



DeepRob

Lecture 5
Neural Networks
University of Michigan and University of Minnesota





Project 1 – Reminder

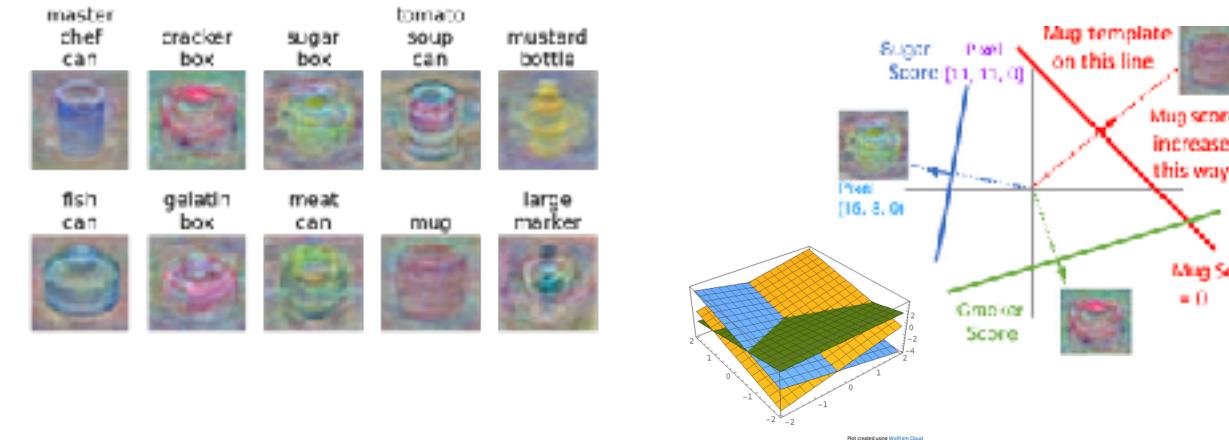
- Instructions and code available on the website
 - Here: [https://rpm-lab.github.io/CSCI5980-Spr23-DeepRob/projects/
project1/](https://rpm-lab.github.io/CSCI5980-Spr23-DeepRob/projects/project1/)
- Uses Python, PyTorch and Google Colab
- Implement KNN, linear SVM, and linear softmax classifiers
- **Autograder will be available soon!**
- **Due Tuesday, February 7th 11:59 PM CT**



Recap from Previous Lectures

- Use **Linear Models** for image classification problems.
- Use **Loss Functions** to express preferences over different choices of weights.
- Use **Regularization** to prevent overfitting to training data.
- Use **Stochastic Gradient Descent** to minimize our loss functions and train the model.

$$s = f(x; W) = Wx$$



$$L_i = -\log\left(\frac{\exp^{s_{y_i}}}{\sum_j \exp^{s_j}}\right)$$

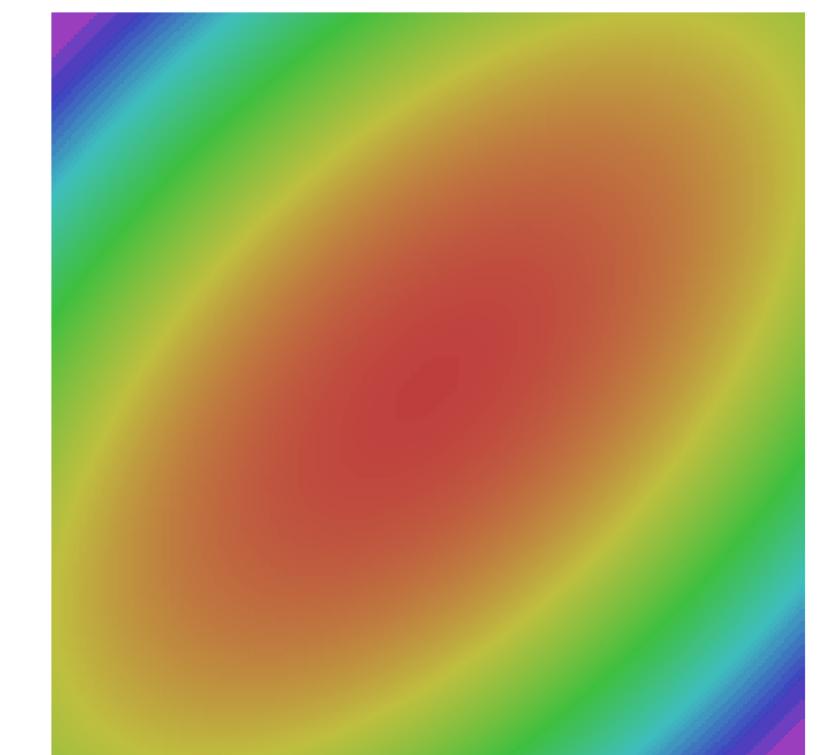
Softmax

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1)$$

SVM

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i + R(W)$$

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v = 0
for t in range(num_steps):
    dw = compute_gradient(w)
    v = rho * v + dw
    w -= learning_rate * v
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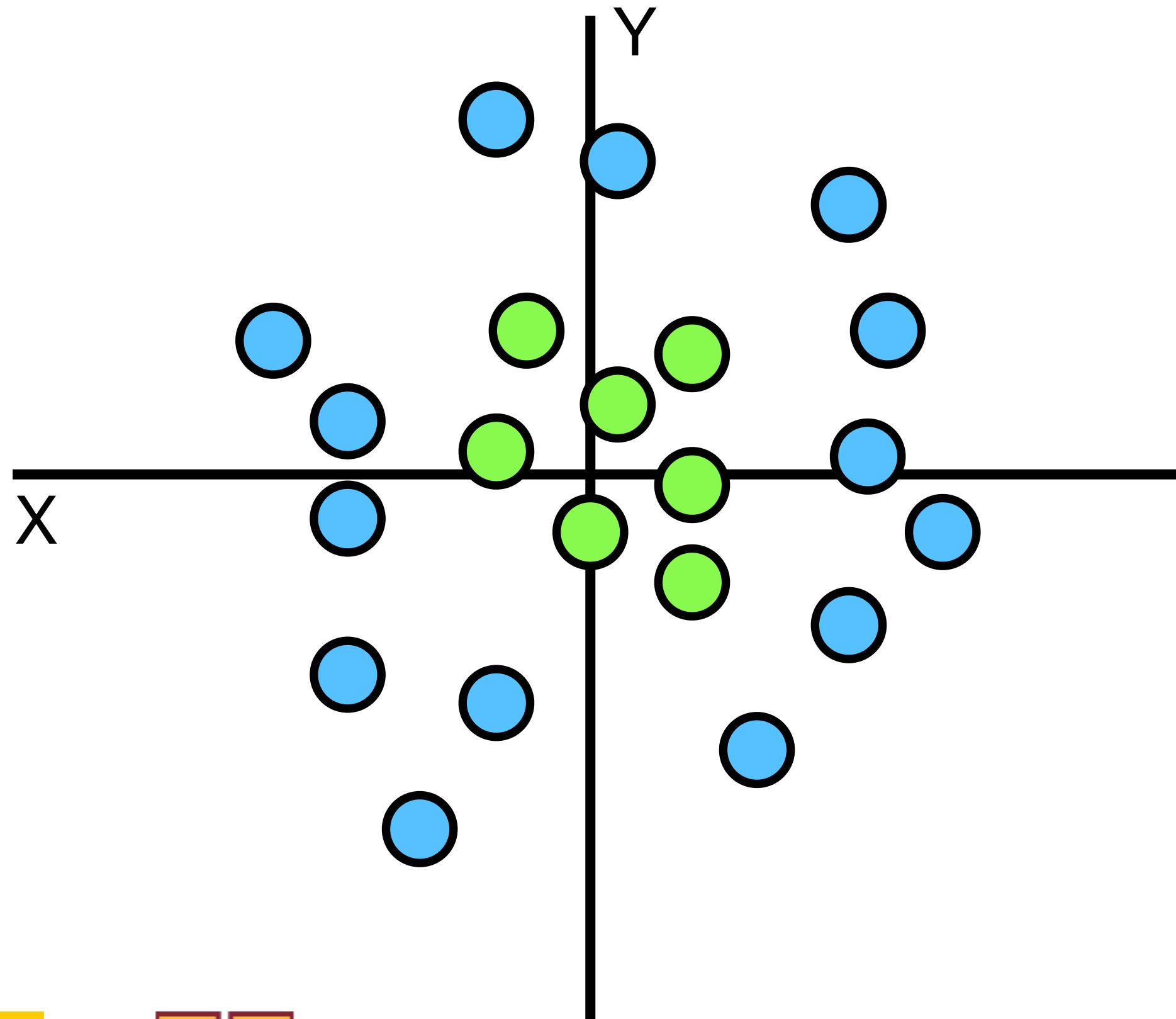


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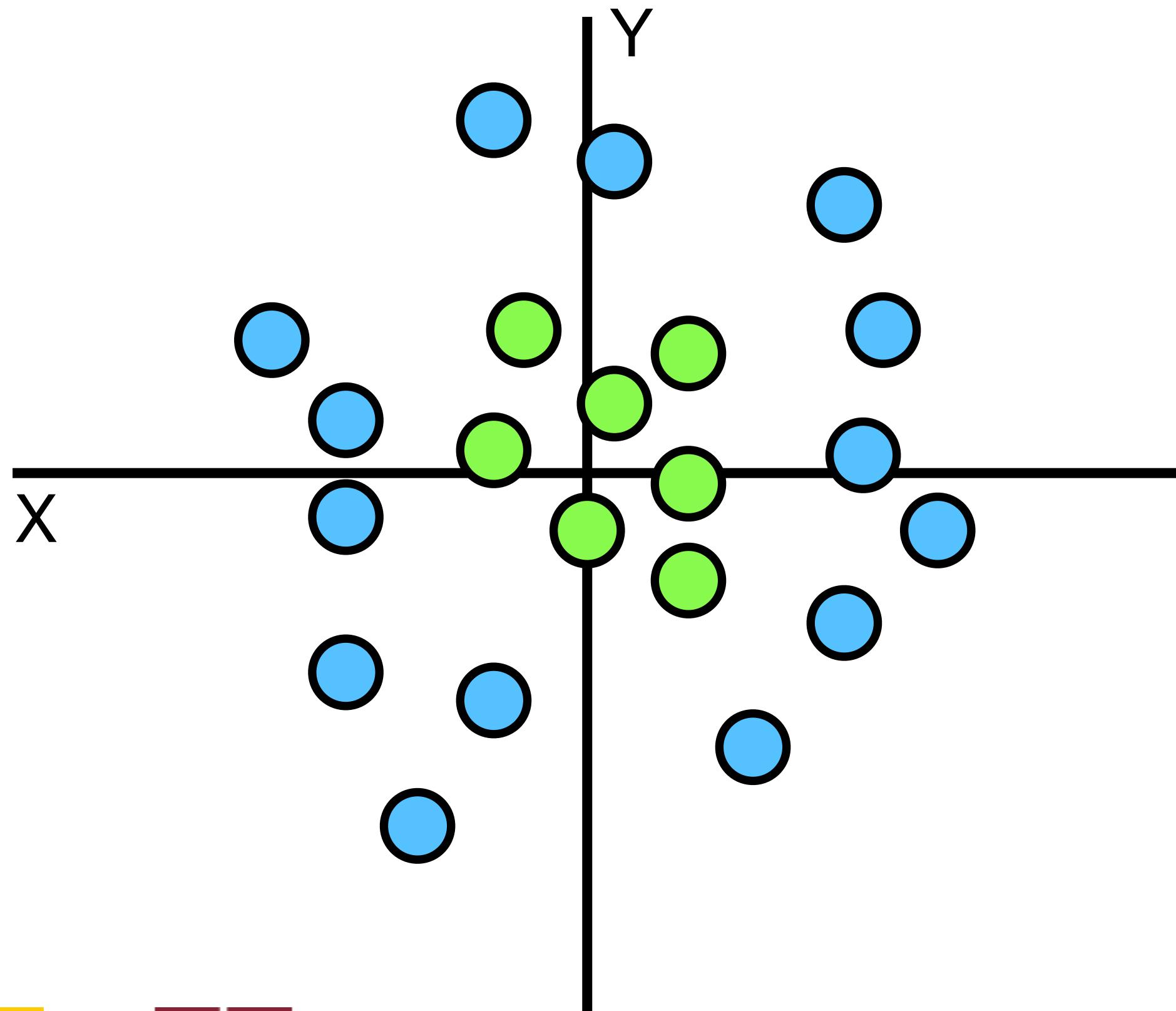
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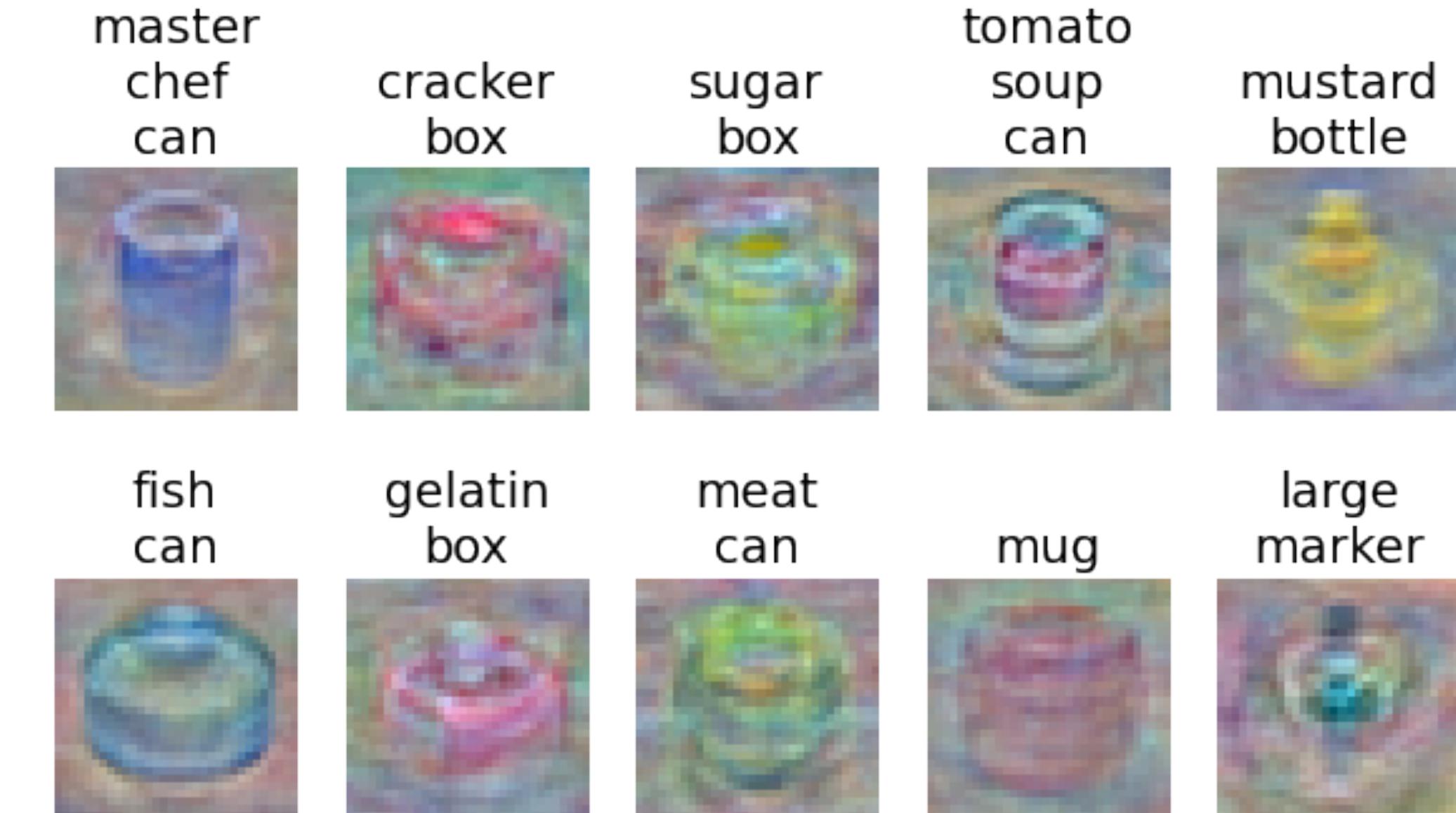
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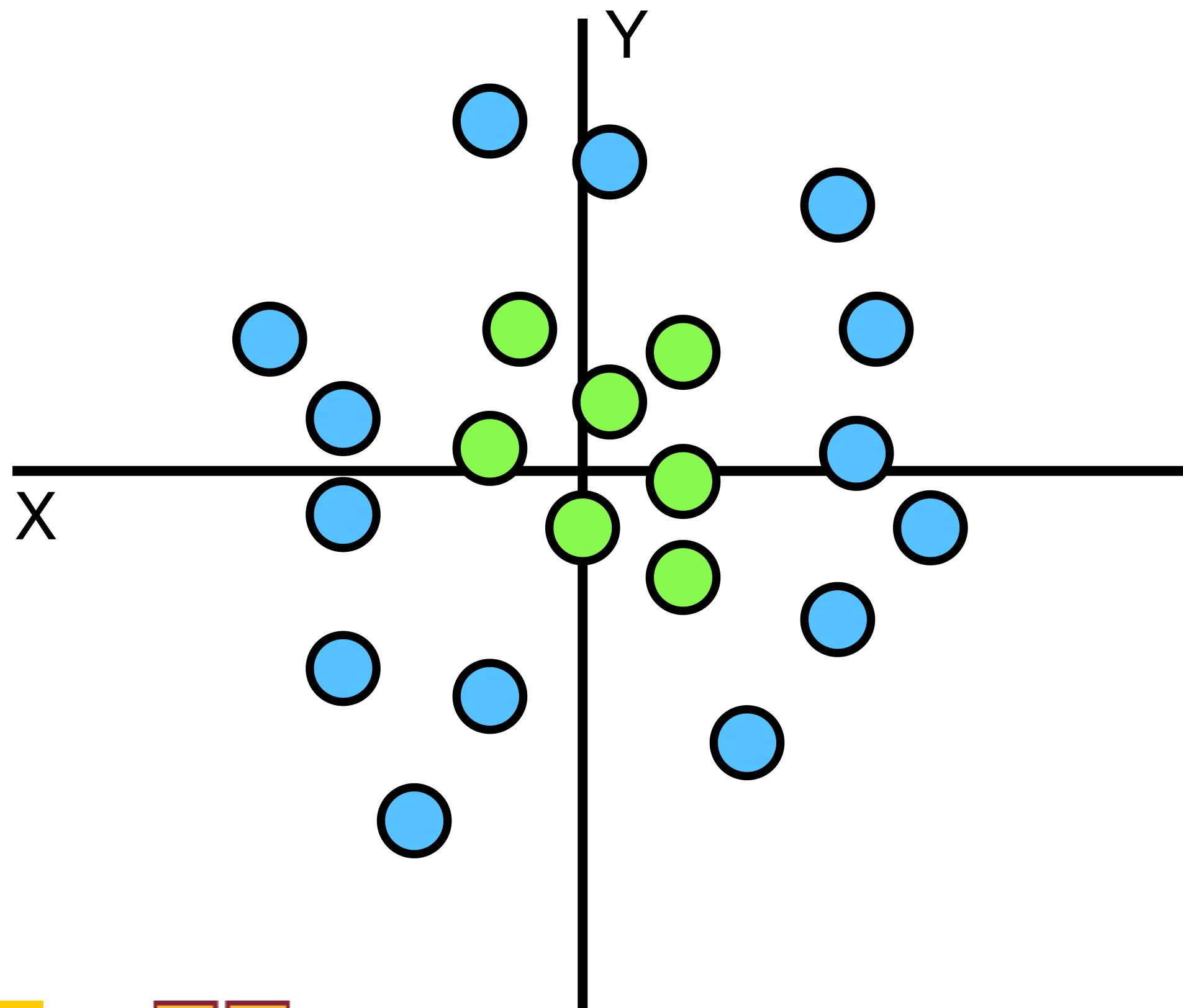
Visual Viewpoint

One template per class:
Can't recognize different modes of a
class



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Original space

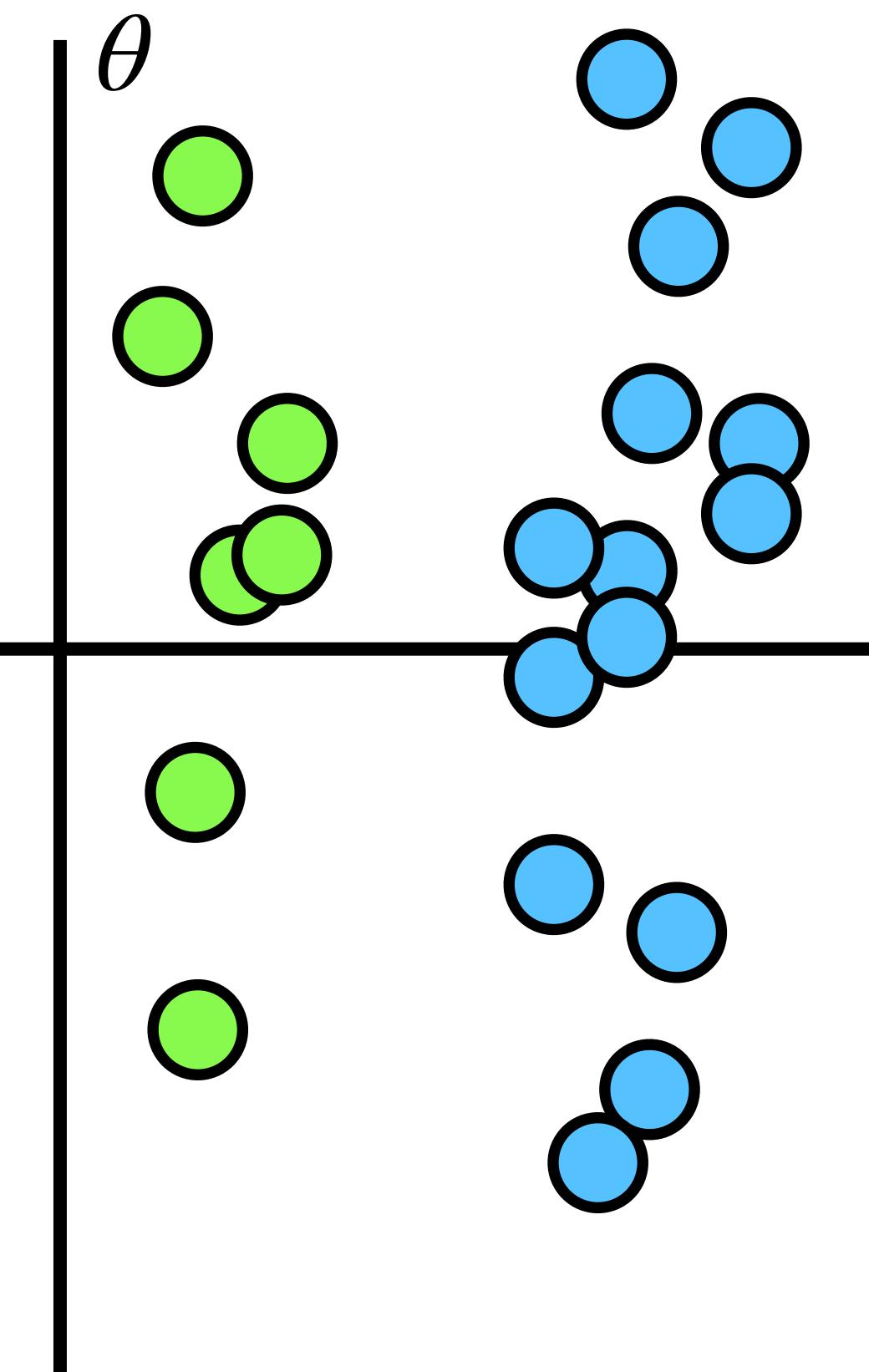


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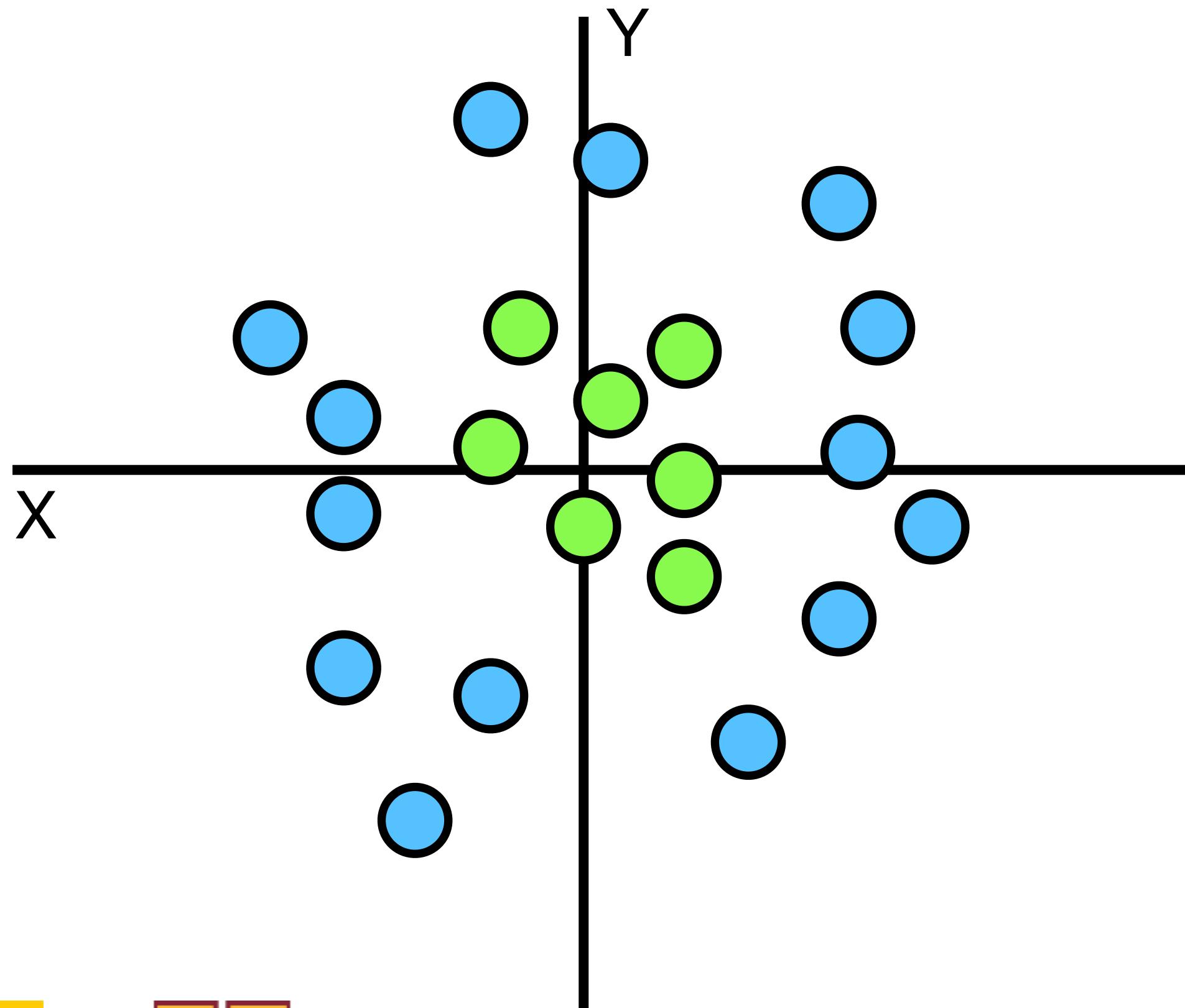
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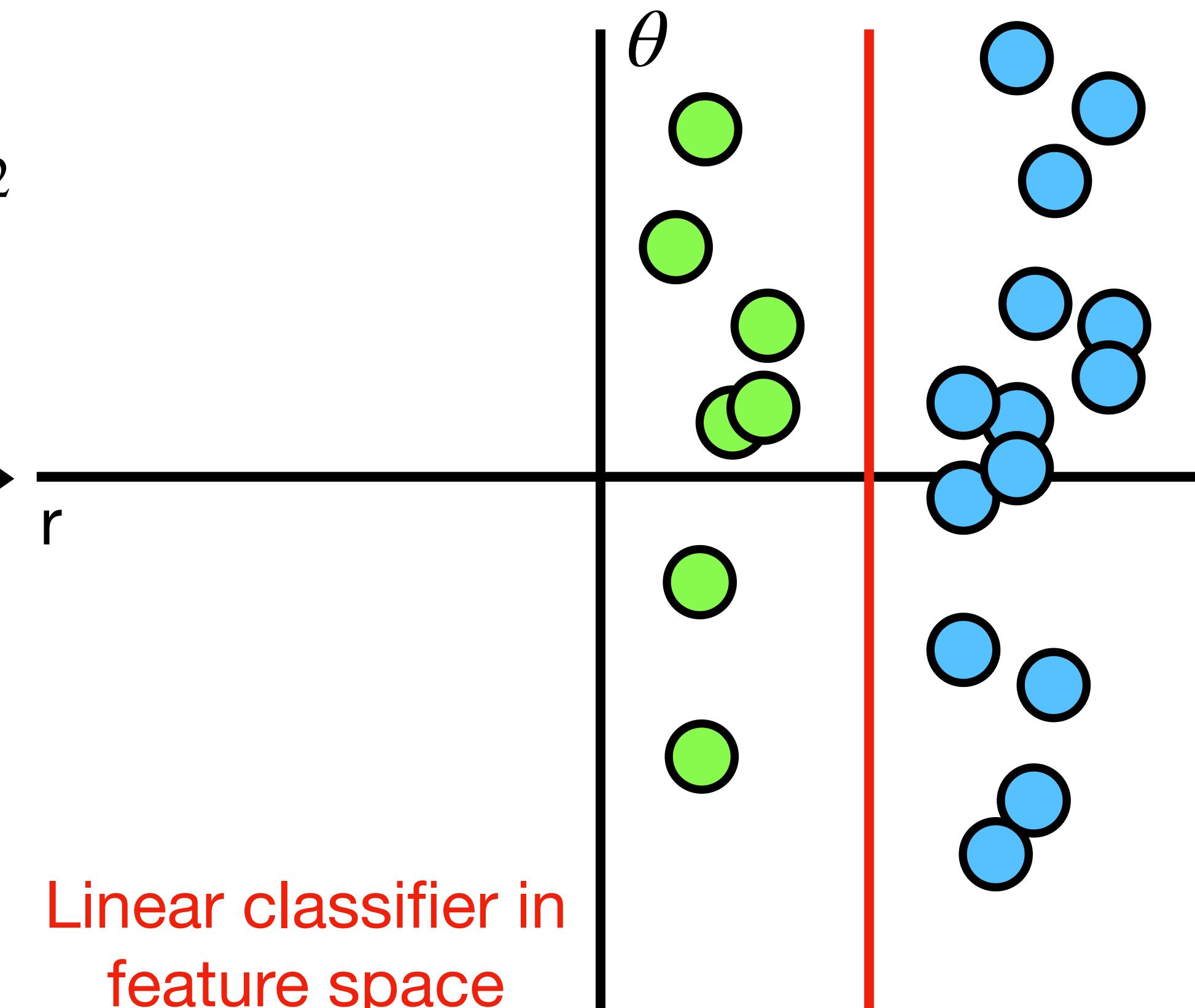


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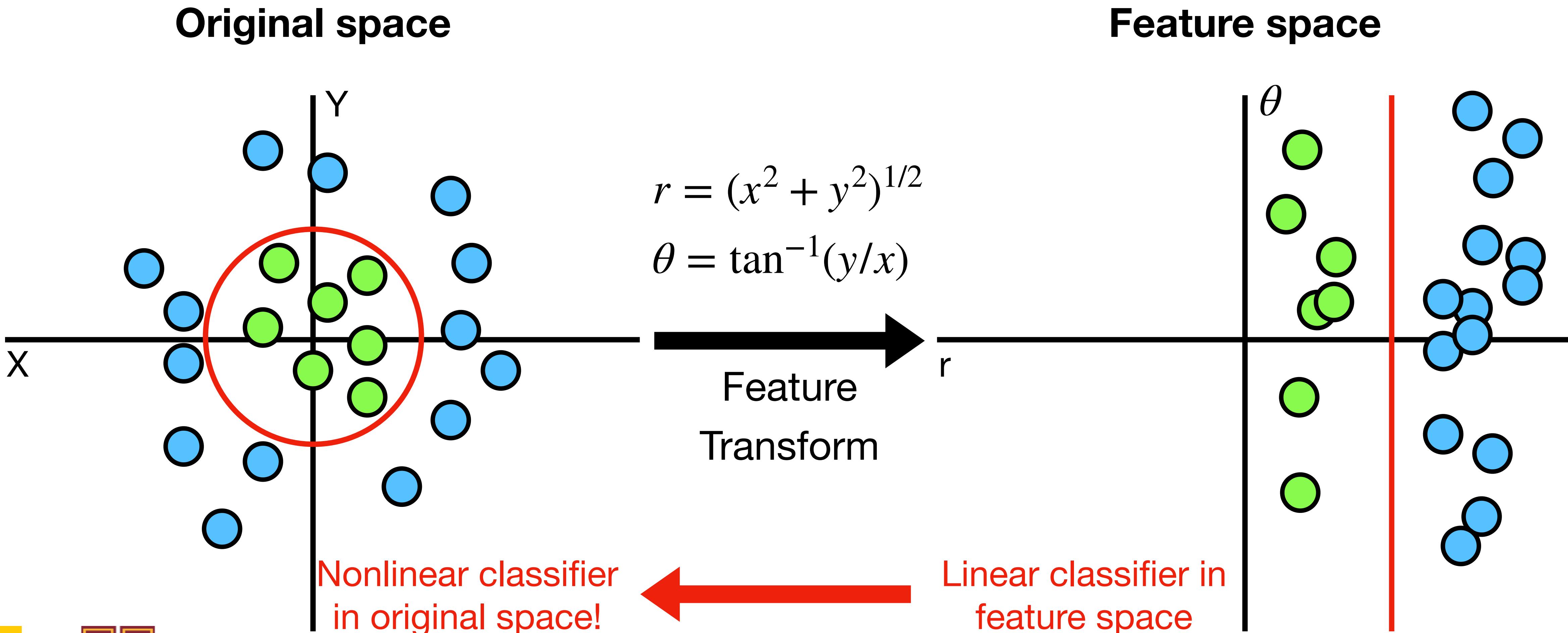
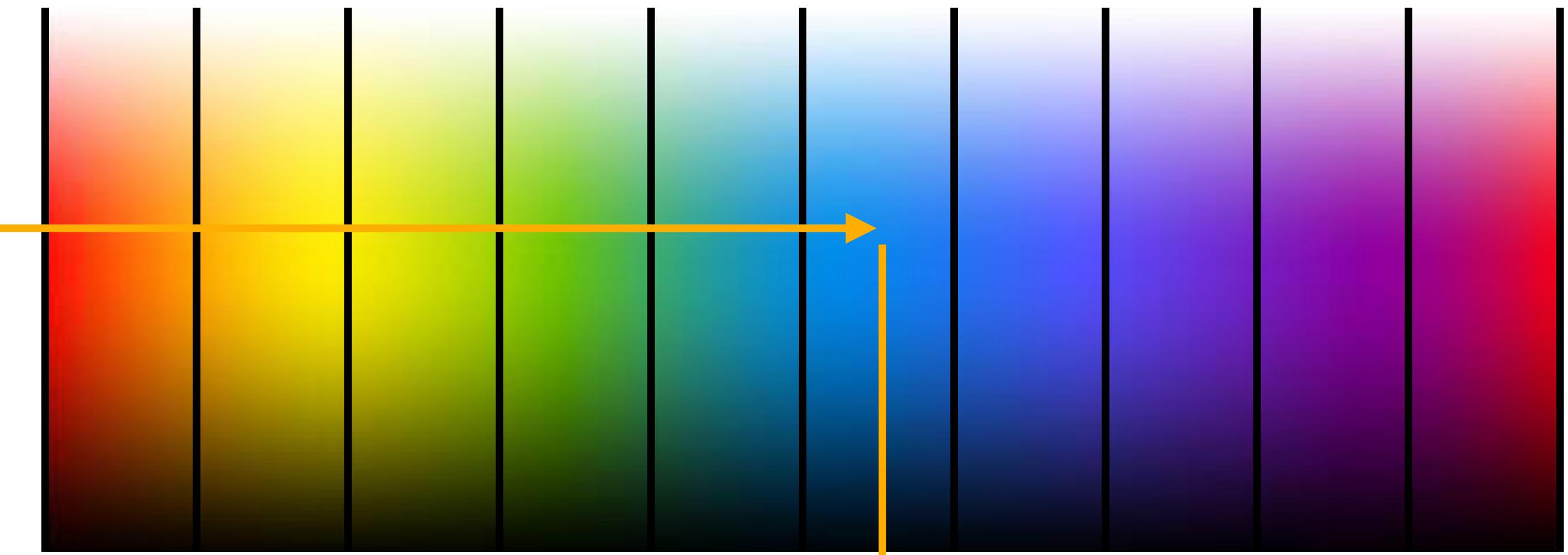
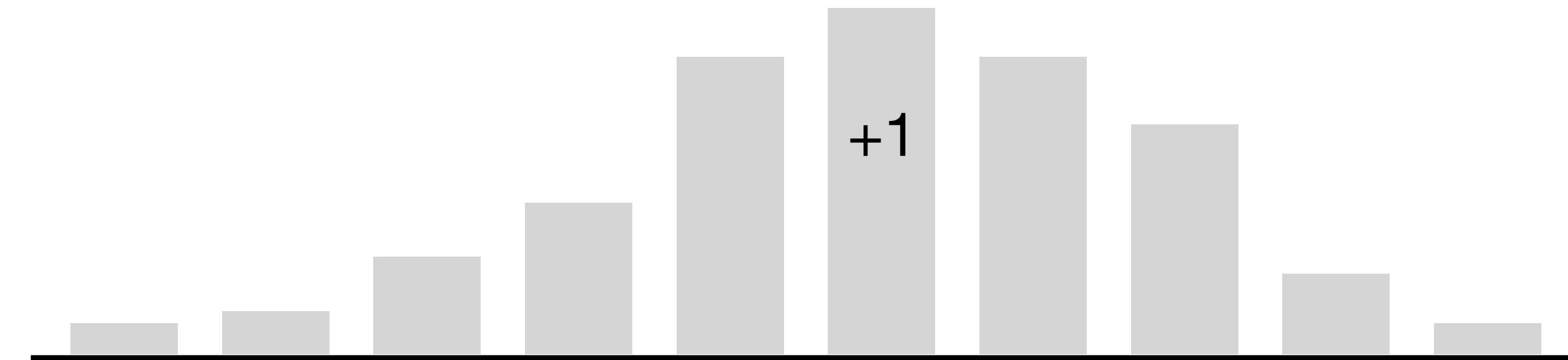


Image Features: Color Histogram



Ignores texture,
spatial positions



[Frog image](#) is in the public domain

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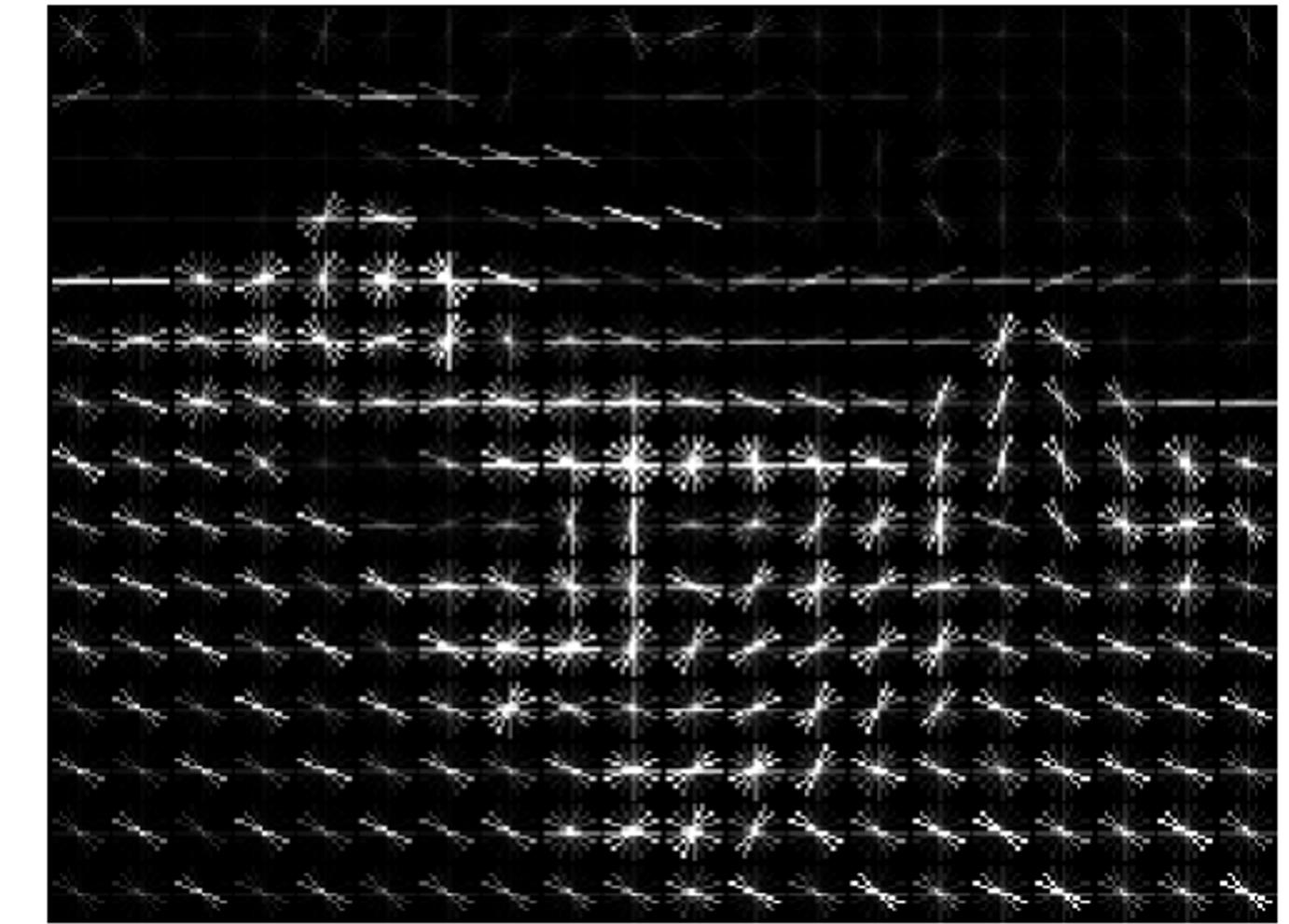


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Lowe, "Object recognition from local scale-invariant features," ICCV 1999
Dalal and Triggs, "Histograms of oriented gradients for human detection," CVPR 2005

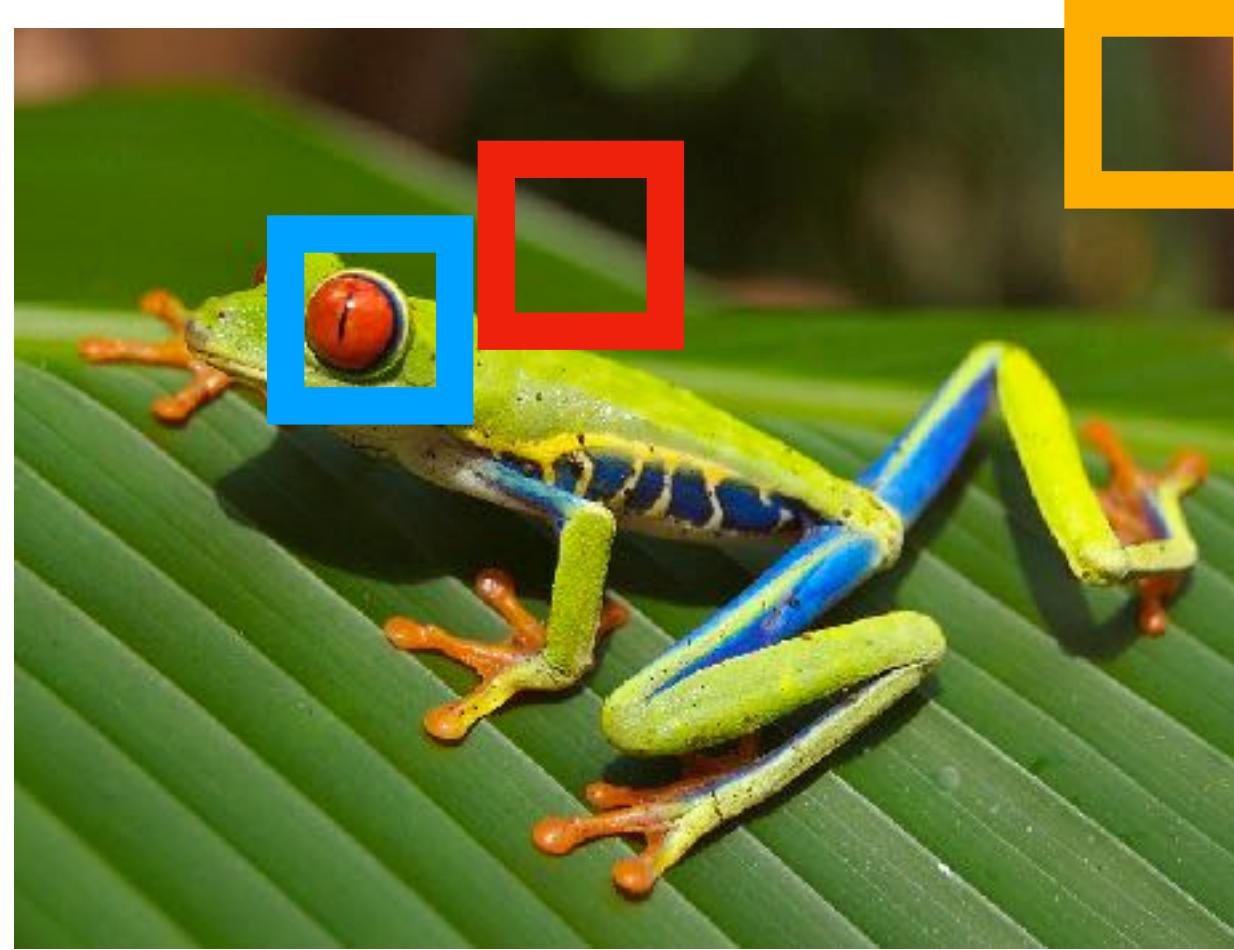
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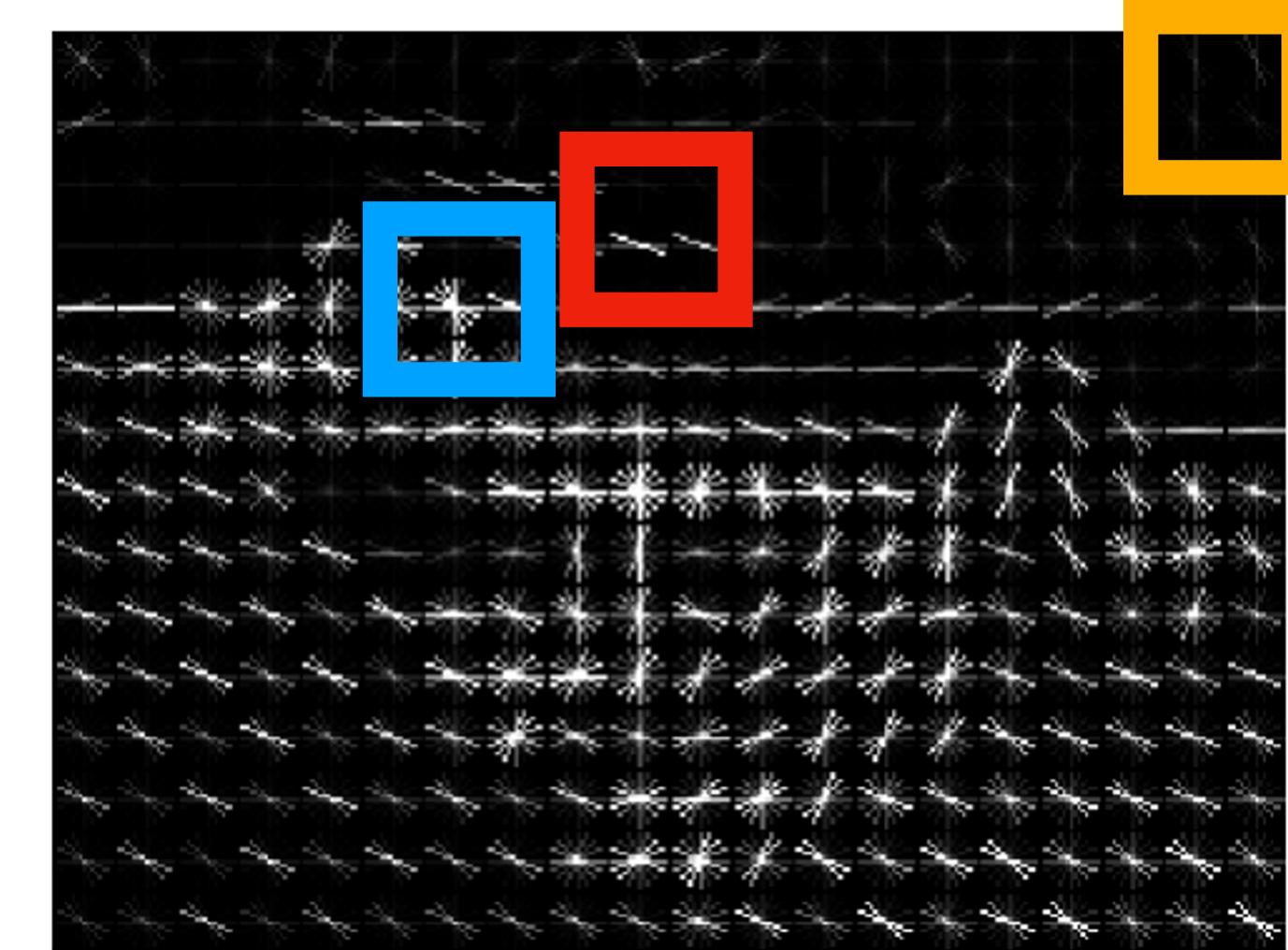
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Weak edges
Strong diagonal edges
→
Edges in all directions

Capture texture and position, robust to small image changes



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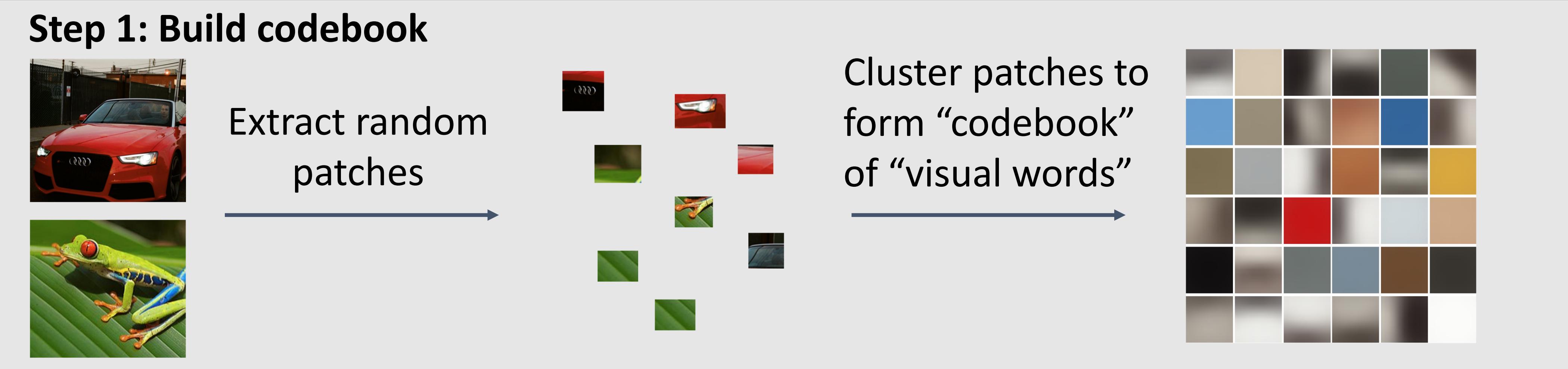


