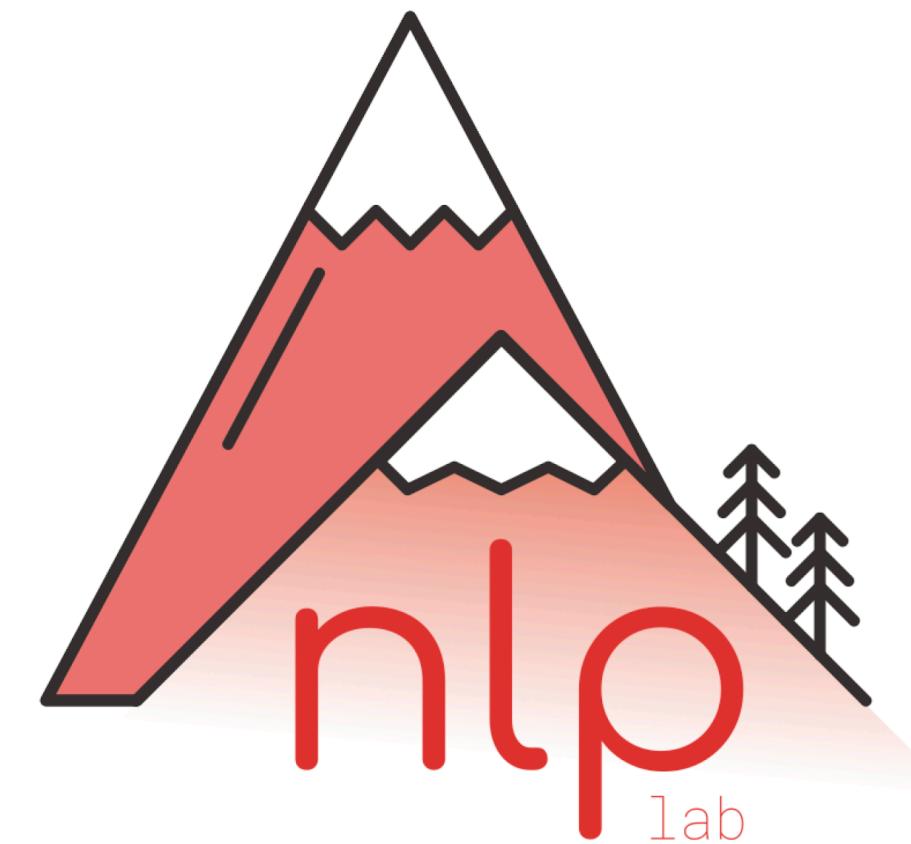


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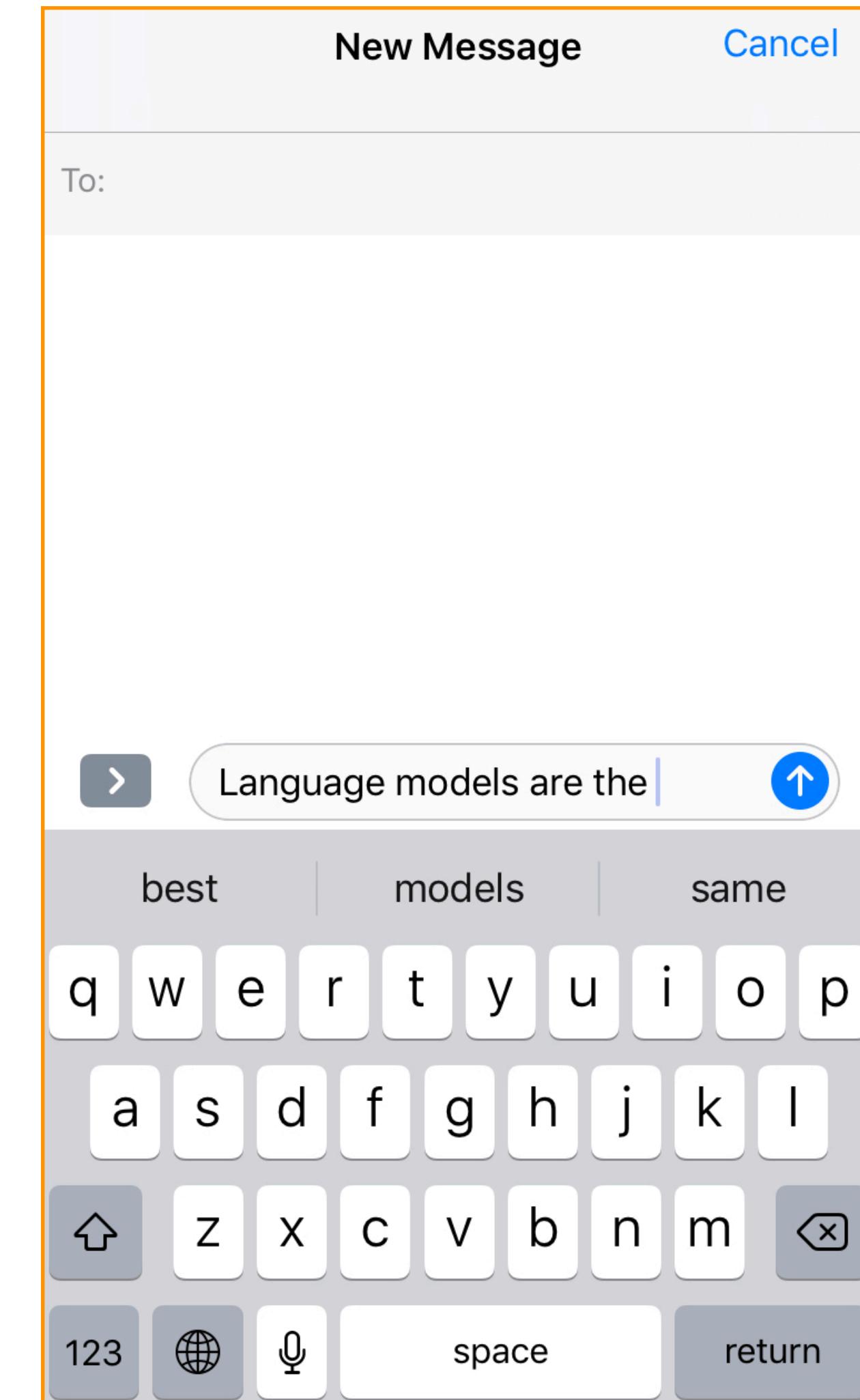
Announcements

- Lectures are being recorded and links will be posted to the website
- We'll try to get them online in the same week going forward

Today's Outline

- **Part 1:** Language models introduction, count-based language models, evaluating language models, smoothing
- **Recap:** Neural networks fundamentals
- **Part 2:** Fixed-context Language Models

Language models are ubiquitous



Applications of LMs

- Predicting words is important in many situations
 - **Classical:** Machine translation, text generation

$P(\text{a smooth finish}) > P(\text{a flat finish})$

- **Classical:** Speech recognition/Spell checking

$P(\text{high school principal}) > P(\text{high school principle})$

- **Modern:** Information extraction, Question answering, Classification, etc.

Impact on downstream applications

New Approach to Language Modeling Reduces Speech Recognition Errors by Up to 15%



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What is a language model?

- A language model is a **probabilistic model of a sequence of tokens**
 - How likely is a given phrase/sentence/paragraph/document?
- A sequence is modelled as a joint distribution of tokens $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n$:

$$P(w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n)$$

- Language models estimate this probability!

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 - number of sequences of length $n = V^n$
- ▶ Typical vocabulary ≈ 40000 words
 - even sentences of length ≤ 11 results in more than $4 * 10^{50}$ sequences!
(more than the number of atoms in the earth)

Markov assumption

- Use only the recent past to predict the next word
- **Effect:** reduce the number of estimated parameters in exchange for modeling capacity
- 1st order Markov

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k^{th} order Markov

- Consider only the last k words for context

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which implies the probability of a sequence is:

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Typical LMs are not sufficient to handle long-range dependencies

"Alice/Bob could not go to work that day because
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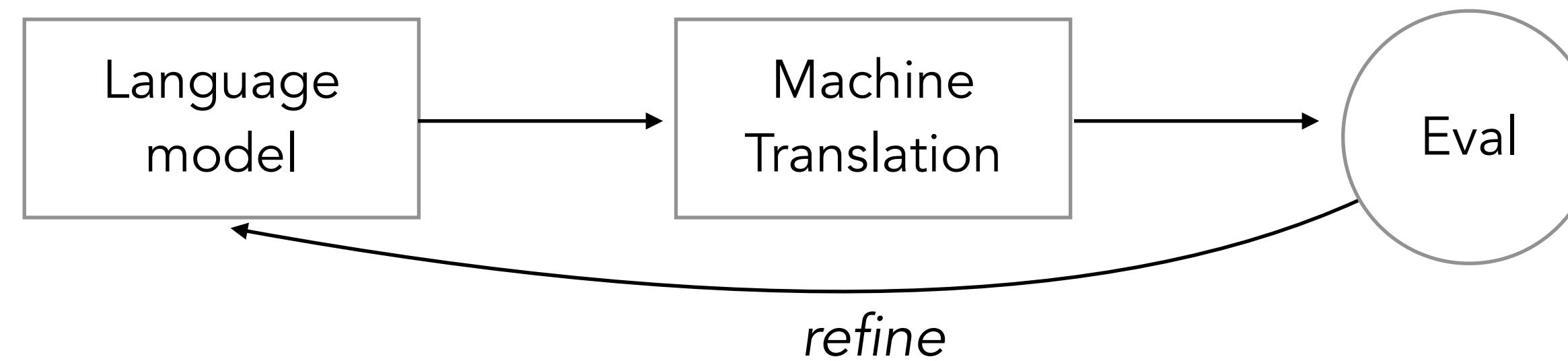
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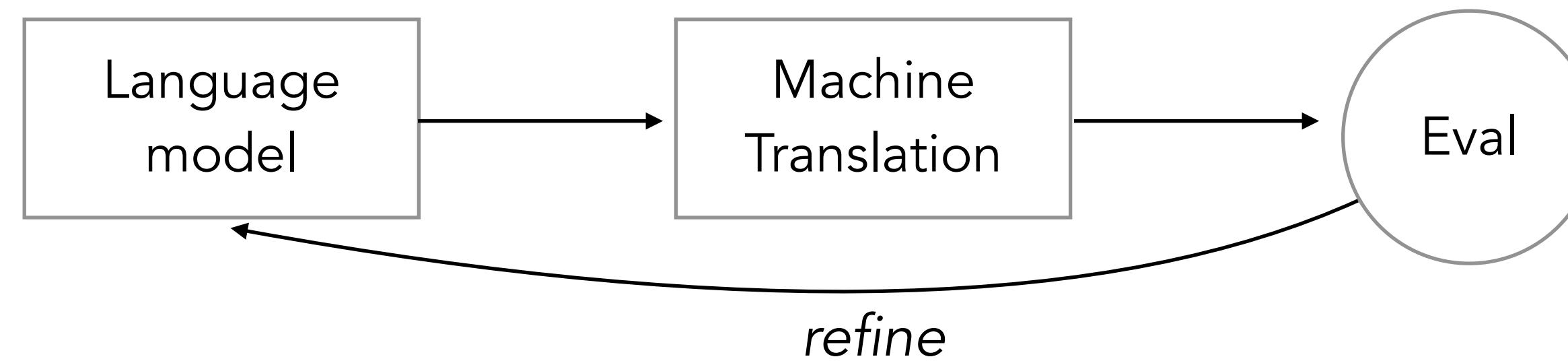
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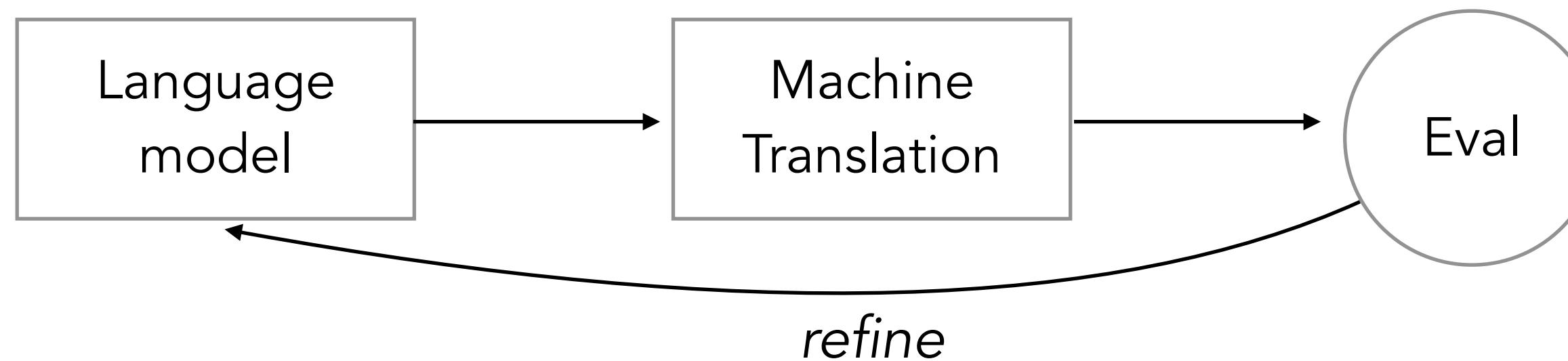


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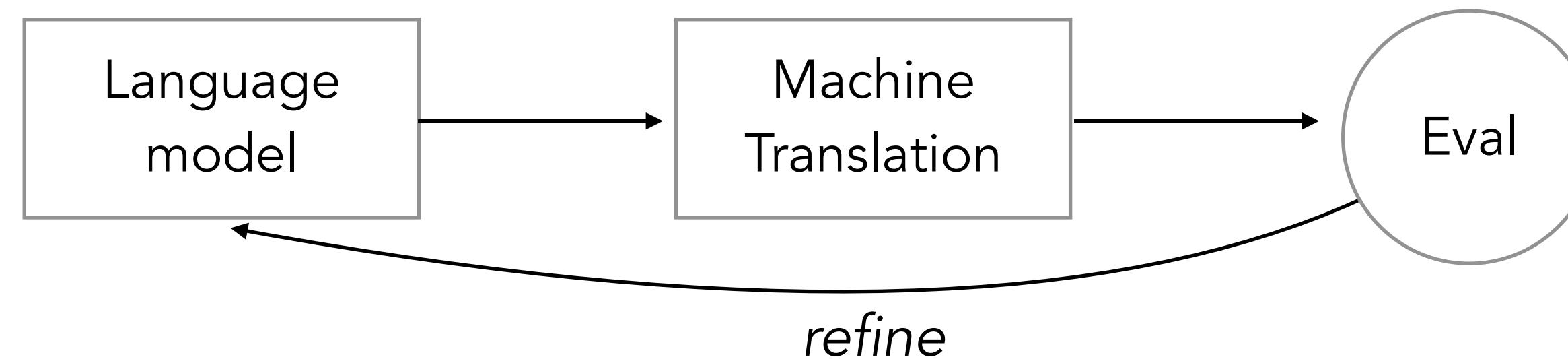
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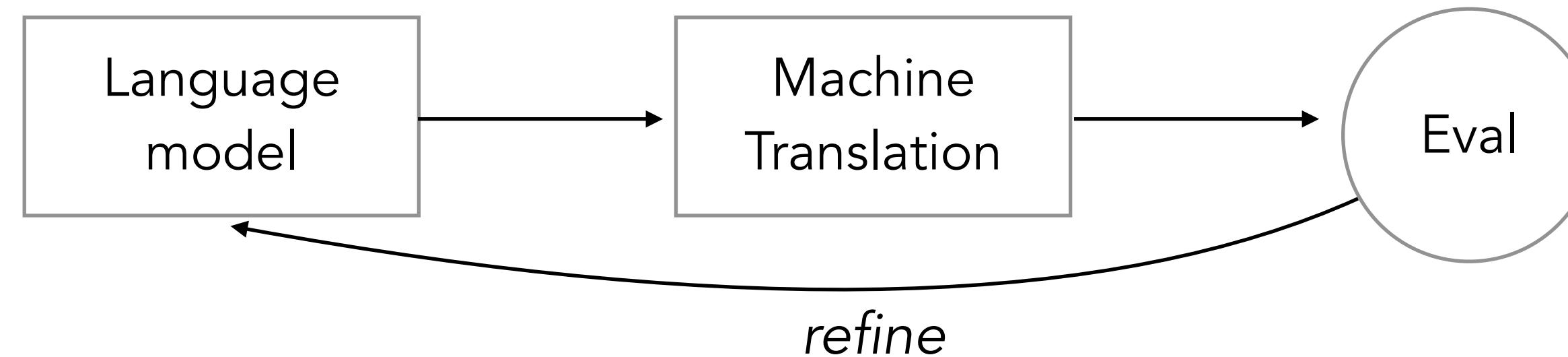
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Question: How good is a language model with $\text{ppl} > \text{IVI}$?

Perplexity as a metric

Pros	Cons
Easy to compute	Requires domain match between train and test
standardized	might not correspond to end task optimization
directly useful, easy to use to correct sentences	log 0 undefined
nice theoretical interpretation - matching distributions	can be 'cheated' by predicting common tokens
	size of test set matters
	can be sensitive to low prob tokens/sentences

Question

What are major shortcomings of n-gram language models?

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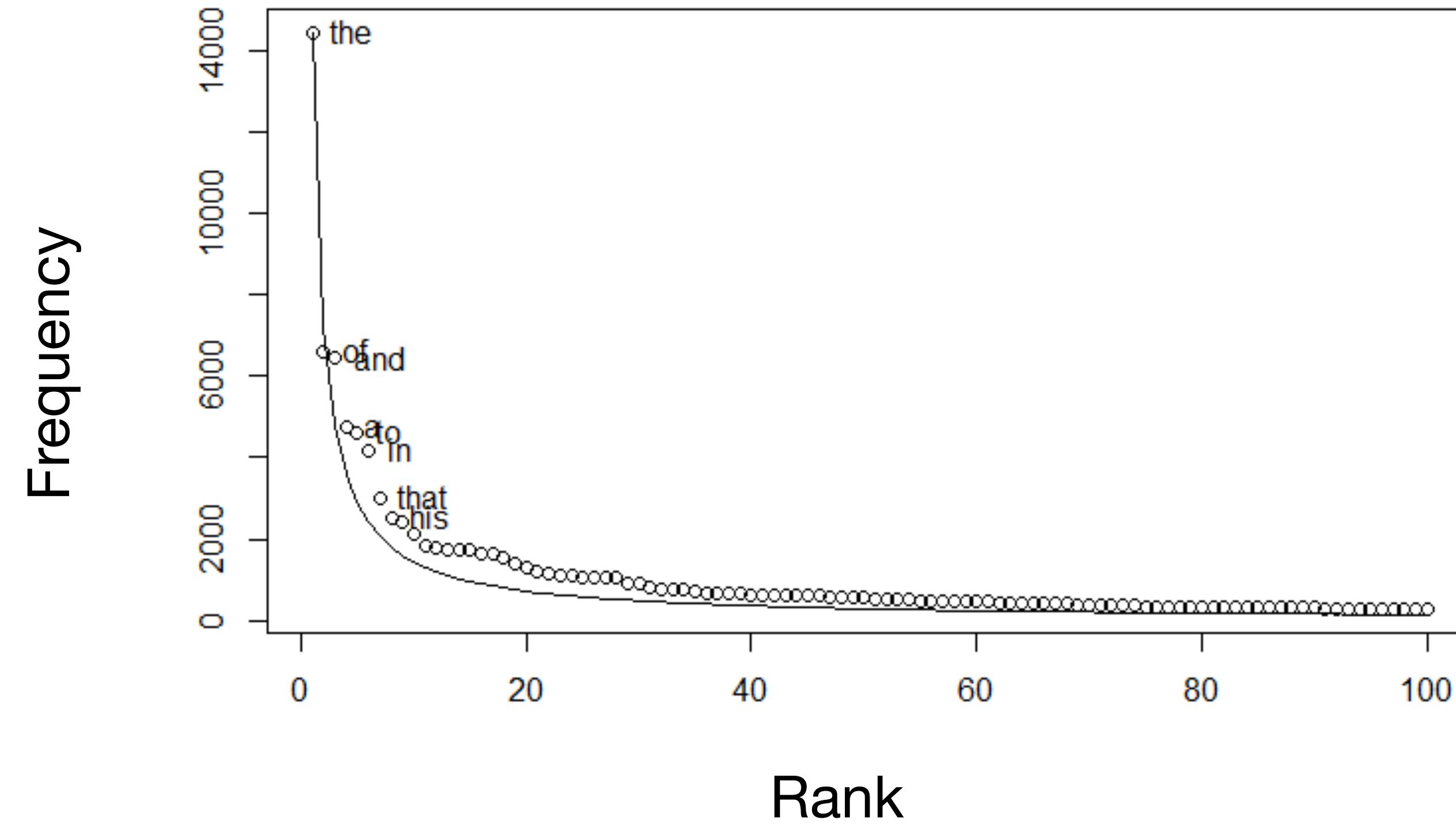
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Fun Fact!

Shakespeare as corpus

- $N=884,647$ tokens, $V=29,066$
- Shakespeare produced 300,000 bigram types out of $V^2= 844$ million possible bigrams.
 - So 99.96% of the possible bigrams were never seen (have zero entries in the table)

Sparsity in language



$$freq \propto \frac{1}{rank}$$

Zipf's Law

- Long tail of infrequent words
- Most finite-size corpora will have this problem.

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How might we fix this ?

