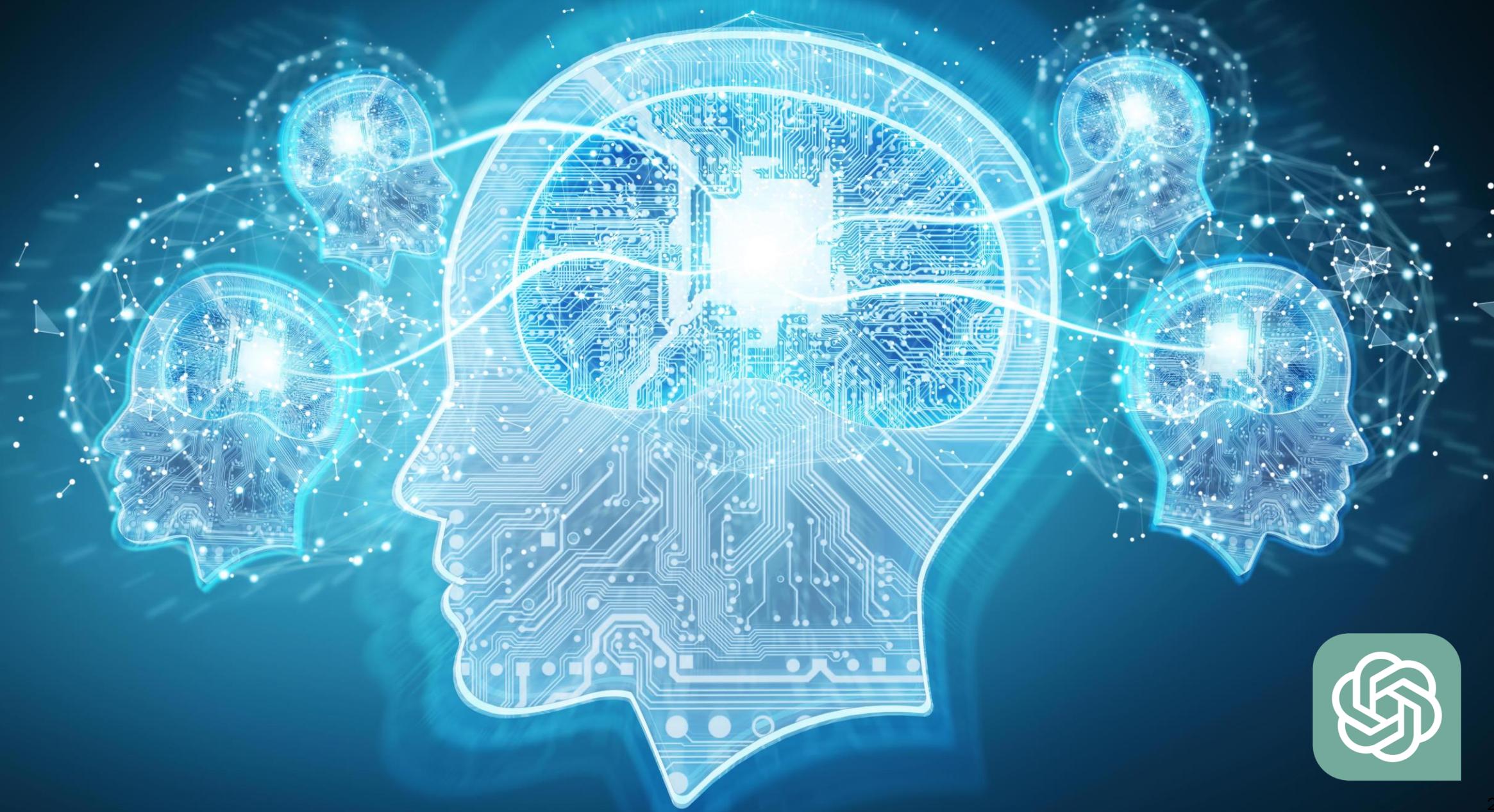
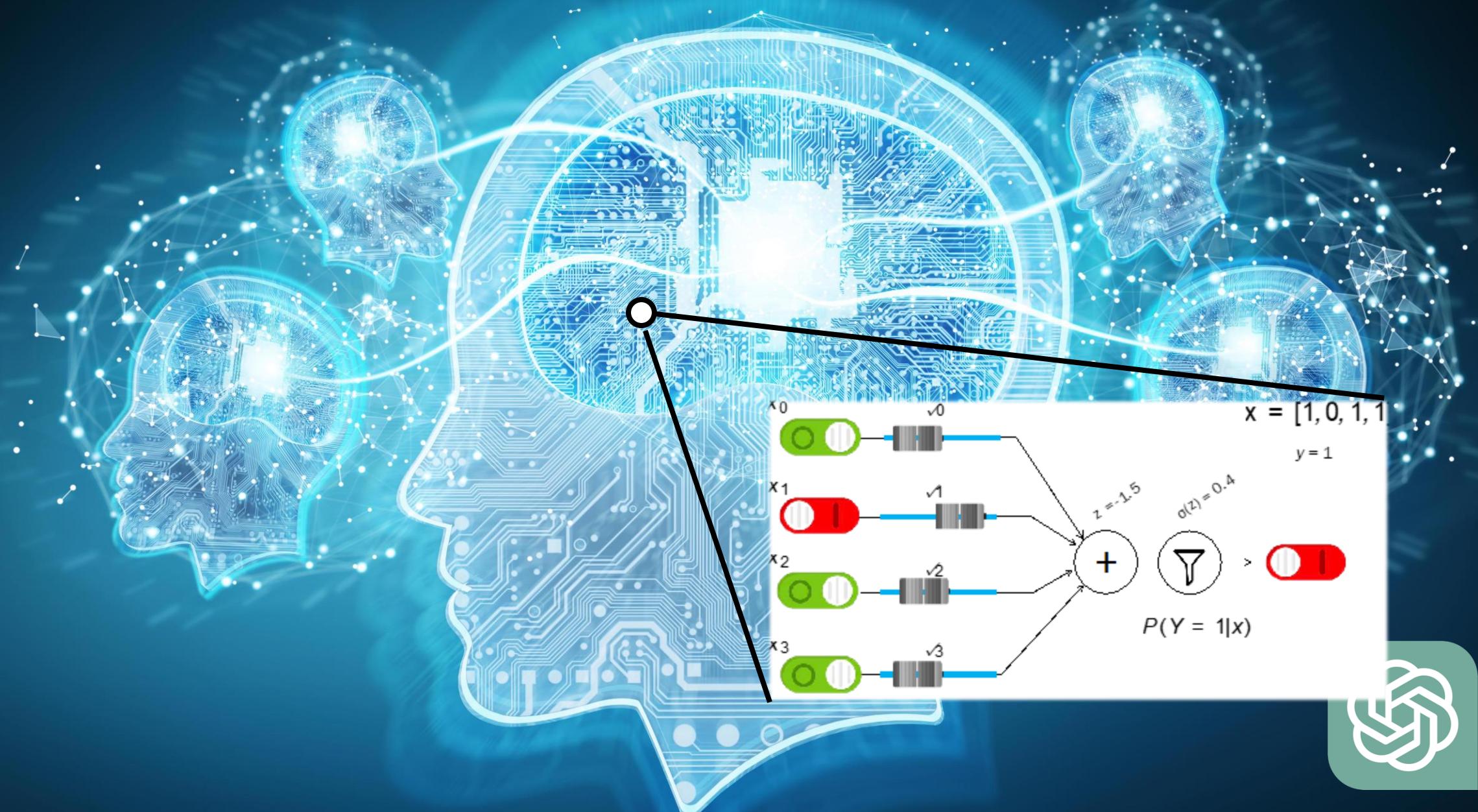


# Logistic Regression

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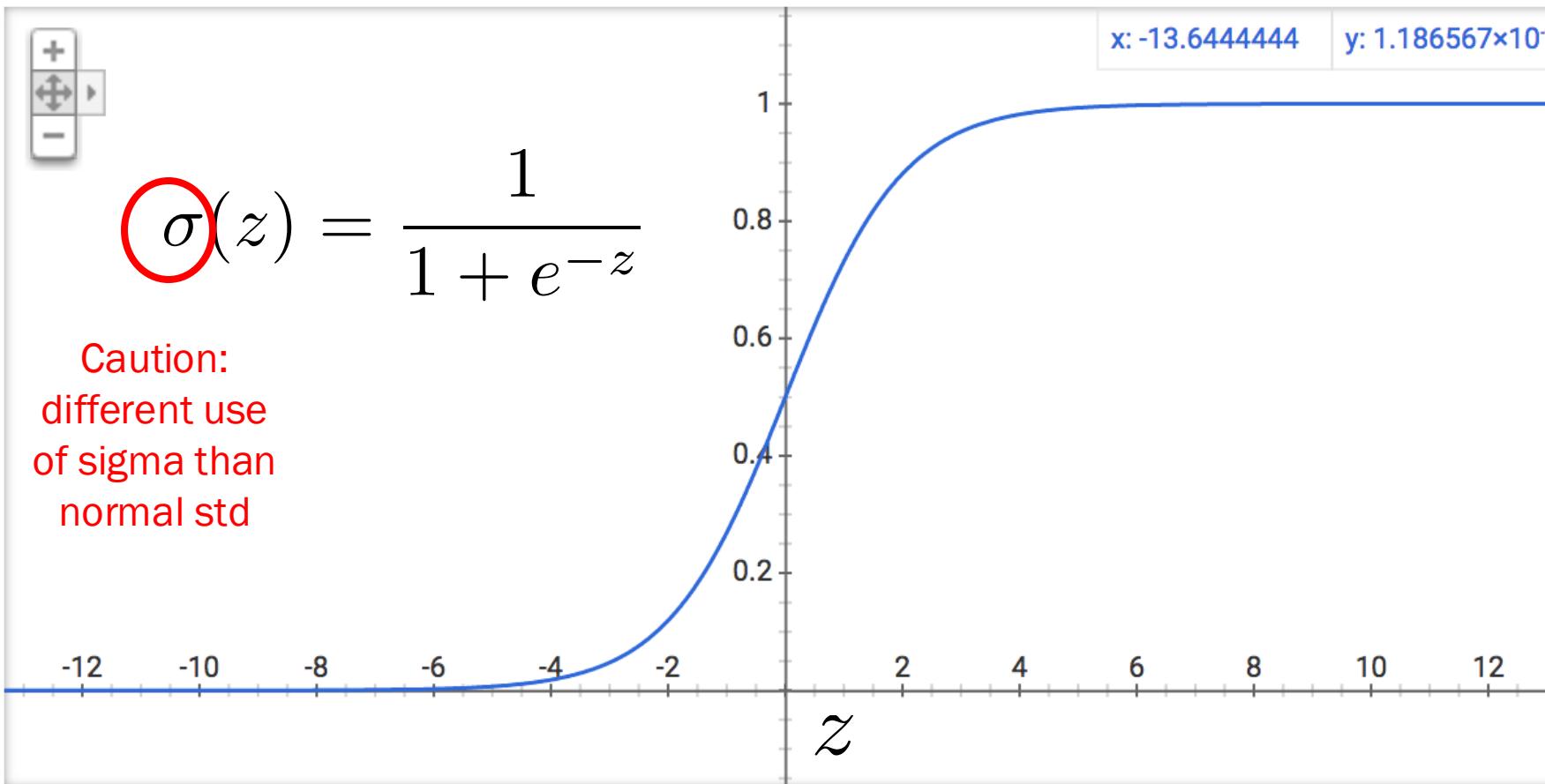
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# Review

# Background: Sigmoid Function



The sigmoid function squashes  $z$  to be a number between 0 and 1

# Background: Key Notation

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

Sigmoid function

$$\begin{aligned}\theta^T \mathbf{x} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i x_i \\ &= \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \theta_n x_n\end{aligned}$$

Weighted sum  
(aka dot product)

$$\sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T \mathbf{x}}}$$

Sigmoid function of  
weighted sum

# Background: Chain Rule

Who knew calculus would be so useful?

$$\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

Aka decomposition of composed functions

$$f(x) = f(z(x))$$

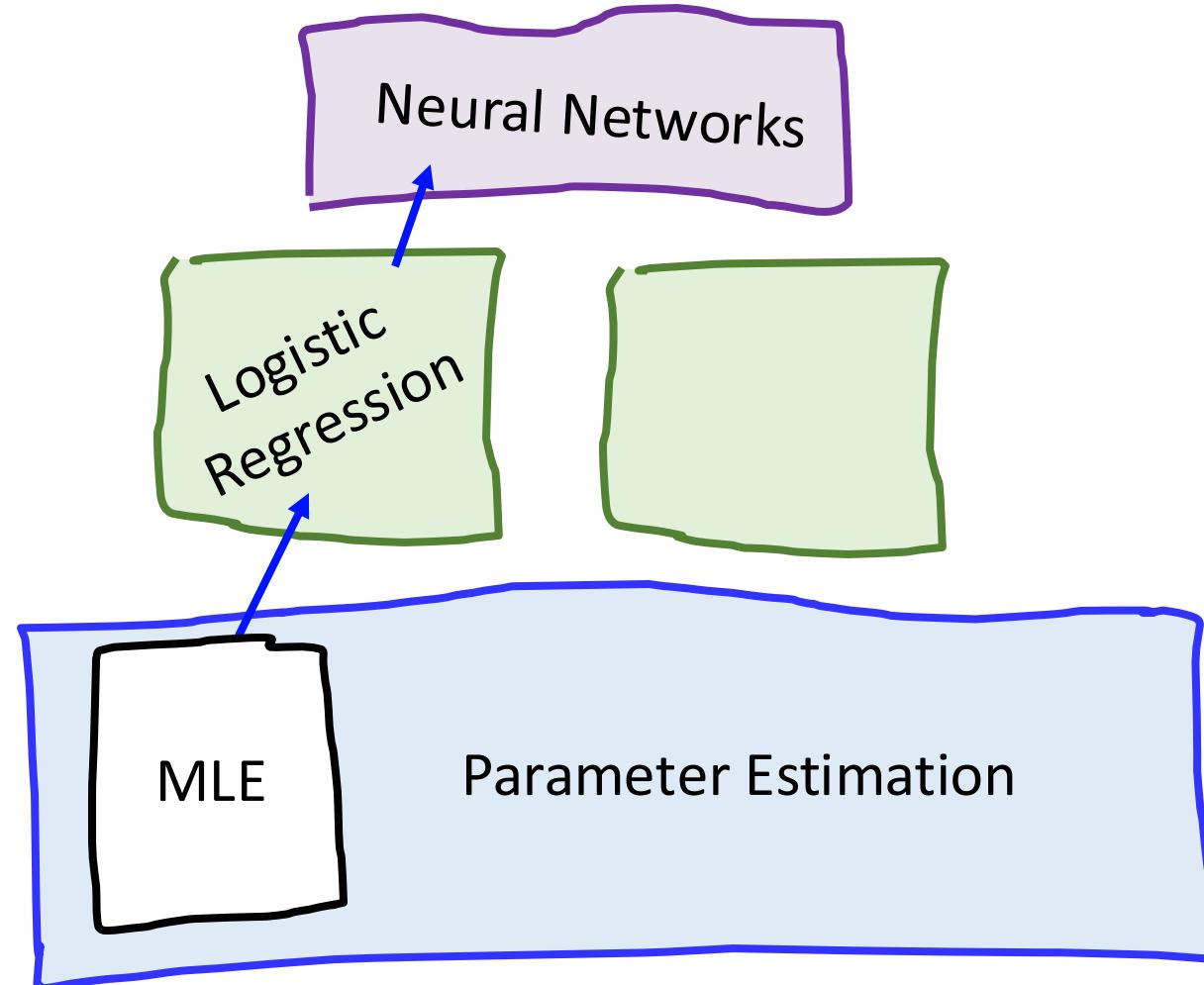
# Machine Learning (aka Applied Probability)

# Machine Learning in CS109

Great Idea

Core  
Algorithms

Theory



# MLE Idea: Choose params that make the data look likely

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Data = [6.3 , 5.5 , 5.4, 7.1, 4.6, 6.7, 5.3 , 4.8, 5.6, 3.4, 5.4, 3.4, 4.8, 7.9, 4.6, 7.0, 2.9, 6.4, 6.0 , 4.3]
```

Estimate the Parameters

Parameter  $\mu$ : 5.6      Parameter  $\sigma$ : 1.4

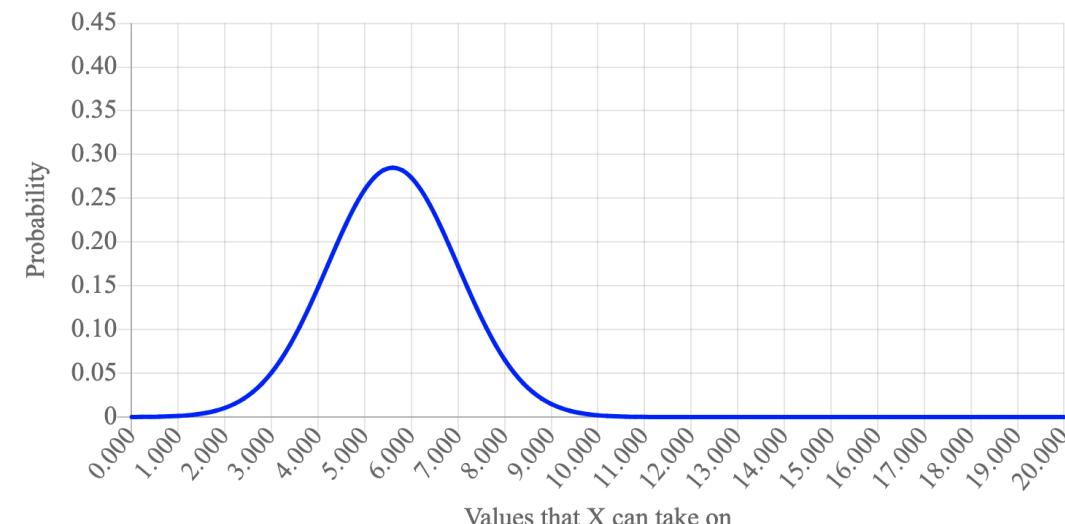
Likelihood

Likelihood: 1.9542923784106326e-15

Log Likelihood: -301.9

Best Seen: -301.9

PDF Graph



# Likelihood Definition

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Wikipedia:

## Likelihood function

[Article](#) [Talk](#)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **likelihood function** (often simply called the **likelihood**) is the joint probability (or probability density) of observed data viewed as a function of the **parameters** of a statistical model.<sup>[1] [2] [3]</sup>

A generalized term for “PDF / PMF / Joint”  
of data as a function of parameters

# Maximum Likelihood



That maximize likelihood



$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} f(x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)} | \theta)$$

Chose the params

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$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \theta)$$

Define likelihood, use independence.

$$LL(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log f(x_i | \theta)$$

Define the loglikelihood

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Use LL to chose params

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- Choose  $\alpha$  to be the argmax of LL:

$$\frac{\partial LL(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{n}{\alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i$$

**Argmax Option #1:** set the derivative to 0, and solve for alpha

End Review

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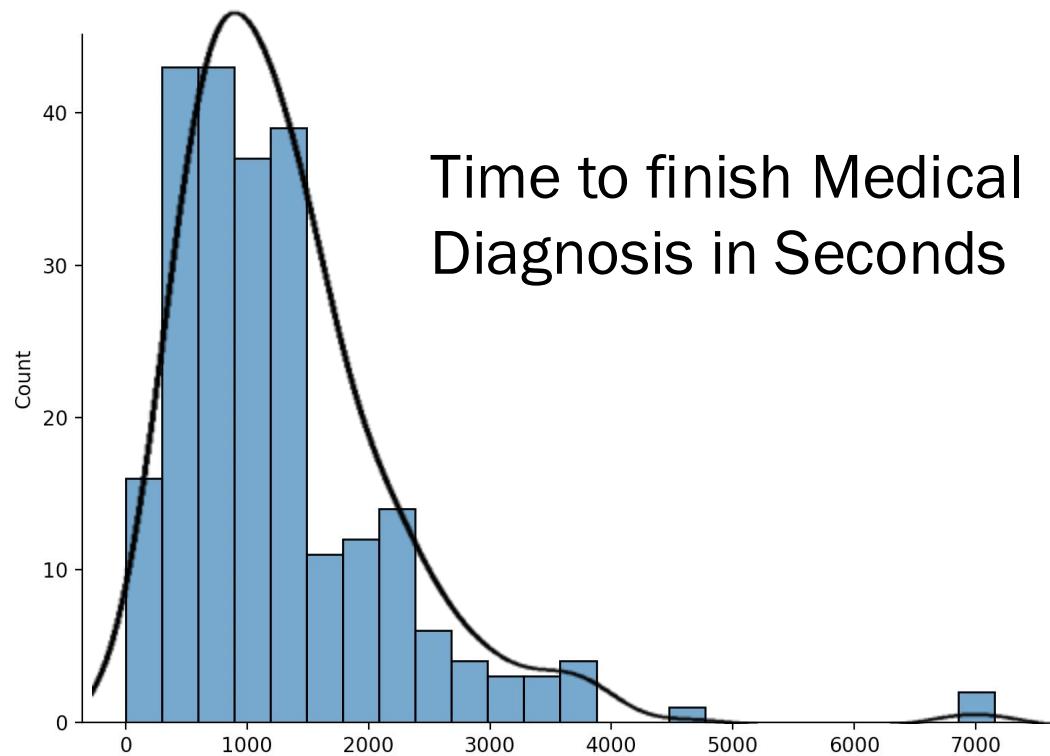
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Inference vs MLE

# MLE for Erlang

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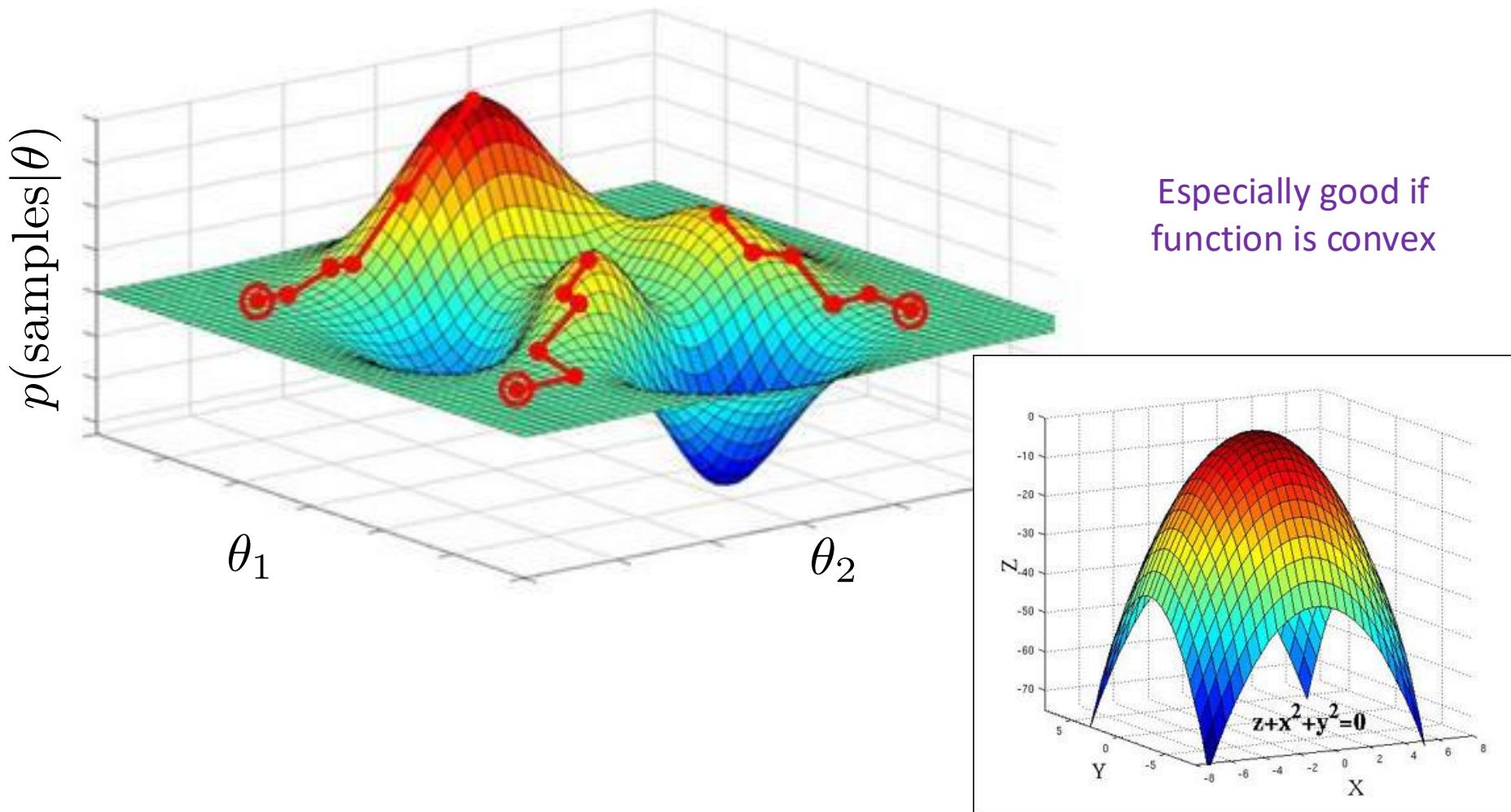


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A close-up of Simba's face from Disney's The Lion King. He is shown in a contemplative pose, with his hands clasped near his chin. A white speech bubble containing the text "arg max" is positioned above his right hand. The background consists of dark, swirling blue and black patterns.

arg max

# Gradient Ascent



Walk uphill and you will find a local maxima  
(if your step size is small enough)

# Gradient Ascent

Repeat many times

$$\theta_j^{\text{new}} = \theta_j^{\text{old}} + \eta \cdot \frac{\partial L(\theta^{\text{old}})}{\partial \theta_j^{\text{old}}}$$



Step size constant

This is some **profound** life philosophy

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# Gradient Ascent

**Initialize:**  $\theta_j = \text{random}$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq m$

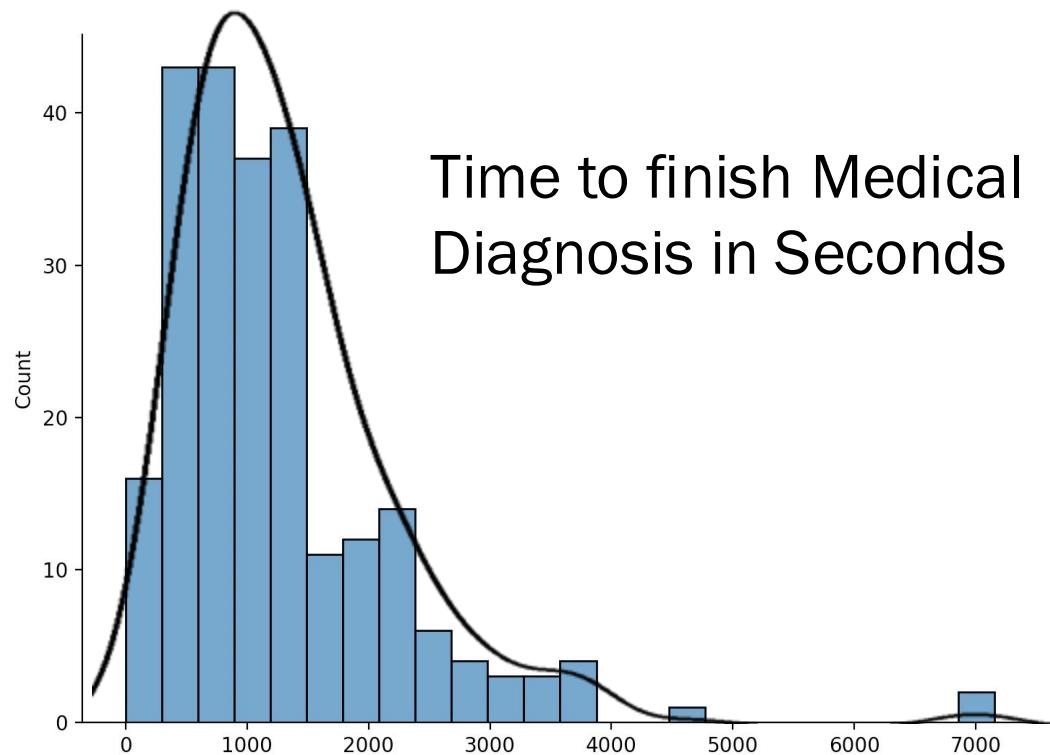
**Repeat many times:**

*Calculate all gradient[j]'s based on data*

$\theta_j += \eta * \text{gradient}[j]$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq m$

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To the code!

# Gradient Ascent for MLE of Erlang

