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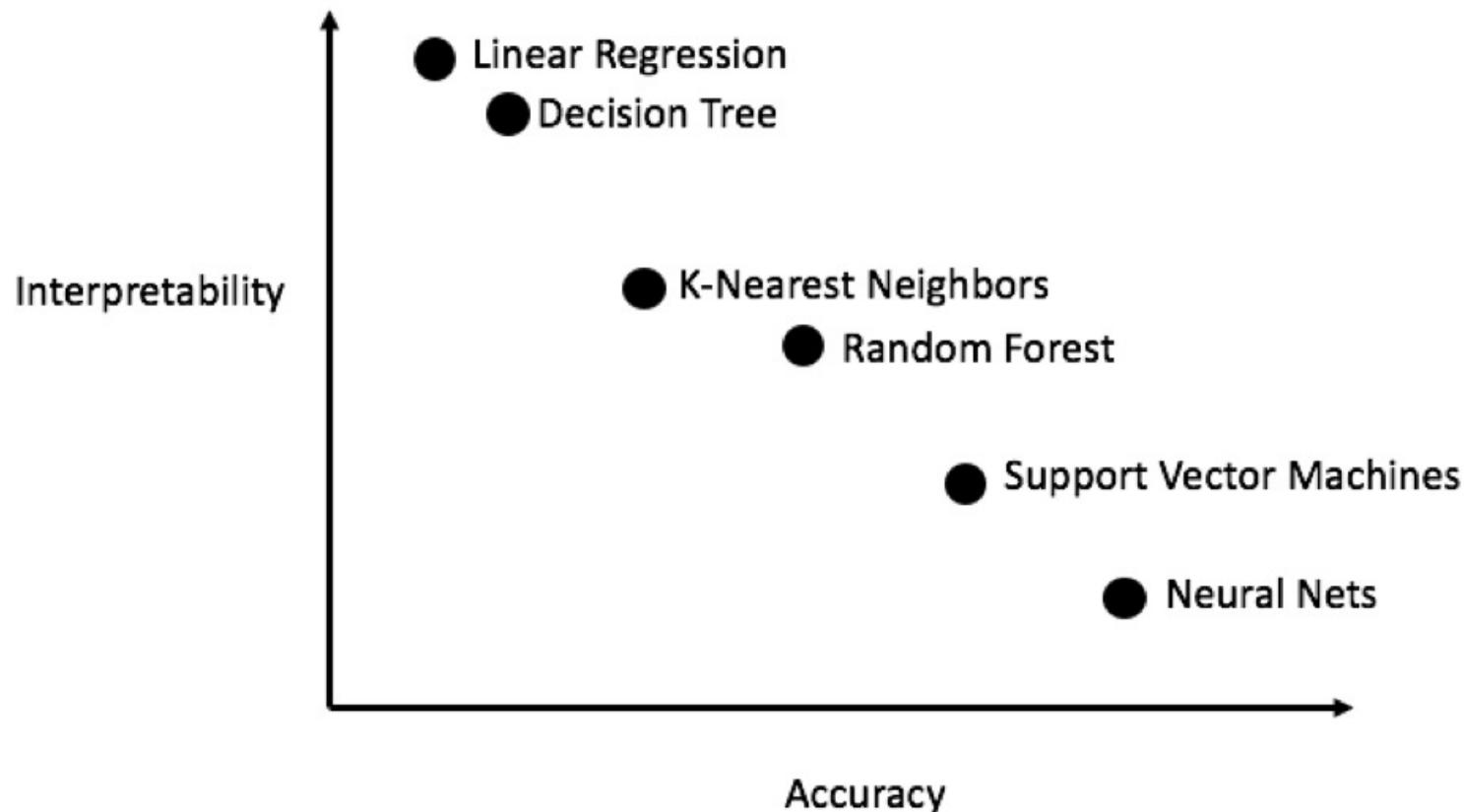
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Interpretability

