

Modern Generative Models:

Restricted Boltzmann Machines

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RESTRICTED BOLTZMANN MACHINE

- Unsupervised Learning: use only the inputs $\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$ for learning
 - automatically extract meaningful features for data
 - Leverage the availability of unlabeled data
 - Can use negative log-likelihood to learn the underlying feature
- We will see 2 neural networks for unsupervised learning
 - **Restricted Boltzmann Machines**
 - Variational Autoencoders

GENERATIVE MODELS

- Given training data, we want to generate new samples from the same distribution



Training data $\sim p_{\text{data}}(x)$



Generated samples \sim

$p_{\text{model}}(x)$

Want to learn $p_{\text{model}}(x)$ similar to $p_{\text{data}}(x)$

Figure source: CIFAR-10 dataset (Krizhevsky and Hinton, 2009)

GENERATIVE MODELS

- Why generative models?
 - Realistic samples for artwork, super-resolution, colorization, etc.



- Generative models of time-series data can be used for simulation and planning (reinforcement learning applications!)
- Training generative models can also enable inference of latent representation that can be useful as general features

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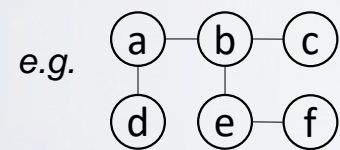
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- Many interesting theoretical results about undirected models depends on the assumption that $\forall x, \tilde{p}(x) > 0$. A convenient way to enforce this condition is to use an **energy-based** model where

$$\tilde{p}(x) = \exp(-E(x))$$

- Normalized probability $\longrightarrow p(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \tilde{p}(x)$

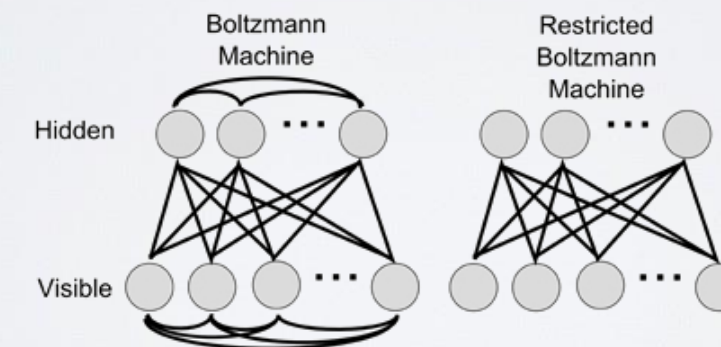
- $E(x)$ is known as the **energy function**
- Any distribution of this form is an example of a Boltzmann distribution. For this reason, many energy-based models are called Boltzmann machines.



$E(a, b, c, d, e, f)$ can be written as
 $E_{a,b}(a,b) + E_{b,c}(b,c) + E_{a,d}(a,d) + E_{b,e}(b,e) + E_{e,f}(e,f)$

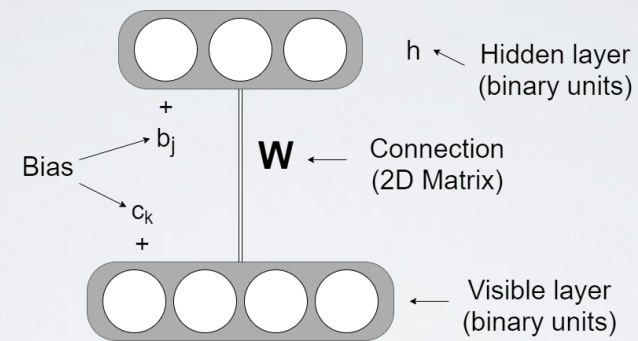
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- **Restricted Boltzmann machines (RBMs)** are undirected probabilistic graphical models containing a layer of observable variables and a single layer of latent variables
- RBM is a bipartite graph, with no connections permitted between any variables in the observed layer or between any units in the latent layer



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Structure:



Energy function: $E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) = -\mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{h}$

$$= -\sum_j \sum_k W_{j,k} h_j x_k - \sum_k c_k x_k - \sum_j b_j h_j$$

Distribution: $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) = \exp(-E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})) / Z$

partition function
(intractable)

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Markov network view



$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) = \exp(-E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})) / Z$$

$$= \exp(\mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{h}) / Z$$

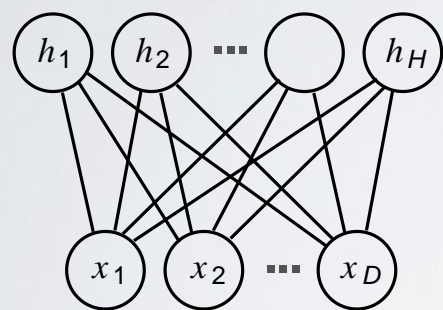
$$= \underbrace{\exp(\mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x}) \exp(\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x}) \exp(\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{h})}_{\text{Factors}} / Z$$

Factors

The notation based on an energy function is simply an alternative to the representation as the product of factors

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$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_j \prod_k \exp(W_{j,k} h_j x_k) \quad \text{pair-wise factors}$$

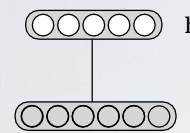
$$\prod_k \exp(c_k x_k) \quad \text{Unary Factors}$$

$$\prod_j \exp(b_j h_j) \quad \text{Unary Factors}$$

The scalar visualization is more informative of the structure within the vectors

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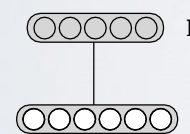
Conditional Distribution:



$$p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}) = \prod_j p(h_j|\mathbf{x})$$

$$p(h_j = 1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(b_j + \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x}))}$$

