



# Yes, I can do that, David.

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*Neural Networks and Deep Learning for Science*

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# Neural Networks and what they can do for you

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- Discussion 1:  
Overview of Neural Networks and Deep Learning
- Activity 1:  
Coding a neural network
- Discussion 2:  
Deep learning on physical data sets
- Activity 2:  
Deep Learning Applications to Astronomy Data
- Discussion 3:  
Implications for AI and Society (Saturday)

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**Let's make science's next top model.**



Let's look around.

Discussion 1  
Overview of Neural Networks





# Preview

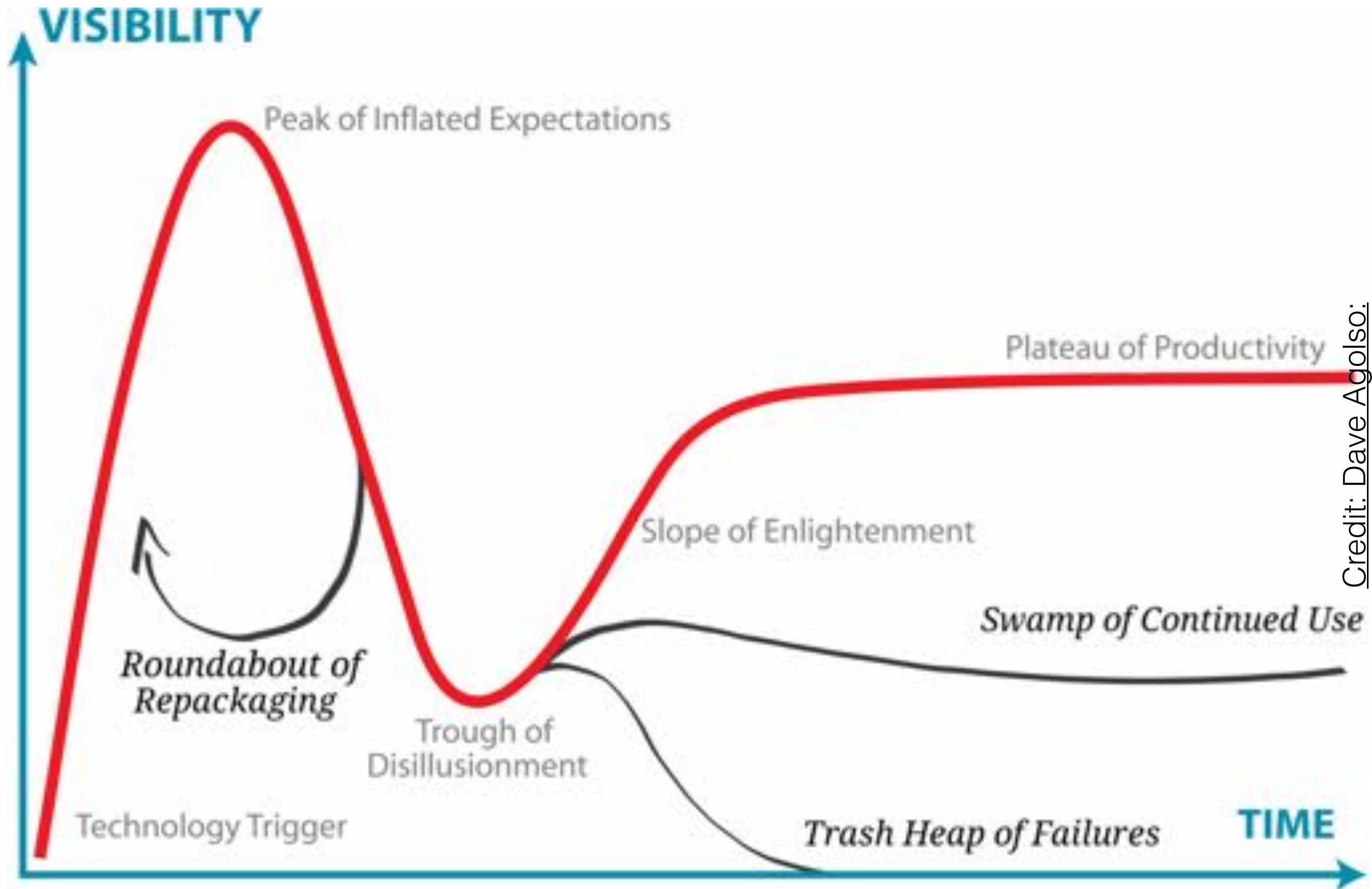
- AI is Everywhere-ish!
- Scope and History of Machine Intelligence
- How does Machine Intelligence work?
  - Anatomy of a neural network



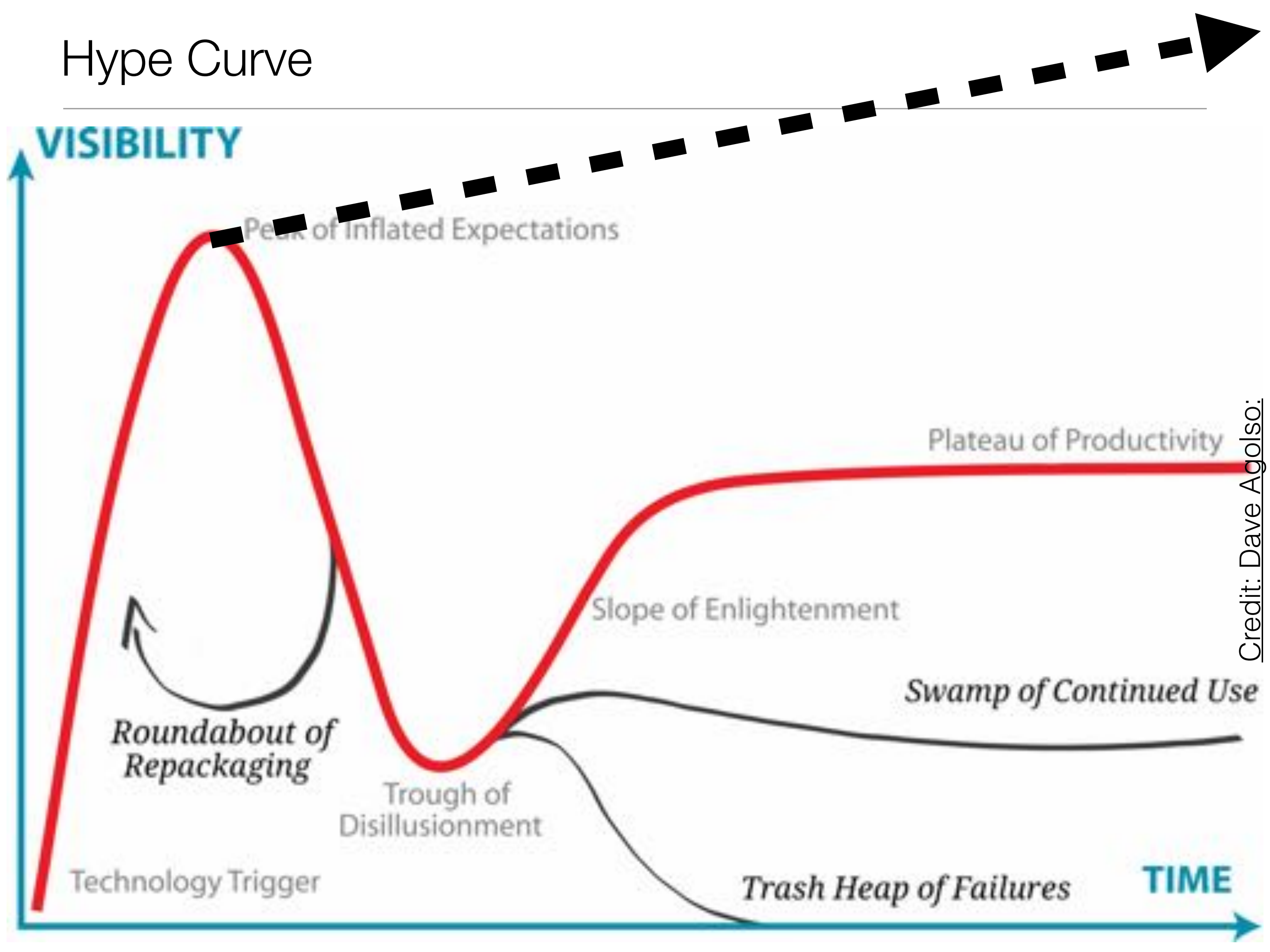
# **Rise of the Machines:** **AI is Everywhere**



# Hype Curve



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What do you think are the biggest  
applications for deep learning  
— now or in future?



# Rise of the machines: Transportation and Commerce

4/22/2018 TRANSPORTATION 10:25:00 00:00 AM

## UBER'S SELF-DRIVING TRUCK MAKES ITS FIRST DELIVERY: 50,000 BEERS



San Francisco startup CTTD which Uber bought this summer.

Workfolio

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# Rise of the machines: Language Translation

 **The Download**

What's up in emerging technology



## **Artificial Intelligence Can Translate Languages Without a Dictionary**

Parlez-vous artificial intelligence? Two new research papers detail unsupervised machine-learning methods that can do language translation without dictionaries, as reported in *Science*. The methods also work



# Rise of the machines: Entertainment

NETFLIX

Popular on Netflix



Dark Movies



Romantic Opposites-Attract





# Rise of the machines: Food

## Deep-learning algorithm recommends ingredients and recipes based on a photo of food

July 21, 2017 by Adam Conner-Simons



Pic2Recipe, an artificial intelligence system developed at MIT, can take a photo of an entrée and suggest a similar recipe to it.



# Rise of the machines: Medicine

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JANUARY 25, 2017

## Deep learning algorithm does as well as dermatologists in identifying skin cancer

*In hopes of creating better access to medical care, Stanford researchers have trained an algorithm to diagnose skin cancer.*



# Rise of the machines: Biochemistry

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PUBLIC RELEASE: 27-JUL-2017

## First molecules discovered by next-generation artificial intelligence to be developed into drugs

INSILICO MEDICINE, INC.



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Thursday, July 27, 2017, Baltimore, Md., Insilico Medicine ("Insilico"), a Baltimore-based leader in artificial intelligence ("AI") for drug discovery and biomarker development, is pleased to announce a multi-year drug development agreement



# Rise of the machines: Materials

## Machine Learning Speeds Up Metallic Glass Discovery

Mon, 04/16/2018 - 10:41am by [Kenny Walter](#) - Digital Reporter - [@RandDMagazine](#)

### A Search for New Alloys

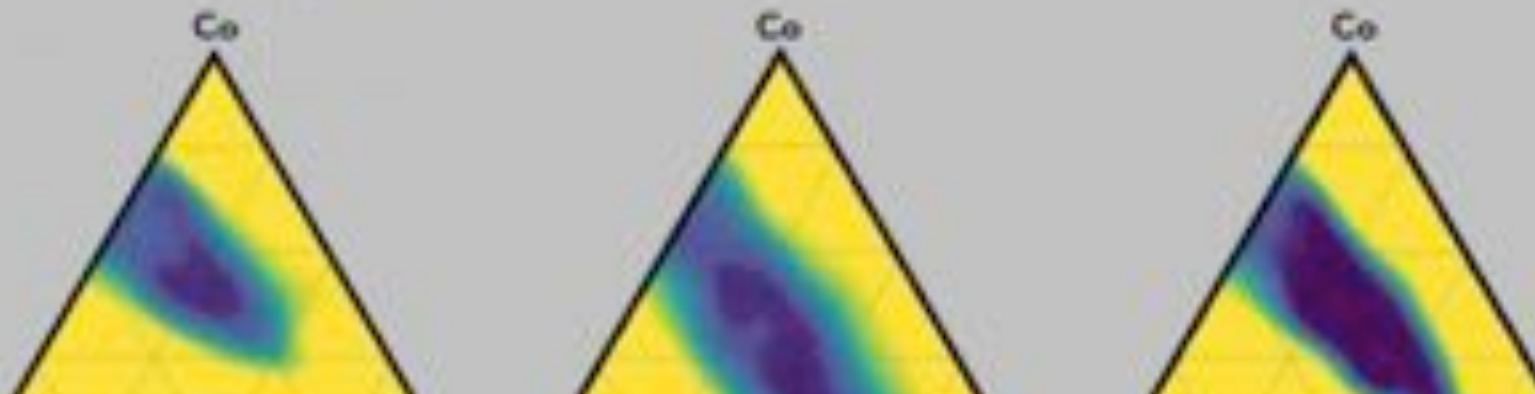
**Metallic** Glass — Stronger, Harder, More Corrosion Resistant

#### Overcoming Challenges

- Millions of potential candidates
- Fewer than 1 in 100 alloys potentially glass-forming
- Could take **more than 1000 years** to search all combinations
- Machine learning quickly predicts which ones will work
- Predictions closely match actual experimental data (below)



#### Machine Learning Predictions





# Rise of the machines: Games and Puzzles

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CARS

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## DeepMind's Go-playing AI doesn't need human help to beat us anymore

