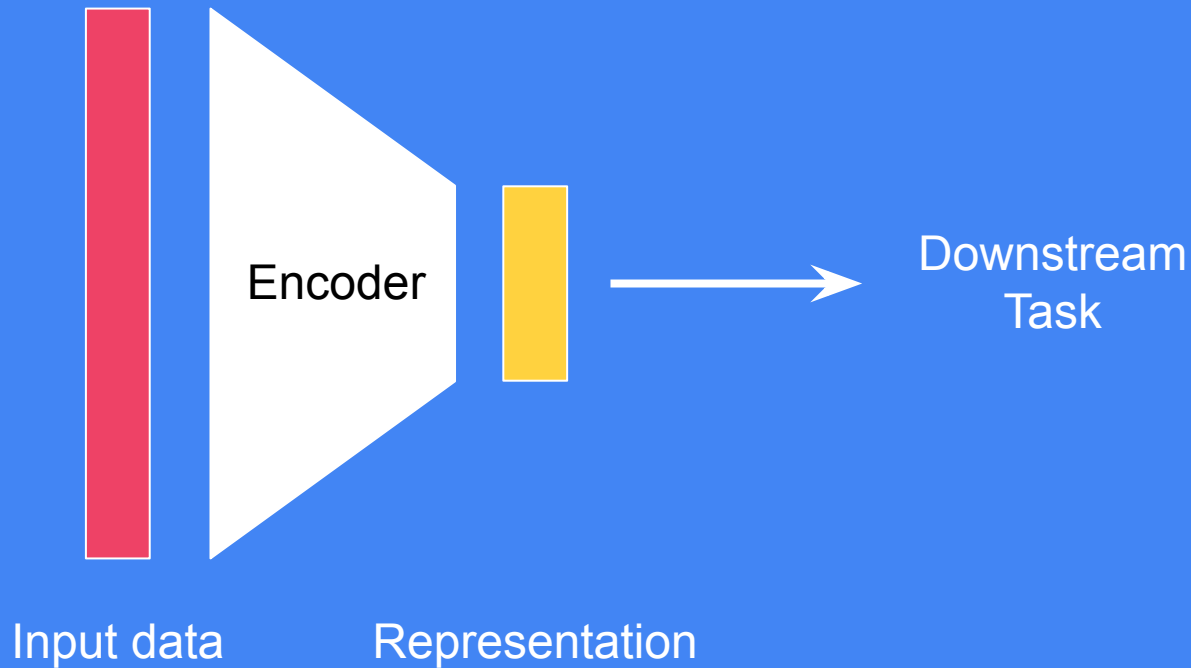
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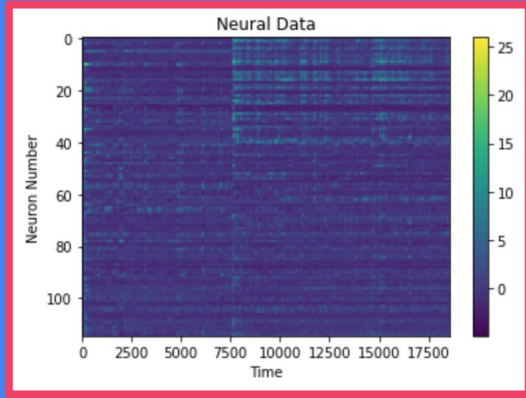
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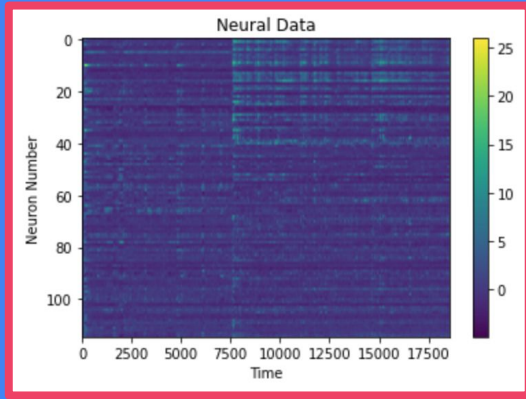


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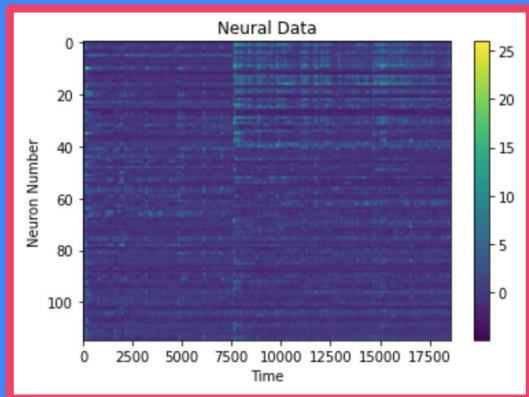
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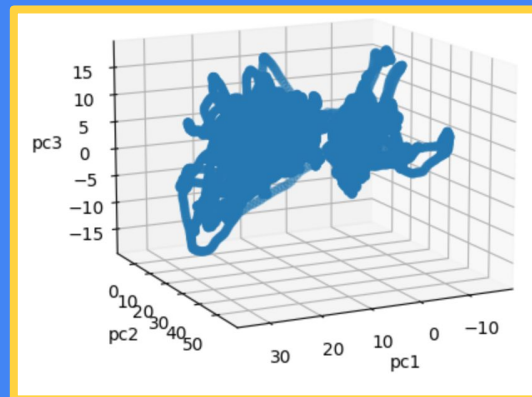
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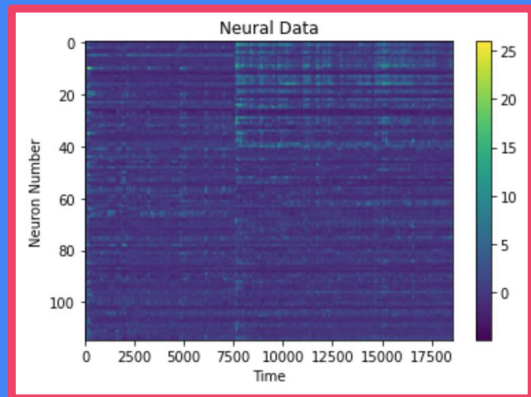
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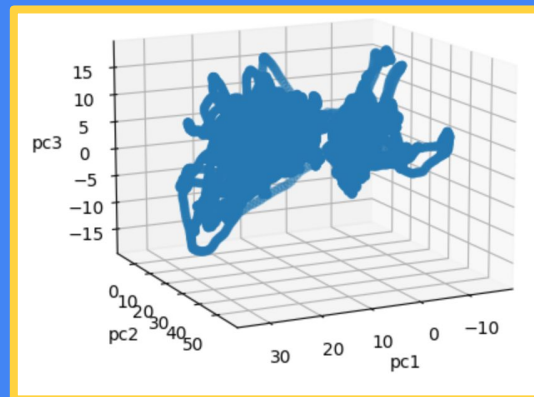
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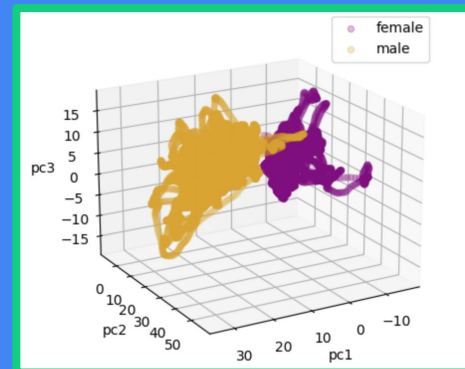


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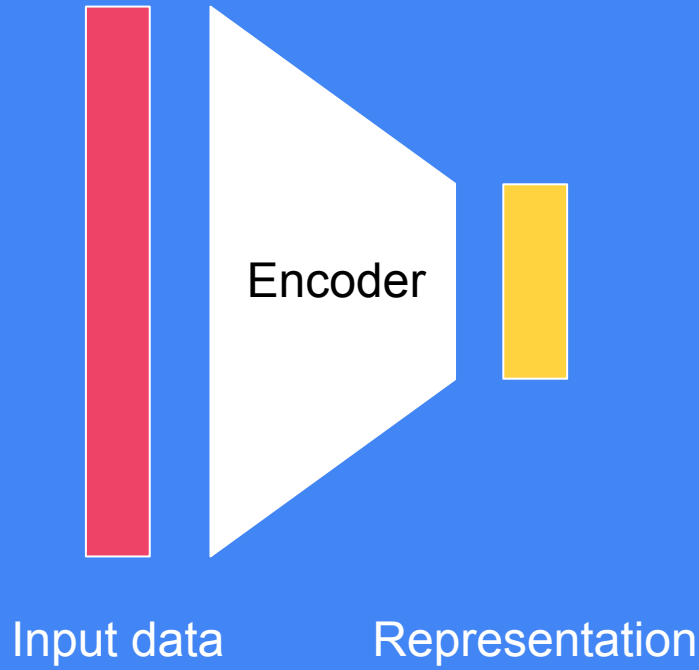


