

AI technology – part 1

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Artificial superintelligence

Artificial general
intelligence



Artificial narrow
intelligence

Sparks of Artificial General Intelligence: Early experiments with GPT-4

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Abstract

Artificial intelligence (AI) researchers have been developing and refining large language models (LLMs) that exhibit remarkable capabilities across a variety of domains and tasks, challenging our understanding of learning and cognition. The latest model developed by OpenAI, GPT-4 [Ope23], was trained using an unprecedented scale of compute and data. In this paper, we report on our investigation of an early version of GPT-4, when it was still in active development by OpenAI. We contend that (this early version of) GPT-4 is part of a new cohort of LLMs (along with ChatGPT and Google’s PaLM for example) that exhibit more general intelligence than previous AI models. We discuss the rising capabilities and implications of these models. We demonstrate that, beyond its mastery of language, GPT-4 can solve novel and difficult tasks that span mathematics, coding, vision, medicine, law, psychology and more, without needing any special prompting. Moreover, in all of these tasks, GPT-4’s performance is strikingly close to human-level performance, and often vastly surpasses prior models such as ChatGPT. Given the breadth and depth of GPT-4’s capabilities, we believe that it could reasonably be viewed as an early (yet still incomplete) version of an artificial general intelligence (AGI) system. In our exploration of GPT-4, we put special emphasis on discovering its limitations, and we discuss the challenges ahead for advancing towards deeper and more comprehensive versions of AGI, including the possible need for pursuing a new paradigm that moves beyond next-word prediction. We conclude with reflections on societal influences of the recent technological leap and future research directions.

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= Predicting a numerical value

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= Assigning to pre-defined groups

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Simplification

= Removing uninformative data

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Data generation

= Producing new data based on existing data

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Reasoning

= Making decisions or drawing conclusions based on available information and logic

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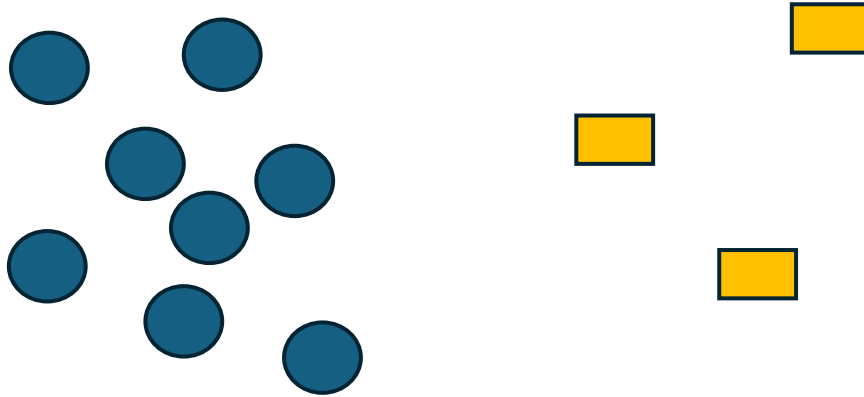
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Find examples

1. Regression
2. Clustering
3. Classification
4. Simplification
5. Data generation
6. Reasoning

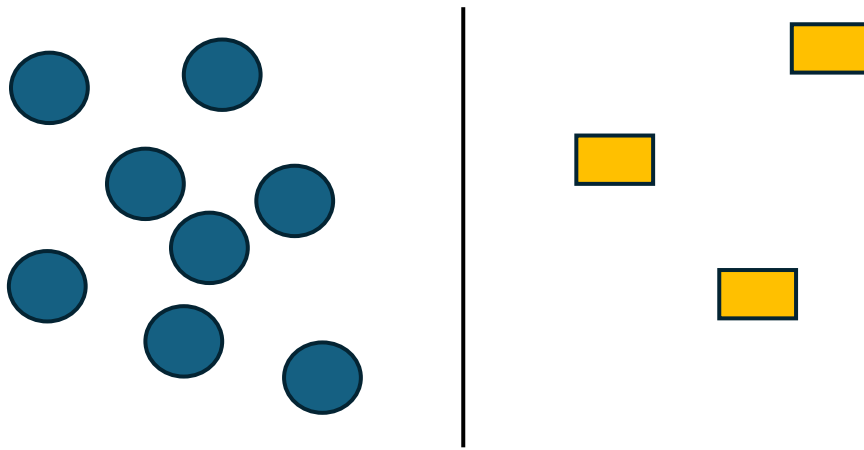
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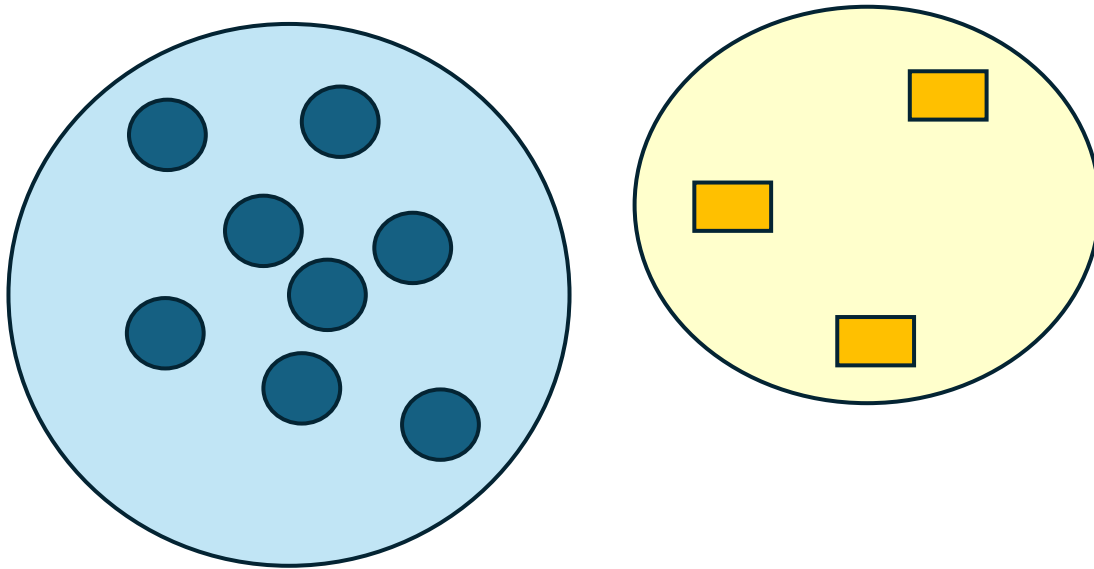
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Clustering

