



# Autoencoding any Data through Kernel Autoencoders

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- **Representation 3:** (BMI=20.24, family background, ...) → Diabetes occurrence prediction facilitated

# Representation Learning

- **Feature engineering:** implies domain experts
- **Feature learning / Representation learning:** automate the processus



**Figure 1:** Machine Learning Pipeline



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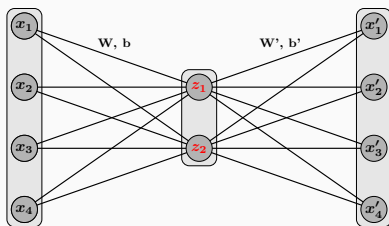
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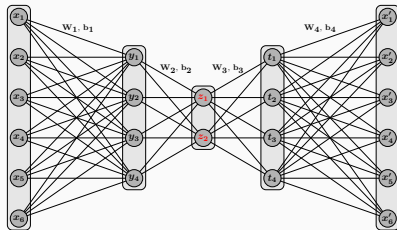
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# Autoencoders (AEs): Principle

- **Idea:** compress and reconstruct input by a Neural Net (NN)
- Elementary mapping:  $f : [0, 1]^d \rightarrow [0, 1]^p$  such that
$$f(x) = \sigma(Wx + b), \quad W \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times d}, b \in \mathbb{R}^p$$
- **NN:** composition of such mappings.  $y = f_L \circ \dots \circ f_1(x)$
- **AE:** output  $x'$  must match input  $x$



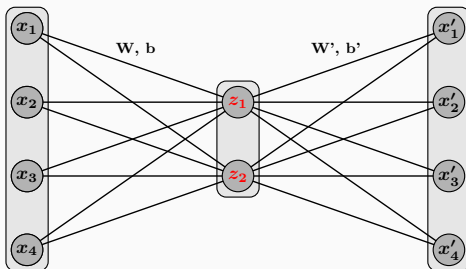
(a) 1 hidden layer AE



(b) 3 hidden layers AE

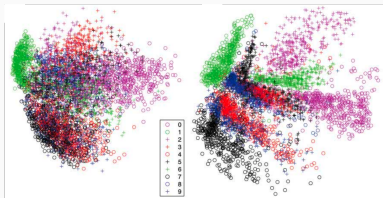
# Autoencoders: Training

- $z = f_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}}(x) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}x + \mathbf{b})$      $x' = f_{\mathbf{W}', \mathbf{b}'}(z) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}'z + \mathbf{b}')$
- $\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \|x - x'\|^2 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \left\| x - f_{\mathbf{W}', \mathbf{b}'} \circ f_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}}(x) \right\|^2$
- Optimal encoding  $z^* = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^*x + \mathbf{b}^*)$

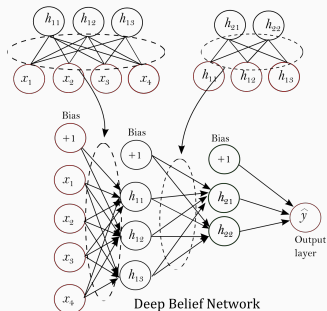


# Autoencoders: Uses

- Data compression (PCA) [*Bourlard 1988, Hinton 2006*]
- Pre-training of neural networks [*Bengio & al. 2007*]
- Denoising [*Vincent, Larochelle & al. 2010*]



(c) PCA / AE

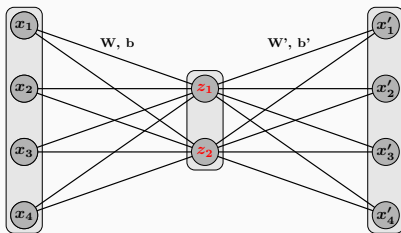


(d) Pre-training by AE

# Autoencoders: Summary

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$$\min_{f_l \in \text{NN}_{\text{em}}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| x_i - f_L \circ \dots \circ f_1(x_i) \right\|^2$$

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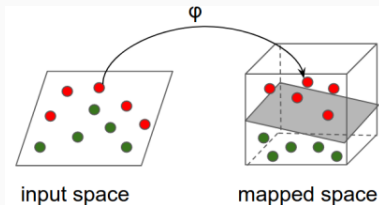
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## Kernel Methods: Definitions

- $k : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- $\forall (x, x') \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}, \quad k(x, x') = k(x', x) \quad (\text{symmetry})$
- $\sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_i k(x_i, x_j) \alpha_j = \alpha^T K \alpha \geq 0 \quad (\text{positiveness})$
- $\exists \mathcal{H}_k$  Hilbert,  $\varphi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_k, \quad k(x, x') = \left\langle \varphi(x), \varphi(x') \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k}$
- $\mathcal{H}_k = \overline{\text{Span}\{\varphi(x), x \in \mathcal{X}\}} \quad (\text{RKHS})$

