

Neural Network Classification with



TensorFlow

Where can you get help?

- Follow along with the code



Introduction to Classification with Neural Networks in TensorFlow Tutorial

Okay, we've seen how to deal with a regression problem in TensorFlow, let's look at how we can approach a classification problem.

A [classification problem](#) involves predicting whether something is one thing or another.

For example, you might want to:

- Predict whether or not someone has heart disease based on their health parameters. This is called **binary classification** since there are only two options.
- Decide whether a photo is of food, a person or a dog. This is called **multi-class classification** since there are more than two options.
- Predict what categories should be assigned to a Wikipedia article. This is called **multi-label classification** since a single article could have more than one category assigned.

In this notebook, we're going to work through a number of different classification problems with TensorFlow. In other words, taking a set of inputs and predicting what class those set of inputs belong to.

What we're going to cover

Specifically, we're going to go through doing the following with TensorFlow:

"If in doubt, run the code"

- Try it for yourself



- Press SHIFT + CMD + SPACE to read the docstring

```
# Set random seed
tf.random.set_seed(42)

# 1. Create the model using the Sequential API
model_1 = tf.keras.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Dense()
])

# 2. Configure the layers
model_1.add(Dense(1))

# 3. Fit the model
model_1.compile(optimizer='adam',
                 loss='categorical_crossentropy',
                 metrics=['accuracy'])

# Train the model
model_1.fit(x_train, y_train,
            epochs=5,
            validation_data=(x_val, y_val))
```

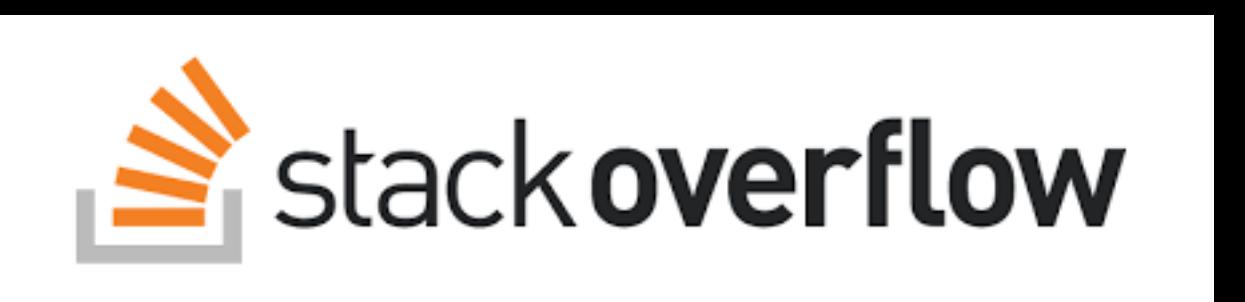
Just your regular densely-connected NN layer.

Dense implements the operation:

output = activation(dot(input, kernel) + bias)

where activation is the element-wise activation function passed as the activation argument, kernel is a weights matrix created by the layer, and bias is a bias vector created by the layer (only applicable if use_bias is True).

- Search for it



- Try again

- Ask (don't forget the Discord chat!)

(yes, including the "dumb" questions)

TensorFlow Core

TensorFlow 2

Keras

Essential documentation

Install TensorFlow

TensorFlow 2

Keras

“What is a classification
problem?”

Example classification problems

“Is this email spam or not spam?”

To: daniel@mrdourke.com

Hey Daniel,

This deep learning course is incredible!
I can't wait to use what I've learned!

Not spam

To: daniel@mrdourke.com

Hay daniel...

C0ongratu1ations! U win \$1139239230

Spam

“Is this a photo of sushi, steak or pizza?”



Binary classification
(one thing or another)

“What tags should this article have?”

A screenshot of a Wikipedia article page for "Deep learning". The page content discusses deep learning as a subset of machine learning. To the right of the main text, there is a sidebar titled "Part of a series on Machine learning and data mining". This sidebar lists several topics: "Machine learning", "Supervised learning (classification - regression)", "Clustering", "Dimensionality reduction", "Structured prediction", "Anomaly detection", "Artificial neural network", and "Reinforcement learning". Each topic has a "[show]" link next to it.

Multiclass classification
(more than one thing or another)

(multiple label options per sample)

Multilabel classification

What we're going to cover

(broadly)

- Architecture of a neural network **classification** model
- Input shapes and output shapes of a **classification** model (features and labels)
- Creating custom data to view and fit
- Steps in modelling
 - Creating a model, compiling a model, fitting a model, evaluating a model
- Different **classification** evaluation methods
- Saving and loading models

(we'll be cooking up lots of code!)

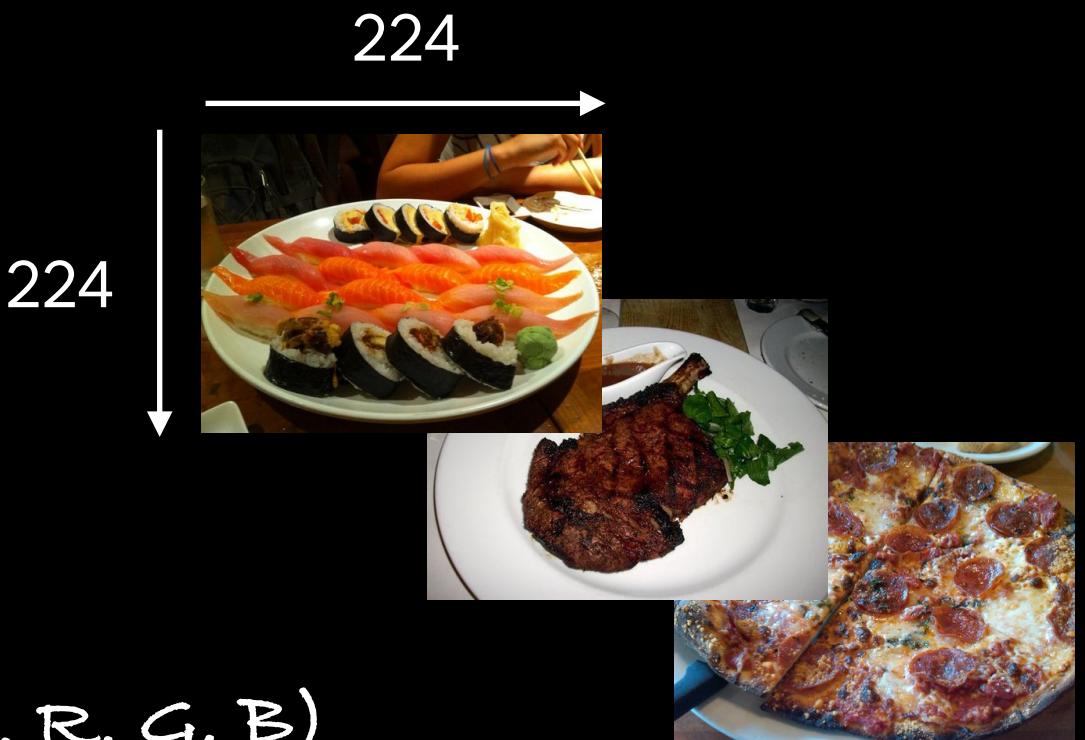
How:



Classification inputs and outputs

$$\begin{aligned} W &= 224 \\ H &= 224 \\ C &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

(c = colour channels, R, G, B)

