

# Deep Unsupervised Learning

Russ Salakhutdinov

Machine Learning Department  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Canadian Institute of Advanced Research

**Carnegie  
Mellon  
University**



# Unsupervised Learning

```
graph TD; UL[Unsupervised Learning] --> NPM[Non-probabilistic Models]; UL --> PGM[Probabilistic (Generative) Models]; NPM --> SC[Sparse Coding]; NPM --> AE[Autoencoders]; NPM --> O["Others (e.g. k-means)"]; PGM --> TM[Tractable Models]; PGM --> NTM[Non-Tractable Models]; PGM --> GAN[Generative Adversarial Networks]; PGM --> MMN[Moment Matching Networks]; TM --> FBN[Fully observed Belief Nets]; TM --> NADE[NADE]; TM --> PixelRNN[PixelRNN]; NTM --> BM[Boltzmann Machines]; NTM --> VA[Variational Autoencoders]; NTM --> HM[Helmholtz Machines]; NTM --> MO[Many others...];
```

## Non-probabilistic Models

- Sparse Coding
- Autoencoders
- Others (e.g. k-means)

## Probabilistic (Generative) Models

### Tractable Models

- Fully observed Belief Nets
- NADE
- PixelRNN

### Non-Tractable Models

- Boltzmann Machines
- Variational Autoencoders
- Helmholtz Machines
- Many others...

- Generative Adversarial Networks
- Moment Matching Networks

Explicit Density  $p(x)$

Implicit Density

# Talk Roadmap

- Basic Building Blocks:
  - Sparse Coding
  - Autoencoders
- Deep Generative Models
  - Restricted Boltzmann Machines
  - Deep Boltzmann Machines
  - Helmholtz Machines / Variational Autoencoders
- Generative Adversarial Networks
- Open Research Questions

# Sparse Coding

- Sparse coding (Olshausen & Field, 1996). Originally developed to explain early visual processing in the brain (edge detection).
- **Objective:** Given a set of input data vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ , learn a dictionary of bases  $\{\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_K\}$ , such that:

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \sum_{k=1}^K a_{nk} \phi_k,$$

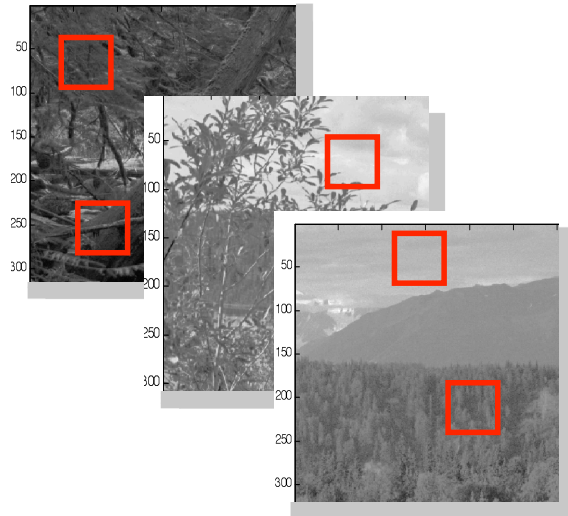
 Sparse: mostly zeros

- Each data vector is represented as a sparse linear combination of bases.

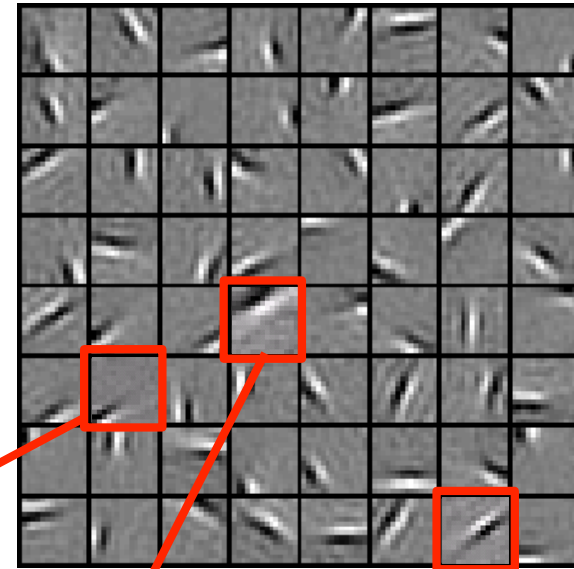


# Sparse Coding

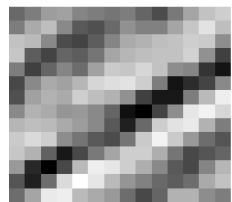
Natural Images



Learned bases: “Edges”



New example


$$x = 0.8 * \text{[basis 36]} + 0.3 * \text{[basis 42]} + 0.5 * \text{[basis 65]}$$
$$x = 0.8 * \phi_{36} + 0.3 * \phi_{42} + 0.5 * \phi_{65}$$

$[0, 0, \dots, \mathbf{0.8}, \dots, \mathbf{0.3}, \dots, \mathbf{0.5}, \dots]$  = coefficients (feature representation)

# Sparse Coding: Training

- Input image patches:  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N \in \mathbb{R}^D$
- Learn dictionary of bases:  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_K \in \mathbb{R}^D$

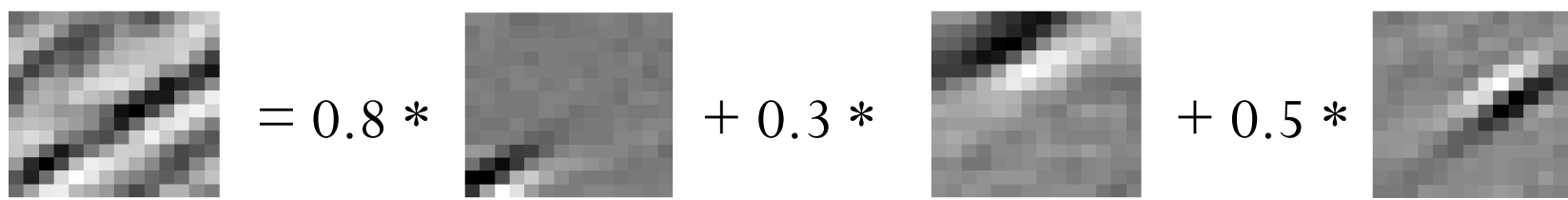
$$\min_{\mathbf{a}, \phi} \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{x}_n - \sum_{k=1}^K a_{nk} \phi_k \right\|_2^2}_{\text{Reconstruction error}} + \underbrace{\lambda \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K |a_{nk}|}_{\text{Sparsity penalty}}$$

- Alternating Optimization:
  1. Fix dictionary of bases  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_K$  and solve for activations  $\mathbf{a}$  (a standard Lasso problem).
  2. Fix activations  $\mathbf{a}$ , optimize the dictionary of bases (convex QP problem).

# Sparse Coding: Testing Time

- Input: a new image patch  $\mathbf{x}^*$ , and  $K$  learned bases  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_K$
- Output: sparse representation  $\mathbf{a}$  of an image patch  $\mathbf{x}^*$ .

$$\min_{\mathbf{a}} \left\| \mathbf{x}^* - \sum_{k=1}^K a_k \phi_k \right\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^K |a_k|$$

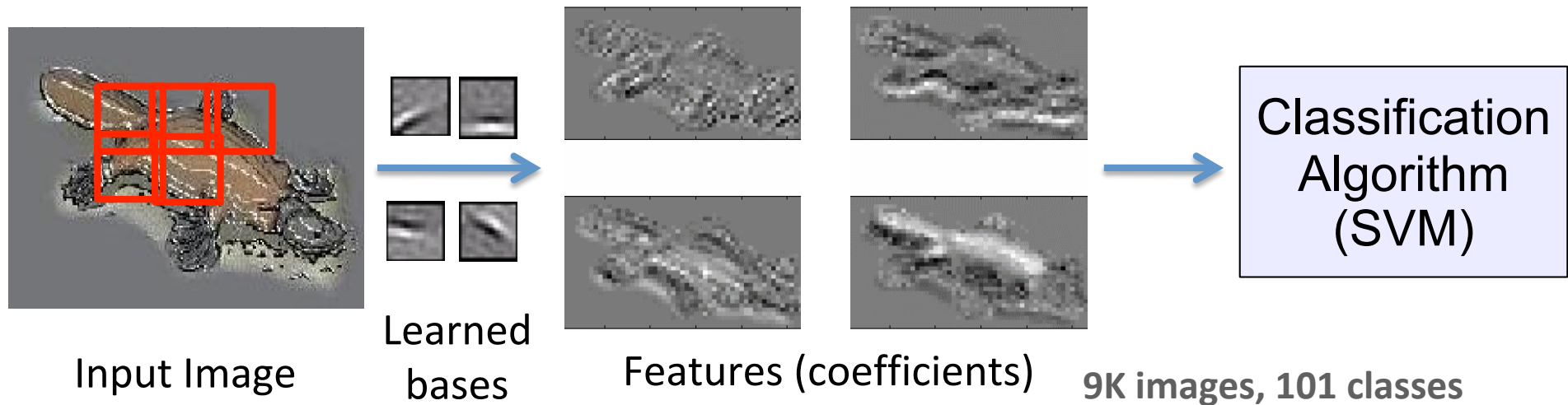


$x^* = 0.8 * \phi_{36} + 0.3 * \phi_{42} + 0.5 * \phi_{65}$

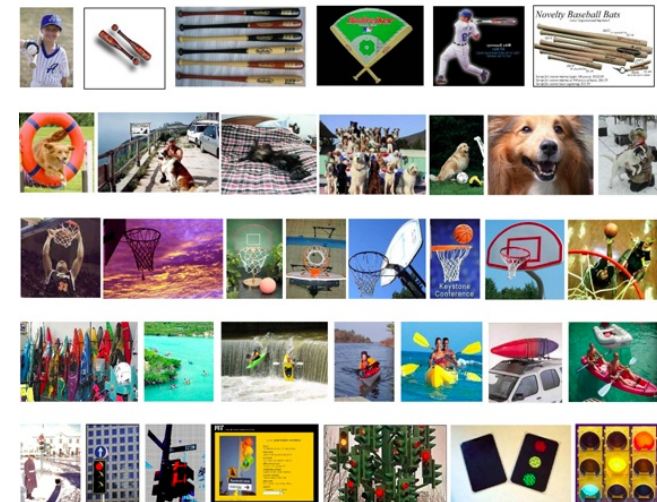
$[0, 0, \dots, \mathbf{0.8}, \dots, \mathbf{0.3}, \dots, \mathbf{0.5}, \dots]$  = coefficients (feature representation)

# Image Classification

Evaluated on Caltech101 object category dataset.

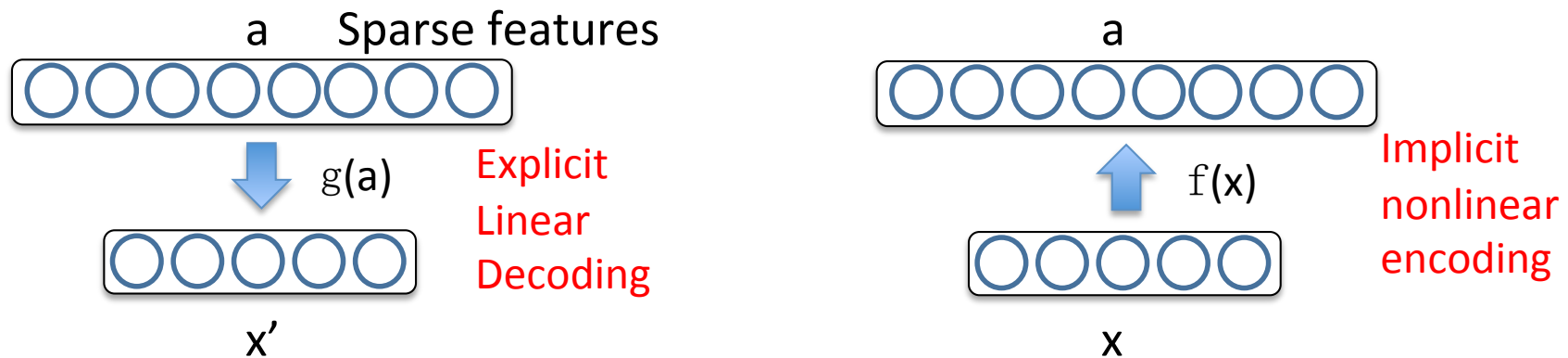


Algorithm	Accuracy
Baseline (Fei-Fei et al., 2004)	16%
PCA	37%
<b>Sparse Coding</b>	<b>47%</b>



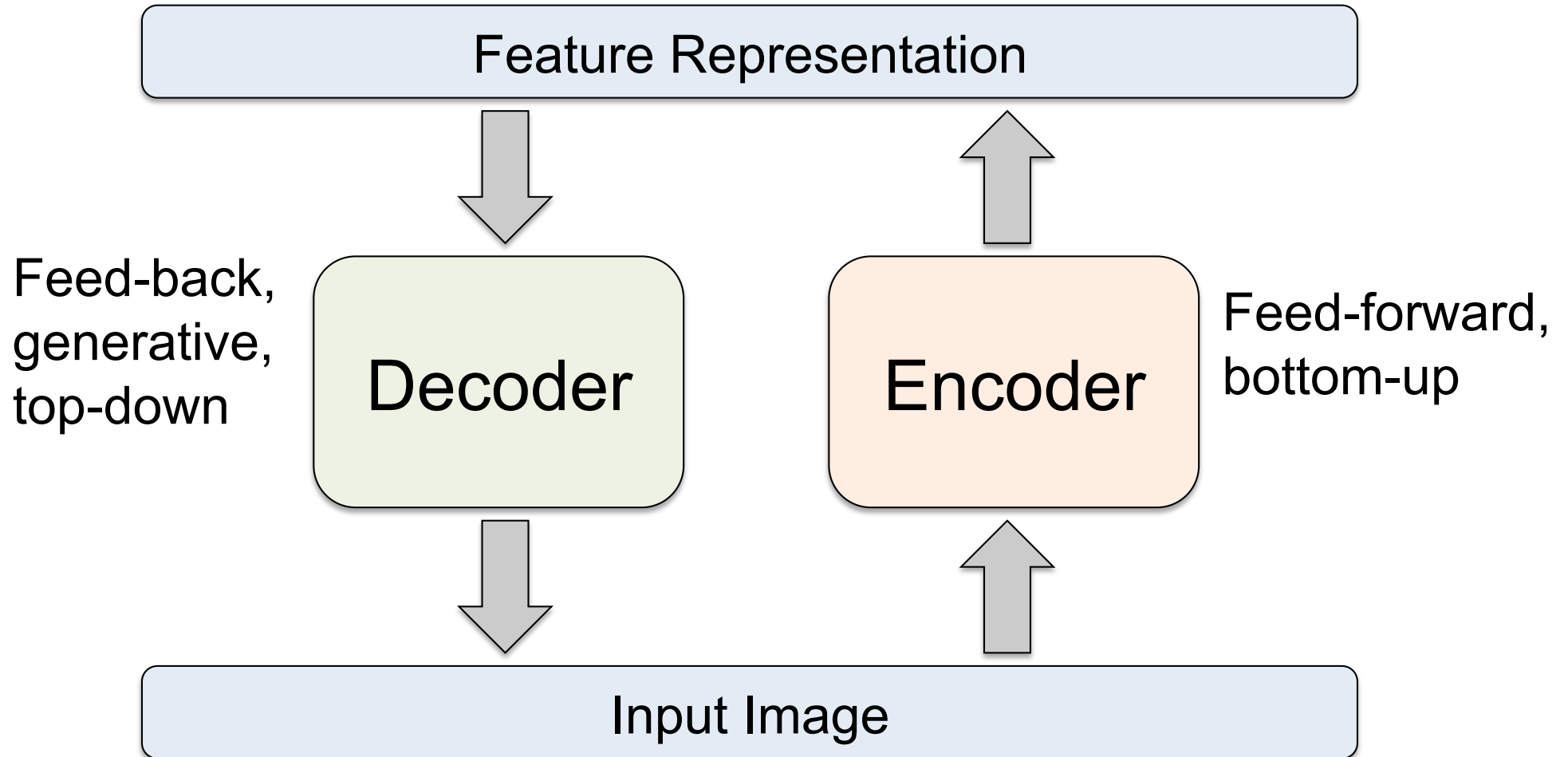
# Interpreting Sparse Coding

$$\min_{\mathbf{a}, \phi} \sum_{n=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{x}_n - \sum_{k=1}^K a_{nk} \phi_k \right\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K |a_{nk}|$$



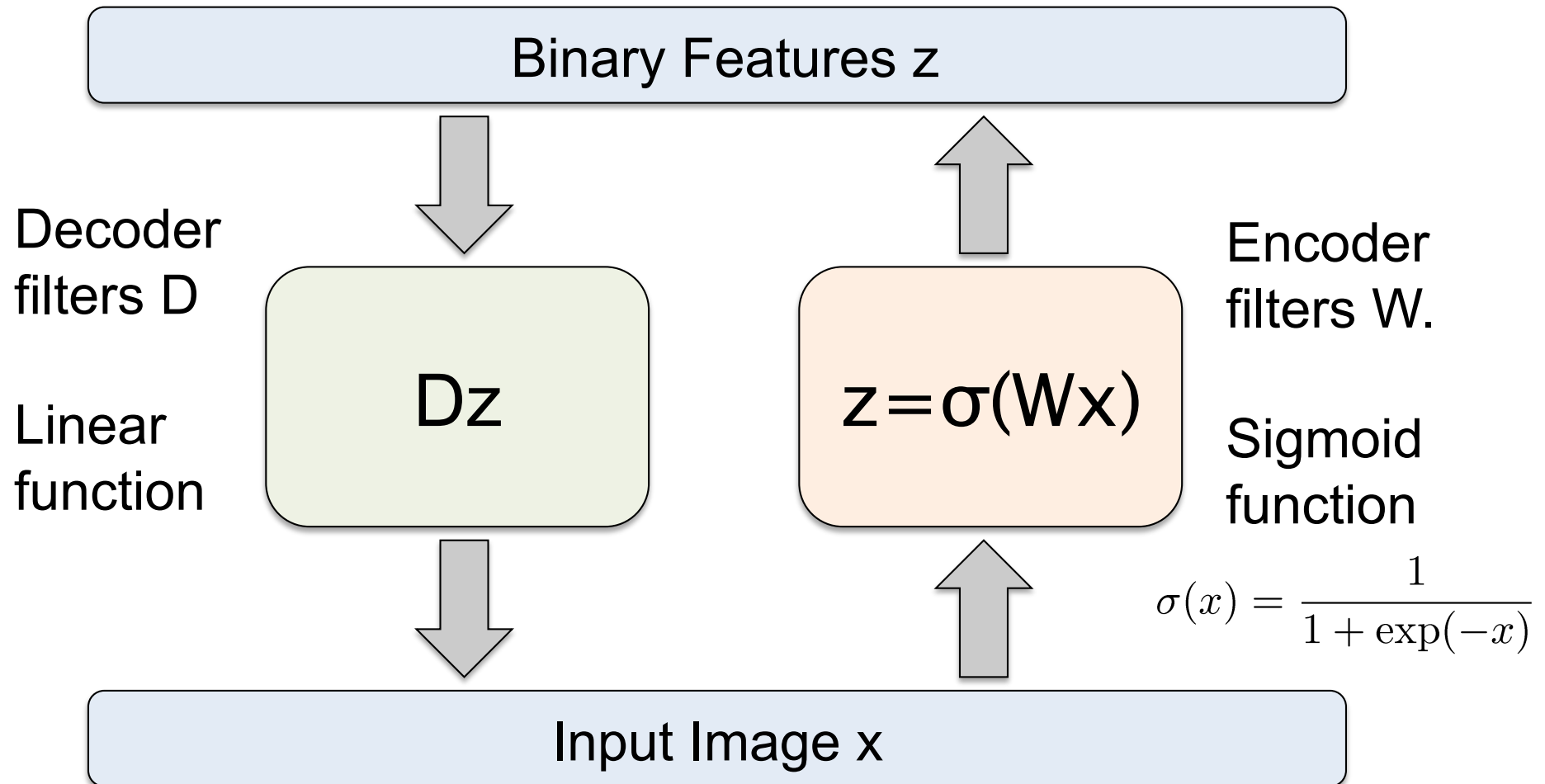
- Sparse, over-complete representation  $\mathbf{a}$ .
- **Encoding**  $\mathbf{a} = f(\mathbf{x})$  is implicit and nonlinear function of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- **Reconstruction** (or decoding)  $\mathbf{x}' = g(\mathbf{a})$  is linear and explicit.

