Anatomy of Neural Networks

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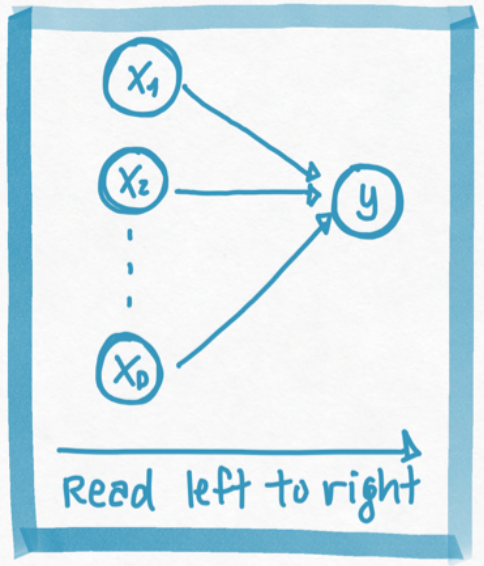
Graphical representation of simple functions

We build complex functions by composing simple functions of the form:

$$h_w(x) = f(XW + b)$$

where f is the activation function.

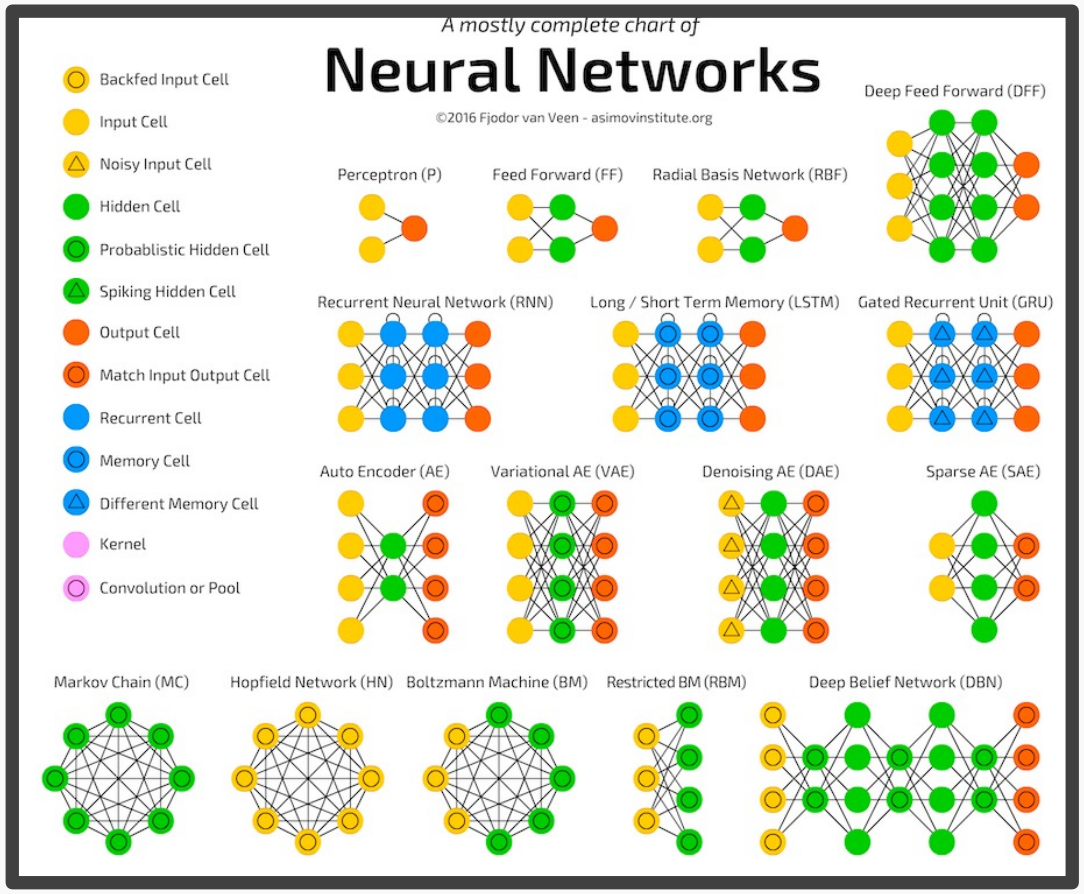
We represent our simple function as a **graph**

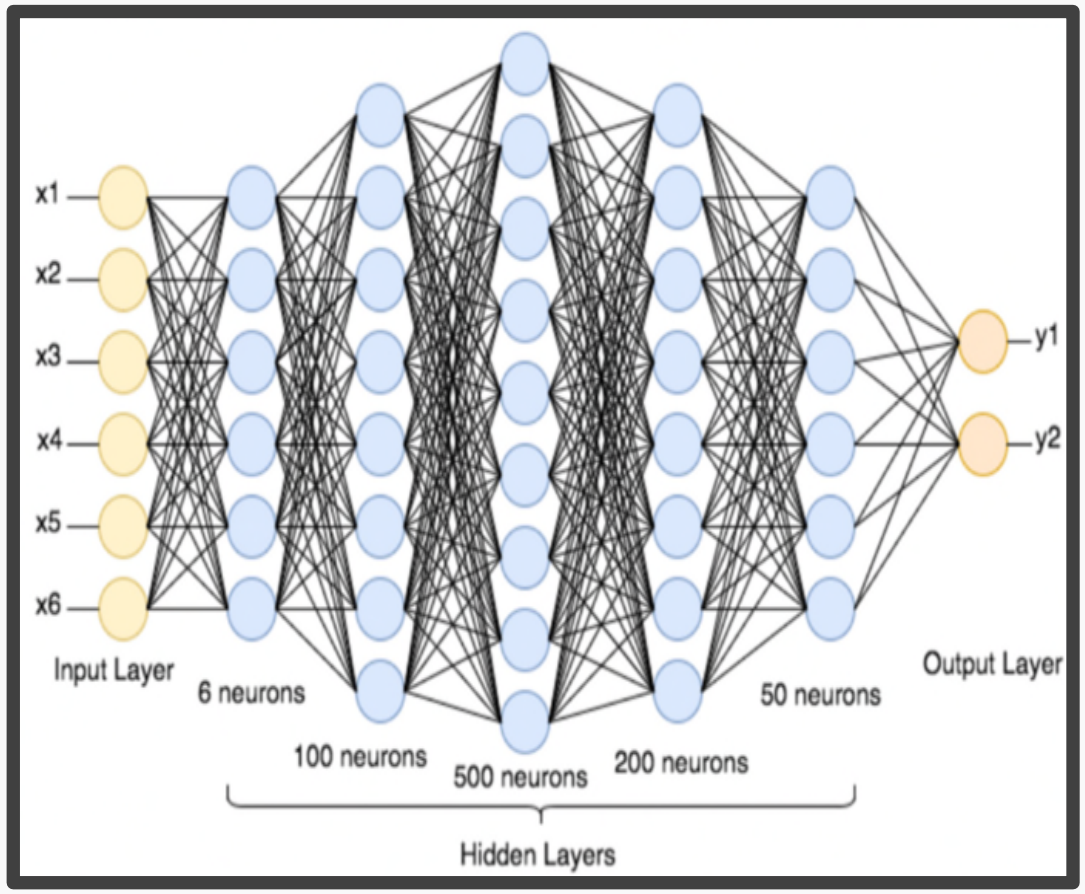


Each edge in this graph represents multiplication by a different constant w_d.

We call each w_d a **weight**.

The zoo of neural network architectures





Different architectures result into functions with very different properties.

Larger networks can express more complex functions

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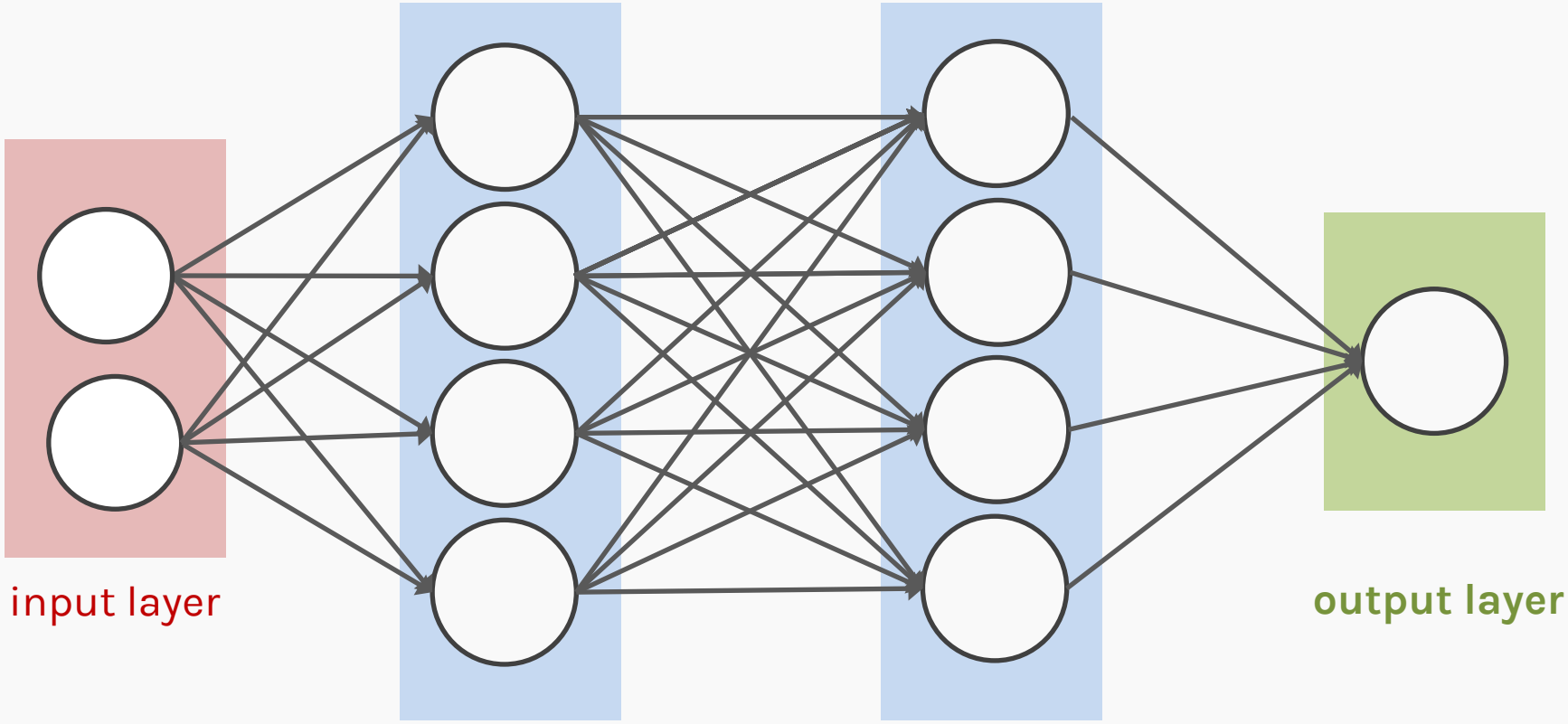

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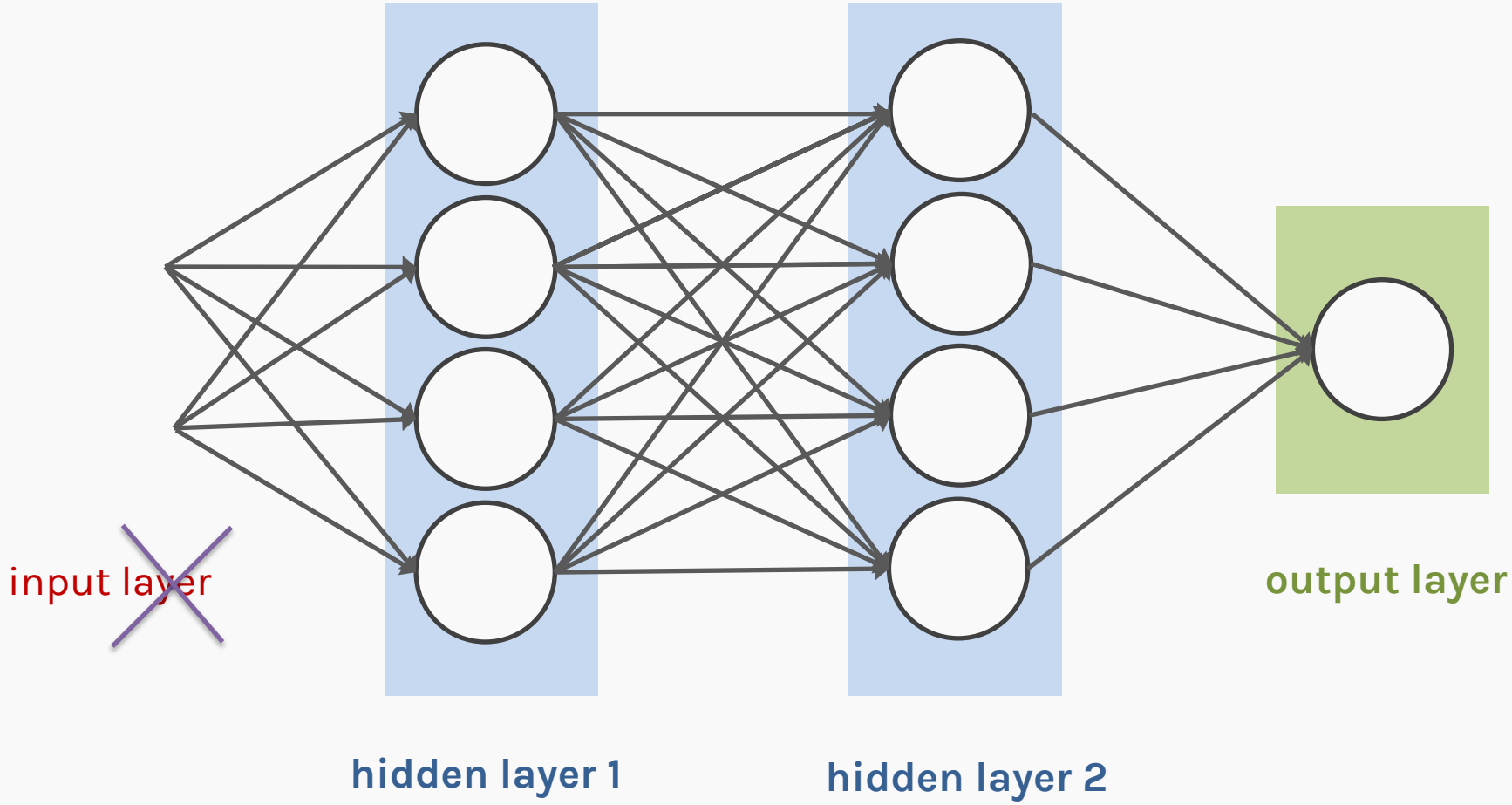

