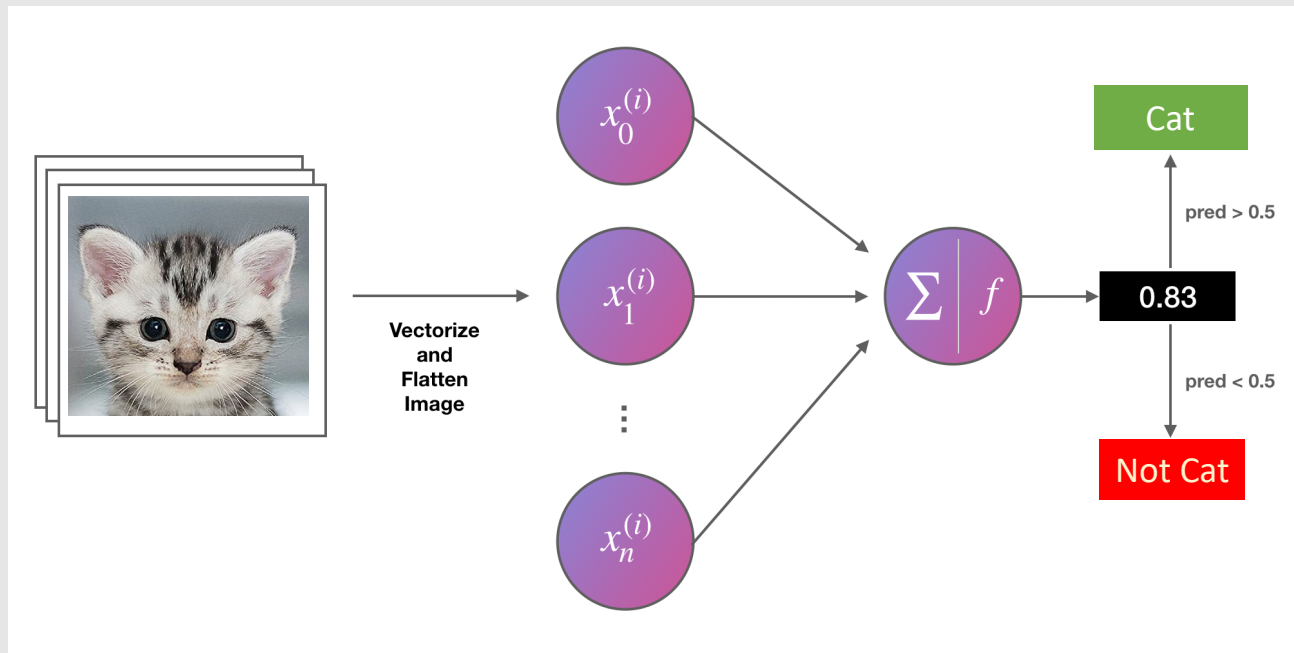


# Lecture 6: Logistic Regression & PyTorch for Deep Learning



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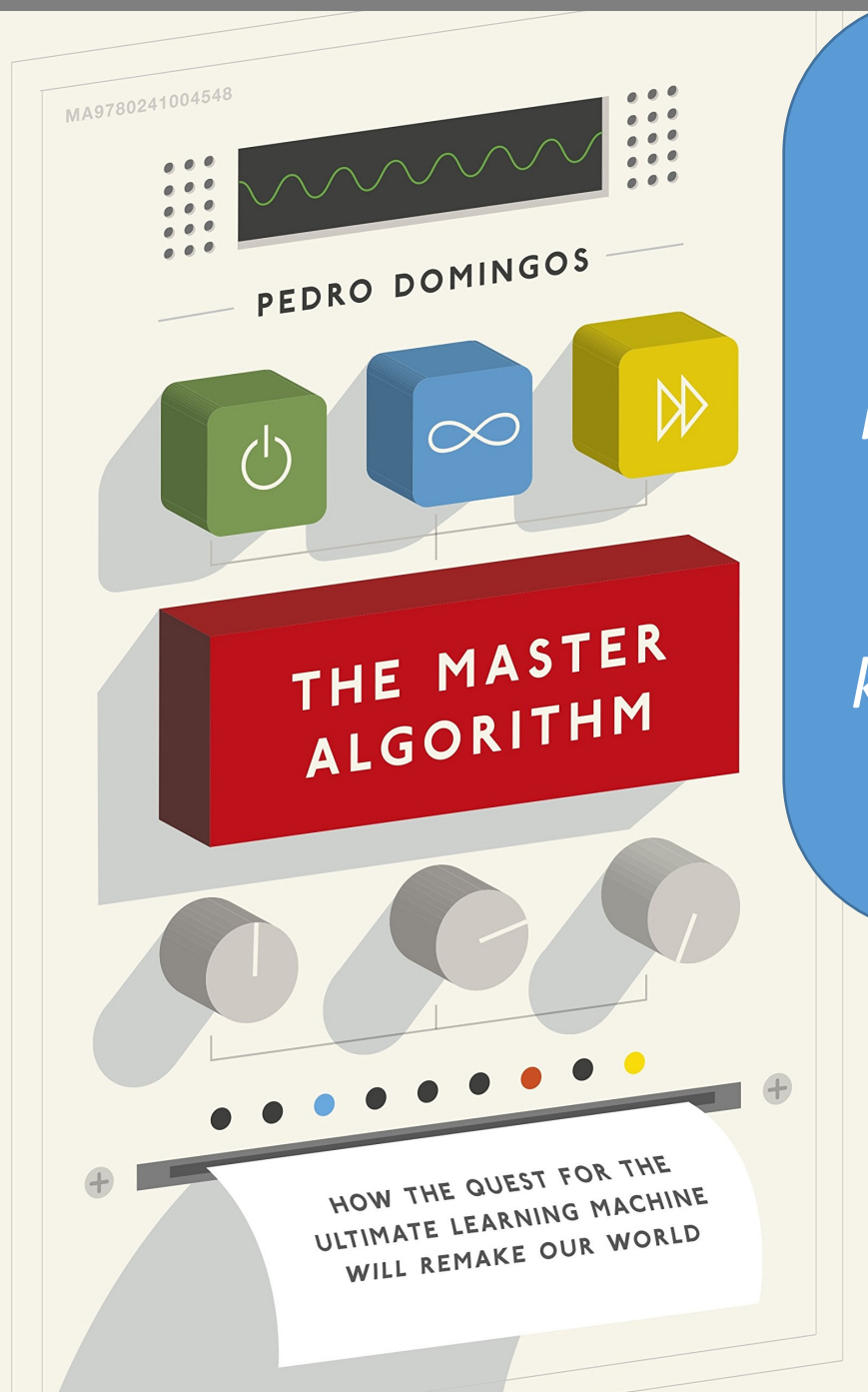
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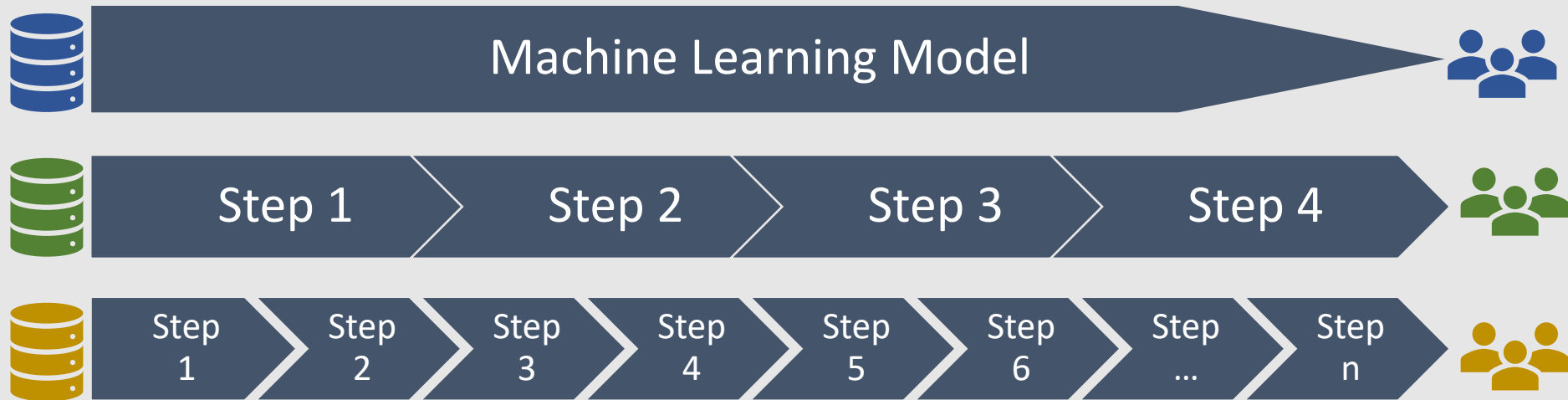
*Learning algorithms are the seeds, data is the soil, and the learned programs are the grown plants. The machine-learning expert is like a farmer, sowing the seeds, irrigating and fertilizing the soil, and keeping an eye on the health of the crop but otherwise staying out of the way.*



