

# Artificial Intelligence

ACTL3143 & ACTL5111 Deep Learning for Actuaries  
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# Lecture Outline

- **Artificial Intelligence**
- Neural Networks



## Warning

This section was out of date for 2024, and will be filled in shortly.



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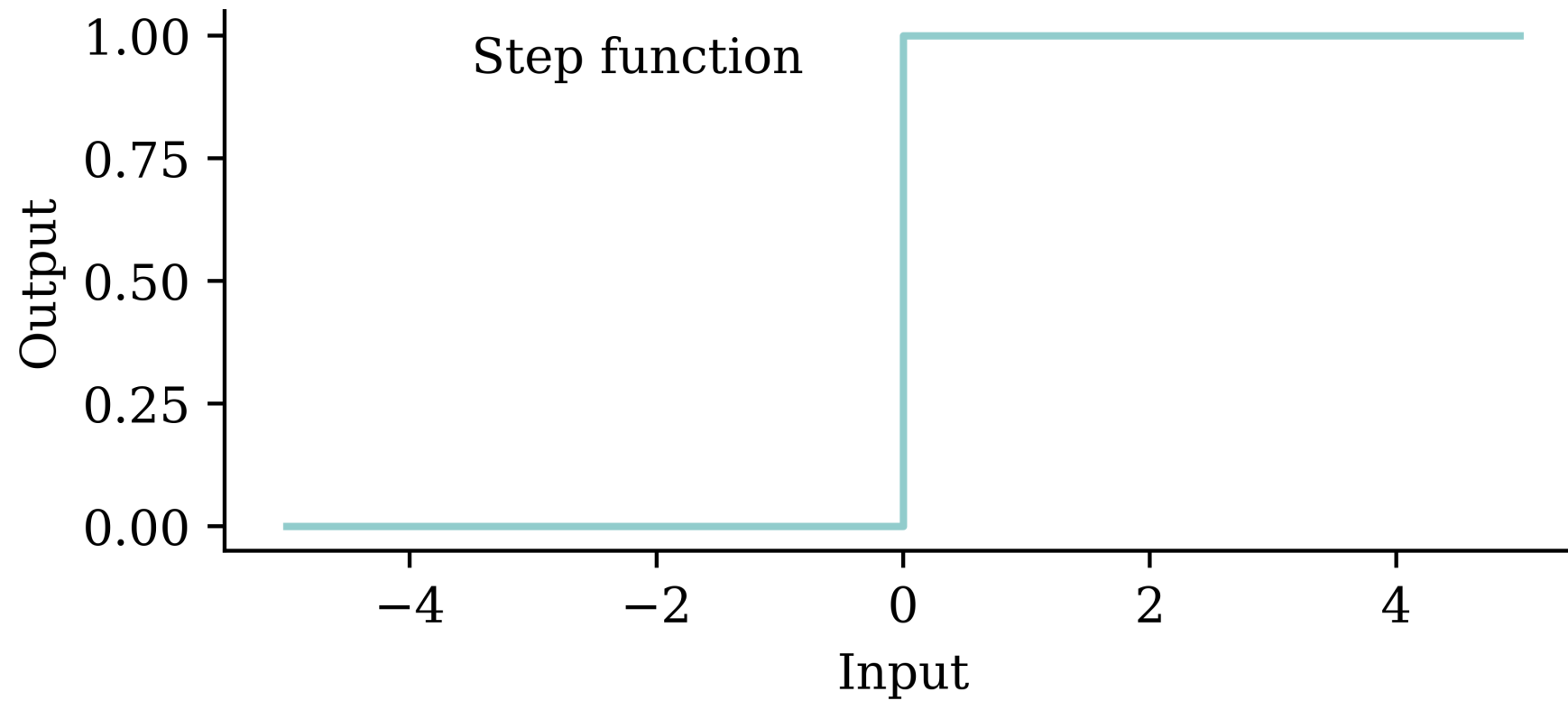


