Machine learning basics

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Machine learning

Machine learning (ML) is a subfield of artificial intelligence.

Intuitively We want to *learn from* and *make predictions on* data.

Technically We want to update the parameters of a model to make it describe our training data as well as possible ("well" being defined by a *loss function*).

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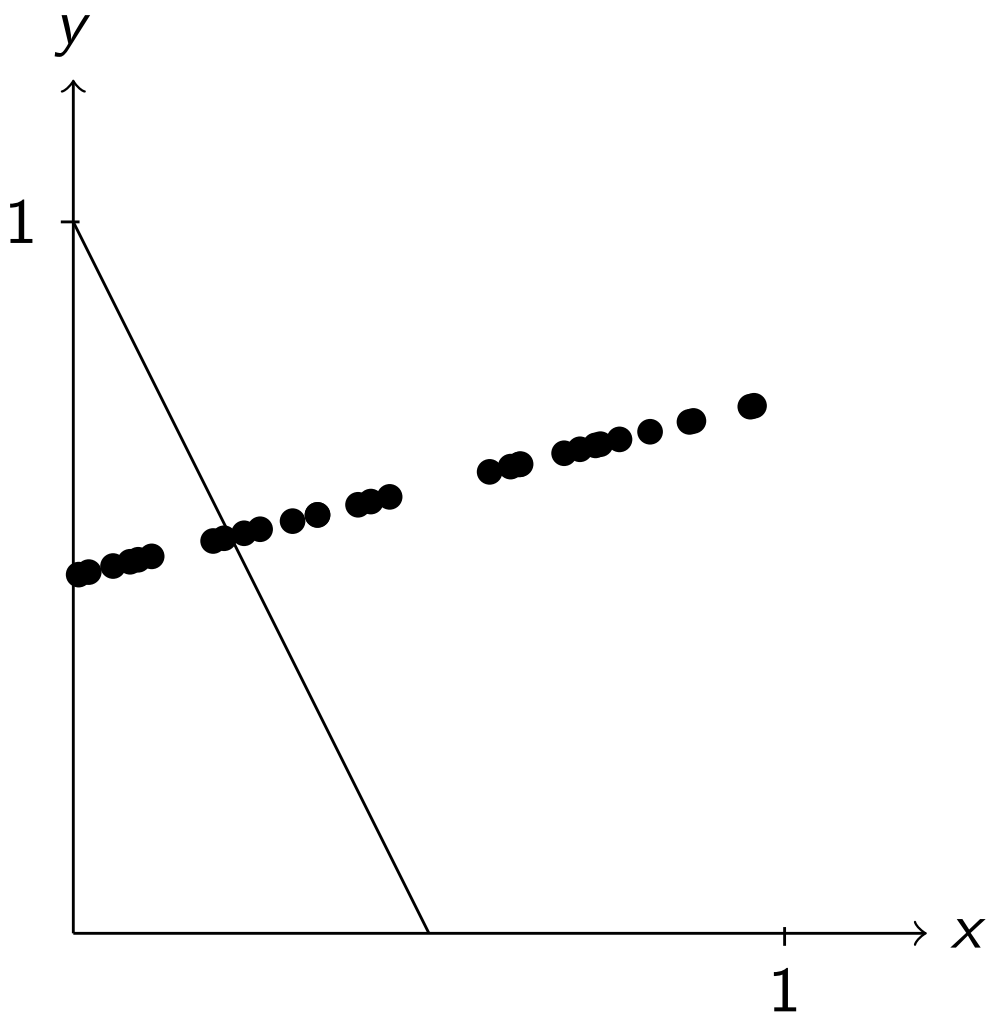

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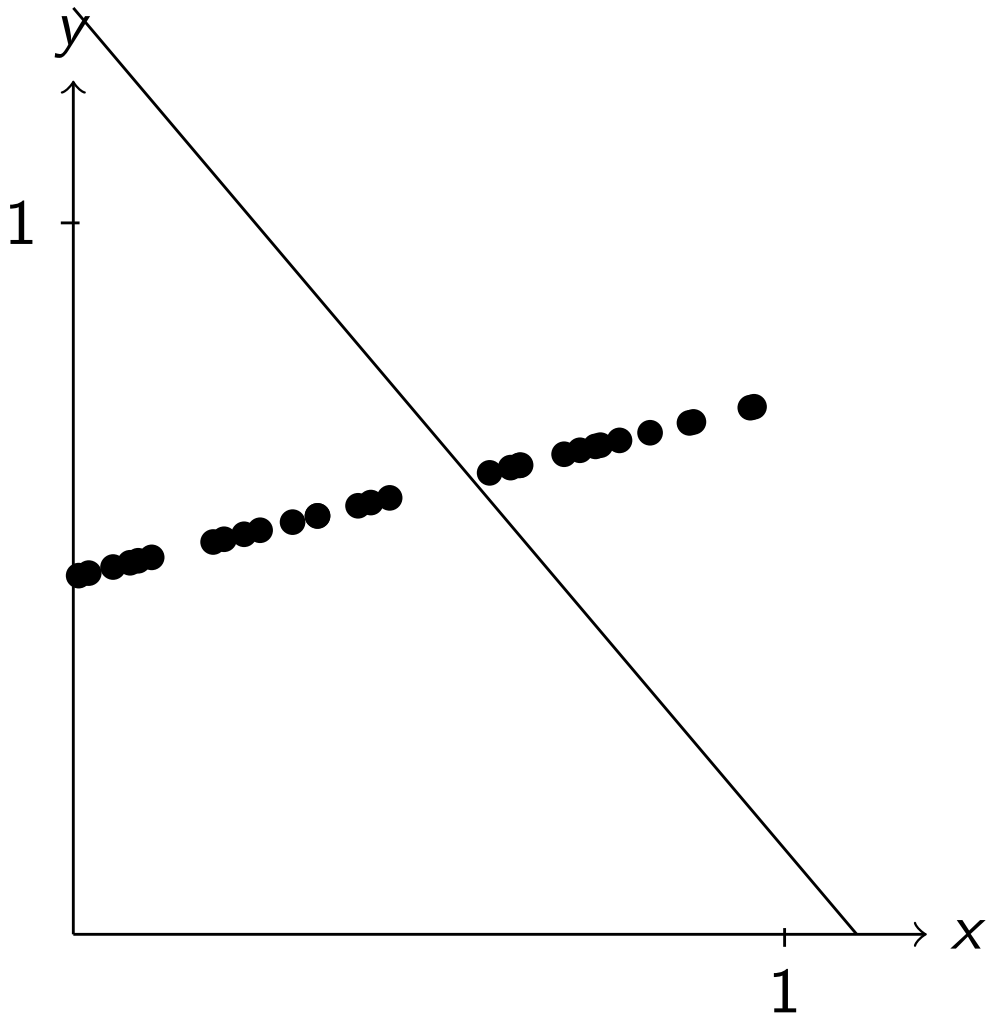

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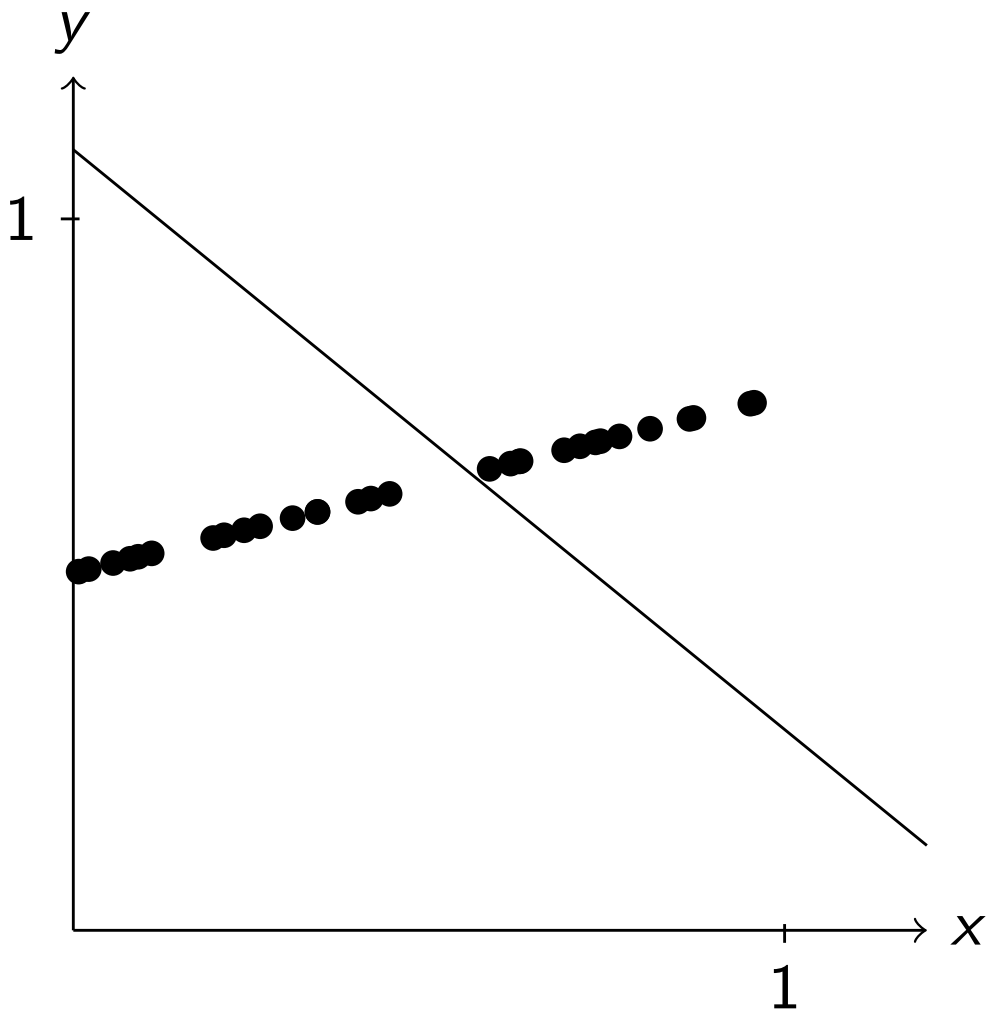

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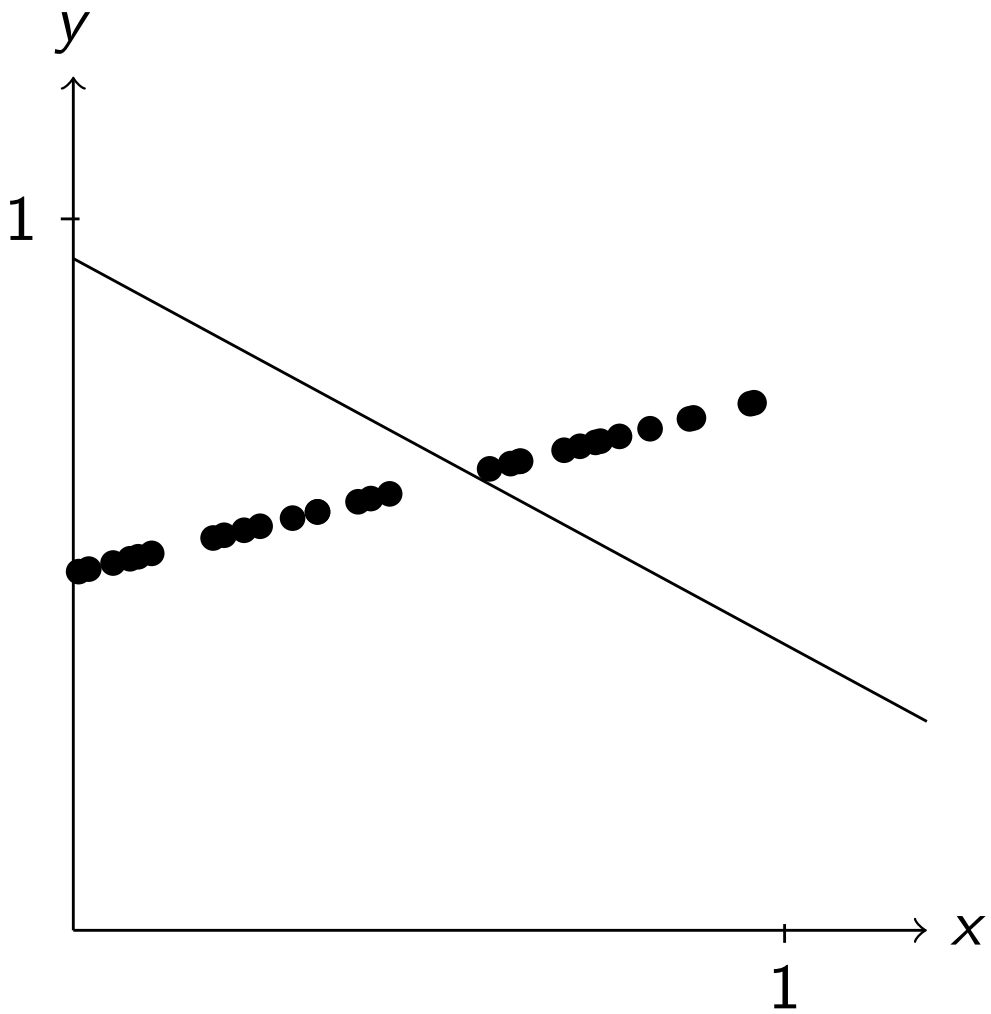

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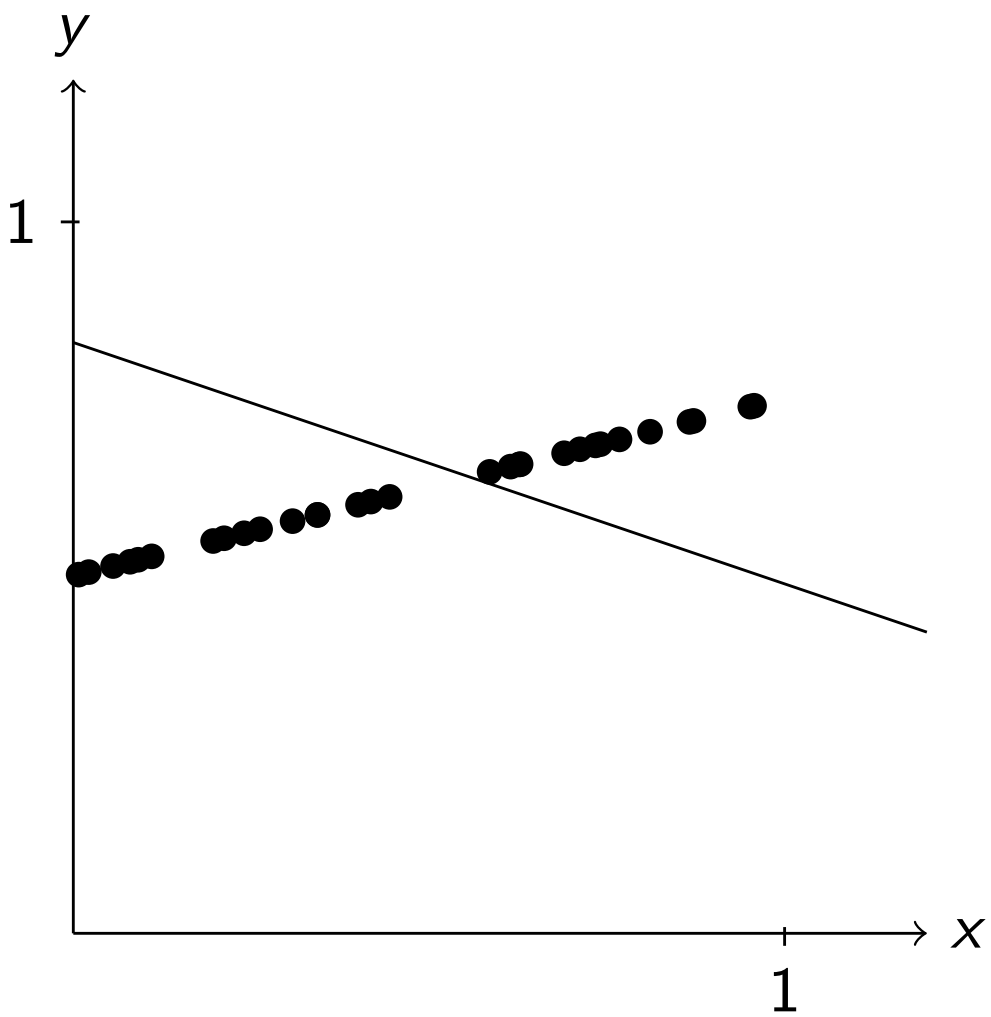

