

A gentle introduction to Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

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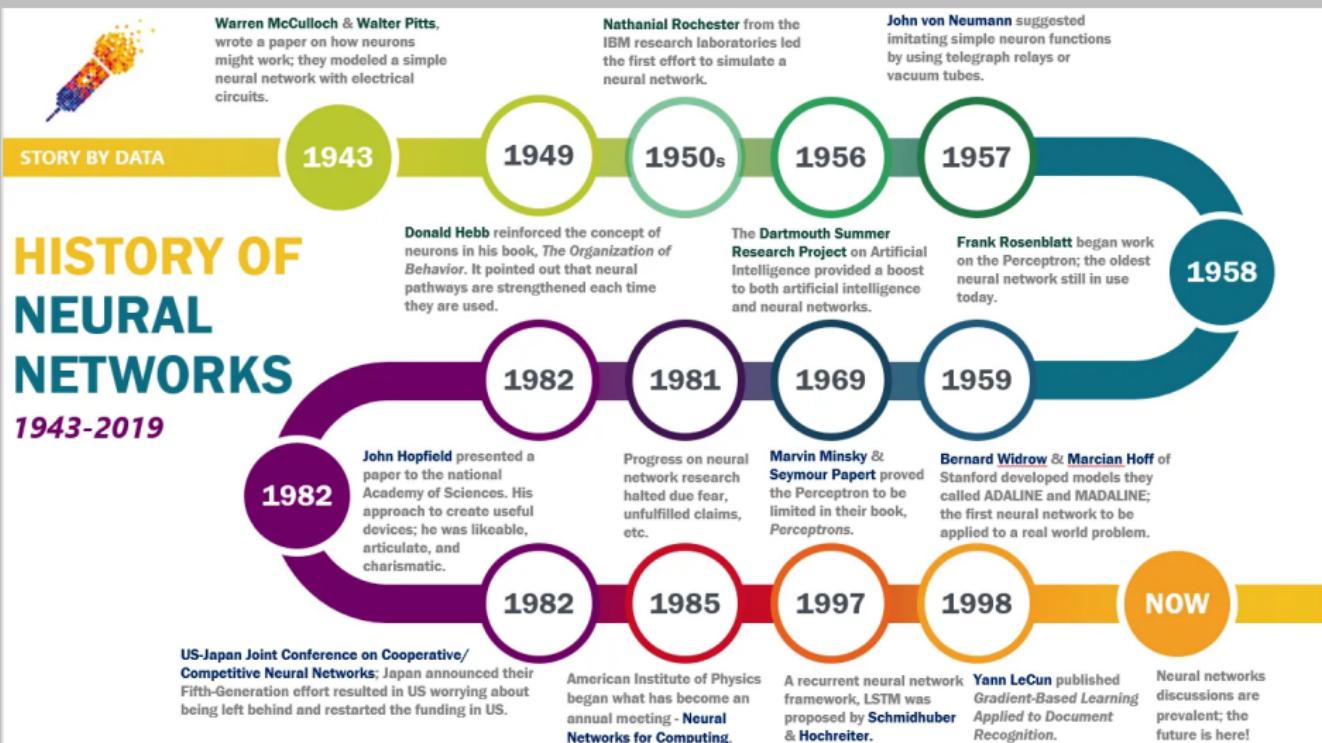


My profile

- I'm teaching Python programming (Scientific & Object Oriented)
- I started to get interested in ML in 2015
- I wrote several materials in ML : workshop, project & practical work for different schools (ENSA, ENSEIRB, ENSPIMA, PPU...)