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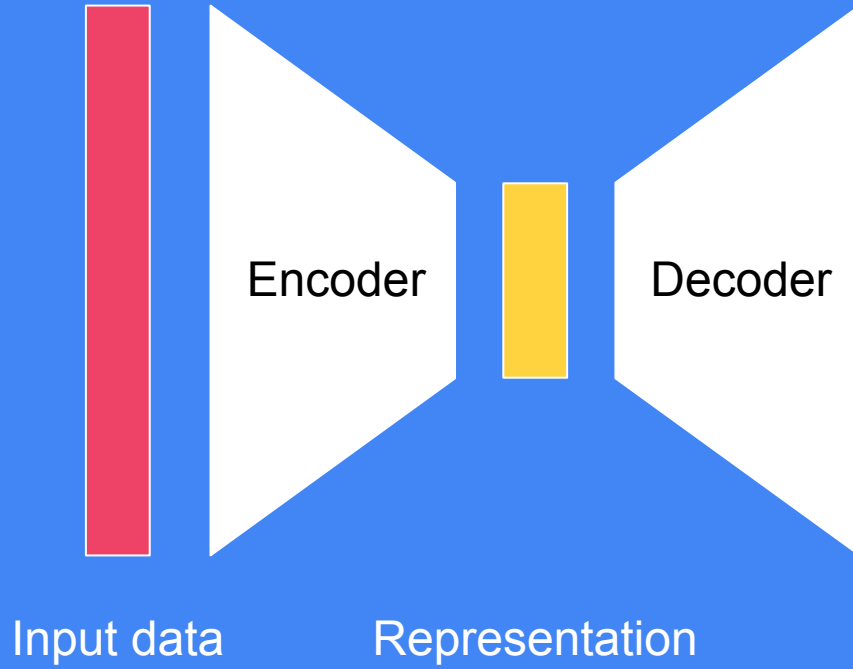


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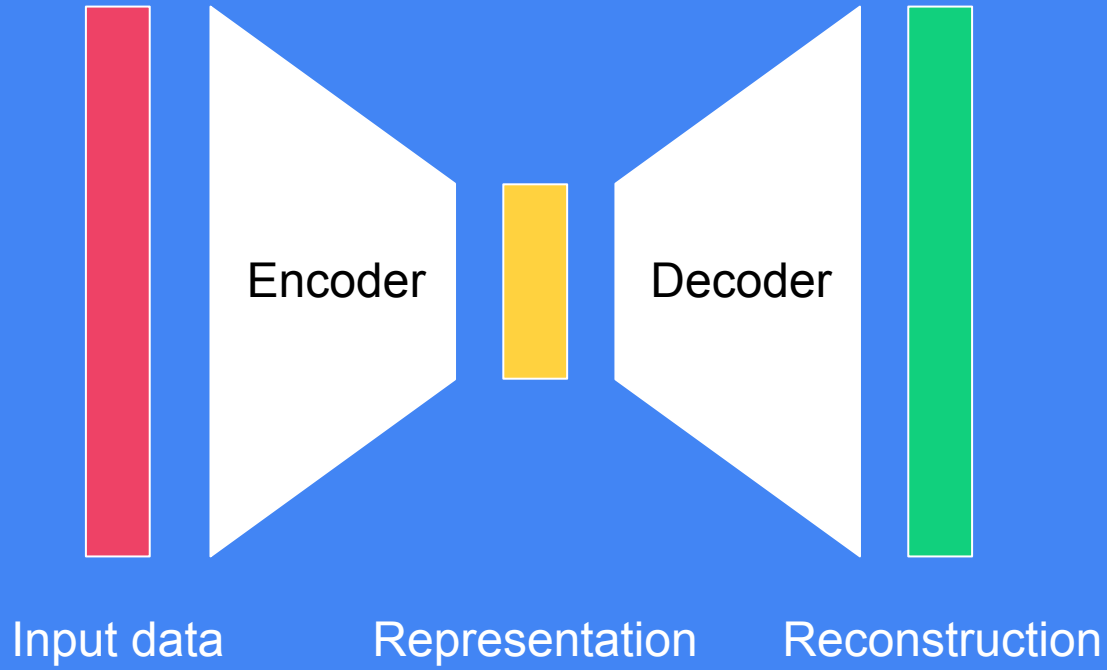
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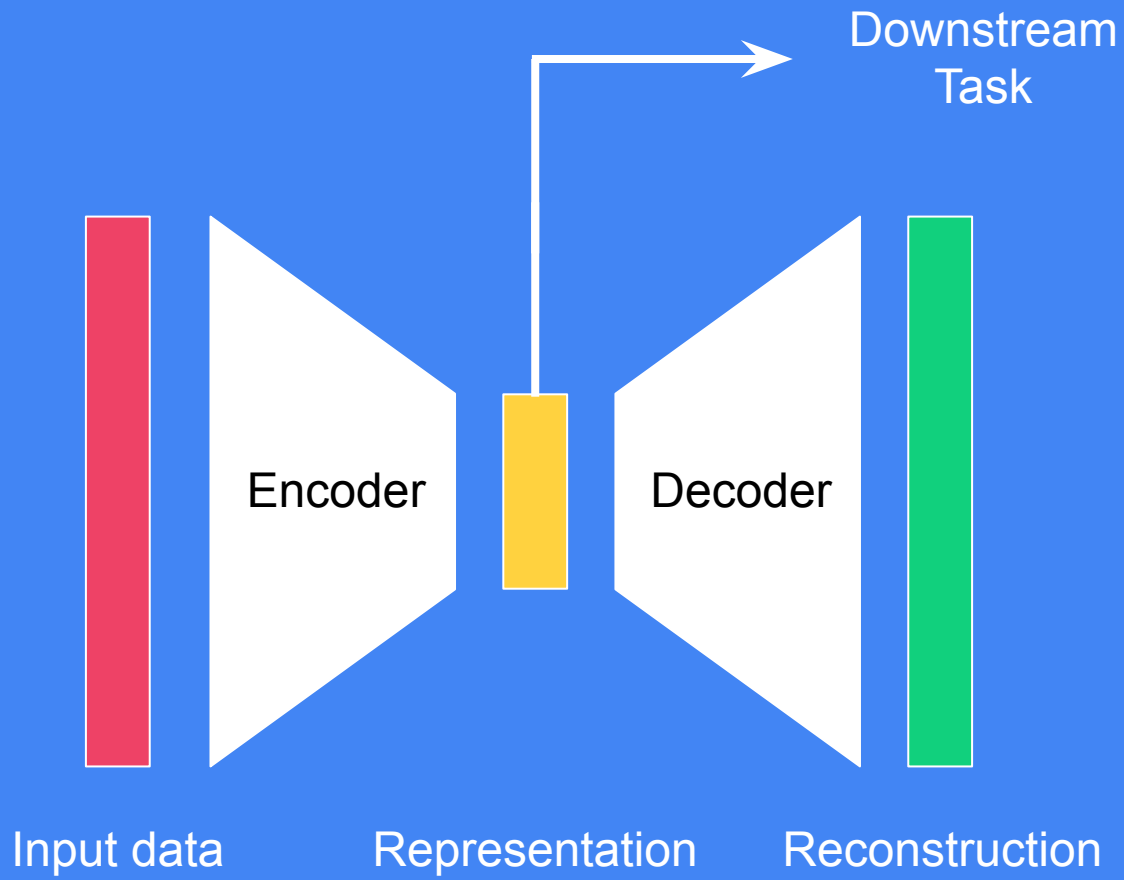
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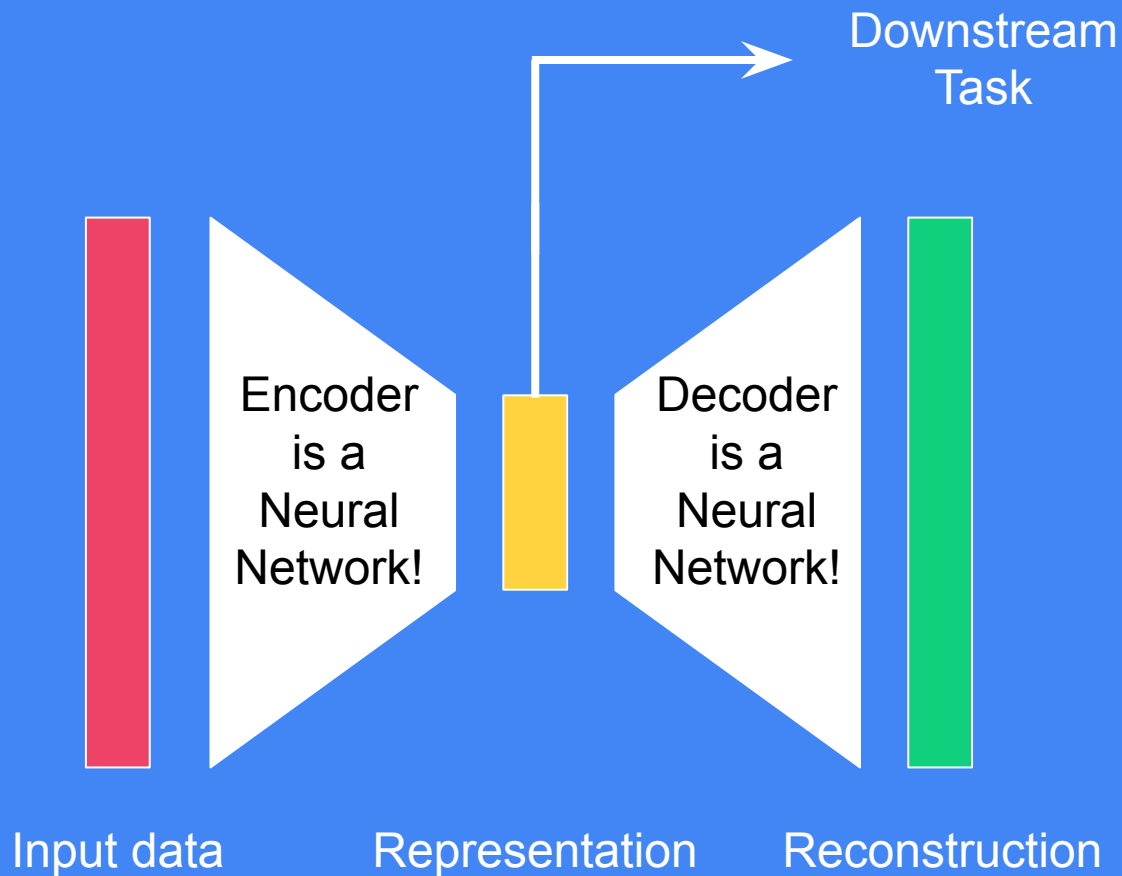
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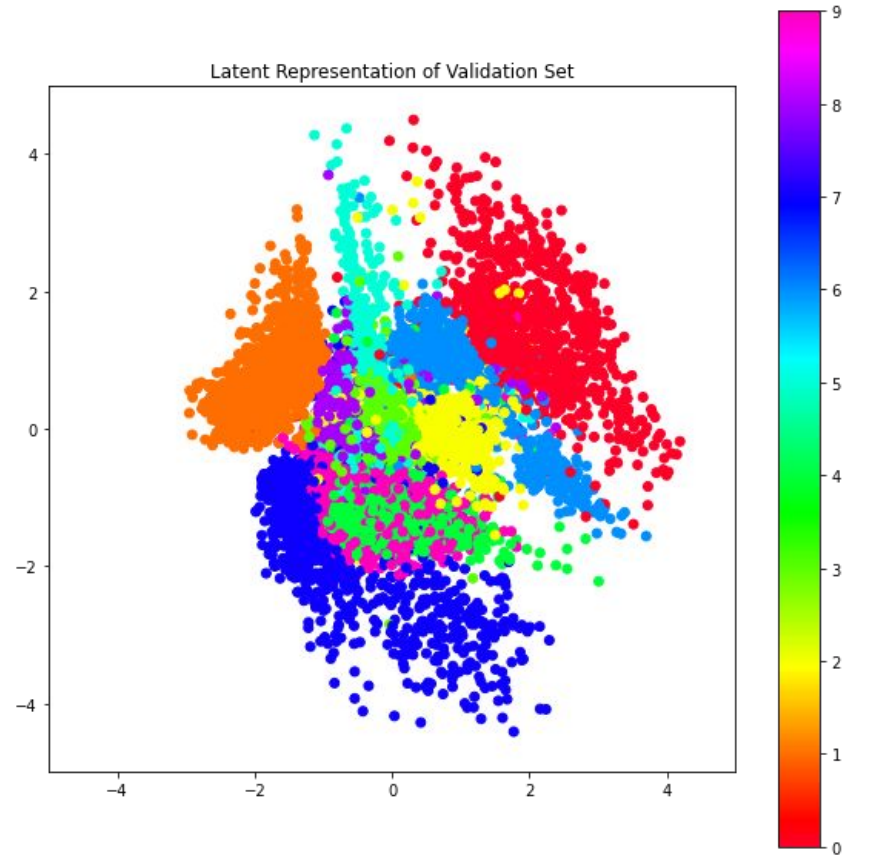
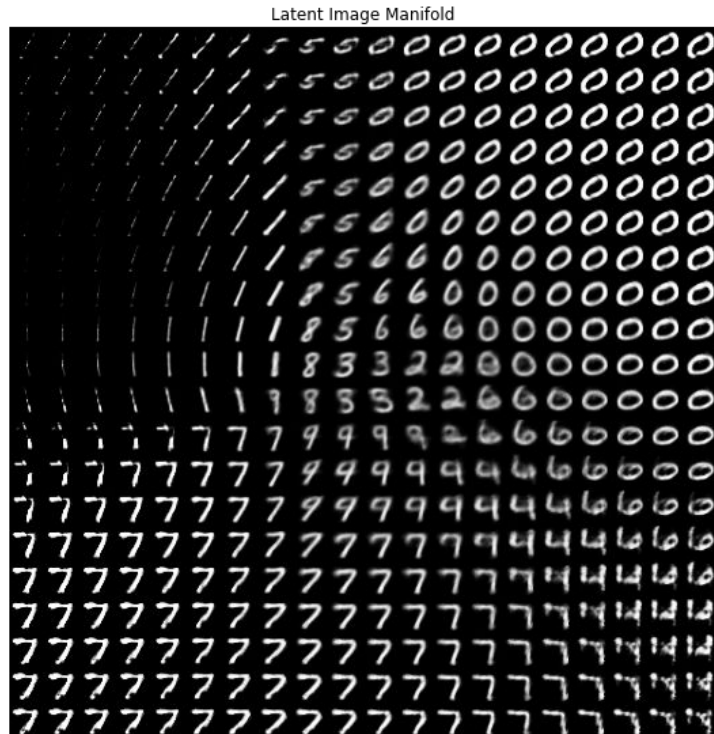