# Deep Learning

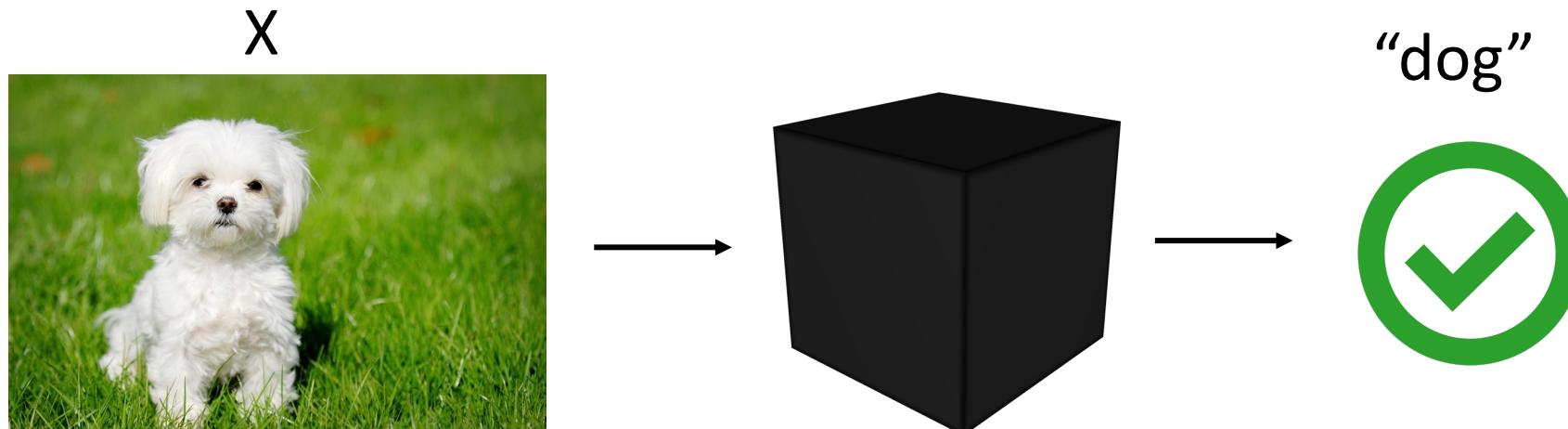


# Machine Learning and Interpretability

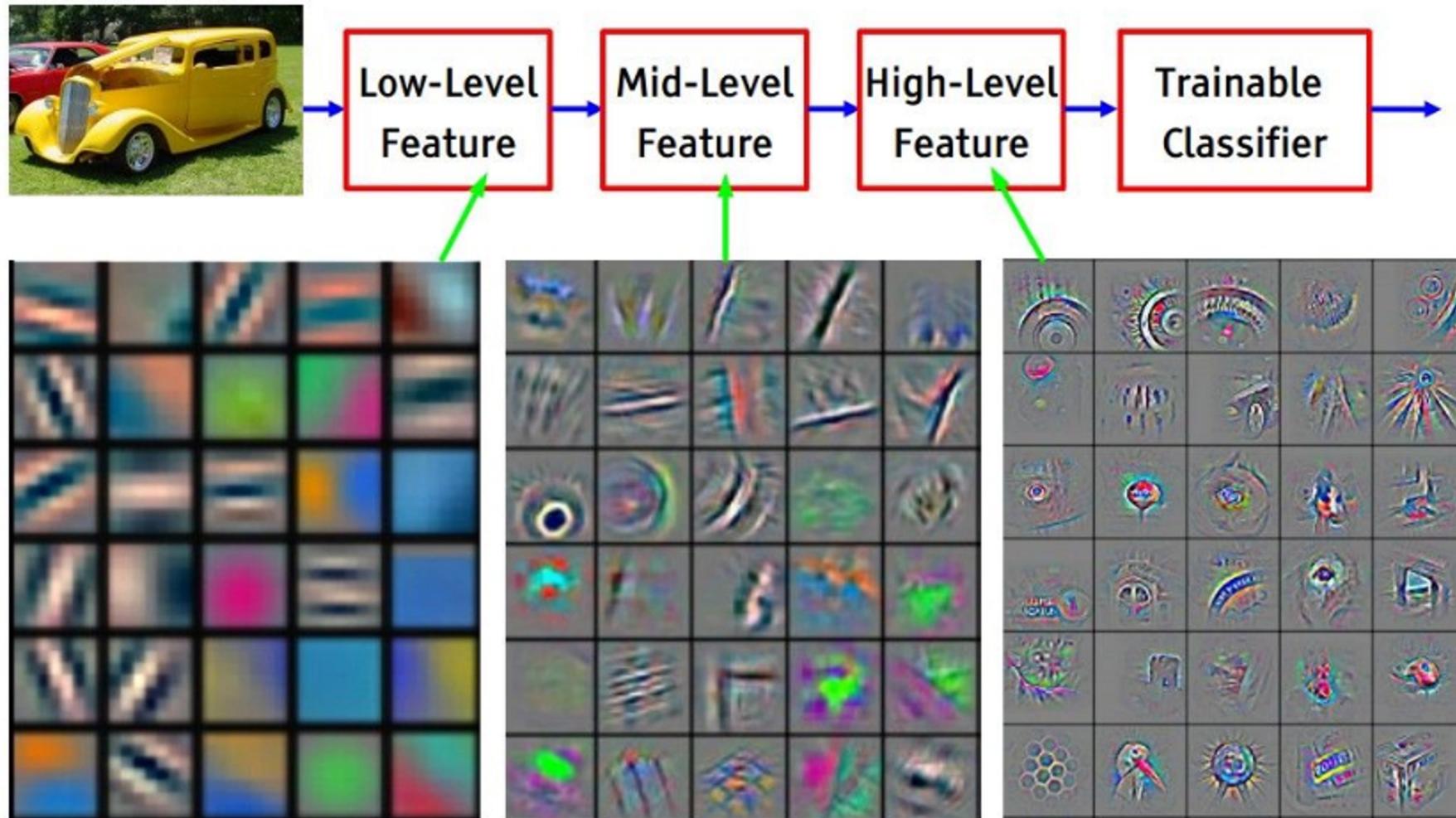


# Deep Nets are “Black Box” Models

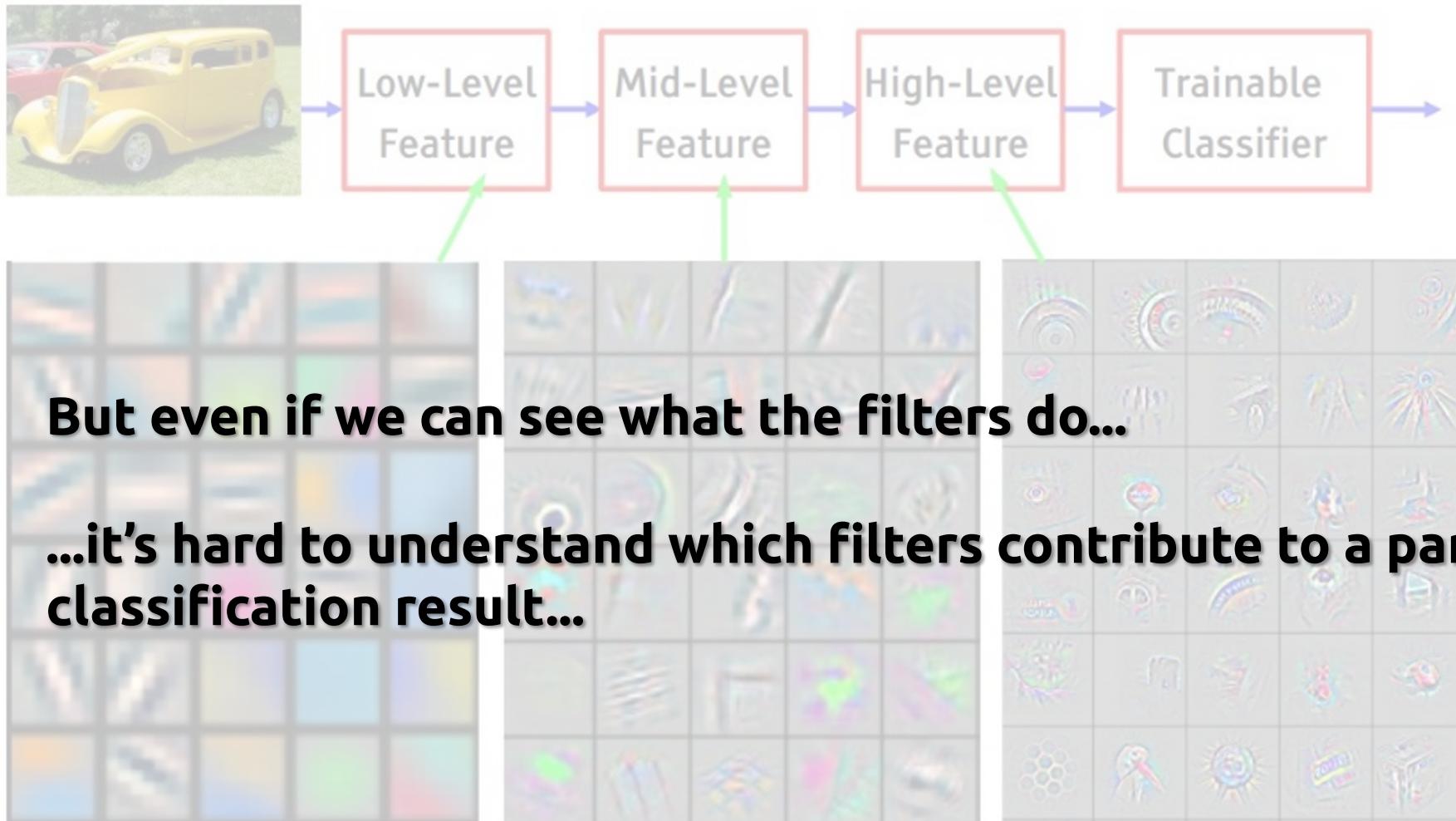
- What do the hidden layers of networks actually learn?
  - **Image recognition:** What do the many thousands of filters actually represent??
  - **Natural language processing:** What does the RNN hidden state actually store??



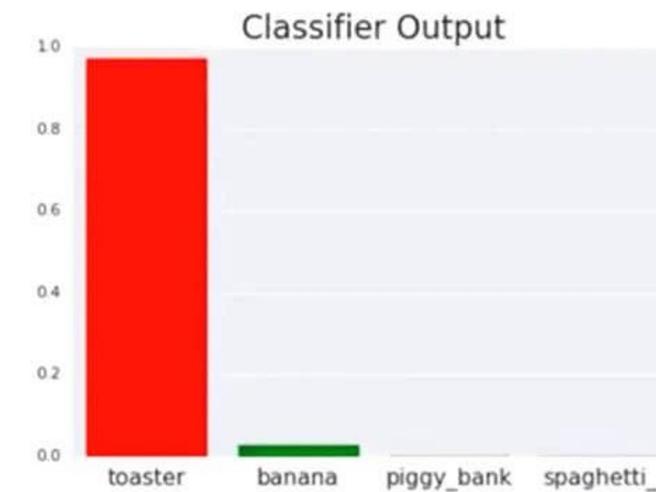
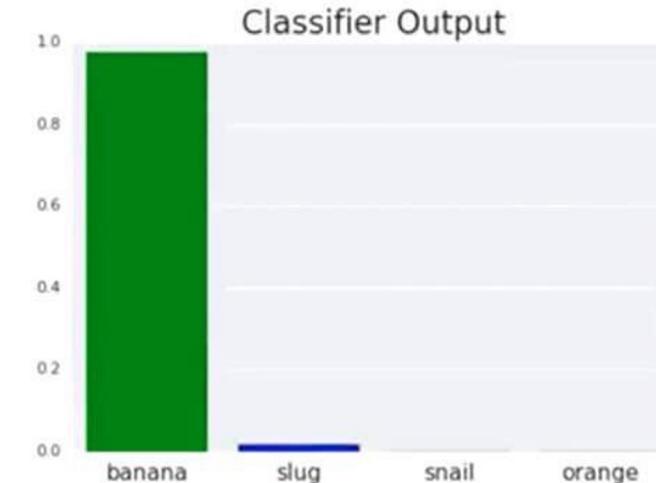
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...which leads to situations like this:

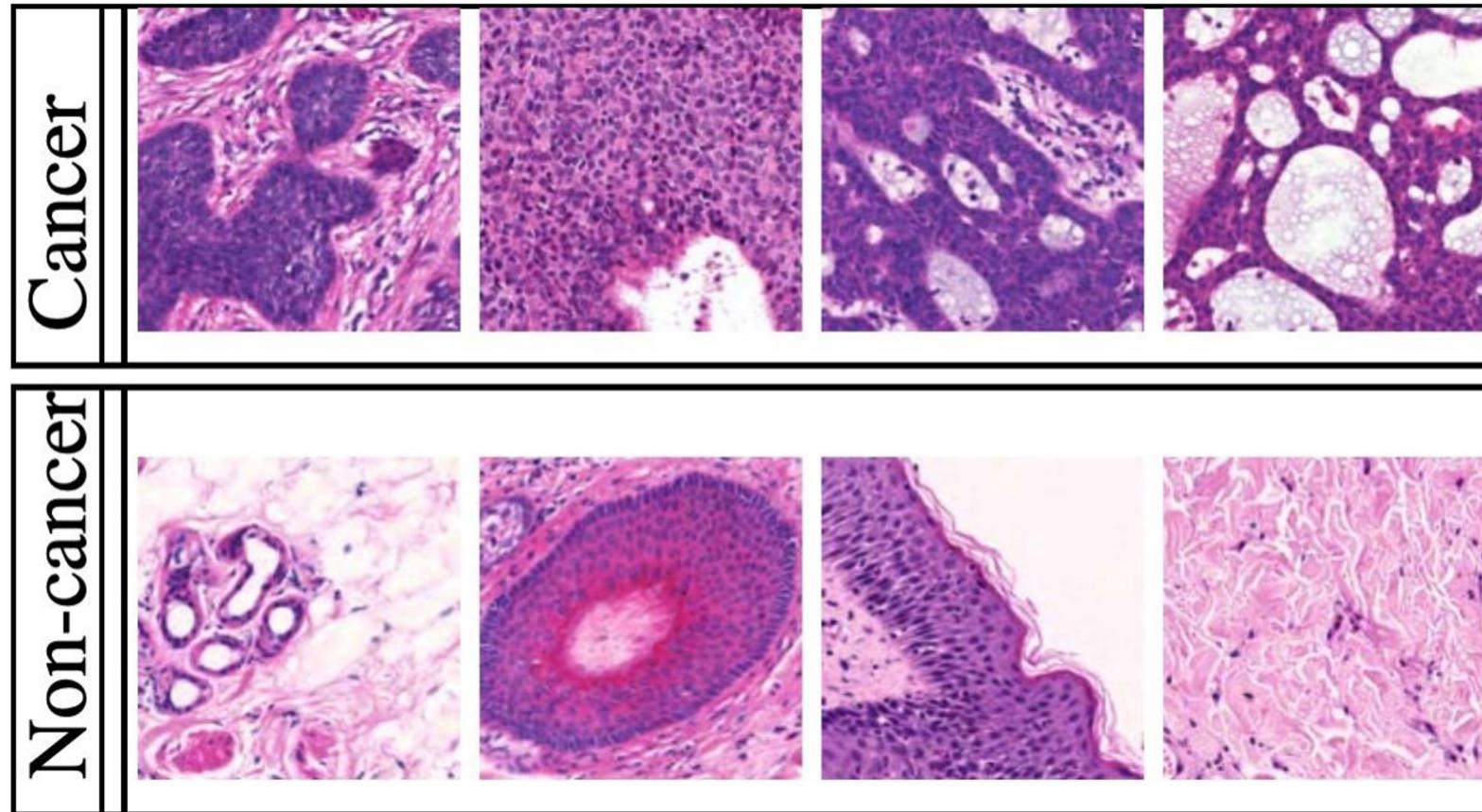


Deep Learning has an  
*interpretability* problem

Maybe not such a big deal if we're just classifying breakfast foods...

...but what if the decision is  
*really* important?

# What if the decision is *really* important?



From [Cruz-Roa et al., 2013](#)

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- How can a human (e.g. a doctor) trust that a network is making a sensible decision (e.g. a patient has the flu, and *not* strep, mono, or pneumonia)?

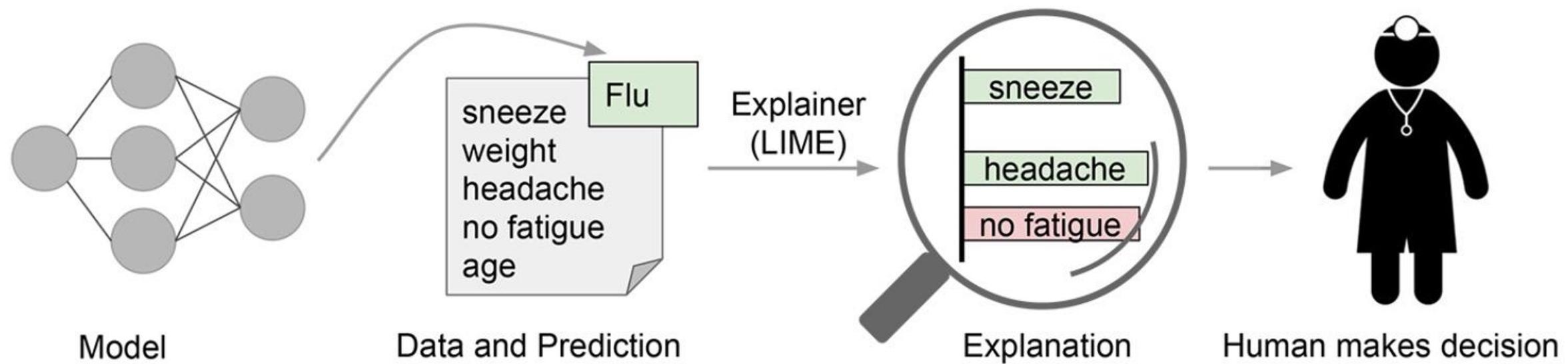


Figure 1. Explaining individual predictions to a human decision-maker. Source: Marco Tulio Ribeiro.

