

An introduction to AI

Machine Learning & Neural Networks

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Welcome to the course

"An introduction to AI: Machine Learning & Neural Networks"



An introduction to get familiarised with...

- Machine learning (ML)
- Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)
- Training & operating Artificial Neural Networks
- Applications to faults detection.

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My profile

- I taught Python programming (Scientific & Object Oriented) for years at ENSAM
- I started to get interested in ML in 2015
- I have written materials about ML : workshop, project & practical work for engineering schools (ENSA, ENSEIRB, ENSPIMA...)
- Now I continue my activity as an AI / data processing self worker.

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Evaluation

- an MCQ assessed individually (coef. 1/4)
- a report of practical work in pairs (coef. 3/4).

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Mini-project: application to Predictive Maintenance

- Challenge your skills with a practical use case of fault detection on a motor test bench with a neural network...

Artificial Intelligence ?



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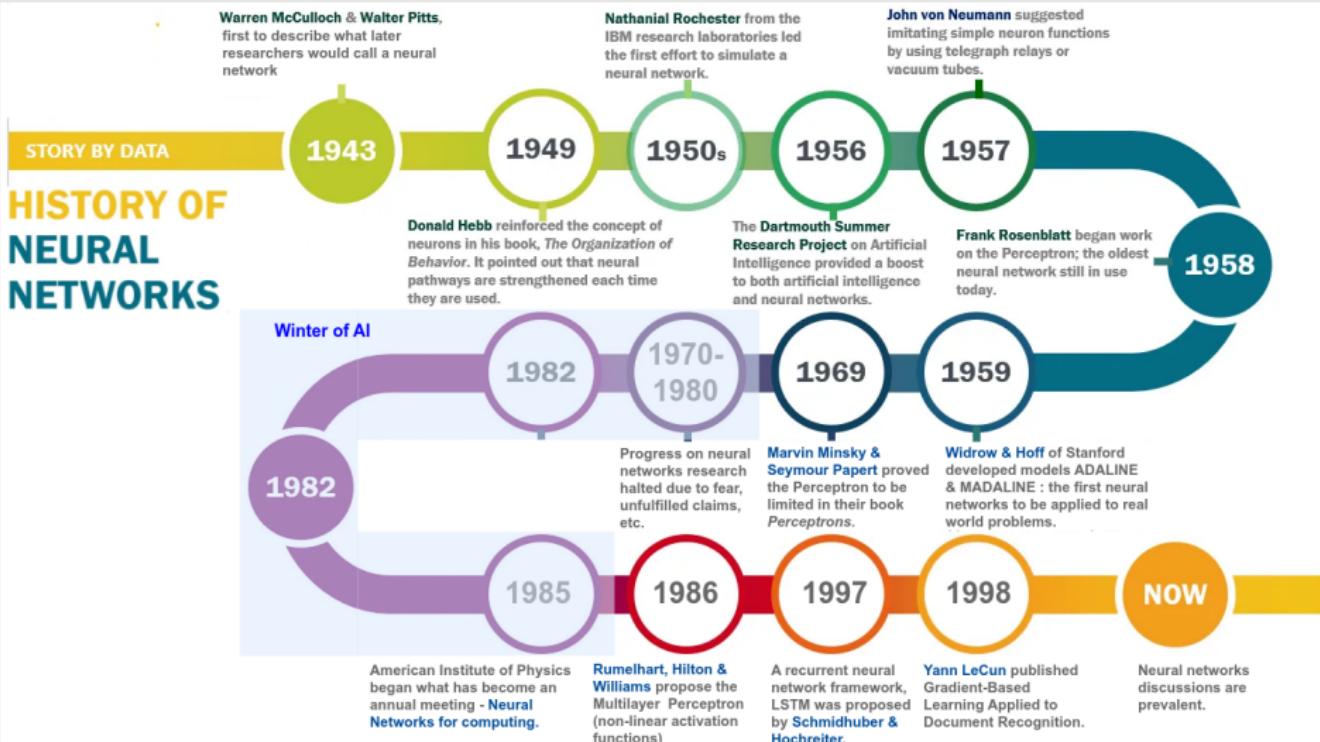
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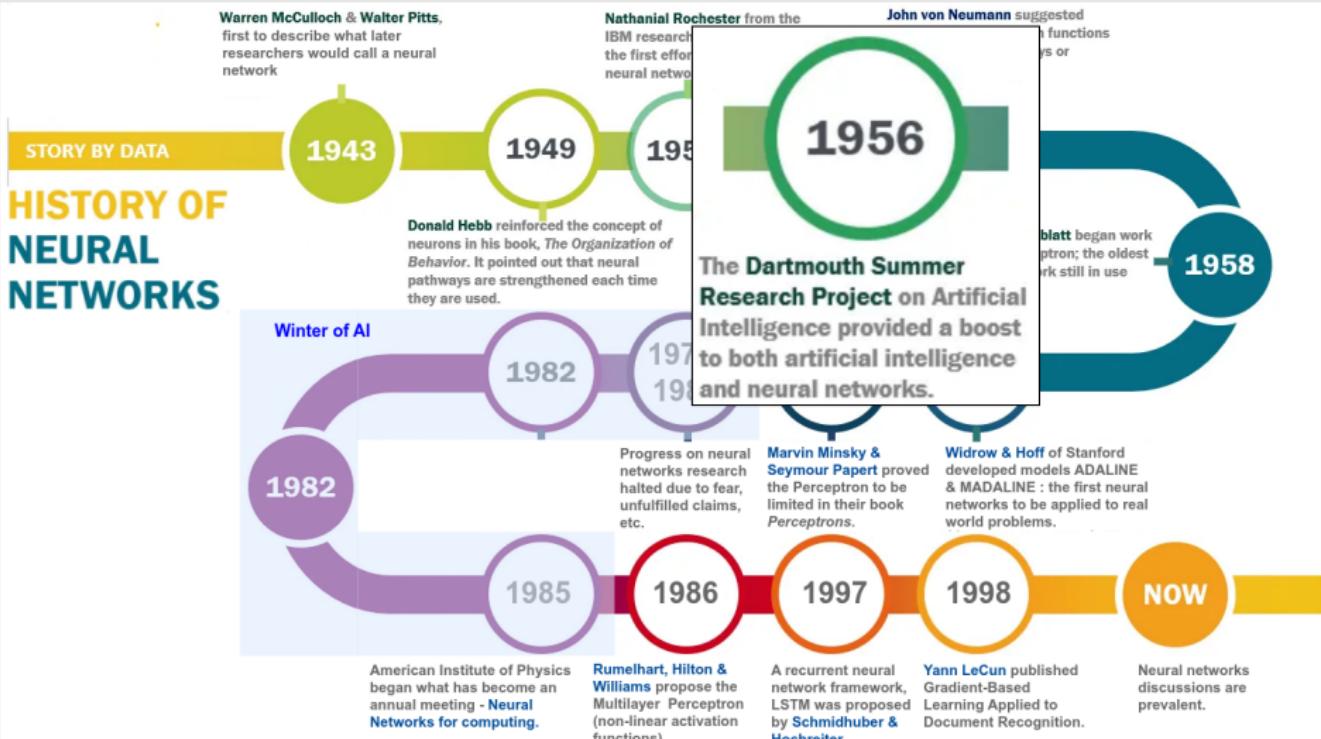
- "...the science of making computers do things that require intelligence when done by humans." [Alan Turing](#), 1940
- "the field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed." [Arthur Samuel](#), 1960
- "A computer program is said to learn from experience E with respect to some class of tasks T and performance measure P, if its performance at tasks in T, as measured by P, improves with experience E." [Tom Mitchell](#), 1997
- Notion of *intelligent agent, rational agent*
"...agent that acts in such a way as to reach the best solution or, in an uncertain environment, the best predictable solution."
[Stuart Russel, Peter Norvig, "Intelligence Artificielle"](#) 2015