```
def fit_erlang(observations, n_iterations=10, initial_step_size=0.0001):
    step_size = initial_step_size
    k = 1.0 # Initial guess for shape parameter
    lambda_ = 2.0 # Initial guess for rate parameter
    n = len(observations)

    for i in range(n_iterations):
        # To debug: Calculate log-likelihood
        # ll = calc_log_likelihood_erlang(observations, k, lambda_)
        # print(f"Log-Likelihood at iteration {k, lambda_}: {ll}")

        # Calculate gradients
        # gradient_lambda = (n * k / lambda_) - sum(observations)
        gradient_lambda = 0
        for x_i in observations:
            gradient_lambda += k / lambda_ - x_i
        gradient_k = n * math.log(lambda_) + sum(math.log(x) for x in observations) - n * digamma(k)

        # Update parameters
        lambda_ += step_size * gradient_lambda
        k += step_size * gradient_k

    return k, lambda_
```

Derived these partial derivatives of log likelihood

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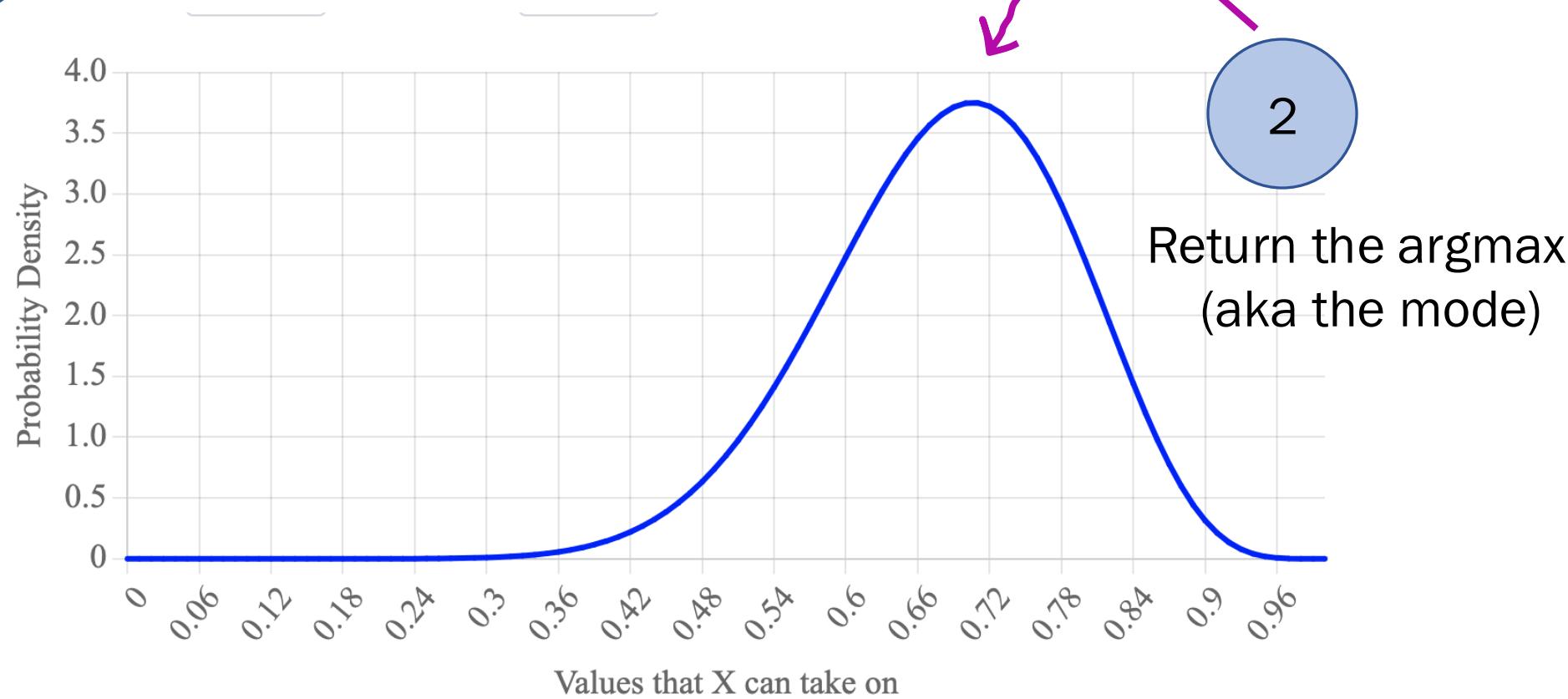
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Inference vs MLE

# Maximum A Posteriori (MAP)

1

Infer the posterior belief in params



# MLE vs MAP

**Data:**  $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)}$

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_{MLE} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} f(x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)} | \theta) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \left( \sum_i \log f(x^{(i)} | \theta) \right)\end{aligned}$$

## Maximum A Posteriori

This is your prior on params

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_{MAP} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} f(\theta | x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \left( \log f(\theta) + \sum_i \log f(X^{(i)} = x^{(i)} | \theta) \right)\end{aligned}$$

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# MAP for Pareto

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- $X_i \sim \text{Pareto}(\alpha)$ . **Use MAP to estimate  $\alpha$ .**
- MAP function:

$$= \log g(\alpha) + n \log \alpha - (\alpha + 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i$$

$$= \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-(\alpha-2)^2}{6}} + n \log \alpha - (\alpha + 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i$$

$$= K + \frac{-(\alpha-2)^2}{6} + n \log \alpha - (\alpha + 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i$$

Where  $g$  is the prior likelihood

- Choose  $\alpha$  which is the argmax of this function

$$\frac{\partial \text{MAP}(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = -2\alpha + 4 + \frac{n}{\alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i$$

You need to know MLE and Inference.  
MAP is something you should recognize!

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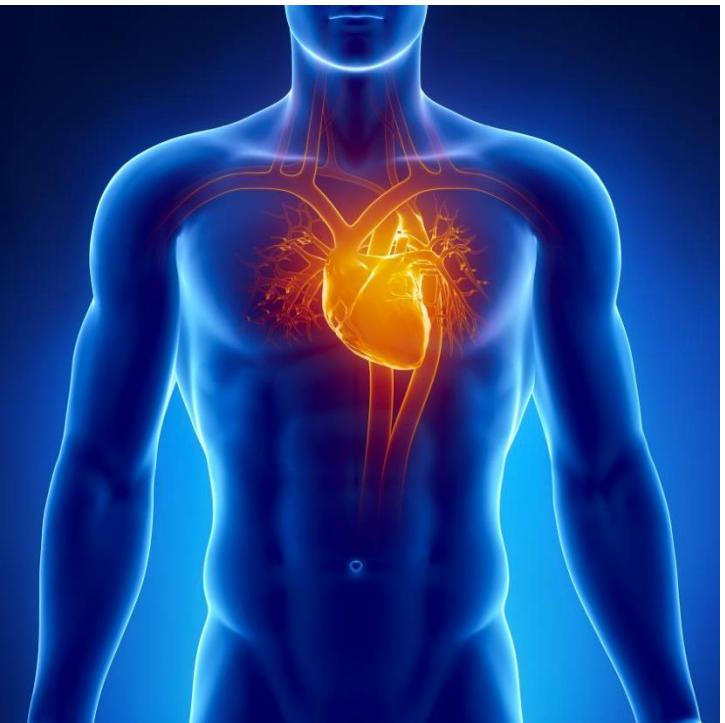
It is time....

Today a very special MLE problem

