

# An introduction to Deep Learning

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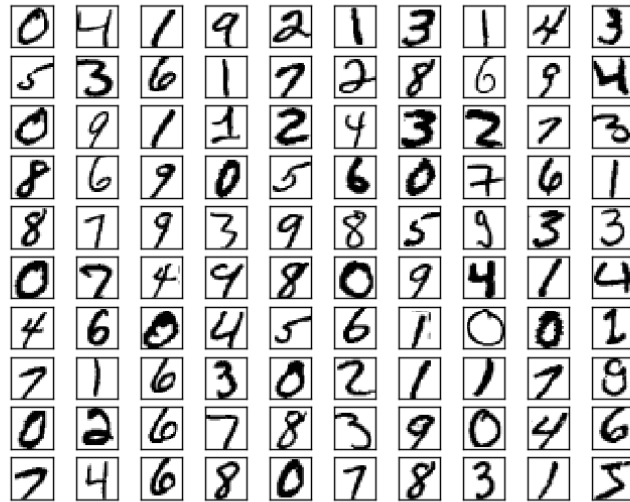
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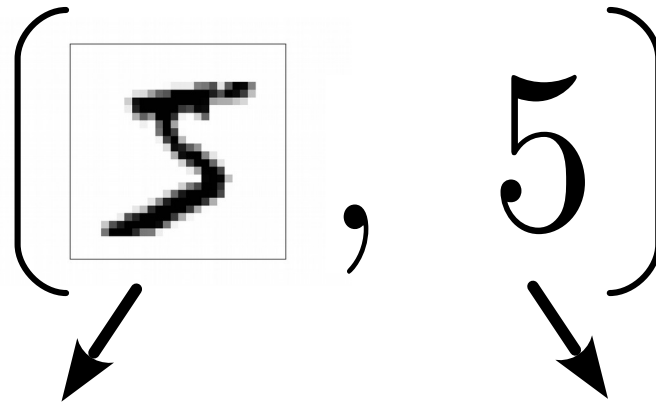
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Classification of  
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70'000  