# Model Interpretability

- Broadly, *interpretability* refers to ways of understanding/measuring how a model made a decision
- Can take the form of visualizations, summary statistics, metrics, ...
- A whole subfield of study: *Interpretable DL/AI*

# Making Cancer Predicting Interpretable

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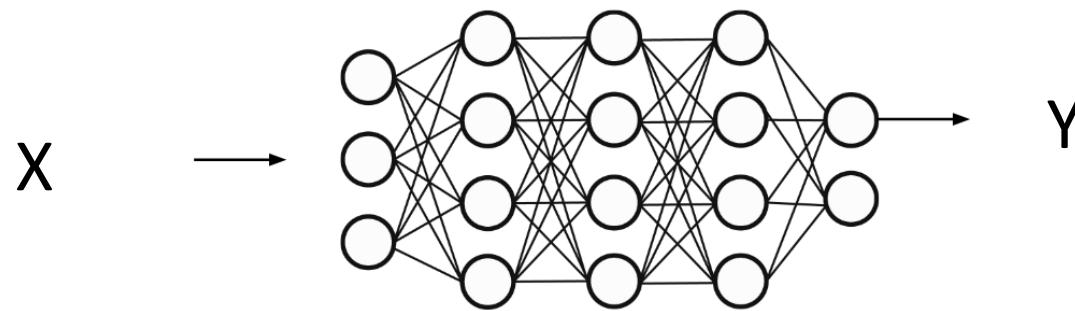
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Digital staining						

Red = cancerous tissue

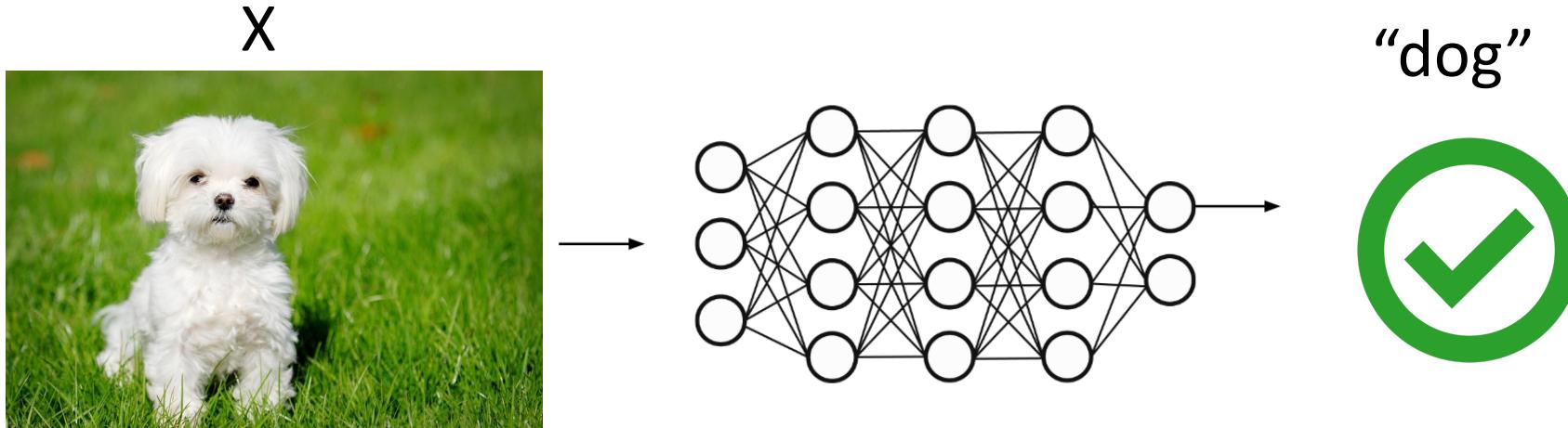
Blue = healthy tissue

# Task formulation



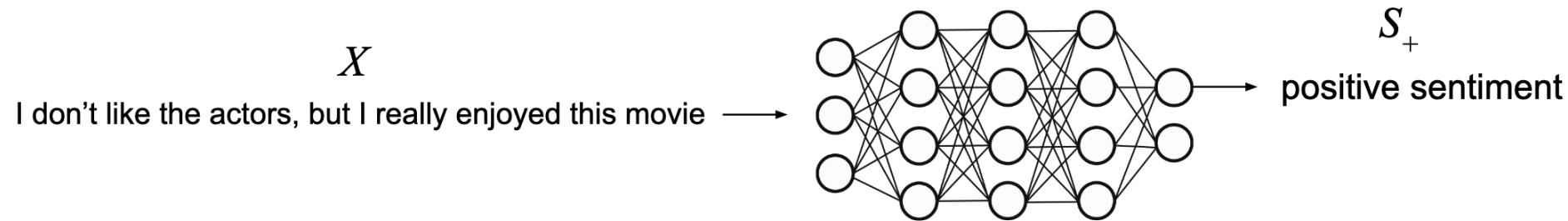
Which features in  $X$  are most important for  
the model prediction  $Y$ ?

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Which words/characters are most important  
for classification?

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- (2) Gradient-based methods
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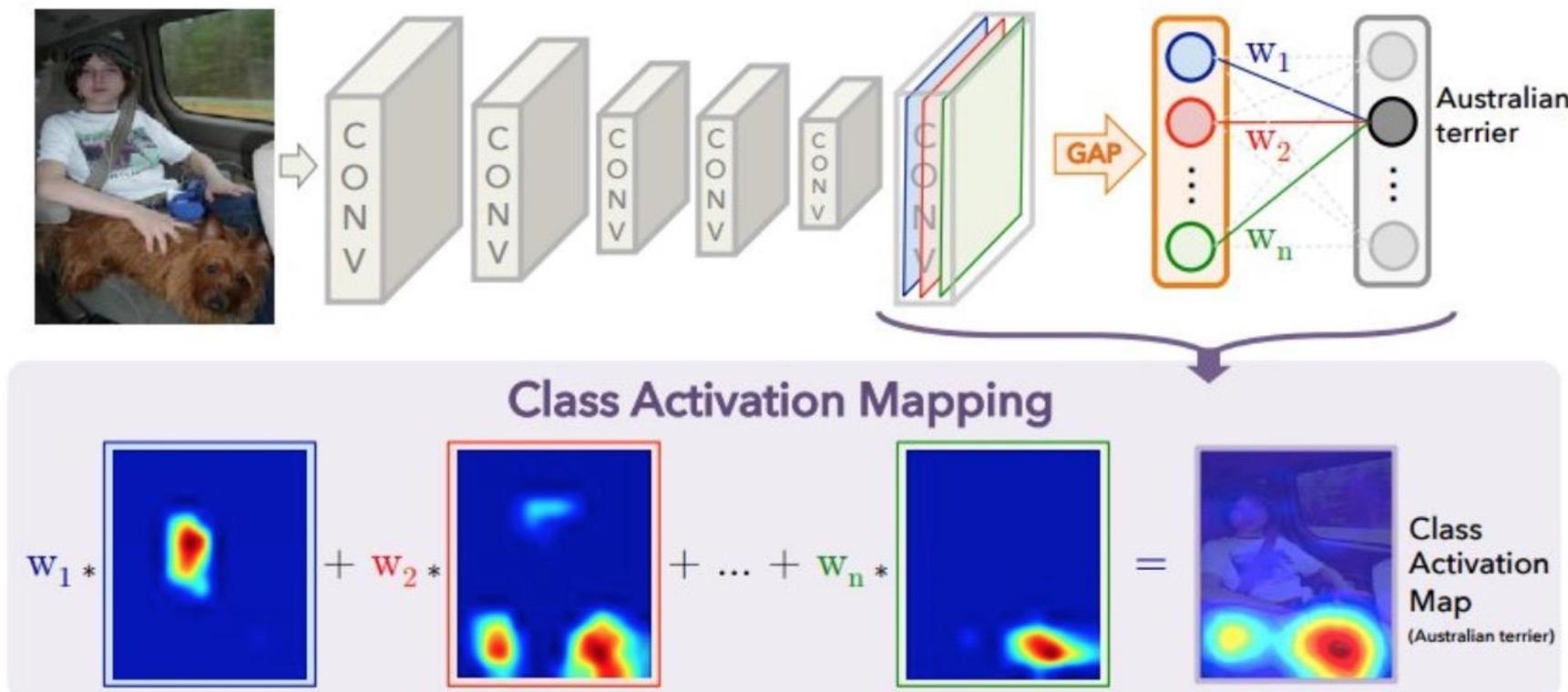
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# Identifying image regions that influence classification result

**Global Average Pooling:** Average all the pixels in the last feature map to produce a flat vector, then feed that through a linear layer to produce class logits

- A weighted sum of the last feature maps, according to the weights of the linear layer, localizes the region that leads to the classification

