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## Lecture 6

Pyramids

Learned feedforward visual processing

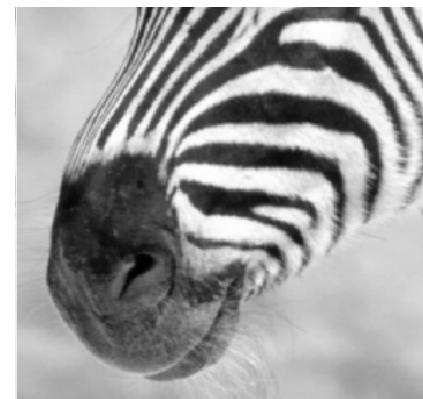
# The Gaussian pyramid

512×512

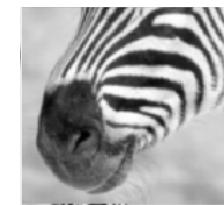


(original image)

256×256



128×128



64×64



# Image down-sampling



Blur  
→



→  
 $\downarrow_2$



# Image up-sampling



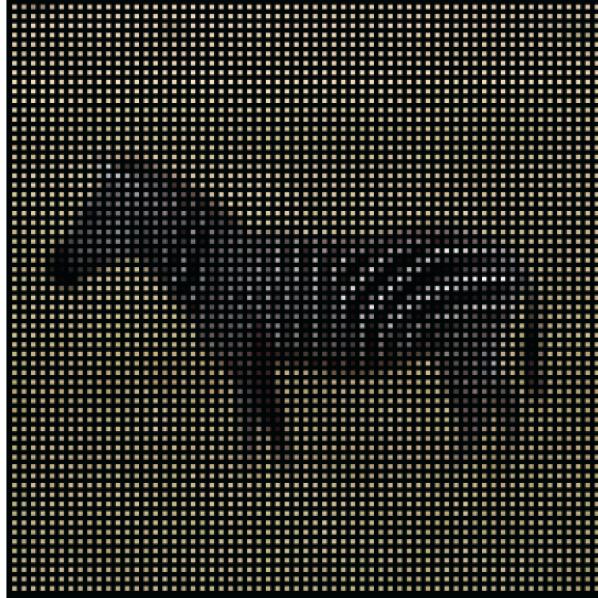
→  
 $\uparrow^2$



# Image up-sampling



64×64



Start by inserting zeros

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \circ & 2 & 4 & 2 = \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{matrix}$$



128×128

# Convolution and up-sampling as a matrix multiply (1D case)

$$y_2 = F_3 x_3$$

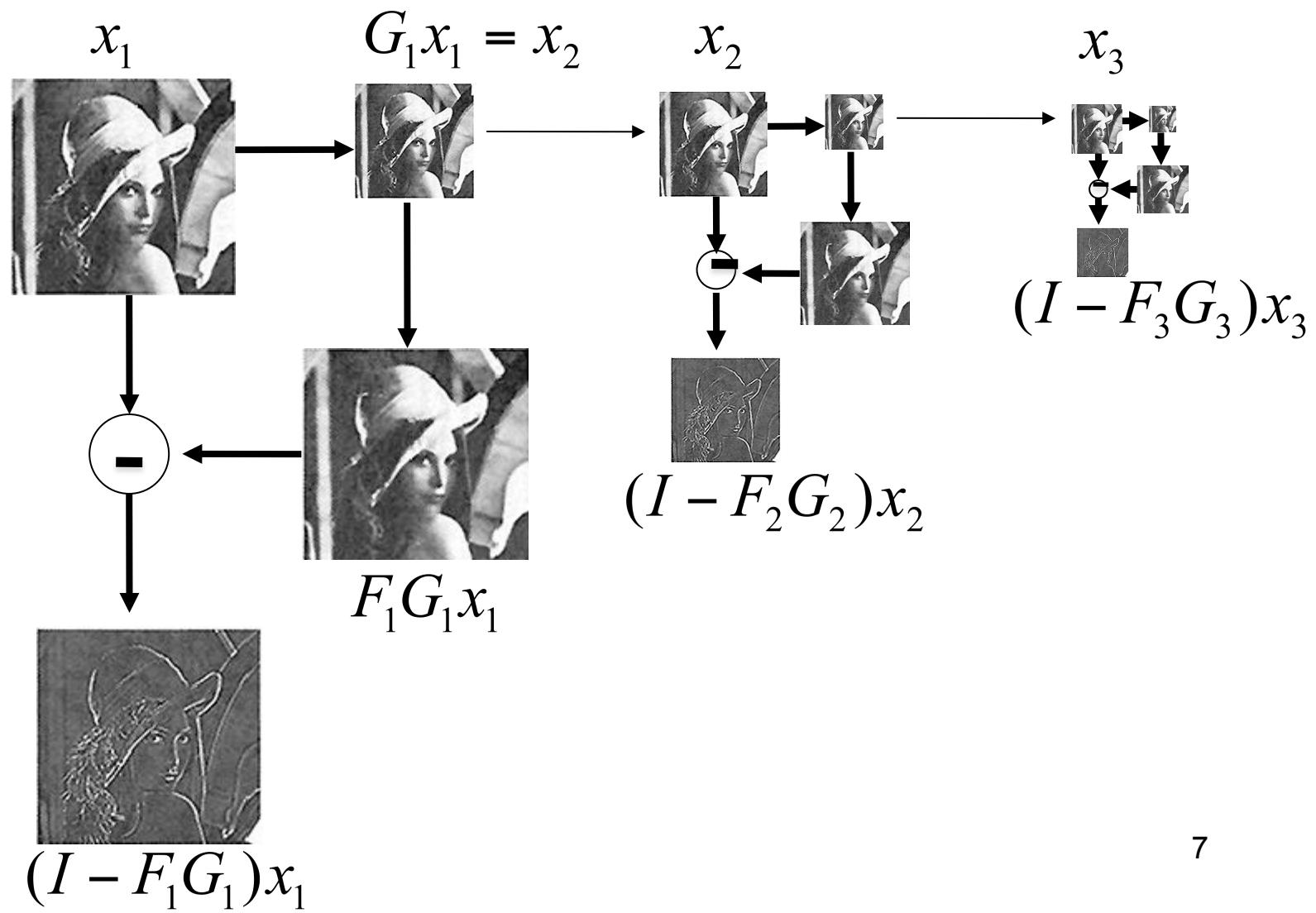
Insert zeros between pixels, then  
apply a low-pass filter, [1 4 6 4 1]

$$\begin{aligned}F_3 = \quad & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\& 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\& 1 & 6 & 1 & 0 \\& 0 & 4 & 4 & 0 \\& 0 & 1 & 6 & 1 \\& 0 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\& 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\& 0 & 0 & 0 & 4\end{aligned}$$

# The Laplacian Pyramid

- Synthesis
  - Compute the difference between upsampled Gaussian pyramid level and Gaussian pyramid level.
  - band pass filter - each level represents spatial frequencies (largely) unrepresented at other level.

# Laplacian pyramid algorithm



Showing, at full resolution, the information captured at each level of a Gaussian (top) and Laplacian (bottom) pyramid.

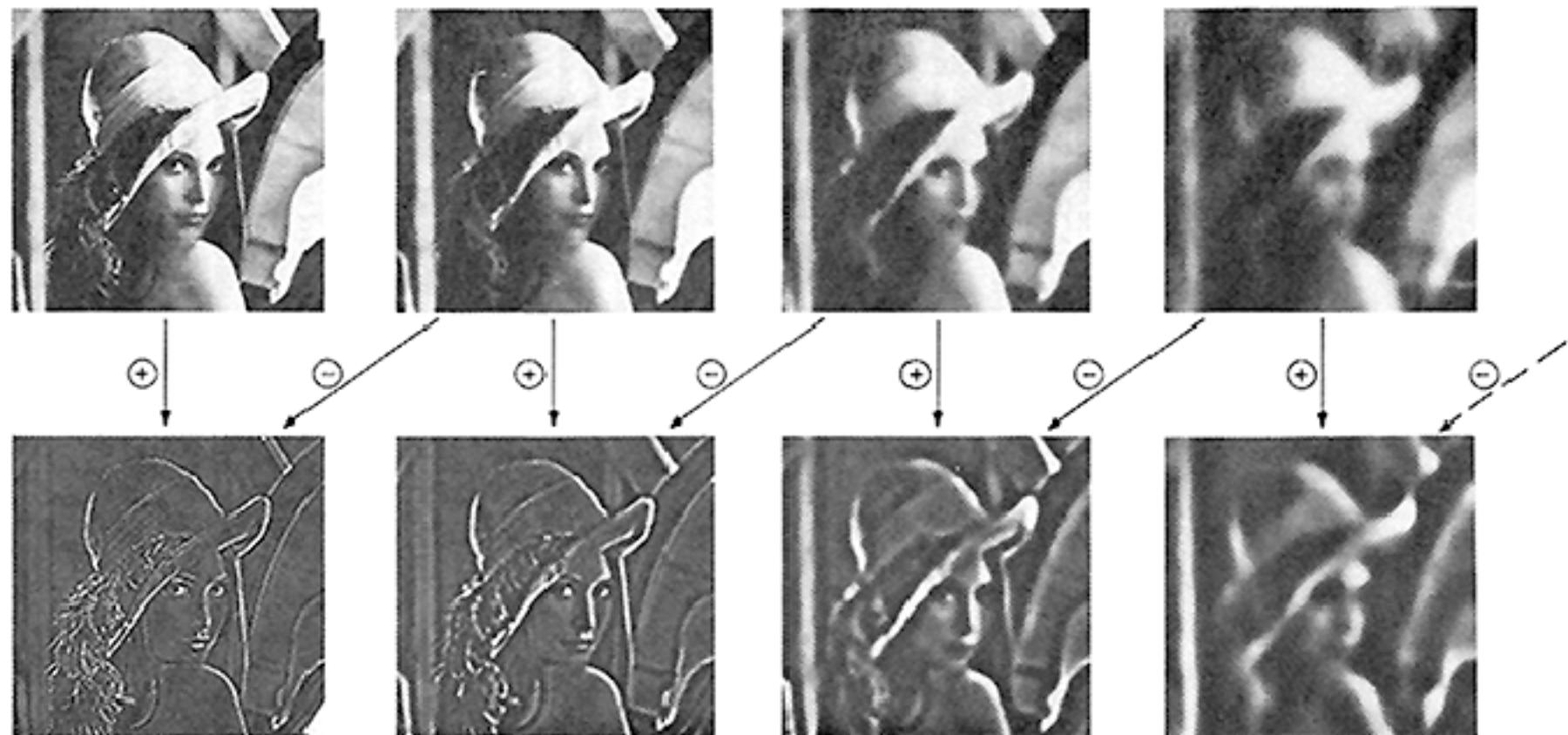


Fig. 5. First four levels of the Gaussian and Laplacian pyramid. Gaussian images, upper row, were obtained by expanding pyramid arrays (Fig. 4) through Gaussian interpolation. Each level of the Laplacian pyramid is the difference between the corresponding and next higher levels of the Gaussian pyramid.

# Laplacian pyramid reconstruction algorithm: recover $x_1$ from $L_1, L_2, L_3$ and $x_4$

$G\#$  is the blur-and-downsample operator at pyramid level  $\#$

$F\#$  is the blur-and-upsample operator at pyramid level  $\#$

Laplacian pyramid elements:

$$L_1 = (I - F_1 G_1) x_1$$

$$L_2 = (I - F_2 G_2) x_2$$

$$L_3 = (I - F_3 G_3) x_3$$

$$x_2 = G_1 x_1$$

$$x_3 = G_2 x_2$$

$$x_4 = G_3 x_3$$

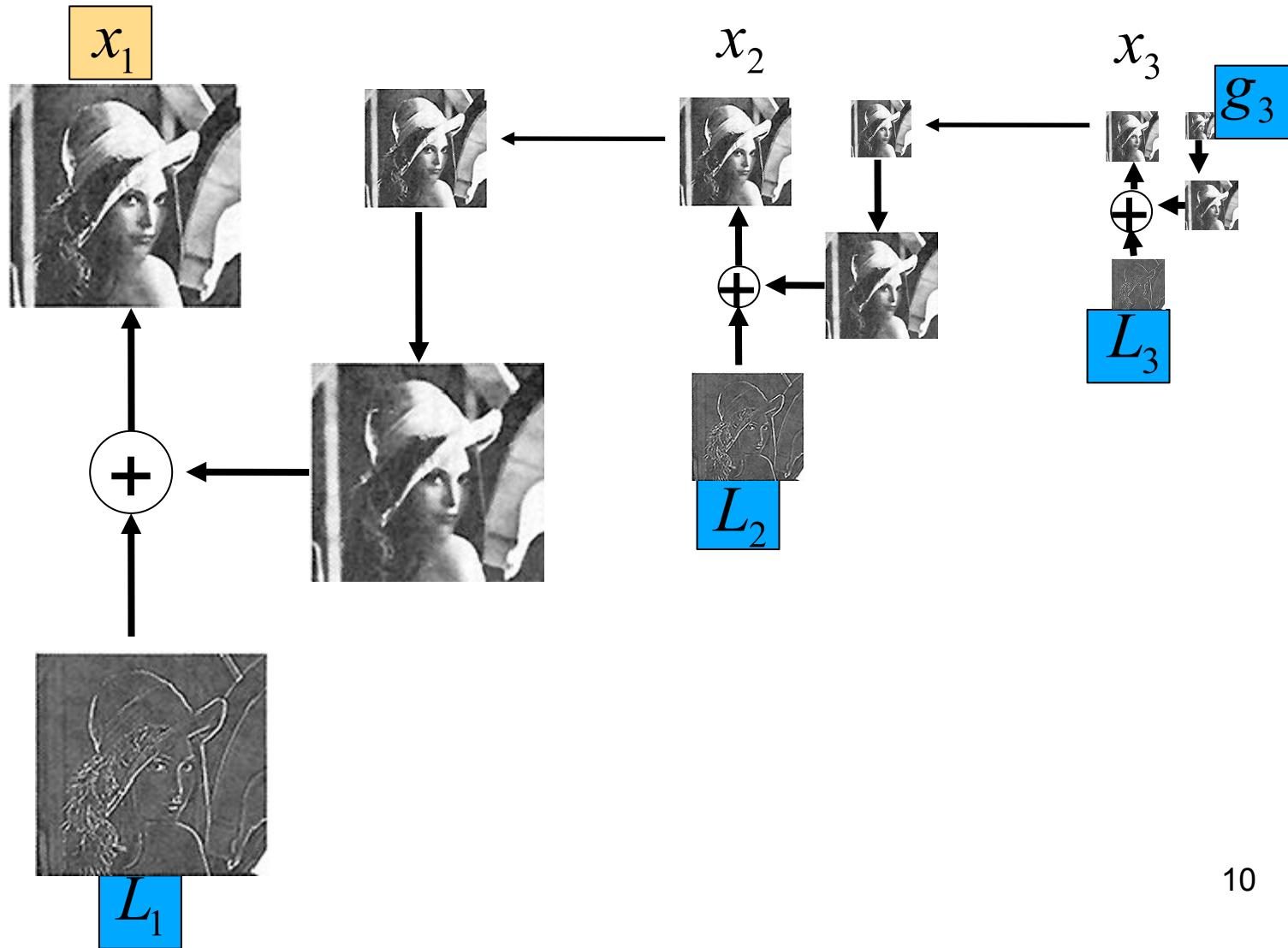
Reconstruction of original image ( $x_1$ ) from Laplacian pyramid elements:

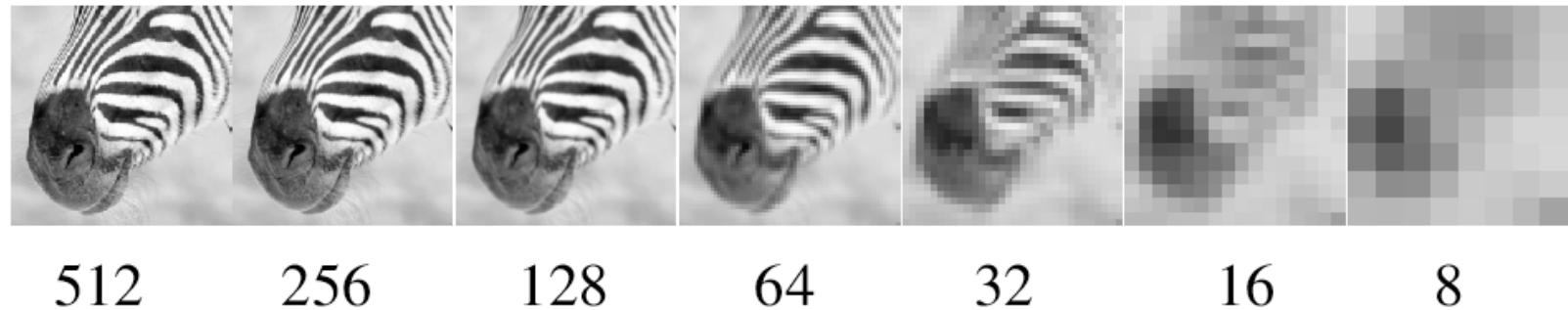
$$x_3 = L_3 + F_3 x_4$$

$$x_2 = L_2 + F_2 x_3$$

$$\boxed{x_1 = L_1 + F_1 x_2}$$

# Laplacian pyramid reconstruction algorithm: recover $x_1$ from $L_1, L_2, L_3$ and $g_3$







512

256

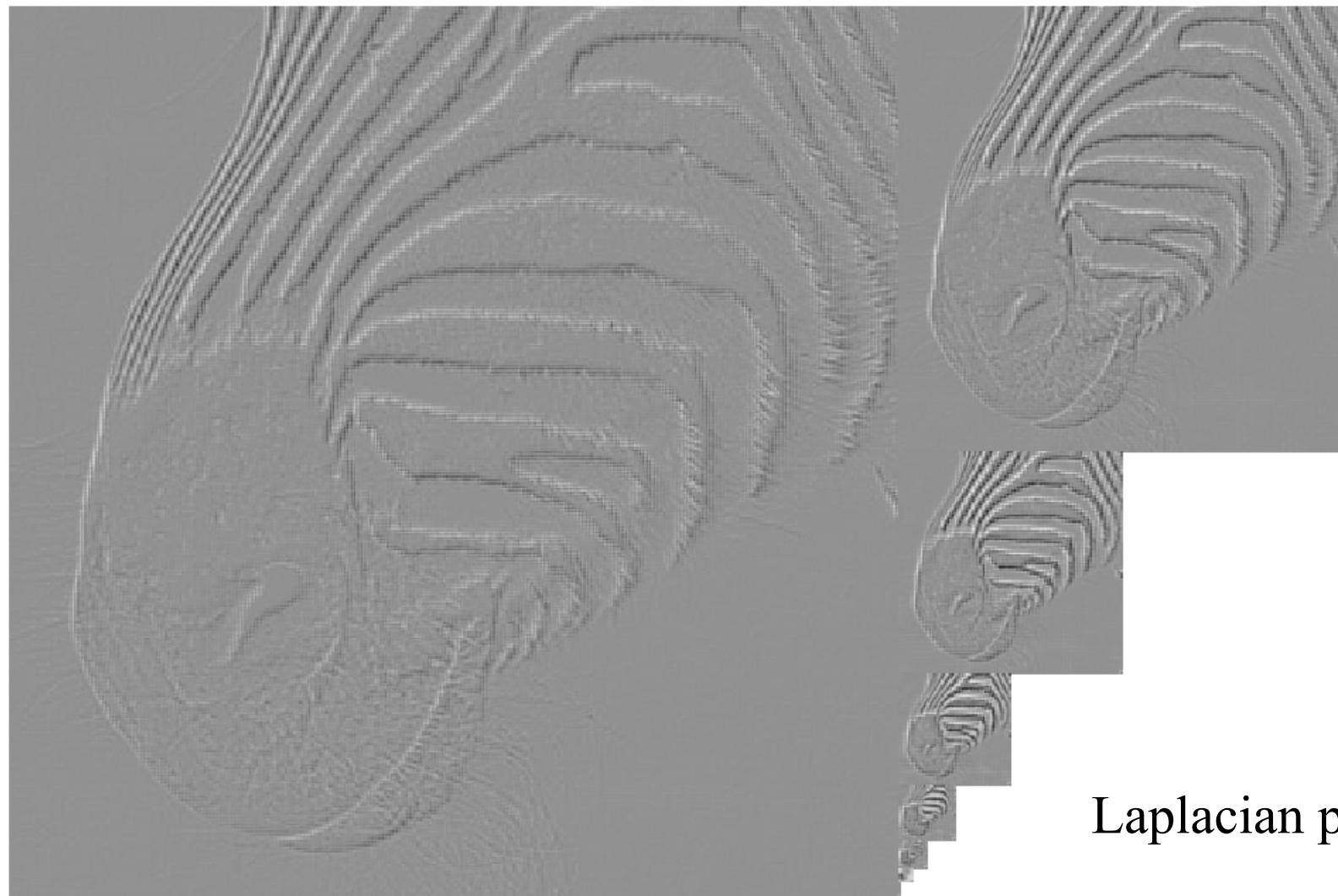
128

64

32

16

8 (Low-pass residual)



