

# *Deep Learning Crash Course*



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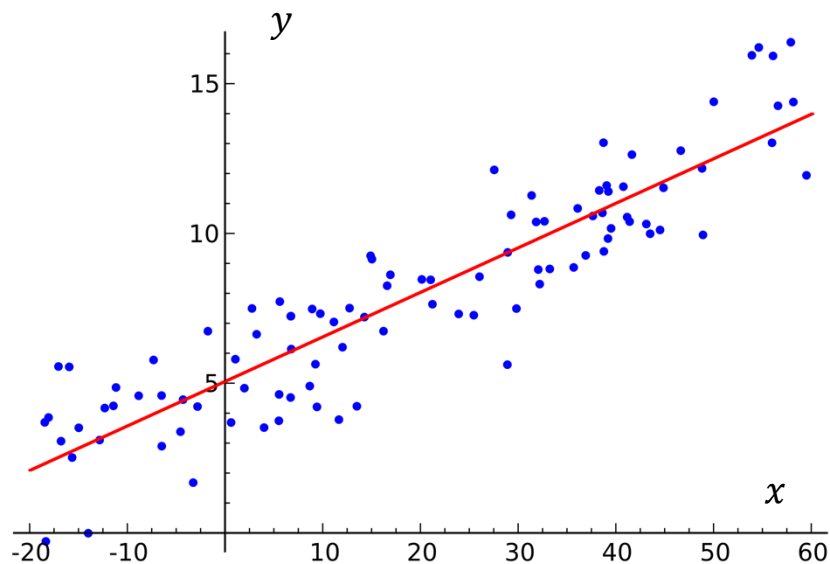
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# Lecture 1

- Deep learning as a data driven approach
- Binary and multi-class classification
- Multi-layer perceptron (MLP)

# Linear regression



Model:

$$y = wx + b$$

Loss:

$$\ell(w, b) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} [y^{(i)} - (wx^{(i)} + b)]^2$$

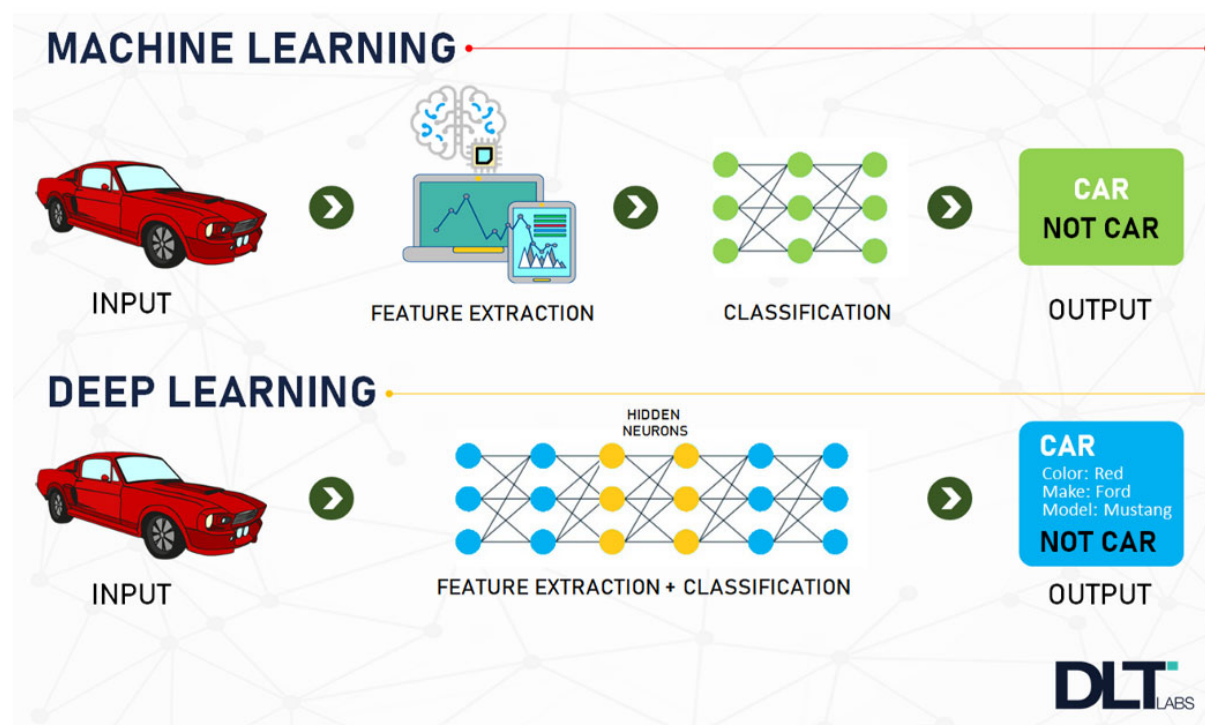
Optimization:

$$\min_{w, b} \ell(w, b)$$

Minimize the empirical risk,  
computed on the measured data  
sample  $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$

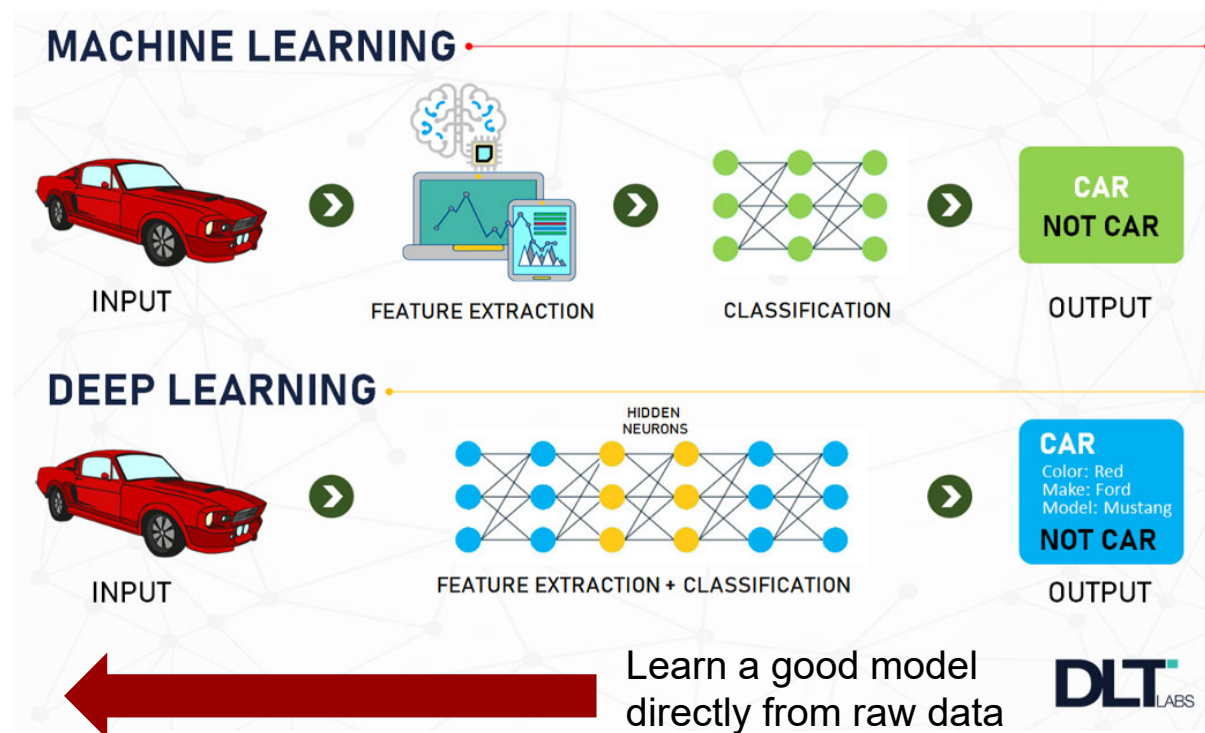
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# Deep Learning model is data-driven



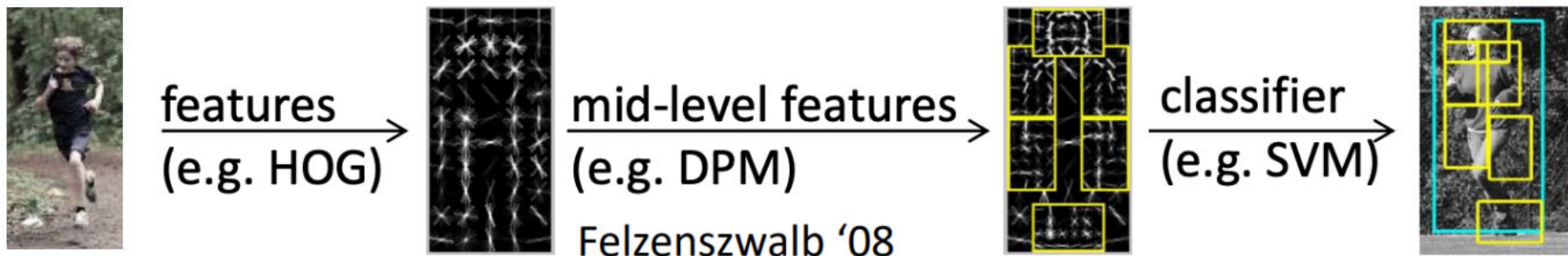
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# Feature engineering



histogram of oriented gradients

- Human design and build feature extractor – very hard to scale, e.g. to 2000 object classes
- Model works on the feature vectors, instead of original data
- Limited by the human insights and amount of data

Object Detection with Discriminatively Trained Part Based Models. <https://cs.brown.edu/people/pfelzens/papers/lsvm-pami.pdf>

# Data driven detection



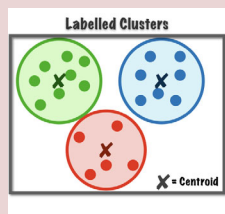
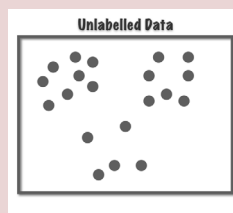
- Start from image to object detection (class and bounding box)
- End-to-end training, without human crafted features
- So powerful, can be done in real-time

<https://youtu.be/VOC3huqHrss>

# Deep Learning Landscapes

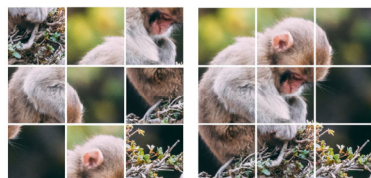
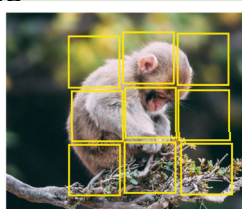
## Unsupervised Learning

- Unlabeled X
- Learn representation in data



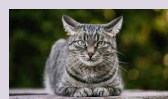
## Self-supervised Learning

- Unlabeled X
- Generate self-supervisory signal
- Learn effective representation of data to help downstream apps



## Supervised Learning

- Labelled X and Y
- Learn model:  $X \rightarrow Y$
- Make prediction

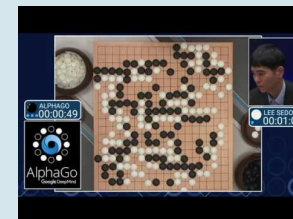
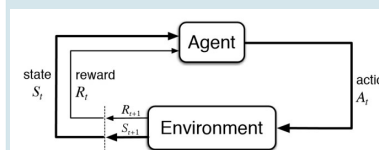


Is a cat?