input/output  
pairs



How to use  
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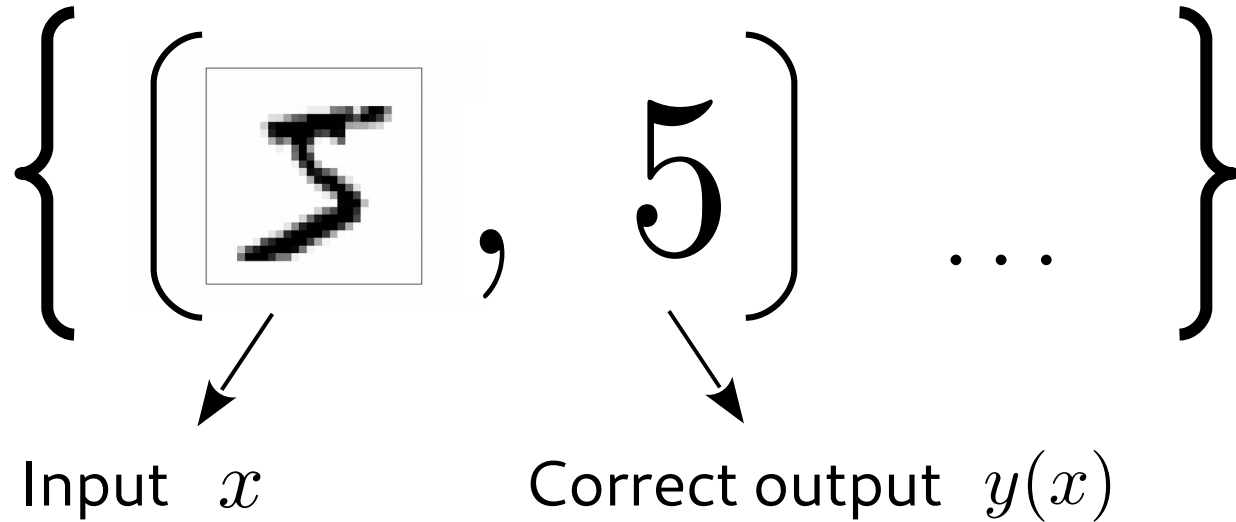
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$28 \times 28, [0, 1]^{784}$

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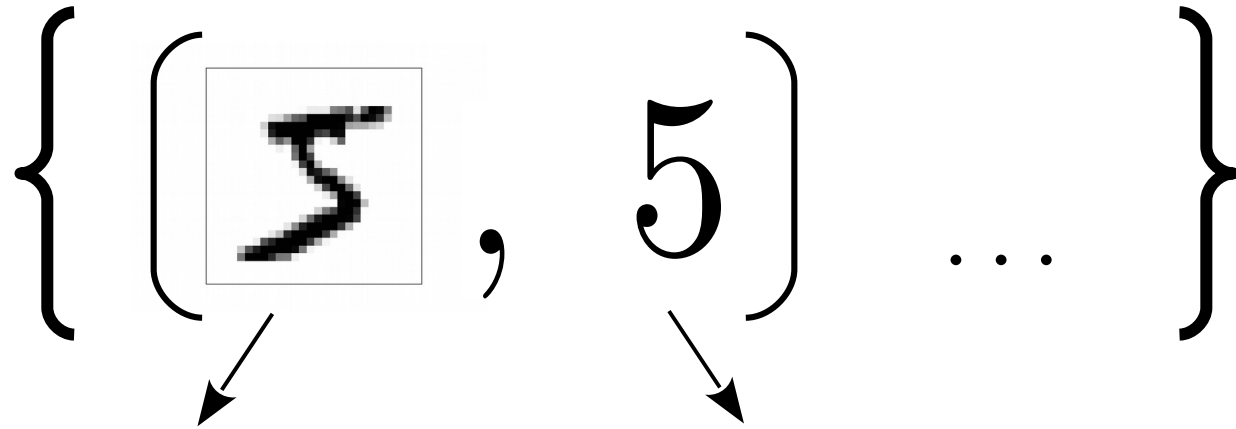
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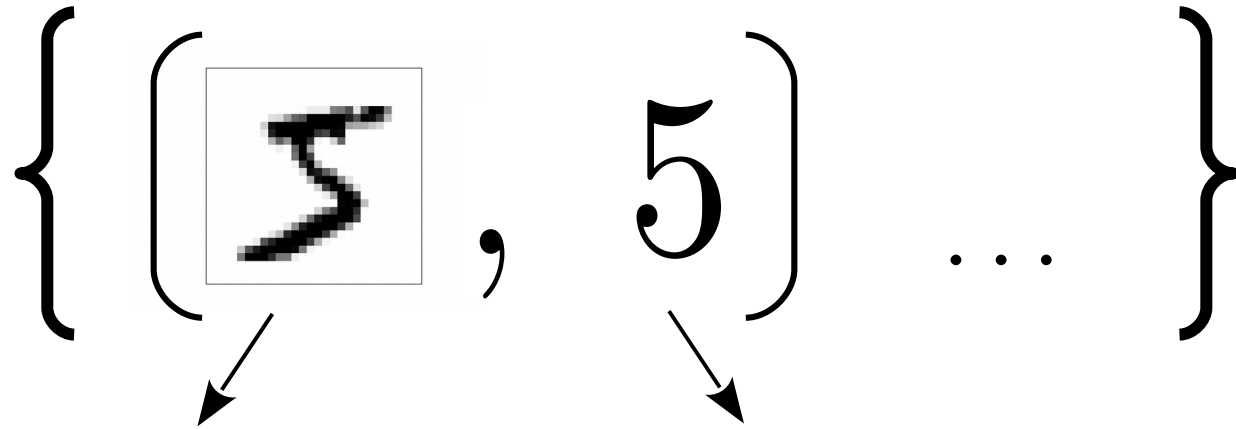
