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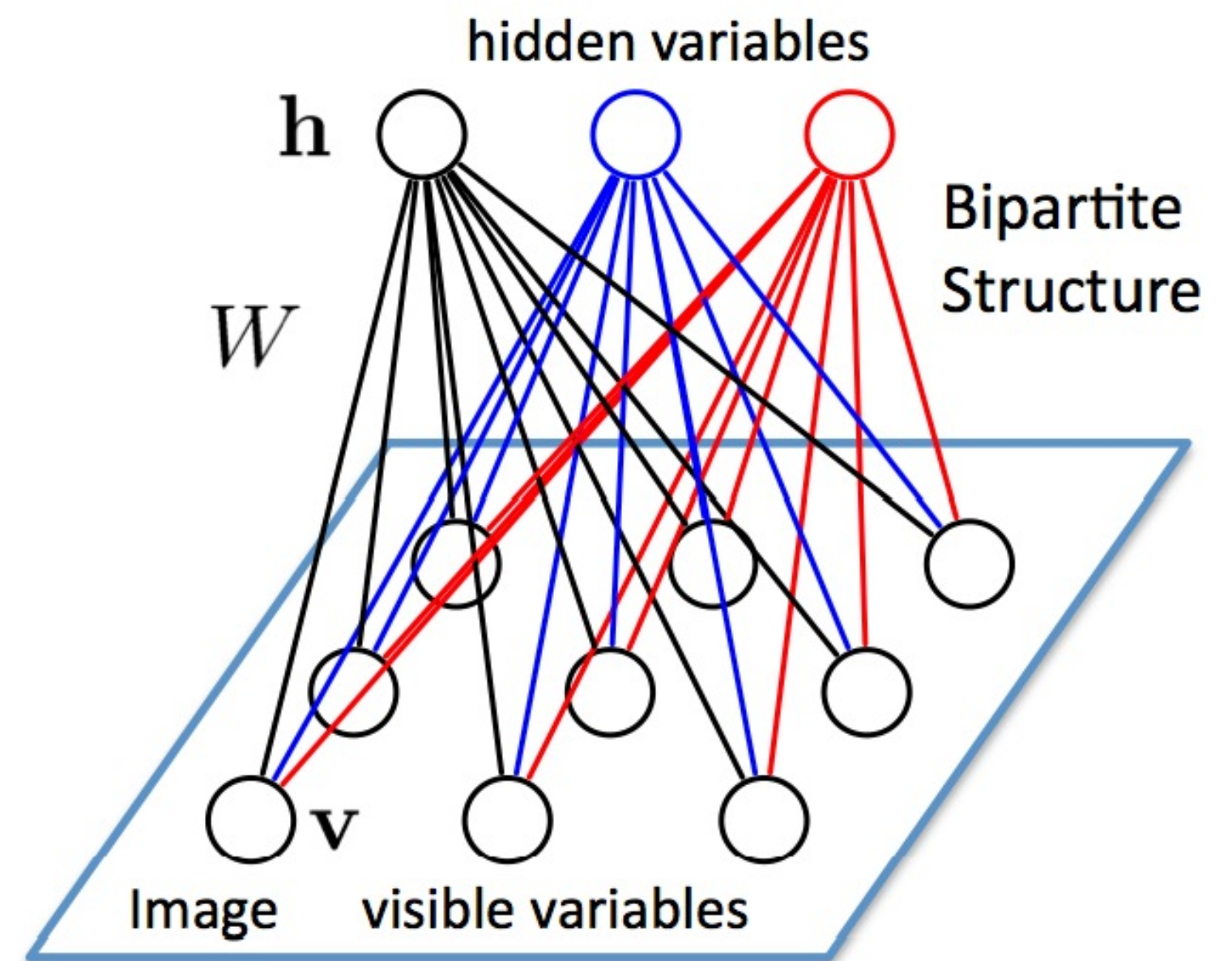
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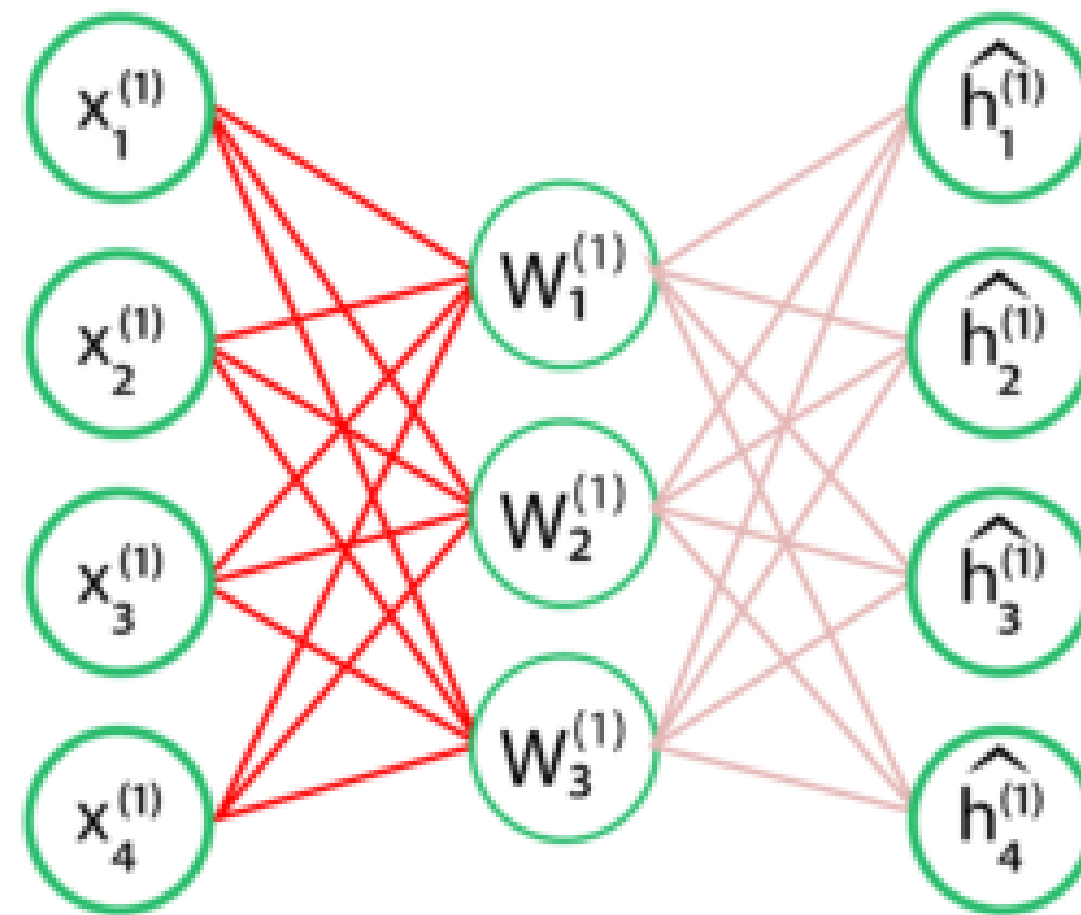
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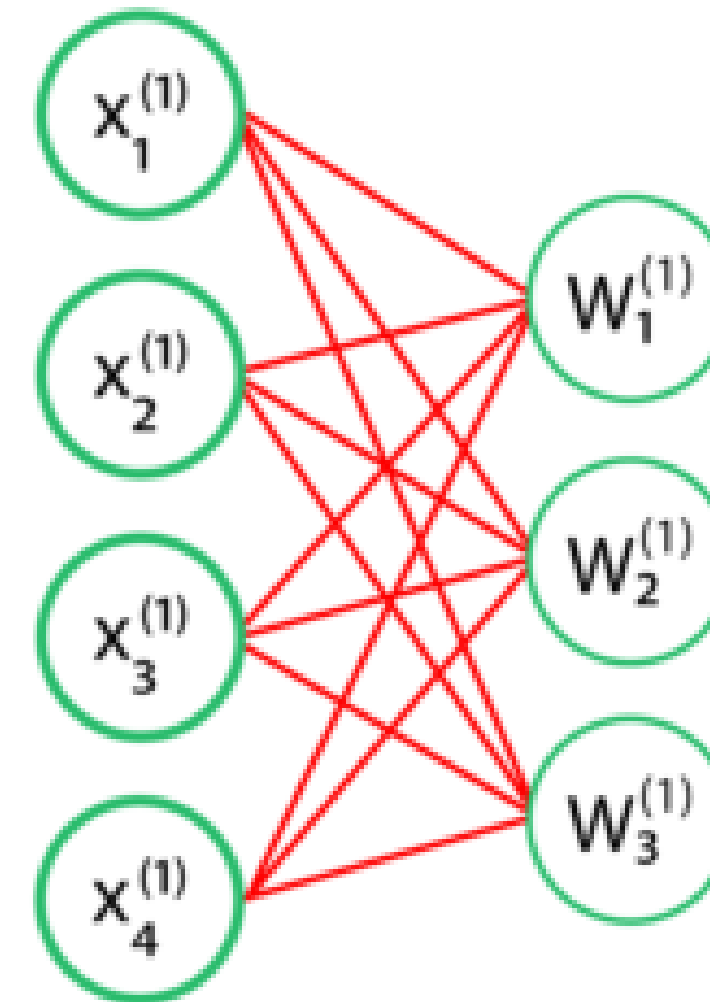
- Auto-encoders are not the only feature extractors that can be stacked.
- **Restricted Boltzmann Machines** (RBM) are generative stochastic artificial neural networks that can learn a probability distribution of their inputs.
- Their neurons form a bipartite graph with two groups of reciprocally connected units:
  - the **visible units  $\mathbf{v}$**  (the inputs)
  - the **hidden units  $\mathbf{h}$**  (the features or latent space).
- Connections are bidirectional between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$ , but the neurons inside the two groups are independent from each other (*restricted*).
- The goal of learning is to find the weights allowing the network to **explain** best the input data.



