

# A deep-learning neural network for image recognition

A working model

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# Objectives

- we start by **showing a working deep learning model for image recognition** (a task at which DL is very good!)
- the objective is to give you some ideas of **what DL is about**
  - no worries if you don't understand everything
  - we'll delve in details in later sessions
- you'll get some **basic intuition of what DL is and how it is structured**



# A first working example

- **MNIST** (Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology) database → large collection of **handwritten digits** [more info [here](#)]
- Commonly used to train machine learning models for image recognition
- The aim is to use this database to build a **first deep learning model** for **image recognition**



Credits: <http://petr-marek.com/>

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  - Reference: <http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/>



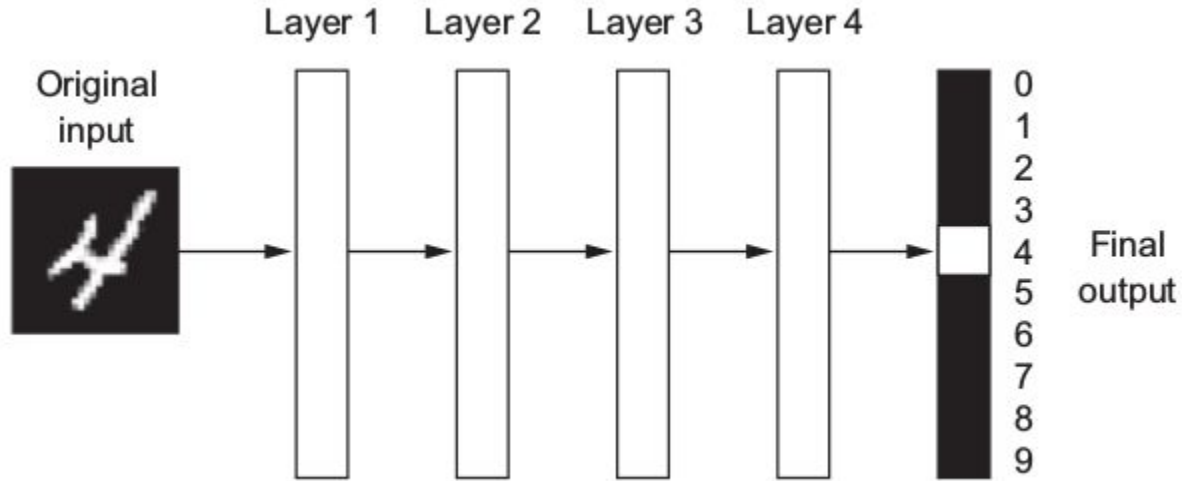
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- 1) Step 1: **train the deep learning model**
- 2) Step 2: get **predictions** (recognize images/handwritten digits) on **test data**
- 3) Step 3: measure the **accuracy of prediction**



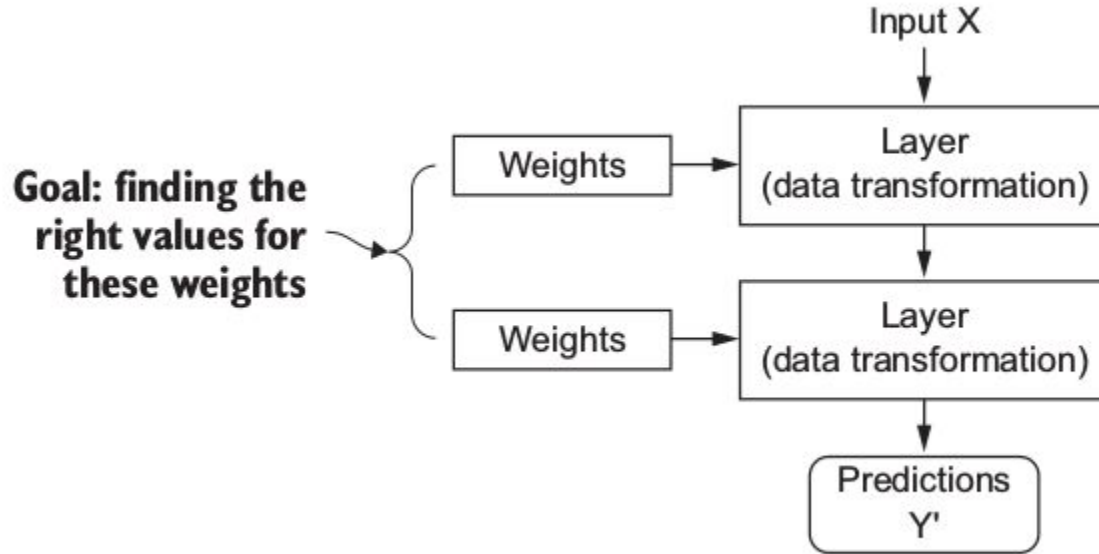
# Handwritten digit recognition



From François Chollet



# Model diagram



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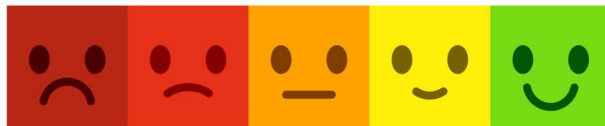
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- **Interactive Python Notebook** (.ipynb file) → **Jupyter** notebooks
- Google colab / Docker on server [our working environment]
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What is your skill level with these tools?

- feel free to ask questions
- use our slack chat to interact with us (one of the two instructors will always be there)
- if needed we can go back on some of this material



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# A first working example - steps (real world)

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  - RINSE AND REPEAT
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- The boring part
- The cool part
- The professional part



# Let's do it!

1. “Black box”
2. Decomposing the model



# 1- the Black Box

- Training the model
  - Getting prediction accuracy on test data
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- go on the server
  - open a terminal
  - run `keras.mnist_train.py`
  - run `keras.mnist_test.py`



## 2- decomposing the model

- chunk-by-chunk training and testing
  - interactive Jupyter notebook
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- go on the server
  - `code_01_keras_MNIST.ipynb`

