

# Un- supervised Learning

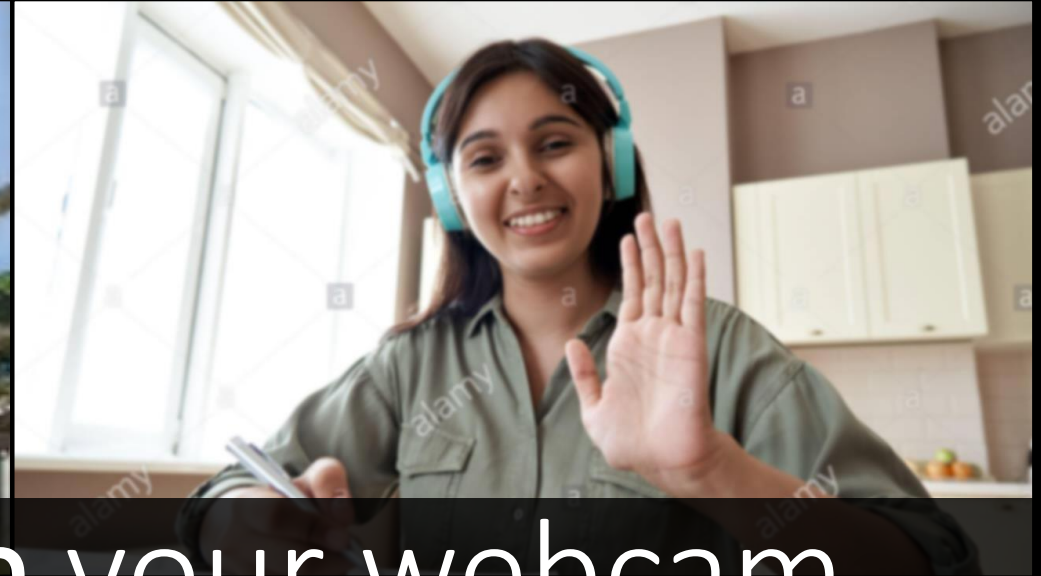
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**CS 3244**  
**Machine Learning**



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# Final Exam



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# 2-hour Final Assessment

Open Book Policy: same as in the midterm assessment:

- Open lecture notes, Colab notebooks and FAQs from our class.
- Any printed physical notes are also admissible
- **No** other lecture notes, or internet sites admissible.
- **No** online calculation (Colab, Wolfram Alpha) ; only allowed physical calculators.

There will be **programming** and **calculation** questions.

- Where needed, we provide suitable function call and library prototypes.
- Pseudocode ok!

# Final Exam Topic Coverage

All W01–W13 topics covered in Lecture Slides, Tutorials or Colab

- 80% on Weeks 07–13
- 20% on Weeks 01–06

Most of the previous exam questions in the exam archive cover different topics in ML, so if in doubt, ask us on [#assessments](#).

<b>Week 07</b> 27 Sep	Midterm and Evaluation Metrics
<b>Week 08</b> 4 Oct	Data Processing and Feature Engineering <i>T05: Evaluation Metrics</i>
<b>Week 09</b> 11 Oct	Perceptron and Neural Networks <i>T06: Data Processing and Feature Engineering</i>
<b>Week 10</b> 18 Oct	Intro to Deep Learning <i>T07: Perceptron and Neural Networks</i>
<b>Week 11</b> 25 Oct	Deep Learning and Explainable AI <i>T08: Deep Learning</i>
<b>Week 12</b> 1 Nov	Unsupervised ML <i>T09: Deep Learning and Explainable AI</i>
<b>Week 13</b> 8 Nov	ML Ethics and Revision <i>T10: Unsupervised ML</i>



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# UNSUPERVISED LEARNING

# Learning Outcomes

1. k-Means clustering
  1. Describe its intuition and objective
  2. Understand how it is trained
2. Perform and **interpret** clustering on data
3. Auto-Encoders
  1. Understand how they compute and are trained
  2. Describe their different types
  3. Describe their applications



# Lecture Outline

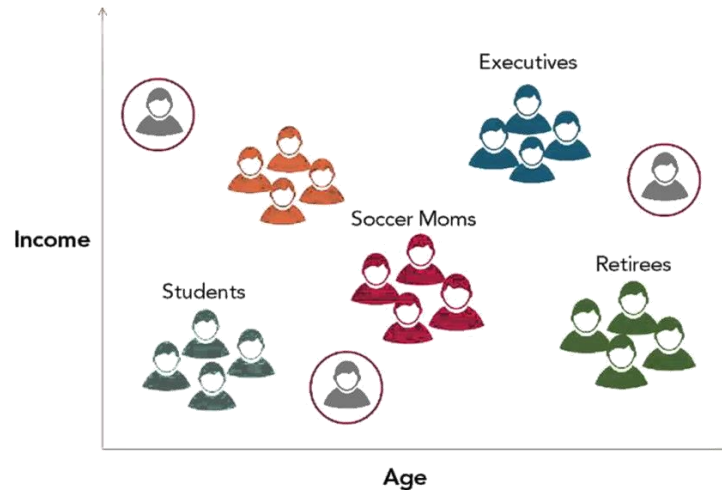
1. Unsupervised Learning introduction
2. K-Means Clustering
3. Clustering Interpretation
4. Auto-Encoders



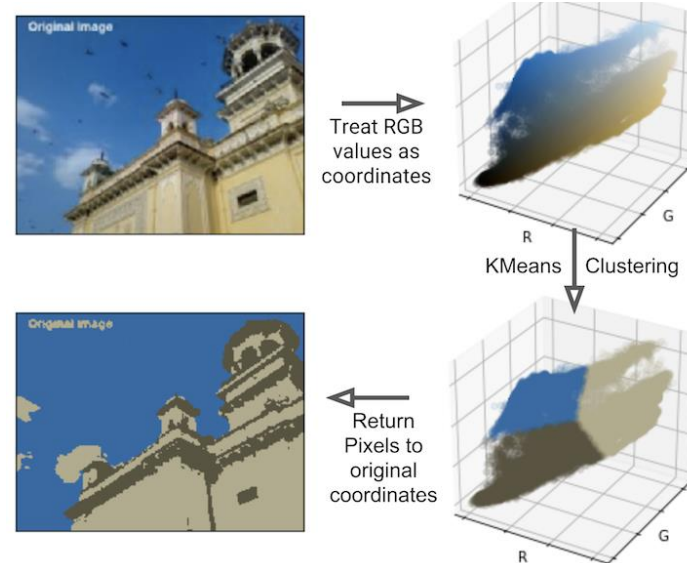
# k-Means Clustering

# Clustering Applications

## Customer Segmentation



## Image Segmentation



## Behavior Segmentation

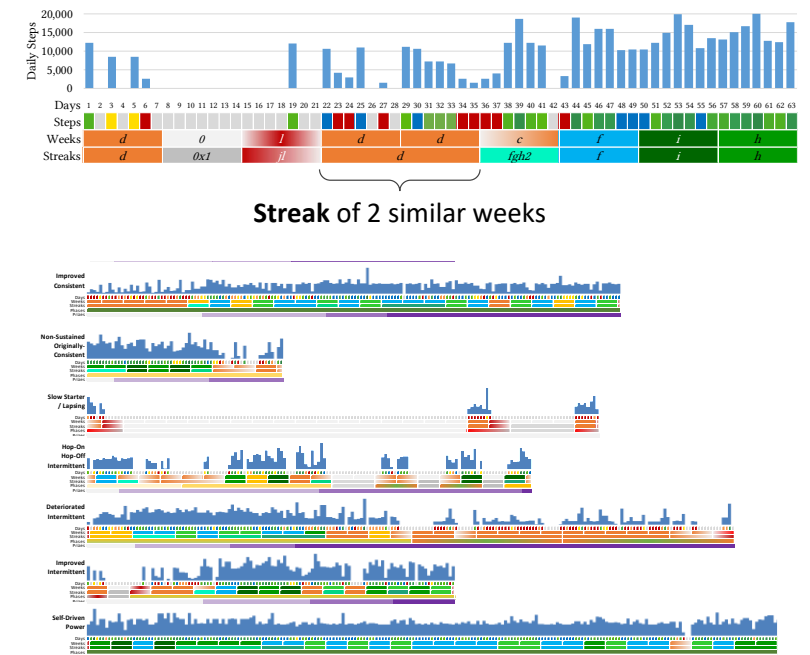


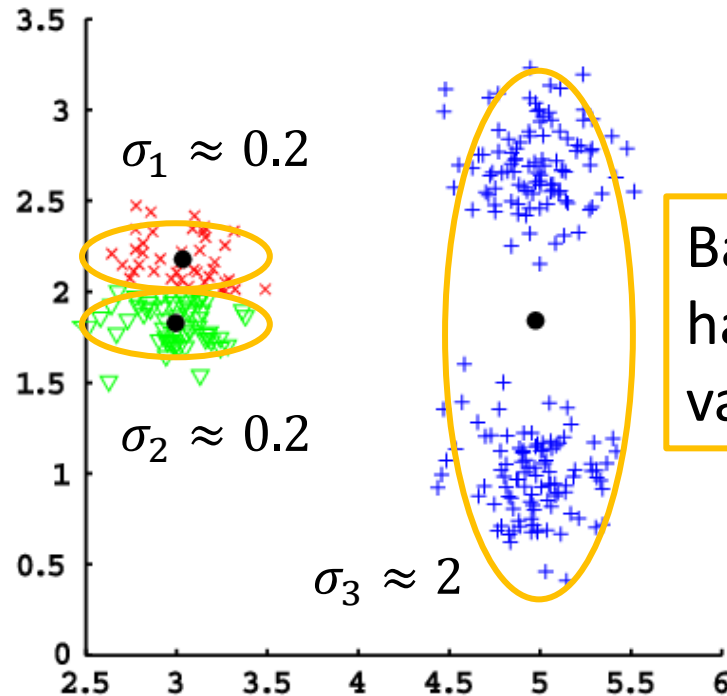
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# k-Means Intuition

Better clustering has **smaller Total Within-Cluster Variance**

Bad Clusters

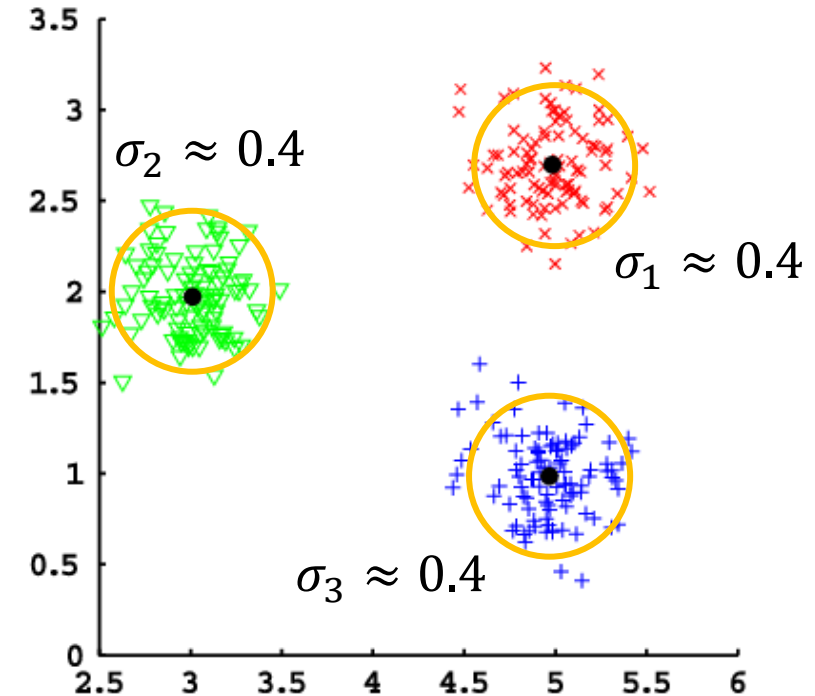


Difference?

Bad cluster has very large variance

$$\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 = 0.2^2 + 0.2^2 + 2^2 \approx 4$$

Good Clusters



$$\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 = 0.4^2 + 0.4^2 + 0.4^2 \approx 0.5$$

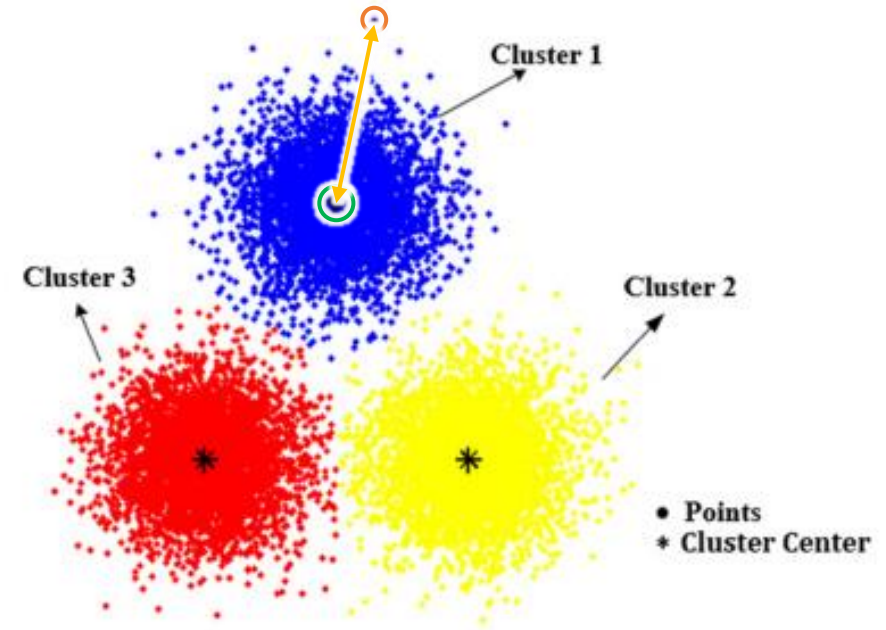
# k-Means Objective

Minimize **Within-Cluster Sum-of-Squares (WCSS)** (i.e. variance)

$$L = \arg \min_S \sum_{c=1}^k \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in S_c} \|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_c\|^2$$