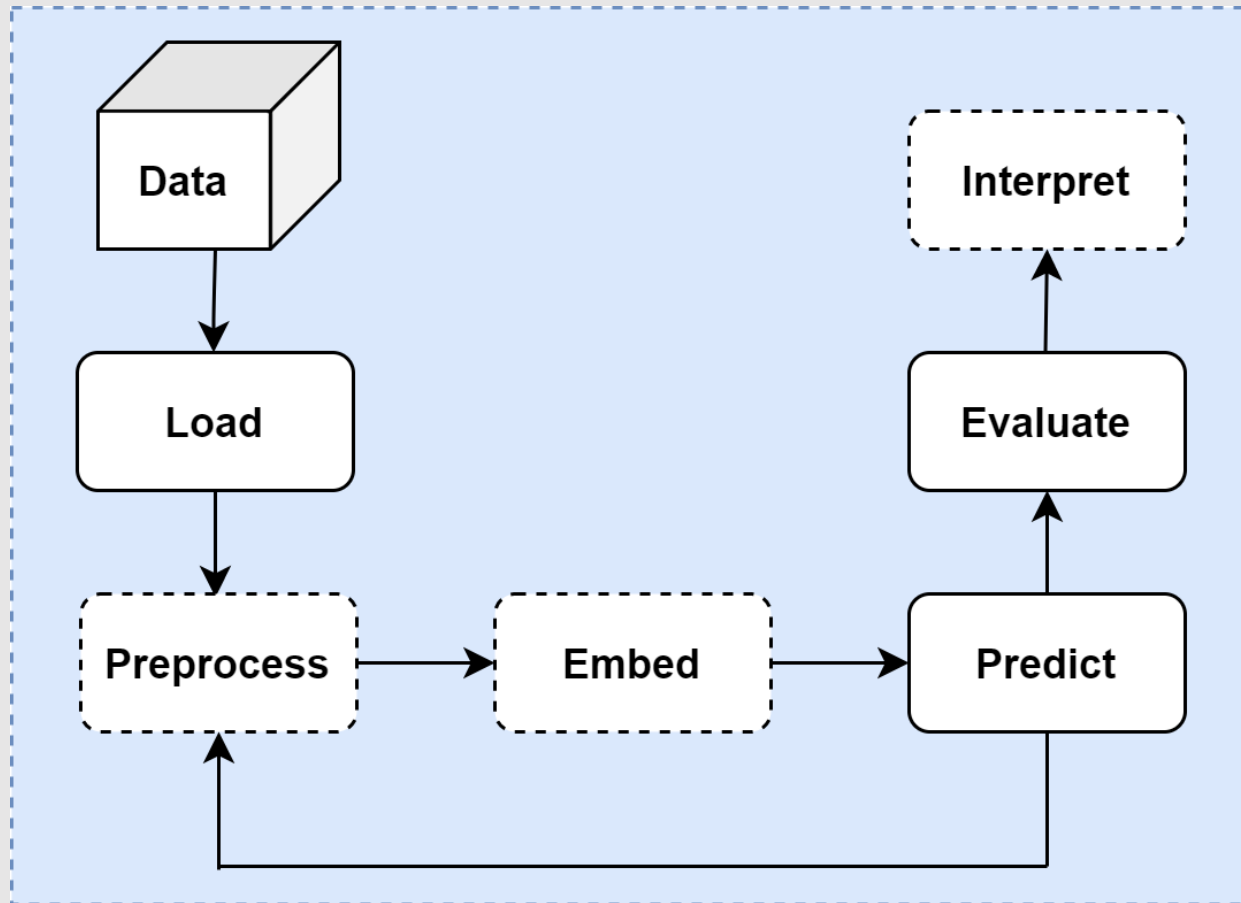
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# ML API without Standardization



# Machine Learning Pipeline

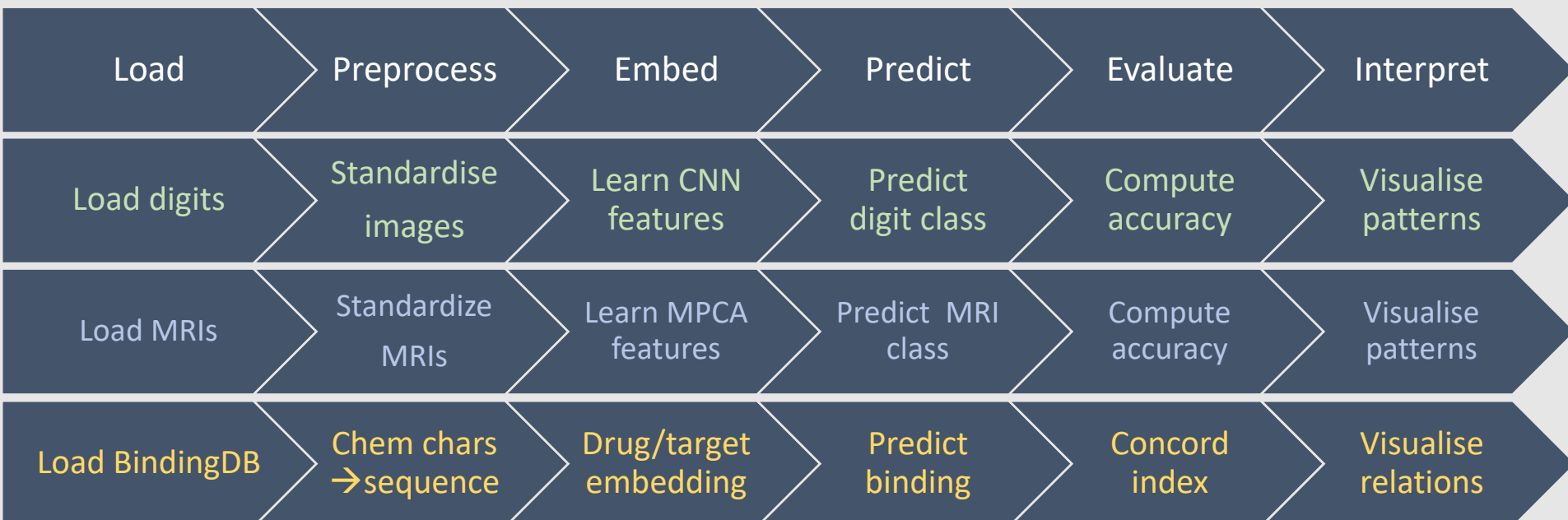


- PyKale: a library defined in this pipeline



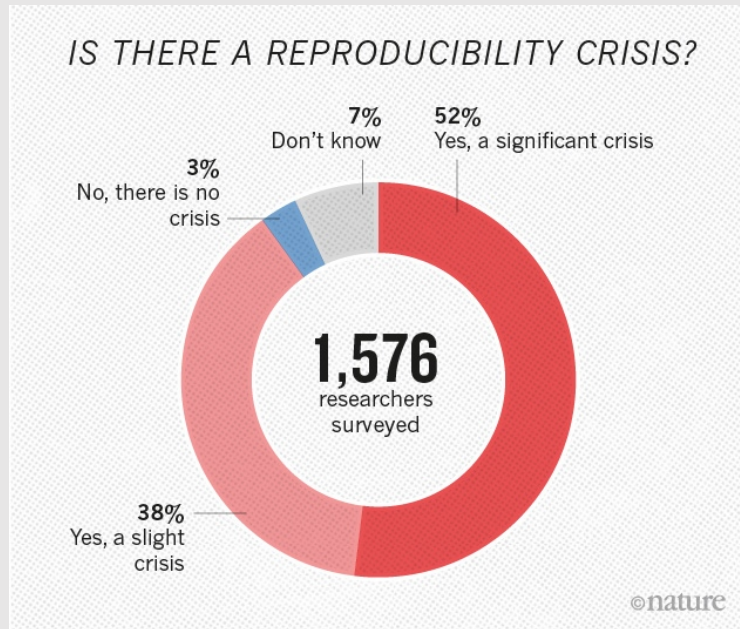
# Pipeline-based API in PyKale

- PyTorch library built by us (week 10):  
<https://github.com/pykale/pykale>

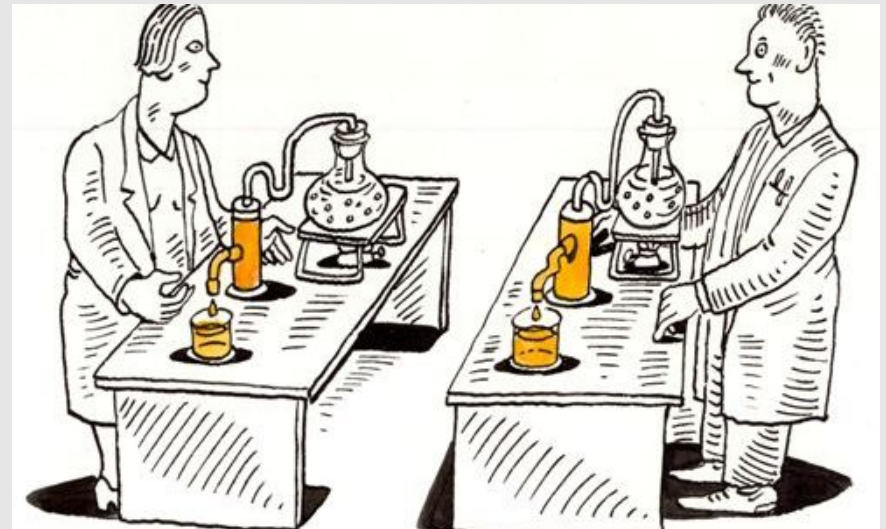




# Reproducibility → Trustworthy



<https://www.nature.com/news/1-500-scientists-lift-the-lid-on-reproducibility-1.19970>