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## Reinforcement Learning

- Learn actions to reach the goal given an environment

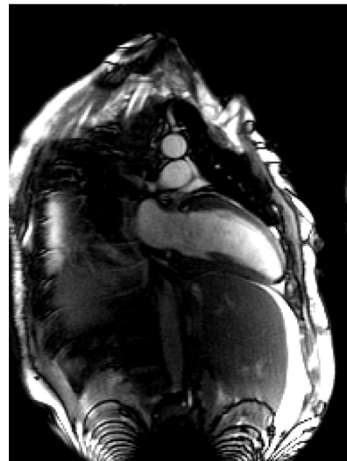




# Heart finding problem

A running example : heart finding from MRI images

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} =$$



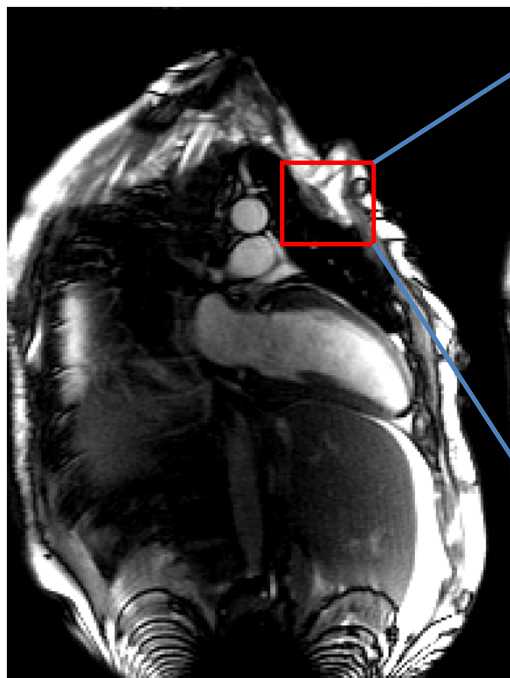
$Y = 1$ , if imaging the heart



$Y = 0$

# Computer sees the number, not content

What computer sees in this image:



967	965	967	975	984	993	1004	1015	1027	1041
1003	985	975	988	995	1001	1011	1021	1031	1042
838	944	1025	993	1001	1017	1017	1027	1037	1043
685	891	1053	994	1004	1026	1019	1029	1037	1042
737	912	1050	998	1006	1024	1019	1027	1033	1040
776	951	1074	1002	1006	1025	1018	1025	1030	1042
785	882	994	1010	1018	1024	1024	1027	1033	1055
825	789	886	1052	1043	1021	1040	1037	1046	1083
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3996	3987	3991	4030	4095	4179	4266	4359	4471	4556
4121	4118	4132	4176	4241	4322	4409	4498	4591	4668
4248	4252	4273	4319	4384	4462	4548	4631	4705	4775
4376	4386	4414	4461	4525	4600	4682	4760	4829	4893
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# Model as a mapping function

First idea : design a mapping function to map image pixel values to the probability

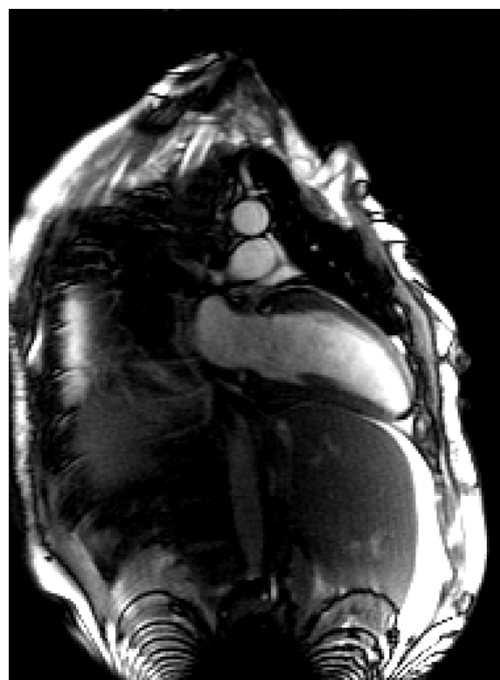
$$y = f(X)$$

*y* : a single floating value

*lower case, regular*     $X$  :  $N \times 1$  vector

$N = H \times W$ , number of pixels

*upper case, bold*



A scalar for the probability where heart was imaged

# Linear mapping, weights and bias

Start with a linear mapping

$$z = \mathbf{W}X + b$$

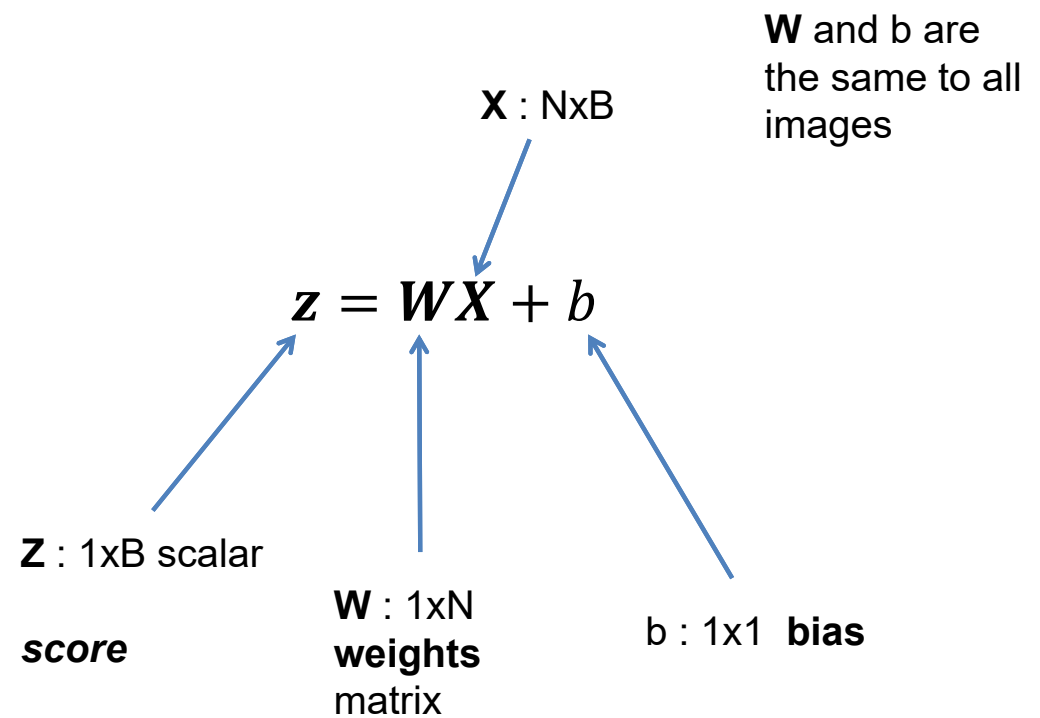
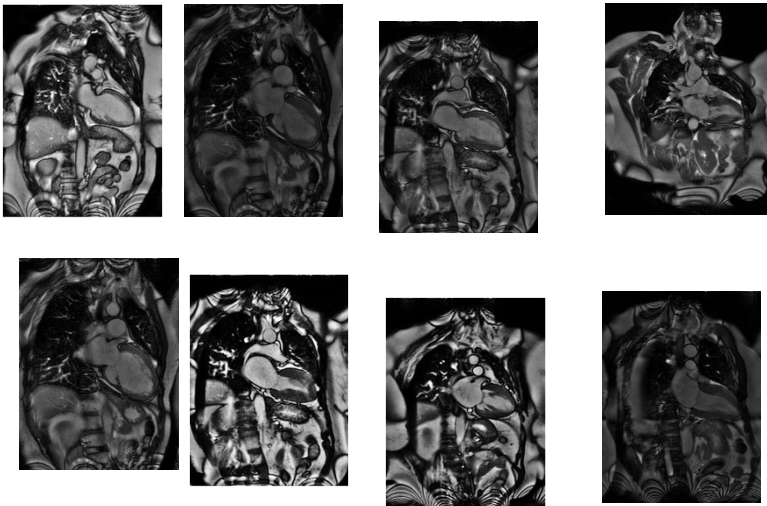
The diagram illustrates the components of the linear mapping equation  $z = \mathbf{W}X + b$ . Three blue arrows point from descriptive labels below to the terms in the equation: 

- An arrow points from  $z : 1 \times 1$  scalar to the variable  $z$ .
- An arrow points from  $\mathbf{W} : 1 \times N$  weights matrix to the matrix  $\mathbf{W}$ .
- An arrow points from  $b : 1 \times 1$  bias to the variable  $b$ .

# Process a *Batch*

We can process multiple images in one pass

B=8, a **batch**





# Broadcasting

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{WX} + b$$

$W : 1 \times N$

$X : N \times B$

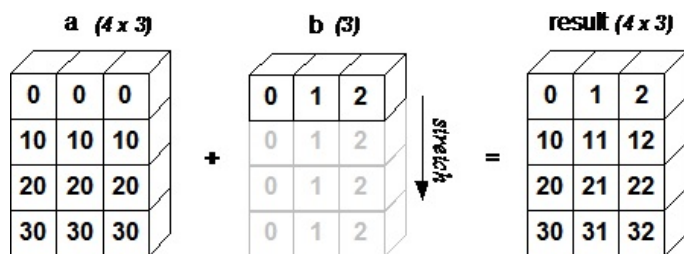
$1 \times 1$  scalar

So  $Z$  is  $1 \times B$

Add same  $b$  to every element of  $Z$

Broadcasting : repeat the smaller array to make its shape compatible to larger array

- starts with the trailing (i.e. rightmost) dimensions and works its way left
- **Repeat any dimension of 1**



A (4d array):  $8 \times 1 \times 6 \times 1$

B (3d array):  $7 \times 1 \times 5$

Result (4d array):  $8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5$

<https://numpy.org/doc/stable/user/basics.broadcasting.html>

# Enforce probability

$$z = WX + b$$

*z is not a value [0 1], so it  
is not a probability*

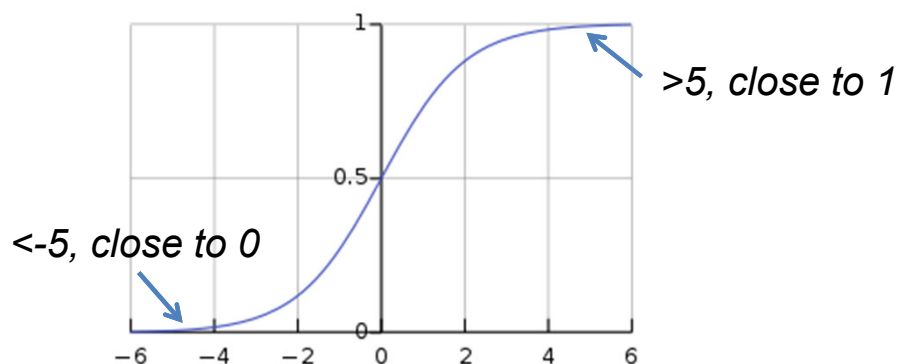


$$a = f(z) = f(WX + b)$$

*f is applied element-wise*

*A choice of f is the sigmoid  
function*

Sigmoid function  $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$

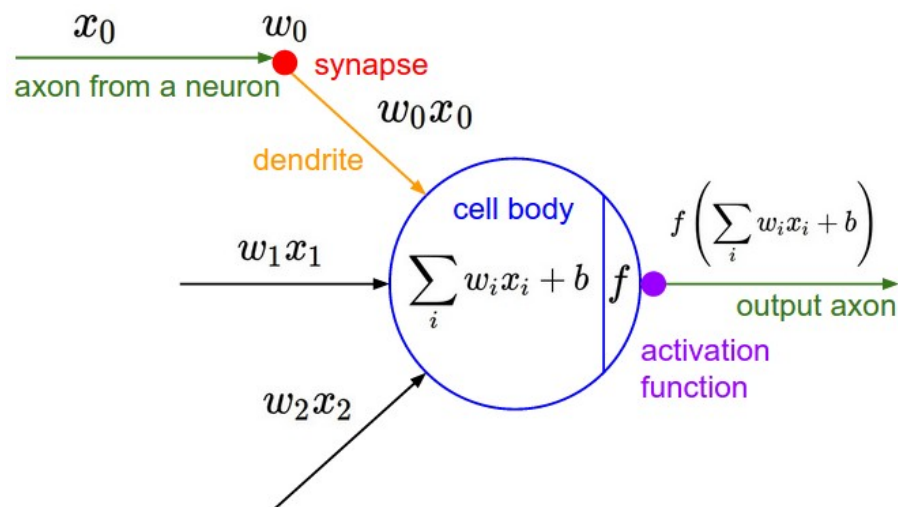


$$\frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = \sigma(x)[1 - \sigma(x)]$$