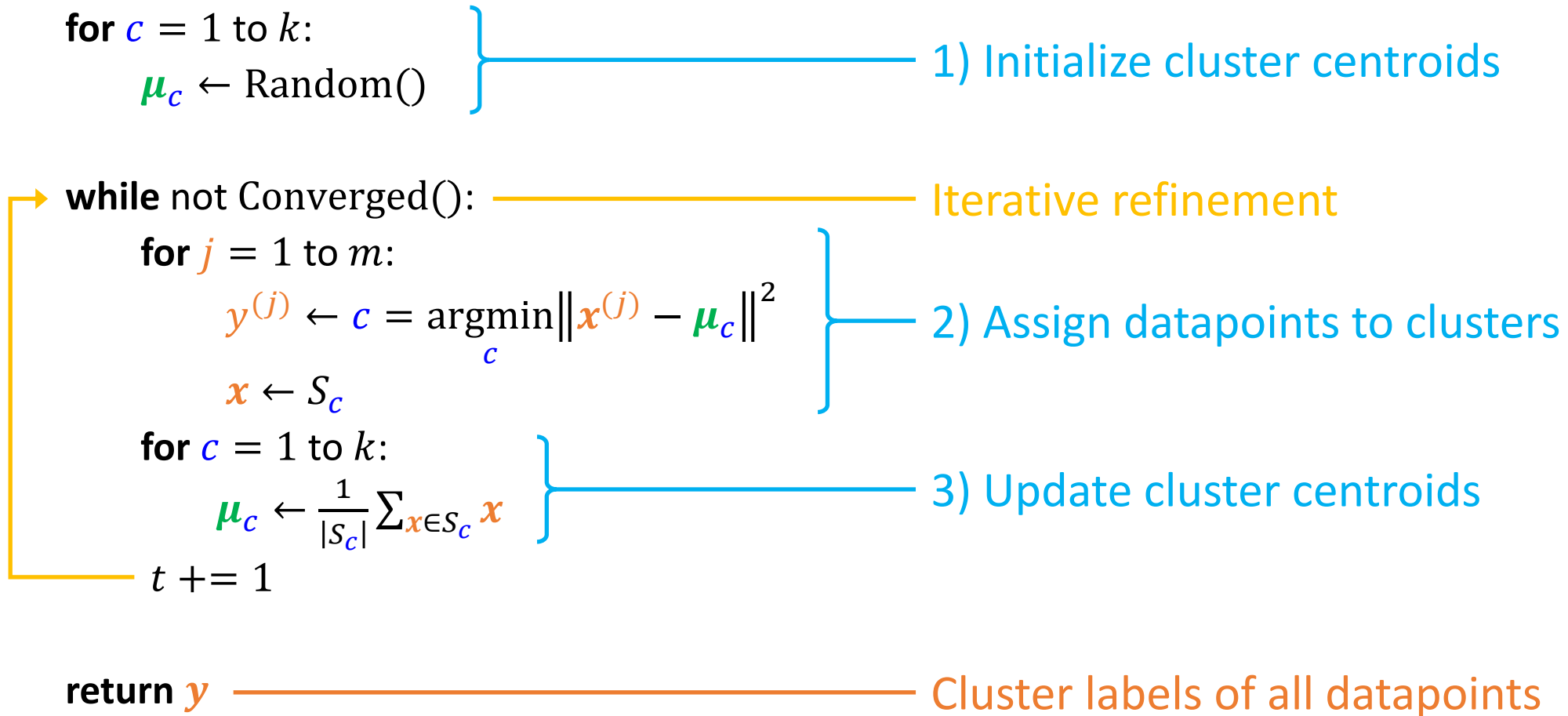
- $S = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_c, \dots, S_k\}$  is the set of all clusters
  - $k$  is the total number of clusters
- $S_c$  is the  $c$ th cluster of points
  - Note that  $c$  refers to cluster, not class
  - $\mathbf{x} \in S_c$  refers to a point in cluster  $S_c$
  - $\boldsymbol{\mu}_c = \frac{1}{|S_c|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in S_c} \mathbf{x}$  is the centroid point in cluster  $S_c$
  - $\|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_c\|^2$  refers to the squared Euclidean distance from  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_c$

[Image credit](#)





# k-Means clustering algorithm



# k-Means clustering algorithm

for  $c = 1$  to  $k$ :

$\mu_c \leftarrow \text{Random}()$

while not **Converged()**:

for  $j = 1$  to  $m$ :

$y^{(j)} \leftarrow c = \underset{c}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathbf{x}^{(j)} - \mu_c\|^2$

$\mathbf{x} \leftarrow S_c$

for  $c = 1$  to  $k$ :

$\mu_c \leftarrow \frac{1}{|S_c|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in S_c} \mathbf{x}$

$t += 1$

return  $\mathbf{y}$

**Converged()** =  $\left( \left( \sum_c \|\mu_c^{(t)} - \mu_c^{(t-1)}\| < \tau_\mu \right) \text{ or } (t > \tau_t) \right)$

$d_{min}^{(j)} = \text{Big Number}$

for  $c = 1$  to  $k$ :

$d = \|\mathbf{x}^{(j)} - \mu_c\|^2$

if  $d_{min}^{(j)} > d$ :

$d_{min}^{(j)} = d$

$y^{(j)} \leftarrow c$

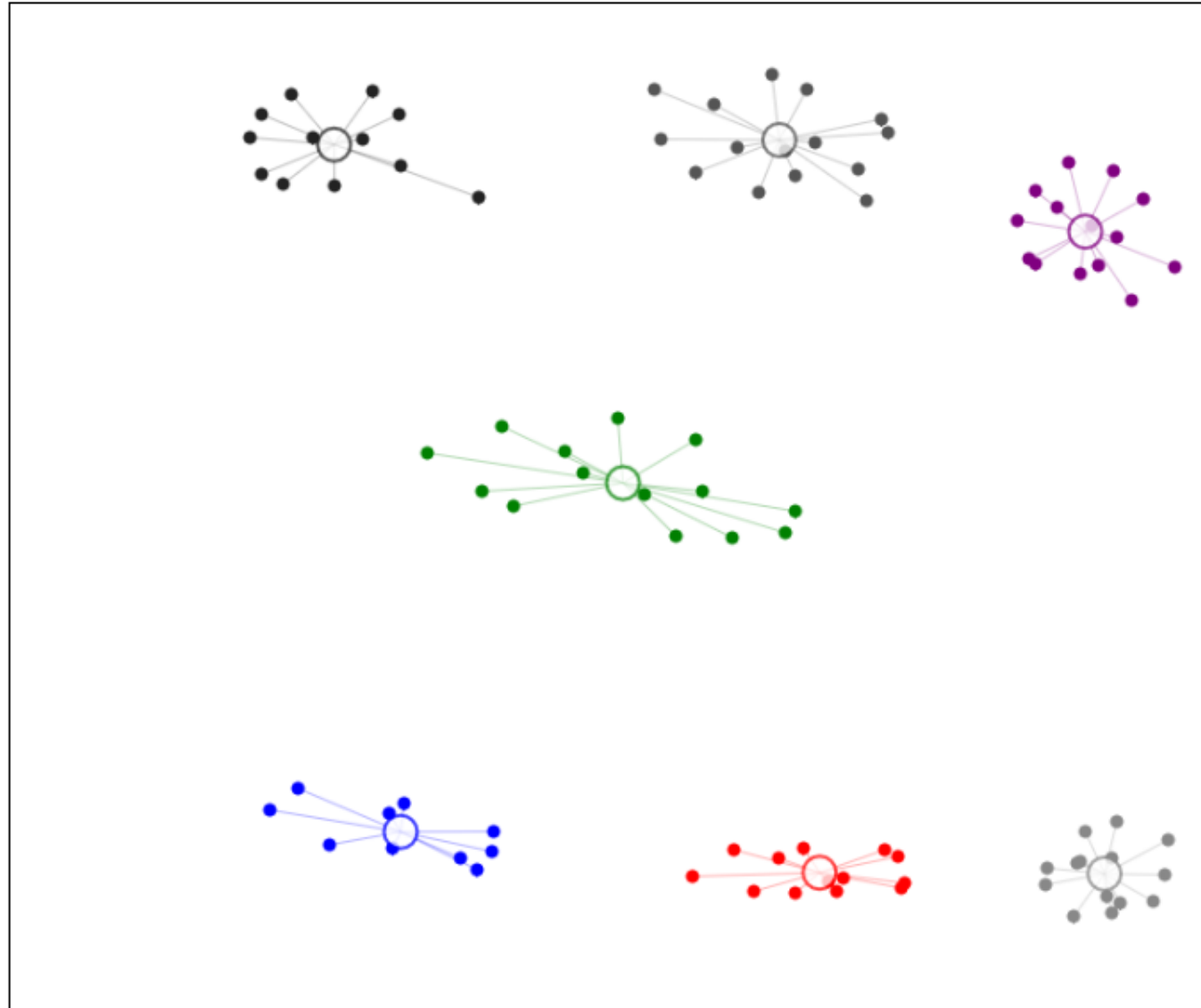
$\Sigma = 0$

for  $j_c = 1$  to  $m_c$ :

$\Sigma += \mathbf{x}^{(j_c)}$

$\mu_c \leftarrow \Sigma / m_c$

This app is ultimately interactive. You can add more points or select template points from the right panel. More hints are available at the bottom.



Draw a point distribution:

1

2

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6



Iterations: 5

7 clusters

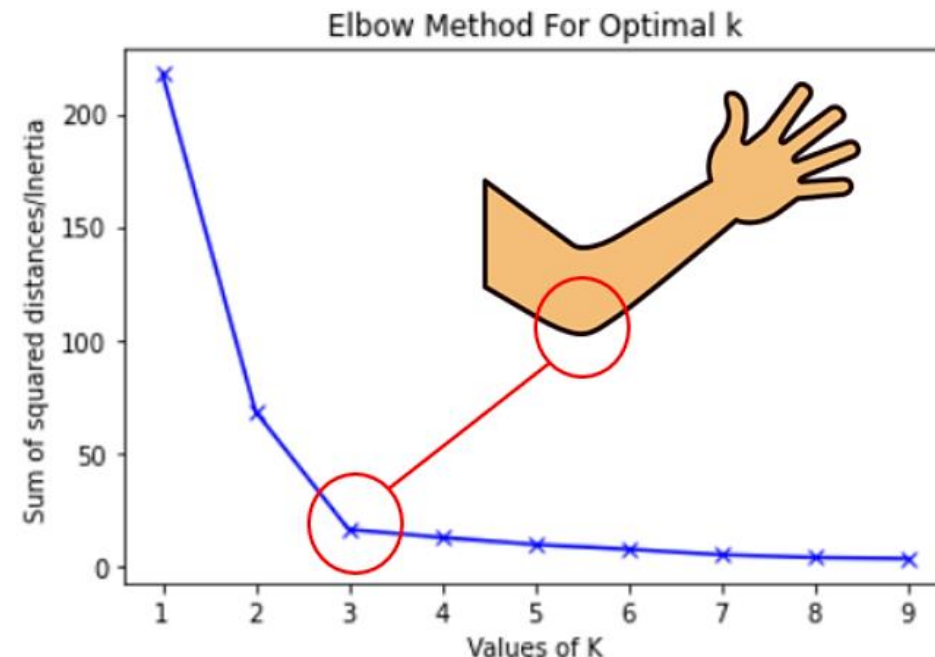
General Statistics:

Delta position: 0.00

# How to choose $k$ (number of clusters)?

- Use domain knowledge
- Note the  $k$  with *diminishing* return
  - When  $k$  is too high, marginal decrease in **within-cluster sum-of-squares** (WCSS)
  - How to see?
    - “Elbow” method

Image credit: <https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2021/05/k-mean-getting-the-optimal-number-of-clusters/>



# k-Means **is not** kNN

- What's the difference?

	k-means Clustering	k-Nearest Neighbors (kNN)
Learning Paradigm	Unsupervised	Supervised
Purpose	Group neighbors	Label based on neighbors
k is ...	Number of clusters	Number of neighbors
Distance metric	Only squared Euclidean (to match Variance)	Any distance metric (e.g., Euclidean, Manhattan, Cosine)
Measures distance between	Training set $x$ points and cluster centroids	Test set $x$ points and training set neighbors
Need model training?	Yes	No



# k-Means clustering for images

## Color Quantization to reduce image size

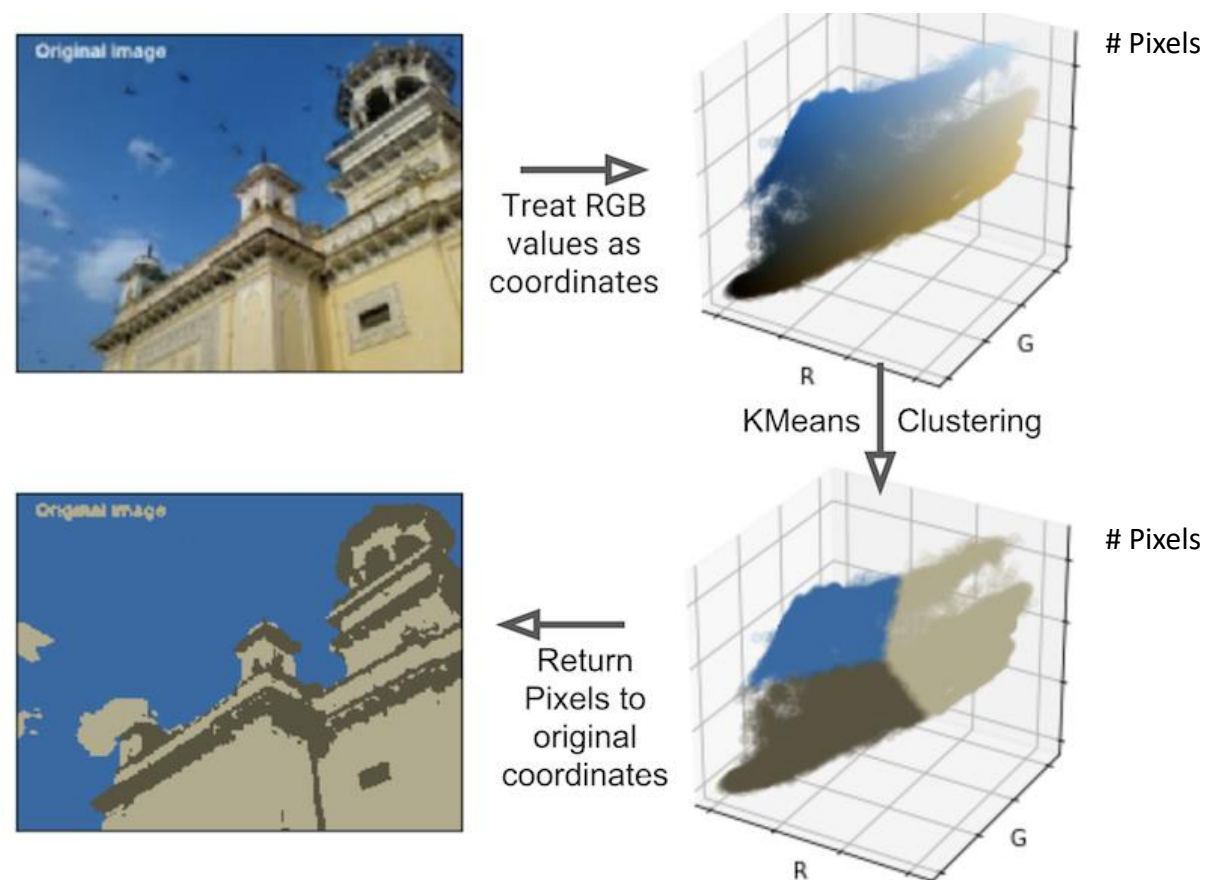
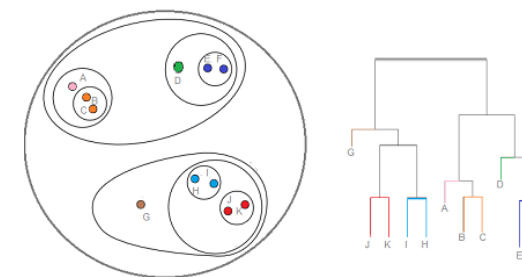


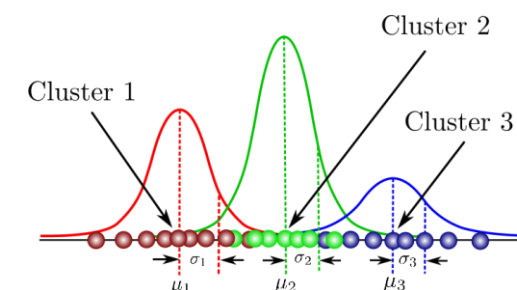
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# Other Clustering Methods

- k-Means Clustering (in exam)
  - Need to specify  $k$  before computing
  - Features need to be numeric
  - Only handles Euclidean Distance
- K-Medoids Clustering
  - Can use any dissimilarity (distance) metric
- Hierarchical Clustering [sklearn]
  - Clusters based on hierarchy of clusters
  - Produces dendrogram
- Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) [sklearn]
  - Estimates assumed normally distributed clusters of points
- Density-Based Clustering (DBSCAN) [sklearn]



Hierarchical Clustering



Gaussian Mixture Model

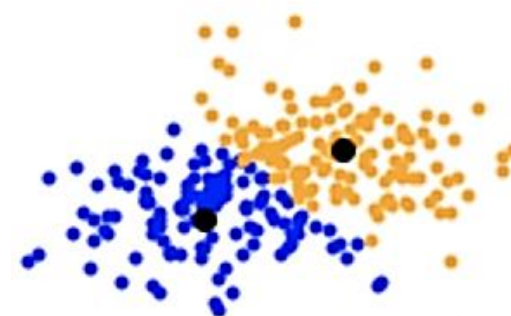


DBSCAN

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# Evaluating Clustering

- Internal (measures of within- and between-cluster distances)
  - [Davies–Bouldin index](#)
  - [Dunn Index](#)
  - [Silhouette Coefficient](#)
- External (compare with benchmarks or actual labels)
  - Cluster Purity
  - [F1 Score](#) (like classification, but need to label clusters first)
- Cluster Tendency
  - [Hopkins statistic](#)
    - Good to check whether your data has natural clusters
    - Otherwise, cannot trust clustering



[Image Credit](#)

Further Reading: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cluster\\_analysis#Evaluation\\_and\\_assessment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cluster_analysis#Evaluation_and_assessment)



*Questions!*







# Clustering Real-World Data



# W12 Pre-Lecture Task (due before next Mon)

## Read

1. [Clustering With More Than Two Features? Try This To Explain Your Findings](#) by [Mauricio Letelier](#)

## Task

1. Describe other use cases where you need to **apply domain knowledge** with data-driven **unsupervised learning** to better understand your business or engineering problem

**Tip:** you can your own projects too; you don't have to be correct

2. Post a 1–2 sentence answer to the topic in your tutorial group: [#tg-xx](#)

# Examples with specific domain concepts (not generic)

In biostatistics, when learning about disease incidence or understanding treatment, there are many variables that can be collected regarding each patient. In such cases, domain knowledge of the disease or treatment would be useful in extracting important features for models. Eg: cancer markers for specific cancers

When classifying molecules based on effects, grouping them based on size, weight, elements used, and individual element count may not be enough. By identifying functional groups within the molecules using domain knowledge, the agent can better approximate the effects of the molecules.

