

# Introduction to Machine Learning

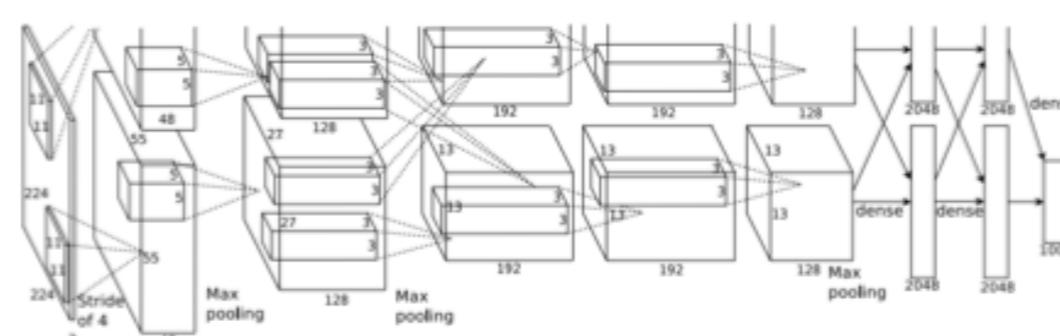
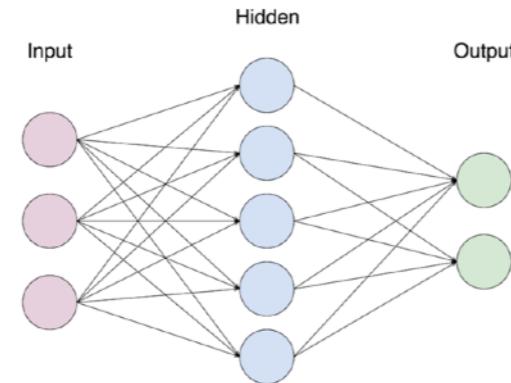
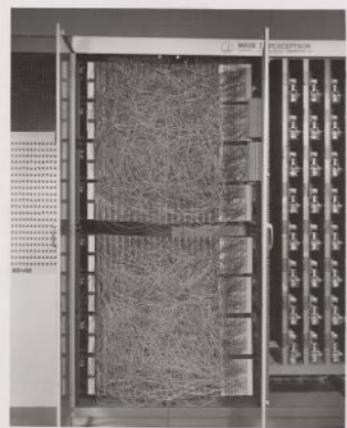
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Artificial Neural Networks I

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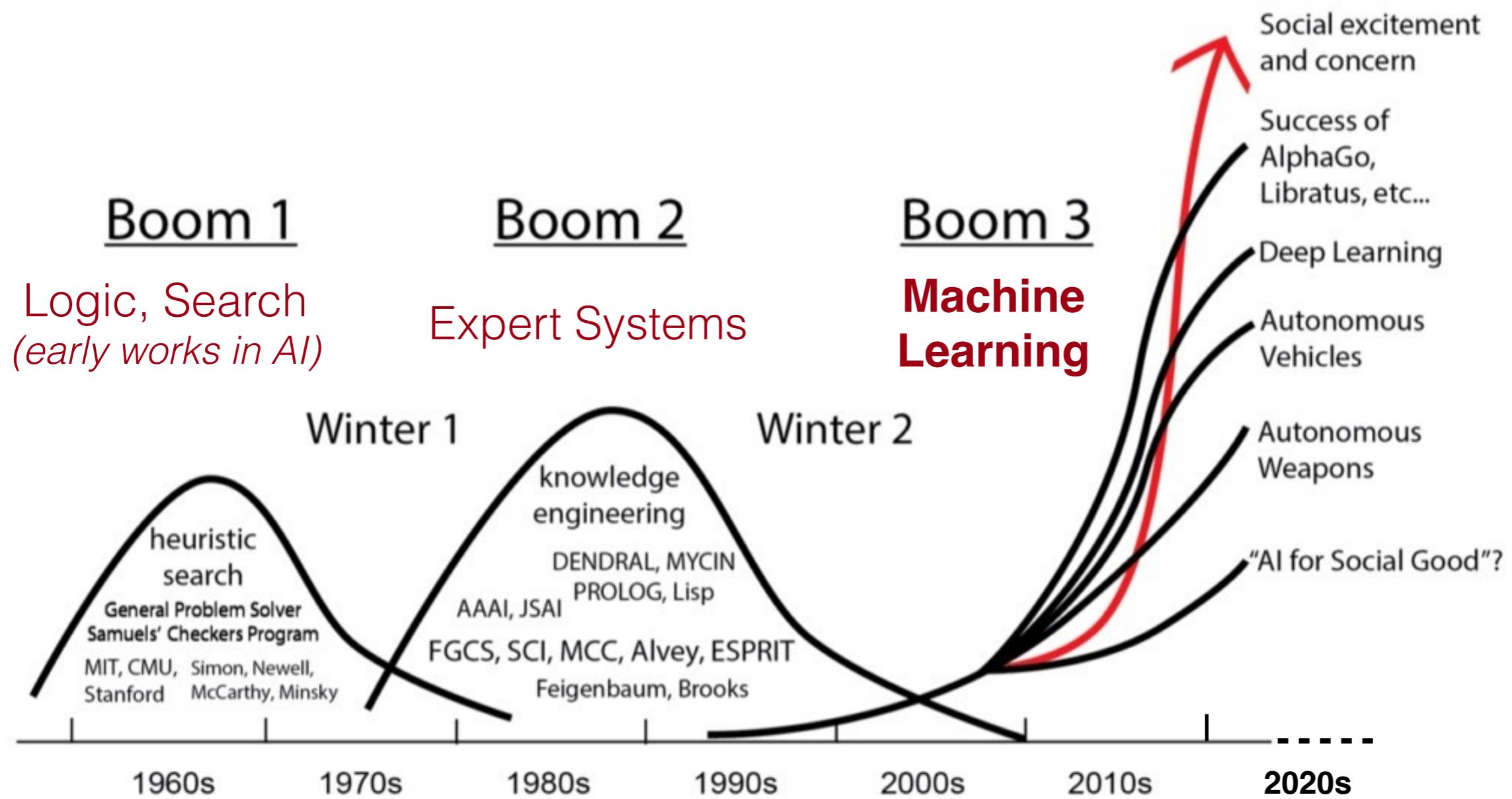
# Neural Networks: origins

