# Lecture 15 Introduction to Deep Unsupervised Learning II CMSC 35246: Deep Learning

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# **Image Classification**

#### Evaluated on Caltech101 object category dataset.



Lee, Battle, Raina, Ng, 2006

Slide Credit: Honglak Lee

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## **Features for Faces**



Figure: Charles Cadieu



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- PS: Modified model than the sparse coding model we saw (but to emphasize nonlinearity in encoding, and linear decoding)

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# **Stacked Autoencoders**



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# **Pre-Training**



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# Deep Autoencoders (2006)



Fig. 1. Pretraining consists of learning a stack of restricted Boltzmann machines (RBMs), each having only one layer of feature detectors. The learned feature activations of one RBM are used as the "data" for training the next RBM in the stack. After the pretraining, the RBMs are "unrolled" to create a deep autoencoder, which is then fine-tuned using backpropagation of error derivatives.

G. E. Hinton, R. R. Salakhutdinov, Reducing the dimensionality of data with neural networks, Science, 2006

#### It was hard to train deep feedforward networks from scratch in 2006!

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$$\Omega(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{x}) = \lambda \sum_{i} \|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{h}_{i}\|_{2}^{2}$$

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# **De-Noising Autoencoder: Intuition**



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• Canonical example: Cocktail party problem





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Figure: Yoshua Bengio (FTML Volume)



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•  $P(\mathbf{h})$  is a factorial distribution



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- How do learn in such a model?
- Let's look at a simple example

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