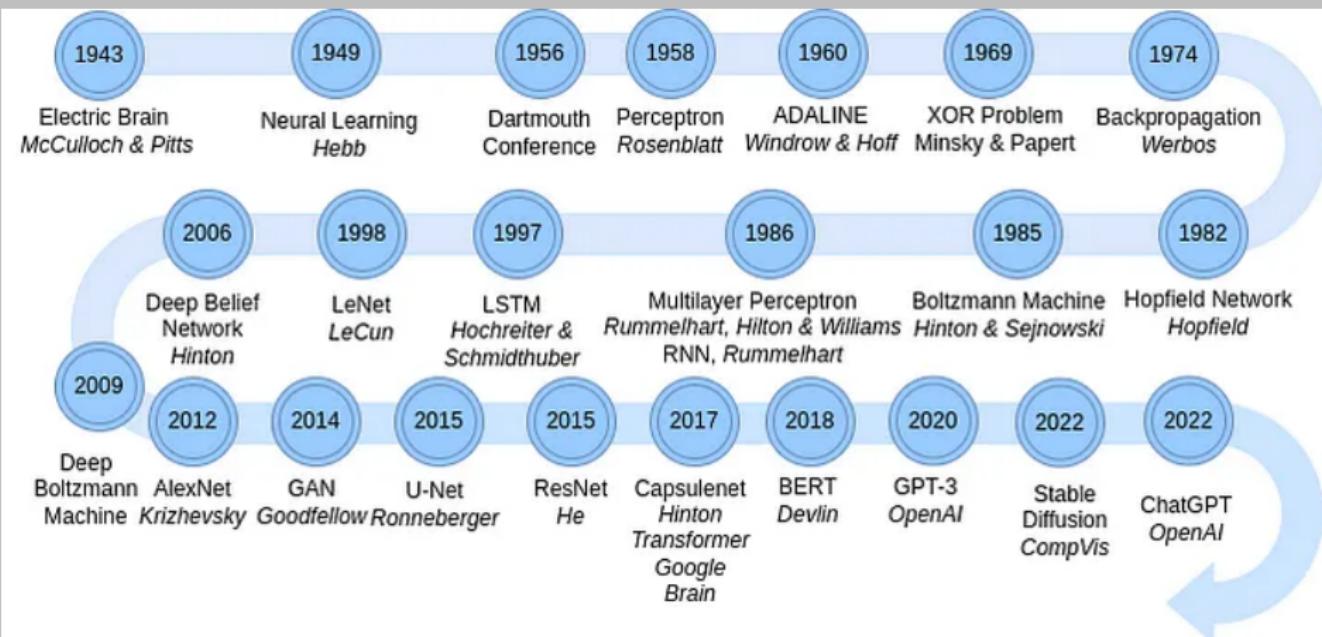
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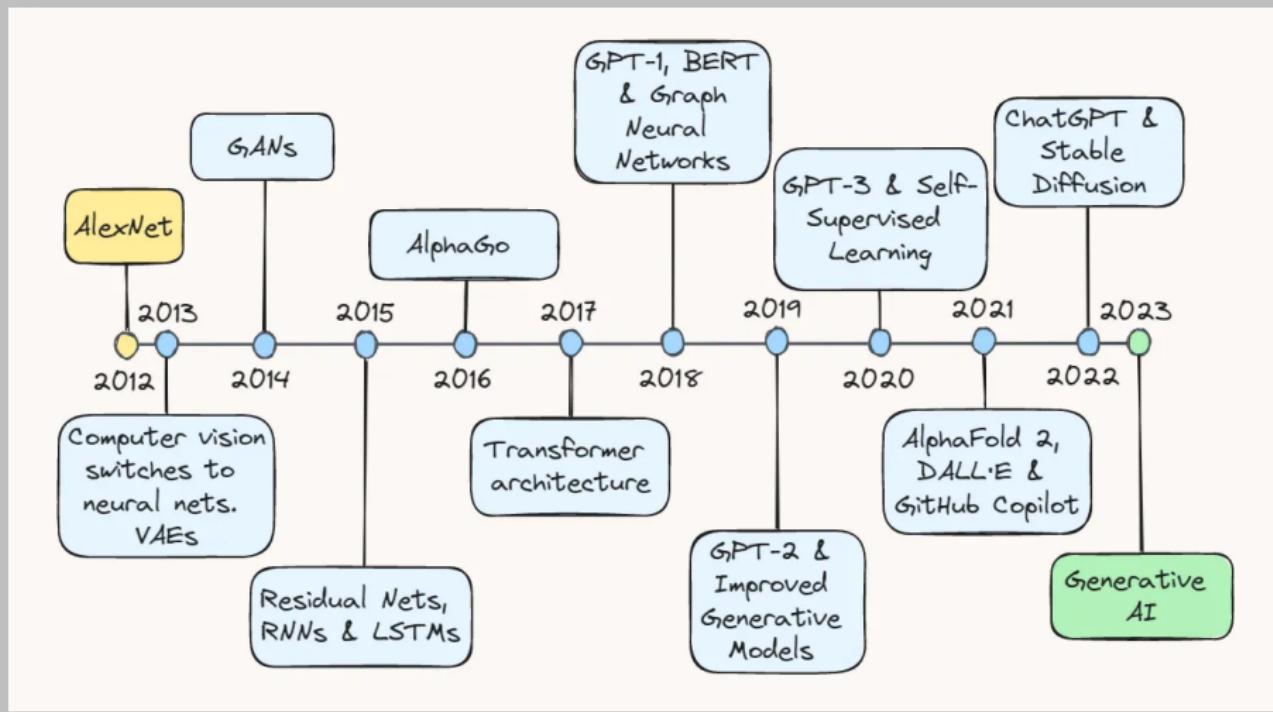
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Artificial Intelligence ?