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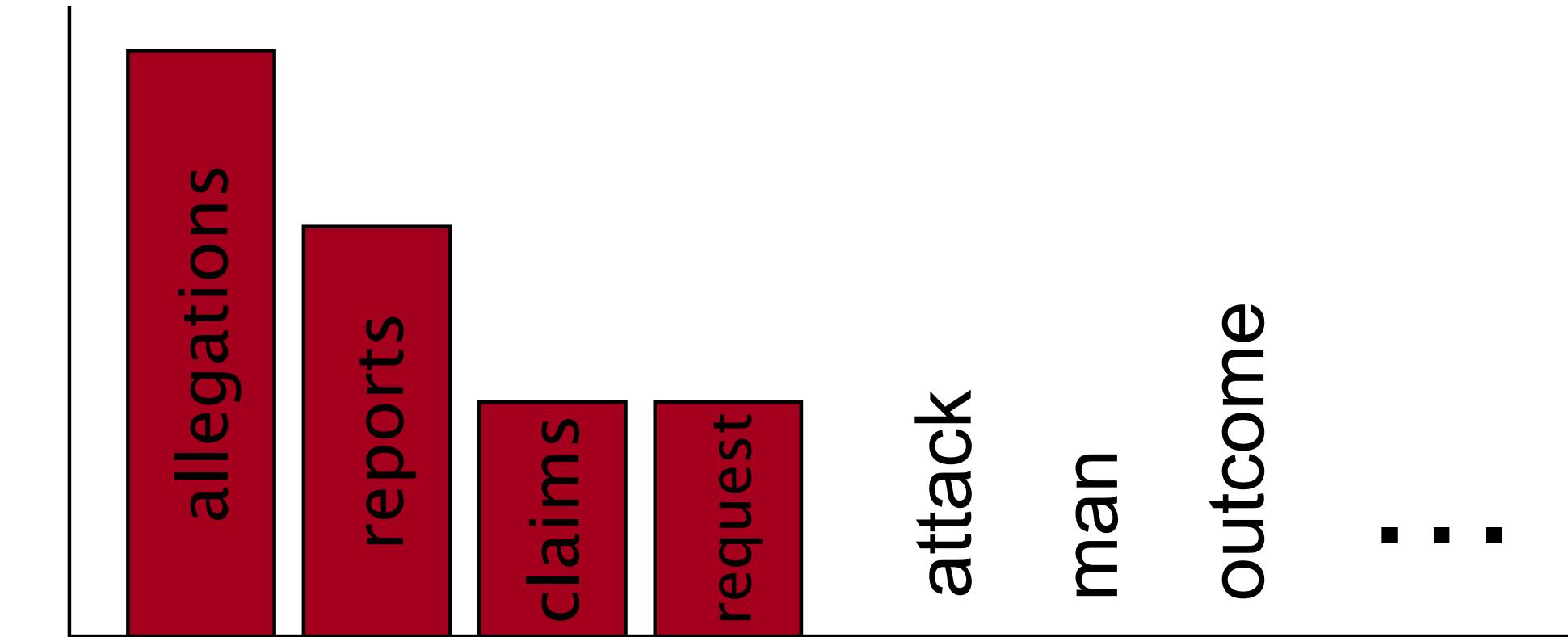
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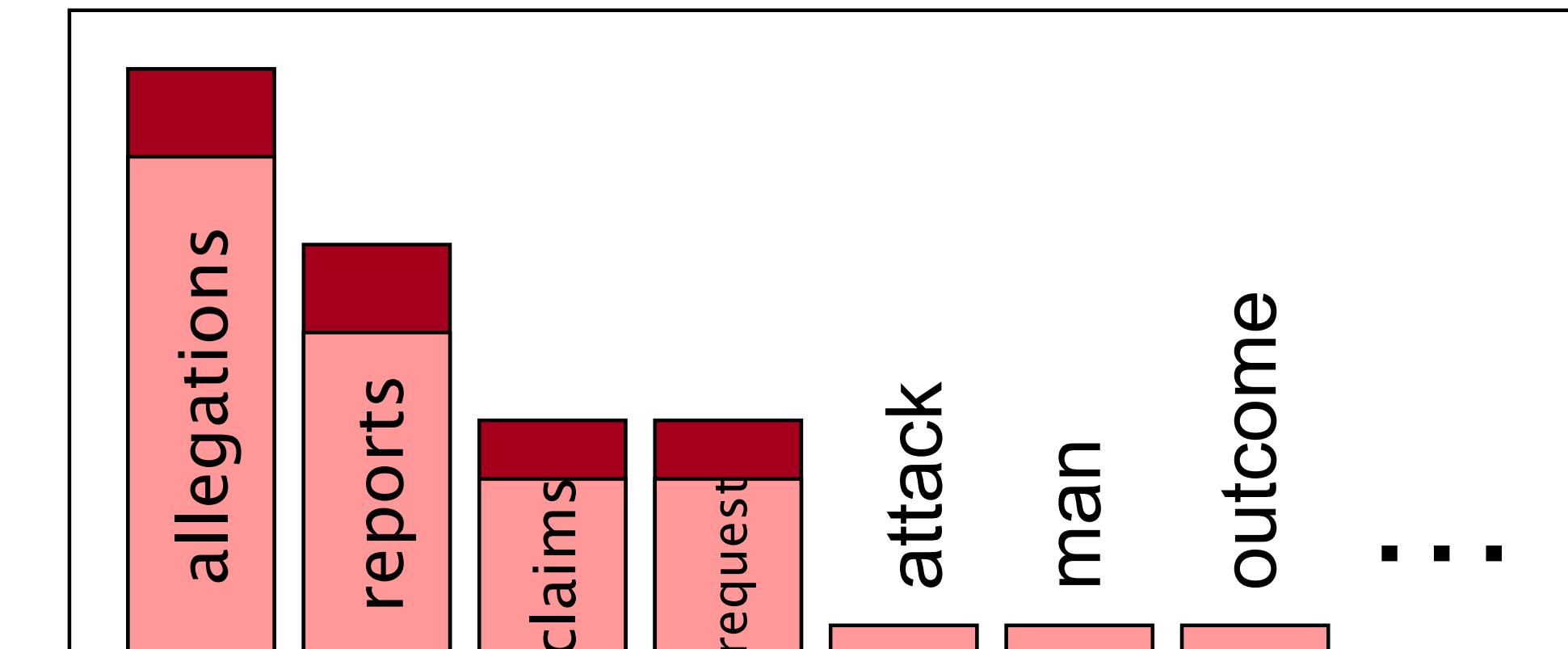
When we have sparse statistics:

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Steal probability mass to generalize better

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Laplace smoothing (add- α)

- **Simplest smoothing heuristic:** add α to all counts and renormalize!
- **Example:** max likelihood estimate for bigrams:

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- After smoothing:

$$P(w_i|w_{i-1}) = \frac{C(w_{i-1}, w_i) + \alpha}{C(w_{i-1}) + \alpha|V|}$$

Raw bigram counts (Berkeley restaurant corpus)

- Out of 9222 sentences

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Add 1 to all the entries in the matrix

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to	0.00078	0.00026	0.0013	0.18	0.00078	0.00026	0.0018	0.055
eat	0.00046	0.00046	0.0014	0.00046	0.0078	0.0014	0.02	0.00046
chinese	0.0012	0.00062	0.00062	0.00062	0.00062	0.052	0.0012	0.00062
food	0.0063	0.00039	0.0063	0.00039	0.00079	0.002	0.00039	0.00039
lunch	0.0017	0.00056	0.00056	0.00056	0.00056	0.0011	0.00056	0.00056
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to	1.9	0.63	3.1	430	1.9	0.63	4.4	133
eat	0.34	0.34	1	0.34	5.8	1	15	0.34
chinese	0.2	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.098	8.2	0.2	0.098
food	6.9	0.43	6.9	0.43	0.86	2.2	0.43	0.43
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$$P_{bo}(w_i \mid w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_{i-1}) = \begin{cases} d_{w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_i} \frac{C(w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_{i-1} w_i)}{C(w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_{i-1})} & \text{if } C(w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_i) > k \\ \alpha_{w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_{i-1}} P_{bo}(w_i \mid w_{i-n+2} \cdots w_{i-1}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(Katz back-off)

- d = amount of discounting
- α = back-off weight

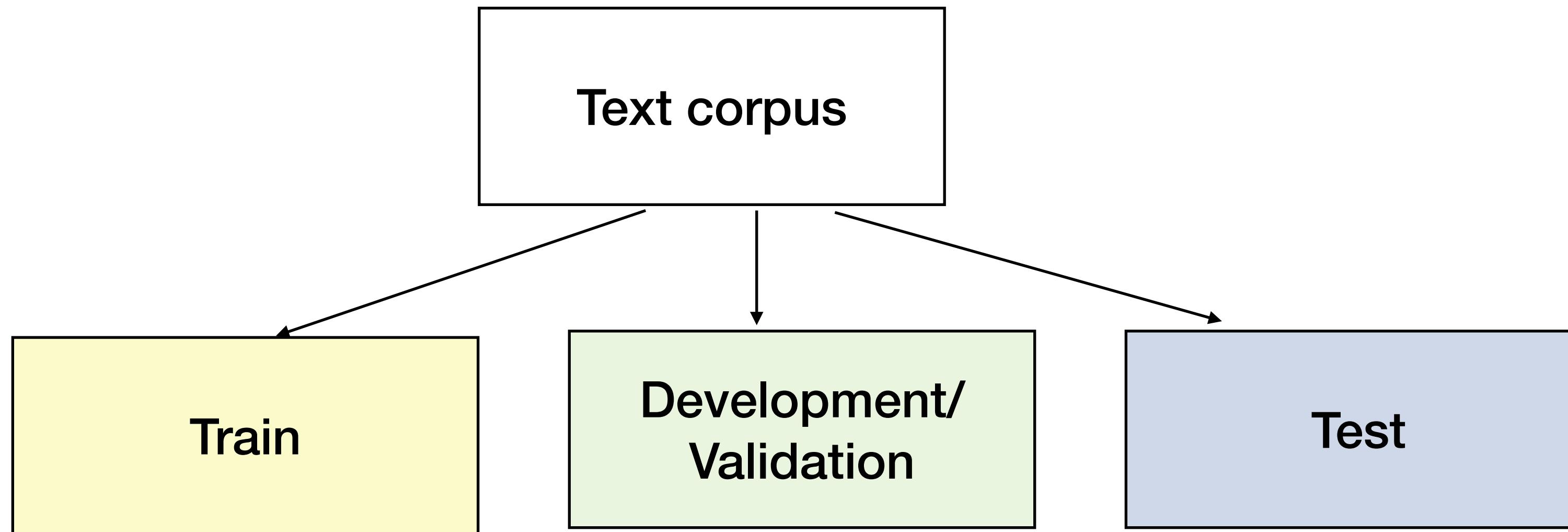
Linear Interpolation

$$\hat{P}(w_i|w_{i-1}, w_{i-2}) = \lambda_1 P(w_i|w_{i-1}, w_{i-2}) \quad \text{Trigram}$$
$$+ \lambda_2 P(w_i|w_{i-1}) \quad \text{Bigram}$$
$$+ \lambda_3 P(w_i) \quad \text{Unigram}$$

$$\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$$

- Use a combination of models to estimate probability
- Strong empirical performance

Choosing lambdas



- First, estimate n-gram prob. on training set
- Then, estimate lambdas (hyperparameters) to maximize probability on the held-out development/validation set
- Use best model from above to evaluate on test set

Recap

- n -gram language models are simple, effective methods for estimating the probability of sequences
- **Problem #1:** Number of modelable sequences grows exponentially with n
- **Problem #2:** Smoothing heuristics must be used to estimate the probability of sequences unseen during training

Language Models: Fixed-context Neural Models

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Today's Outline

- **Part 1:** Language models introduction, count-based language models, evaluating language models, smoothing
- **Part 2:** Fixed-context Language Models
- **Additional Slides:** Neural networks recap

Question

What's another issue with n-gram language models?

Problem

With n-gram language models, there is no notion of similarity unless sequence overlaps!

We treat all words / prefixes as independent of one another!

students opened their __

pupils opened their __

scholars opened their __

undergraduates opened their __

students turned the pages of their __

students attentively perused their __

Ideally, we should share information across these same prefixes!

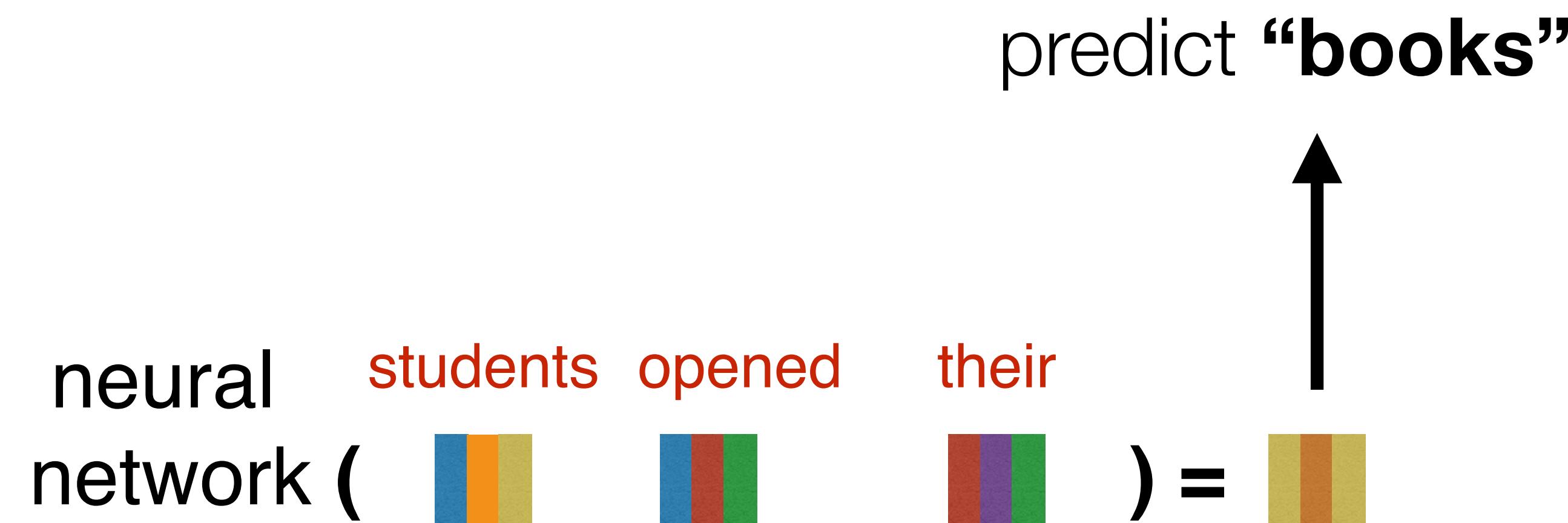
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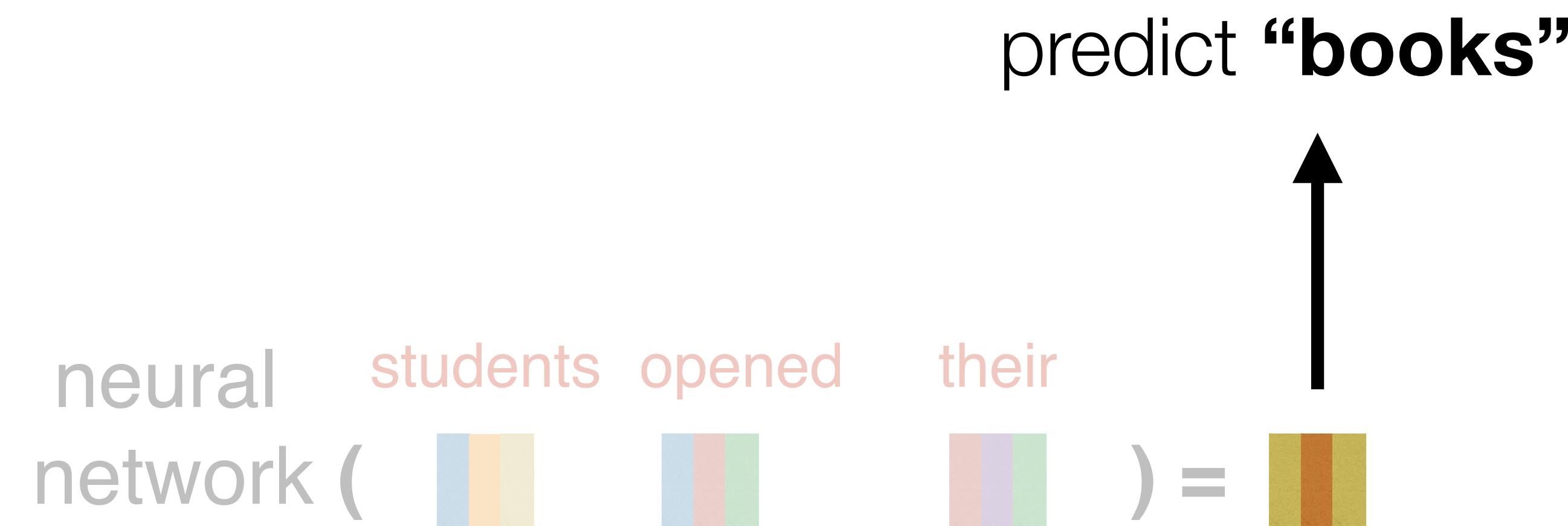
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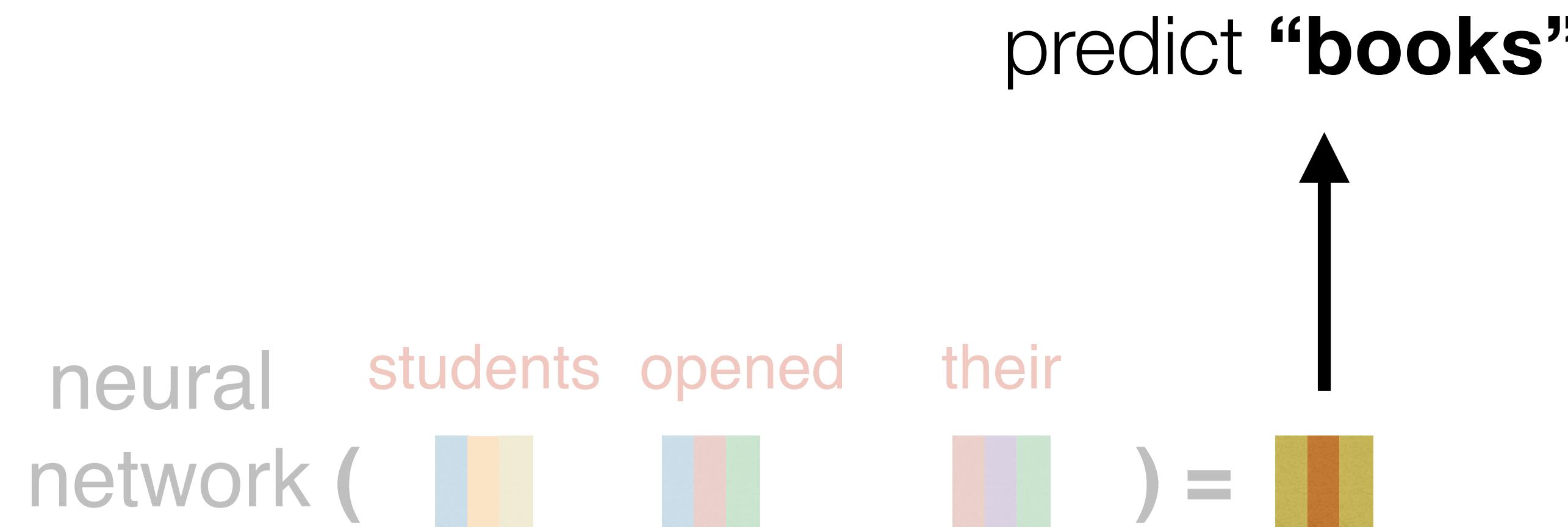
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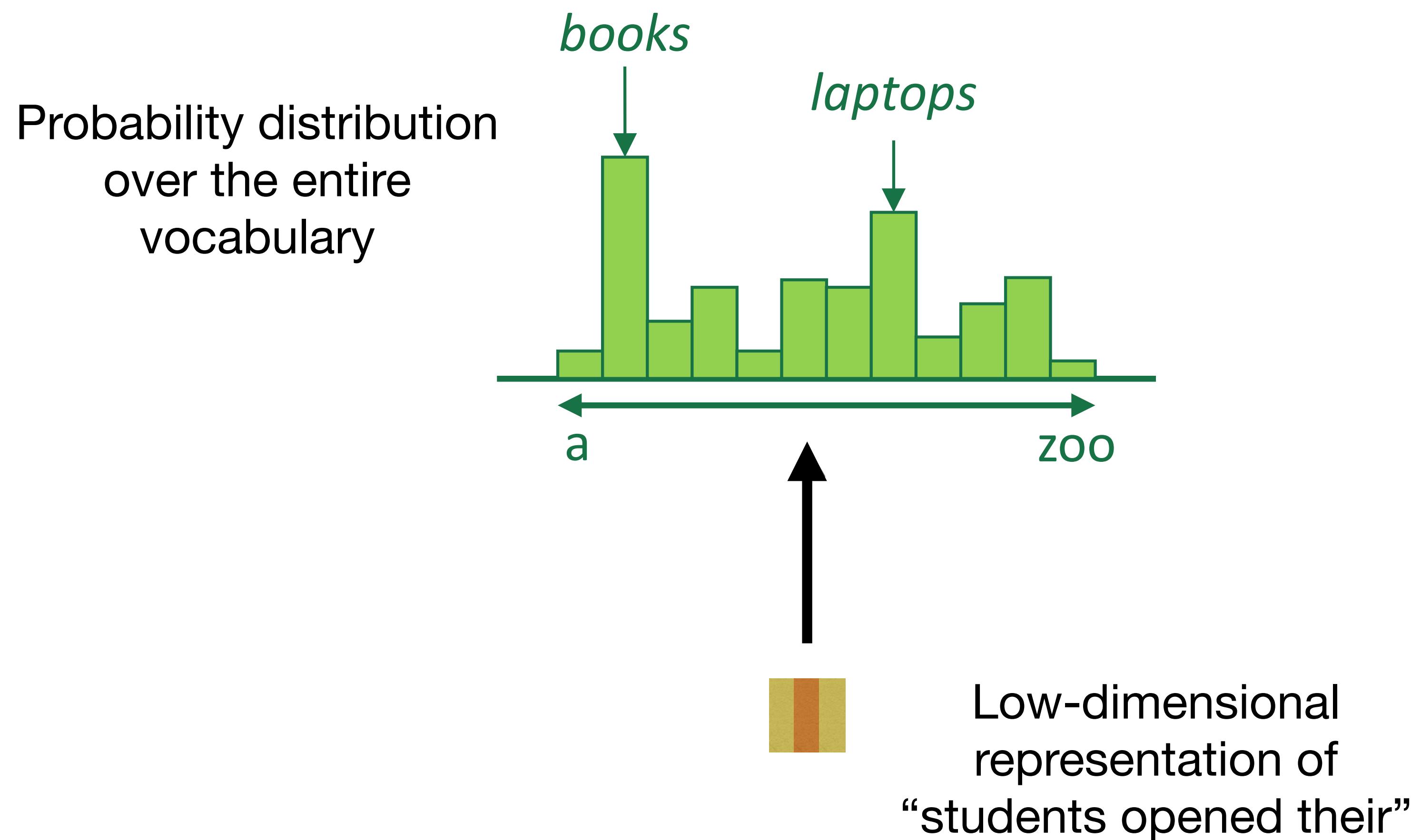
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Converts a vector representation
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the entire vocabulary