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 &= \frac{\exp(\mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{h}) / Z}{\sum_{\mathbf{h}' \in \{0,1\}^H} \exp(\mathbf{h}'^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{h}') / Z} \\
 &= \frac{\exp\left(\sum_j h_j \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_j h_j\right)}{\sum_{h'_1 \in \{0,1\}} \cdots \sum_{h'_H \in \{0,1\}} \exp\left(\sum_j h'_j \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_j h'_j\right)}
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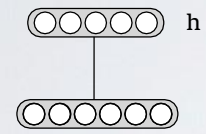
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&= \frac{\prod_j \exp(h_j \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_j h_j)}{\prod_j (1 + \exp(b_j + \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x}))} \\
&= \prod_j \frac{\exp(h_j \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_j h_j)}{1 + \exp(b_j + \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x})} \\
&= \prod_j p(h_j | \mathbf{x})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(h_j = 1 | \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{\exp(b_j + \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x})}{1 + \exp(b_j + \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x})} \\
&= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-b_j - \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x})} \\
&= \text{sigm}(b_j + \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x})
\end{aligned}$$

FREE ENERGY

What about $p(x)$?



$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \{0,1\}^H} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \{0,1\}^H} \exp(-E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})) / Z \\
 &= \exp\left(\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} + \sum_{j=1}^H \log(1 + \exp(b_j + \mathbf{W}_{j \cdot} \mathbf{x}))\right) / Z \\
 &= \exp(-F(\mathbf{x})) / Z
 \end{aligned}$$

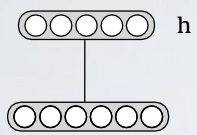
Free Energy

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(x) &= \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \{0,1\}^H} \exp(\mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{h}) / Z \\
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&= \exp(\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x}) (1 + \exp(b_1 + \mathbf{W}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x})) \cdots (1 + \exp(b_H + \mathbf{W}_H \cdot \mathbf{x})) / Z
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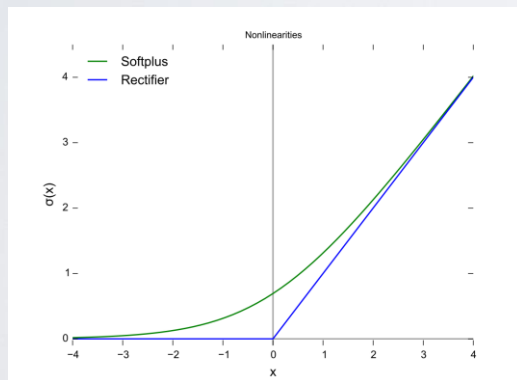
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&= \exp\left(\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} + \sum_{j=1}^H \log(1 + \exp(b_j + \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x}))\right) / Z
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FREE ENERGY



$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \exp \left(\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} + \sum_{j=1}^H \log(1 + \exp(b_j + \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x})) \right) / Z$$

$$= \exp \left(\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} + \sum_{j=1}^H \text{softplus}(b_j + \mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x}) \right) / Z$$



$\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x}$: Bias the probability of \mathbf{x}
 b_j : Bias of each feature
 $\mathbf{W}_j \cdot \mathbf{x}$: Feature expected in \mathbf{x}

Training

Training objective

To train an RBM, we minimize the average negative log-likelihood (NLL)

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_t l(f(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_t -\log p(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})$$

$$\log p(x^{(t)}) = \log \left(\sum_h p(x^{(t)}, h) \right)$$

$$= \log \left(\sum_h \frac{\exp(-E(x^{(t)}, h))}{Z} \right)$$

$$= \log \left(\sum_h \exp(-E(x^{(t)}, h)) \right) - \log Z$$

We'd like to proceed by stochastic gradient descent

$$\frac{\partial -\log p(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})}{\partial \theta} = \underbrace{E_{\mathbf{h}} \left[\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} \mid \mathbf{x}^{(t)} \right]}_{\text{Positive Phase}} - \underbrace{E_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}} \left[\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} \right]}_{\text{Negative Phase}}$$

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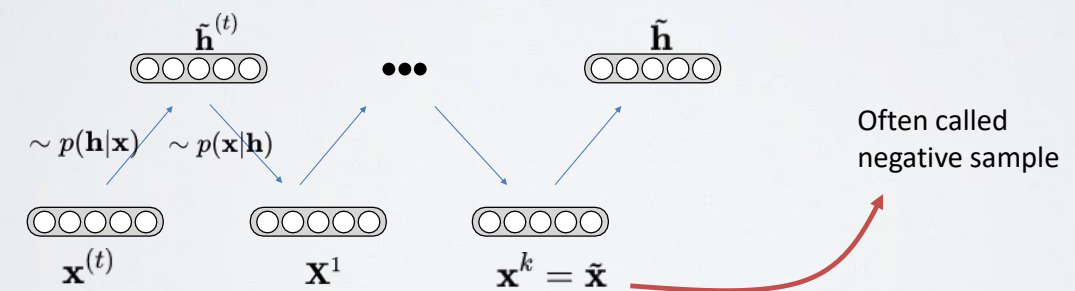
Hard to compute

Contrastive Divergence (CD)

(Hinton, Neural Computation, 2002)

Idea:

1. obtain the point $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$ by Gibbs sampling
2. start sampling chain at $\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$
3. replace the expectation by a point estimate at $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$