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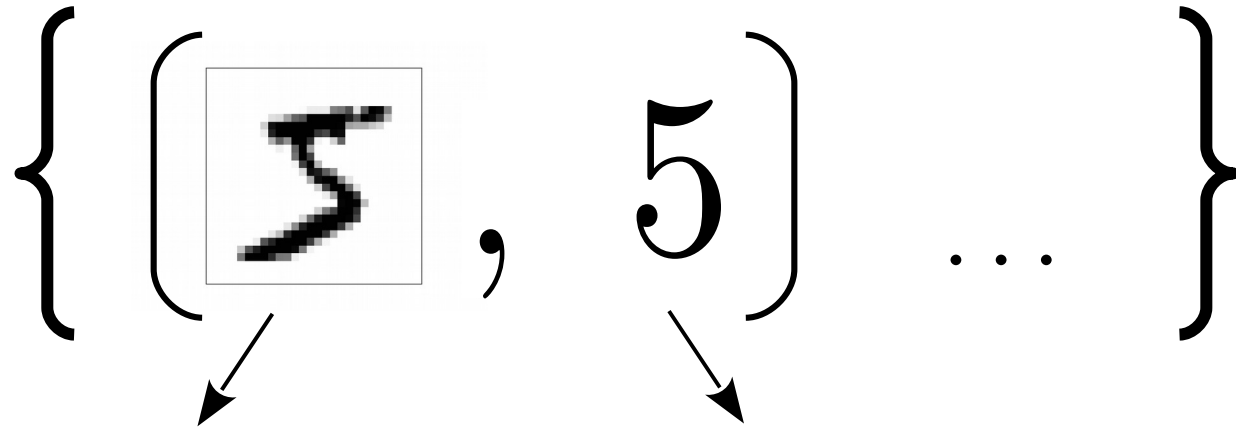


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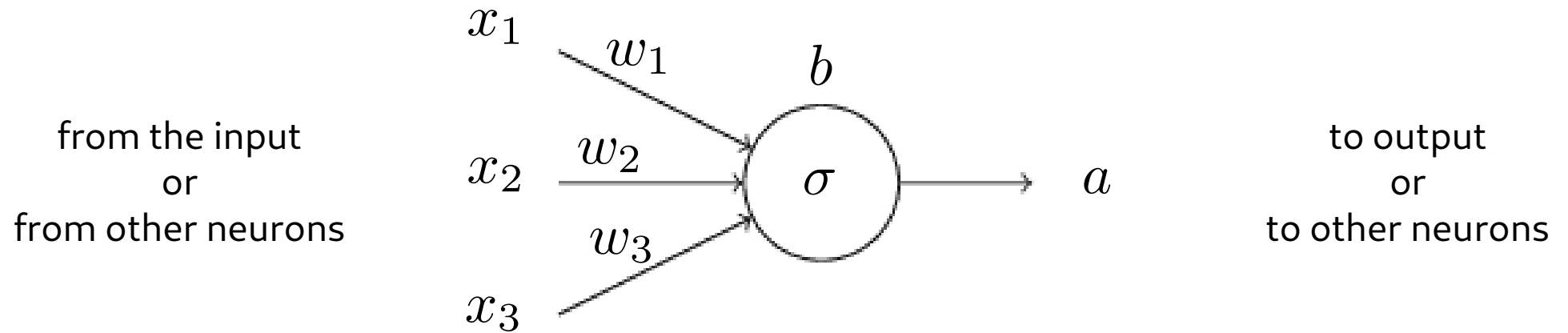
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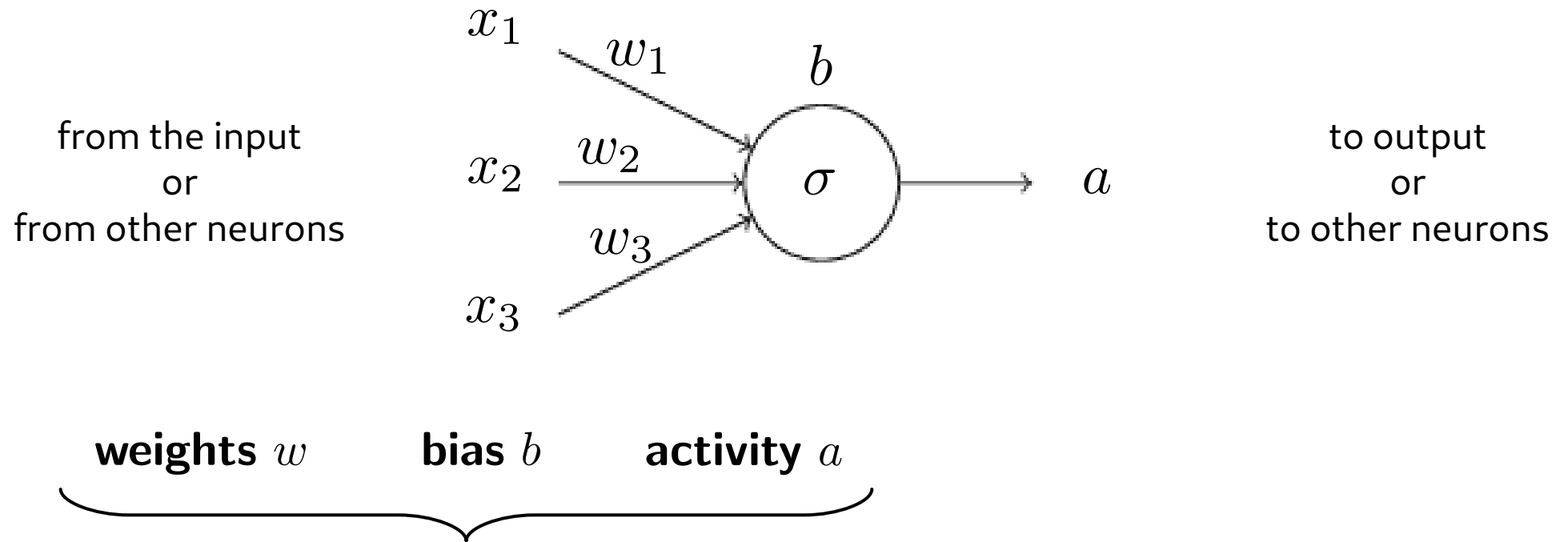
