



Autoencoding any Data through Kernel Autoencoders (Alstats 2019)

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

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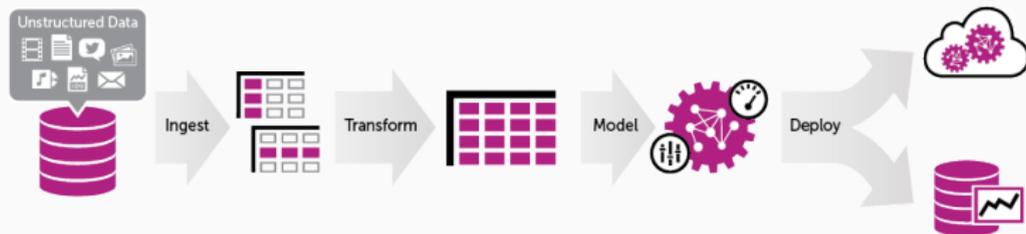
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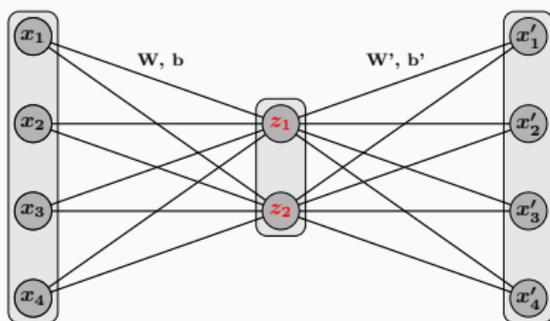
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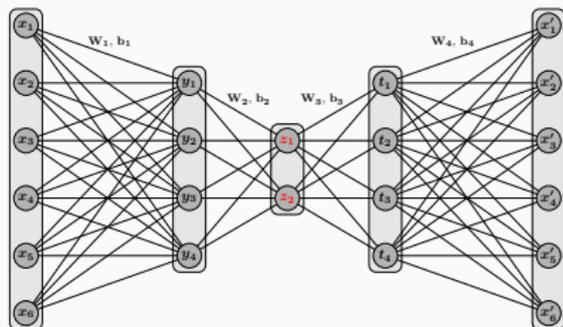
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Autoencoders (AEs): Principle

- **Idea:** compress and reconstruct inputs by a Neural Net (NN)
- Elementary mapping: $f : [0, 1]^d \rightarrow [0, 1]^p$ such that
$$f(x) = \sigma(Wx + b), \quad W \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times d}, b \in \mathbb{R}^p$$
- Neural network: symmetric, hour-glass shaped
- **AE:** output x' must match input x (self-supervised)