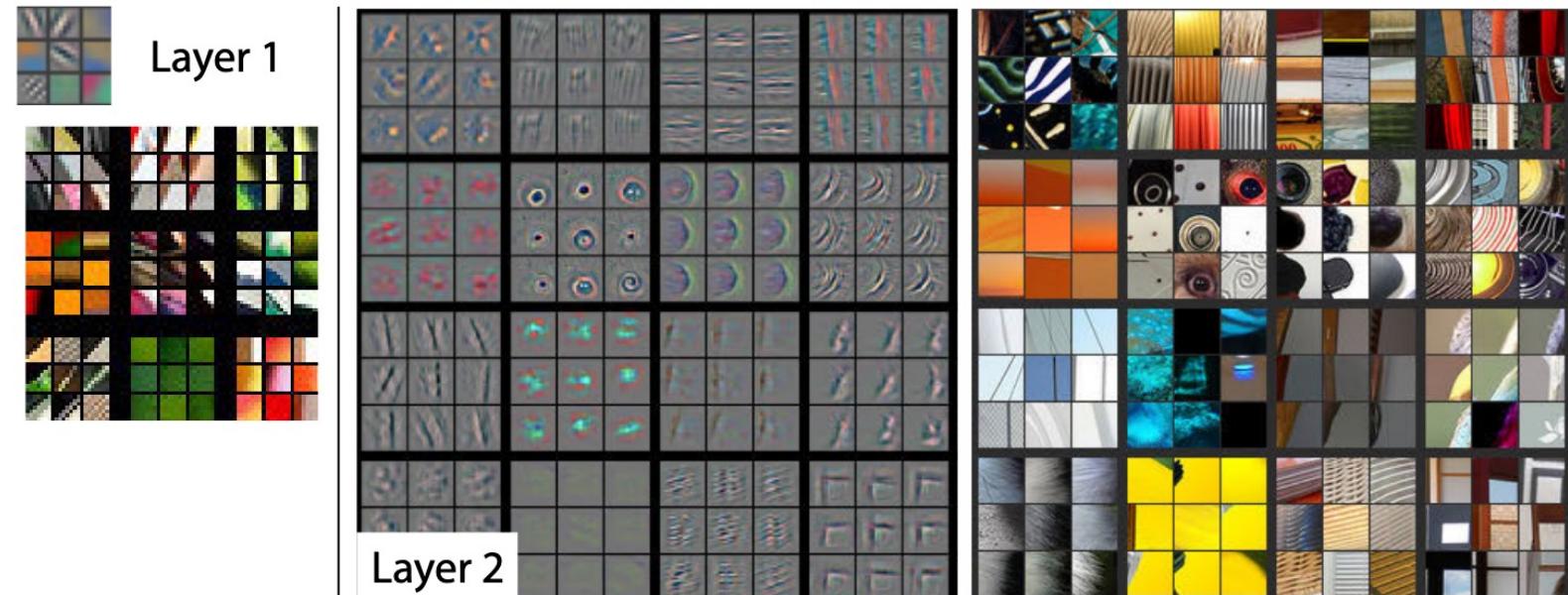
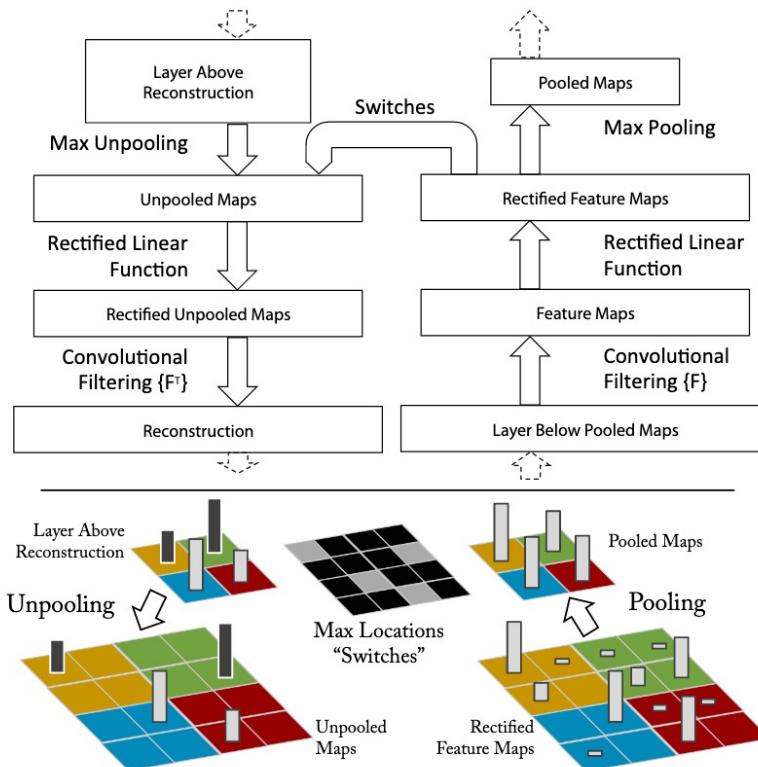


# Deconvolution

Map filter activations back to the input pixel space, showing what input pattern originally caused a given activation in the feature maps.

Perform this mapping with a [Deconvolutional Network](#) (decovnet).

Decovnet: a convnet model that uses the same components (filtering, pooling) but in reverse, so instead of mapping pixels to features it does the opposite.



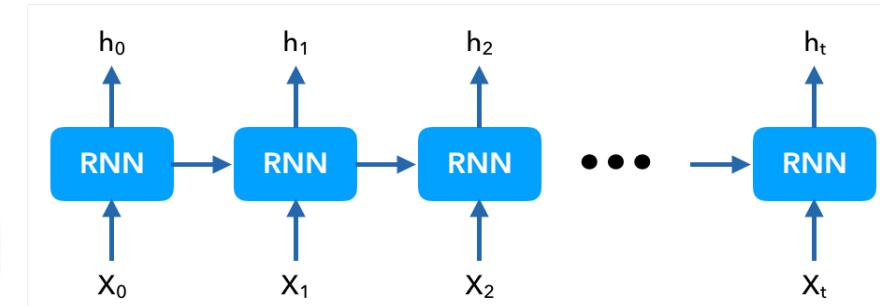
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Cell that turns on inside quotes:

" You mean to imply that I have nothing to eat out of.... On the contrary, I can supply you with everything even if you want to give dinner parties," warmly replied Chichagov, who tried by every word he spoke to prove his own rectitude and therefore imagined Kutuzov to be animated by the same desire.

Kutuzov, shrugging his shoulders, replied with his subtle penetrating smile: "I meant merely to say what I said."

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Cell that robustly activates inside if statements:

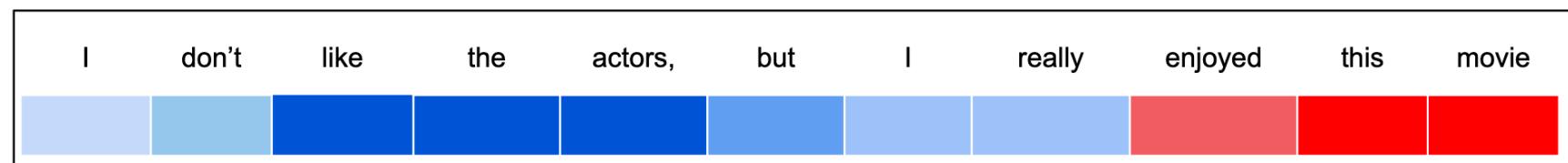
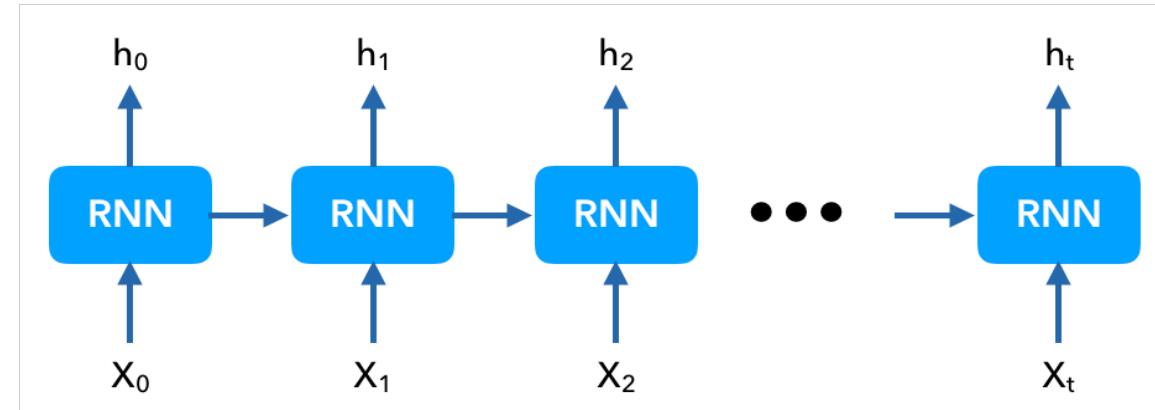
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    siginfo_t *info)  
{  
    int sig = next_signal(pending, mask);  
    if (sig) {  
        if (current->notifier) {  
            if (sigismember(current->notifier_mask, sig)) {  
                if (!(current->notifier)(current->notifier_data)) {  
                    clear_thread_flag(TIF_SIGPENDING);  
                    return 0;  
                }  
            }  
        }  
        collect_signal(sig, pending, info);  
    }  
    return sig;  
}
```

Note that in most cases, very few cells (~5%) respond to interpretable patterns like this



# Temporal output (RNNs)

Track the prediction of the RNN for one hidden unit at a time



■ = negative sentiment

■ = positive sentiment

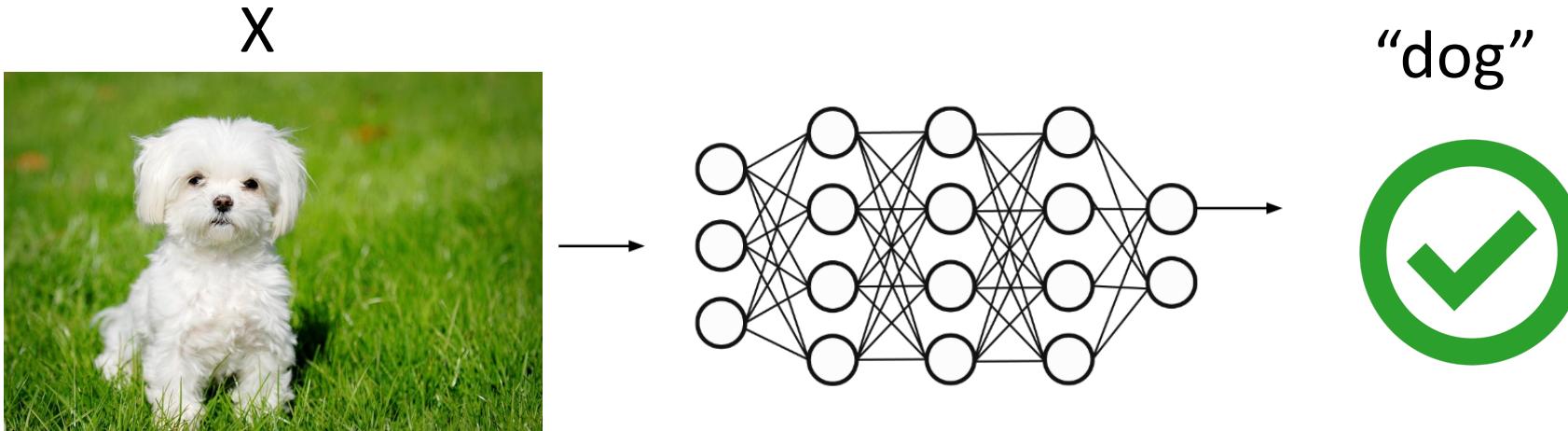
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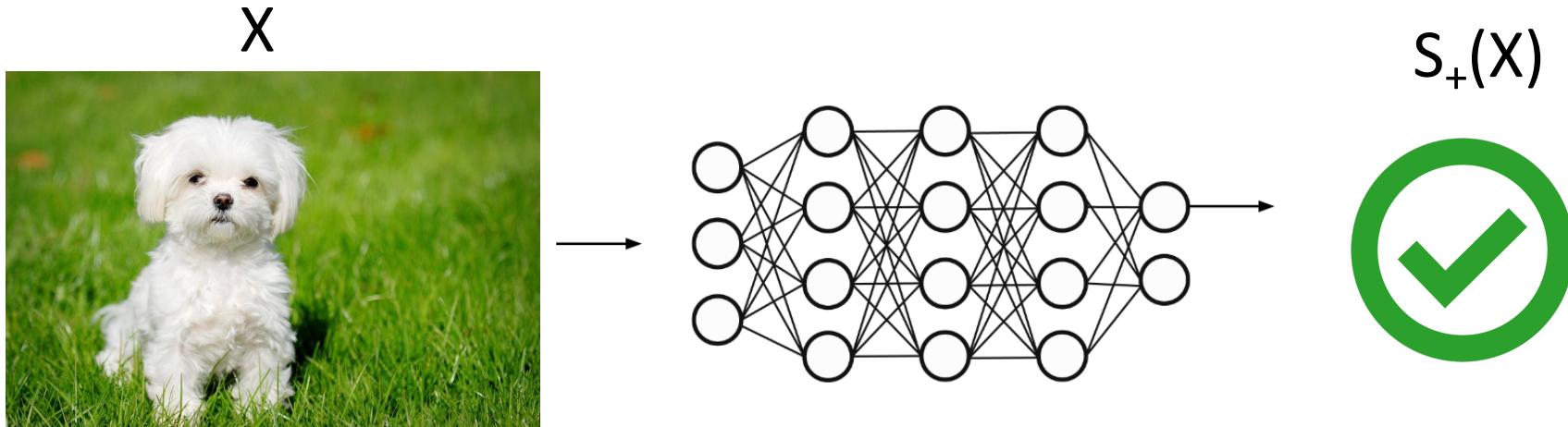
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# Saliency maps



