# Session 1 Recap - DL Introduction and Applications



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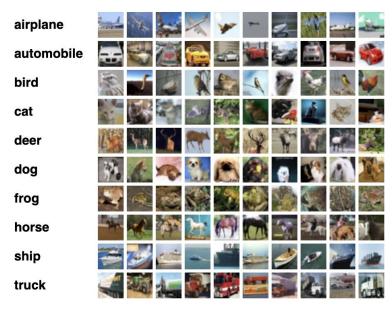
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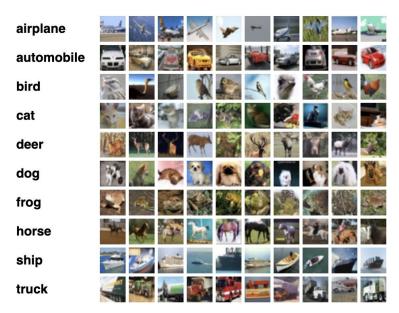
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The first recorded travels by Europeans to China and back date from this time. The most famous traveler of the period was the Venetian Marco Polo, whose account of his trip to "Cambaluc," the capital of the Great Khan, and of life there astounded the people of Europe. The account of his travels, Il milione (or, The Million, known in English as the Travels of Marco Polo), appeared about the year 1299. Some argue over the accuracy of Marco Polo's accounts due to the lack of mentioning the Great Wall of China, tea houses, which would have been a prominent sight since Europeans had yet to adopt a tea culture, as well the practice of foot binding by the women in capital of the Great Khan. Some suggest that Marco Polo acquired much of his knowledge through contact with Persian traders since many of the places he named were in Persian.

How did some suspect that Polo learned about China instead of by actually visiting it?

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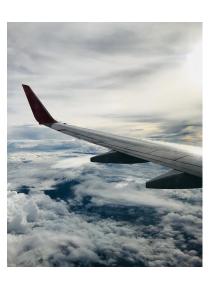


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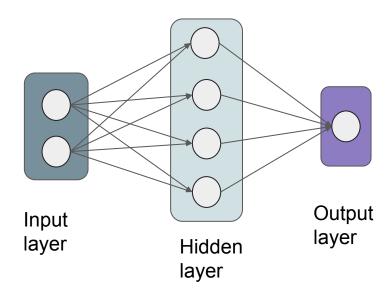




Deep learning has shown potential in solving problems that seemed previously impossible. And the theme has always been the same: building a large deep learning models that can learn meaningful features from large amount of data.

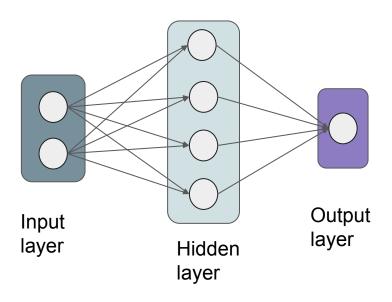
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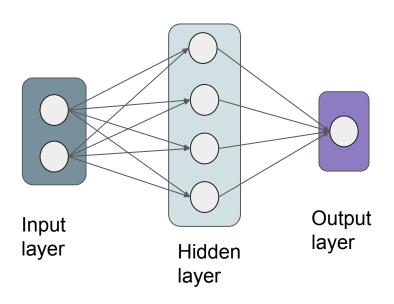
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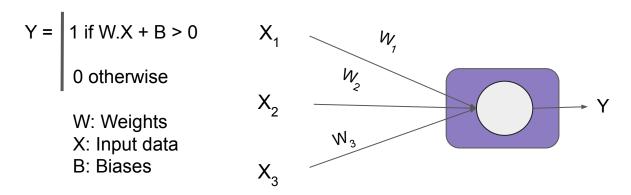
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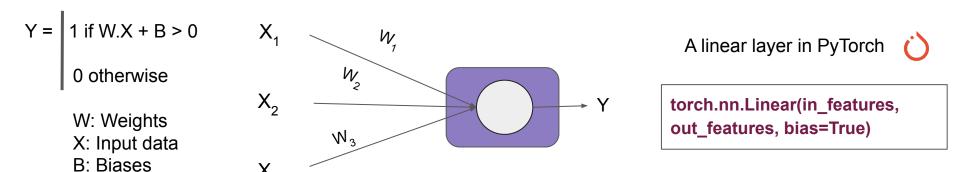
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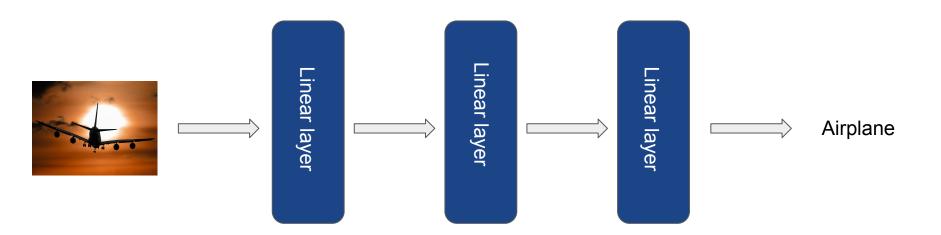