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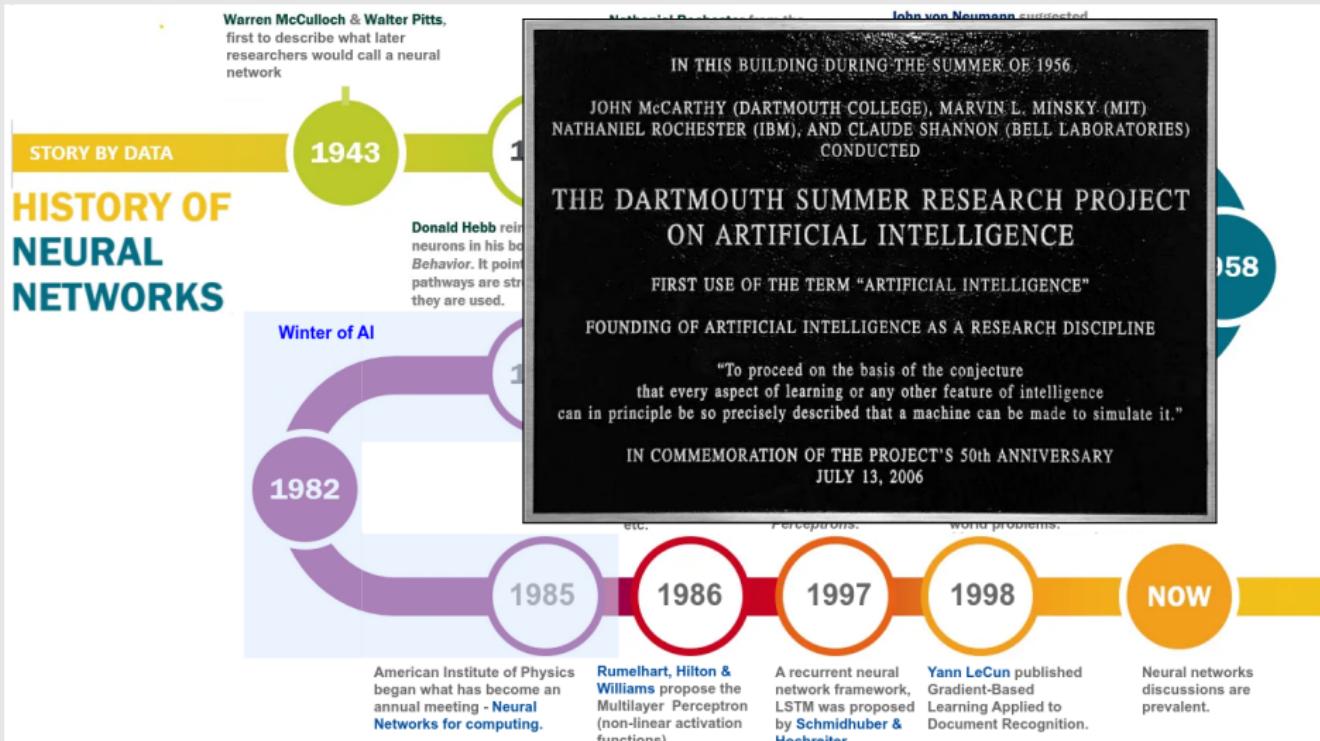
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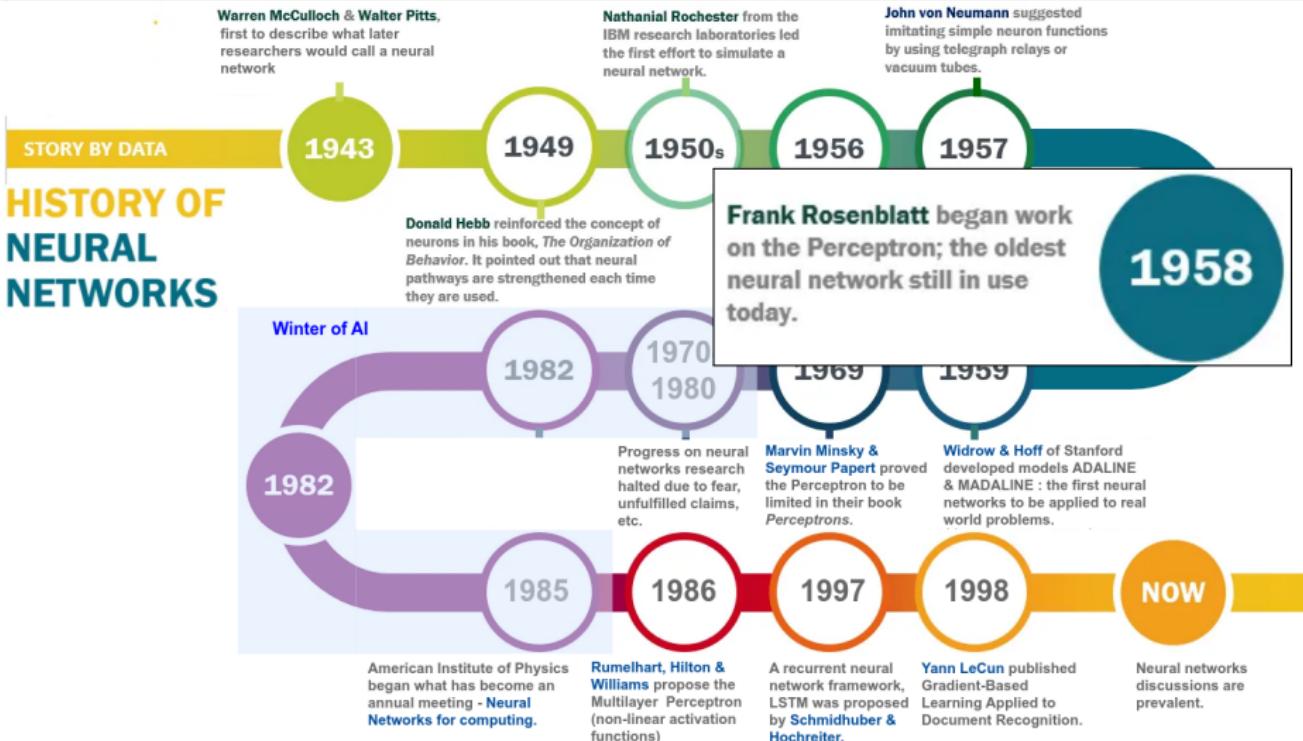
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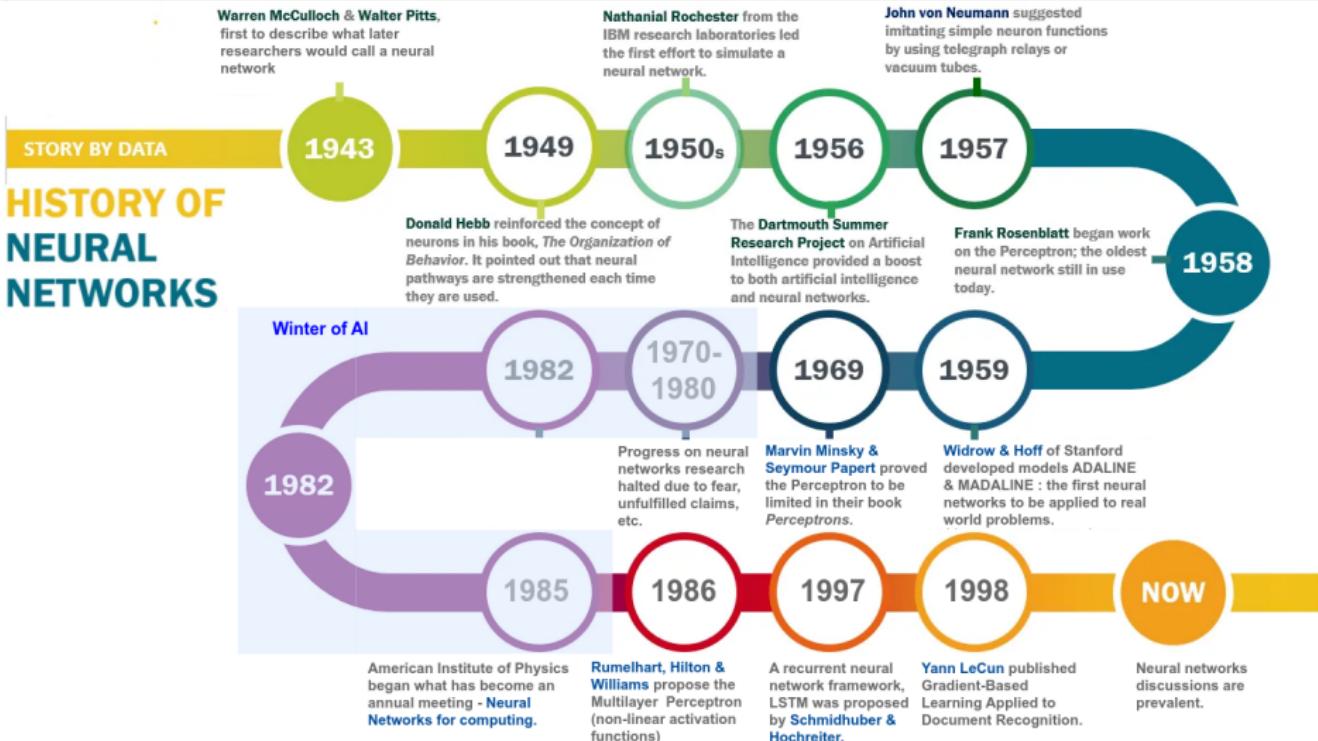
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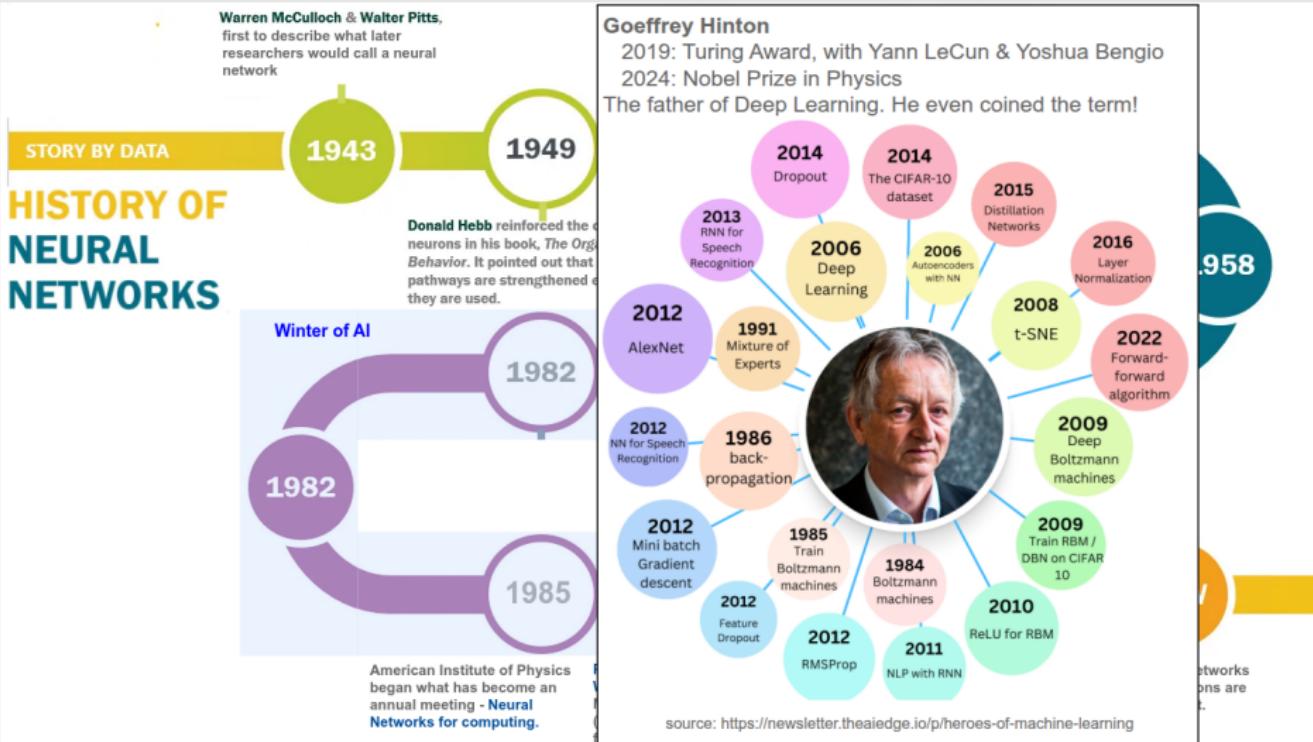
