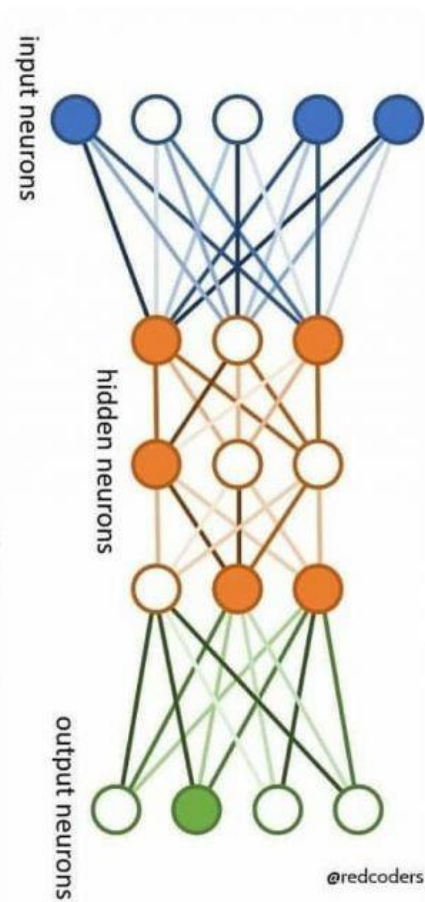


**THIS IS A NEURAL
NETWORK.**

**IT MAKES MISTAKES.
IT LEARNS FROM THEM.**

**BE LIKE A NEURAL
NETWORK.**



Welcome to Week 11 Lecture 1!

Data Science in Python &
Machine Learning



Feature Engineering Review

What is one way you can engineer your features?

1. Extract month, week, day, hour, etc. from datetime
- 2.

Last Lecture Learning Goals

You are now able to:

1. Identify features for engineering
2. Select appropriate engineering strategies
3. Create non-linear feature combinations with `PolynomialFeatures`
4. Apply feature engineering to a dataset to improve model performance

Learning Goals

After this lesson you will be able to:

1. Summarize Forward Propagation
2. Explain how gradient descent relates to model learning
3. Visualize how a neural network learns to solve a problem.
4. Code a simple feed-forward neural network in Keras using densely connected layers.

Neural Networks are Like Brains

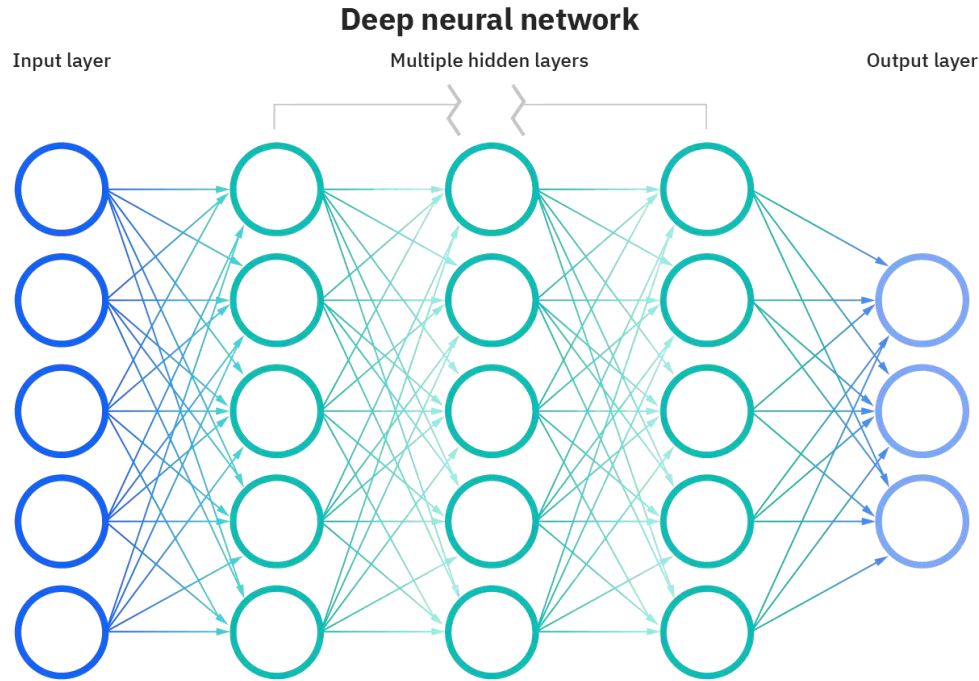
Neurons (nodes)
and connections (weights)



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Learn by Trial and Error

Neural Networks: Multi-Layered Perceptrons



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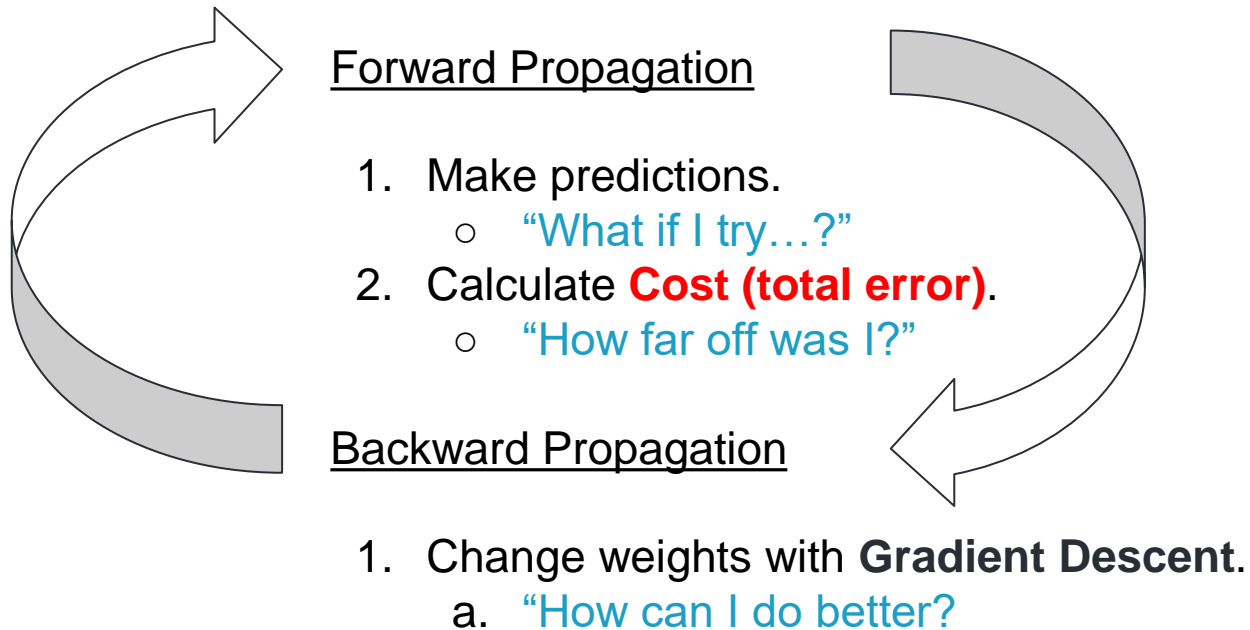
Neural Networks Overview

- Possibly Many Layers
- Every layer discovers increasingly complex patterns
- Solve MANY different kinds of problems.



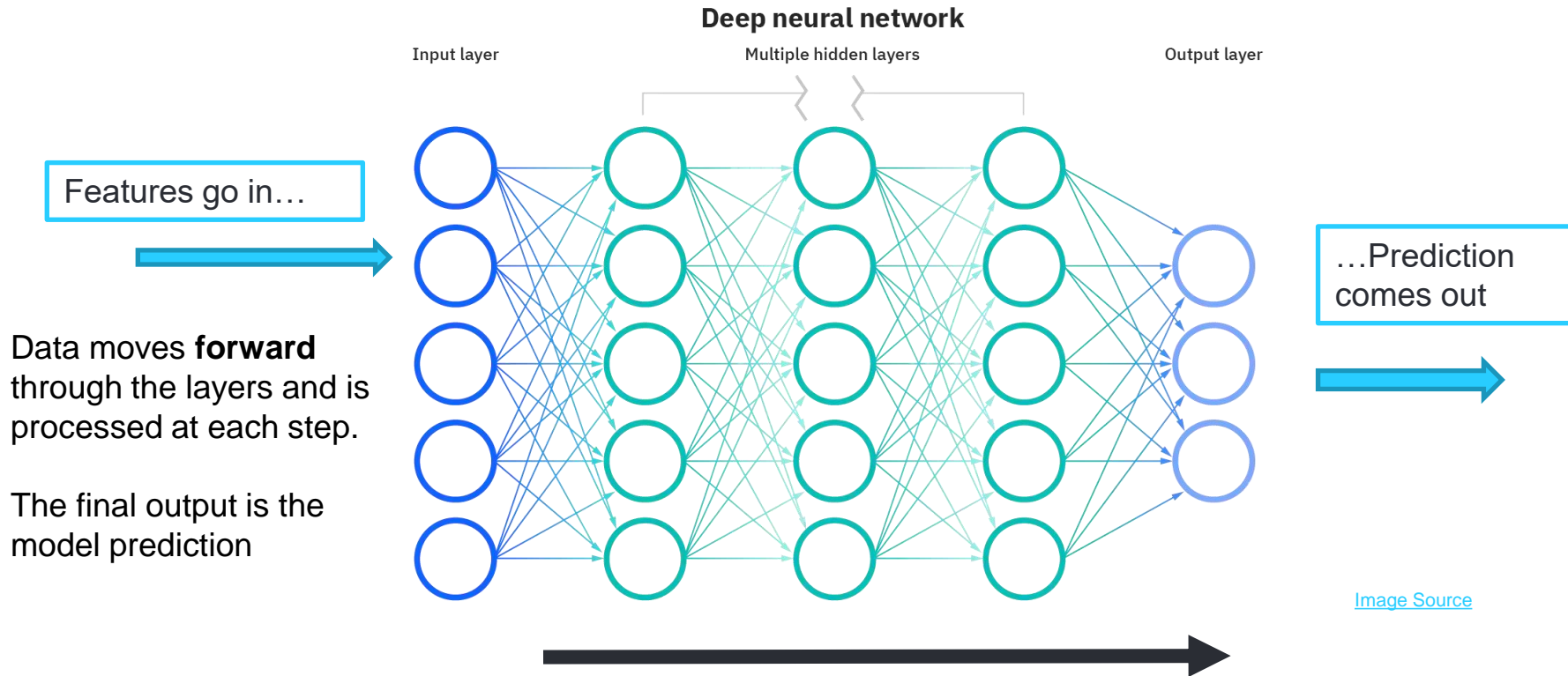
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Iterative Learning