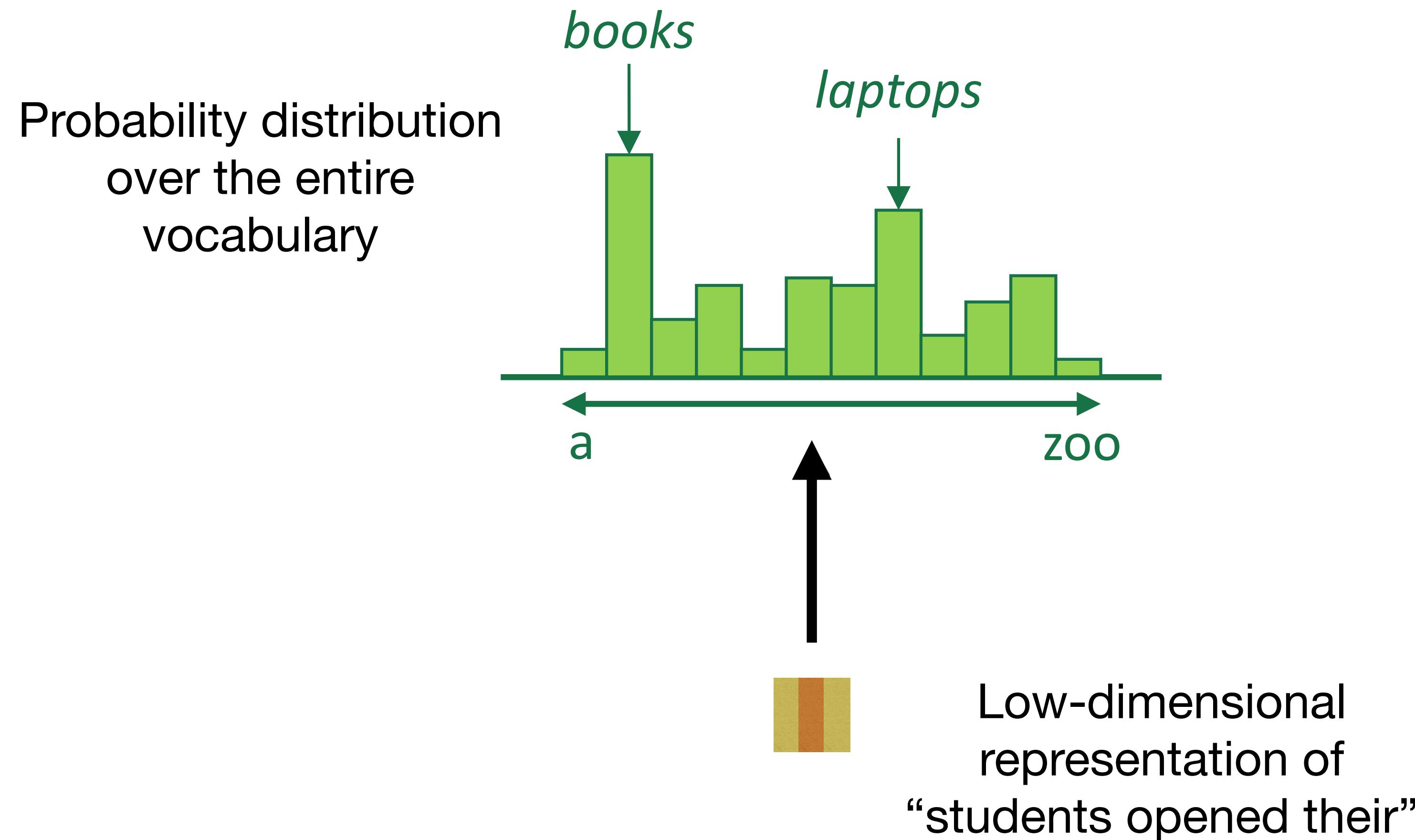


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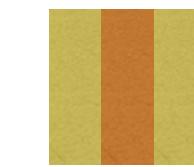


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$P(w_i \mid \text{vector for "students opened their"})$



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 $<0.6, 0.2, 0.1, 0.1>$

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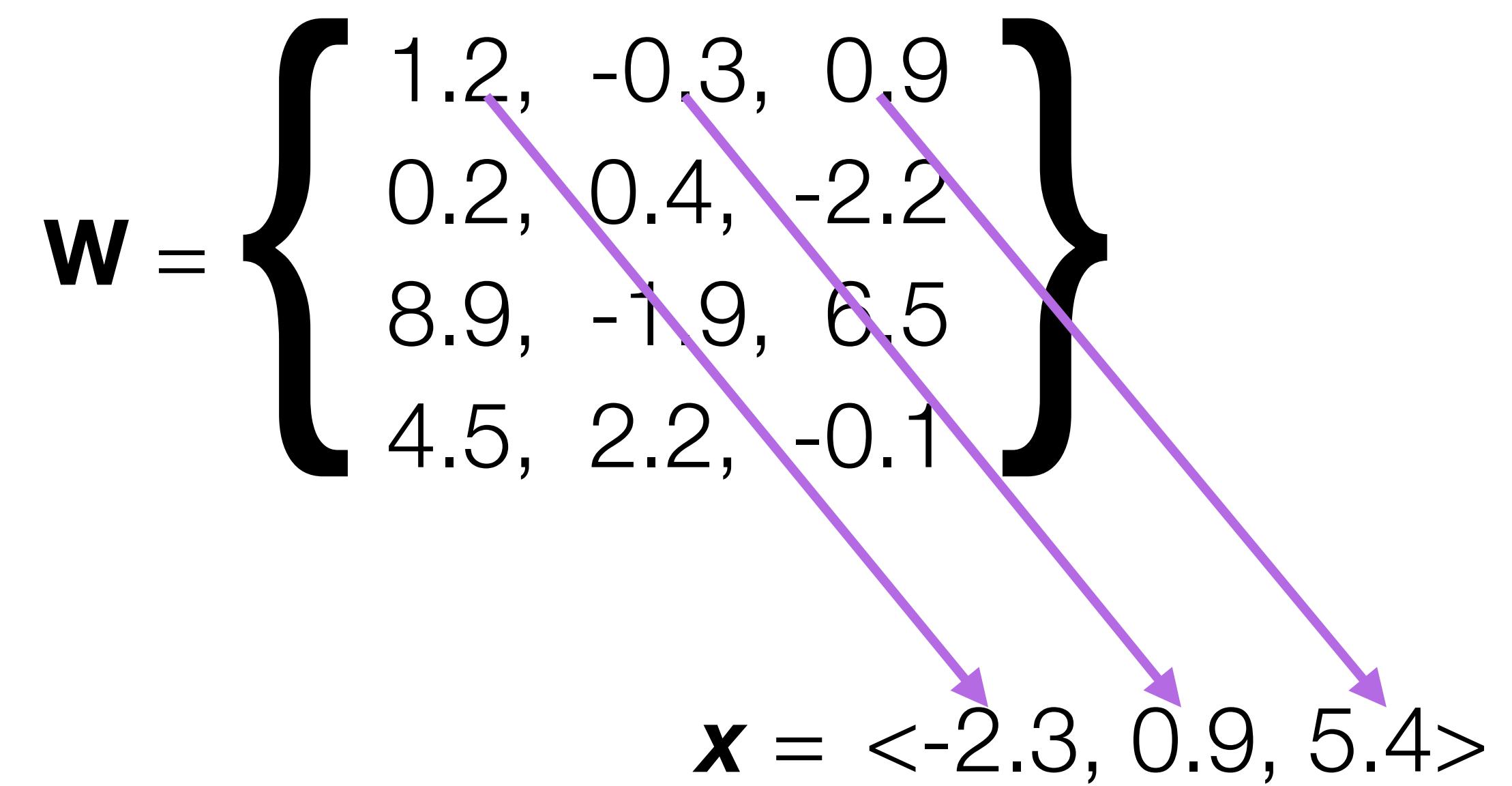
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Softmax will keep popping up, so be sure to understand it!

Recap

- Given a d -dimensional vector representation \mathbf{x} of a prefix, we do the following to predict the next word:
 1. Project it to a V -dimensional vector using a matrix-vector product (a.k.a. a “linear layer”, or a “feedforward layer”), where V is the size of the vocabulary
 2. Apply the softmax function to transform the resulting vector into a probability distribution

Question

How should we represent the history of the sequence?

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the

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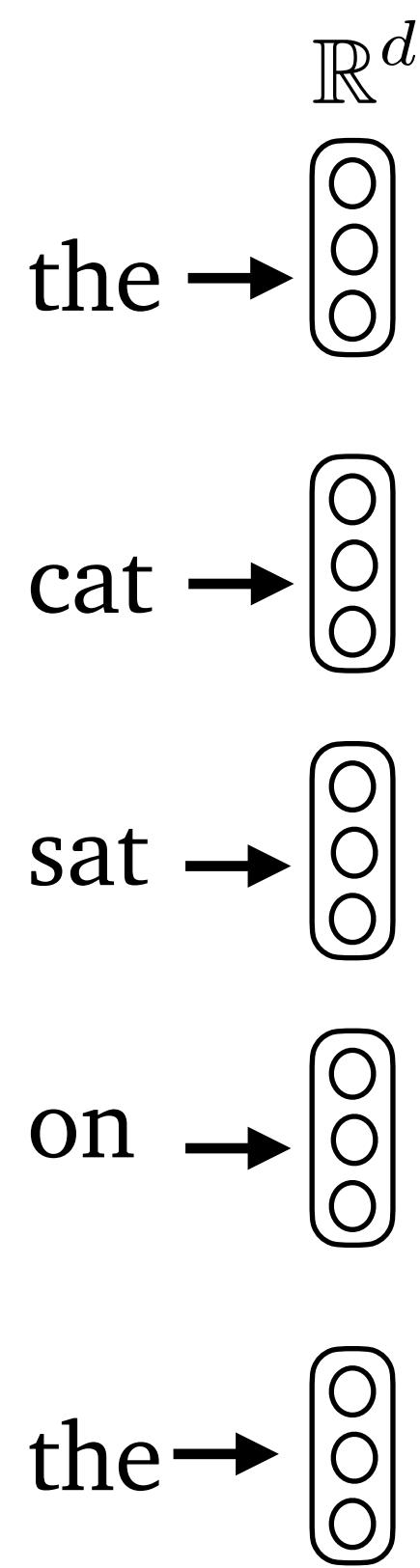
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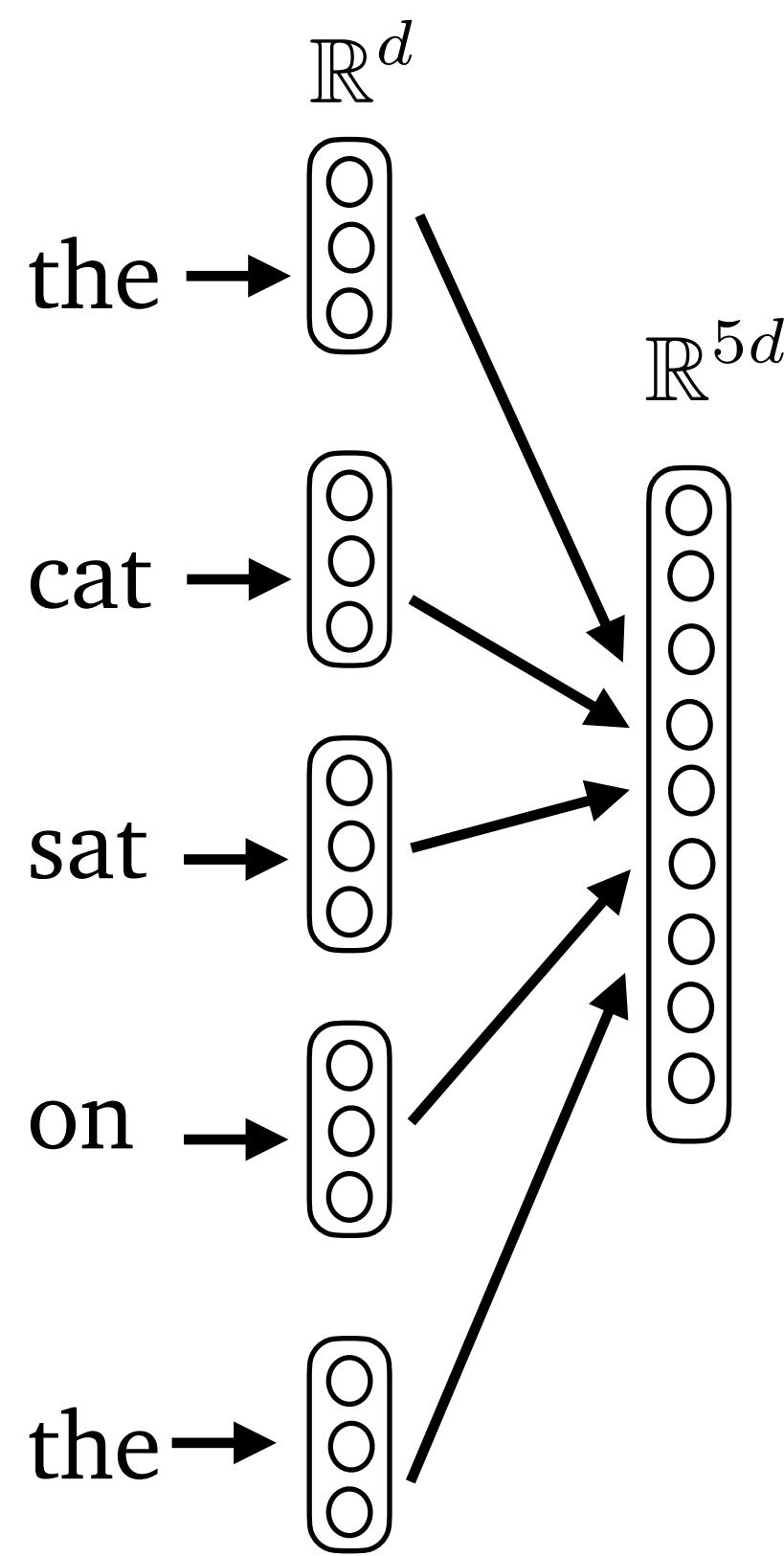
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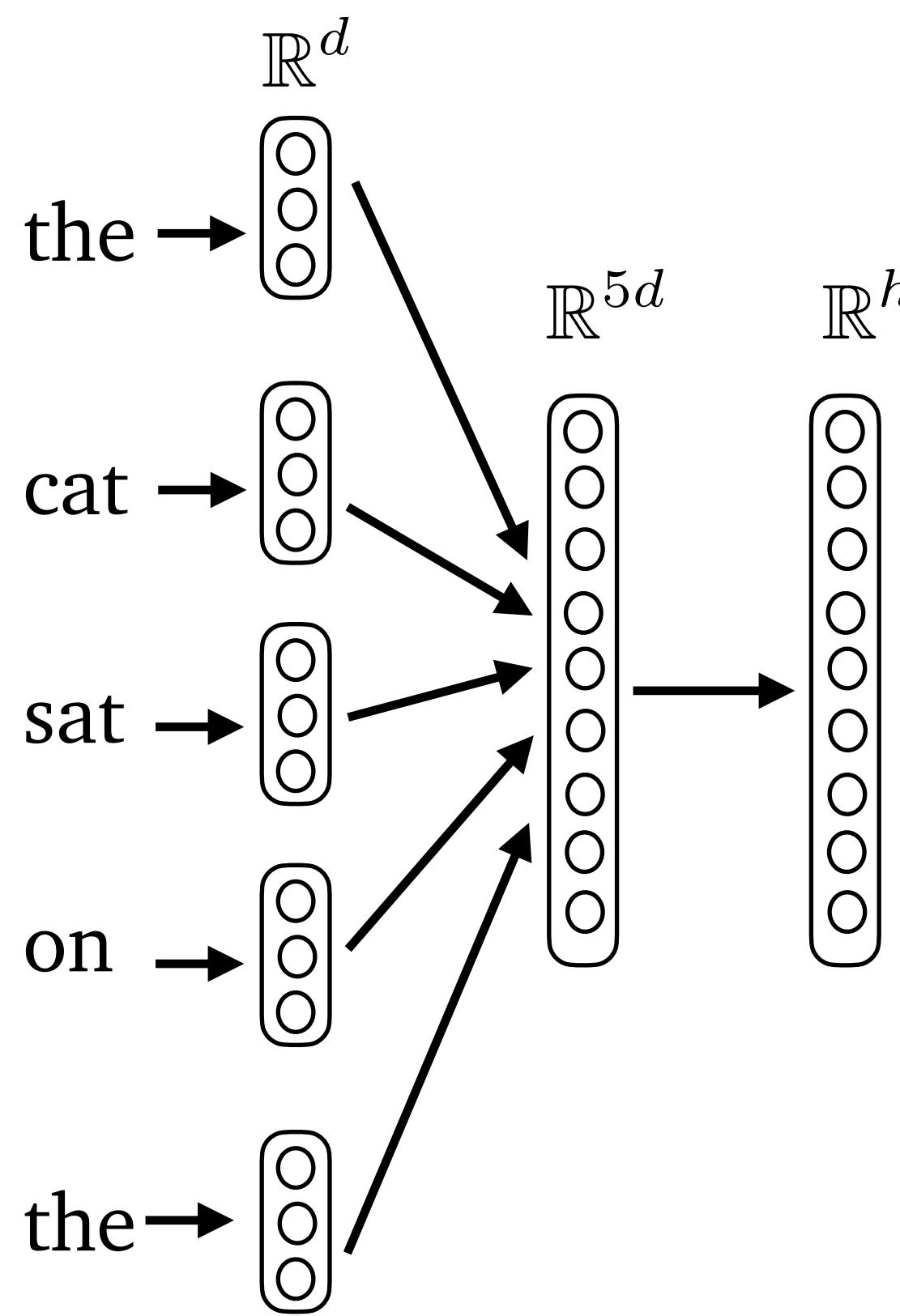
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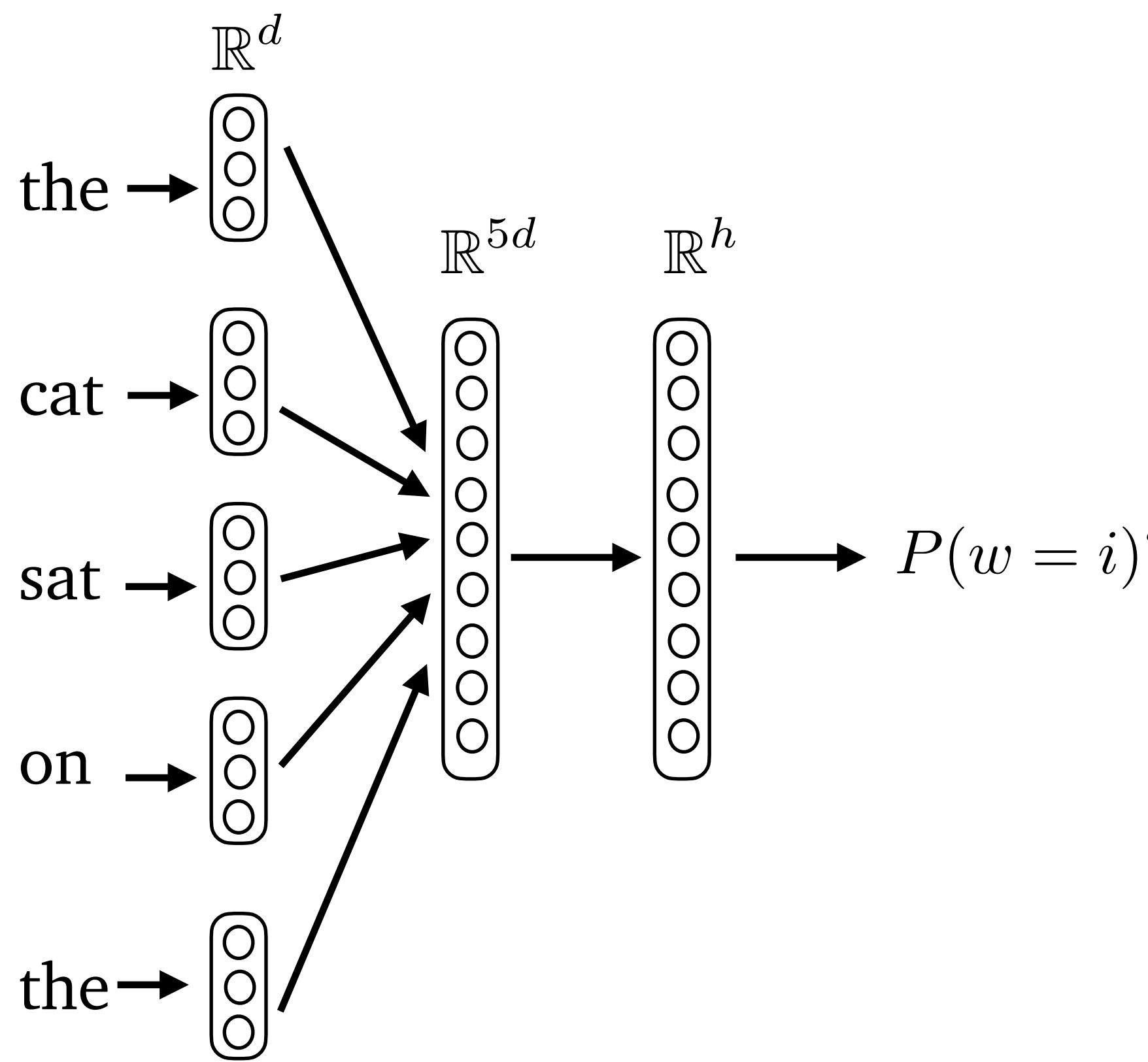
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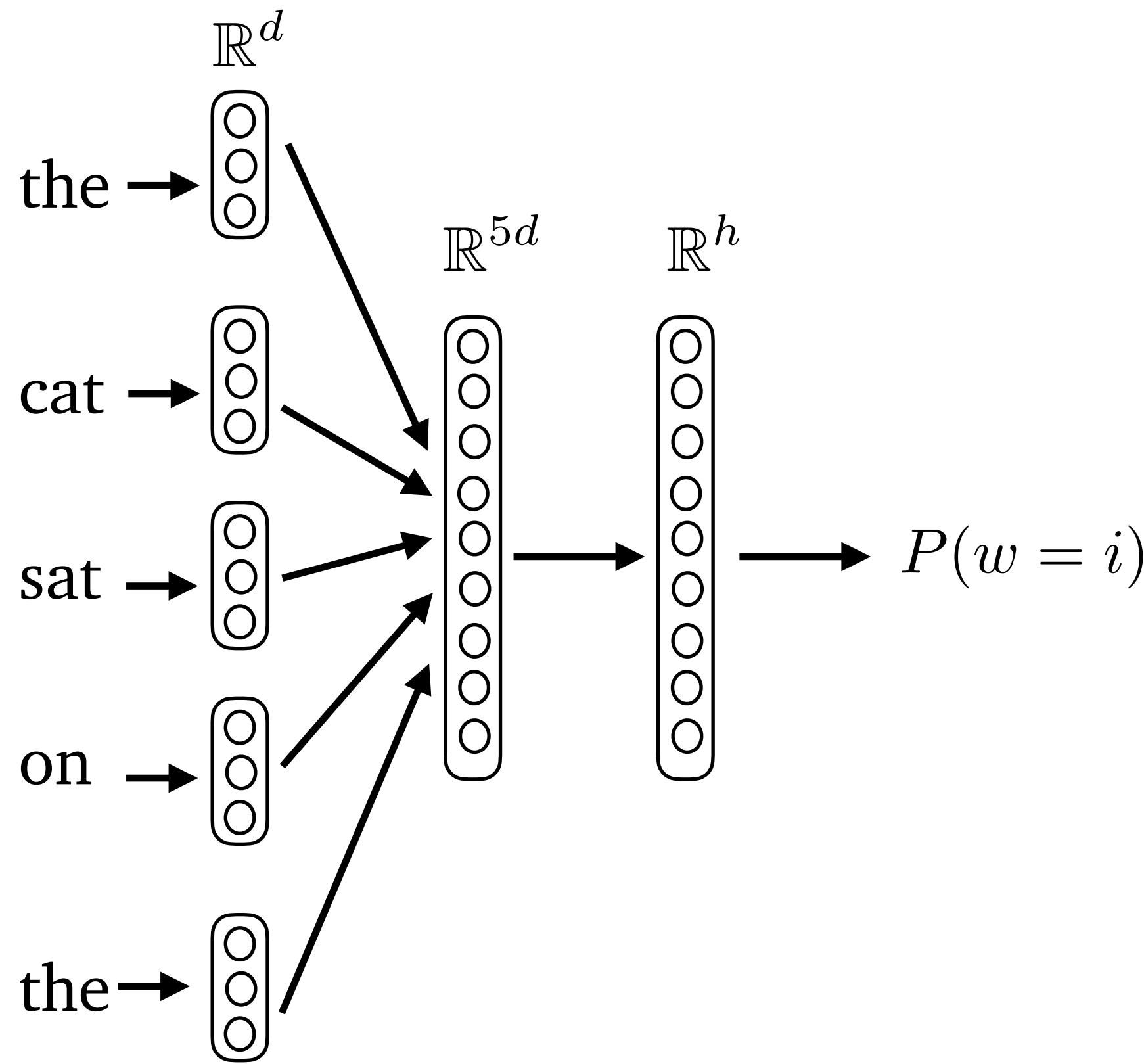
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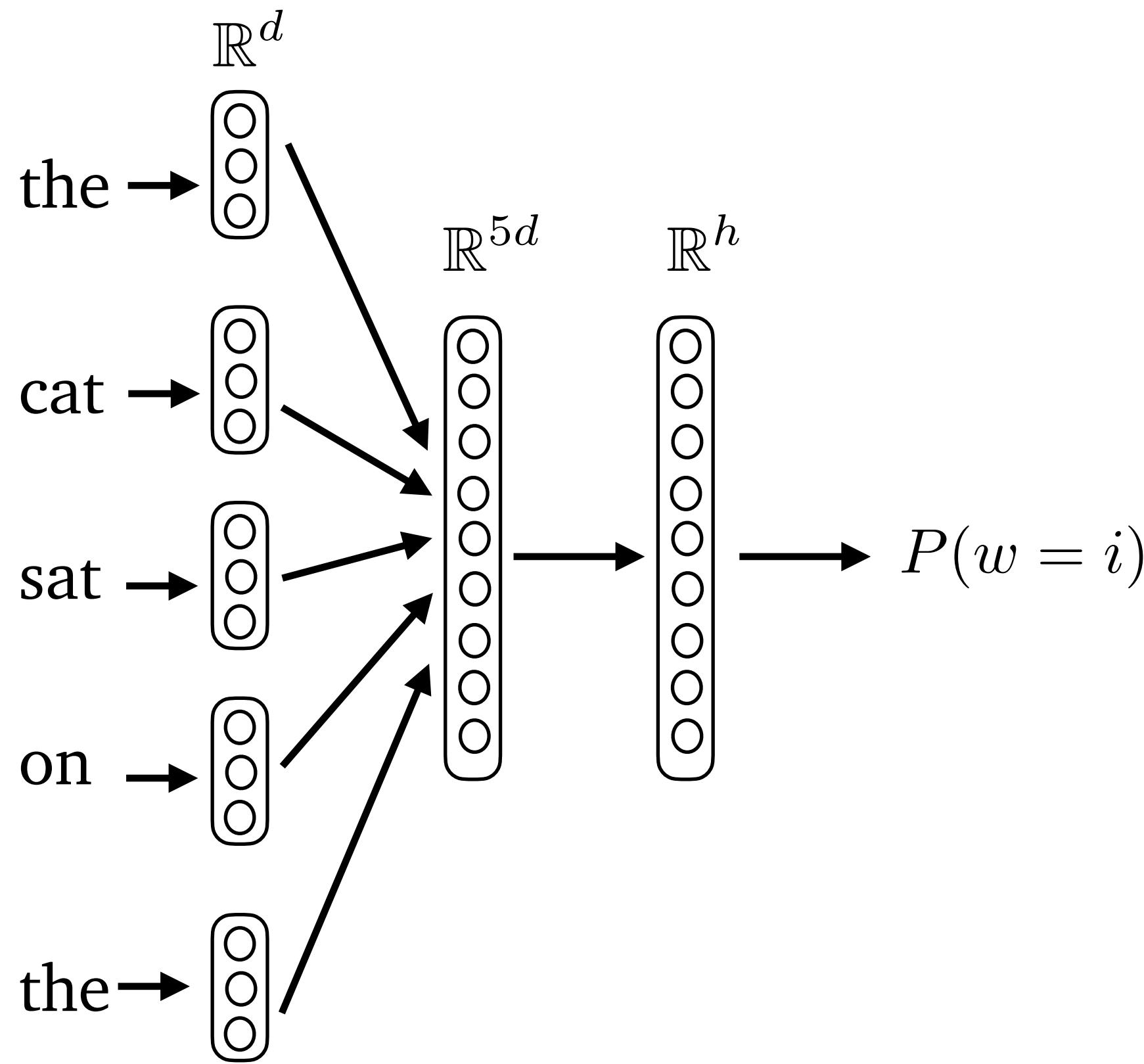