# Autoencoder

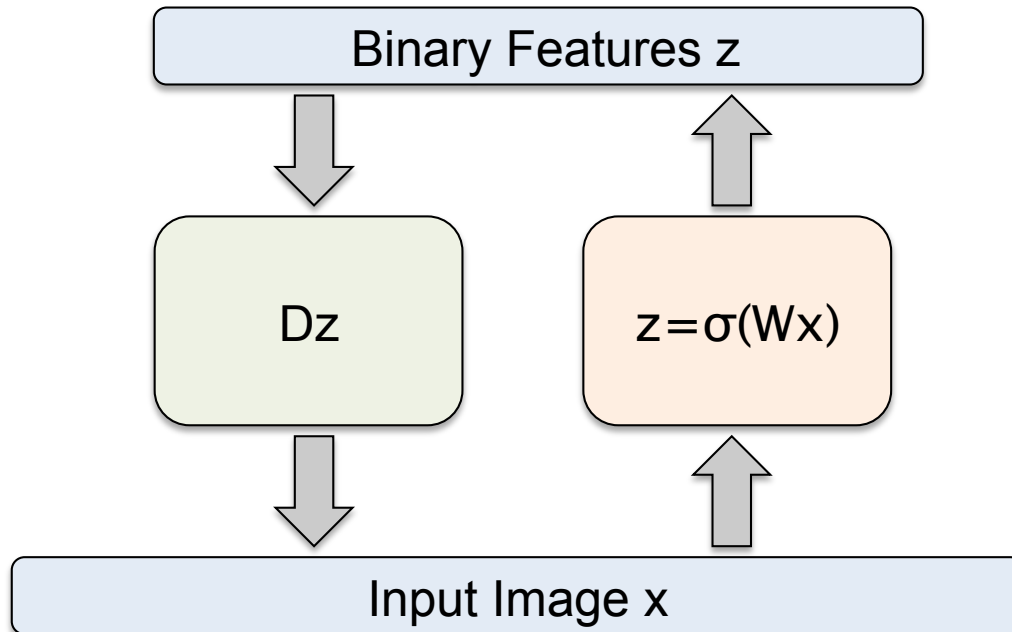


- Details of what goes inside the encoder and decoder matter!
- Need constraints to avoid learning an identity.

# Autoencoder



# Autoencoder



- An autoencoder with D inputs, D outputs, and K hidden units, with  $K < D$ .

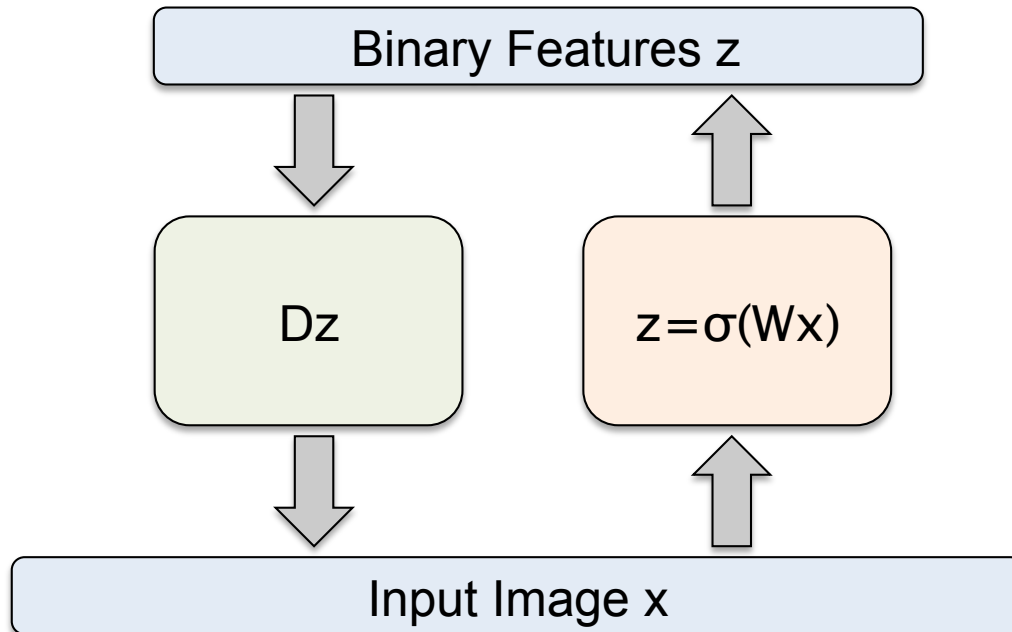
- Given an input  $x$ , its reconstruction is given by:

$$y_j(\mathbf{x}, W, D) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^K D_{jk}}_{\text{Decoder}} \underbrace{\sigma \left( \sum_{i=1}^D W_{ki} x_i \right)}_{\text{Encoder}}, \quad j = 1, \dots, D.$$

$$y_j = \sum_{k=1}^K D_{jk} z_k \quad z_k = \sigma \left( \sum_{i=1}^D W_{ki} x_i \right)$$



# Autoencoder

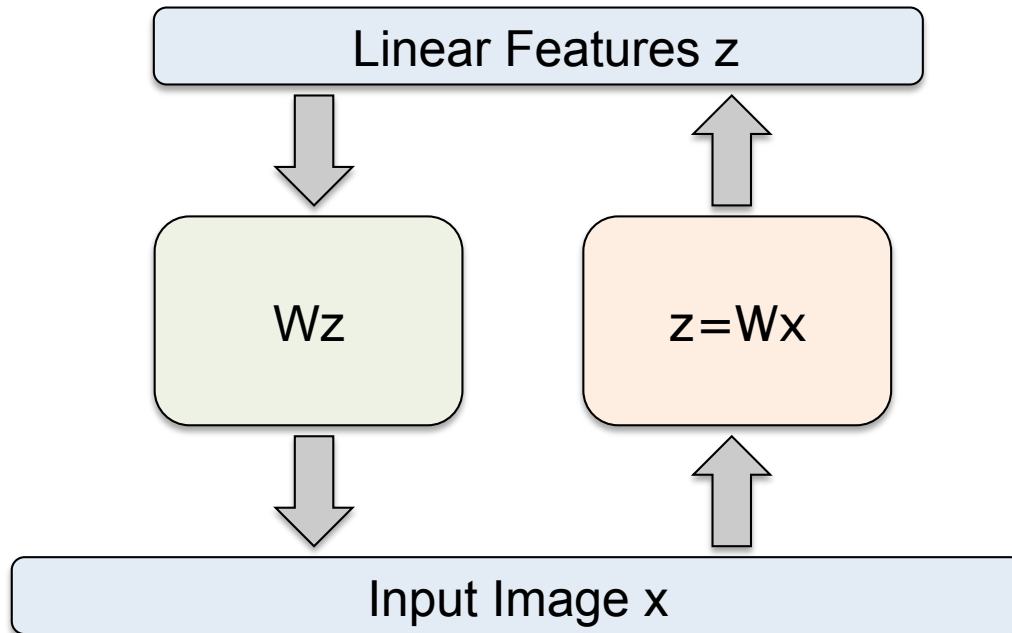


- An autoencoder with D inputs, D outputs, and K hidden units, with  $K < D$ .

- We can determine the network parameters W and D by minimizing the reconstruction error:

$$E(W, D) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N ||y(\mathbf{x}_n, W, D) - \mathbf{x}_n||^2.$$

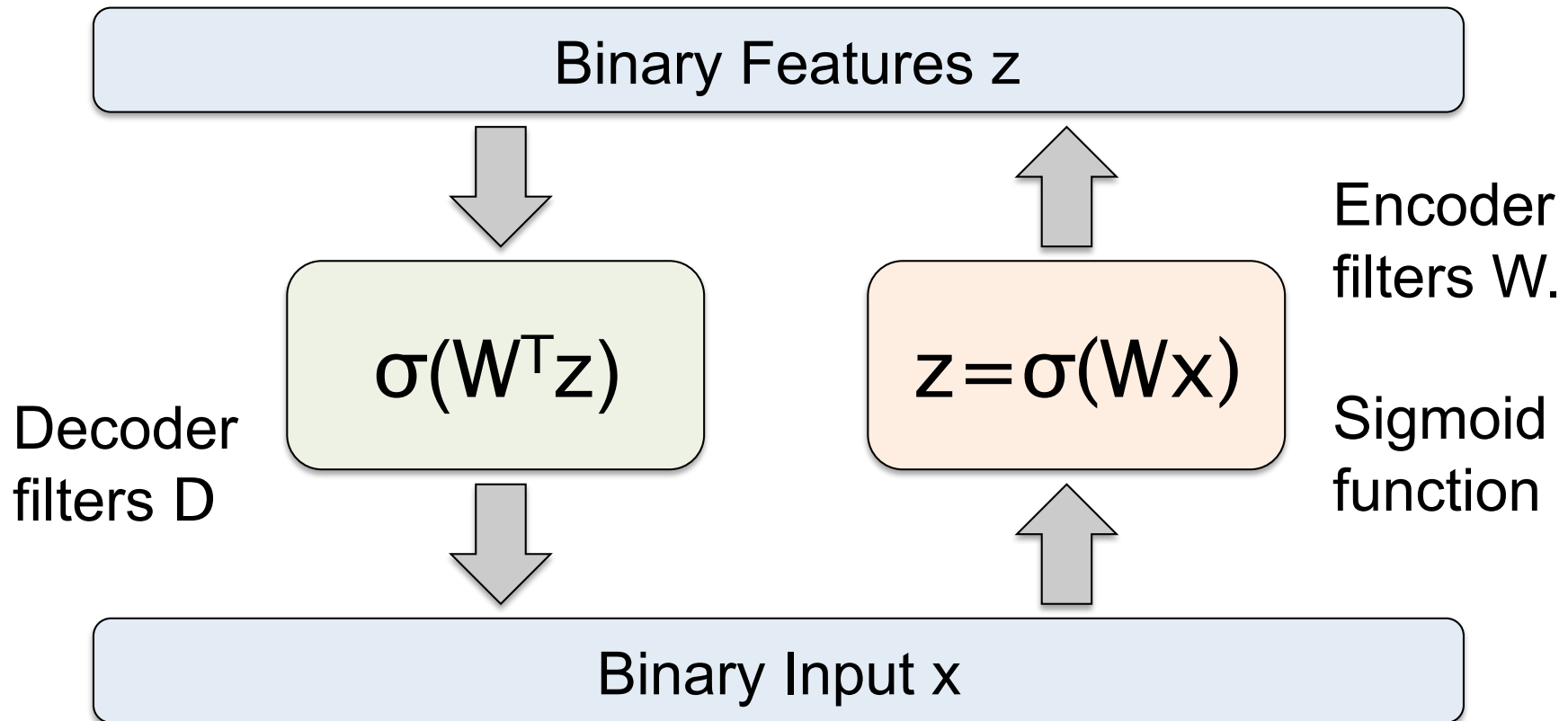
# Autoencoder



- If the **hidden and output layers are linear**, it will learn hidden units that are a linear function of the data and minimize the squared error.
- The  $K$  hidden units will span the same space as the first  $k$  principal components. The weight vectors may not be orthogonal.

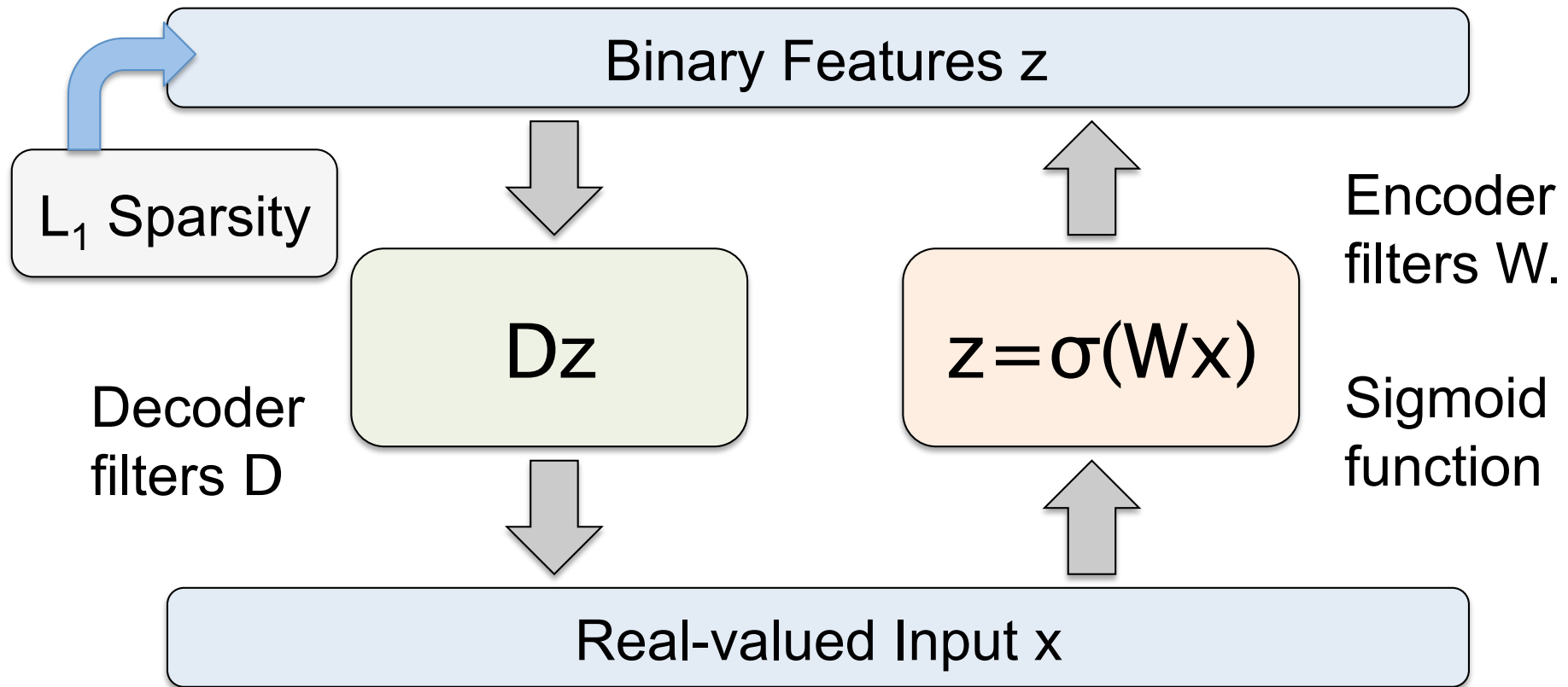
- With nonlinear hidden units, we have a nonlinear generalization of PCA.

# Another Autoencoder Model



- Need additional constraints to avoid learning an identity.
- Relates to Restricted Boltzmann Machines (later).

