

Neural networks

Architectures and training tips

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What is a neural network?



Modified from <http://www.texample.net/tikz/examples/neural-network/>

Why neural networks?

- Can approximate any function [Hornik, 1991]
- May learn to respond to unexpected patterns
- Useful especially when the amount of data is large
- Less need for feature engineering compared to traditional ML methods

References



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