

# Neural Networks

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“Science fiction is the great opportunity to speculate on what could happen” ~ Ray Kurzweil (Director of Engineering, Google)

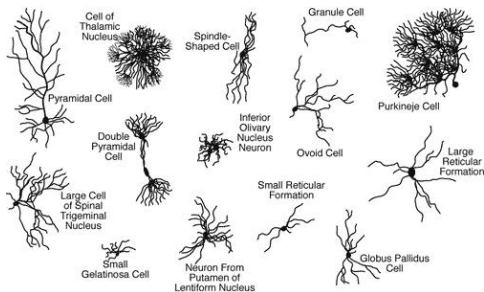
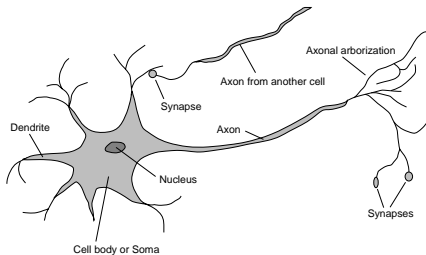
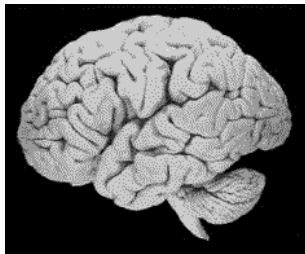


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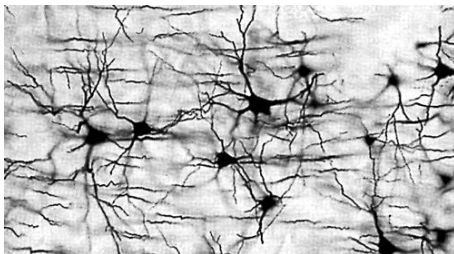
My CPU is a **neural-net** processor ... a **learning computer**.

# Biological Neurons

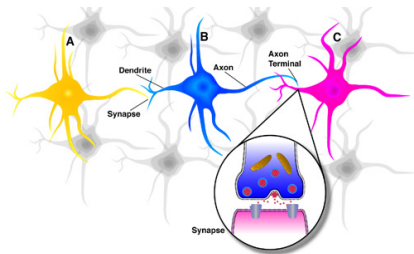
Human brain: 100,000,000,000 **neurons**



# Biological Neurons...



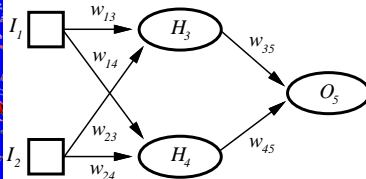
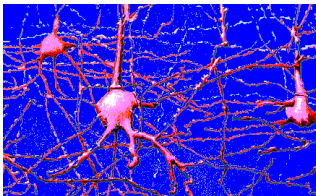
- each neuron receives input from 1,000 others



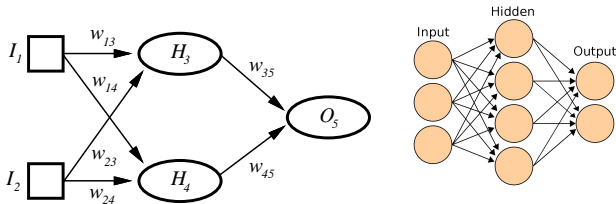
# “Artificial” Neural Networks



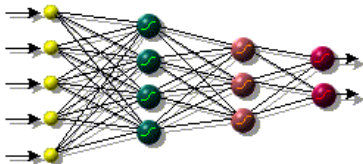
- use complex **networks** of **simple** computing elements as mathematical models to **mimic** the functions of the brain



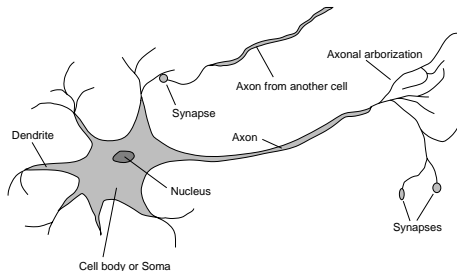
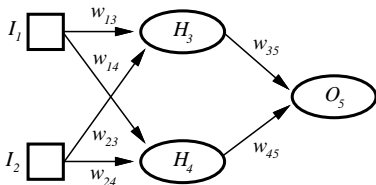
(i) Unit, (ii) Link, (iii) Weight



- unit types: input units, hidden units, output units



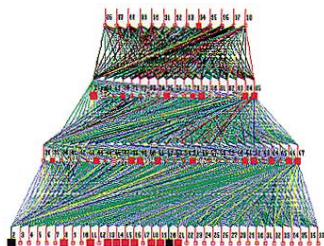
# Structure: Weight



signal transmission in biological neurons

- impulses arrive simultaneously
- **added** together
- if **sufficiently strong**, an electrical pulse is sent down the axon
- reaches the synapses, and releases transmitters into the bodies of other cells

# Examples



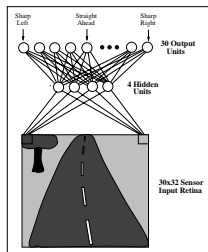
- **deep learning** (MIT Tech Review)
- google brain: more than 1 billion parameters
- GPT-3: 175 billion parameters
- Huawei, PanGu: 200 billion parameters
- Naver, HyperCLOVA: 204 billion parameters
- Baidu and Peng Cheng Laboratory, PCL-BAIDU Wenxin: 280 billion parameters
- Google, Switch Transformer: 1.6 trillion parameters
- Beijing Academy of AI, Wu Dao 2.0: 1.75 trillion parameters



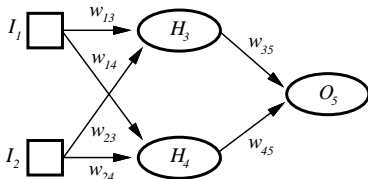
# Example Application



ALVINN (Autonomous Land Vehicle In a Neural Network)



- input: video image; output: steering direction
- learns to control a vehicle by watching a person drive



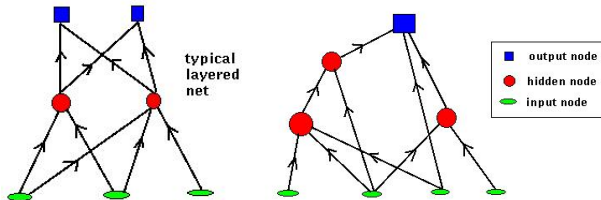
usually takes place by **updating** the weights

demo

tensorflow playground

# Feedforward vs Feedback

## Feedforward



## Feedback