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**AUTOENCODERS**

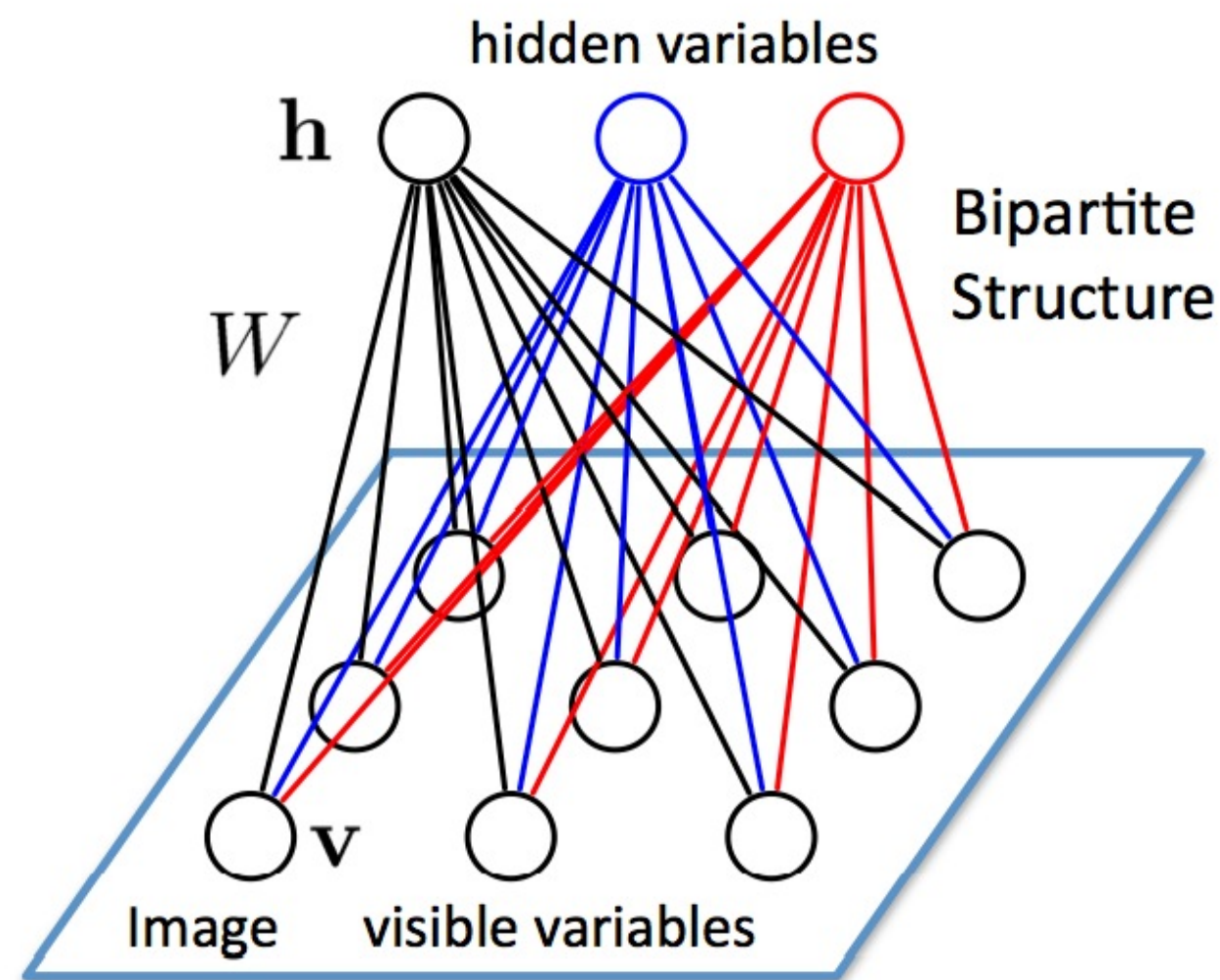


**RBMs**

Source : <https://www.edureka.co/blog/restricted-boltzmann-machine-tutorial/>

- RBMs are a form of autoencoder where the input  $\rightarrow$  feature weight matrix is the same as the feature  $\rightarrow$  output matrix.
- There are two steps:
  - The **forward pass**  $P(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x})$  propagates the visible units activation to the hidden units.
  - The **backward pass**  $P(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{h})$  reconstructs the visible units from the the hidden units.
- If the weight matrix is correctly chosen, the reconstructed input should “match” the original input: the data is explained.

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- The visible and units are generally **binary units** (0 or 1), with a probability defined by the weights and biases and the logistic function:

$$P(h_j = 1|\mathbf{v}) = \sigma\left(\sum_i W_{ij} v_i + c_j\right)$$

$$P(v_i = 1|\mathbf{h}) = \sigma\left(\sum_j W_{ji} h_j + b_i\right)$$

- The weight matrix  $W$  and the biases  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  are the parameters  $\theta$  of a **probability distribution** over the activation of the visible and hidden units.

- The goal is to find the parameters which explain best the data (visible units), i.e. the ones maximizing the **log-likelihood** of the model for the data  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_N)$ .
- We use **maximum likelihood estimation** (MLE) to maximize the log-likelihood of the model:

$$\max_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v} \sim \mathcal{D}} [\log P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v})]$$



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- In practice, MLE is not tractable in a RBM, as we cannot estimate the joint probability  $P(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})$  of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  (too many combinations are possible).

$$P(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} P(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})$$

- The main trick in **energy-based models** is to rewrite the probabilities using an energy function  $E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})$ :

