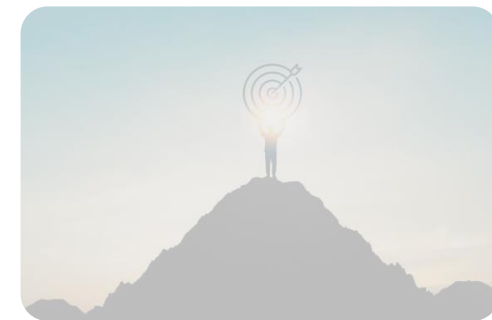




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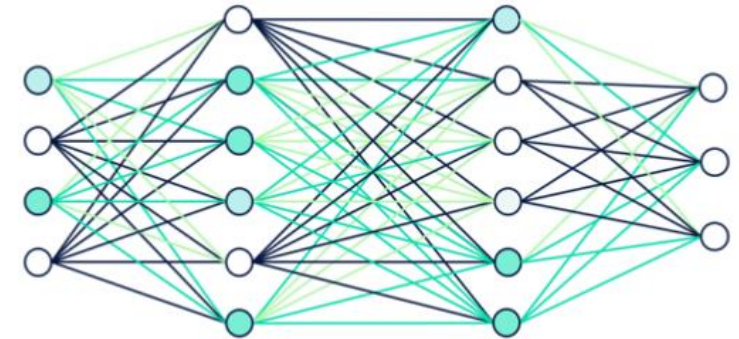
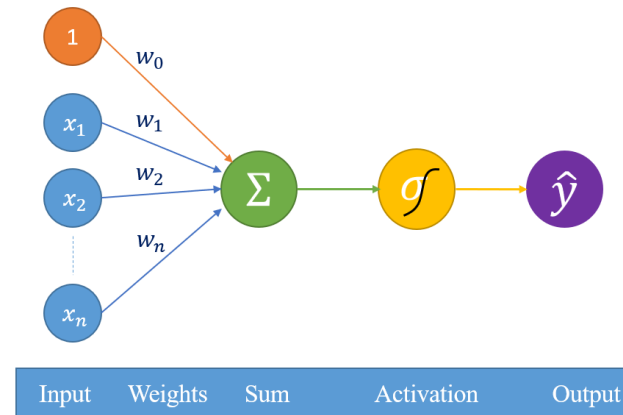
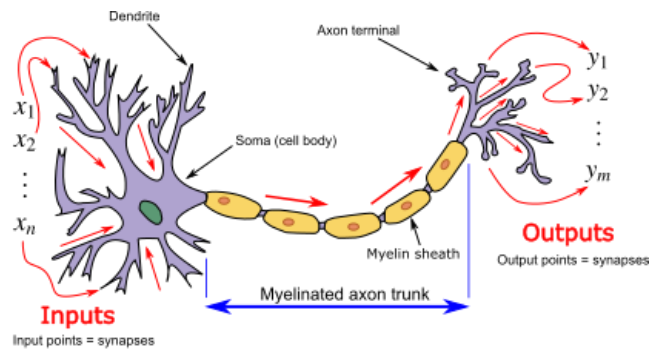
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- Module 4- ARIMA models
- Module 5- Machine Learning for Time series Forecasting
- **Module 6- Deep Neural Networks**
- Module 7- Deep Sequence Modeling (RNN, LSTM)
- Module 8- Transformers (Attention is all you need!)
- Module 9- Prophet and Neural Prophet



# Module 4 - Part I

## Deep Neural Networks

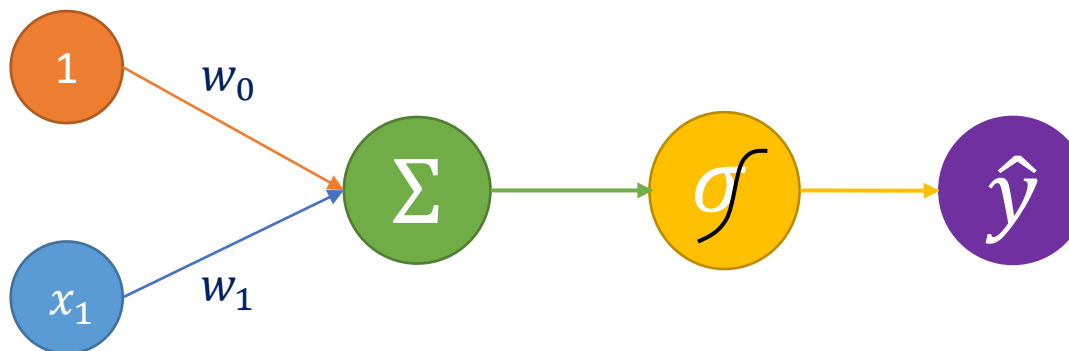
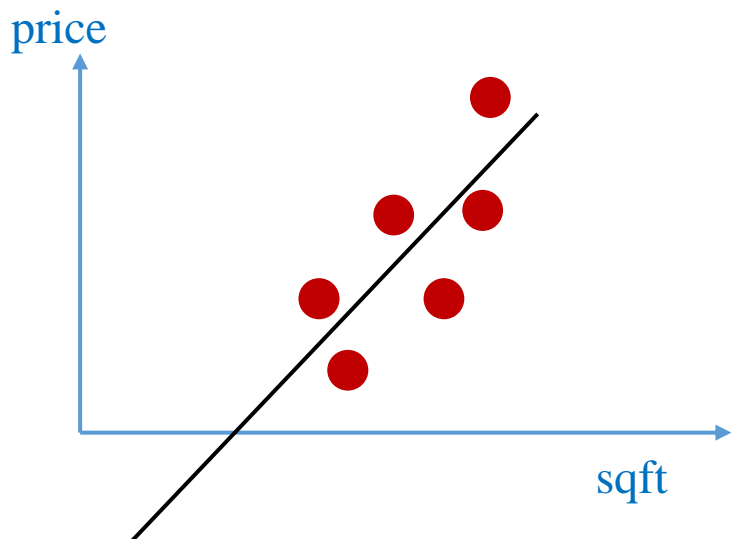
### Basics





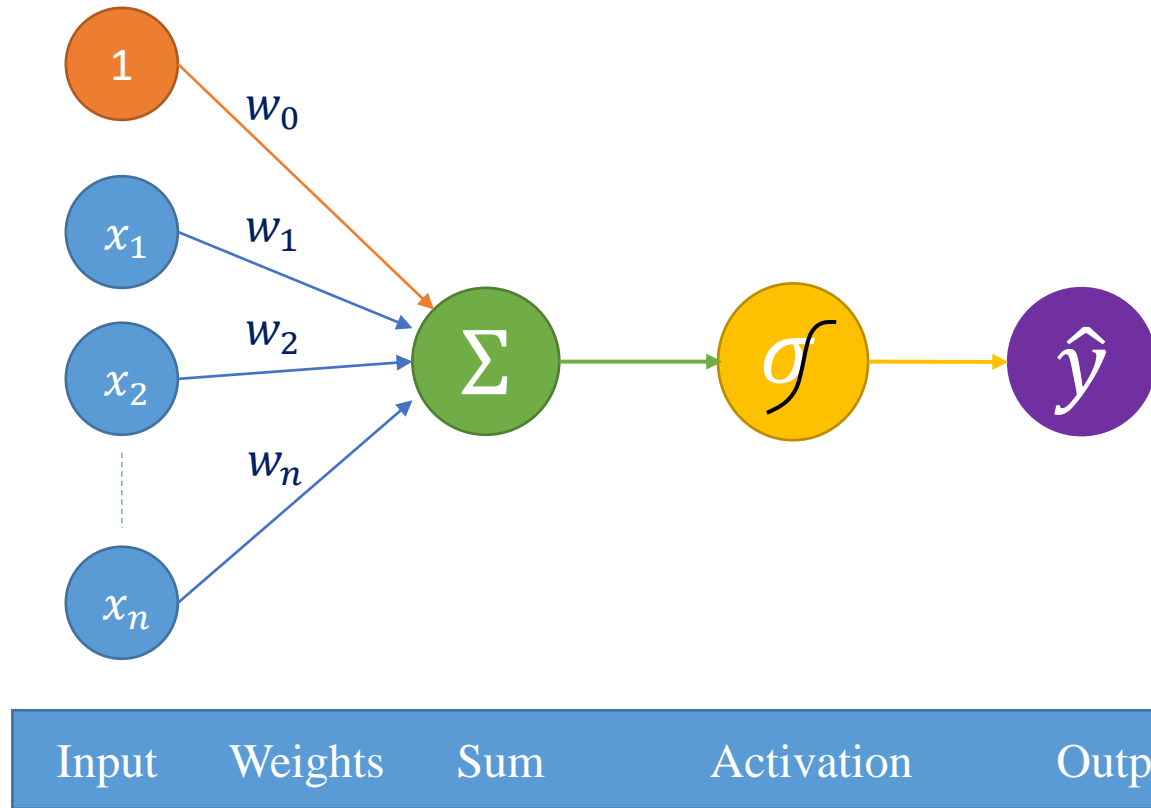
# A simple example!

- Consider the housing price prediction!  $price = f(sqft)$



# ➔ Forward Propagation

- **Forward propagation** is the process of calculating the output of a neural network, given an input.
- $w_0$  is the **bias** term which allows shifting  $\Sigma$  to the left or right.