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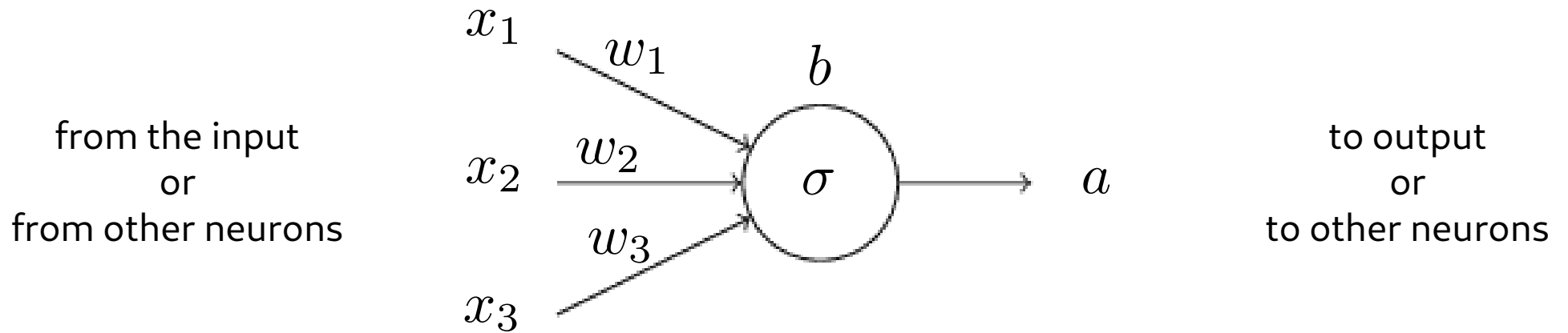
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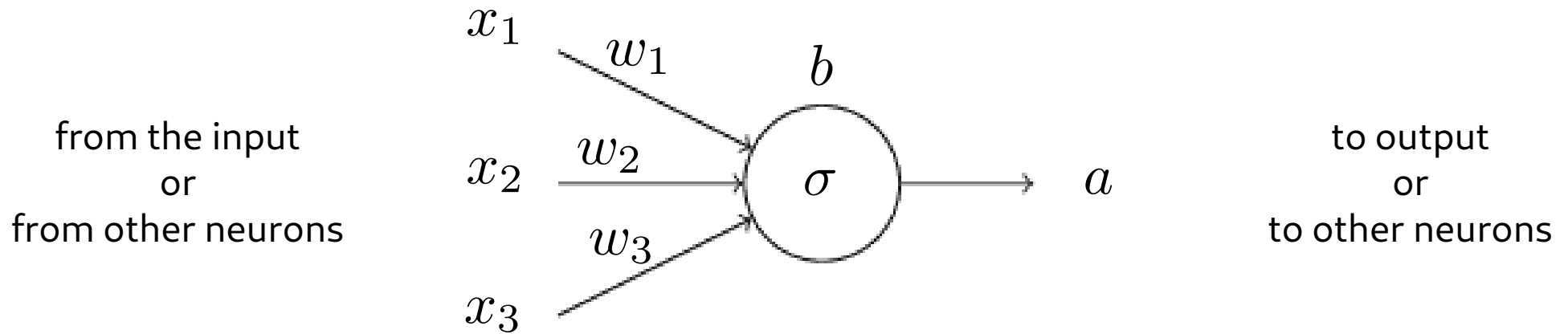
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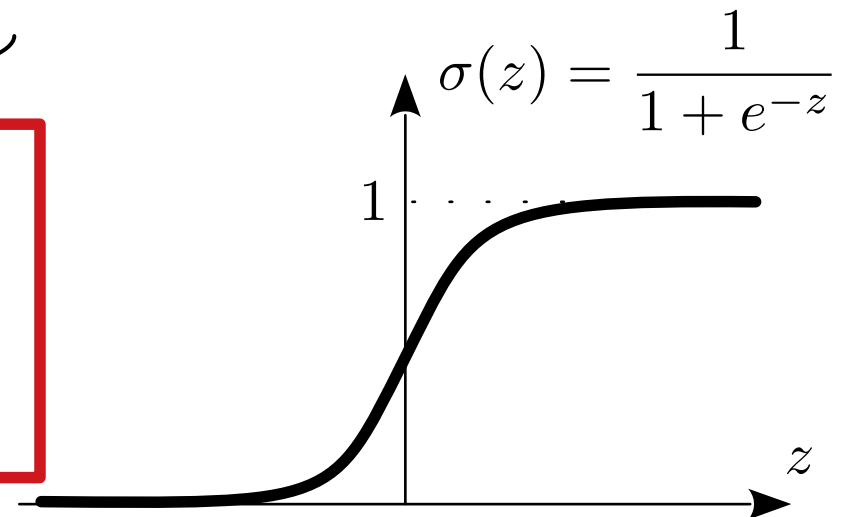
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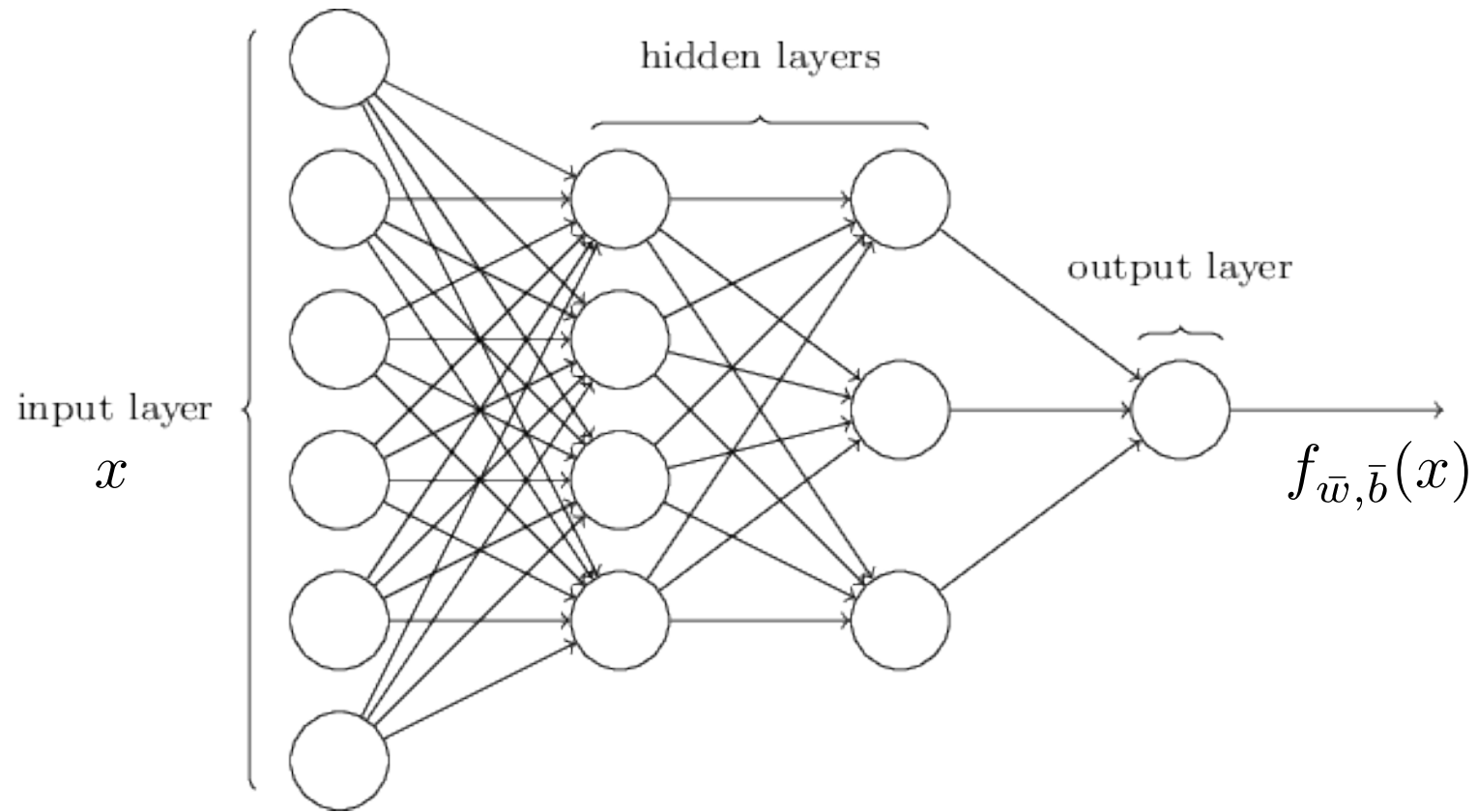