Laplacian pyramid

1-d Laplacian pyramid matrix, for [1 4 6 4 1] low-pass filter

high frequencies

mid-band  
frequencies

low frequencies



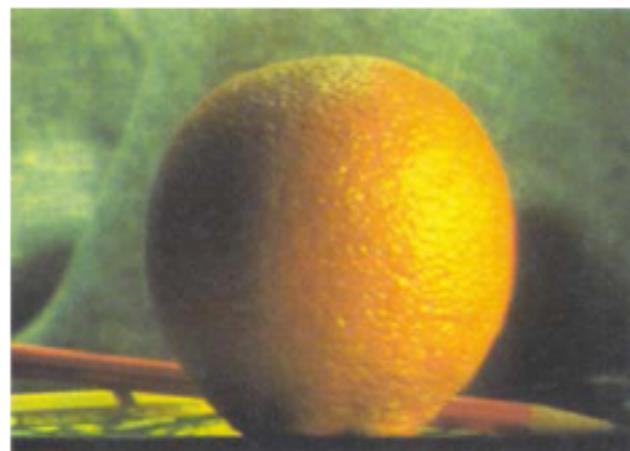
# Laplacian pyramid applications

- Texture synthesis
- Image compression
- Noise removal
- Also related to SIFT

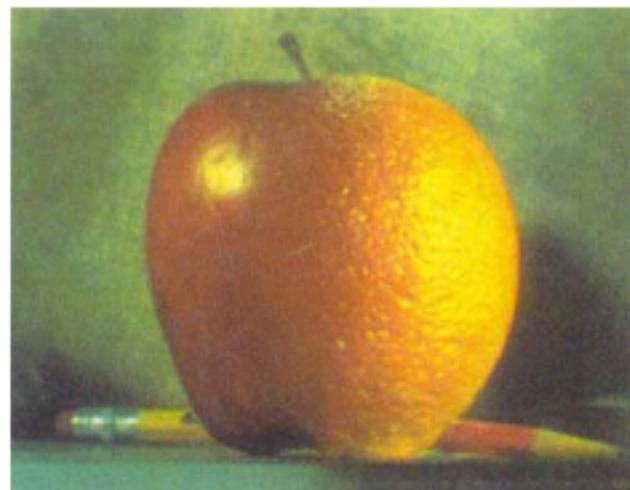
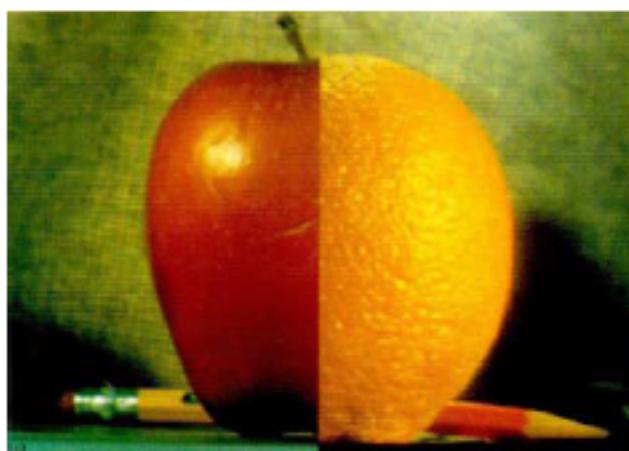
# Image blending

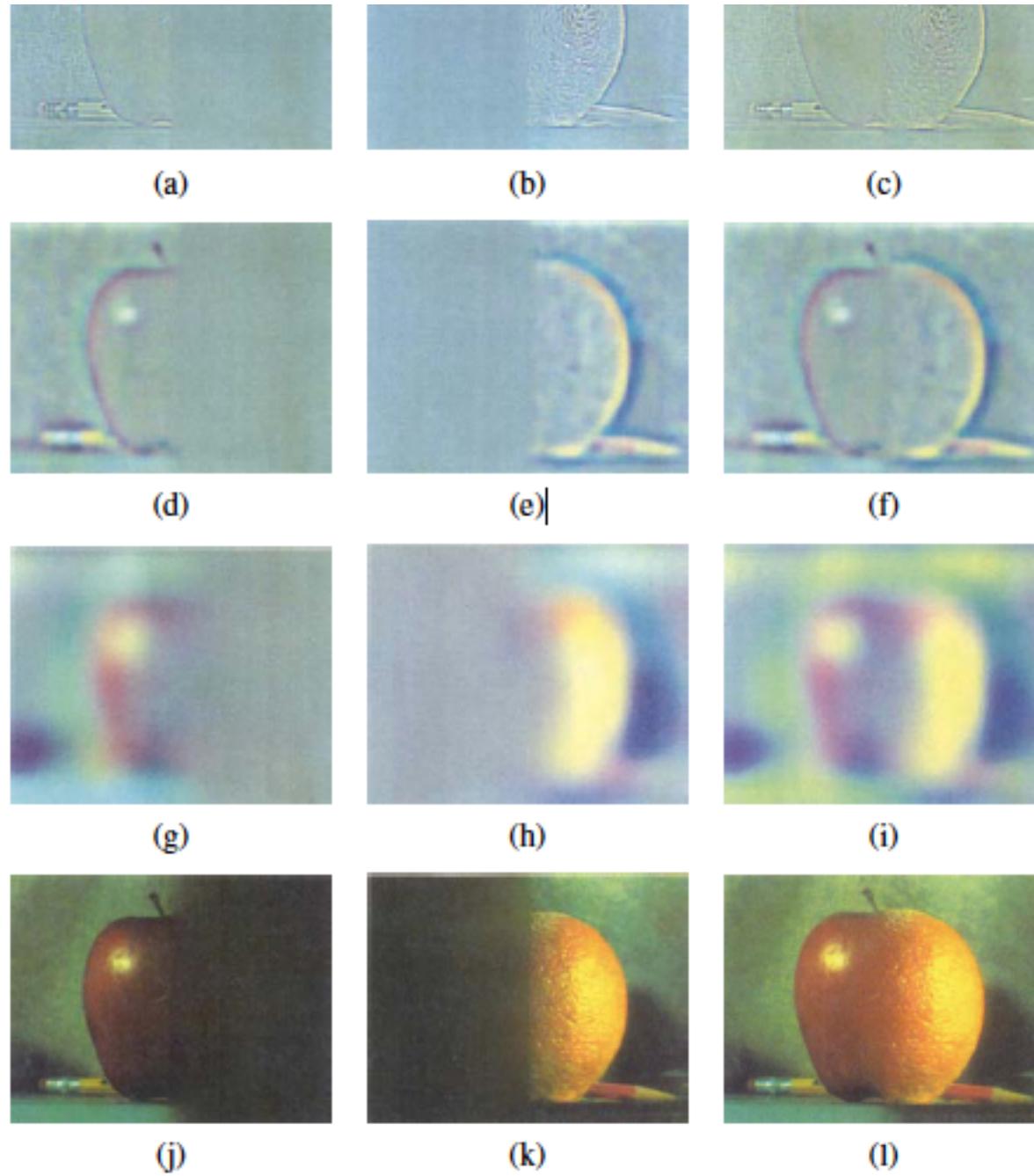


(a)



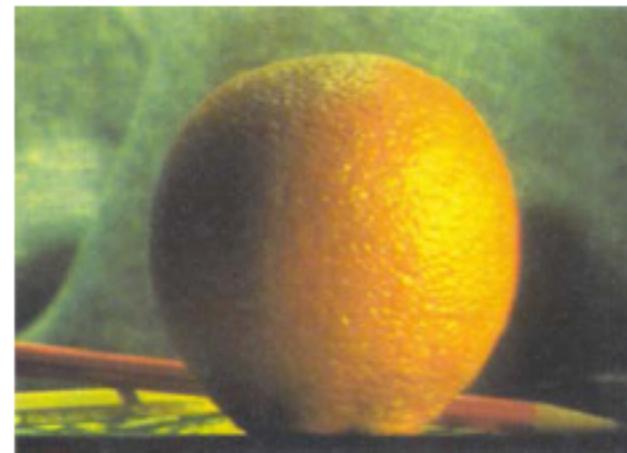
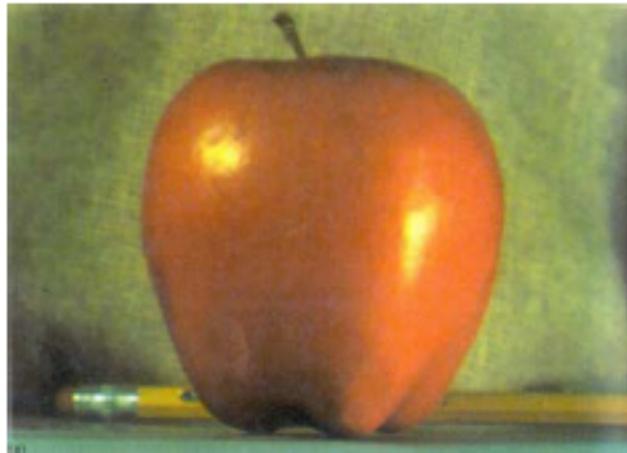
(b)





**Figure 3.42** Laplacian pyramid blending details (Burt and Adelson 1983b) © 1983 ACM.  
The first three rows show the high, medium, and low frequency parts of the Laplacian pyramid

# Image blending



- Build Laplacian pyramid for both images: LA, LB
- Build Gaussian pyramid for mask: G
- Build a combined Laplacian pyramid:  $L(j) = G(j) \cdot LA(j) + (1-G(j)) \cdot LB(j)$
- Collapse L to obtain the blended image

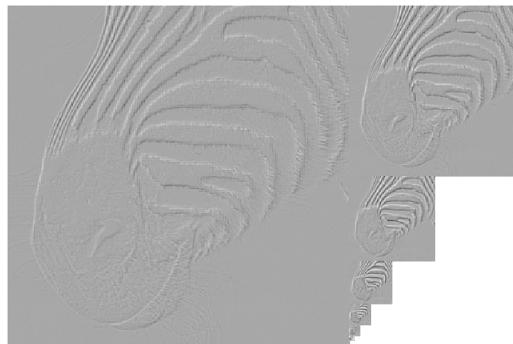


# Image pyramids

- Gaussian
- Laplacian



Progressively blurred and subsampled versions of the image. Adds scale invariance to fixed-size algorithms.

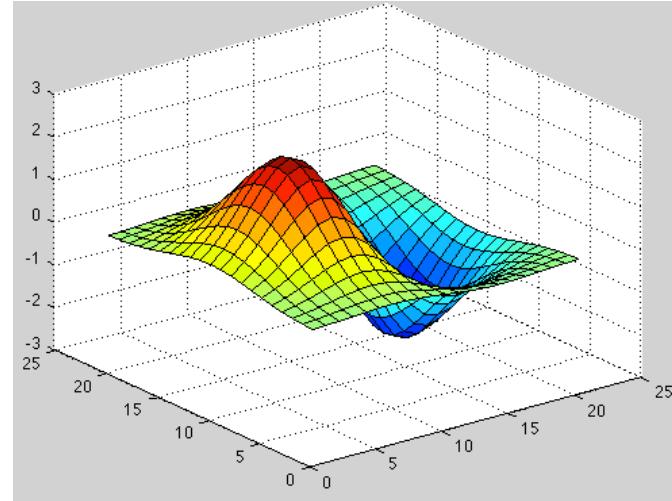


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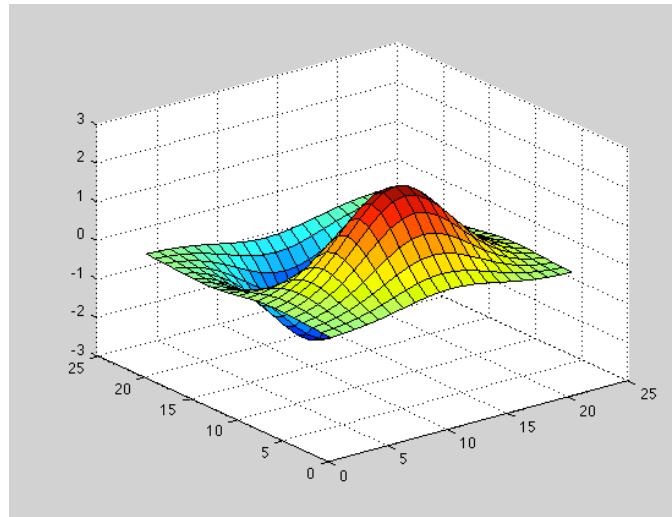
Those pyramids do not encode orientation

# Gaussian derivatives: Steerability.

$$g_x(x,y) = \frac{\partial g(x,y)}{\partial x} = \frac{-x}{2\pi\sigma^4} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

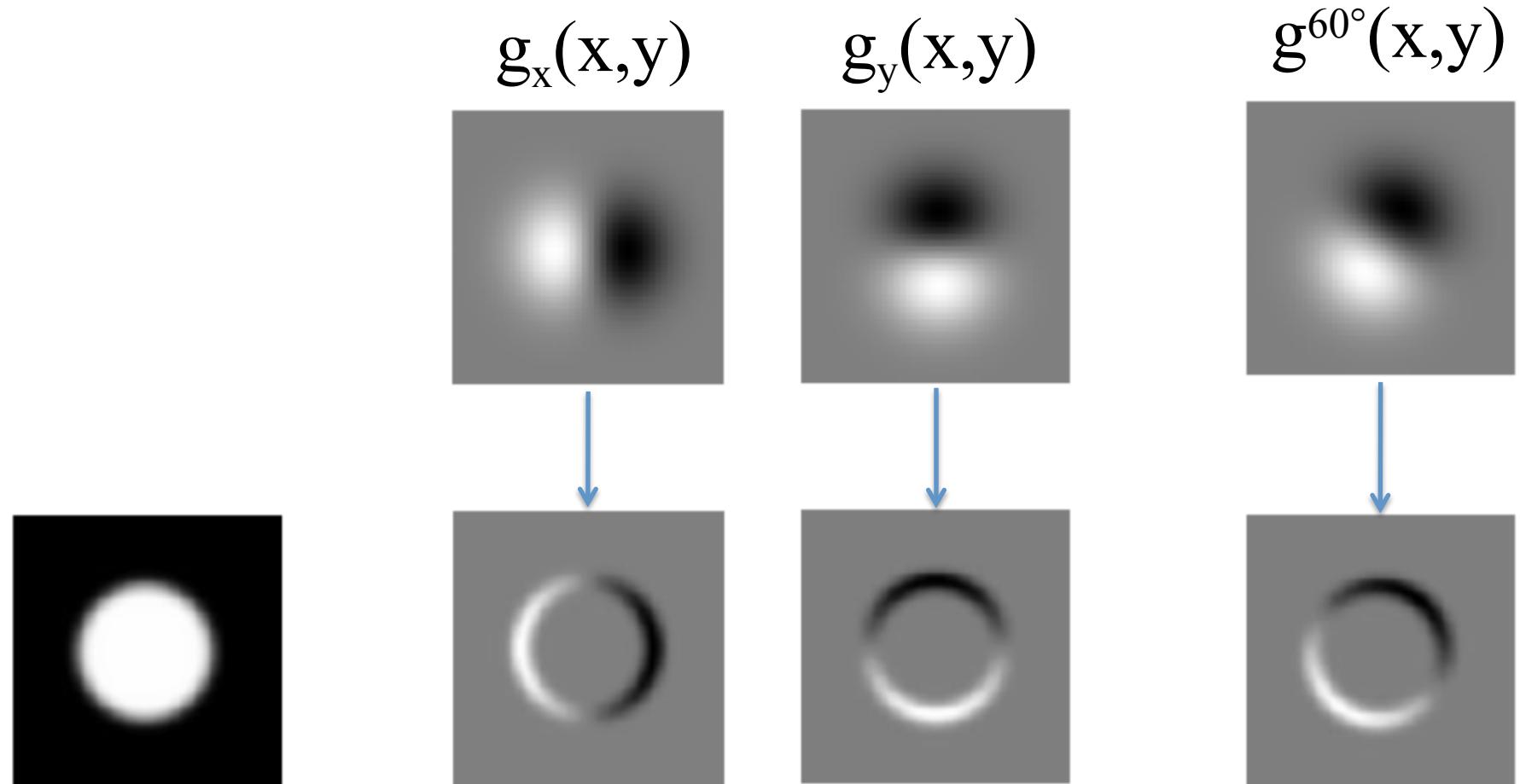


$$g_y(x,y) = \frac{\partial g(x,y)}{\partial y} = \frac{-y}{2\pi\sigma^4} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



What about other orientations not axis aligned?

# Gaussian derivatives: Steerability.



Input image

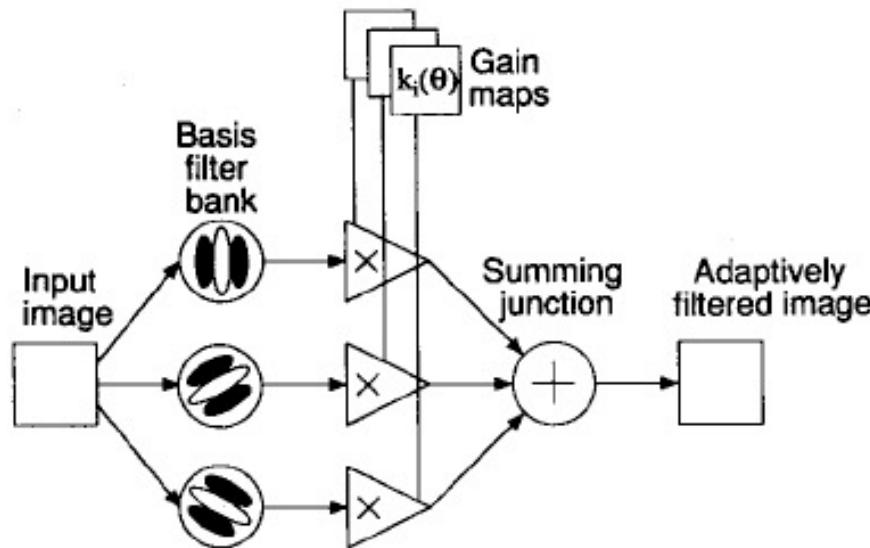
$$g^{60^\circ}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}g_x(x,y) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}g_y(x,y)$$

# Gaussian derivatives: Steerability.

For the Gaussian derivatives, any orientation can be obtained as a linear combination of two basis functions:

$$g^\alpha(x,y) = \cos(\alpha)g_x(x,y) + \sin(\alpha)g_y(x,y)$$

In general, a kernel is steerable, if it can any rotation can be obtained as a linear combination of N basis functions.