$$P(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} P(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}}{\sum_{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}} = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}$$

where:

$$Z = \sum_{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})} = \sum_{\mathbf{v}} P(\mathbf{v}) \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}$$

is the **partition function** (a normalizing term).

- The probabilities come from a **Gibbs distribution** (or Boltzmann distribution) parameterized by the energy of the system. This is equivalent to a simple **softmax** over the energy...

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- Having reformulated the probabilities in terms of energy:

$$P(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}$$

we can introduce the **free energy** of the model for a sample  $\mathbf{v}$  (how surprising is the input  $\mathbf{v}$  for the model):

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}) = -\log \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}$$

- The log-likelihood of the model for a sample  $\mathbf{v}$  of the training data  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_N)$  becomes:

$$\log P(\mathbf{v}) = \log \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})} = -\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}) + \log Z = -\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}) + \sum_{\mathbf{v}} P(\mathbf{v}) \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v})$$

- Note that the second term sums over all possible inputs  $\mathbf{v}$ .
- Maximizing the log-likelihood of the model on the training data can be done using gradient ascent by following this gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}} [\nabla_{\theta} \log P(\mathbf{v}_i)] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}} [-\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}) + \sum_{\mathbf{v}} P(\mathbf{v}) \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v})]$$

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- The free energy for a RBM with binary neurons is fortunately known analytically:

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}) = - \sum_i b_i v_i - \sum_j \log(1 + \exp^{\sum_i W_{ij} v_i + c_j})$$

so finding the gradient w.r.t  $\theta = (W, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})$  of the first term on the r.h.s (the free energy of the sample) is easy:

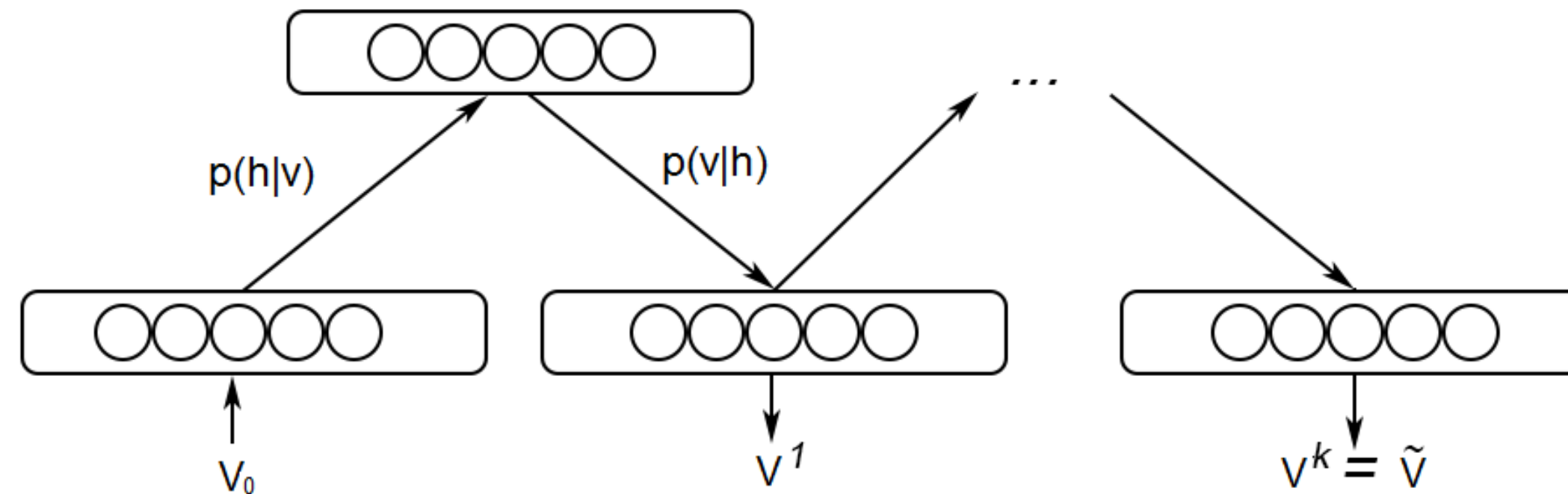
$$\nabla_{\theta} \log P(\mathbf{v}) = -\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}) + \sum_{\mathbf{v}} P(\mathbf{v}) \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v})$$

- In particular, the gradient w.r.t the matrix  $W$  is the outer product between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $P(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v})$ :

$$\nabla_W \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}) = -\mathbf{v} \times P(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v})$$

- The problem is the second term: we would need to integrate over all possible values of the inputs  $\mathbf{v}$ , what is not tractable.
- We will therefore make an approximation using **Gibbs sampling** (a variant of **Monte-Carlo Markov Chain** sampling - MCMC) to estimate that second term.

# Gibbs sampling



Source : <https://towardsdatascience.com/deep-learning-meets-physics-restricted-boltzmann-machines-part-i-6df5c4918c15>

- Gibbs sampling consists of repeatedly applying the encoder  $P(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v})$  and the decoder  $P(\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{h})$  on the input.
  - We start by setting  $\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{v}$  using a training sample.
  - We obtain  $\mathbf{h}_0$  by computing  $P(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}_0)$  and sampling it.
  - We obtain  $\mathbf{v}_1$  by computing  $P(\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{h}_0)$  and sampling it.
  - ...
  - We obtain  $\mathbf{v}_k$  by computing  $P(\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{h}_{k-1})$  and sampling it.
- After enough iterations  $k$ , we should have a good estimate of  $P(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})$ .
- The  $k$  iterations have generated enough **reconstructions** of  $\mathbf{v}$  to cover the distribution of  $\mathbf{v}$ .