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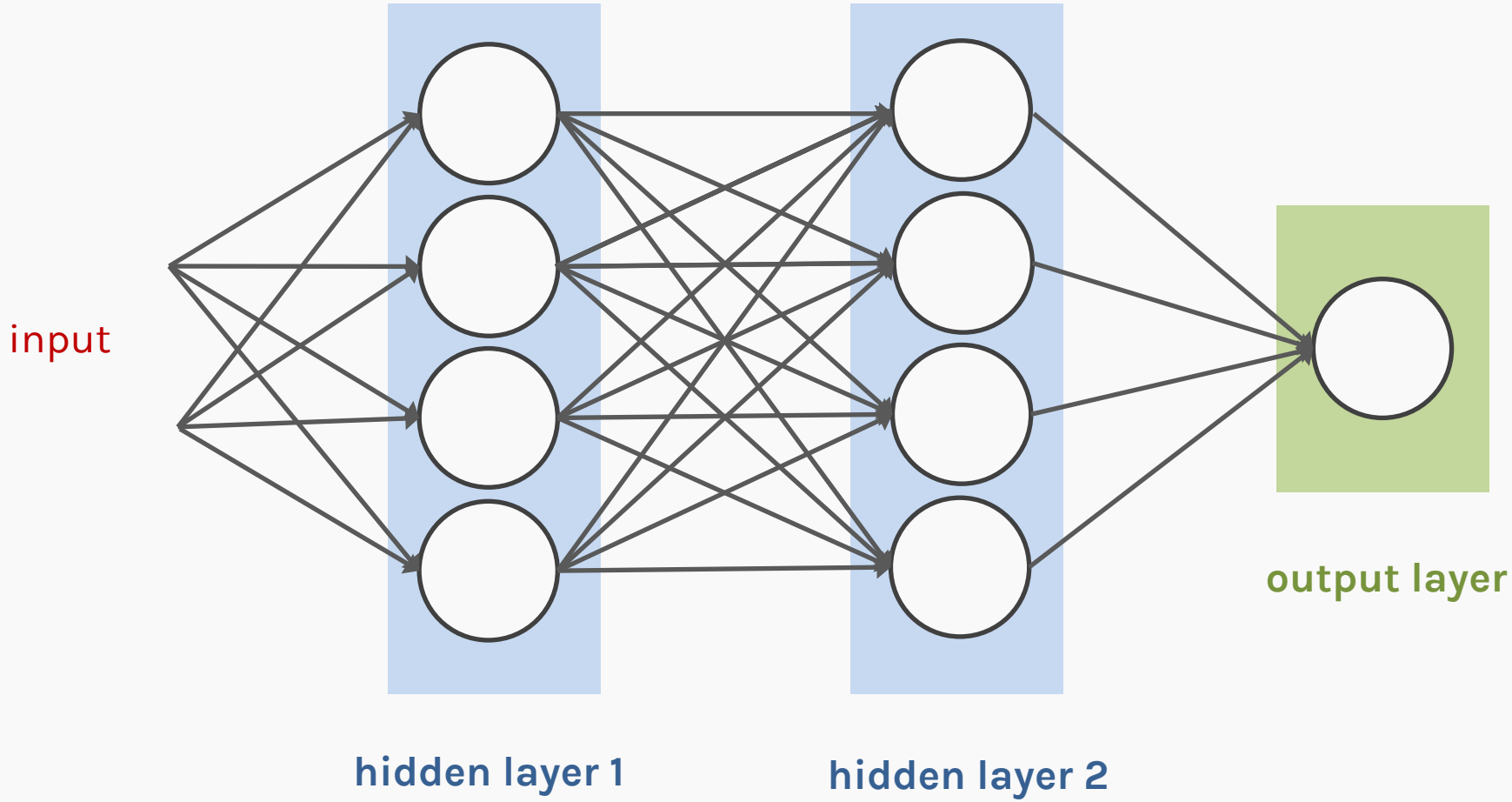

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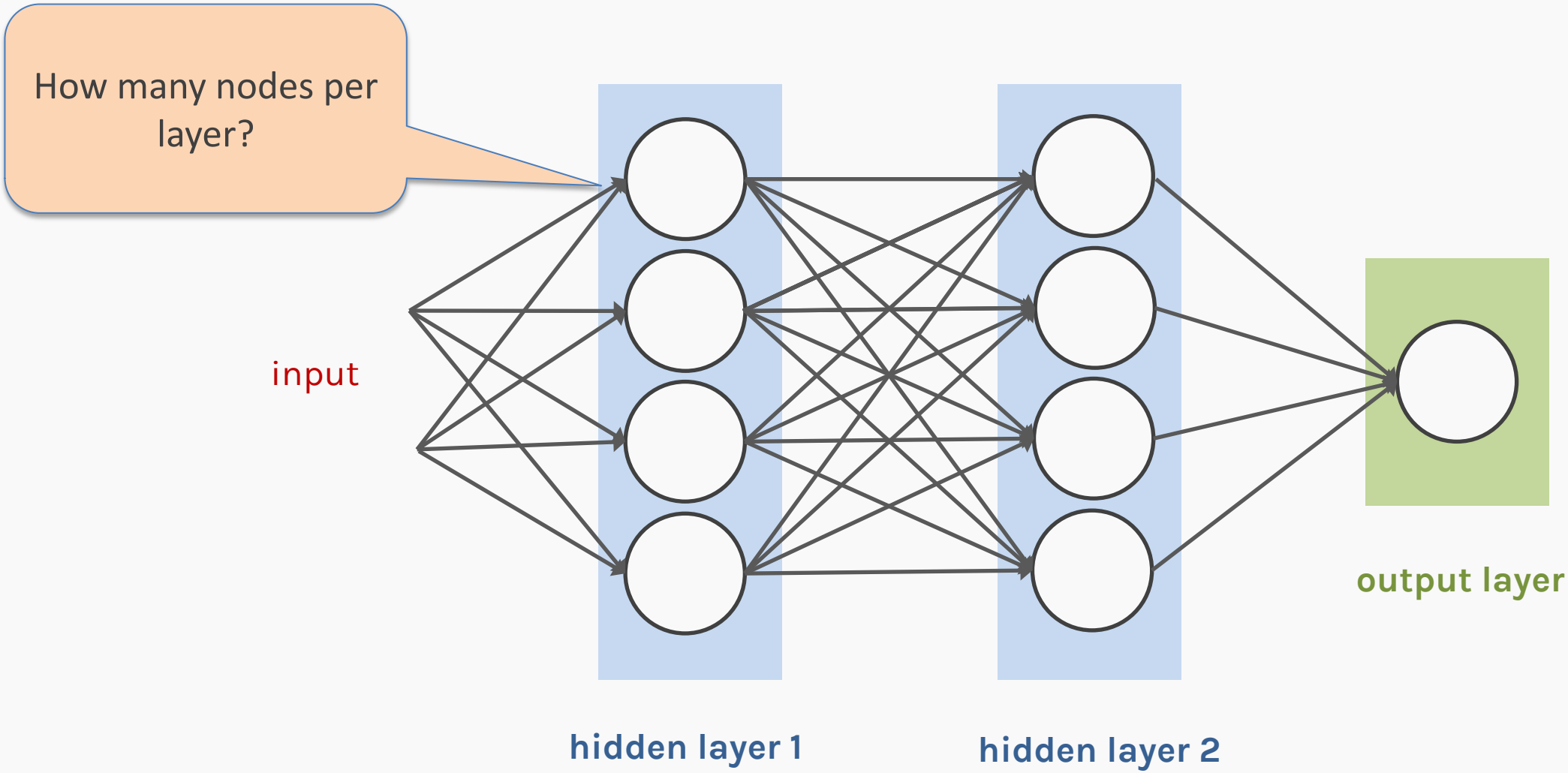

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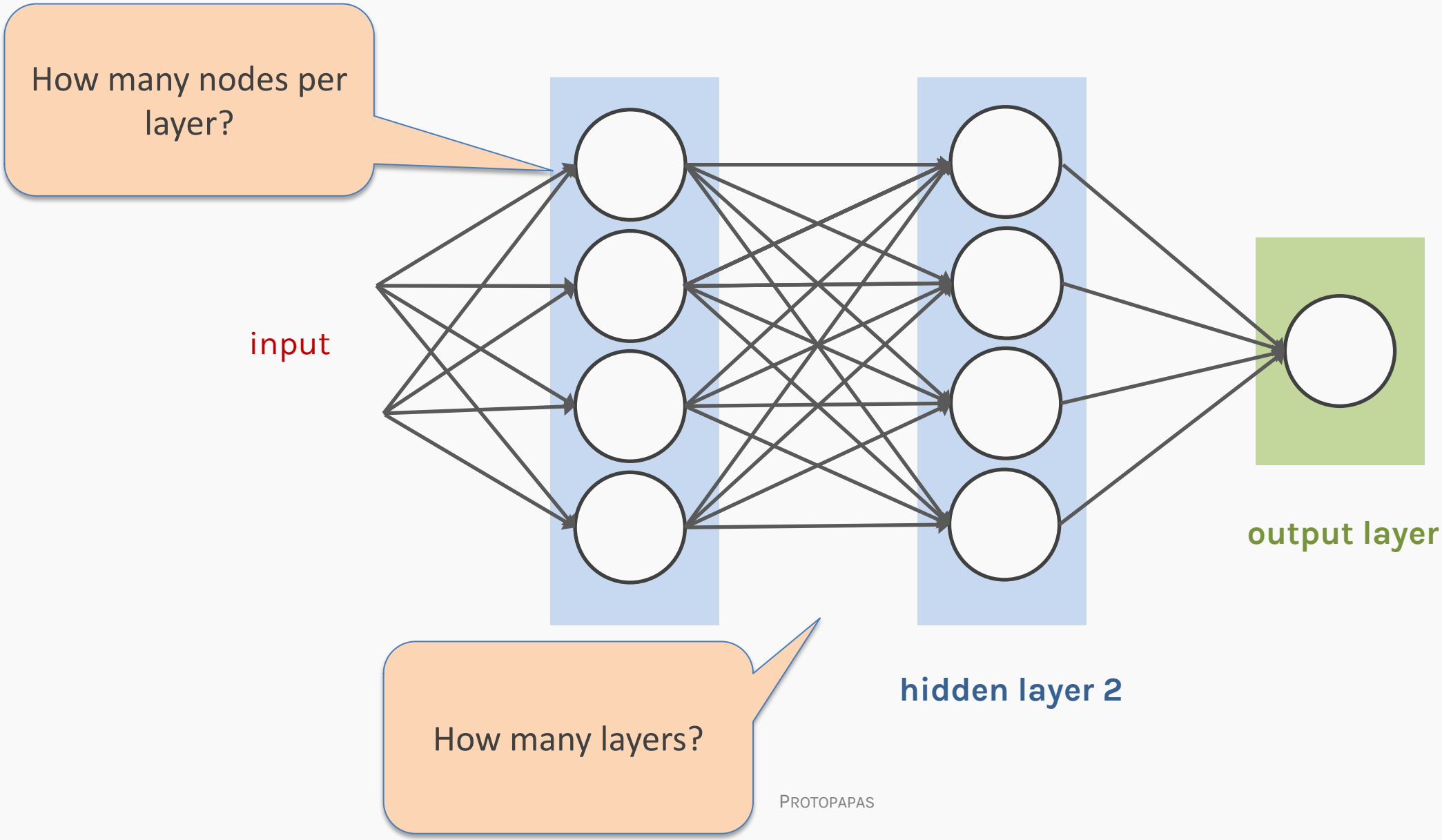

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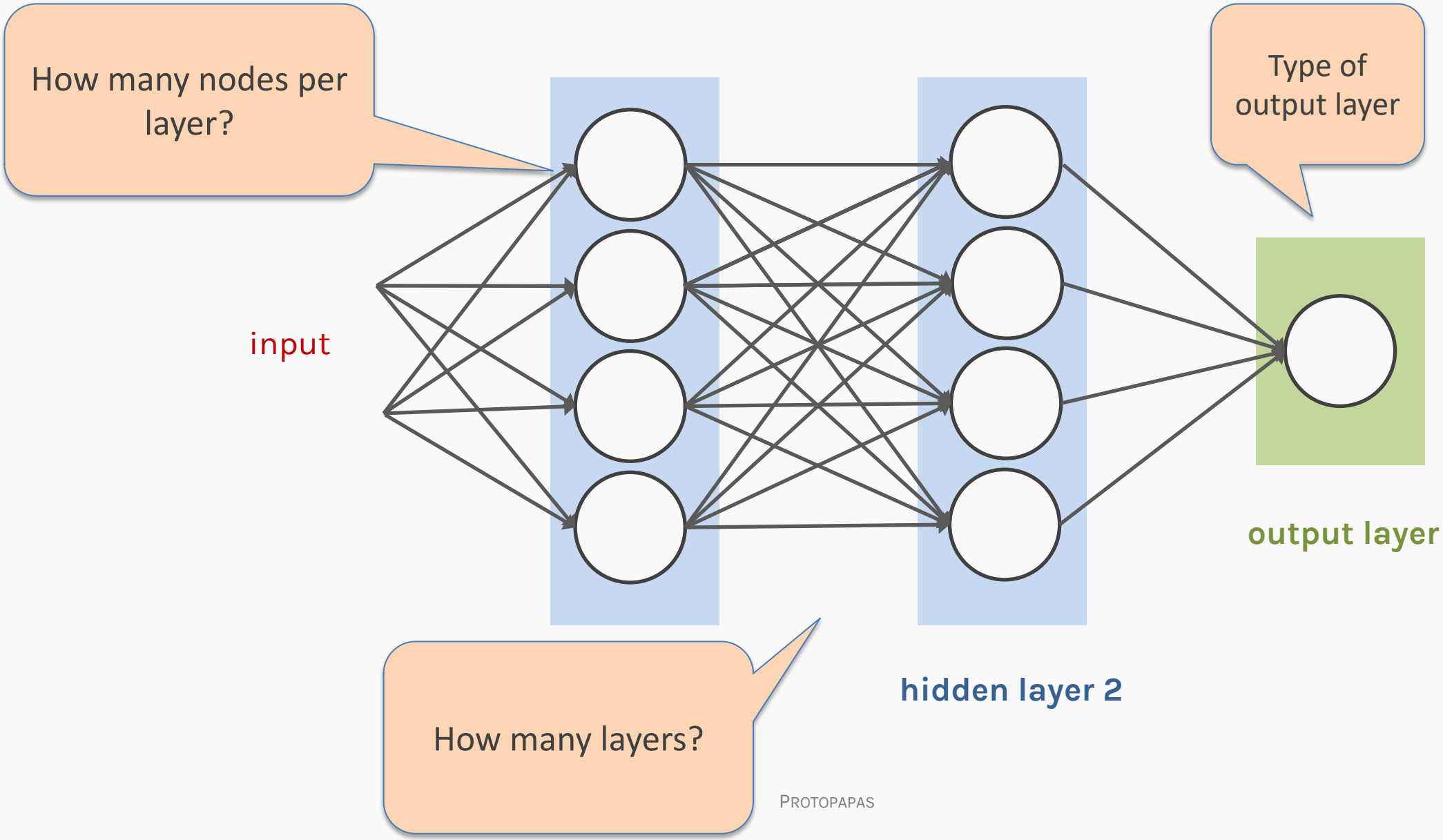

