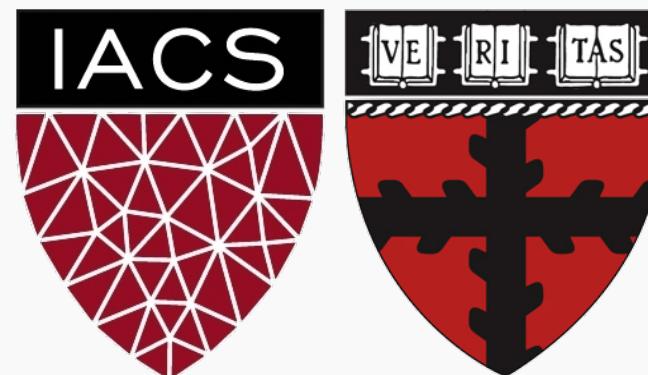


# Anatomy of NN

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OH, HEY, YOU ORGANIZED  
OUR PHOTO ARCHIVE!

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YEAH, I TRAINED A NEURAL  
NET TO SORT THE UNLABELED  
PHOTOS INTO CATEGORIES.

WHOA! NICE WORK!



ENGINEERING TIP:  
WHEN YOU DO A TASK BY HAND,  
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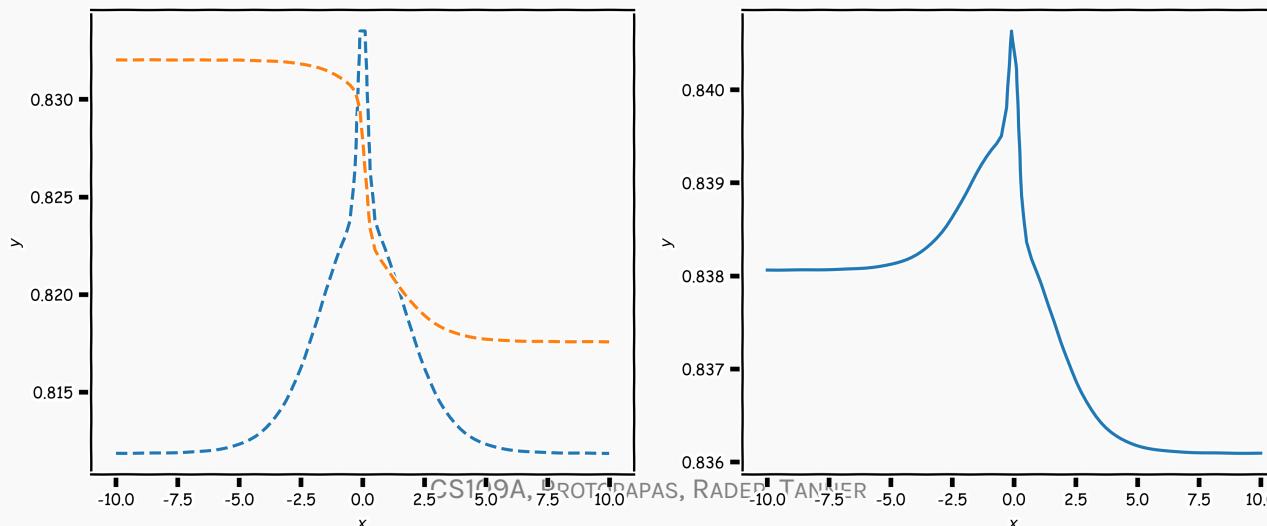
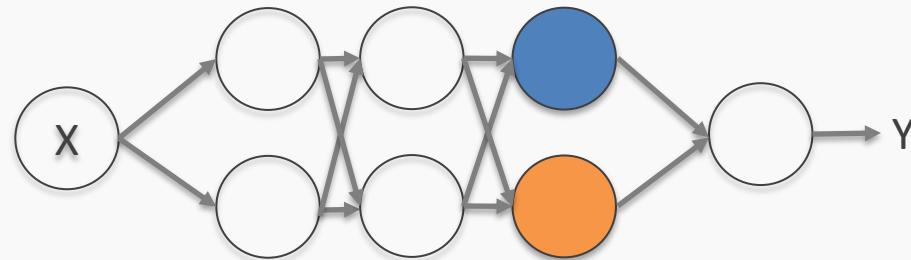
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# The central idea behind Neural Networks

Building a model that is both complex and simple to manipulate by **composing** multiple functions together.

Example:



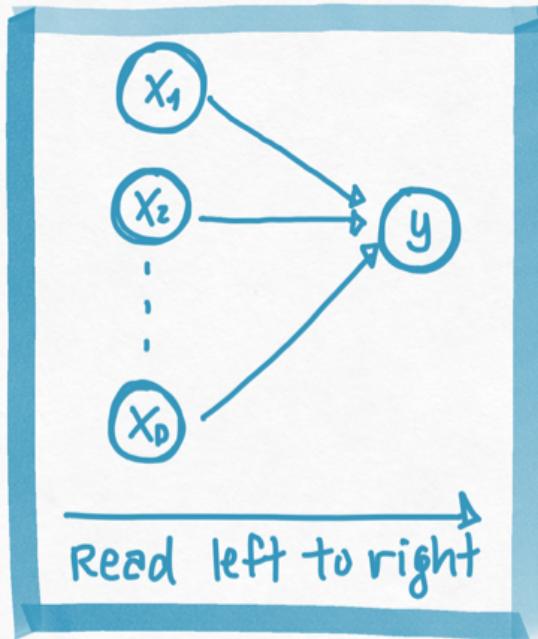
# Graphical representation of simple functions

We build these complex functions by composing simple functions of the form:

$$h_w(x) = f(XW + b)$$

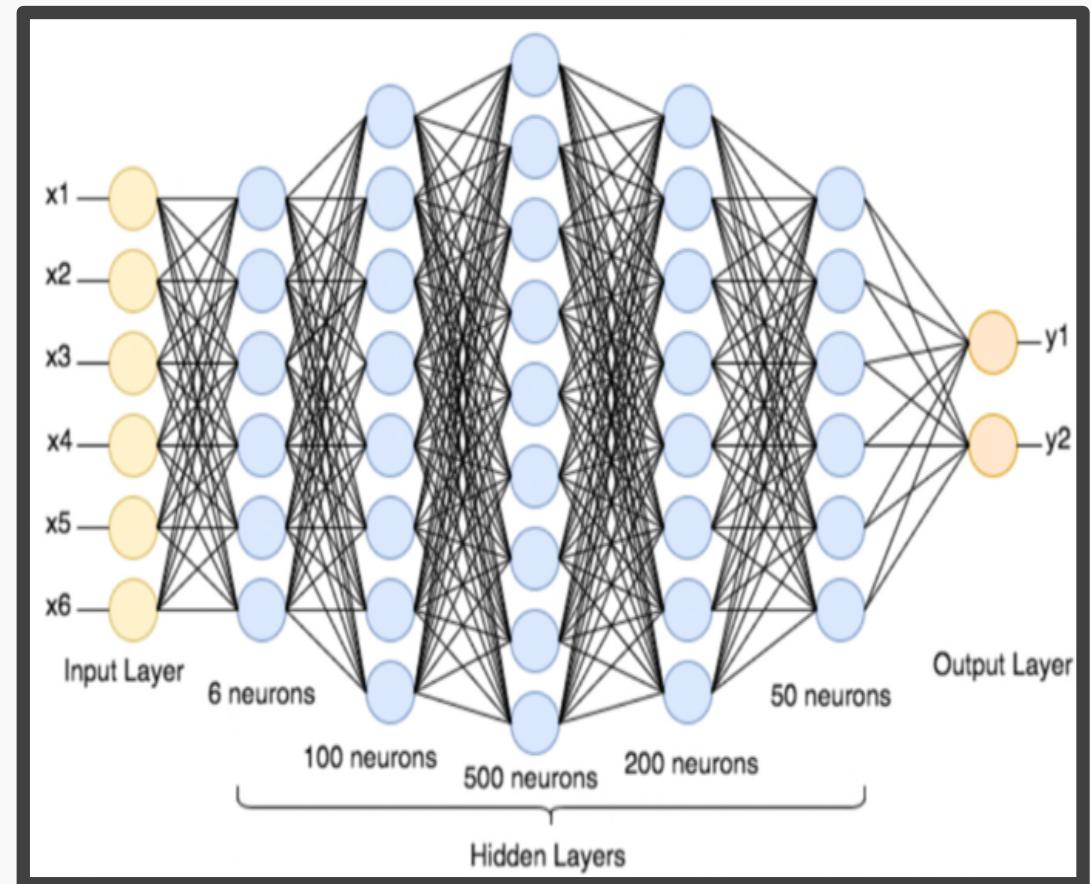
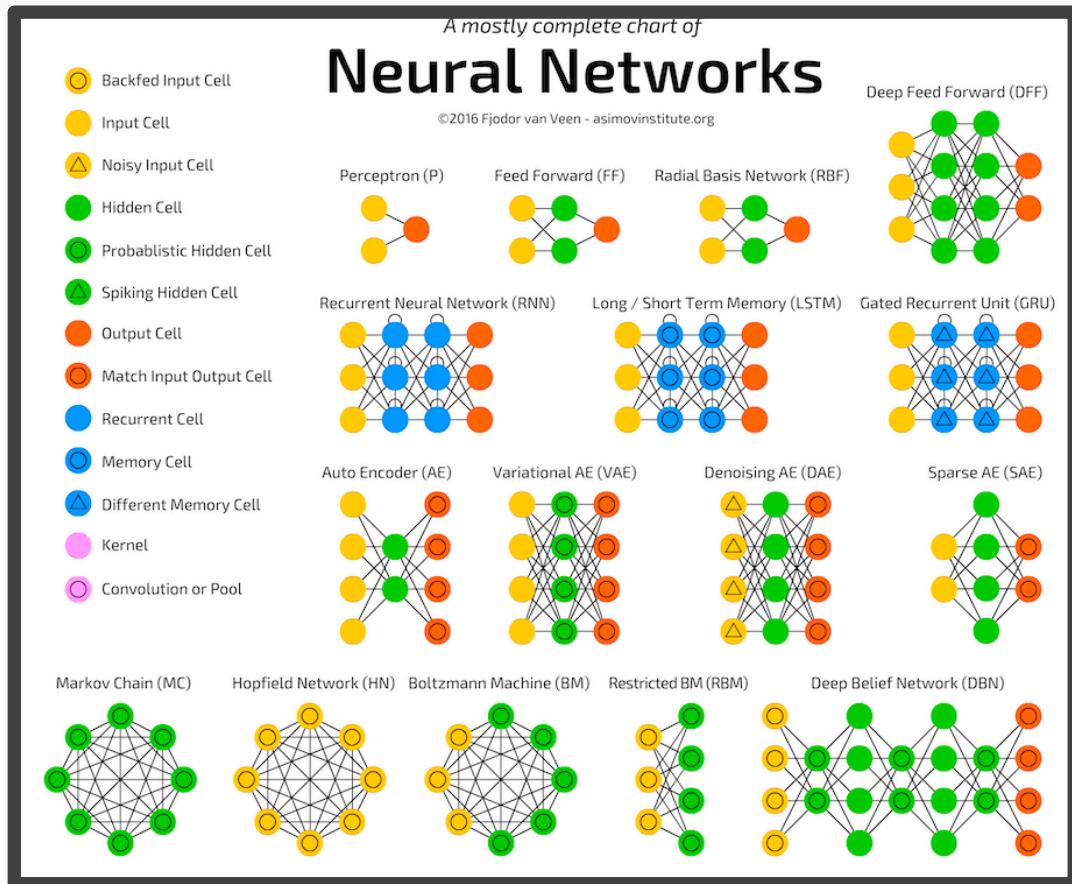
where  $f$  is the activation function.