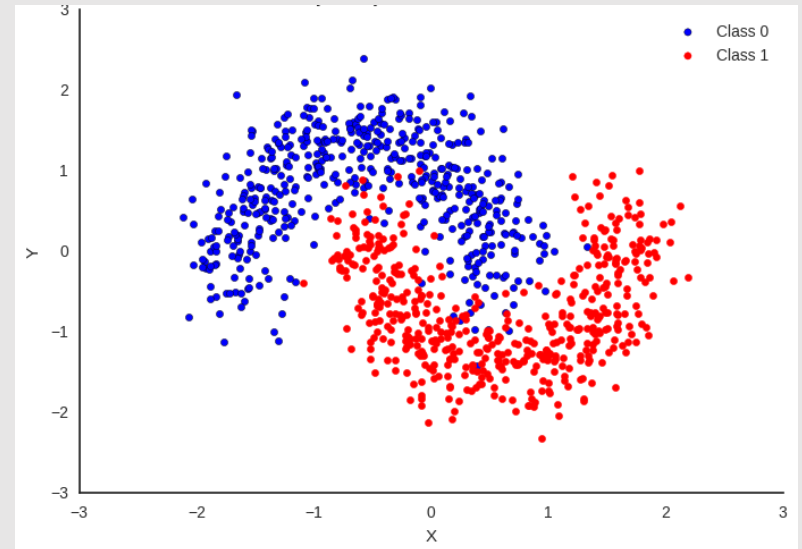
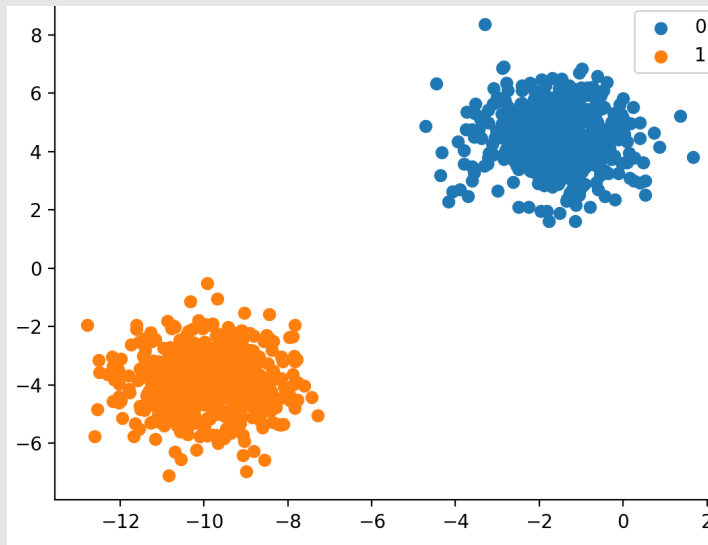


<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/pals/research/experimental-psychology/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/reproducibility-small-496x300.jpg>

- Reproducible machine learning
  - **Make it modular** to help understanding & tracing
  - **Keep a record** of all assumptions and settings
  - **Set a seed** when there is randomness

# Start Simple & Small

- The simplest prediction task: binary classification
  - Input (to predict from): feature vectors
  - Output (to predict): 0 or 1
  - Difficulty determined by the distribution of the input



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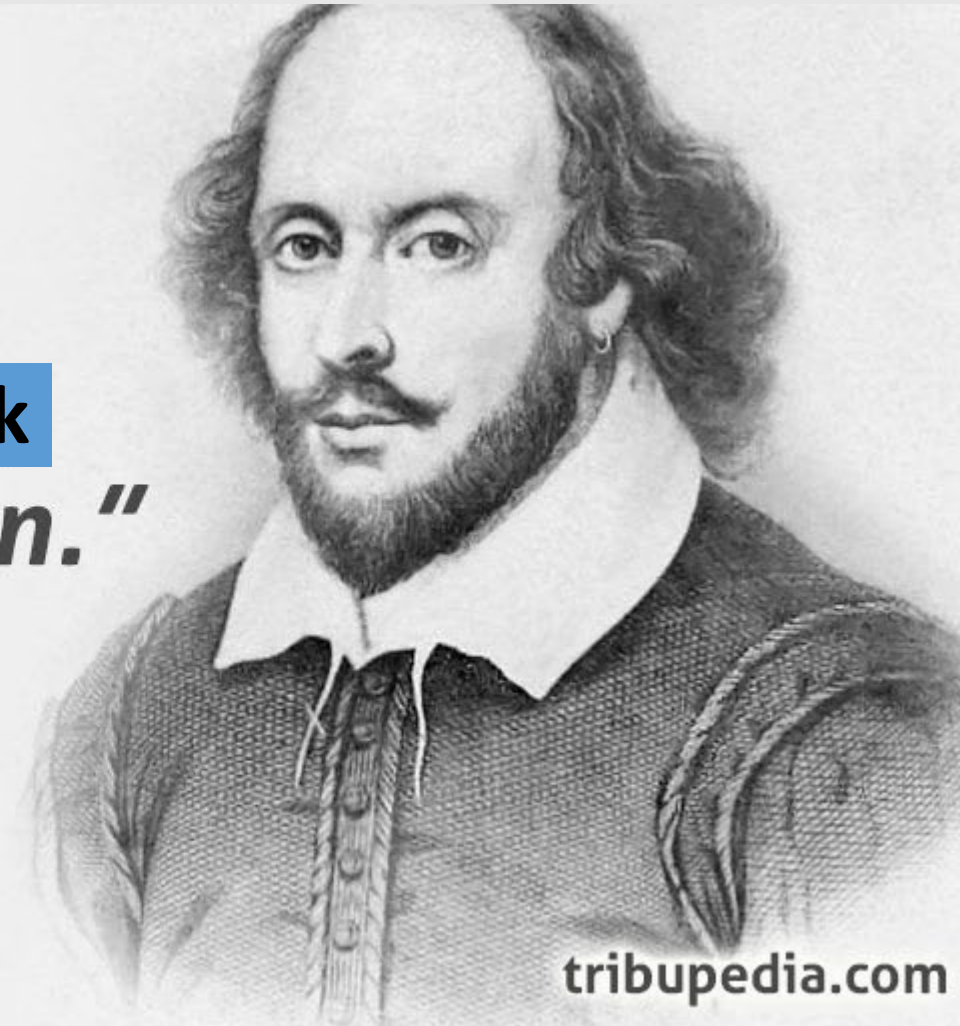
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# The Question



***"To click or not to click  
that is the question."***

*William Shakespeare*



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# Click-Through Rate (CTR) Prediction

- Estimating click probabilities: What is the probability that user  $i$  **will click** on ad  $j$ 
  - Not important just for ads:
    - Optimize search results
    - Suggest news articles
    - Recommend products
- Logistic regression is used by many internet companies, making lots of money for them
  - E.g., [Facebook \(\*Meta\*\) ad matching](#)

# A Binary Classification Problem

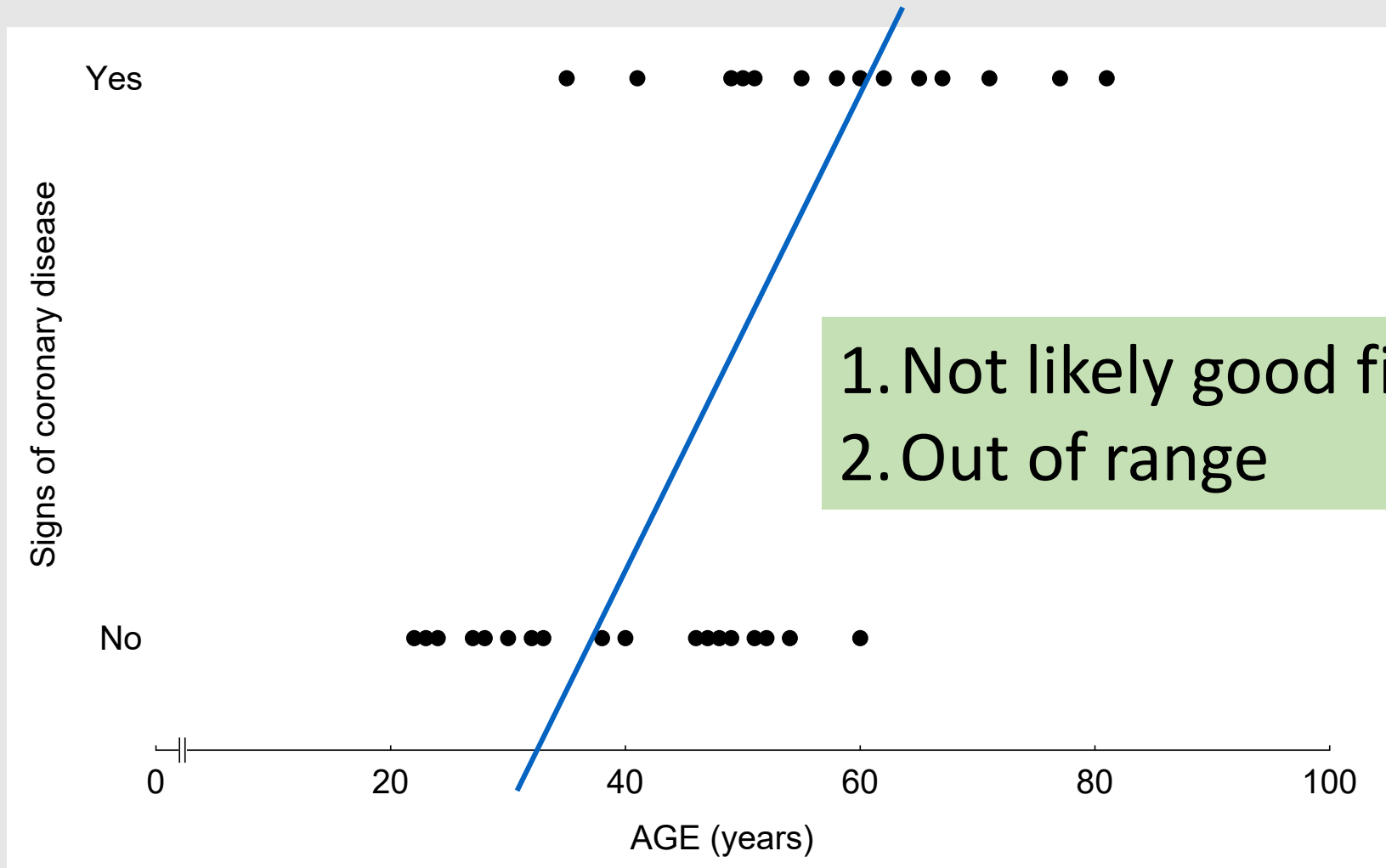
**Table 1: Age and signs of coronary heart disease (CD)**

Age	CD	Age	CD	Age	CD
22	0	40	0	54	0
23	0	41	1	55	1
24	0	46	0	58	1
27	0	47	0	60	1
28	0	48	0	60	0
30	0	49	1	62	1
30	0	49	0	65	1
32	0	50	1	67	1
33	0	51	0	71	1
35	1	51	1	77	1
38	0	52	0	81	1

Prediction question: a particular age  $\rightarrow$  CD

Linear regression?