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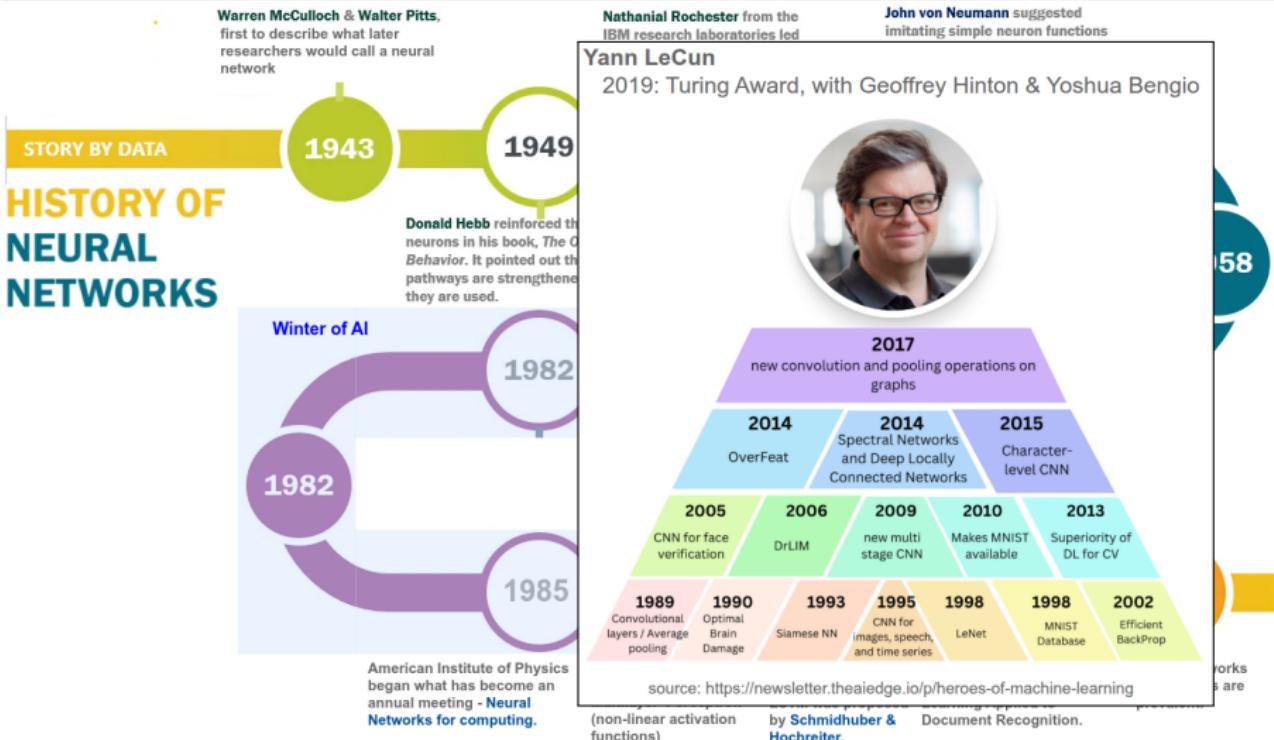
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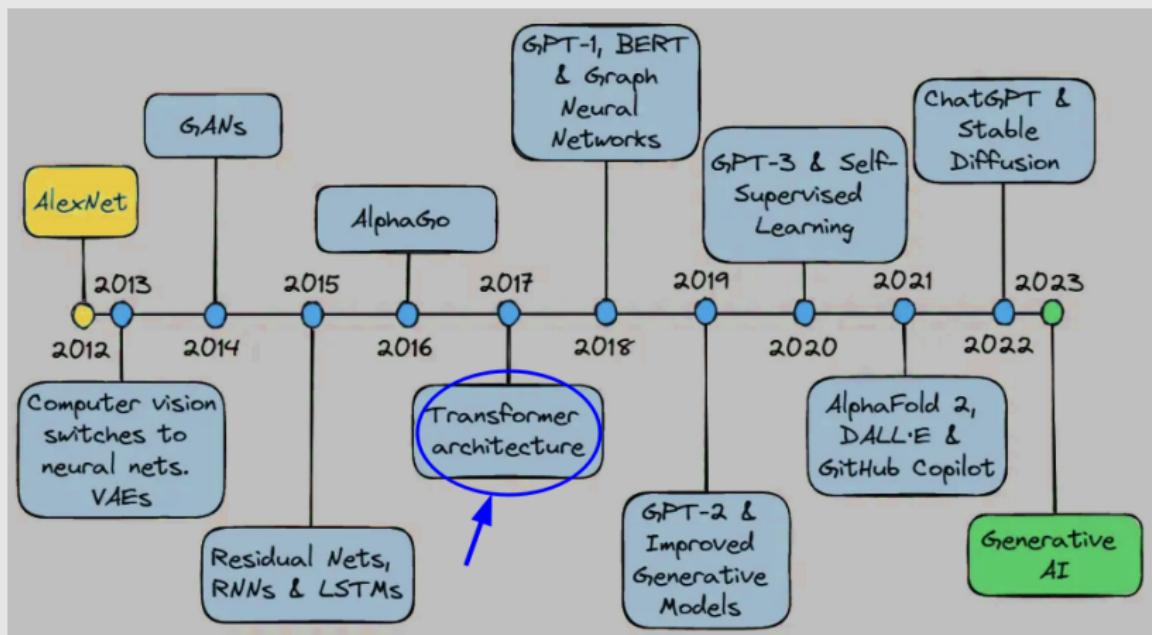
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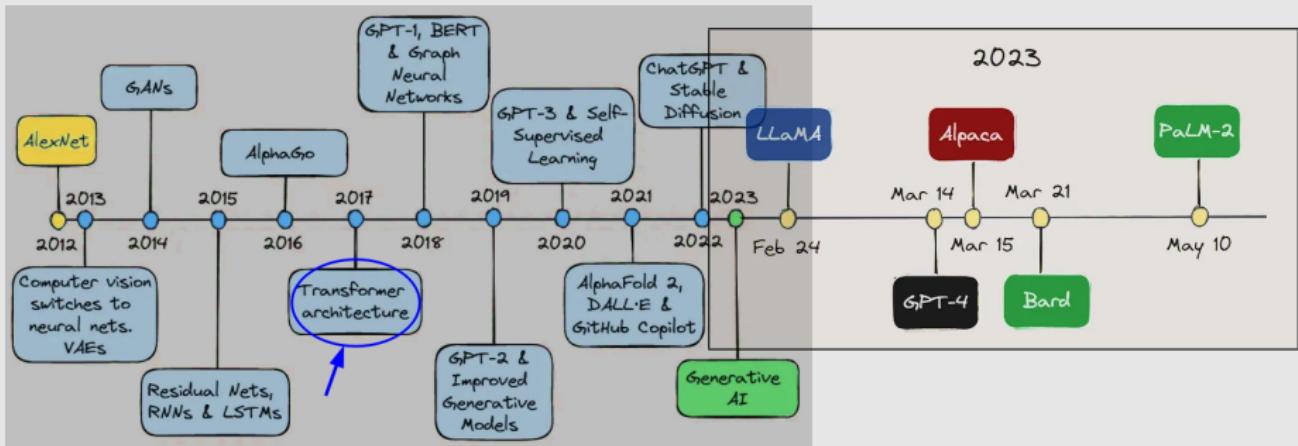
