

# Neural Networks

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# Overview

- Neural information processing.
- Deep learning.
- Feed-forward networks.
- Training feed-forward networks: back propagation.
- Parallel inference on GPUs.
- Outlook:
  - ◆ Convolutional neural networks,
  - ◆ Recurrent neural networks.

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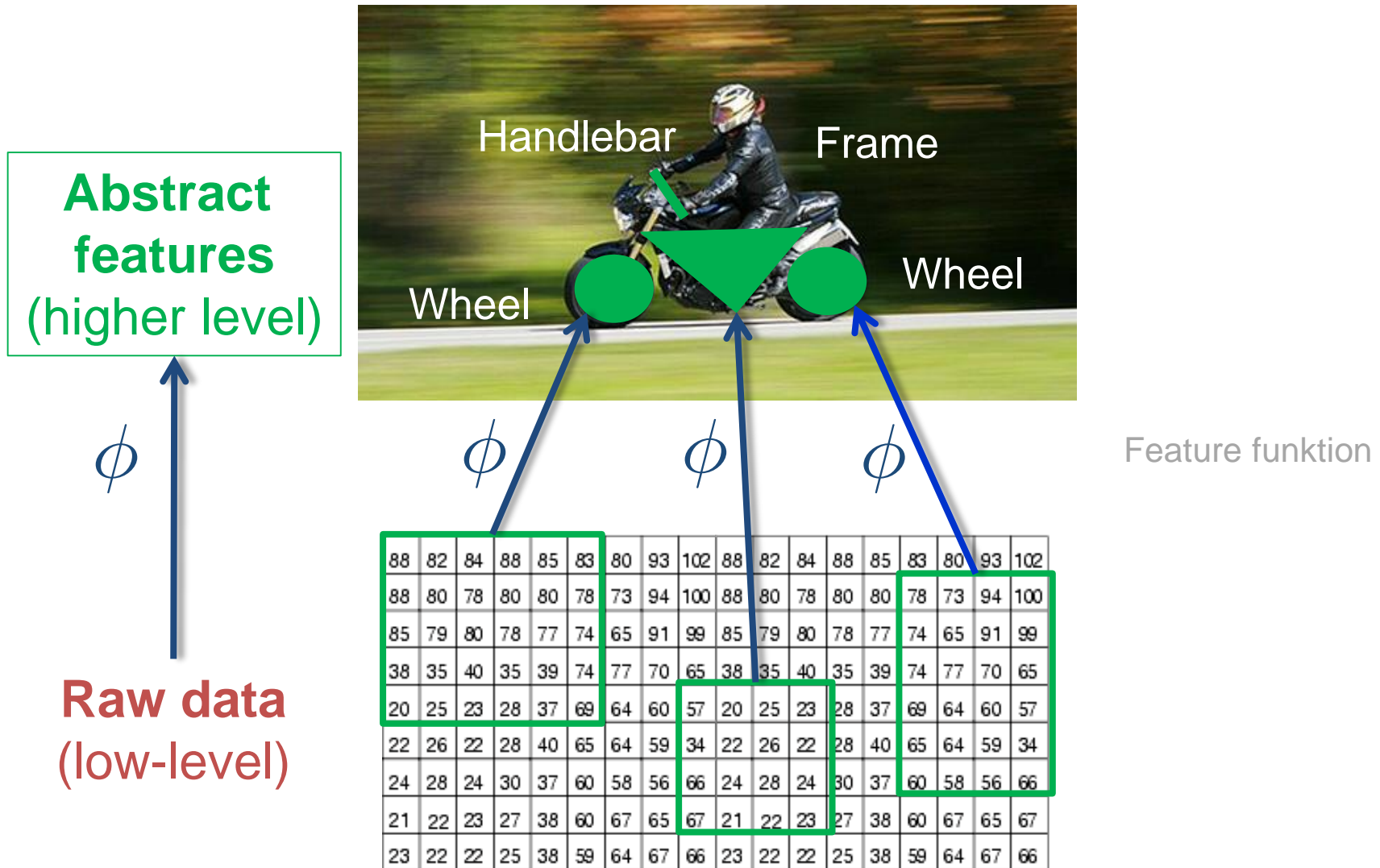


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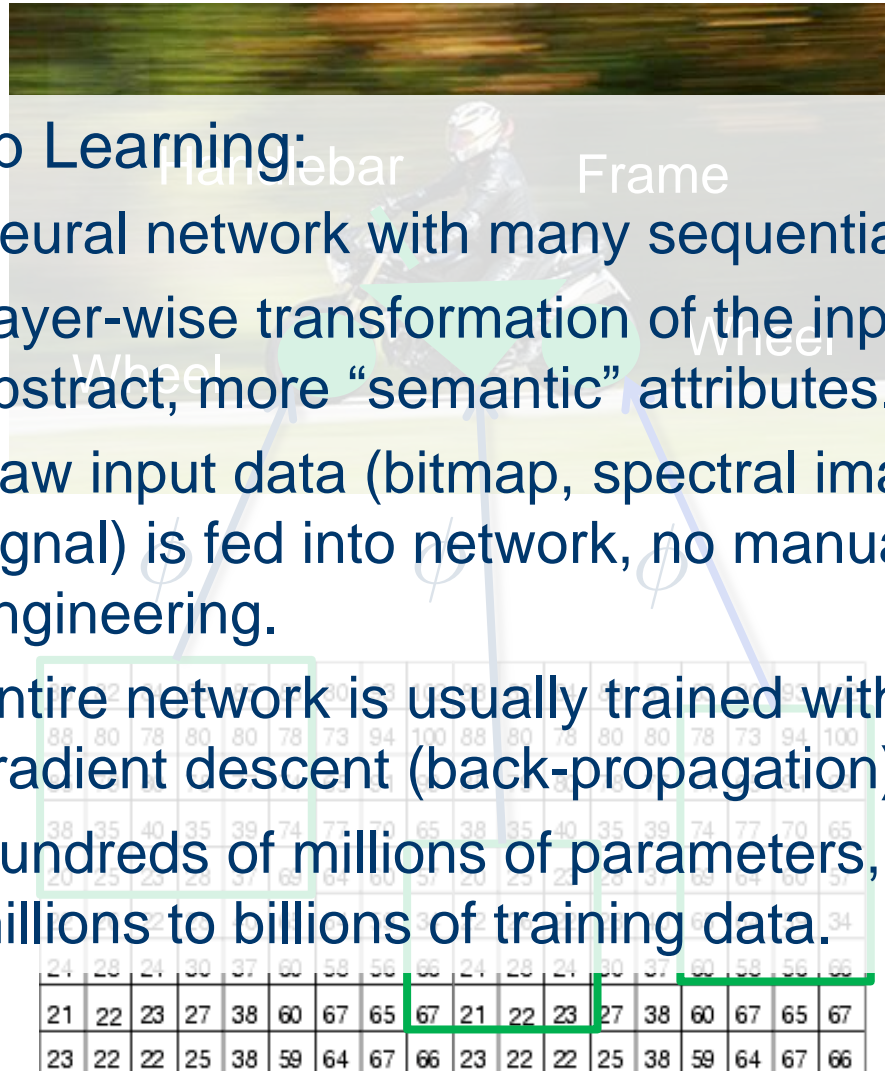
## ■ Deep Learning:

**Abstract features**  
(higher level)

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**Raw data**  
(low-level)

- ◆ Neural network with many sequential layers.
- ◆ Layer-wise transformation of the input into more abstract, more “semantic” attributes.
- ◆ Raw input data (bitmap, spectral image of audio signal) is fed into network, no manual feature engineering.
- ◆ Entire network is usually trained with stochastic gradient descent (back-propagation).
- ◆ Hundreds of millions of parameters, hundreds of millions to billions of training data.



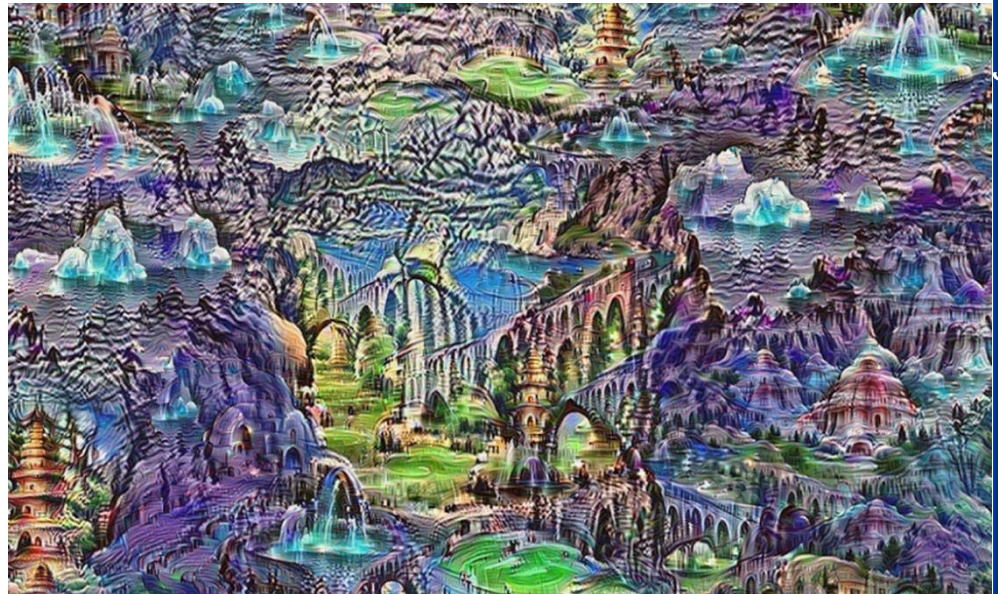
# Neural Networks

- Model of neural information processing
- Waves of popularity
  - ◆ ↑ Perceptron: Rosenblatt, 1960.
  - ◆ ↓ Perceptron only linear classifier (Minsky, Papert, 69).
  - ◆ ↑ Multilayer perceptrons (90s).
  - ◆ ↓ Popularity of SVMs (late 90s).
  - ◆ ↑ Deep learning (late 2000s).
  - ◆ Now state of the art for Speech Recognition image classification, face recognition and other problems.



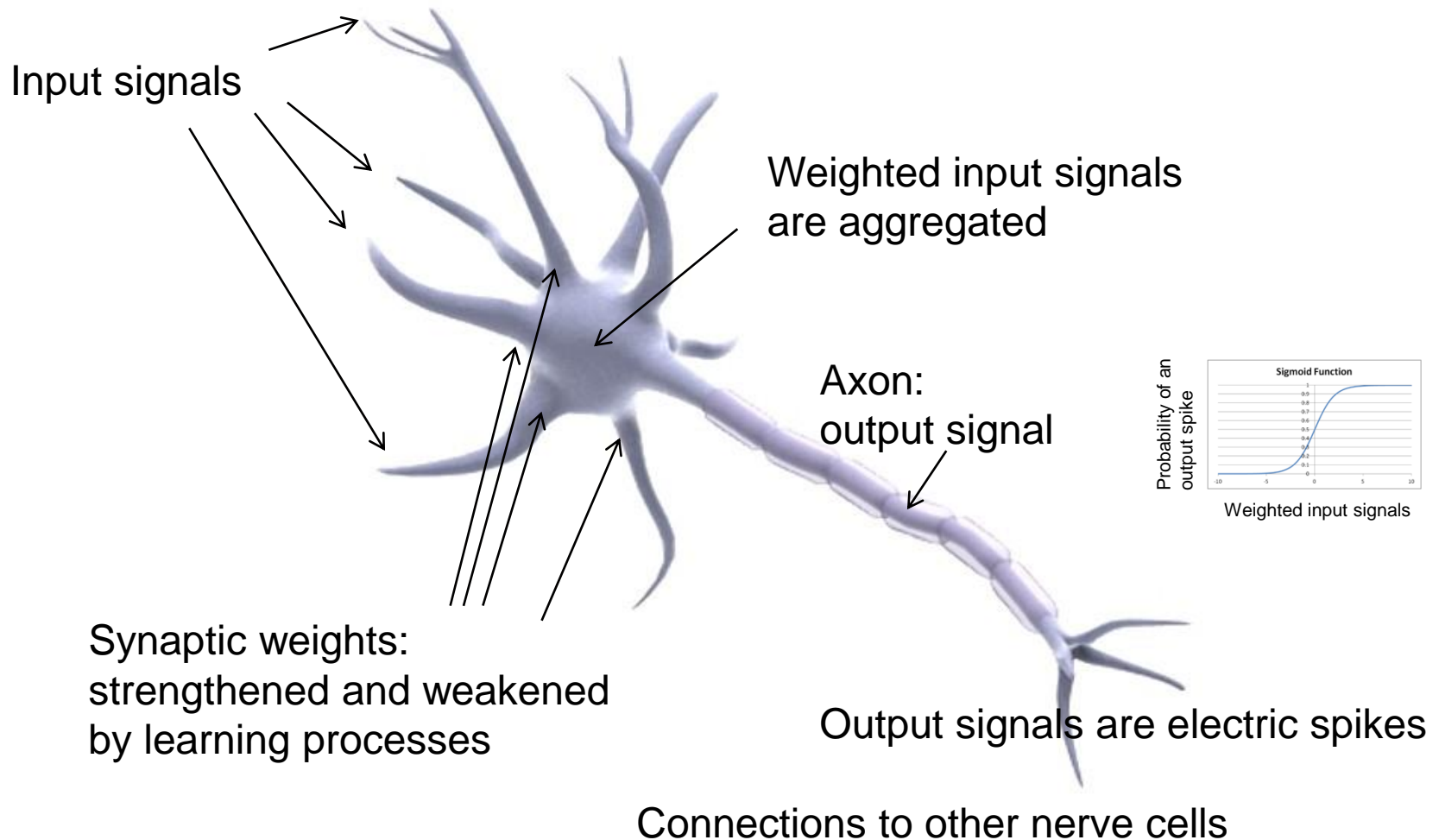
# Deep Learning Records

- Neural networks tend to be best-performing models whenever enough training data are available.
  - ◆ Object classification (CIFAR/NORB/PASCAL VOC-Benchmarks)
  - ◆ Video classification (various benchmarks)
  - ◆ Sentiment analysis (MR Benchmark)
  - ◆ Pedestrian detection
  - ◆ Face recognition
  - ◆ Speech recognition
  - ◆ Go (AlphaGo)