Historically^a *badly chosen term!*

Ambiguous current meaning...

Many (contradictory) definitions depending on periods and authors...

^afirst used in 1956 by [John McCarthy](#), researcher at Stanford during the Dartmouth conference

- "...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* or *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

Artificial Intelligences ?

Strong AI

- Build systems that think exactly the same way that people do.
- Try also to explain how humans think... **Who are not yet here.**

Weak AI

- Build systems that can behave like humans.
- The results will tell us nothing about how humans think.
- **We already are there...** We use it every day!
(anti-spam, facial/voice recognition, language translation...)

General AI

- AI systems designed for the ability to reason in general.

Narrow AI

- AI systems designed for specific tasks.

Branches of Machine Learning

Page from [medium.com/machine-learning-for-humans/...](https://medium.com/machine-learning-for-humans/)

Machine learning \subseteq artificial intelligence

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Design an intelligent agent that perceives its environment and makes decisions to maximize chances of achieving its goal.

Subfields: vision, robotics, machine learning, natural language processing, planning, ...

MACHINE LEARNING

Gives "computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed" (Arthur Samuel, 1959)

SUPERVISED LEARNING

Classification, regression

UNSUPERVISED LEARNING

Clustering, dimensionality reduction, recommendation

REINFORCEMENT LEARNING

Reward maximization

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

Analyze and cluster **unlabeled datasets**:

● Clustering & Grouping

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

● Anomaly Detection

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

● Dimensionality reduction

- Compress data using fewer numbers...

...

Branches of Machine Learning

Deep Reinforcement Learning DRL

An agent (the Neural Network) learns how to drive an environment by maximising a **reward**:

- **Control/command**

- Controlling **robots**, drones, **mecatronic systems**
- Factory optimization
- Financial (stock) trading...

- **Decision making**

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

...