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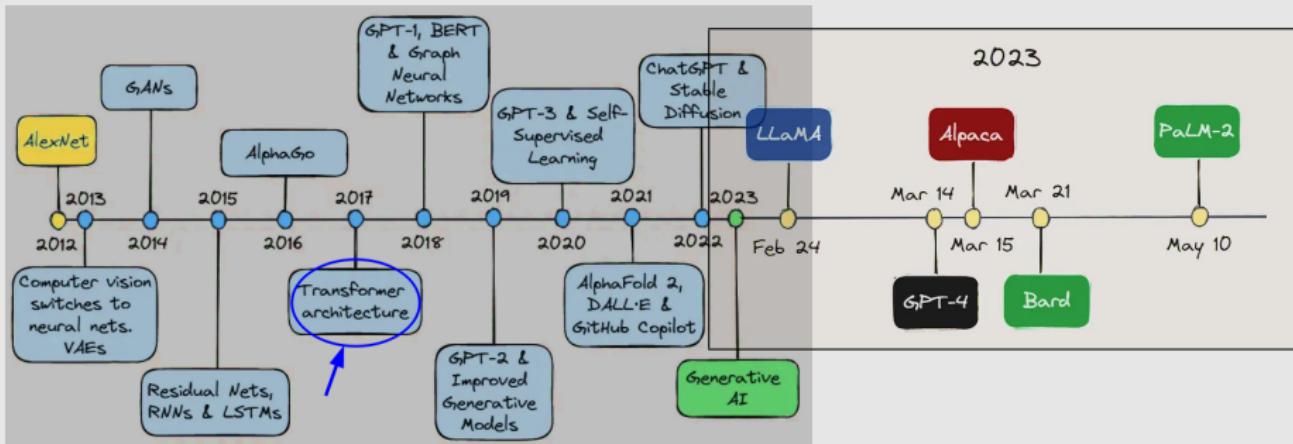
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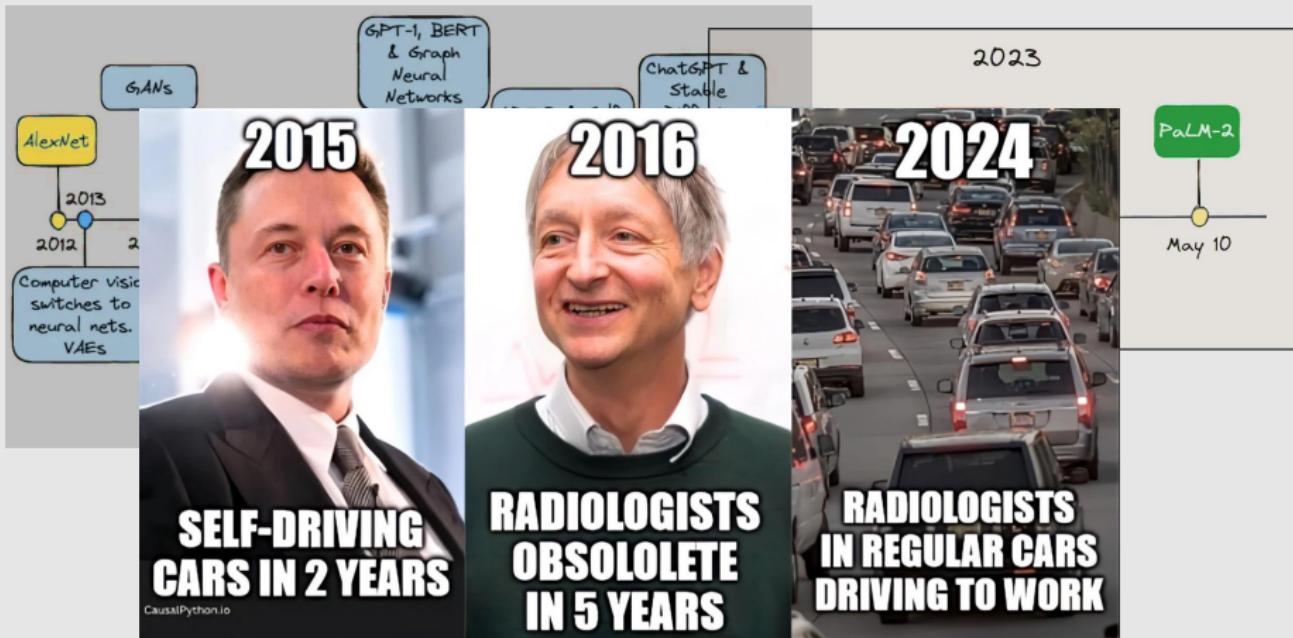
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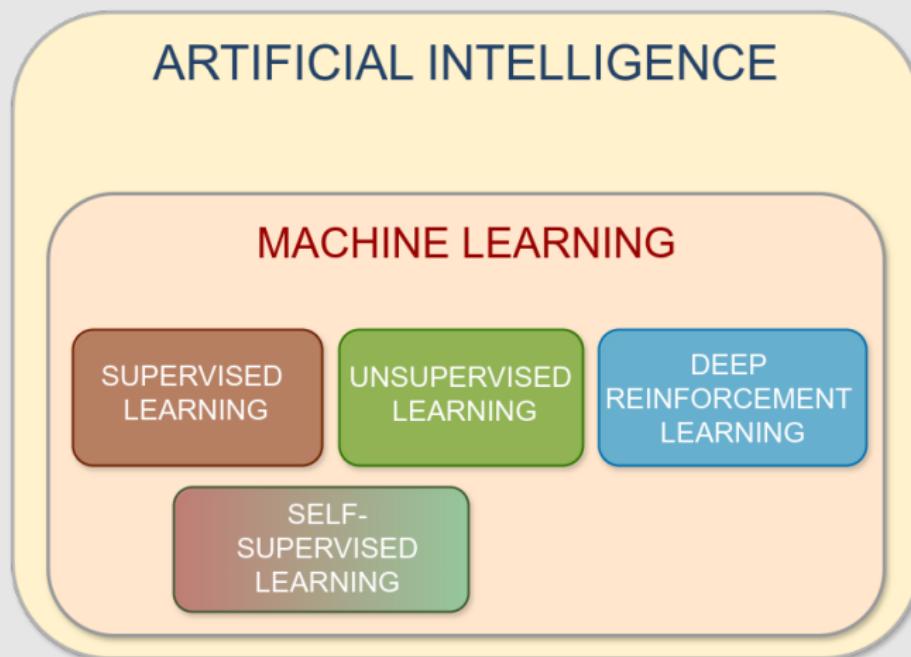
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Strong/General AI

