Experimental Techniques in Physics Supported with AI/ML

Neural Networks

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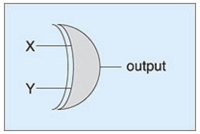
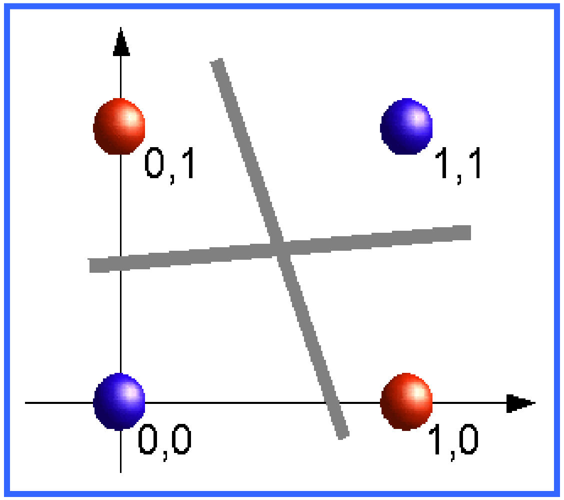
Learning highly non-linear functions

f: X → Y

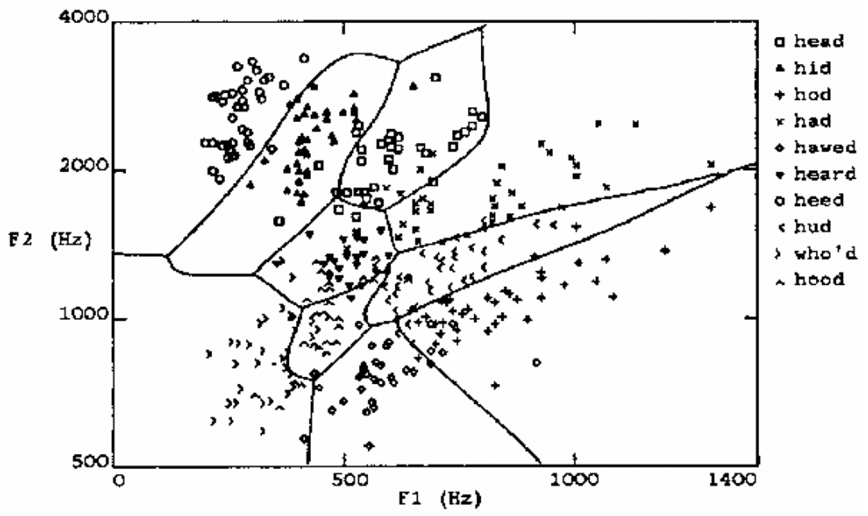
- f might be non-linear function
- X (vector of) continuous and/or discrete vars
- Y (vector of) continuous and/or discrete vars

The XOR gate



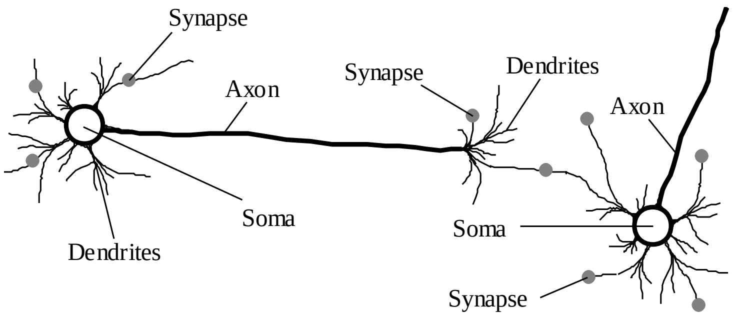


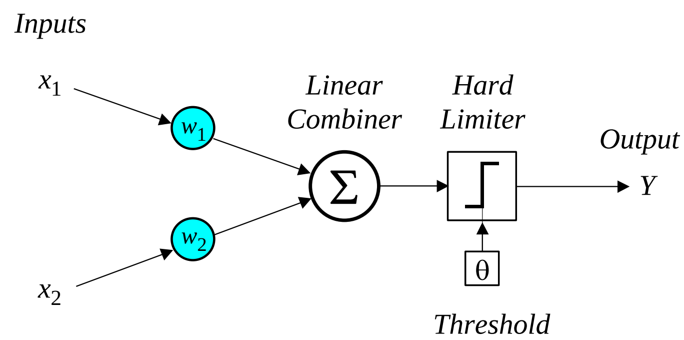
Speech recognition



Perceptron and Neural Nets

- From biological neuron to artificial neuron (perceptron)

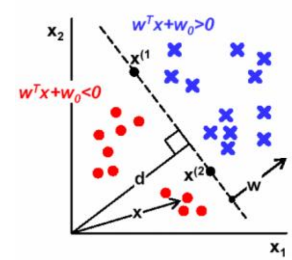




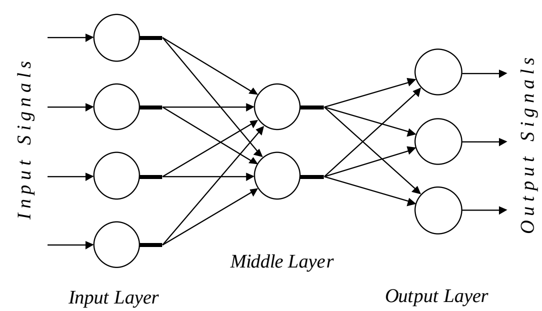
- Activation function

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i w_i$$

$$Y = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{if } X \geq \omega_0 \\ -1, & \text{if } X < \omega_0 \end{cases}$$

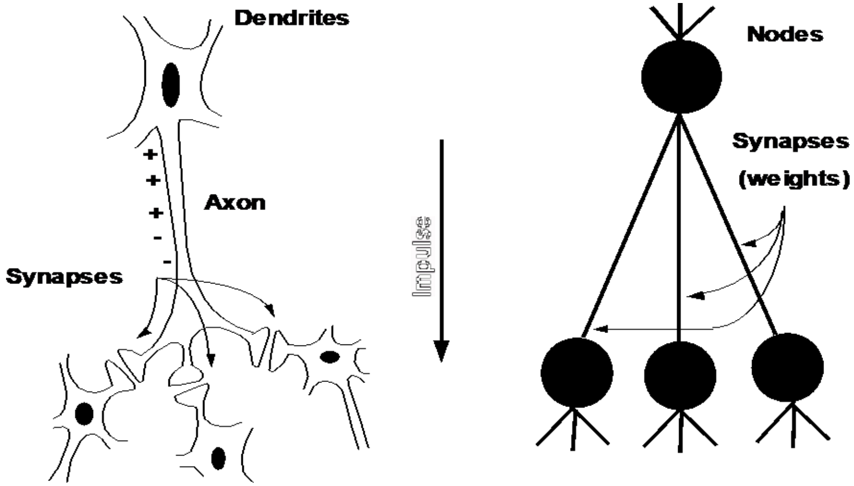


- Artificial neuron networks
  - supervised learning
  - gradient descent



Connectionist Models

- Consider humans:
  - Neuron switching time
    ~ 0.001 second
  - Number of neurons
    ~ 10^{10}
  - Connections per neuron
    ~ 10^{4-5}
  - Scene recognition time
    ~ 0.1 second
  - 100 inference steps doesn't seem like enough
    → much parallel computation
- Properties of artificial neural nets (ANN)
  - Many neuron-like threshold switching units
  - Many weighted interconnections among units
  - Highly parallel, distributed processes



Motivation

Why is everyone talking about Deep Learning?

- Because a lot of money is invested in it…
  - DeepMind: Acquired by Google for **$400 million**
  - DNNResearch: **Three person startup** (including Geoff Hinton) acquired by Google for unknown price tag
  - Enlitic, Ersatz, MetaMind, Nervana, Skylab: Deep Learning startups commanding **millions of VC dollars**
- Because it made the **front page** of the New York Times

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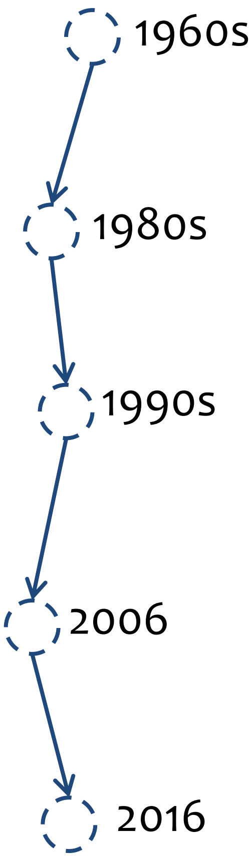

Deep learning:

- Has won numerous pattern recognition competitions
- Does so with minimal feature engineering

This wasn’t always the case!

Since 1980s: Form of models hasn’t changed much, but lots of new tricks…

- More hidden units
- Better (online) optimization
- New nonlinear functions (ReLUs)
- Faster computers (CPUs and GPUs)

Background

A Recipe for Machine Learning

1. Given training data:

$$\{\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{y}_i\}_{i=1}^N$$

2. Choose each of these:
   - Decision function

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} = f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}_i)$$

   - Loss function

$$\ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}, \boldsymbol{y}_i) \in \mathbb{R}$$

Face

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Not a face

Examples: Linear regression, Logistic regression, Neural Network

Examples: Mean-squared error, Cross Entropy

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3. Define goal:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell(f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}_i), \boldsymbol{y}_i)$$

4. Train with SGD:

(take small steps opposite the gradient)

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t+1)} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)} - \eta_t \nabla \ell(f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}_i), \boldsymbol{y}_i)$$

Gradients

Backpropagation can compute this gradient!

And it's a **special case of a more general algorithm** called reverse-mode automatic differentiation that can compute the gradient of any differentiable function efficiently!

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Goals for Today's Lecture

1. Explore a **new class of decision functions** (Neural Networks)
2. Consider **variants of this recipe** for training

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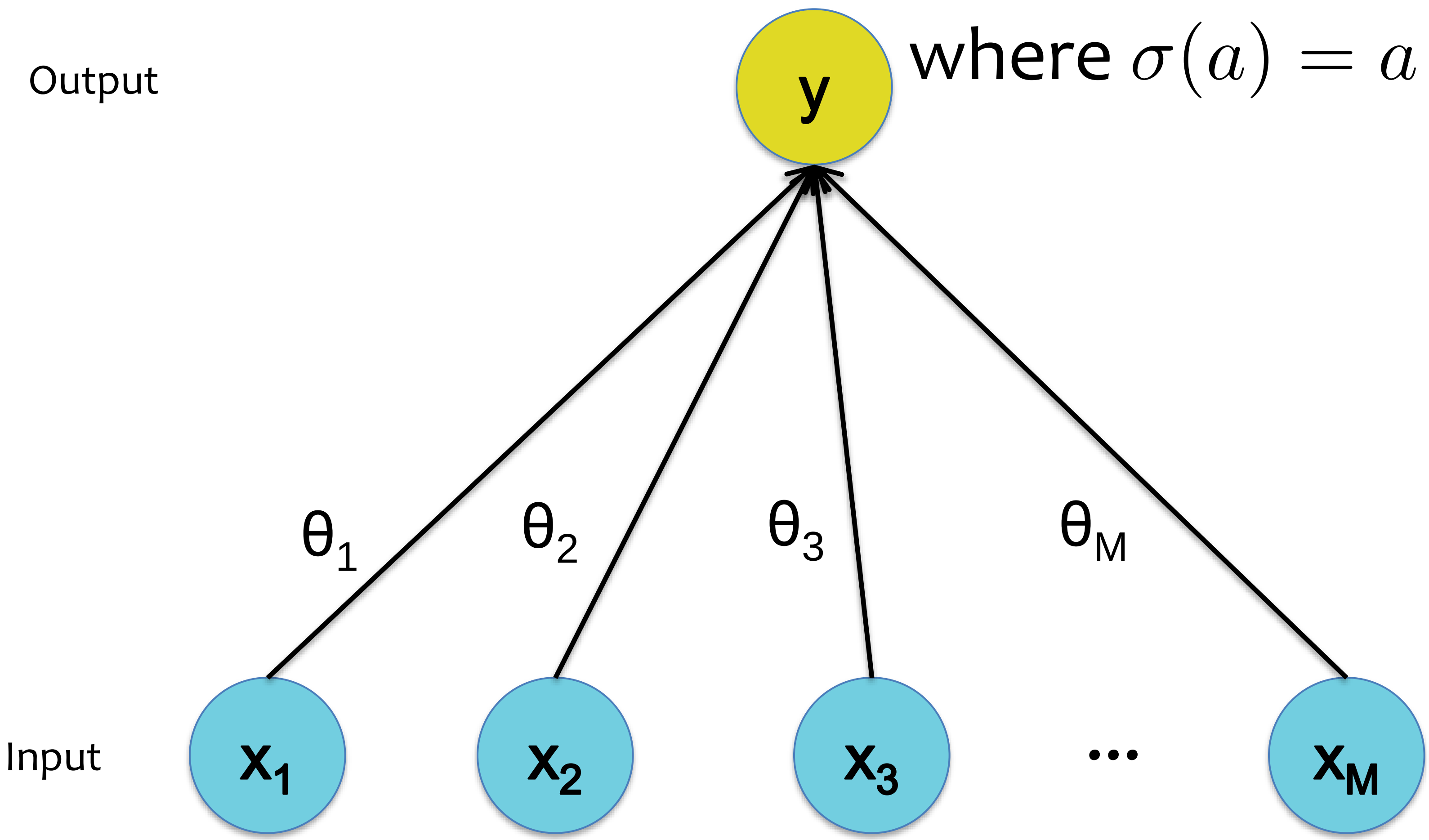
where $\sigma(a) = a$



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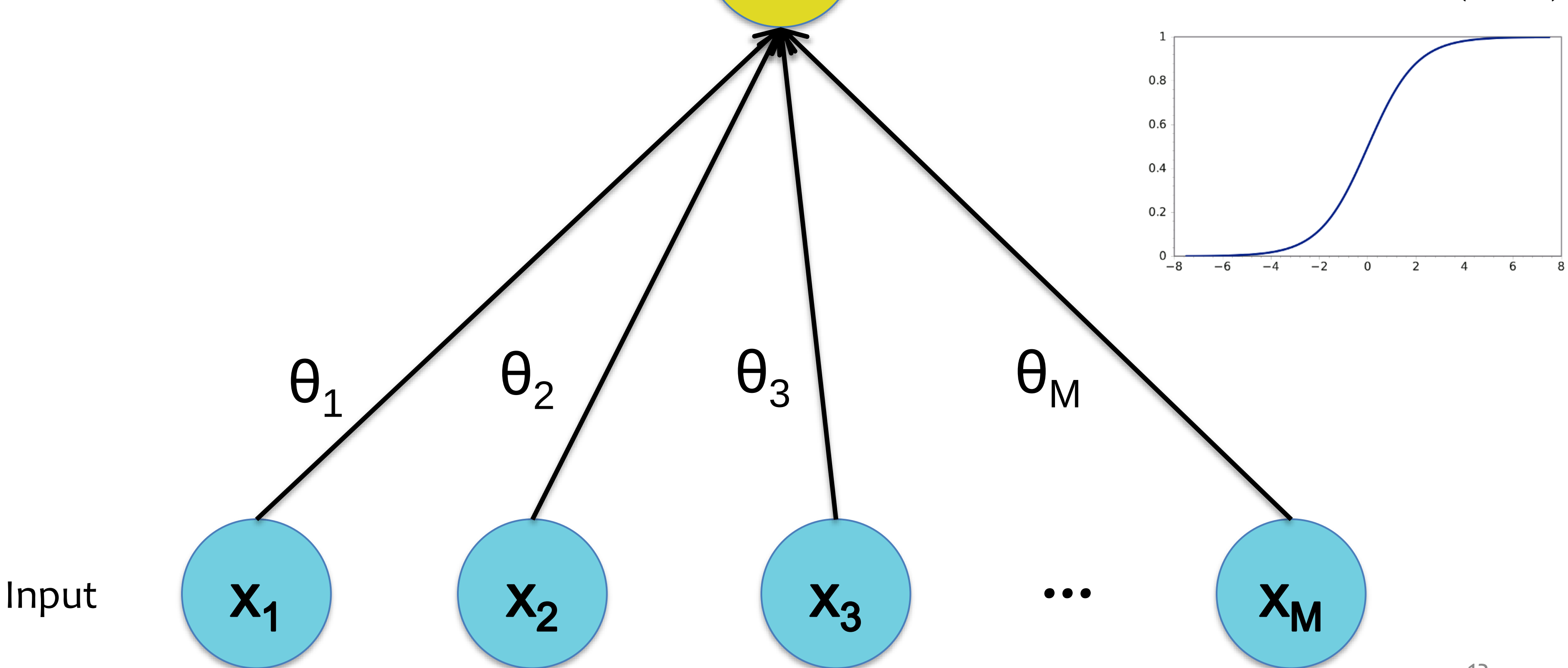