# ➔ What are Neurons?

- Neurons, are the simplest elements or building blocks in a neural network. They are inspired by biological neurons that are found in the human brain.
- **What happens inside the neurons?**

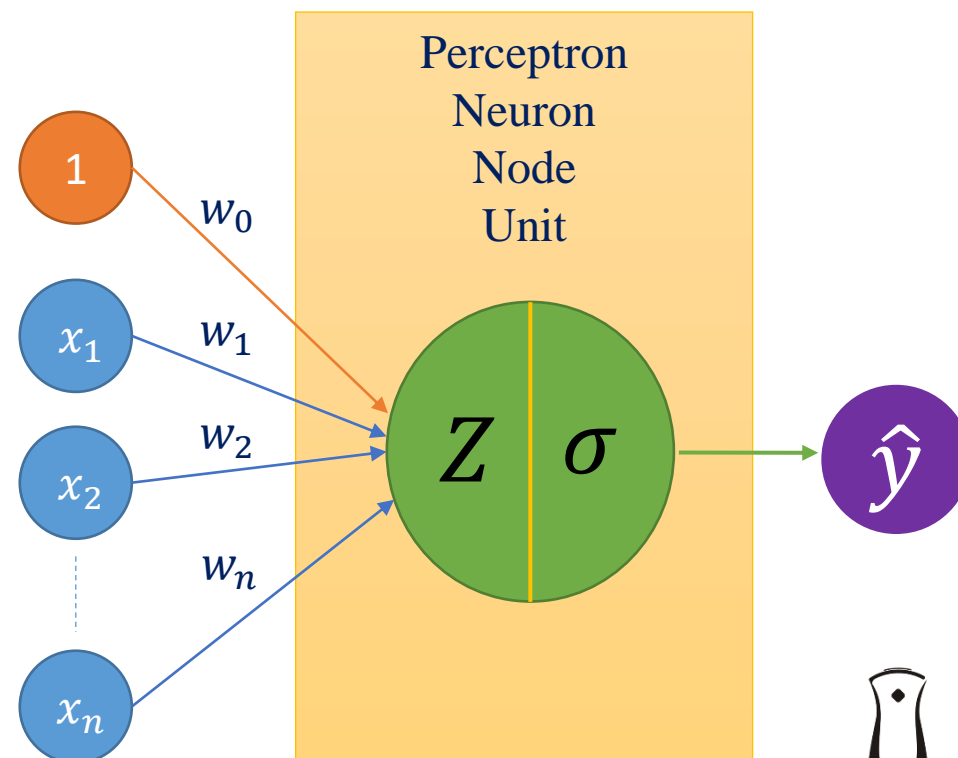
Activation function

Bias

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)$$

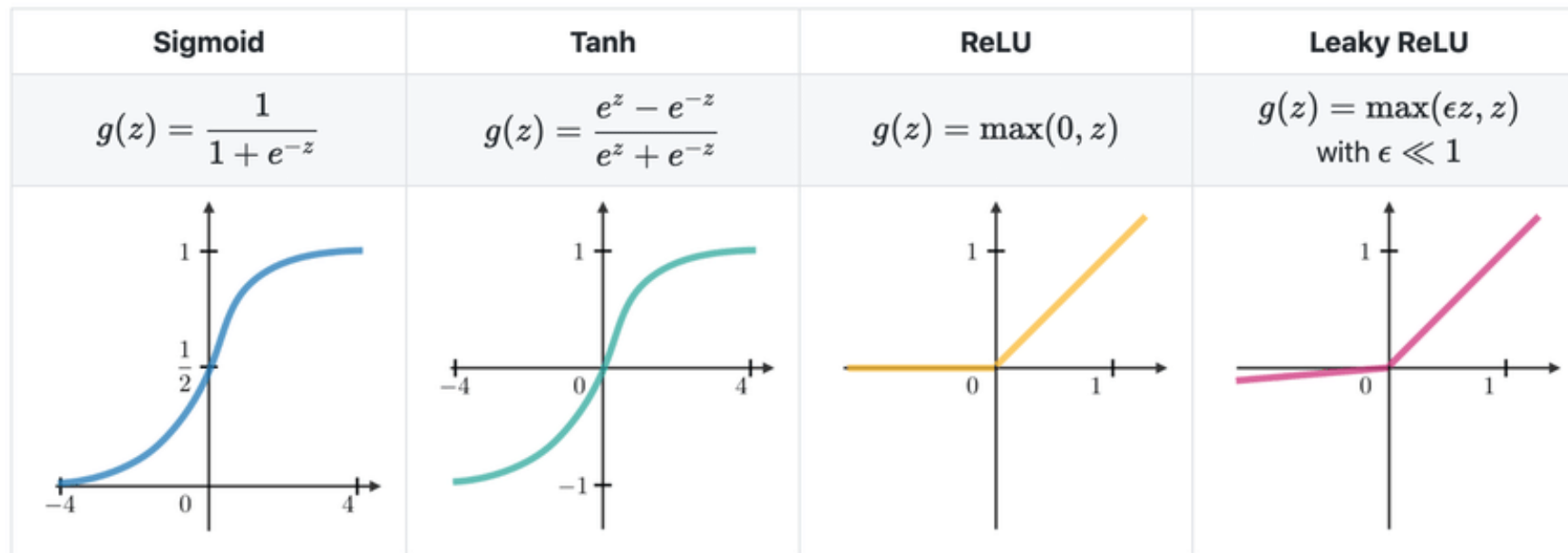
$$\hat{y} = \sigma(w_0 + W^T X)$$

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(Z)$$



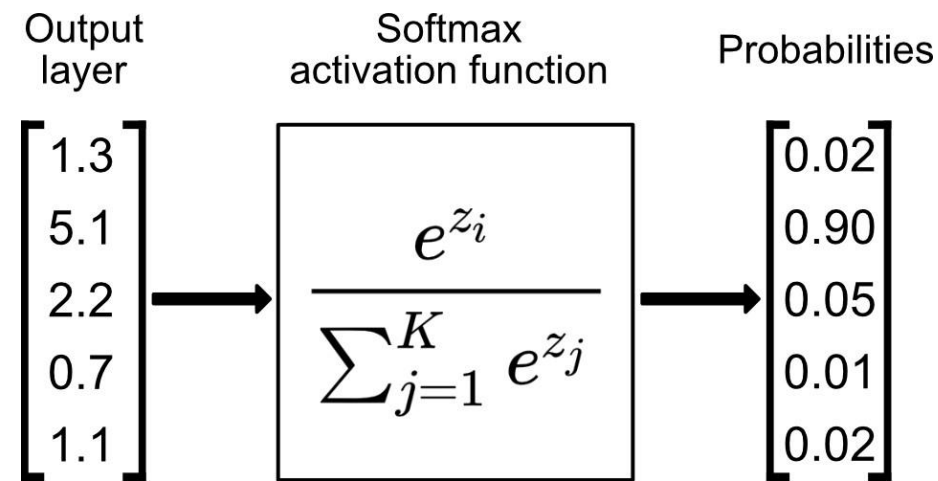
# → Activation function

- An activation function is a mathematical function that is applied to the output of each neuron in a neural network
- Activation functions allow the network to learn **non-linearities** and **complex patterns** from the data and make accurate predictions



# → Softmax Activation function

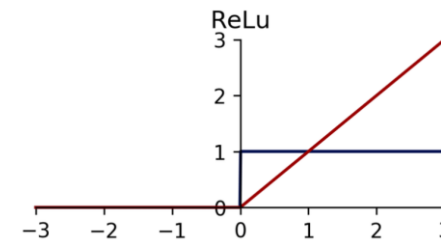
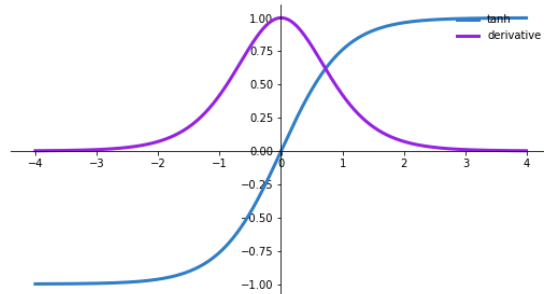
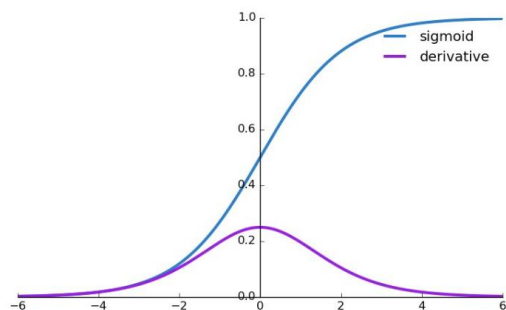
- Softmax activation function is often used in **classification** tasks, where the goal is to predict which of a fixed set of classes (**more than two classes**) a particular sample belongs to.
- The Softmax function takes in a **vector of real numbers** and converts it **into a probability distribution**, where the sum of all the probabilities is equal to 1.



# ➔ Which activation function?

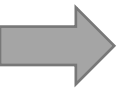
Again, there is no “right” answer! However:

- For the hidden layers, almost always **tanh** is better than **sigmoid** because it center the data for the next layer.
- One downside of both sigmoid or tanh is that the gradient is very small for extreme values.

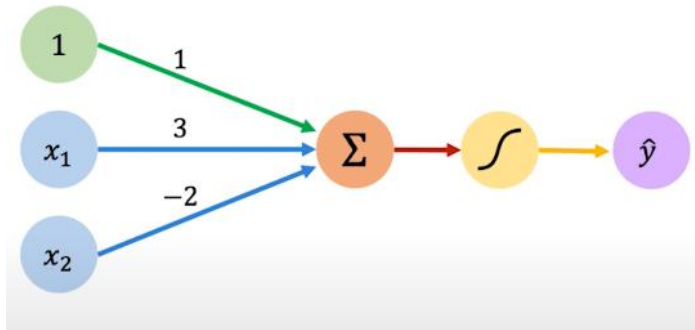


- In practice, RELU works **better/faster** than sigmoid or tanh for hidden layers.
- Leaky RELU might work better than RELU, but if we have enough number of hidden layers, RELU is just fine.
- Sigmoid is mostly used for output layer!