# Dot-plot: Data from Table 1



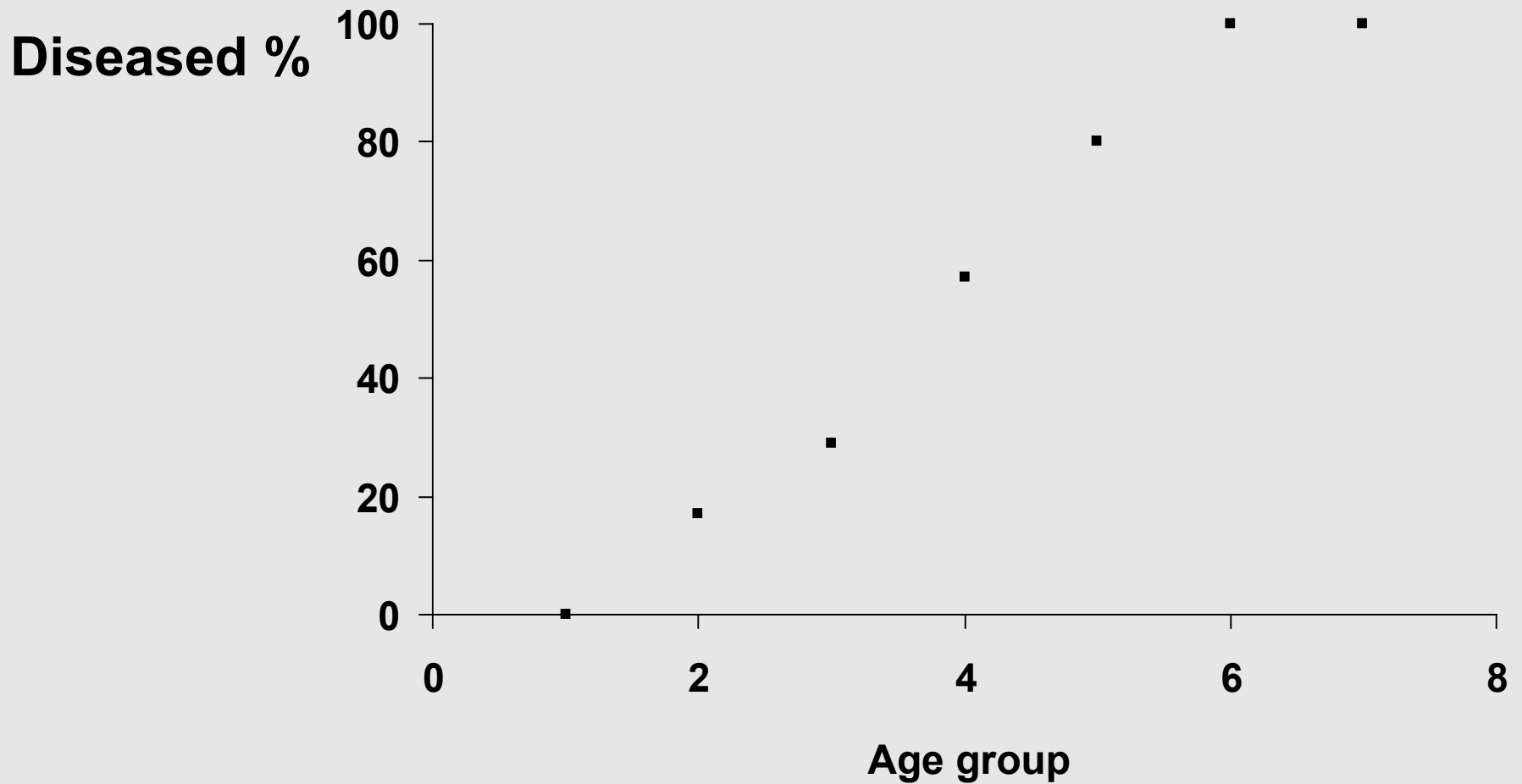
# Transform the Data → Probability

Table 2 Prevalence (%) of signs of CD according to age group

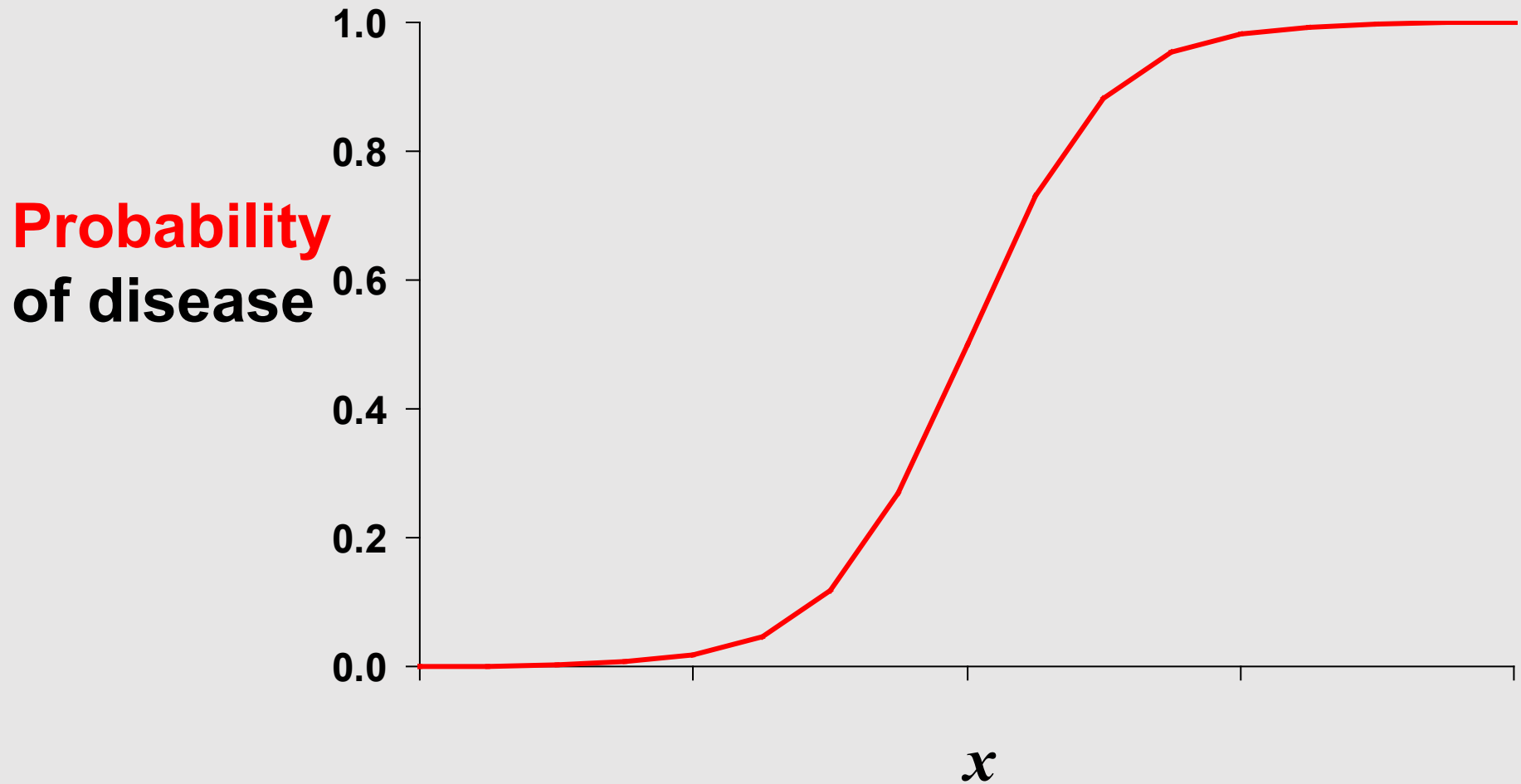
Age group	# in group	Diseased	
		#	%
20 - 29	5	0	0
30 - 39	6	1	17
40 - 49	7	2	29
50 - 59	7	4	57
60 - 69	5	4	80
70 - 79	2	2	100
80 - 89	1	1	100



# Dot-plot: Data from Table 2



# Logistic Function



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# Probabilistic Classification

- Training classifiers: estimating  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , or  $P(Y|X)$
- **Discriminative** classifiers
  - Assume some functional form for  $P(Y|X)$
  - Estimate parameters of  $P(Y|X)$  directly from training data
- **Generative** classifiers
  - Assume some functional form for  $P(X|Y)$ ,  $P(X)$
  - Estimate parameters of  $P(X|Y)$ ,  $P(X)$  directly from training data
  - Use Bayes rule to calculate  $P(Y|X = x_i)$

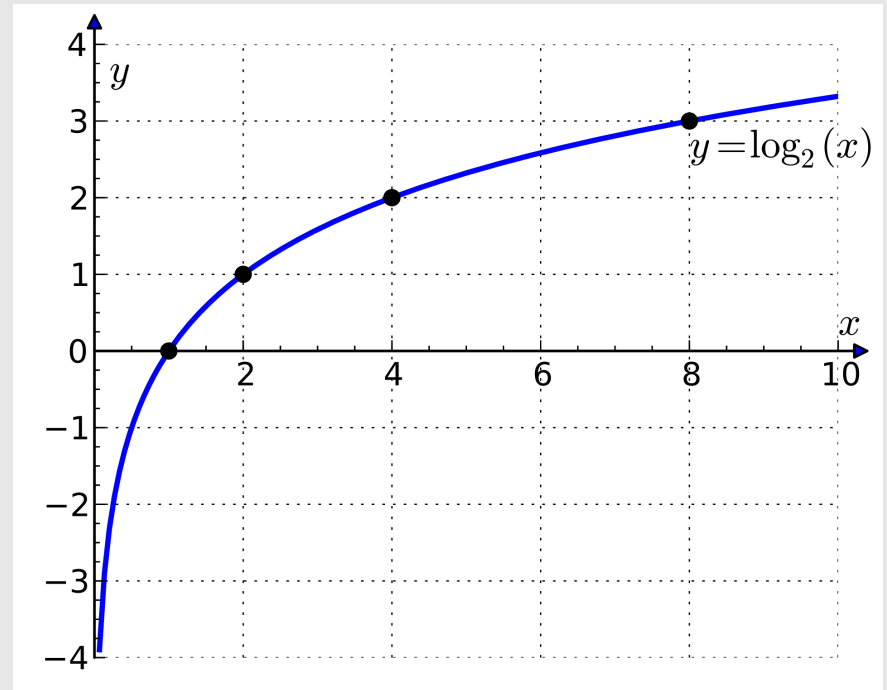
# Log Odds

- **Odds:** the ratio of  $\pi$ , the probability of a positive outcome  $P(y=1/\mathbf{x})$ , to  $(1-\pi)$ , the probability of a negative outcome  $P(y=0/\mathbf{x})$ .