# How do real neurons work?

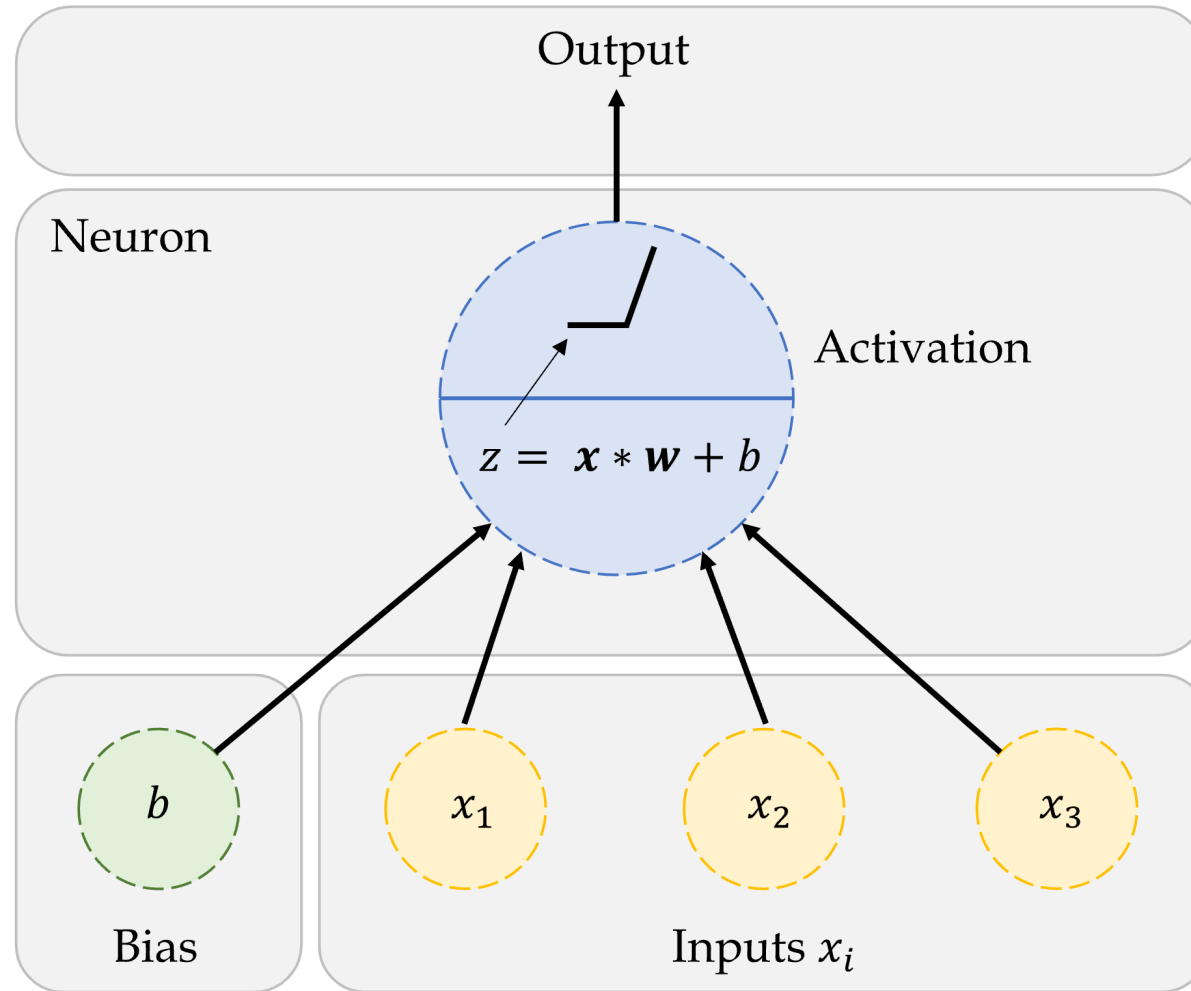
2-Minute Neuroscience: The Neuron



# A neuron 'firing'



# An artificial neuron



A neuron in a neural network with a ReLU activation.