*The company's latest AlphaGo AI learned superhuman skills by playing itself over and over*

By James Vincent | @jvincent | Oct 18, 2017, 1:00pm EDT



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### NOW TRENDING



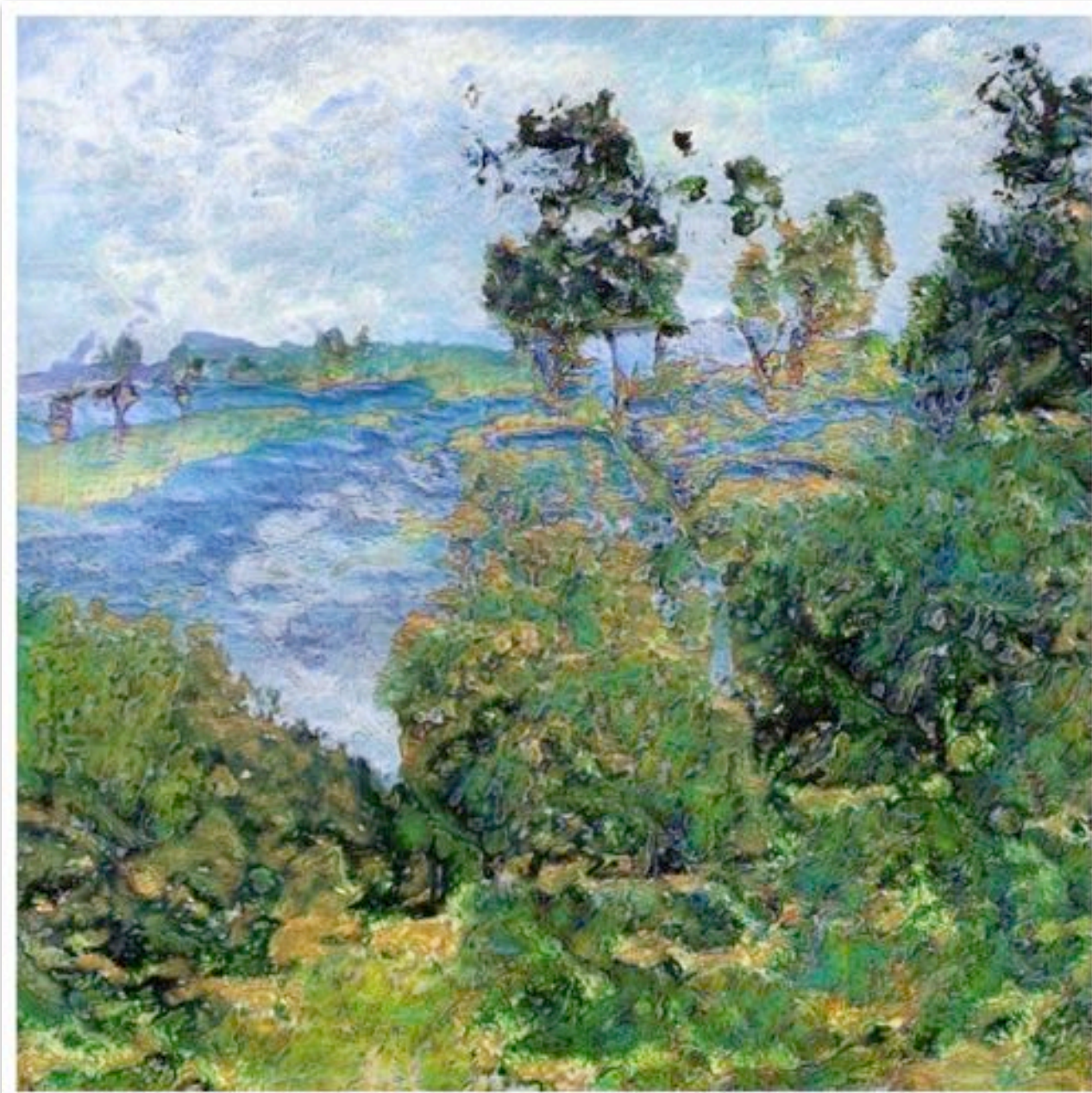
I tried a sleep mask that bathes your eyes in light to wake you up



# Rise of the machines: The Arts

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Which of these was made by an *AI*?

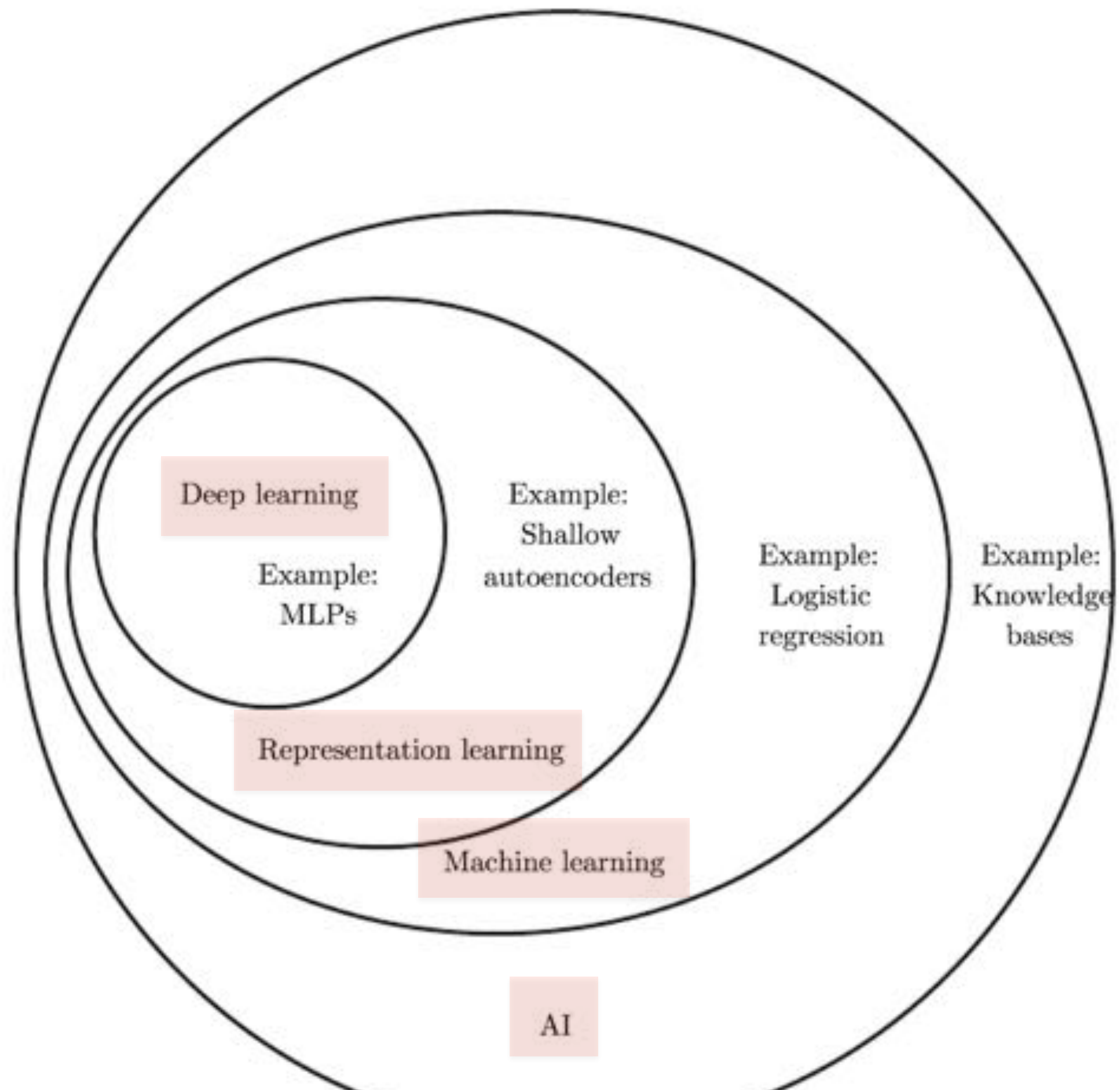




# **Machine Intelligence: History and Context**

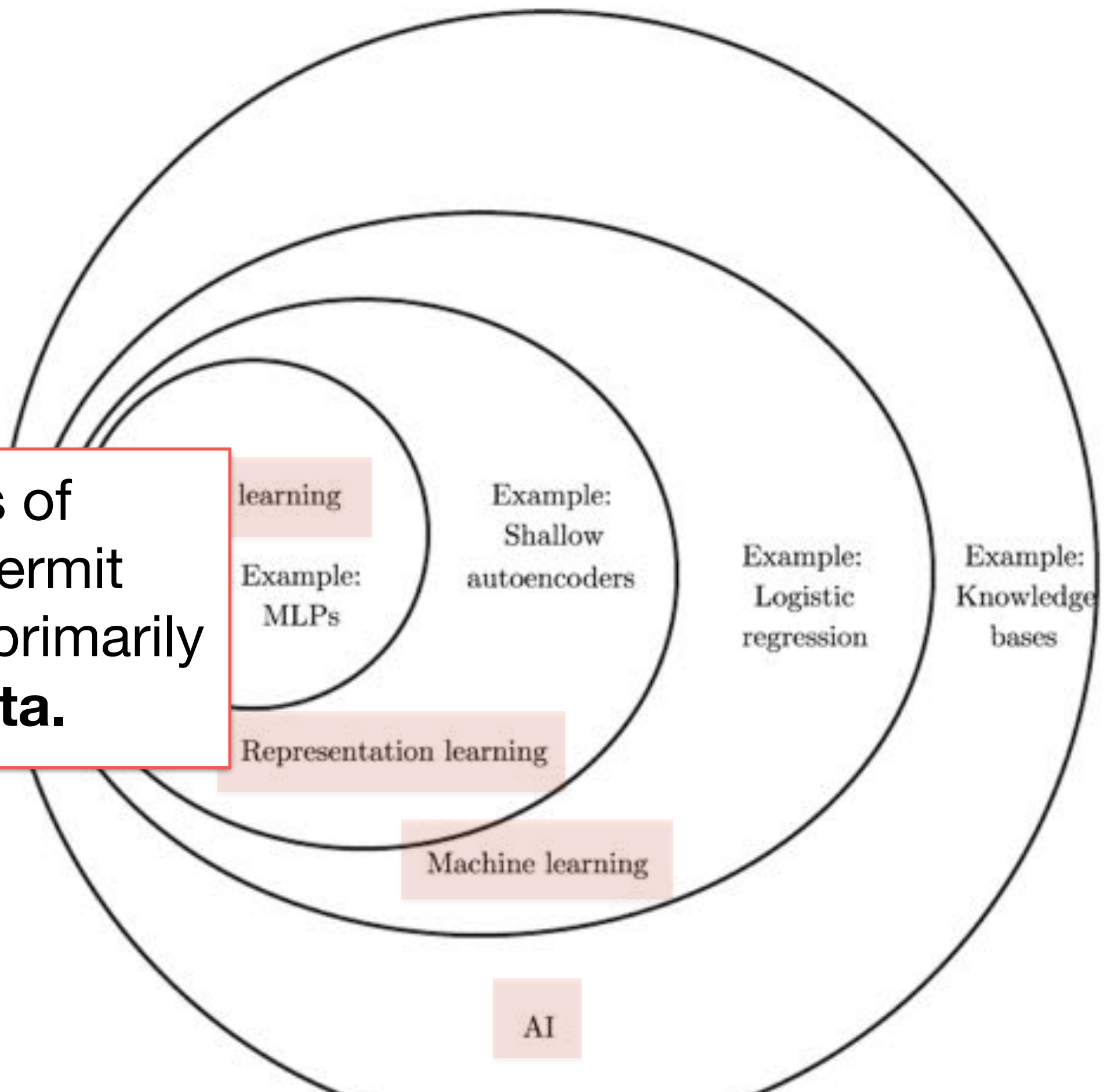


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These are a class of algorithms that permit modeling that is primarily **driven by the data.**