# Predictive Sparse Decomposition



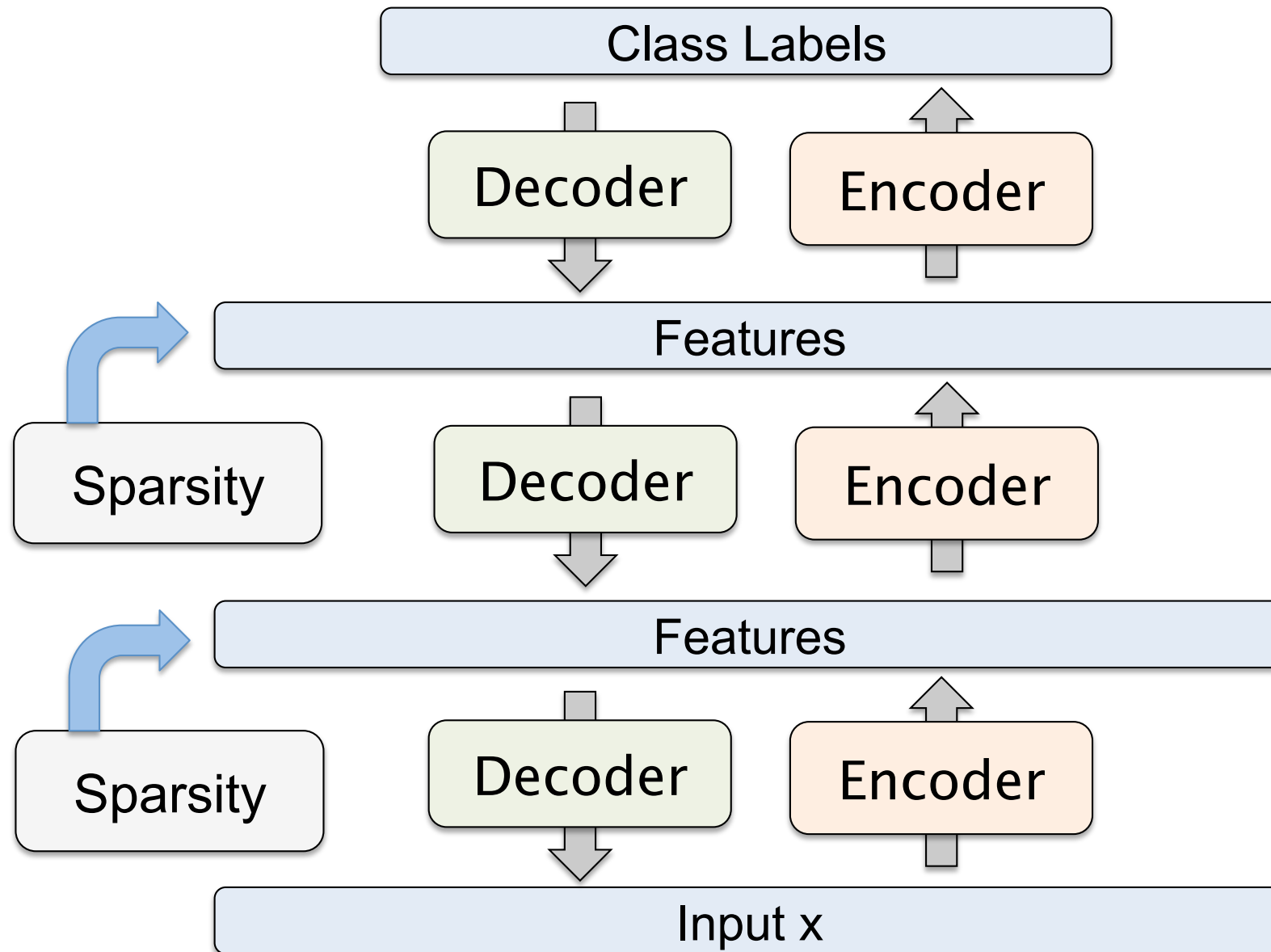
At training time

$$\min_{D, W, \mathbf{z}} \underbrace{\|D\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_1}_{\text{Decoder}} + \underbrace{\|\sigma(W\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2}_{\text{Encoder}}$$

Kavukcuoglu, Ranzato, Fergus, LeCun, 2009

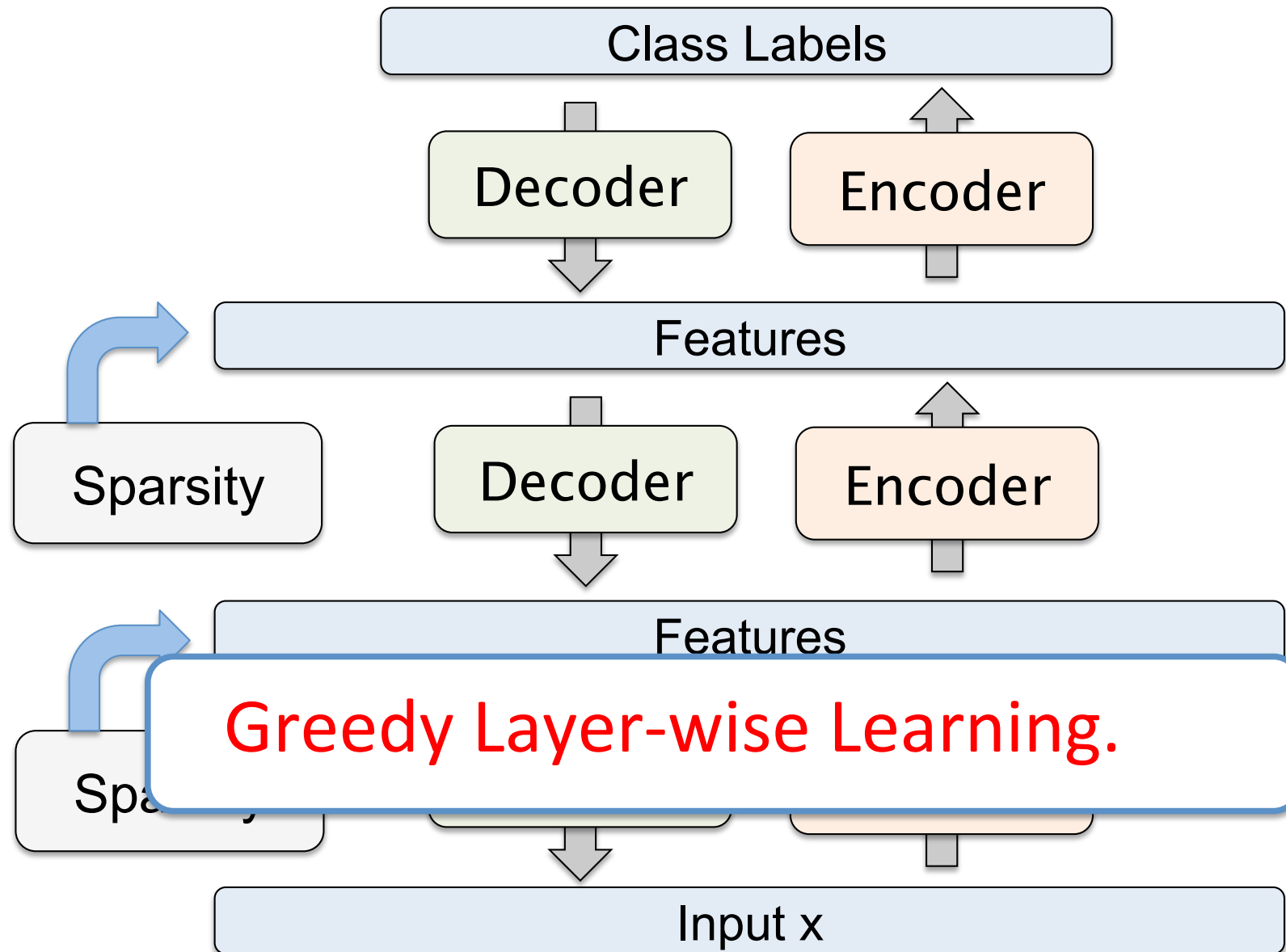
# Stacked Autoencoders

---



# Stacked Autoencoders

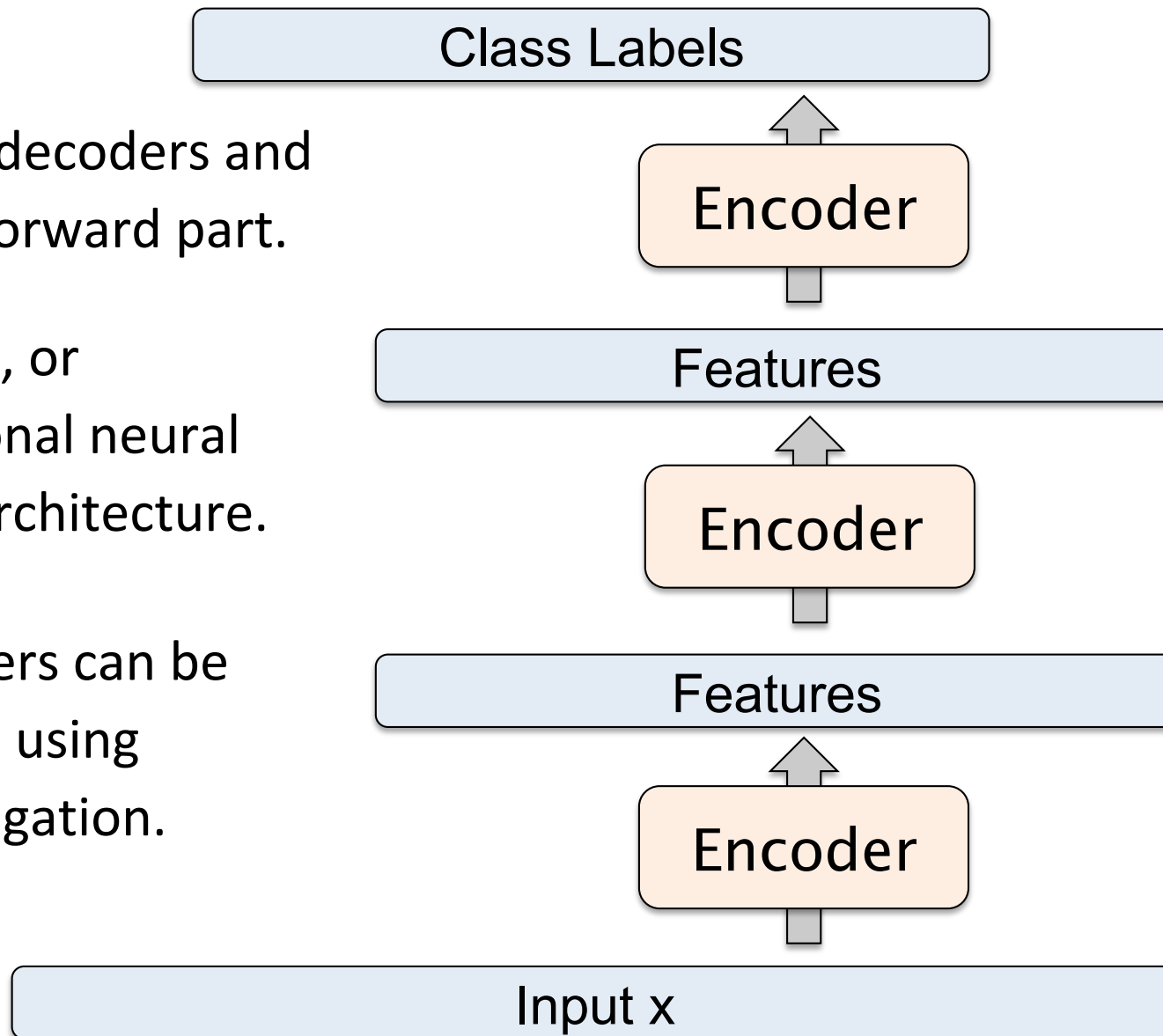
---



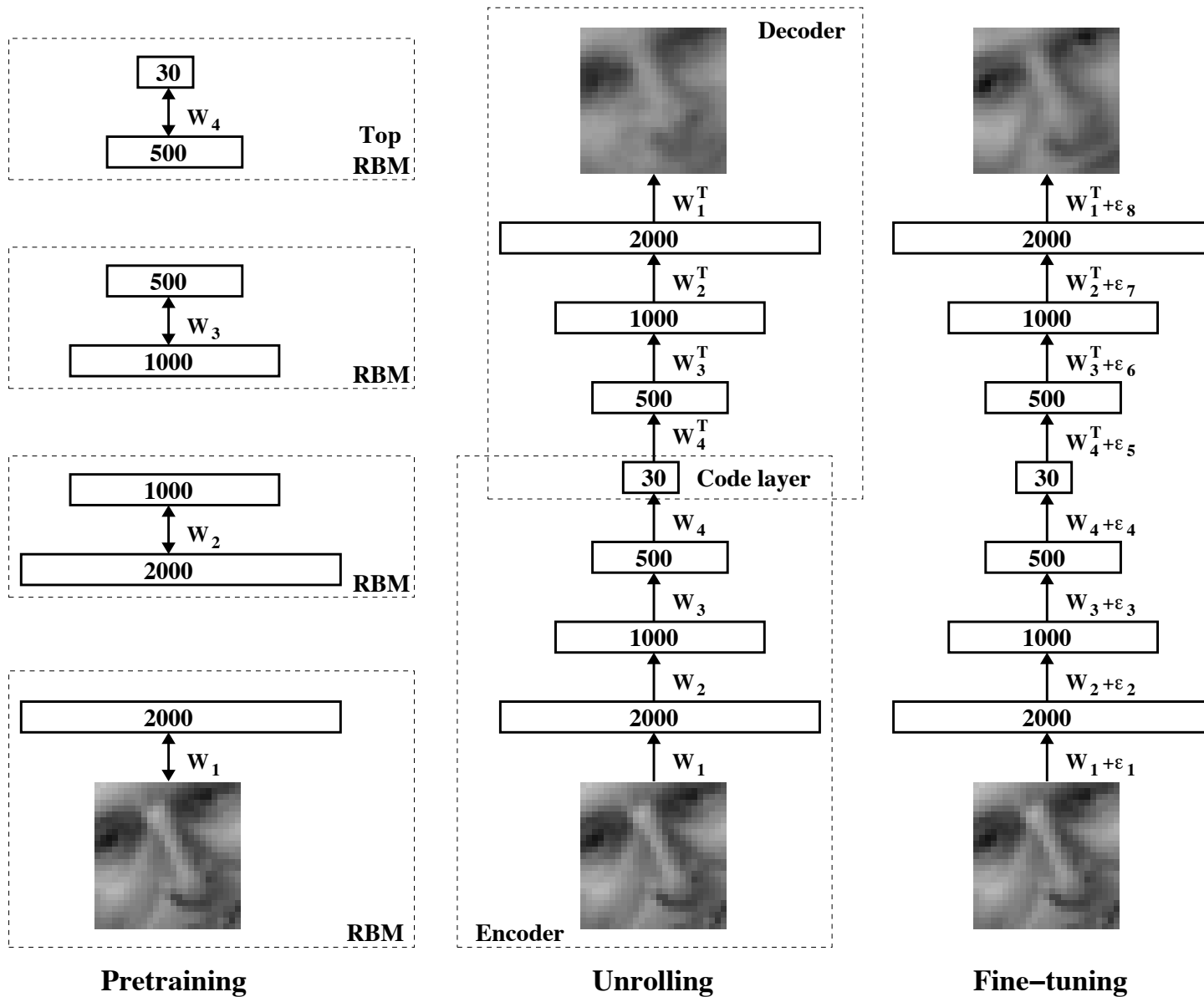
# Stacked Autoencoders

---

- Remove decoders and use feed-forward part.
- Standard, or convolutional neural network architecture.
- Parameters can be fine-tuned using backpropagation.



# Deep Autoencoders





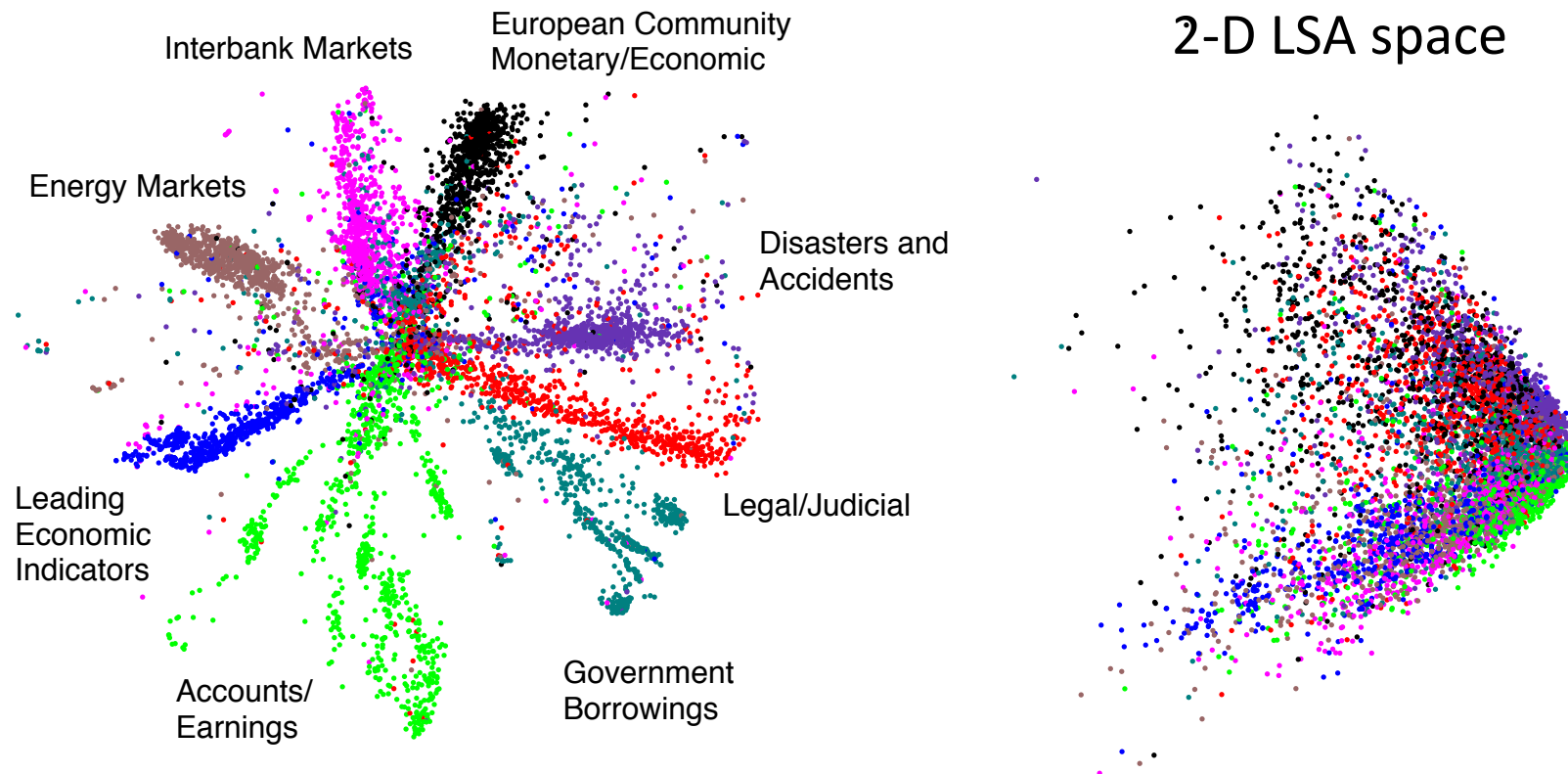
# Deep Autoencoders

- 25x25 – 2000 – 1000 – 500 – 30 autoencoder to extract 30-D real-valued codes for Olivetti face patches.