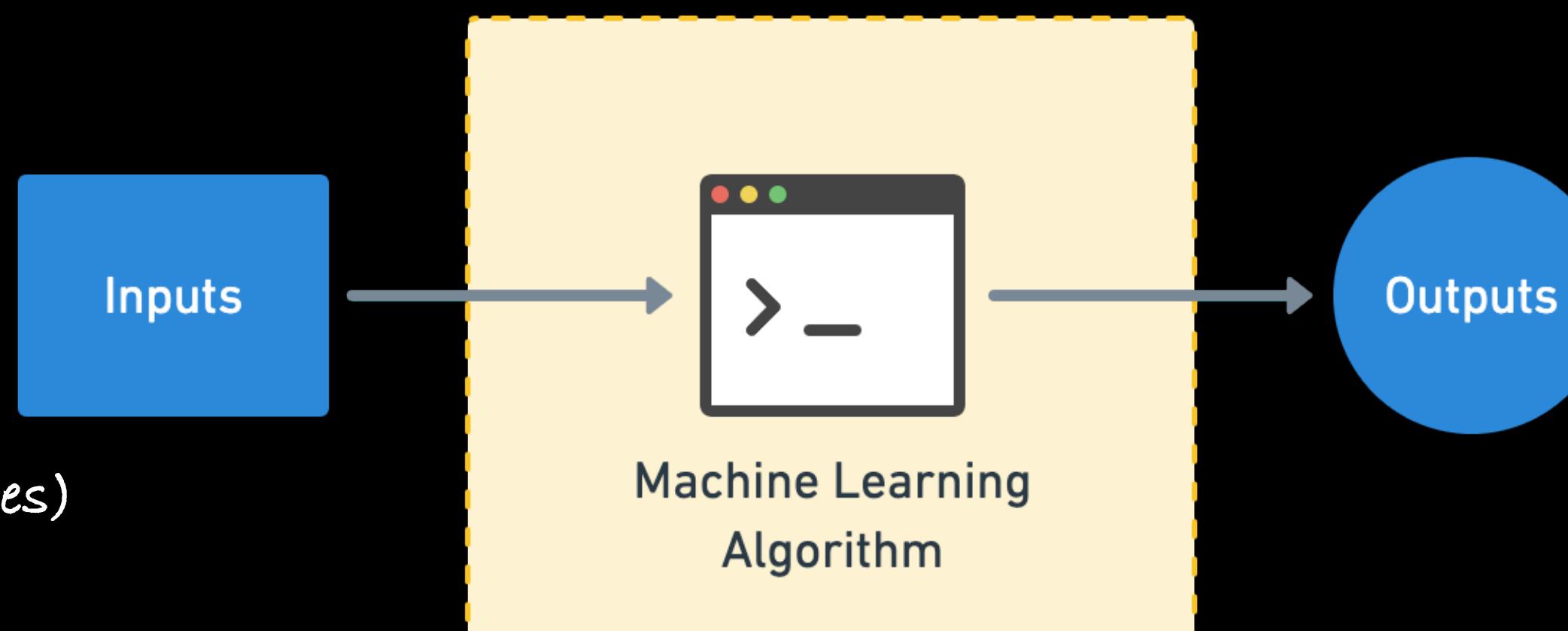


Sushi
Steak
Pizza

Actual output

$\begin{bmatrix} [0.31, 0.62, 0.44...], \\ [0.92, 0.03, 0.27...], \\ [0.25, 0.78, 0.07...], \\ \dots, \end{bmatrix}$ (normalized pixel values)

Numerical encoding



(often already exists, if not,
you can build one)

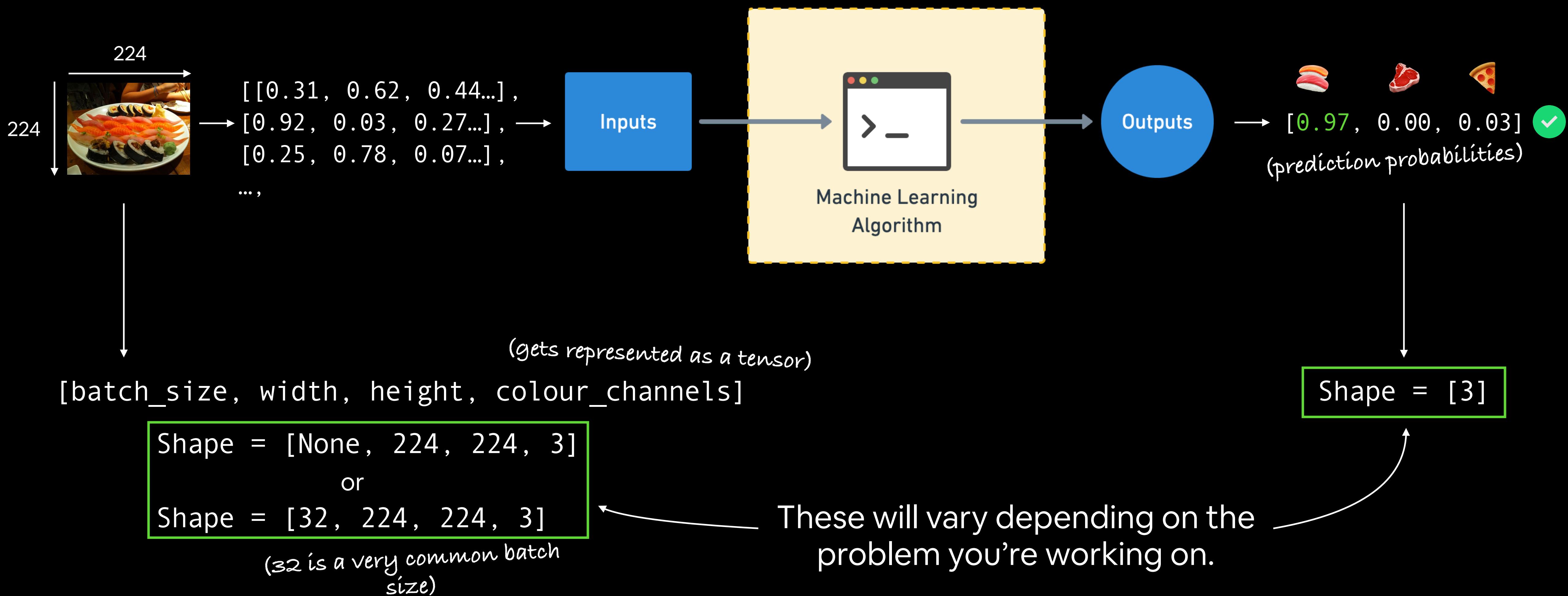
$\begin{bmatrix} [0.97, 0.00, 0.03], \\ [0.81, 0.14, 0.05], \\ [0.03, 0.07, 0.90], \\ \dots, \end{bmatrix}$

Predicted output

(comes from looking at lots
of these)

Input and output shapes

(for an image classification example)



(typical)

Architecture of a classification model

(we're going to be building lots of these)

Hyperparameter	Binary Classification	Multiclass classification
Input layer shape	Same as number of features (e.g. 5 for age, sex, height, weight, smoking status in heart disease prediction)	Same as binary classification
Hidden layer(s)	Problem specific, minimum = 1, maximum = unlimited	Same as binary classification
Neurons per hidden layer	Problem specific, generally 10 to 100	Same as binary classification
Output layer shape	1 (one class or the other)	1 per class (e.g. 3 for food, person or dog photo)
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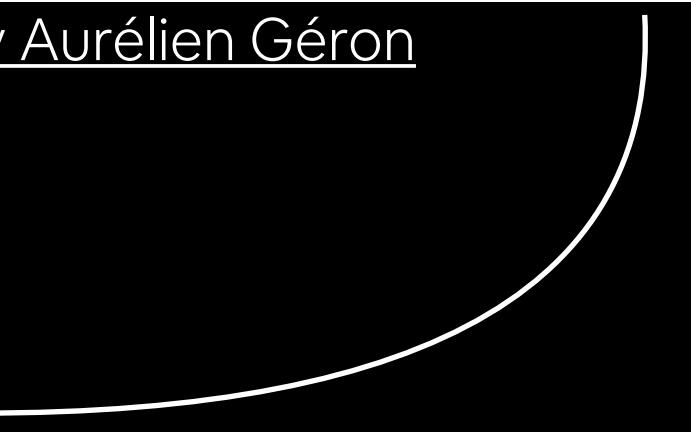