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Parameter Update

Derivation of $\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta}$ for $\theta = W_{jk}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial W_{jk}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{jk}} \left(-\sum_{jk} W_{jk} h_j x_k - \sum_k c_k x_k - \sum_j b_j h_j \right) \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial W_{jk}} \sum_{jk} W_{jk} h_j x_k \\ &= -h_j x_k\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) = -\mathbf{h}\mathbf{x}^\top$$

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Derivation of $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h}} \left[\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} \mid \mathbf{x} \right]$ for $\theta = W_{jk}$

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If we define:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) &= \begin{pmatrix} p(h_1 = 1 | \mathbf{x}) \\ \dots \\ p(h_H = 1 | \mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{sigm}(\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h}} [\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) | \mathbf{x}] = -\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{x}^{\top}$$

Parameter Update

Update of \mathbf{W}

Given $\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$, the learning rule of $\theta = \mathbf{W}$ becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W} &\leftarrow \mathbf{W} - \alpha (\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} - \log p(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})) \\ &\leftarrow \mathbf{W} - \alpha (\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h}} [\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} E(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}, \mathbf{h}) | \mathbf{x}^{(t)}] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}} [\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})]) \\ &\leftarrow \mathbf{W} - \alpha (\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h}} [\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} E(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}, \mathbf{h}) | \mathbf{x}^{(t)}] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h}} [\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} E(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{h}) | \tilde{\mathbf{x}}]) \\ &\leftarrow \mathbf{W} + \alpha (\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})\mathbf{x}^{(t)} - \mathbf{h}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{\top}) \end{aligned}$$

CD-K: PSEUDOCODE

Contrastive Divergence:

1. For each training sample $\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$
 - i. Generate a negative sample $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ using k steps of Gibbs sampling, starting at $\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$
 - ii. Update parameters:

$$\mathbf{W} \leftarrow \mathbf{W} + \alpha \left(\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}) \mathbf{x}^{(t)\top} - \mathbf{h}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^\top \right)$$

$$\mathbf{b} \leftarrow \mathbf{b} + \alpha \left(\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}) - \mathbf{h}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \right)$$

$$\mathbf{c} \leftarrow \mathbf{c} + \alpha \left(\mathbf{x}^{(t)} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \right)$$
2. Go back to 1. until stopping criteria is reached

Contrastive Divergence-k

Contrastive Divergence:

- CD-k: contrastive divergence with k iterations of Gibbs sampling
- In general, the bigger k is, the less biased the estimate of the gradient will be
- In practice, k=1 works well for pre-training

Software

- Sci-kit learn
https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.neural_network.BernoulliRBM.html
- Pydbm
<https://pypi.org/project/pydbm/>
- Other self-implemented versions on github

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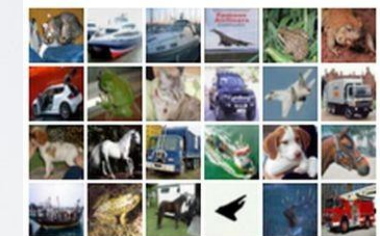
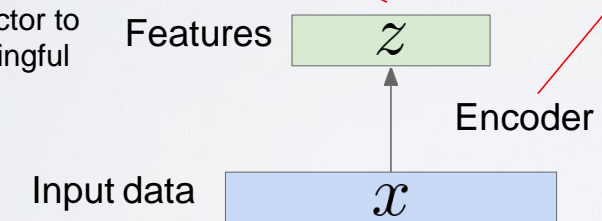
Autoencoders (Recap)

Unsupervised approach for learning a lower-dimensional feature representation from unlabeled training data

\mathbf{z} usually smaller than \mathbf{x}
(dimensionality reduction)

Features vector are generally shorter than input vector to extract meaningful features

Originally: Linear + nonlinearity (sigmoid)
Later: Deep, fully-connected
Later: ReLU CNN