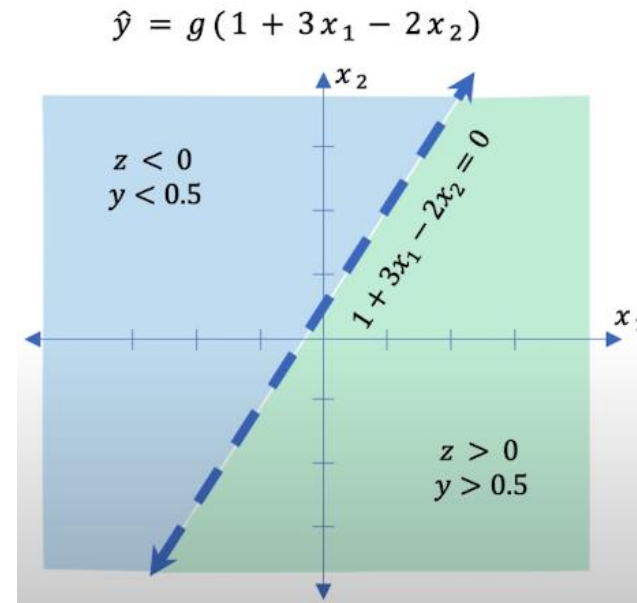
# Sigmoid activation function! example



We have:  $w_0 = 1$  and  $\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y} &= g(w_0 + \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}) \\ &= g\left(1 + \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ \hat{y} &= g(1 + 3x_1 - 2x_2)\end{aligned}$$

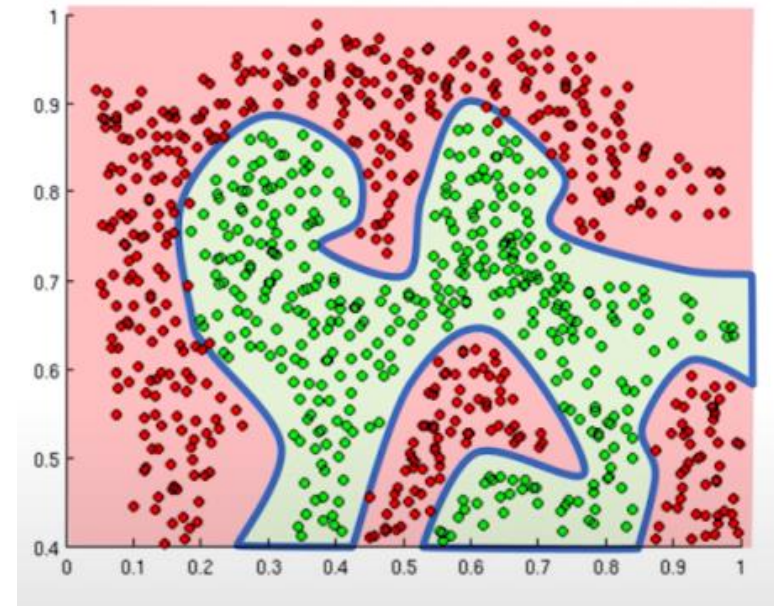
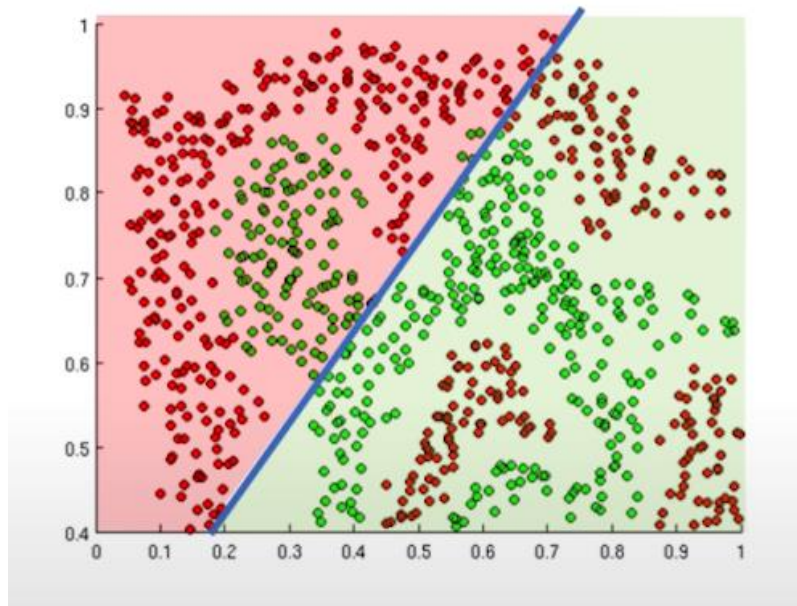
This is just a line in 2D!





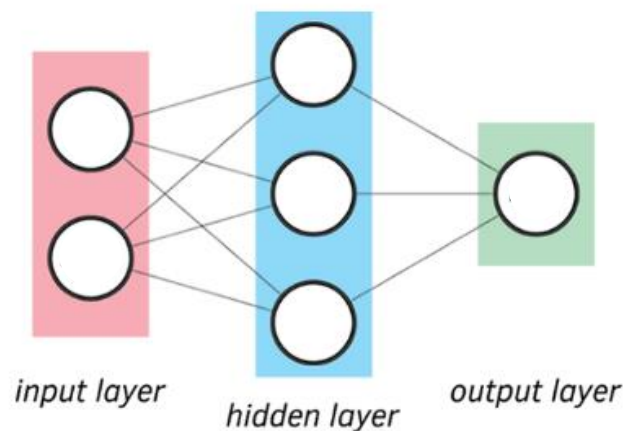
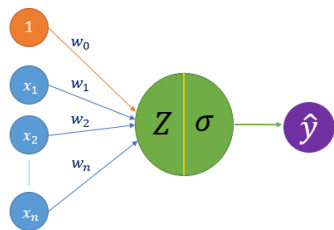
# Why do we need non-linear activation functions?

- If we use **linear** activation function  $\sigma(z) = z = w_0 + W^T X$ , then the NN will **always output a linear function of the inputs** regardless of the number of neurons or hidden layers used.
- Linear activation functions produce linear decision boundaries!
- Activation functions allow the network to approximate **complex patterns**!



# ➔ Building a Neural Network

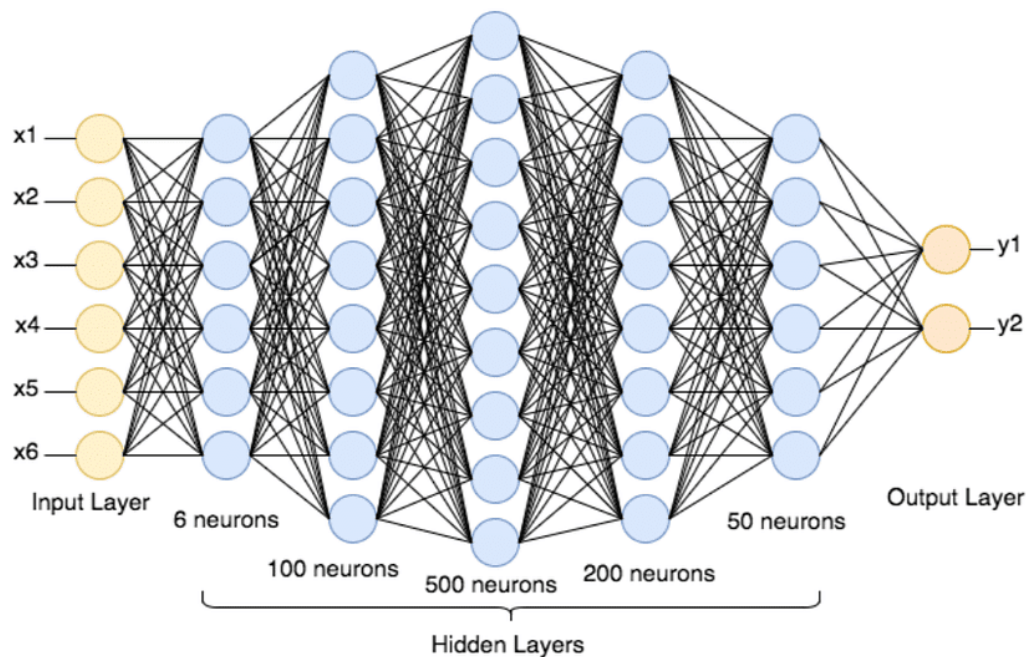
- A neural network is a type of machine learning model that is composed of **layers** of interconnected "**neurons**" which process and transmit information.
- Each neuron receives input from other neurons, processes it using a **nonlinear activation function**, and then transmits the output to other neurons in the **next layer**. The output of the **final layer** is the **prediction** made by the neural network.
- Because all the inputs are **densely** connected to all outputs, these layers are called **Dense** layers.
- The output layer can be either **single** output or **multiple** output.





# Building a Deep Neural Network

- Deep neural networks are neural networks **with a large number of layers**, typically consisting of multiple hidden layers.
- Deep neural networks can learn and **model very complex patterns** in data.
- DNNs have been successful in a wide range of applications, including image and speech recognition, natural language processing, and machine translation.