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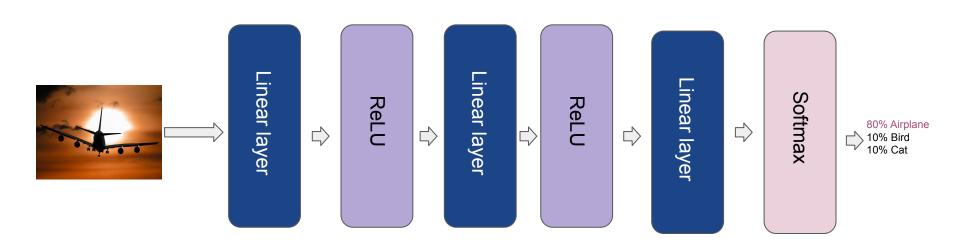


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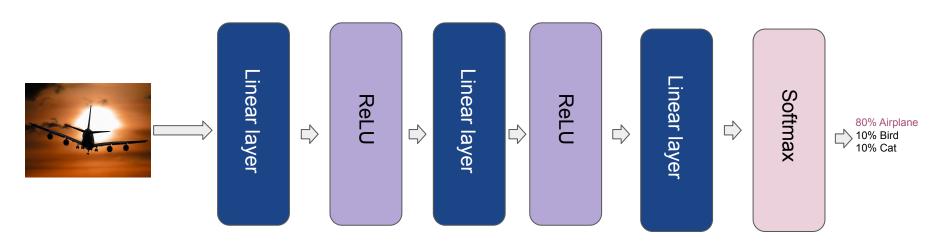
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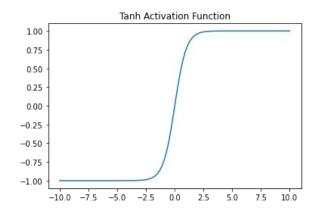
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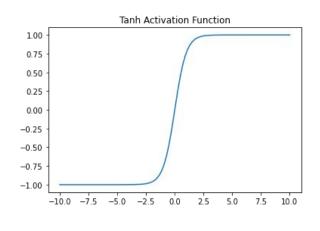
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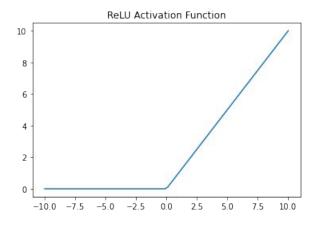


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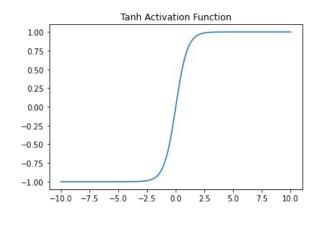
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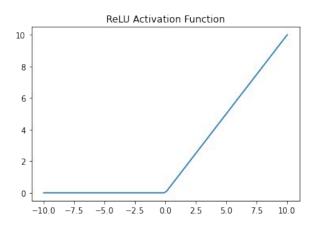
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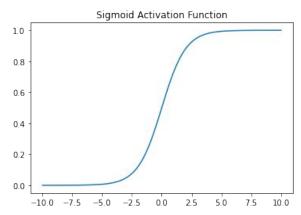
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Play with neural nets and activation functions: <a href="https://playground.tensorflow.org">https://playground.tensorflow.org</a>