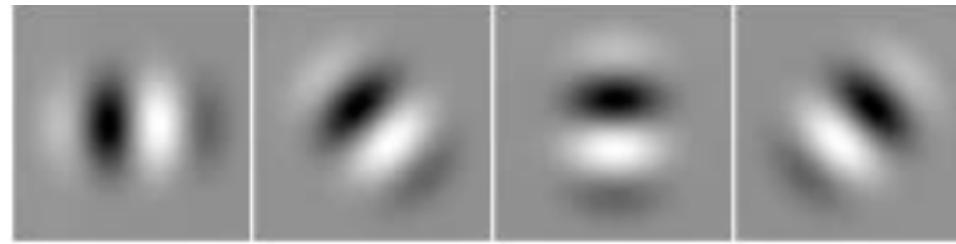
# Steerable filters

- N-th order derivatives of Gaussians are steerable with N basis functions.
- In general, if a function can be decomposed as a Fourier basis in polar coordinates with a finite number of polar terms, then the function is steerable.

$$f(r, \phi) = \sum_{n=-N}^N a_n(r) e^{in\phi}$$

# Steerable Pyramids

We can extend the oriented filters into a multi-scale pyramid



Simoncelli, Freeman, Adelson

# Steerable Pyramids

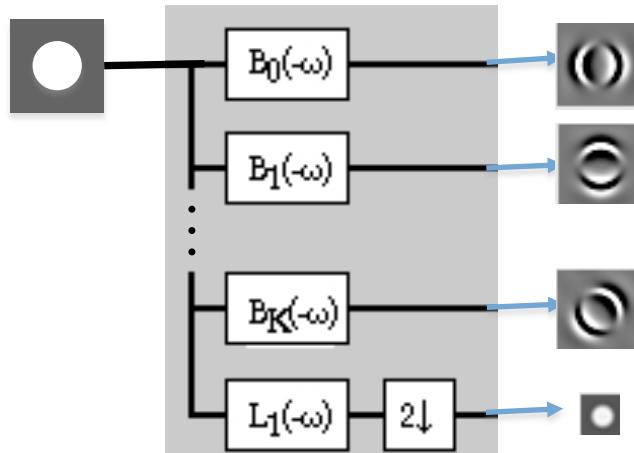


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# Steerable Pyramid

We may combine Steerability with Pyramids to get a Steerable Laplacian Pyramid as shown below

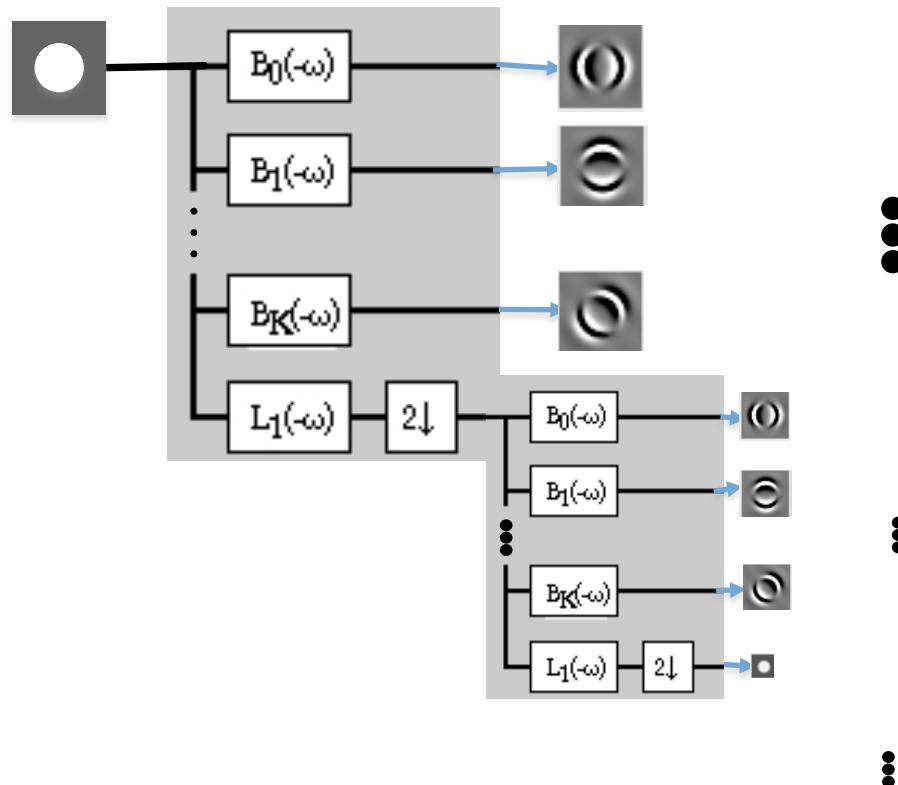
## Decomposition



# Steerable Pyramid

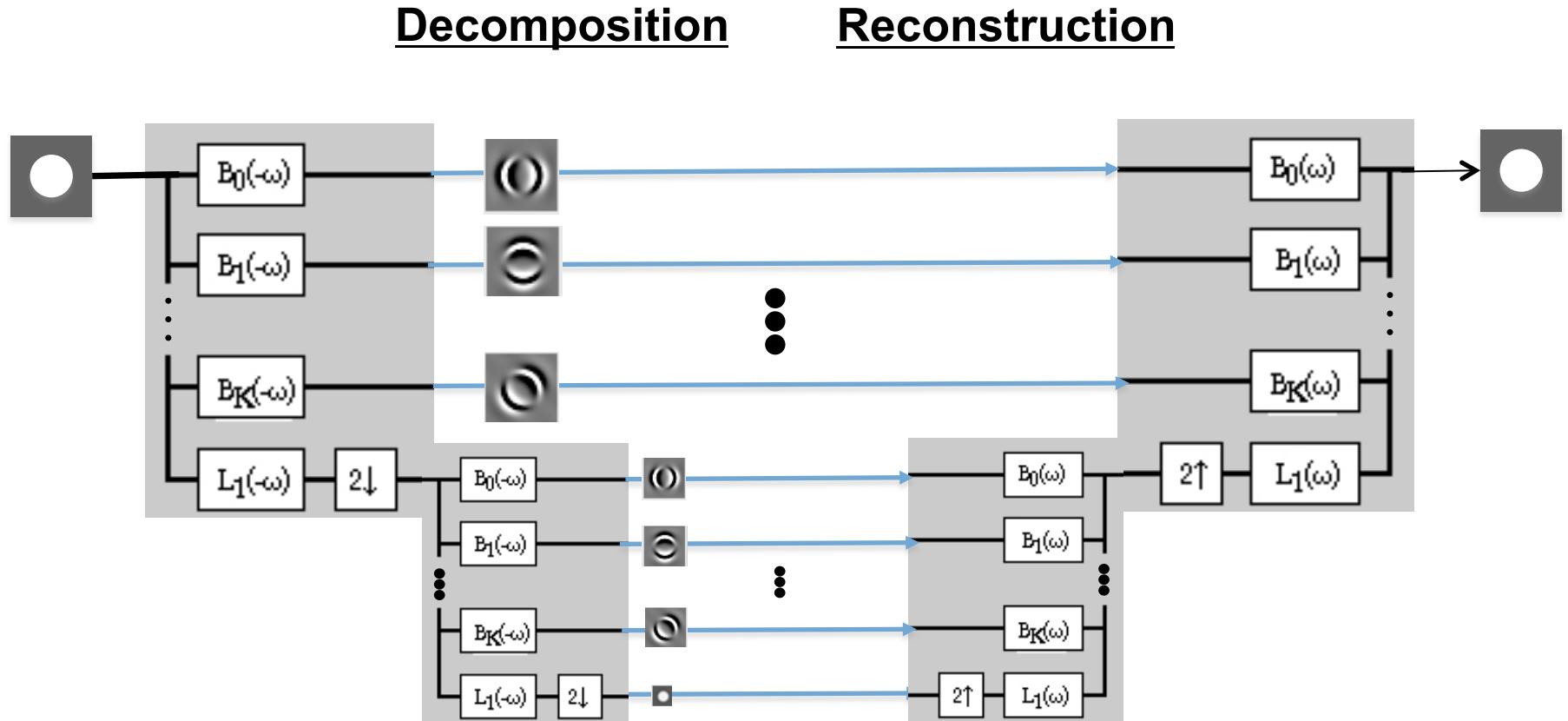
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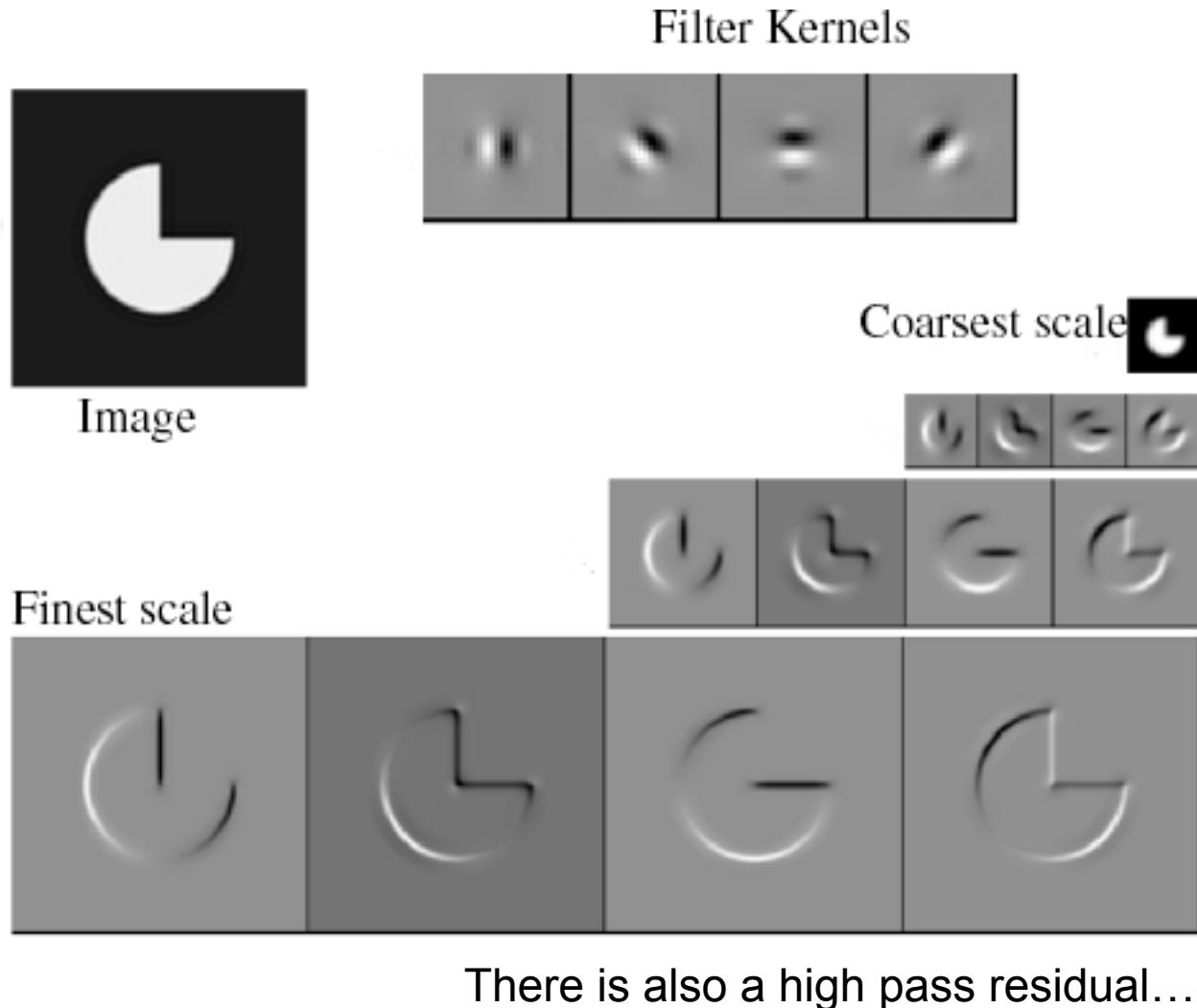
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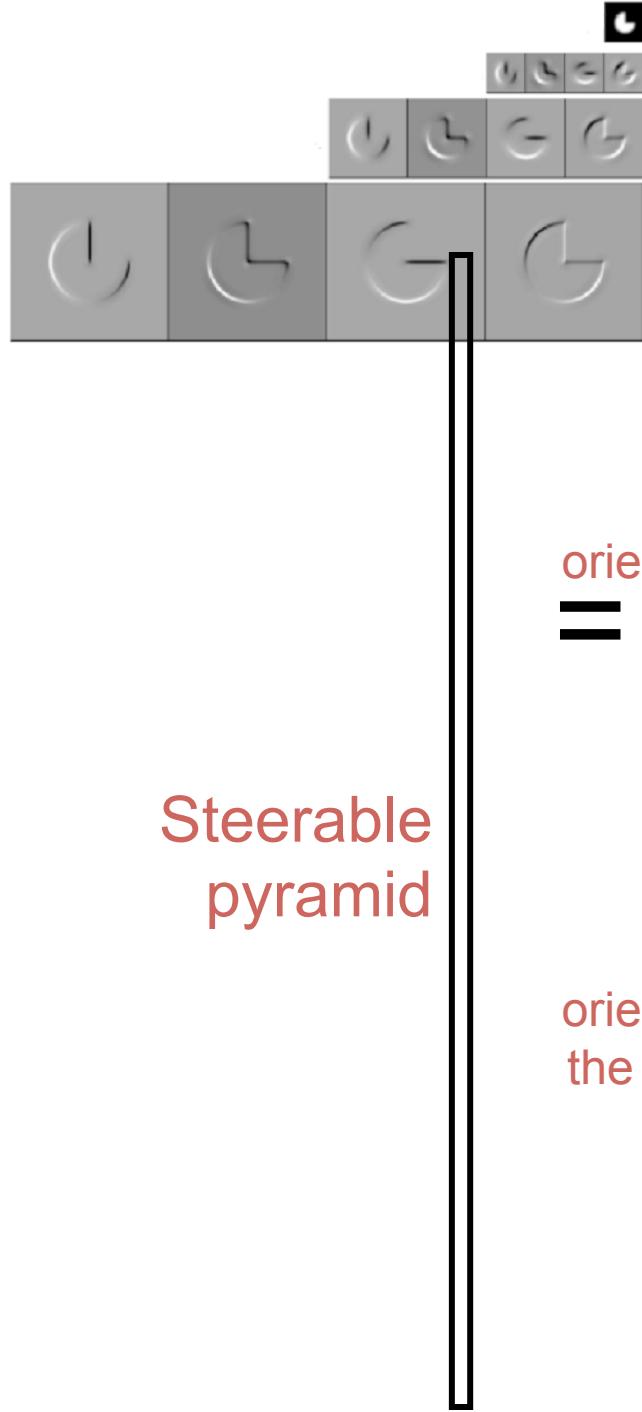
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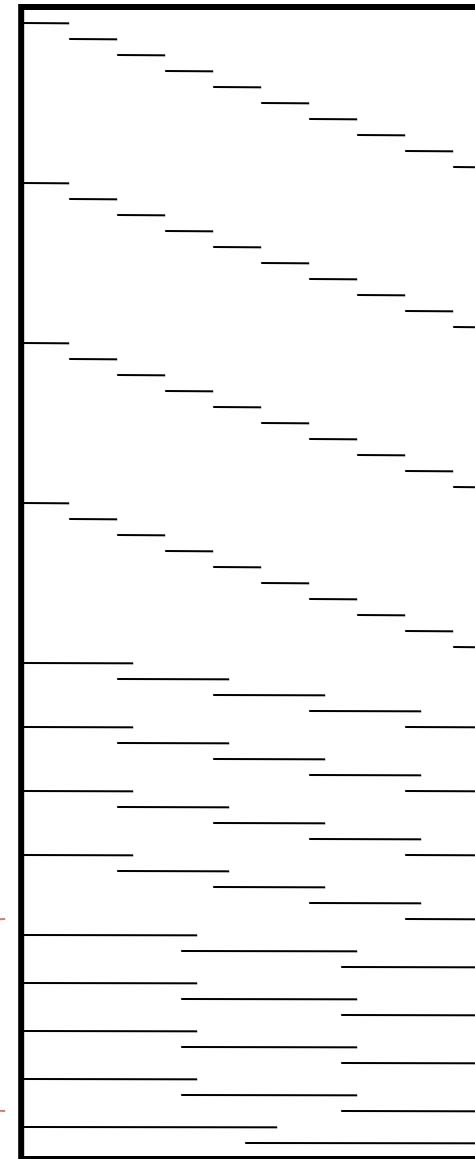




“Shiftable MultiScale Transforms,” by Simoncelli et al., IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, 1992



# Steerable pyramid



pixel image

Over-complete representation, but non-aliased subbands.

# Image pyramids

- Gaussian



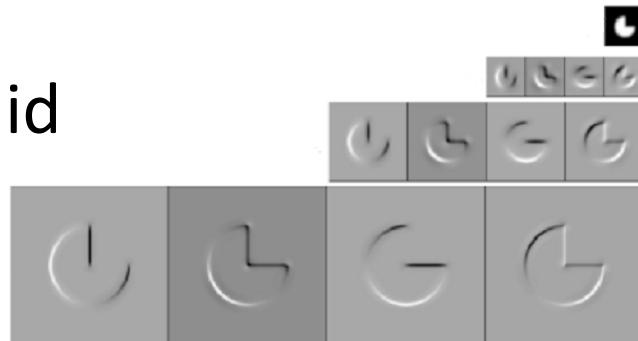
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- Laplacian



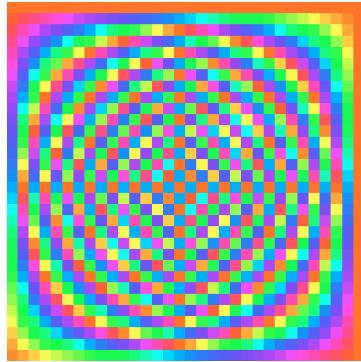
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- Steerable pyramid

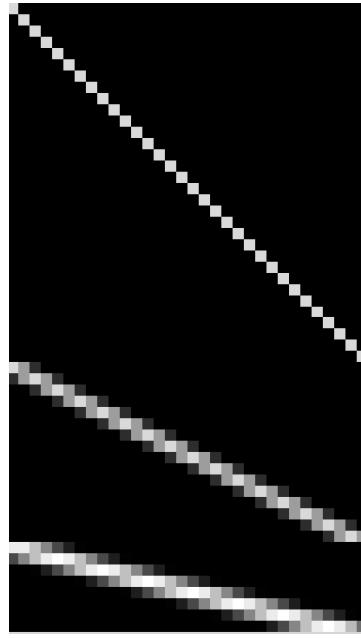


Shows components at each scale and orientation separately. Non-aliased subbands. Good for texture and feature analysis. But overcomplete and with HF residual.

# Image transformations



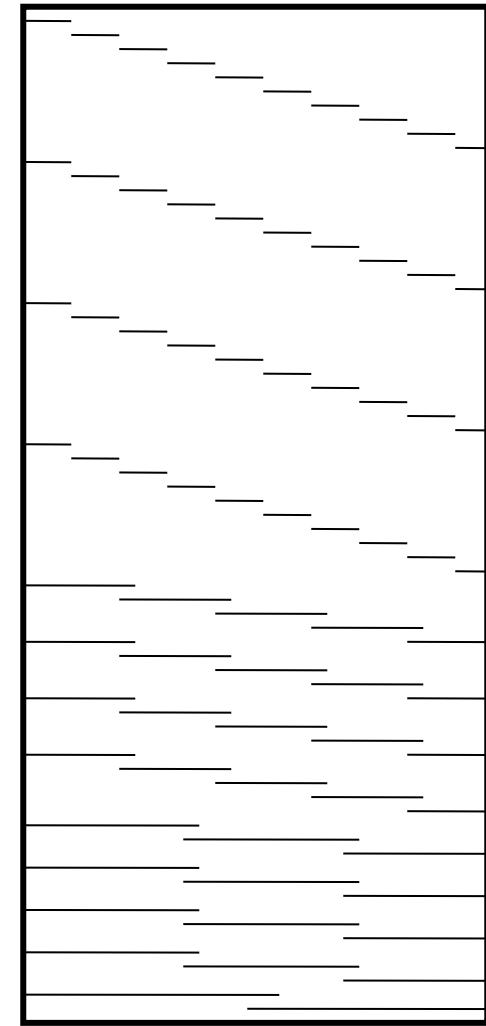
DFT



Gaussian  
pyramid



Laplacian  
pyramid



Steerable  
pyramid

Matlab resources for pyramids (with tutorial)

<http://www.cns.nyu.edu/~eero/software.html>

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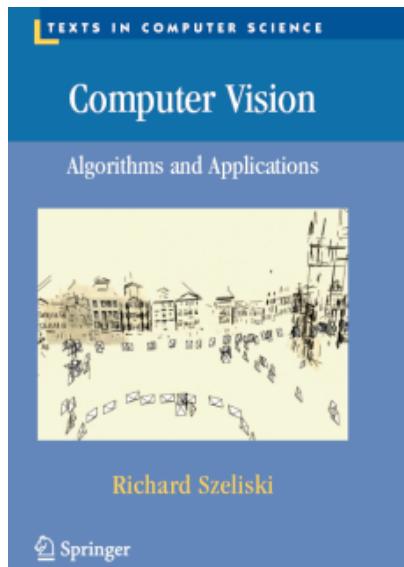
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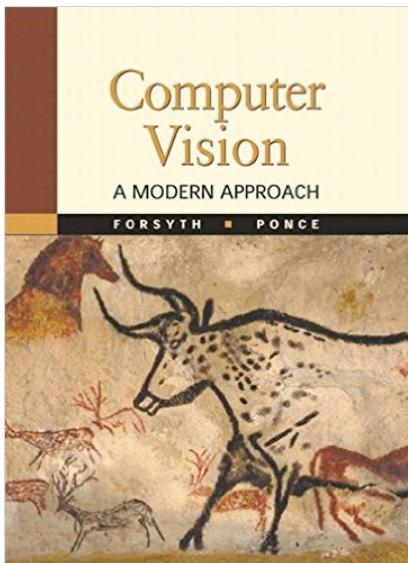