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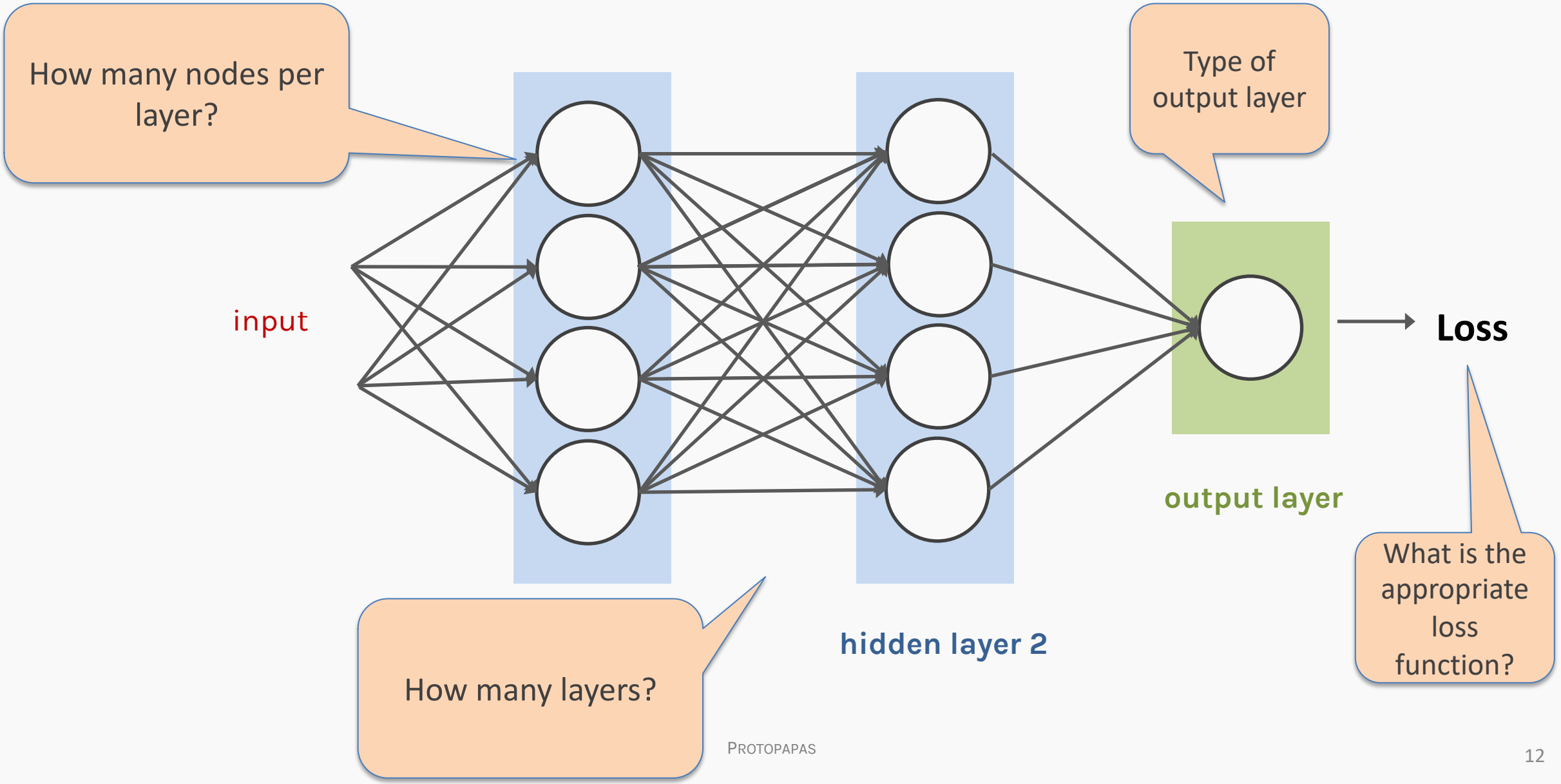

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Activation function

$$h = f(W^T X + b)$$

The activation function should:

- Provide non-linearity
- Ensure gradients remain large through hidden units

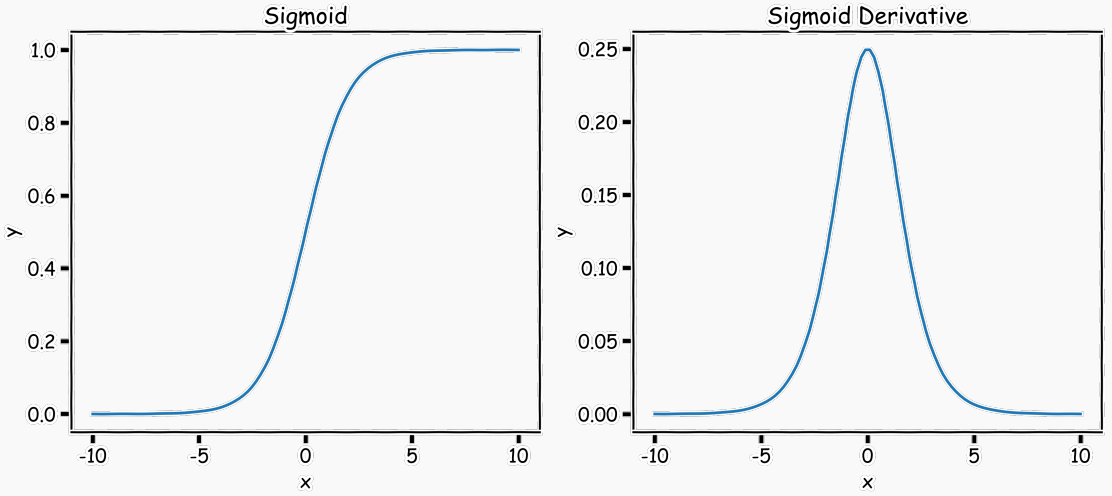
Common choices are

- sigmoid, tanh
- ReLU, leaky ReLU, Generalized ReLU
- softplus
- swish

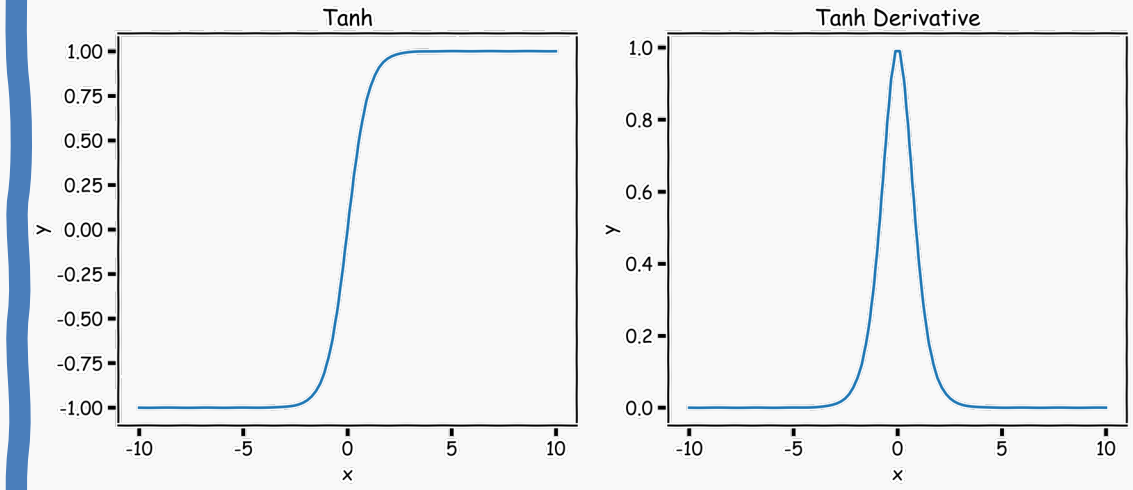
This will become more obvious when we talk about backprop and SGD

Sigmoid, $\sigma()$ (aka logistic) and tanh

$$y = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$



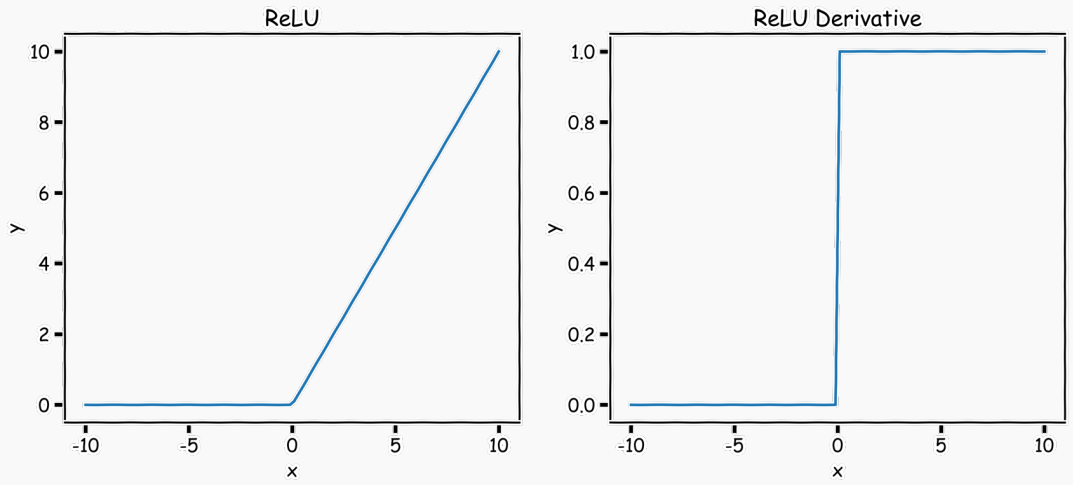
$$y = \frac{e^{x} - e^{-x}}{e^{x} + e^{-x}}$$



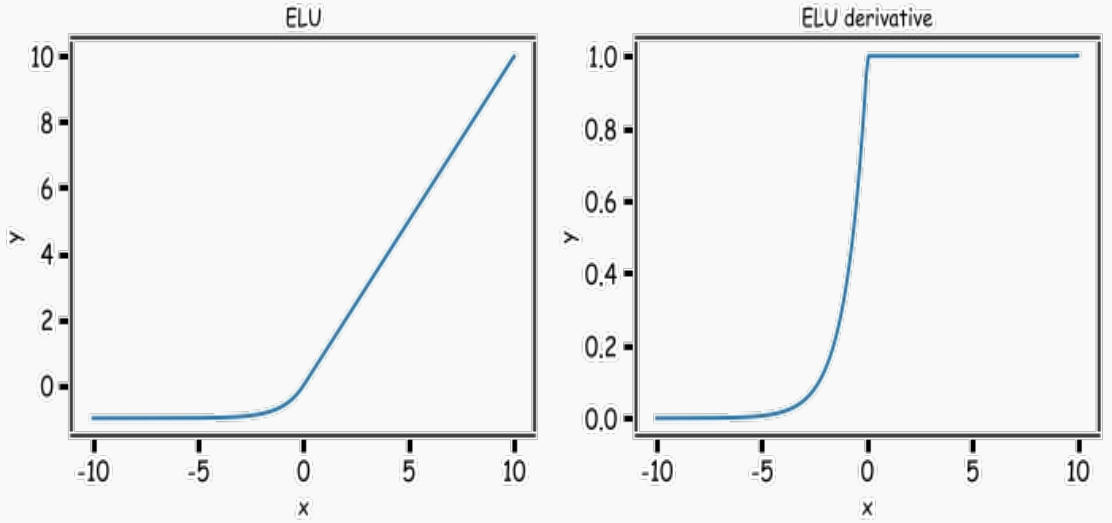
Derivative is **zero** for much of the domain. This leads to "vanishing gradients" in backpropagation.

Rectified Linear Unit, `ReLU()`, Exponential ReLU (ELU)

$$y = \max(0, x)$$



$$y = \max(0, x) + \alpha \min(0, e^x - 1)$$
where α takes a small value



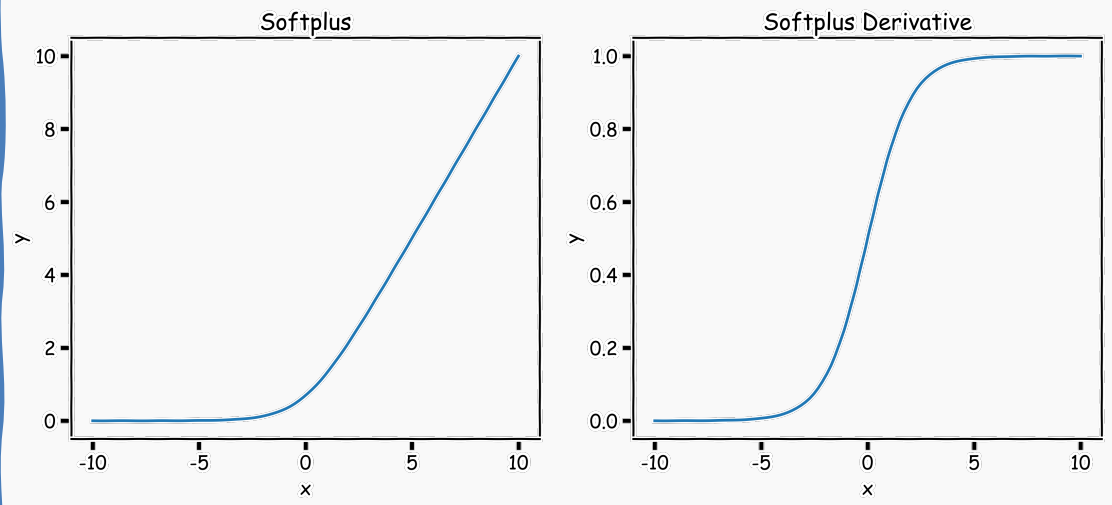
Two major advantages:

1. No vanishing gradient when x > 0
2. Provides sparsity (regularization) since y = 0 when x < 0

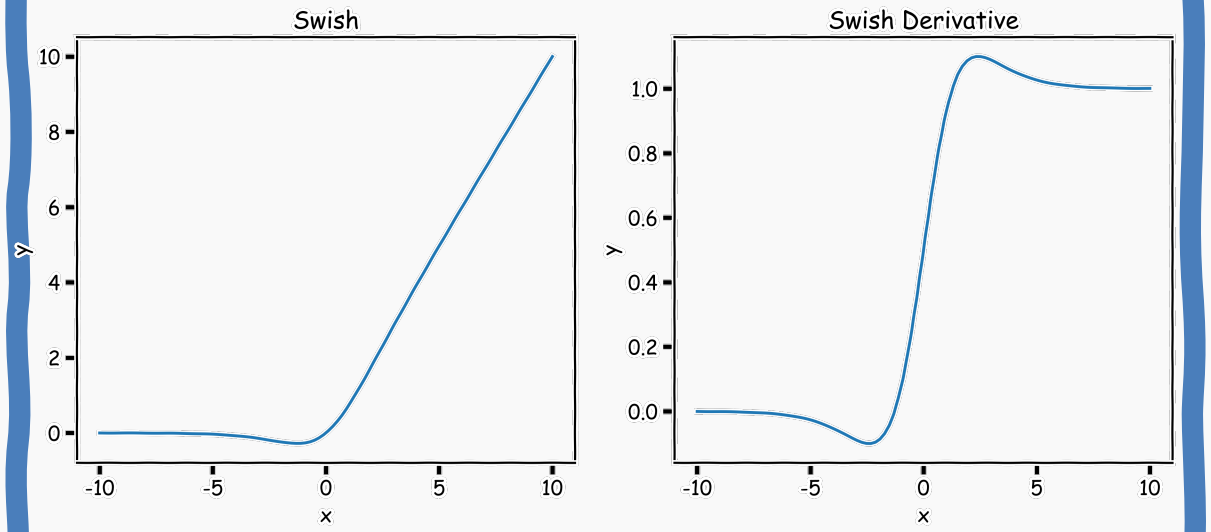
No vanishing gradients and easy to calculate.

