

# Understanding Deep Neural Networks

## Chapter Two

# Network Structure

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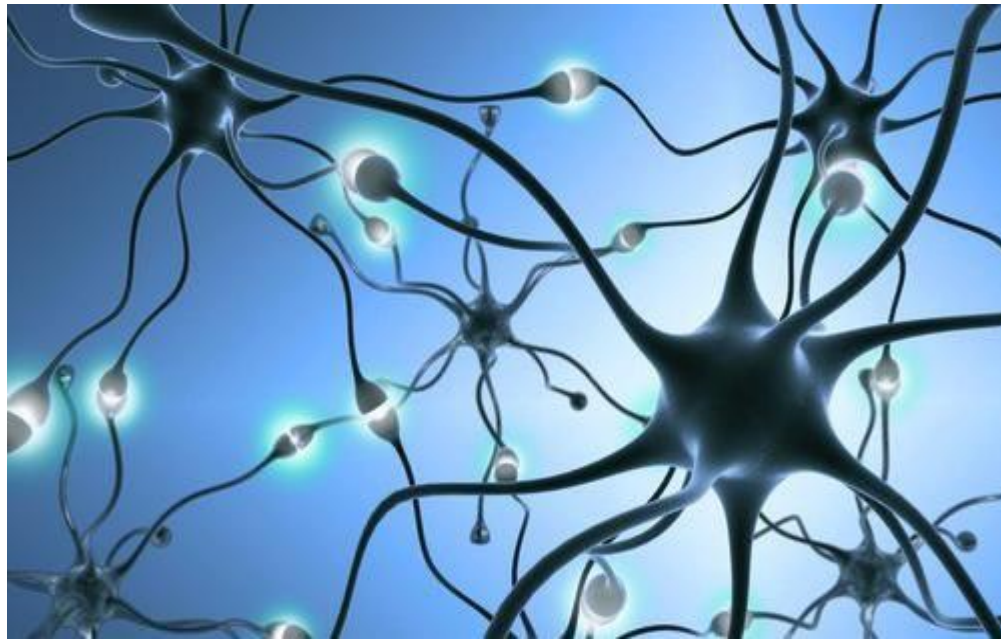
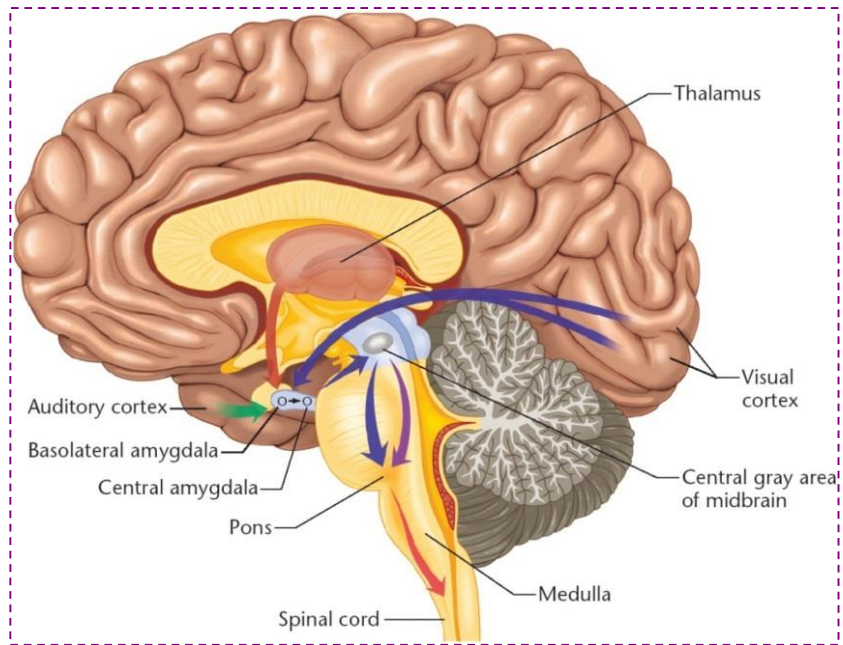
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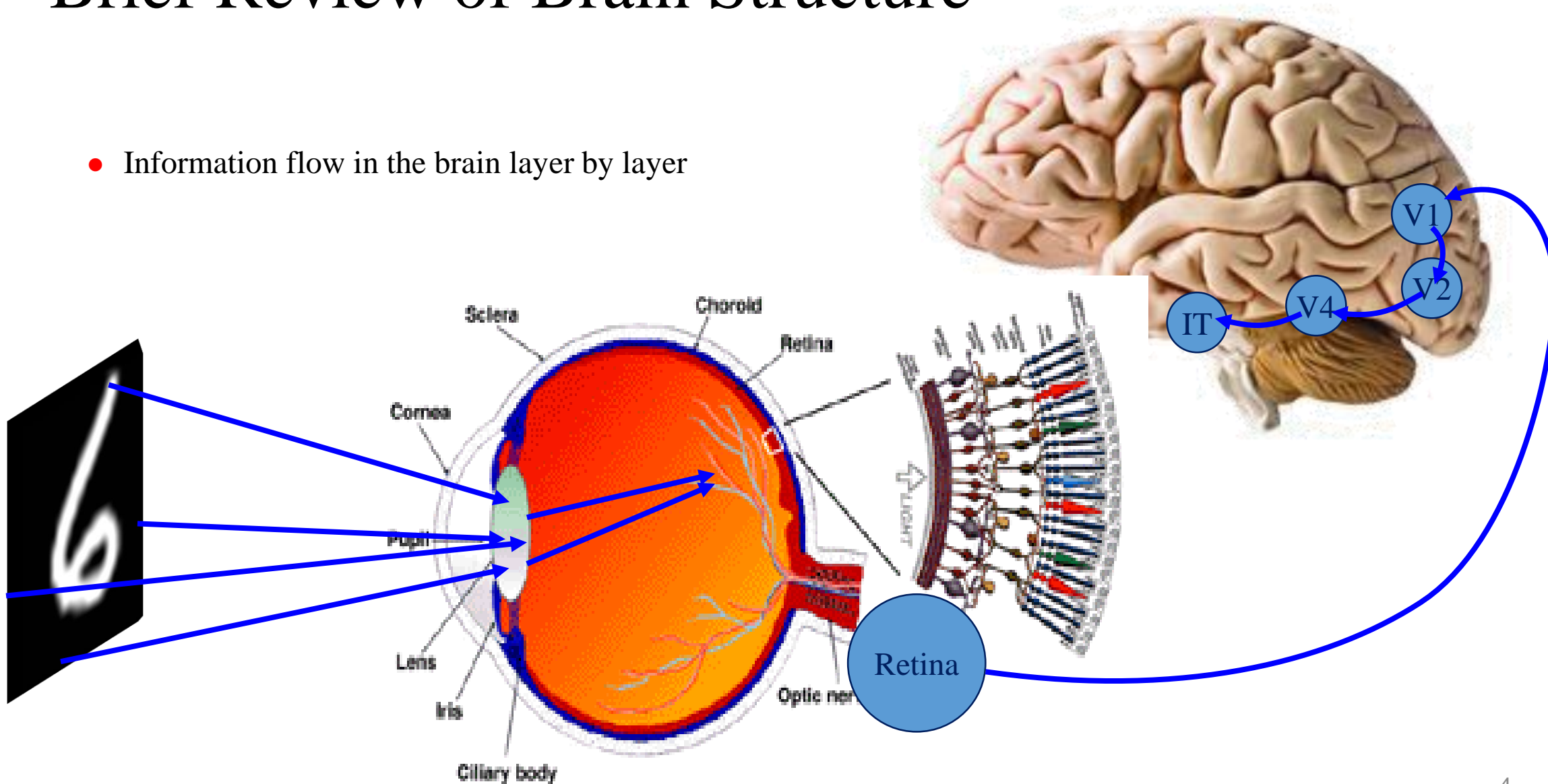
# Brief Review of Brain Structure

- A brain contains about  $10^{11}$  neurons
- Each neuron has about  $10^4$  connections

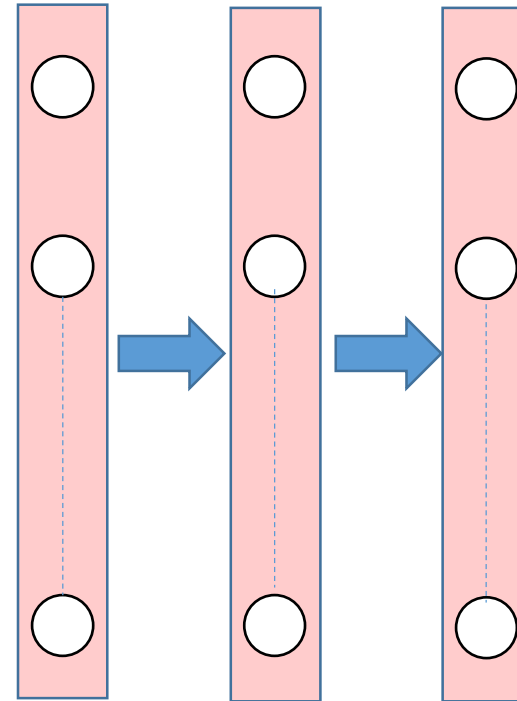
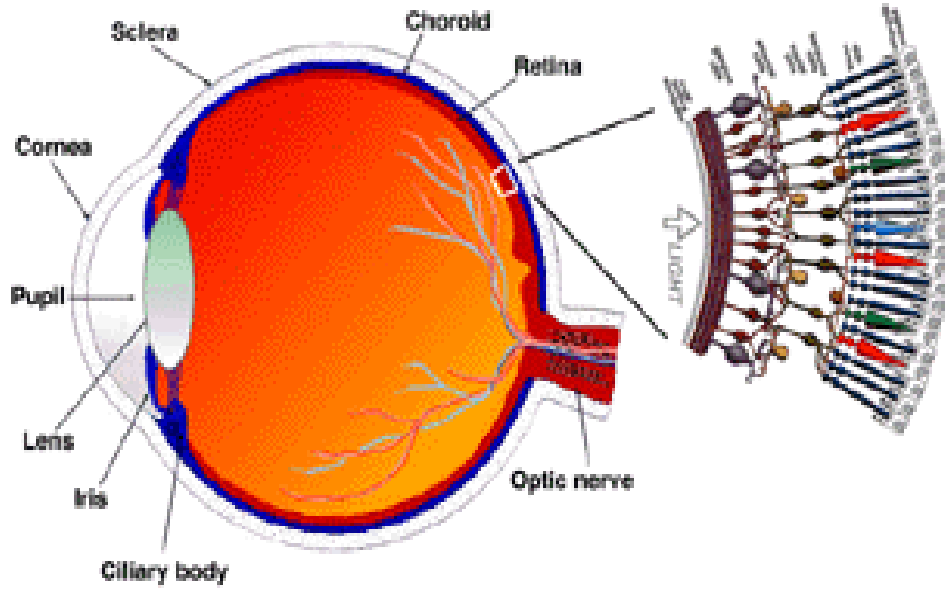


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- Information flow in the brain layer by layer

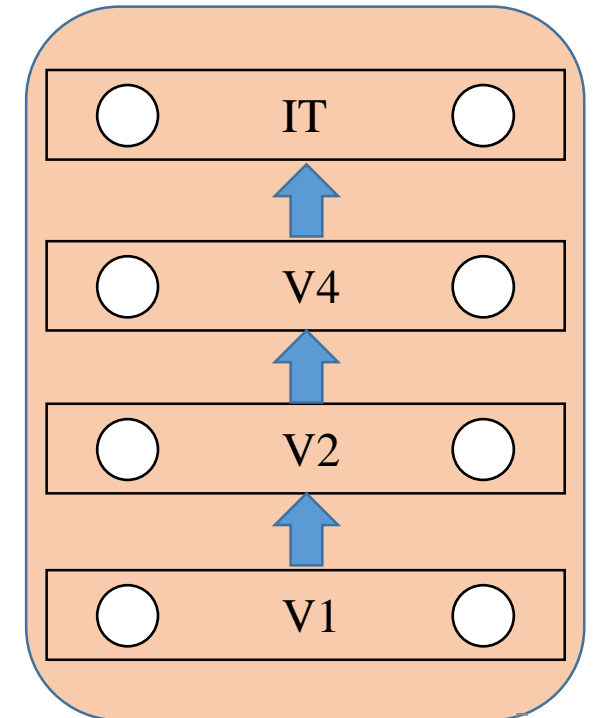
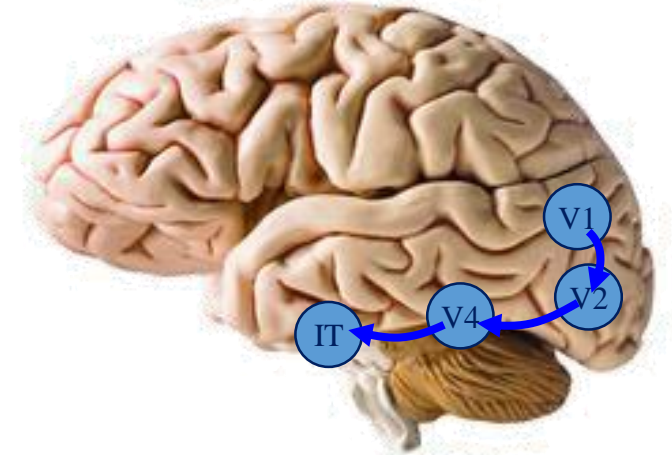


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Third layer      Mid layer      First layer

Concept of Layers



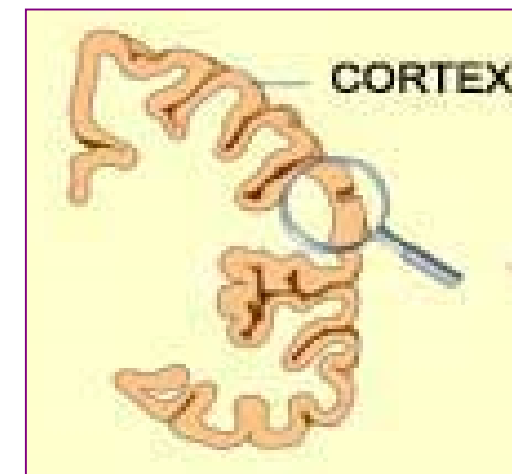
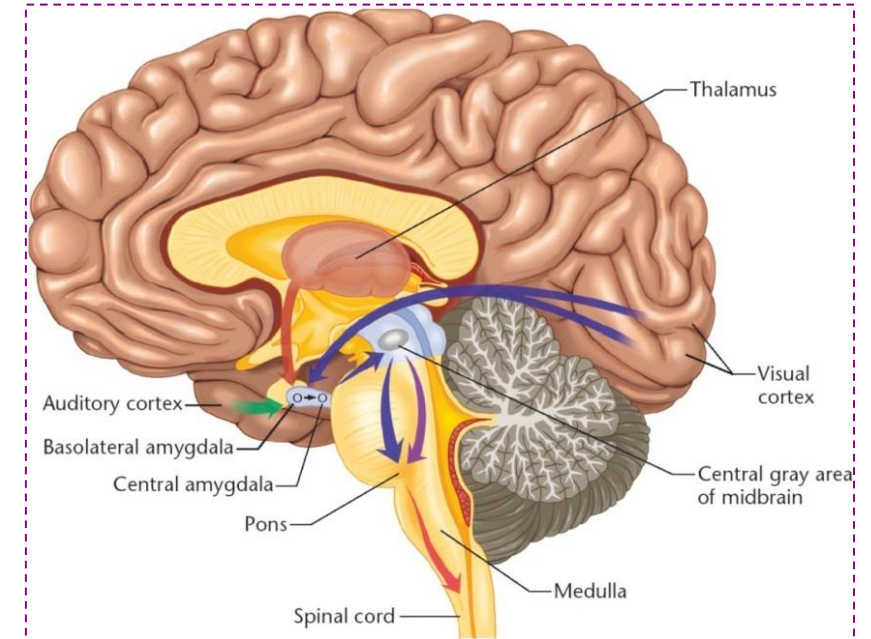
## Concept of Layer

1. Neural network with layers
2. Neurons receive the outputs of neurons at previous layer as inputs.

# Brief Review of Brain Structure

- The typical human neocortex:
  - 1000cm<sup>2</sup>
  - Stretched flat, the human neocortical sheet is roughly the size of a large dinner napkin.
  - 2mm thick
  - 30 billion neurons
  - A tiny square millimeter contains an estimated 100,000 neurons.
  - 100 trillion synapses.

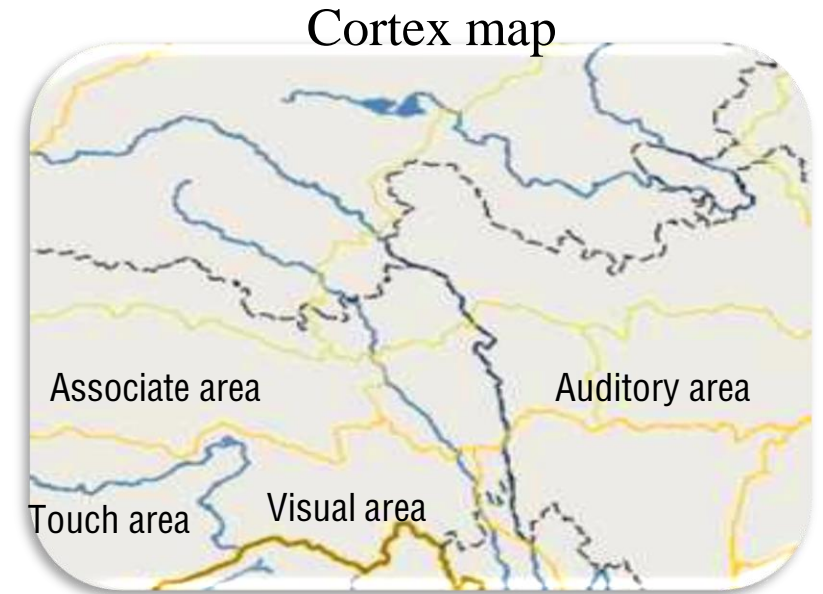
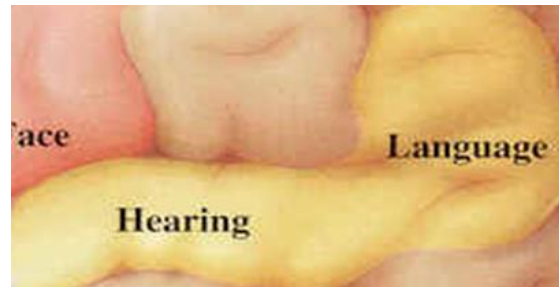
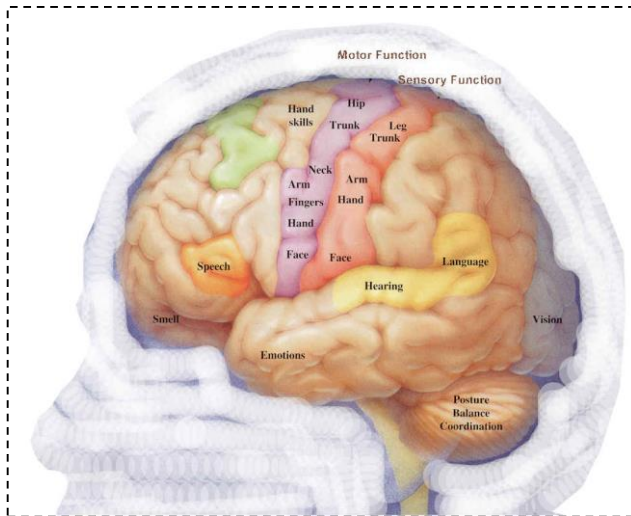
Almost everything related to intelligence such as: perception, language, imagination, mathematics, art, music, and planning— occurs on the neocortex.





