DD2437 – Artificial Neural Networks and Deep Architectures (annda)

Lecture 9: **Deep learning fundamentals**

General philosophy and a review of deep architectures

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AI ambition behind Deep Learning

The grand plan is to *”allow computers to model our world well enough to exhibit what we call intelligence”.*

(Bengio, 2006)

- The need for capturing high-level of abstraction
- Hope in learning algorithms that can help to exploit large quantities of available information (big data in the future) and generalise it to new contexts
- The assumption about the need for highly nonlinear (varying) mathematical functions (accounting for variations in the multivariate, often high-dimensional, domain of interest) to model complex behaviours

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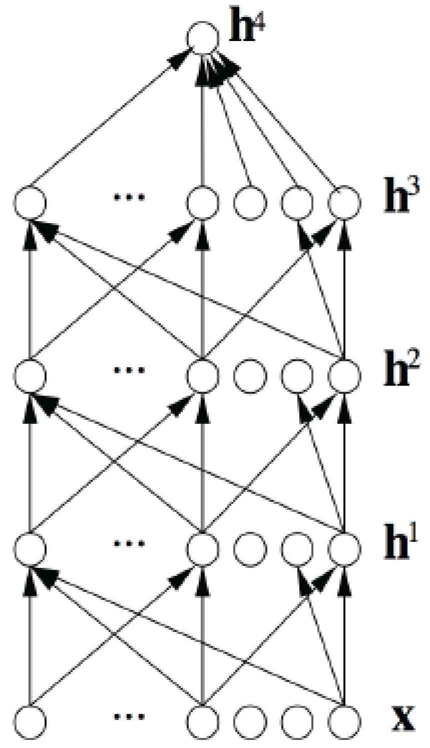
Is there a hope in

DEEP LEARNING in

DEEP ARCHITECTURES ?

What is depth in ML?

- Depth of architecture
  - the number of levels of composition of nonlinear operations in the function learnt
  - the length of the longest path from input to output in the graph



- Deep learning
  - using multiple layers of inf. processing stages in hierarchical architectures for pattern recognition and representation learning
  - focus on (incremental) learning of feature hierarchies

Motivation for deep structures

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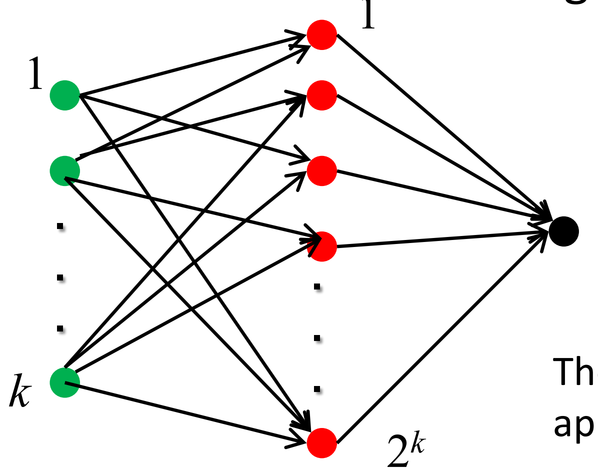

Shallow structure may need exponential size of hidden layer(s)

The universal approximation theorem and approximation costs.

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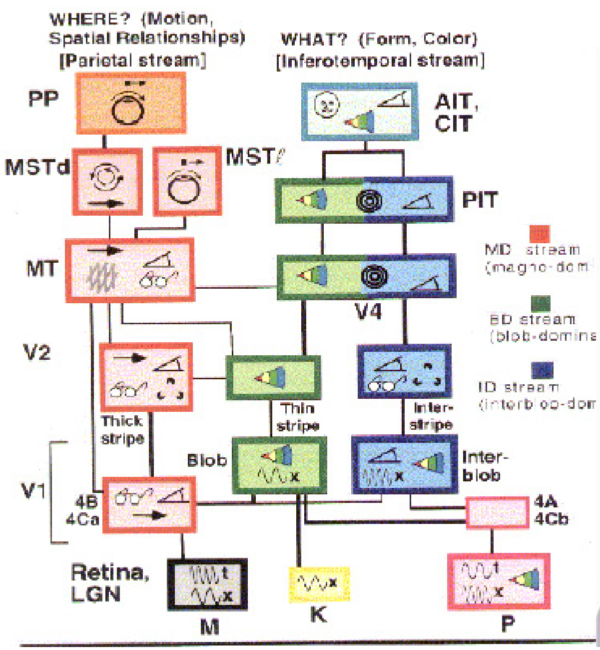