# Contrastive divergence

- We set  $\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{v}$  on a training sample and let Gibbs sampling iterate for  $k$  iterations until we obtain  $\mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{v}^*$ .
- **Contrastive divergence** (CD- $k$ ) shows that the gradient of the log-likelihood can be approximated by:

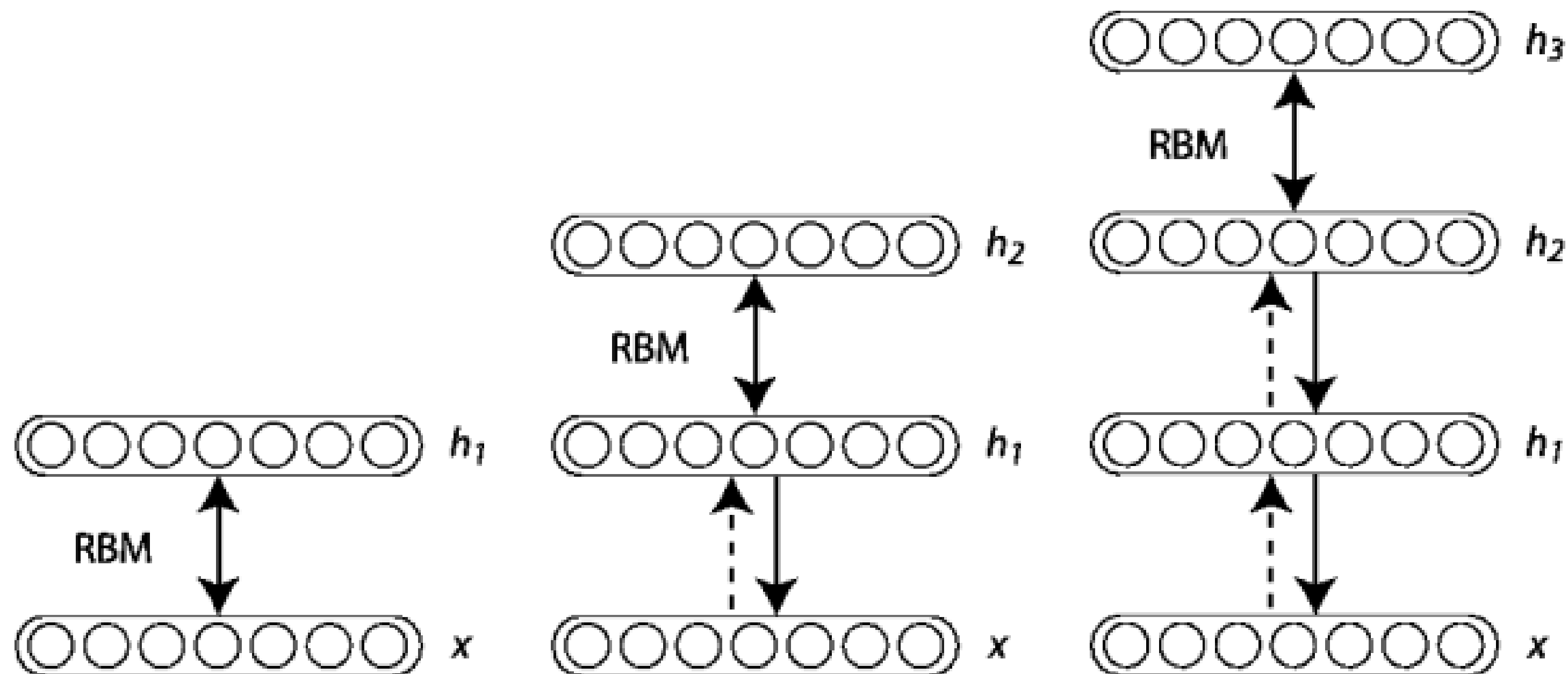
$$\nabla_W \log P(\mathbf{v}) = -\nabla_W \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}) + \sum_{\mathbf{v}} P(\mathbf{v}) \nabla_W \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}) \quad (1)$$

$$\approx \mathbf{v} \times P(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v}^* \times P(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}^*) \quad (2)$$