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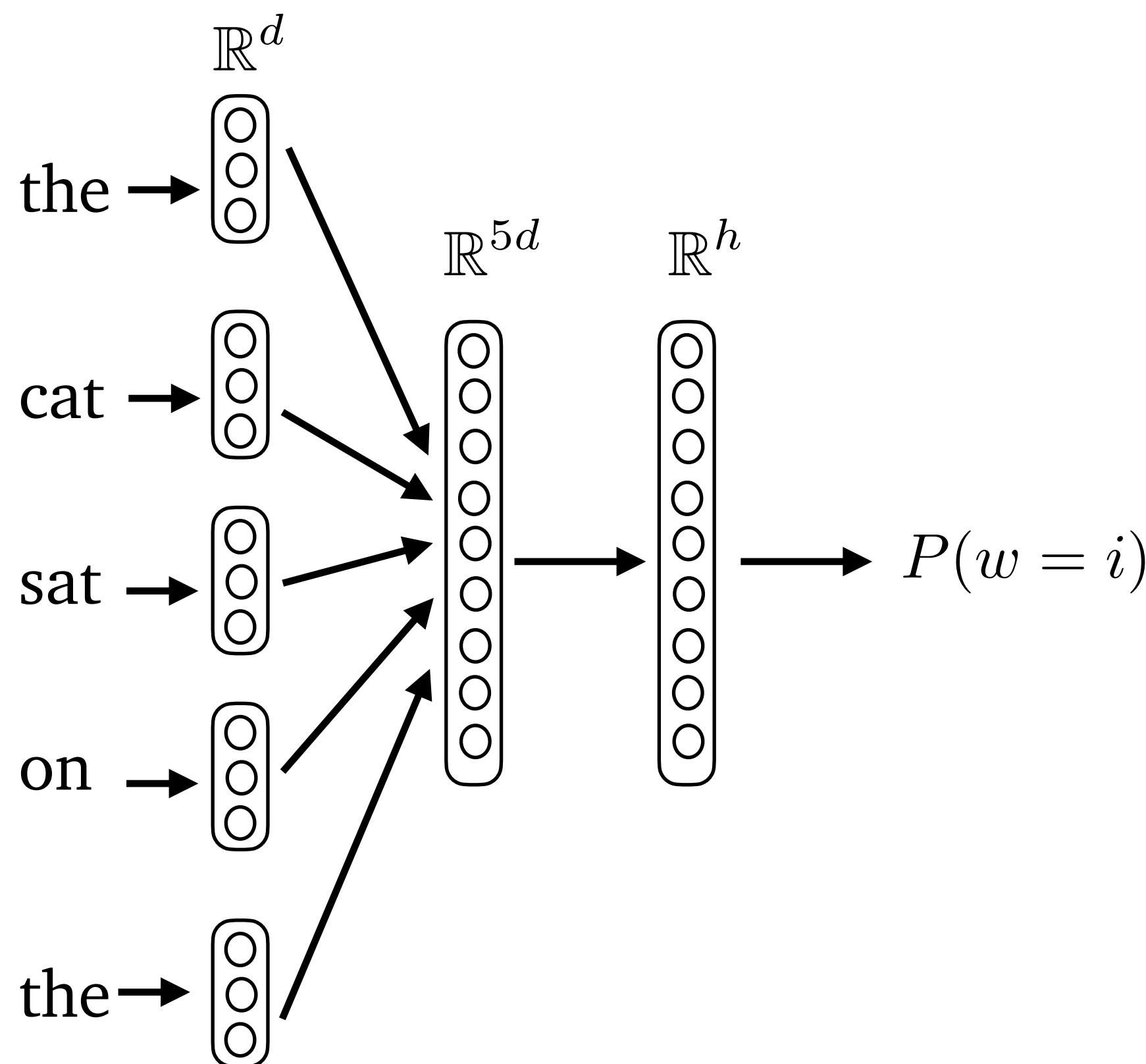
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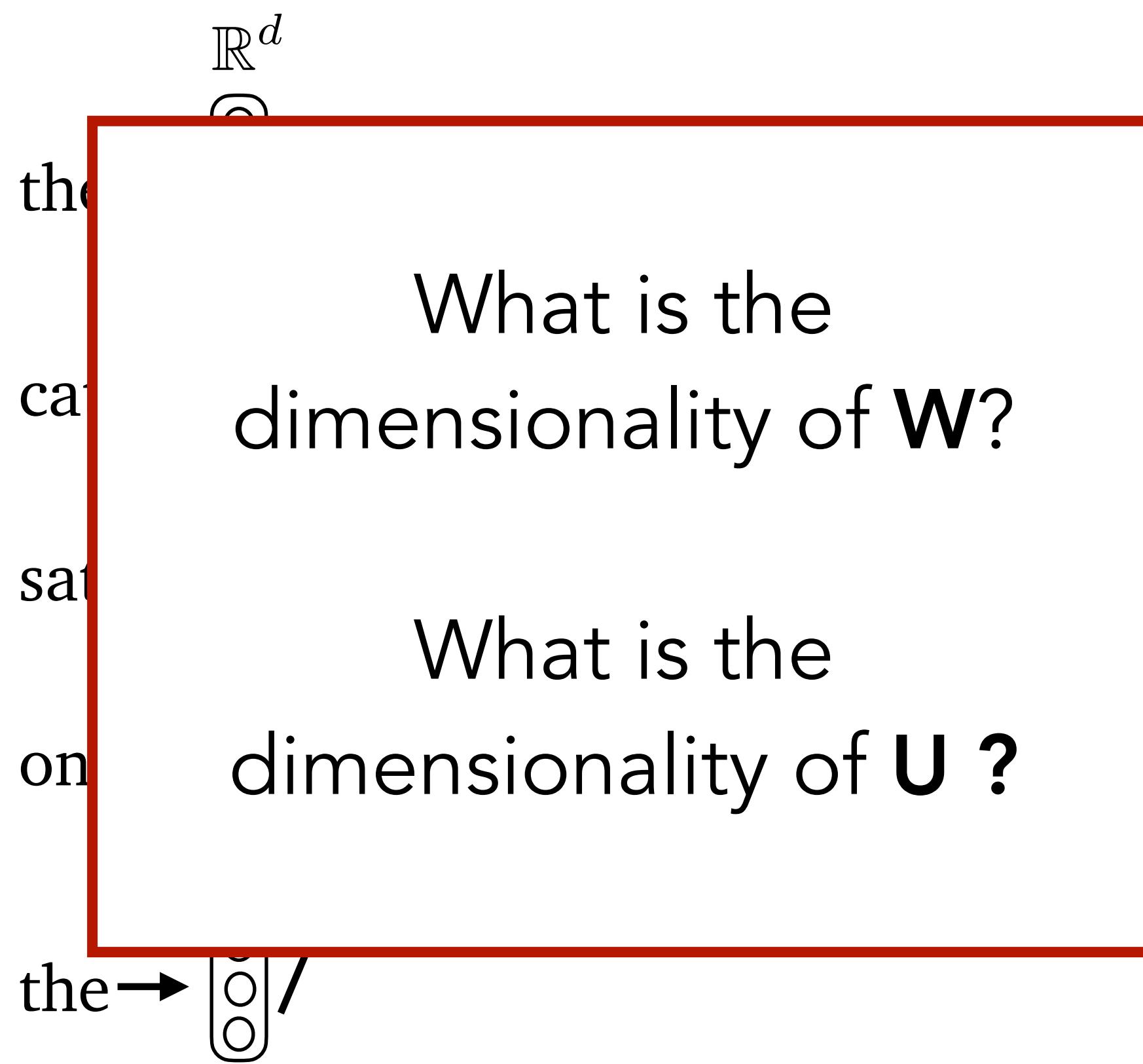
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Advantages vs. Disadvantages

- No more sparsity problem
 - All sequences can be estimated with non-zero probability ! **Why?**
- Model size is much smaller!
 - Depends on number of weights in model, not number of sequences!
- Fixed windows are still too small to encode **long-range dependencies**
- Enlarging the window size makes the weight matrix **W** larger (more computationally expensive!)
- Weights in **W** aren't shared across embeddings in the window (computationally inefficient!)

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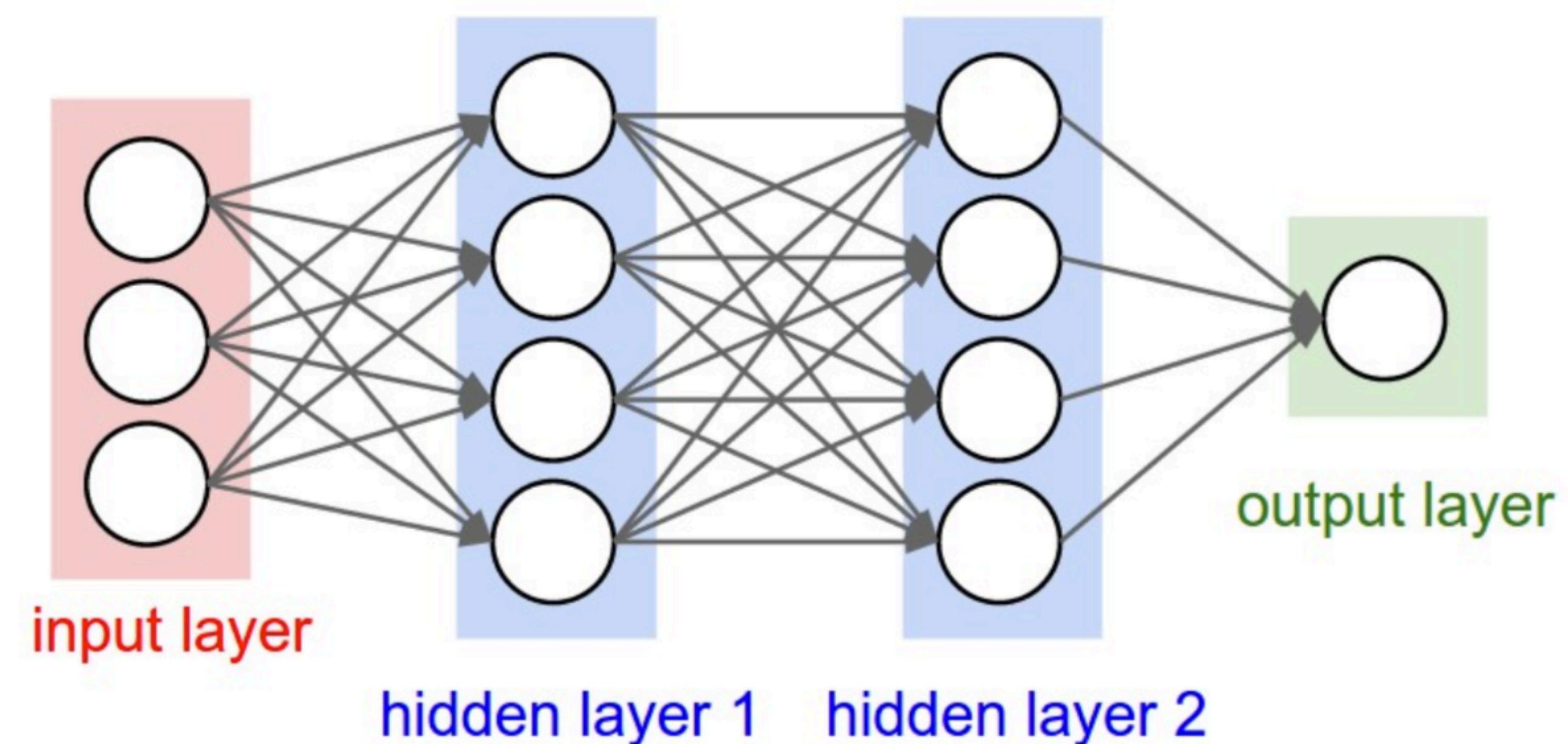
Recap

- Neural language models allow us to *share information* among similar sequences by learning neural representations that similarly represent them
- **Problem:** Fixed context language models can only process a limited window of the word history at a time
- **Tomorrow:** recurrent neural networks