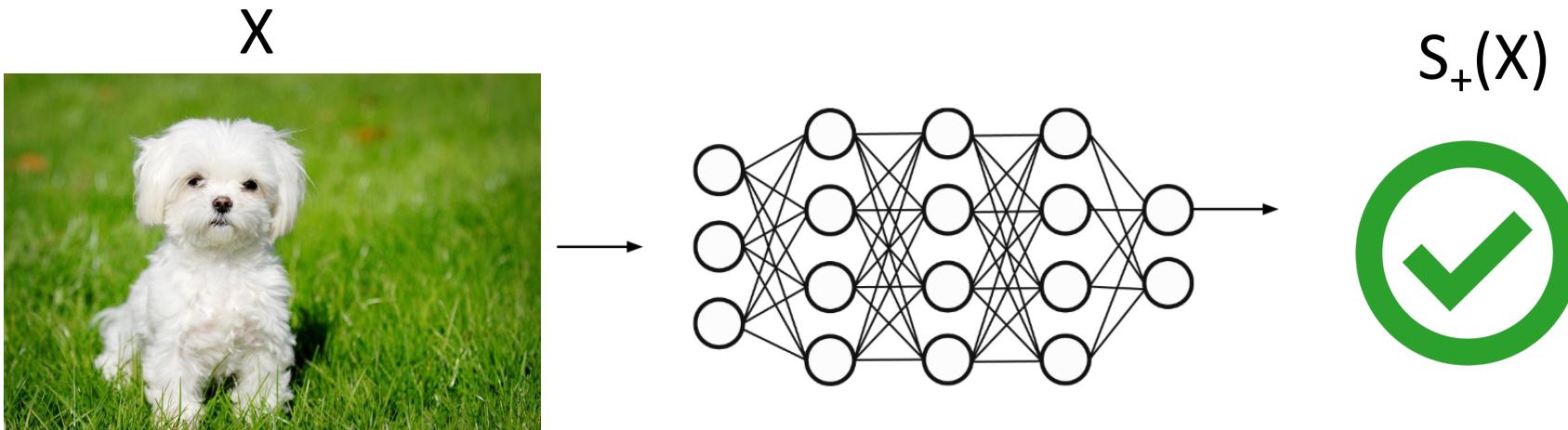
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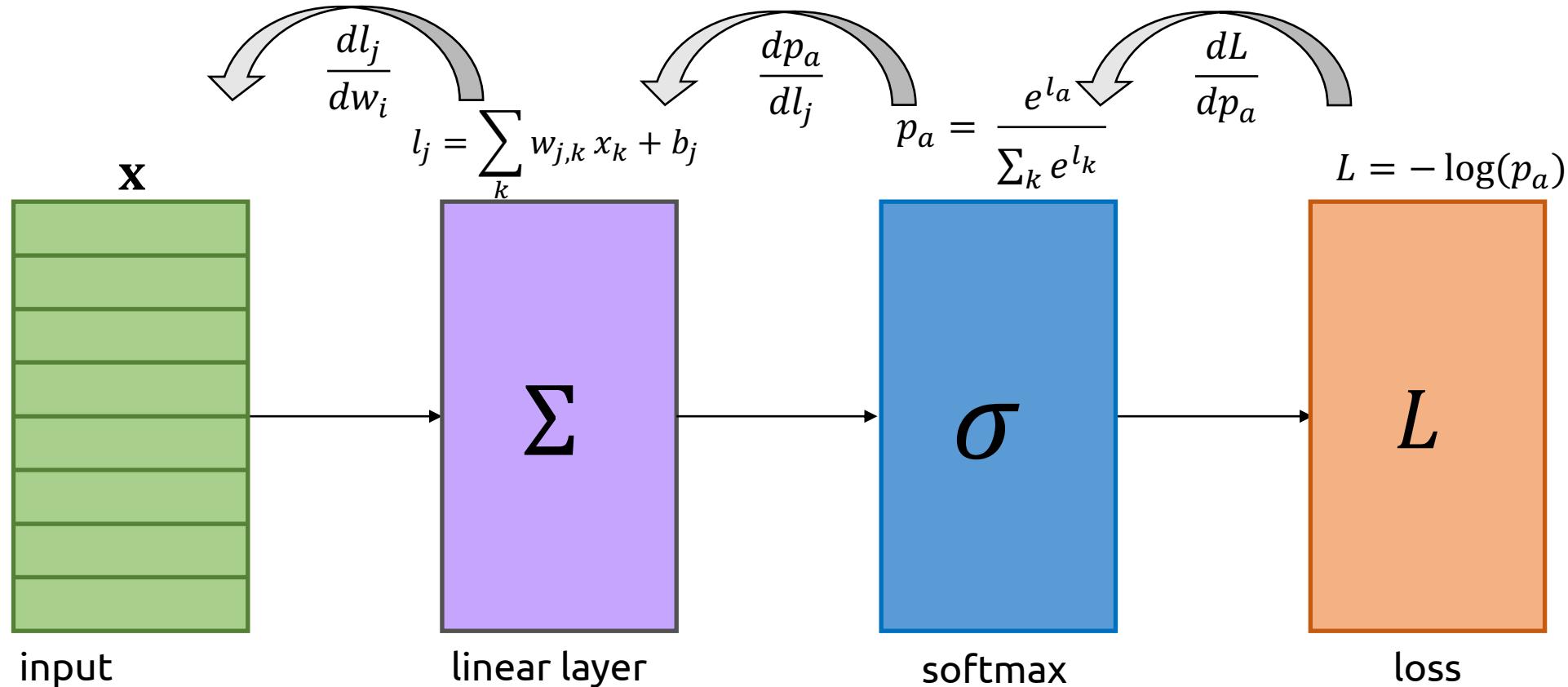
$$w = \frac{\partial S_+}{\partial X} \Big|_{X_0} = \text{"saliency map"}$$

How can we calculate this gradient?

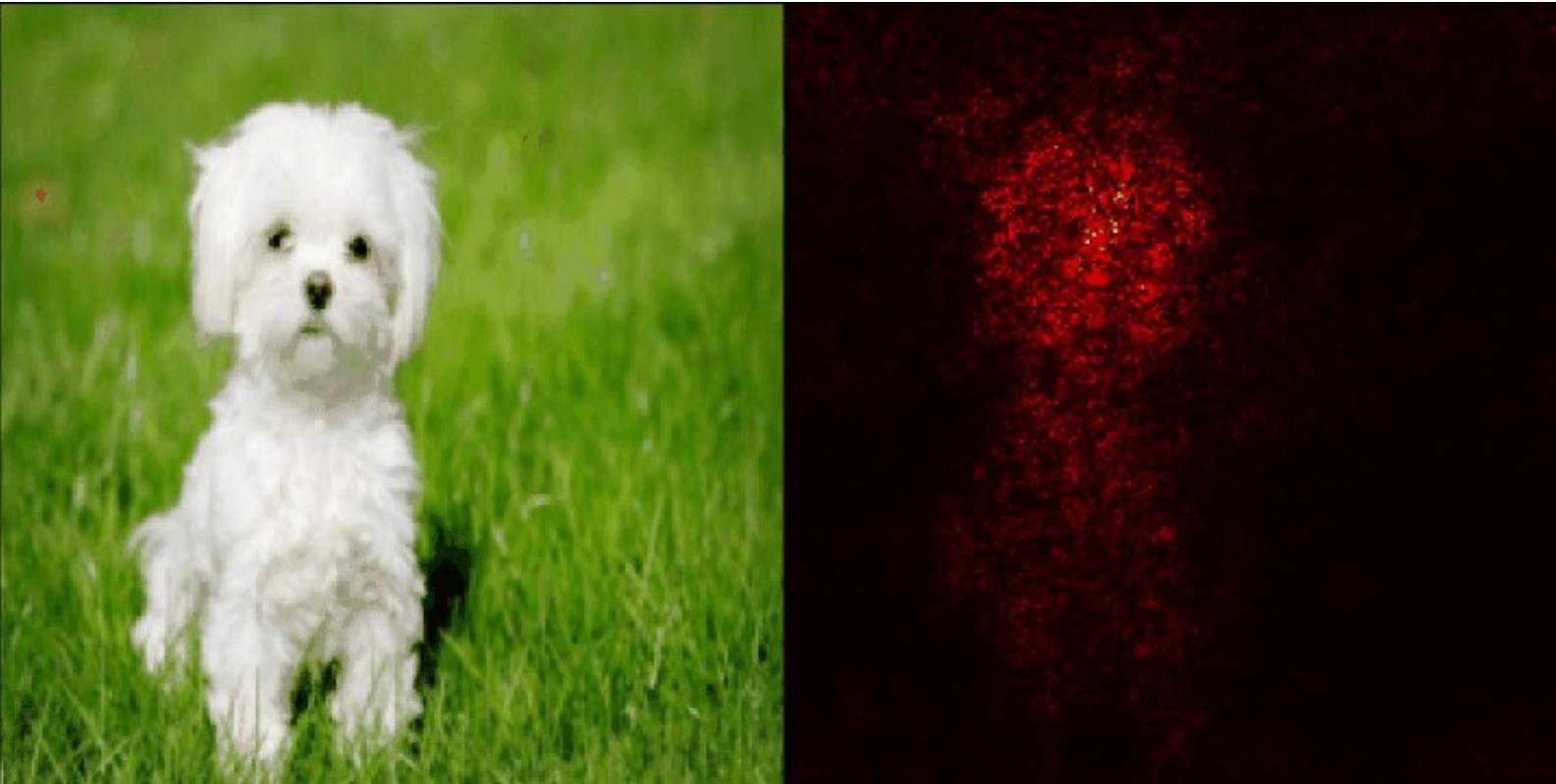
# Backpropagation is back!

How do we change this?

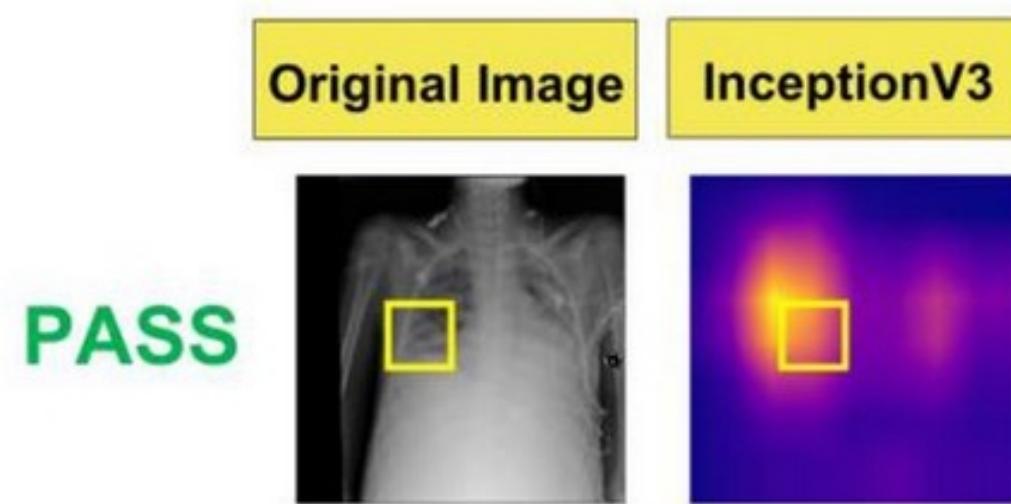
$$\Delta w_{j,i} = -\alpha \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{j,i}} = -\alpha \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial p_a} \cdot \frac{\partial p_a}{\partial l_j} \cdot \frac{\partial l_j}{\partial w_{j,i}}$$



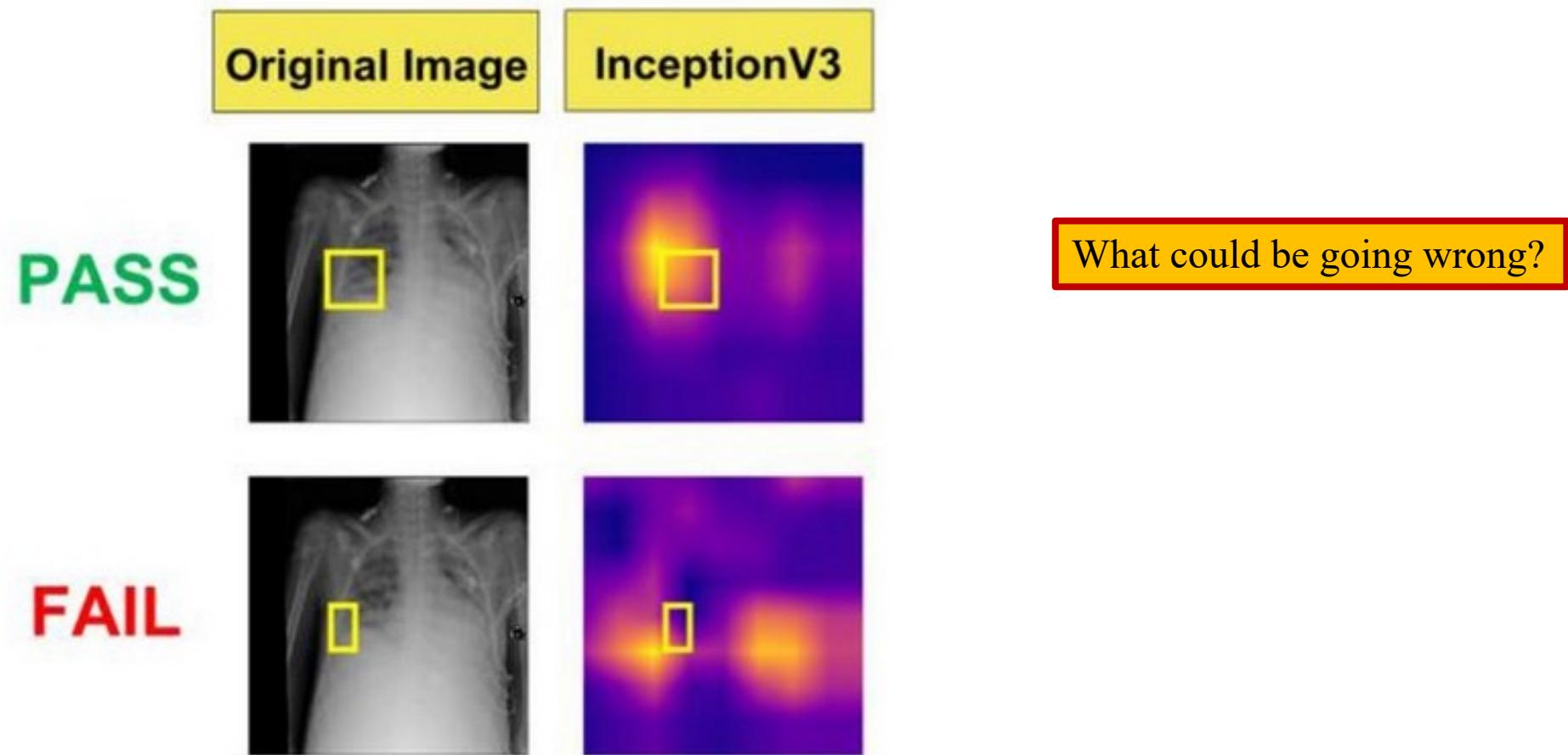
# Saliency maps work well



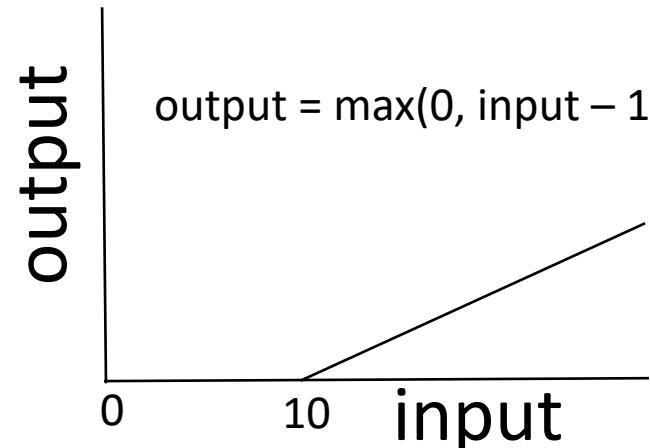
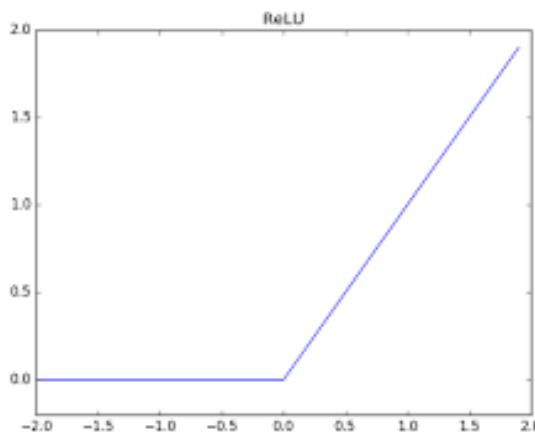
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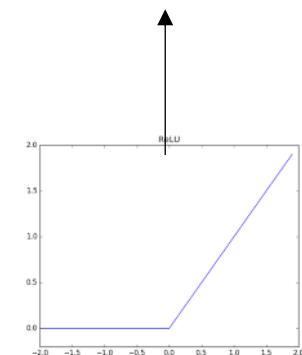
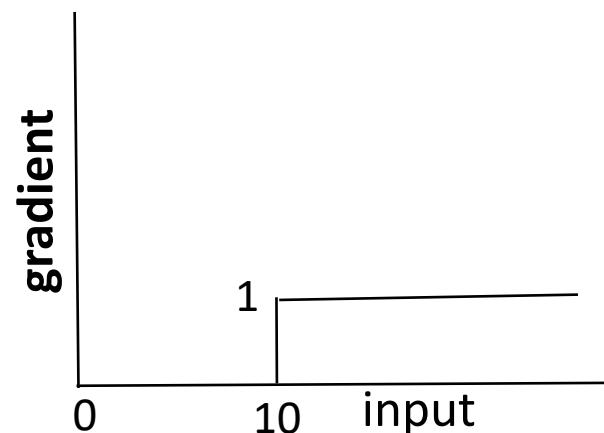
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# Backpropagation through activation functions