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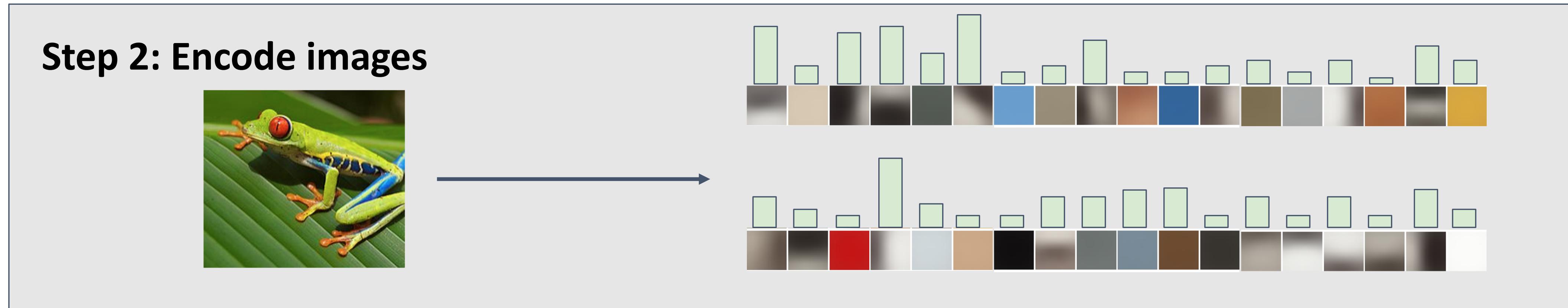
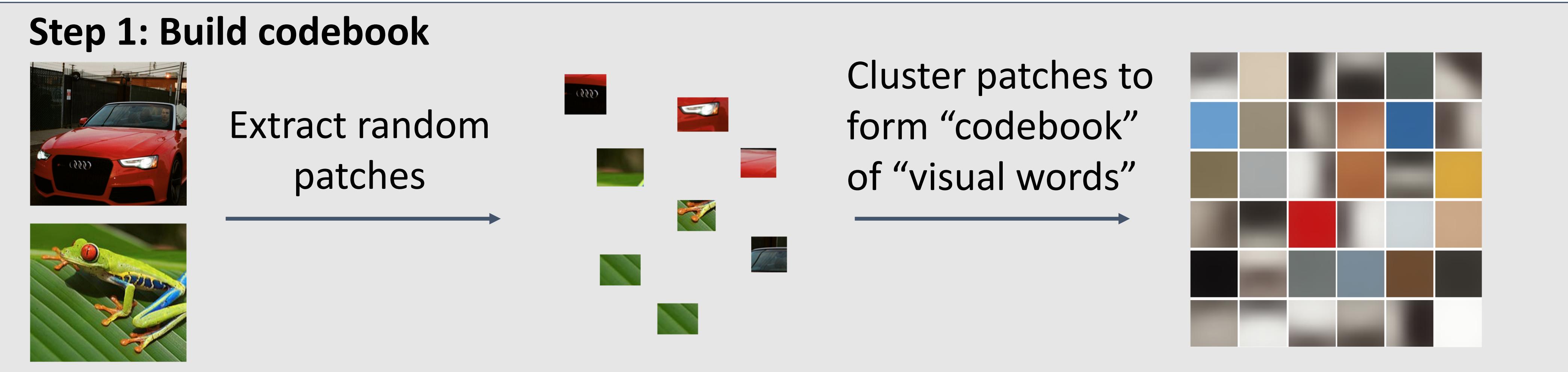
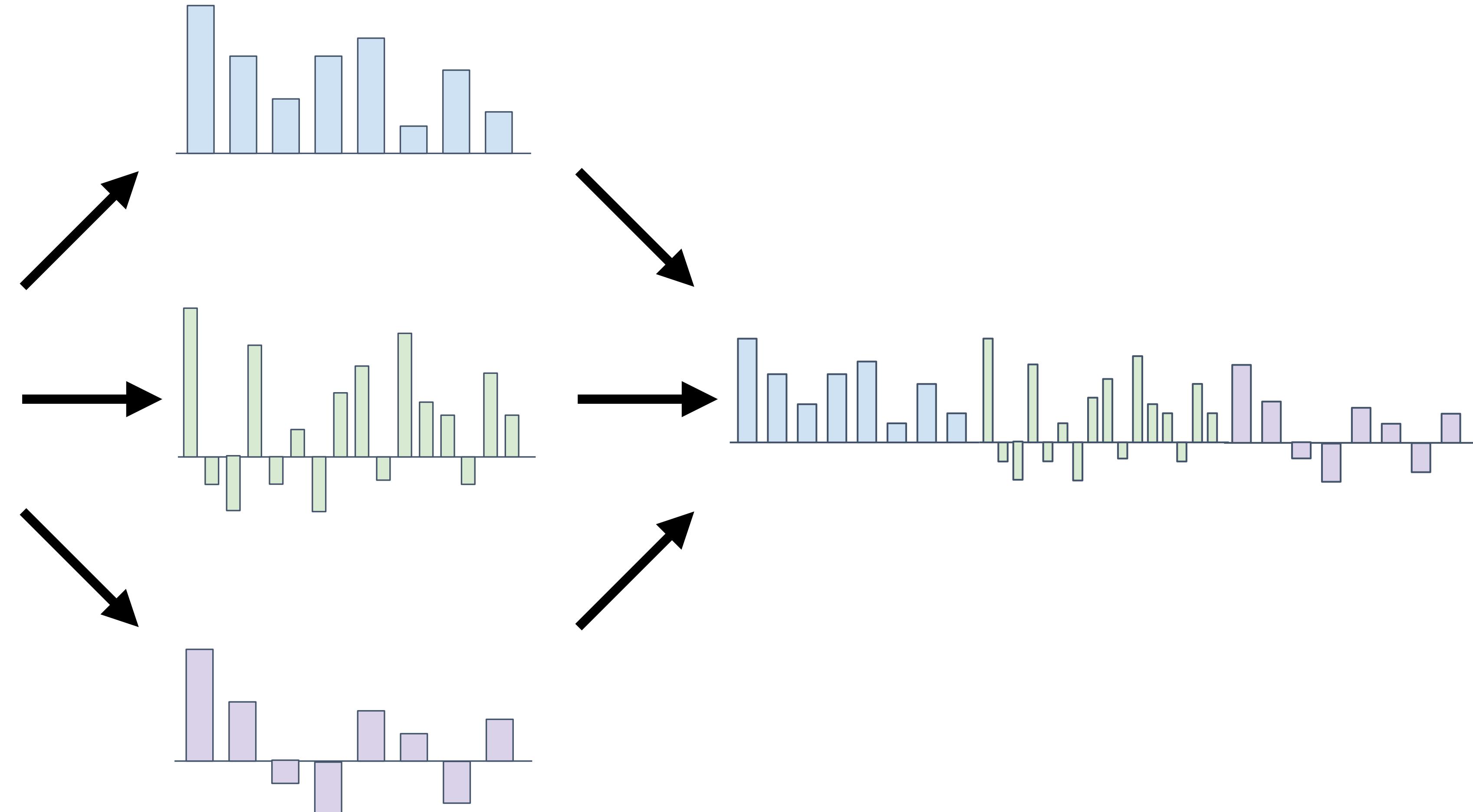


Image Features



Example: Winner of 2011 ImageNet Challenge

Low-level feature extraction \approx 10k patches per image

- SIFT: 128-dims
 - Color: 96-dim
- } Reduced to 64-dim with PCA

FV extraction and compression:

- $N=1024$ Gaussians, $R=4$ regions \rightarrow 520K dim x 2
- Compression: $G=8$, $b=1$ bit per dimension

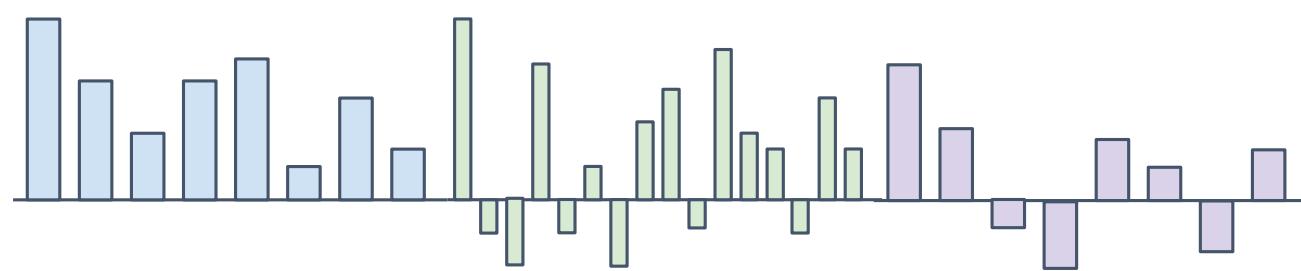
One-vs-all SVM learning with SGD

Late fusion of SIFT and color systems

Image Features



Feature Extraction



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→
←
training

10 numbers giving
scores for classes

Image Features vs Neural Networks



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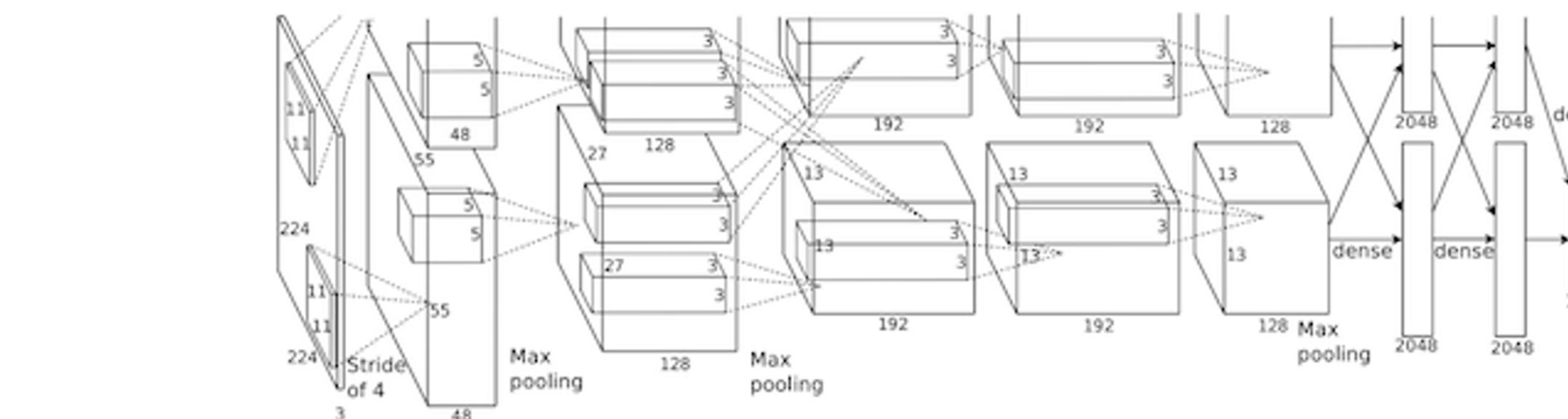
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Or Three-Layer Neural Network:

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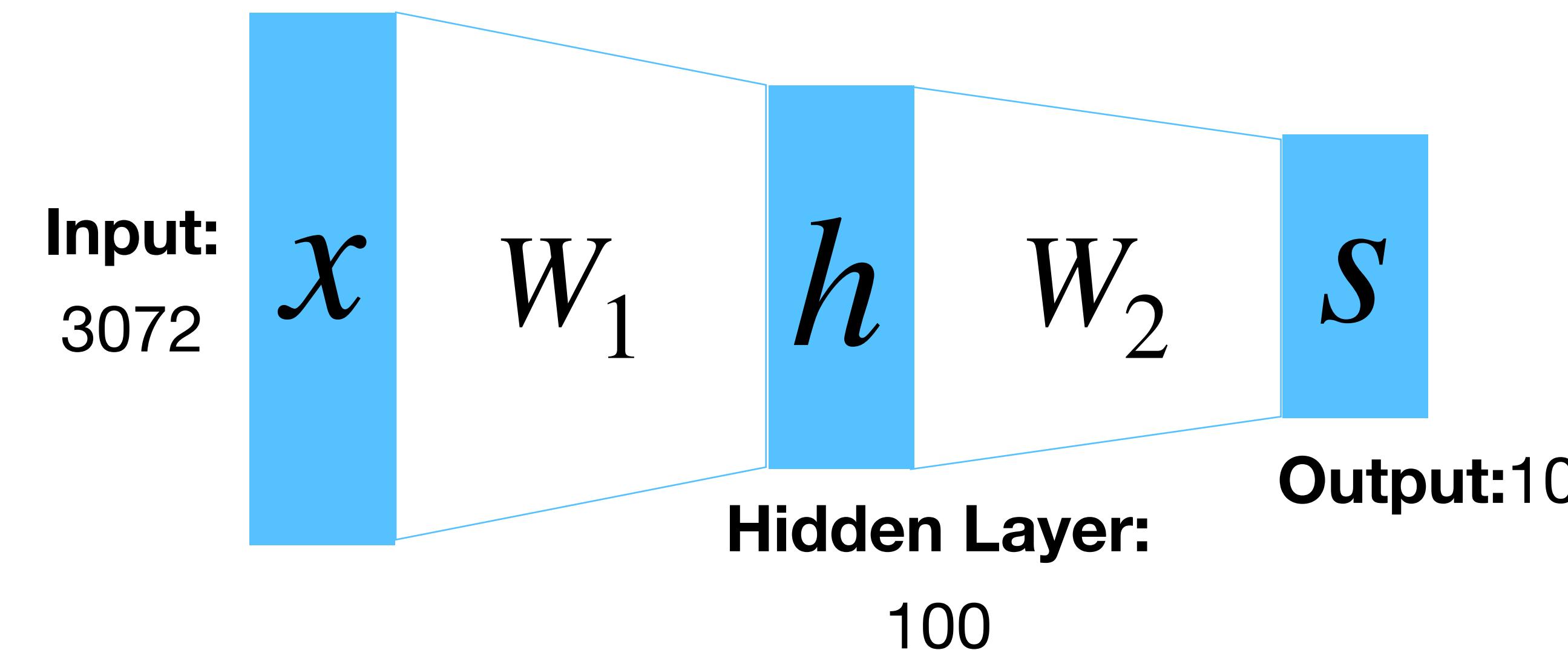
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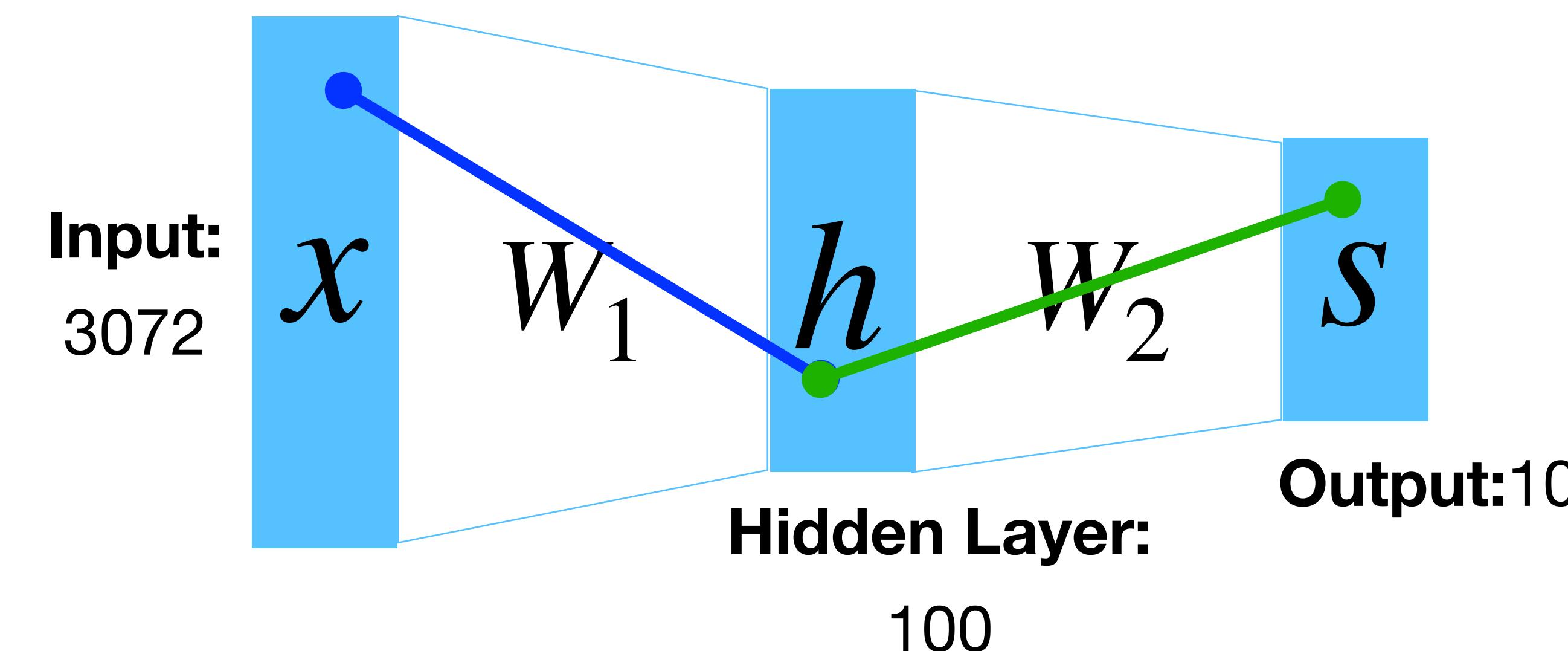
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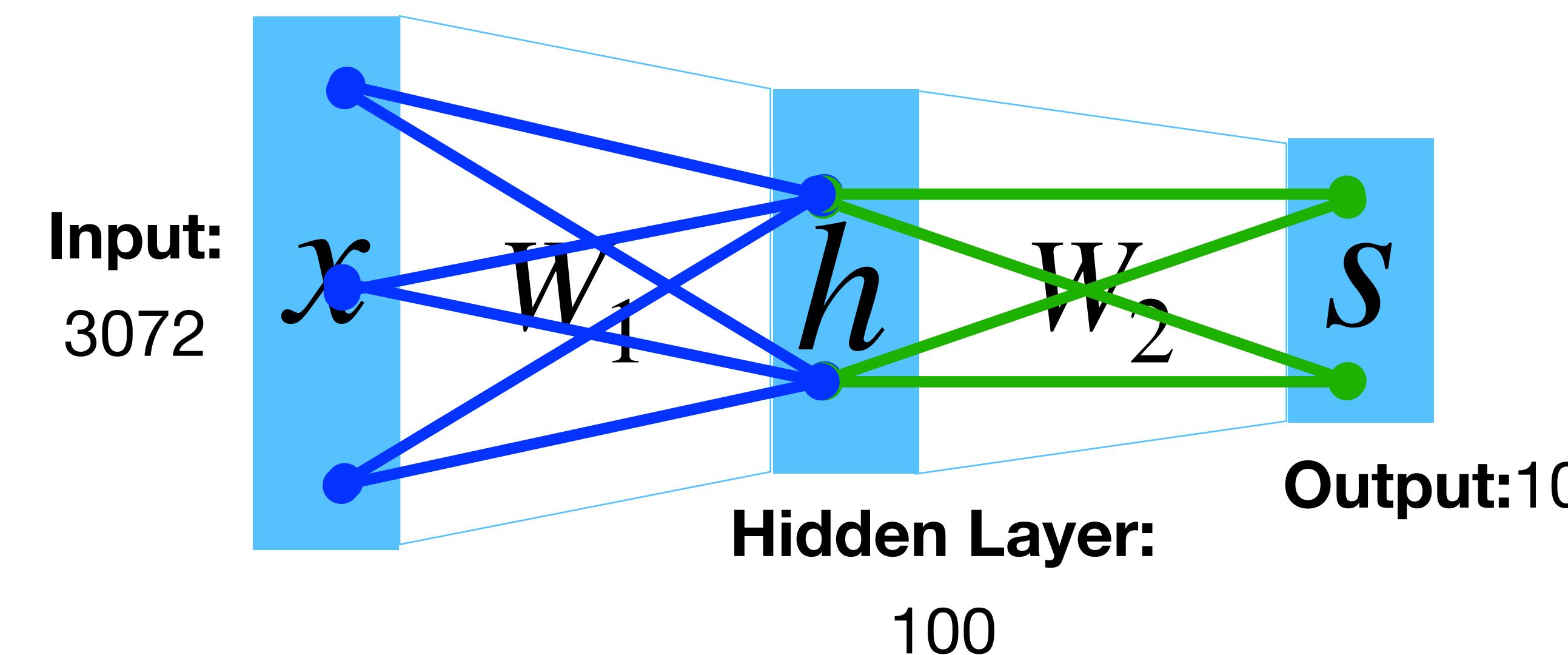
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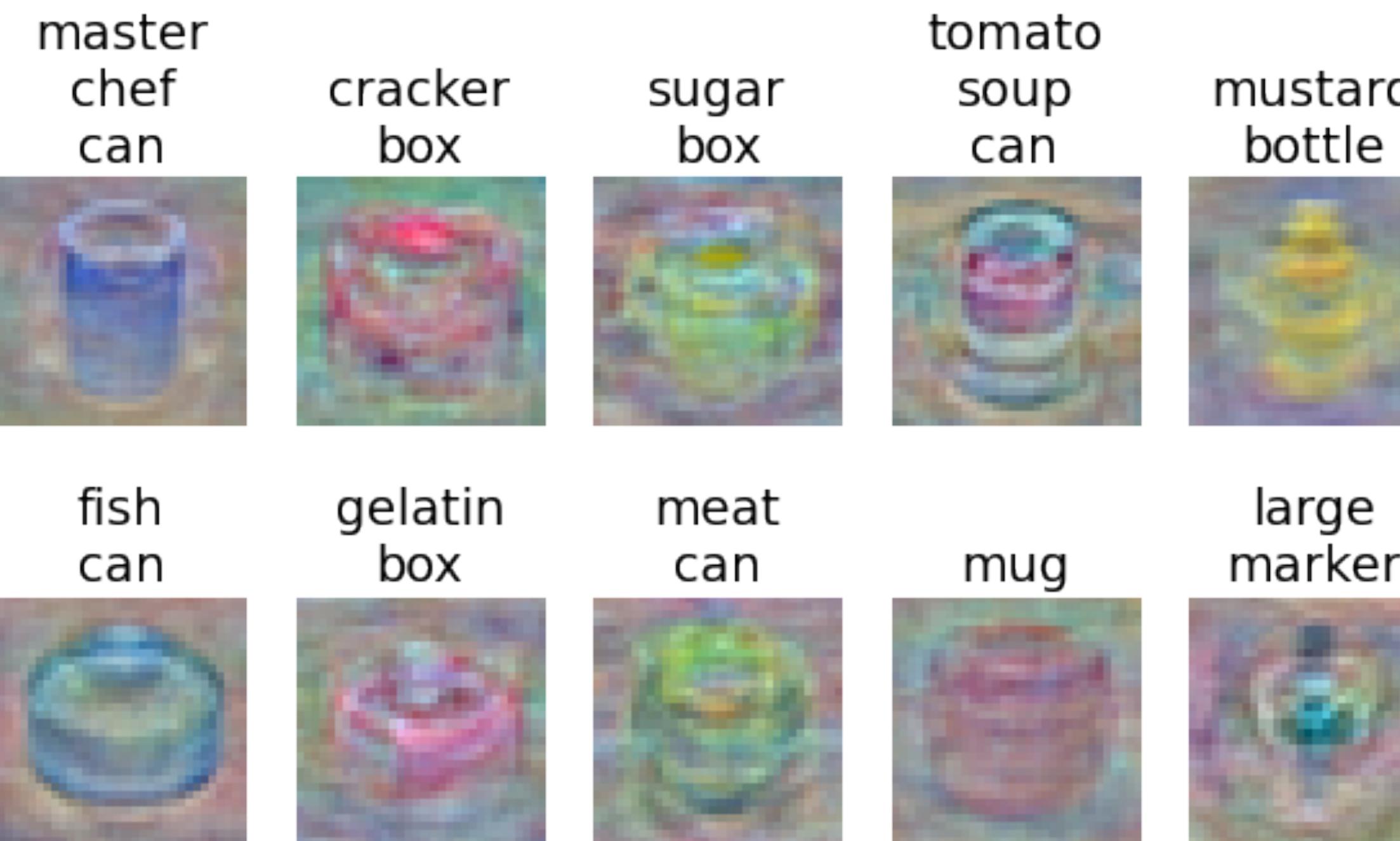
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Fully-connected neural network also
“Multi-Layer Perceptron” (MLP)

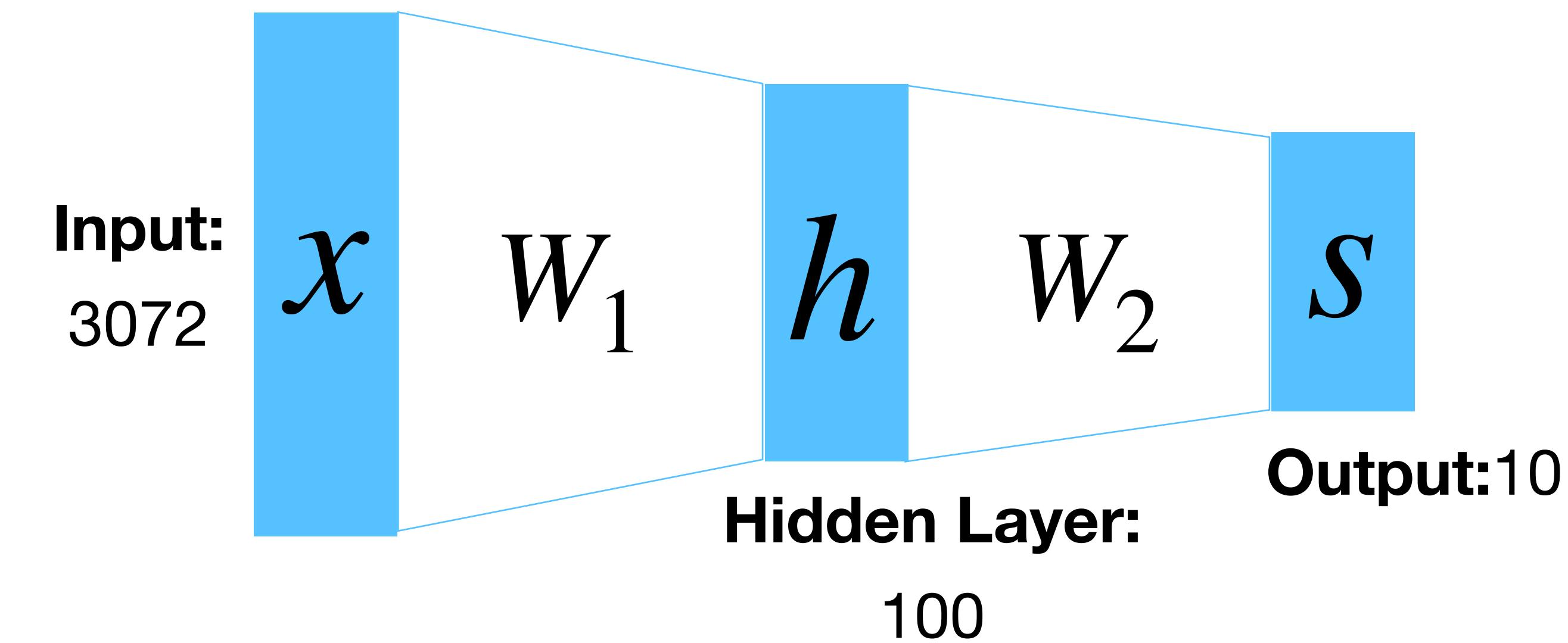
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Linear classifier: One template per class



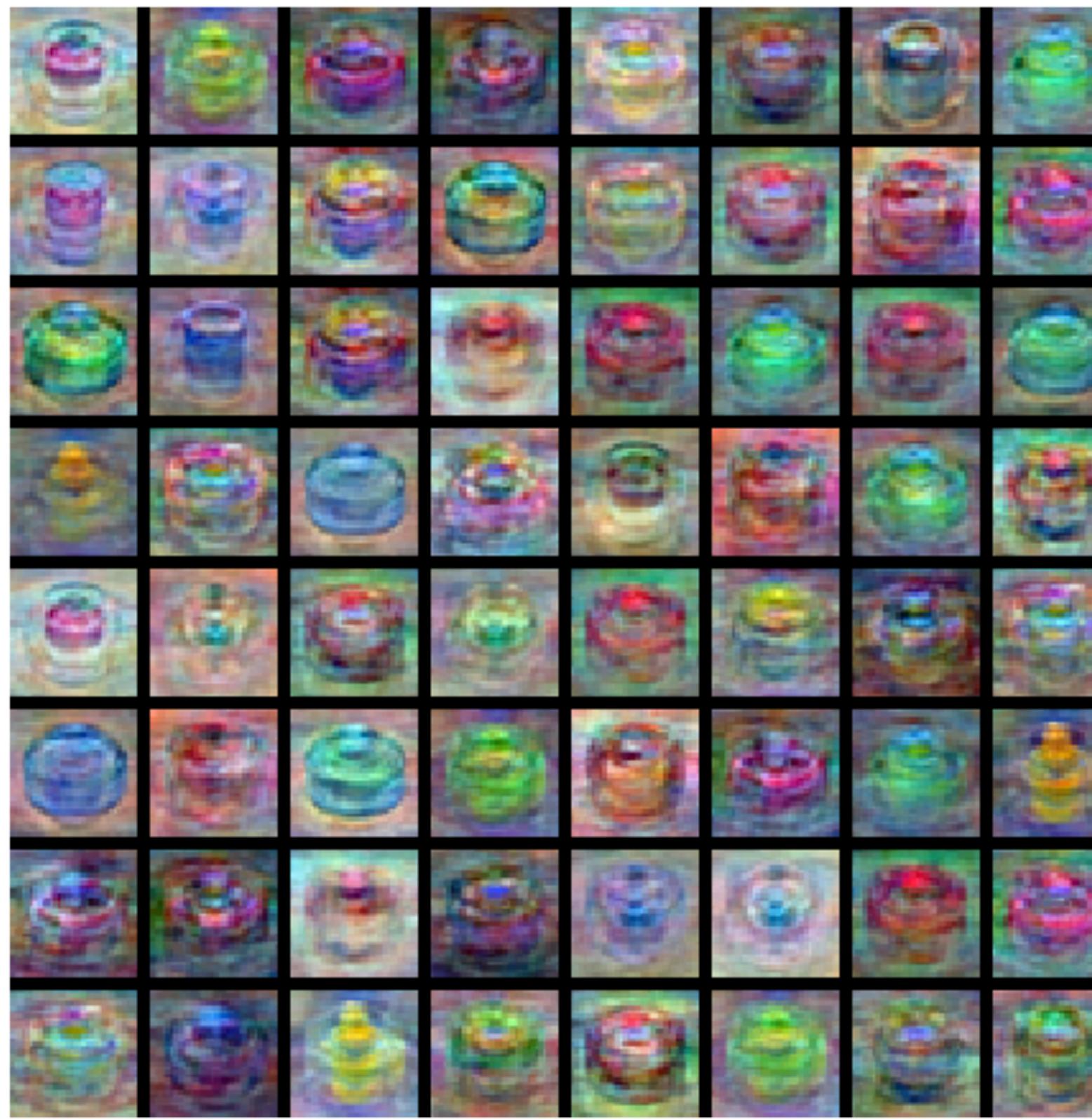
Before: Linear score function

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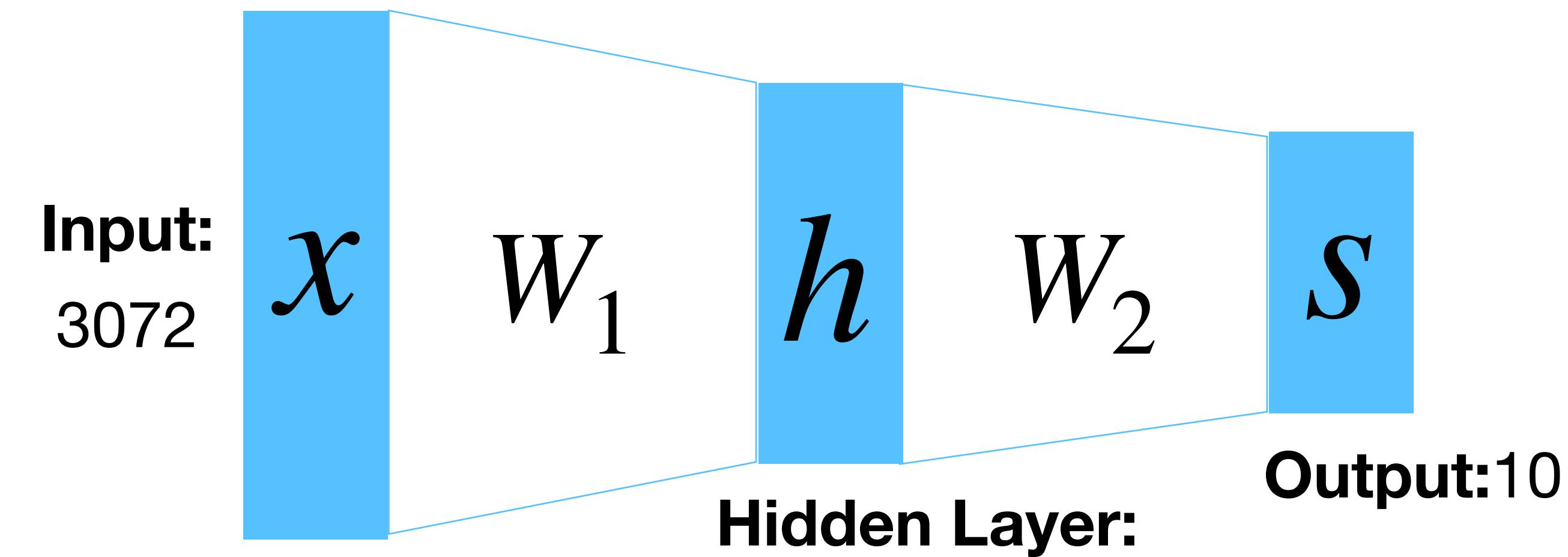
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Neural net: first layer is bank of templates;
Second layer recombines templates



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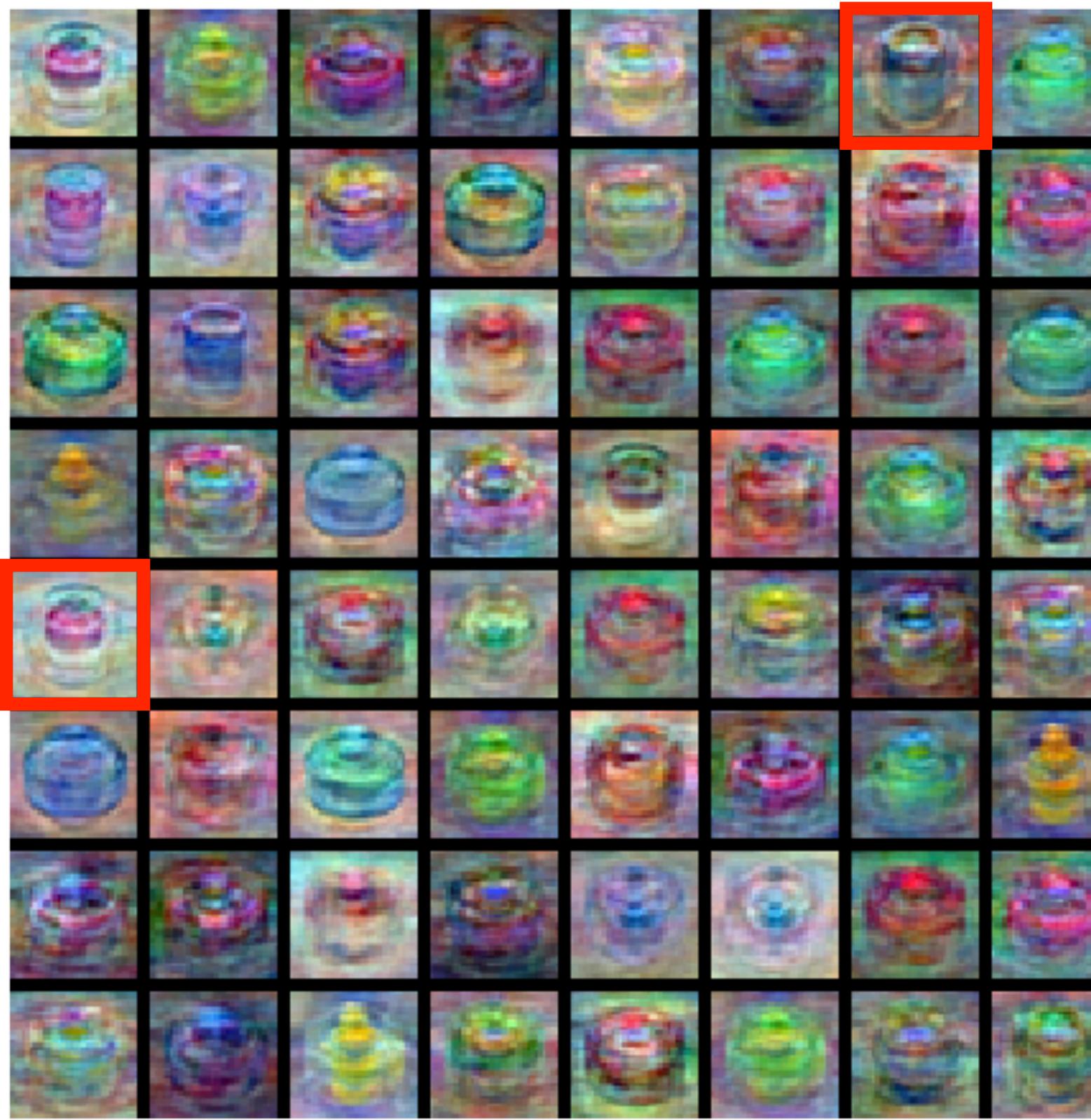
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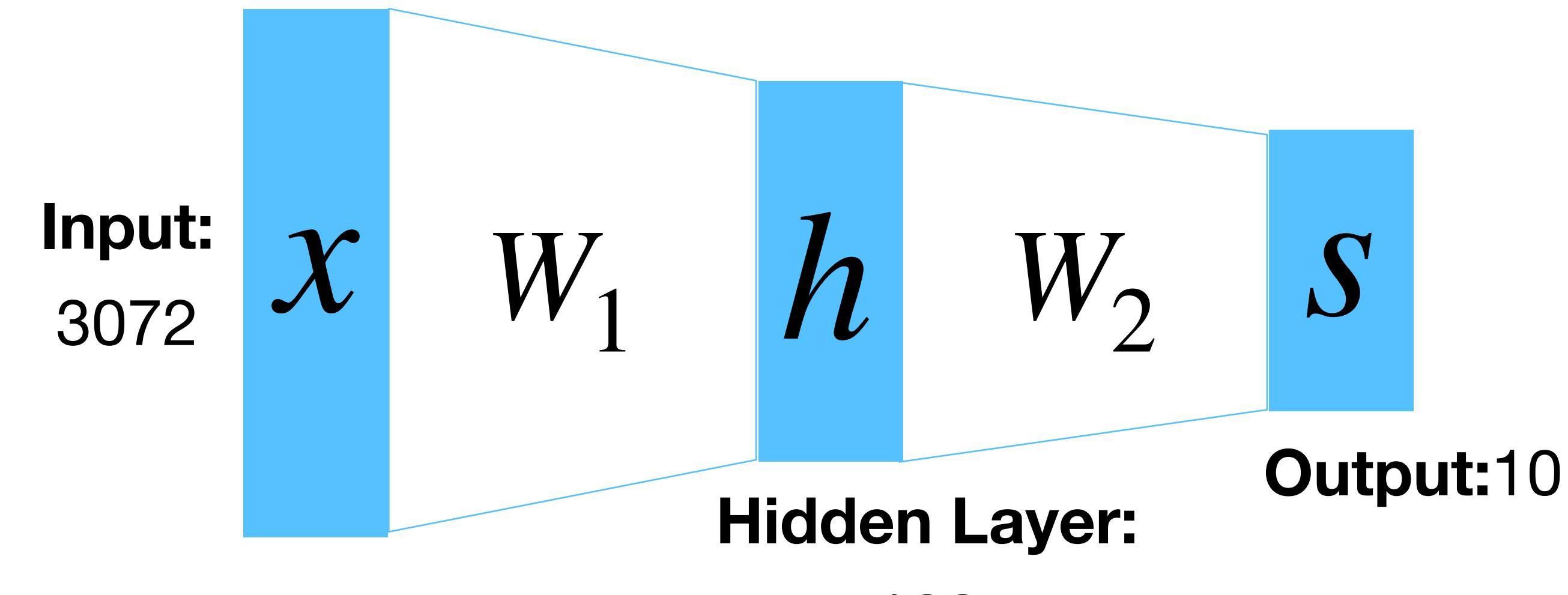
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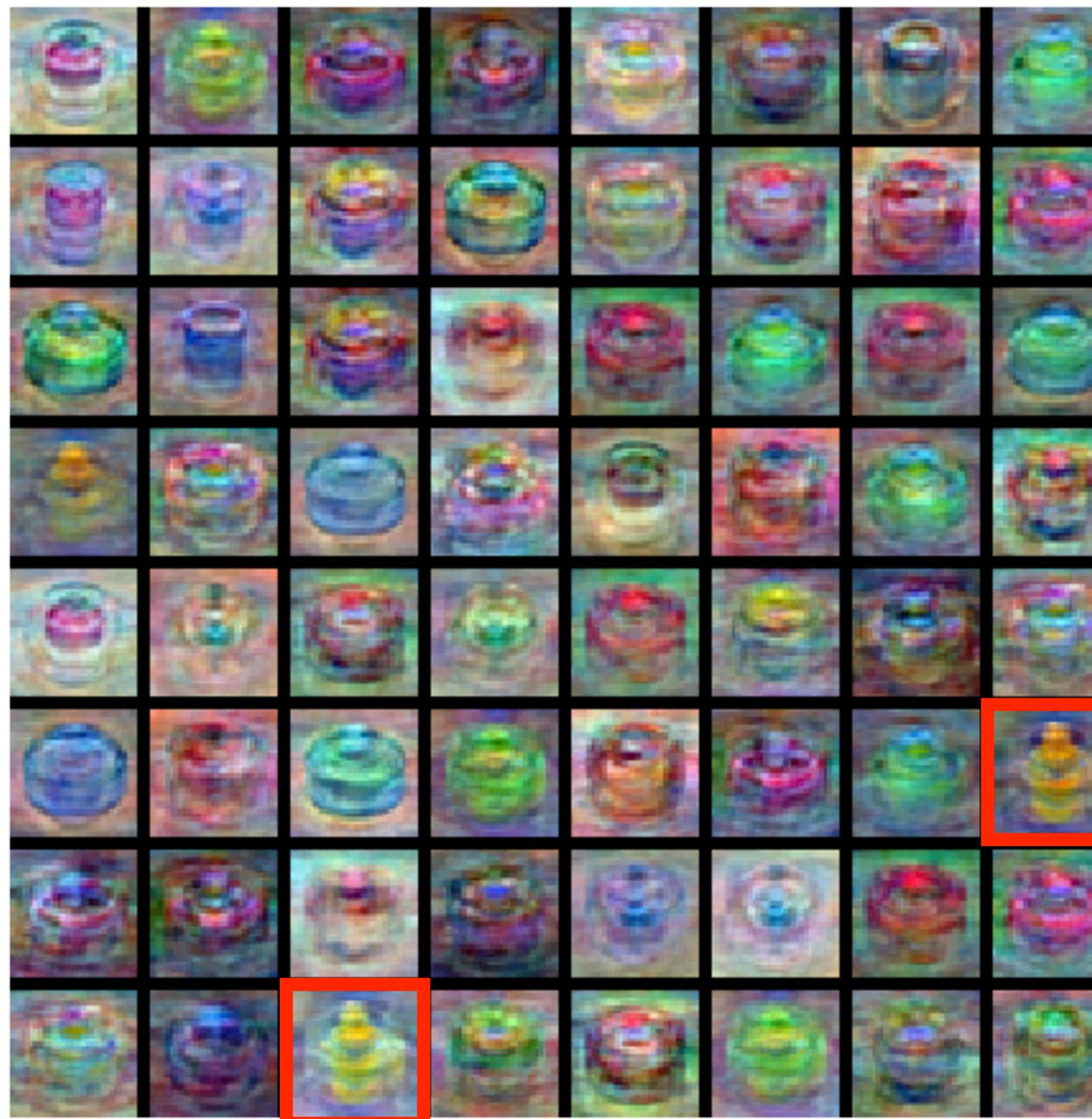
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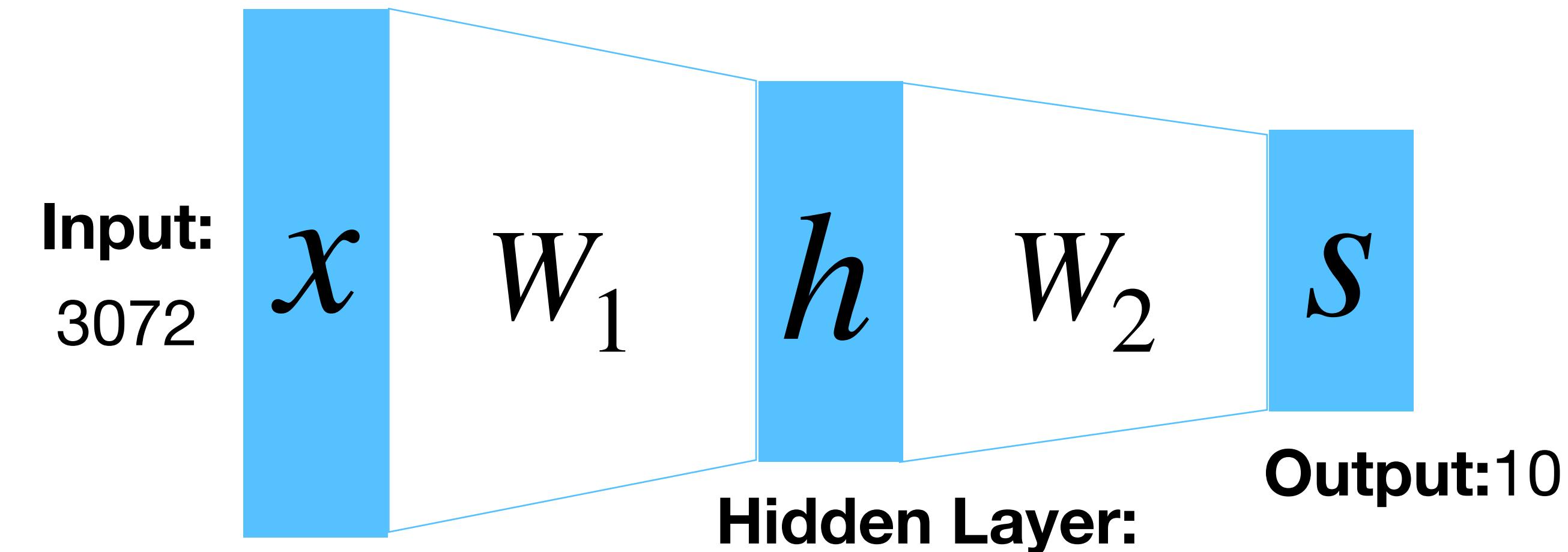
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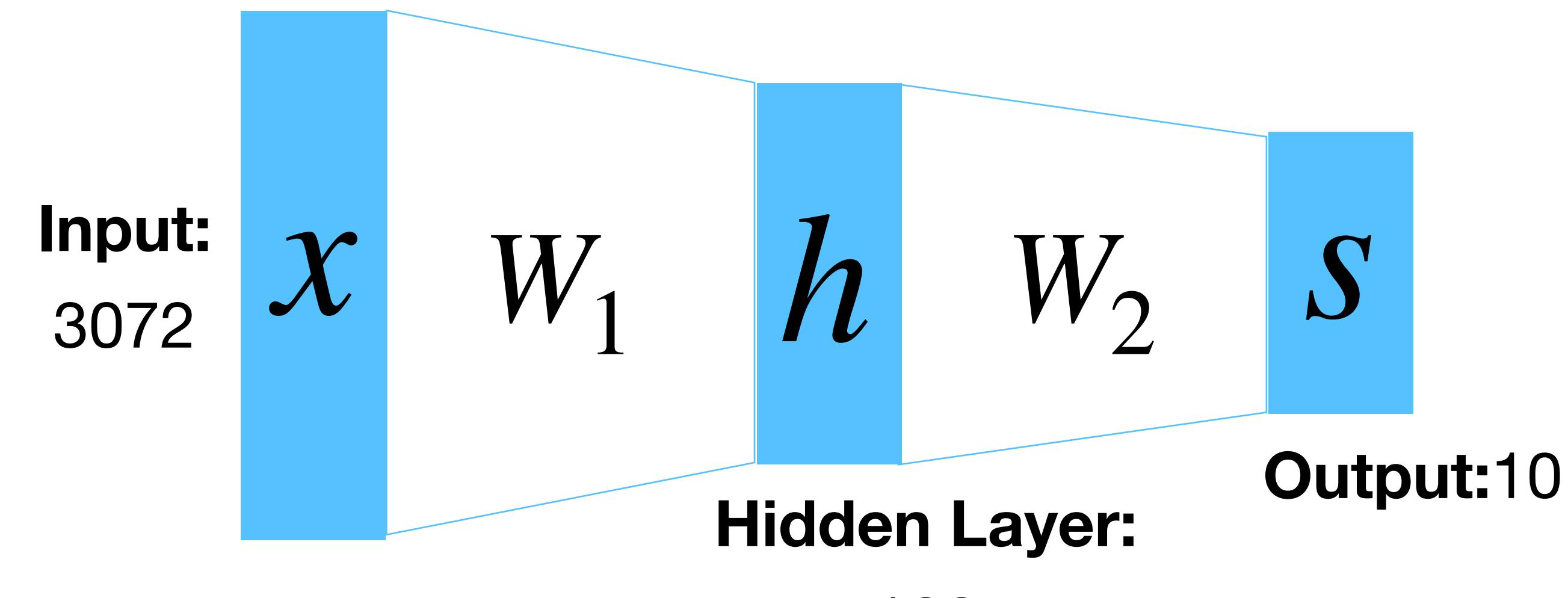
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“Distributed representation”: Most templates not interpretable!