Repeat!

Forward Propagation



Forward Propagation

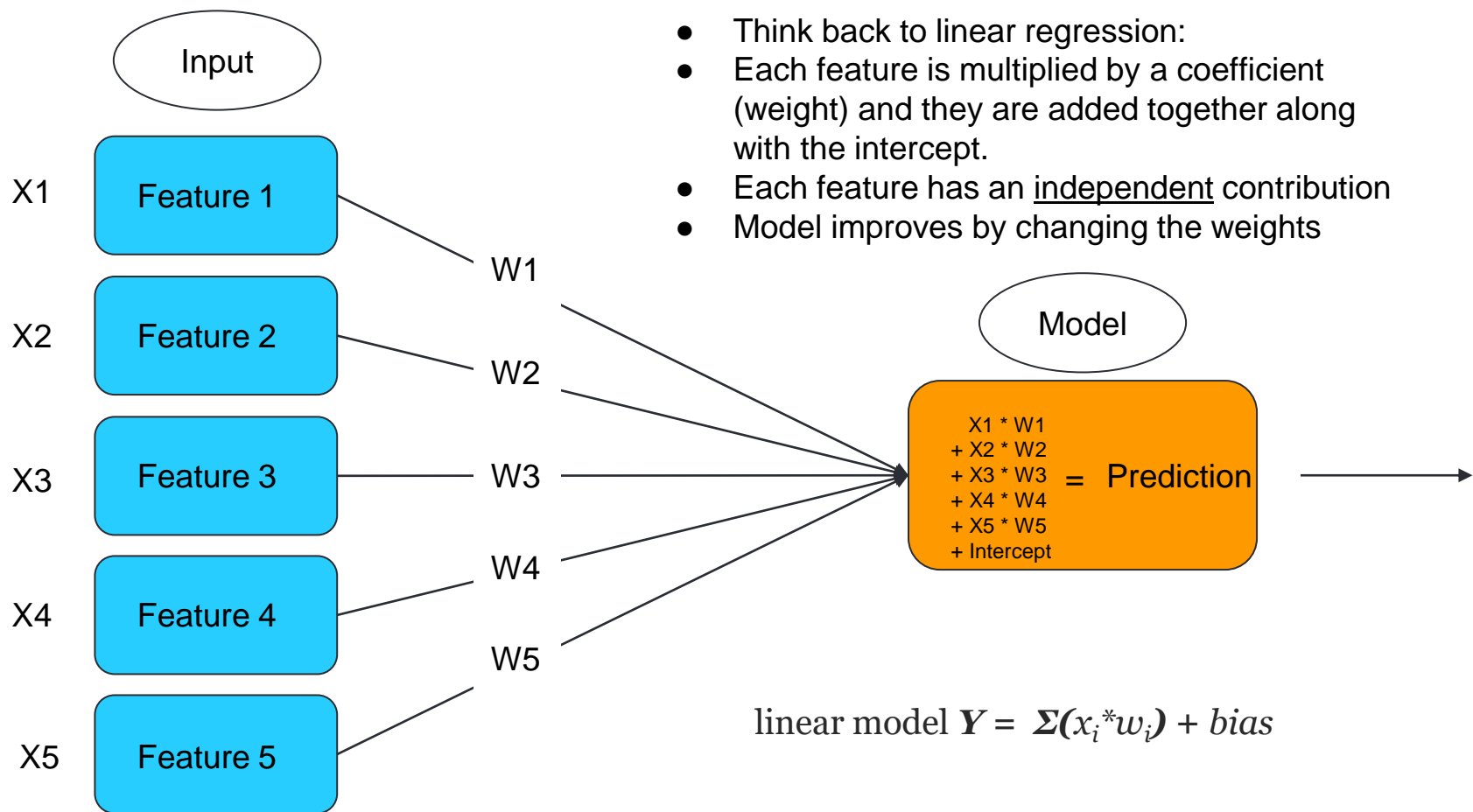
Does this formula look familiar?

$$\mathbf{y_pred} = \Sigma(\mathbf{x_i} * \mathbf{w_i}) + \text{bias}$$

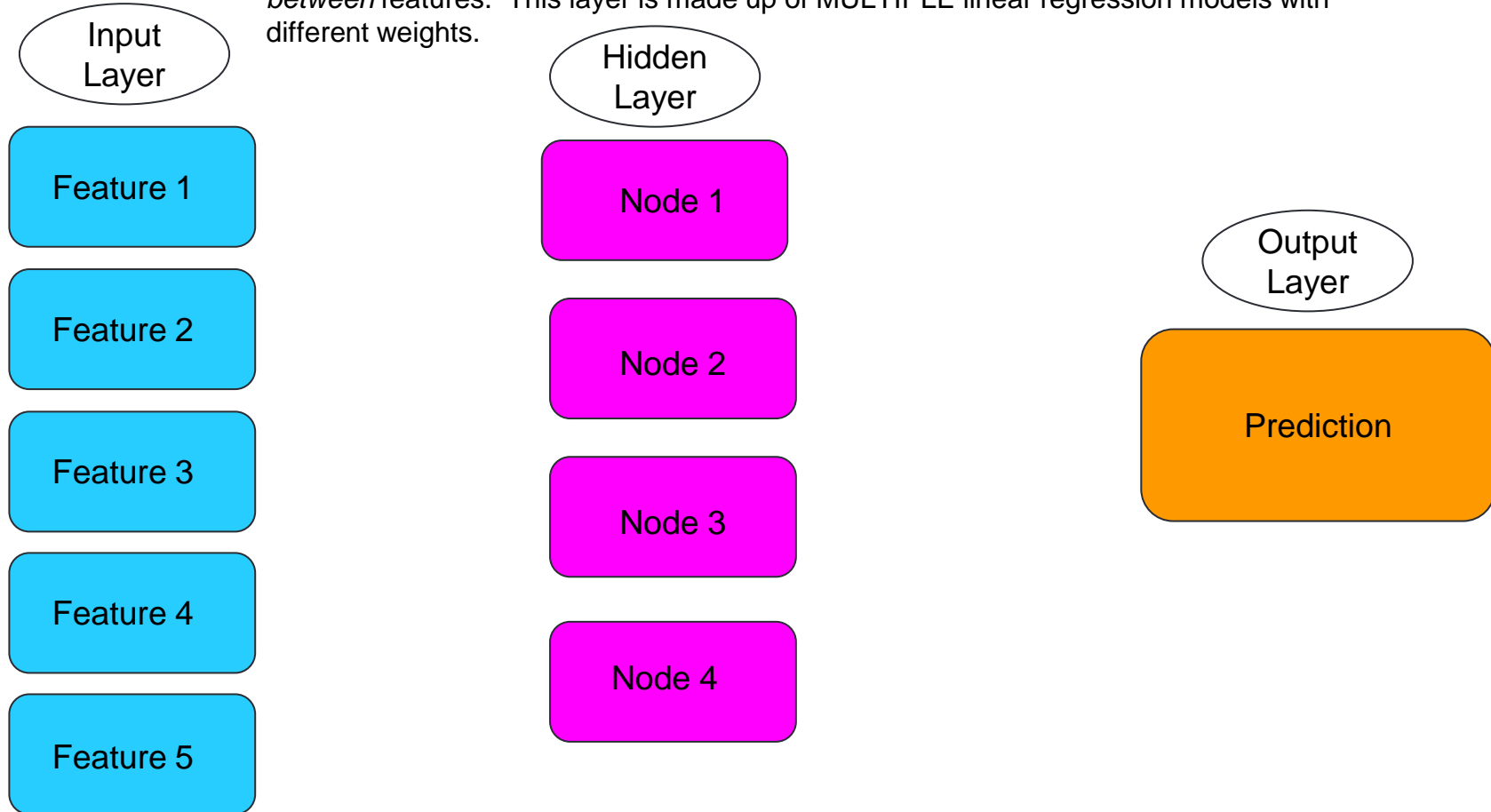
translation:

prediction = sum of weights times features, plus intercept
(bias term)