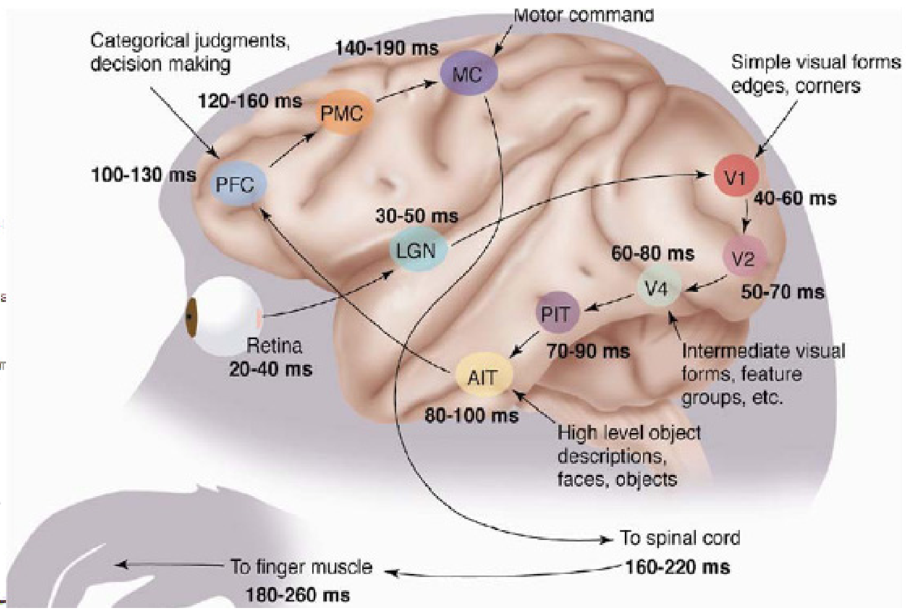

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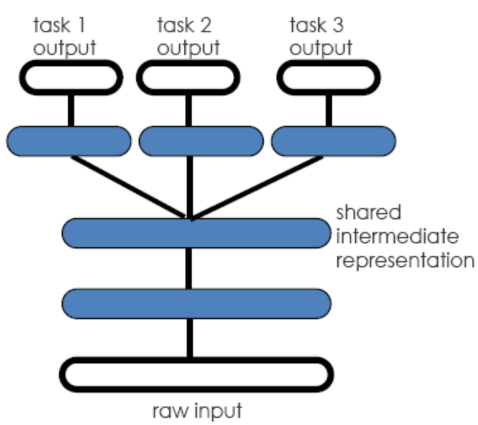
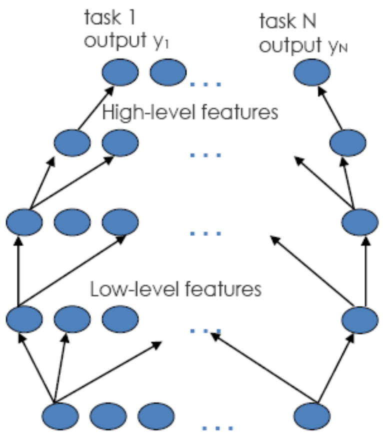
  multiple levels of representations facilitate transfer and multi-task learning (hierarchy of representations, non-local generalisation)

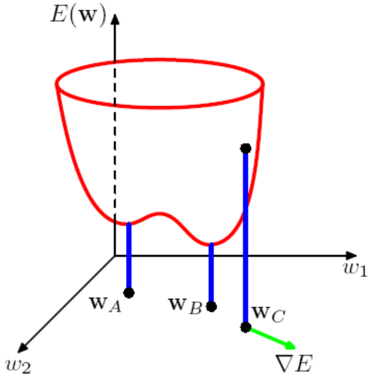




Lee, 2011

Trouble with classical multi-layer ANNs

- Hard to train
  - the problem of vanishing gradients (diffusion of gradients) in backpropagation algorithm
  - non-convex optimisation
    - local minima
    - susceptibility to overfitting



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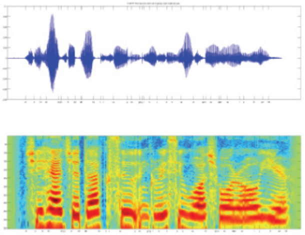

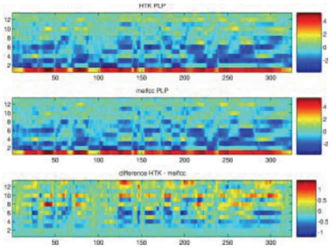

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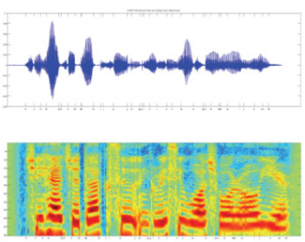