Softplus and Swish

$$y = \log(1 + e^x)$$



$$g(x) = x\,\sigma(x)$$



The derivative of the softplus is the sigmoid logistic function, which is a smooth approximation of the derivative of the rectifier. So the derivative of the softplus is continuous.

Swish tends to work better than ReLU on deeper models across a number of challenging datasets.

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Probabilistic modeling

Likelihood for a given measurement:

$$p(y_i|W;x_i)$$

If we assume **independency**, the likelihood for all measurements:

$$L(W;X,Y) = p(Y|W;X) = \prod_i p(y_i|W;x_i)$$

Maximize the likelihood, or equivalently minimizing the –ve log-likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}(W;X,Y) = -\log L(W;X,Y) = -\sum_i \log p(y_i|W;x_i)$$

Loss Function

Do not need to design separate loss functions if we follow the probabilistic modeling approach, i.e. minimize the –ve likelihood function.

Examples:

- Distribution is **Normal** then –ve log-likelihood is **MSE** :

$$p(y_i|W;x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\{2\pi^2\sigma\}}} e^{-\frac{(y_i-\hat{y}_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(W;X,Y) = \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

- Distribution is **Bernouli** then –ve log-likelihood is **Binary Cross-Entropy**:

$$p(y_i|W;x_i) = p_i^{y_i}(1-p_i)^{1-y_i}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(W;X,Y) = -\sum_i [y_i \log p_i + (1-y_i)\log(1-p_i)]$$

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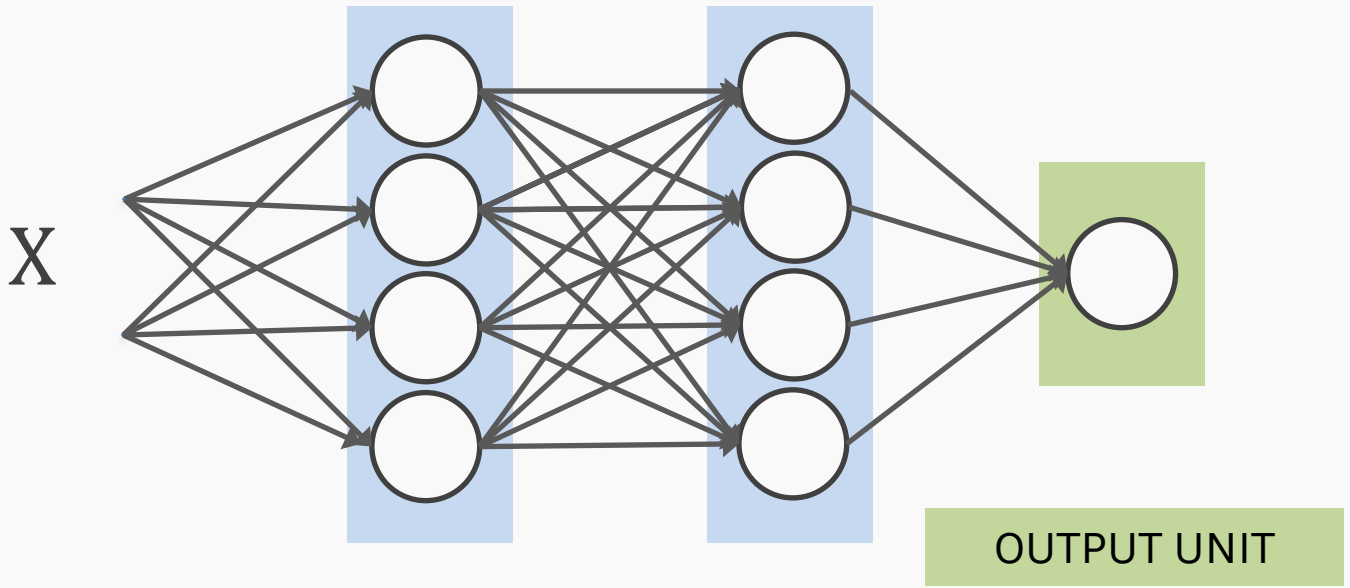

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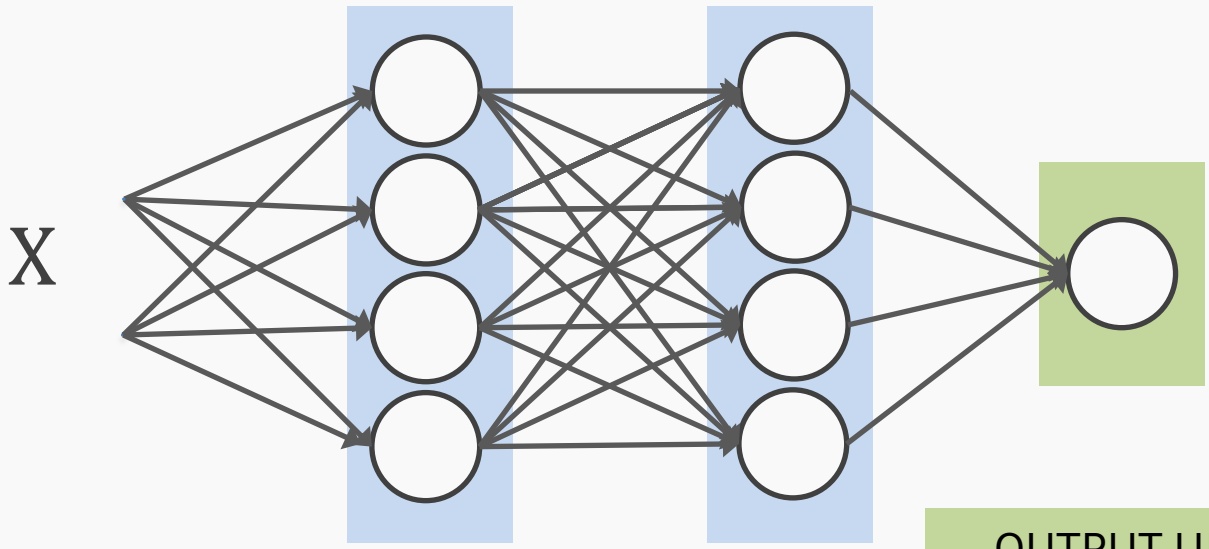

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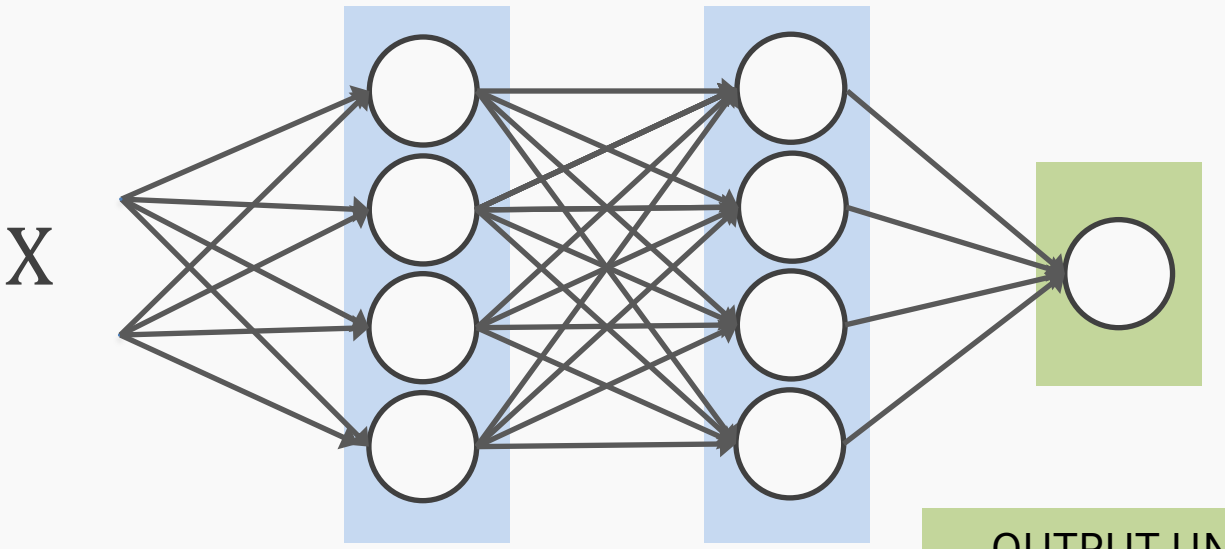

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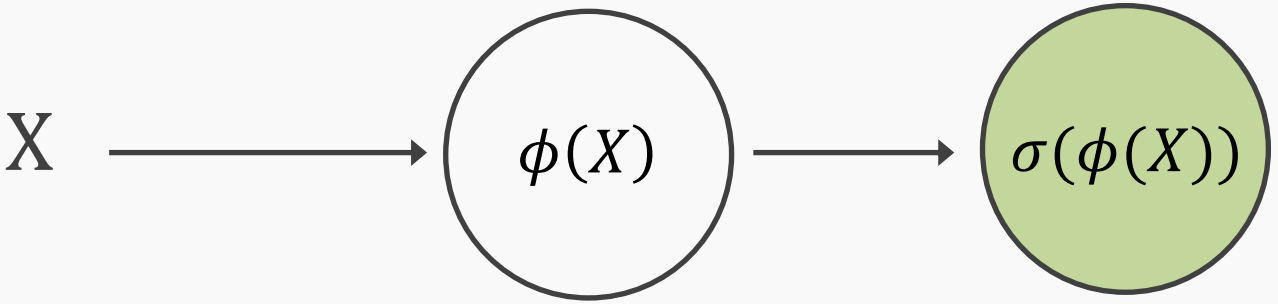

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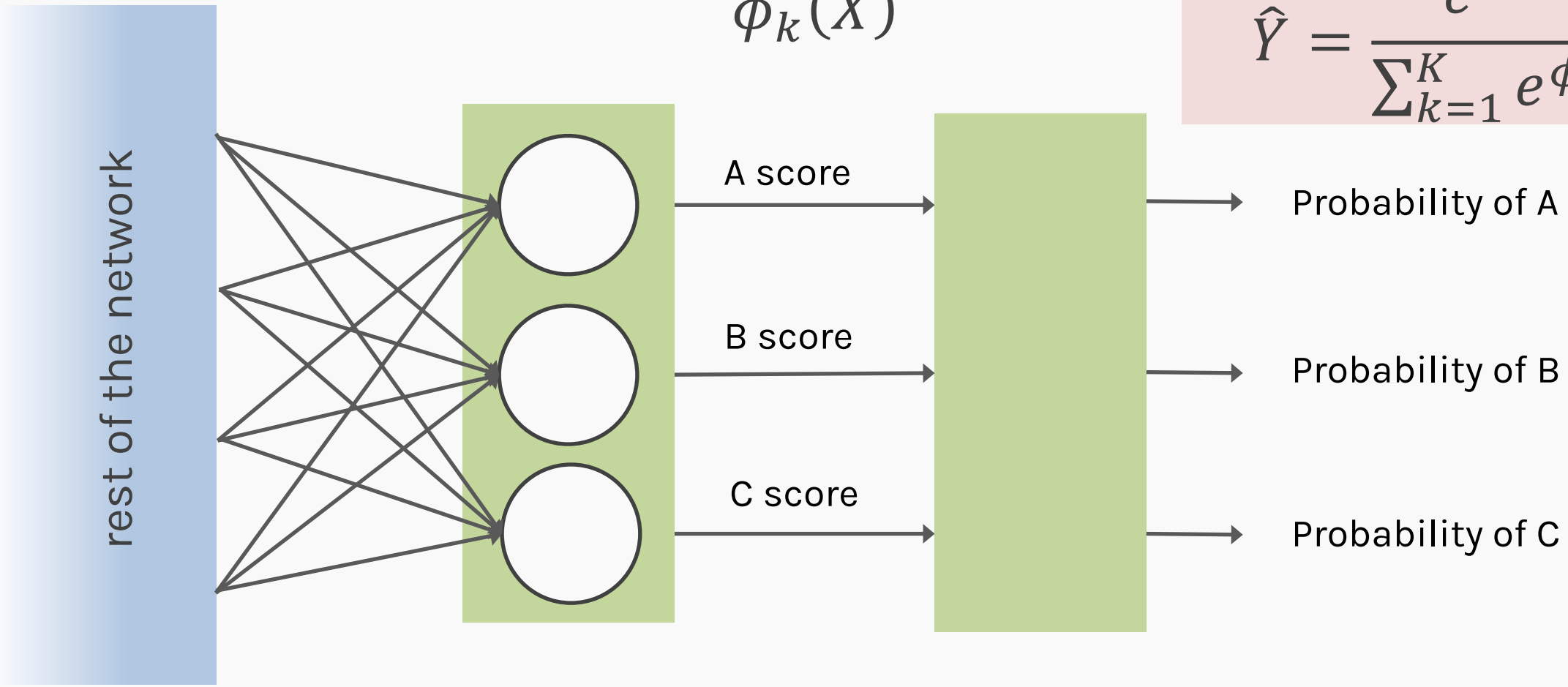

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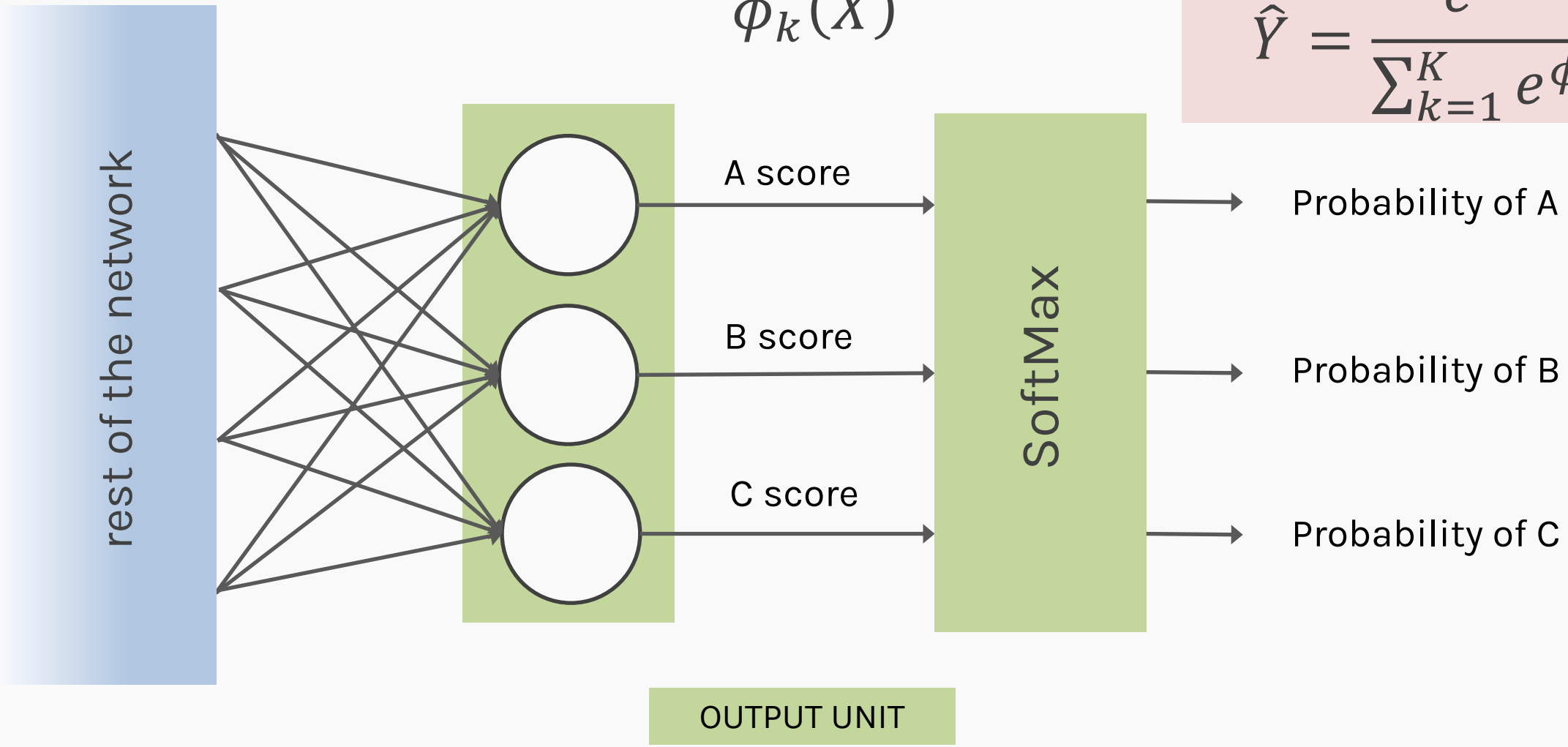