# Classification

# Example Datasets

Heart



Ancestry



Netflix



# Training Data

Training Data: assignments all random variables  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$

Assume IID data:

$$(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$$

*n training datapoints*

$$m = |\mathbf{x}^{(i)}|$$

Each datapoint has  $m$  features and a single output

# Single Feature Value

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie $m$	Output
User 1	1	0	1	1
User 2	1	1	0	0
	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
User $n$	0	0	1	1

$(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$  such that  $1 \leq i \leq n$

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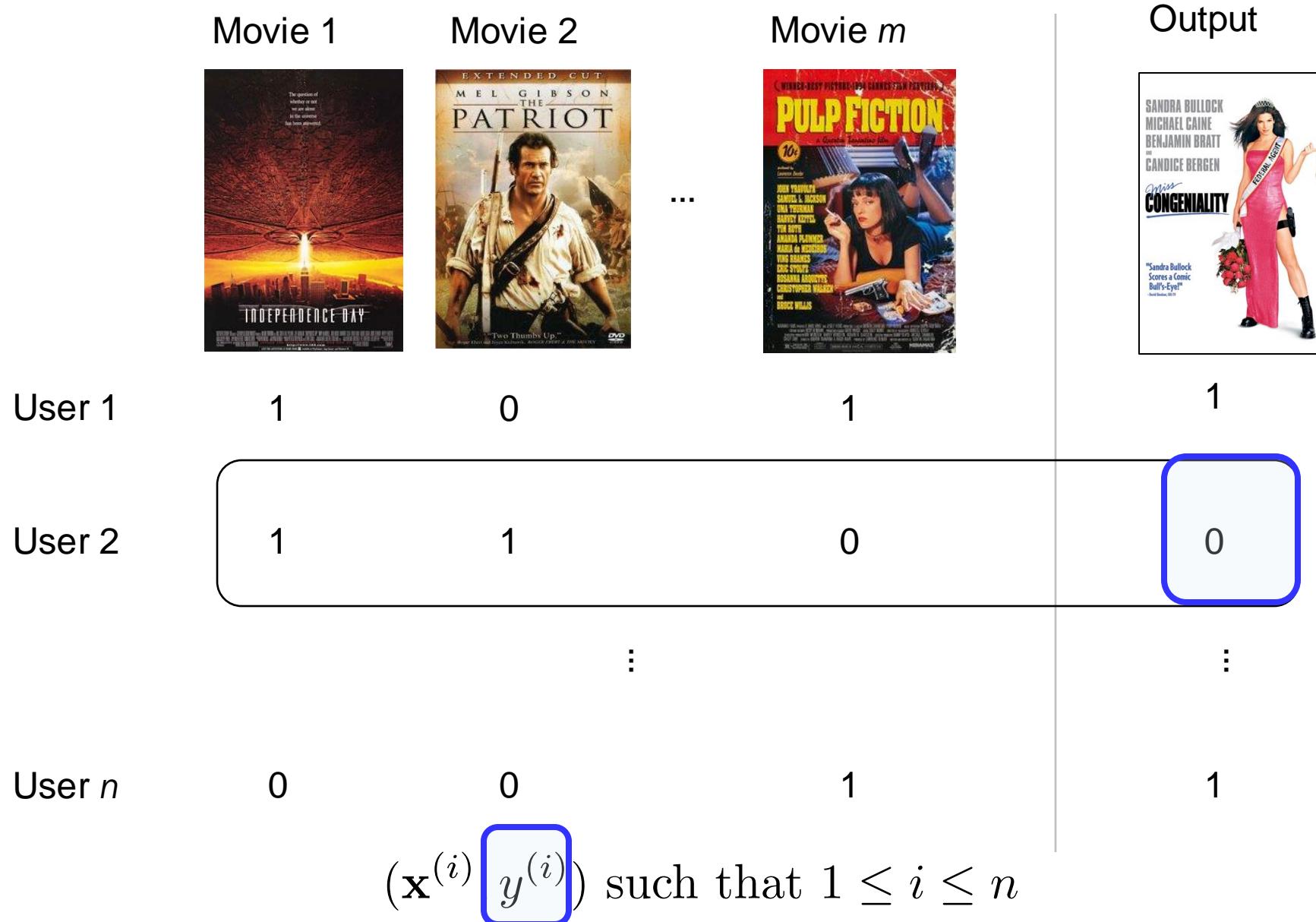
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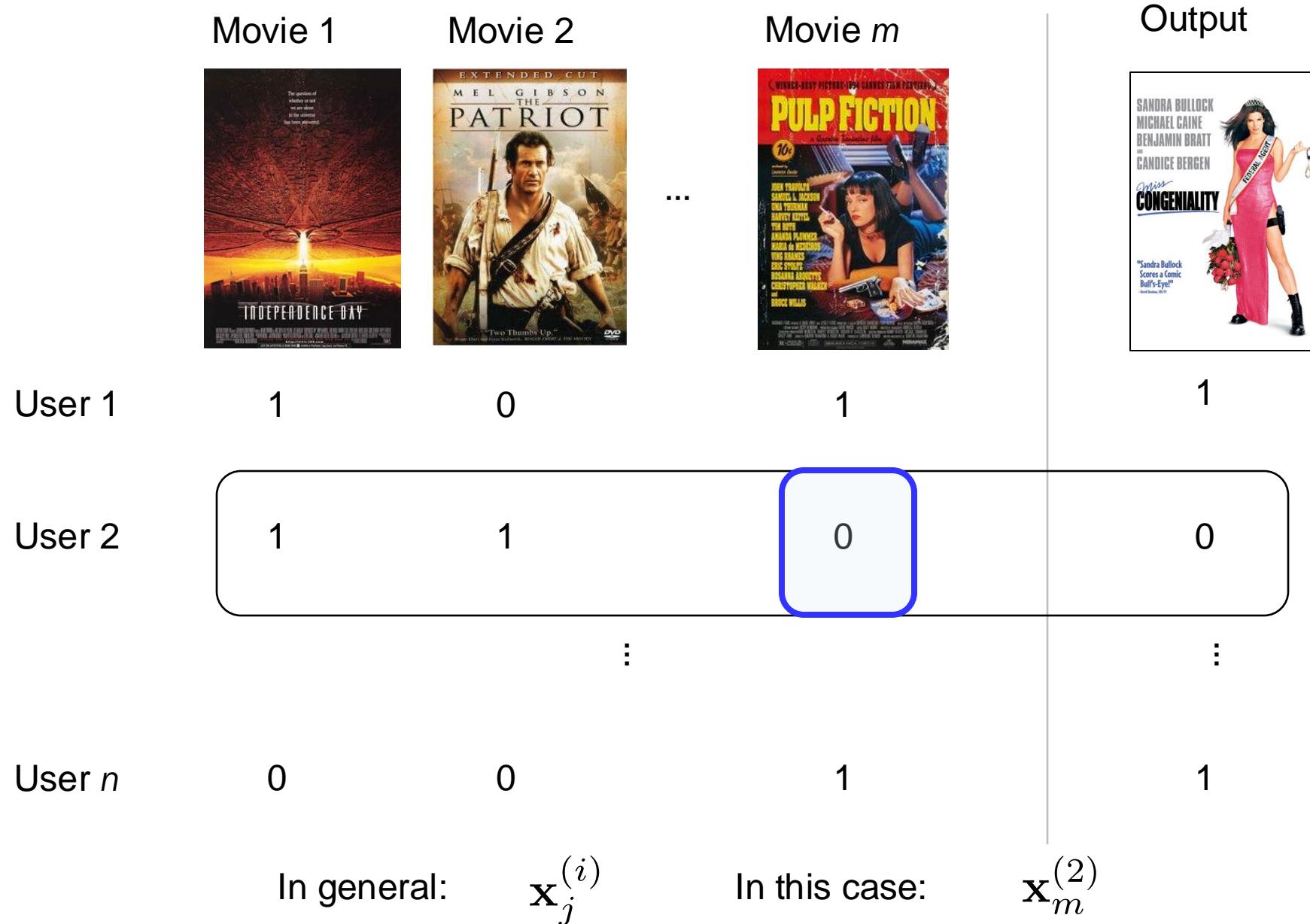
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# Healthy Heart Classifier

	ROI 1	ROI 2	ROI $m$	Output
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Heart 2	1	1	1	$y^{(2)}$
		$\vdots$		$\vdots$
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	ROI 1	ROI 2	ROI $m$	Output
Heart 1	0			
		$x_2^{(1)}$		
Heart 2	1	1	1	0
		$\vdots$		$\vdots$
Heart $n$	0	0	0	1

# Ancestry Classifier

	SNP 1	SNP 2	SNP $m$	Output
User 1	1	0	1	0
User 2	0	0	1	1
	⋮			⋮
User $n$	1	1	0	1

# Regression: Predicting Real Numbers

	Opposing team ELO	Points in last game	At Home?	Output
Game 1	84	105	1	 # Points
Game 2	90	102	0	95
		⋮		⋮
Game $n$	74	120	0	115

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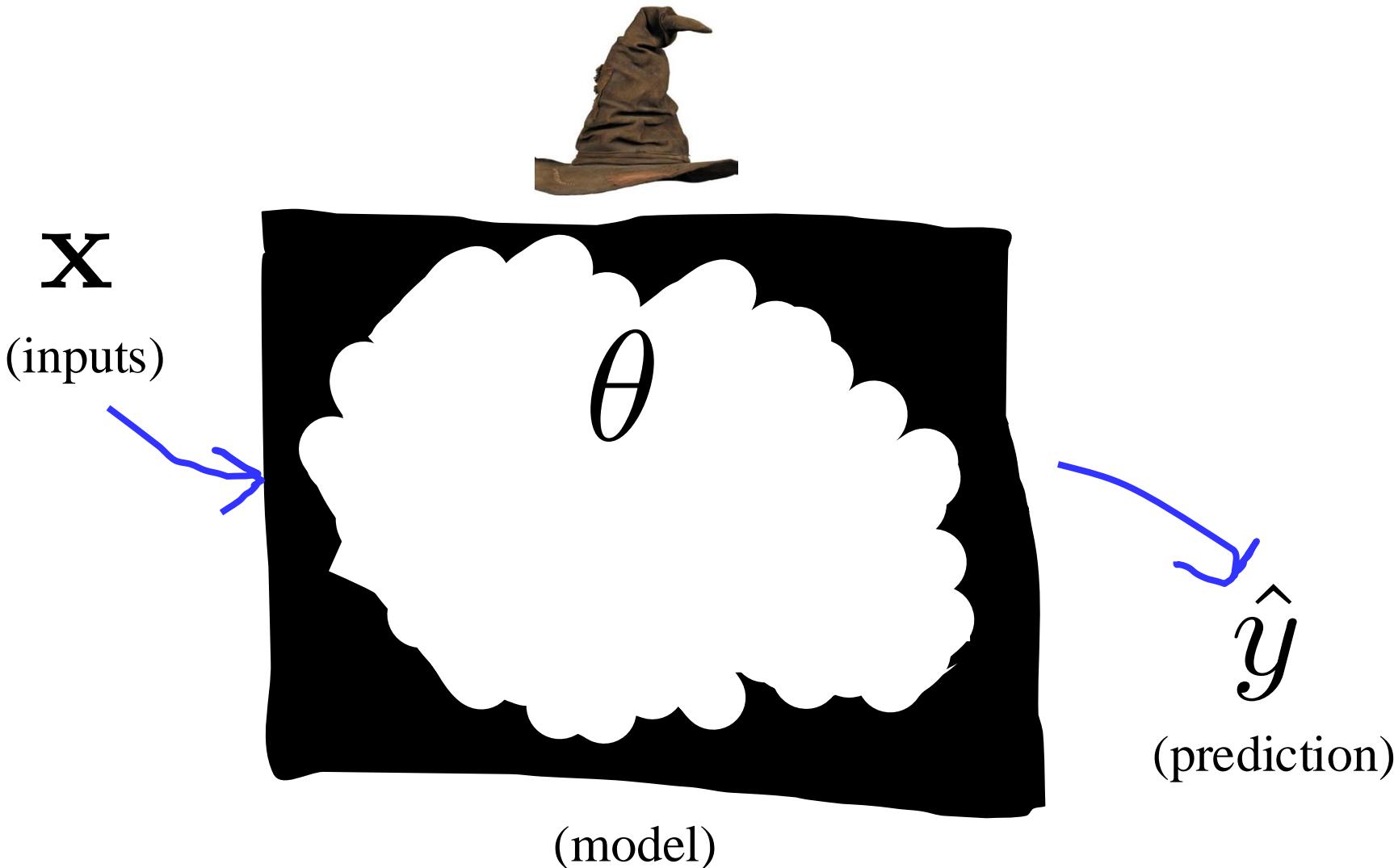
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# Classification is Building a Harry Potter Hat

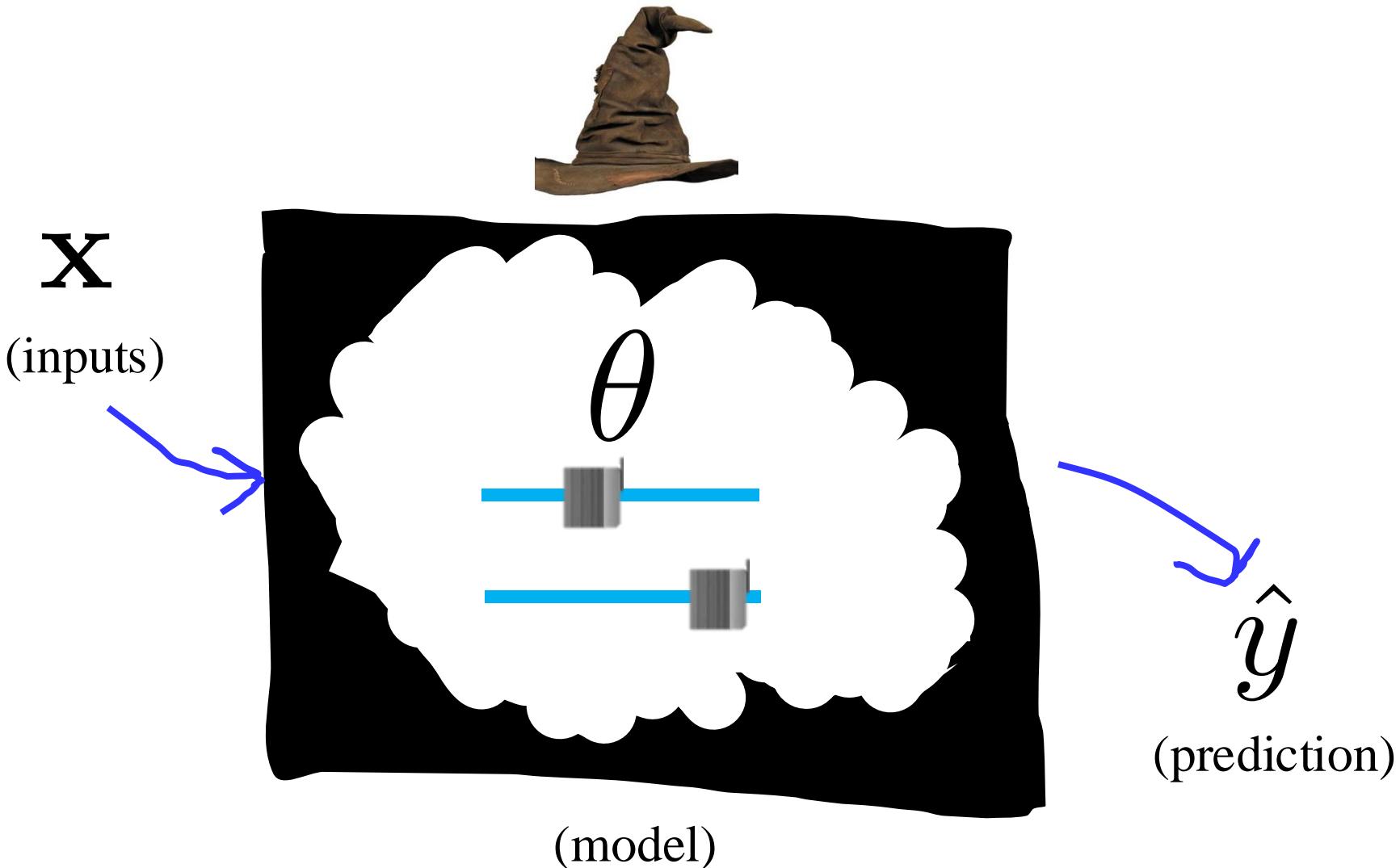


$$\mathbf{x} = [0, 1, \dots, 1]$$

# Machine Learning for Classification



# Machine Learning for Classification



# Logistic Regression

# Chapter 1: Big Picture

# From Naïve Bayes to Logistic Regression

In classification we care about  $P(Y = 1|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x})$

Lets build a machine  
that can you can put  
 $\mathbf{x}$  into, which then  
spits out

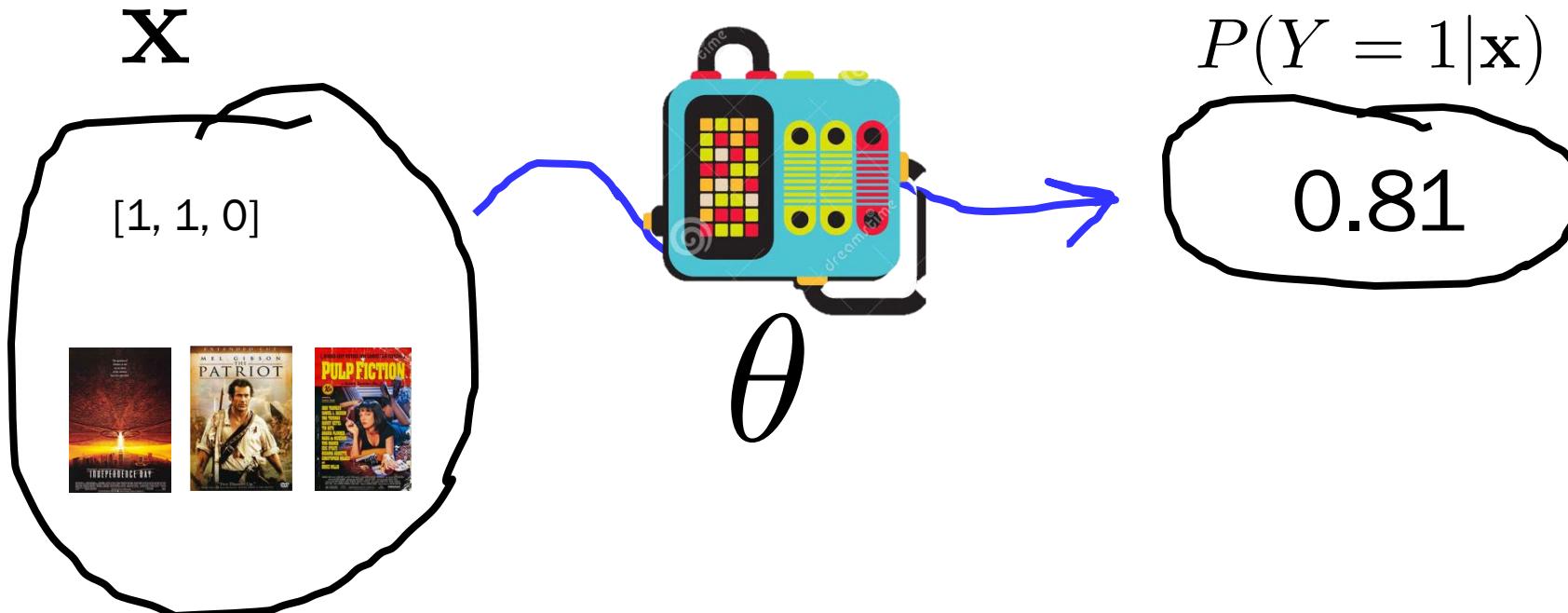
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# Logistic Regression Assumption

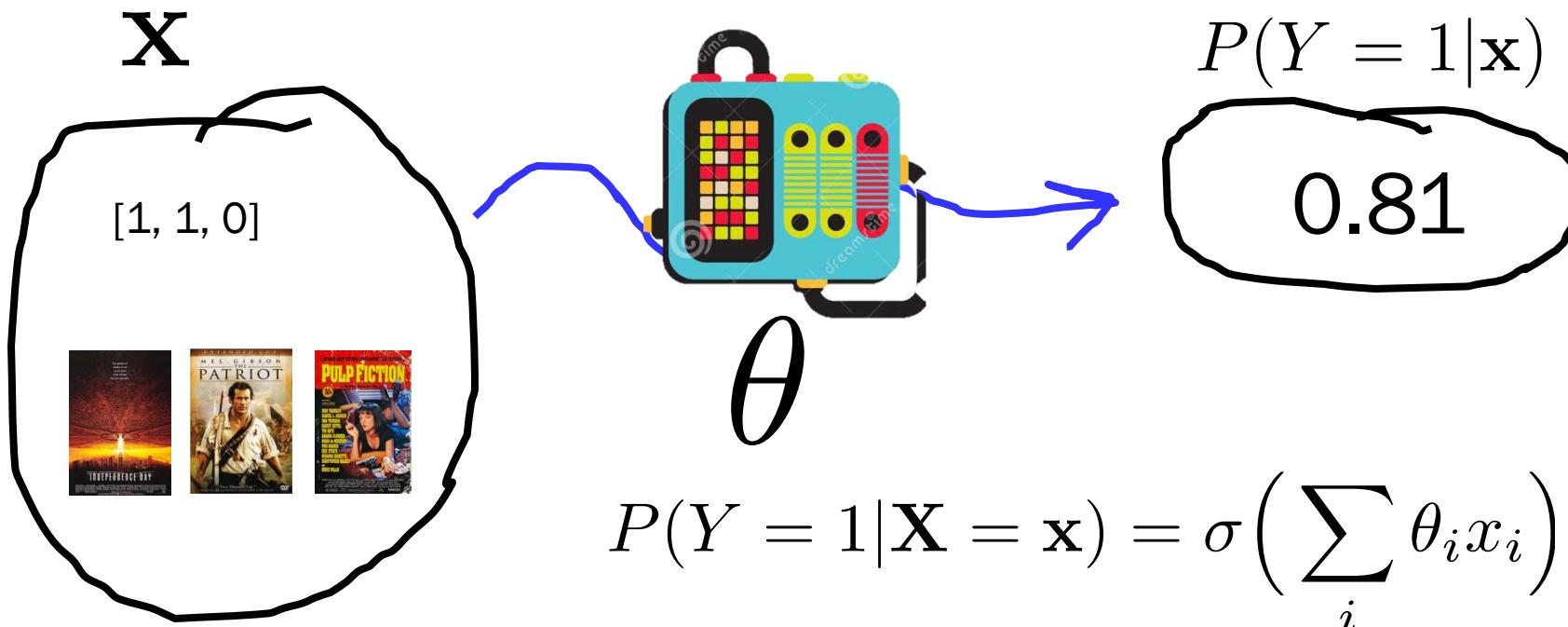
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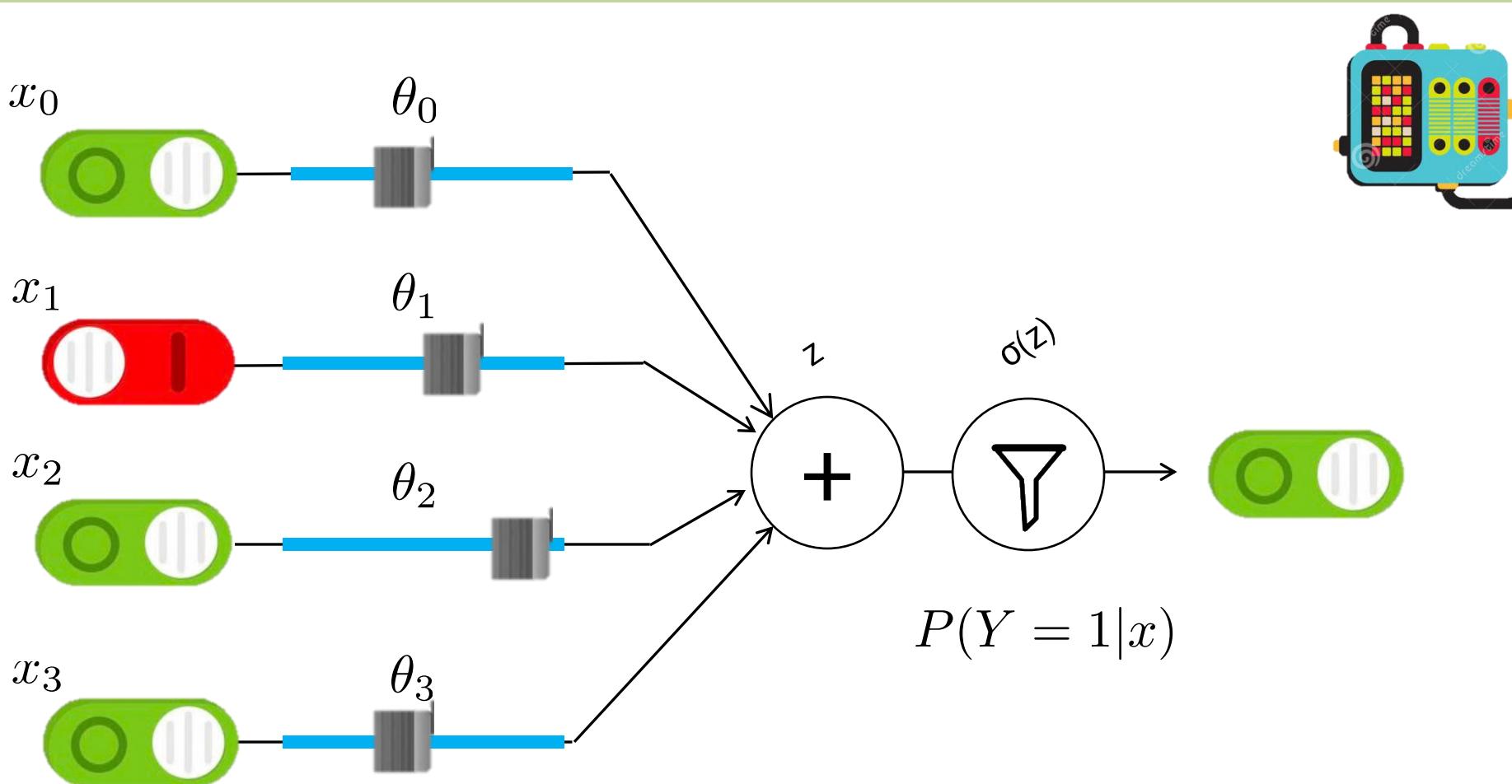


# Logistic Regression Assumption



$$P(Y = 1 | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \sigma\left(\sum_i \theta_i x_i\right)$$

# Logistic Regression



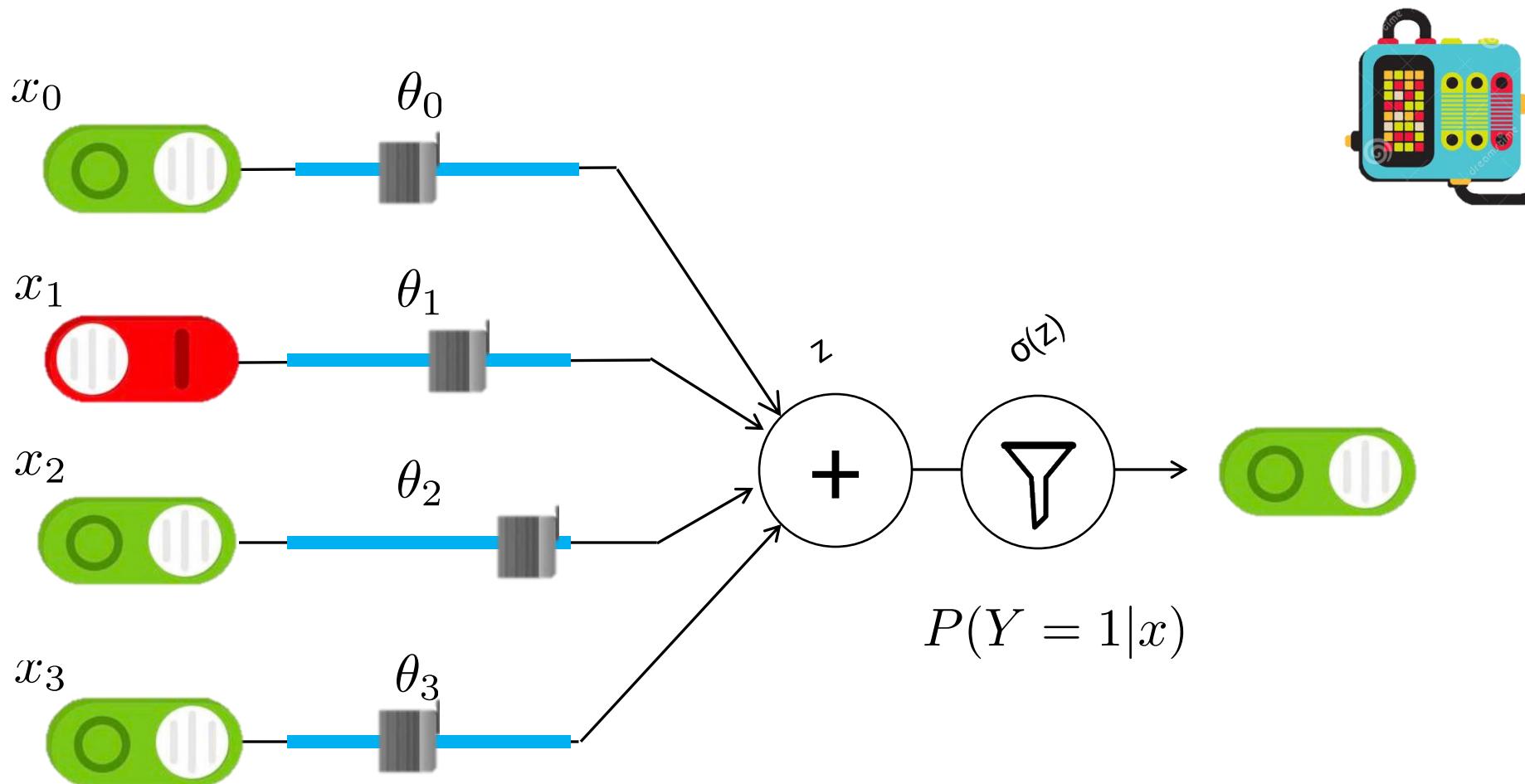
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# Logistic Regression



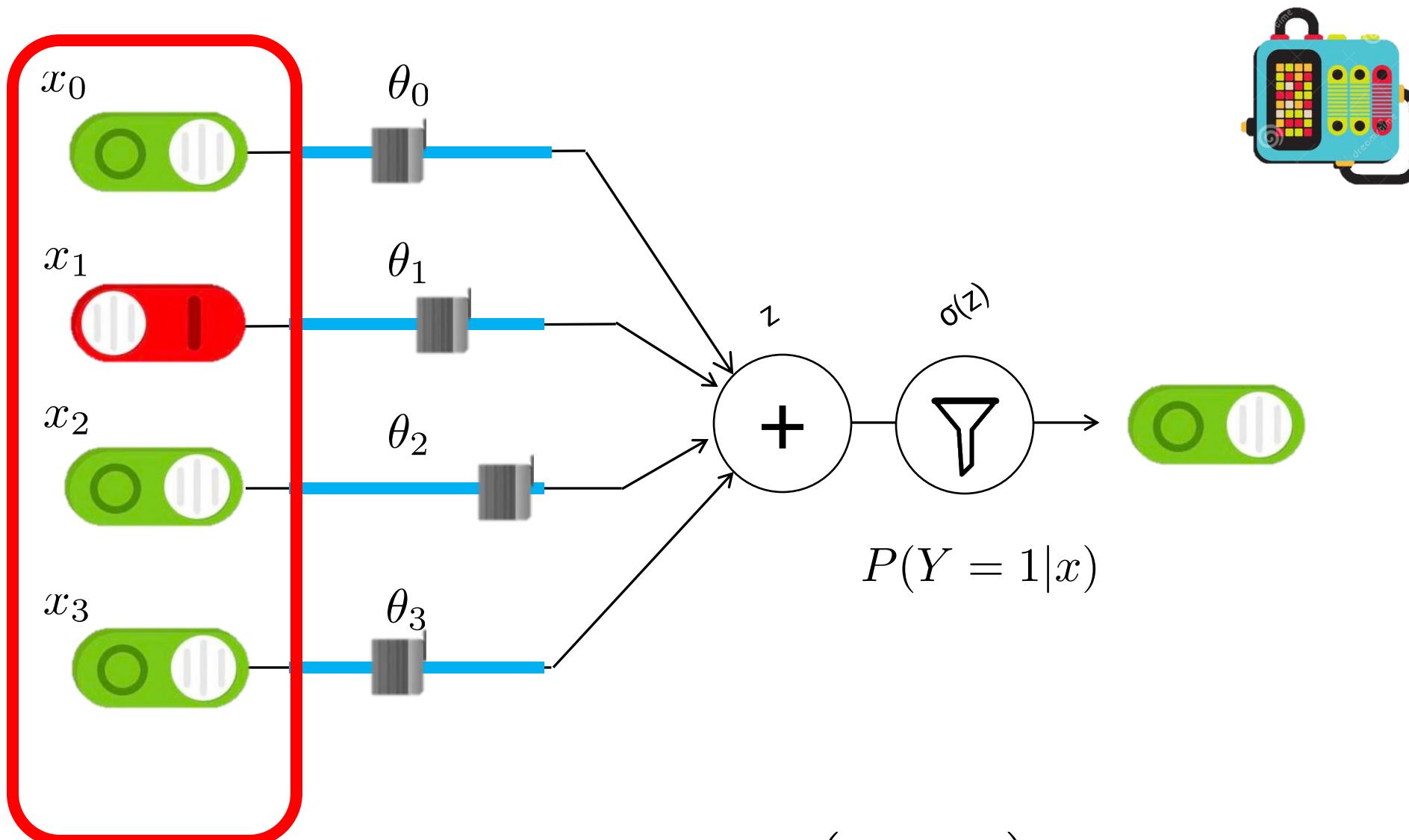
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# Logistic Regression Cartoon



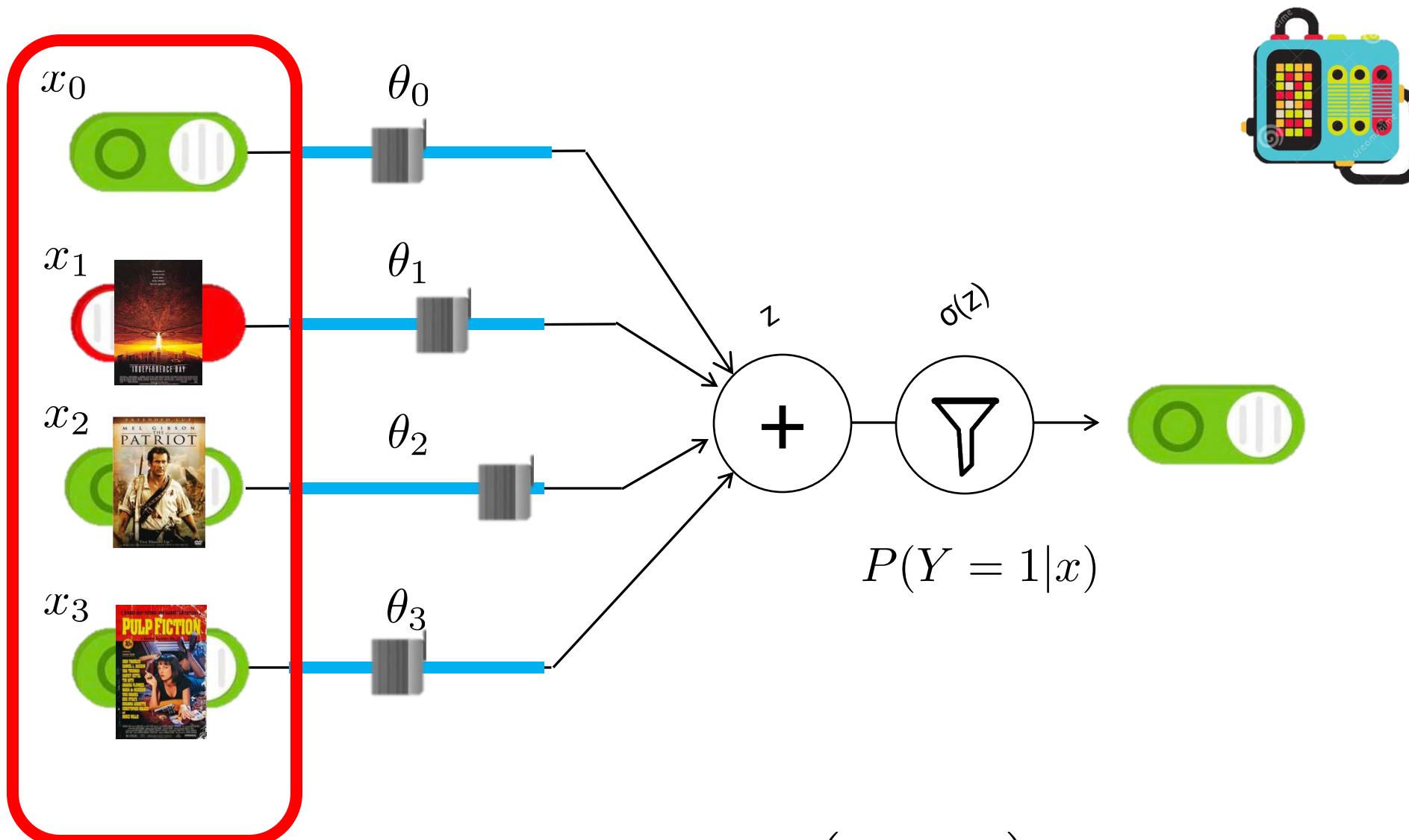
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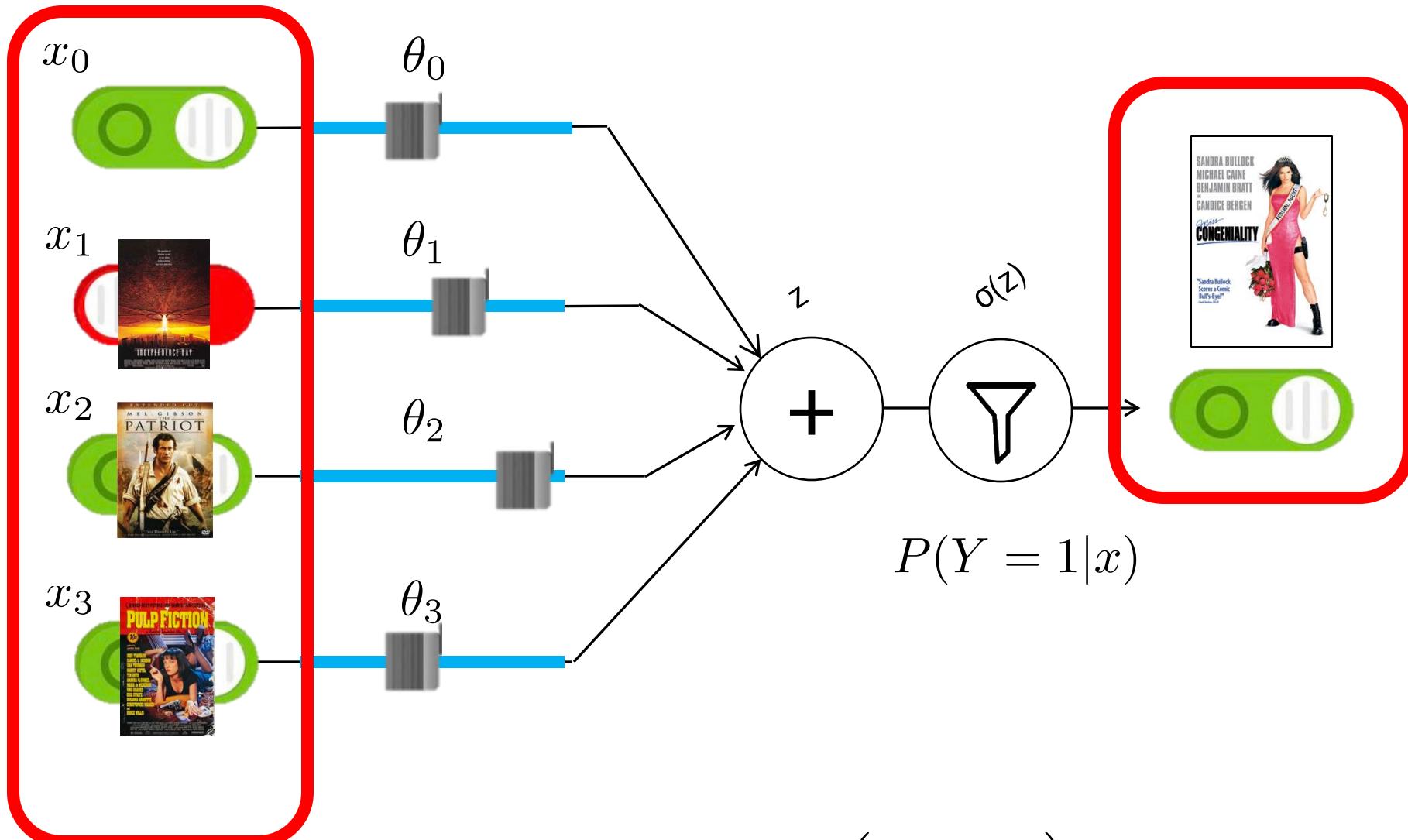