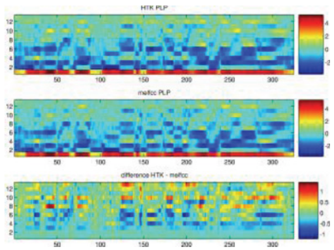

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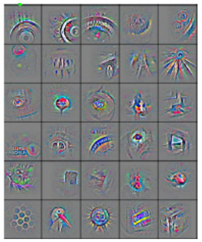
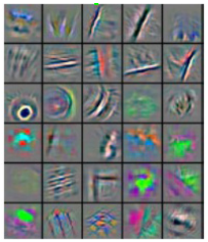
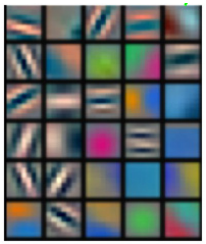


middle level



low level



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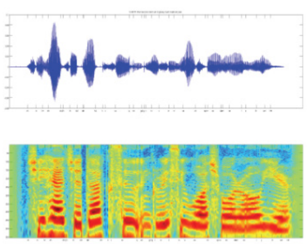

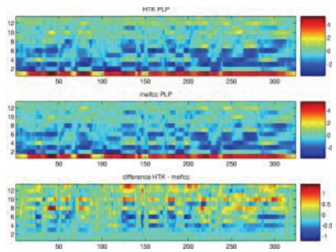

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  character –> word –> word group, phrase –> clause –> sentence –> story

  pixel –> edge –> motif –> object

  sample –> spectral feature –> sound –> phoneme –> word

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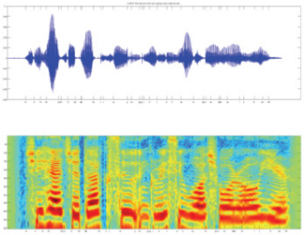

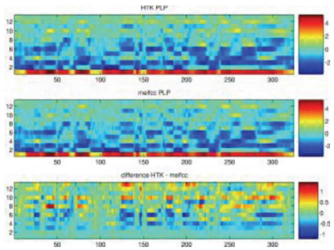

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- Good predictions are v. important but so is <u>data representation</u>
- Both unsupervised and supervised mode is heavily exploited – <u>unlabeled data are also useful</u>

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  BUT still......

  - lack of ability to learn from the unlabeled data (most data is unlabeled)
  - slow learning, problems with convergence, sensitivity to local minima

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- Major breakthrough in 2006
  - the idea to pre-train deep architectures with layer-wise unsupervised learning (groups led by G.E. Hinton, Y. Bengio and Y. LeCun)
  - more efficident parameter estimation methods

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Shared principles in these papers:

- Unsupervised learning of representations is used to (pre-)train each layer.
- Unsupervised training of one layer at a time, on top of the previously trained ones. The representation learned at each level is the input for the next layer.
- Use supervised training to fine-tune all the layers (in addition to one or more additional layers that are dedicated to producing predictions).

Successful applications as a driver

- Convolutional nets (CNNs) in *computer vision*
- Deep learning based *speech recognition* systems developed by Google and Microsoft
- Deep learning is becoming a hot topic in *natural language processing* (NLP)
- Advances in machine translation (RNNs, LSTM)
- Growing importance in reinforcement learning (deep RL)
- Scope of applications massively grows

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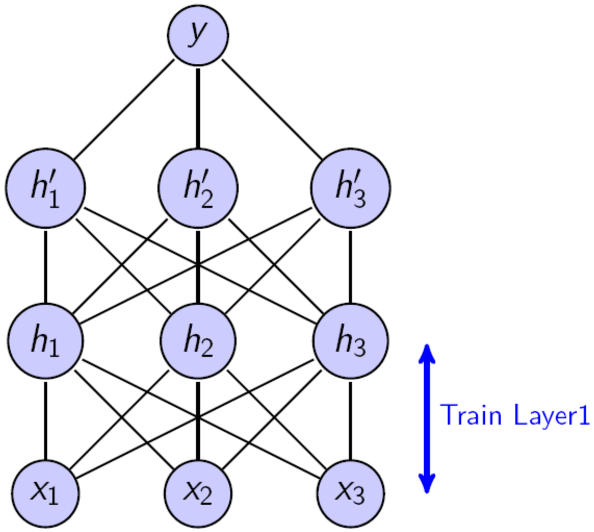