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Targeted pesticide spraying



Classification: pest identification

Reasoning: pesticide selection, flight course plotting

Regression: amount of pesticide, rotor speed

AI comes in many shapes

Rule-based systems

Decision tree

K-nearest neighbor

K-means clustering

Linear regression

Convolutional neural network

Transformer

Recurrent neural network

Graph neural network

Autoencoder

Generative adversarial network

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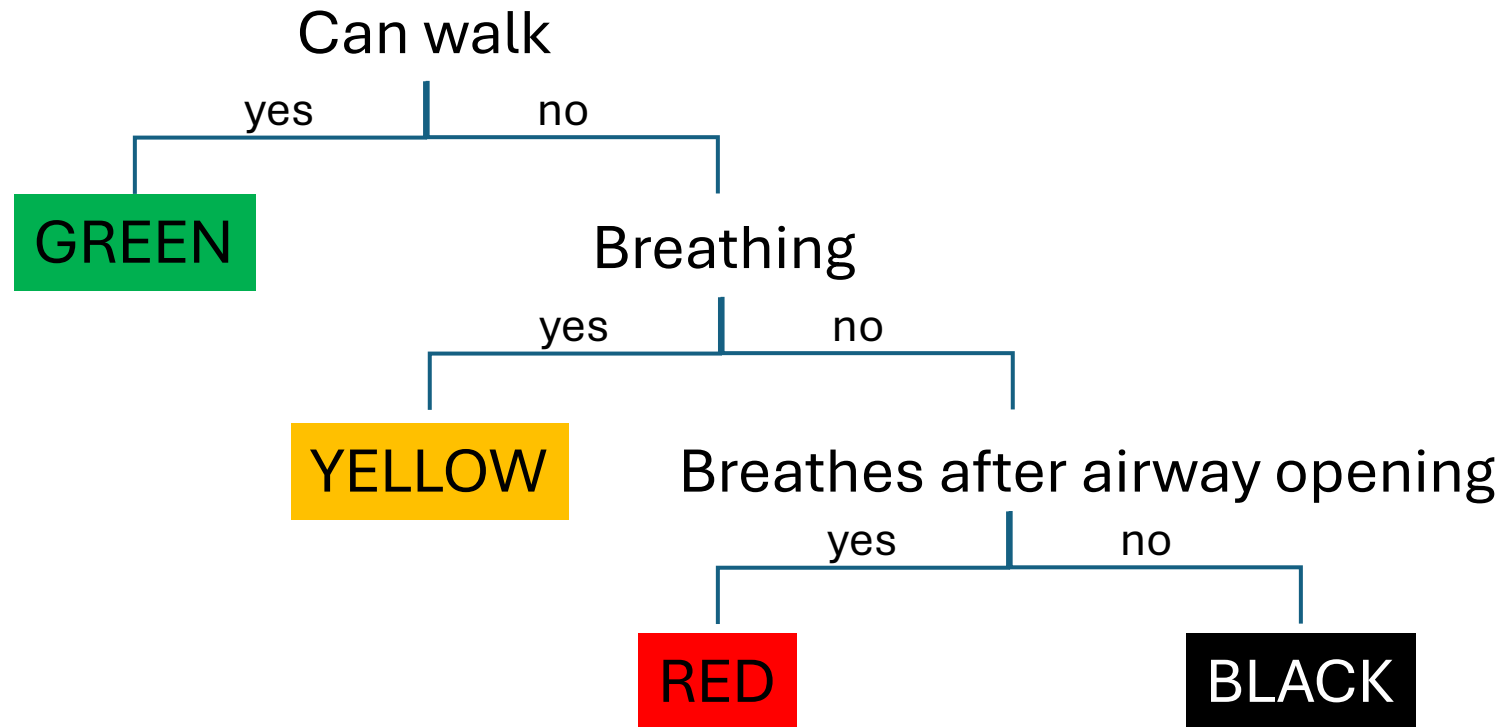
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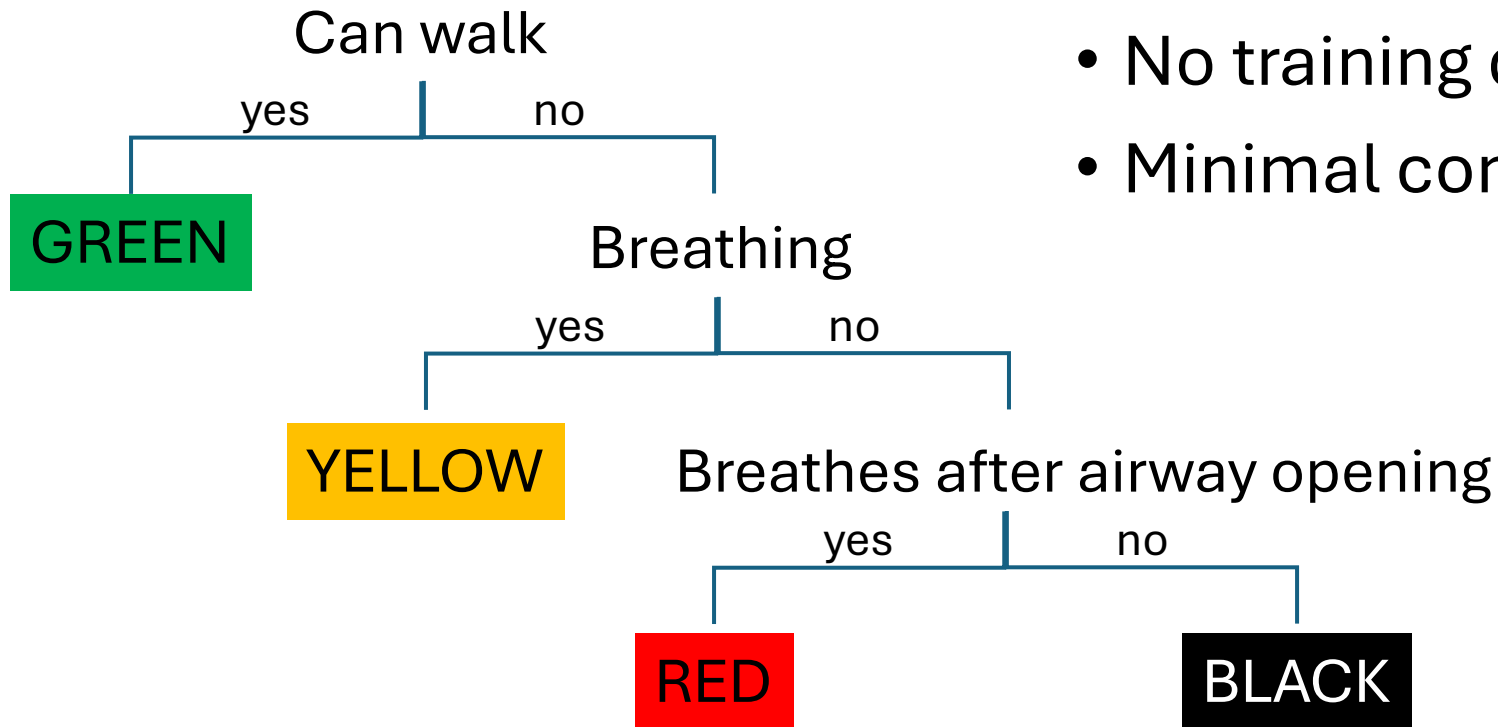
Generative adversarial network

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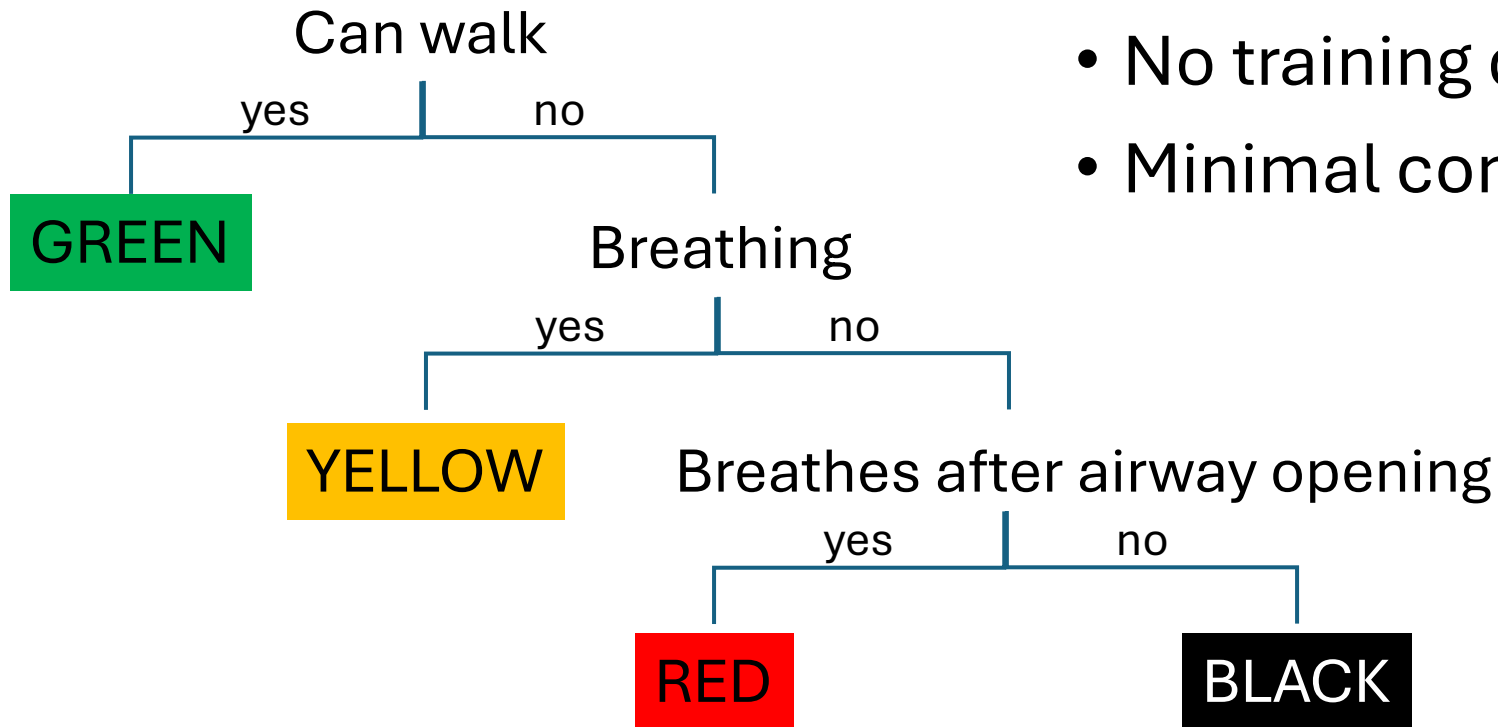
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**What if you
cannot
define the
rules?**

Machine learning
= learning from the data

AI can be trained in multiple ways

Supervised learning

Labeled data (x,y)

Defined target

Aim: mapping function $x \rightarrow y$

Common uses: regression,
classification

Unsupervised learning

Unlabeled data

No defined target

Aim: Learn structure of the data

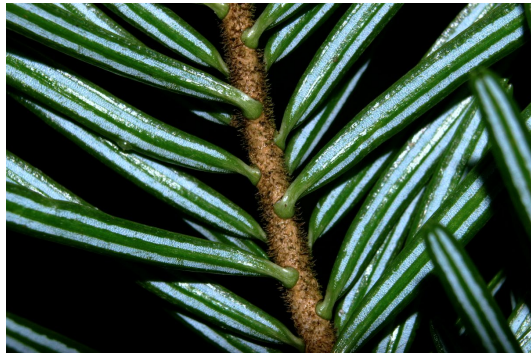
Common uses: clustering,
dimensionality reduction

Supervised learning



Oak

Unsupervised learning



Other ways to train AI

- **Semi-supervised learning:** learning from a mix of labeled and unlabeled data
- **Self-supervised learning:** learning from unlabeled data using pretext tasks for supervision
- **Reinforcement learning:** learning by rewarding/penalizing actions

Supervised or unsupervised?