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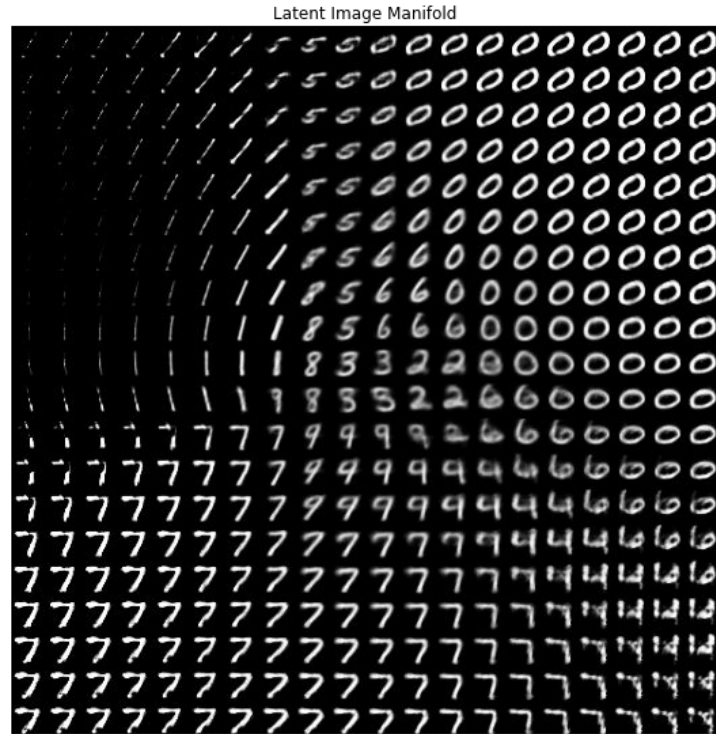


Goal of using an autoencoder on MNIST is to generate handwritten digits!