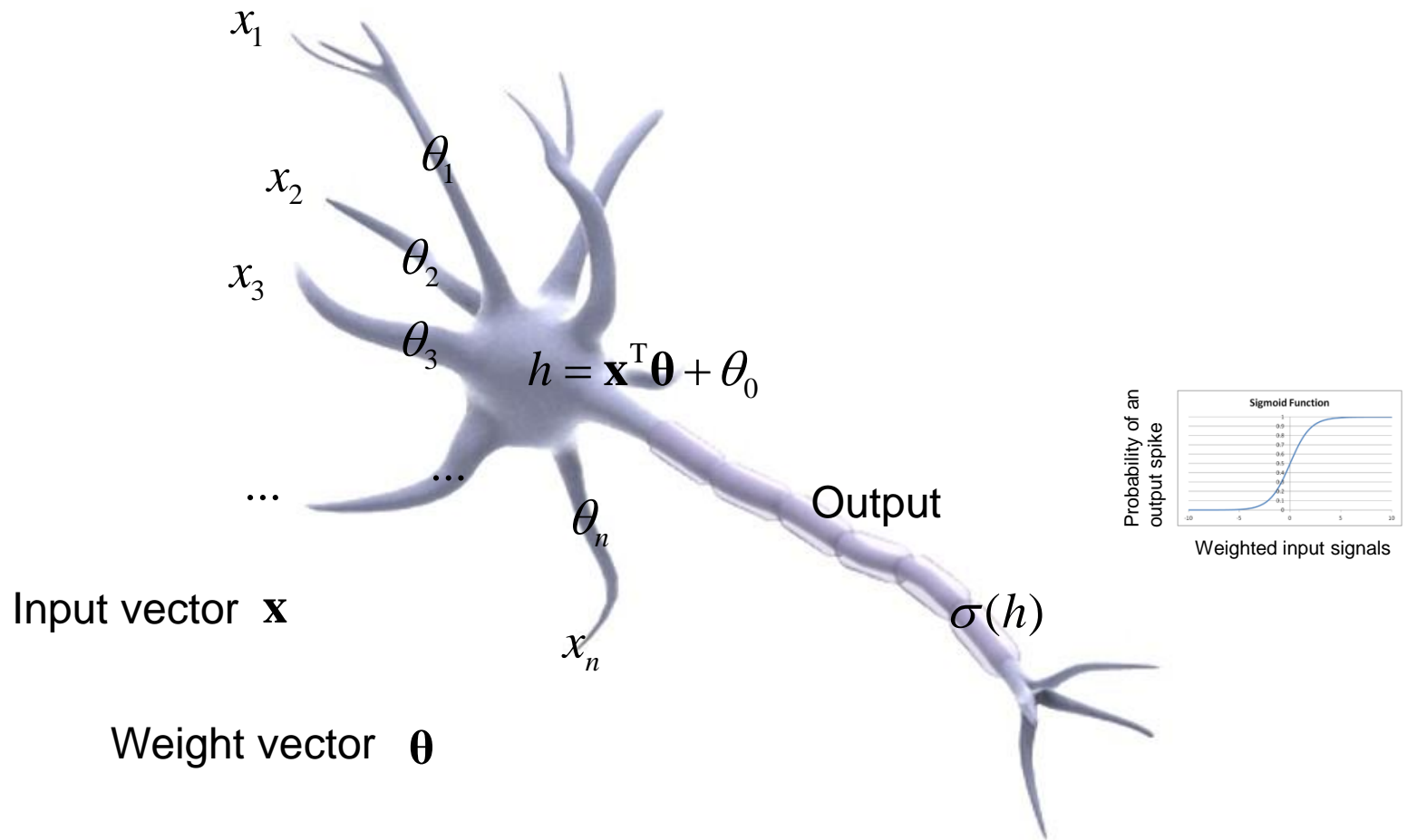




# Neural Information Processing



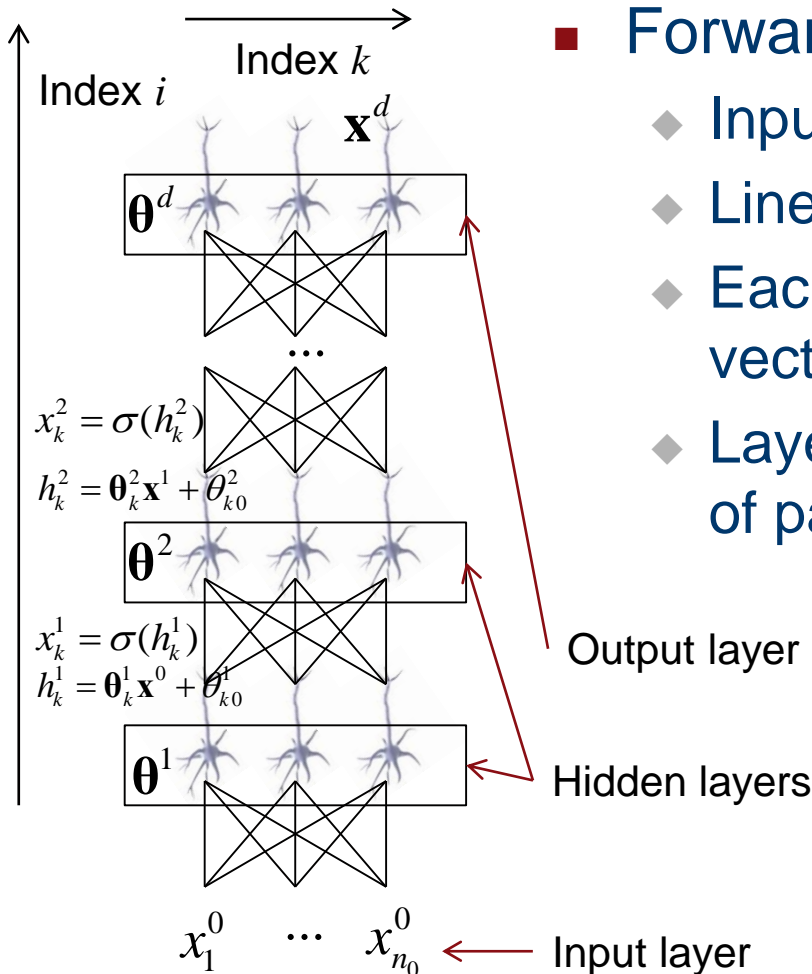
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# Feed Forward Networks



## ■ Forward propagation:

- ◆ Input vector  $\mathbf{x}^0$
- ◆ Linear model:  $h_k^i = \theta_k^i \mathbf{x}^{i-1} + \theta_{k0}^i$
- ◆ Each unit has parameter vector  $\theta_k^i = (\theta_{k1}^i \dots \theta_{kn_{i-1}}^i)$

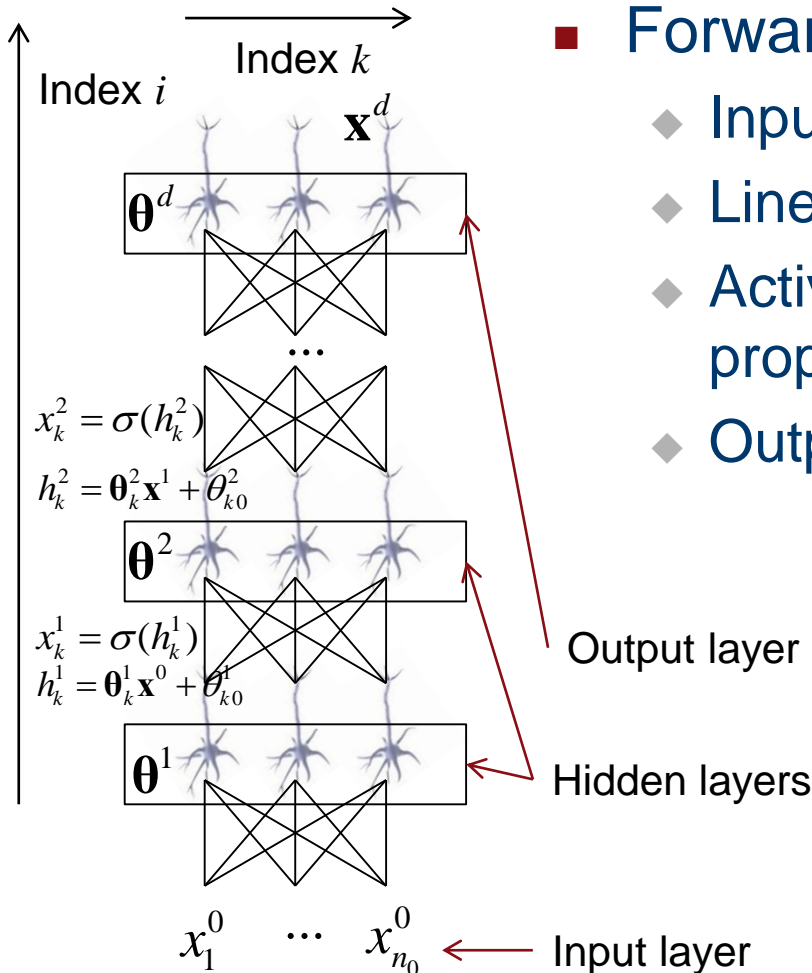
- ◆ Layer  $i$  has matrix of parameters  $\theta^i = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1^i \\ \vdots \\ \theta_{n_i}^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{11}^i & \dots & \theta_{1n_{i-1}}^i \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \theta_{n_i1}^i & \dots & \theta_{n_i n_{i-1}}^i \end{pmatrix}$

Output layer

Hidden layers

Input layer

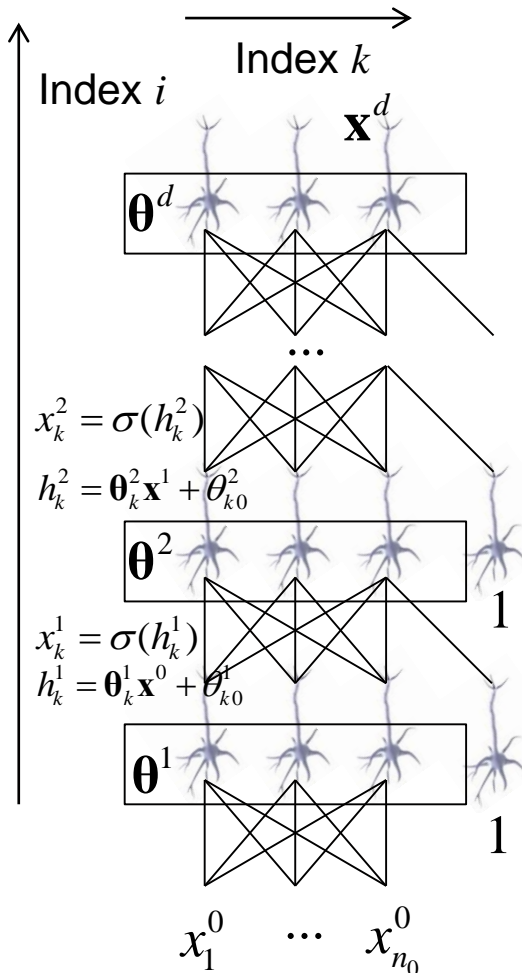
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- ◆ Activation function and propagation:  $\mathbf{x}^i = \sigma(\mathbf{h}^i)$
- ◆ Output vector  $\mathbf{x}^d$

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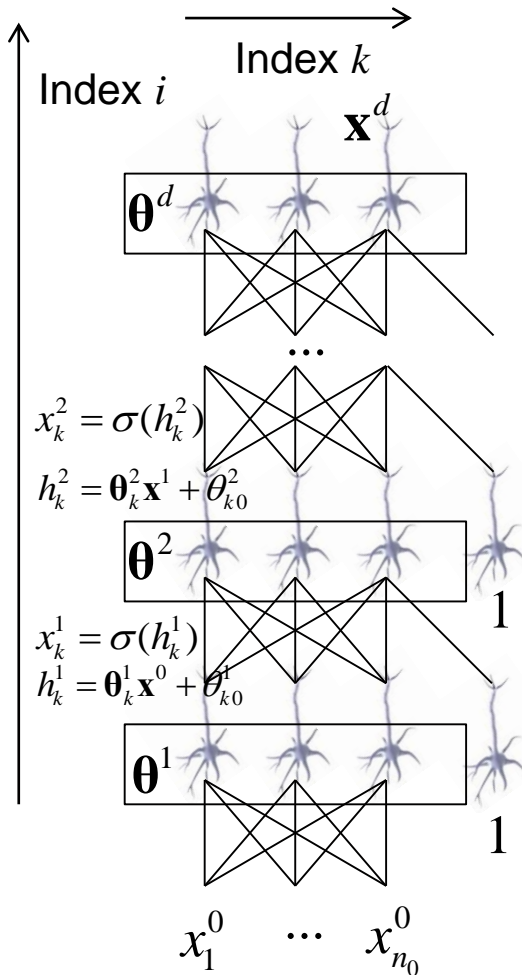