- Builds systems with the ability to reason in general.
- Could explain how humans think?
- **Where are not yet here...** but closer and closer every day
LLM agent?

Machine Learning: a field of AI



Branches of Machine Learning

Supervised learning

labeled dataset is used to train algorithms:

- **Classification**

- Images classification
- Objects detection in images
- Speech recognition...

- **Regression**

- Predict a value...

- **Anomaly detection**

- Spam detection
- Manufacturing: finding known (learned) defects
- Weather prediction
- Diseases classification...

...

Branches of Machine Learning

Unsupervised learning

The algorithm attempts to identify patterns / structures within **unlabeled datasets**:

- **Clustering & Grouping**

- Data mining, web data grouping, news grouping...
- Market segmentation
- Astronomical data analysis...

- **Anomaly Detection**

- Manufacturing: finding defects (even new ones)
- Monitoring abnormal activity: failure, hacker...
- Fraud detection: fake account on Internet...

- **Dimensionality reduction**

- Data compressions...

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Deep Reinforcement Learning DRL

An agent (the model) learns how to drive an environment within a trial and error process by maximising a cumulative **reward**:

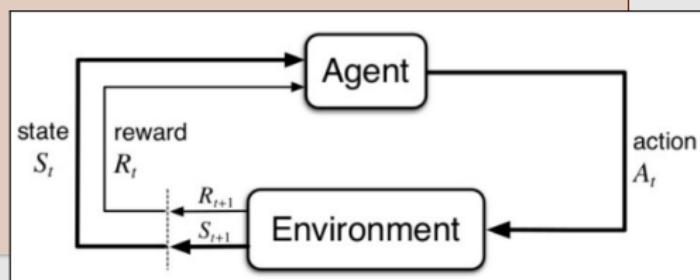
- **Control/command**

- Controlling drones, mechatronic systems, electric VTVL rocket, robots
- Factory optimization
- Financial (stock) trading...

- **Decision making**

- games (video games)
- financial analysis...

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Various approaches for ML algorithms

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- Neural Networks
- Bayesian inference
- Random forest
- Decision Tree
- Support Vector Machine (SVM)
- K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)
- Linear regression
- Logistic regression...

Unsupervised learning:

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- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)
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- Monte Carlo...

Self-Supervised learning:

- Neural Networks (SimCLR, Dino...)