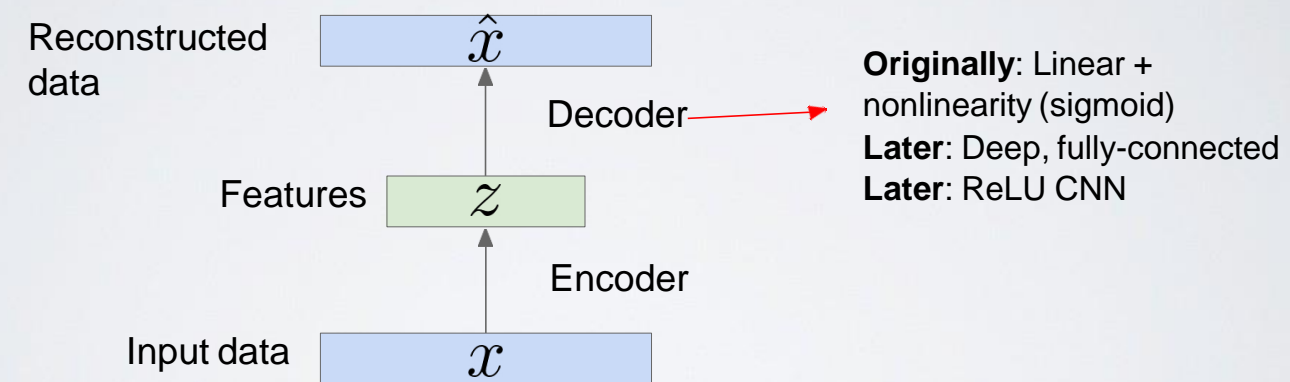


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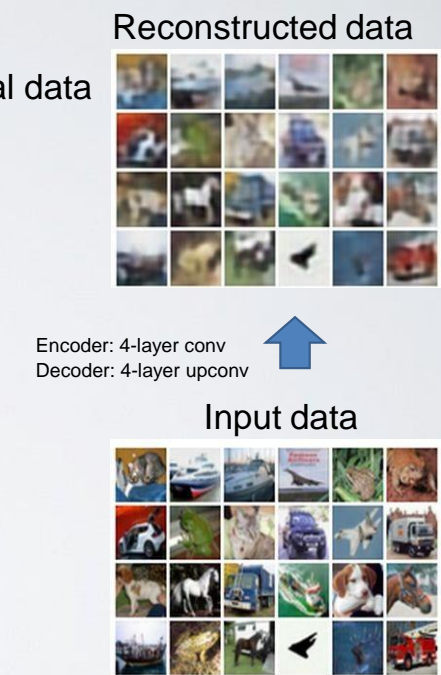
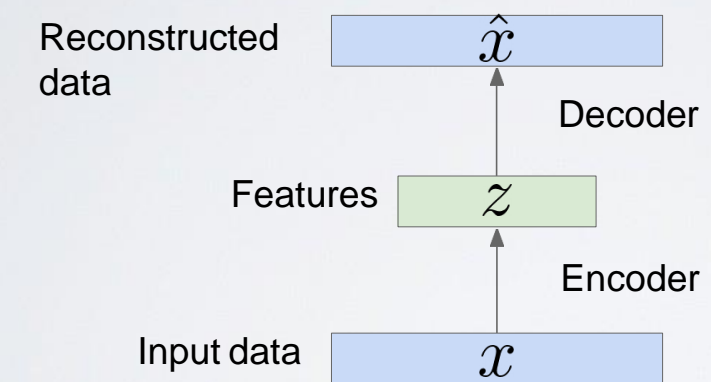


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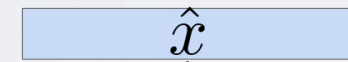
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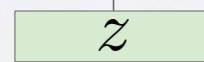
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Function
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Reconstructed
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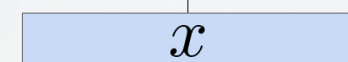
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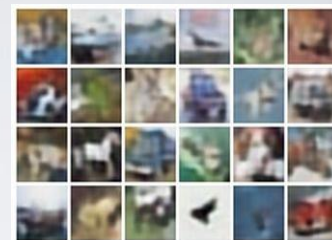


Encoder

Input data



Reconstructed data



Encoder: 4-layer conv
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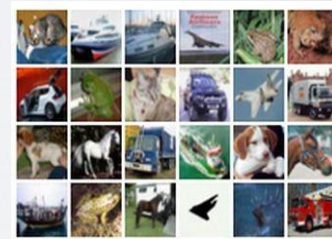


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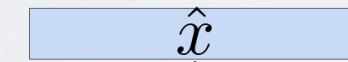
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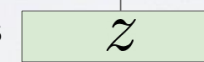
Does not
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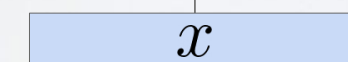
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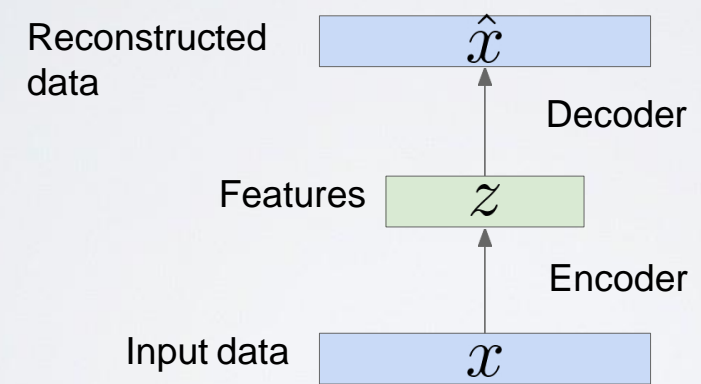
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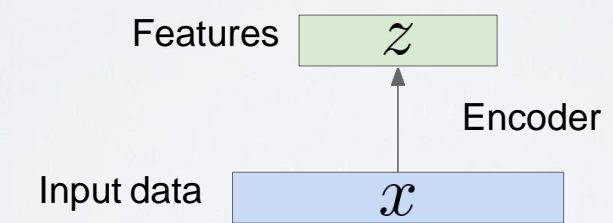
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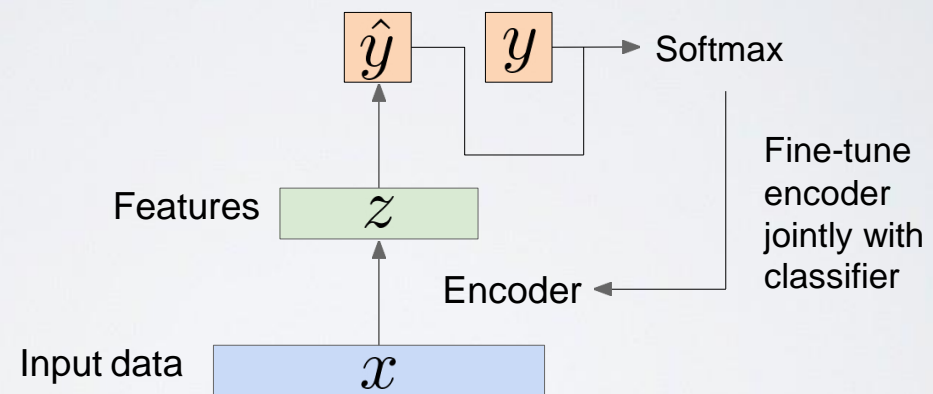
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Throw away decoder after training with reconstruction loss