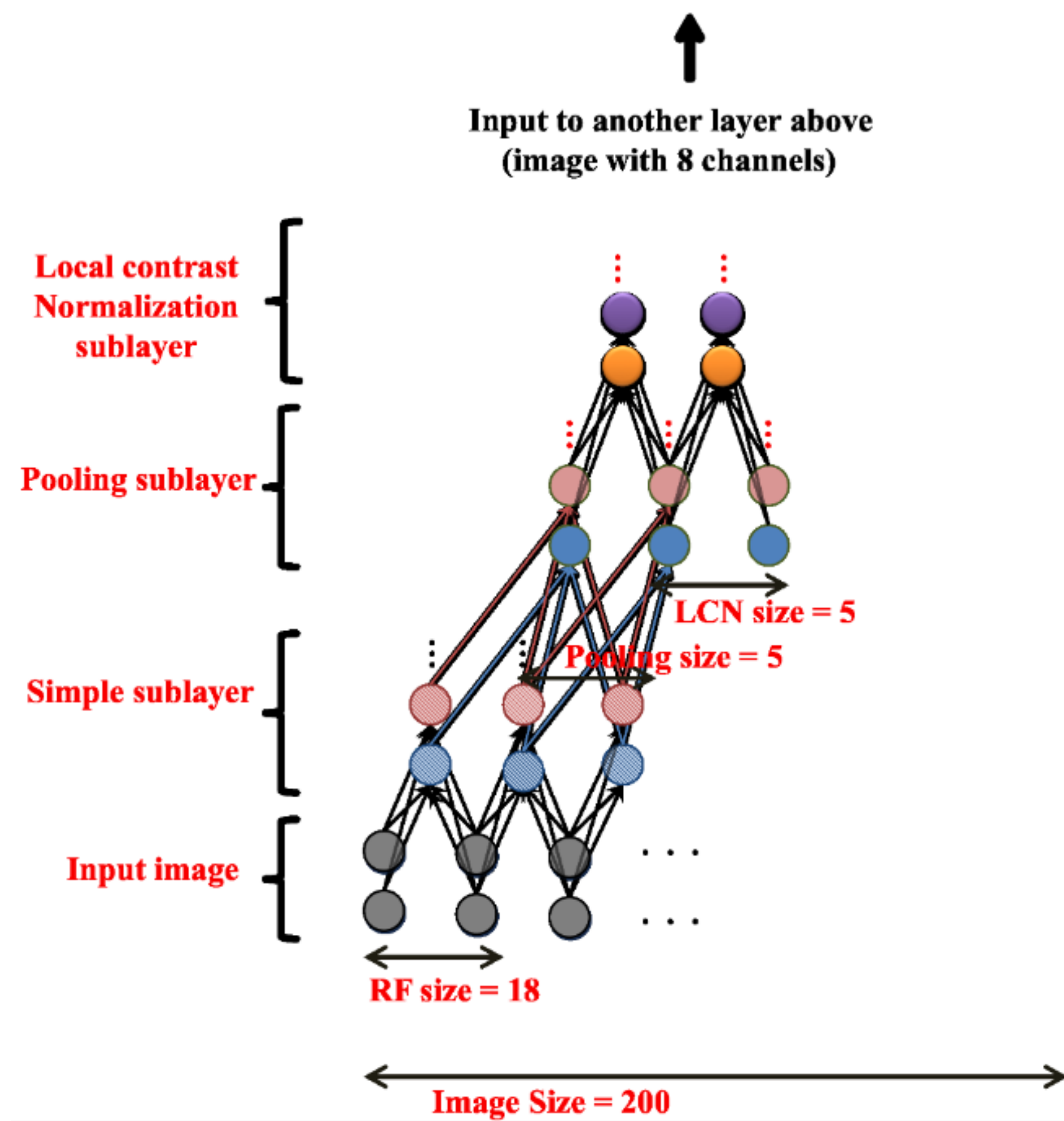
- The gradient of the log-likelihood is the difference between the initial explanation of  $\mathbf{v}$  by the model, and its explanation after  $k$  iterations (relaxation).
- If the model is good, the reconstruction  $\mathbf{v}^*$  is the same as the input  $\mathbf{v}$ , so the gradient is zero.
- An input  $\mathbf{v}$  is likely under the RBM model if it is able to reconstruct it, i.e. when it is not surprising (the free energy is low).
- In practice,  $k = 1$  gives surprisingly good results, but RBMs are very painful to train (hyperparameters)...

# Deep Belief Networks = stacked RBMs

- A **Deep Belief Network** (DBM) is a simple stack of RBMs, trained using greedy layer-wise learning.
- The “bottom” parts of the DBM become unidirectional when learning the top part.