Our project is about Reddit comments which makes an interesting case for where domain knowledge is needed if it were an unsupervised learning problem. There are many different kinds of comments on Reddit, from users simply commenting "cat" on cat pictures, making one-liner jokes, starting controversial arguments, or sharing sections of news articles. It would be interesting to cluster these comments into different types based on the text features. We could also cluster users based on the kinds of comments they make. (edited)

Another use case where I need to apply domain knowledge with data-driven unsupervised learning is analysing user stickiness in video platforms. Data of time of logging in, average length of watched video and types of most often watched videos can be collected and used by the platforms to decide what types/length of videos they want to focus on based on their different user behaviour.

When using unsupervised learning to detect suspicious activities in the shipping industry, it is important to have some domain knowledge on what type of ships and what characteristics of these ships are more likely to exhibit suspicious activity. Domain knowledge could include the countries of origin of the ships, their last port of call, their cargo, etc.

## Important Take-Away

Use domain knowledge to

- Do **feature engineering**, then cluster
- **Inspect clusters** to check if they “make sense”
  - Consistent with domain knowledge
  - Or are spurious

**Clock**  
**10,000 steps**  
**and earn**  
**40 Healthpoints**  
**daily!**

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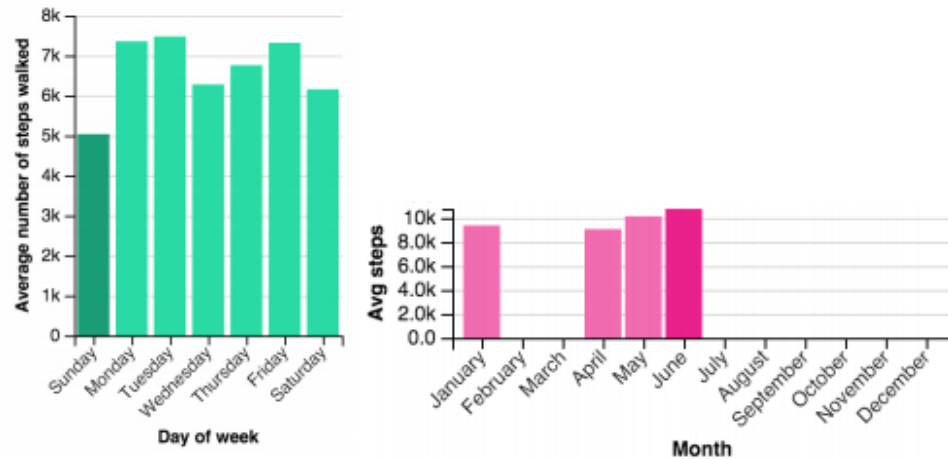
# Understanding Data: Single-User to Hundreds of Thousands of Users



**Personal  
Informatics**

**Population  
Analytics**

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## Big Data

**140 Thousand** users

**305 days** (10 months)

**9 Million** total days

**74 Billion** steps

Can we identify **common behaviors**  
and **segment** users?



# Research Approach

- Use **feature and data clustering**
- To identify **common temporal patterns** in step count
- Describe steps behaviors with patterns as **semantic units**

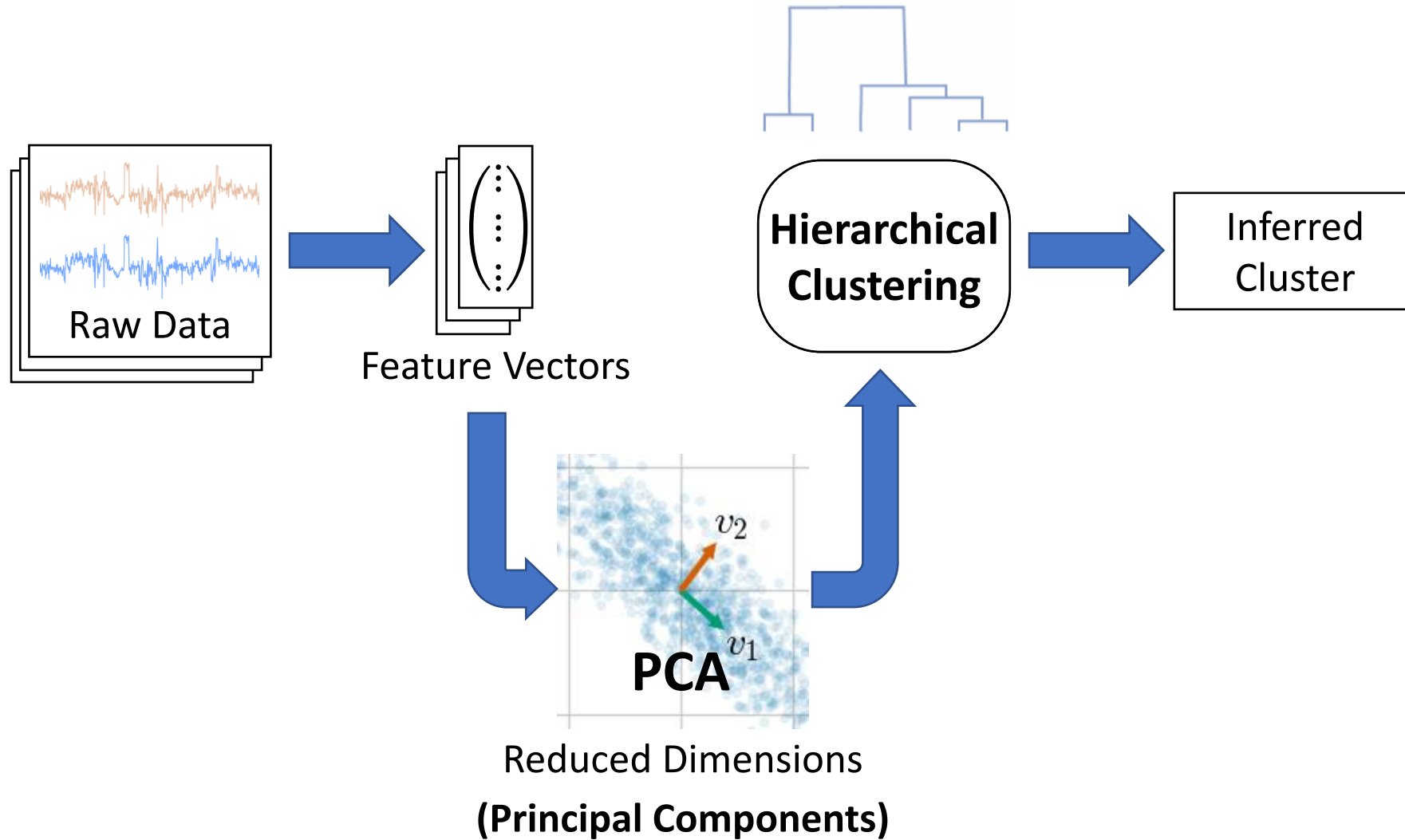
$$\text{Mean}(\text{Steps}_{\text{Week}1}) = 2k \ \& \ \text{Mean}(\text{Steps}_{\text{Week}5}) = 8k$$



“Slow starter”

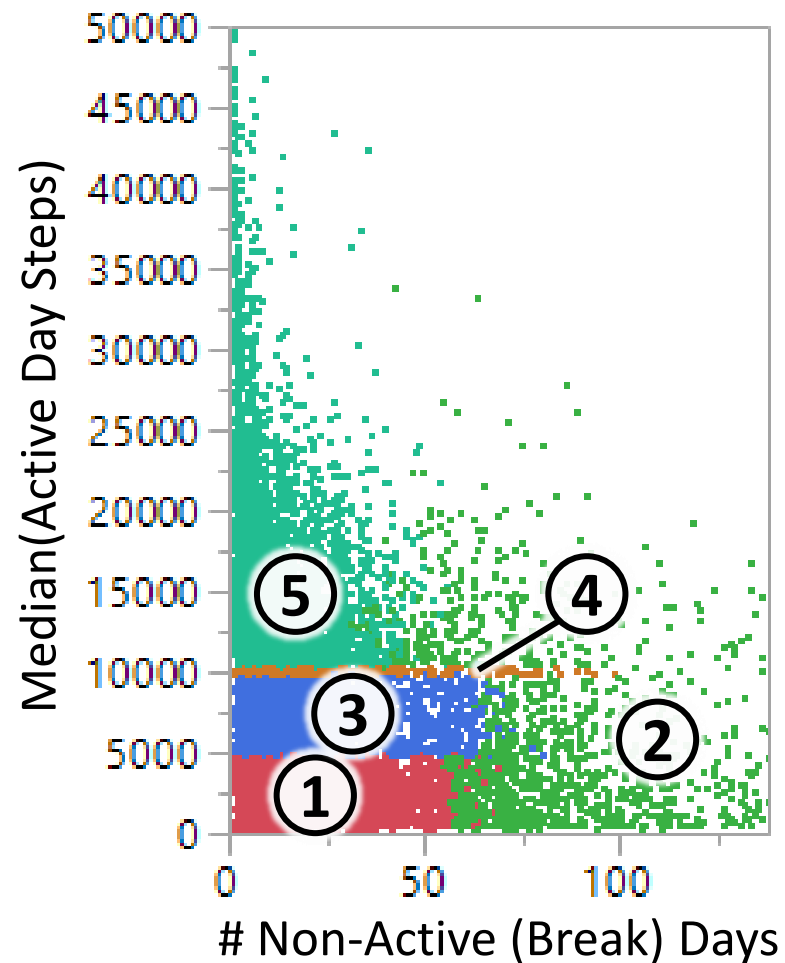
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# Unsupervised Machine Learning Pipeline



# Describe and Label Clustered Streaks

Streak = Consecutive Active Days  $\rightarrow$  Non-Active (Break) Days



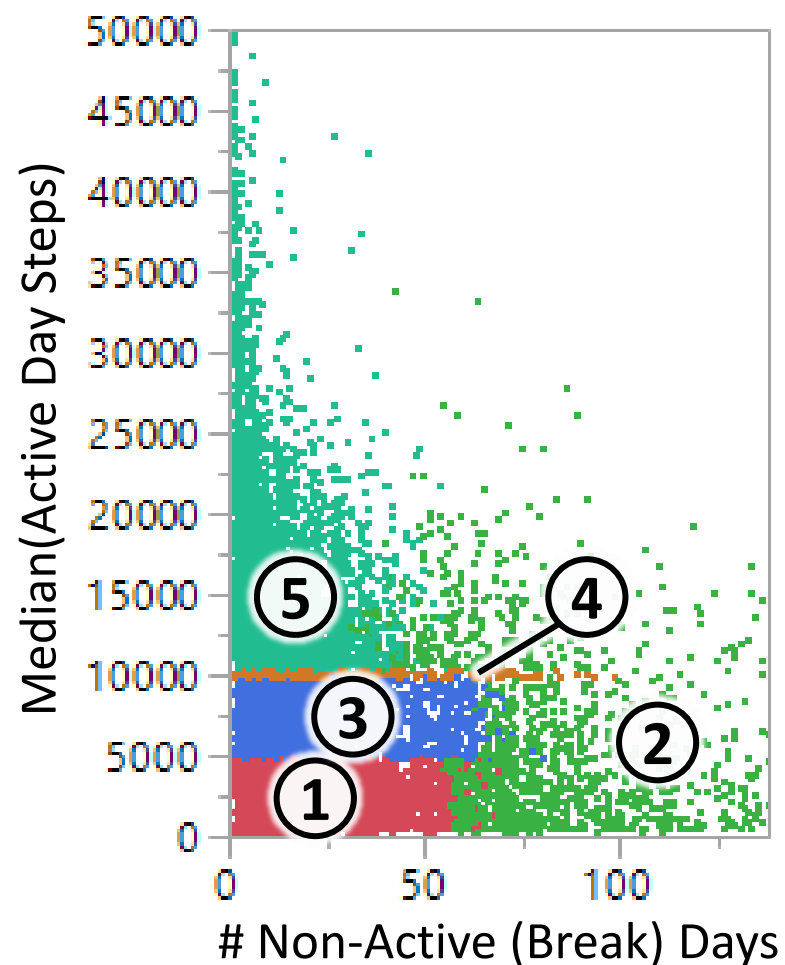
In Slack [#general](#)

1. **Write** to thread to **describe/label** each cluster
2. **Emote** (👍 :+1:) to vote

Total campaign duration: 300 days  
Active Day is a day with  $>500$  steps  
Break Day is a day with  $\leq 500$  steps

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1. Low Steps Effort → Short Break → Quit
2. Low/Moderate Effort → Long Break → Resume
3. Moderate Effort → Short Break → Resume
4. Incentive “just enough” Effort
5. Enthusiastic Effort → Short Break → Resume

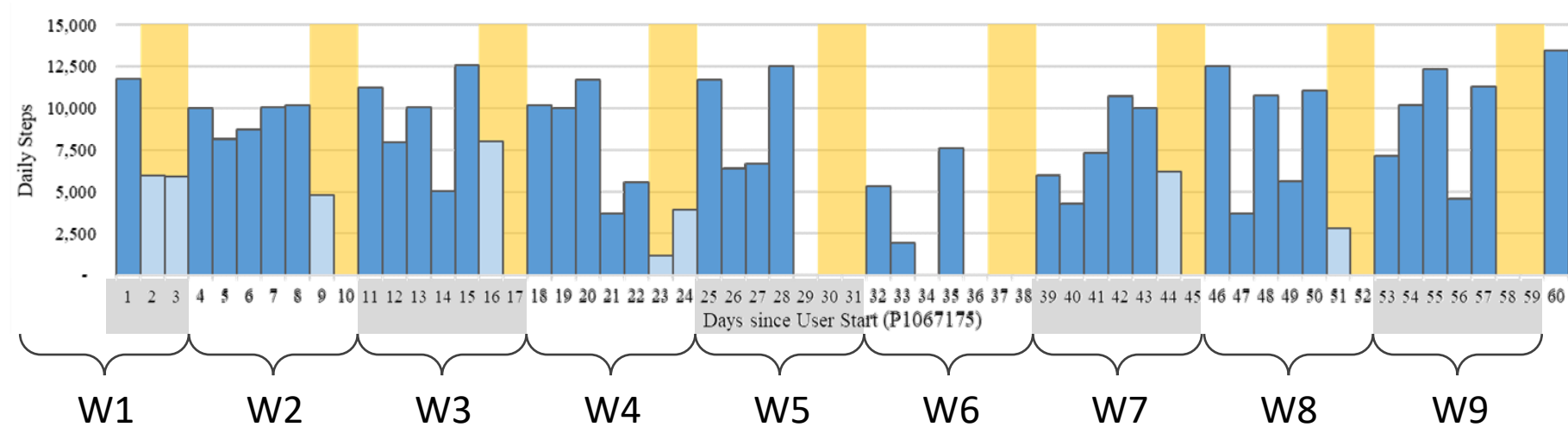
Total campaign duration: 300 days  
 Active Day is a day with >500 steps  
 Break Day is a day with ≤500 steps