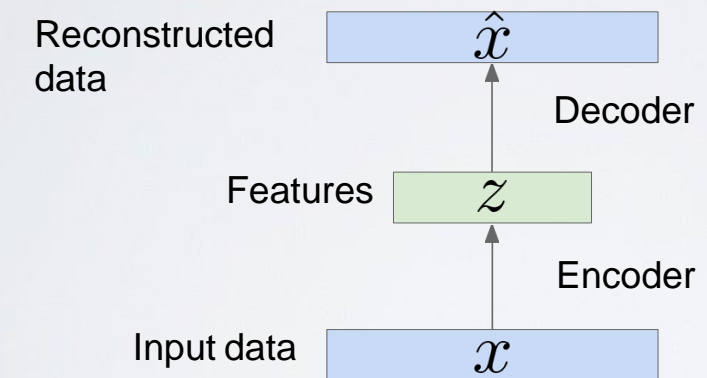
Add label and new loss function (e.g. softmax loss)

Train for final task (sometimes with small data)



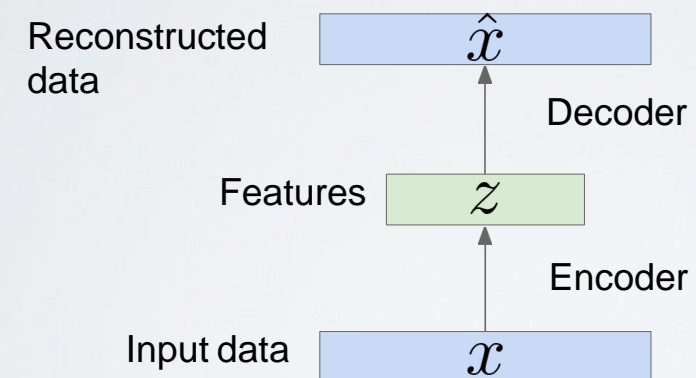
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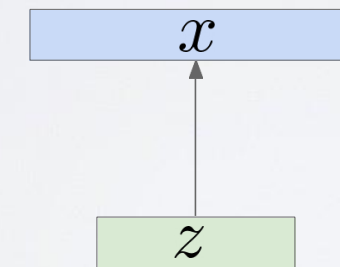
Features capture factors of variation in training data. Can we generate new images from an autoencoder?

Variational Autoencoders

Probabilistic spin on autoencoders - will let us sample from the model to generate data!

Assume training data $\{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$ is generated from underlying unobserved (latent) representation \mathbf{z}

Sample from true conditional $p_{\theta^*}(x|z^{(i)})$



Sample from true prior $p_{\theta^*}(z)$

Intuition (remember from autoencoders!): \mathbf{x} is an image; \mathbf{z} is latent factors used to generate

Variational Autoencoders

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\mathcal{X}

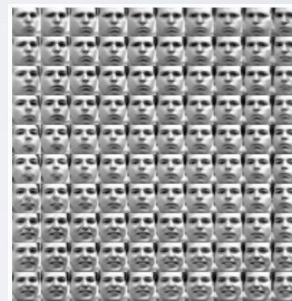
Decoder network

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How should we represent this model?

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Conditional $p(x|z)$ is complex (generates image) => represent with neural network

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Data likelihood

$$p_{\theta}(x) = \int p_{\theta}(z)p_{\theta}(x|z)dz$$

Similar as Restricted Boltzman
Machines, here, we maximize the
data likelihood.

Variational Autoencoders

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Simple
Gaussian Prior

Decoder neural network

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Intractable to compute $p(x|z)$
for every z

Variational Autoencoders

Data likelihood: $p_{\theta}(x) = \int p_{\theta}(z) p_{\theta}(x|z) dz$

Posterior density also intractable: $p_{\theta}(z|x) = p_{\theta}(x|z) p_{\theta}(z) / p_{\theta}(x)$

Because of intractable data likelihood

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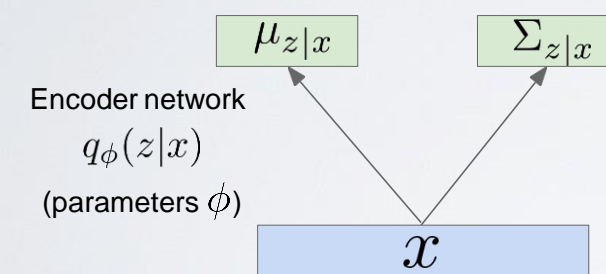
Solution: In addition to decoder network modeling $p_{\theta}(x|z)$, define additional encoder network $q_{\phi}(z|x)$ that approximates $p_{\theta}(z|x)$

Will see that this allows us to derive a lower bound on the data likelihood that is tractable, which we can optimize

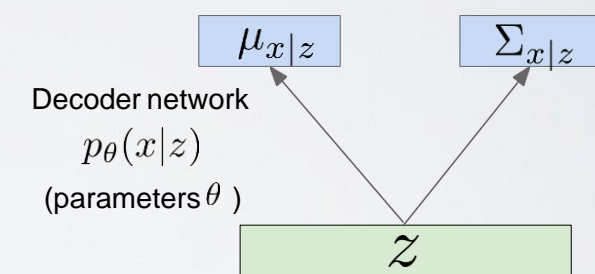
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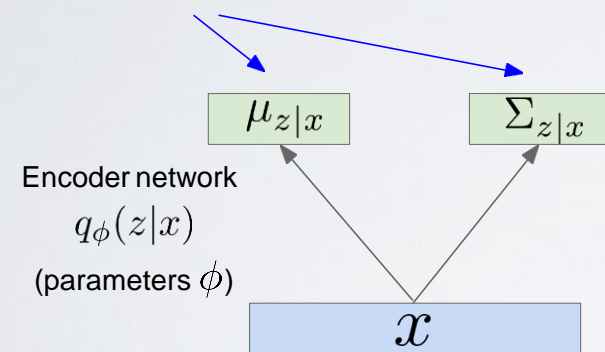


