

# 50.039 Theory and Practice of Deep Learning

## W11-S1 Generative Models in Deep Learning

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# Outline

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- Autoencoders definition
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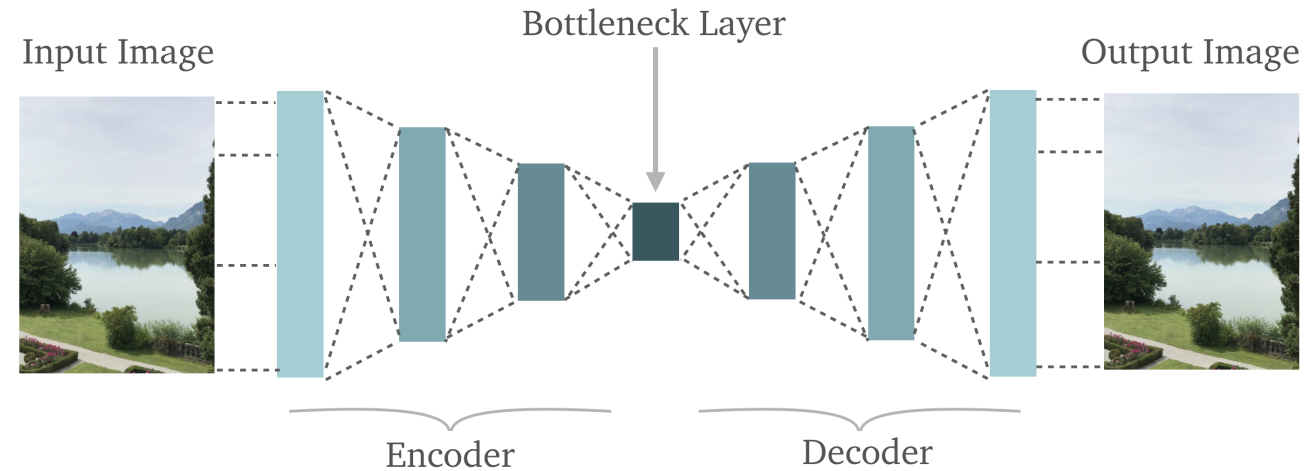
## In the next lectures

- Variational Autoencoder and noisy latent representations
- Generative Adversarial Networks
- More advanced GANs

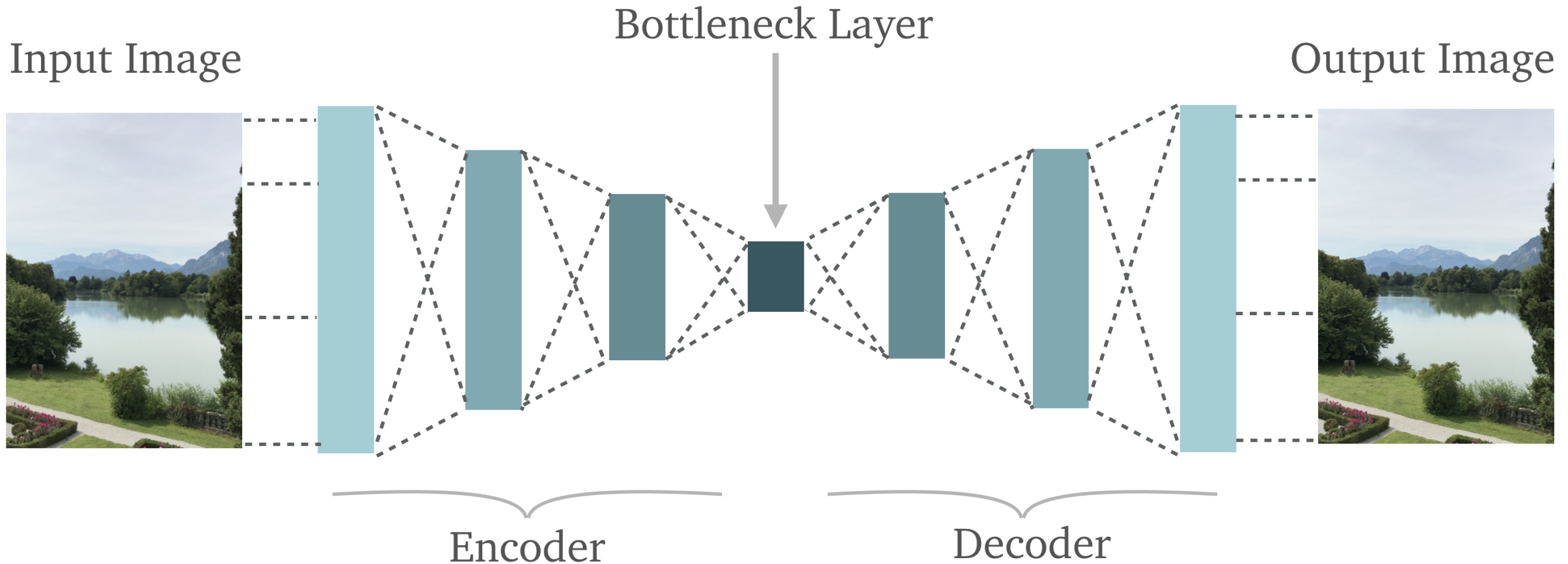
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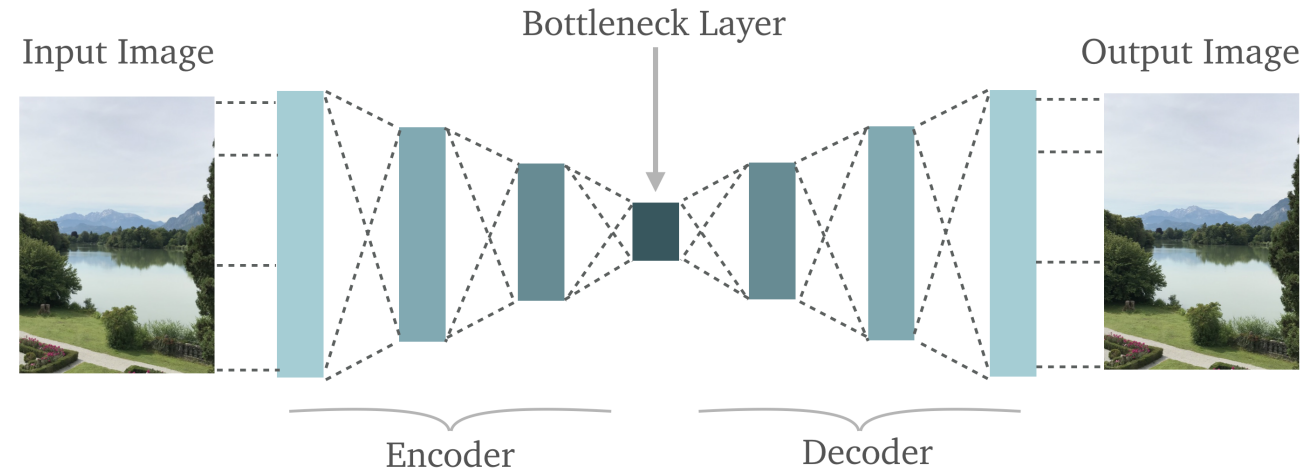


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It has an internal (hidden) layer that describes a code used to represent the input, and is called the **feature representation** or **latent representation of the input**.



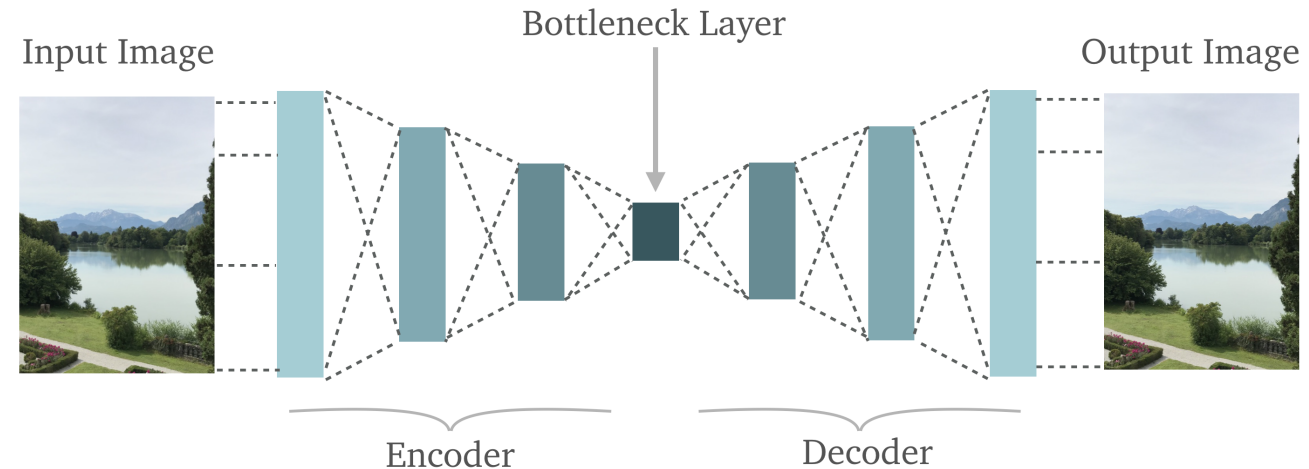
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It is constituted of two main parts

- an **encoder** that maps the input into the code,
- and a **decoder** that maps the code to a reconstruction of the input.





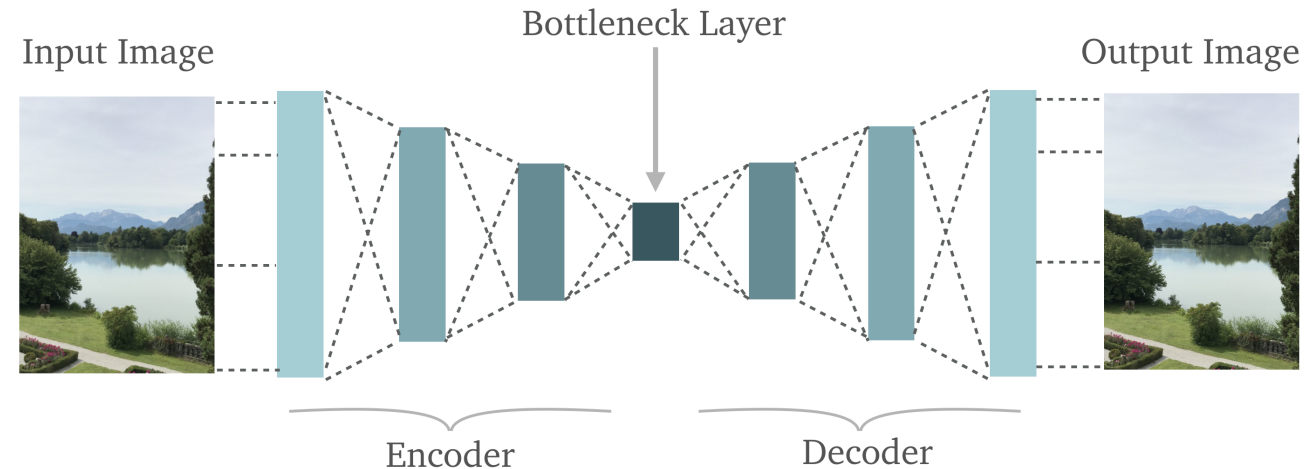
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Autoencoders are usually restricted in their **latent representation dimensionality**.

This forces them to reconstruct the input approximately, **preserving only the most relevant aspects of the data in the copy**.