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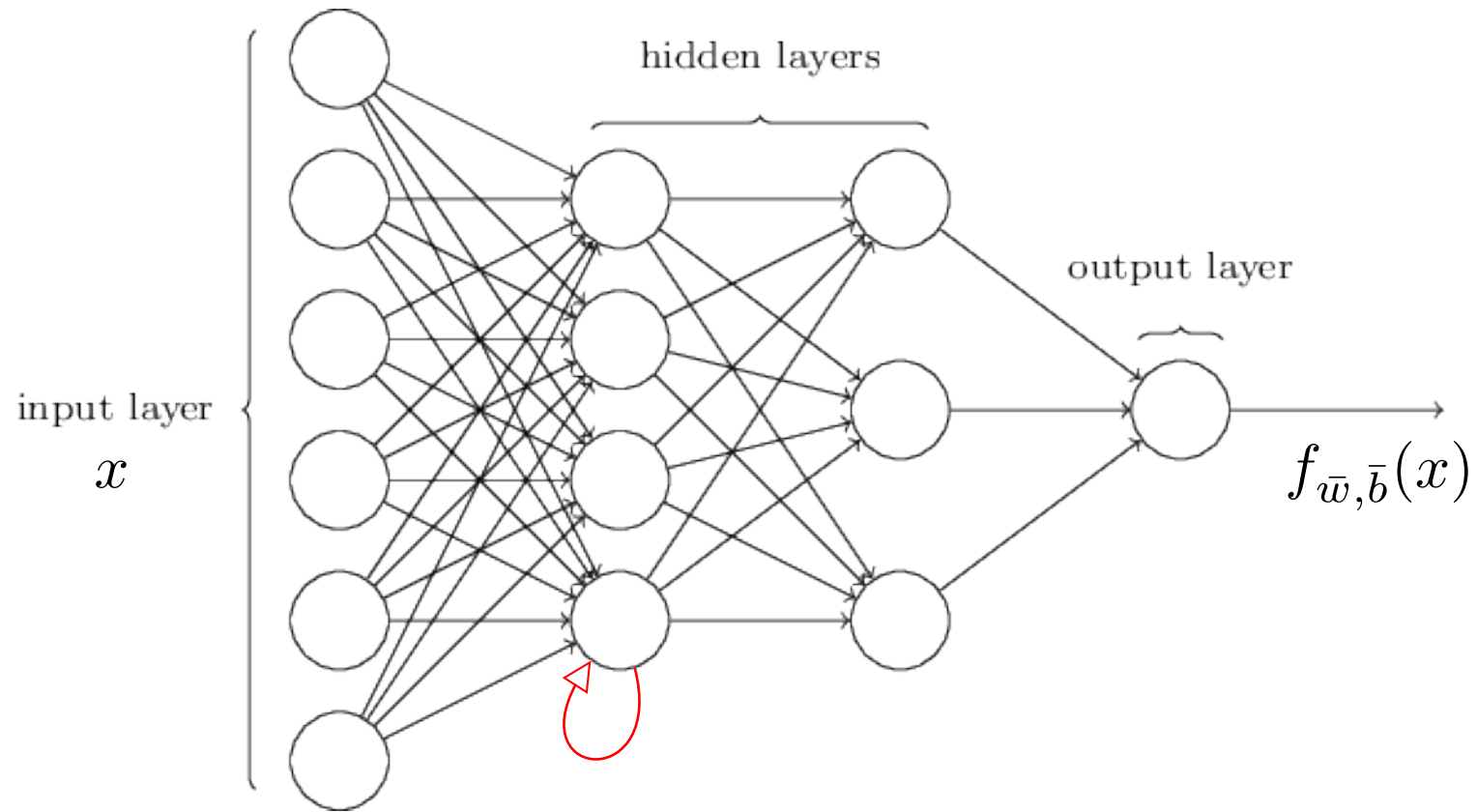
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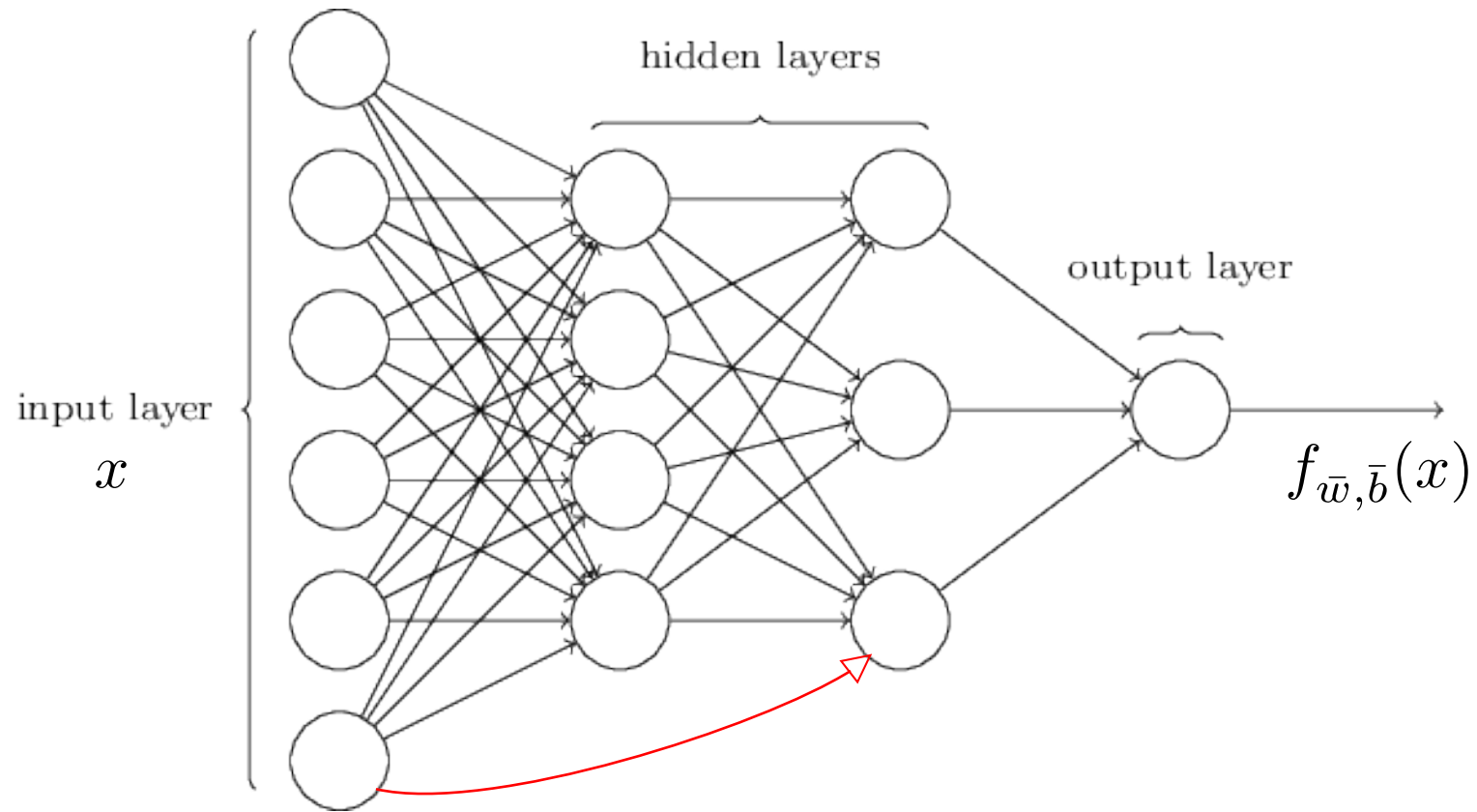
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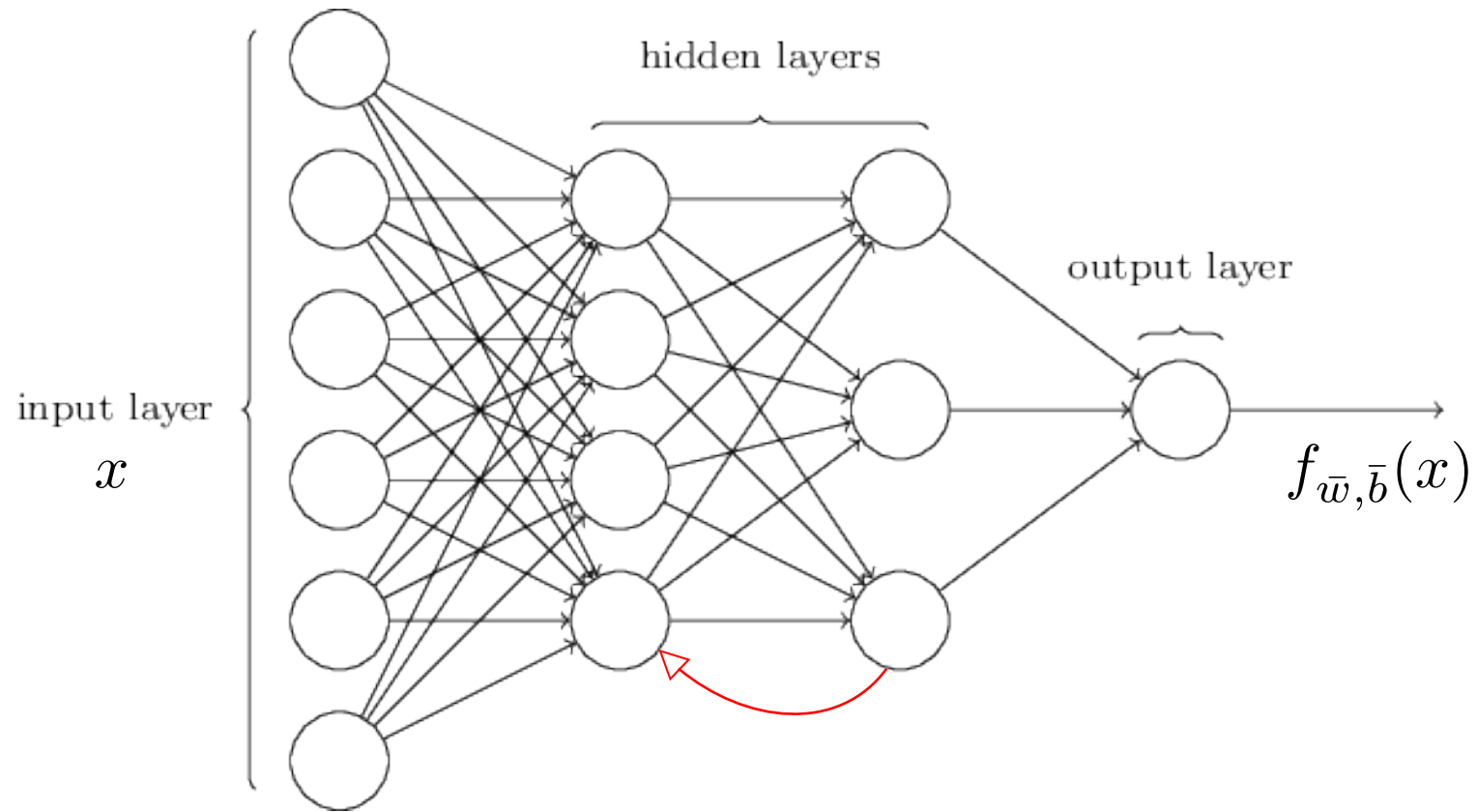
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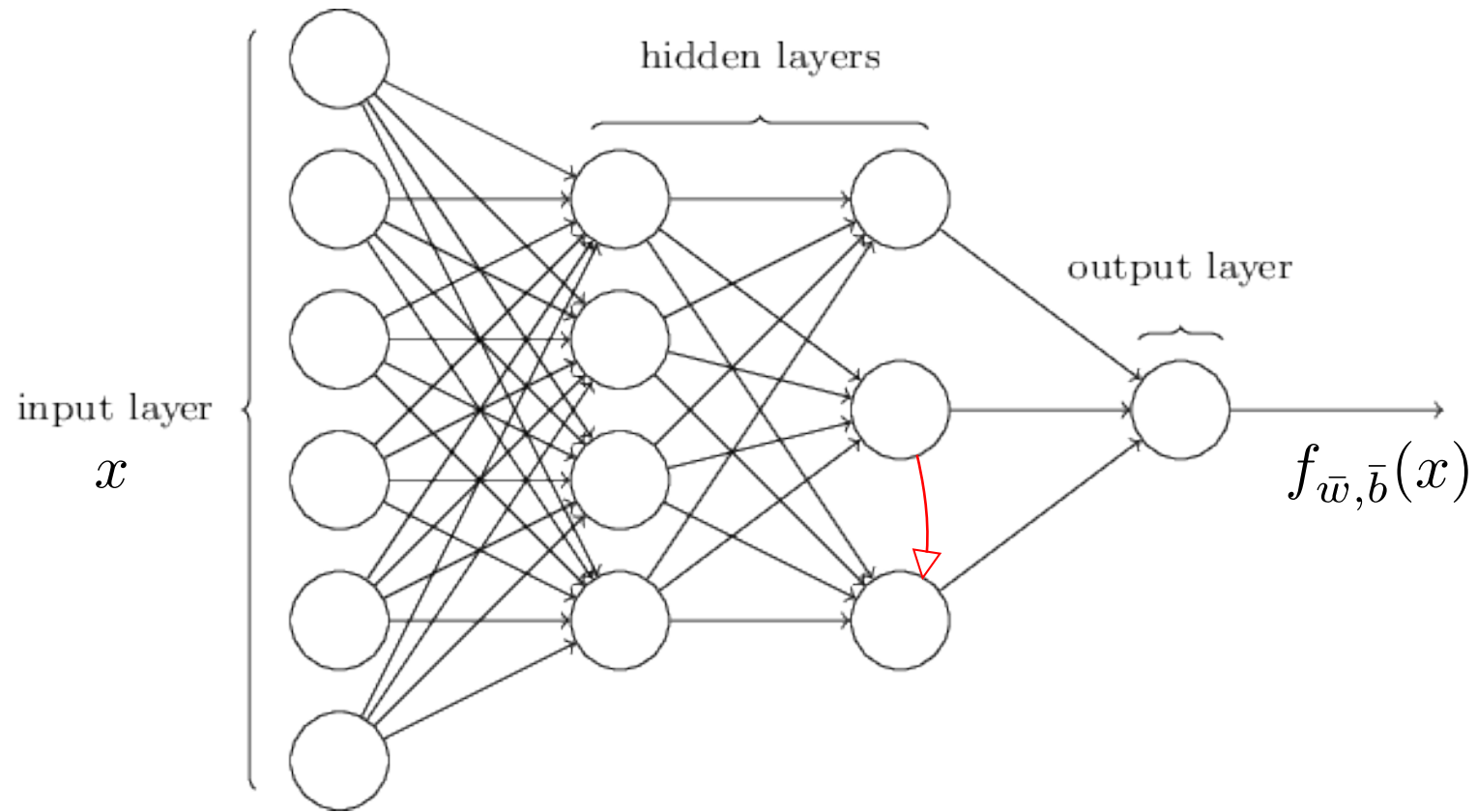
