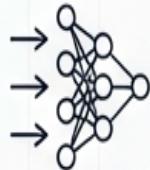


INTRODUCTION TO NEURAL NETWORKS

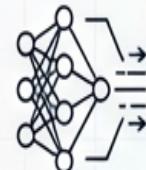
- Brain-inspired machine learning model
- Composed of interconnected neurons
- Enables pattern recognition



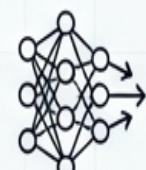
Key Components



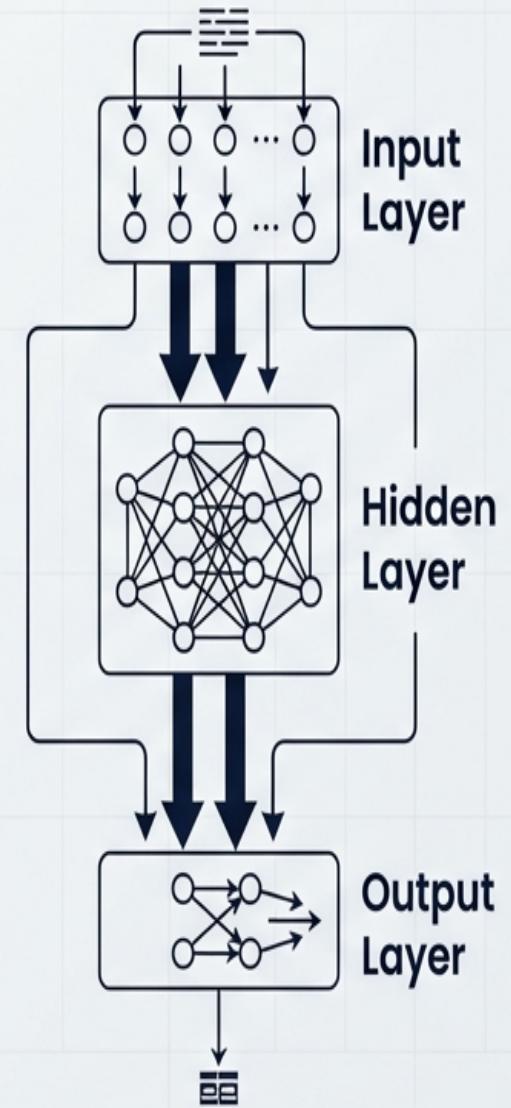
- **Input Layer** – receives data



- **Hidden Layer** – processes & extracts features



- **Output Layer** – produces predictions

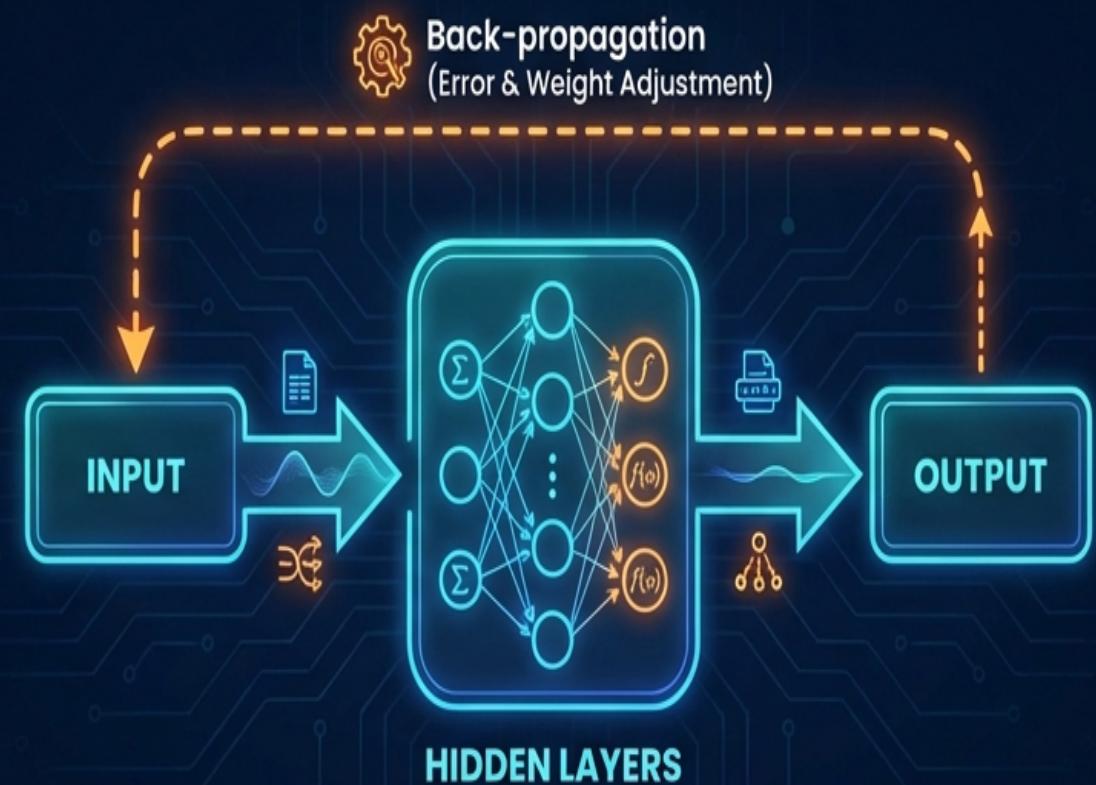


How Neural Networks Work

1 Input → Forward Propagation

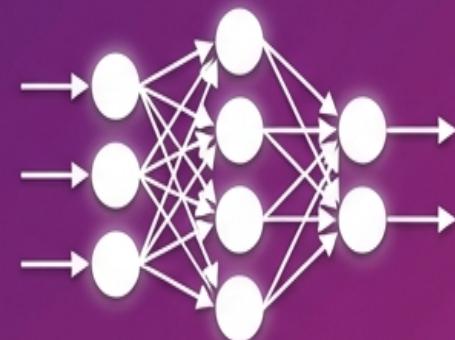
2 Activation functions shape signals

3 Back-propagation tunes weights

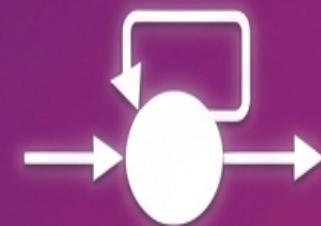


Common NN Architectures

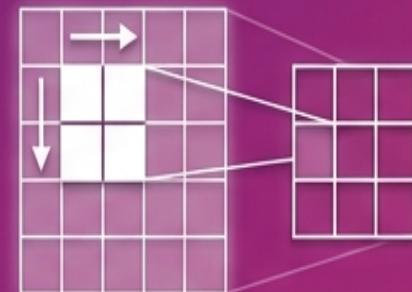
- **Feed-forward** – single-direction flow



- **Recurrent** – loops for sequence data



- **Convolutional** – spatial feature extraction



Applications & Takeaway

- Image & speech recognition
- Natural language processing & generation
- Predictive modeling (finance, weather)