## ■ Bias unit

- ◆ Linear modell:  $h_k^i = \boldsymbol{\theta}_k^i \mathbf{x}^{i-1} + \theta_{k0}^i$
- ◆ Constant element  $\theta_{k0}^i$  is replaced by additional unit with constant output 1:  $h_k^i = \boldsymbol{\theta}_k^i \mathbf{x}_{[1..n_k+1]}^{i-1}$



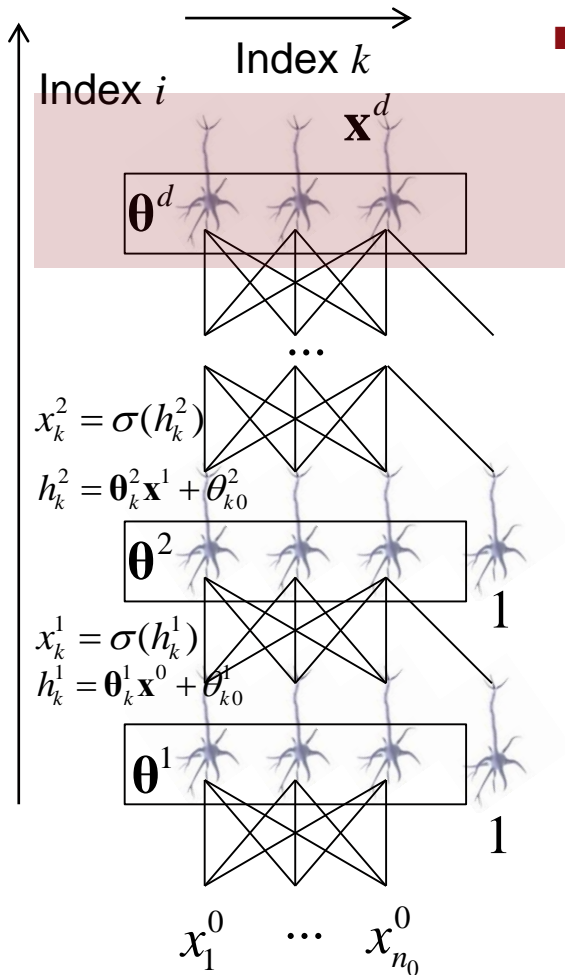
# Feed Forward Networks



- Forward propagation per layer in matrix notation:

- ◆ Linear model:  $\mathbf{h}^i = \boldsymbol{\theta}^i \mathbf{x}^{i-1}$
- ◆ Activation function:  $\mathbf{x}^i = \sigma(\mathbf{h}^i)$

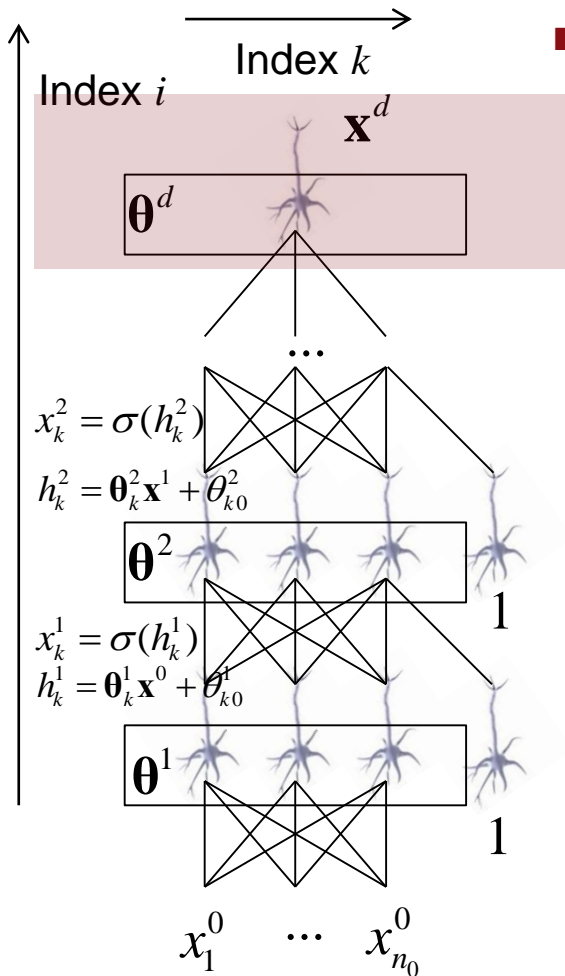
# Classification: Softmax Layer



- One output unit per class:

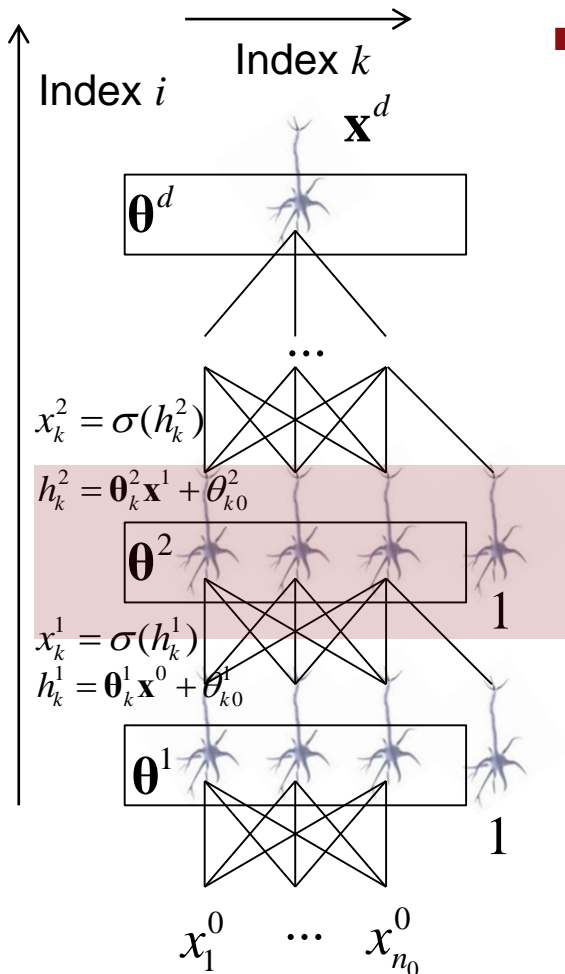
- ◆  $x_k^d = \sigma_{sm}(h_k^d) = \frac{e^{h_k^d}}{\sum_{k'} e^{h_{k'}^d}}$
- ◆  $x_k^d$ : predicted probability for class  $k$ .

# Regression: Linear Activation

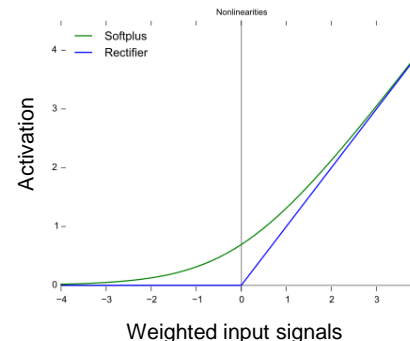


- Linear:
  - ◆  $x^d = h^d$ .
  - ◆ Output unbounded.

# Internal Units: Rectified Linear Units



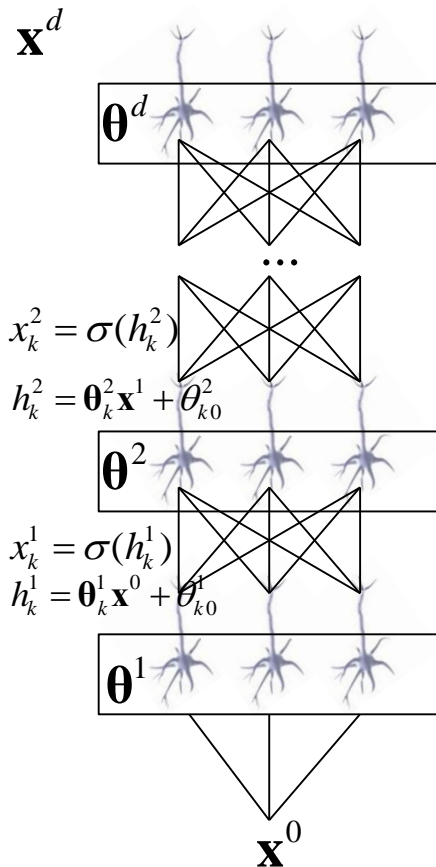
- For internal unit  $(i, k)$ :
  - ◆  $x_k^i = \sigma_{ReLU}(h_k^i) = \max(0, h_k^i)$
  - ◆ Leads to sparse activations and prevents the gradient from vanishing for deep networks.



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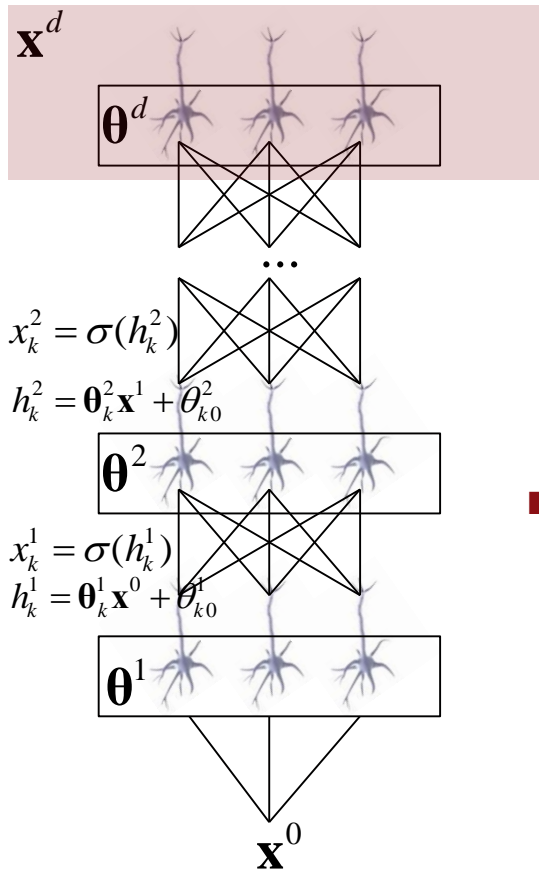
# Feed Forward Networks: Learning



- Stochastic gradient descent
- Loss function  $\hat{R}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^m \ell(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}^d)$
- Gradient descent:
  - ◆  $\boldsymbol{\theta}' = \boldsymbol{\theta} - \alpha \nabla \hat{R}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \boldsymbol{\theta} - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \hat{R}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$
  - $$= \boldsymbol{\theta} - \frac{\alpha}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \ell(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}^d)$$
- Stochastic gradient for instance  $\mathbf{x}_j$ :
  - ◆  $\boldsymbol{\theta}' = \boldsymbol{\theta} - \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_j} \hat{R}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$
  - $$= \boldsymbol{\theta} - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \ell(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}^d)$$



# Learning: Back Propagation



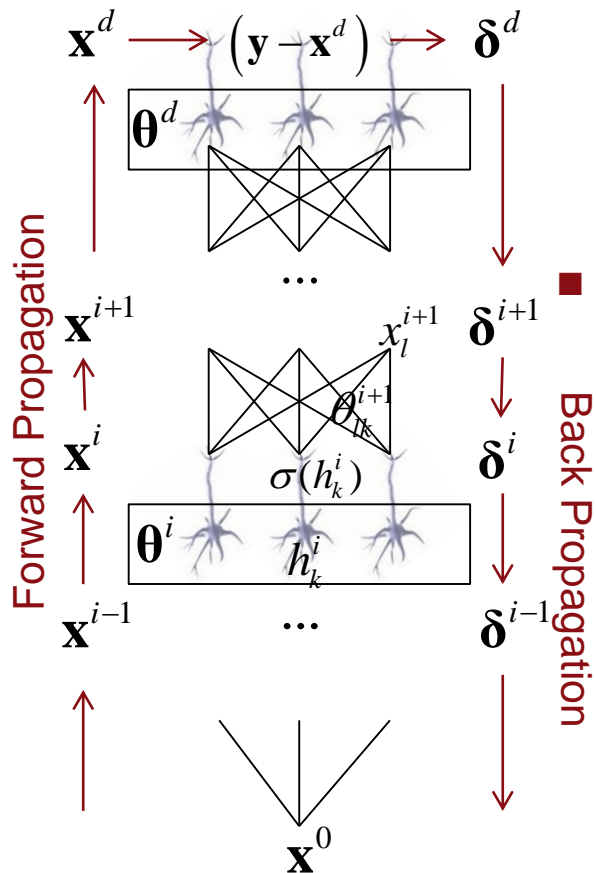
- Stochastic gradient for output units for instance  $\mathbf{x}_j$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}^d)}{\partial \theta_k^d} &= \frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}^d)}{\partial \mathbf{x}^d} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^d}{\partial h_k^d} \frac{\partial h_k^d}{\partial \theta_k^d} \\ &= \frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}^d)}{\partial \mathbf{x}^d} \frac{\partial \sigma(h_k^d)}{\partial h_k^d} \mathbf{x}^{d-1} = \delta_k^d \mathbf{x}^{d-1} \end{aligned}$$

- With

$$\delta_k^d = \frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}^d)}{\partial \mathbf{x}^d} \frac{\partial \sigma(h_k^d)}{\partial h_k^d}$$