Various approaches for ML algorithms

Supervised learning:

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

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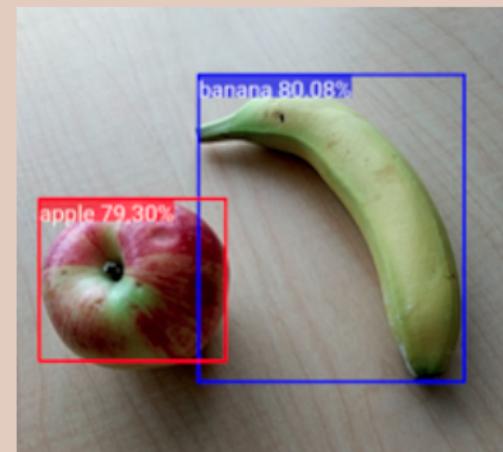


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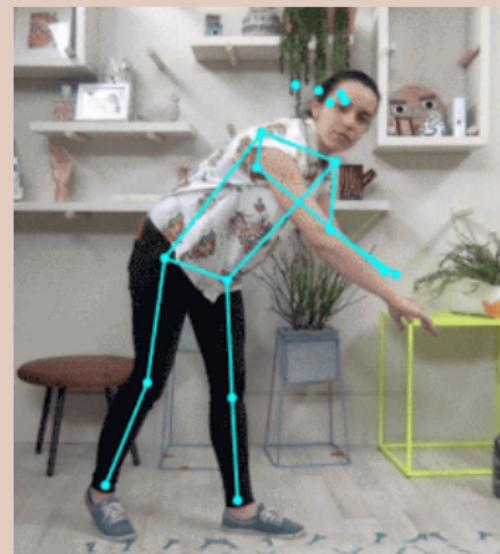


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Natural Language Processing: NLP

- Natural Language Understanding (NLU)
- Natural Language Generation (NLG)
- Speech recognition / Speech Synthesis (Text To Speech)
- Machine Translation (languages)
- Virtual agents and ChatBots
- Optical character recognition (OCR)
- ...

Neural Network Architectures

Common NN architectures:

- **Feed Forward**: the simplest NN made of successive layers of neurones, with *Feed Forward* and *Back Propagation* algorithms.
- **Convolutional** (CNN): Mostly used for analyzing and classifying images.
- **Recurrent** (RNN): Used to learn from time series, like the Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) algorithm.
- **Transformers** : Recently used for Natural Language Processing and then for image classification.
- **Auto Encoder** (AEN): Dimensionality reduction, Feature extraction, Denoising of data/images, Imputing missing data.
- **Generative Adversarial** (GAN): to generate text, images, music...
- **Large Language Model** (LLM): read text, sound, write books, images, speak, make music ...ChatGPT

[Synthetic Graphical chart: [from Saul Dobillas on Medium](#)]

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Installation of Python modules

Examples of files to install some Python modules in the **dumas1** PVE:



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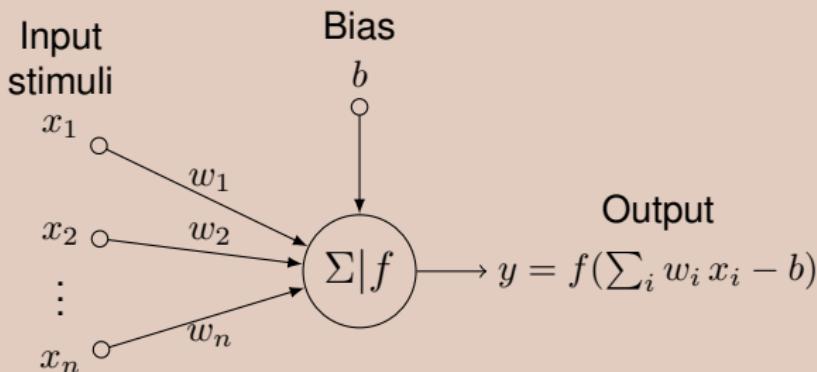
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Artificial Neural Networks

The Artificial neuron model



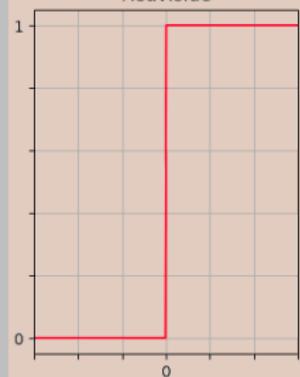
An **artificial neuron**:

- 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 .