We represent our simple function as a **graph**



Each edge in this graph represents multiplication by a different weight,  $w_i$ .

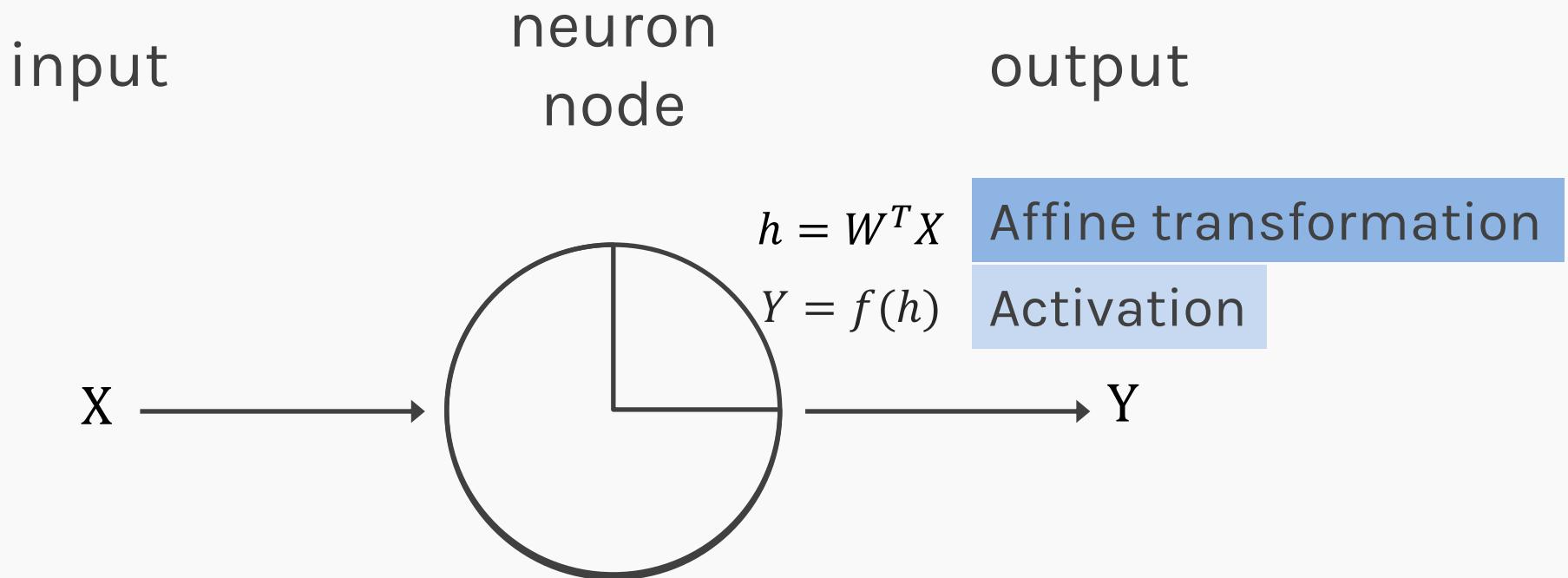
# The zoo of neural network architectures



Different architectures result into functions with very different properties.

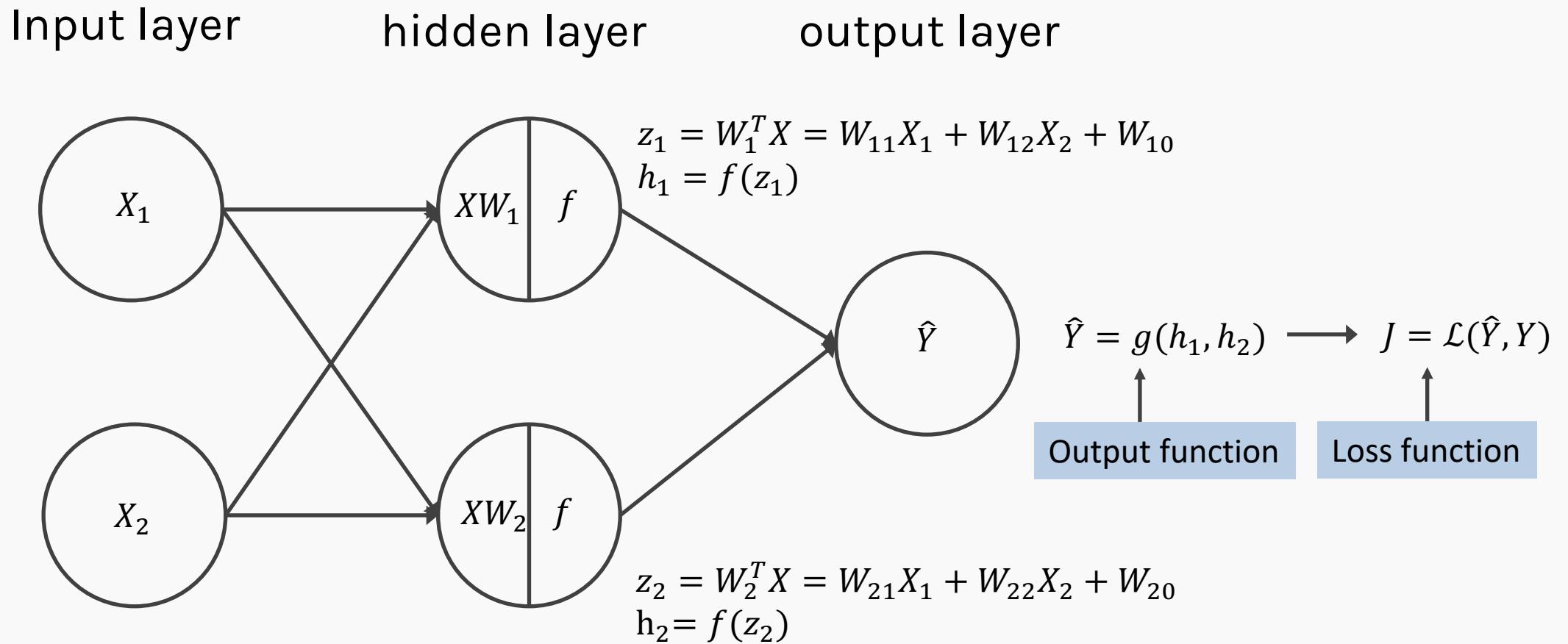
Larger networks can express more complex functions

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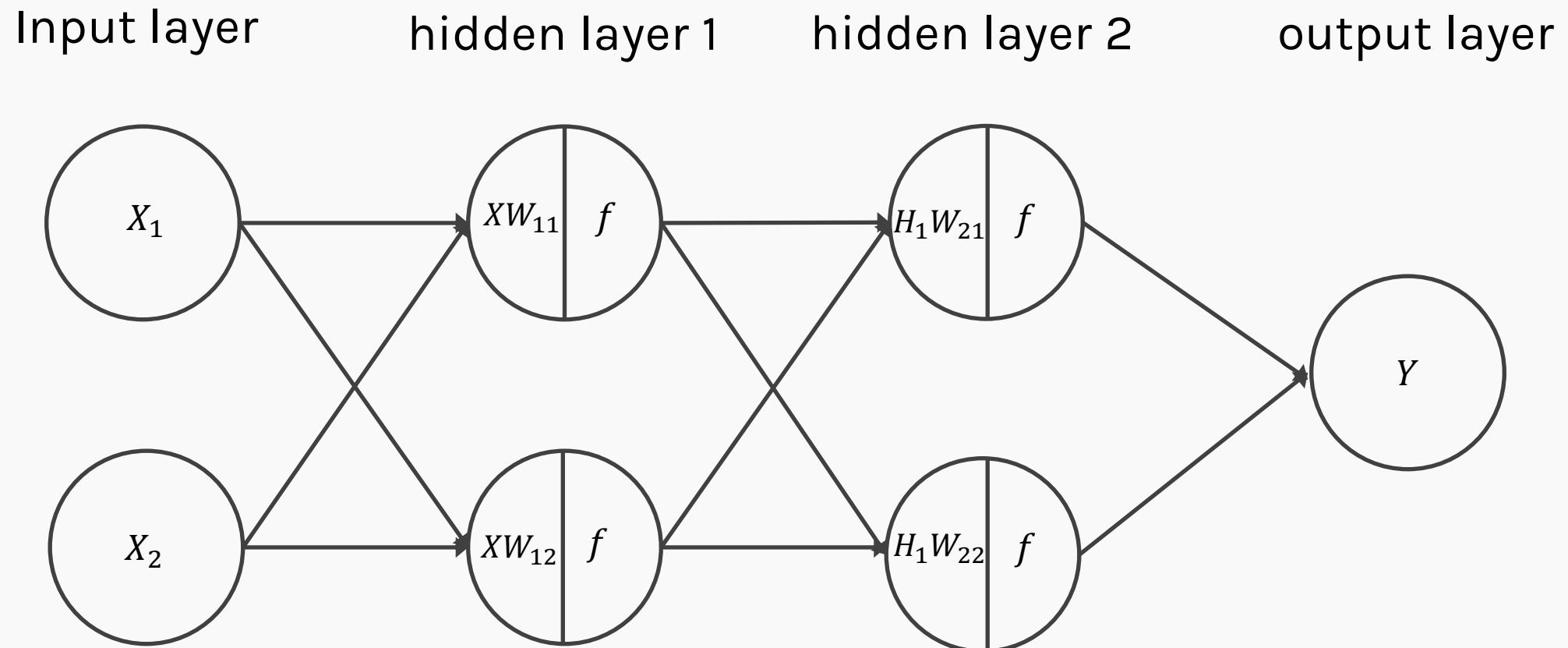
We will talk later about the choice of activation function. So far we have only talked about sigmoid as an activation function but there are other choices.