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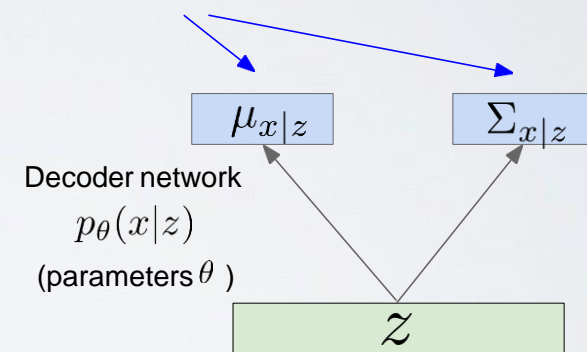
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↑
Taking expectation over z
(using encoder network)
will be helpful later on

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The expectation over z lead to nice KL Divergence form

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$$z = \mu + \sigma \odot \varepsilon \quad = \mathbf{E}_z \left[\log p_{\theta}(x^{(i)}|z) \right] - D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(z|x^{(i)}) \| p_{\theta}(z)) + D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(z|x^{(i)}) \| p_{\theta}(z|x^{(i)}))$$

Decoder network gives $p_{\theta}(x|z)$, can compute estimate of this term through sampling. (Sampling differentiable through reparam. trick, see paper.)

This KL term (between Gaussians for encoder and z prior) has nice closed-form solution!

$p_{\theta}(z|x)$ intractable (saw earlier), can't compute this KL term. But we know KL divergence always ≥ 0 .

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Tractable lower bound which we can take gradient of and optimize! $p_{\theta}(x|z)$ differentiable, KL term differentiable)

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Make approximate posterior distribution close to prior

Variational Autoencoders

Putting it all together: maximizing the likelihood lower bound

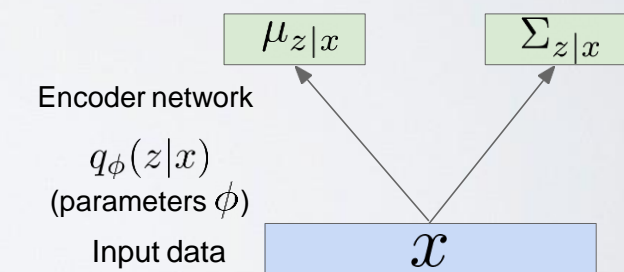
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Let's look at computing the bound (forward pass) for a given minibatch of input

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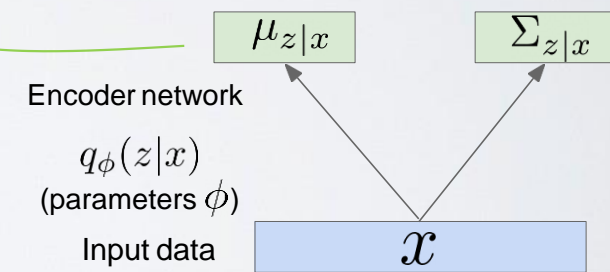


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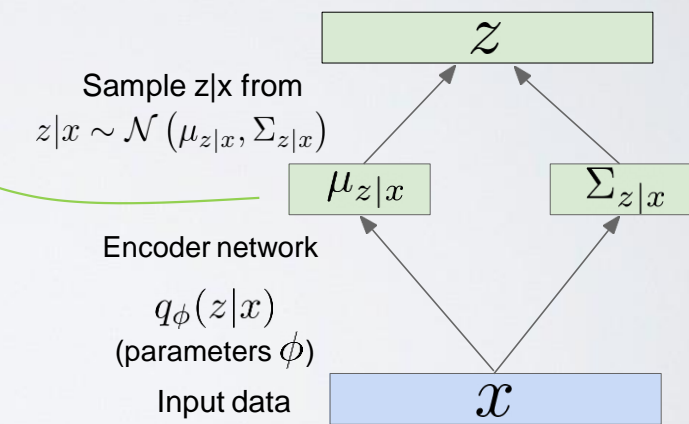