# Kernel Methods: Kernelization of the Ridge Regression



$$X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- $\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \|Y - X\beta\|^2 + 2n\lambda\|\beta\|^2$
- $\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sum_i (y_i - \langle x_i, \beta \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^p})^2 + 2n\lambda\|\beta\|_{\mathbb{R}^p}^2$
- $\min_{\omega \in \mathcal{H}_k} \sum_i (y_i - \langle \phi(x_i), \omega \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k})^2 + 2n\lambda\|\omega\|_{\mathcal{H}_k}^2 \quad \omega^* = \sum_j \phi(x_j) \alpha_j^*$
- $\min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|Y - K\alpha\|^2 + 2n\lambda\alpha^T K \alpha$



# Kernel Methods: Summary

- ①  $\min_{f_l \in \text{NN}_{\text{em}}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - f_L \circ \dots \circ f_1(x_i)\|^2$
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Kernelization of a problem:  $x \longleftrightarrow \varphi(x)$

- ③ is computable as long as dot products only are involved
- ④ allows to deal with non-vectorial data

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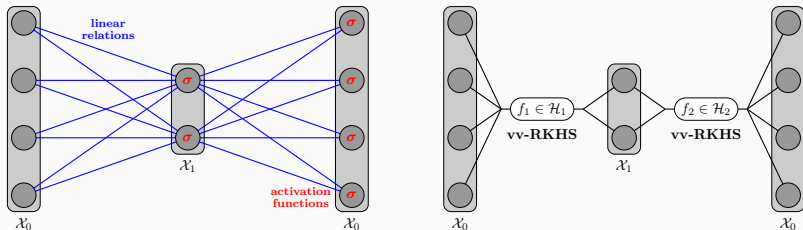
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**Figure 2:** Standard and Kernel 2-layer Autoencoders

## Formally

$$\mathbf{AE} : \min_{f_l \in \mathbf{NN}_{\text{em}}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| x_i - f_L \circ \dots \circ f_1(x_i) \right\|_{\mathcal{X}_0}^2$$

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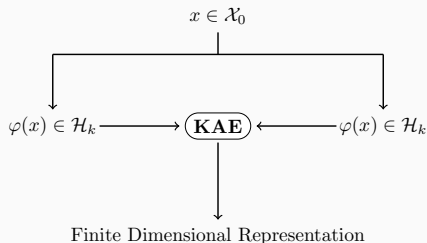
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3. Interesting Hilbert: (kernel) feature space

# Autoencoding any data

$$\mathbf{K^2AE}: \min_{f_l \in \mathbf{vv-RKHS}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \varphi(x_i) - f_L \circ \dots \circ f_1(\varphi(x_i)) \right\|_{\mathcal{H}_0}^2 + \sum_{l=1}^L \lambda_l \|f_l\|_{\mathcal{H}_l}^2$$



**Figure 3:** Autoencoding on any  $\mathcal{X}_0$



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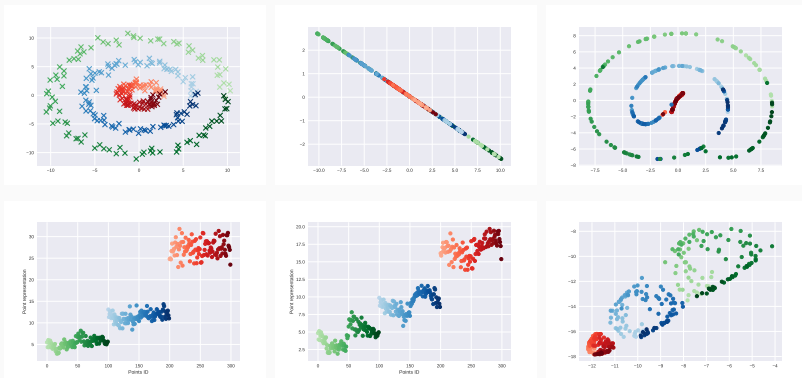
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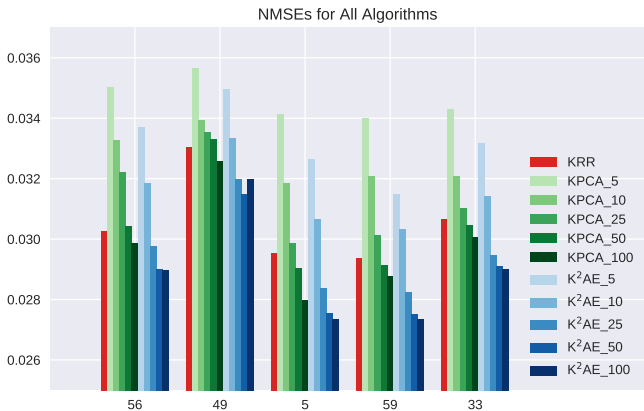
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# Concentric Circles



**Figure 4:** KAE performance on concentric circles

# Molecular data (graph)



**Figure 5:** Performance of the different strategies on 8 cancer

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- Flexible tool for Representation Learning
- Advantages from AEs and Kernel Methods
- Extension of standard AEs to any type of data
- Parallel with Kernel PCA
- Combine with a supervised criterion
- Consider another loss / optimization strategy

Preprint available at: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1805.11028>