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import tensorflow as tf

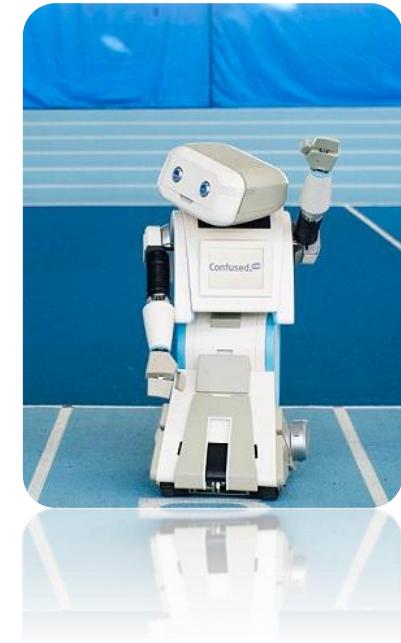
# Define the model architecture
model=tf.keras.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(6 , activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(100, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(500, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(200, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(50 , activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(2 , activation='sigmoid'),
])
```





# Training a Neural Network, Backpropagation

- To train a neural network, we present it with many examples and **adjust the weights and biases** of the connections between neurons so that the network can accurately predict the output for each example and minimize **the loss function**.
- This process is known as **backpropagation**, and it is done using an optimization algorithm such as stochastic gradient descent.
- The **loss function** quantifies the distance between actuals and predictions. It provides **feedback** to the NN.
- Examples: MSE, Binary Cross Entropy, (Sparse) Categorical Cross Entropy, ...
- For the full list, visit <https://keras.io/api/losses/#available-losses>





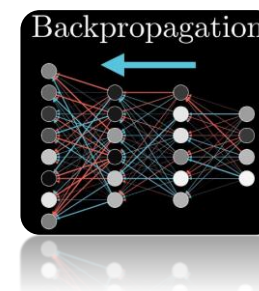
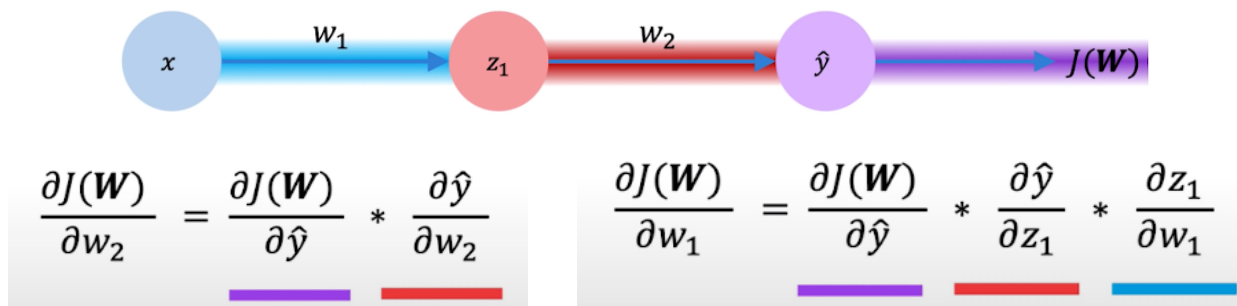
# Backpropagation

- Backpropagation is a **supervised learning algorithm** that adjusts the weights and biases of the connections between neurons in the network to minimize **the loss function**.

$$\mathbf{W}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(f(x^{(i)}; \mathbf{W}), y^{(i)})$$

- Steps:

- 1) Feed the input data through the neural network to compute the output.
- 2) Calculate the **loss** or **error** between the predicted output and the true output.
- 3) **Propagate the error back** through the network using the **chain rule** of calculus to calculate the gradient of the loss function with respect to the weights and biases.
- 4) **Update the weights** and biases using the gradient descent algorithm.
- 5) Repeat the process until the loss reaches a satisfactory level or a predetermined iterations.



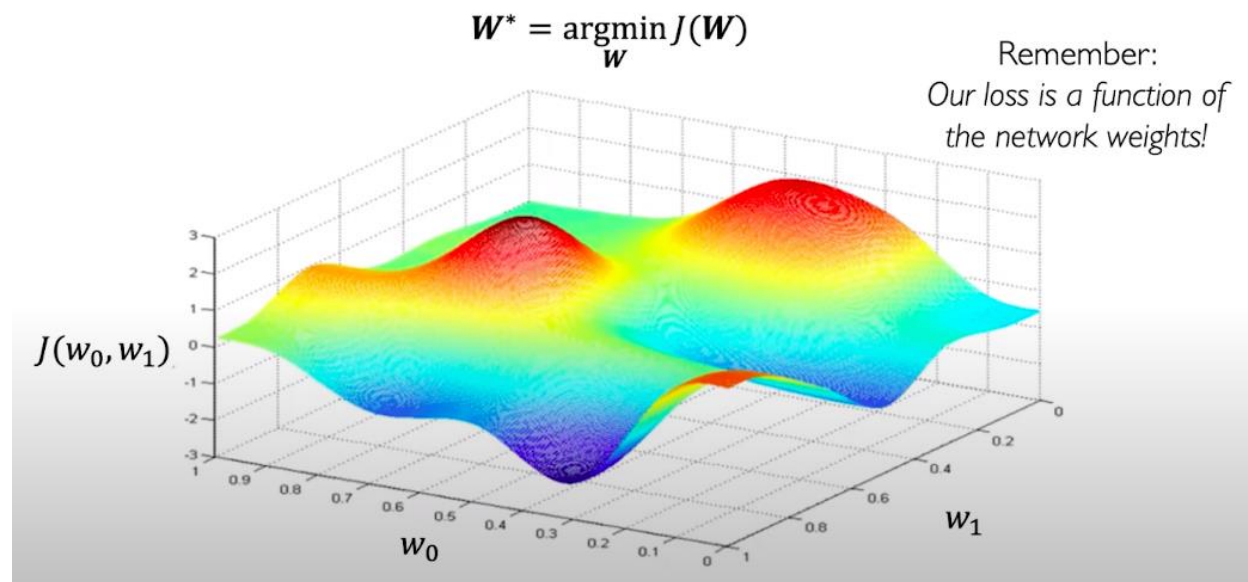
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# Loss optimization

$$\mathbf{W}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(f(x^{(i)}; \mathbf{W}), y^{(i)})$$

## Gradient Descent



1. Initialize weights randomly  $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
2. Loop until convergence:
3. Compute gradient,  $\frac{\partial J(\mathbf{W})}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$
4. Update weights,  $\mathbf{W} \leftarrow \mathbf{W} - \eta \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{W})}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$
5. Return weights



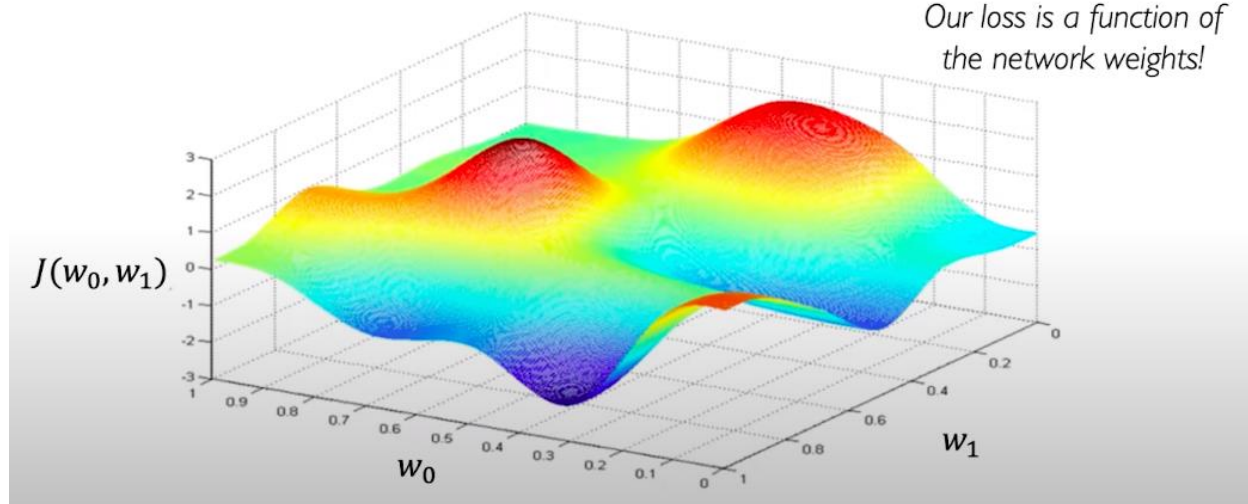
# Loss optimization

$$\mathbf{W}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(f(x^{(i)}; \mathbf{W}), y^{(i)})$$

## Stochastic GD

$$\mathbf{W}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}} J(\mathbf{W})$$

Remember:  
Our loss is a function of  
the network weights!



1. Initialize weights randomly  $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
2. Loop until convergence:
3. Compute gradient,  $\frac{\partial J_i(\mathbf{W})}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$
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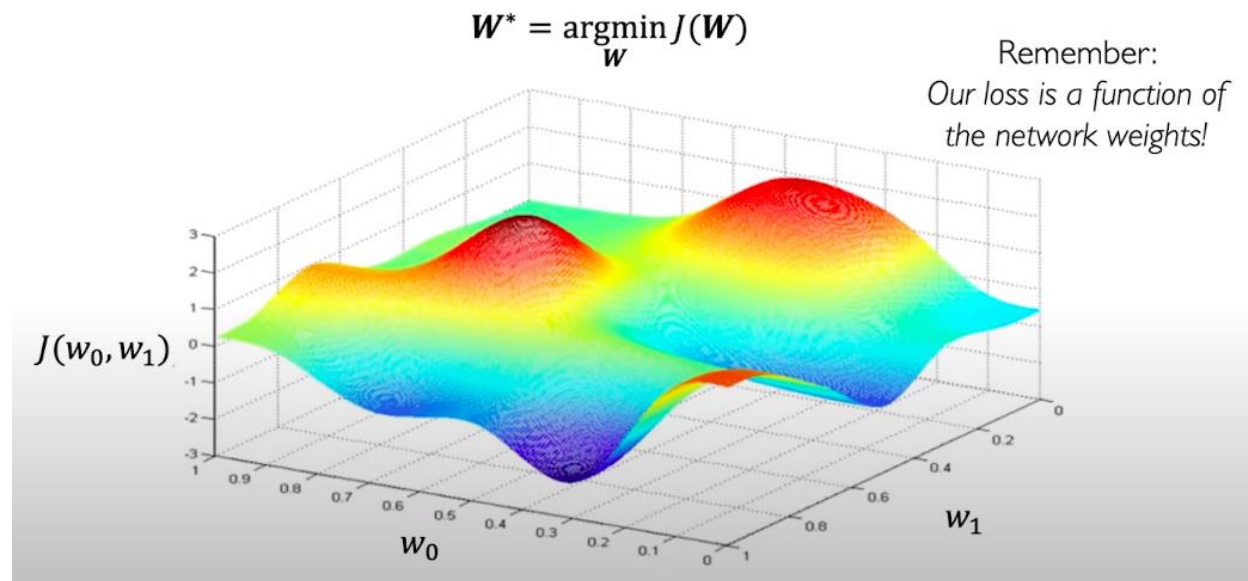


# Loss optimization

$$\mathbf{W}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(f(x^{(i)}; \mathbf{W}), y^{(i)})$$

## Mini-batch GD

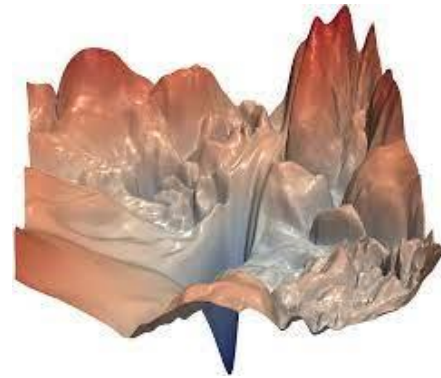
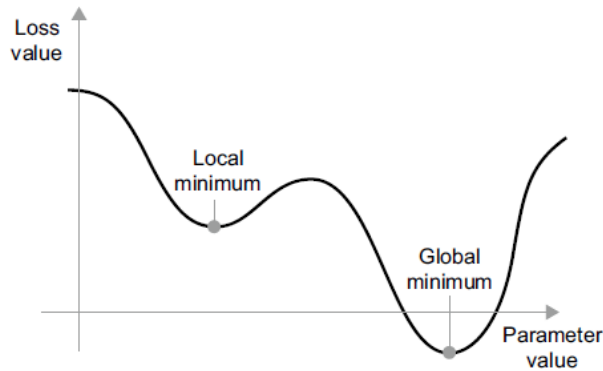
1. Initialize weights randomly  $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
2. Loop until convergence:
3. Compute gradient,  $\frac{\partial J(\mathbf{W})}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{k=1}^B \frac{\partial J_k(\mathbf{W})}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$
4. Update weights,  $\mathbf{W} \leftarrow \mathbf{W} - \eta \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{W})}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$
5. Return weights





# DNN loss functions can be difficult to optimize!

- *Visualizing the loss landscape of neural nets*, Li et al, 2018



- **Solution:** Designing an adaptive learning rate that can **adapt** to the loss landscape. Rather than just looking at **the current gradient**, take into account the **previous weight updates**. This is called, **momentum**!
- Examples: Adam, Adadelata, Adagrad, RMSProp!

# → Gradient Descent Algorithms

- Available optimizers in Keras:

- SGD
- RMSprop
- Adam
- AdamW
- Adadelta
- Adagrad
- Adamax
- Adafactor
- Nadam
- Ftrl