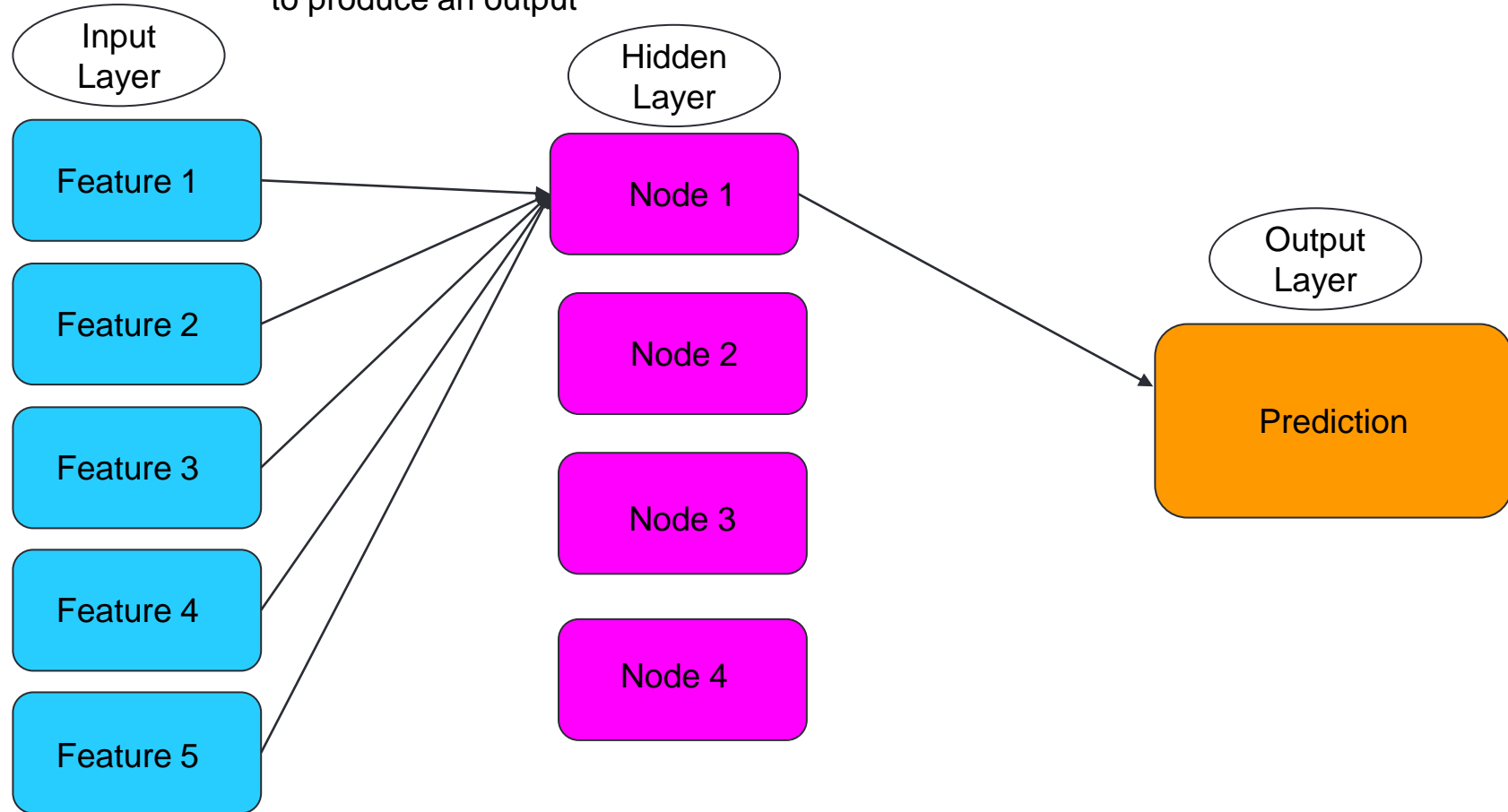
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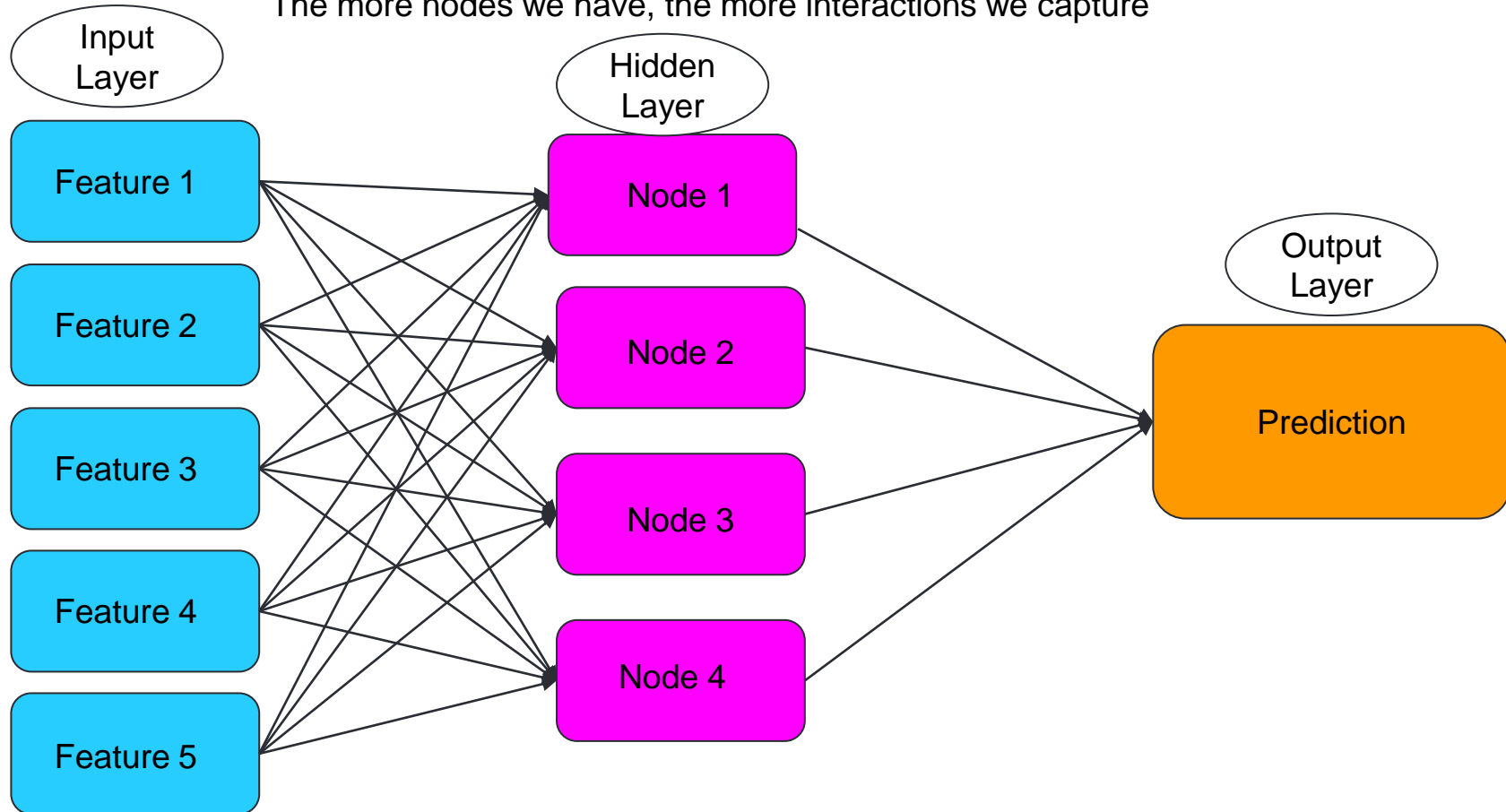
A neural network has (at least one) additional layer(s) that take into account *interactions between* features. This layer is made up of MULTIPLE linear regression models with different weights.