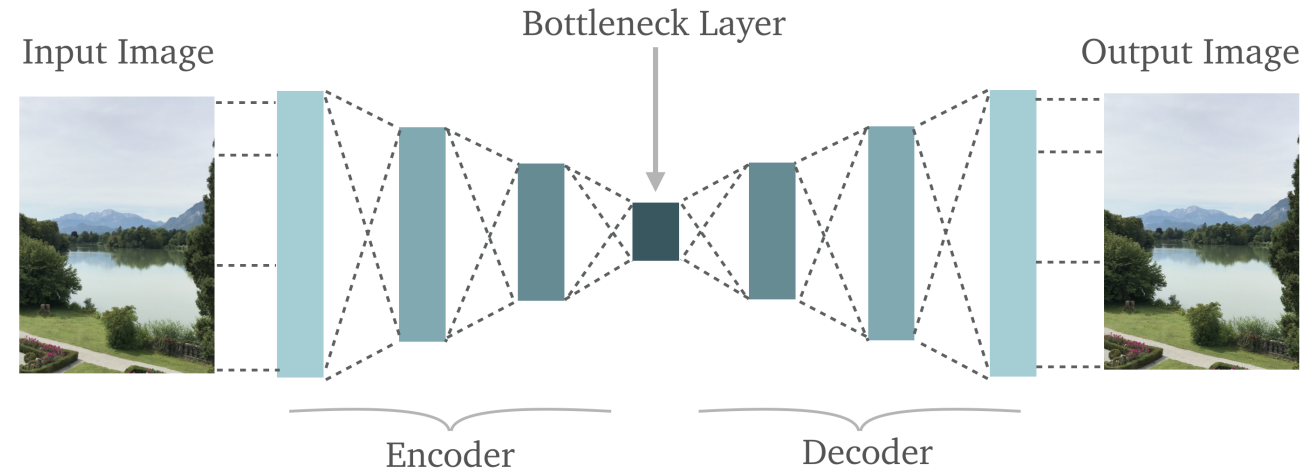


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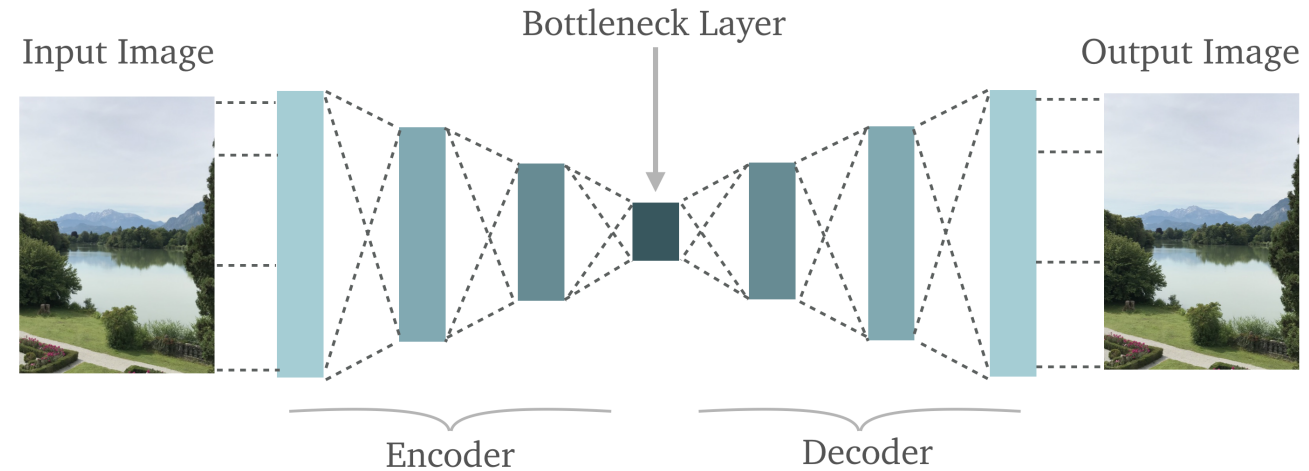
- learn how to efficiently compress and encode data,
- and then learns how to reconstruct the data back from the reduced encoded representation to a representation that is as close to the original input as possible.



# AutoEncoders structure

Autoencoders consists of 4 main parts, to be discussed in the next few slides:

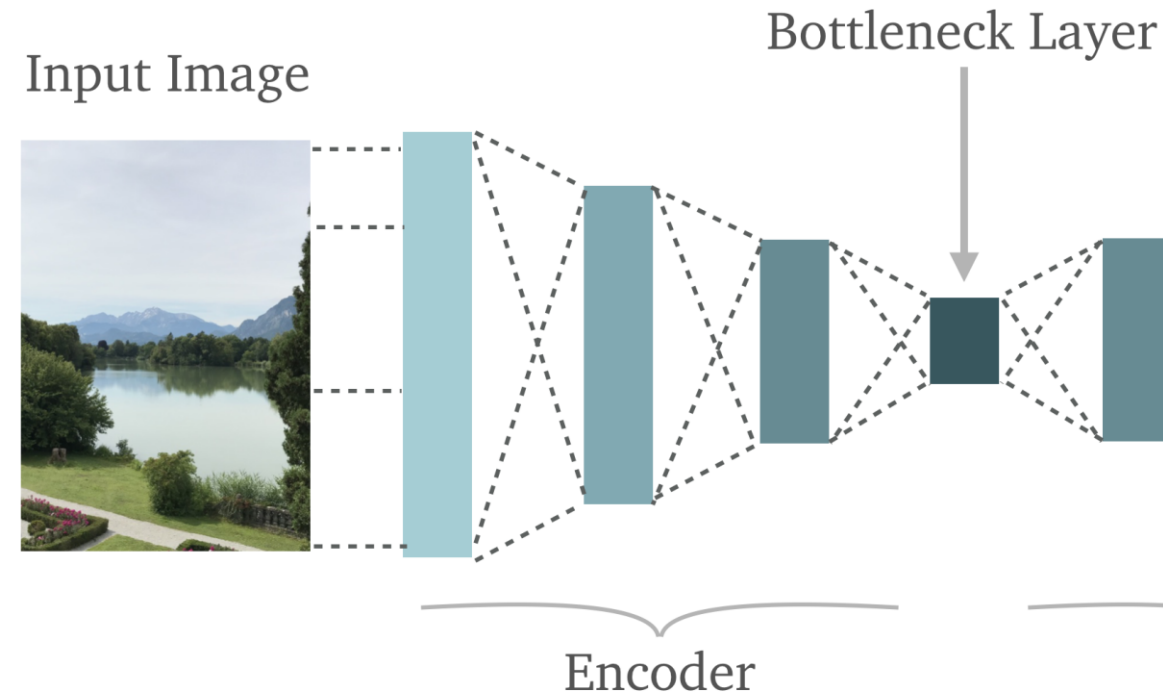
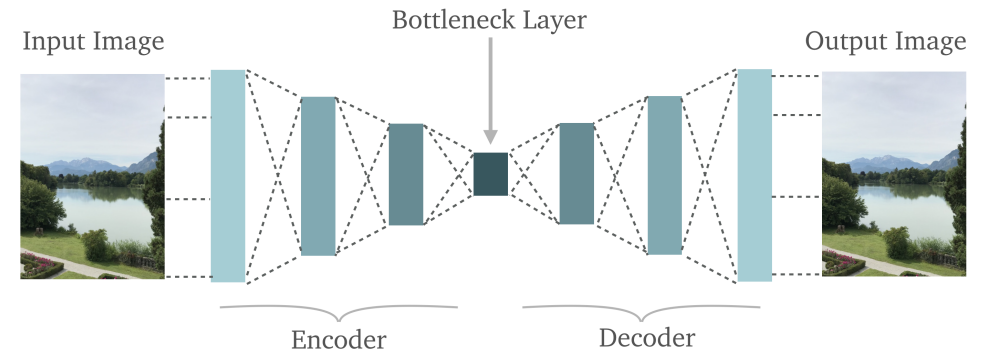
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2. **Bottleneck**
3. **Decoder**
4. **Reconstruction Loss**



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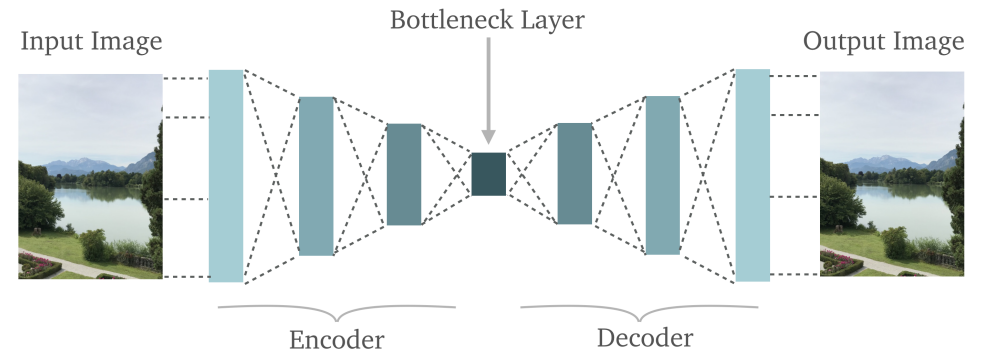
An encoder will, for instance, consist of **successive fully connected layers, decreasing in size.**



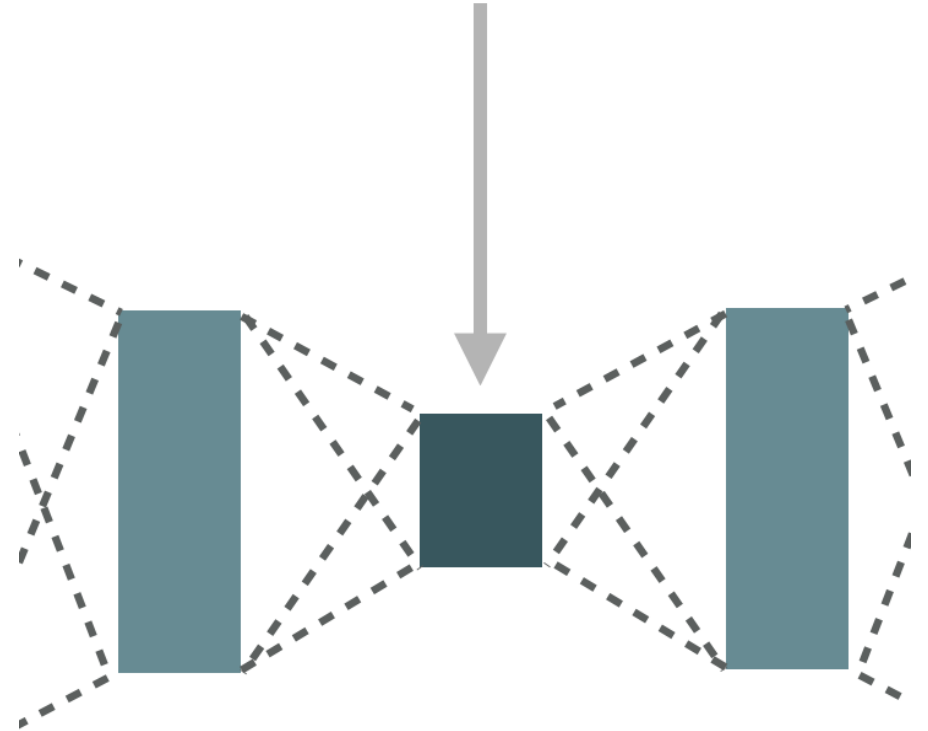
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2. **Bottleneck:** which is the layer that contains the compressed representation of the input data.

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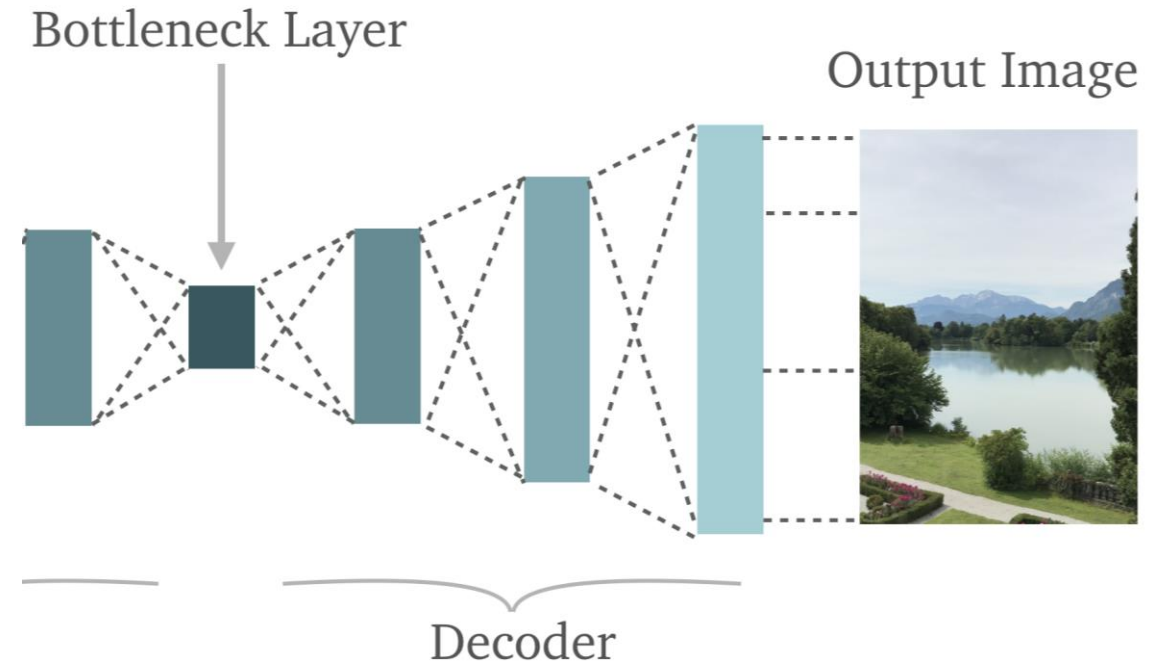
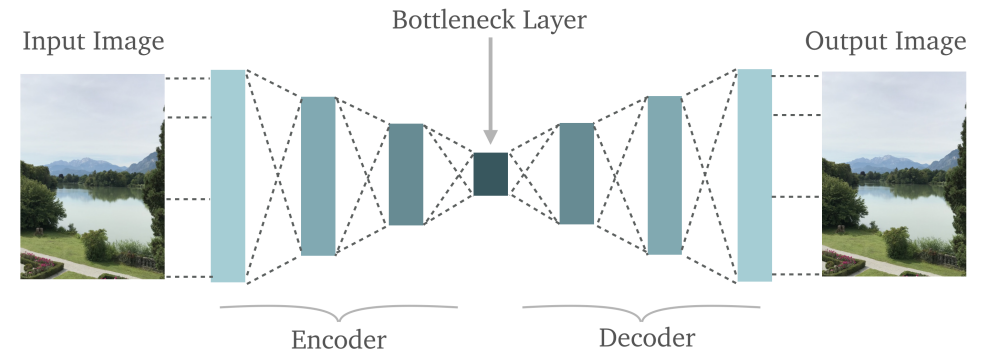
## Bottleneck Layer



# AutoEncoders structure

**3. Decoder:** In which the model learns how to reconstruct the data from the encoded representation to be as close to the original input as possible.

