

# What are Neural Networks?

- Machine-learning model inspired by the human brain
- Composed of layers of interconnected neurons
- Processes and transmits information



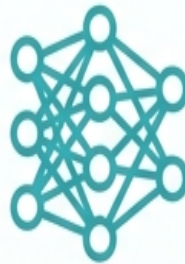
# Structure of Neural Networks

## Input Layer



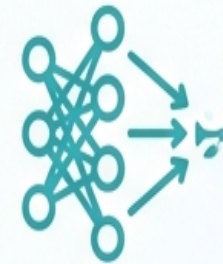
– receives data

## Hidden Layer



– processes &  
decides

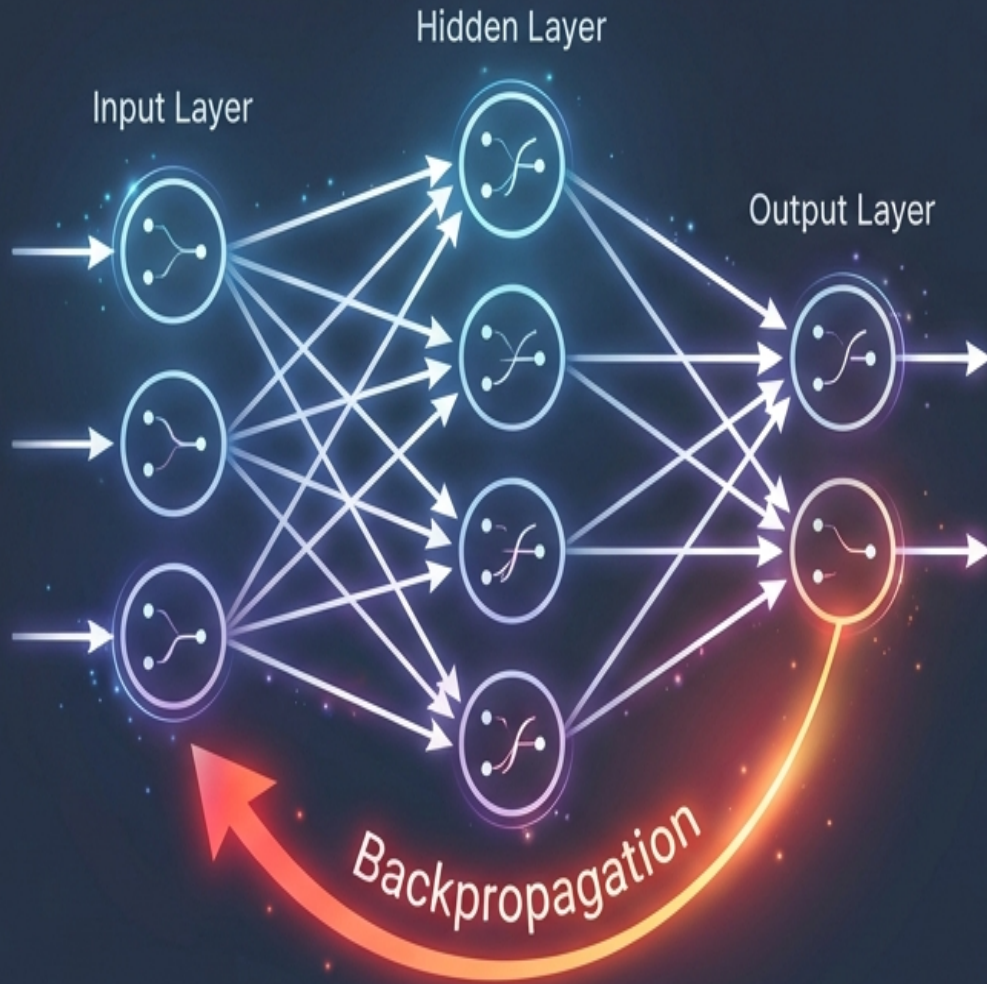
## Output Layer



– produces result



# How Neural Networks Work



- Nodes apply weights & activation functions
- Forward pass produces output
- Backpropagation adjusts weights to minimize error

# Benefits & Limitations



- Excellent pattern recognition (e.g., images, speech)
- Solves complex problems (games, optimization)



- Overfitting – too specific to training data
- Long training times for large datasets



# Conclusion

- Neural networks are powerful ML tools
- Built from **layered nodes** that learn via backpropagation
- Beware of overfitting and training time