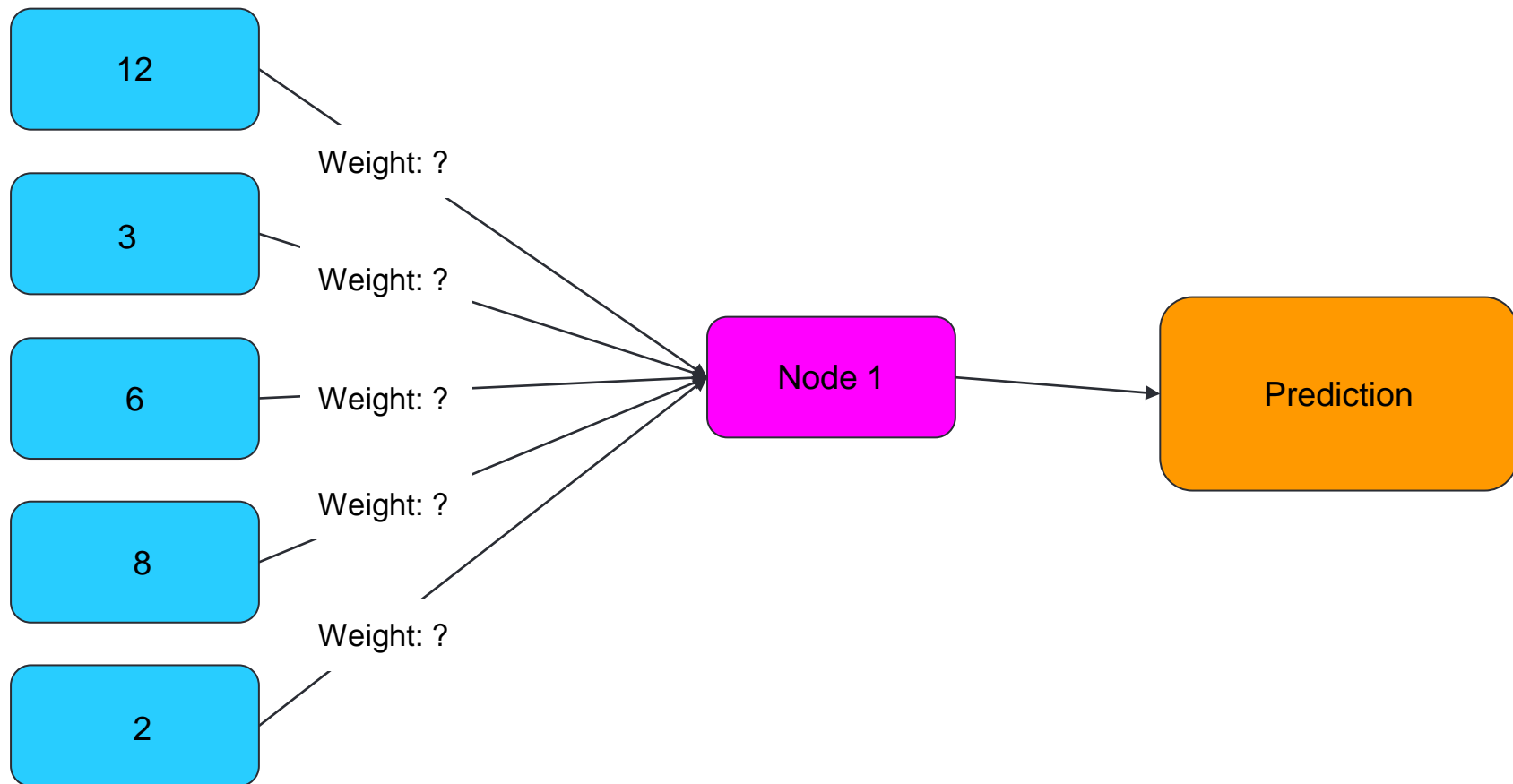
This shows how Node 1 takes information from each feature to produce an output



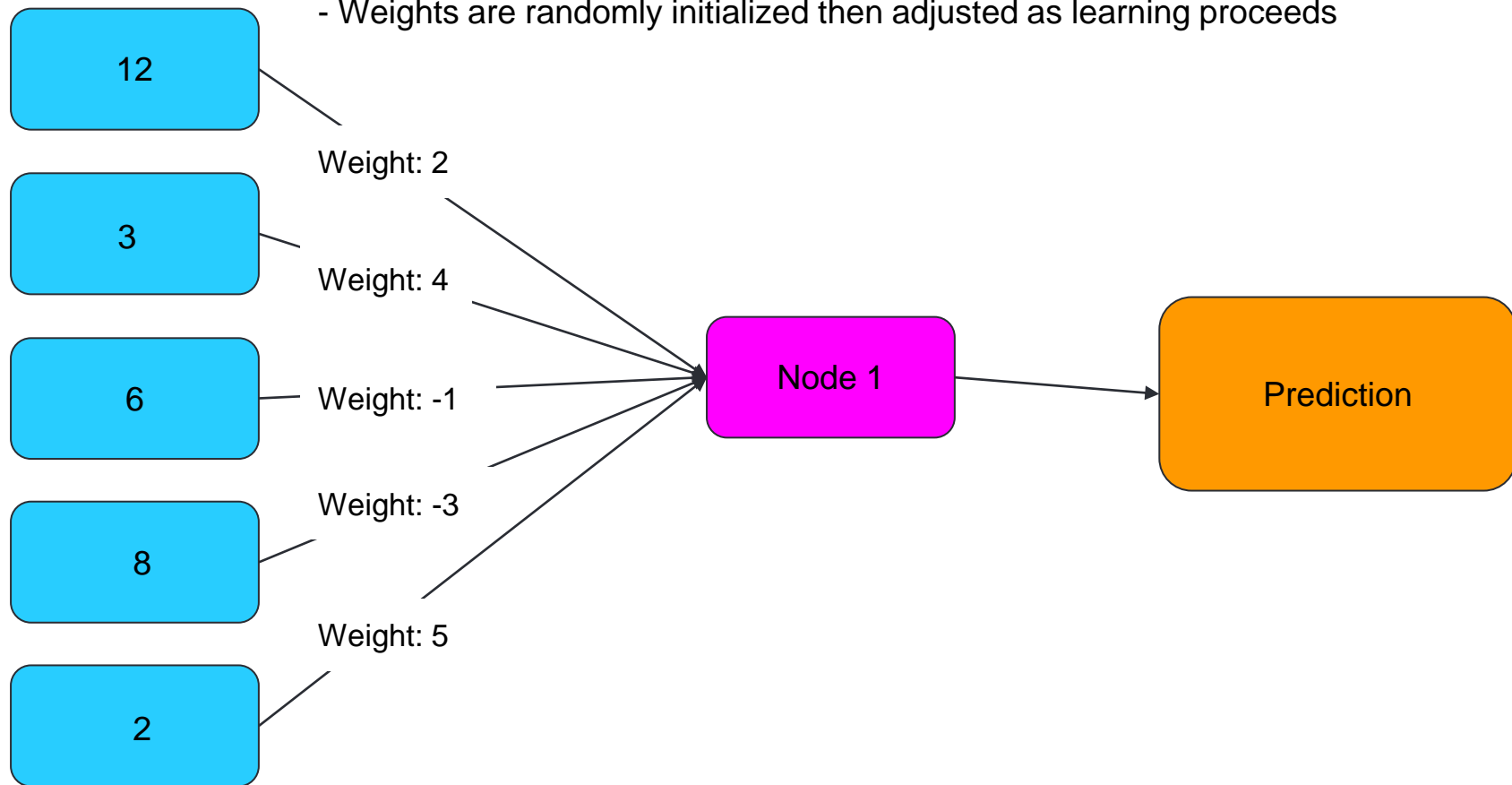
This happens with each of the nodes in the hidden layer
The more nodes we have, the more interactions we capture



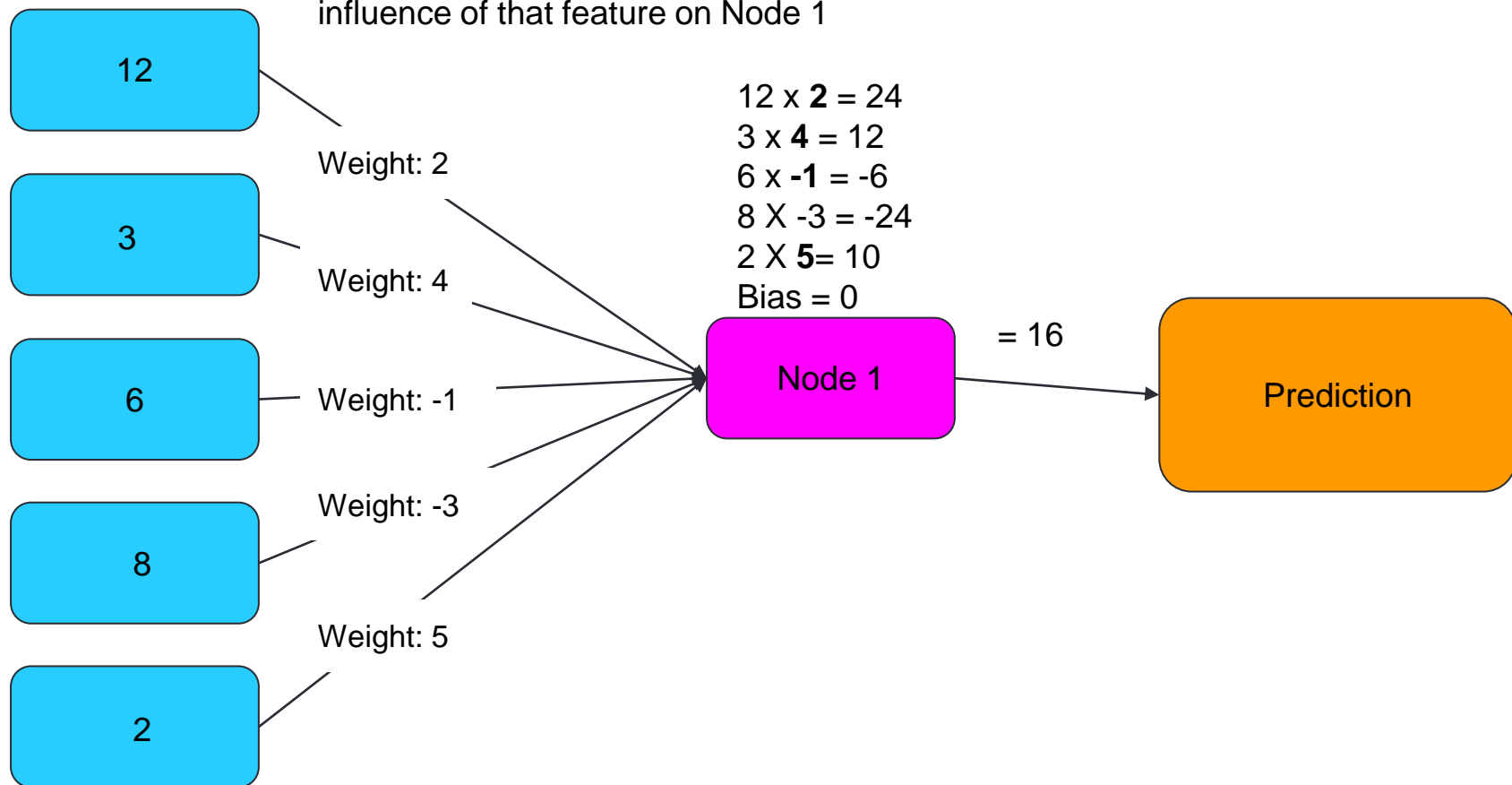
- For each node, a weight is applied to each feature.
Weights can be positive or negative