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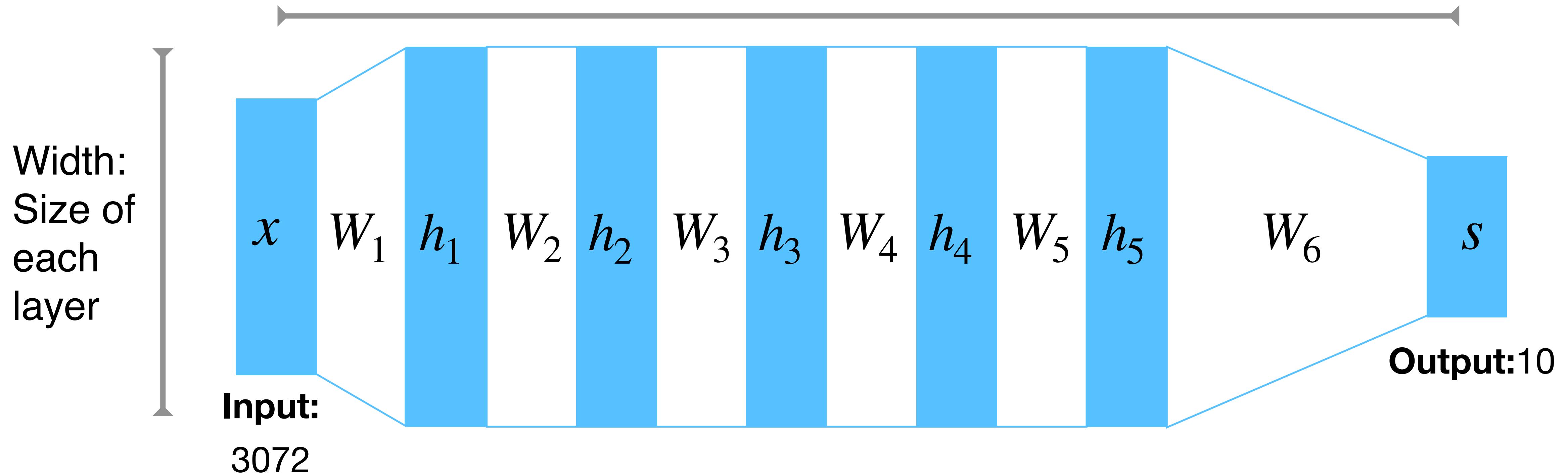
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Deep Neural Networks

Depth = number of layers



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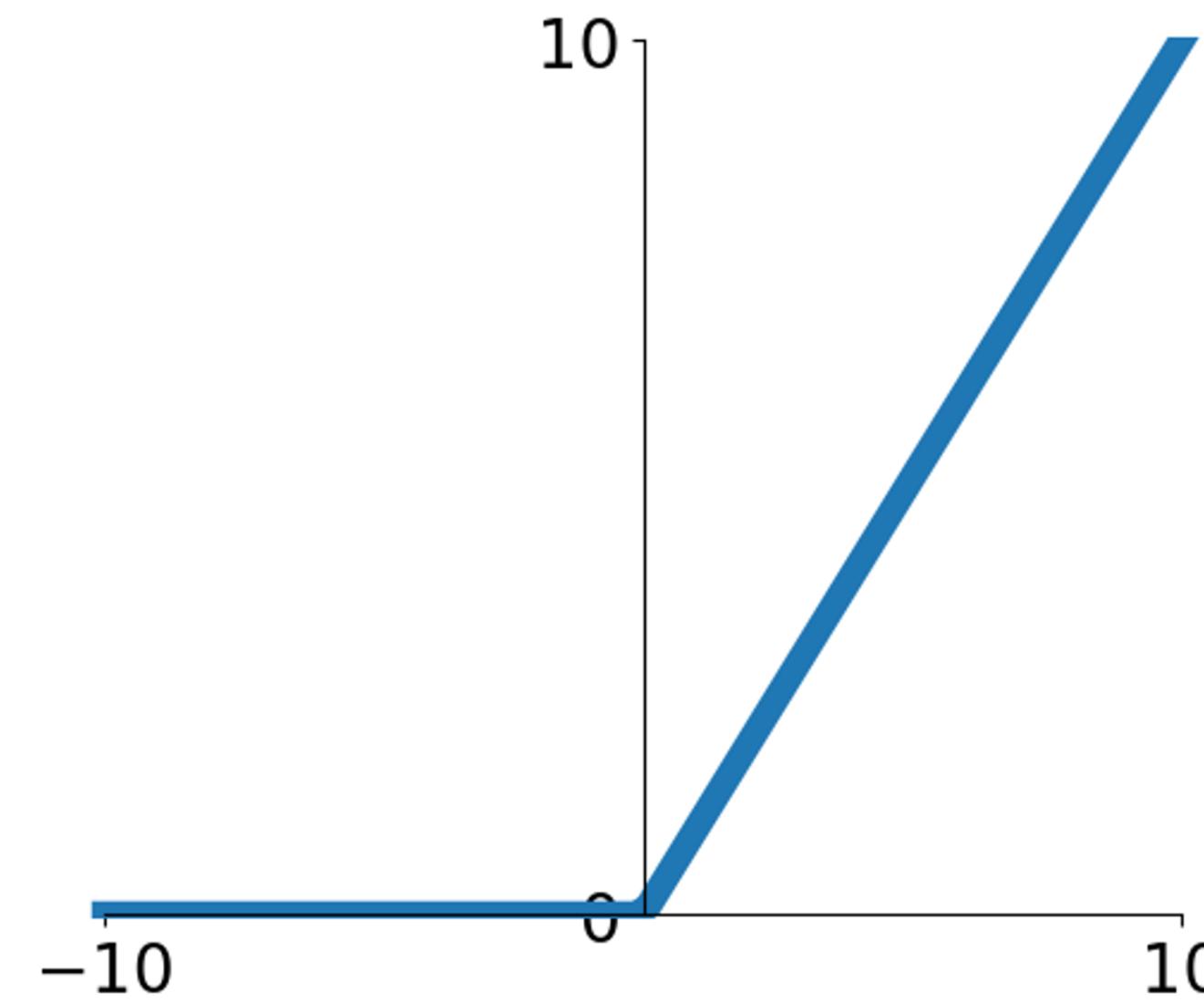
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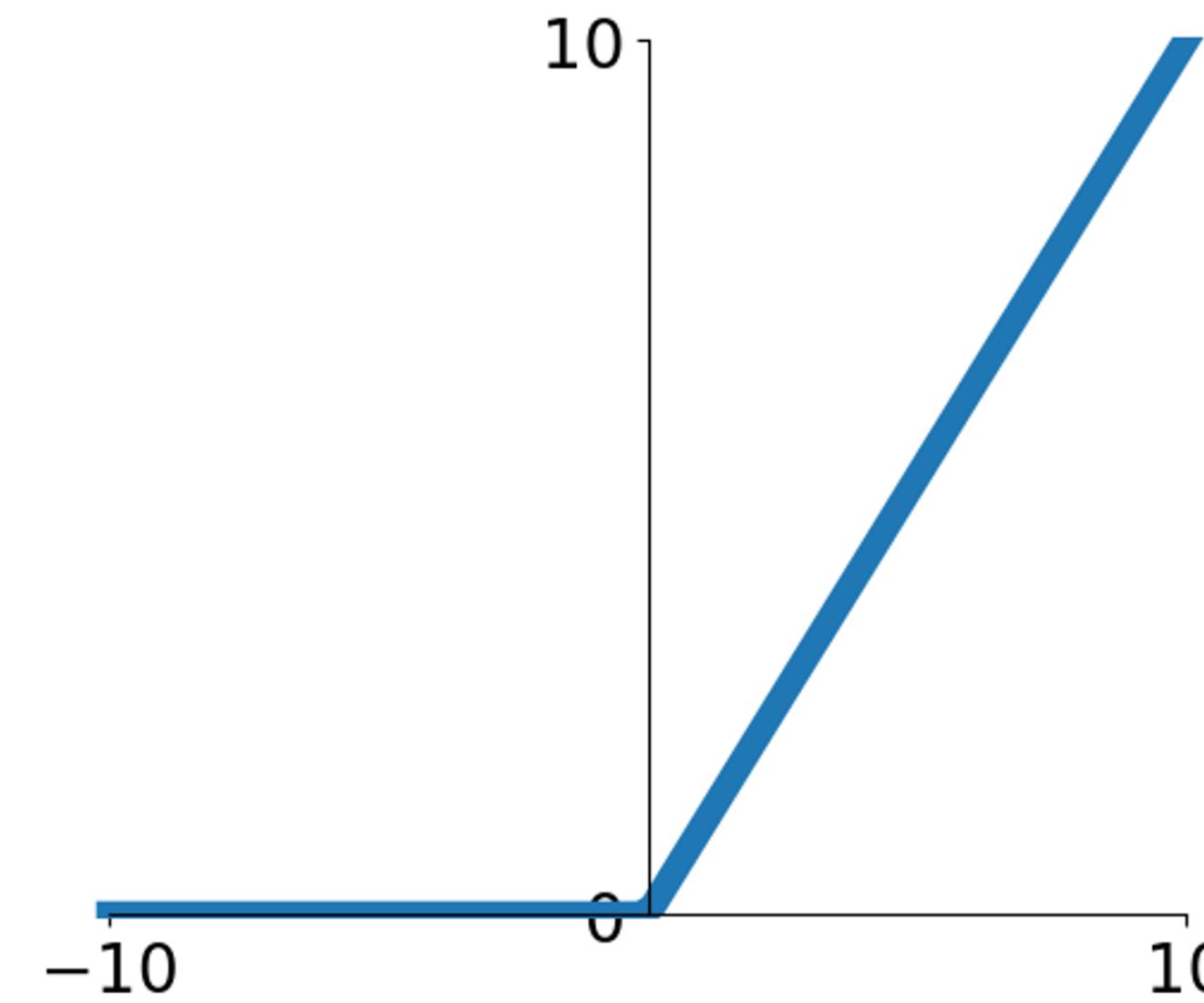
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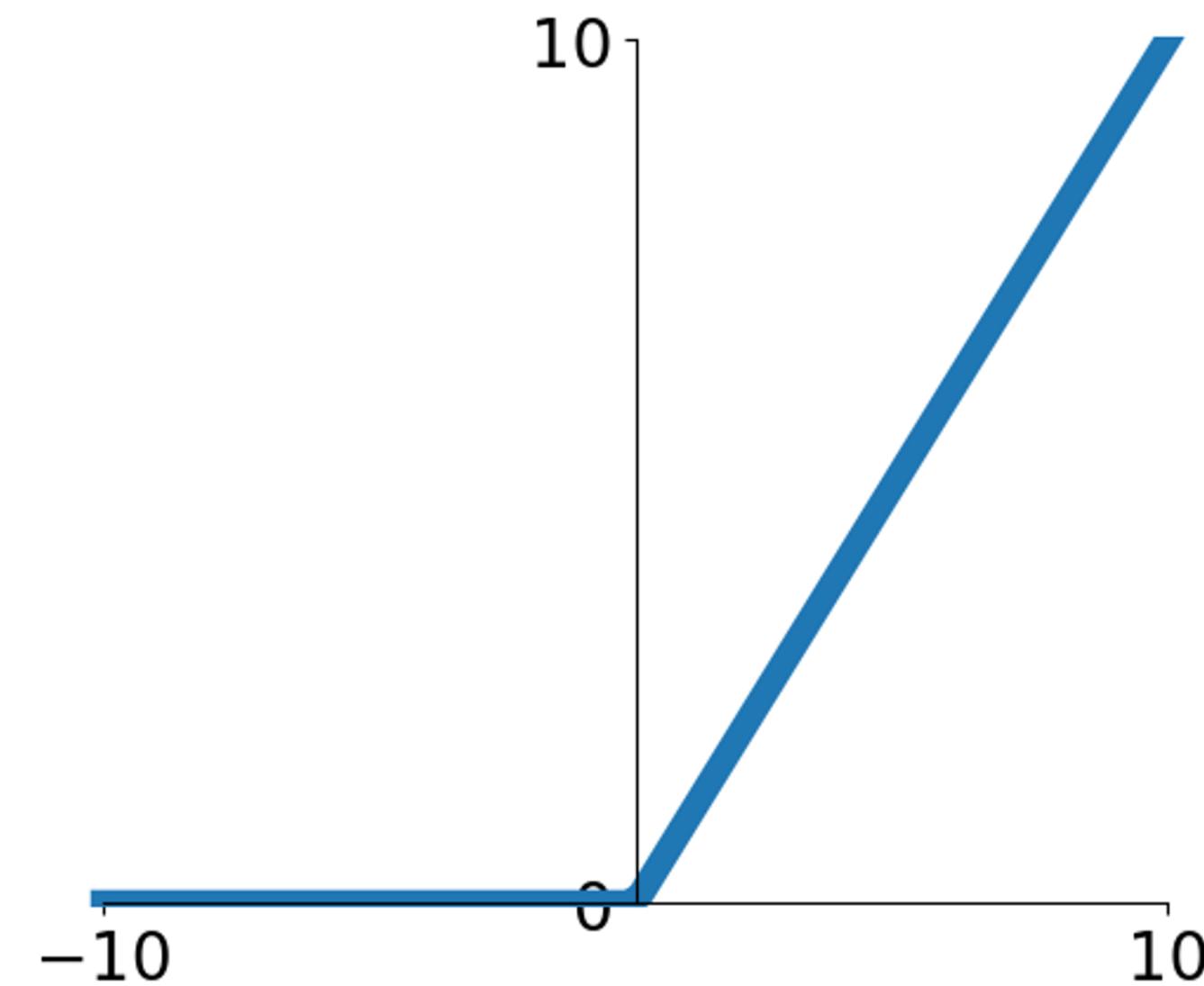
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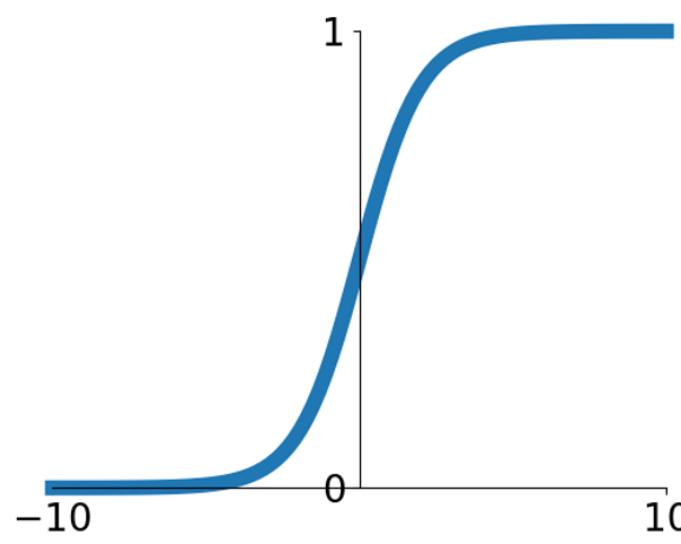
$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= W_2(W_1 x + b_1) + b_2 \\ &= (W_1 W_2)x + (W_2 b_1 + b_2) \end{aligned}$$

A: We end up with a linear classifier

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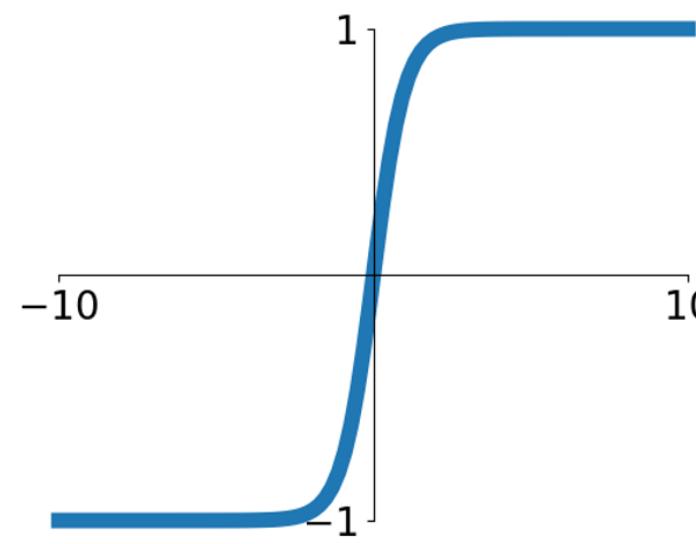
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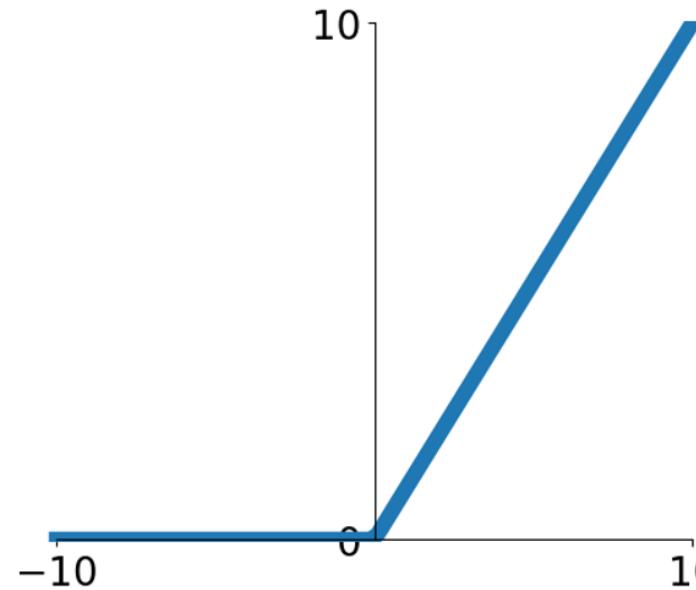
tanh

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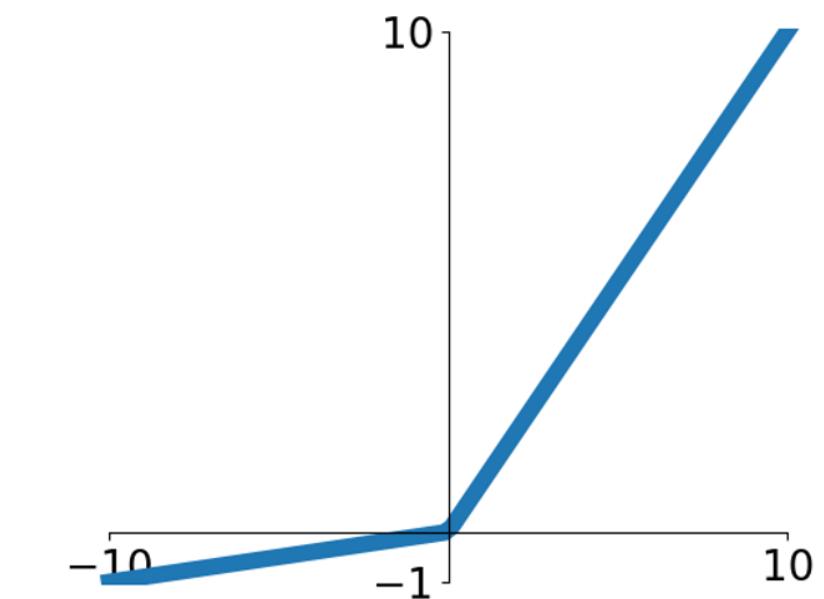
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Leaky ReLU

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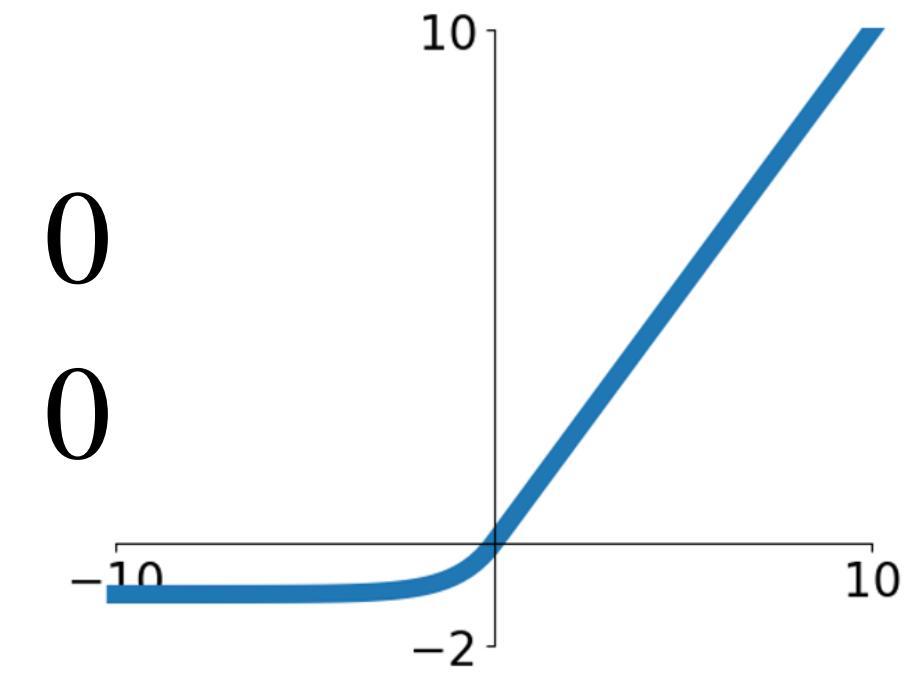


Softplus

$$\log(1 + \exp(x))$$

ELU

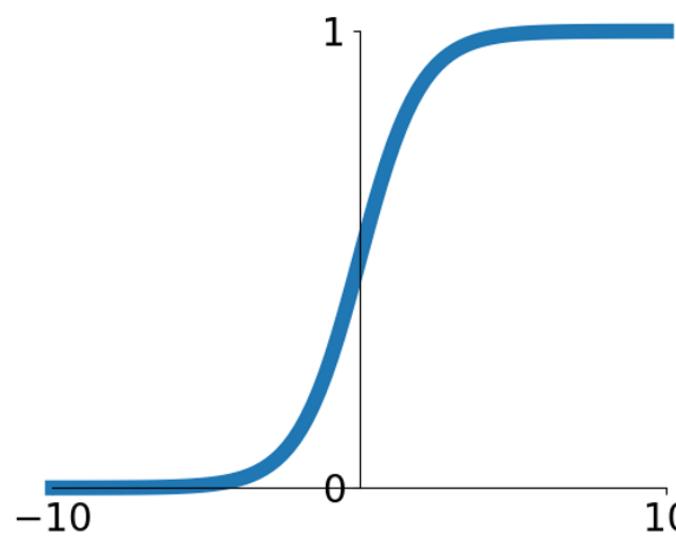
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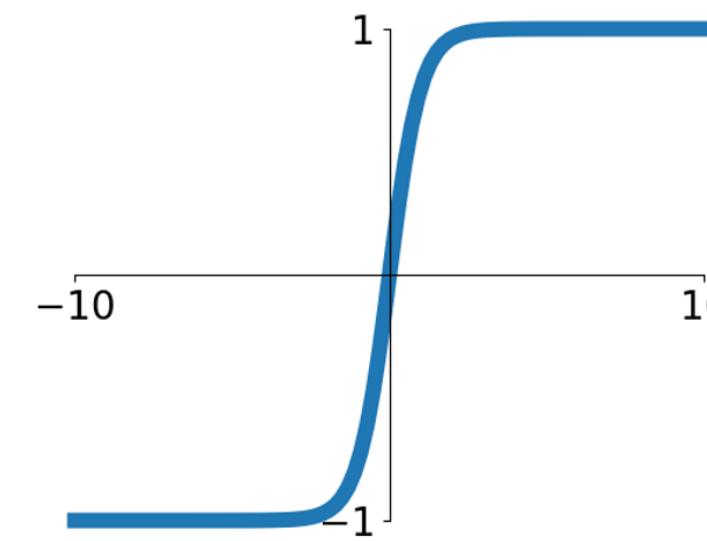
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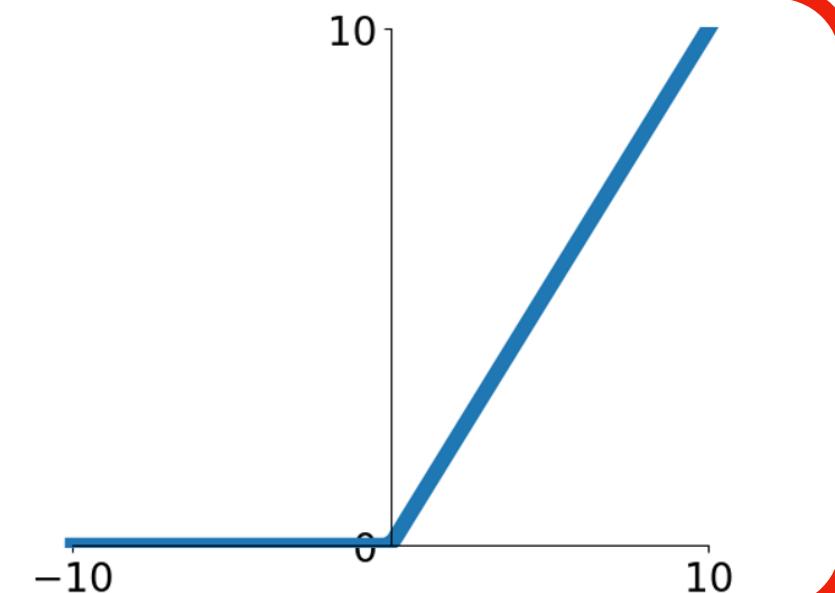
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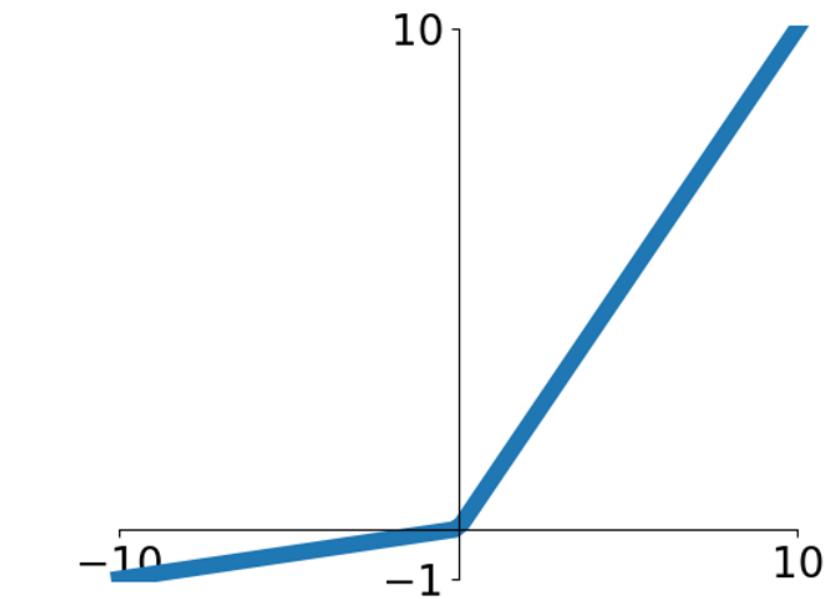
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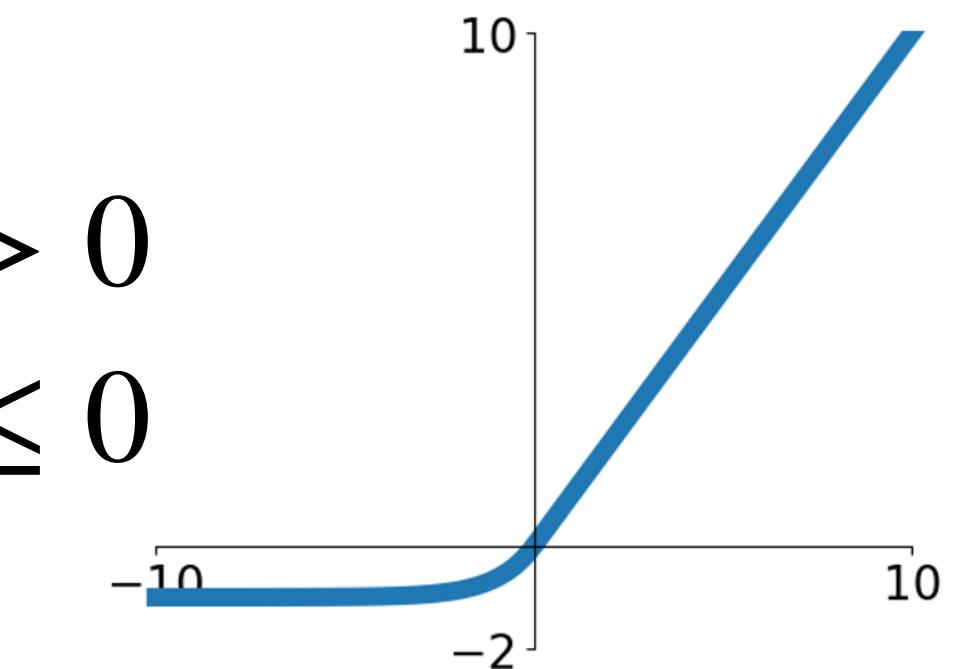


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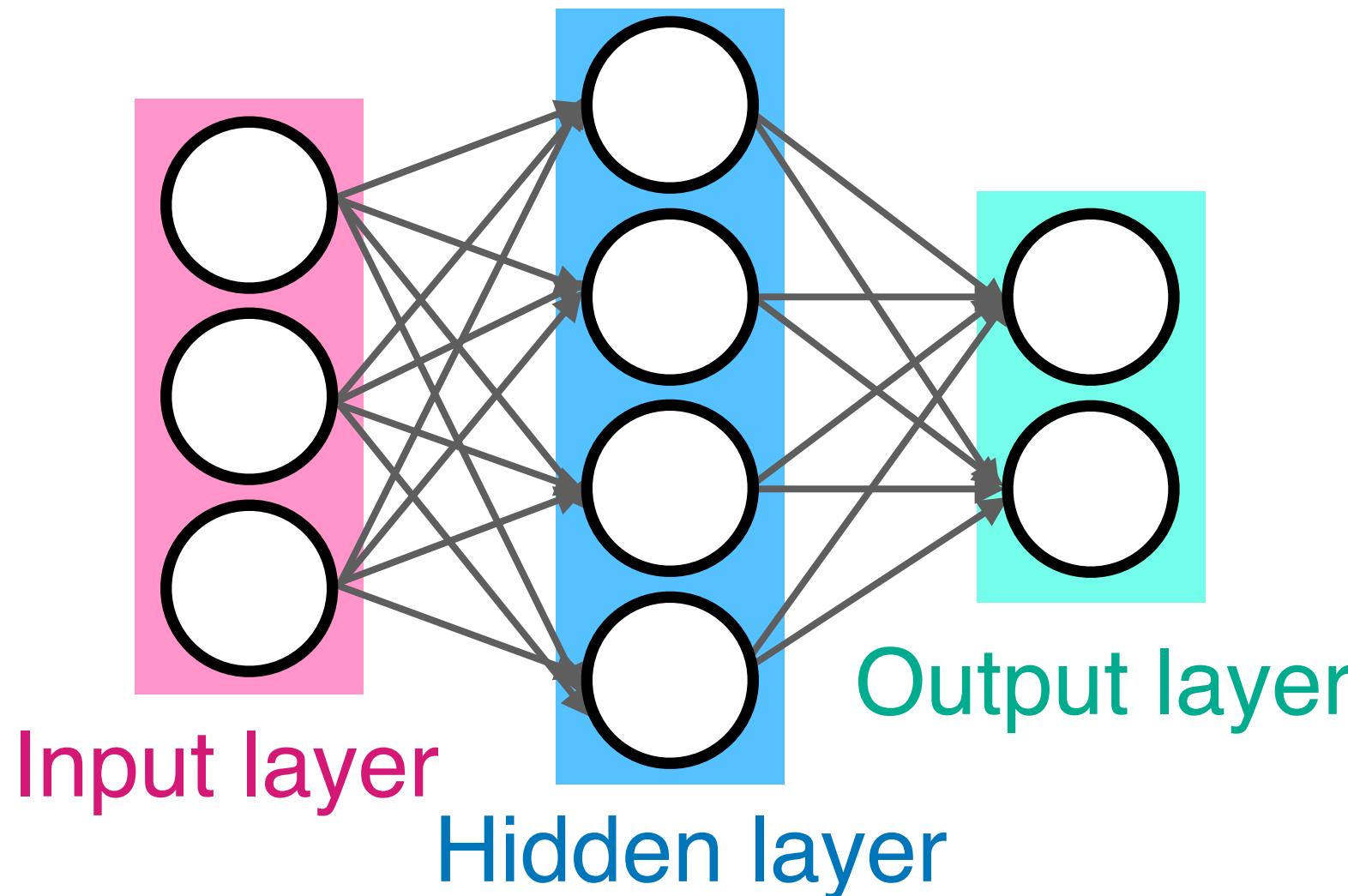
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ReLU is a good default choice for most problems

Neural Net in <20 lines!



Initialize weights
and data

Compute loss (Sigmoid
activation, L2 loss)

Compute gradients

SGD step

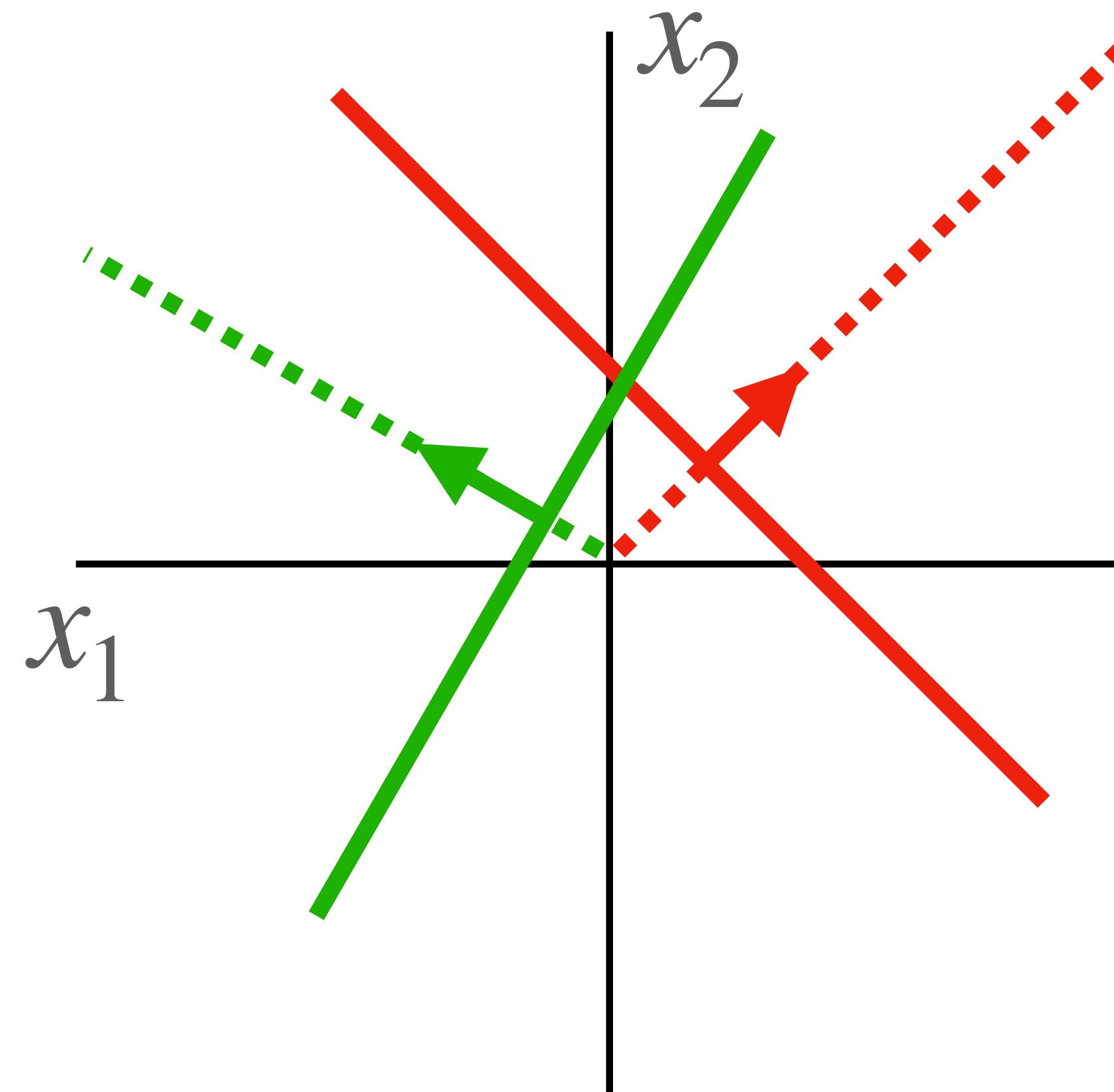
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1 import numpy as np
2 from numpy.random import randn
3
4 N, Din, H, Dout = 64, 1000, 100, 10
5 x, y = randn(N, Din), randn(N, Dout)
6 w1, w2 = randn(Din, H), randn(H, Dout)
7 for t in range(10000):
8     h = 1.0 / (1.0 + np.exp(-x.dot(w1)))
9     y_pred = h.dot(w2)
10    loss = np.square(y_pred - y).sum()
11    dy_pred = 2.0 * (y_pred - y)
12    dw2 = h.T.dot(dy_pred)
13    dh = dy_pred.dot(w2.T)
14    dw1 = x.T.dot(dh * h * (1 - h))
15    w1 -= 1e-4 * dw1
16    w2 -= 1e-4 * dw2

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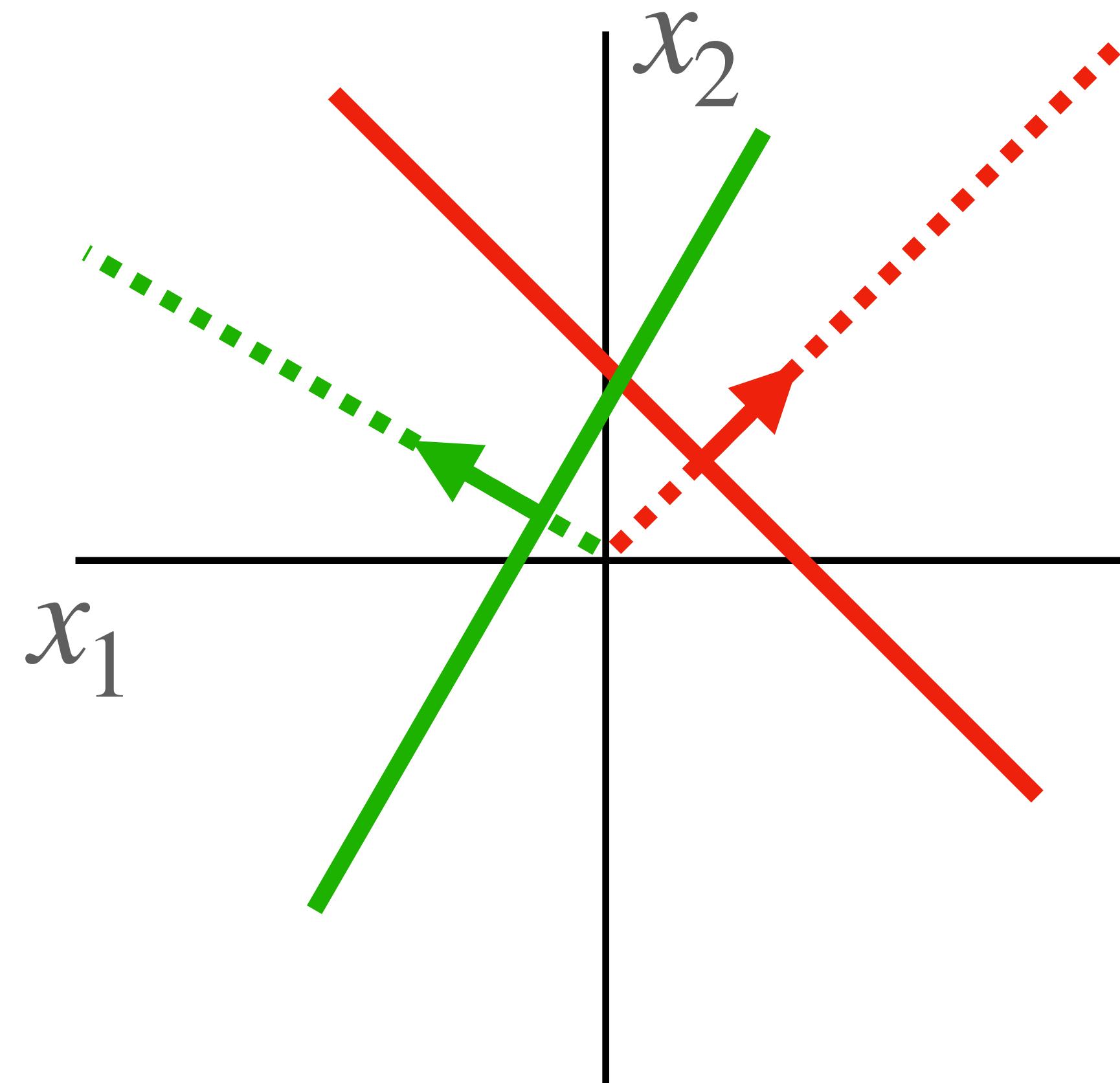
Space Warping