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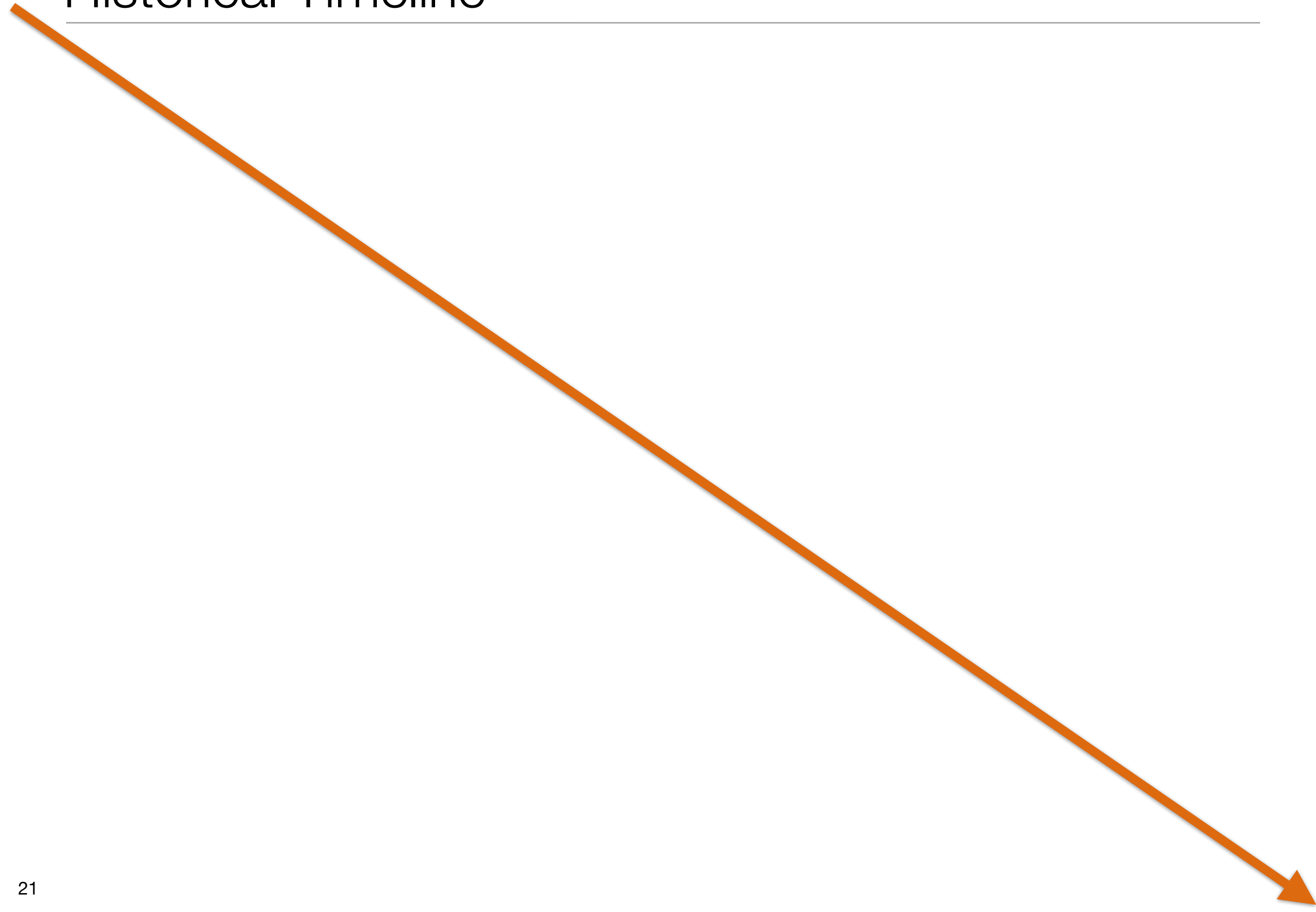
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Ada Lovelace  
The First Computer Programmer  
(1815 - 1852)

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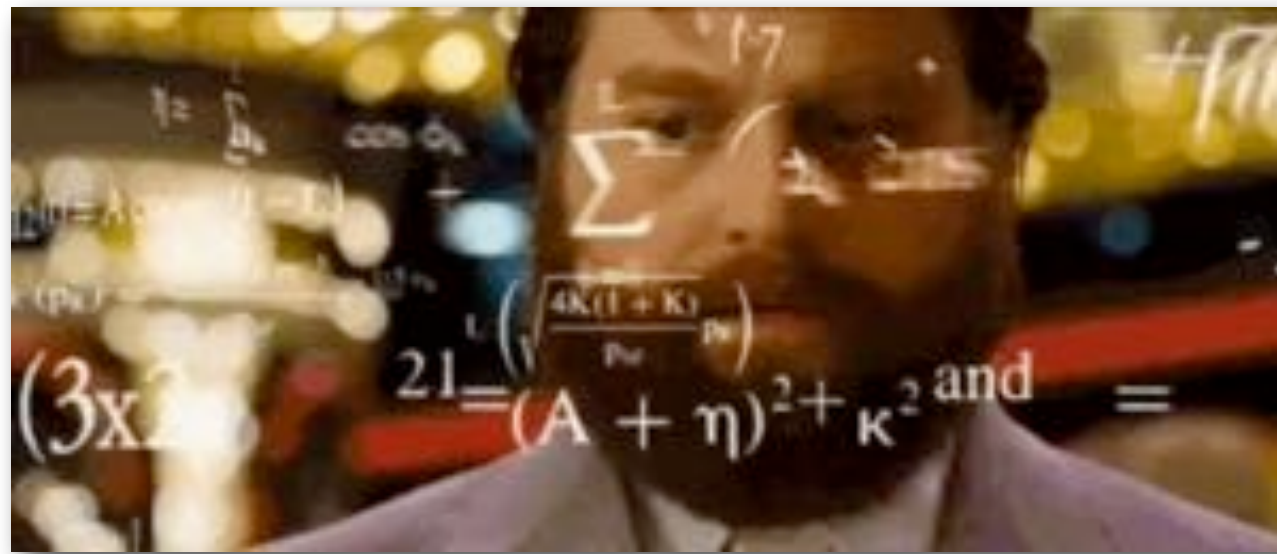
- Architectures not general.
- **Over-hype**



## AI Winter 2

- Algorithms inefficient
- **Over-hype**





# Algorithms

**3 Drivers  
of the 3rd Age**

**Big Data**

**Computing**



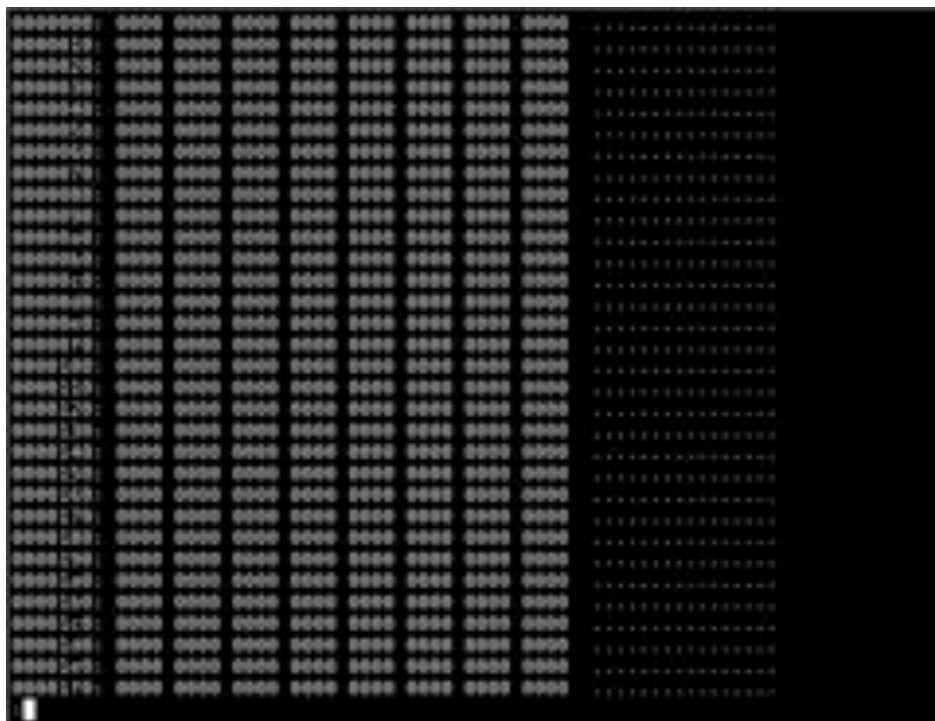
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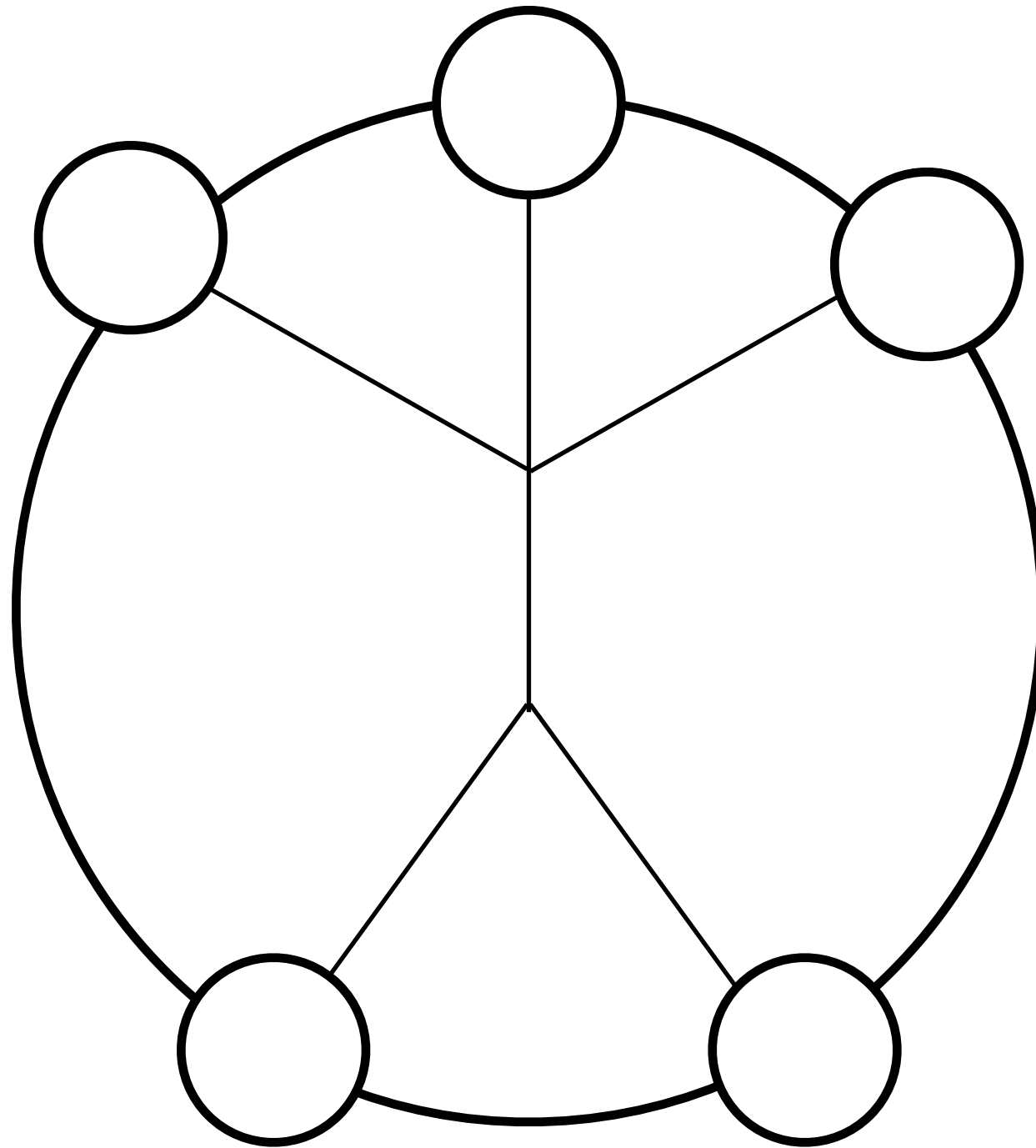
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# Anatomy of a Neural Network