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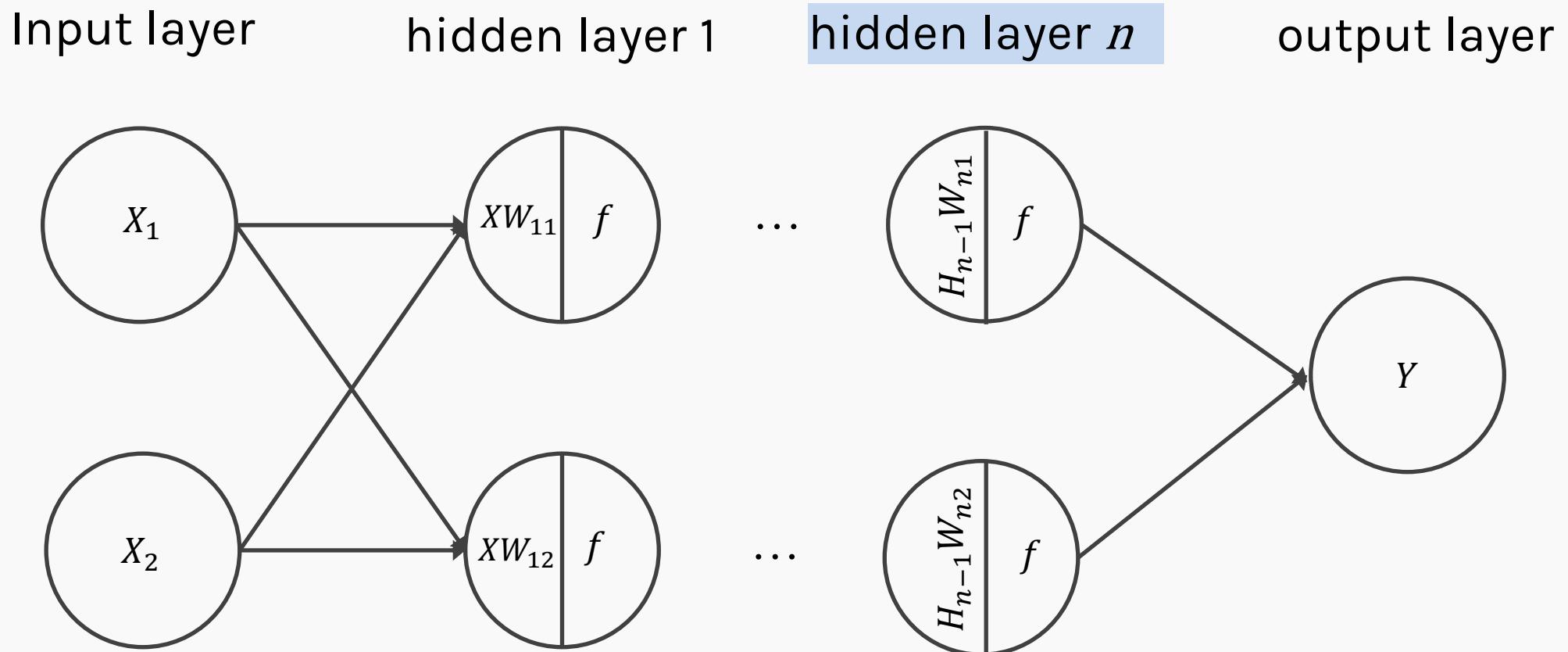


We will talk later about the choice of the output layer and the loss function. So far we consider sigmoid as the output and log-bernoulli.

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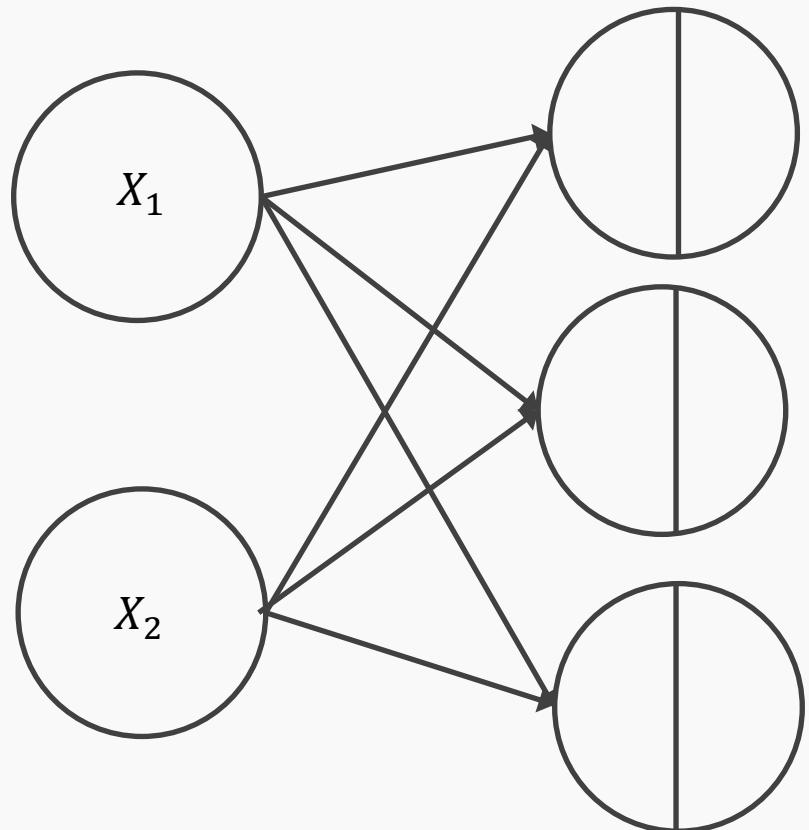
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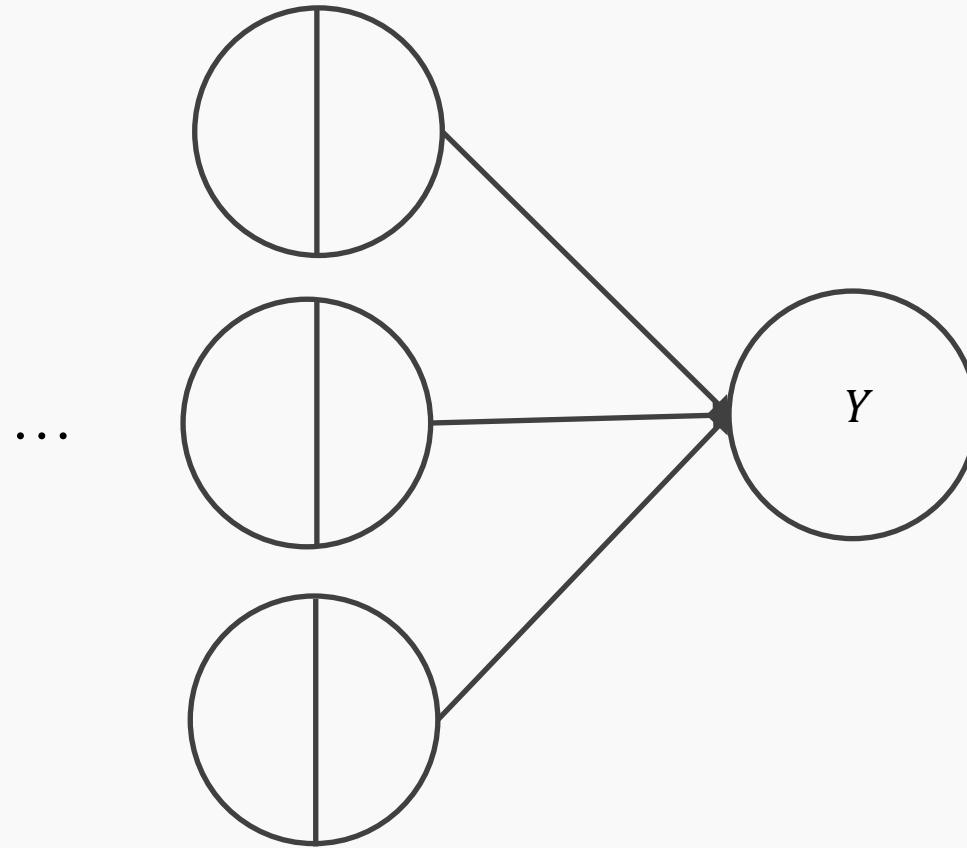
Input layer