Source: Marcus Lautier (2022).



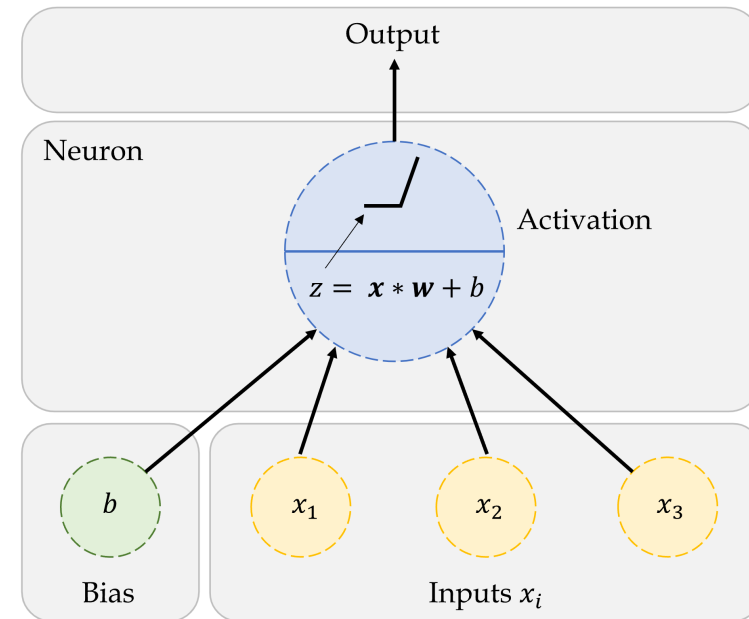
# One neuron

$$z = x_1 \times w_1 + x_2 \times w_2 + x_3 \times w_3.$$

$$a = \begin{cases} z & \text{if } z > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Here,  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  is just some fixed data.

The weights  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  should be ‘learned’.



A neuron in a neural network with a ReLU activation.

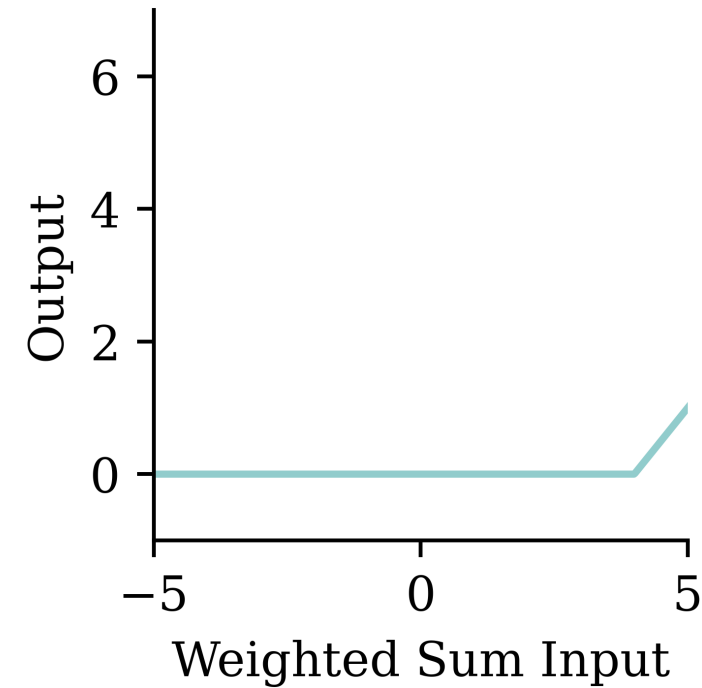
# One neuron with bias

$$z = x_1 \times w_1 + x_2 \times w_2 + x_3 \times w_3 + b.$$

$$a = \begin{cases} z & \text{if } z > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