Review: Feedforward Neural Networks

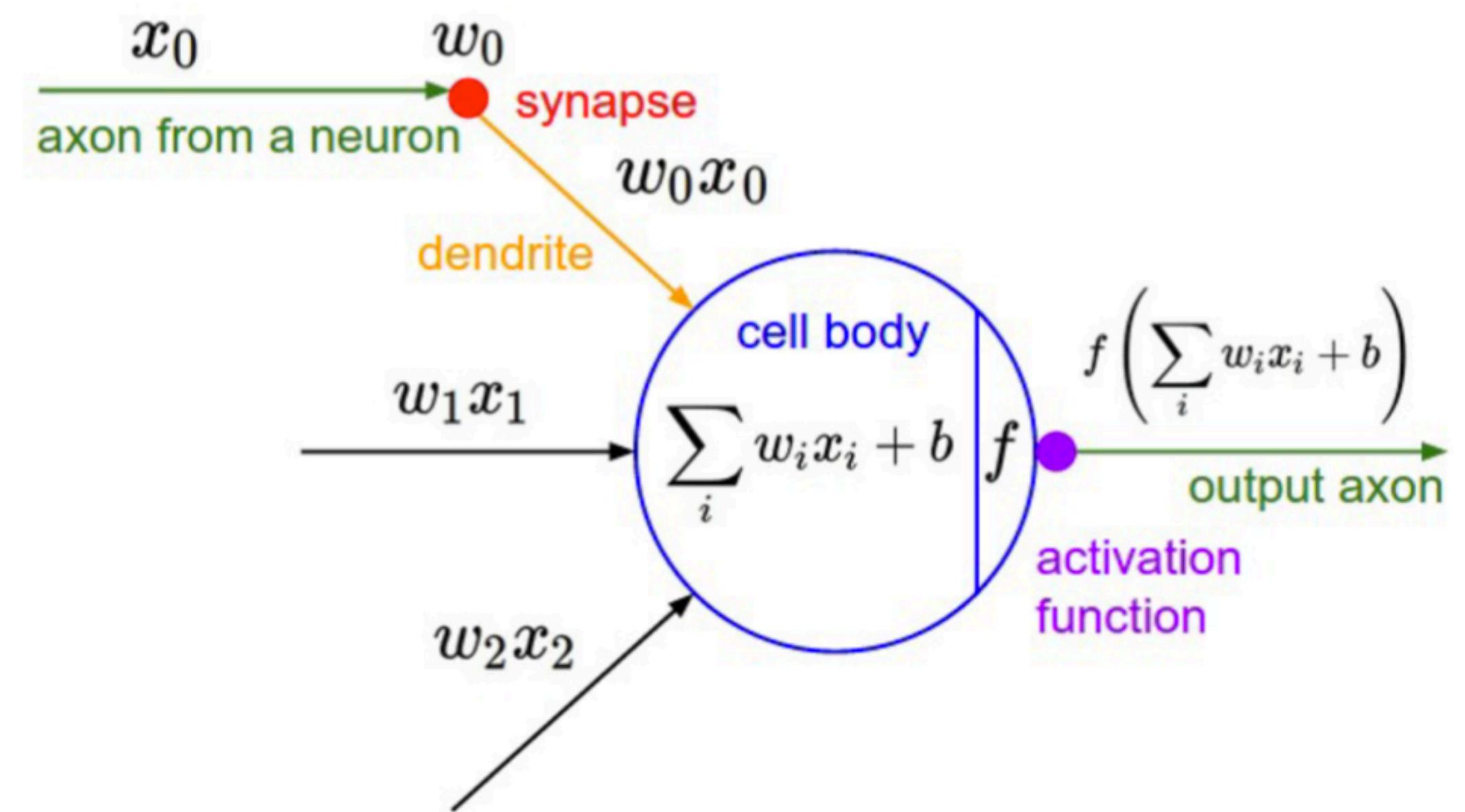
Feed-forward NNs

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- Output: $y^* \in \{0,1\}$



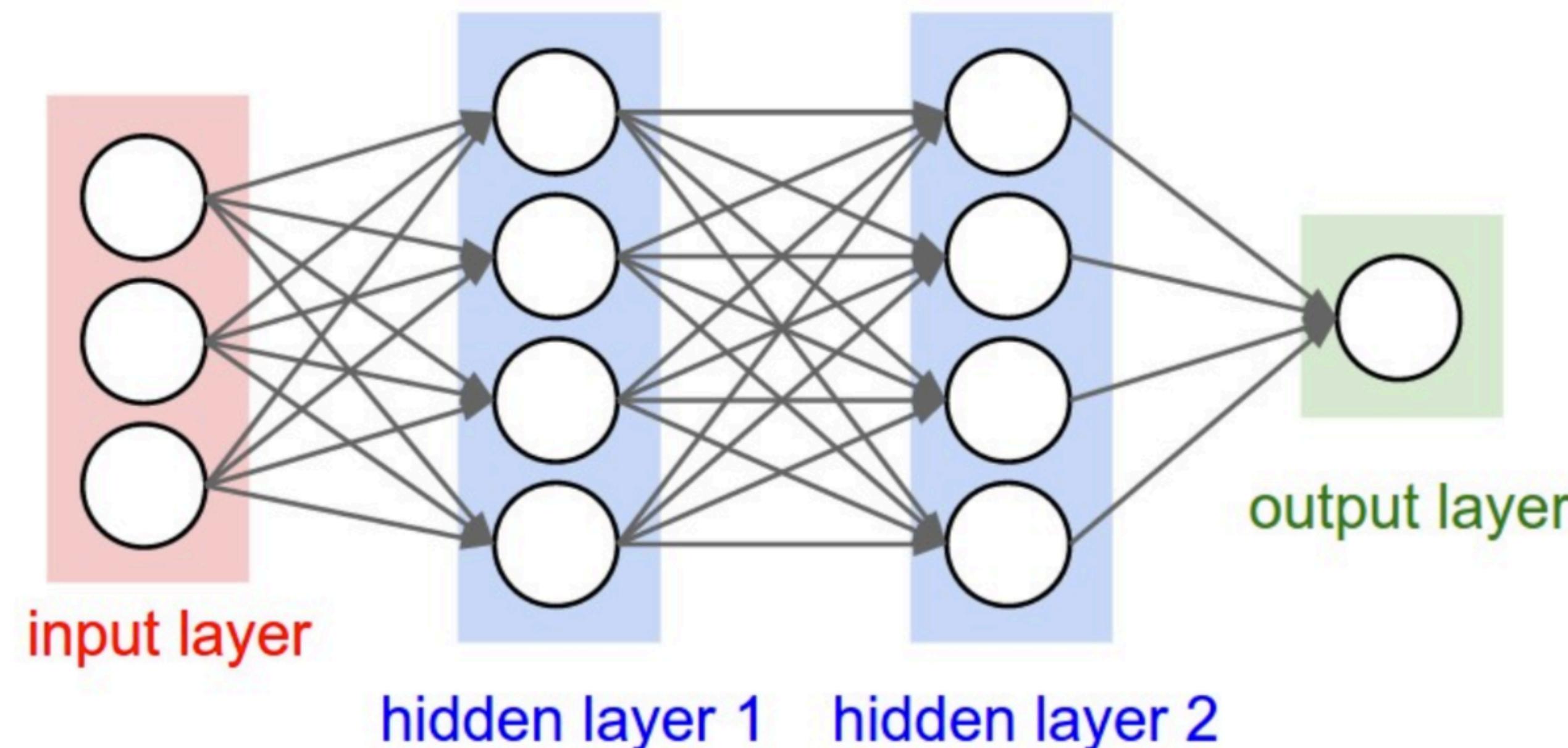
An artificial neuron

- A neuron is a computational unit that has scalar inputs and an output
- Each input has an associated weight.
- The neuron multiples each input by its weight, sums them, applied a **nonlinear activation function** to the result, and passes it to its output.

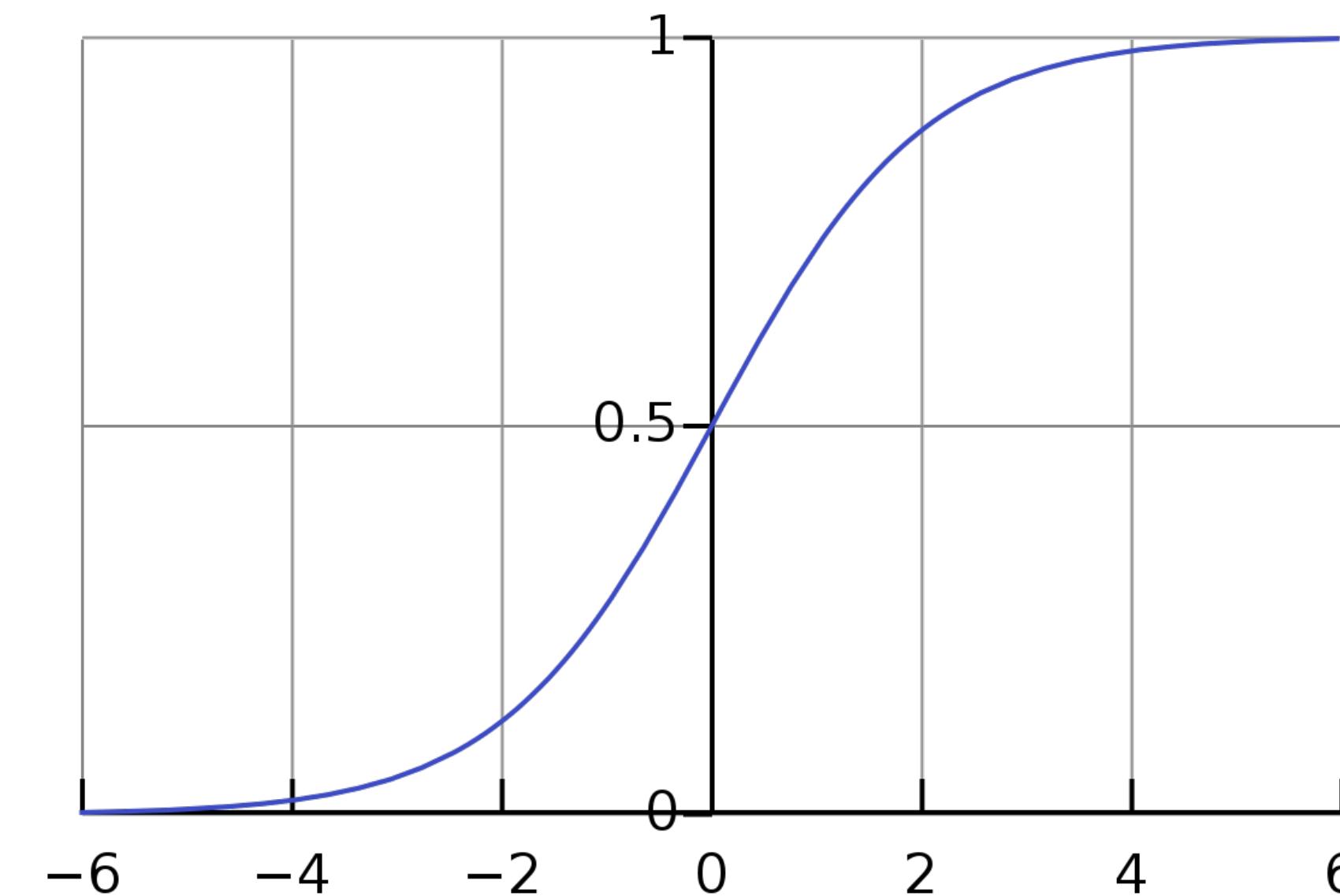
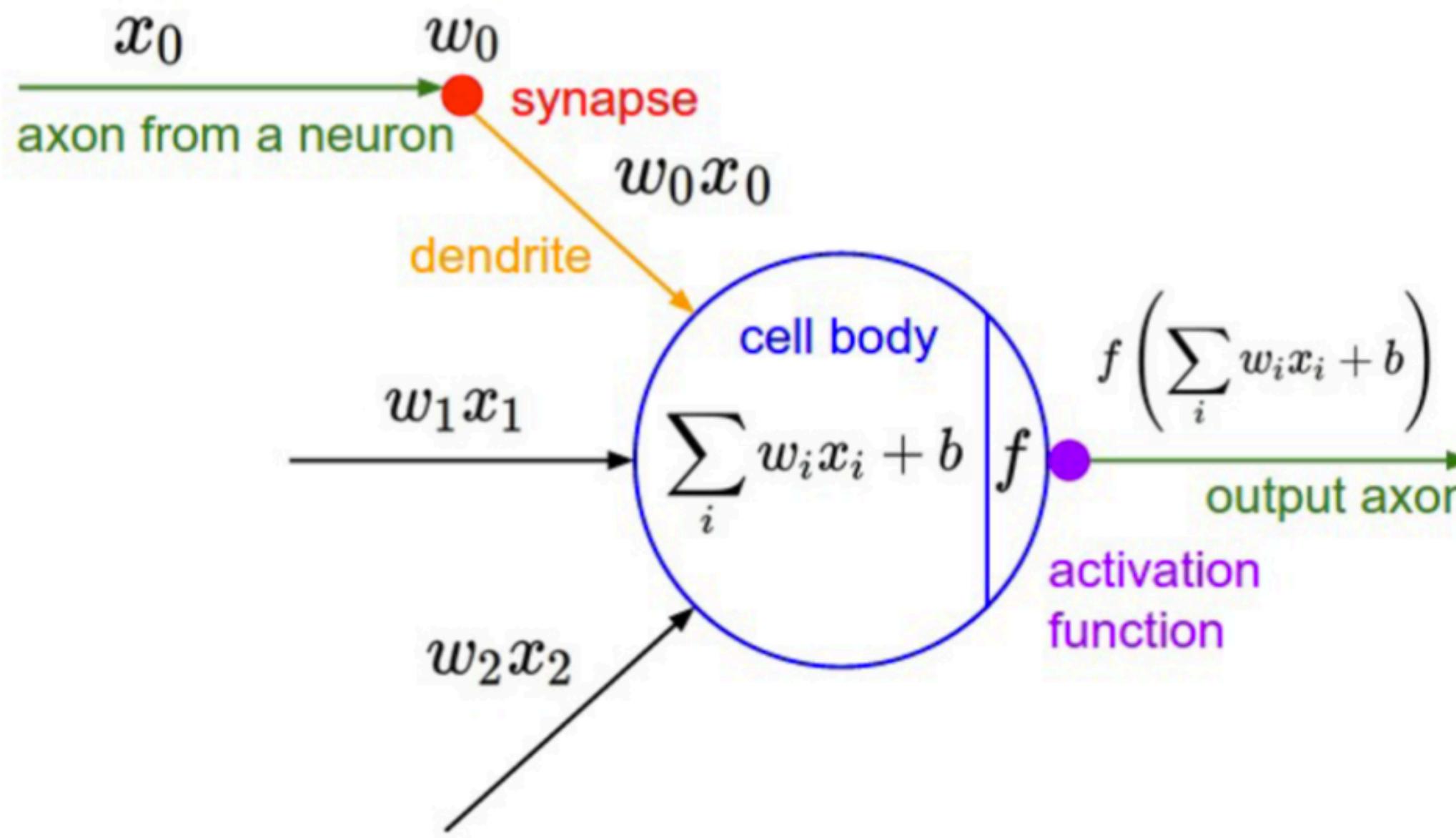


Neural networks

- The neurons are connected to each other, forming a **network**
- The output of a neuron may feed into the inputs of other neurons



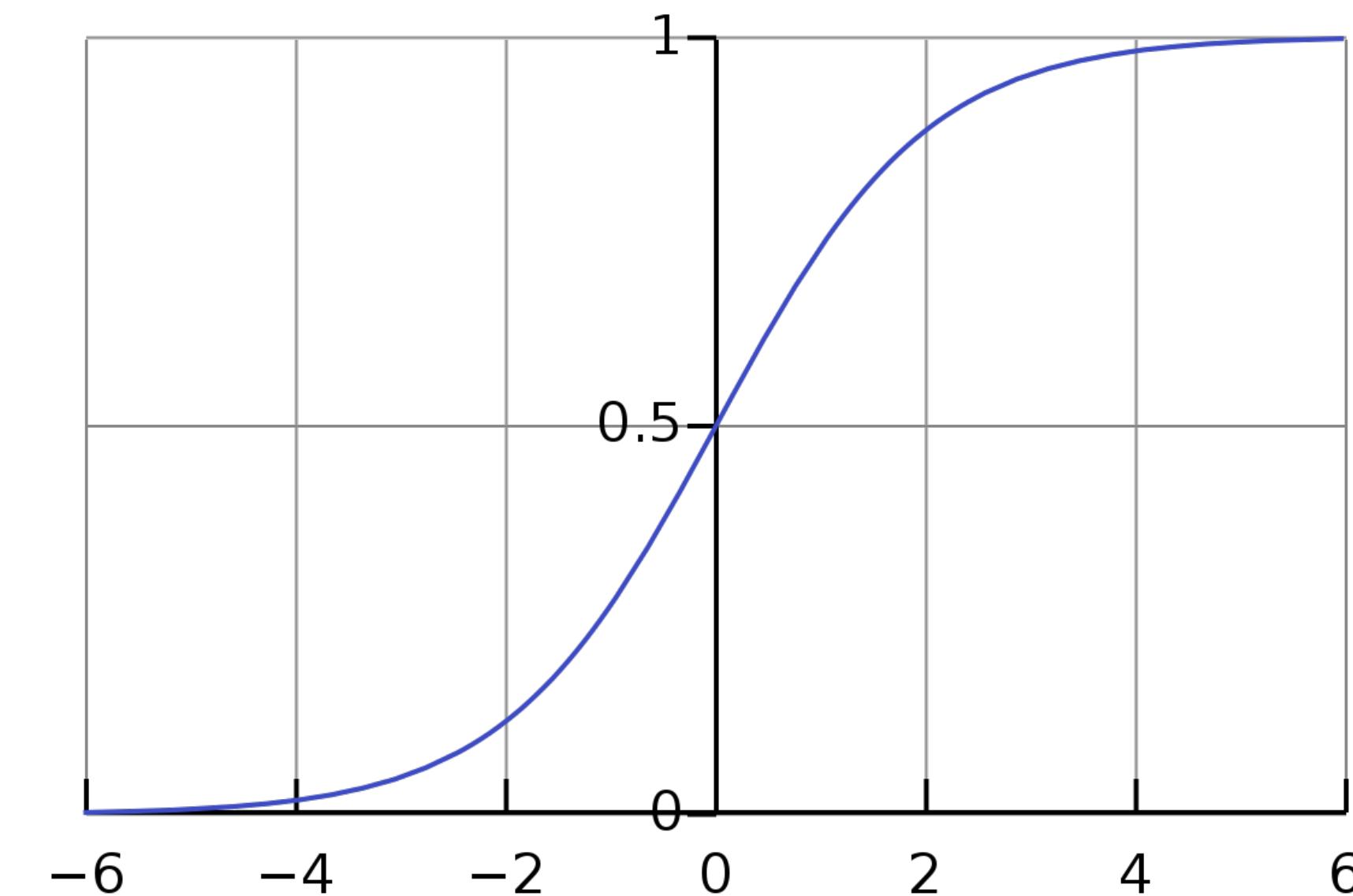
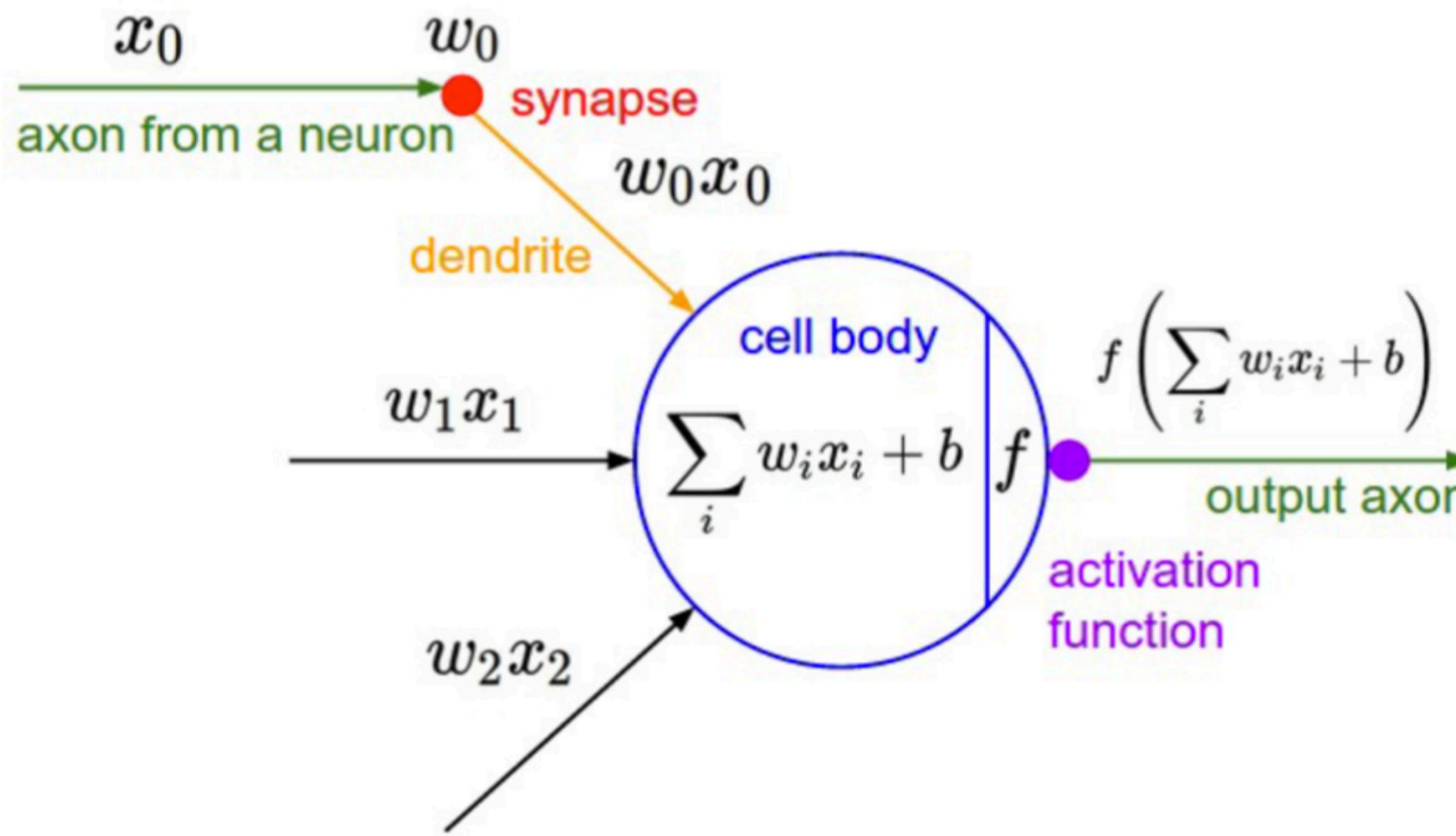
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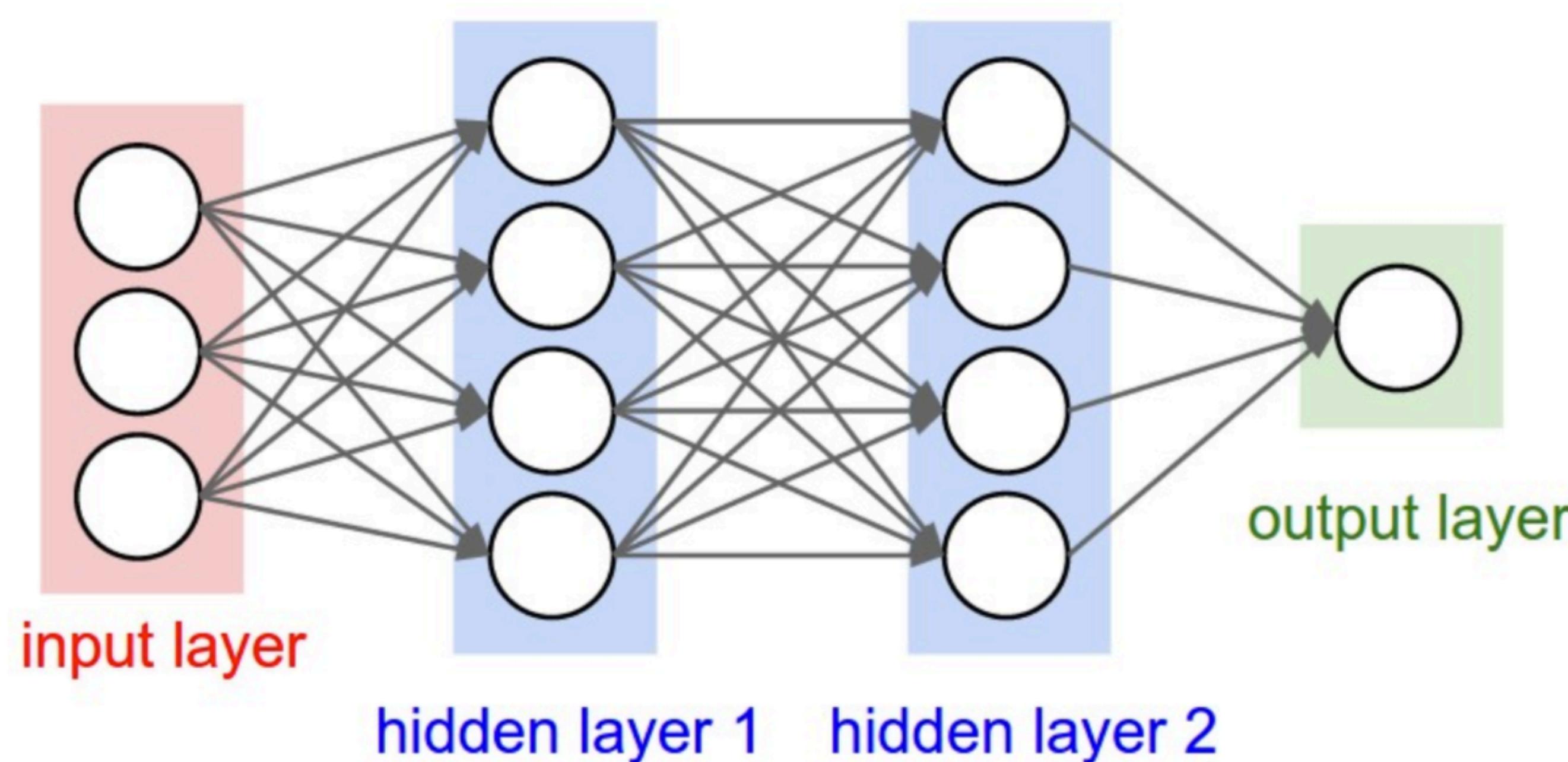