hidden layer 1,  
3 nodes

hidden layer  $n$   
3 nodes

output layer



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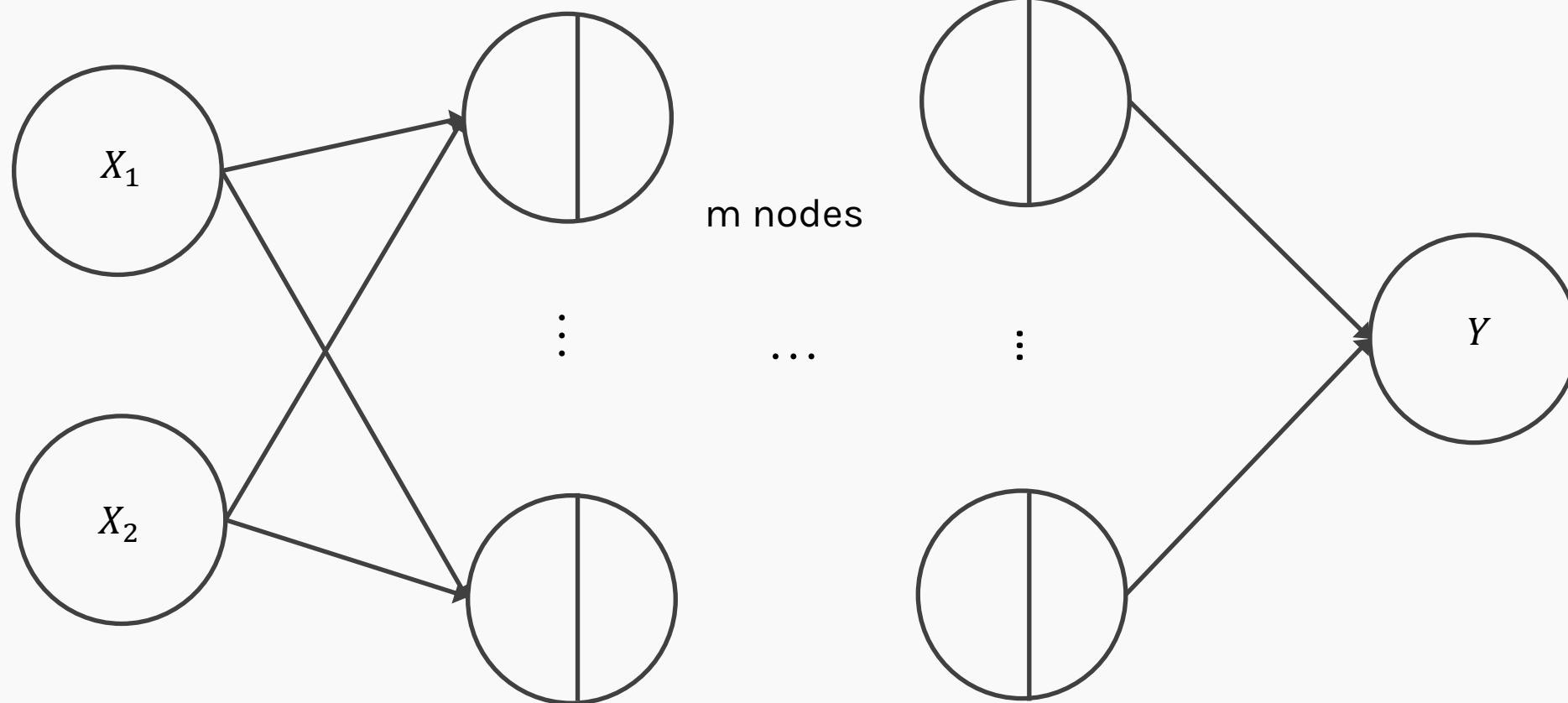
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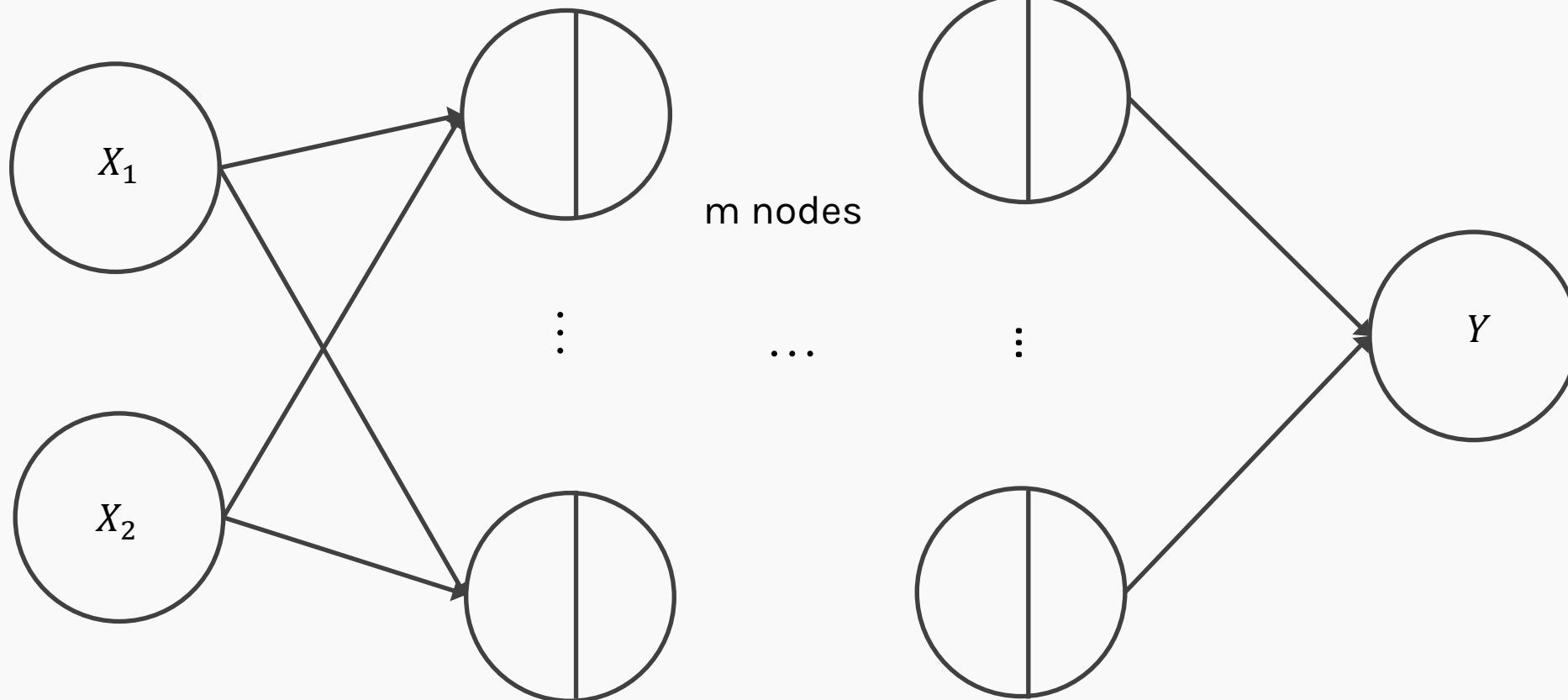
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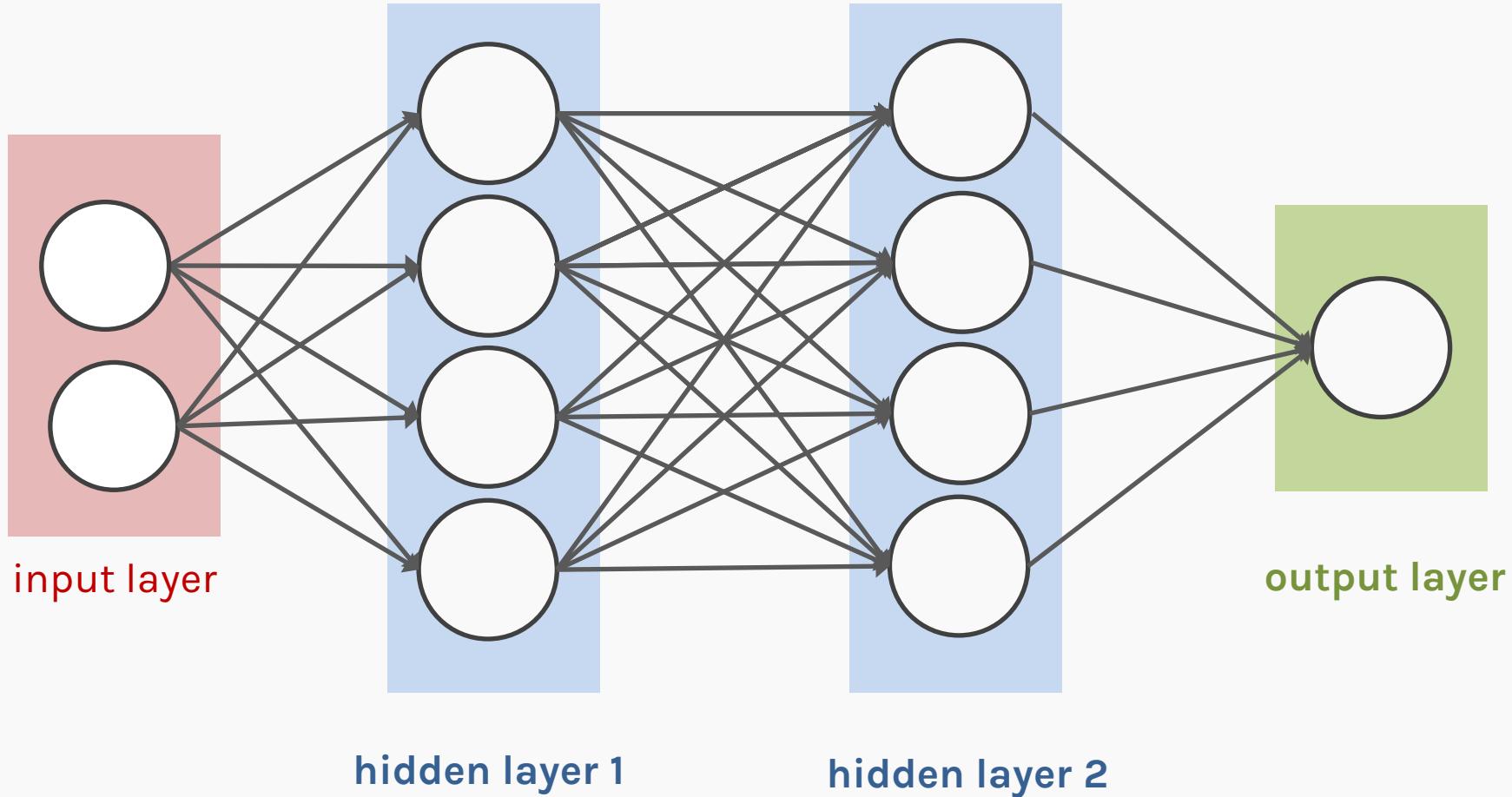
$m$  nodes