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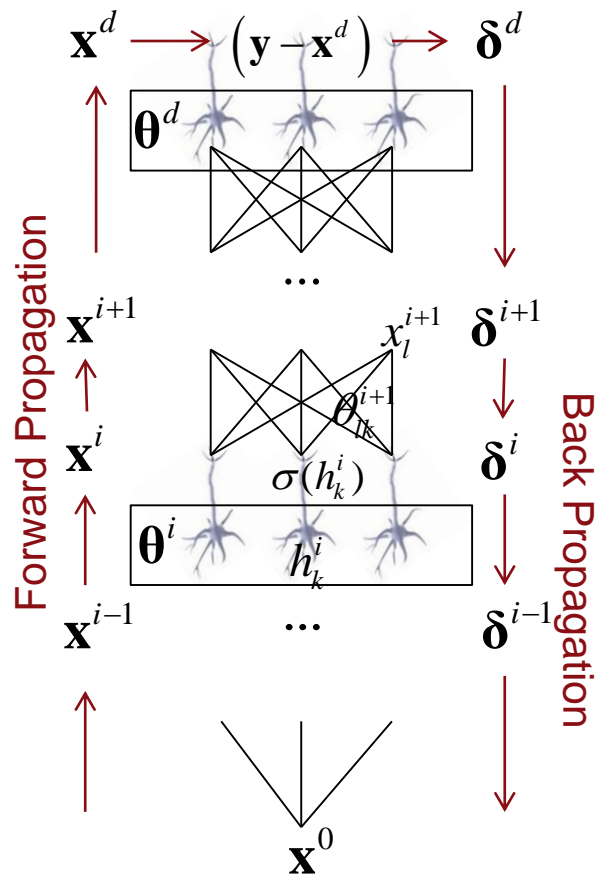
- Stochastic gradient for hidden units for instance  $\mathbf{x}_j$ :

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}^d)}{\partial \theta_k^i} = \frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}^d)}{\partial h_k^i} \frac{\partial h_k^i}{\partial \theta_k^i} = \delta_k^i \mathbf{x}^{i-1}$$

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# Learning: Back Propagation



- Derivative of the loss function for classification.
- Softmax activation function:

$$\diamond x_k^d = \sigma_{sm}(h_k^d) = \frac{e^{h_k^d}}{\sum_{k'} e^{h_{k'}^d}}$$

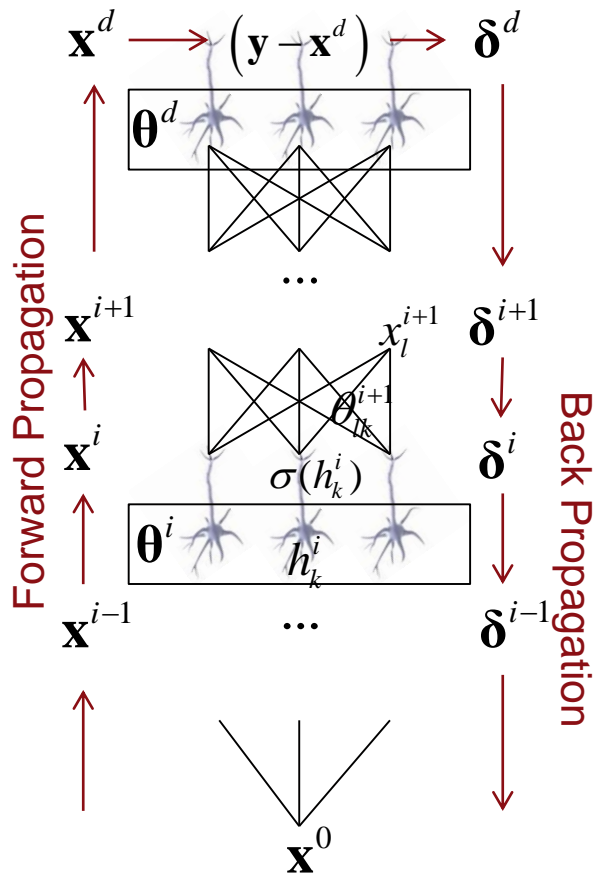
$$\diamond \frac{\partial \sigma_{sm}(h_k^d)}{\partial h_k^d} = \sigma_{sm}(h_k^d)(1 - \sigma_{sm}(h_k^d))$$

- Cost function (log loss or cross entropy):

$$\diamond \ell(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}^d) = -\sum_k y_k \log x_k^d$$

$$\diamond \frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}^d)}{\partial x_k^d} = x_k^d - y_k$$

# Learning: Back Propagation



- Derivative of the loss function for regression.

- Linear activation function:

- ◆  $x_k^d = \sigma_s(h_k^d) = h_k^d$

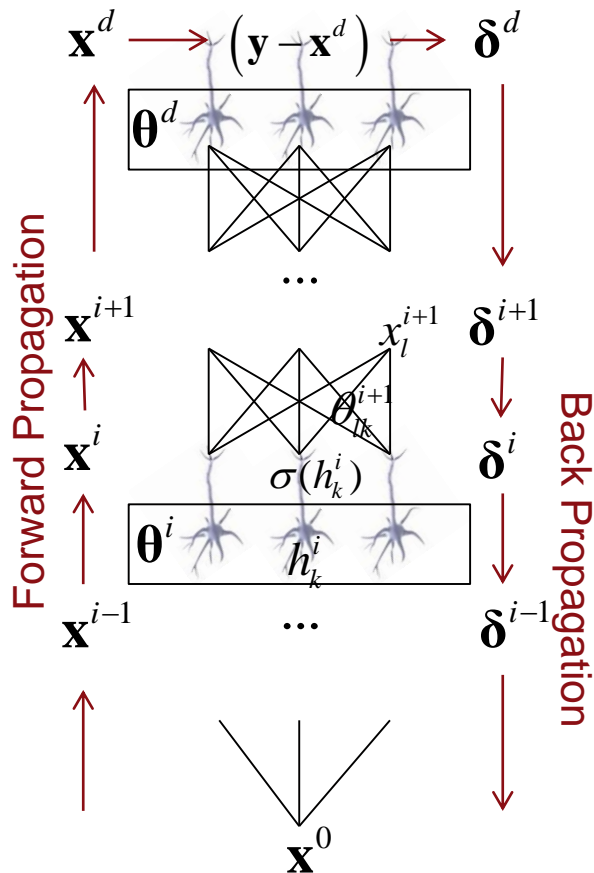
- ◆  $\frac{\partial \sigma_s(h_k^d)}{\partial h_k^d} = 1$

- Cost function:

- ◆  $\ell(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}^d) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (x_k^d - y_k)^2$

- ◆  $\frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}^d)}{\partial x_k^d} = x_k^d - y_k$

# Learning: Back Propagation



- Derivative of the activation function for internal units.
- Rectified linear activation function:
  - ◆  $x_k^i = \sigma_{ReLU}(h_k^i) = \max(0, h_k^i)$
  - ◆  $\frac{\partial \sigma_{ReLU}(h_k^i)}{\partial h_k^i} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h_k^i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

# Back Propagation: Algorithm

- Iterate over training instances  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ :

- ◆ Forward propagation: for  $i=0 \dots d$ :

- ★ For  $k=1 \dots n_i$ :  $h_k^i = \boldsymbol{\theta}_k^i \mathbf{x}^{i-1} + \theta_{k0}^i$

- ★  $\mathbf{x}^i = \sigma(\mathbf{h}^i)$

- ◆ Back propagation:

- ★ For  $k=1 \dots n_i$ :  $\delta_k^d = \frac{\partial}{\partial h_k^d} \sigma(h_k^d) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k^d} \ell(y_k, x_k^d)$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_k^{d'} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_k^d - \alpha \delta_k^d \mathbf{x}^{d-1}$$

- ★ For  $i=d-1 \dots 1$ :

- For  $k=1 \dots n_i$ :  $\delta_k^i = \sigma'(h_k^i) \sum_l \delta_l^{i+1} \theta_{lk}^{i+1}$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_k^{i'} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_k^i - \alpha \delta_k^i \mathbf{x}^{i-1}$$

- Until convergence



# Back Propagation

- Loss function is not convex
  - ◆ Each permutation of hidden units is a local minimum.
  - ◆ Learned features (hidden units) may be ok, but not usually globally optimal.
- But:
  - ◆ Local minima can still be arbitrarily good.
  - ◆ Many local minima can be equally good.
  - ◆ Supervised learning often works with hundreds of layers and millions of training instances.

# Regularization

- L2-regularized loss
  - ◆  $\hat{R}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_j (\mathbf{y}_j - \mathbf{x}_j^d)^2 + \frac{\eta}{2} \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}$
  - ◆ Corresponds to normal prior on parameters.
- Gradient:  $\nabla \hat{R}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^i) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_j \delta_j^i \mathbf{x}^i + \eta \boldsymbol{\theta}$
- Update:  $\boldsymbol{\theta}' = \boldsymbol{\theta} - \delta_j \mathbf{x} - \eta \boldsymbol{\theta}$
- Called *weight decay*.
- Additional regularization schemes:
  - ◆ Early stopping (outdated): Stop before convergence.
  - ◆ Delete units with small weights.
  - ◆ Dropout: During training, set some units' output to zero at random.

# Regularization: Dropout

- In complex networks, complex co-adaptation relationships can form between units.
  - ◆ Not robust for new data.
- Dropout: In each training set, draw a fraction of units at random and set their output to zero.
- At application time, use all units.
- Used for transitions from layers with many units to layers with few units.
- Improves overall robustness: each unit has to function within varying combinations of units.

# Mini-Batches

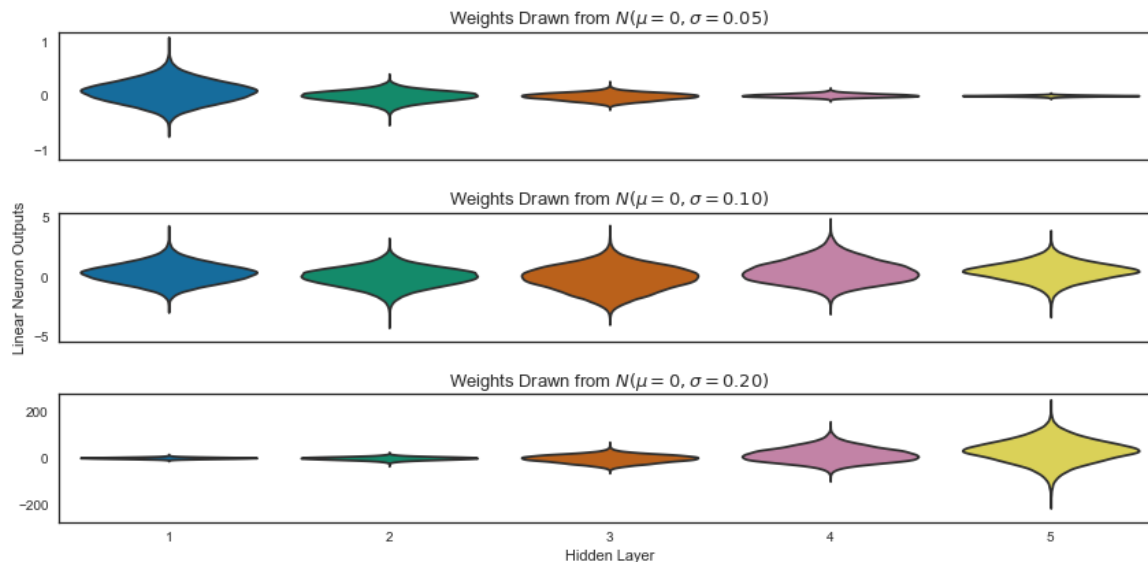
- Average stochastic gradient over batch of instances, then perform update step.
- Tends to make learning more robust than single-instance stochastic gradient descent with respect to hyper-parameters.

# Input Normalization

- Large absolute value of input vectors  $\rightarrow$  large absolute value of  $h_k^d \rightarrow \sigma_{sm}(h_k^d)$  tends to be close to 1 or 0  $\rightarrow$  gradient becomes small.
- Hence, larger absolute values of inputs require larger learning rates, difficult to adjust.
- Therefore, input values are often normalized to approximately between 0 and 1.

# Initialization

- Initialization with 0 often does not work.
  - ◆ Outputs become 0, derivatives become 0.
- Initialization with Gaussian distribution can increase or decrease the variance of outputs differently for different layers.
  - ◆ Example: 5 layers of 100 units.





# Initialization

- It is desirable that the variance of output be similar across all network layers.
  - ◆  $Var(x_k^{i+1}) = Var\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_j^i \theta_{jk}^i\right) \approx n_i Var(x^i) Var(\theta^i)$
  - ◆  $Var(x^i) = Var(x^{i+1}) \Leftrightarrow Var(\theta^i) = \frac{1}{n_i}$
- Similarly, the variance of derivatives should be similar across network layers. This requires
  - ◆  $Var(\theta_i) = \frac{1}{n_{i+1}}$ .
- Compromise:  $Var(\theta_i) = \frac{2}{n_{i+1} + n_i}$ .

# Initialization

- Normal initialization with  $Var(\theta_i) = \frac{2}{n_{i+1}+n_i}$ :
  - ◆ Draw from  $N \left[ 0, \sqrt{\frac{2}{n_{i+1}+n_i}} \right]$ .
- Uniform initialization between  $-a$  and  $a$  with  $Var(\theta_i) = \frac{2}{n_{i+1}+n_i}$  (Glorot initialization):
  - ◆ Draw from  $U \left[ -\frac{6}{n_{i+1}+n_i}, \frac{6}{n_{i+1}+n_i} \right]$ .