# Challenges in Analyzing

1. Handling Imbalanced Data
2. Handling Cyclic Patterns
3. Detecting Routine Habits and Changes
4. Describing Wearing Behavior and Breaks
5. Handling Traits (Accounting for the Influence of Demographics)

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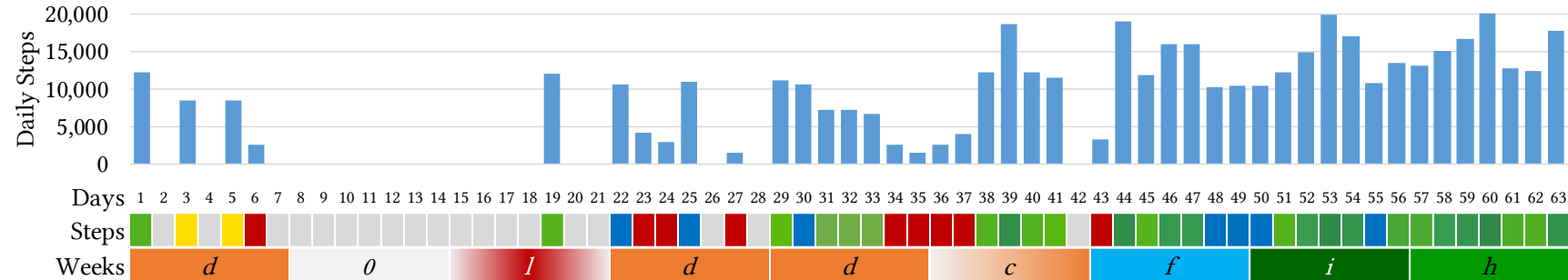
# Challenge 2: Handling Cyclic Patterns





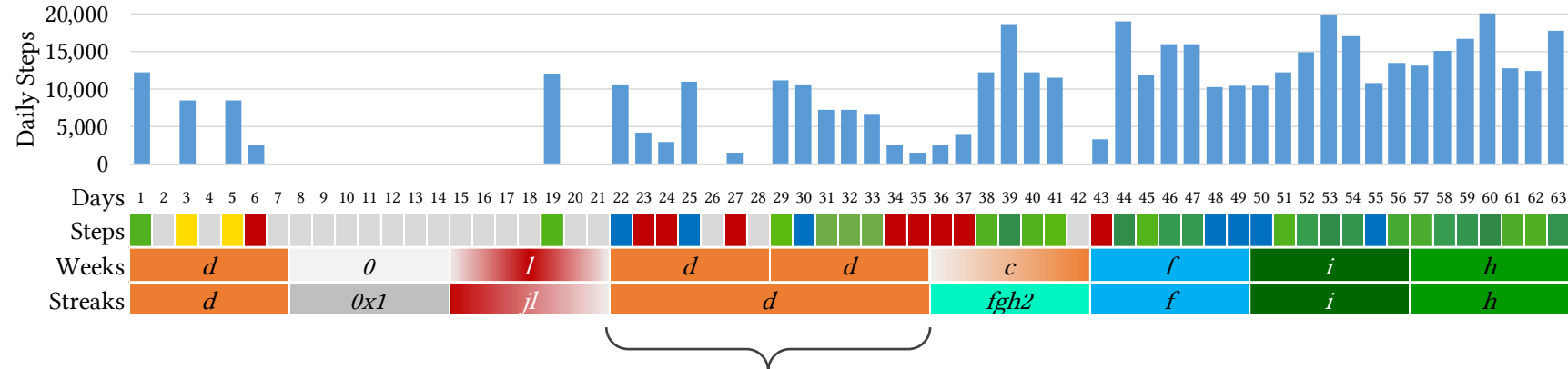
# Challenge 3: Detecting Routine Habits and Changes

- Some **weeks** are more similar than others



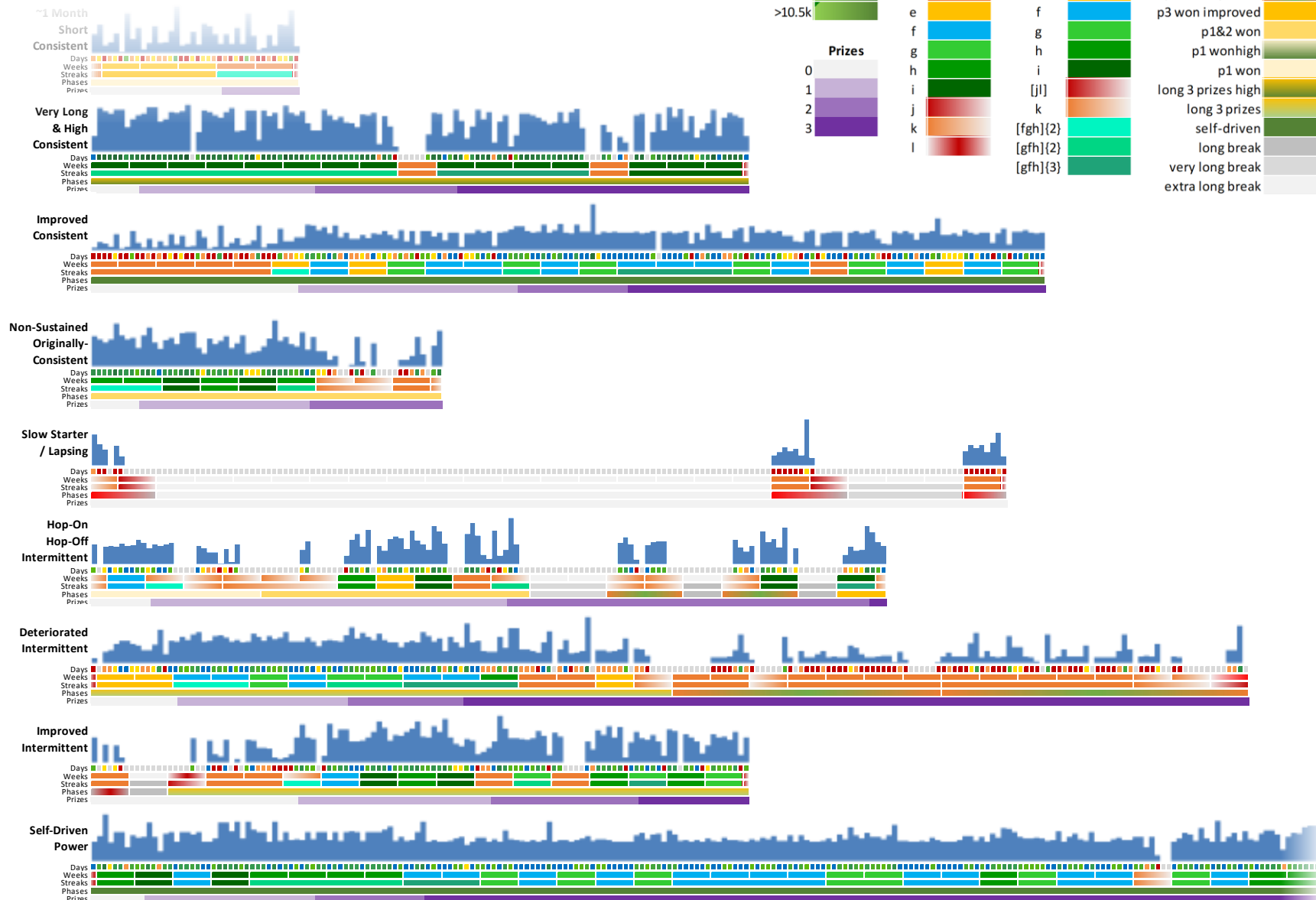
## Challenge 3: Detecting Routine Habits and Changes

- Some **weeks** are more similar than others
- Some weeks continuously repeat as **streaks**



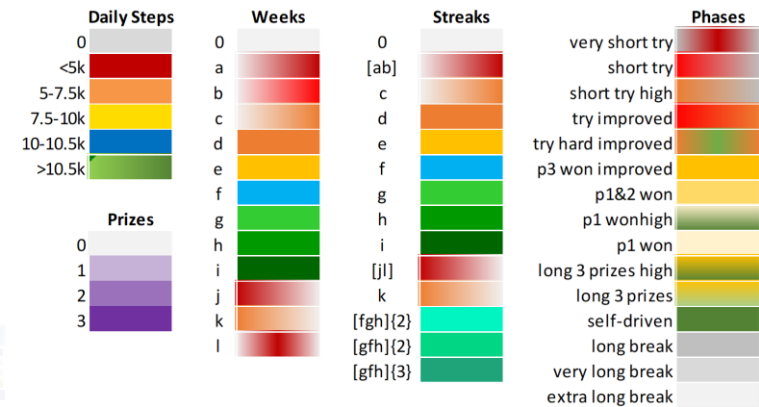
## Streak of 2 similar weeks

# User Clusters

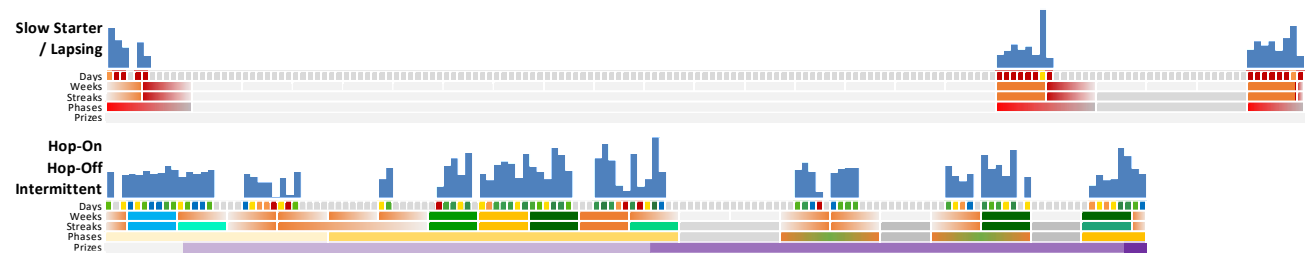


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# User Clusters



- *Inconsistent **Slow Starter** users* who lapsed for months after initially tracking (SS)



- *Inconsistent **Hop-On Hop-Off** users* alternated between long non-active breaks and active days with moderate to high steps

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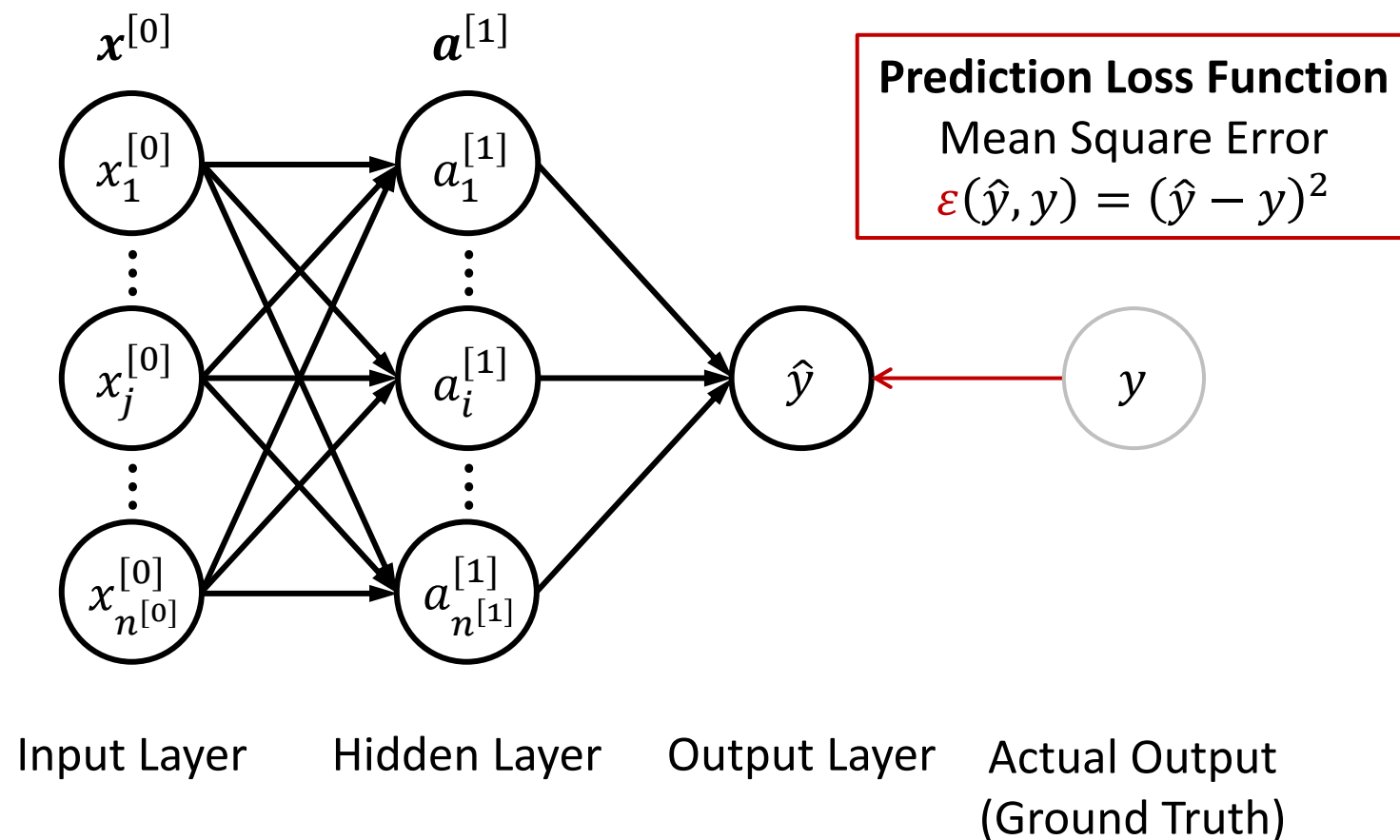
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- What are auto-encoders (AE)?
- Types of Auto-Encoders
- How to train them?
- Applications