Number of inputs  $d$

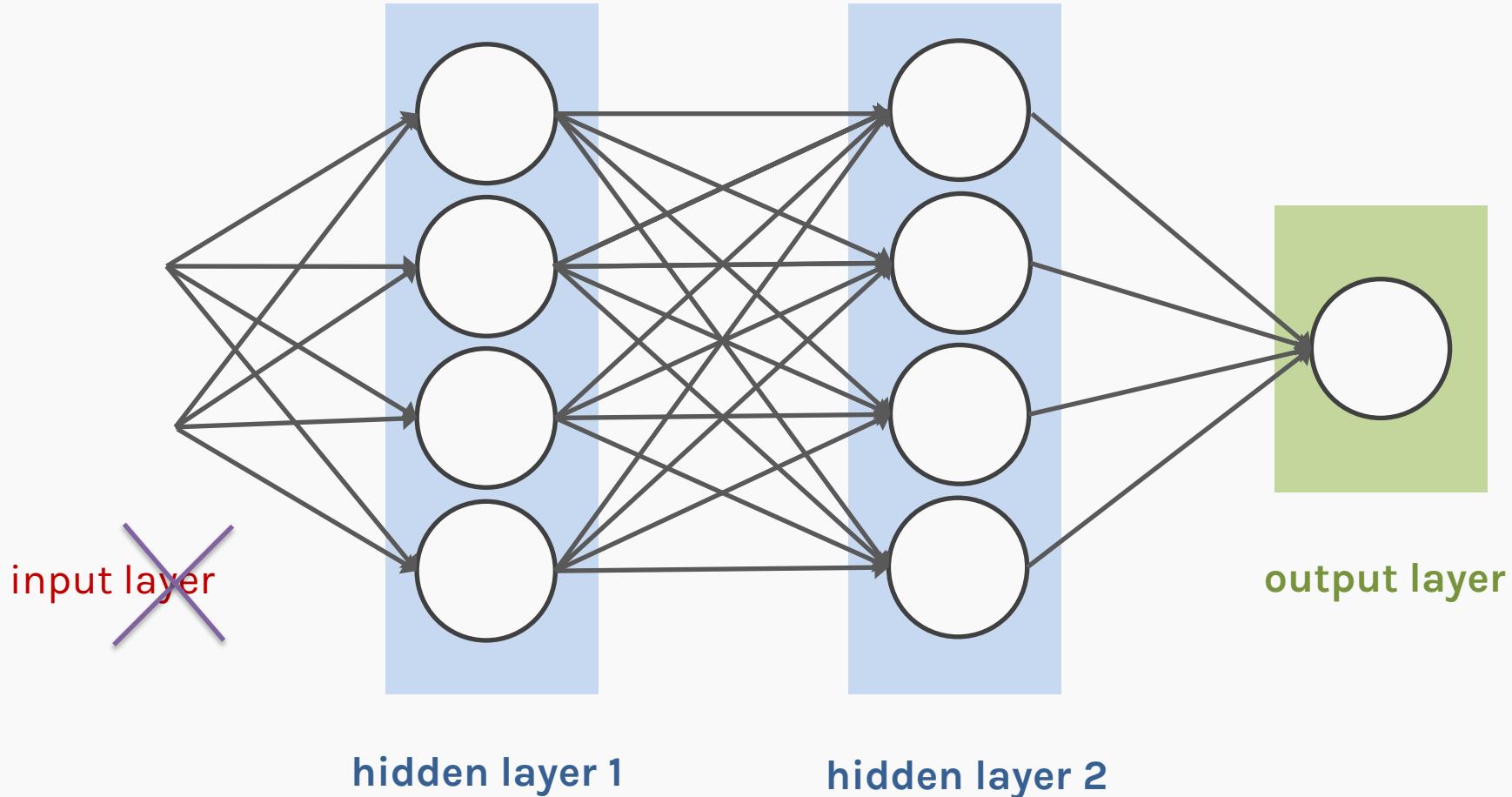


Number of inputs is specified by the data

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# Activation function

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$$h = f(W^T X + b)$$

The activation function should:

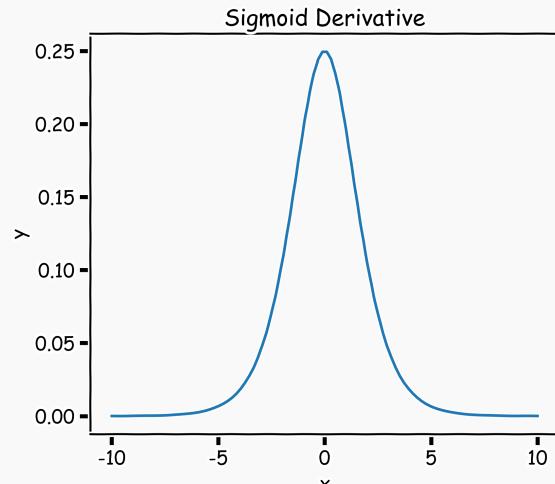
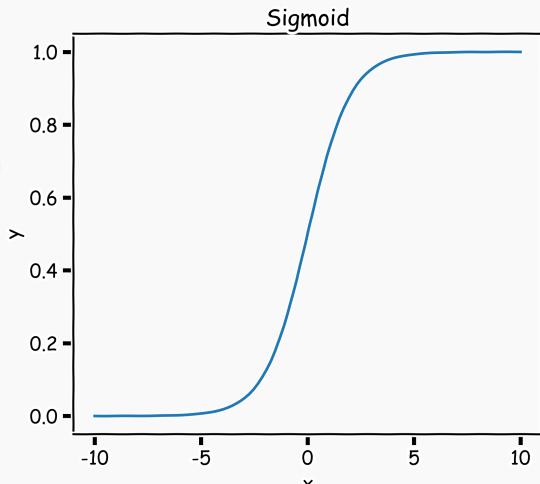
- Provide **non-linearity**
- Ensure **gradients remain large** through hidden unit

Common choices are

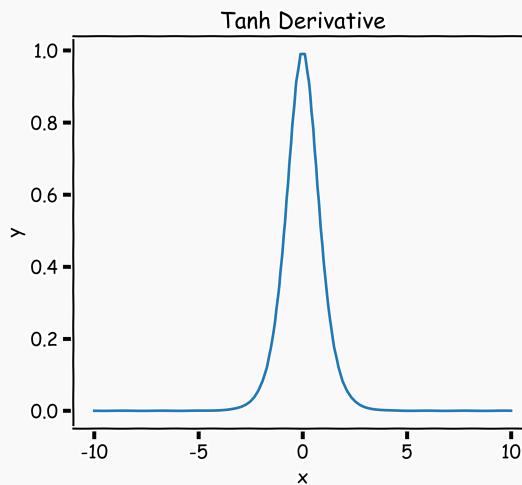
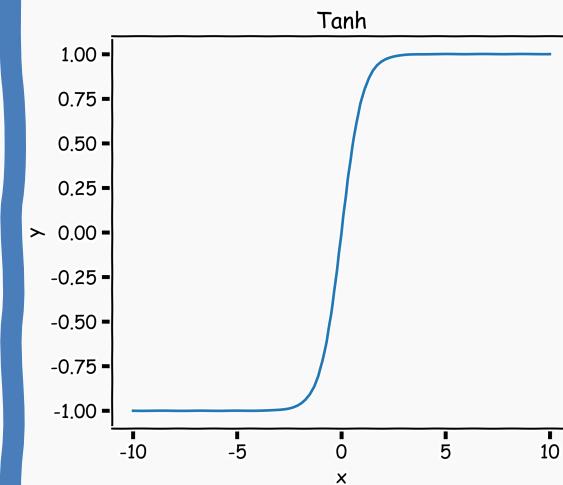
- sigmoid, tanh
- ReLU, leaky ReLU, Generalized ReLU
- softplus
- swish

# Sigmoid, $\sigma()$ (aka logistic) and tanh

$$y = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$



$$y = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

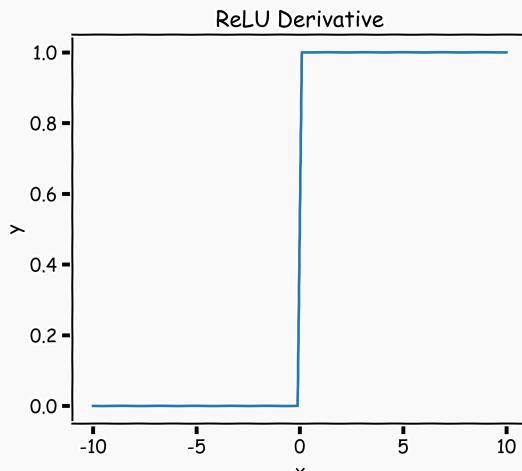
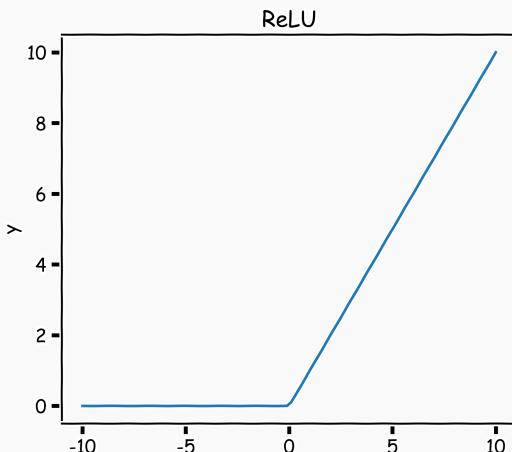


Derivative is **zero** for much of the domain. This leads to “vanishing gradients” in backpropagation.