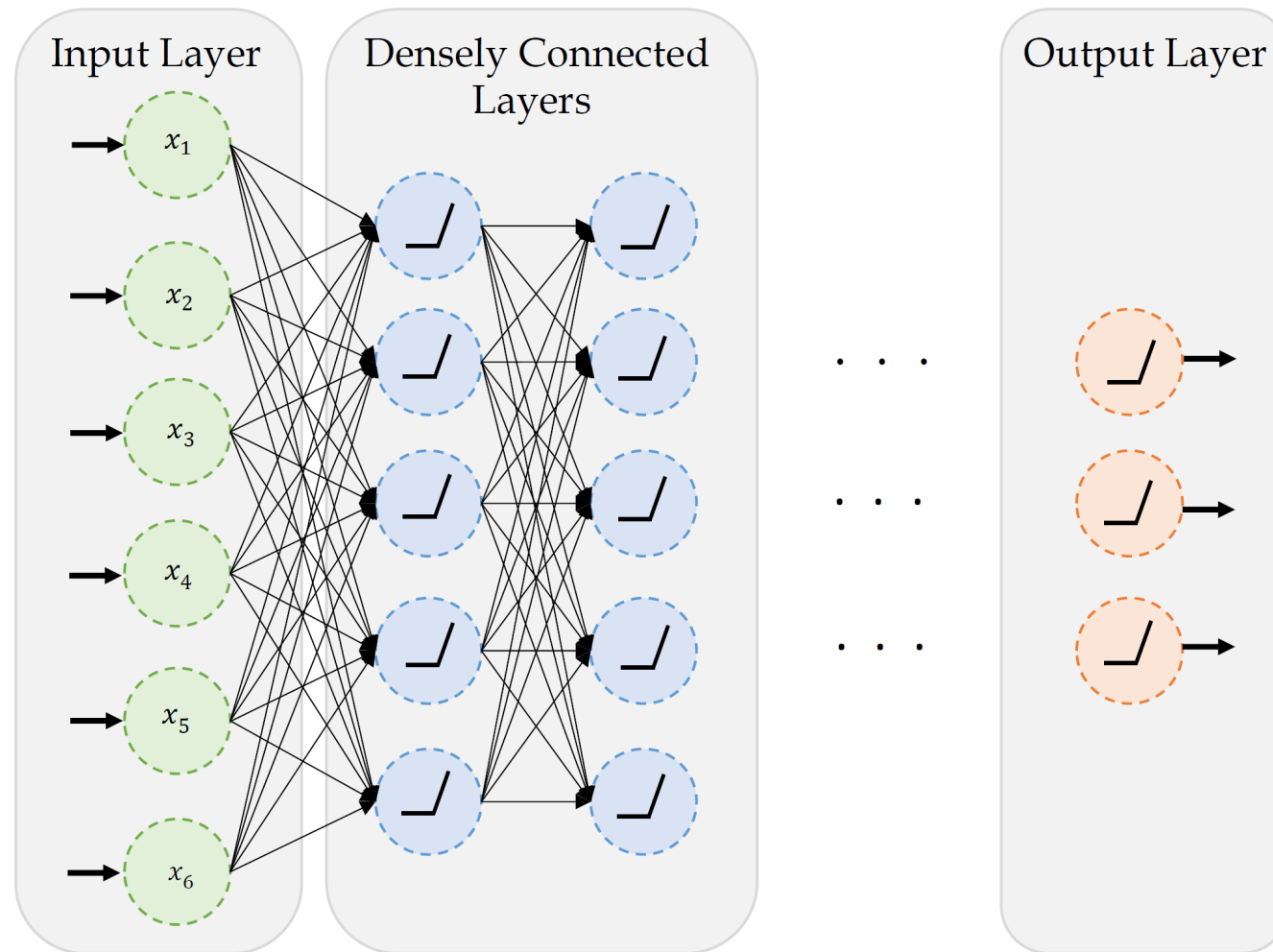
The weights  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ ,  $w_3$  and bias  $b$  should be ‘learned’.