# Neural Network

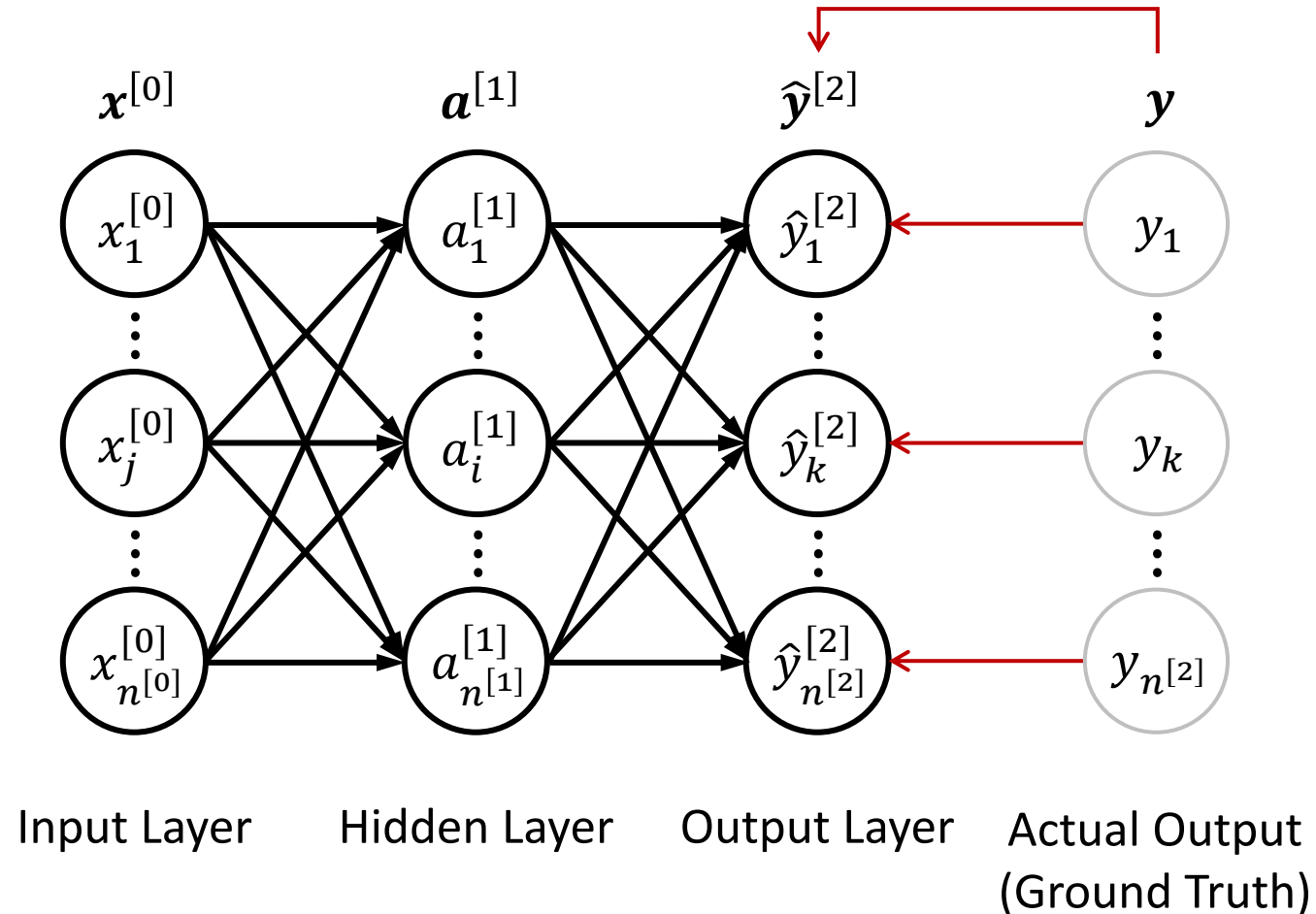
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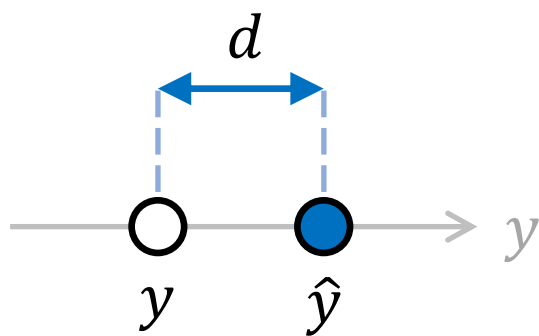
# Neural Network (multiple outputs)

**Prediction Loss Function**  
Squared Euclidean Distance  
 $\epsilon(\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}) = (\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y})^\top (\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y})$

$$M(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

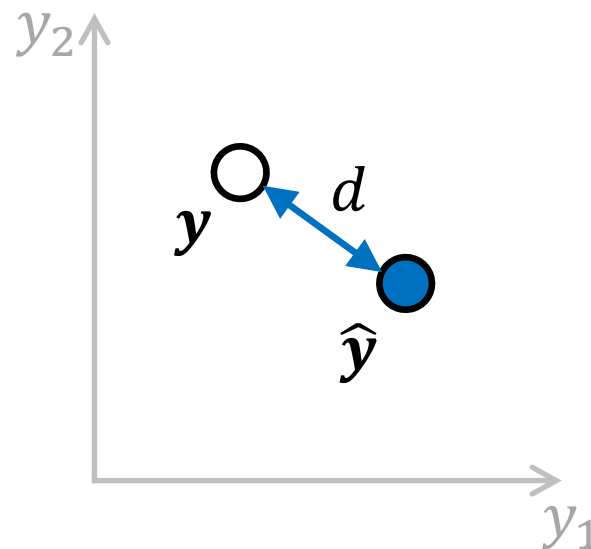


# Vector Distances and Similarity



**Squared Distance**

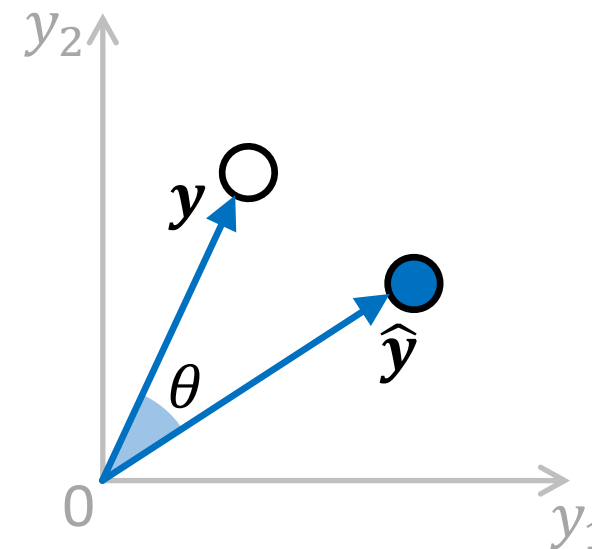
$$d = (\hat{y} - y)^2$$



**Euclidean Distance**

$$d = \sqrt{(\hat{y} - y)^T (\hat{y} - y)}$$

Dot Product



**Cosine Similarity**

$$s = \cos(\theta) = \frac{\hat{y} \cdot y}{\|\hat{y}\| \|y\|}$$

**Angular Distance**

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(s)$$

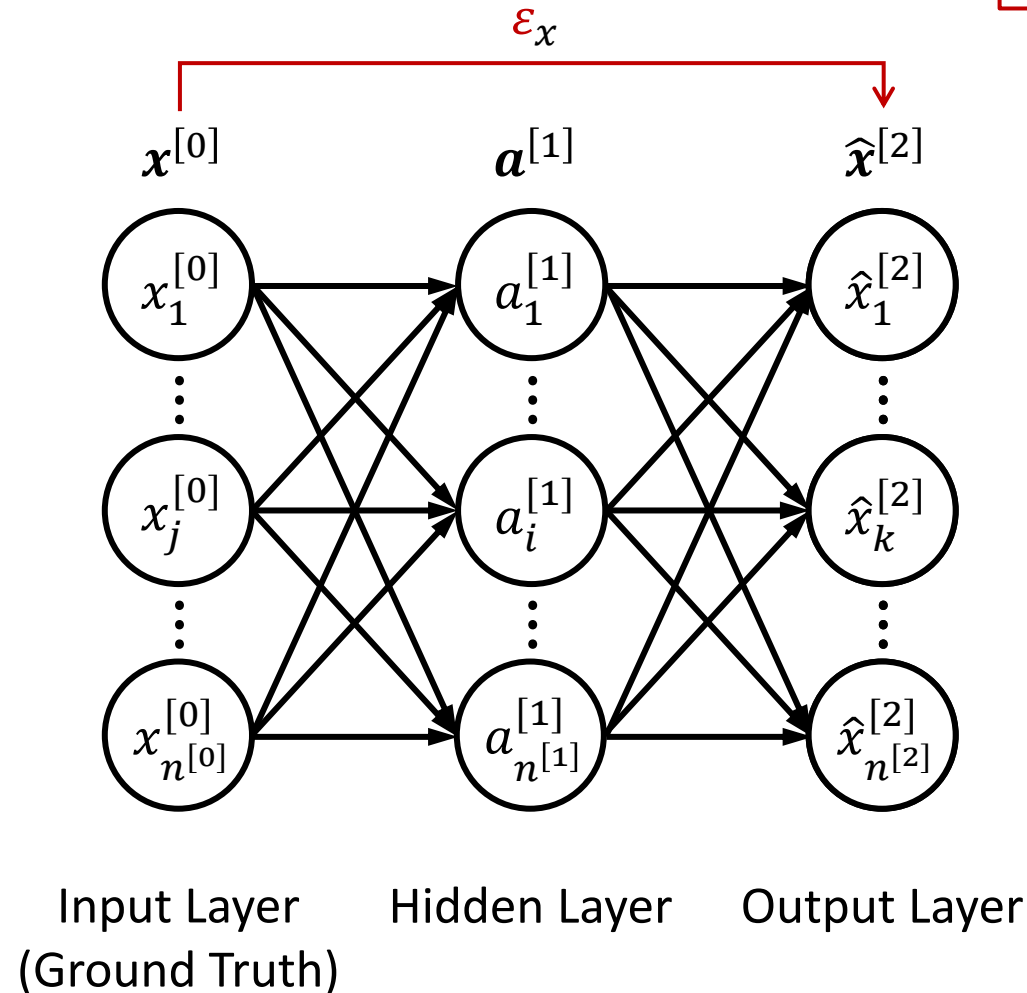
# Auto-Encoder (AE)

## Reconstruction Loss Function

Squared Euclidean Distance

$$\mathcal{E}_x(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x}) = (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})^\top (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})$$

$$M(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$





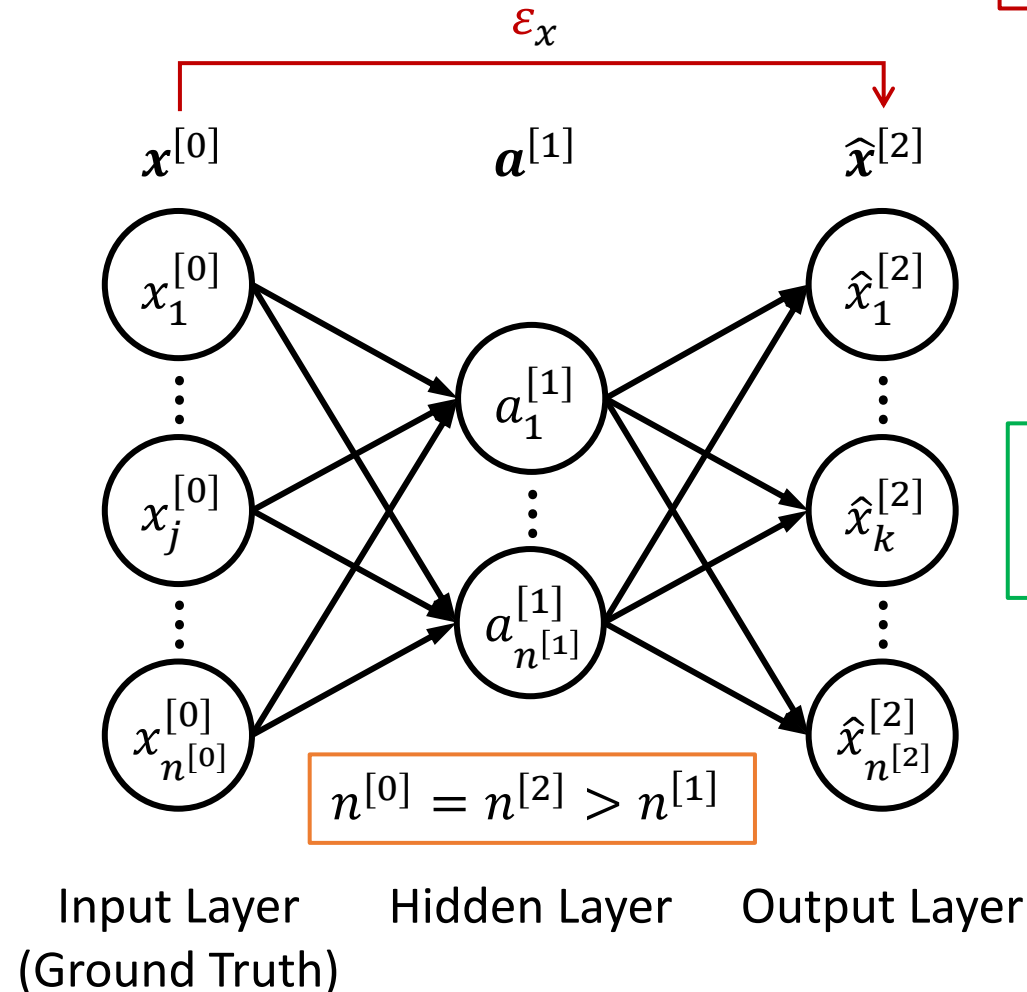
# Auto-Encoder (with Bottleneck)

## Reconstruction Loss Function

Squared Euclidean Distance

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$$M(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$