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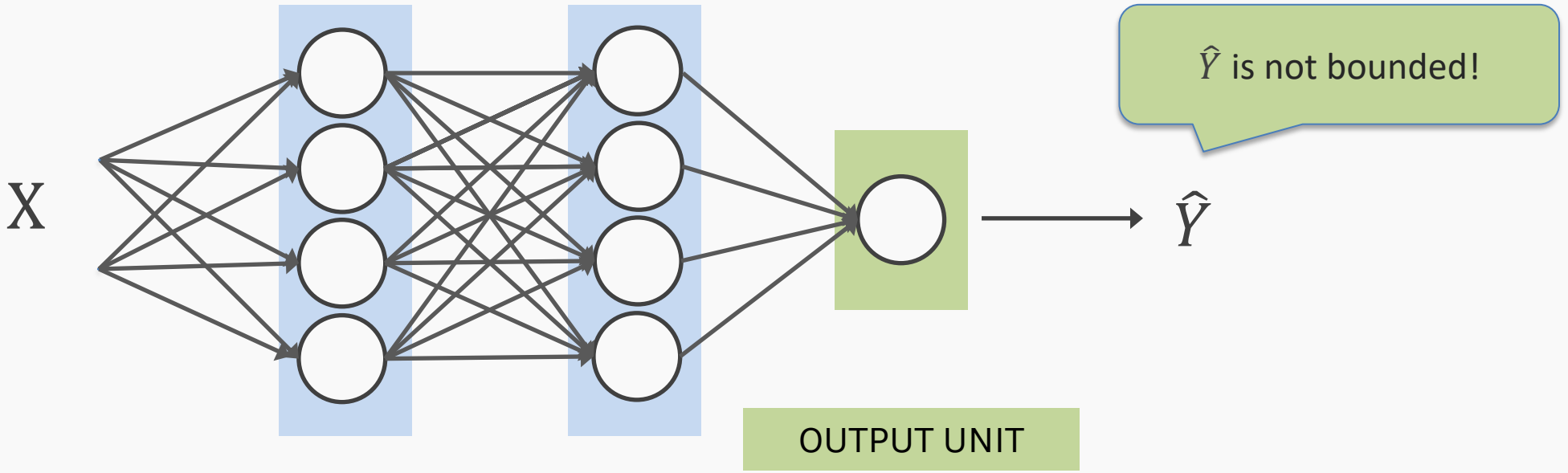

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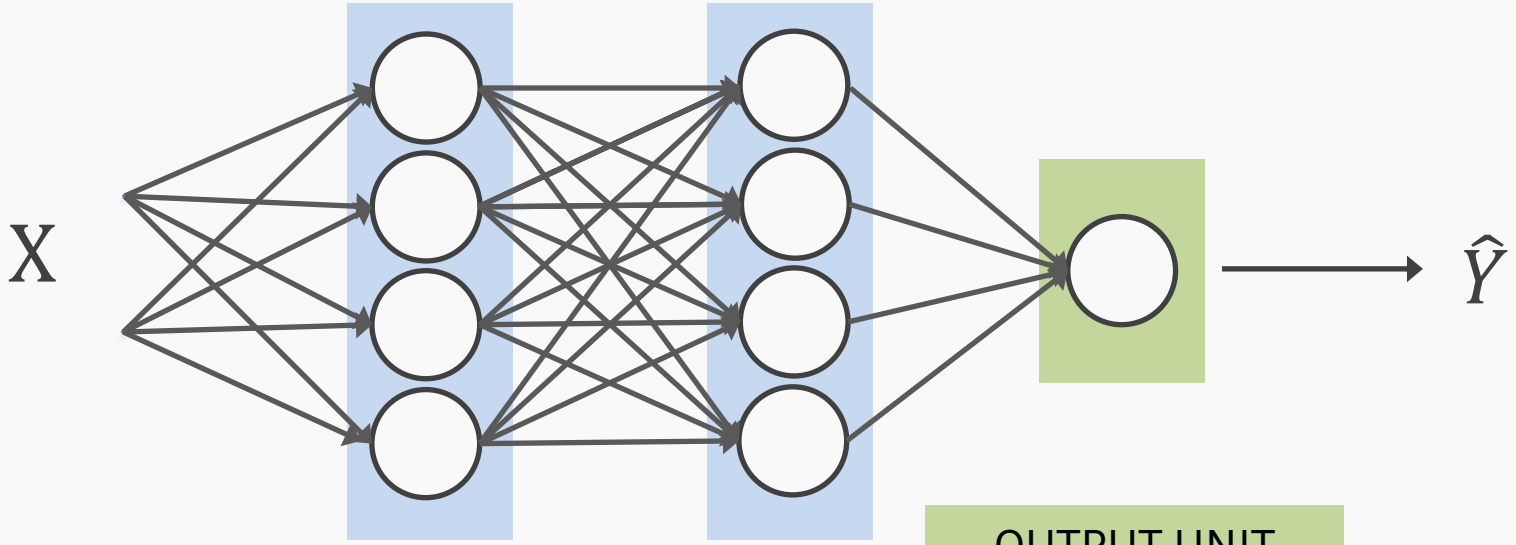

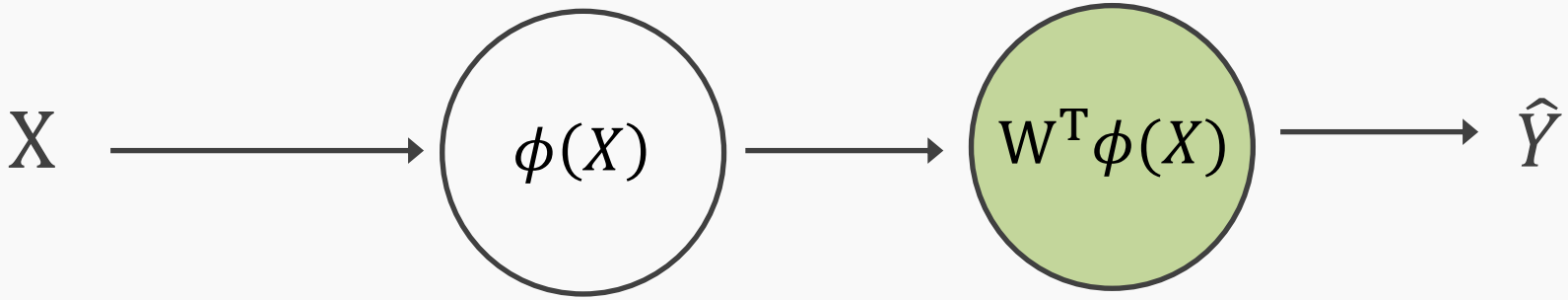

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More on GANS later in the semester

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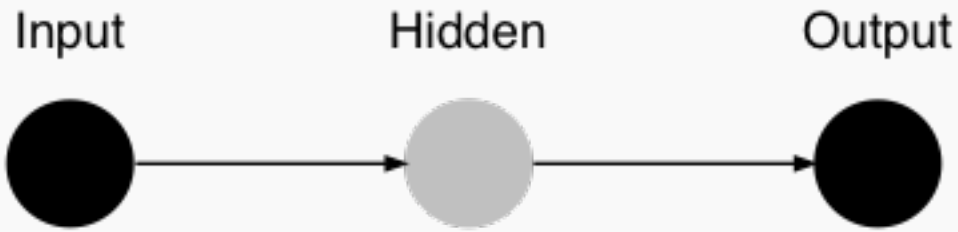

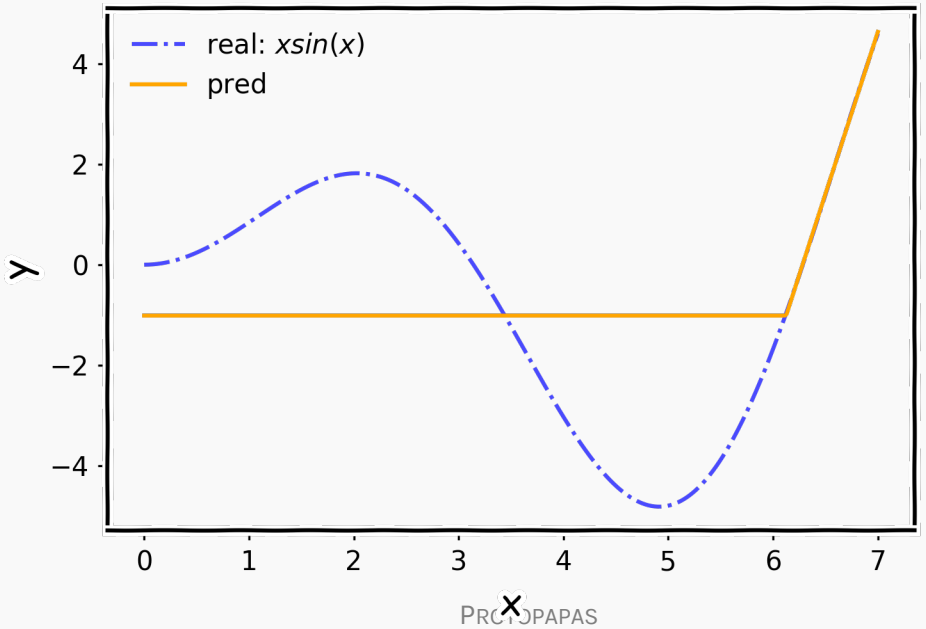

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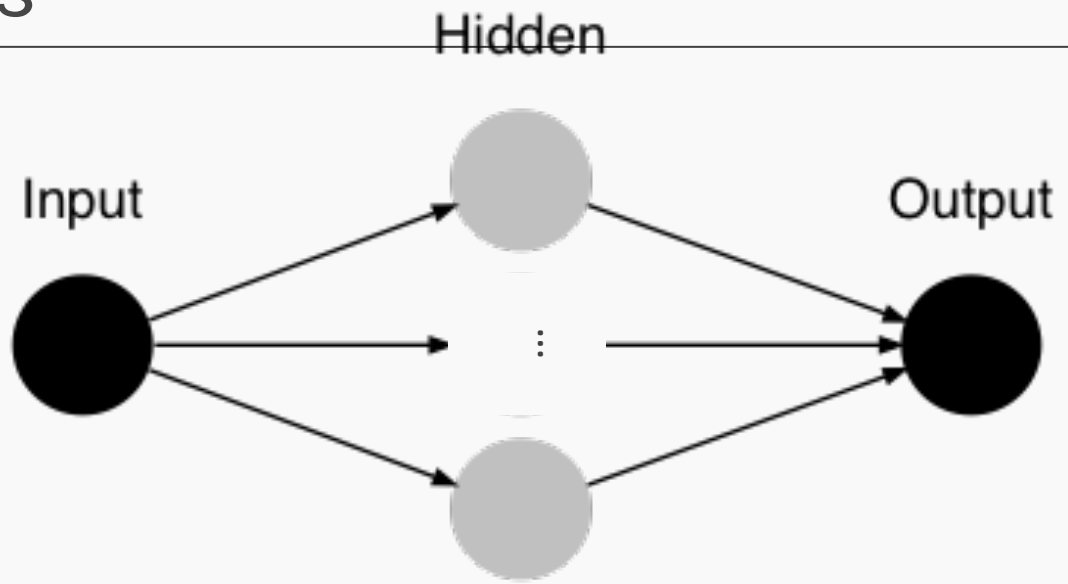

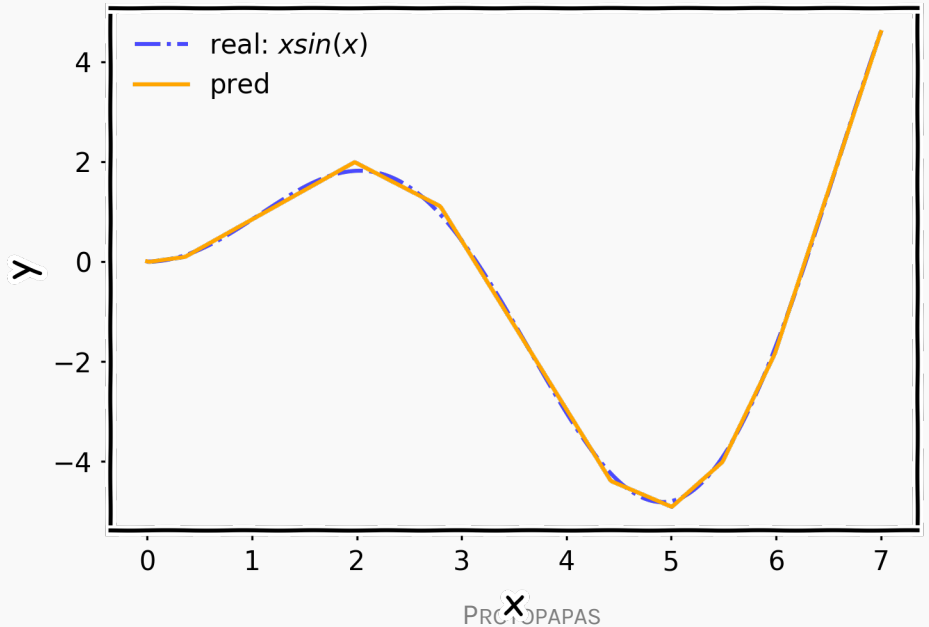

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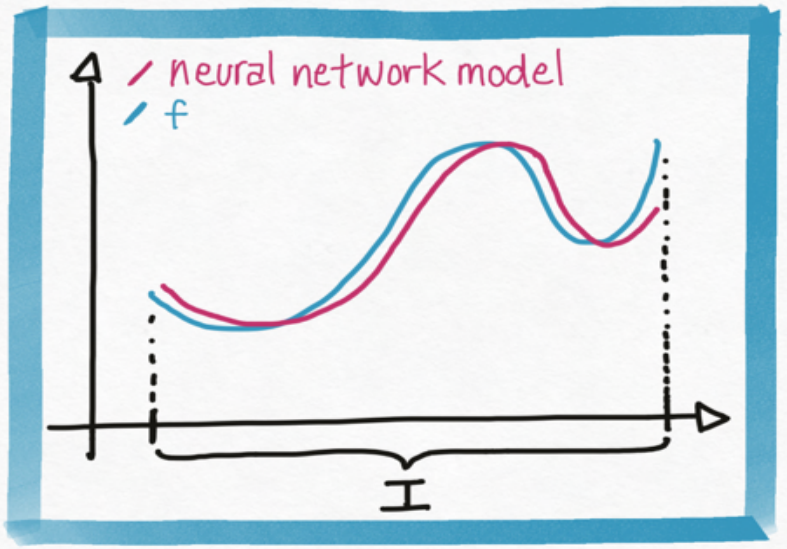

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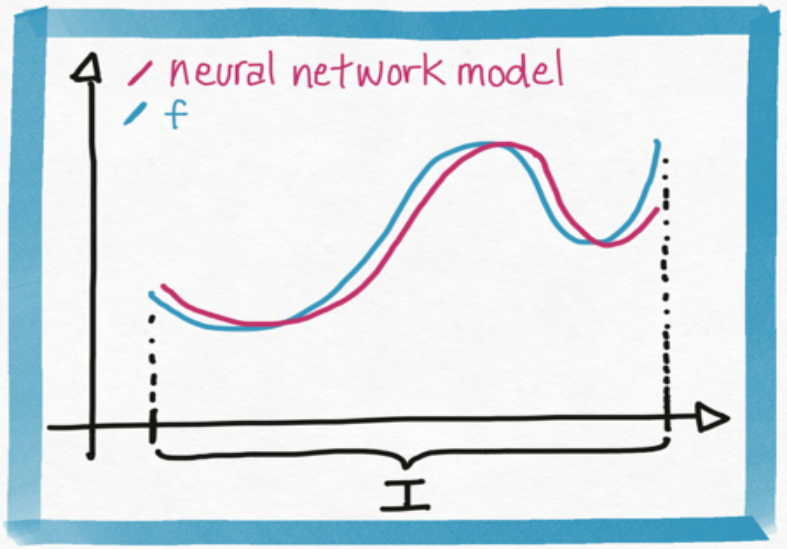

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So why deeper?