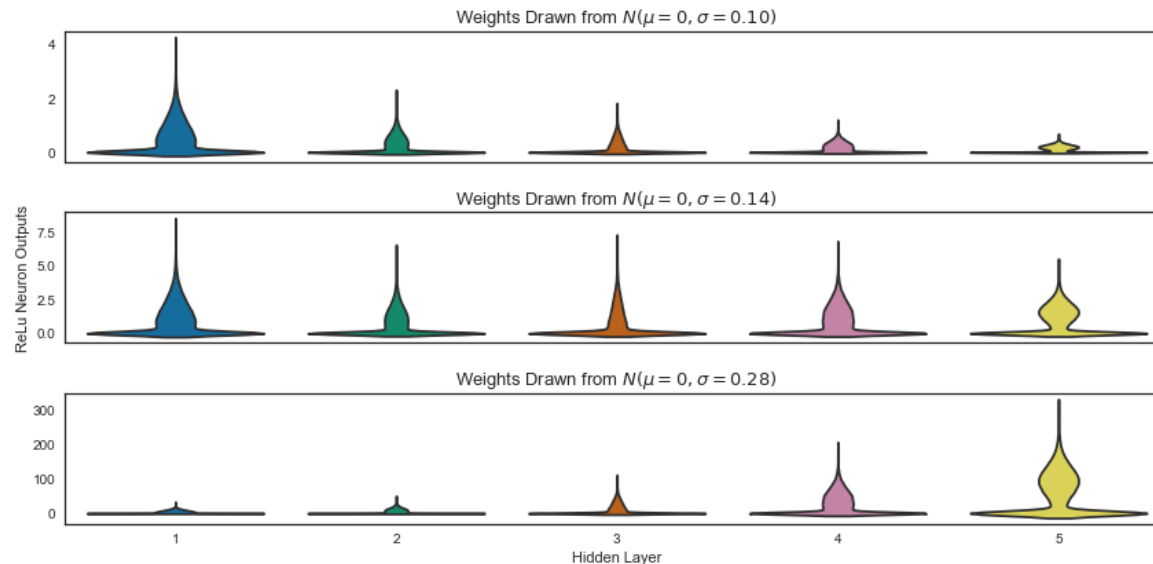
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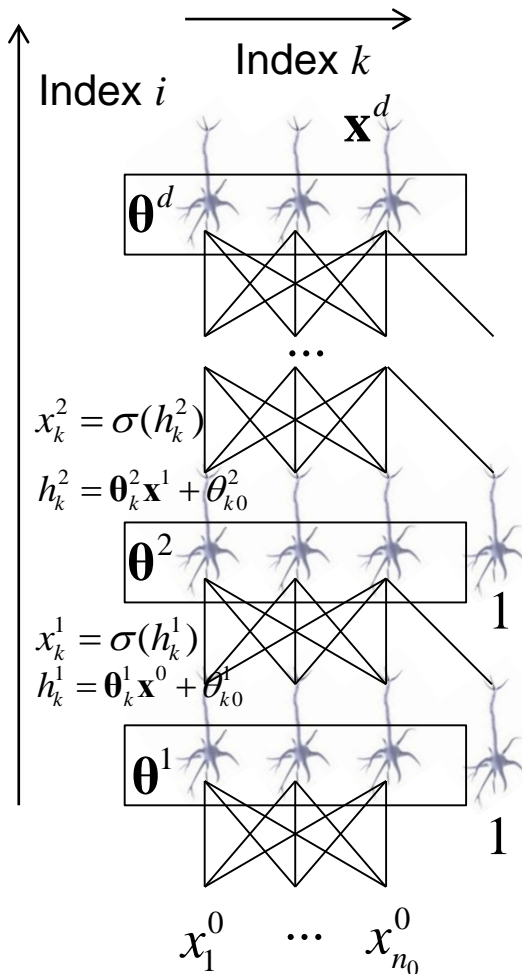
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# Parallel Inference

- Both forward and backward propagation can be made much faster by parallel computation.
- GPUs are particularly suited.
- Pipelining in single-core CPU can be exploited.
- Forward- and backward-propagation can be written as matrix multiplications.
- Columns of the weight matrix can be processed in parallel.

# Parallel Inference



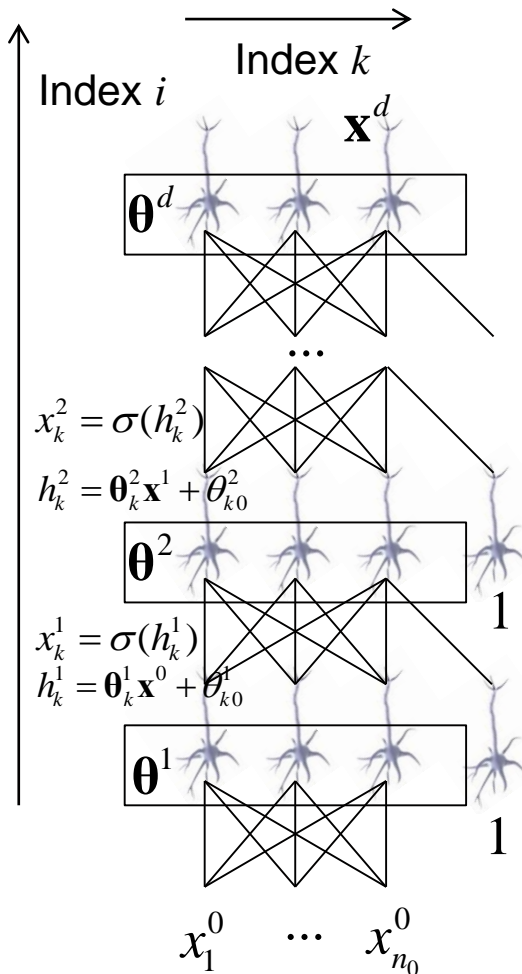
- Forward propagation per layer in matrix notation:

$$\mathbf{h}^i = \boldsymbol{\theta}^i \mathbf{x}^{i-1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_1^i \\ \vdots \\ h_{n_i}^i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{11}^i & \dots & \theta_{1n_{i-1}}^i \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \theta_{n_i1}^i & \dots & \theta_{n_in_{i-1}}^i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{i-1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n_{i-1}}^{i-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Use vector coprocessor / GPU row-by-column multiplications.
- Split up rows of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  between multiple cores.

# Vectorization for Forward Inference



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- Keep  $[x_1^{i-1}, \dots, x_{n_{i-1}}^{i-1}]$  in cache.
- For all rows  $j = 1..n_i$  (in parallel):
  - Load  $[\theta_{j1}^i, \dots, \theta_{jn_{i-1}}^i]$  into cache.
  - For all  $k = 1..n_{i-1}$  (in parallel): multiply and sum  $\theta_{jk}^i x_k^{i-1}$ .

# Software Packages

- Cafe: allows to easily apply deep learning with standard units, loss functions, learning techniques.
- Deep learning frameworks that allow development of new architectures and learning techniques.
  - ◆ TensorFlow (+Keras),
  - ◆ Torch,
  - ◆ Theano (+Lasagne),
  - ◆ CNTK.



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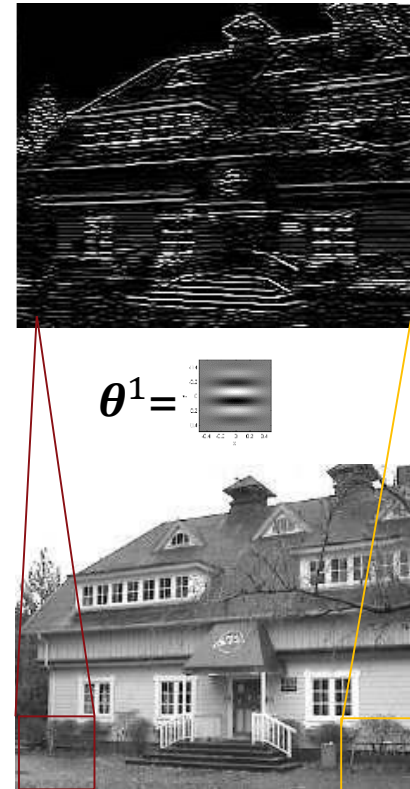
# Convolutions: Motivation

- Neural network trained for digit classification trained on centered digits will not be able to recognize a digit in a different position or scale.
- Training a network to recognize digits everywhere on the input image is a more complex task, needs more training data.
- Convolutional neural networks: learn to detect patterns, apply pattern detector to all positions in input signal.



# Convolution

- Filter unit takes input window, multiplies it with weight vector, produces response.
- Window slides over input signal.
- Each pixel of response image is filter result for an input window.
- Same filter is applied to all window positions of the input signal.
- Each unit produces output of same filter for different position.



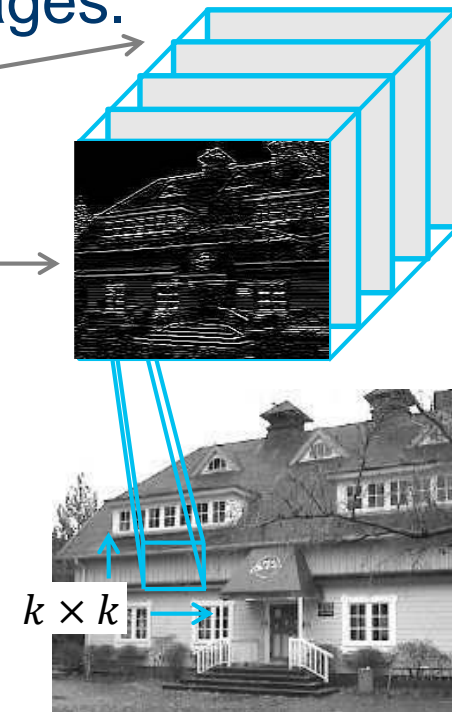
# Convolutional Layer

- Applies multiple filters to all positions of input.
- Input size:  $x \times y \times 1$ .
- Output size:  $(x - k + 1) \times (y - k + 1) \times d$ .
- Creates a bank of response images.

Response image of filter  $d$

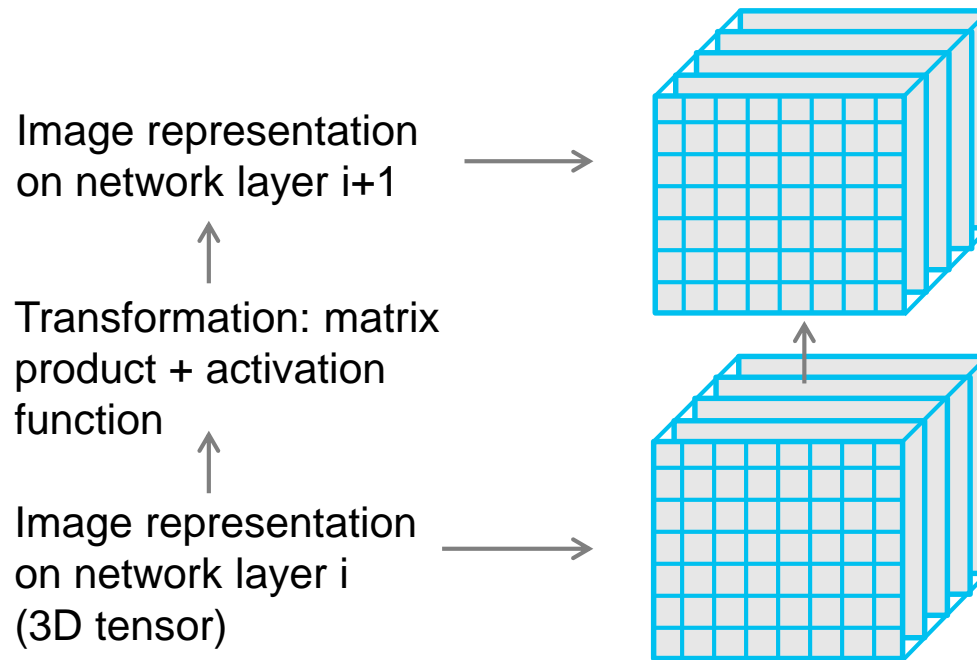
Response image of filter 1  
= filter 1 applied to all  
image positions

$k \times k \times d$  convolutional layer



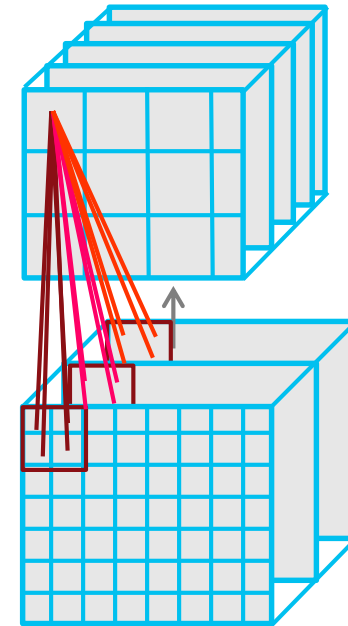
# Convolutional Neural Networks

- Each network layer transforms the image into a more abstract feature representation.