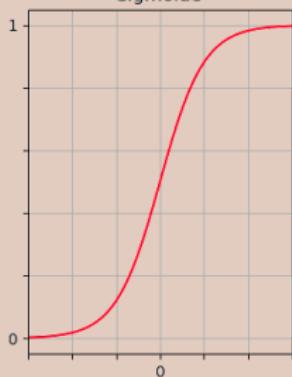
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Common activation functions

Heaviside



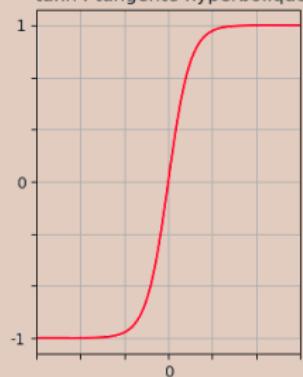
Sigmoid



'relu': rectified linear unit



'tanh': tangente hyperbolique

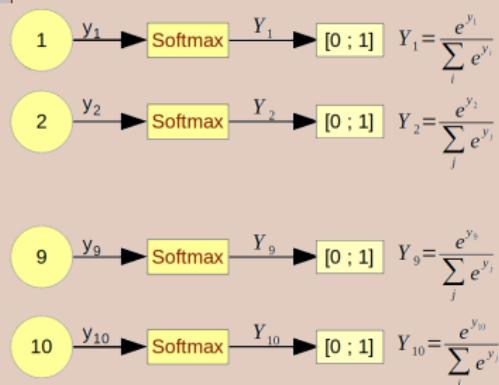


- Introduces a non-linear behavior.
- Sets the range of the neuron output: $[-1, 1]$, $[0, 1]$, $[0, \infty[$...
- The bias b sets the activation threshold of the neuron.

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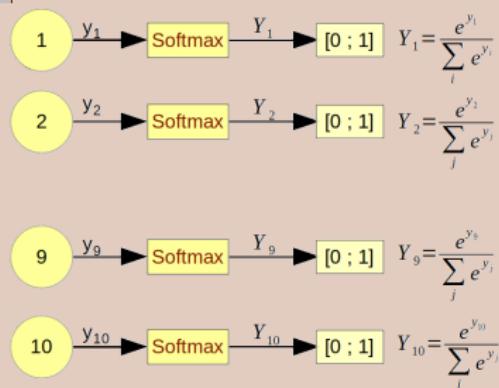
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Réponse du réseau \leadsto label associé au neurone de plus grande probabilité.

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- Codage *one-hot* d'un ensemble ordonné \mathcal{L} de N labels :
 - chaque label est représenté par un vecteur à N composantes toutes nulles, sauf une (égale à 1),
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chiffre	vecteur <i>one-hot</i>
0	[1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]
1	[0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]
2	[0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]
3	[0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0]
4	[0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0]
5	[0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0]
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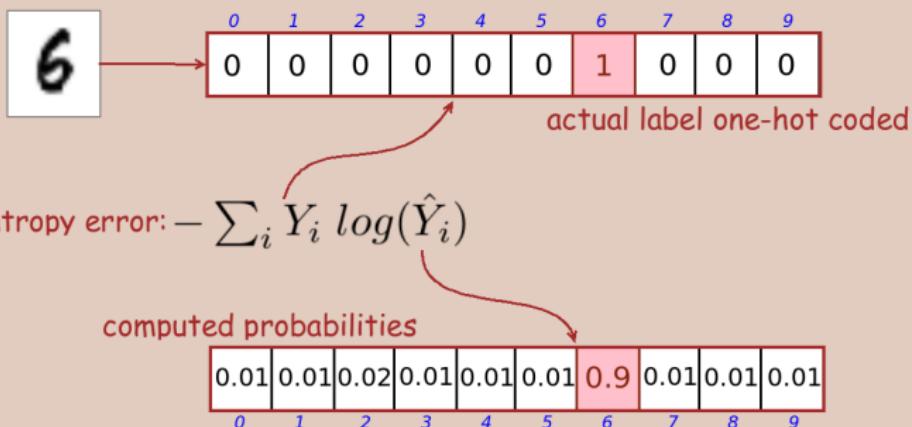
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Le codage *one-hot* des labels '0' à '9' donne un vecteur à 10 composantes, comme celui calculé par le réseau de neurones.