- Algorithms that are modelled (loosely) after the brain
  - Neural networks have been introduced in late 1950s
  - They were widely used in 1980s and early 1990s; their popularity largely diminished in late 1990s
  - Recent “resurgence”: late 2000s/early 2010s (deep learning revolution)
  - Artificial neural networks are not nearly as complex or intricate as the actual brain structure



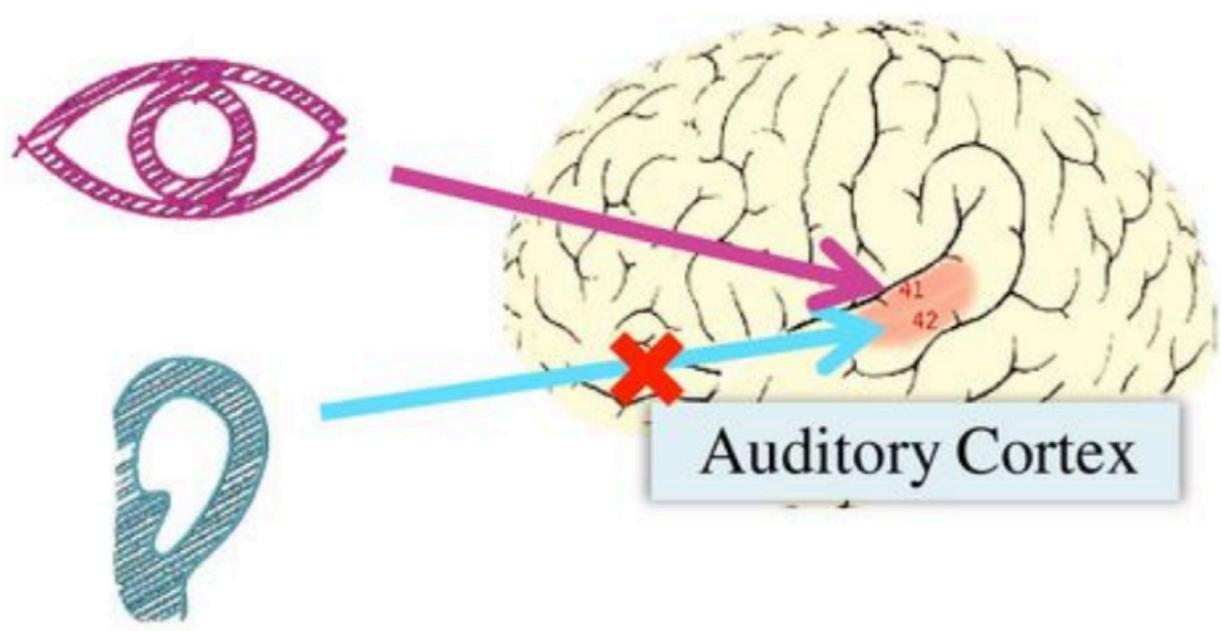
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- Neural Networks and AI winters



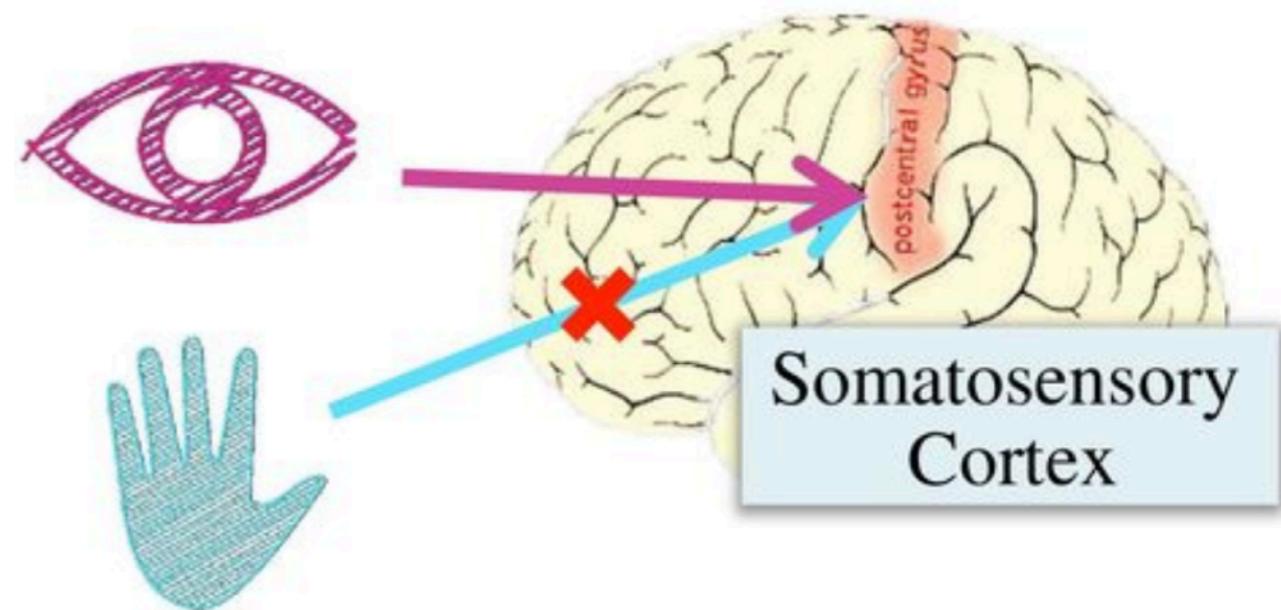
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- The “one learning algorithm” hypothesis