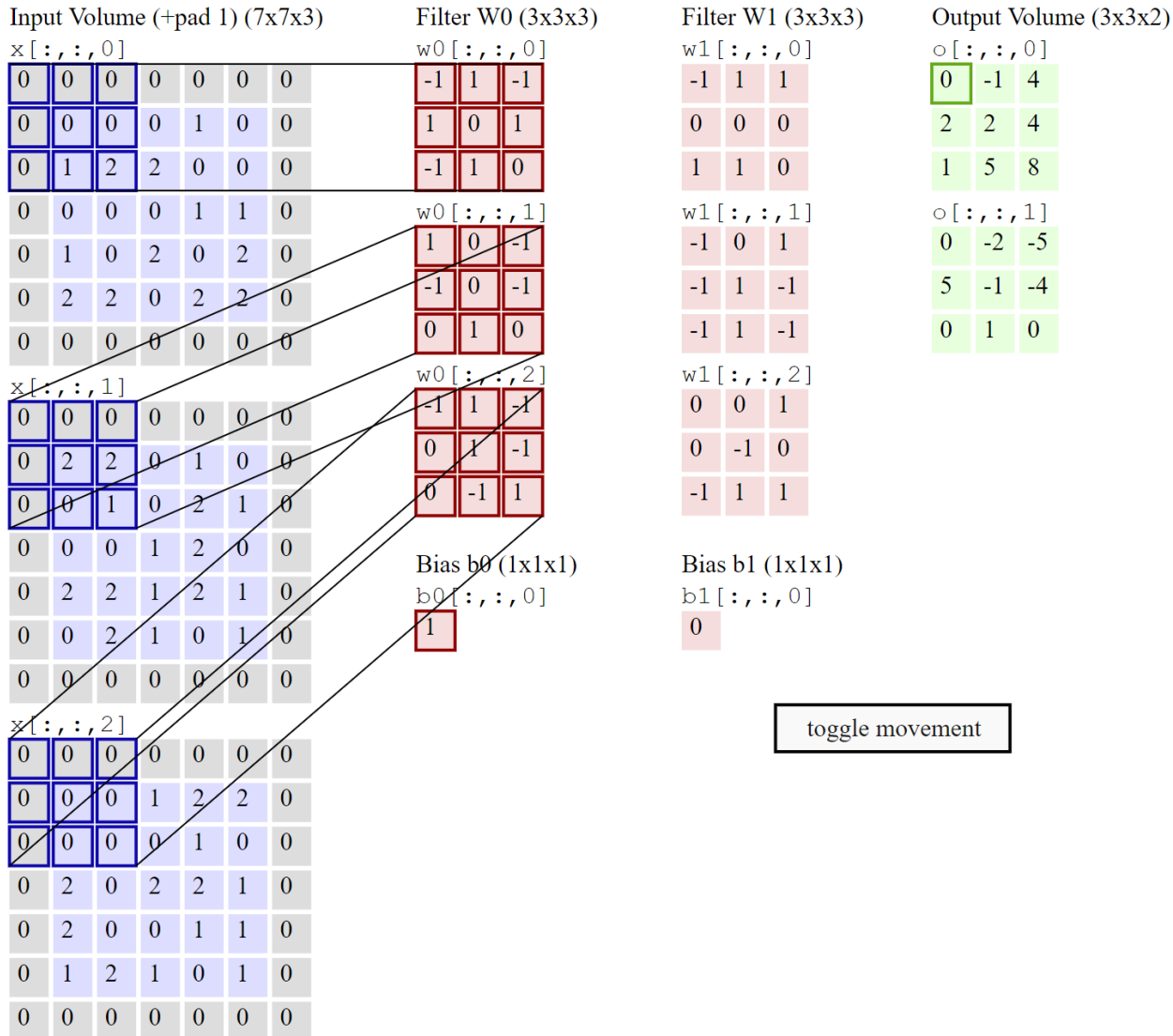


# Convolutional Layers

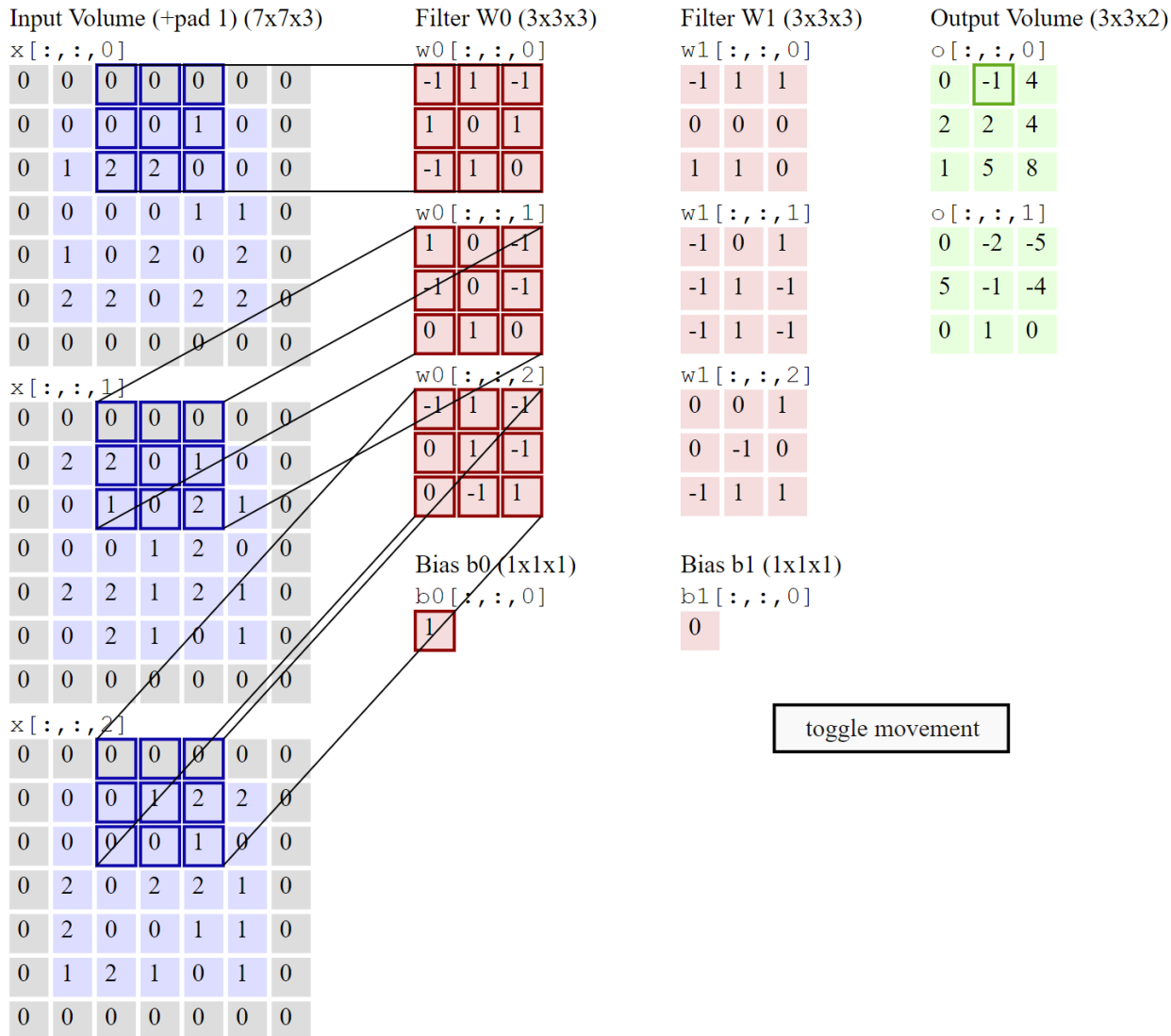
- Convolution,  $k \times k \times d$ , stride  $> 1$ .
  - ◆ Input size:  $x \times y \times d'$ , stride  $s$ .
  - ◆ output size:  $\frac{(x-k+1)}{s} \times \frac{(y-k+1)}{s} \times d$ .
- Convolutional layer has
  - ◆  $k \times k \times d'$  parameters.
- Decreases the spatial resolution.



# Example: Convolution 3 x 3 x 2, Stride 2

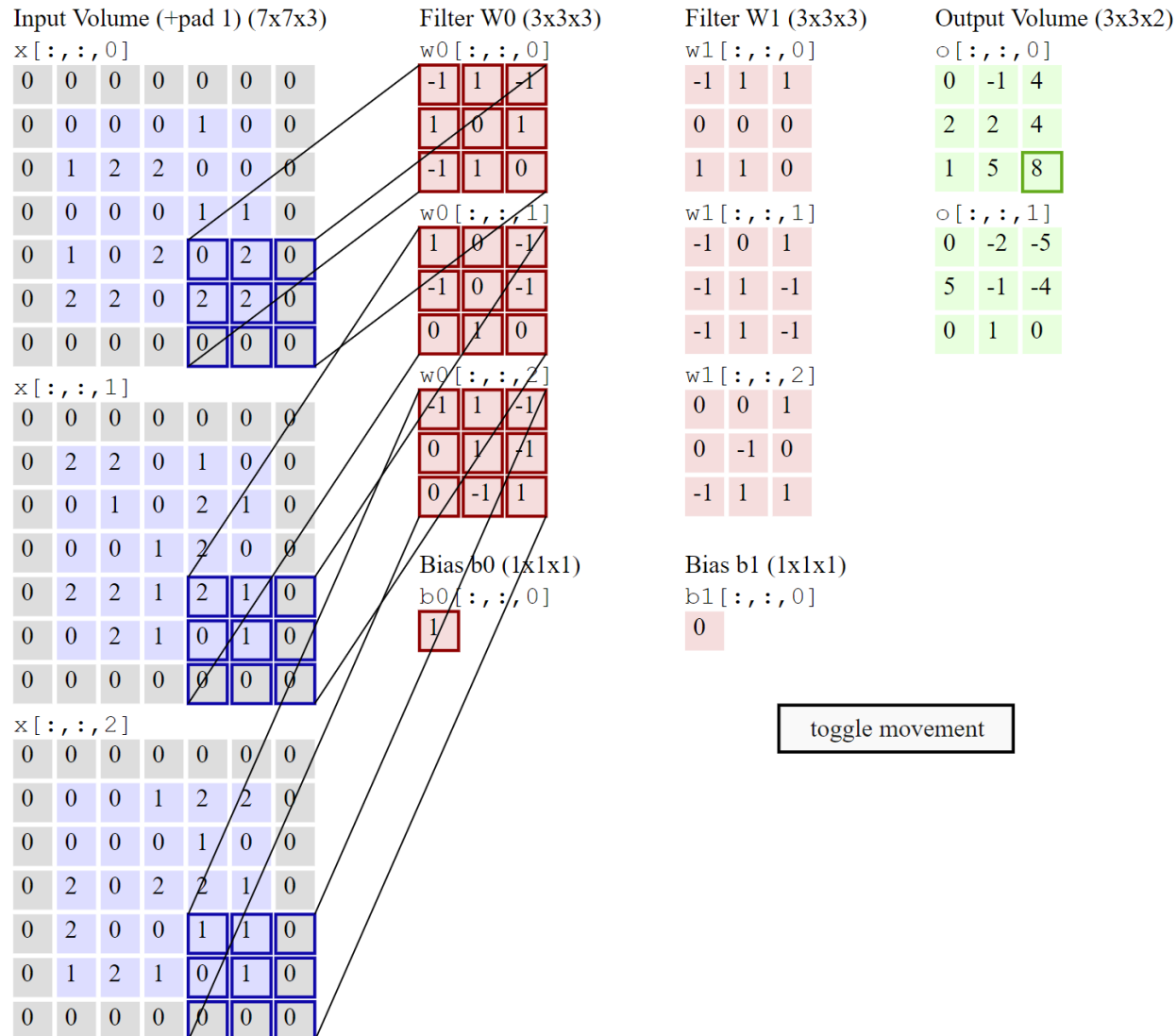


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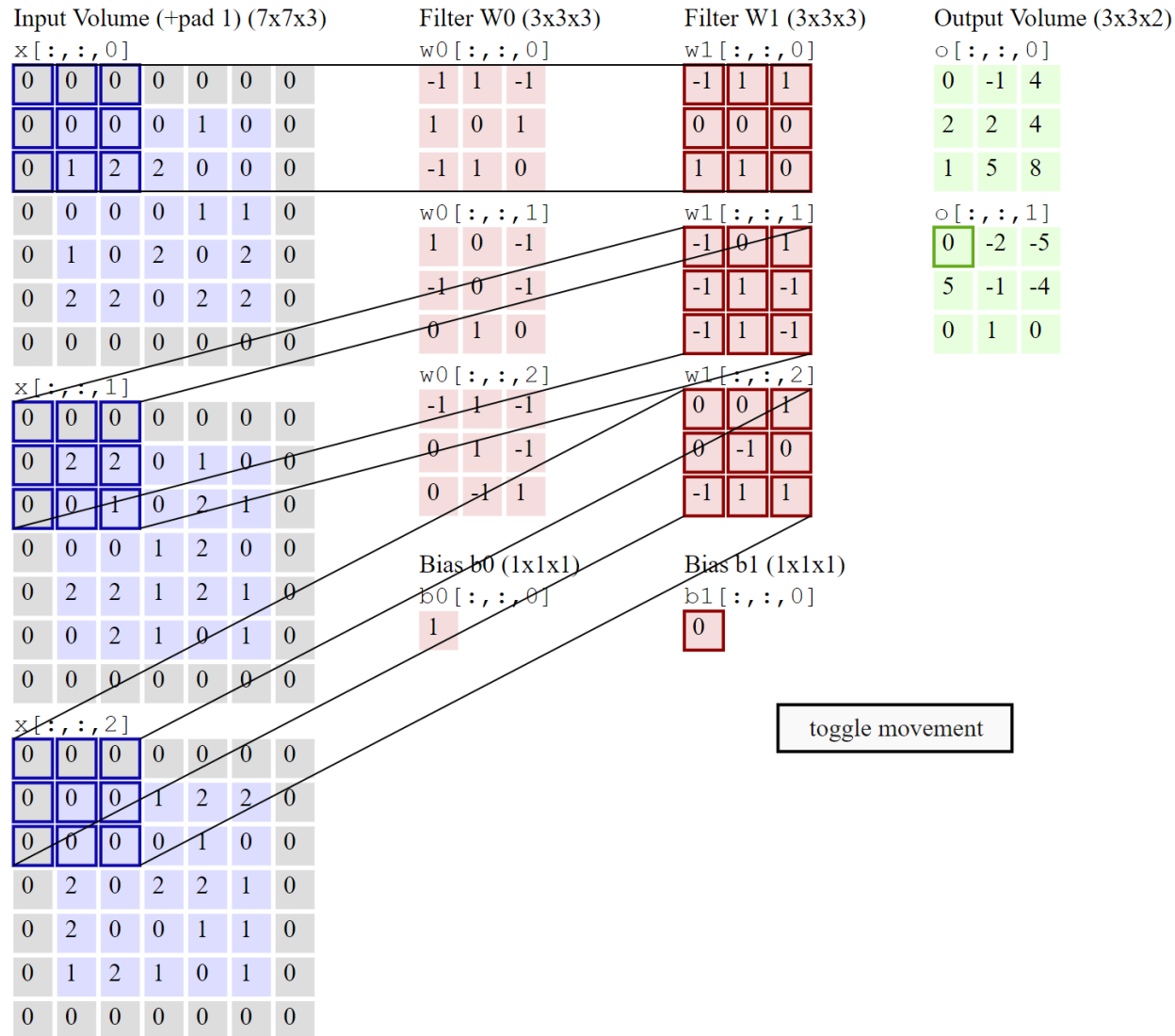