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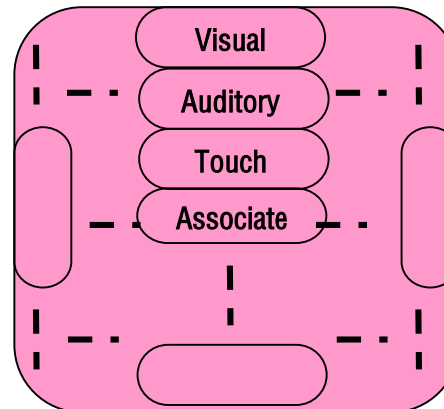
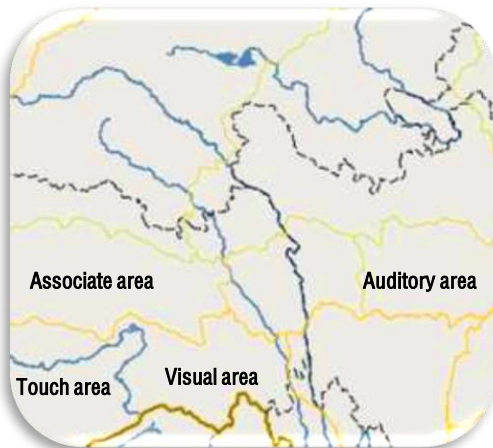
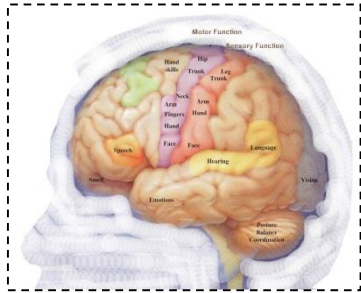
- A neocortex is divided into several functional regions, such as visual area, auditory area, touch area, associate area, etc..
  - The functional regions are arranged in an irregular patchwork quilt physically.
  - Nearly identical architecture.



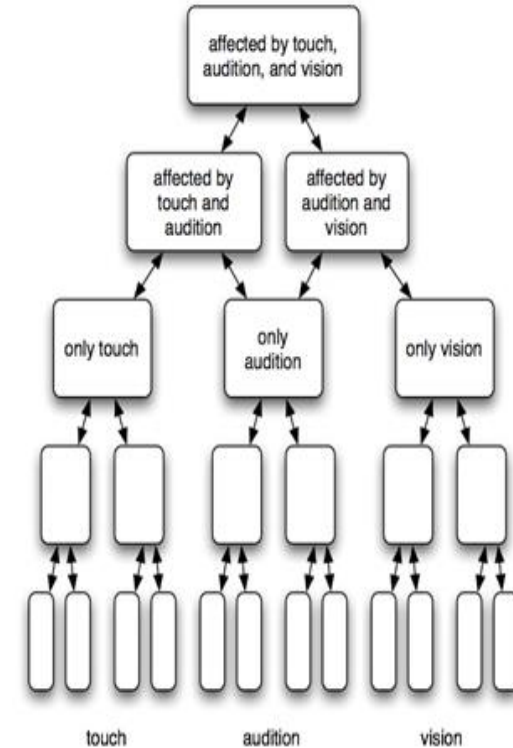
Concept of regions

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- How are the regions connected?
  - Functionally the regions are arranged in a branching hierarchy.
  - Lower regions feed information up to higher regions.
  - Higher regions send feedback down to lower regions.



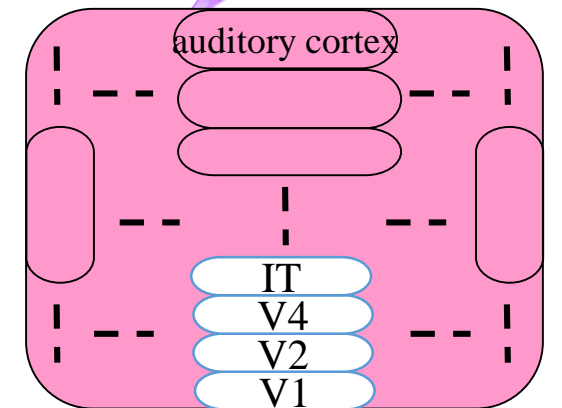
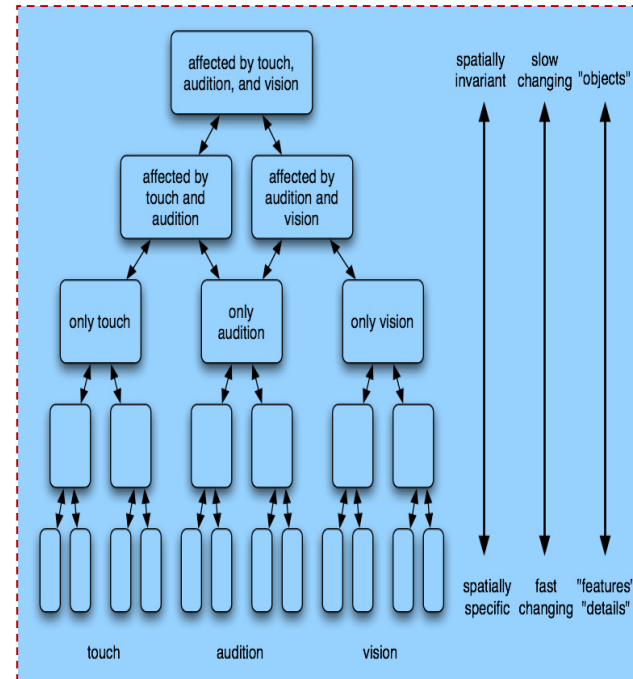
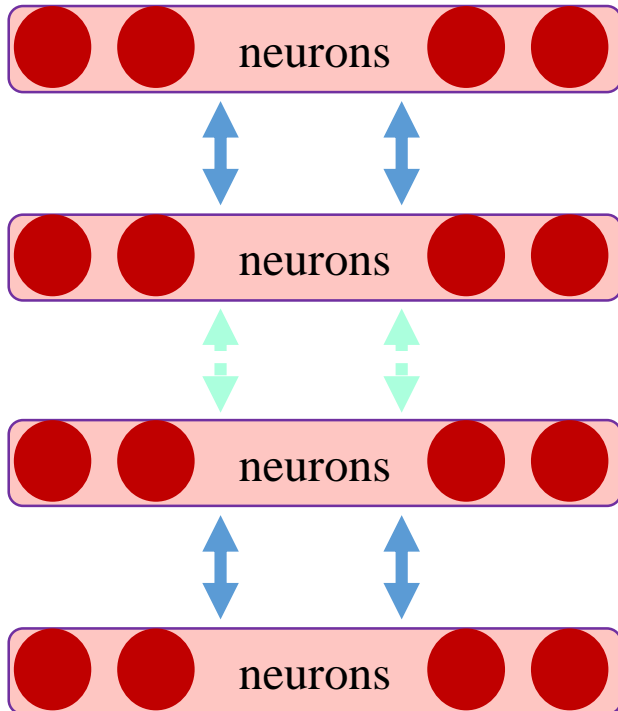
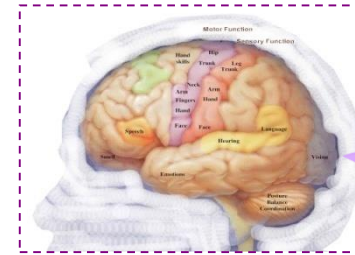
## Concept of Hierarchy Connection



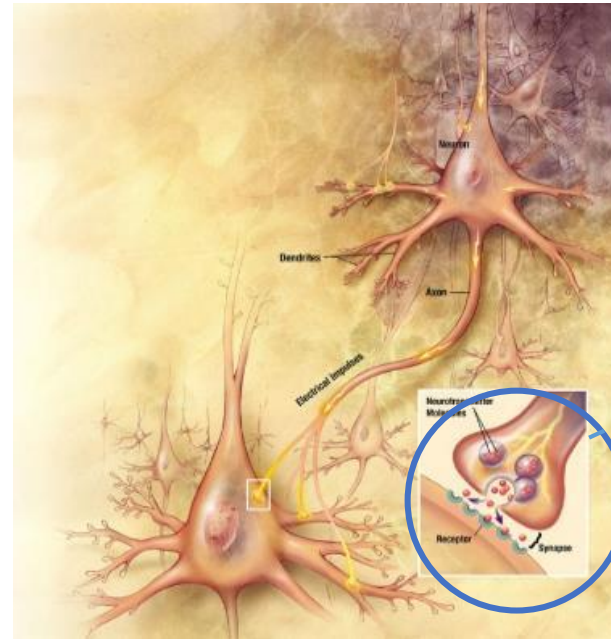
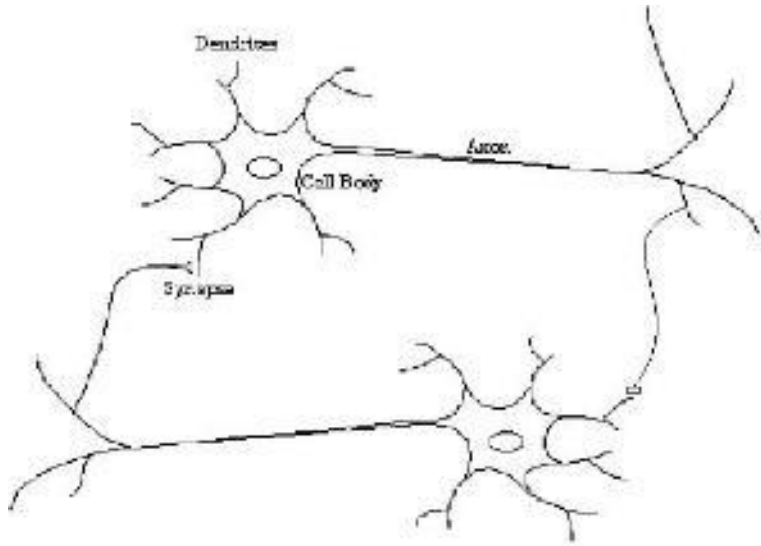


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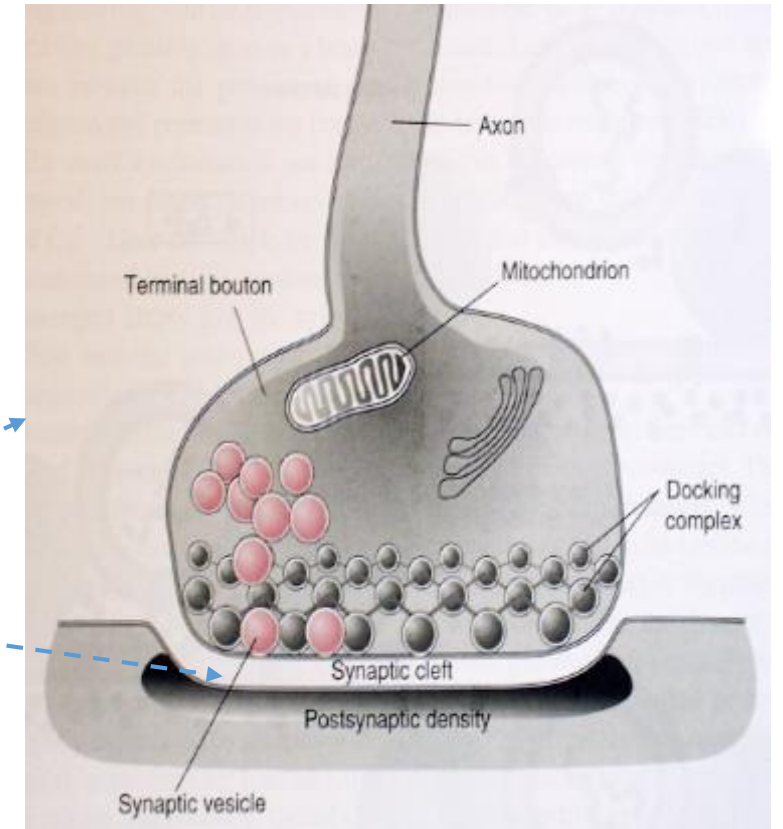
Physically: irregular quilt.  
Functionally: hierarchy.



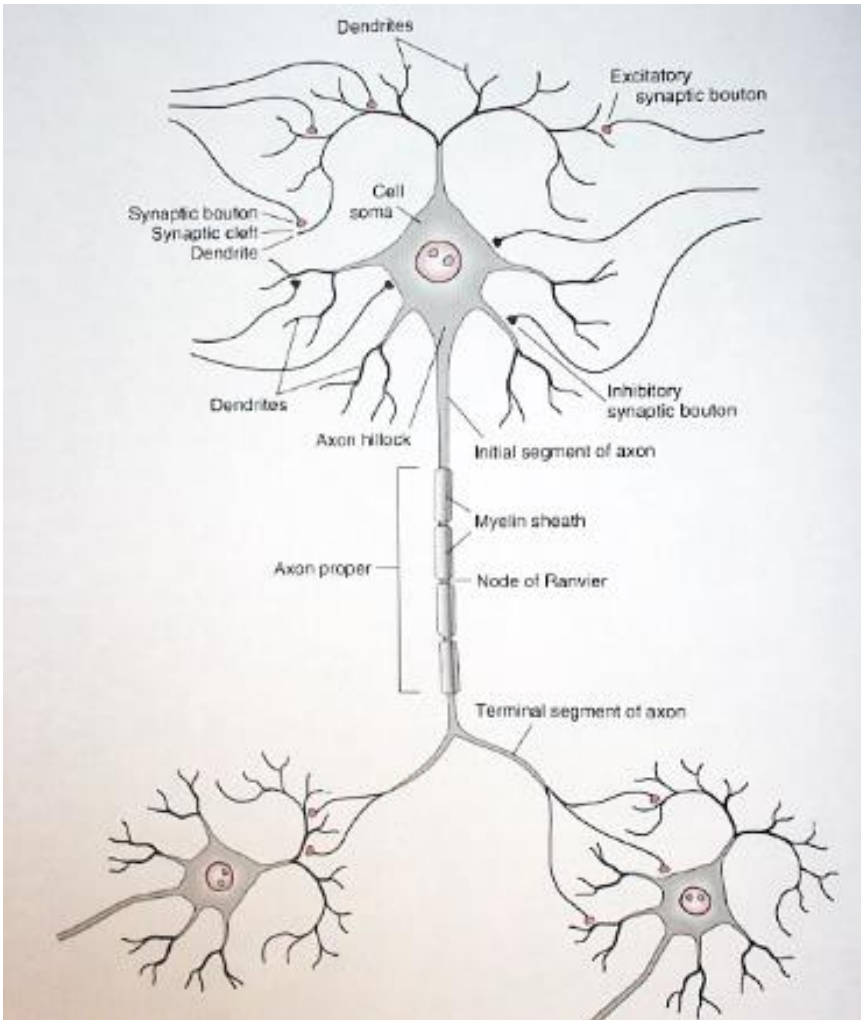
# Brief Review of Brain Structure



Synapse



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Neural Network = Neurons + Connections

The information flow in the network by some kind of electricity.

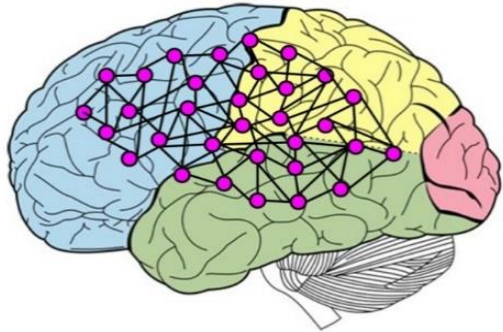
**Problem: Can we develop computational models for the neural network?**

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# Computational Model of Neurons



## ■ Basic Components

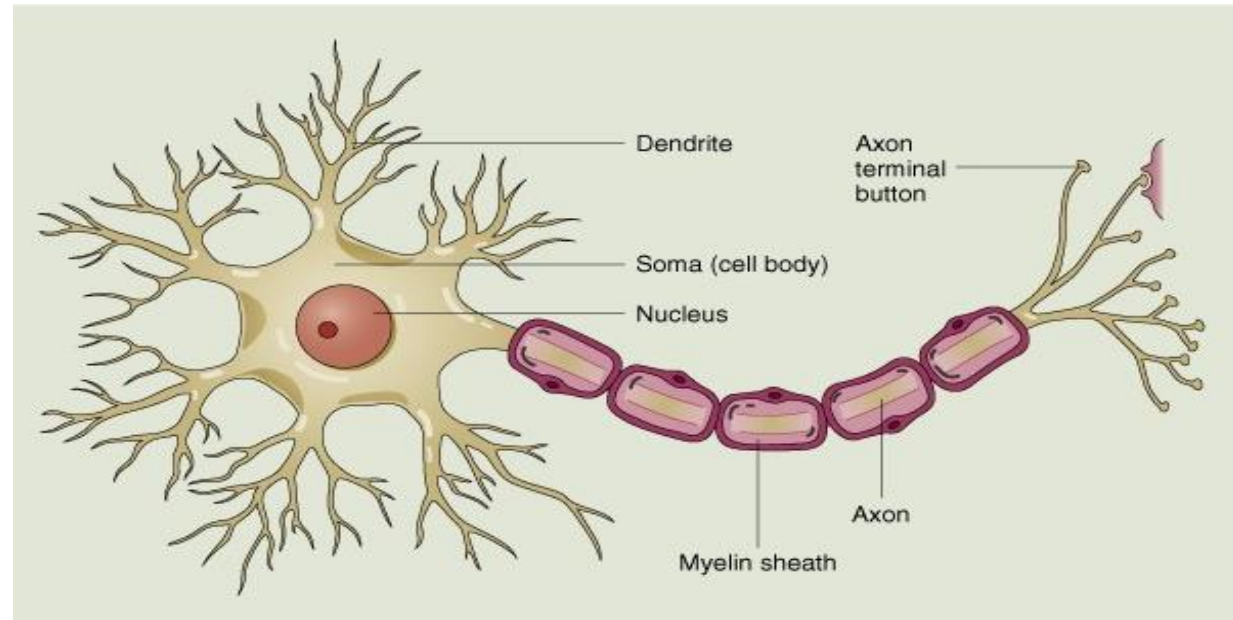
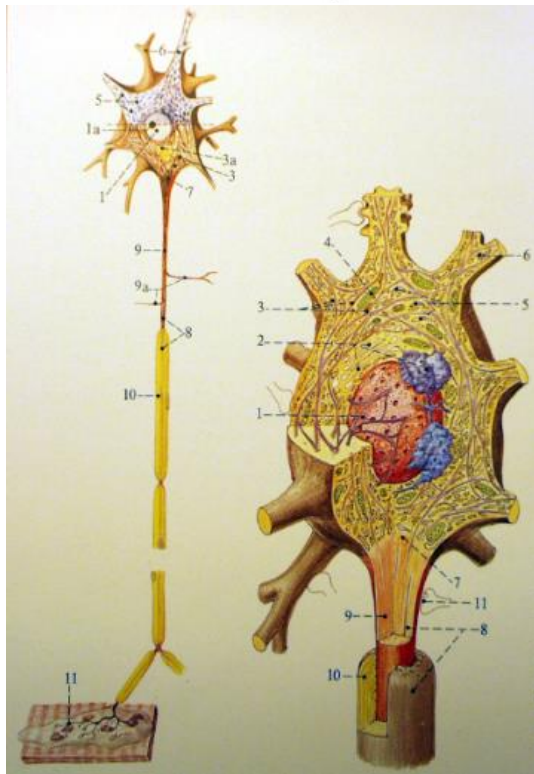
- Soma (cell body)
- Dendrite
- Axon