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Fonction d'erreur : *Cross entropy error*

- L'image traitée par le réseau \leadsto vecteur \hat{Y} de 10 float à comparer au vecteur Y du codage *hot-one* du label de l'image.
- La fonction d'erreur (de perte) *cross entropy* est adaptée au codage *one-hot* : $e(Y, \hat{Y}) = - \sum_i Y_i \log(\hat{Y}_i)$



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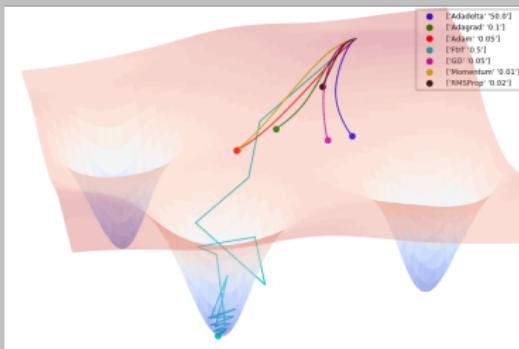
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- Exemples d'algorithme d'optimisation :
 - Descente de Gradient (*Gradient Descent (GD)*)
 - Descente de Gradient Stochastique (*Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)*)
 - *Adam* (version améliorée de descente de gradient)...

Le module `tf.keras.optimizers` propose l'implémentation Python de plusieurs algorithmes d'optimisation.

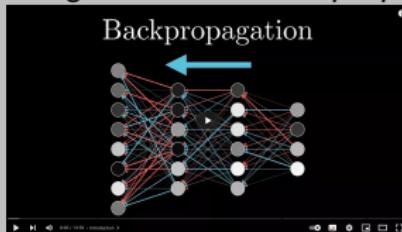
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Visualisation des itérations d'algorithmes de descente de gradient pour une fonction de perte ultra-simple à seulement 2 variables :