- Predicting whether patient has COVID-19 from a CT scan of the lung
- Determining the severity grade of a tumor from histology images
- Clustering cells of similar shape from microscopy images
- Tracking bird flightpaths in a video
- Outlining areas of deforestation on satellite images
- Flagging blurry MRI images
- Finding unknown types of image corruption in a large dataset

Classical machine learning - examples

- **Decision trees:** like rule-based systems but algorithm creates the decision rules instead of human experts
- **K-nearest neighbor:** prediction based on k-most similar datapoints seen during training
- **K-means clustering:** data grouped into k clusters based on similarity
- **Linear regression:** models linear relationship between dependent variable and one or more independent variables (“fitting a line/hyperplane”)

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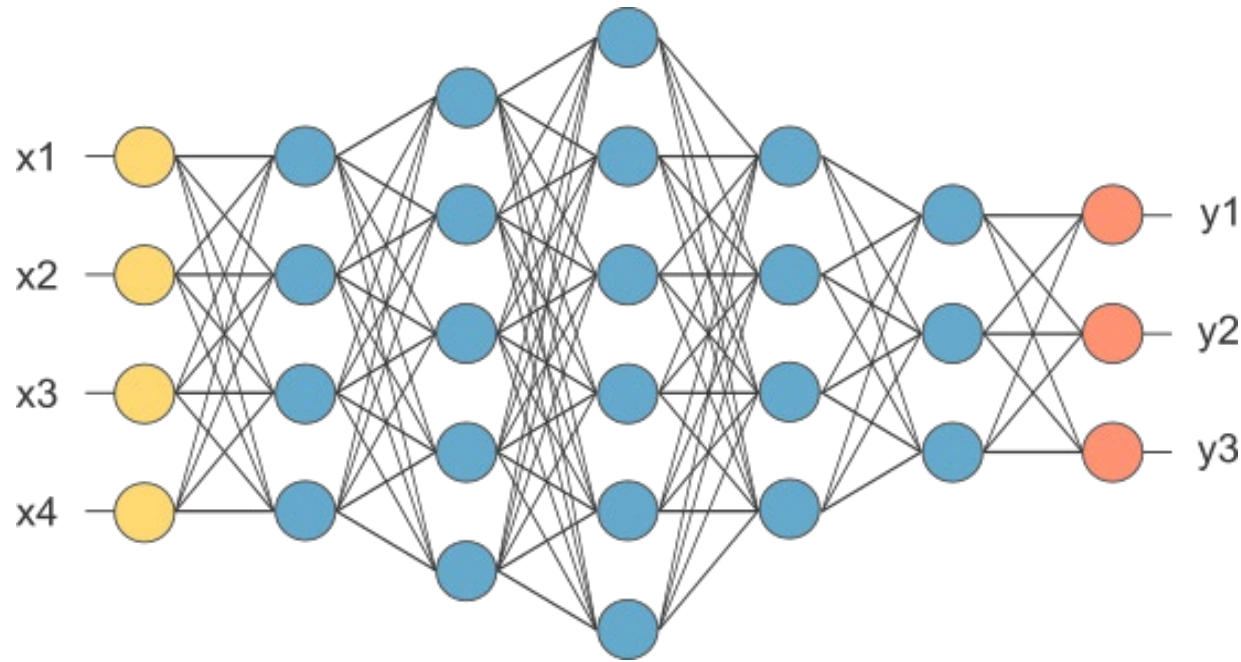
BUT:

often insufficient for complex tasks with unstructured data

→ Deep learning

What are deep neural
networks?