*Active range -5 to 5*

*Accept inputs from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$*

# This is a “neuron” in neural network



*Neuron = linear mapping + nonlinear activation*

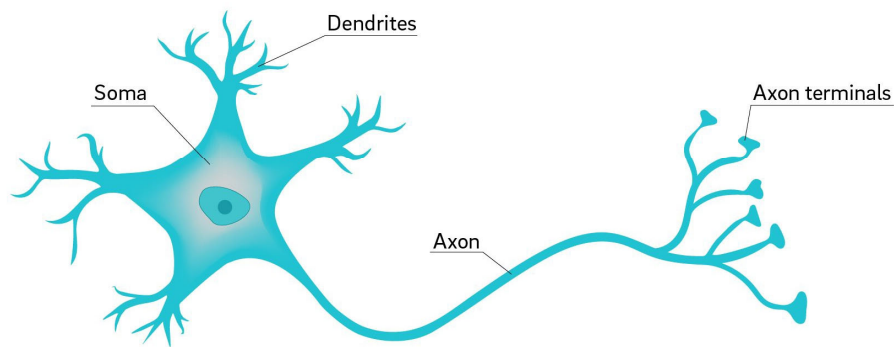
- Historically, inspired by biological neuron
- Building block of DL
- **Logistic regression** if sigmoid nonlinear activation is used

Picture is from <https://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-1/>



# *This concept was invented in 1958*

Neuron



*The New Yorker*, December 6, 1958 P.44

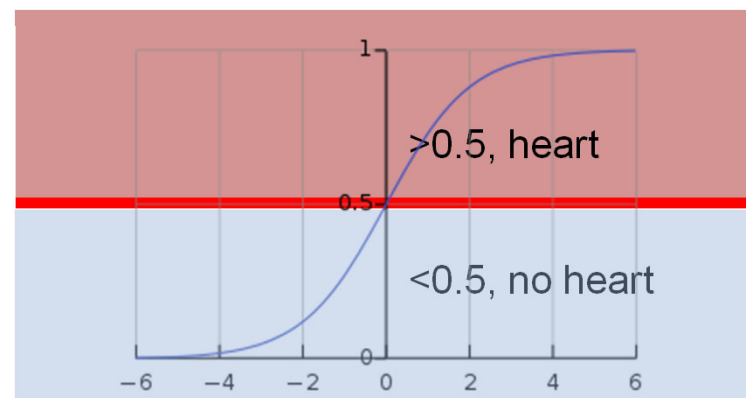
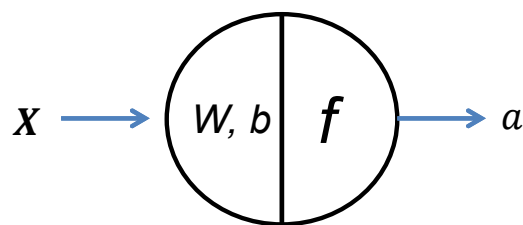
Talk story about the perceptron, a new electronic brain which hasn't been built, but which has been successfully simulated on the I.B.M. 704. Talk with Dr. Frank Rosenblatt, of the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, who is one of the two men who developed the prodigy; the other man is Dr. Marshall C. Yovits, of the Office of Naval Research, in Washington. Dr. Rosenblatt defined the perceptron as the first non-biological object which will achieve an organization of its external environment in a meaningful way. It interacts with its environment, forming concepts that have not been made ready for it by a human agent. If a triangle is held up, the perceptron's eye picks up the image & conveys it along a random succession of lines to the response units, where the image is registered. It can tell the difference between a cat and a dog,

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/1958/12/06/rival-2>

<https://medium.datadriveninvestor.com/introduction-to-neural-networks-a0fe9ec0a947>

# Binary classification

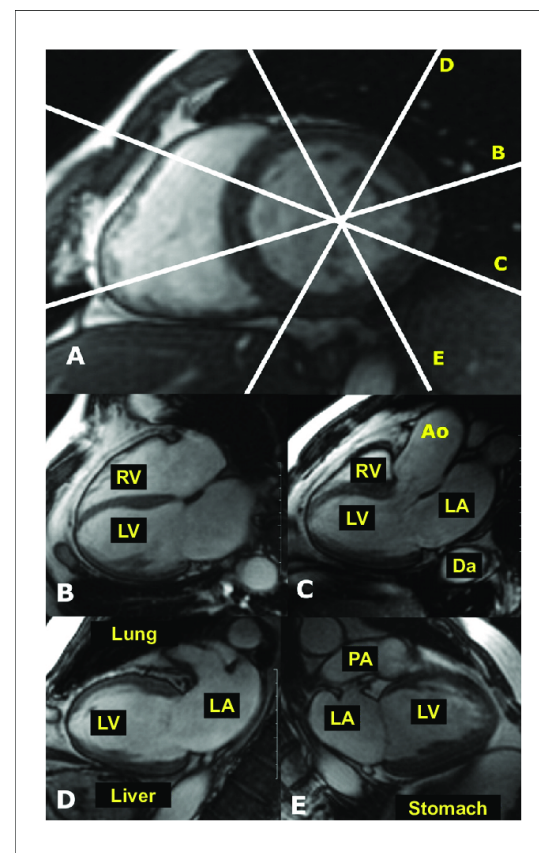
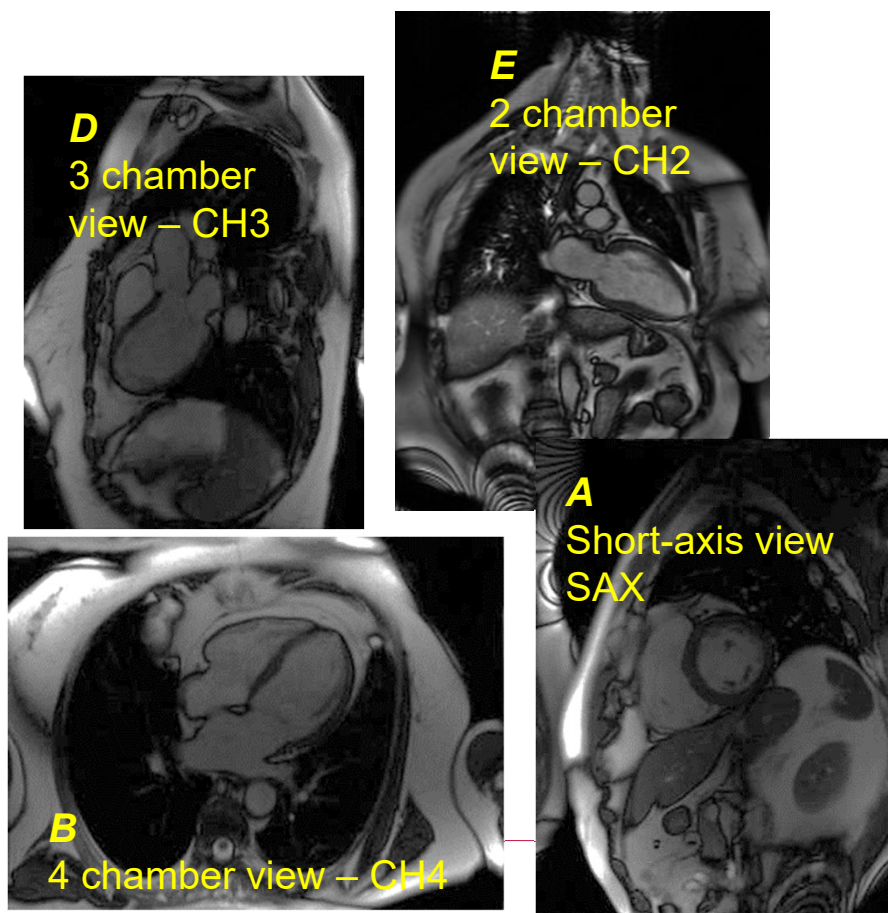
$$a = f(\mathbf{z}) = f(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{X} + b)$$



- Only two output status “Yes” or “No”
- One scalar is needed
- Binary decision

# Multi-class classification

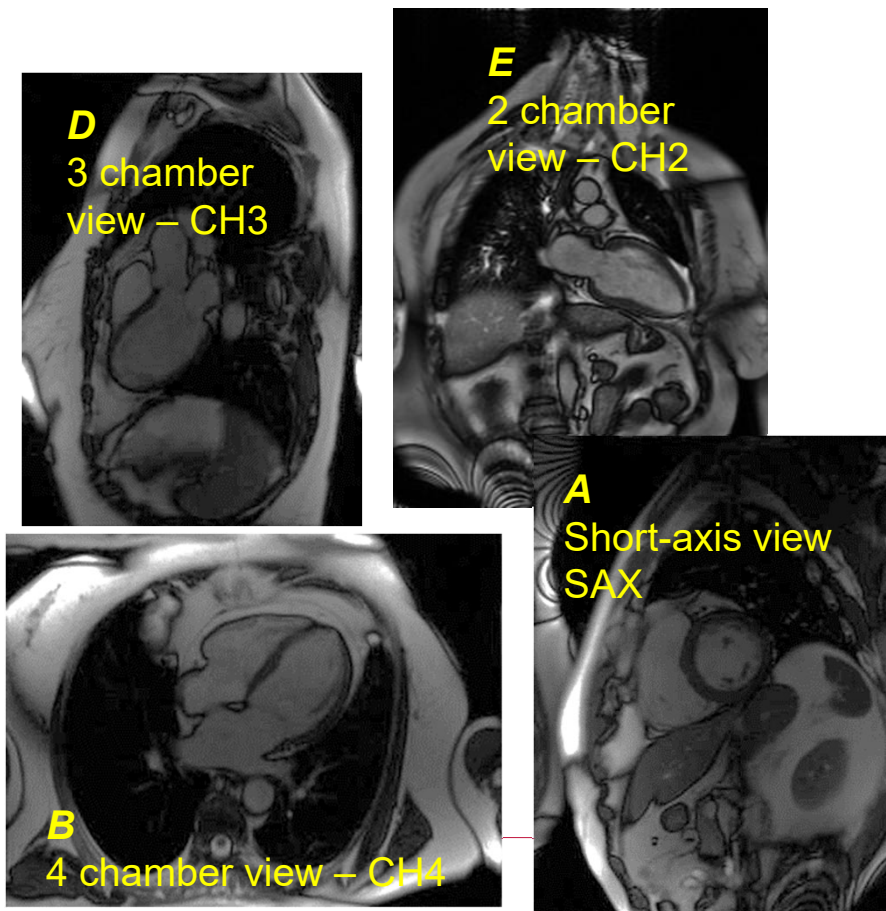
## Cardiac view detection



[https://www.scielo.br/scielo.php?script=sci\\_arttext&pid=S0066-782X2010001600014&lng=pt&nrm=iso&tng=pt](https://www.scielo.br/scielo.php?script=sci_arttext&pid=S0066-782X2010001600014&lng=pt&nrm=iso&tng=pt)

