

- autoencoder model with custom regularization at each layer to learn different properties of the data
- As SAUCIE reduces input dimensionality, regularizations on different layers reveal different representations of the data: for visualization, batch correction, clustering, and denoising.

In order to achieve these representations we use customized regularizations in each layer. We

use the architectural choice of having a two-dimensional bottleneck layer to provide a visualization of the data. We develop a novel batch-level maximal mean discrepancy (MMD)-based

penalty constraint to remove batch effects in the embedding layer. A customized sparse encoding layer featuring our novel information-dimension (ID) regularization provides an automated

clustering of the data with no parametric assumptions on the shape or number of clusters. All

regularizations balance against reconstruction accuracy, which is the basic penalty in an autoencoder that steers the network convergence away from trivial solutions.

Furthermore, this

penalty ensures that the final layer of the network provides reconstructed measurements that

are denoised; in the case of single-cell RNA sequencing data, this layer also naturally imputes

missing values

## Maximum Mean Discrepancy

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- <https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/276497/maximum-mean-discrepancy-distance-distribution>

In general, MMD is defined by the idea of representing distances between distributions as distances between *mean embeddings* of features. That is, say we have distributions  $P$  and  $Q$  over a set  $\mathcal{X}$ . The MMD is defined by a *feature map*  $\varphi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ , where  $\mathcal{H}$  is what's called a reproducing kernel Hilbert space. In general, the MMD is

$$\text{MMD}(P, Q) = \|\mathbb{E}_{X \sim P}[\varphi(X)] - \mathbb{E}_{Y \sim Q}[\varphi(Y)]\|_{\mathcal{H}}.$$

## Kernel methods

- instance based learners -- instead of learning some fixed set of parameters corresponding to the features of their inputs, they instead 'remember' the  $i$ th training

example  $x_i, y_i$  and learn a corresponding weight  $w_i$  for it

- prediction for unlabeled inputs i.e. a data point not in the training set is treated by application of a similarity function  $k$  called a kernel, between the unlabelled  $x'$  and each of the training inputs  $x_i$

116 Specifically, we seek representations in hidden layers that are useful for performing the various

117 analysis tasks associated with single cell data. Here, we introduce several design decisions and

118 novel regularizations to our autoencoder architecture (Figure 1) in order to constrain the learned

119 representations for four key tasks:

120 1. visualization and dimensionality reduction,

121 2. batch correction,

122 3. clustering, and

123 4. denoising and imputation.

<https://web.stanford.edu/class/cs168/l/111.pdf>

Spectral graph theory

$$v^t L v = \sum_{i > j} (v_i - v_j)^2$$

- Laplacian = degree on diagonal, -1 if (i, j) is an edge

- Eigendecomposition of Laplacian
  - number of zero eigenvalues = number of connected components
  - low eigenvalues correspond to eigenvectors that will minimize sum of sq distance -- so neighbours will be assigned similar scores in v - visualization
  - high eigenvalues will seek to max sum of square distance - graph colouring

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