

# SCC.222: Artificial Intelligence Concepts

## Week 8: Multi-Layer Perceptron and Basic Neural Networks

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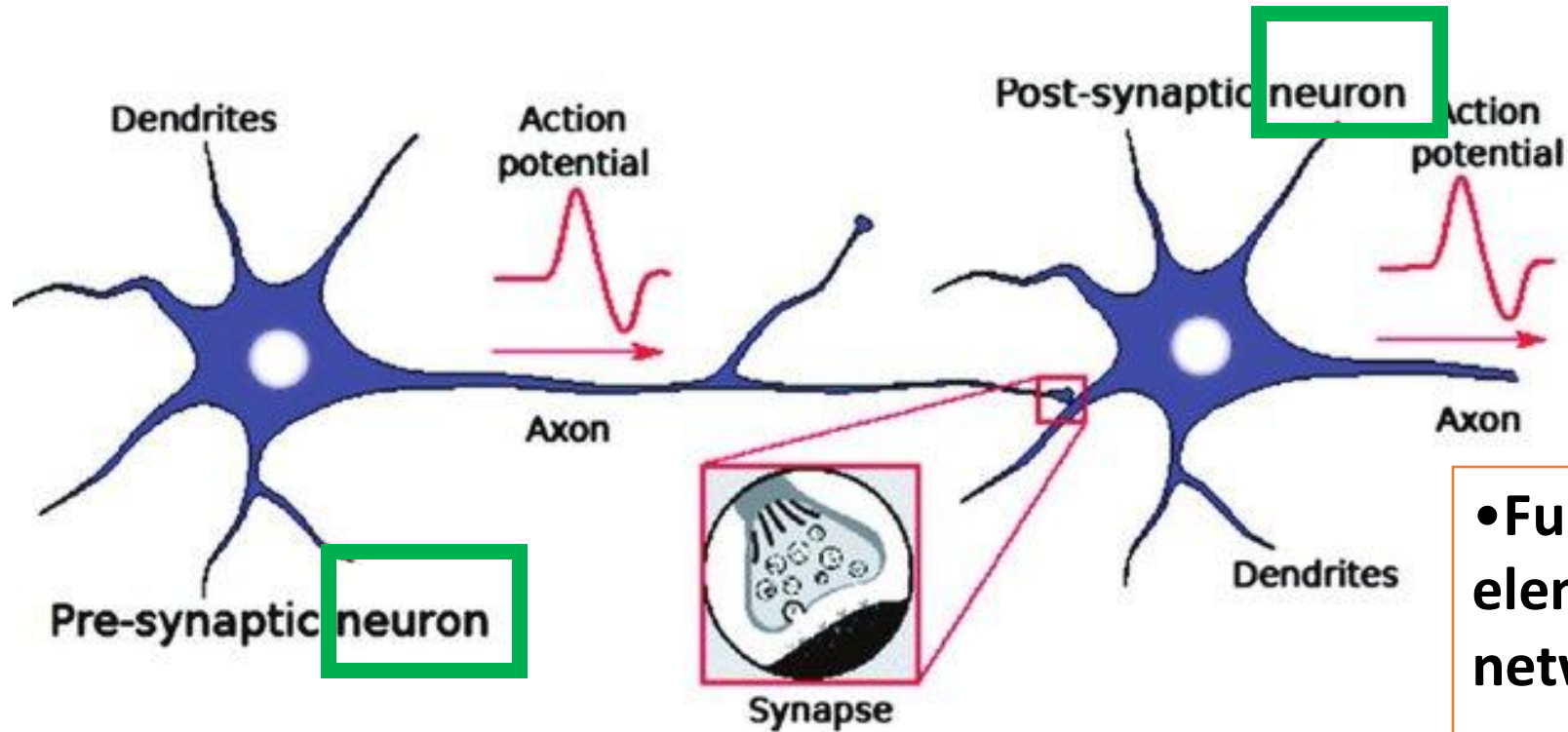


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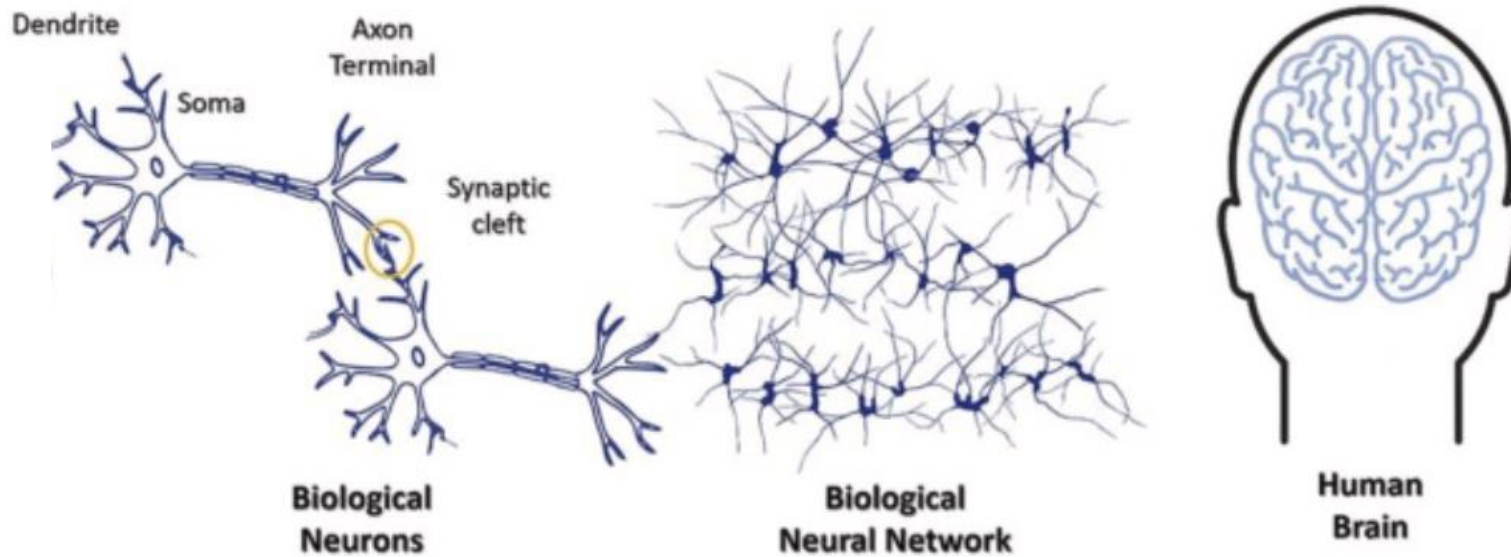
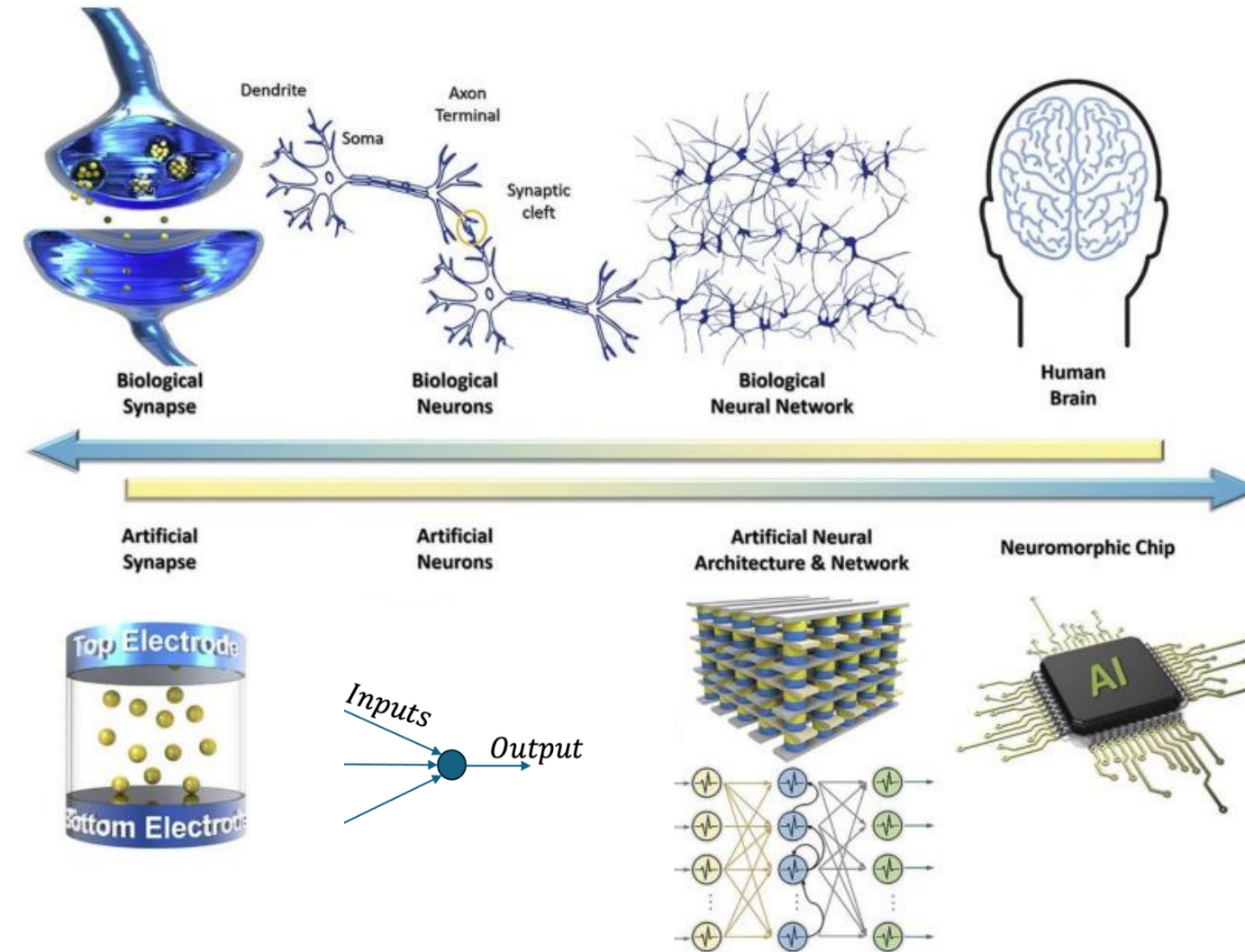


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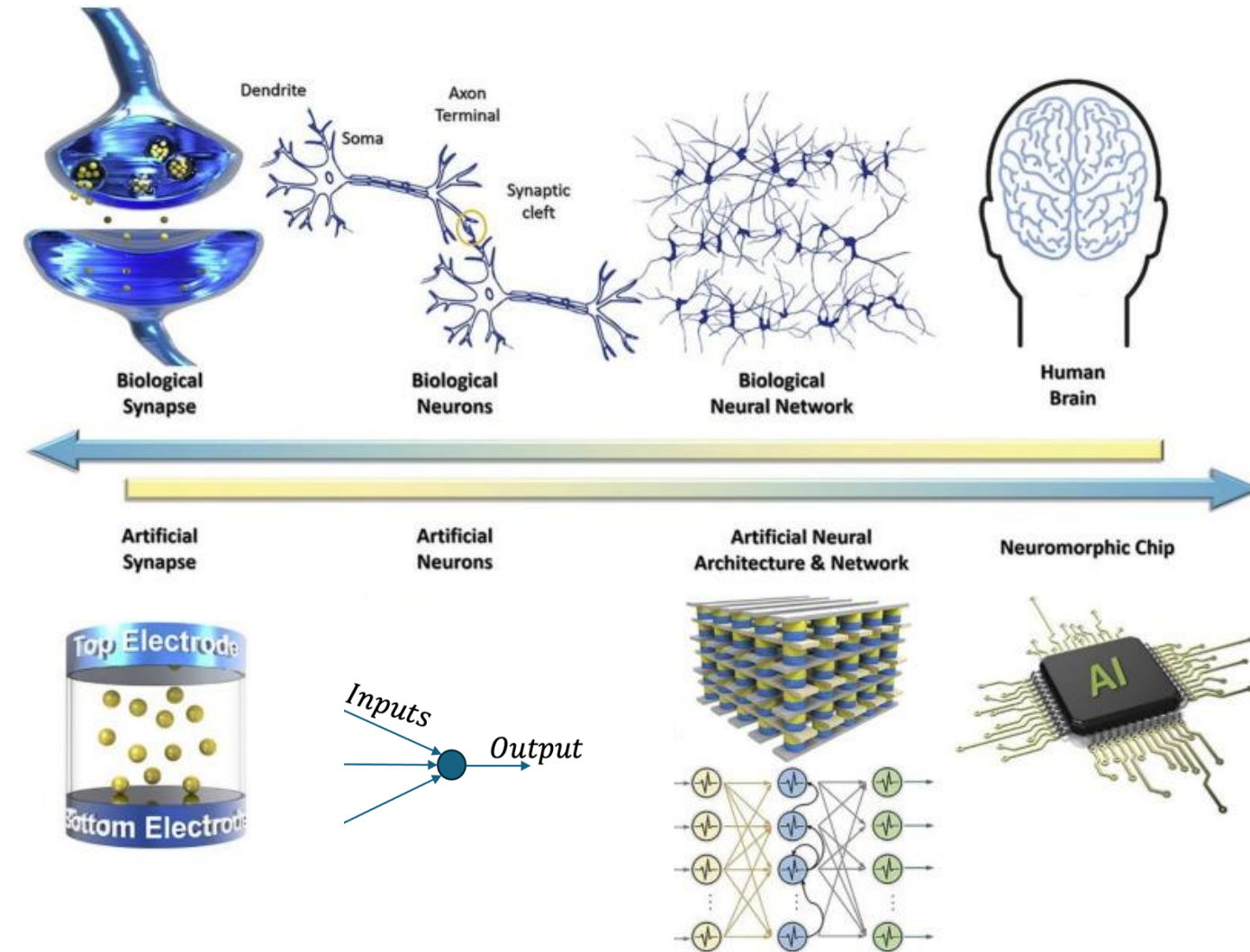
# Biological Neural Network - > Artificial Neural Network



- **Neural Network (NN)** is a biologically motivated approach to machine learning.
- **NN's similarities *w.r.t* biological neural network:**
  - NN's fundamental processing elements are also **neurons**
  - NN also receives inputs from other sources, then combines them in someway, and finally outputs the final result.