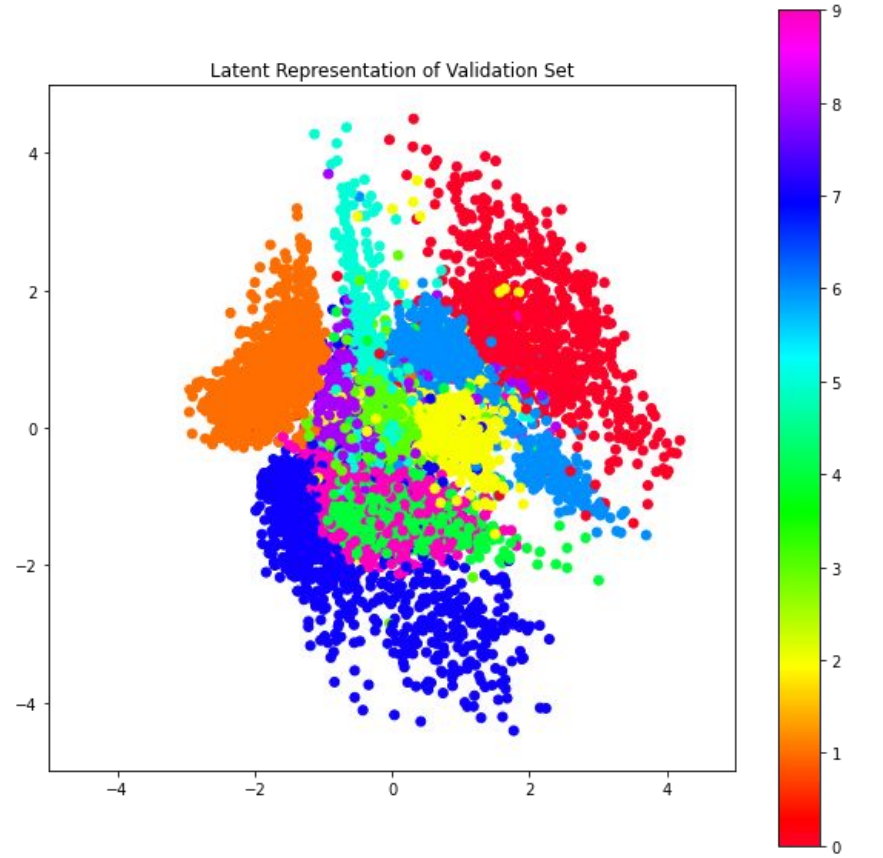
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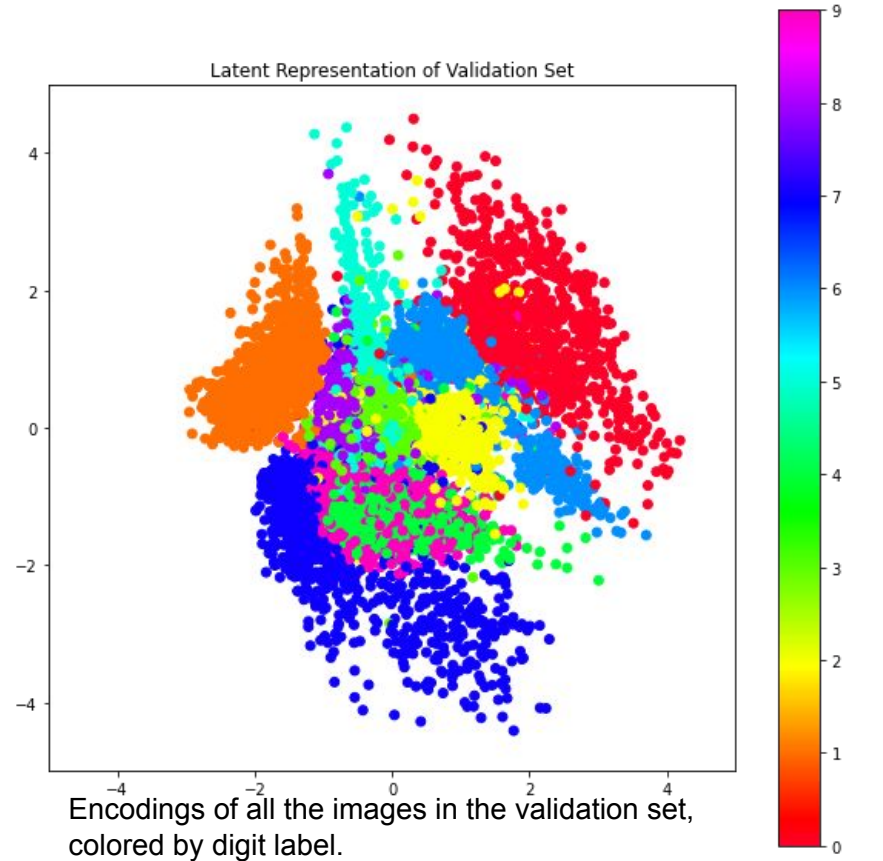
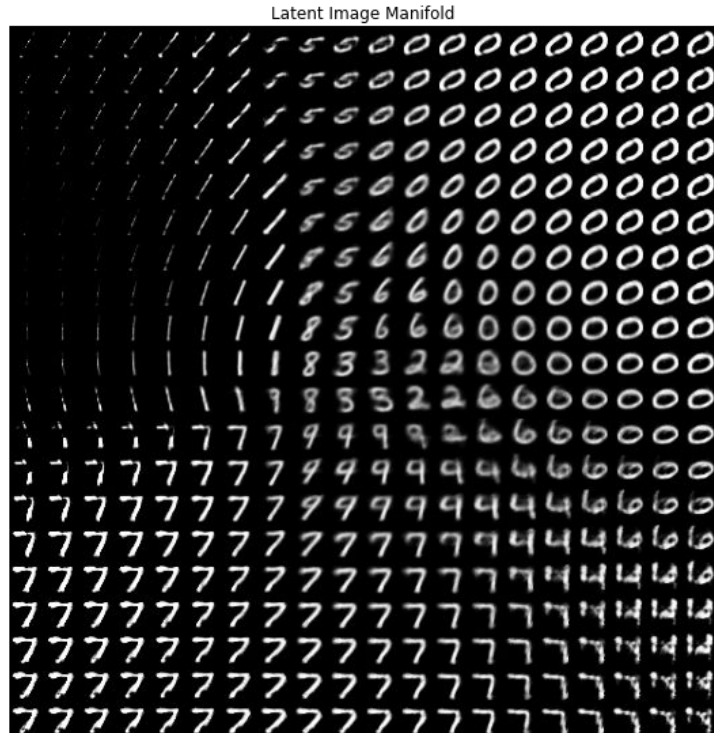
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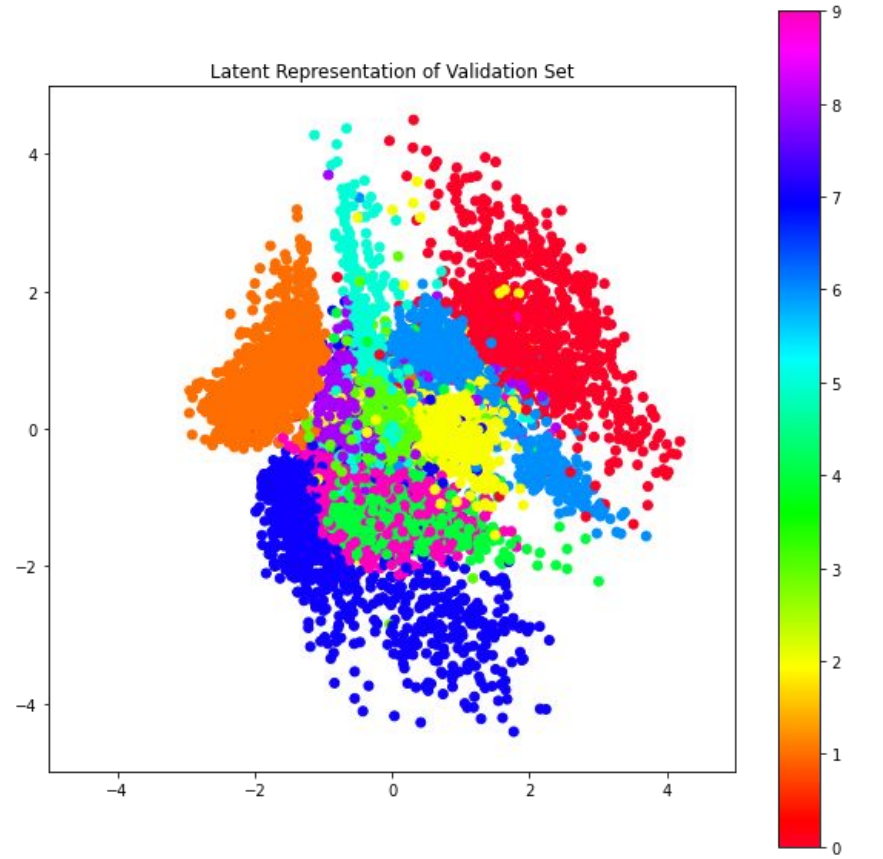
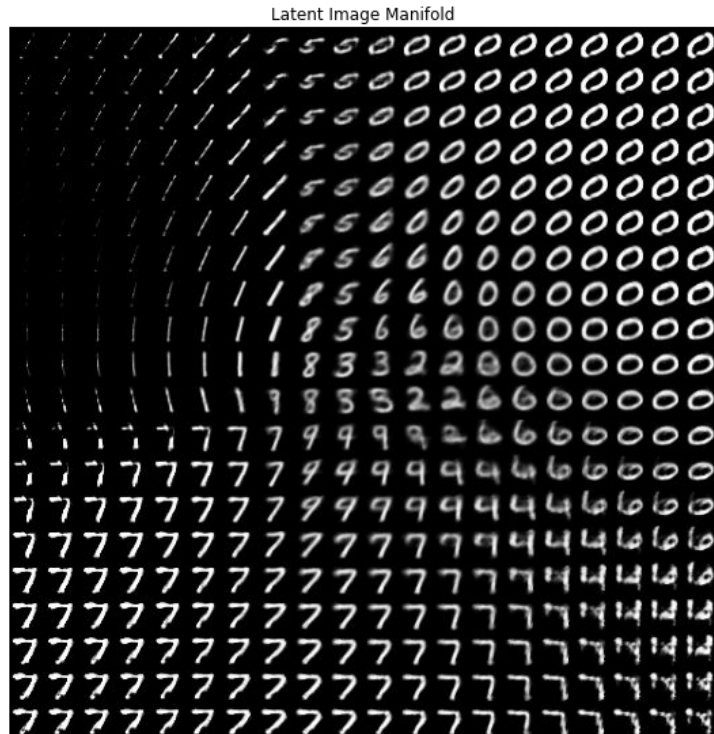
Sample images generated by picking points in the 2D latent space on a grid and then decoding them.