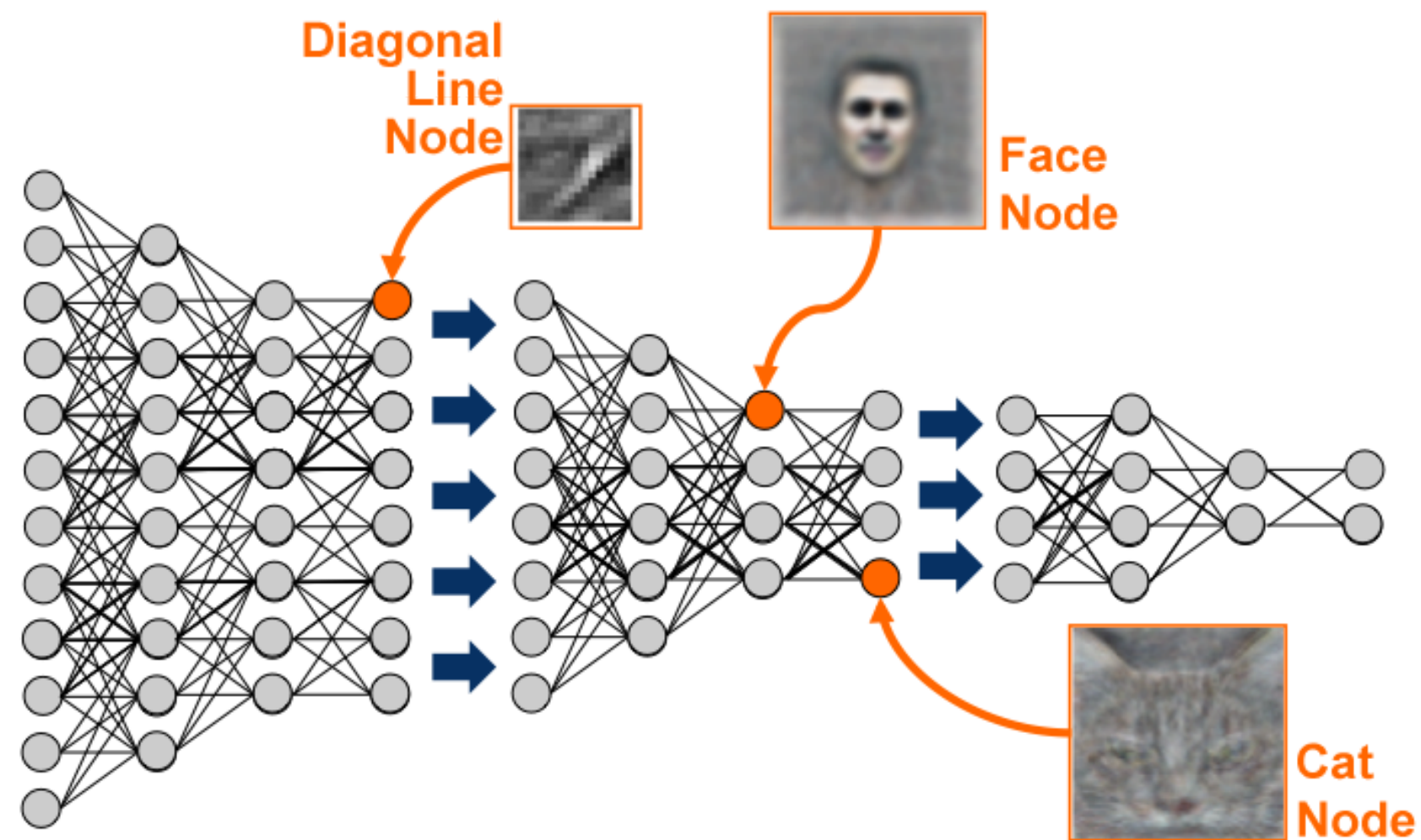


# Application: Finding cats on the internet



- Andrew Ng and colleagues (Google, Stanford) used a similar technique to train a deep belief network on color images (200x200) taken from 10 million random unlabeled Youtube videos.
- Each layer was trained greedily. They used a particular form of autoencoder called **restricted Boltzmann machines** (RBM) and a couple of other tricks (receptive fields, contrast normalization).
- Training was distributed over 1000 machines (16.000 cores) and lasted for three days.
- There was absolutely no task: the network just had to watch youtube videos.
- After learning, they visualized what the neurons had learned.

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- After training, some neurons had learned to respond uniquely to faces, or to cats, without ever having been instructed to.
- The network can then be fine-tuned for classification tasks, improving the pre-AlexNet state-of-the-art on ImageNet by 70%.