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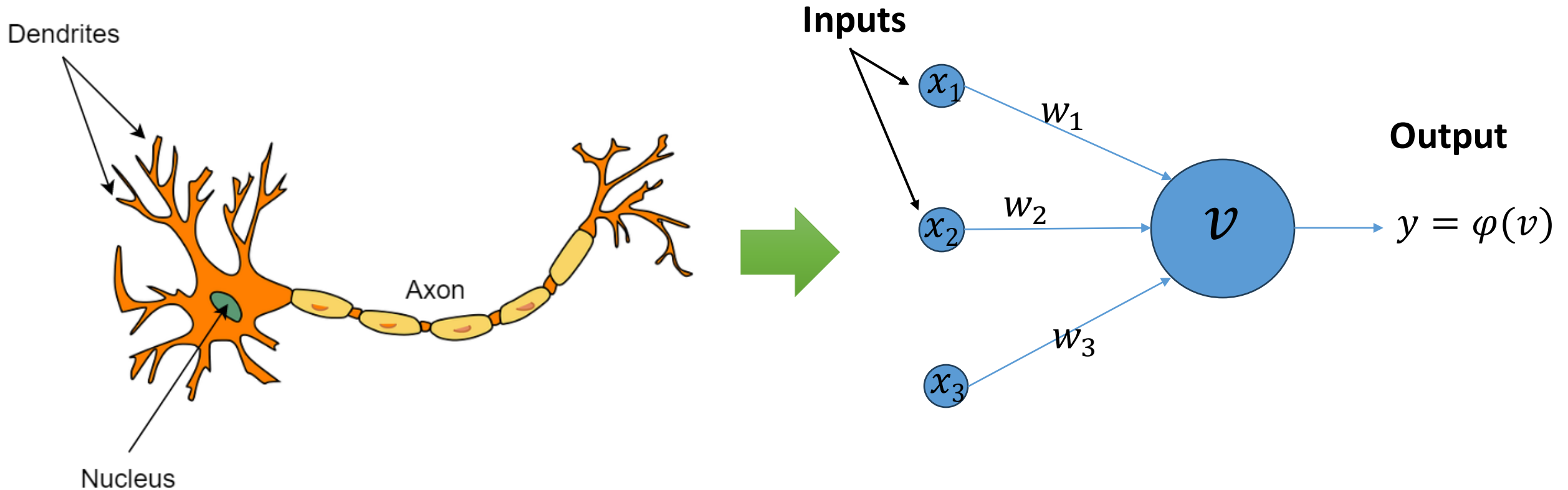


- NN tries to mimic human brains.
- NNs are quite hot in 80s and early 90s; Popularity diminished in late 90s.  
*(Do you know why?)*
- Resurgence in the past 10 years: state-of-the-art techniques for many applications.
- NNs are not nearly as complex as the actual human brain structure.

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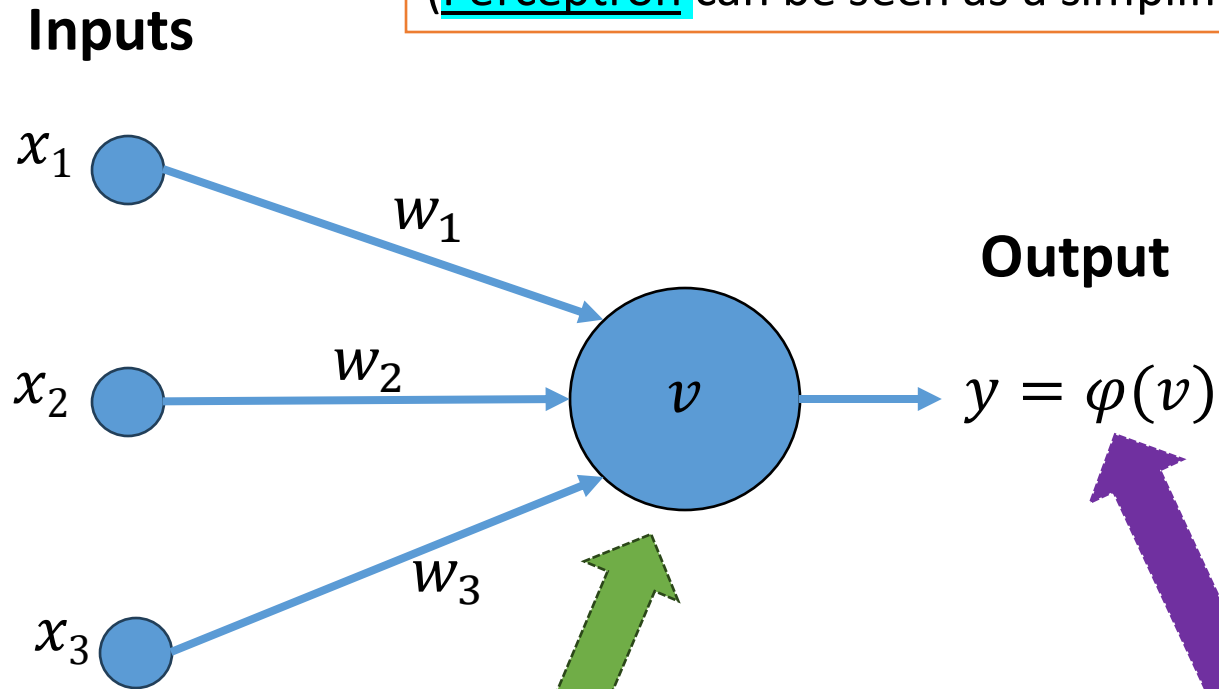
# Neuron



NN's fundamental processing elements are also **neurons**.

# Perceptron

➤ In machine learning, we call the neuron as **perceptron**.  
(**Perceptron** can be seen as a simplified model of a **biological neuron**).

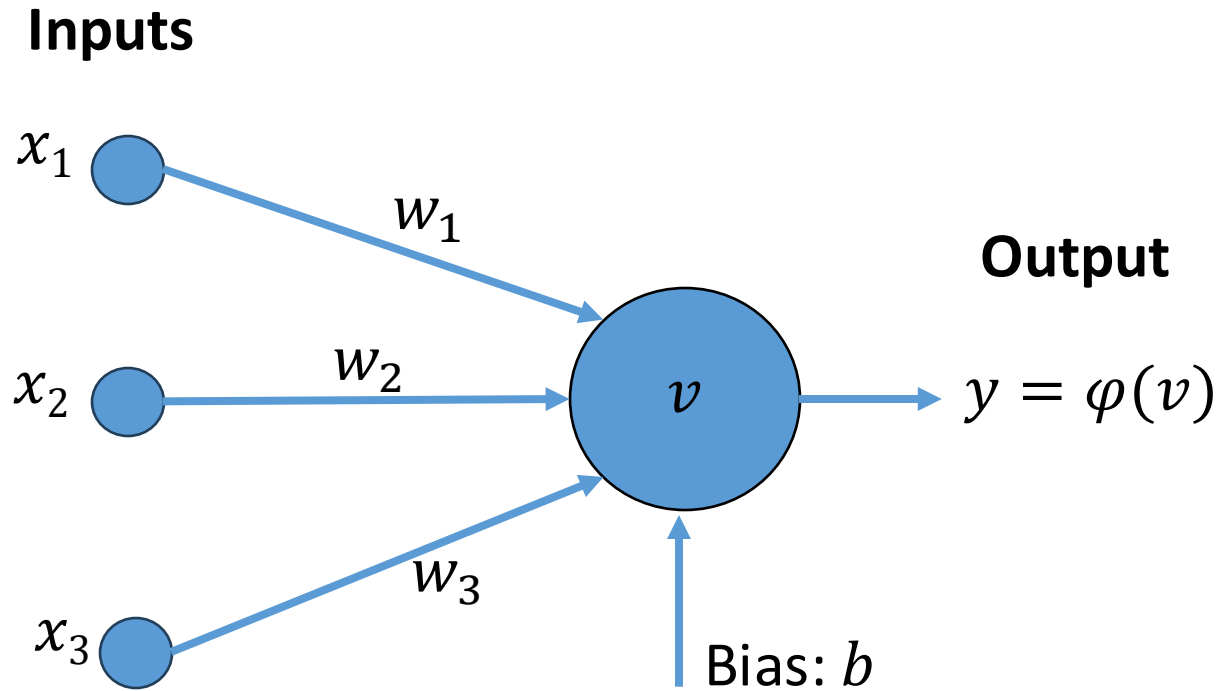


Linear Function (combining inputs):  $v = \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i * w_i$

Activation Function (doing some additional operations):  $\varphi(v)$



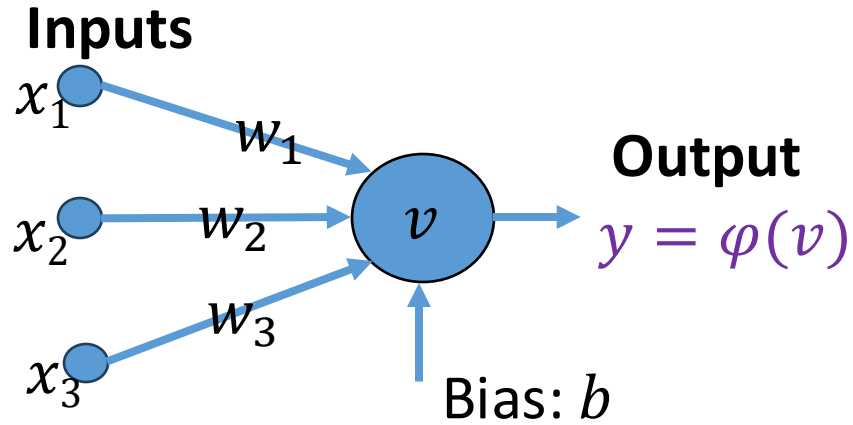
# Perceptron



$w_1, w_2, w_3$  and  $b$  are called ***network weights*** (or ***network parameters***).

Linear Function: 
$$v = \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i * w_i + b$$

# Activation Function $\varphi(v)$



We can choose different types of activation functions, based on application requirements.