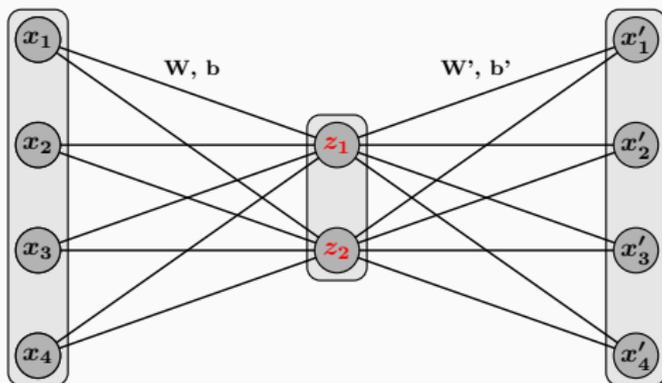
(a) 1 hidden layer AE



(b) 3 hidden layers AE

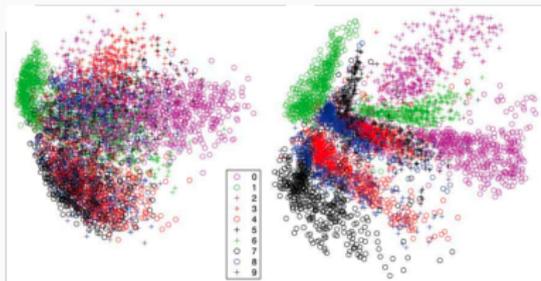
Autoencoders: Training

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

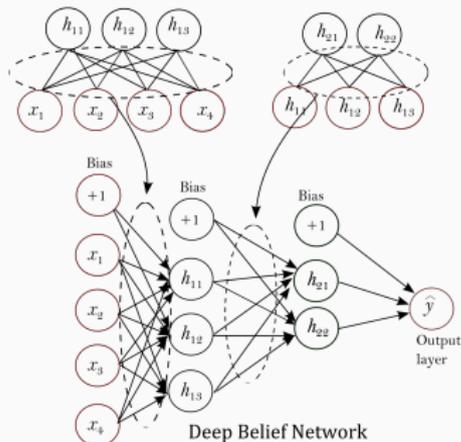


Autoencoders: Uses

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



(c) PCA / AE

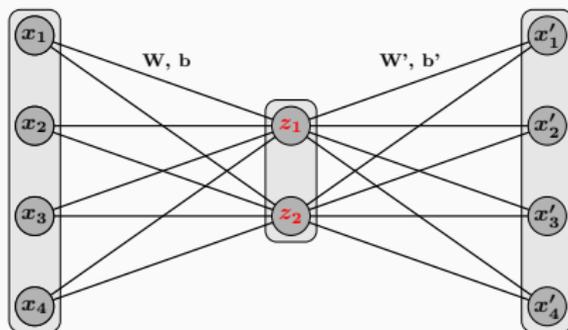


(d) Pre-training by AE

Autoencoders: Summary

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Kernel Methods: Definitions

- \mathcal{X} : space where observations live. Example: \mathbb{R}^d , graphs, ...
- Let \mathcal{H}_k be a Hilbert space, and $\varphi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_k$, such that $\forall (x, x') \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$, $\langle \varphi(x), \varphi(x') \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k}$ is easy to compute
- Let $k : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $k(x, x') = \langle \varphi(x), \varphi(x') \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k}$
- $\mathcal{H}_k = \overline{\text{Span}\{\varphi(x) : x \in \mathcal{X}\}}$ (RKHS)

Kernel Methods: Examples

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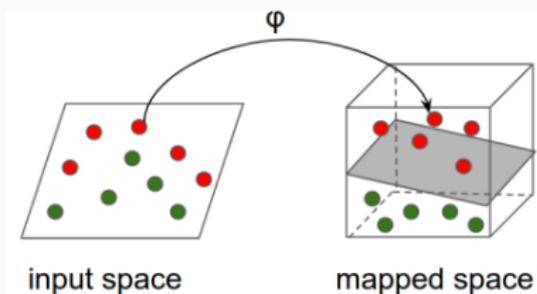
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Gaussian kernel

- $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$
- $\varphi(x) = t \mapsto e^{-\gamma \|t-x\|^2} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$
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Kernel Methods: Motivation 1

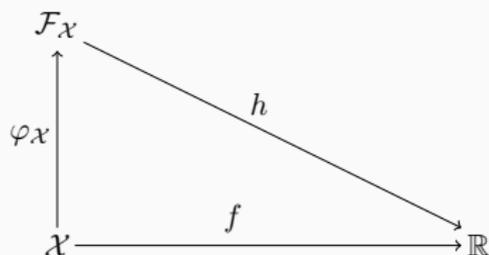


$$X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

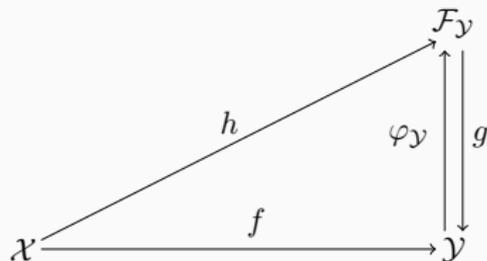
- $\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \|Y - X\beta\|^2 + 2n\lambda\|\beta\|^2$
- $\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sum_i (y_i - \langle x_i, \beta \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^p})^2 + 2n\lambda\|\beta\|_{\mathbb{R}^p}^2$
- $\min_{\omega \in \mathcal{H}_k} \sum_i (y_i - \langle \phi(x_i), \omega \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k})^2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