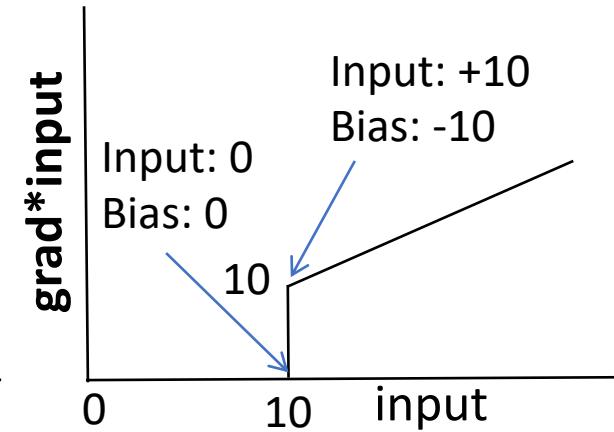
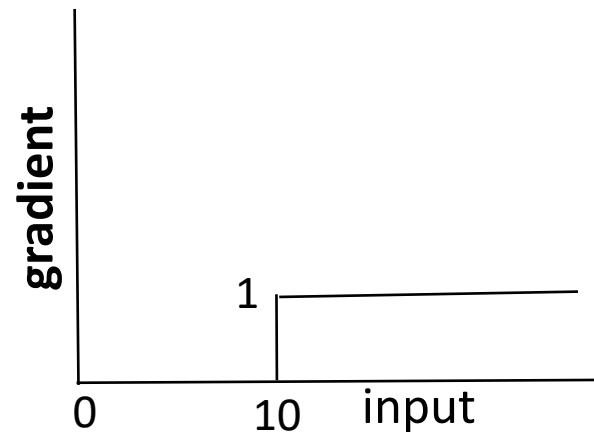
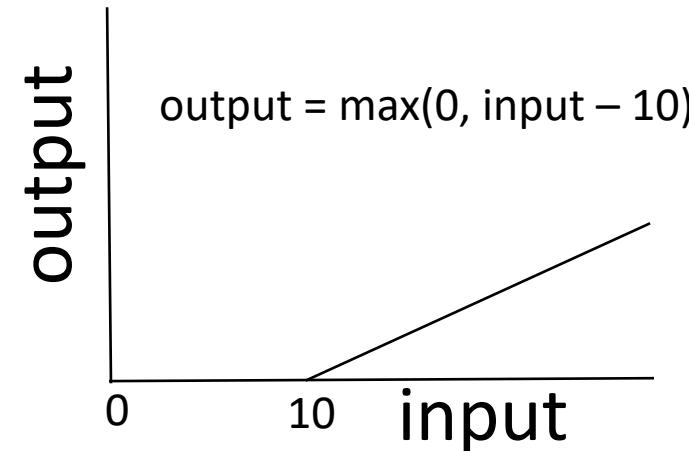
Thresholding problem



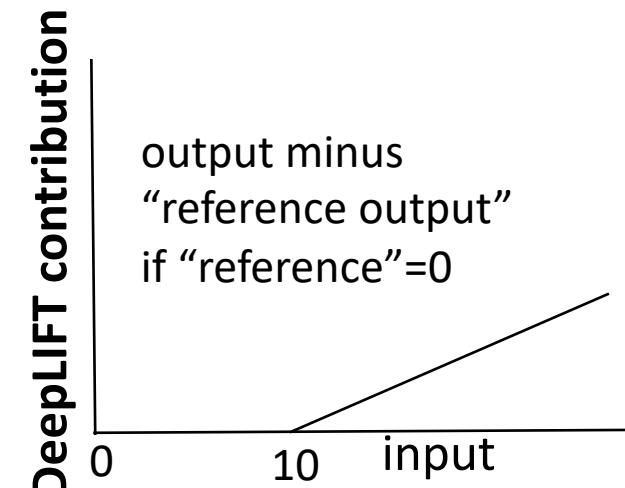
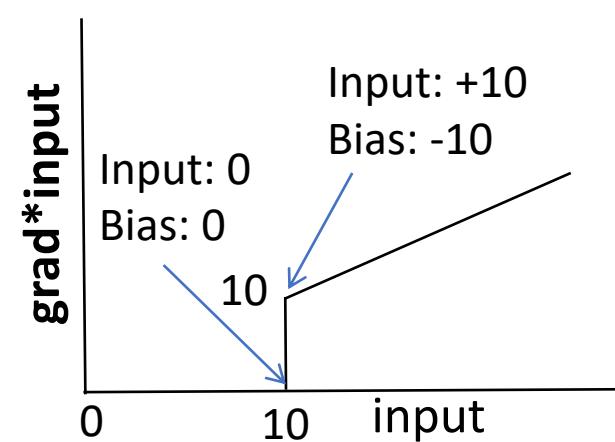
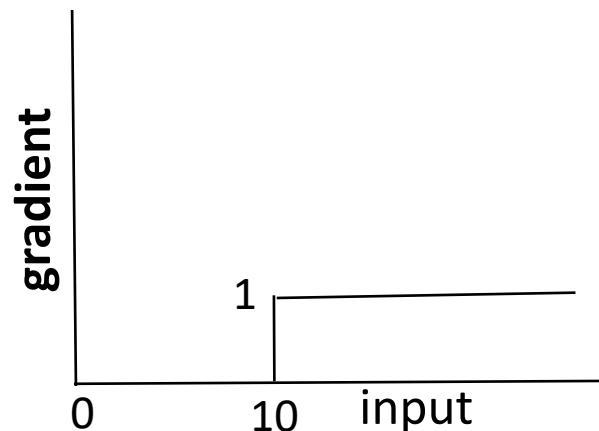
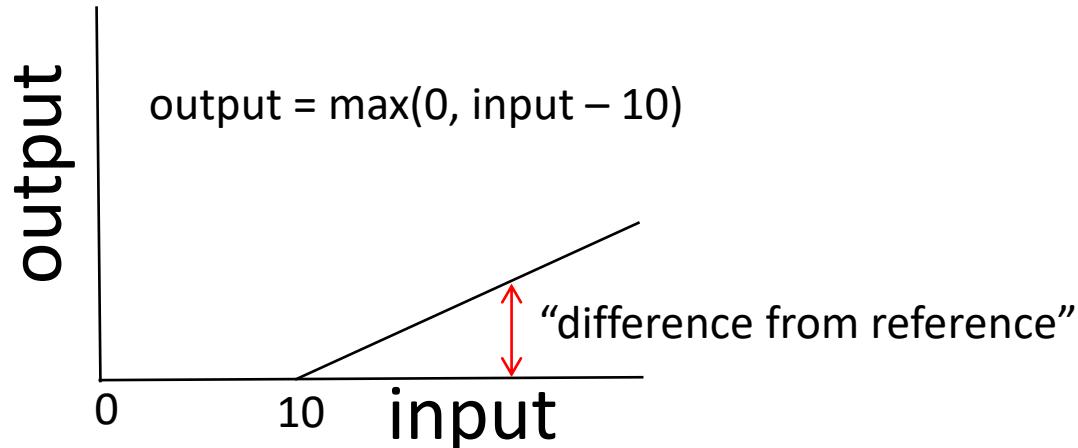
Any questions?



# Gradient \* Input



# Solves thresholding problem



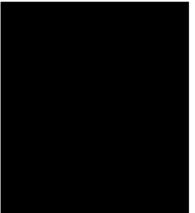
# Integrated gradients

Input image



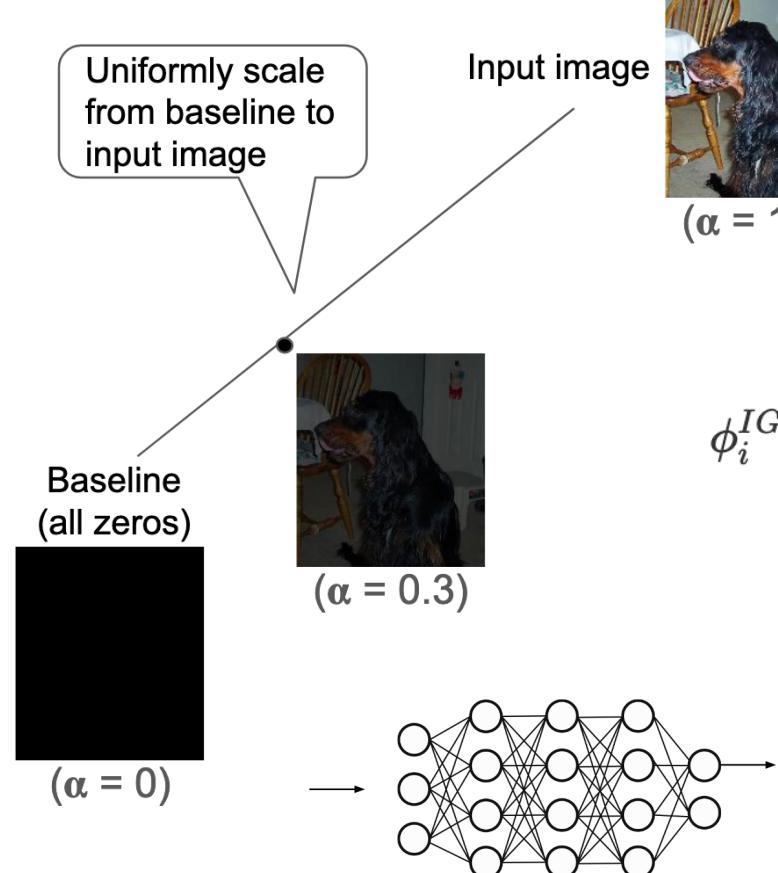
( $\alpha = 1$ )

Baseline  
(all zeros)



( $\alpha = 0$ )

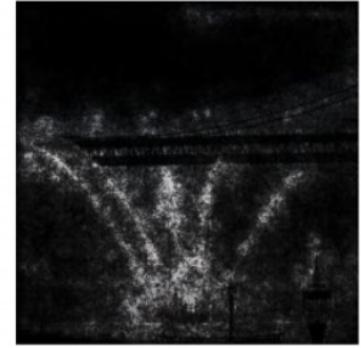
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Original image



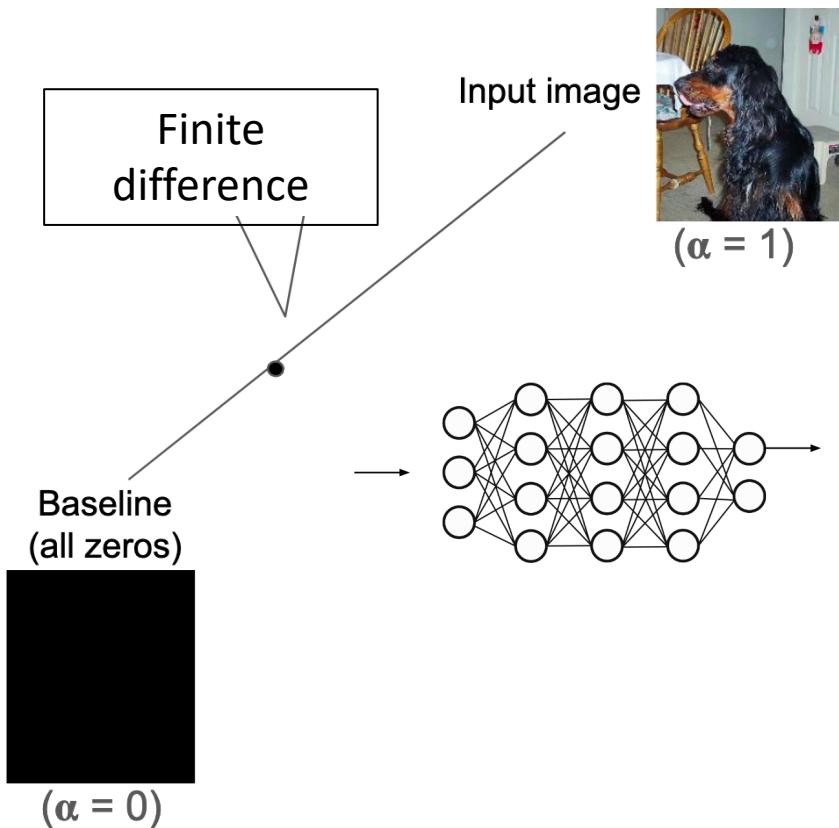
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$$\phi_i^{IG}(f, x, x') = \underbrace{(x_i - x'^i)}_{\text{Difference from baseline}} \times \underbrace{\int_{\alpha=0}^1 \frac{\delta f(x' + \alpha(x - x'))}{\delta x_i} d\alpha}_{\text{From baseline to input...}}$$

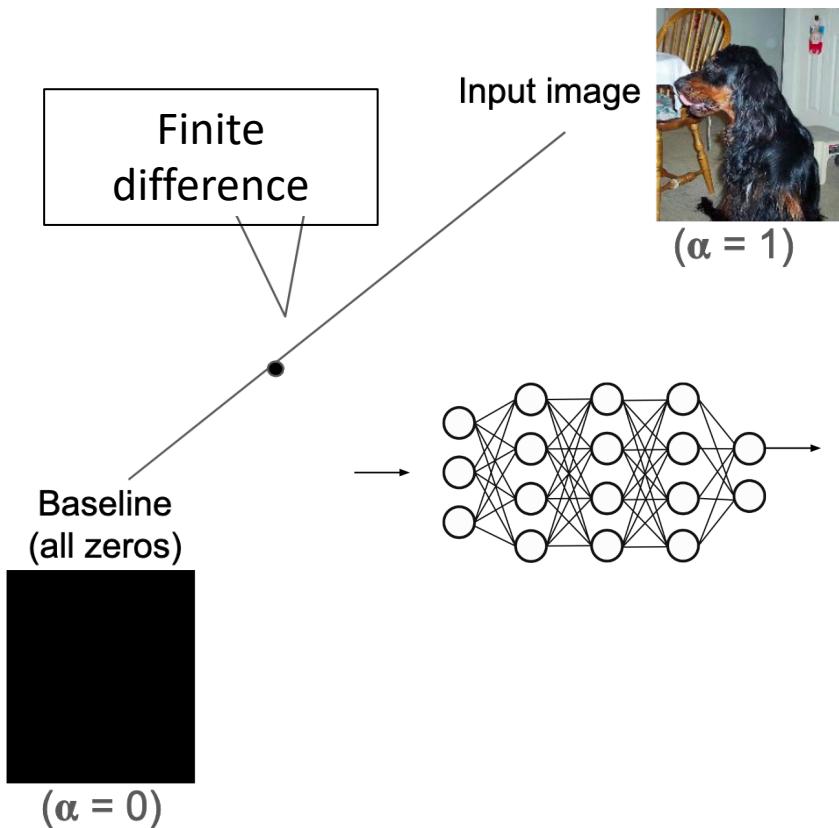