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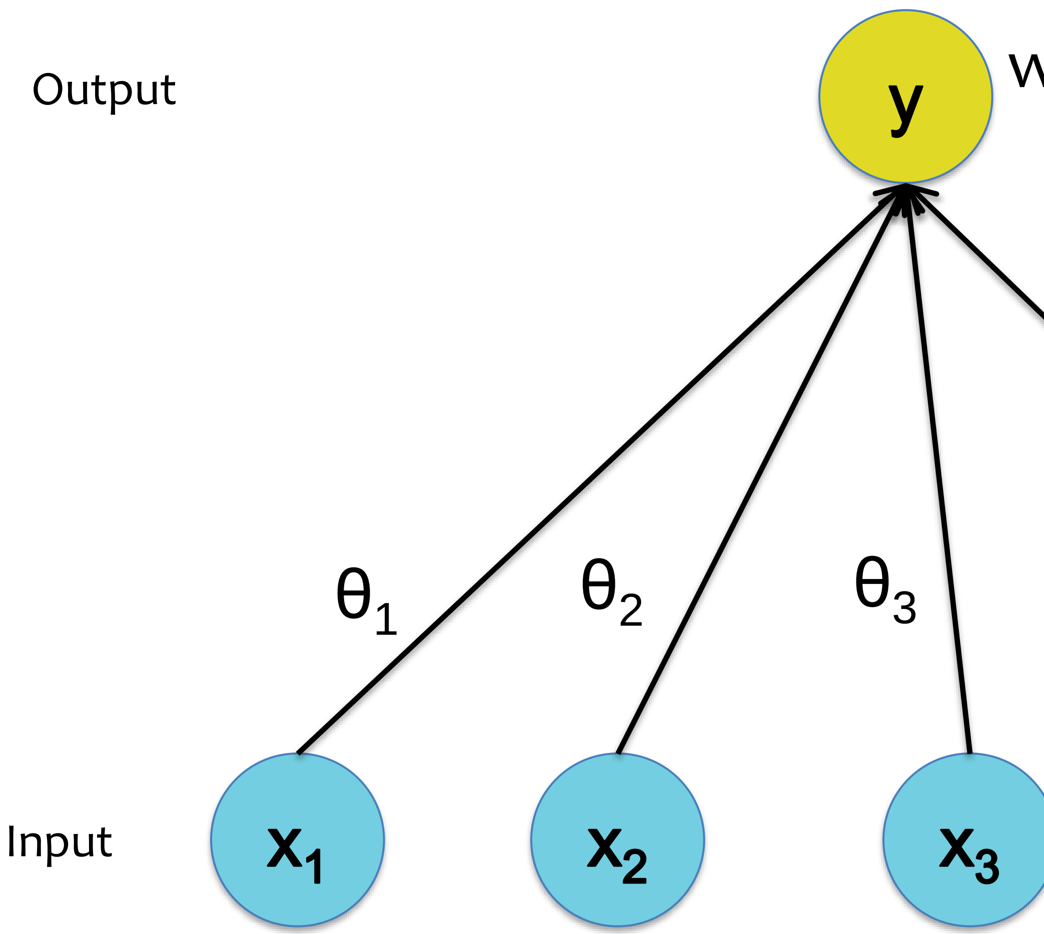

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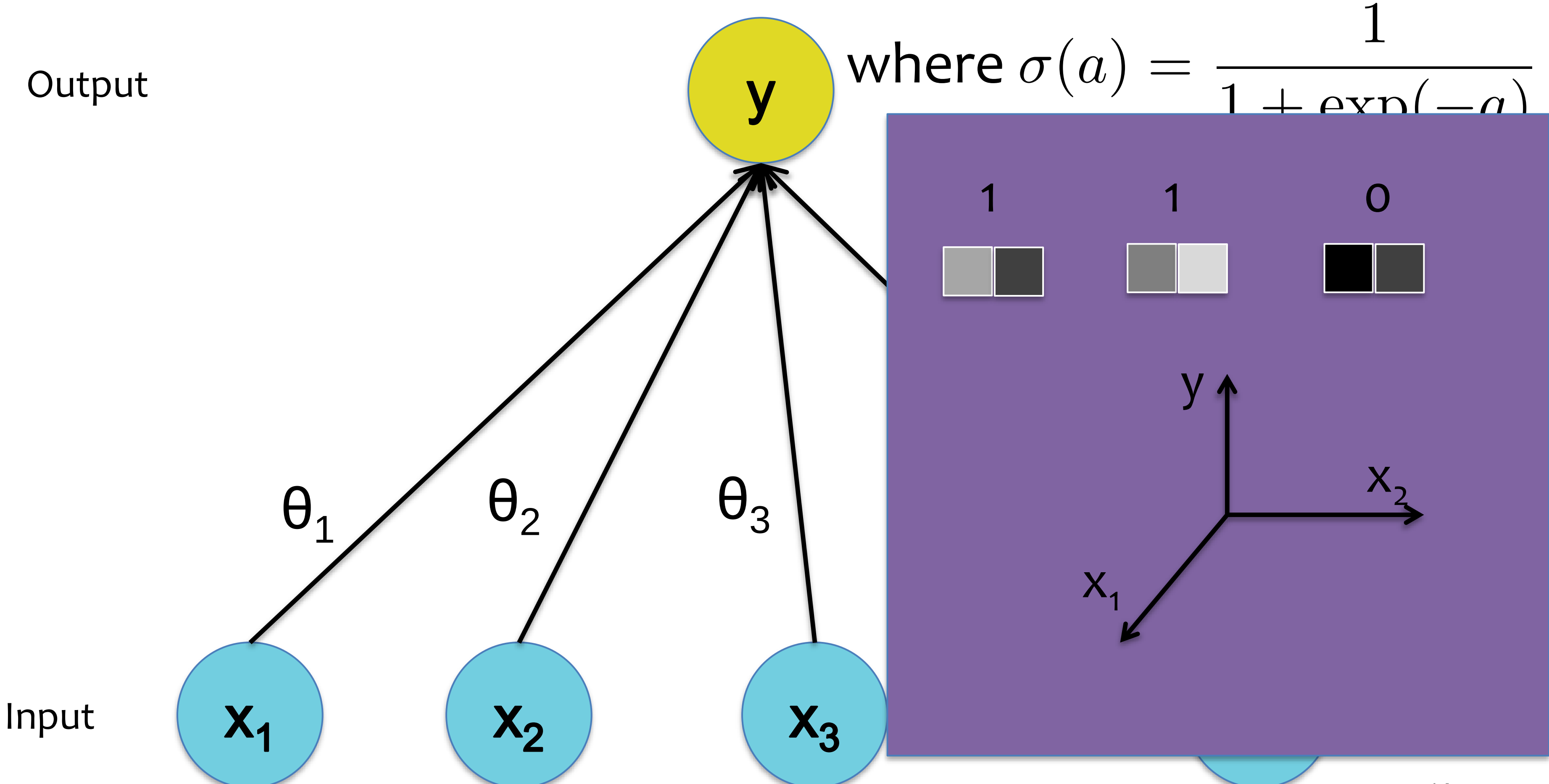

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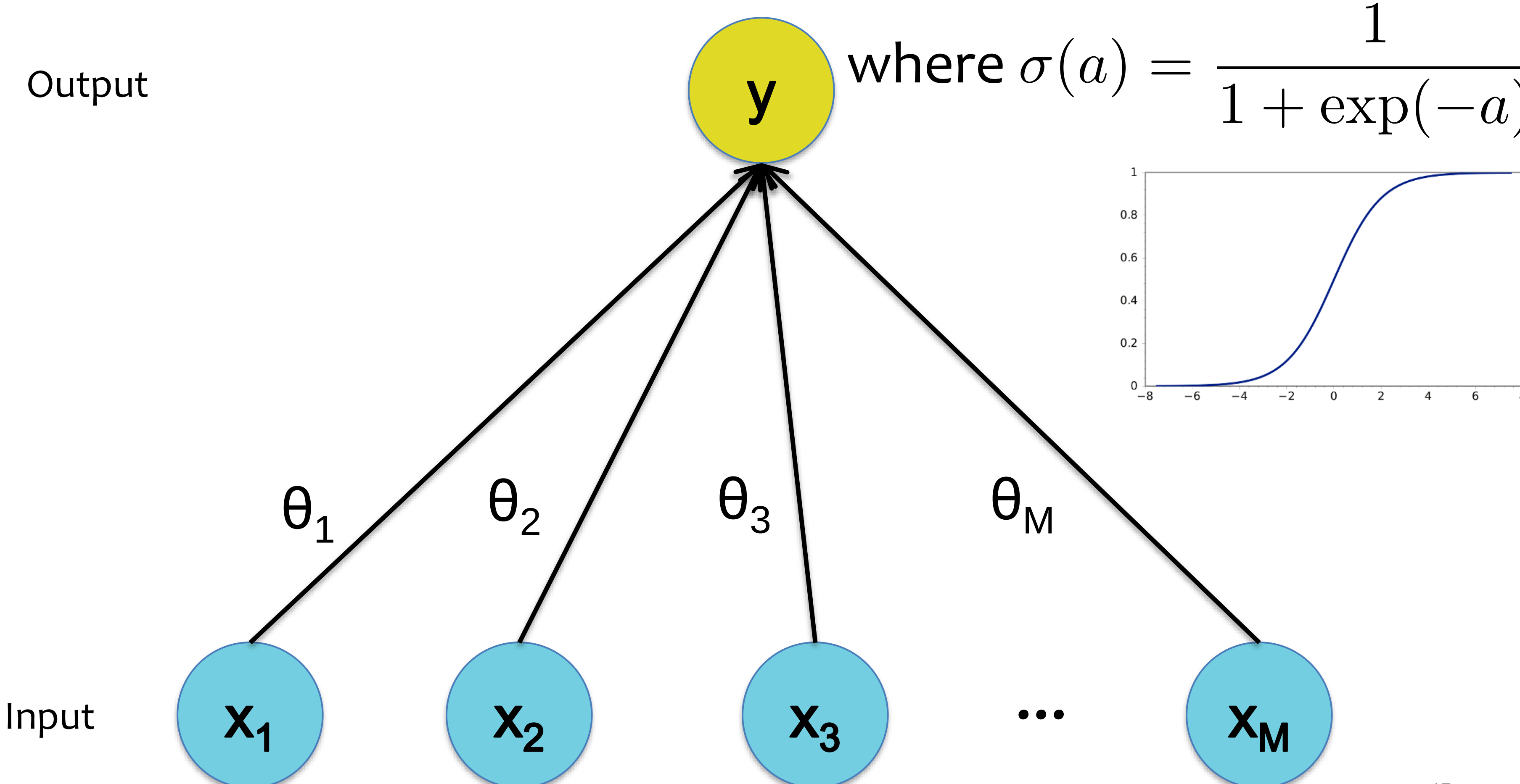
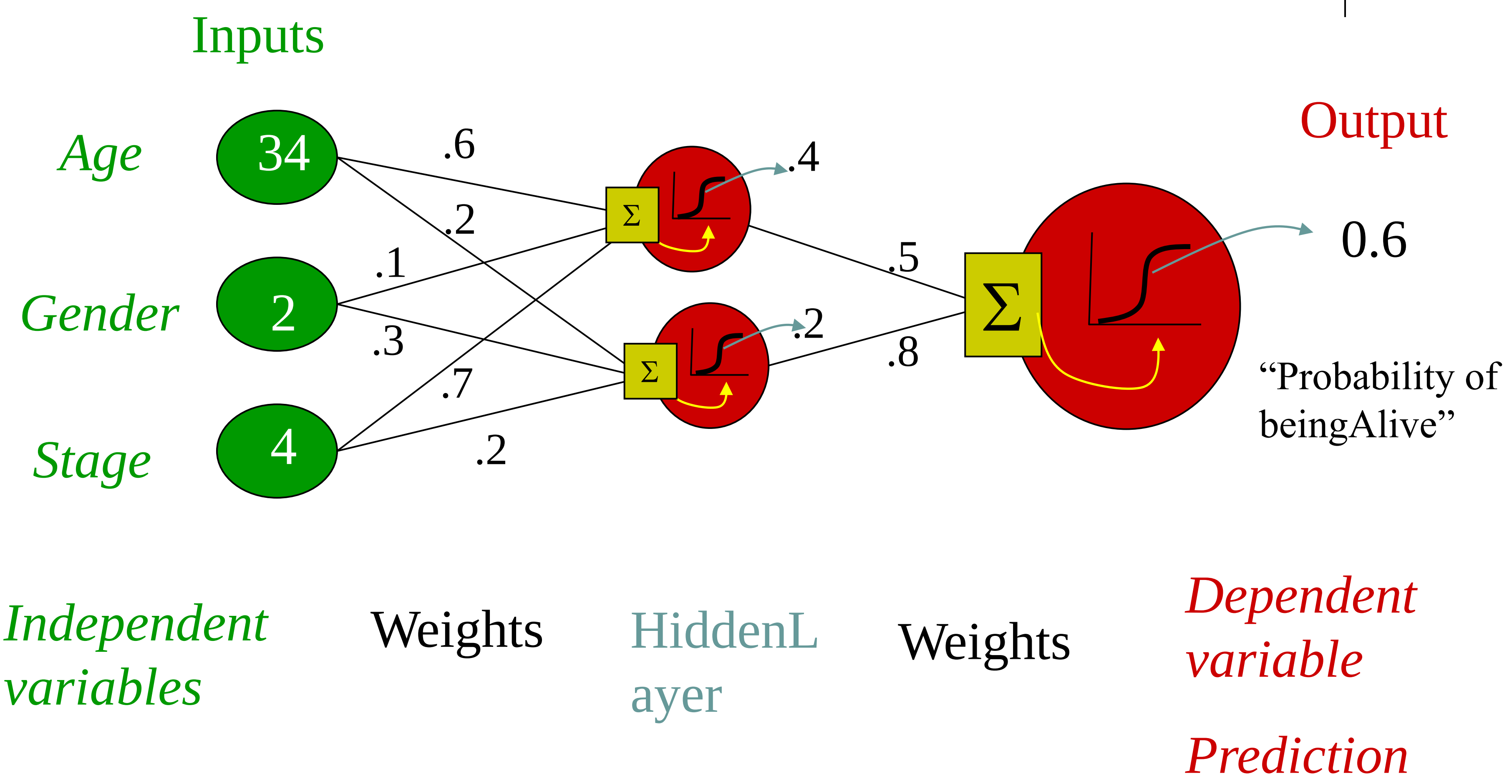
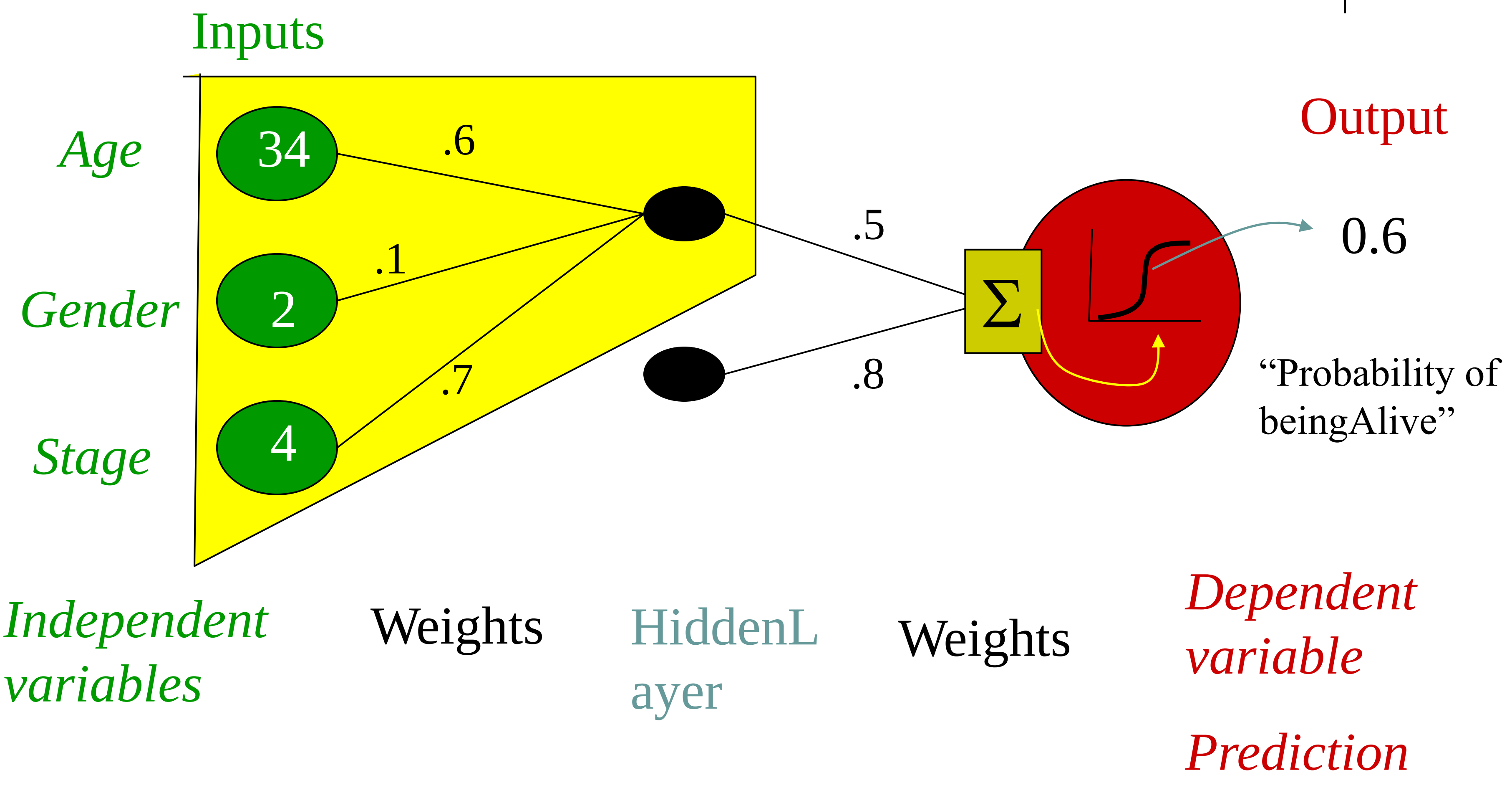
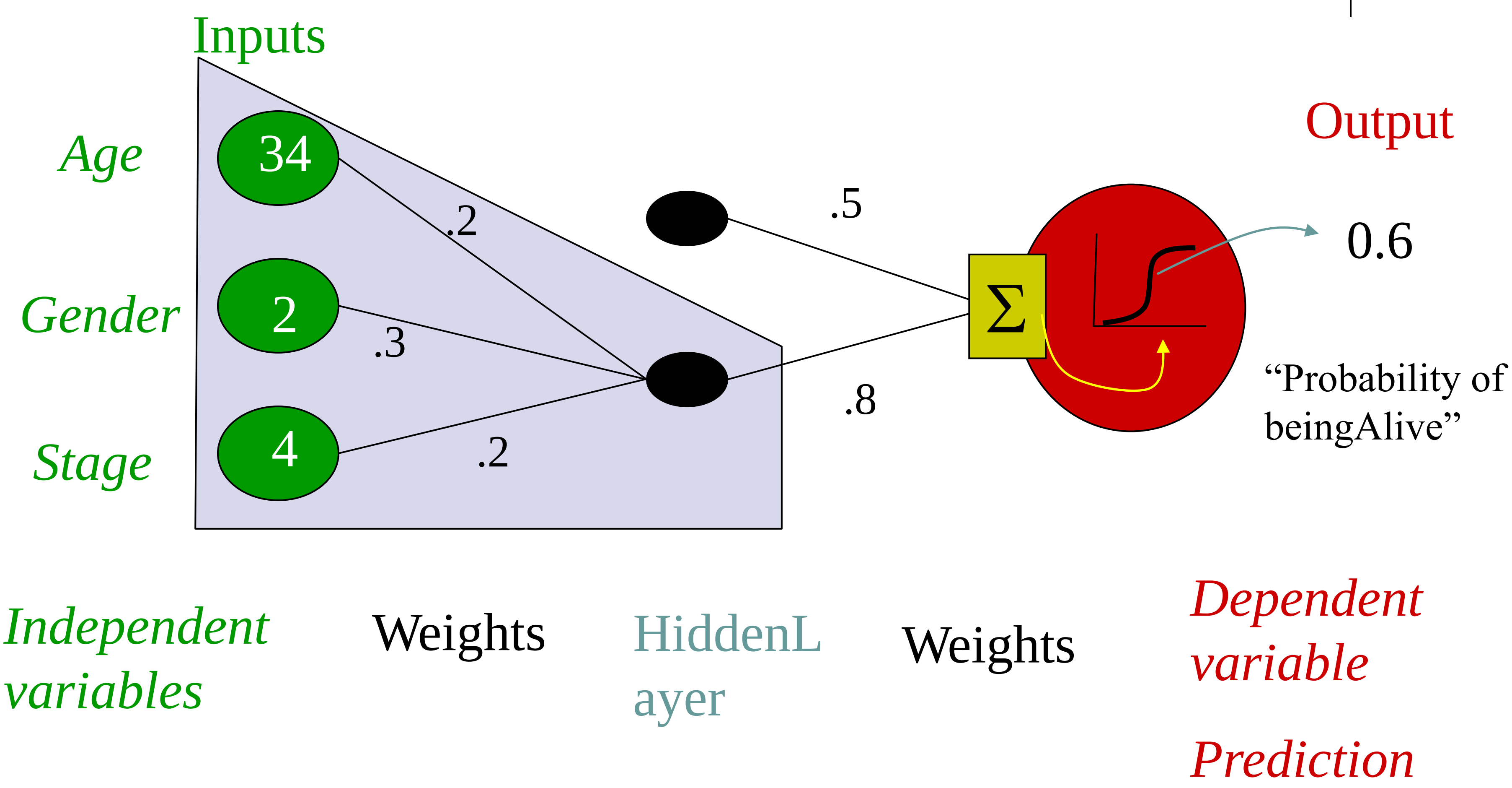