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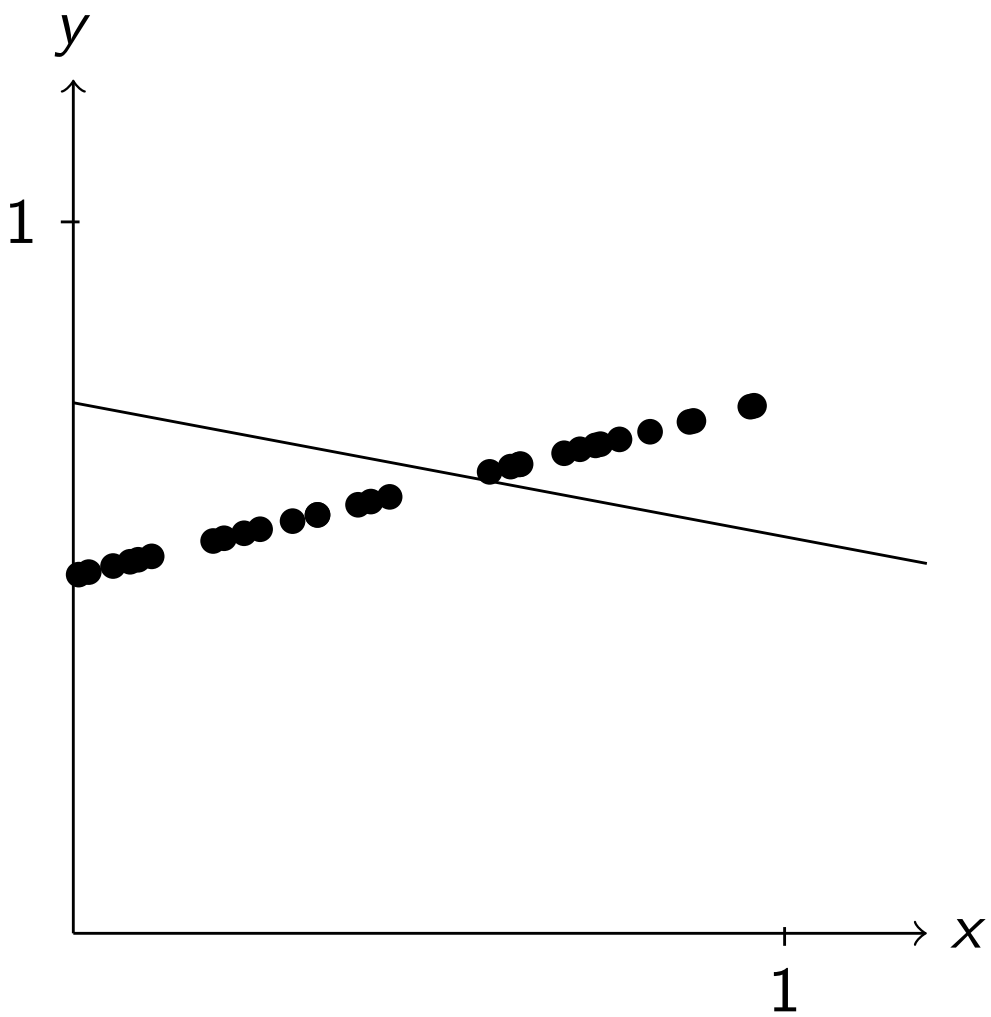

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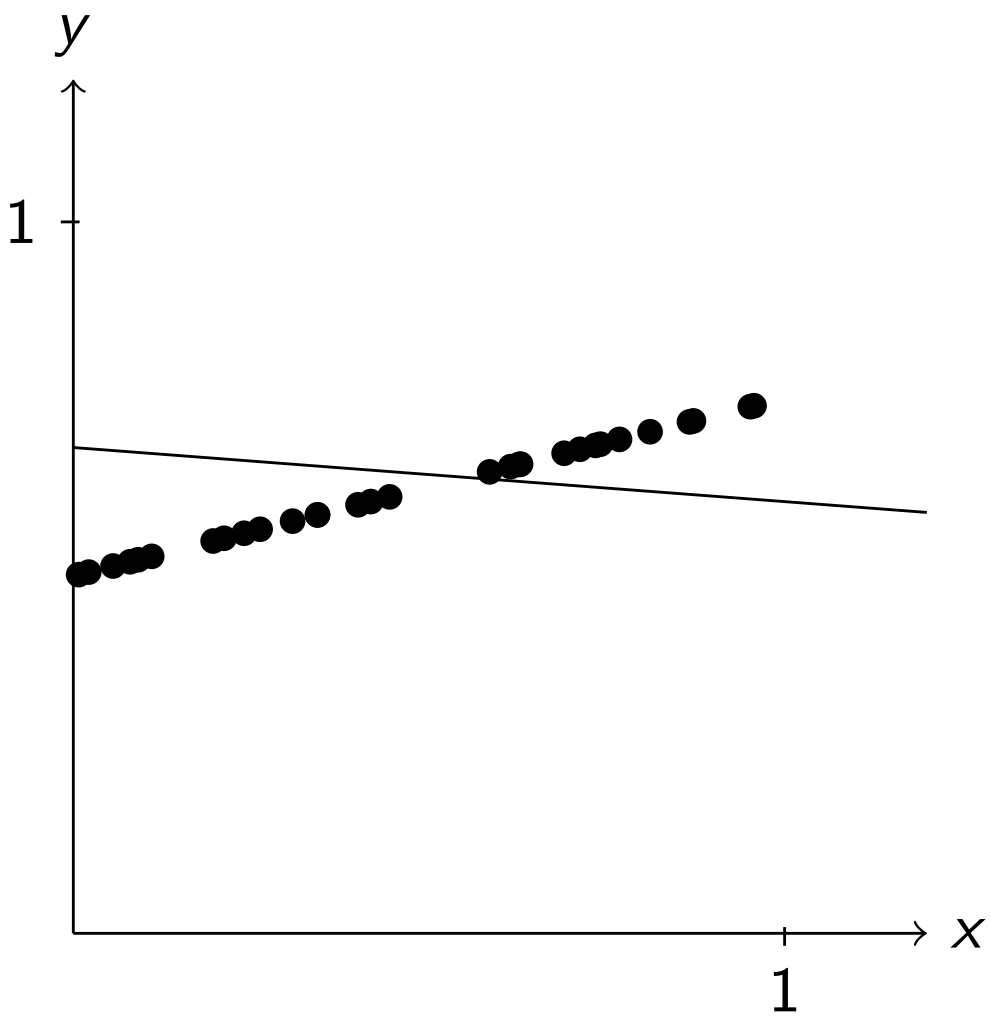

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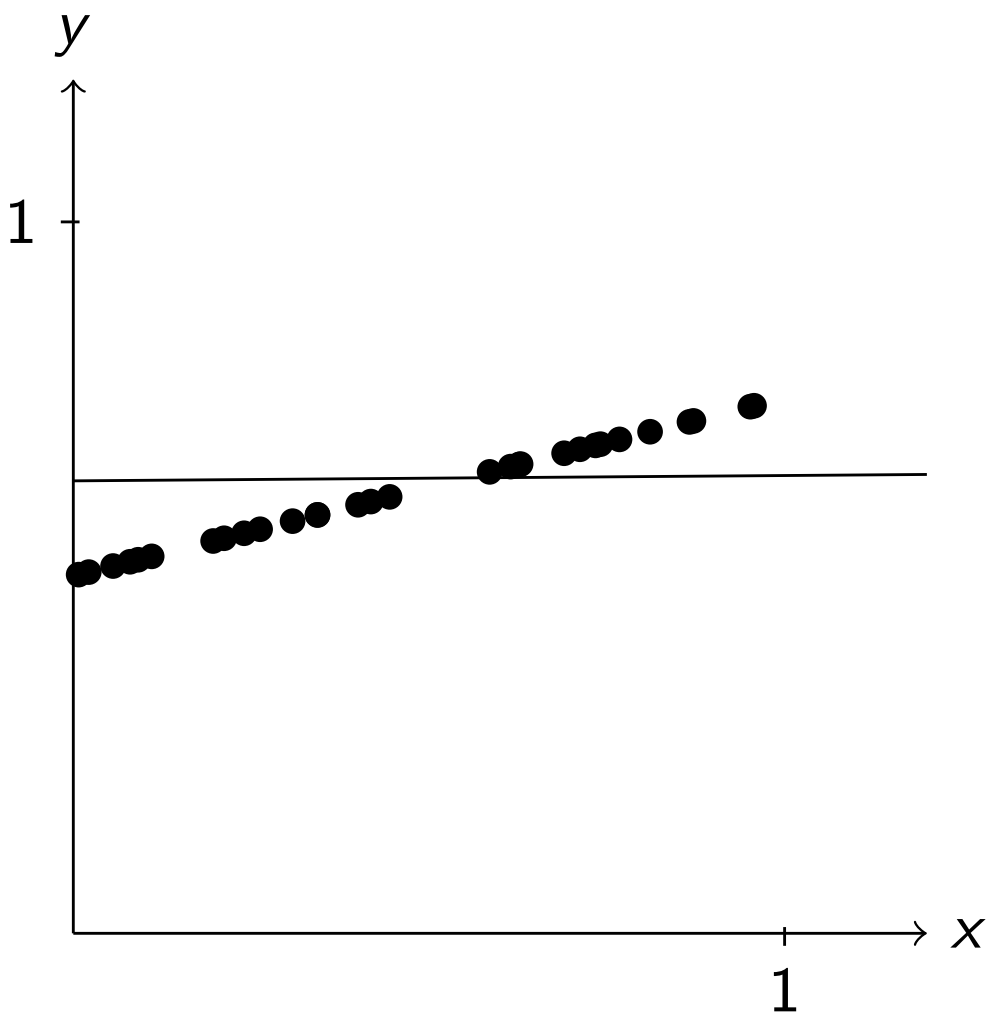

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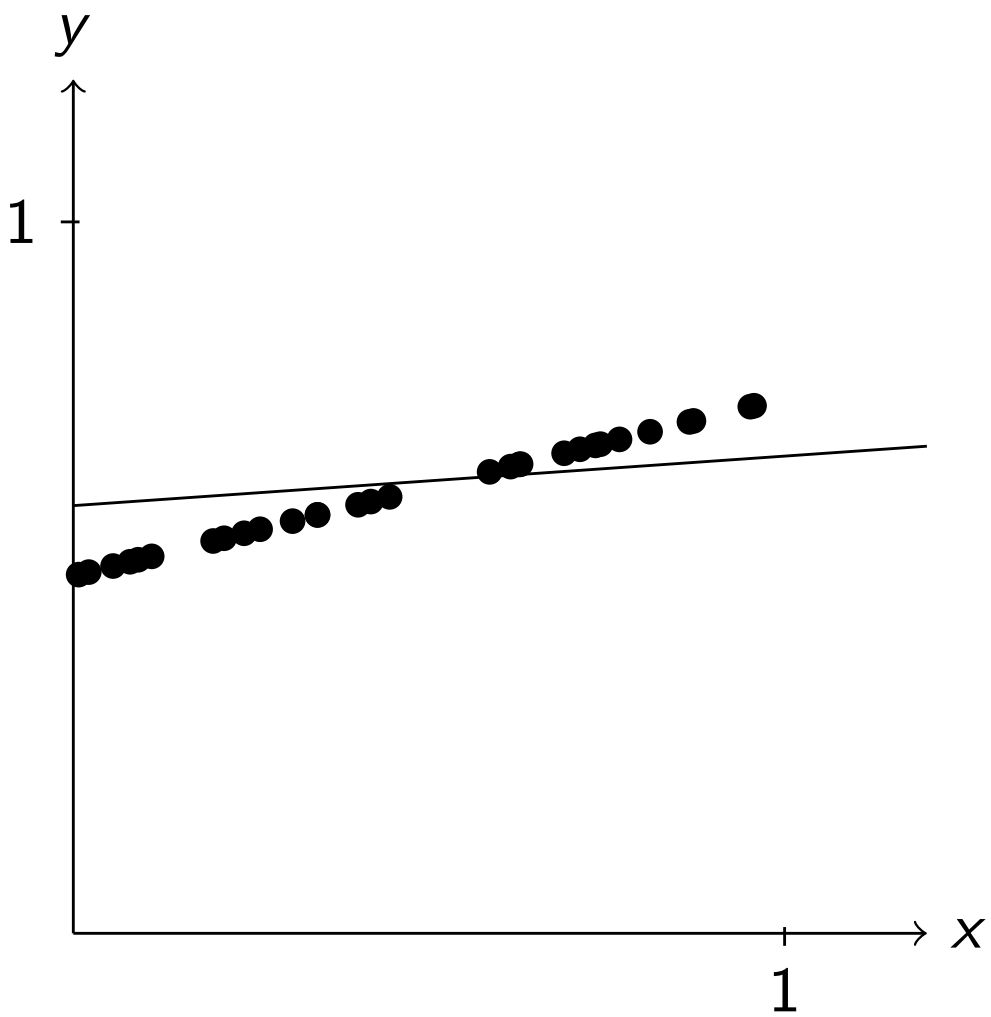