## Benefits

- Compressed representation of  $\mathbf{x}$  in the middle layer

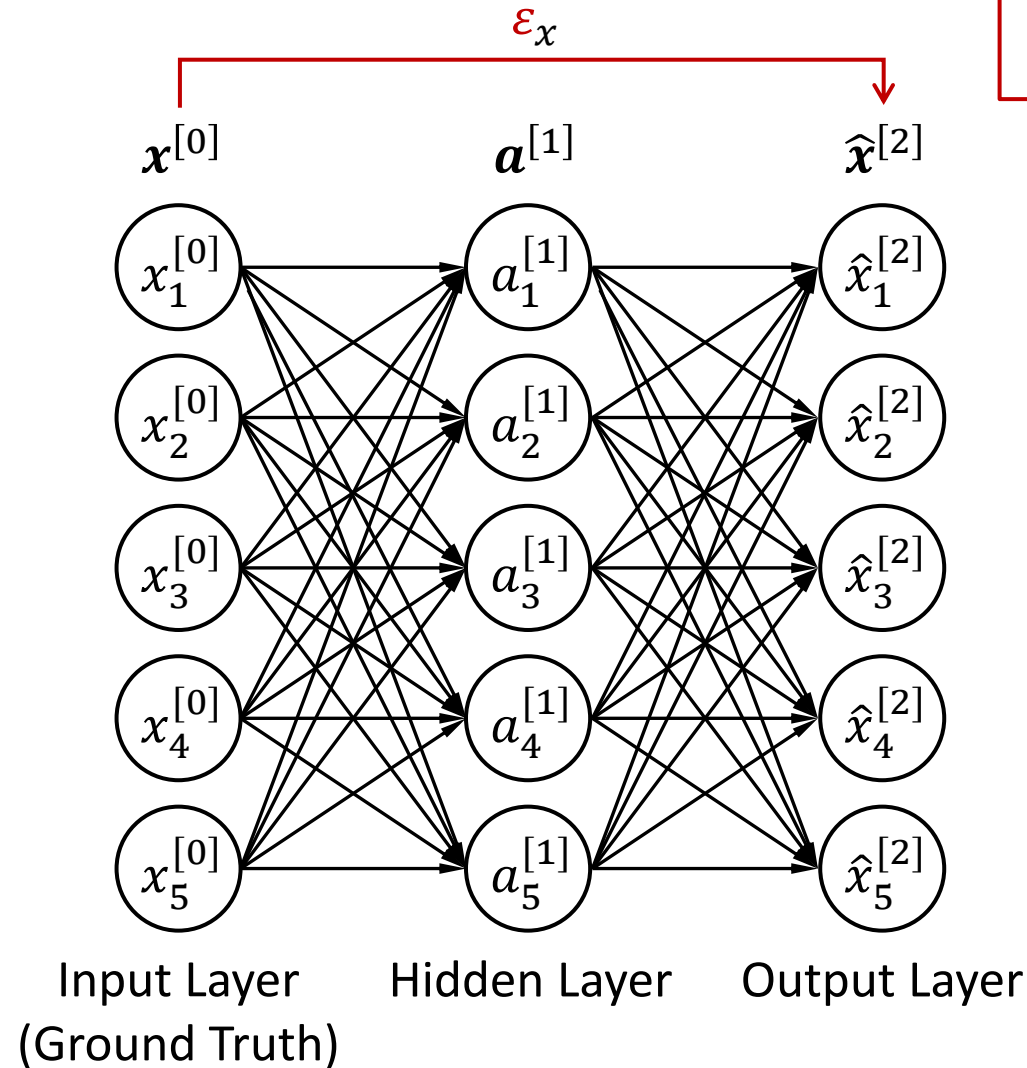
# Plain Auto-Encoder

## Reconstruction Loss Function

Squared Euclidean Distance

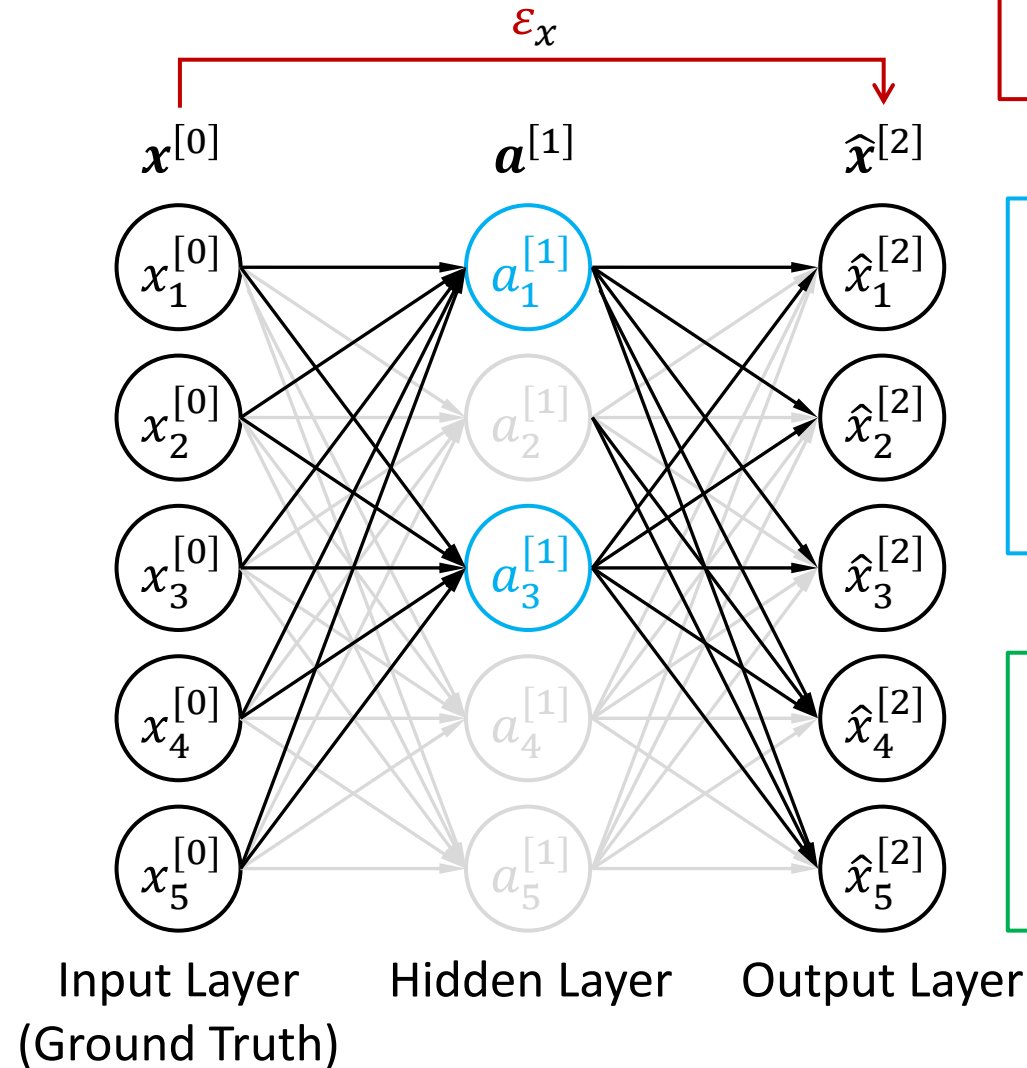
$$\mathcal{E}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x}) = (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})^\top (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})$$

$$M(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$



# Sparse Auto-Encoder

$$M(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$



## Reconstruction Loss Function

Squared Euclidean Distance

$$\epsilon(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x}) = (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})^\top (\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{a}^{[1]}\|_1$$

## Sparsity Regularization

- Penalizes having too many activations in hidden layer
- $\|\mathbf{a}^{[1]}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{[1]}} |a_i^{[1]}|$  is L1 norm
- $\lambda$  is hyperparameter (higher value means more sparse)

## Benefits

- Don't need to explicitly specify how many neurons in bottleneck
- Empirically higher performance than bottleneck AE. **Why?**

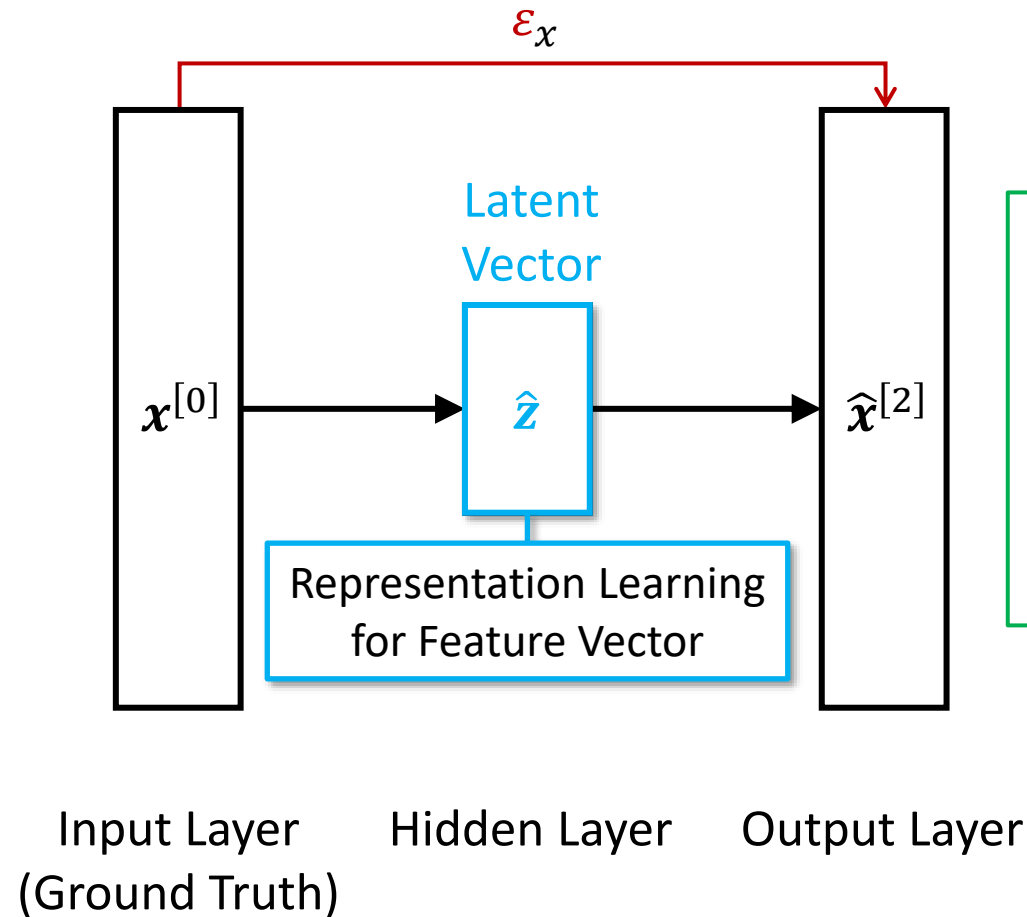
# Auto-Encoder (layers as vectors)

## Reconstruction Loss Function

Squared Euclidean Distance

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## Benefits

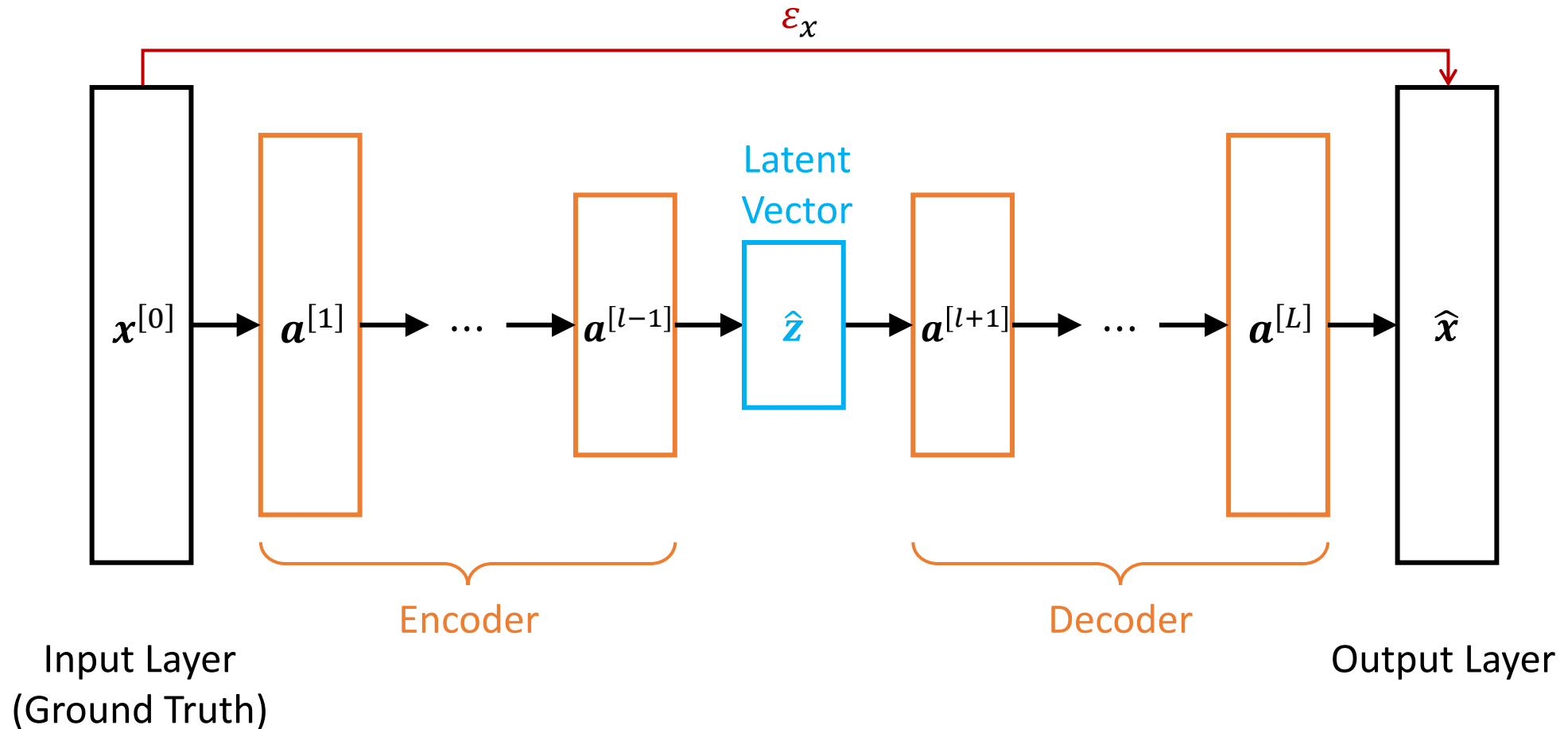
- Dimensionality Reduction
- If linear activations,
  - then similar to PCA,
  - but with non-orthogonal latent features.
- With non-linear activations, it can be better than PCA. **Why?**

# Deep Auto-Encoder

## Reconstruction Loss Function

Squared Euclidean Distance

$$\epsilon_x(\hat{x}, x) = (\hat{x} - x)^\top (\hat{x} - x)$$

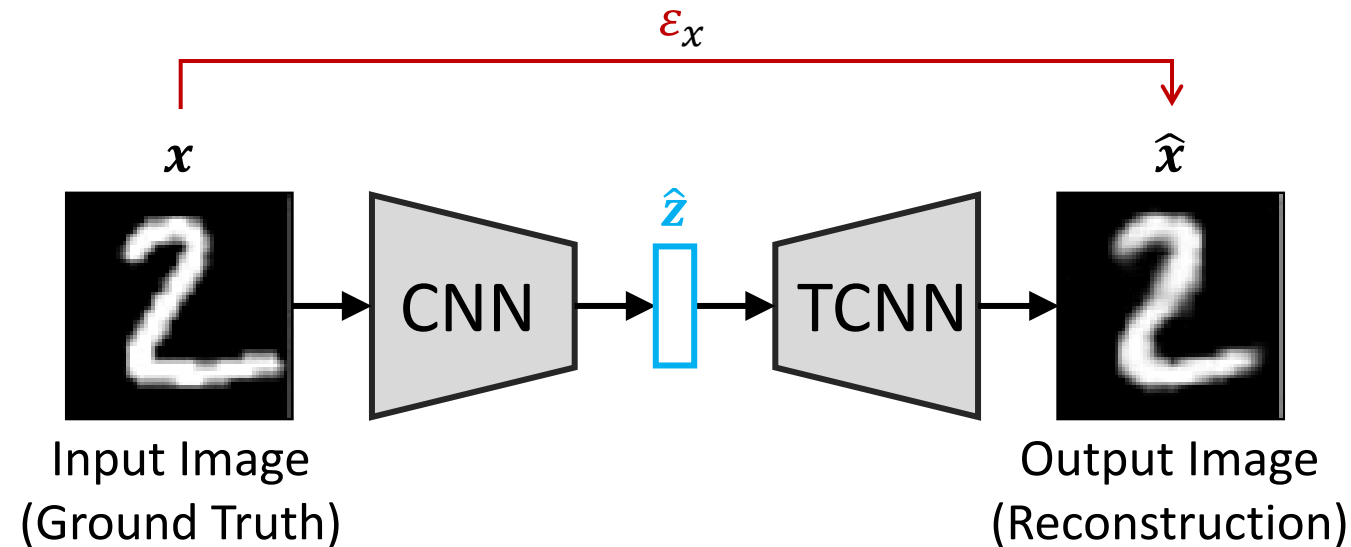


# Deep Convolutional Auto-Encoder

## Reconstruction Loss Function

Squared Euclidean Distance

$$\mathcal{E}_x(\hat{x}, x) = (\hat{x} - x)^T (\hat{x} - x)$$





# Auto-Encoders

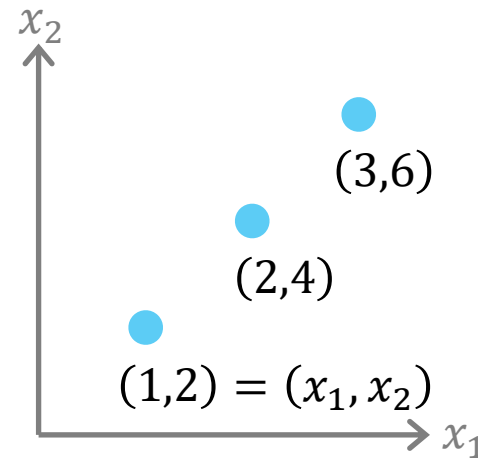
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- Types of Auto-Encoders
  - Plain Auto-Encoders
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  - Sparse Auto-Encoders
  - Deep Auto-Encoders
  - Deep Convolutional Auto-Encoders
- How to train them?