- **Top:** Random samples from the test dataset.
- **Middle:** Reconstructions by the 30-dimensional deep autoencoder.
- **Bottom:** Reconstructions by the 30-dimensional PCA.

# Information Retrieval



- The Reuters Corpus Volume II contains 804,414 newswire stories (randomly split into **402,207 training** and **402,207 test**).
- “Bag-of-words” representation: each article is represented as a vector containing the counts of the most frequently used 2000 words in the training set.

(Hinton and Salakhutdinov, Science 2006)

# Talk Roadmap

- Basic Building Blocks:
  - Sparse Coding
  - Autoencoders
- Deep Generative Models
  - Restricted Boltzmann Machines
  - Deep Boltzmann Machines
  - Helmholtz Machines / Variational Autoencoders
- Generative Adversarial Networks

# Fully Observed Models

- Explicitly model conditional probabilities:

$$p_{\text{model}}(\mathbf{x}) = p_{\text{model}}(x_1) \prod_{i=2}^n p_{\text{model}}(x_i \mid x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$

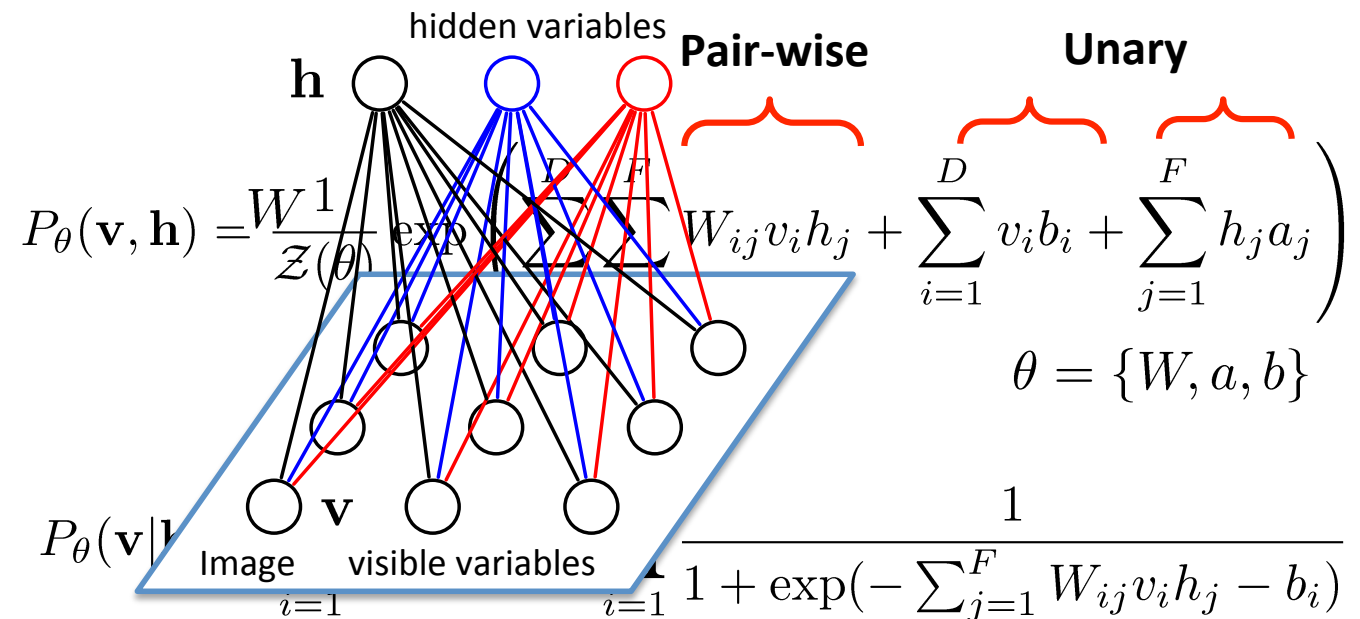
Each conditional can be a complicated neural network

- A number of successful models, including
  - NADE, RNADE (Larochelle, et.al. 20011)
  - Pixel CNN (van den Ord et. al. 2016)
  - Pixel RNN (van den Ord et. al. 2016)



Pixel CNN

# Restricted Boltzmann Machines



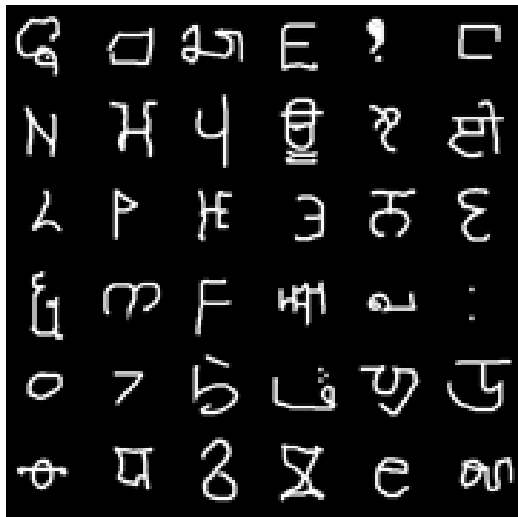
RBM is a Markov Random Field with:

- Stochastic binary visible variables  $\mathbf{v} \in \{0, 1\}^D$ .
- Stochastic binary hidden variables  $\mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^F$ .
- Bipartite connections.

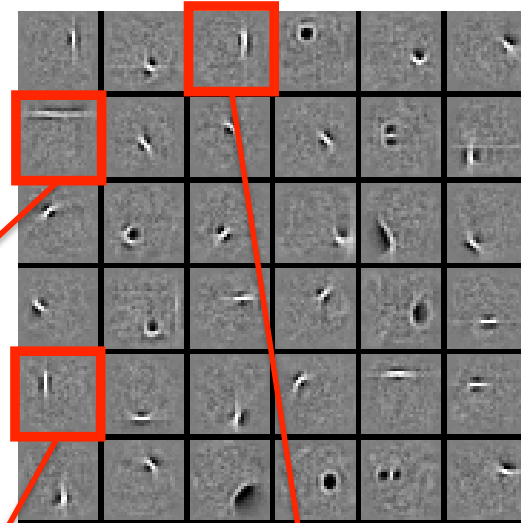
Markov random fields, Boltzmann machines, log-linear models.

# Learning Features

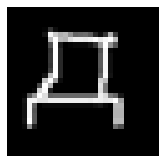
Observed Data  
Subset of 25,000 characters



Learned W: "edges"  
Subset of 1000 features



New Image:  $p(h_7 = 1|v)$



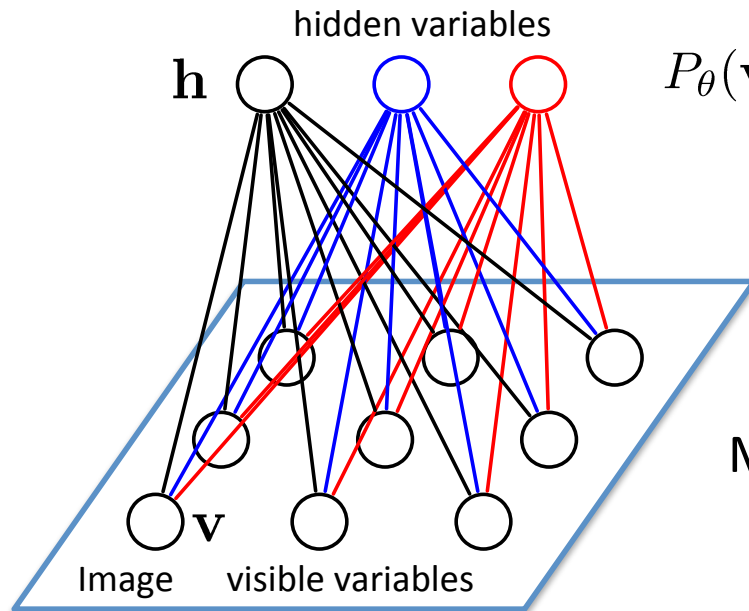
$$= \sigma \left( \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ p(h_7 = 1|v)}}{0.99} \times \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ p(h_{29} = 1|v)}}{\text{feature image}} + 0.97 \times \text{feature image} + 0.82 \times \text{feature image} \dots \right)$$

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$$

Logistic Function: Suitable for modeling binary images

**Sparse representations**

# Model Learning



$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{P^*(\mathbf{v})}{\mathcal{Z}(\theta)} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\theta)} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp \left[ \mathbf{v}^{\top} W \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{a}^{\top} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{b}^{\top} \mathbf{v} \right]$$

Given a set of *i.i.d.* training examples  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{v}^{(N)}\}$ , we want to learn model parameters  $\theta = \{W, a, b\}$ .

Maximize log-likelihood objective:

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \log P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}^{(n)})$$

Derivative of the log-likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial W_{ij}} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{ij}} \log \left( \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp \left[ \mathbf{v}^{(n)\top} W \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{a}^{\top} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{b}^{\top} \mathbf{v}^{(n)} \right] \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{ij}} \log \mathcal{Z}(\theta) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{P_{data}}[v_i h_j] - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{P_{\theta}}[v_i h_j]} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{data}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}; \theta) = P(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}; \theta) P_{data}(\mathbf{v})$$

$$P_{data}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \delta(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}^{(n)})$$

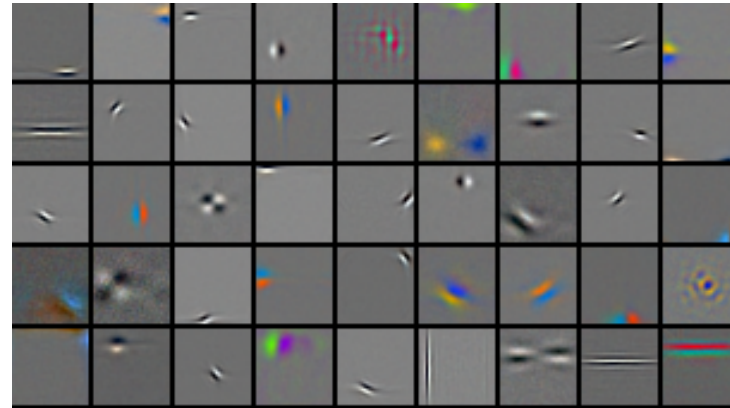
Difficult to compute: exponentially many configurations

# RBMMs for Word Counts

4 million **unlabelled** images



Learned features (out of 10,000)



**REUTERS**  
**AP** Associated Press

Reuters dataset:  
804,414 **unlabeled**  
newswire stories  
Bag-of-Words



Learned features: ``topics''

russian  
russia  
moscow  
yeltsin  
soviet

clinton  
house  
president  
bill  
congress

computer  
system  
product  
software  
develop

trade  
country  
import  
world  
economy

stock  
wall  
street  
point  
dow



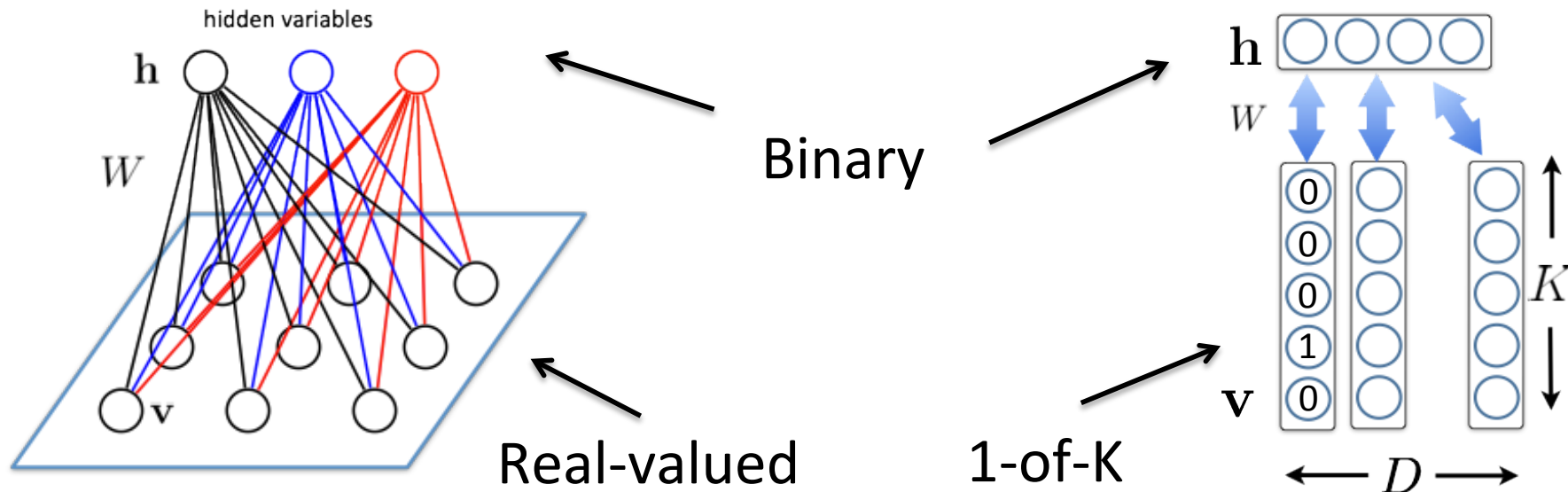
# RBM for Word Counts

One-step reconstruction from the RBM model

Input	Reconstruction
chocolate, cake	cake, chocolate, sweets, dessert, cupcake, food, sugar, cream, birthday
nyc	nyc, newyork, brooklyn, queens, gothamist, manhattan, subway, streetart
dog	dog, puppy, perro, dogs, pet, filmshots, tongue, pets, nose, animal
flower, high, 花	flower, 花, high, japan, sakura, 日本, blossom, tokyo, lily, cherry
girl, rain, station, norway	norway, station, rain, girl, oslo, train, umbrella, wet, railway, weather
fun, life, children	children, fun, life, kids, child, playing, boys, kid, play, love
forest, blur	forest, blur, woods, motion, trees, movement, path, trail, green, focus
españa, agua, granada	españa, agua, spain, granada, water, andalucía, naturaleza, galicia, nieve

# Different Data Modalities

- Binary/Gaussian/Softmax RBMs: All have binary hidden variables but use them to model different kinds of data.



- It is easy to infer the states of the hidden variables:

$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) = \prod_{j=1}^F P_{\theta}(h_j|\mathbf{v}) = \prod_{j=1}^F \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a_j - \sum_{i=1}^D W_{ij}v_i)}$$

# Product of Experts

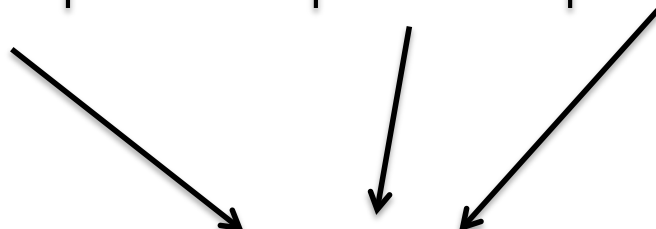
The joint distribution is given by:

$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \exp \left( \sum_{ij} W_{ij} v_i h_j + \sum_i b_i v_i + \sum_j a_j h_j \right)$$

Marginalizing over hidden variables:

$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \prod_i \exp(b_i v_i) \prod_j \overbrace{\left( 1 + \exp(a_j + \sum_i W_{ij} v_i) \right)}^{\text{Product of Experts}}$$

government	clinton	bribery	mafia	stock	...
authority	house	corruption	business	wall	
power	president	dishonesty	gang	street	
empire	bill	corrupt	mob	point	
federation	congress	fraud	insider	dow	



Silvio Berlusconi

Topics “government”, “corruption” and “mafia” can combine to give very high probability to a word “Silvio Berlusconi”.

