Auto-encoders

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Summary



Learning Goals

Understand the motivation behind auto-encoders

Learn different ways to design an auto-encoder model

Learn potential applications of auto-encoders



Auto-encoders

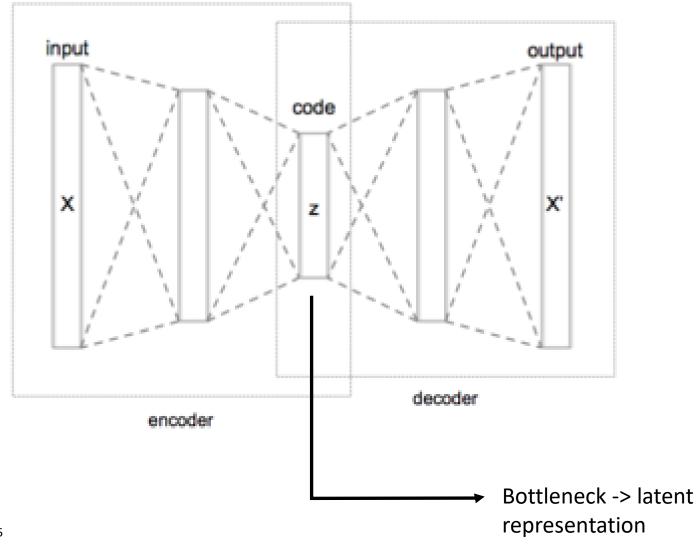
Unsupervised method (i.e., no labelled data)

Used to learn a representation of your data

 Often the learned representation is in a lower-dimensional space than your input data



Auto-encoder



Encoder \Rightarrow f Decoder \Rightarrow g

$$Z = f(X)$$

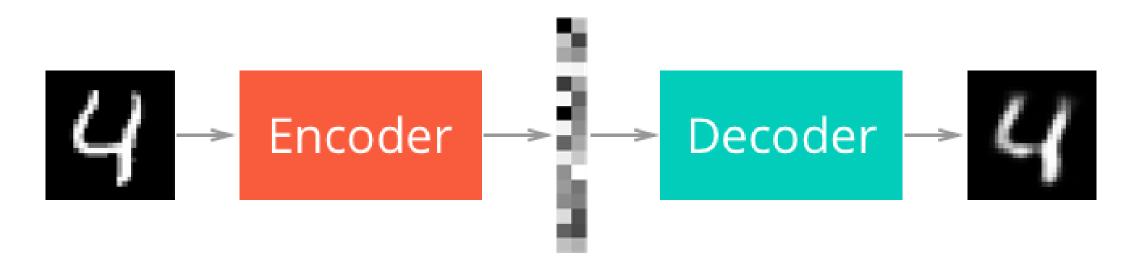
 $X' = g(Z)$

Objectives: X≈X'

- Mean squared error
- -Mean absolute error



MNIST Auto-encoder



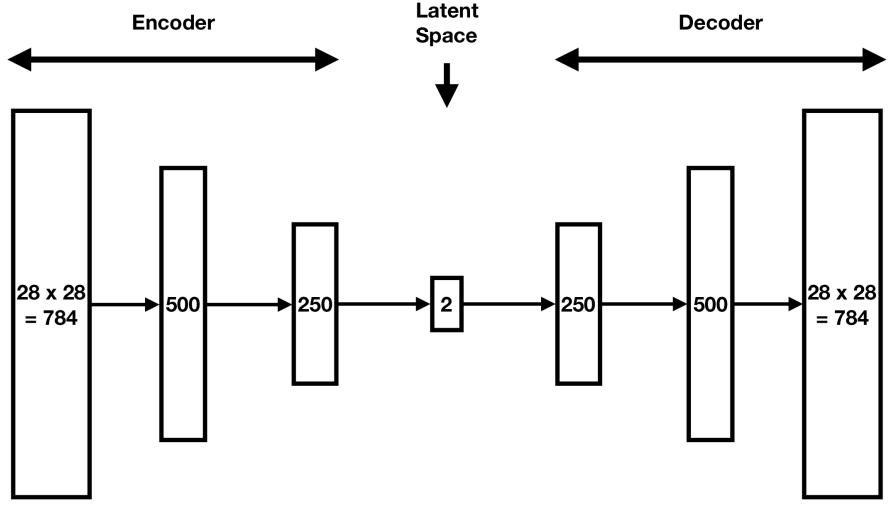
Original

Compressed (latent space)

Reconstruction

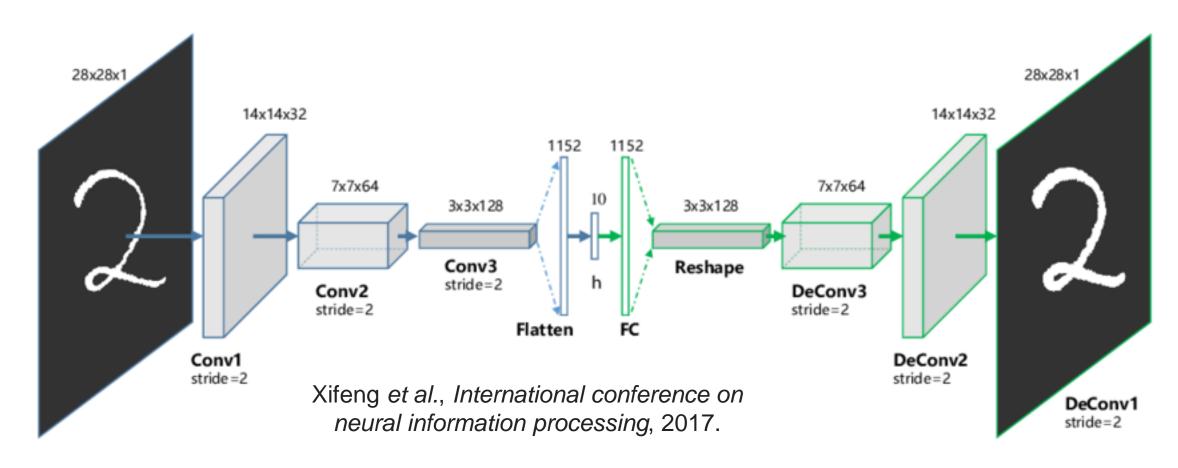


Fully Connected Auto-Encoder





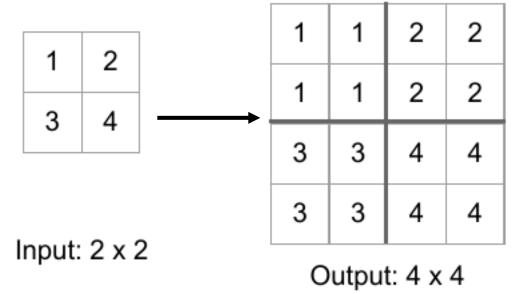
Convolutional Auto-encoder





Up Sampling

- Opposite effect of max-pooling
- Many ways to do it
- Simplest way is nearest neighbor interpolation
- UpSampling2D -> <u>Keras layer</u>





Auto-encoder Applications

- Learning representations
- Data compression
- Denoising
- Learning manifolds



Summary

 Auto-encoders are unsupervised methods that can be used to learn data representation

They can be either fully connected models or convolutional models

 They have large applicability for compression, denoising among others



Thank you!