## ■ Basic Functions

- Collecting
- Functioning
- Transferring

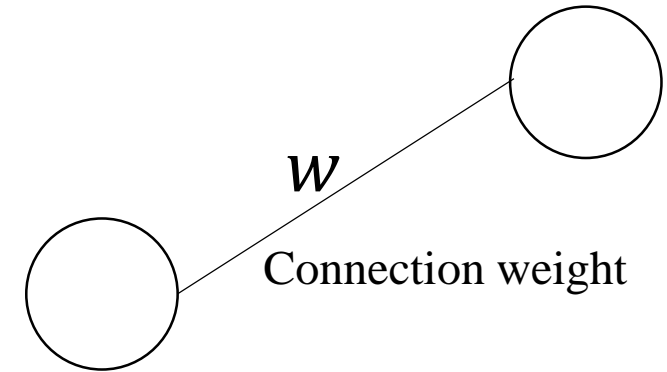
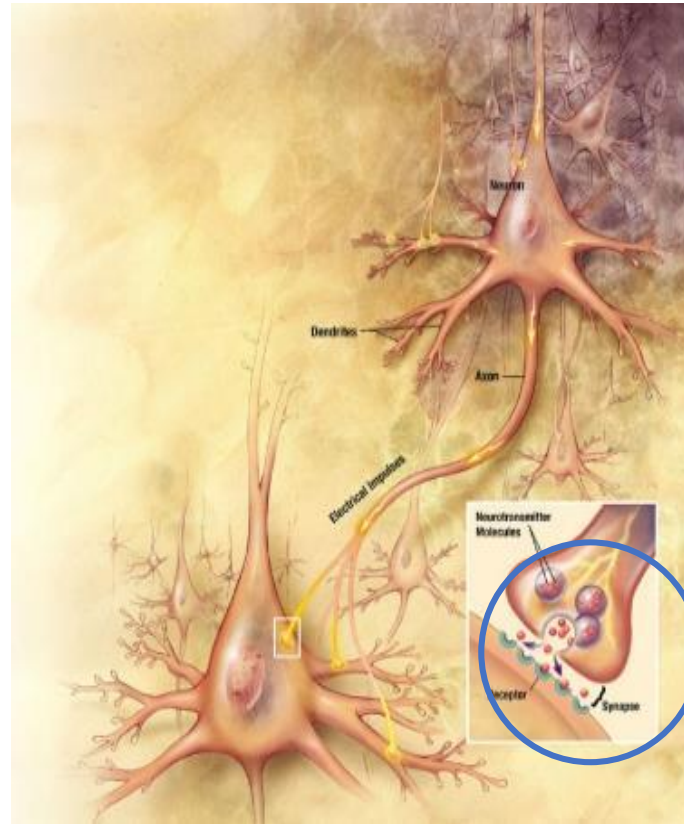
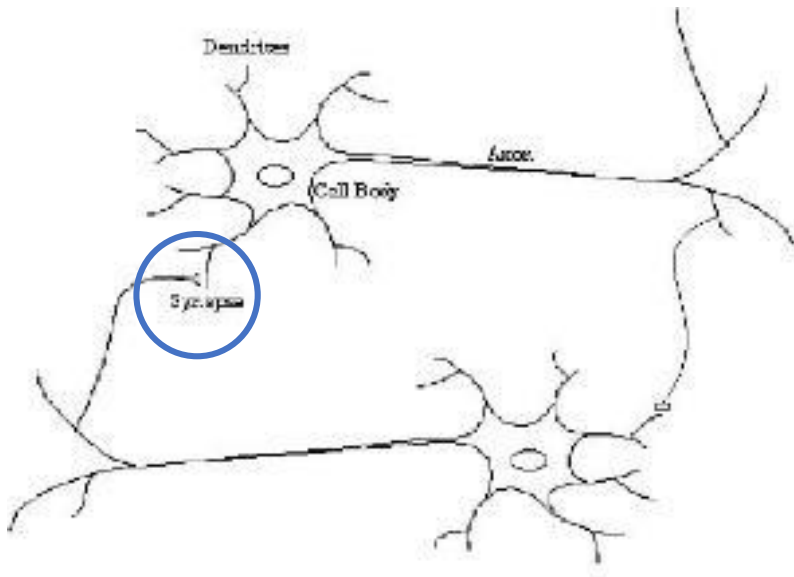
## ■ Characters

- Multi-inputs
- Mon-output



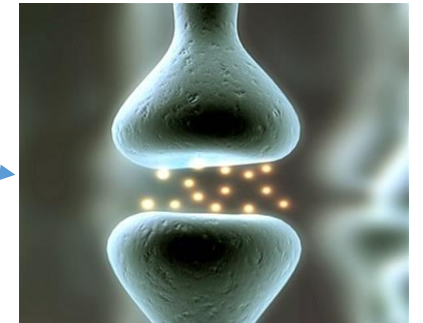


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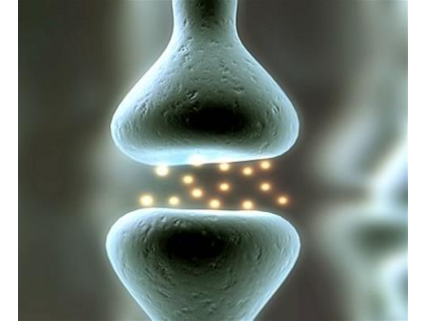
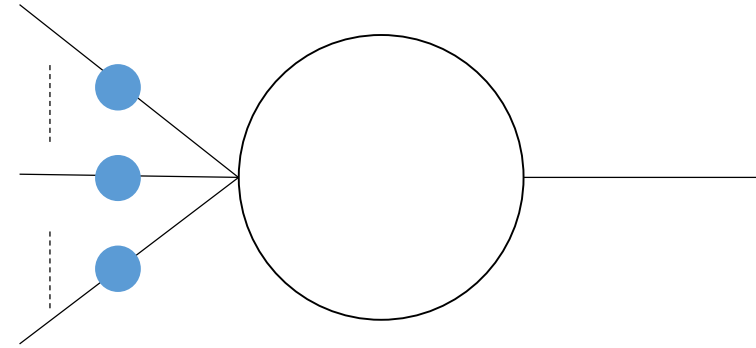
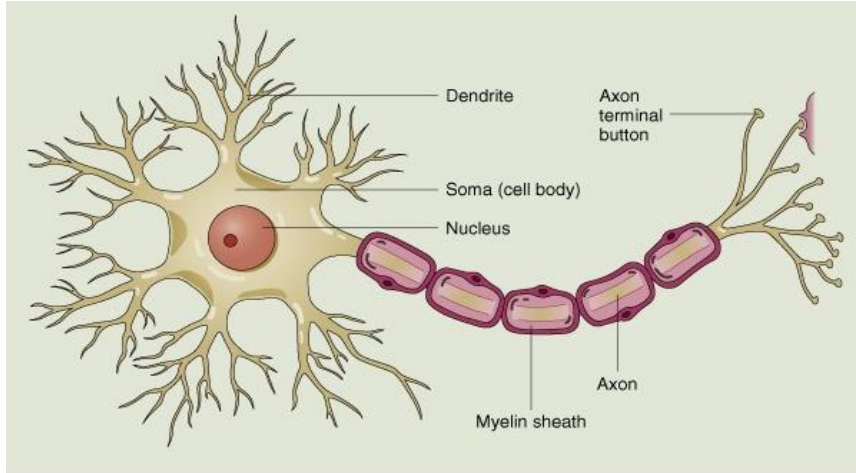


$w > 0$ , *exciting connection*  
 $w < 0$ , *inhibition connection*

Synapse

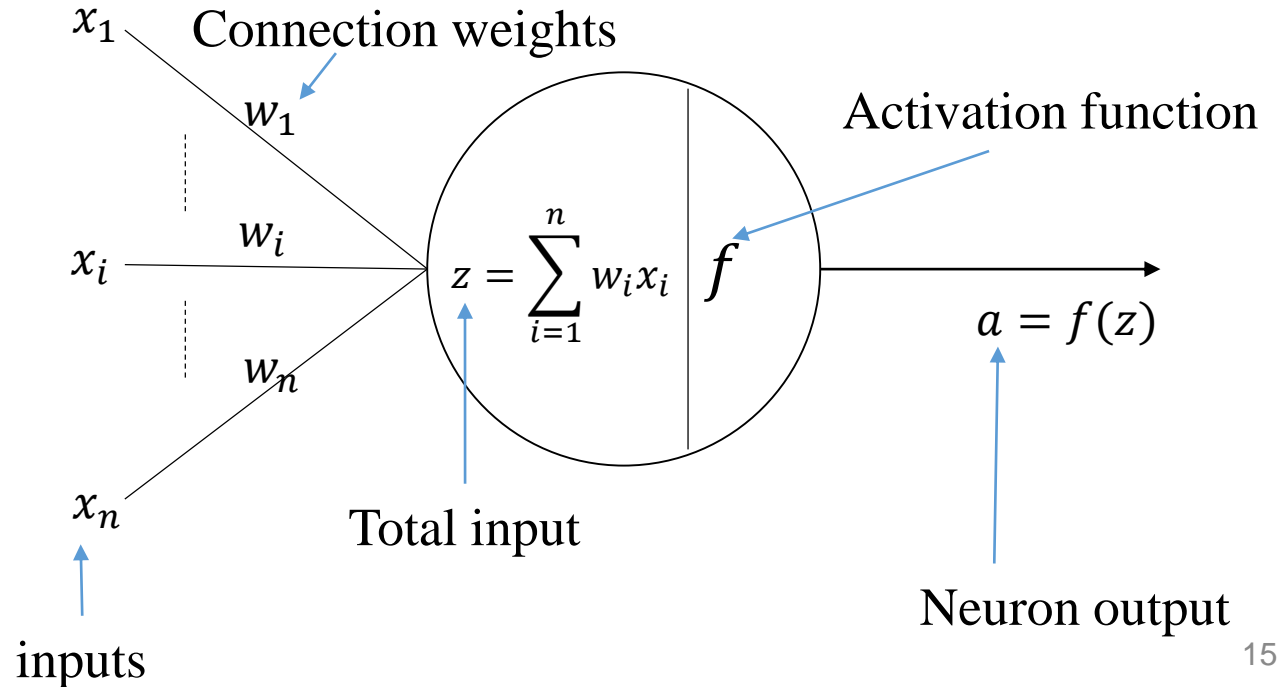


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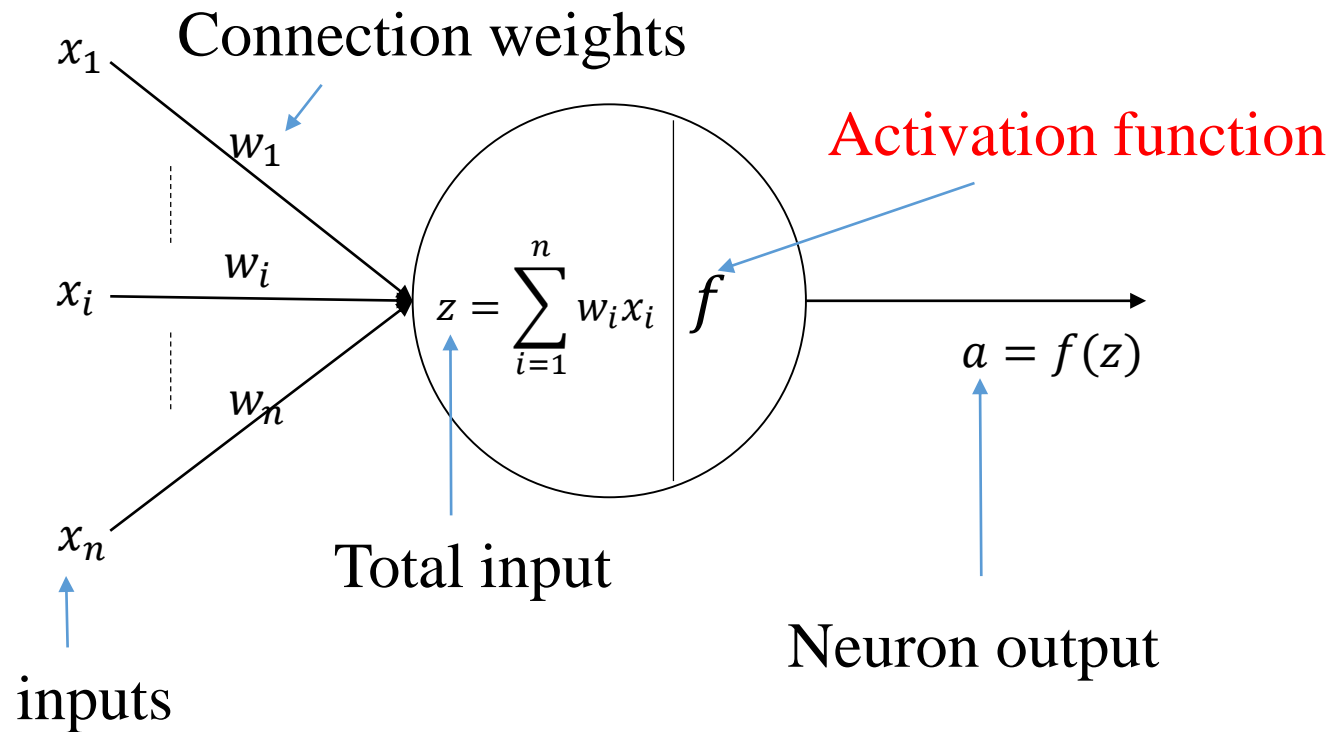
$$a = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right)$$

Math model



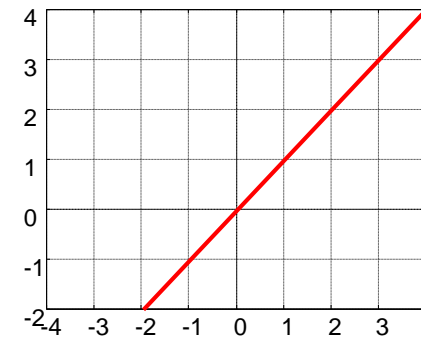
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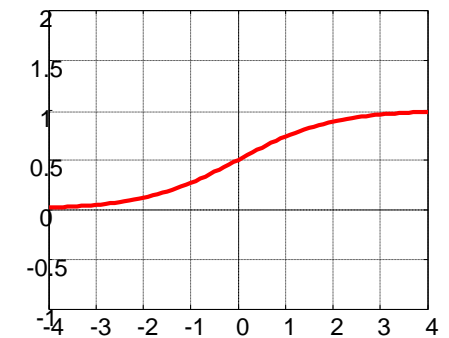
Linear function

$$f(z) = z$$



Sigmoid function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$



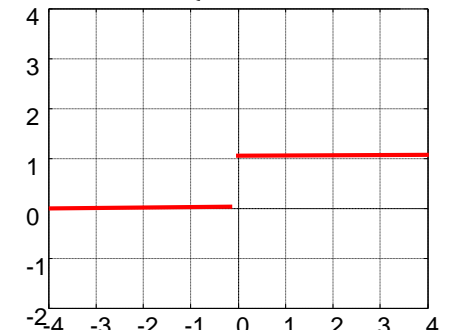
Rectifier function

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} z, & z \geq 0 \\ 0, & z < 0 \end{cases}$$

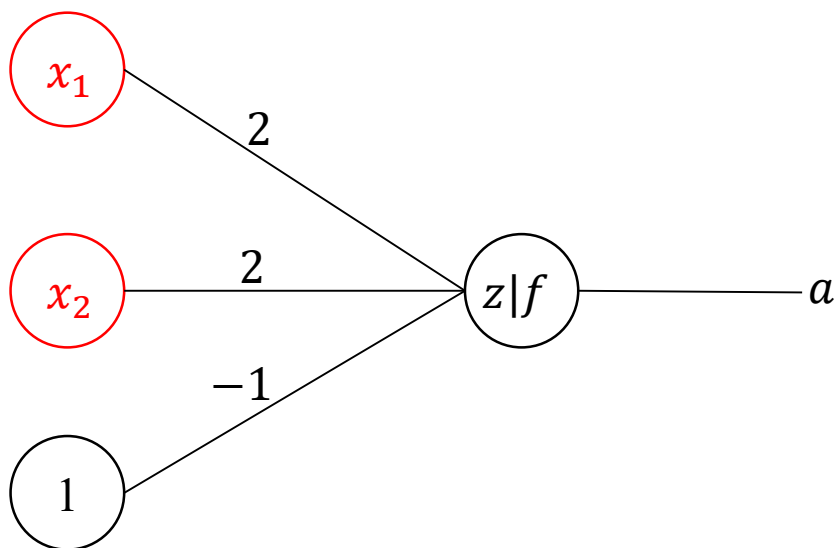


Hard-limit function

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} 1, & z \geq 0 \\ 0, & z < 0 \end{cases}$$



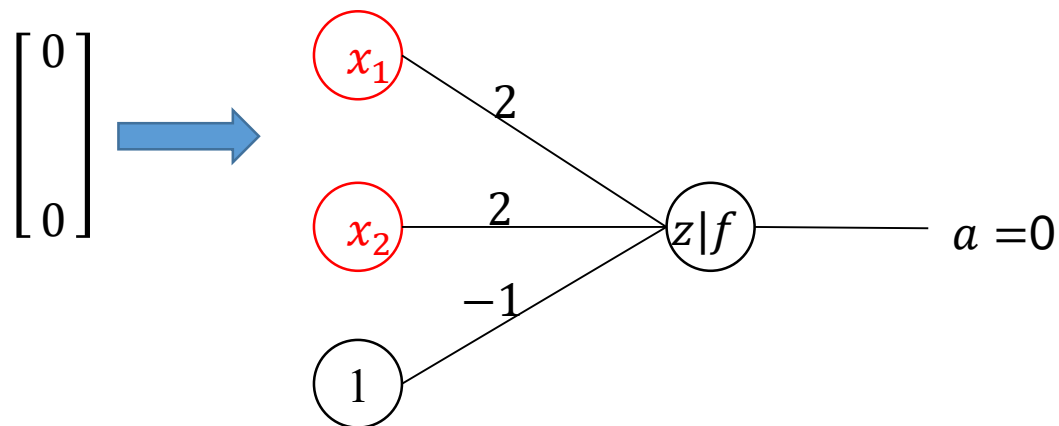
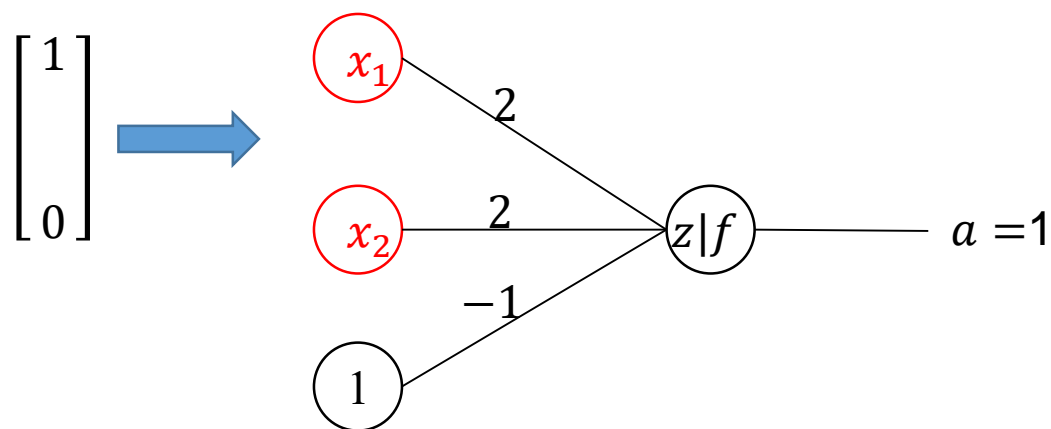
# A Simple Example



$$a = f(2x_1 + 2x_2 - 1)$$

$$z = 2x_1 + 2x_2 - 1$$

$$f(s) = \begin{cases} 1, & s \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