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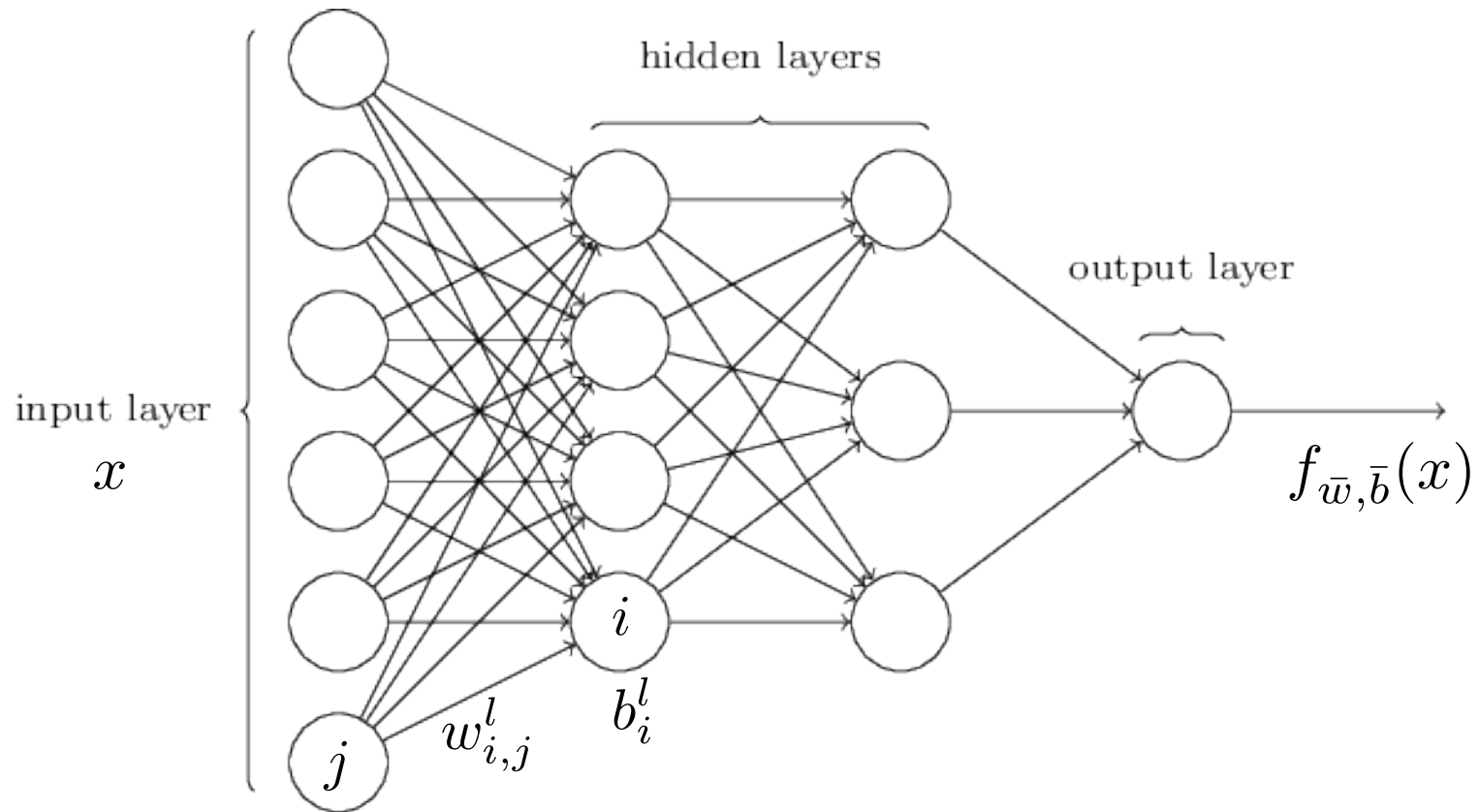
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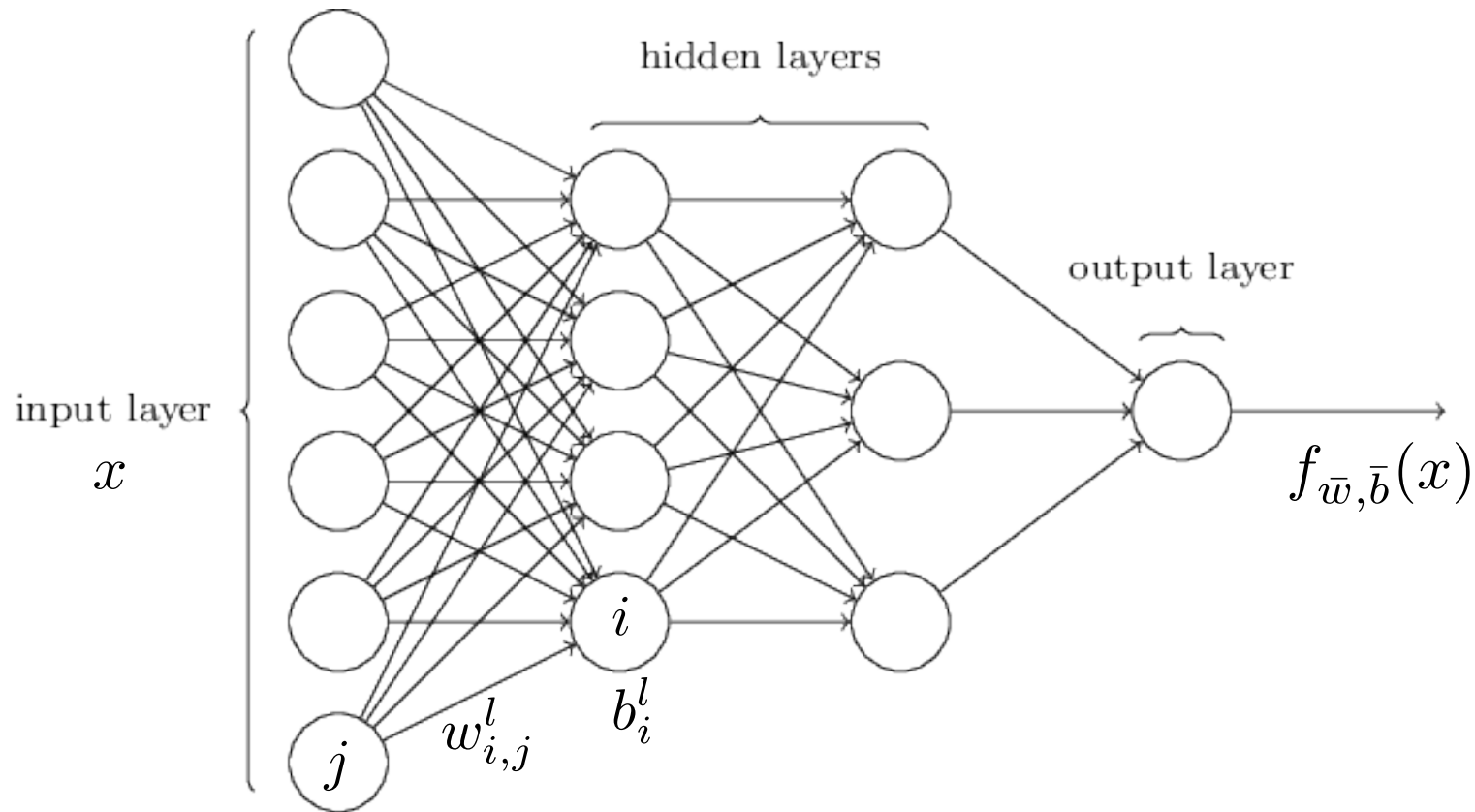
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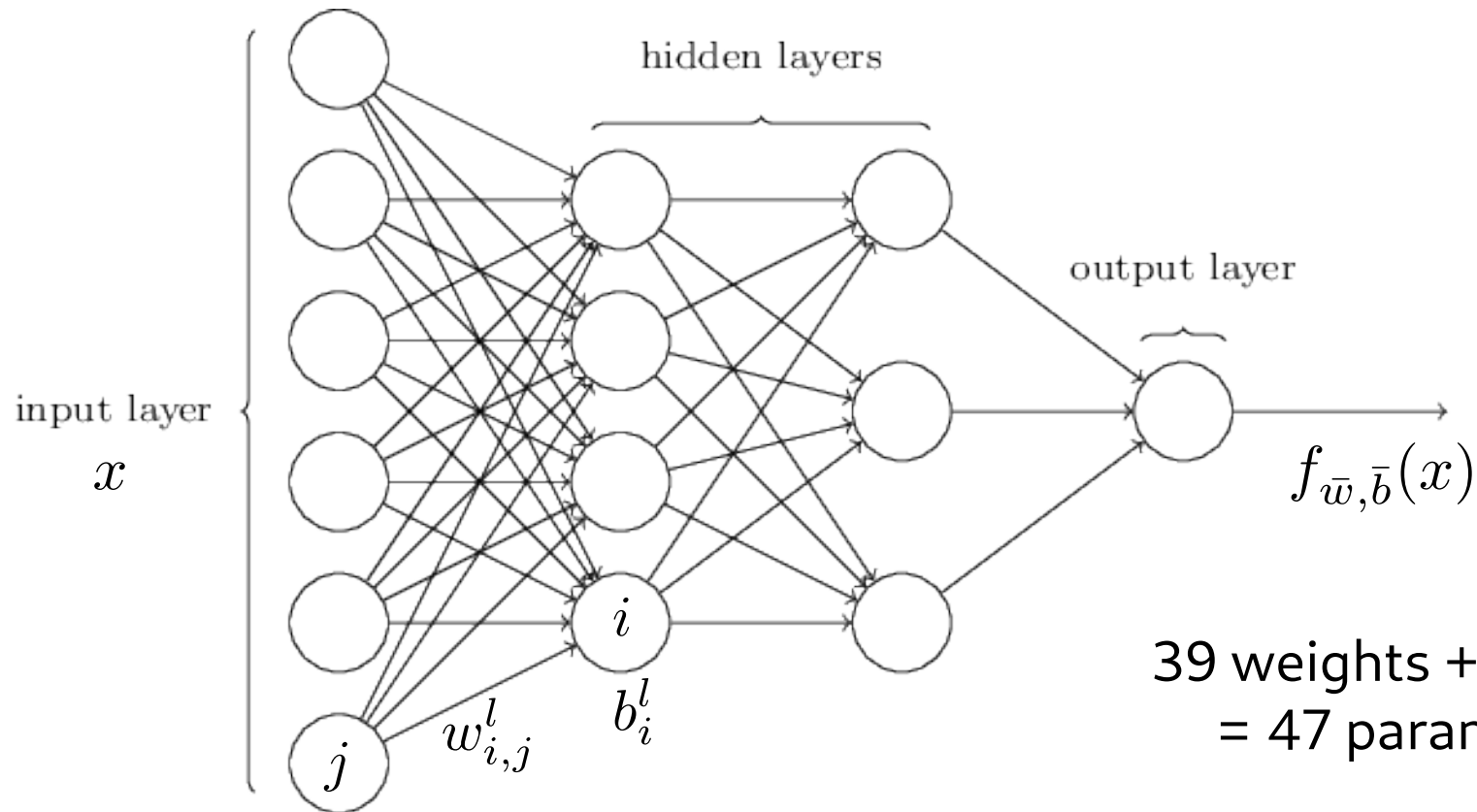
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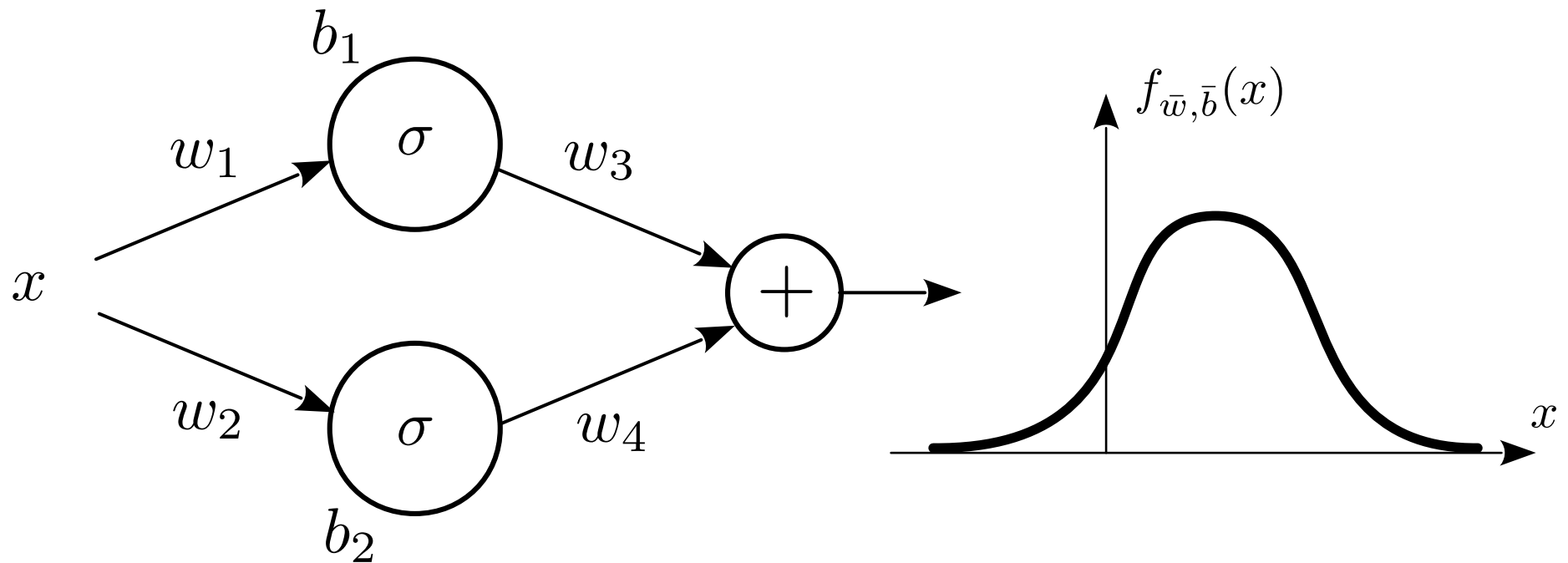