Consider a linear transform: $h = Wx + b$
where x, b, h are each 2-dimensional



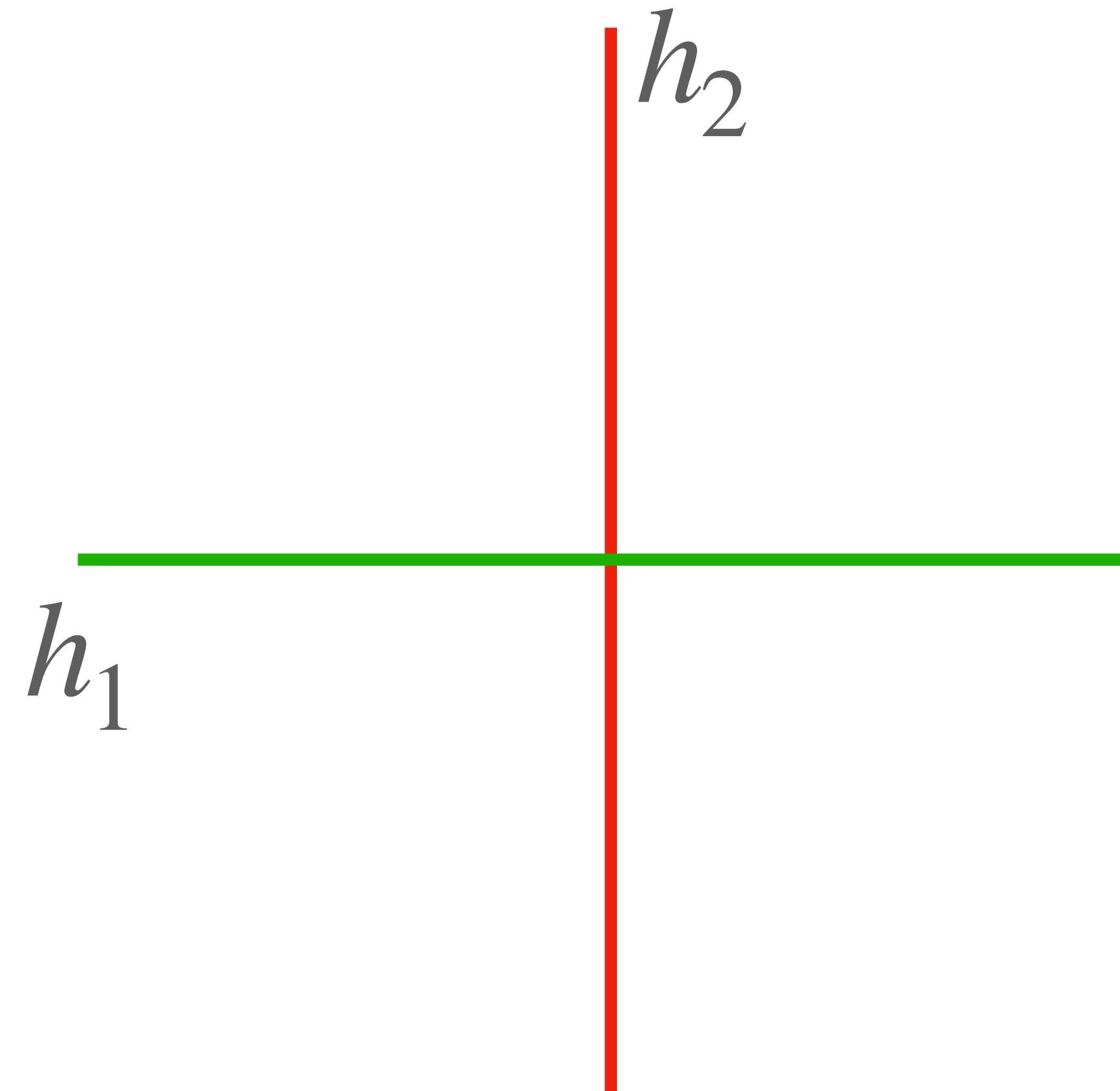
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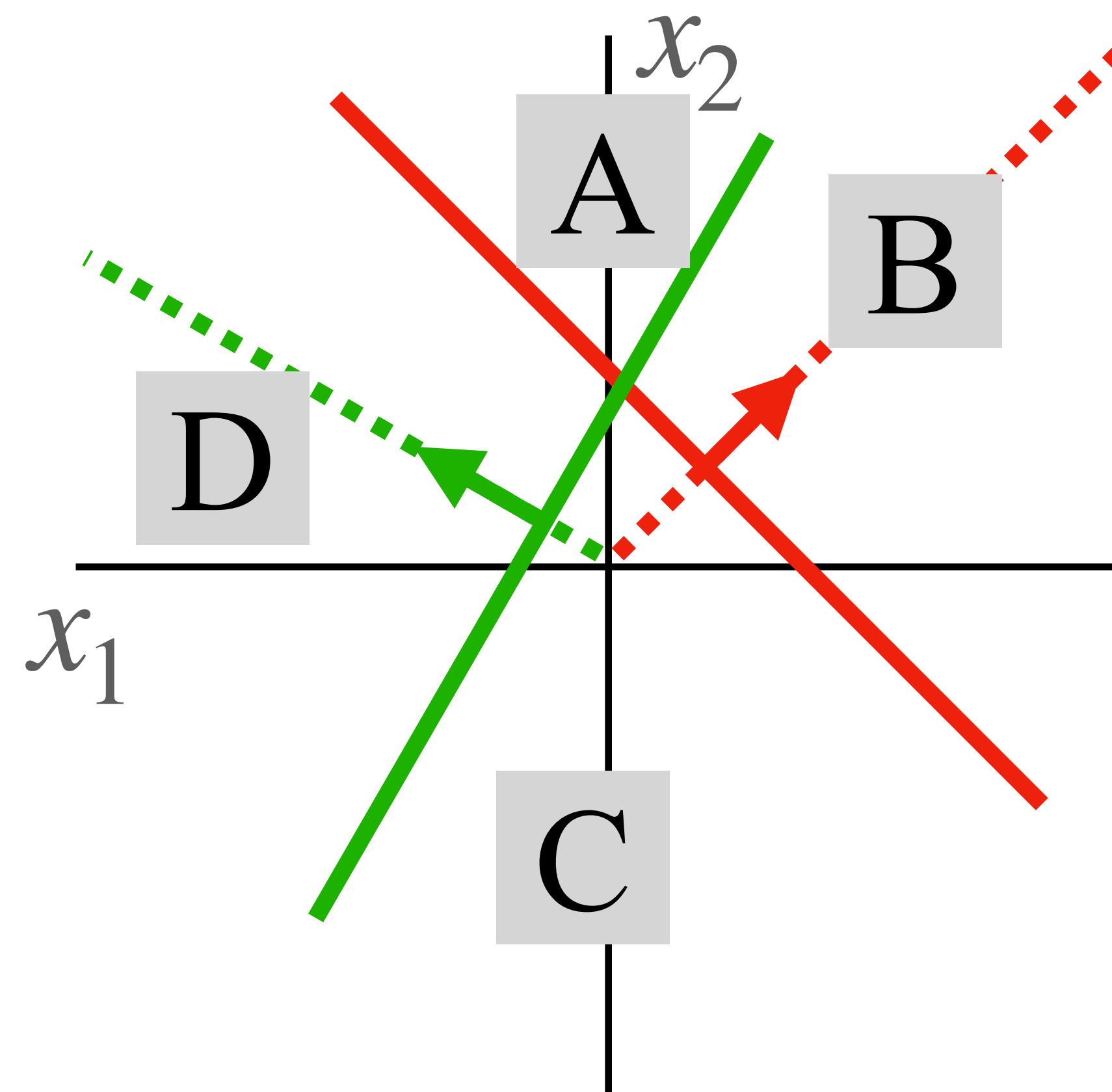
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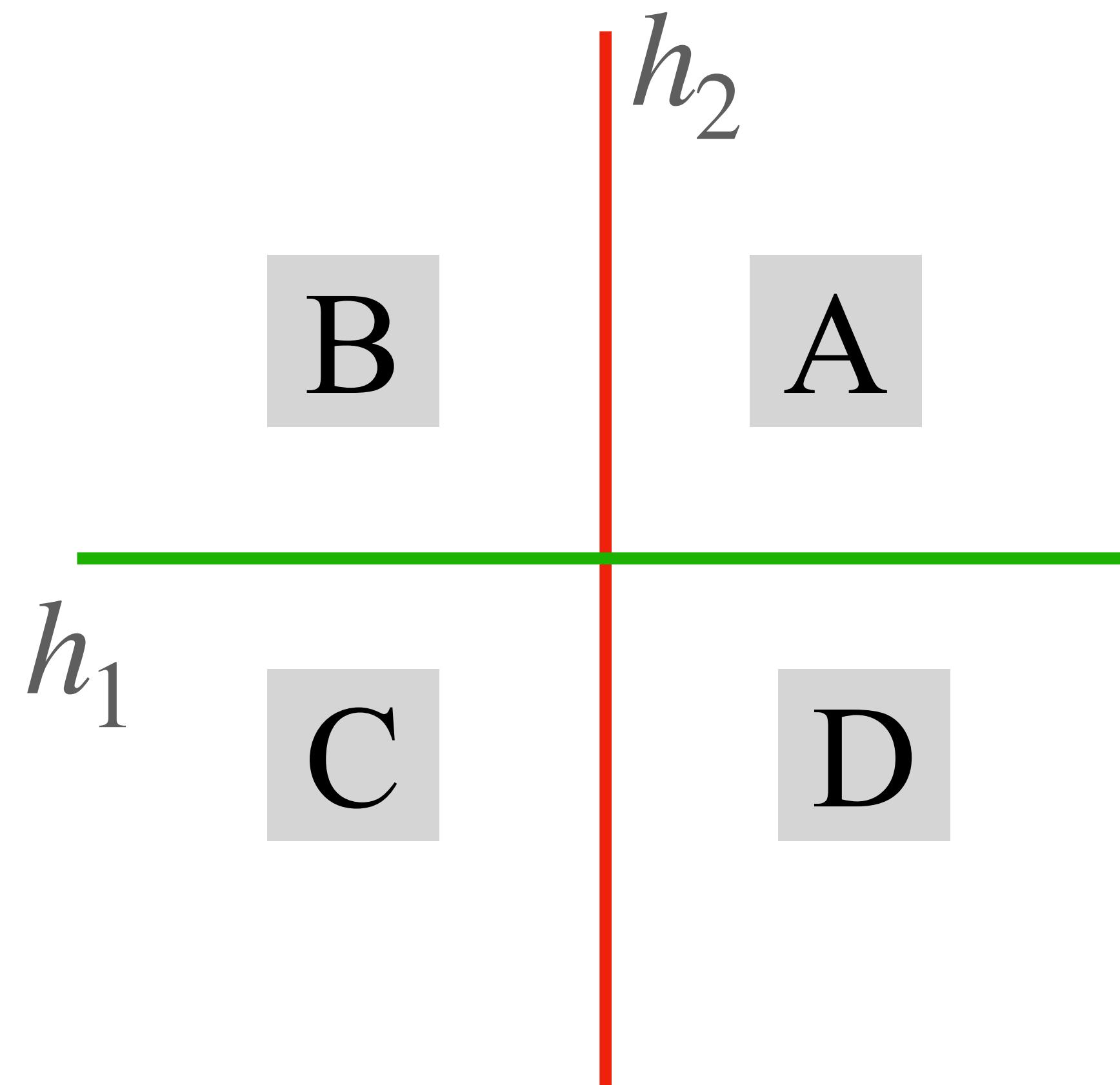
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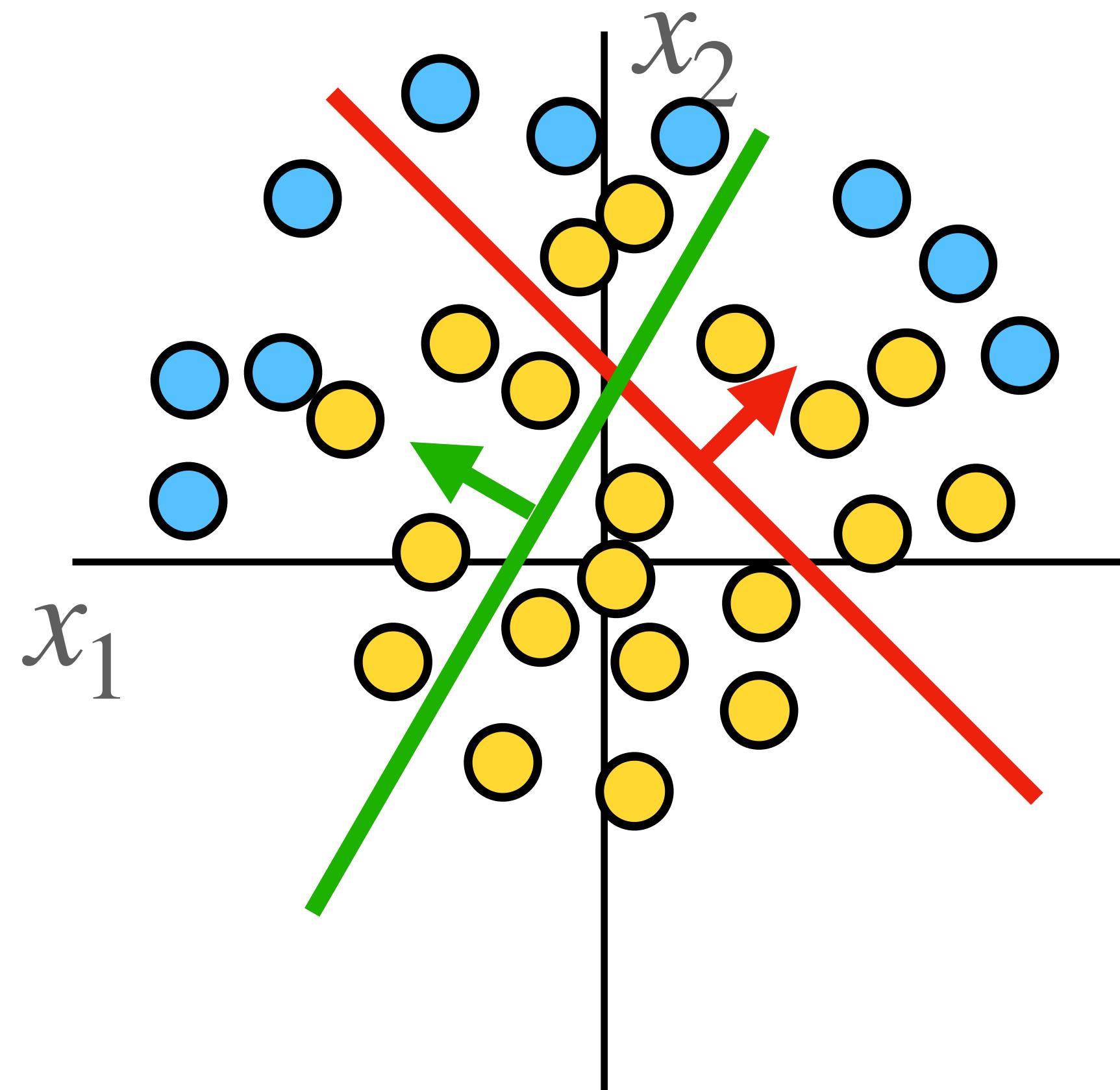
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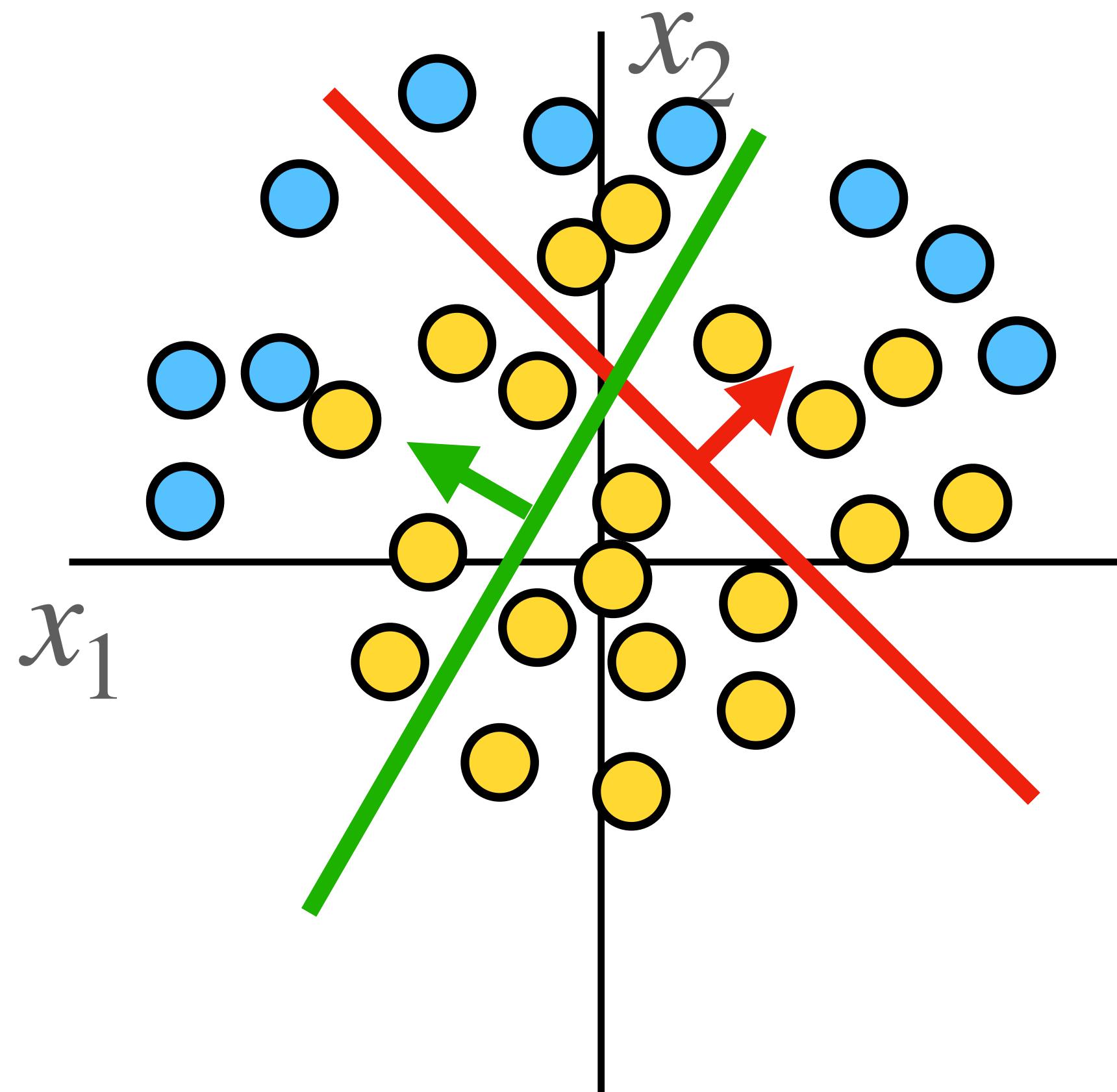
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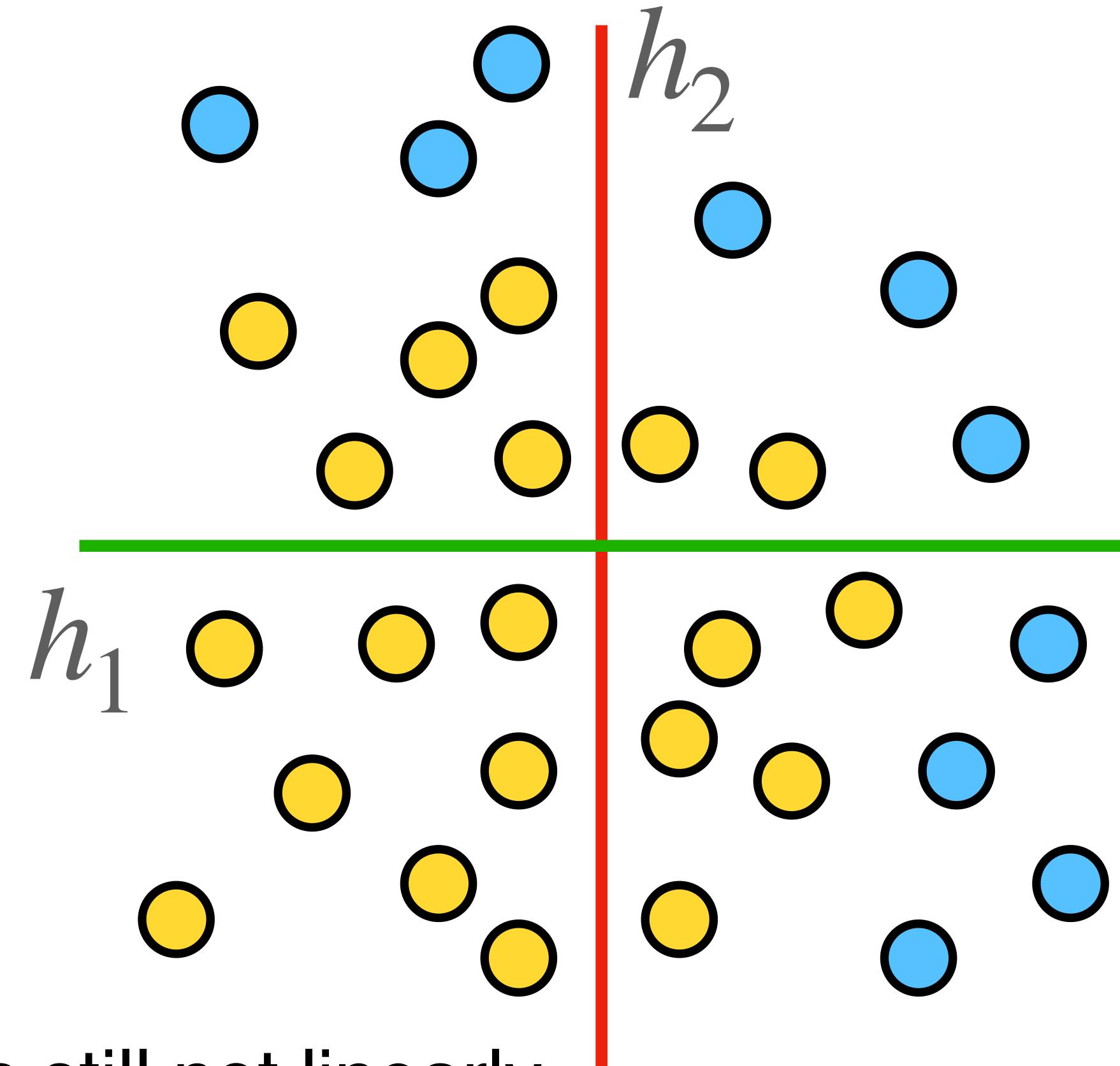
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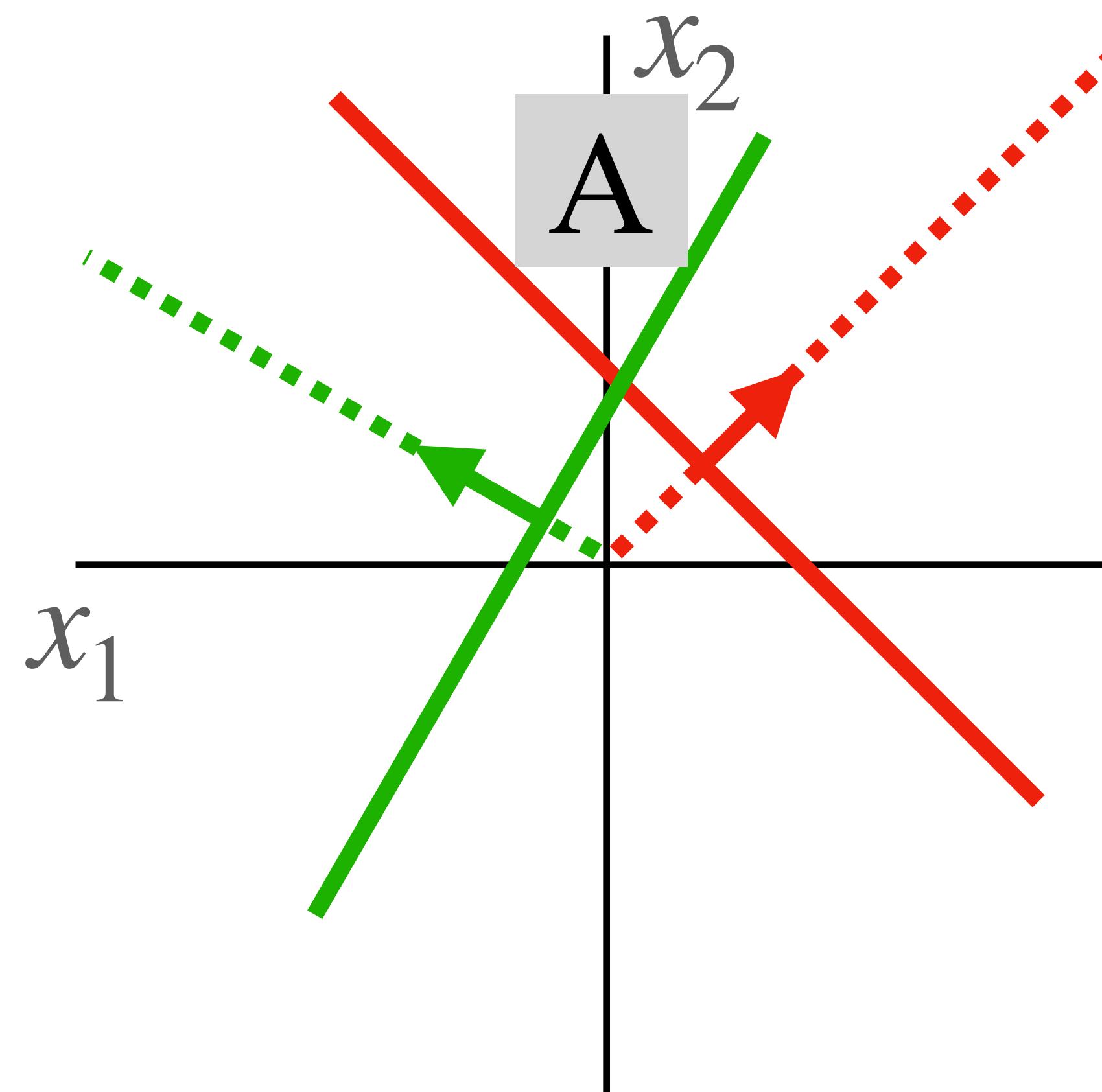
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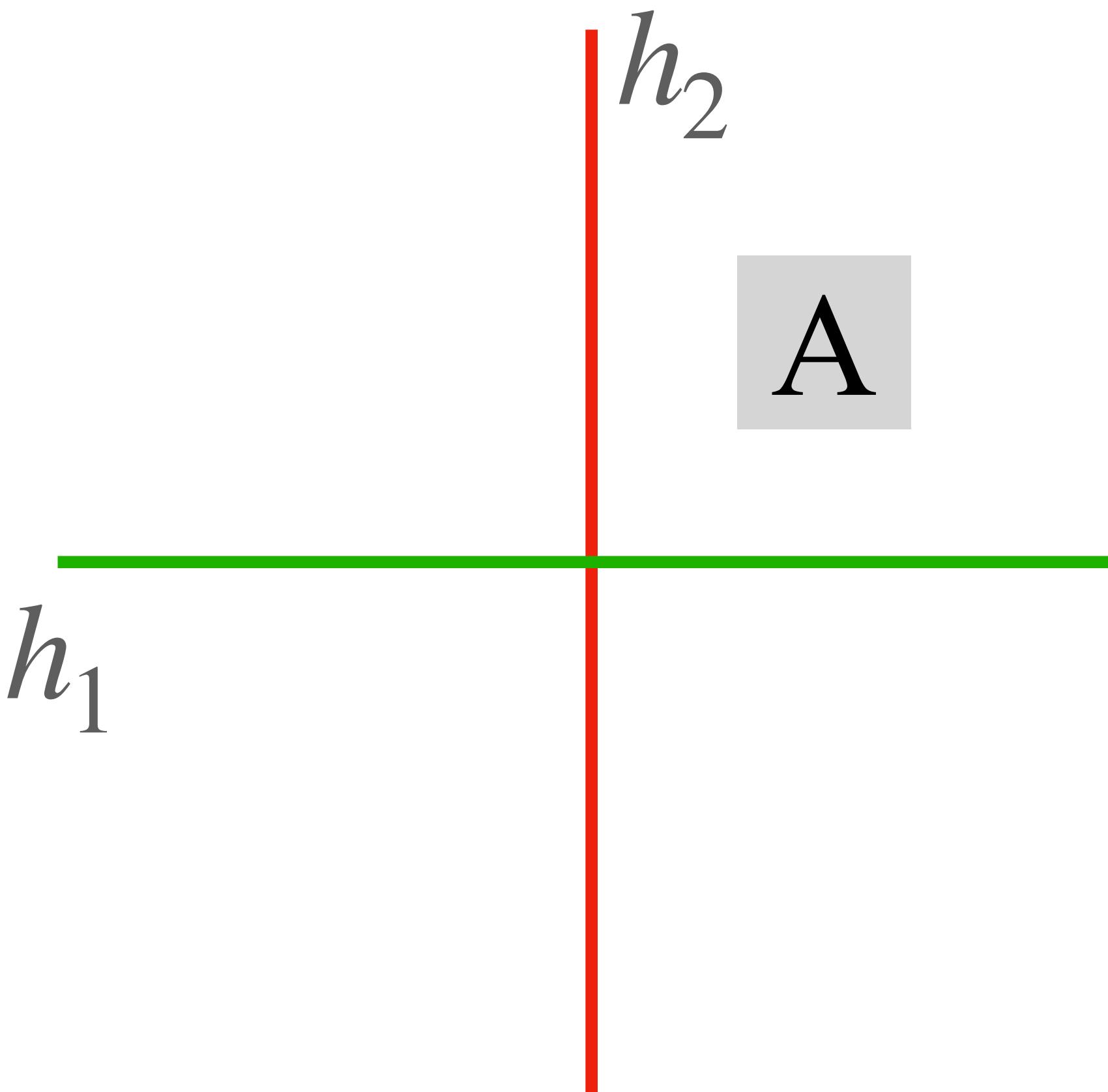
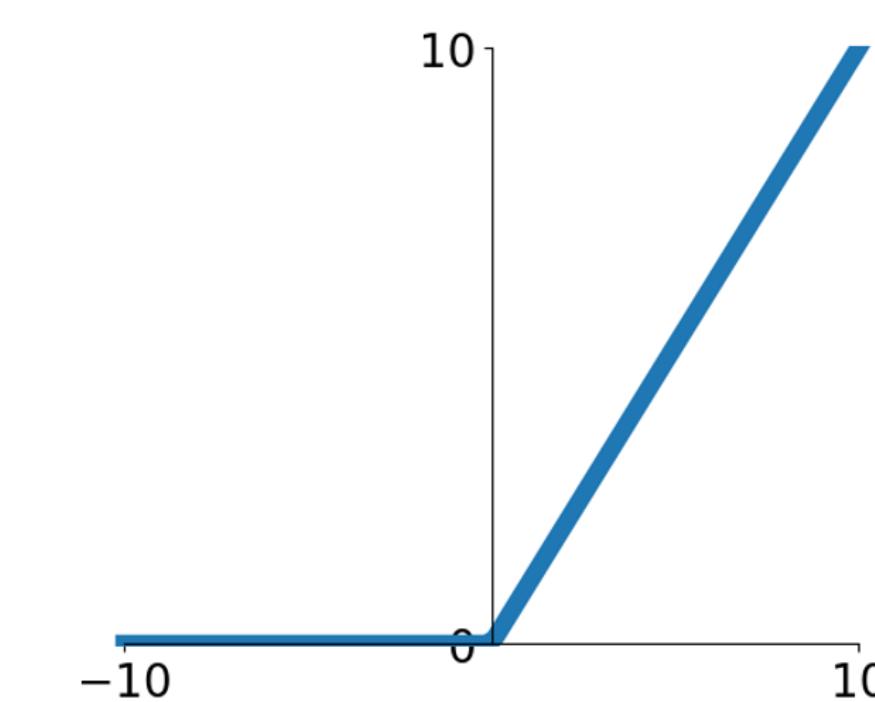
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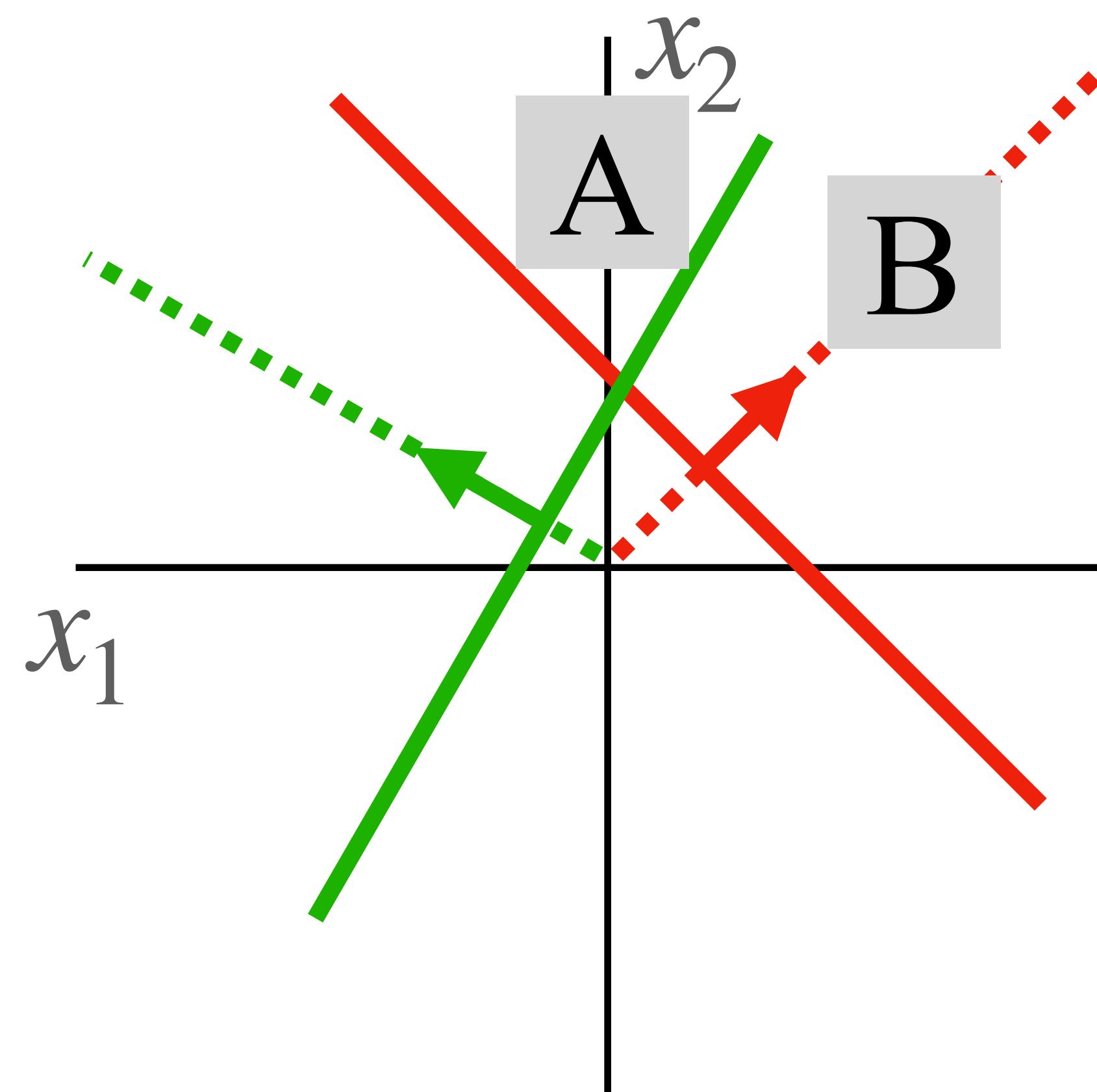


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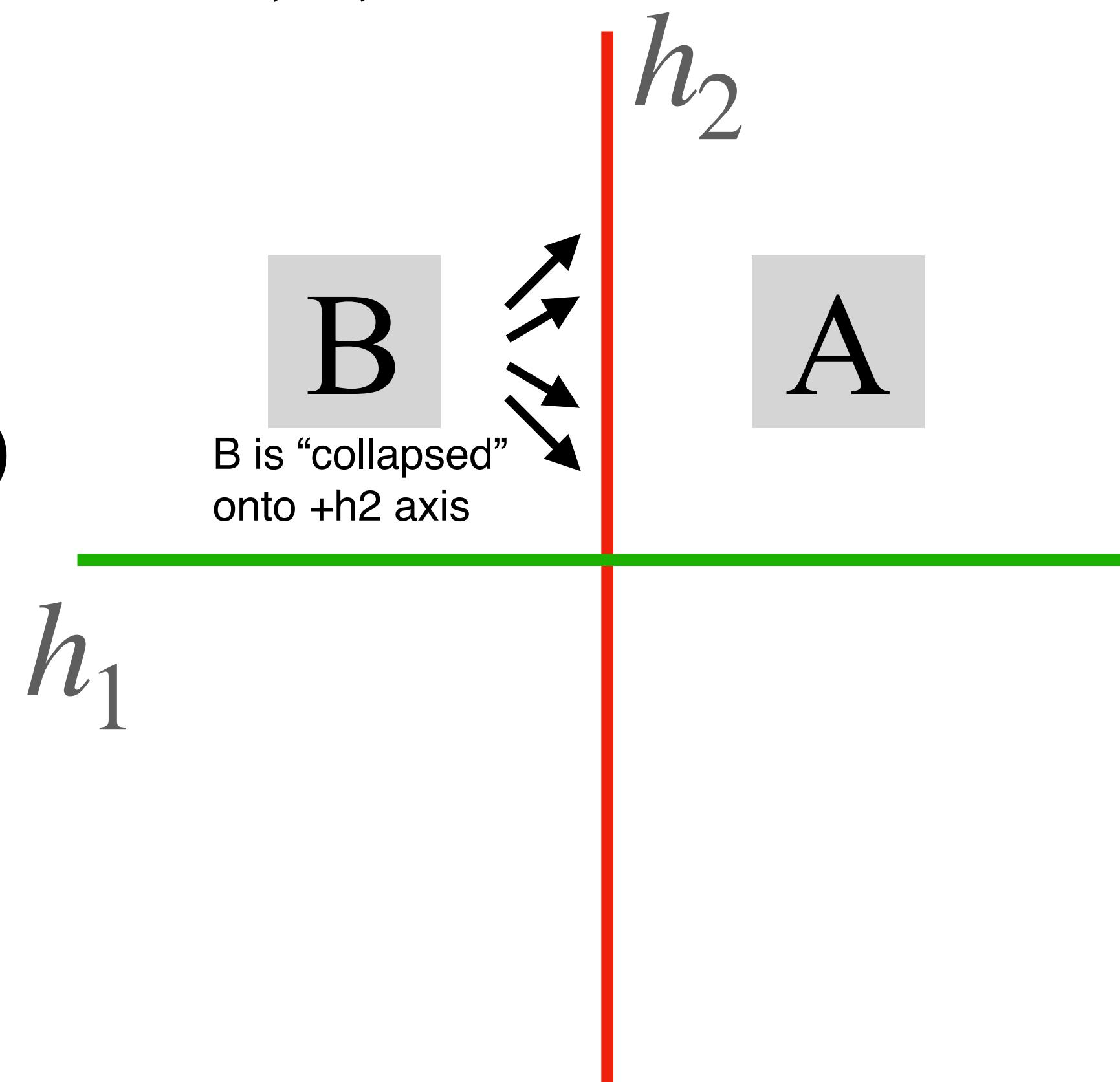
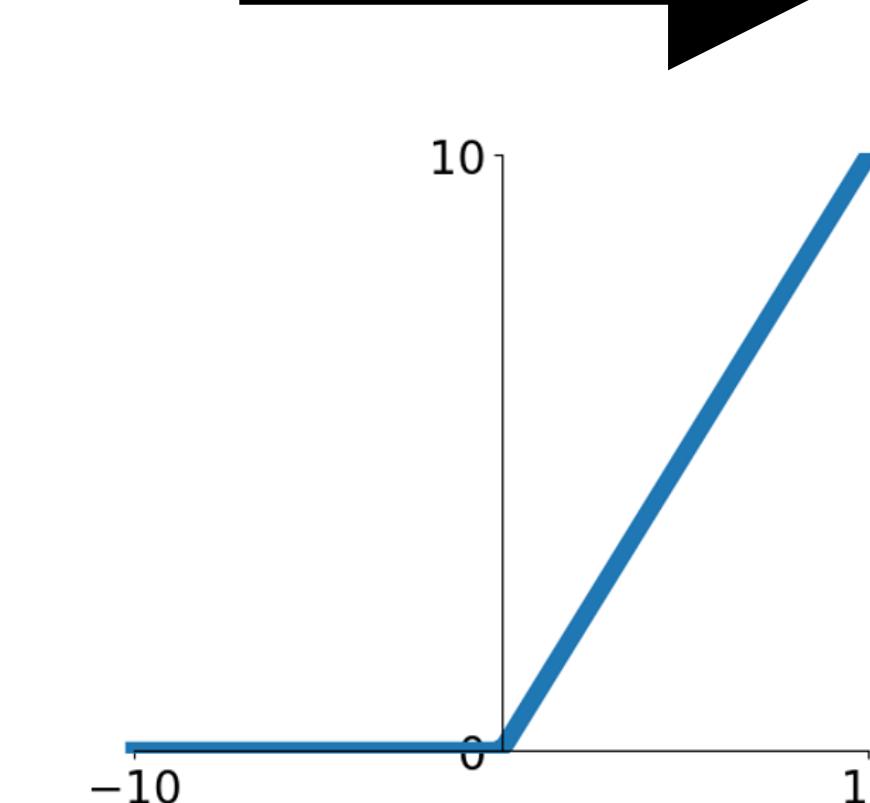


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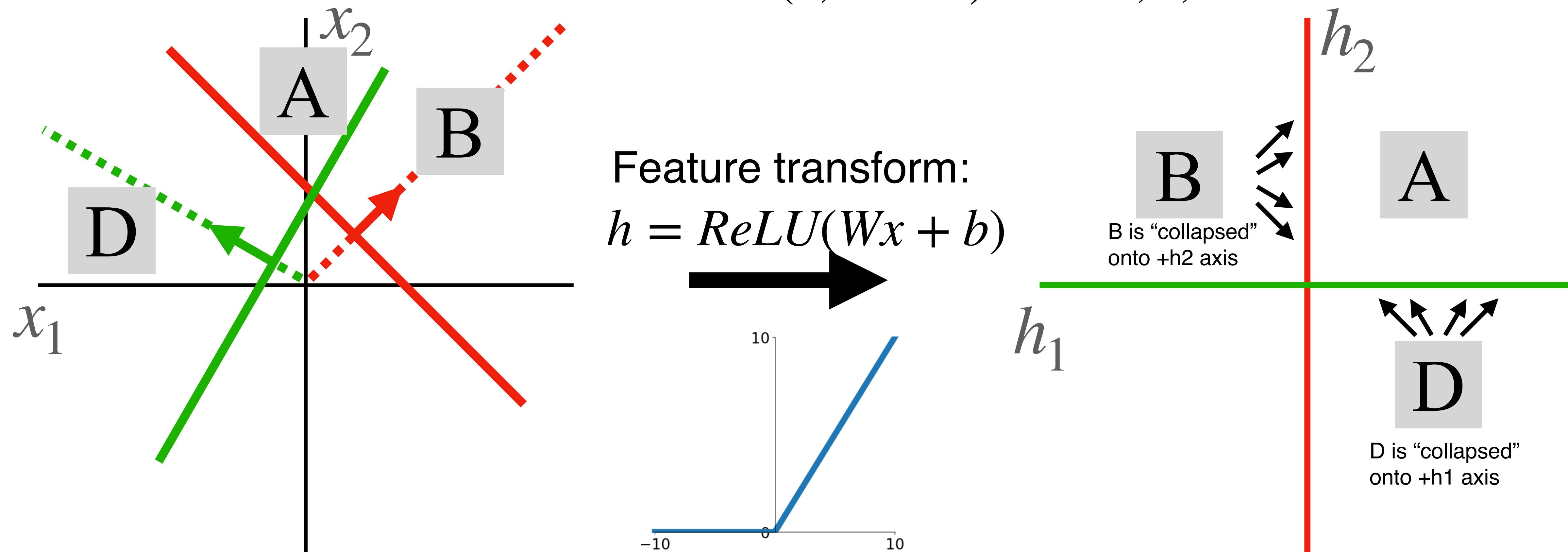


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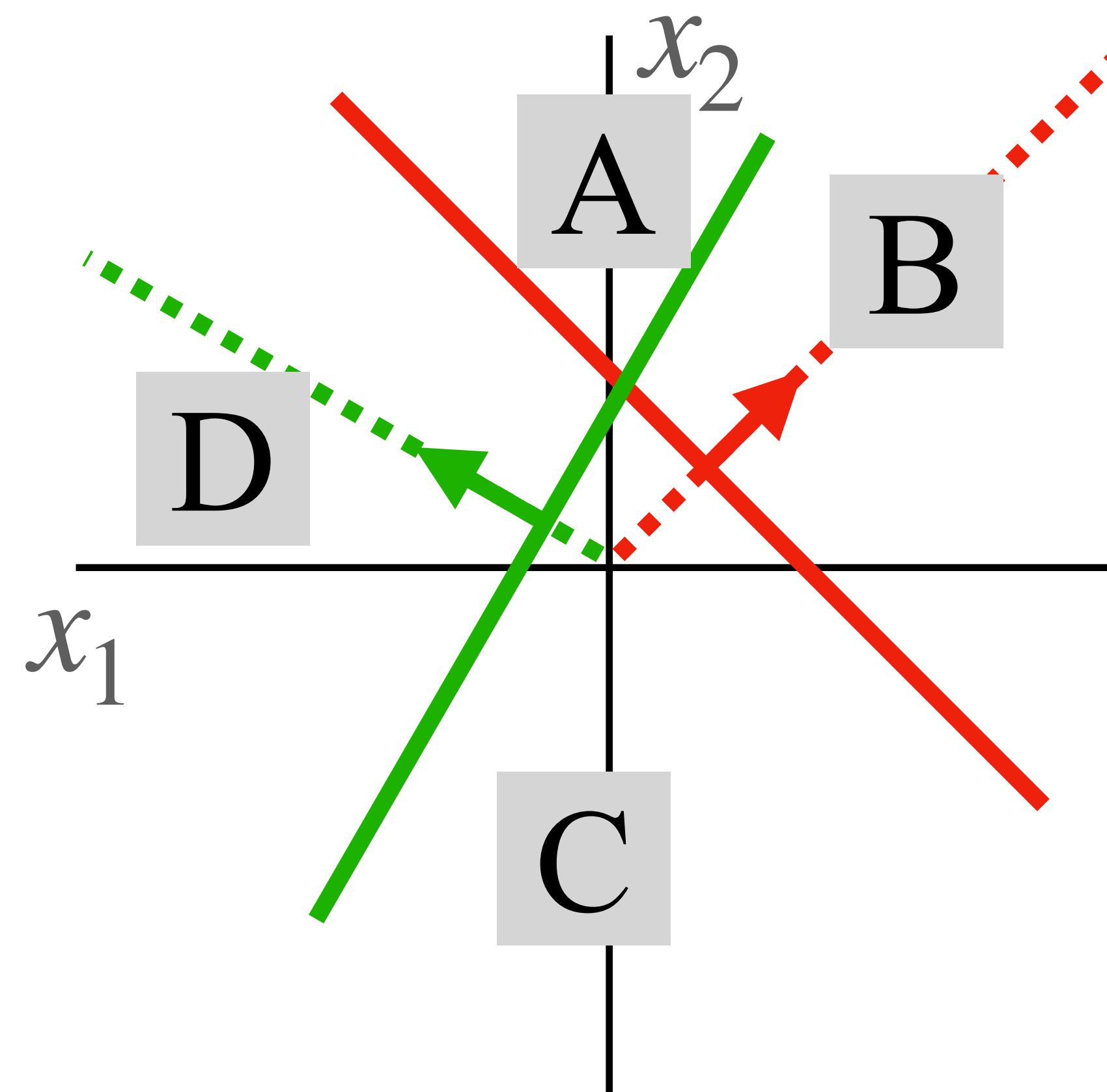
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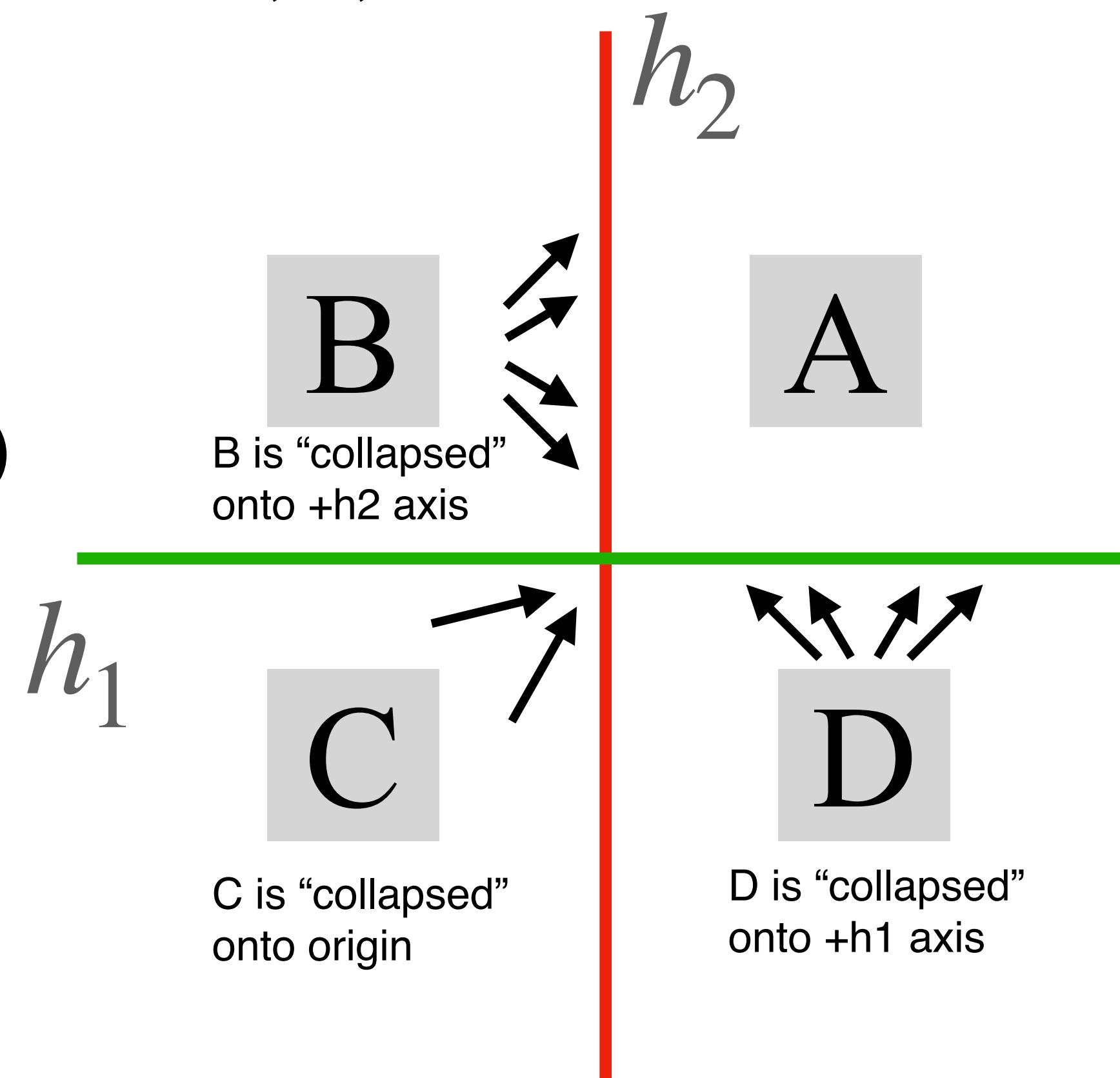
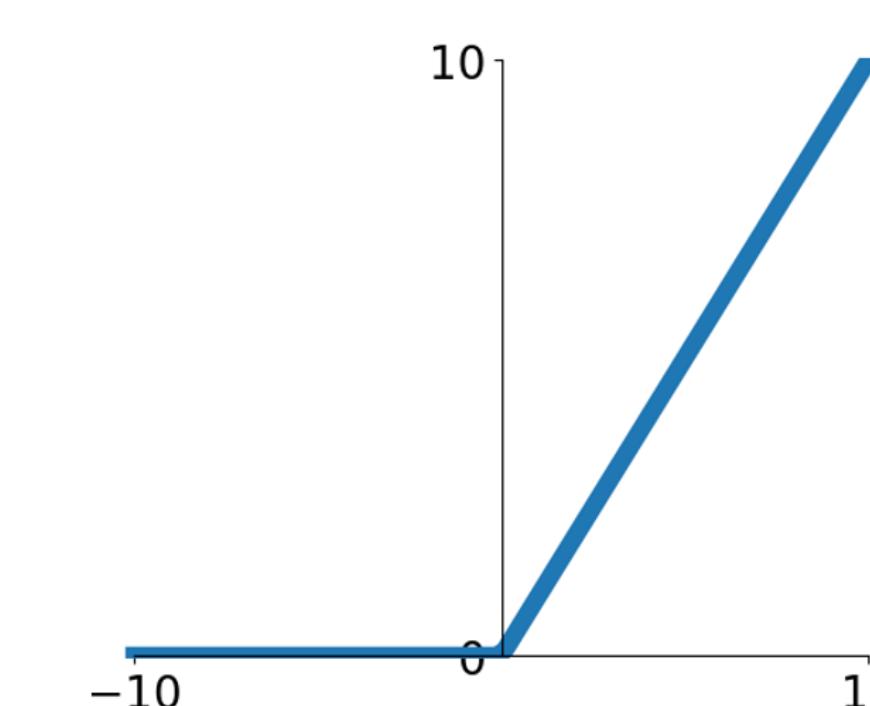


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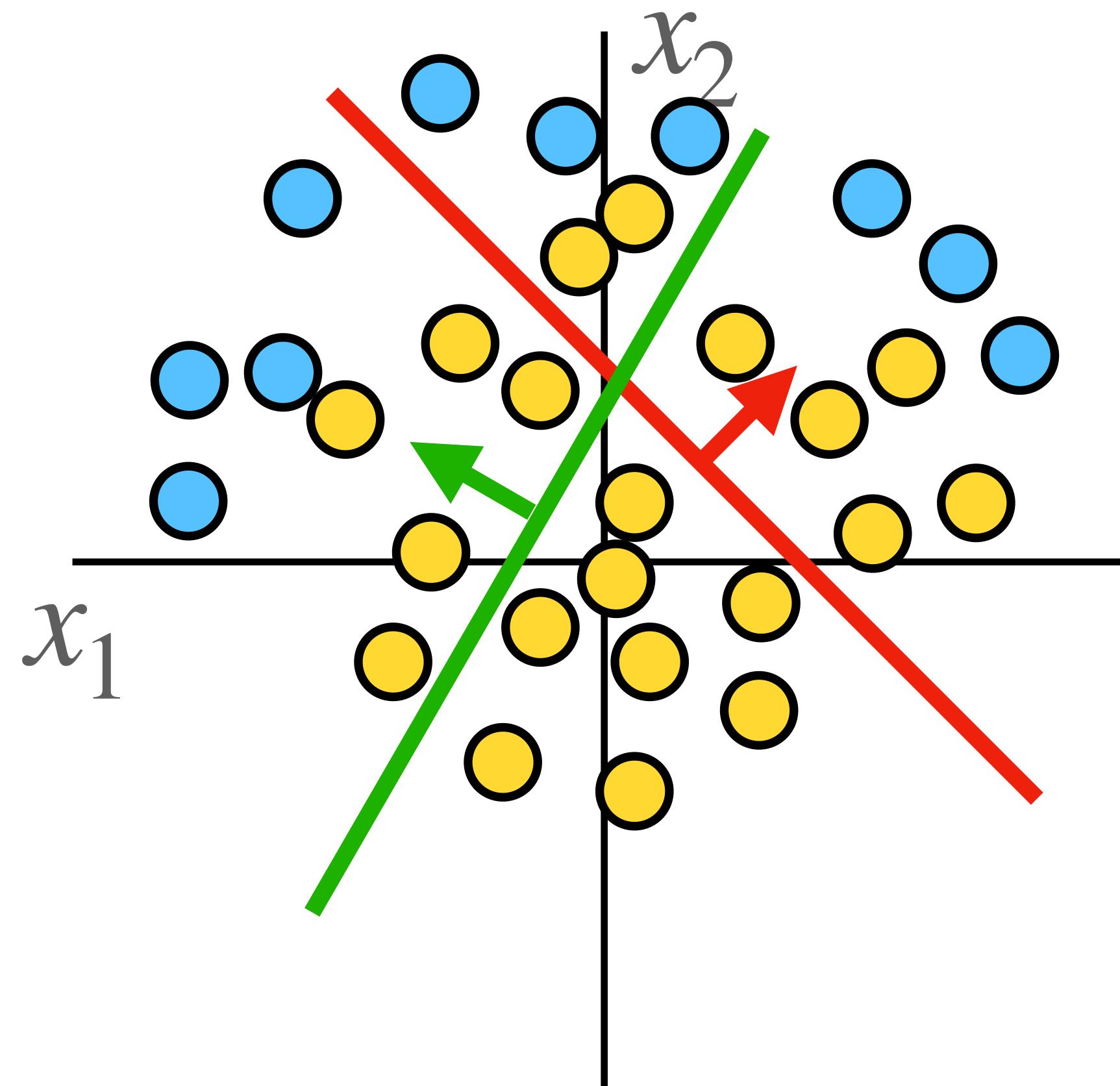