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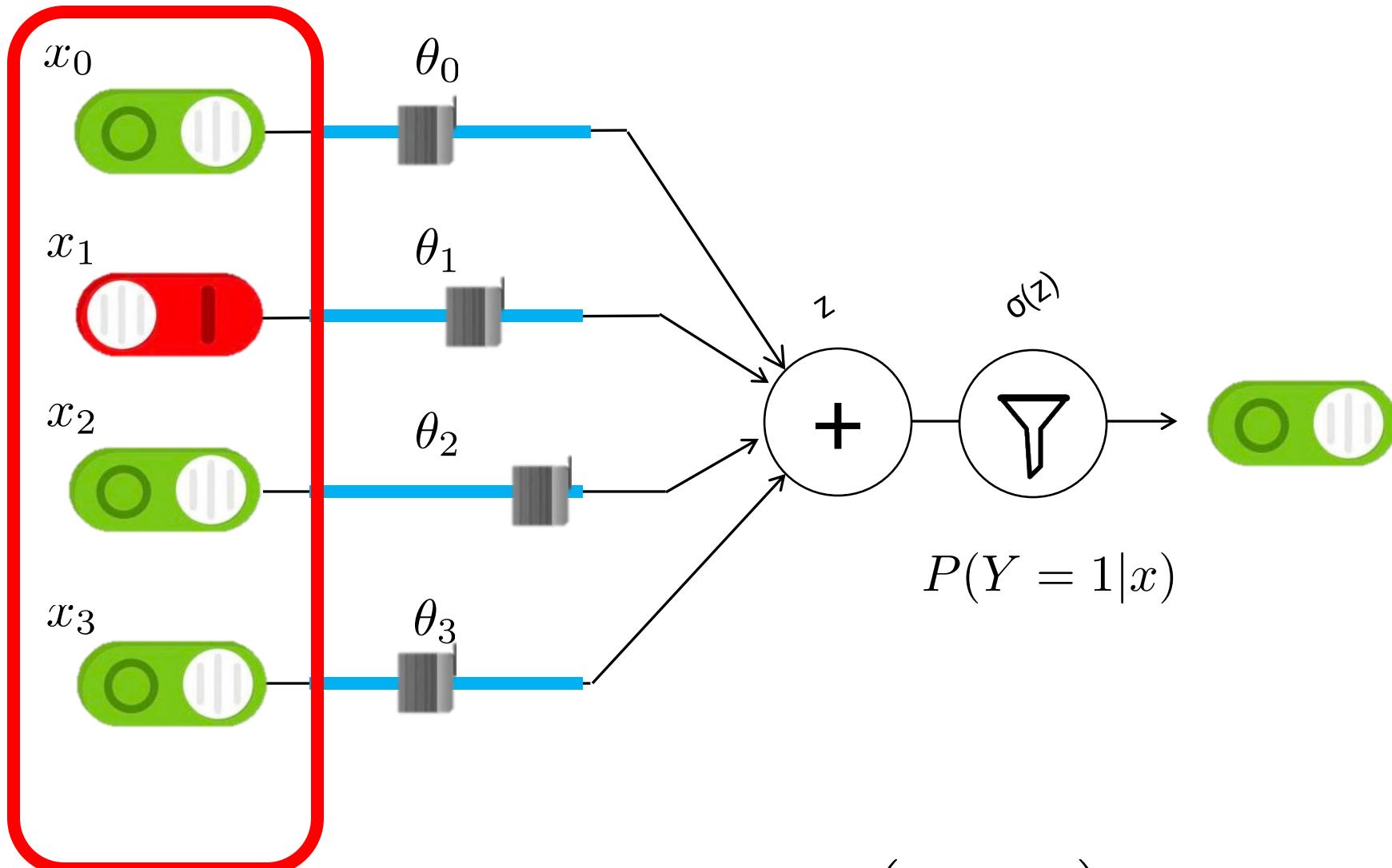


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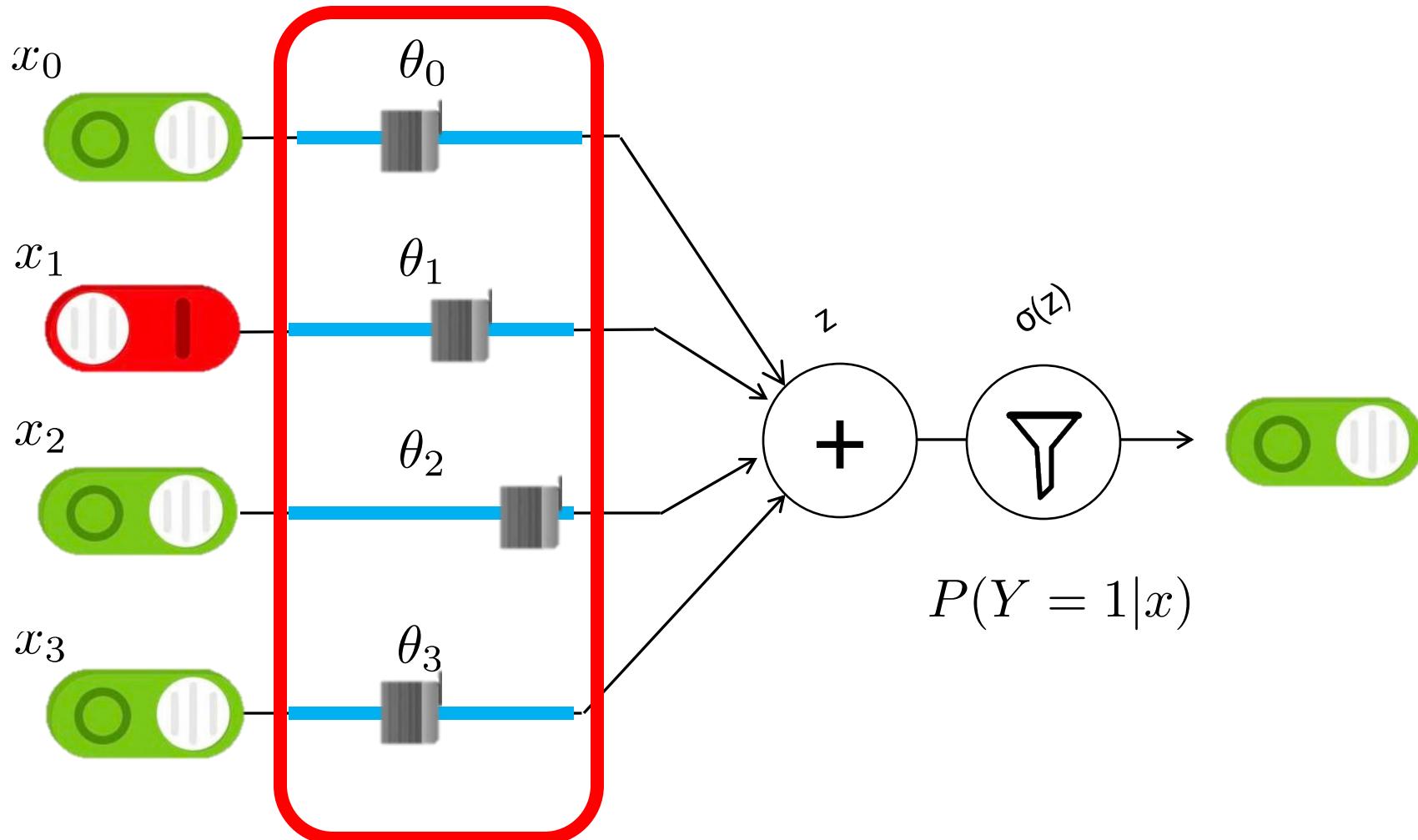
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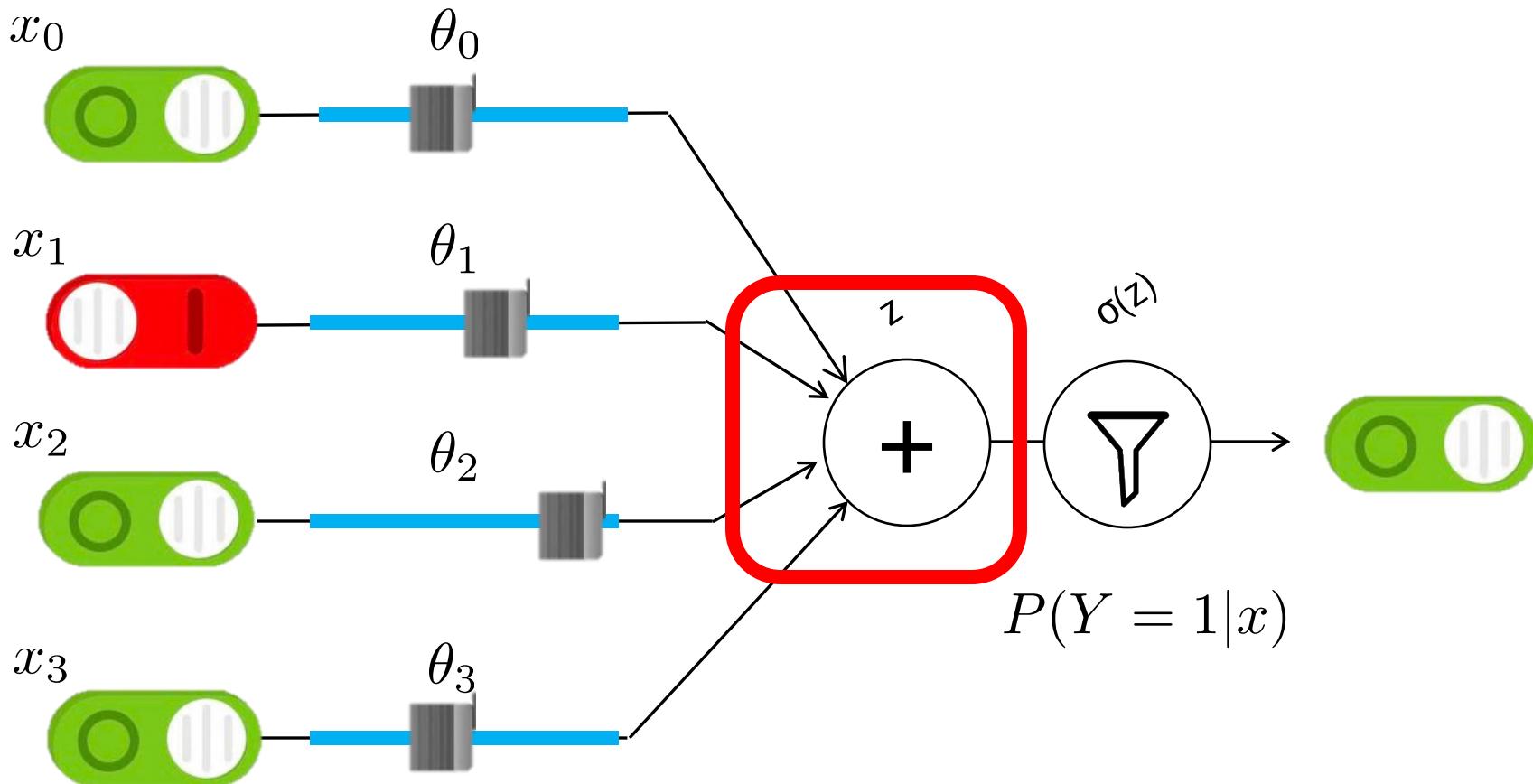
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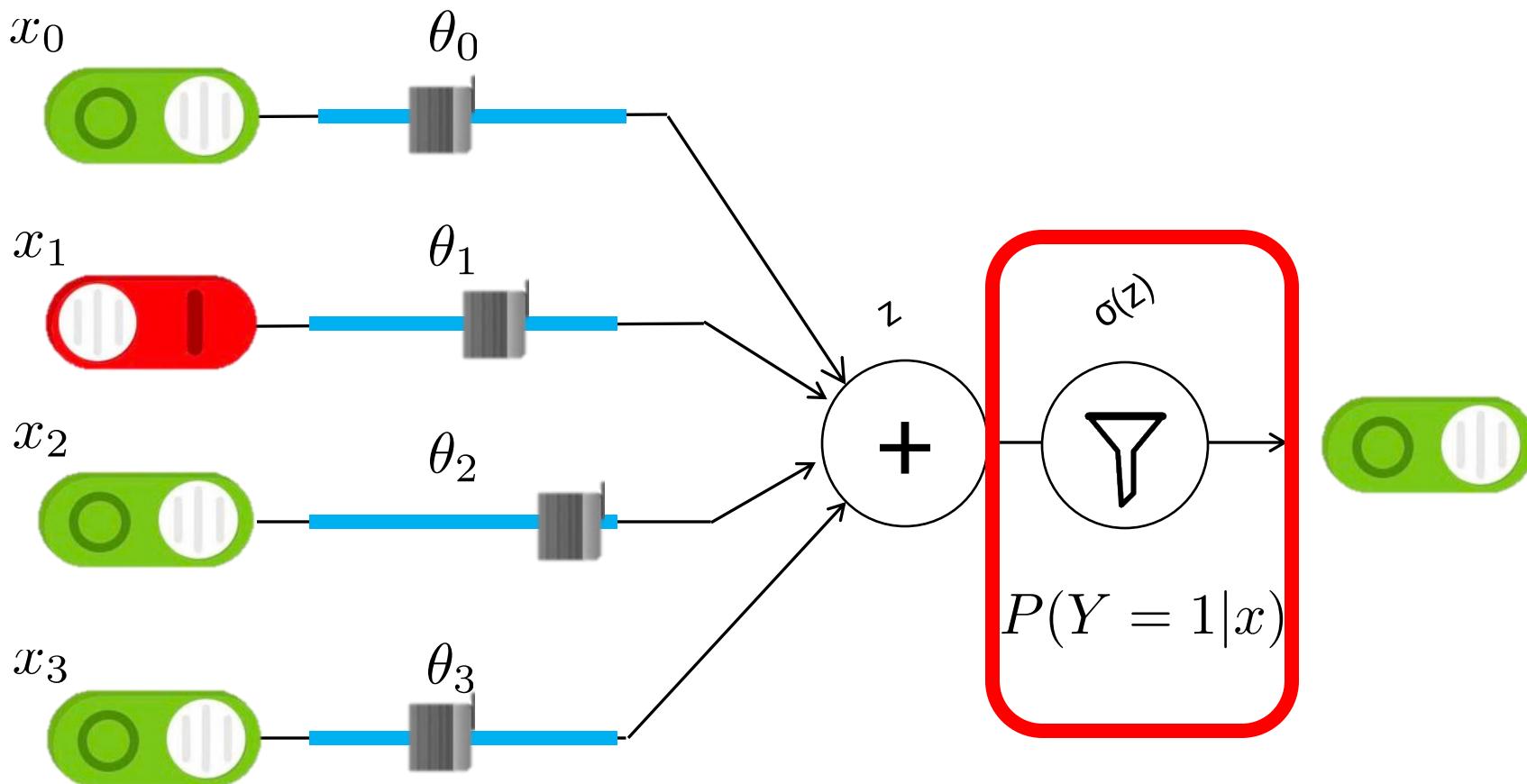
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# Weighed Sum



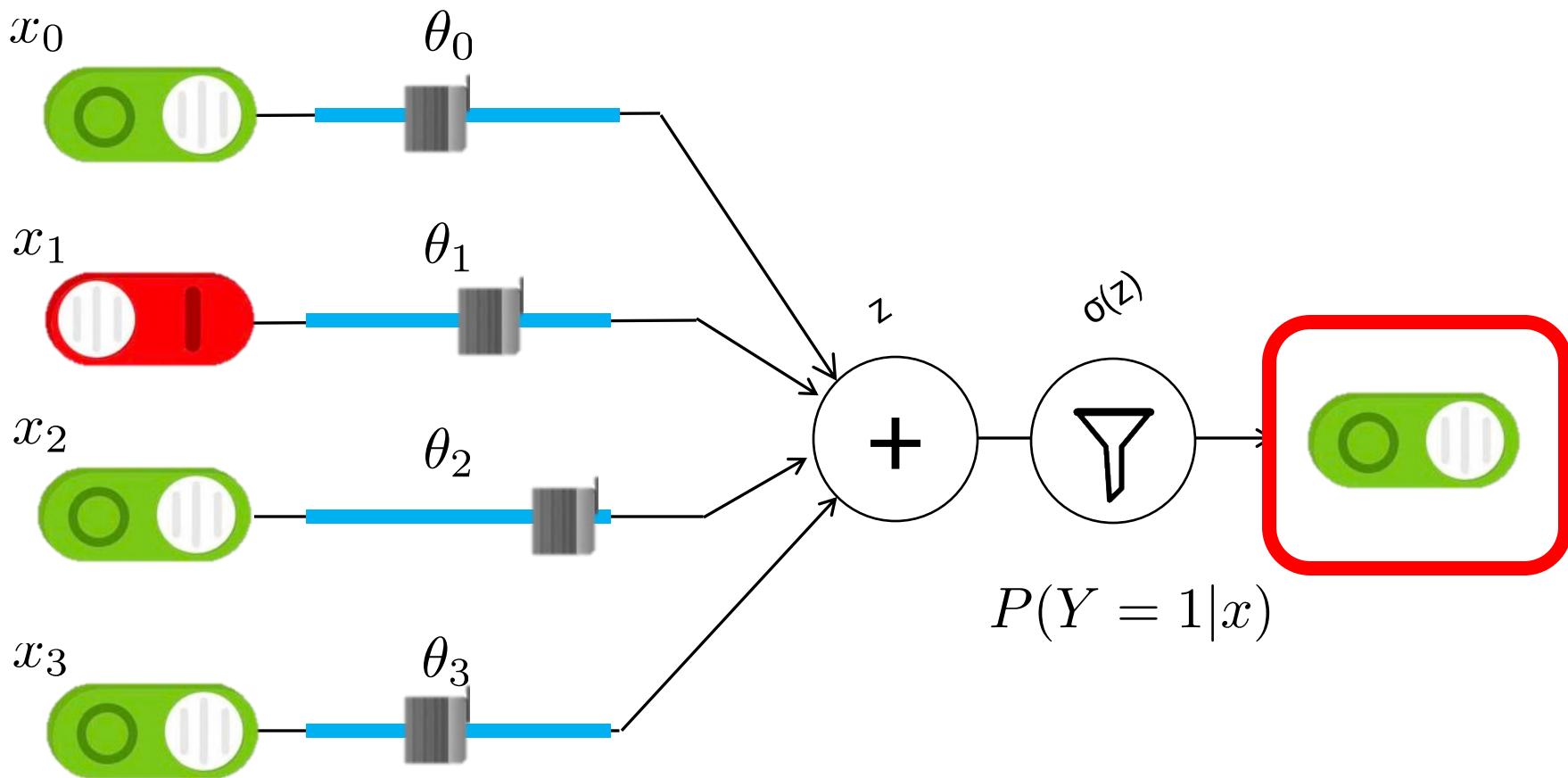
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# Squashing Function



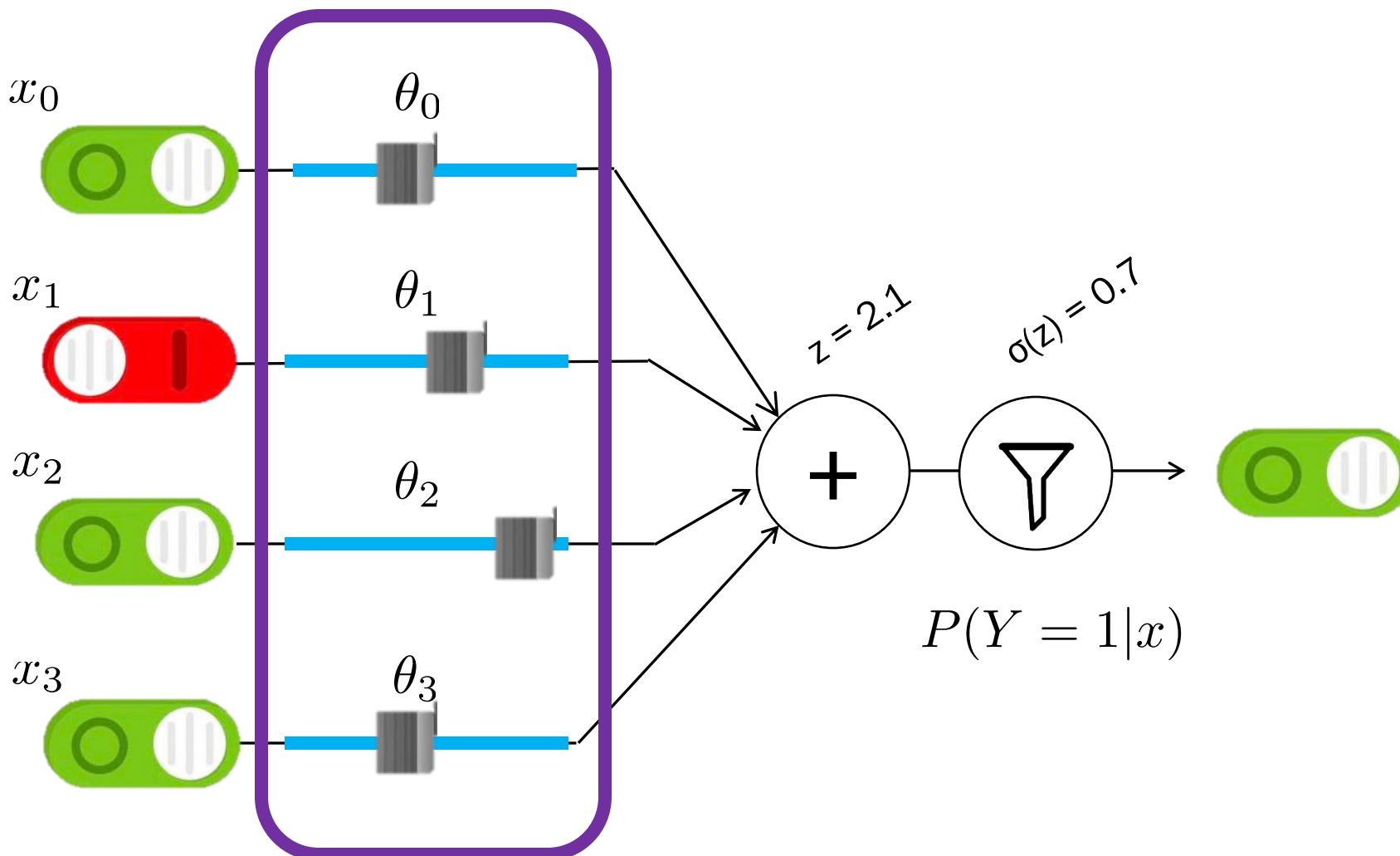
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# Prediction



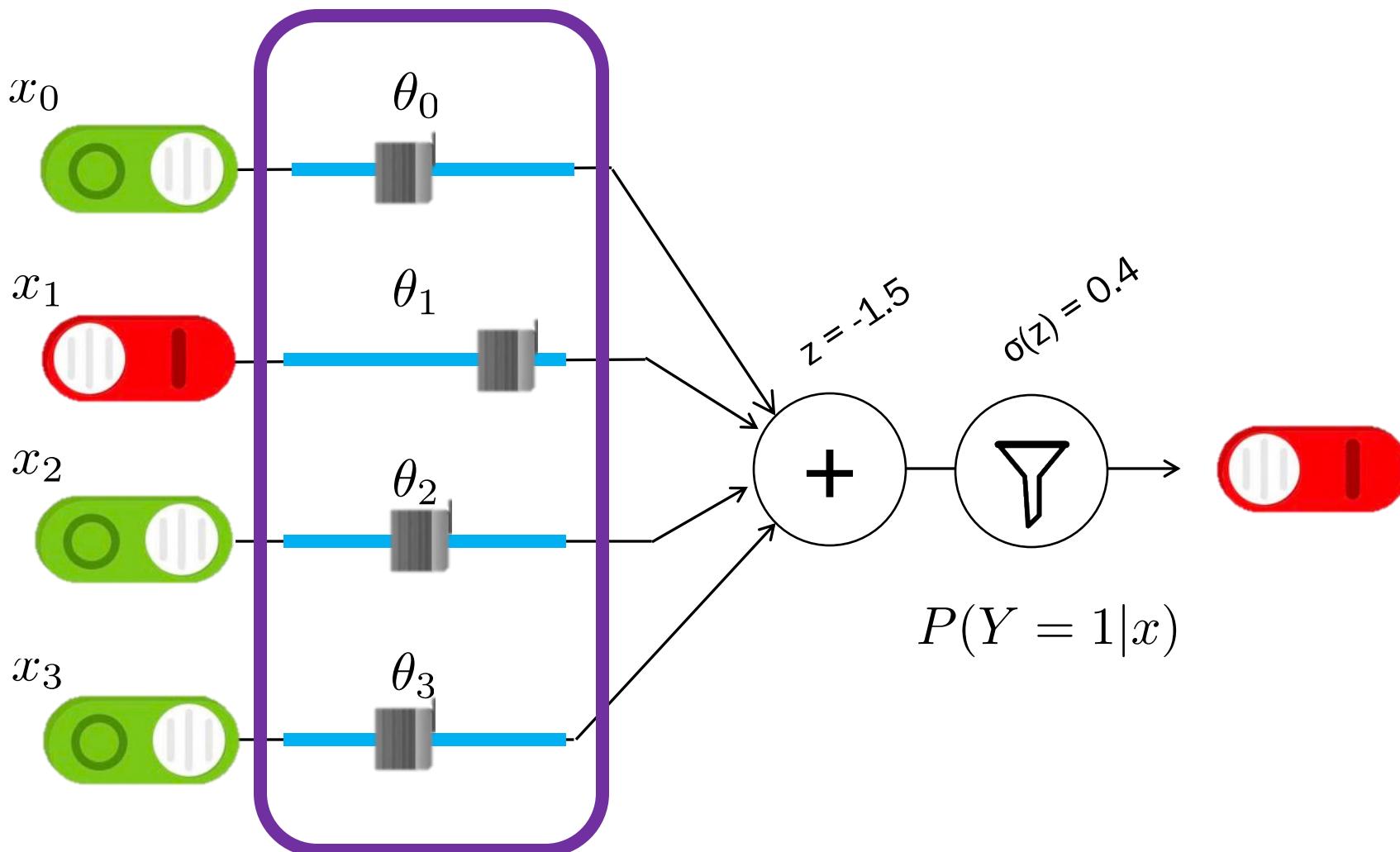
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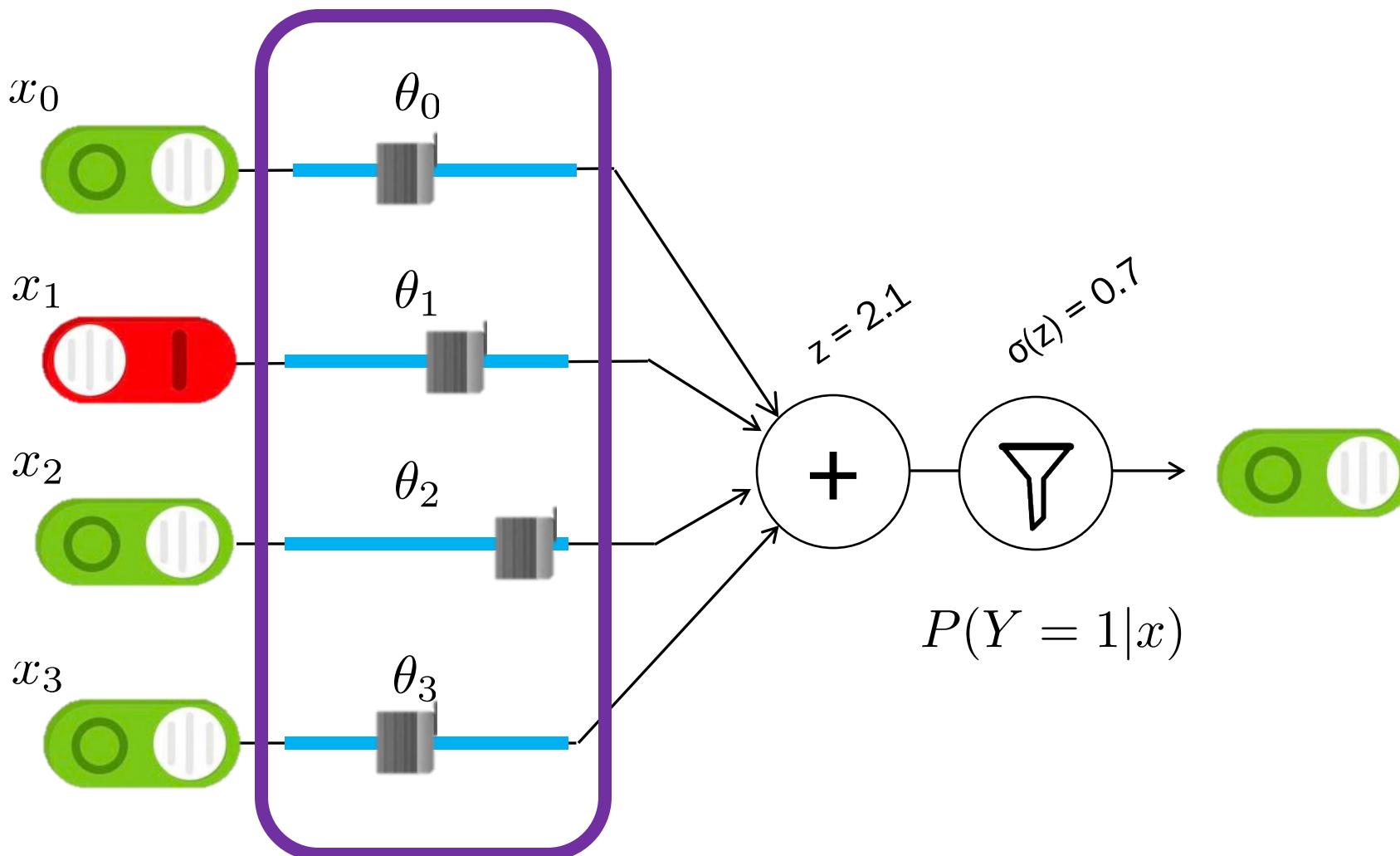
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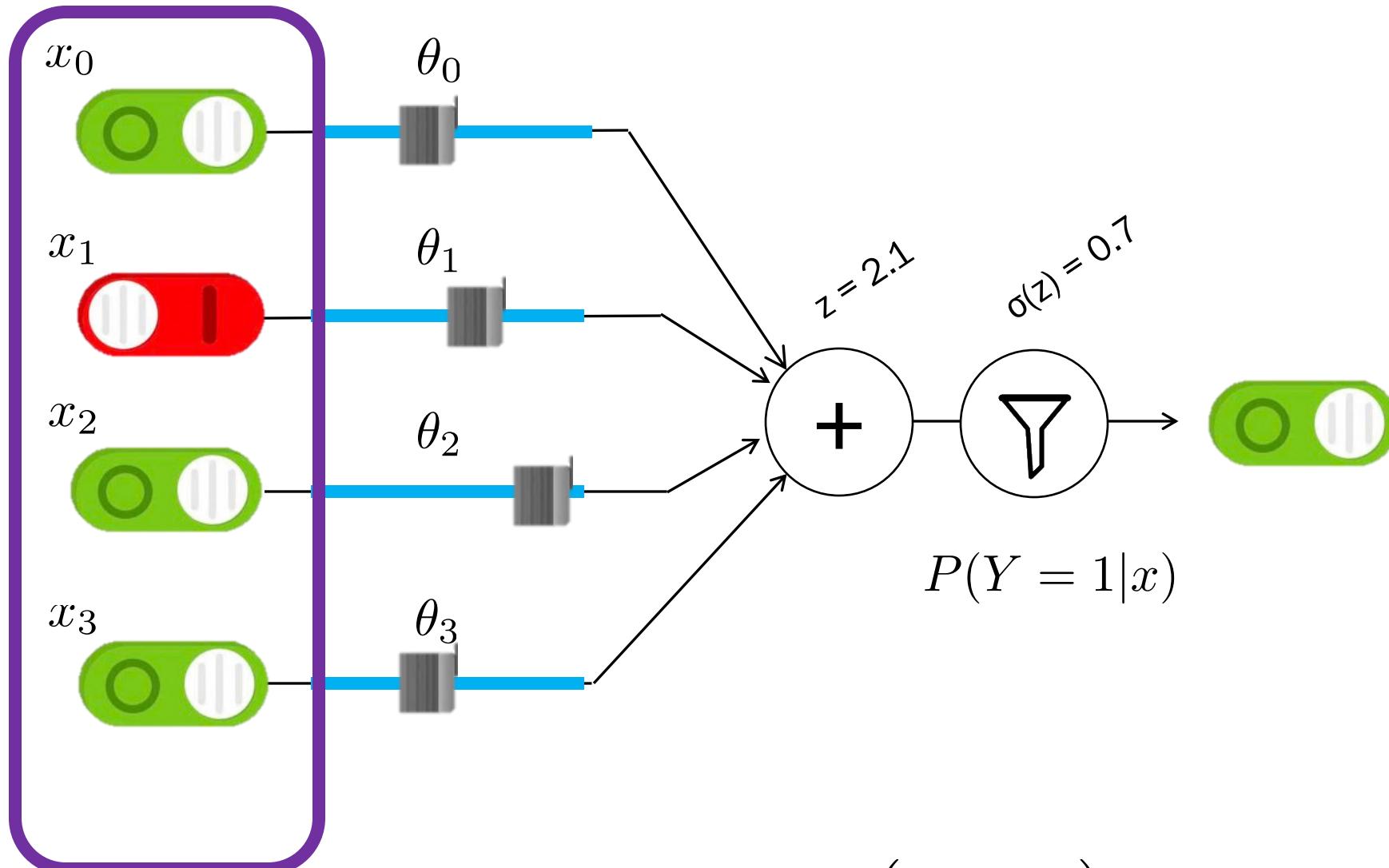
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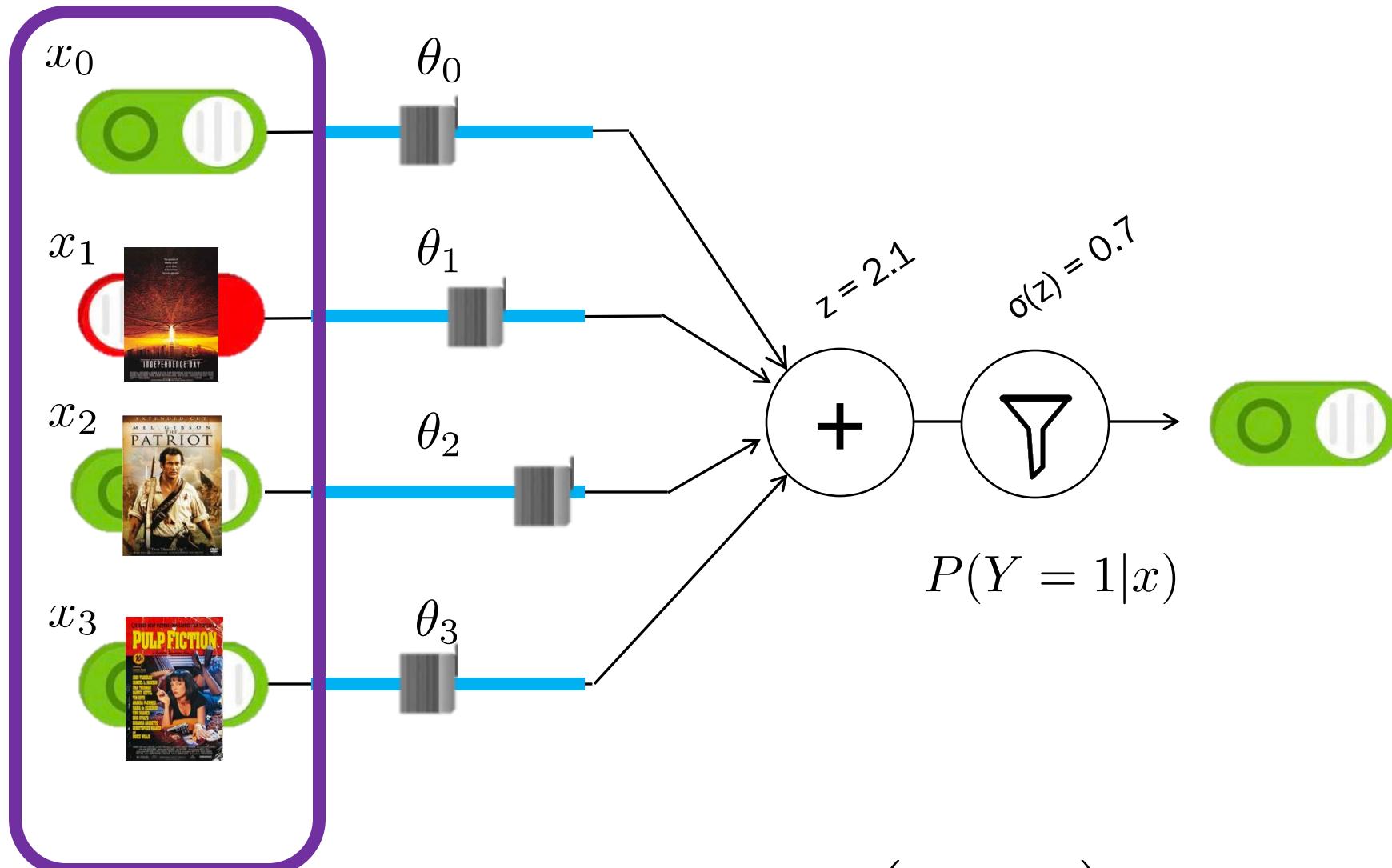
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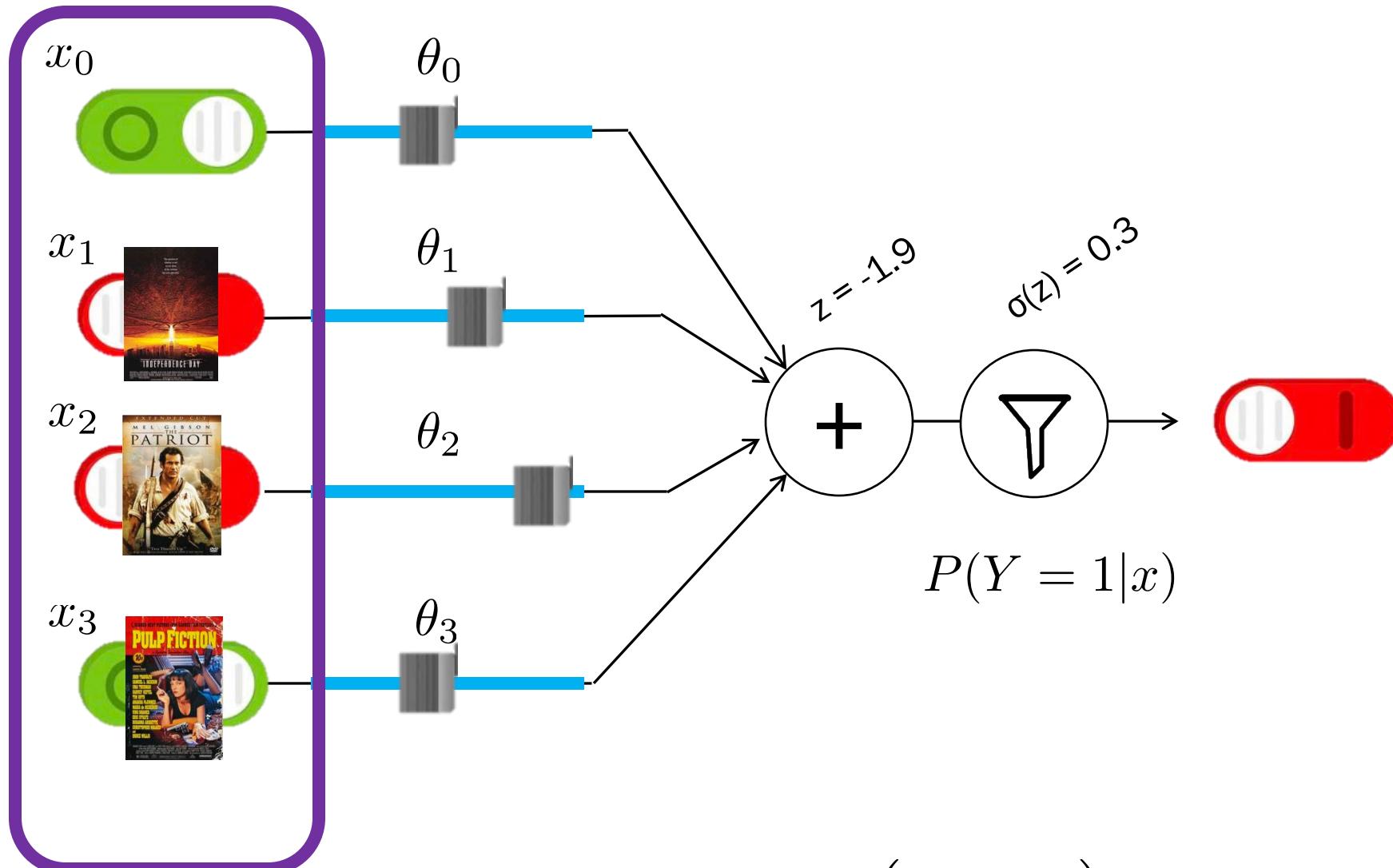
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# Different Predictions for Different Inputs



# Handling the Intercept

Model *conditional* likelihood  $P(Y = 1 | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x})$   
with *logistic* function:

$$P(Y = 1 | \mathbf{X}) = \sigma(z) \text{ where } z = \theta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i x_i$$

- For simplicity define  $x_0 = 1$  so  $z = \theta^T \mathbf{x}$
- Since  $P(Y = 0 | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) + P(Y = 1 | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = 1$ :

$$P(Y = 1 | X = \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})$$

$$P(Y = 0 | X = \mathbf{x}) = 1 - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})$$

Recall:  
Sigmoid function

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

# Big Assumption

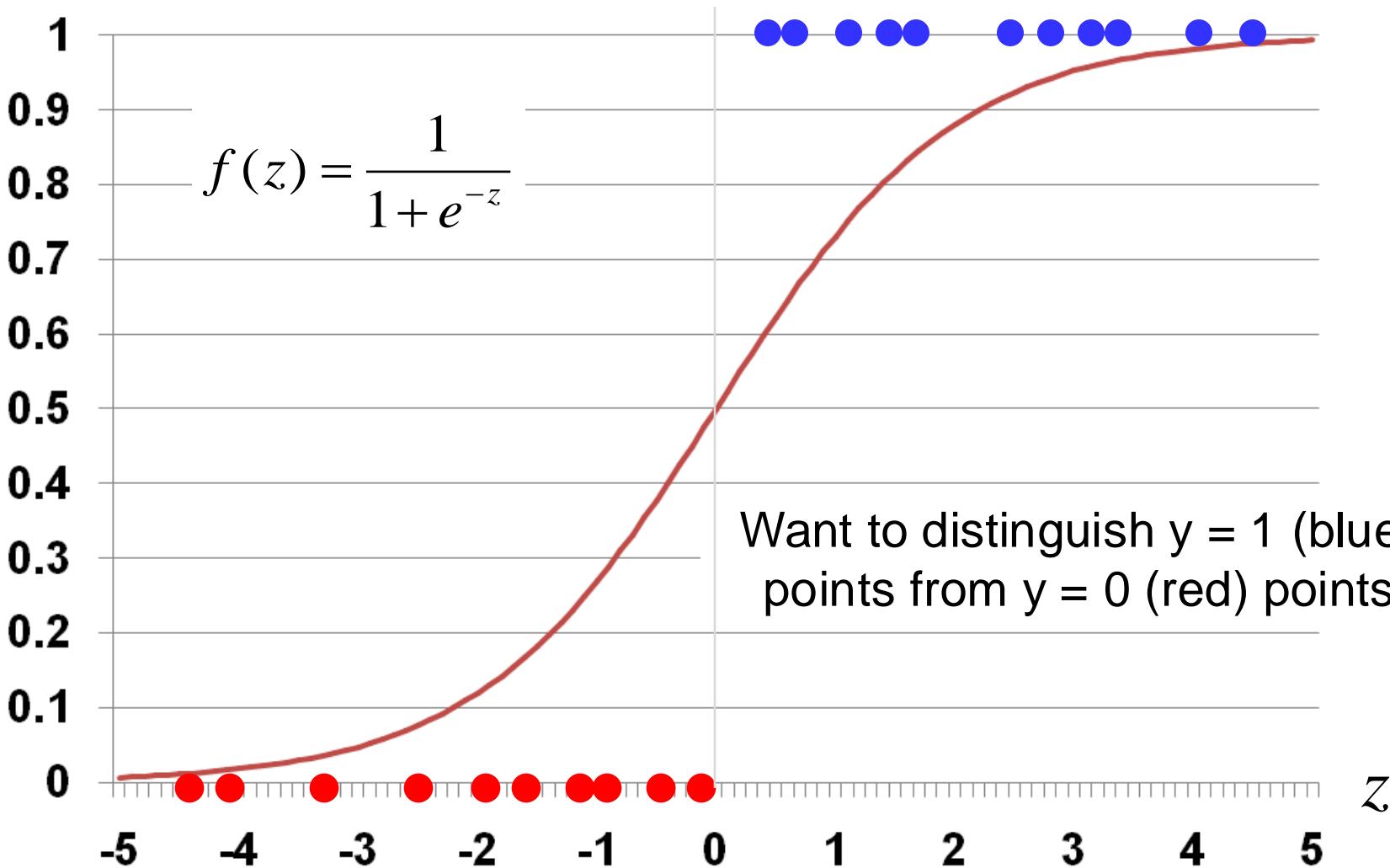


Logistic Regression Assumption:

$$P(Y = 1|X = \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})$$

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# The Sigmoid Function



Note: inflection point at  $z = 0$ .  $f(0) = 0.5$

# What is in a Name

## Regression Algorithms

Linear Regression



## Classification Algorithms

Decision Tree Classifier



Logistic Regression



Awesome classifier, terrible  
name



If Chris could rename it he would call it: Sigmoidal Classification

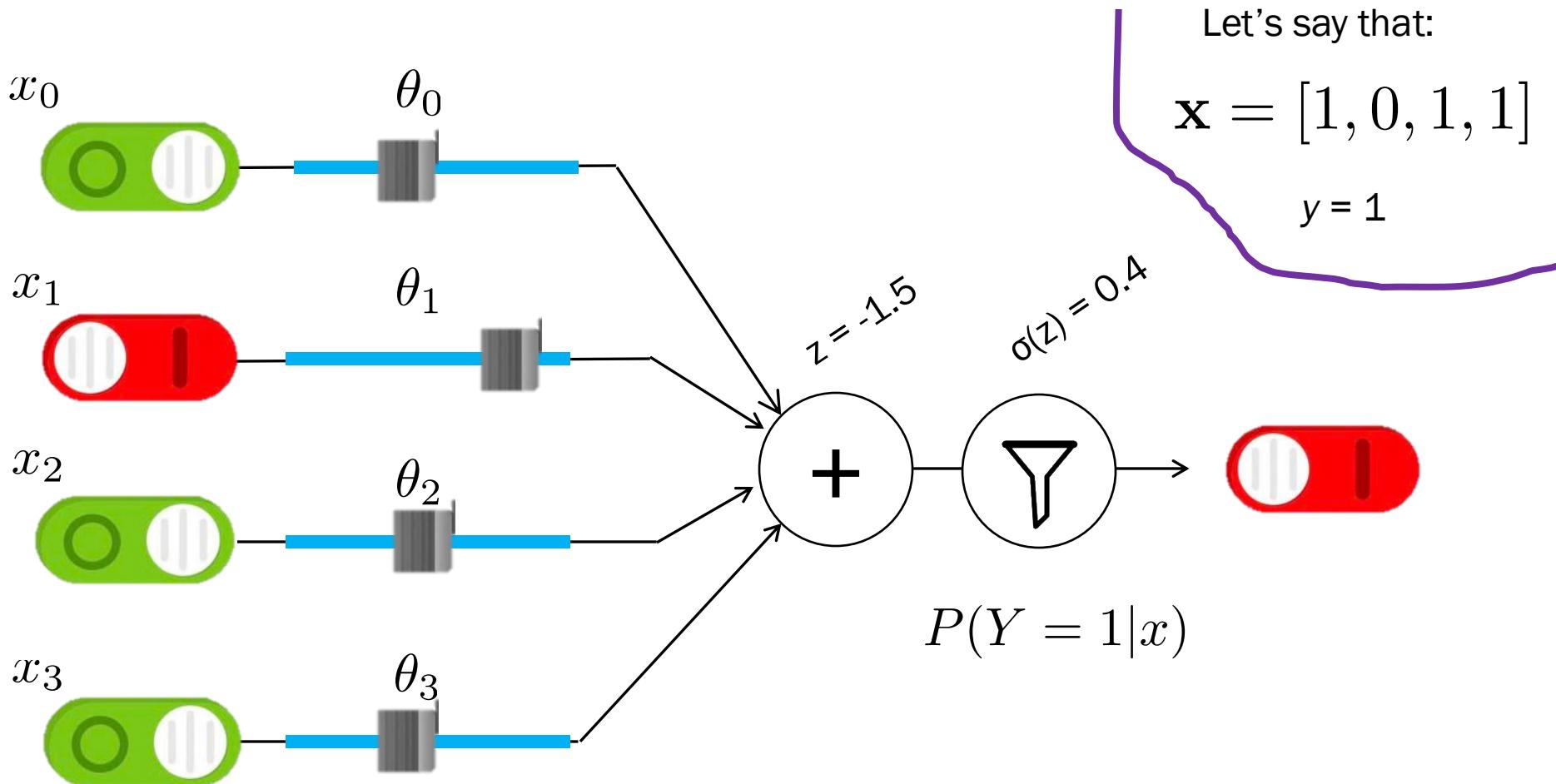
What makes for a “smart”  
logistic regression algorithm?



Logistic regression gets its  
*intelligence* from its  
thetas (aka its parameters)

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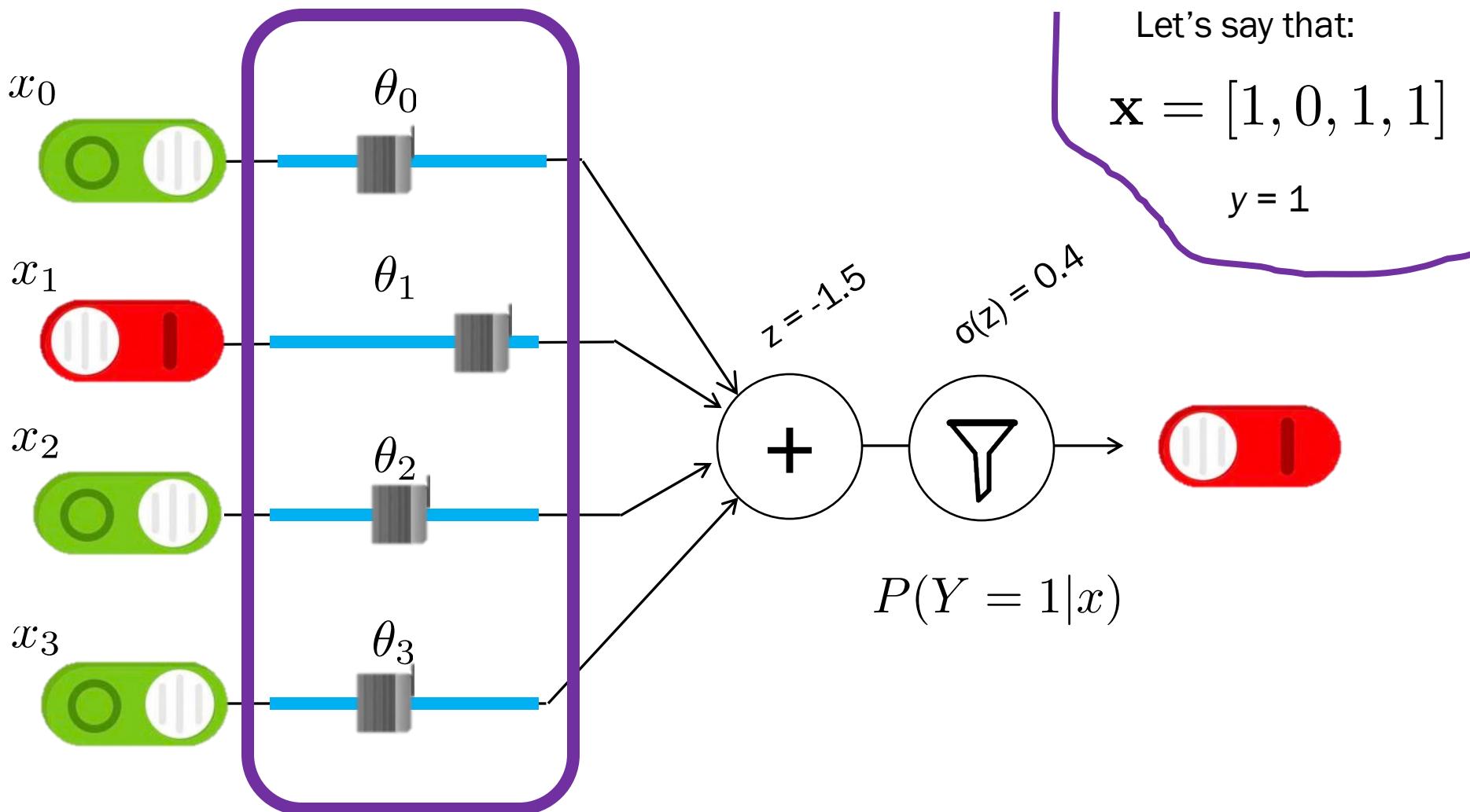
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Data looks unlikely

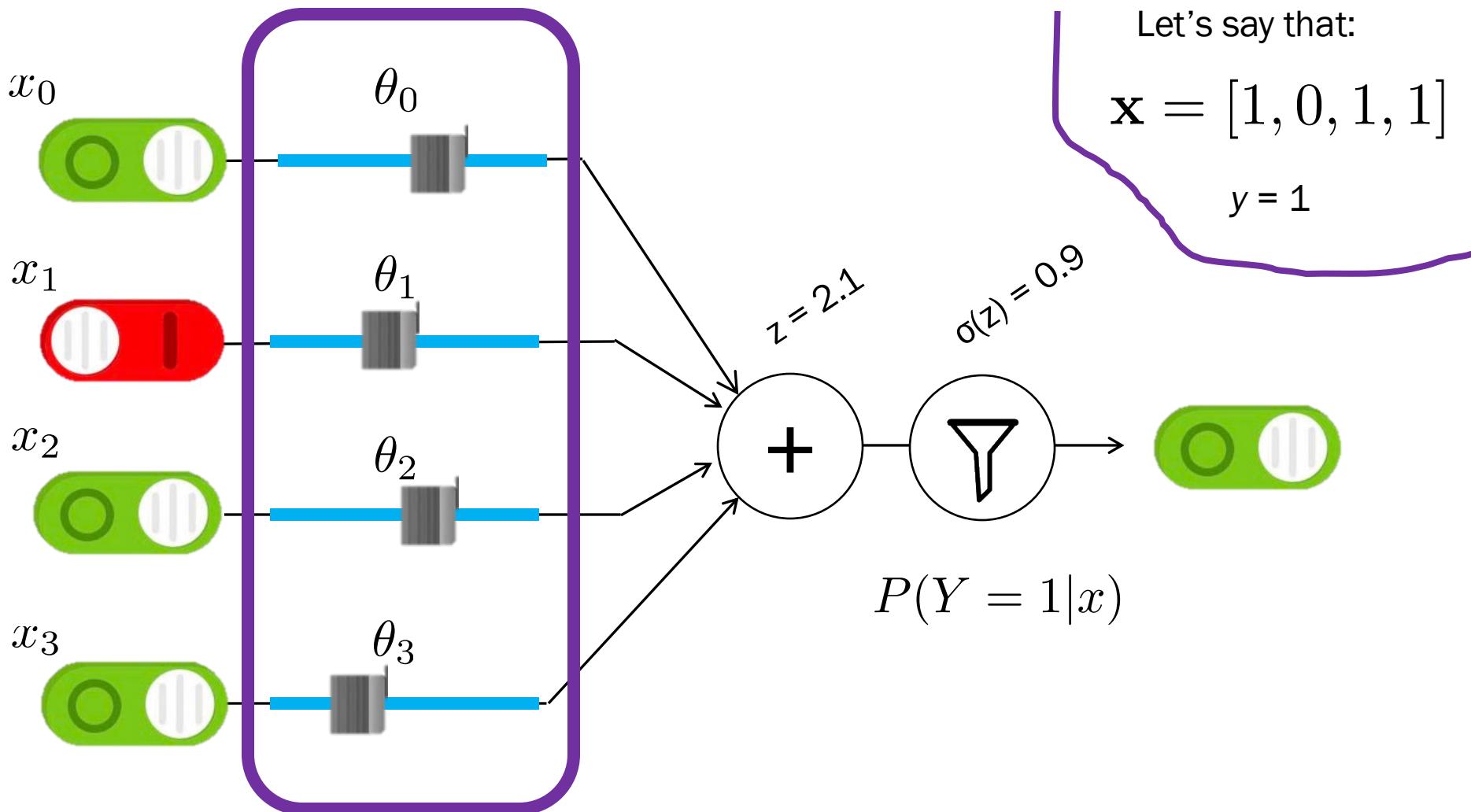
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# How Do We Learn Parameters?