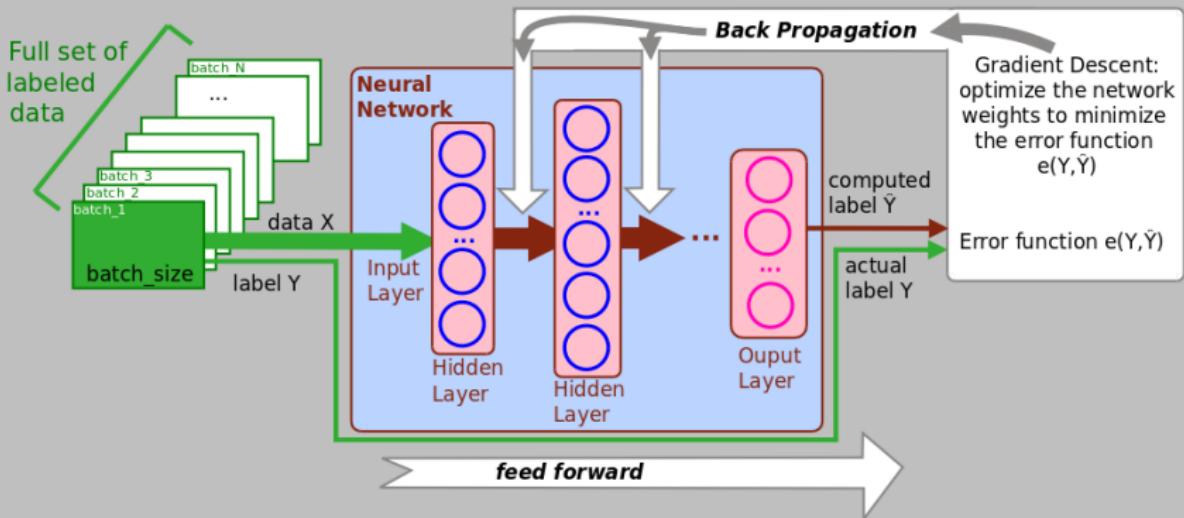


(source : github.com/Jaewan-Yun/optimizer-visualization)

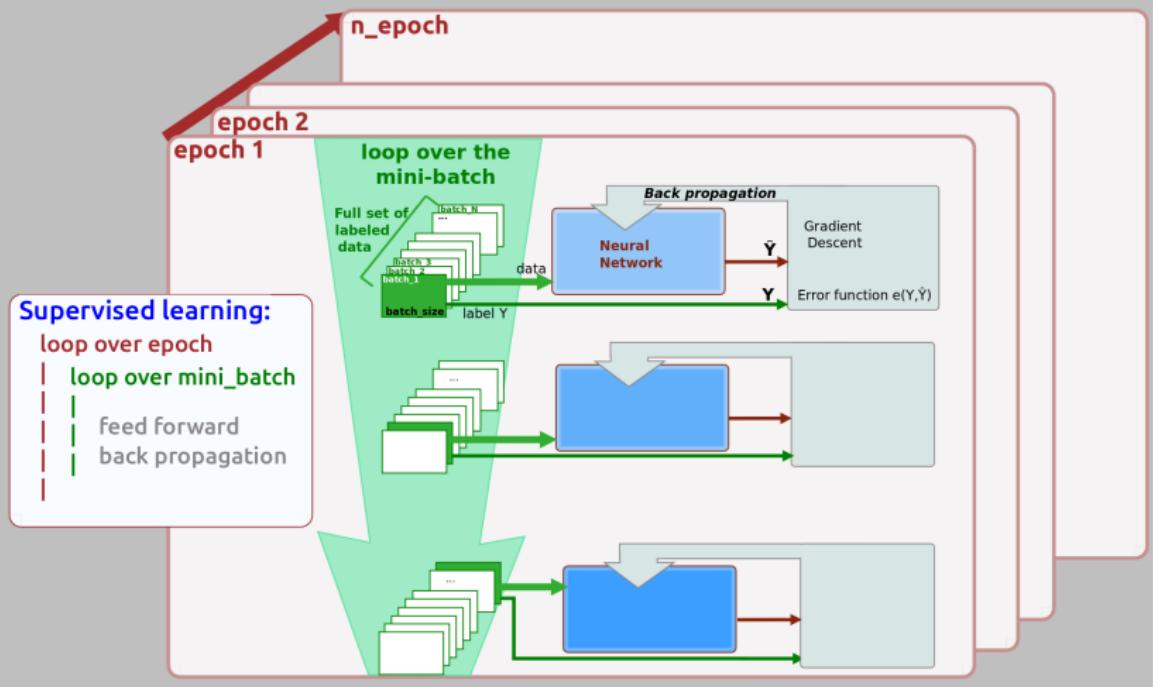
Vidéo d'explication de l'algorithme de *back propagation* :



Supervised learning : Feed Forward and Back Propagation



- Le jeu de données est découpé en (mini) **batches** de taille **batch_size**
- Après chaque *feed forward* l'algorithme de *Back Propagation* modifie les poids des neurones pour minimiser l'erreur e .



- L'entraînement avec le jeu de données est répété **n_epoch** fois,
- L'état du réseau à la fin de l'époque **n** sert d'état initial pour l'époque **n+1**.