Kernel Methods: Motivation 2

$$\min_h \sum_i \ell(y_i, h(x_i))$$



$$\min_h \sum_i (y_i - h(\varphi_X(x_i)))^2$$



$$\min_h \sum_i \|\varphi_Y(y_i) - h(x_i)\|_{\mathcal{F}_Y}^2$$

$$f(x) = \arg \min_y \|\varphi_Y(y) - h(x)\|_{\mathcal{F}_Y}^2$$

Autoencoders

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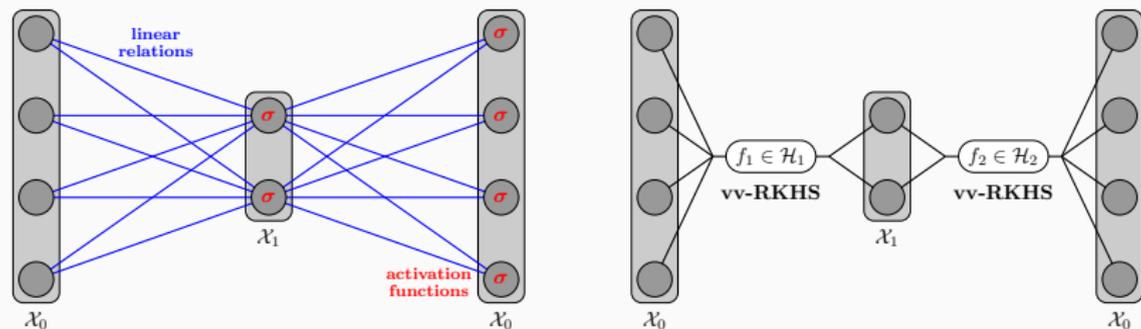


Figure 1: Standard and Kernel 2-layer Autoencoders

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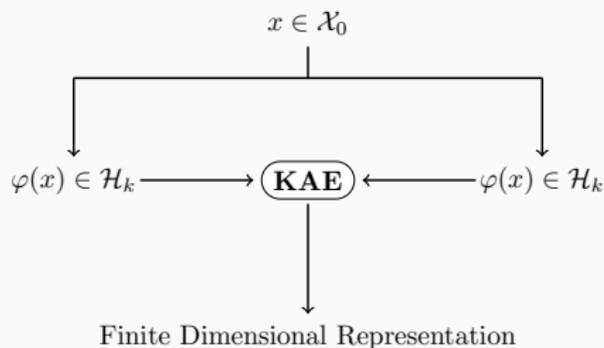


Figure 2: Autoencoding on any \mathcal{X}_0

Optimization

$$\text{(RT)} \exists (\varphi_{1,1}^*, \dots, \varphi_{1,n}^*, \dots, \varphi_{L_0,n}^*) \in \mathcal{X}_1^n \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_{L_0}^n : \\ \forall l \leq L, \quad f_l^*(\cdot) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{K}_l(\cdot, x_i^{*(l-1)}) \varphi_{l,i}^*$$

Algorithm 1 General Hilbert KAE and K^2 AE

input : Gram matrix K_{in}

init : $\Phi_1 = \Phi_1^{init}, \dots, \Phi_{L-1} = \Phi_{L-1}^{init},$

$N_L = N_{\text{KRR}}(\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_{L-1}, K_{in}, \lambda_L)$

for epoch t from 1 to T **do**

 // inner coefficients updates at fixed N_L

for layer l from 1 to $L-1$ **do**

 | $\Phi_l = \Phi_l - \gamma_t \nabla_{\Phi_l}(\hat{\epsilon}_n + \Omega \mid N_L)$

 // N_L update

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return $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_{L-1}$

Connection to Kernel PCA

2-layer K^2 AE with internal layer of size p , only linear kernels, and without penalization. $K_\phi \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ denotes the input Gram matrix, $((\sigma_1, u_1) \dots, (\sigma_p, u_p))$ its p largest eigen values/vectors. Then:

K^2 AE output: $(\sqrt{\sigma_1}u_1, \dots, \sqrt{\sigma_p}u_p) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$

KPCA output: $(\sigma_1 u_1, \dots, \sigma_p u_p) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$