Deep neural networks are chains of interconnected mathematical operations

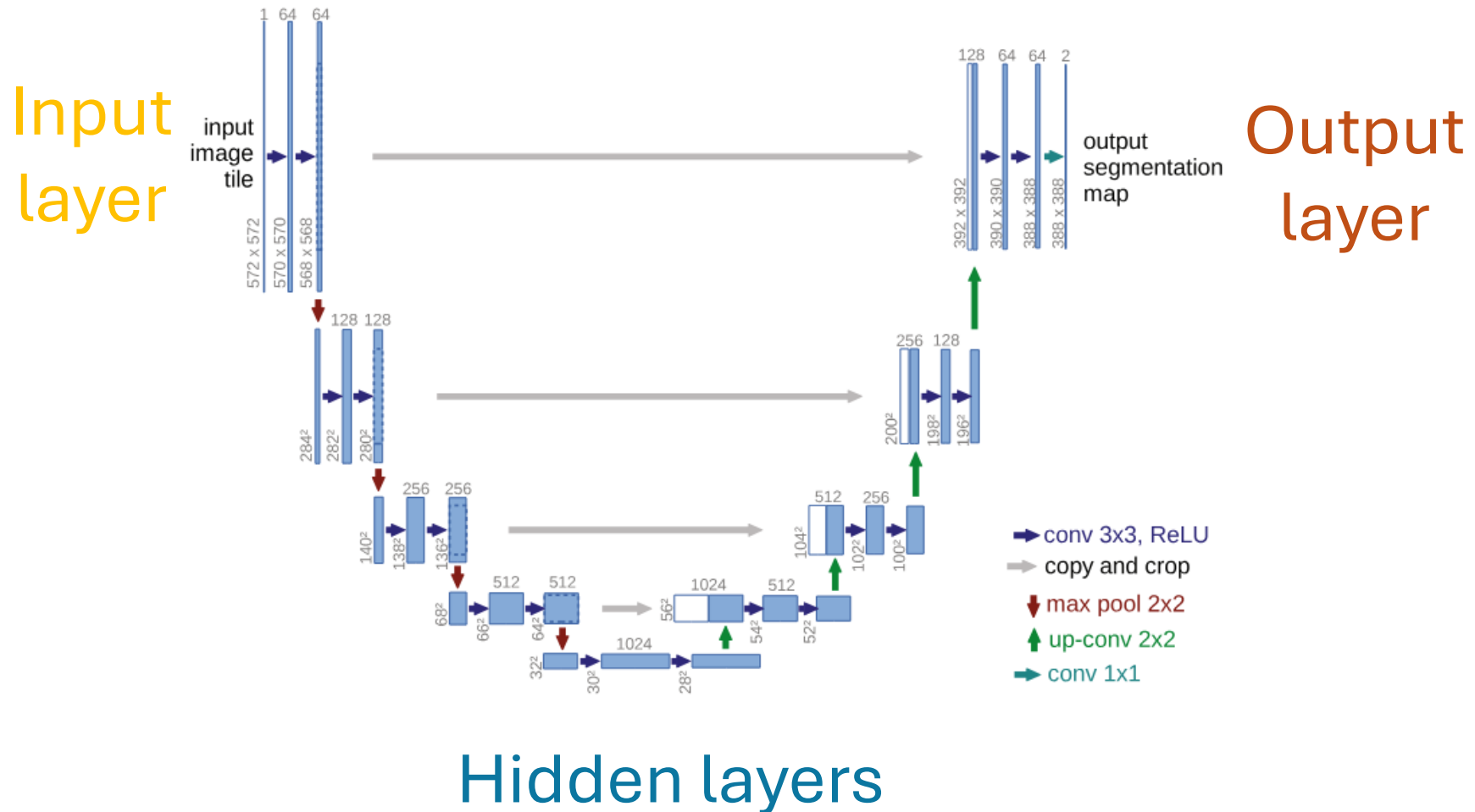


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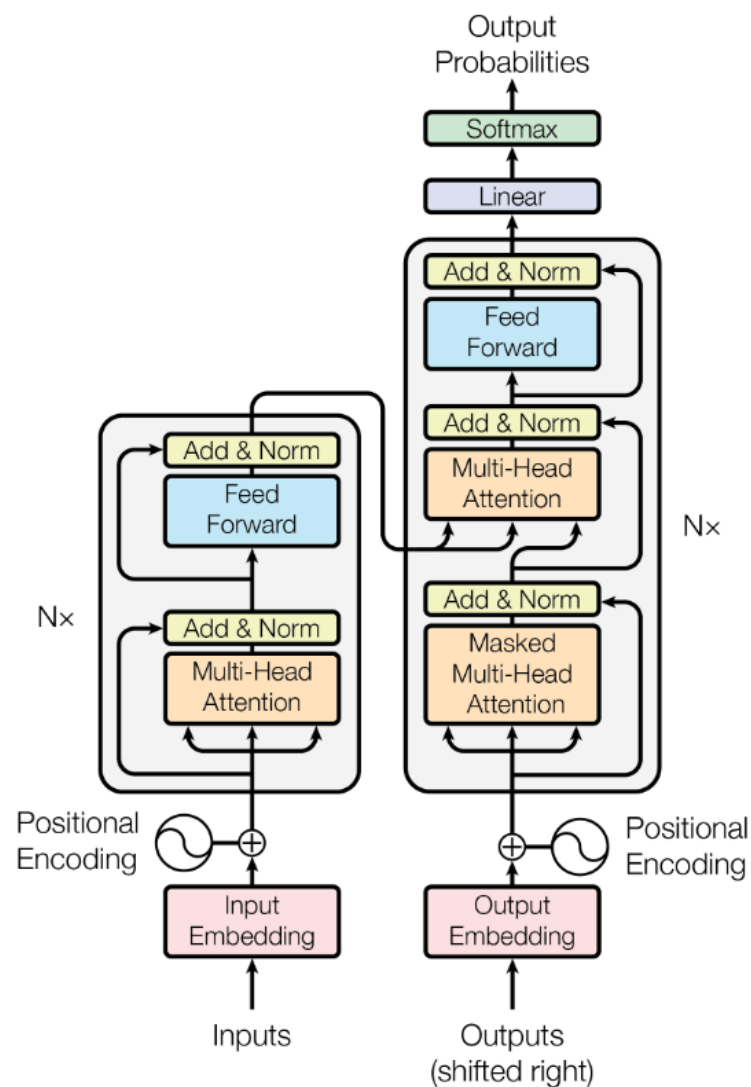
Hidden
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Output
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How we perceive the world

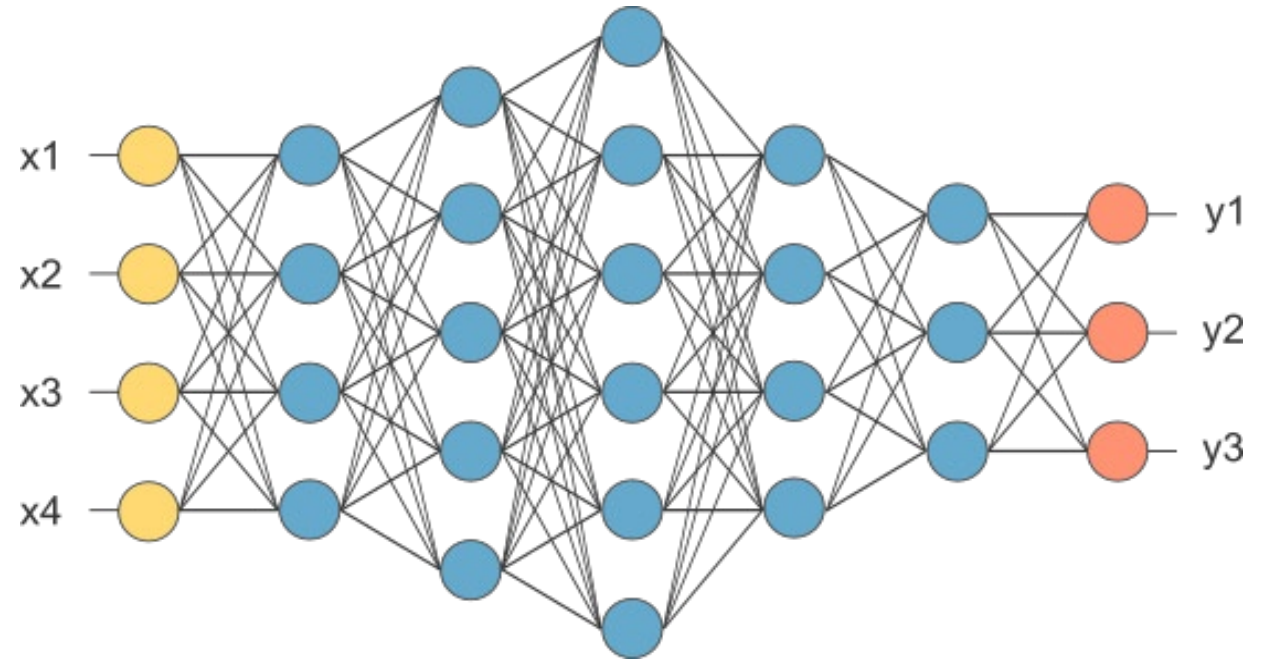
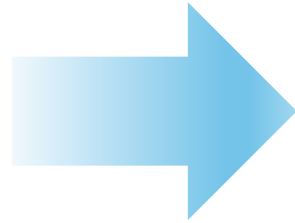