Neural Network Model



“Combined logistic models”

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Output
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"Probability of beingAlive"
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Weights
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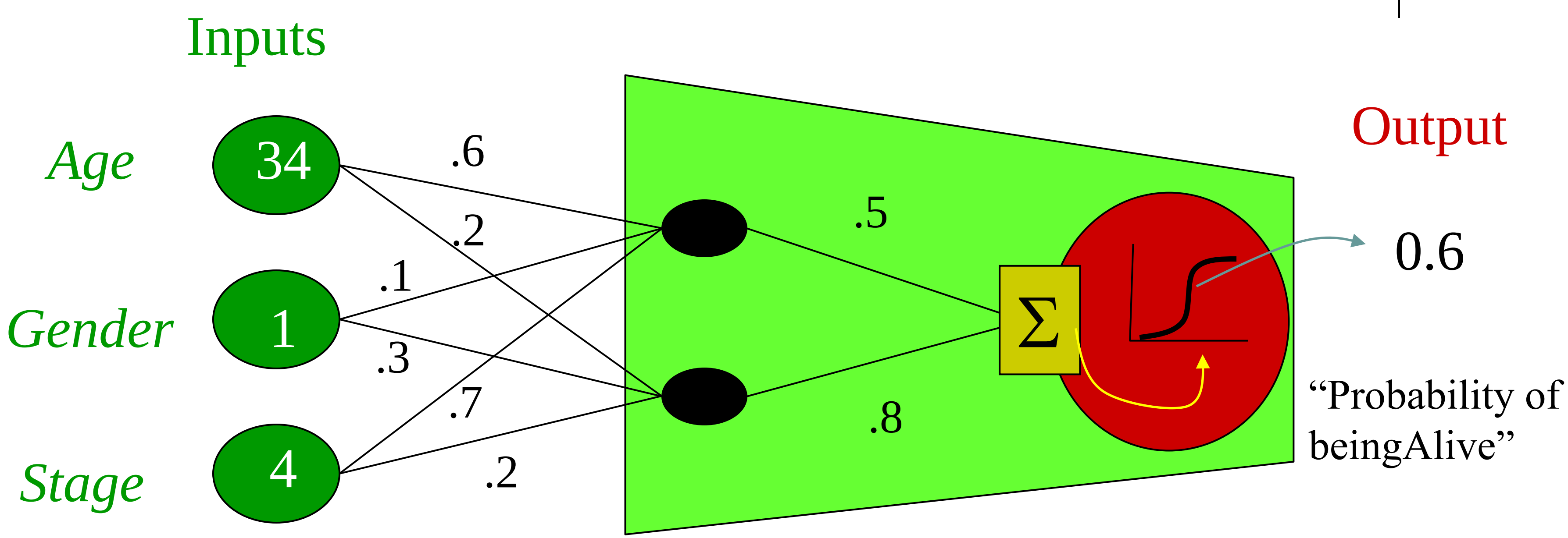
Dependent variable
Prediction



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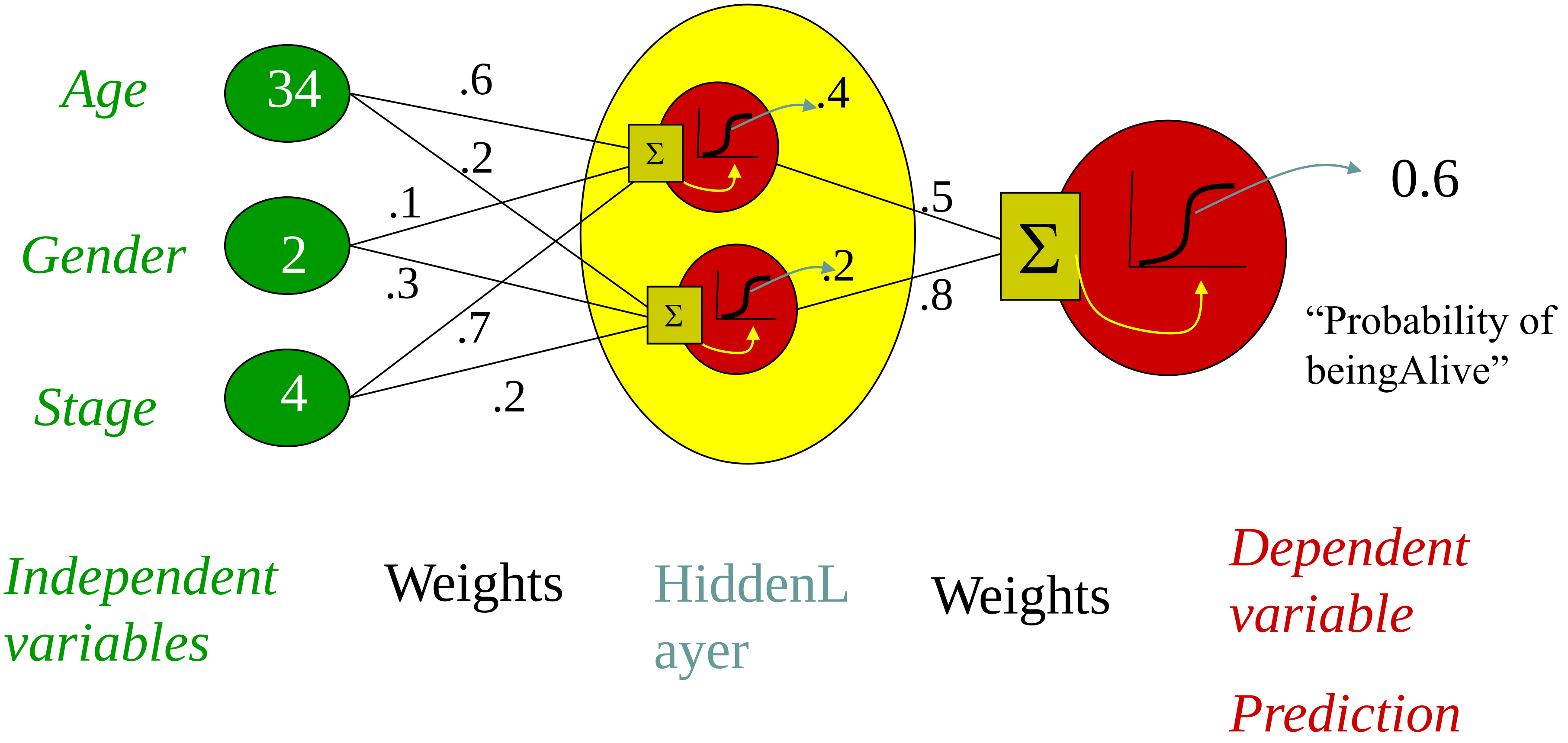
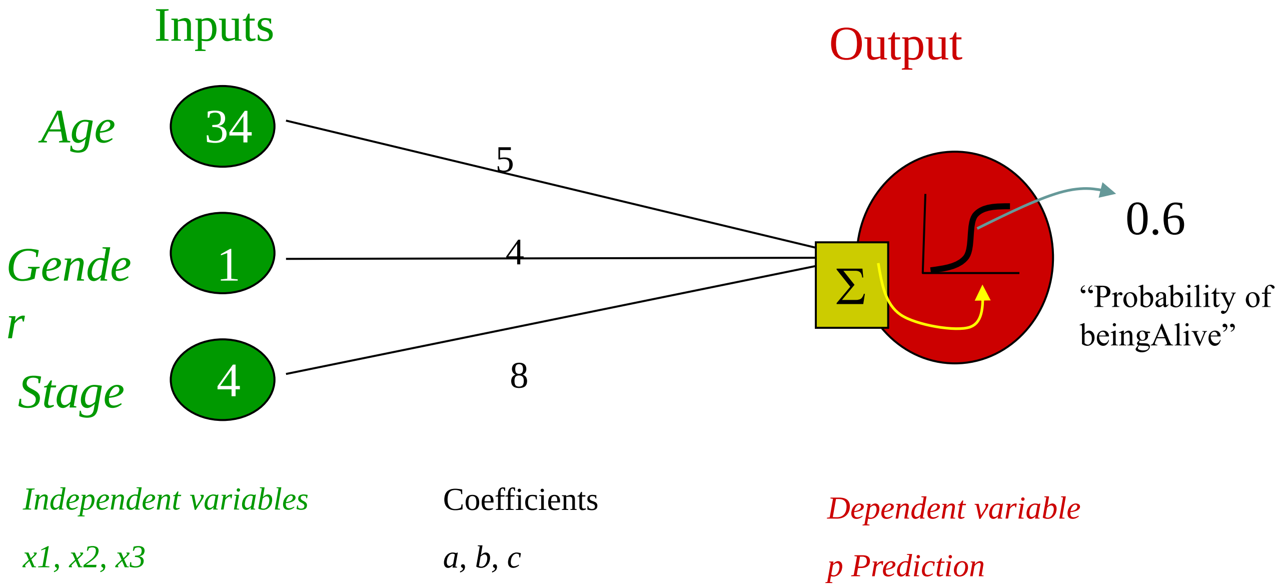
Not really,
no target for hidden units...



Jargon Pseudo-Correspondence

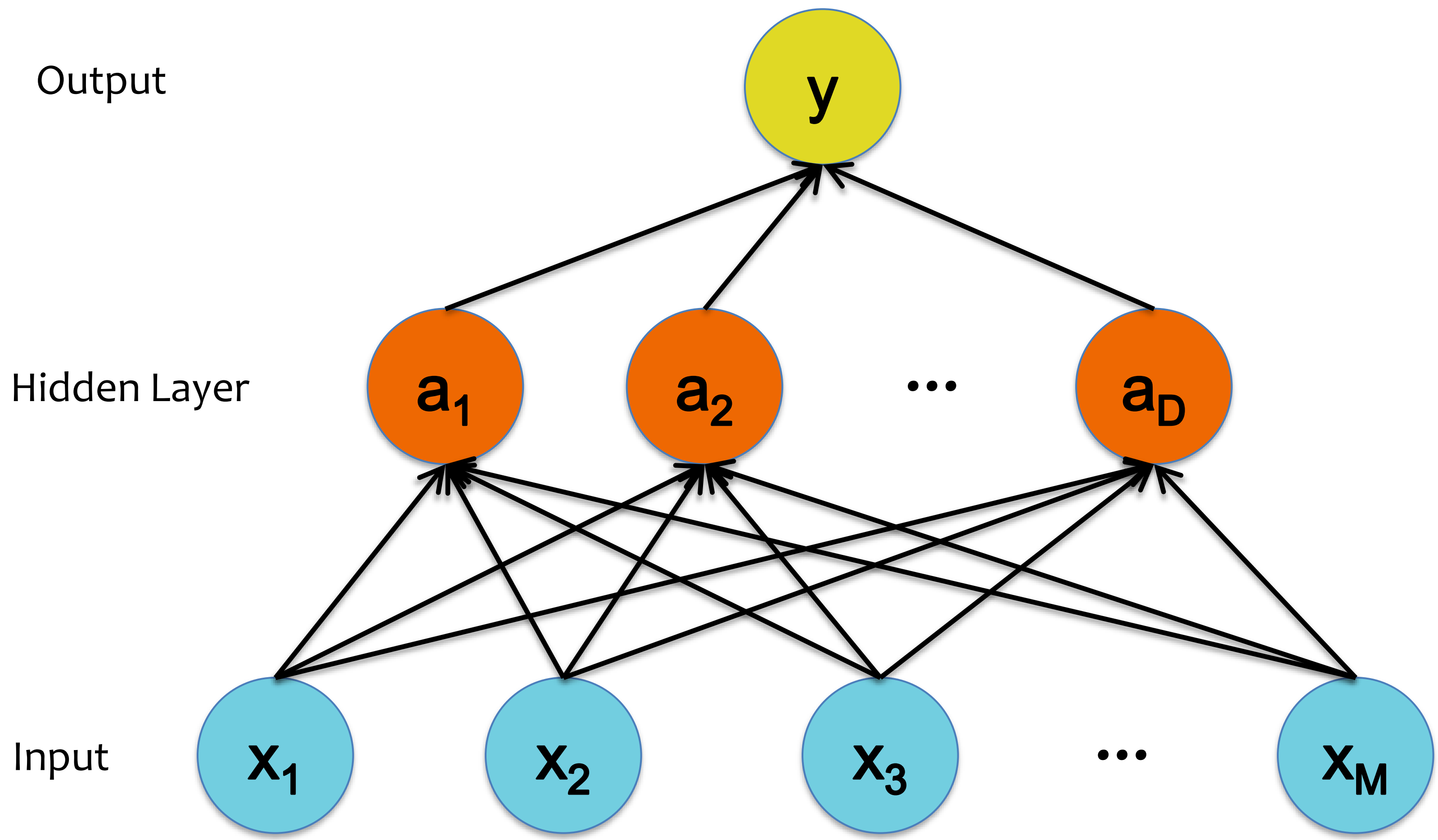
- Independent variable = input variable
- Dependent variable = output variable
- Coefficients = “weights”
- Estimates = “targets”