$$P(Y = 1|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \sigma\left(\sum_i \theta_i x_i\right) = 0.9$$

Data is much more likely!

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Chose your parameter estimates

Parameter  $\mu$ :

Parameter  $\sigma$ :

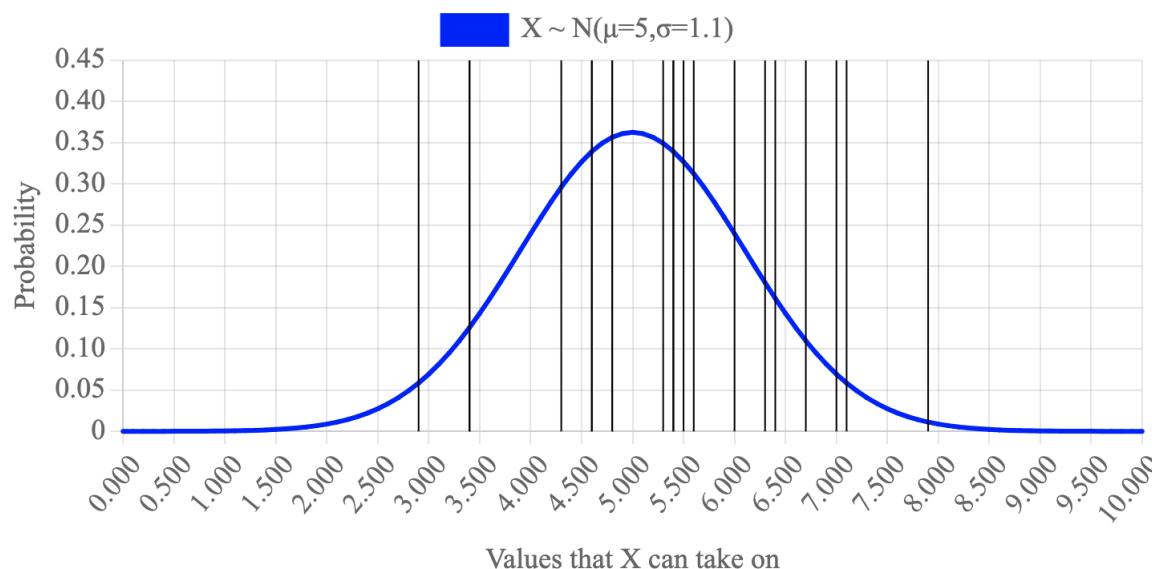
Likelihood of the data given your params

Likelihood: 5.204152095194613e-16

Log Likelihood: -314.1

Best Seen: -311.2

Your Gaussian



Pedagogy: show you the big picture,  
then we can derive it!

# Math for Logistic Regression

1

Make logistic regression assumption

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Often call this  
 $\hat{y}$

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Calculate the log likelihood for all data

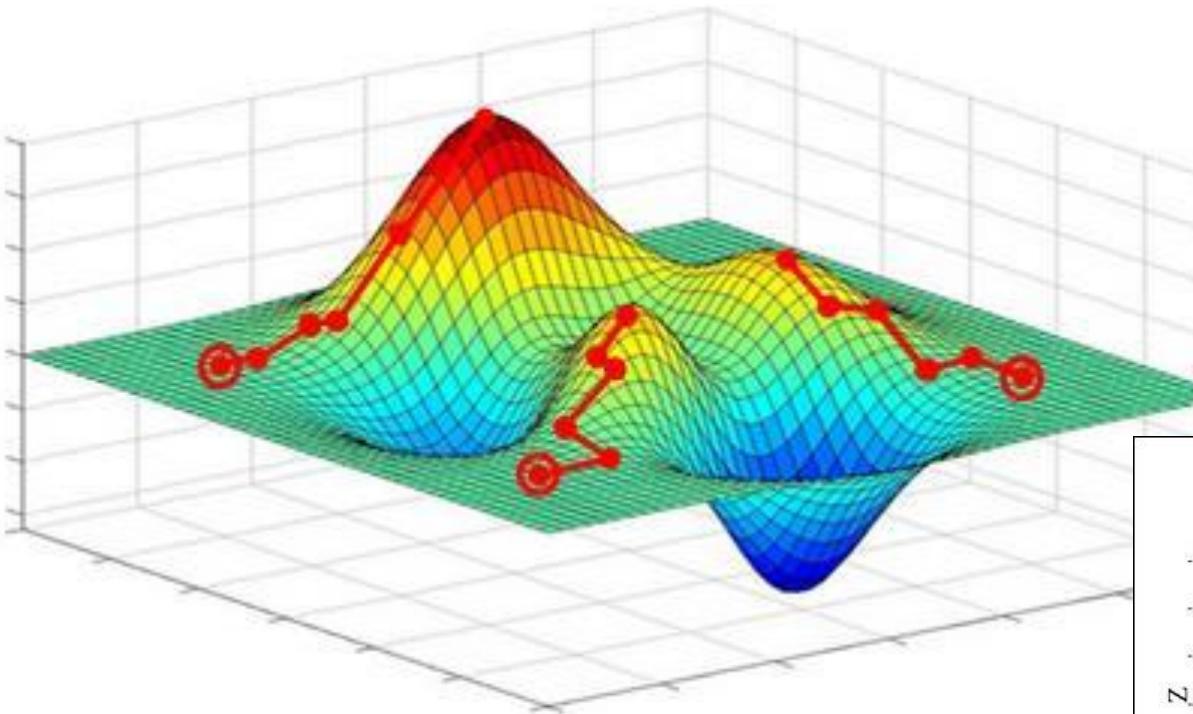
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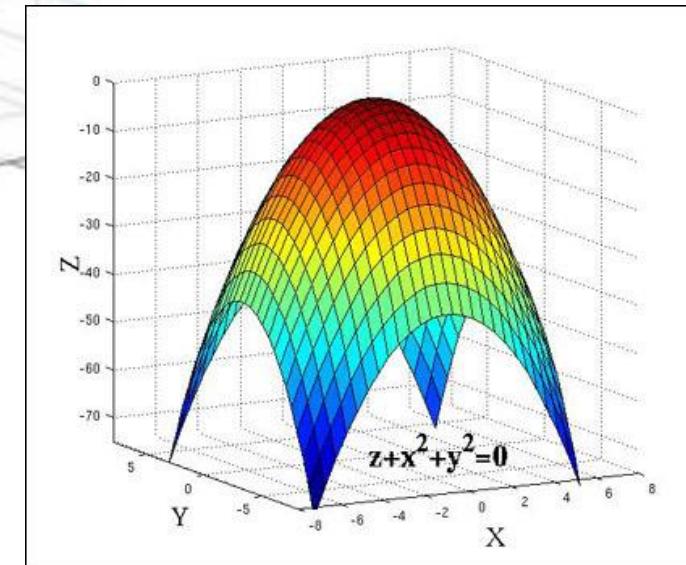
Get derivative of log likelihood with respect to thetas

$$\frac{\partial LL(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y^{(i)} - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right] x_j^{(i)}$$

# Gradient Ascent



Logistic regression LL  
function is convex



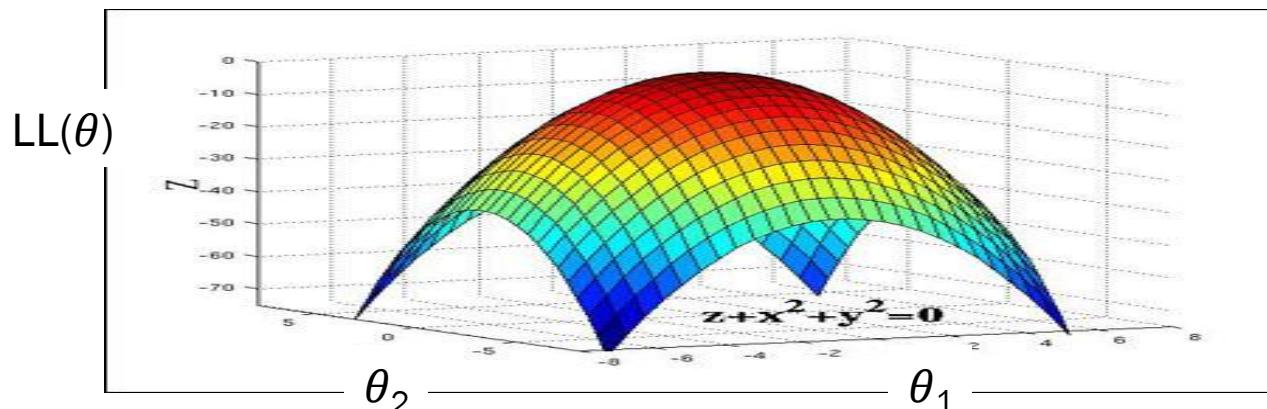
Walk uphill and you will find a local maxima  
(if your step size is small enough)

# Gradient Ascent Step

$$\frac{\partial LL(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \sum_{i=0}^n \left[ y^{(i)} - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right] x_j^{(i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_j^{\text{new}} &= \theta_j^{\text{old}} + \eta \cdot \frac{\partial LL(\theta^{\text{old}})}{\partial \theta_j^{\text{old}}} \\ &= \theta_j^{\text{old}} + \eta \cdot \sum_{i=0}^n \left[ y^{(i)} - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right] x_j^{(i)}\end{aligned}$$

Do this  
for all  
thetas!



# What does this look like in code?

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_j^{\text{new}} &= \theta_j^{\text{old}} + \eta \cdot \frac{\partial L(\theta^{\text{old}})}{\partial \theta_j^{\text{old}}} \\ &= \theta_j^{\text{old}} + \eta \cdot \sum_{i=0}^n \left[ y^{(i)} - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right] x_j^{(i)}\end{aligned}$$

# Real Code!!!

Initialize:  $\theta_j = 0$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq m$

Repeat many times:

gradient[j] = 0 for all  $0 \leq j \leq m$

For each training example  $(x, y)$ :

For each parameter  $j$ :

$$\text{gradient}[j] += x_j \left( y - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}} \right)$$

$\theta_j += \eta * \text{gradient}[j]$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq m$

# Logistic Regression Training

**Initialize:**  $\theta_j = 0$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq m$

*Calculate all  $\theta_j$*

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*Calculate all gradient[j]'s based on data*

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For each parameter  $j$ :