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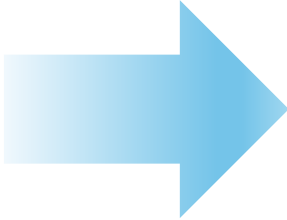
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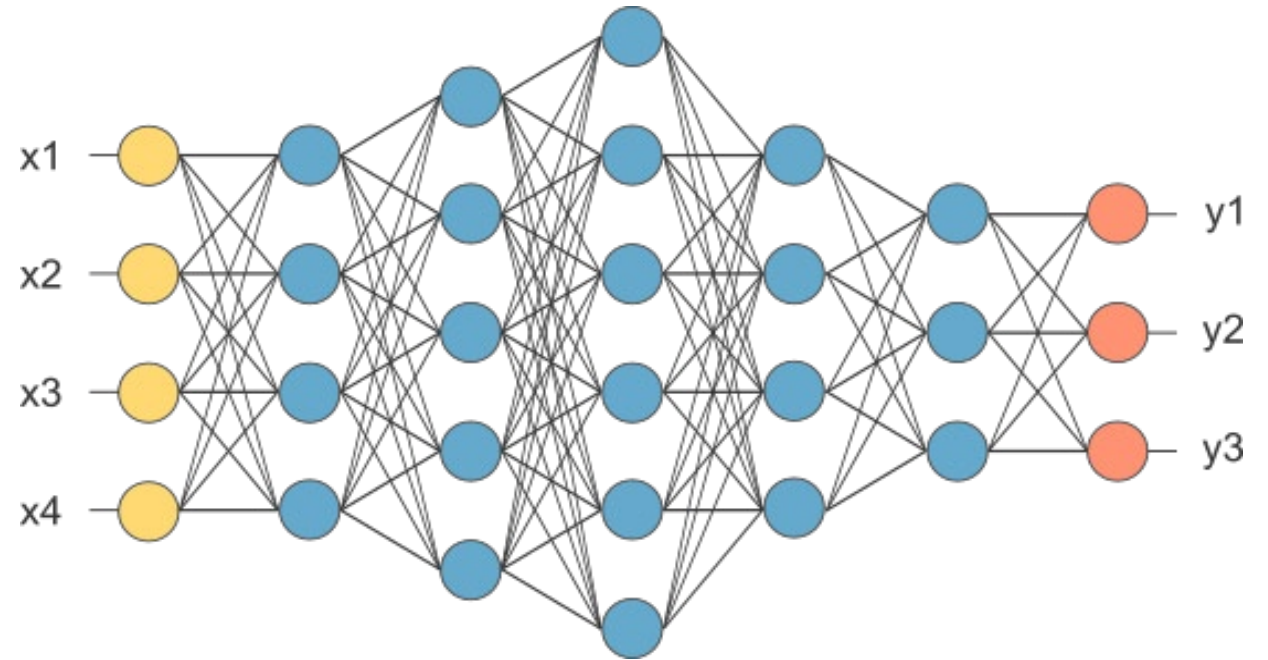
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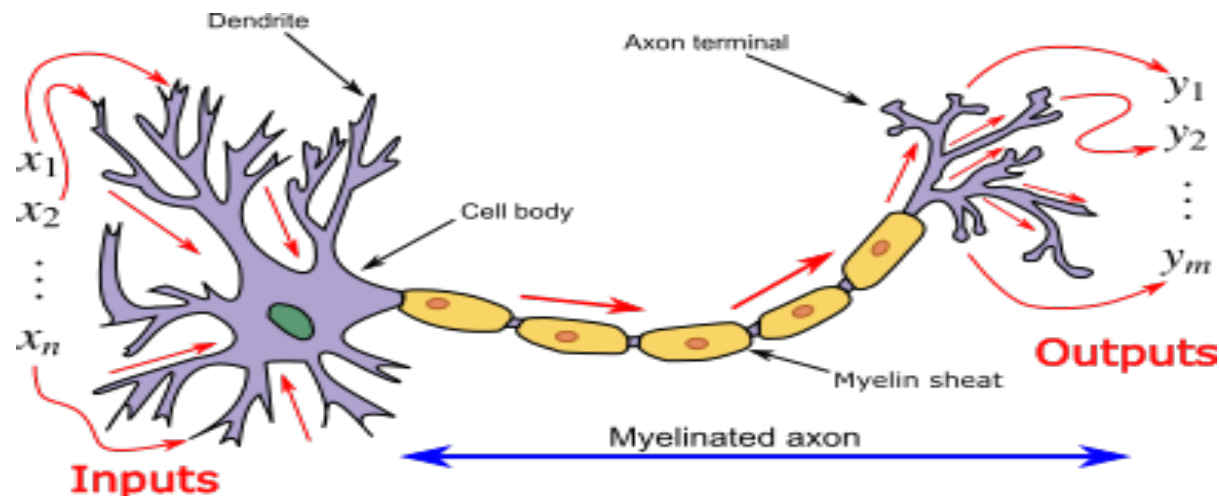
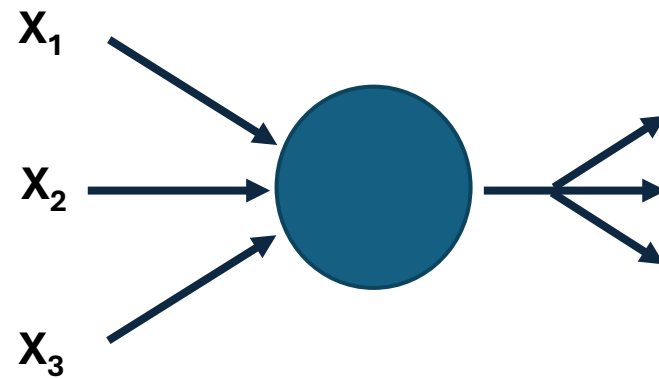
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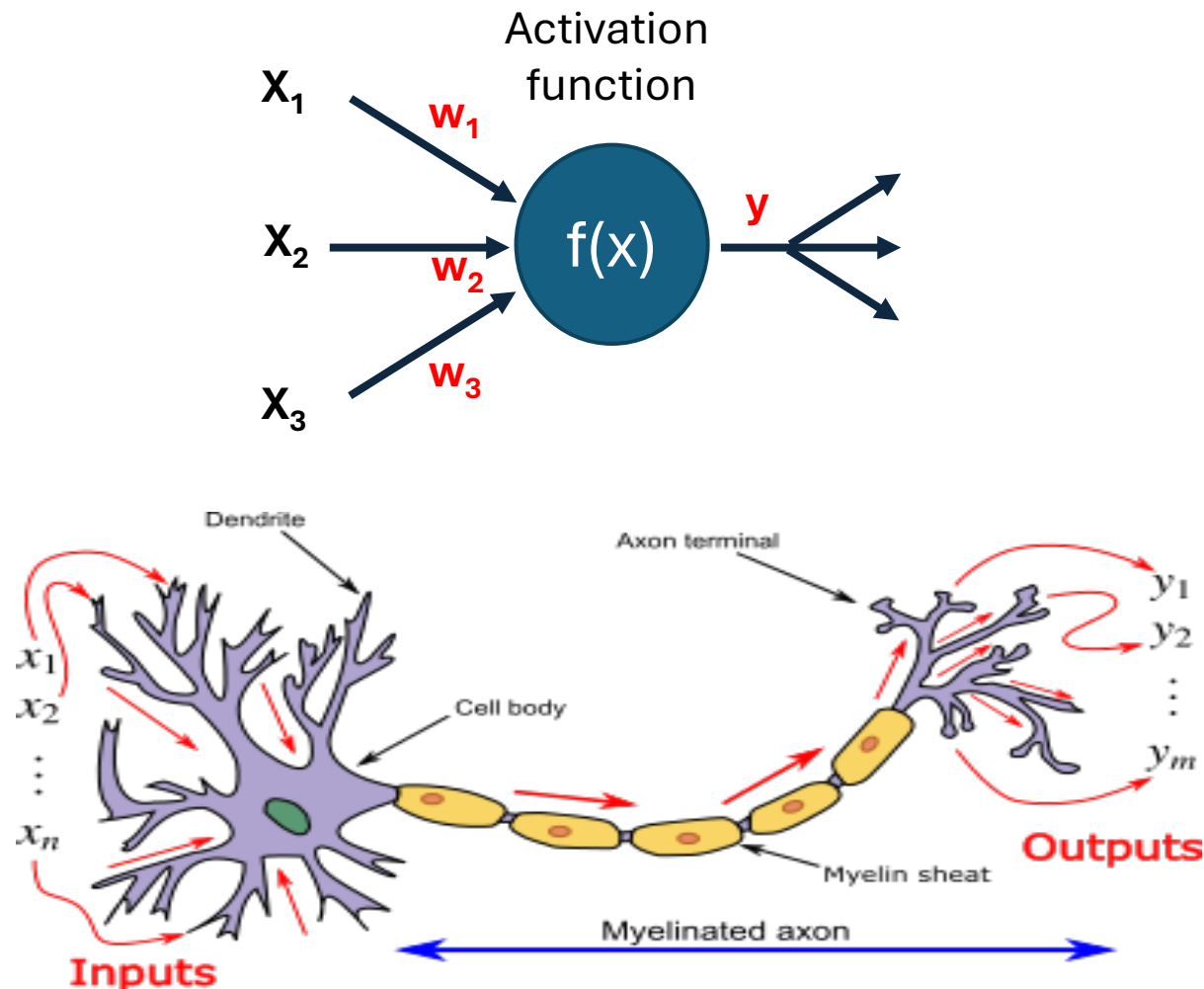
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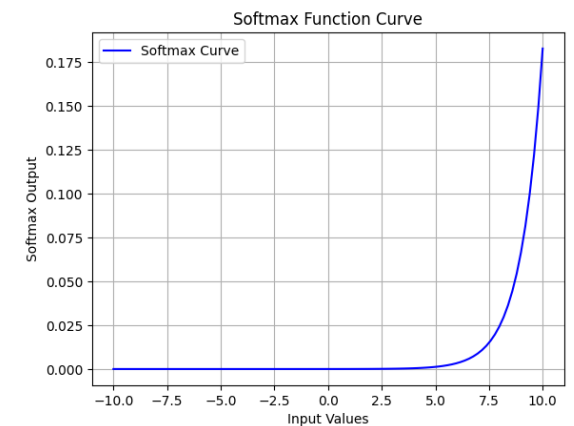
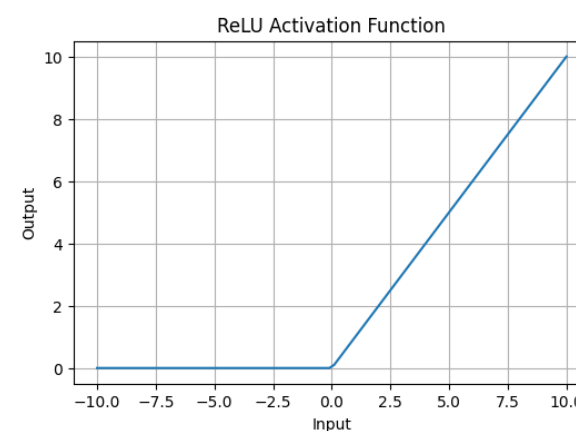
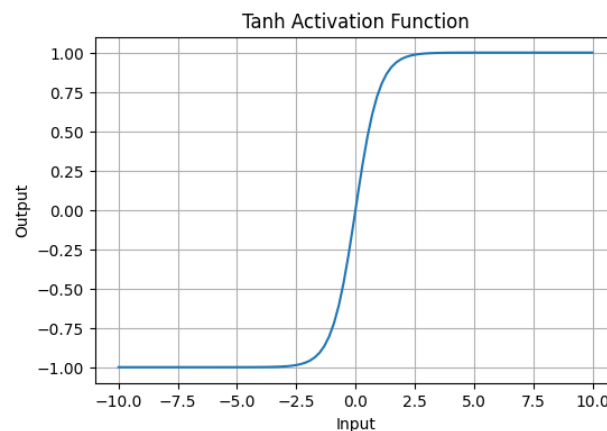
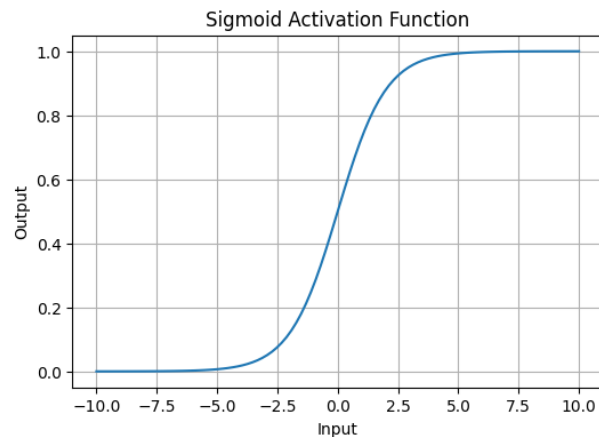
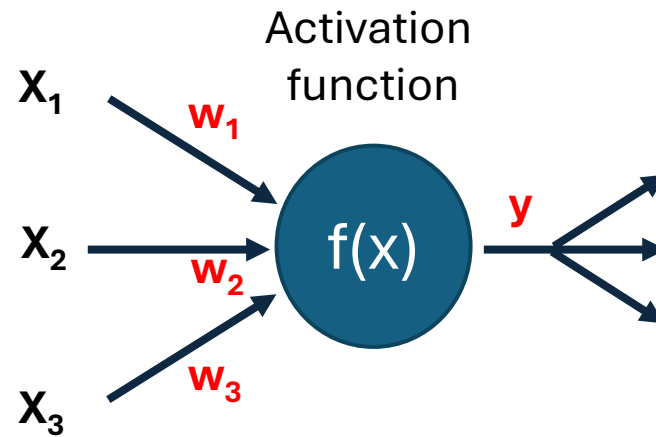
Each network node can have several input and output connections