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A large variety of possibilities \leadsto success of **Deep Learning** and **Neural Networks**

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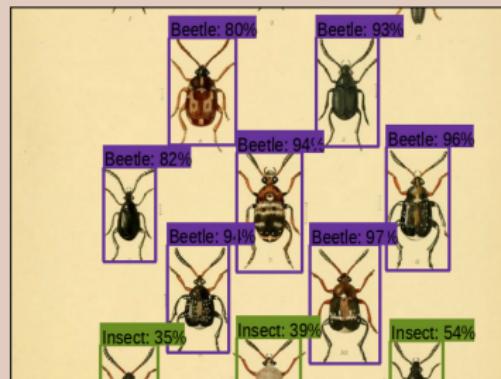
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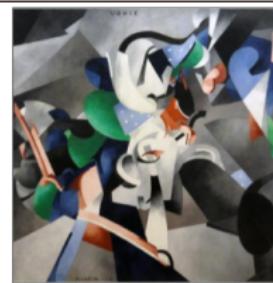


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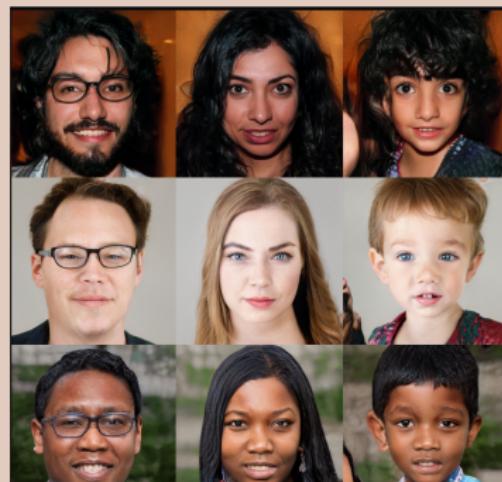


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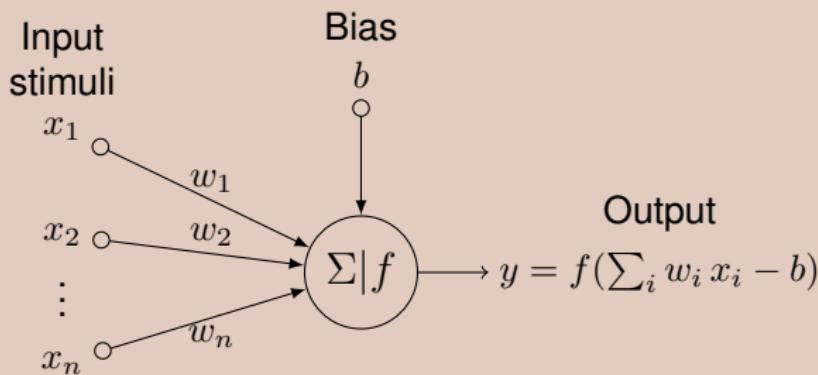
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NLP(Natural Language Processing): some applications...

- Natural Language Understanding (NLU)
- Natural Language Generation (NLG)
- Speech recognition / Speech Synthesis (Text To Speech)
- Machine Translation (languages)
- Virtual agents and ChatBots
- LLM ChatBots (Agent Conversationnel)
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Computing aspects

The Artificial neuron model

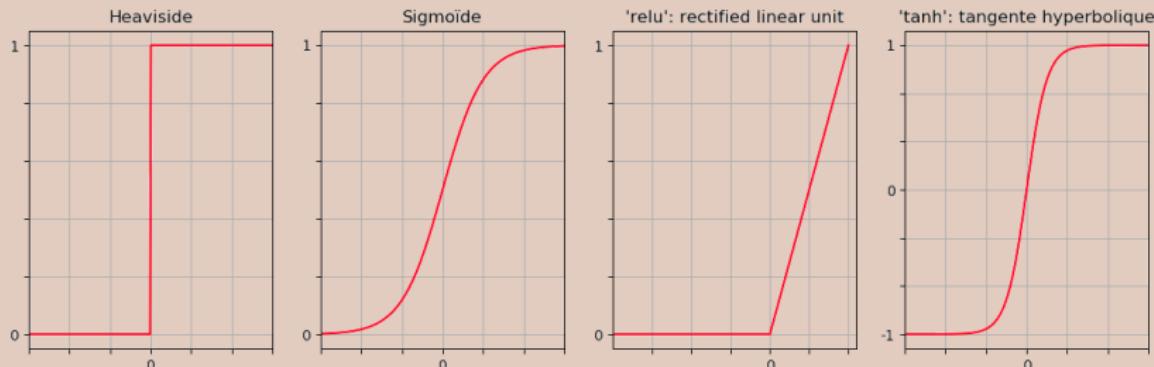


An **artificial neuron**:

- receives the input stimuli $(x_i)_{i=1..n}$ with **weights** (w_i)
- computes the **weighted sum** of the input $\sum_i w_i x_i - b$
- outputs its activation $f(\sum_i w_i x_i - b)$, computed with a non-linear **activation function** f .

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Common activation functions

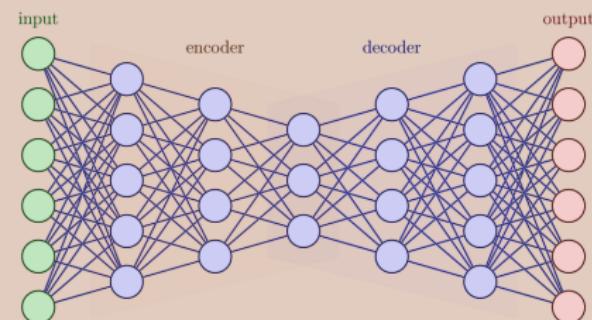
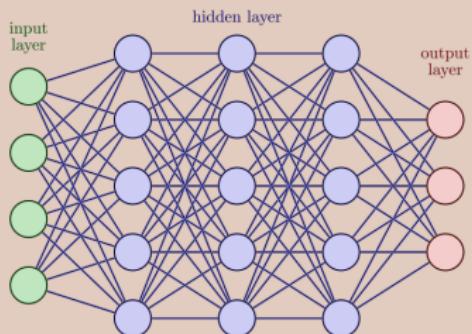


- Introduces a non-linear behavior.
- Sets the range of the neuron output: $[-1, 1]$, $[0, 1]$, $[0, \infty[$...
- The bias b sets the activation threshold of the neuron.

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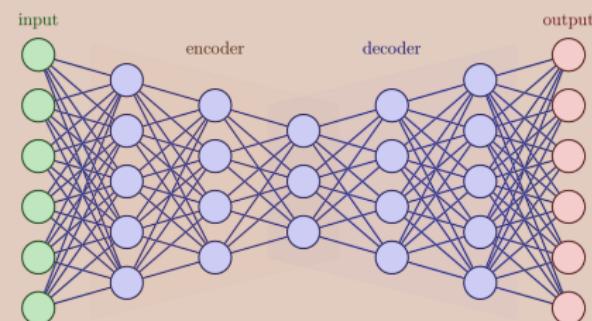
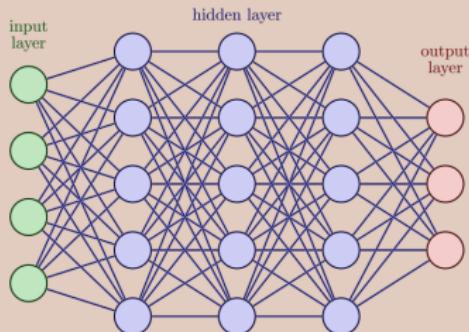
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MNIST classification with a dense network
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Well known ML example: Training a NN to classify the MNIST handwritten digit images