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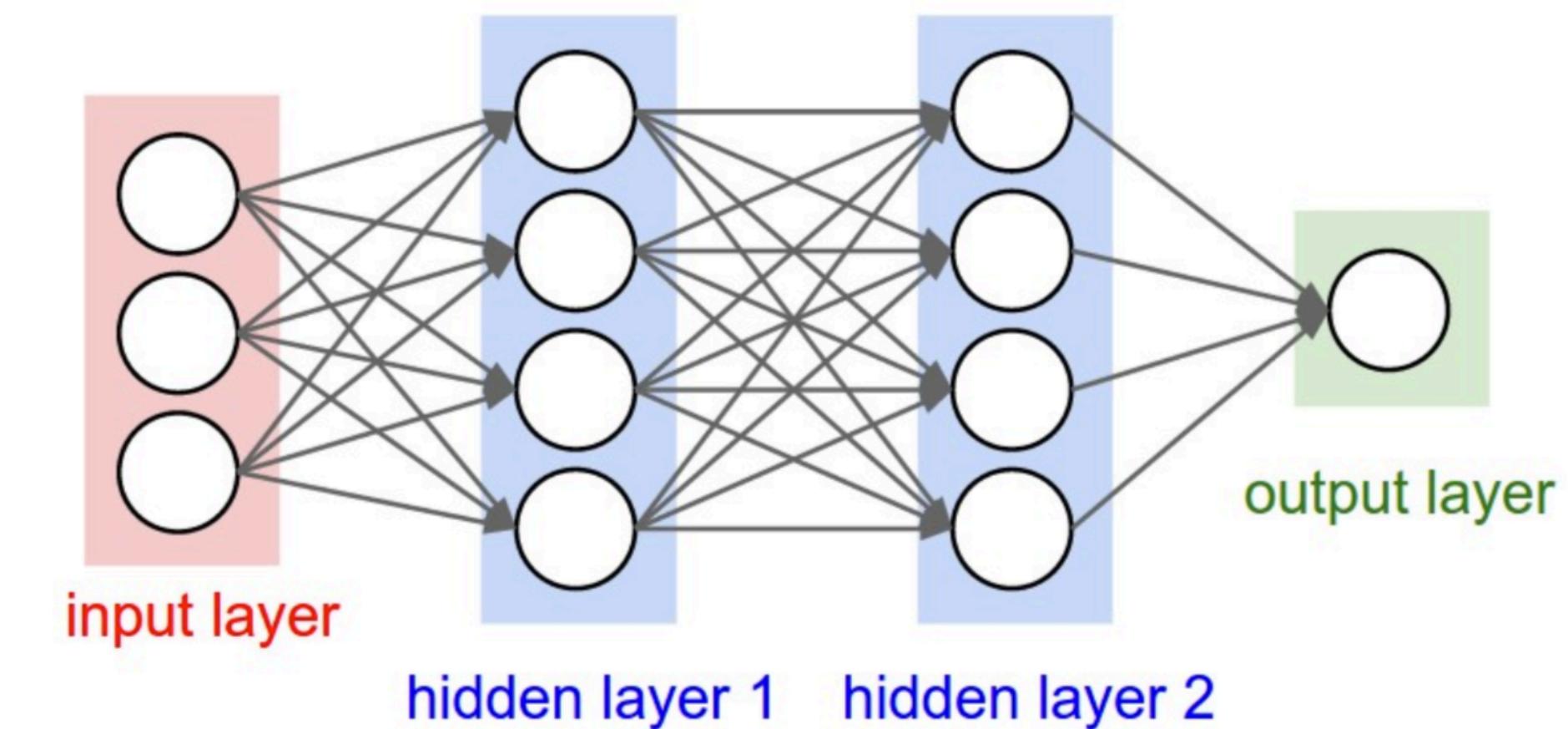
NNs = running several logistic regressions at the same time



If we feed a vector of inputs through a bunch of logistic regression functions, then we get a vector of outputs, which we can feed into another logistic regression function

Mathematical notations

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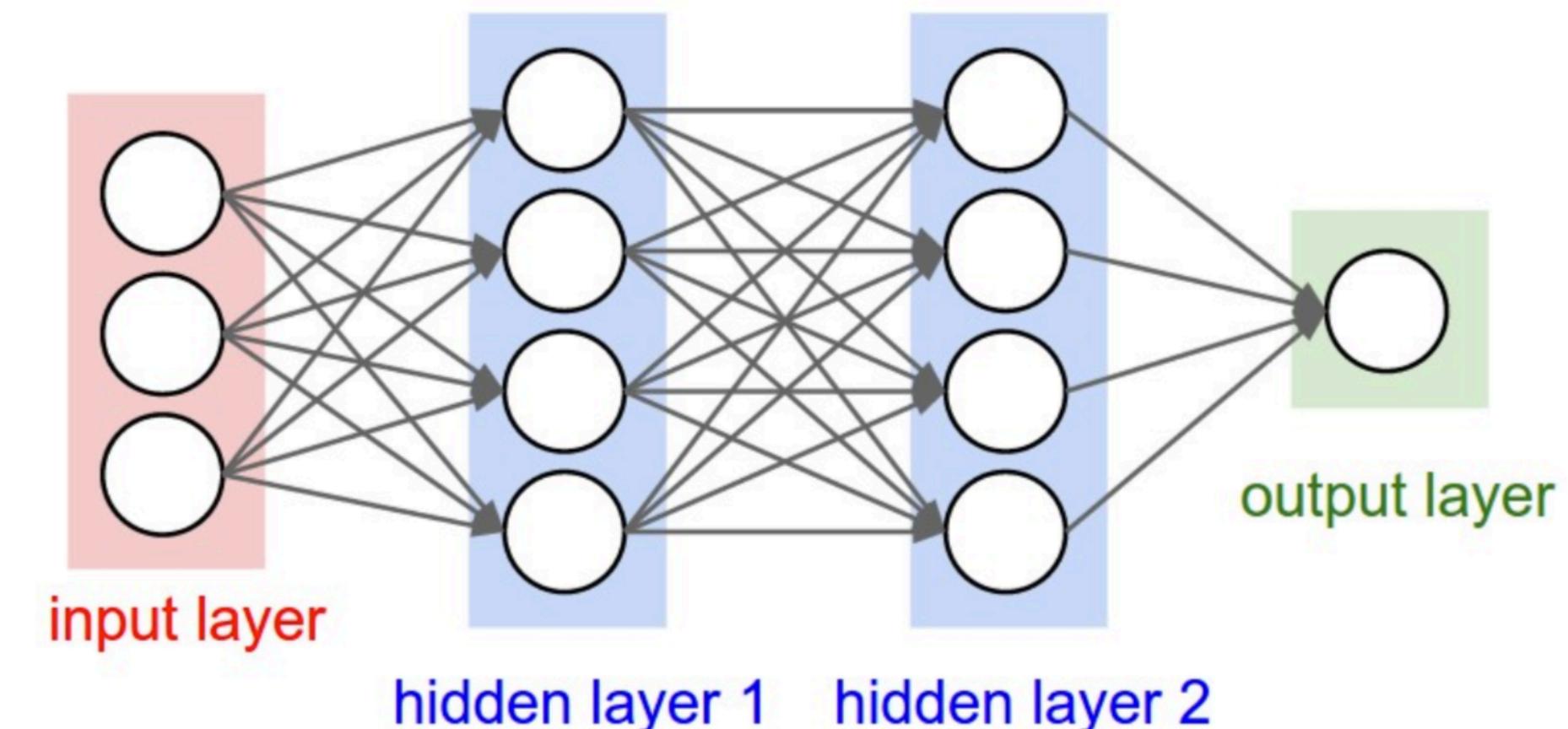
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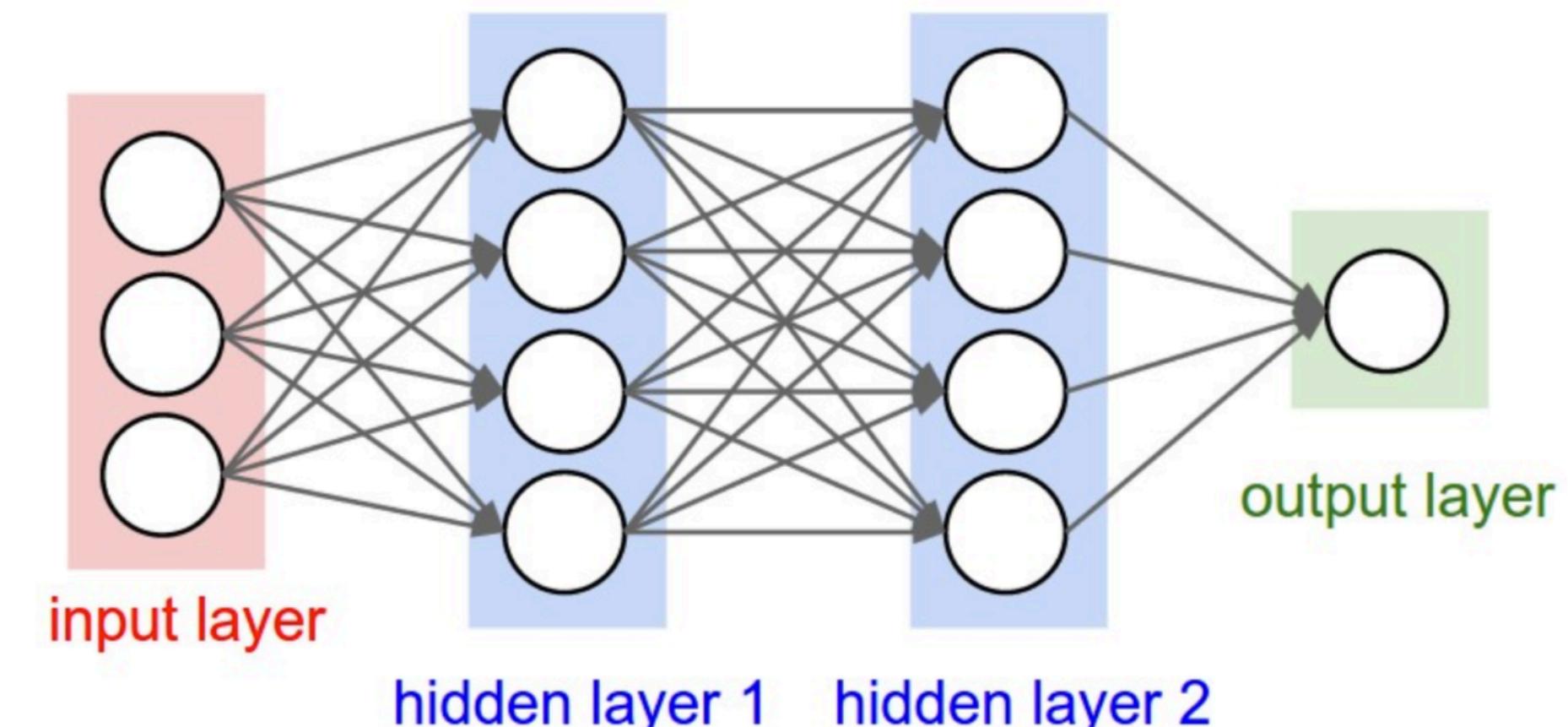
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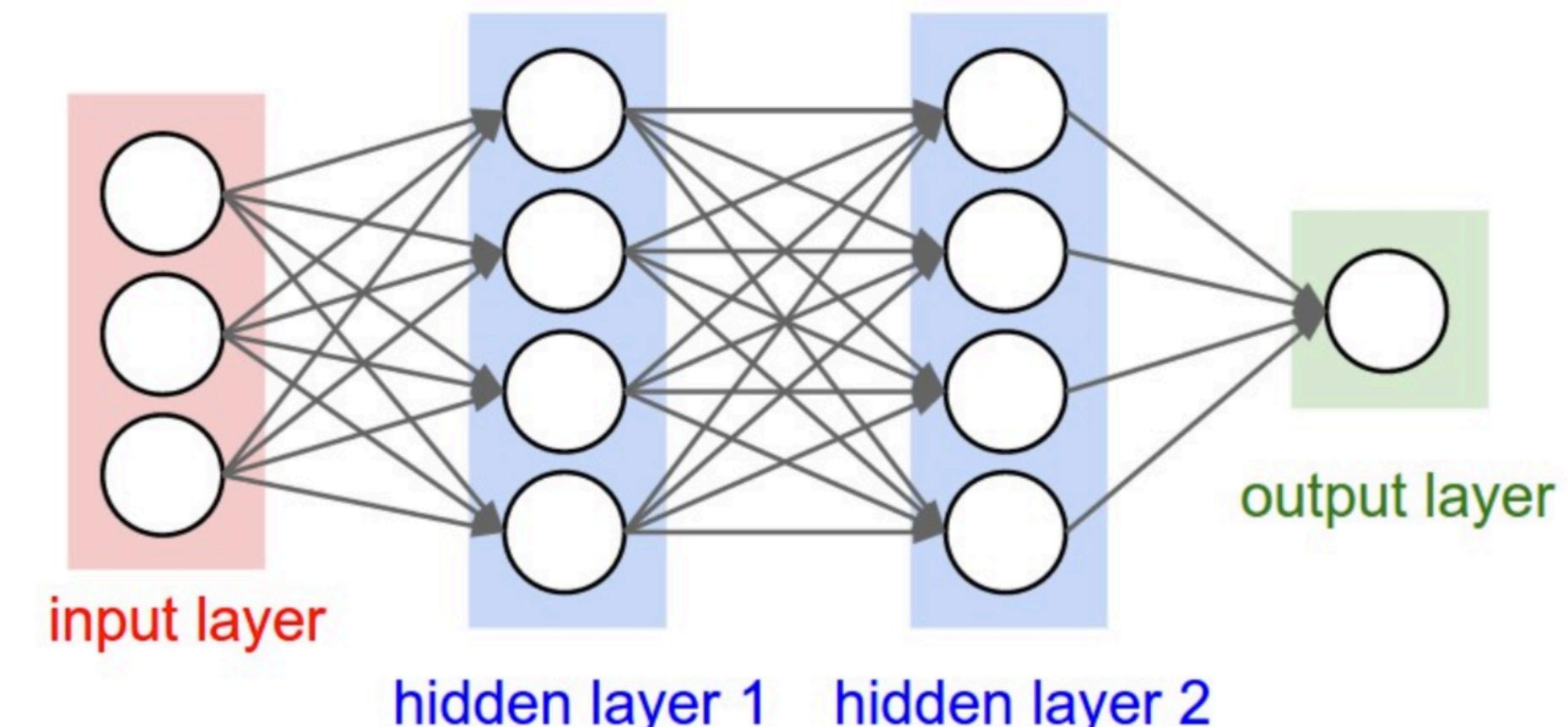
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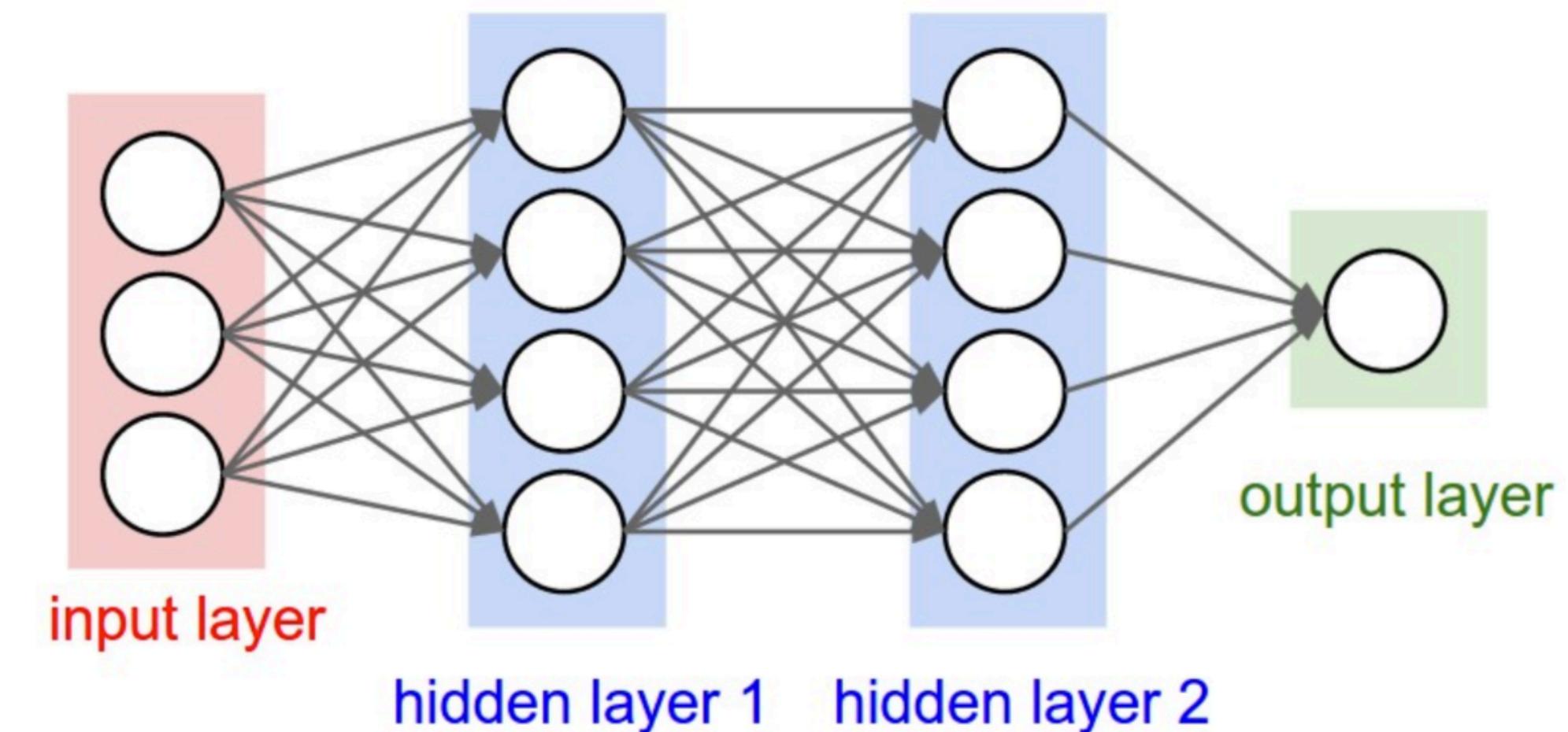
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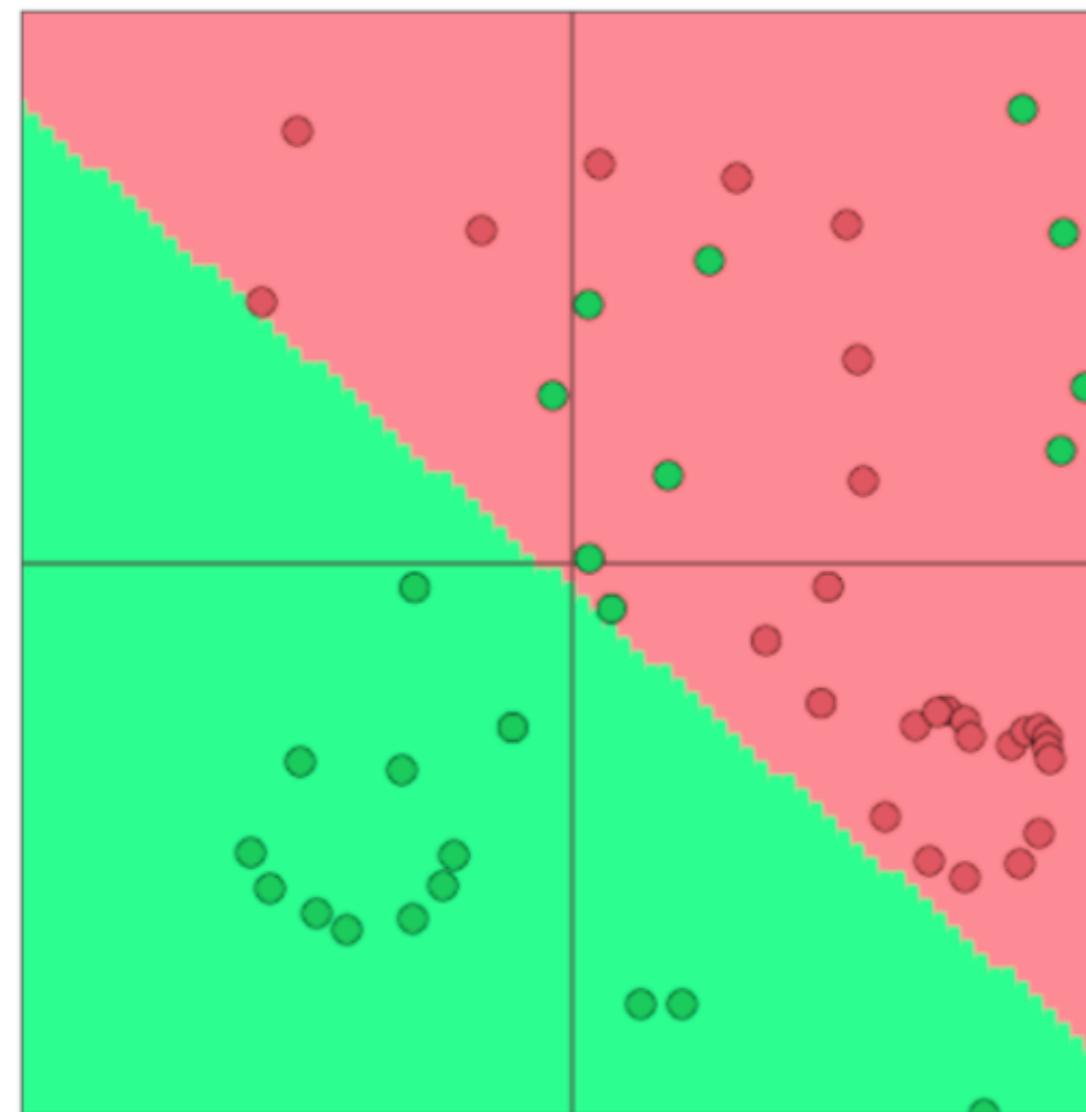
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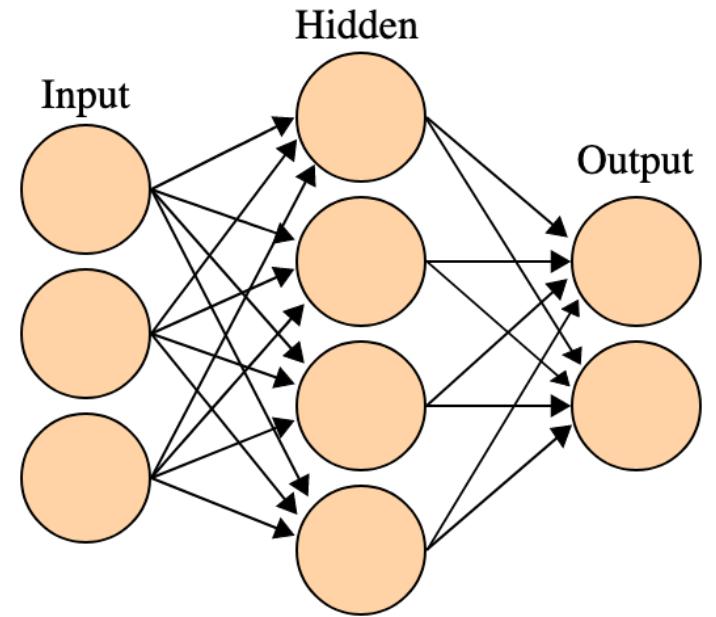