# Product of Experts

The joint distribution is given by:

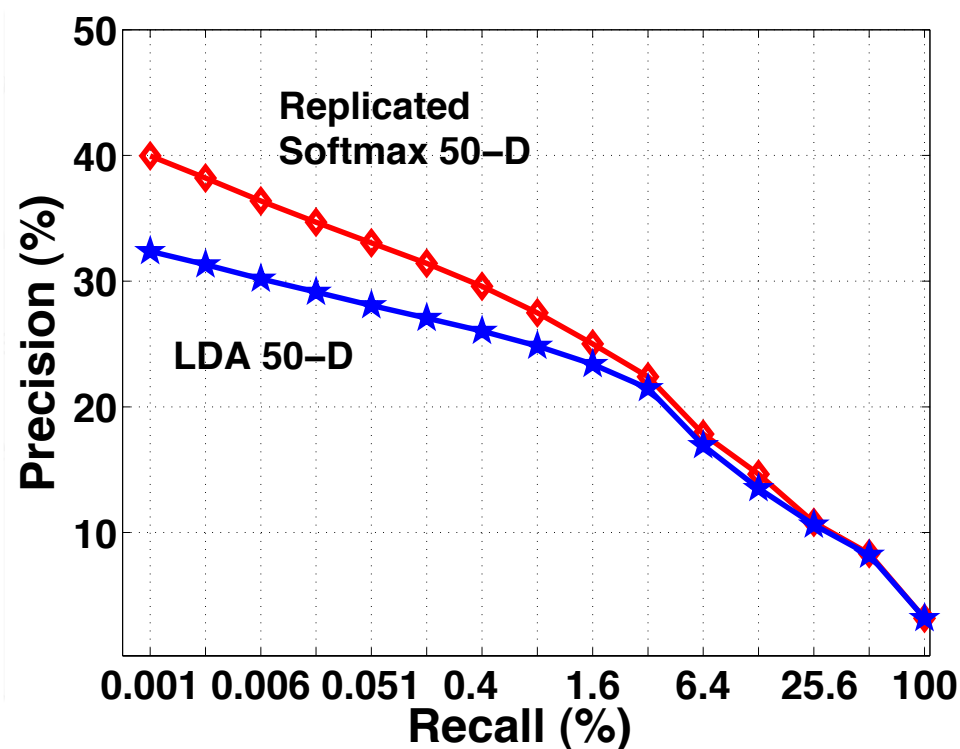
$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \exp \left( \sum_{ij} W_{ij} v_i h_j + \sum_i b_i v_i + \sum_j a_j h_j \right)$$

Marginalizing over  $\mathbf{h}$

$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})$$

government  
authority  
power  
empire  
federation

clint  
hou  
pres  
bill  
cong



Product of Experts

$$\left( \prod_{ij} W_{ij} v_i \right)$$

, "corruption"  
bine to give very  
word "Silvio

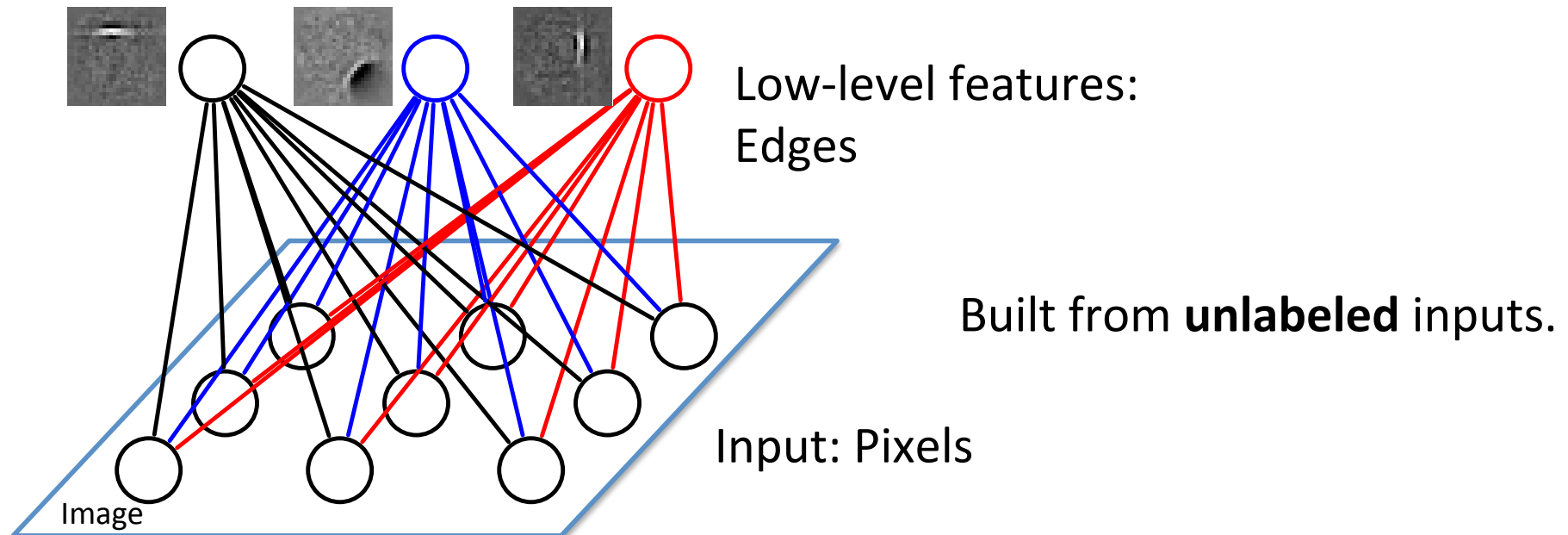
SILVIO Berlusconi

Berlusconi .

# Talk Roadmap

- Basic Building Blocks (non-probabilistic models):
  - Sparse Coding
  - Autoencoders
- Deep Generative Models
  - Restricted Boltzmann Machines
  - Deep Boltzmann Machines
  - Helmholtz Machines / Variational Autoencoders
- Generative Adversarial Networks

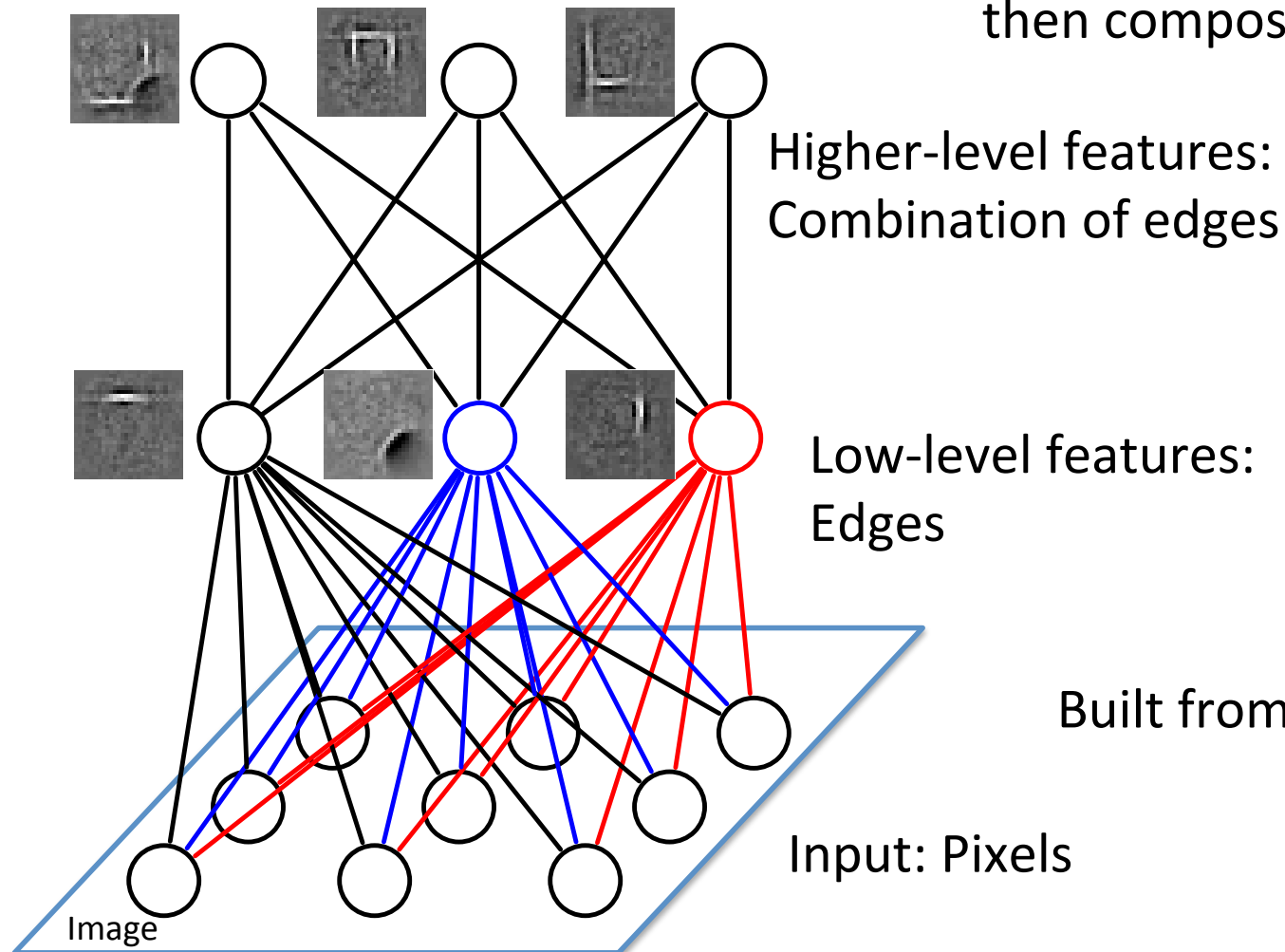
# Deep Boltzmann Machines



(Salakhutdinov 2008, Salakhutdinov & Hinton 2012)

# Deep Boltzmann Machines

Learn simpler representations,  
then compose more complex ones

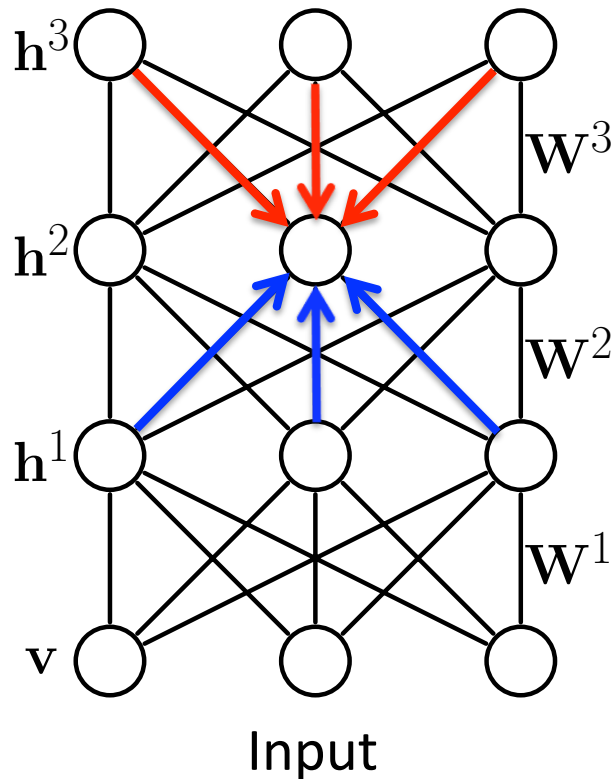


Built from **unlabeled** inputs.

(Salakhutdinov 2008, Salakhutdinov & Hinton 2012)

# Model Formulation

$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}^{(1)}, \mathbf{h}^{(2)}, \mathbf{h}^{(3)}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\theta)} \exp \left[ \underbrace{\mathbf{v}^{\top} W^{(1)} \mathbf{h}^{(1)}}_{\text{Bottom-up}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{h}^{(1)\top} W^{(2)} \mathbf{h}^{(2)}}_{\text{Top-down}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{h}^{(2)\top} W^{(3)} \mathbf{h}^{(3)}}_{\text{Top-down}} \right]$$



Same as RBMs

$\theta = \{W^1, W^2, W^3\}$  model parameters

- Dependencies between hidden variables.
- All connections are undirected.
- Bottom-up and Top-down:

$$P(h_j^2 = 1 | \mathbf{h}^1, \mathbf{h}^3) = \sigma \left( \underbrace{\sum_k W_{kj}^3 h_k^3}_{\text{Top-down}} + \underbrace{\sum_m W_{mj}^2 h_m^1}_{\text{Bottom-up}} \right)$$

Top-down

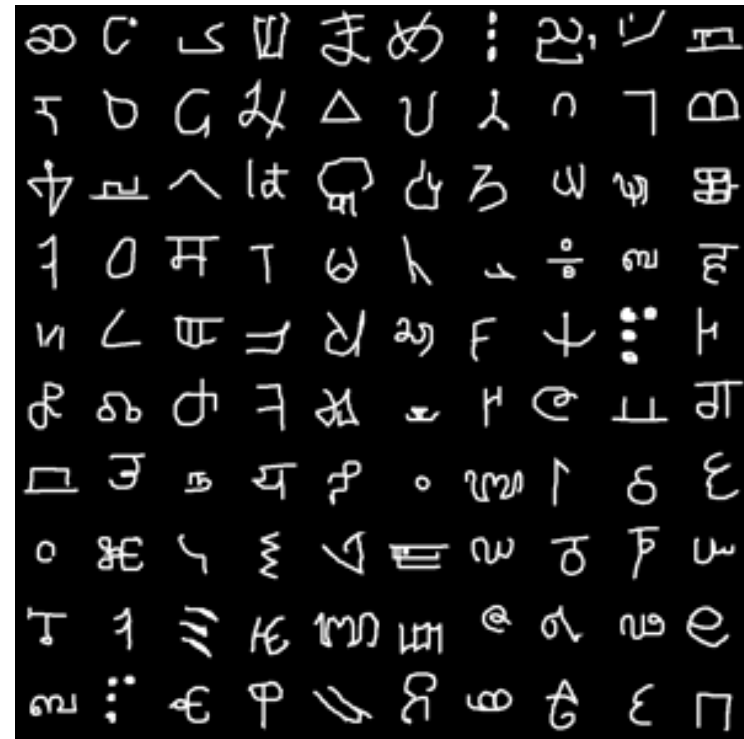
Bottom-up

- Hidden variables are dependent even when **conditioned on the input**.



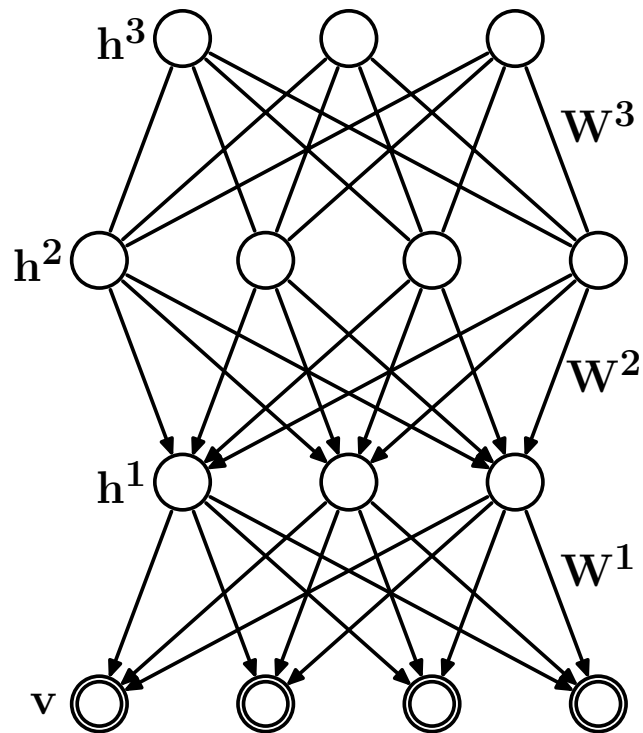
# Good Generative Model?

## Handwritten Characters

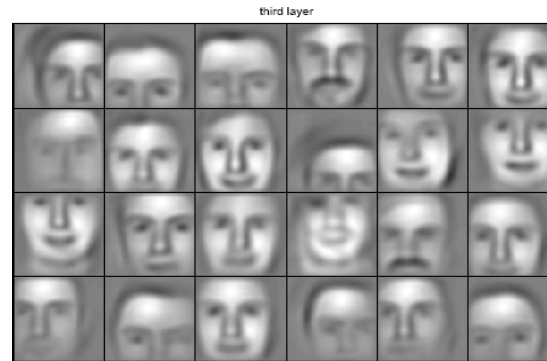


# Learning Part-based Representation

## Convolutional DBN



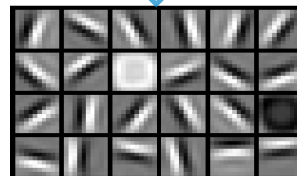
## Faces



Groups of parts.



Object Parts

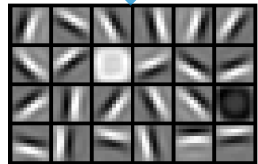
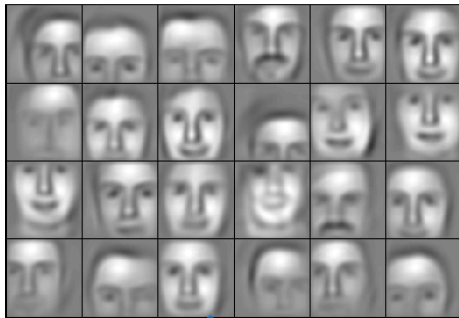


Trained on face images.