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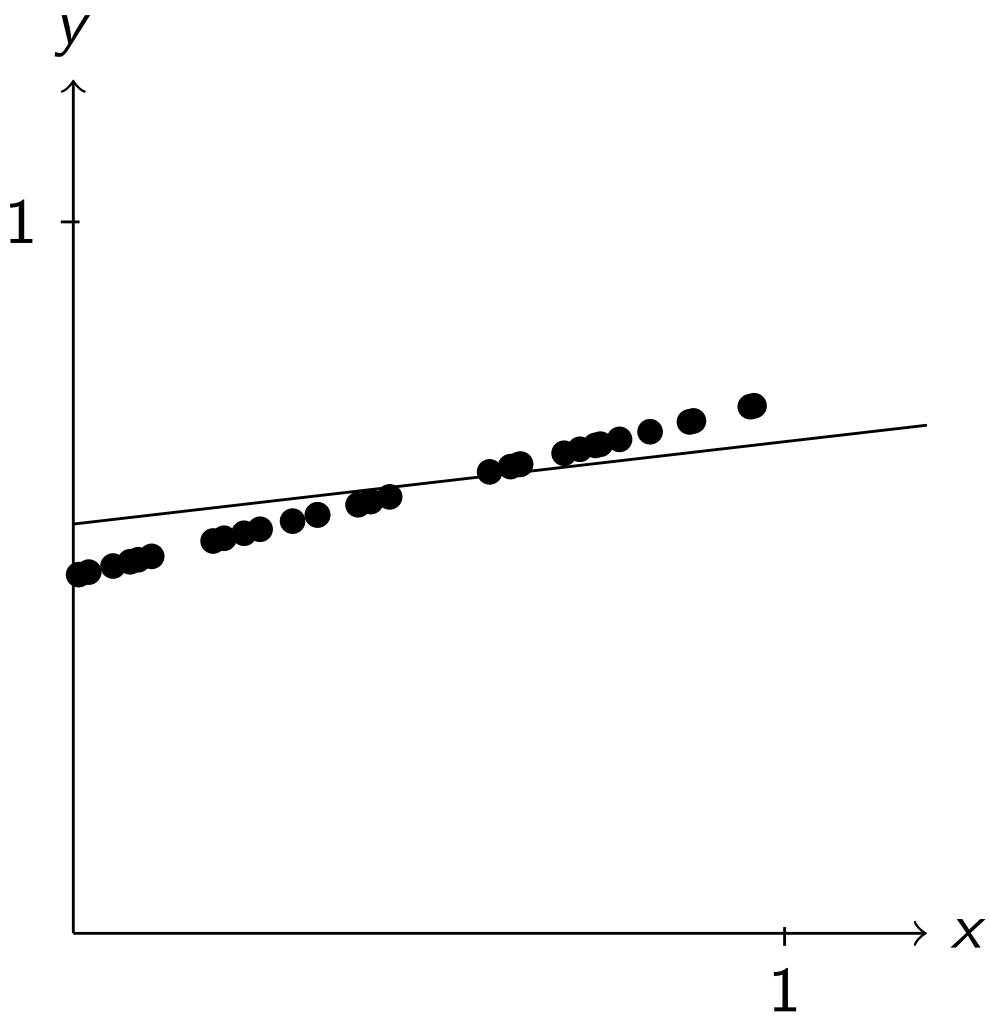

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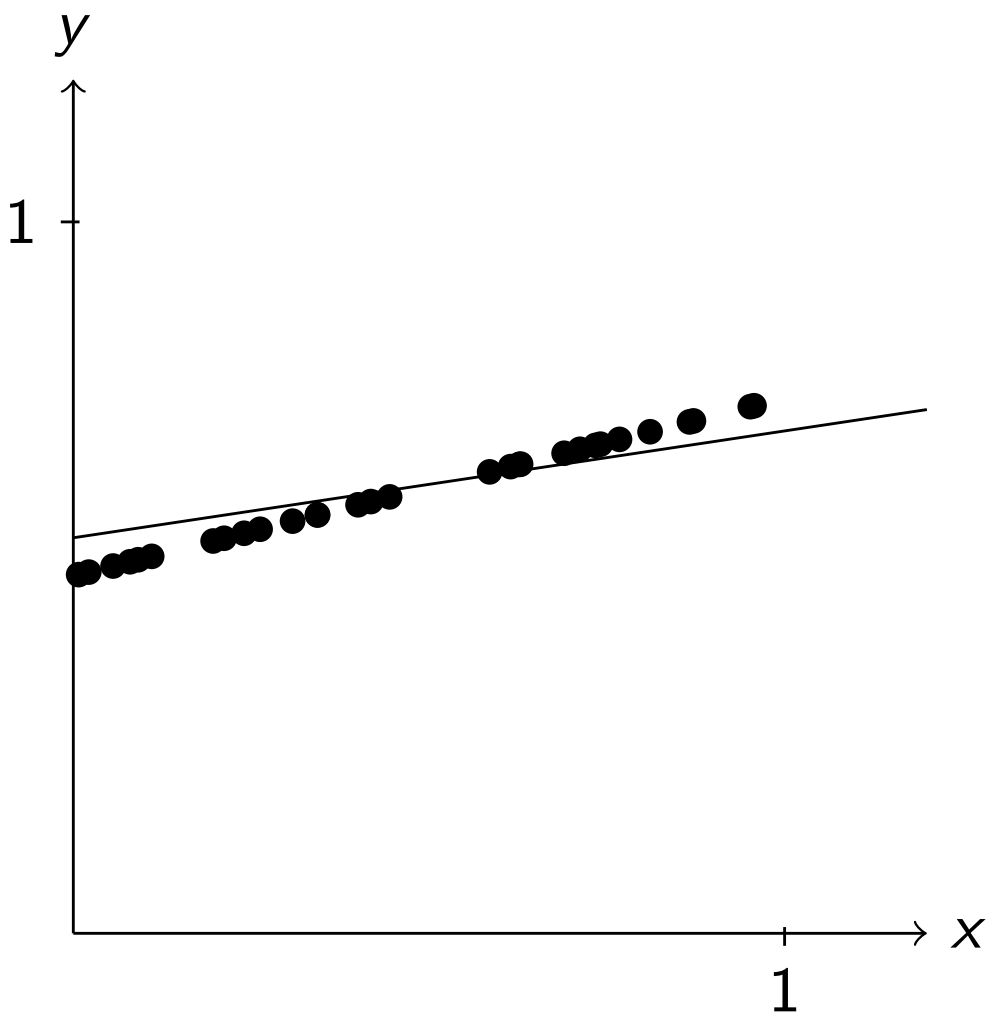

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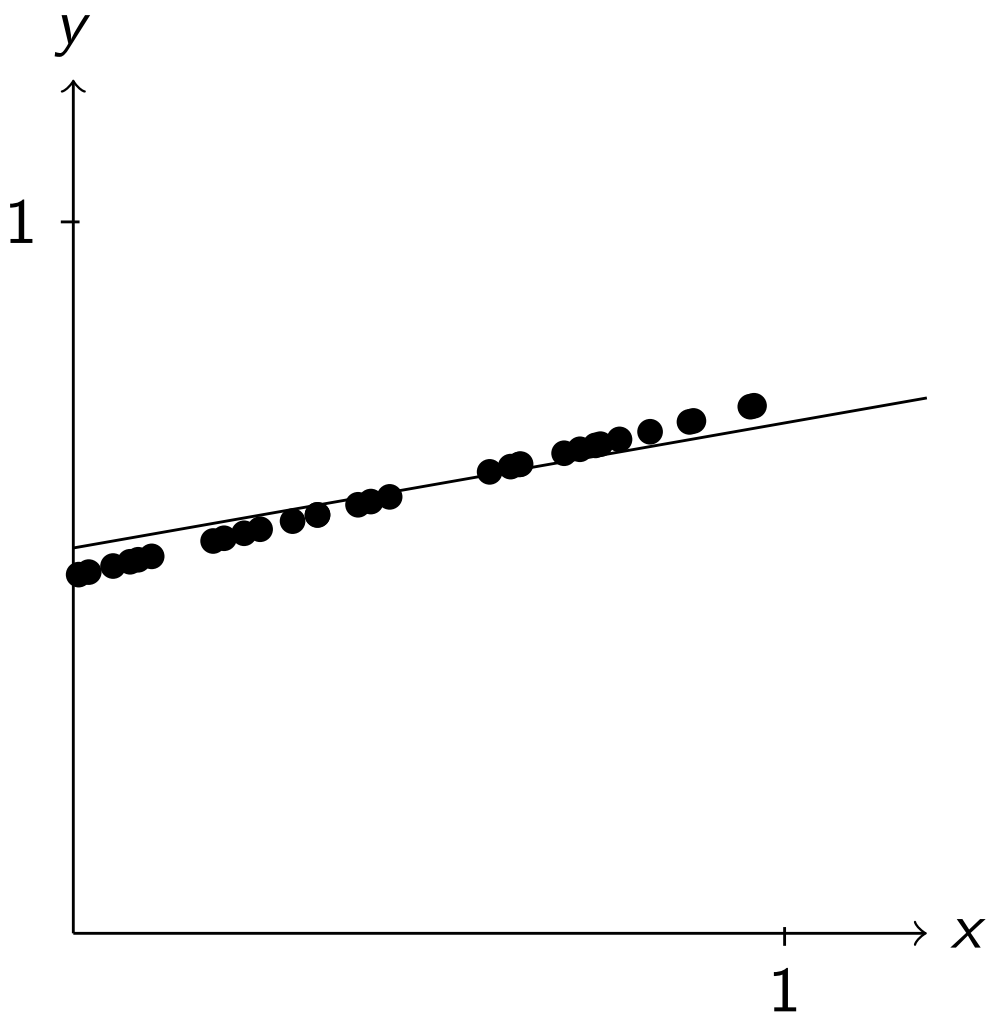

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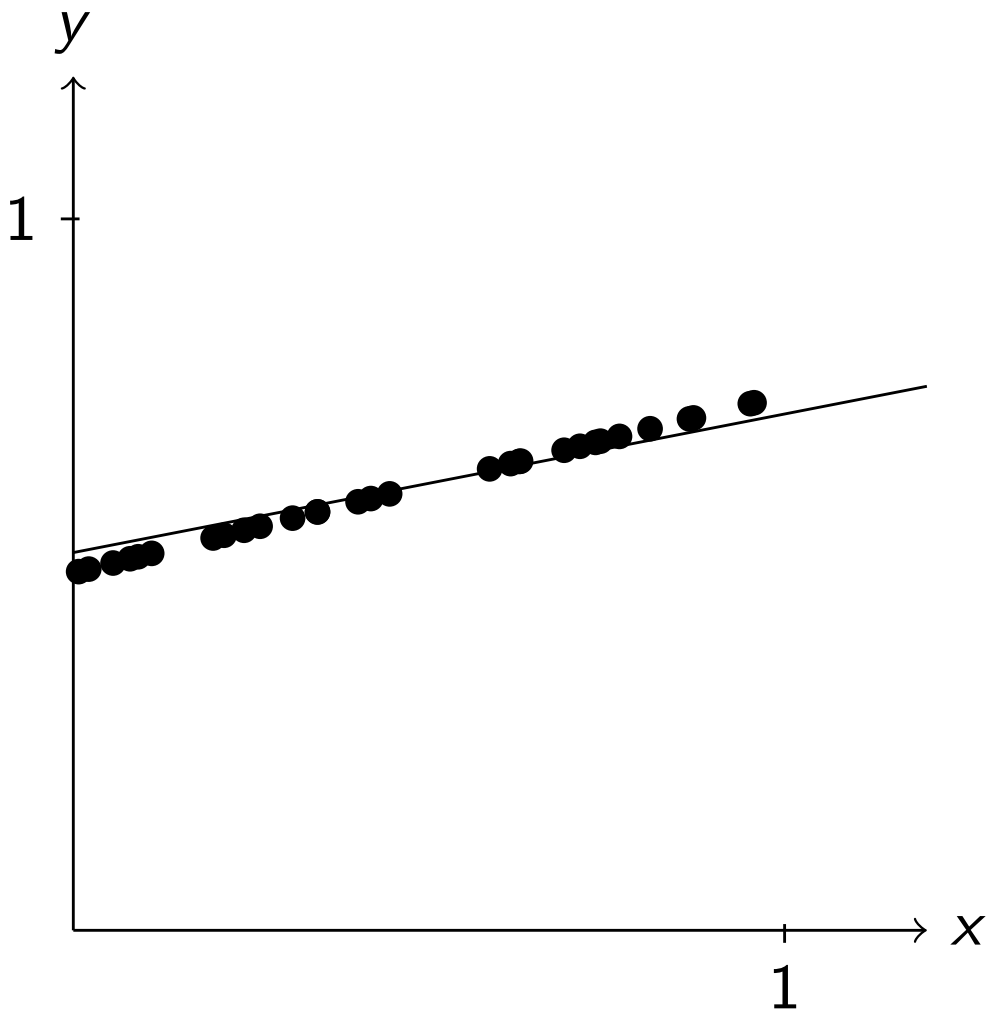

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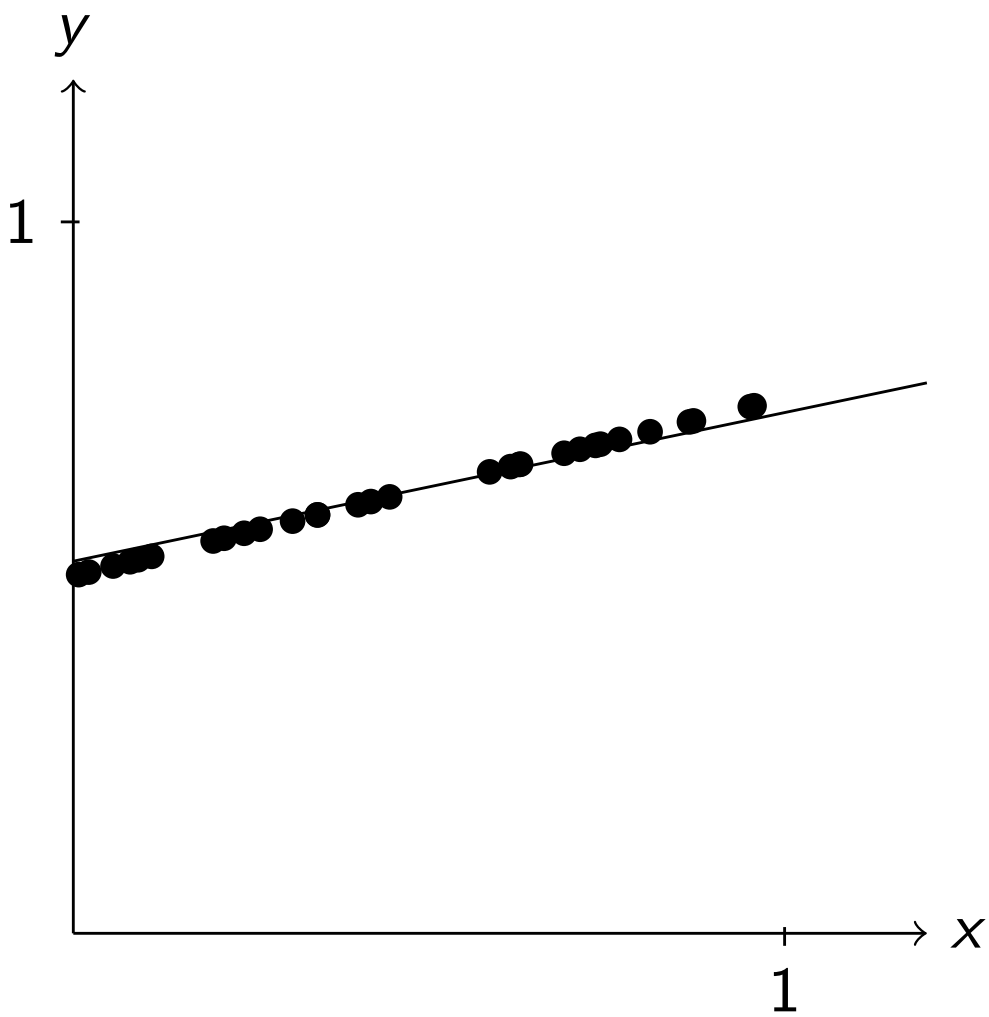