$$\frac{\pi}{1 - \pi}$$

- Probability:  $[0, 1]$
- $\rightarrow$  Odds:  $[0, \infty]$
- $\rightarrow$  Log odds (**logit**):  $[-\infty, \infty]$

$$\text{logit}(\pi) = \log \frac{\pi}{1 - \pi}$$



# Logit Function → Logistic Function

- Linear **regression** on **logit** function = logistic *regression*

$$\text{logit}(\pi) = \log \frac{\pi}{1 - \pi} = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + \dots$$

- More generally, we can use **basis function** as

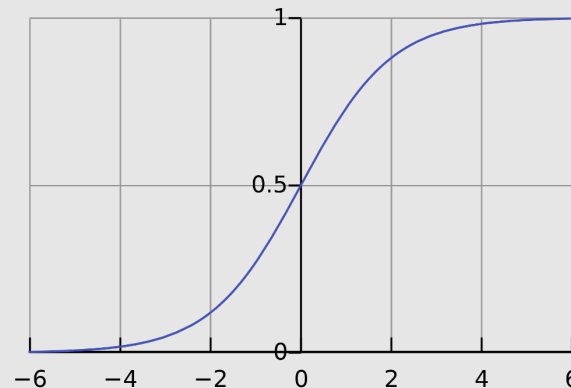
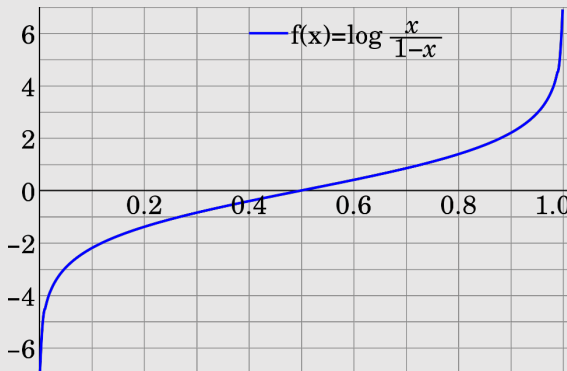
$$\text{logit}(\pi) = \log \frac{\pi}{1 - \pi} = \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}) = w_0 + w_1 \phi(x_1) + \dots$$

In the following, we use the simpler first form above

- Logistic function (**sigmoid**)= inverse of logit

$$P(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}) = \text{logit}^{-1}(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}) = \text{logistic}(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}}}$$

- Exercise:** verify the odds using the above equation



# How to Estimate $\mathbf{w}$ ? (Learning algo)

- Assumption: Conditional independence of data

- $\rightarrow$  Likelihood: 
$$P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i)$$

- Bernoulli distribution for binary classification

- $P(y=1) = \pi$  ;  $P(y=0) = 1 - \pi$  (coin flipping)
- Write the above as a single equation: using  $y$  as a switch

$$P(y) = \pi^y (1 - \pi)^{(1-y)} \quad \pi_i = P(y_i = 1|\mathbf{x}_i)$$

- Log likelihood (negative log likelihood  $\rightarrow$  cross entropy)

$$\log P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log P(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log \pi_i + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \pi_i)$$

- MLE: no closed form solution

$\rightarrow$  SGD on negative log likelihood (minimisation)

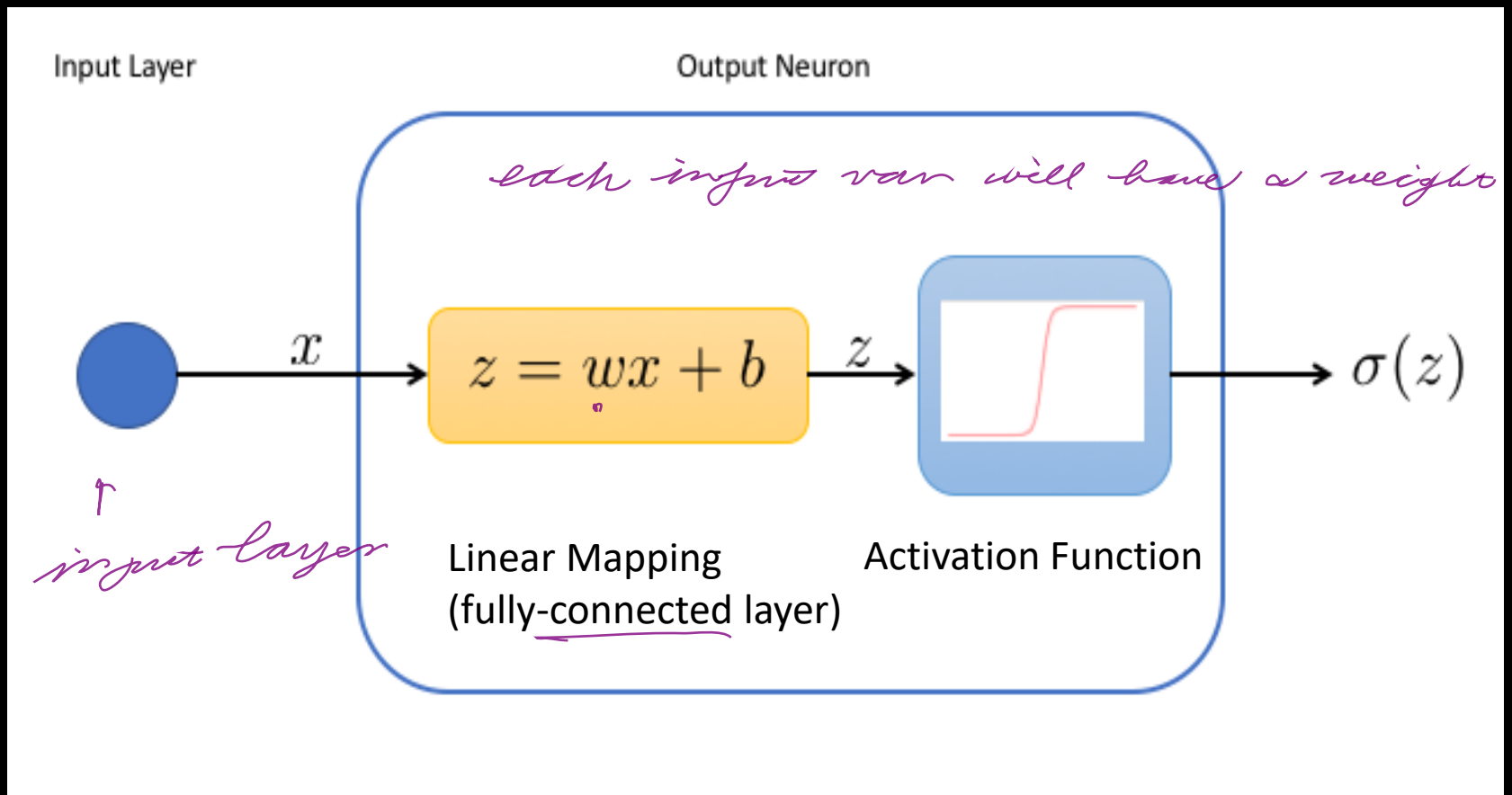
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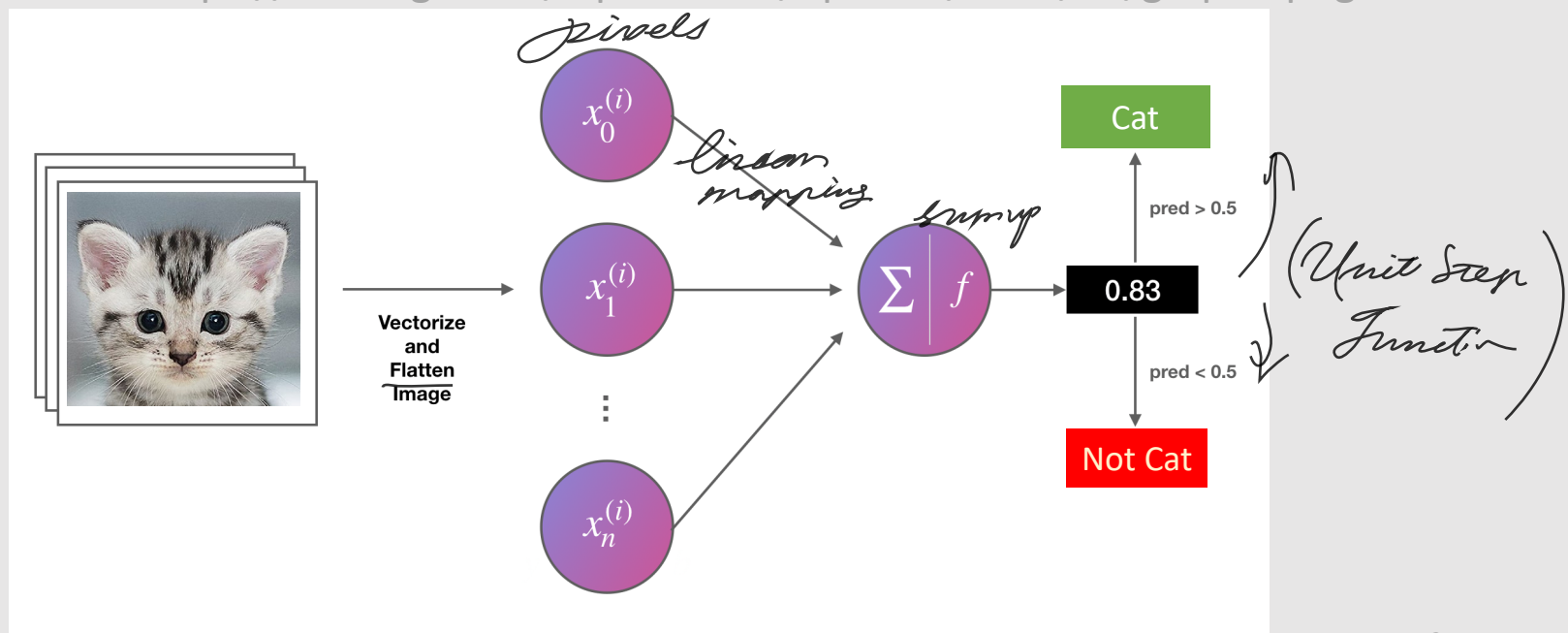
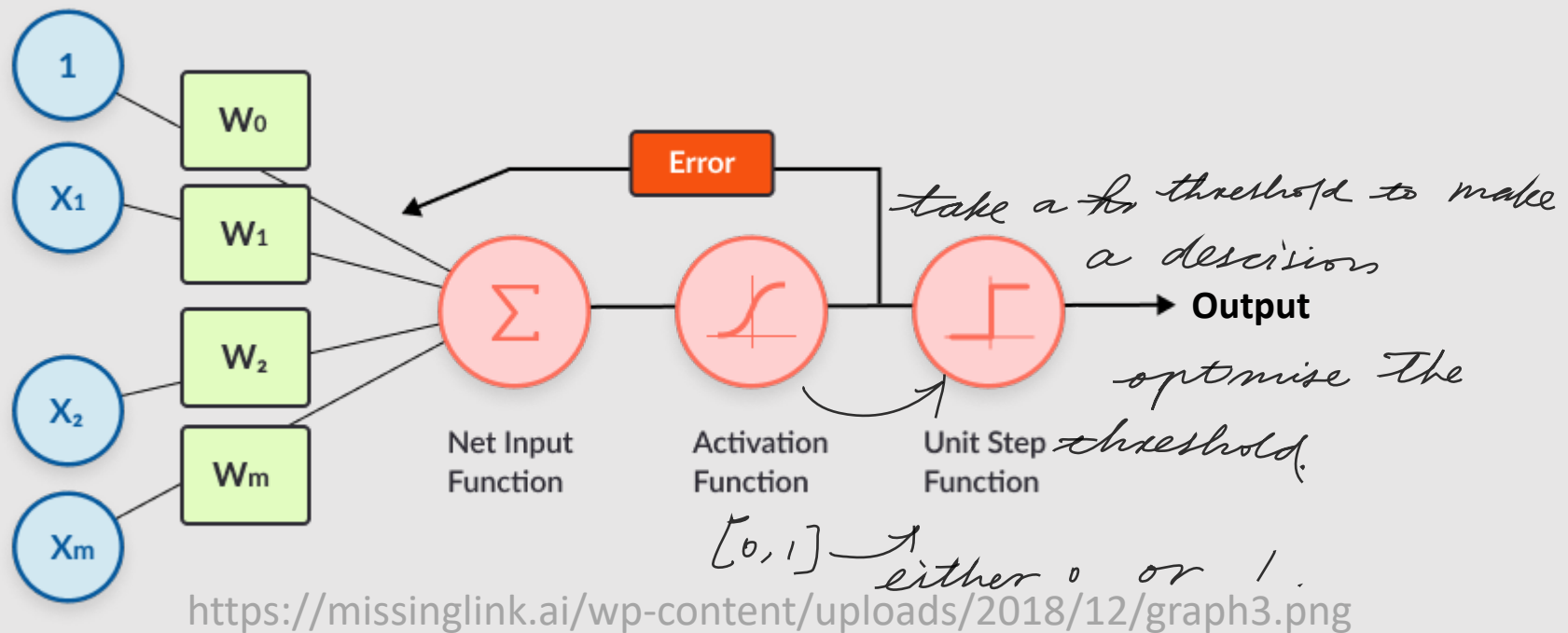