*Update gradient[j] for current training example  $(x, y)$*

$\theta_j += \eta * \text{gradient}[j]$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq m$

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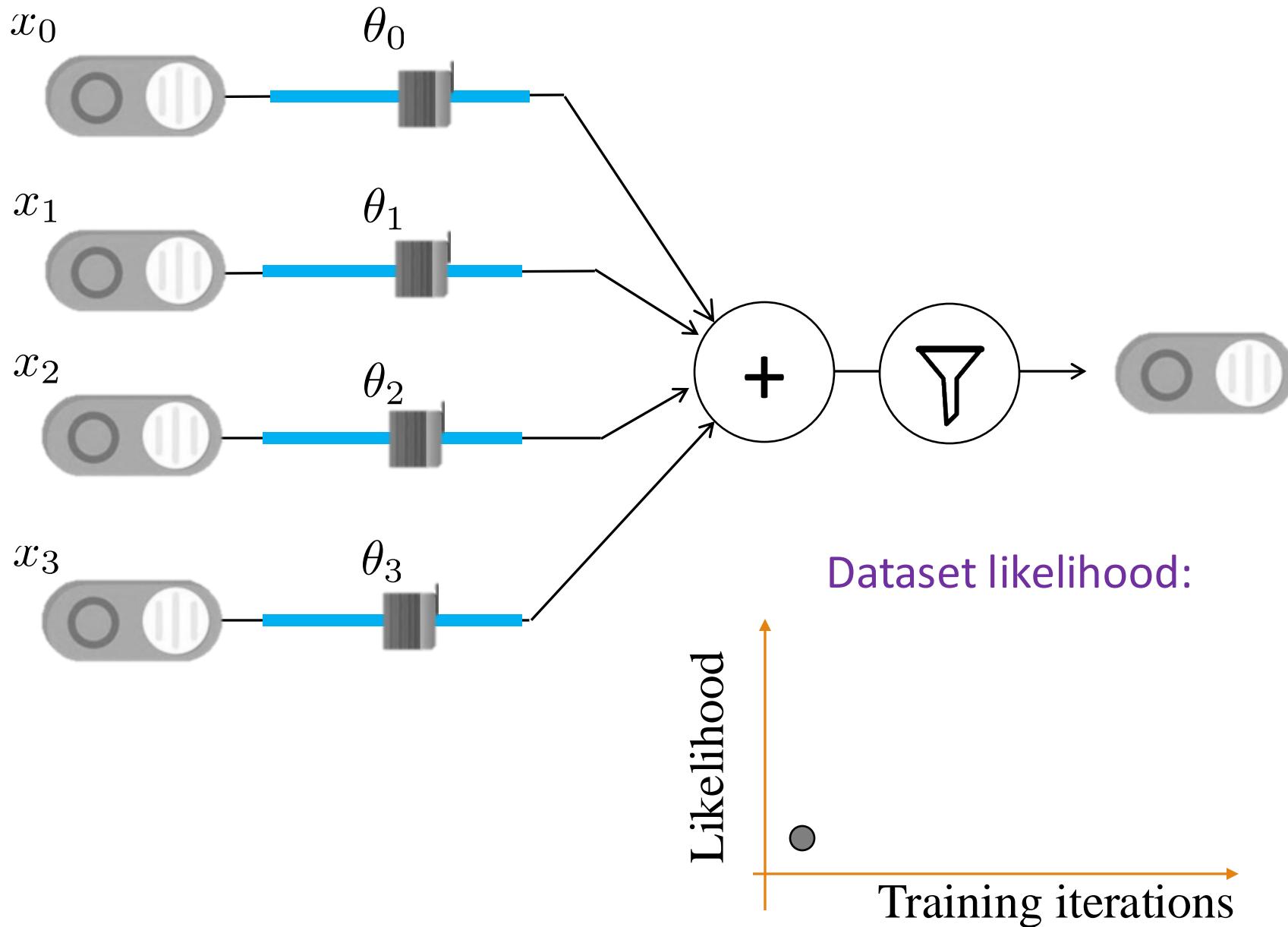
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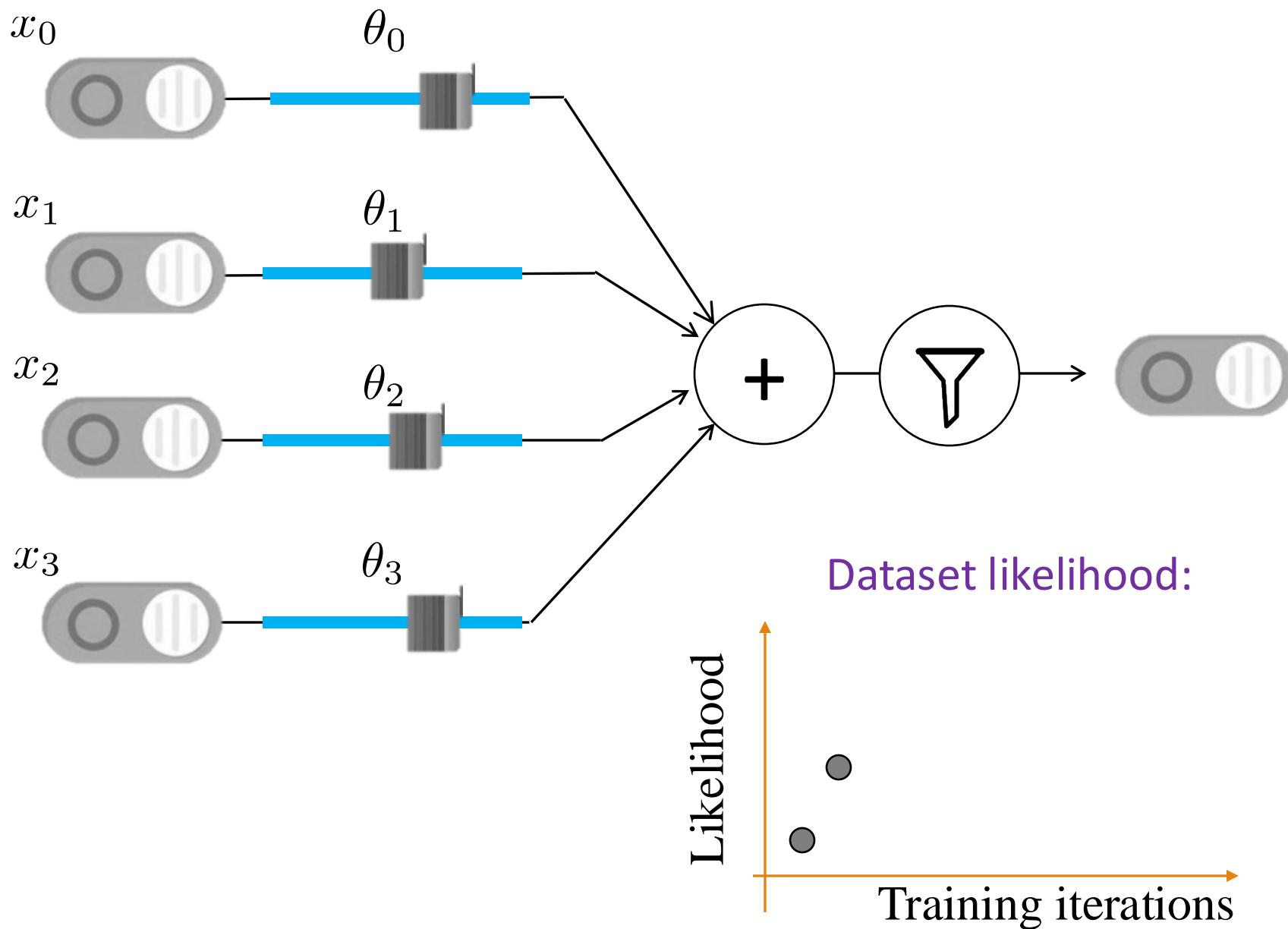
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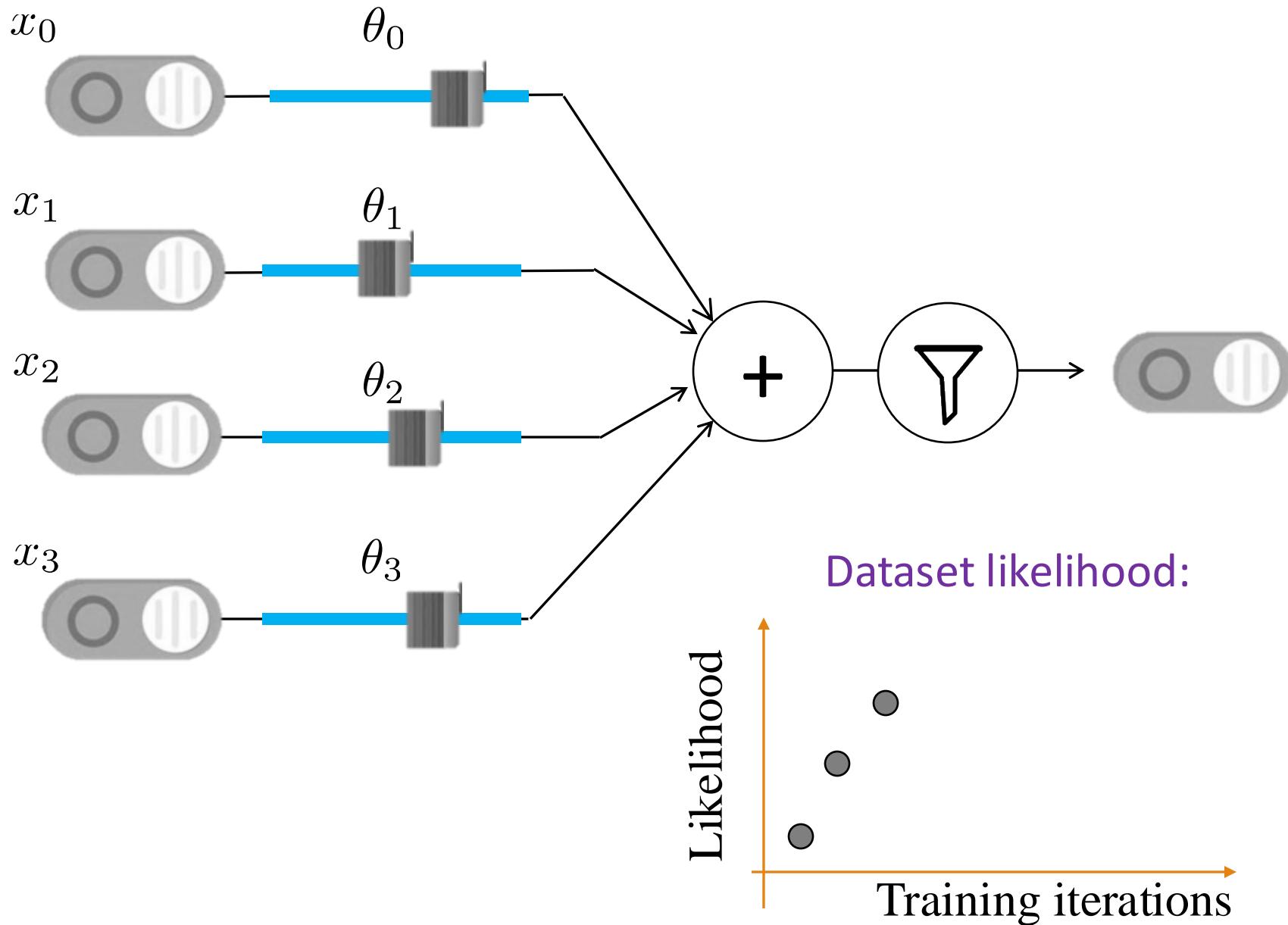
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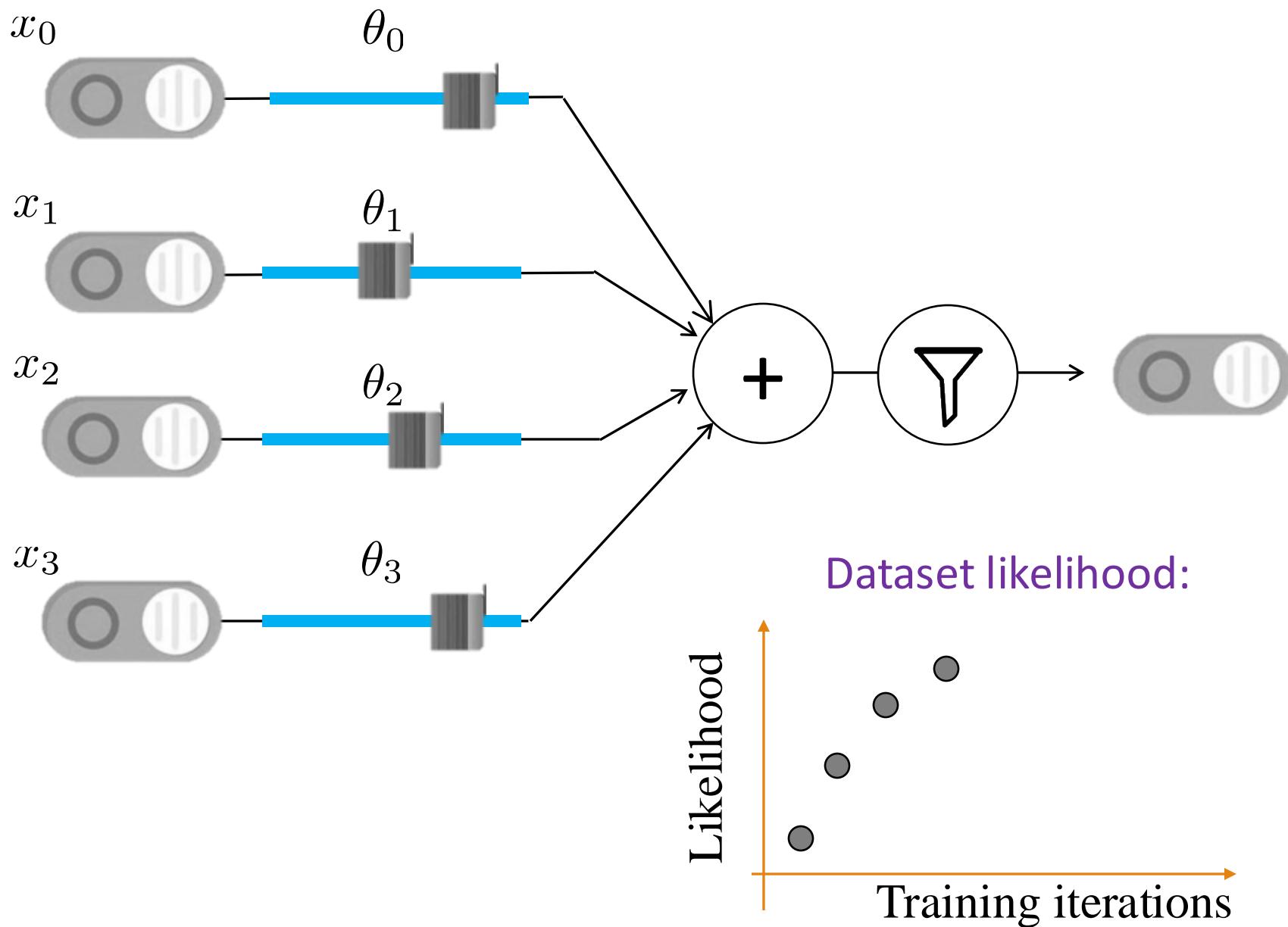
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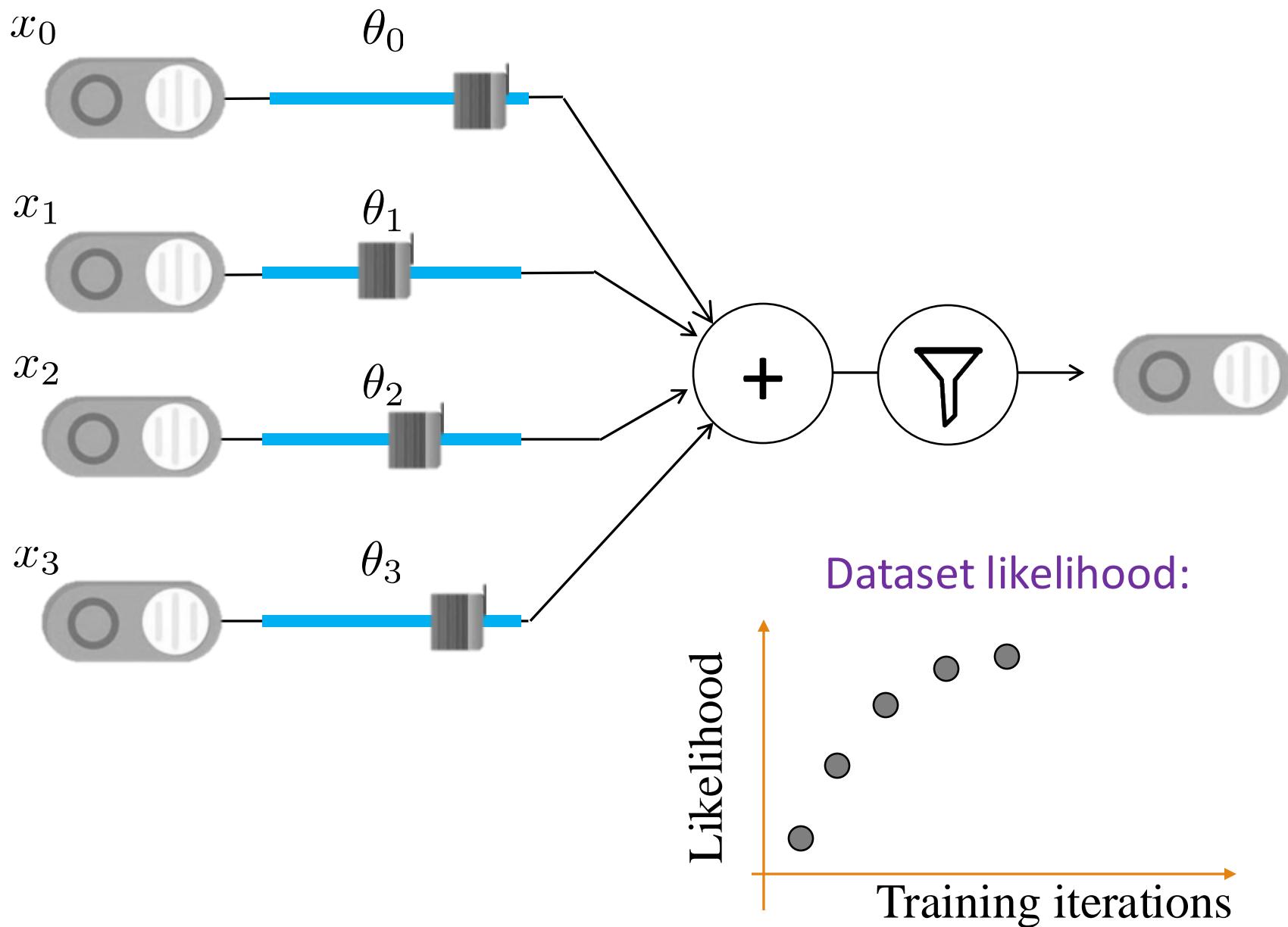
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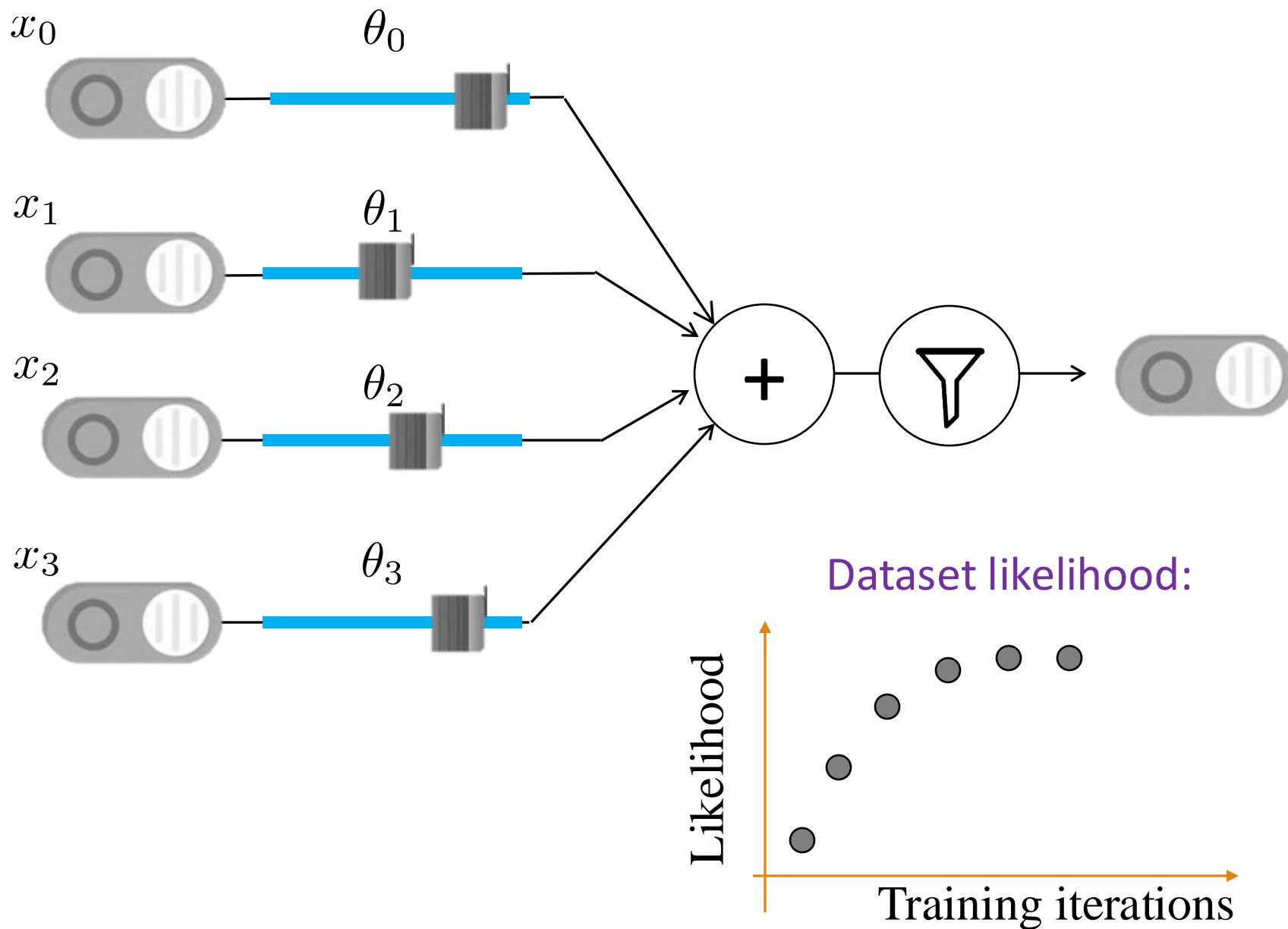
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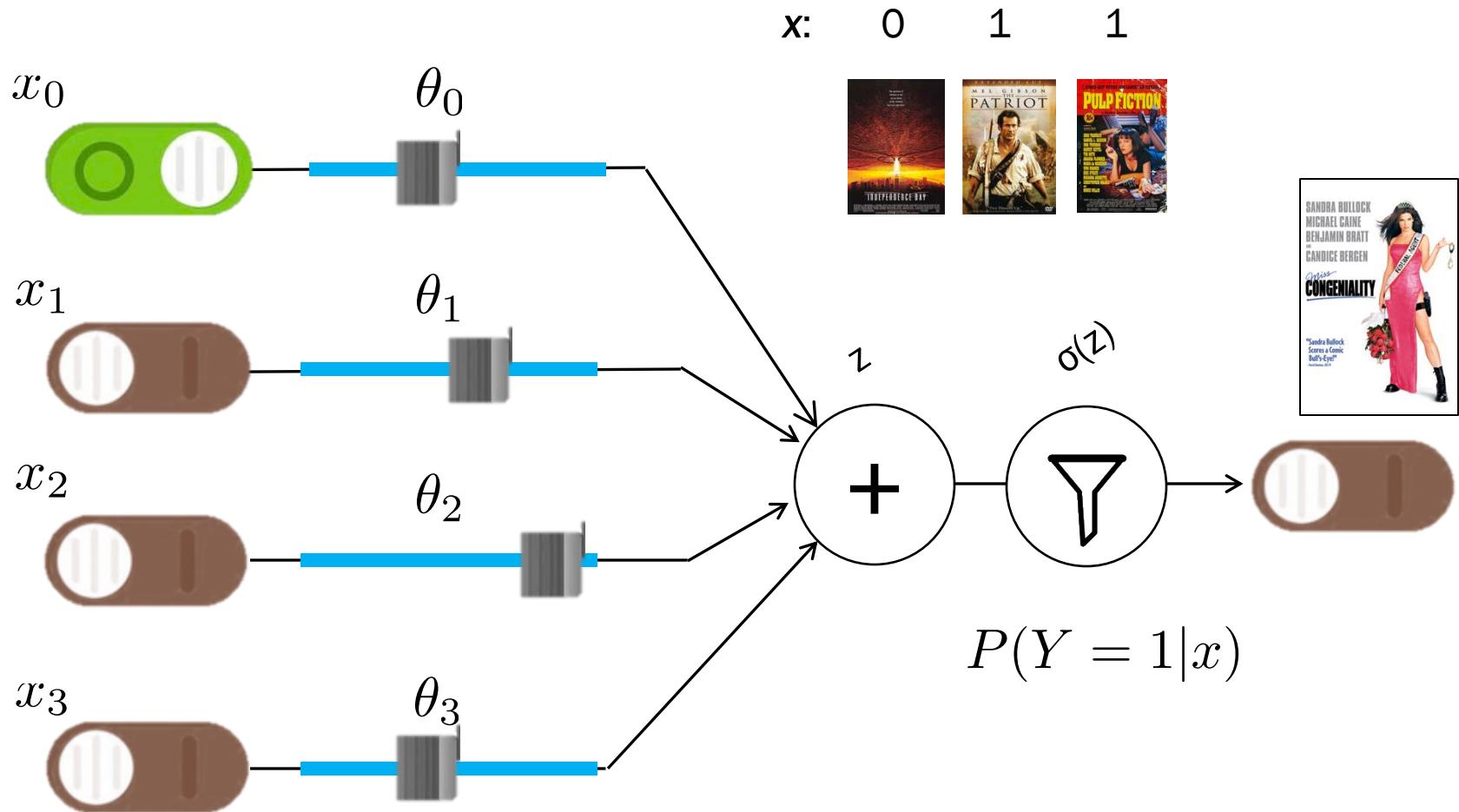


Don't forget:

$x_j$  is j-th input variable  
and  $x_0 = 1$ .

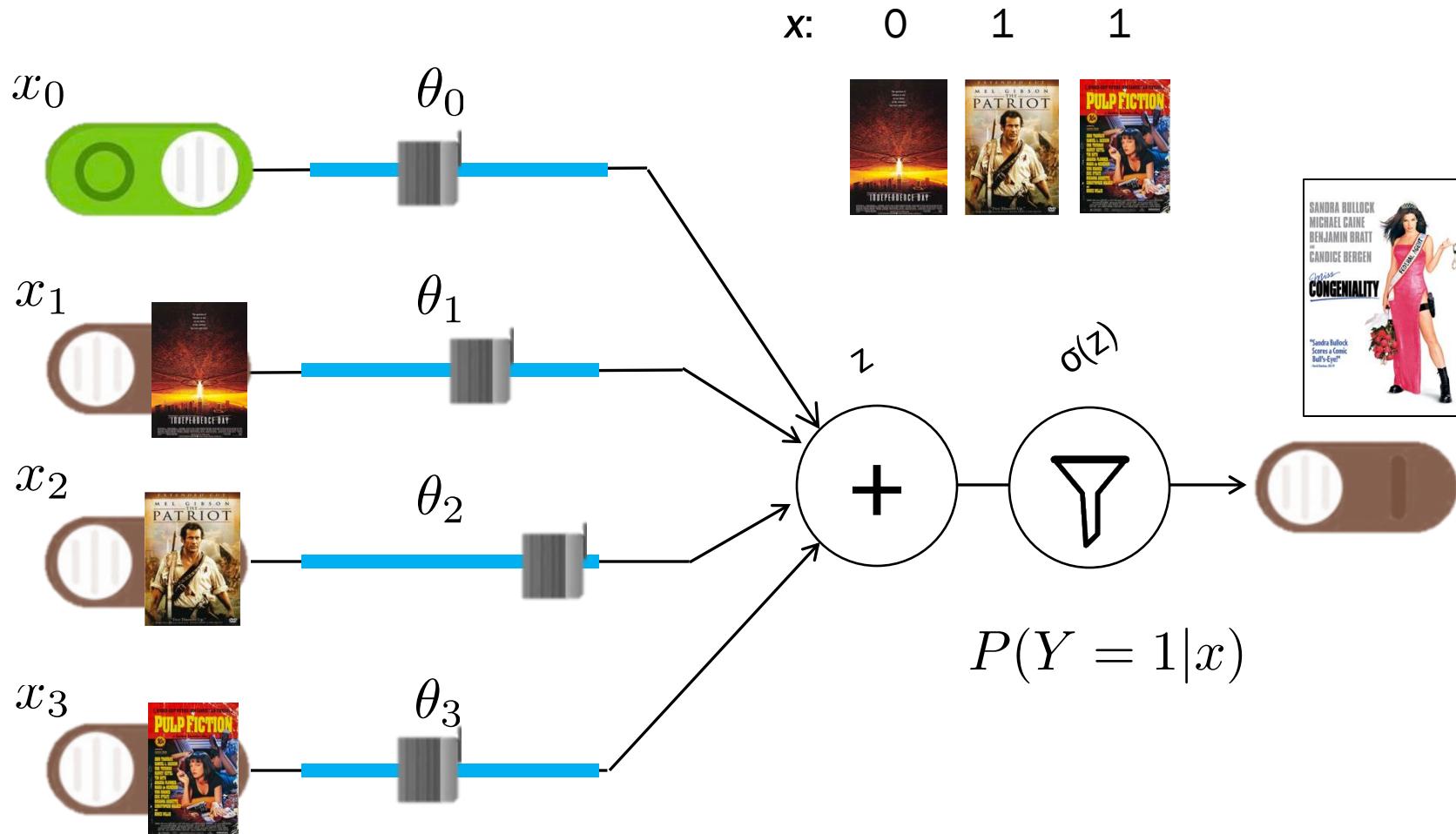
Allows for  $\theta_0$  to be an  
intercept.

# Prediction



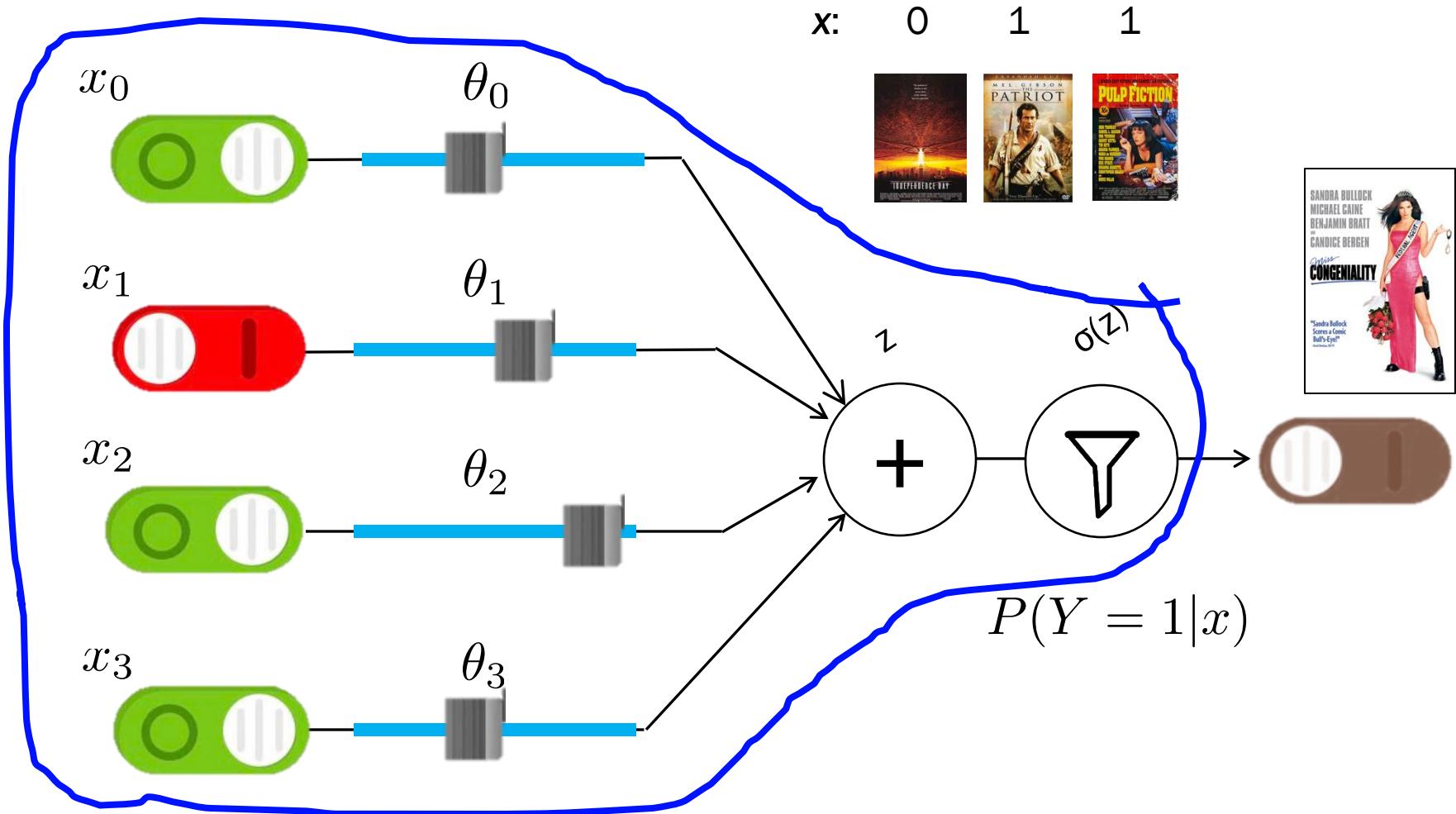
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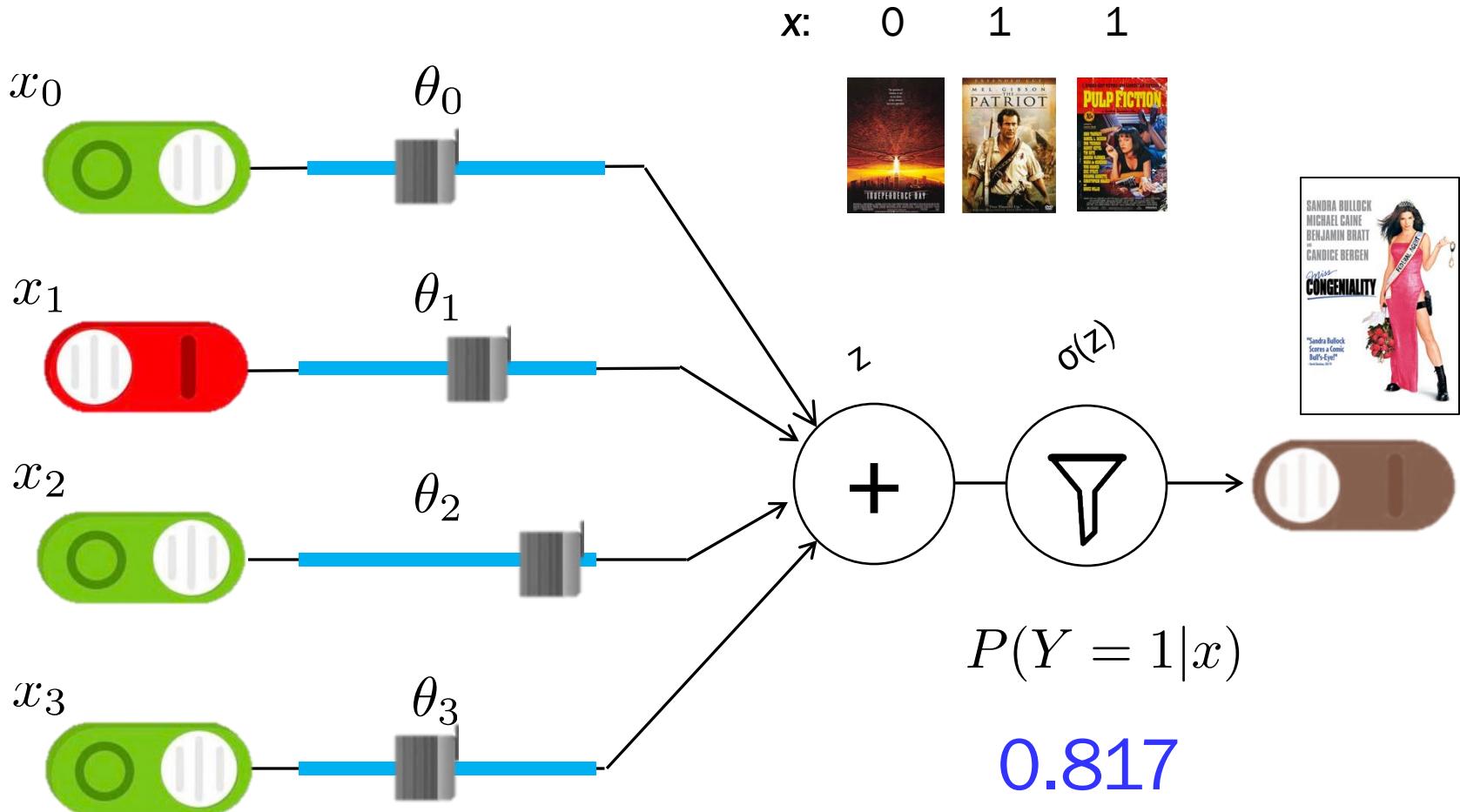
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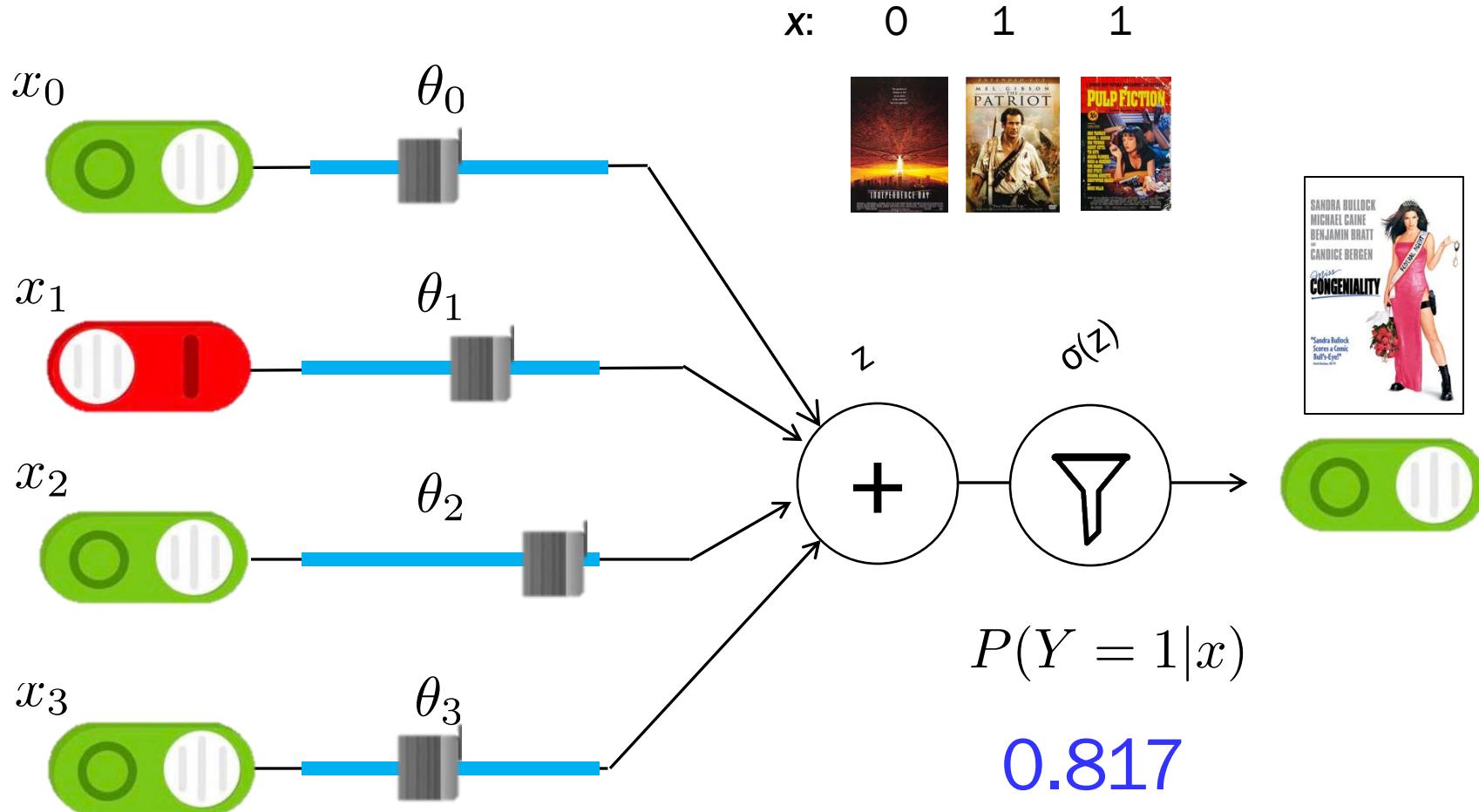
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# Live Demo!!

**iris versicolor**



petal

sepal

**iris virginica**



petal

sepal

# Chapter 2: How Come?

# Logistic Regression

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Make logistic regression assumption

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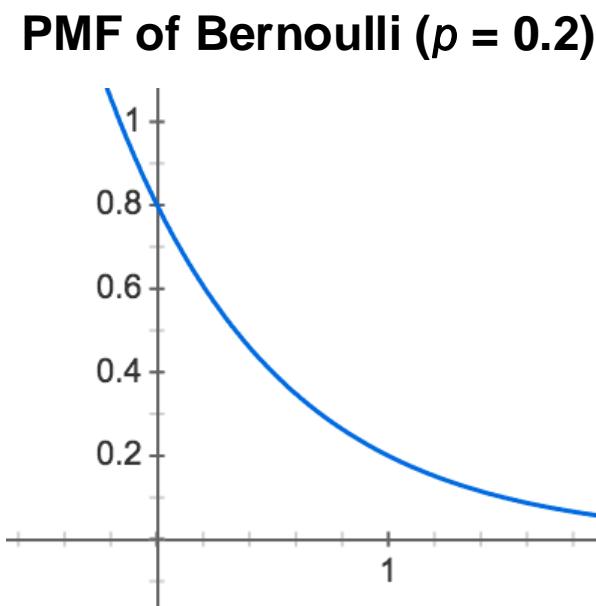
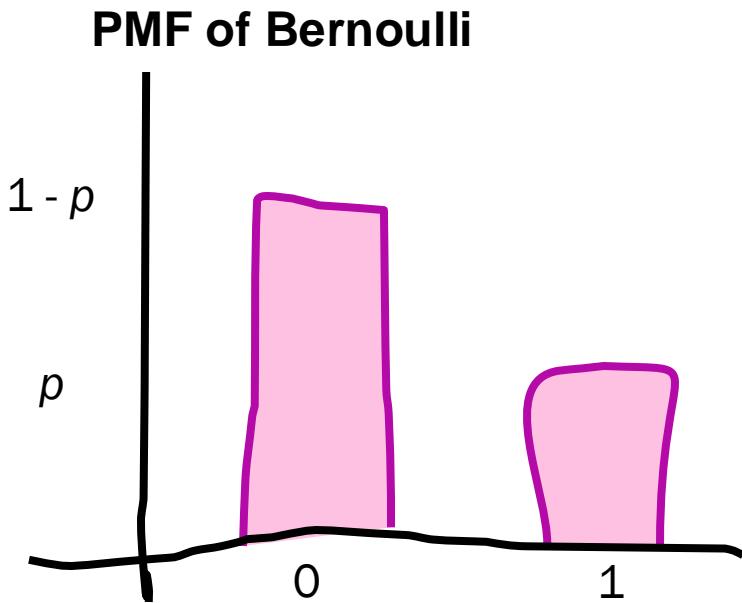
$$\frac{\partial LL(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y^{(i)} - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right] x_j^{(i)}$$

How did we get that LL function?

# Recall: PMF of Bernoulli

$$Y \sim \text{Bern}(p)$$

Probability mass function:  $P(Y = y)$



$$P(Y = y) = p^y(1 - p)^{1-y}$$

$$P(Y = y) = 0.2^y(0.8)^{1-y}$$

Recall:

$$Y \sim \text{Bern}(p)$$

$$P(Y = y) = p^y(1 - p)^{1-y}$$

$$P(Y = 1|X = \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})$$

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implies

$$P(Y = y|X = \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})^y \cdot [1 - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})]^{(1-y)}$$

For IID data

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(Y = y^{(i)}|X = \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})^{y^{(i)}} \cdot [1 - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})]^{(1-y^{(i)})}$$

Take the log

$$LL(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} \log \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log [1 - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})]$$

Ask Chris:  
Why not

$$P(Y = y^{(i)}, X = x^{(i)})$$

How did we get that gradient?

# Sigmoid has a Beautiful Slope

True fact about sigmoid  
functions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \sigma(z) = \sigma(z)[1 - \sigma(z)]$$