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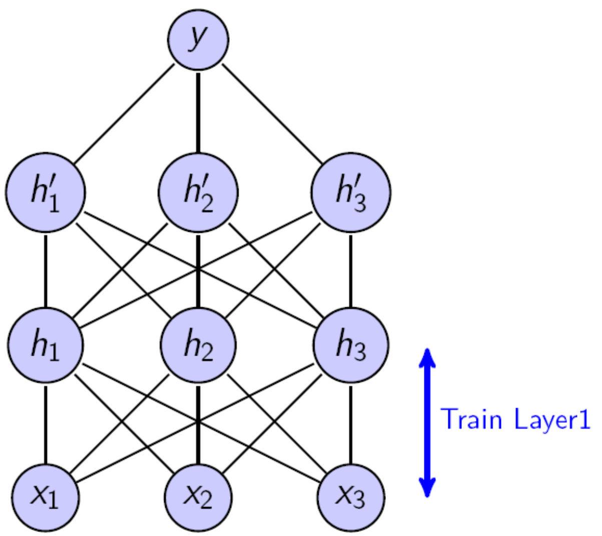

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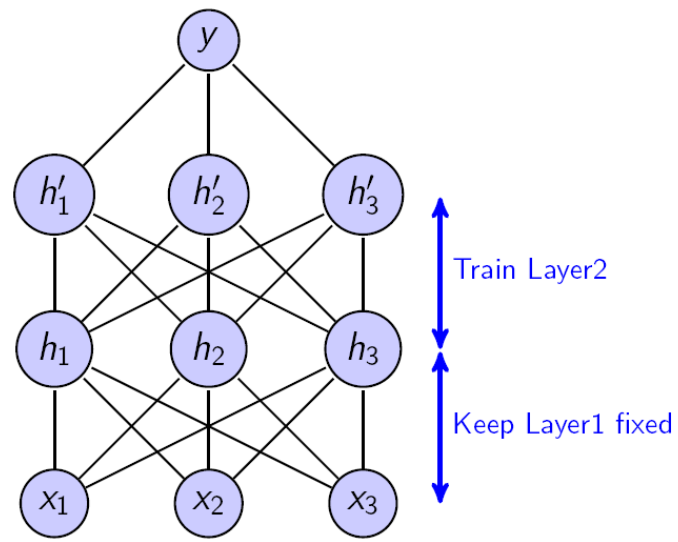

Train another layer while keeping the lower layer fixed

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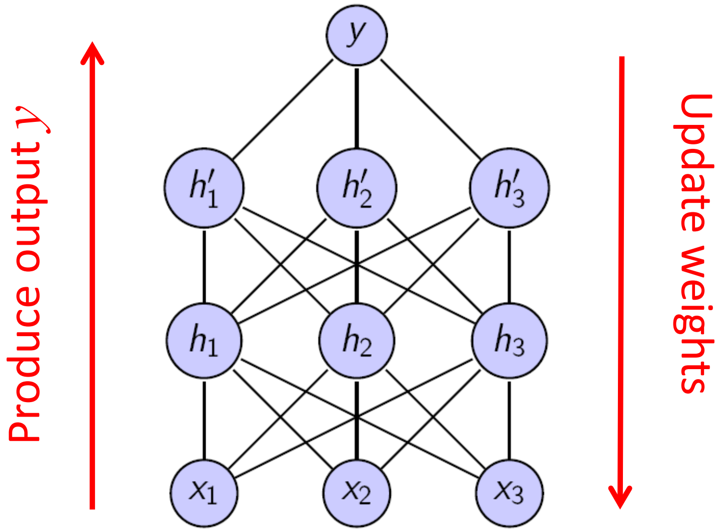

Gradient-based fine tuning

1. Add a classifier layer and retrain globally the entire structure.
2. Train only a supervised classifier on top and keep other layers fixed.

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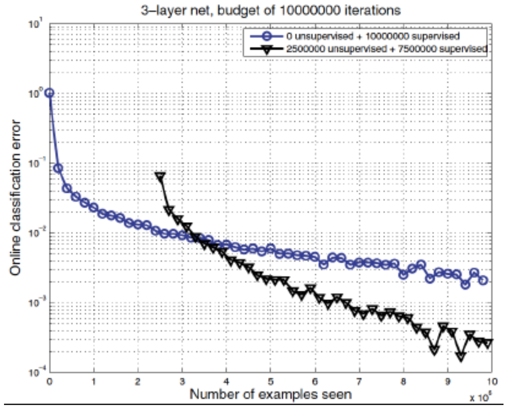
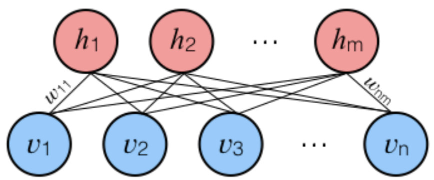
  - it facilitates training of the entire architecture (lower and higher layers benefit from tuning)