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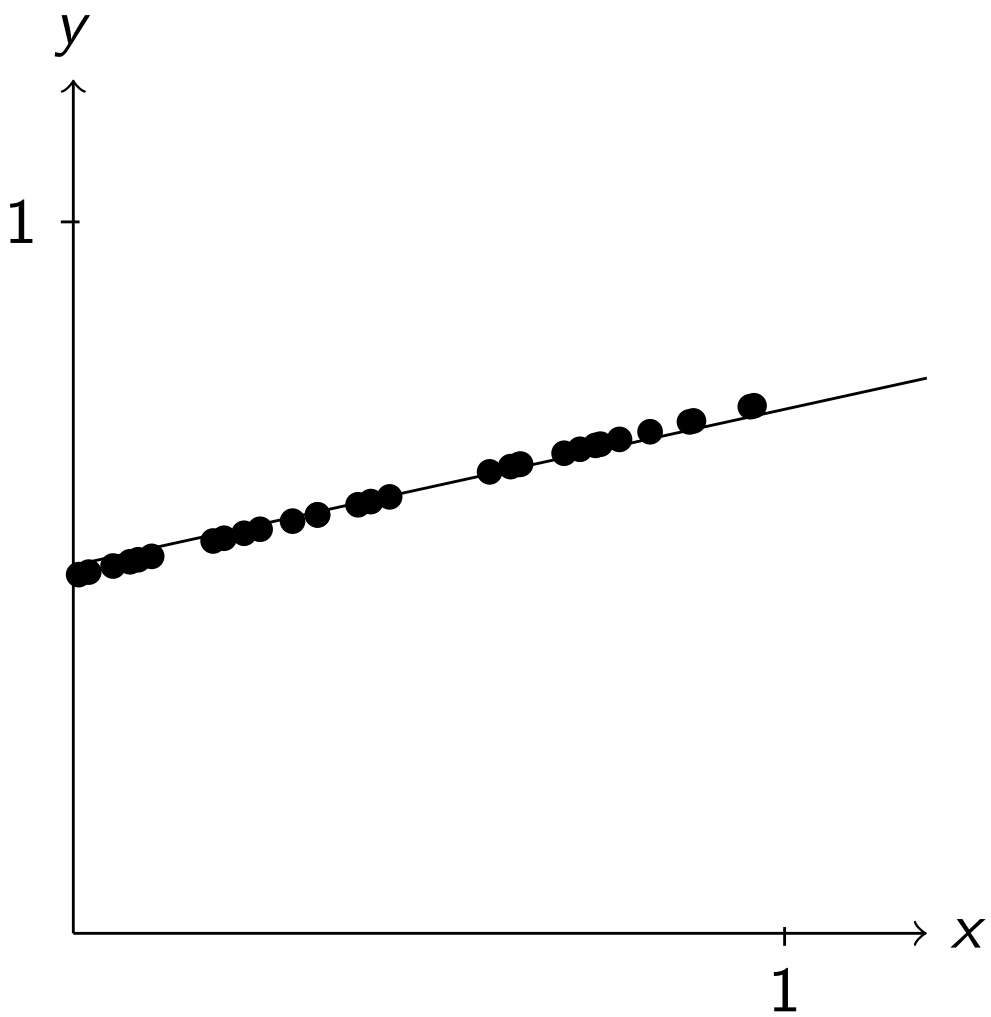

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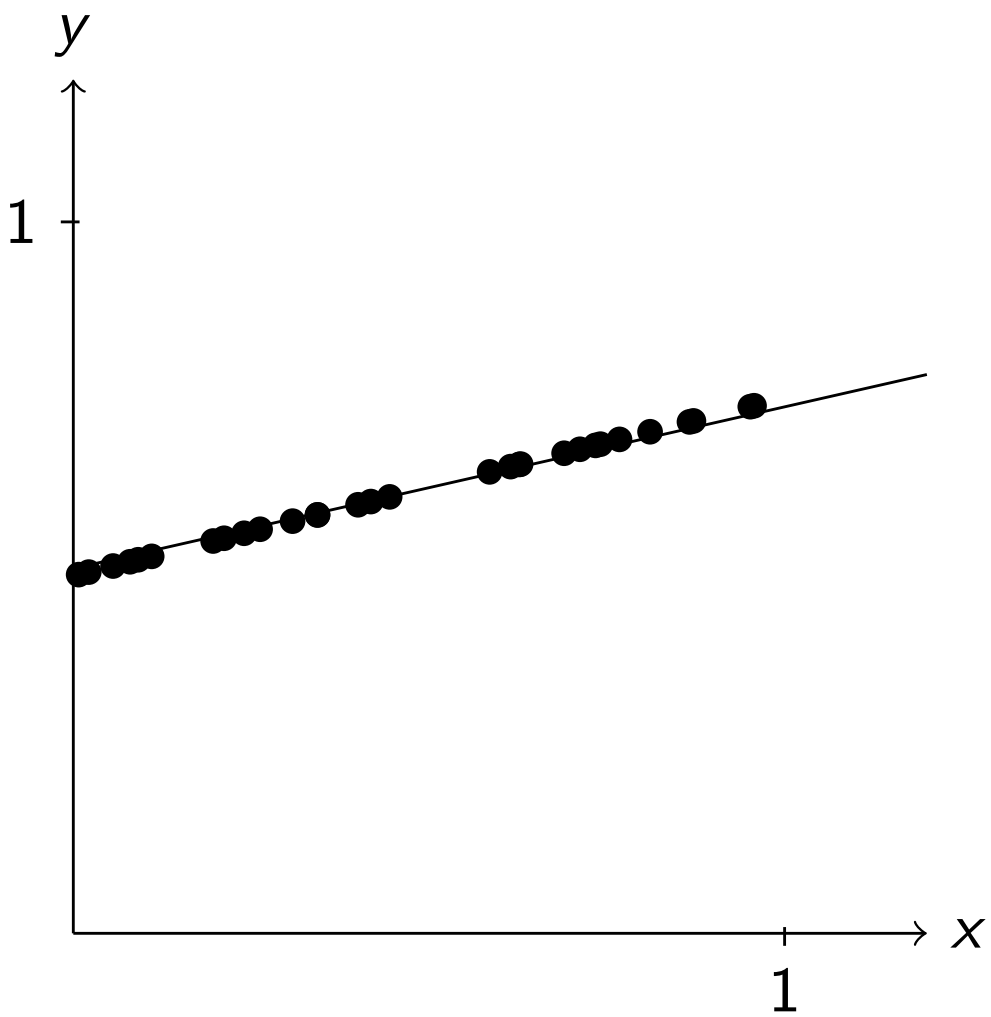

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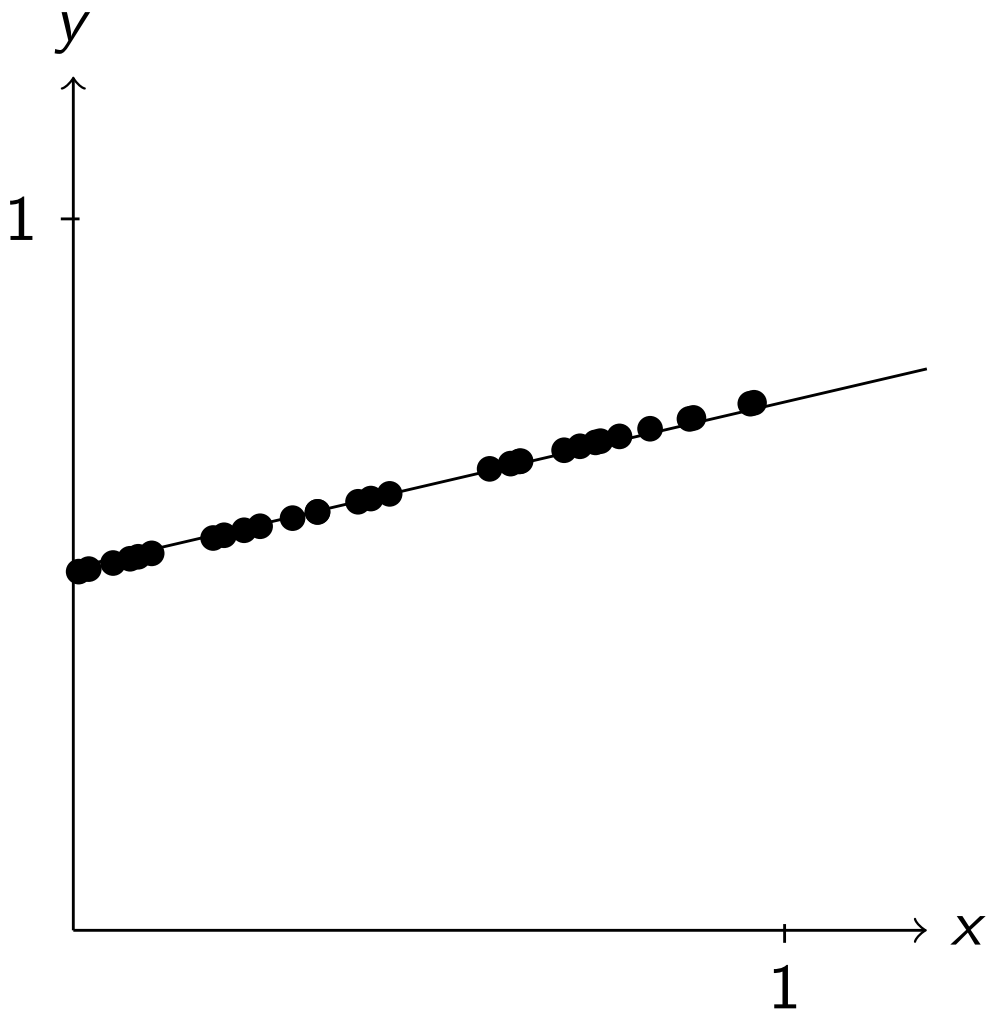

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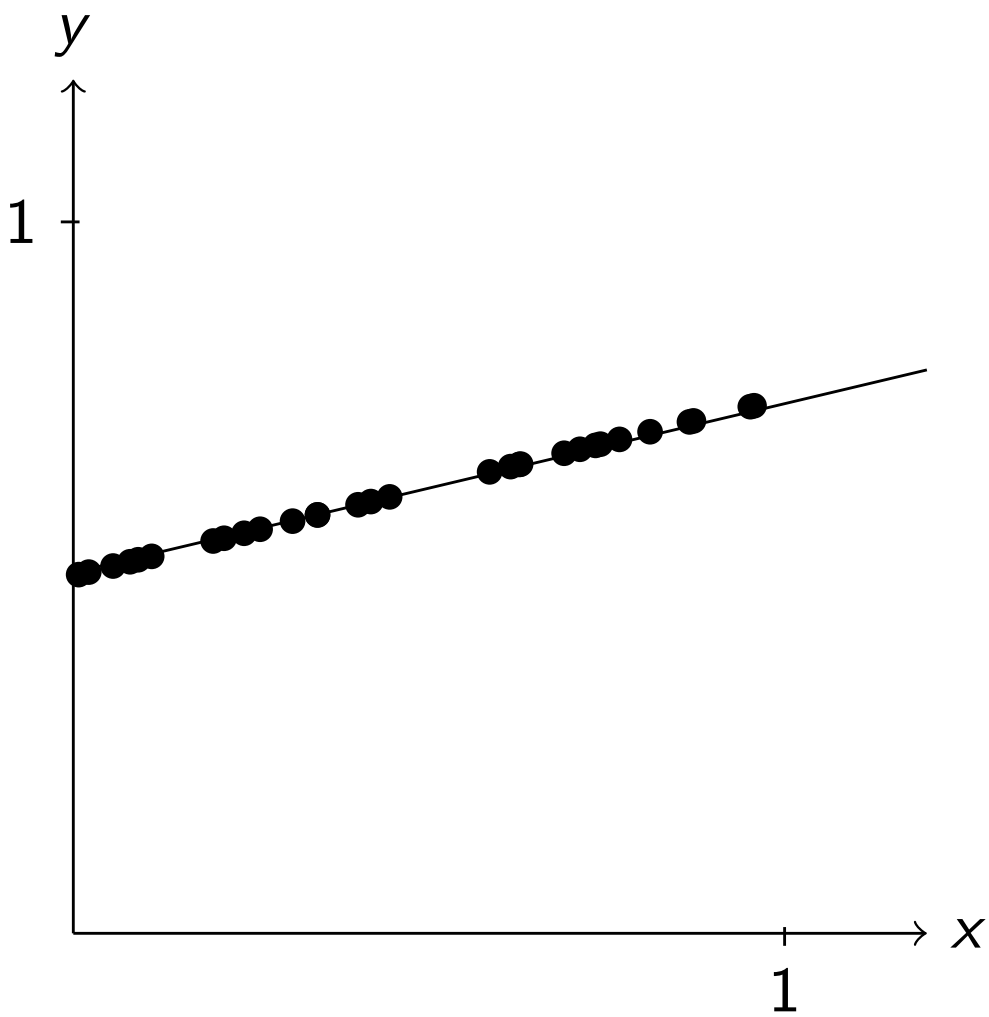