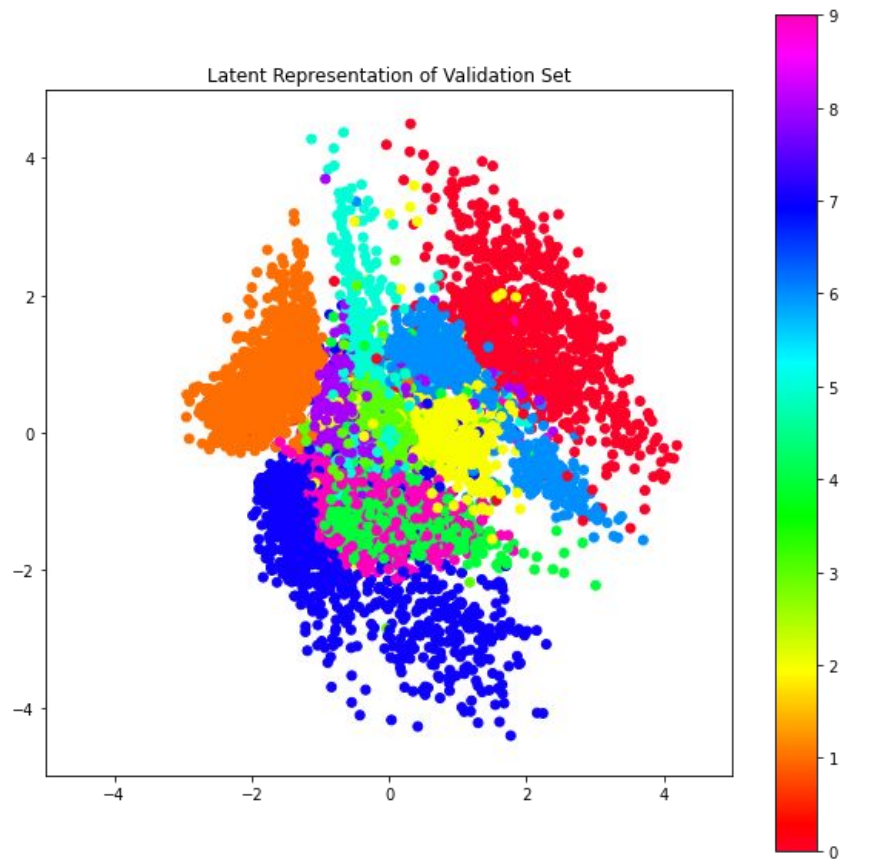
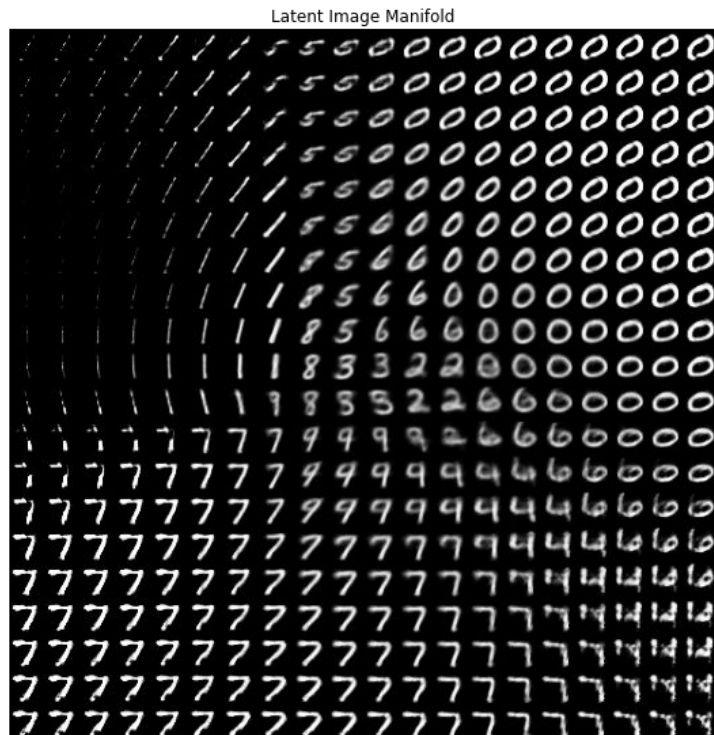
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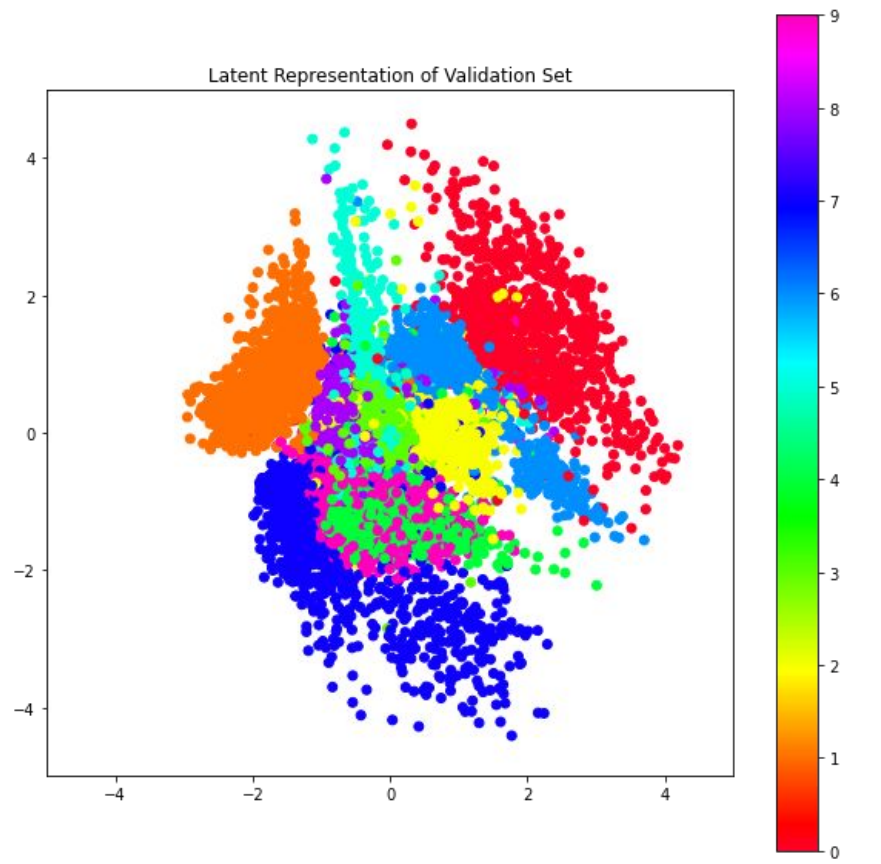
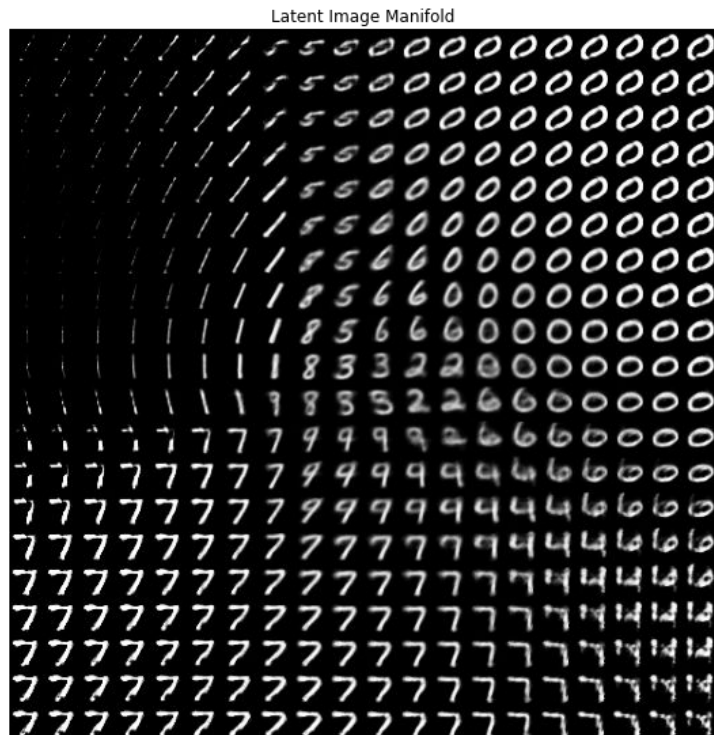
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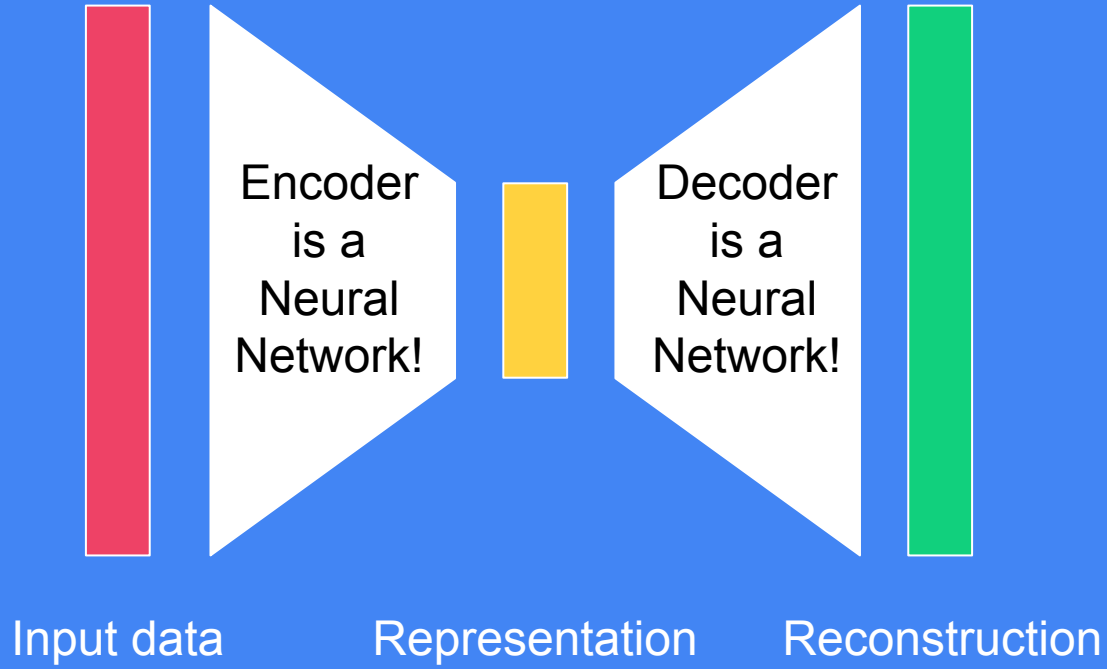
Takeaway 1: There's no “meaning” to the latent space in any strict sense. But, we can get a “qualitative” sense of what happens as we traverse axes. What features do you see in the space?