## ➤ Linear

$$\text{Linear}(x) = x$$

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2. What is the range of output

## ➤ Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)

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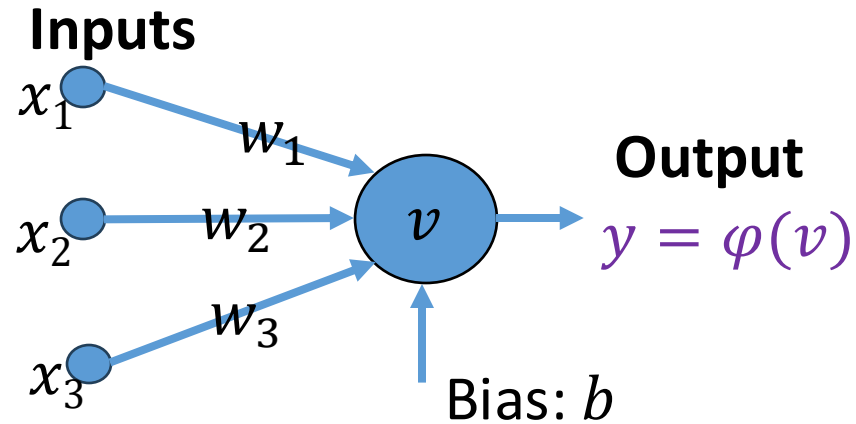
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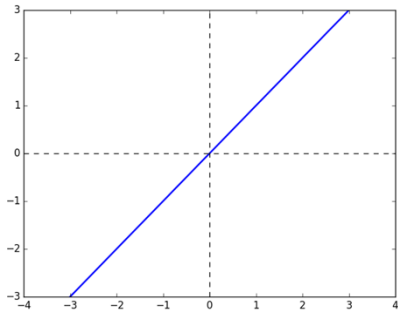


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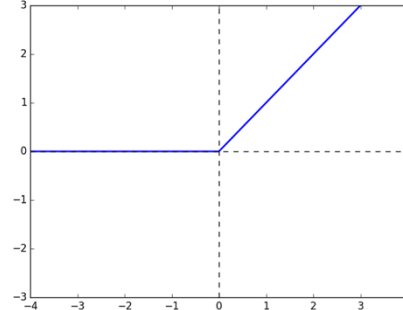


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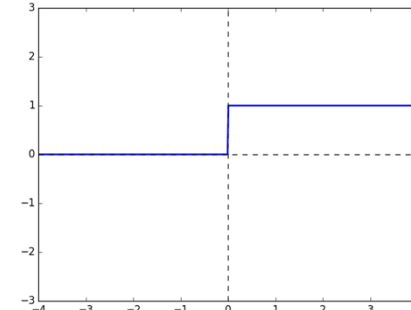


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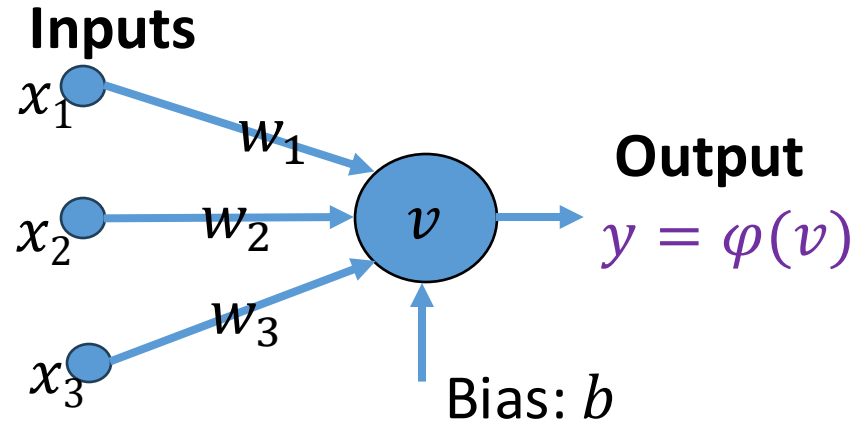
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2. What is the range of output  
0 or 1

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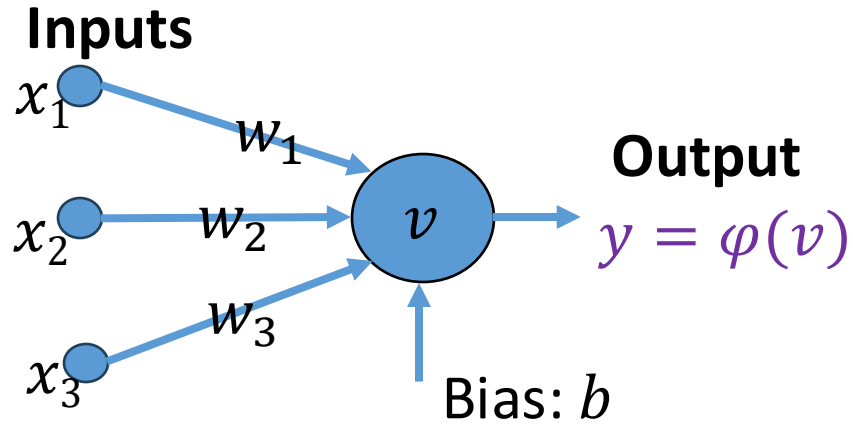
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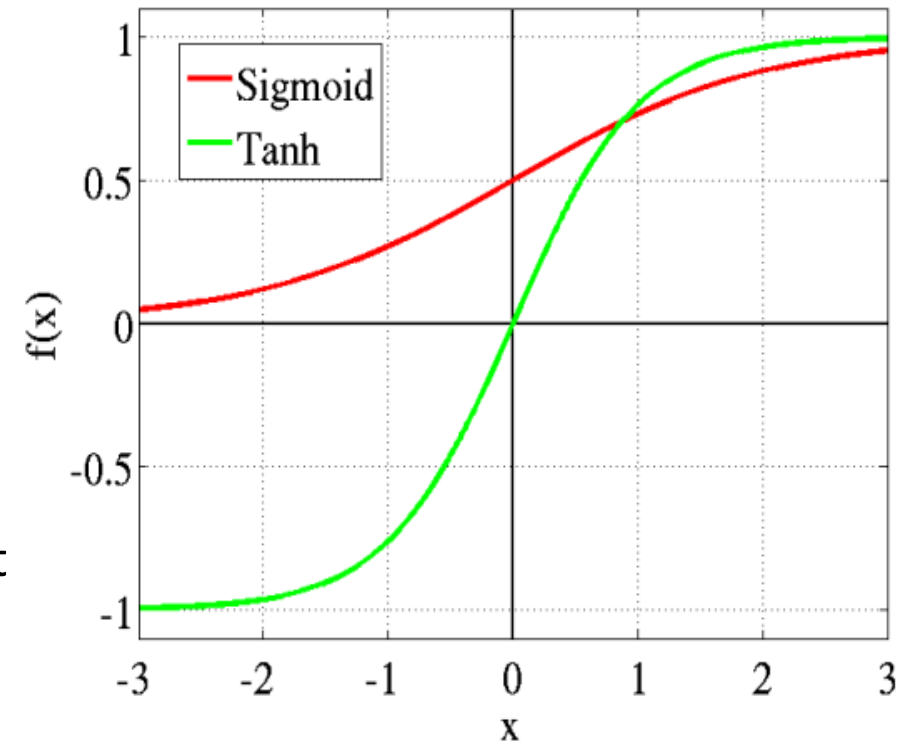
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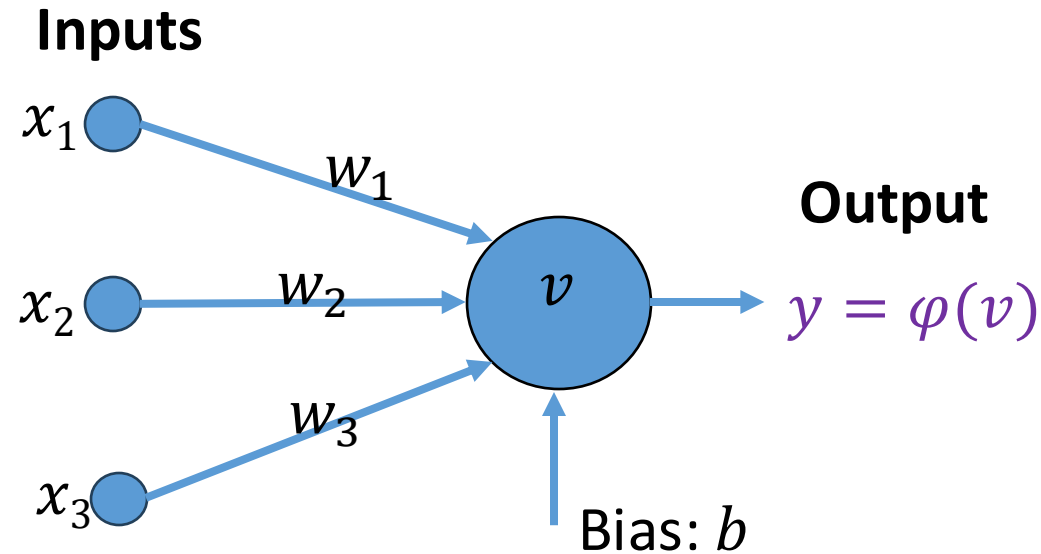
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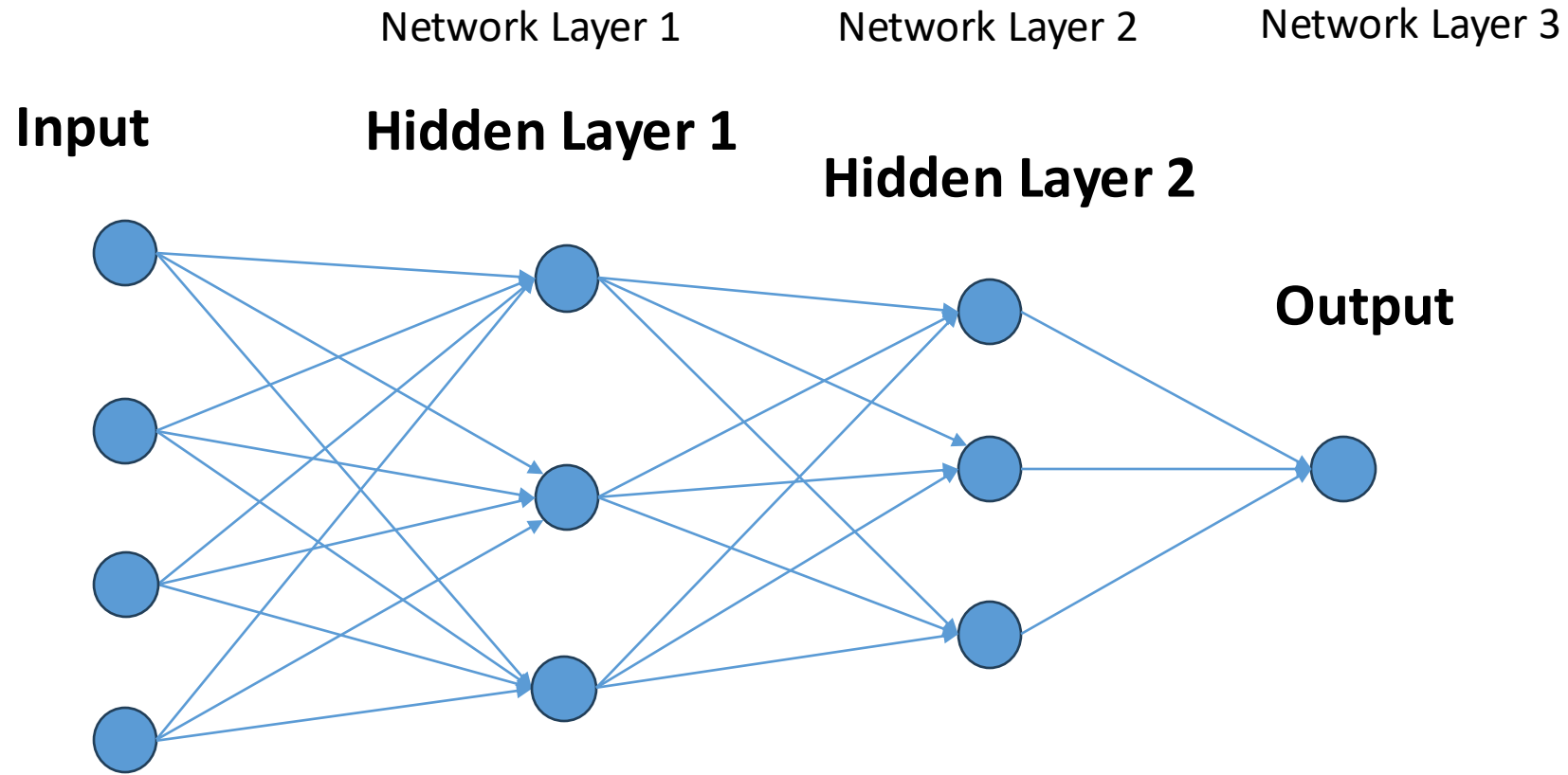


# Activation Function $\varphi(v)$



- Please list some applications, where it is good to use **Step function** (or **Sigmoid function**) as the activation function.