Logistic Regression Model (the sigmoid unit)



Decision Functions

Neural Network



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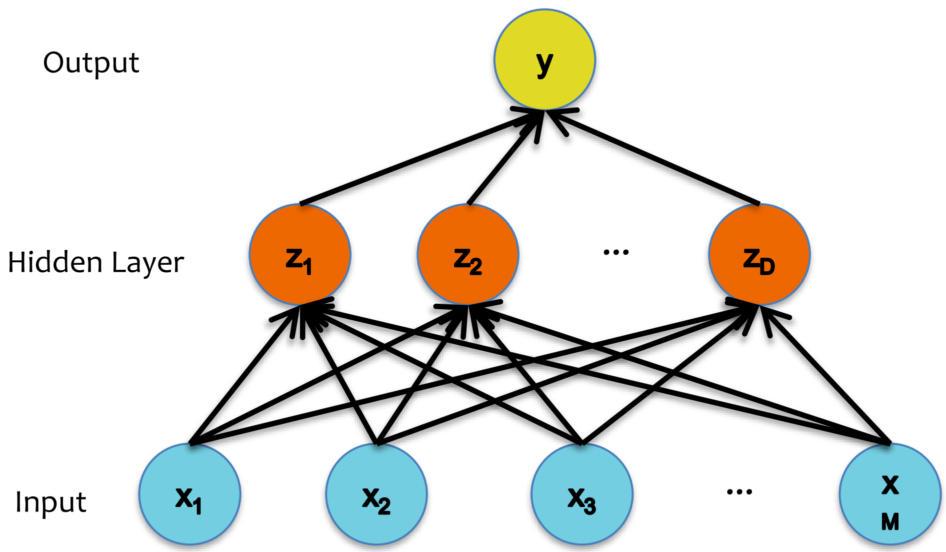

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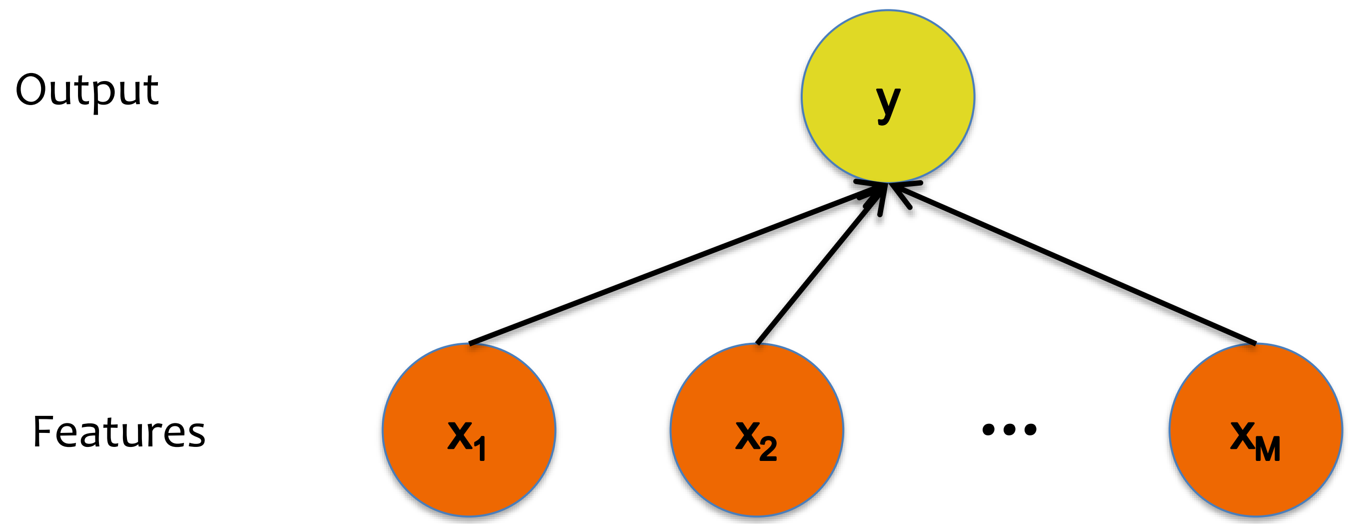

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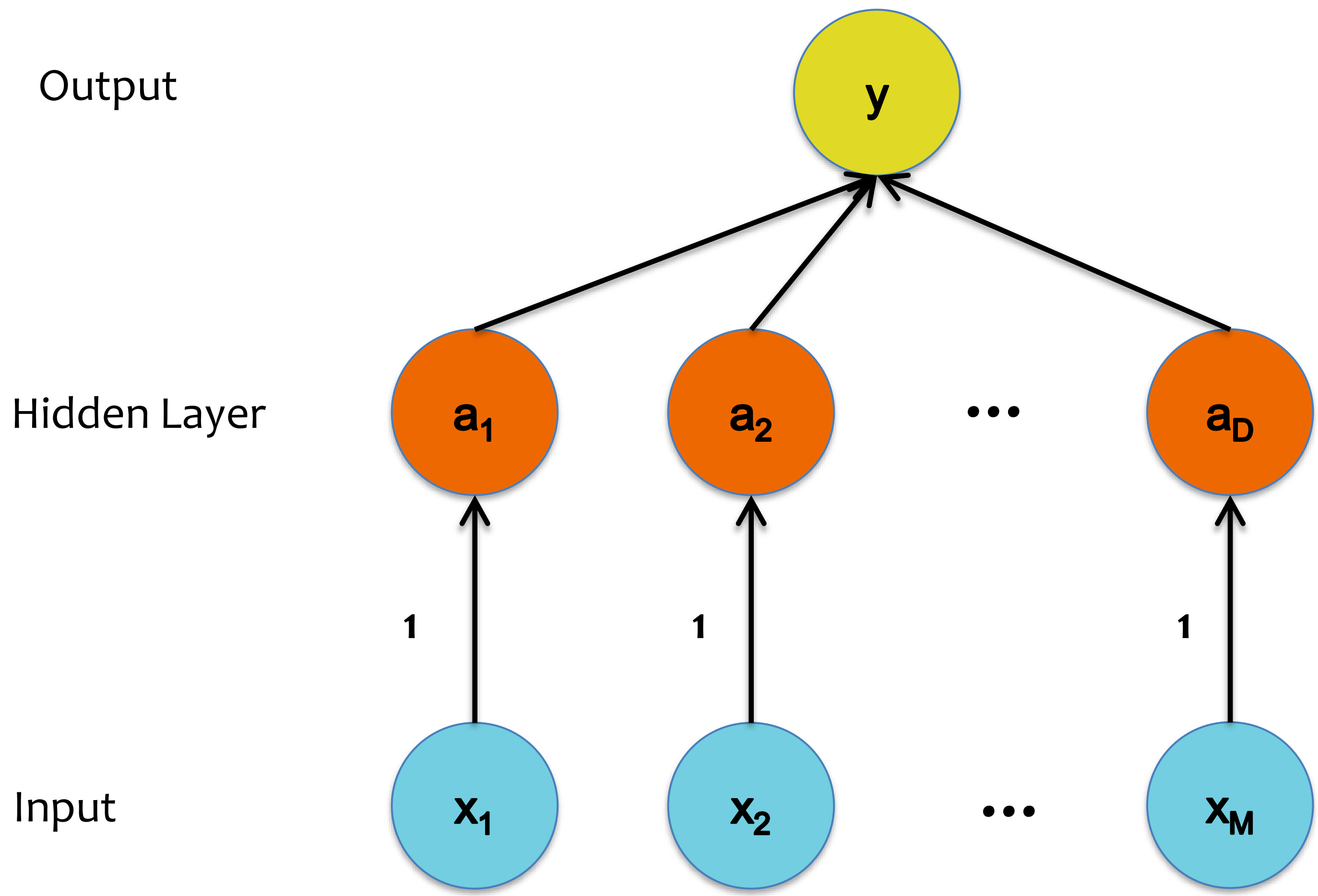

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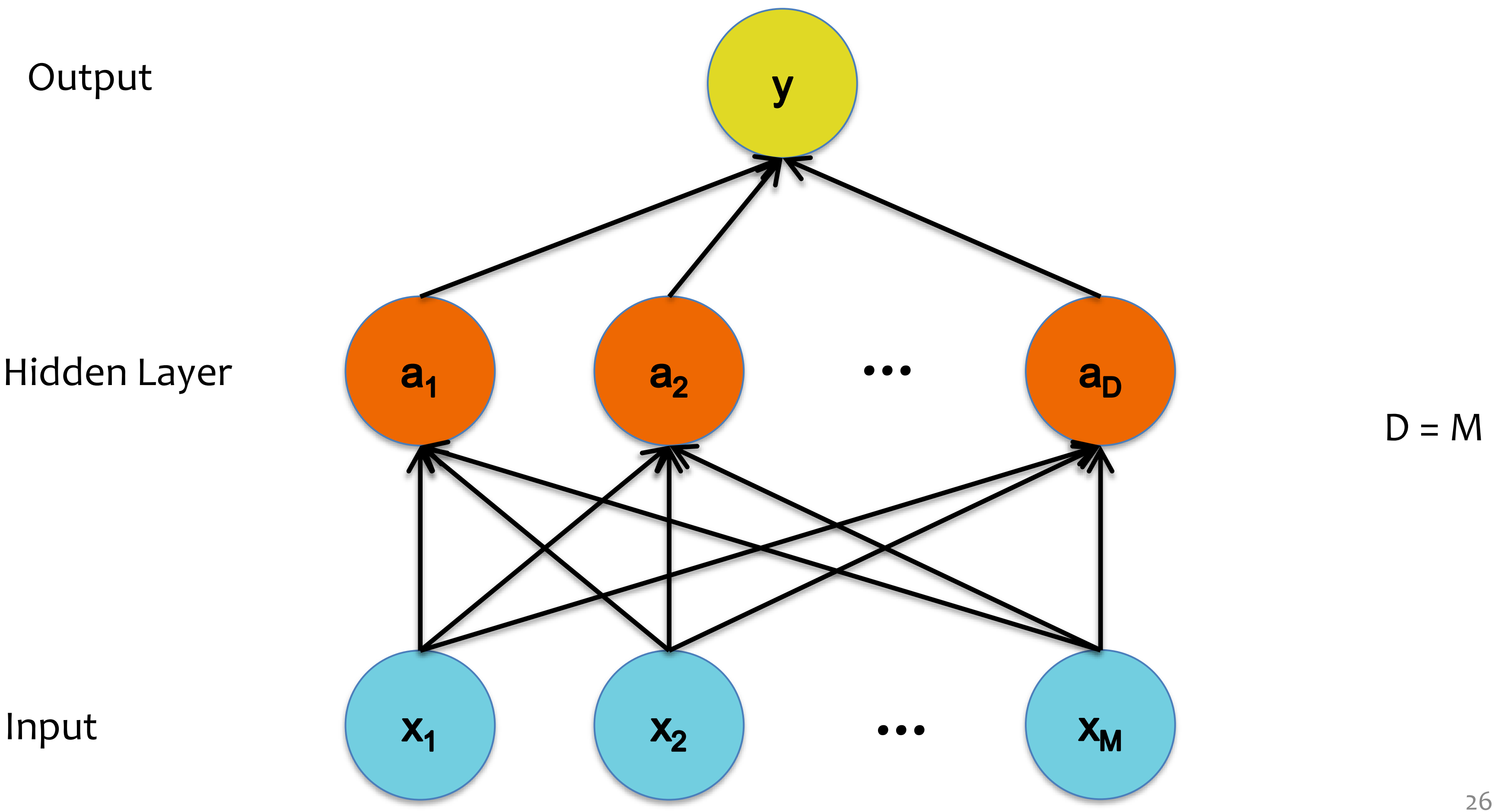

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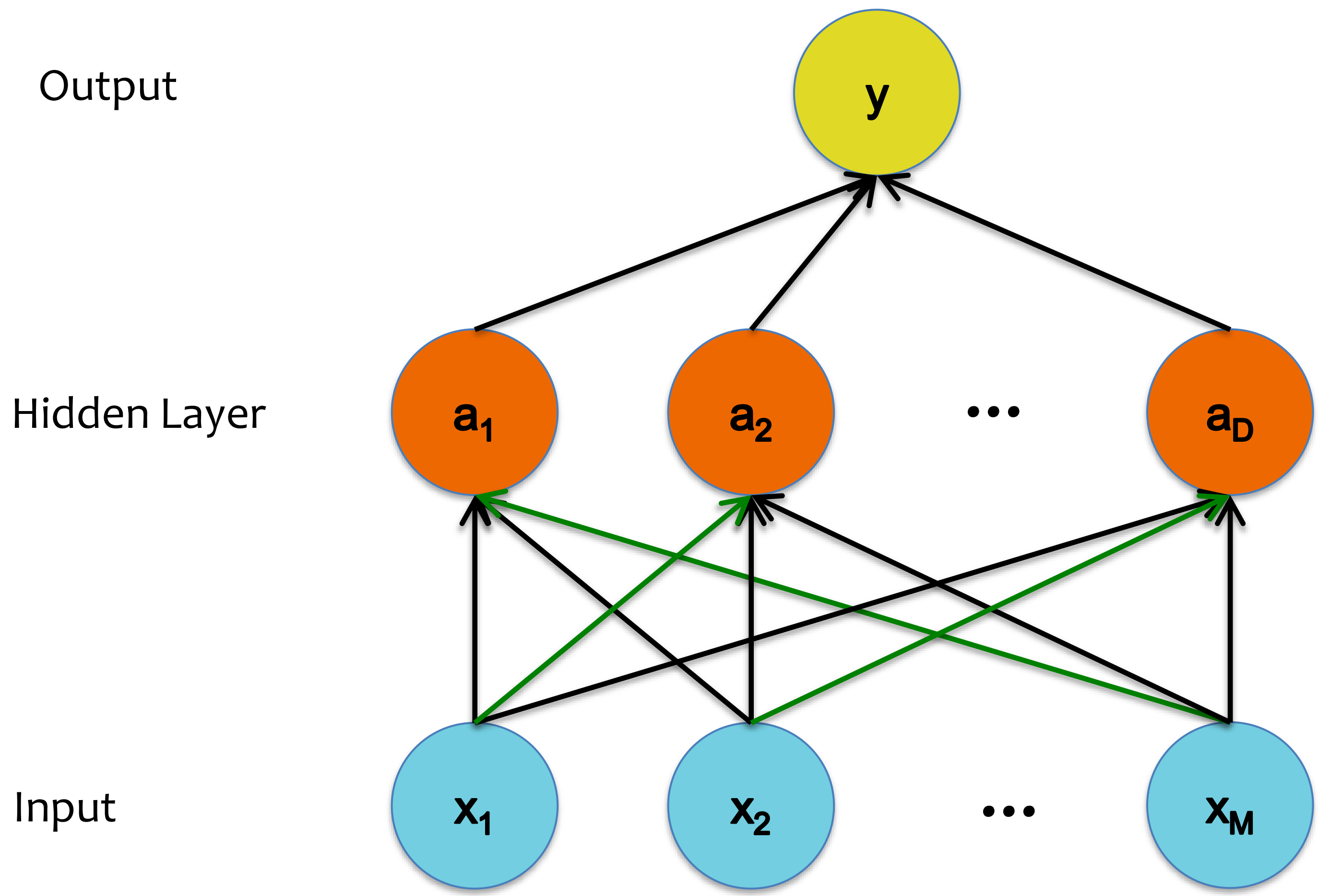