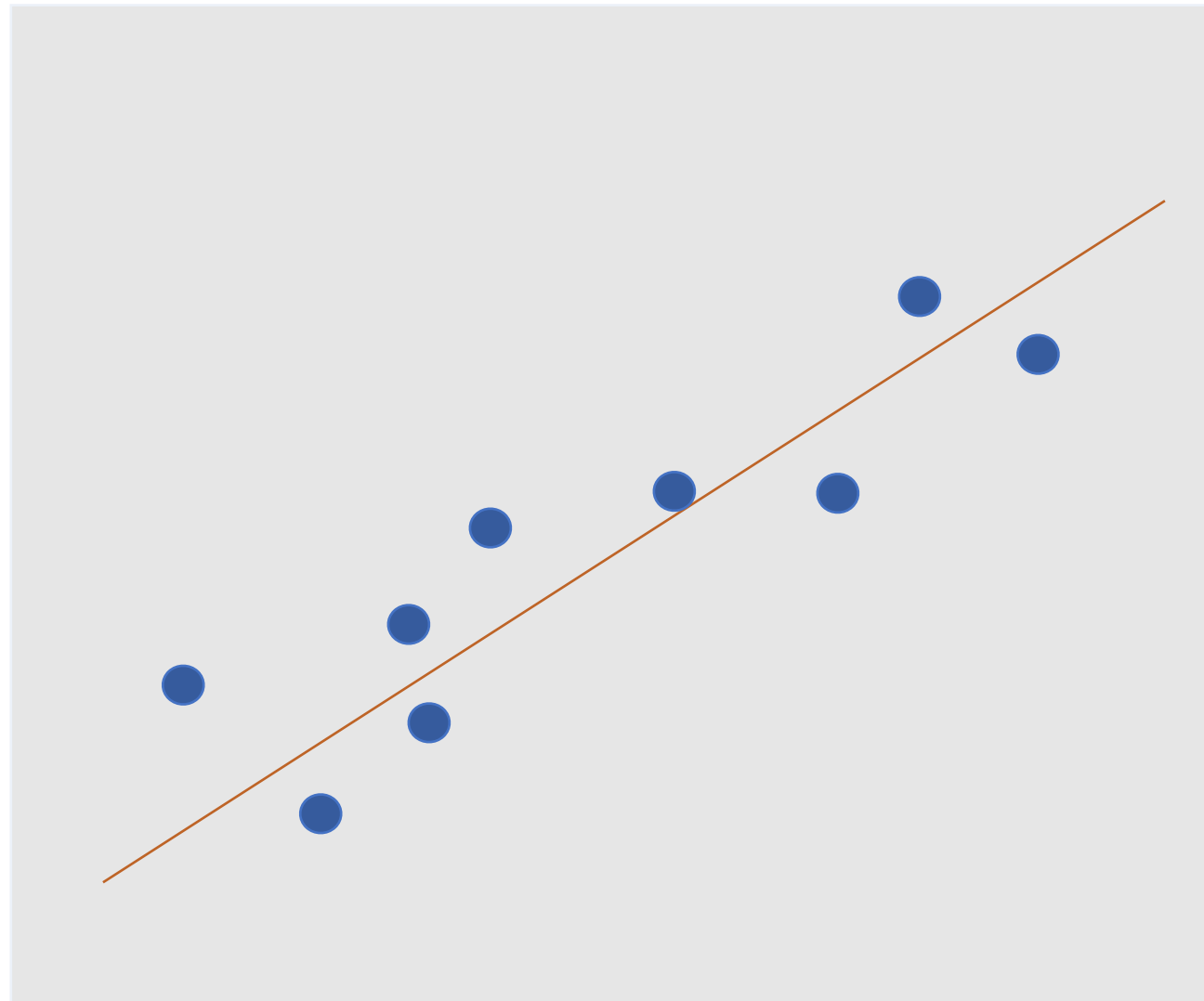




# Example: Predict Galaxy Mass from its Luminosity

$$\text{Mass} = \mathbf{f}(\text{Luminosity}, \text{constants})$$

Mass



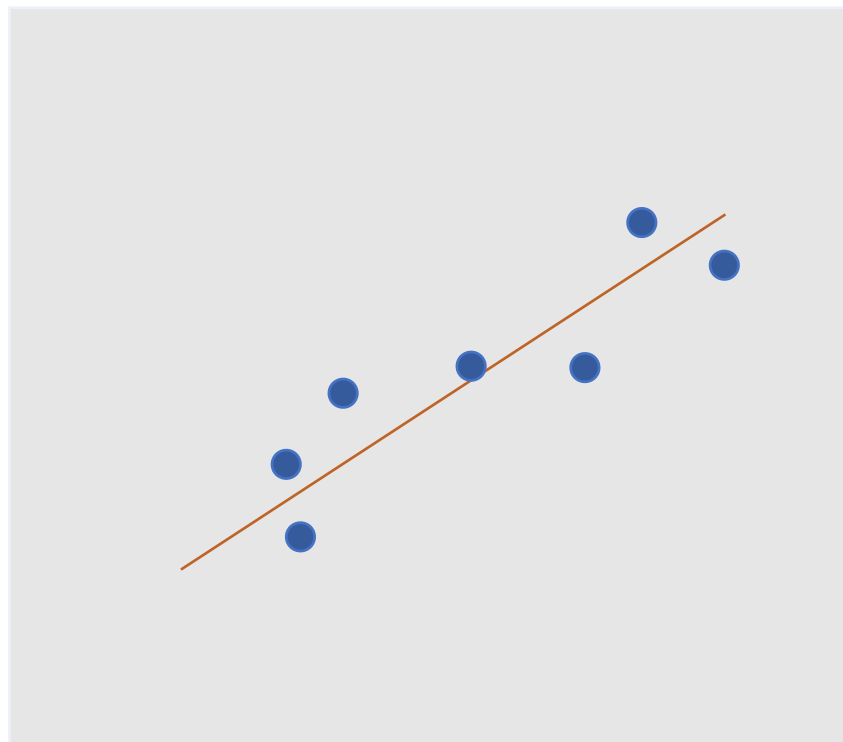
Luminosity

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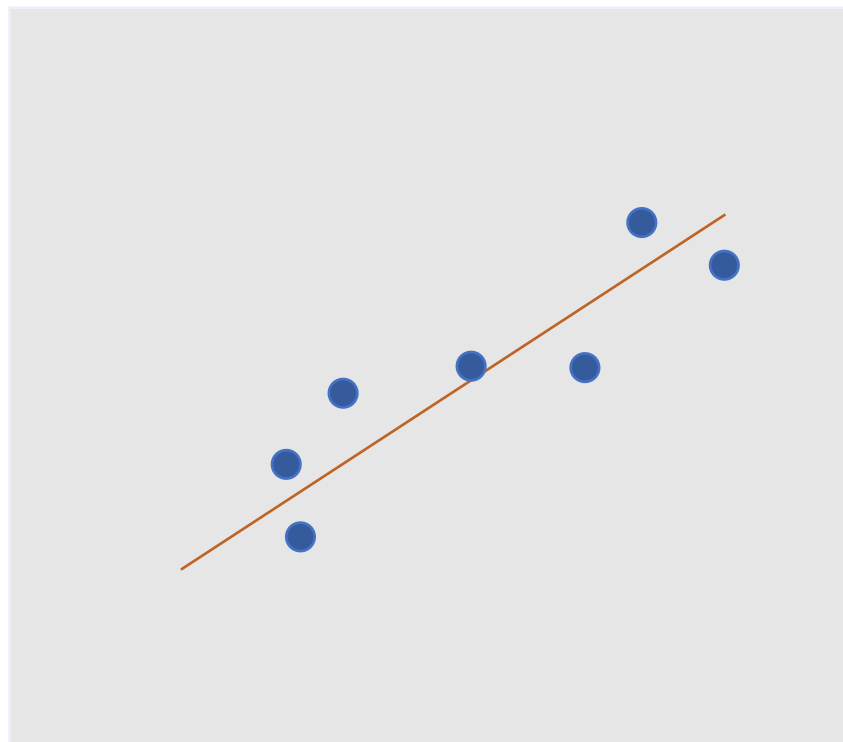
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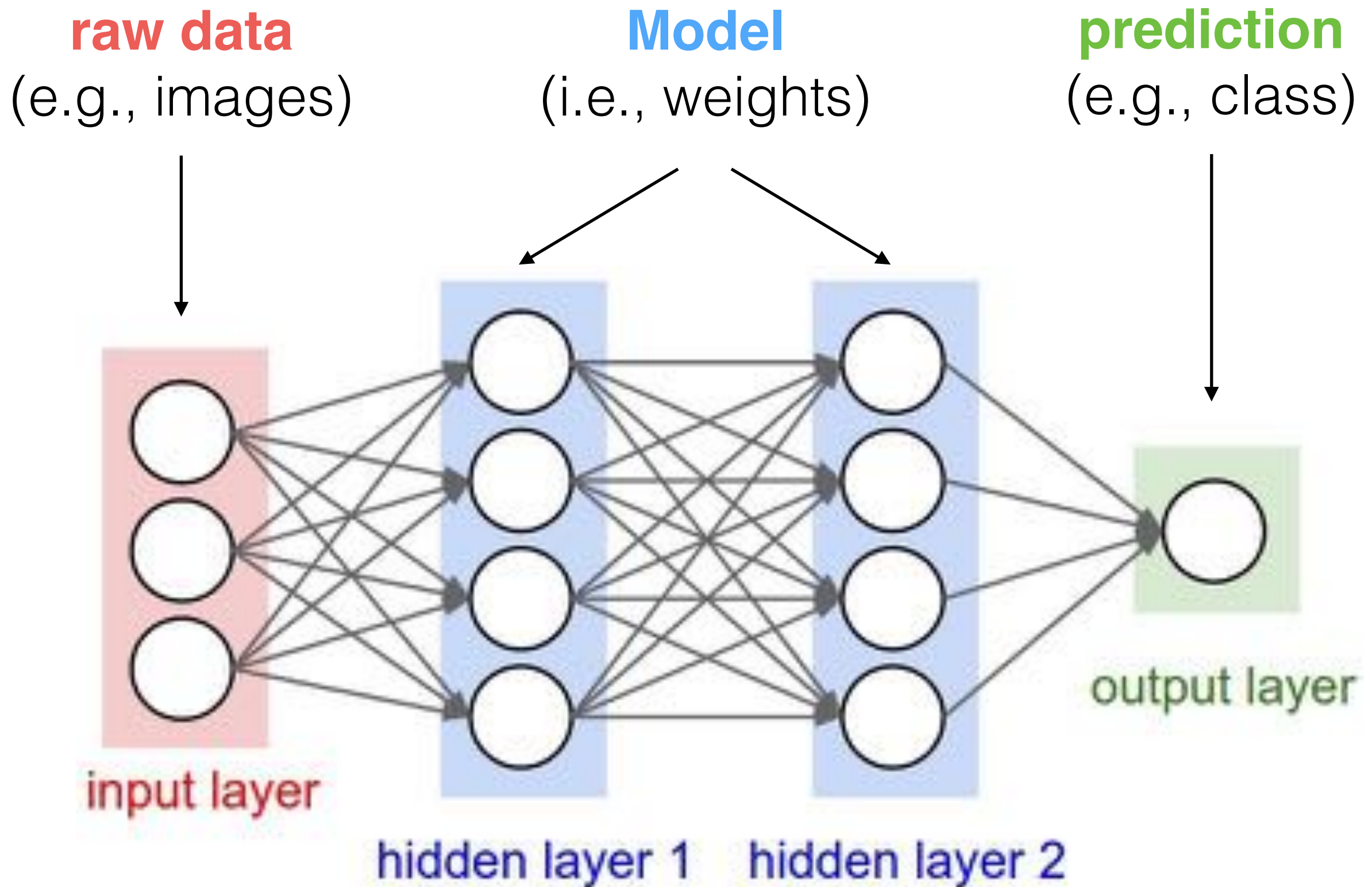


$$z = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})$$

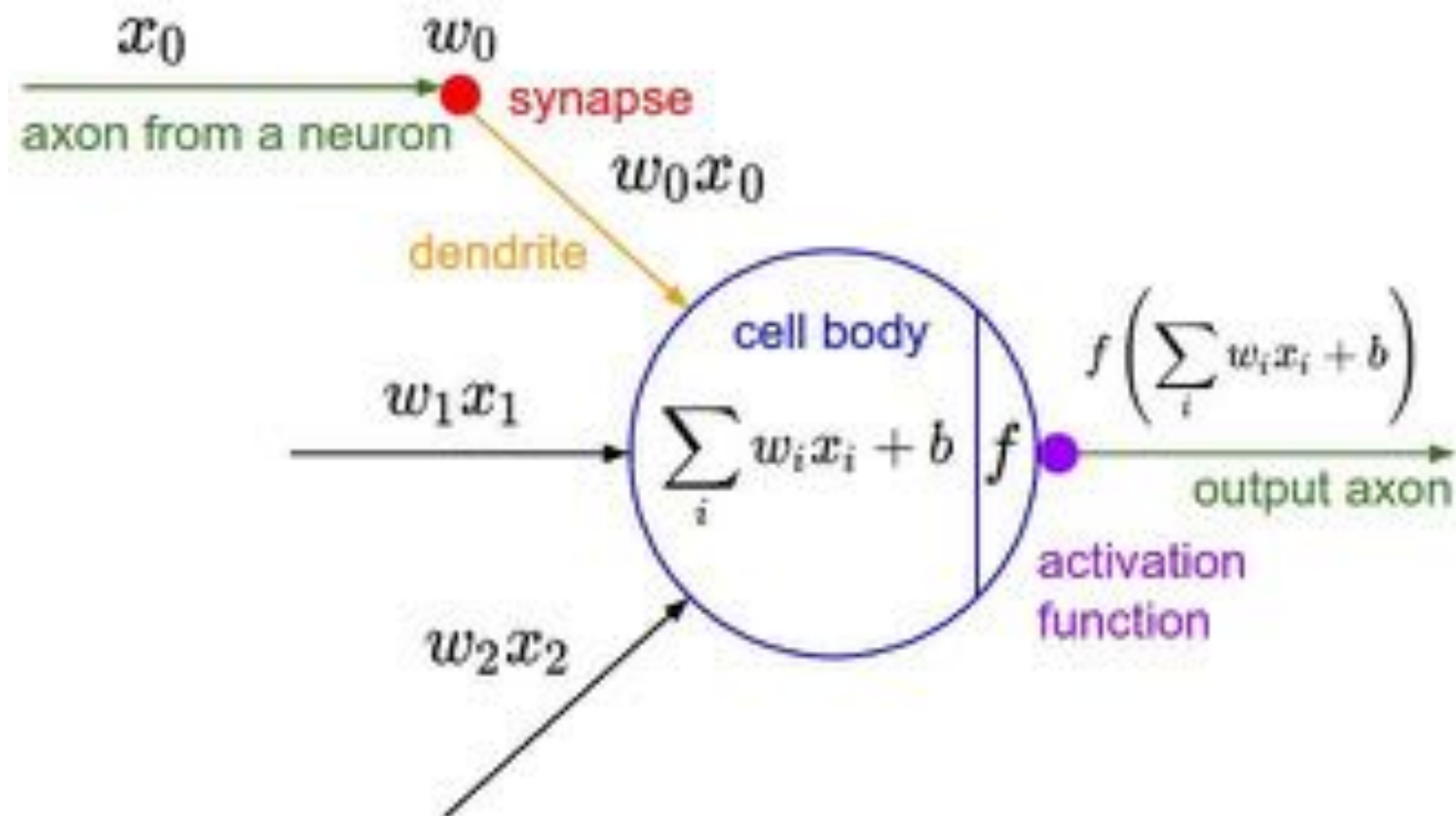
**w** : Constants that  
have no physical  
meaning (yet!)



