# Autoencoders An Introduction



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# Context

- 1. The primary focus in this presentation is on time-series analysis.
- 2. Application to real-time machine data that for multi-variate timeseries (MVTS).
- 3. Autoencoders will be considered as a means of identifying relevant information in data and with this to enable dimensionality reduction.
- 4. Autoencoders can be trained in an unsupervised manner, this alleviates the need for labelled data.
- 5. Final goal is hybrid-learning, i.e., combining: a) a-priori knowledge, b) analytical techniques and c) machine learning.



# Elements of an Autoencoder

#### Autoencoder structure



Single layer model

$$
s = f(\boldsymbol{W}_e \boldsymbol{y} + \boldsymbol{b}_e) \in \mathbb{R}^n
$$
  

$$
\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} = g(\boldsymbol{W}_d \boldsymbol{y} + \boldsymbol{b}_d) \in \mathbb{R}^m
$$

Both  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are activation functions, e.g.



Note both these activation functions have significant regions which are linear



With the ReUL activation we have



With the ReUL we always have a piece wise function of linear operations on y.

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First definition in a learning context:

", Learning Internal Representations by Error Propagation" by: Rumelhart, Hinton and Williams, 1965. TABLE 8



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# Elements of an Autoencoder

# Autoencoder structure (mappings)



Composite map

$$
\hat{\pmb{y}} = G(F(\pmb{y},\pmb{\alpha}),\pmb{\beta})
$$

### The goal

The goal is to generate a reproduction  $\hat{y}$  of the input y that achieves a high degree of dimensionality reduction, i.e.,  $n < m$ ; while, maintaining the *significant information* from the input data.

Expressing the goal as a cost function

$$
E(\boldsymbol{\alpha},\boldsymbol{\beta})=\|\boldsymbol{r}\|_2+\lambda R(\boldsymbol{s},N(0,1))
$$



# The Concept of Low Rank Identity

### Can the identity matrix I be factored?

Of course, since  $B^{-1}$  B = I. With special case  $A^{T} A = I$ .

**TABLE 5** 

### Do low rank factorizations exist? Yes, if we can accept some finite error Є.





The most efficient low rank approximations are Sylvester equations of the form:

 $AX+XB=C$ 





### Example Low Ran Approximation to Identity

### Rank 10 deficint with  $\epsilon \approx 2.2e - 9$





# Low Rank Approximations are Nonunique

### **Original**

Original



Structure (information) of the error is important, no only the magnitude.

Discrete bases functions can be used to define structure.

Both reconstructions are rank 10 deficient<br>  $\frac{\text{Low rank } 10}{\text{Low rank } \text{approx } (1)}$ 



Random bases



Polynomial bases

# Analogy: Analysis and Synthesis Functions

# Fourier analysis in the context of autoencoders



# Fourier filtering using truncation (Dimensionality reduction)



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# Low Rank Approximations with Bases

Raw data



#### Discrete orthogonal polynomials Fourier bases (DFT)







Low rank approximations

Spectrum wrt Bases



Model differences



 $0.9$ 

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 $0<sub>1</sub>$ 

02

 $0<sub>4</sub>$ 

 $0.5$ 

Time

 $06$ 

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# New Proposed Architecture



$$
\mathbf{y}_m = \boldsymbol{B}_c \, \boldsymbol{\alpha},\tag{20}
$$

If  $\Lambda_{\alpha}$  is the covariance of  $\alpha$  (Variance of the latent space as approximation), then,

$$
\Lambda_{\mathbf{y}_m} = \boldsymbol{B}_c \, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{\alpha} \, \boldsymbol{B}_c^{\mathrm{T}}.
$$
 (21)

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# Polynomials





Discrete Orthogonal Polynomials





### Constrained Discrete Orthogonal Polynomials





# Example 2



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