## Publicly Available Software Packages

- [Texture Analysis/Synthesis](#) - Matlab code is available for analyzing and synthesizing visual textures. [README](#) | [Contents](#) | [ChangeLog](#) | [Source code](#) (UNIX/PC, gzip'ed tar file)
- [EPWIC](#) - Embedded Progressive Wavelet Image Coder. C source code available.
- [matlabPyrTools](#) - Matlab source code for multi-scale image processing. Includes tools for building and manipulating Laplacian pyramids, QMF/Wavelets, and steerable pyramids. Data structures are compatible with the Matlab wavelet toolbox, but the convolution code (in C) is faster and has many boundary-handling options. [README](#), [Contents](#), [Modification list](#), [UNIX/PC source](#) or [Macintosh source](#).
- [The Steerable Pyramid](#), an (approximately) translation- and rotation-invariant multi-scale image decomposition. MatLab (see above) and C implementations are available.
- [Computational Models of cortical neurons](#). Macintosh program available.
- [EPIC](#) - Efficient Pyramid (Wavelet) Image Coder. C source code available.
- OBVIUS [Object-Based Vision & Image Understanding System]:  
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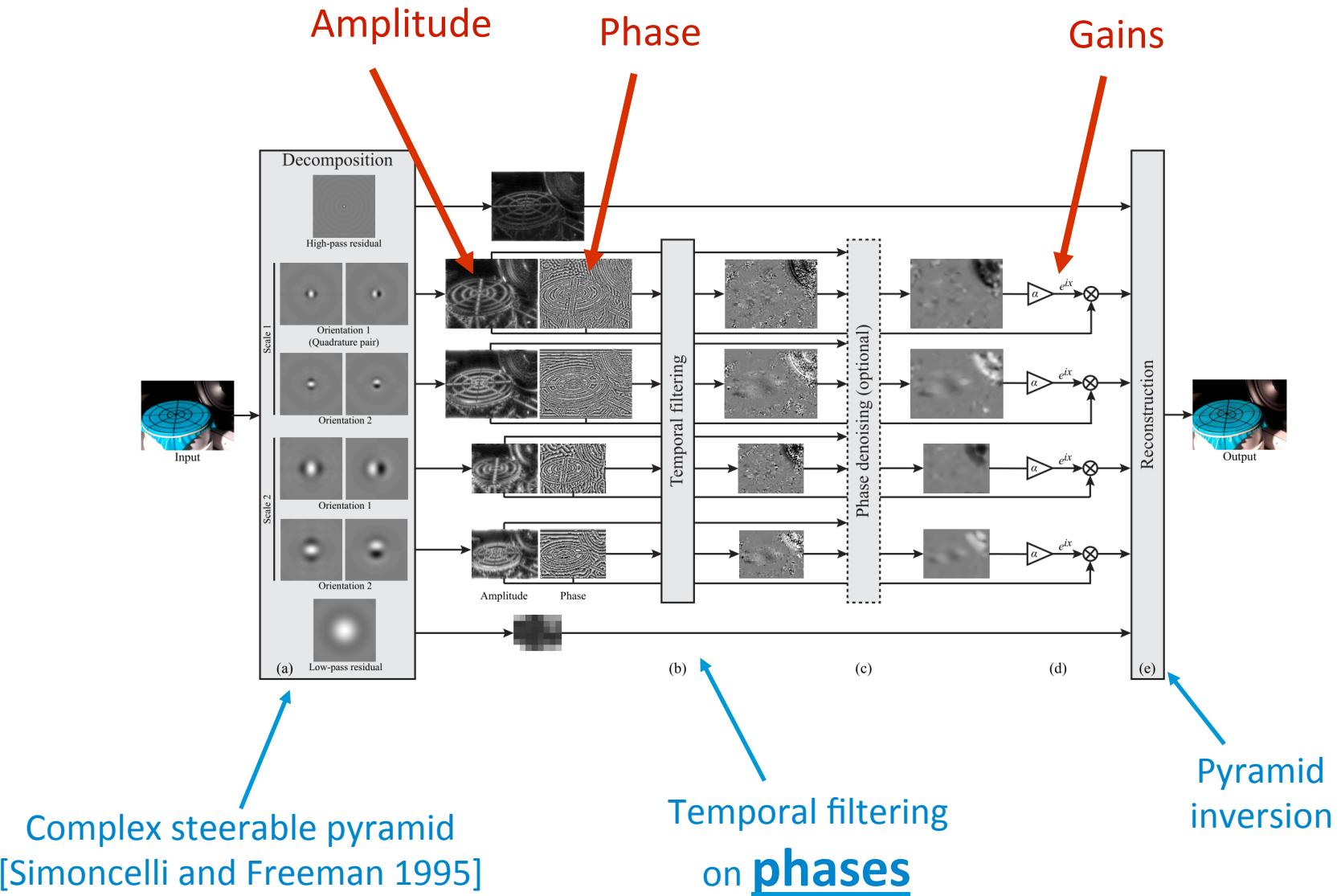
## Chapter 3: Image Processing



# Why use these representations?

- Handle real-world size variations with a constant-size vision algorithm.
- Remove noise
- Analyze texture
- Recognize objects
- Label image features
- Image priors can be specified naturally in terms of wavelet pyramids.

## Phase-based Pipeline (SIGGRAPH'13)



Complex steerable pyramid  
[Simoncelli and Freeman 1995]

Temporal filtering  
on phases

**input**



Source

**motion magnified**



Motion magnified

**input**



**motion magnified**





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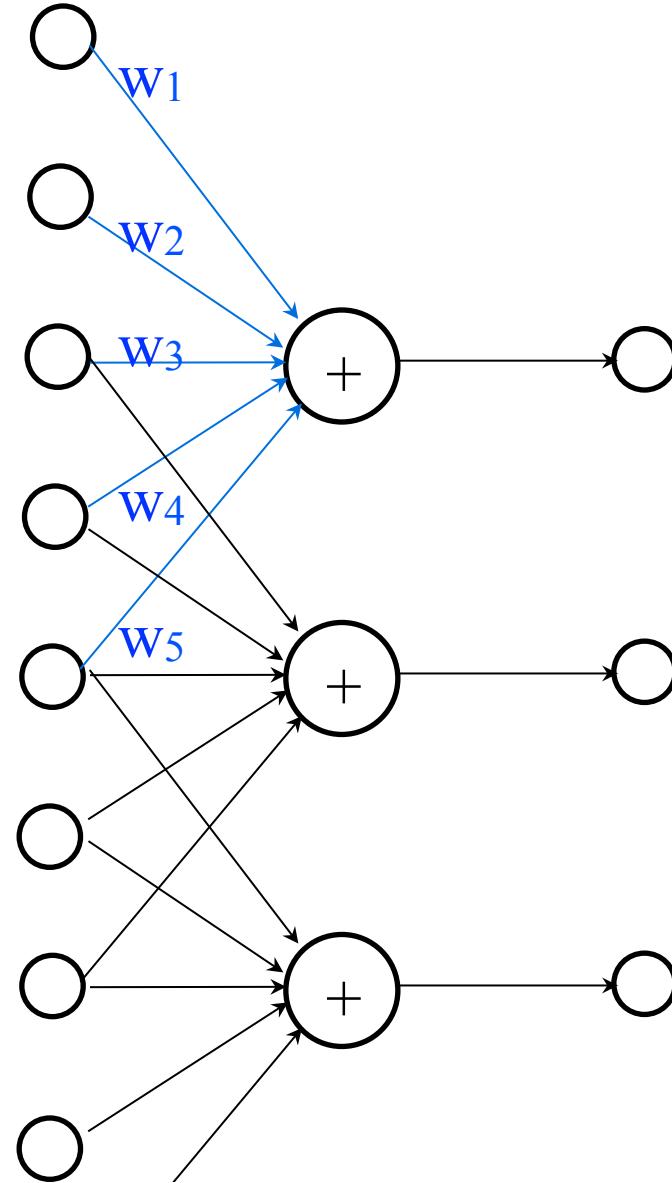
# Lecture 6

Learned feedforward visual processing (Deep learning)

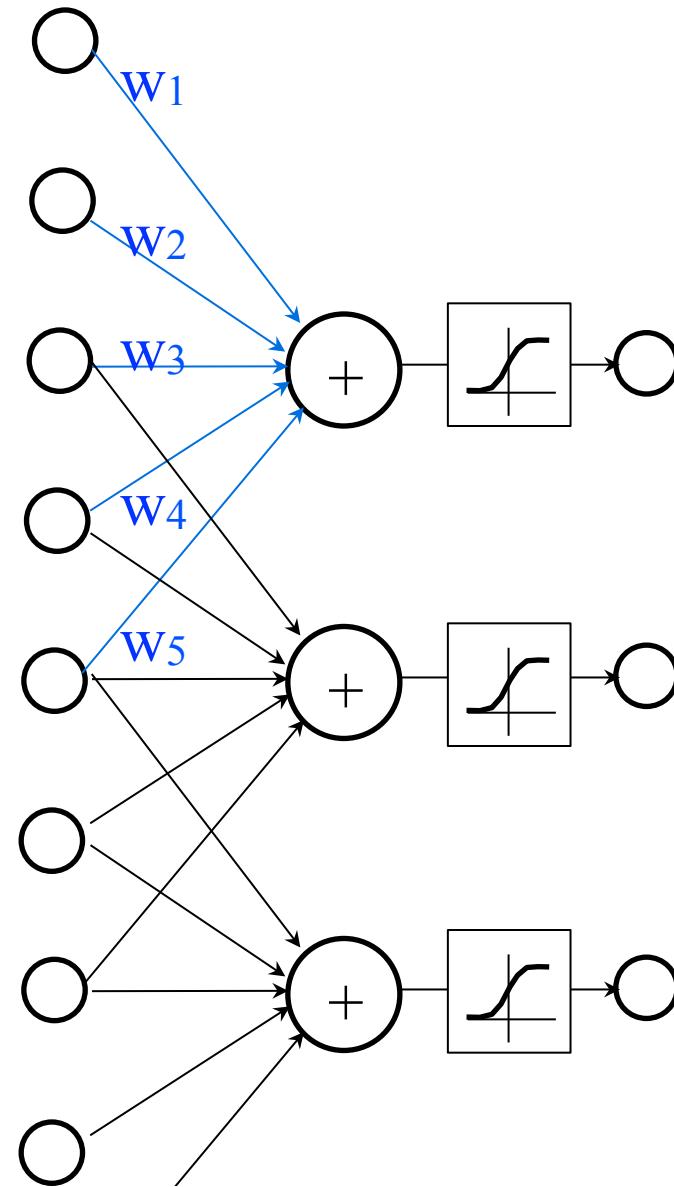
# What is the best representation?

- All the previous representation are manually constructed.
- Could they be learnt from data?

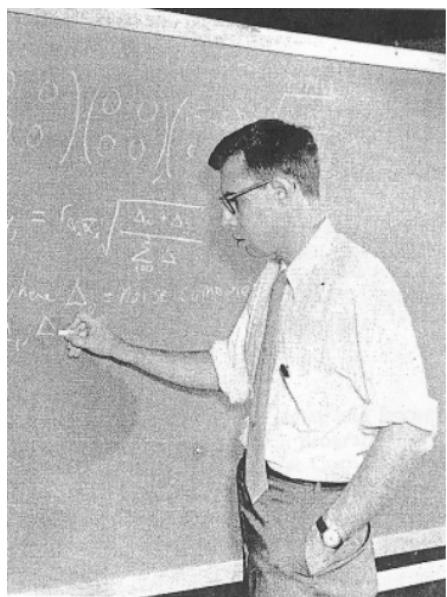
# Linear filtering pyramid architecture



# Convolutional neural network architecture

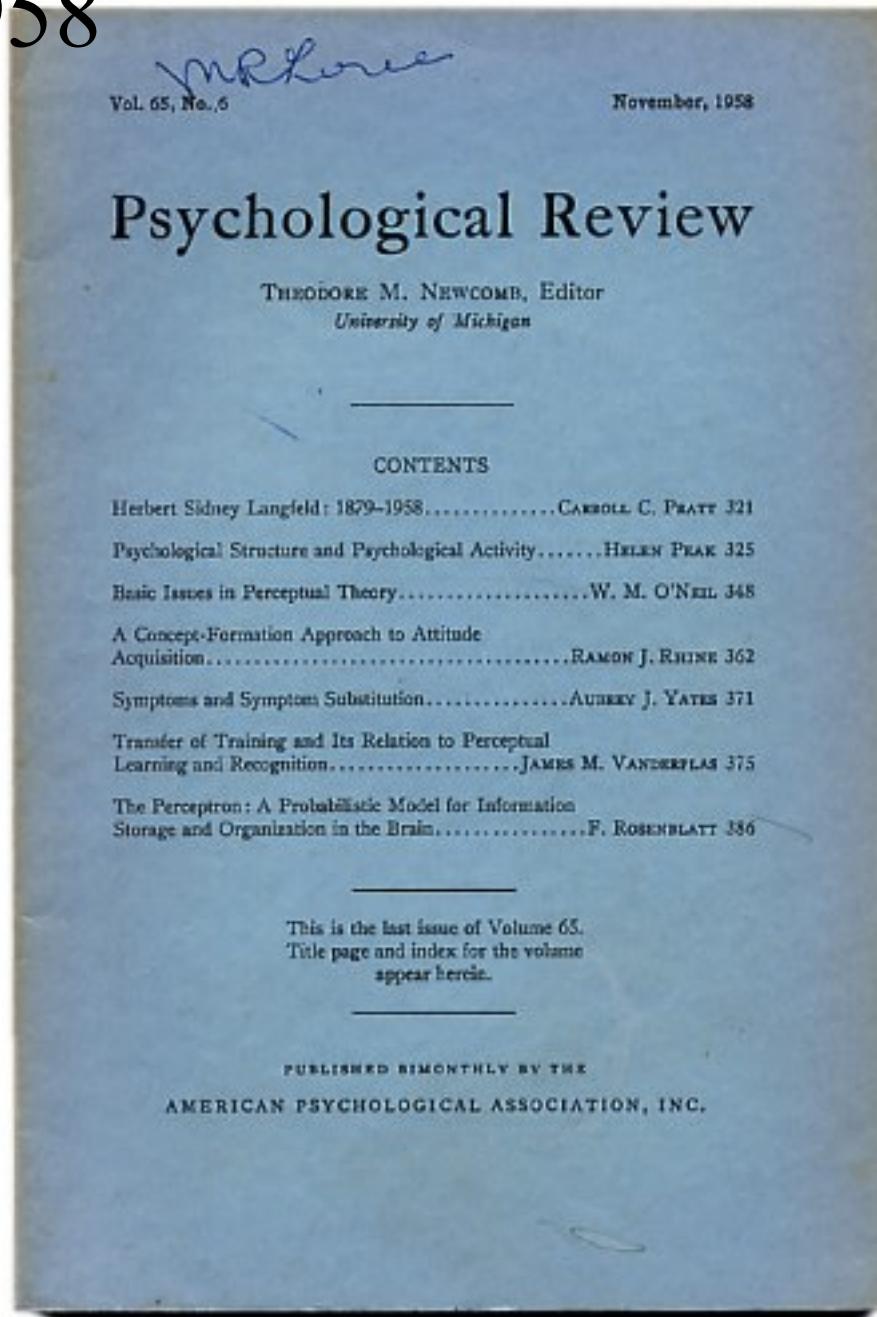


# Perceptrons, 1958



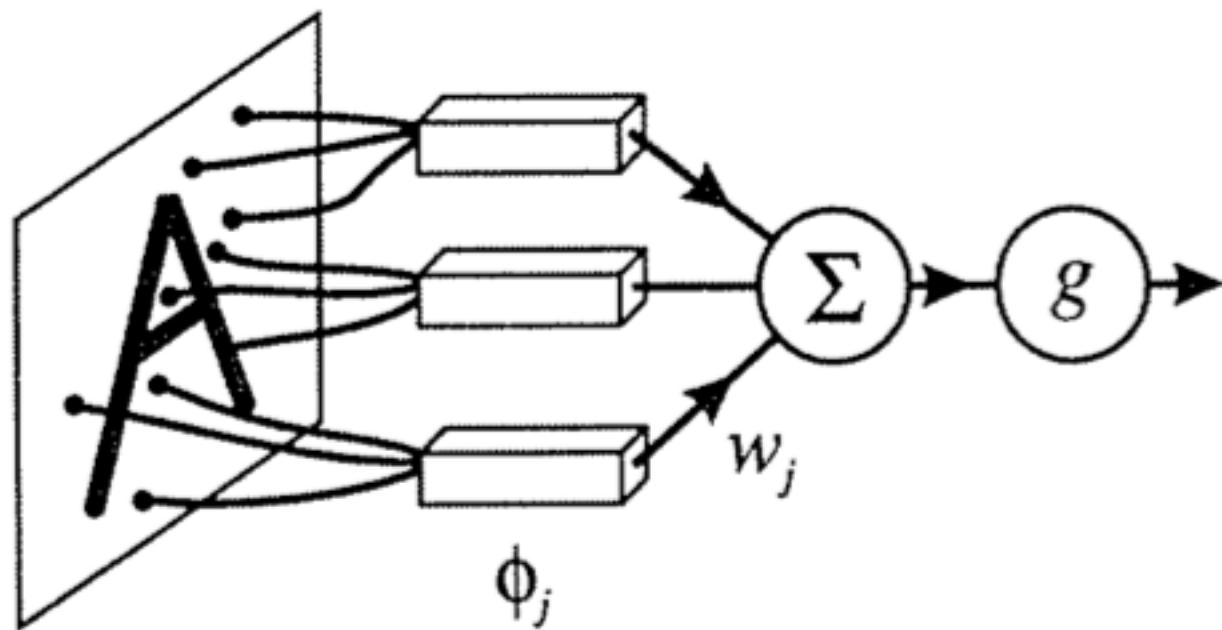
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Perceptrons

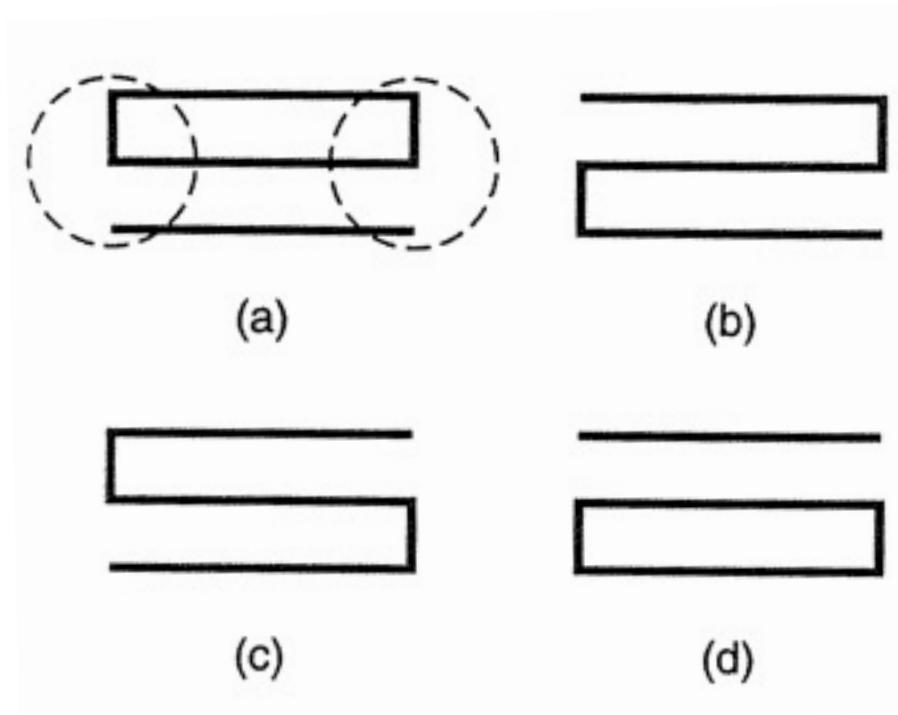


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# Perceptrons, 1958

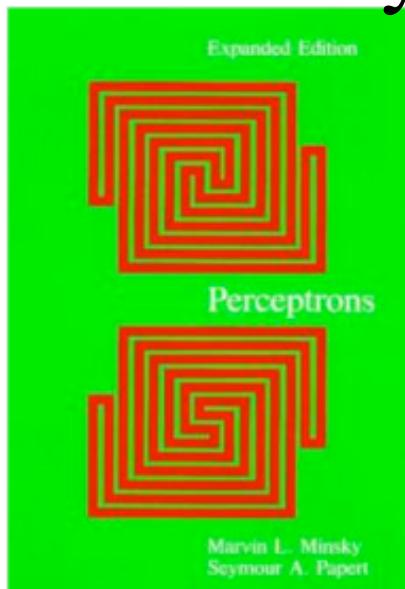


Minsky and Papert pointed out many limitations of single-layer Perceptrons. Among them: very difficult to compute “connectedness”



# Minsky and Papert, Perceptrons, 1972

## Perceptrons, expanded edition



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Perceptrons

Minsky and Papert

An Introduction to Computational Geometry

By Marvin Minsky and Seymour A. Papert

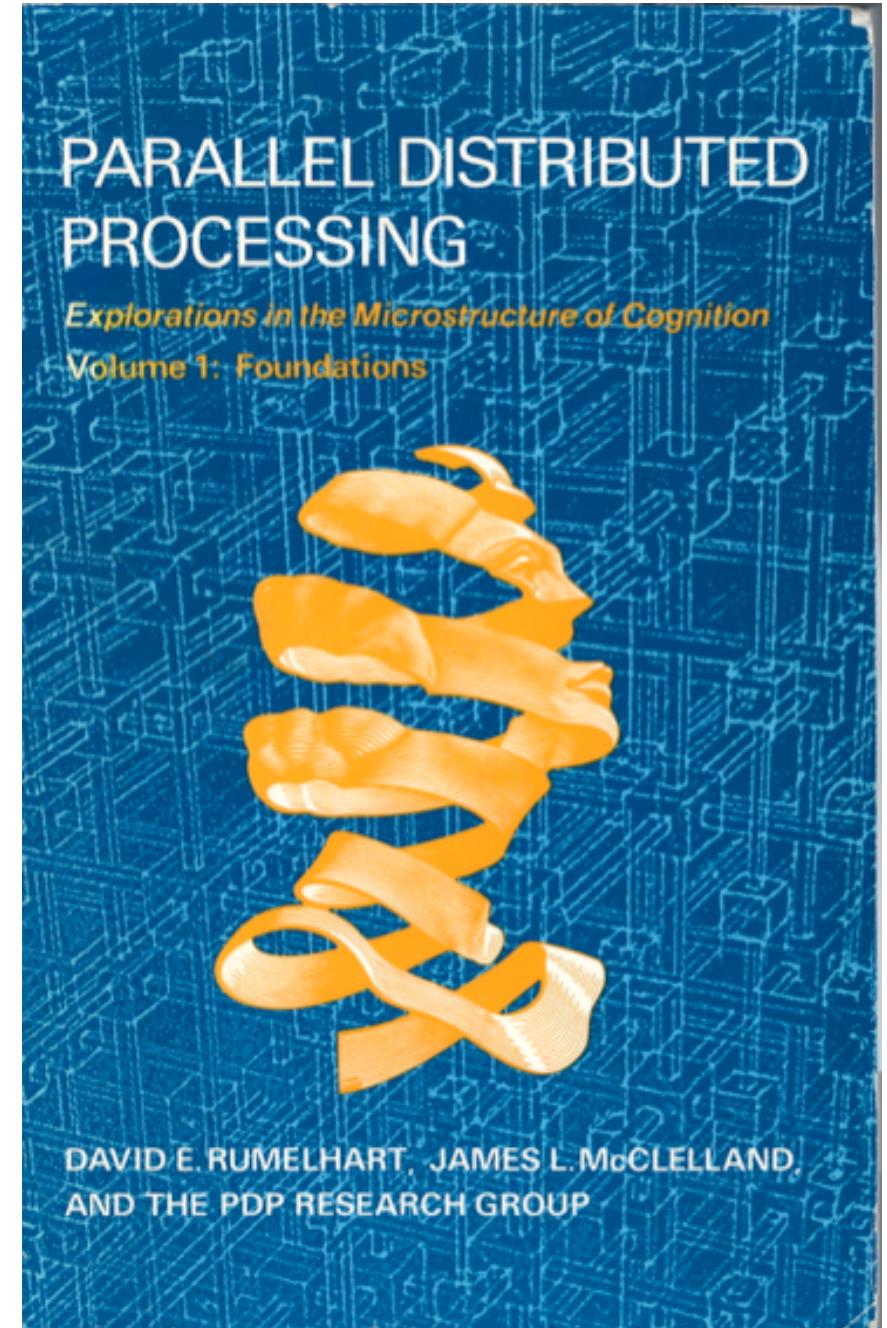
### Overview

*Perceptrons* - the first systematic study of parallelism in computation - has remained a classical work on threshold automata networks for nearly two decades. It marked a historical turn in artificial intelligence, and it is required reading for anyone who wants to understand the connectionist counterrevolution that is going on today.