# Multi-class classification

Cardiac view detection



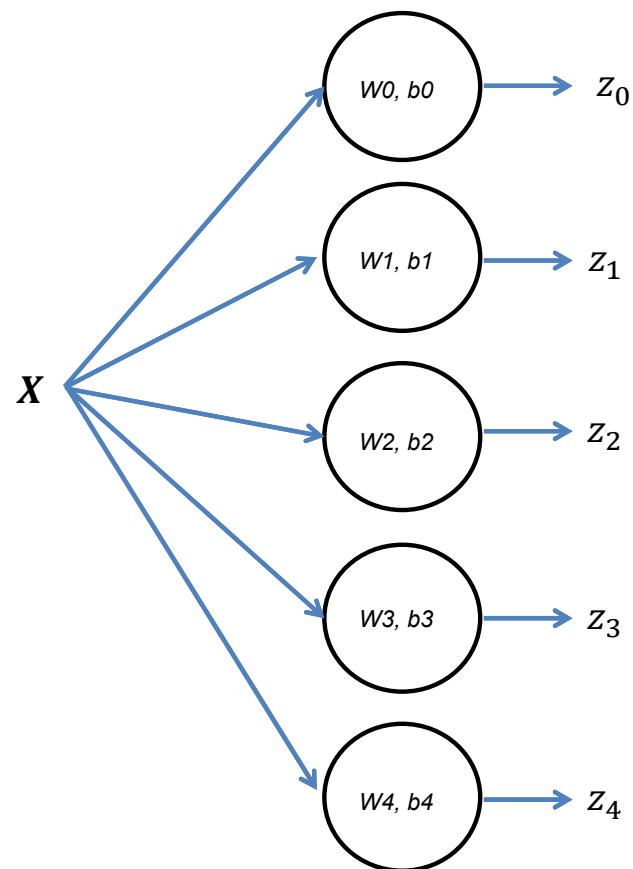
Given an image, decide which imaging view it is

$$\longrightarrow Y = \begin{cases} CH3, & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ CH2, & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ CH4, & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ SAX, & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ Other, & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{cases}$$

Now we need 5 numbers for K=5 classes

This type of encoding y is “one-hot encoding”

# Multi-class classification



Generate 5 numbers as the score for each class

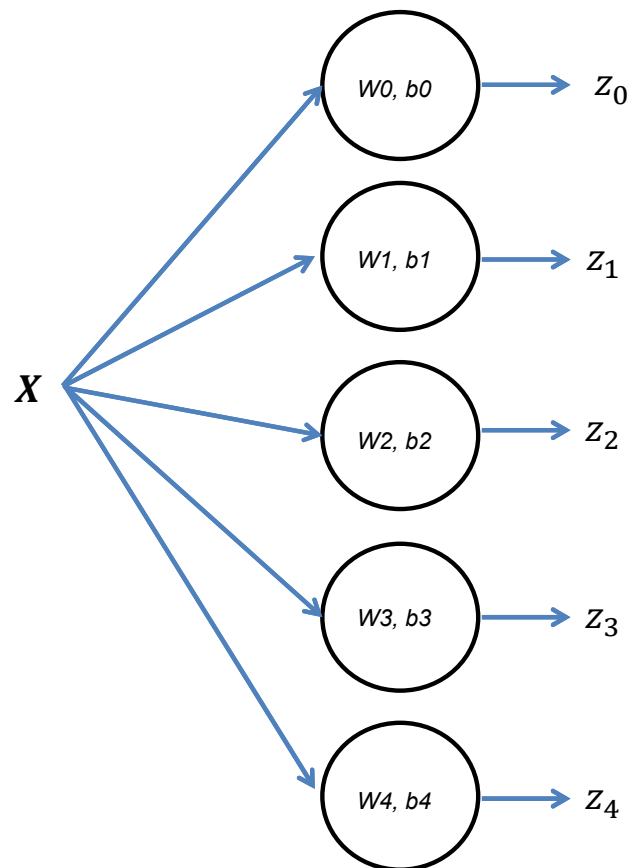
$$\mathbf{Z} = [z_0, z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4]$$

$X$  :  $N \times B$ , images

$W_0, W_1, \dots, W_4$ :  $1 \times N$  weights

$b_0, b_1, \dots, b_4$ :  $1 \times 1$  bias

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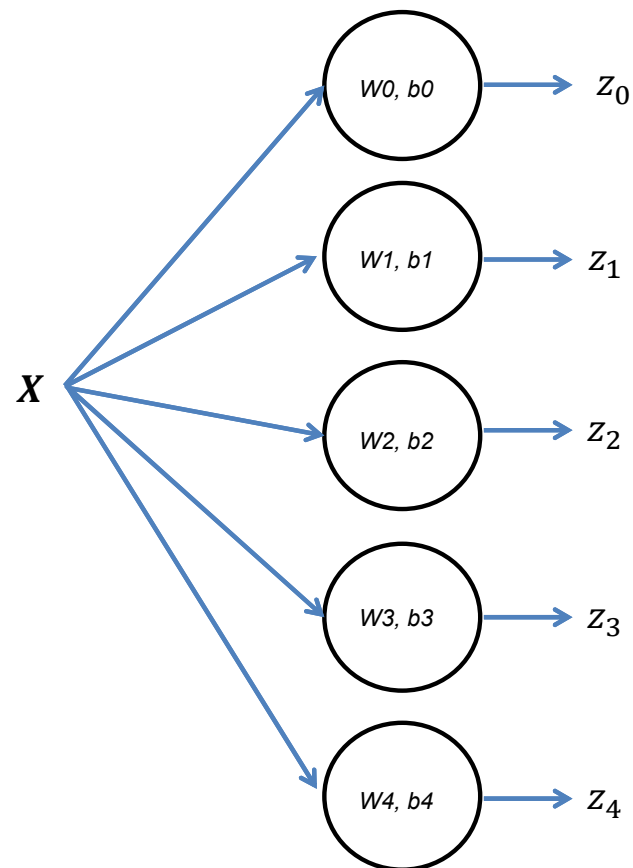
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We can put all weights in one matrix and bias

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} - & W_0 & - \\ - & W_1 & - \\ - & W_2 & - \\ - & W_3 & - \\ - & W_4 & - \end{bmatrix} \quad K \times N \text{ matrix, every row for each class}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad K \times 1 \text{ vector}$$

# Multi-class classification



Matrix representation:

$$z = WX + b$$

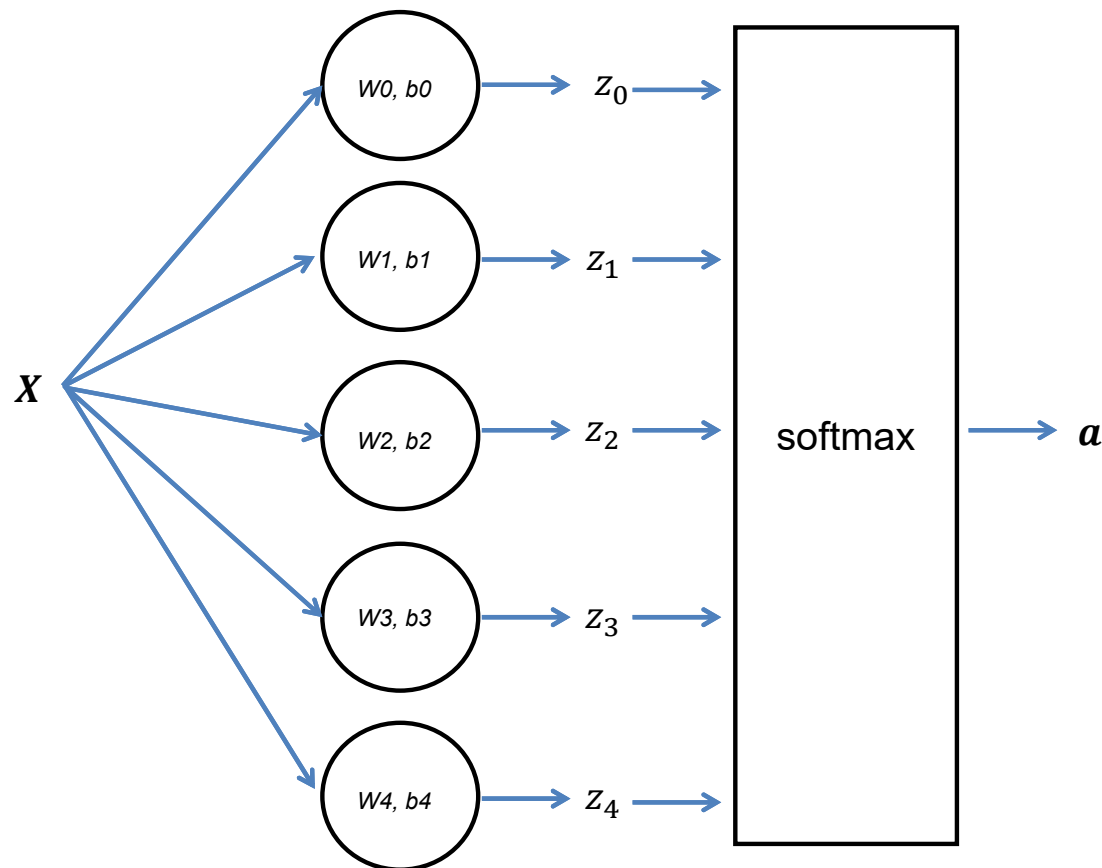
$X$ :  $N \times B$ , input images

$W$ :  $K \times N$ , weights

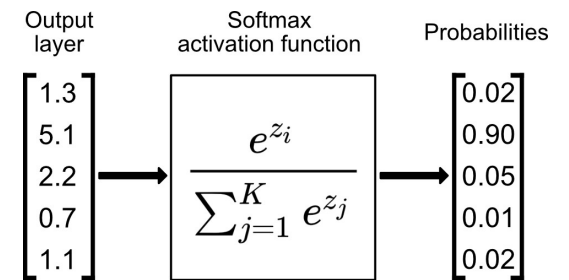
$b$ :  $K \times 1$ , bias

$Z$ :  $K \times B$ , score

# Softmax



$$\text{softmax}(\mathbf{Z}) = \frac{\exp(z_i)}{\sum_{j=0}^{K-1} \exp(z_j)}$$



Softmax trick:

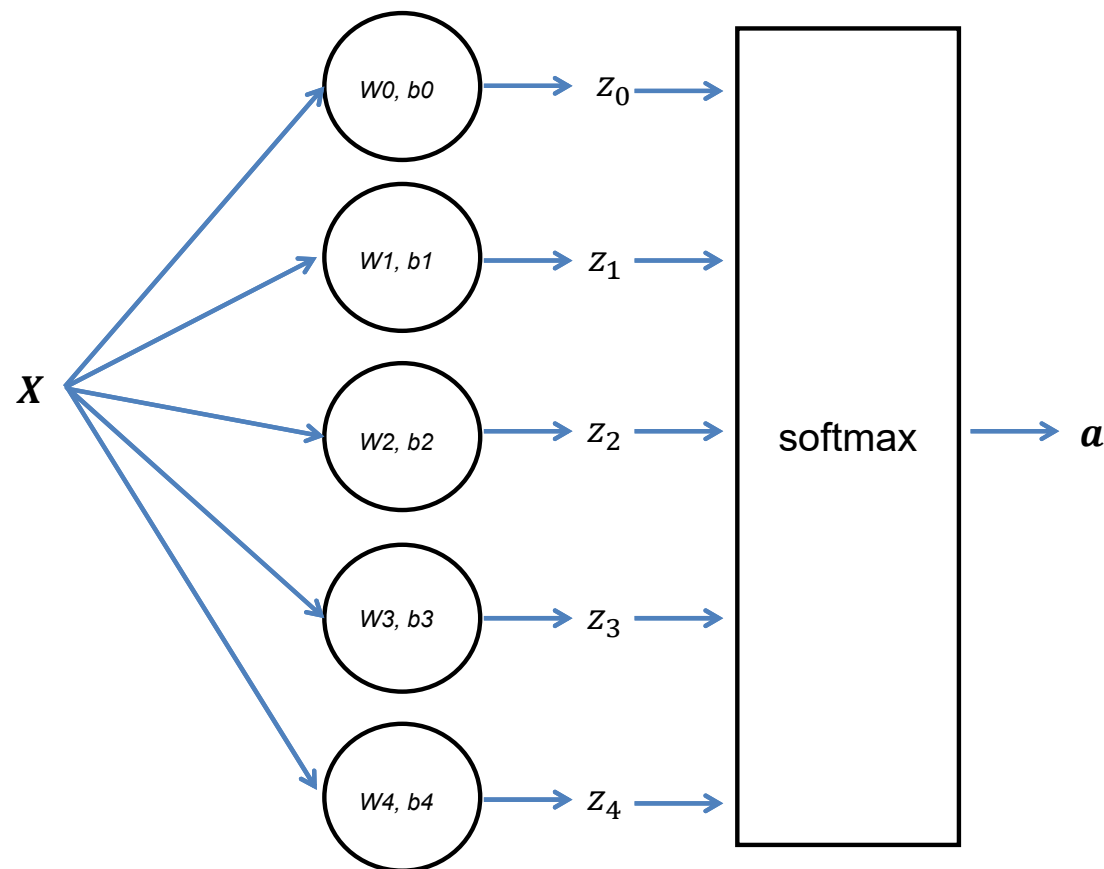
$$\text{softmax}(\mathbf{Z} - c) = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{Z})$$

compute  $\text{softmax}(\mathbf{Z})$  **as**  $\text{softmax}(\mathbf{Z} - \max(\mathbf{Z}))$

Better numeric stability



# Logits

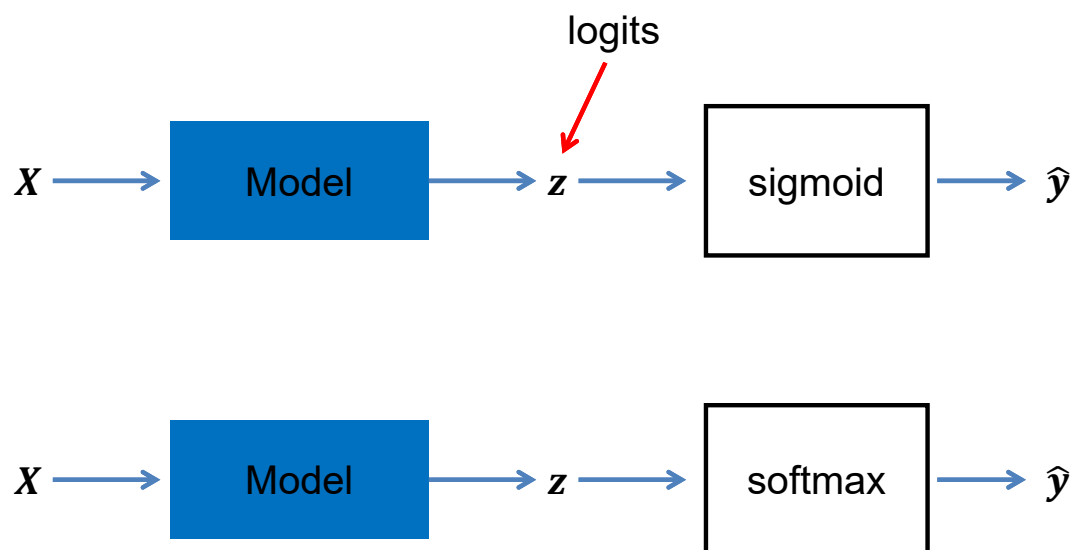


When score  $\mathbf{Z}$  is used as inputs to softmax, it is also called “logits”

In the machine learning, logits can be defined as a vector of raw predictions that are inputted into normalization function to generate probabilities.

$$\text{logits}(\mathbf{a}) = \log\left(\frac{a}{1-a}\right)$$
$$a \in [0, 1], \text{logits} \in (-\infty, +\infty)$$

# Logits



- The term “logits” is often used in DL frameworks
- Same concept for binary classification
- When models are illustrated, often the sigmoid/softmax are included in the model plotting
- Loss is computed on  $L(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})$ ; every sample is  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ ; model outputs  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$

# Binary vs. multi-class classification

Binary

$$\mathbf{a} = \sigma(\mathbf{WX} + \mathbf{b})$$

$\mathbf{X} : \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{B}$   
 $\mathbf{W} : \mathbf{1} \times \mathbf{N}$   
 $\mathbf{b} : \mathbf{1} \times \mathbf{1}$   
 $\mathbf{a} : \mathbf{1} \times \mathbf{B}$

Apply sigmoid element-wise

Multi-class

$$\mathbf{a} = \textit{softmax}(\mathbf{WX} + \mathbf{b})$$

$\mathbf{X} : \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{B}$   
 $\mathbf{W} : \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{N}$   
 $\mathbf{b} : \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{1}$   
 $\mathbf{a} : \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{B}$

Apply softmax along  
class K

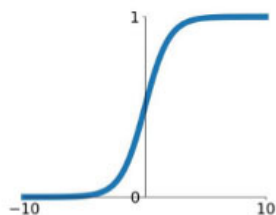
We used one layer of linear mapping and one nonlinear activation function



# Activation functions

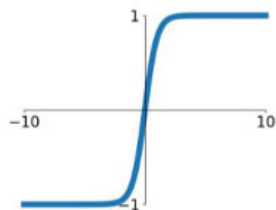
## Sigmoid

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$



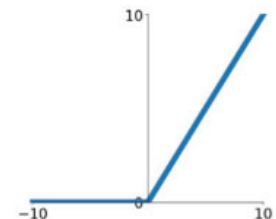
## tanh

$$\tanh(x)$$



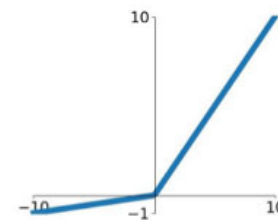
## ReLU

$$\max(0, x)$$



## Leaky ReLU

$$\max(0.1x, x)$$

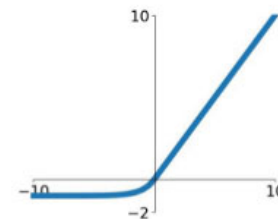


## Maxout

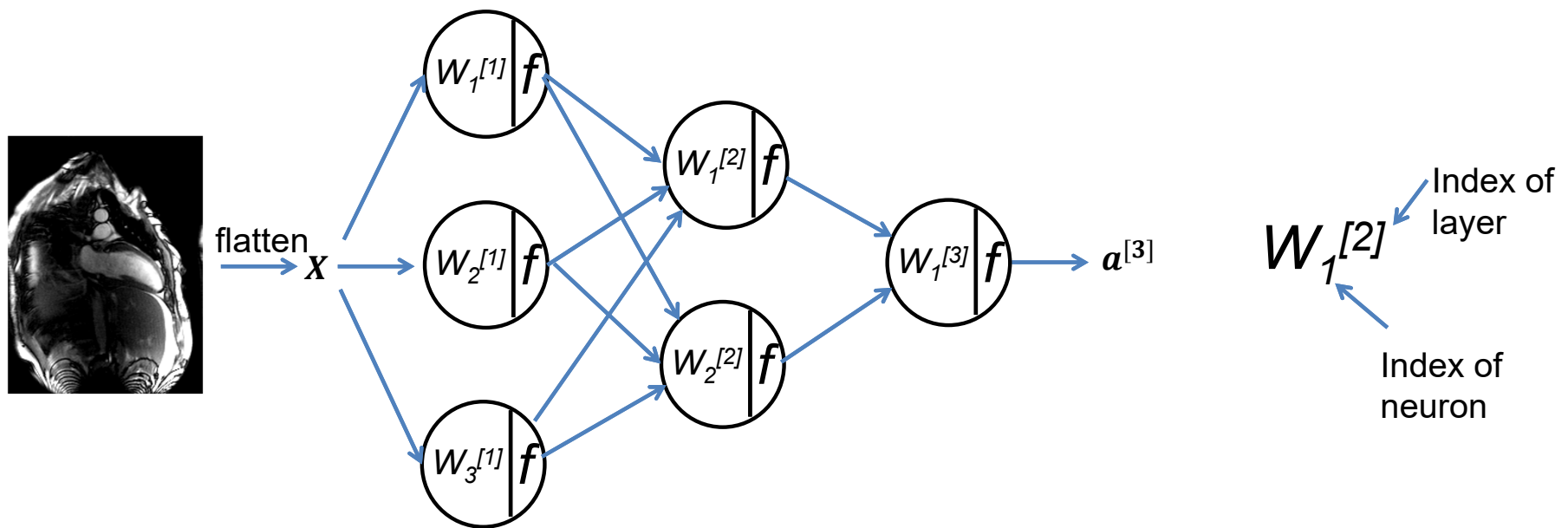
$$\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$$