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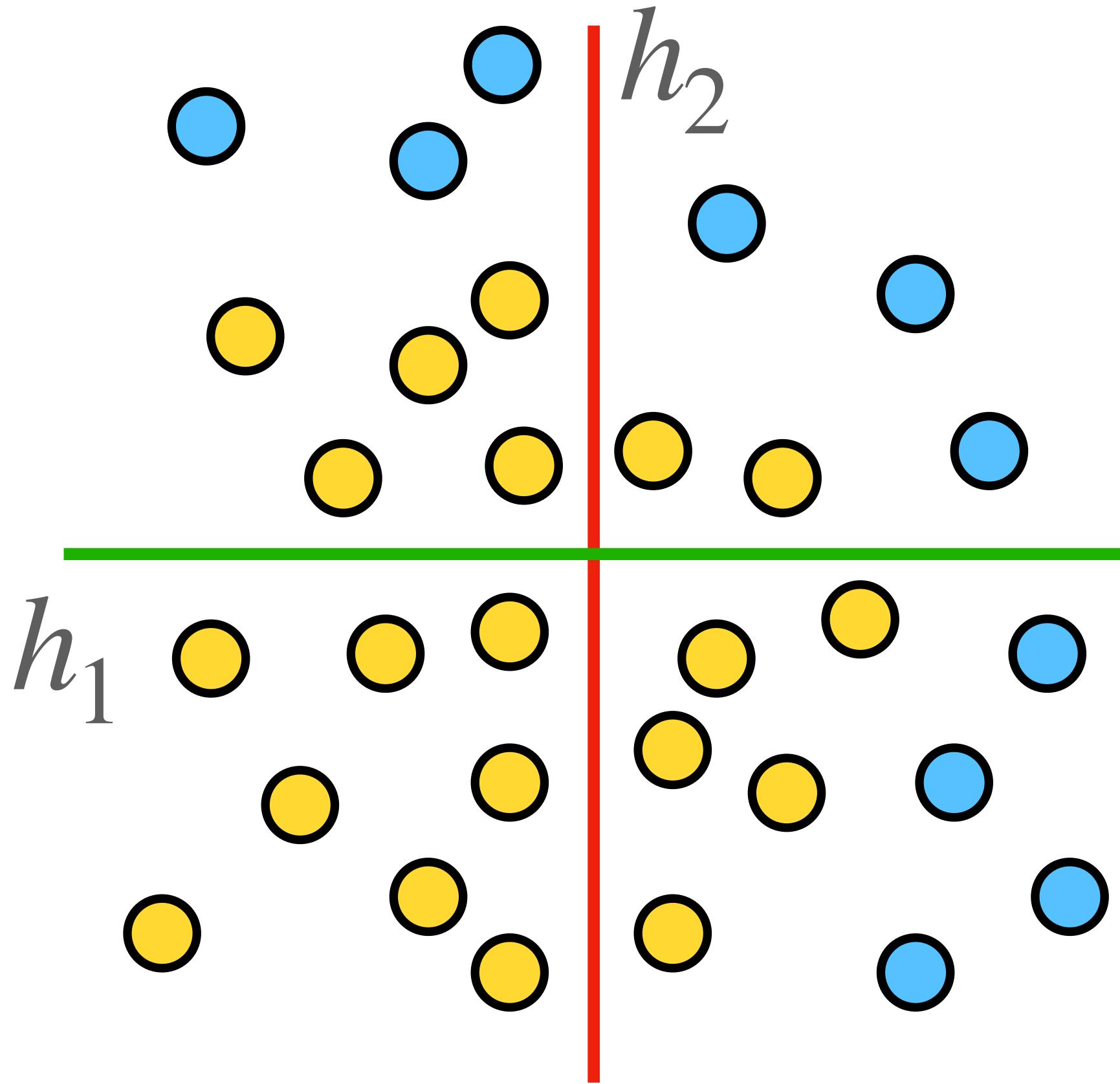
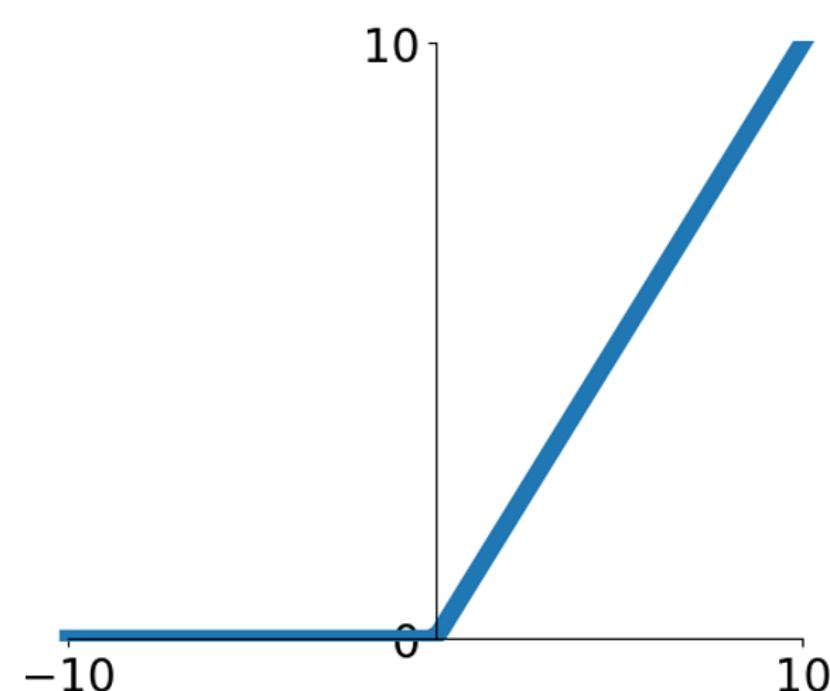
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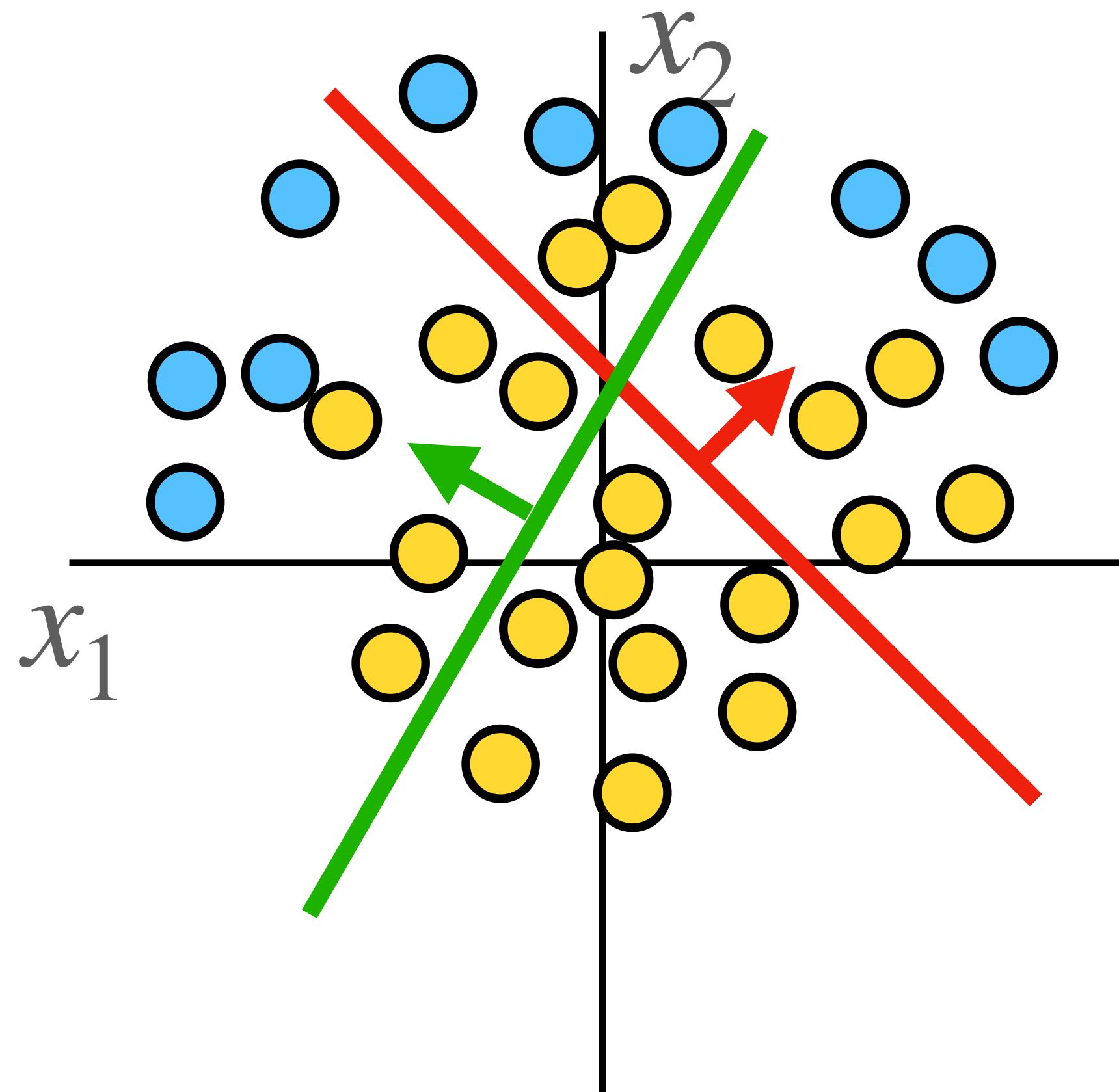
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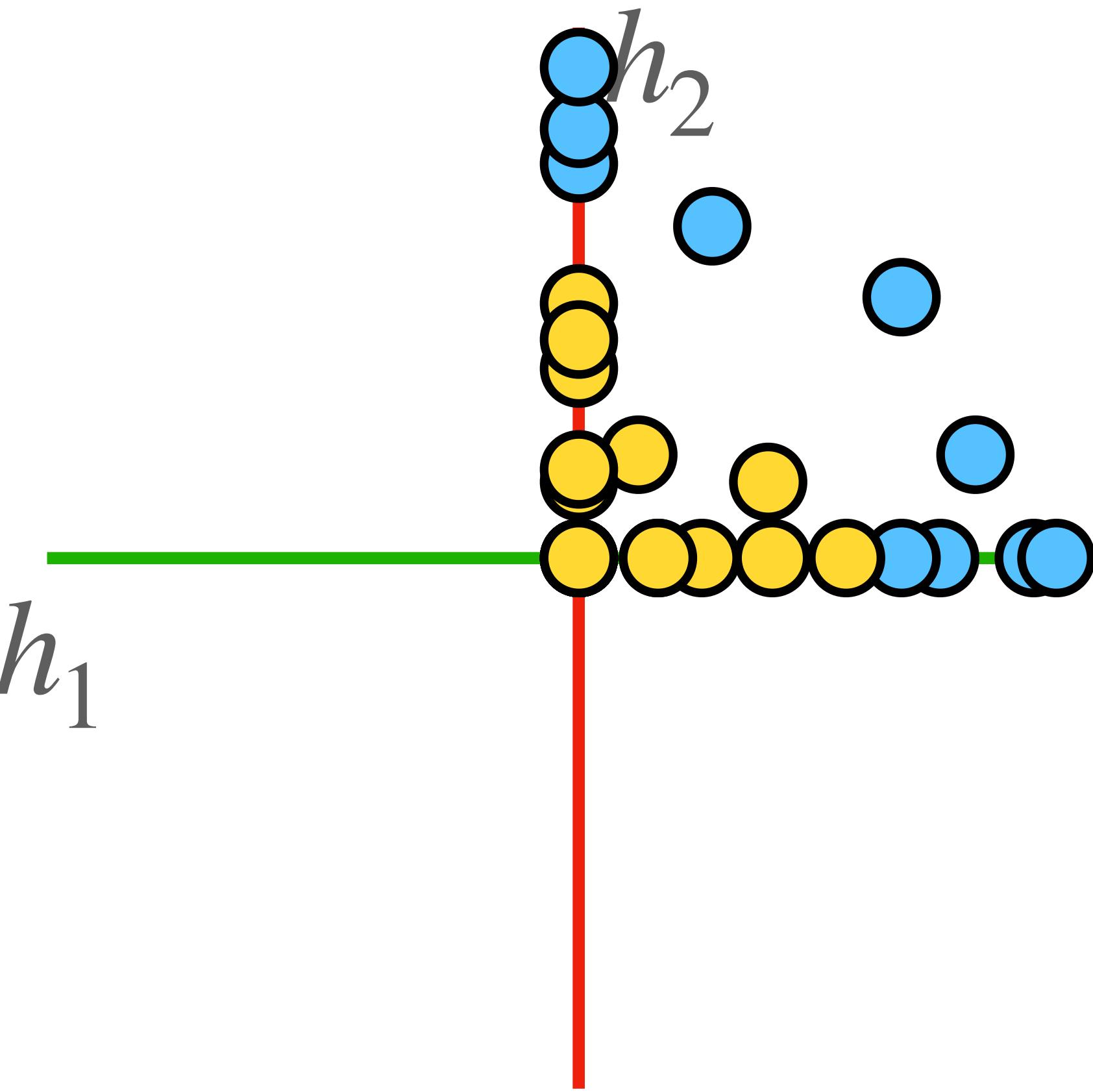
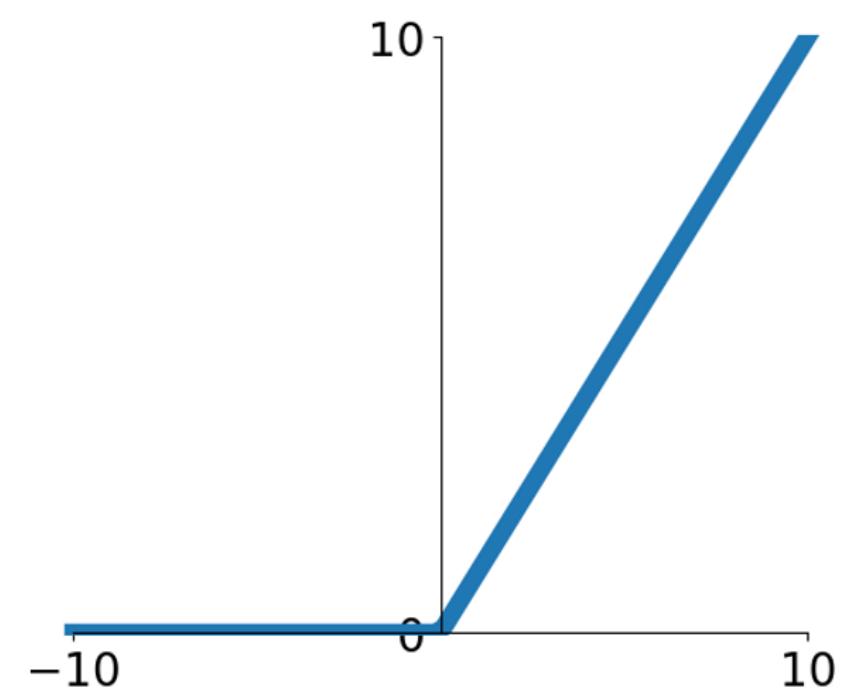
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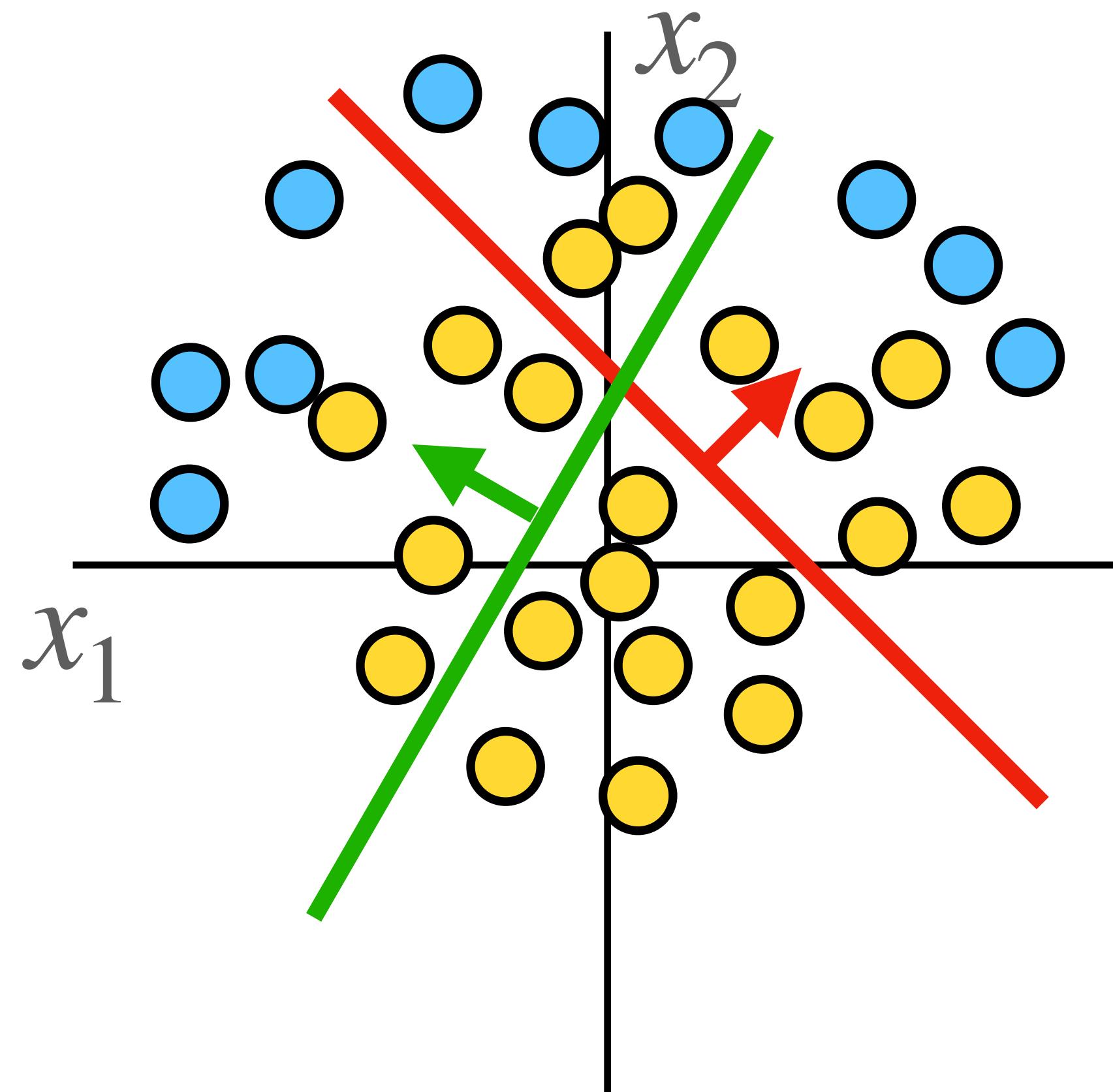
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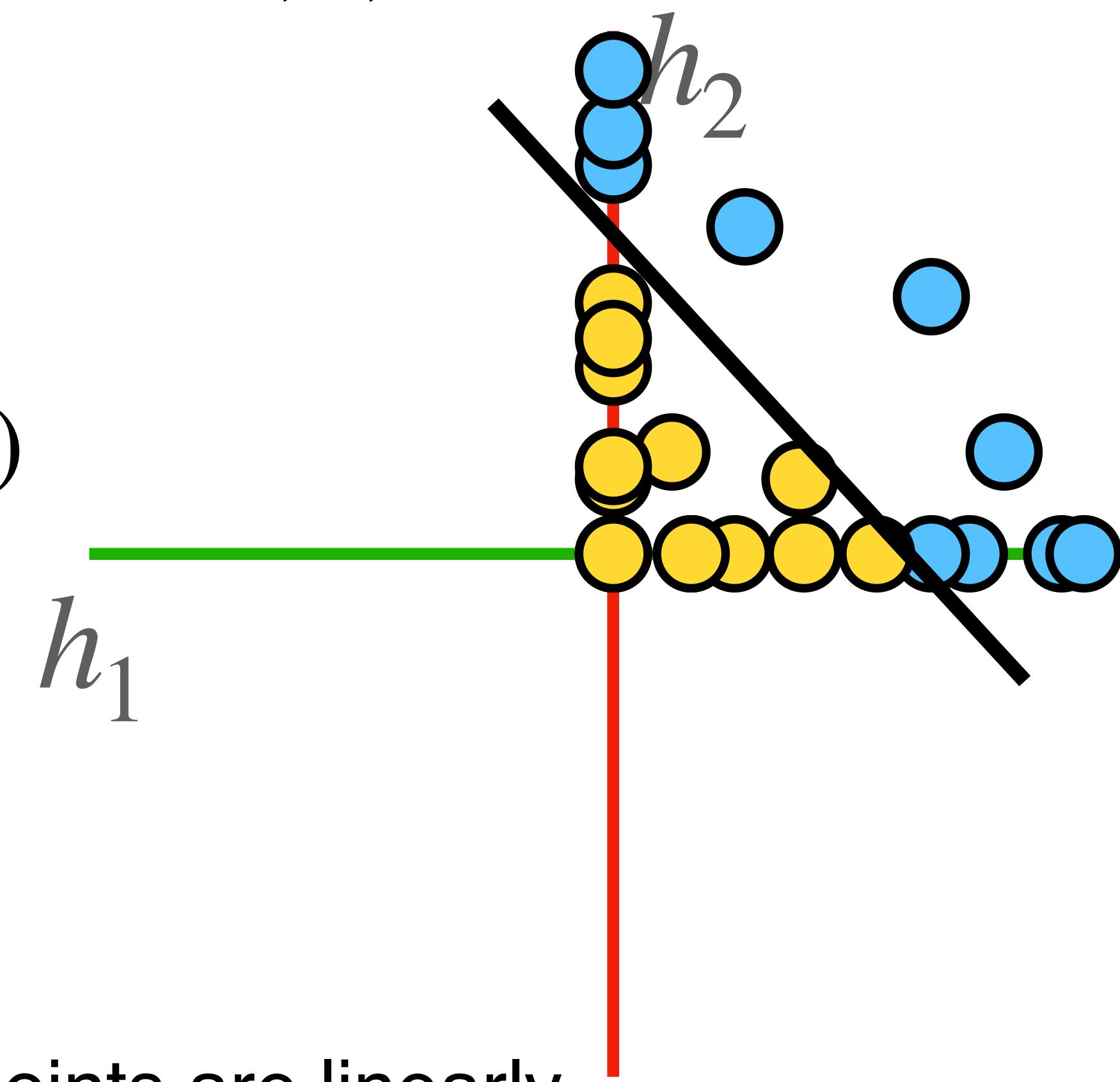
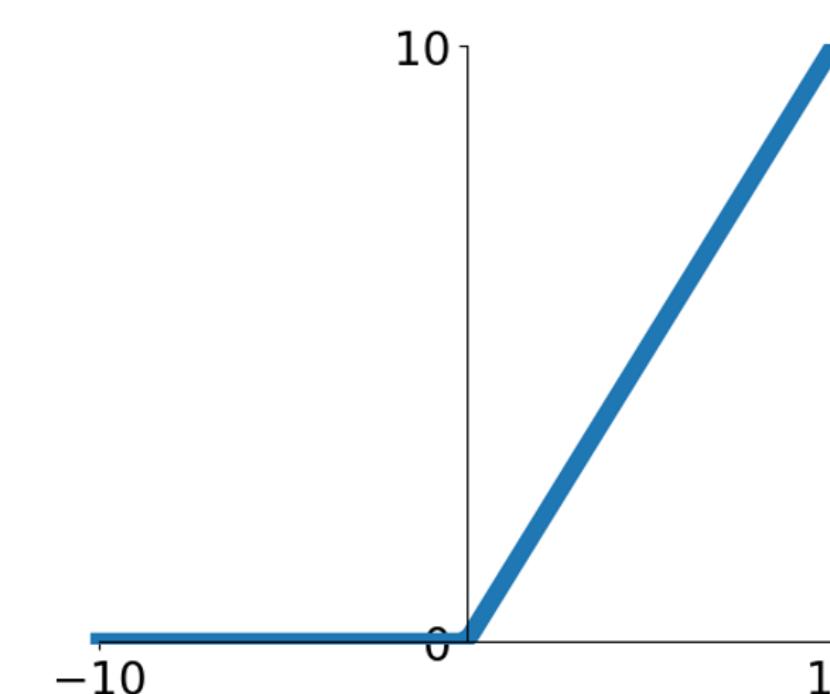
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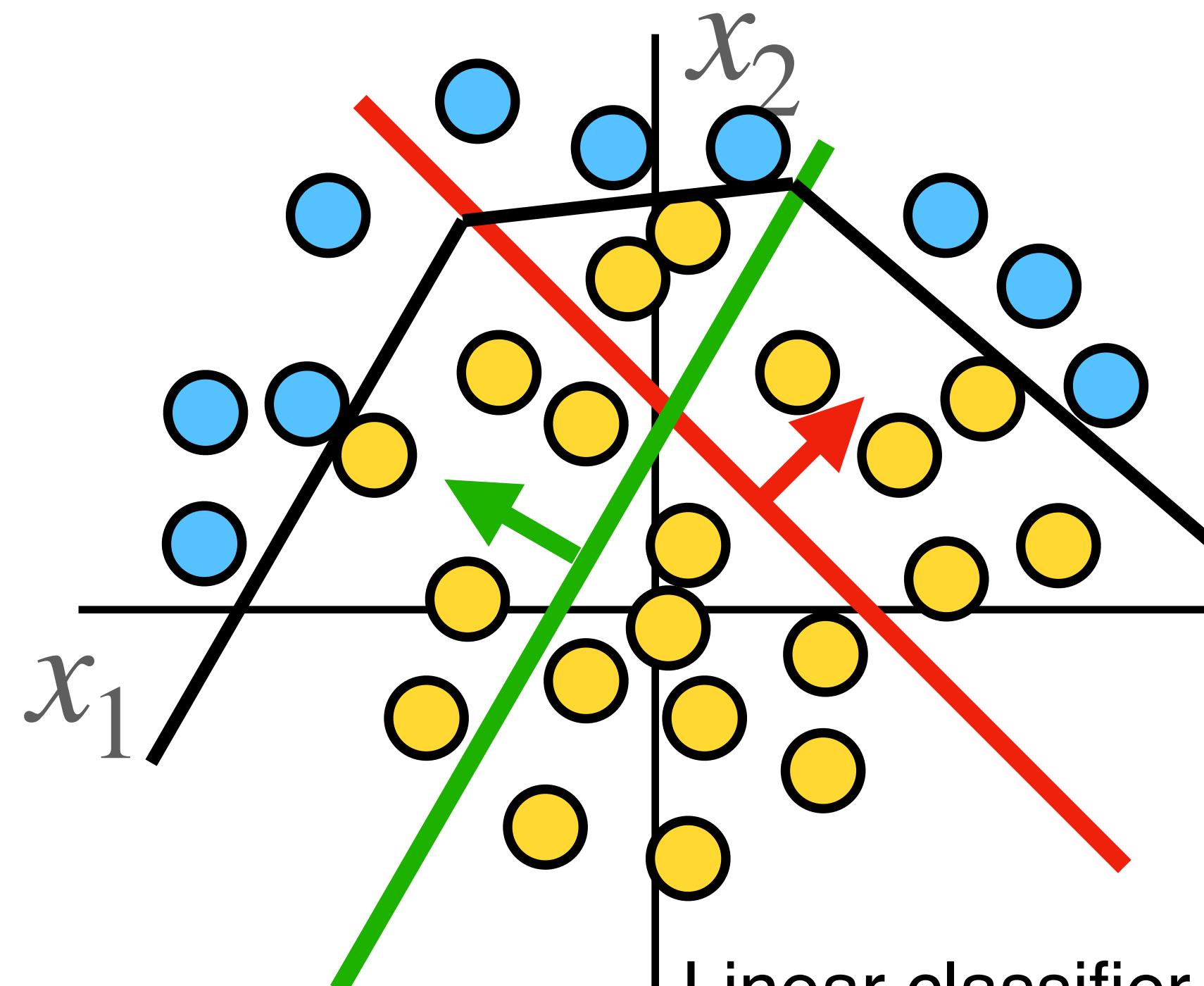
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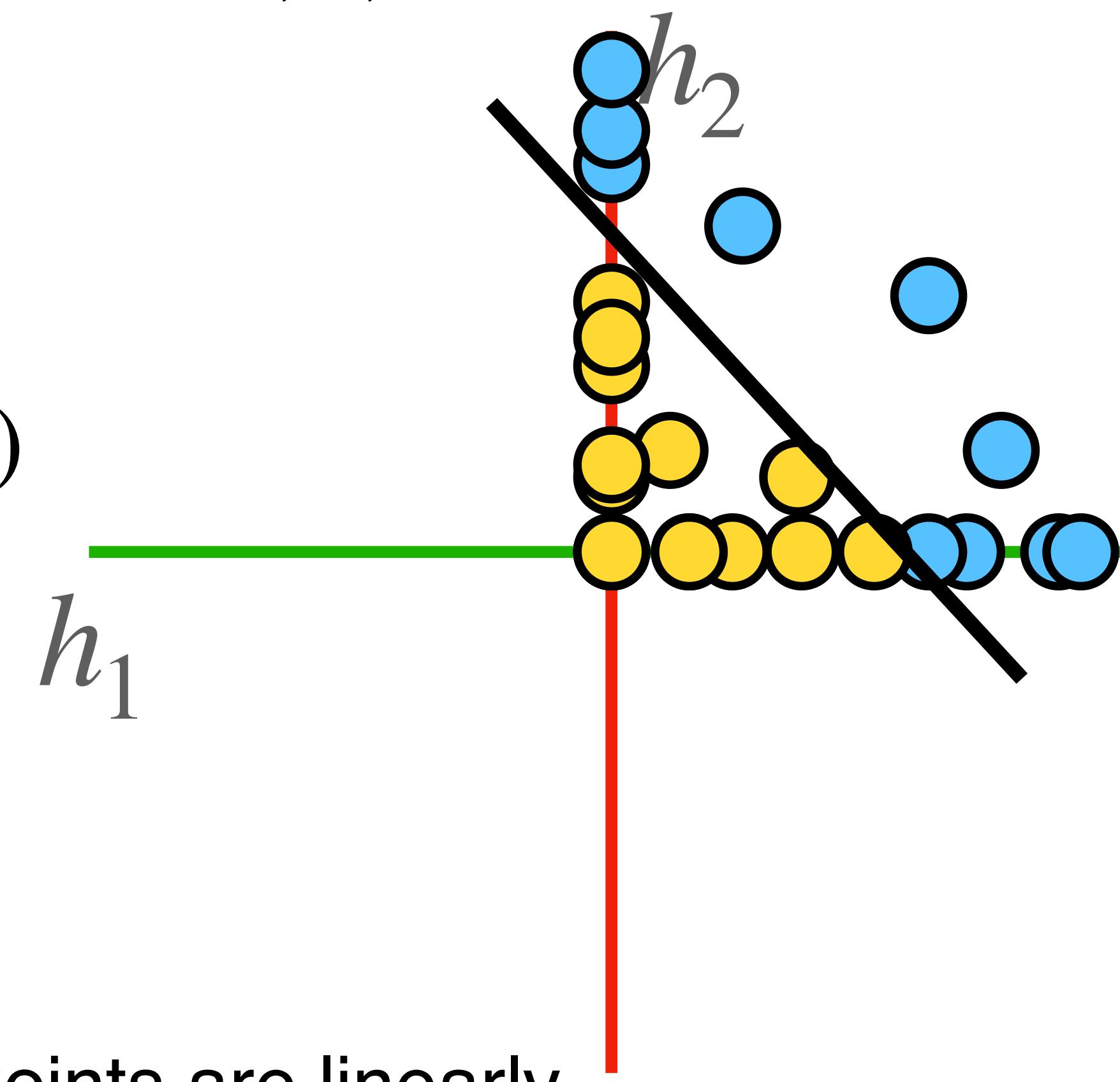
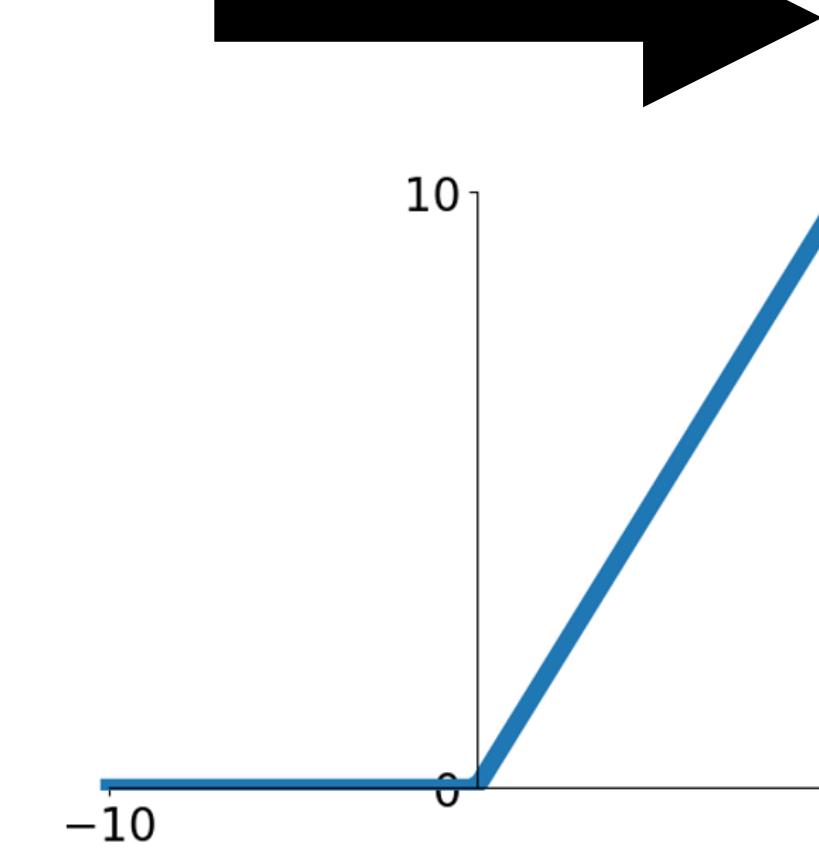
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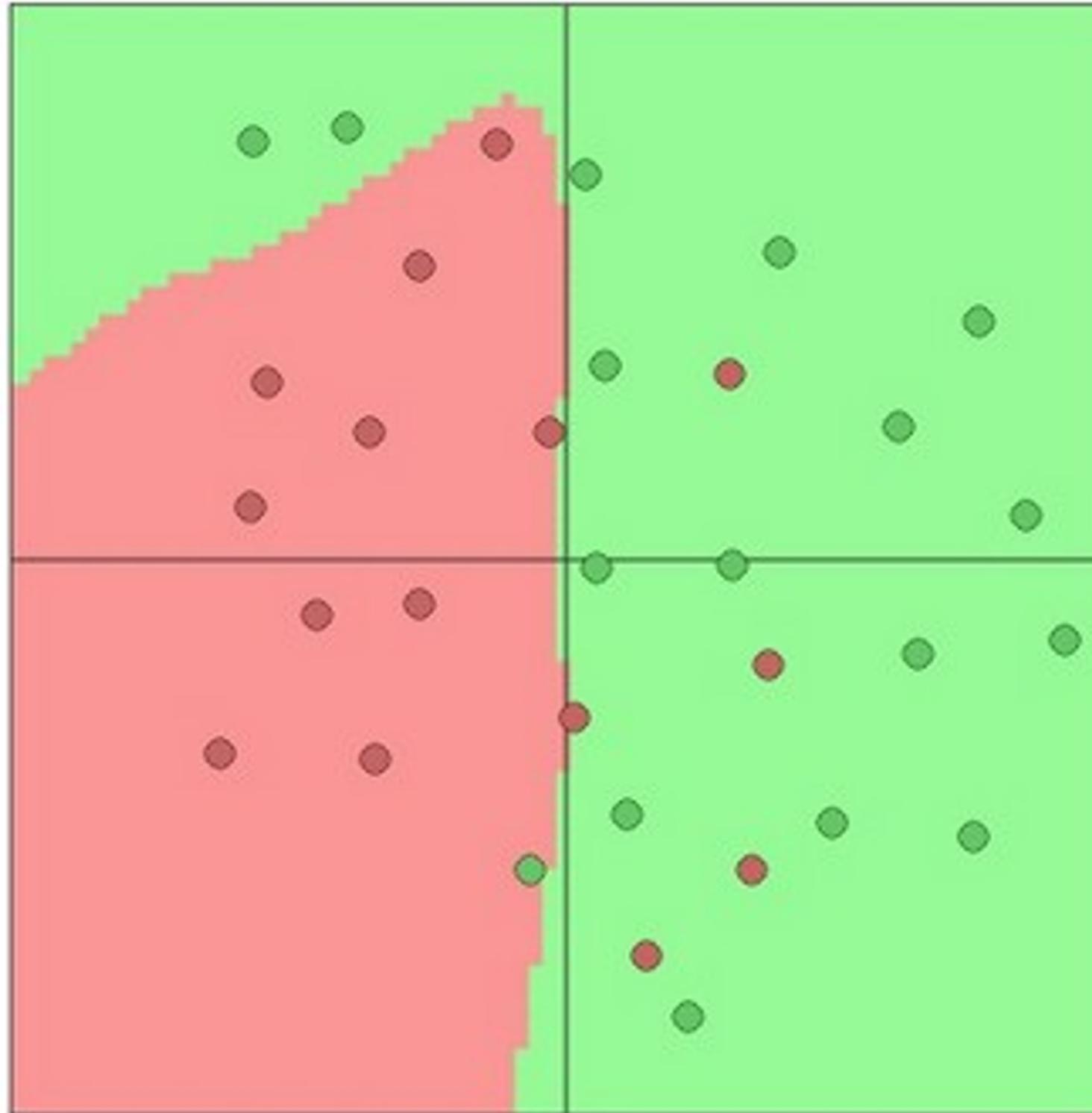
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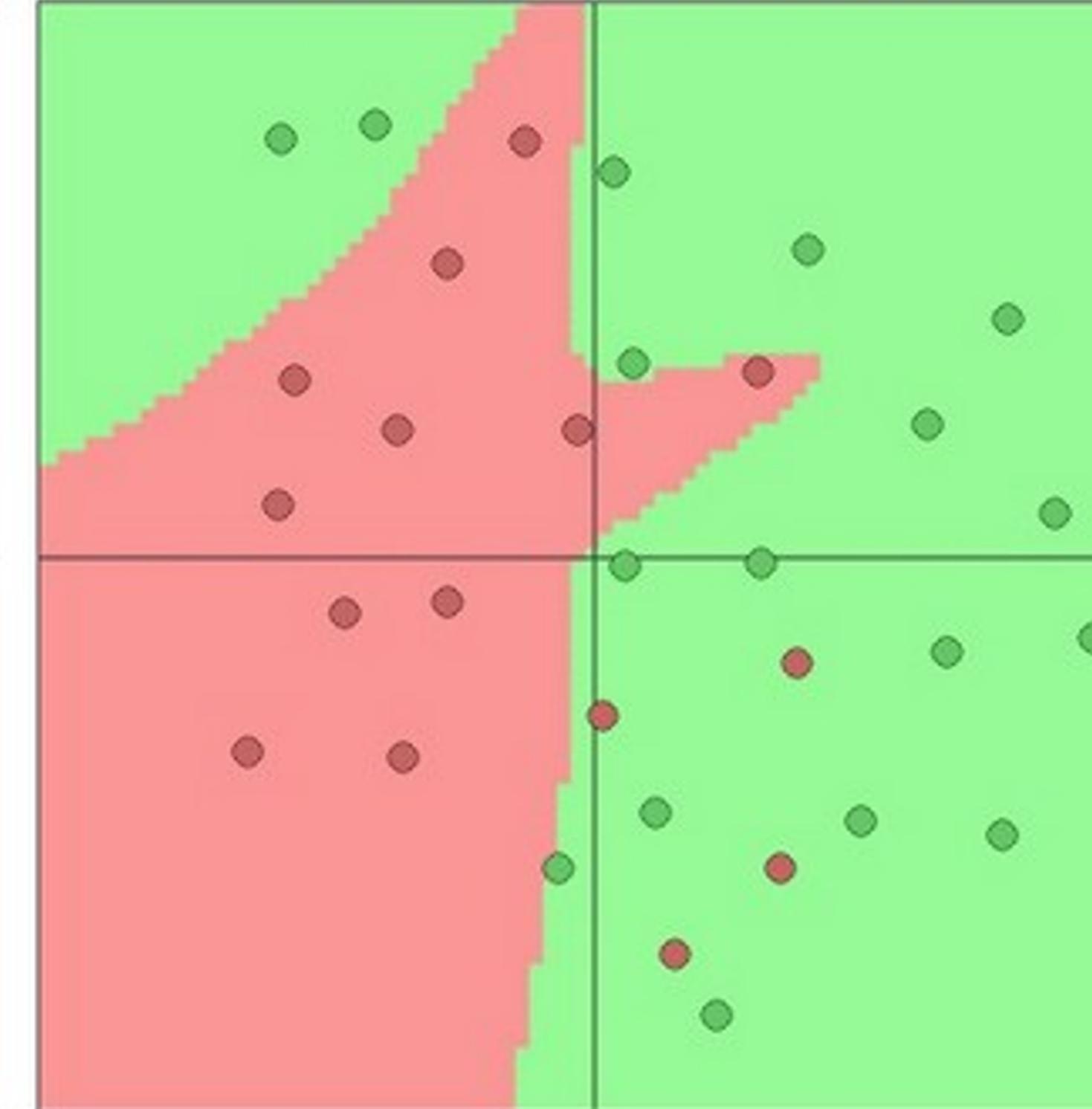


Setting the number of layers and their sizes

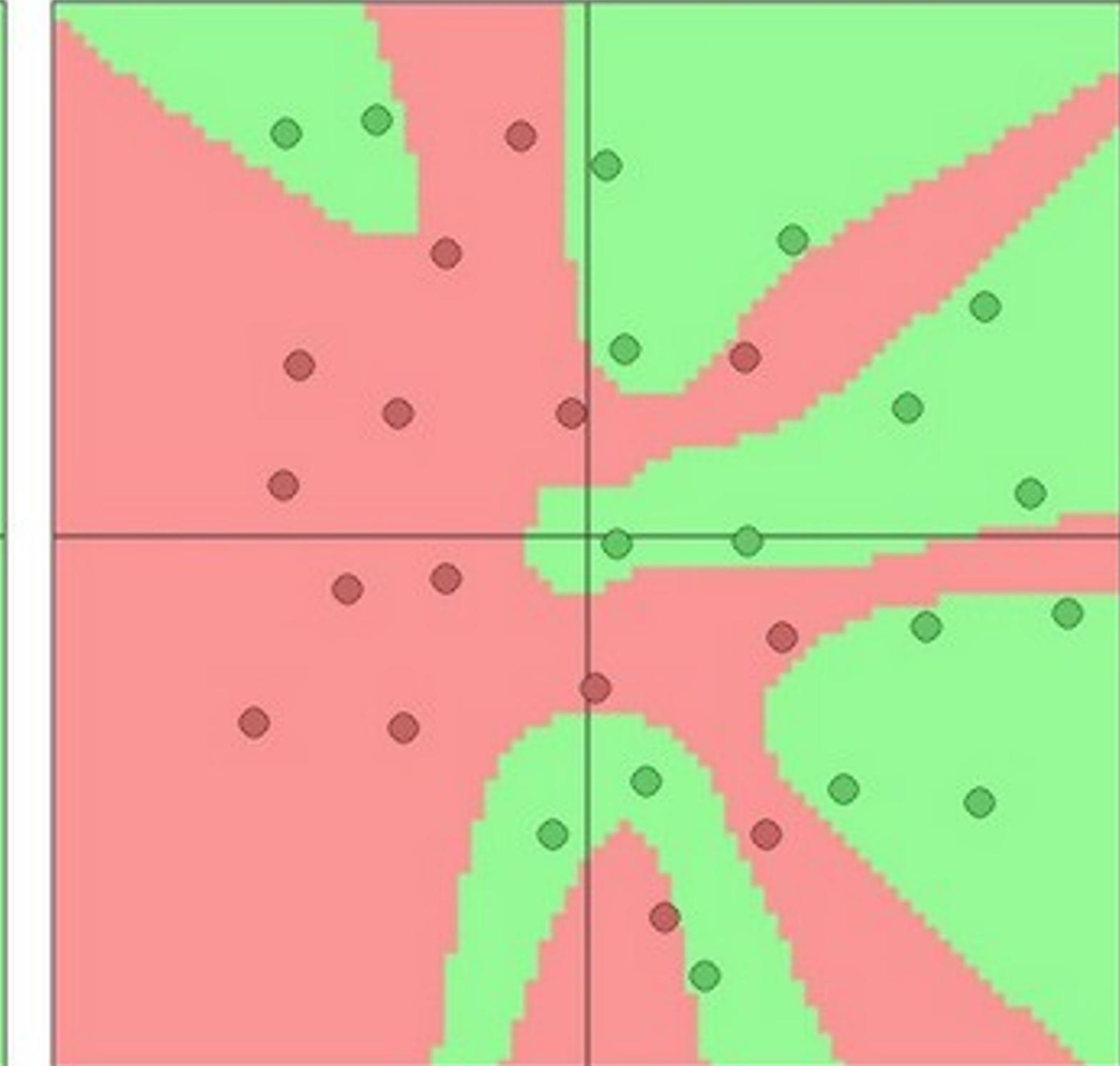
3 hidden units



6 hidden units



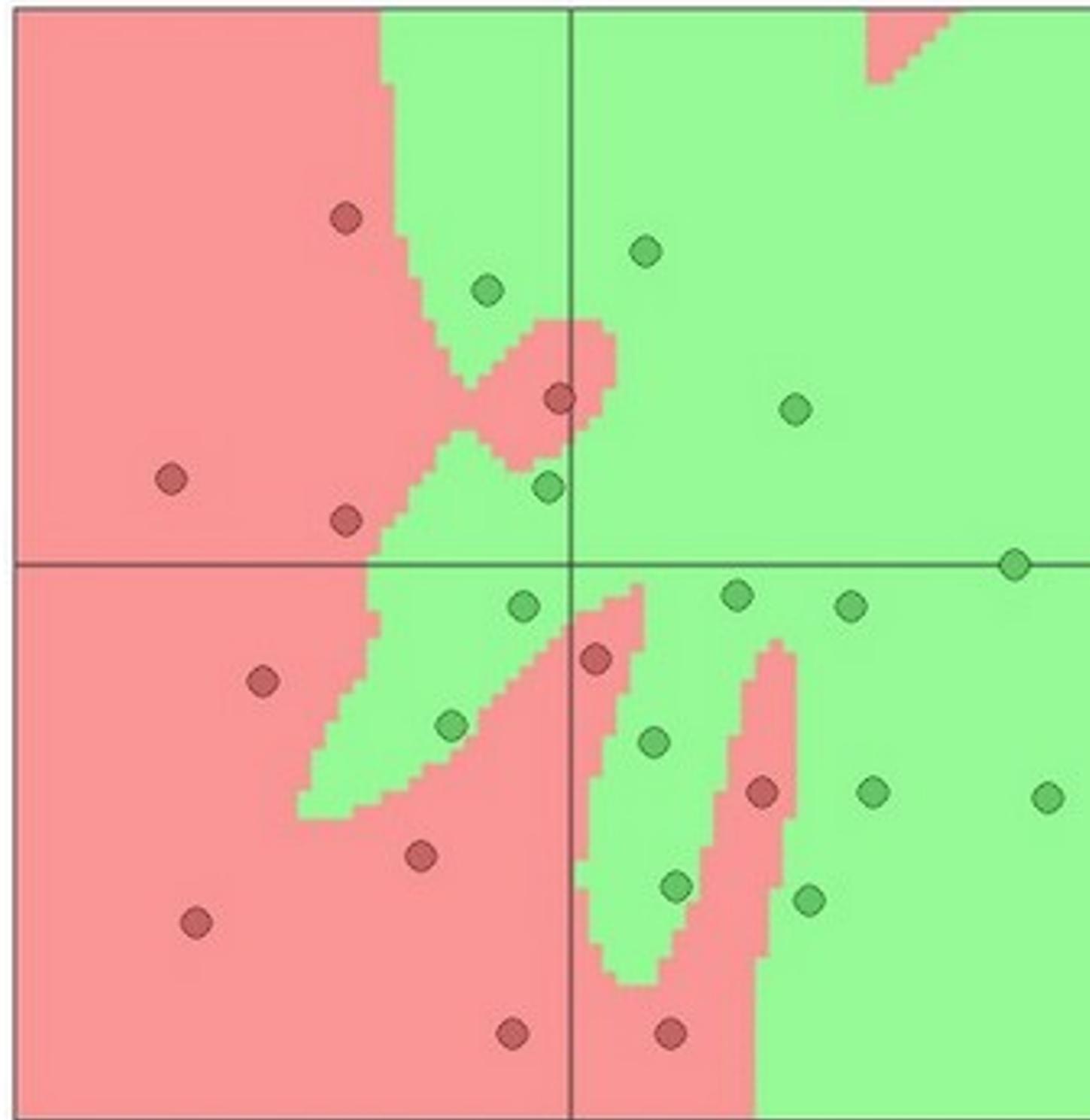
20 hidden units



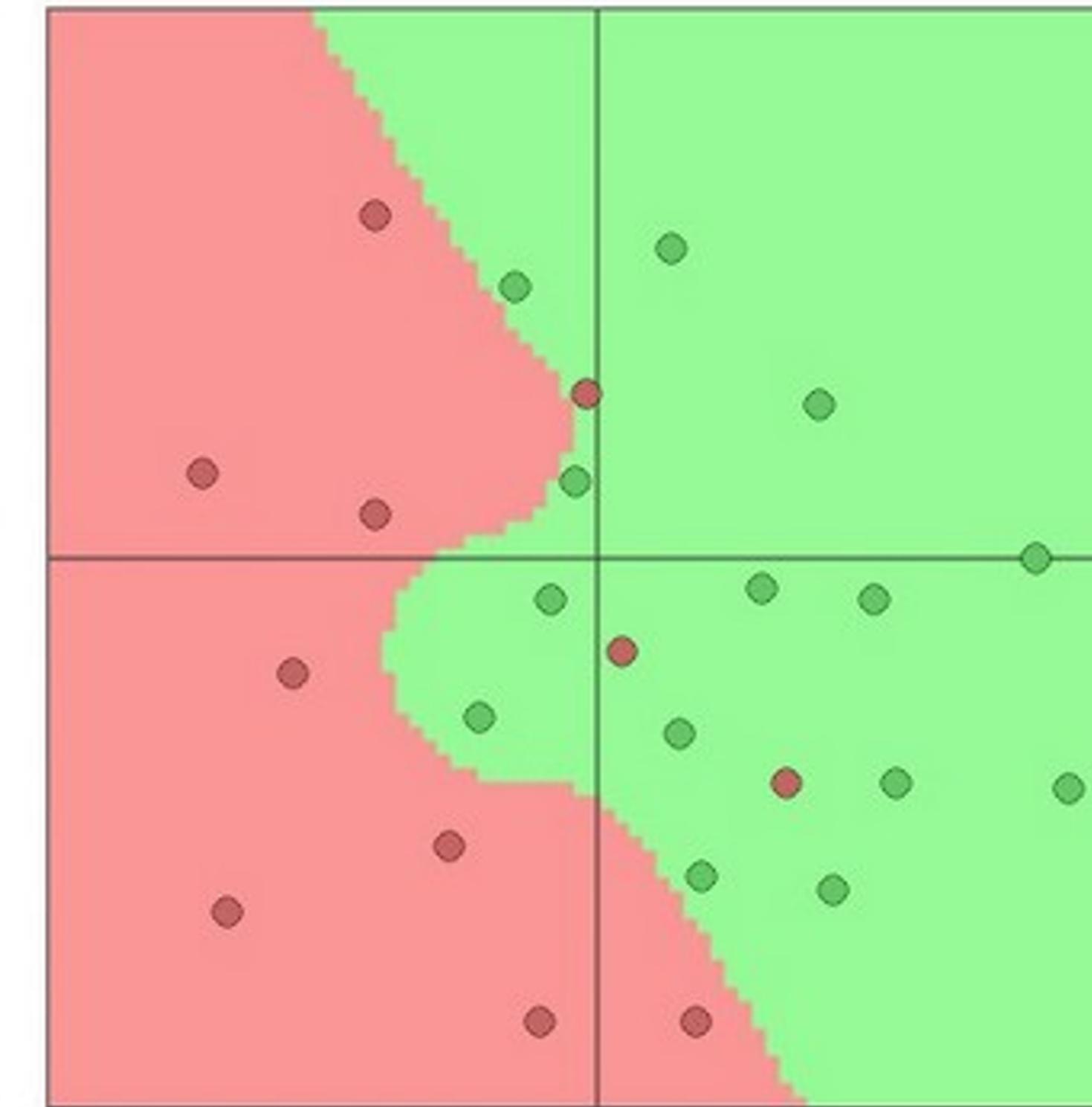
More hidden units = more capacity

Don't regularize with size; instead use stronger L2

$\lambda = 0.001$



$\lambda = 0.01$



$\lambda = 0.1$



Web demo with ConvNetJS: <https://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/convnetjs/demo/classify2d.html>

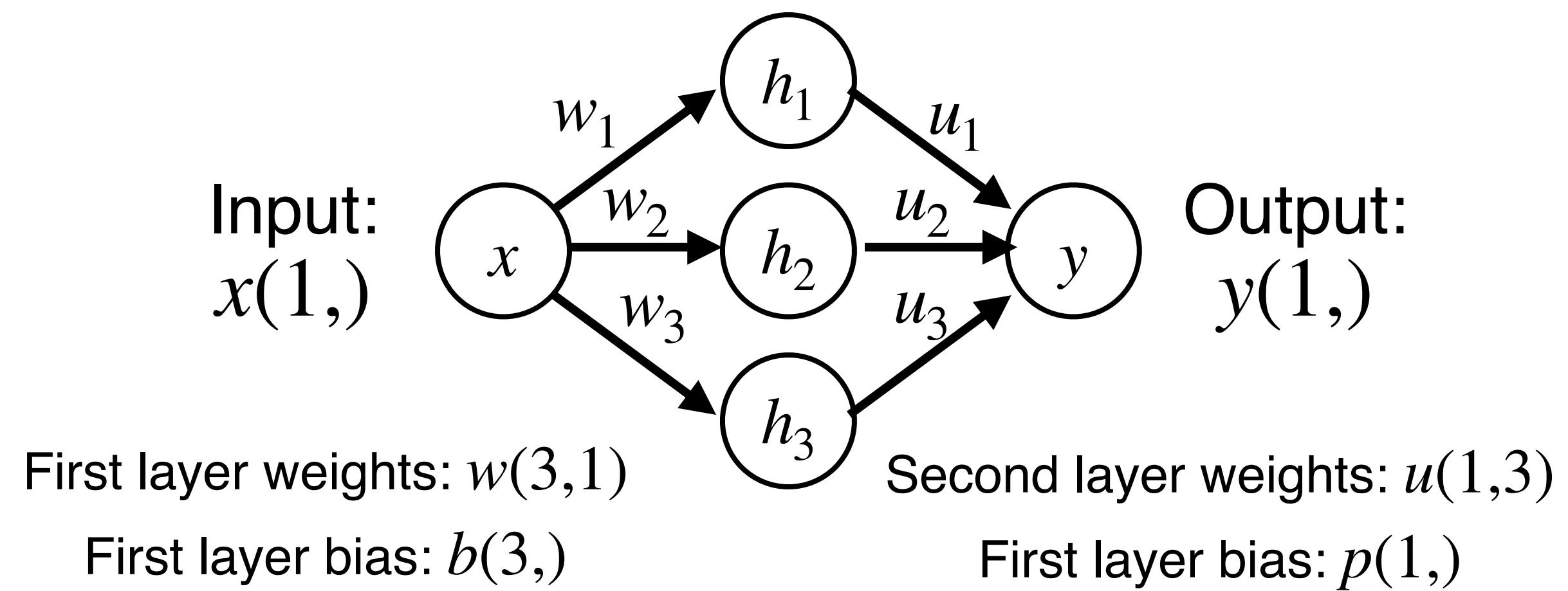
Universal Approximation

A neural network with one hidden layer can approximate any function $f: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$ with arbitrary precision*

*Many technical conditions: Only holds on compact subsets of \mathbb{R}^N ; function must be continuous; need to define "arbitrary precision"; etc.

