

# Reminders / Announcements

- **Homework 1 is due tonight!**

- Each student gets 10 late days (total). See the syllabus for details.
- You **DO NOT** need to email me for permission to use late days!

- **Project Proposal is due 10/03**

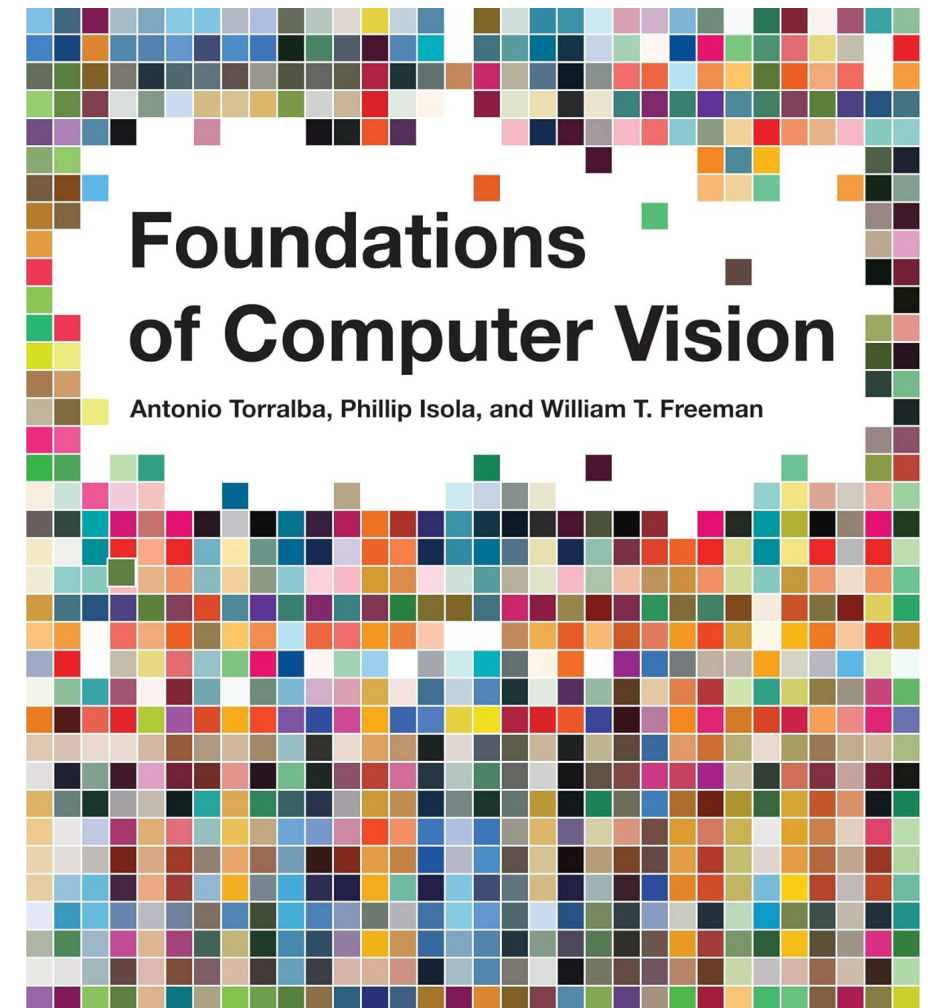
- Group sizes <3 need my explicit permission!
- Proposal needs to be turned in on Blackboard by each group member

- **Midterm Exam is on 10/20**

- In class; closed-book; 1 hour; everything up to and including 10/15 lecture
- More details in the next class.

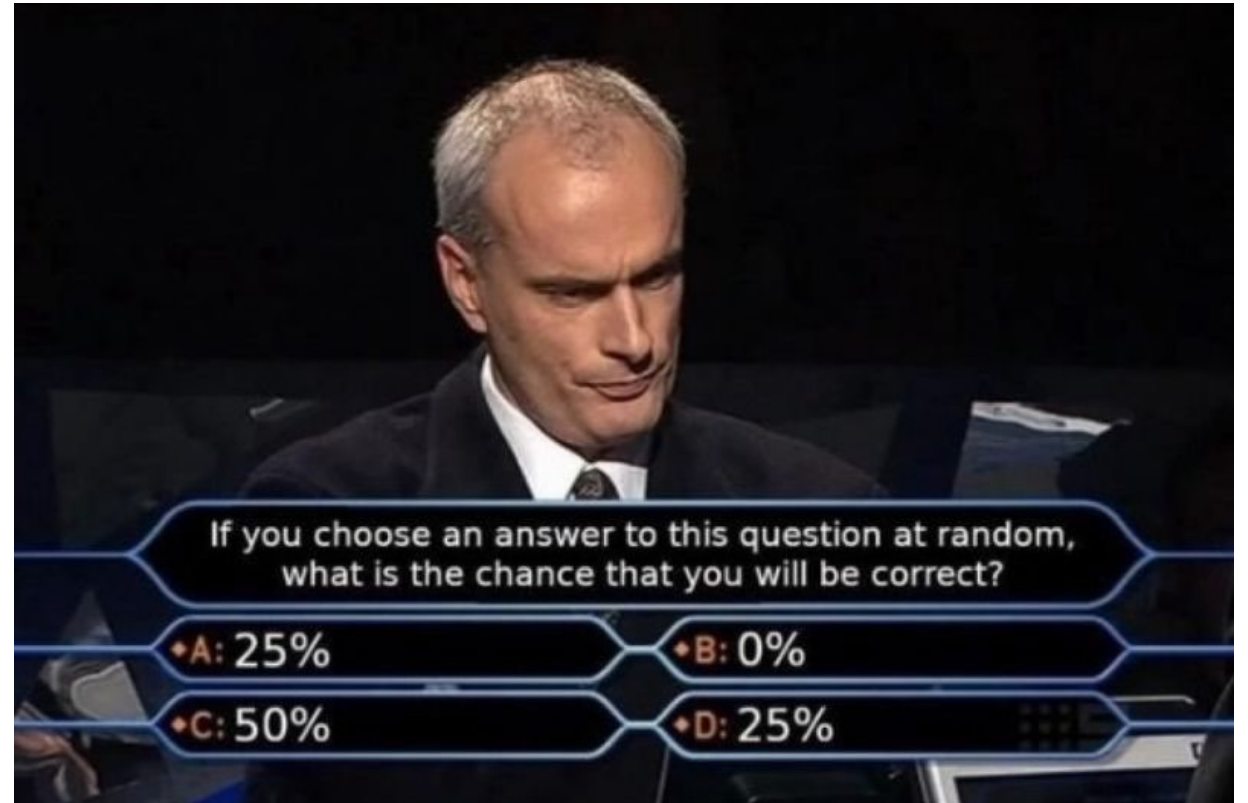
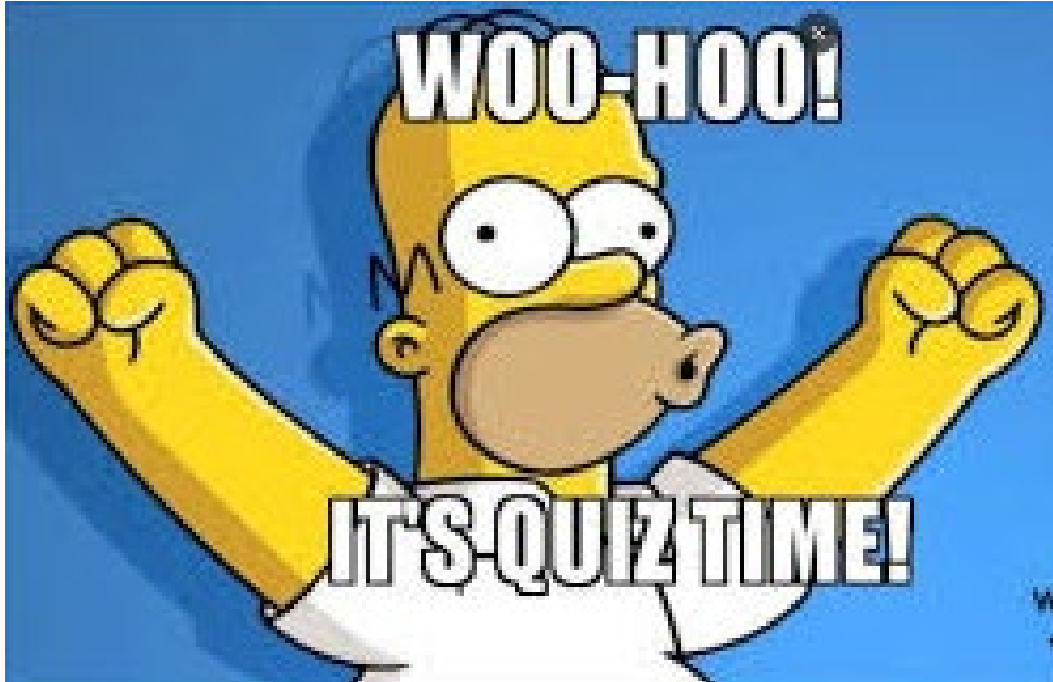
# A New Useful Reference Book

- Available for free on: <https://visionbook.mit.edu/>
- Published in 2024 – a modern take compared to the other reference books mentioned in the syllabus (these are also available for free)
- As a reminder: you are encouraged to read relevant chapters of reference books
  - Course website lists book chapters for each lecture
  - This is optional, but encouraged



I've requested UMBC library to buy it, but that might take some time ...

# Quiz 3!



# Lecture 8: Neural Networks



Some slides from Suren Jayasuriya (ASU), Phillip Isola (MIT)



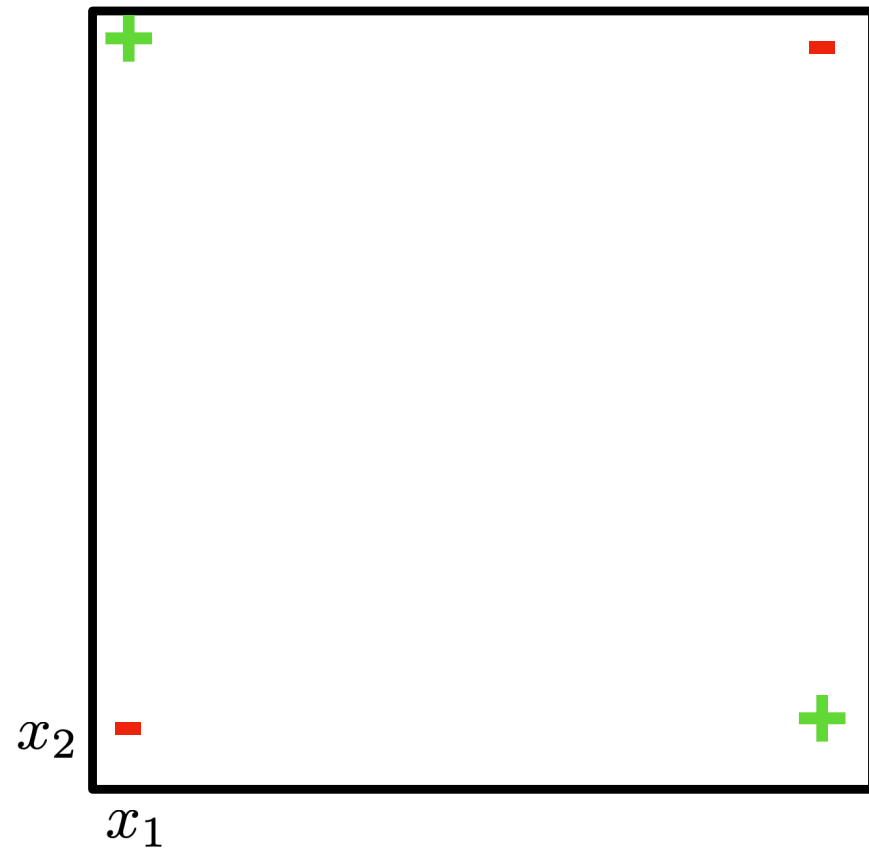


## Artificial Intelligence



$$\hat{y} = \boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x} + b$$

# Limitations to linear classifiers



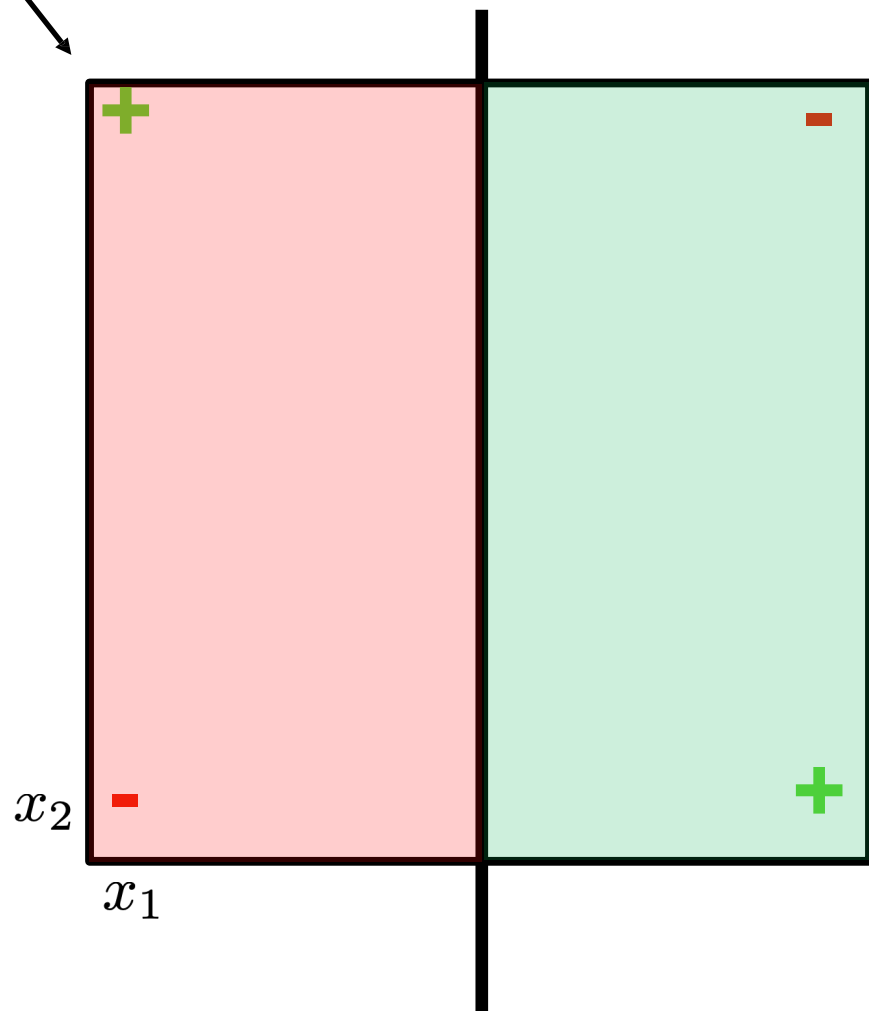
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XOR

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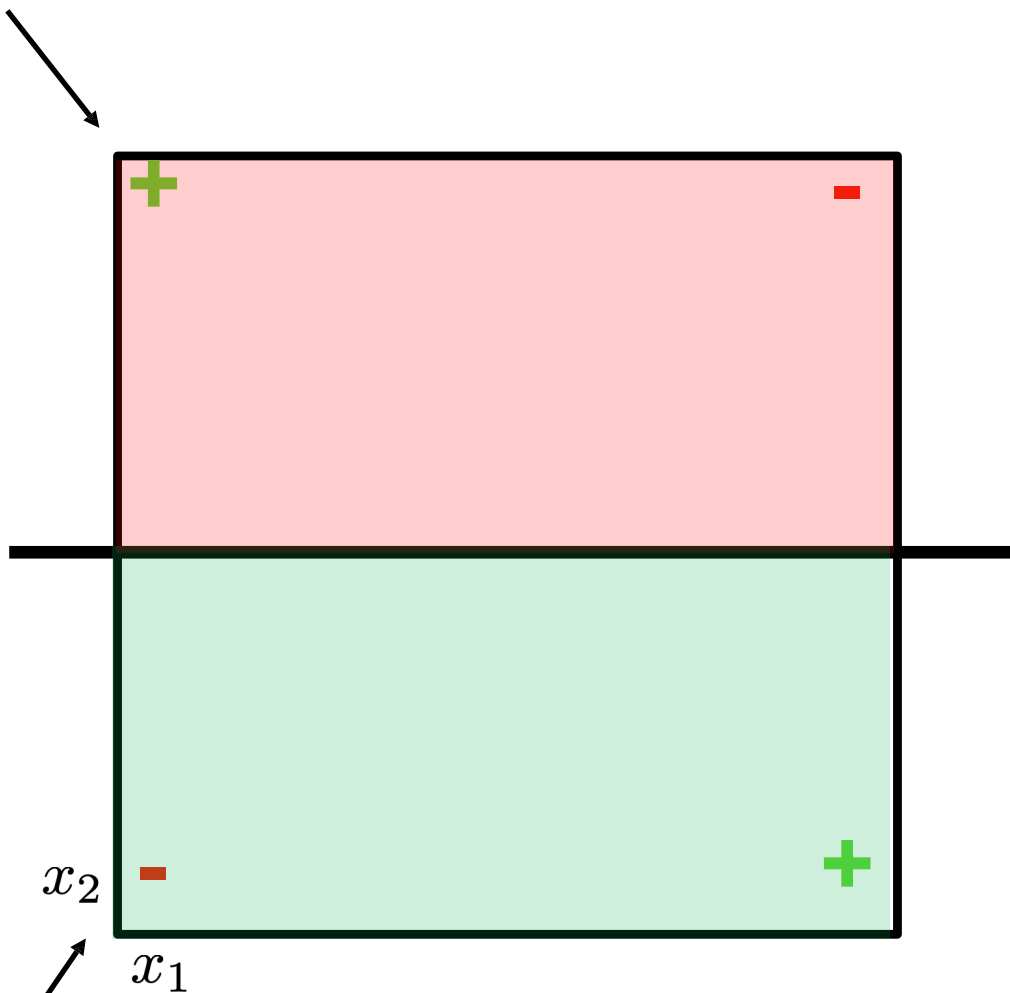


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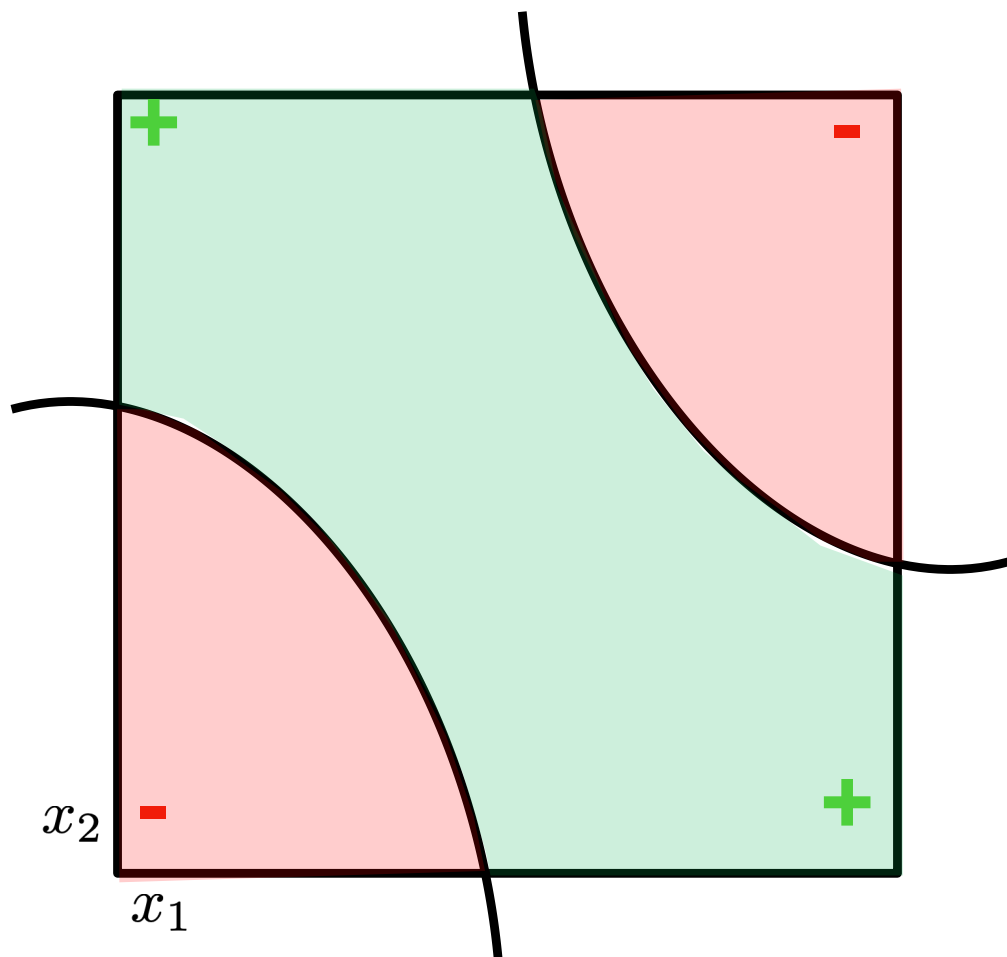


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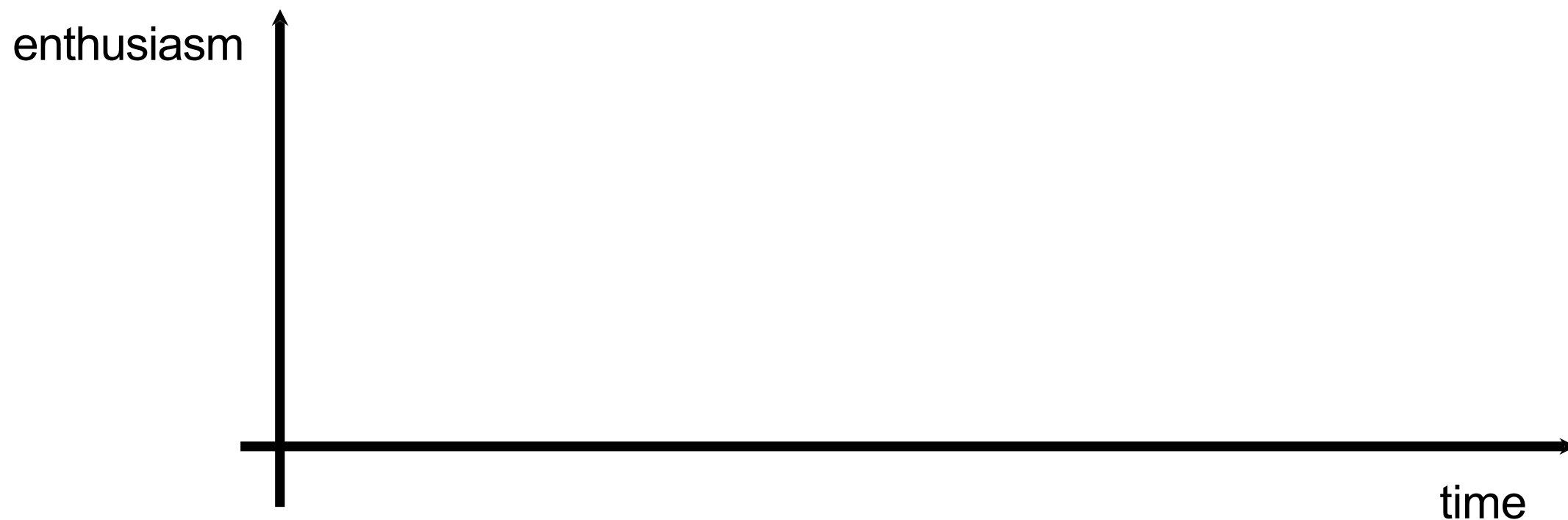
# Goal: Non-linear decision boundary



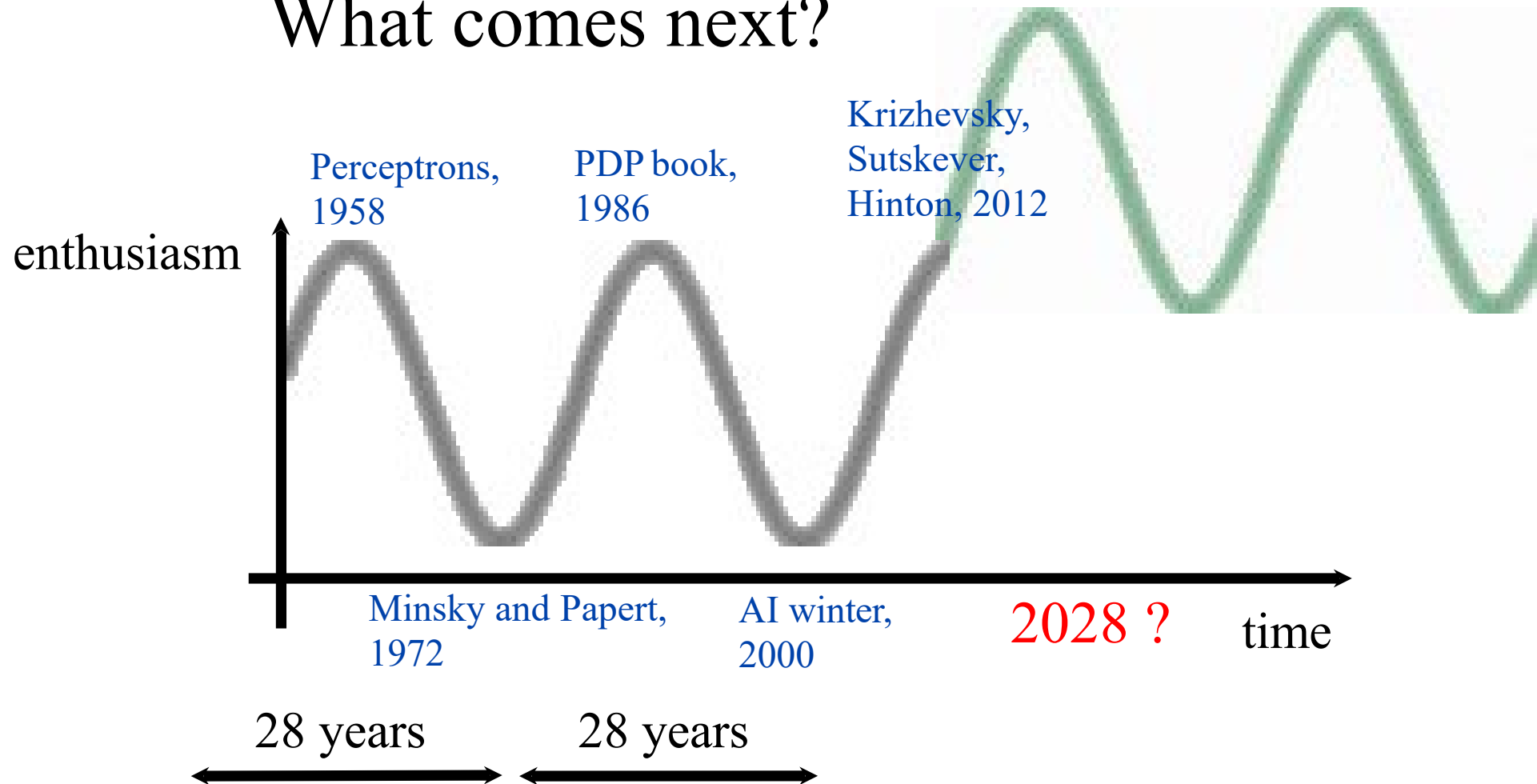
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# A brief history of Neural Networks



# What comes next?

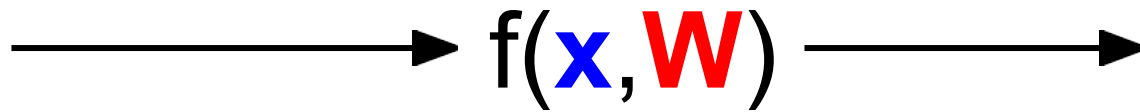


# Parametric Approach

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Array of **32x32x3** numbers  
(3072 numbers total)



**10** numbers giving  
class scores

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**W**

parameters  
or weights

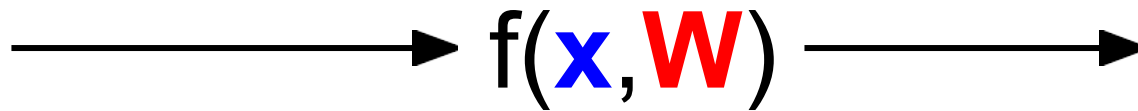
# Parametric Approach: Linear Classifier

$$f(x, W) = Wx$$

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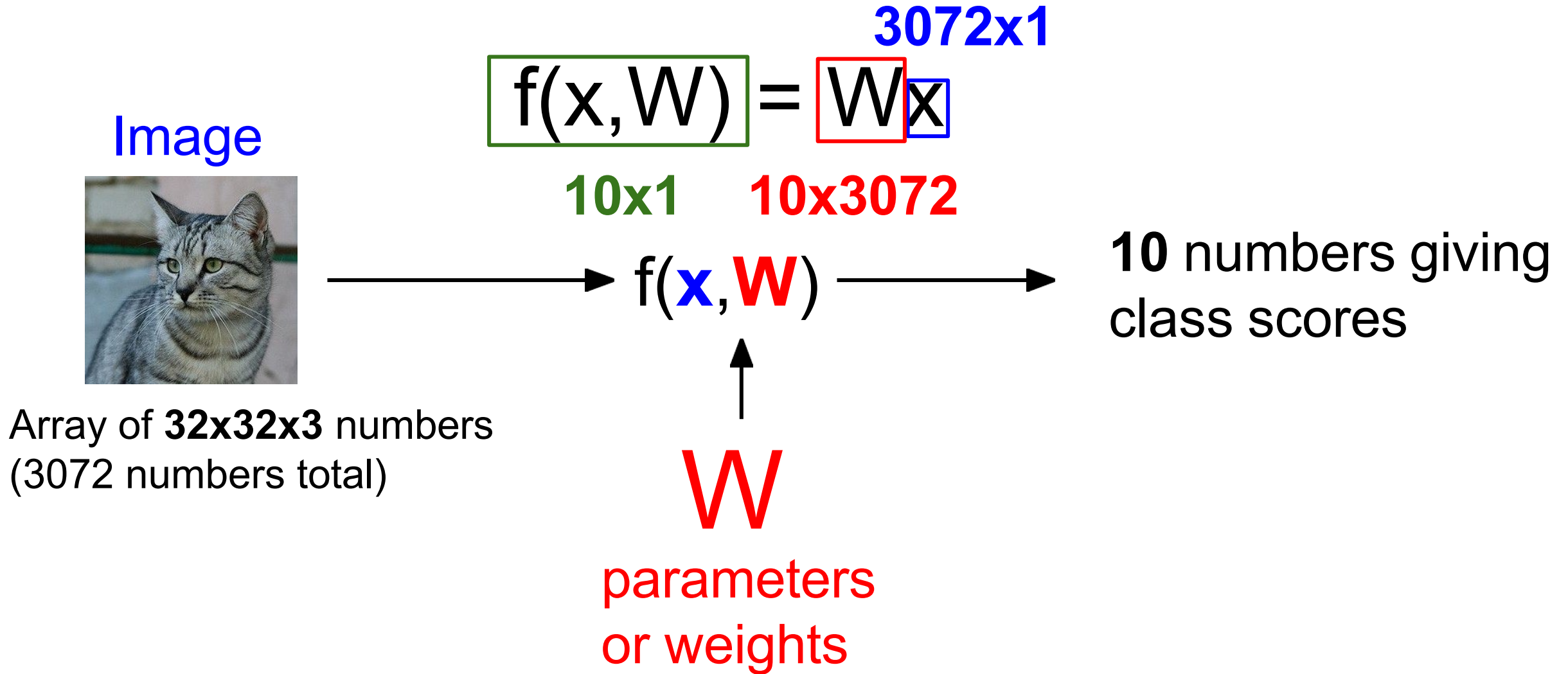