```
from tensorflow import keras
from tensorflow.keras import layers

model = keras.Sequential()
model.add(layers.Dense(64, kernel_initializer='uniform', input_shape=(10,)))
model.add(layers.Activation('softmax'))

opt = keras.optimizers.Adam(learning_rate=0.01)
model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', optimizer=opt)
```

```
lr_schedule = keras.optimizers.schedules.ExponentialDecay(
    initial_learning_rate=1e-2,
    decay_steps=10000,
    decay_rate=0.9)

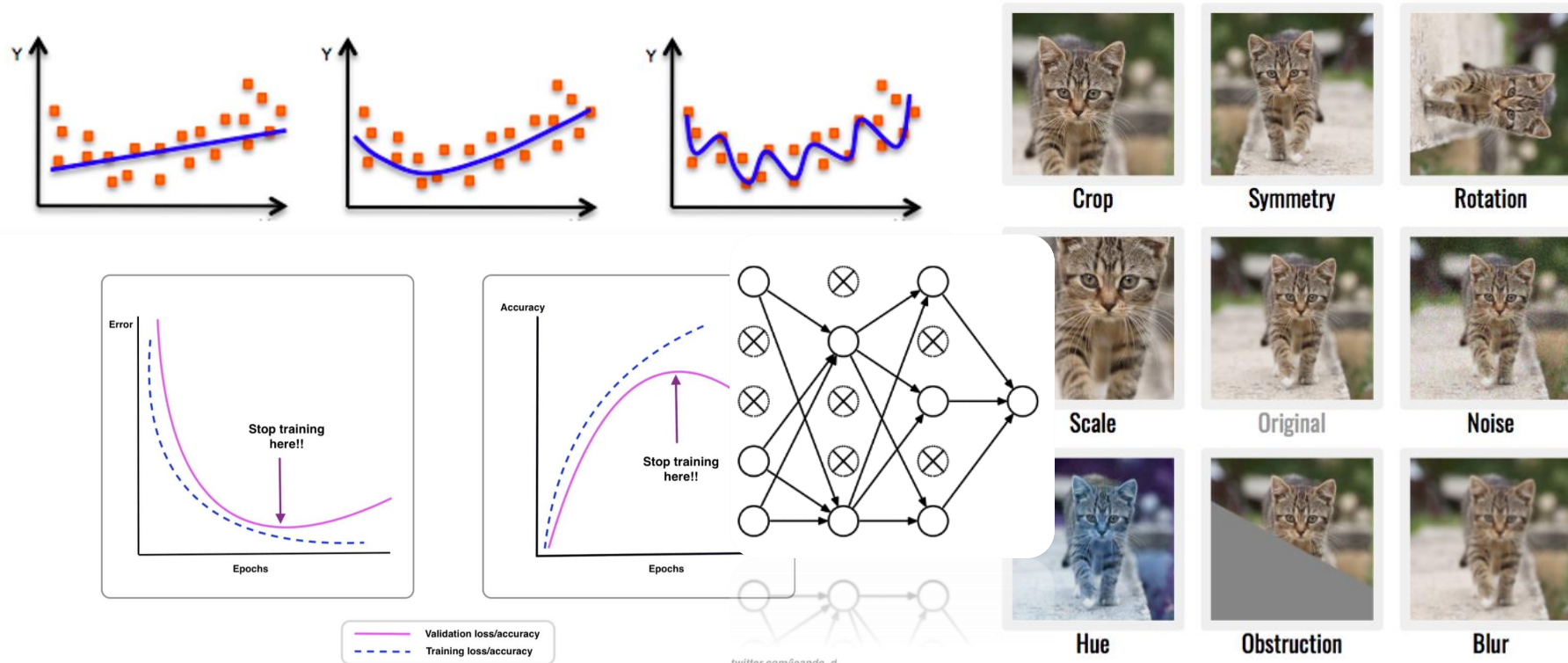
optimizer = keras.optimizers.SGD(learning_rate=lr_schedule)
```

- Which optimizer? There is no “right” answer.

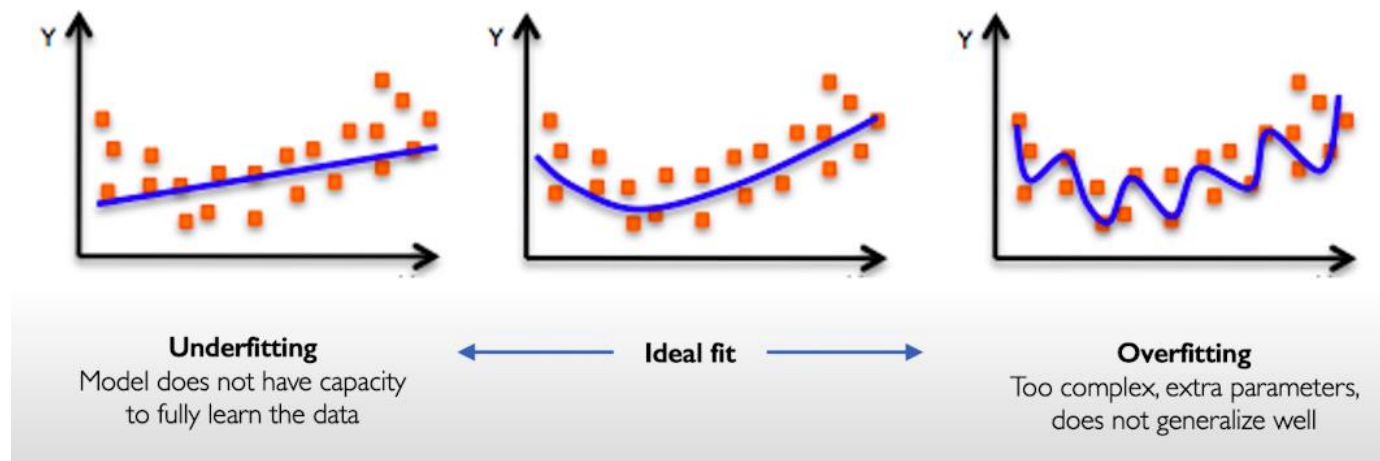
# Module 4 - Part II

## Deep Neural Networks

### Regularization



# ➔ How to handle overfitting in DNN?



- Regularization refers to a set of techniques that are used to prevent overfitting by **discouraging complex models**.
- Regularization improve **generalization** of our model on **unseen data**.
- Methods include, L1, L2, drop out, Early stopping and Data augmentation.



# Deep Learning Regularization techniques

**L1 regularization:** This technique adds a penalty term to the objective function that is proportional to the absolute value of the model weights. This results in a sparse model, with many weights being set to zero.

**L2 regularization:** This technique adds a penalty term to the objective function that is proportional to the square of the model weights. This results in a model with small, non-zero weights.

**Dropout:** This technique randomly sets a fraction of the model weights to zero during training, which helps to prevent overfitting

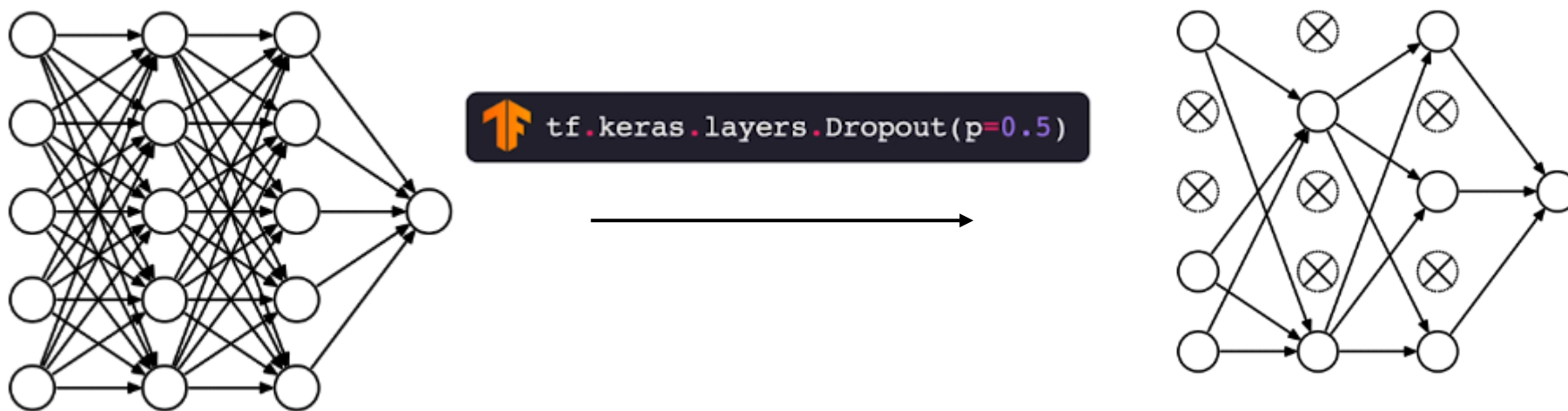
**Early Stopping:** This technique involves training the model until the performance on a validation set begins to degrade, and then stopping the training at that point. This helps to prevent the model from continuing to fit the training data too closely.

**Data Augmentation:** This technique involves generating additional training examples by applying random transformations to the existing training data. This can help to prevent overfitting by providing the model with a more diverse training set.



# ➔ Dropout Regularization

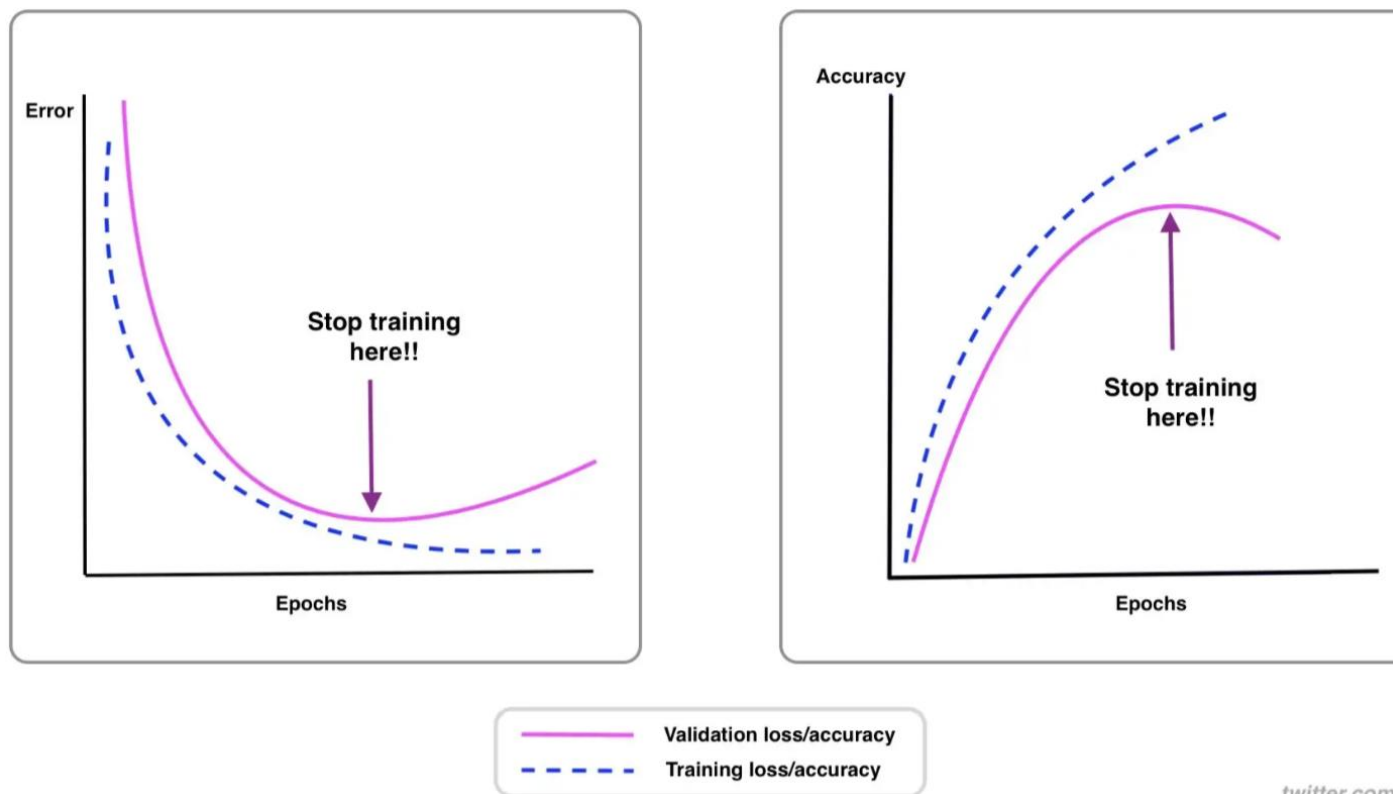