Artificial-intelligence research, which for a time concentrated on the programming of von Neumann computers, is swinging back to the idea that intelligence might emerge from the activity of networks of neuronlike entities. Minsky and Papert's book was the first example of a mathematical analysis carried far enough to show the exact limitations of a class of computing machines that could seriously be considered as models of the brain. Now the new developments in mathematical tools, the recent interest of physicists in the theory of disordered matter, the new insights into and psychological models of how the brain works, and the evolution of fast computers that can simulate networks of automata have given *Perceptrons* new importance.

Witnessing the swing of the intellectual pendulum, Minsky and Papert have added a new chapter in which they discuss the current state of parallel computers, review developments since the appearance of the 1972 edition, and identify new research directions related to connectionism. They note a central theoretical challenge facing connectionism: the challenge to reach a deeper understanding of how "objects" or "agents" with individuality can emerge in a network. Progress in this area would link connectionism with what the authors have called "society theories of mind."

# Parallel Distributed Processing (PDP), 1986



Perceptrons

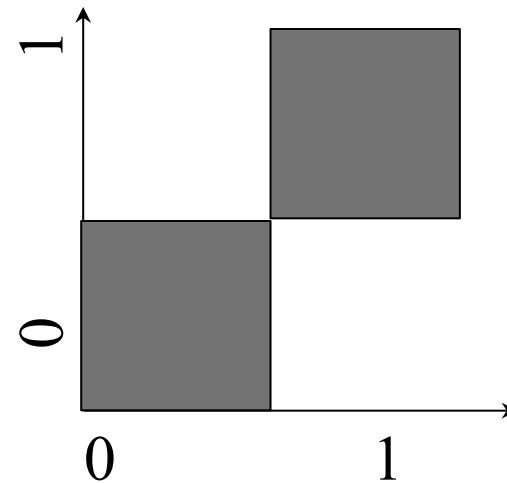


PDP book

Minsky and Papert

# XOR problem

Inputs		Output
0	0	0
1	0	1
0	1	1
1	1	0



PDP authors pointed to the backpropagation algorithm as a breakthrough, allowing multi-layer neural networks to be trained. Among the functions that a multi-layer network can represent but a single-layer network cannot: the XOR function.

# LeCun conv nets, 1998

PROC. OF THE IEEE, NOVEMBER 1998

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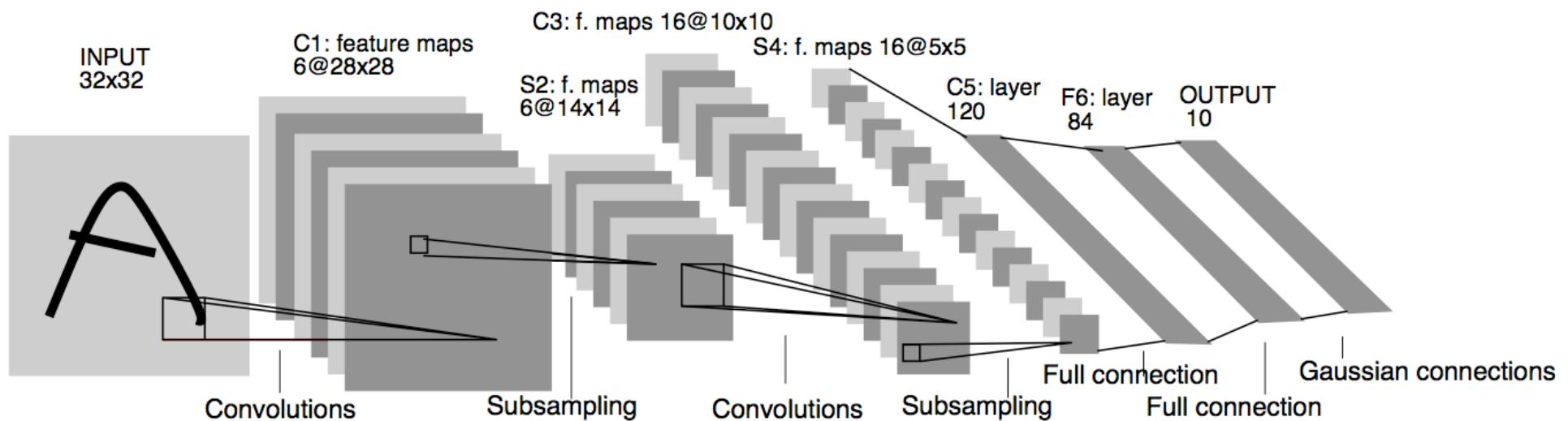


Fig. 2. Architecture of LeNet-5, a Convolutional Neural Network, here for digits recognition. Each plane is a feature map, i.e. a set of units whose weights are constrained to be identical.

Demos:

<http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/lenet/index.html>

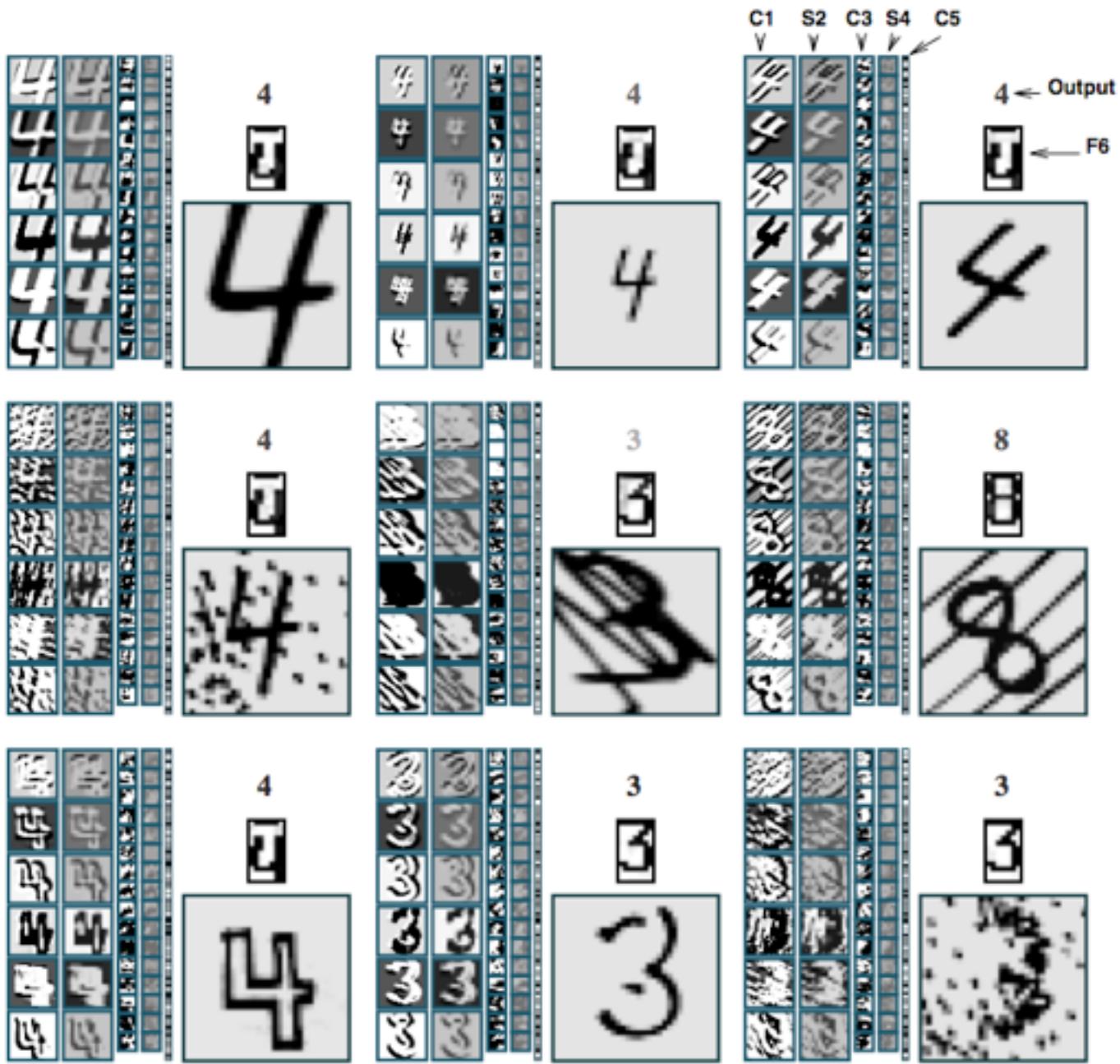
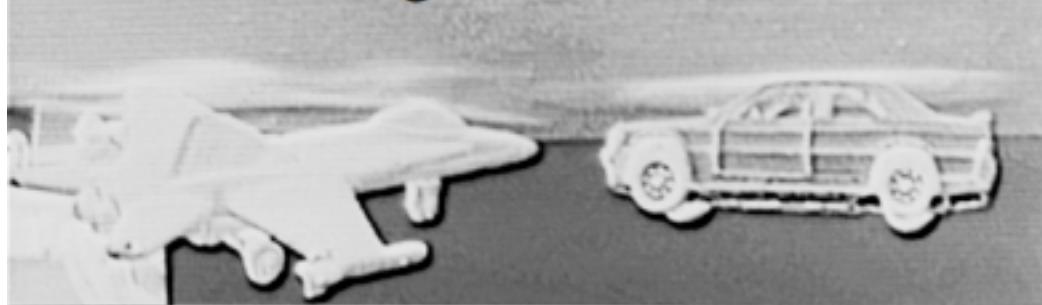


Fig. 13. Examples of unusual, distorted, and noisy characters correctly recognized by LeNet-5. The grey-level of the output label represents the penalty (lighter for higher penalties).

input



multiscale / edge detected



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Neural networks to  
recognize handwritten  
digits? yes

Neural networks for  
tougher problems?  
not really

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Computer Vision Workshops

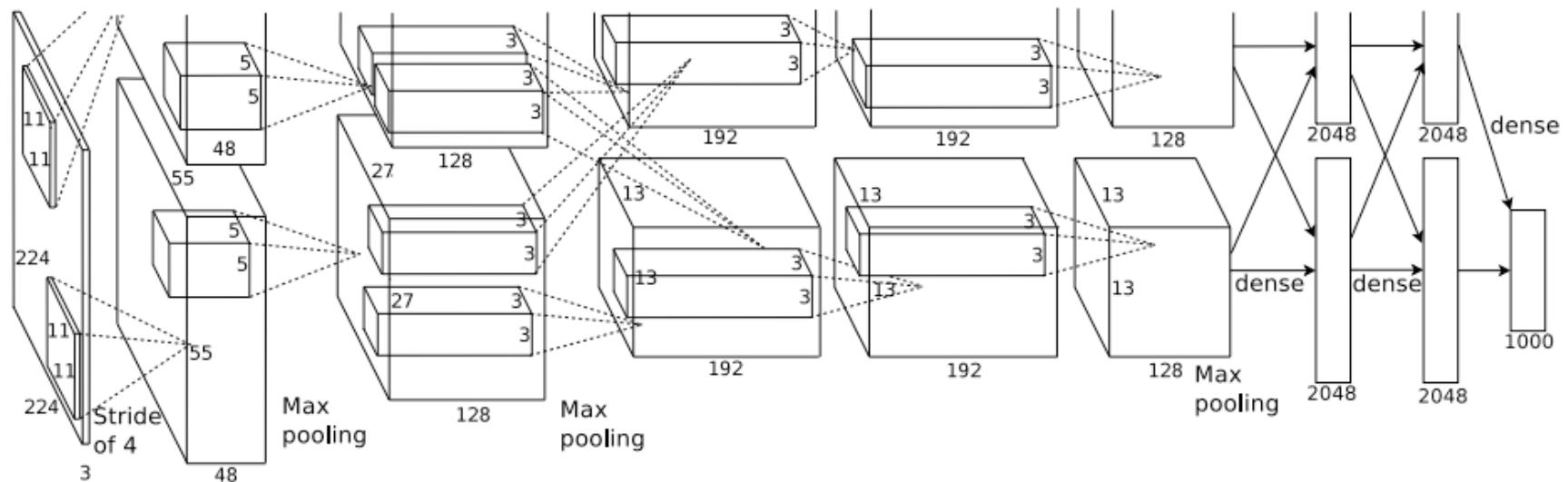
(ICCV Workshops), 2009 IEEE

# NIPS 2000

- NIPS, Neural Information Processing Systems, is the premier conference on machine learning. Evolved from an interdisciplinary conference to a machine learning conference.
- For the NIPS 2000 conference:
  - title words predictive of paper acceptance: “Belief Propagation” and “Gaussian”.
  - title words predictive of paper rejection:



# Krizhevsky, Sutskever, and Hinton, NIPS 2012



Perceptrons  
Minsky and Papert

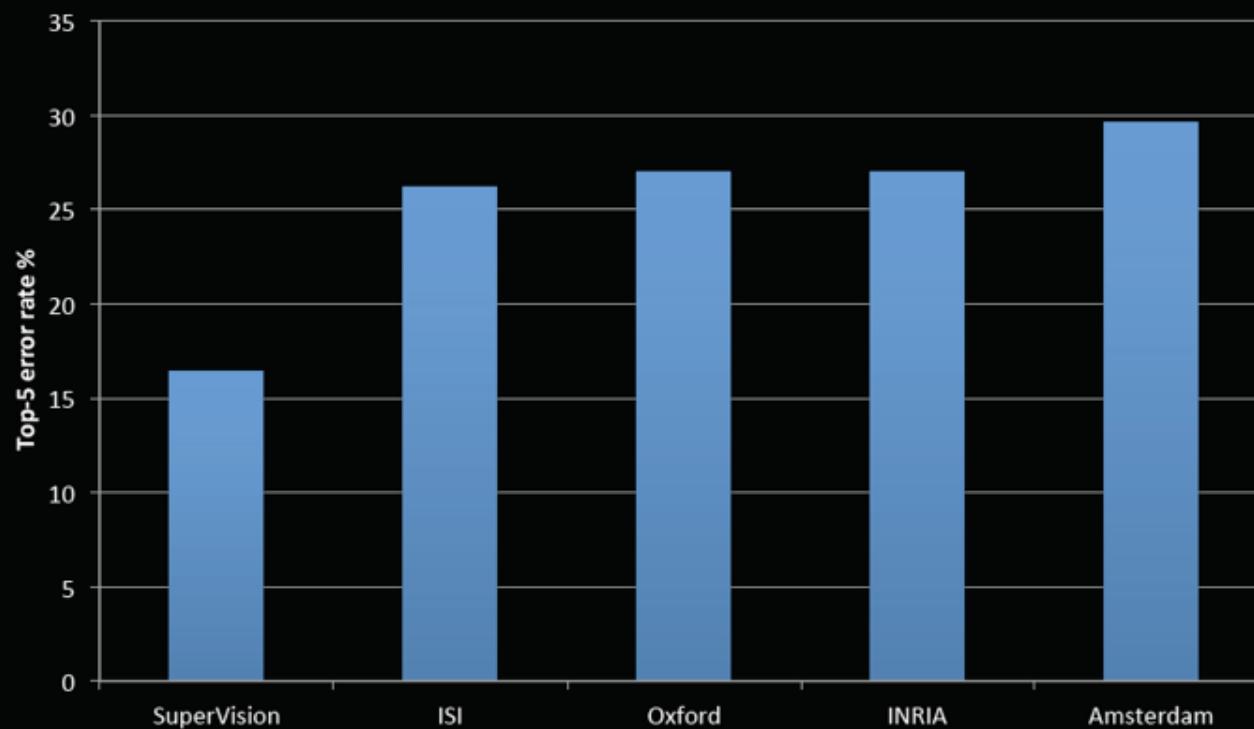
PDP book  
AI winter

Krizhevsky,  
Sutskever,  
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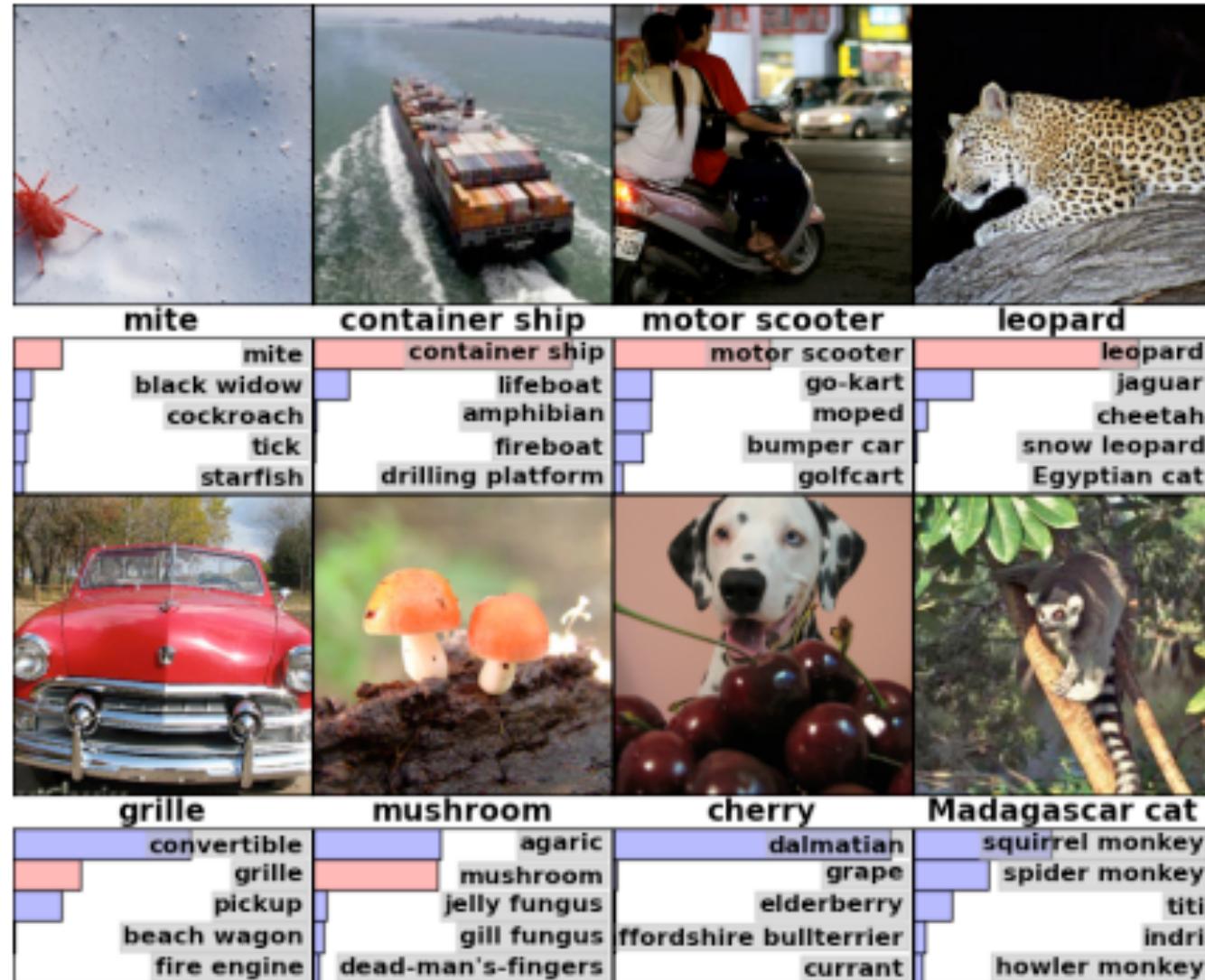
# ImageNet Classification 2012