Bias = -4    0    4





# A basic neural network



A basic fully-connected/dense network.

Source: Marcus Lautier (2022).



# Step-function activation

## Perceptrons

Brains and computers are binary, so make a perceptron with binary data. Seemed reasonable, impossible to train.

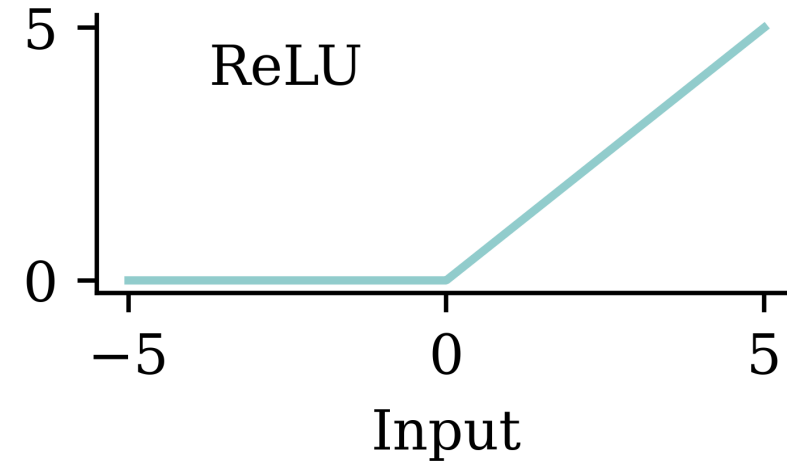
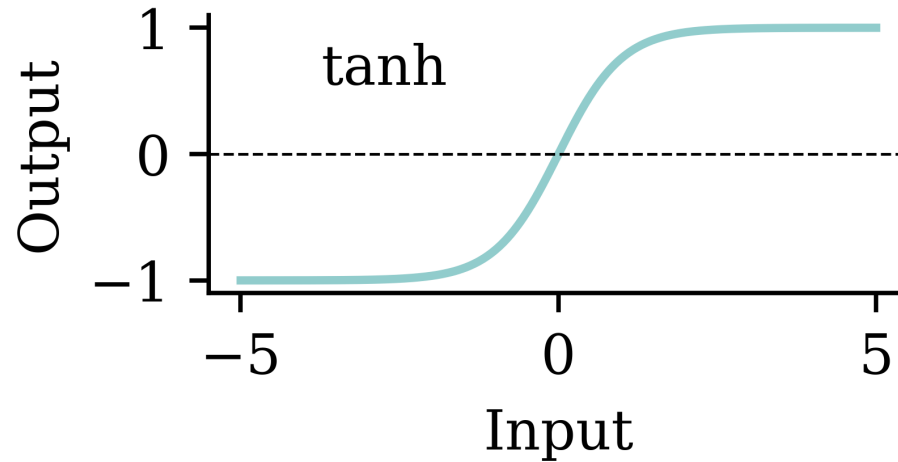
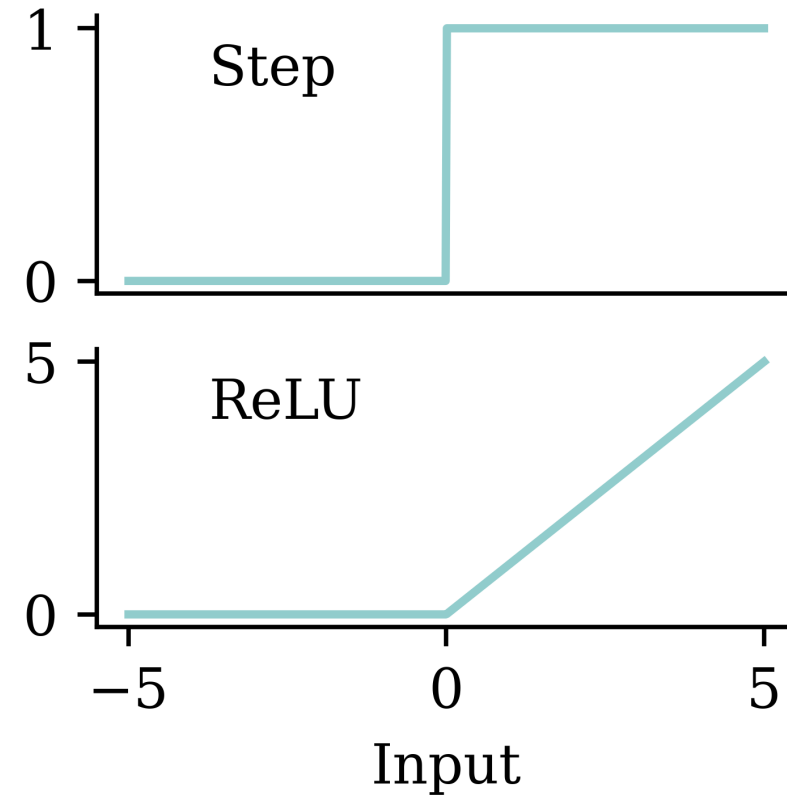
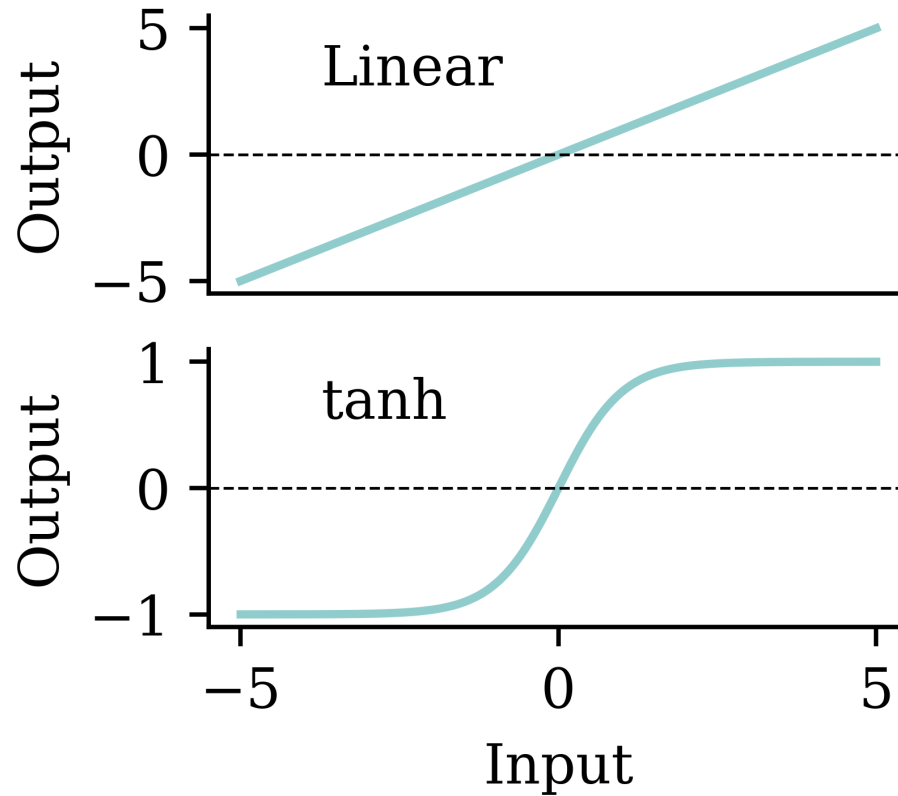
## Modern neural network