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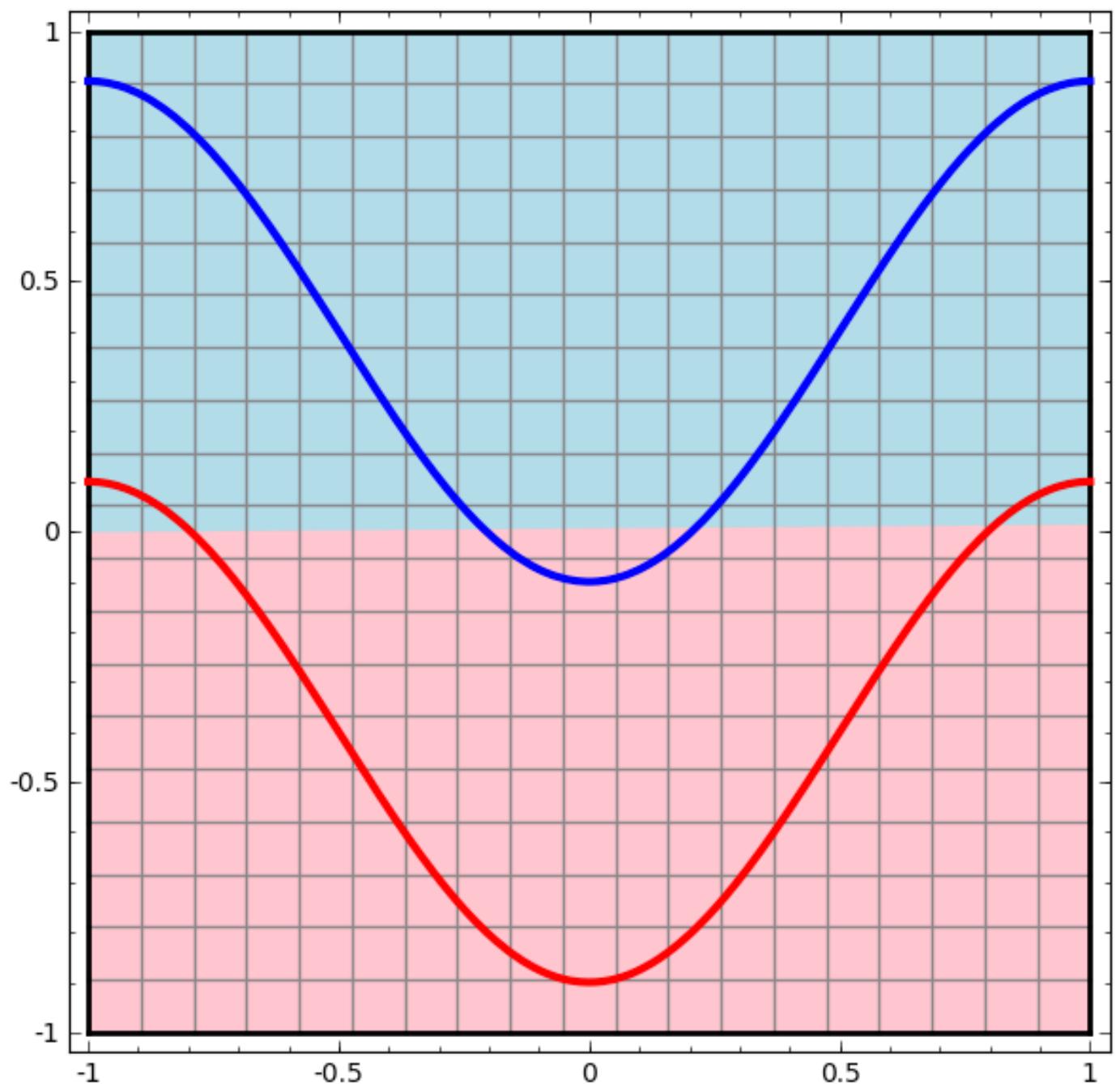
- Non-linearities allow neural networks to learn more complex functions and nonlinear decision boundaries



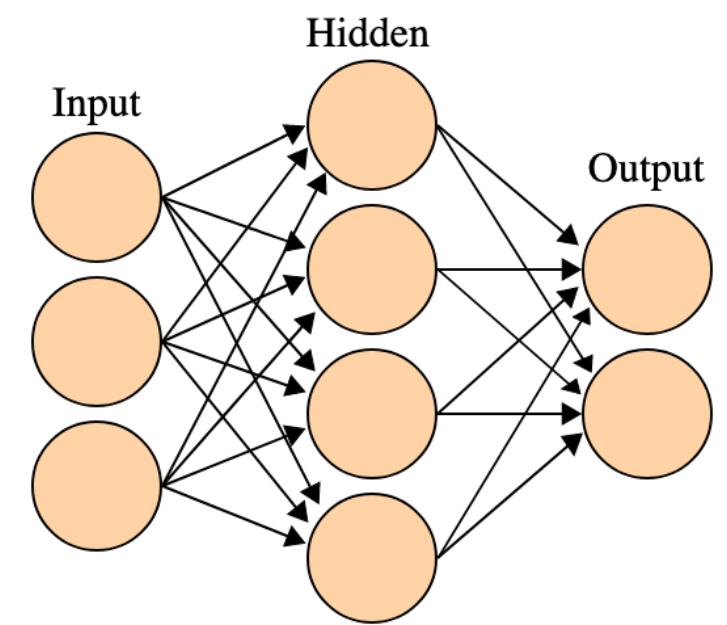
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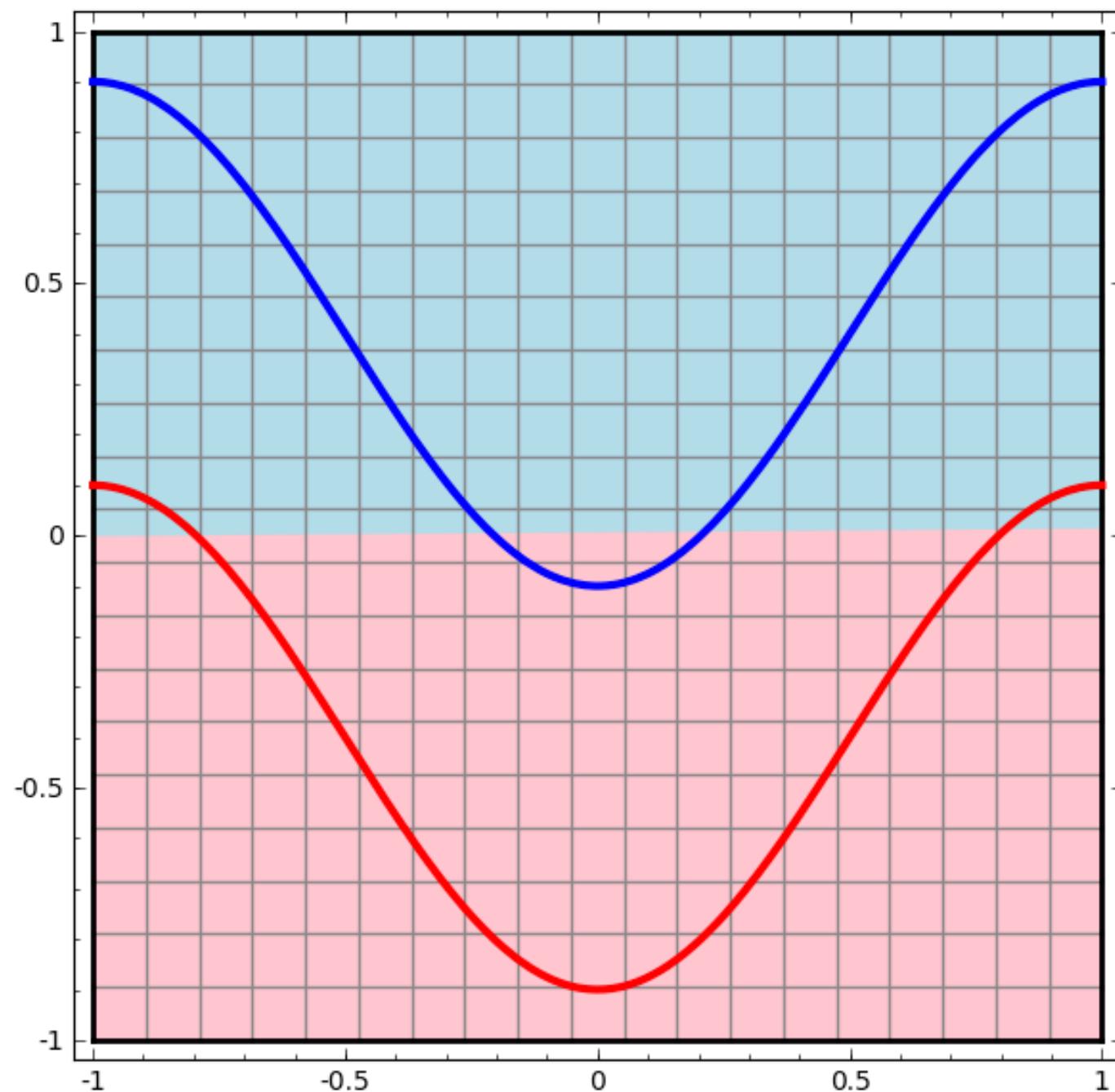
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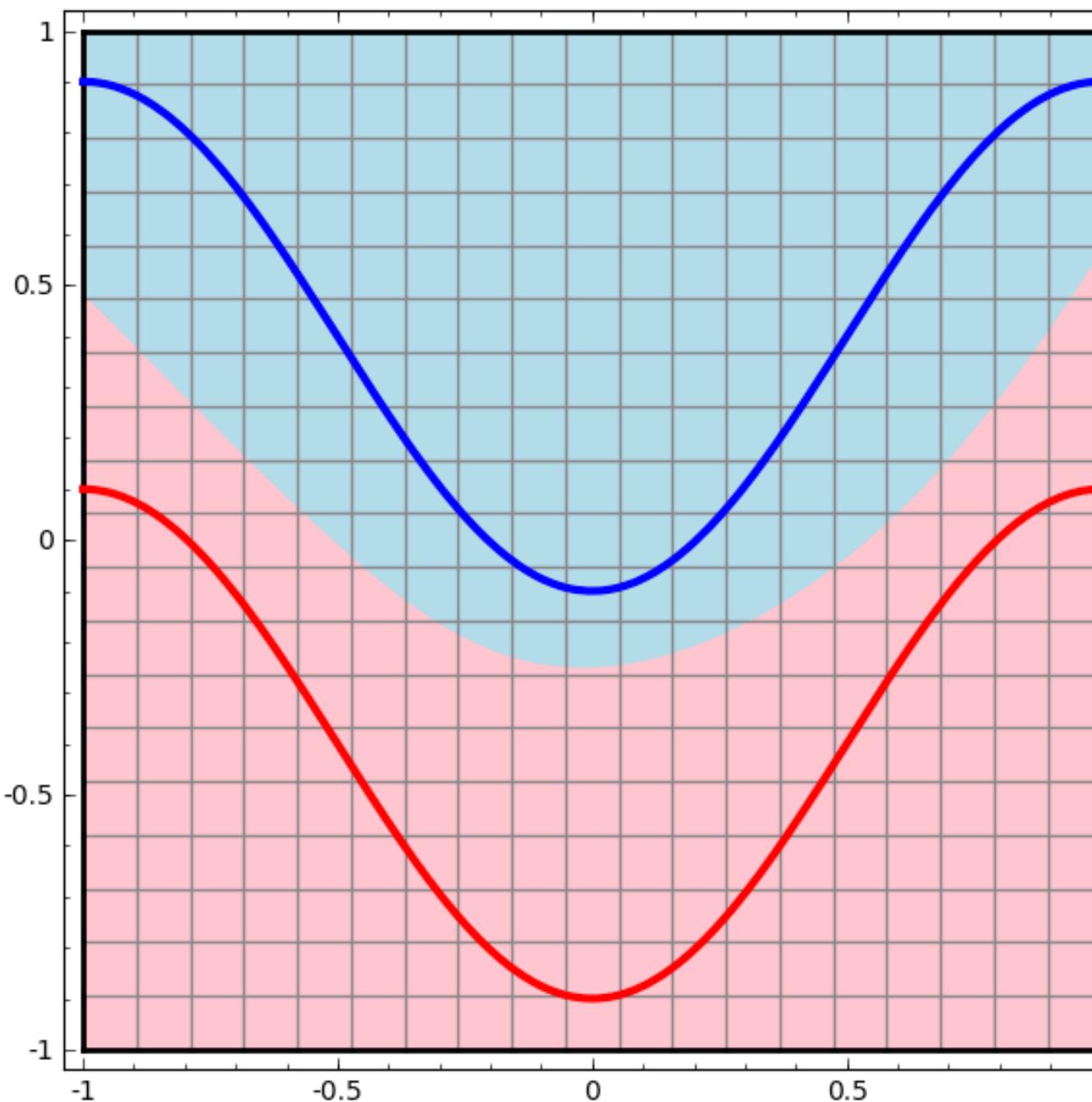
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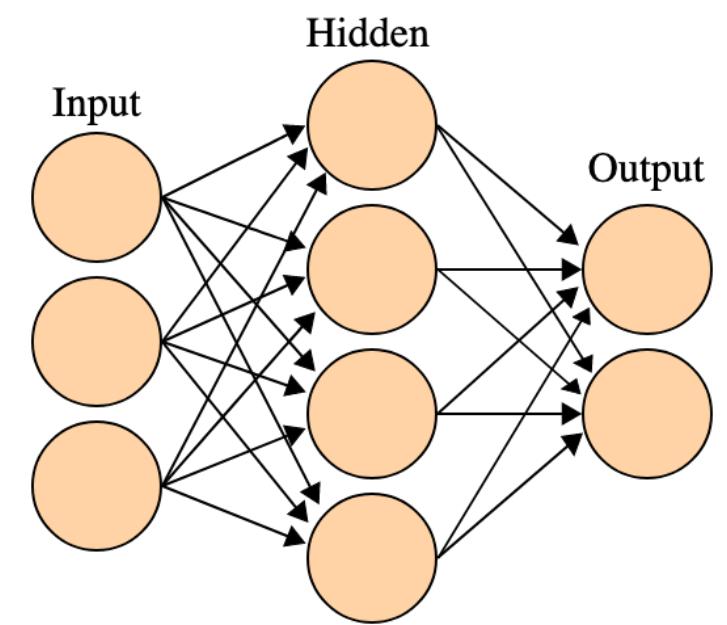
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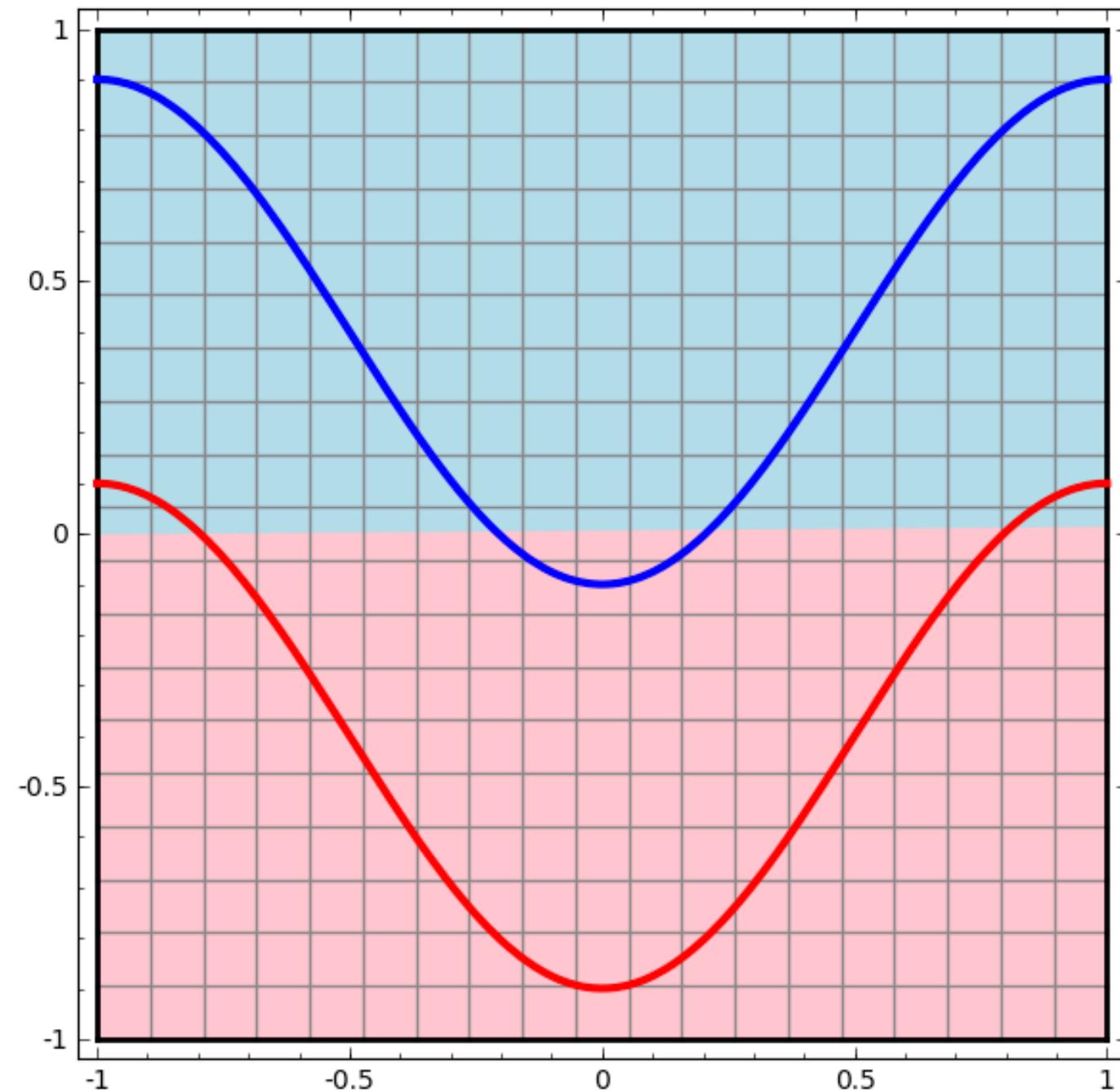
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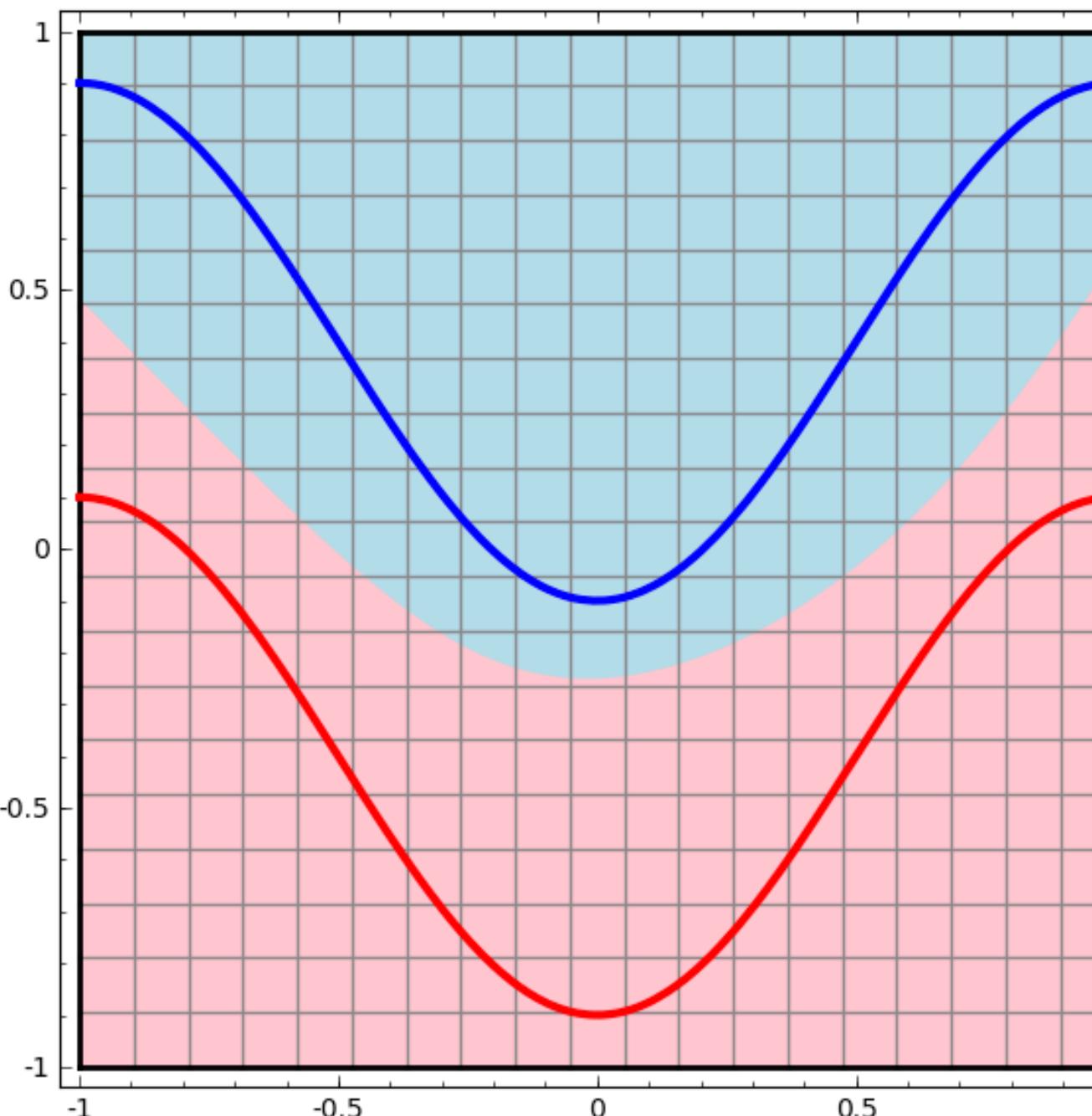
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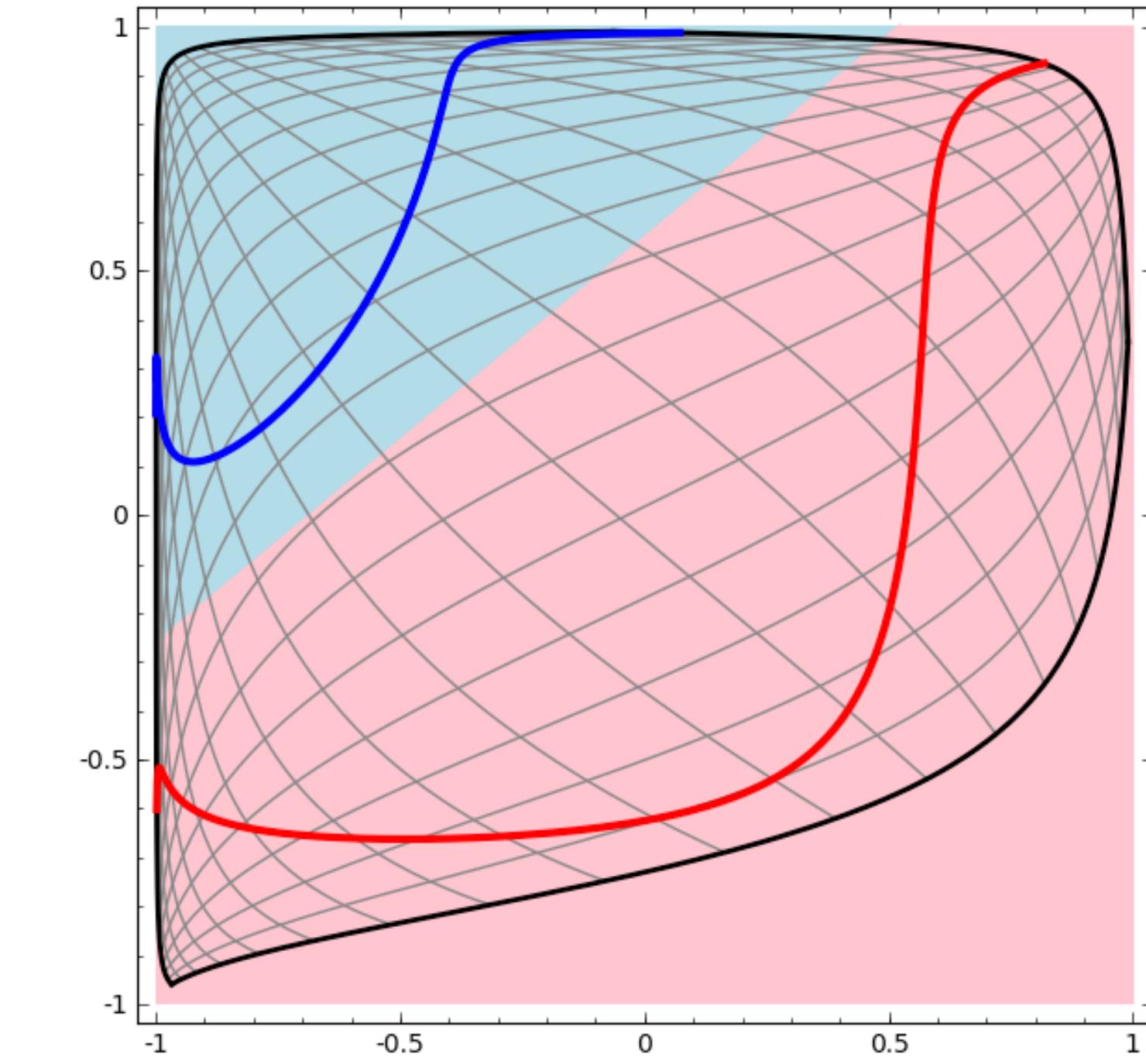
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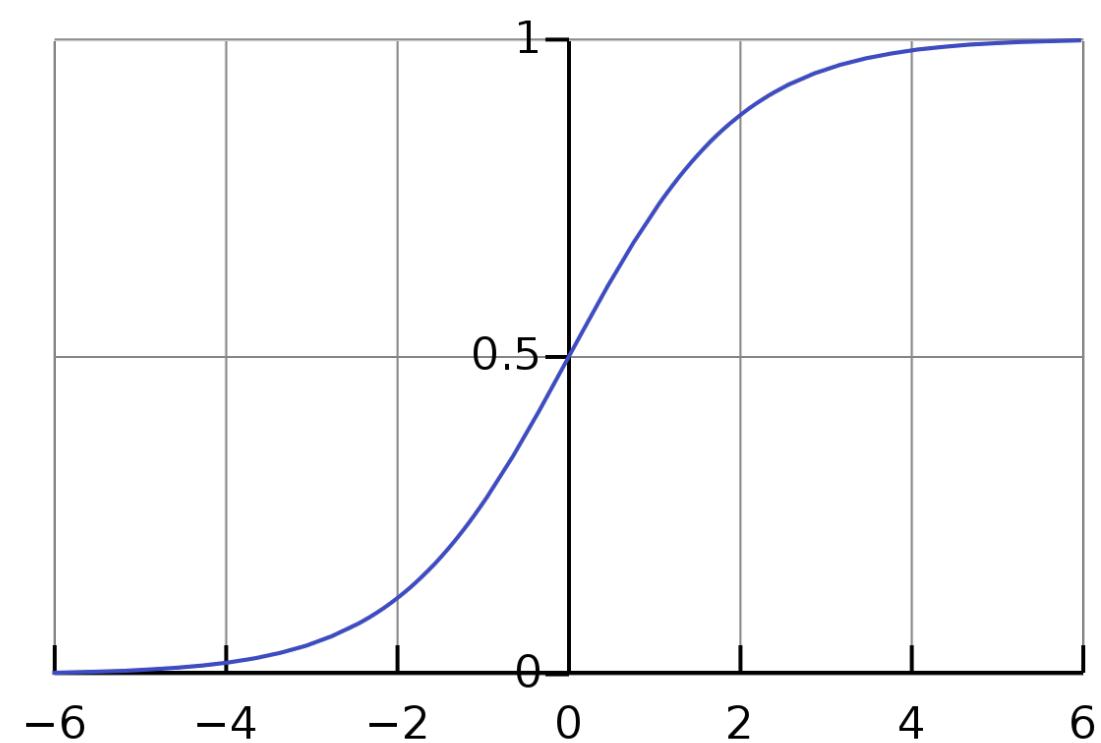