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- Krizhevsky et al. -- 16.4% error (top-5)
- Next best (non-convnet) – 26.2% error

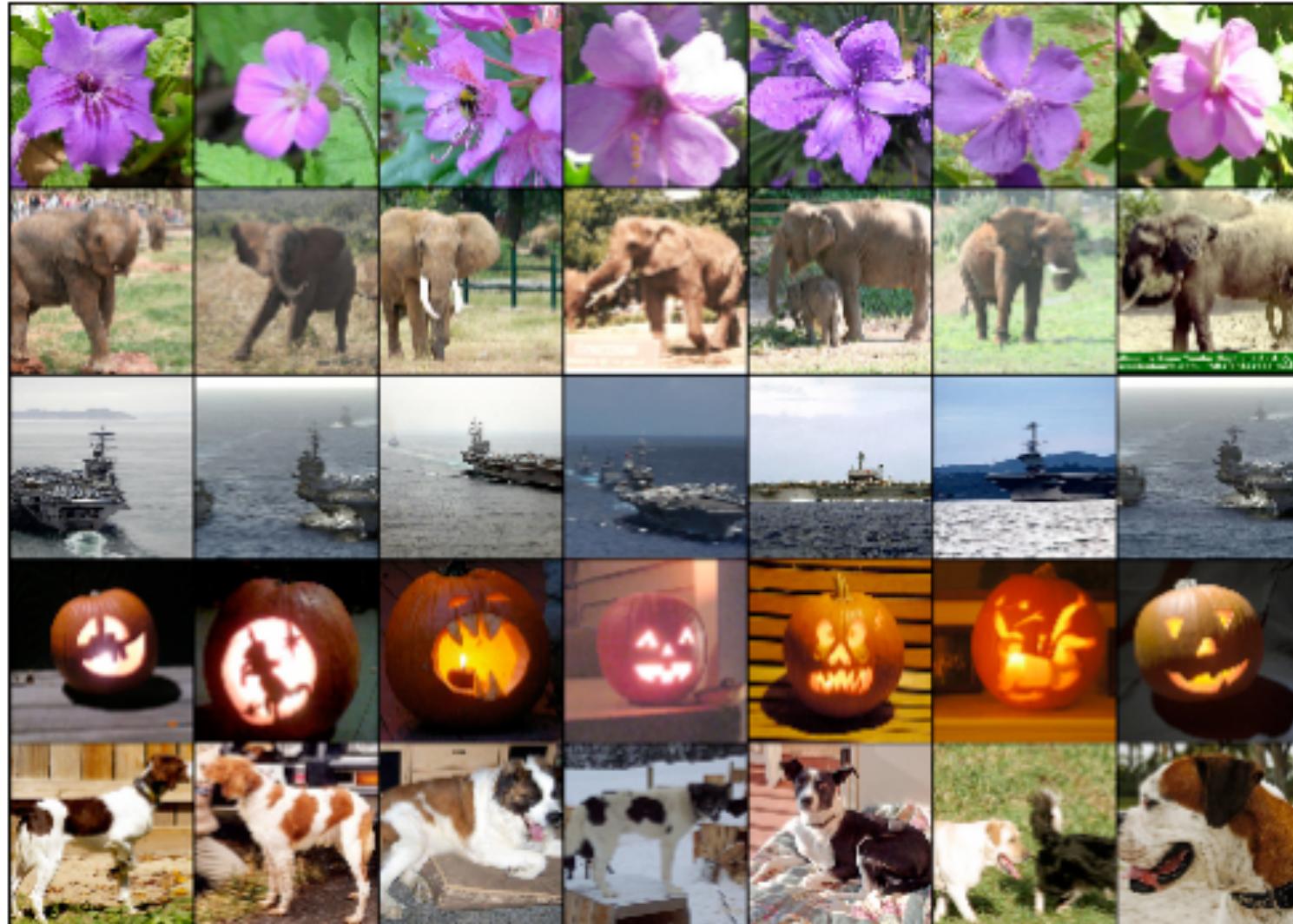


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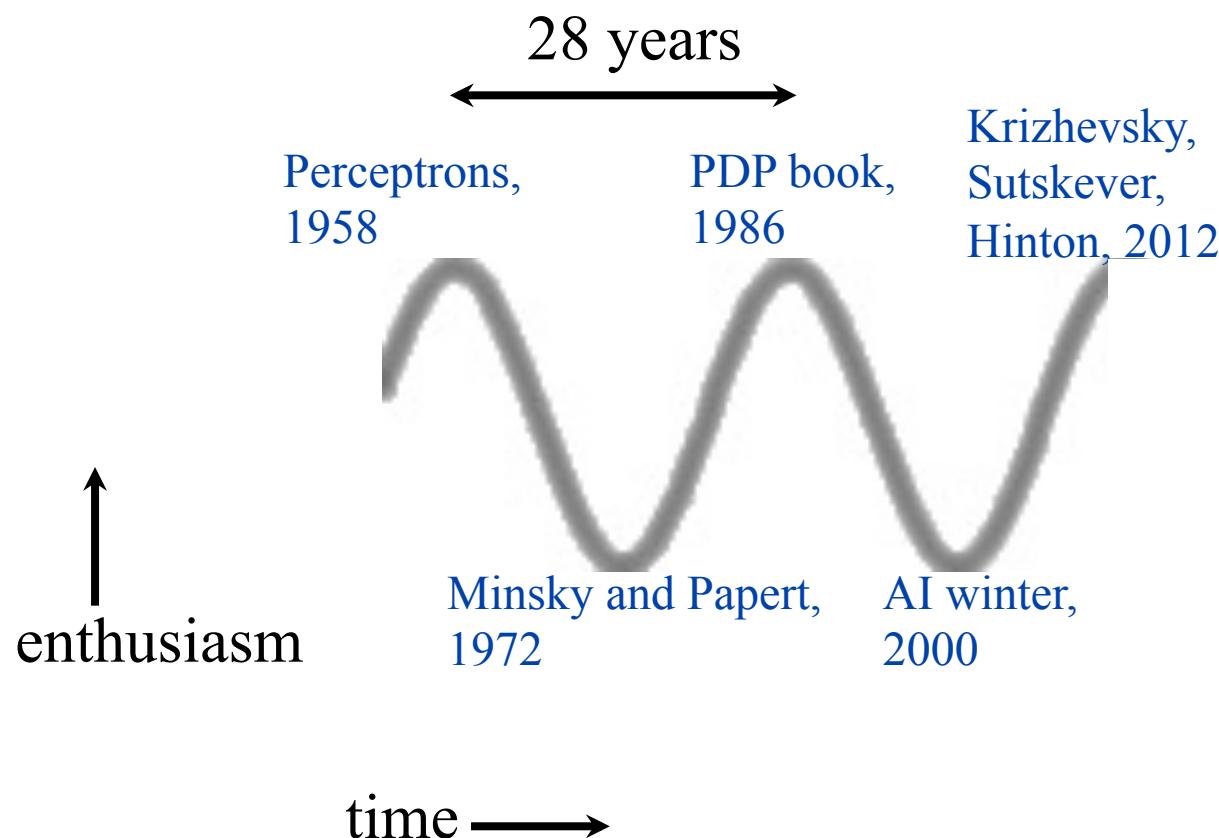


Test

Nearby images, according to NN features

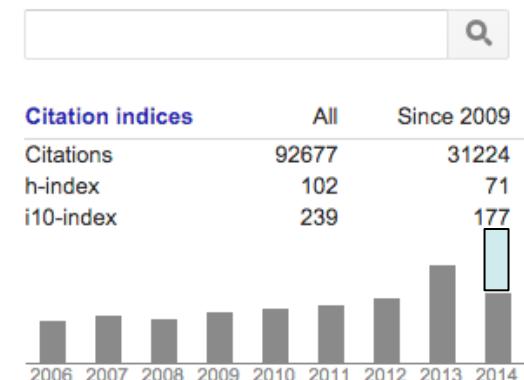


# Research enthusiasm for artificial neural networks



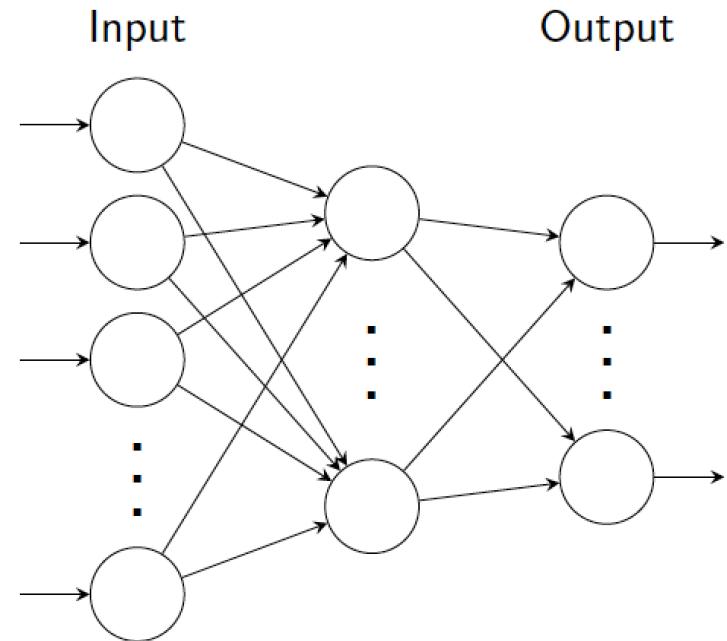
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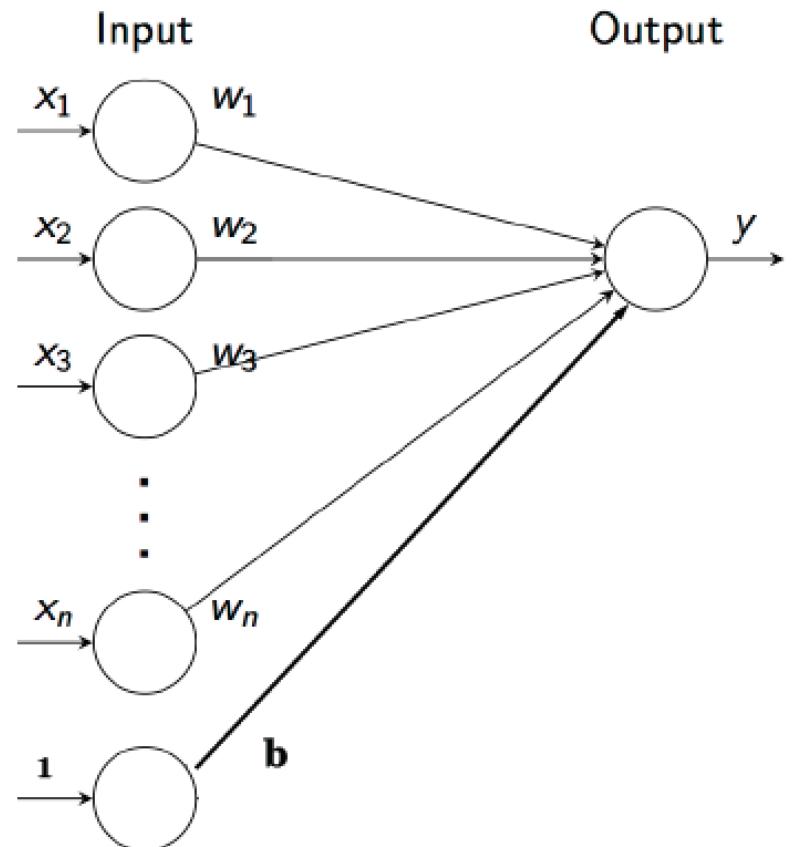
# Neural networks

- Neural nets composed of layers of artificial neurons.
- Each layer computes some function of layer beneath.
- Inputs mapped in feed-forward fashion to output.
- Consider only feed-forward neural models at the moment, i.e. no cycles



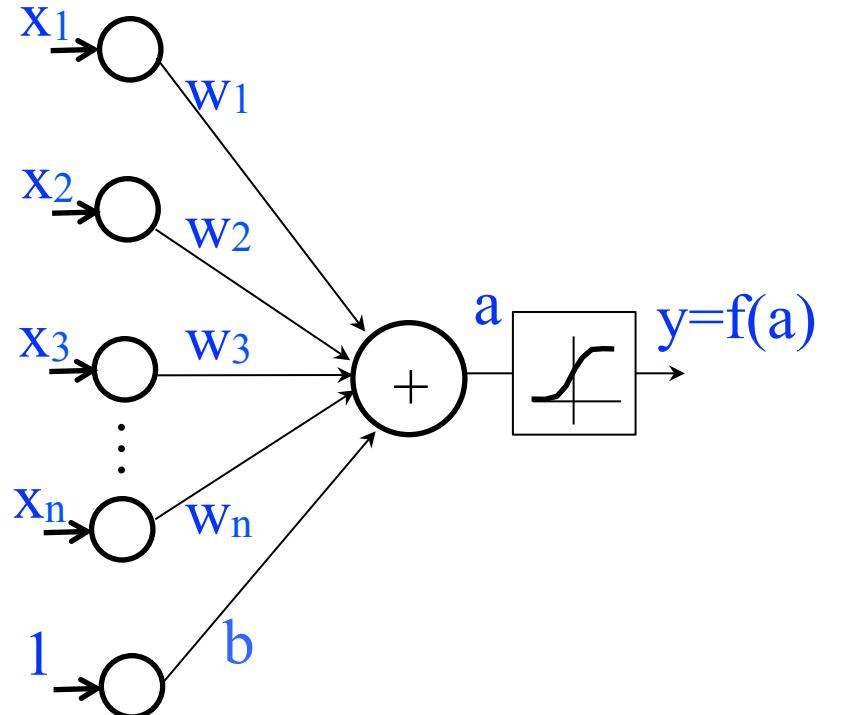
# An individual neuron

- Input:  $x$  ( $n \times 1$  vector)
- Parameters: weights  $w$  ( $n \times 1$  vector), bias  $b$  (scalar)
- Activation:  $a = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i + b$ .
- Note  $a$  is a scalar.
- Multiplicative interaction between weights and input.
- Point-wise non-linear function:
- $(\cdot)$ , e.g.  $(\cdot) = \tanh(\cdot)$ .
- Output:
- $y = f(a) = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i + b)$
- Can think of bias as weight  $w_0$ ,
- connected to constant input 1:
- $y = f(\sim w^T [1; x])$ .



# An individual neuron (unit)

- Input: vector  $x$  (size  $n \times 1$ )
- Unit parameters: vector  $w$  (size  $n \times 1$ )  
bias  $b$  (scalar)
- Unit activation:  $a = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i + b$
- Output:  $y = f(a) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i + b\right)$



$f(\cdot)$  is a point-wise non-linear function. E.g.:

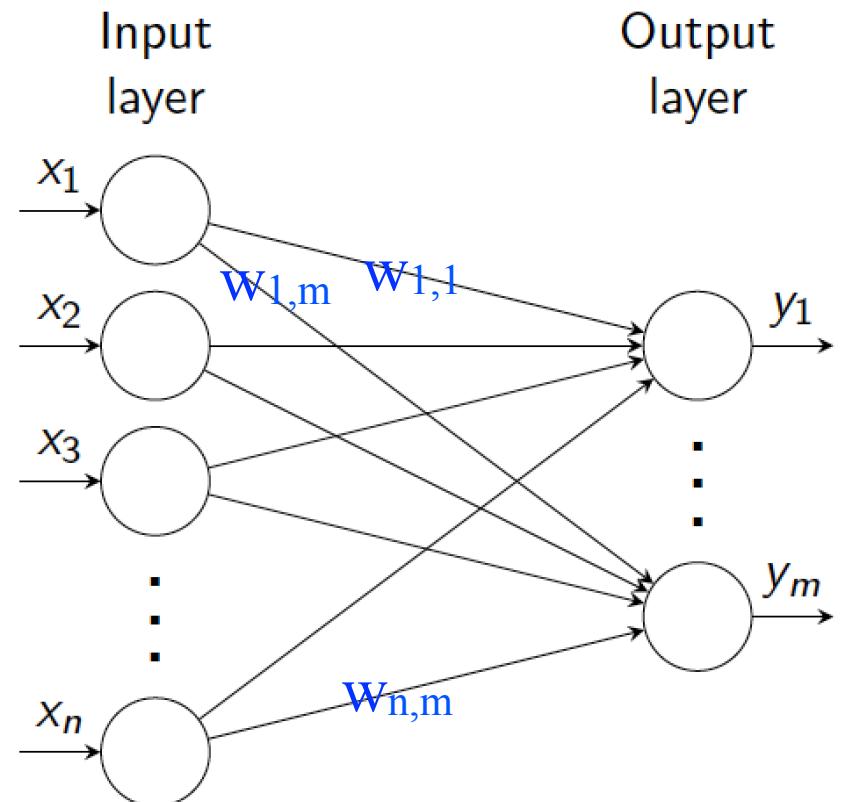
$$f(a) = \tanh(a) = \frac{e^a - e^{-a}}{e^a + e^{-a}}$$

Can think of bias as weight  $w_0$ , connected to constant input 1:  $y = f([w_0, w]^T [1; x])$ .

# Single layer network

- Input: column vector  $x$  (size  $n \times 1$ )
- Output: column vector  $y$  (size  $m \times 1$ )
- Layer parameters:
  - weight matrix  $W$  (size  $n \times m$ )
  - bias vector  $b$  ( $m \times 1$ )
- Units activation:  $a = Wx + b$   
ex. 4 inputs, 3 outputs

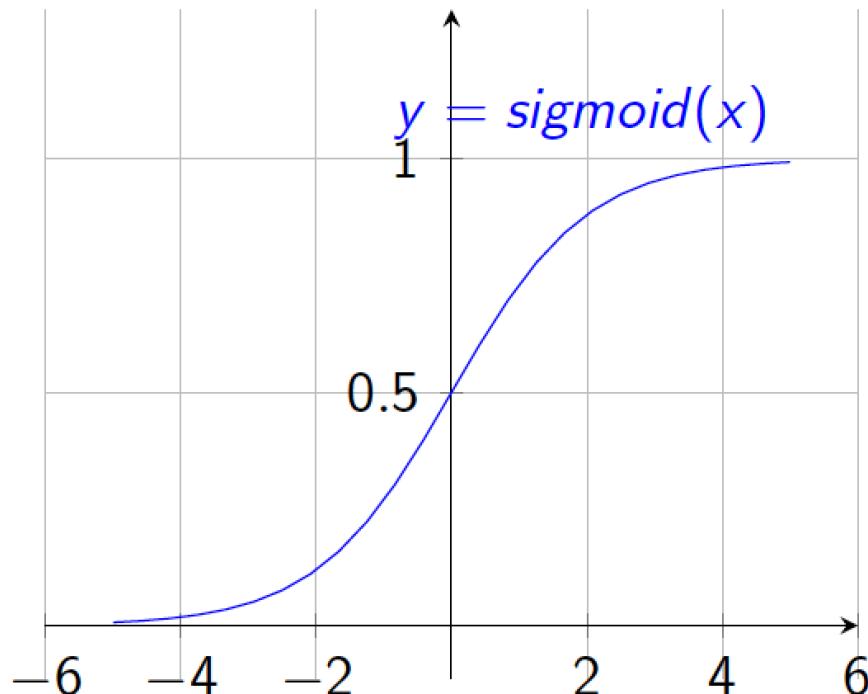
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- Output:  $y = f(a) = f(Wx + b)$

# Non-linearities: sigmoid

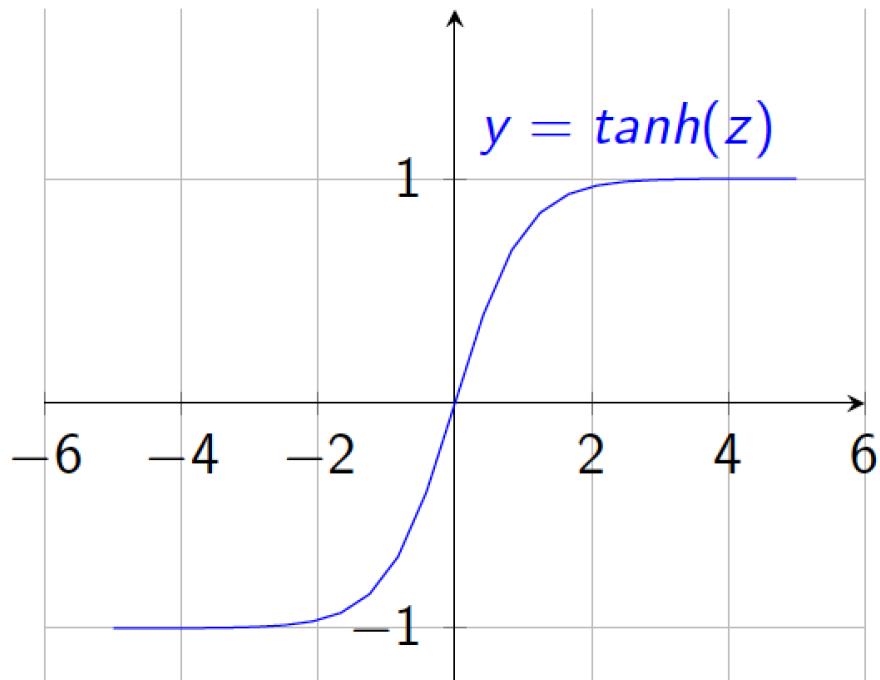
$$f(a) = \text{sigmoid}(a) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}}$$