- Dropout is one of the most popular regularization techniques in deep learning.
- At each training iteration, dropout randomly chooses **different nodes to ignore**
- This prevents the network from **relying on any single neuron**.





# Early Stopping

- Stop training when the performance on a validation set begins to degrade!

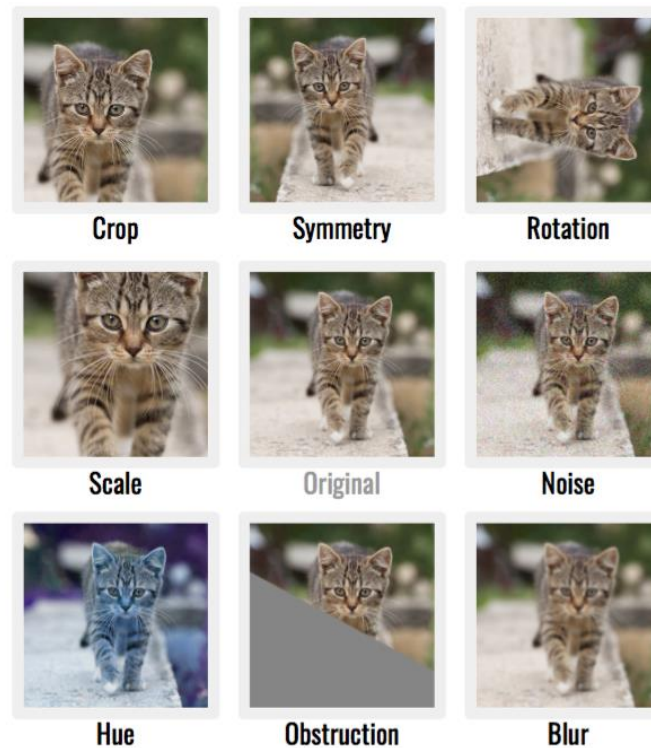


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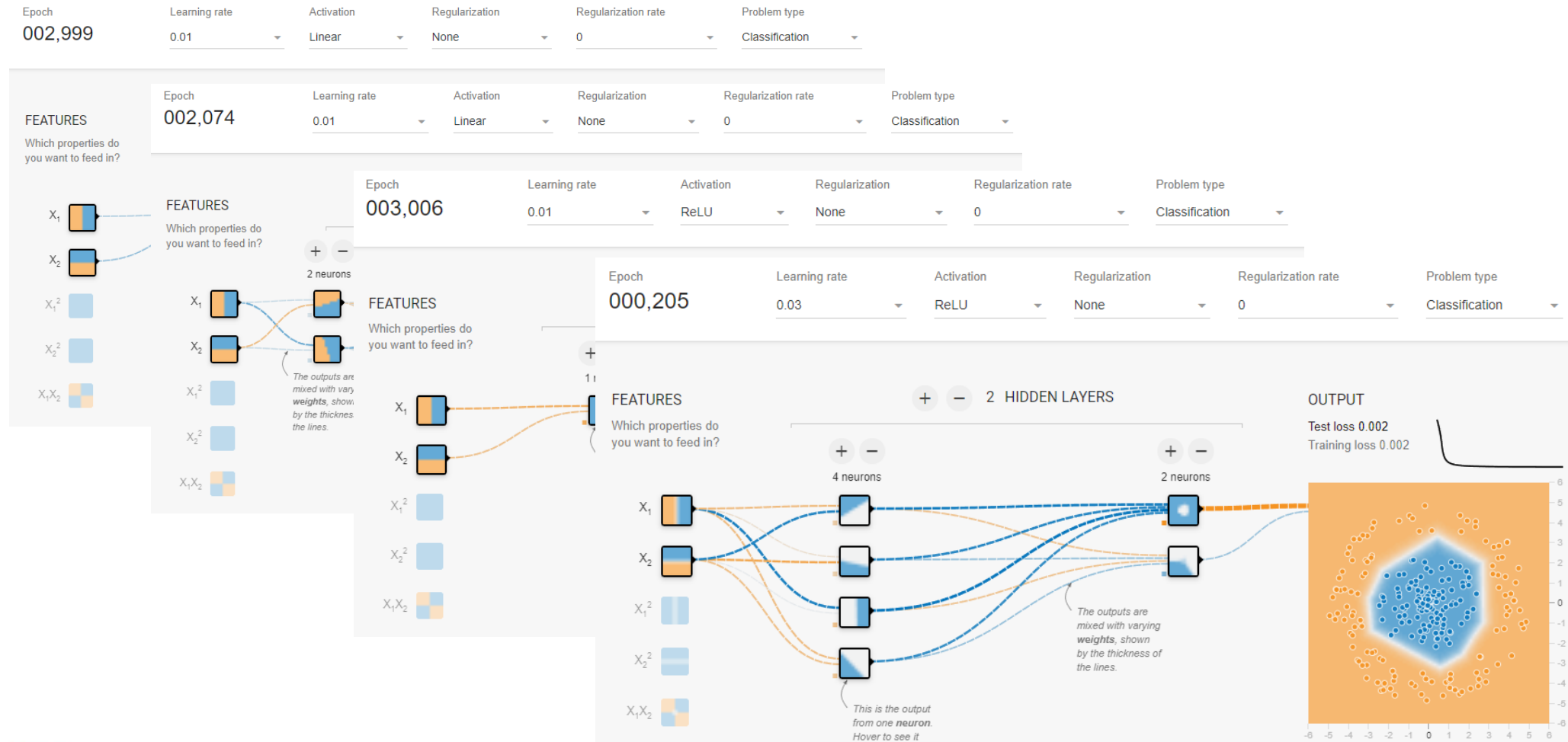
# ➔ Data Augmentation

- Generating additional training examples by applying **random transformations** to the existing training data
- The goal of data augmentation is to improve the **generalizability** and robustness of machine learning models by providing them with **more diverse training data**.






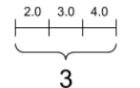
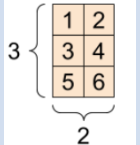

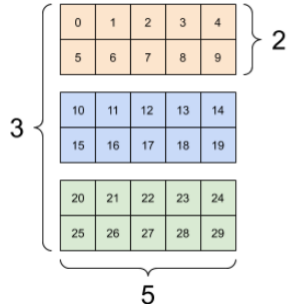
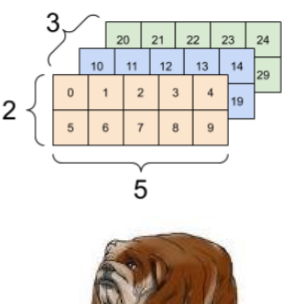
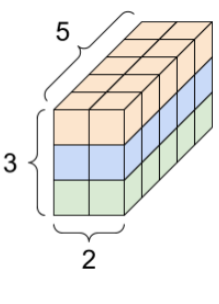

# Neural Network Playground (TensorFlow)





# What is a Tensor?

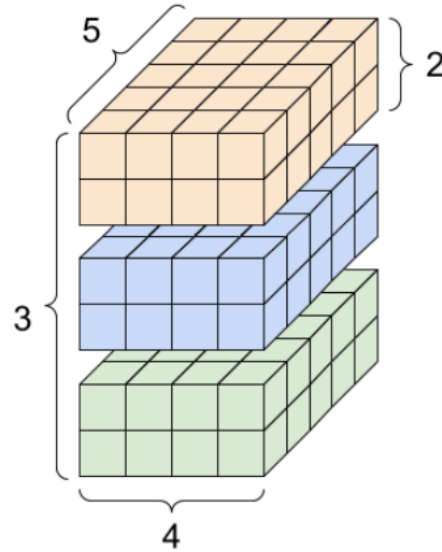
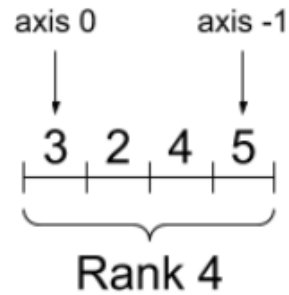
- Tensor: A **multi-dimensional** array (kind of like np.arrays)
- Rank**: Number of tensor axes , **Size**: The total number of items in the tensor

Tensor	tf code	shape	Example
Scalar (Rank-0 tensor)	<code>tf.constant(4)</code>	Shape = ()	
Vector (Rank-1 tensor)	<code>tf.constant([2.0, 3.0, 4.0])</code>	Shape = (3 , )	
Matrix (Rank-2 tensor)	<code>tf.constant([[1, 2],[3, 4],[5, 6]])</code>	Shape = (3 , 2)	 
Rank-3 tensor	<code>tf.constant([ [0, 1, 2, 3, 4], [5, 6, 7, 8, 9], [10, 11, 12, 13, 14], [15, 16, 17, 18, 19], [20, 21, 22, 23, 24], [25, 26, 27, 28, 29]])</code>	Shape = (3, 2, 5)	   

# Higher dimension Tensors