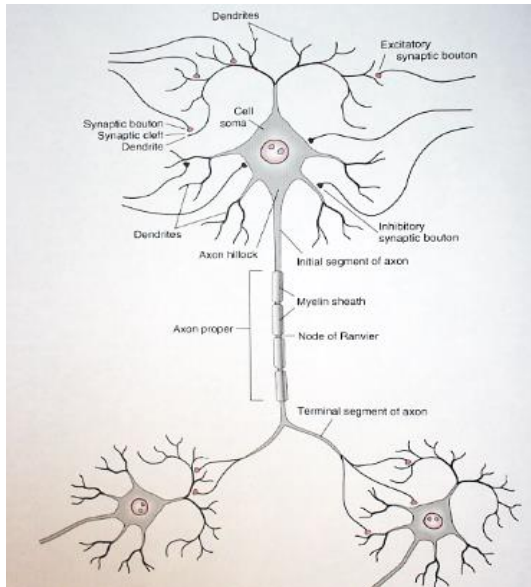
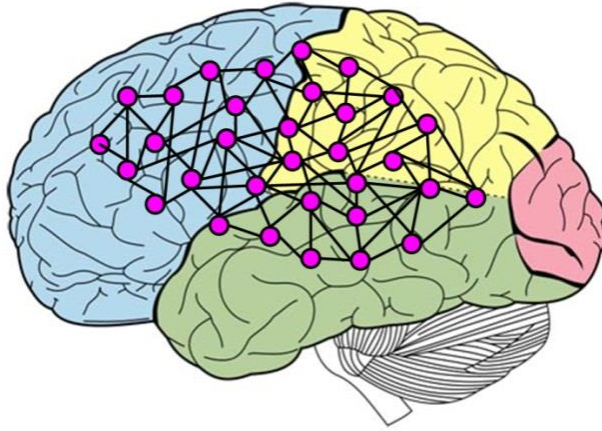


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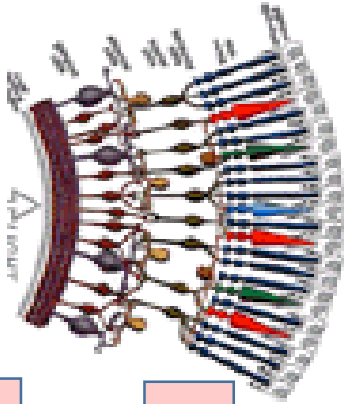


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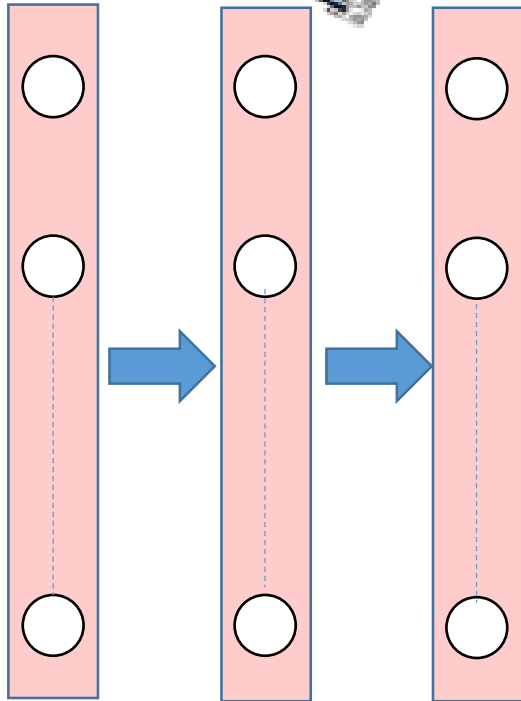


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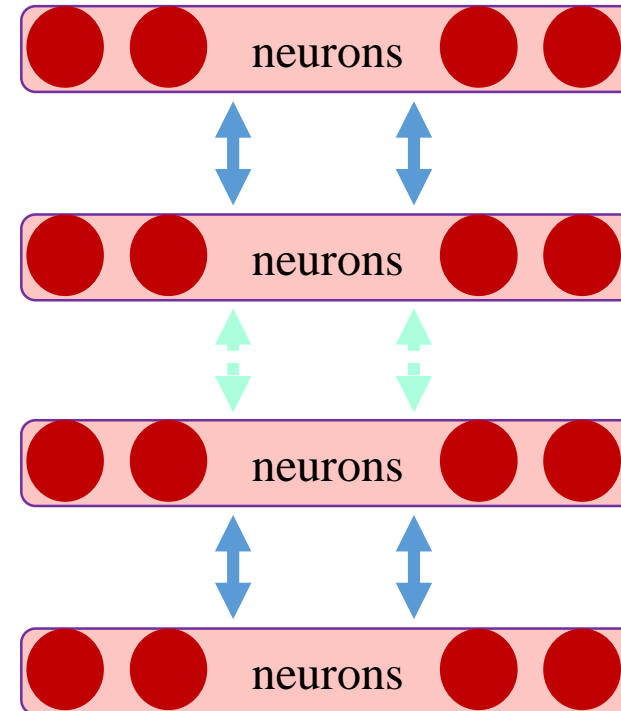
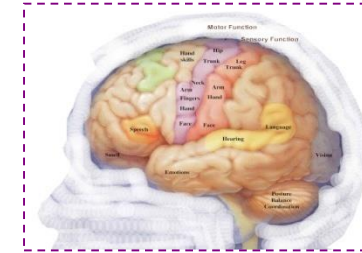
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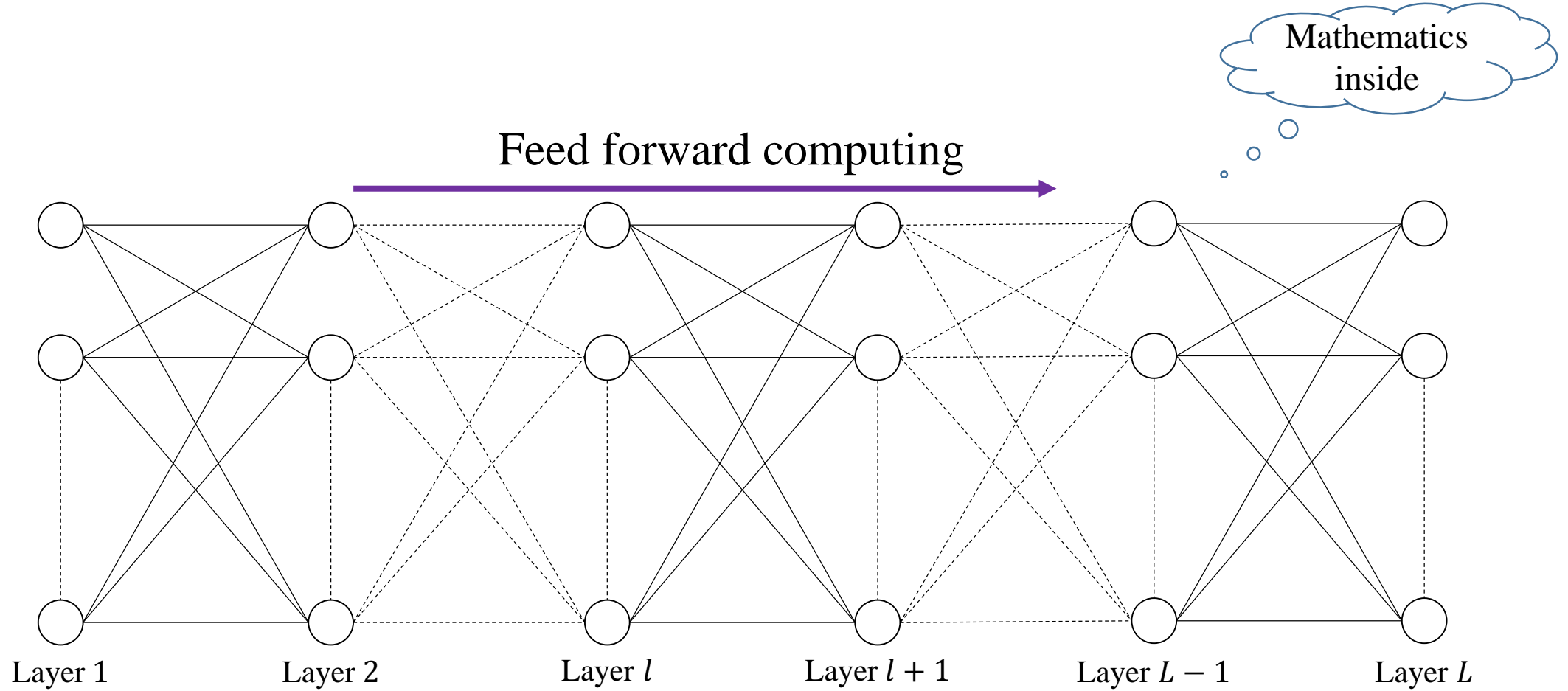
There exist layer structures for neurons.



Neurons are  
structured in  
Layer way.



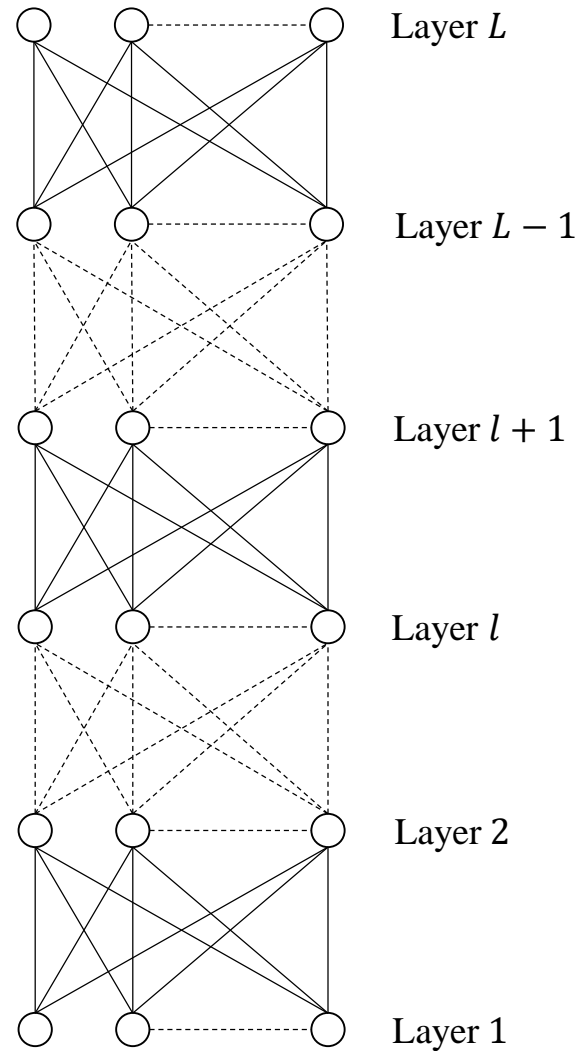
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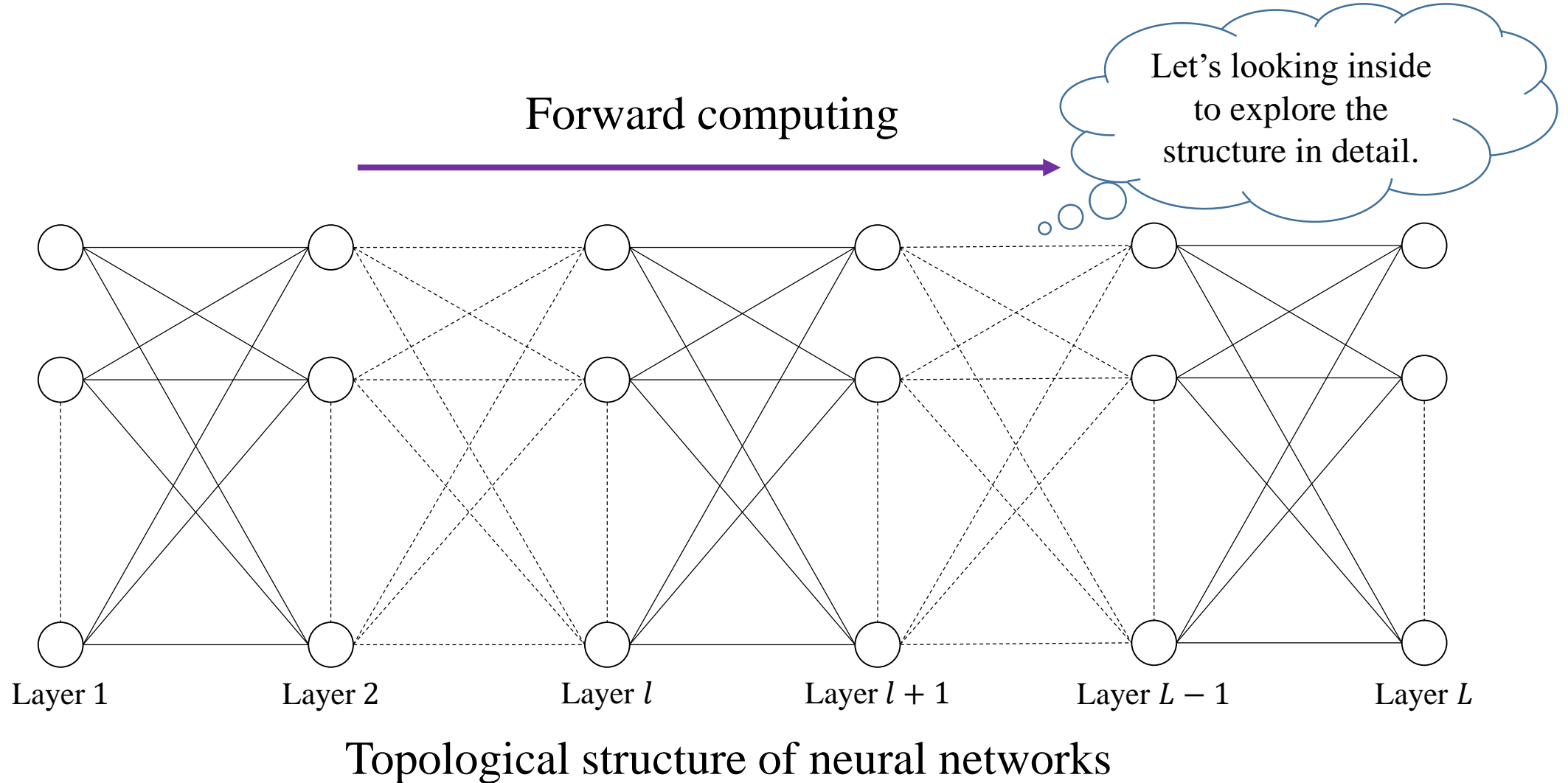
Topological structure of neural networks

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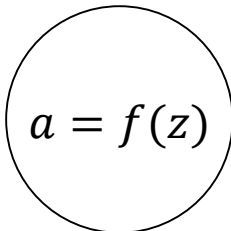
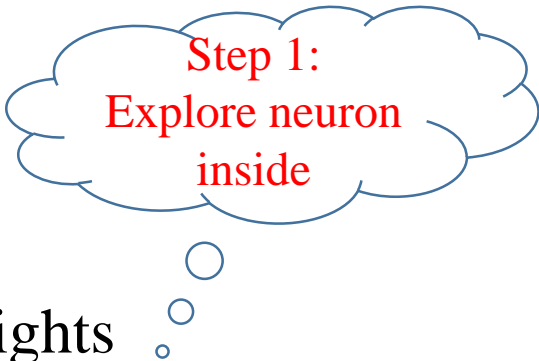
Another view to NN structure



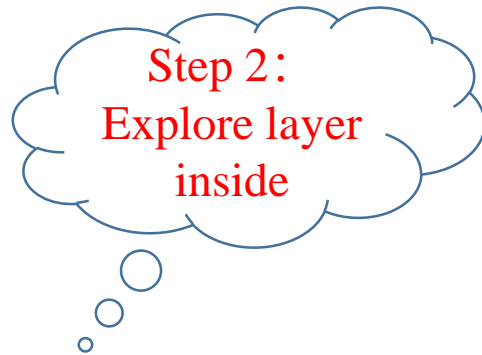
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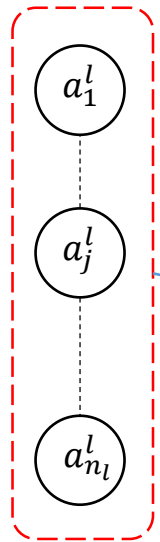




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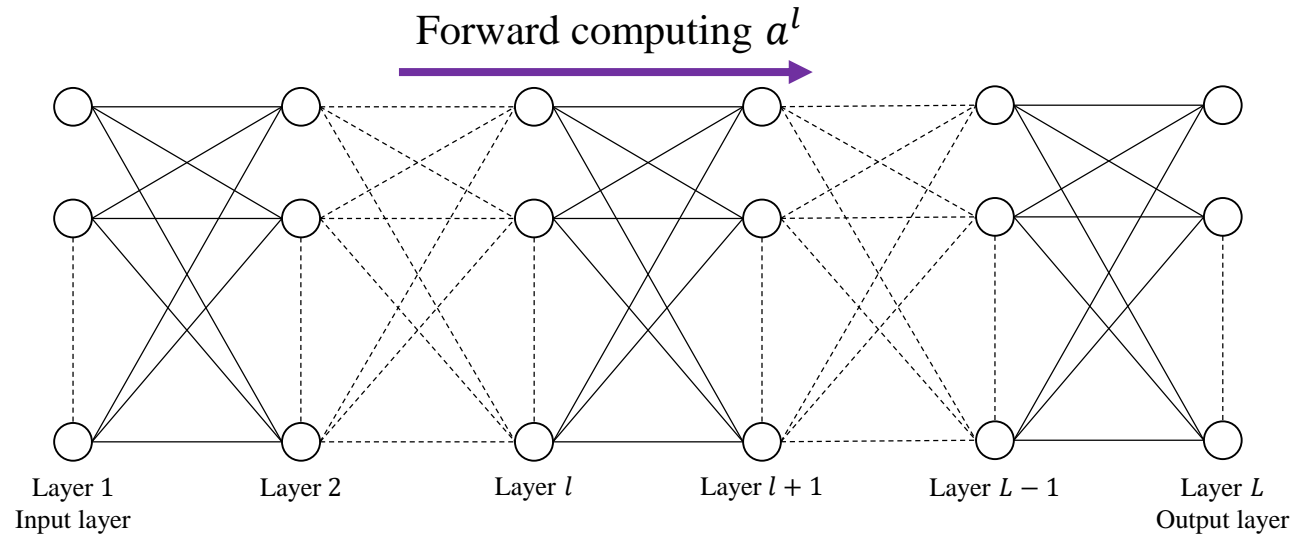
Layer  $l$  contains  $n_l$  neurons.