## ELU

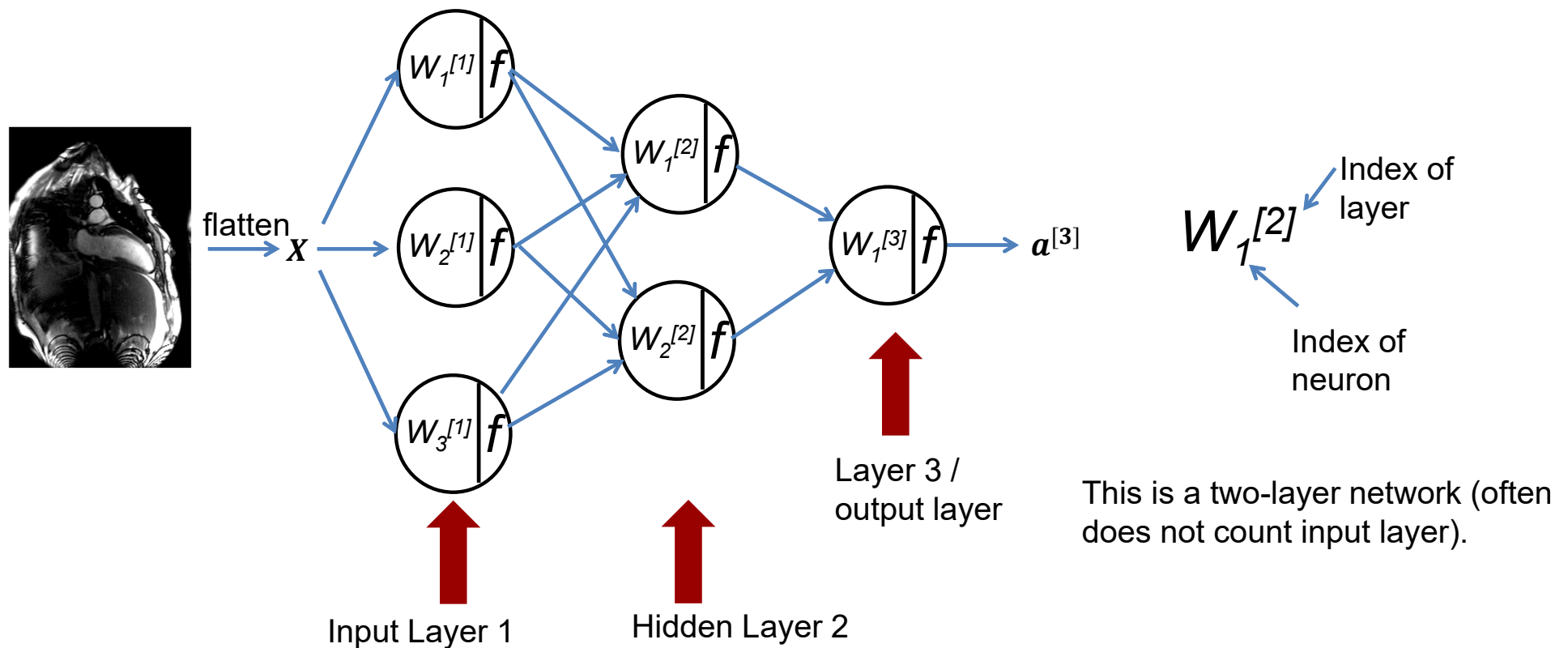
$$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



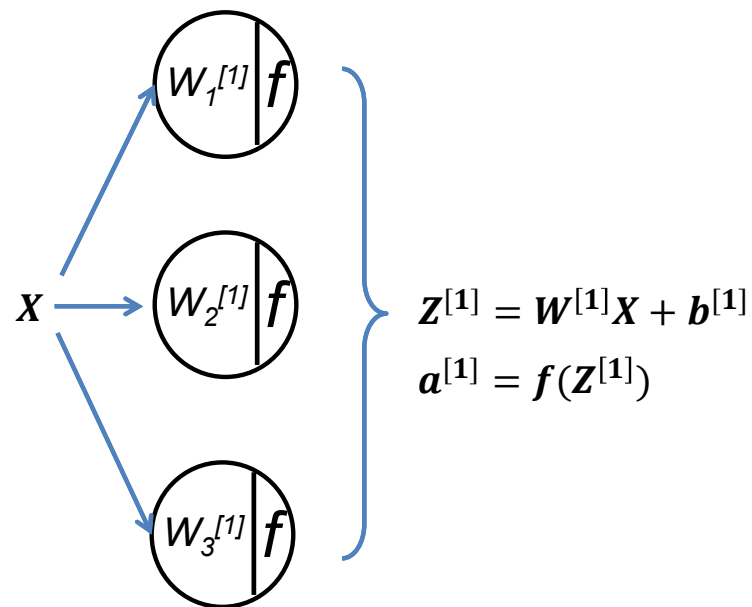
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$X : N \times 1$

$W^{[1]} : 3 \times N$

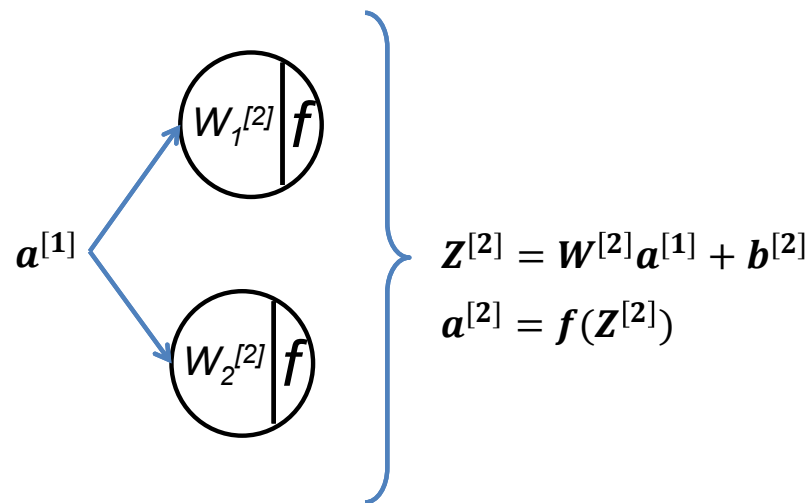
$b^{[1]} : 3 \times 1$

$Z^{[1]} : 3 \times 1$ , score

$a^{[1]} : 3 \times 1$ , activation

$f$  : applied element-wise

# Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP)



$a^{[1]} : 3 \times 1$

$W^{[2]} : 2 \times 3$

$b^{[2]} : 2 \times 1$

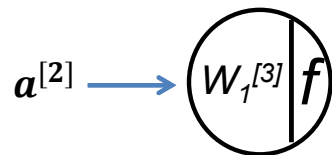
$Z^{[2]} : 2 \times 1$

$a^{[2]} : 2 \times 1$

$f$  : applied element-wise



# Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP)



$$\mathbf{Z}^{[3]} = \mathbf{W}^{[3]} \mathbf{a}^{[2]} + \mathbf{b}^{[3]}$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{[3]} = f(\mathbf{Z}^{[3]})$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{[2]} : 2 \times 1$$

$$\mathbf{W}^{[3]} : 1 \times 2$$

$$\mathbf{b}^{[3]} : 1 \times 1$$

$$\mathbf{Z}^{[3]} : 1 \times 1$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{[3]} : 1 \times 1$$

$f$  : applied element-wise

# Forward Pass

$$\mathbf{Z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{[1]} = f(\mathbf{Z}^{[1]})$$

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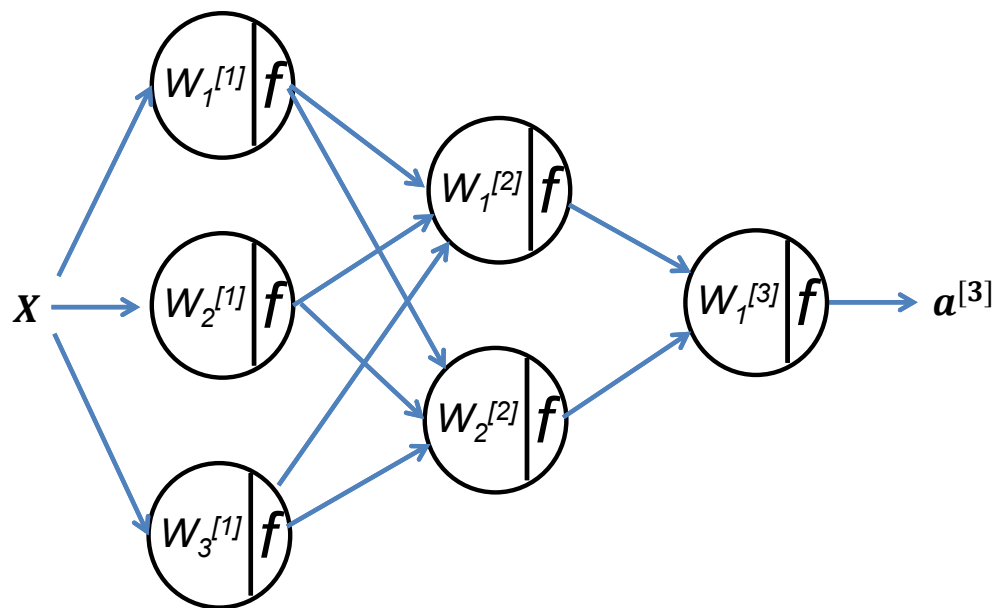
Forward pass: from input  $\mathbf{X}$  to output  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$

For every layer,

$\mathbf{W}$ .shape is [number of output, number of input]

$\mathbf{b}$ .shape is [number of input, 1]