Our decoder will, for instance, consist of **successive fully connected layers, increasing in size, back to the original input size.**



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**4. Reconstruction Loss:** This is the method that measures measure how well the decoder is performing and how close the output is to the original input.

In the case of images, we can typically use an MSE on all pixels, or variations of it.



Example: input  $x$  on the right, output  $y$  on the left.

$$MSE(x, y) = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} (x_{i,j} - y_{i,j})^2}$$

# On reversibility of layers

What would a perfect autoencoder consist of?

- Let us call  $f$ , the encoder function and  $g$  the decoder one. The autoencoder  $h = f \circ g$  attempts to reproduce the identity function. A perfect autoencoder would then require  $f = g^{-1}$
- In practice however, it is difficult to train an autoencoder to replicate the identity function exactly. This is because of **different weights** and **activation functions**, as well as the **low-dimensionality latent representation**.

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- At best, we can simply ensure that the layers preserve dimensionality.
- That is, the encoder compresses an input into a low-dimensionality latent representation in the same way that the decoder decompresses the low-dimensionality latent representation into an output of the same dimensions.
- **This is simply done, for instance, with fully connected layers, with mirrored sizes.**

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The dataset is simply MNIST, input dimensions are 28 by 28 pixel images, greyscale.

```
1 # Data Preprocessing  
2 # - ToTensor  
3 # - Image Normalization  
4 transform = transforms.Compose([transforms.ToTensor(), \  
5                               transforms.Normalize((0.1307,), (0.3081,))])
```

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- Start with **hidden\_size = 5**, that is the **dimensionality of the latent representation in the bottleneck layer**.
- **MSE** as the **reconstruction loss**.
- Optimizer is Adam, with default parameters.
- Mini-batch with size 128 and 25 epochs.

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```
1  # Initialize MNIST Autoencoder
2  torch.manual_seed(0)
3  model = MNIST_Autoencoder(hidden_layer = 5).to(device)
```

```
1  # Defining Parameters
2  # - MSE Loss, which will be our reconstruction loss for now
3  # - Adam as optimizer
4  # - 25 Epochs
5  # - 128 as batch size
6  num_epochs = 25
7  batch_size = 128
8  distance = nn.MSELoss()
9  optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), weight_decay = 1e-5)
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- Forward pass.
- Backward pass and backpropagation.
- Loss and Outputs kept for visualization later on.

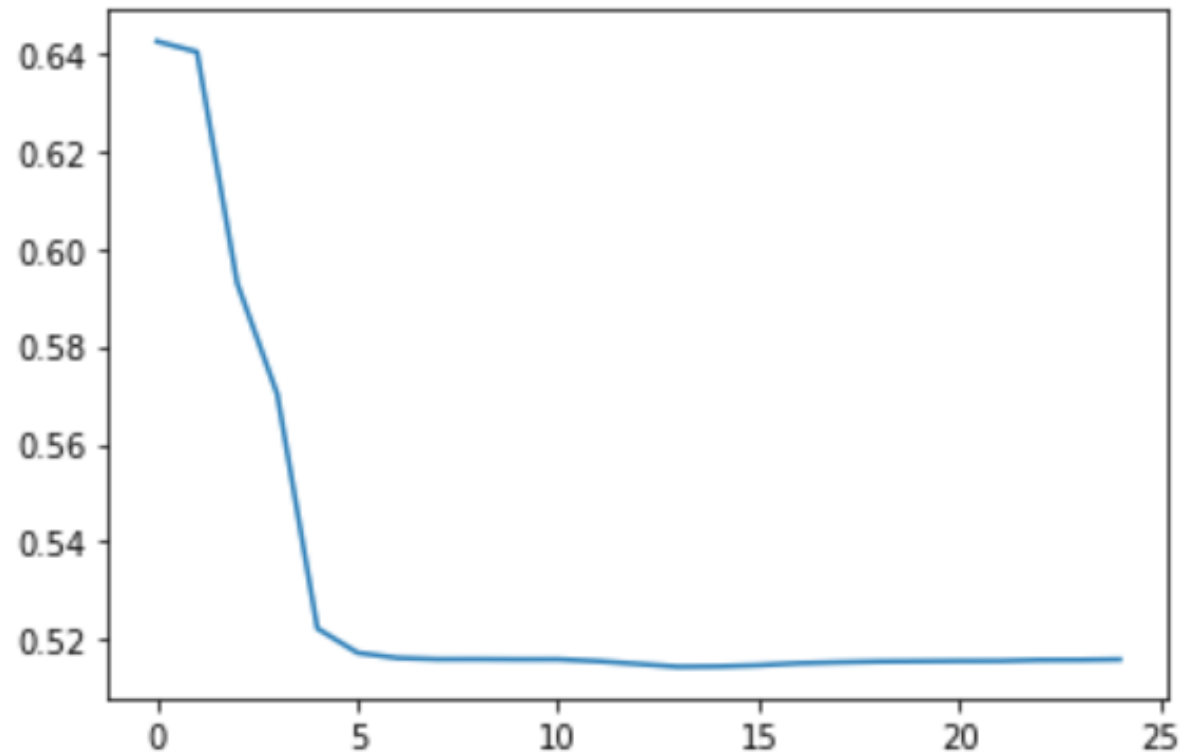
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```
1 outputs_list = []
2 loss_list = []
3 for epoch in range(num_epochs):
4     for data in train_loader:
5
6         # Flatten image and send data to device
7         img, _ = data
8         img = img.view(img.size(0), -1)
9         img = Variable(img).to(device)
10
11        # Forward pass
12        output = model(img)
13        loss = distance(output, img)
14
15        # Backprop
16        optimizer.zero_grad()
17        loss.backward()
18        optimizer.step()
19
20    # Display
21    print('epoch {}/{}'.format(epoch + 1, num_epochs, loss.item()))
22    outputs_list.append((epoch, img, output),)
23    loss_list.append(loss.item())
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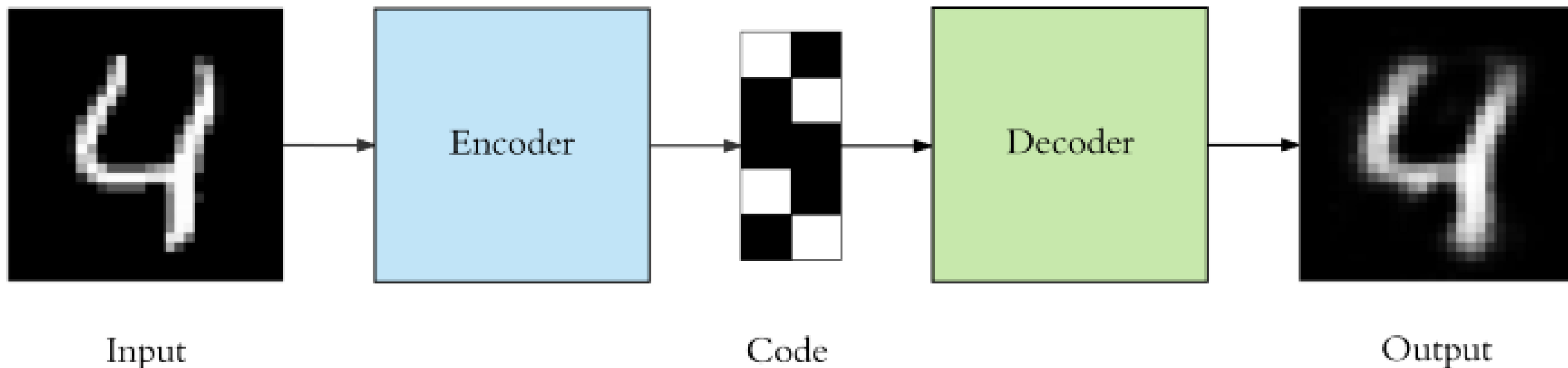


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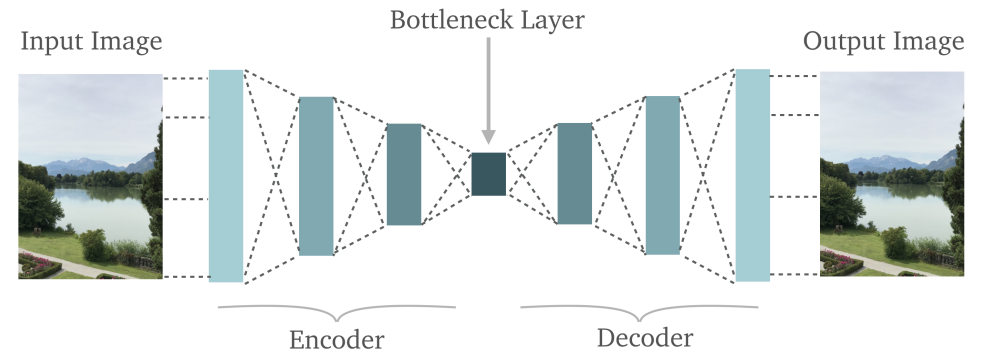