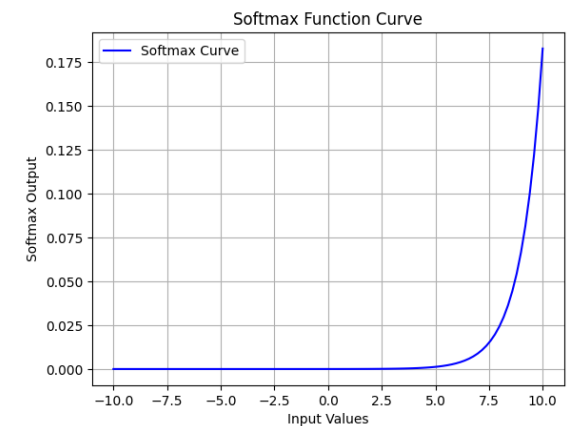
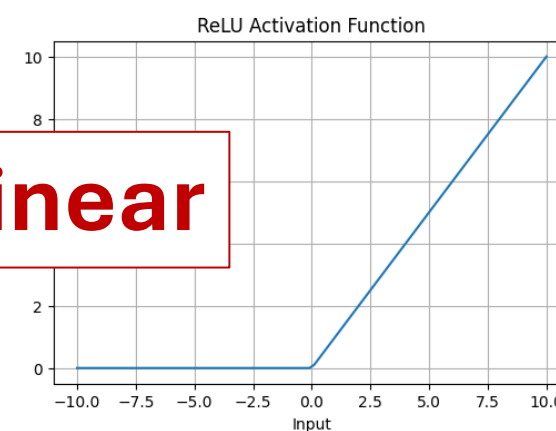
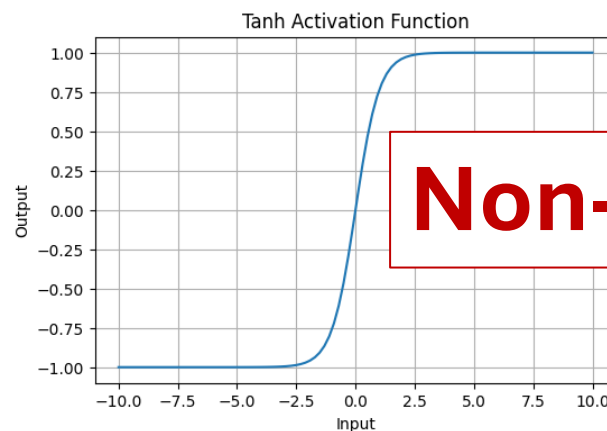
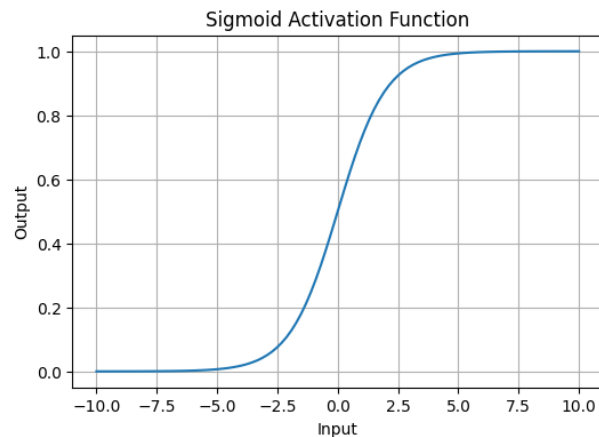
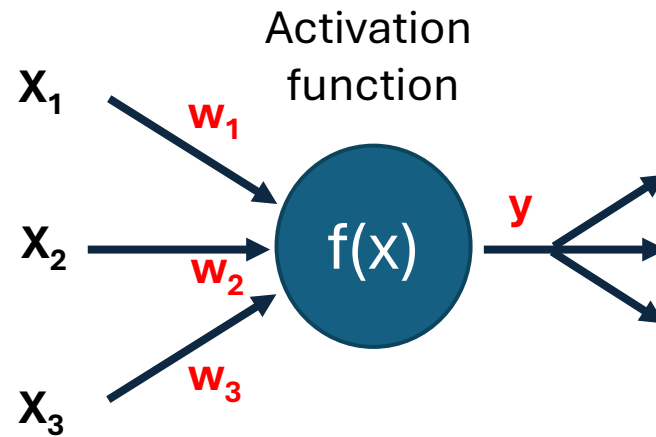
In each node inputs are weighted, aggregated and transformed to an output



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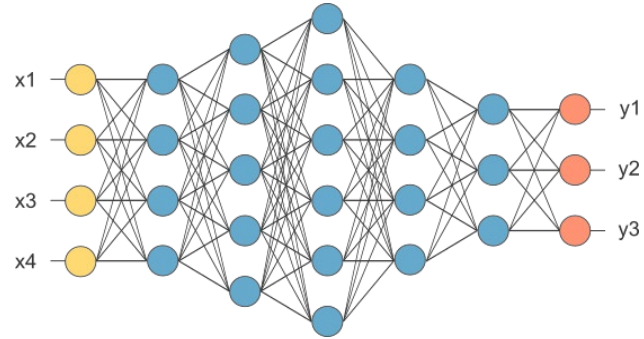
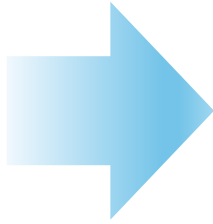
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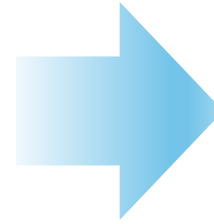
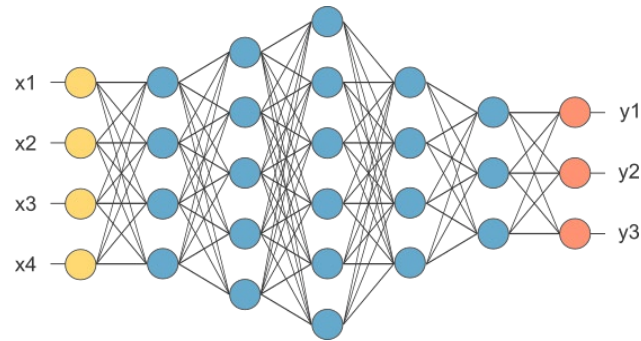
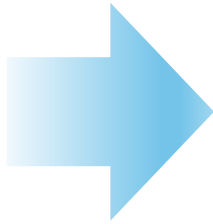
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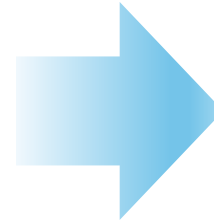
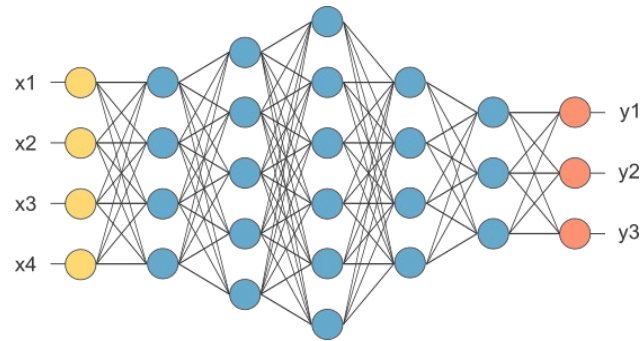
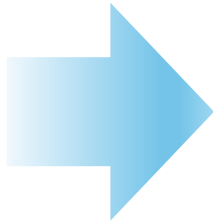
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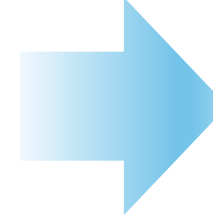
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**Error calculation
(Loss function)**