Layer  $l$

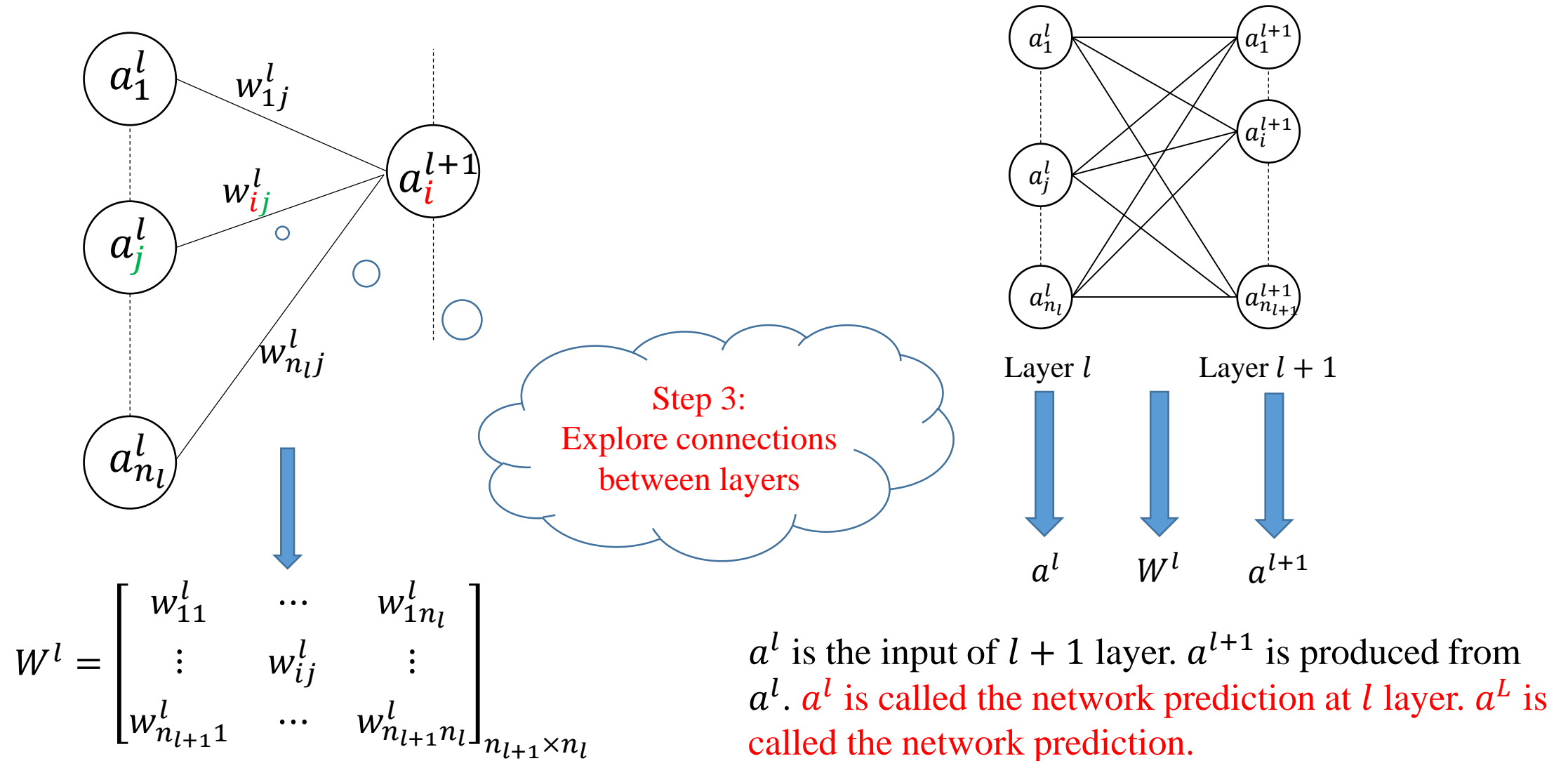
$$a_j^l = f(z_j^l)$$

The neuron located in  $l$  layer  $j^{th}$  place,  
 $a_j^l$  denotes the output value of the neuron.



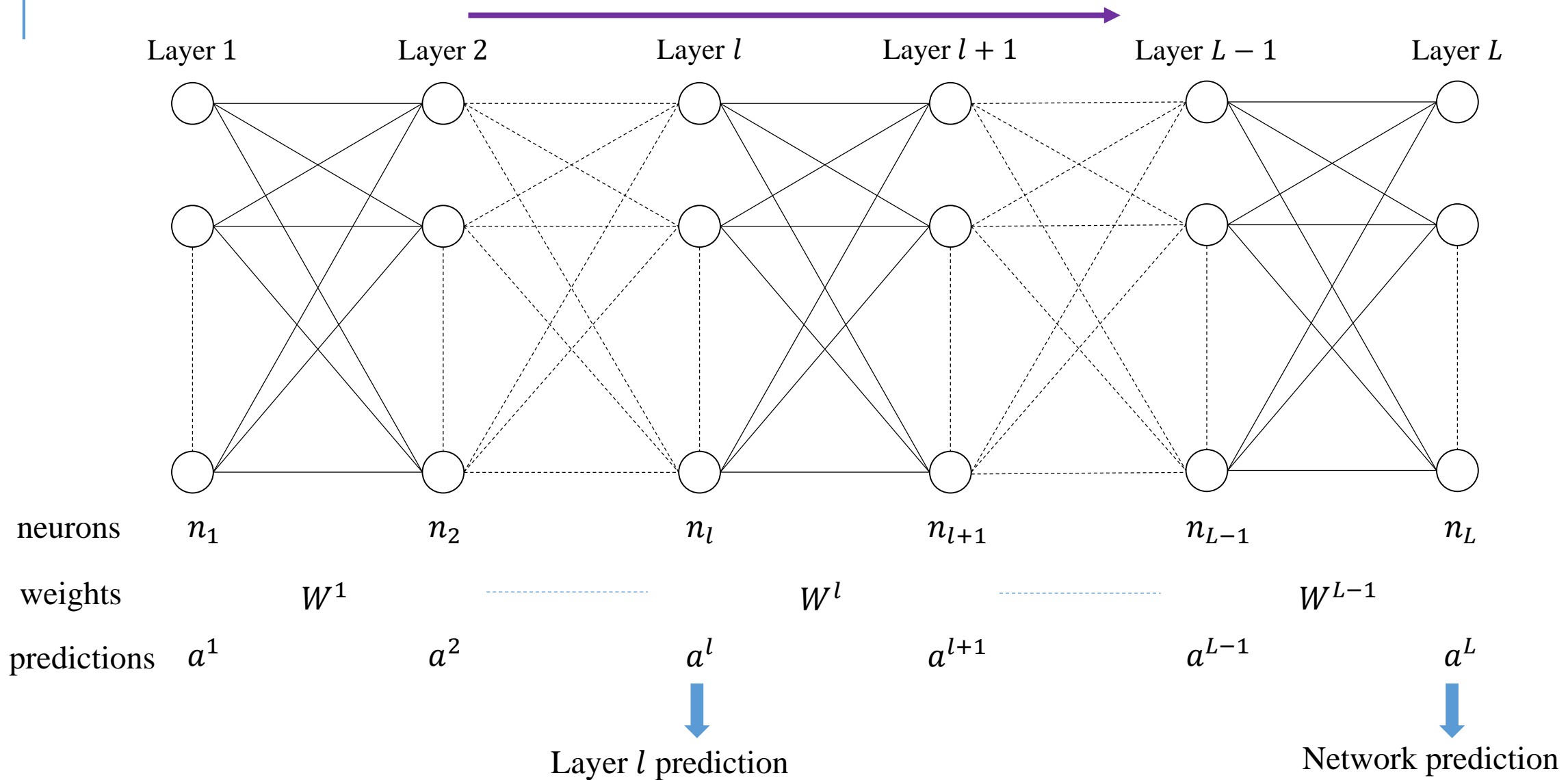
Vector form  $a^l = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^l \\ \vdots \\ a_j^l \\ \vdots \\ a_{n_l}^l \end{bmatrix}$

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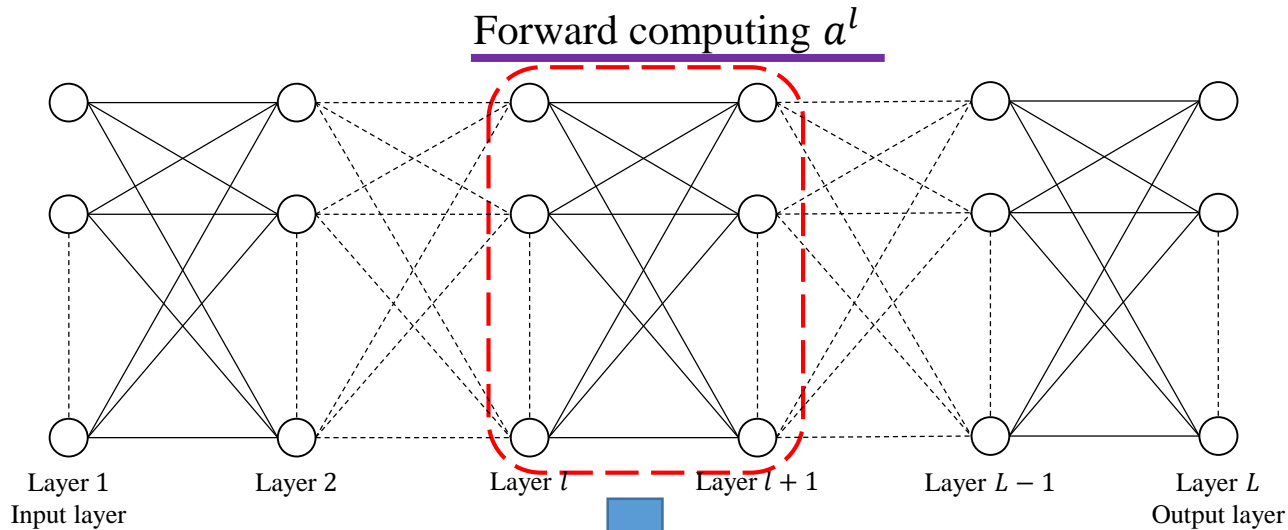


# Forward computing

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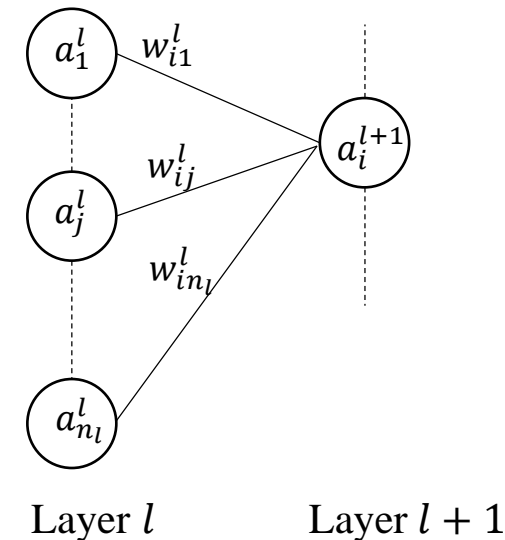


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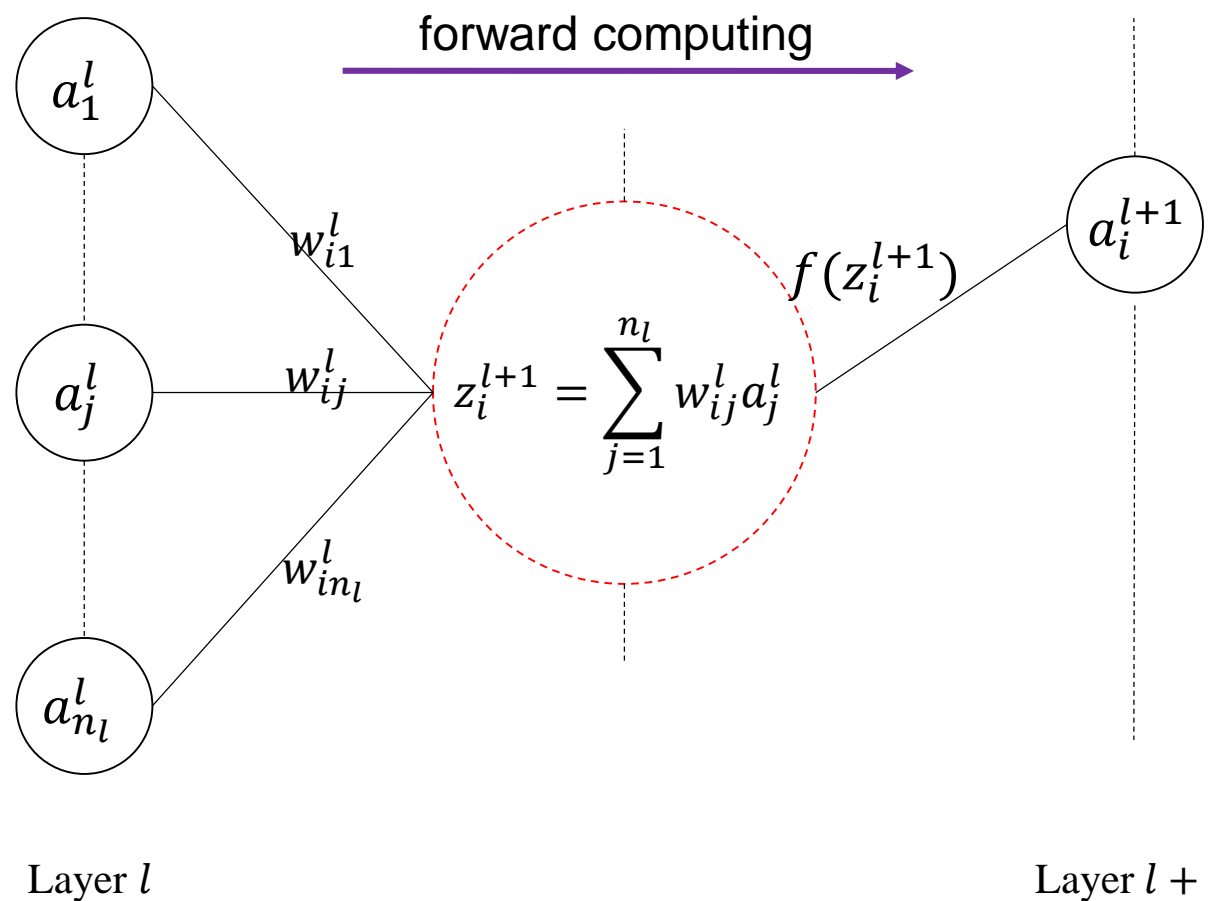
**Problem:**  
How to do the forward computing?

How to use  $a_1^l, \dots, a_{n_l}^l$  and  $w_{i1}^l, \dots, w_{in_l}^l$  to compute  $a_i^{l+1}$ ?





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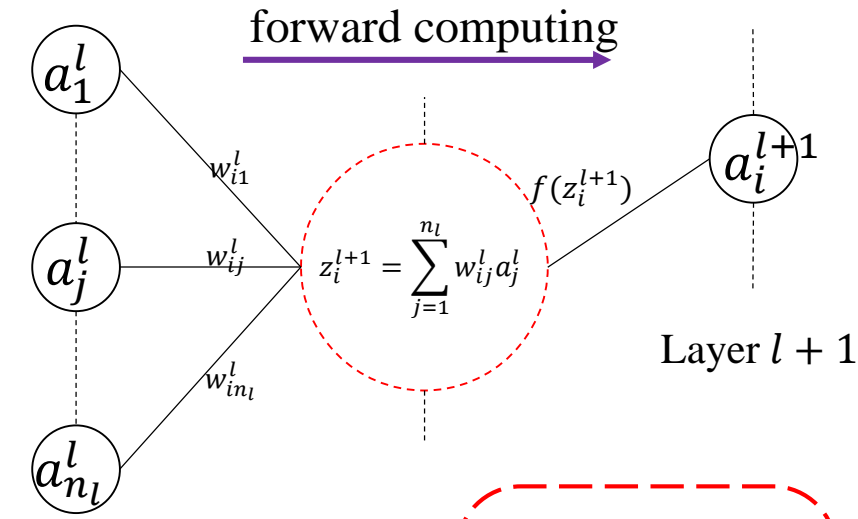


$$\begin{cases} a_i^{l+1} = f(z_i^{l+1}) \\ z_i^{l+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l \end{cases}$$



$$a_i^{l+1} = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l\right)$$

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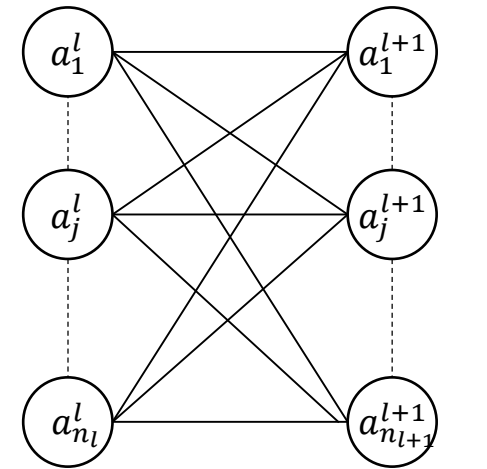


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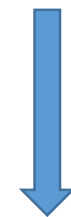
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Vector form

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Layer  $l$



$a^l$

Layer  $l + 1$



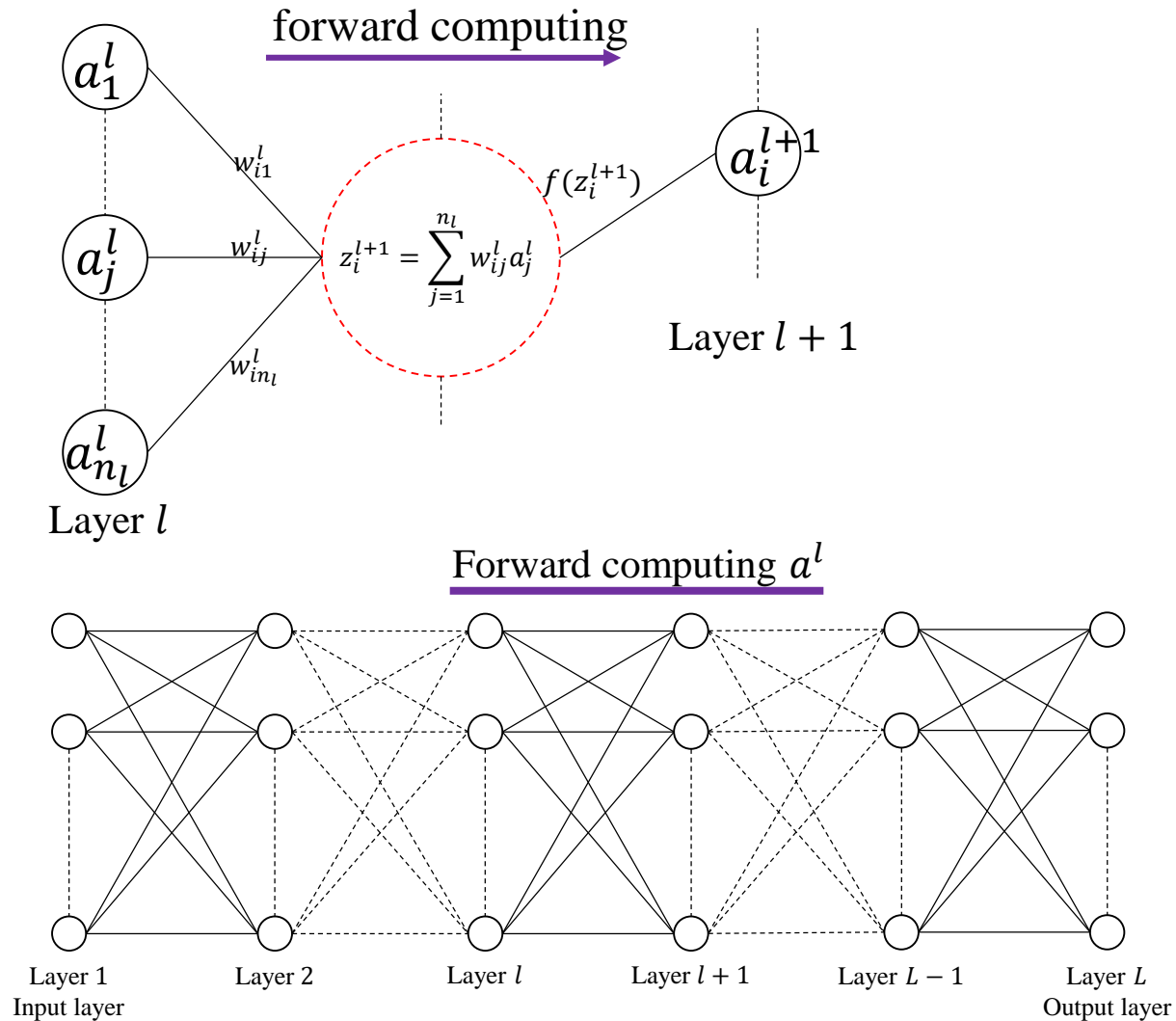
$W^l$



$a^{l+1}$

$a^l$  is the input of  $l + 1$  layer.  
 $a^{l+1}$  is the representation of  $a^l$ .