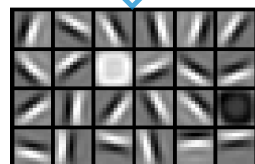
(Lee, Grosse, Ranganath, Ng, ICML 2009)

# Learning Part-based Representation

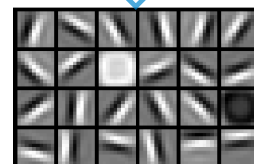
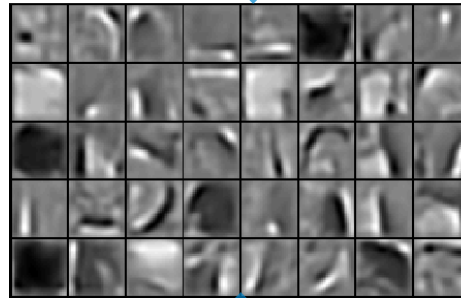
Faces



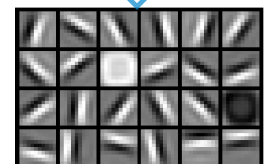
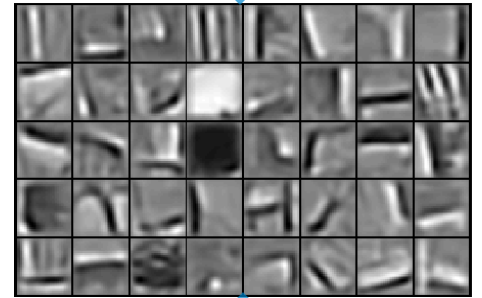
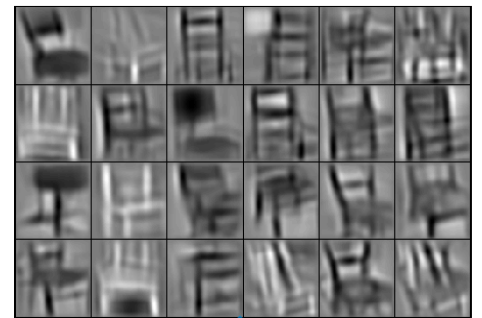
Cars



Elephants



Chairs



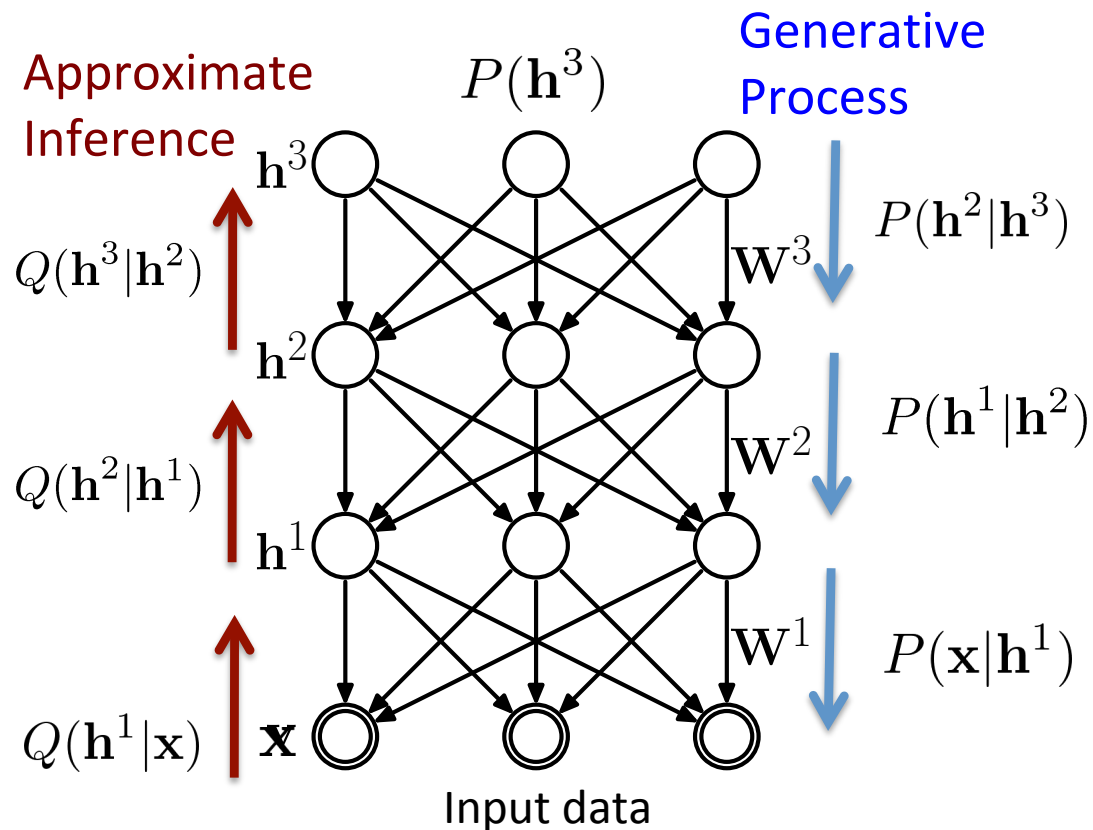
(Lee, Grosse, Ranganath, Ng, ICML 2009)

# Talk Roadmap

- Basic Building Blocks:
  - Sparse Coding
  - Autoencoders
- Deep Generative Models
  - Restricted Boltzmann Machines
  - Deep Boltzmann Machines
  - Helmholtz Machines / Variational Autoencoders
- Generative Adversarial Networks

# Helmholtz Machines

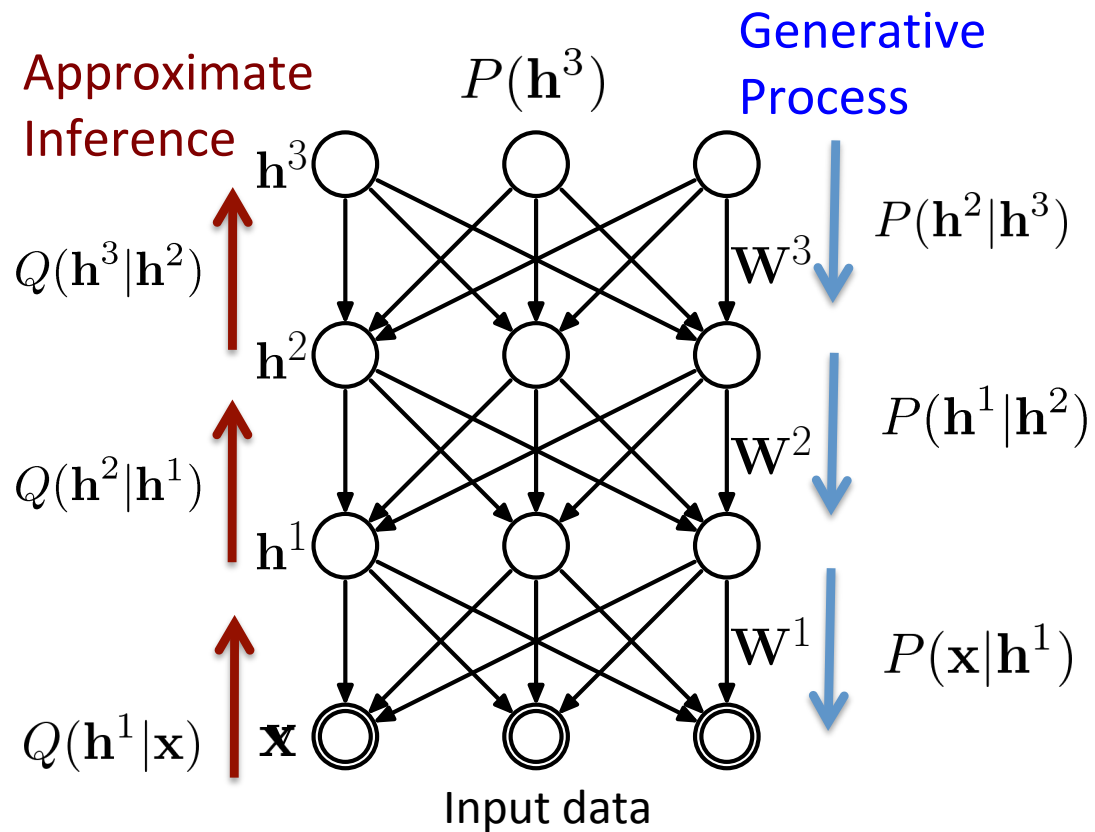
- Hinton, G. E., Dayan, P., Frey, B. J. and Neal, R., Science 1995



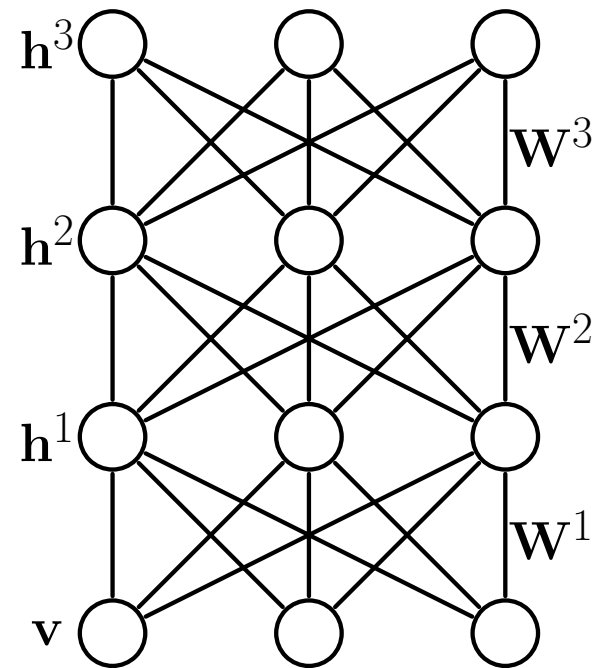
- Kingma & Welling, 2014
- Rezende, Mohamed, Daan, 2014
- Mnih & Gregor, 2014
- Bornschein & Bengio, 2015
- Tang & Salakhutdinov, 2013

# Helmholtz Machines vs. DBMs

Helmholtz Machine



Deep Boltzmann Machine

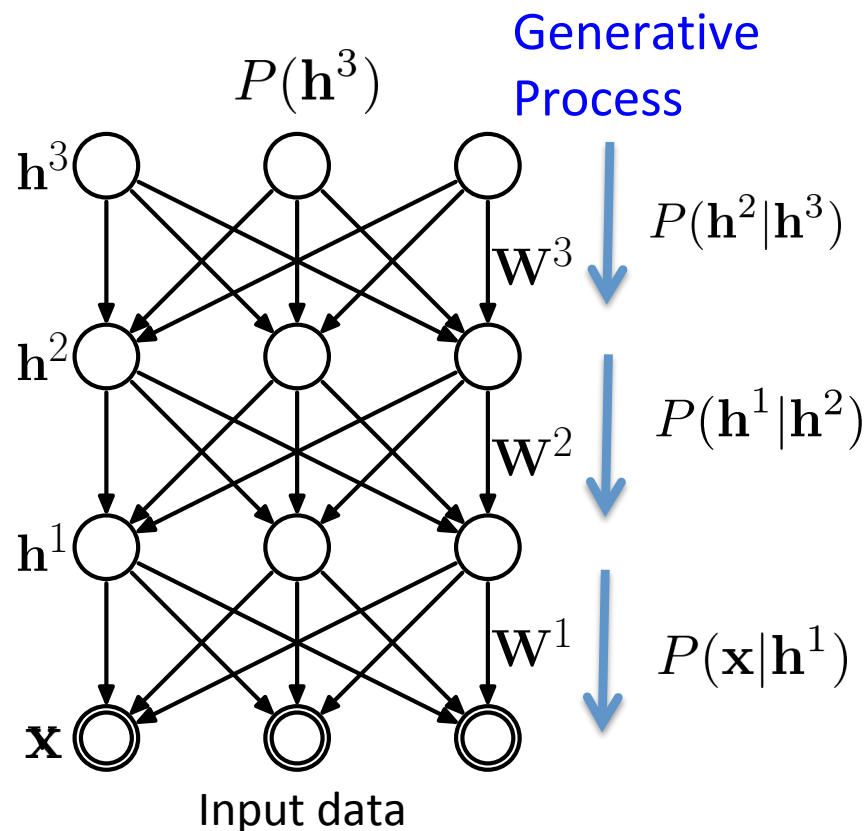


# Variational Autoencoders (VAEs)

- The VAE defines a generative process in terms of ancestral sampling through a cascade of hidden stochastic layers:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}^1, \dots, \mathbf{h}^L} p(\mathbf{h}^L|\boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{h}^{L-1}|\mathbf{h}^L, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \cdots p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{h}^1, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Each term may denote a complicated nonlinear relationship



- $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  denotes parameters of VAE.
- $L$  is the number of **stochastic** layers.
- Sampling and probability evaluation is tractable for each  $p(\mathbf{h}^\ell|\mathbf{h}^{\ell+1})$ .

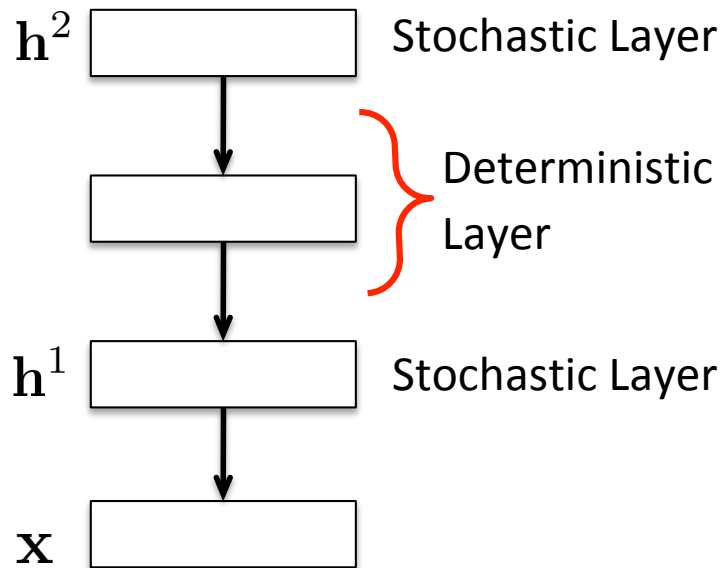
# VAE: Example

- The VAE defines a generative process in terms of ancestral sampling through a cascade of hidden stochastic layers:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}^1, \mathbf{h}^2} p(\mathbf{h}^2|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\mathbf{h}^1|\mathbf{h}^2, \boldsymbol{\theta})p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{h}^1, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$



This term denotes a one-layer neural net.



- $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  denotes parameters of VAE.
- $L$  is the number of **stochastic** layers.
- Sampling and probability evaluation is tractable for each  $p(\mathbf{h}^\ell|\mathbf{h}^{\ell+1})$ .



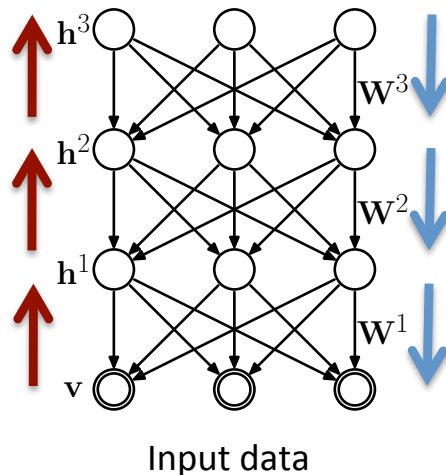
# Variational Bound

- The VAE is trained to maximize the variational lower bound:

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}) = \log \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x})} \left[ \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})}{q(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x})} \right] \geq \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x})} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})}{q(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x})} \right] = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \log p(\mathbf{x}) - D_{\text{KL}}(q(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}) || p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}))$$

- Trading off the data log-likelihood and the KL divergence from the true posterior.



- Hard to optimize the variational bound with respect to the recognition network (high-variance).
- Key idea of Kingma and Welling is to use reparameterization trick.

# Reparameterization Trick

- Assume that the recognition distribution is Gaussian:

$$q(\mathbf{h}^\ell | \mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

with mean and covariance computed from the state of the hidden units at the previous layer.

- Alternatively, we can express this in term of **auxiliary variable**:

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\ell \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

$$\mathbf{h}^\ell (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\ell, \mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta})^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\ell + \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

# Reparameterization Trick

- Assume that the recognition distribution is Gaussian:

$$q(\mathbf{h}^\ell | \mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

- Or

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\ell \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

$$\mathbf{h}^\ell(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\ell, \mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta})^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\ell + \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- The recognition distribution  $q(\mathbf{h}^\ell | \mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$  can be expressed in terms of a deterministic mapping:


$$\underbrace{\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}_{\text{Deterministic Encoder}}, \quad \text{with} \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \underbrace{(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^L)}_{\text{Distribution of } \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \text{ does not depend on } \boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

Deterministic  
Encoder

Distribution of  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$   
does not depend on  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

# Computing the Gradients


- The gradient w.r.t the parameters: both recognition and generative:

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h} \sim q(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}, \theta)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}|\theta)}{q(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}, \theta)} \right]$$



Autoencoder

$$= \nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon^1, \dots, \epsilon^L \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I)} \left[ \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}, \theta)|\theta)}{q(\mathbf{h}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}, \theta)|\mathbf{x}, \theta)} \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon^1, \dots, \epsilon^L \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I)} \left[ \nabla_{\theta} \log \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}, \theta)|\theta)}{q(\mathbf{h}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}, \theta)|\mathbf{x}, \theta)} \right]$$



Gradients can be computed by backprop



The mapping  $\mathbf{h}$  is a deterministic neural net for fixed  $\epsilon$ .

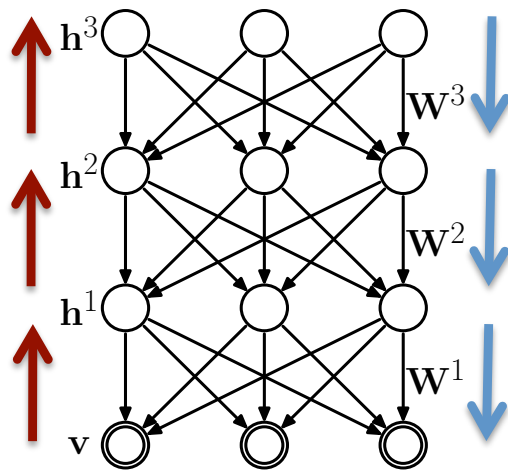
# Importance Weighted Autoencoders

- Can improve VAE by using following k-sample importance weighting of the log-likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}_k(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h}_1, \dots, \mathbf{h}_k \sim q(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x})} \left[ \log \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}_i)}{q(\mathbf{h}_i|\mathbf{x})} \right]$$

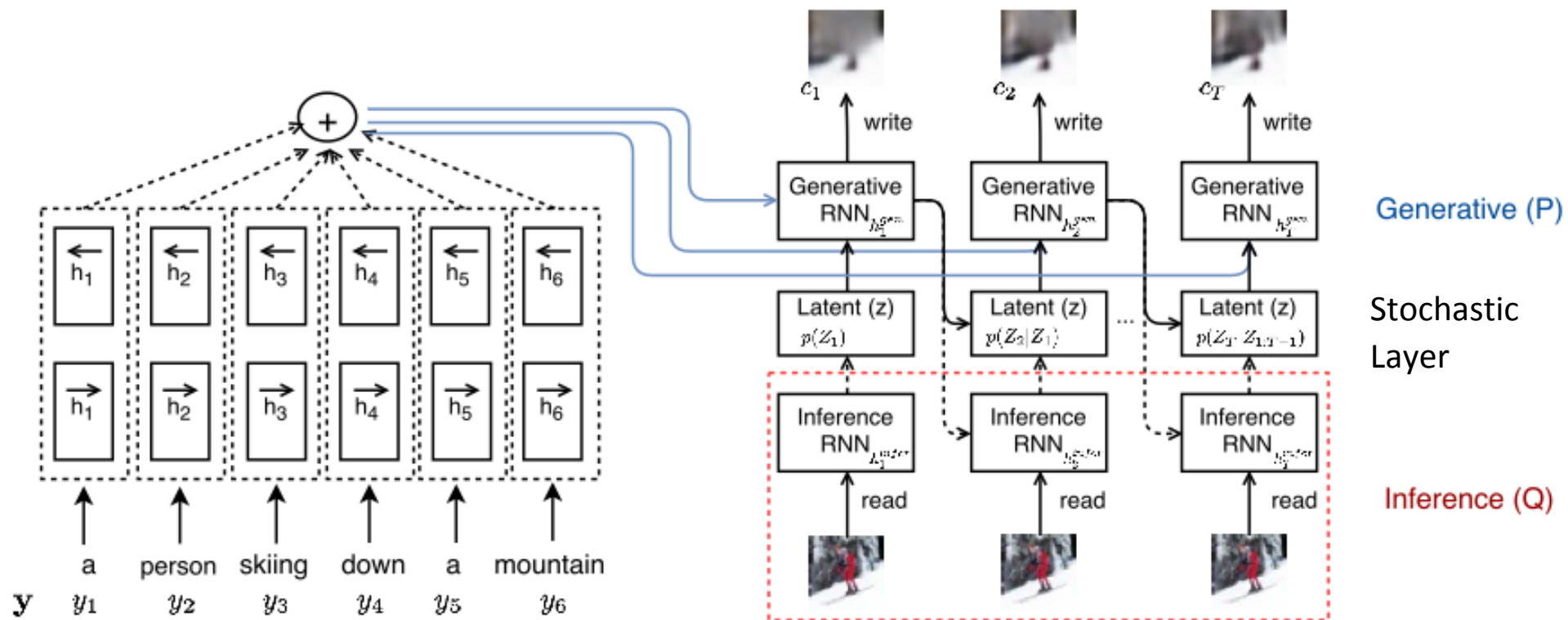
$$= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h}_1, \dots, \mathbf{h}_k \sim q(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x})} \left[ \log \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k w_i \right]$$

unnormalized  
importance weights



where  $\mathbf{h}_1, \dots, \mathbf{h}_k$  are sampled from the recognition network.