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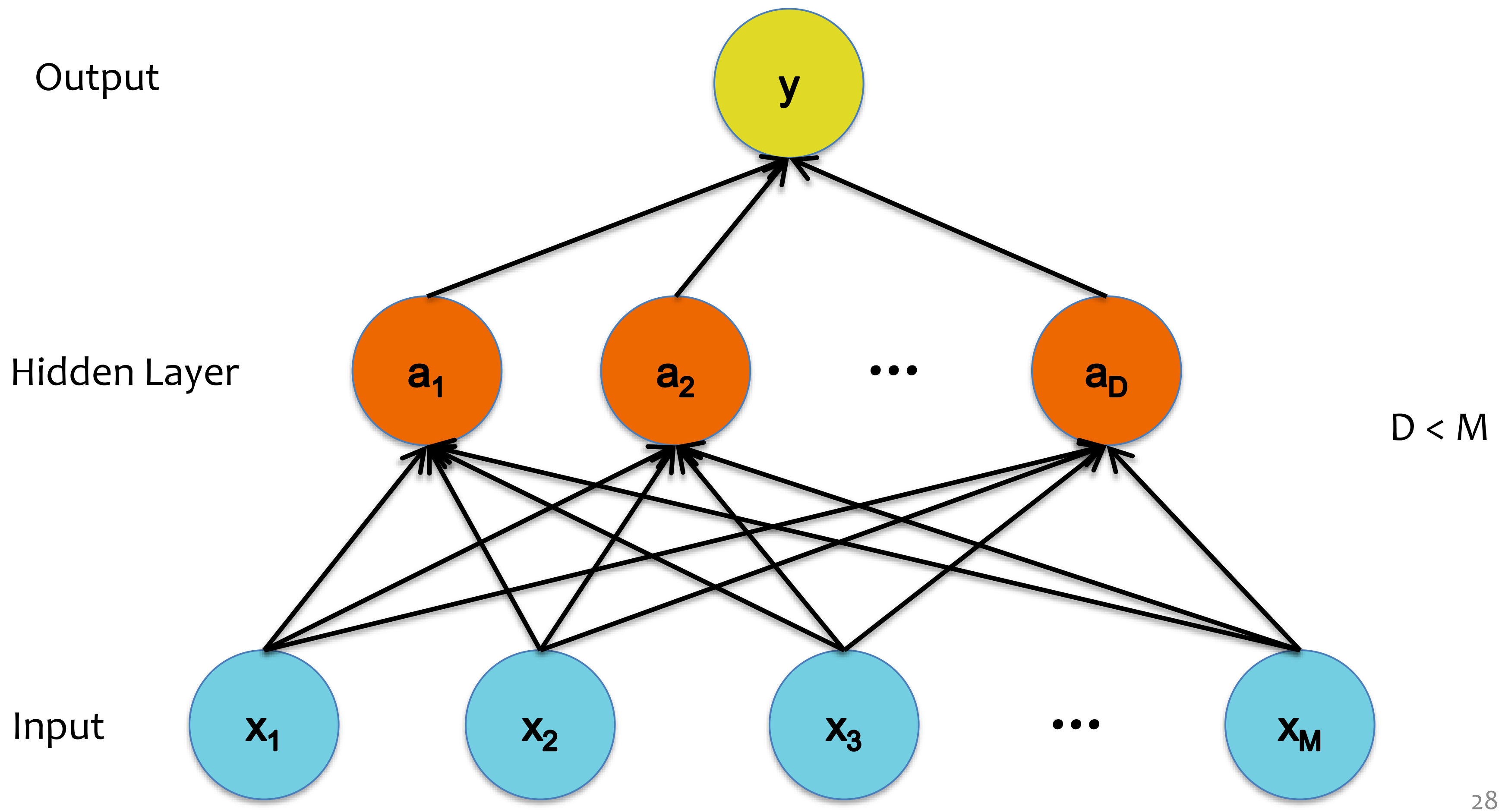
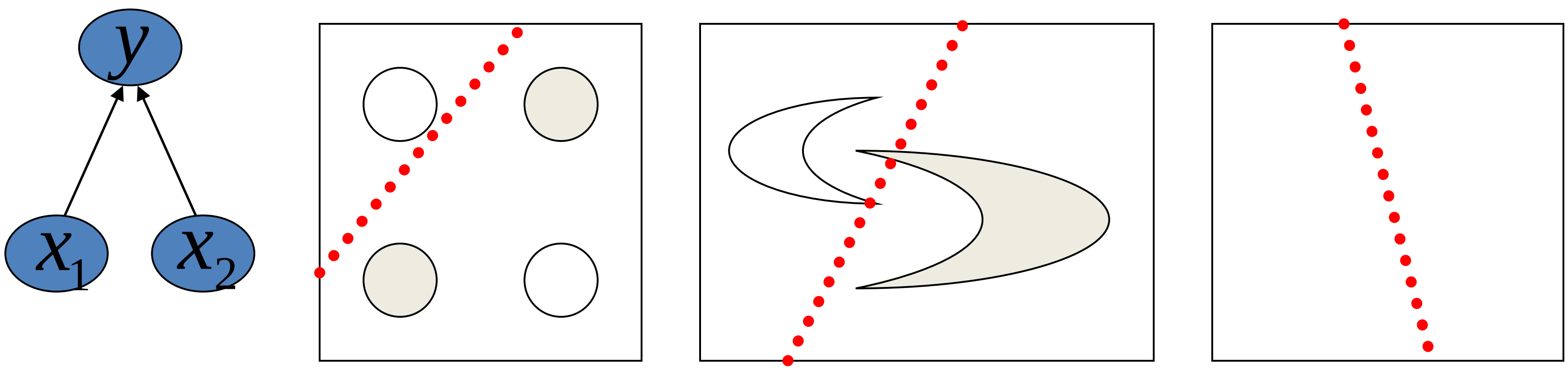


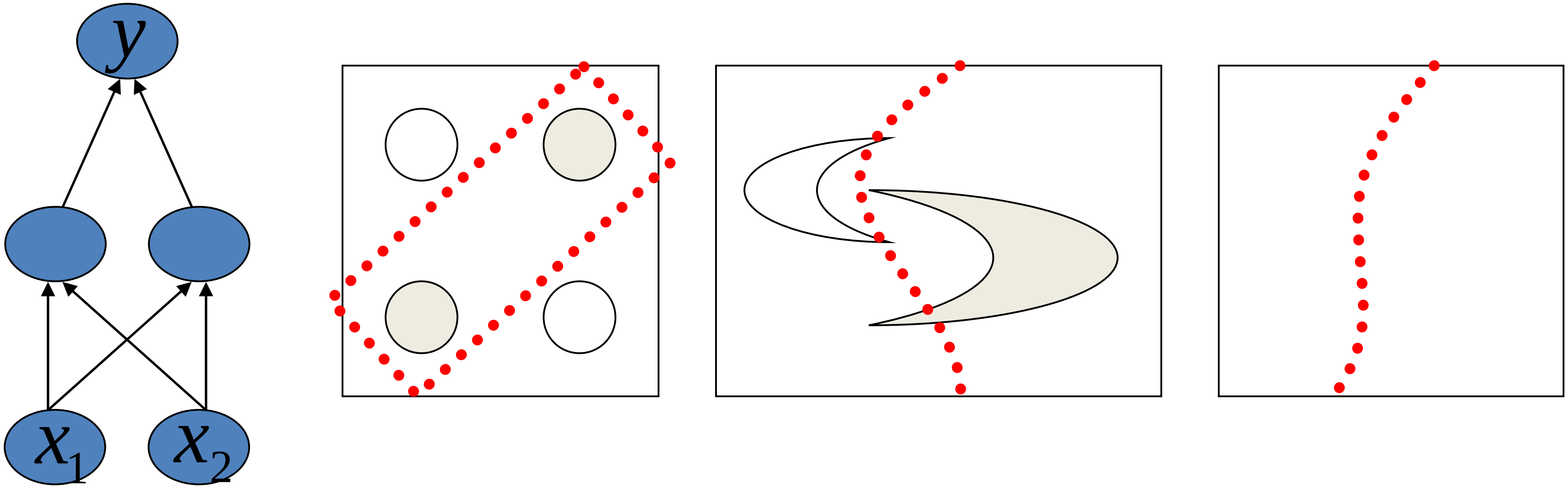
Decision Boundary

- 0 hidden layers: linear classifier
  - Hyperplanes



Decision Boundary

- 1 hidden layer
  - Boundary of convex region (open or closed)



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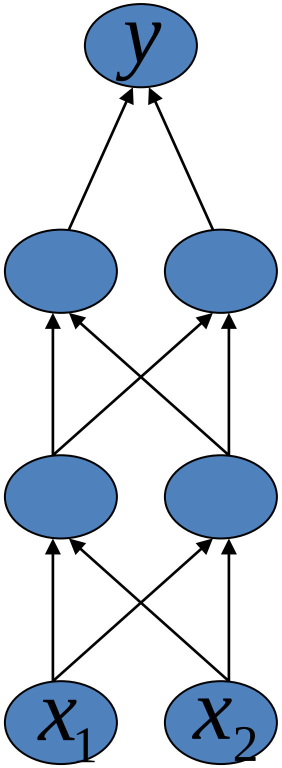
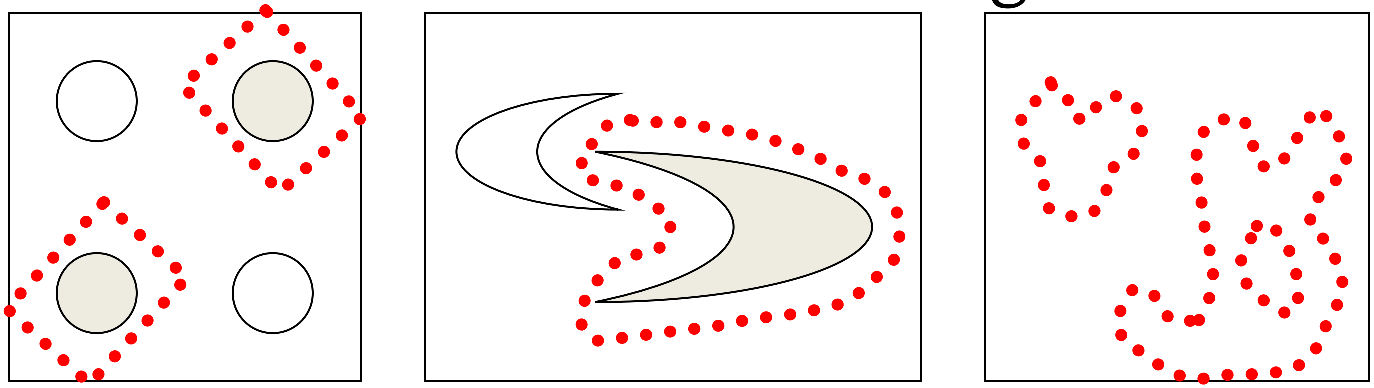
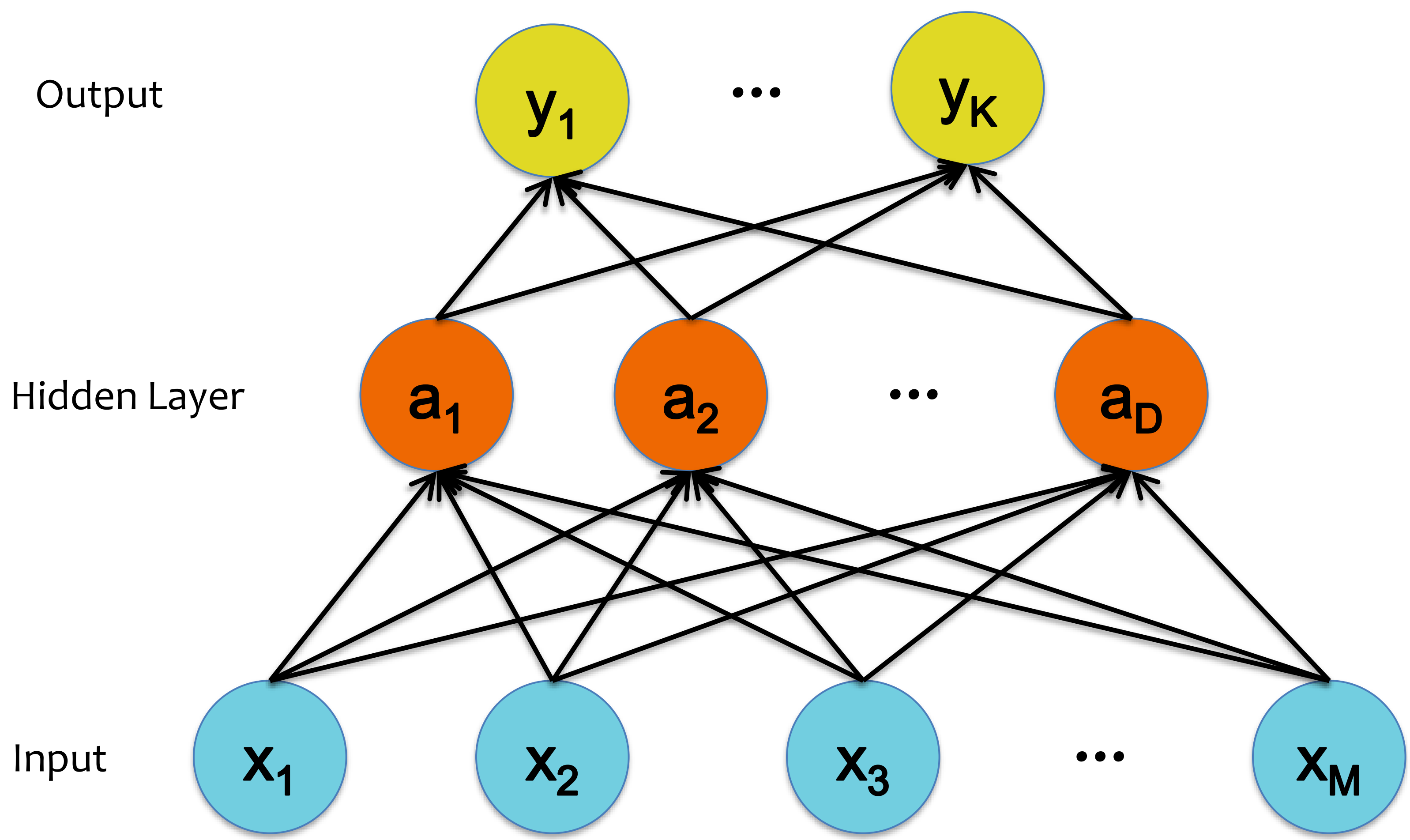