# One page to understand forward computing



Algorithm:

Input  $W^l, a^1$

for  $l = 1:L$

$a^{l+1} = fc(W^l, a^l)$

return

Function  $fc(W^l, a^l)$

for  $i = 1:n_{l+1}$

$z_i^{l+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l$

$a_i^{l+1} = f(z_i^{l+1})$

end

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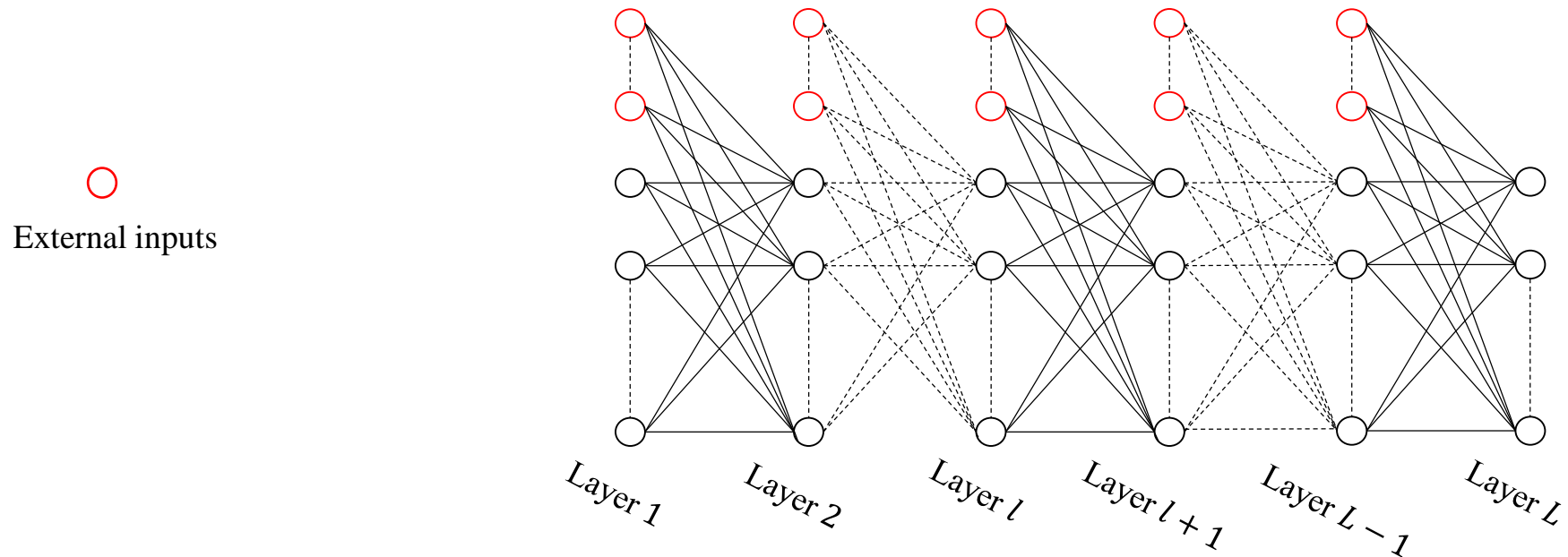
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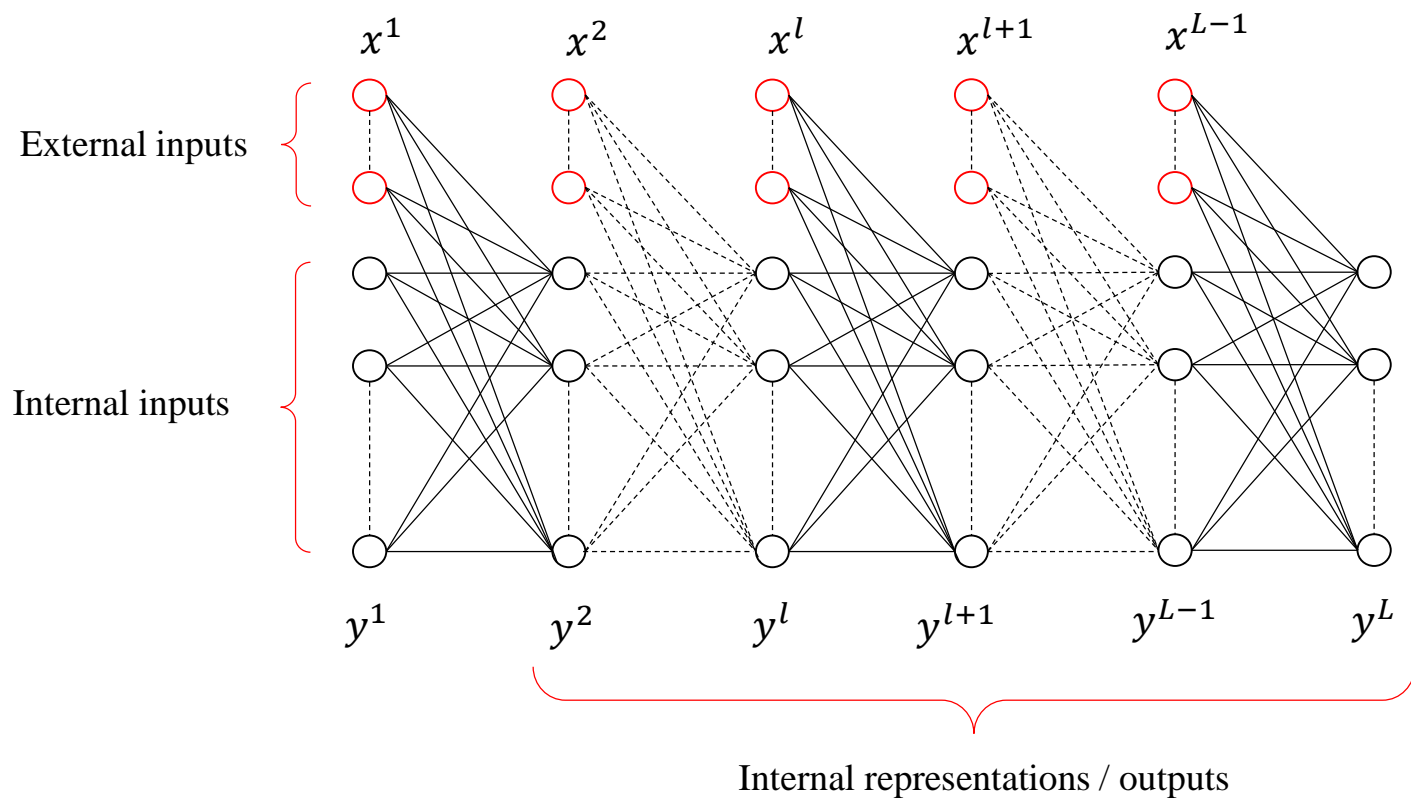
## External inputs:

If neurons in  $l$  layer are not connected to any neurons in previous layer, these neurons are called external inputs of  $l + 1$  layer.

External inputs can exist in any layer except the last one.



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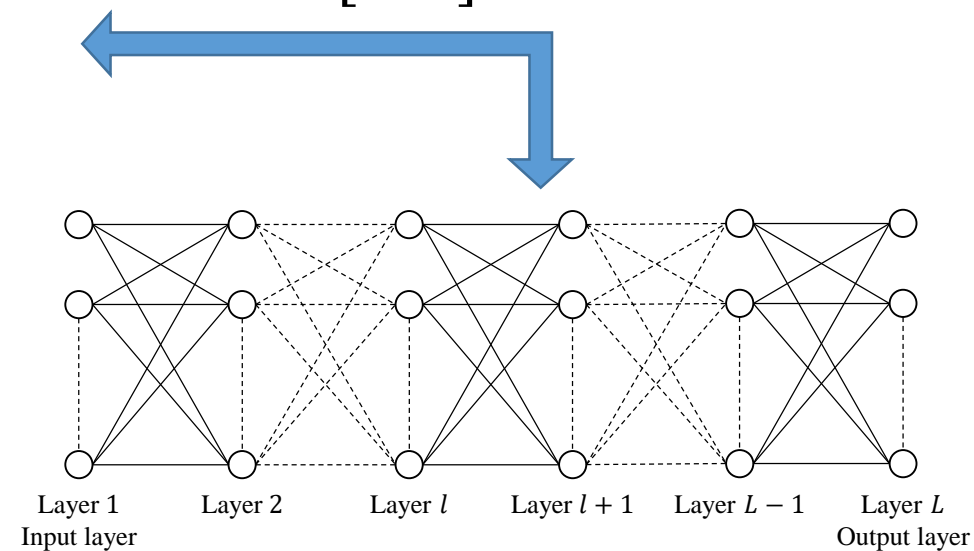


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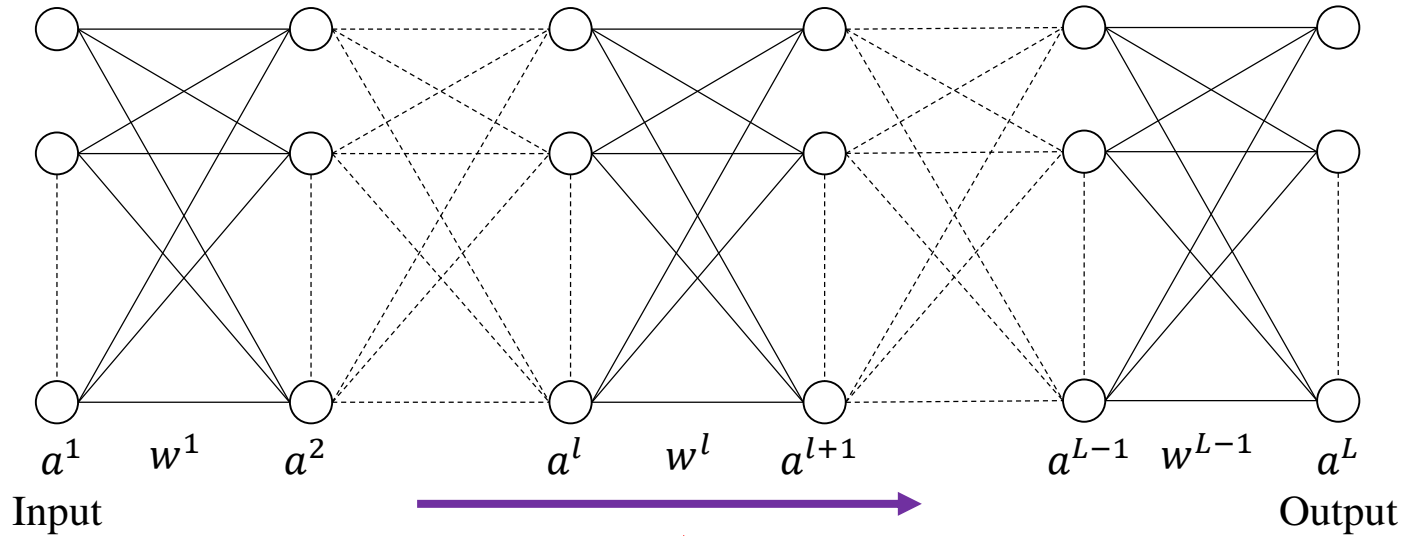
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$$y^{l+1} = f(z^{l+1})$$

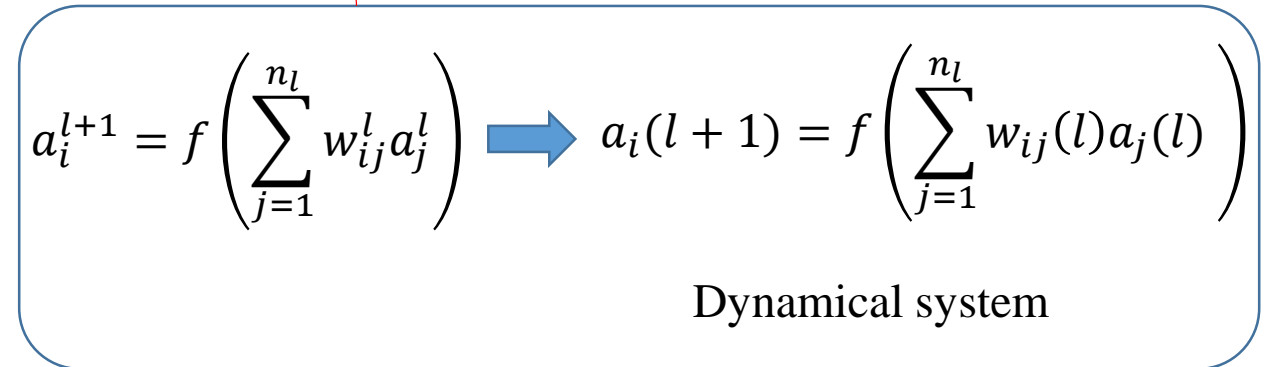
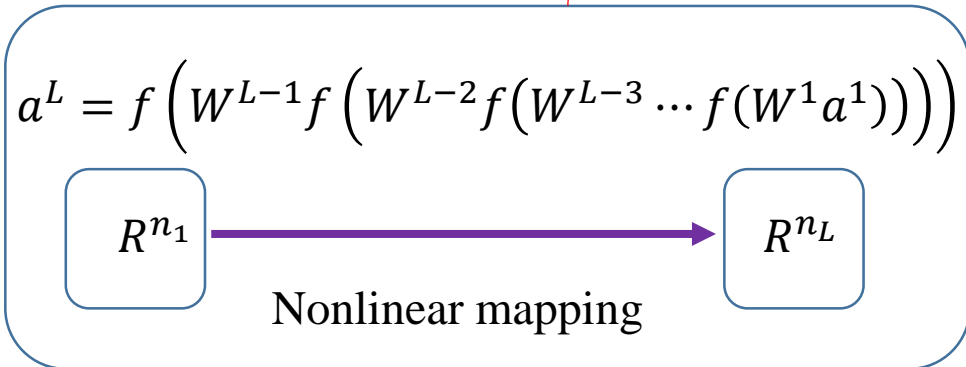
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# Nonlinear Mapping / Dynamical Systems

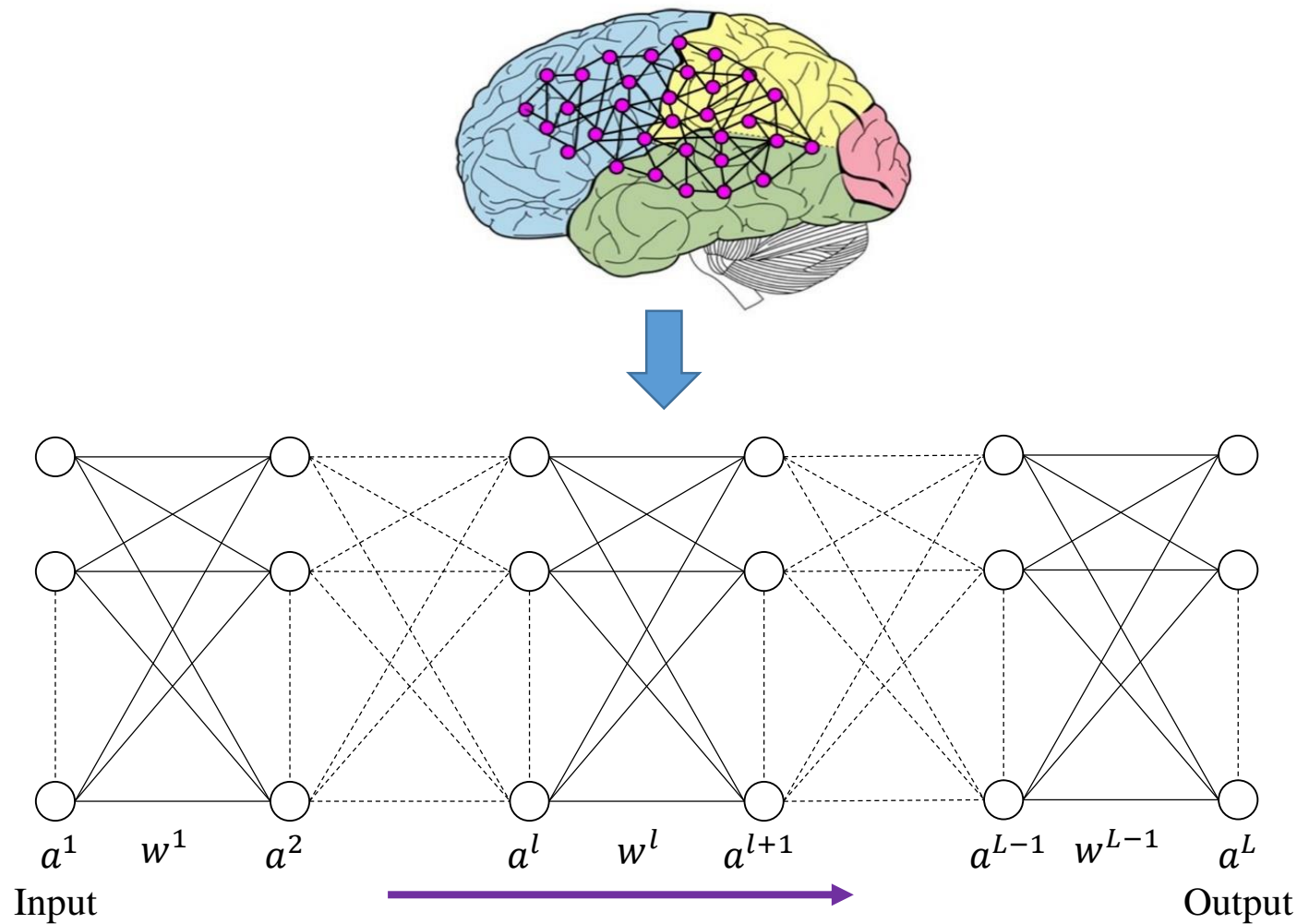


A neural network can be looked as a nonlinear mapping or a dynamical system.