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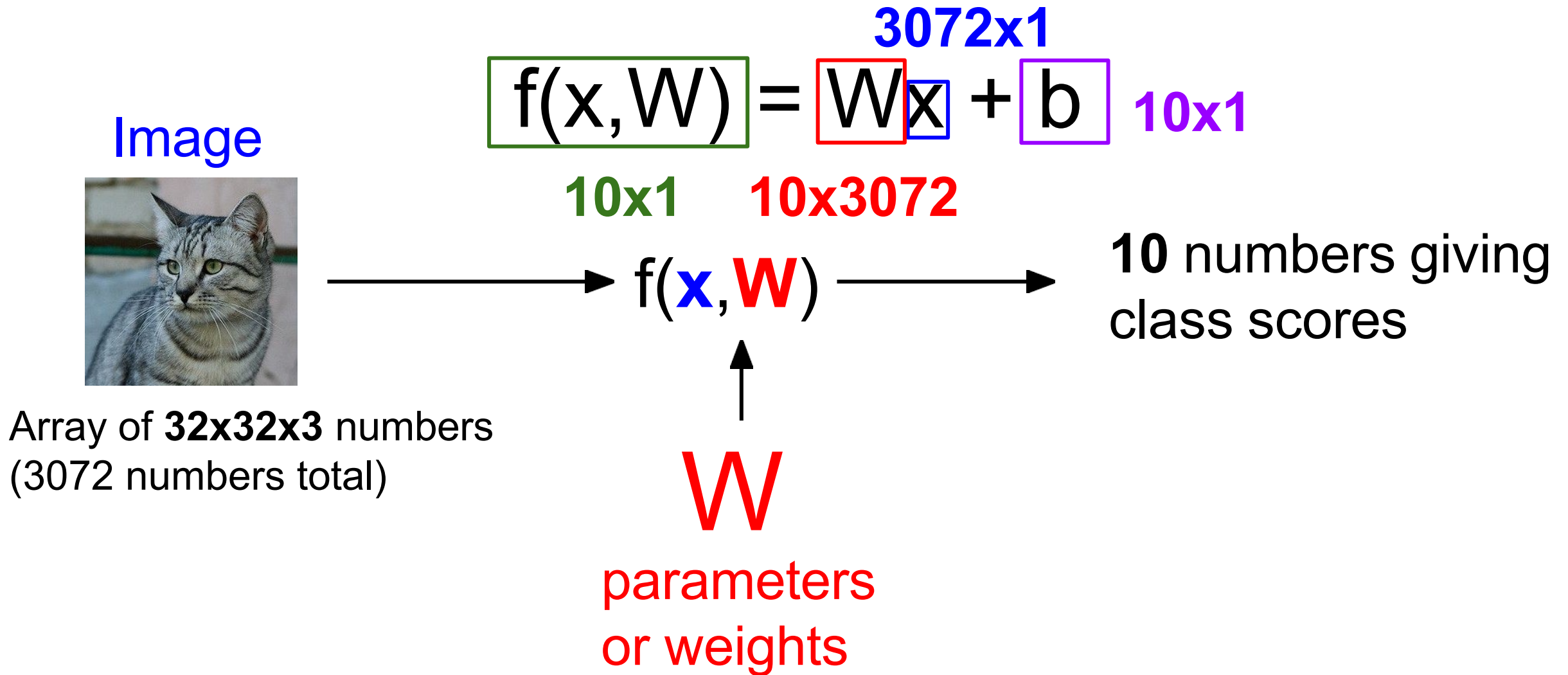
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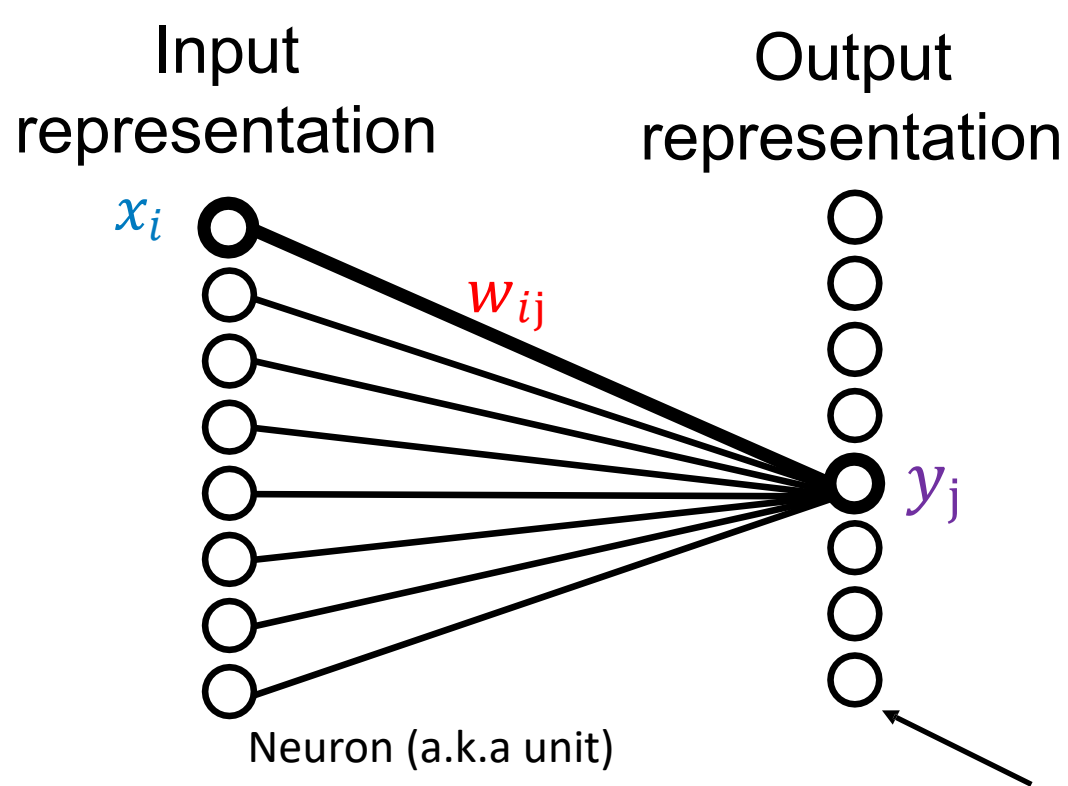
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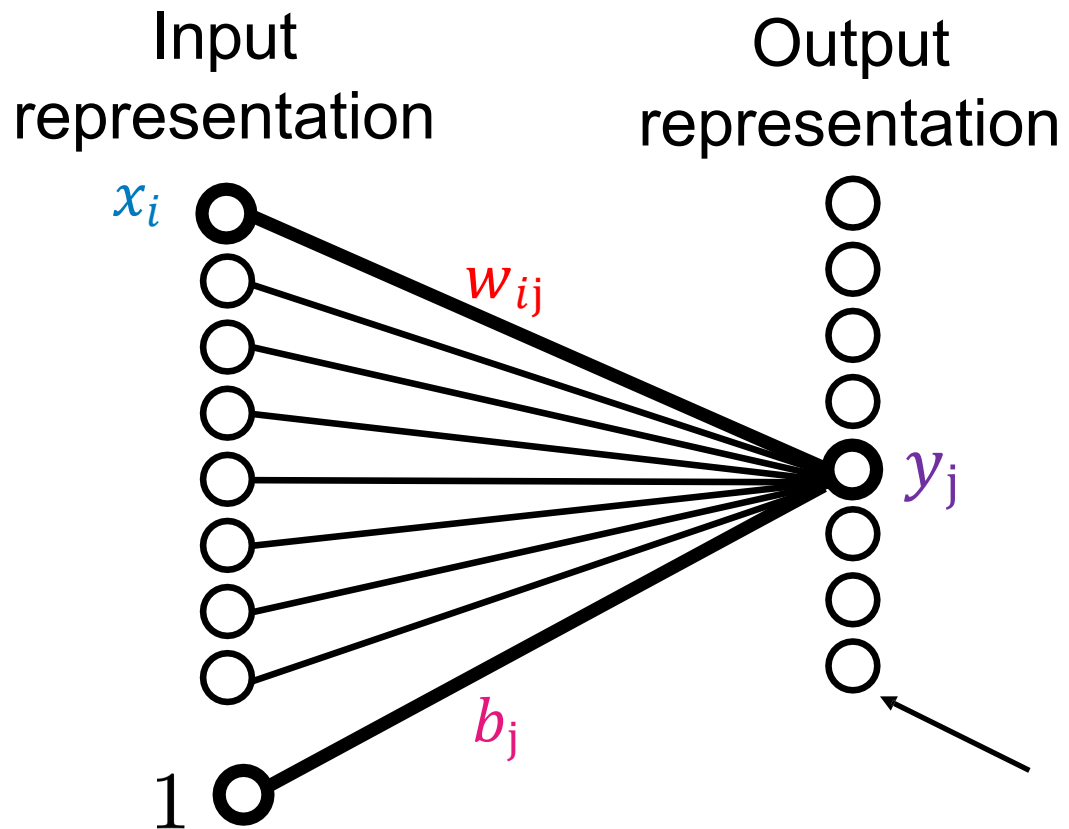
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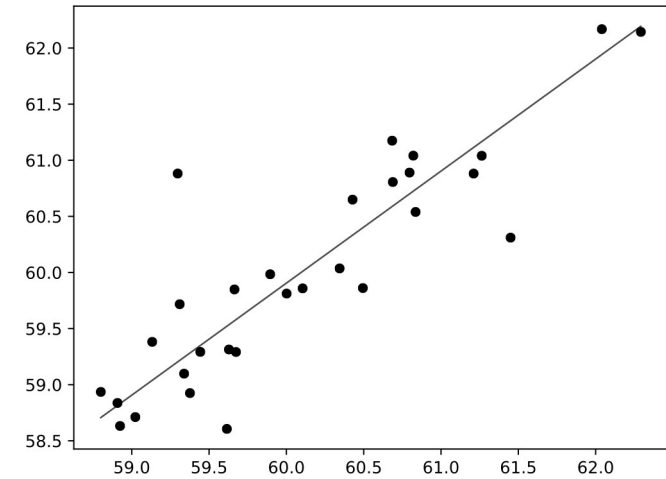
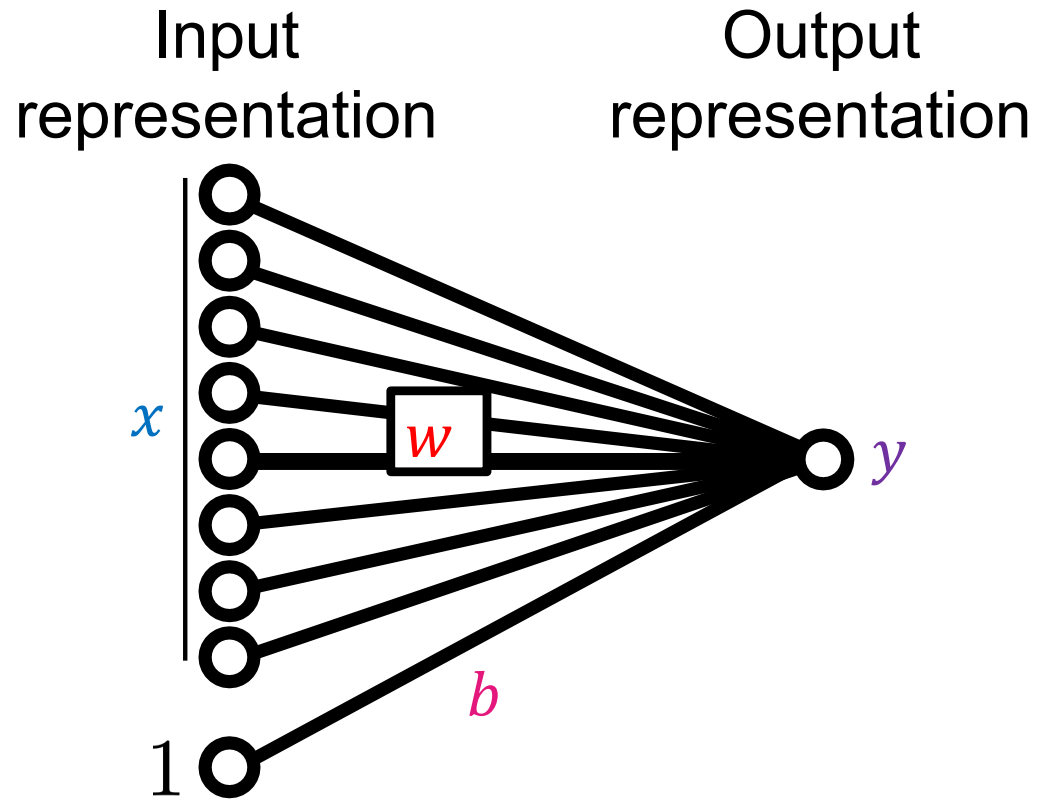
$$y_j = \sum_i w_{ij} x_i + b_j$$

weights

bias

# Example: Linear Regression

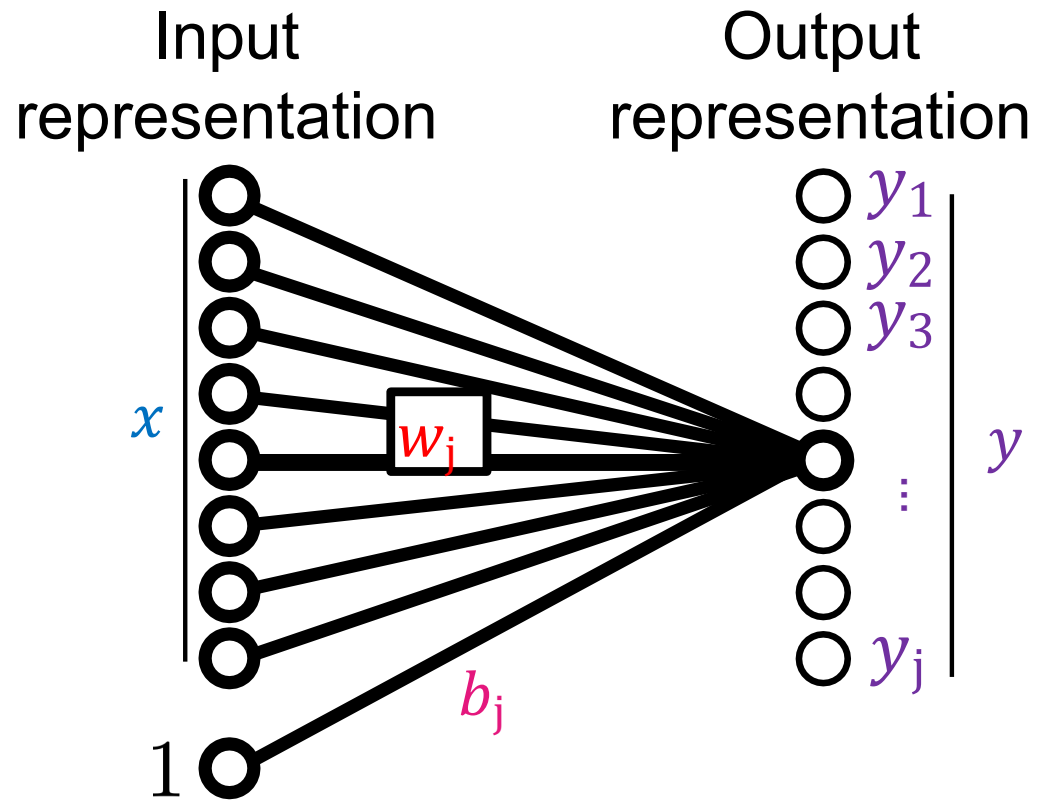
## Linear layer



$$f_{\mathbf{w},b}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w} + b$$

# Computation in a neural net – Full Layer

## Linear layer



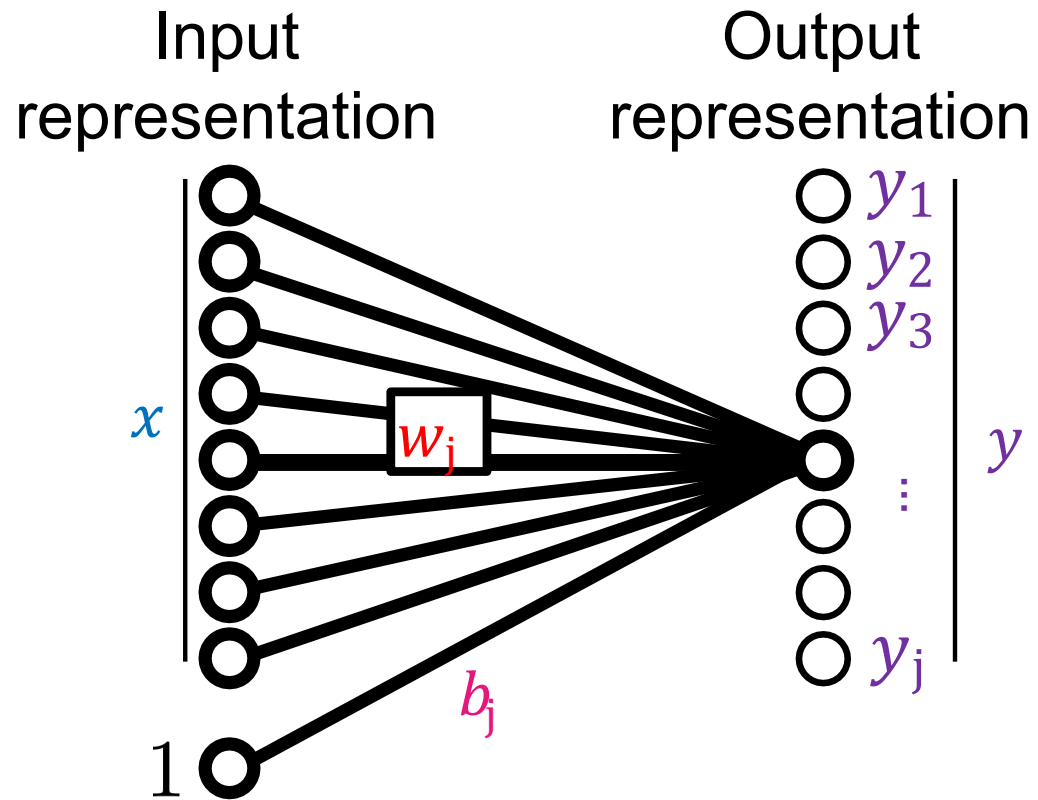
$$y = Wx + b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} W_{11} & \cdots & W_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ W_{j1} & \cdots & W_{jn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_j \end{bmatrix}$$

parameters of the model:  $\theta = \{W, b\}$

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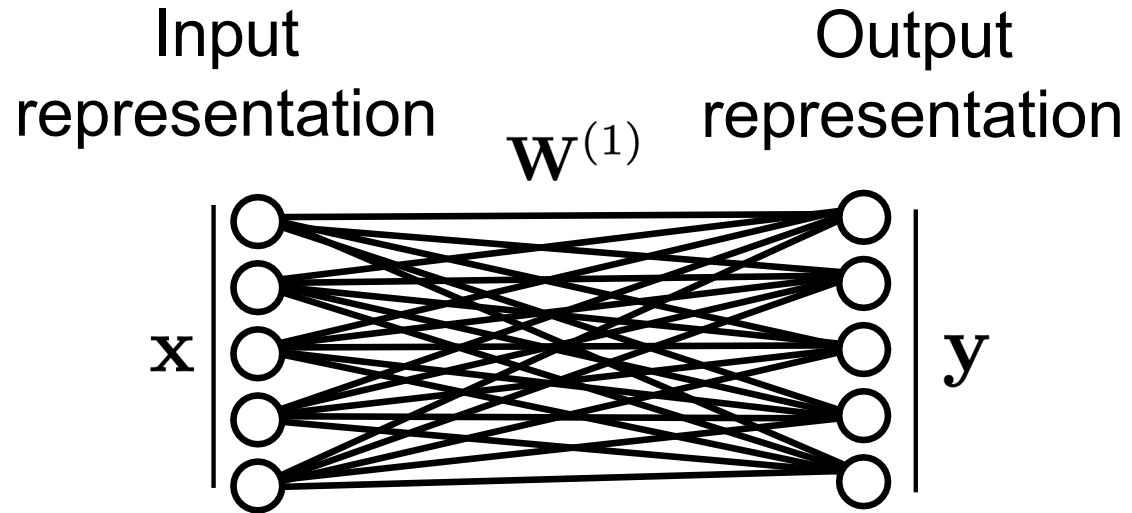
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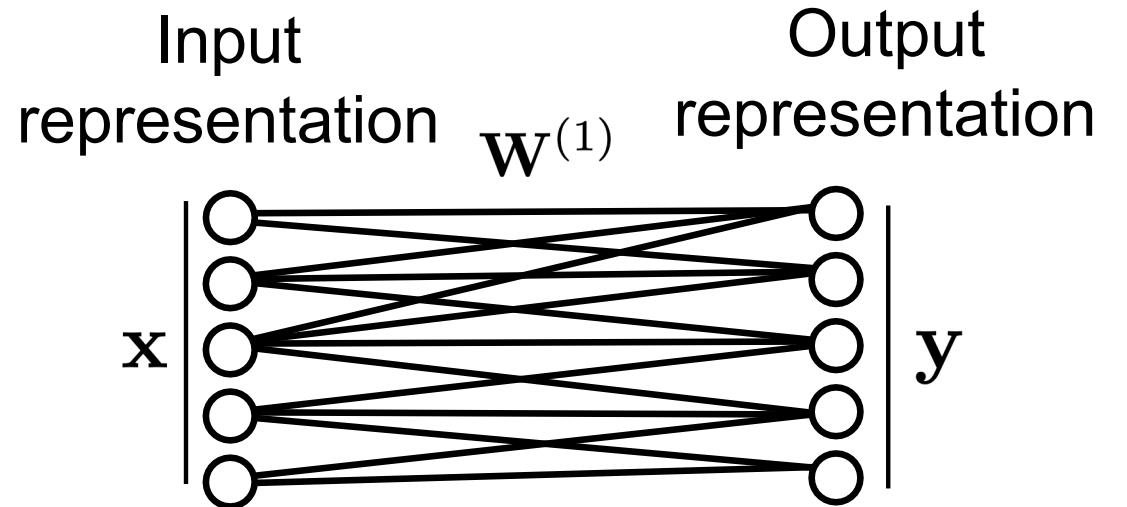
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Can again simplify notation by  
appending a 1 to  $\mathbf{x}$

# Connectivity patterns



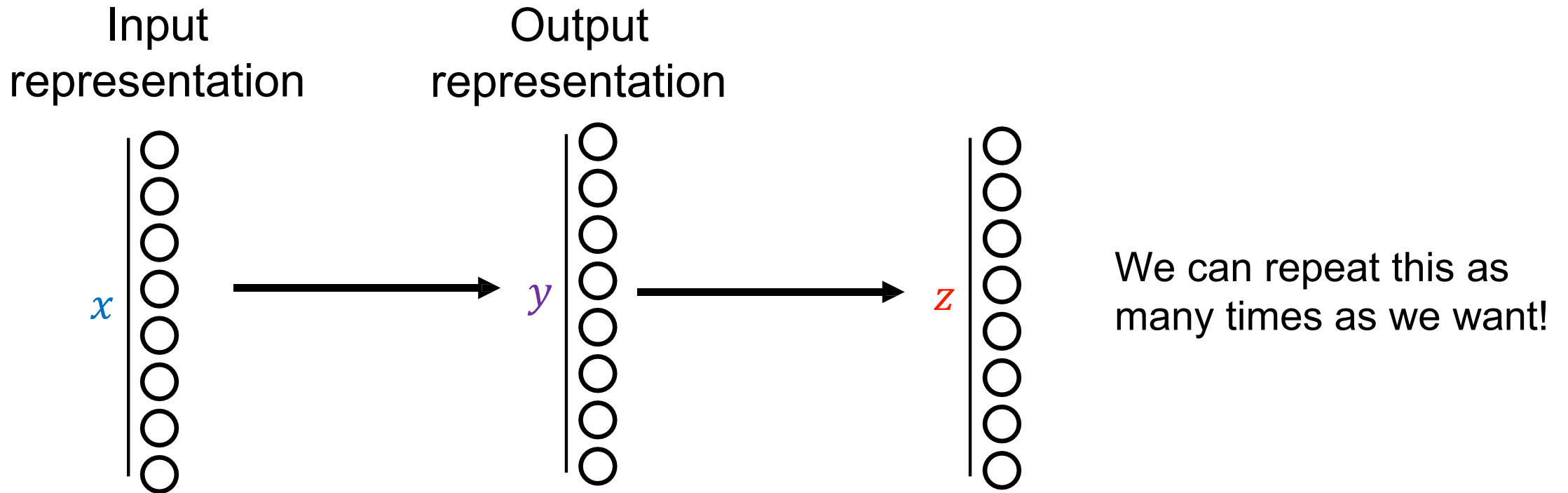
*Fully connected layer*



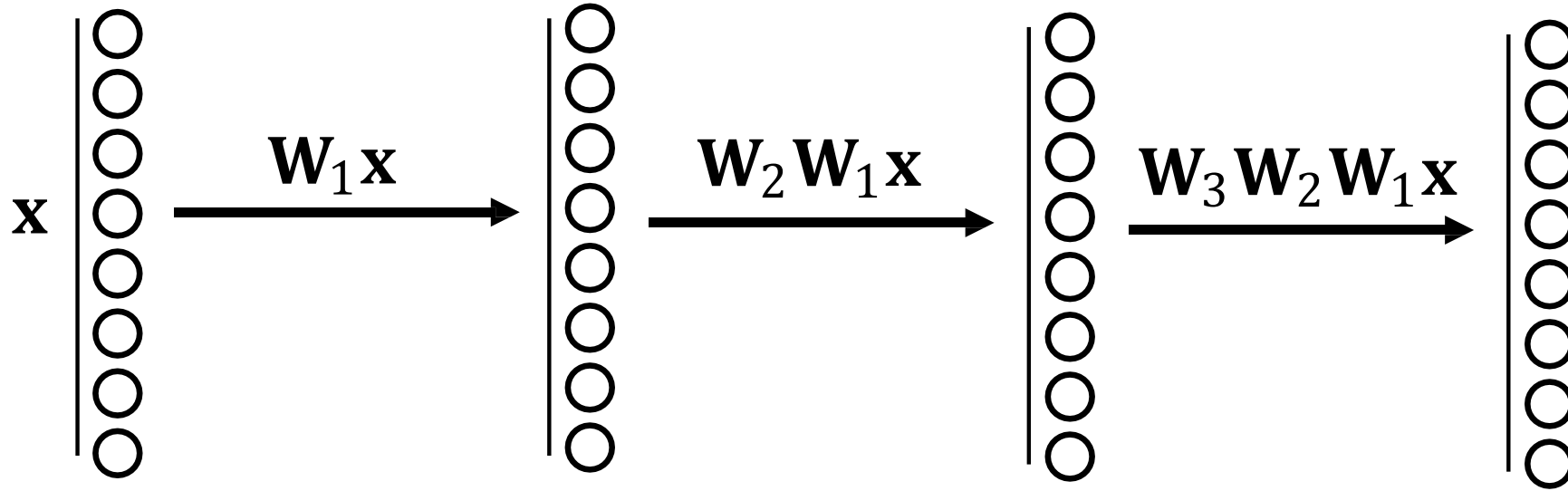
*Locally connected layer  
(Sparse  $\mathbf{W}$ )*

# Computation in a neural network

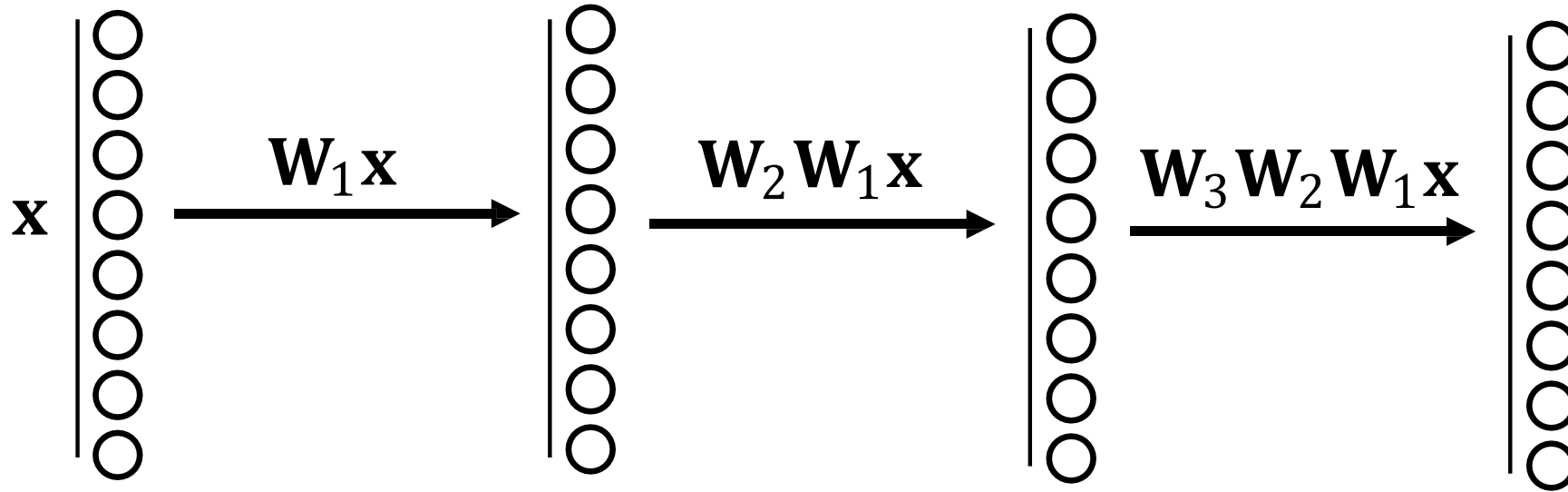
We can now transform our input representation vector into some output representation vector using a bunch of linear combinations of the input:



# What is the problem with this idea?



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Can be expressed as single linear layer!