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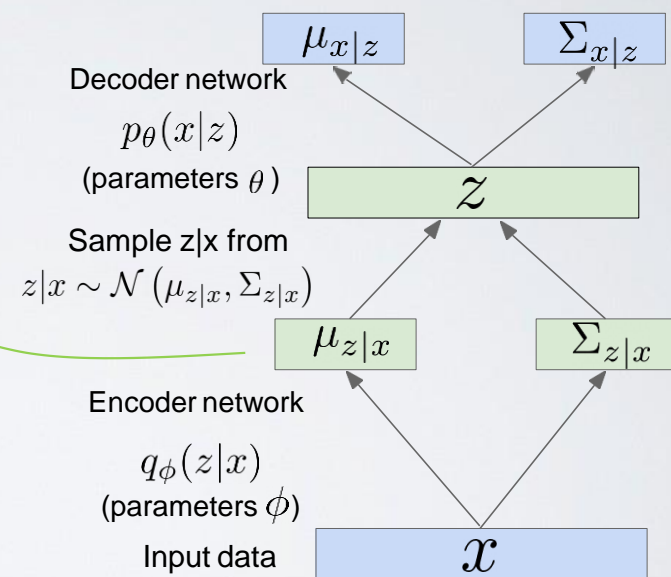
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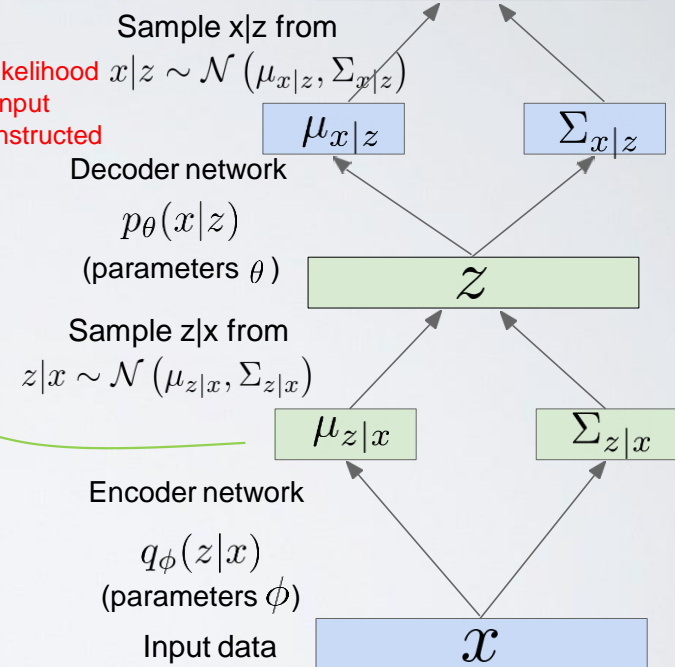
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Maximize likelihood of original input being reconstructed



Variational Autoencoders

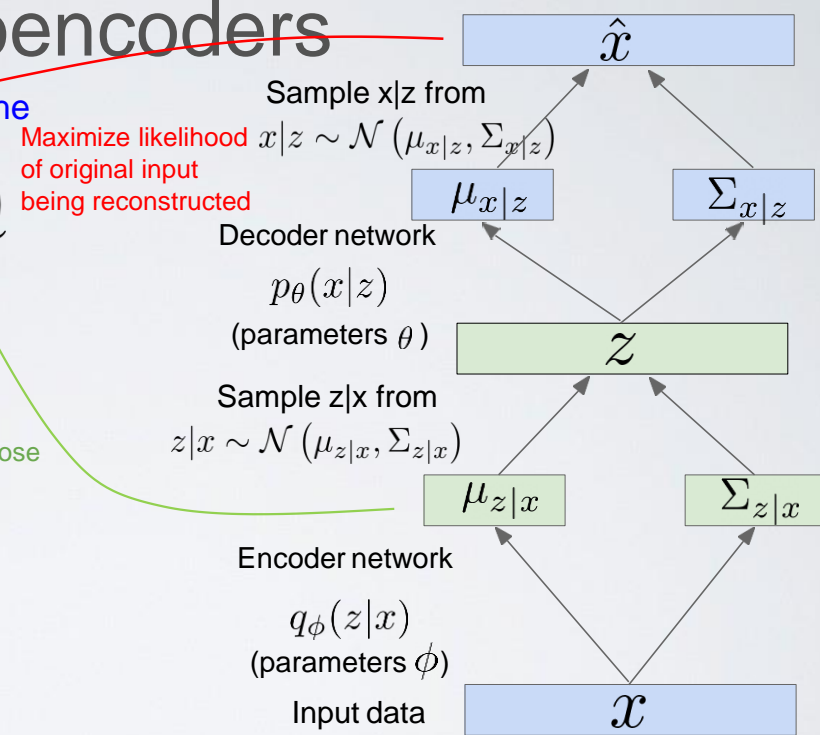
Putting it all together: maximizing the likelihood lower bound

$$\mathbf{E}_z \left[\log p_\theta \left(x^{(i)} | z \right) \right] - D_{KL} \left(q_\phi \left(z | x^{(i)} \right) \| p_\theta(z) \right)$$

$\mathcal{L}(x^{(i)}, \theta, \phi)$

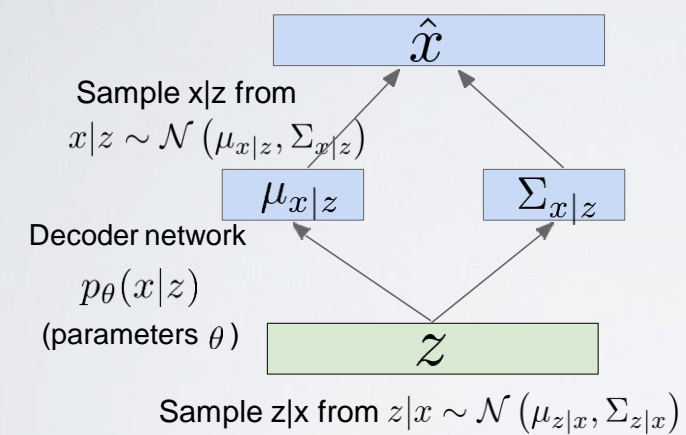
Make approximate posterior distribution close to prior

For every minibatch of input data: compute this forward pass, and then backprop!