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$$a_i^{l+1} = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l\right)$$

# An example: XOR-worms problem

Doted worms


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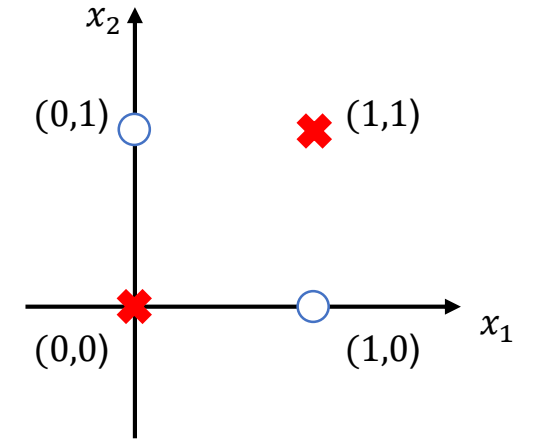

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Smooth worms


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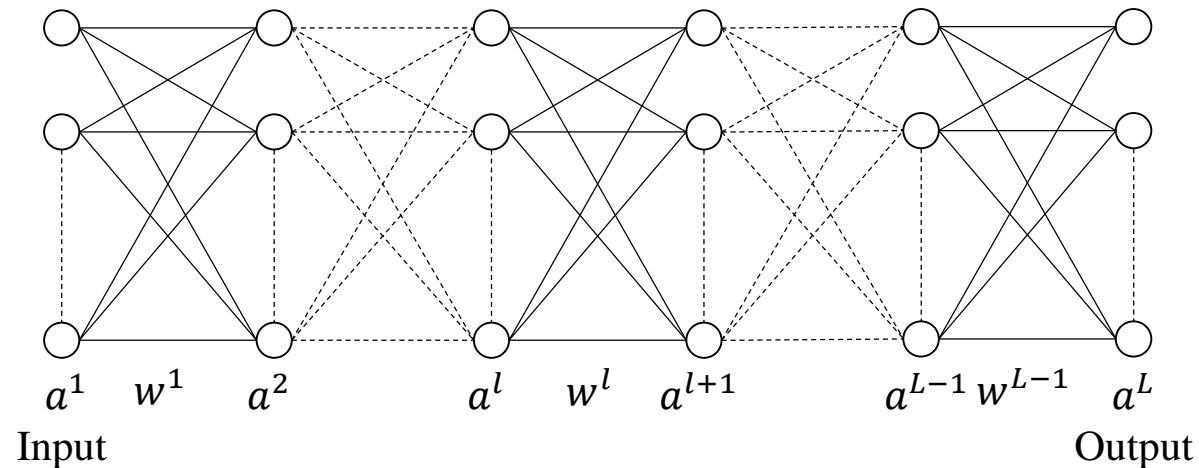
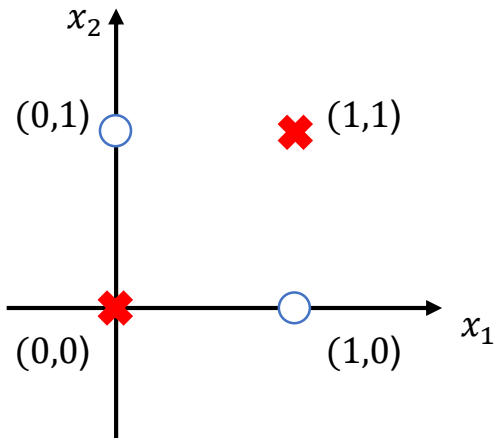
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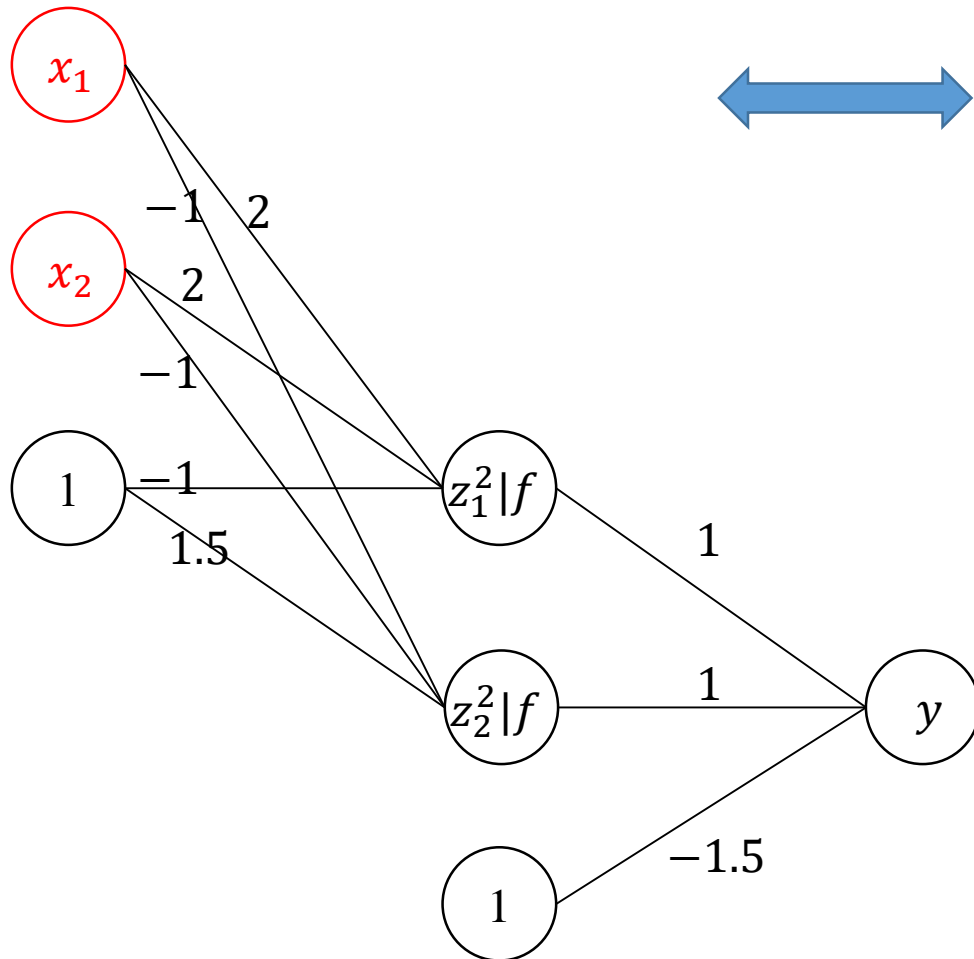
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An FNN is a nonlinear mapping.

**Problem: Can we construct an FNN to replace  $F$ ?**

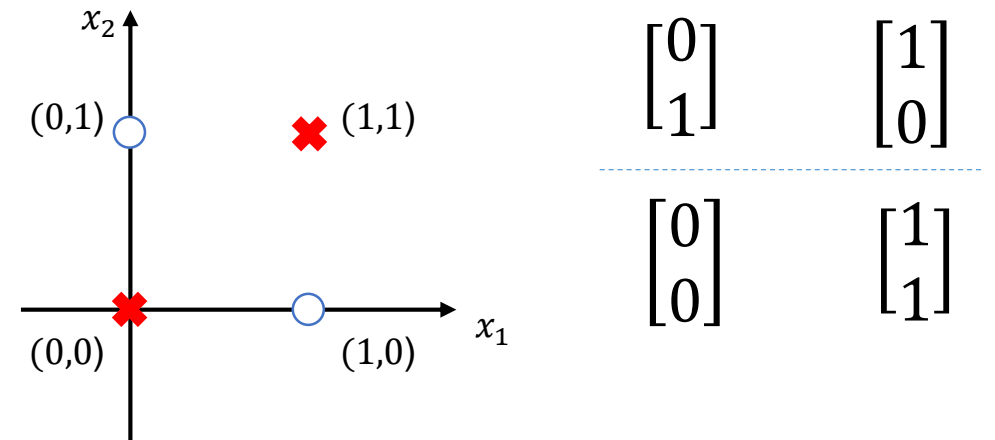


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Can this network really replace F?  
Check it!

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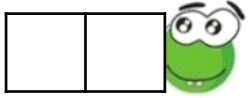
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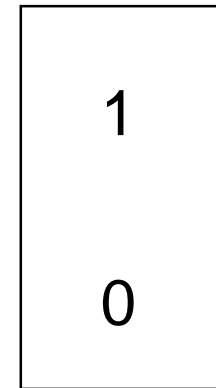
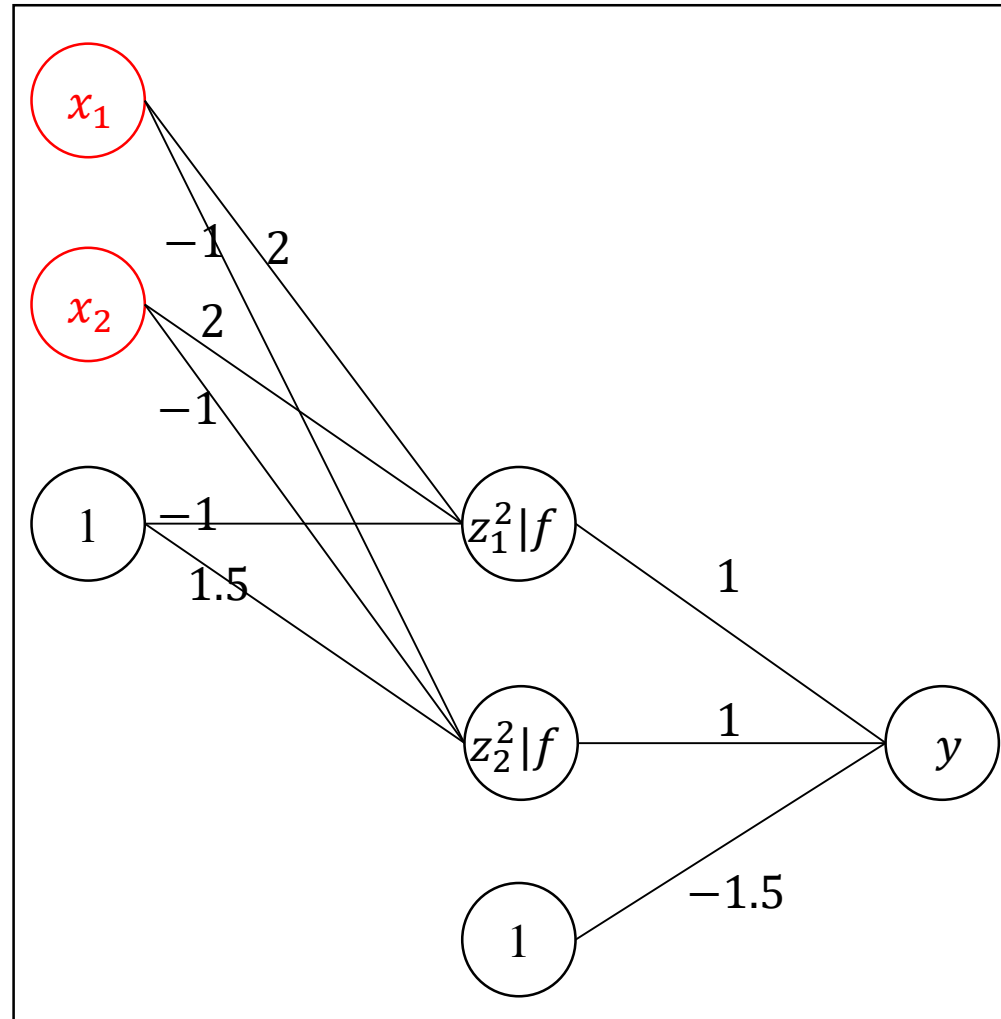
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Smooth worms

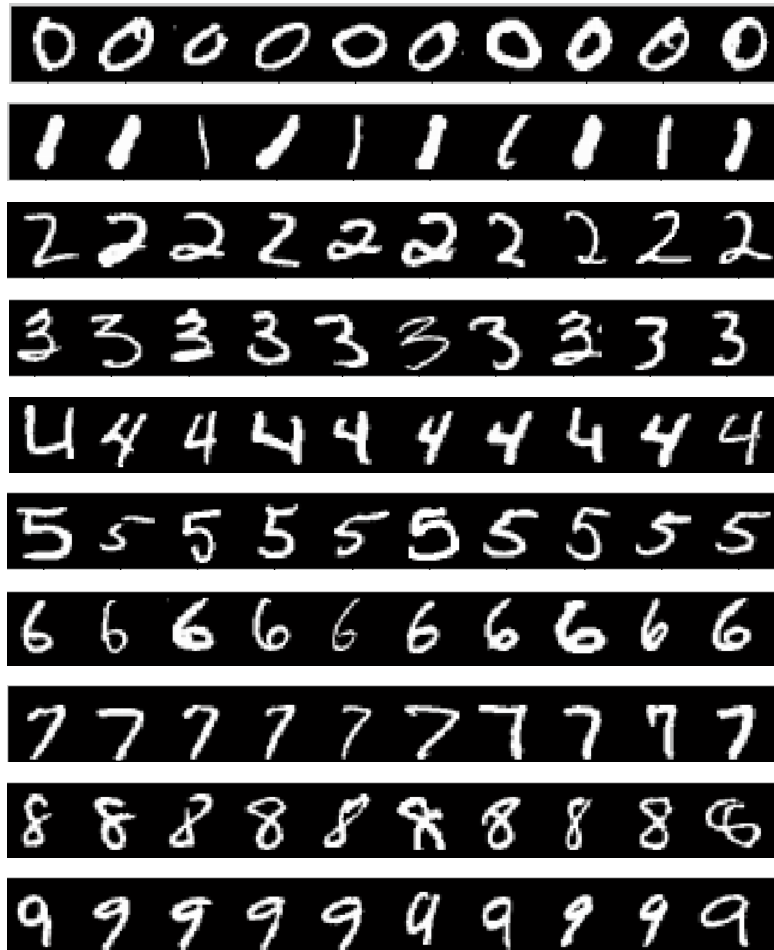


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# Handwritten Digits Recognition



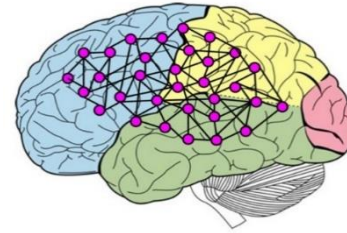
digitizing



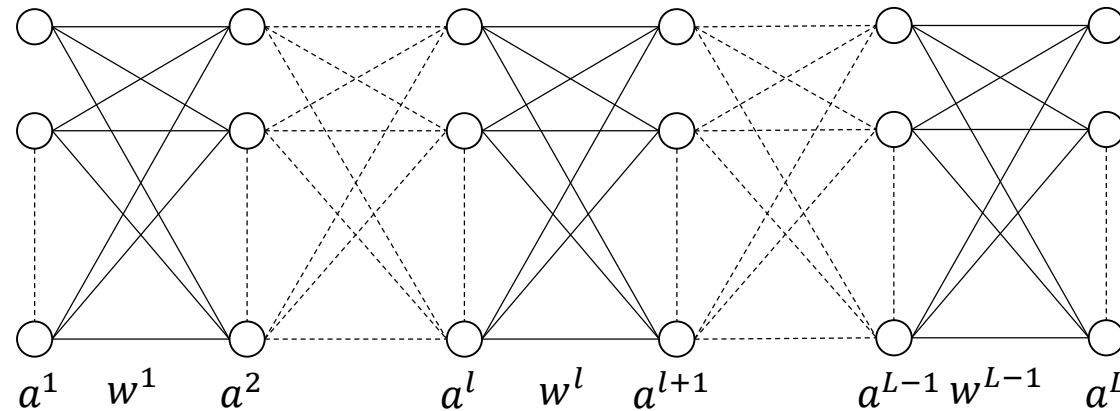
$$F: x \rightarrow y$$



representation



Problem: Can we construct an FNN to replace  $F$ ?



Input

Output

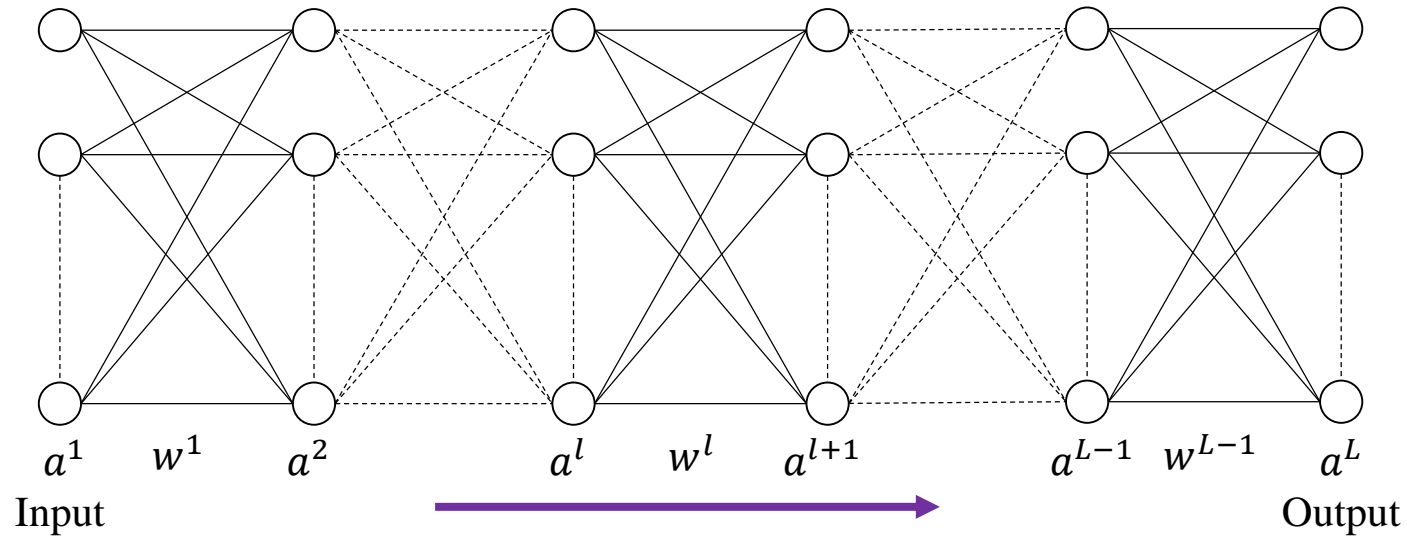
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- Computational Model of Neurons
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- Continuous Time Neural Networks
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# Discrete Time Neural Networks