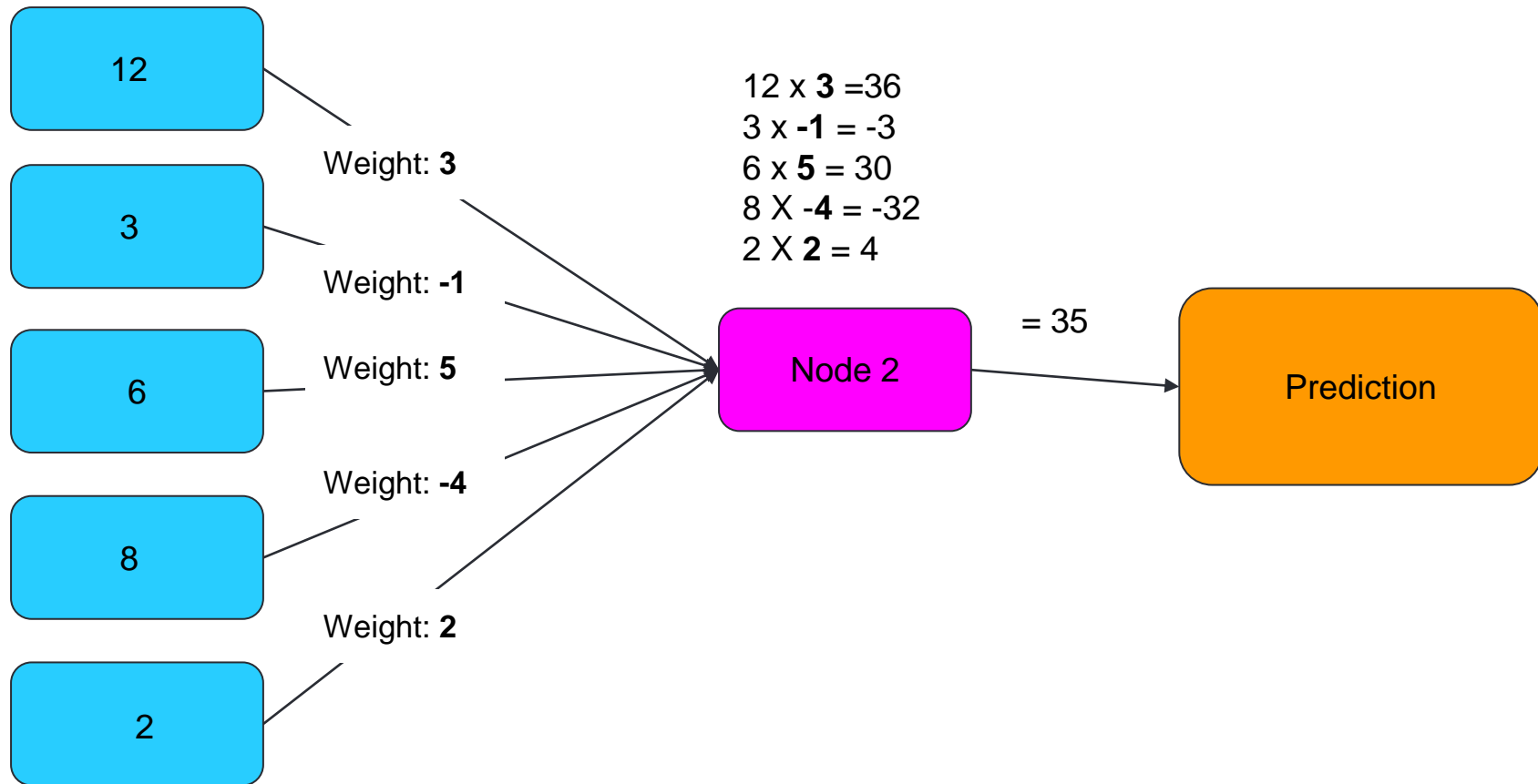
- For each node, a weight is applied to each feature.
Weights can be positive or negative
- Weights are randomly initialized then adjusted as learning proceeds



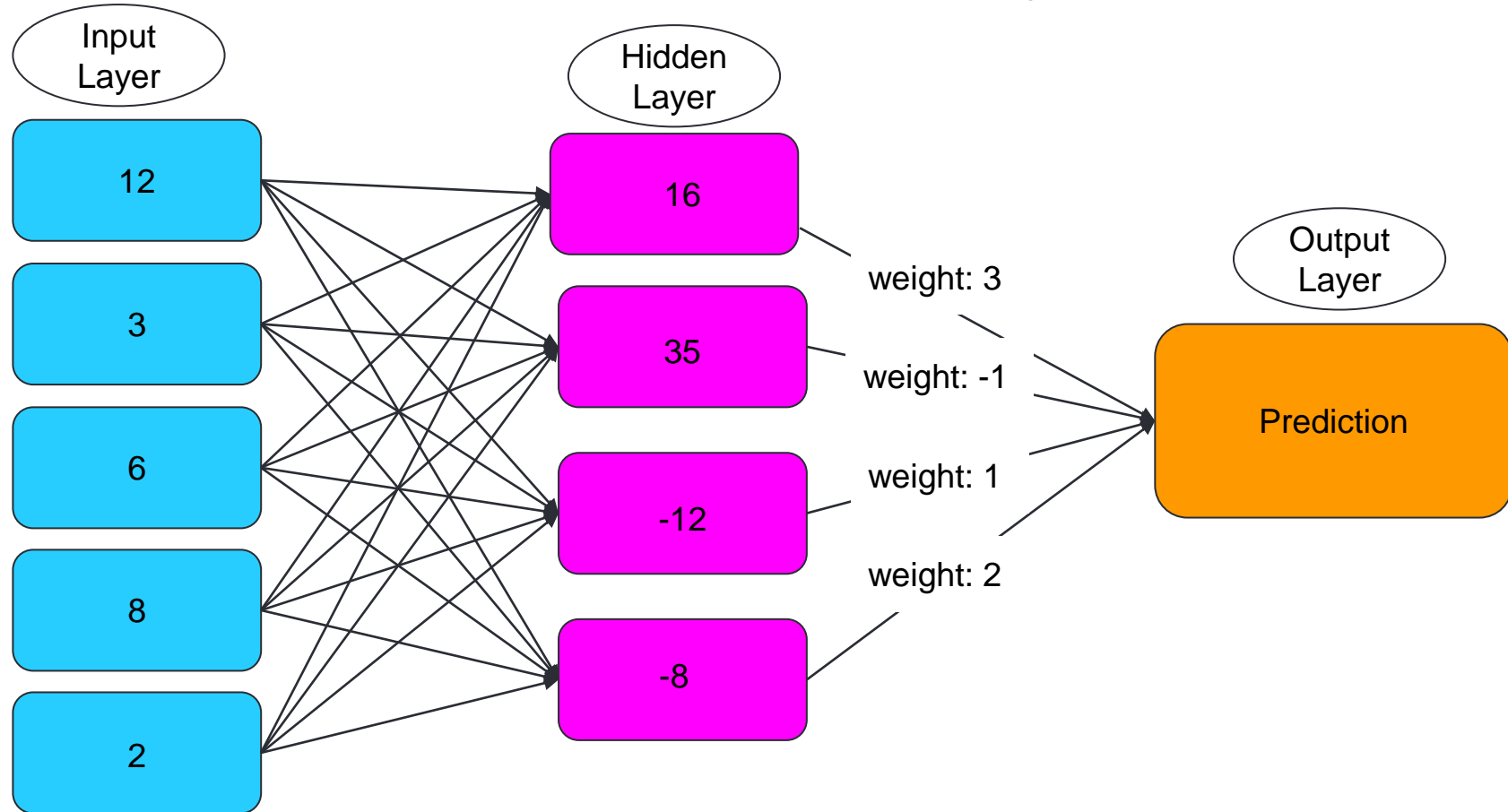
For example, let's apply the weights shown
The greater the weight, the greater the
influence of that feature on Node 1