```
rank_4_tensor = tf.zeros([3, 2, 4, 5])
```

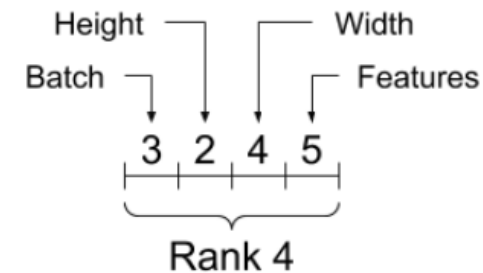
A rank-4 tensor, shape: [3, 2, 4, 5]



```
print("Type of every element:", rank_4_tensor.dtype)
print("Number of axes:", rank_4_tensor.ndim)
print("Shape of tensor:", rank_4_tensor.shape)
print("Elements along axis 0 of tensor:", rank_4_tensor.shape[0])
print("Elements along the last axis of tensor:", rank_4_tensor.shape[-1])
print("Total number of elements (3*2*4*5): ", tf.size(rank_4_tensor).numpy())
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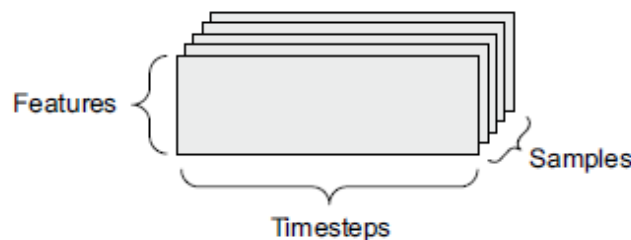
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Number of axes: 4
Shape of tensor: (3, 2, 4, 5)
Elements along axis 0 of tensor: 3
Elements along the last axis of tensor: 5
Total number of elements (3*2*4*5): 120
```

- Often axes are ordered from **global to local**.
- The first axes is called the **batch axis** or batch dimension.



# ➔ Real-world examples of data tensors

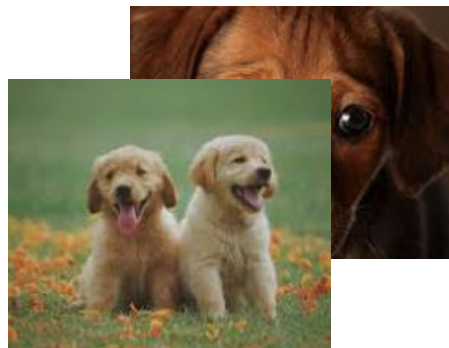
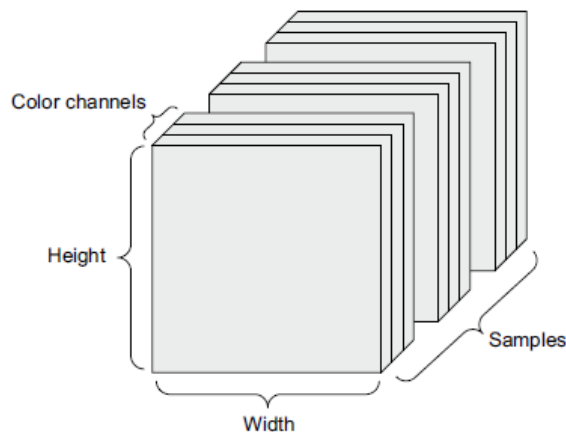
- The data we'll manipulate almost always fall into one of the following categories:
- ✓ **Tabular data:** Rank-2 tensors of shape (samples, features), where each sample is a vector of numerical attributes (“features”)
- ✓ **Timeseries data or sequence data:** Rank-3 tensors of shape (samples, timesteps, features), where each sample is a sequence (of length timesteps) of feature vectors





# Real-world examples of data tensors

- ✓ **Images:** Rank-4 tensors of shape (samples, height, width, channels), where each sample is a 2D grid of pixels, and each pixel is represented by a vector of values (“channels”)

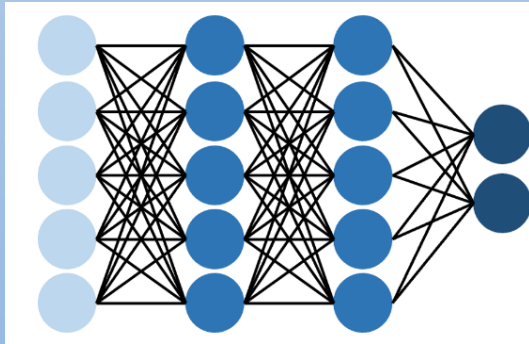


- ✓ **Video:** Rank-5 tensors of shape (samples, frames, height, width, channels), where each sample is a sequence (of length frames) of images.

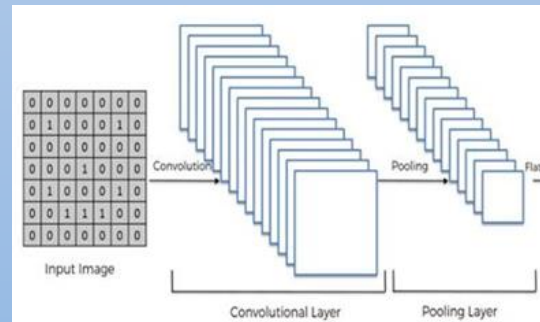
Example: What is the tensor shape for a 60-second, 144\*256 video clip sampled at 4 frames per second?

# Types of Neural Networks

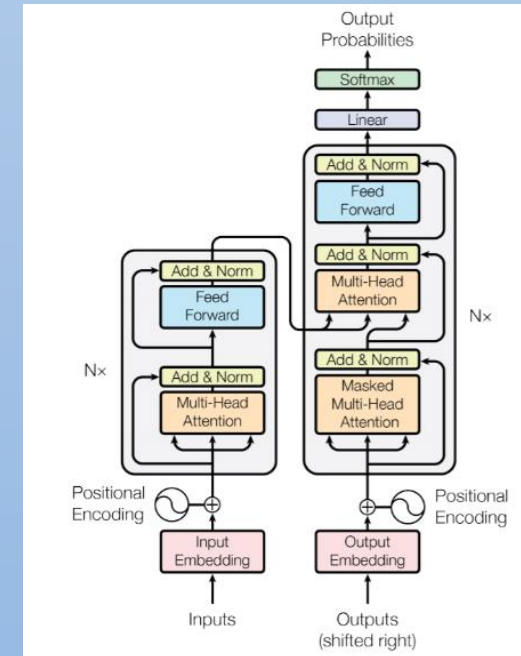
## Standard NN



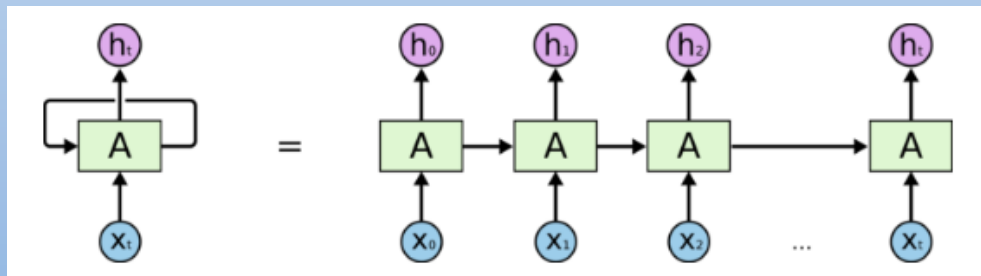
## Convolutional NN



## Transformers



## Recurrent NN

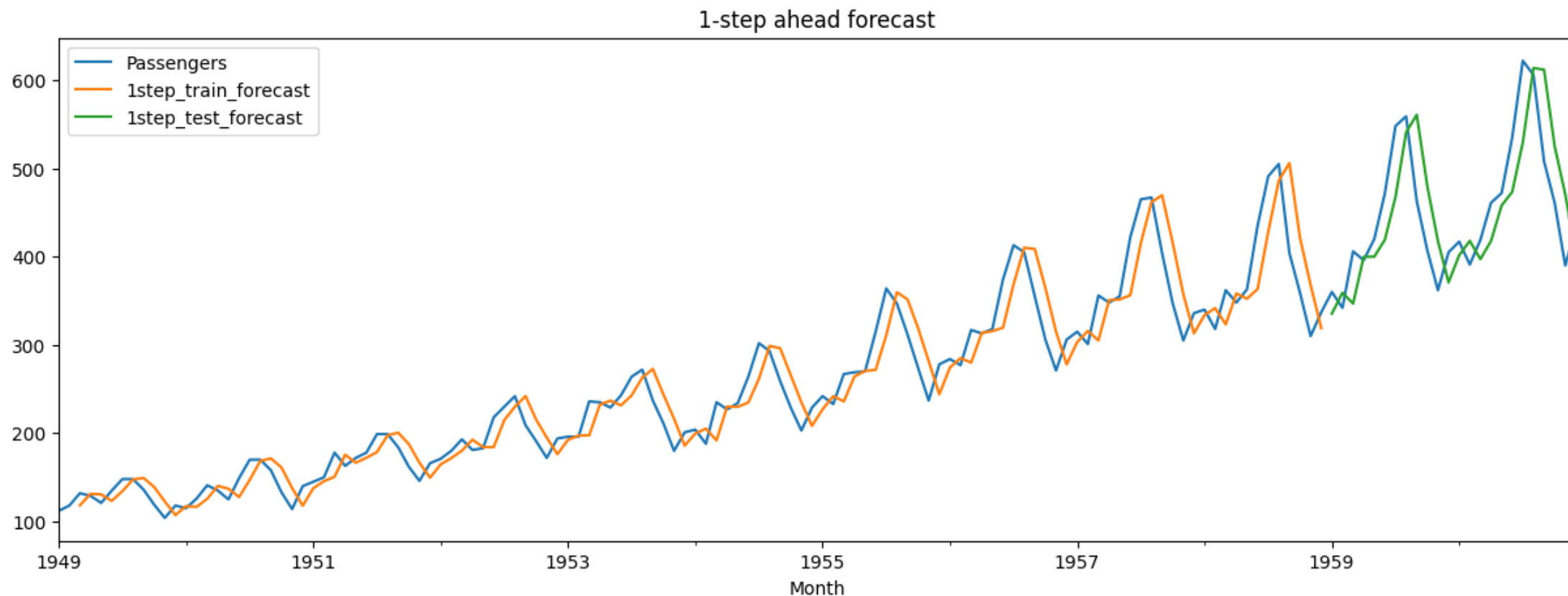






# DNN using 2 lags