Most common network architecture and learning types

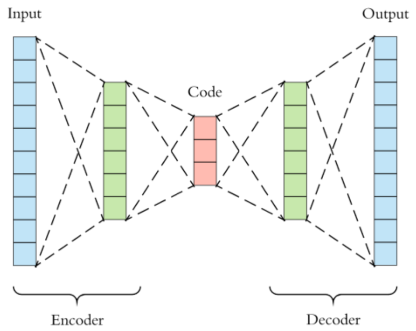
Restricted Boltzmann machine (RBM) layer

(contrastive divergence for pre-training)



Auto-encoder (AE) layer

(gradient descent based algorithms for pre-training)



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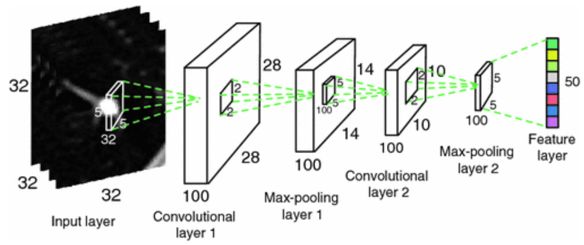

Greedy layer-wise unsupervised pre-training, which is increasingly omitted once **ReLU** units are employed

Network initialised without any pre-training

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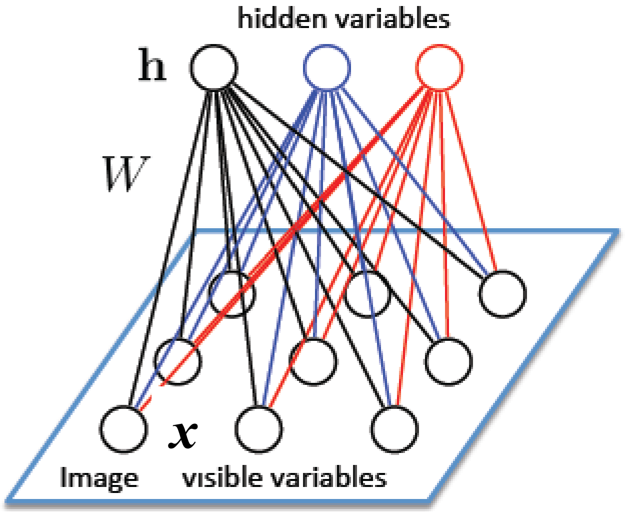
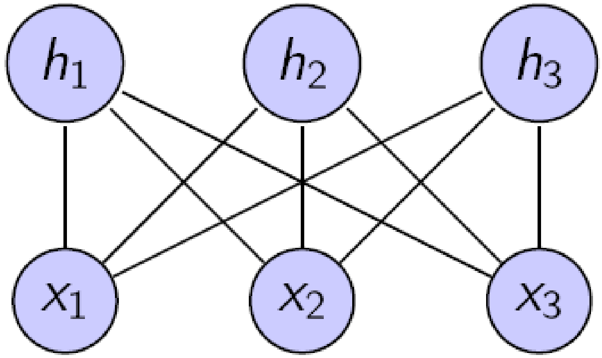


Simple energy-based model



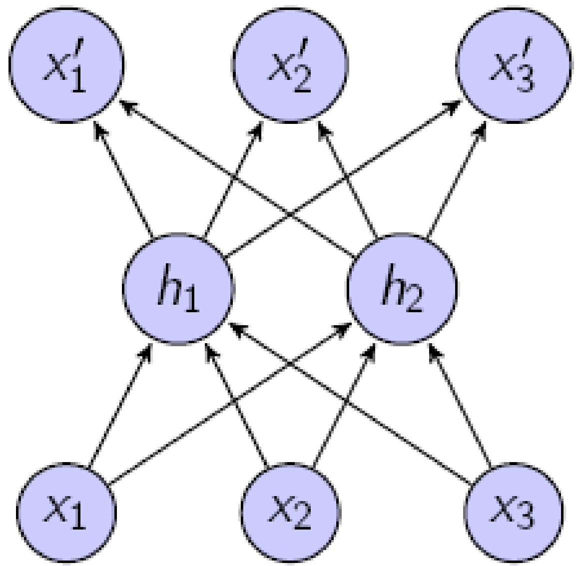
$$p(x,h) \sim e^{-E_\theta(x,h)}$$

$$E_\theta(x,h) = -x'Wh - b'x - d'h$$

In traditional RBM, x_i and h_j are binary variables

The idea is to optimise log-likelihood with the use of approximative Gibbs sampling – Constrastive Divergence algorithm