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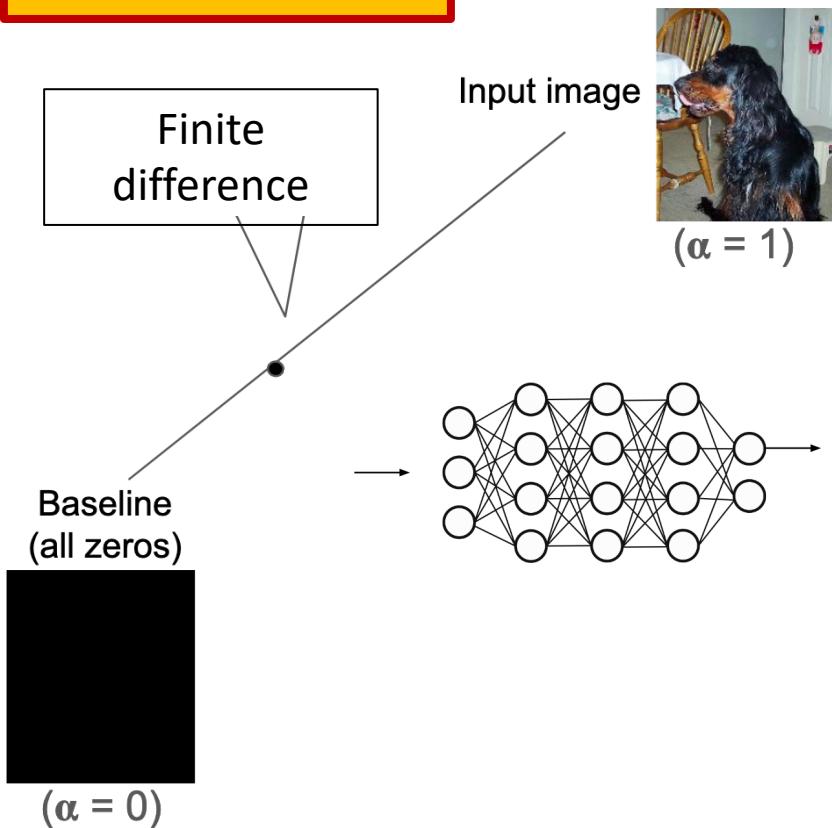
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- “Blame”  $\Delta t$  on  $\Delta x_1 \dots \Delta x_n$
- Assign contributions  $C_{\Delta x_i \Delta t}$  such that:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n C_{\Delta x_i \Delta t} = \Delta t$$

shap.DeepExplainer

`class shap.DeepExplainer(model, data, session=None, learning_phase_flags=None)`



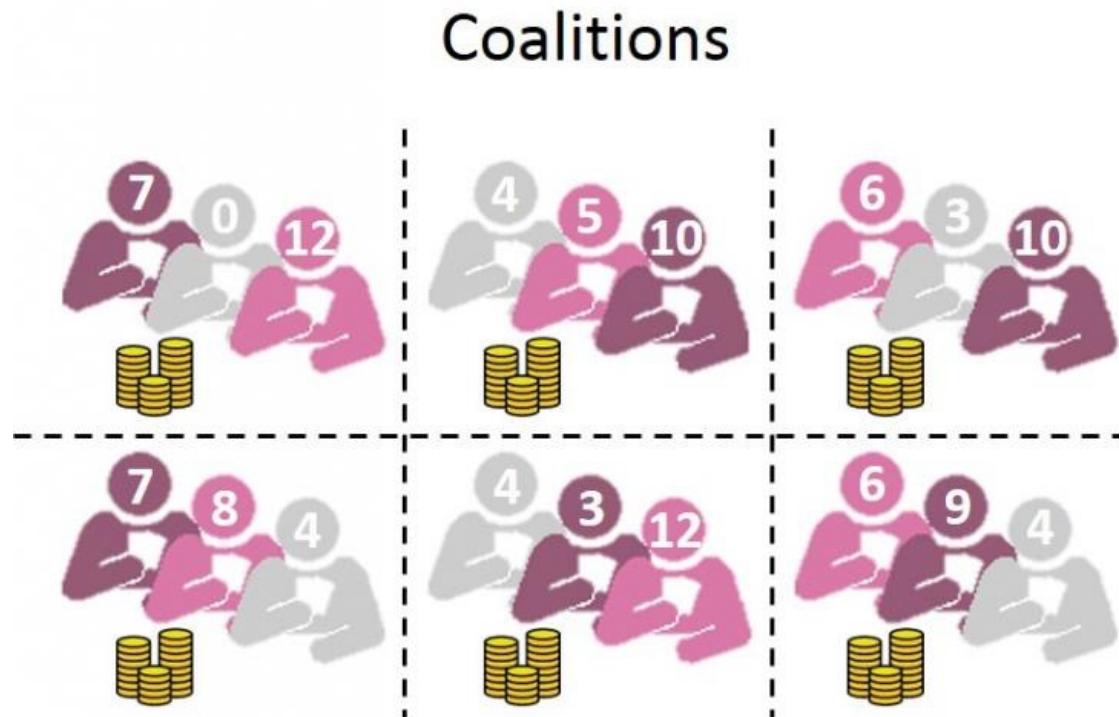
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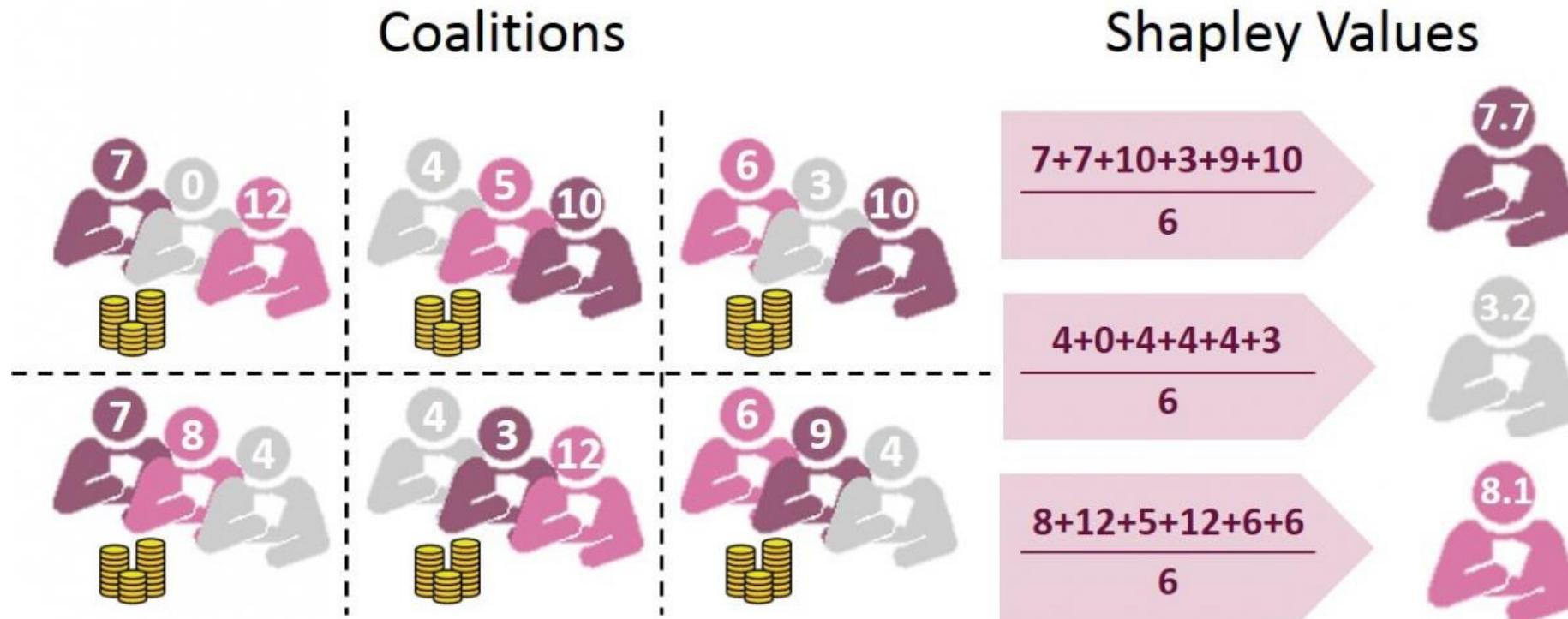
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Shapley value not only considers the ability of each member, but also takes into account the cooperation among the members.

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Next time!

# Recap

Model architecture based

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RNNs (Cell mapping, temporal output)

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