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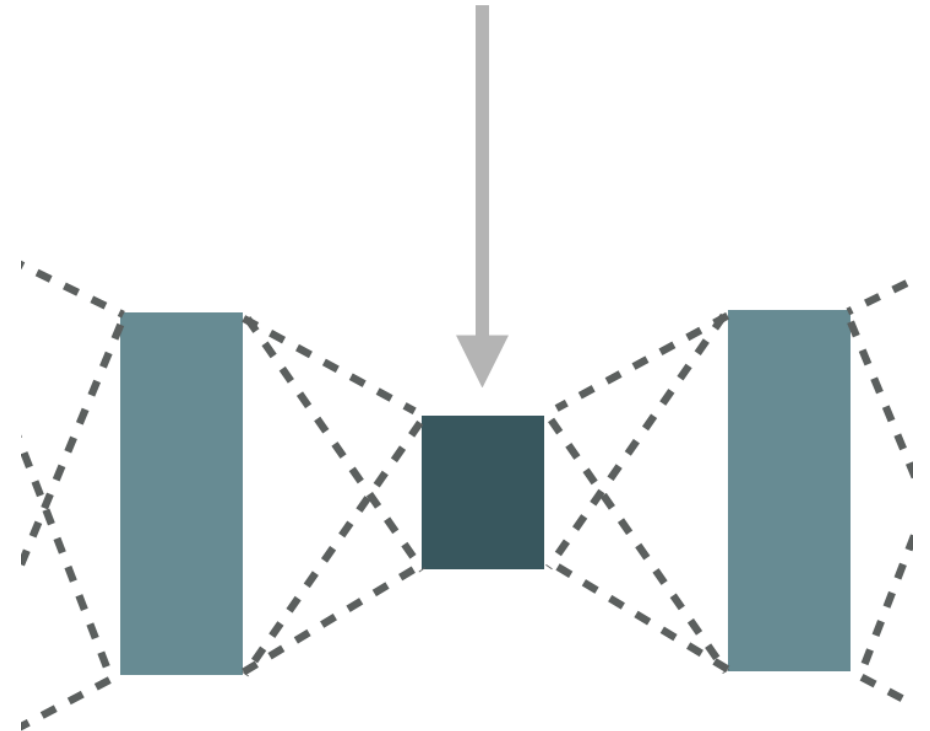
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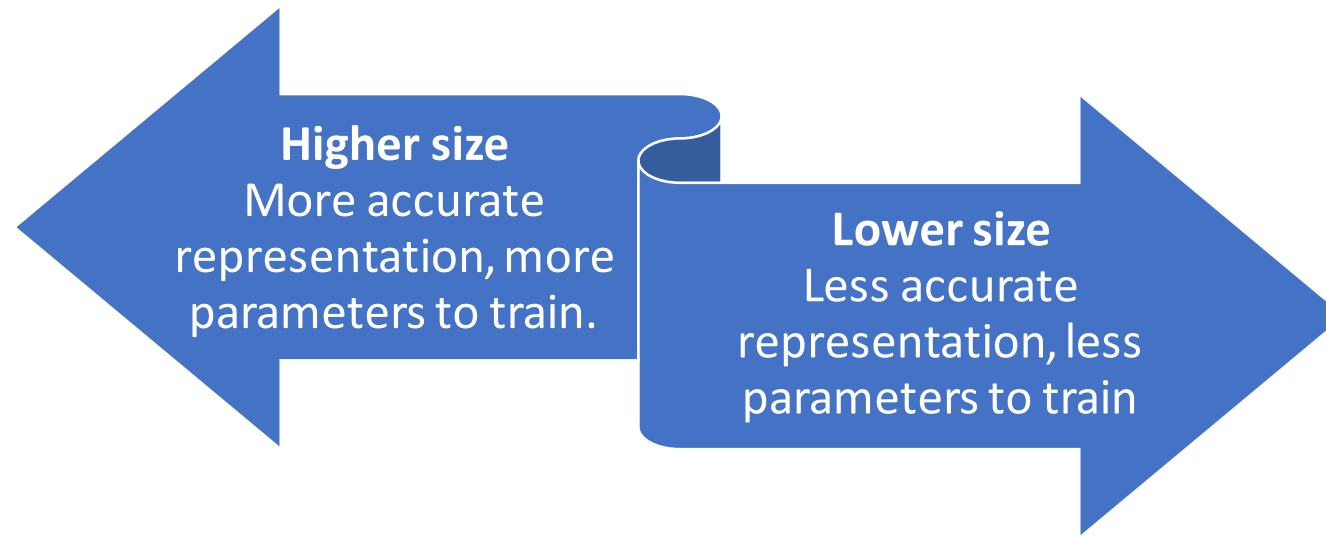
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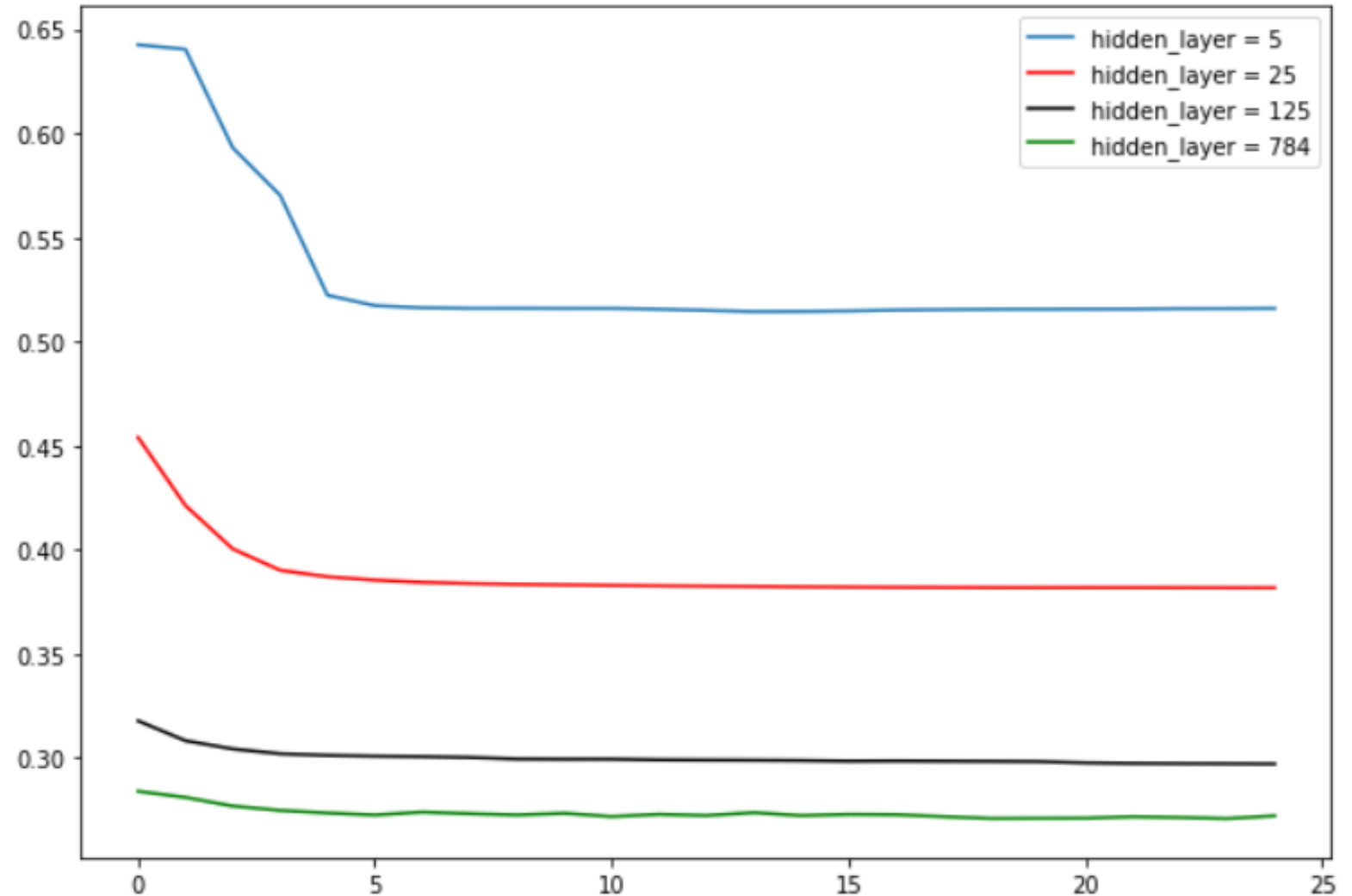
In Notebook 1, we have trained 4 models with different hidden layer sizes for comparison purposes.

- **Model #1:** hidden\_size = 5
- **Model #2:** hidden\_size = 25
- **Model #3:** hidden\_size = 125
- **Model #4:** hidden\_size = 784 =  $28 \times 28$

We then visualize the performance of each model, in terms of loss and in terms of outputs visualization.

On latent  
dimensionality  
vs. loss effect

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1 plt.figure(figsize = (10, 7))
2 plt.plot(loss_list, label = "hidden_layer = 5")
3 plt.plot(loss_list2, 'r', label = "hidden_layer = 25")
4 plt.plot(loss_list3, 'k', label = "hidden_layer = 125")
5 plt.plot(loss_list4, 'g', label = "hidden_layer = 784")
6 plt.legend(loc = 'best')
7 plt.show()
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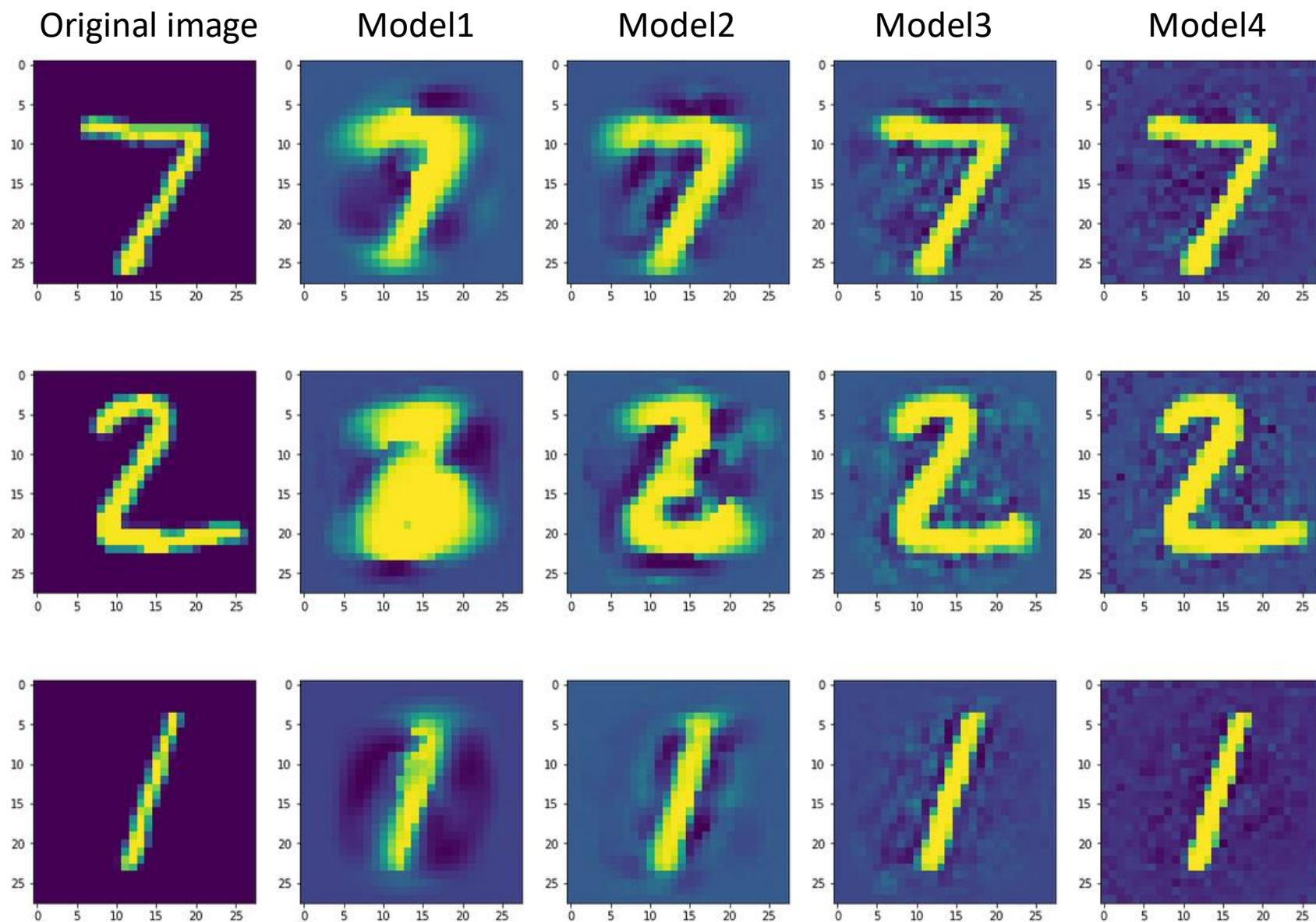


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2     break
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5 img = Variable(img).to(device)
6 out1 = model(img).cpu().detach().numpy().reshape(5, 28, 28)
7 out2 = model2(img).cpu().detach().numpy().reshape(5, 28, 28)
8 out3 = model3(img).cpu().detach().numpy().reshape(5, 28, 28)
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1 plt.figure(figsize = (20, 14))
2 n = 3
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4     plt.subplot(n, 5, 5*i + 1)
5     plt.imshow(img[i])
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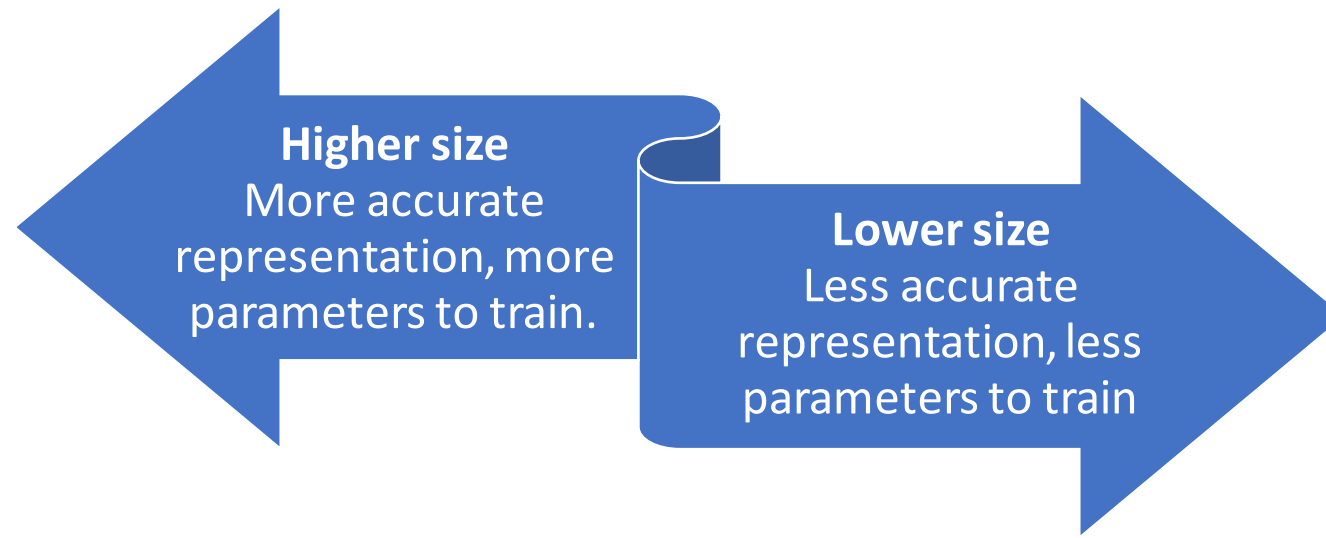