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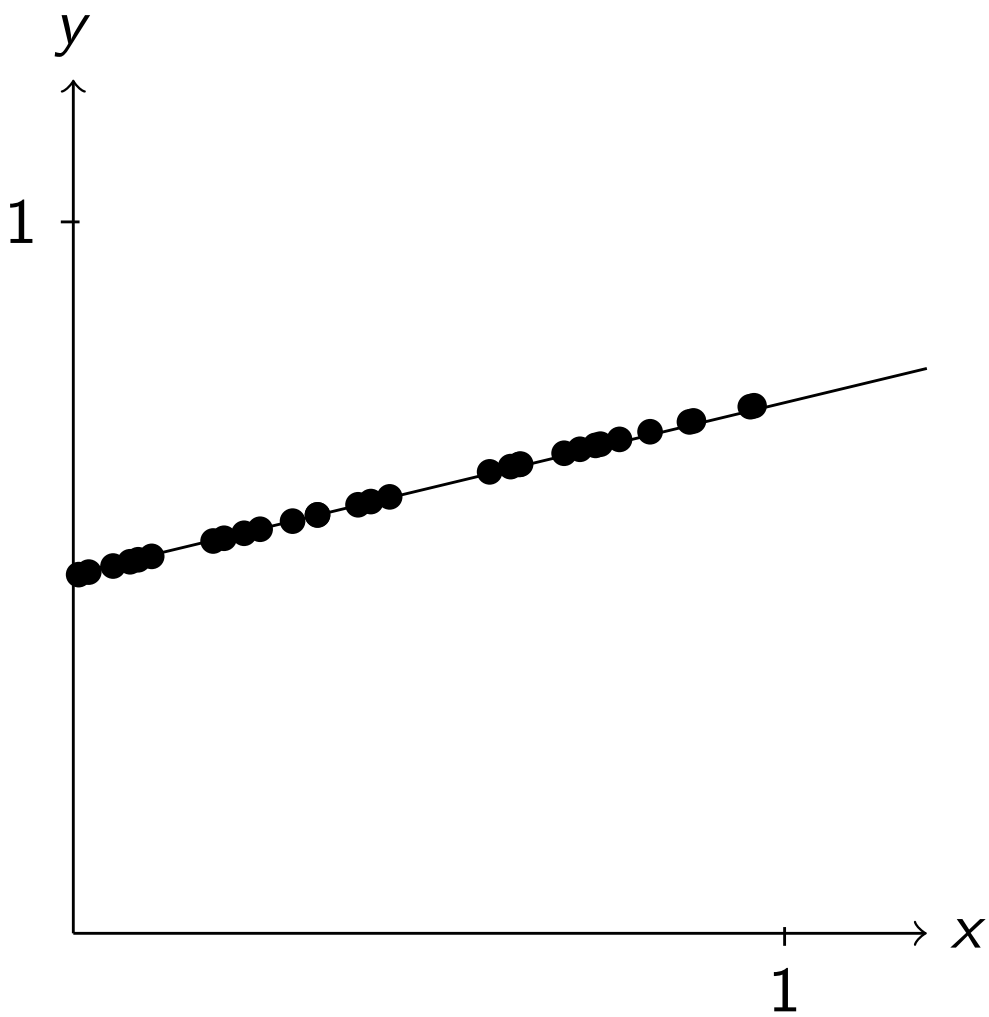

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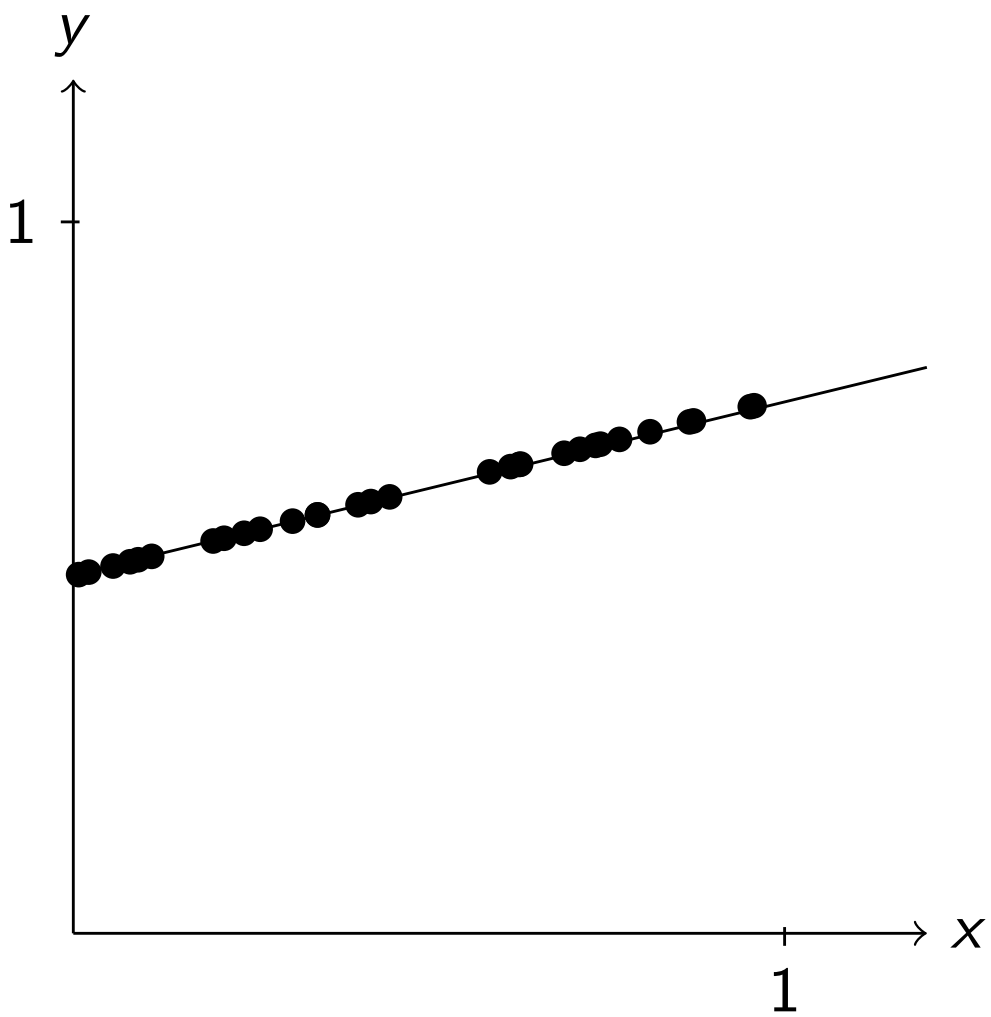

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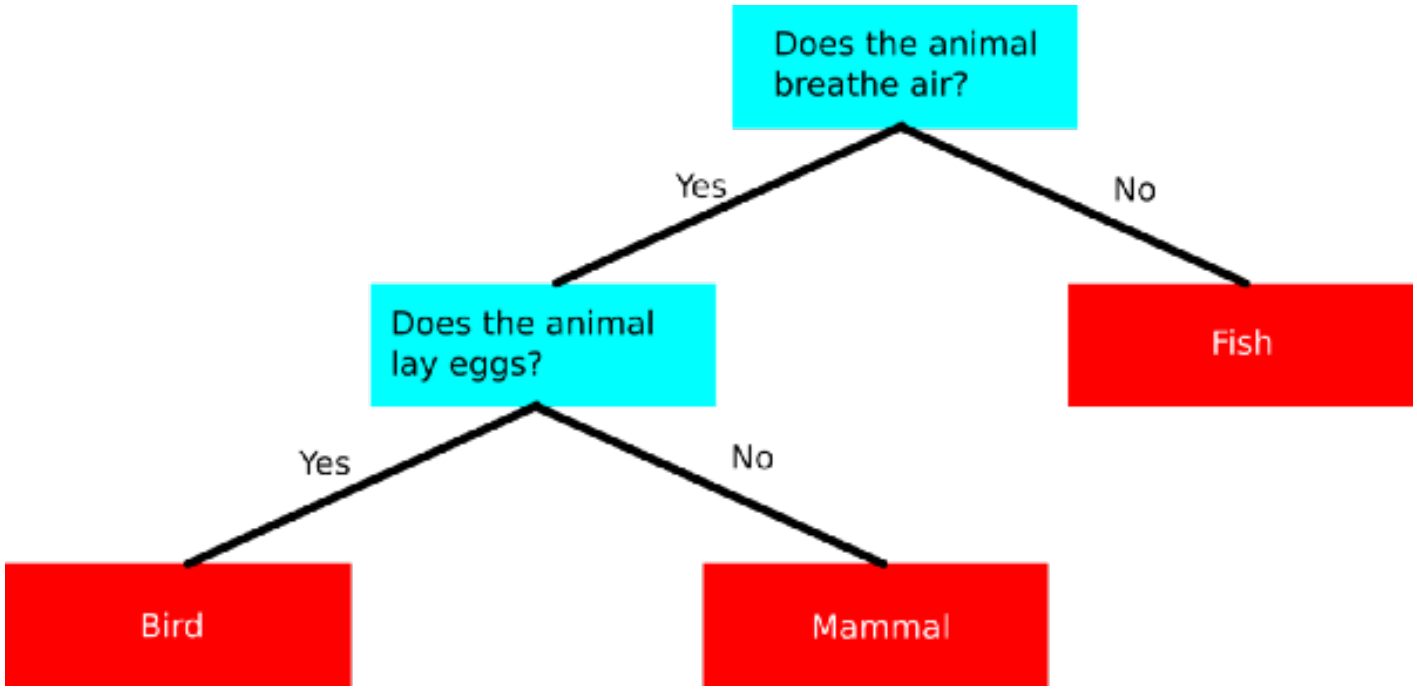
Decision tree



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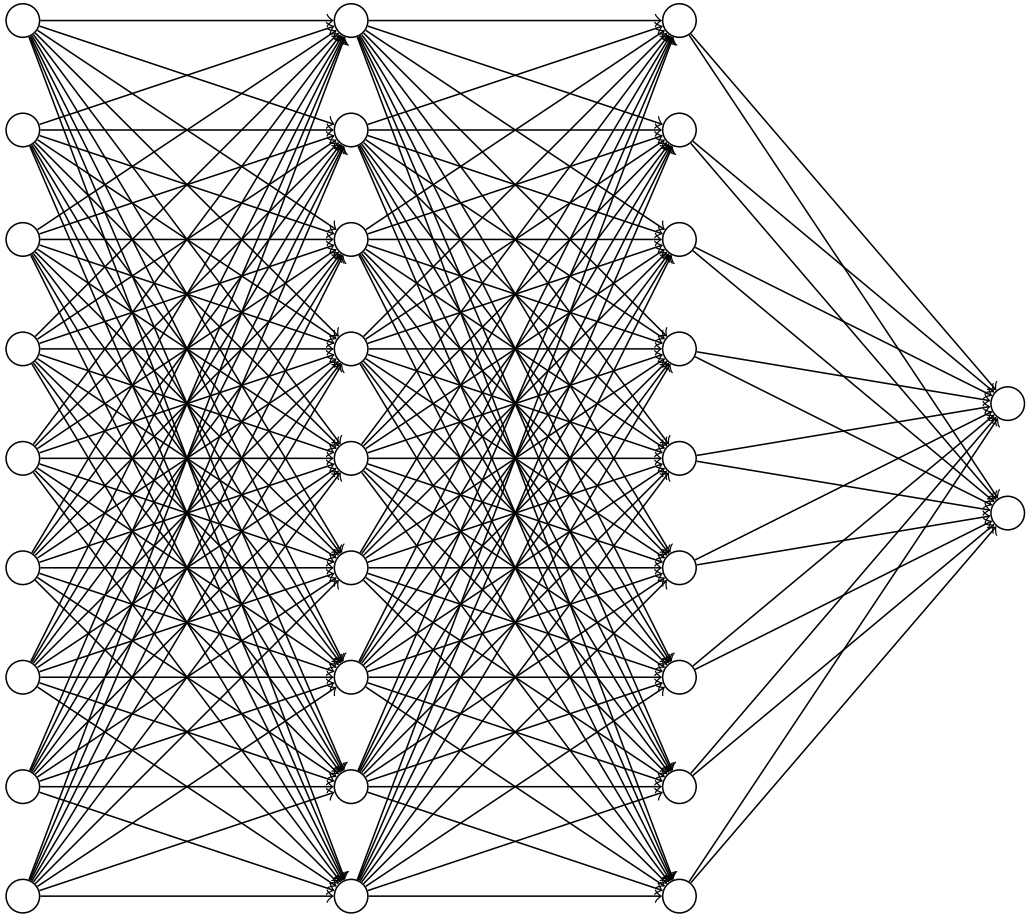

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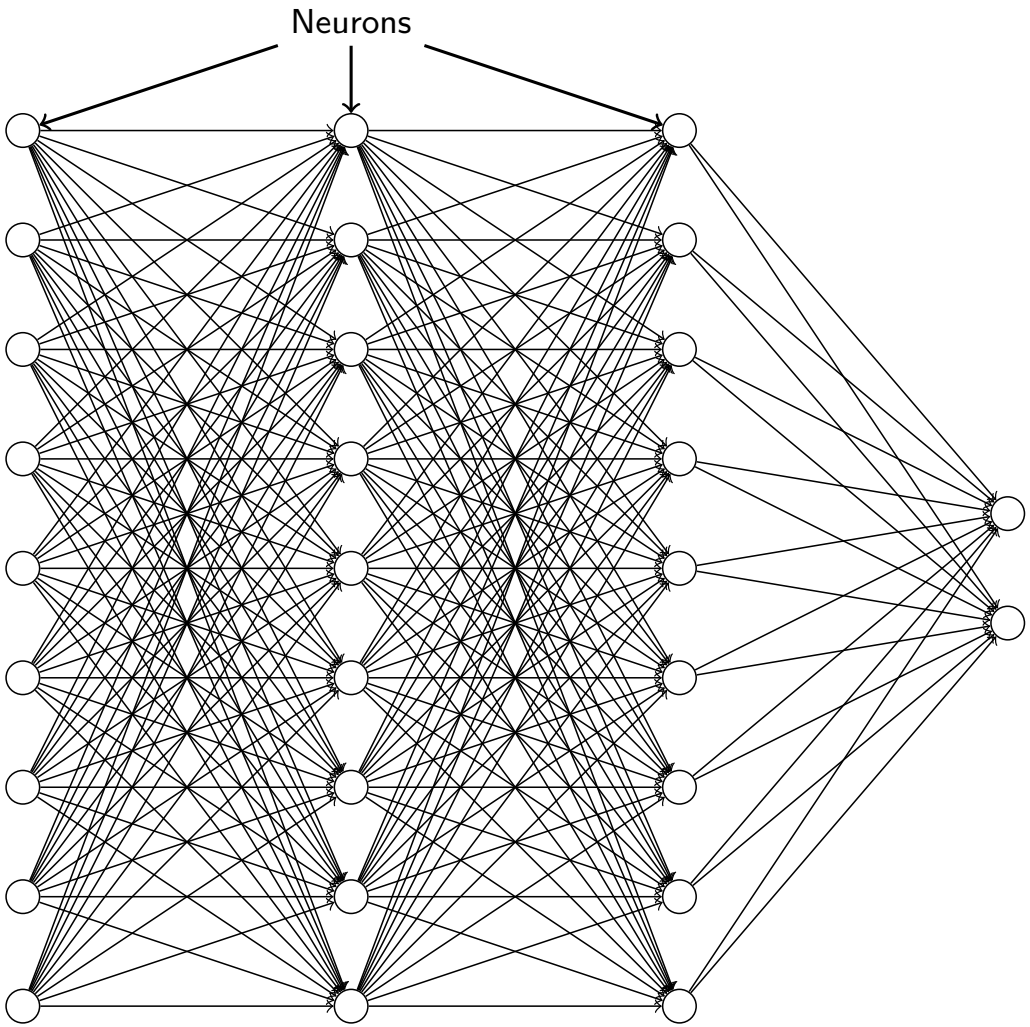