# Generating Images from Captions



- **Generative Model:** Stochastic Recurrent Network, chained sequence of Variational Autoencoders, with a single stochastic layer.
- **Recognition Model:** Deterministic Recurrent Network.

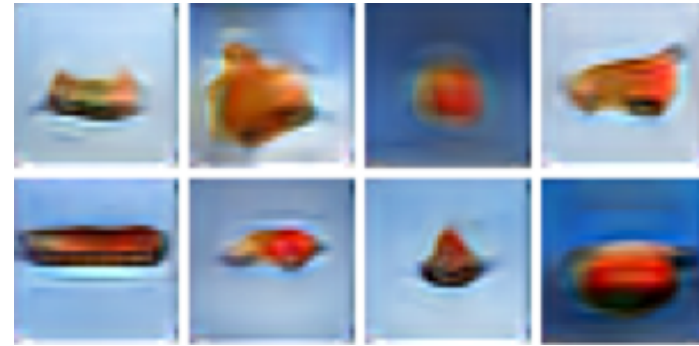
# Motivating Example

- Can we generate images from natural language descriptions?

A **stop sign** is flying in blue skies



A **pale yellow school bus** is flying in blue skies



A **herd of elephants** is flying in blue skies



A **large commercial airplane** is flying in blue skies



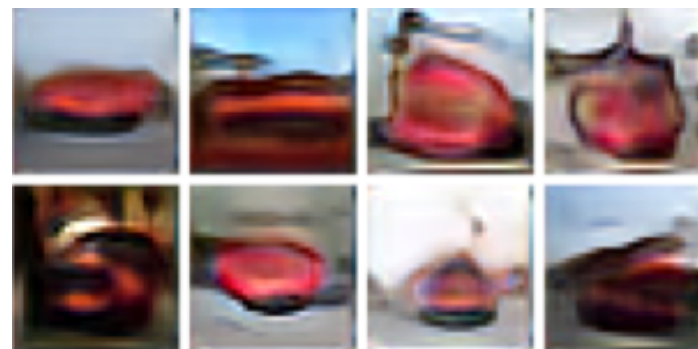
(Mansimov, Parisotto, Ba, Salakhutdinov, 2015)

# Flipping Colors

A **yellow** school bus parked in the parking lot



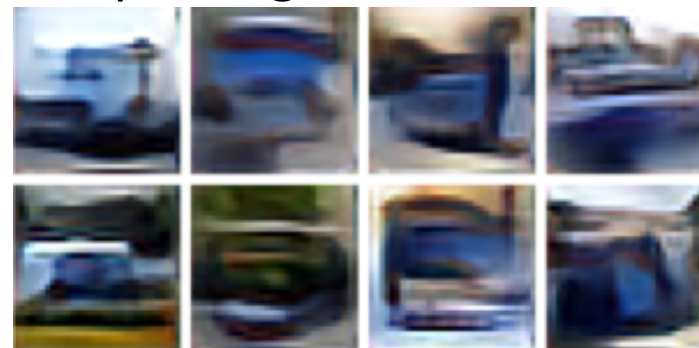
A **red** school bus parked in the parking lot



A **green** school bus parked in the parking lot



A **blue** school bus parked in the parking lot



(Mansimov, Parisotto, Ba, Salakhutdinov, 2015)



# Qualitative Comparison

*A group of people walk on a beach with surf boards*

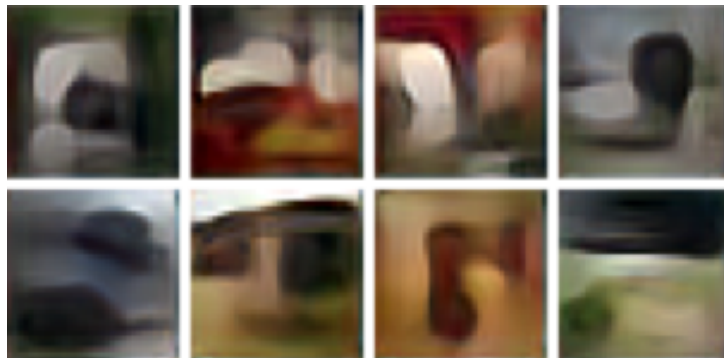
Our Model



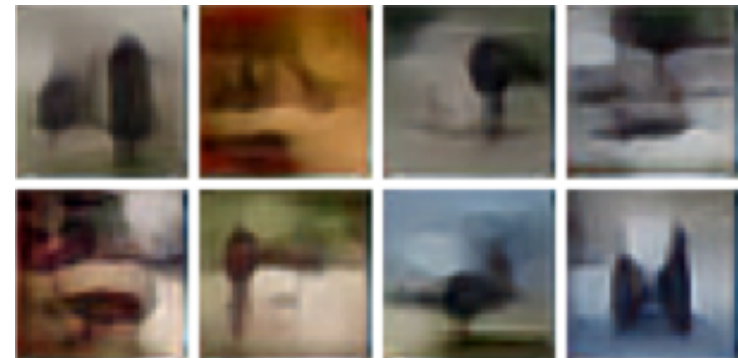
LAPGAN (Denton et. al. 2015)



Conv-Deconv VAE



Fully Connected VAE



# Novel Scene Compositions

A toilet seat sits open in the bathroom



A toilet seat sits open in the grass field



Ask Google?



# Talk Roadmap

- Basic Building Blocks:
  - Sparse Coding
  - Autoencoders
- Deep Generative Models
  - Restricted Boltzmann Machines
  - Deep Boltzmann Machines
  - Helmholtz Machines / Variational Autoencoders
- Generative Adversarial Networks

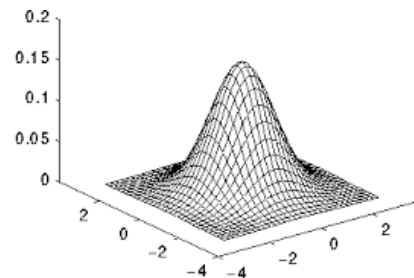
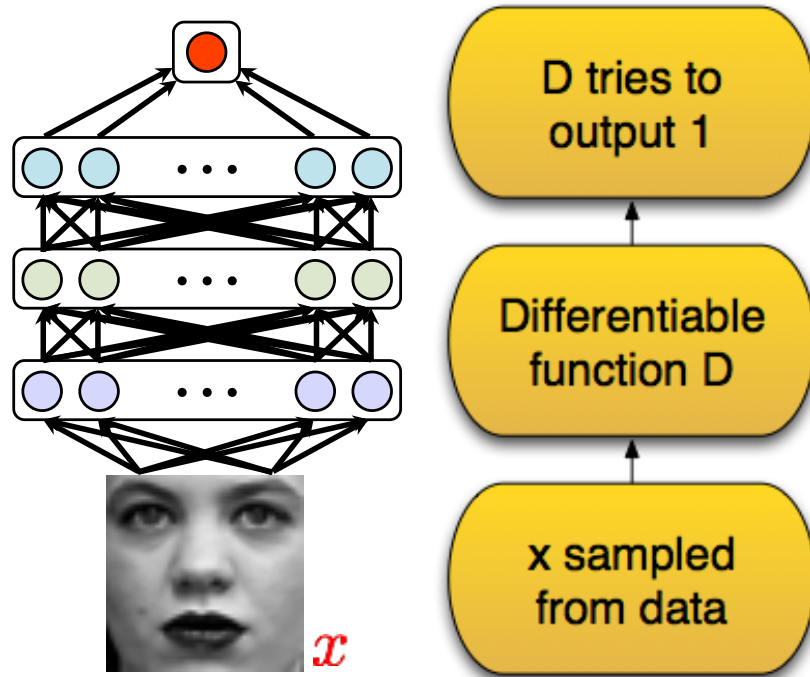
# Generative Adversarial Networks

- There is no explicit definition of the density for  $p(x)$  – Only need to be able to sample from it.
- No variational learning, no maximum-likelihood estimation, no MCMC. How?
- By playing a game!

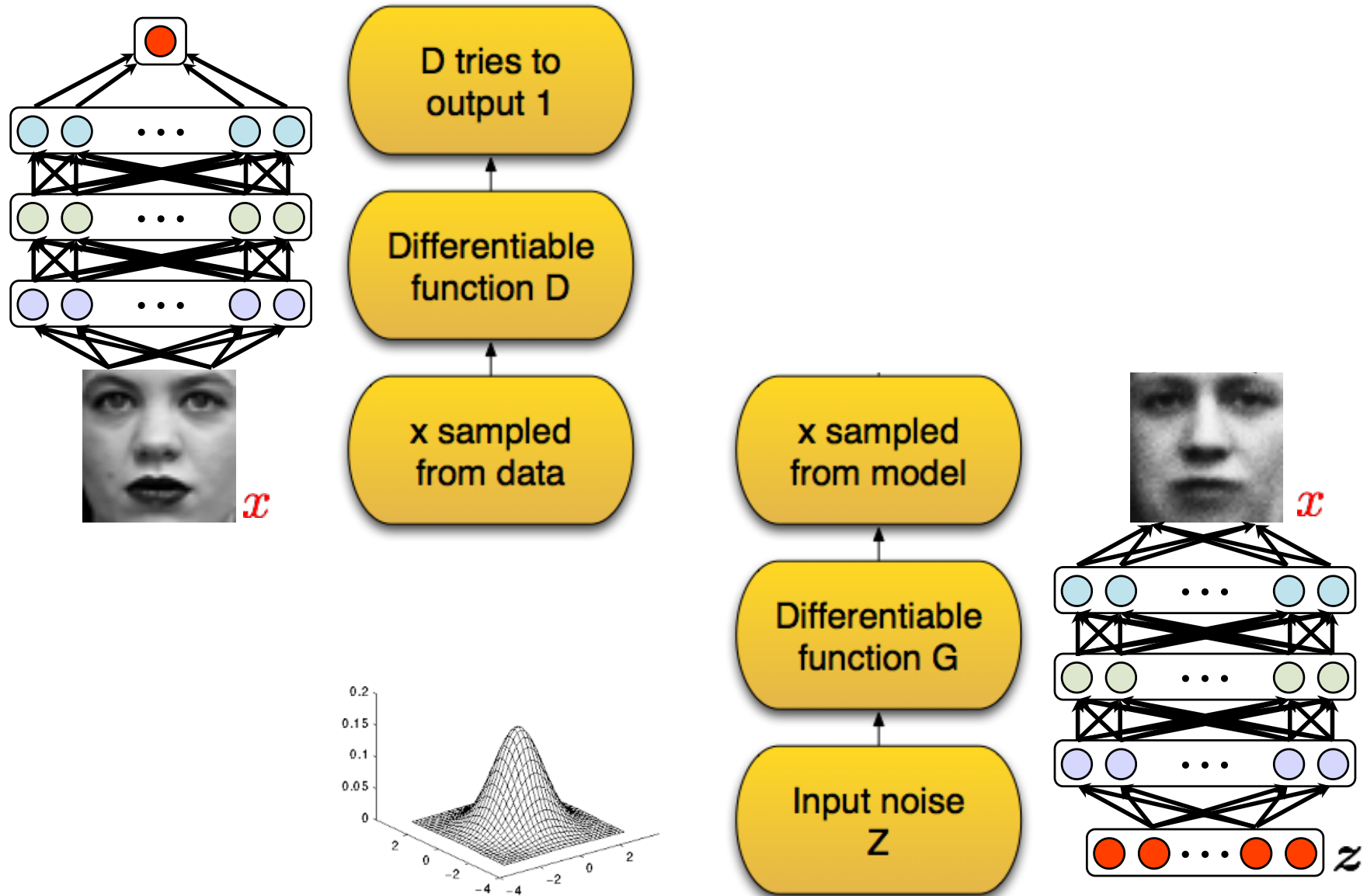
# Generative Adversarial Networks

- Set up a game between two players:
  - Discriminator D
  - Generator G
- Discriminator D tries to discriminate between:
  - A sample from the data distribution.
  - And a sample from the generator G.
- The Generator G attempts to “fool” D by generating samples that are hard for D to distinguish from the real data.

# Generative Adversarial Networks

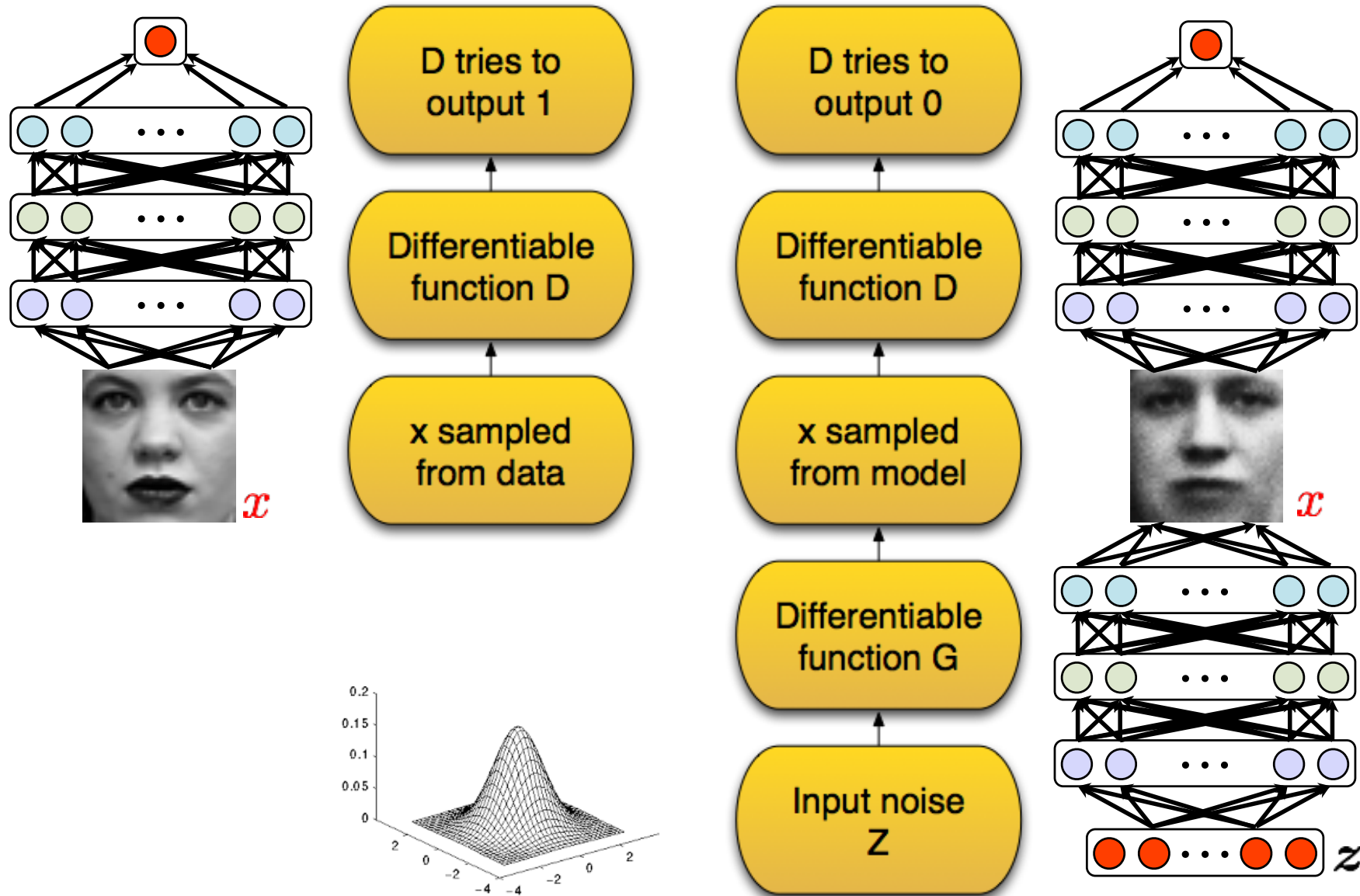


# Generative Adversarial Networks



Slide Credit: Ian Goodfellow

# Generative Adversarial Networks



Slide Credit: Ian Goodfellow



# Generative Adversarial Networks

- Minimax value function

Generator: generate samples  
that D would classify as real

$$\min_G \max_D V(D, G) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\log D(\mathbf{x})] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{z})} [\log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z})))]$$