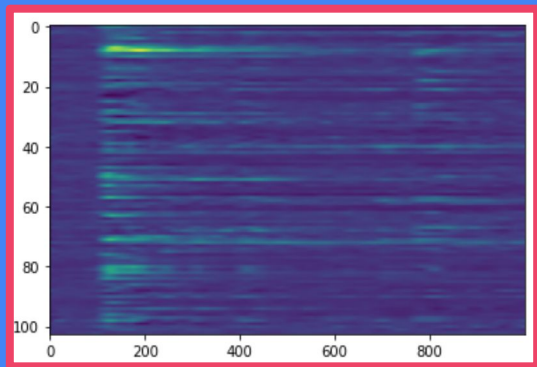
Takeaway 2: This model has no prior concept of what each digit is. However, it learns to essentially embed digit types in localized regions of the latent space. Why? Because this representation is a useful one that it learns that helps with the task of reconstruction, which is what we want from good features.



Autoencoder



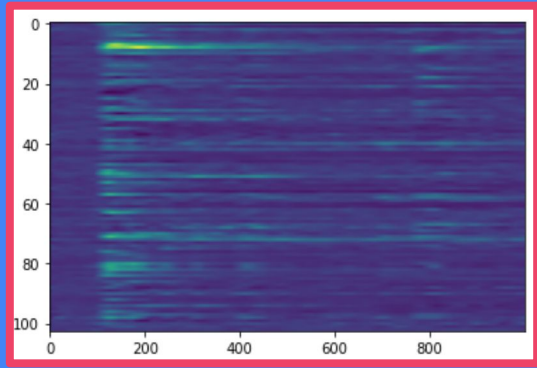
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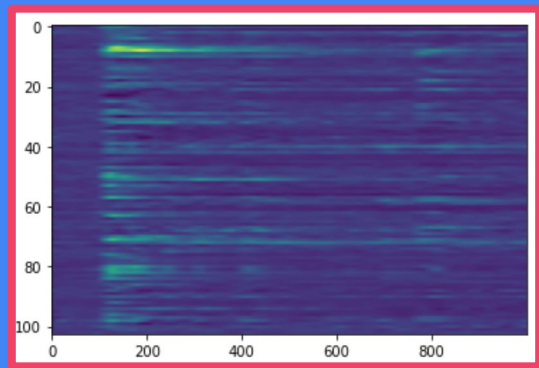
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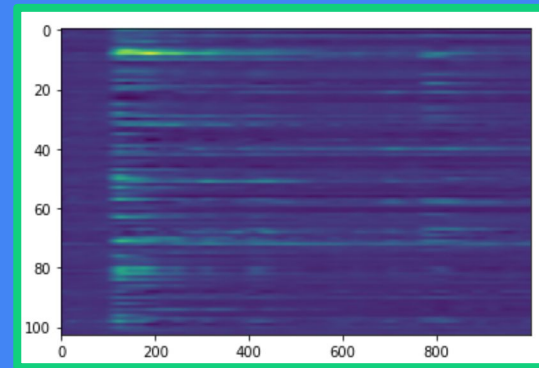


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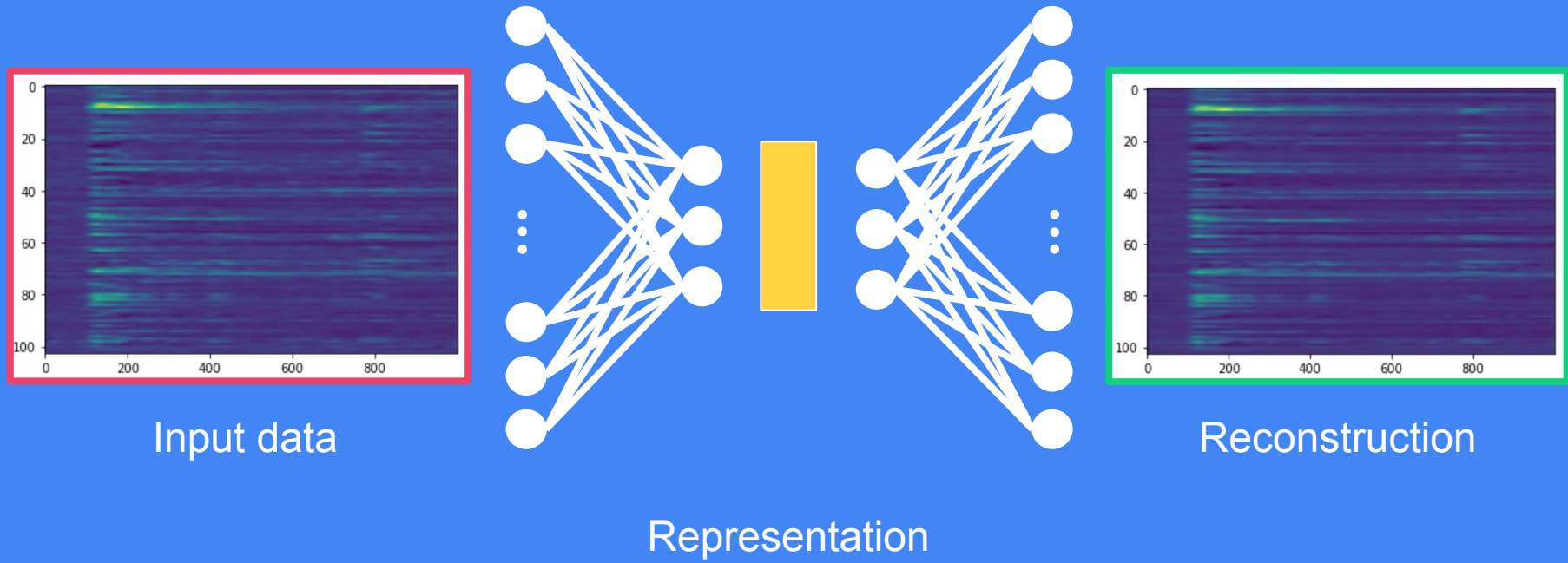
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Reconstruction