- 2 hidden layers
  - Combinations of convex regions

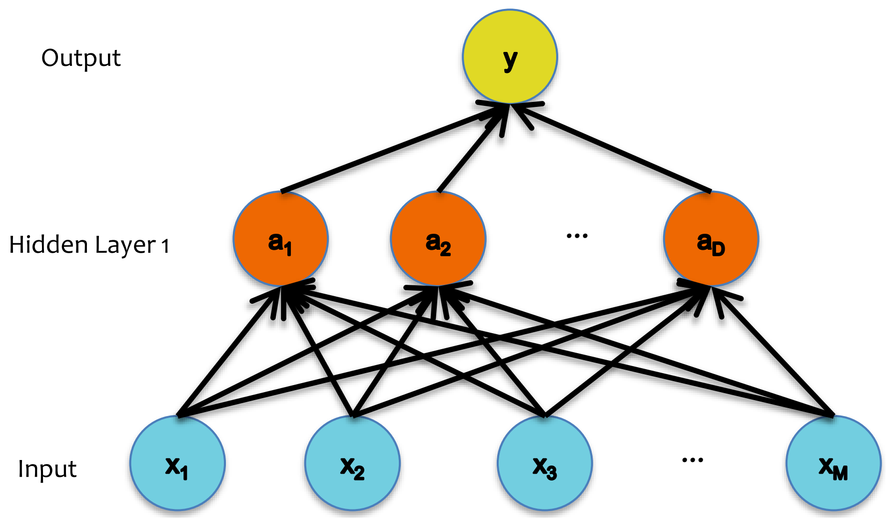


Multi-Class Output



Decision Functions

Deeper Networks



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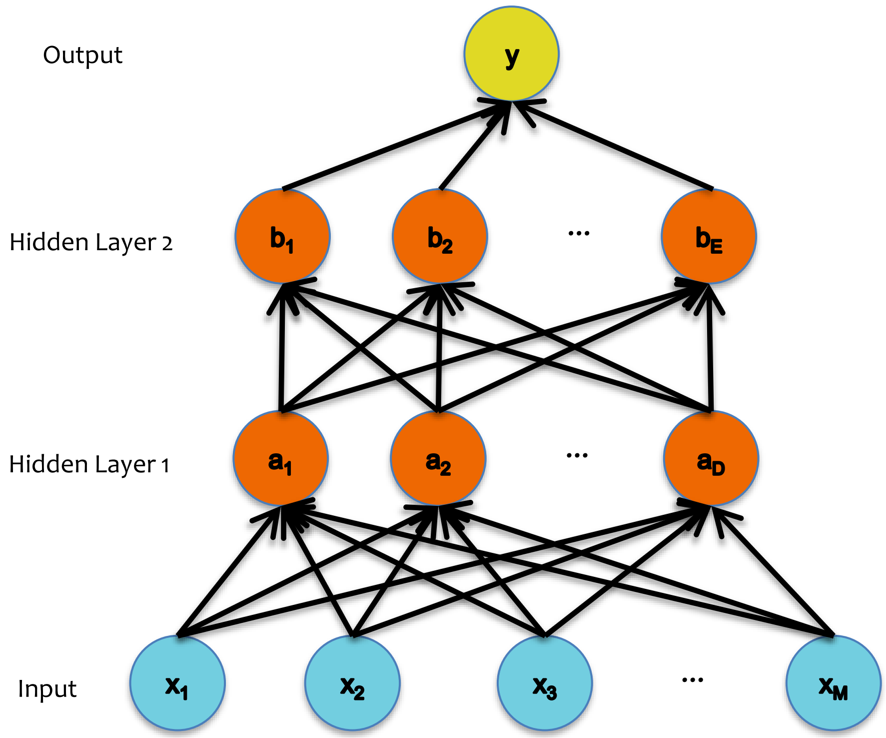
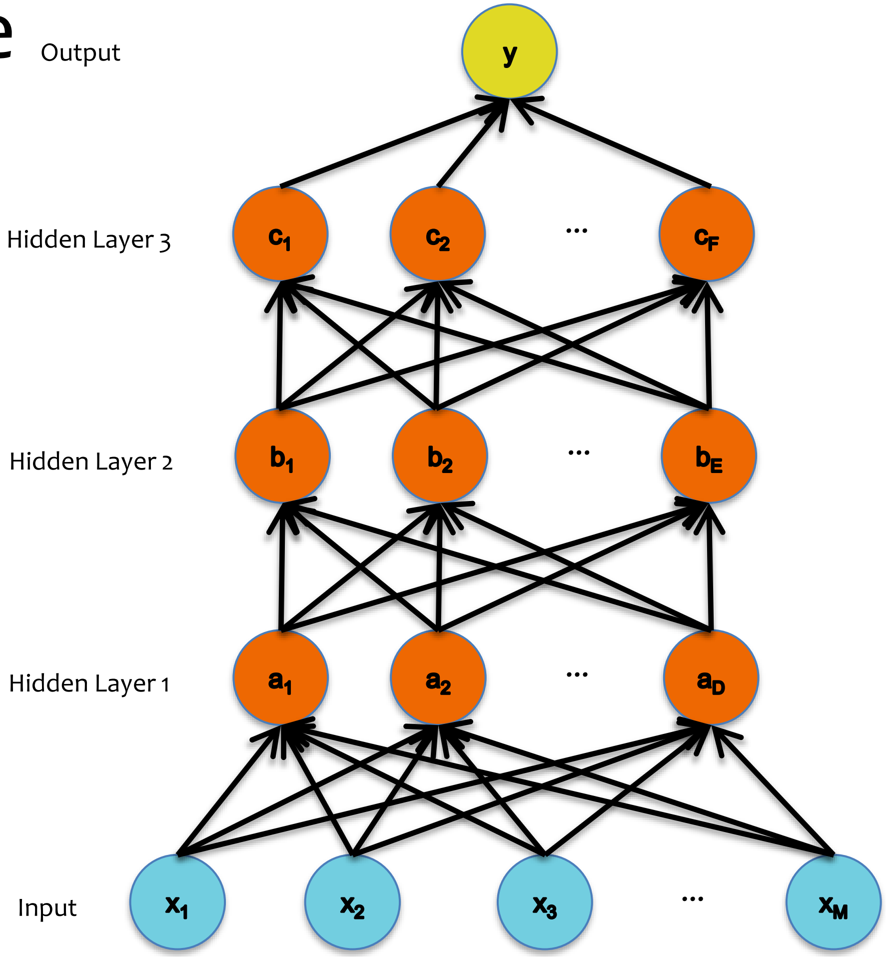


Deeper Networks

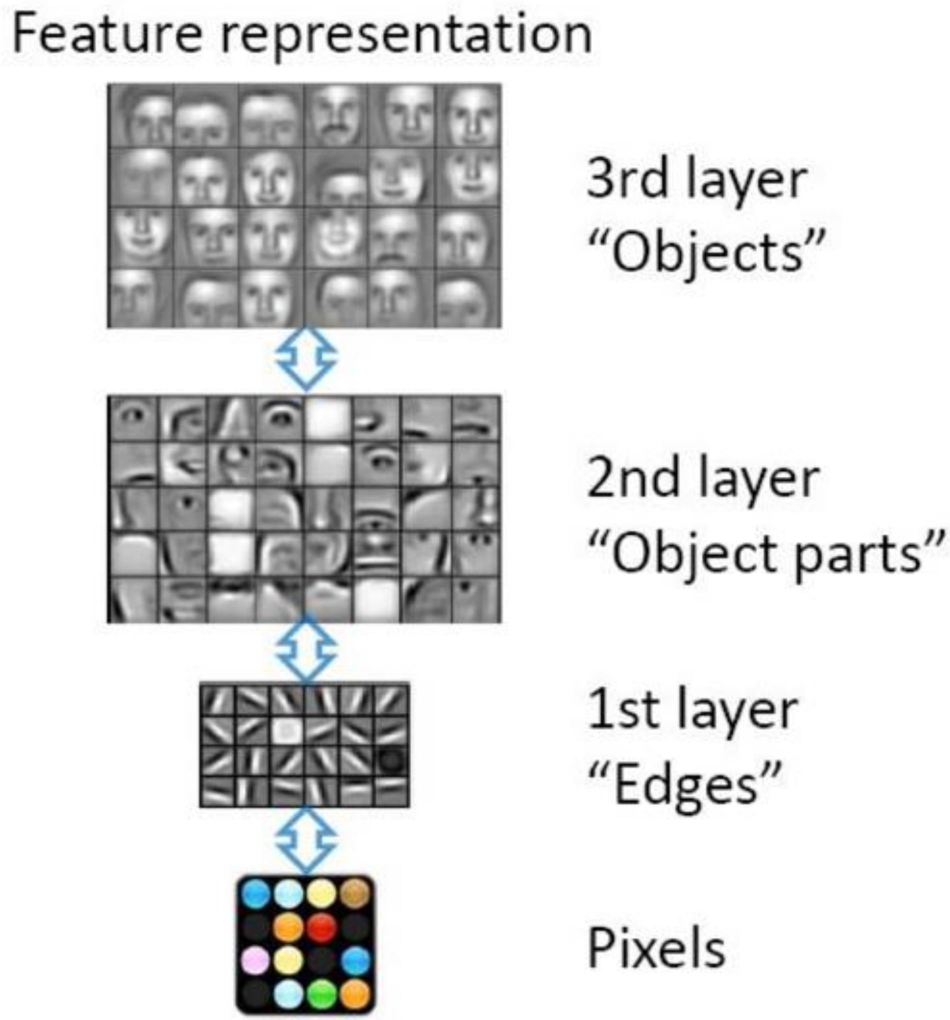
Making the neural networks deeper



Decision Functions

Different Levels of Abstraction

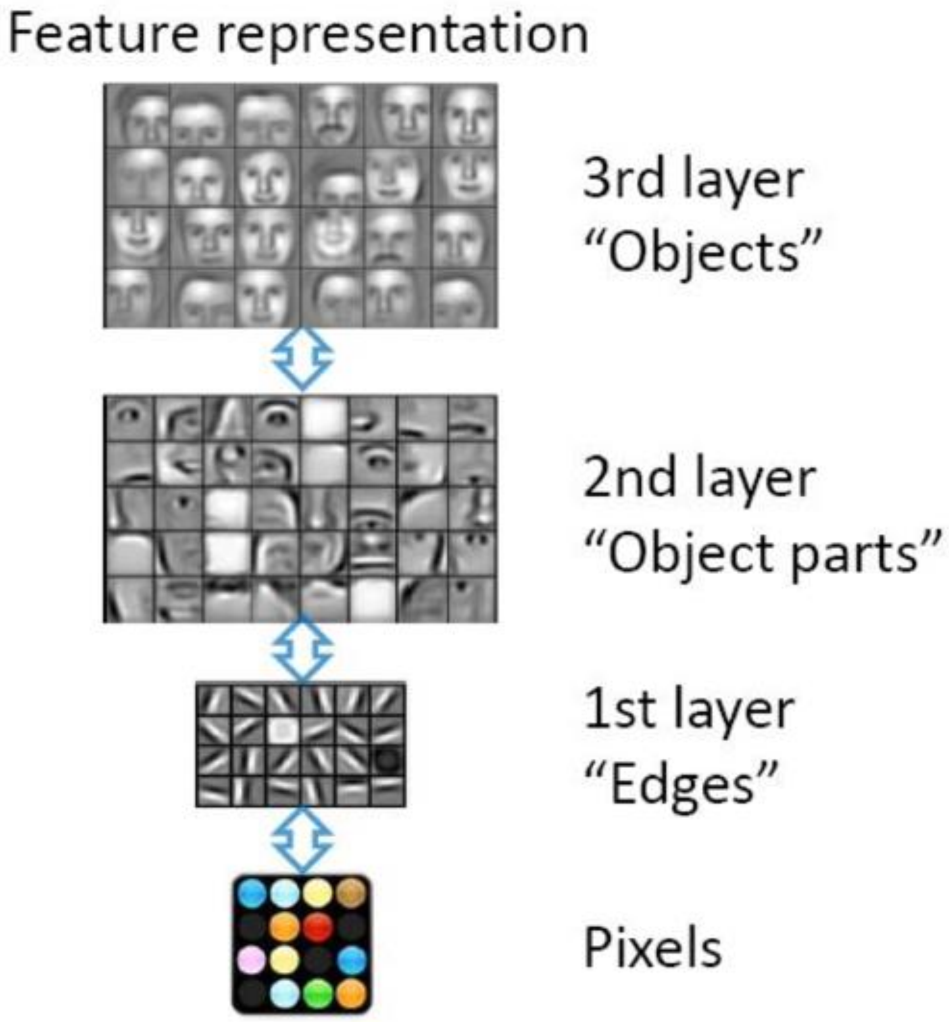
- We don't know the "right" levels of abstraction
- So let the model figure it out!



Different Levels of Abstraction

Face Recognition:

- Deep Network can build up increasingly higher levels of abstraction
- Lines, parts, regions



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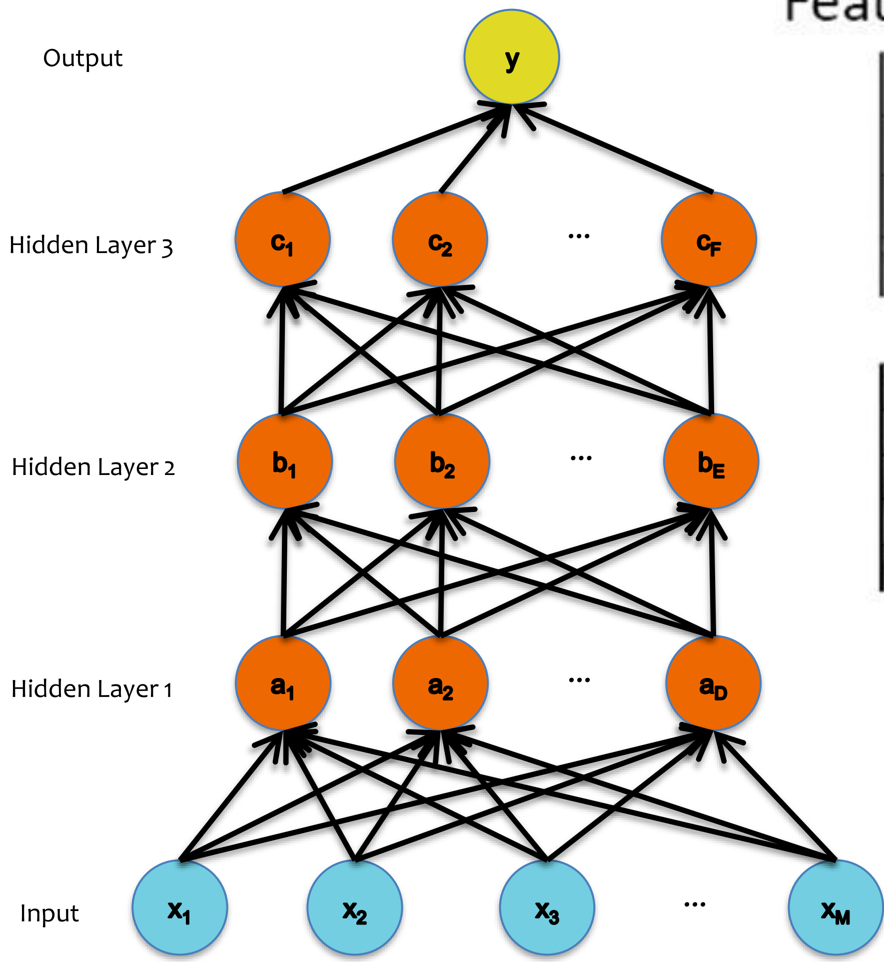
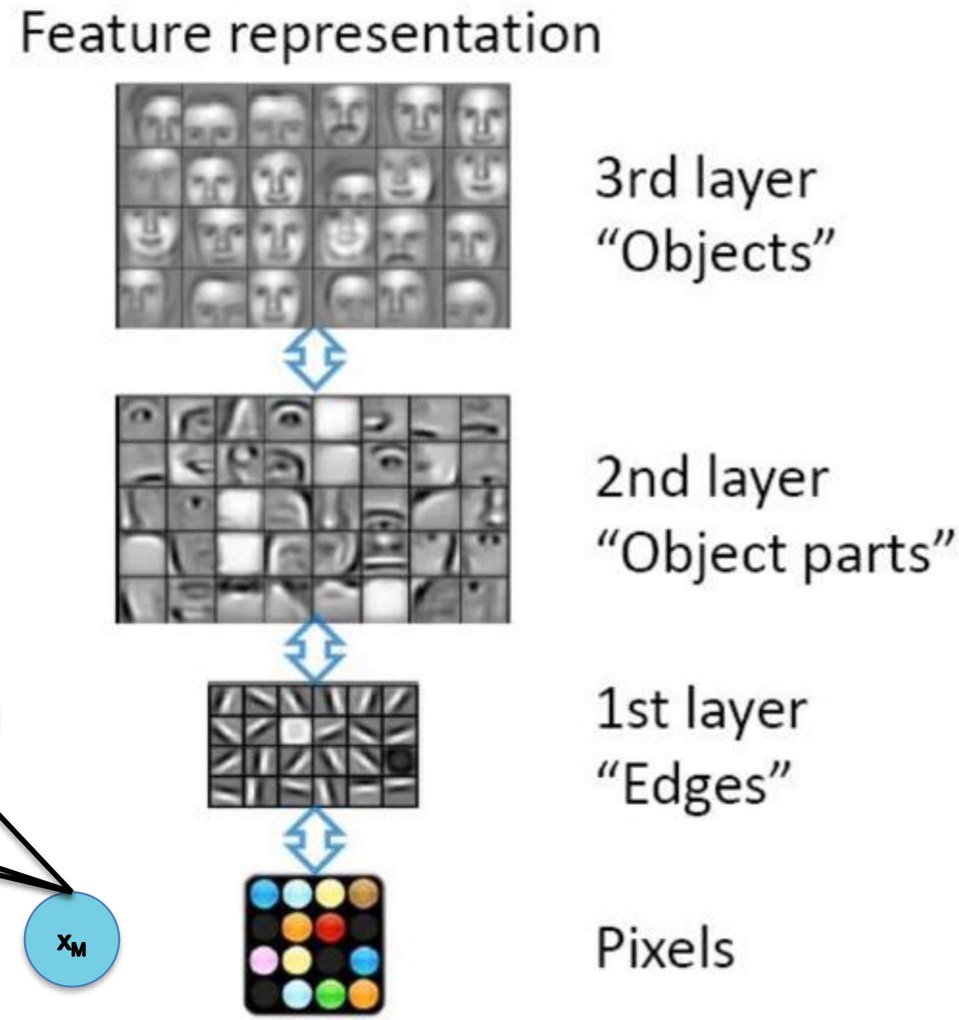