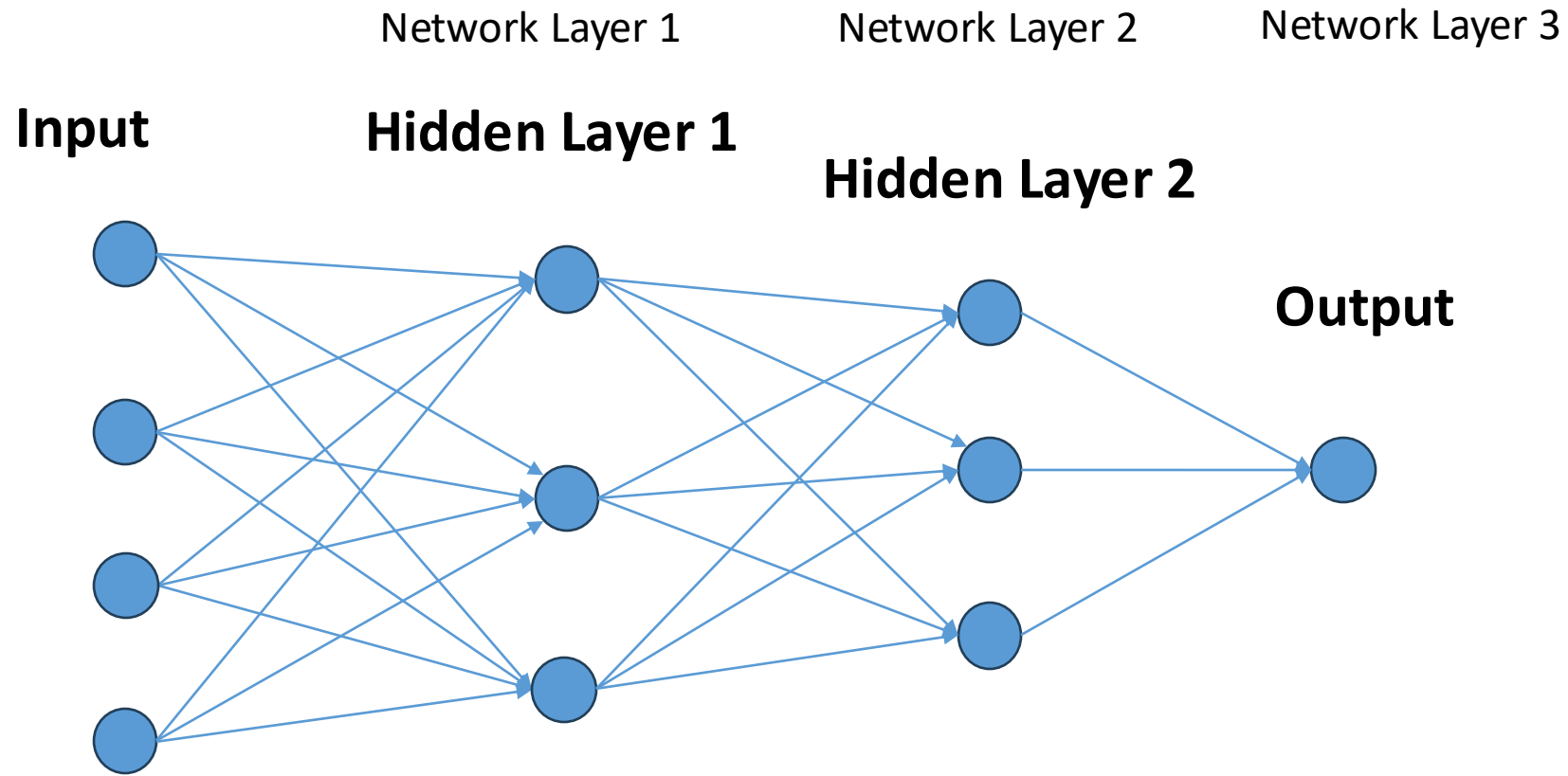
# Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)



Stacking multiple layers of perceptrons (neurons), we get the **multi-layer perceptron (MLP)**, which has stronger expressive capability, compared to a single perceptron. (*Question: why stronger?*)

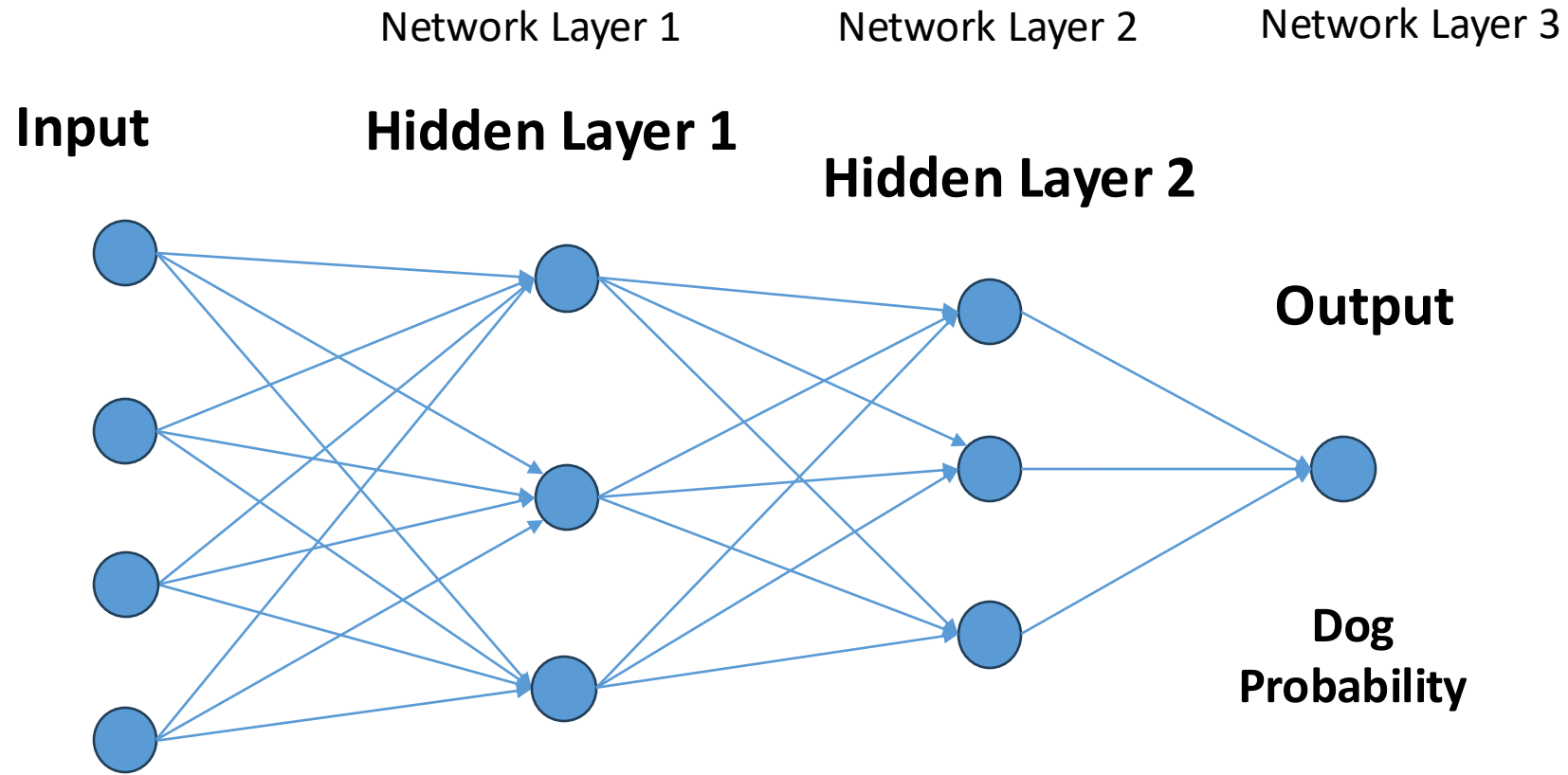


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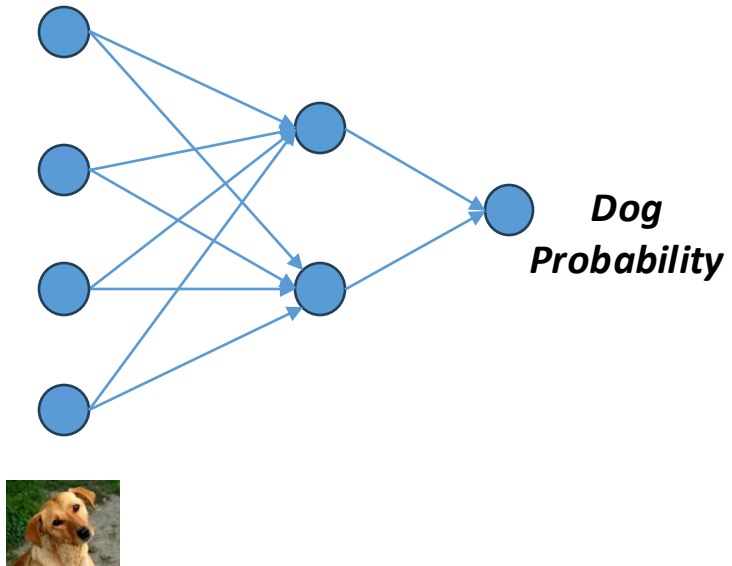
Question: How many parameters are in this MLP?

# Single output



*This is a binary  
classification  
problem*

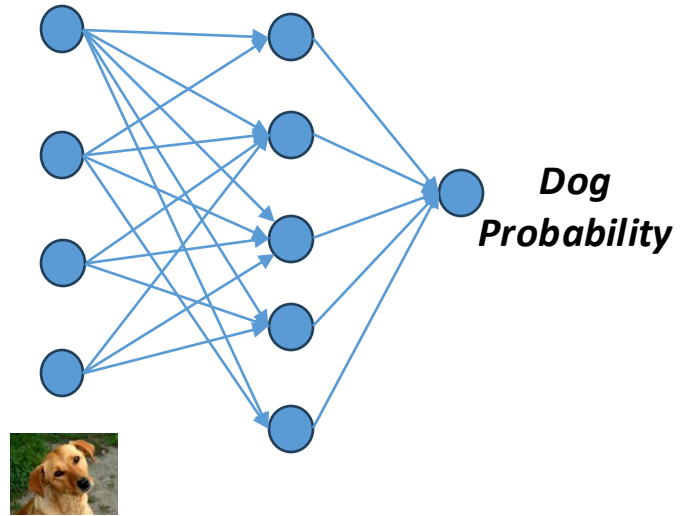
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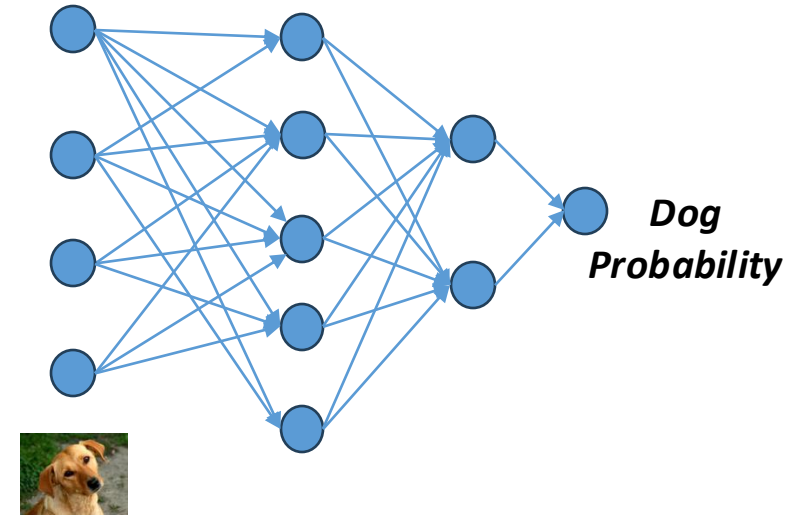
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(b)

How many network layers?

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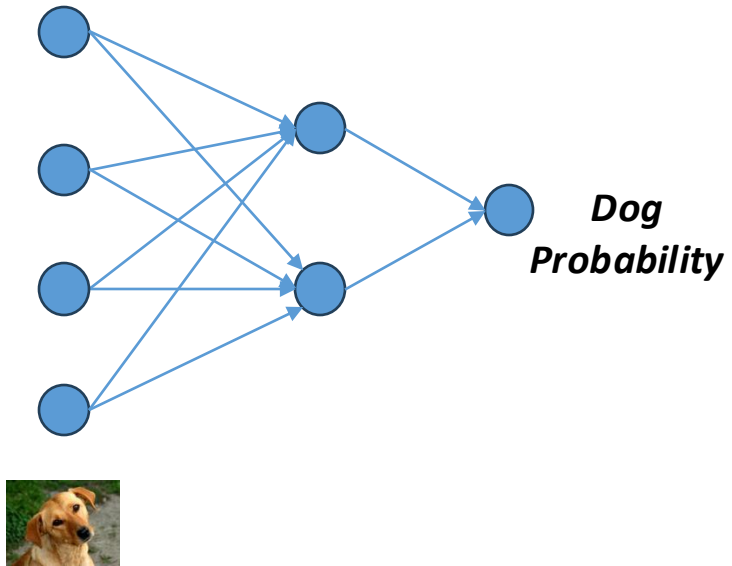


(c)

How many network layers?

How many parameters?

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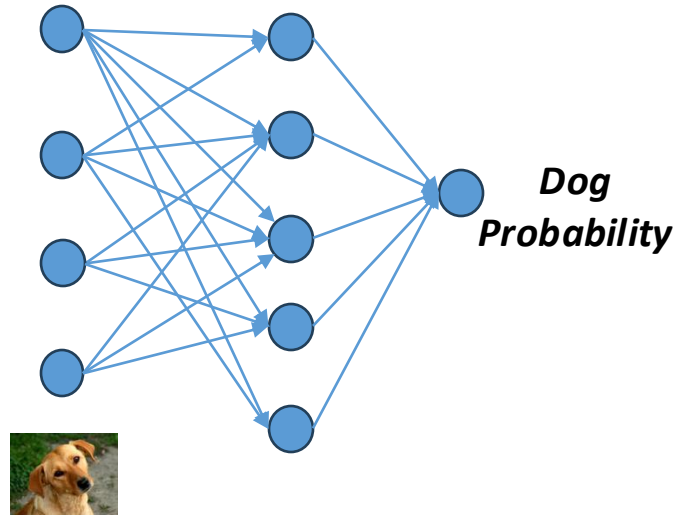
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2

How many parameters?