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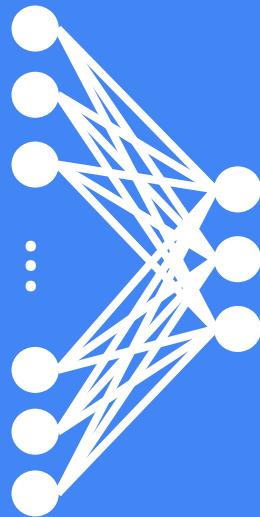
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Nonlinearities go between the linear layers (functions that go between the layers of a neural network are called activation functions) so that when we compose all the layers together, we get a nonlinear function. This allows us to build universal function approximators!

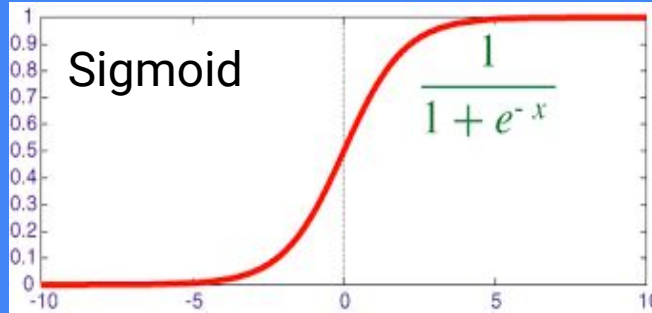


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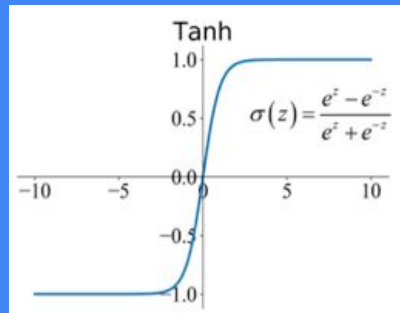
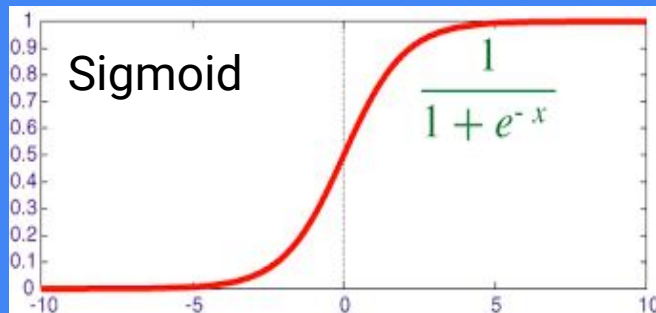
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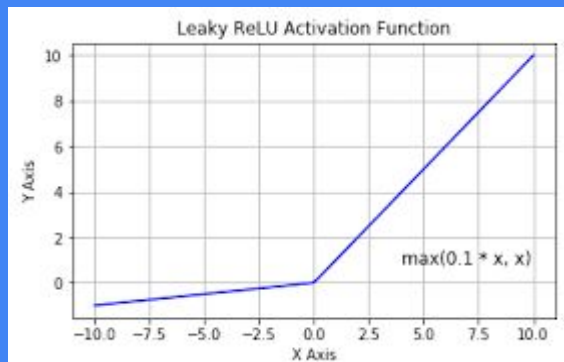
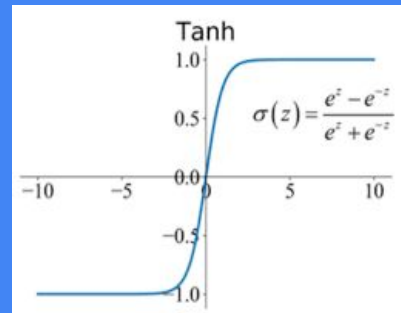
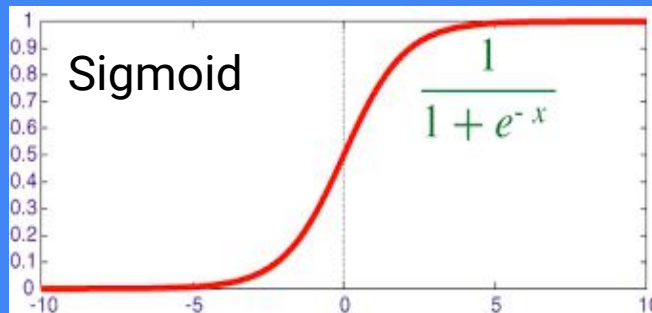
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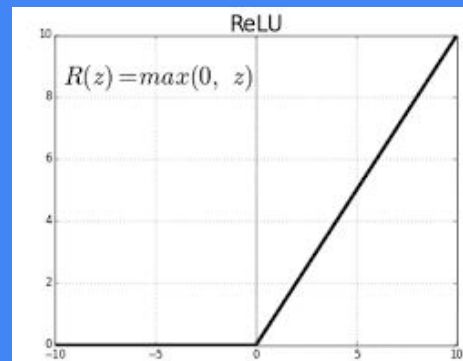
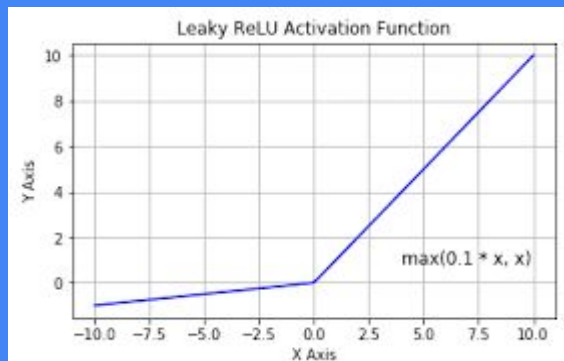
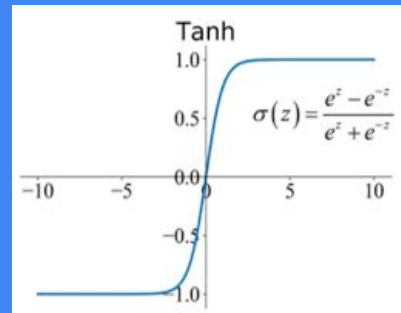