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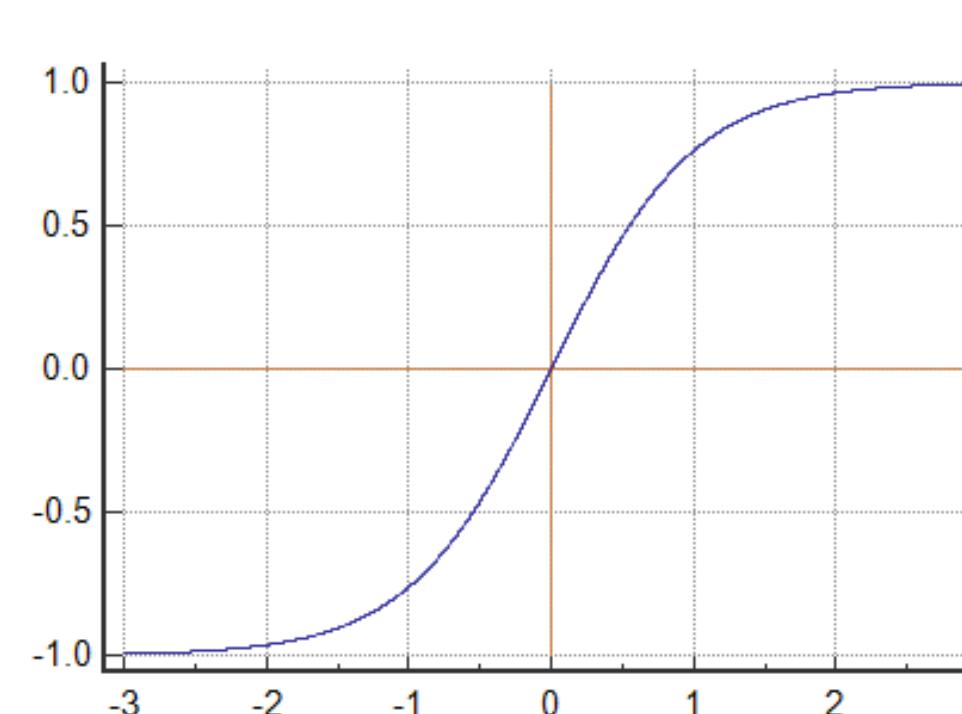


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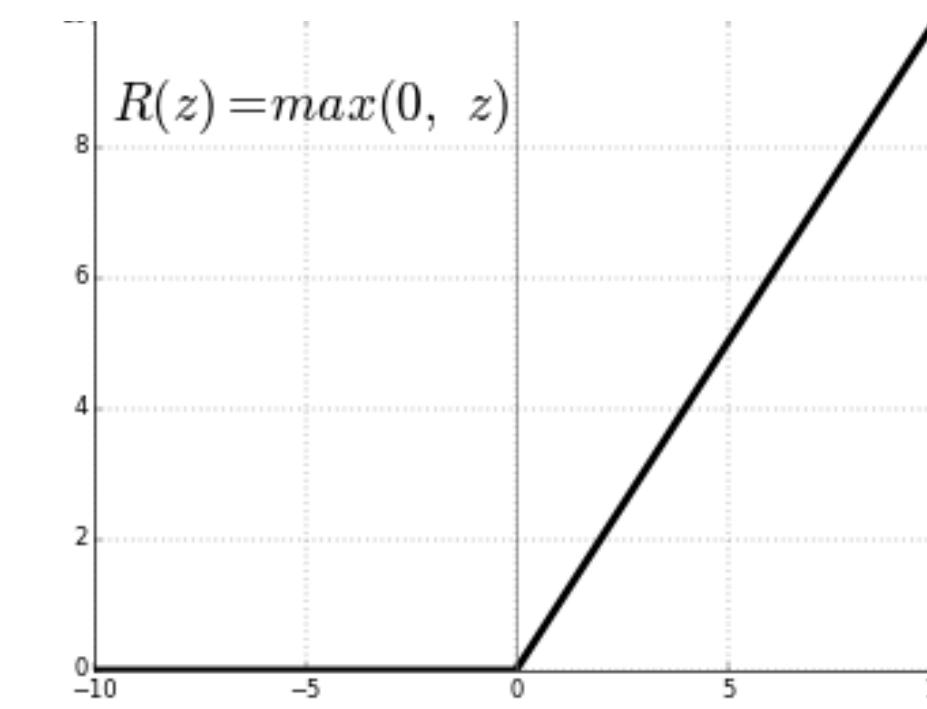


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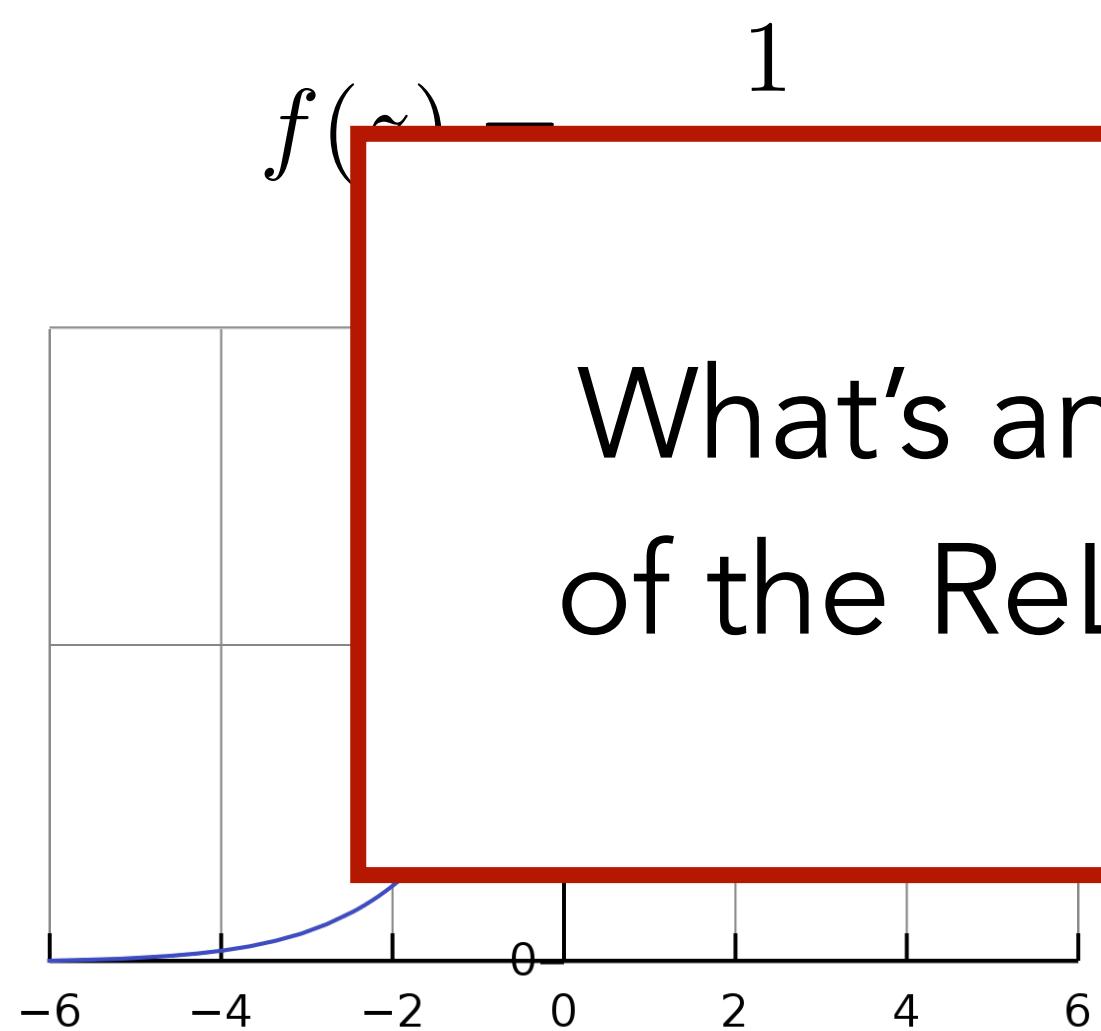
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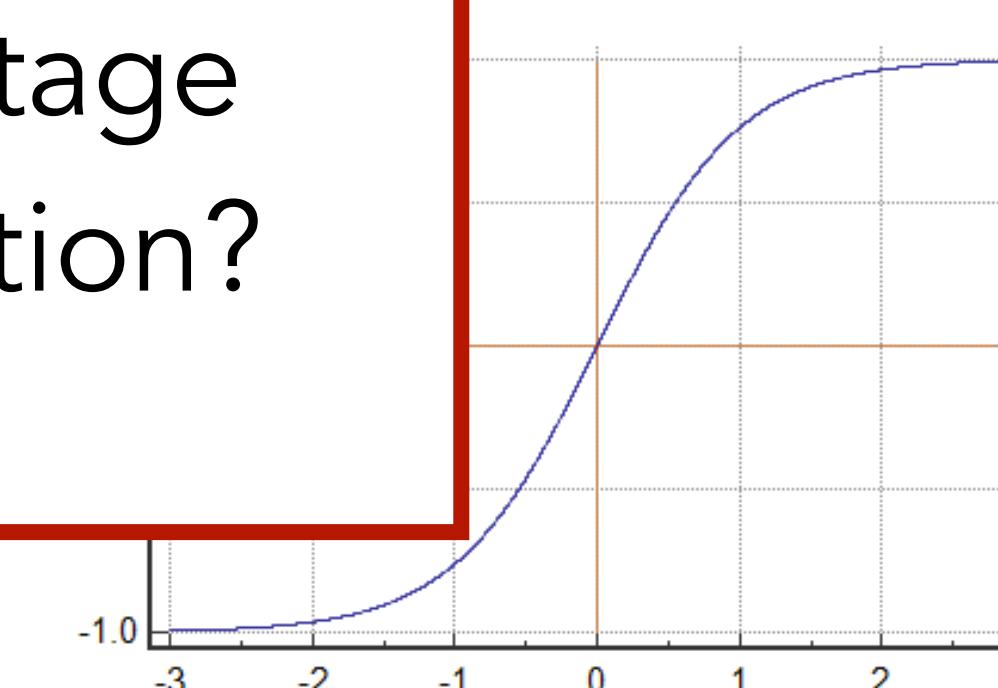
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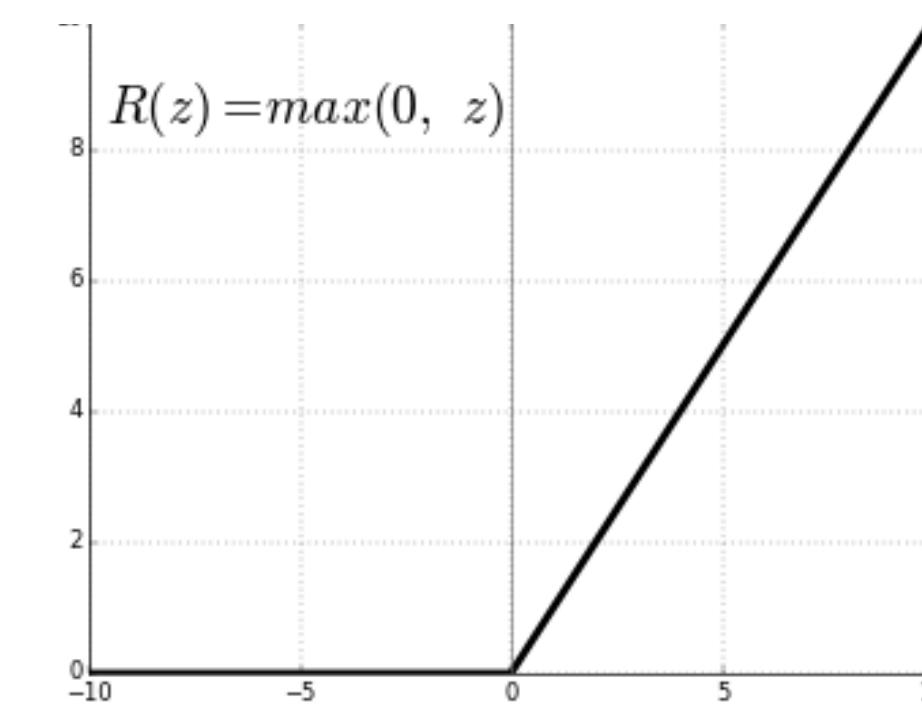
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