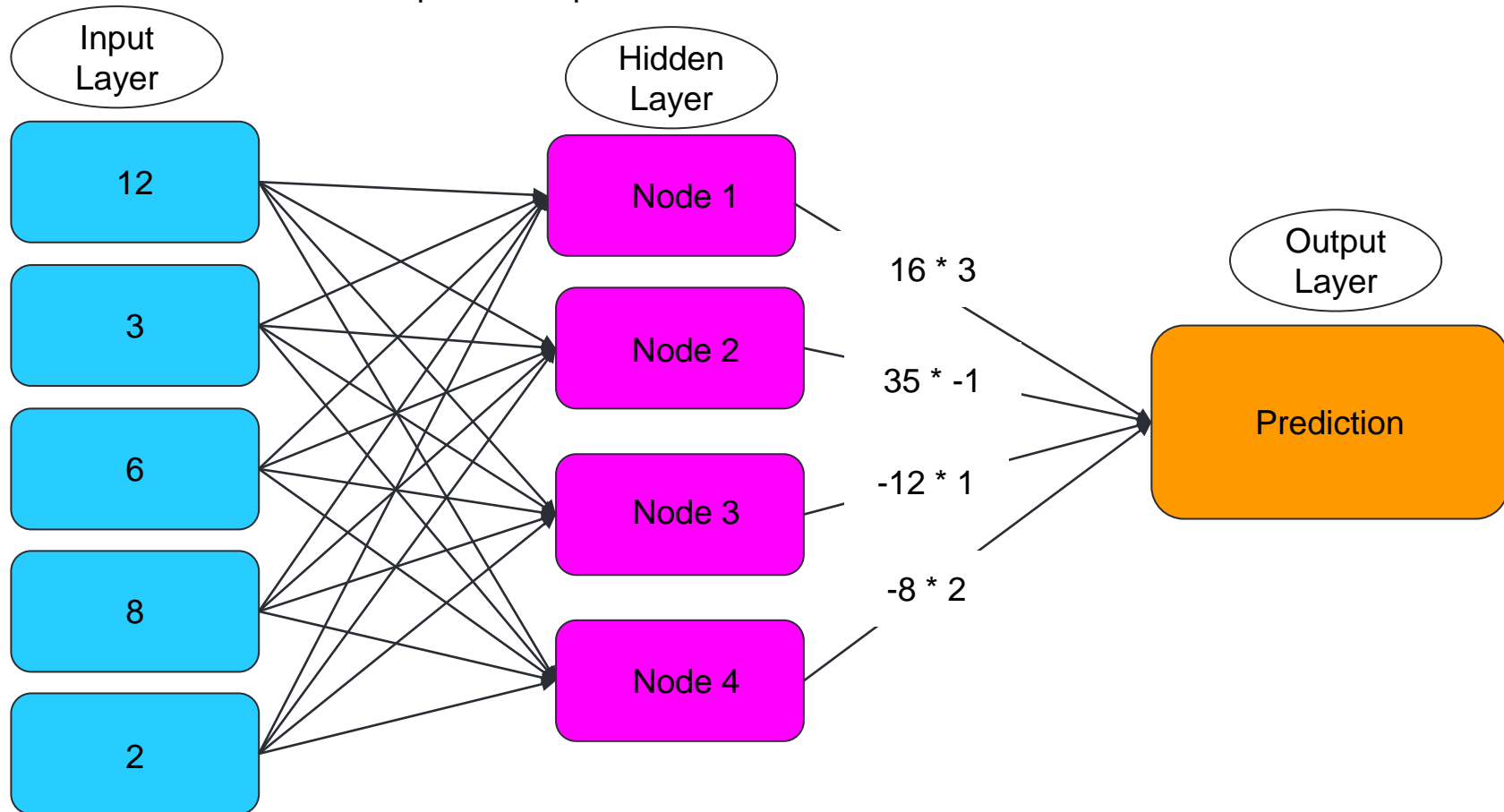
A similar process happens for EACH node
Each node has different weights. Note that this shows Node 2



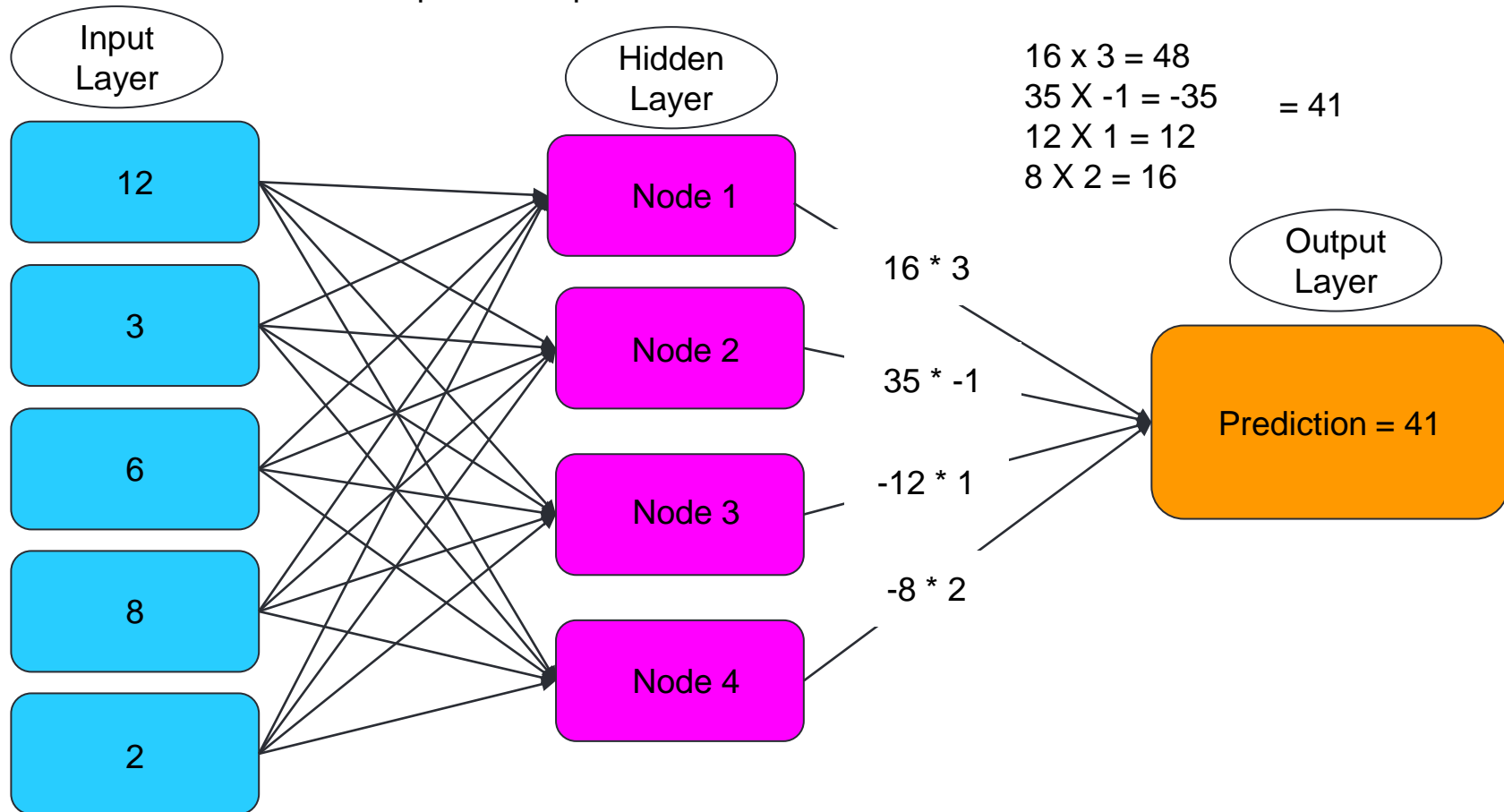
Let's demonstrate the effect of node weights