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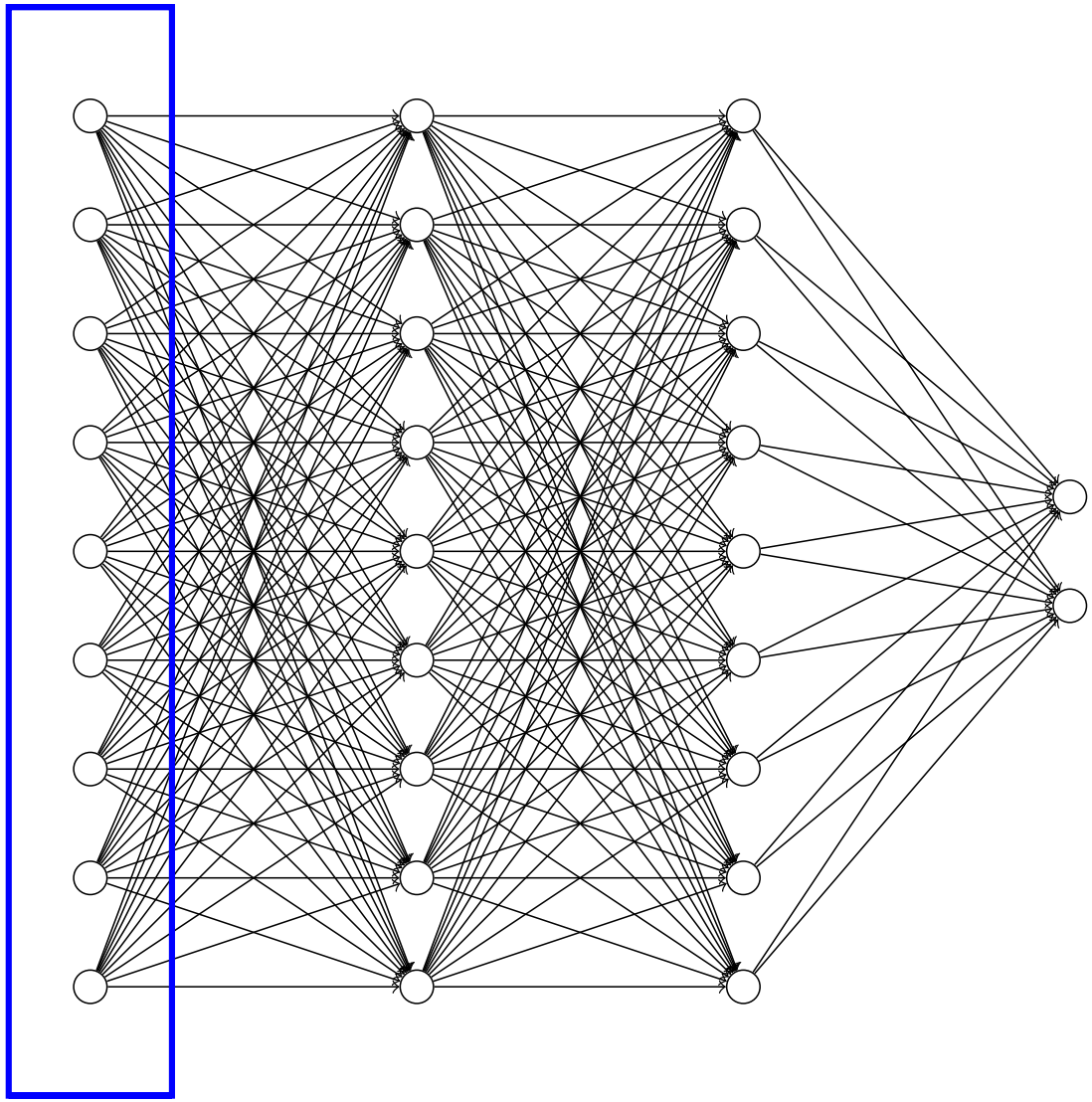

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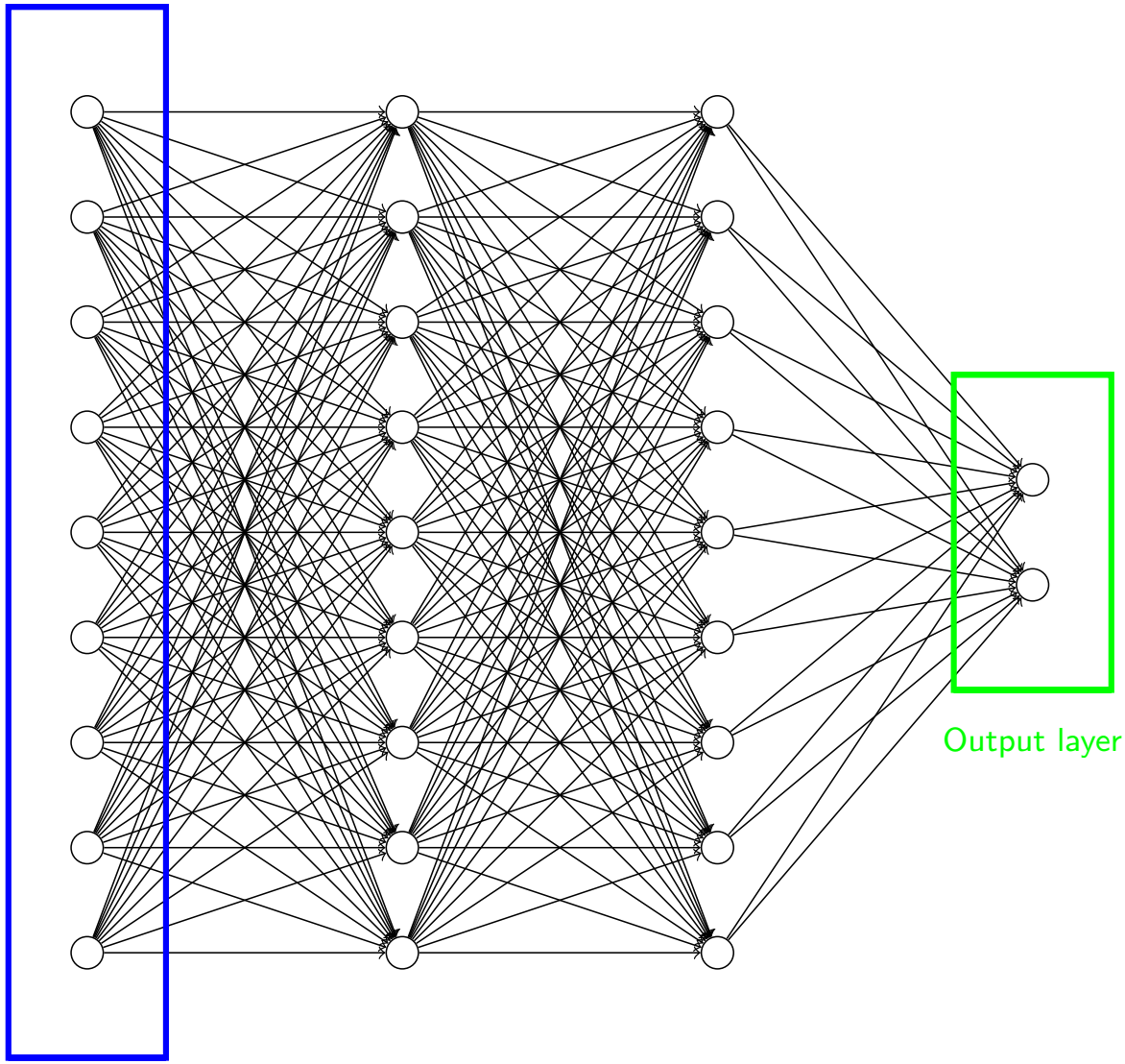

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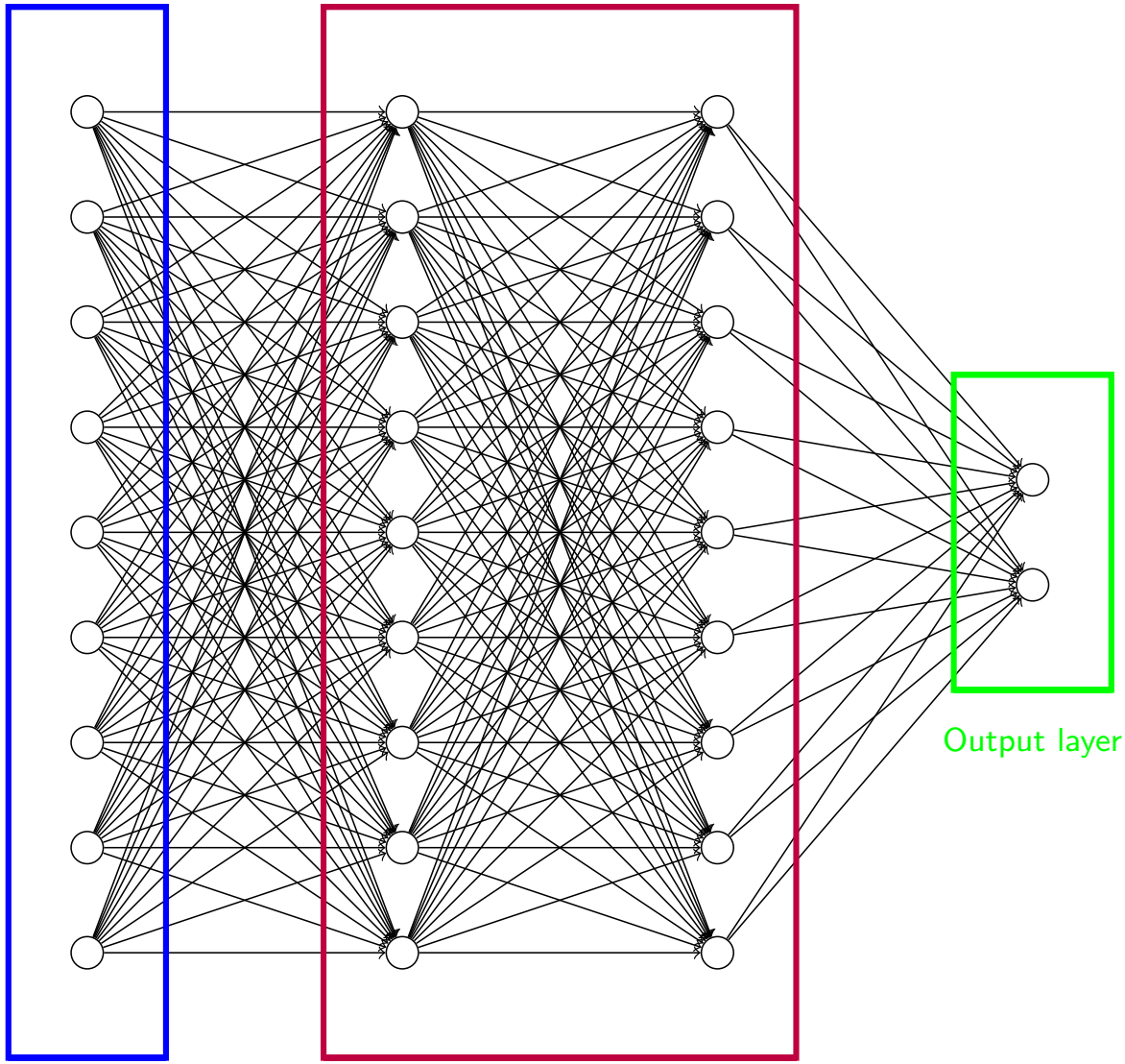
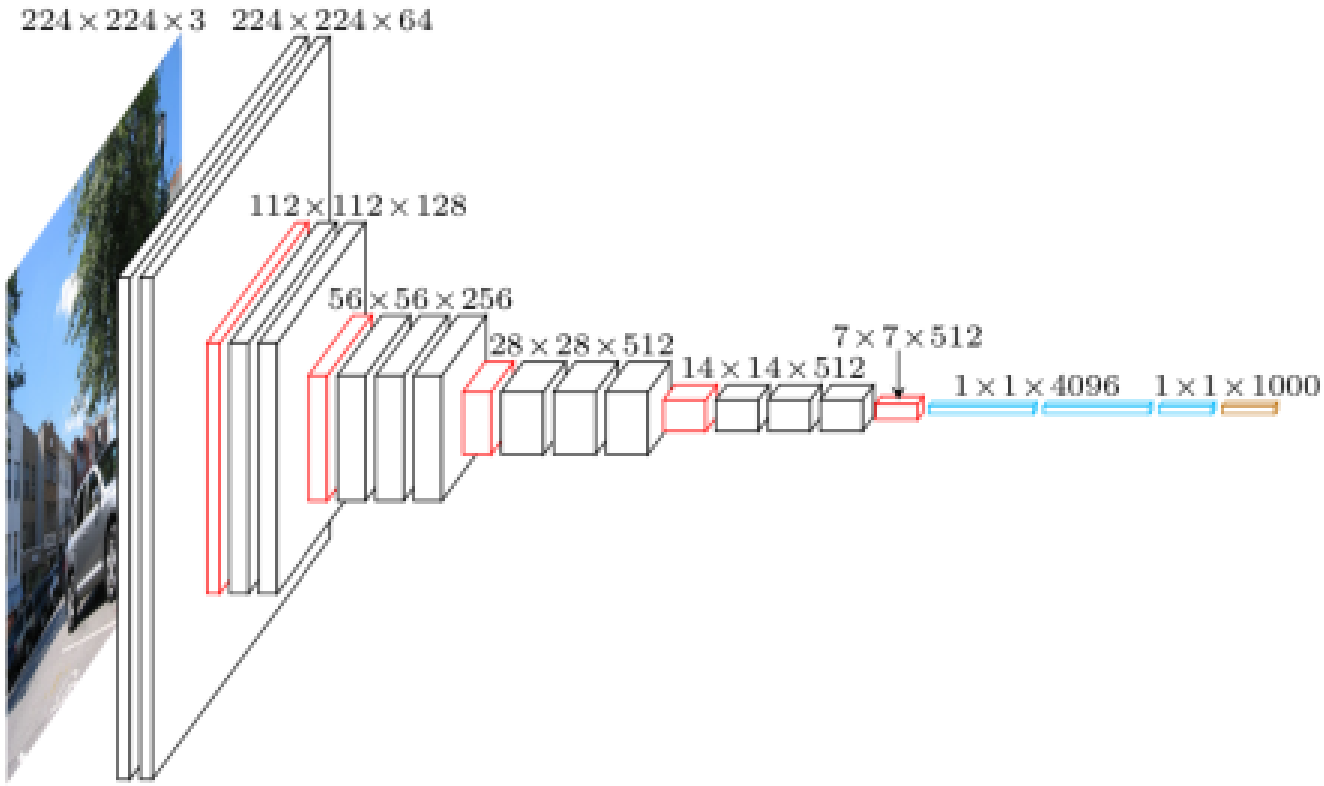