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Concentric Circles

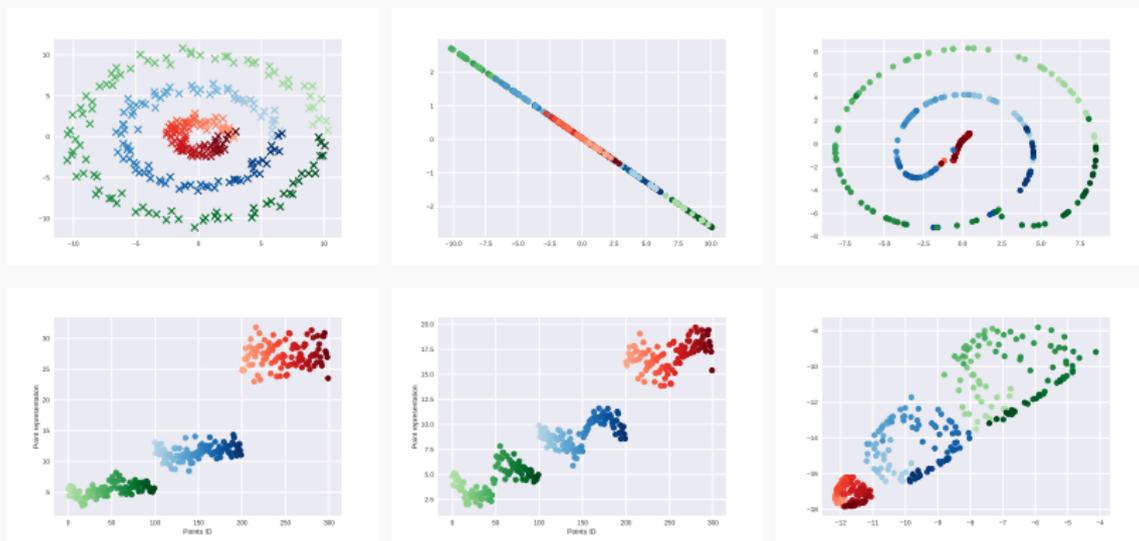


Figure 3: KAE performance on concentric circles

Molecular Data (Graphs): Unsupervised Task

Table 1: MSREs on Test Metabolites

DIMENSION	AE (SIGMOID)	AE (RELU)	KAE
5	99.81	96.62	76.38
10	87.36	84.02	65.76
25	72.31	68.77	51.63
50	63.00	58.29	40.72
100	55.43	48.63	36.27

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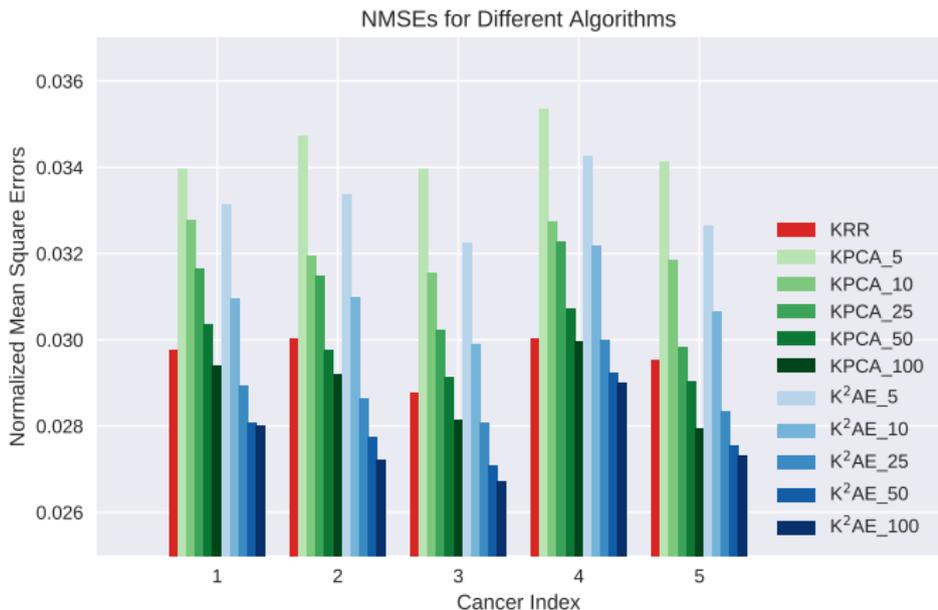


Figure 4: Performance of the different strategies on 5 cancers

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

Generalization Bound

2-layer KAE on data bounded in norm by M , with:

- internal layer of size p
- encoder $f \in \mathcal{H}_1$ such that $\|f\| \leq s$
- decoder $g \in \mathcal{H}_2$ such that $\|g\| \leq t$, with Lipschitz constant L

Then it holds:

$$\epsilon(\hat{g}_n \circ \hat{f}_n) - \epsilon^* \leq C_0 L M s t \sqrt{\frac{Kp}{n}} + 24M^2 \sqrt{\frac{\log(2)/\delta}{2n}}.$$

with $\epsilon(g \circ f) = \mathbb{E}_X \|X - g \circ f(X)\|_{\mathcal{X}_0}^2$

Connection with KPCA (Proof)

- $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$
- $Y = f(X) = XX^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$
- $Z = g(Y) = YY^T B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$
- Goal: $\min_{A,B} \|X - Z\|_{Fr}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - z_i\|_2^2$

SVD (thin with $d < n$):

- $X = U_d \bar{\Sigma}_d V_d^T$
- $Y = U_d \bar{\Sigma}_d^2 U_d^T A$
- $Z = U_d \bar{\Sigma}_d^2 U_d^T A A^T U_d \bar{\Sigma}_d^2 U_d^T B$

Eckart-Young:

$$Z^* = U_d \bar{\Sigma}_p V_d^T$$

Sufficient:

$$A = U_p \bar{\Sigma}_p^{-\frac{3}{2}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} \quad B = U_d V_d^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$$