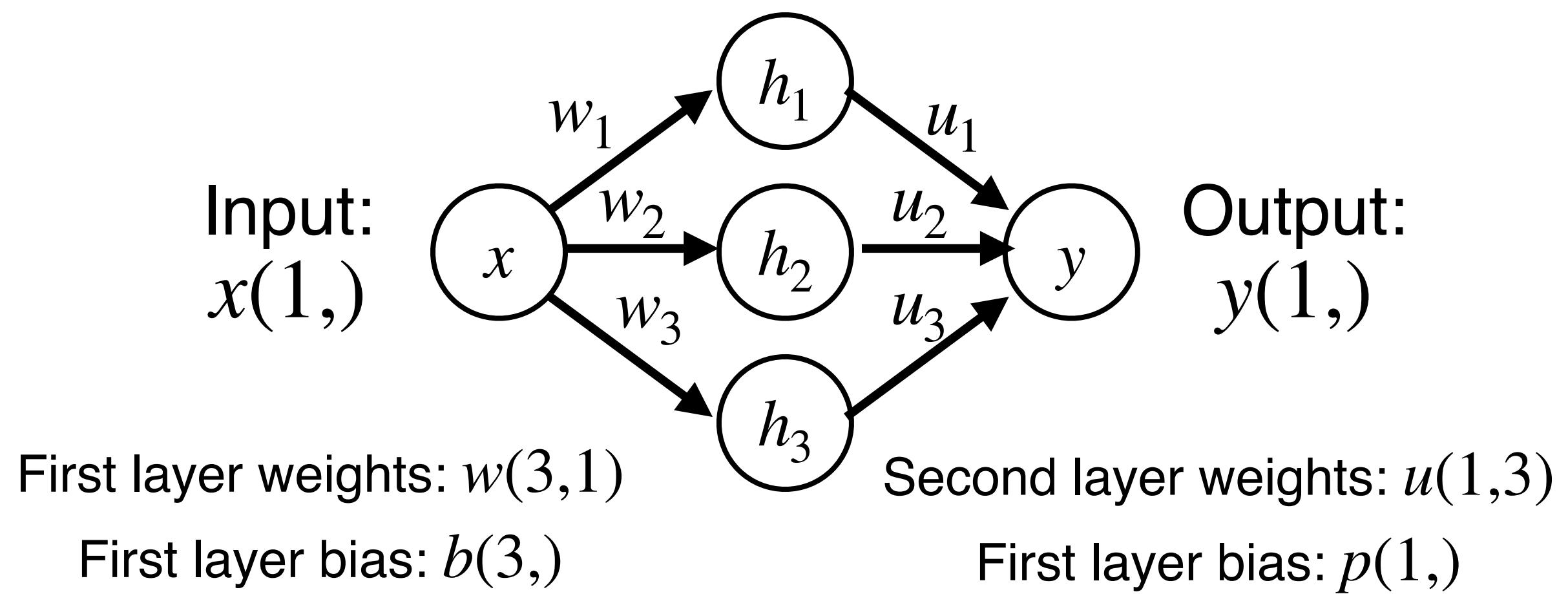
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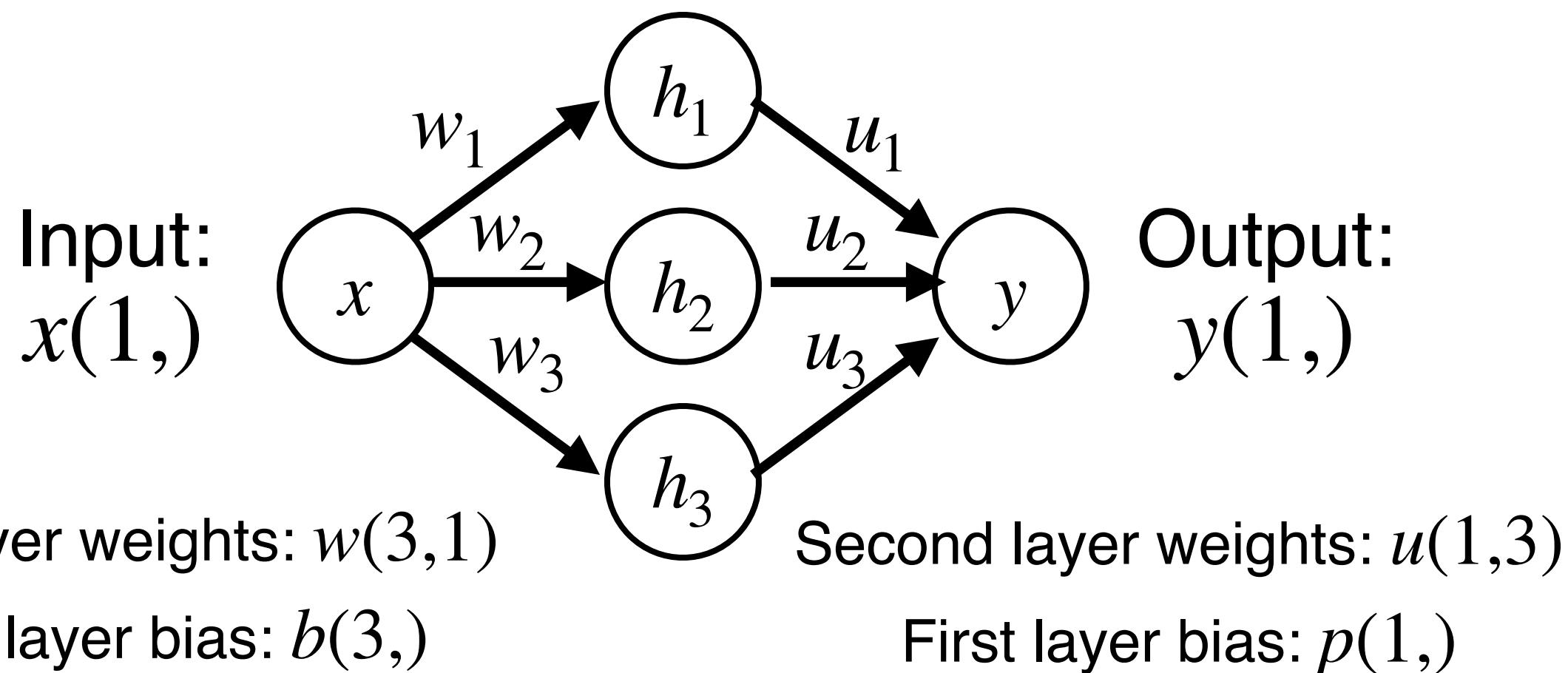
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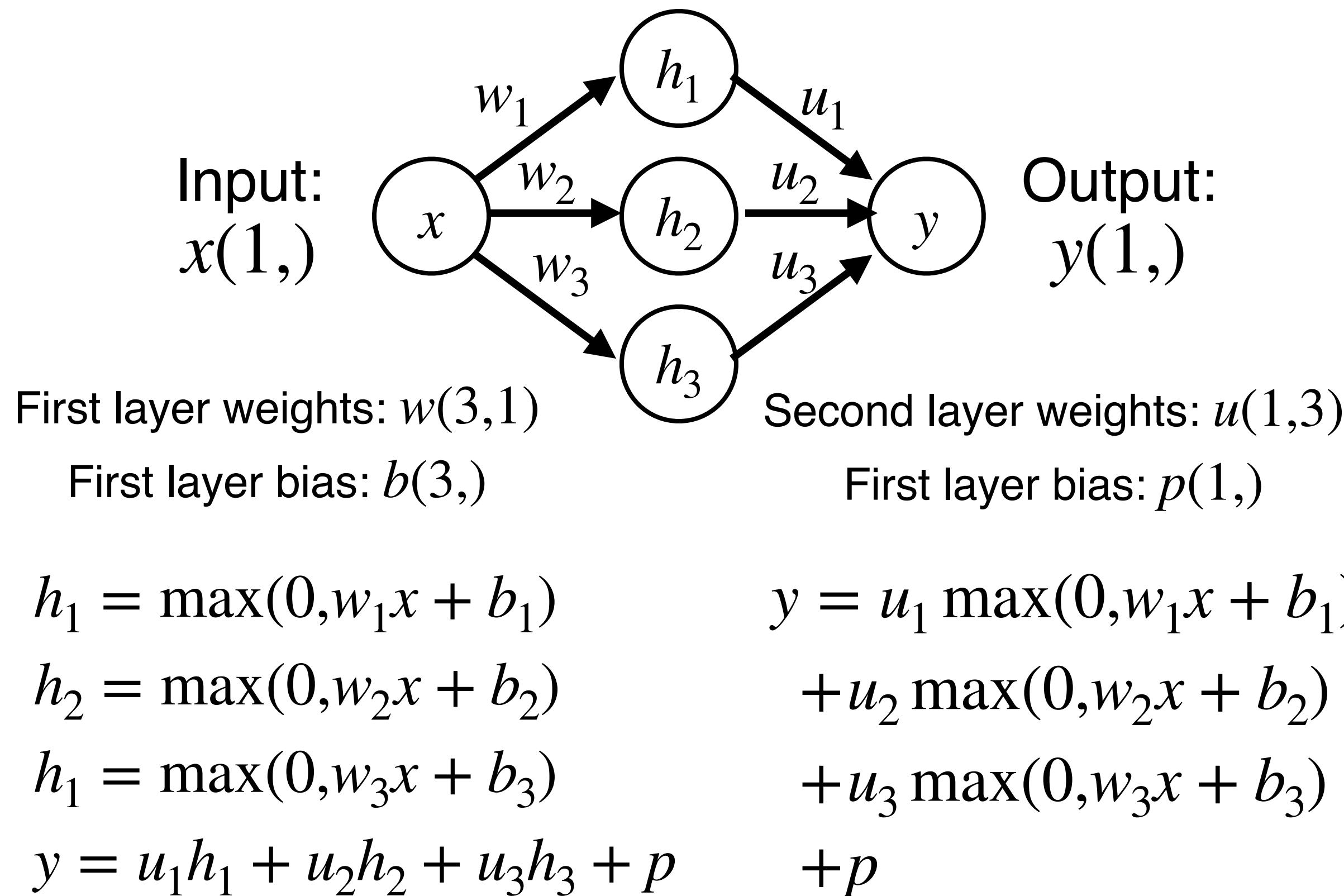
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$$+ p$$

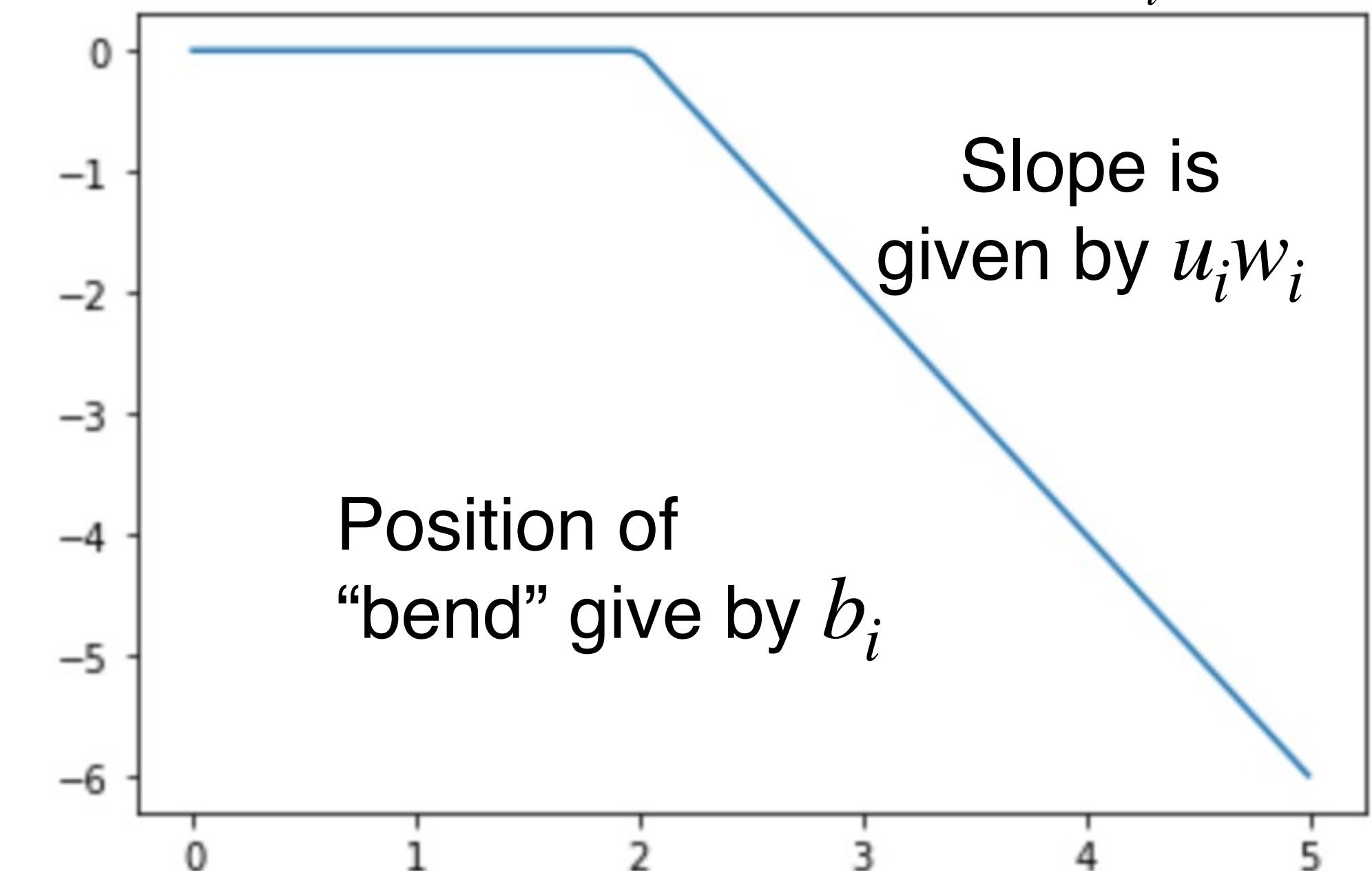
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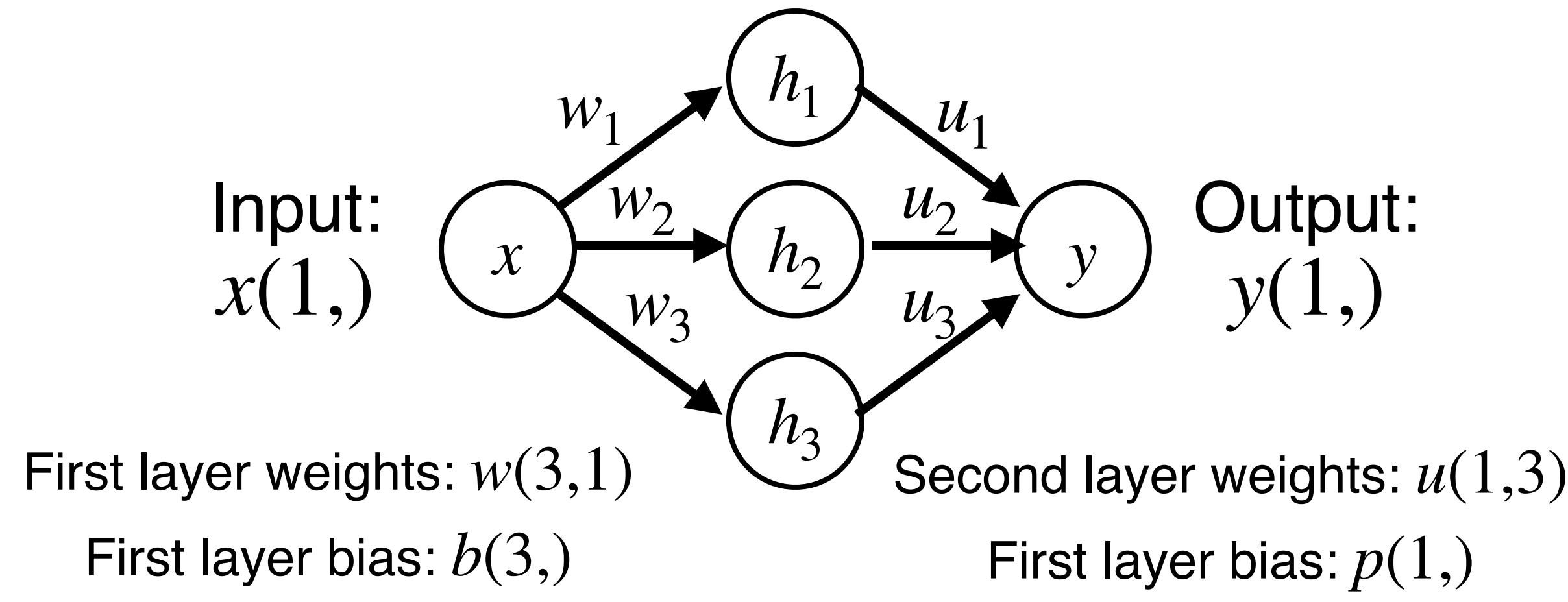
Output is a sum of shifted,
scaled ReLUs:

Flip left / right based on sign of w_i



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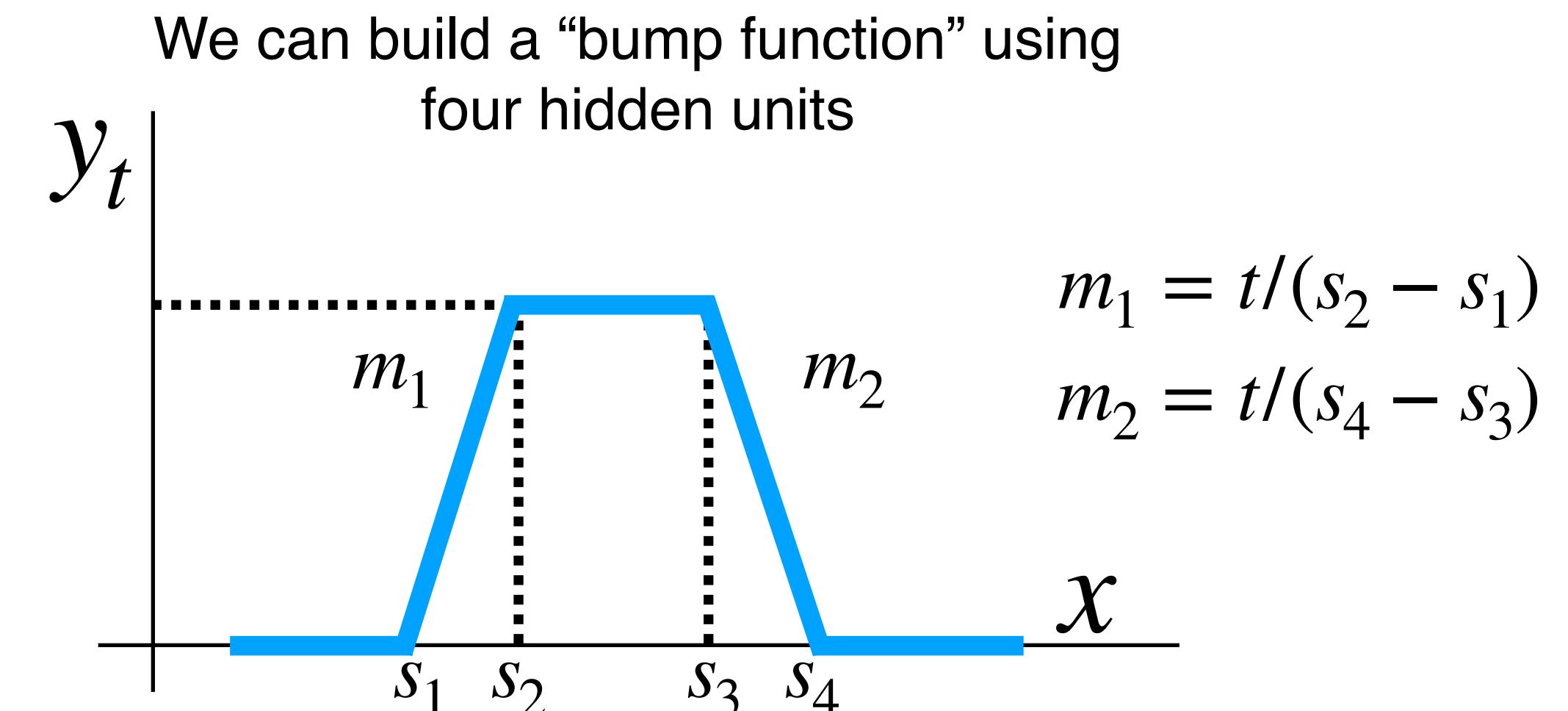
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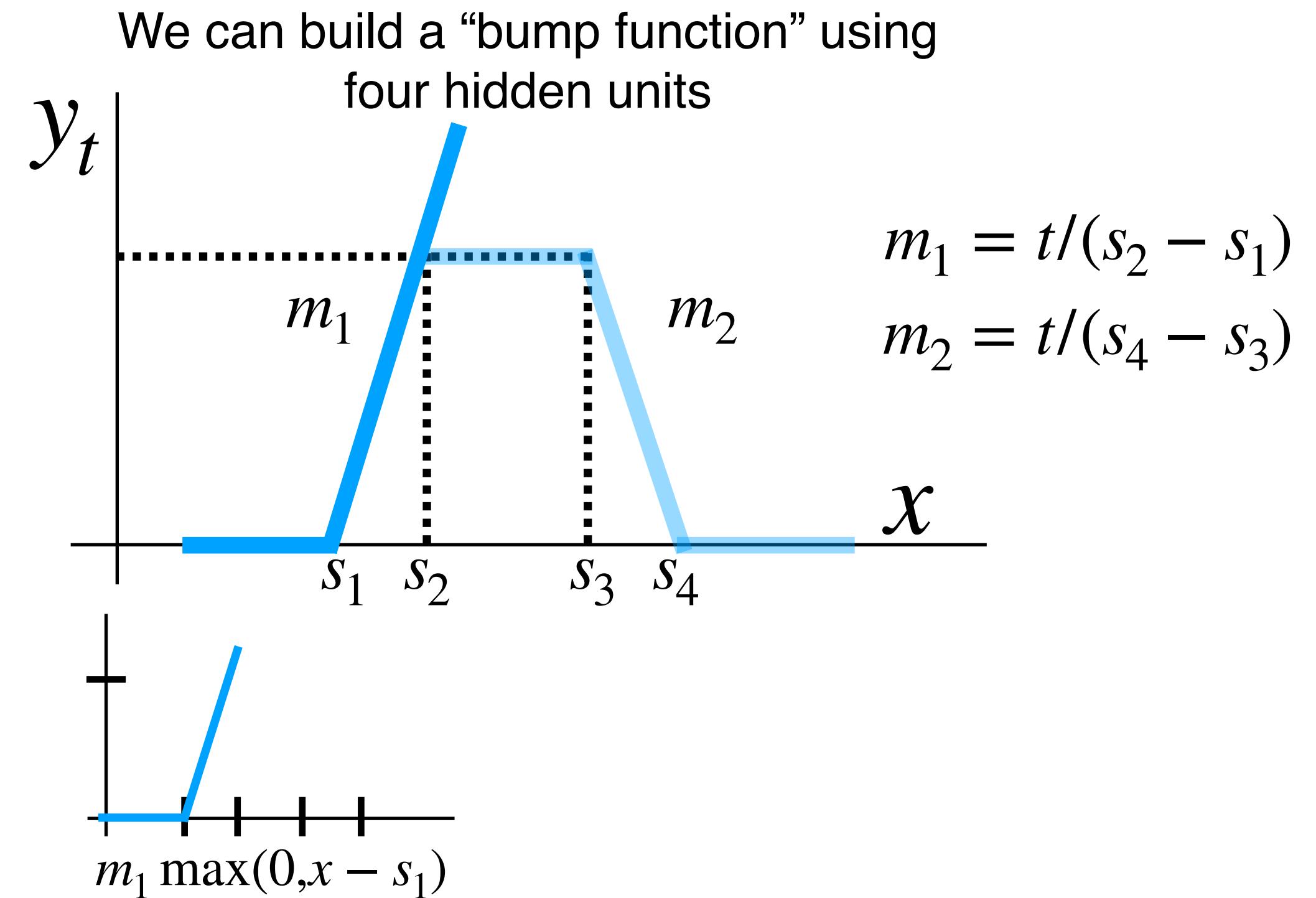
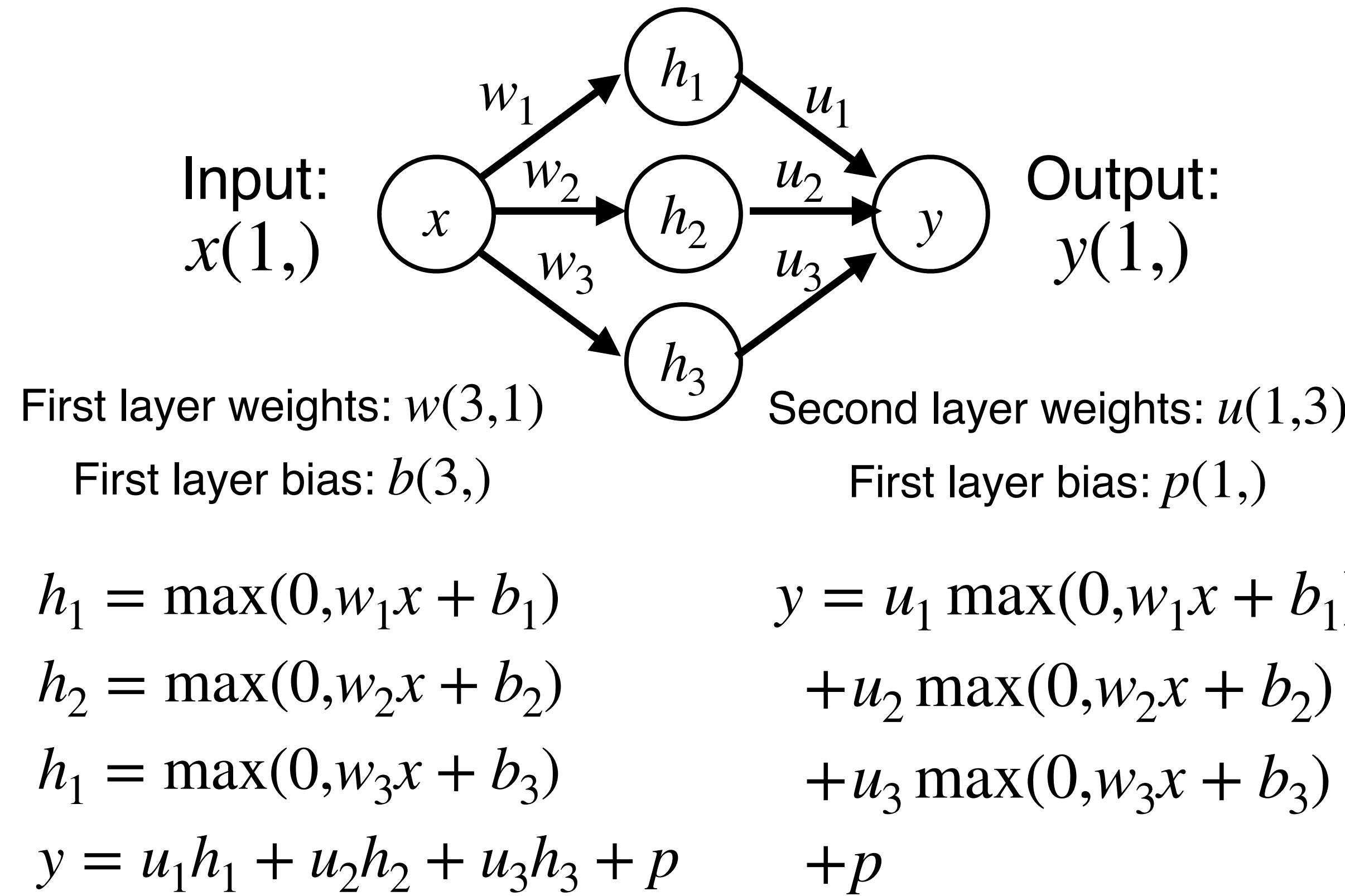
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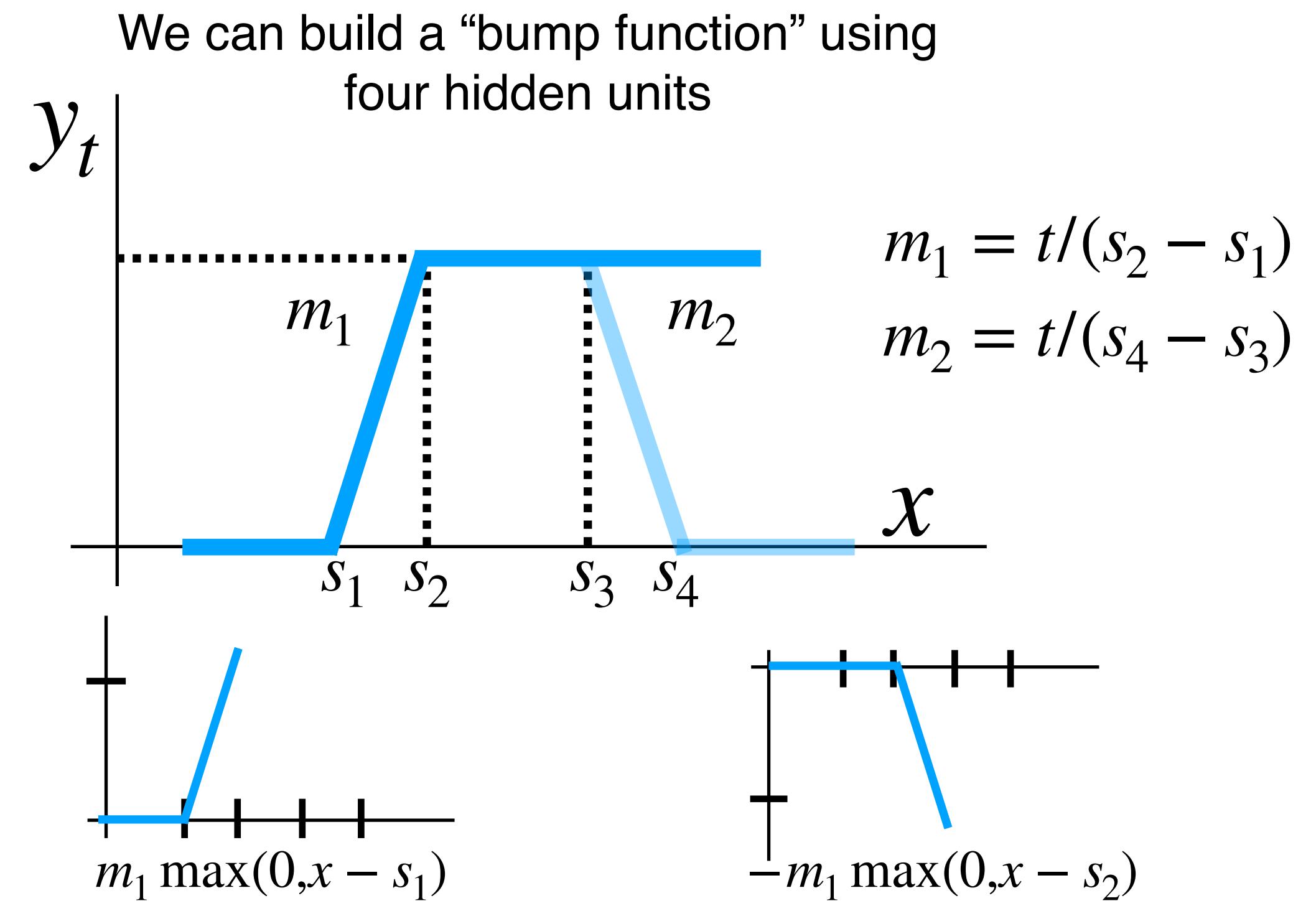
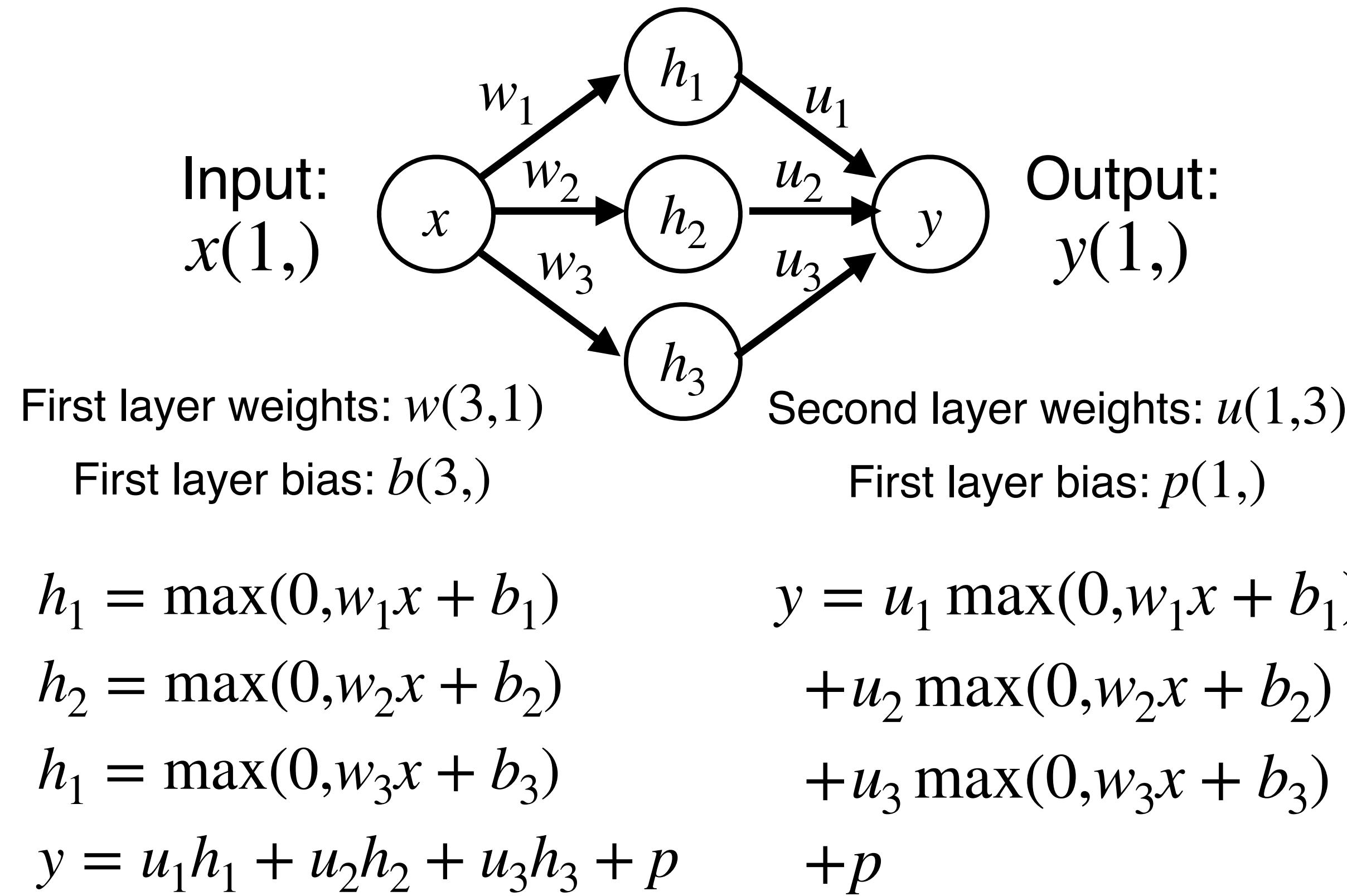
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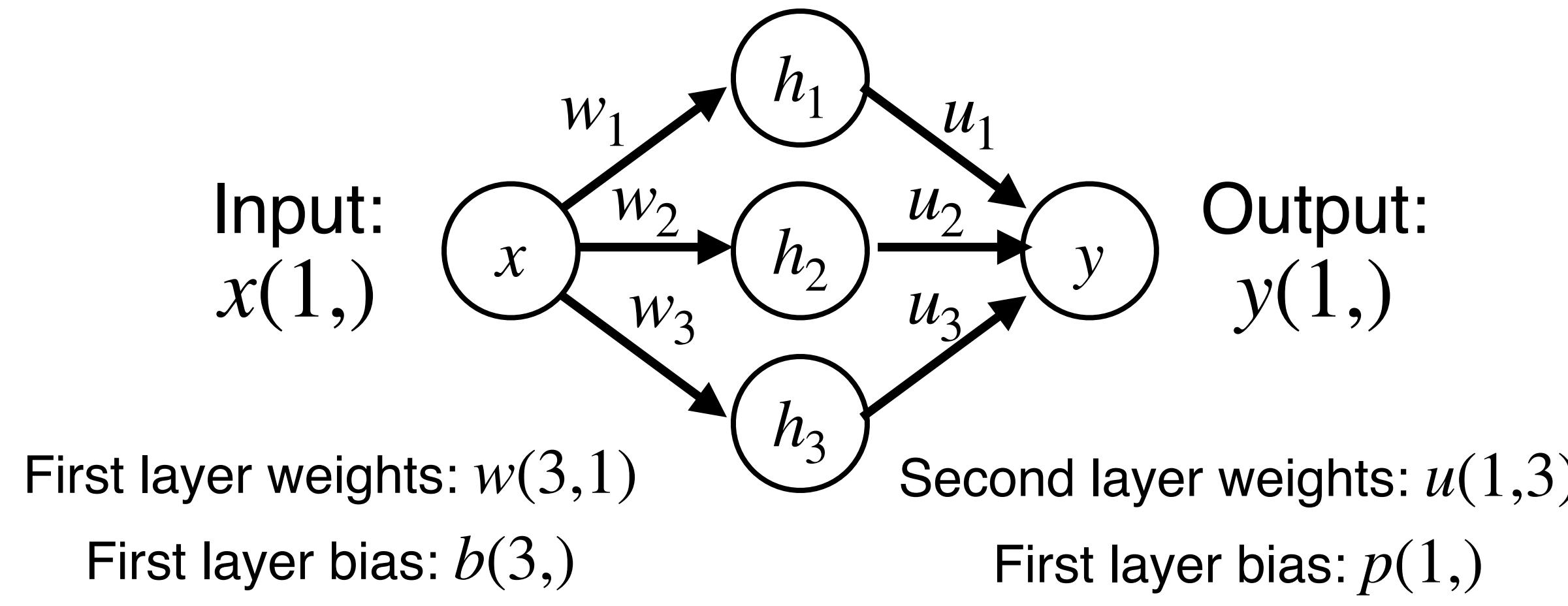
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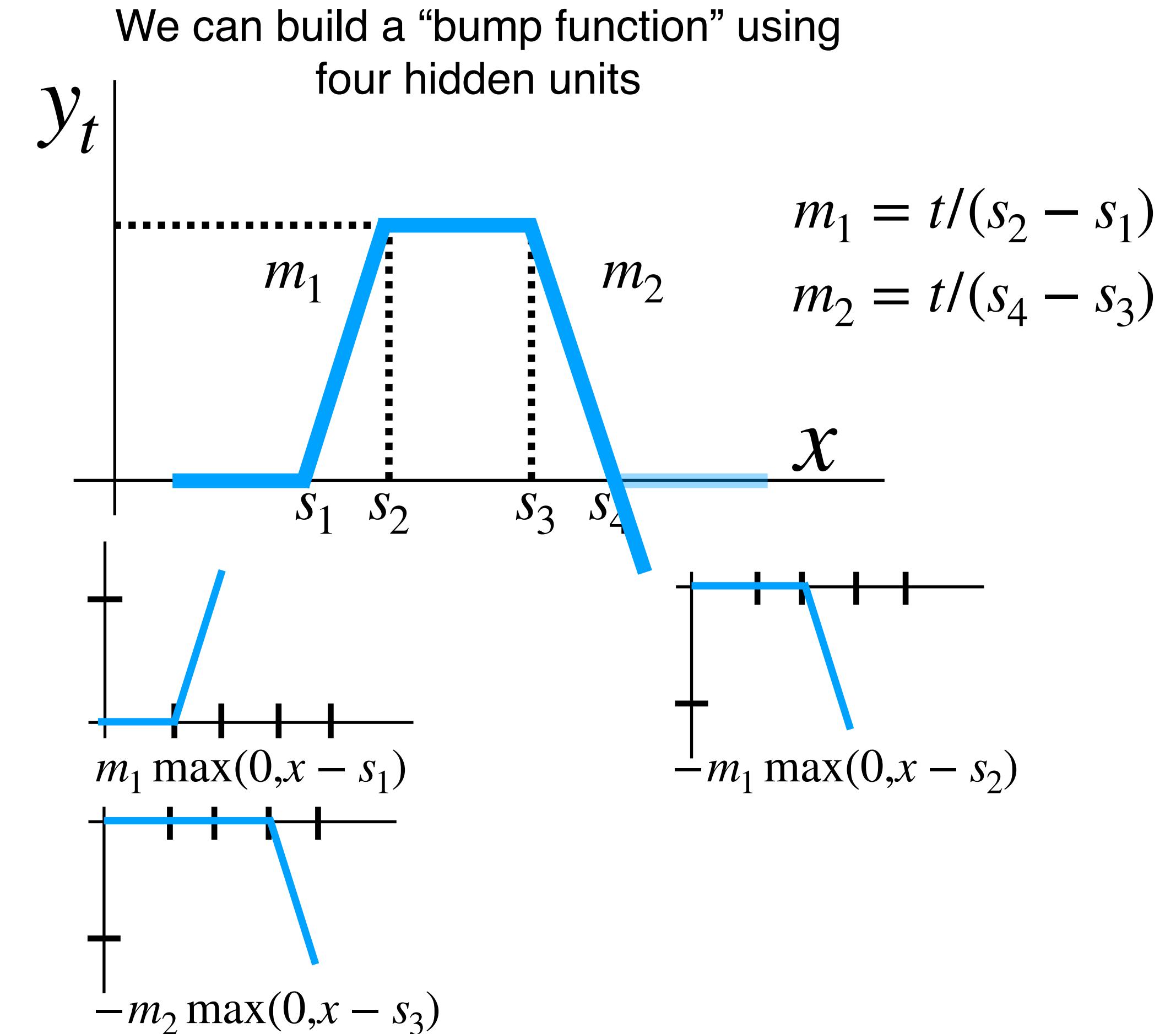
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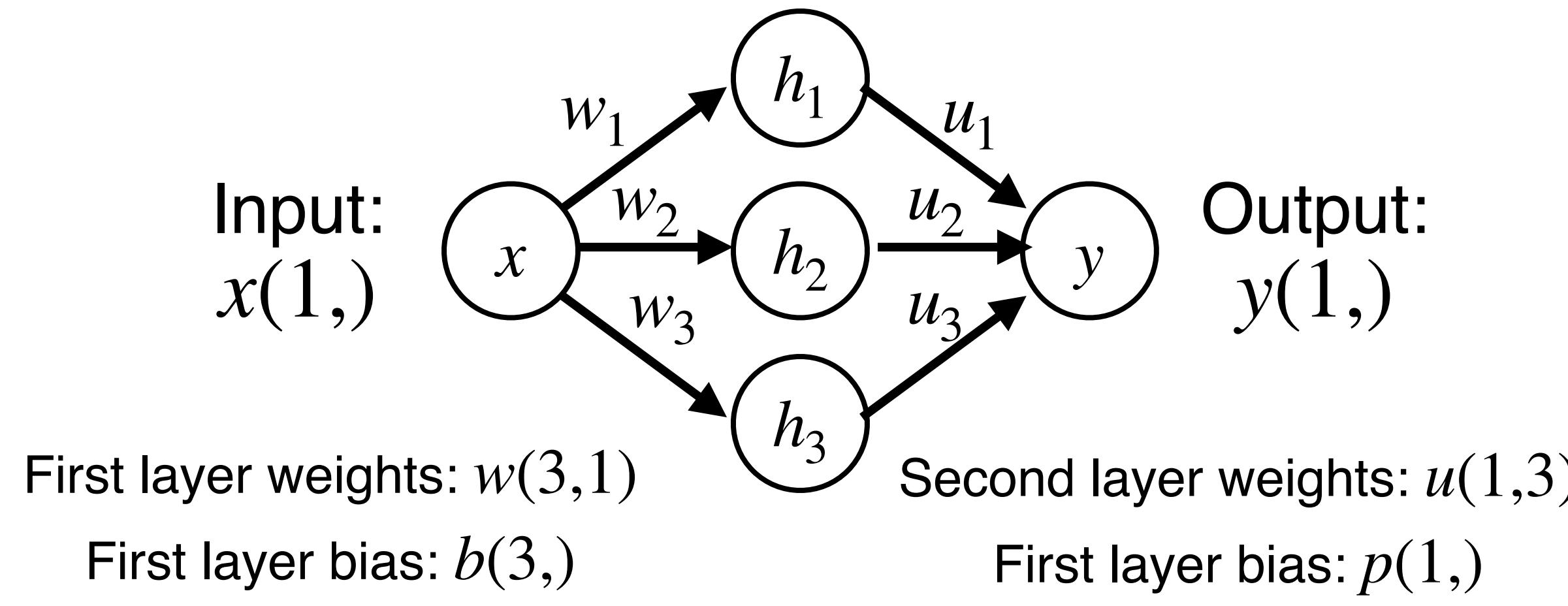
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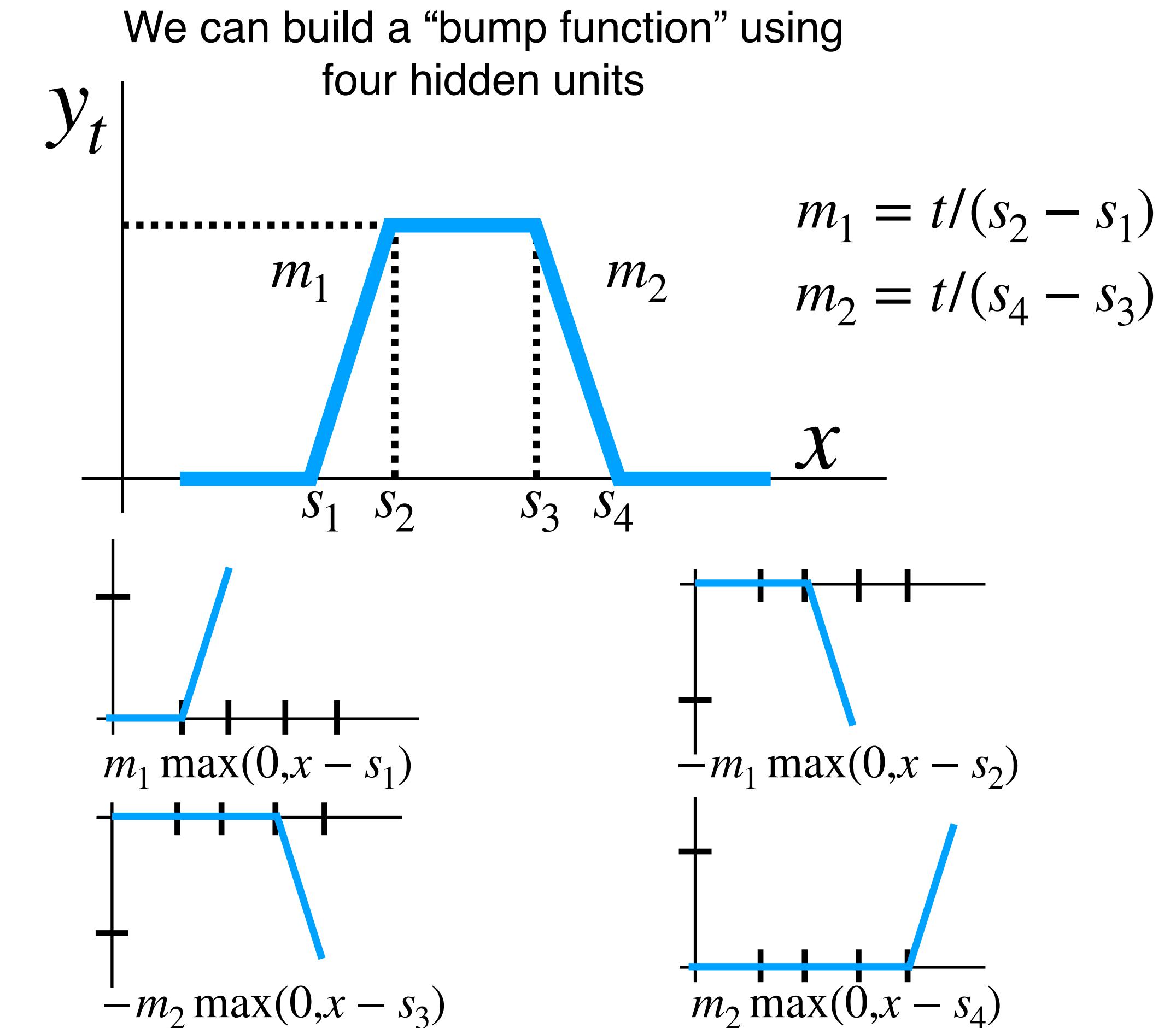
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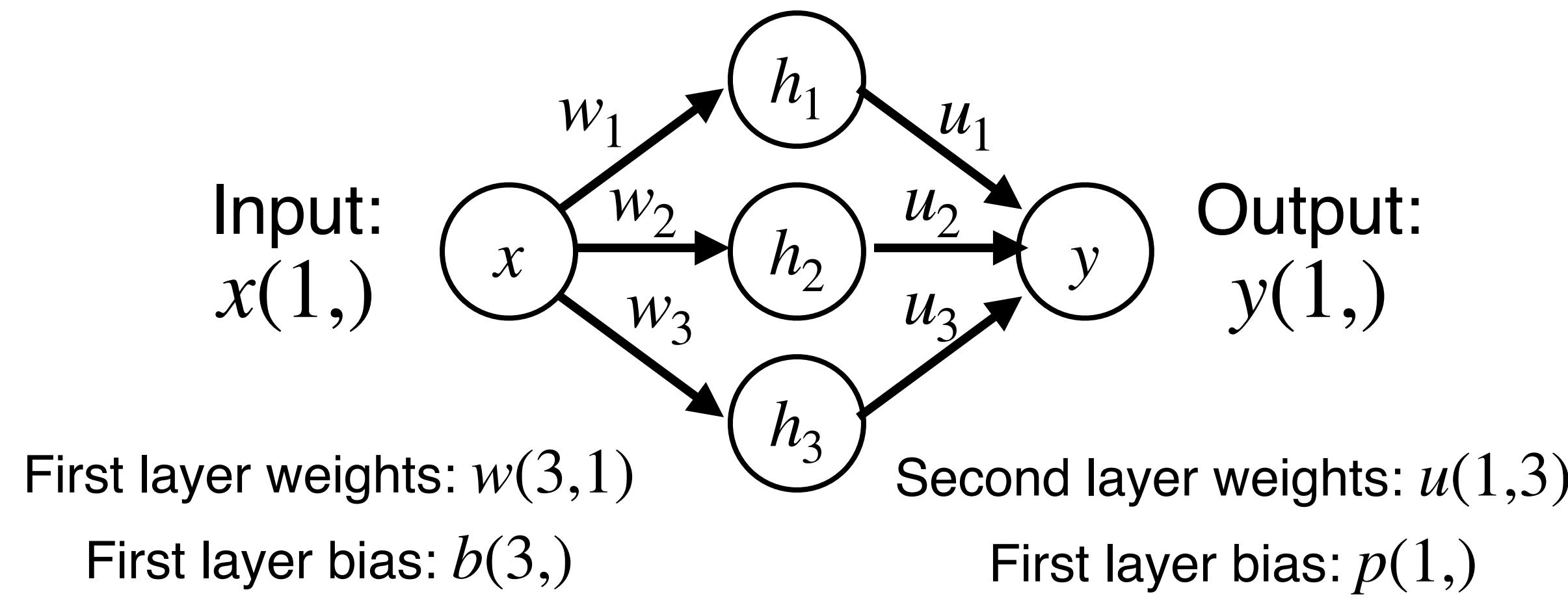
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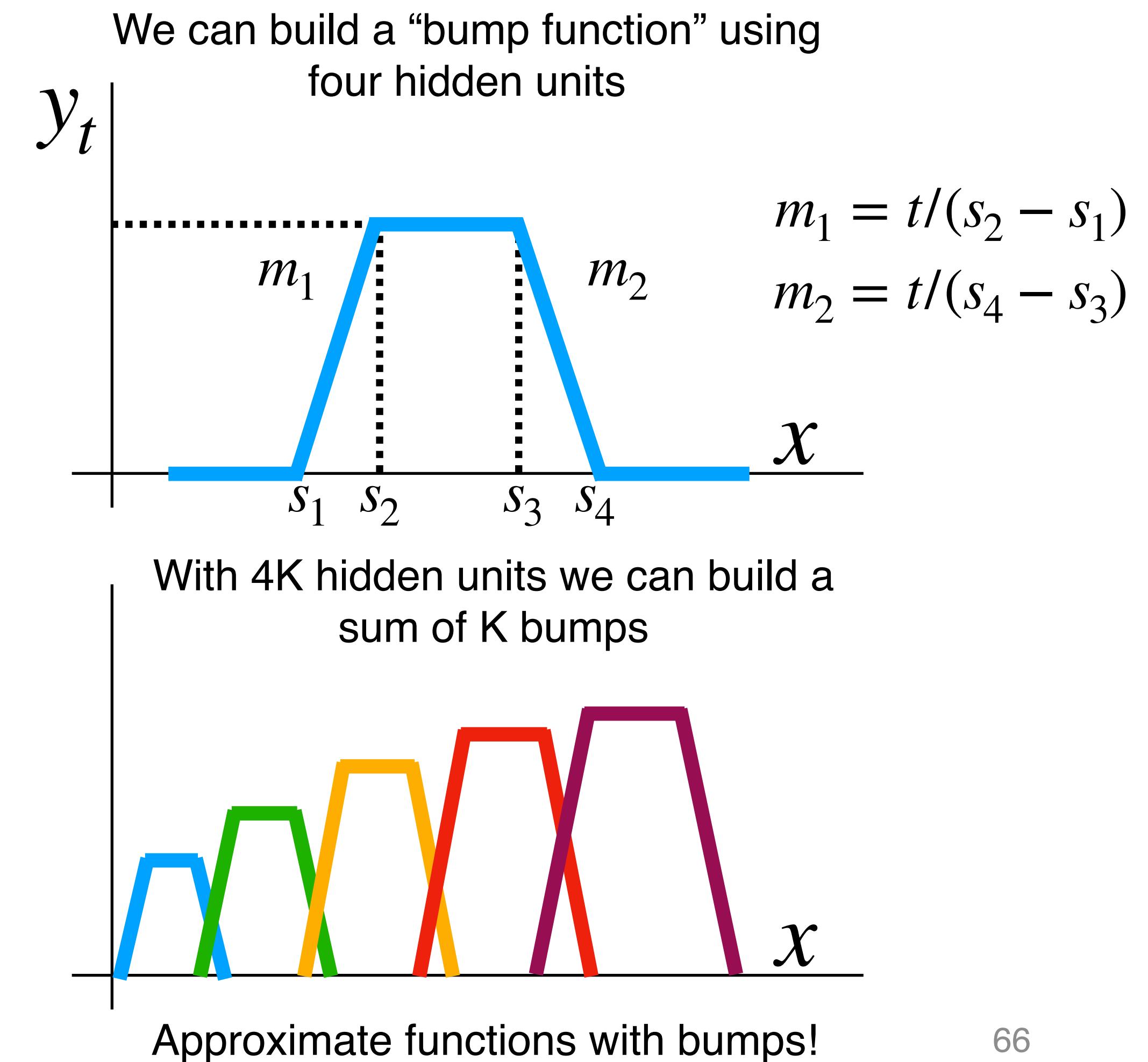
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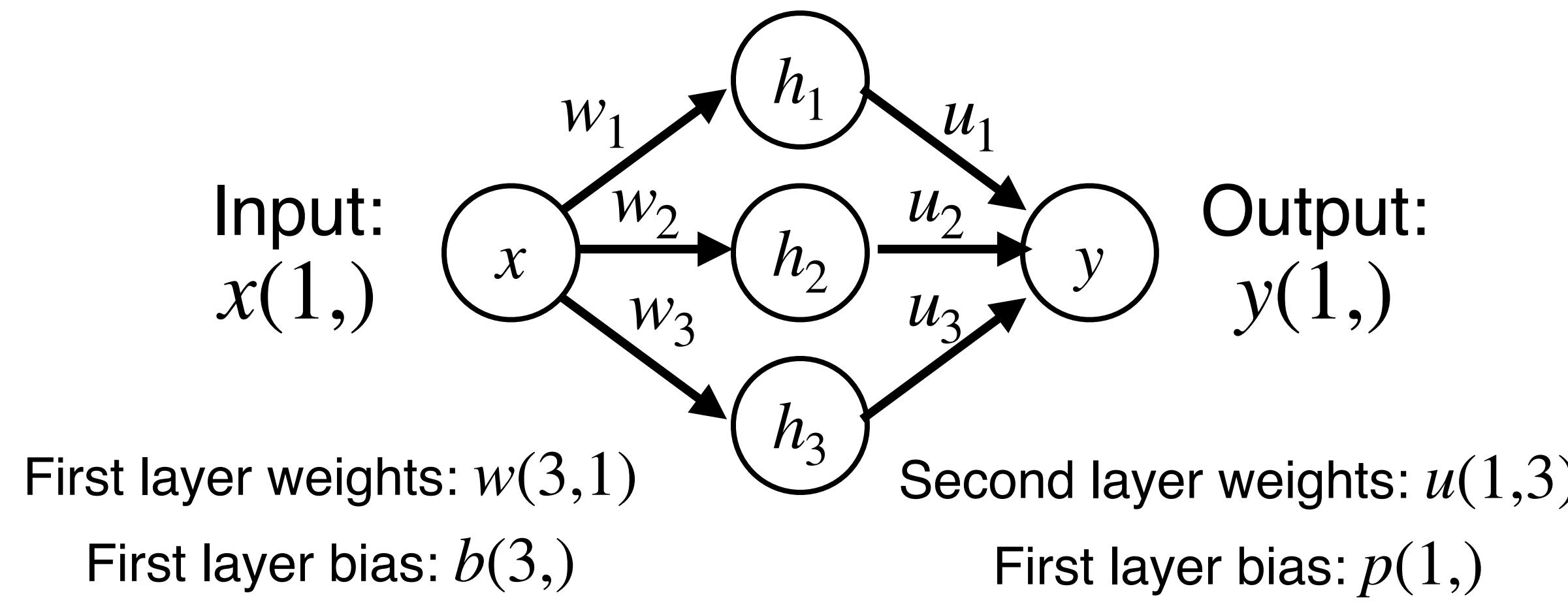
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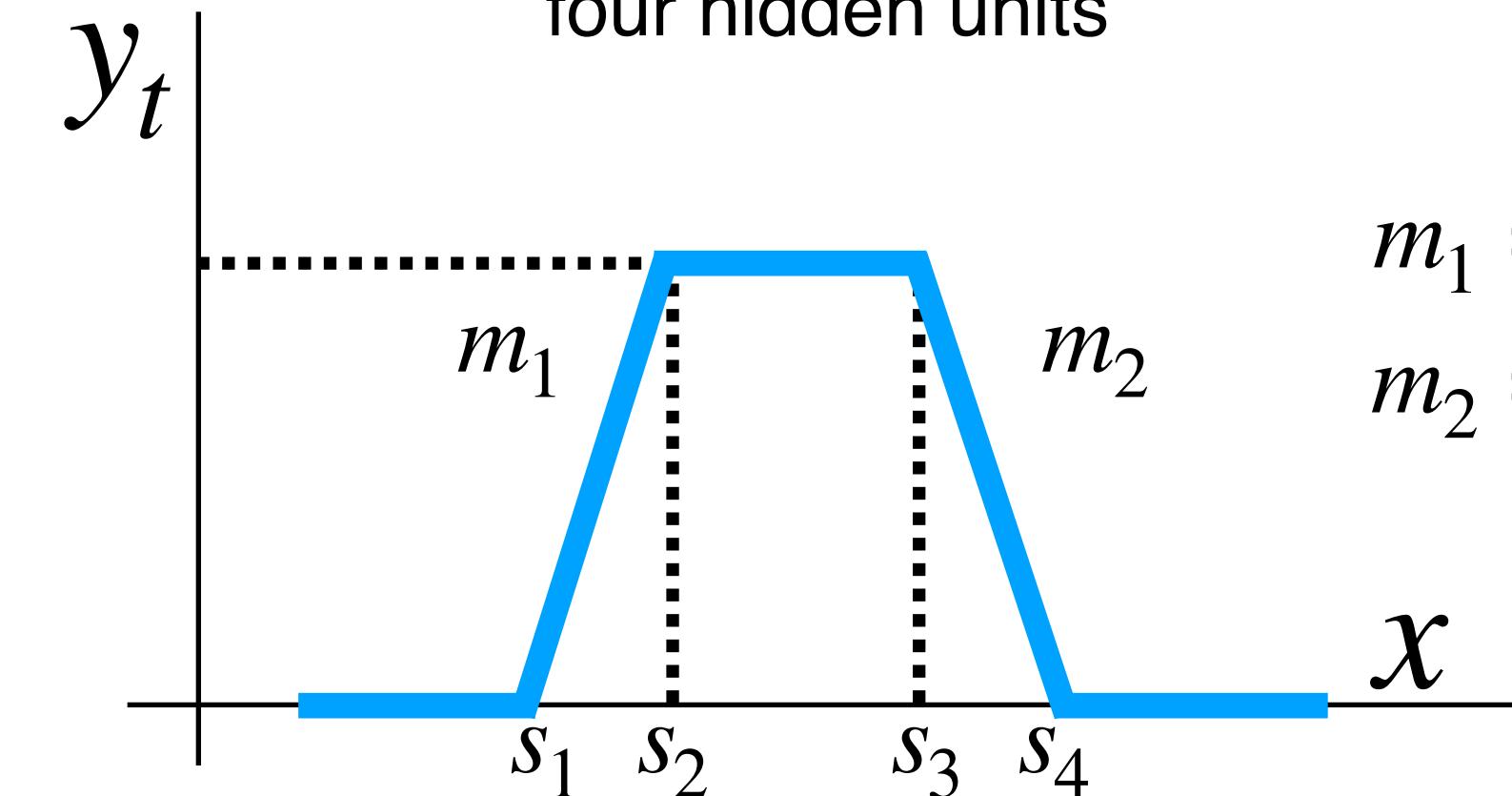
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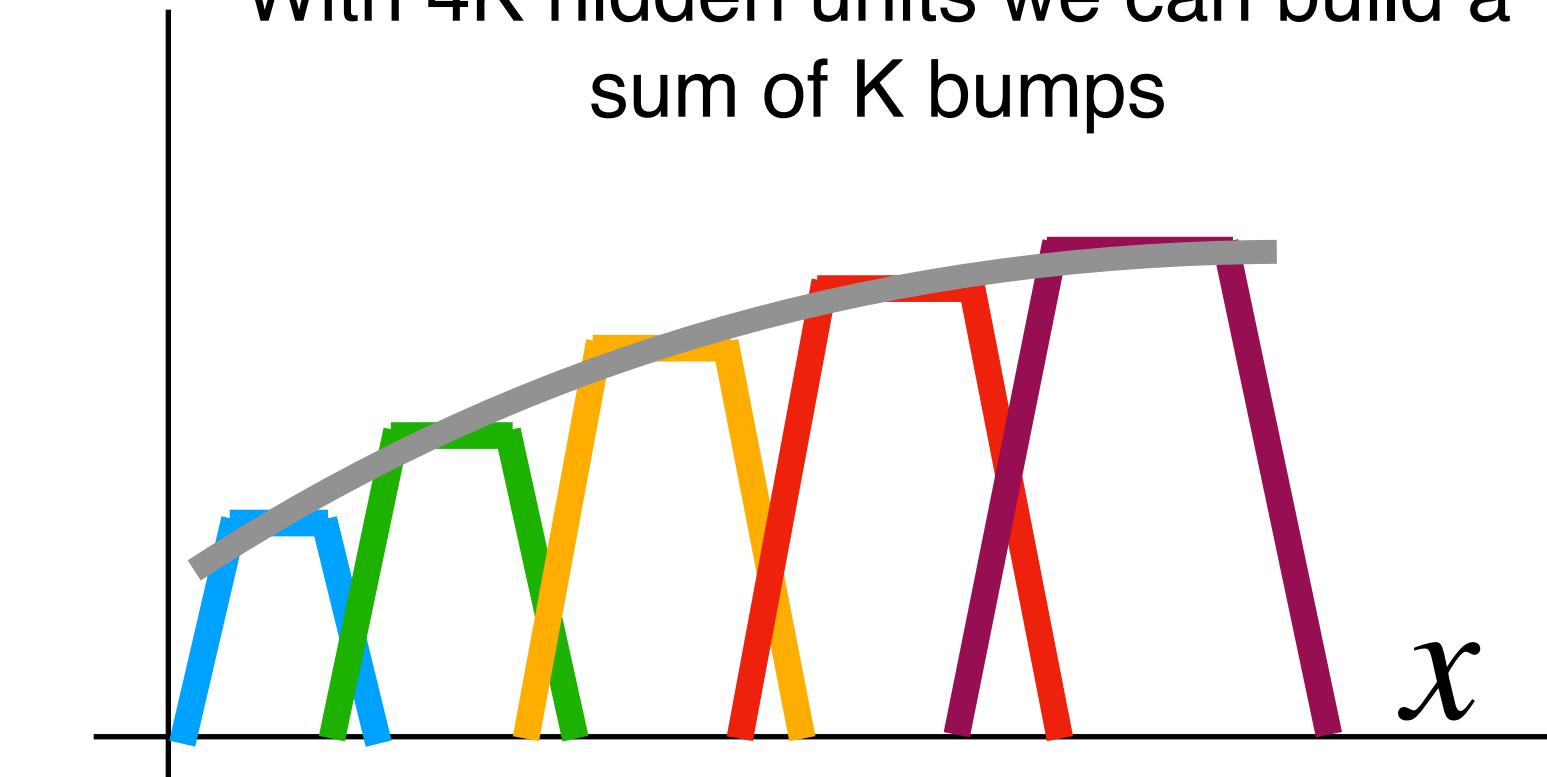
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We can build a “bump function” using four hidden units