# Overview: Example of Dense Feed Forward Network

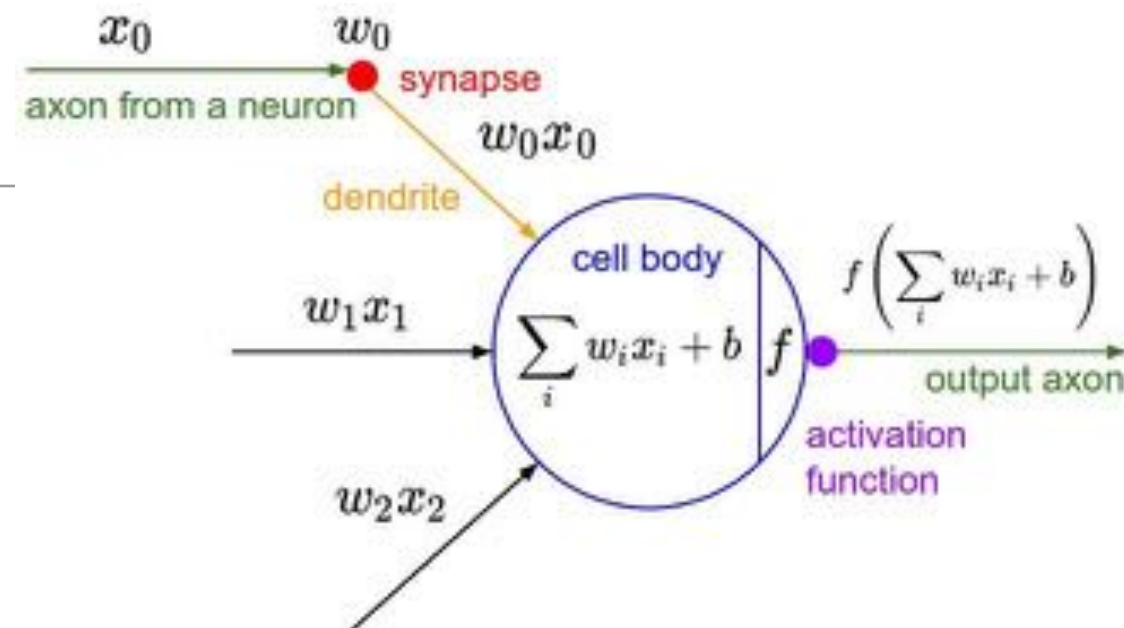


# The Neuron



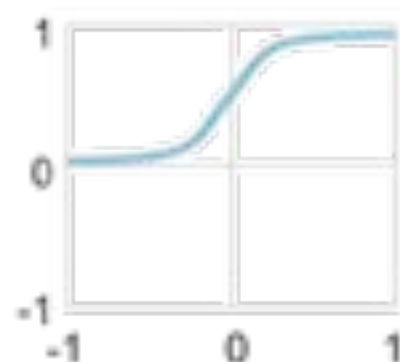
- Weights between neurons are applied (multiplied) to the data value and then combined inside the neuron with the activation function.

# Activation Functions



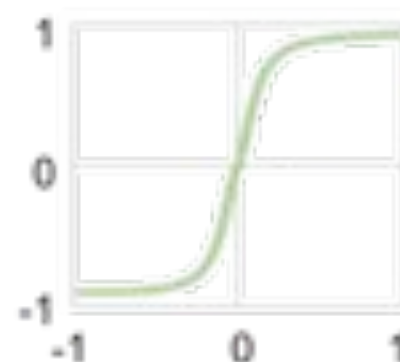
## Traditional Non-Linear Activation Functions

Sigmoid



$$y = 1 / (1 + e^{-x})$$

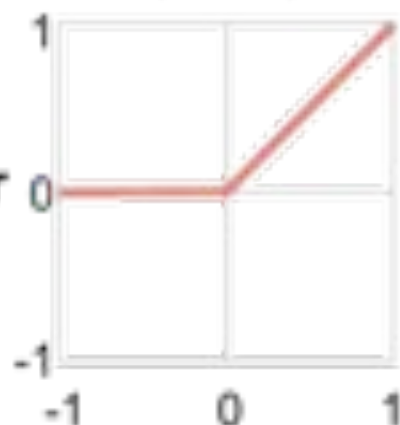
Hyperbolic Tangent



$$y = (e^x - e^{-x}) / (e^x + e^{-x})$$

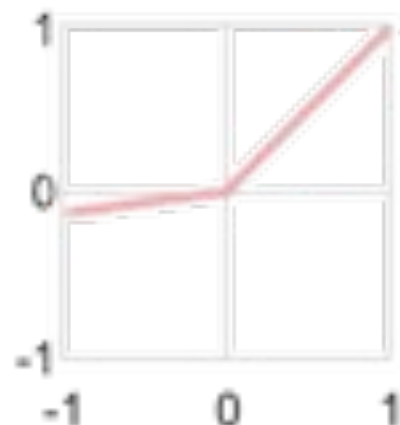
## Modern Non-Linear Activation Functions

Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)



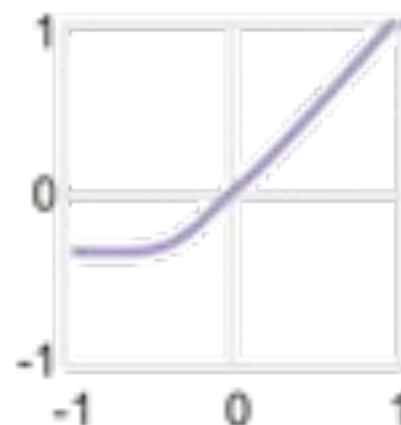
$$y = \max(0, x)$$

Leaky ReLU



$$y = \max(\alpha x, x)$$

Exponential LU



$$y = \begin{cases} x, & x \geq \theta \\ \alpha(e^x - 1), & x < \theta \end{cases}$$

$\alpha$  = small const. (e.g. 0.1)

- What is common to all of these activations?
- When might you want to use a sigmoid?



# Loss Function

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- Mean-square error for regression: prediction (**f**) and true label (**y**)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i))^2$$

- Cross-entropy for classification:

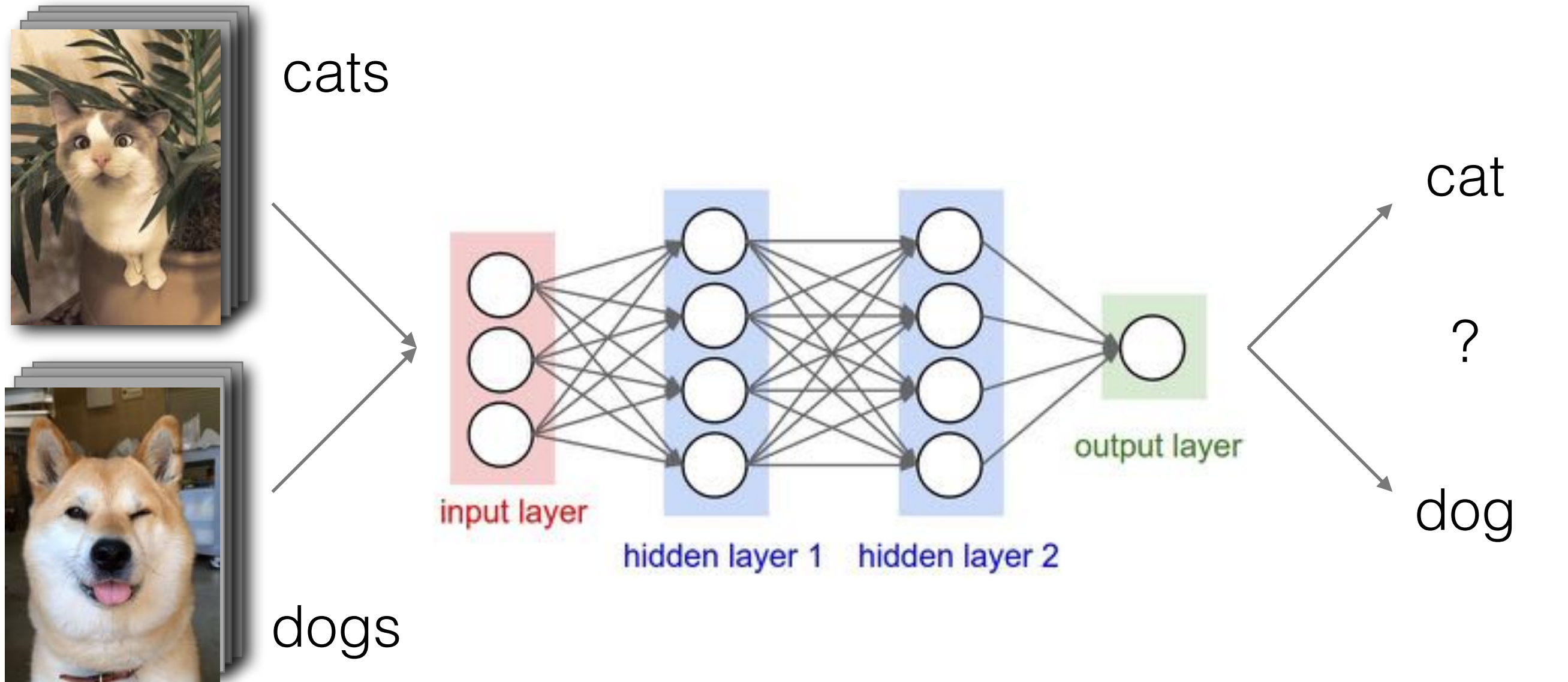
$$H(p, q) = - \sum_i p_i \log q_i = - y \log \hat{y} - (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})$$