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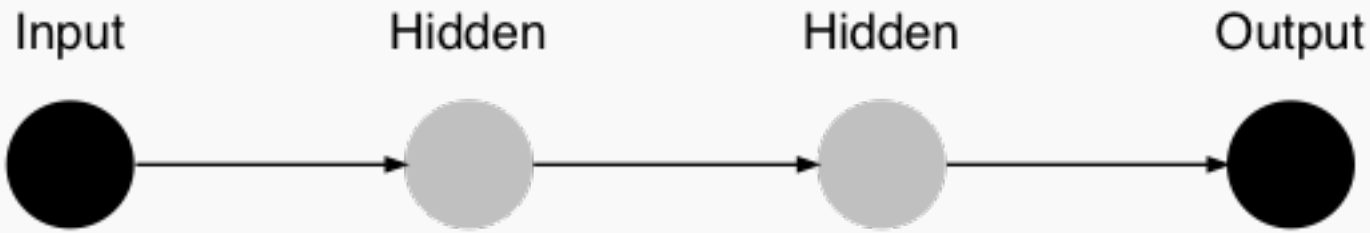
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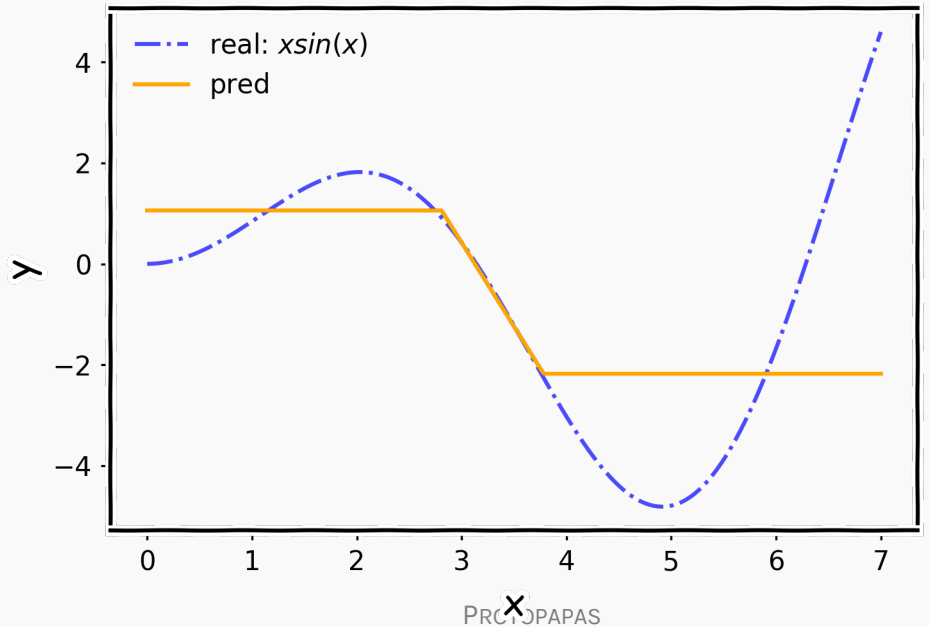
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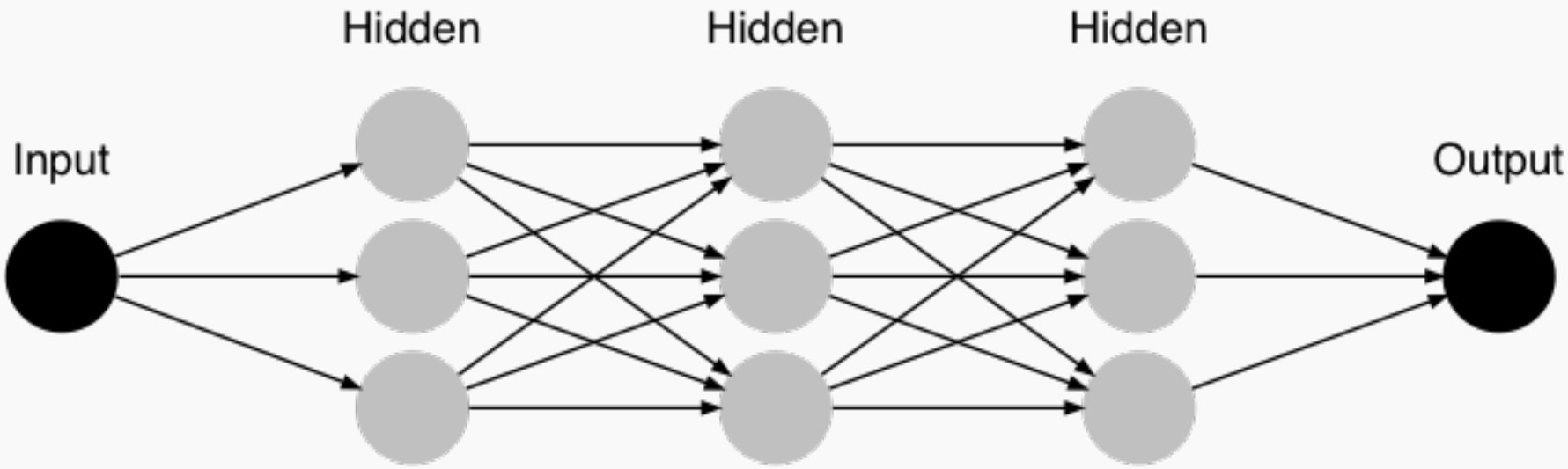
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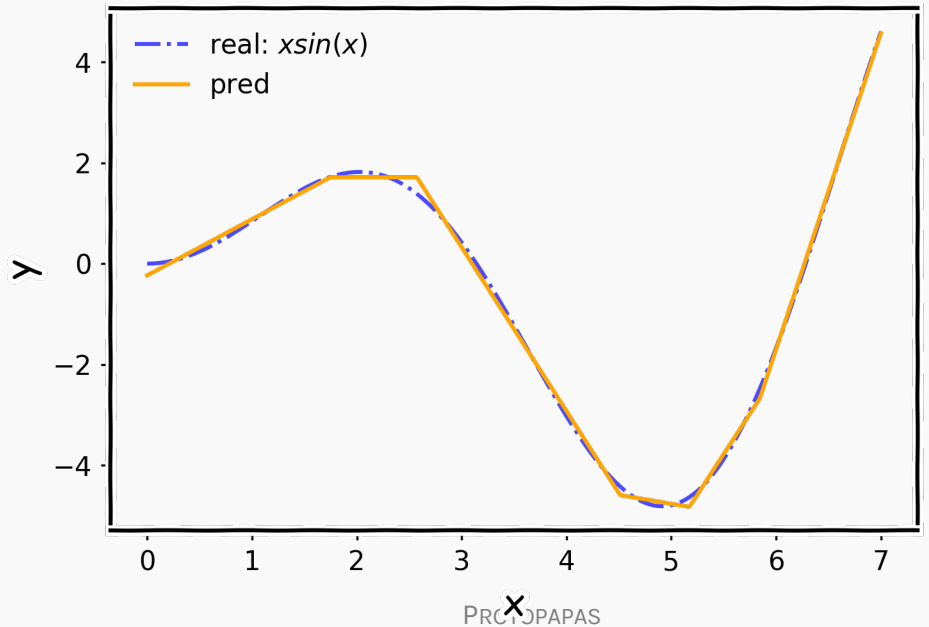
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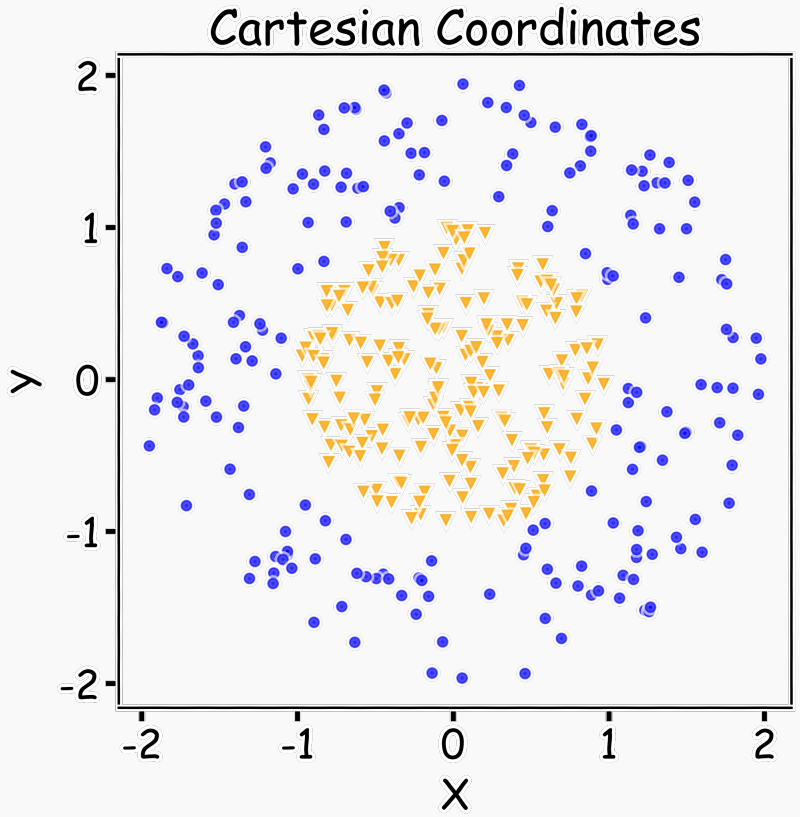
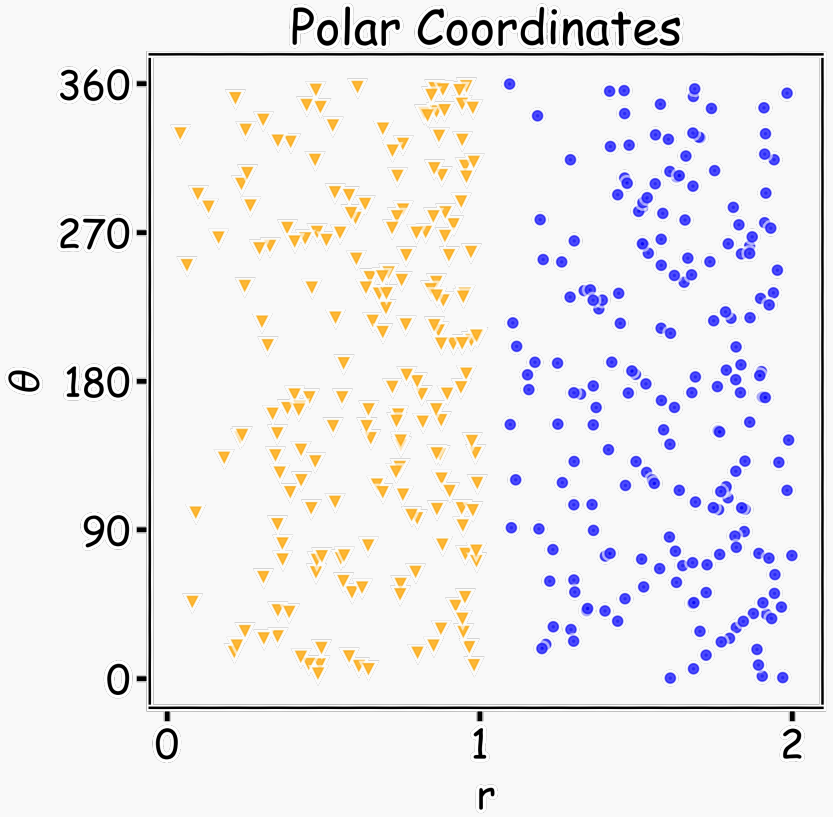
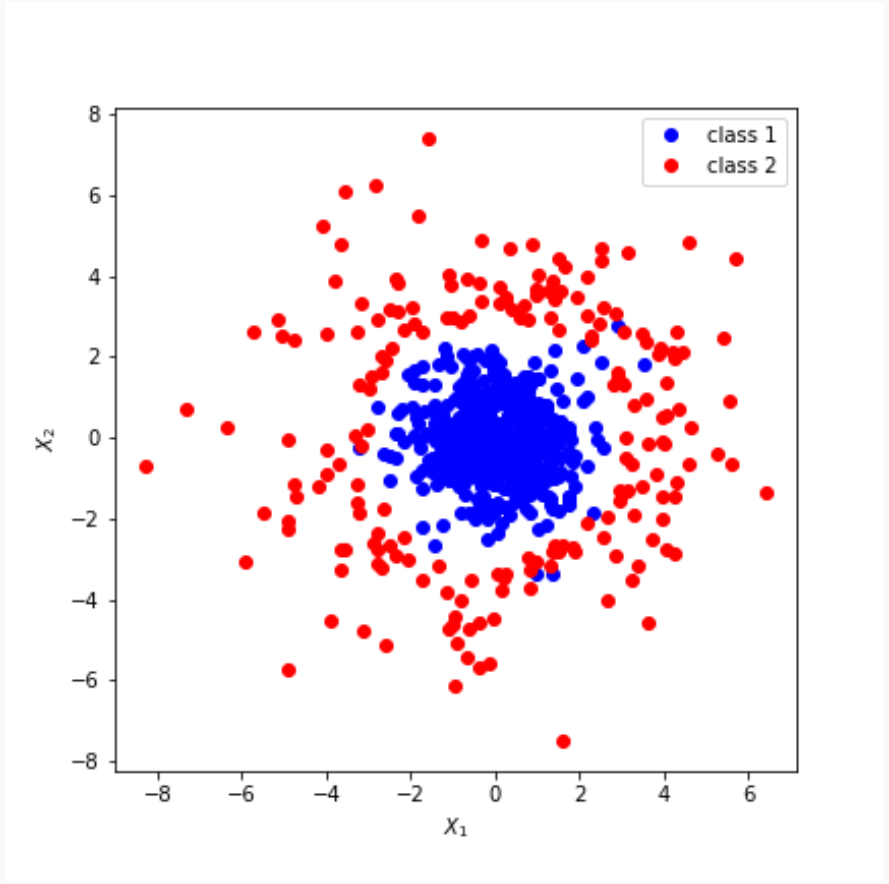