Auto-encoders



Decoder: $x' = \sigma(W'h + d)$

Encoder: $h = \sigma(Wx + b)$

Encourage h to give small reconstruction error:

- e.g. $Loss = \sum_m ||x^{(m)} - DECODER(ENCODER(x^{(m)}))||^2$
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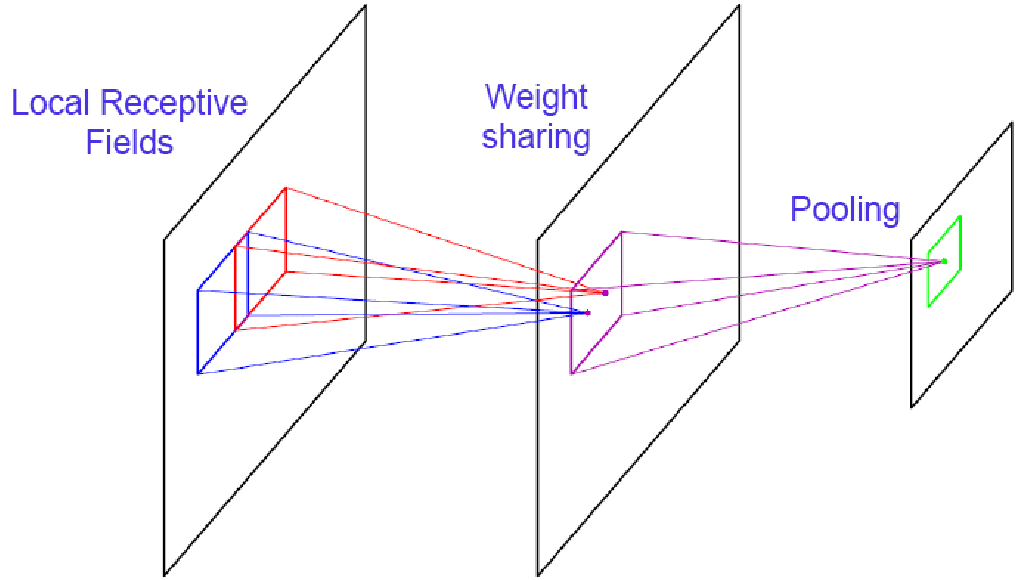

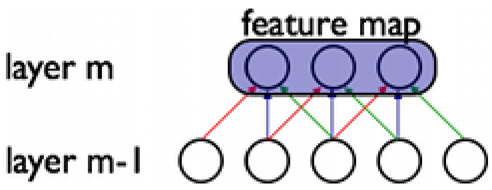

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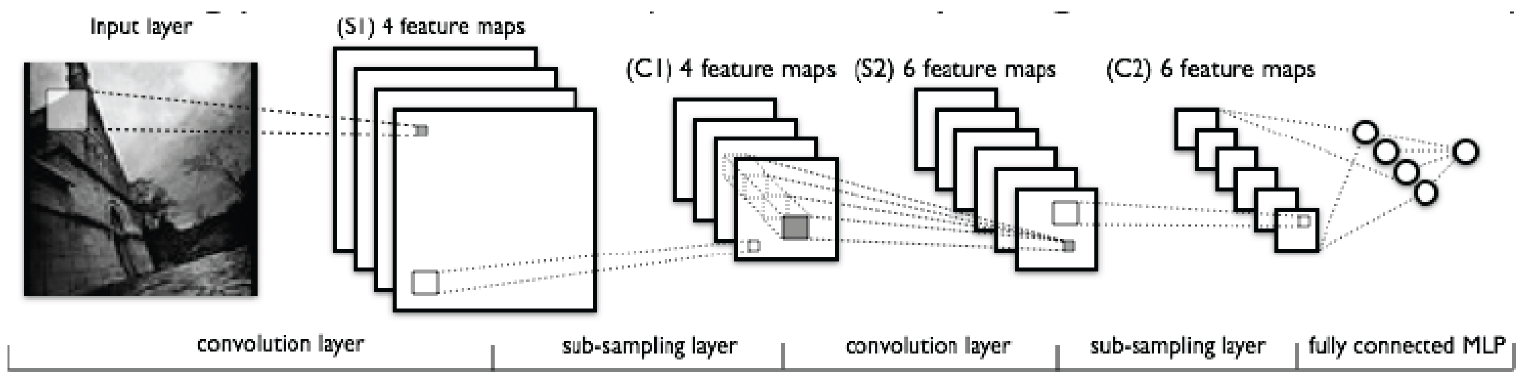