# Neural Network (CNN): Overview

input

model

prediction



# How to train your ~~dragon~~ neural network





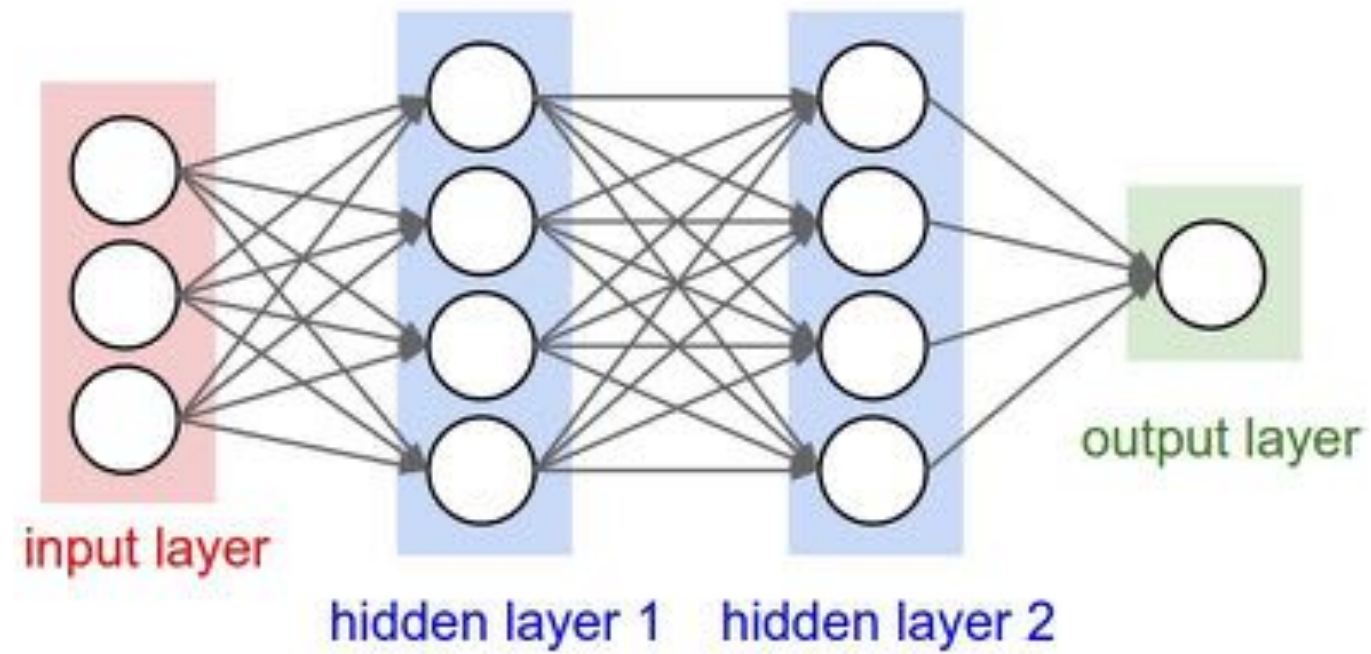
# Supervised Learning Types

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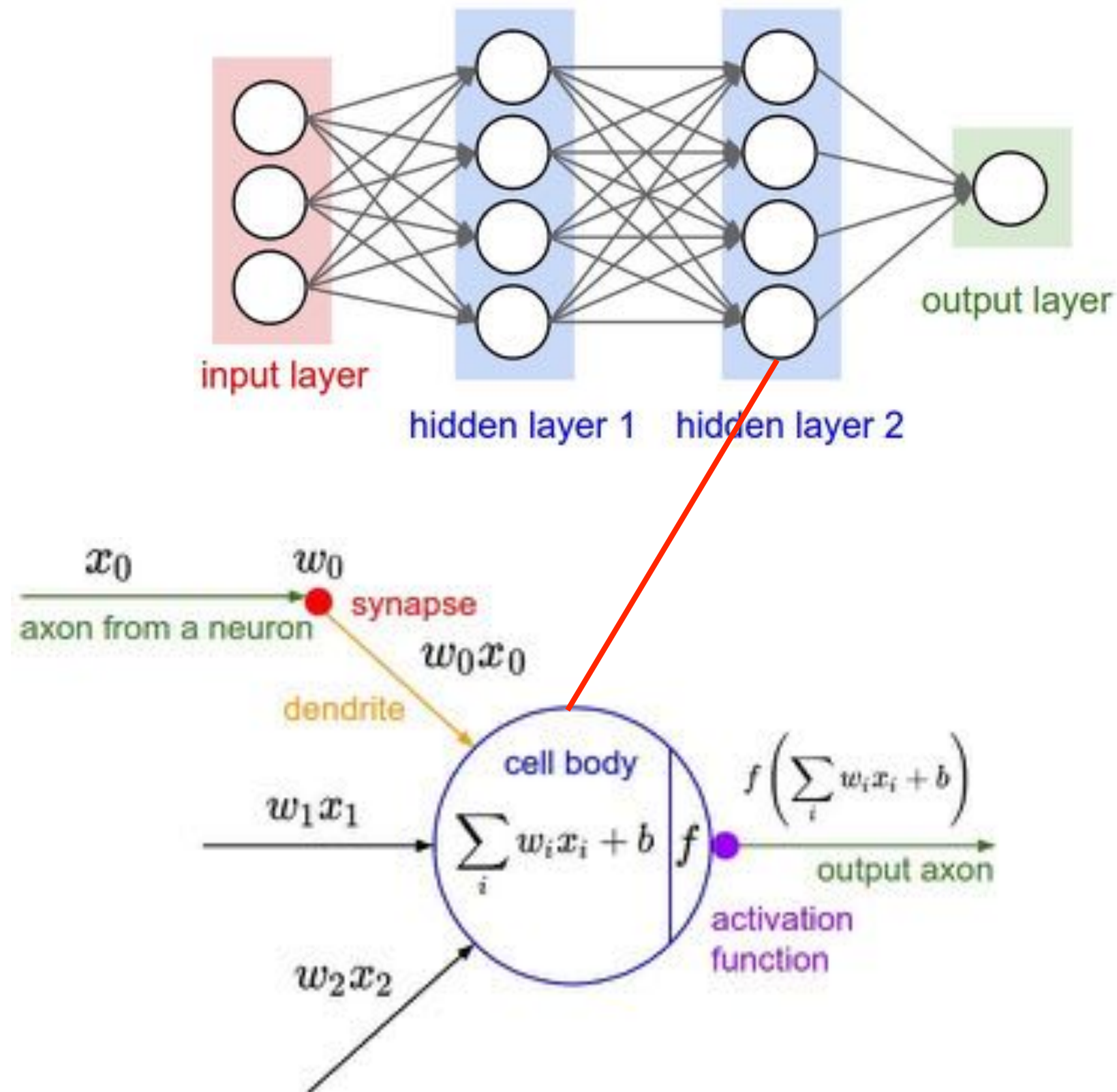


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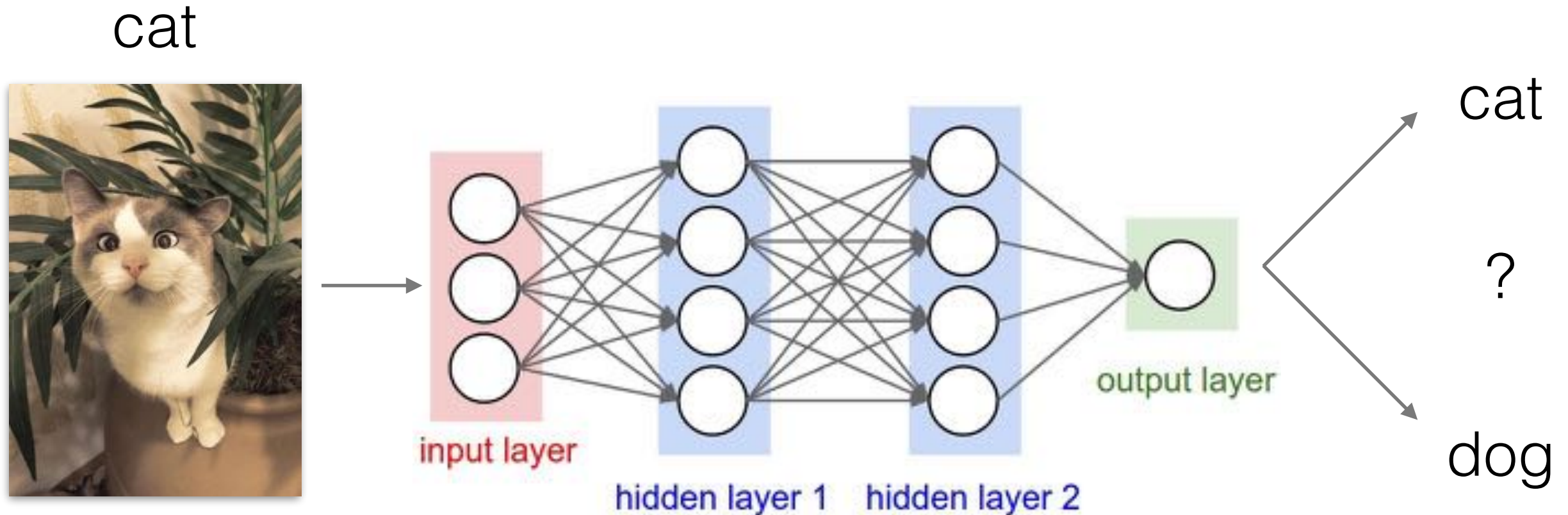


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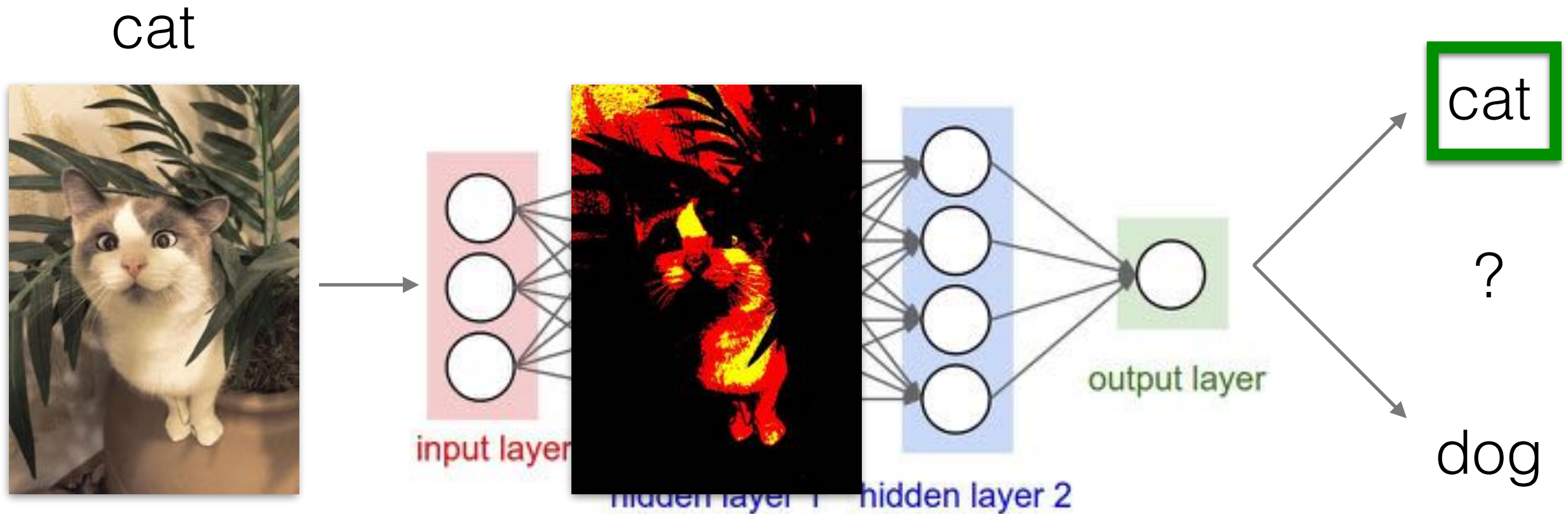


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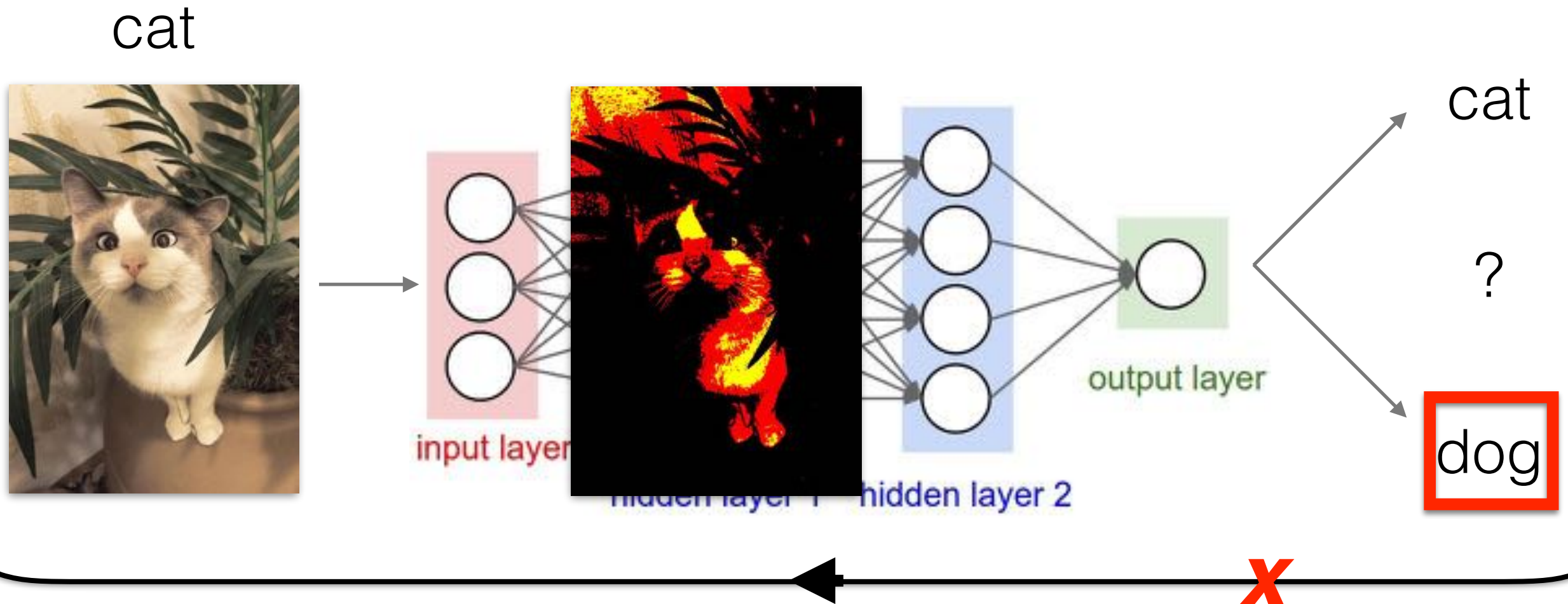