Neural networks can **learn useful representations** for the problem. This is another reason why they can be so powerful!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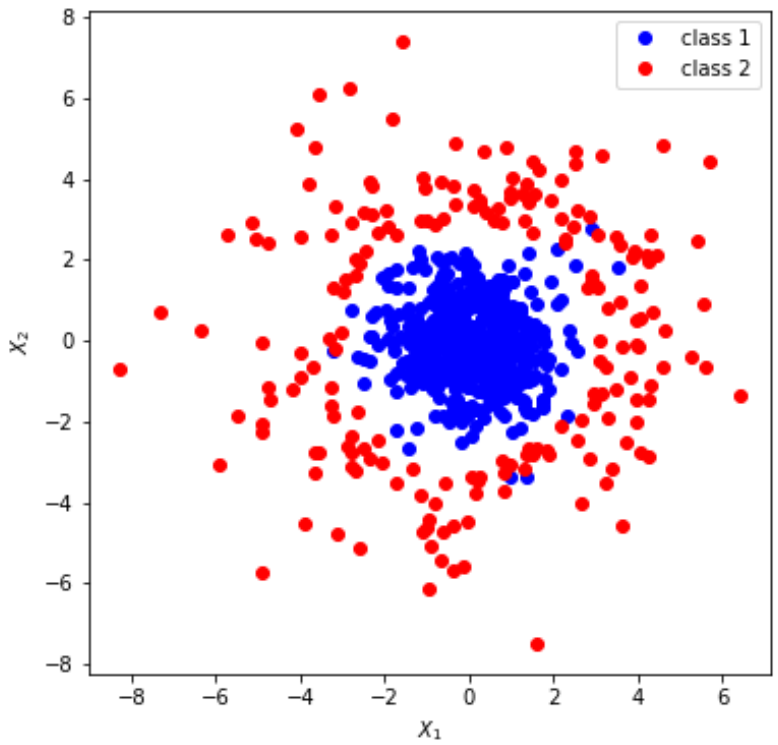
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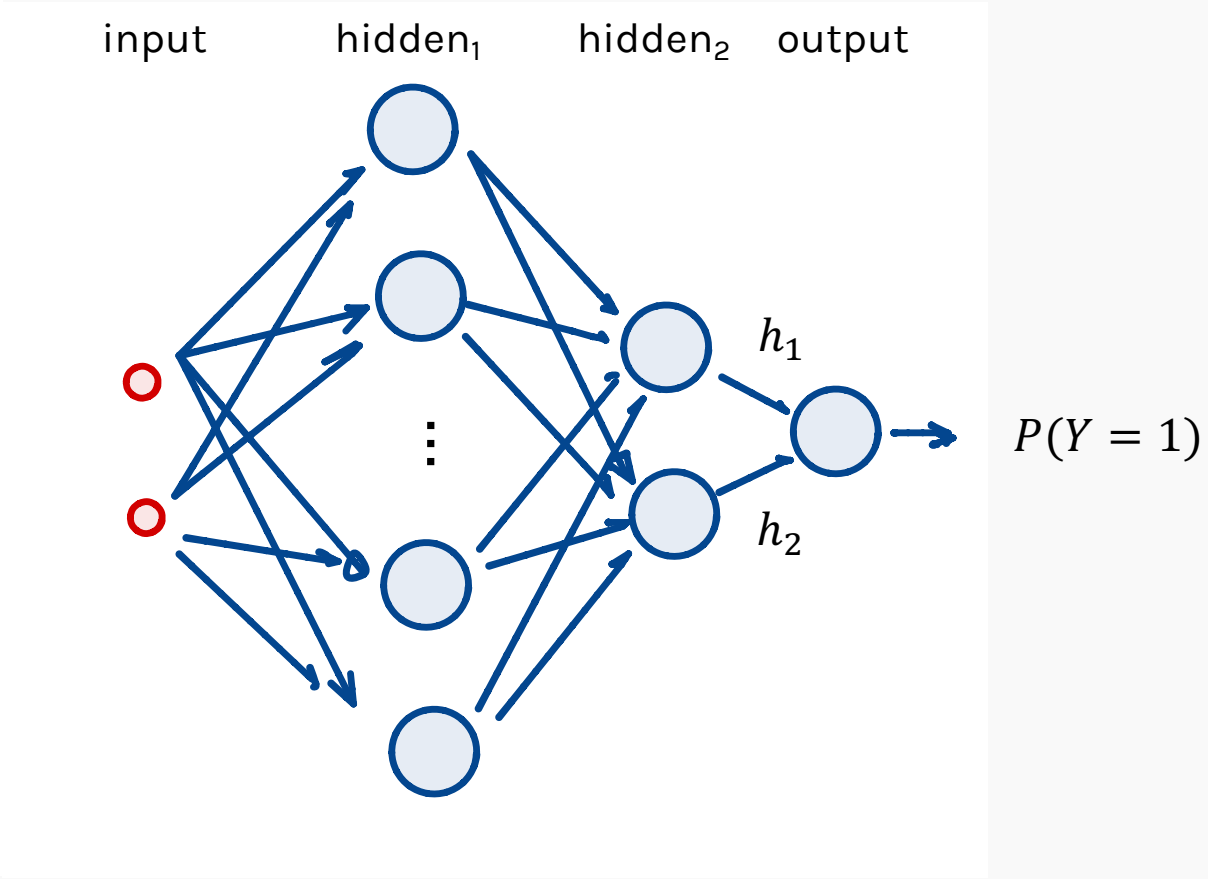
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hidden$_1$
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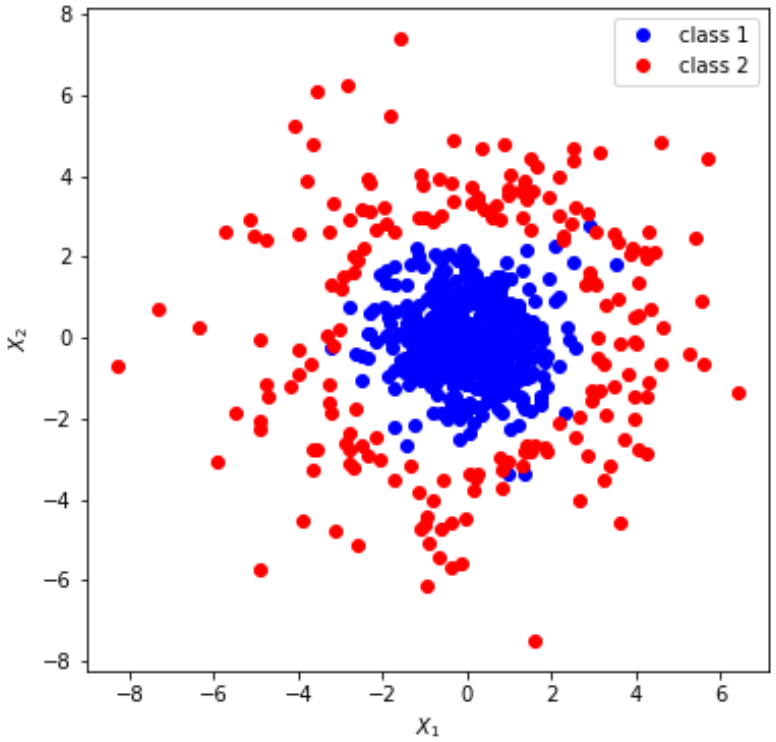
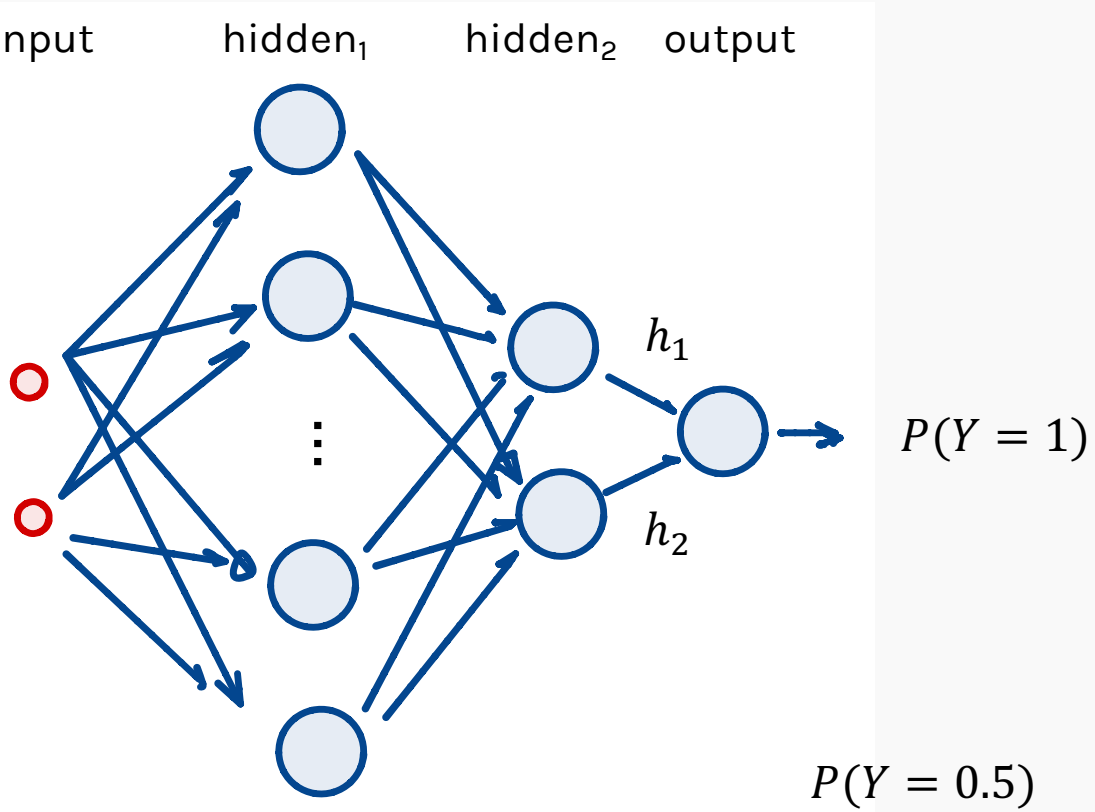
output
h_1
h_2
$P(Y = 1)$


class 1
class 2
X_1
X_2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h_1
h_2
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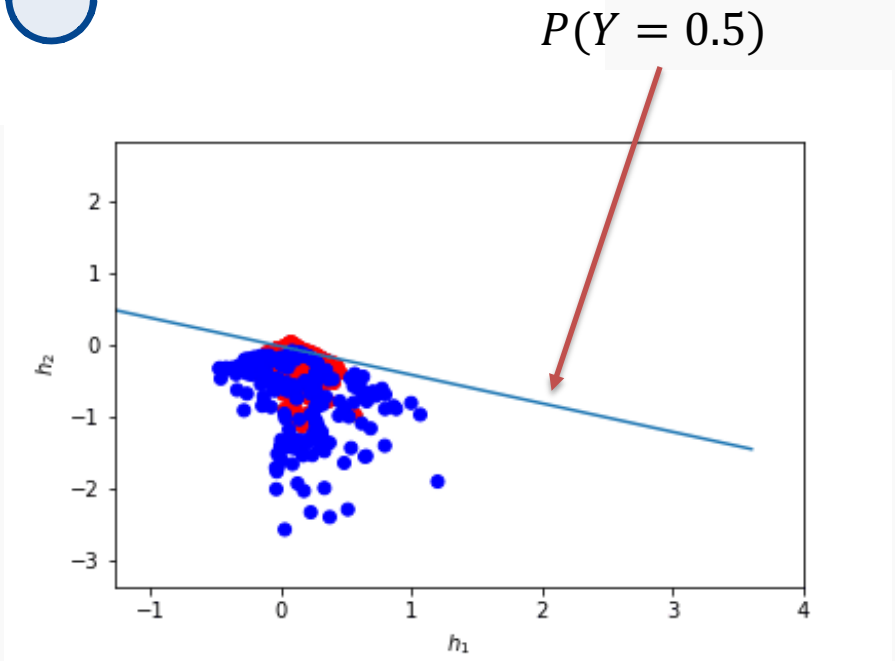
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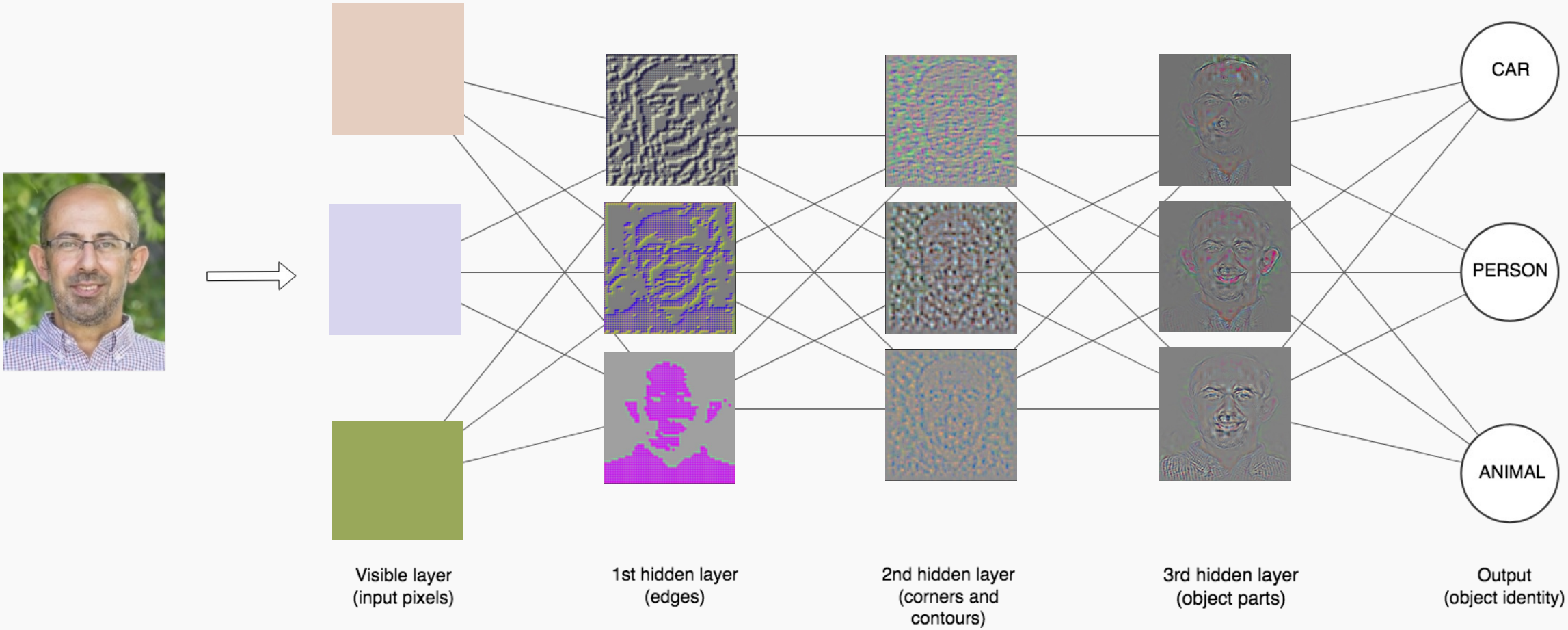
h_1
h_2