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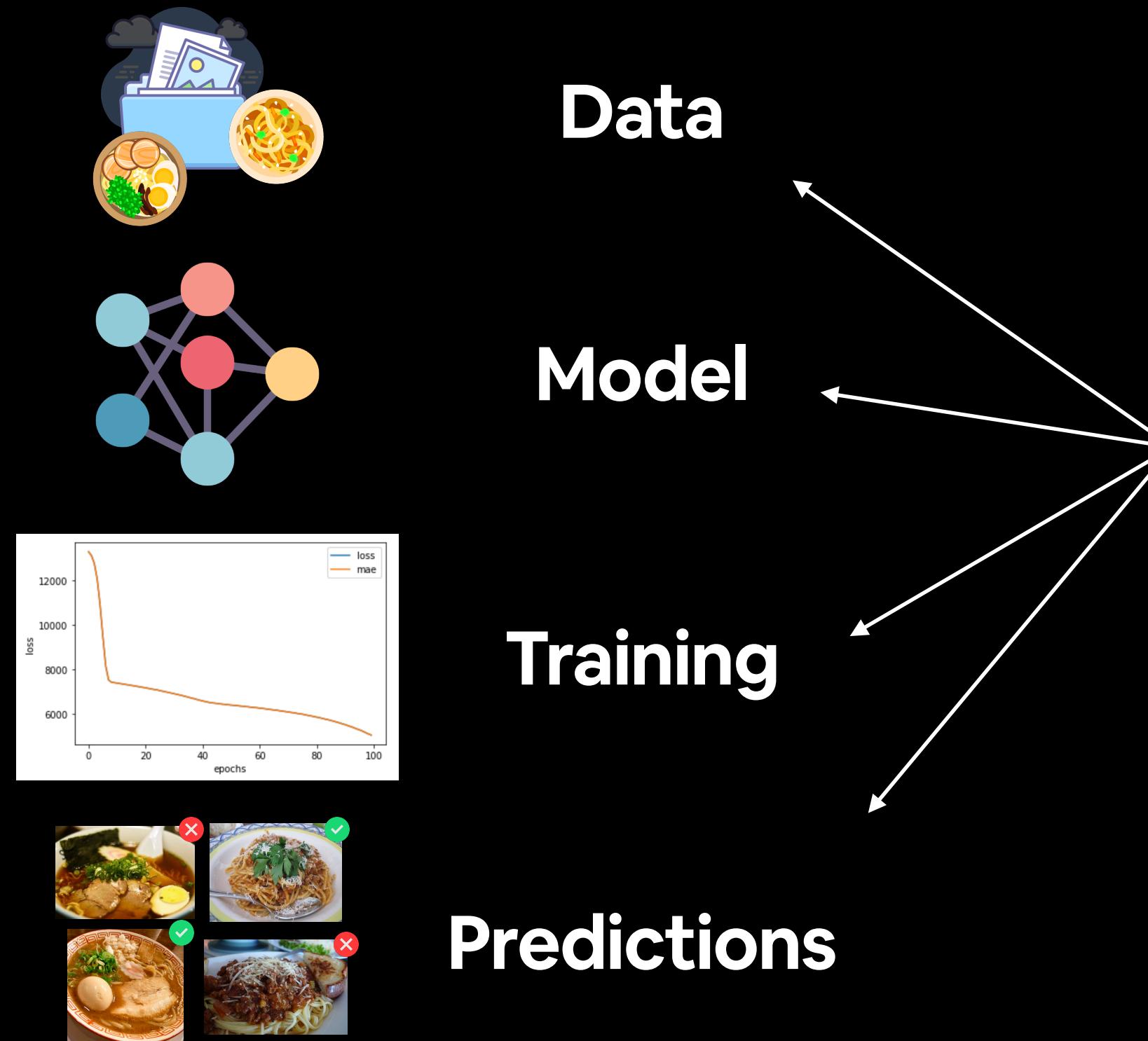


Sushi → Steak Pizza

Let's code!

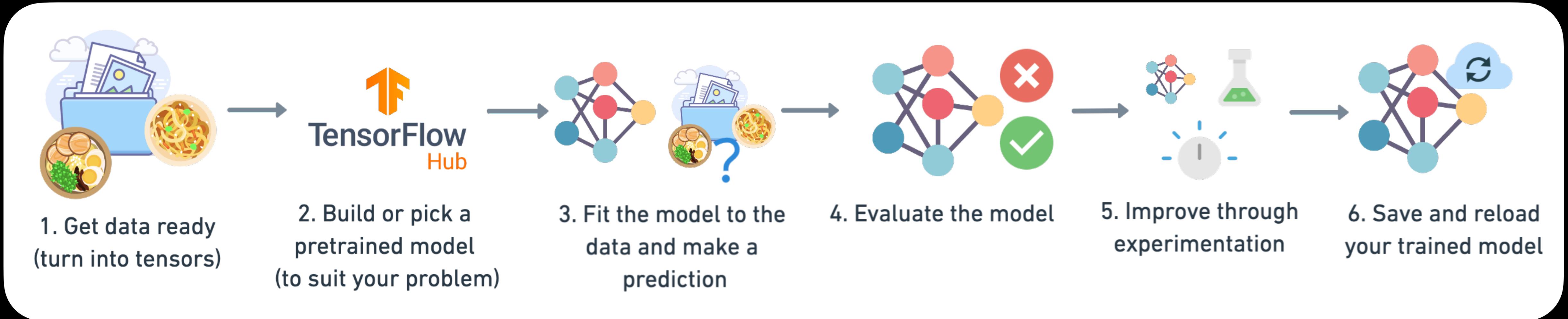
The machine learning explorer's motto

“Visualize, visualize, visualize”



It's a good idea to visualize these as often as possible.

Steps in modelling with TensorFlow



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1. Construct or import a pretrained model relevant to your problem
2. Compile the model (prepare it to be used with data)
 - **Loss** — how wrong your model's predictions are compared to the truth labels (you want to minimise this).
 - **Optimizer** — how your model should update its internal patterns to better its predictions.
 - **Metrics** — human interpretable values for how well your model is doing.
3. Fit the model to the training data so it can discover patterns
 - **Epochs** — how many times the model will go through all of the training examples.
4. Evaluate the model on the test data (how reliable are our model's predictions?)

Improving a model

(from a model's perspective)

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model = tf.keras.Sequential([
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Larger model