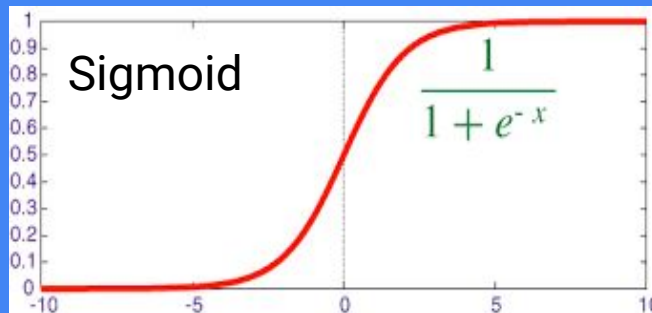
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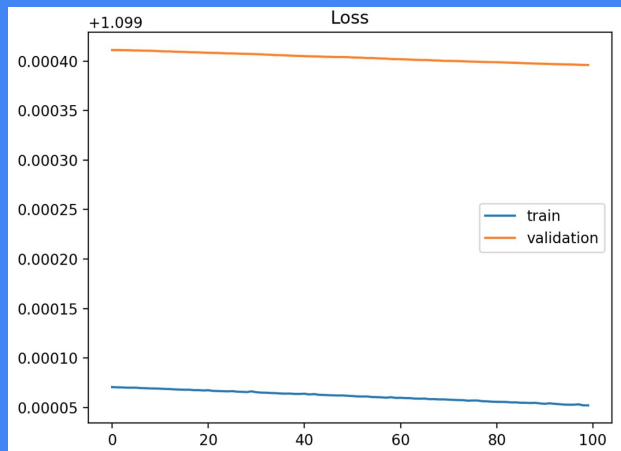
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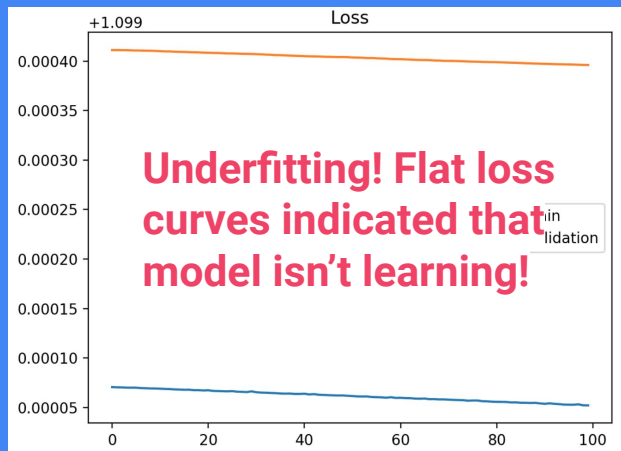
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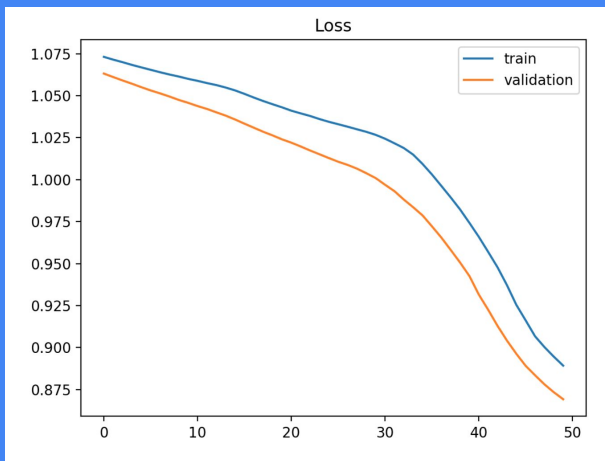
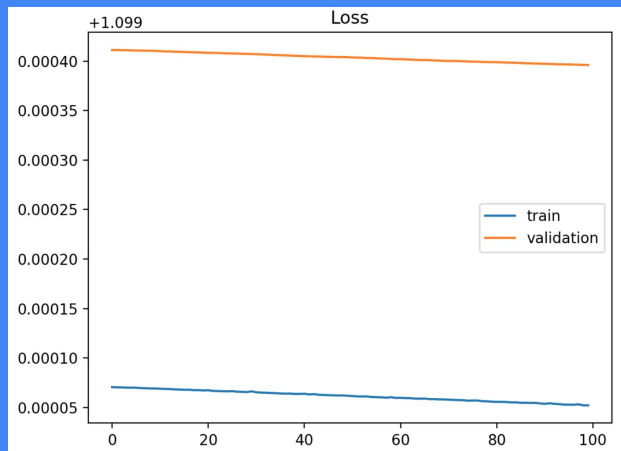
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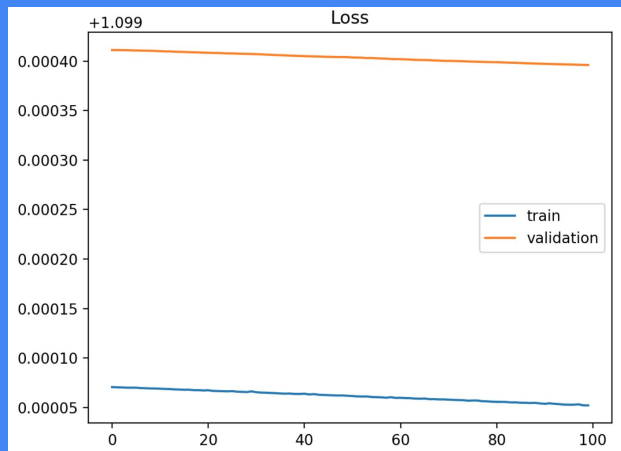
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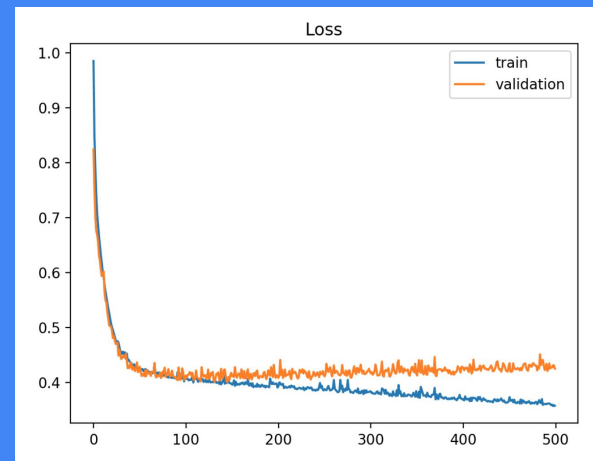
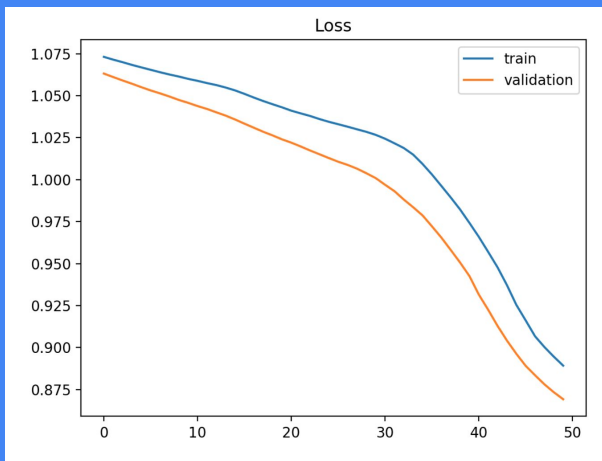
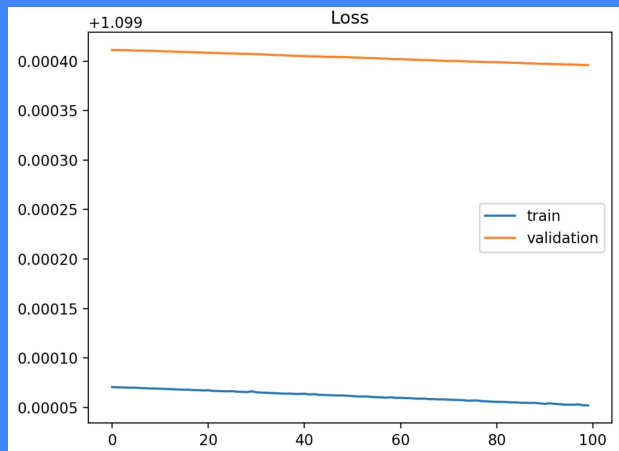
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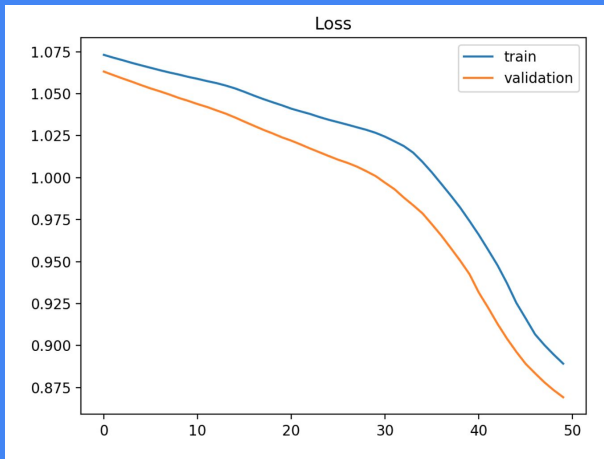
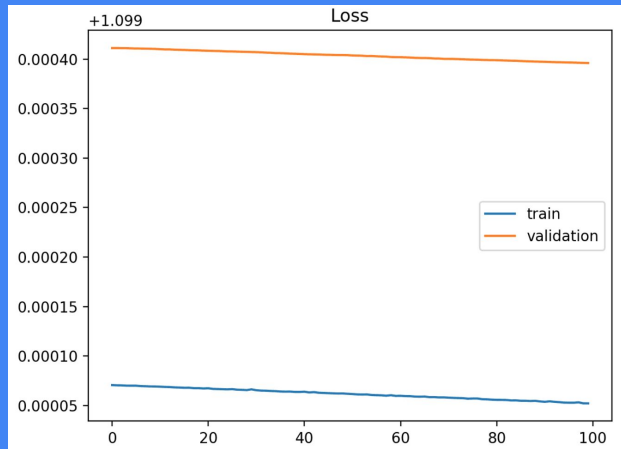
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What do you think a well trained model will look like with respect to the training and validation losses?

Just Right!