Depth = Repeated Compositions



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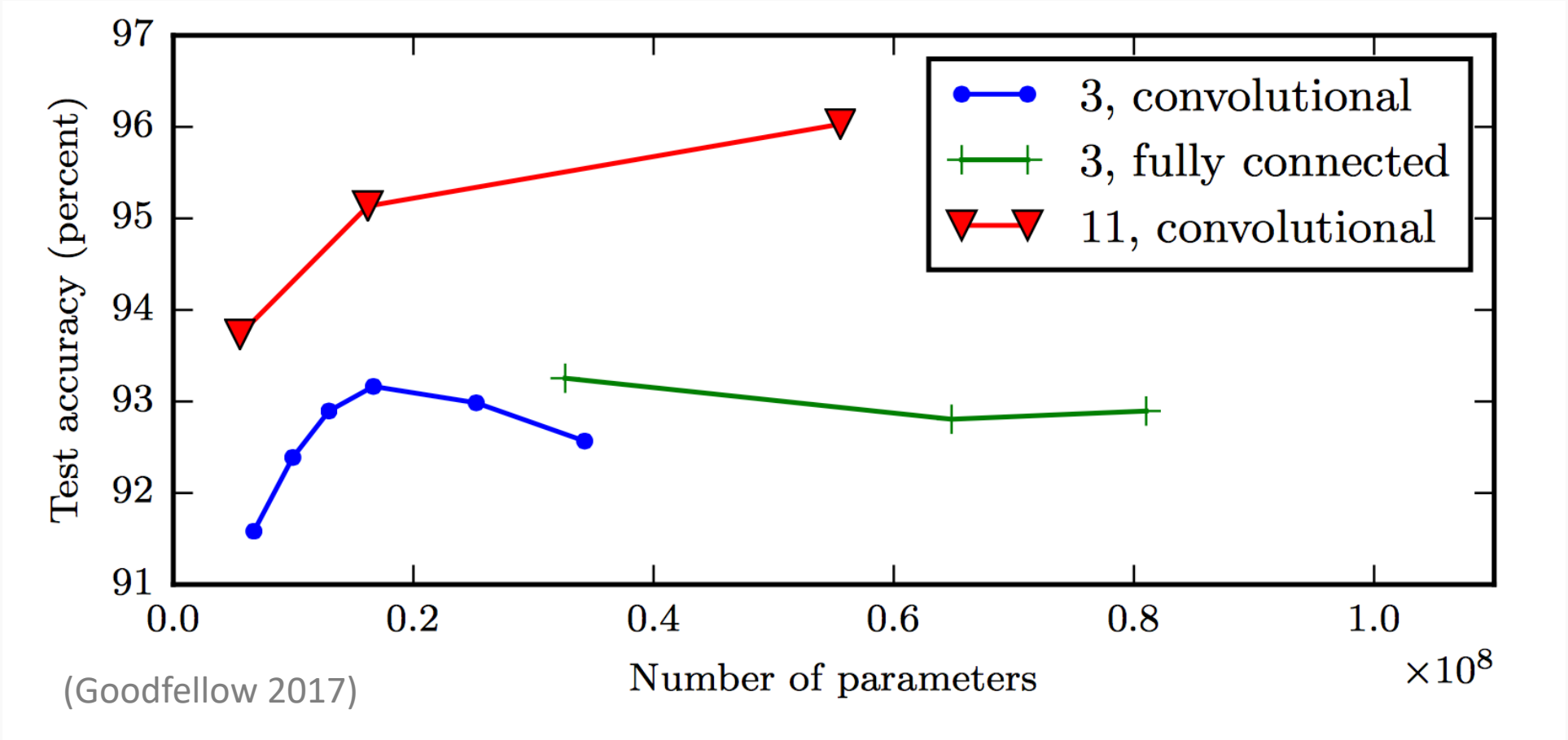

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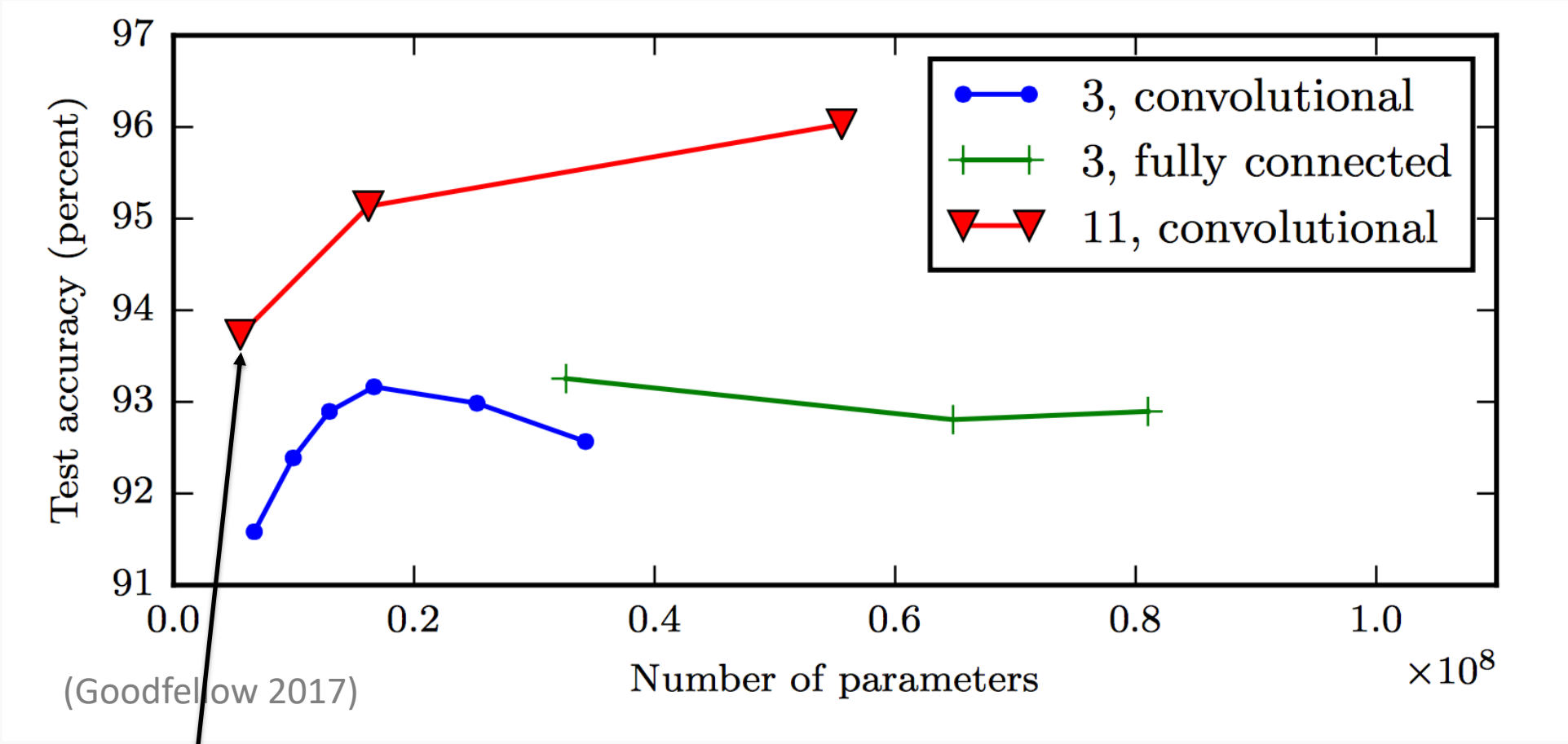

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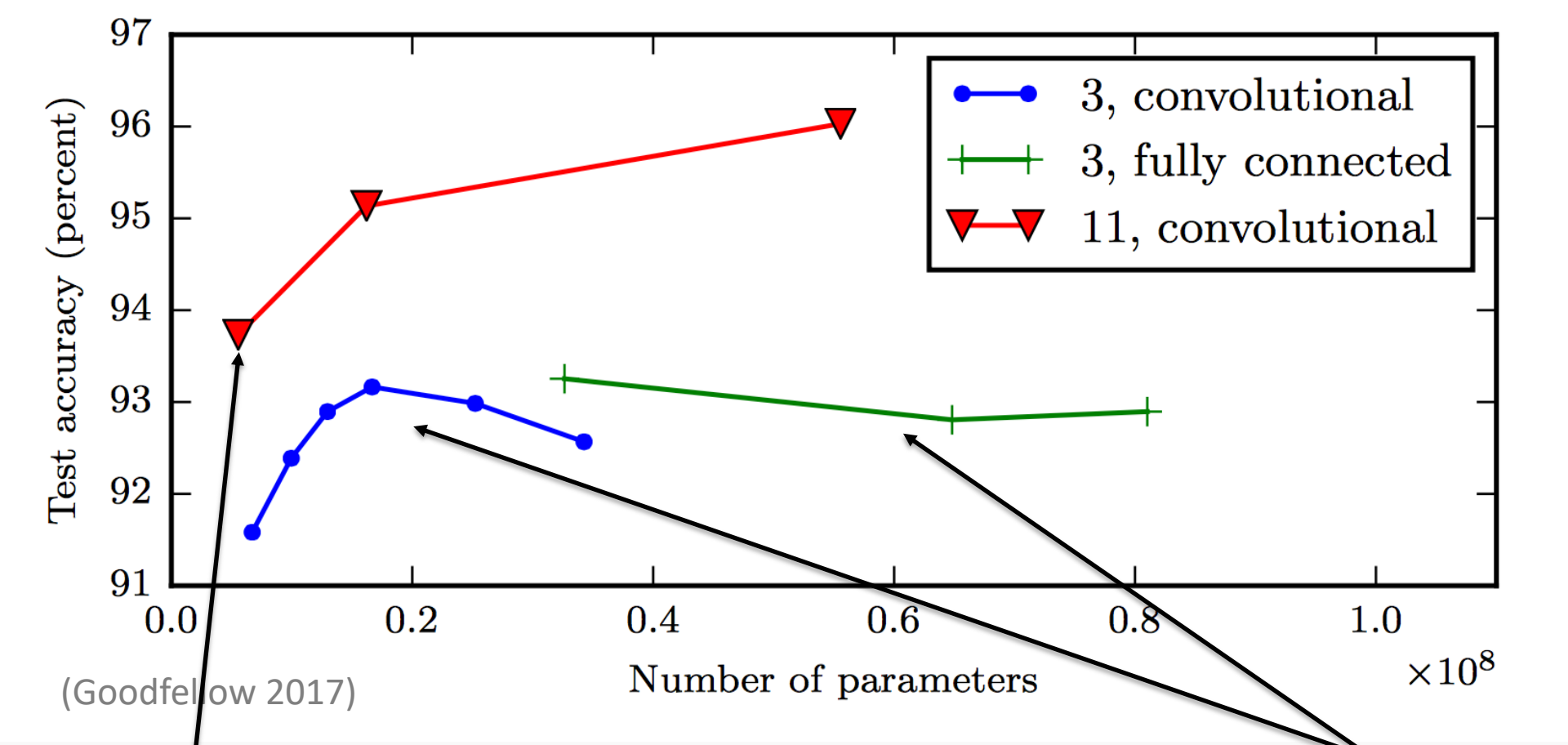

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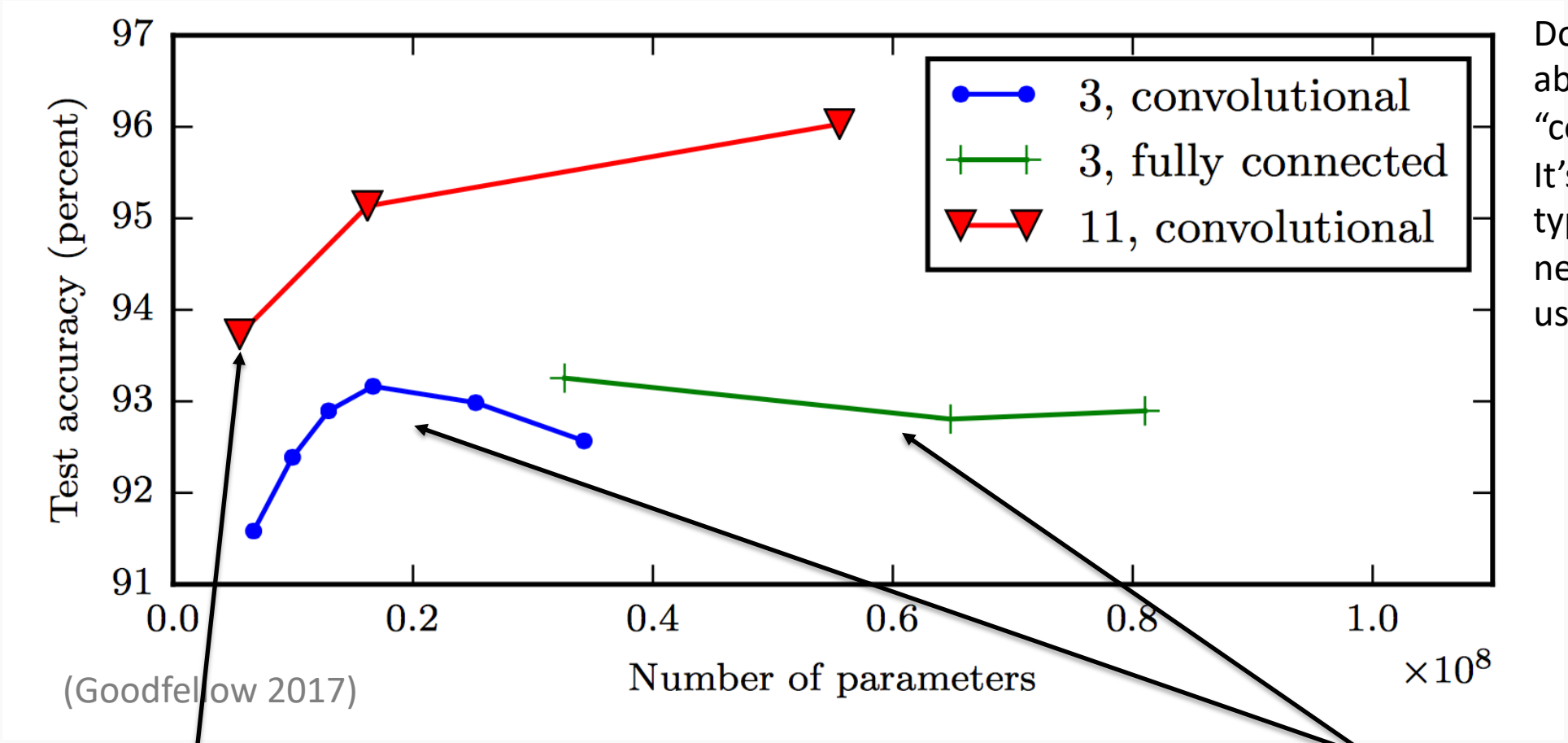

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Don't worry about this word "convolutional". It's just a special type of neural network, often used for images.

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