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- Change the activation functions
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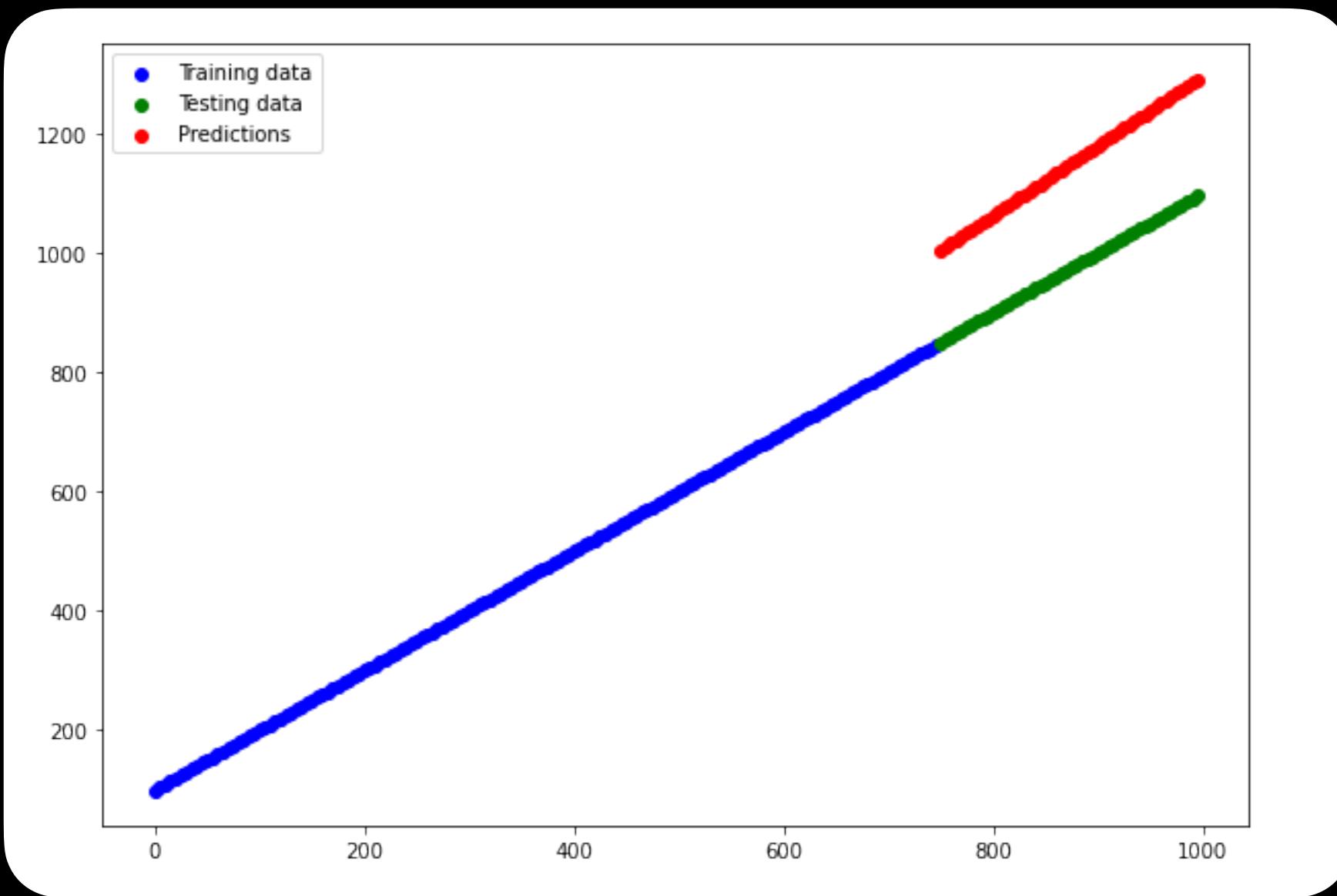
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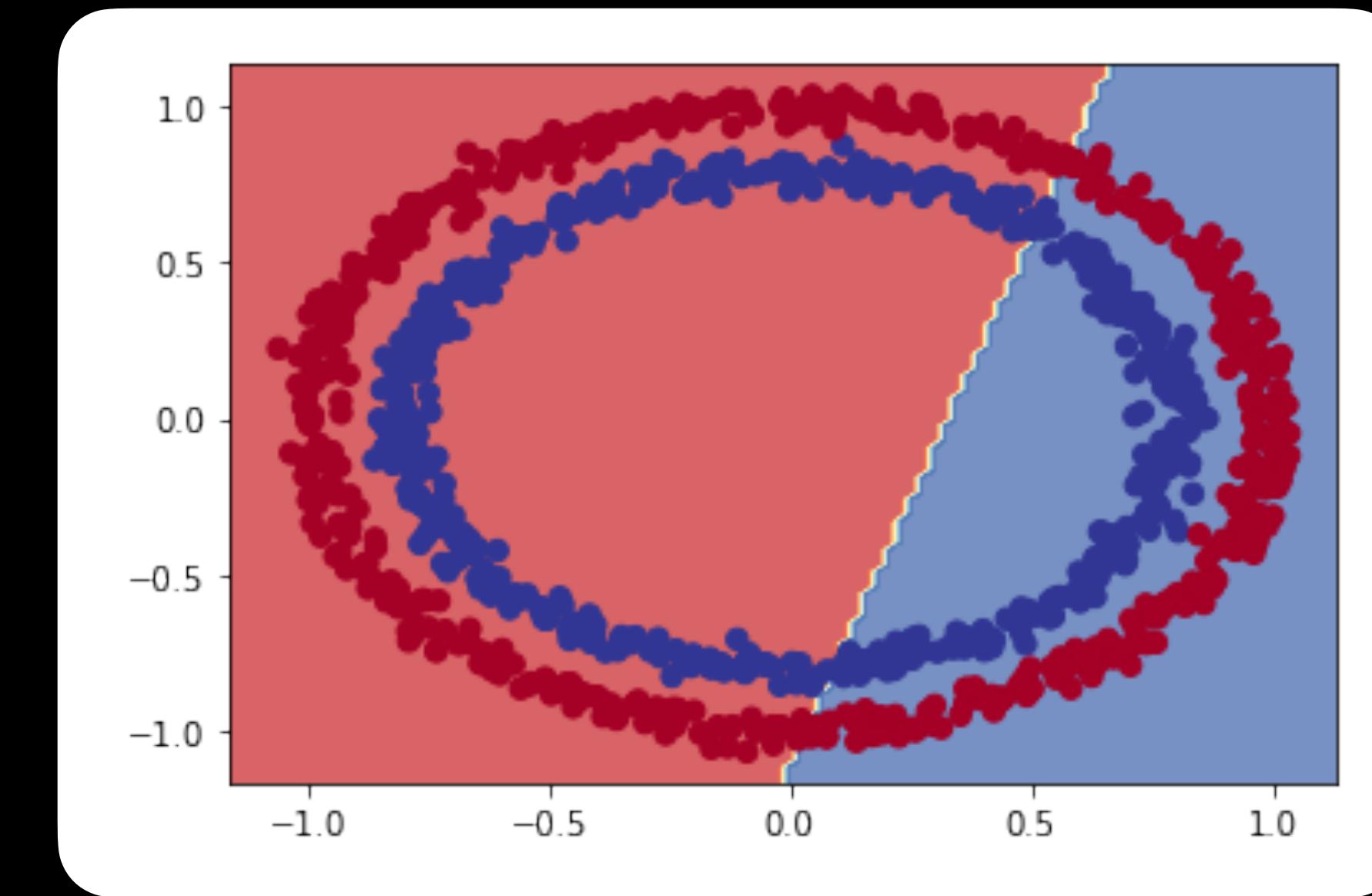
The missing piece: Non-linearity

🤔 “What could you draw if you had an unlimited amount of straight (linear) and non-straight (non-linear) lines?”