10



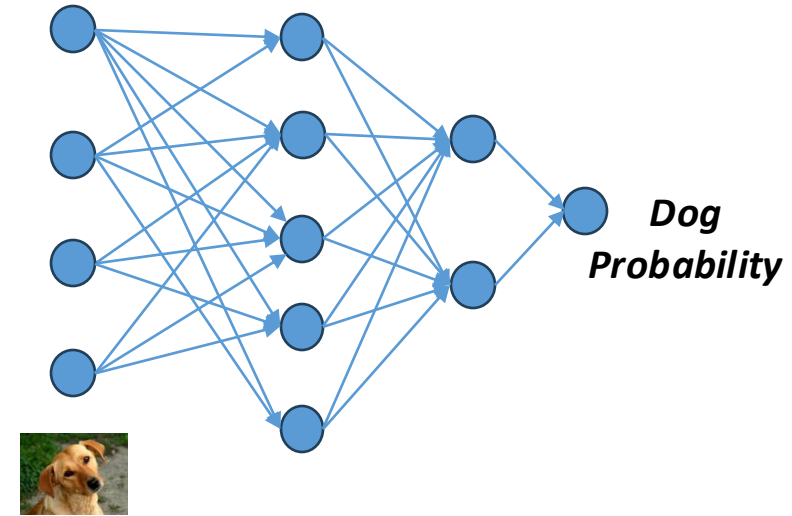
(b)

How many network layers?

2

How many parameters?

25



(c)

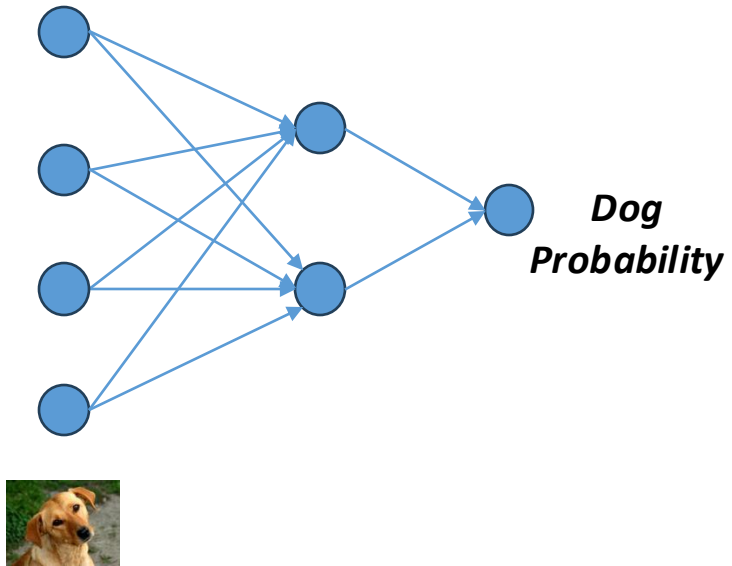
How many network layers?

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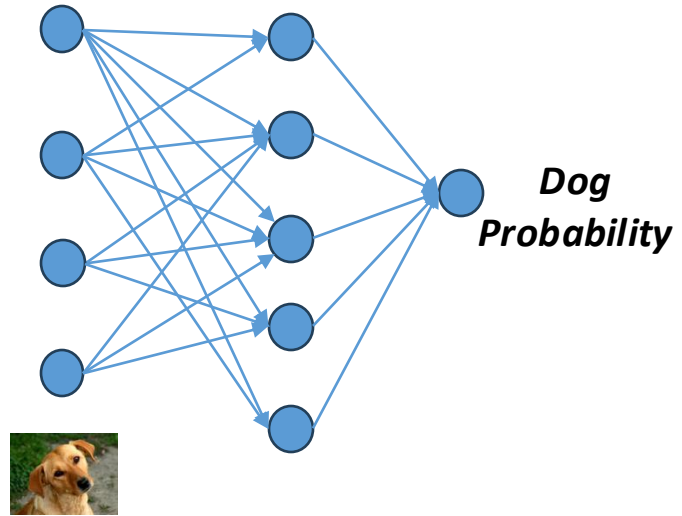
How many parameters?

32

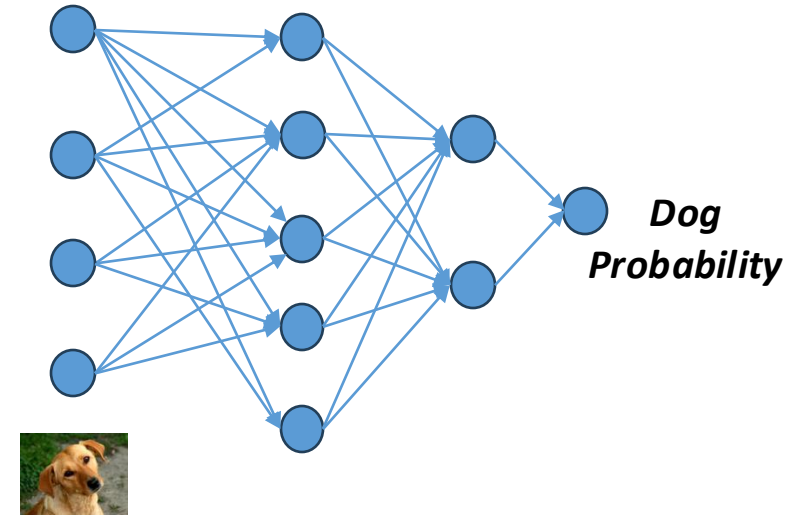
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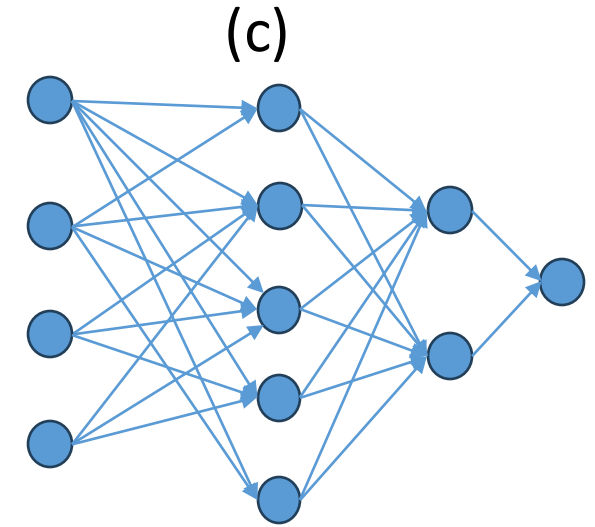
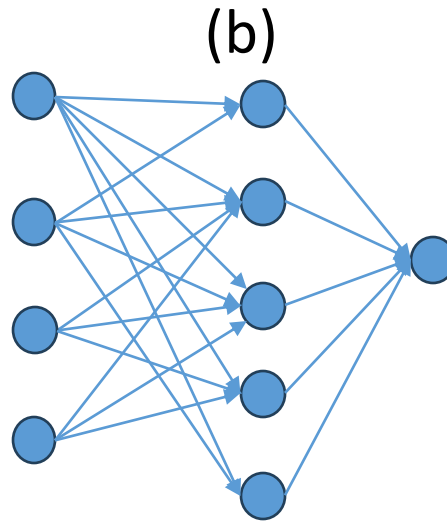
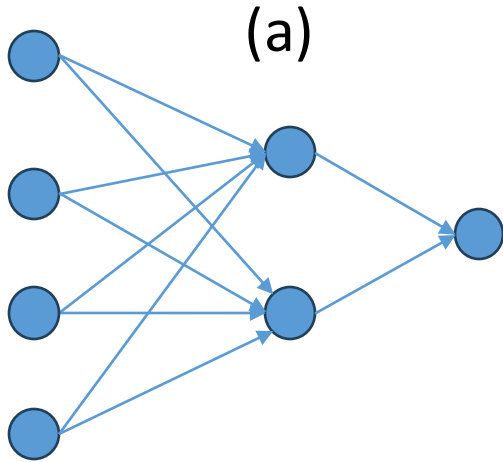
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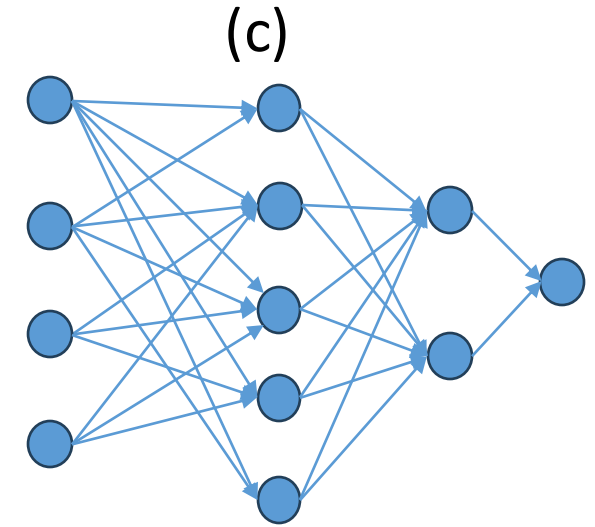
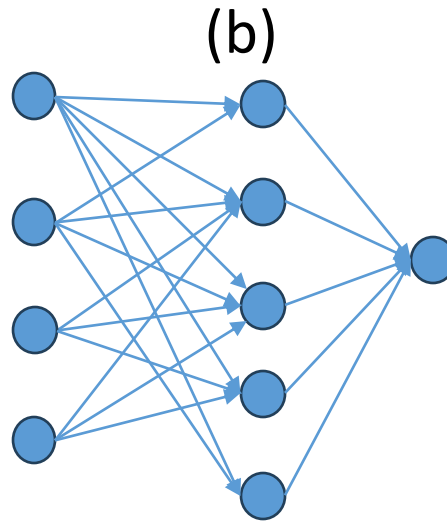
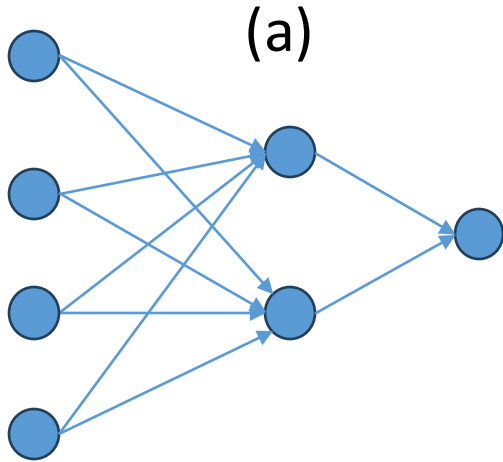
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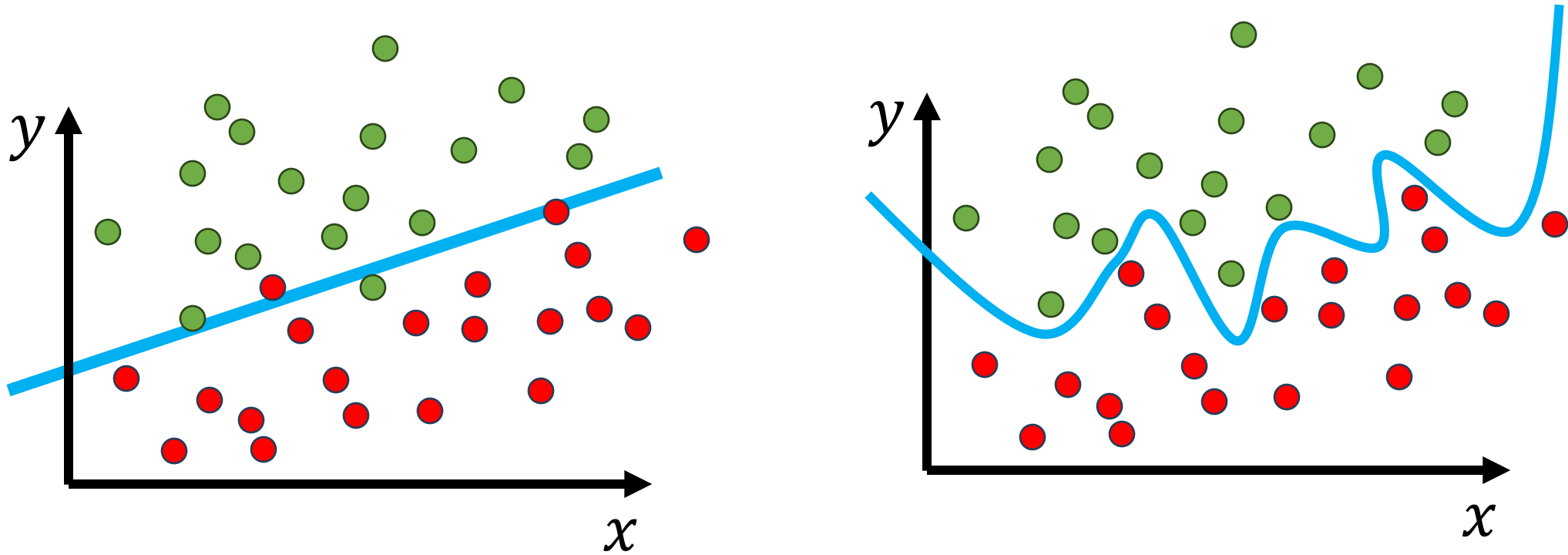
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Question: if we do not care about computation cost, is it good to always use the most complex network (c)?

No. If the network is too complex (with too many layers and too many parameters), it is easily to have the **overfitting** problem.