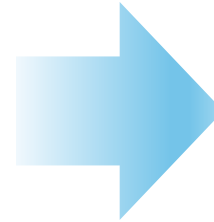
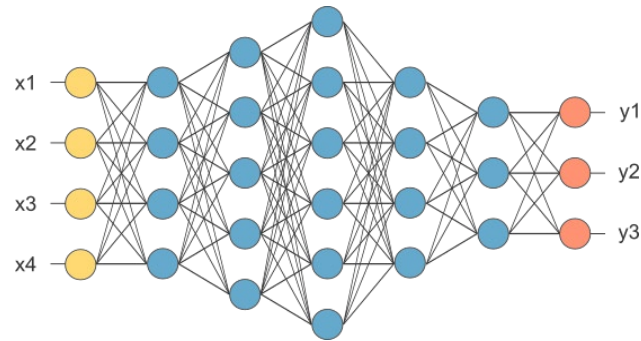
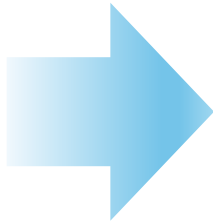
Loss function is chosen depending on the task

- Classification: Binary Cross-Entropy, Categorical Cross Entropy
- Regression: Mean Squared Error (MSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
- ...

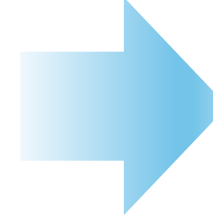
Loss function = measure of success

Error is calculated based on multiple input examples

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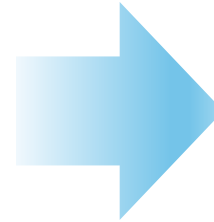
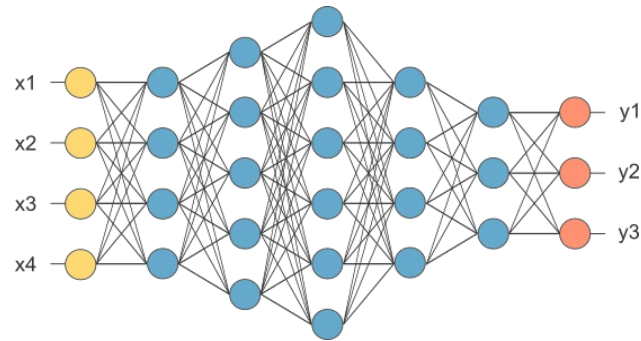
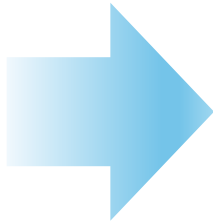
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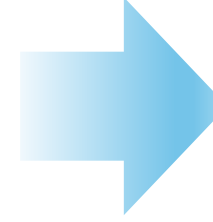
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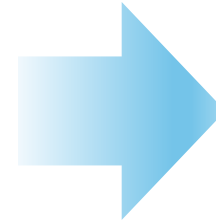
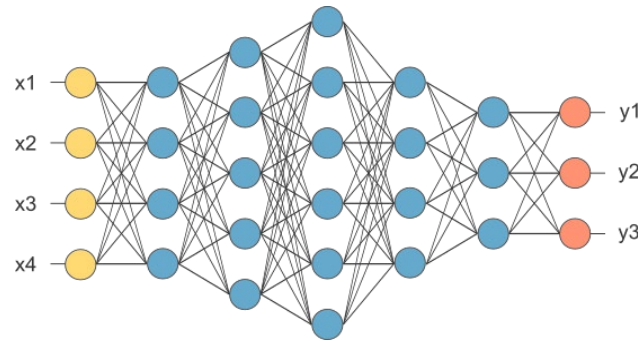
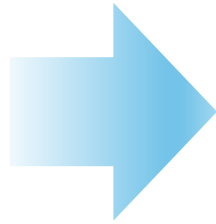
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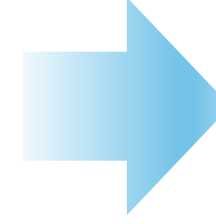
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Output



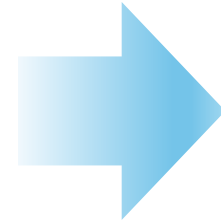
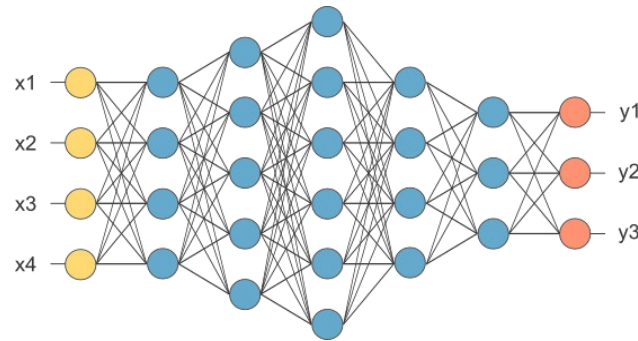
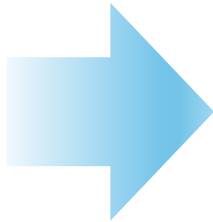
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(Loss function)**



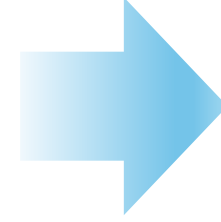
Adjustment

Weights and other parameters are repeatedly adjusted to reduce errors

0	3	2	5	4	7	6	9	8
3	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	1	0	3	2	5	4	7	6
5	2	3	0	1	2	3	4	5
4	3	2	1	0	3	2	5	4
7	4	5	2	3	0	1	2	3
6	5	4	3	2	1	0	3	2
9	6	7	4	5	2	3	0	1
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0