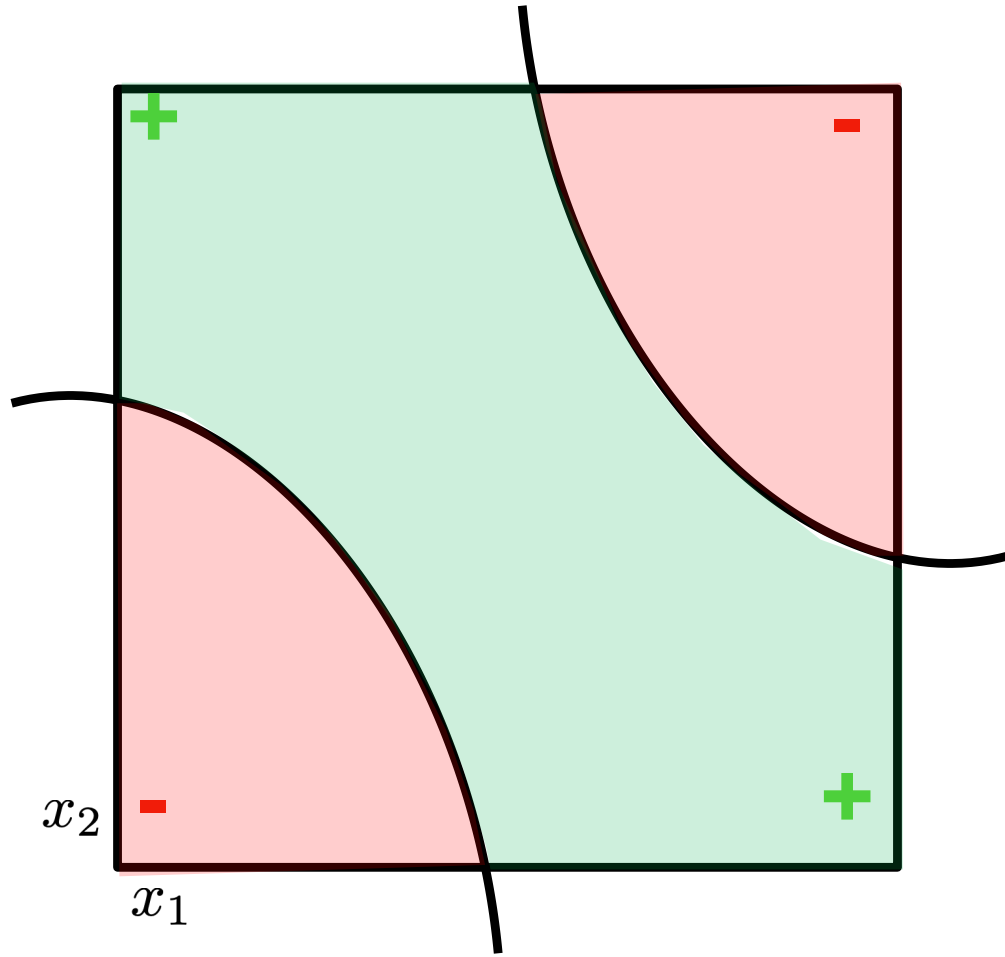
$$\widehat{W}x$$

Limited power: can't solve XOR ☹



# Recall

## Goal: Non-linear decision boundary

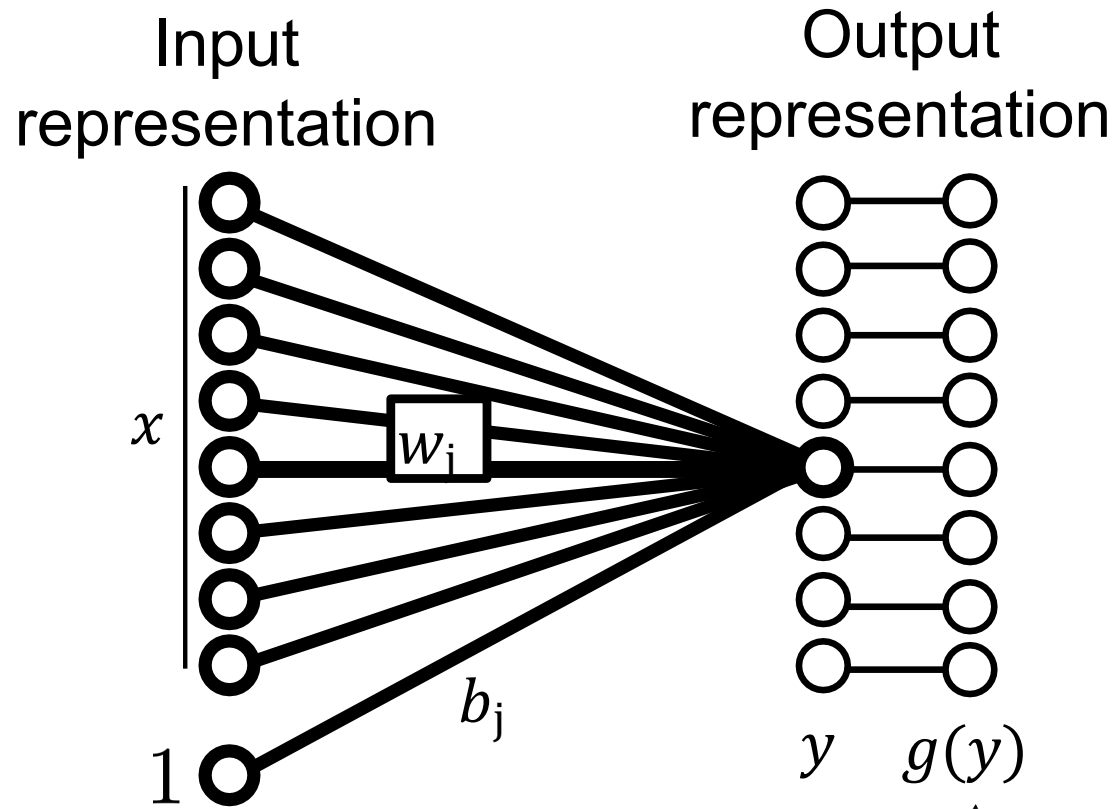


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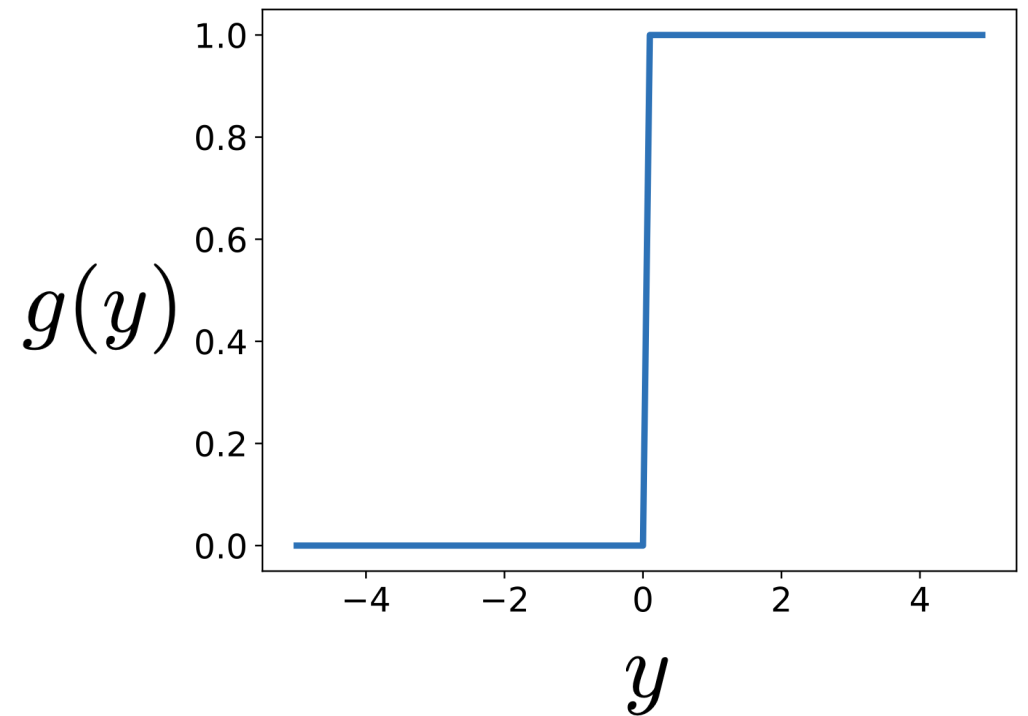
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# Solution: simple nonlinearity

## Linear layer



$$g(y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



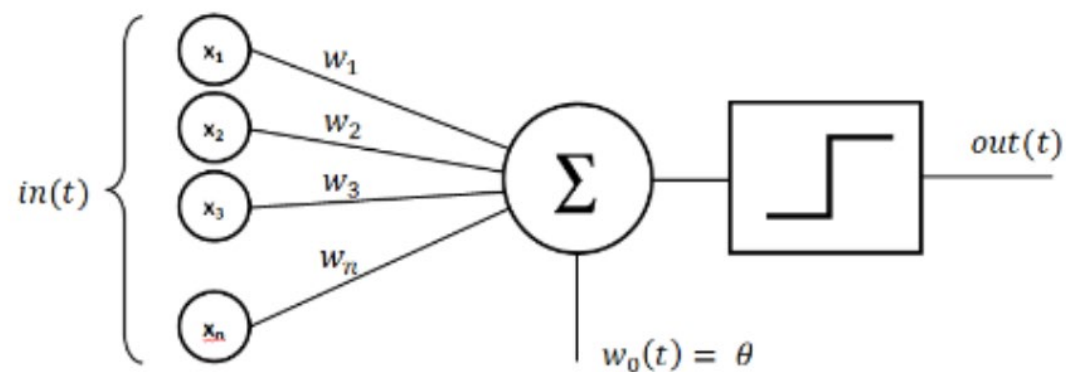
Pointwise  
Non-linearity

# The Perceptron

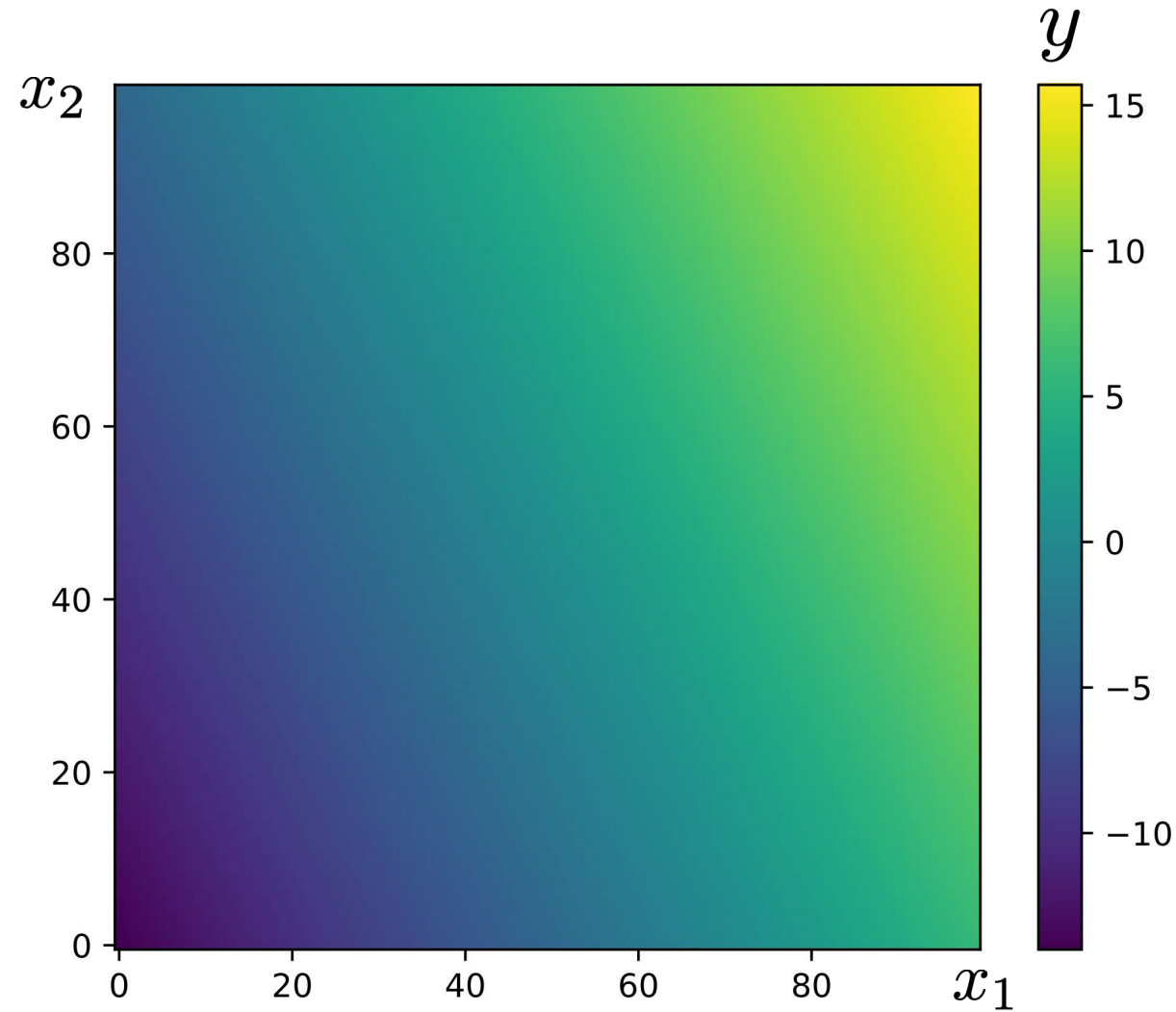
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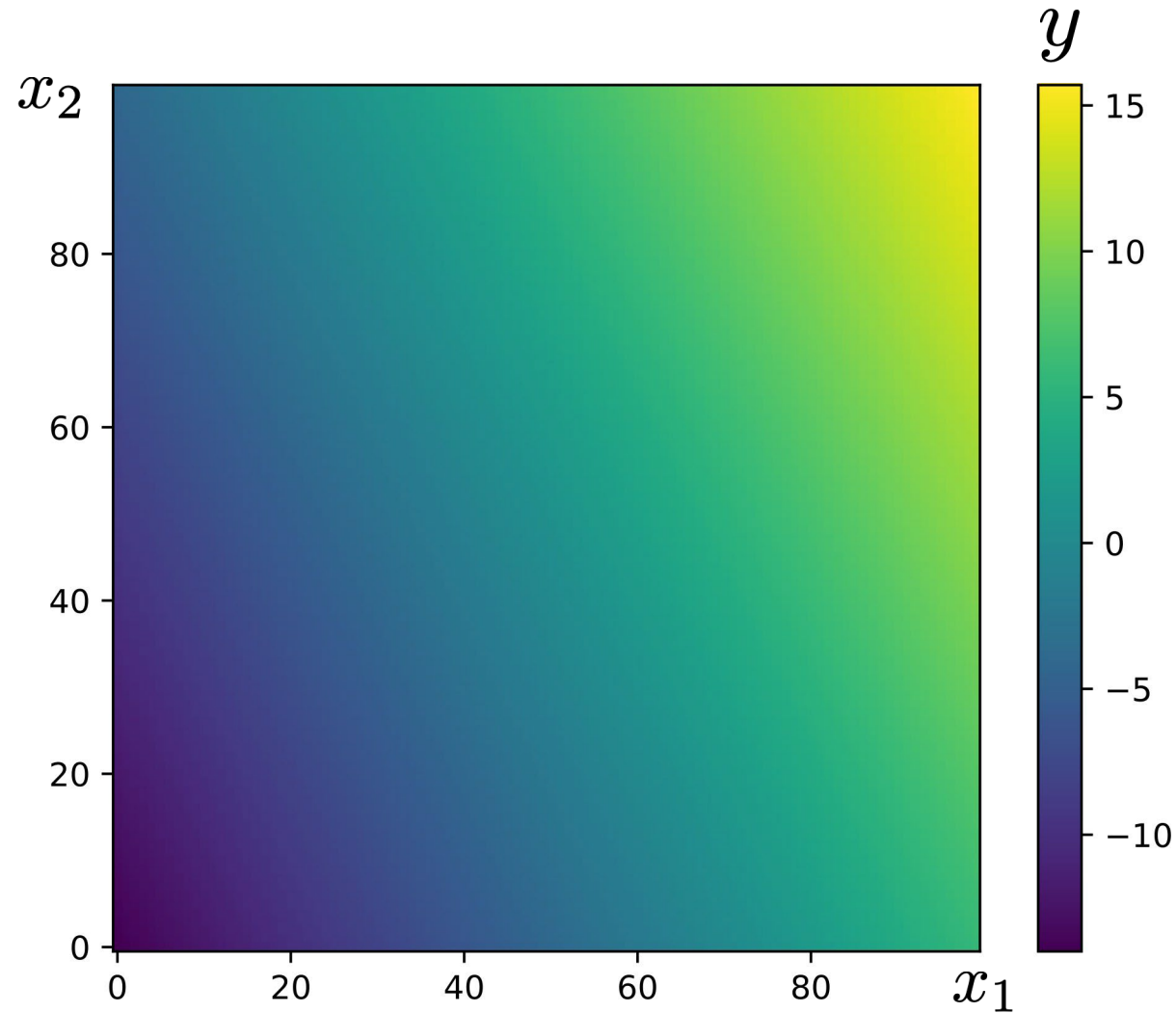


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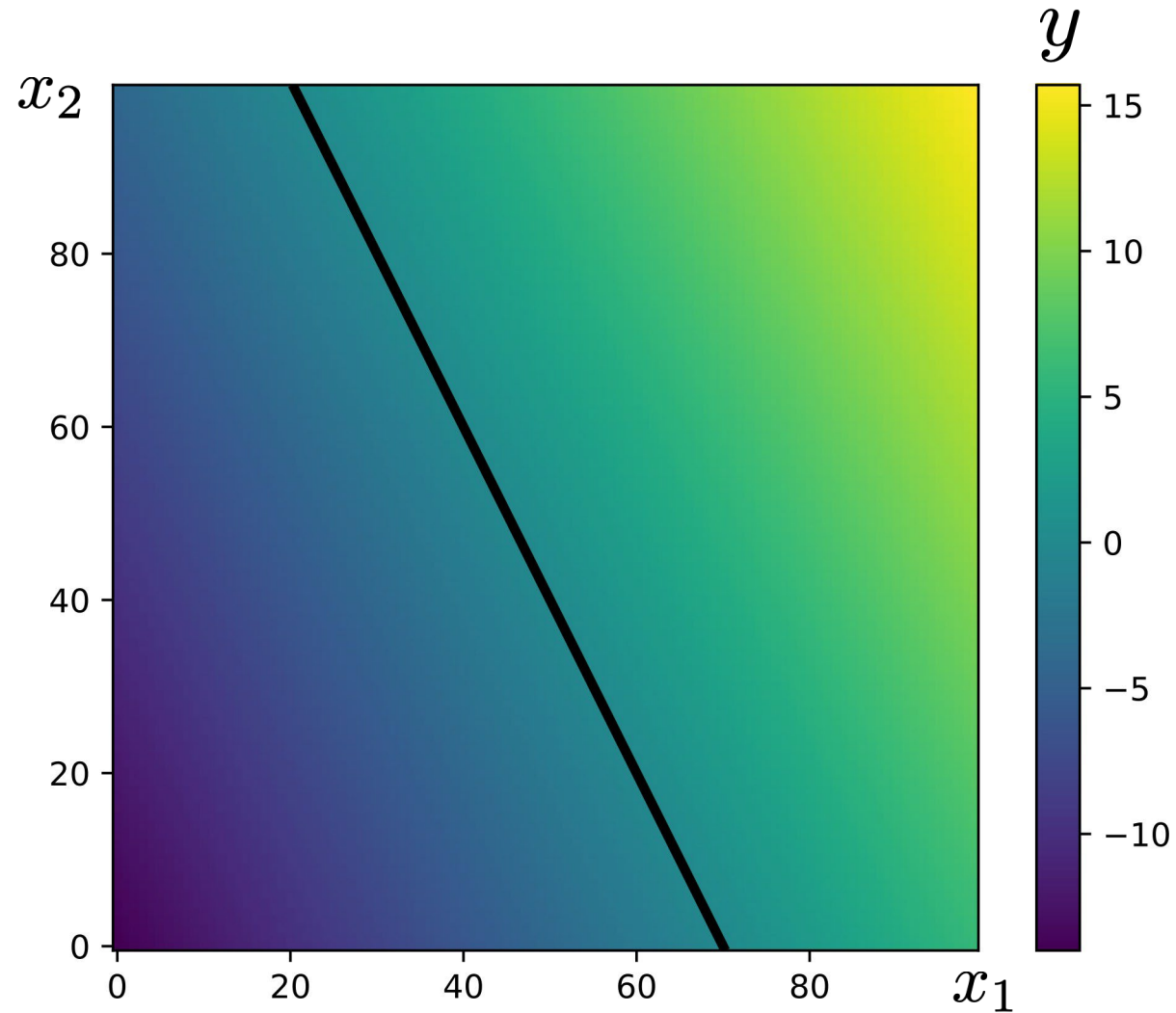
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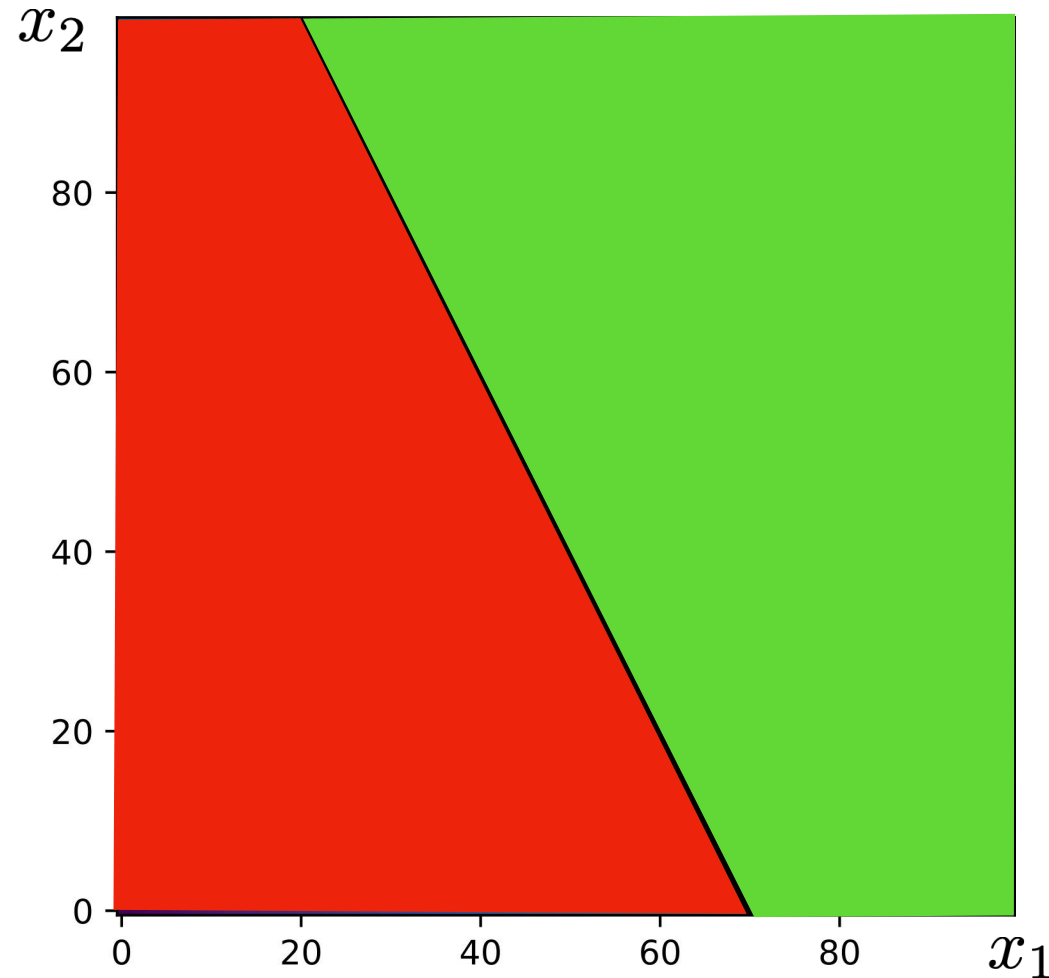
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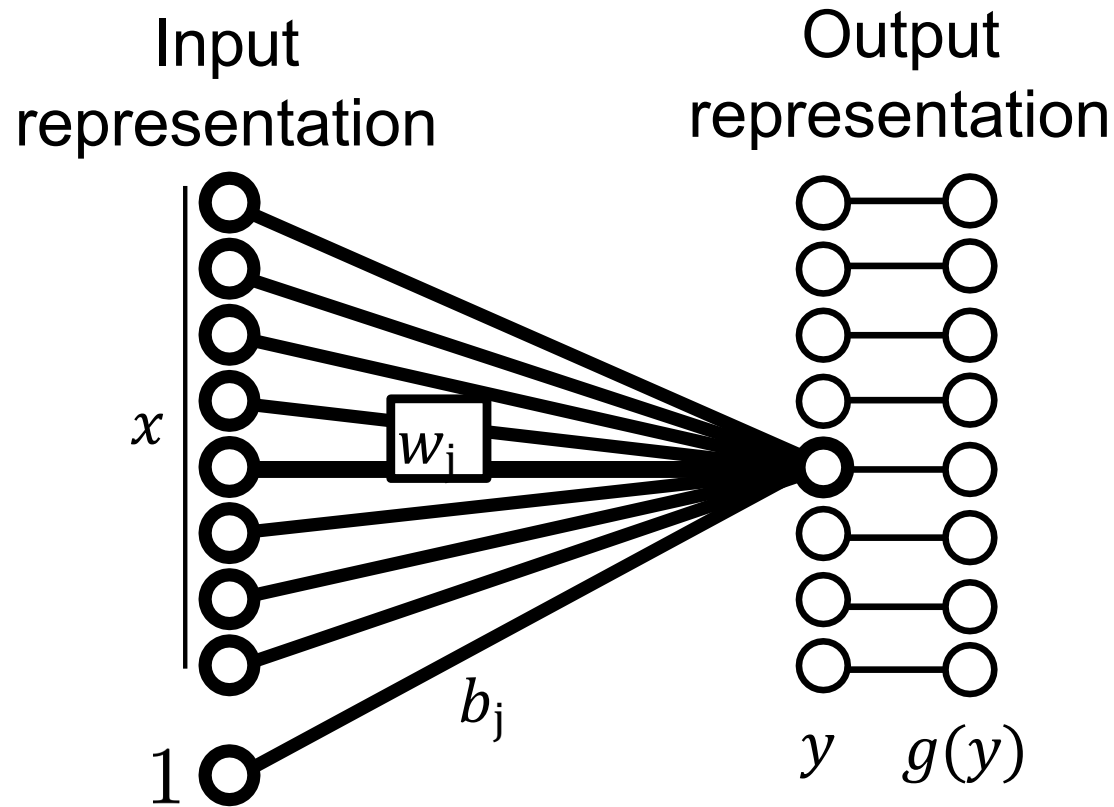
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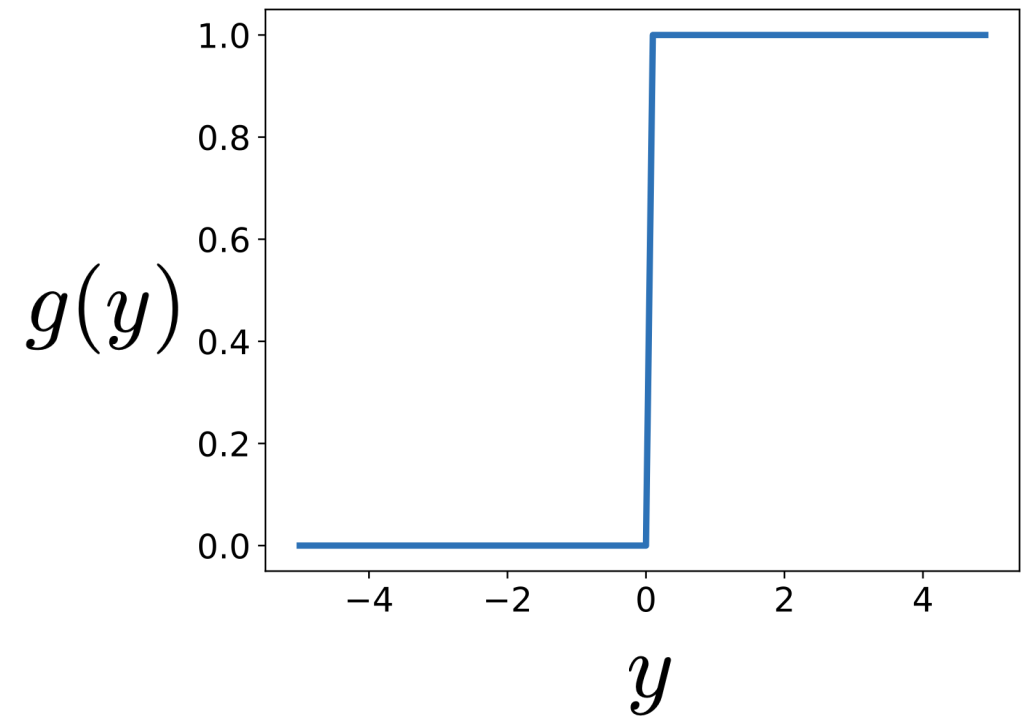