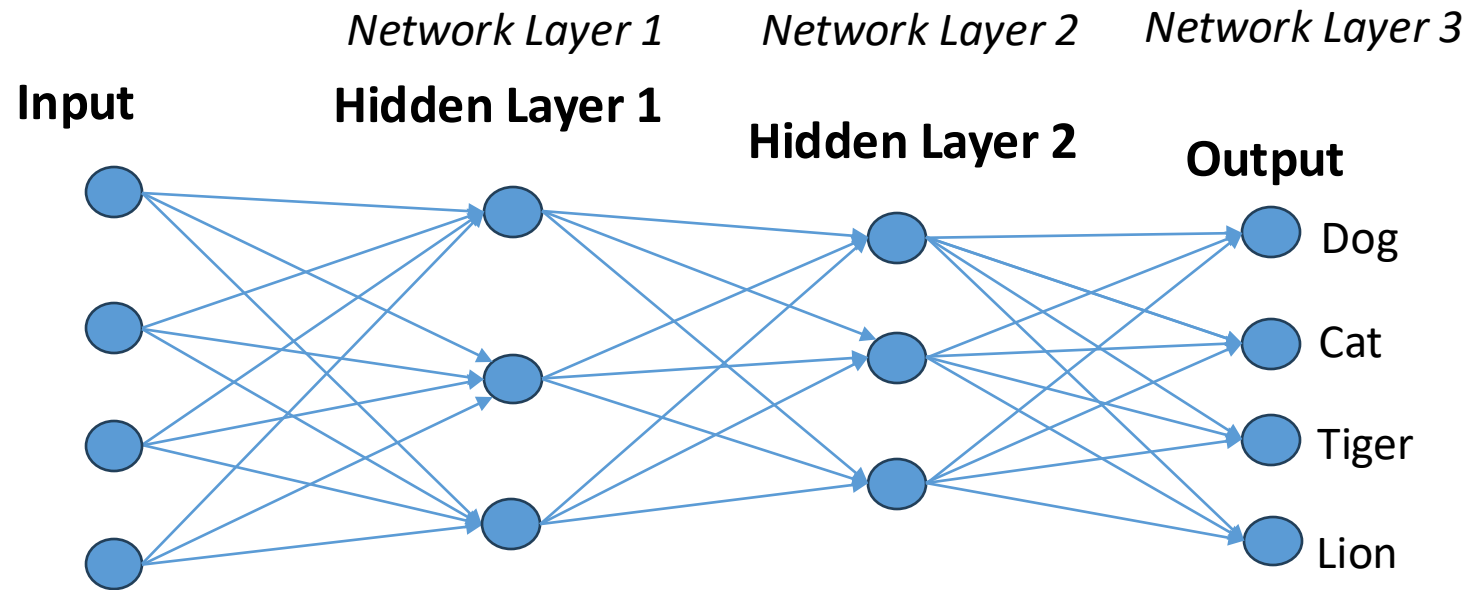


# Overfitting



If we use a complex network to handle a simple problem .....

# Multiple outputs



*This is a multi-class classification problem*



***We want to get the output:***

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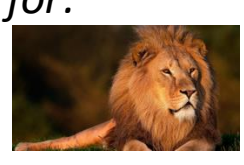
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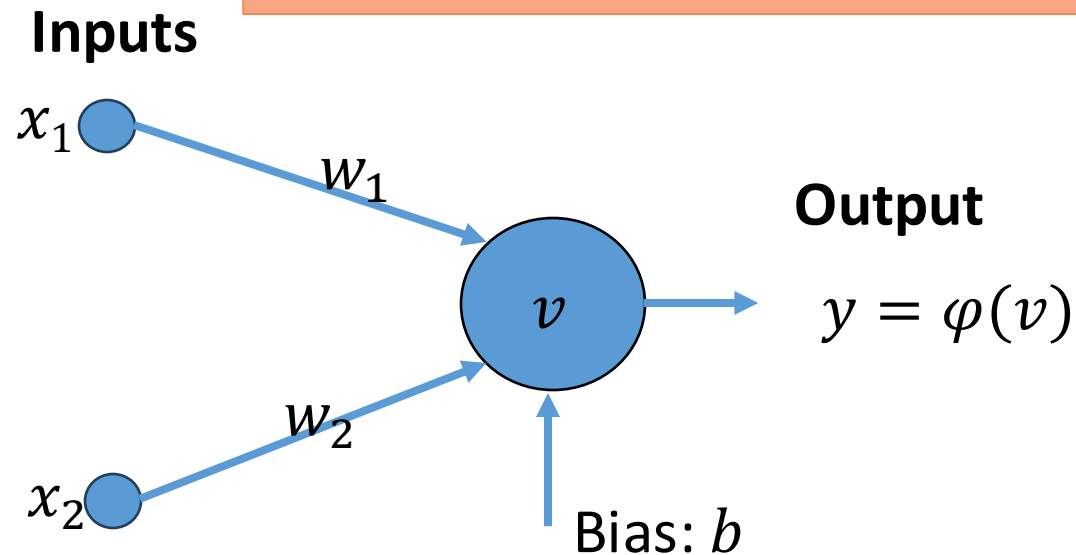
## The AND operation:

- $x_1, x_2 \in \{0, 1\}$
- $y = x_1 \text{ AND } x_2$

$x_1$	$x_2$	$y$
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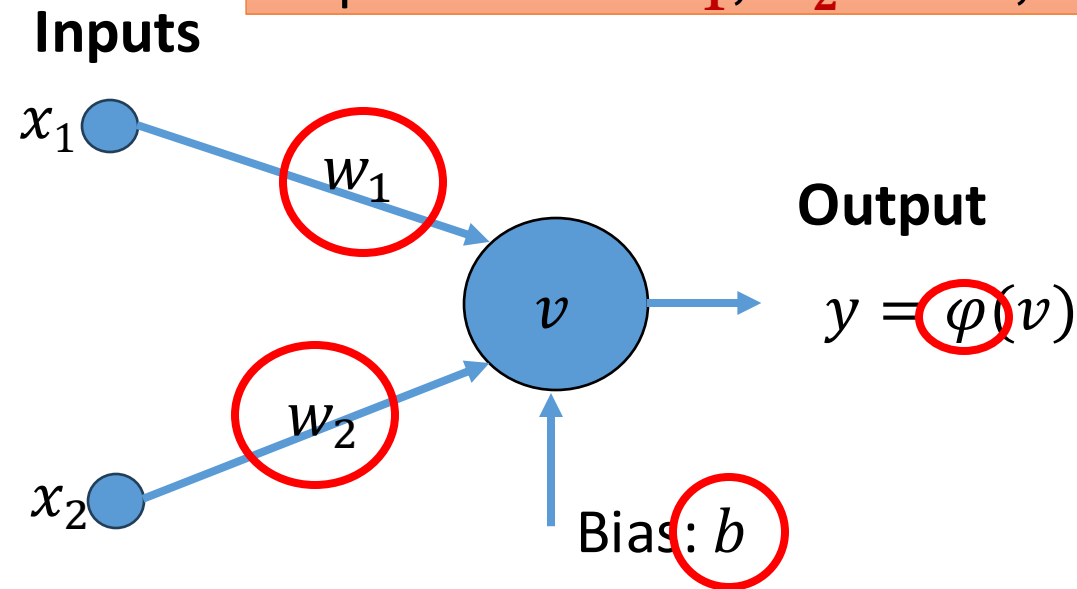
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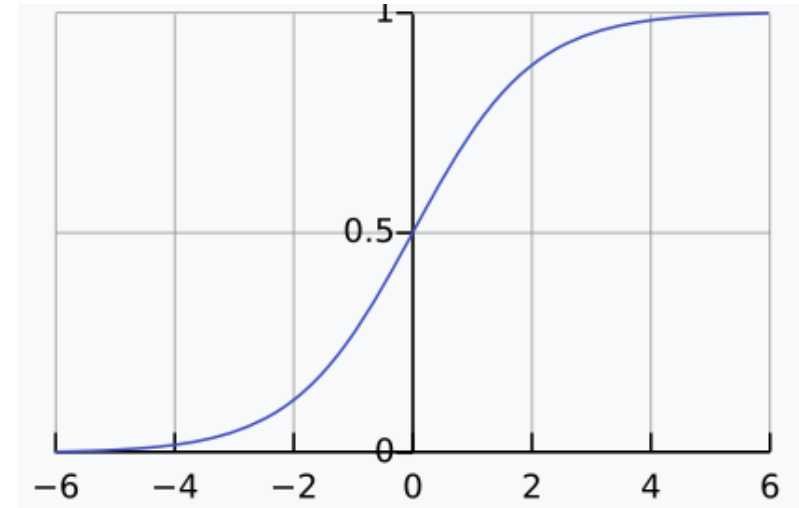
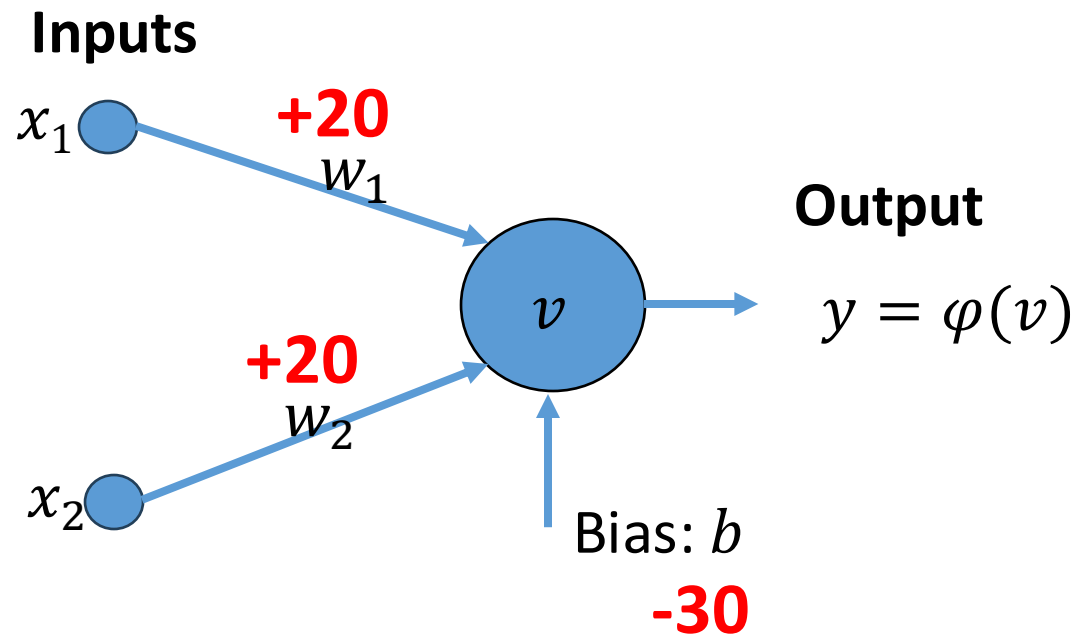
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- At the second step, we need to decide: (1) what activation  $\varphi$  to use? (2) how to choose the network parameters  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$  and  $b$ ,



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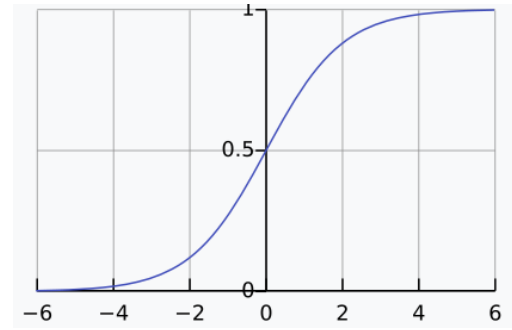
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**Sigmoid activation function**

$x_1$	$x_2$	$y = \varphi(v)$
0	0	$\varphi(-30) \approx 0$
0	1	$\varphi(-10) \approx 0$
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1	1	$\varphi(10) \approx 1$

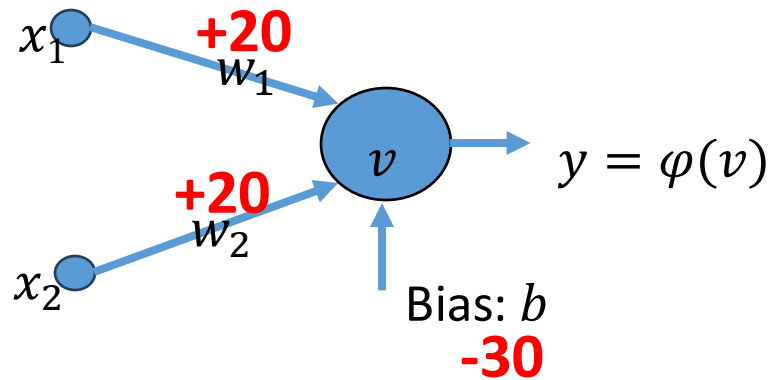
# Perceptron for Calculating AND, OR, NOT