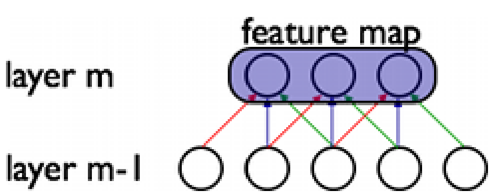

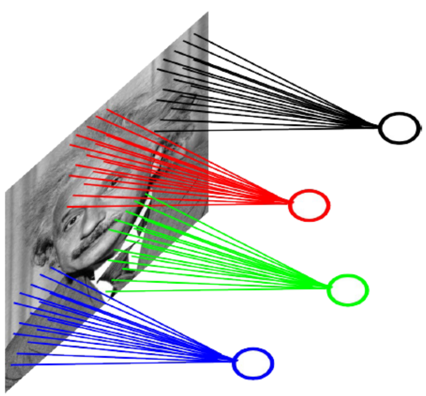

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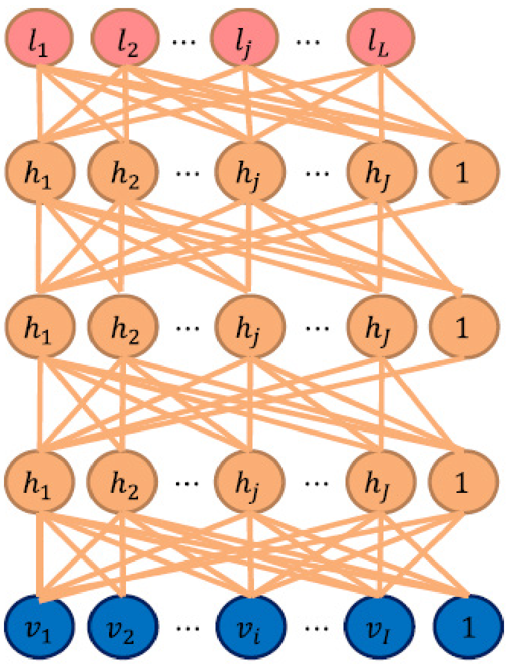
   - provide discriminative power for pattern classification by characterising the posterior distribution P(Y|X)
   - HMM, CNN, DBN-DNN

Generative vs discriminative approach

3. Hybrid deep architectures

- the goal is discrimination but is helped by the outcomes of generative modelling in deep architectures
- at the heart of early ideas for deep learning proposed by Hinton, Bengio and LeCun – unsupervised learning + supervised tuning
- deep belief networks (DBNs) are considered as a precursor component of hybrid deep architectures.



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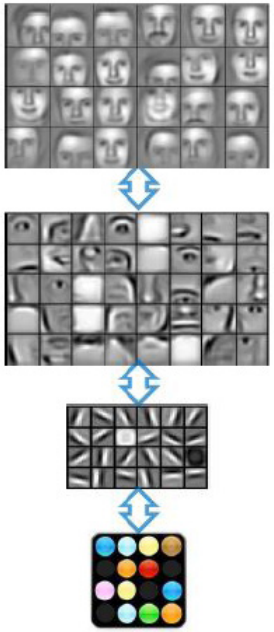

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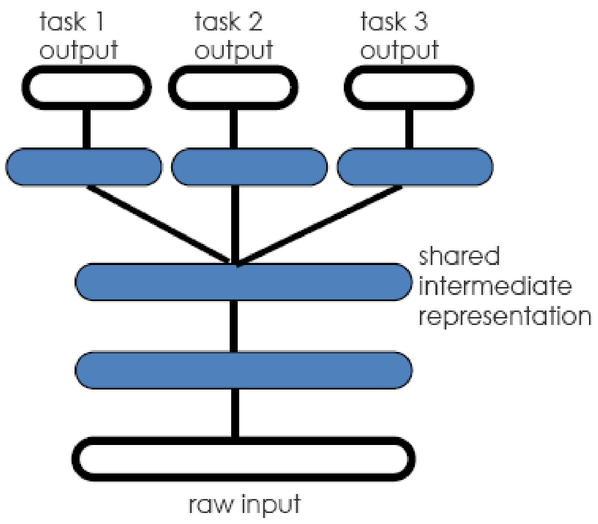