# Logistic Regression Ingredients

- **Data:** + pre-processing, e.g.,  $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$
- **Model**
  - Structure/Architecture: linear relationship
$$P(y = 1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}}}$$
  - **Hyper-parameter:** no (unless + regularisation)
  - Parameters (theta): weights and bias
- Evaluation metric: max likelihood (min NLL)
- Optimisation: SGD or the like



## Logistic Regression – The Simplest Neural Network



# Multiclass Classification

A B C  
 + -  
 positive negative

Cat Dog, Donkey

positive / negative

- A simple way: one-vs-rest logistic regression *classes files*
  - Run binary classification for all possible classes
  - Pick the one with the highest value *drawback: do it many times → not smart*
- More mathematical: multinomial logistic regression, also known as **softmax** *summation; quite simple*
  - Generalise logistic regression to multiple classes
    - Binomial → multinomial distribution
  - *multiple for sigmoid function.* Sigmoid function → softmax function
  - A linear classifier for multiple classes

check: { multinomial distri...  
 ...  
 regression.

# Summary on Logistic Regression (LR)

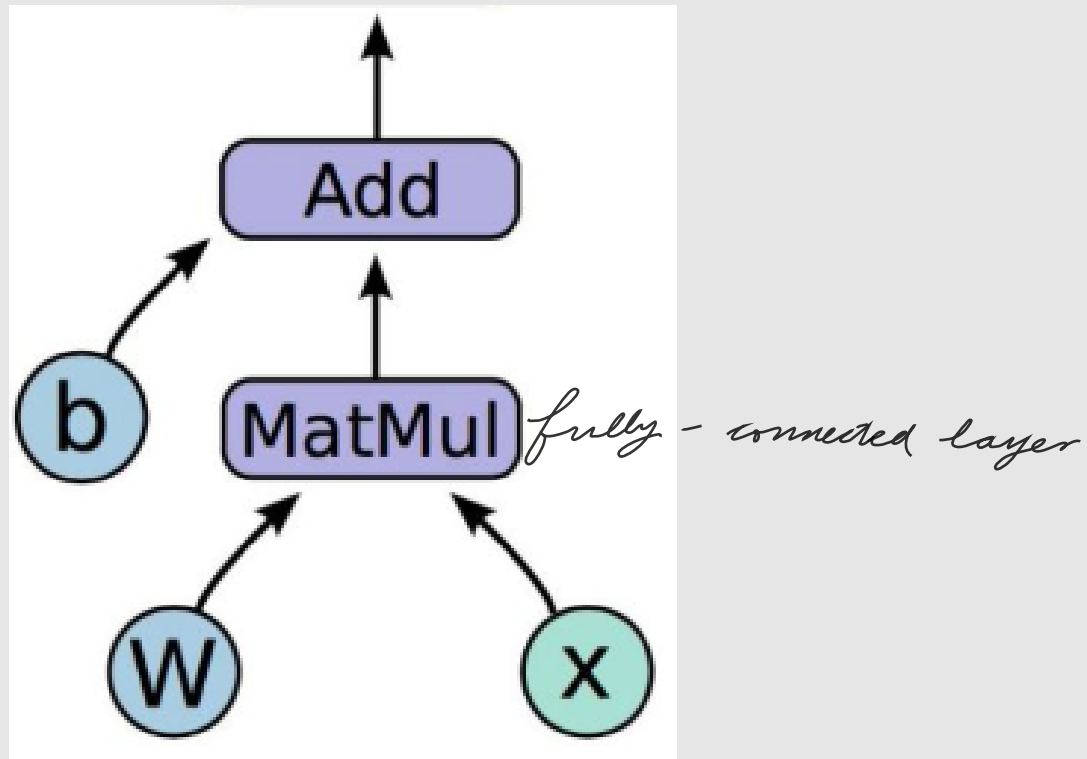
- **Discriminative** classifiers directly model the likelihood  $P(Y/X)$
- A simple **linear** classifier that retains a **probabilistic** semantics (see lab)
- Parameters in LR are learned by **iterative** optimization (e.g. SGD), no closed-form solution
- The simplest neural network

