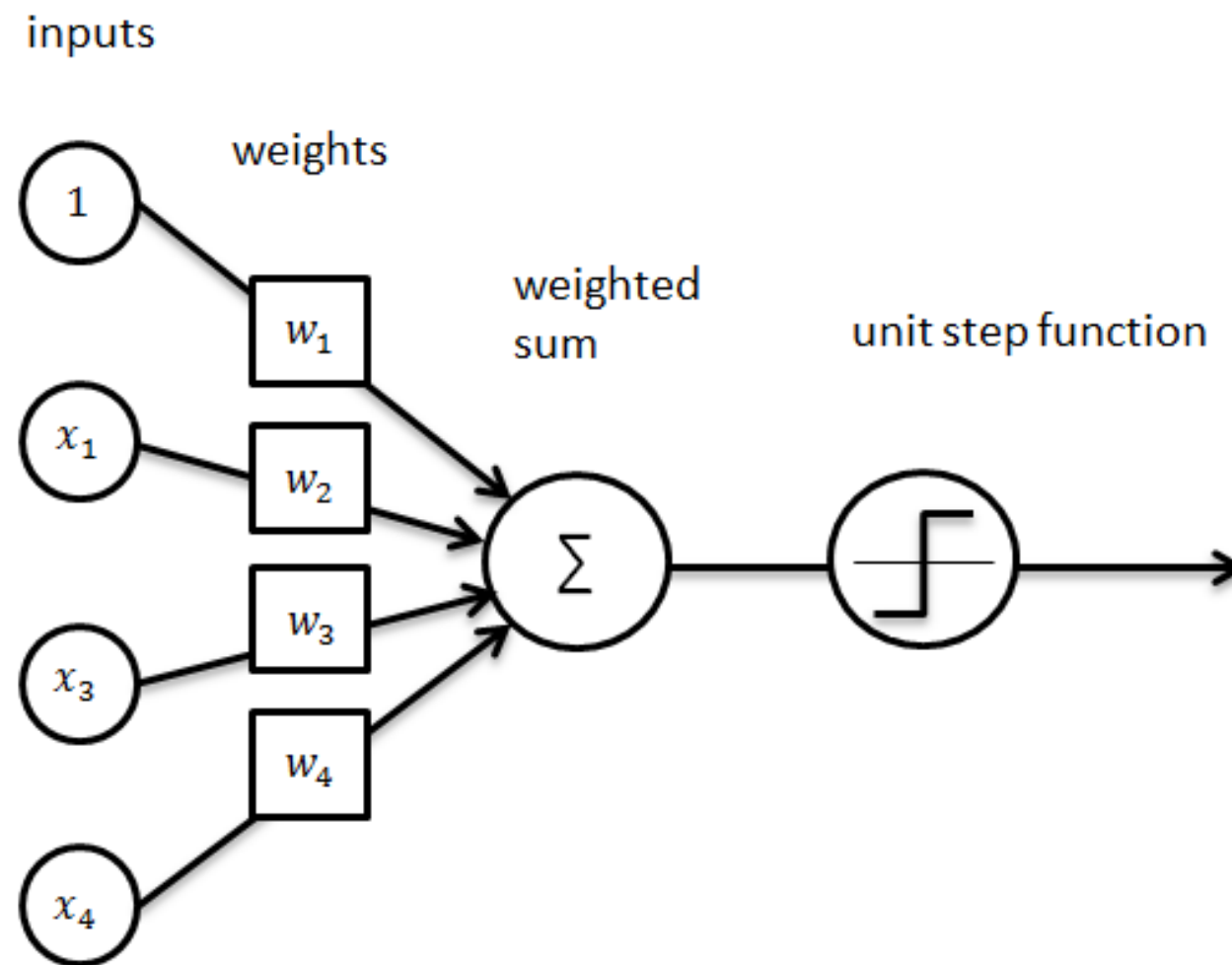


# Introduction to neural networks



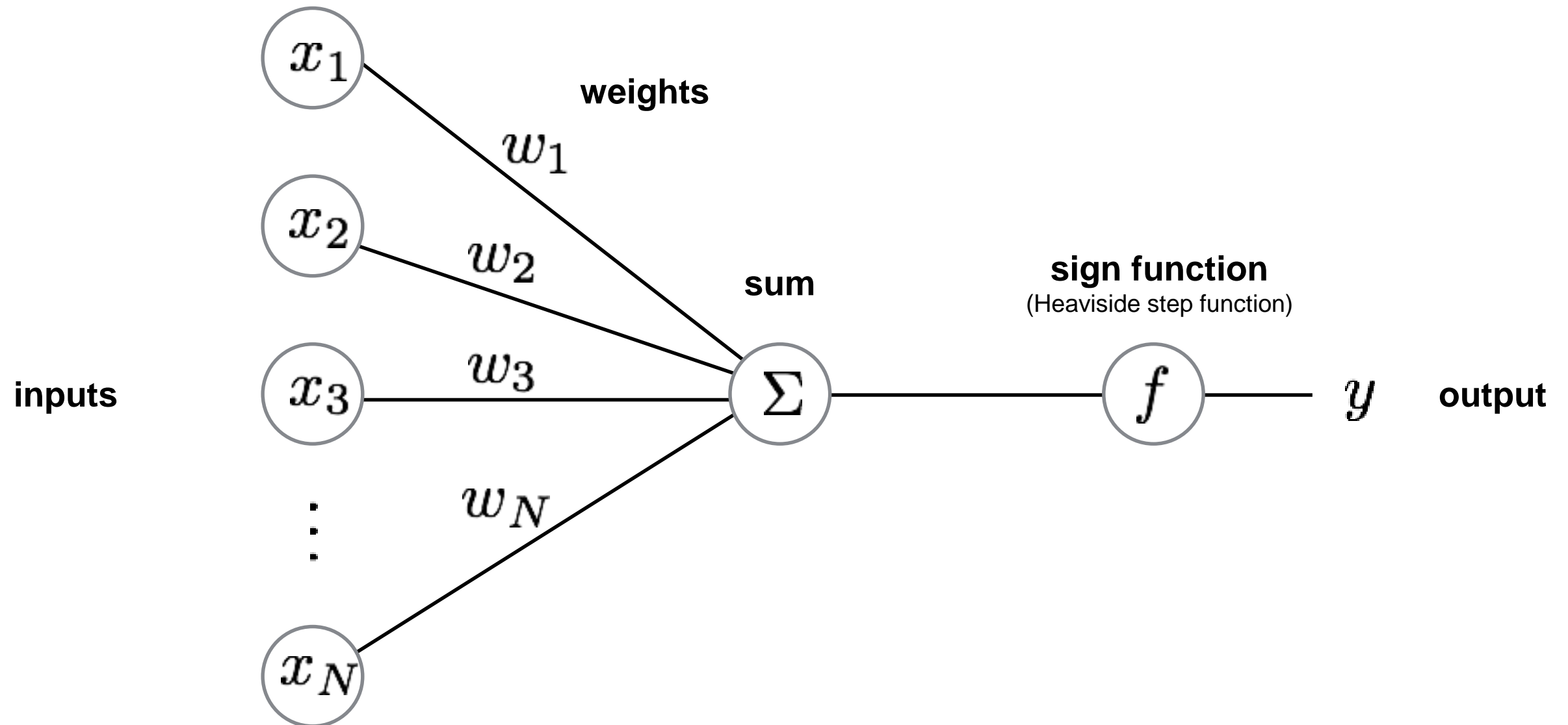
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