# Number of parameters?



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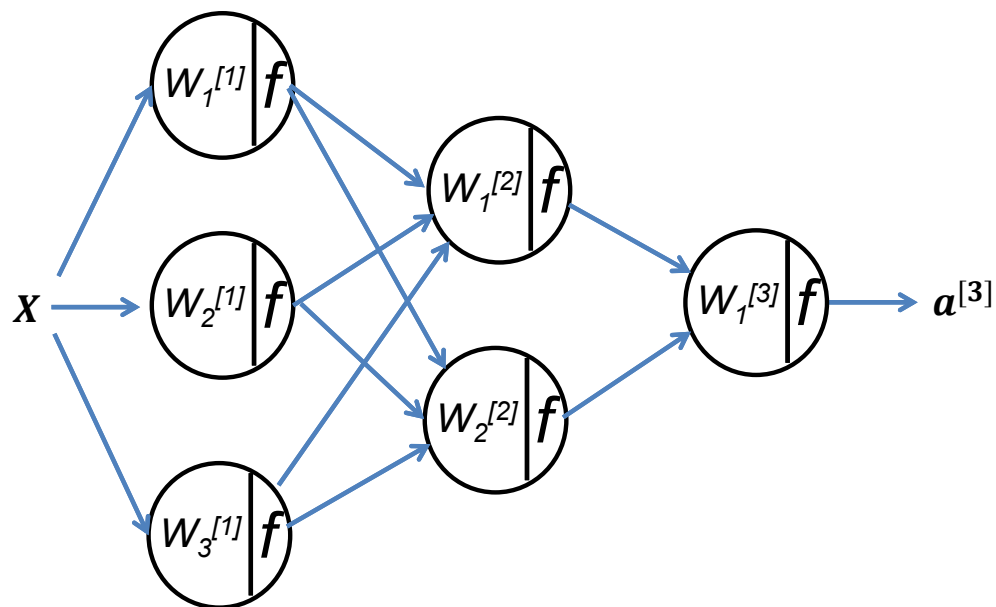
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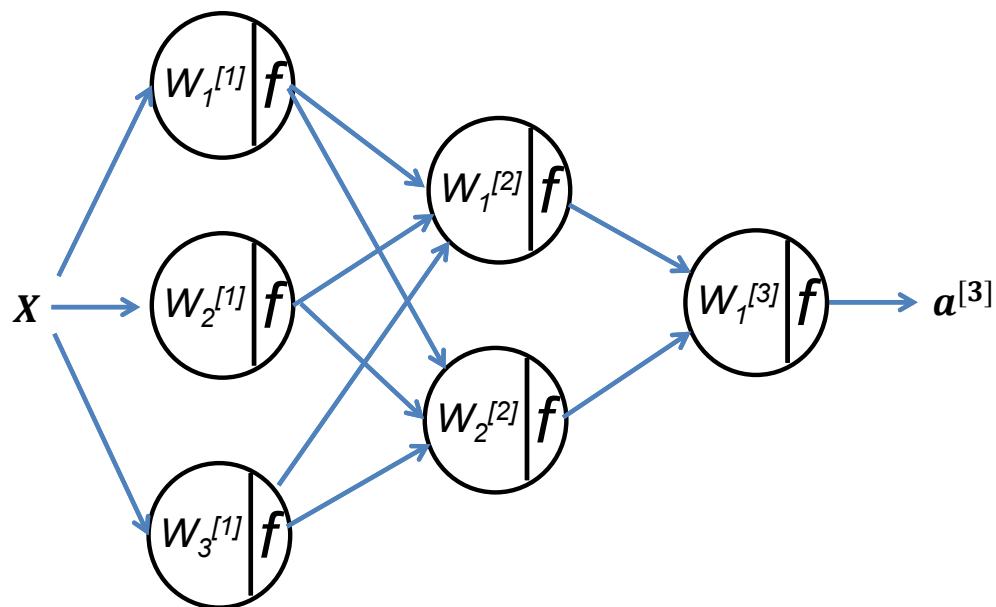
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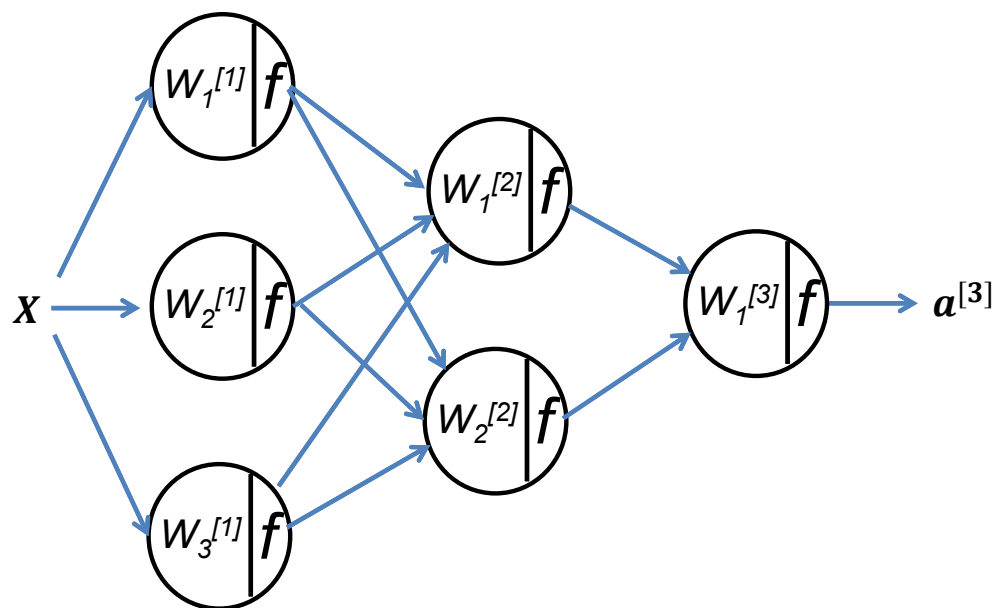
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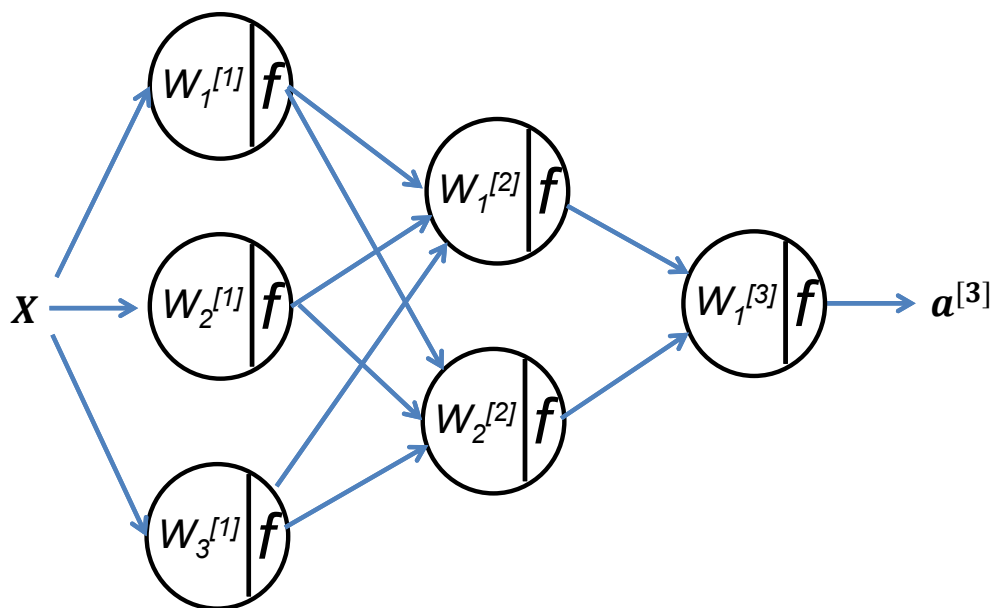
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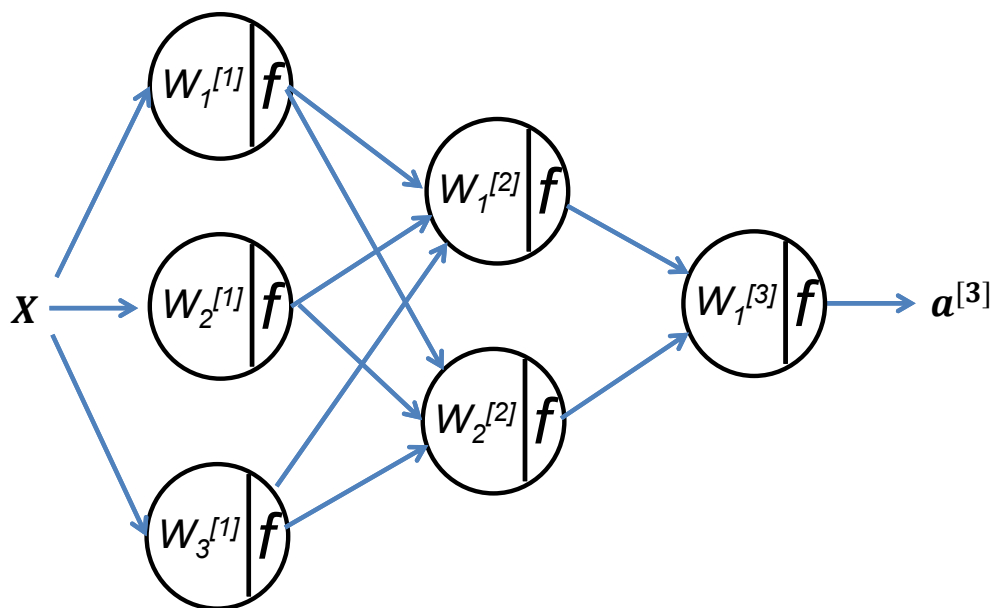
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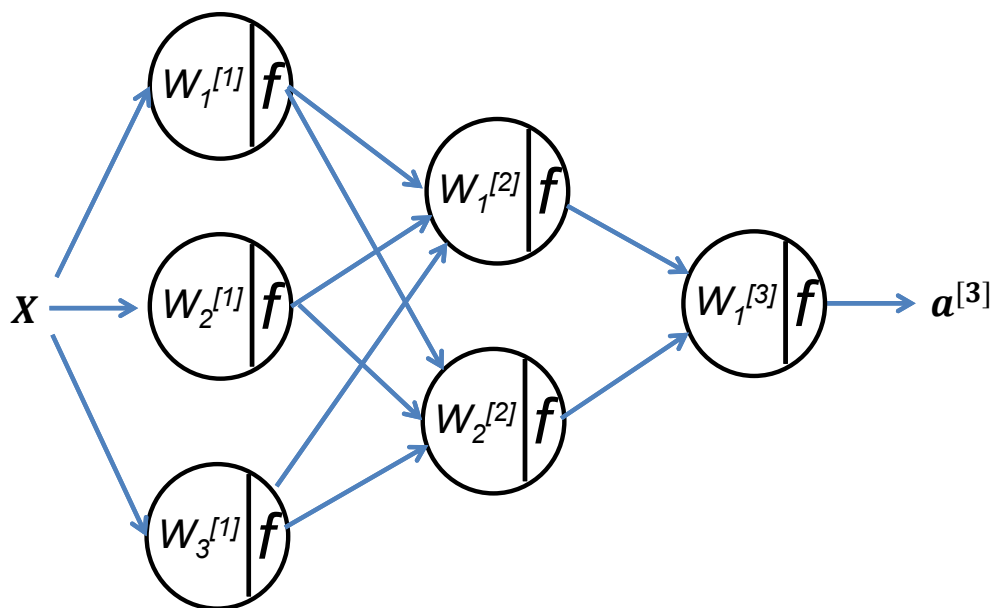
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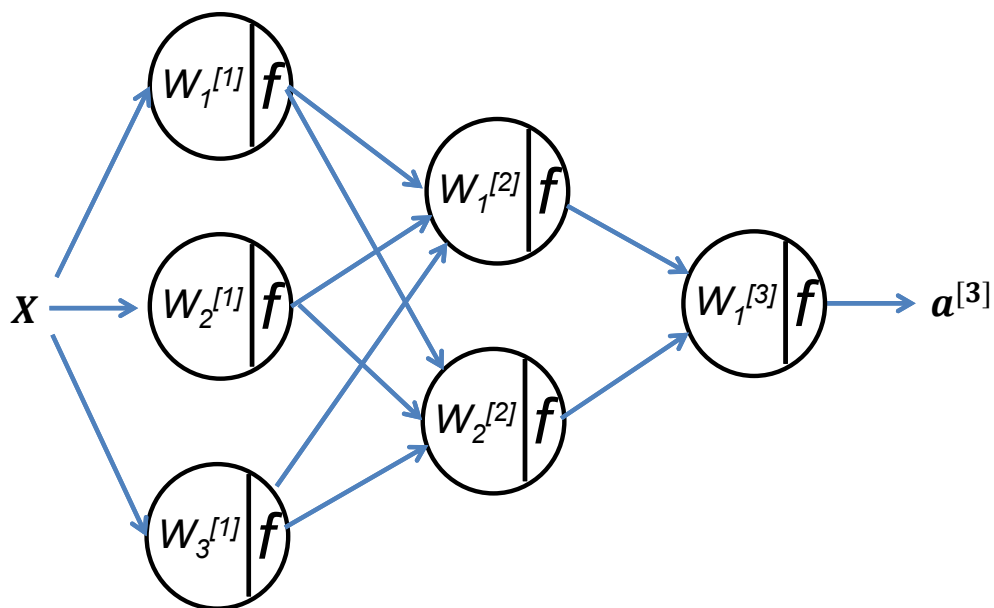