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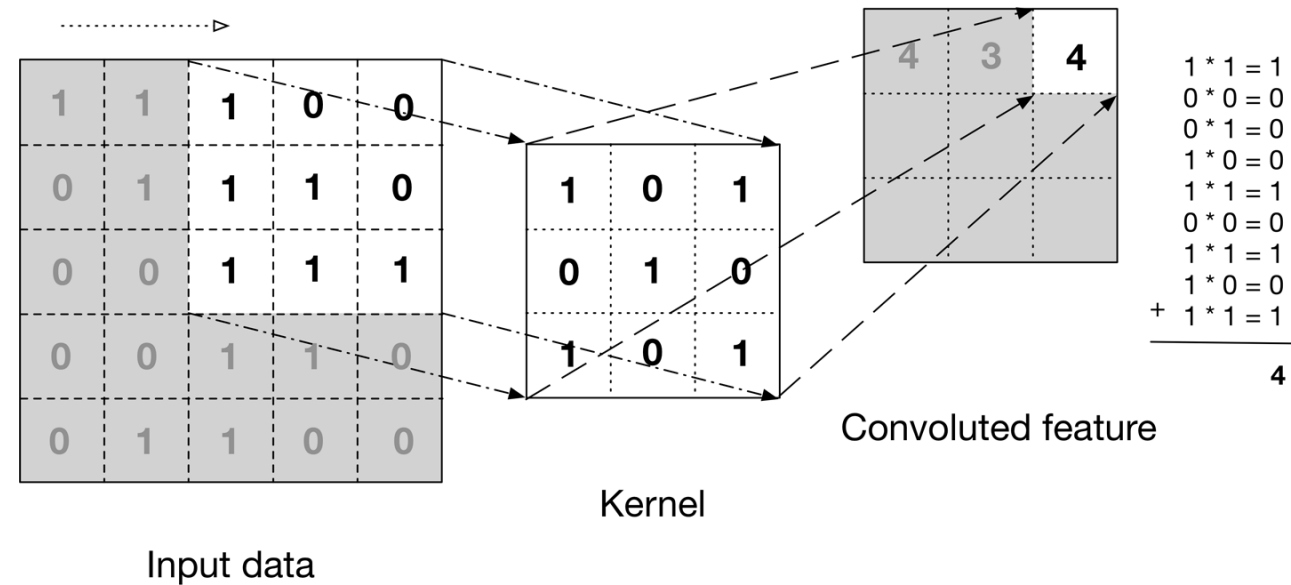
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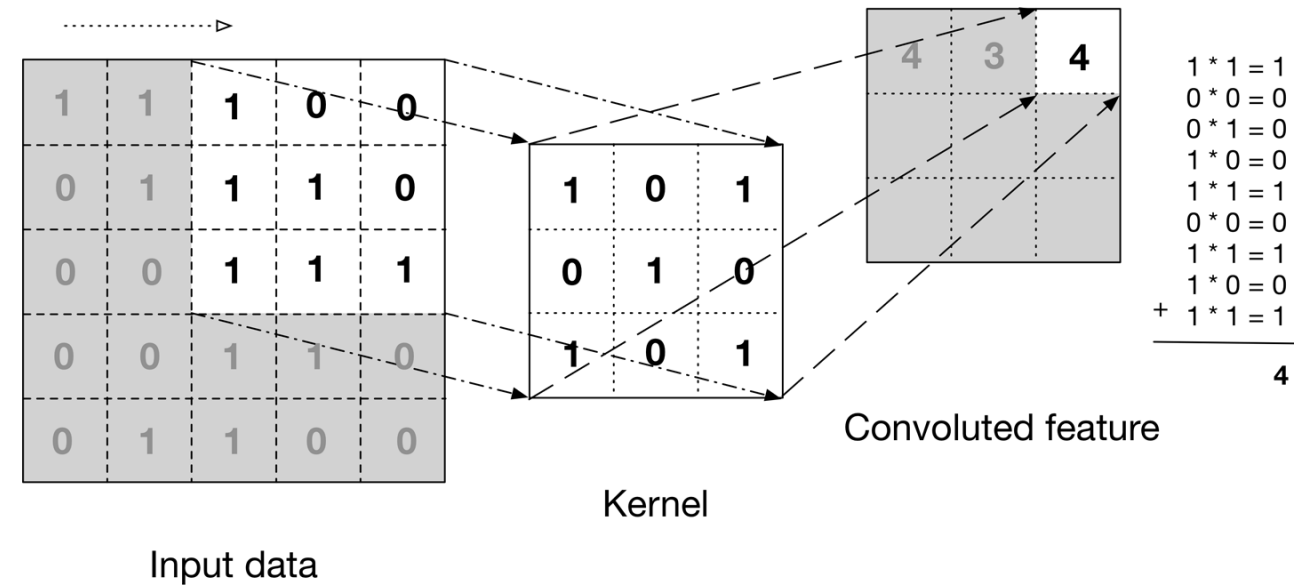
# Convolution layers (reminder)

- Convolution layers performed transformations of input and output by convolutions.
- **Magic formula:**  
$$\text{output\_size} = (\text{input\_size} + 2 * \text{padding} - \text{kernel\_size} + \text{stride}) / \text{stride}$$
- Holds per dimension, i.e. 1D, 2D and N-D convolutions.



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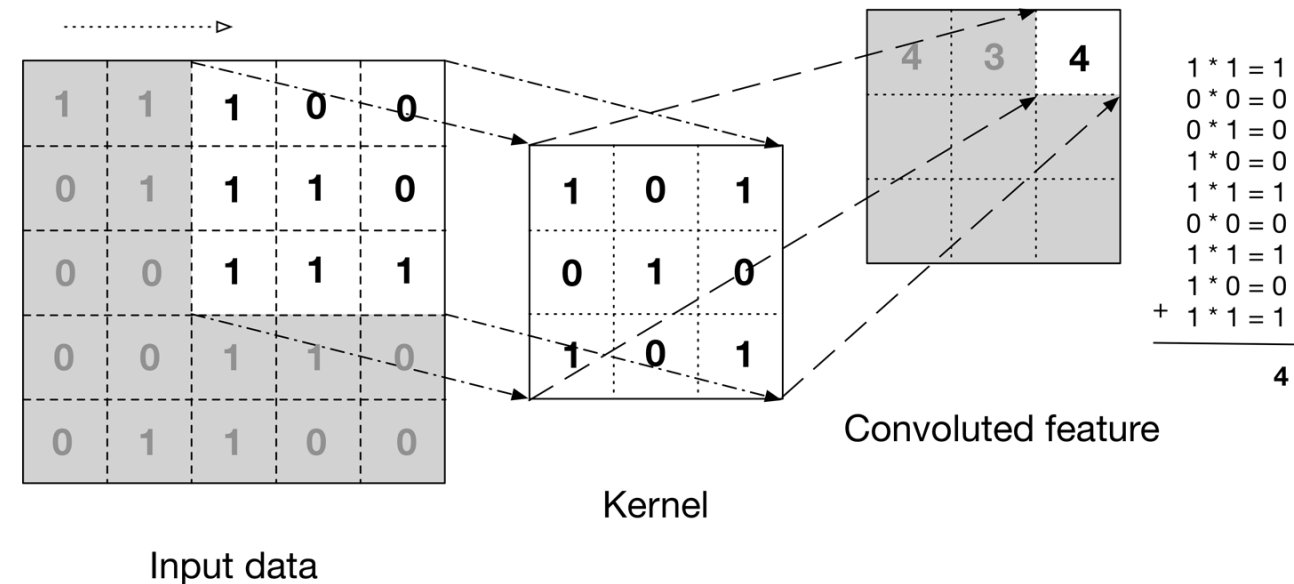
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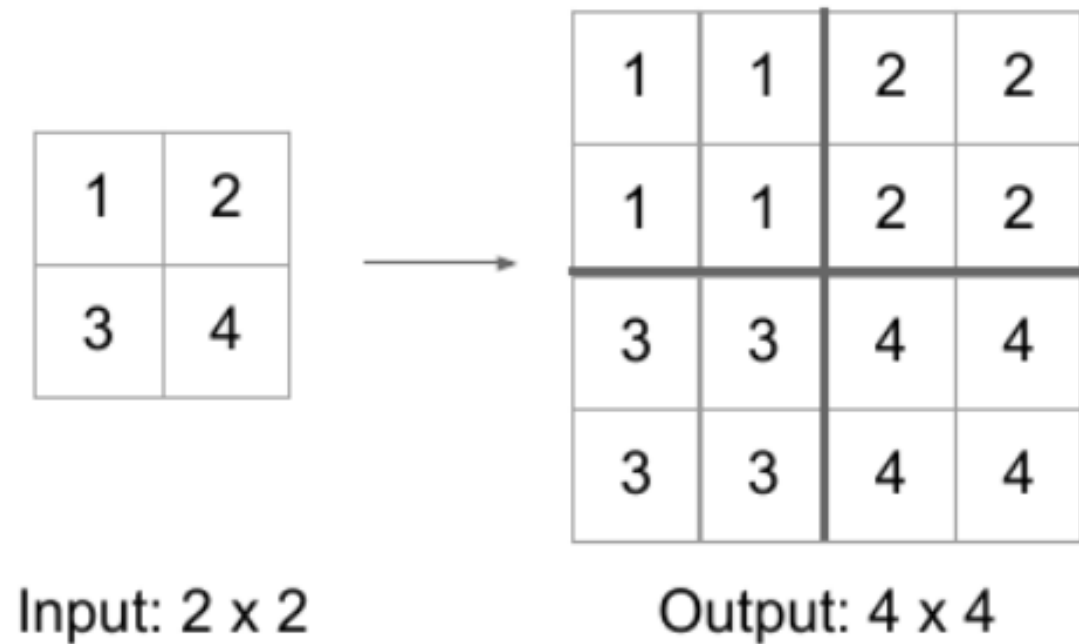
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# Option 1: Nearest Neighbors upsampling

## Definition (**Nearest Neighbors** upsampling technique)

In the **Nearest Neighbors** upsampling technique, we simply take an input pixel value and copy it to the K-Nearest Neighbors where K depends on the expected output.



# Option 2: Bed of Nails upsampling

## Definition (**Bed of Nails** upsampling technique)

In the **Bed of Nails** upsampling technique, we simply take the value of the input pixel at the corresponding position in the output image and filling zeros in the remaining positions.

1	2
3	4

Input: 2 x 2



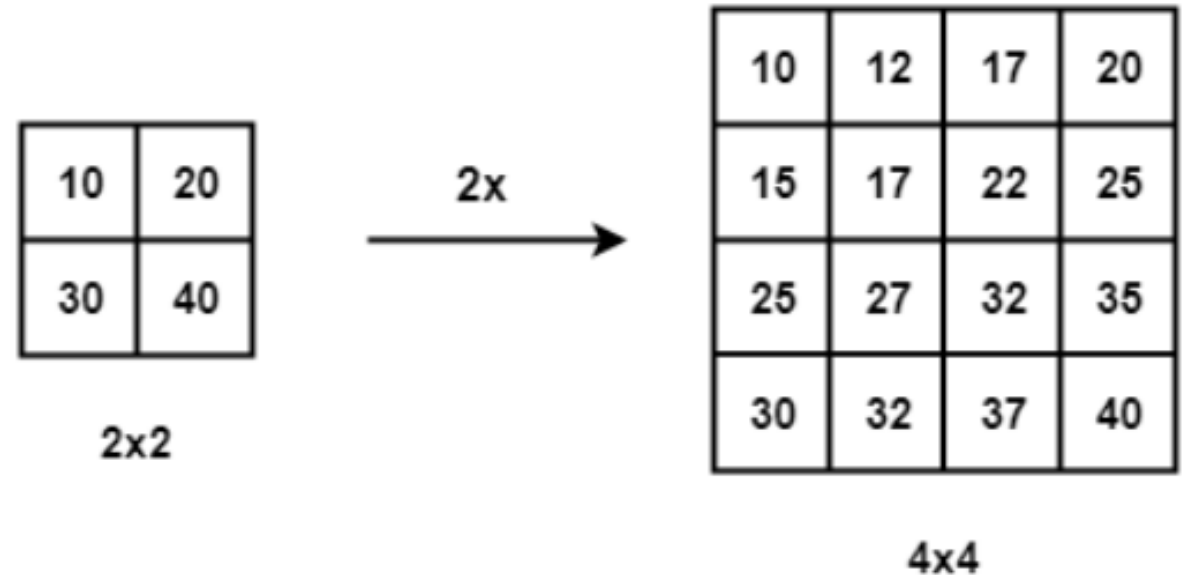
1	0	2	0
0	0	0	0
3	0	4	0
0	0	0	0

Output: 4 x 4

# Option 3: Bi-Linear Interpolation upsampling

**Definition (Bi-Linear Interpolation upsampling technique)**

In the **Bi-Linear Interpolation upsampling technique**, we take the 4 nearest pixel value of the input pixel and perform a weighted average based on the distance of the four nearest cells, therefore smoothing the output.