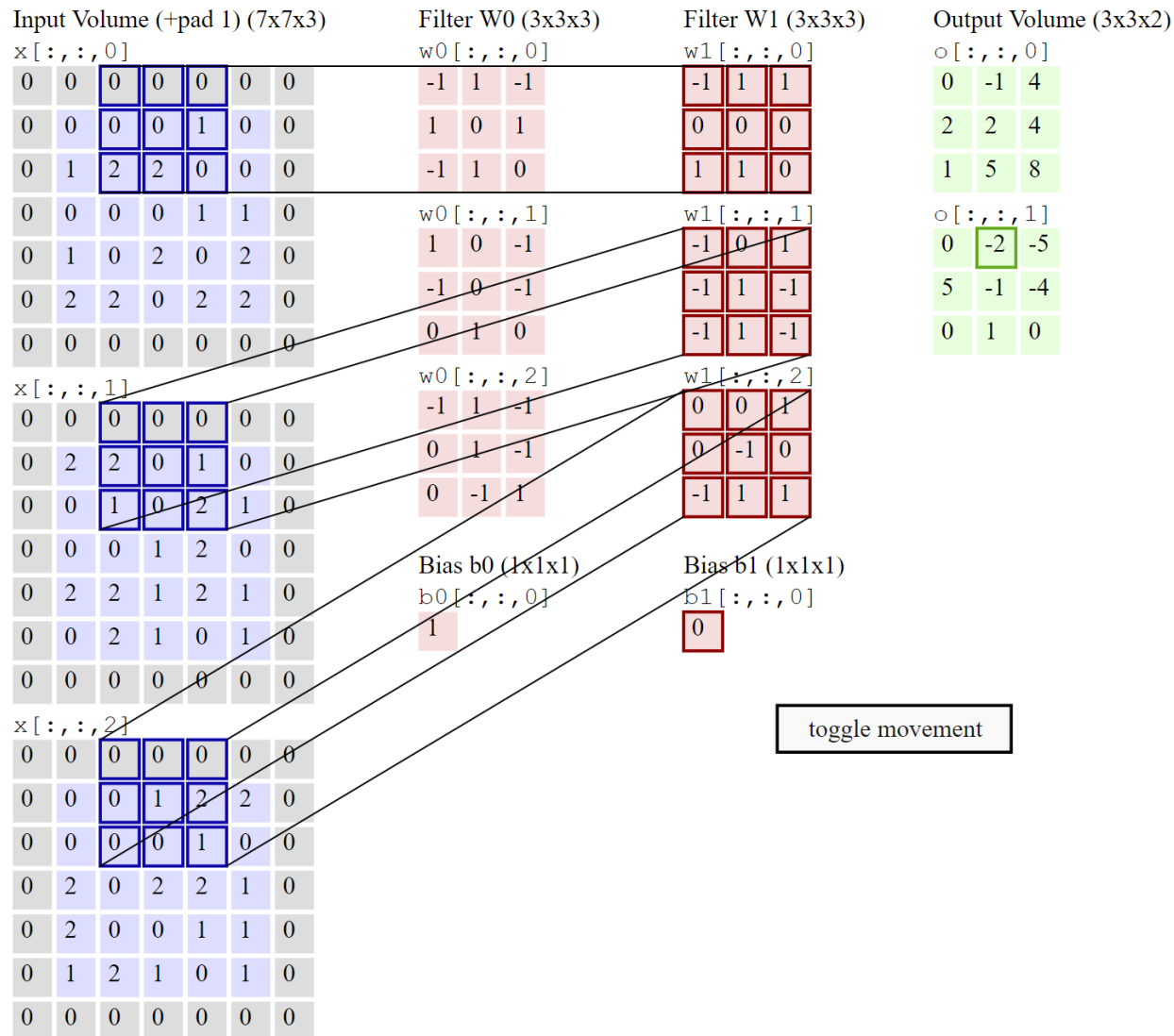
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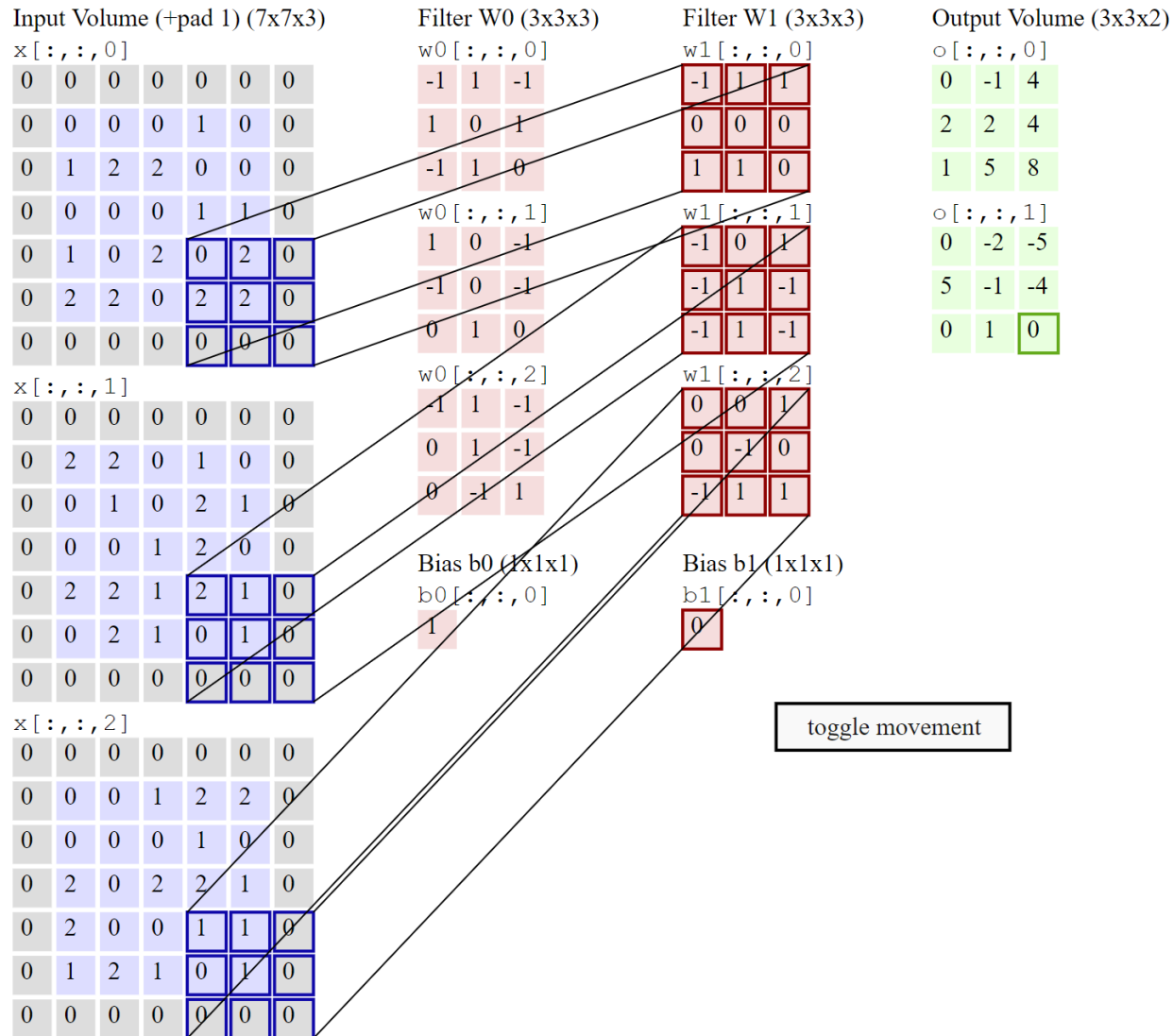
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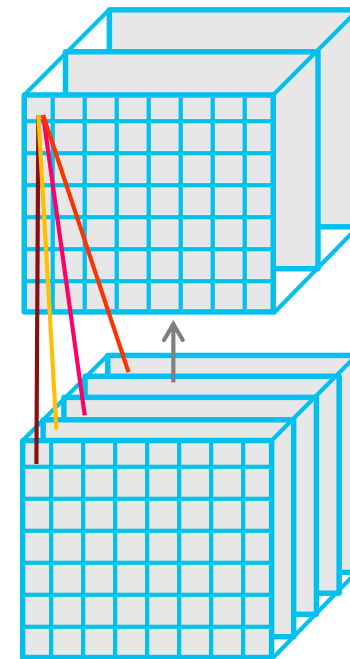


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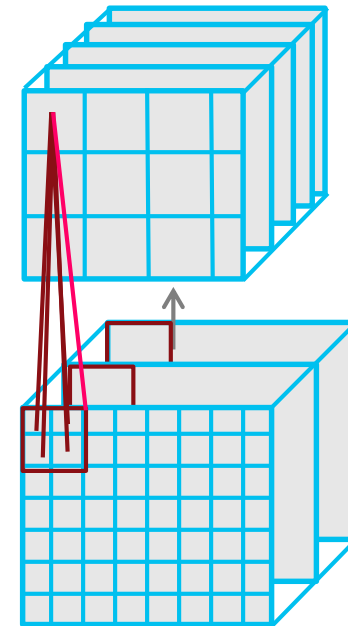
# Convolutional Layers

- Convolution,  $1 \times 1 \times d$ , stride 1.
  - ◆ Input size:  $x \times y \times d'$ .
  - ◆ output size:  $x \times y \times d$ .
- Convolutional layer has
  - ◆  $1 \times 1 \times d'$  parameters.
- Used to decrease the resolution along the  $z$  axis (with  $d < d'$ ).



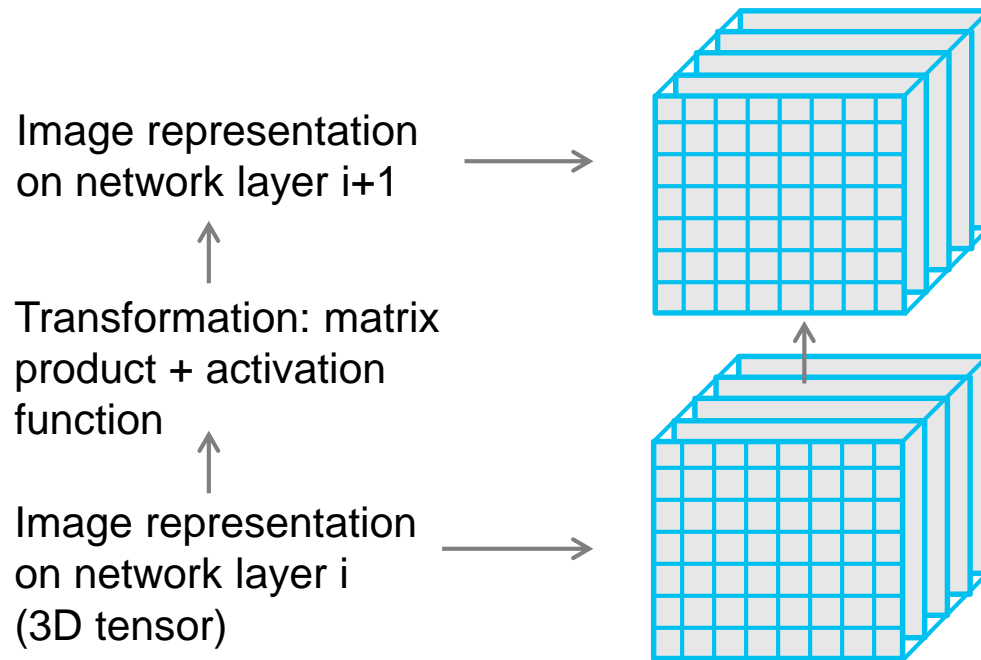
# Max-Pooling Layers

- Max pooling:
  - ◆ Input size:  $x \times y \times d$ , stride  $s$ .
  - ◆ output size:  $\frac{x}{s} \times \frac{y}{s} \times d$ .
- Output for each pixel is maximum over input window.
- Applied to each filter bank separately.
- Used to decrease the spatial resolution.



# Convolutional Neural Networks

- Widely used in image processing; e.g.,
  - ◆ Image classification (e.g., ImageNet),
  - ◆ Face identification (e.g., DeepFace, FaceNet).



# Overview

- Neural information processing.
- Deep learning.
- Feed-forward networks.
- Training feed-forward networks: back propagation.
- Parallel inference on GPUs.
- Outlook:
  - ◆ Convolutional neural networks,
  - ◆ Recurrent neural networks.