# Computation in a neural net - nonlinearity

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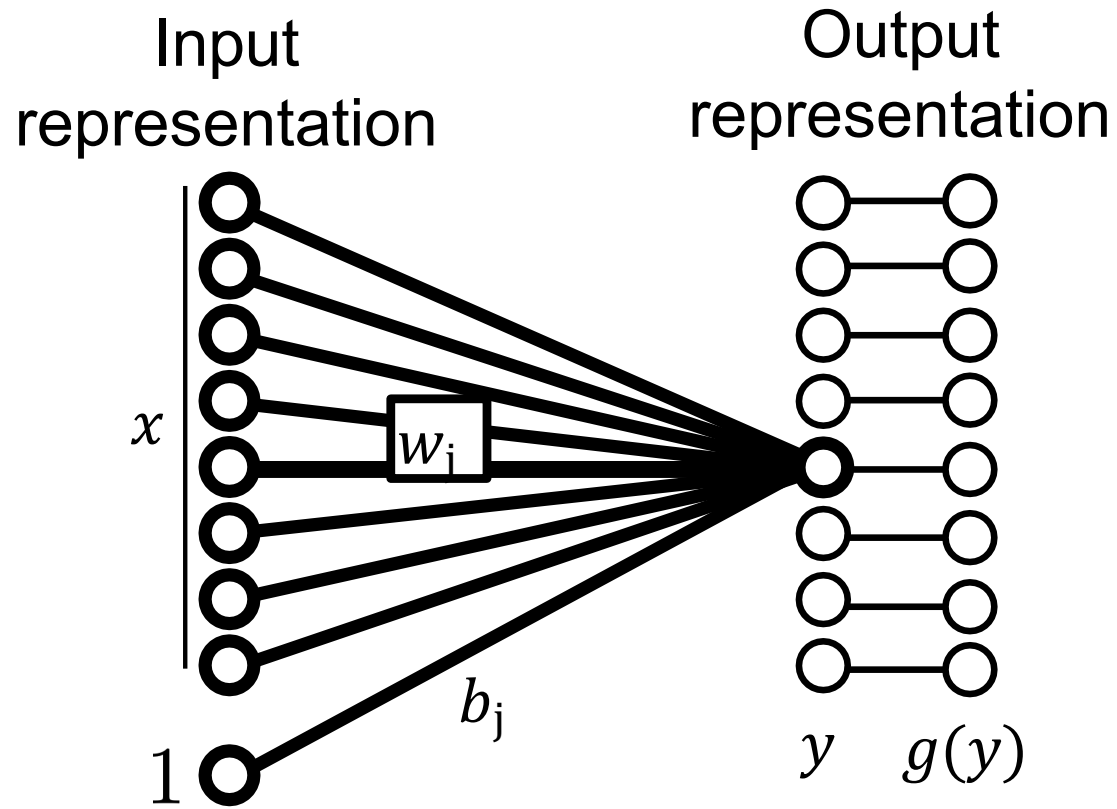
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Can't use gradient-based optimization,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} g = 0$

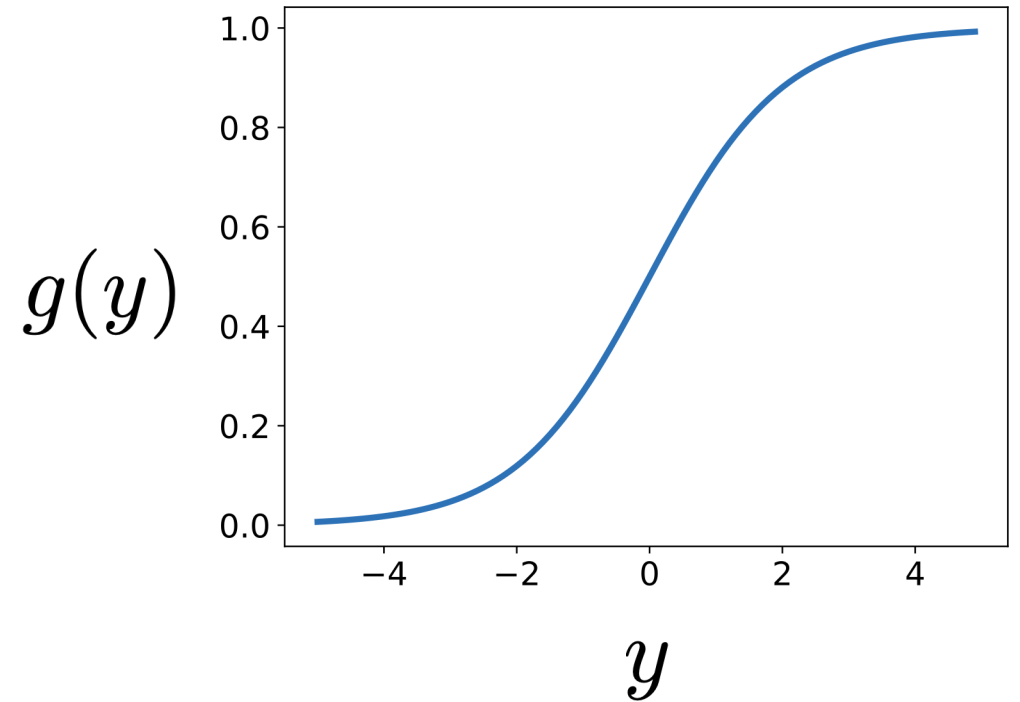
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## Sigmoid

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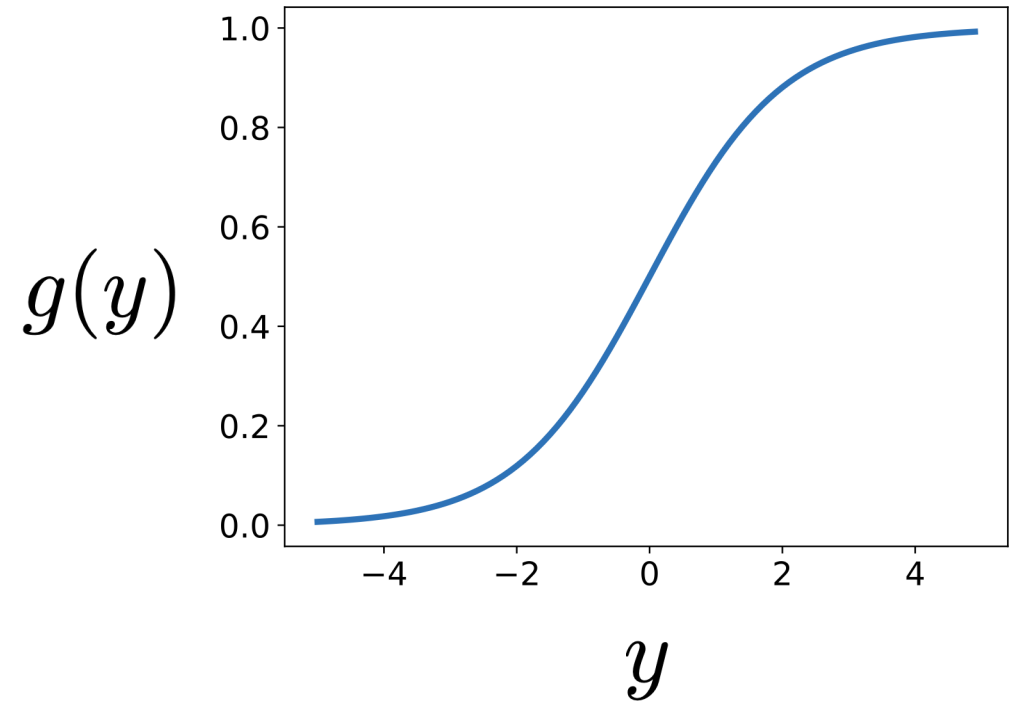


# Computation in a neural net - nonlinearity

- Bounded between [0,1]
- Saturation for large +/- inputs
- Gradients go to zero

**Sigmoid**

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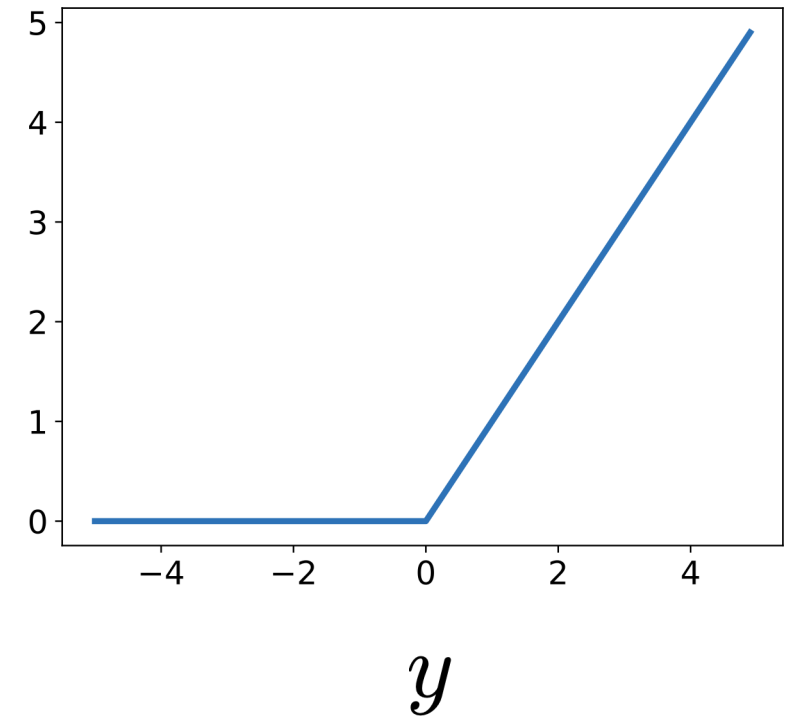
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- Unbounded output (on positive side)
- Efficient to implement:  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } y < 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } y \geq 0 \end{cases}$
- Also seems to help convergence (6x speedup vs. tanh in [Krizhevsky et al. 2012])
- Drawback: if strongly in negative region, unit is dead forever (no gradient).
- Default choice: widely used in current models!

## Rectified linear unit (ReLU)

$$g(y) = \max(0, y)$$

$g(y)$



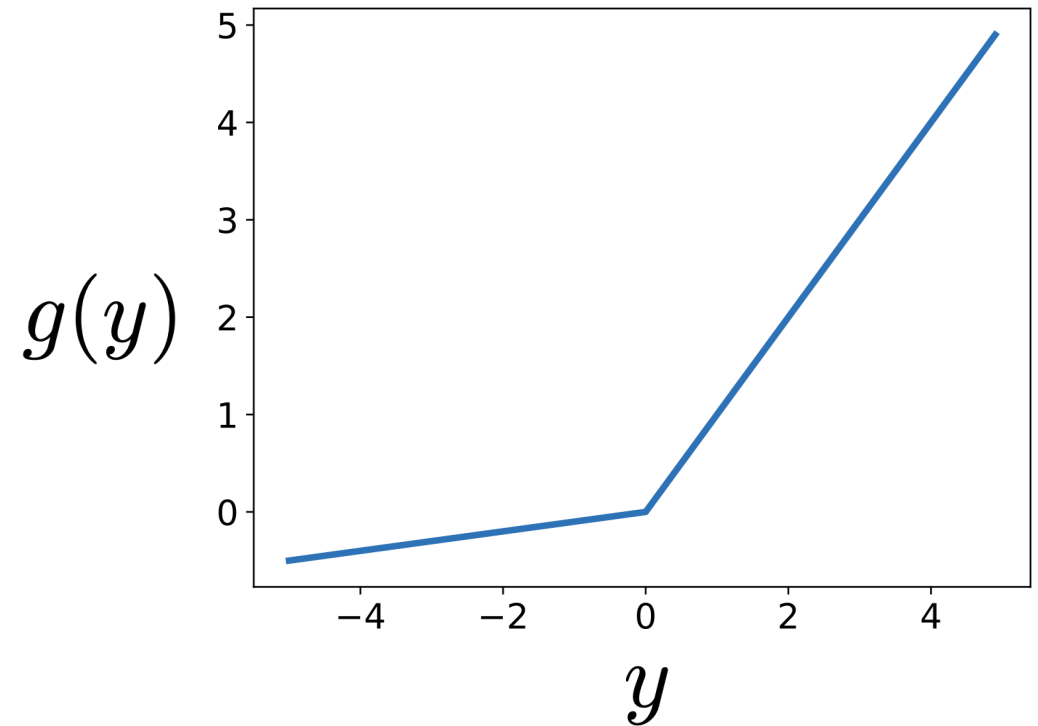
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- where  $a$  is small (e.g., 0.02)
- Efficient to implement:
- Has non-zero gradients everywhere (unlike ReLU)

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = \begin{cases} -a, & \text{if } y < 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } y \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

## Leaky ReLU

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} \max(0, y), & \text{if } y \geq 0 \\ a \min(0, y), & \text{if } y < 0 \end{cases}$$



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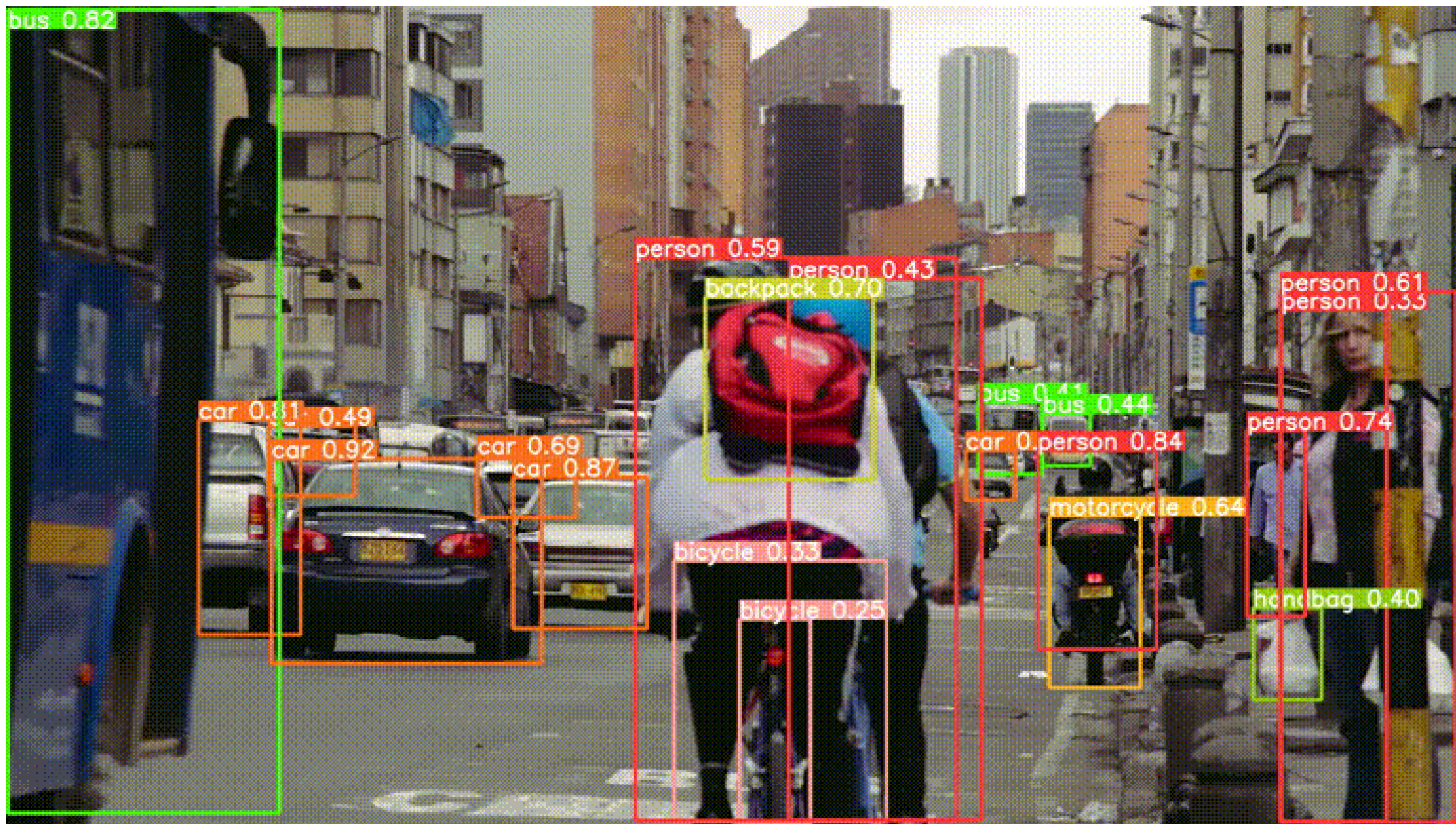


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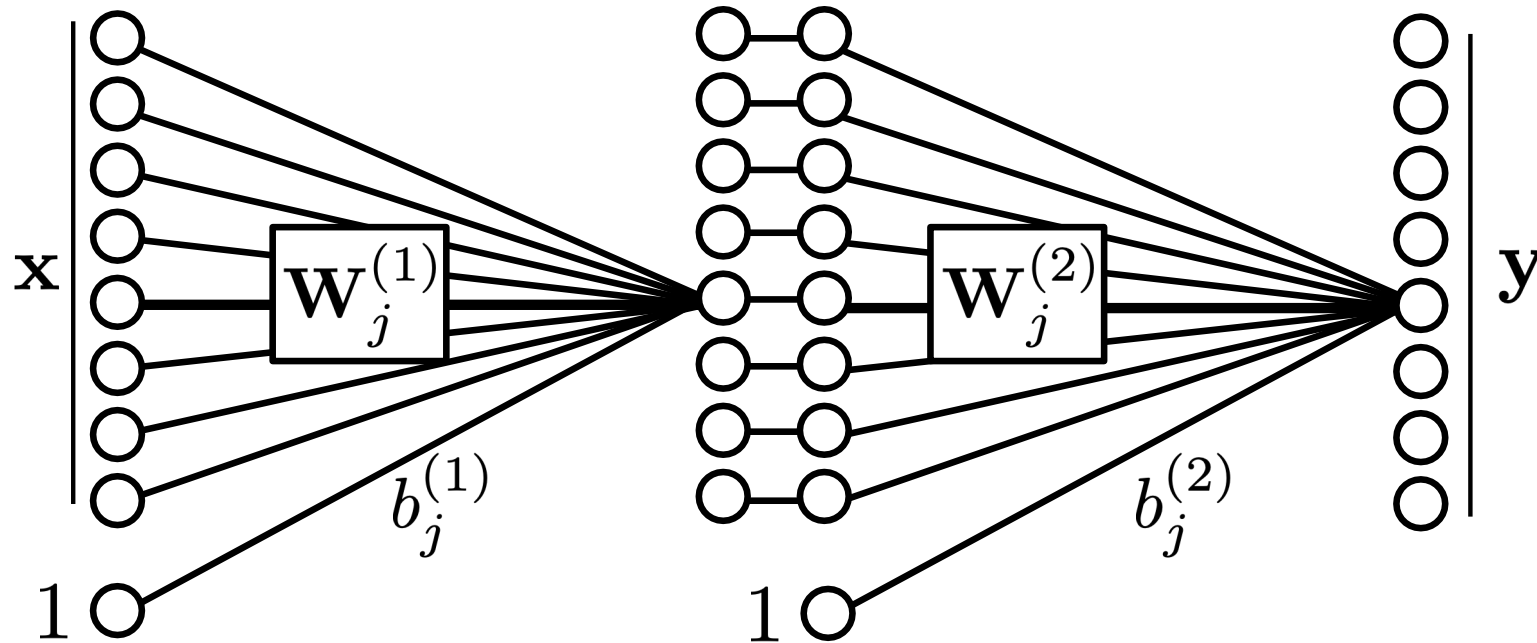






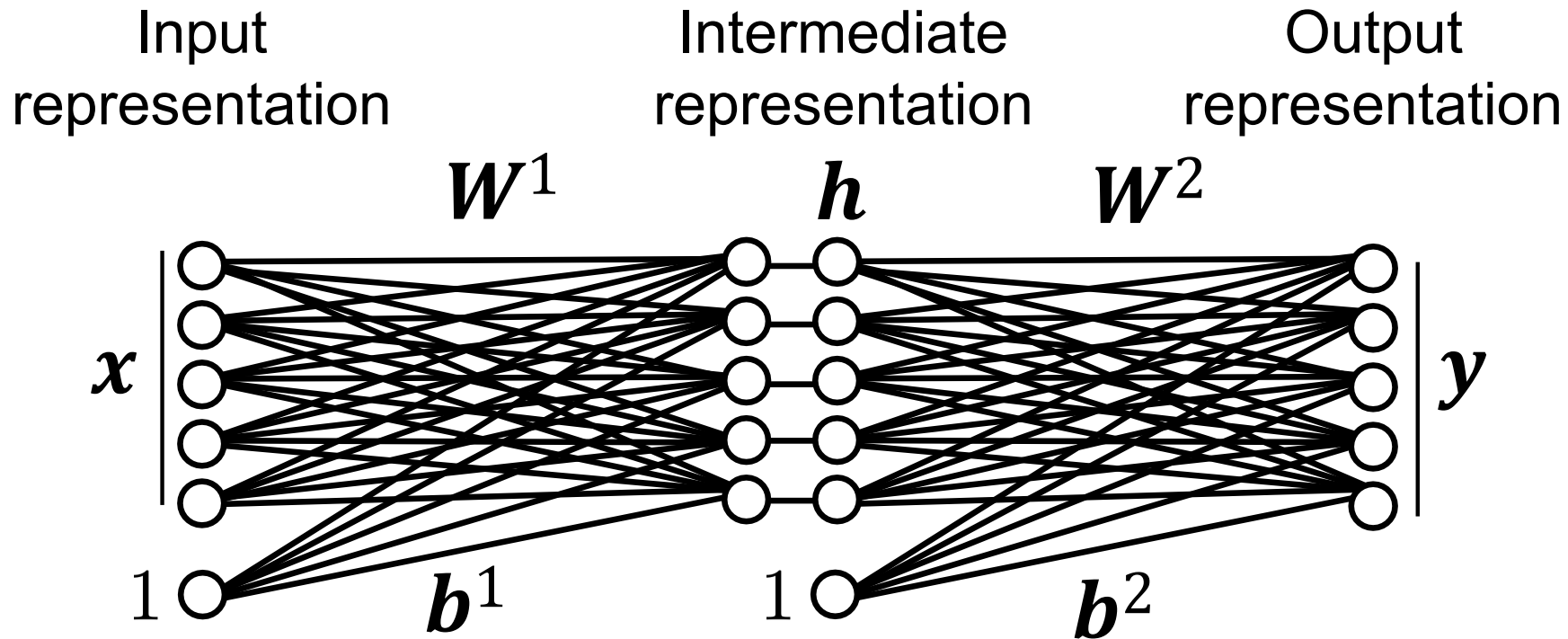
# Stacking layers

Input representation      Intermediate representation      Output representation



$\mathbf{h}$  = "hidden units"

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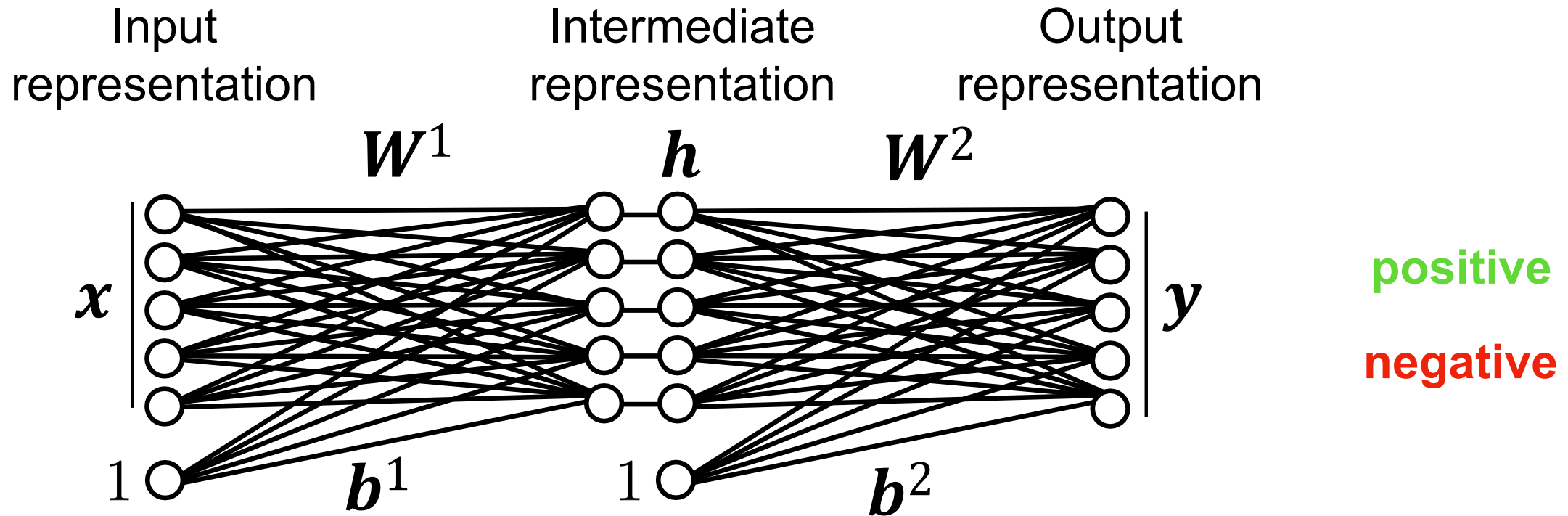


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ReLU  $\nearrow$

$$\theta = \{W^1, \dots, W^L, \mathbf{b}^1, \dots, \mathbf{b}^L\}$$

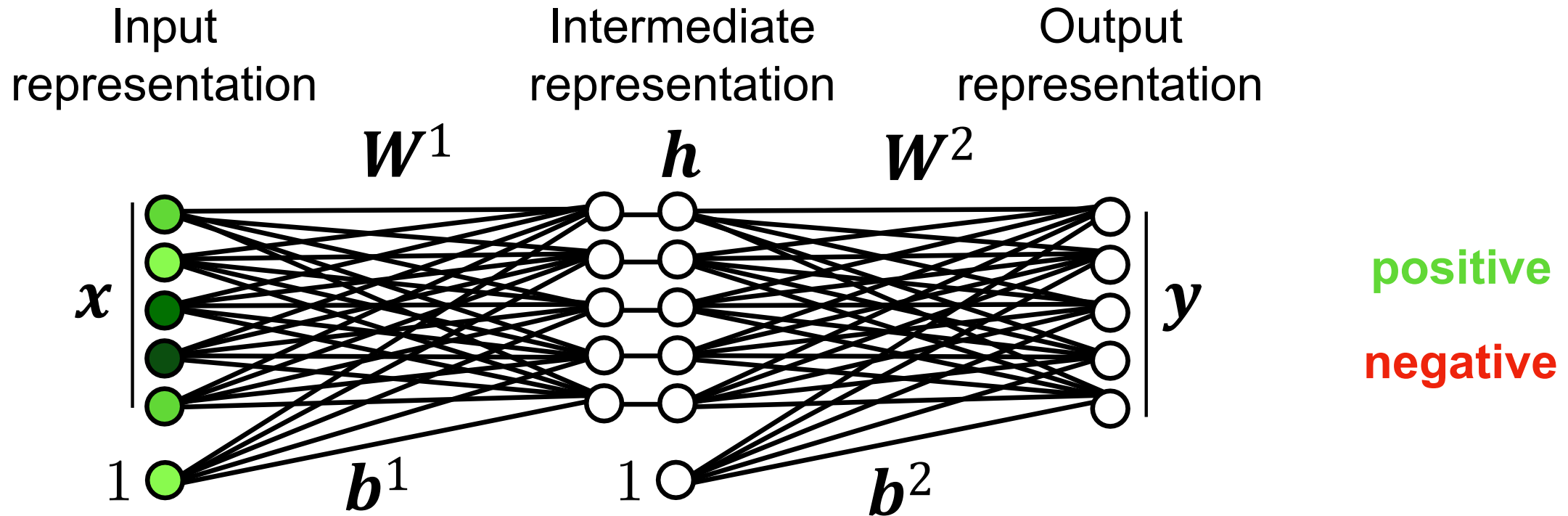
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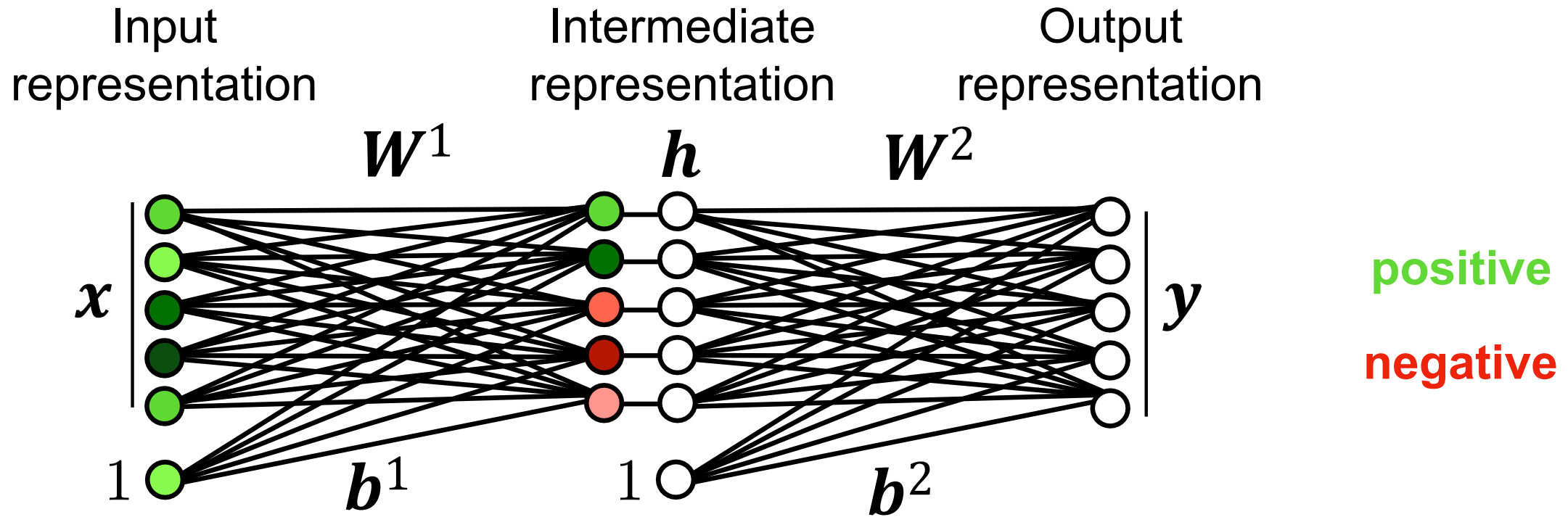