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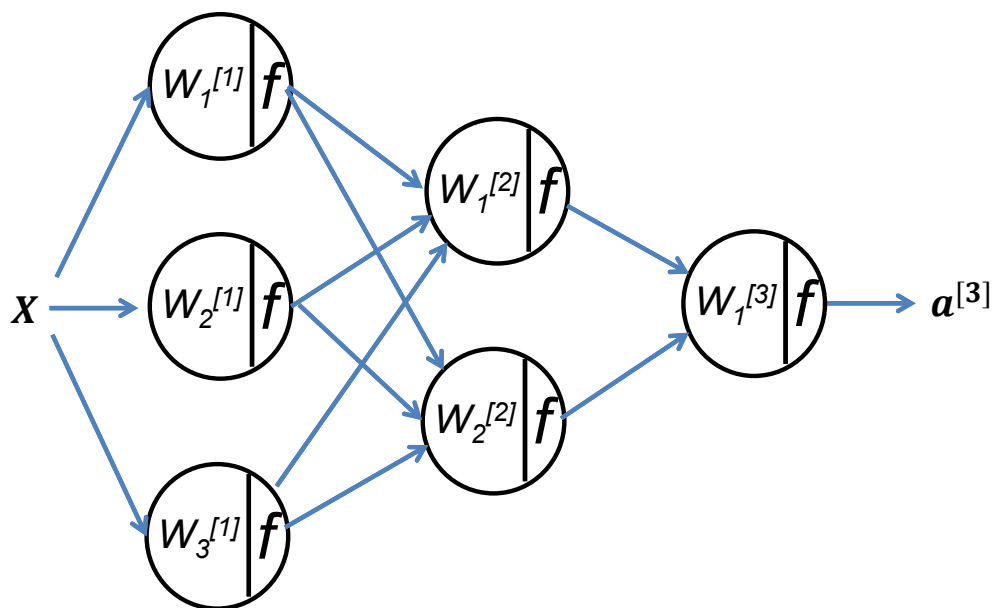
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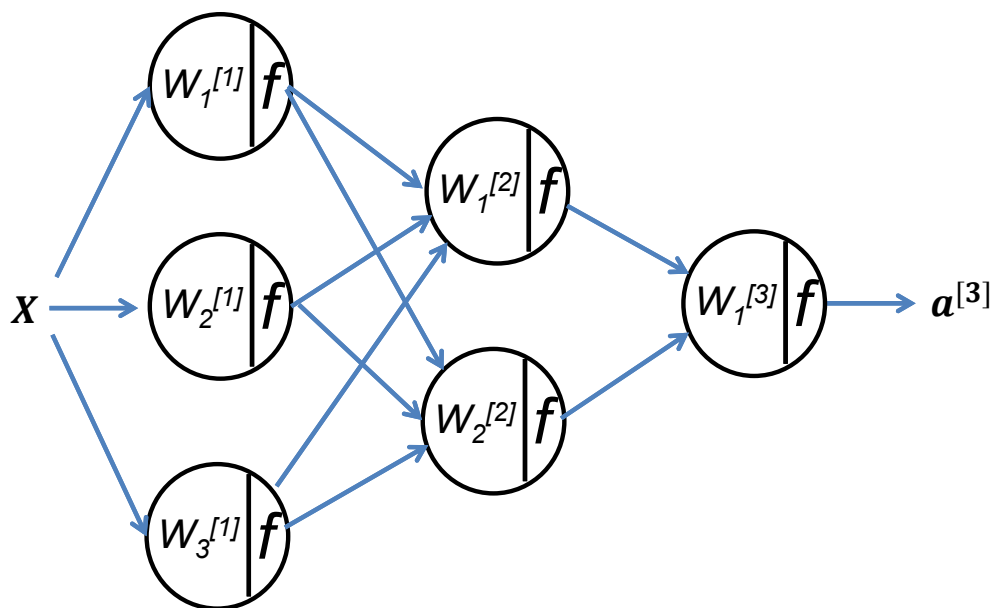
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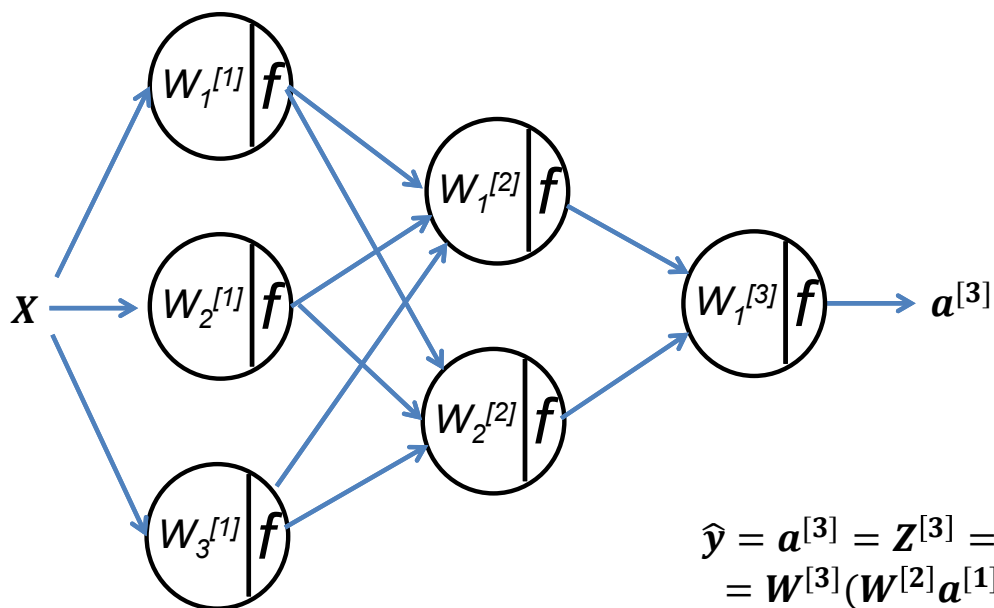


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$$3N+14$$

# Nonlinear activation is necessary



if  $f(x) = x$

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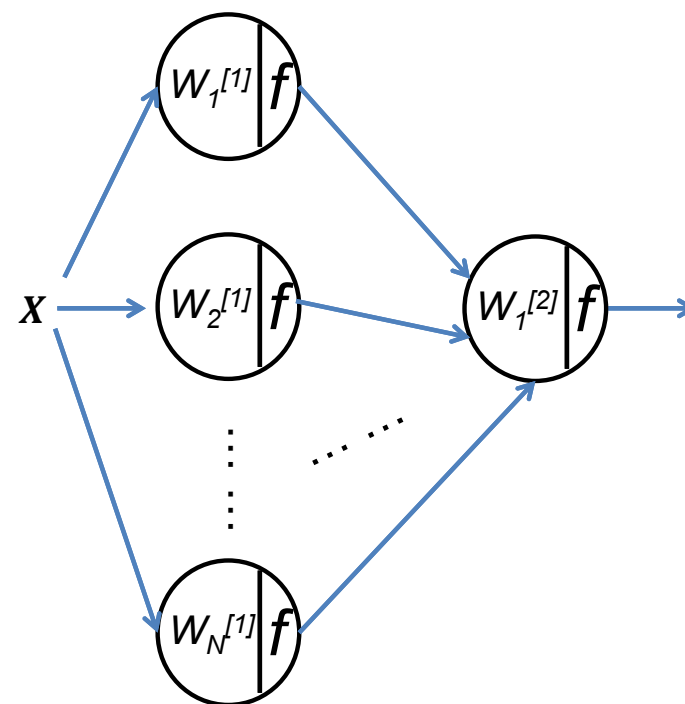
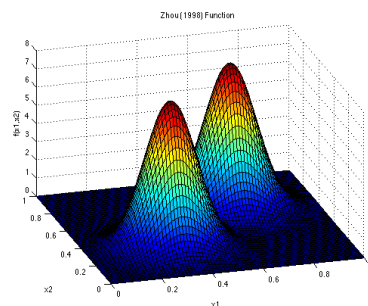
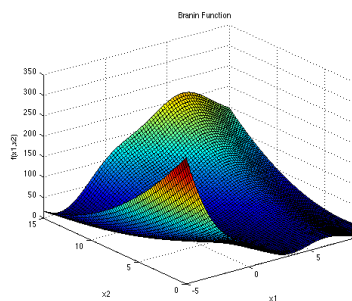
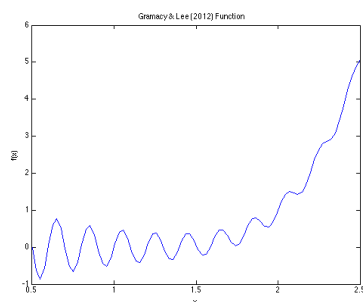
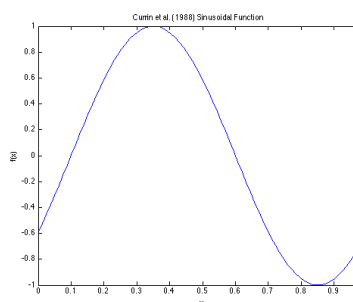
$$Z^{[3]} = W^{[3]}a^{[2]} + b^{[3]}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y} &= a^{[3]} = Z^{[3]} = W^{[3]}a^{[2]} + b^{[3]} \\ &= W^{[3]}(W^{[2]}a^{[1]} + b^{[2]}) + b^{[3]} \\ &= W^{[3]}(W^{[2]}(W^{[1]}X + b^{[1]}) + b^{[2]}) + b^{[3]} \\ &= W^{[3]}W^{[2]}W^{[1]}X + W^{[3]}W^{[2]}b^{[1]} + W^{[3]}b^{[2]} + b^{[3]} \end{aligned}$$

A linear model ...



# Universal Approximation

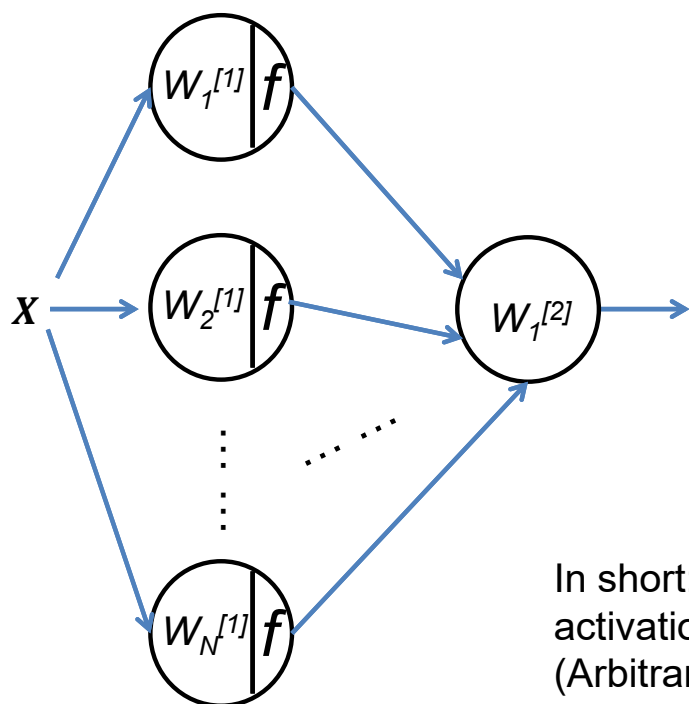


Can a MLP approximate any functions?



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## Approximation Capabilities of Multilayer Feedforward Networks

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**Abstract**—We show that standard multilayer feedforward networks with as few as a single hidden layer and arbitrary bounded and nonconstant activation function are universal approximators with respect to  $L^p(\mu)$  performance criteria, for arbitrary finite input environment measures  $\mu$ , provided only that sufficiently many hidden units are available. If the activation function is continuous, bounded and nonconstant, then continuous mappings can be learned uniformly over compact input sets. We also give very general conditions ensuring that networks with sufficiently smooth activation functions are capable of arbitrarily accurate approximation to a function and its derivatives.

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In short: A MLP with at least one hidden layer and nonlinear activation function can approximate any continuous function (Arbitrary Width).

Similar conclusions exist for arbitrary depth, CNN and other conditions

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