Auditory cortex learns to see

[Roe et al., 1992]

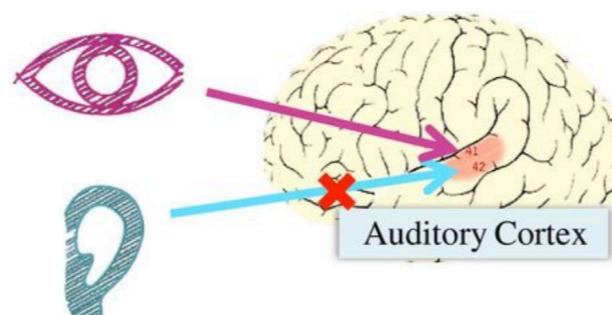


Somatosensory cortex  
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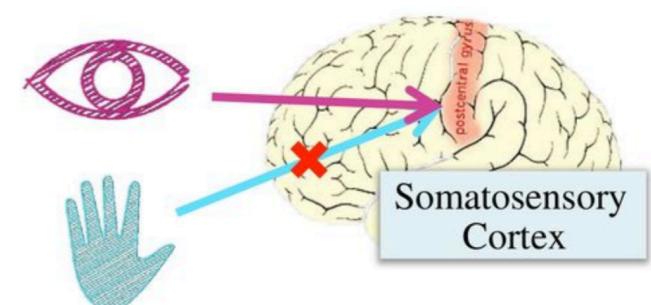
[Metin and Frost, 1989]

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- The “one learning algorithm” hypothesis
  - ▶ Because of these experiments there is this sense that if the same part of the brain can process sight or sound or touch, then (maybe) there is one learning algorithm
  - ▶ Therefore, instead of designing hundreds of different algorithms, we need to approximate this one algorithm



[Roe et al., 1992]



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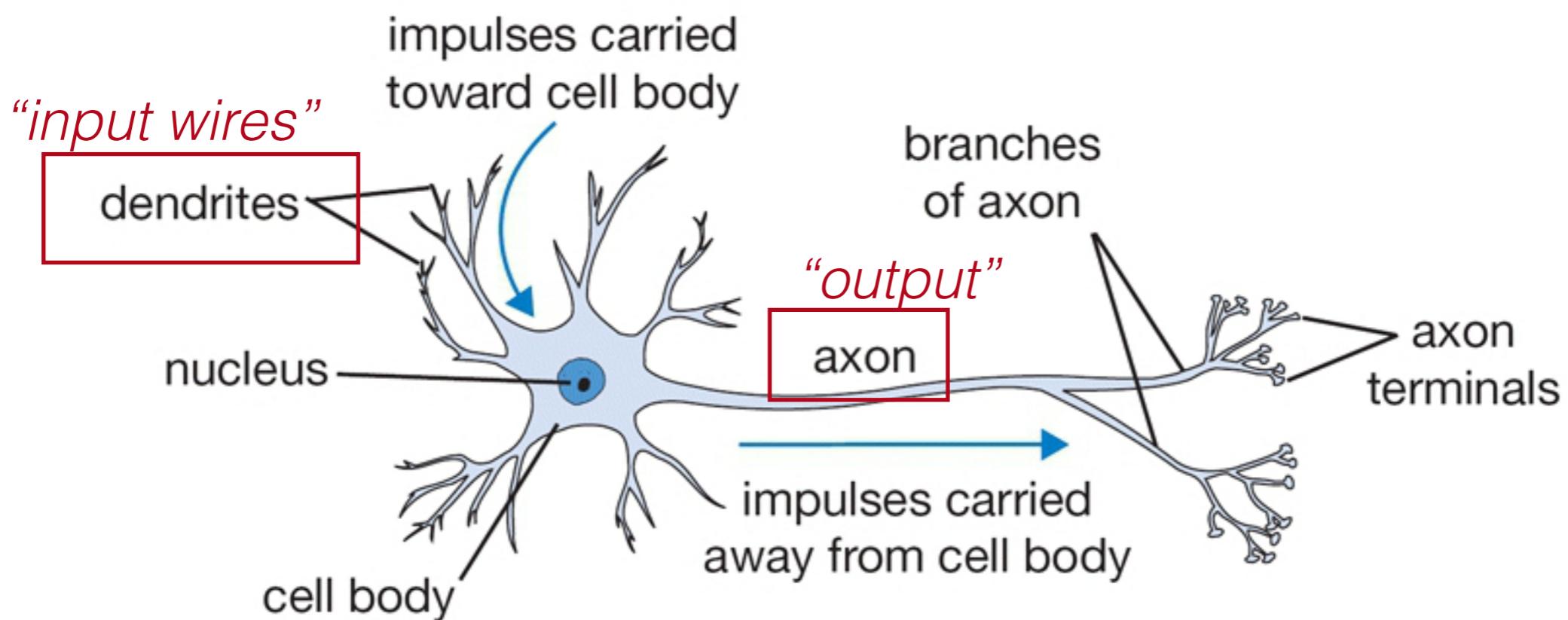
# Neural Networks: applications

- Neural networks are everywhere...