# Sigmoid has a Beautiful Slope

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \sigma(\theta^T x) ?$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \sigma(z) = \sigma(z)[1 - \sigma(z)]$$

where  $z = \theta^T x$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \sigma(\theta^T x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \sigma(z) \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta_j}$$

Chain rule!

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \sigma(\theta^T x) = \sigma(\theta^T x)[1 - \sigma(\theta^T x)]x_j$$

Plug and chug

# Sigmoid has a Beautiful Slope

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(\theta^T x)$$

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$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial \theta_j} = \sigma(\theta^T x)[1 - \sigma(\theta^T x)]x_j$$

$$= \hat{y}(1 - \hat{y})x_j$$

[pedagogical pause]

ARE YOU READY???

# I think I'm Ready...

$$\frac{\partial LL(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j}$$

Where

$$LL(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} \log \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log[1 - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})]$$





This is Sparta!!!!



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↑  
Stanford

# Think About Only One Training Instance

$$LL(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} \log \hat{y}^{(i)} + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log[1 - \hat{y}^{(i)}]$$

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We only need to calculate the gradient for one training example!

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sum_i f(x, i) = \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, i)$$

We will pretend we only have one example

$$LL(\theta) = y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log[1 - \hat{y}]$$

We can sum up the gradients of each example to get the correct answer

# First, imagine only one example

$$LL(\theta) = y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log[1 - \hat{y}]$$

Where  $\hat{y} = \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})$

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$$\frac{\partial LL(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \frac{\partial LL(\theta)}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial \theta_j}$$

CHAIN RULZ!

$$= \frac{\partial LL(\theta)}{\partial \hat{y}} \hat{y}(1 - \hat{y})x_j$$

Already did that one

$$= \left[ \frac{y}{\hat{y}} - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \hat{y}} \right] \hat{y}(1 - \hat{y})x_j$$

Derive this one

$$= (y - \hat{y})x_j$$

Simplify

# Now, all the data

$$LL(\theta) = \sum_{i=0}^n y^{(i)} \log \hat{y}^{(i)} + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log[1 - \hat{y}^{(i)}]$$
$$\hat{y}^{(i)} = \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$$