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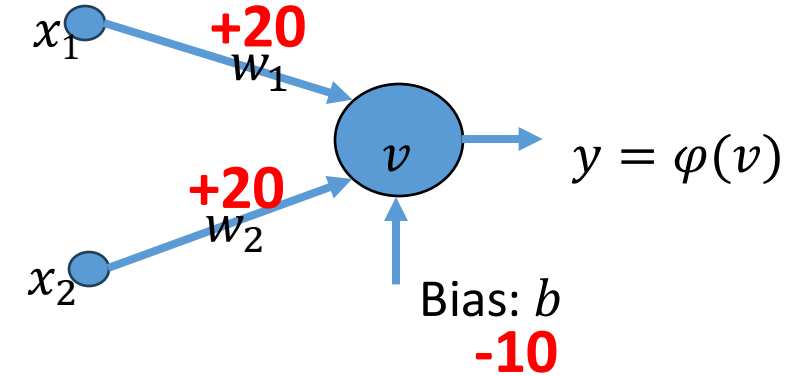
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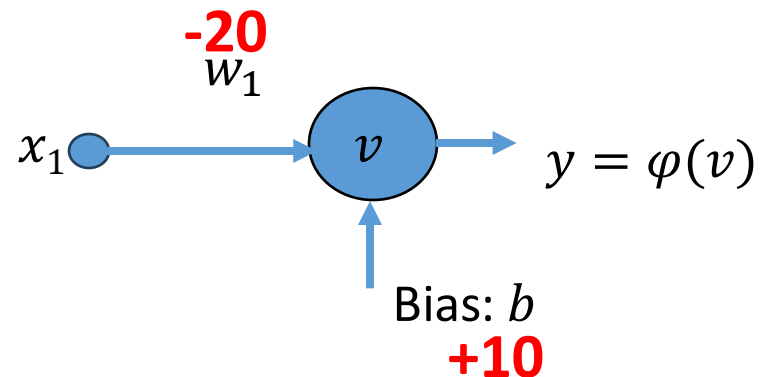
## OR

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1	1	1



## NOT

$x_1$	$y$
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1	0

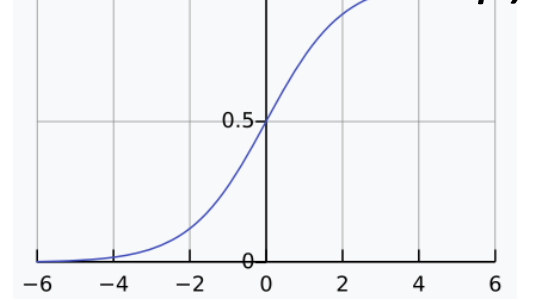
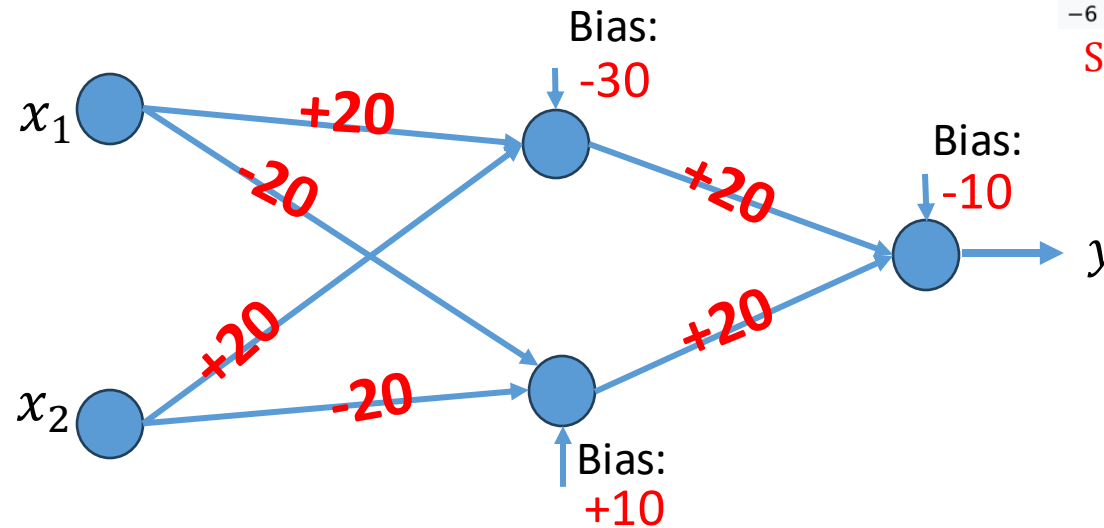


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# MLP for Calculating not(XOR)

**not(XOR)**

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- Stacking multiple layers, we carefully designed the MLP that can handle the complex not(XOR) task.

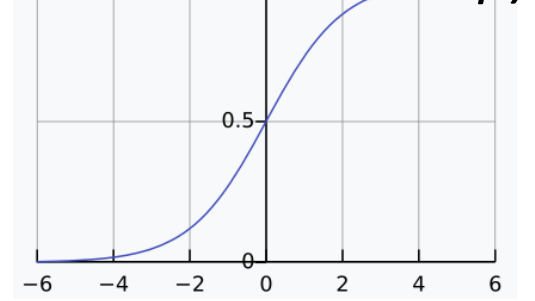
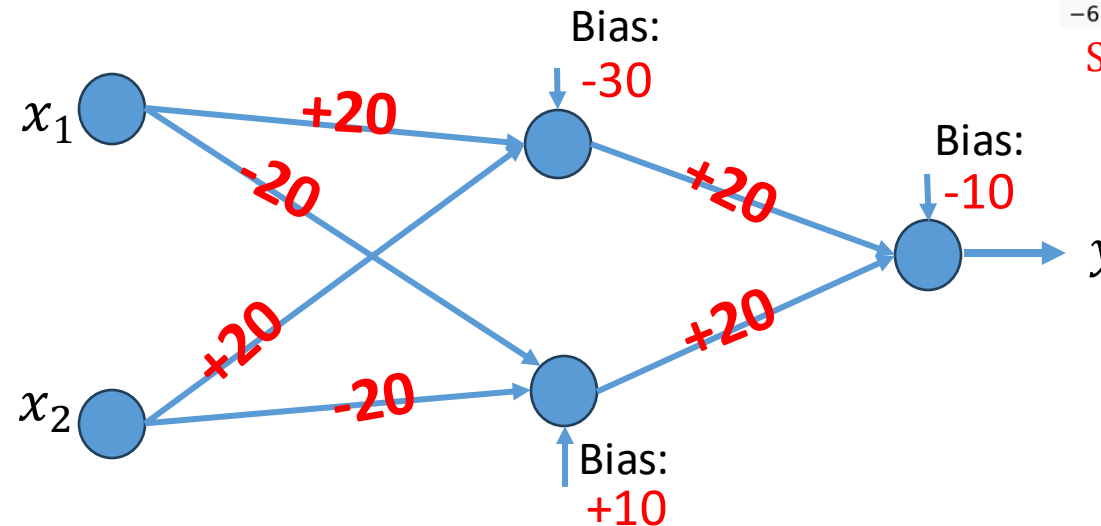


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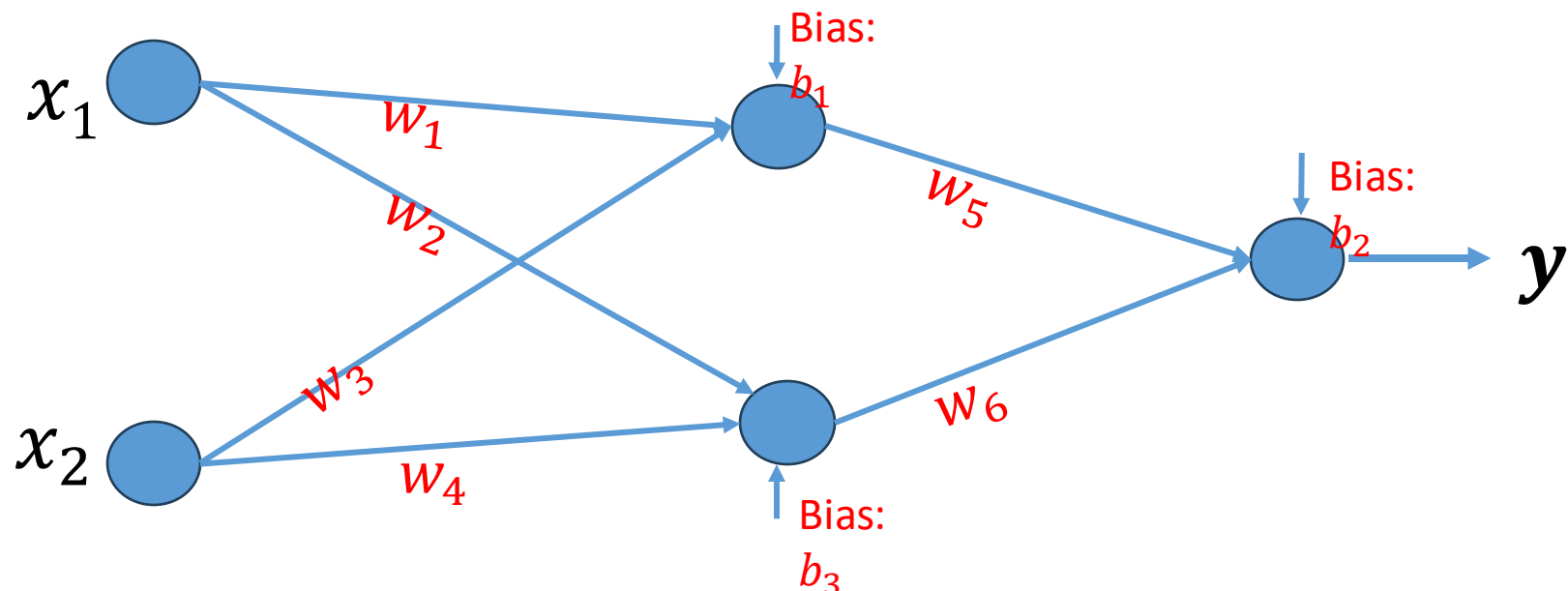
- Are you struggling in designing such a complex MLP (finding it hard to manually design parameters)?
  - ✓ No worries, in machine learning, we do not manually craft the parameters. Instead, we let the network automatically learn the parameters (using the back-propagation algorithm).

# Learning Parameters via *Back-Propagation*

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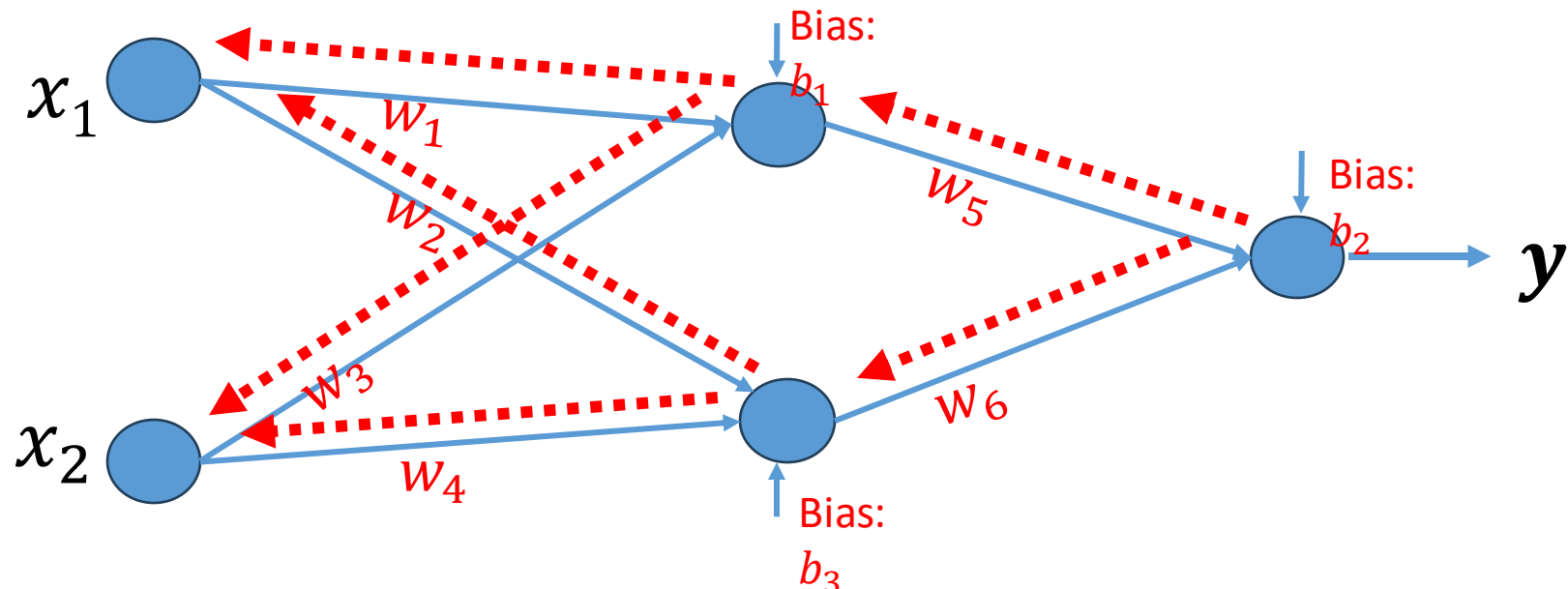