Replace binary state with continuous state. Still rather slow to train.

### Note

It's a **neural** network made of **neurons**, not a “neuron network”.

# Try different activation functions

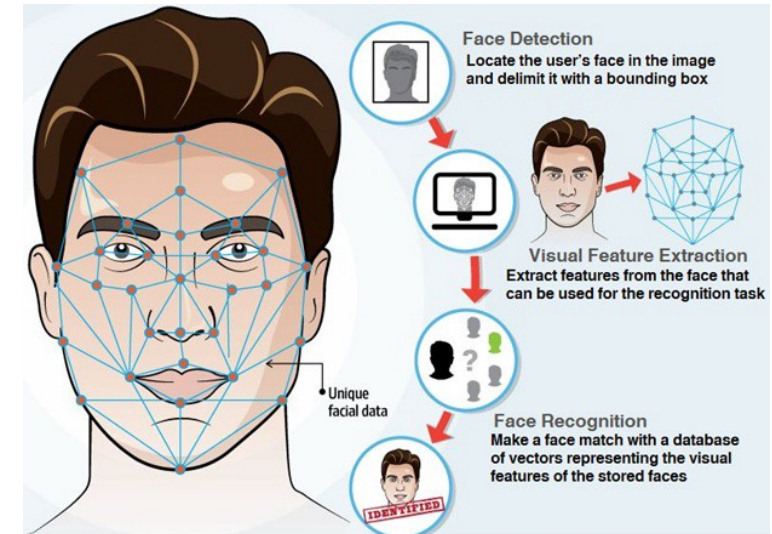
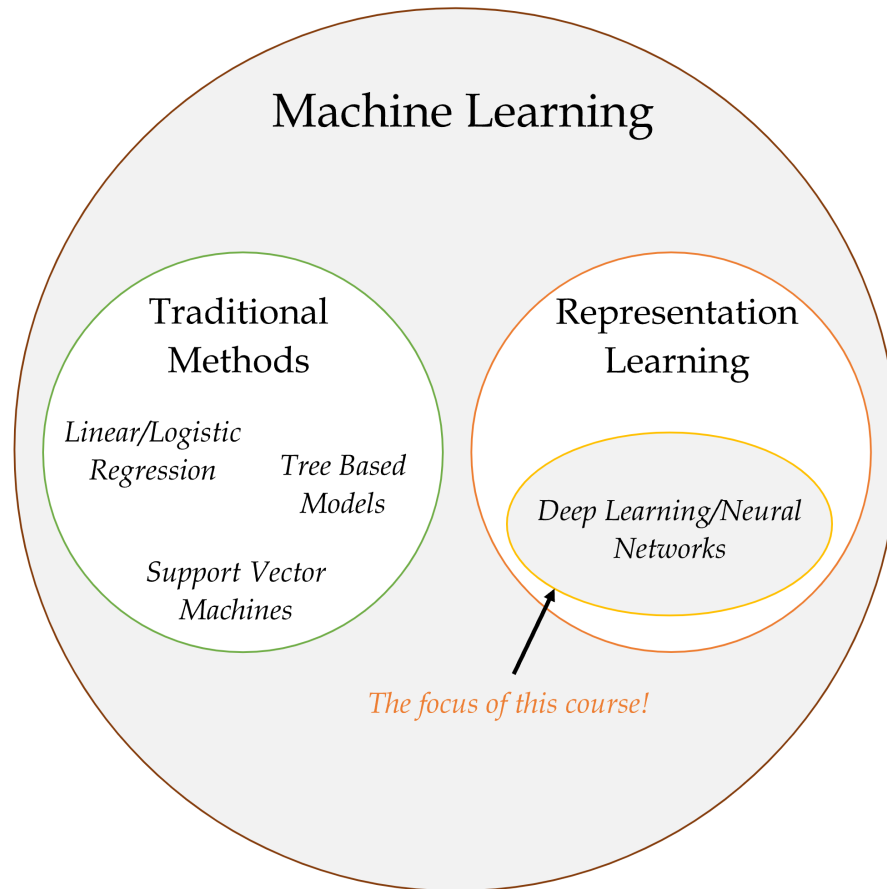


# Flexible

One can show that an MLP is a **universal approximator**, meaning it can model any suitably smooth function, given enough hidden units, to any desired level of accuracy (Hornik 1991). One can either make the model be “wide” or “deep”; the latter has some advantages...