# Reconstructing with Auto-Encoder

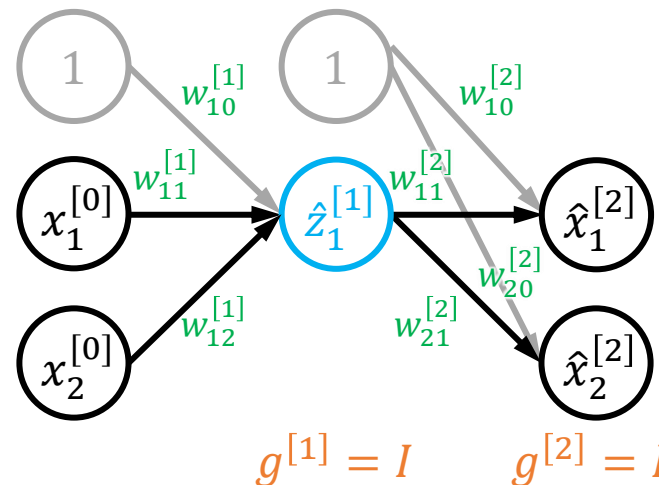
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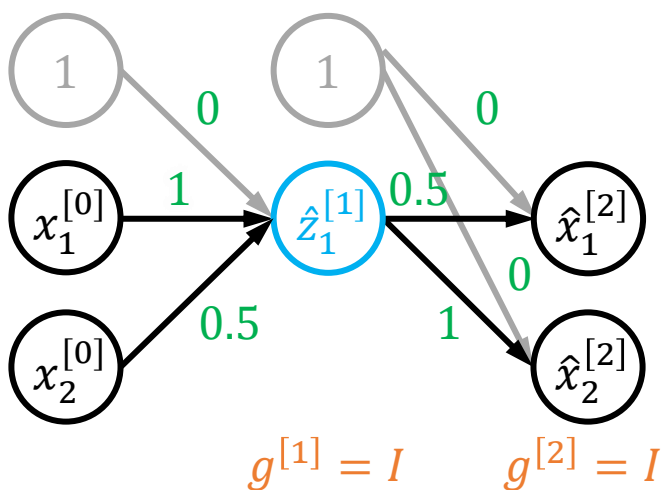
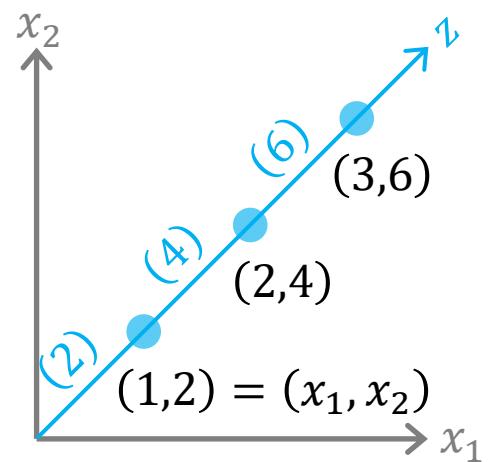
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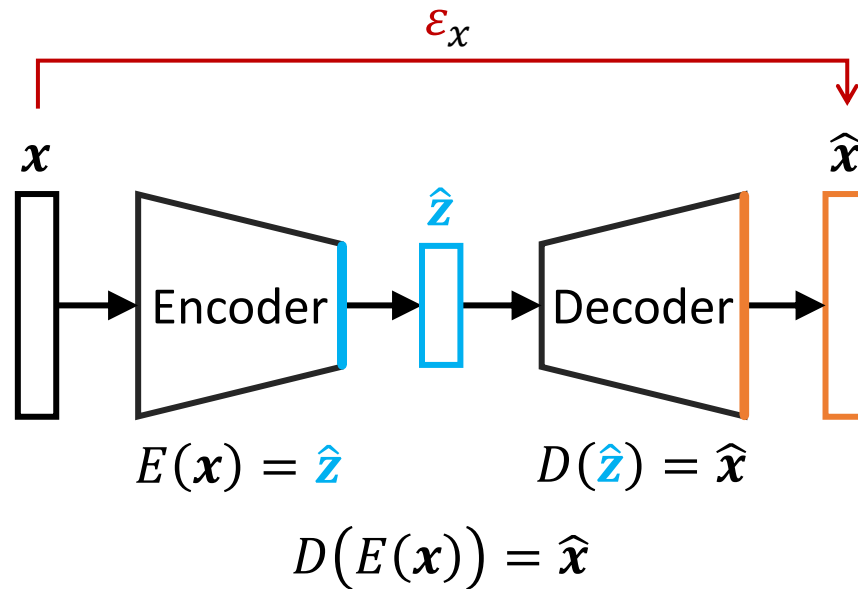
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# Auto-Encoder Training



## Reconstruction Loss Function

Squared Euclidean Distance

$$\epsilon_x(\hat{x}, x) = (\hat{x} - x)^\top (\hat{x} - x)$$

Gradient

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon_x}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \frac{\partial \hat{x}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \frac{\partial \epsilon_x}{\partial \hat{x}} \quad \hat{y} := \hat{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{x}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \frac{\partial D}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \frac{\partial D}{\partial E} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \frac{\partial D}{\partial \hat{z}}$$

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## Take-Away:

Backprop gradient descent for weight update

$$\mathbf{W} \leftarrow \mathbf{W} - \eta \frac{\partial \epsilon_x}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$$

Same as all neural networks, but through 2 models

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# Auto-Encoder for Feature Representation Learning

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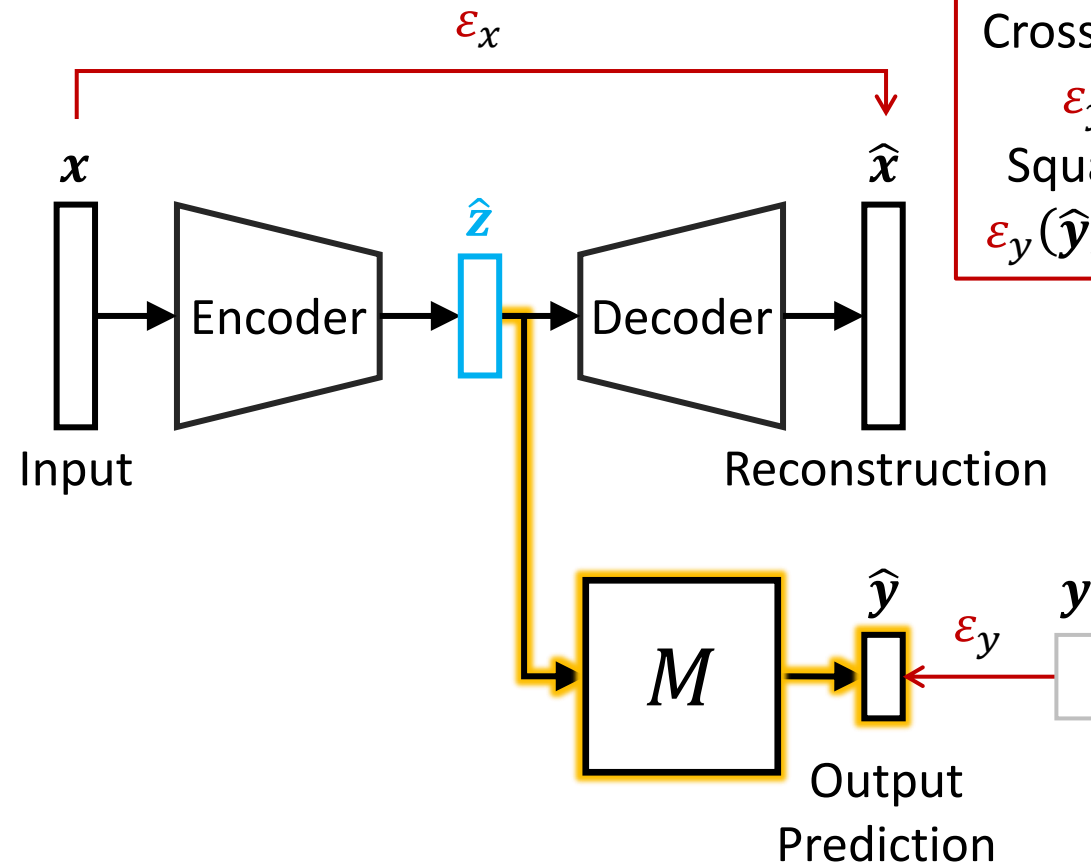
## Prediction Loss Function

Cross-Entropy (Classification)

$$\varepsilon_y(\hat{y}, y) = -y^\top \log \hat{y}$$

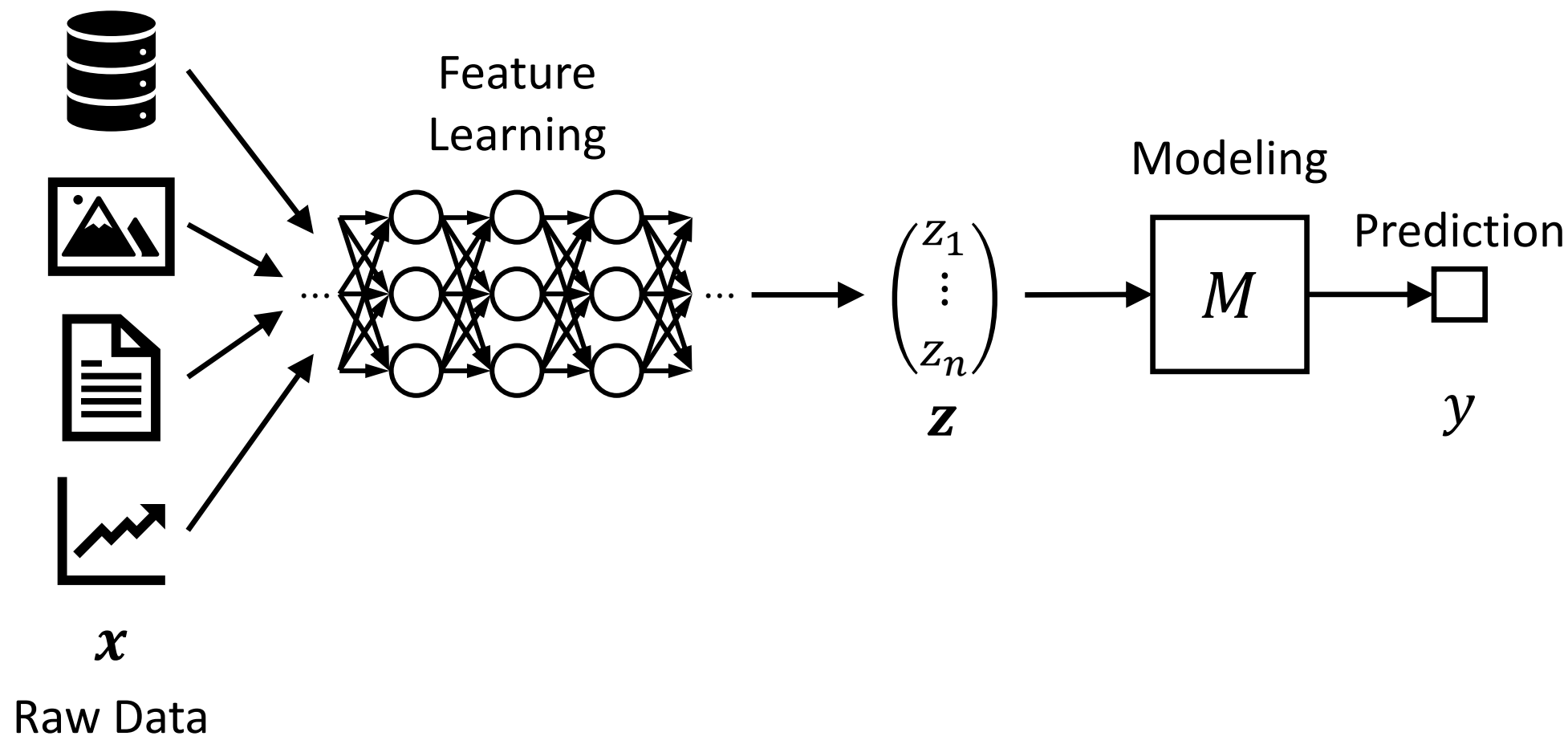
Squared Error (Regression)

$$\varepsilon_y(\hat{y}, y) = (\hat{y} - y)^\top (\hat{y} - y)$$

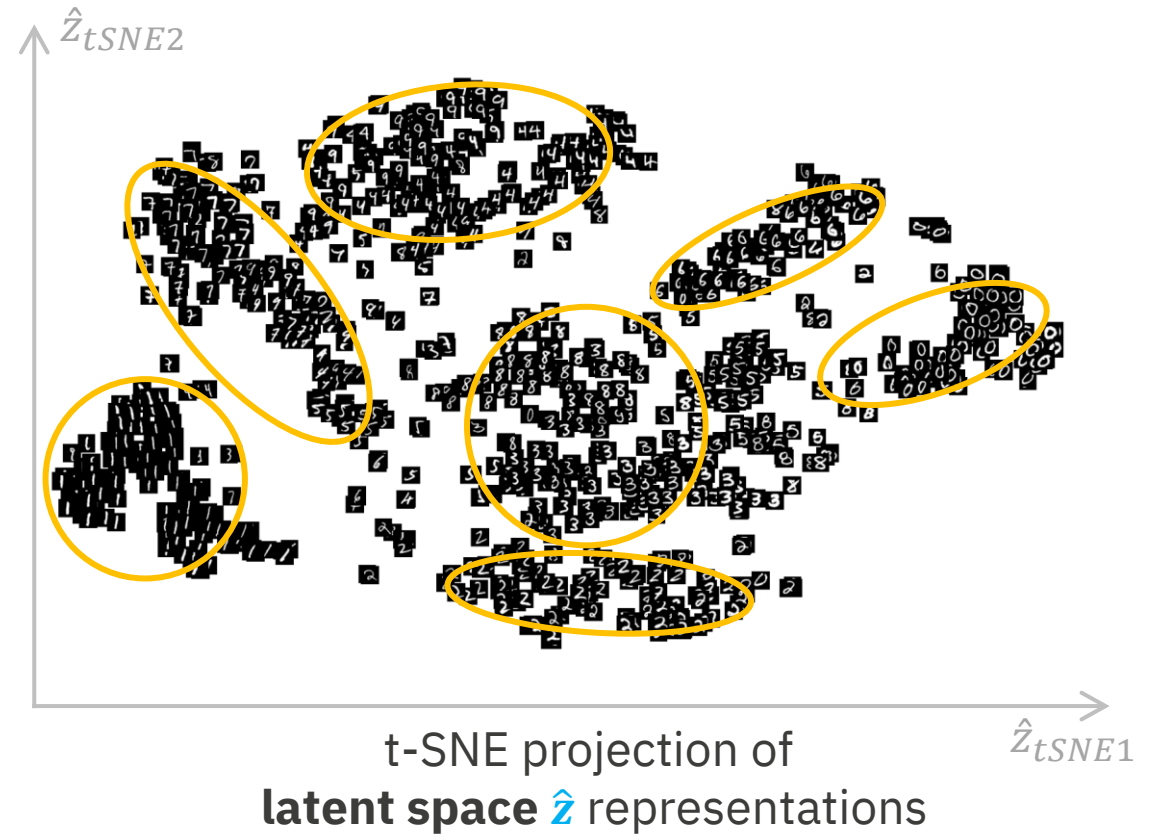
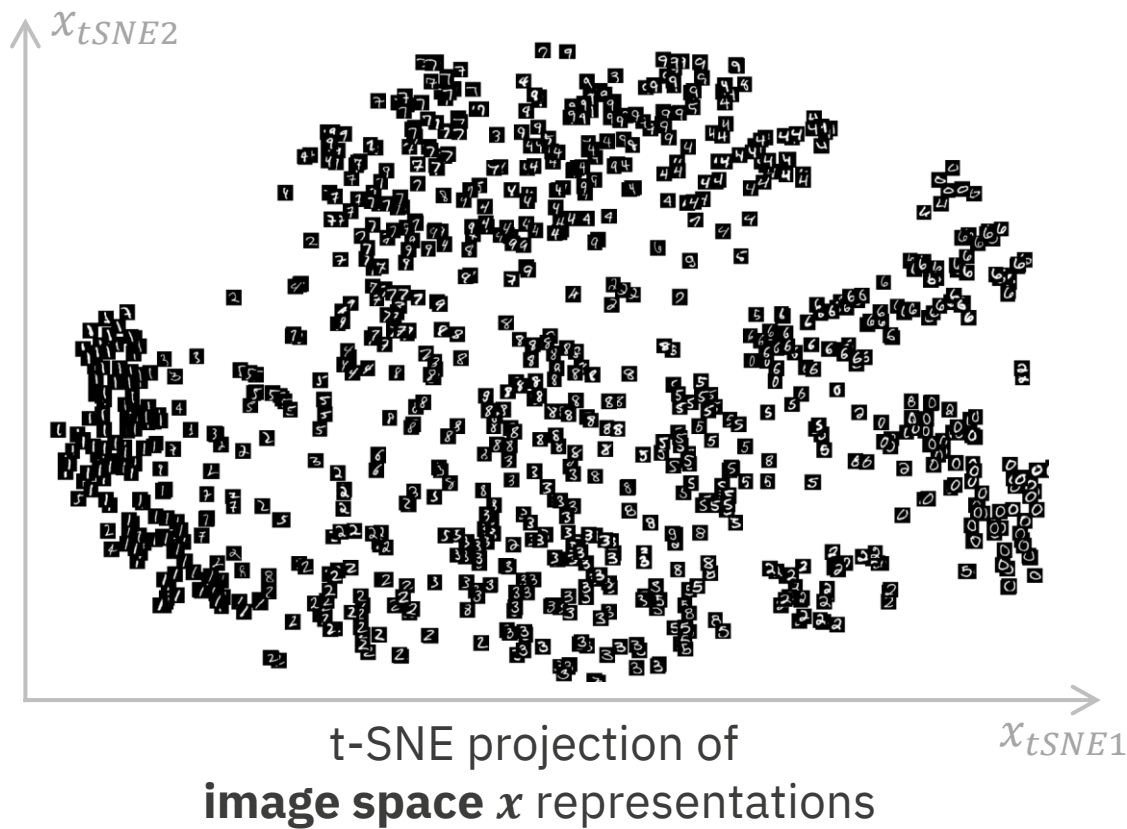