ARCHITECTURES

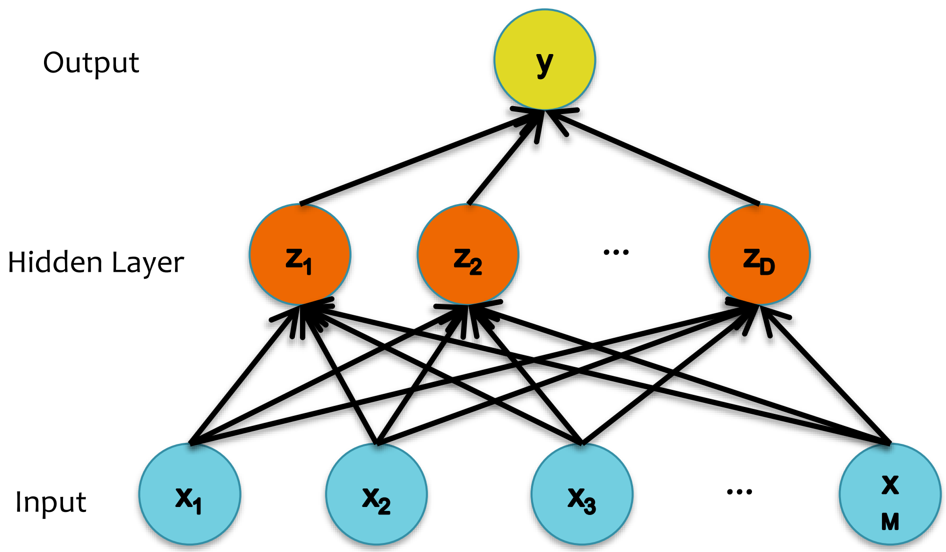
Neural Network Architectures

Even for a basic Neural Network, there are many design decisions to make:

1. # of hidden layers (depth)
2. # of units per hidden layer (width)
3. Type of activation function (nonlinearity)
4. Form of objective function

Activation Functions

Neural Network with sigmoid activation functions



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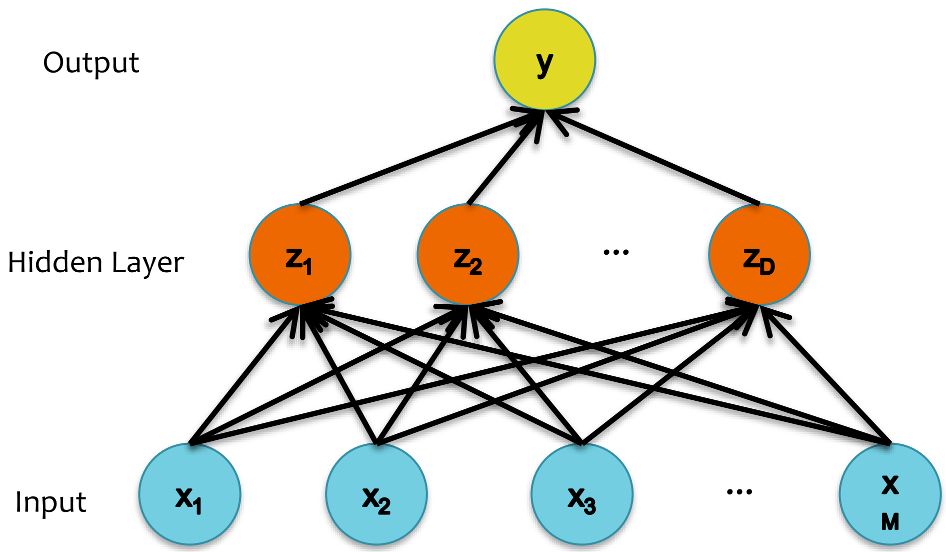
Neural Network with arbitrary nonlinear activation functions



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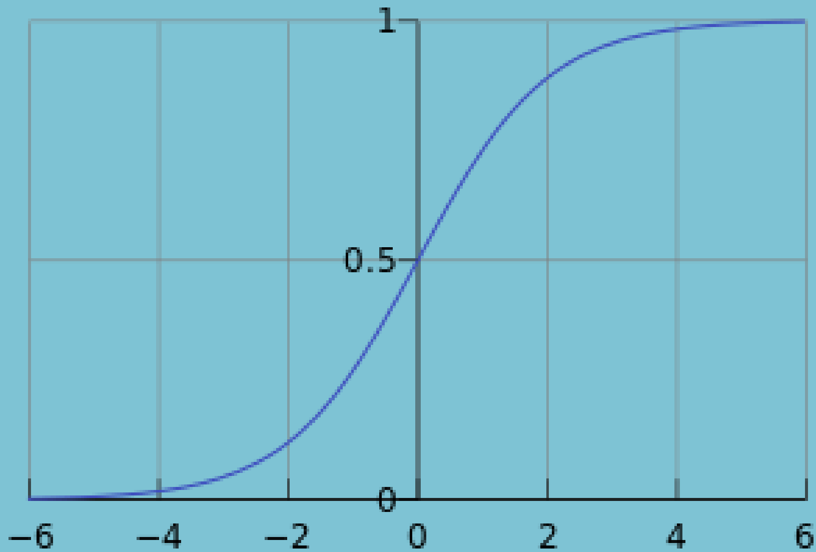
Sigmoid / Logistic Function

$$\mathrm{logistic}(u) \equiv \frac{1}{1+e^{-u}}$$



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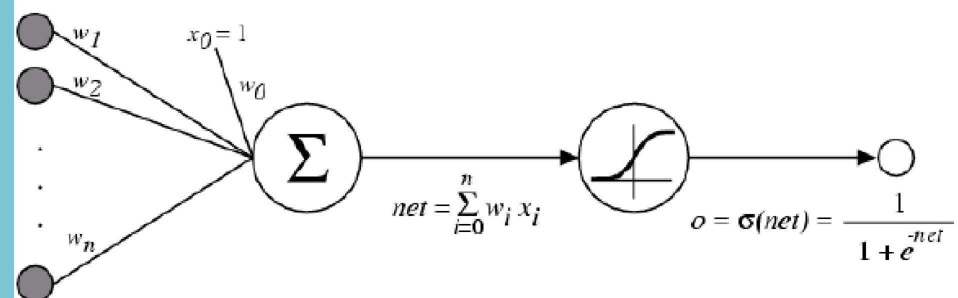
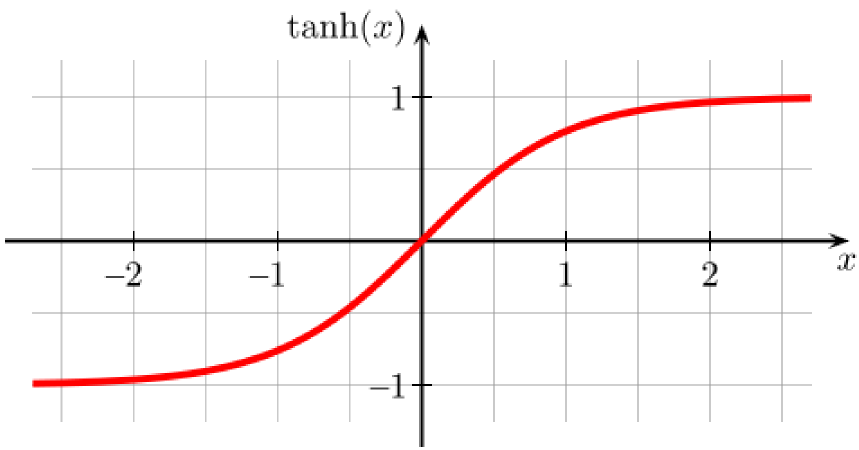


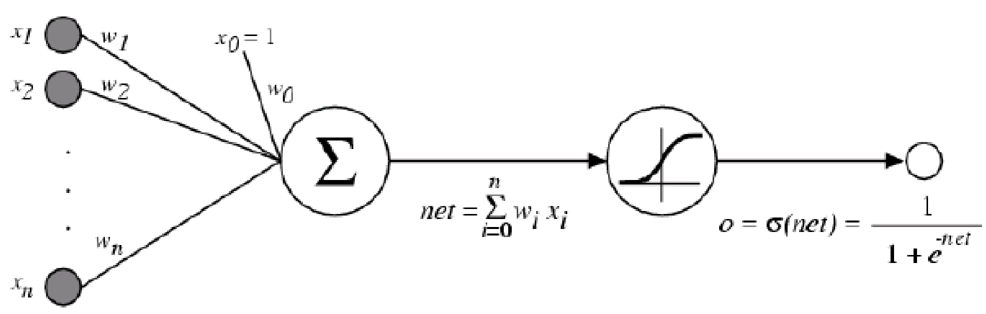
Activation Functions

- A new change: modifying the nonlinearity
  - The logistic is not widely used in modern ANNs



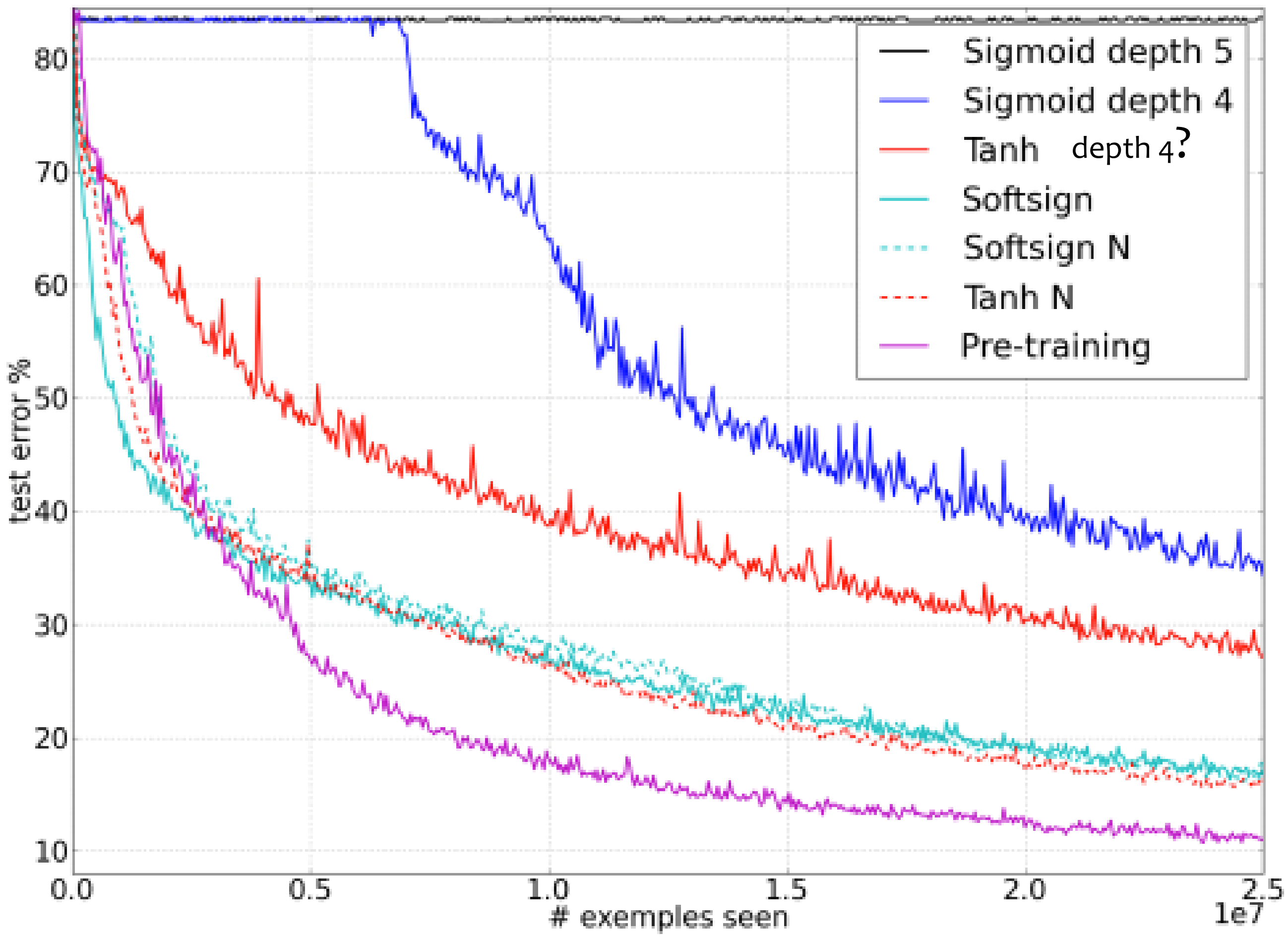
Alternate 1: tanh

Like logistic function but shifted to range [-1, +1]



Understanding the difficulty of training deep feedforward neural networks

AI Stats 2010



sigmoid
vs.
tanh

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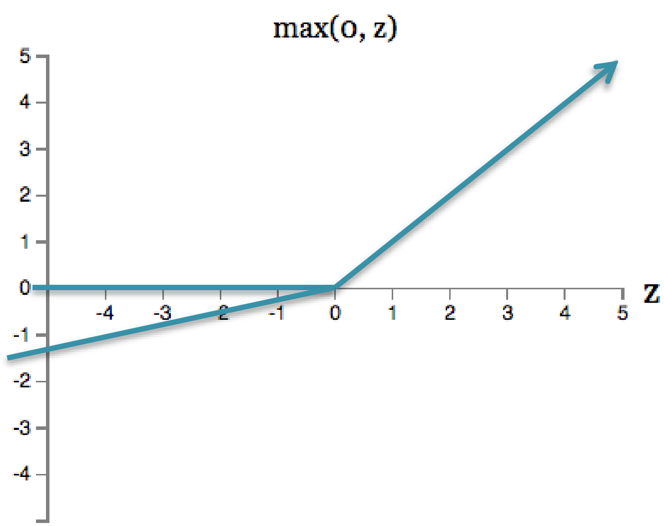
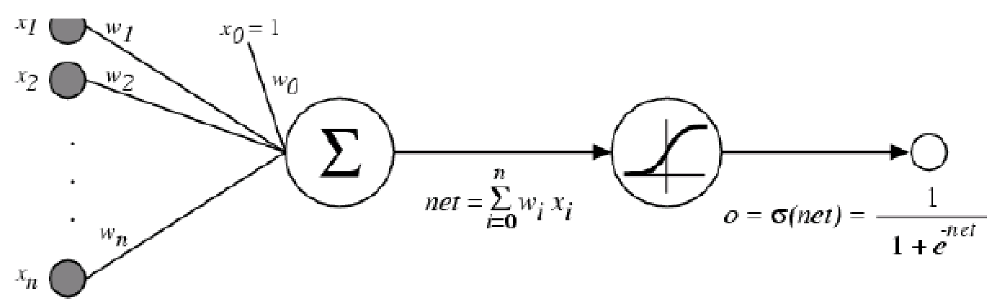


Alternate 2: rectified linear unit

Linear with a cutoff at zero

(Implementation: clip the gradient when you pass zero)

$$\max(0, w \cdot x + b).$$



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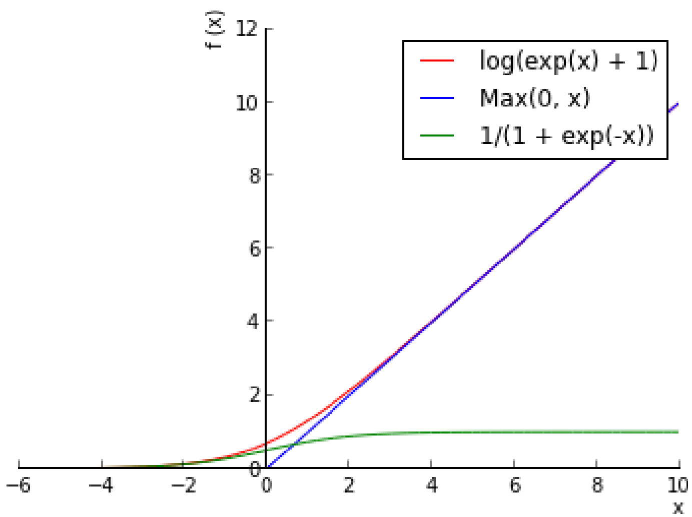
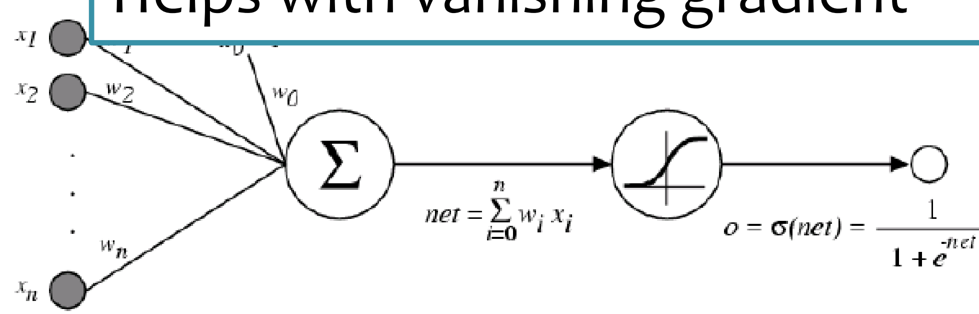


Alternate 2: rectified linear unit

Soft version: log(exp(x)+1)

Doesn’t saturate (at one end)
Sparsifies outputs
Helps with vanishing gradient



Objective Functions for NNs

- Regression:
  - Use the same objective as Linear Regression
  - Quadratic loss (i.e. mean squared error)
- Classification:
  - Use the same objective as Logistic Regression
  - Cross-entropy (i.e. negative log likelihood)
  - This requires probabilities, so we add an additional "softmax" layer at the end of our network