Linear data

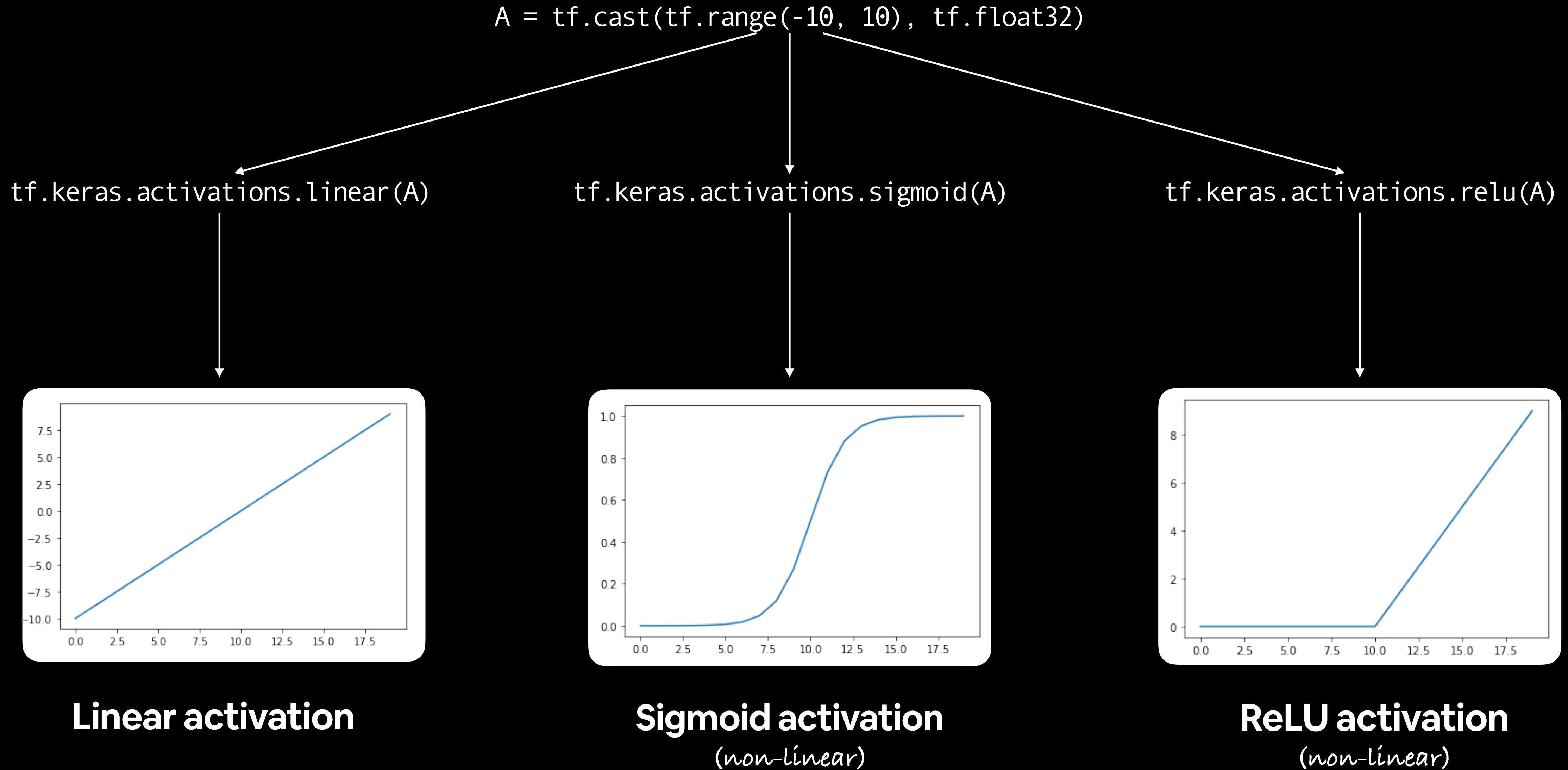
(possible to model with straight lines)



Non-linear data

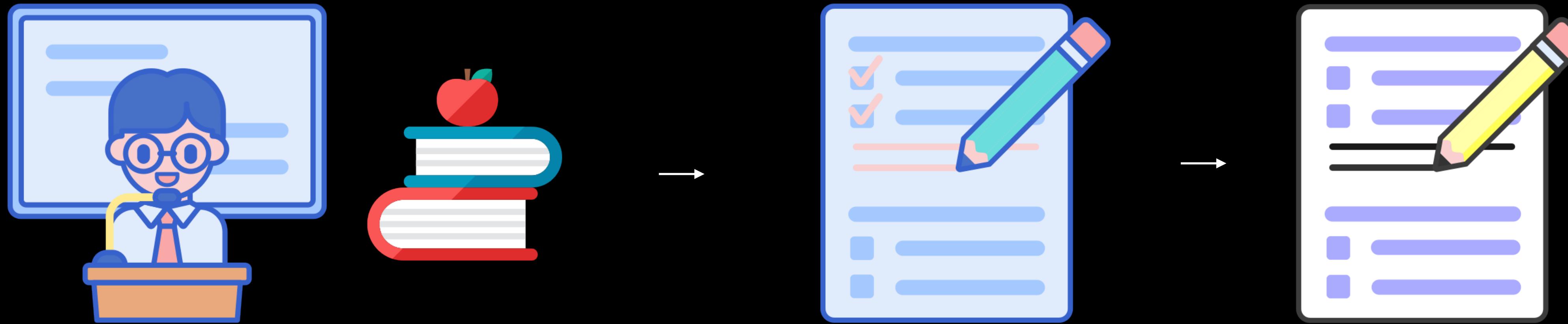
(not possible to model with straight lines)

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Three datasets

(possibly the most important concept
in machine learning...)



Course materials
(training set)

Practice exam
(validation set)

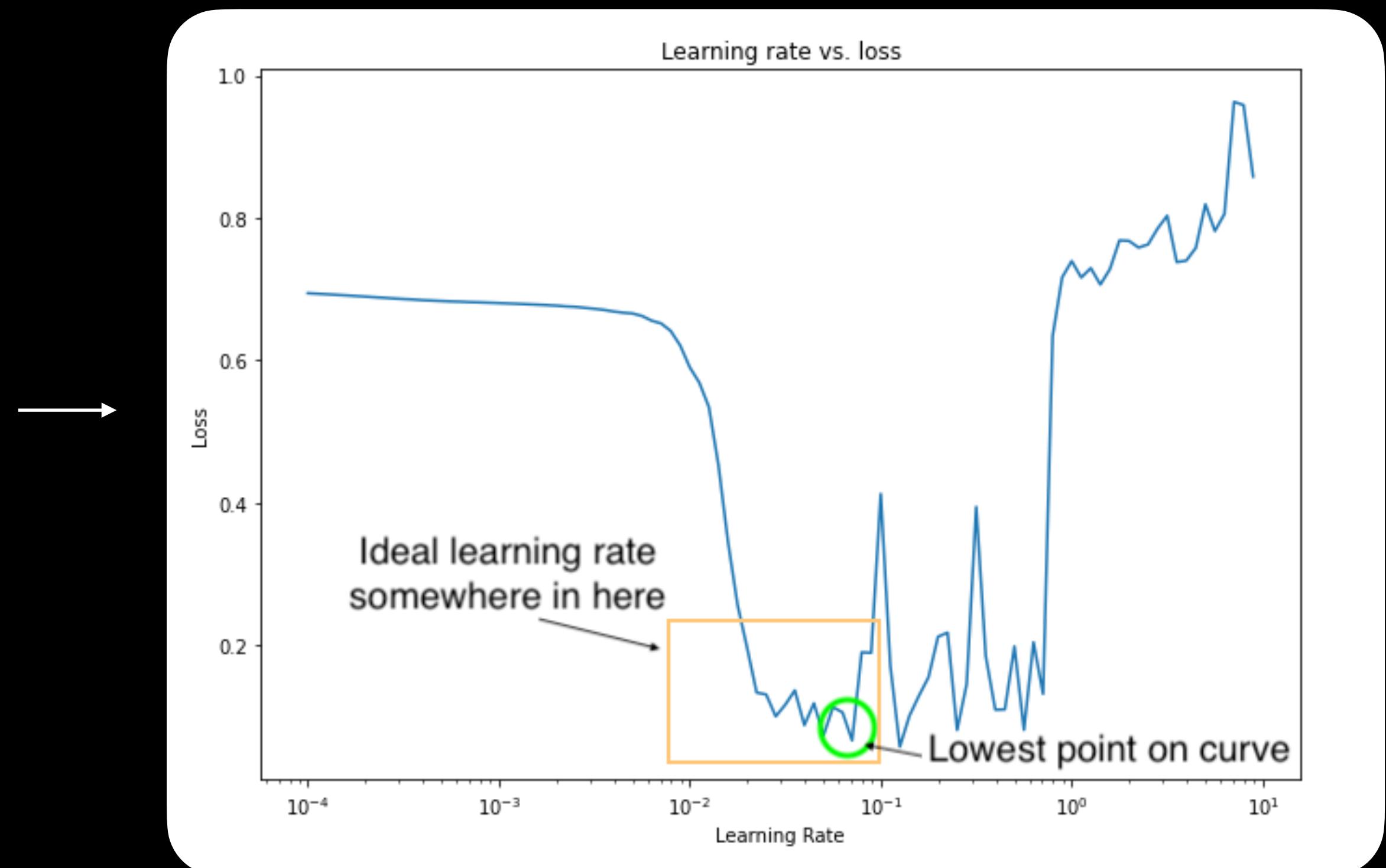
Final exam
(test set)

Generalization

The ability for a machine learning model to perform well on data it hasn't seen before.