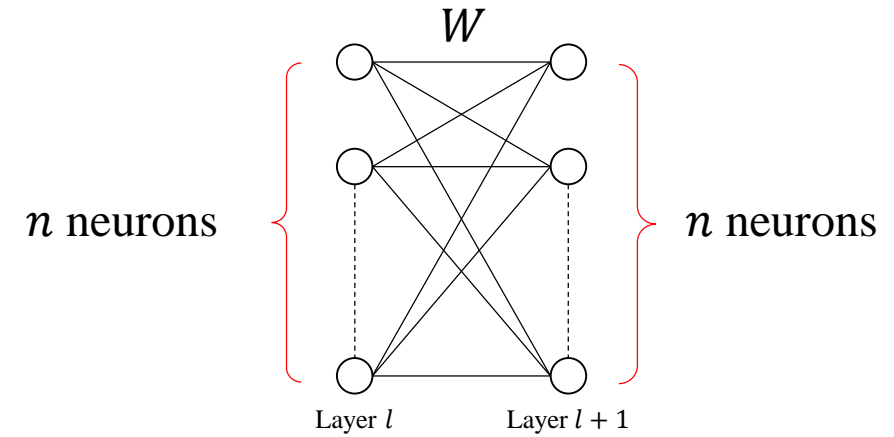
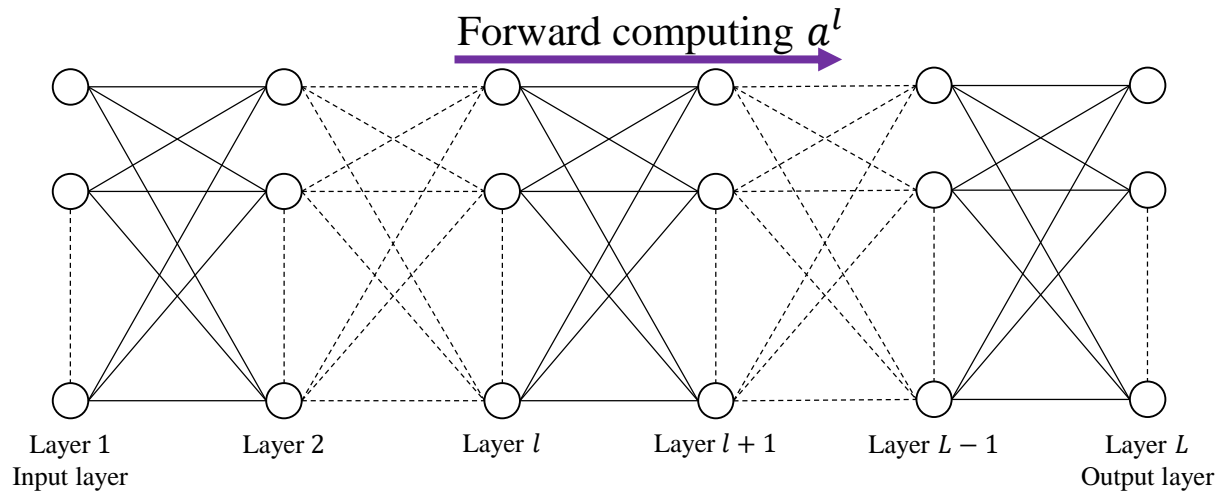
$$a_i^{l+1} = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l\right) \rightarrow a_i(l+1) = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}(l) a_j(l)\right) \xrightarrow{l \rightarrow t} a_i(t+1) = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_t} w_{ij}(t) a_j(t)\right)$$

Discrete time

# Continuous Time Neural Networks



# Continuous Time Neural Networks



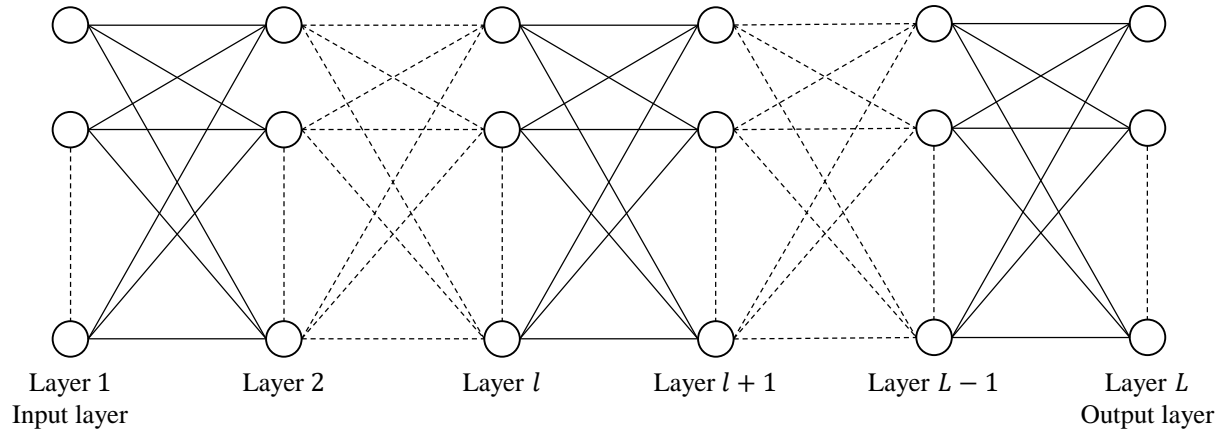
Suppose that

1.  $n_1 = n_2 = \dots = n_L = n$
2.  $W^1 = W^2 = \dots = W^L = W$

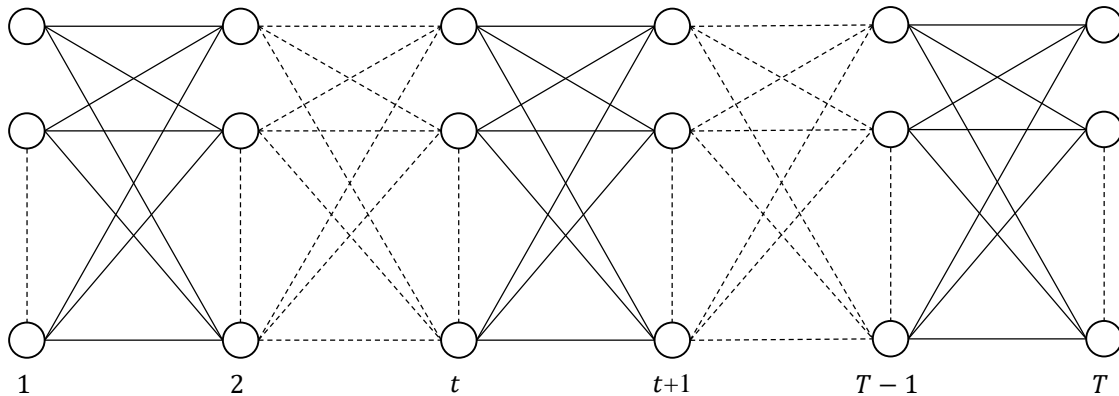
$$a_i^{l+1} = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} a_j^l\right)$$

$$a^{l+1} = f(Wa^l)$$

# Continuous Time Neural Networks



replace  $l$  by  $t$     replace  $a_i^l$  by  $a_i(t)$

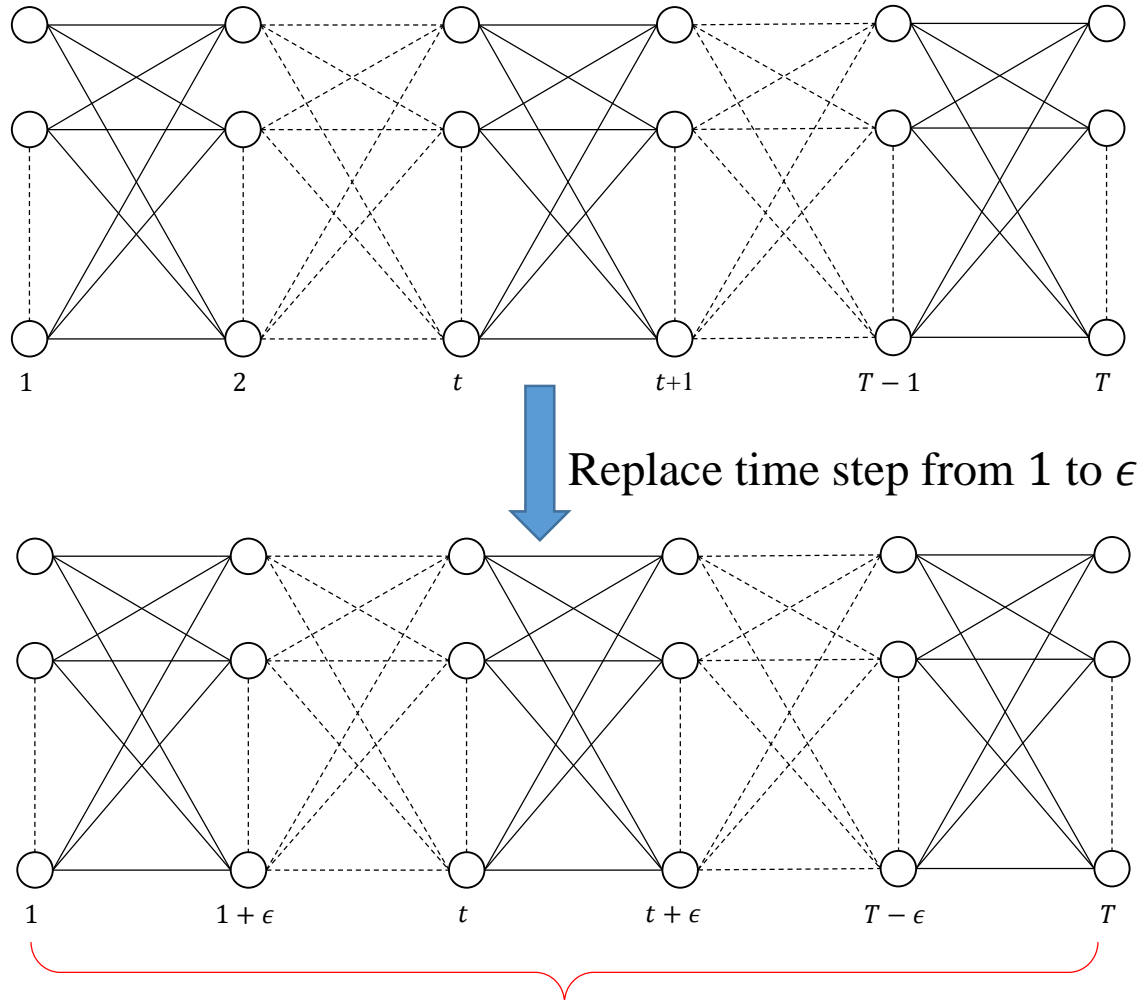


$$a_i^{l+1} = f \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} a_j^l \right)$$



$$a_i(t+1) = f \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} a_j(t) \right)$$

# Continuous Time Neural Networks



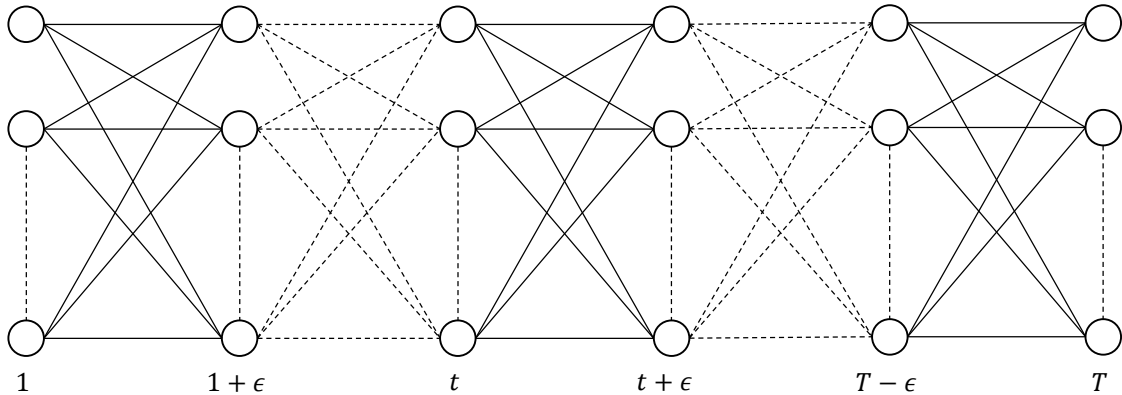
$$a_i(t + 1) = f \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} a_j(t) \right)$$

**Problem:**  
How to develop model for continuous time neural networks?

$\epsilon$  is an infinitesimal variable, thus, there are infinite layers



Starting from here:  $a_i(t+1) = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}a_j(t)\right) \Rightarrow a_i(t+1) - a_i(t) = -a_i(t) + f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}a_j(t)\right)$



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$\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{da_i(t)}{dt} = -a_i(t) + f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}a_j(t)\right)$$

$$a_i(t+1) - a_i(t) = 1 \cdot \left[ -a_i(t) + f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}a_j(t)\right) \right]$$

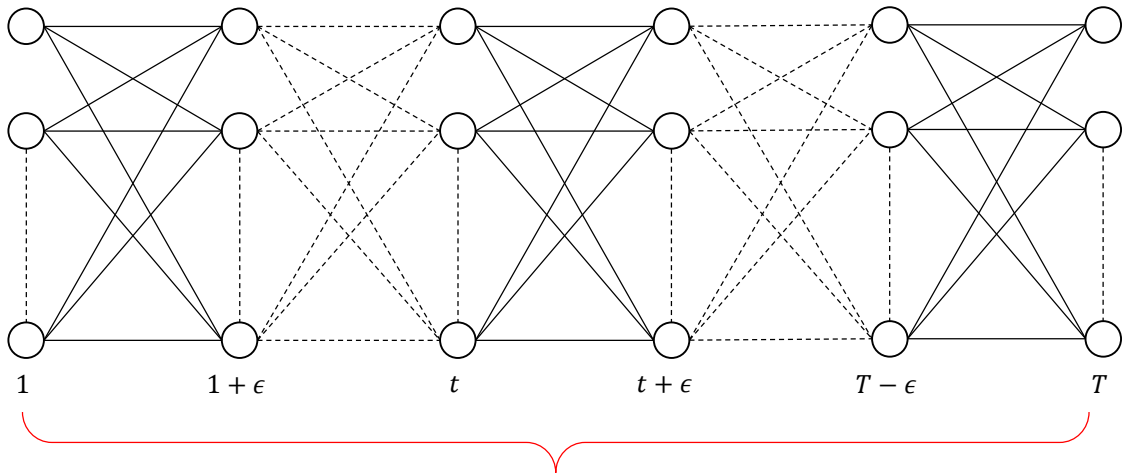
$$a_i(t+\epsilon) - a_i(t) = \epsilon \cdot \left[ -a_i(t) + f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}a_j(t)\right) \right]$$

$$\frac{a_i(t+\epsilon) - a_i(t)}{\epsilon} = \left[ -a_i(t) + f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}a_j(t)\right) \right]$$

$\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

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# Continuous Time Neural Networks

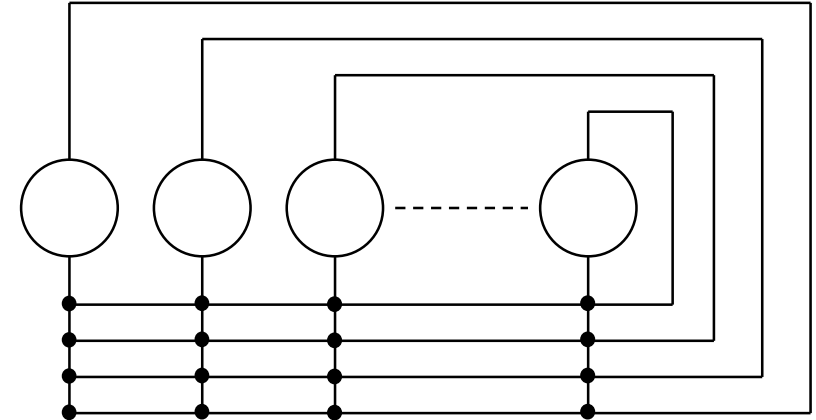


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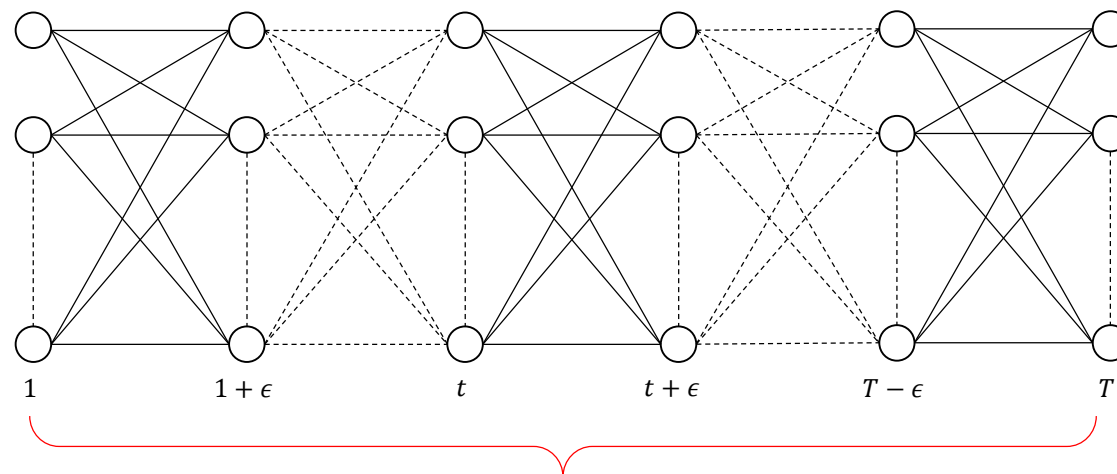


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# Summary



$$y = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right)$$

$\epsilon = 1, t = l$

$$a_i^{l+1} = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l\right)$$

$\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

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# Assignment

Implement the forward computing of this NN:

- in component form
- in vector form

Algorithm in Component form:

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Input  $W^l, a^l$ 
for  $l = 1:L$ 
     $a^{l+1} = fc\_c(W^l, a^l)$ 
return

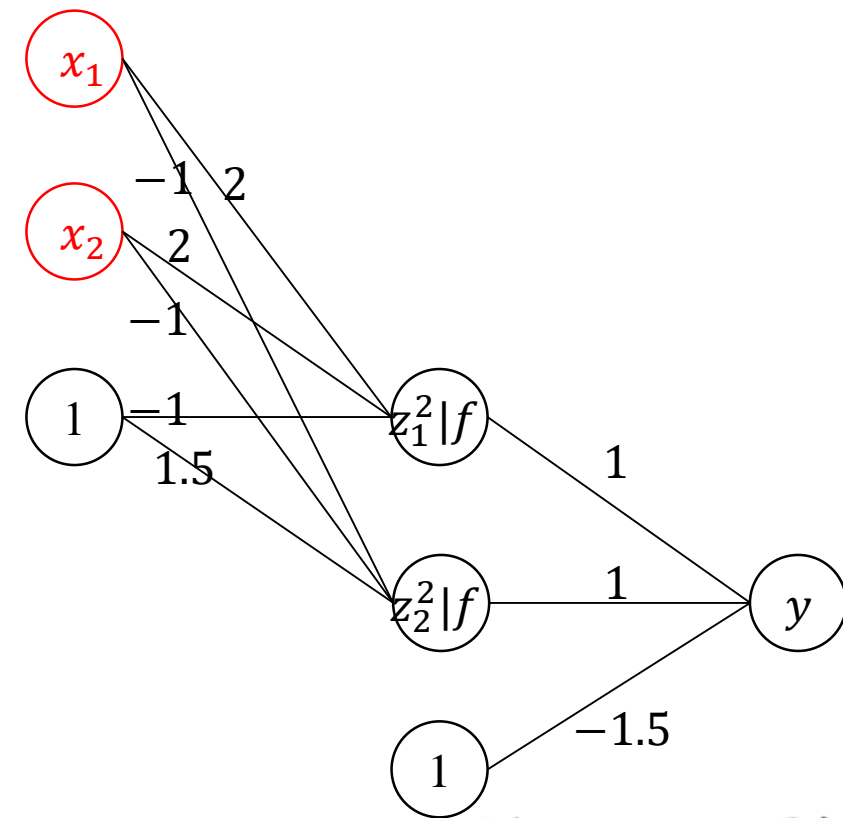
Function  $fc\_c(W^l, a^l)$ 
for  $i = 1:n_{l+1}$ 
     $z_i^{l+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l$ 
     $a_i^{l+1} = f(z_i^{l+1})$ 
end
    
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Algorithm in Vector form:

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Input  $W^l, a^l$ 
for  $l = 1:L$ 
     $a^{l+1} = fc\_v(W^l, a^l)$ 
return

Function  $fc\_v(W^l, a^l)$ 
     $z^{l+1} = W^l a^l$ 
     $a^{l+1} = f(z^{l+1})$ 
end
    
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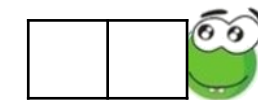


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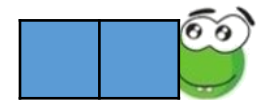


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Please fill your answer in the MATLAB file, submit it to the emails of TAs.



*Thanks*