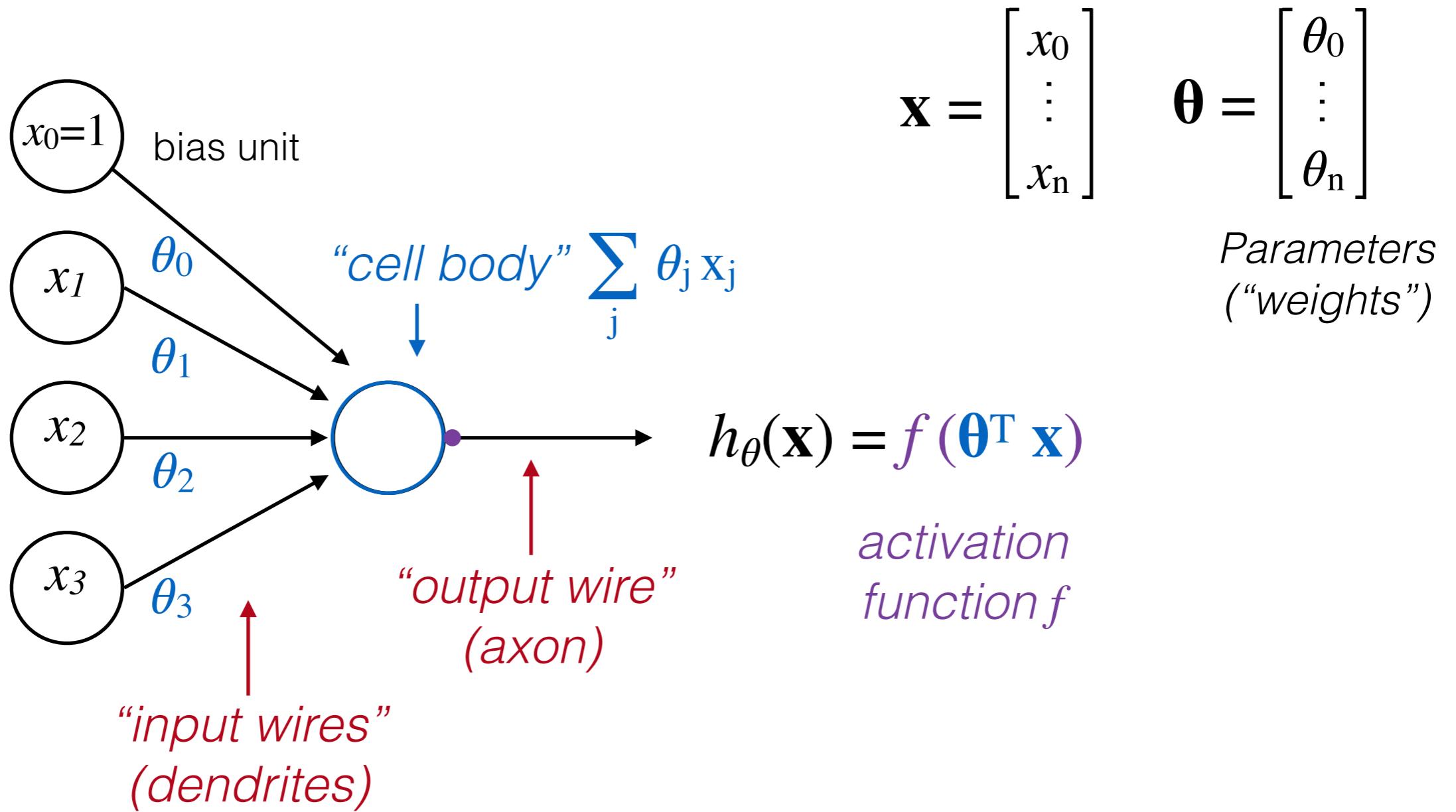
# Neural Networks

- Let's start by looking at what a single neuron in the brain looks like



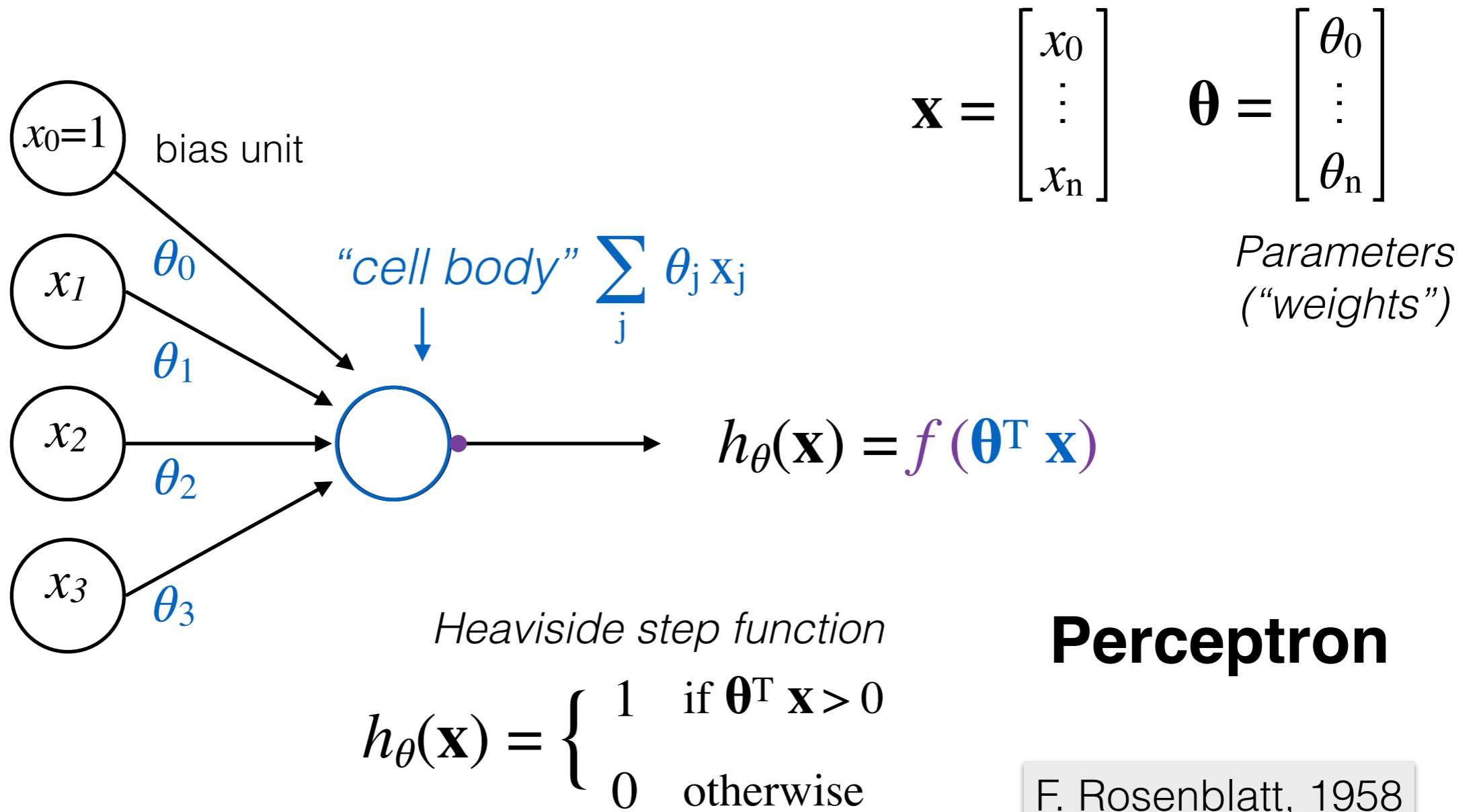
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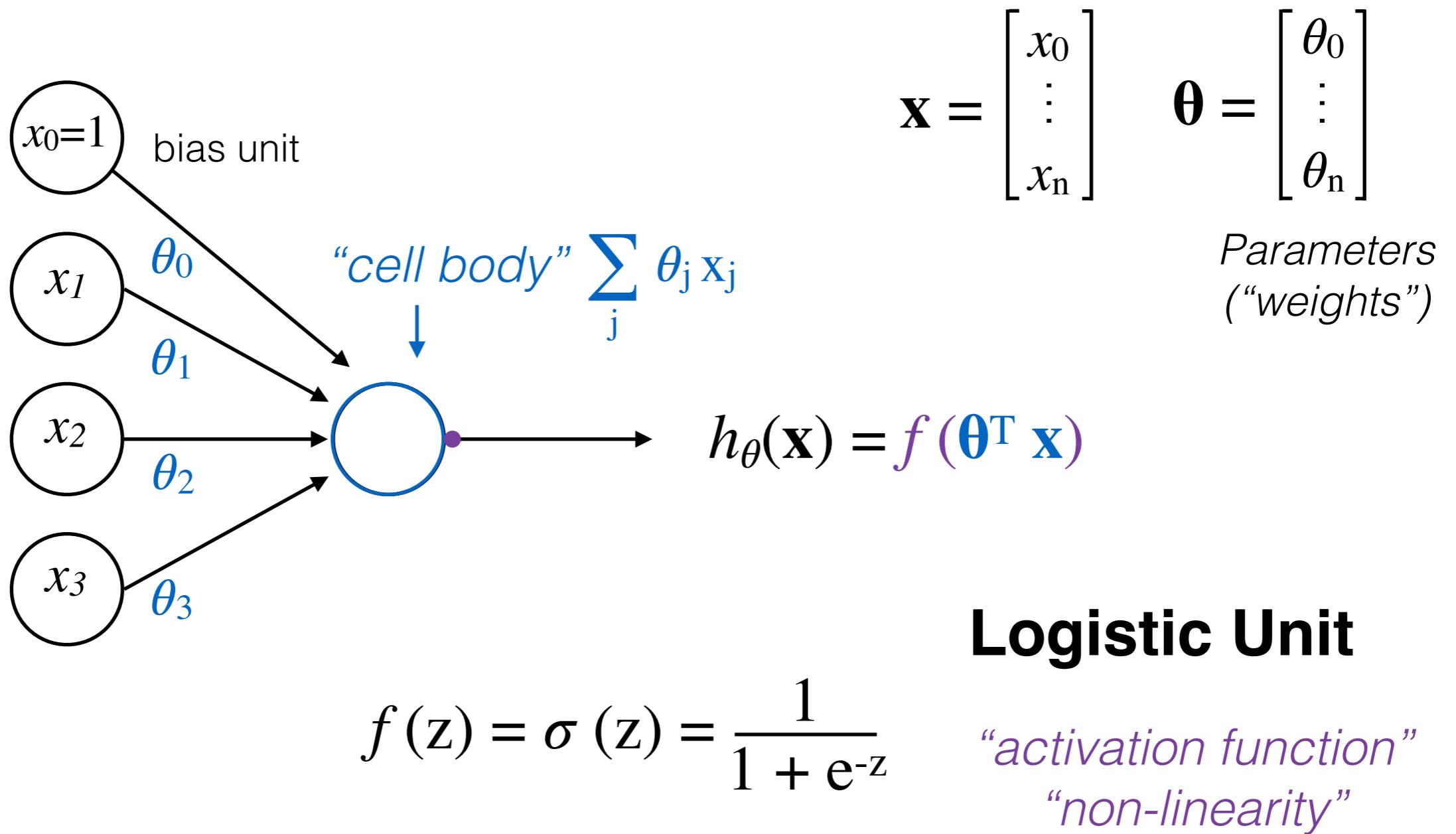
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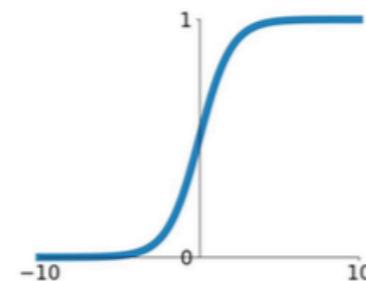


# Neural Networks: activation functions

- Nowadays there are several activation functions you may encounter:

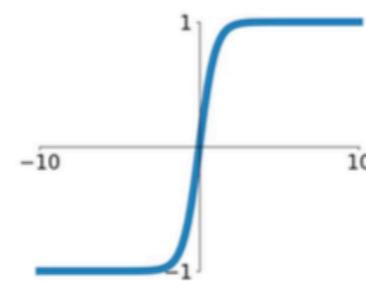
**Sigmoid**

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



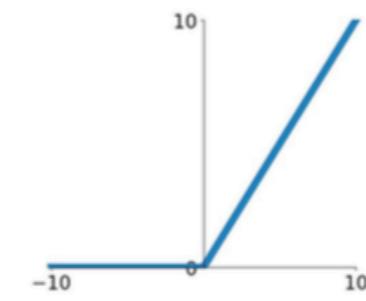
**tanh**

$$\tanh(x)$$



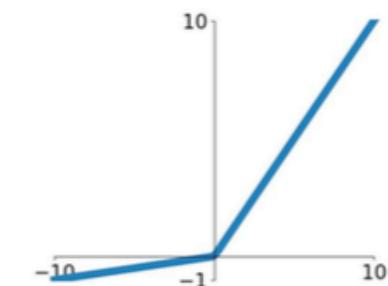
**ReLU**

$$\max(0, x)$$



**Leaky ReLU**

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

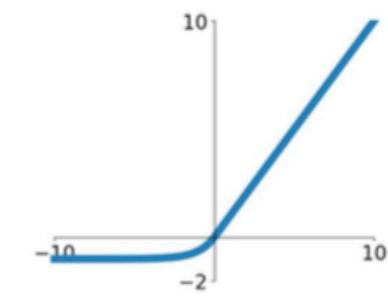


**Maxout**

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

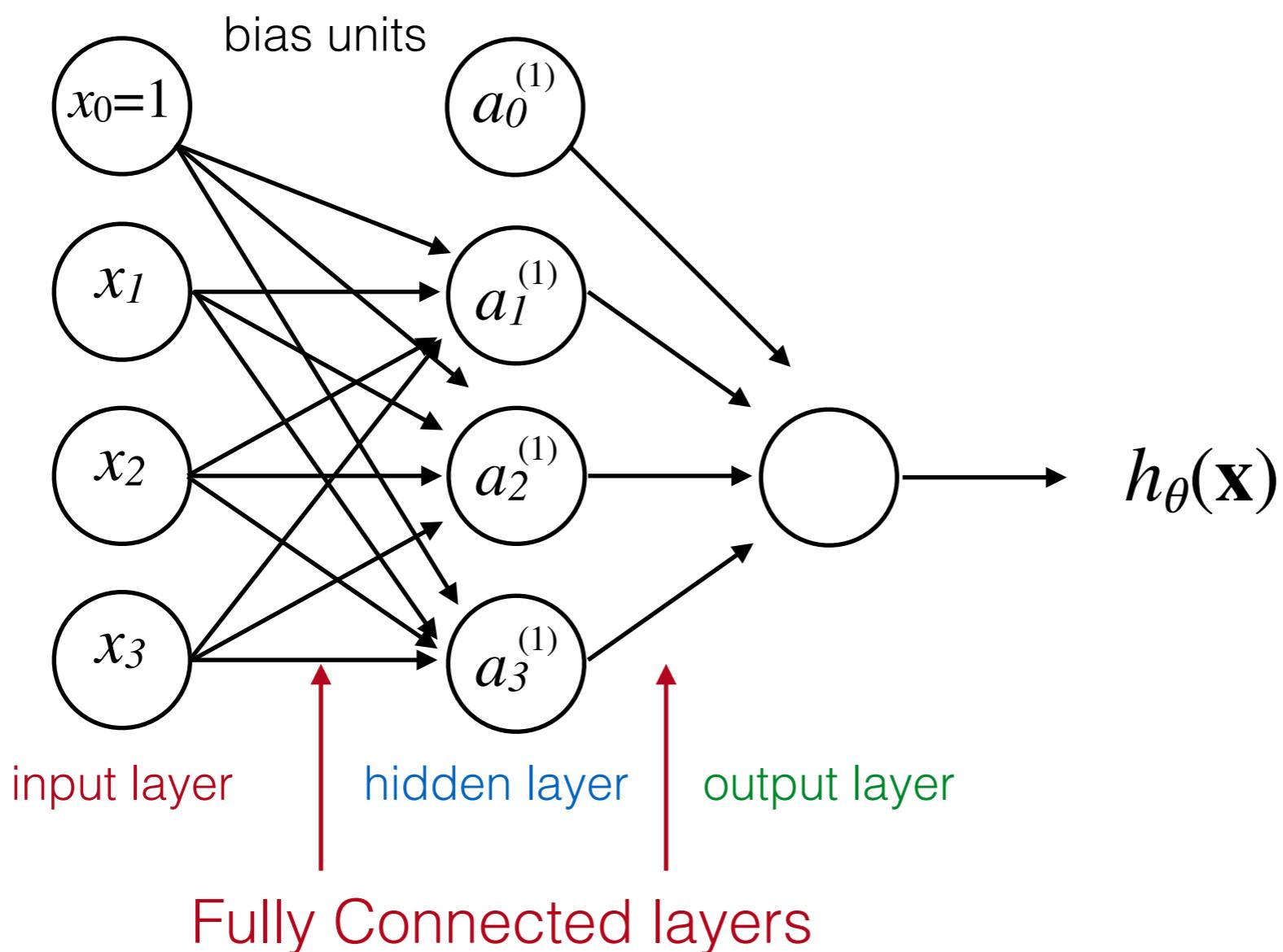
**ELU**

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



# Neural Networks: definition

- A (artificial) neural network is just a group of this different neurons strong together