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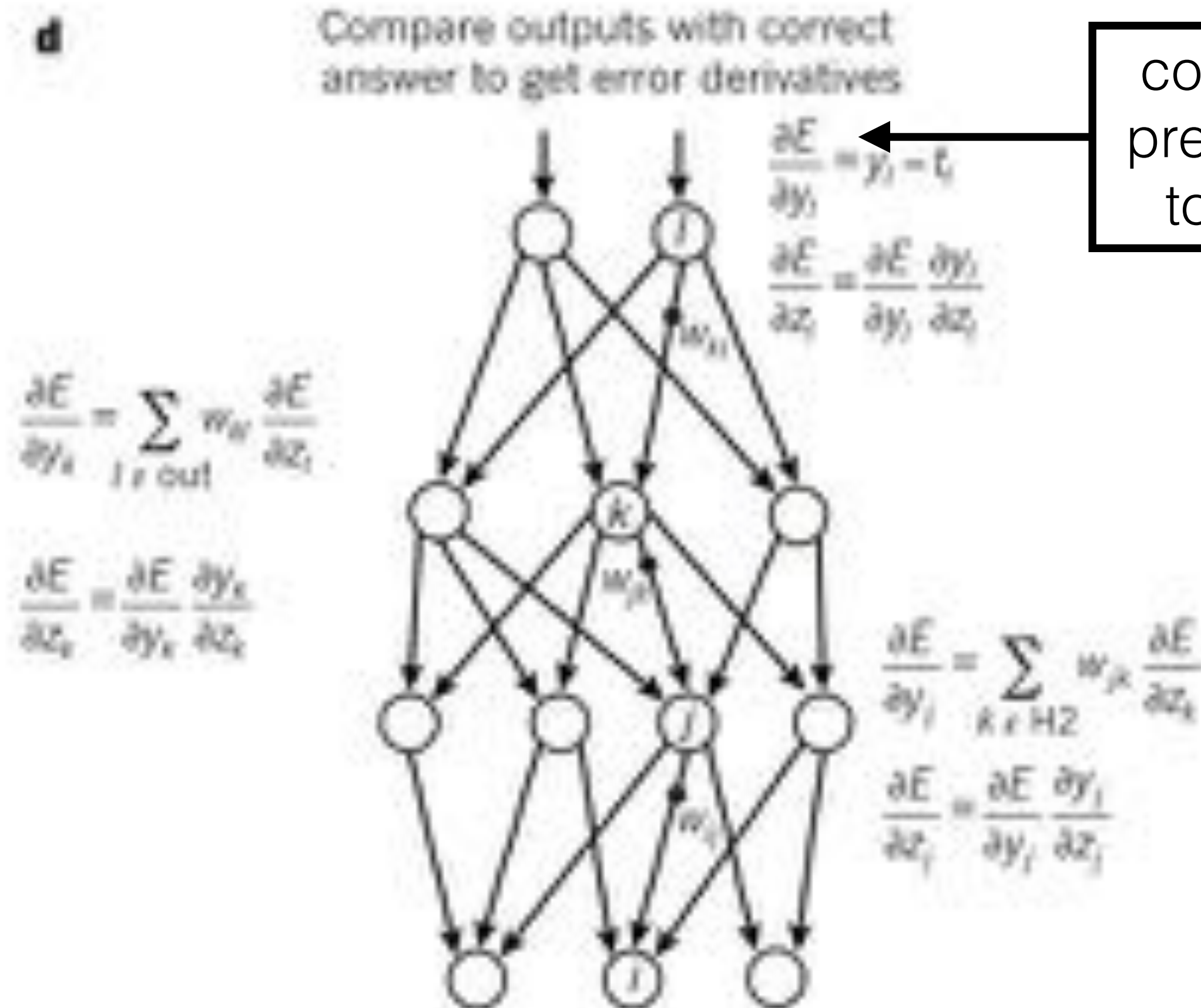
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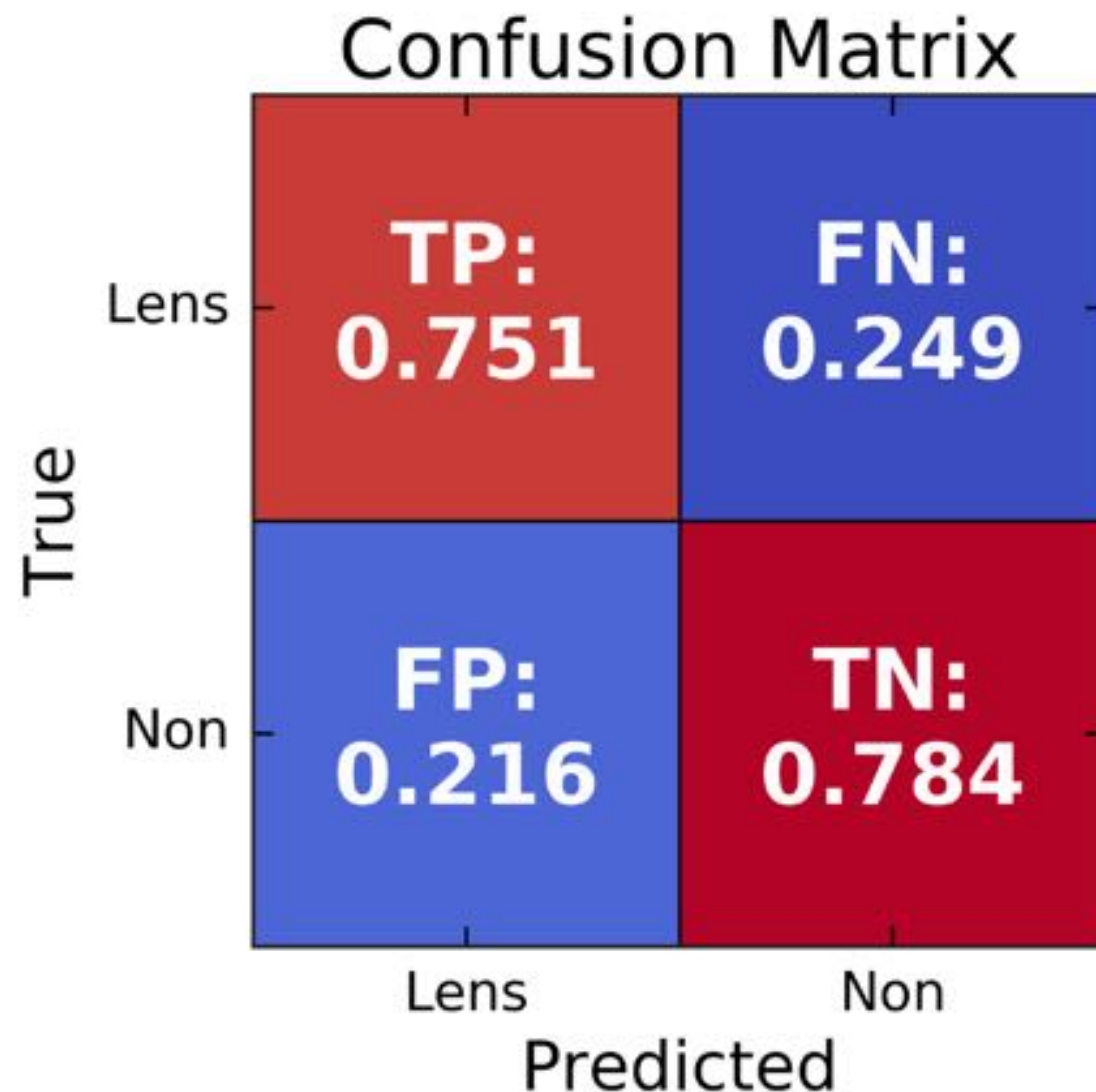
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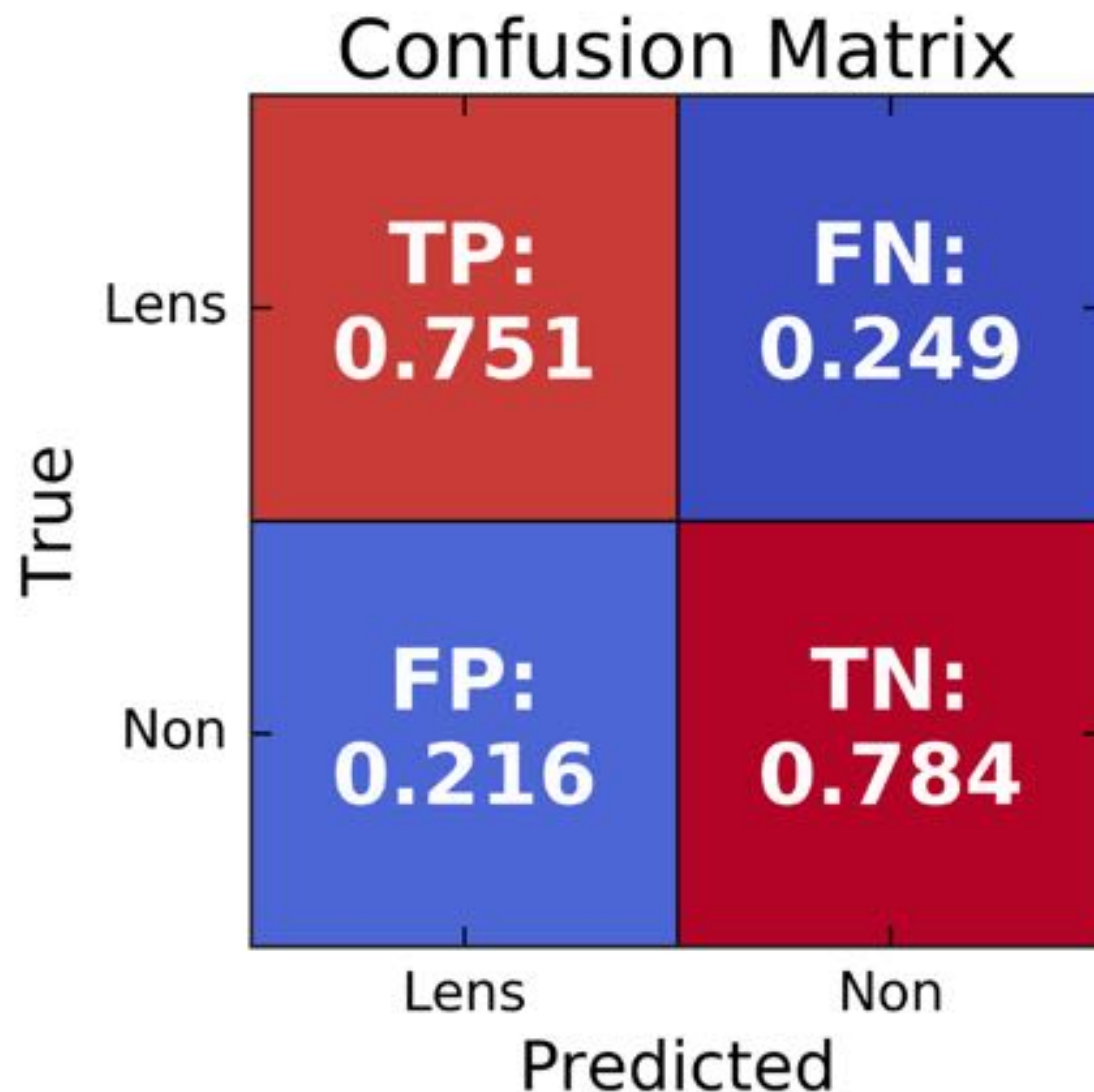
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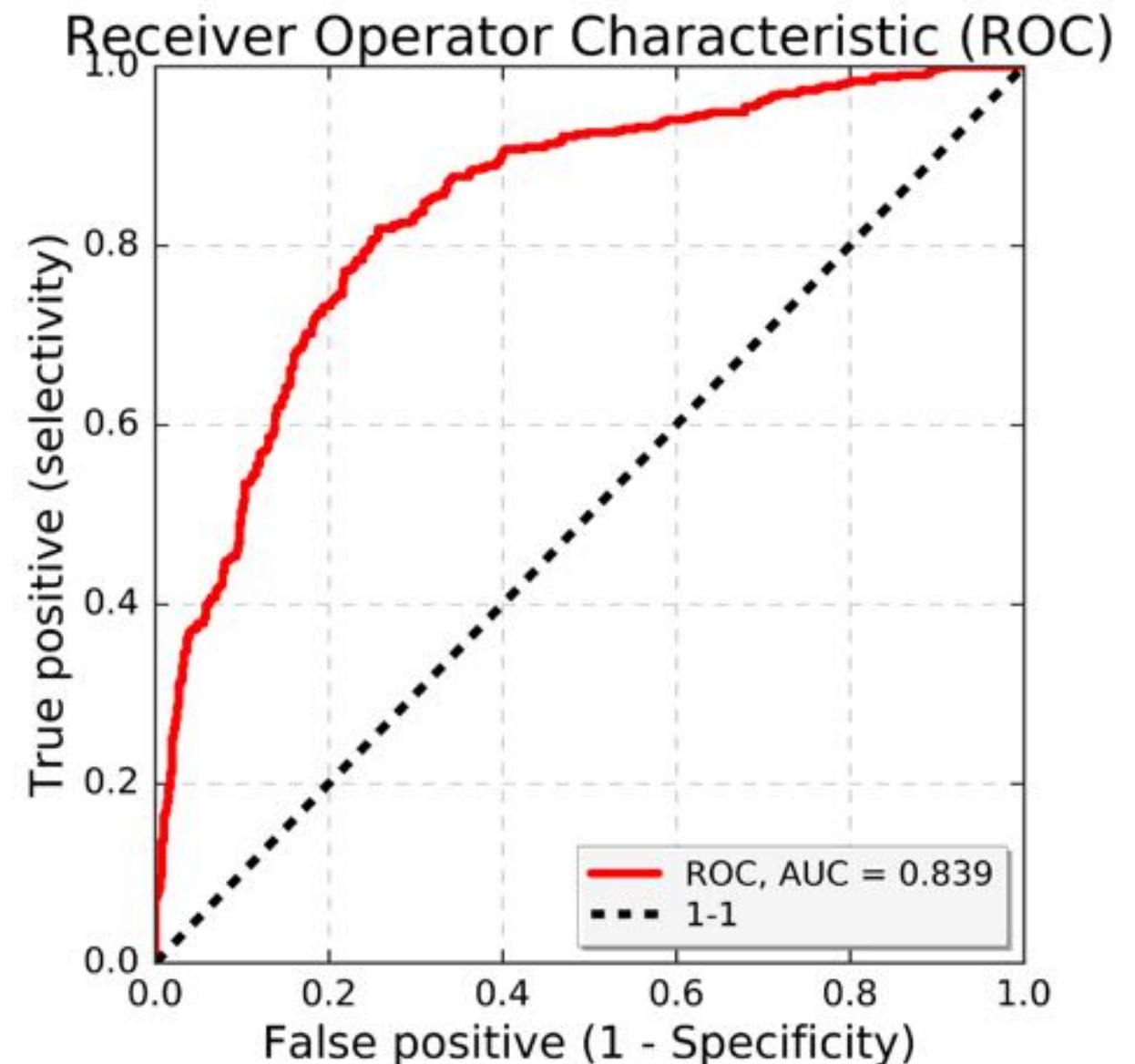
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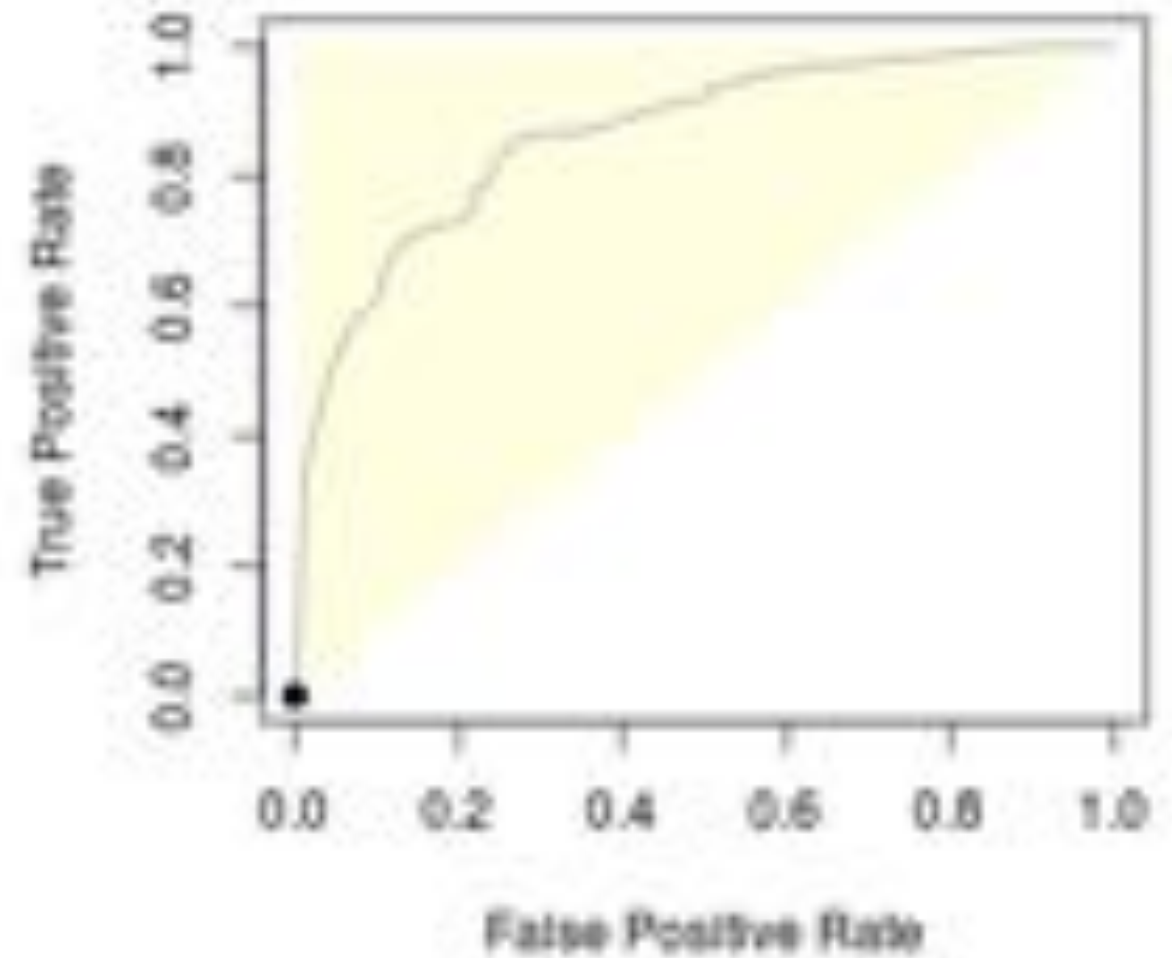
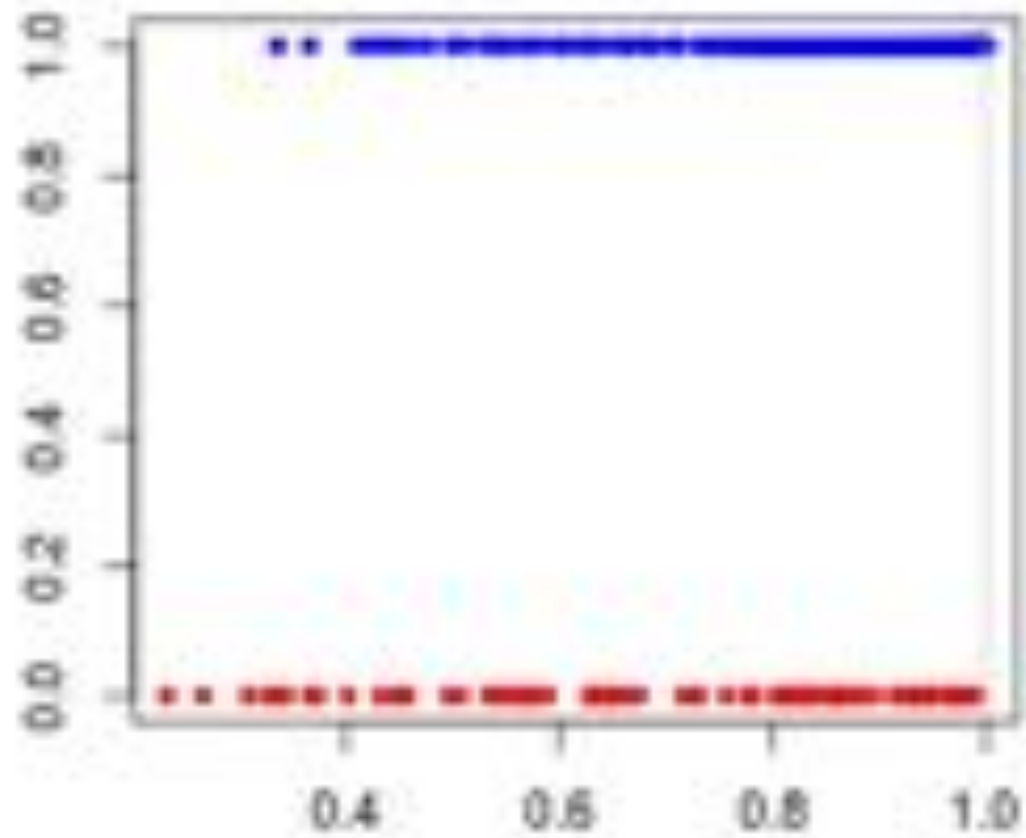
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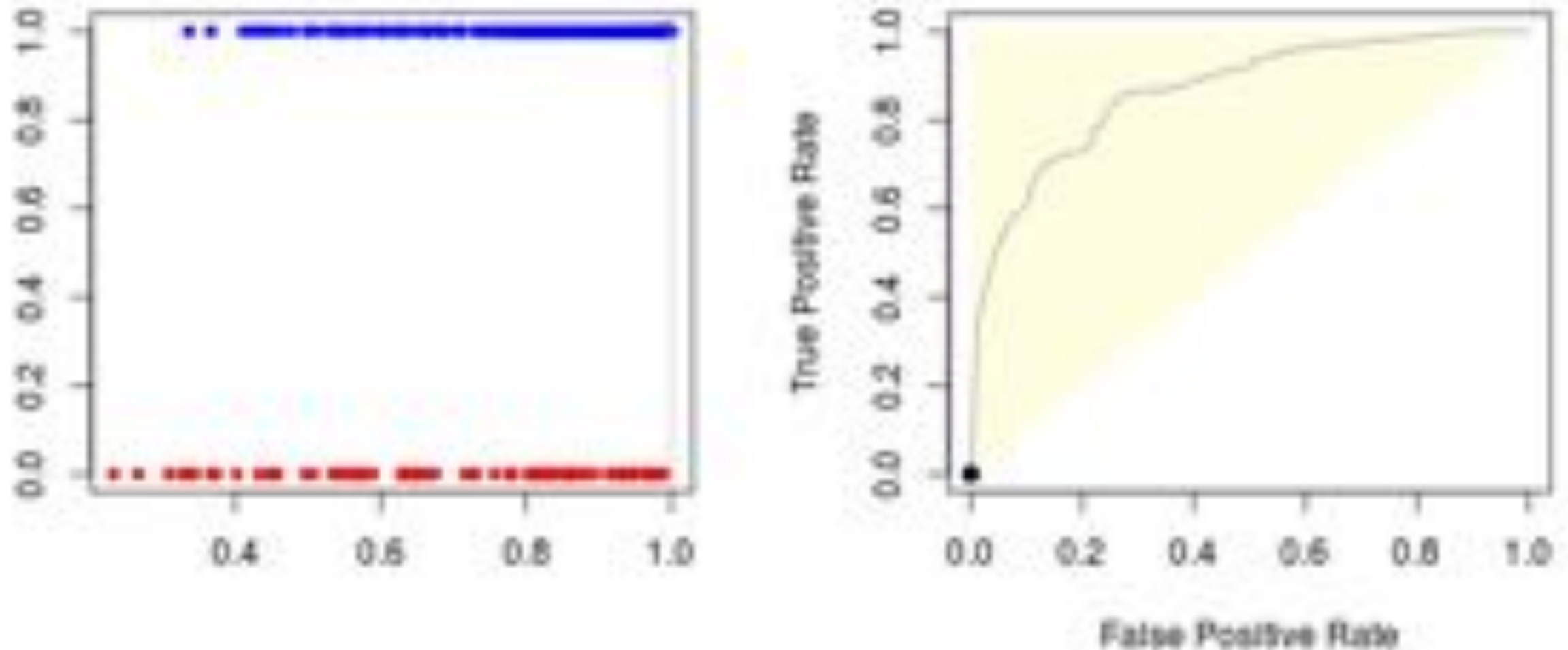
# ROC Curve in Action

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# Mapping your problem to the tool: the questions

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- Speed:  
Does your task take a long time by conventional means?
- Complexity of data:  
Is your raw data very complex? Too complex for humans to identify the principal features?
- Simplicity of problem:  
Is there a low-hanging fruit? E.g., classification
- *Advice*:
  - Think of the goal for your problem.
  - Then, stopping thinking about the science, and start thinking about the data - its structure and volume.



# Challenges in Applications of Neural Nets to Science

- SO MANY PARAMETERS ... that are apparently non-physical. How do we interpret this?
  - Easily 1M parameters for a large data set.
- Uncertainties are not formalized for neural networks. We don't know how to interpret error bars on physical quantities.
- Where's the physics? Where are the physically interpretable parameters?
- There's no formal mathematical theory for a neural network. (Hack problem!)