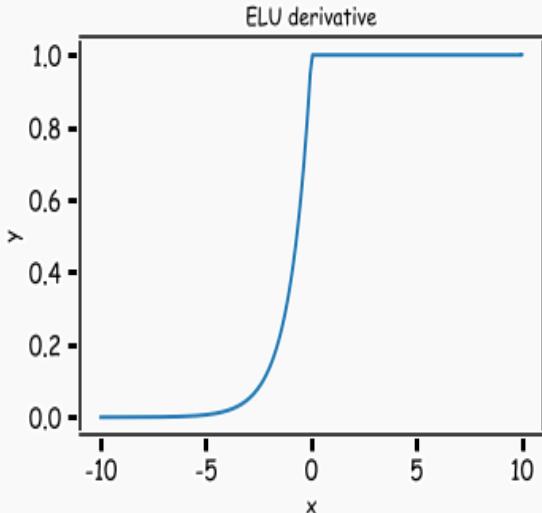
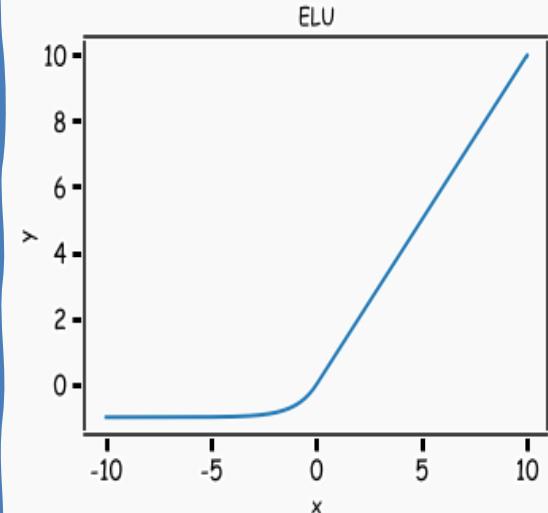
# Rectified Linear Unit, $\text{ReLU}(\ )$ , Exponential ReLU (ELU)

$$y = \max(0, x)$$



$$y = \max(0, x) + \alpha \min(0, e^x - 1)$$

where  $\alpha$  takes a small value



**Two major advantages:**

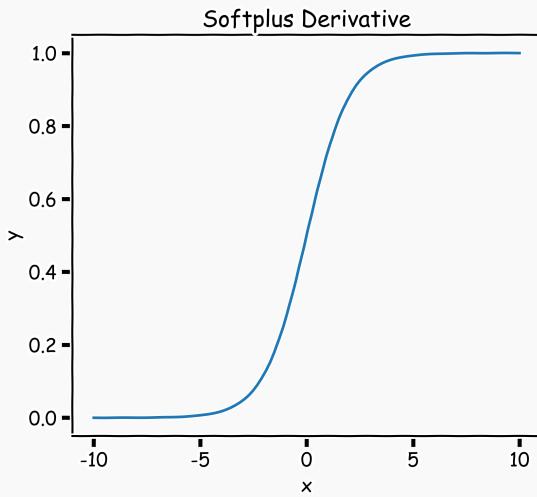
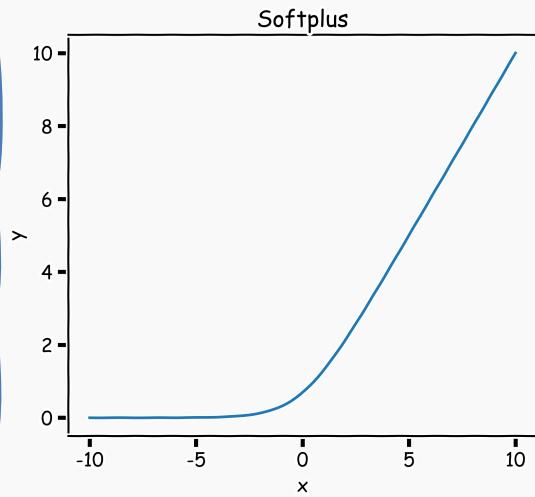
1. No vanishing gradient when  $x > 0$
2. Provides sparsity (regularization) since  $y = 0$  when  $x < 0$

No vanishing gradients and easy to calculate.

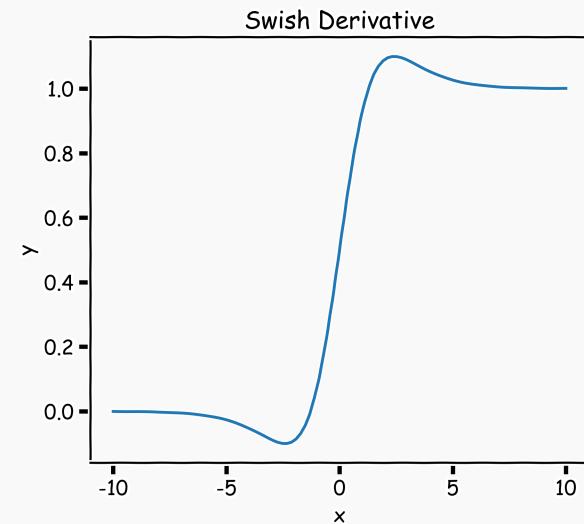
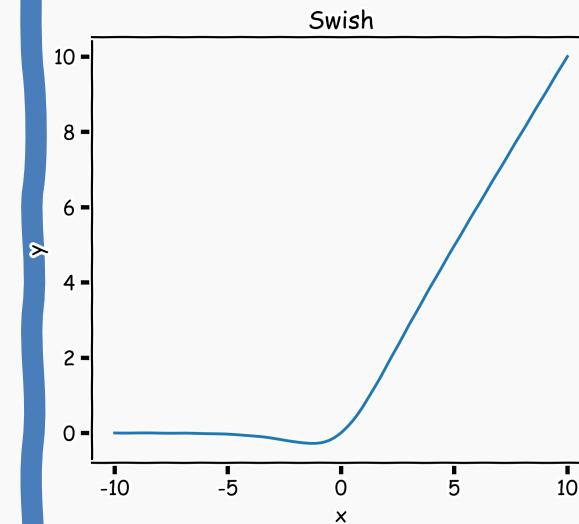


# Softplus and Swish

$$y = \log(1 + e^x)$$



$$g(x) = x \sigma(x)$$



The derivative of the softplus is the sigmoid logistic function, which is a smooth approximation of the derivative of the rectifier. So the derivative of the softplus is continuous.



Swish tends to work better than ReLU on deeper models across a number of challenging datasets.

# TL;DR (too long; didn't read)

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Use ReLU or leaky ReLU or ELU to start.

If you are concerned for a few points improvement in performance, experiment with swish and softplus and treat them as hyperparameters. In other words choose the activation that gives you the best validation loss.

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# Loss Function

## Probabilistic modeling

Likelihood for a given measurement:

$$p(y_i|W; x_i)$$

Assume **independency**, likelihood for all measurements:

$$L(W; X, Y) = p(Y|W; X) = \prod_i p(y_i|W; x_i)$$

**Maximize** the likelihood, or equivalently minimizing the -ve log-likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}(W; X, Y) = -\log L(W; X, Y) = \sum_i \log p(y_i|W; x_i)$$

# Loss Function

Do not need to design separate loss functions if we follow the probabilistic modeling approach, i.e. minimize the -ve likelihood function.

## Examples:

- Distribution is **Normal** then -ve log-likelihood is **MSE** :

$$p(y_i|W; x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^2\sigma}} e^{-\frac{(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(W; X, Y) = \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

- Distribution is **Bernouli** then -ve log-likelihood is **Binary Cross-Entropy**:

$$p(y_i|W; x_i) = p_i^{y_i} (1 - p_i)^{1-y_i}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(W; X, Y) = - \sum_i [y_i \log p_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - p_i)]$$

# Loss Function

- For  $y$  that follow **Multinouli**, then likelihood is:

$$p(y_i|W; x_i) = \prod_k p(y_i = k)^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=k)}$$

**Cross-Entropy**

$$\mathcal{L}(W; X, Y) = -\sum_i \sum_k \mathbb{I}(y_i = k) \log p(y_i = k)$$

where  $k$  is the class and  $\mathbb{I}(y_i = k)$  is the indicator function.

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## Questions:

- How do we know what distribution to use?
- Why not MSE for classification?



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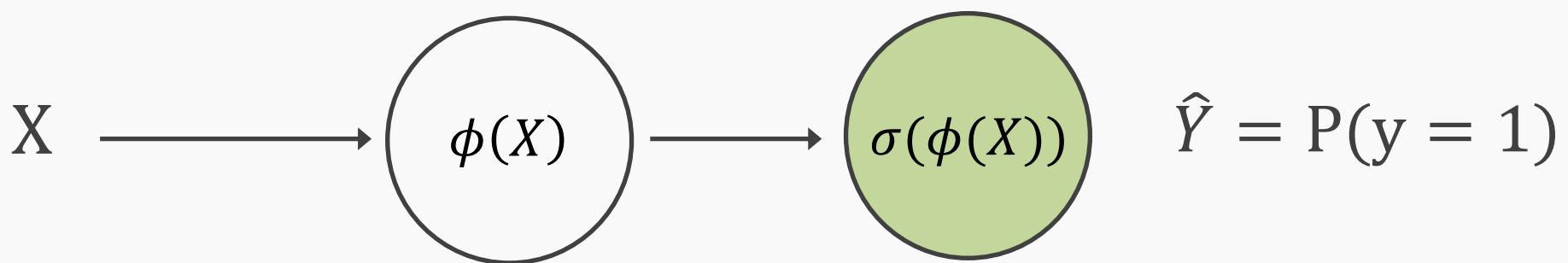
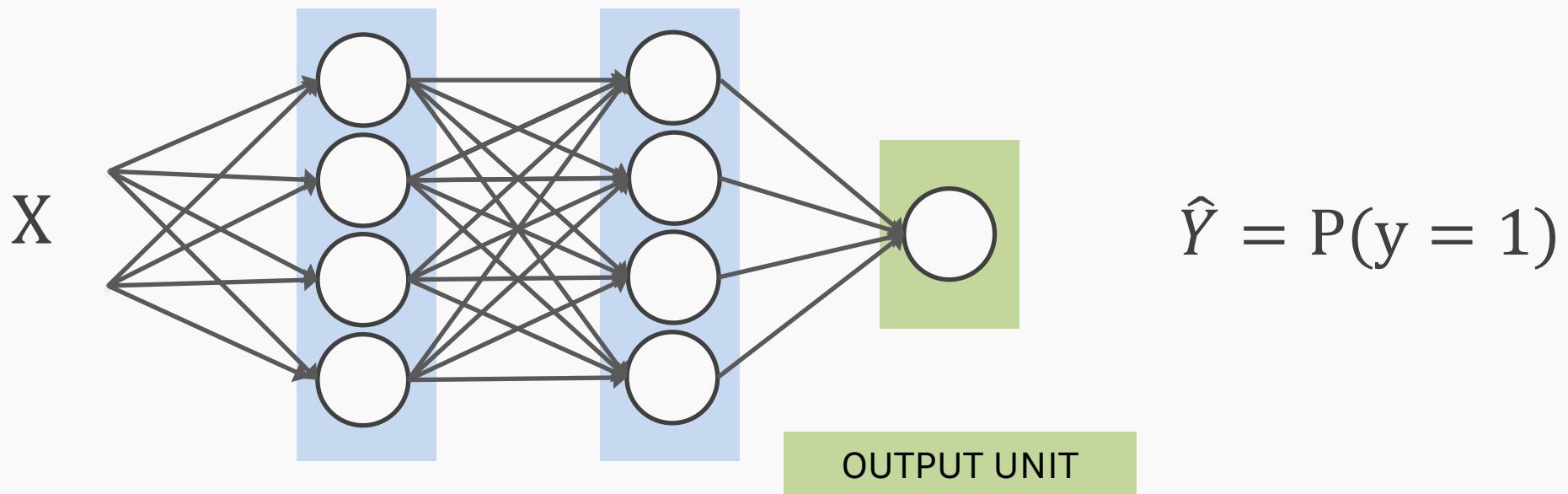