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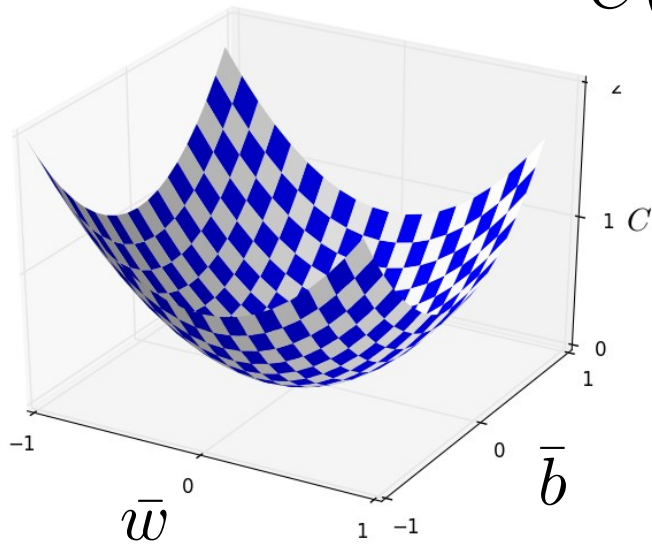


$$f_{\bar{w}, \bar{b}}(x) = w_3 \sigma(b_1 + w_1 x) + w_4 \sigma(b_2 + w_2 x)$$

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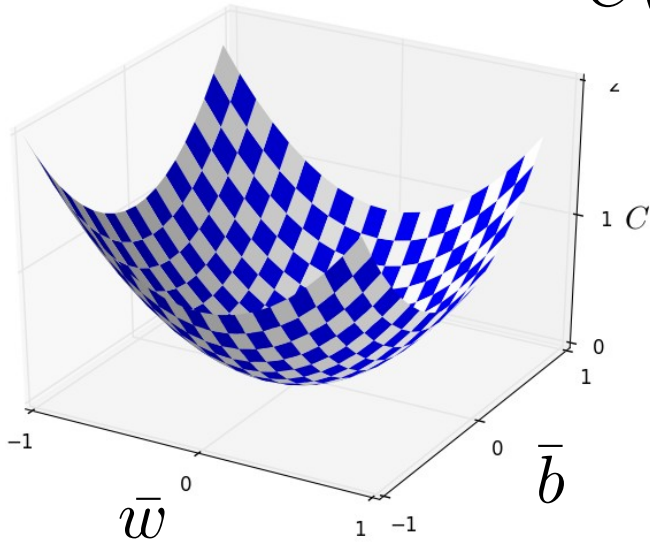
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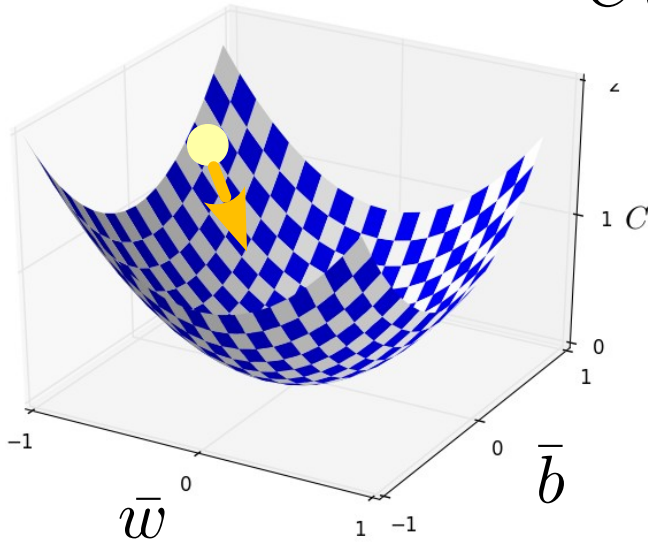