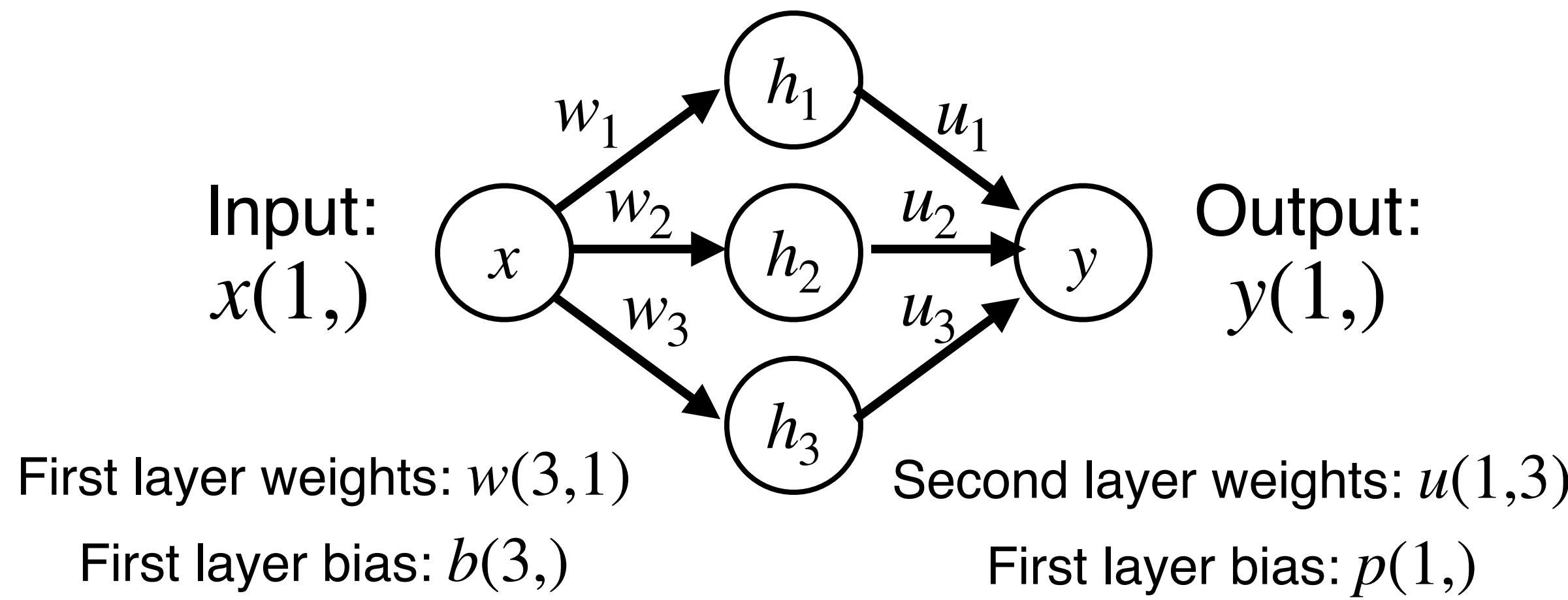
With 4K hidden units we can build a sum of K bumps



Approximate functions with bumps!

Universal Approximation

Example: Approximating a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with a two-layer ReLU network



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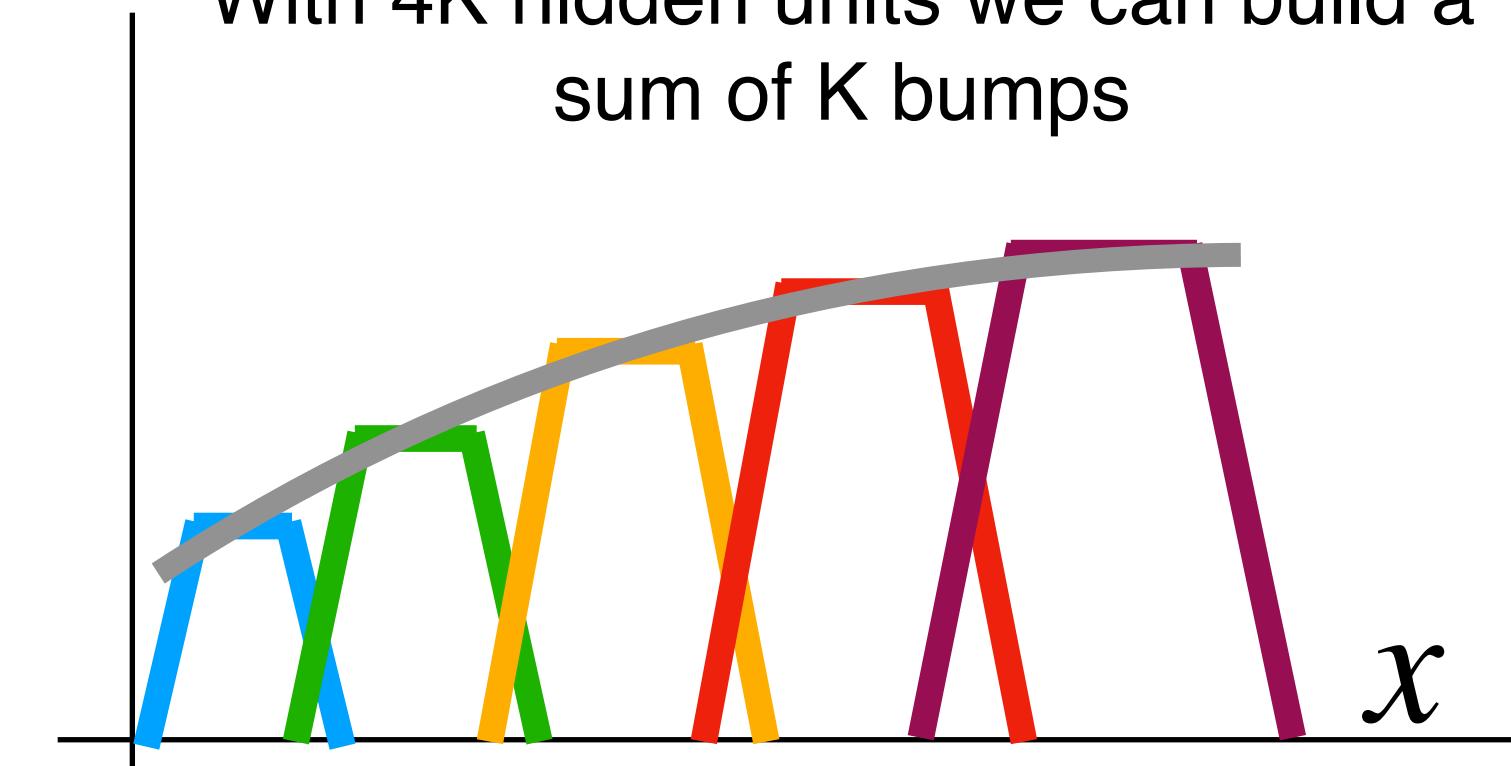
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What about ...

- Gaps between bumps?
- Other nonlinearities?
- Higher-dimensional functions?

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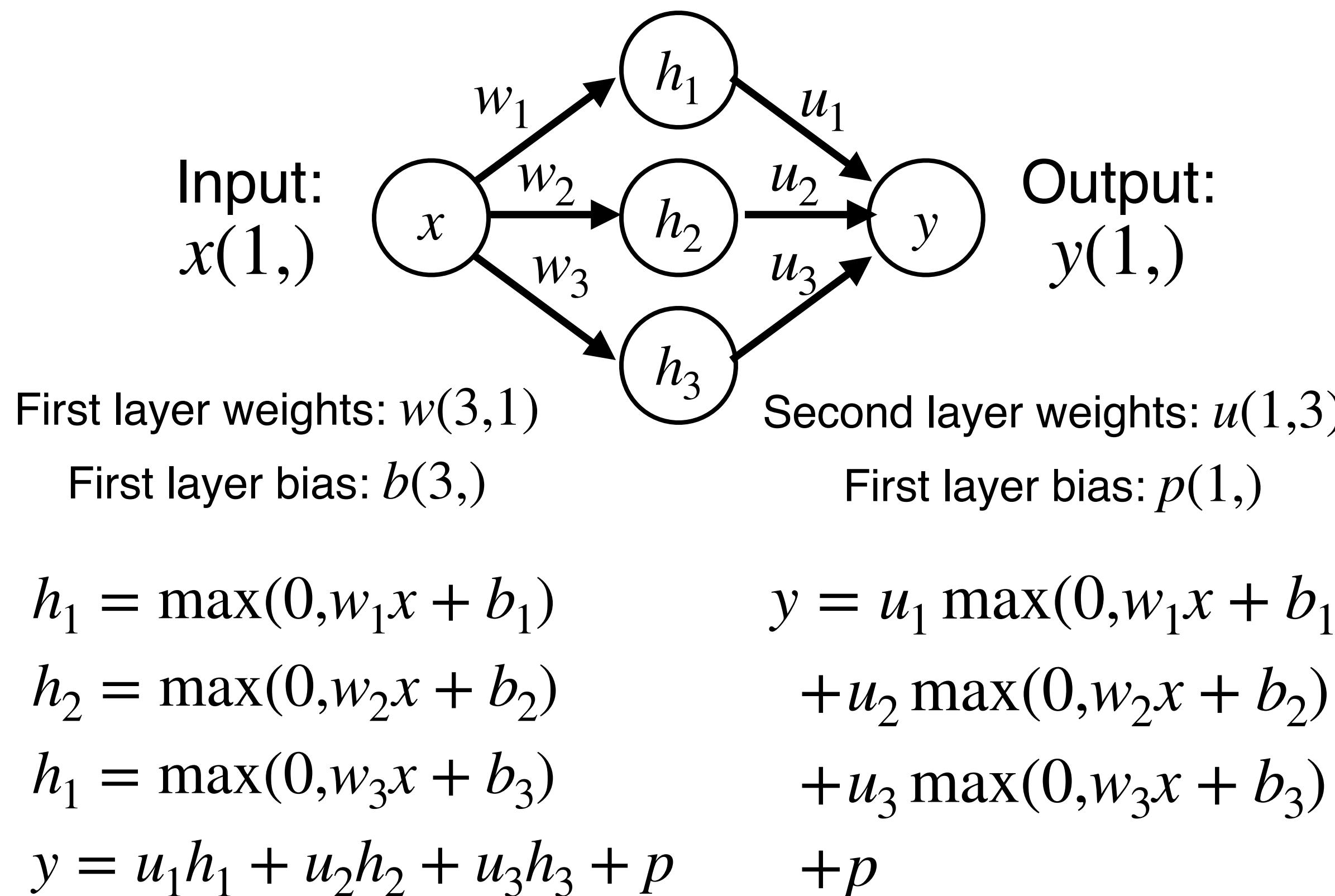
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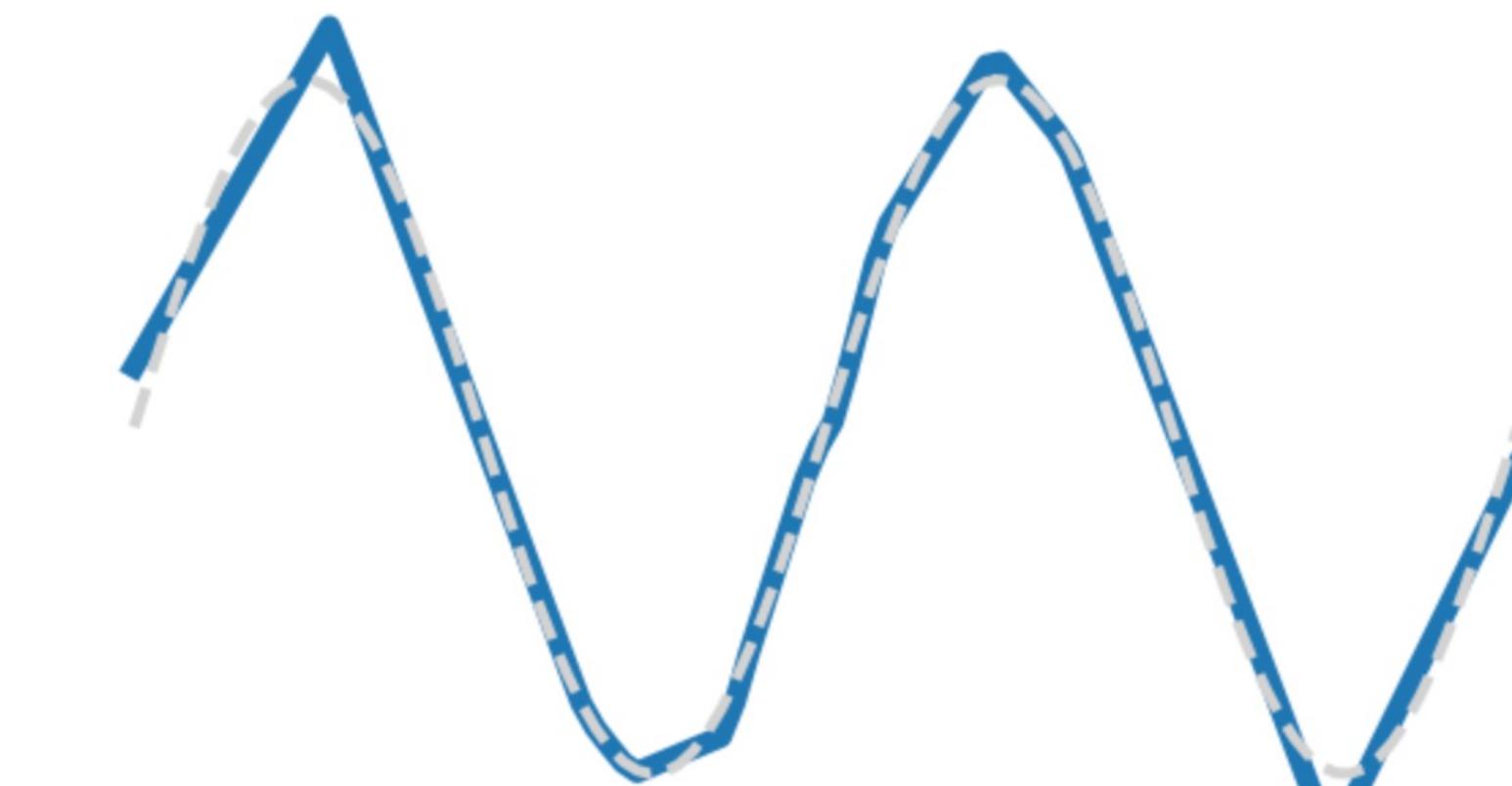
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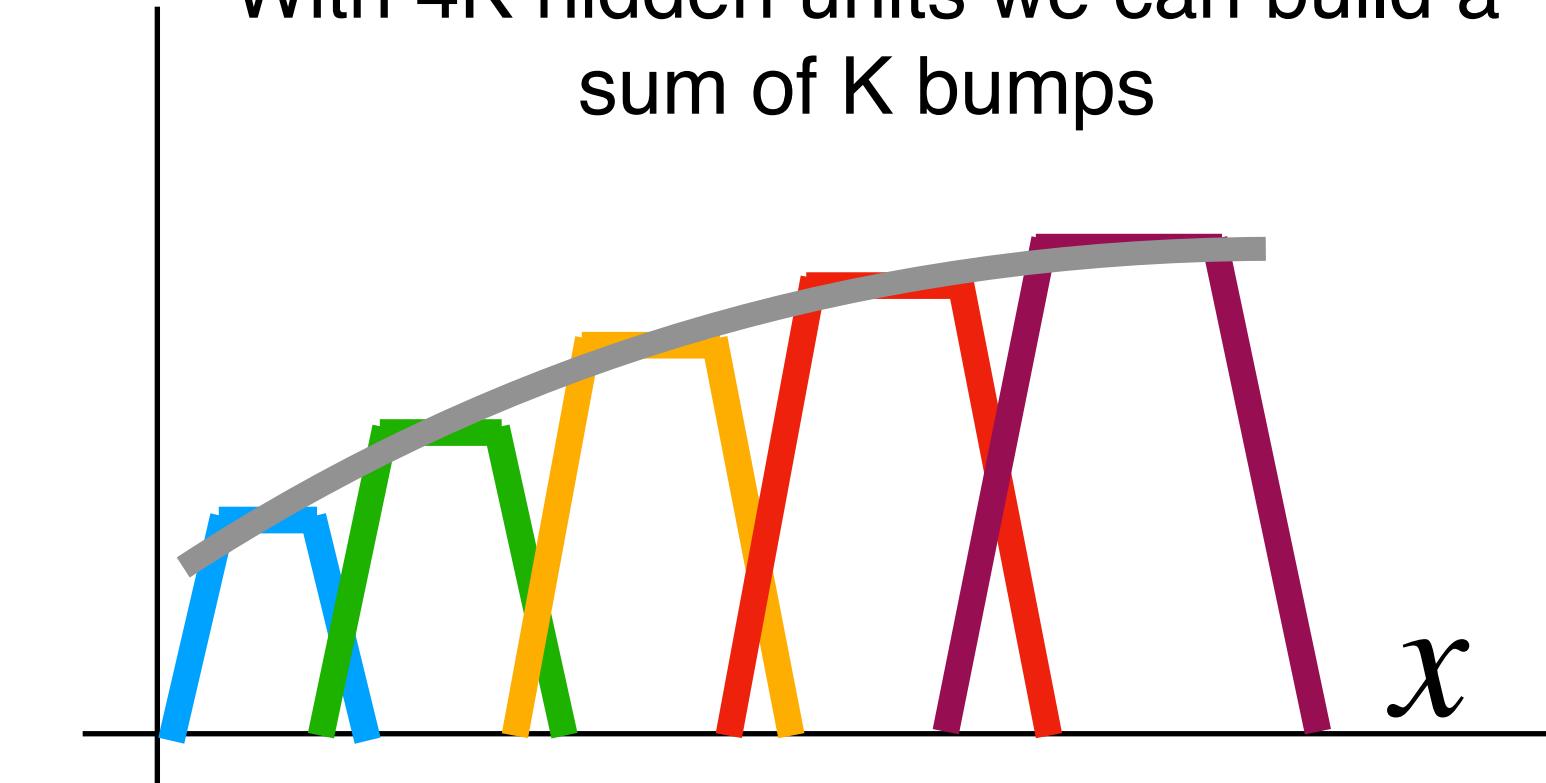
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Reality check: Networks don't really learn bumps!

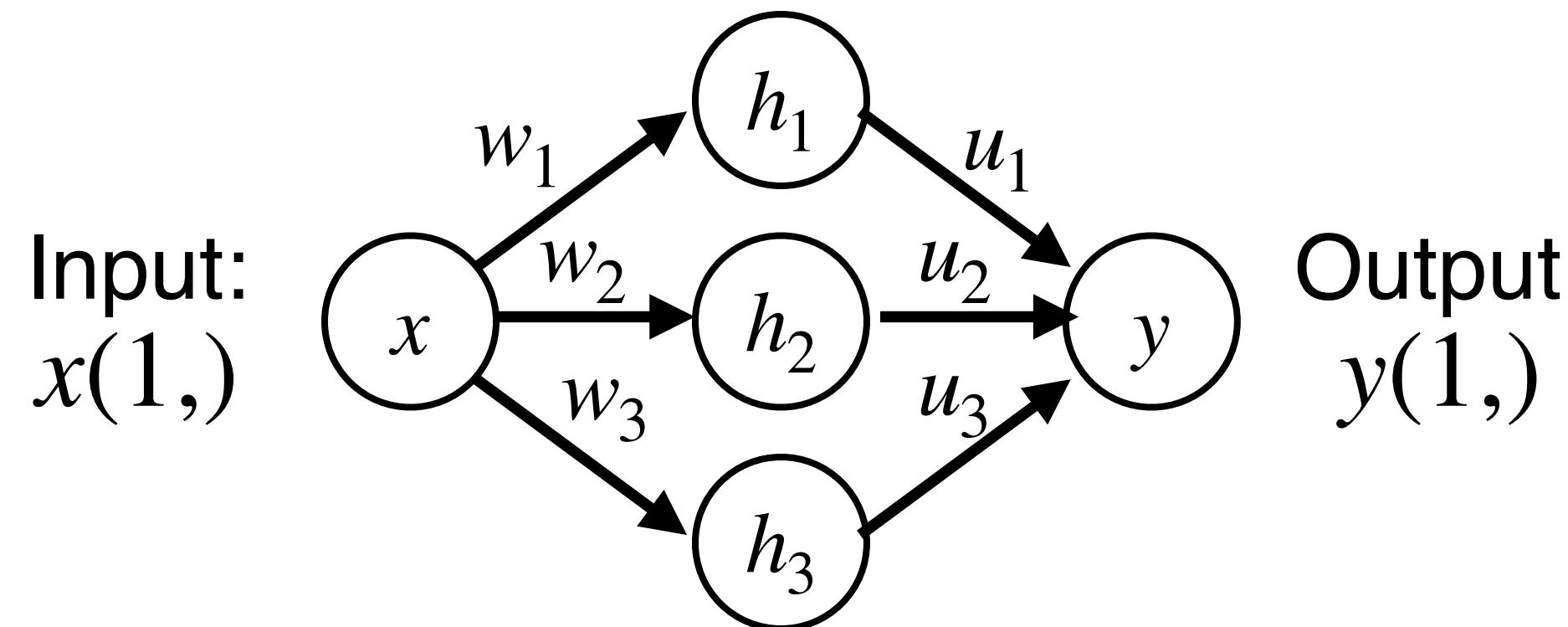


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Universal Approximation

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Universal approximation tells us:

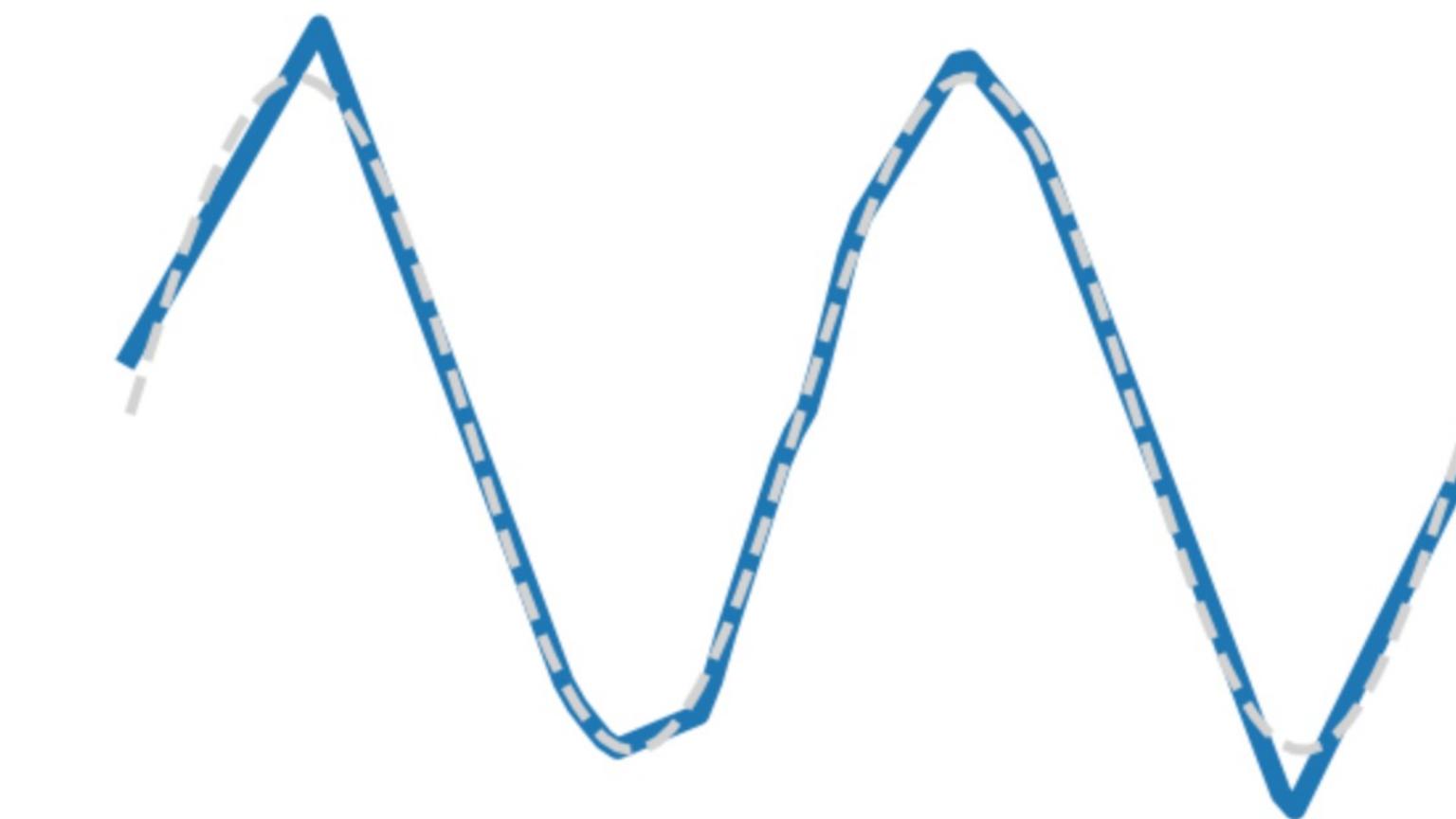
- Neural nets can represent any function

Universal approximation **DOES NOT** tell us:

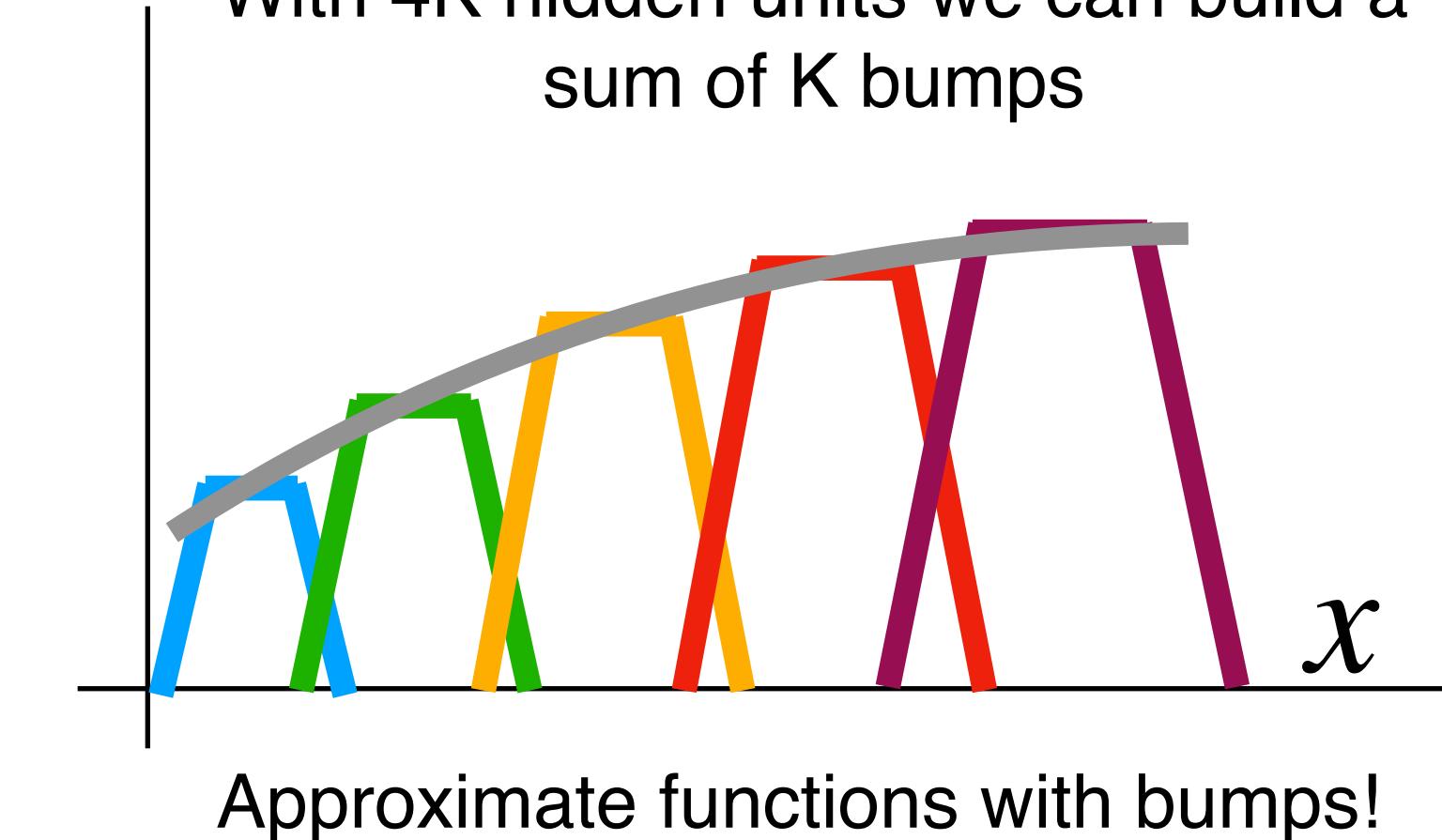
- Whether we can actually learn any function with SGD
- How much data we need to learn a function

Remember: kNN is also a universal approximator!

Reality check: Networks don't really learn bumps!