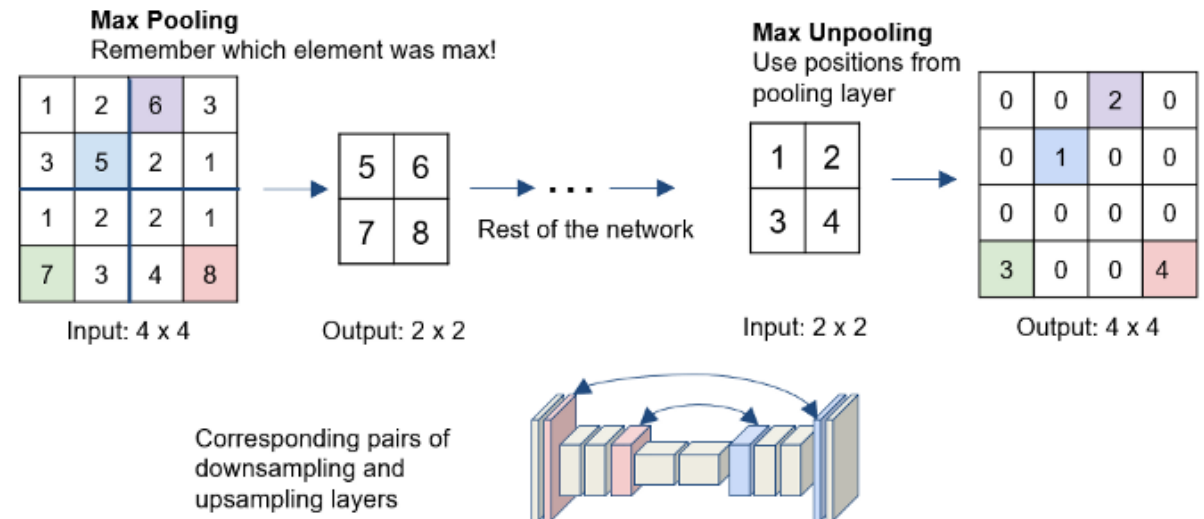
# Option 4: Reversed MaxPooling upsampling

## Definition (**Reversed MaxPooling upsampling technique**)

The Max-Pooling layer in CNN takes the maximum among all the values in the kernel.

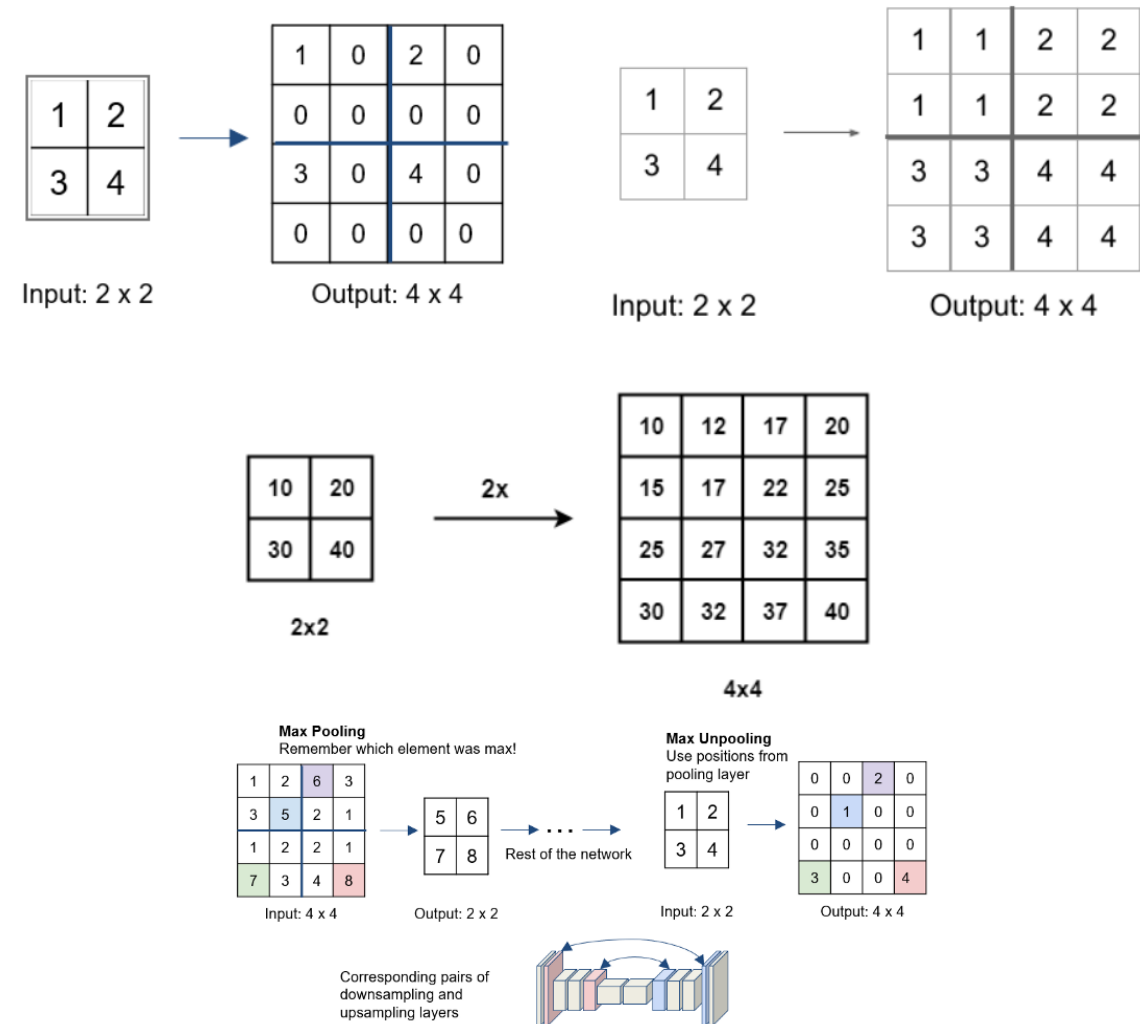
To perform **Reversed MaxPooling**, first, the index of the maximum value is saved for every max-pooling layer during the encoding step.

The saved index is then used during the decoding step where the input pixel is mapped to the saved index, filling zeros everywhere else.



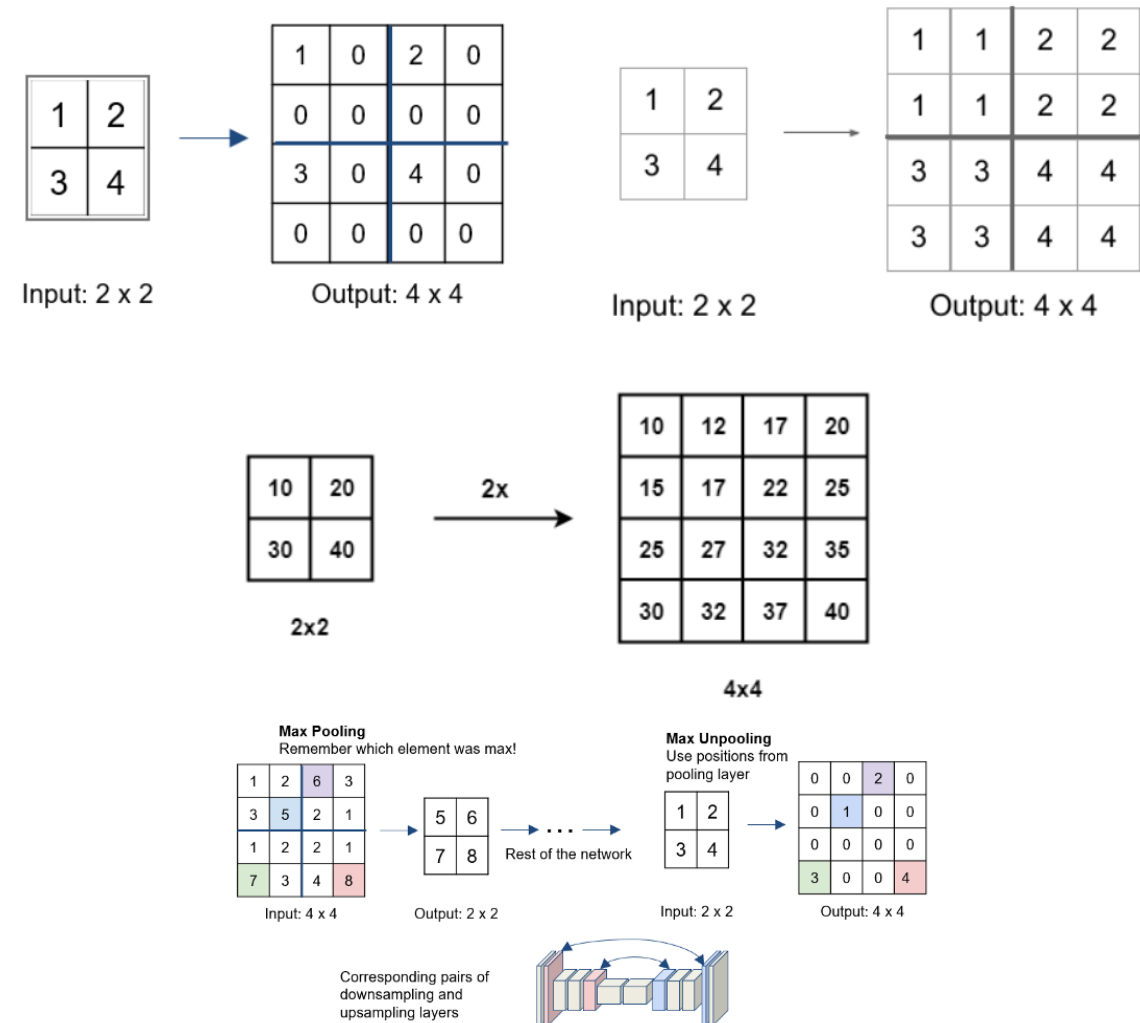
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- **Problem #1:** the four options mentioned earlier are a bit too simplistic and might **not be able to “reconstruct” the missing information of an image properly.**
- **Problem #2:** more importantly, these layers are not **trainable** and we have **no control over them.**

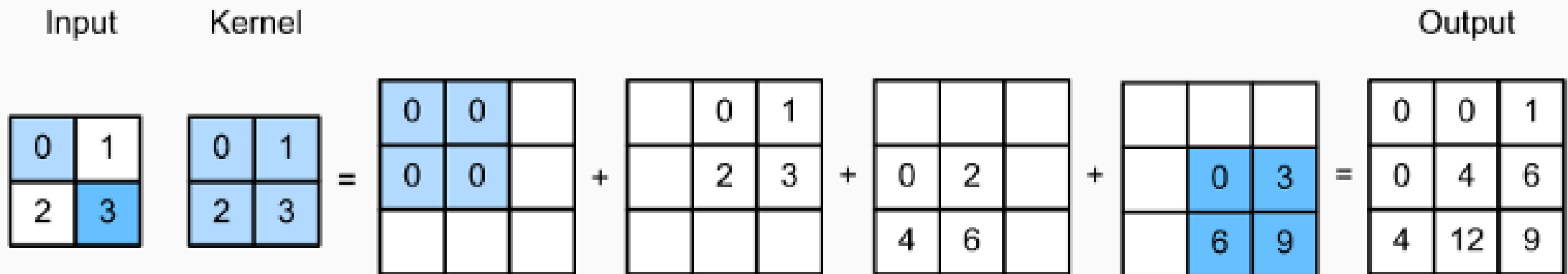


# Deconvolution operation

## Definition (Deconvolution layer):

The **Deconvolution** (also commonly referred to as **Transposed Convolution**, or **Fractionally Strided Convolution**) layer is used to **upsample the input feature map** to a **desired output feature map** using **some learnable parameters**.

Works as a convolution, multiply input with kernel elements but copy output in multiple locations to upsample.





# Deconvolution operation

The **Deconvolution layer** consists of a simple matrix multiplication.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 5 \\ 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 6 \\ 0 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 7 + 3 \cdot 8 \\ 0 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 6 + 2 \cdot 8 + 3 \cdot 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 31 \\ 43 \\ 49 \end{bmatrix}$$

Convolution with 2x2 kernel as a linear mapping

Flattened 3x3 input image

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 31 \\ 43 & 49 \end{bmatrix}$$

Input

Kernel

Output

Convolution operator

# Deconvolution operation

Deconvolution layers are trainable layers, which allow to upsample an input (as opposed to downsampling Convolution layers).

They are easily implemented on PyTorch, using the **ConvTranspose** types of layers (exists in 1D, 2D, and n-D if needed).

```
1 # A standard 2D Convolution
2 conv = nn.Conv2d(in_channels = 8, \
3                  out_channels = 8, \
4                  kernel_size = 5)
```

```
1 x = torch.randn(2, 8, 64, 64)
2 print(x.shape)
```

```
torch.Size([2, 8, 64, 64])
```

```
1 y = conv(x)
2 print(y.shape)
```

```
torch.Size([2, 8, 60, 60])
```

```
1 # A deconvolution layer
2 convt = nn.ConvTranspose2d(in_channels = 8, \
3                             out_channels = 8, \
4                             kernel_size = 5)
5 z = convt(y)
6 print(z.shape)
```

```
torch.Size([2, 8, 64, 64])
```

# Deconvolution operation

Deconvolution layers are trainable layers, which allow to upsample an input (as opposed to downsampling Convolution layers).