# Output Units

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# Output unit for binary classification



$$X \Rightarrow \phi(X) \Rightarrow P(y = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\phi(X)}}$$

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Discrete			

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Discrete	Multinoulli		

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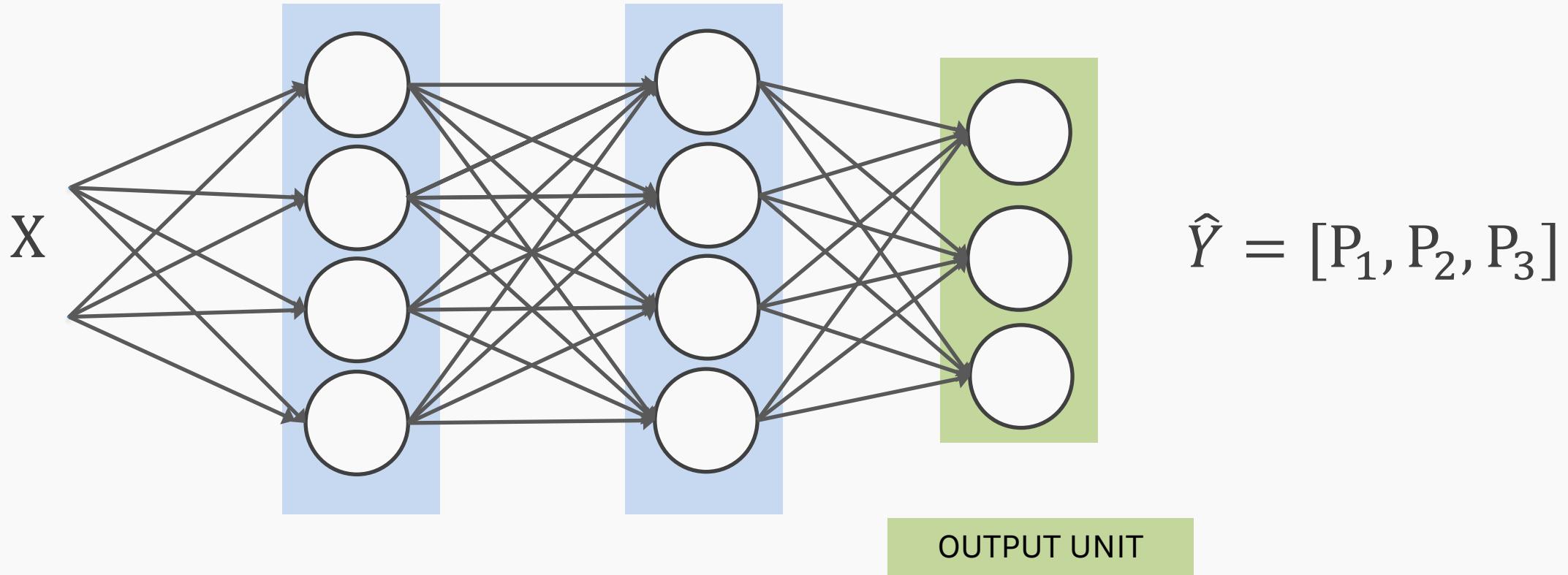
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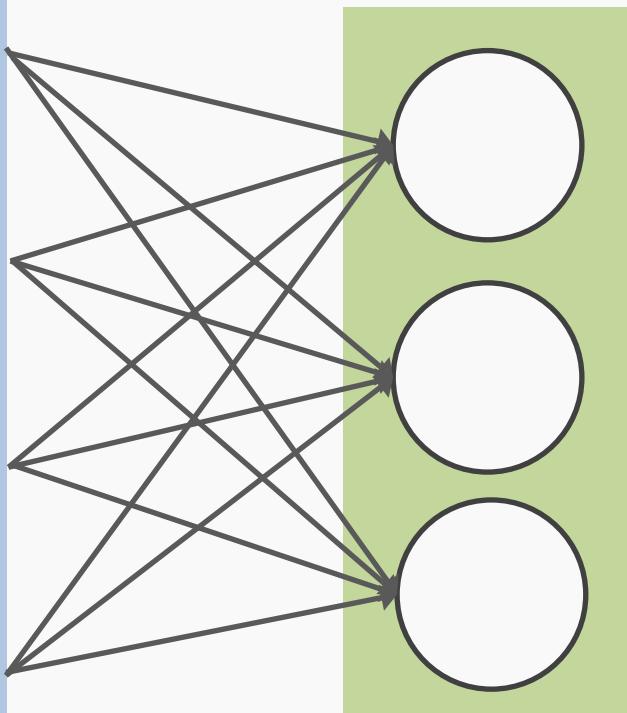
# Output unit for multi-class classification



# SoftMax



$\phi_k(X)$



$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq A, B, C &\leq 1 \\ A + B + C &= 1 \end{aligned}$$