Deep learning architecture

Image recognition (VGG 16)



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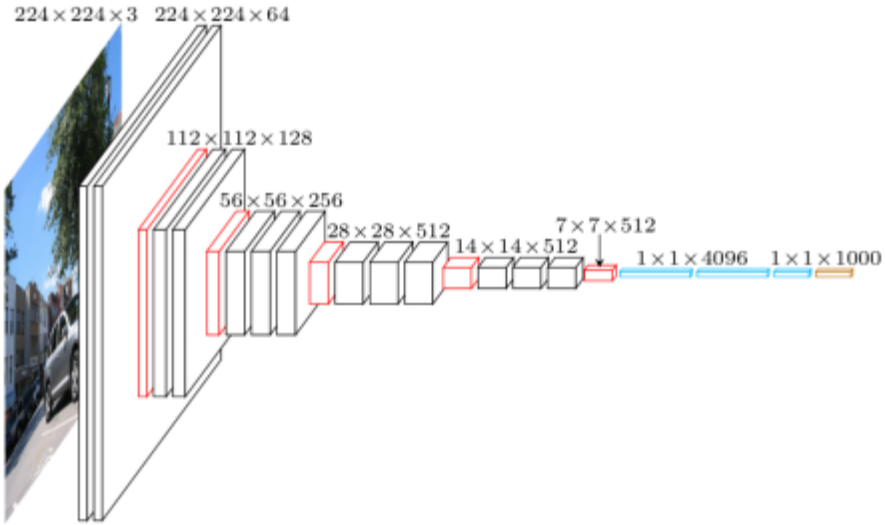

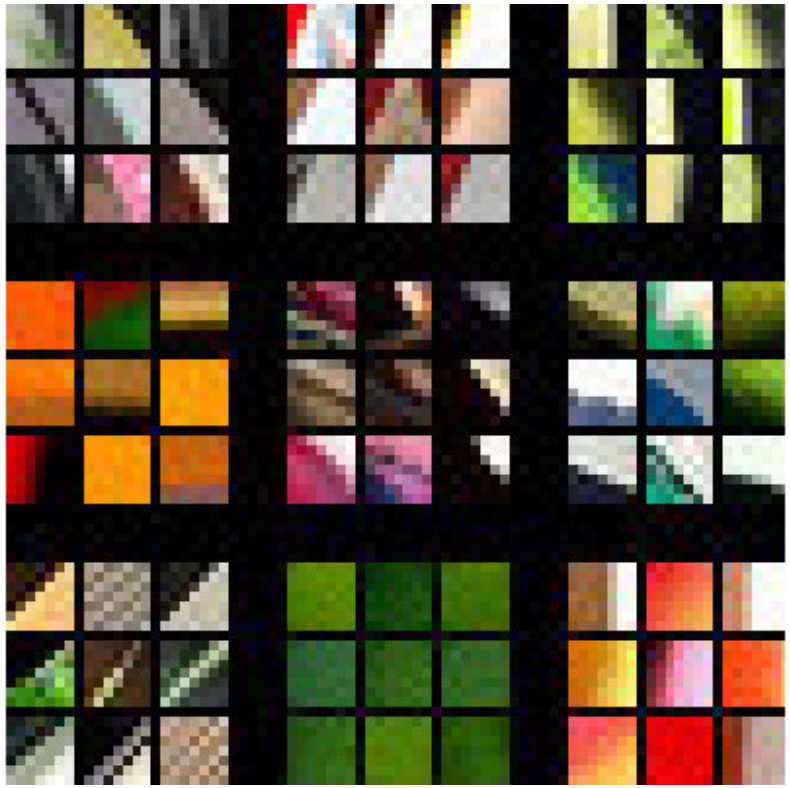

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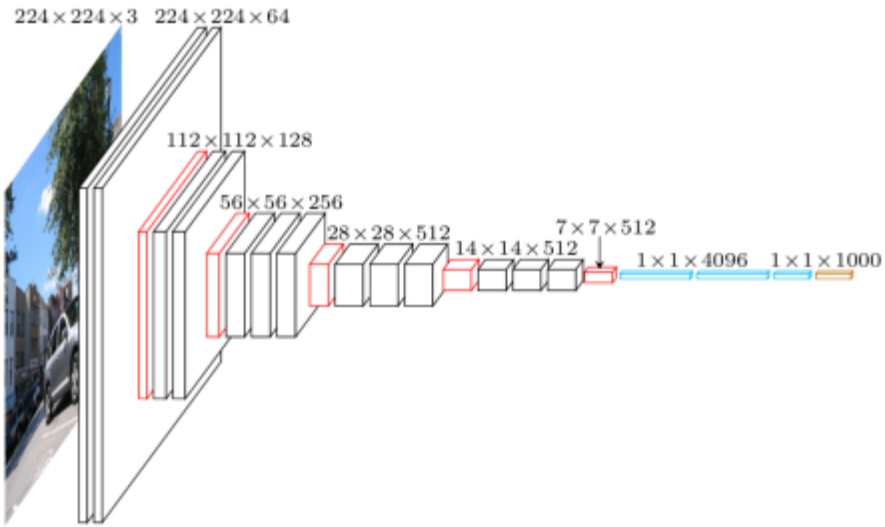

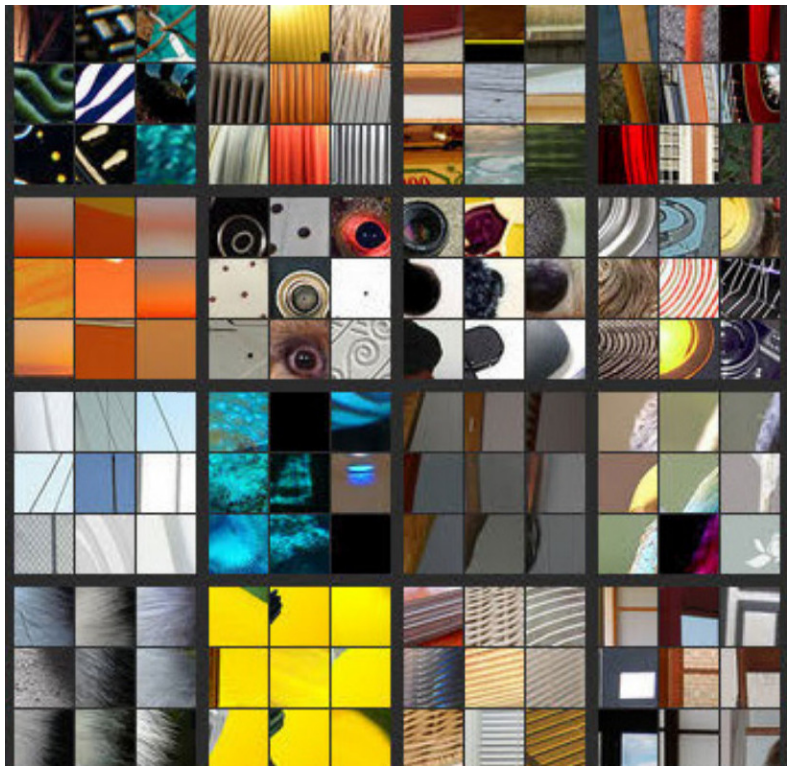

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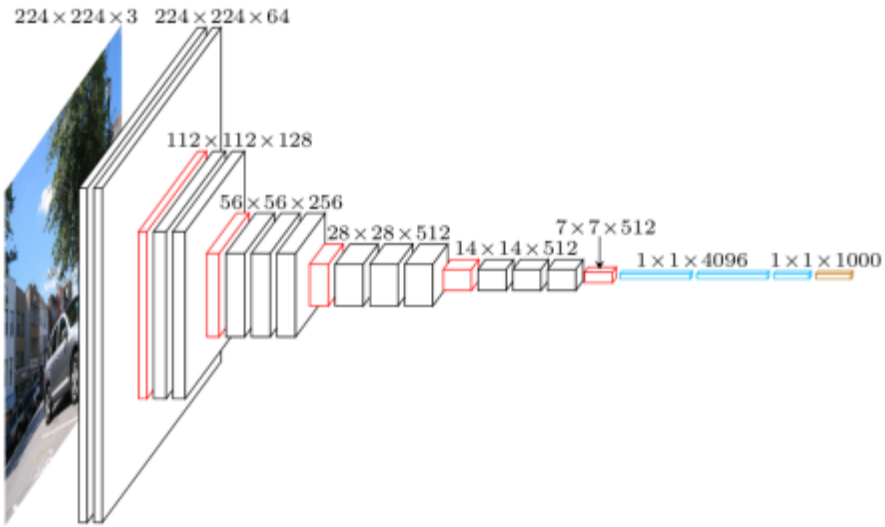

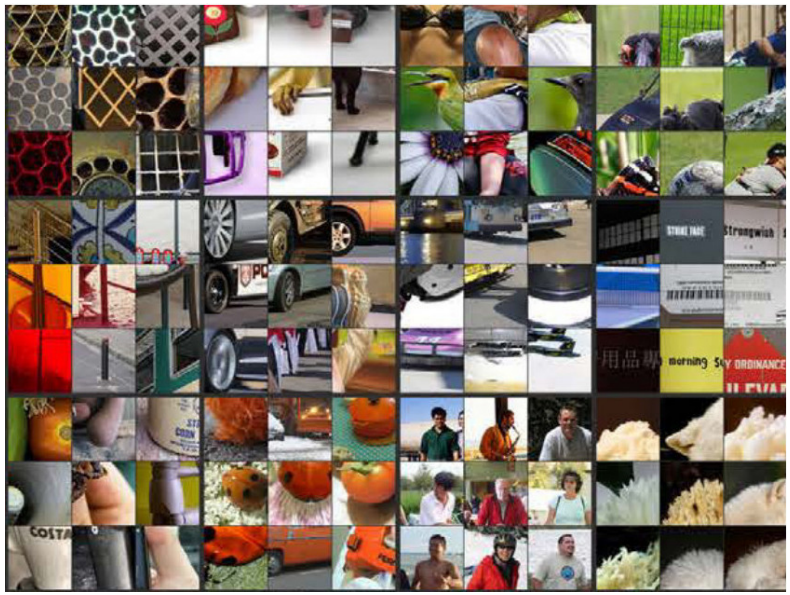

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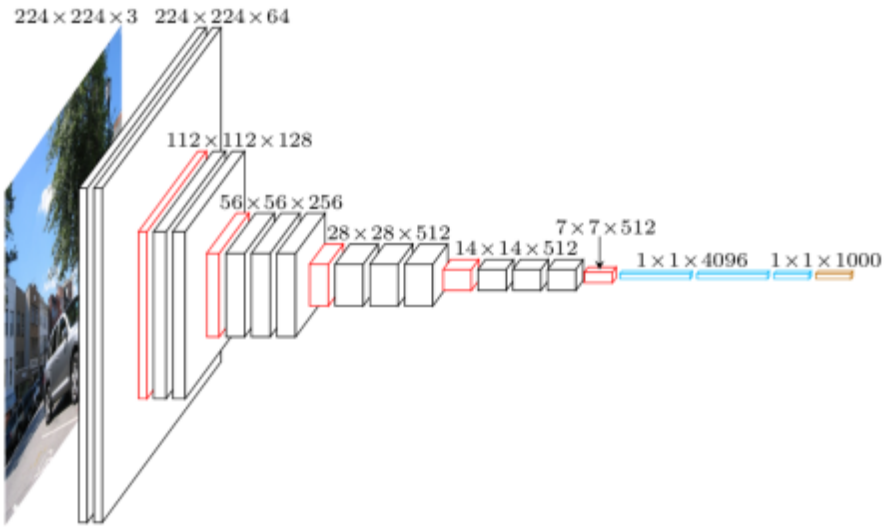

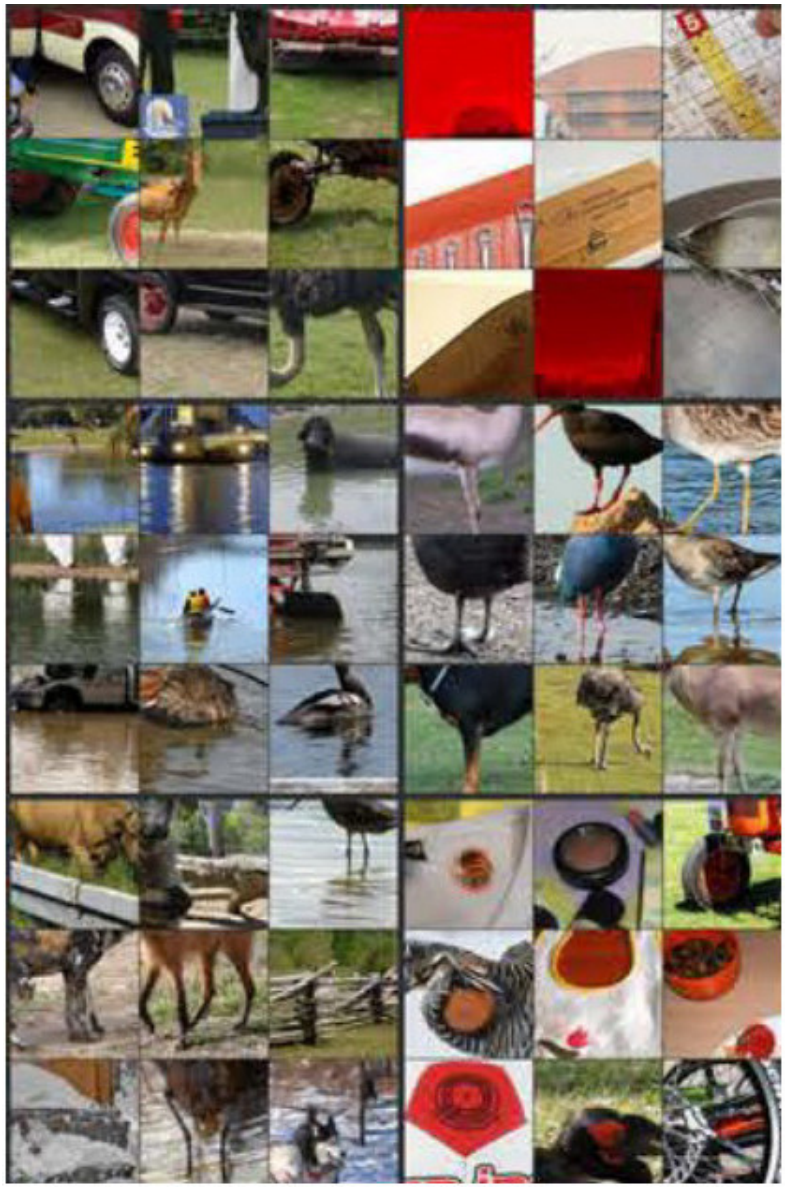

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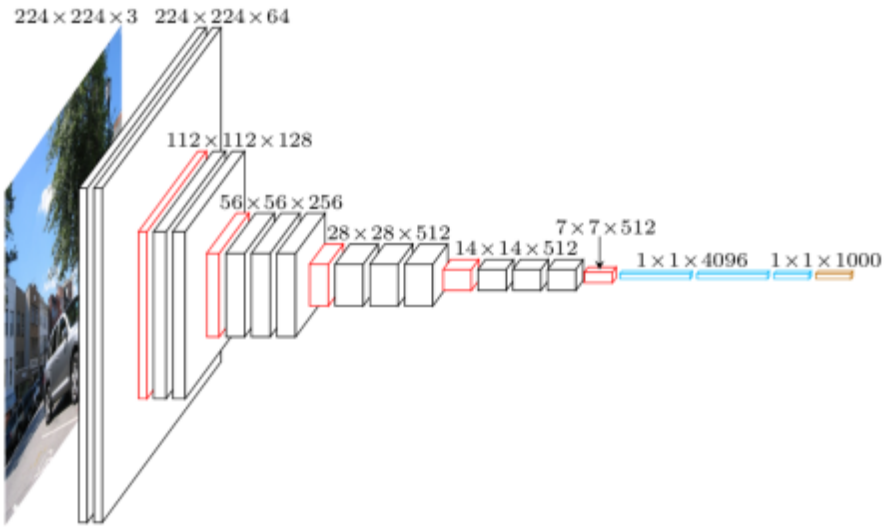