Finding the ideal learning rate

```
# Model code  
...  
  
# Create a learning rate scheduler callback  
# (traverse set of learning rate values from 1e-4, increasing by 10**((epoch/20) every epoch)  
lr_scheduler = tf.keras.callbacks.LearningRateScheduler(lambda epoch: 1e-4 * 10**((epoch/20)))  
  
# Fit the model (passing the lr_scheduler callback)  
history = model.fit(X_train,  
                      y_train,  
                      epochs=100,  
                      callbacks=[lr_scheduler])  
  
# Plot the learning rate versus the loss  
lrs = 1e-4 * (10 ** (np.arange(100)/20))  
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))  
plt.semilogx(lrs, history.history["loss"])  
plt.xlabel("Learning Rate")  
plt.ylabel("Loss")  
plt.title("Learning rate vs. loss");
```



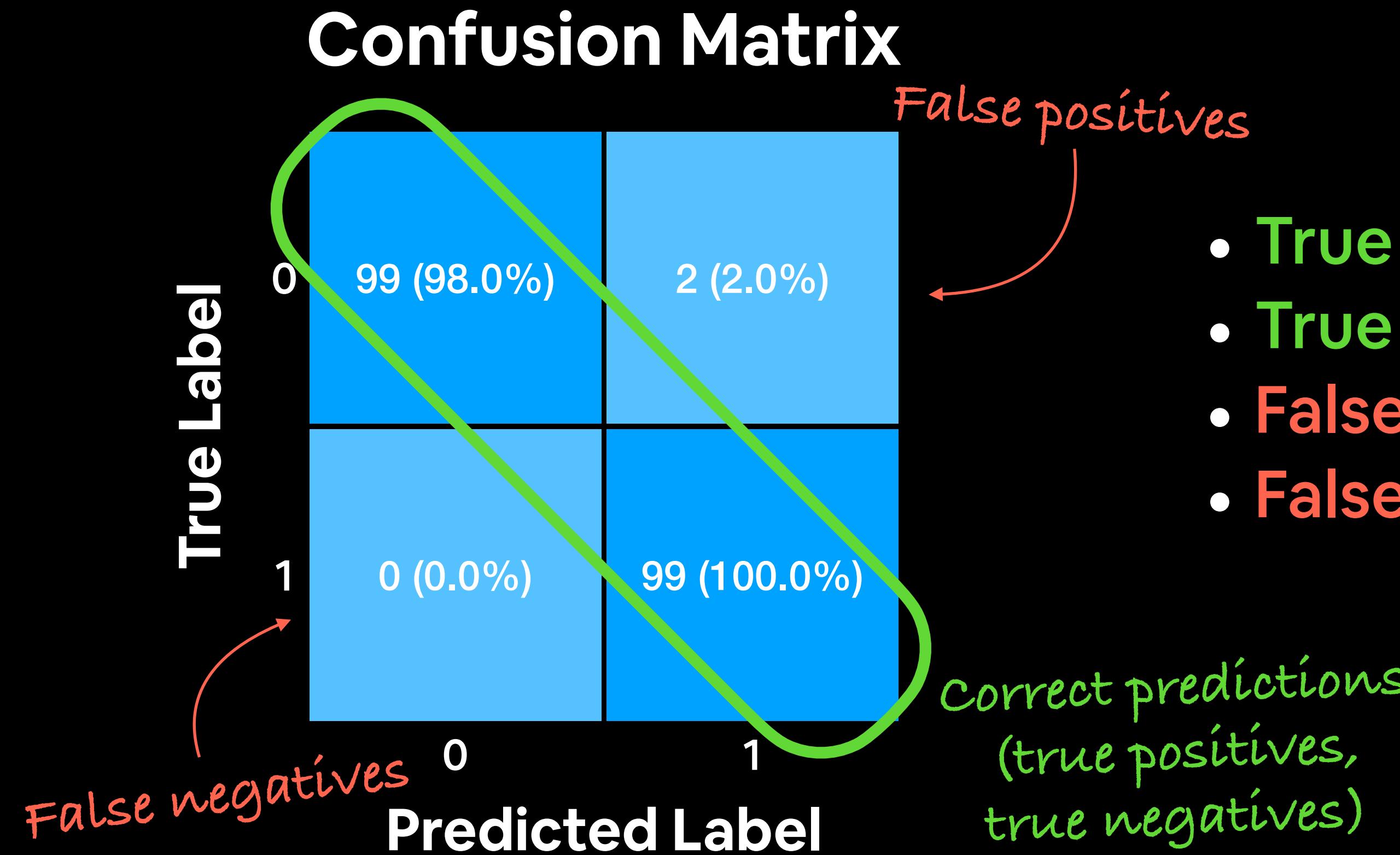
(some common)

Classification evaluation methods

Key: **tp** = True Positive, **tn** = True Negative, **fp** = False Positive, **fn** = False Negative

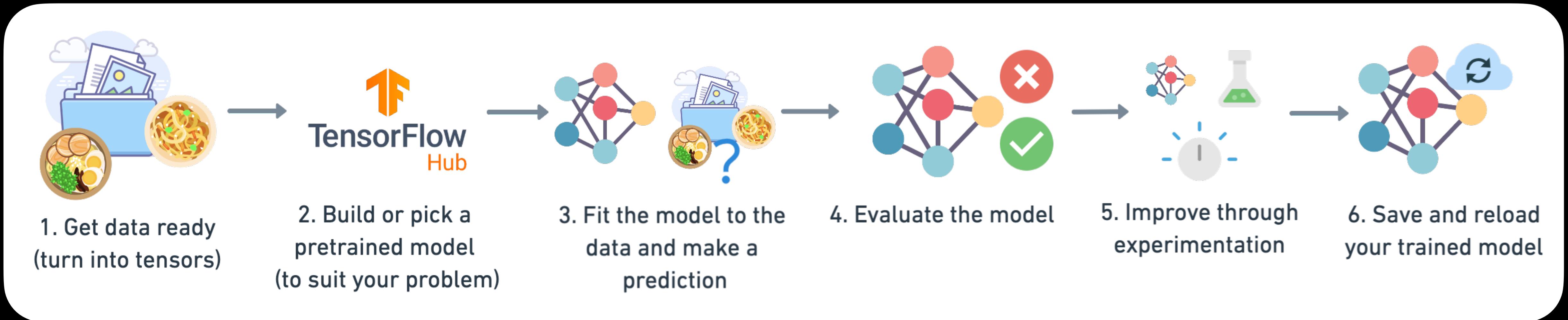
Metric Name	Metric Forumla	Code	When to use
Accuracy	Accuracy = $\frac{tp + tn}{tp + tn + fp + fn}$	<code>tf.keras.metrics.Accuracy()</code> or <code>sklearn.metrics.accuracy_score()</code>	Default metric for classification problems. Not the best for imbalanced classes.
Precision	Precision = $\frac{tp}{tp + fp}$	<code>tf.keras.metrics.Precision()</code> or <code>sklearn.metrics.precision_score()</code>	Higher precision leads to less false positives.
Recall	Recall = $\frac{tp}{tp + fn}$	<code>tf.keras.metrics.Recall()</code> or <code>sklearn.metrics.recall_score()</code>	Higher recall leads to less false negatives.
F1-score	F1-score = $2 \cdot \frac{\text{precision} \cdot \text{recall}}{\text{precision} + \text{recall}}$	<code>sklearn.metrics.f1_score()</code>	Combination of precision and recall, usually a good overall metric for a classification model.
Confusion matrix	NA	Custom function or <code>sklearn.metrics.confusion_matrix()</code>	When comparing predictions to truth labels to see where model gets confused. Can be hard to use with large numbers of classes.