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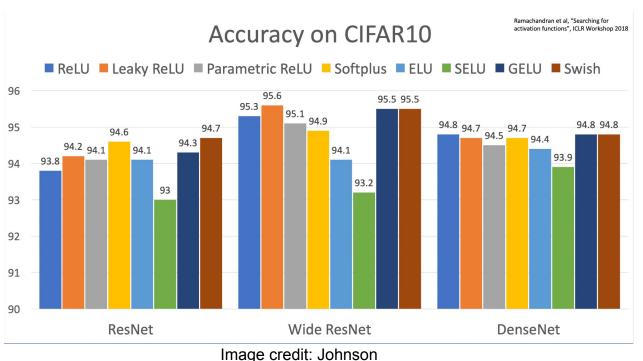
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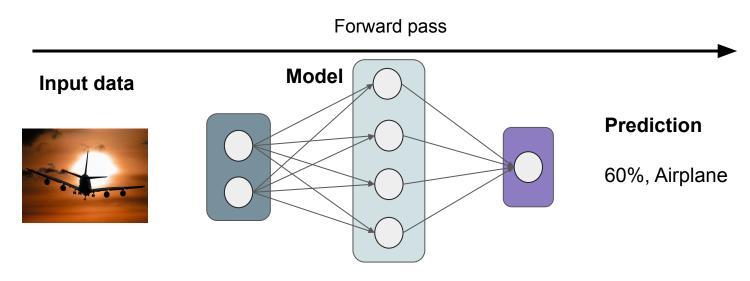


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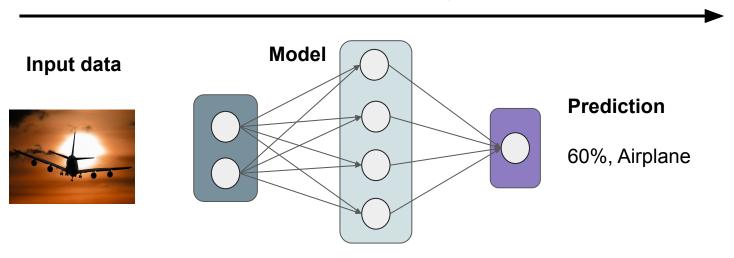
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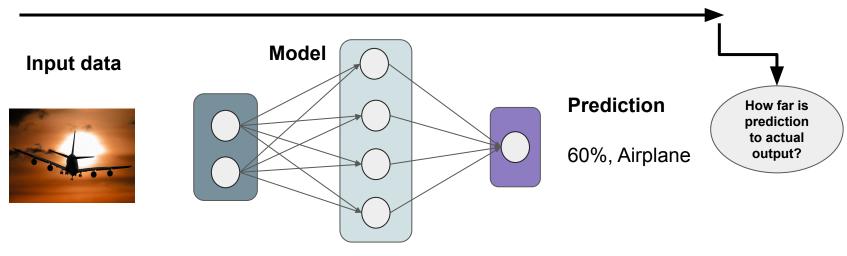
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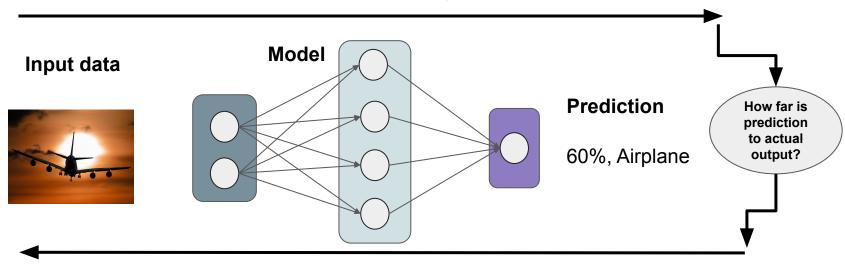
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Backward pass: measure the difference between prediction and ground truth, and minimize it with gradient optimization techniques.

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Loss functions are very specific to tasks, they are easier to choose. Optimizers depends on many variables. As a rule of thumb, don't be a hero. Stick to Adam!!