- Interpretation as ring rate of neuron
- Bounded between [0,1]
- Saturation for large +ve,-ve inputs
- Gradients go to zero
- Outputs centered at 0.5 (poor conditioning)
- Not used in practice

# Non-linearities: tanh

$$f(a) = \tanh(a) = \frac{e^a - e^{-a}}{e^a + e^{-a}}$$

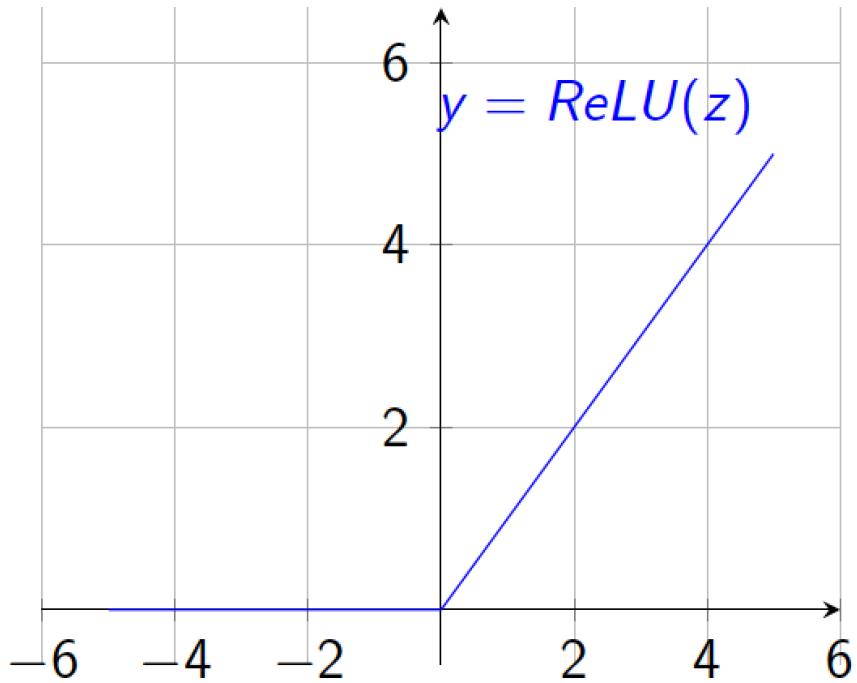


- Bounded between [-1,+1]
- Saturation for large +ve,-ve inputs
- Gradients go to zero
- Outputs centered at 0
- Preferable to sigmoid

$$\tanh(x) = 2 \text{ sigmoid}(2x) - 1$$

# Non-linearities: rectified linear (ReLU)

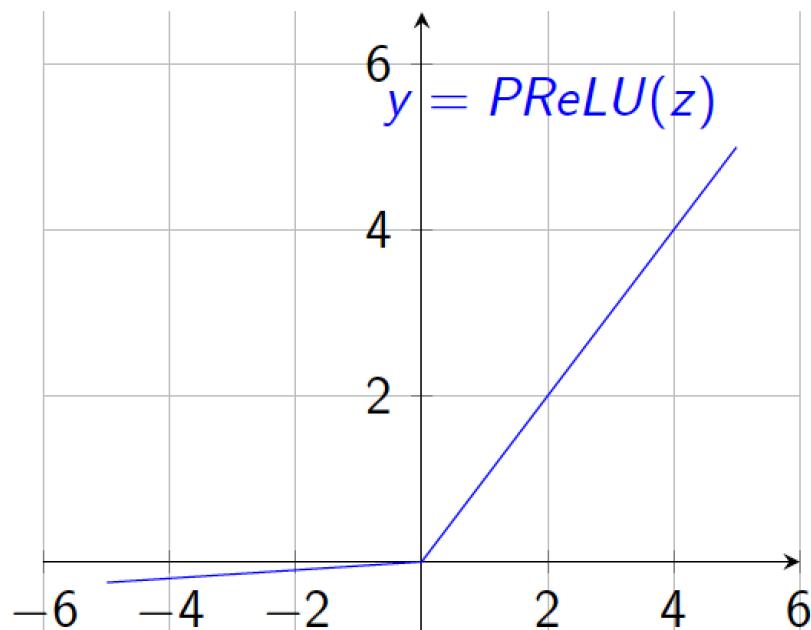
$$f(a) = \max(a, 0)$$



- Unbounded output (on positive side)
- Efficient to implement:
$$f'(a) = \frac{df}{da} = \begin{cases} 0 & a < 0 \\ 1 & a \geq 0 \end{cases}$$
- Also seems to help convergence (see 6x speedup vs tanh in Krizhevsky et al.)
- Drawback: if strongly in negative region, unit is dead forever (no gradient).
- Default choice: widely used in current models.

# Non-linearities: Leaky ReLU

$$f(a) = \begin{cases} \max(0, a) & a > 0 \\ \alpha \min(0, a) & a < 0 \end{cases}$$



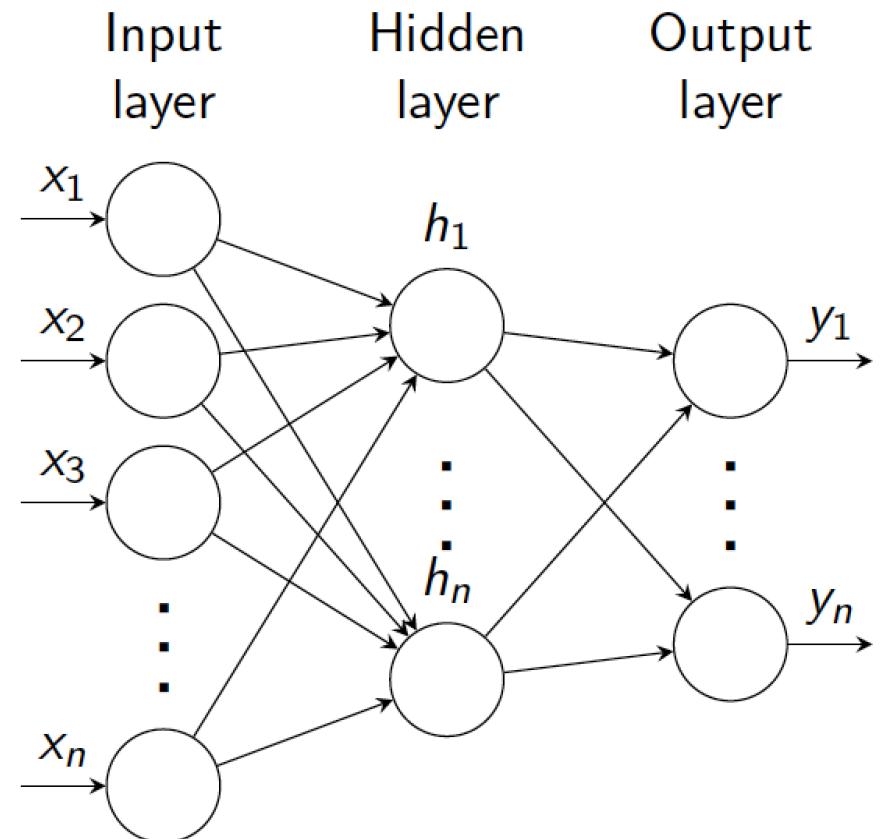
- where  $\alpha$  is small (e.g. 0.02)
- Efficient to implement:

$$f'(a) = \frac{df}{da} = \begin{cases} -\alpha & a < 0 \\ 1 & a > 0 \end{cases}$$

- Also known as probabilistic ReLU (PReLU)
- Has non-zero gradients everywhere (unlike ReLU)
- $\alpha$  can also be learned (see Kaiming He et al. 2015).

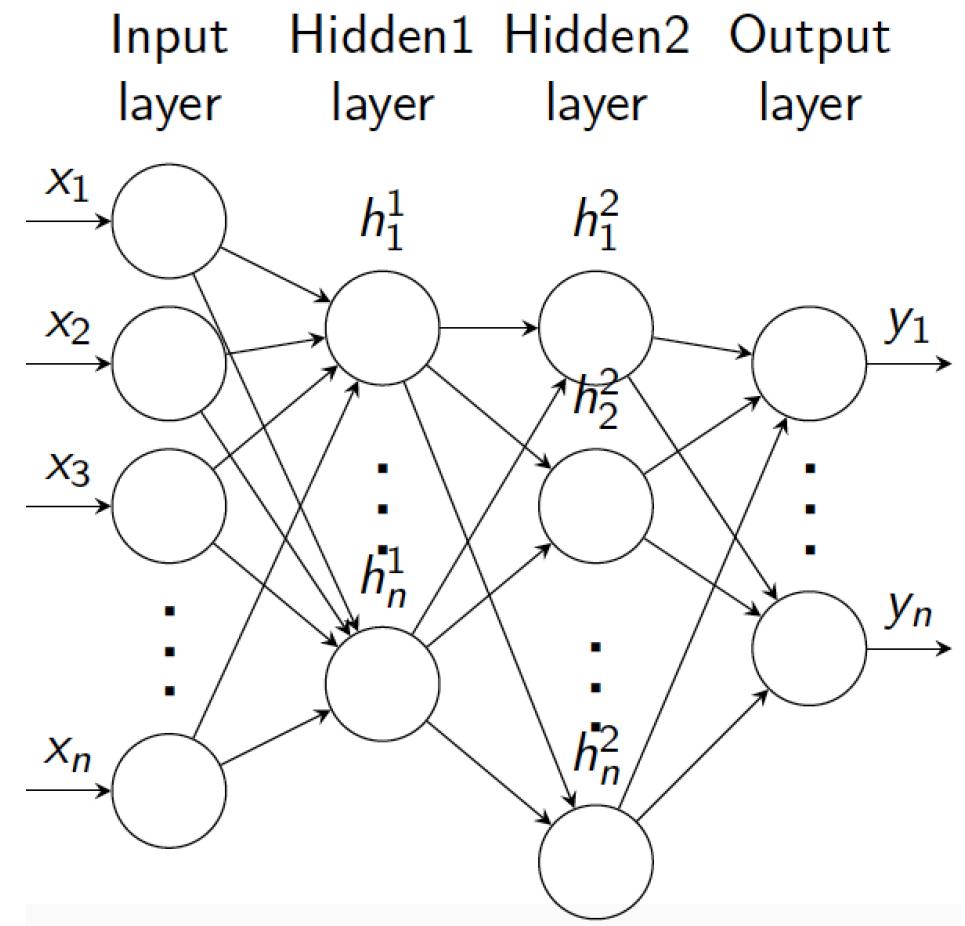
# Multiple layers

- Neural networks are composed of multiple layers of neurons.
- Acyclic structure. Basic model assumes full connections between layers.
- Layers between input and output are called hidden.
- Various names used:
  - Artificial Neural Nets (ANN)
  - Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP)
  - Fully-connected network
- Neurons typically called units.

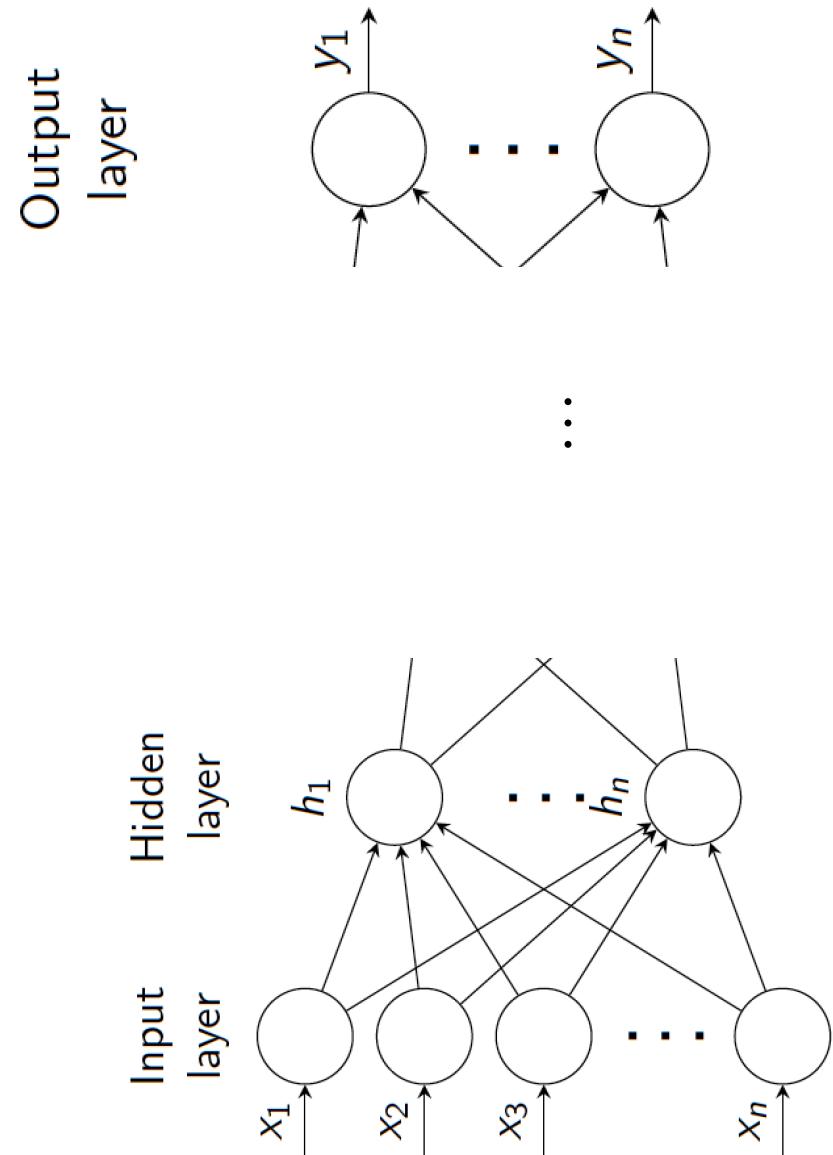
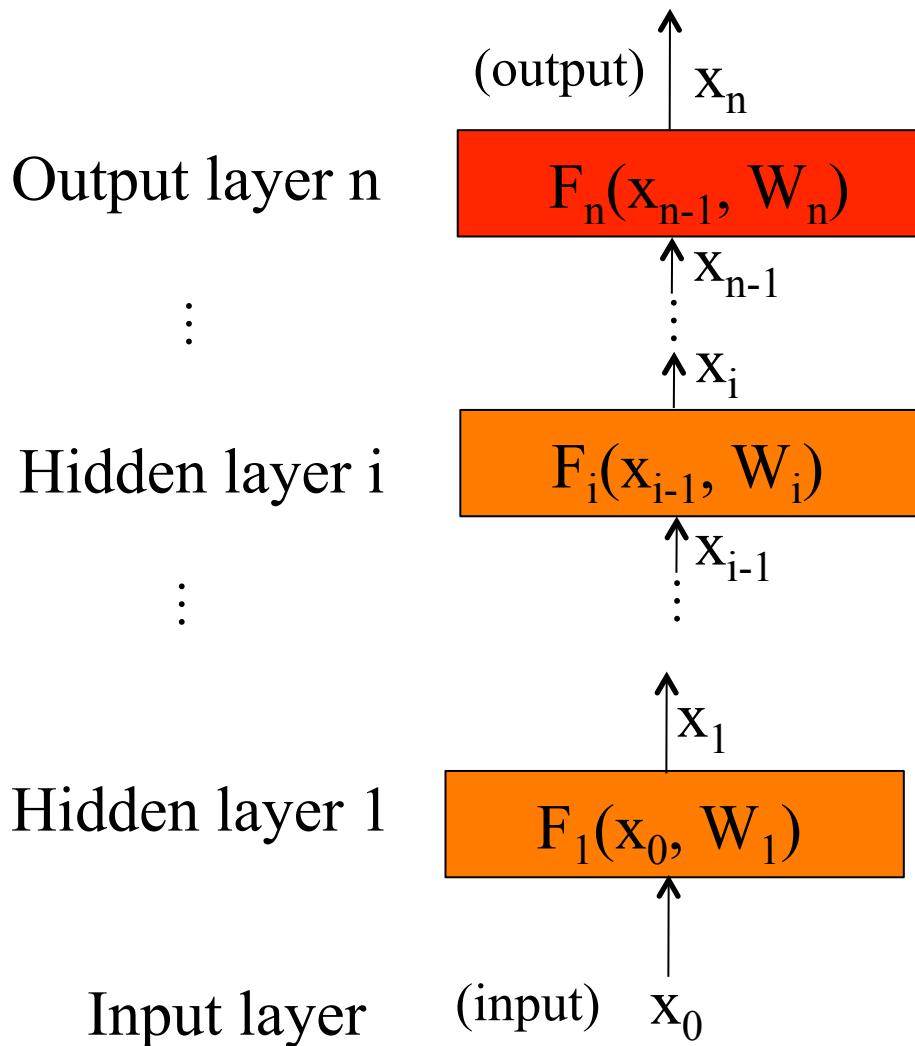


# Example: 3 layer MLP

- By convention, number of layers is hidden + output (i.e. does not include input).
- So 3-layer model has 2 hidden layers.
- Parameters:
  - weight matrices  $W_1; W_2; W_3$
  - bias vectors  $b_1; b_2; b_3$ .



# Multiple layers



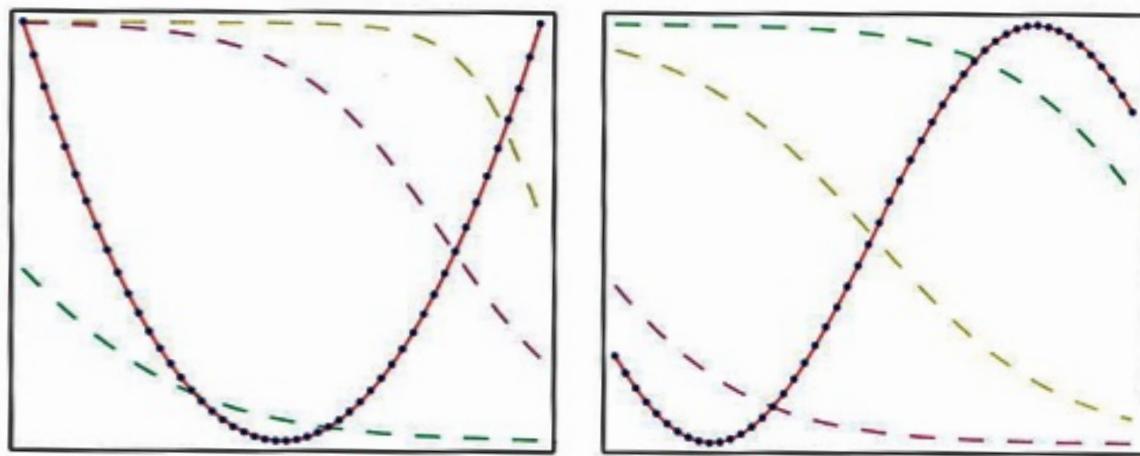
# Architecture selection

How to pick number of layers and units/layer?

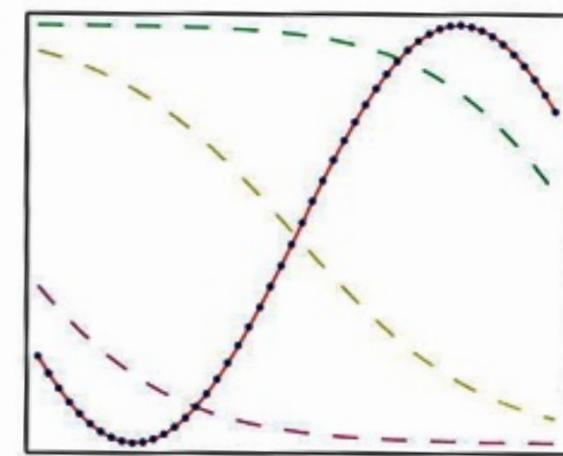
- Active area of research
- For fully connected models 2 or 3 layers seems the most that can be effectively trained (more later).
- Regarding number of units/layer:
  - Parameters grows with  $(\text{units}/\text{layer})^2$  .
  - With large units/layer, can easily overfit.