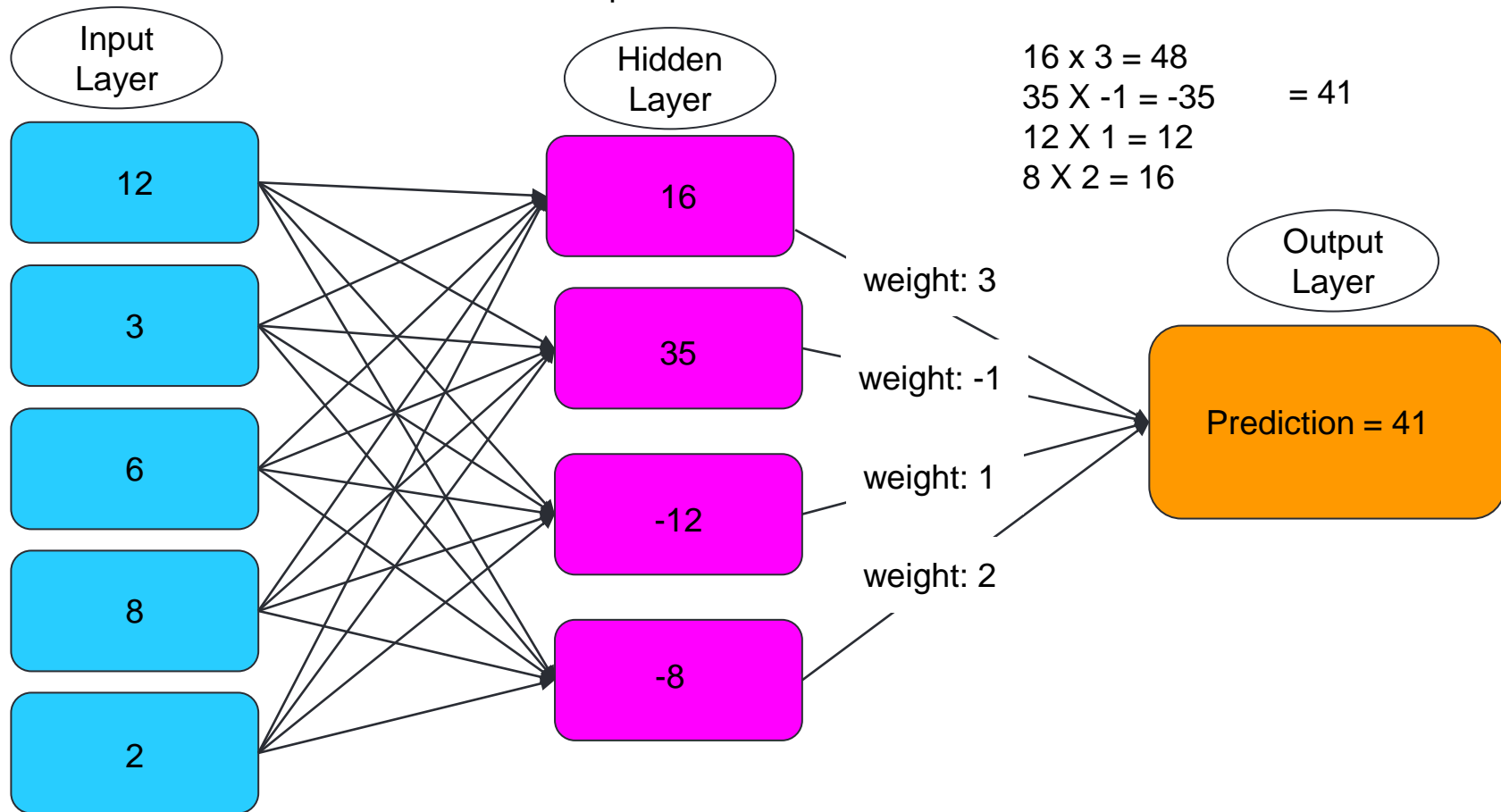
The process repeats for each node



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This is the model prediction for these features

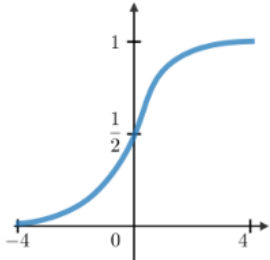
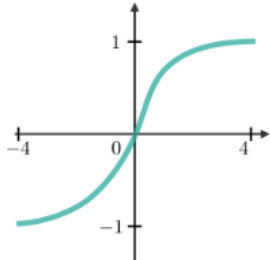
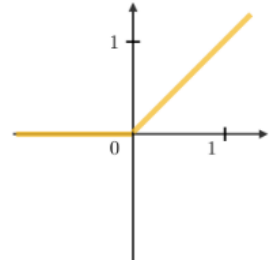


Activation Function

- Activation functions are applied to the output of each node before it is passed to the next layer.
- These allow a neural network to find non-linear relationships between features and targets
- The activation function can also limit the range of final outputs to match the problem type.

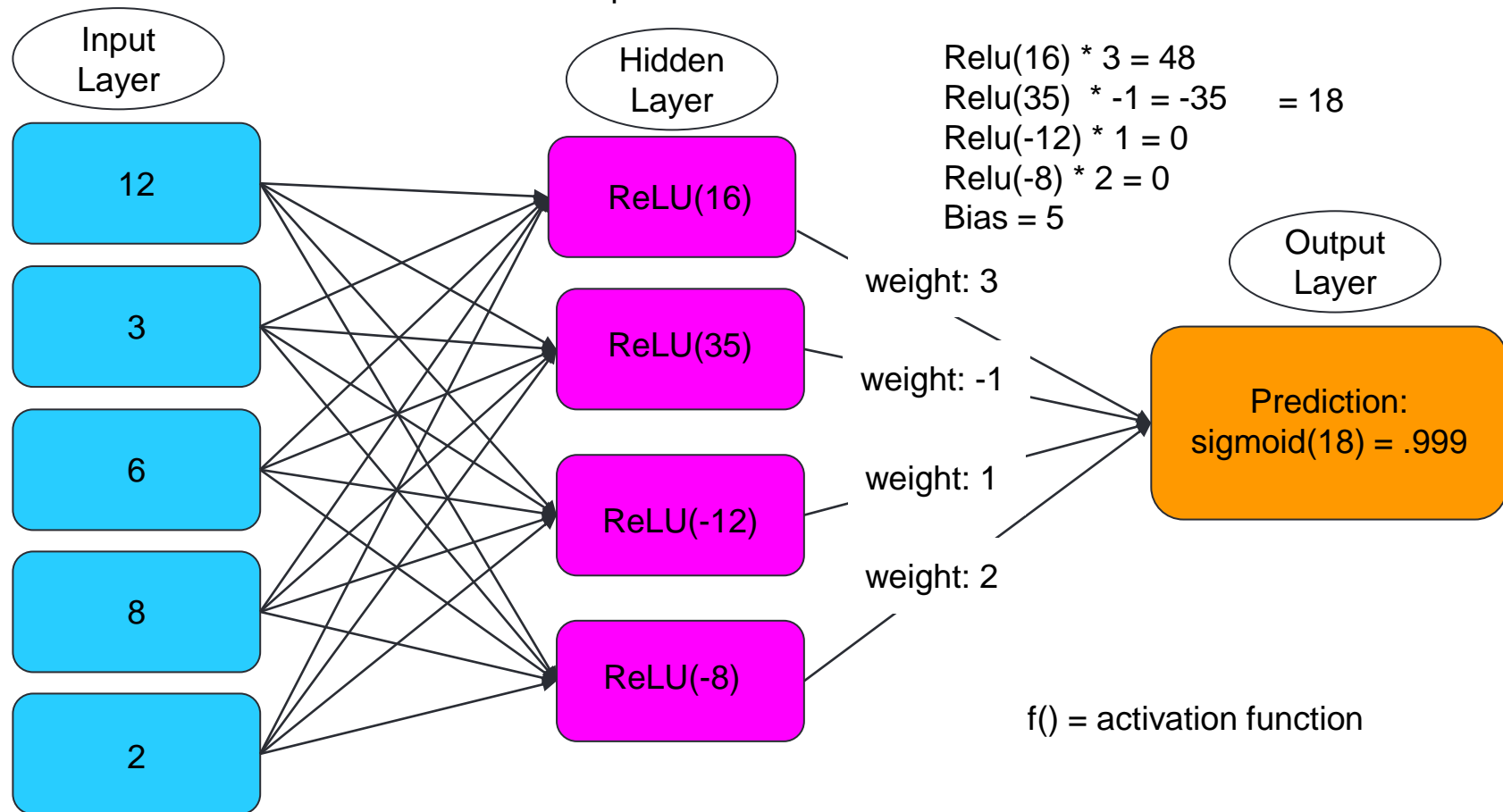
More info in [Activation function](#)

Activation Function

Sigmoid	Tanh	RELU
$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$	$g(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}$	$g(z) = \max(0, z)$
		

- Hyperbolic tangent (Tanh) sometimes used instead of ReLU for hidden layers
- Sigmoid is used for output layers for classification models
- ReLU (Rectified Linear Activation) is very common for hidden layers
 - If the sum is positive, output is the input number
 - But, if the sum is negative, a value of 0 is applied instead

This is the model prediction for these features



Cost (AKA Loss)

- Overall error on all training samples:
- It's a **single number** generated by a **Cost function**
Ex. Mean Squared Error, Mean Absolute Error
- **Lower must be better (no accuracy or R^2)**

Prediction	True Value	Error	Squared Error
5	4	1	1
7	8	-1	1
-5	-8	3	9
-8	-5	-3	9

MSE = 4.47

Summarize Forward Propagation

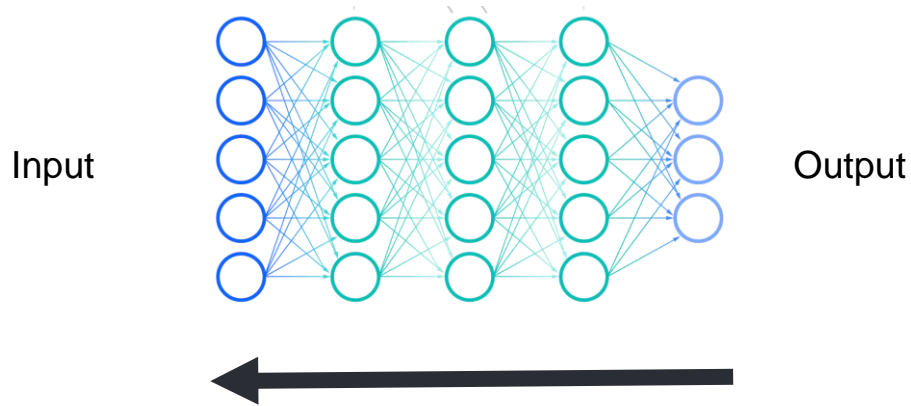
In your breakout groups:

1. Quickly choose :
 - a. **a reporter** who will take notes and share your summary to the whole class.
 - b. **a facilitator** to keep the conversation moving.
 - c. The rest are **researchers** who will study the slides and/or LP to help.
2. Work together to come up with a summary of the forward propagation process. In your group's own words:
 - a. **How does forward propagation work and what does it do?**
3. Add your summary to the [Padlet](#) under your room number:
4. You have 5 minutes!