	Forward	Backward
Quadratic	$J = \frac{1}{2}(y - y^*)^2$	$\frac{dJ}{dy} = y - y^*$
Cross Entropy	$J = y^* \log(y) + (1 - y^*) \log(1 - y)$	$\frac{dJ}{dy} = y^* \frac{1}{y} + (1 - y^*) \frac{1}{y - 1}$

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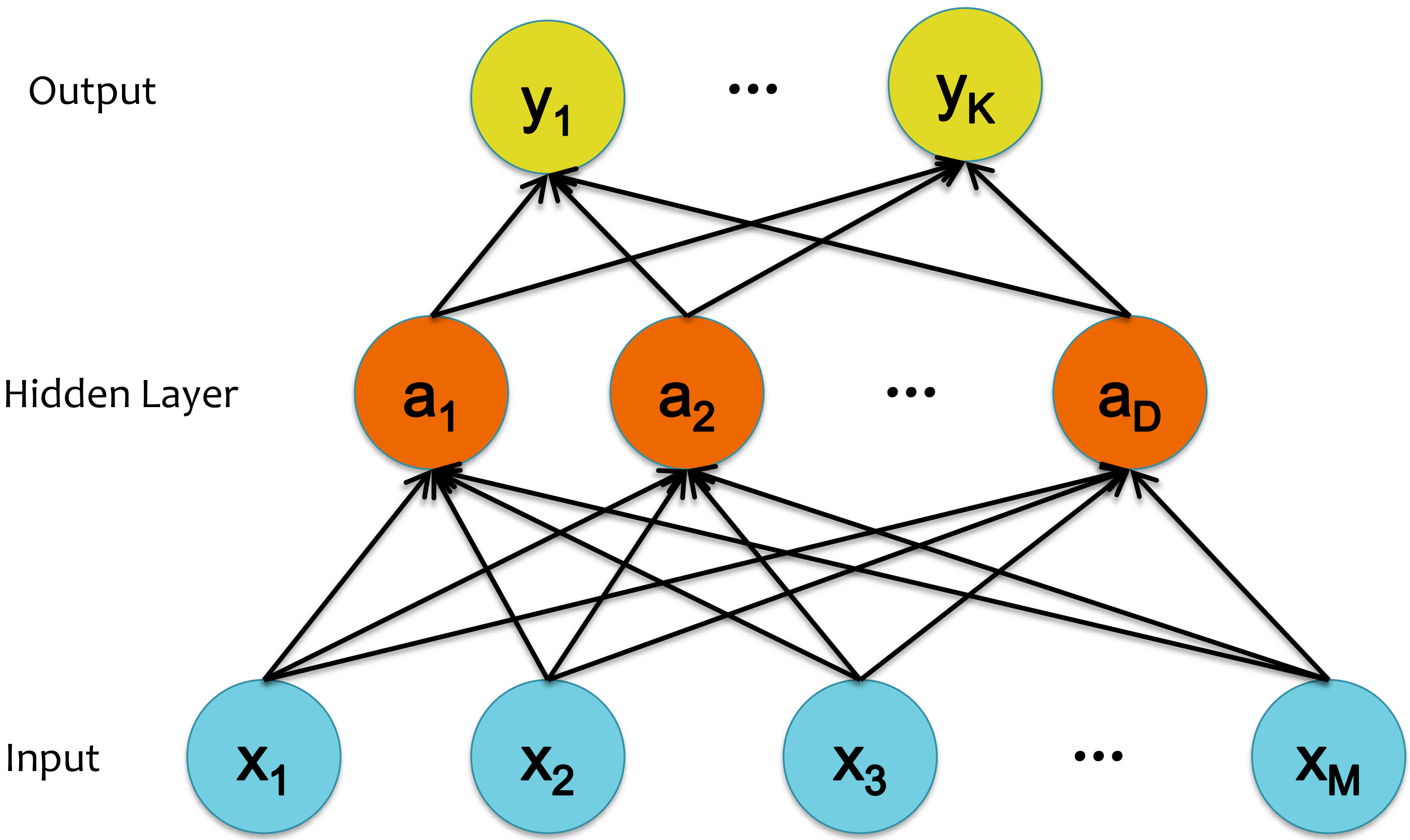

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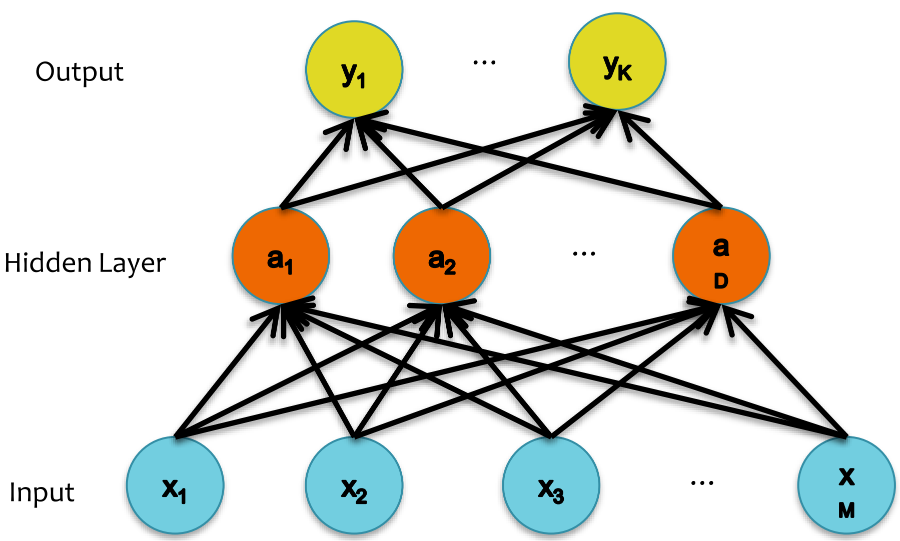

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BACKPROPAGATION

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Training

Backpropagation

- **Question 1:**
  When can we compute the gradients of the parameters of an arbitrary neural network?

- **Question 2:**
  When can we make the gradient computation efficient?

Training

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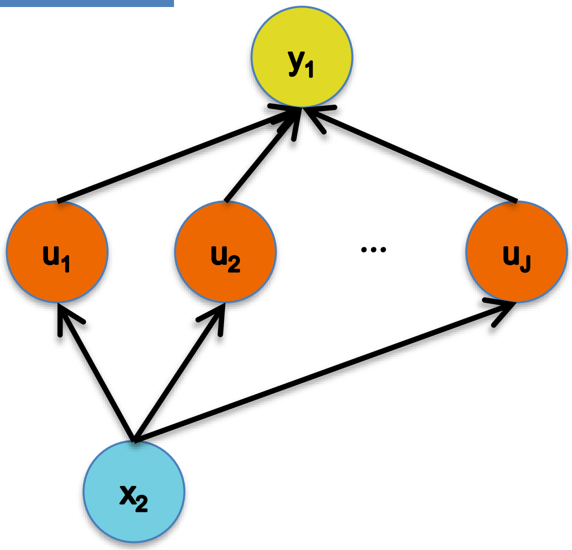

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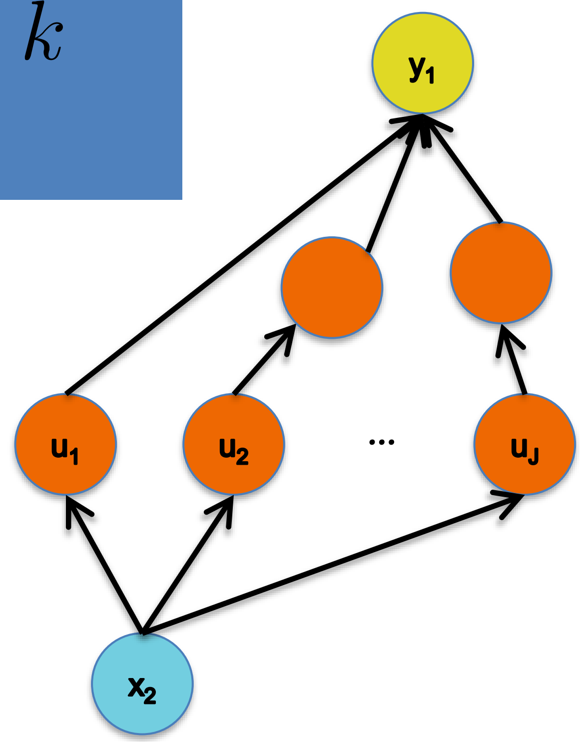
Backpropagation is just repeated application of the **chain rule.**



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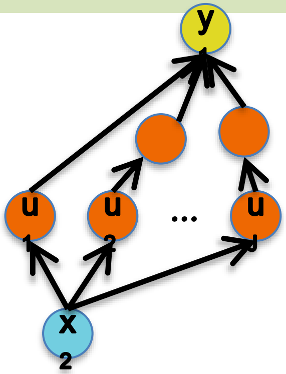

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Simple Example: The goal is to compute $J = \cos(\sin(x^2) + 3x^2)$ on the forward pass and the derivative $\frac{dJ}{dx}$ on the backward pass.

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$u_1 = sin(t)$

$u_2 = 3t$

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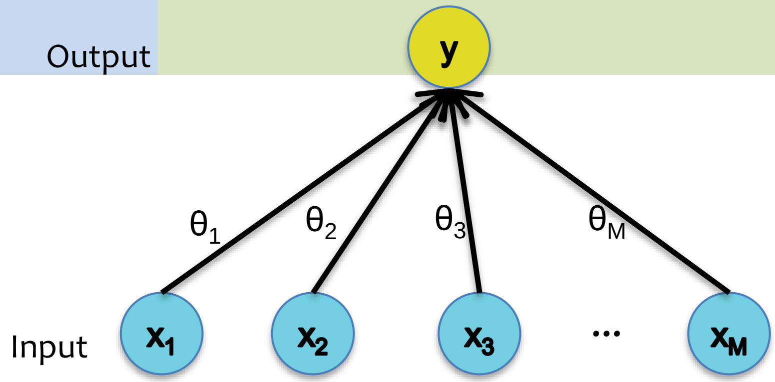
$u = u_1 + u_2$	$\frac{dJ}{du_1} \mathrel{+}= \frac{dJ}{du}\frac{du}{du_1}, \quad \frac{du}{du_1} = 1 \qquad \frac{dJ}{du_2} \mathrel{+}= \frac{dJ}{du}\frac{du}{du_2}, \quad \frac{du}{du_2} = 1$
$u_1 = sin(t)$	$\frac{dJ}{dt} \mathrel{+}= \frac{dJ}{du_1}\frac{du_1}{dt}, \quad \frac{du_1}{dt} = \cos(t)$
$u_2 = 3t$	$\frac{dJ}{dt} \mathrel{+}= \frac{dJ}{du_2}\frac{du_2}{dt}, \quad \frac{du_2}{dt} = 3$
$t = x^2$	$\frac{dJ}{dx} \mathrel{+}= \frac{dJ}{dt}\frac{dt}{dx}, \quad \frac{dt}{dx} = 2x$

Training Backpropagation

Case 1: Logistic Regression



Forward

$$J = y^* \log y + (1 - y^*) \log(1 - y)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)}$$

$$a = \sum_{j=0}^{D} \theta_j x_j$$

Backward

$$\frac{dJ}{dy} = \frac{y^*}{y} + \frac{(1 - y^*)}{y - 1}$$

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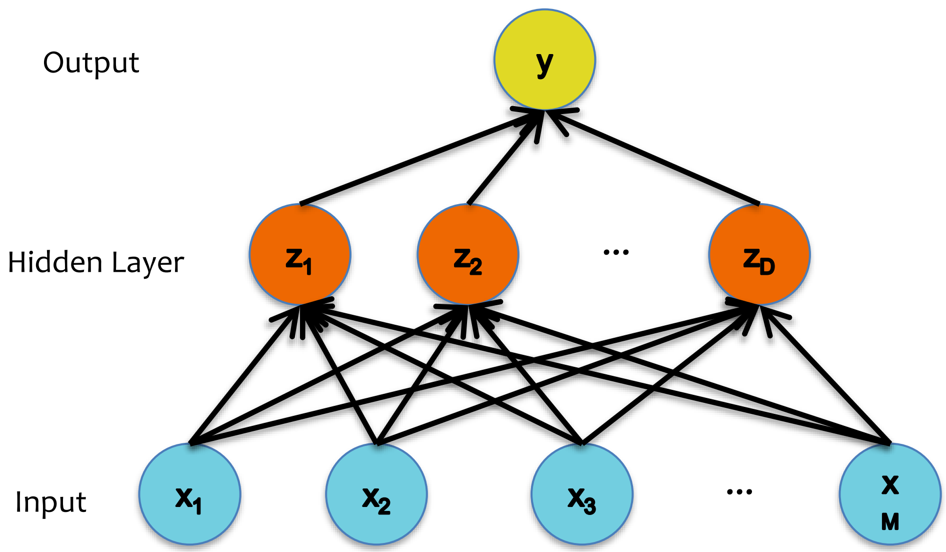

(E) Output (sigmoid)
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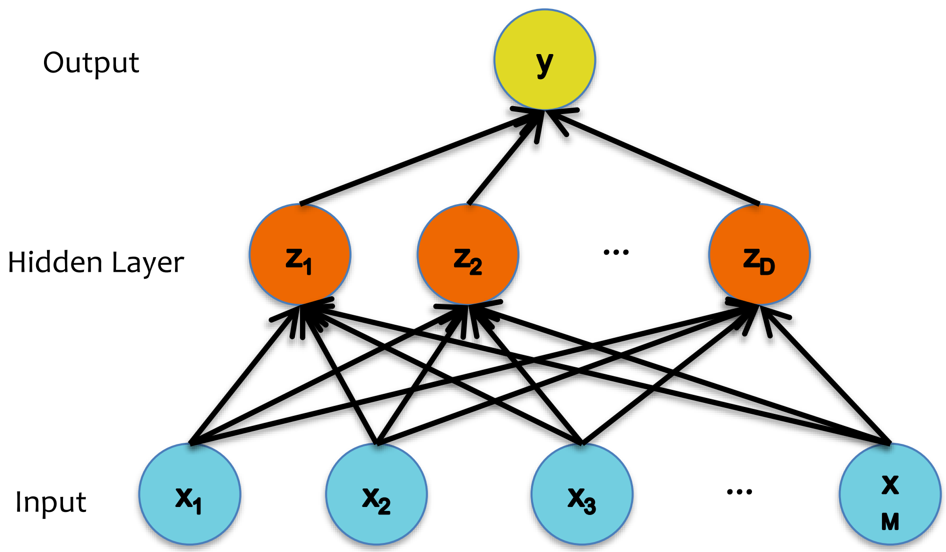

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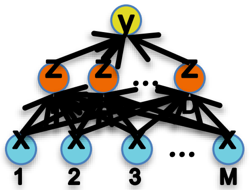

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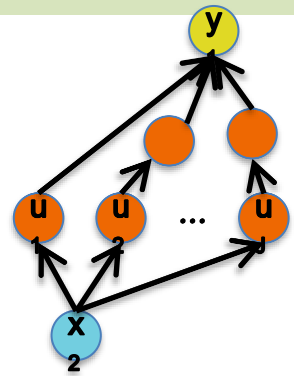

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Module 4	$y = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-b)}$	$\frac{dJ}{db} = \frac{dJ}{dy}\frac{dy}{db}, \quad \frac{dy}{db} = \frac{\exp(-b)}{(\exp(-b) + 1)^2}$
Module 3	$b = \sum_{j=0}^{D} \beta_j z_j$	$\frac{dJ}{d\beta_j} = \frac{dJ}{db}\frac{db}{d\beta_j}, \quad \frac{db}{d\beta_j} = z_j$ $\frac{dJ}{dz_j} = \frac{dJ}{db}\frac{db}{dz_j}, \quad \frac{db}{dz_j} = \beta_j$
Module 2	$z_j = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a_j)}$	$\frac{dJ}{da_j} = \frac{dJ}{dz_j}\frac{dz_j}{da_j}, \quad \frac{dz_j}{da_j} = \frac{\exp(-a_j)}{(\exp(-a_j) + 1)^2}$
Module 1	$a_j = \sum_{i=0}^{M} \alpha_{ji} x_i$	$\frac{dJ}{d\alpha_{ji}} = \frac{dJ}{da_j}\frac{da_j}{d\alpha_{ji}}, \quad \frac{da_j}{d\alpha_{ji}} = x_i$ $\frac{dJ}{dx_i} = \frac{dJ}{da_j}\frac{da_j}{dx_i}, \quad \frac{da_j}{dx_i} = \sum_{j=0}^{D} \alpha_{ji}$

Gradients

Backpropagation can compute this gradient!

And it's a **special case of a more general algorithm** called reverse-mode automatic differentiation that can compute the gradient of any differentiable function efficiently!

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Summary

1. **Neural Networks…**
   - provide a way of learning features
   - are highly nonlinear prediction functions
   - (can be) a highly parallel network of logistic regression classifiers
   - discover useful hidden representations of the input
2. **Backpropagation…**
   - provides an efficient way to compute gradients
   - is a special case of reverse-mode automatic differentiation