Output



**Error calculation
(Loss function)**



Adjustment

Exponential growth of parameters in notable AI systems

Our World
in Data

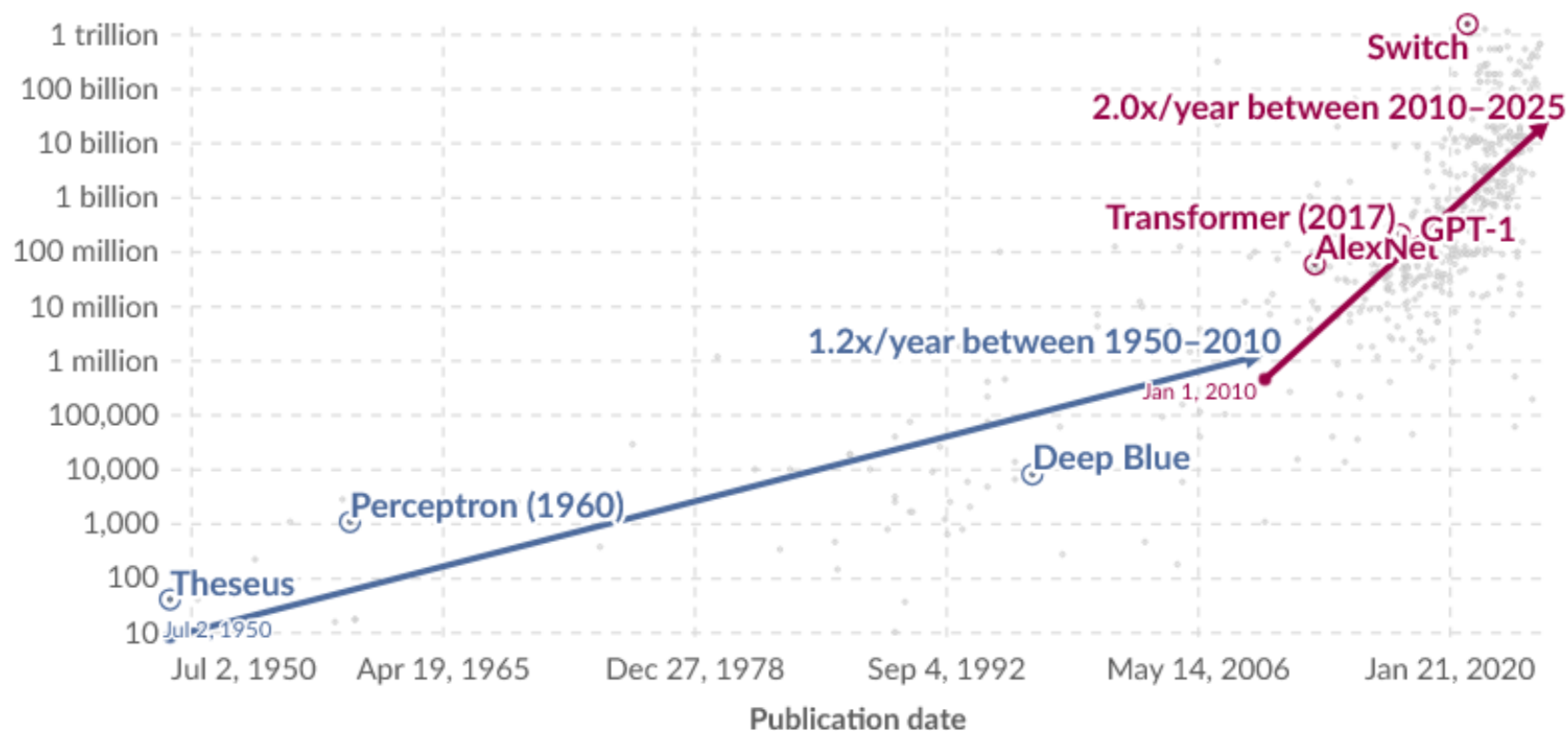
Parameters are variables in an AI system whose values are adjusted during training to establish how input data gets transformed into the desired output; for example, the connection weights in an artificial neural network.

Table Chart

Select systems

Settings

Number of parameters



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Exponential growth of datapoints used to train notable AI systems

Our World
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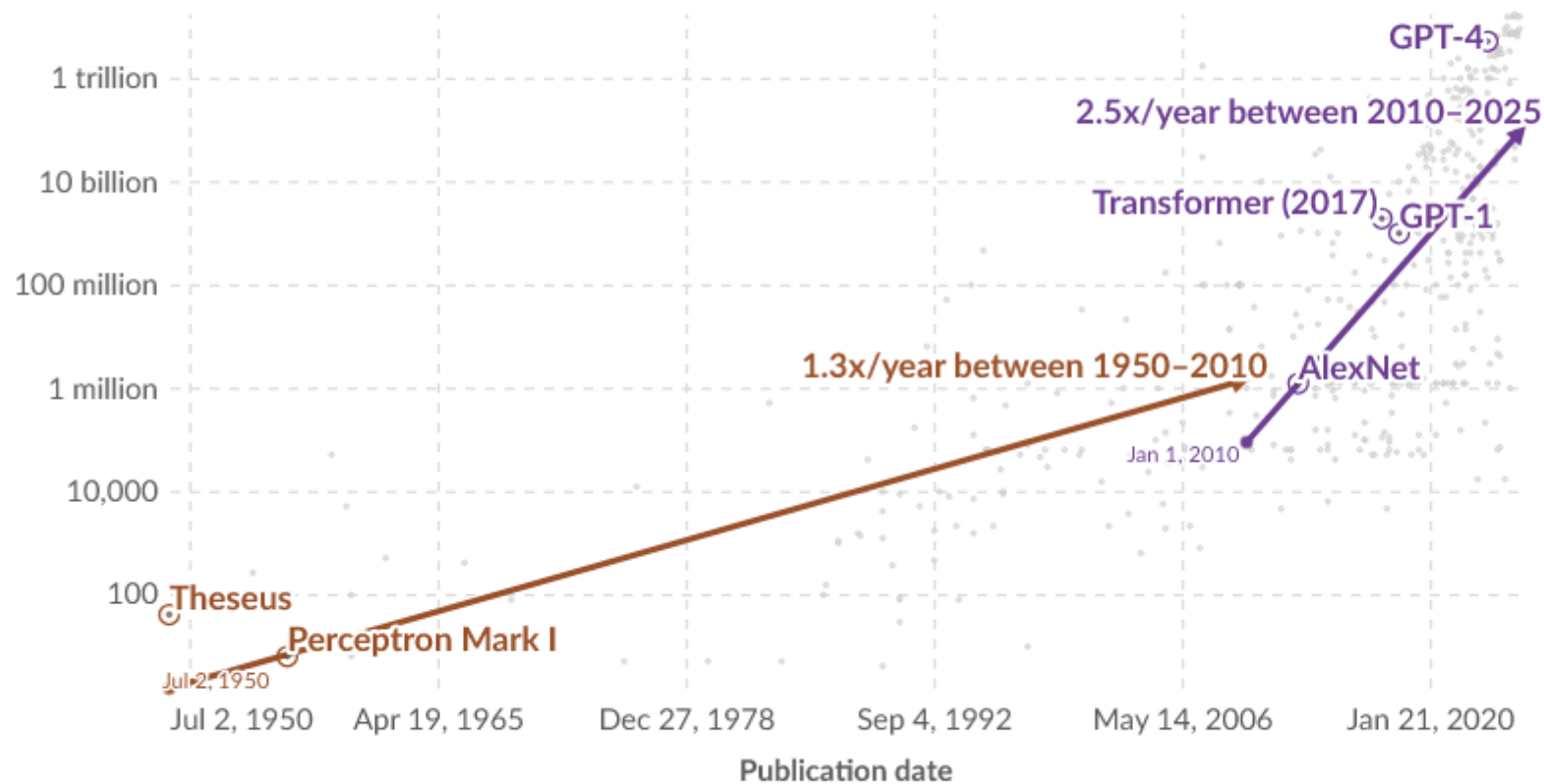
Each domain has a specific data point unit; for example, for vision it is images, for language it is words, and for games it is timesteps. This means systems can only be compared directly within the same domain.

Table Chart

Select systems

Settings

Training datapoints (datapoints)



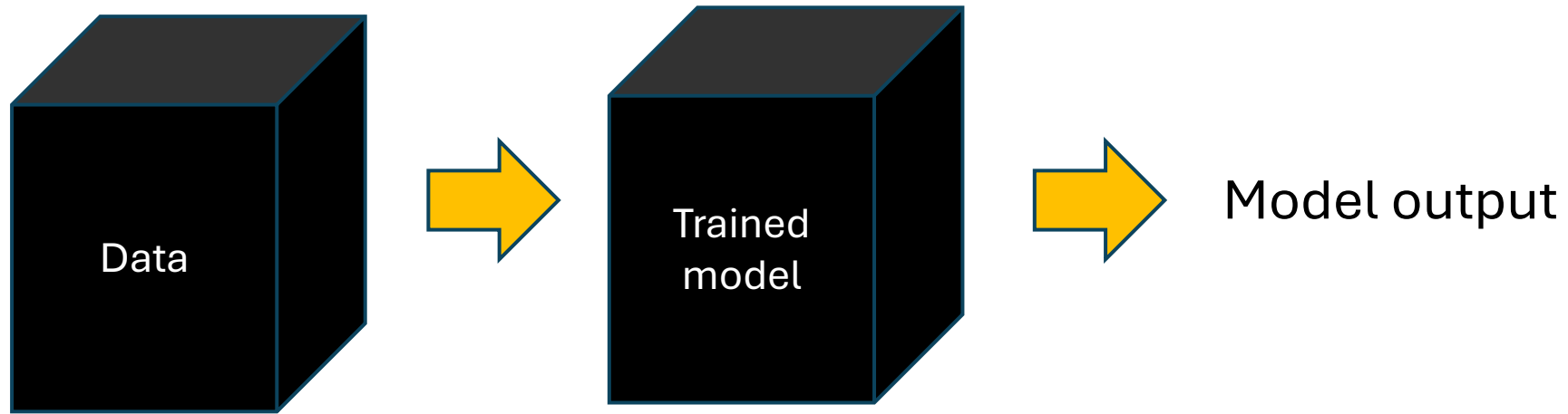
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Deep learning models lack transparency

“Black box issue”



Summary

- Current AI is “narrow” AI – mostly specialized for single task
- Problems can be broken down to core AI tasks (e.g. regression, classification)
- Most of today’s AI is based on machine learning - either classical machine learning or deep learning
- Deep learning = machine learning with deep neural networks
- Deep neural networks are trained by gradually adjusting parameters to minimize errors