```
i = Input(shape=(Tx,))  
x = Dense(32, activation='relu')(i)  
x = Dense(16, activation='relu')(x)  
output = Dense(Ty, activation='linear')(x)  
model = Model(i, output)  
model.compile(loss='mse', optimizer='adam')
```



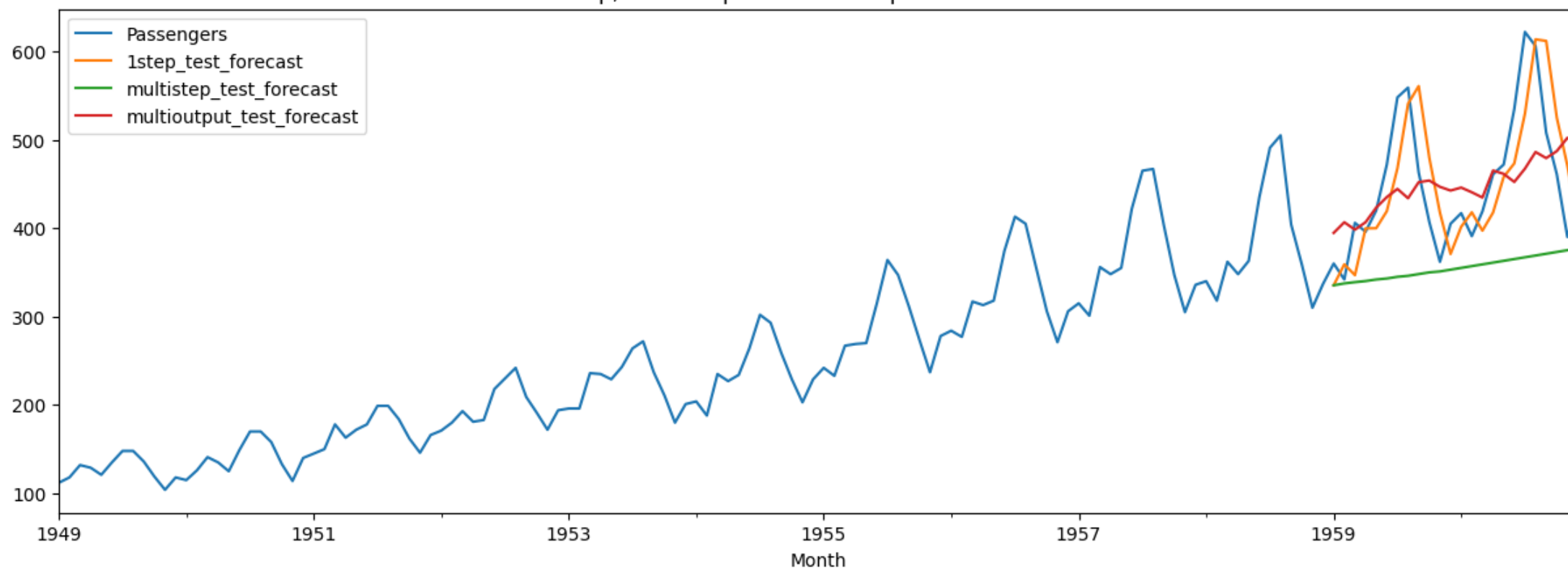




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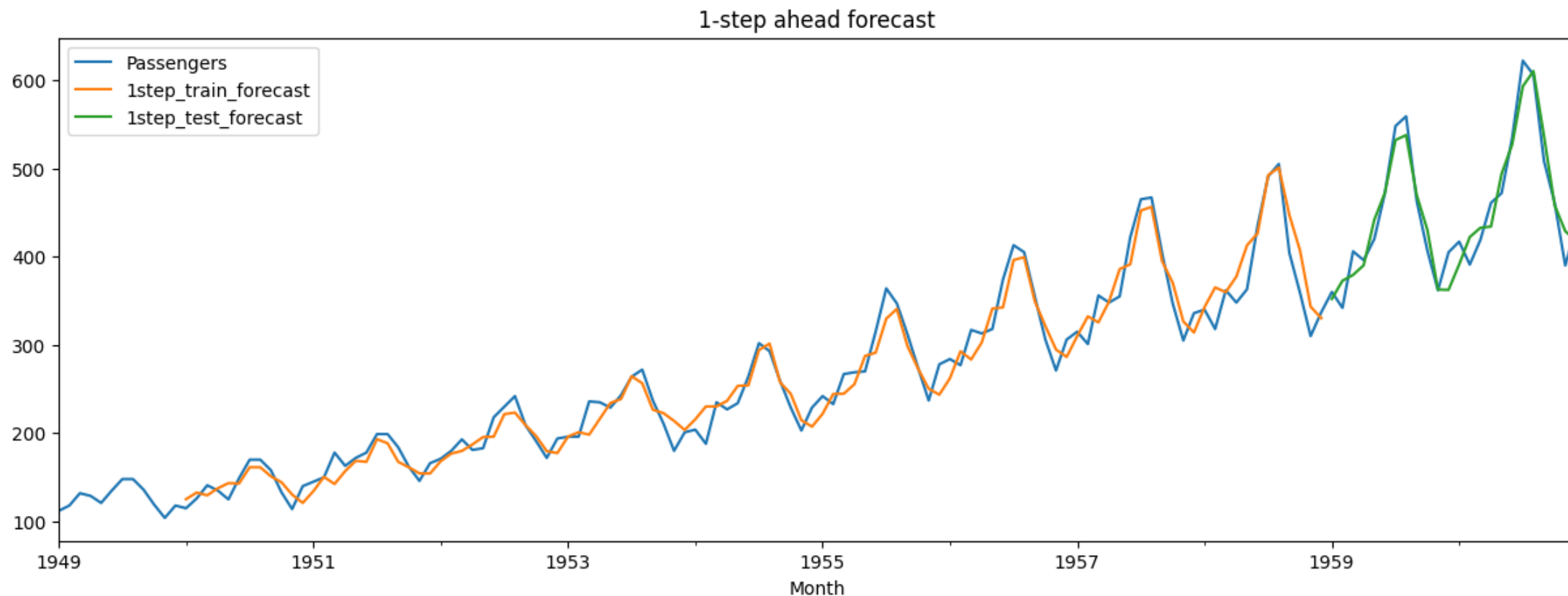
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1-step, multi-step and multi-output ahead forecast



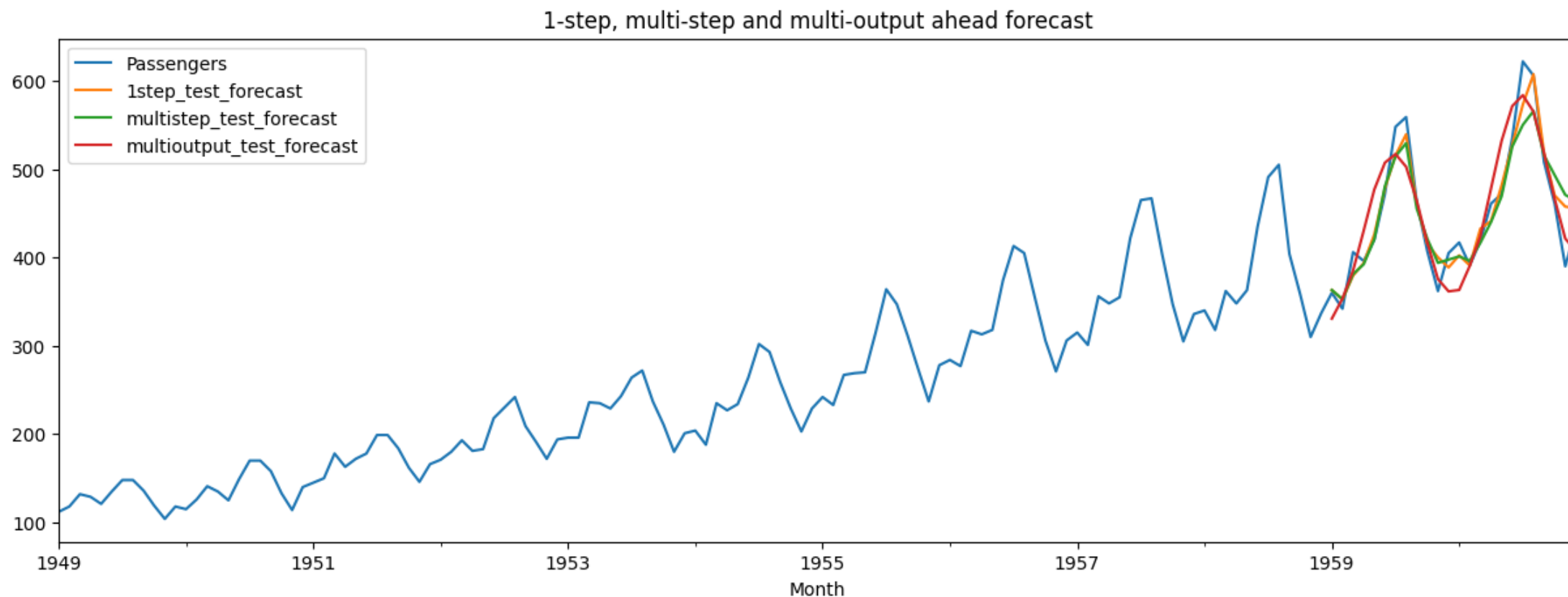
# ➔ DNN using 12 lags

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```



# ➔ DNN using 12 lags

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