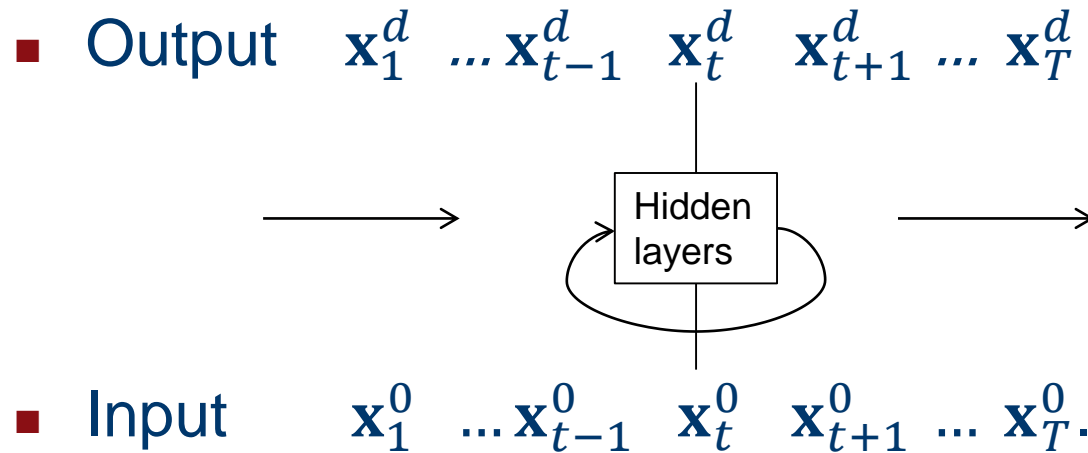


# Recurrent Neural Networks

- Input: time series  $\mathbf{x}_1^0, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T^0$ .
- Output can be:
  - ◆ One output (vector) for entire time series:  $\mathbf{x}^d$ .
  - ◆ One output at each time step:  $\mathbf{x}_1^d, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T^d$ .

# Recurrent Neural Networks

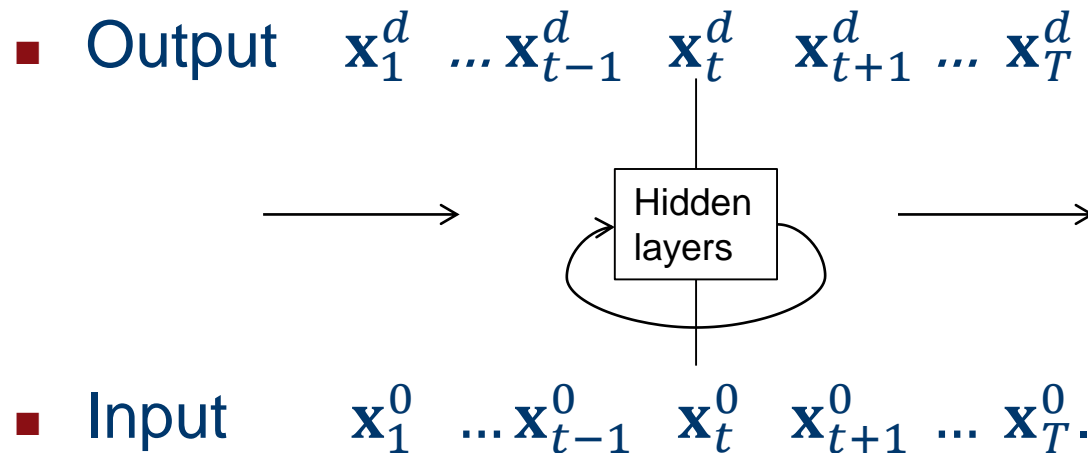
- Hidden layer propagates information to itself.
- Hidden layer activation stores context information.



# Recurrent Neural Networks

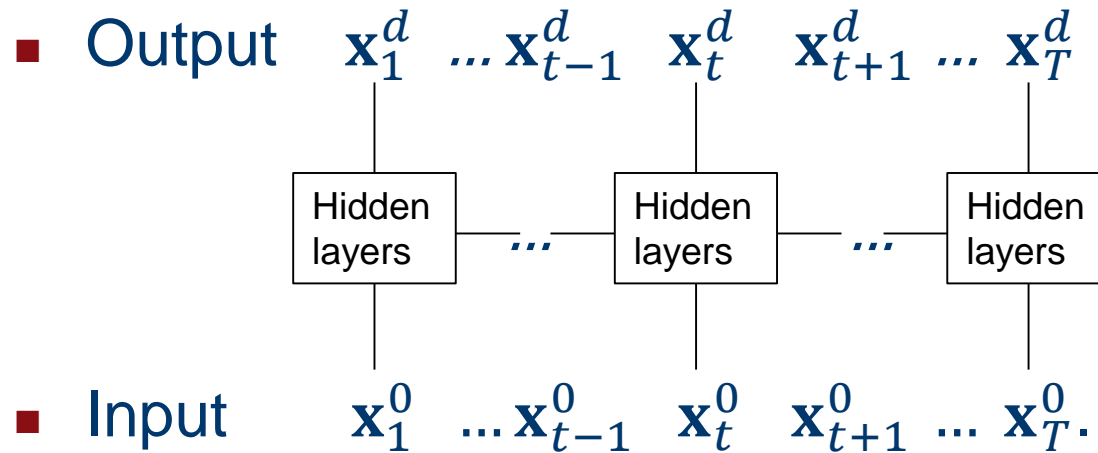
- Propagation:

- ◆  $\mathbf{h}_t^1 = \theta^1 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_t^0 \\ \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^1 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{x}_t^1 = \sigma(\mathbf{h}_t^1)$



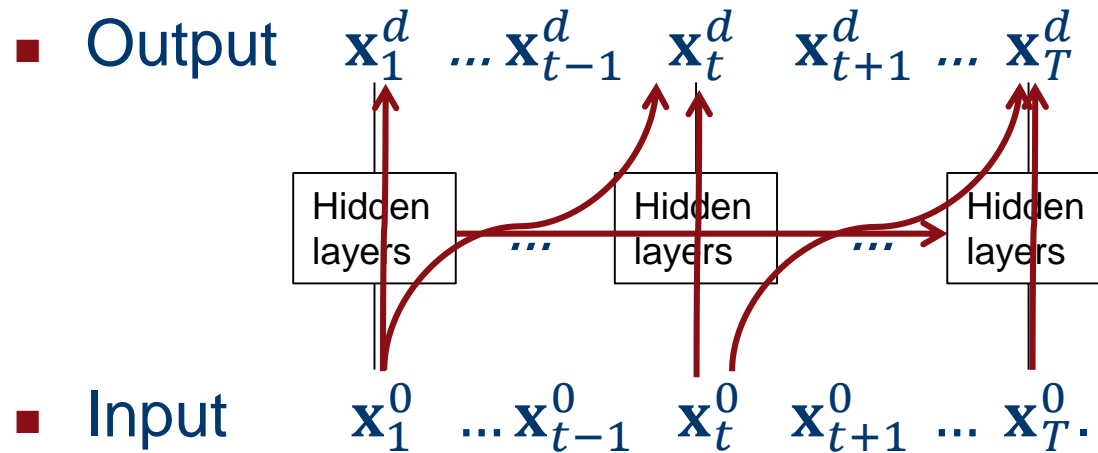
# Recurrent Neural Networks

- Identical network “unfolded” in time.
- Units on hidden layer propagate to the right.
- Hidden layer activation stores context information.



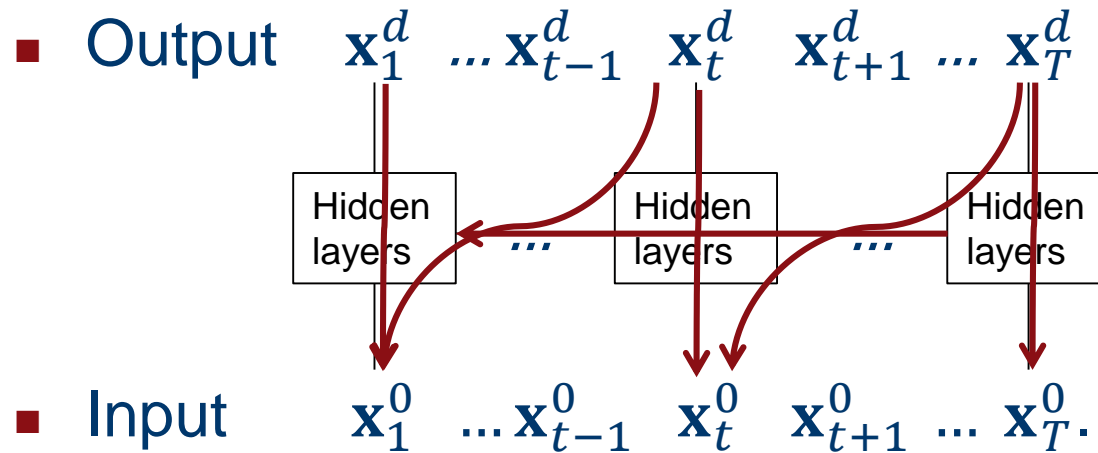
# Recurrent Neural Networks

- Forward propagation



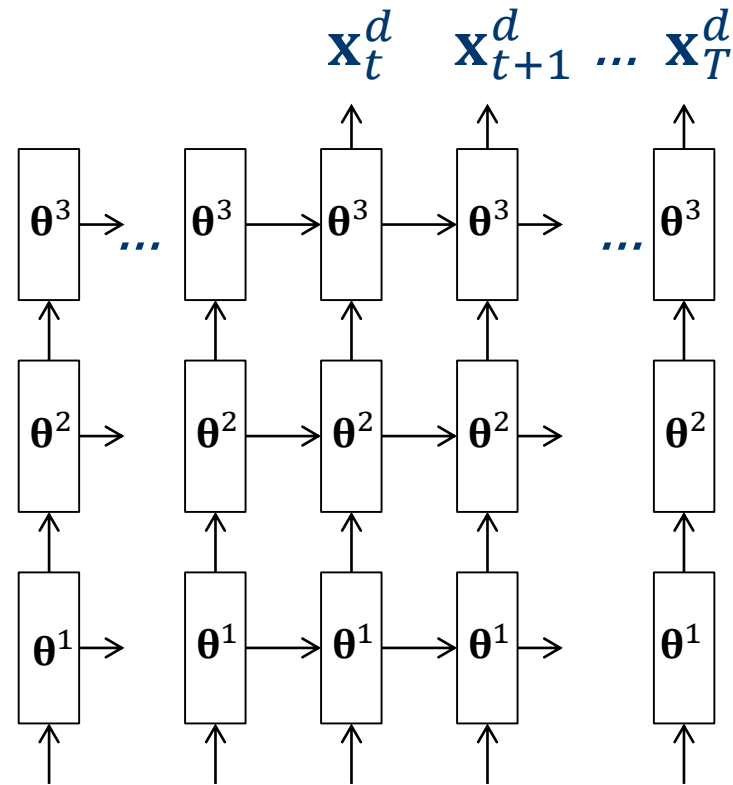
# Recurrent Neural Networks

- Back propagation through time.



# Deep Recurrent Neural Networks

## ■ Output



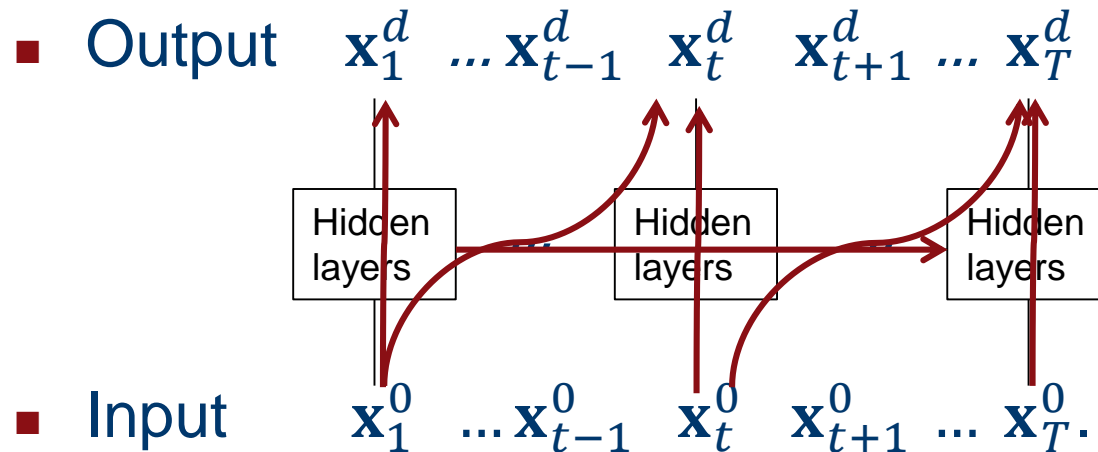
Many paths through which long-term dependencies can be propagated through the network

## ■ Input

$\mathbf{x}_1^0 \dots \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^0 \mathbf{x}_t^0 \mathbf{x}_{t+1}^0 \dots \mathbf{x}_T^0$

# Recurrent Neural Networks

- Widely used in language processing:
  - ◆ Speech recognition,
  - ◆ Machine translation,





# Summary

- Computational model of neural information processing.
- Feed-forward networks: layer-wise matrix multiplication + activation function.
- Back propagation: stochastic gradient descent. Gradient computation by layer-wise matrix multiplication + derivative of activation function.
- Convolutional neural networks: layer-wise application of local filters.
- Recurrent neural networks: state information passed on to next time step.