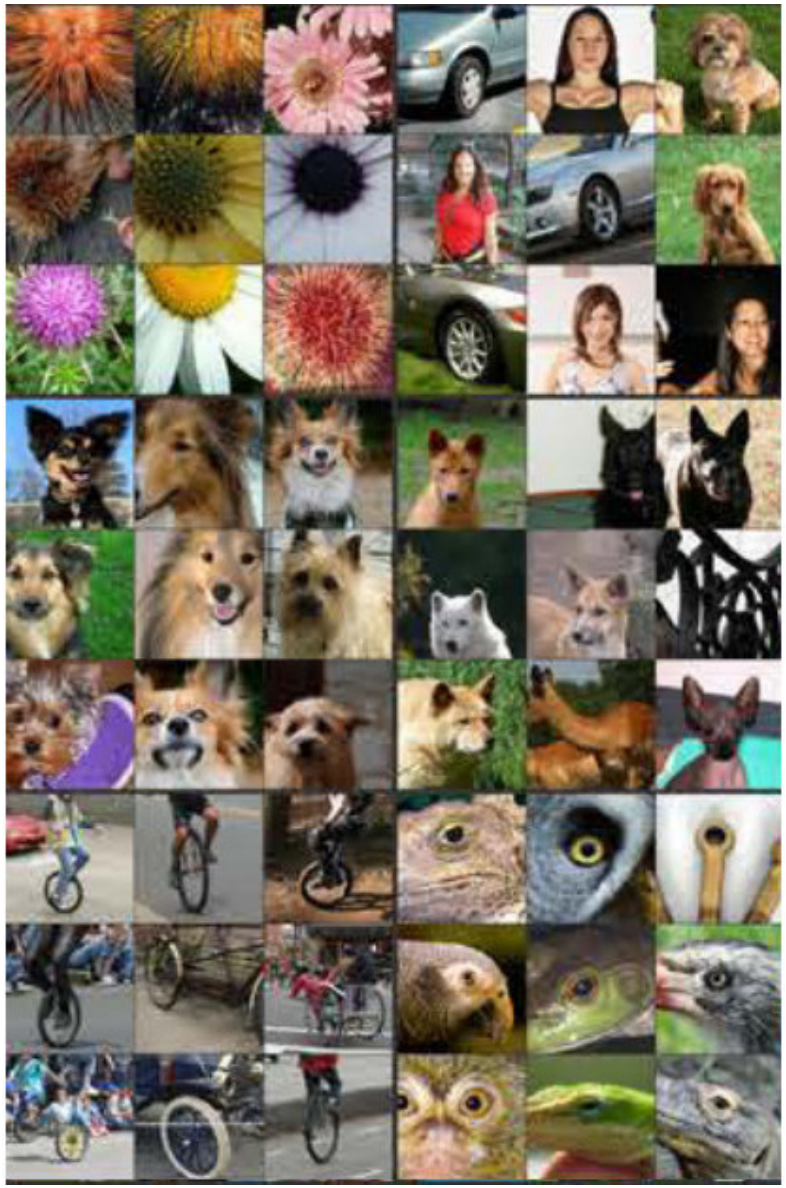

Application examples

Supervised learning

- Supervised tasks
  - Regression

    Recommender system — (user, book) → rating

    House price — (surface, nb rooms, city) → price
  - Classification

    Image classification — pixel values → cat or dog

    Text classification — list of words → spam or valid email
- Unsupervised taks
  - Clustering

    Group clients by interests
  - Anomaly detection

    Detect unusual and strange events

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- Ability to make use of huge amounts of data.

Word embeddings

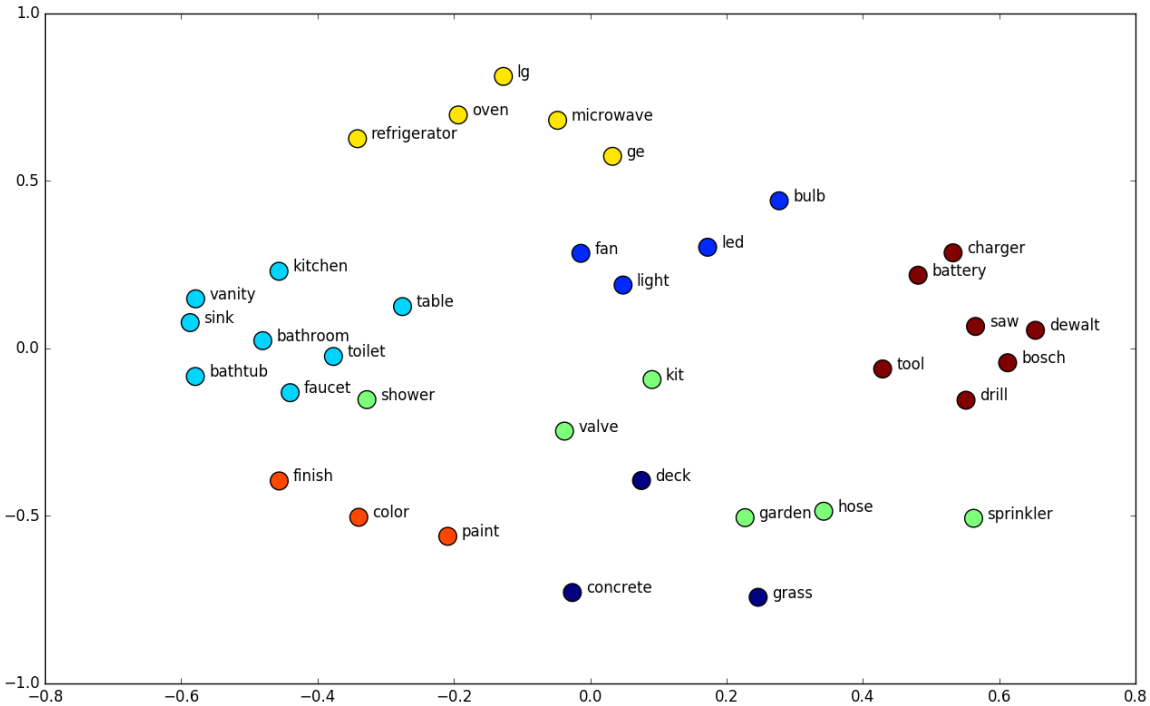
Semantic vectors

We associate to each word of the vocabulary a vector which represents its meaning.

Oven $[-0.2, 0.6]$

Microwave $[-0.05, 0.57]$

Garden $[0.22, -0.5]$



In real applications word embedding have 100 to 300 dimensions

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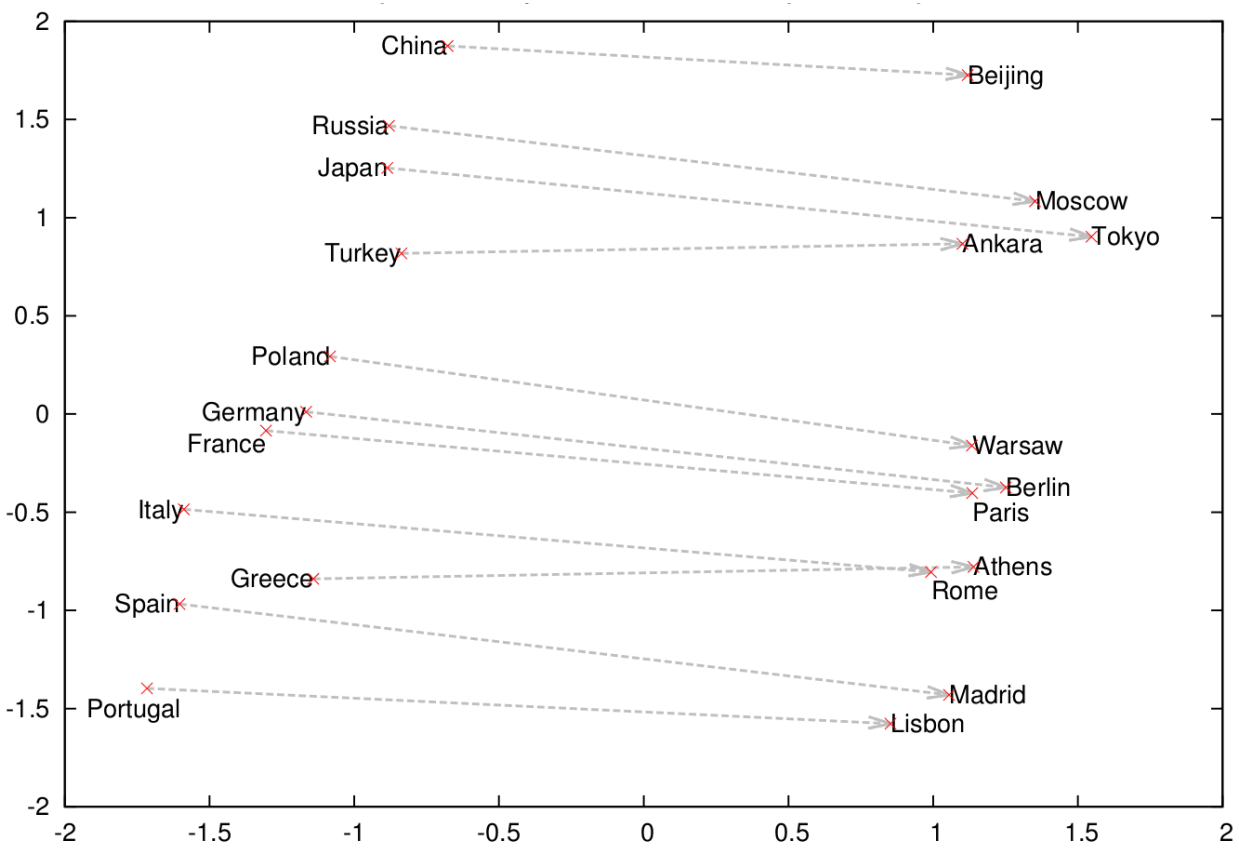
Links between concepts

When word embeddings are created using a large enough dataset, a lot of information is encoded in differences between vectors.



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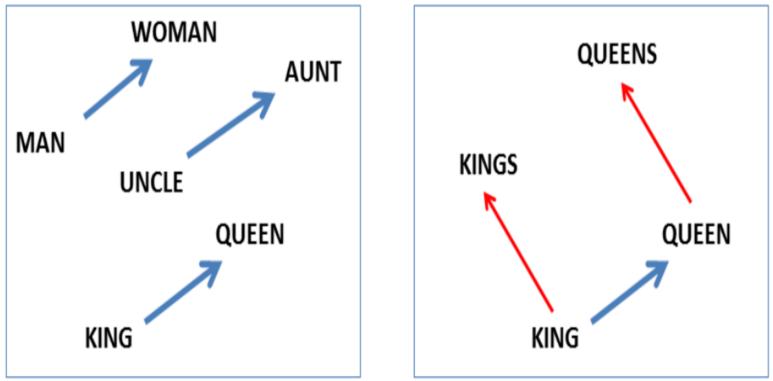
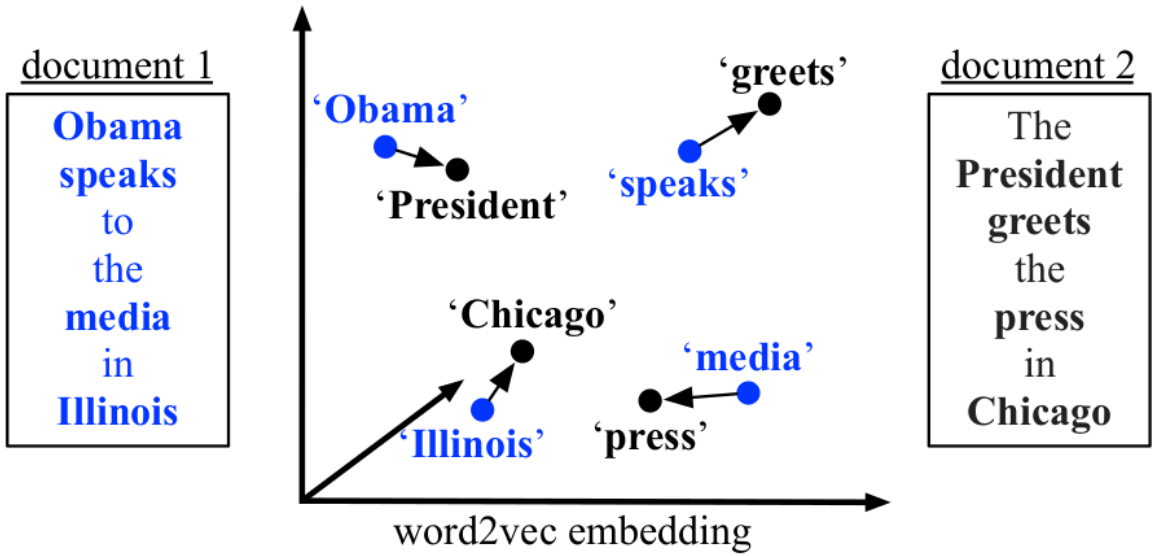
Arithmetic and fuzzy matching



$$king - man + woman = queen$$



NLP tasks

Sentiment analysis

Automatized analysis of an item public perception:

- Negative
  - Even fans of Ismail Merchant's work, I suspect, would have a hard time sitting through this one.
  - Every conceivable mistake a director could make in filming opera has been perpetrated here.
  - Cheap, vulgar dialogue and a plot that crawls along at a snail's pace.
  - The material and the production itself are little more than routine.
- Positive
  - A rare and lightly entertaining look behind the curtain that separates comics from the people laughing in the crowd.
  - Rarely, indeed almost never, is such high-wattage brainpower coupled with pitch-perfect acting and an exquisite, unfakable sense of cinema.
  - Easily the most thoughtful fictional examination of the root causes of anti-Semitism ever seen on screen.

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Search engine

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