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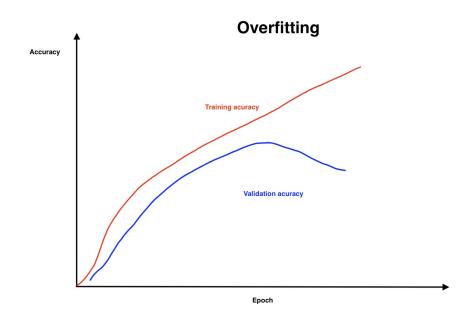
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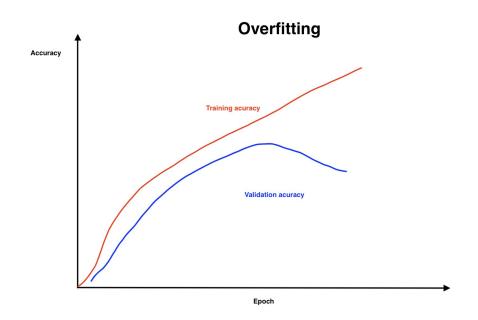
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Overfitting can be minimized by using:

- Increasing training data
- Data augmentation/using artificial data
- Early stopping
- Dropout
- Reducing the size of the model

Data augmentation, early stopping, dropout are examples of regularization techniques.

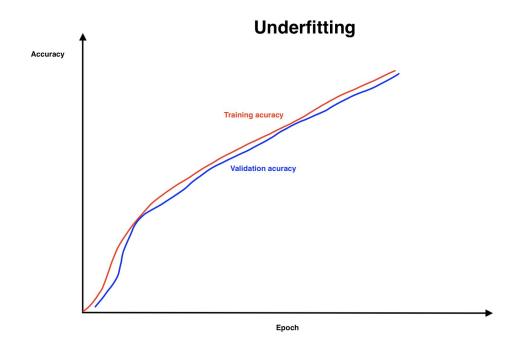
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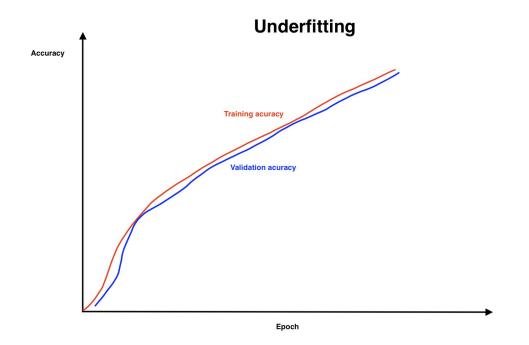
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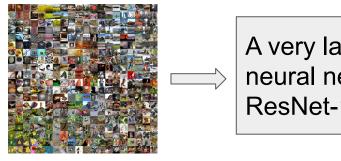
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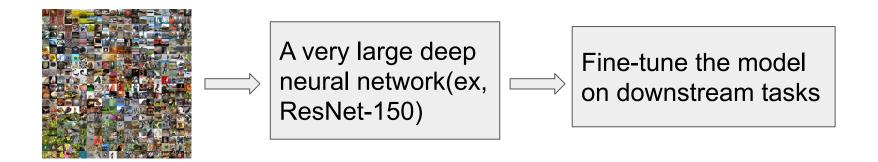


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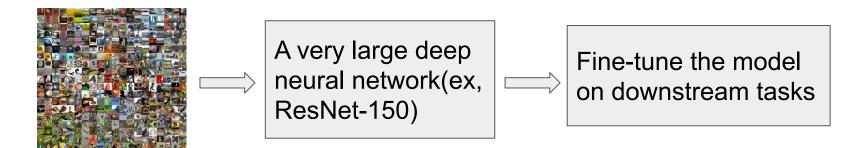
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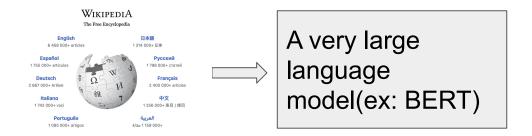
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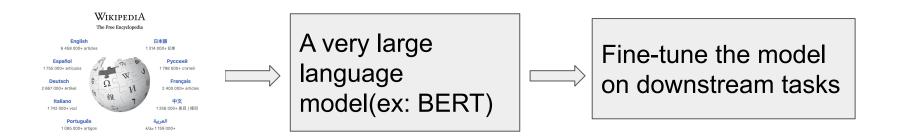
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