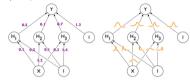
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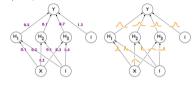
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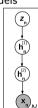
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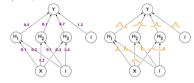
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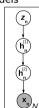
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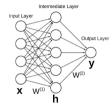
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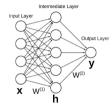
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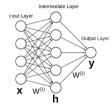
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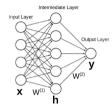
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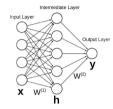
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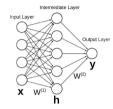
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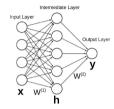
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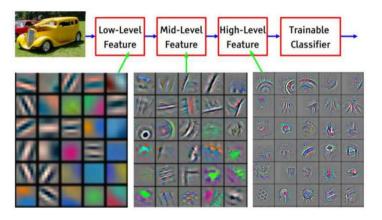
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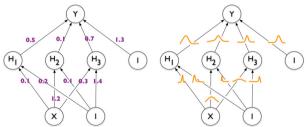
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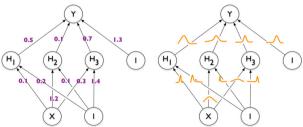
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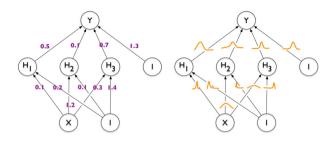
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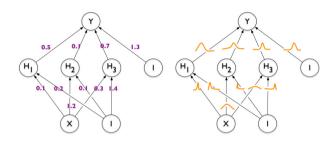


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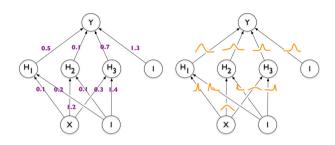


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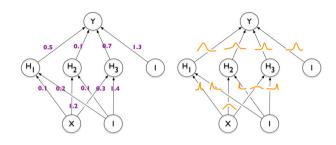
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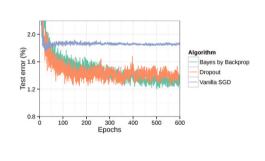
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Bayesian Neural Networks: Summary

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- Can also be extended to do semi-supervised learning when combined with deep generative models (we will look at DGMs)
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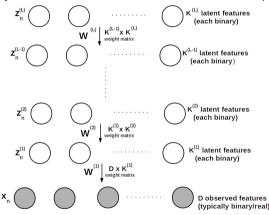
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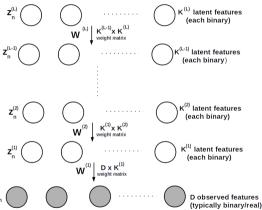
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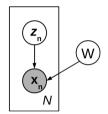
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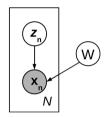
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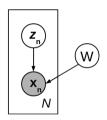


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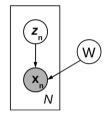


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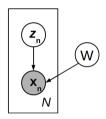


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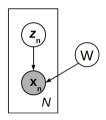


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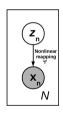
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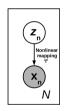
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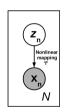
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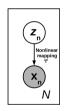


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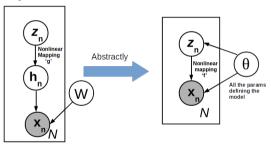
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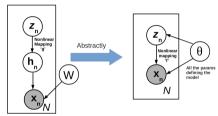
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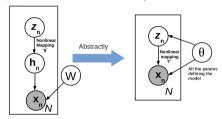
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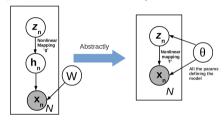


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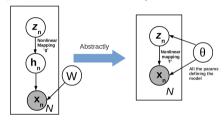
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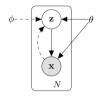
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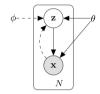
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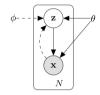
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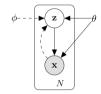
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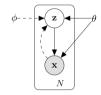
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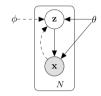
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