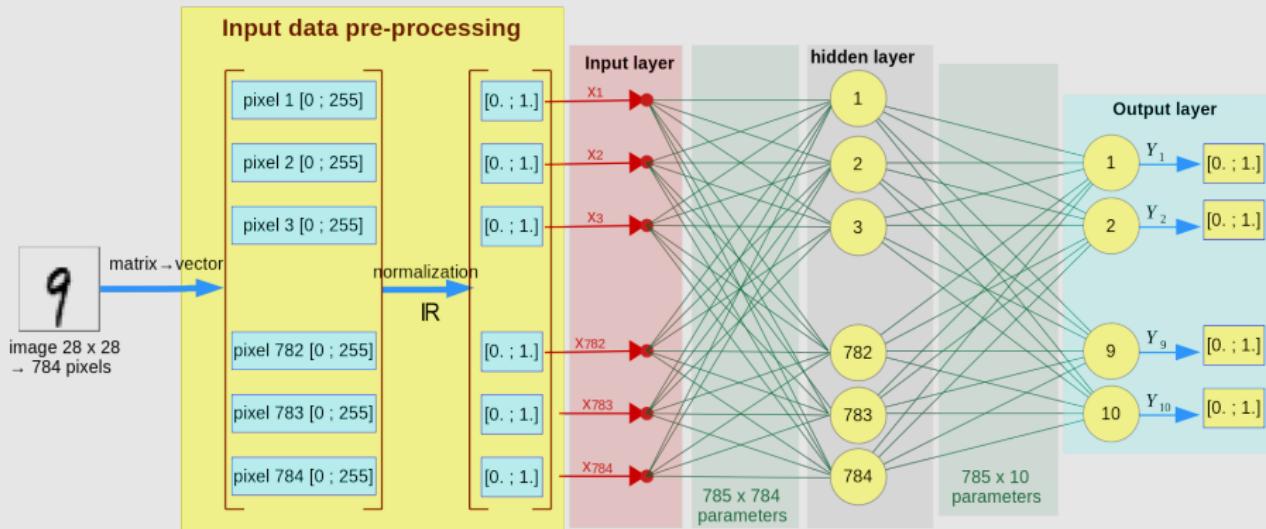
- **MNIST**: bank of 70000 **labeled images**
(60000 training images and 10000 test images)



- Grayscale images 28×28 pixels.
- Scores with a dense networks can reach 98% success...
- State of the art for image recognition : **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)**
[will not be covered in this course limited to dense neural networks]

Dense Neural Network architecture

Each matrix $28 \times 28 \rightsquigarrow$ normalized vector of 784 components float $\in [0; 1]$.



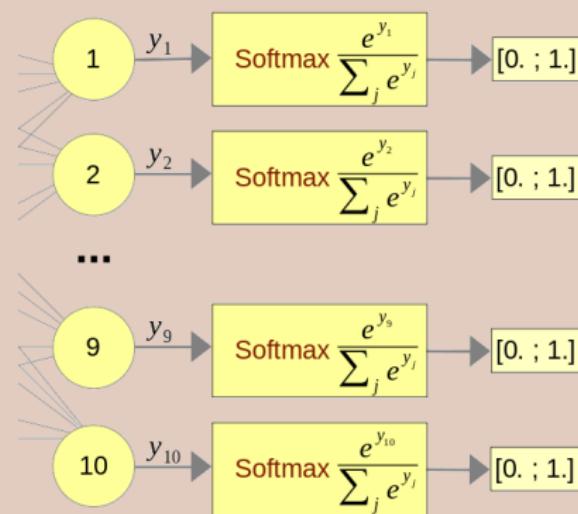
Structure of the neural network:

- The *Input layer* sets the size of the NN inputs to 784 values \rightsquigarrow it has no neuron !
- A *Hidden layer* of 784 neurons (we could have more, or less...), receives the input data. It is connected to the next layer.
- An *Output layer* of 10 neurons (1 neuron for each digit to be recognized).

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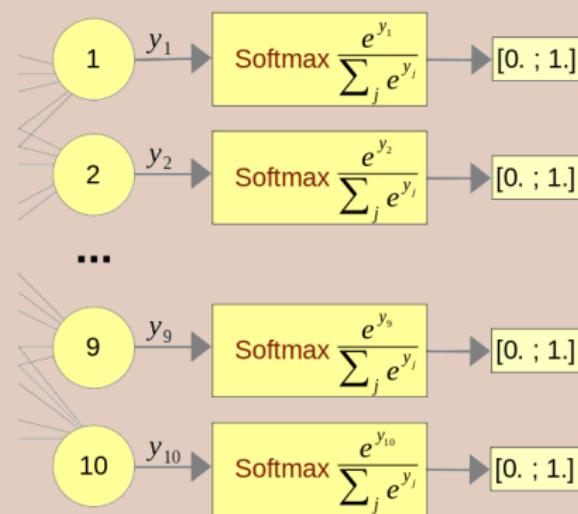
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The *one-hot* encoding of labels '0' to '9' results in a 10-component vector, like the one computed by the neural network.

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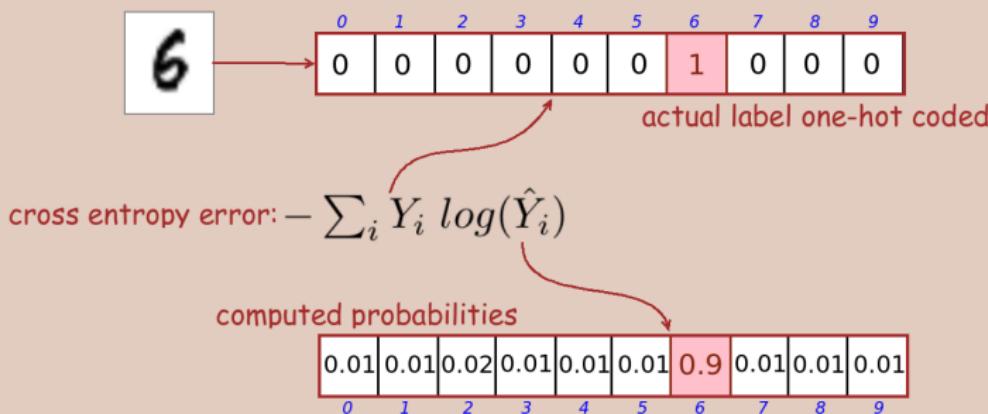
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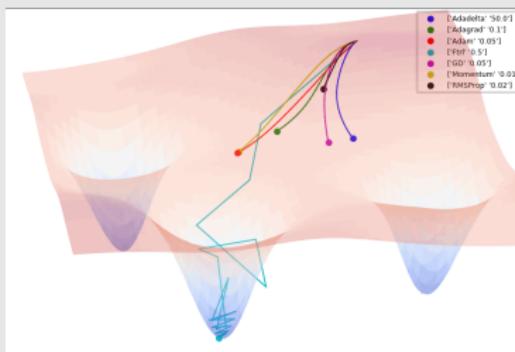
Optimization and *Back Propagation*

- **Feed forward stage** : an optimization algorithm calculates the gradient of the loss function relative to network weights.
- **Back Propagation** : the BP algorithm **modifies** the weights of the network thanks to the gradient of the loss function, iterating from the last layer to the first layer.
- Examples of optimization algorithm used:
 - *Gradient Descent* (GD)
 - *Stochastic Gradient Descent* (SGD)
 - *Adam* (enhanced version of gradient descent)...

The module `tf.keras.optimizers` offers Python implementation of several optimization algorithms.