**Important note:** Deconvolution is NOT the inverse operation of Convolution, mathematically speaking!

```
1 # Comparing the first line of x and z
2 print(x[0, 0, 0])
3 print(z[0, 0, 0])
```

```
tensor([-1.2188,  0.2657, -1.3329, -0.4168, -0.6341,  1.1183, -0.5112,  0.7523,
         0.6789,  1.0619, -1.1984,  1.2694, -0.4343,  1.3192, -1.7979, -1.0675,
        -1.1264, -0.1616, -0.7532,  0.1439,  0.3421,  0.2679, -0.7575, -0.1454,
        -0.6408,  1.6836,  0.4977, -0.0429,  0.8867, -0.7273,  0.0034, -1.8623,
         0.9508,  0.2095,  2.2252,  1.4001, -1.1226,  0.2137,  0.9925, -0.5685,
         1.2946,  0.0808, -0.3045,  1.0974, -1.4405, -0.4726,  1.5628, -0.4525,
         0.1548, -0.9152,  0.6577, -0.0264, -0.8594,  0.8746,  0.5634, -0.2501,
         0.8192,  0.4786, -0.4876, -0.8358, -1.4187,  0.7590, -0.6741, -0.5103])
tensor([ 0.1368, -0.0531, -0.0926, -0.1074, -0.0481, -0.1166, -0.2710,  0.0608,
         0.2051, -0.2144,  0.0303, -0.0265,  0.2279, -0.0527,  0.0277, -0.0830,
        -0.0043,  0.0161,  0.0875, -0.1546,  0.1444, -0.1395,  0.1548,  0.1265,
        -0.1966, -0.0479,  0.0851, -0.1487, -0.3349,  0.2991, -0.1975,  0.0677,
         0.1445,  0.1438, -0.3004, -0.1749, -0.0758,  0.1199, -0.1008, -0.0129,
        -0.0192,  0.0156, -0.1973, -0.2705, -0.1303,  0.0219, -0.0135, -0.2100,
         0.2152,  0.0296,  0.0122, -0.3307, -0.0893, -0.4357,  0.0294,  0.0351,
         0.0635, -0.0181,  0.0719, -0.0090,  0.1576,  0.0166,  0.0040,  0.0209])
grad_fn=<SelectBackward>)
```

# Deconvolution operation

- Deconvolution also works with additional parameters, such as **stride** and **padding**.
- They might also take an additional parameter, known as **output padding**: while standard padding is applied to the input elements, **output padding** is simply an **additional size added to one side of each dimension in the output shape**.

```
1 # A deconvolution layer with padding
2 convt = nn.ConvTranspose2d(in_channels = 16, \
3                             out_channels = 8, \
4                             kernel_size = 5, \
5                             padding = 2)
6 x = torch.randn(32, 16, 64, 64)
7 y = convt(x)
8 print(y.shape)
```

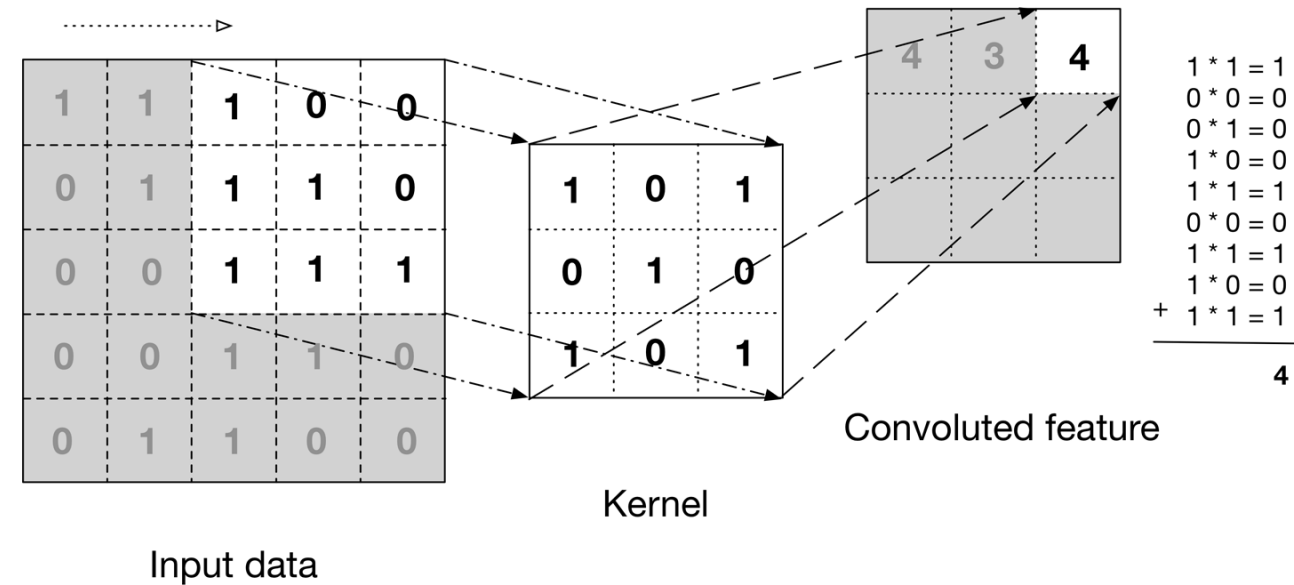
```
torch.Size([32, 8, 64, 64])
```

```
1 # A deconvolution layer with stride and padding
2 convt = nn.ConvTranspose2d(in_channels = 16, \
3                             out_channels = 8, \
4                             kernel_size = 5, \
5                             stride = 2, \
6                             output_padding = 1, \
7                             padding = 2)
8 x = torch.randn(32, 16, 64, 64)
9 y = convt(x)
10 print(y.shape)
```

```
torch.Size([32, 8, 128, 128])
```

# Convolution layers (reminder)

- Convolution layers performed transformations of input and output by convolutions.
- **Magic formula:**  
$$\text{output\_size} = (\text{input\_size} + 2 * \text{padding} - \text{kernel\_size} + \text{stride}) / \text{stride}$$
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- Deconvolution layers performed transformations of input and output by upsampling convolutions.
- **Magic formula:**
$$\text{output\_size} = (\text{input\_size} - 1) * \text{stride} - 2 * \text{padding} + \text{kernel\_size} + \text{output\_padding}$$
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# A note on dilation in Deconvolution layers

- Deconvolution layers can also take one additional parameter called dilation.
- **This slightly changes the magic formula into:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{output\_size} = & (\text{input\_size} - 1) * \text{stride} \\ & - 2 * \text{padding} + \text{output\_padding} + 1 \\ & + \text{dilation} * (\text{kernel\_size} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

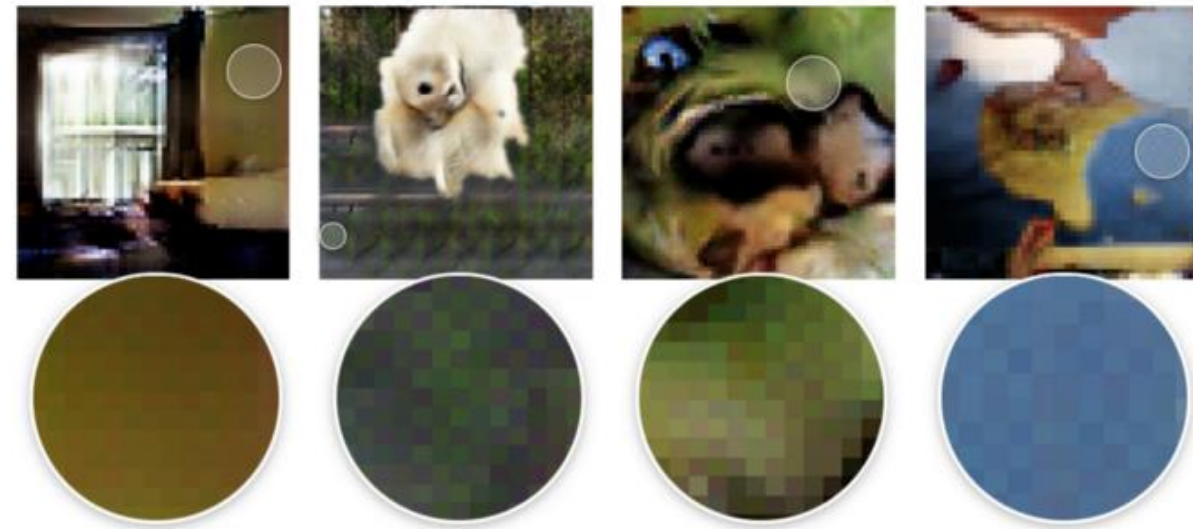
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Note: **dilation** is hard to explain but easily visualized.

([https://github.com/vdumoulin/conv\\_arithmetic/blob/master/README.md](https://github.com/vdumoulin/conv_arithmetic/blob/master/README.md))

# A note on Deconvolution layers

- Transposed convolutions suffer from “chequered” board effects.
- The main cause of this is uneven overlap at some parts of the image causing artifacts.
- This can be fixed, or at least partially reduced, by using a kernel size divisible by the stride, e.g taking a kernel-size of 2x2 or 4x4 when having a stride of 2.





# AutoEncoder with Conv and DeConv layers

- Let us put our Deconvolution layers to use, by replacing the FC layers in our original autoencoder, with Convolutions and Deconvolution ones!

# AutoEncoder with Conv and DeConv layers

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4      def __init__(self, hidden_layer = 7):
5
6          # Init from nn.Module
7          super().__init__()
8
9          # Encoder part will be a simple sequence of Conv2d+ReLU.
10         self.encoder = nn.Sequential(nn.Conv2d(1, 16, 3, stride = 2, padding = 1),
11                                     nn.ReLU(),
12                                     nn.Conv2d(16, 32, 3, stride = 2, padding = 1),
13                                     nn.ReLU(),
14                                     nn.Conv2d(32, 64, hidden_layer))
15
16
17         # Decoder part will be a simple sequence of TransposeConv2d+ReLU.
18         # Finish with Sigmoid
19         self.decoder = nn.Sequential(nn.ConvTranspose2d(64, 32, hidden_layer),
20                                     nn.ReLU(),
21                                     nn.ConvTranspose2d(32, 16, 3, stride = 2, padding = 1, output_padding = 1),
22                                     nn.ReLU(),
23                                     nn.ConvTranspose2d(16, 1, 3, stride = 2, padding = 1, output_padding = 1),
24                                     nn.ReLU())
25
26
27     def forward(self,x):
28
29         # Forward is encoder into decoder
30         x = self.encoder(x)
31         x = self.decoder(x)
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6
7          # Send data to device
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9          img = Variable(img).to(device)
10
11         # Forward pass
12         output = model(img)
13         loss = distance(output, img)
14
15         # Backprop
16         optimizer.zero_grad()
17         loss.backward()
18         optimizer.step()
19
20     # Display
21     print('epoch {}/{}, loss {:.4f}'.format(epoch + 1, num_epochs, loss.item()))
22     outputs_list.append((epoch, img, output),)
23     loss_list.append(loss.item())
```

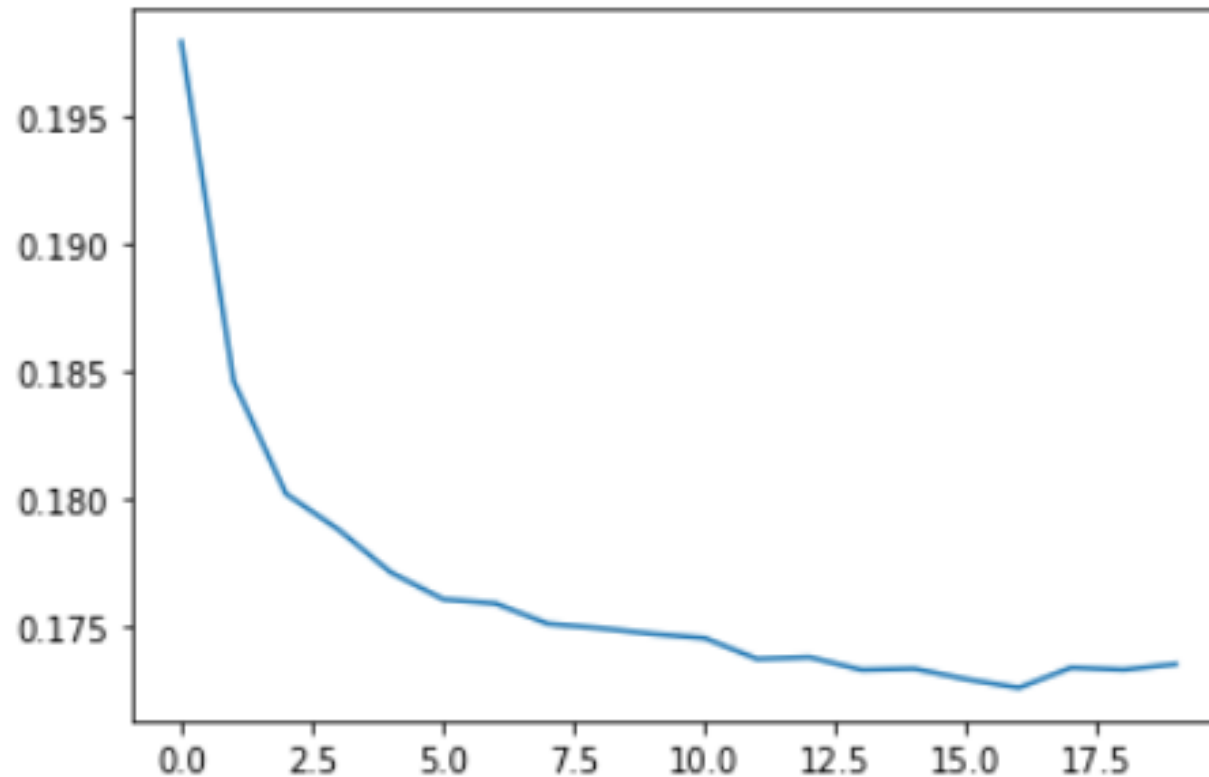
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# AutoEncoder with Conv and DeConv layers