Discriminator:  
Pushes up

Discriminator: Classify  
data as being real

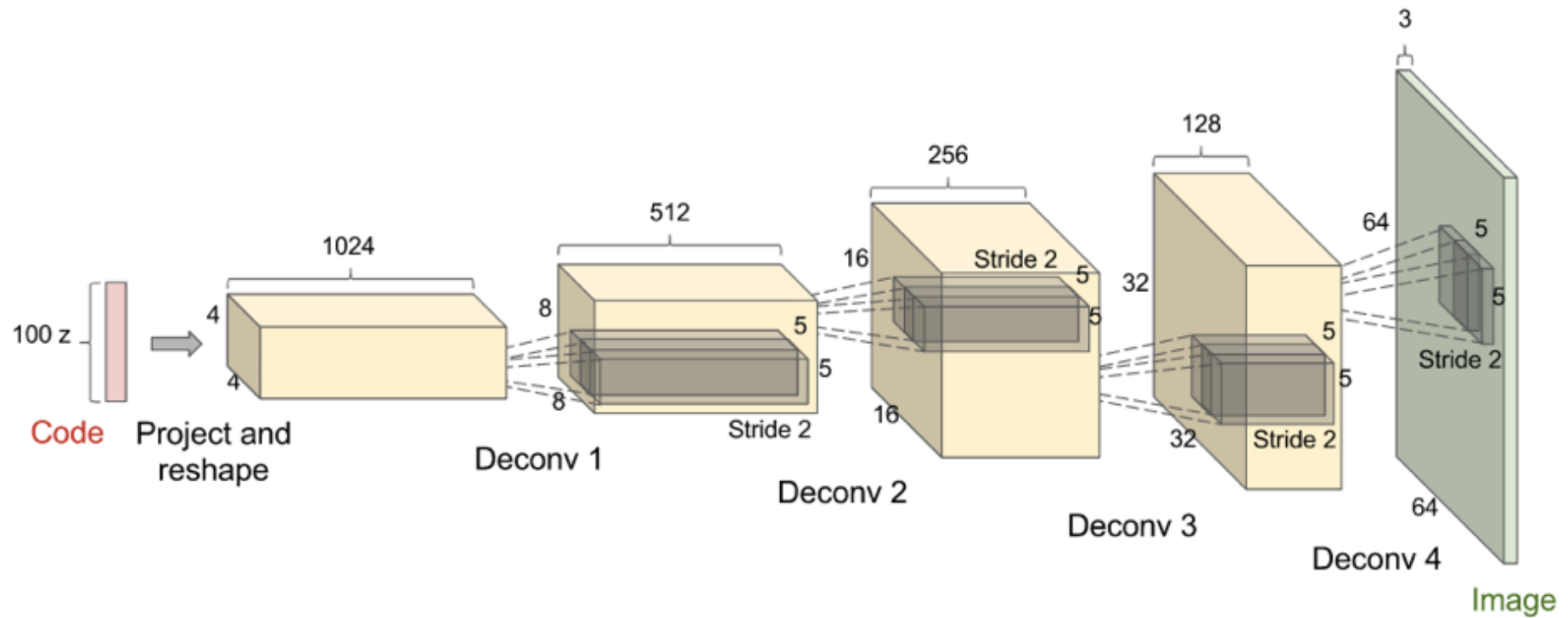
Discriminator: Classify  
generator samples as  
being fake

Generator:  
Pushes down

- Optimal strategy for Discriminator is:

$$D(x) = \frac{p_{\text{data}}(x)}{p_{\text{data}}(x) + p_{\text{model}}(x)}$$

# DCGAN Architecture



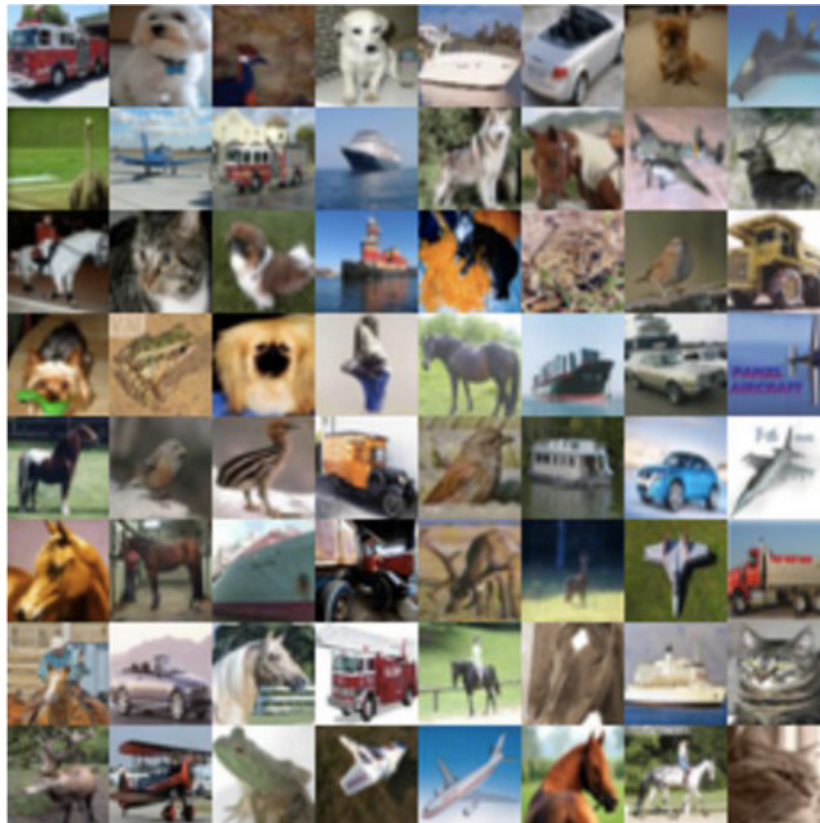
(Radford et al 2015)

# LSUN Bedrooms: Samples

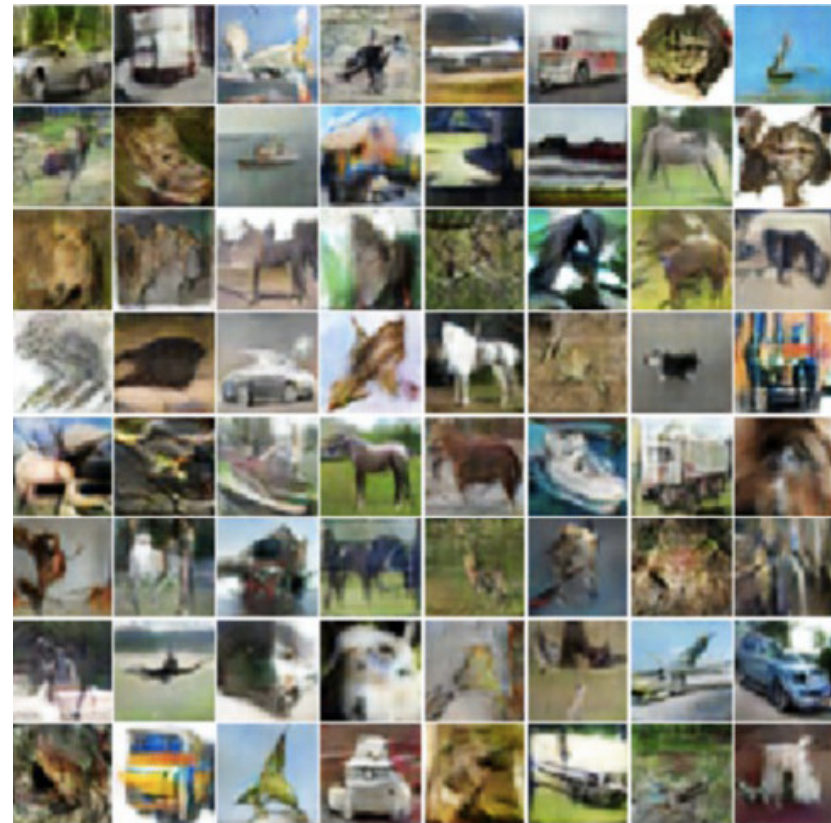


(Radford et al 2015)

# CIFAR



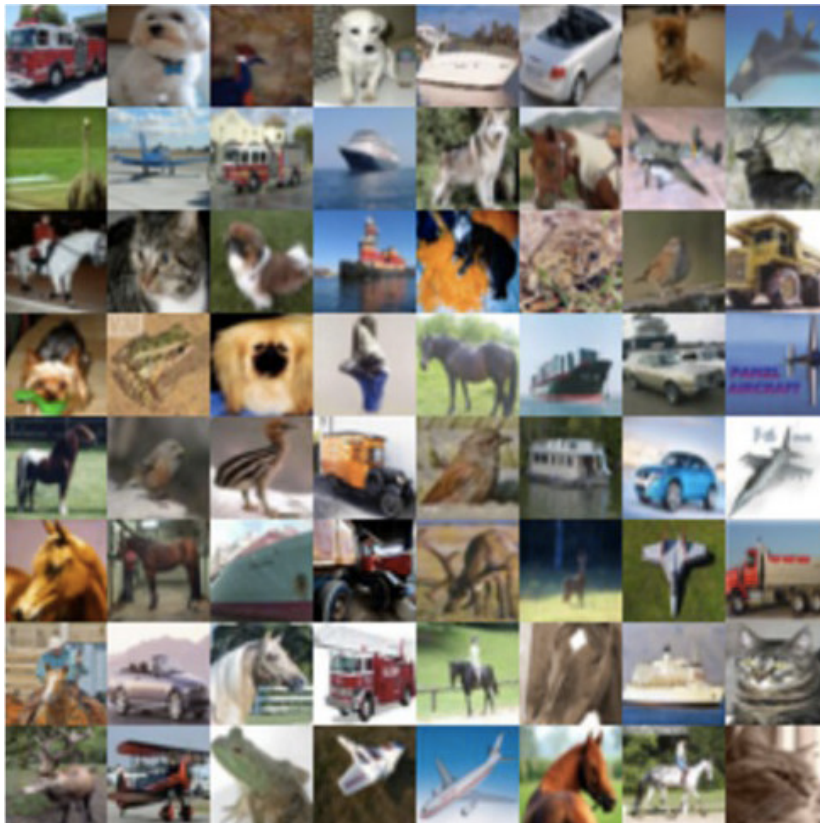
Training



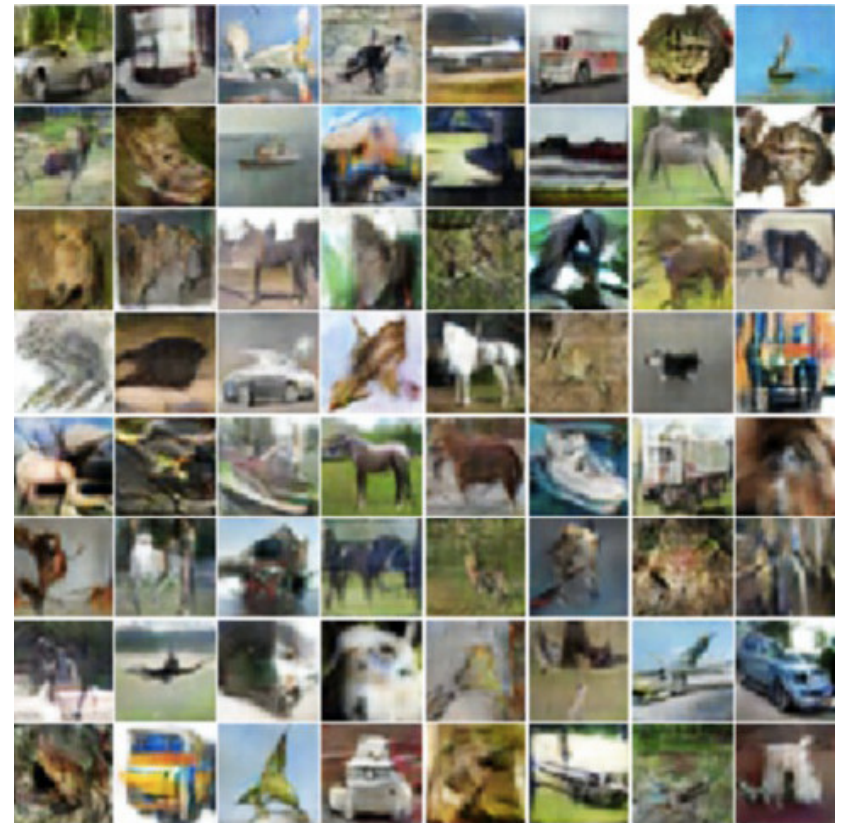
Samples



# IMAGENET



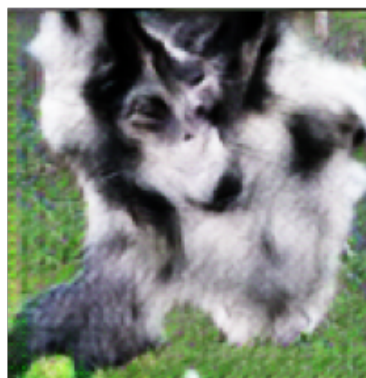
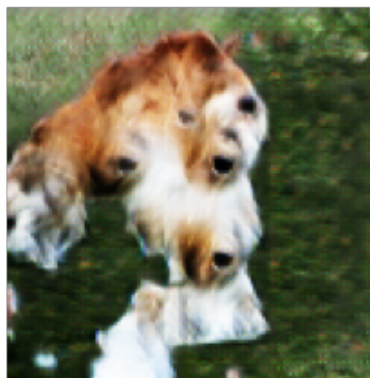
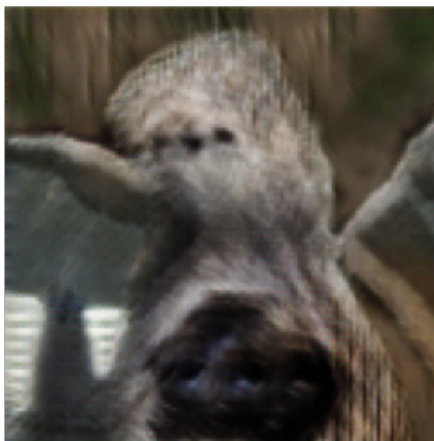
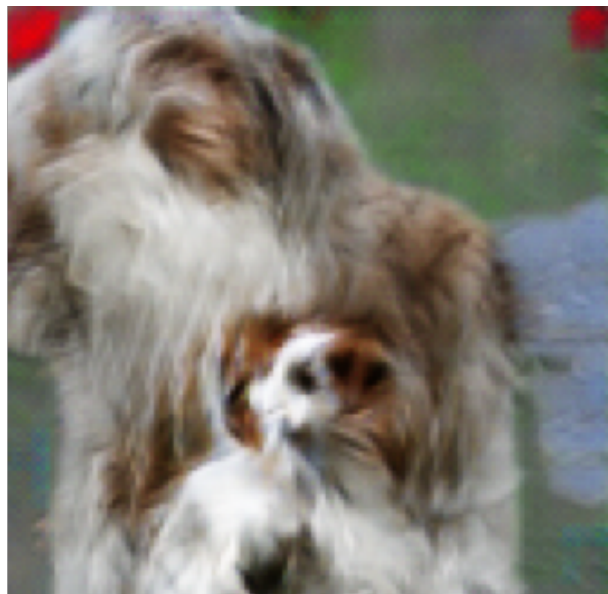
Training



Samples

(Salimans et. al., 2016)

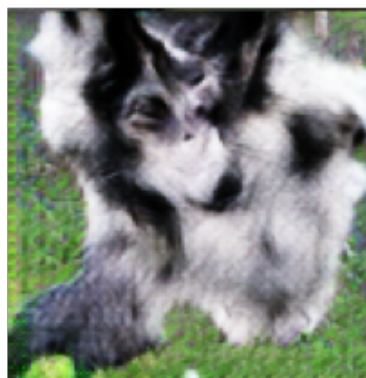
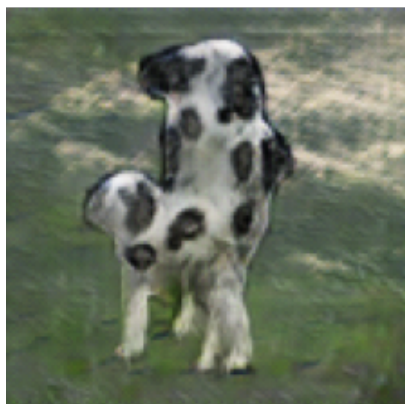
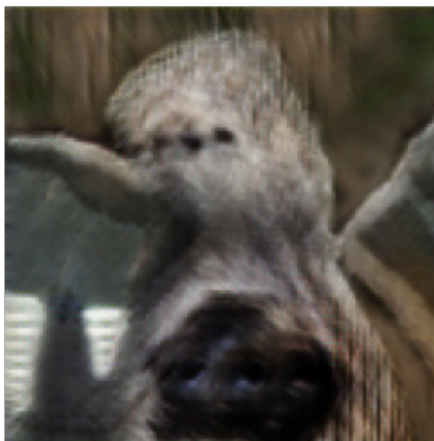
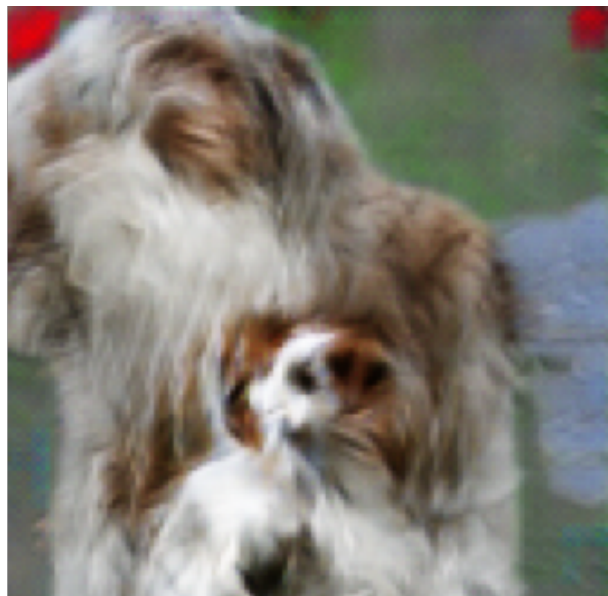
# ImageNet: Cherry-Picked Results



- **Open Question:** How can we quantitatively evaluate these models!



# ImageNet: Cherry-Picked Results



- **Open Question:** How can we quantitatively evaluate these models!