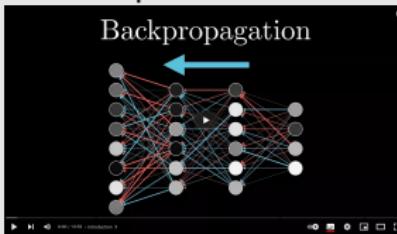
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Visualization of gradient descent algorithm iterations for an ultra-simple loss function with only 2 variables:



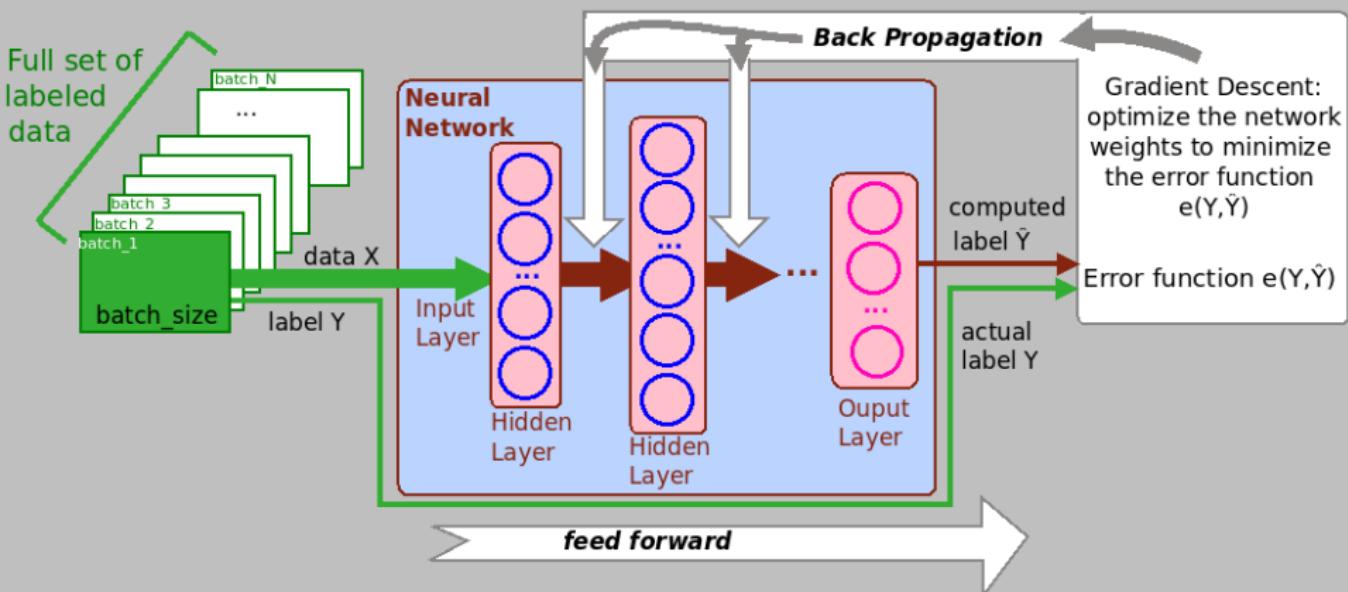
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back propagation algorithm explanation video:



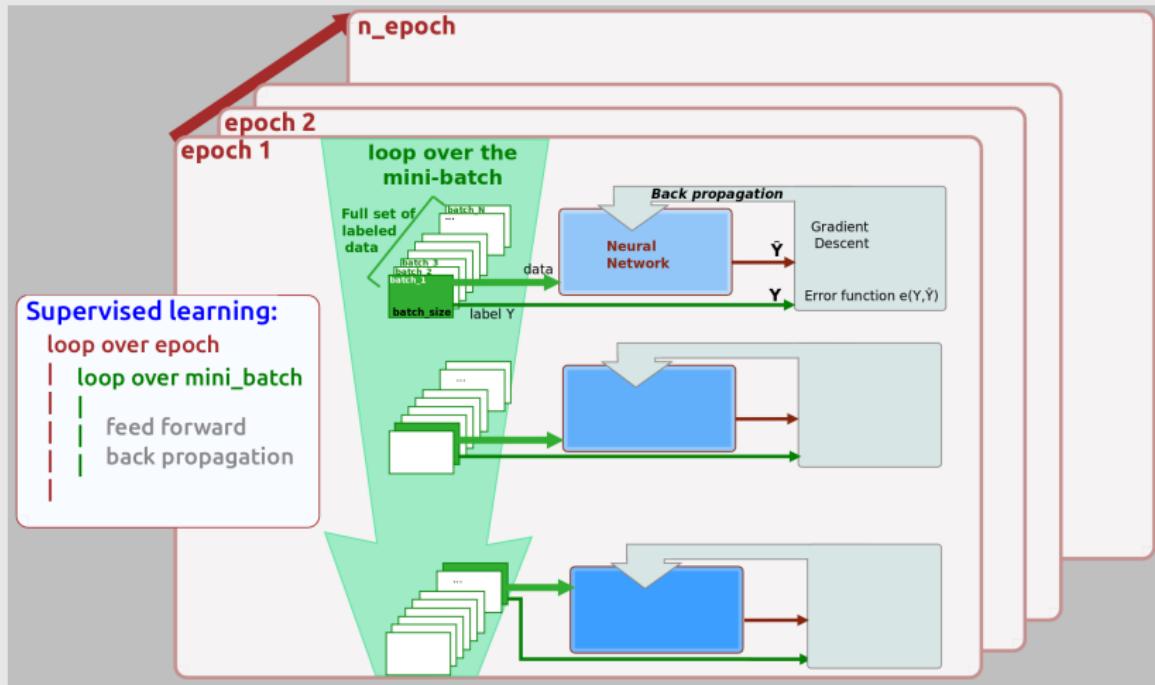
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Supervised learning : Feed Forward and Back Propagation



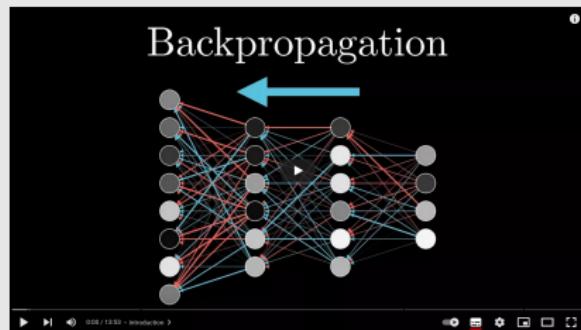
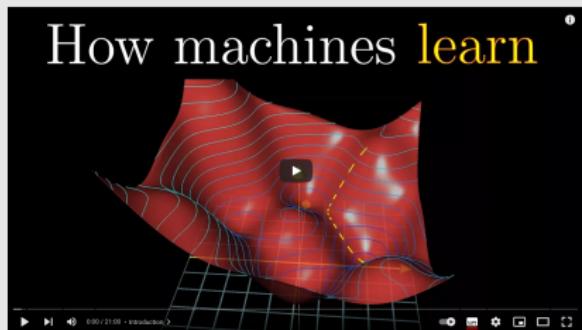
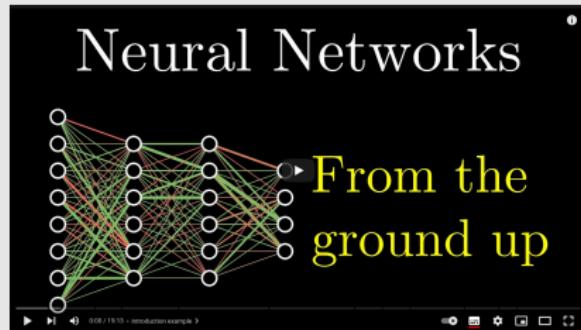
- The dataset is split into (mini) **batches** of size **batch_size**
- After each *feed forward* the *Back Propagation* algorithm modifies the weights neurons to minimize the error e .

Supervised learning strategy



- Training with the whole dataset is repeated **n_epoch** times,
- The network state at end of epoch **n** \leadsto initial state for epoch **n+1**.

Videos



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