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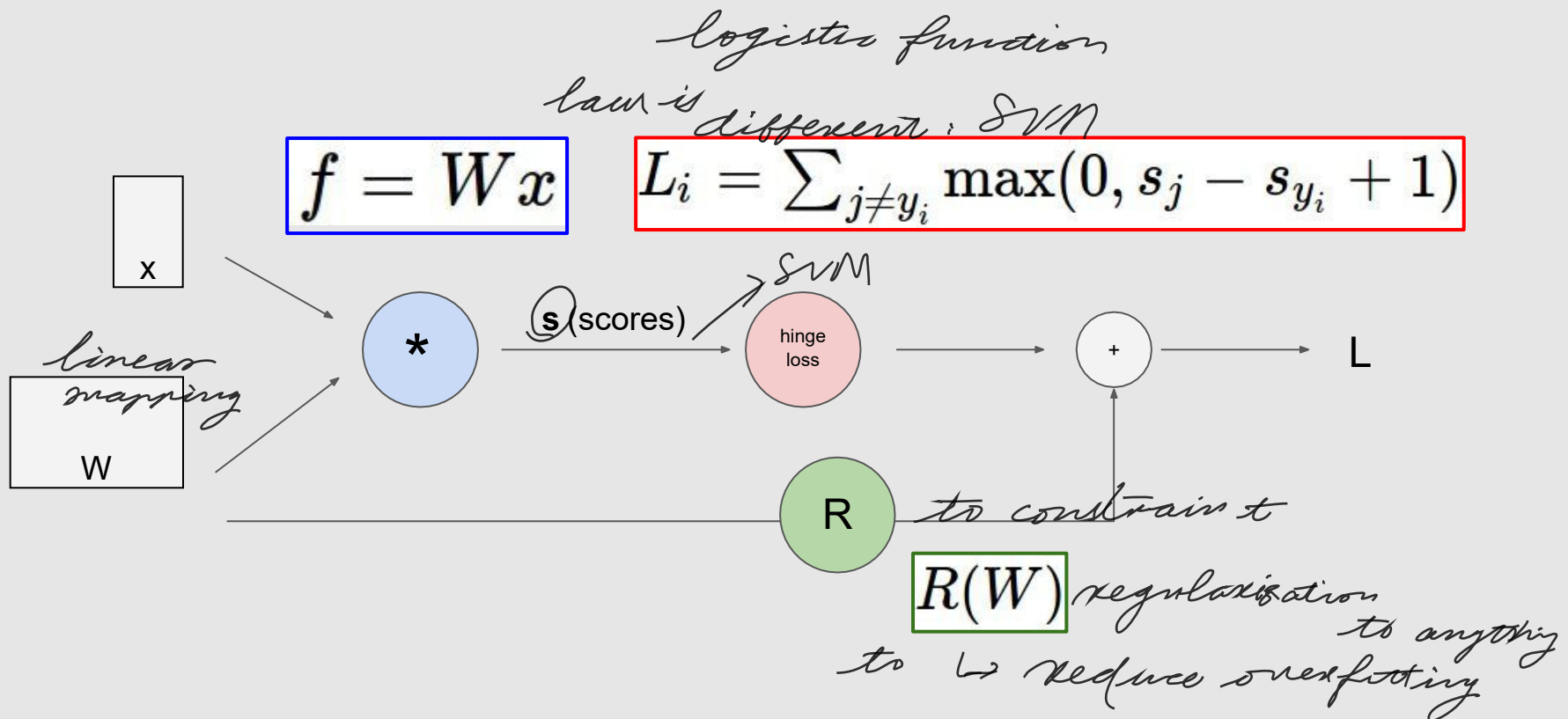
- Linear regression  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$  *to solve*



Source: Nelson Liu: <https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1iLtGFDpnIuHj5B0rQDGG5lqq6BQ8FRh>

# Computational Graph: w/t Reg.

*different laws → different classification functions*



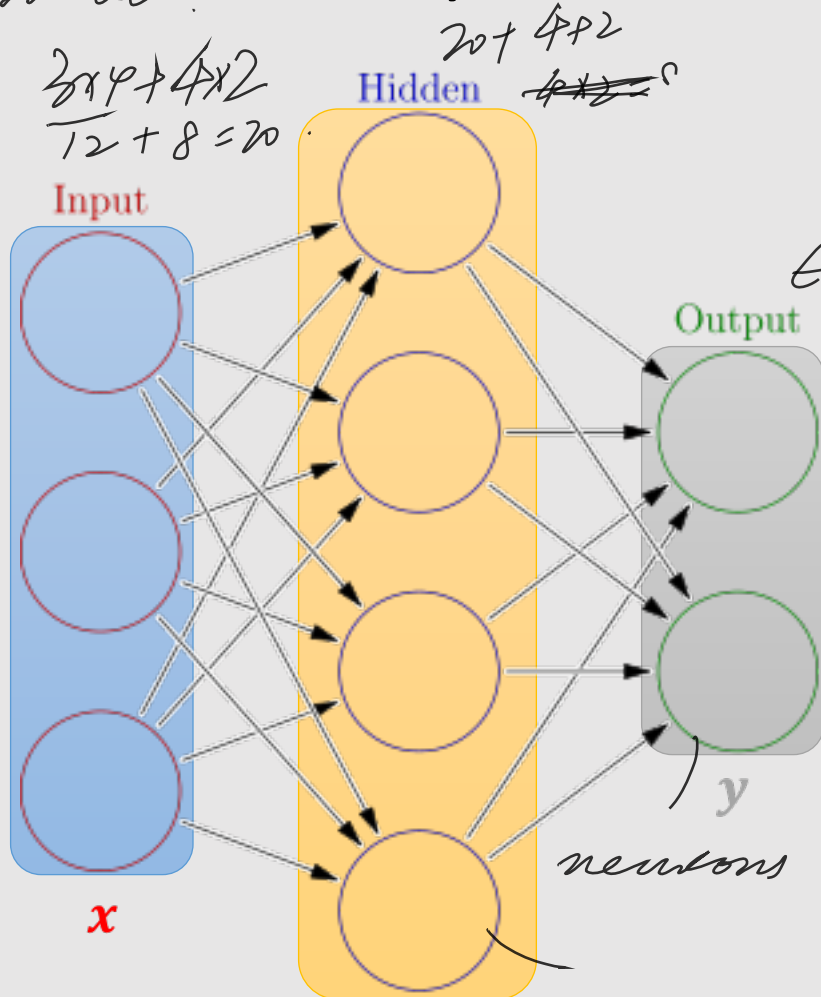
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# Multilayer Perceptron (NN) vs LR

Model 1:



$\in [0, 1]$

building block

Sigmoid

Weights

$$h = \sigma(W_1 x + b_1)$$

map infinity to  $[0, 1]$

$$y = \sigma(W_2 h + b_2)$$

Activation functions



**Question:**  
How many model parameters?

$h \rightarrow$  activation function

$$[3 \times 4] + [4 \times 2] = 20 \text{ weights}$$

$$4 + 2 = 6 \text{ biases}$$

26 learnable parameters

4 + 2 = 6 neurons (not counting inputs)

**THAT'S NOT ENOUGH**



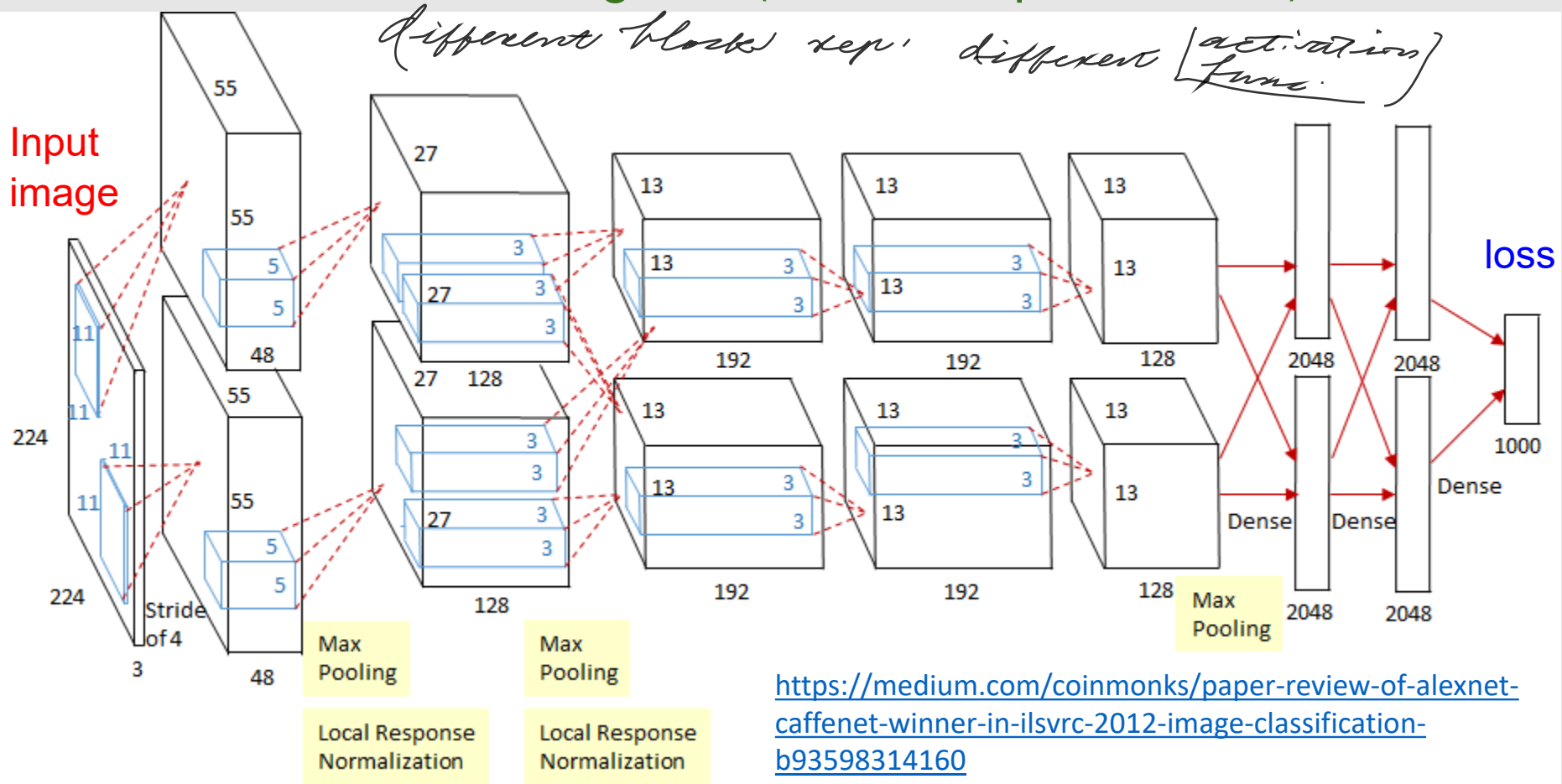
**WE HAVE TO GO DEEPER**

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# Computational Graph: DL

Weights (60 million parameters)



# ImageNet I

Fancy feature  
extraction

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Logistic  
Regression!