Anatomy of a confusion matrix



- **True positive** = model predicts 1 when truth is 1
- **True negative** = model predicts 0 when truth is 0
- **False positive** = model predicts 1 when truth is 0
- **False negative** = model predicts 0 when truth is 1

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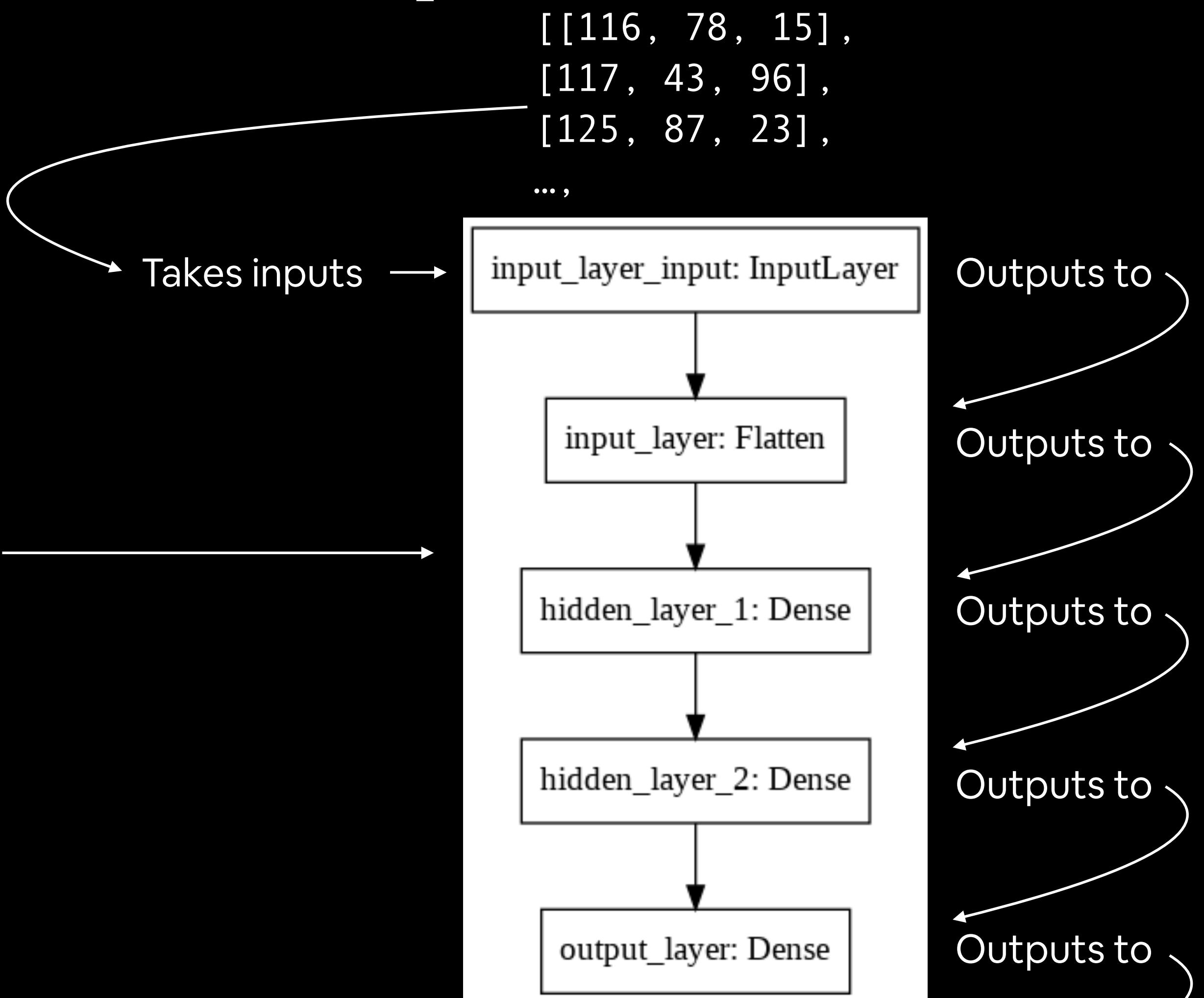
- ↓
1. Turn all data into numbers (neural networks can't handle strings)
 2. Make sure all of your tensors are the right shape (inputs and outputs)
 3. Scale features — normalize or standardize, neural networks tend to prefer normalization (values between 0 & 1)

Inputs and outputs

```
import tensorflow as tf

# Create the model
model = tf.keras.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28), name="input_layer"),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(4, activation="relu", name="hidden_layer_1"),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(4, activation="relu", name="hidden_layer_2"),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation="softmax", name="output_layer")
], name="10_class_classification_model")

# Plot the model
tf.keras.utils.plot_model(model)
```