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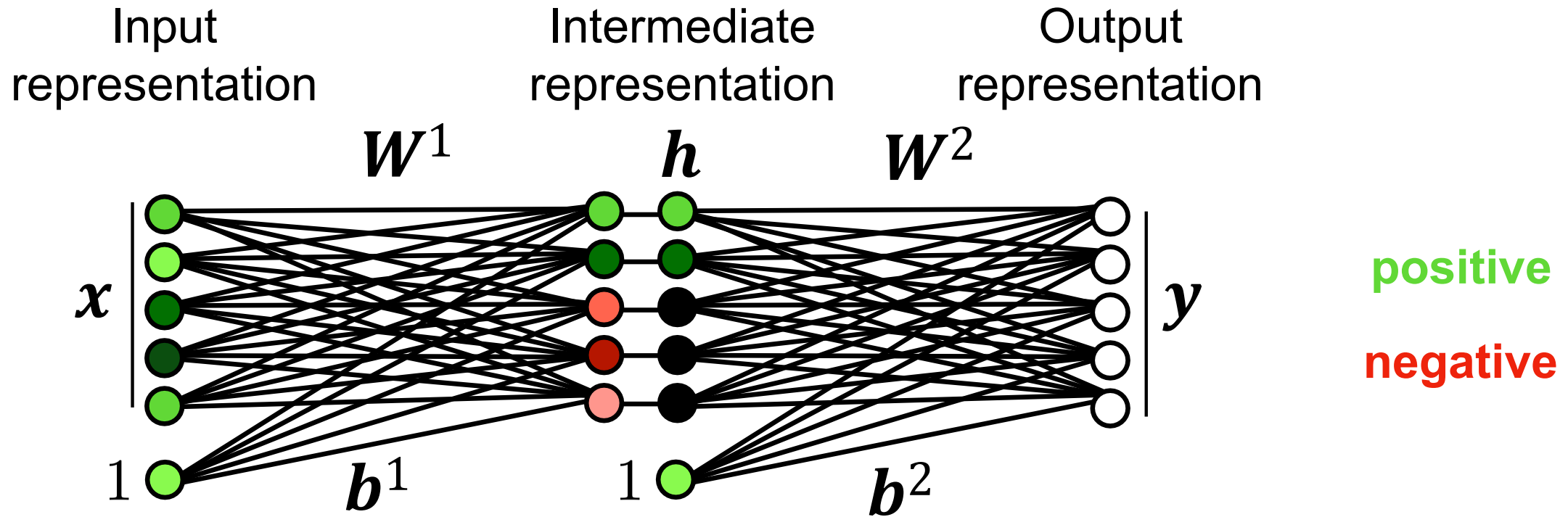


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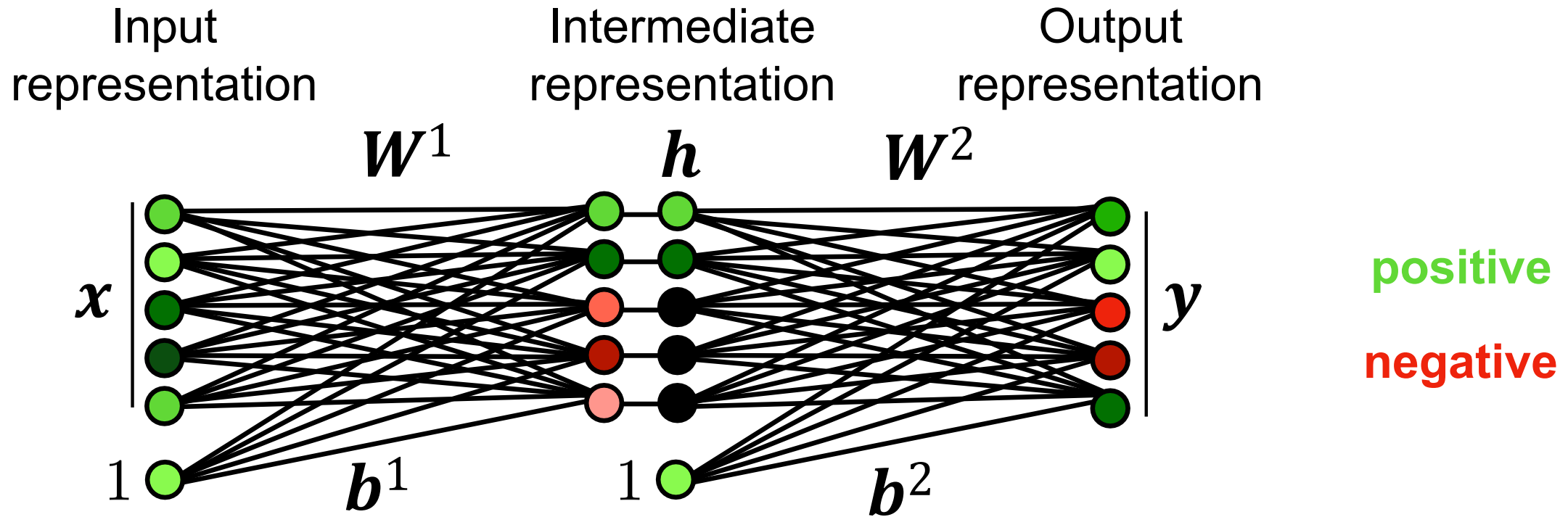


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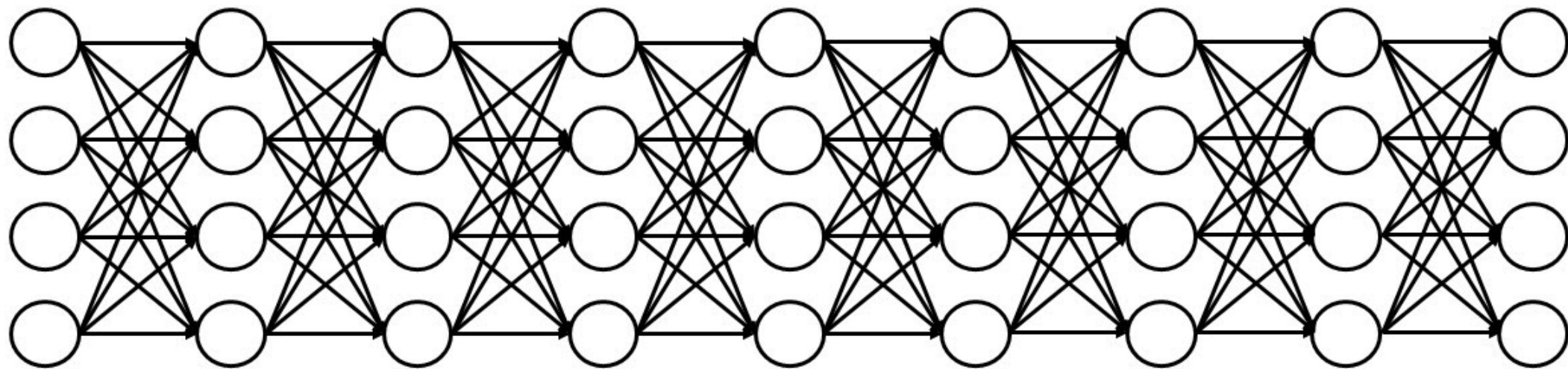
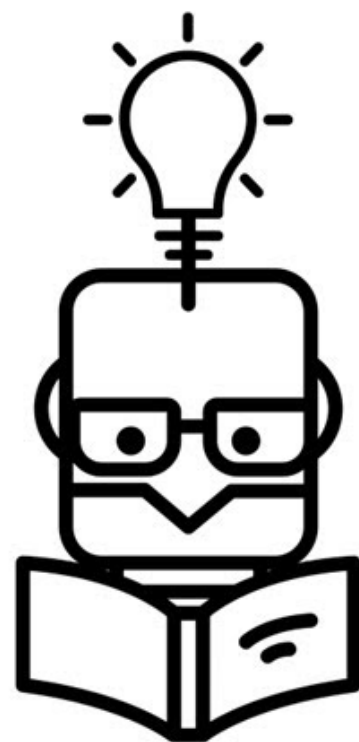
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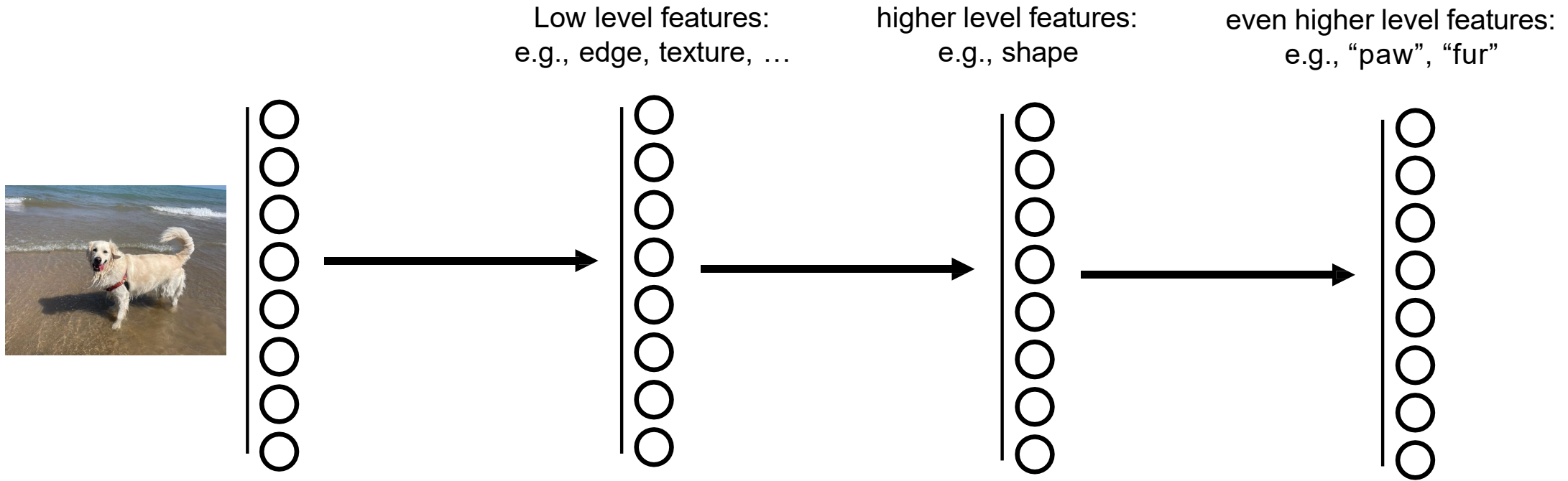


# DEEP Neural Nets?

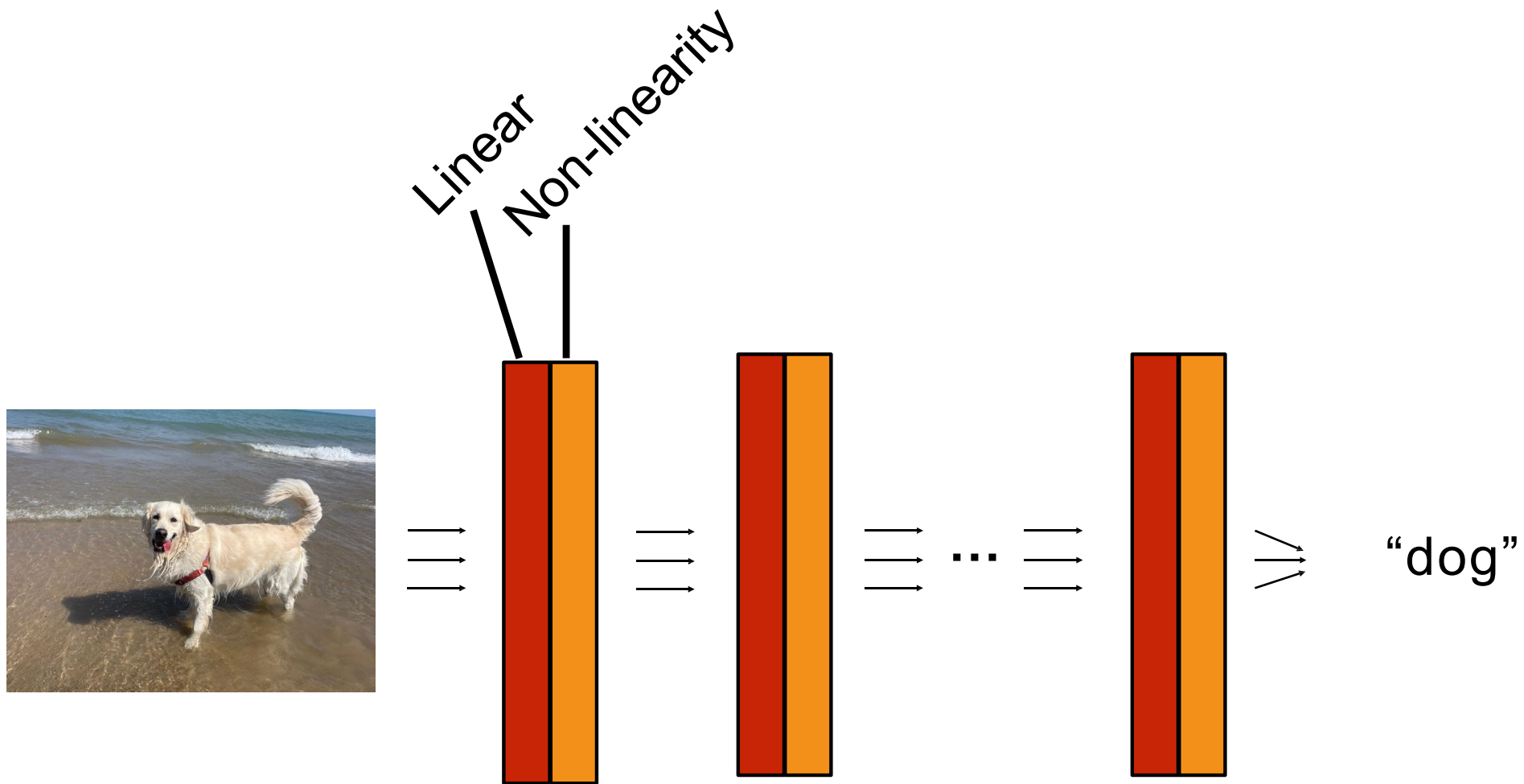




# Stacking layers - What's actually happening?



# Deep nets



$$f(x) = f_L( \dots f_3(f_2(f_1(x))) )$$

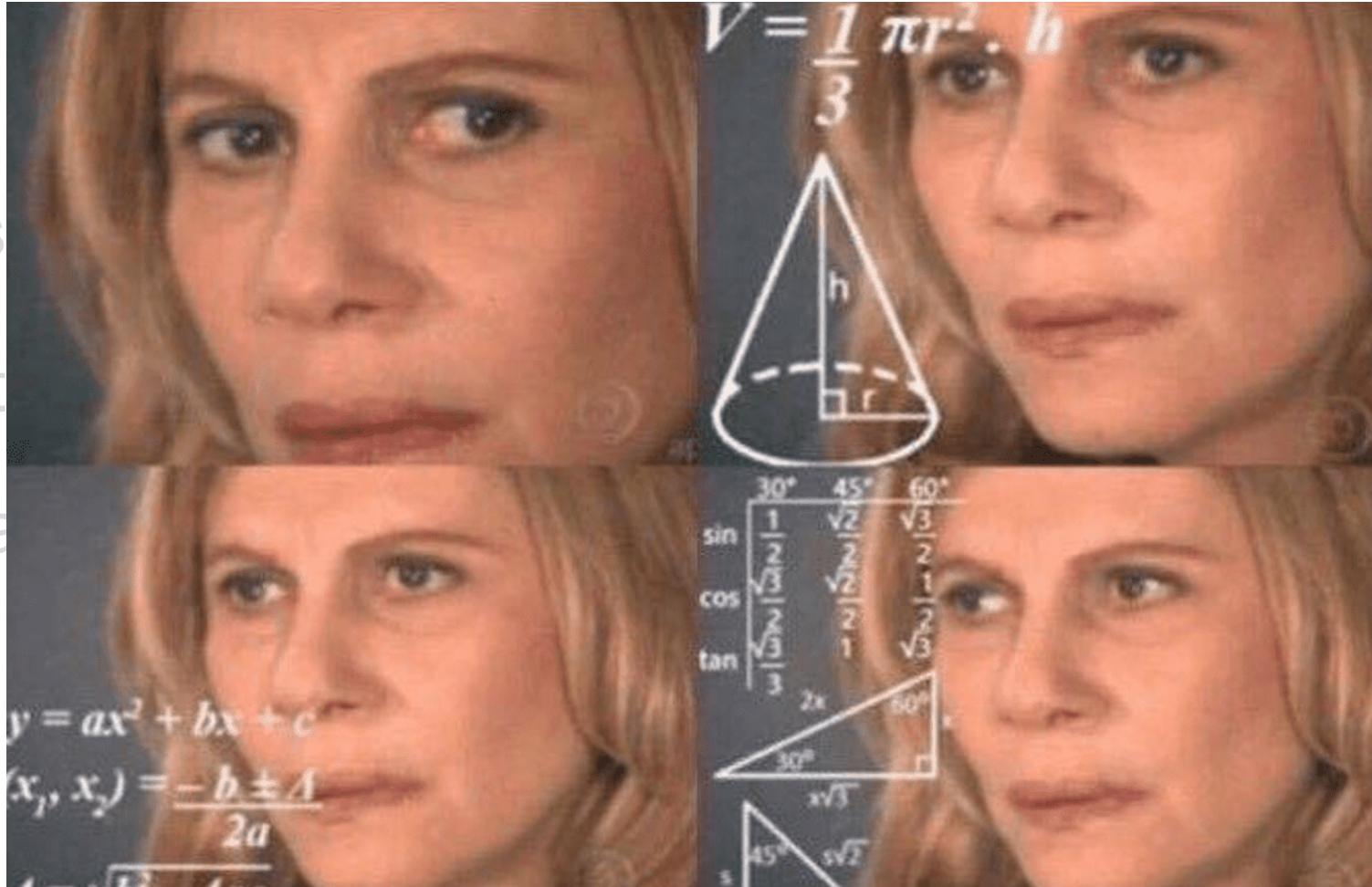
# Computation has a simple form

- Composition of linear functions with nonlinearities in between
- E.g. matrix multiplications with ReLU,  $\max(0, \mathbf{x})$  afterwards
- Do a matrix multiplication, set all negative values to 0, repeat

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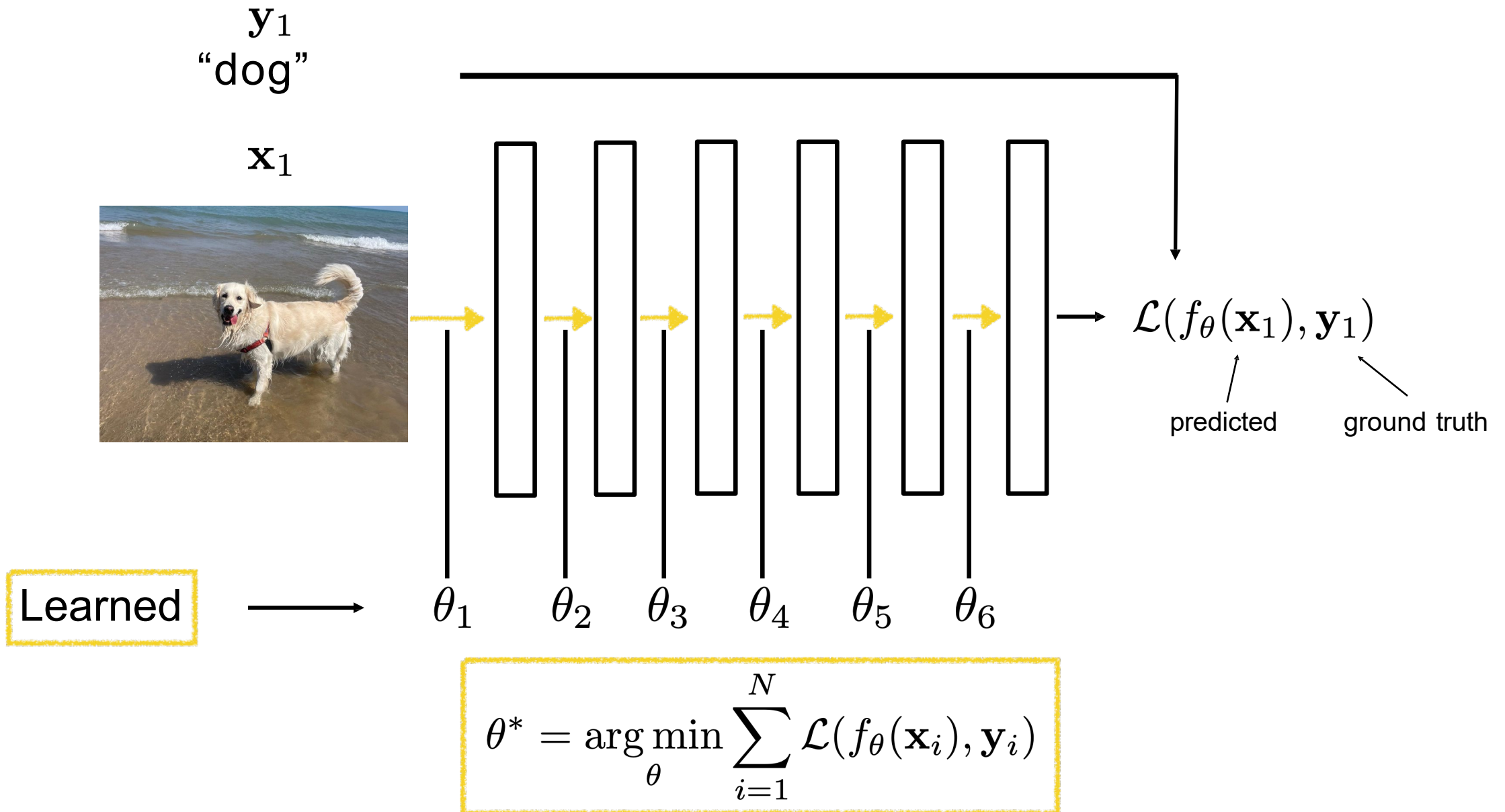


with nonlinearities in between  
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# How would we learn the parameters?

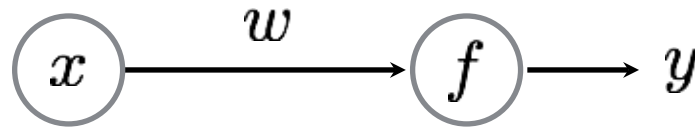


Training neural networks

Let's start easy



world's smallest neural network!  
(a “perceptron”)



$$y = wx$$

(a.k.a. line equation, linear regression)

# Training a Neural Network

Given a set of samples and a Perceptron

$$\{x_i, y_i\}$$

$$y = f_{\text{PER}}(x; w)$$

Estimate the parameter of the Perceptron

$$w$$

Given training data:

$x$	$y$
10	10.1
2	1.9
3.5	3.4
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*What do you think the weight parameter is?*

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*What do you think the weight parameter is?*

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not so obvious as the network gets more complicated so we use ...

# An Incremental Learning Strategy

(gradient descent)

Given several examples

$$\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_N, y_N)\}$$

and a perceptron

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Modify weight  $w$  such that  $\hat{y}$  gets **'closer'** to  $y$

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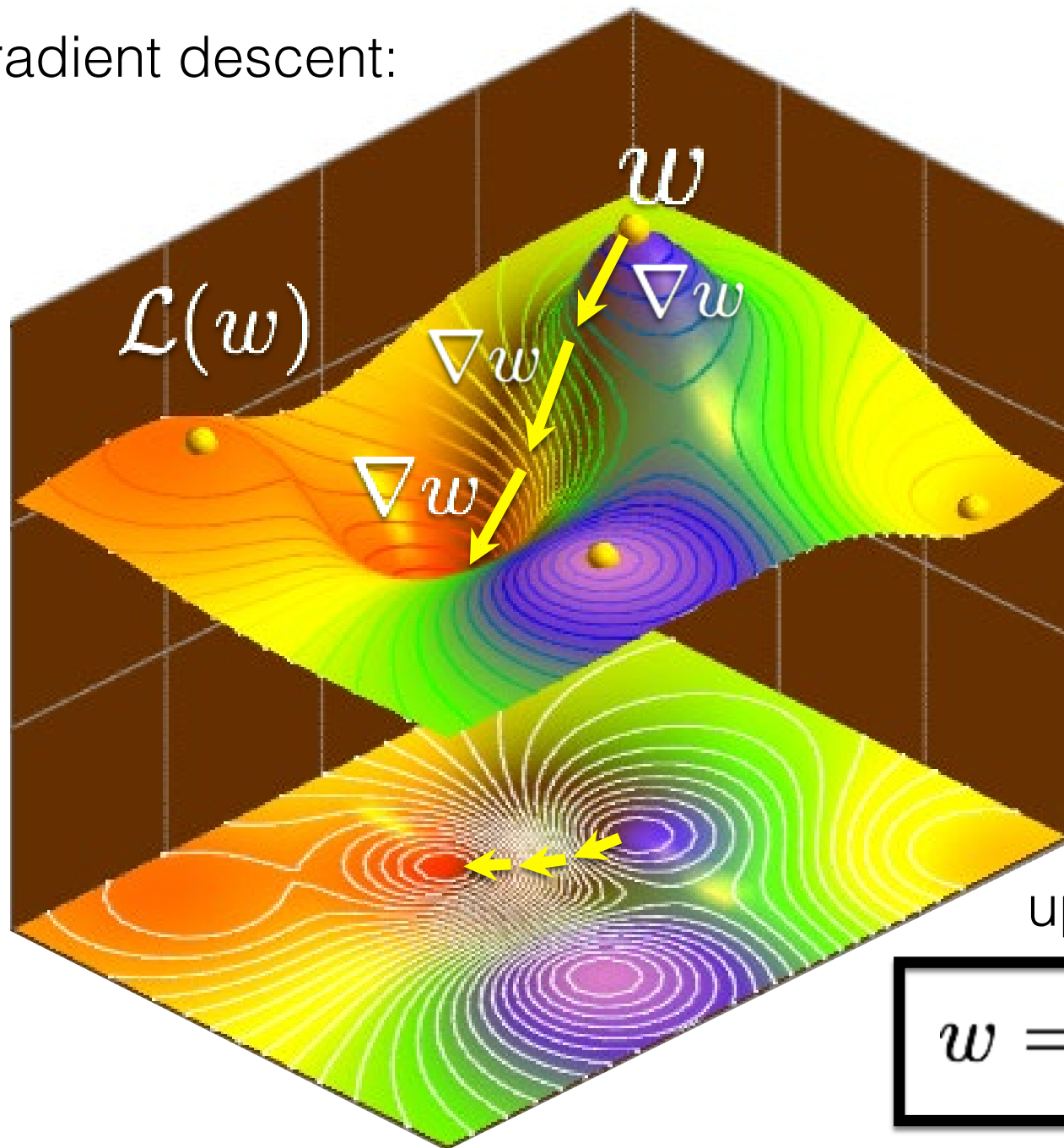
Modify weight  $w$  such that  $\hat{y}$  gets **'closer'** to  $y$

perceptron  
parameter

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label

Gradient descent:



update rule:

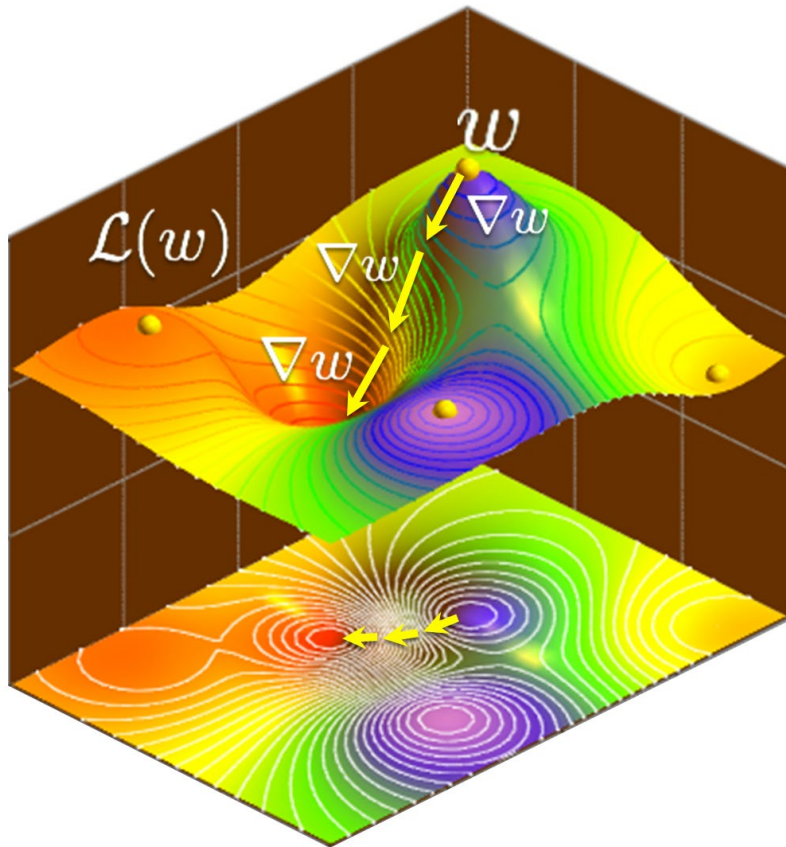
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the loss function