$$\hat{Y} = \frac{e^{\phi_k(X)}}{\sum_{k=1}^K e^{\phi_k(X)}}$$

A score

B score

C score



Probability of A

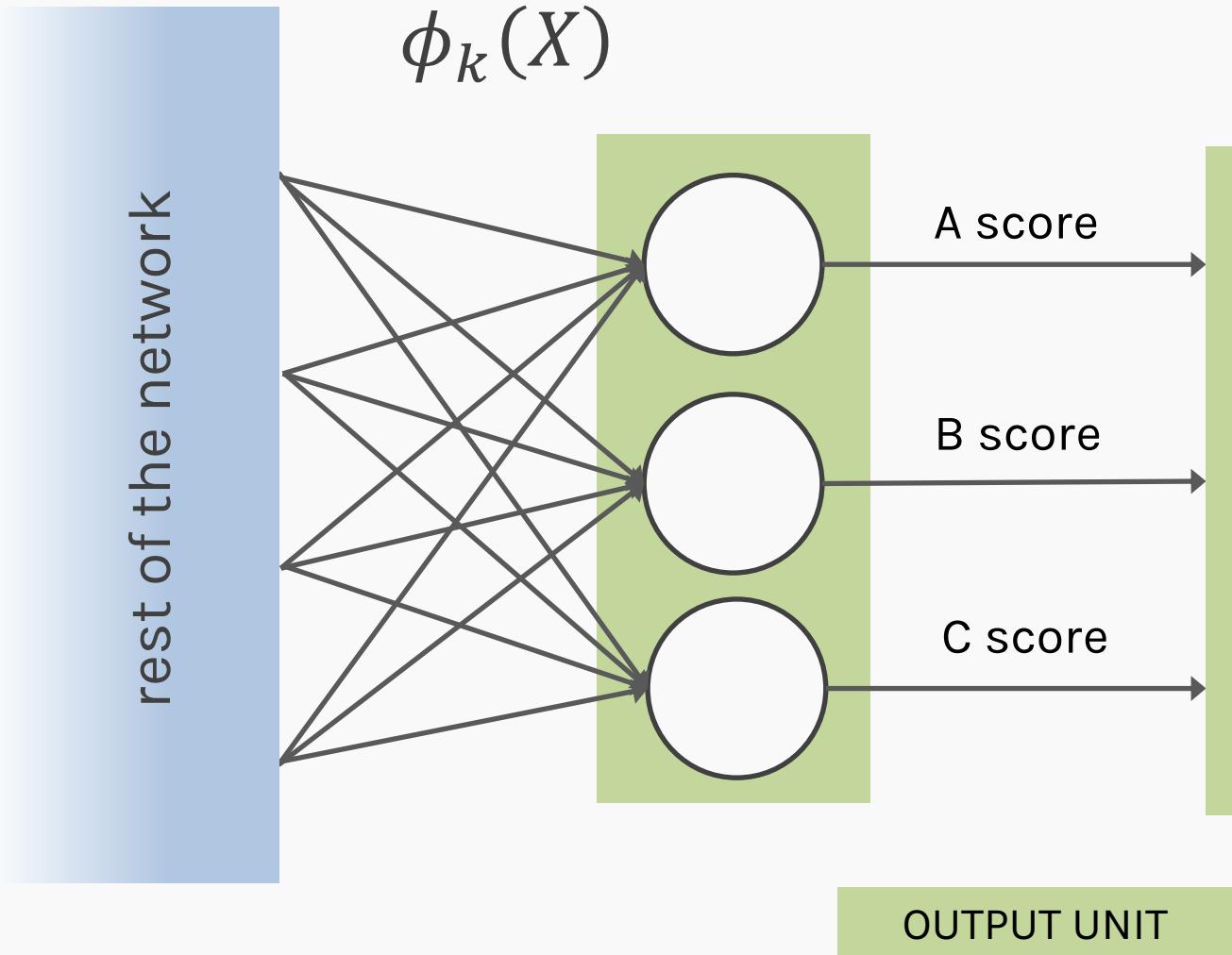


Probability of B



Probability of C

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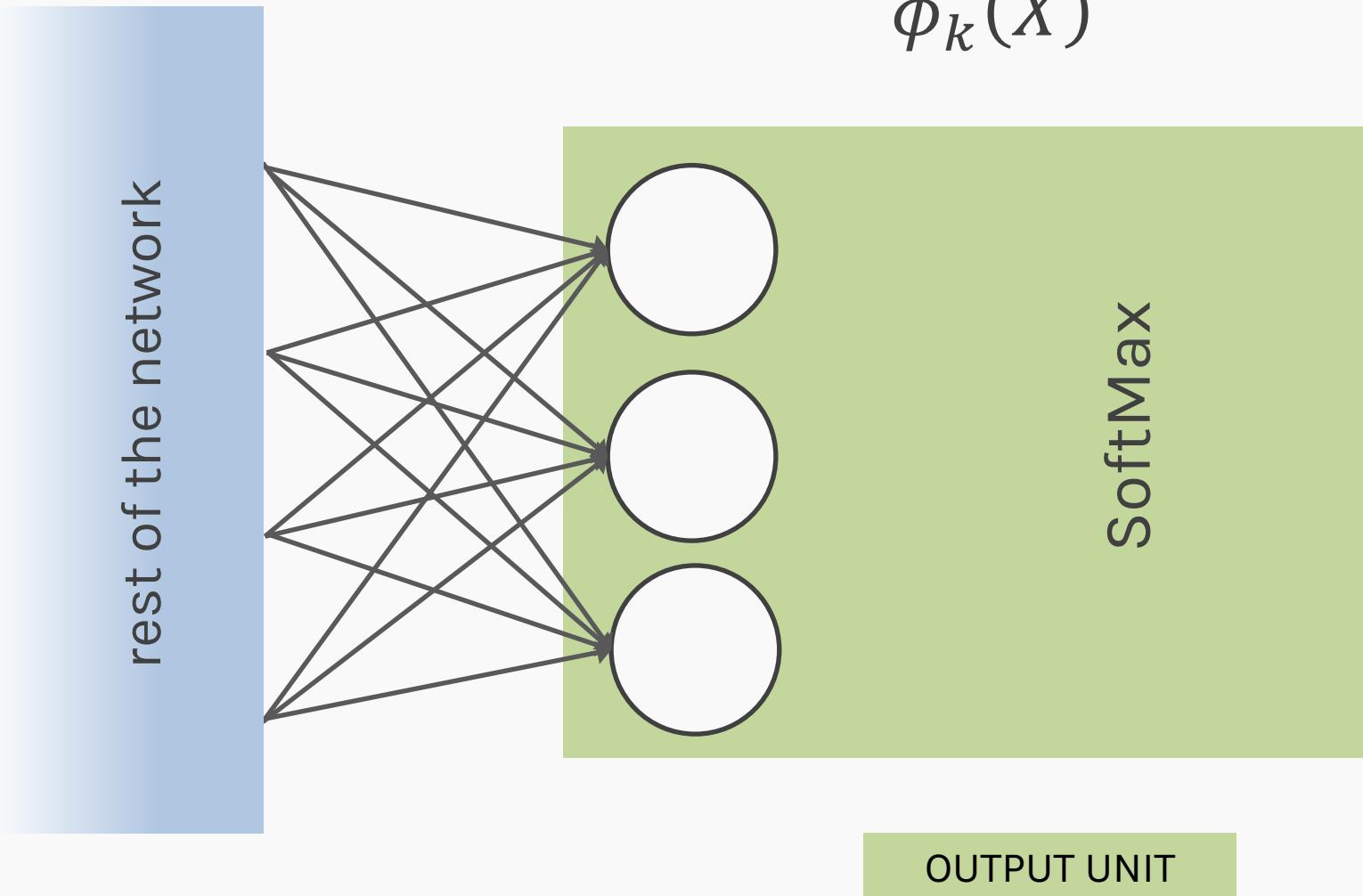
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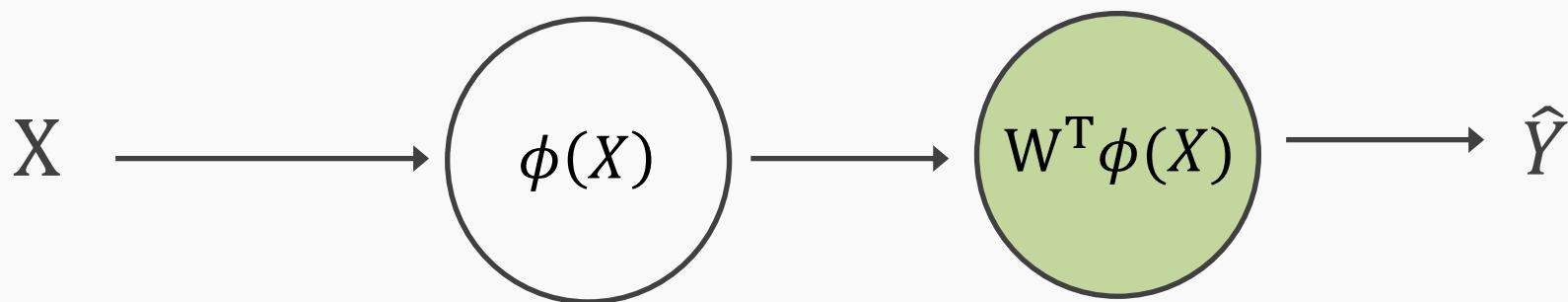
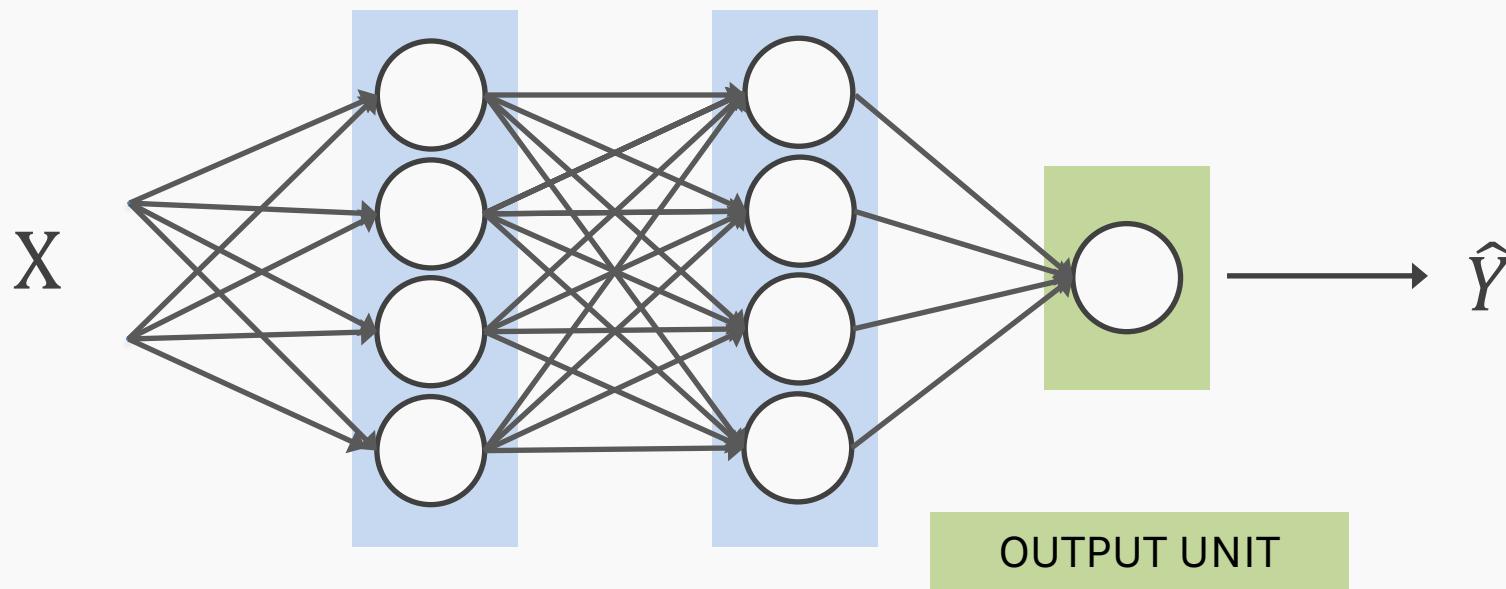
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# Output unit for regression



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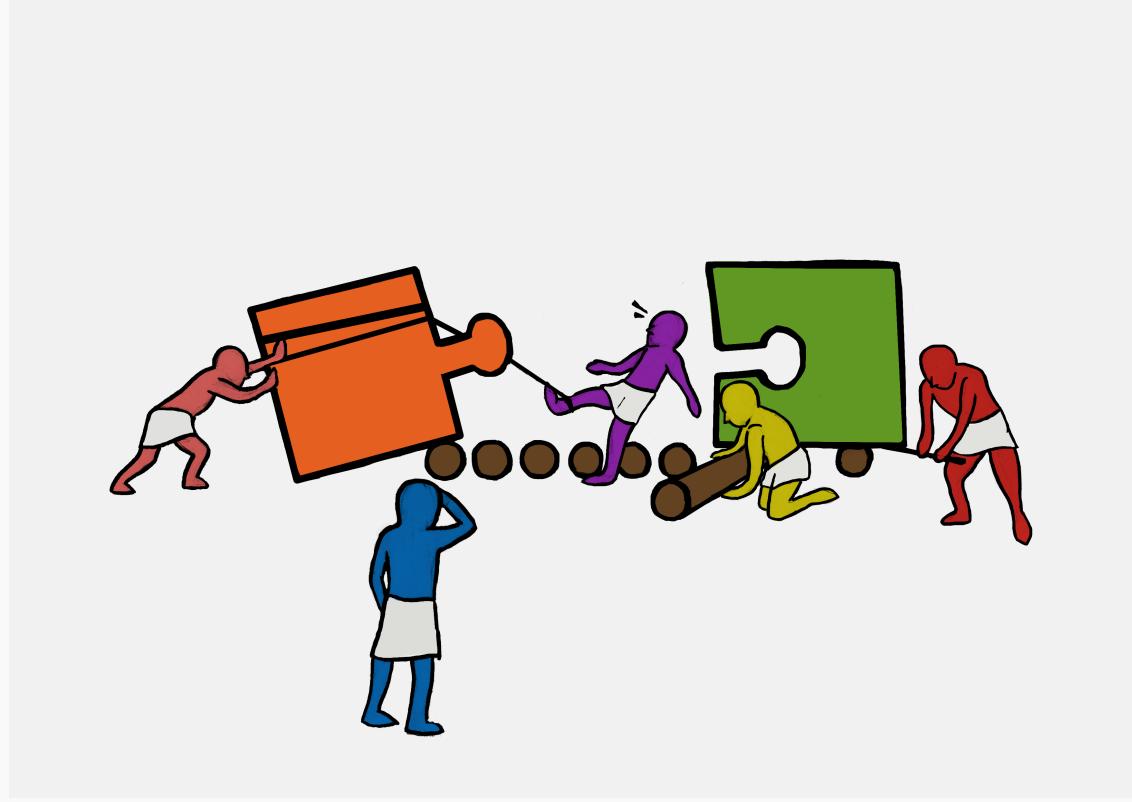
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## Constructing an MLP with Keras