[[116, 78, 15],
 [117, 43, 96],
 [125, 87, 23],
 ...,

input_layer_input: InputLayer

input_layer: Flatten

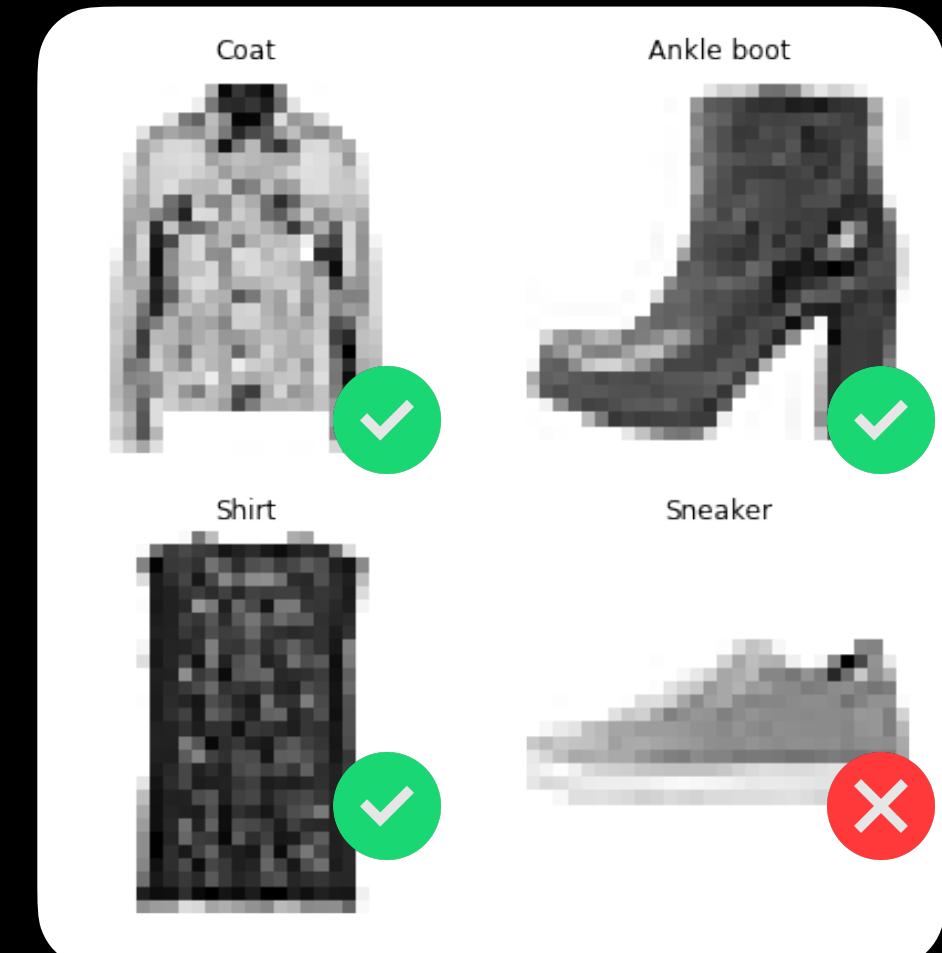
hidden_layer_1: Dense

hidden_layer_2: Dense

output_layer: Dense

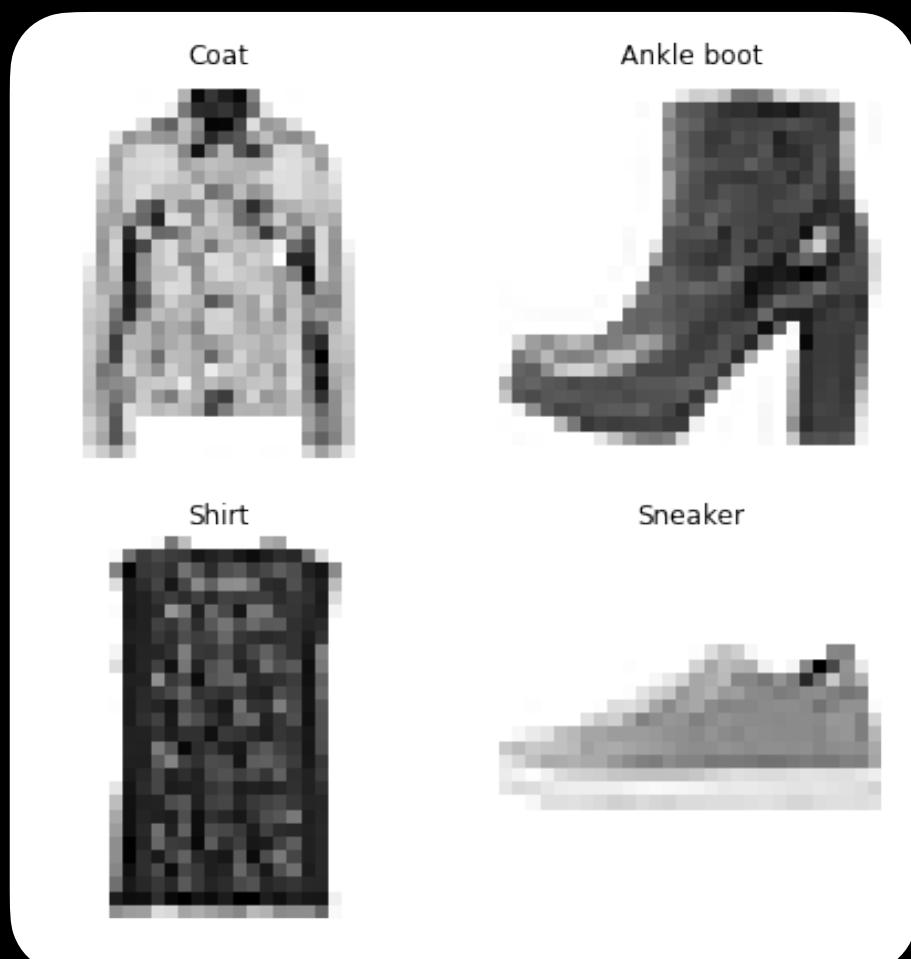
[[0.983, 0.004, 0.013],
 [0.110, 0.889, 0.001],
 [0.023, 0.027, 0.985],
 ...,

2. Show examples

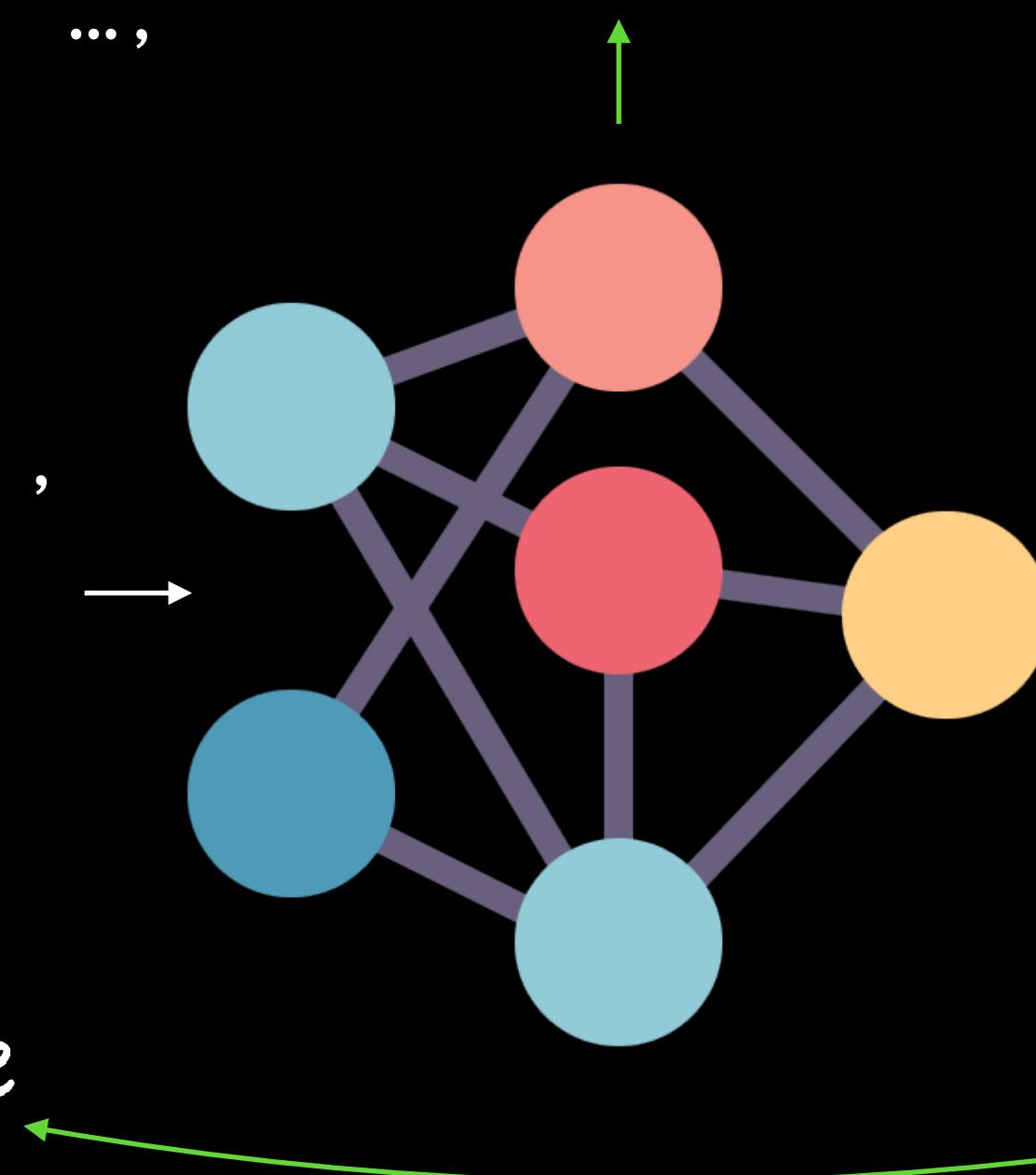


1. Initialise with random weights (only at beginning)

$[[0.092, 0.210, 0.415],$
 $[0.778, 0.929, 0.030], \rightarrow$
 $[0.019, 0.182, 0.555],$



4. Repeat with more examples



$\rightarrow [[116, 78, 15],$
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 $\dots,$

3. Update representation outputs (weights & biases)

Coat,
Ankle boot,
Shirt,
Sandal

Inputs

Numerical encoding

Learns
representation
(patterns/features/weights)

Representation outputs

Outputs

The machine learning practitioner's motto

“Experiment, experiment, experiment”



*(try lots of things and see what
tastes good)*