Dataset: 1.2 million /representation 1000 cl

CNN for Image Clas Alex Krizhevsky, S

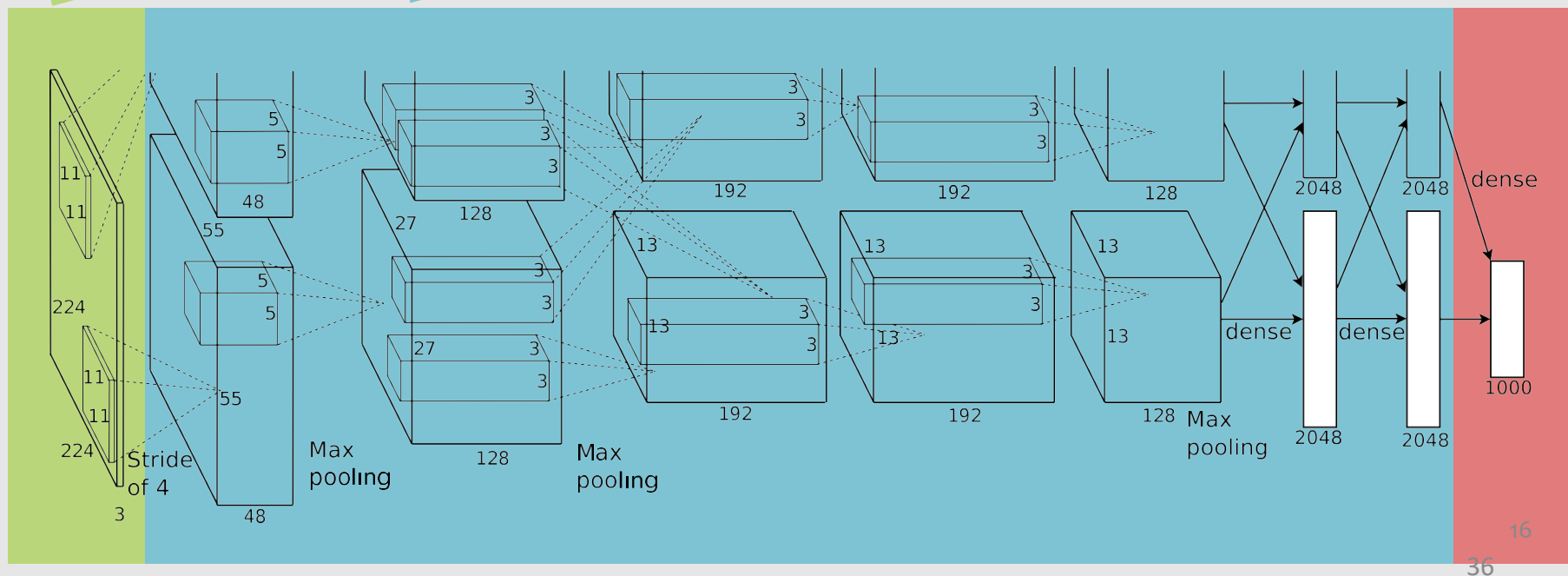
Hinton, 2011) → 17.5% error

Softmax: sigmoid  
for multiclass

Input  
image  
(pixels)

- Five convolutional layers (w/max-pooling)
- Three fully connected layers

1000-way  
softmax



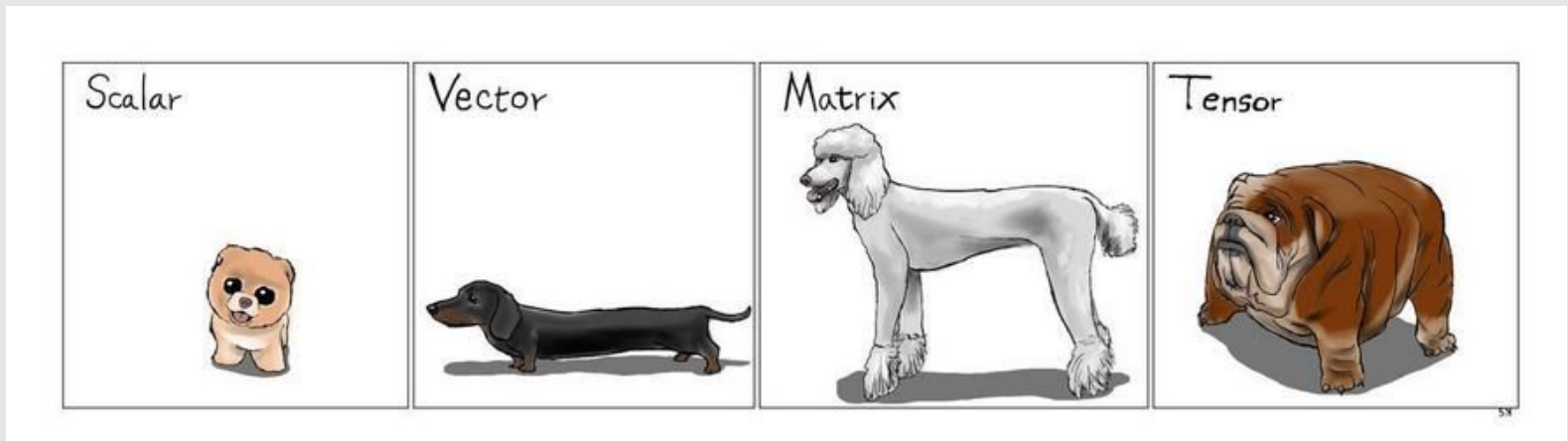
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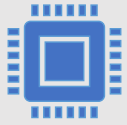


# PyTorch

- An open source deep learning library by Facebook
  - **Tensor** computing with GPU acceleration
  - Deep neural networks built on autodiff
- **torch.Tensor**
  - multidimensional data structures/arrays for programming
  - Scalar: 0-D tensor; Vector: 1-D tensor; Matrix: 2-D tensor



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# Key Modules in PyTorch

- **torch.autograd**
  - Automatic differentiation. A recorder records what operations have performed, and then it replays it backward to compute the gradients.
- **torch.optim**
  - Implementation of various optimization algorithms used for building neural networks (and other ML algorithms).
- **torch.nn**
  - High-level definition of the **computational graphs (architecture)** of complex neural networks (and other ML algorithms)

# Dynamic Computational Graph

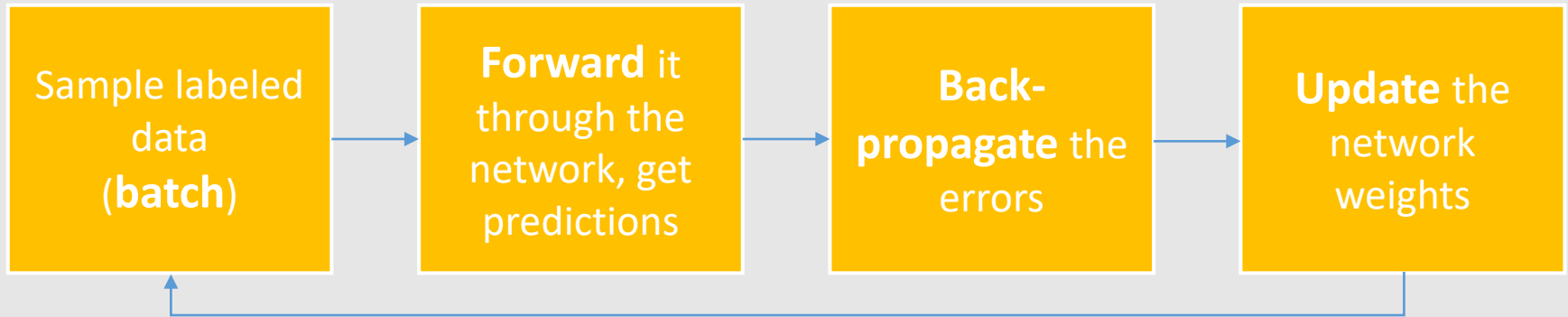
A graph is created on the fly

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x = torch.randn(1, 10)
prev_h = torch.randn(1, 20)
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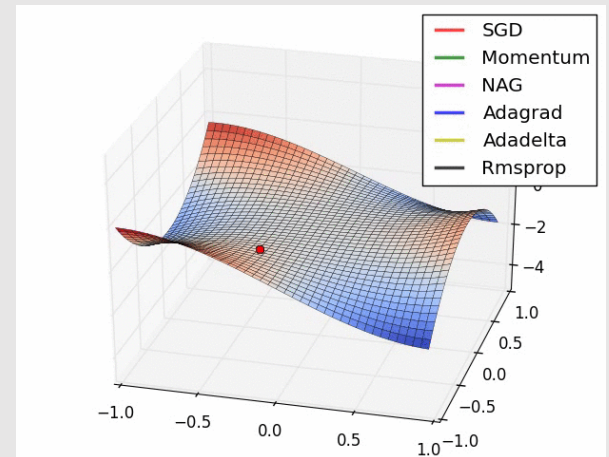
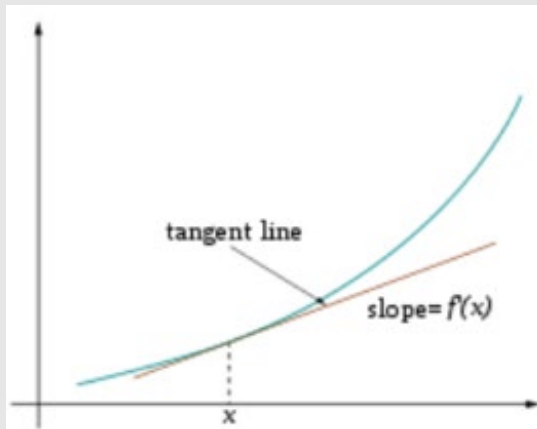




# Training



Optimize (min. or max.) **objective/cost function  $J(\theta)$**   
Generate **error signal** that measures difference between predictions and target values



Use error signal to change the **weights** and get more accurate predictions  
Subtracting a fraction of the **gradient** moves you towards the **(local) minimum of the cost function**

<https://medium.com/@ramrajchandradevan/the-evolution-of-gradient-descend-optimization-algorithm-4106a6702d39>

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## Recommended Reading

- [Notes Logistic Regression by Andrew Ng](#)
- Wikipedia entries on topics, e.g. multiclass classification, softmax, multinomial logistic regression,
- PyTorch documentations
- The lab notebook and references