... per unit change of **this**

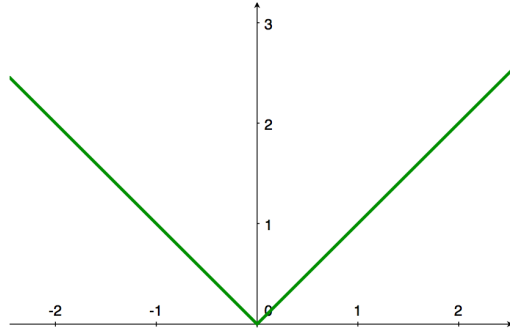
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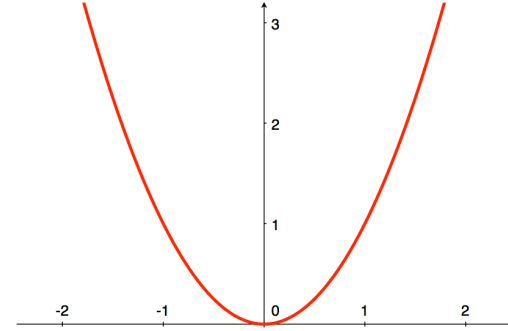
## L1 Loss

$$\ell(\hat{y}, y) = |\hat{y} - y|$$



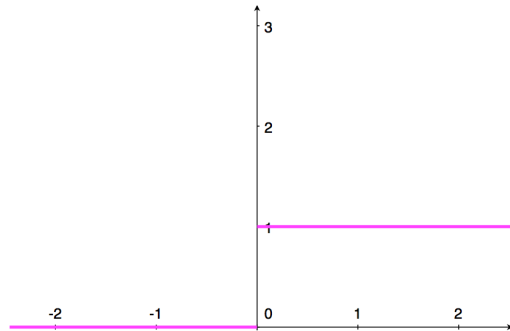
## L2 Loss

$$\ell(\hat{y}, y) = (\hat{y} - y)^2$$



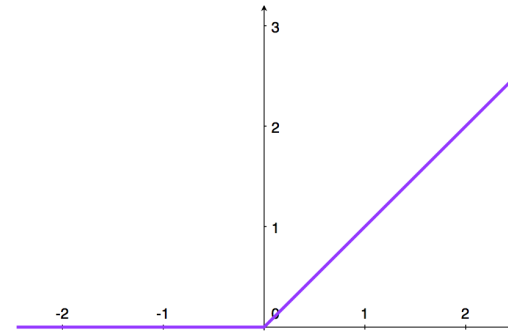
## Zero-One Loss

$$\ell(\hat{y}, y) = \mathbf{1}[\hat{y} \neq y]$$



## Hinge Loss

$$\ell(\hat{y}, y) = \max(0, 1 - y \cdot \hat{y})$$



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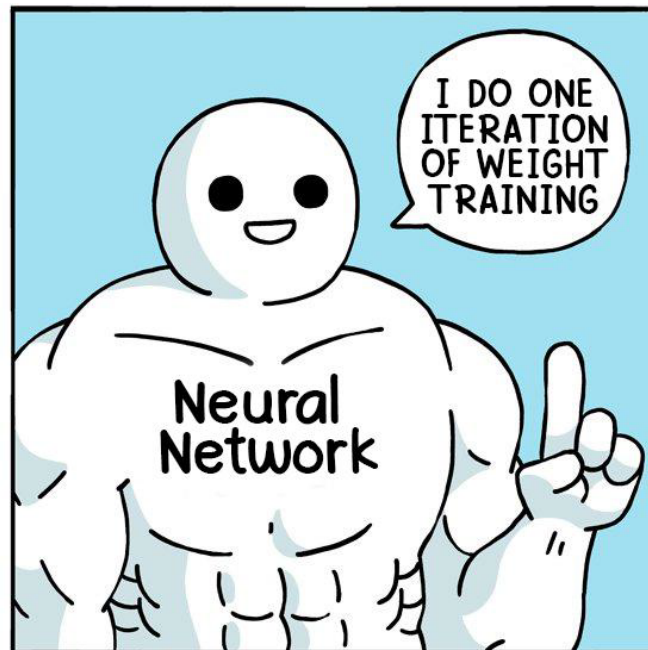
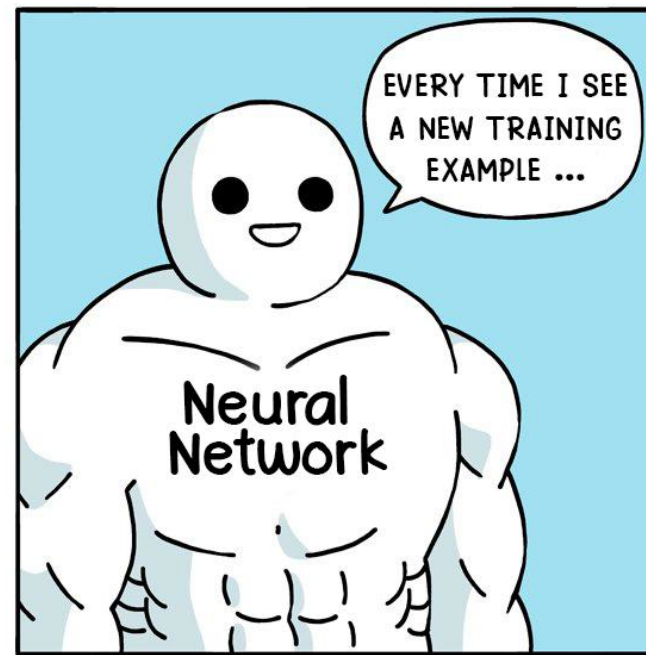
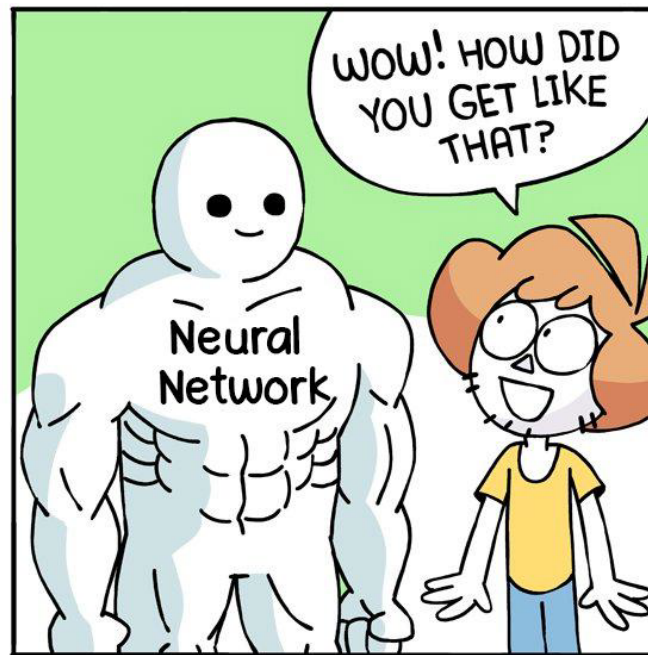
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Compute the derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw} &= \frac{d}{dw} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \right\} \\ &= -(y - \hat{y}) \frac{dw x}{dw} \\ &= -(y - \hat{y}) x = \nabla w\end{aligned}$$

That means the weight update for **gradient descent** is:

$$\begin{aligned}w &= w - \nabla w \quad \text{move in direction of negative gradient} \\ &= w + (y - \hat{y}) x\end{aligned}$$



## Gradient Descent (world's smallest perceptron)

For each sample

$$\{x_i, y_i\}$$

1. Predict

a. Forward pass

$$\hat{y} = wx_i$$

b. Compute Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_i = \frac{1}{2}(y_i - \hat{y})^2$$

2. Update

a. Back Propagation

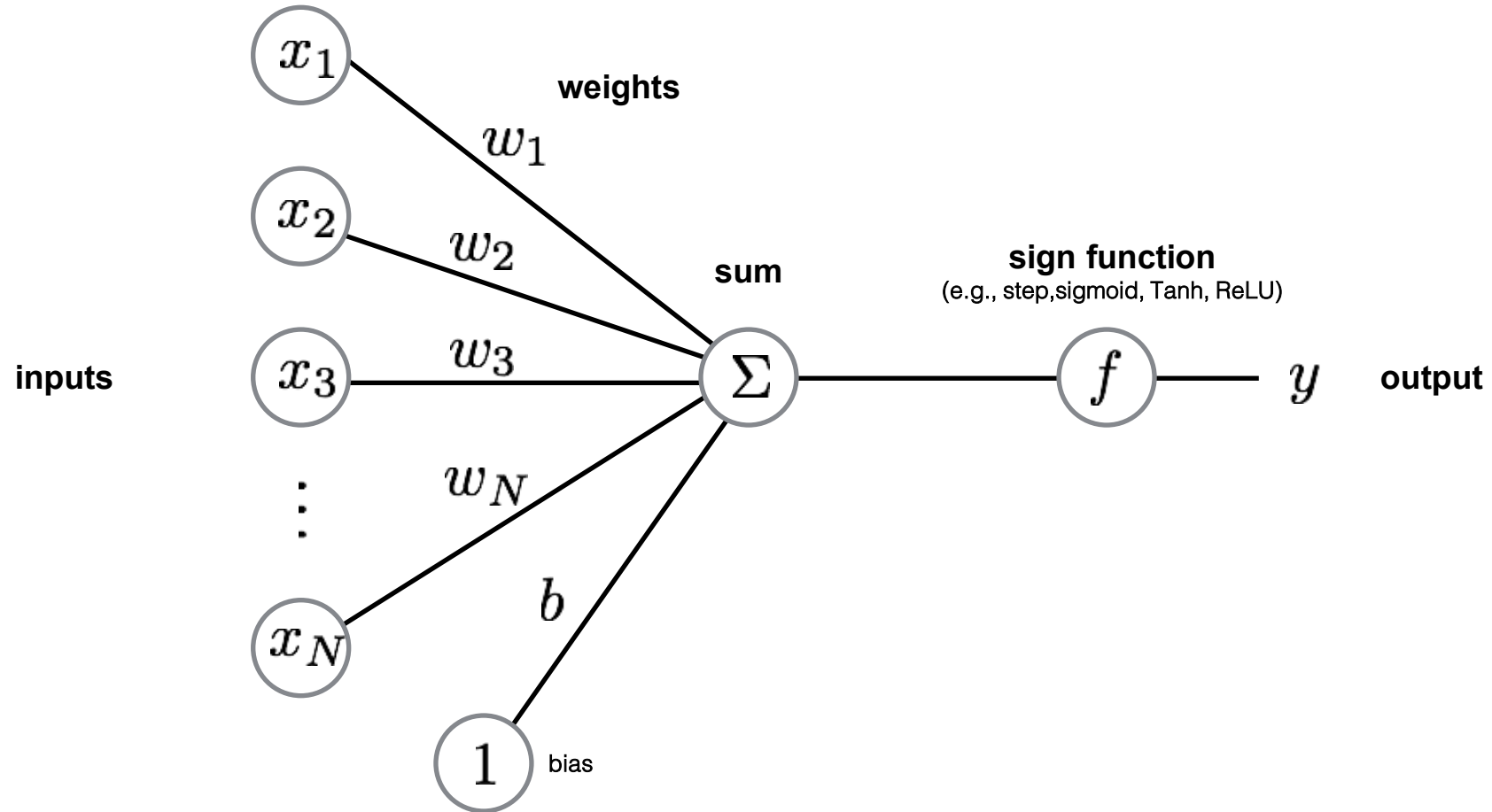
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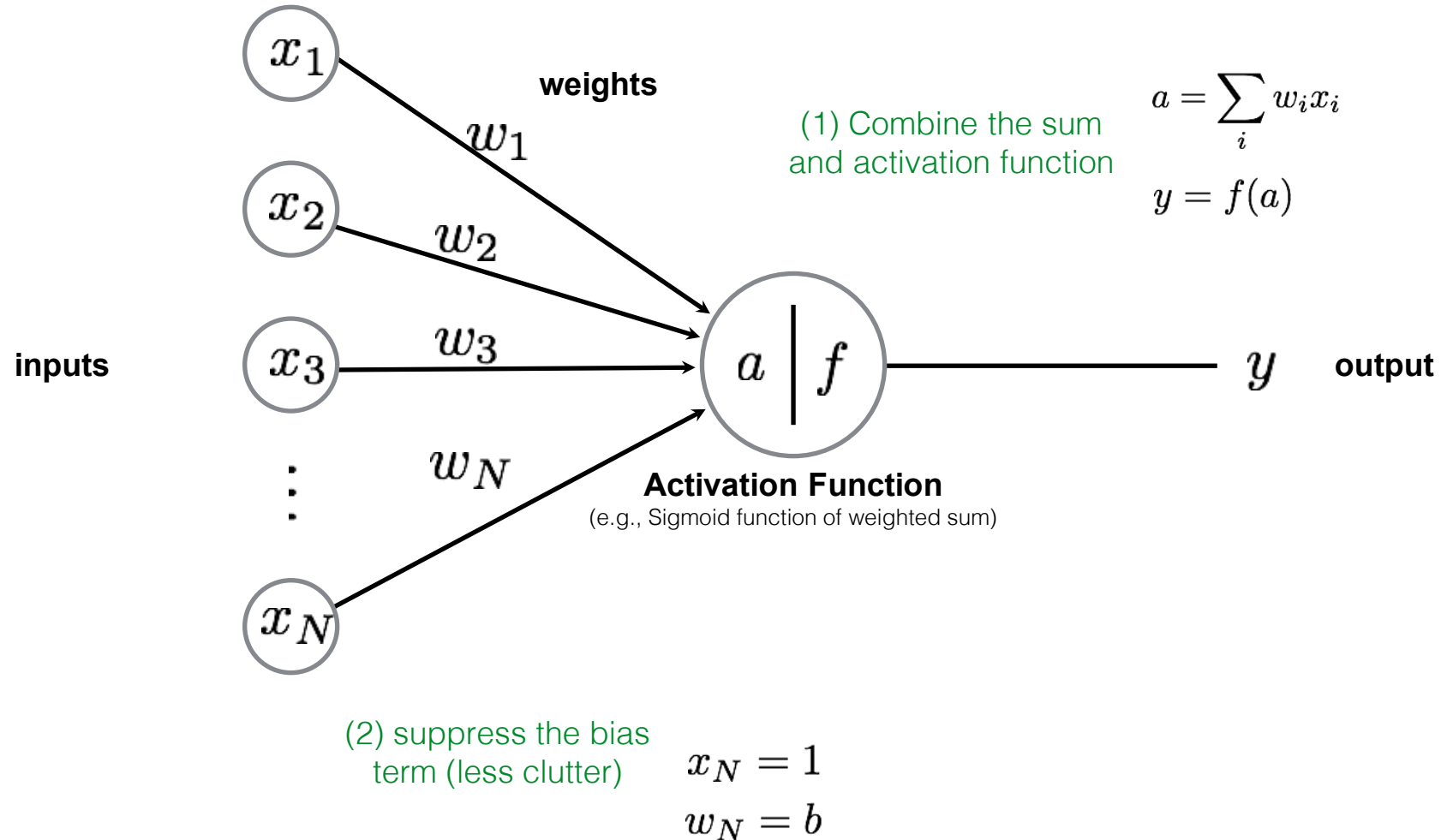


# The Perceptron





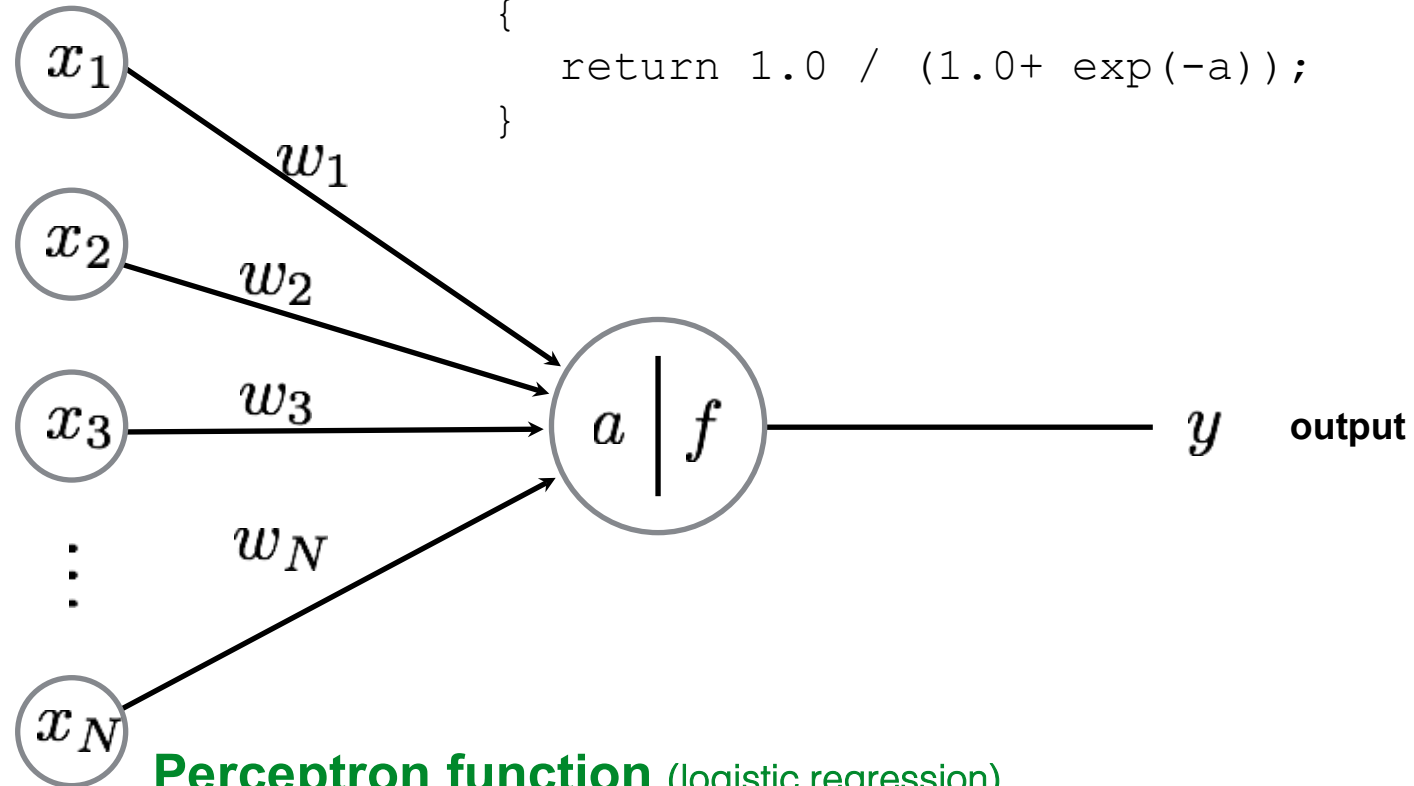
Another way to draw it...



# Programming the 'forward pass'

**Activation function** (sigmoid, logistic function)

```
float f(float a)
{
    return 1.0 / (1.0 + exp(-a));
}
```



**Perceptron function** (logistic regression)

```
float perceptron(vector<float> x, vector<float> w)
{
    float a = dot(x, w);
    return f(a);
}
```

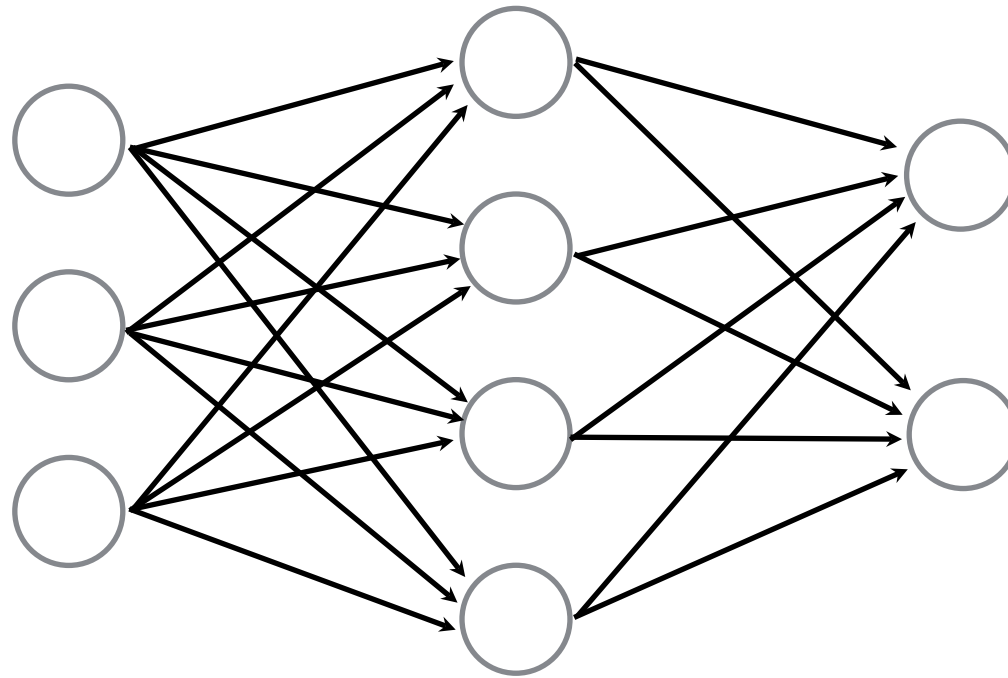
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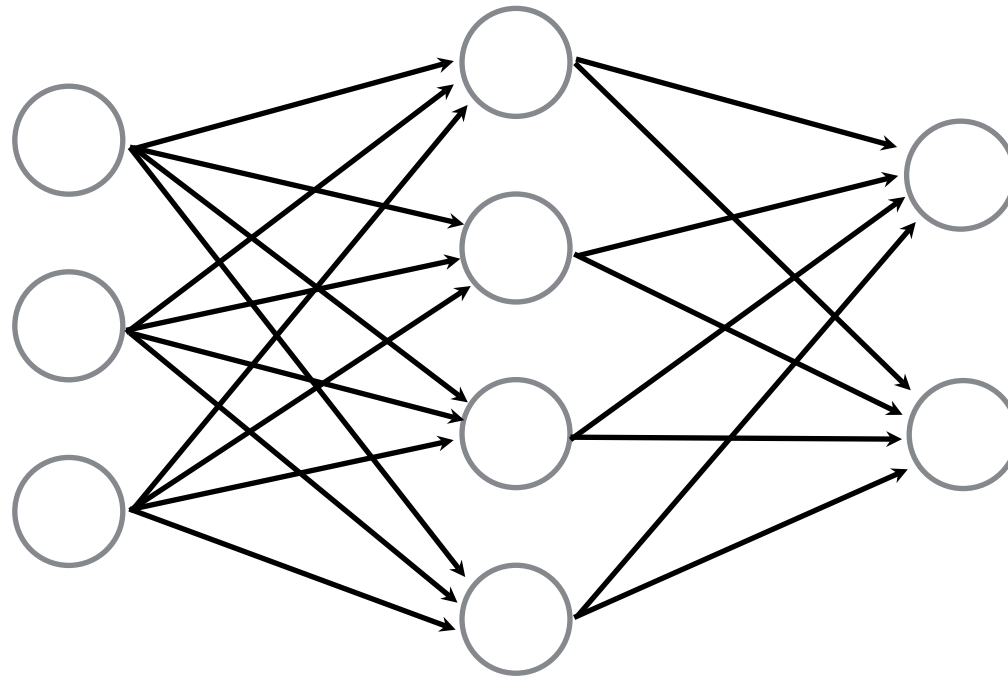
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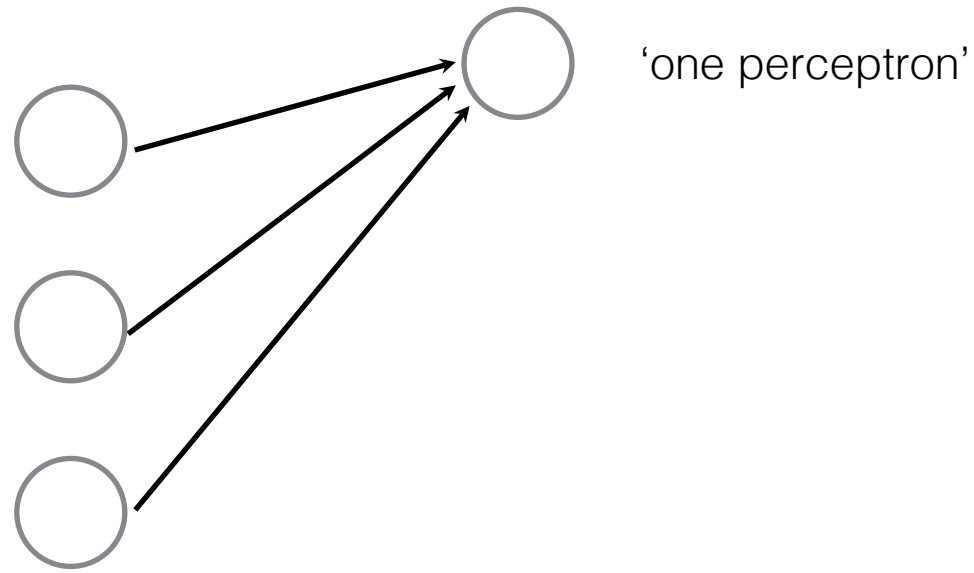
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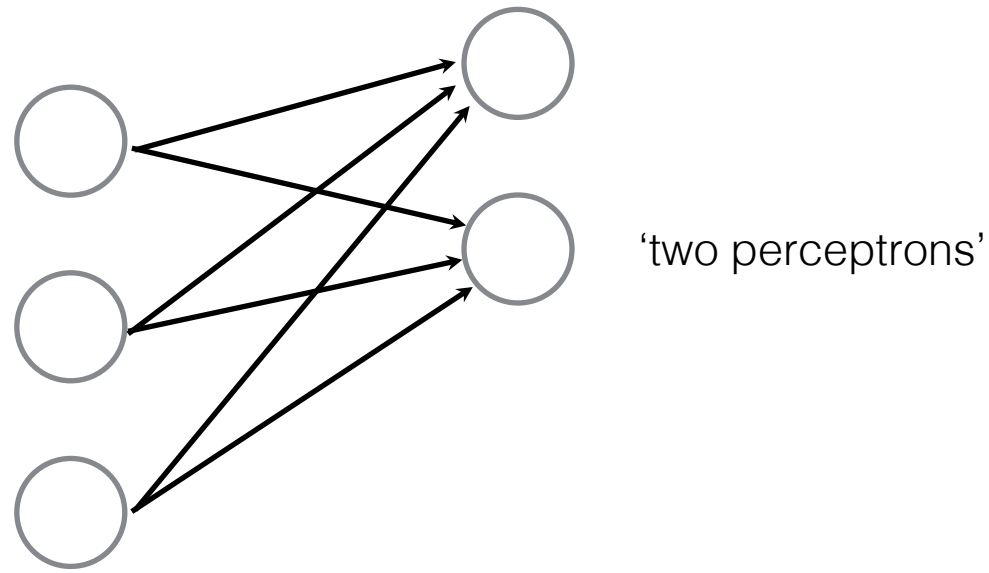
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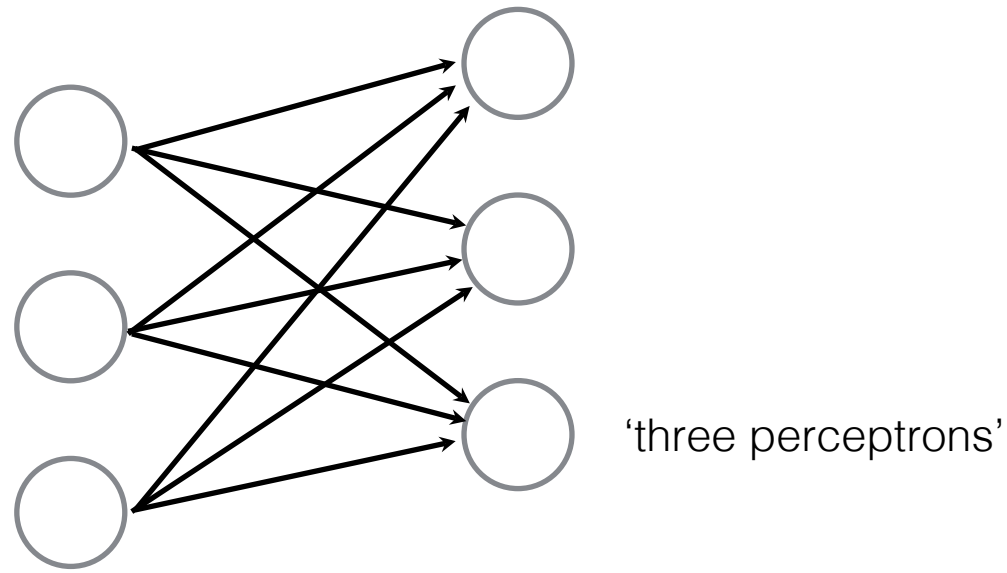