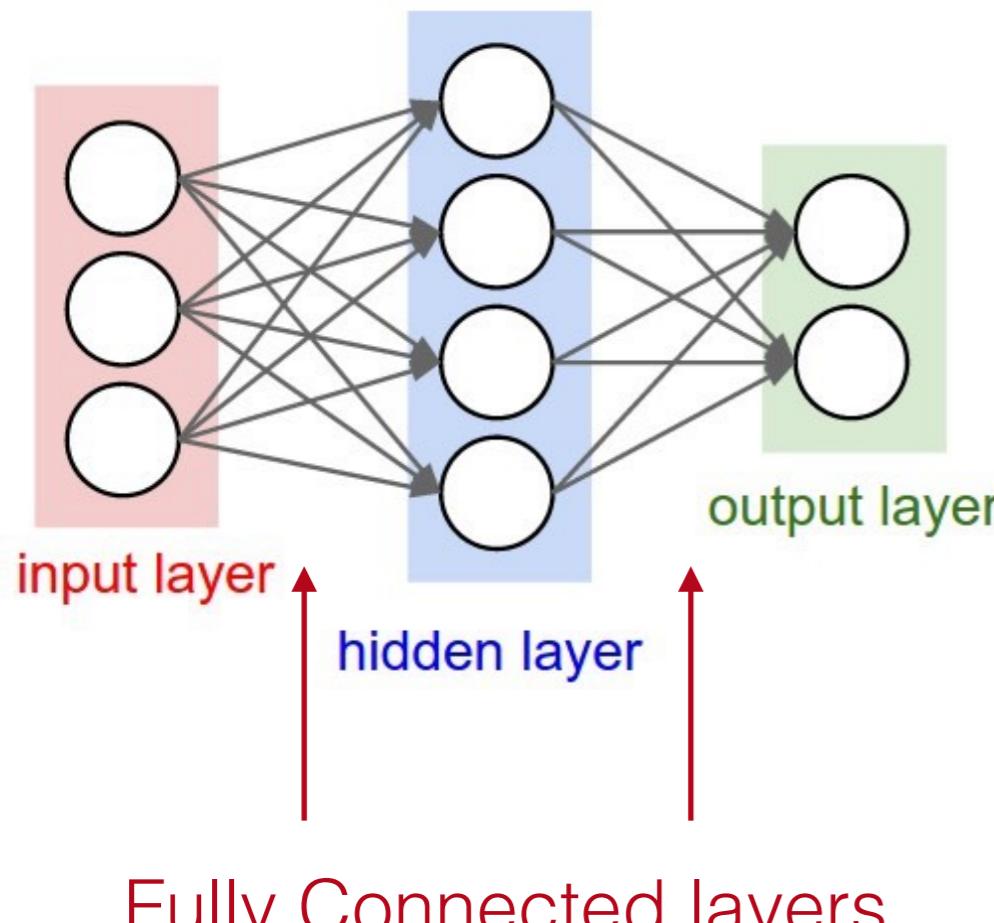


# Neural Networks: architectures

- Here the term *architecture* refers to how the different neurons are connected to each other