# From Manual Feature Engineering To Automatic Feature Learning

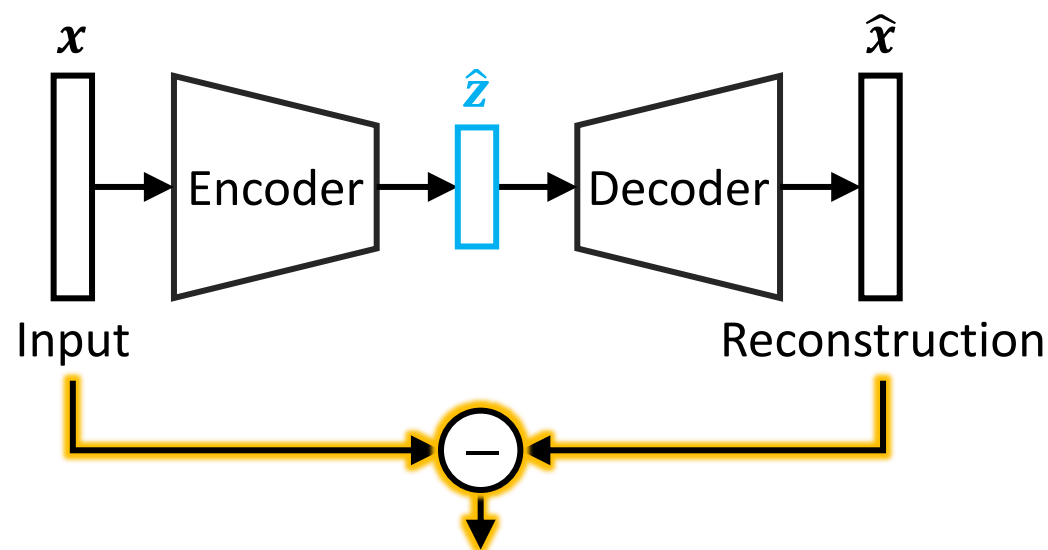
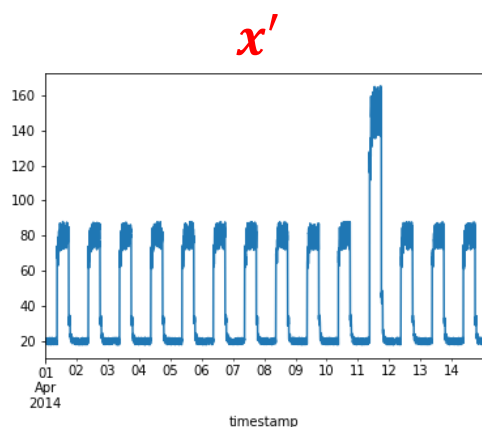
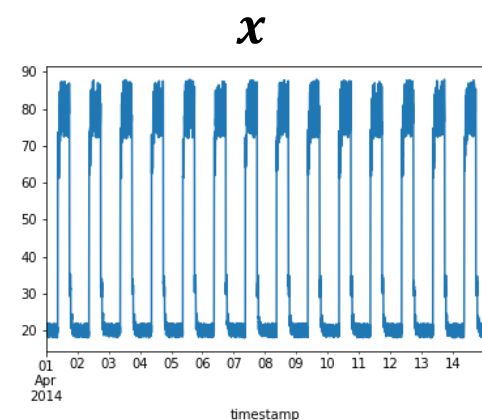


# Auto-Encoder for Feature Representation Learning Clustering

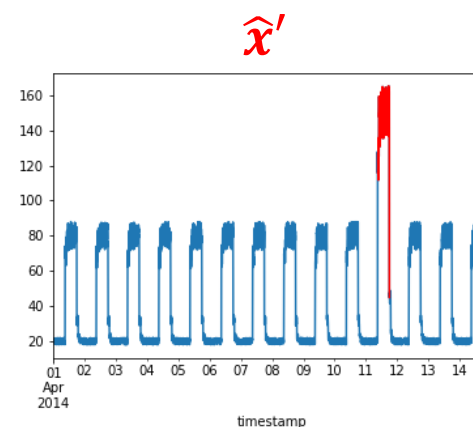
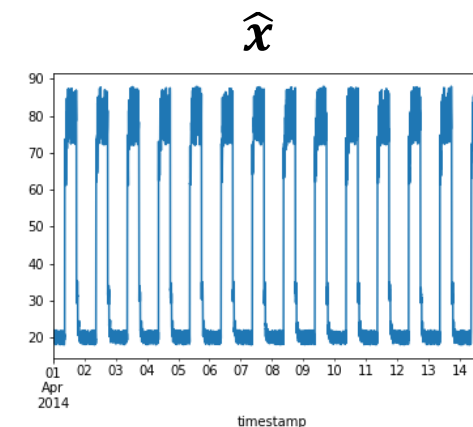


Further Reading: <https://hackernoon.com/latent-space-visualization-deep-learning-bits-2-bd09a46920df>

# Auto-Encoder for Anomaly Detection



$$\text{Anomaly} = [\epsilon_x > \text{threshold}]$$



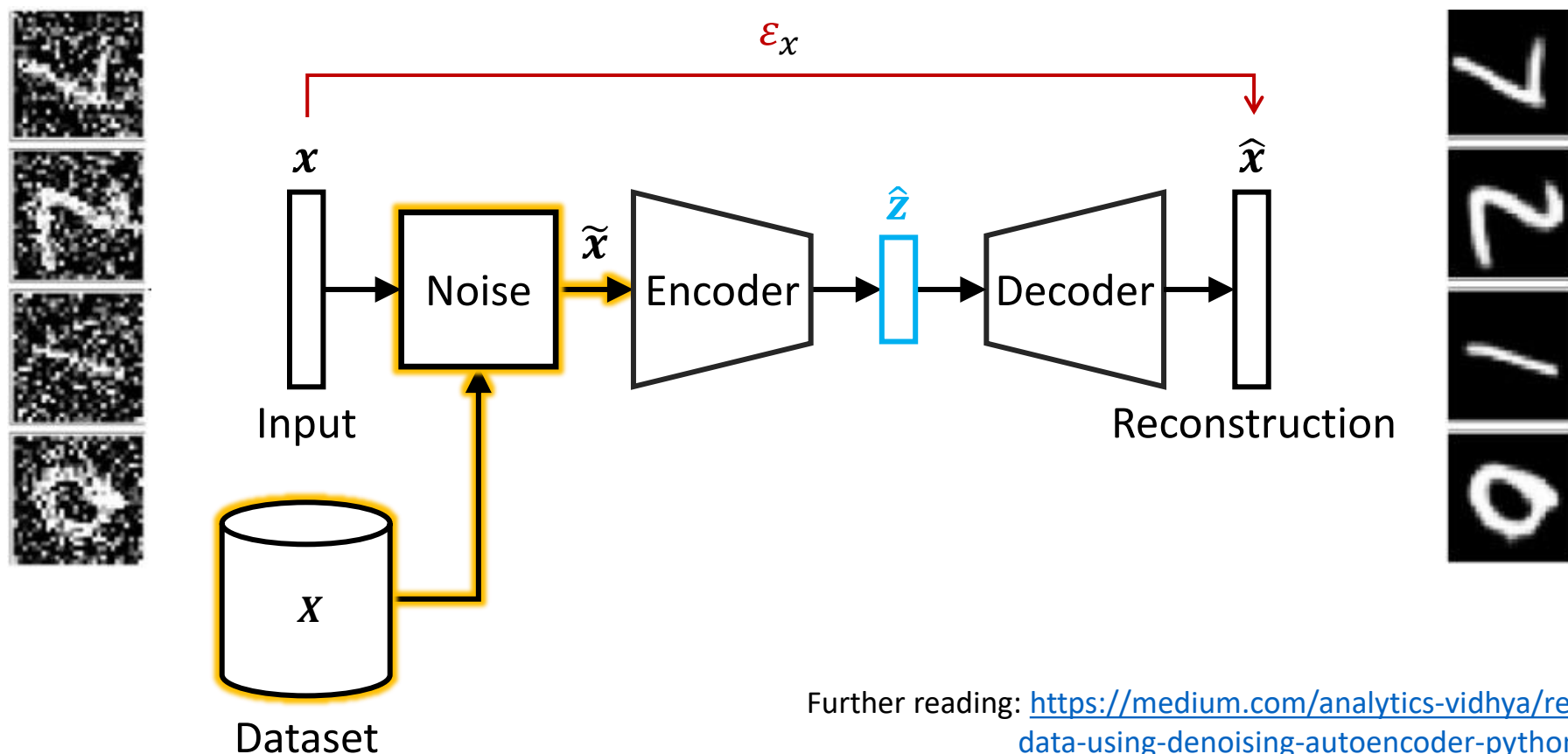
Further Reading: [https://keras.io/examples/timeseries/timeseries\\_anomaly\\_detection/](https://keras.io/examples/timeseries/timeseries_anomaly_detection/)

# Denoising Auto-Encoder for Robust Learning

## Reconstruction Loss Function

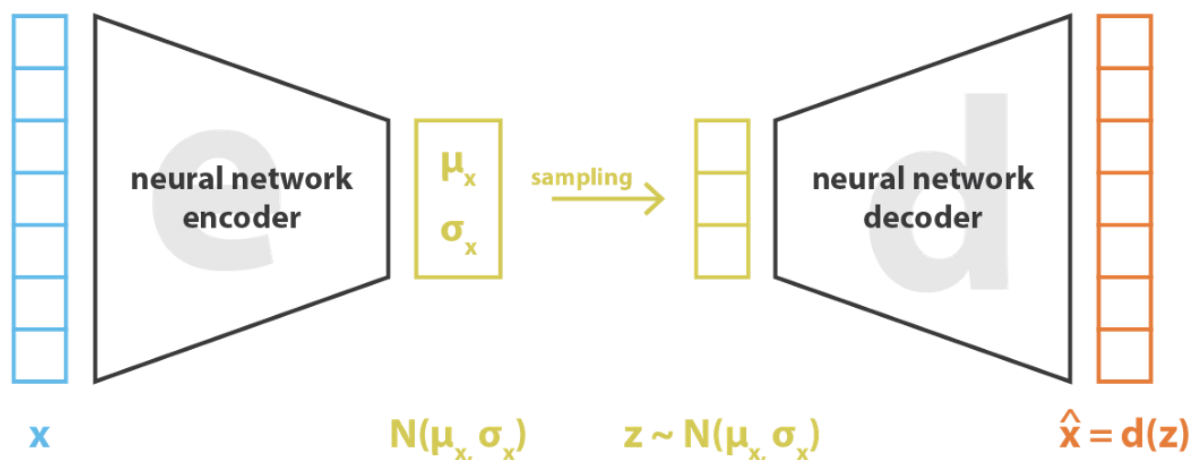
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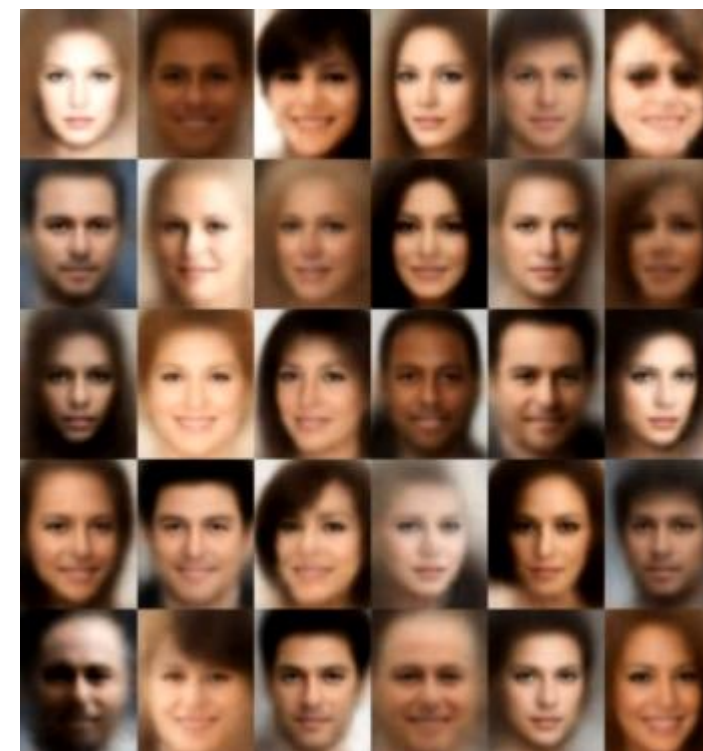


Further reading: <https://medium.com/analytics-vidhya/reconstruct-corrupted-data-using-denoising-autoencoder-python-code-aeaff4b0958e>

# Variational Auto-Encoder for Generative Data Synthesis



$$\text{loss} = ||x - \hat{x}||^2 + \text{KL}[N(\mu_x, \sigma_x), N(0, I)] = ||x - d(z)||^2 + \text{KL}[N(\mu_x, \sigma_x), N(0, I)]$$



Face images generated with a  
Variational Autoencoder  
(source: [Wojciech Mormul on Github](https://github.com/WojciechMormul))

Further Reading: <https://towardsdatascience.com/understanding-variational-autoencoders-vaes-f70510919f73>

# Auto-Encoders Applications

- Dimensionality Reduction
- Feature Representation Learning
- Anomaly detection
- Noise removal
- Data synthesis





*Questions!*



# VOICE CLONING





# Wrapping Up

# What did we learn?

- Unsupervised Clustering to summarize and group data
- k-Means clustering to group tabular data into  $k$  clusters
- Auto-Encoder for unsupervised feature representation learning
  - Can then classify or cluster on latent features
  - Allows clustering on unstructured data

# Outlook for next week



# Assigned Task (due before next Mon)



**ML Algorithms Behaving Badly.** Find an online article about a machine learning system (prototype or fielded) behaving badly and post it to the corresponding thread in your **#tg-xx**.

In your post, also include 1-2 sentence comment that reacts to the comment below with respect to your post as context.

Machine Learning algorithms are based on purely mathematical constructs and thus cannot be biased.