With 4K hidden units we can build a sum of K bumps

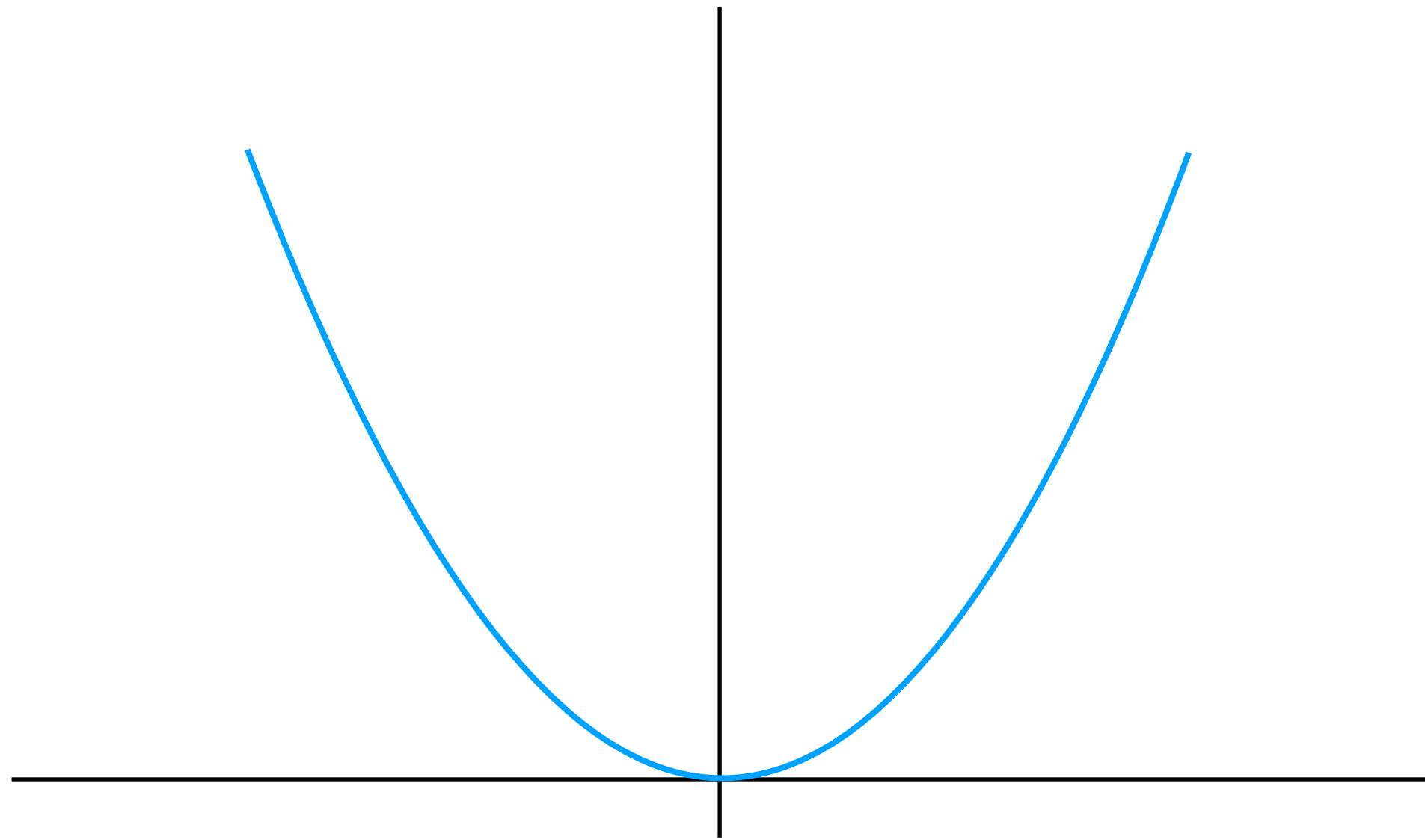


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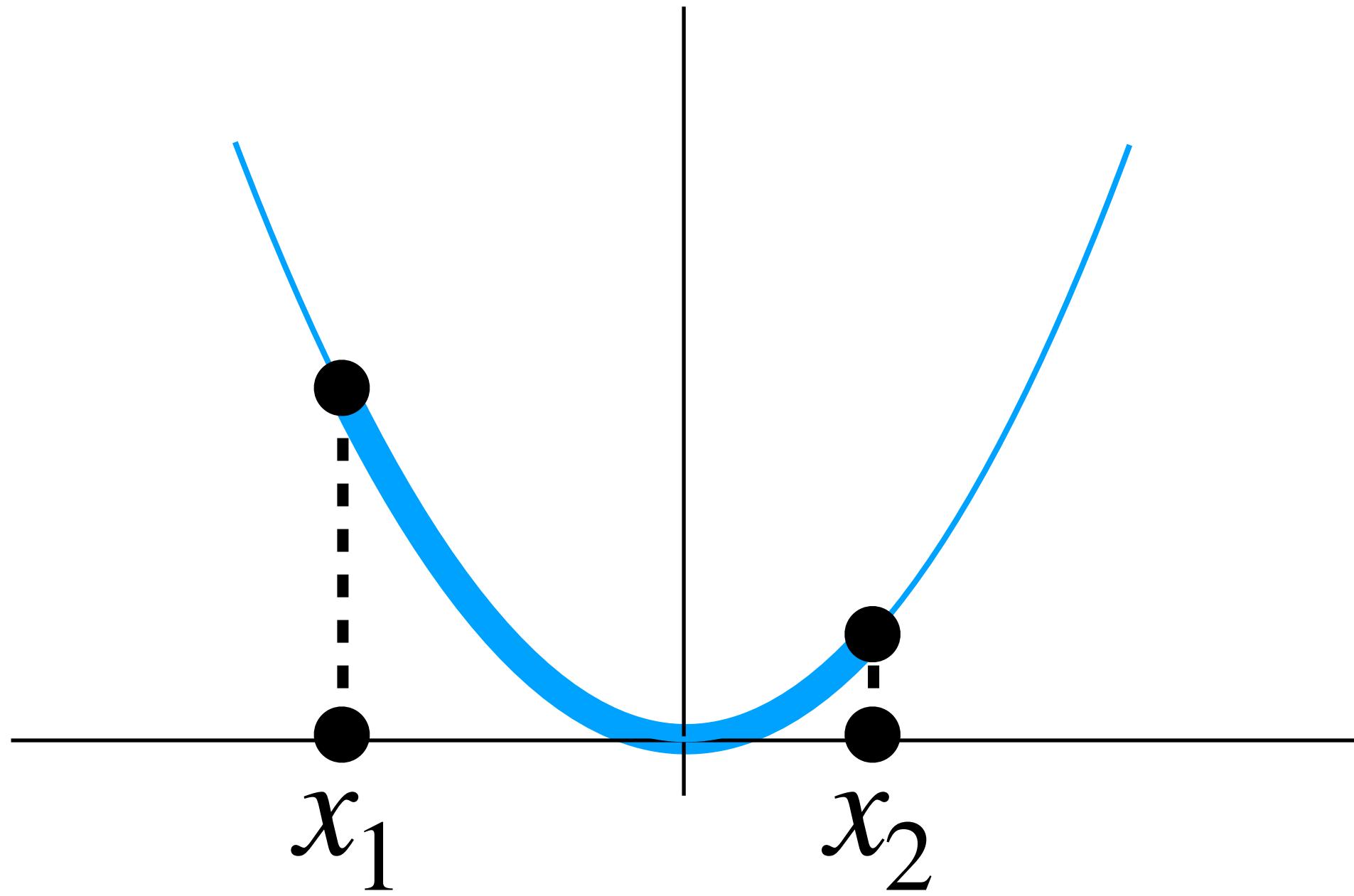


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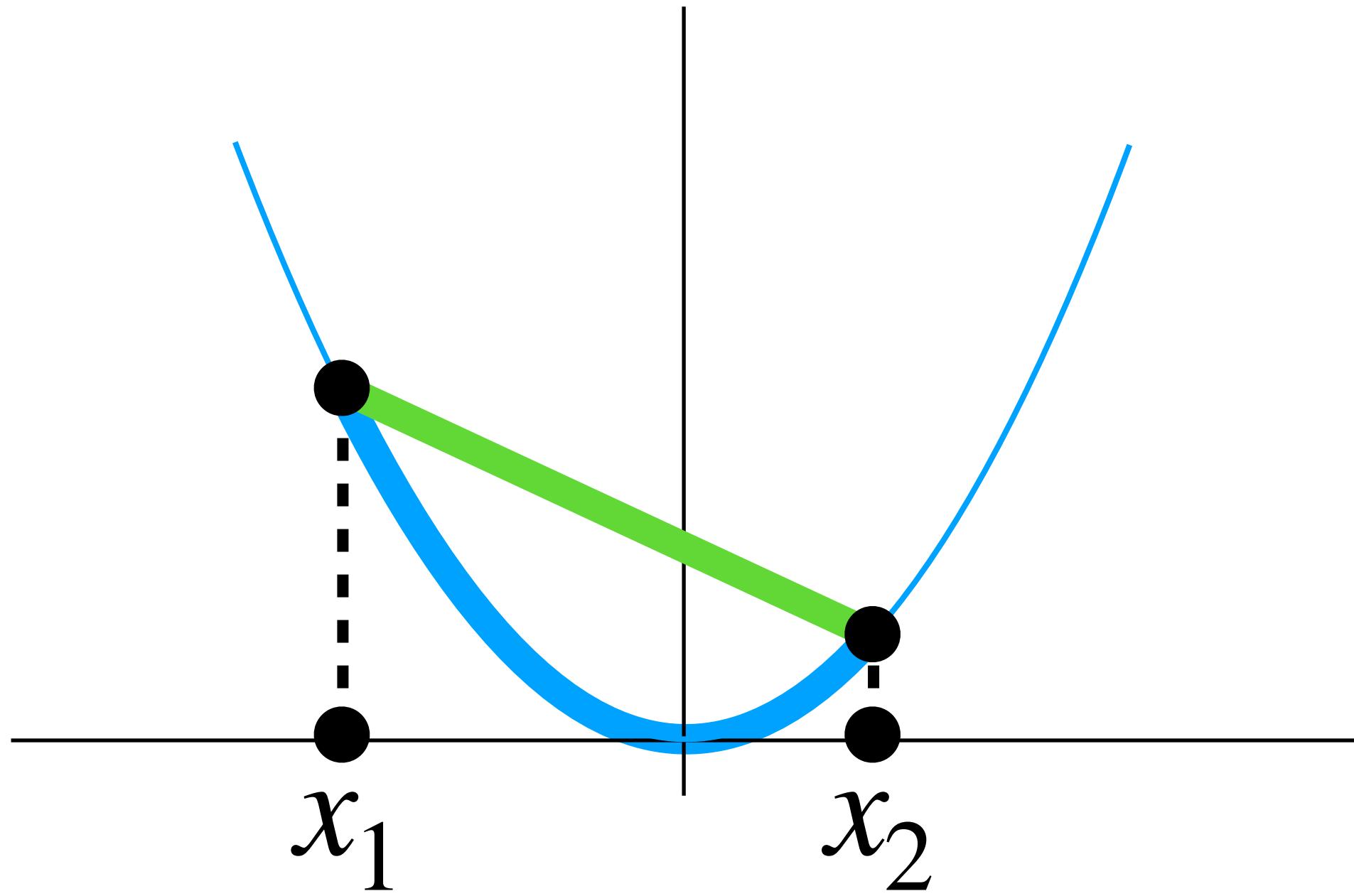


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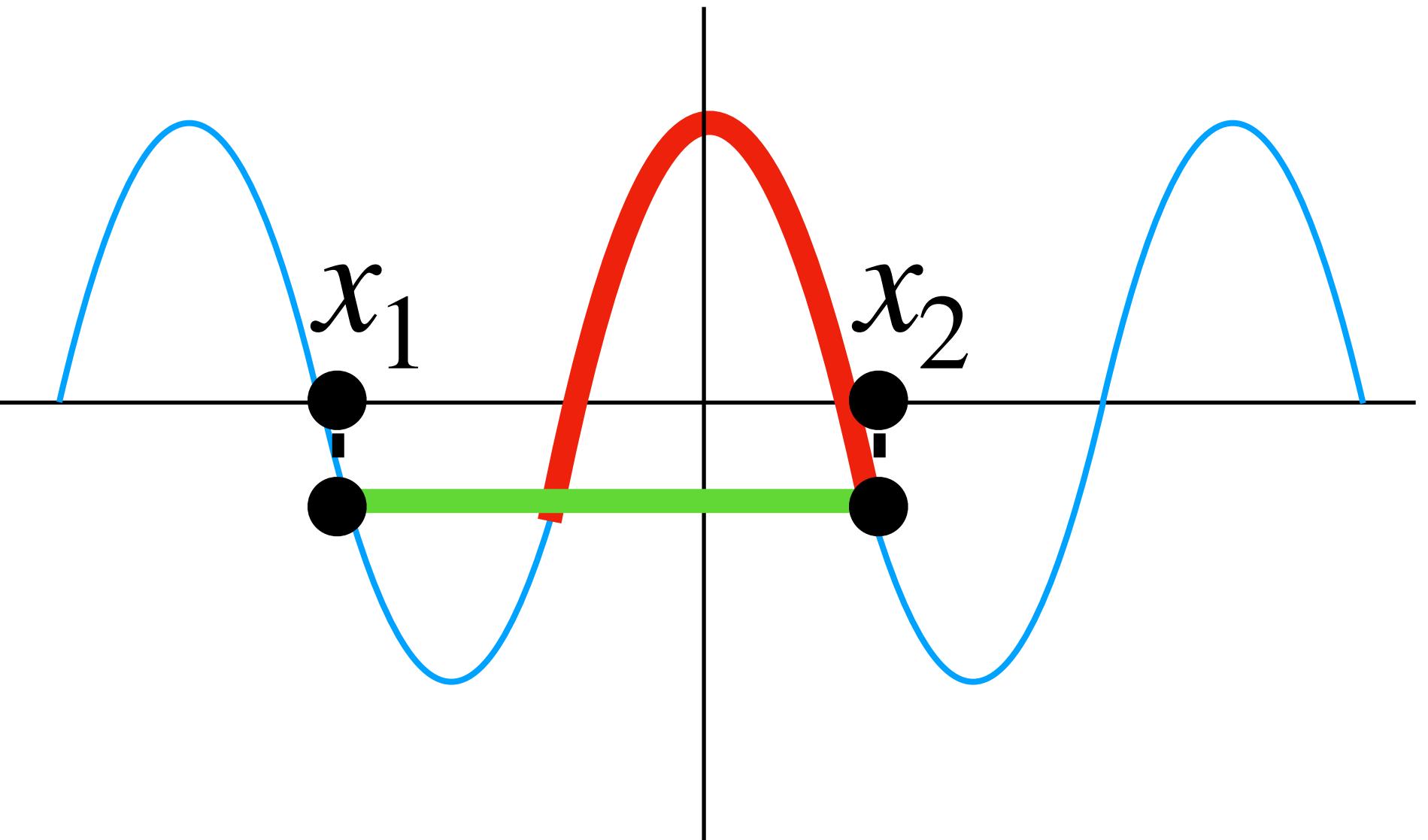


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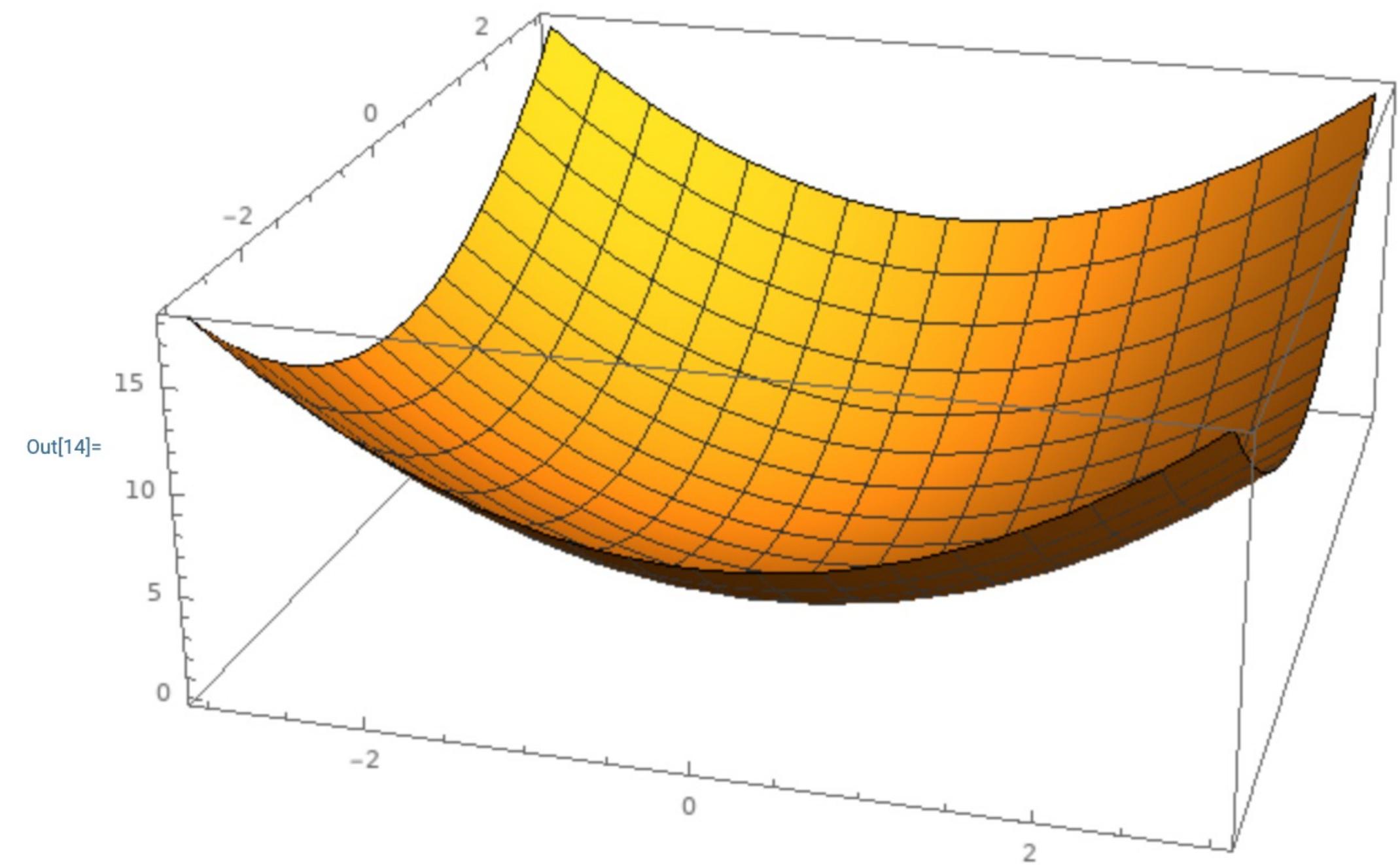
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Linear classifiers optimize a **convex function!**

$$s = f(x; W) = Wx$$

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$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1) \quad \text{SVM}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i + R(W) \quad \text{where } R(W) \text{ is L2 or L1 regularization}$$



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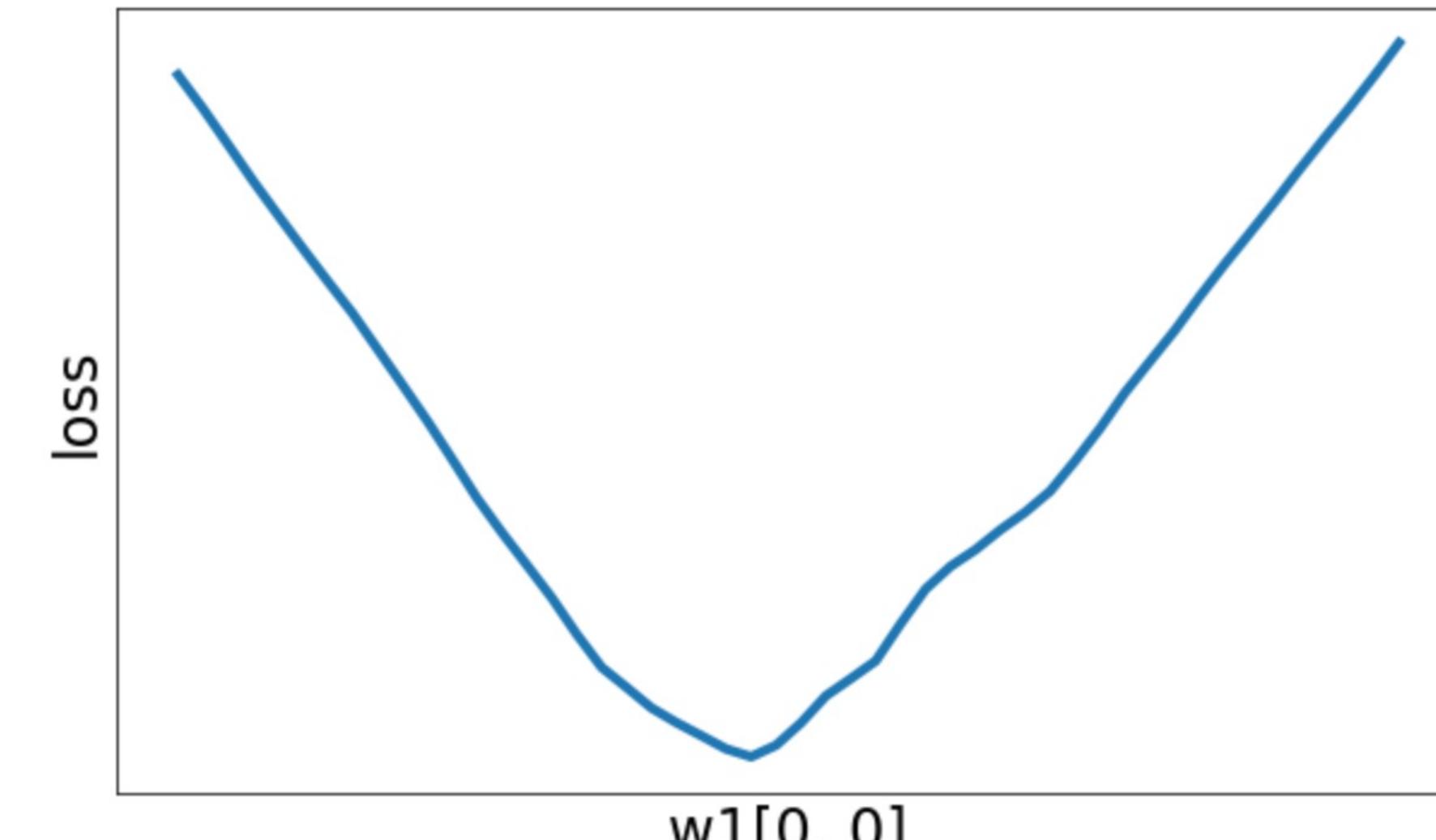
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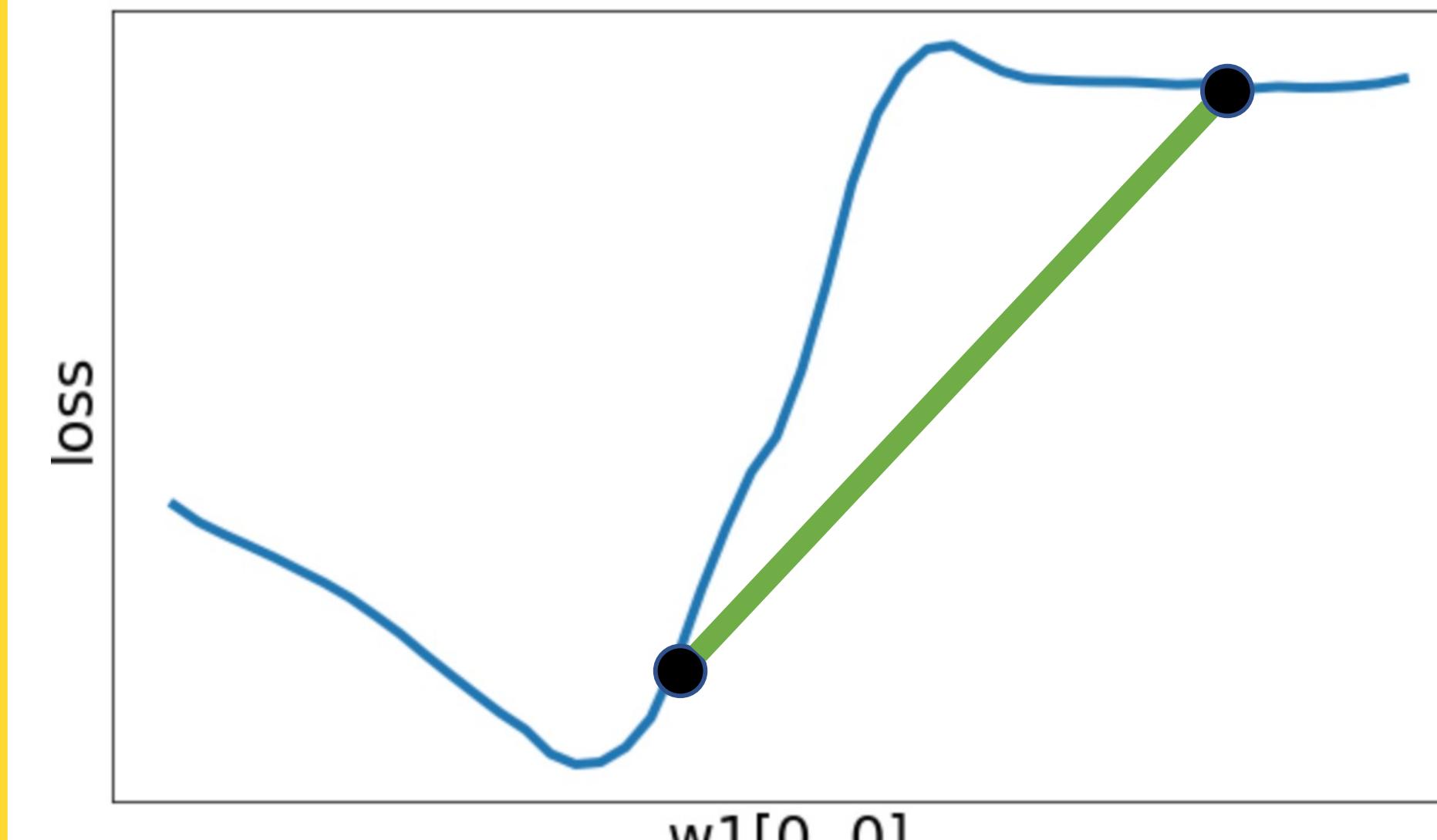
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But often clearly nonconvex:



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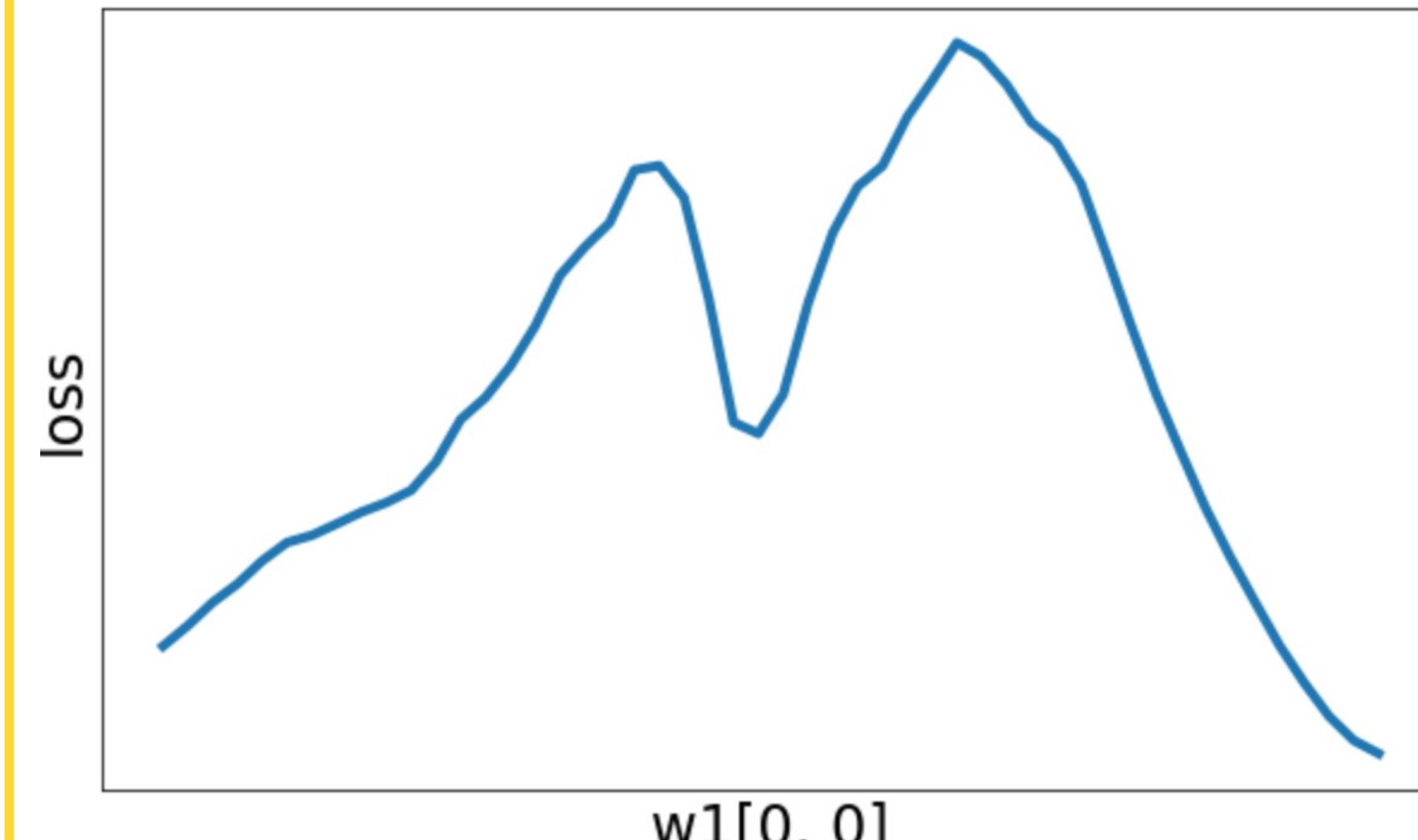
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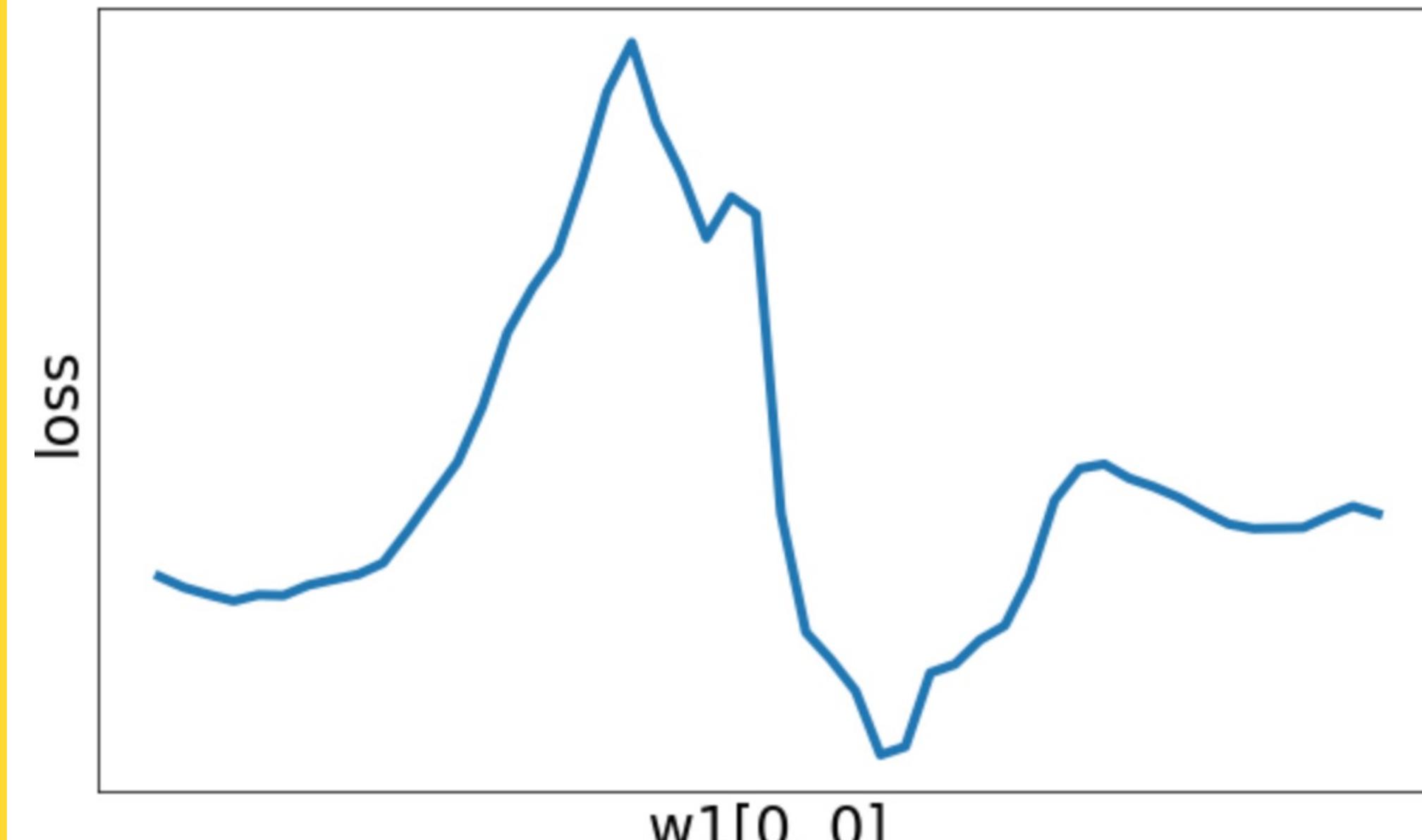
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Can get very wild!



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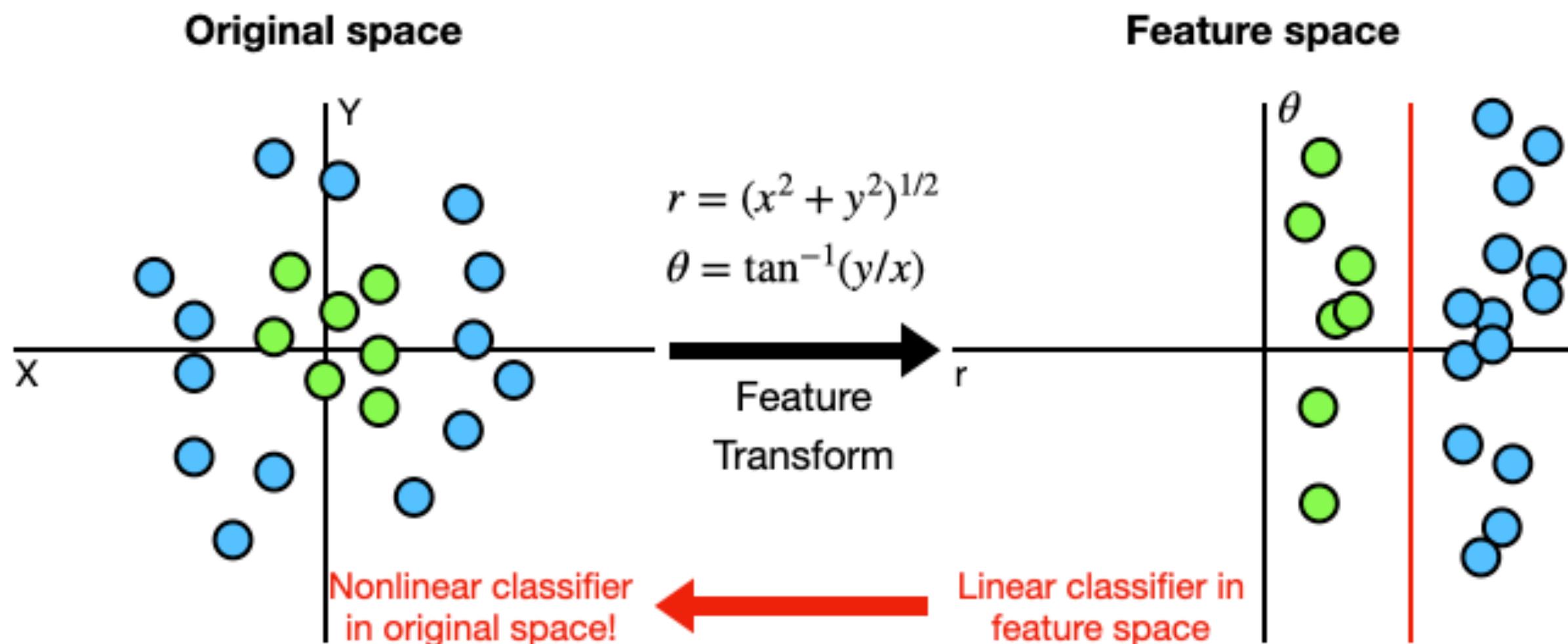
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Most neural networks need **nonconvex optimization**

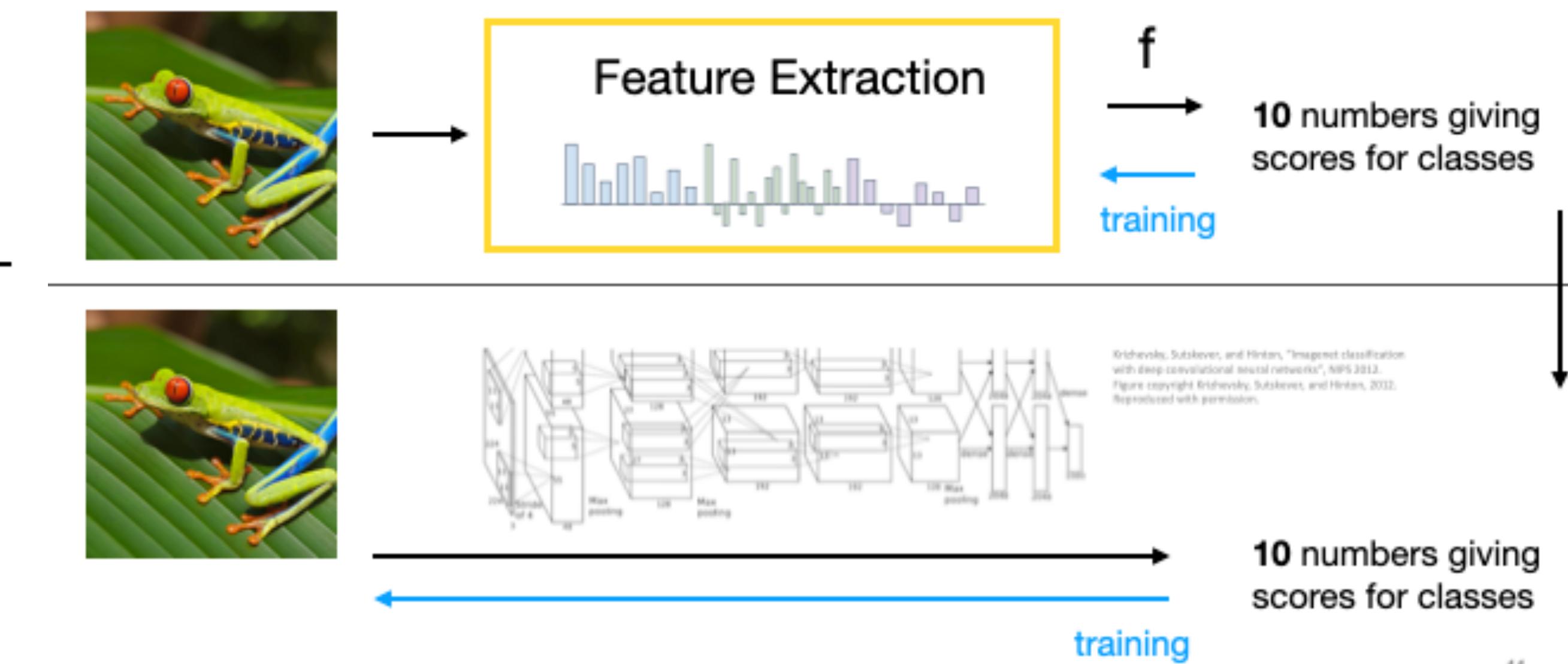
- Few or no guarantees about convergence
- Empirically it seems to work anyway
- Active area of research

Summary

Feature transform + Linear classifier allows nonlinear decision boundaries



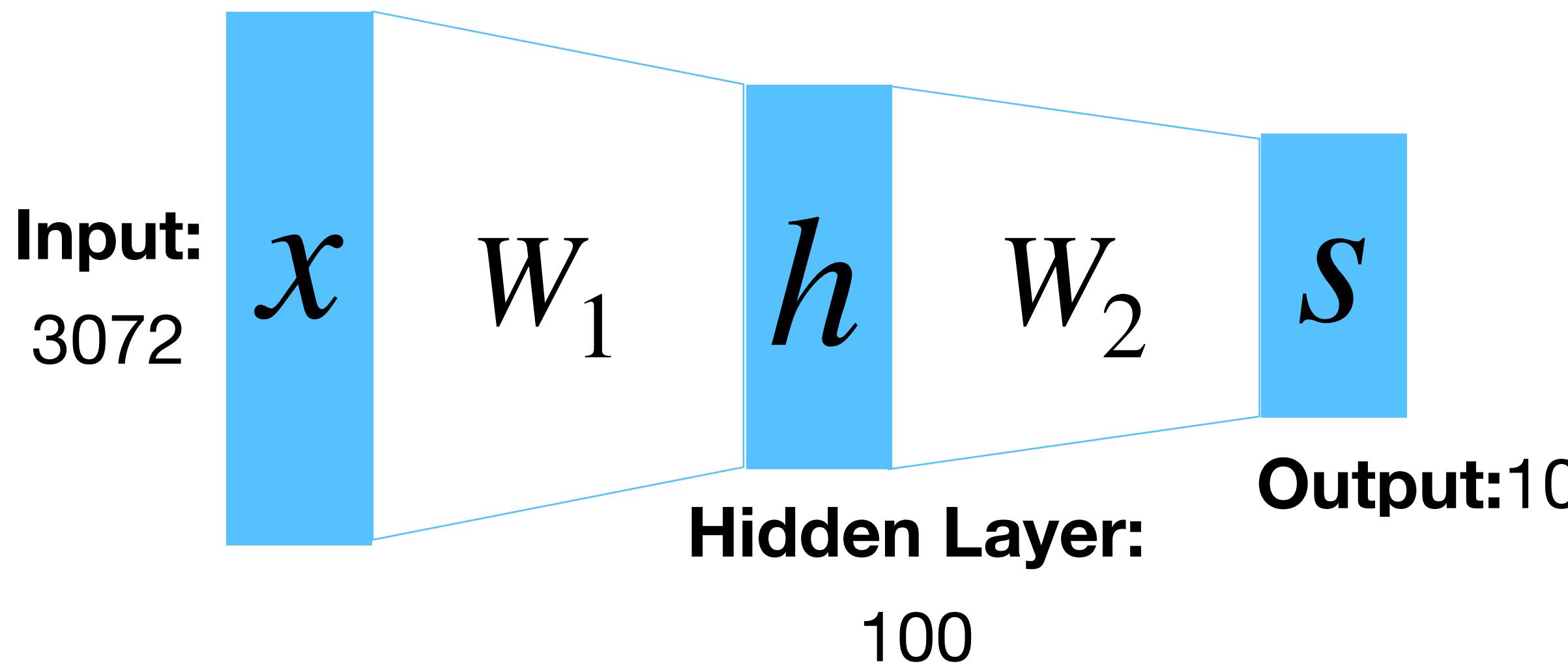
Neural Networks as learnable feature transforms



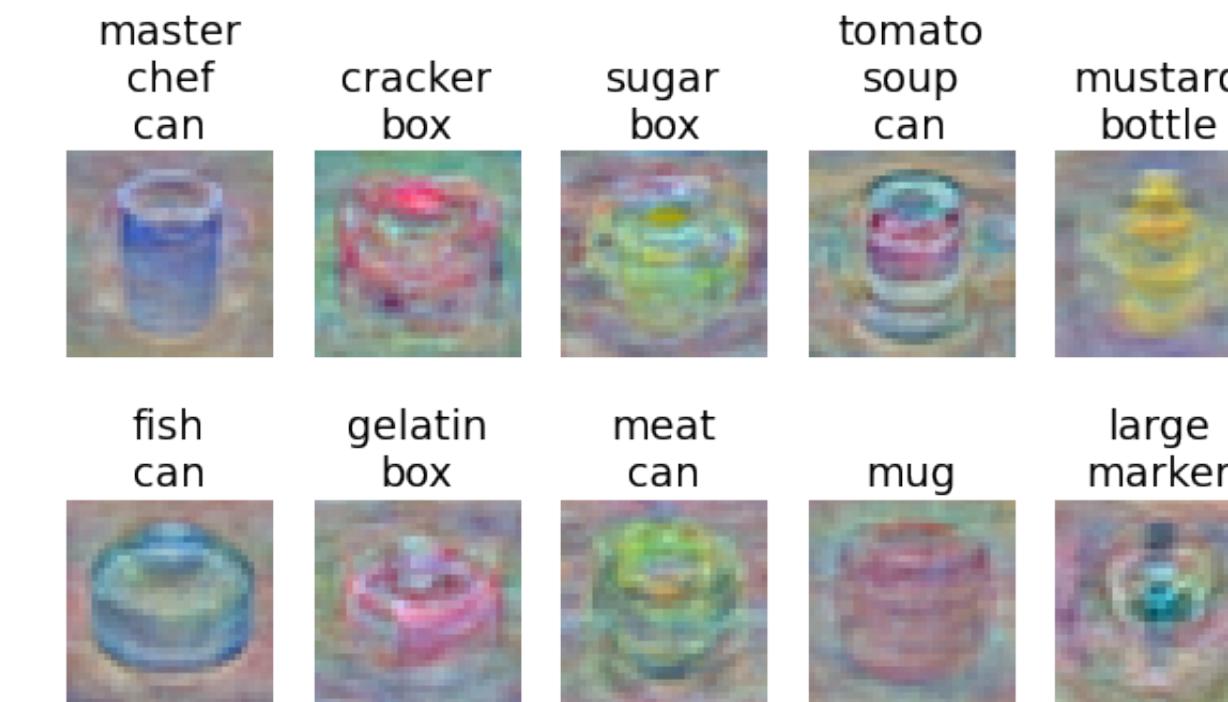
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Linear classifier: One template per class



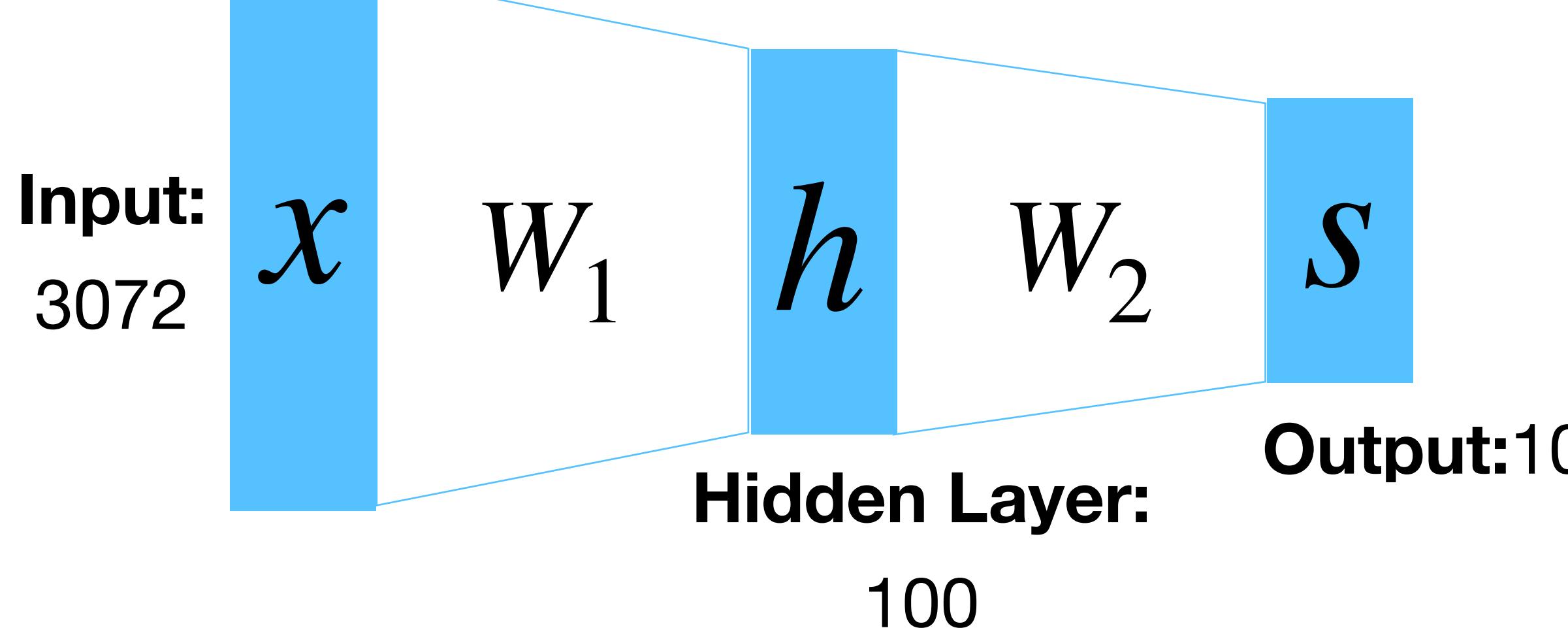
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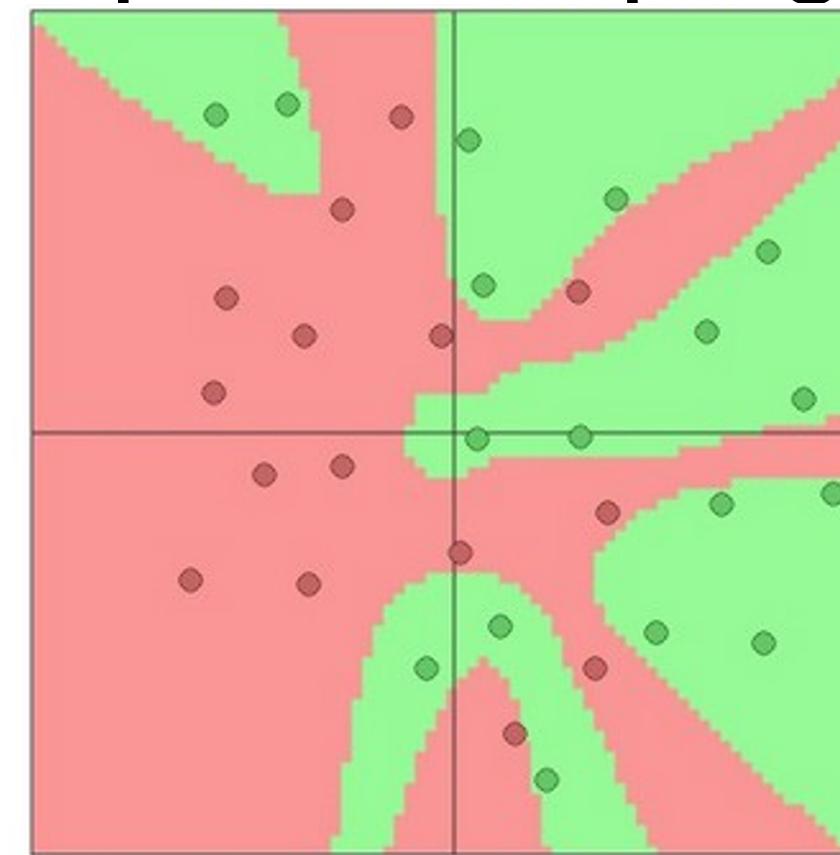
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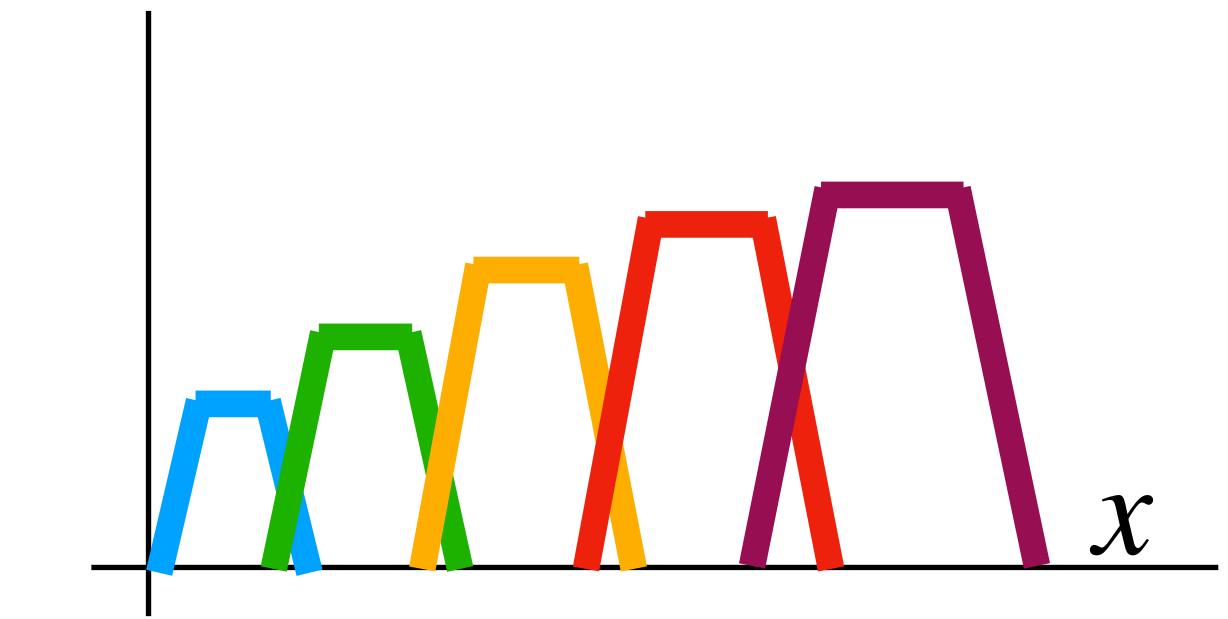
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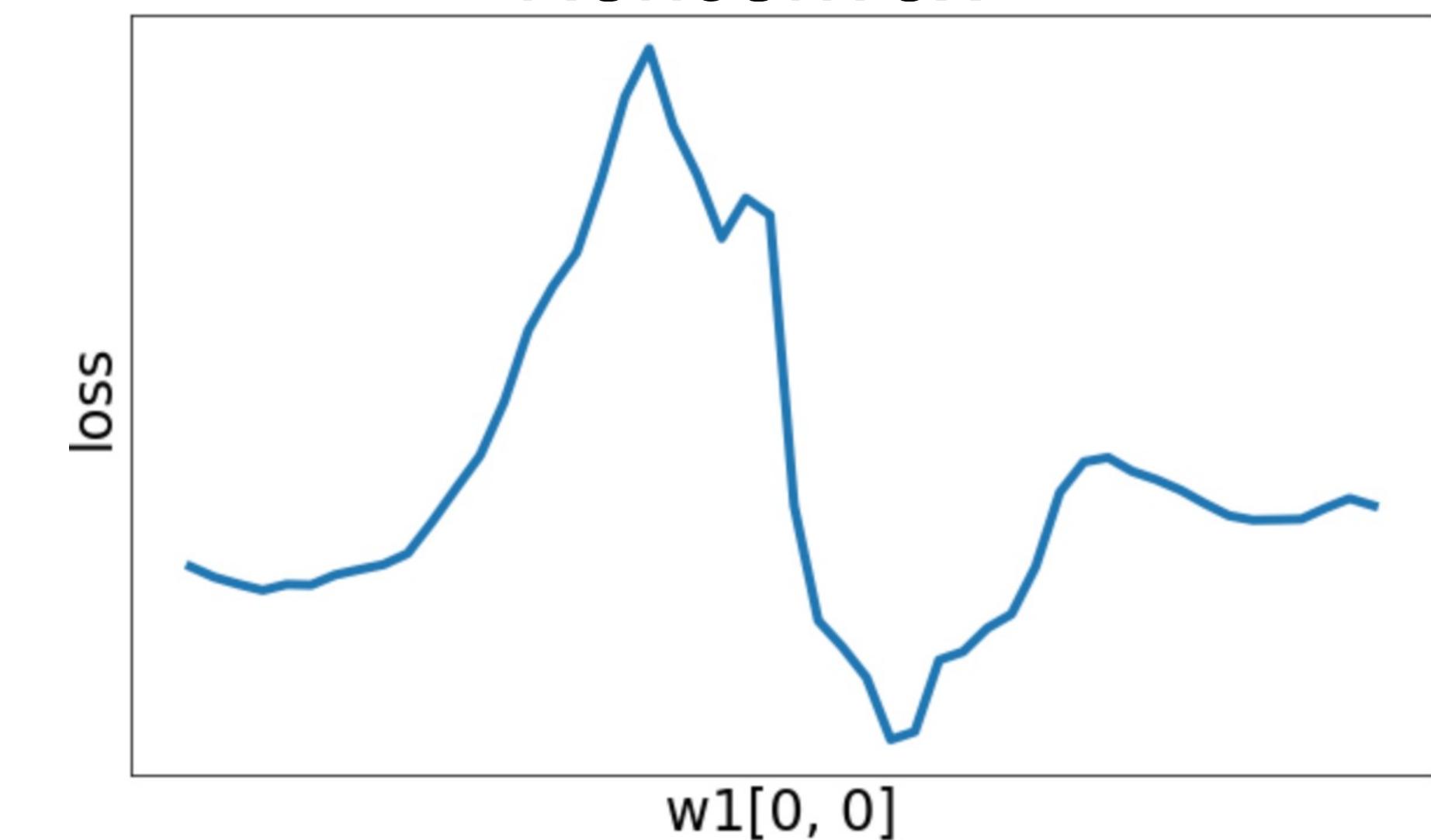
Space Warping



Universal approximation



Nonconvex



Problem: How to compute gradients?

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$$R(W) = \sum_k W_k^2$$

$$L(W_1, W_2, b_1, b_2) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i + \lambda R(W_1) + \lambda R(W_2)$$

If we can compute $\frac{\delta L}{\delta W_1}, \frac{\delta L}{\delta W_2}, \frac{\delta L}{\delta b_1}, \frac{\delta L}{\delta b_2}$ then we can optimize with SGD



Next time: Backpropagation





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