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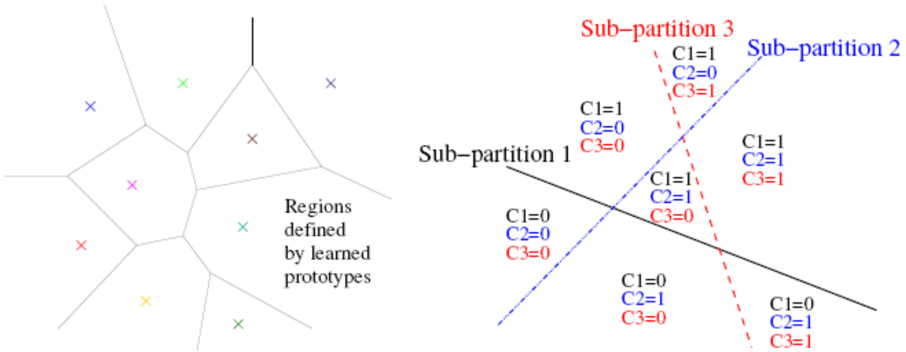

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- Multiple levels of latent variables allow combinatorial sharing of statistical strength

Why should we be bothered with deep learning?

- Effective use of widely available unlabeled data
  - Unsupervised pre-training
  - Semi-supervised learning schemes
- Good performance and efficient solution (expressibility with relatively compact models)
  - better generalisation (lower error on unseen data and lower variance)
  - facilitated optimisation, distinct local minima
  - capacity/complexity control

Why does deep learning seem to work?

- the notion of *”cheap learning”*
  - exponentially fewer parameters than ”generic” degrees of freedom (”swindle”)
  - we take advantage of the special nature of problems at hand:

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  - hierarchy of the objects and hierarchy of generative processes to untangle
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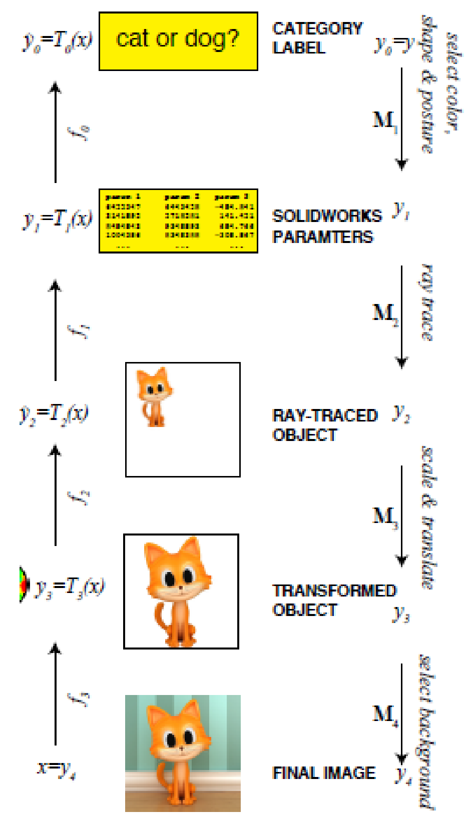

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Key challenges ahead

I. Theoretical challenges

- insufficiently tight generalisation bounds (VC dimension)
- difficulty in theoretical handling of complexity of learning in deep architectures (”hard to prove anything”)
- is it just another (very efficient) parameterisation of solutions?

II. Visualisation, interpretation, explanation

- explainable deep networks (factors underlying inference outcomes)
- strong initiatives towards visualising and interpreting data representations (particularly in the realm of CNNs)
- how can the process of learning be monitored and controlled?

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- multi-task learning, transfer learning
- multi-modal information processing
- local, incremental learning, self-organisation

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- need for lowering computational costs (”equivalent” networks, performance cost etc.)
- need for better use of data and existing networks (pre-trained)
- dedicated hardware platforms

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- focus on learning multiple levels of representations and optimal discrimination performance
- massive surge of interest fuelled by robust performance of DNNs

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- What is the motivation for deep network architectures?
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  - hierarchical brain (cortex) organisation
  - multiple levels of abstraction
  - multiple levels of representations suitable for multi-task learning
- *Learning data representations* in deep learning approach vs *hand-engineering features* in traditional pattern recognition
- Learning protocol for DBNs, stacked autoencoders:
  - PHASE I: greedy layer-wise unsupervised pre-training (autoencoders or RBMs)
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- Hypotheses about the role of unsupervised pre-training: *regularisation* vs *optimisation* hypotheses
- However, currently there is a trend to avoid pre-training and employ **ReLU units** (less risk for overfitting and local minima)
- What does DL have to offer?
  - learning data representations
  - hierarchy of distributed features (multi-task and transfer learning, non-local generalisation, mitigating the effect and consequences of curse of dimensionality)
  - good performance (large-scale problems) with relatively compact models
  - semi-supervised learning opportunities

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- Why does DL works so well?
  - “cheap learning”
  - ”no-flattening” theorems
  - hierarchical structure of the physical work
- Still plenty of challenges ahead!