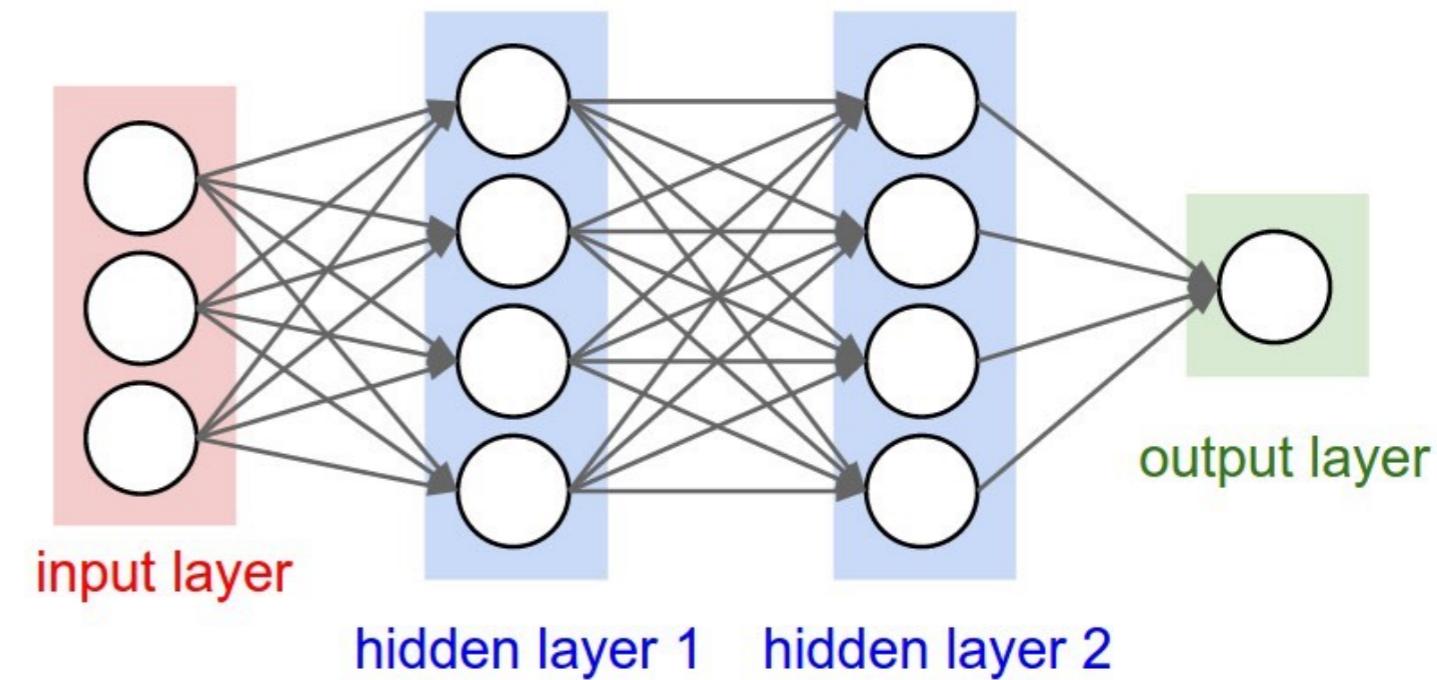
## 2-layer neural network

or 1-hidden-layer neural net



## 3-layer neural network

or 2-hidden-layer neural net

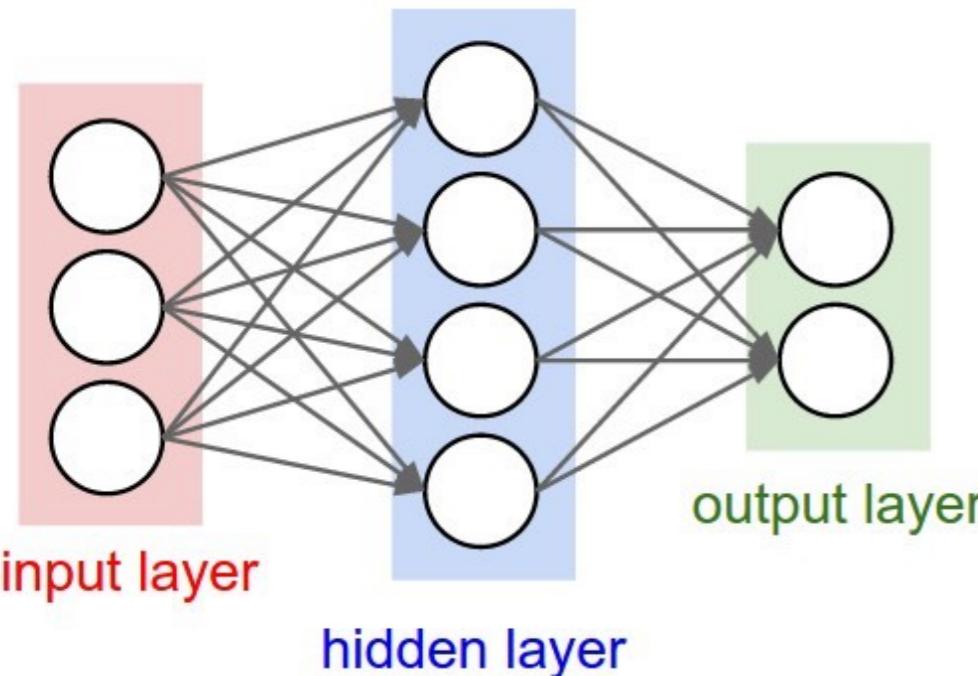


Note: when we say  $N$ -layer neural network, we do not count the input layer

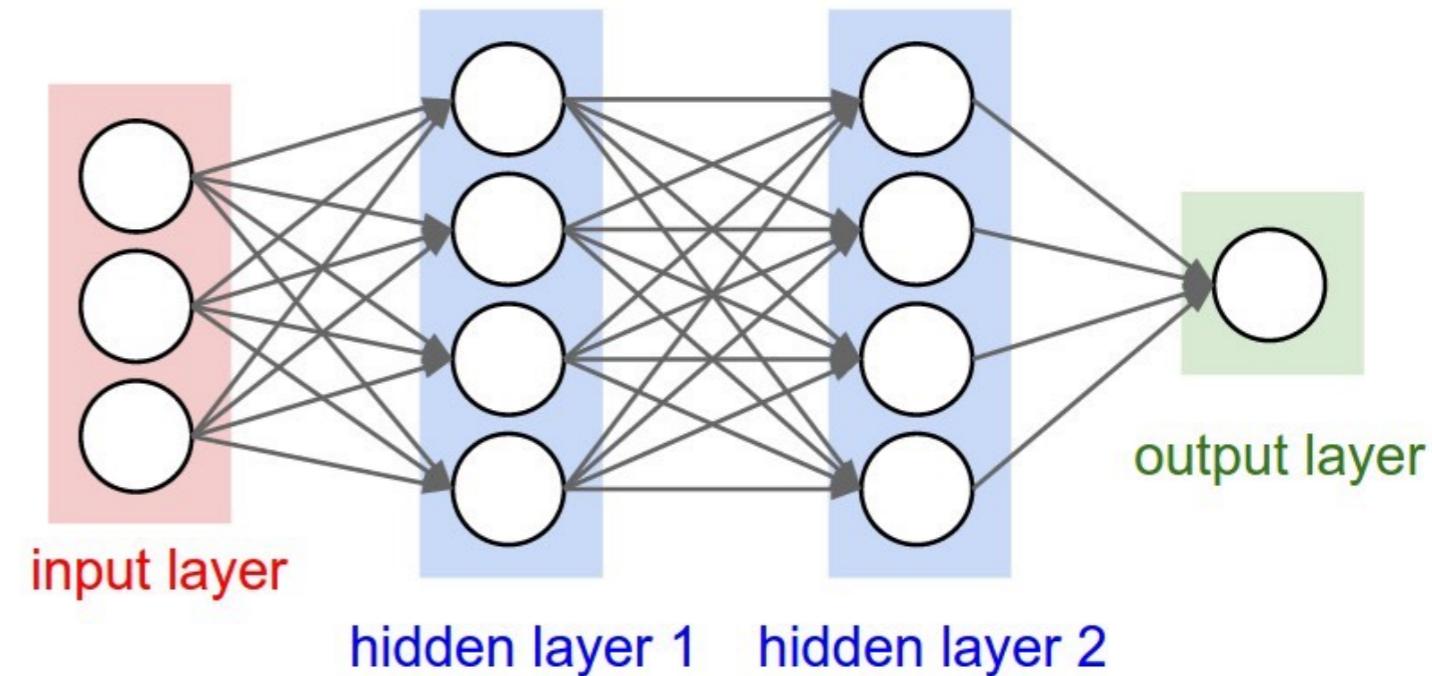
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- **Sizing neural networks:** the two metrics that are commonly used to measure the size of a NeuralNet are the #neurons or (more commonly) the #parameters

(a) **2-layer neural network**



(b) **3-layer neural network**



(b) has  $4+4+1$  neurons; how many (learnable) parameters?

(b) #parameters:  $3 \times 4 + 4 \times 4 + 4 \times 1 = 32 + 9$  (*biases*) = 41

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