```
1 # Display loss
2 plt.figure()
3 plt.plot(loss_list)
4 plt.show()
```

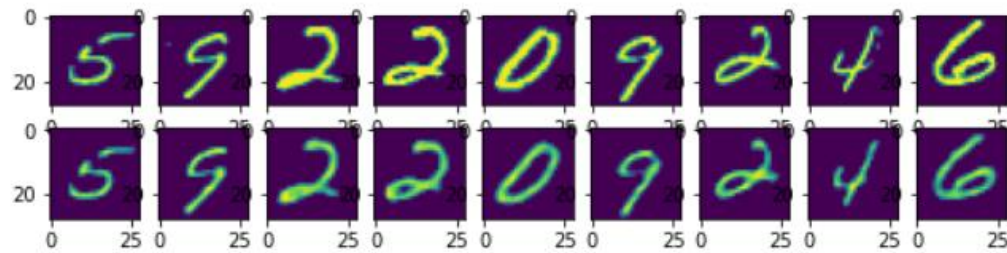


# AutoEncoder with Conv and DeConv layers

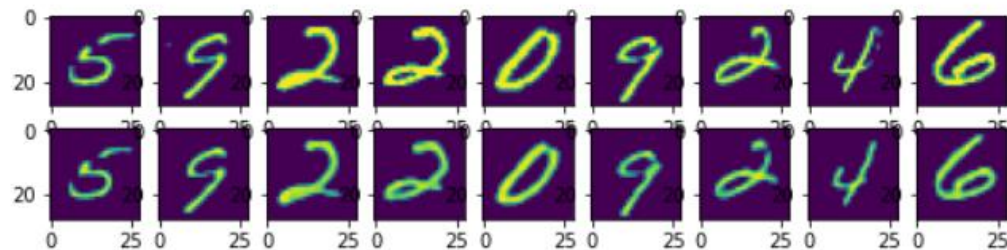
- We can also see the evolution on the outputs being generated during the different iterations of training.

```
1  # Display some outputs
2  for k in range(0, num_epochs, 4):
3      plt.figure(figsize = (9, 2))
4      imgs = outputs_list[k][1].cpu().detach().numpy()
5      recon = outputs_list[k][2].cpu().detach().numpy()
6      for i, item in enumerate(imgs):
7          if i >= 9: break
8          plt.subplot(2, 9, i+1)
9          plt.imshow(item[0])
10
11     for i, item in enumerate(recon):
12         if i >= 9: break
13         plt.subplot(2, 9, 9+i+1)
14         plt.imshow(item[0])
```

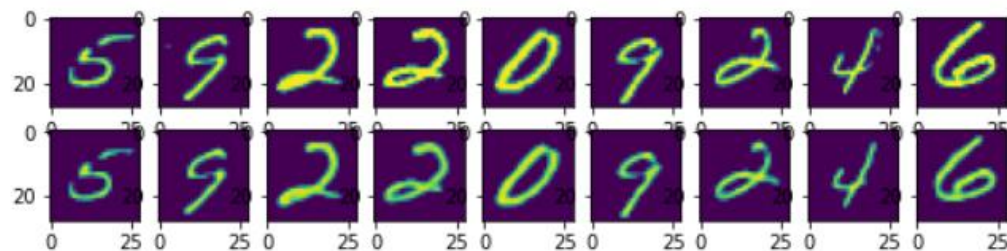
Iteration 5



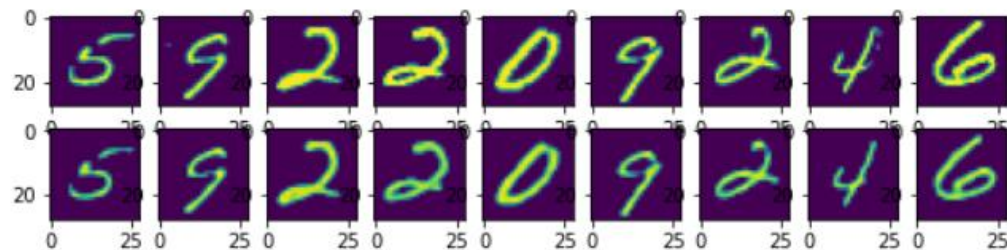
Iteration 10



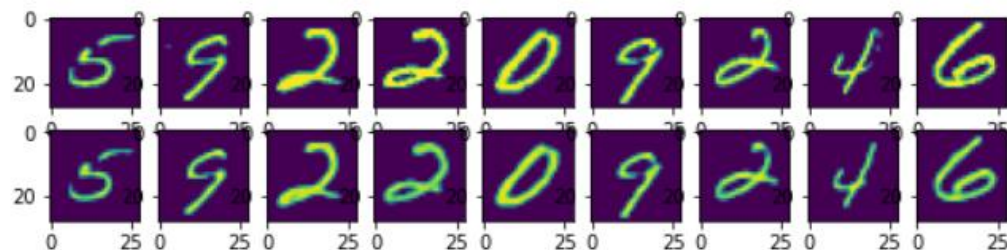
Iteration 15



Iteration 20



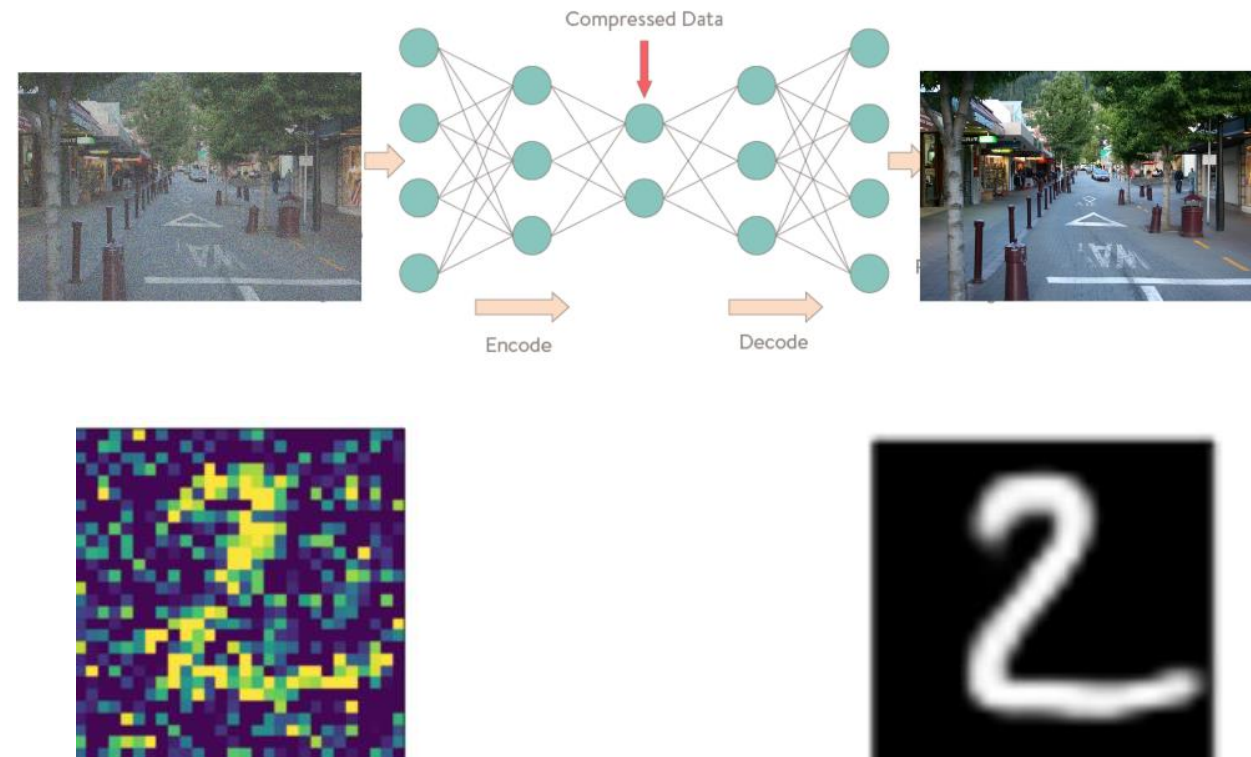
Iteration 25





# AutoEncoders for Signal Denoising

- On top of their ability to encode an input into a low-dimension latent vectors, the AutoEncoders can be used for...
- **Denoising images:** the autoencoder will simply focus on keeping the most important features of the image and will likely drop the noise present in the image.
- **This can be used to protect against Noising Attacks!**



# AutoEncoders for Supersizing Images

- On top of their ability to encode an input into a low-dimension latent vectors, the AutoEncoders can be used for...
- **Supersizing images:** the autoencoder will simply attempt to reconstruct the missing pixels in the image to increase its resolution.



Ground Truth



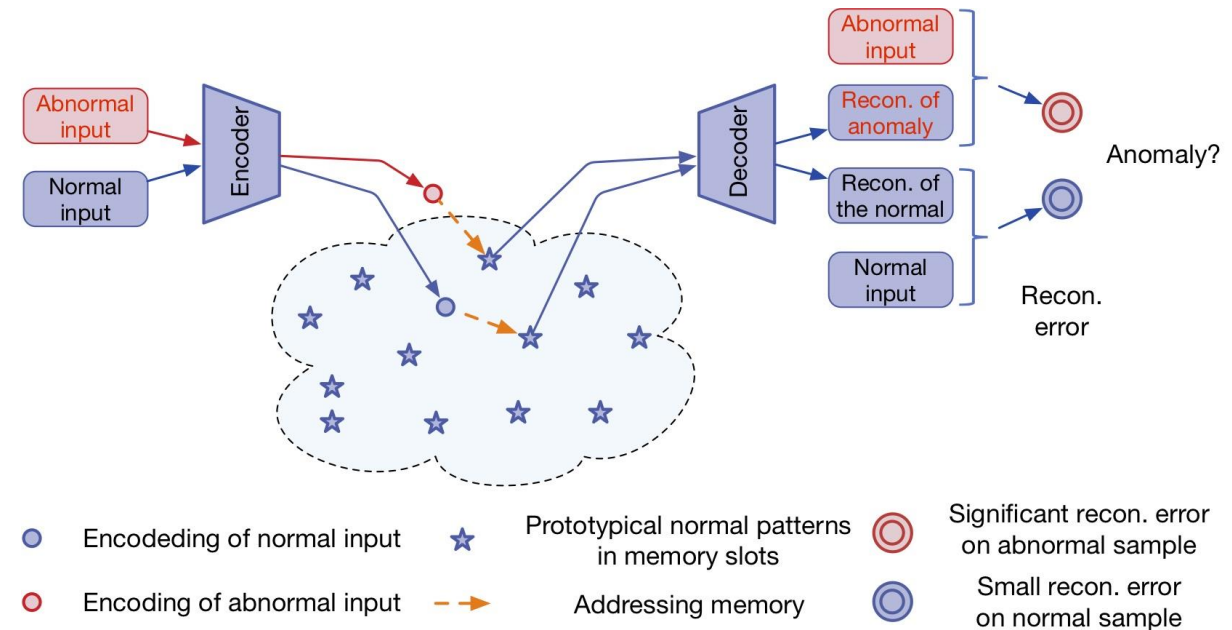
Downsample, and then pixelate  
with Nearest Neighbors



Output (super resolution)

# AutoEncoders for Anomaly Detection

- On top of their ability to encode an input into a low-dimension latent vectors, the AutoEncoders can be used for...
- **Anomaly detection:** There are many ways and techniques to detect anomalies and outliers. However, if you have correlated input data, the autoencoder method will work very well because the encoding operation relies on the correlated features to compress the data.



# Conclusion

## In this lecture

- Autoencoders definition
- Autoencoders with fully connected layers
- Fractionally strided convolution layers
- Autoencoders with convolutions and deconvolutions
- Autoencoder uses

## In the next lectures

- Variational Autoencoder and noisy latent representations
- Generative Adversarial Networks
- More advanced GANs

# Learn more about these topics

Out of class, for those of you who are curious

- None for now!