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$$\frac{\partial LL(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \left[ y^{(i)} \log \hat{y}^{(i)} + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log[1 - \hat{y}^{(i)}] \right]$$

Derivative of sum...

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n [y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)}] x_j^{(i)}$$

See last slide

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n [y^{(i)} - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})] x_j^{(i)}$$

Some people don't like hats...

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# The Hard Way

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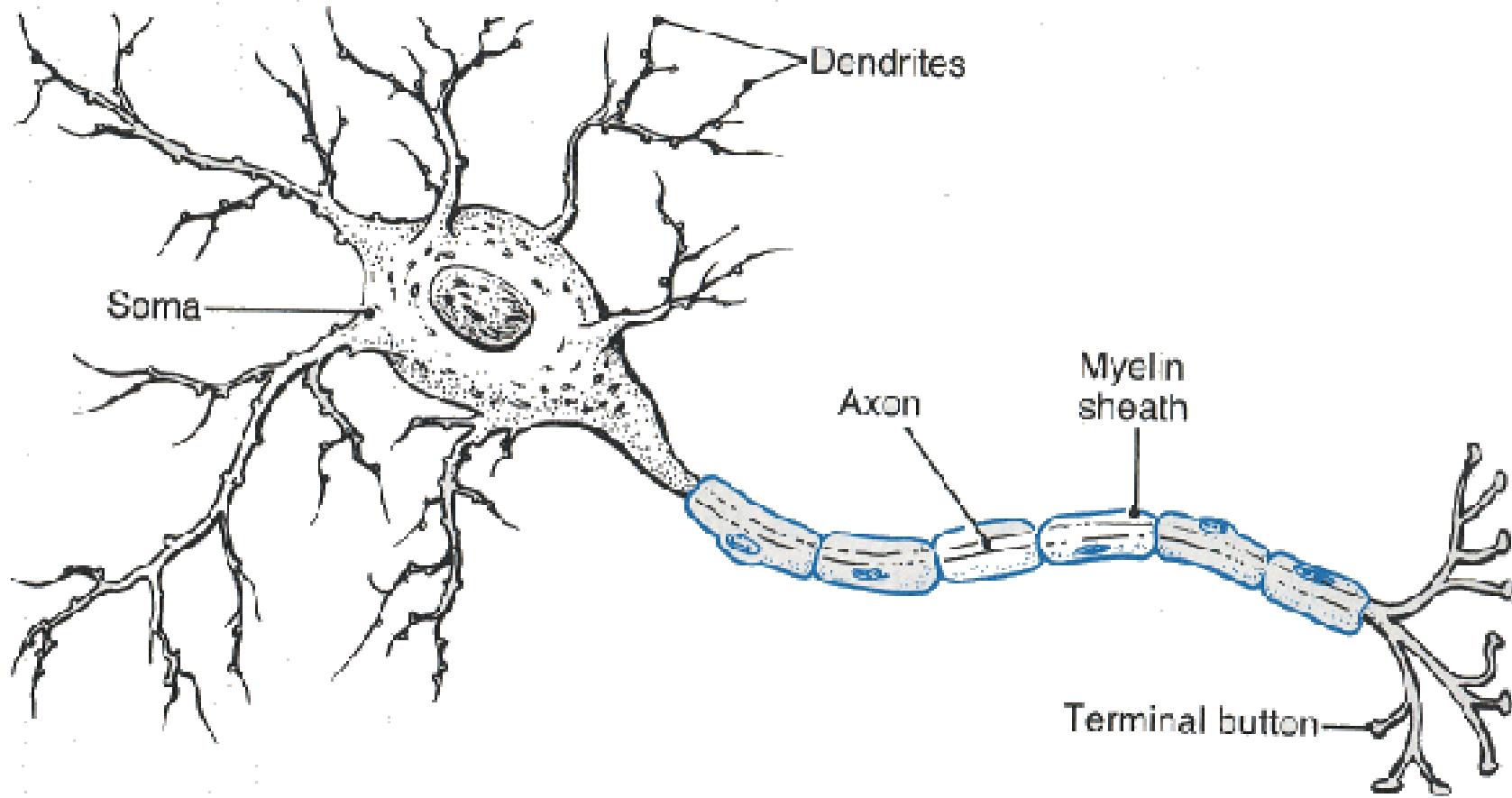
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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial LL(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} y \log \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} (1 - y) \log[1 - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})] \\ &= \left[ \frac{y}{\sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})} - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \left[ \frac{y}{\sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})} - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \left[ \frac{y - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})}{\sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})[1 - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})]} \right] \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})[1 - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})] x_j \\ &= [y - \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})] x_j\end{aligned}$$

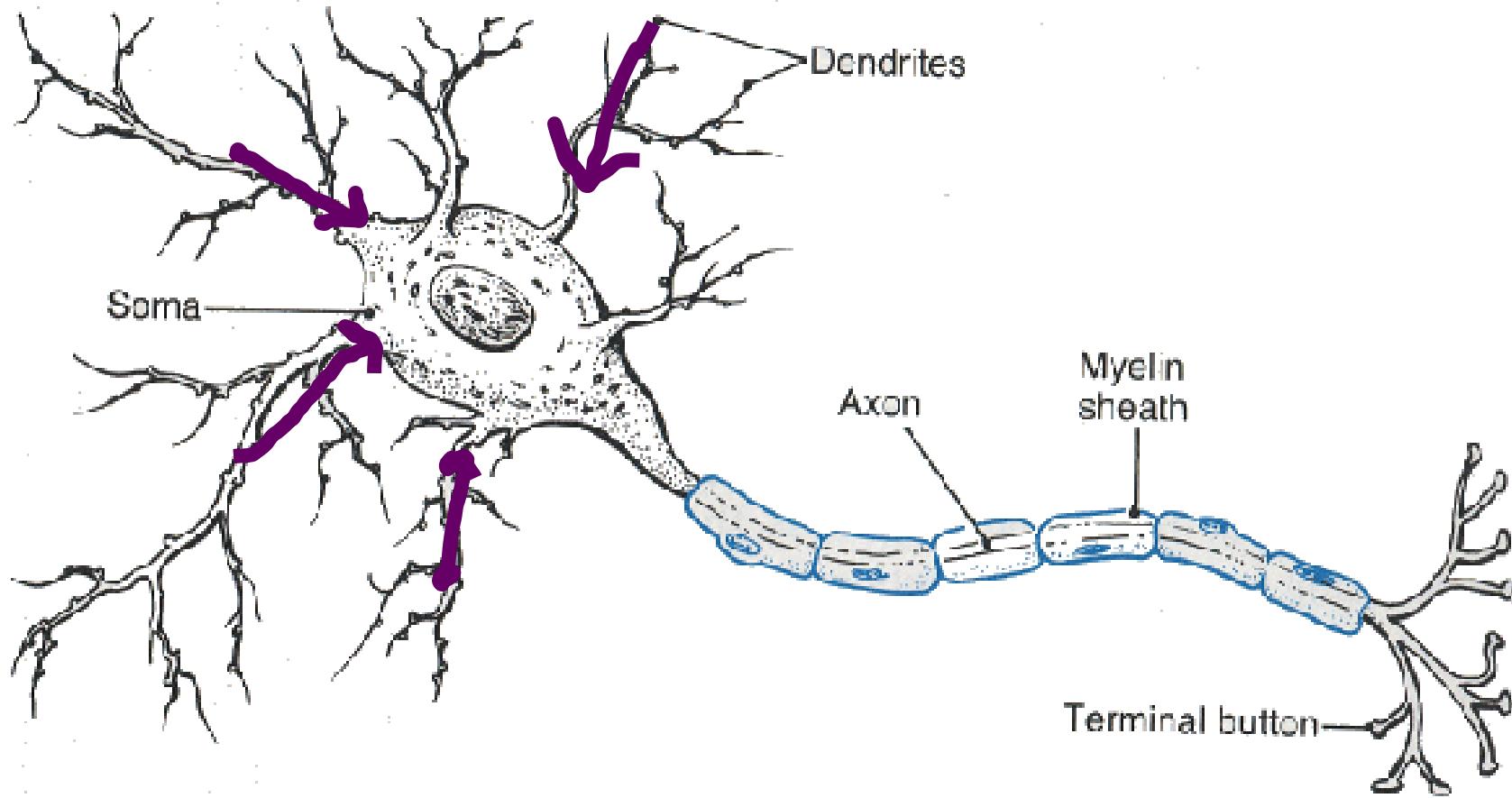
Phew!

# Chapter 3: Philosophy (if time)

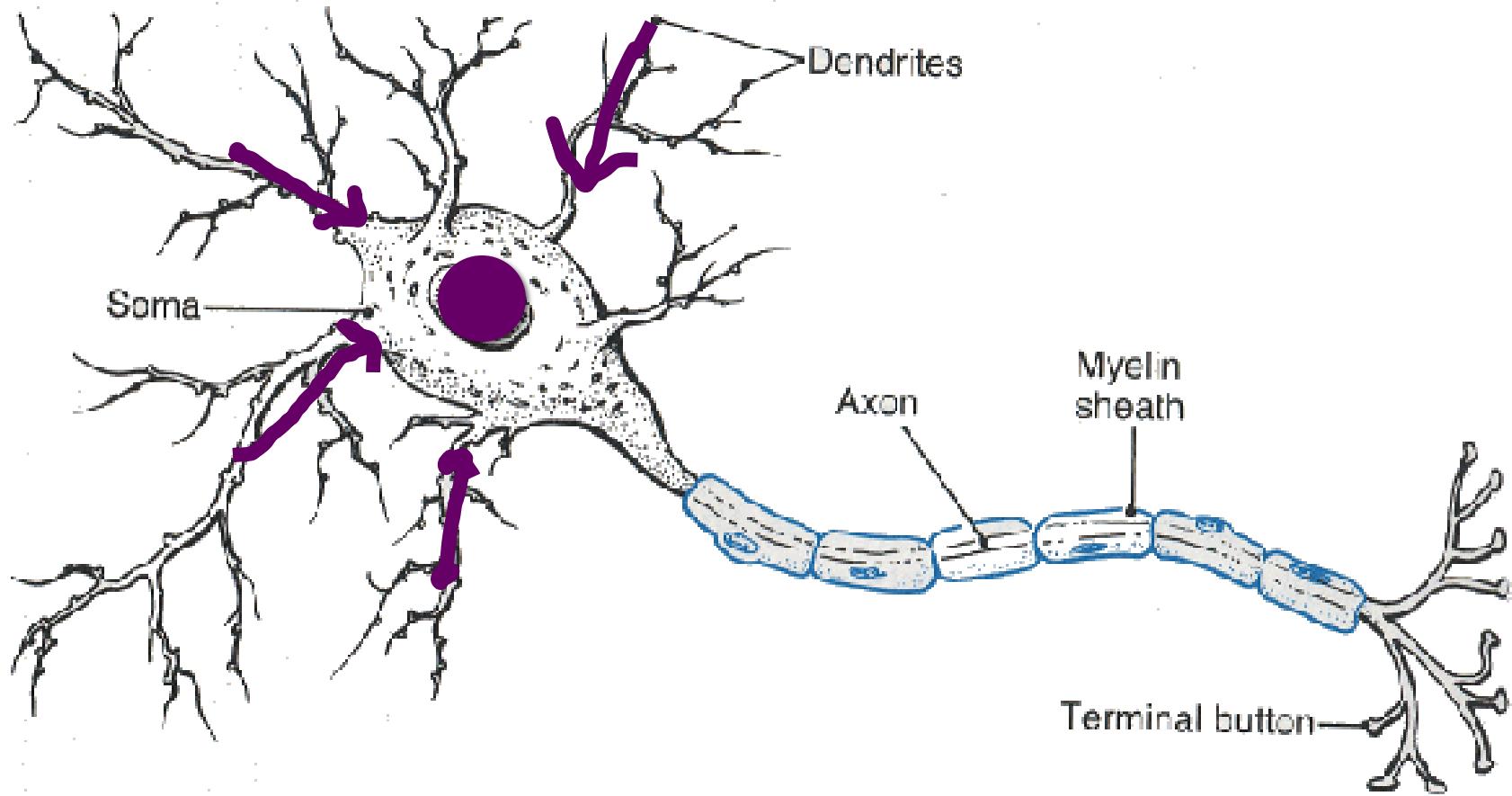
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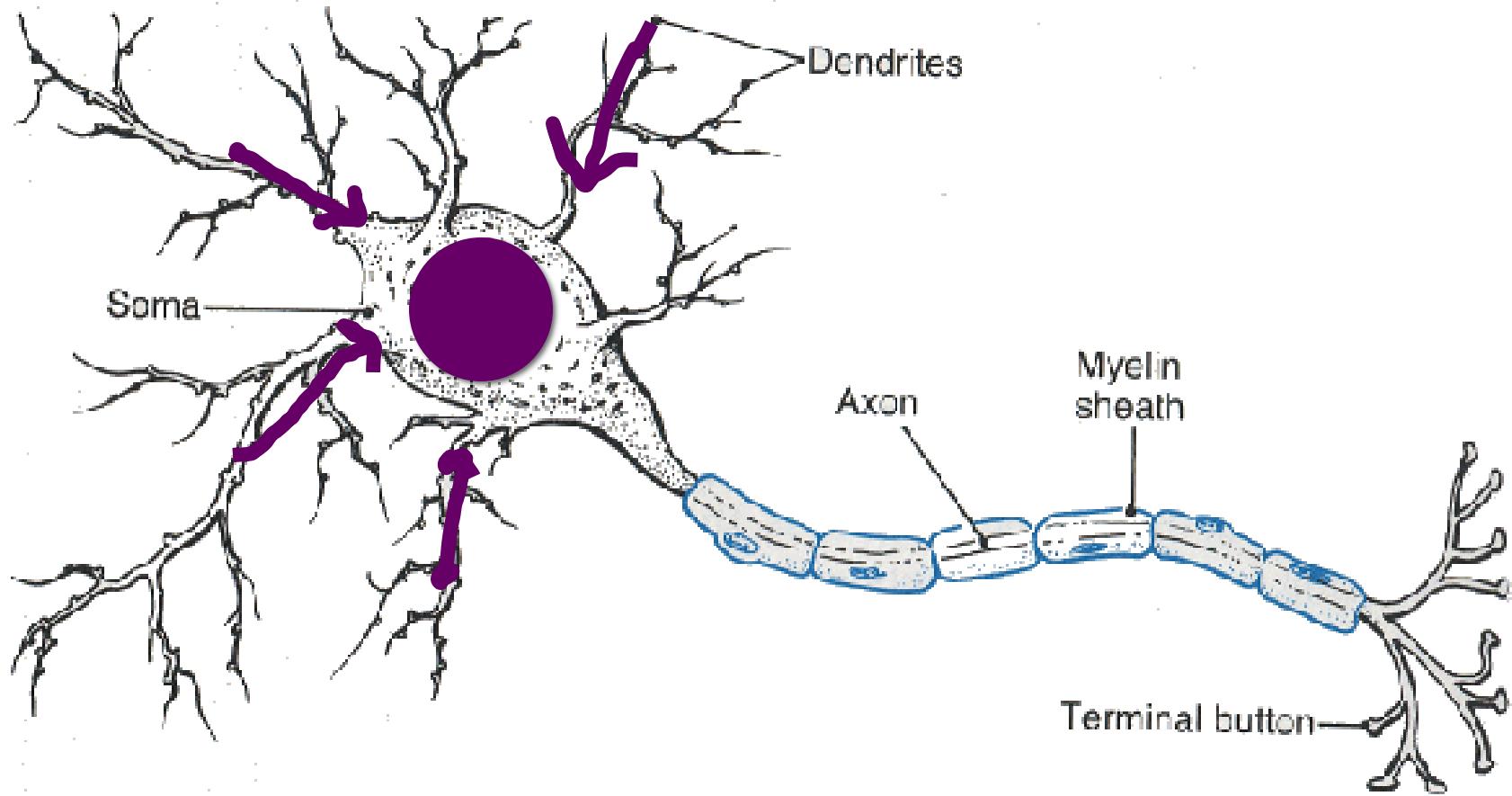
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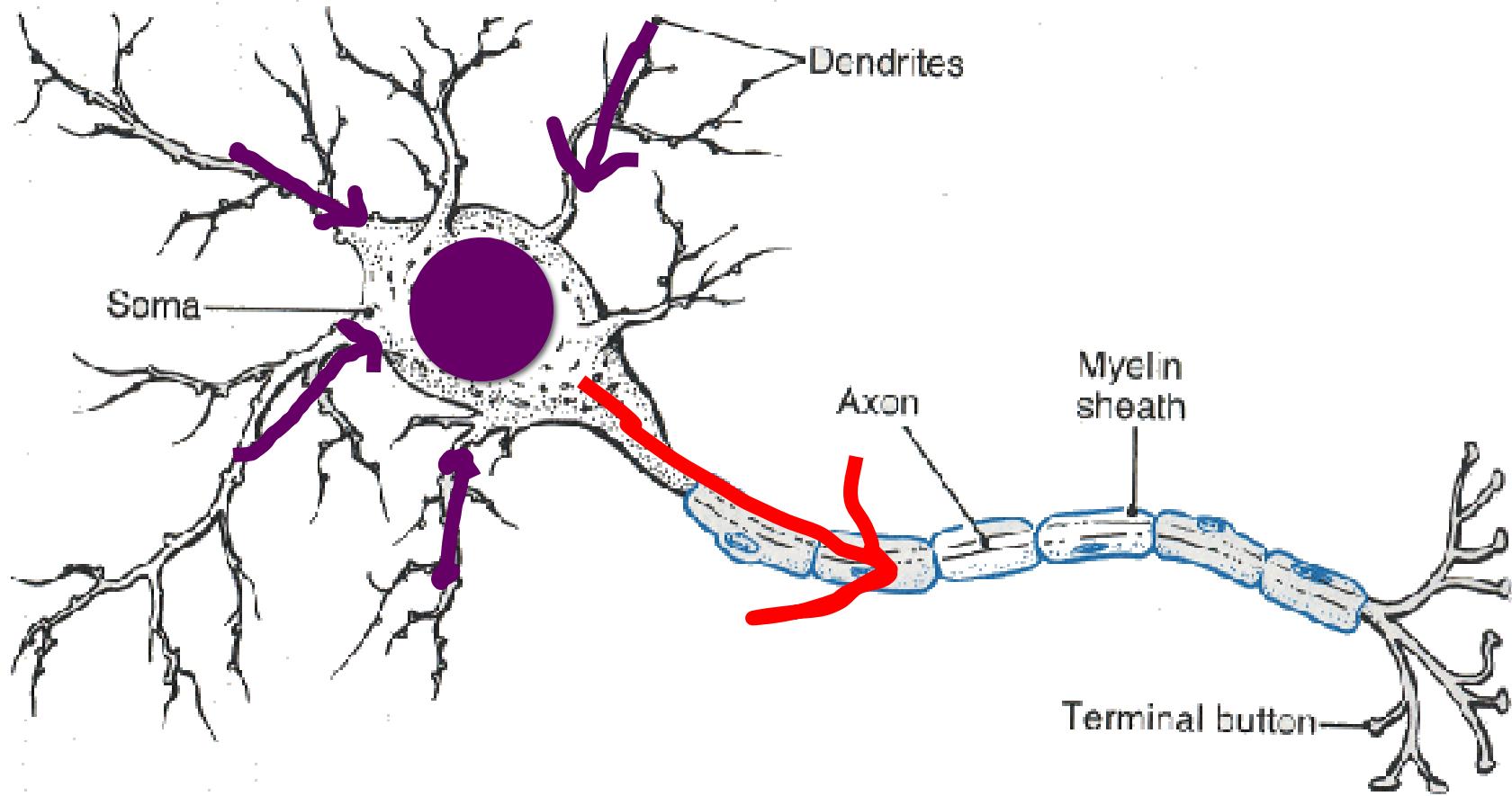
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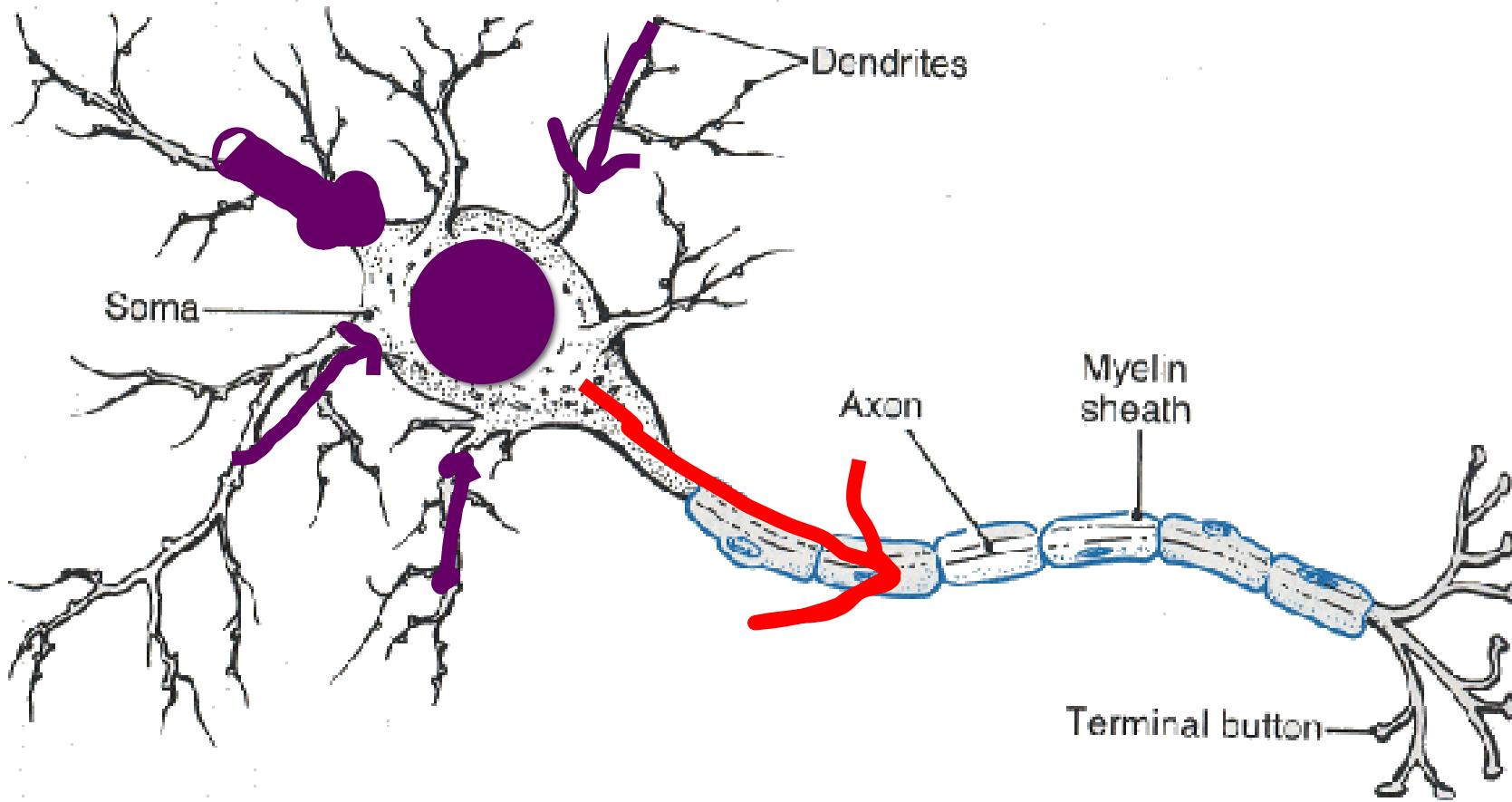
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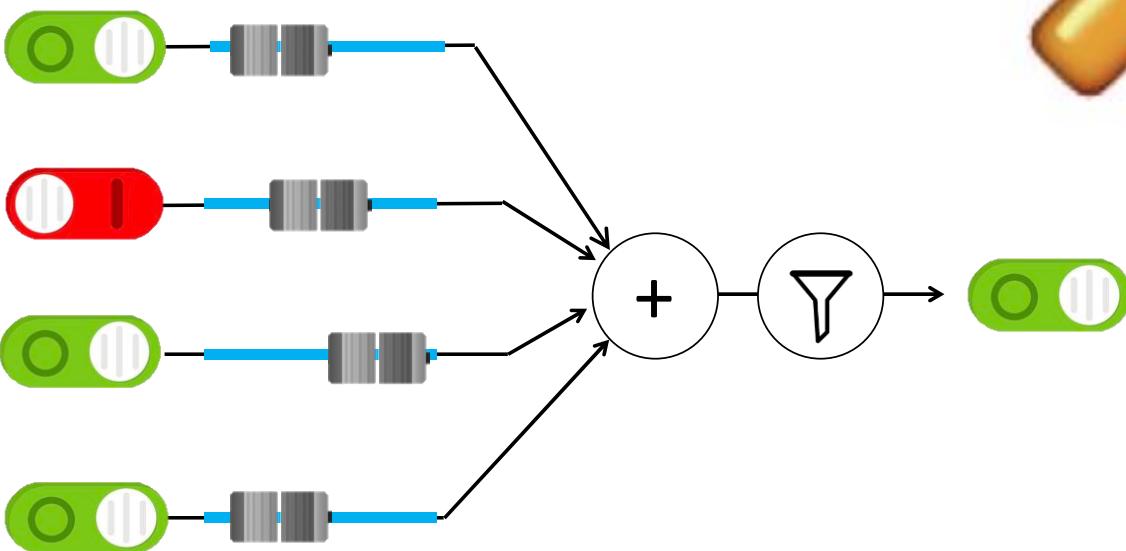
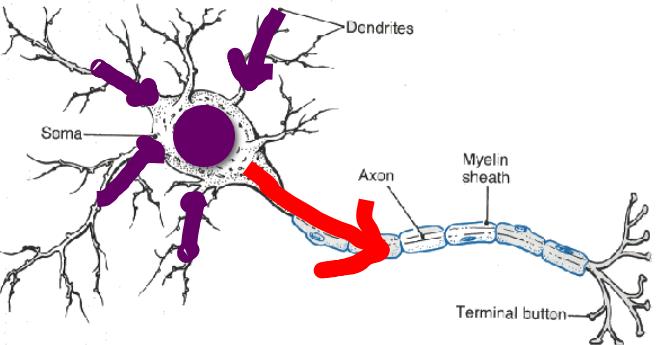
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# Some inputs are more important

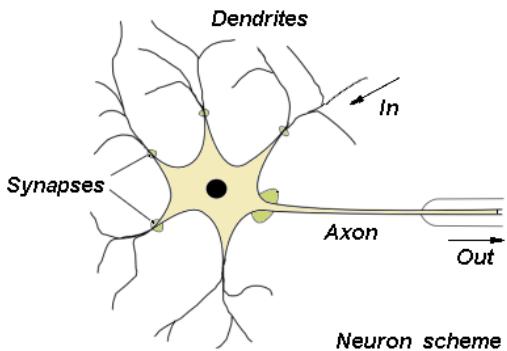


# Artificial Neurons

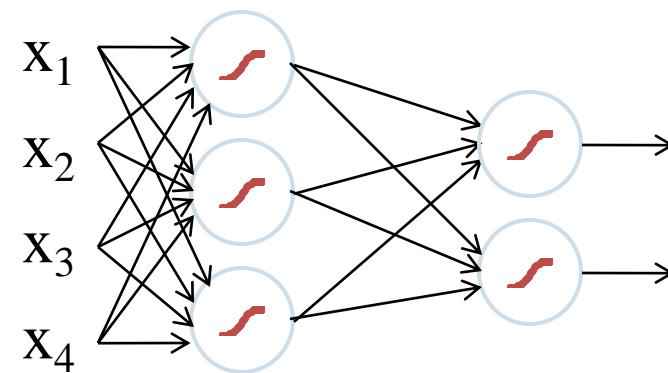
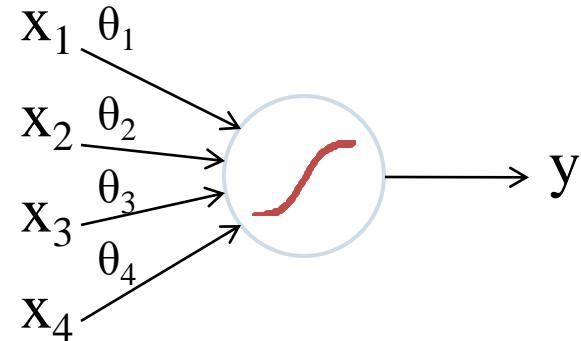
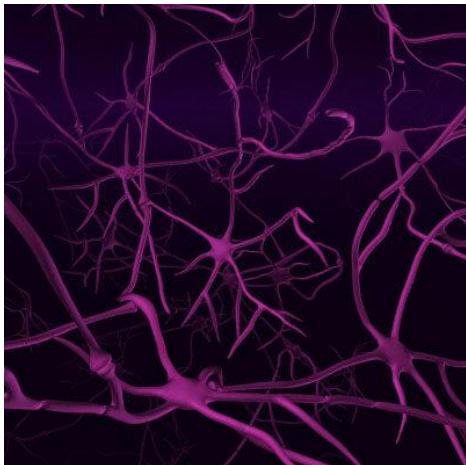


# Biological Basis for Neural Networks

A neuron



Your brain



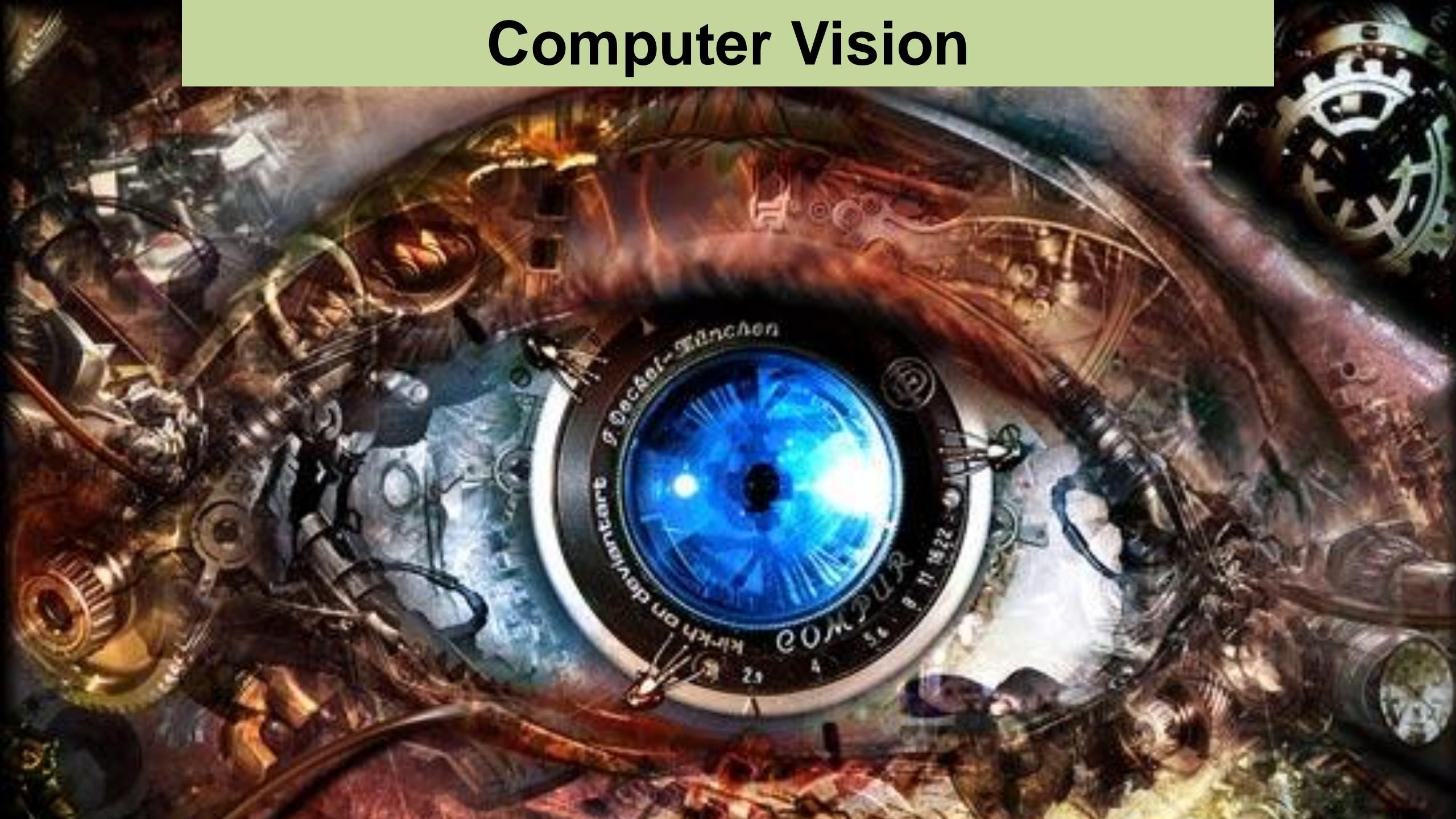
\* Actually, it's probably someone else's brain

(aka Neural Networks)



**Deep learning** is (at its core) many logistic regression pieces stacked on top of each other.

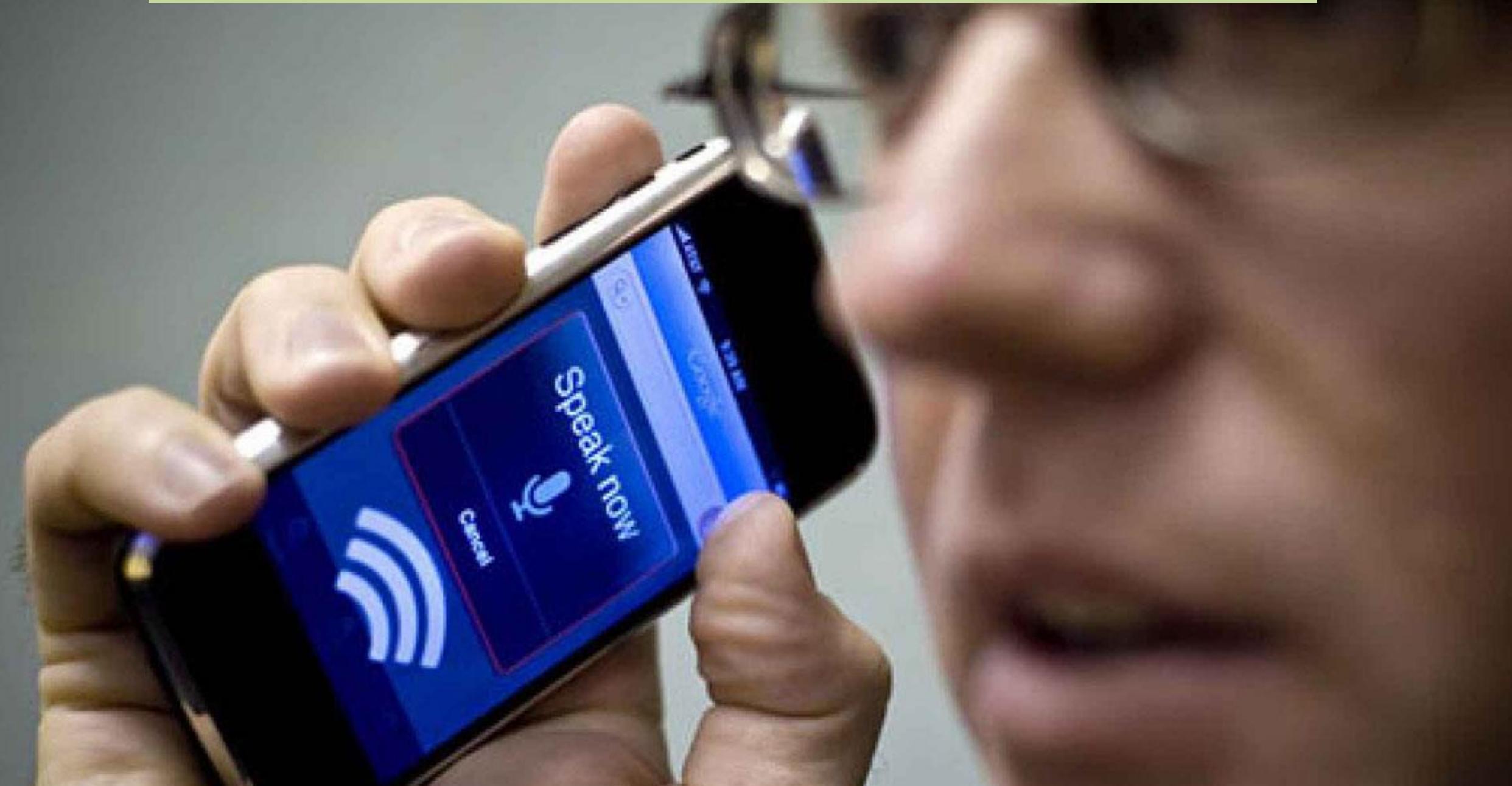
# Computer Vision



# Alpha GO



# Revolution in AI



# Computers Making Art





Basically just many logistic regression cells  
And lots of chain rule...