VAE: Generate data

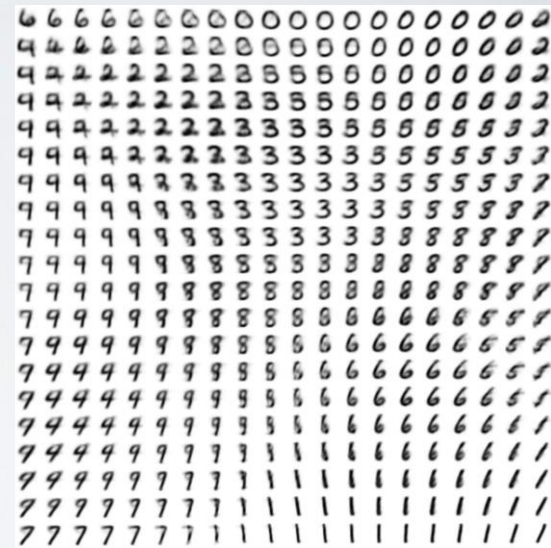
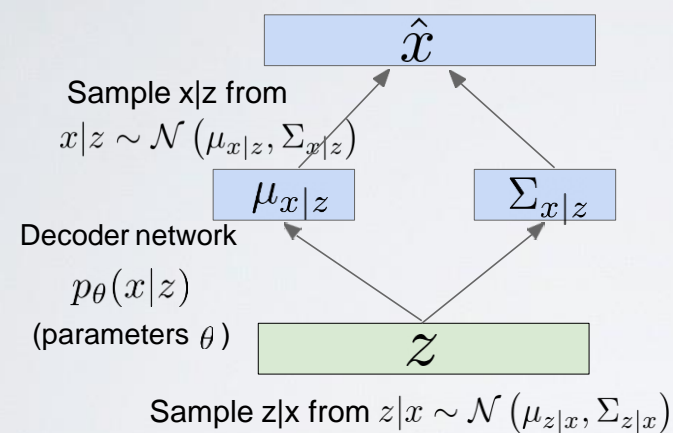
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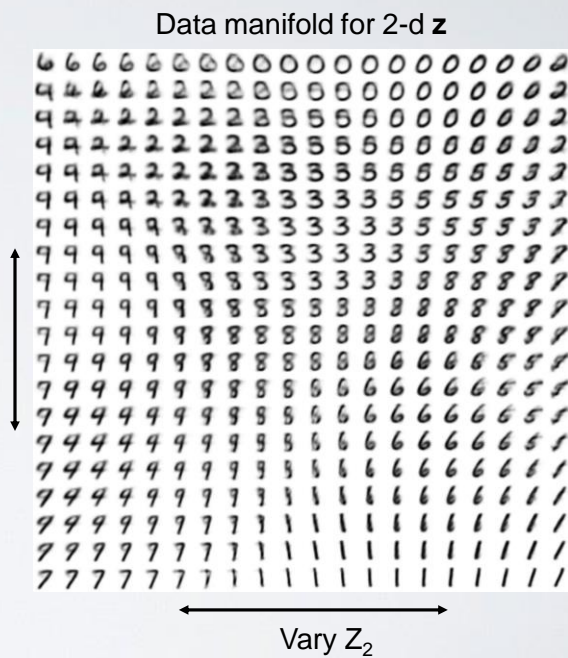
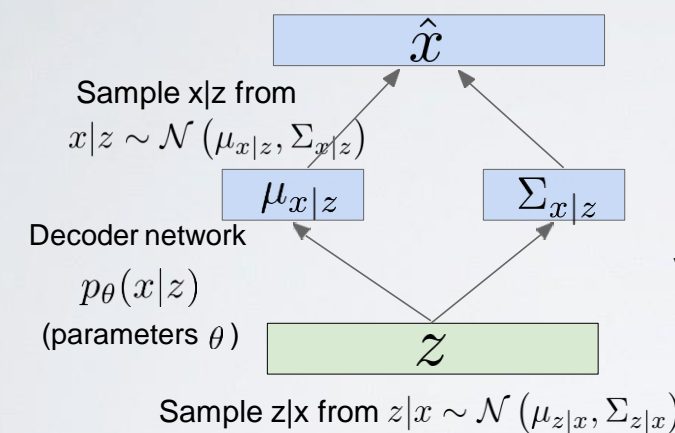
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Degree of smile



Vary Z_2 Head pose

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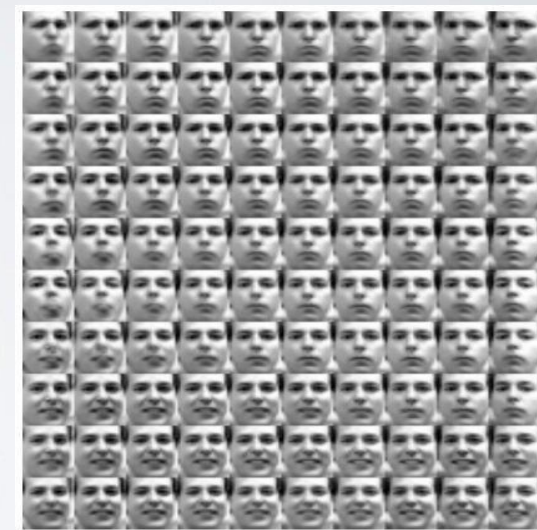
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Also good feature
representation that can
be computed using $q_\phi(z|x)$

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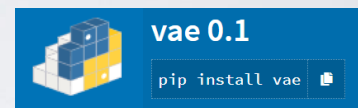


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Softwares

- Vae – PyPI
 - <https://pypi.org/project/vae/>
- Deep learning platforms such as TensorFlow and PyTorch



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