Backward Propagation

Backward propagation is the process **changing the weights** of the nodes to **reduce the Cost** (total error) of the model on the data

Changing the weights is the process of learning.



Backward Propagation: Gradient Descent

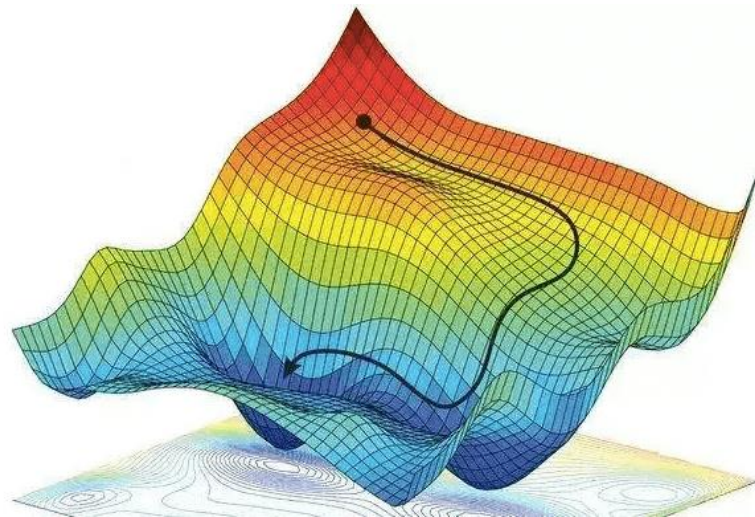
Imagine:

A ball rolling down hill.

The **Weights** of the neural network is the ball.

The **Cost** is the altitude

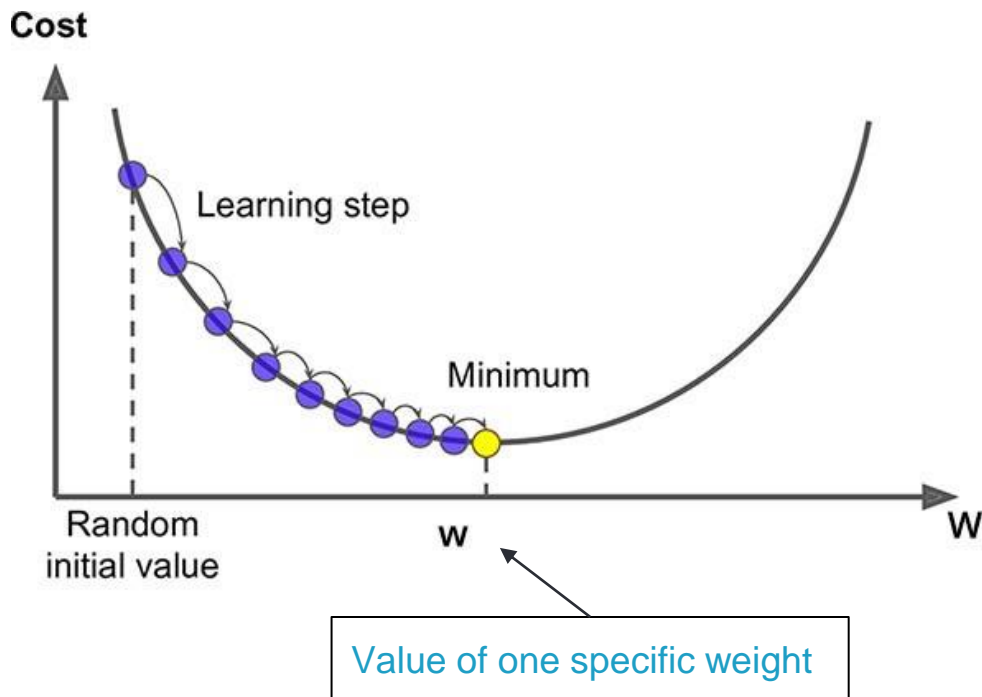
Gradient Descent is gravity



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How does the model know how to adjust the weights?

Gradient Descent



Back Propagation Poll

Backpropagation is the process of...

Epochs:

An **Epoch** is when:

Forward Propagation



1. Make predictions.
2. Calculate **Cost**.

Backward Propagation



Use **Gradient Descent** to change **Weights**.

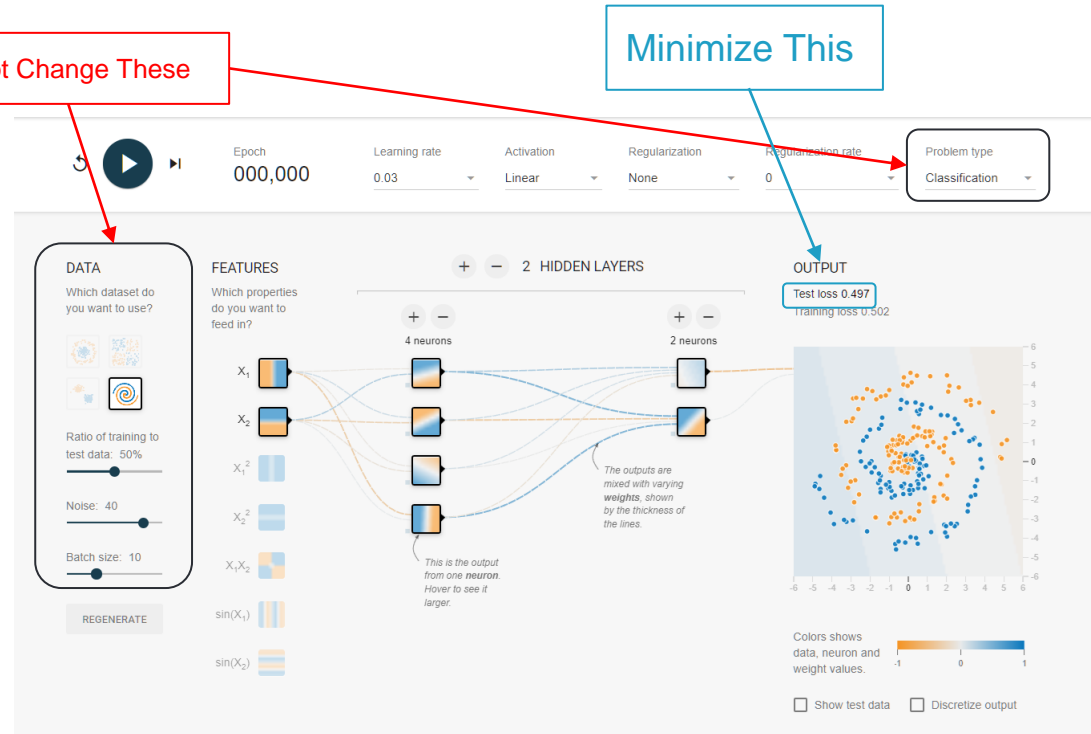
1. **Learn to do better next time!**

Repeat!

Visualizing the Neural Network in Action

In your breakout group (7 minutes):

1. Follow this link to [Tensorflow Playground](#)
2. Make sure your initial settings to match this image:
3. Adjust the following to **minimize your testing loss**:
 - a. Features
 - b. Layers
 - c. Neurons
 - d. Learning rate
 - e. Activation Function
 - f. Regularization
4. Be ready to share your best network and your best (lowest) testing loss.



Code-along

Next, we will go together to build a neural network in Keras.

[Here is the notebook](#)

Review:

1. Neural Networks are made up of **layers** of **nodes** and the **weights** between them.
2. Using **forward propagation**, they make guesses about how to solve a problem and determine how far off they were.
3. Using **backward propagation**, they change their weights to do better next time.
4. This process is called an **epoch** and it repeats many times.

Announcements

New Code Review Slots Open
Tomorrow!!!

[Sign up now!](#)

Announcements

- Assignments Due this Week by Friday at 9am PST
- Belt Exam
 - a. This weekend!
December 2nd - 4th
Set aside 8-12 hours to complete
 - b. Must have attended 80% of classes
 - c. Must have submitted:

**All assignments from weeks 1 & 2
and all resubmits from week 1.**

Assignments Due:

1. [Neural Network Exercise](#) - Optional Kaggle Competition
 - a. Explain your Model Changes
 - b. Recommend you submit an entry!
Upload a screenshot of your score and rank on Discord!
2. [Project 2 - Part 5](#) - Presentation slides
 - a. Remember: **NON-DATA SCIENCE AUDIENCE!!!**

Daily Schedule

Next Lecture: **Tuning Neural Networks**

Read:

- [Bias and Variance in Deep Learning](#)
- [Dropout](#)
- [Early Stopping](#)
- [Regression Models in Keras](#)
- [Binary Classification Models in Keras](#)
- [Multiclass Classification Models in Keras](#)

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