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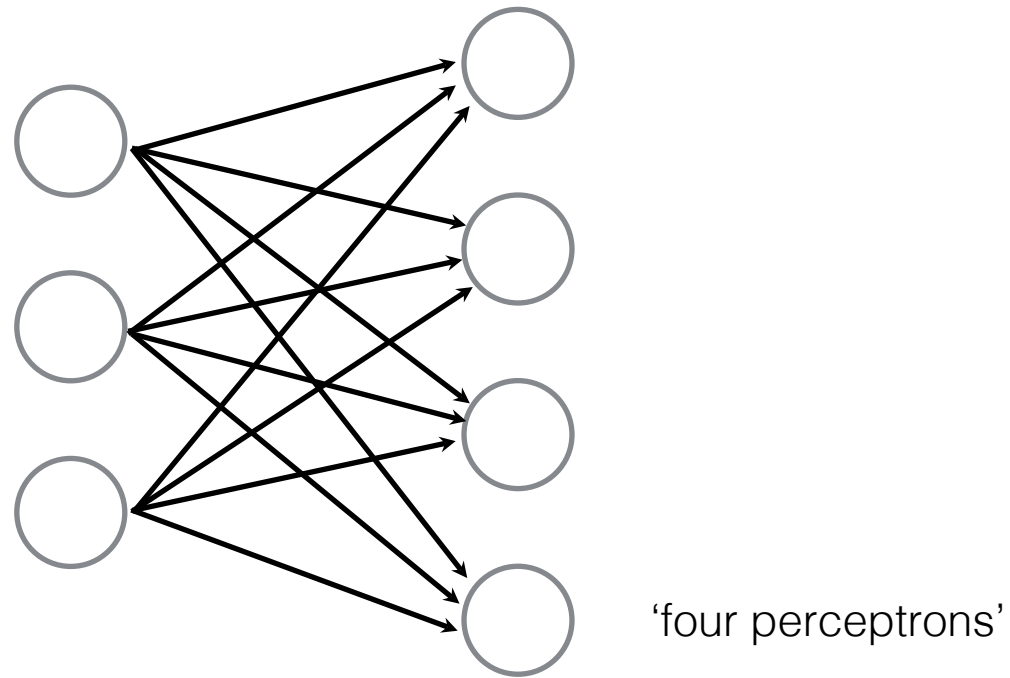
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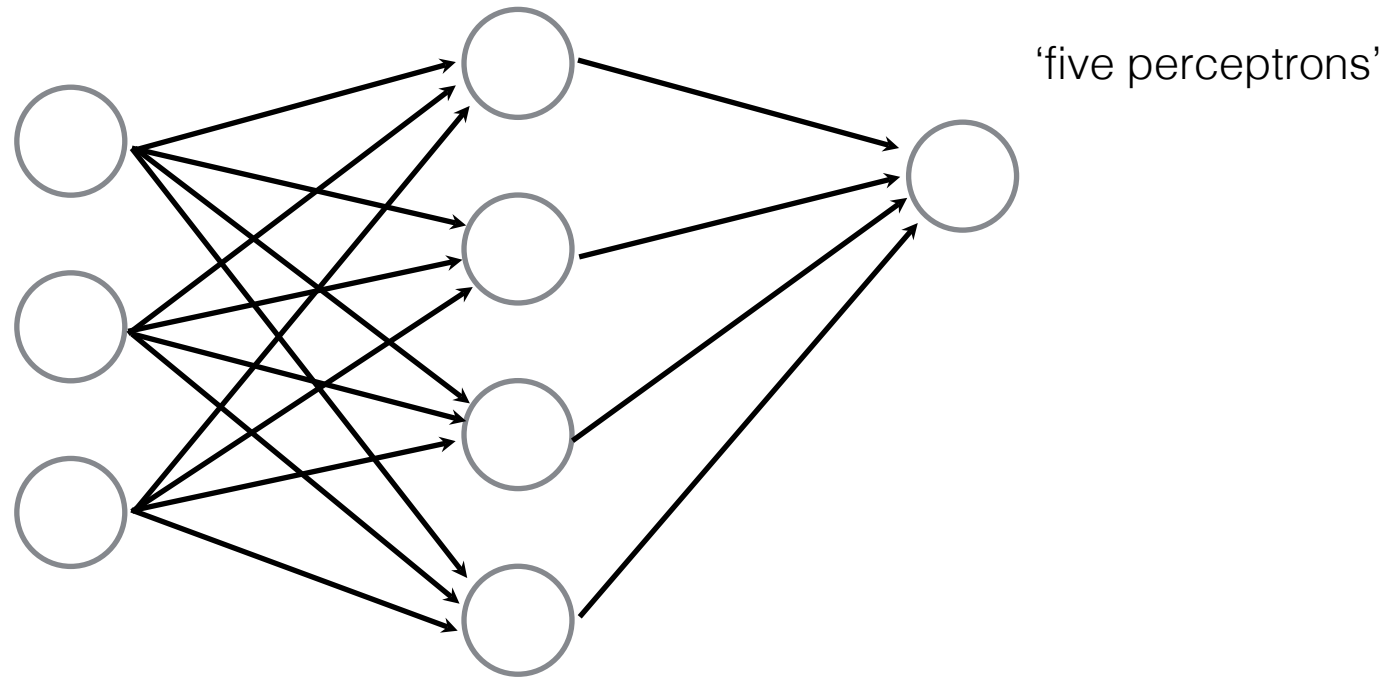
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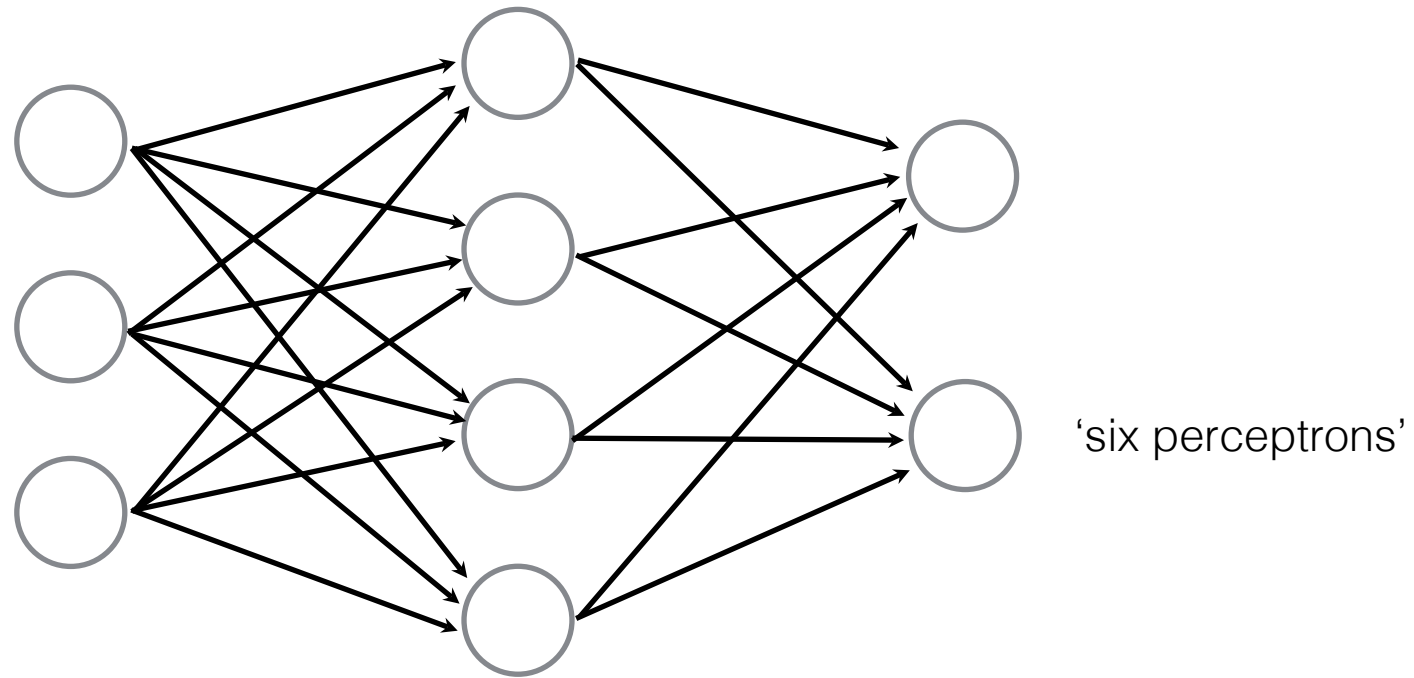
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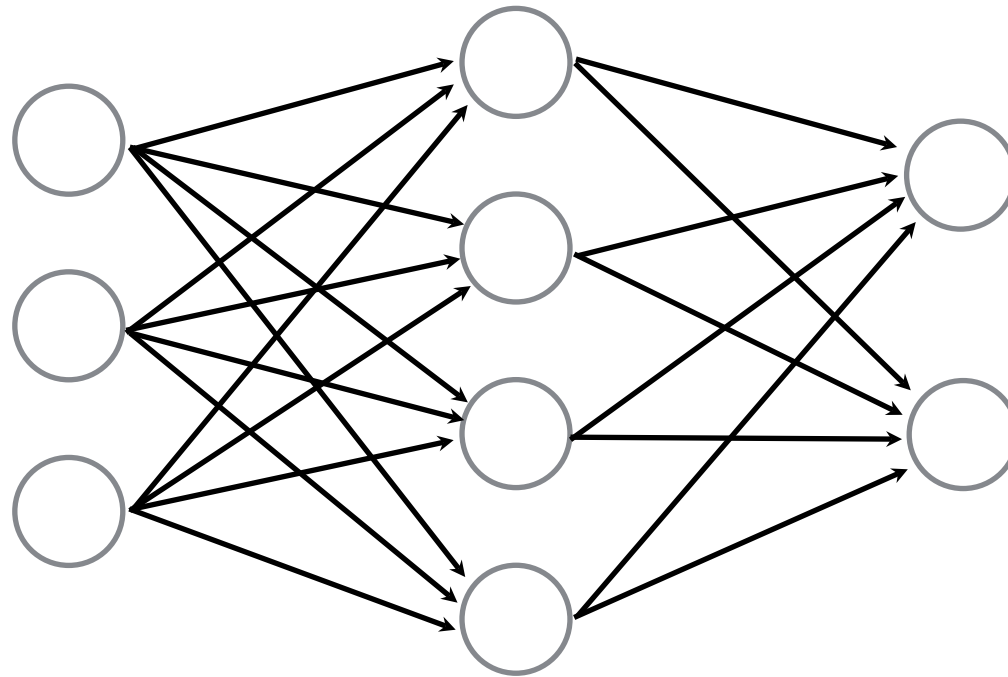
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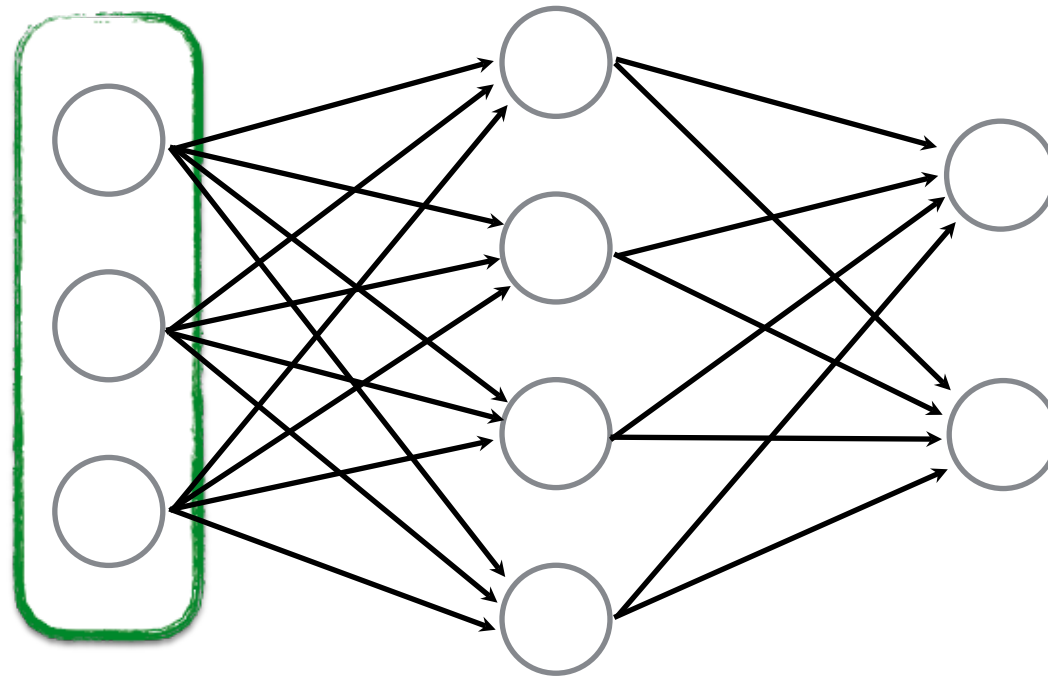


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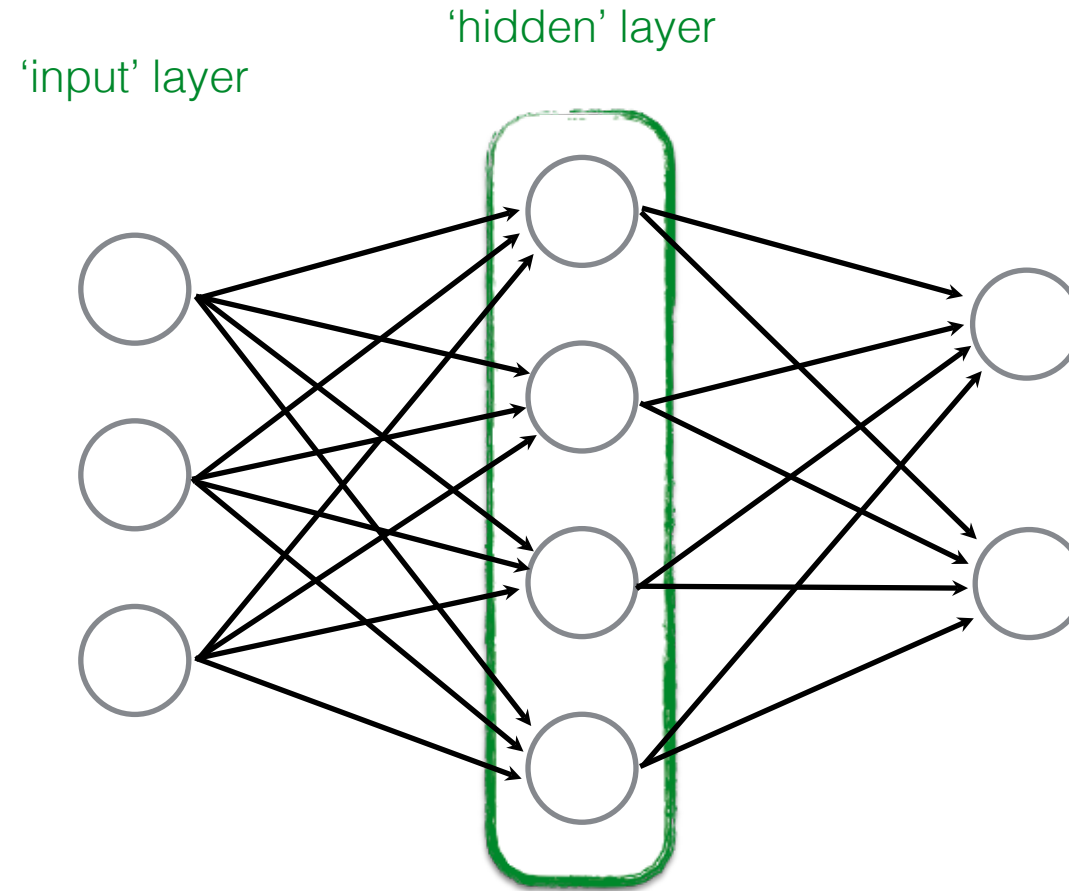
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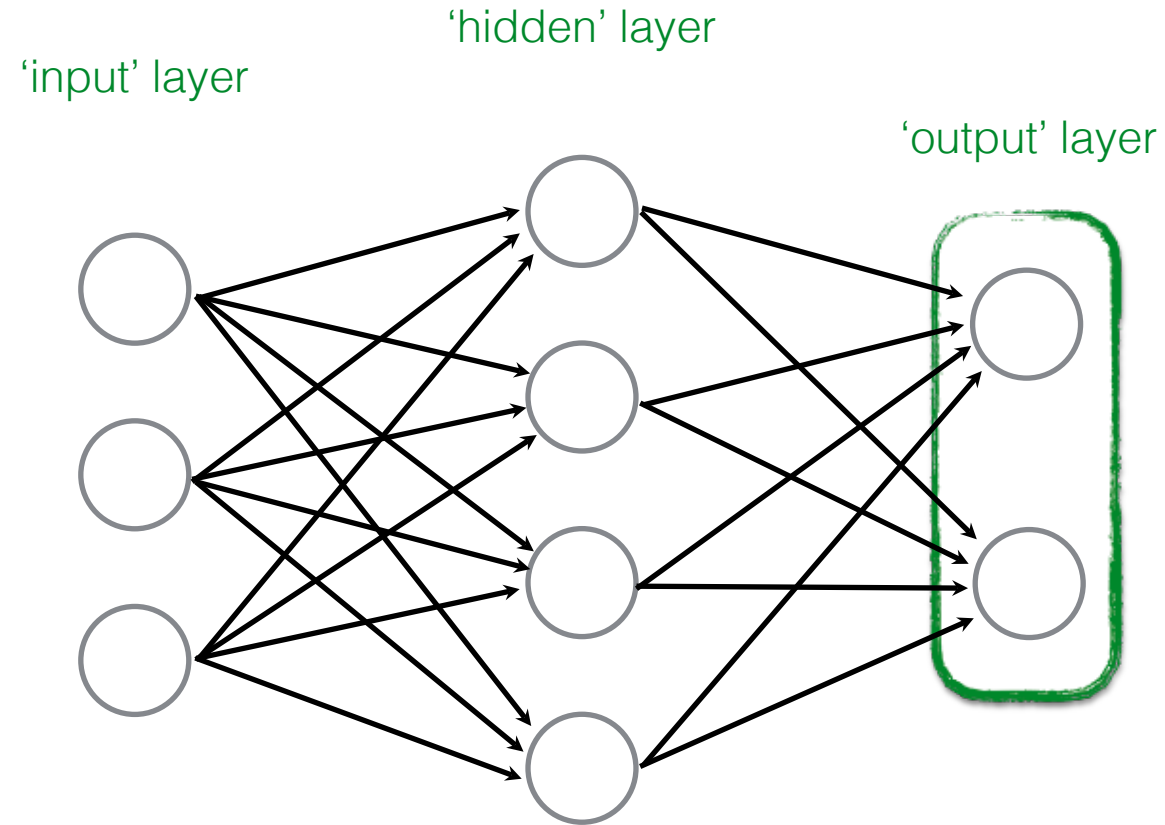
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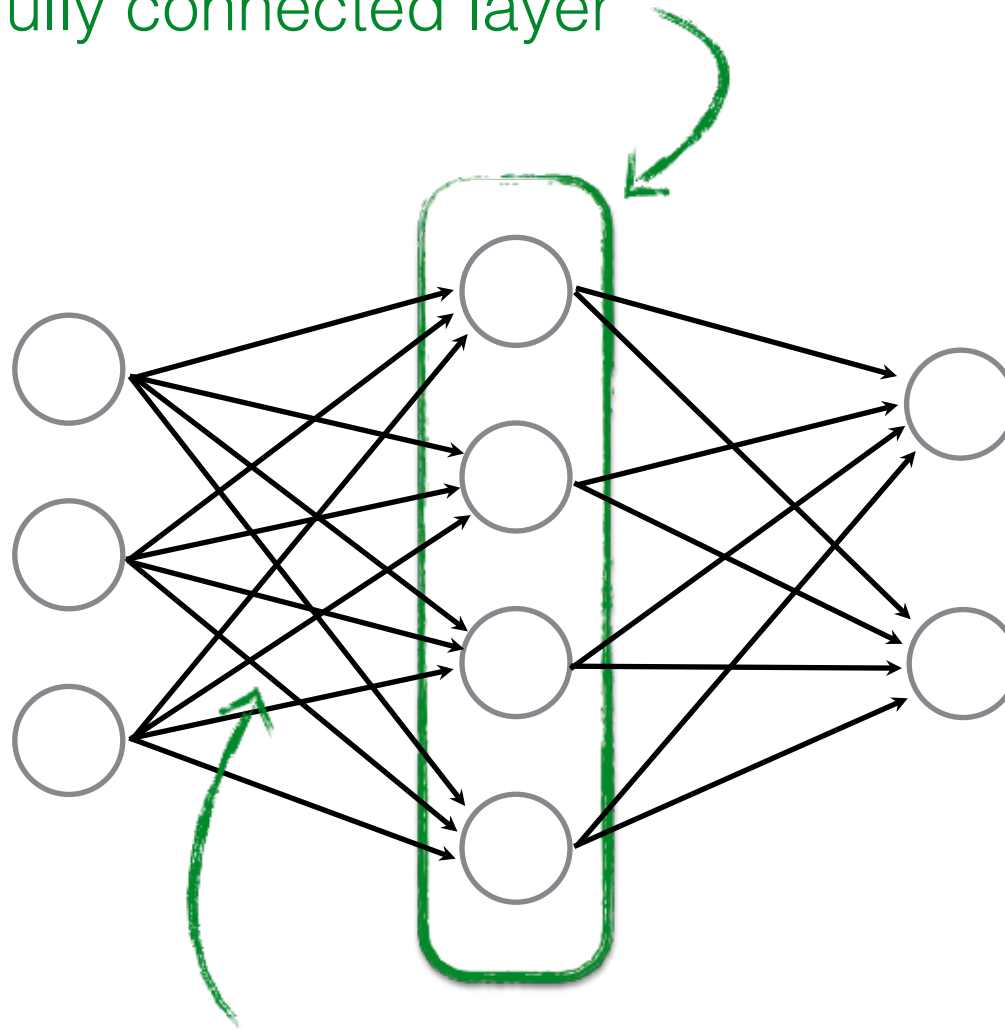
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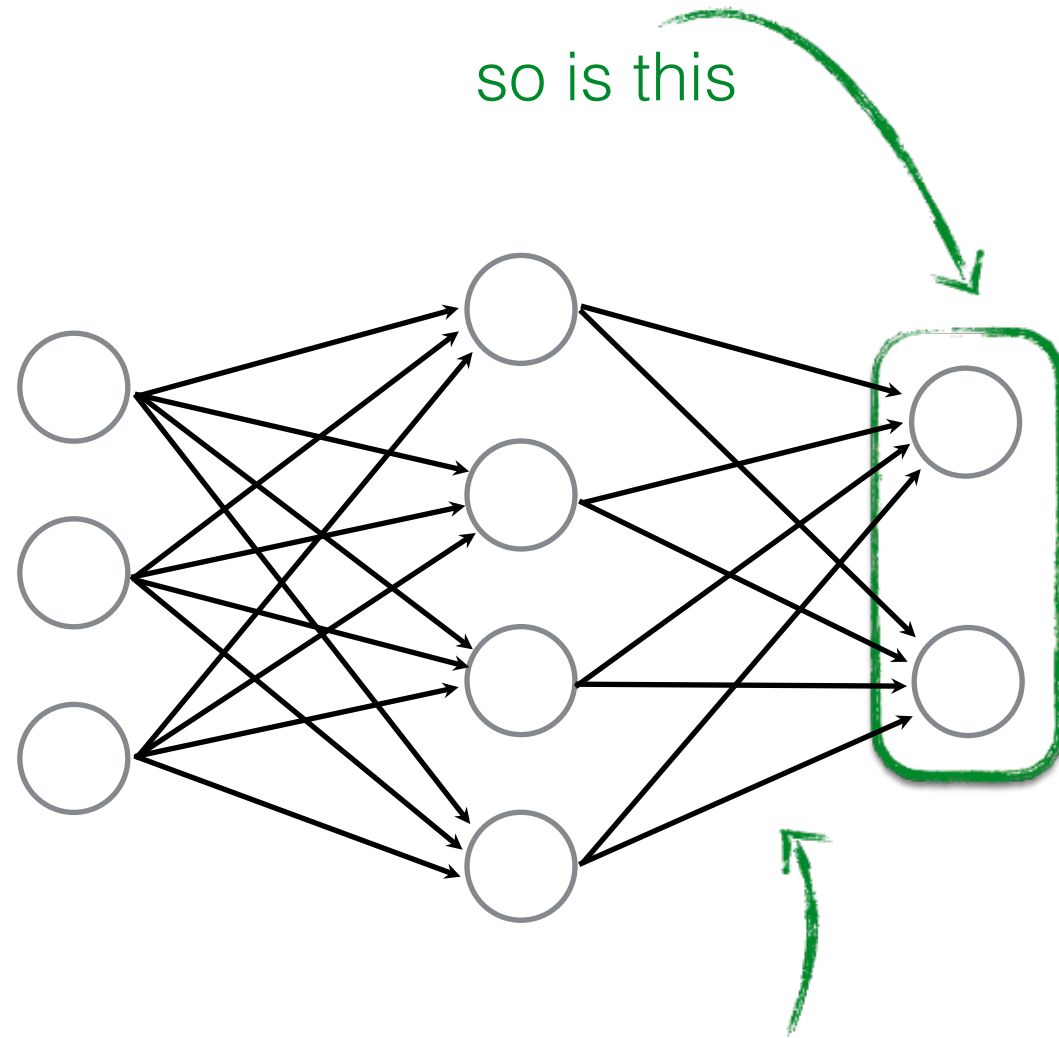
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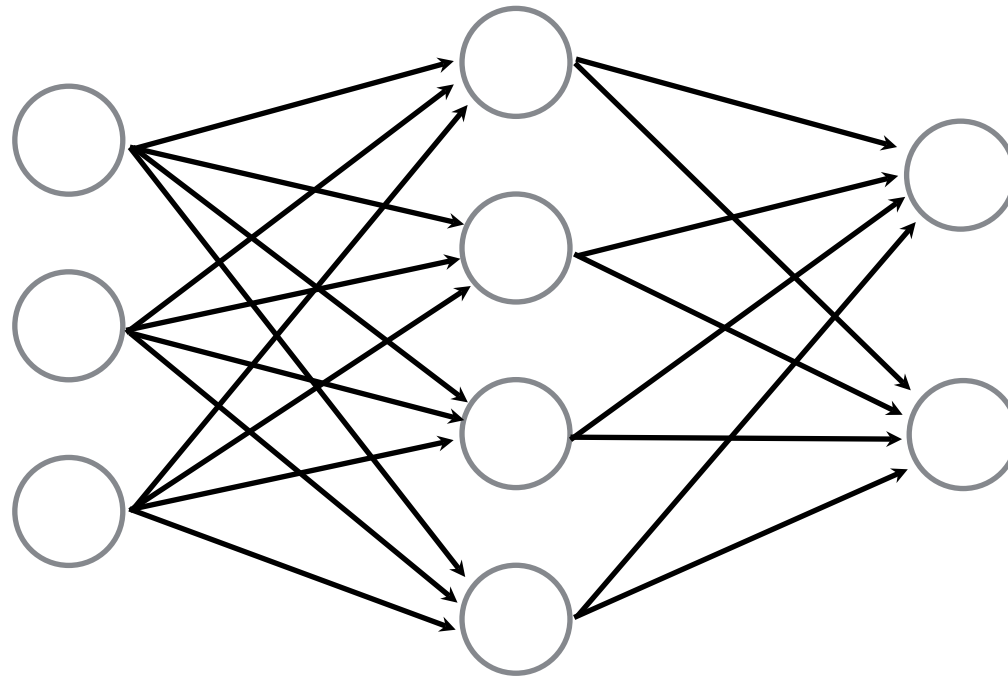
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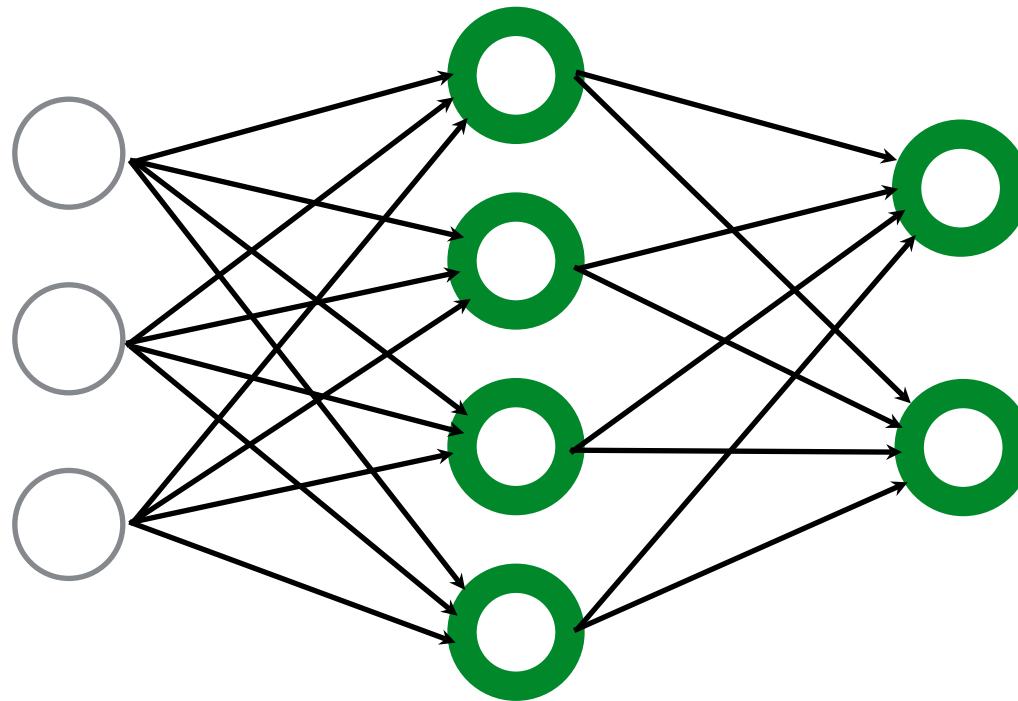