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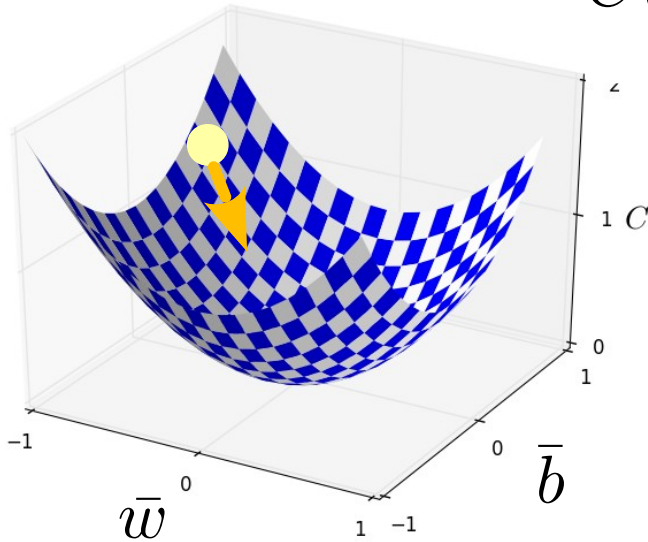
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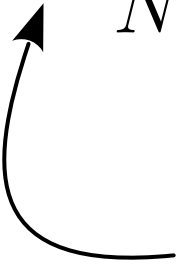
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... and **back-propagate** to the previous ones

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