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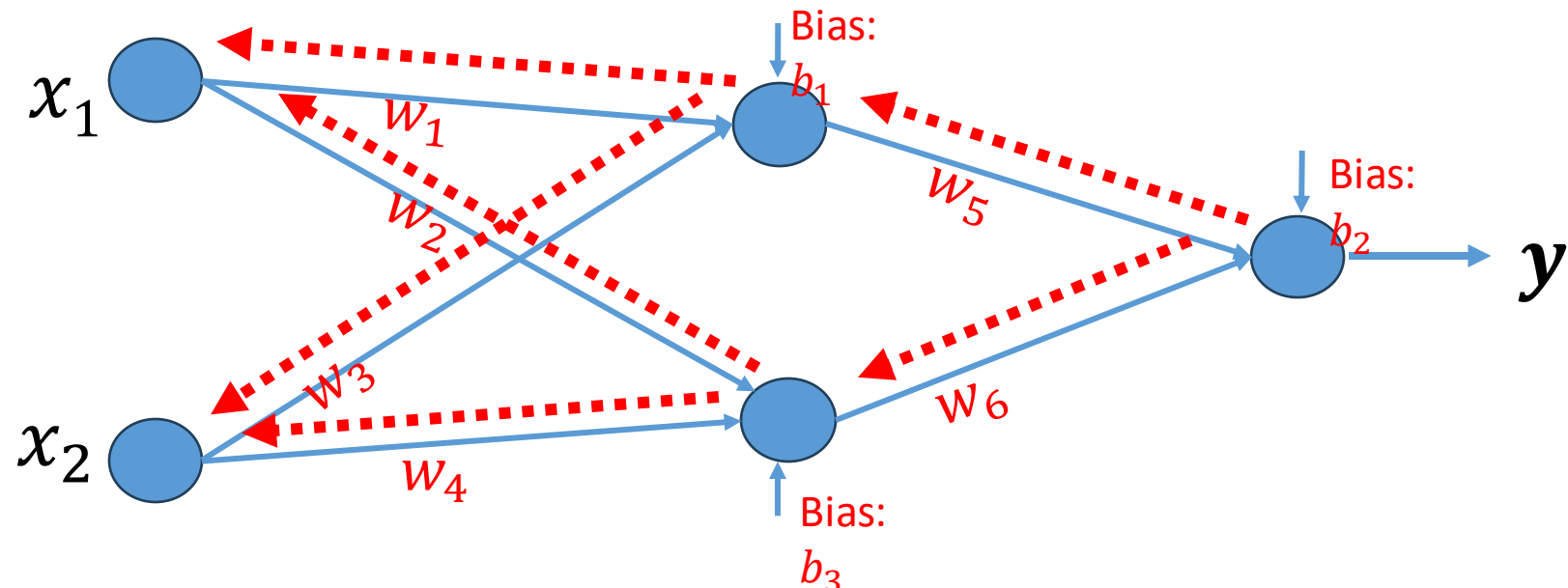


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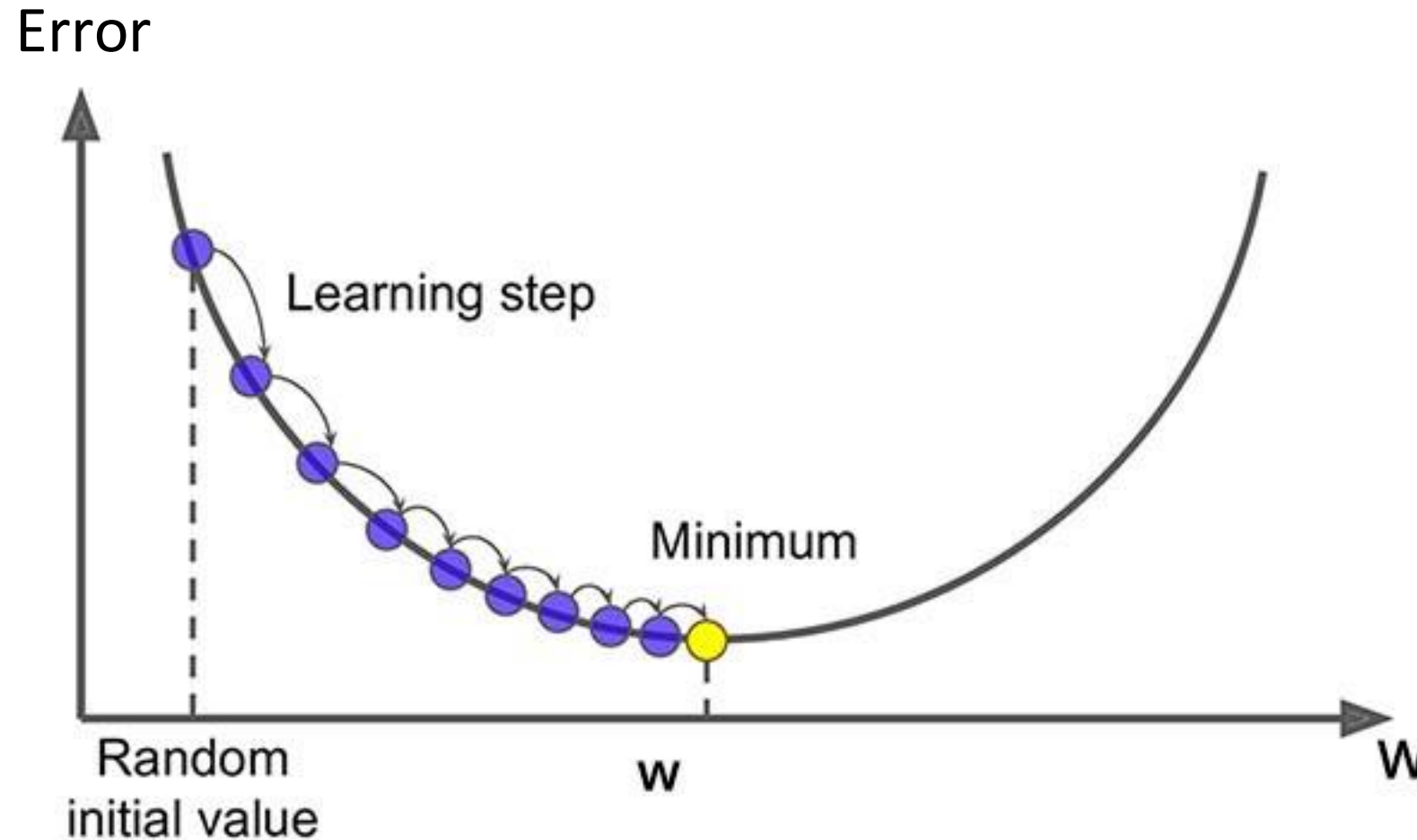
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3. Compare  $\hat{y}$  with the desired output  $y$ , and the difference between them is regarded as the error:  $\text{error} = \hat{y} - y$ .
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5. **Repeat Steps 2 and 5 multiple times. Finally, we get optimal parameters.**



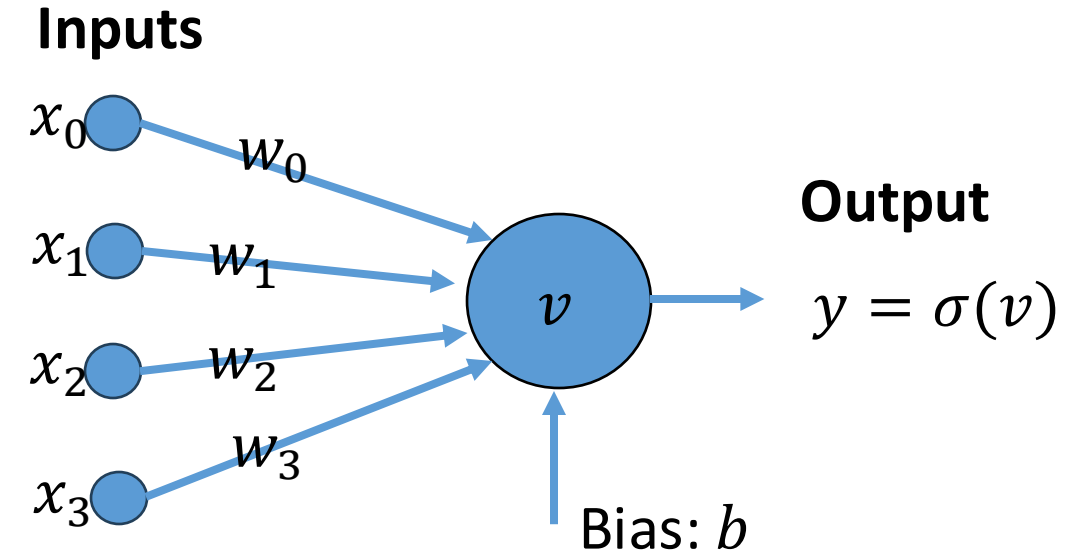
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- Assume we have a simple network (only one layer, and the activation function is the *Sigmoid* function).
- How can we learn the parameters  $w_0$ ,  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ ,  $w_3$  and  $b$ , such that based on inputs  $(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3)$ , it can generate the expected output ( $y$ ).

$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$y$
1.0	2.0	2.1	1.2	1.0
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$$v = x_0 * w_0 + x_1 * w_1 + x_2 * w_2 + x_3 * w_3 + b$$
$$y = \sigma(v) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-v}}$$

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## An intuitive example

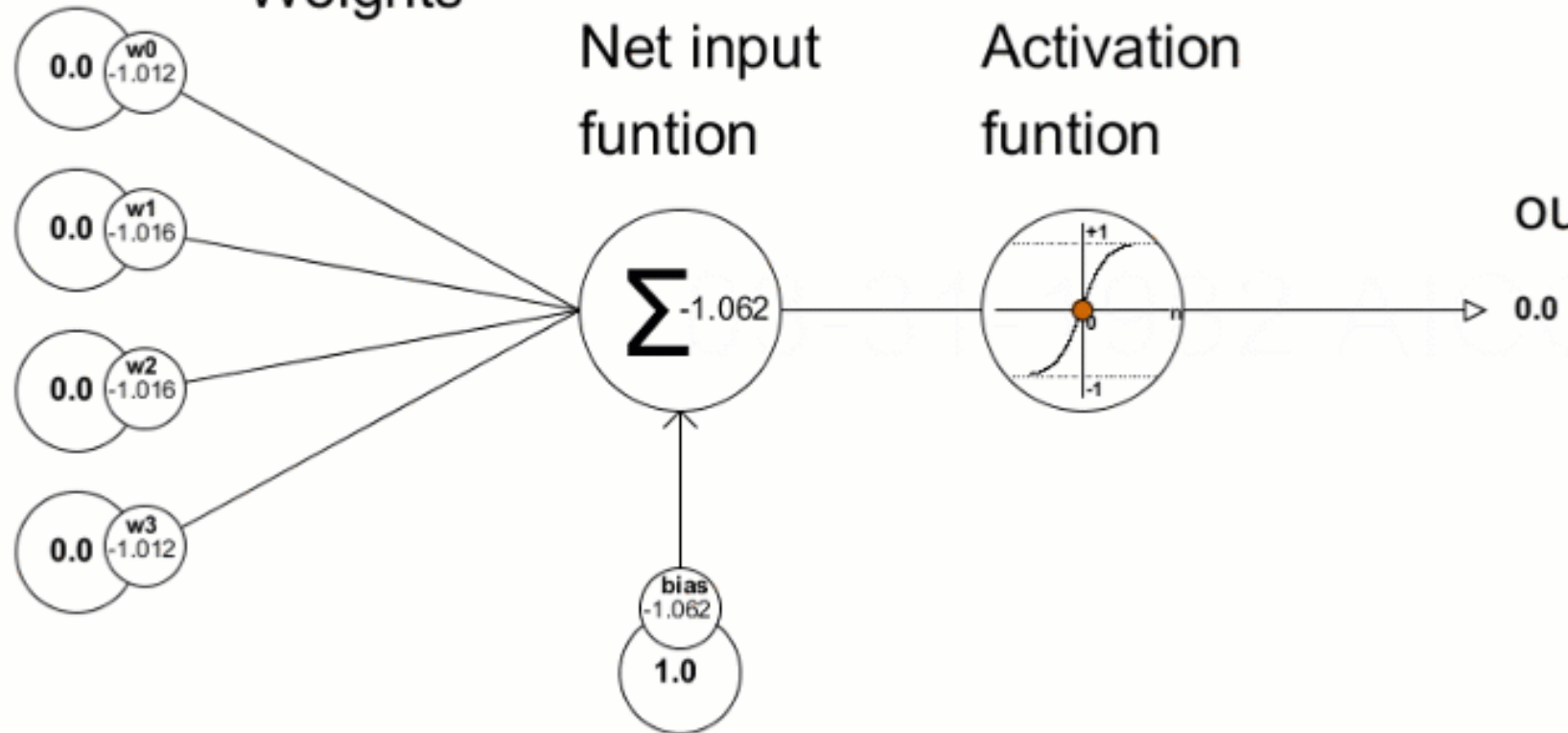
Inputs

Weights

Net input  
function

Activation  
function

output





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