# Representational power of two-layer network

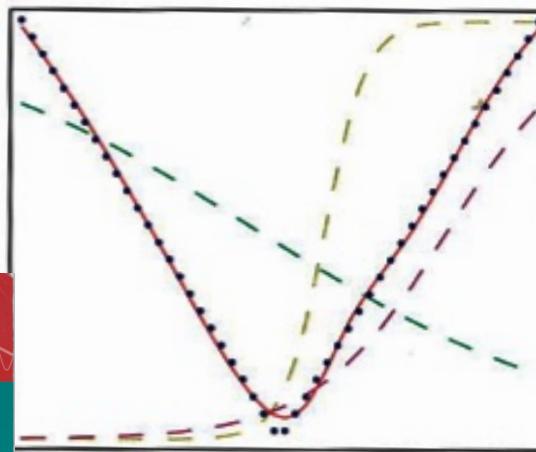
**Figure 5.3** Illustration of the capability of a multilayer perceptron to approximate four different functions comprising (a)  $f(x) = x^2$ , (b)  $f(x) = \sin(x)$ , (c),  $f(x) = |x|$ , and (d)  $f(x) = H(x)$  where  $H(x)$  is the Heaviside step function. In each case,  $N = 50$  data points, shown as blue dots, have been sampled uniformly in  $x$  over the interval  $(-1, 1)$  and the corresponding values of  $f(x)$  evaluated. These data points are then used to train a two-layer network having 3 hidden units with ‘tanh’ activation functions and linear output units. The resulting network functions are shown by the red curves, and the outputs of the three hidden units are shown by the three dashed curves.



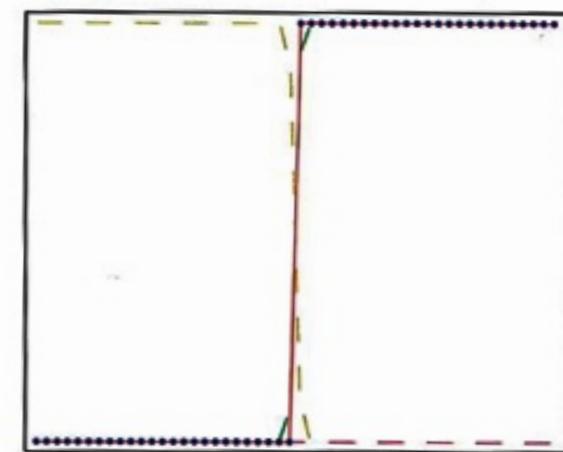
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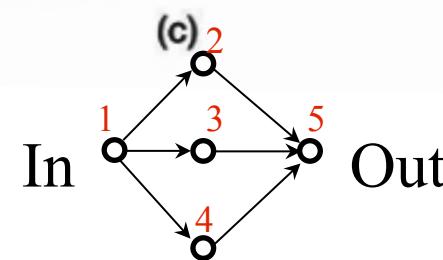
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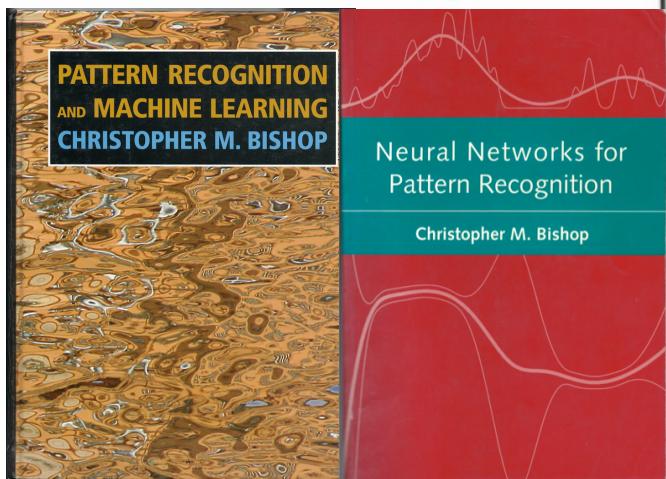
(c)



(d)



$$z_5 = \sum_{i=2}^{i=4} w_{i5} \tanh(w_{1i}z_1 + w_{0i})$$



# Representational power

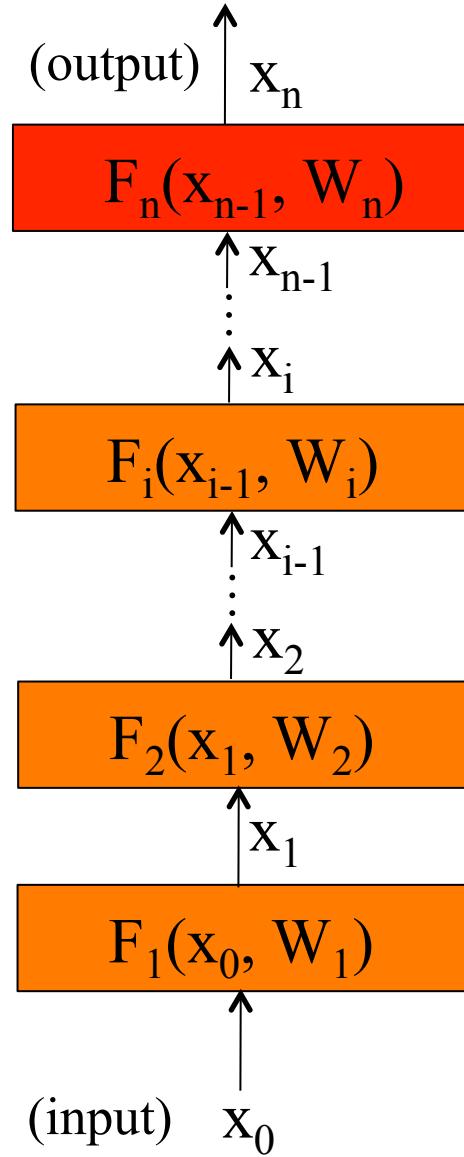
- 1 layer? Linear decision surface.
- 2+ layers? In theory, can represent any function. Assuming non-trivial non-linearity.
  - Bengio 2009,  
<http://www.iro.umontreal.ca/~bengioy/papers/fml.pdf>
  - Bengio, Courville, Goodfellow book  
<http://www.deeplearningbook.org/contents/mlp.html>
  - Simple proof by M. Nielsen  
<http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/chap4.html>
  - D. Mackay book  
<http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/mackay/itprnn/ps/482.491.pdf>
- But issue is efficiency: very wide two layers vs narrow deep model? In practice, more layers helps.

# Training a model: overview

- Given dataset  $\{x; y\}$ , pick appropriate cost function  $C$ .
- Forward-pass (f-prop) training examples through the model to get network output.
- Get error using cost function  $C$  to compare output to targets  $y$
- Use Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) to update weights adjusting parameters to minimize loss/energy  $E$  (sum of the costs for each training example)

# Cost function

- Consider model with  $N$  layers.  
Layer  $i$  has vector of weights  $W_i$ .
- Forward pass: takes input  $x$  and passes it through each layer  $F_i$ :  
$$x_i = F_i(x_{i-1}, W_i)$$
- Output of layer  $i$  is  $x_i$ . Network output (top layer) is  $x_n$ .

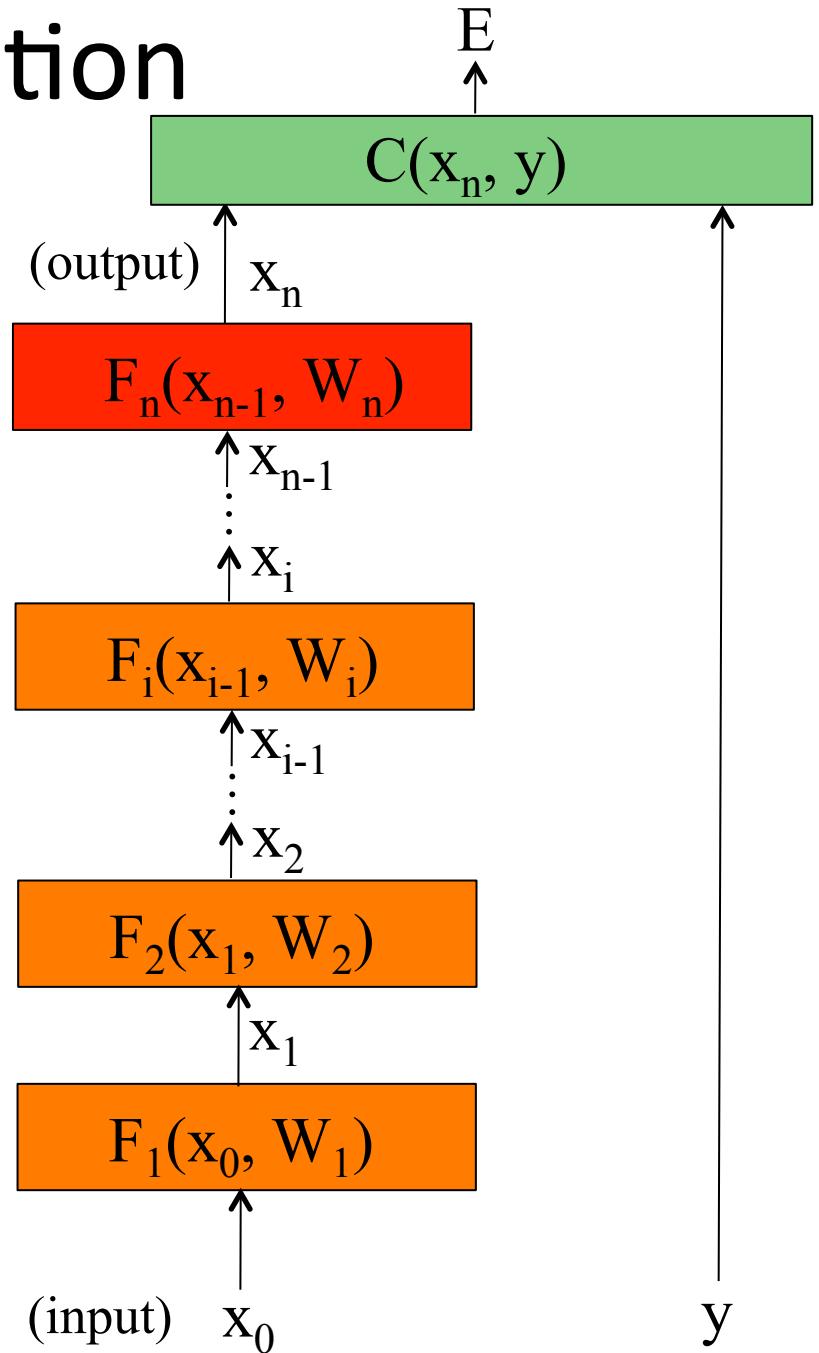


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- Cost function  $C$  compares  $x_n$  to  $y$
- Overall energy is the sum of the cost over all training examples:

$$E = \sum_{m=1}^M C(x_n^m, y^m)$$



# Stochastic gradient descend

- Want to minimize overall loss function  $E$ . Loss is sum of individual losses over each example.
- In gradient descent, we start with some initial set of parameters  $\theta$
- Update parameters:  $\theta^{k+1} \leftarrow \theta^k + \eta \nabla \theta$ .  
 $k$  is iteration index,  $\eta$  is learning rate (scalar; set semi-manually).
- Gradients  $\nabla \theta = \frac{\partial E}{\partial \theta}$  computed by b-prop.
- In Stochastic gradient descent, compute gradient on sub-set (batch) of data.
  - If batchsize=1 then  $\theta$  is updated after each example.
  - If batchsize=N (full set) then this is standard gradient descent.
- Gradient direction is noisy, relative to average over all examples (standard gradient descent).

# Stochastic gradient descend

- We need to compute gradients of the cost with respect to model parameters  $w_i$
- Back-propagation is essentially chain rule of derivatives back through the model.
- Each layer is differentiable with respect to parameters and input.

# Computing gradients

- Training will be an iterative procedure, and at each iteration we will update the network parameters  $\theta^{k+1} \leftarrow \theta^k + \eta \nabla \theta$ .
- We want to compute the gradients

$$\nabla \theta = \frac{\partial E}{\partial \theta}$$

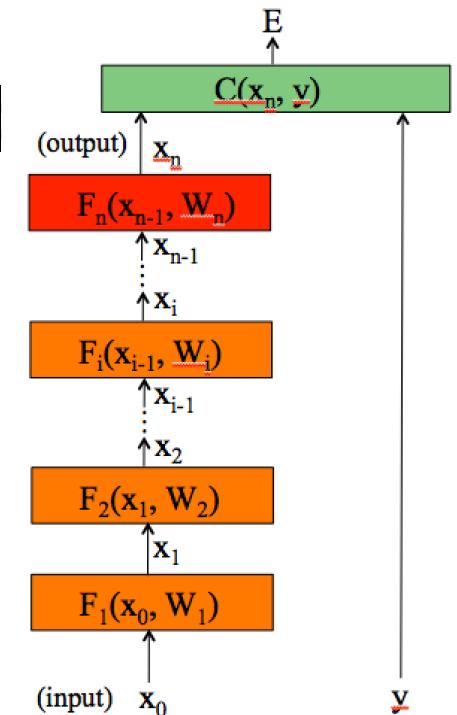
Where  $\theta = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$

# Computing gradients

To compute the gradients, we could start by writing the full energy  $E$  as a function of the network parameters.

$$E(\theta) = \sum_{m=1}^M C\left(F_n\left(F_{n-1}\left(F_2\left(F_1(x_0^m, w_1), w_2\right), w_{n-1}\right), w_n\right), y^m\right)$$

And then compute the partial derivatives... instead, we can use the chain rule to derive a compact algorithm: **back-propagation**



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# Matrix calculus

- $x$  column vector of size  $[n \times 1]$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- We now define a function on vector  $x$ :  $y = F(x)$
- If  $y$  is a scalar, then

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

The derivative of  $y$  is a row vector of size  $[1 \times n]$

- If  $y$  is a vector  $[1 \times m]$ , then (*Jacobian formulation*):

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_m} \end{bmatrix}$$

The derivative of  $y$  is a matrix of size  $[m \times n]$   
( $m$  rows and  $n$  columns)

# Matrix calculus

- Chain rule:

For the function:  $z = h(x) = f(g(x))$

Its derivative is:  $h'(x) = f'(g(x)) g'(x)$

and writing  $z=f(u)$ , and  $u=g(x)$ :

$$\frac{dz}{dx} \Big|_{x=a} = \frac{dz}{du} \Big|_{u=g(a)} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \Big|_{x=a}$$

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$[m \times n]$         $[m \times p]$         $[p \times n]$

with  $p = \text{length vector } u = |u|$ ,  $m = |z|$ , and  $n = |x|$

Example, if  $|z|=1$ ,  $|u|=2$ ,  $|x|=4$

$$h'(x) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \text{blue} & \text{blue} & \text{blue} & \text{blue} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \text{blue} & \text{blue} \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \text{blue} & \text{blue} & \text{blue} & \text{blue} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# Matrix calculus

- Chain rule:

For the function:  $h(x) = f_n(f_{n-1}(\dots(f_1(x))) )$

With  $u_1 = f_1(x)$

$$u_i = f_i(u_{i-1})$$

$$z = u_n = f_n(u_{n-1})$$

The derivative becomes a product of matrices:

$$\left. \frac{dz}{dx} \right|_{x=a} = \left. \frac{dz}{du_{n-1}} \right|_{u_{n-1}=f_{n-1}(u_{n-2})} \cdot \left. \frac{du_{n-1}}{du_{n-2}} \right|_{u_{n-2}=f_{n-2}(u_{n-3})} \cdot \dots \cdot \left. \frac{du_2}{du_1} \right|_{u_1=f_1(a)} \cdot \left. \frac{du_1}{dx} \right|_{x=a}$$

(exercise: check that all the matrix dimensions work fine)

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# Computing gradients

The energy  $E$  is the sum of the costs associated to each training example  $x^m, y^m$

$$E(\theta) = \sum_{m=1}^M C(x_n^m, y^m; \theta)$$

Its gradient with respect to the networks parameters is:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \theta_i} = \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{C(x_n^m, y^m; \theta)}{\partial \theta_i}$$

is how much  $E$  varies when the parameter  $\theta_i$  is varied.

# Computing gradients

We could write the cost function to get the gradients:

$$C(x_n, y; \theta) = C(F_n(x_{n-1}, w_n), y)$$

with  $\theta = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$

If we compute the gradient with respect to the parameters of the last layer (output layer)  $w_n$ , using the chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_n} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_n} \cdot \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial w_n} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_n} \cdot \frac{\partial F_n(x_{n-1}, w_n)}{\partial w_n}$$

(how much the cost changes when we change  $w_n$ , is the product between how much the cost changes when we change the output of the last layer, times how much the output changes when we change the layer parameters.)

# Computing gradients: cost layer

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For example, for an Euclidean loss:

$$C(x_n, y) = \frac{1}{2} \|x_n - y\|^2$$

Will depend on the layer structure and non-linearity.

The gradient is:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial x_n} = x_n - y$$

# Computing gradients: layer i

We could write the full cost function to get the gradients:

$$C(x_n, y; \theta) = C\left(F_n\left(F_{n-1}\left(F_2\left(F_1(x_0, w_1), w_2\right), w_{n-1}\right), w_n\right), y\right)$$

If we compute the gradient with respect to  $w_i$ , using the chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_i} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_n} \cdot \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial x_{n-1}} \cdot \frac{\partial x_{n-1}}{\partial x_{n-2}} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{\partial x_{i+1}}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial w_i}$$
$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial x_i}$$
$$\frac{\partial F_i(x_{i-1}, w_i)}{\partial w_i}$$

And this can be  
computed iteratively!

This is easy.

# Backpropagation

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_i} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_n} \cdot \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial x_{n-1}} \cdot \frac{\partial x_{n-1}}{\partial x_{n-2}} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{\partial x_{i+1}}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial w_i}$$
$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial x_i}$$
$$\frac{\partial F_i(x_{i-1}, w_i)}{\partial w_i}$$

If we have the value of  $\frac{\partial C}{\partial x_i}$  we can compute the gradient at the layer below as:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial x_{i-1}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_{i-1}}$$

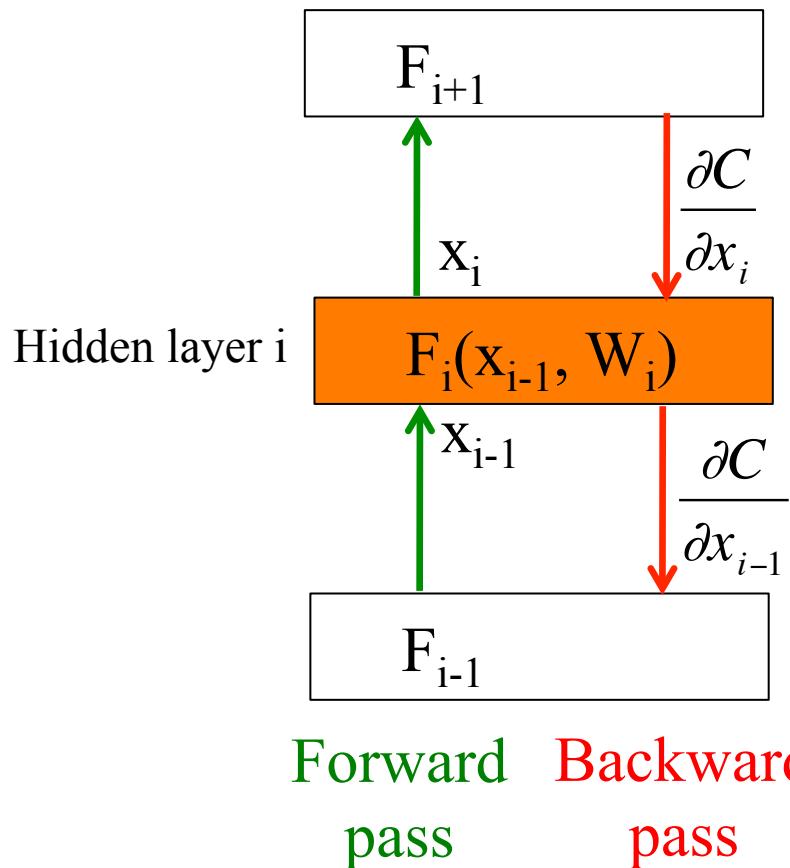
Gradient layer  $i-1$

Gradient layer  $i$

$$\frac{\partial F_i(x_{i-1}, w_i)}{\partial x_{i-1}}$$

# Backpropagation: layer i

- Layer i has two inputs (during training)



- For layer i, we need the derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial F_i(x_{i-1}, w_i)}{\partial x_{i-1}} \quad \frac{\partial F_i(x_{i-1}, w_i)}{\partial w_i}$$

- We compute the outputs

$$x_i = F_i(x_{i-1}, w_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial x_{i-1}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial F_i(x_{i-1}, w_i)}{\partial x_{i-1}}$$

- The weight update equation is:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_i} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial F_i(x_{i-1}, w_i)}{\partial w_i}$$

$$w_i^{k+1} \leftarrow w_i^k + \eta_t \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i} \quad (\text{sum over all training examples to get } E)$$

# Backpropagation: summary

- Forward pass: for each training example. Compute the outputs for all layers

$$x_i = F_i(x_{i-1}, w_i)$$

- Backwards pass: compute cost derivatives iteratively from top to bottom:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial x_{i-1}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial F_i(x_{i-1}, w_i)}{\partial x_{i-1}}$$

- Compute gradients and update weights.