# Feature engineering



Traditional ML

Feature Engineering

Modelling

Deep Learning

Feature Engineering

Modelling

Sources: Marcus Lautier (2022) & Fenjiro (2019), *Face Id: Deep Learning for Face Recognition*, Medium.



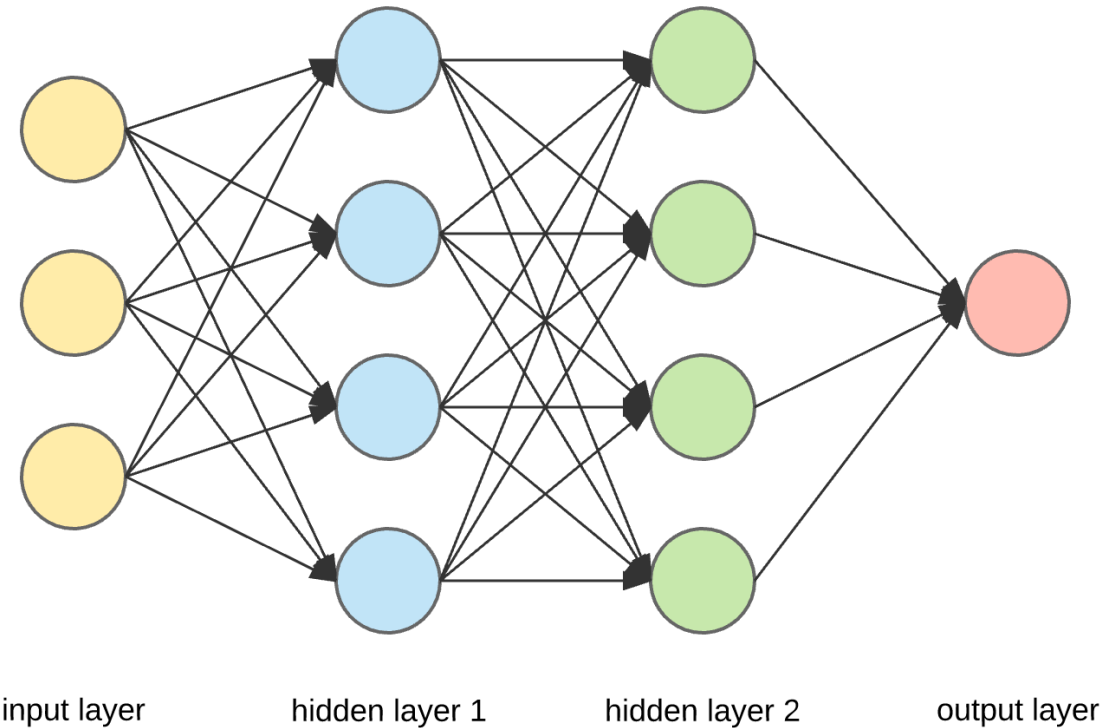


# Quiz

In this ANN, how many of the following are there:

- features,
- targets,
- weights,
- biases, and
- parameters?

What is the depth?



An artificial neural network.

# Package Versions

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1 from watermark import watermark
2 print(watermark(python=True, packages="keras,matplotlib,numpy,pandas,seaborn,scipy,torch"))
```

Python implementation: CPython  
Python version : 3.11.9  
IPython version : 8.24.0

keras : 3.3.3  
matplotlib: 3.8.4  
numpy : 1.26.4  
pandas : 2.2.2  
seaborn : 0.13.2  
scipy : 1.11.0  
torch : 2.0.1  
tensorflow: 2.16.1  
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# Glossary

- activations, activation function
- artificial neural network
- biases (in neurons)
- classification problem
- deep network, network depth
- dense or fully-connected layer
- feed-forward neural network
- labelled/unlabelled data
- machine learning
- neural network architecture
- perceptron
- ReLU
- representation learning
- sigmoid activation function
- targets
- training/test split
- weights (in a neuron)