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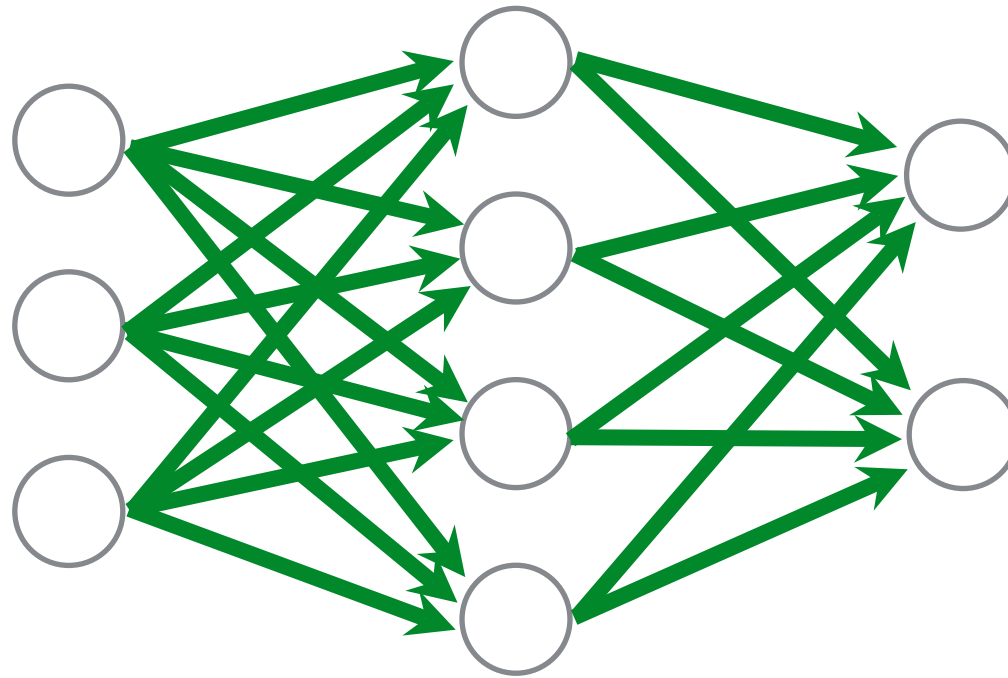
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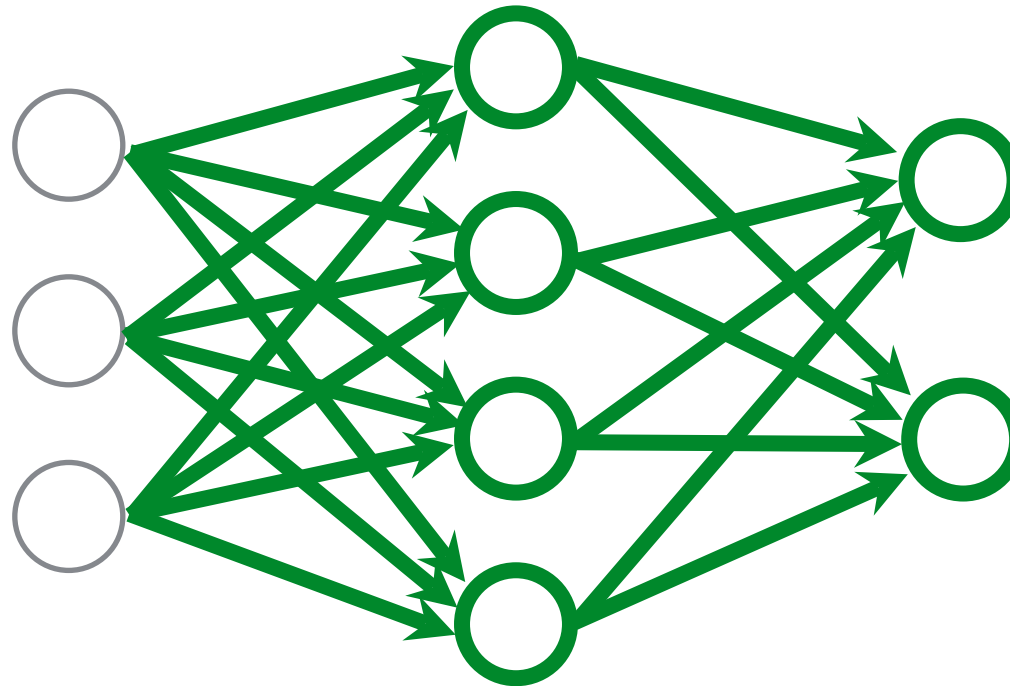
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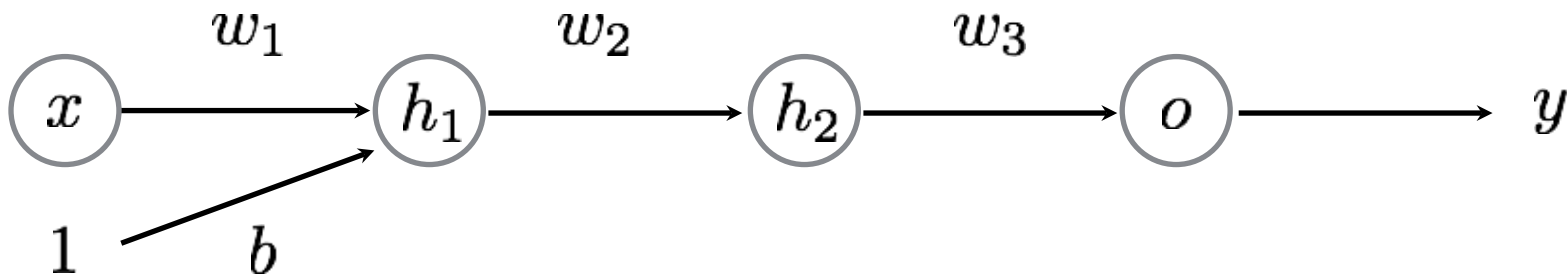


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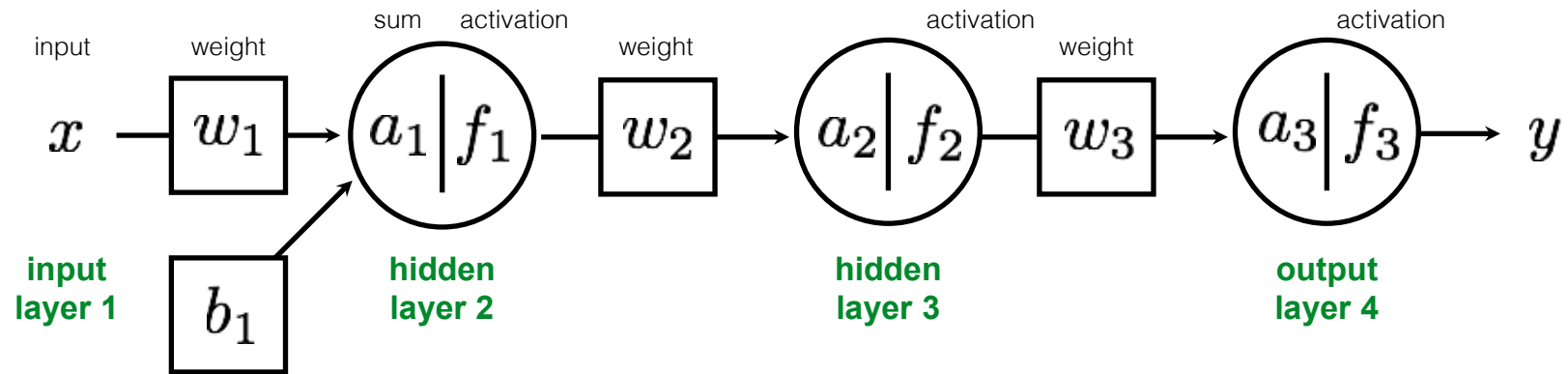
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bias terms

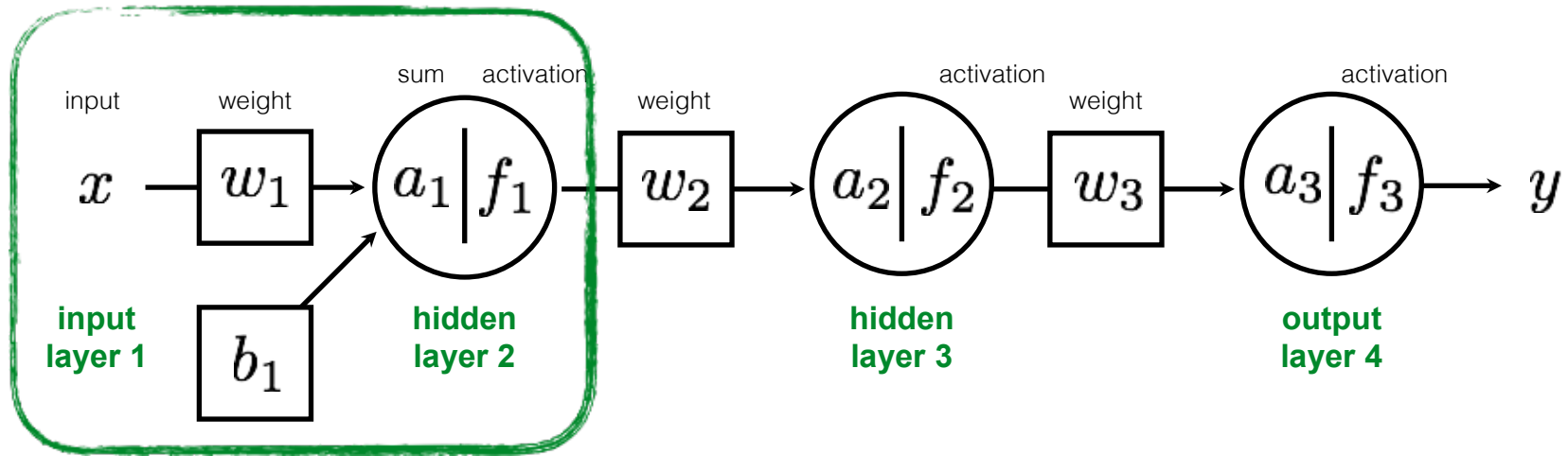
# Example of a multi-layer perceptron

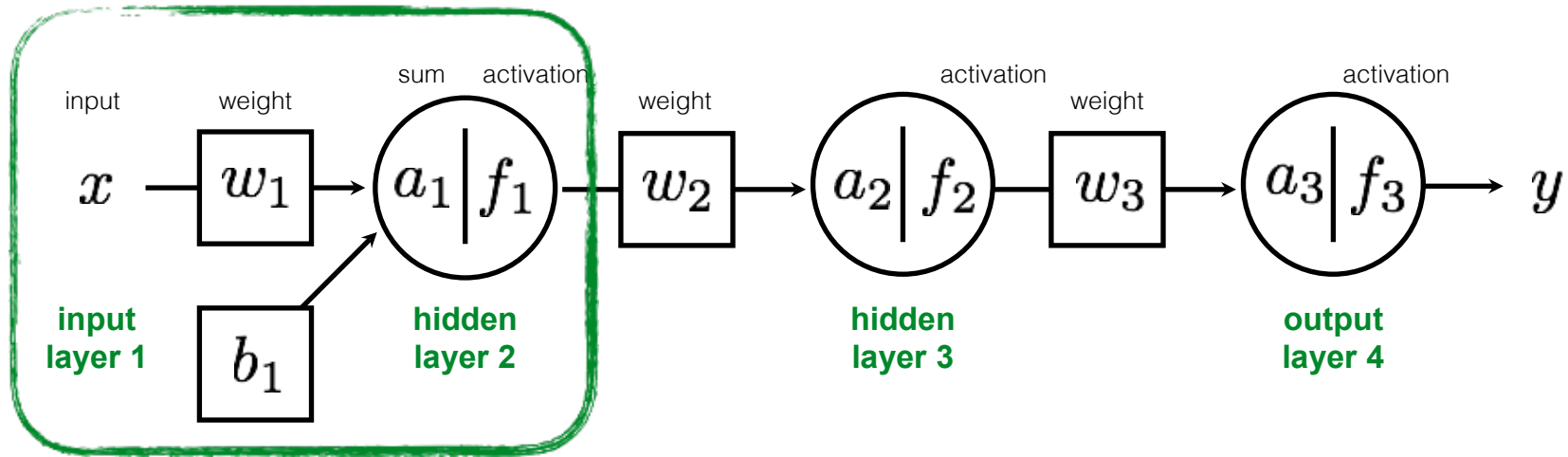


function of **FOUR** parameters and **FOUR** layers!

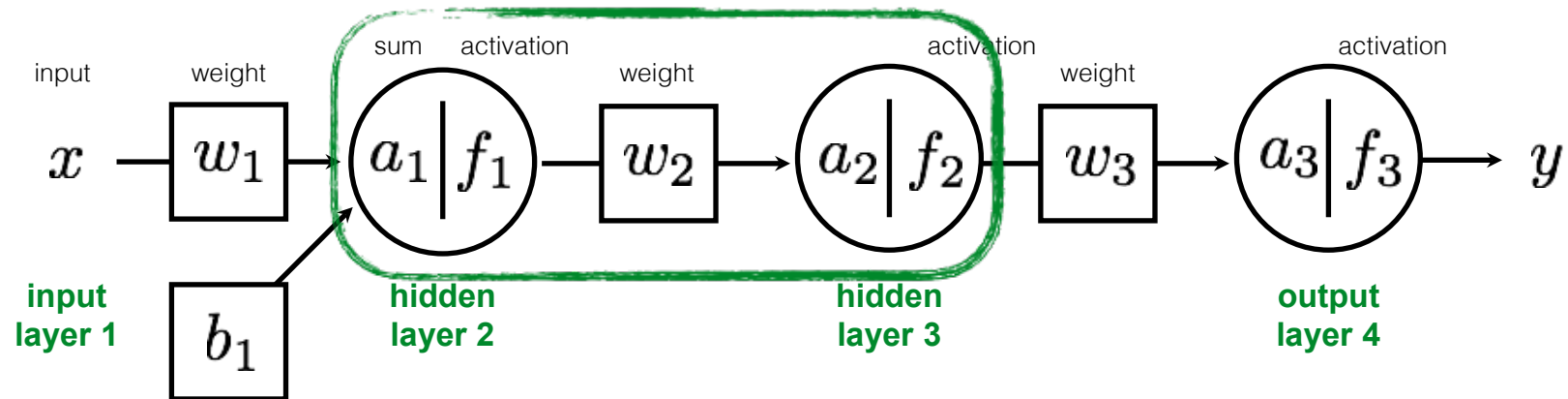




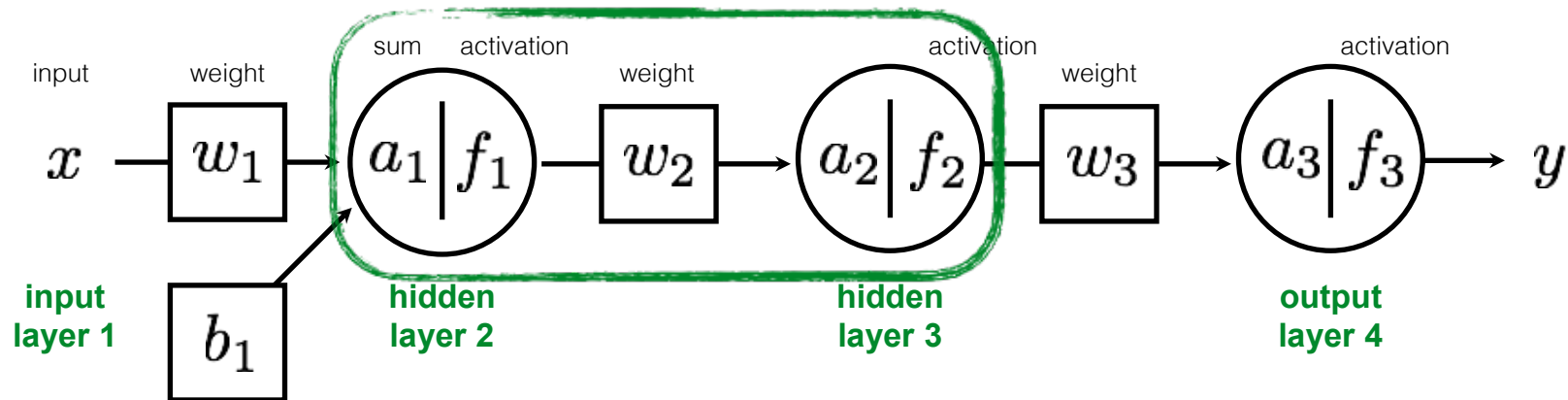




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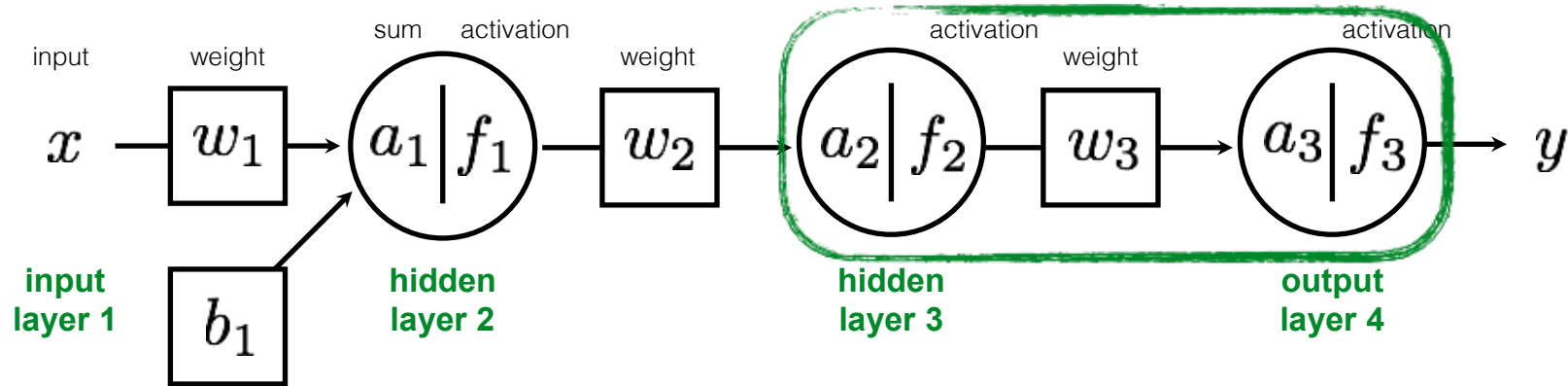


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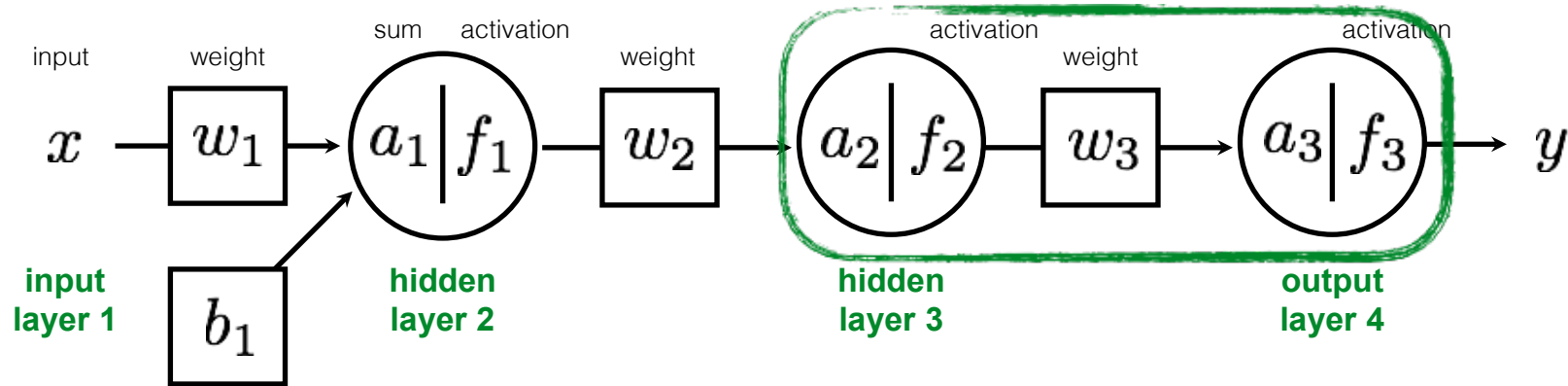
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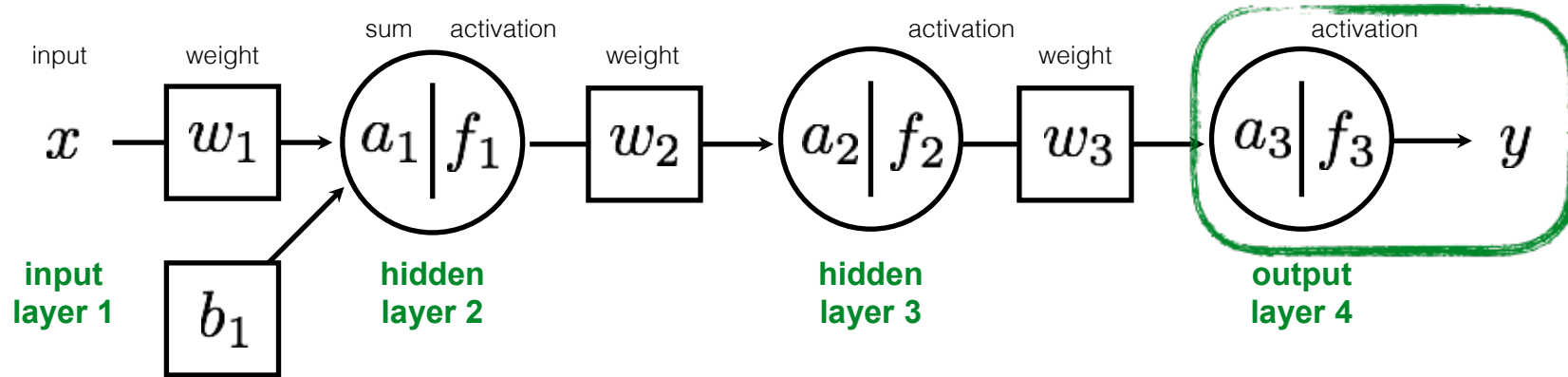
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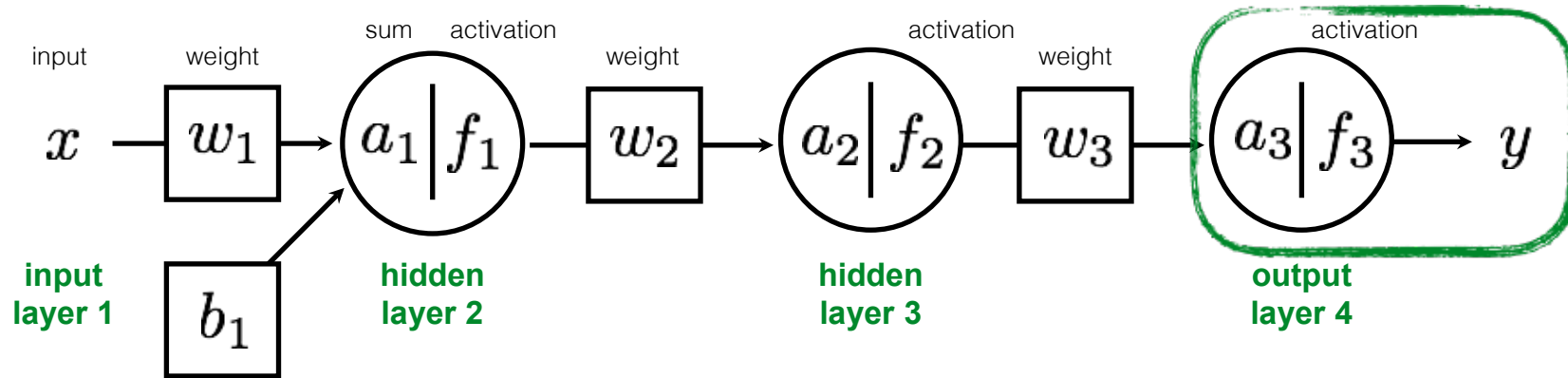
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activation function  
sometimes has  
parameters

**unknown**



We need to train the network:

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# Learning an MLP

Given a set of samples and a MLP

$$\{x_i, y_i\}$$

$$y = f_{\text{MLP}}(x; \theta)$$

Estimate the parameters of the MLP

$$\theta = \{f, w, b\}$$

## Gradient Descent

For each **random** sample  $\{x_i, y_i\}$

1. Predict

a. Forward pass  $\hat{y} = f_{\text{MLP}}(x_i; \theta)$

b. Compute Loss

2. Update

a. Back Propagation

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta}$$

vector of parameter partial derivatives

b. Gradient update

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta \nabla \theta$$

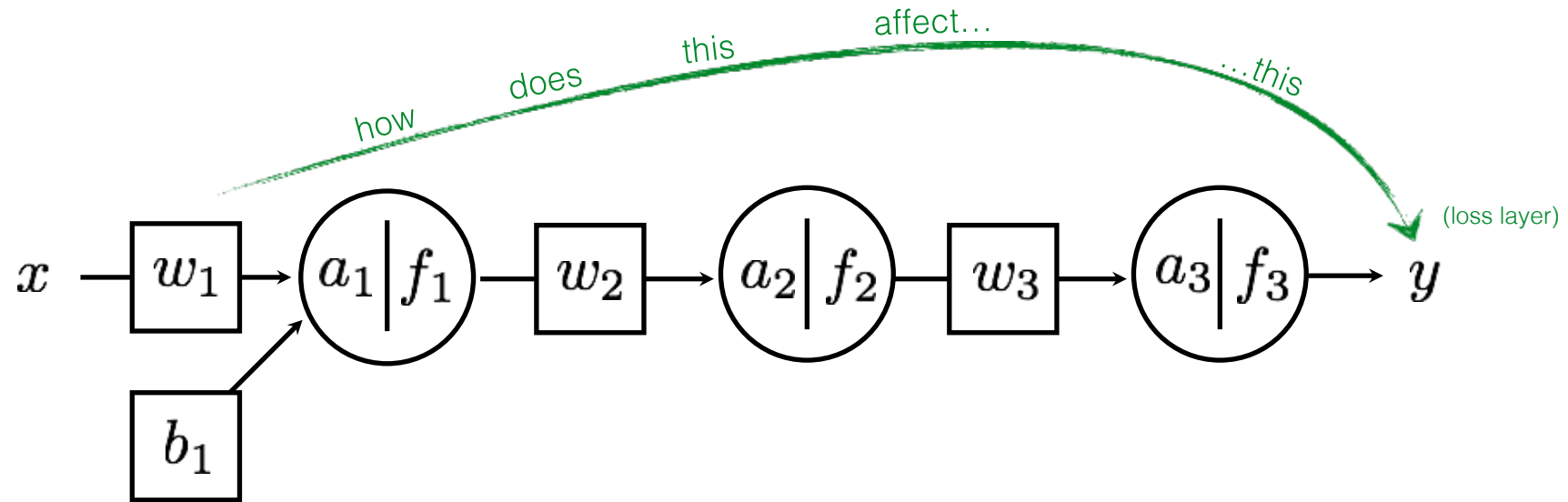
vector of parameter update equations

So we need to compute the partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_3} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b} \right]$$

Remember,

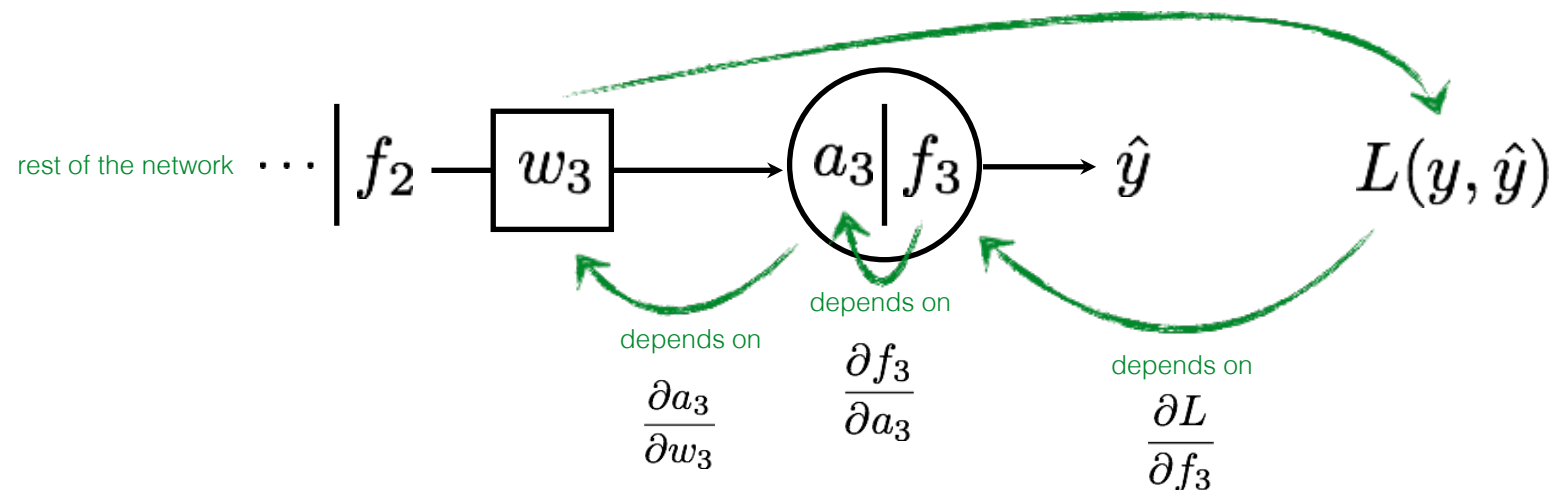
Partial derivative  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1}$  describes...



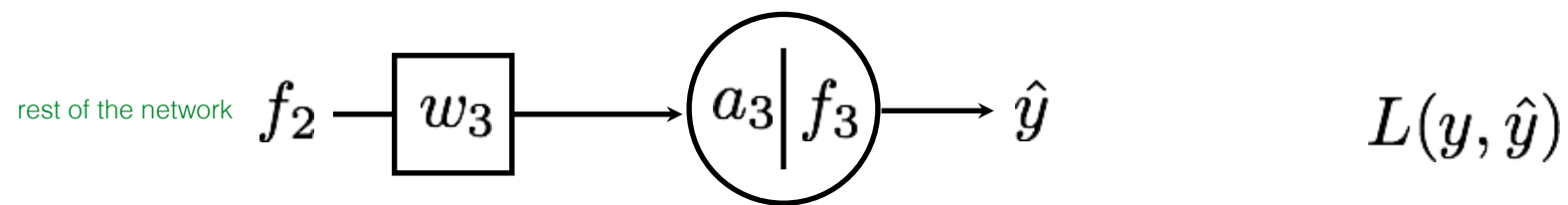
According to the chain rule...

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_3} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial f_3} \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial a_3} \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial w_3}$$

Intuitively, the effect of weight on loss function :  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_3}$







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Chain Rule!

Next Class:

How to use chain rule and “backpropagation” to train  
any neural network