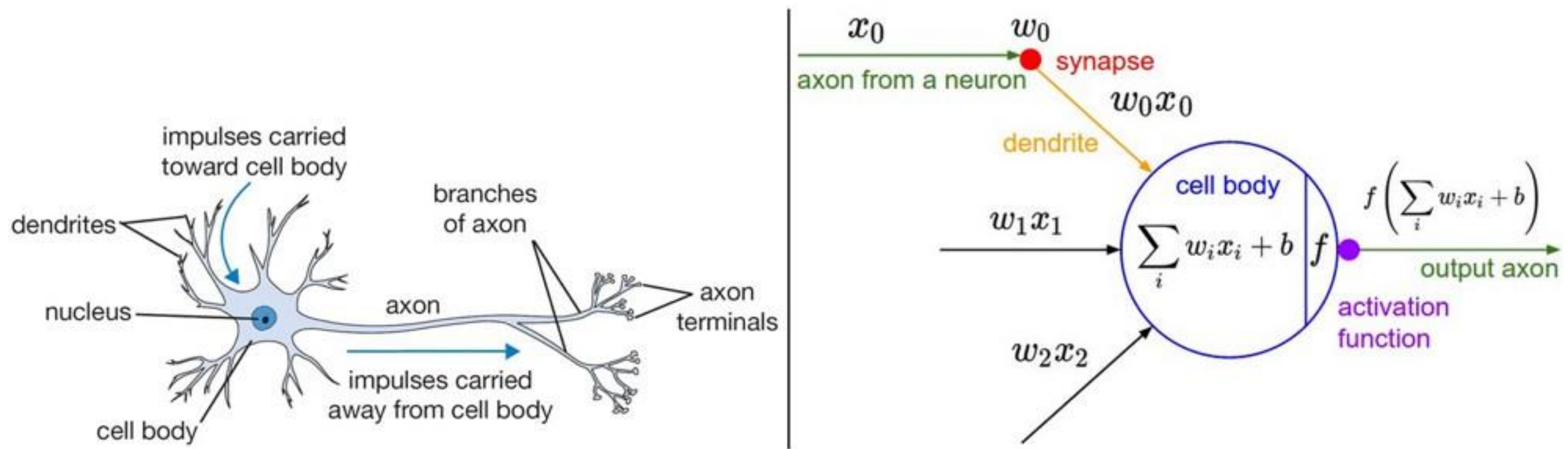
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# Perceptron

# The Perceptron



# Aside: Inspiration from Biology

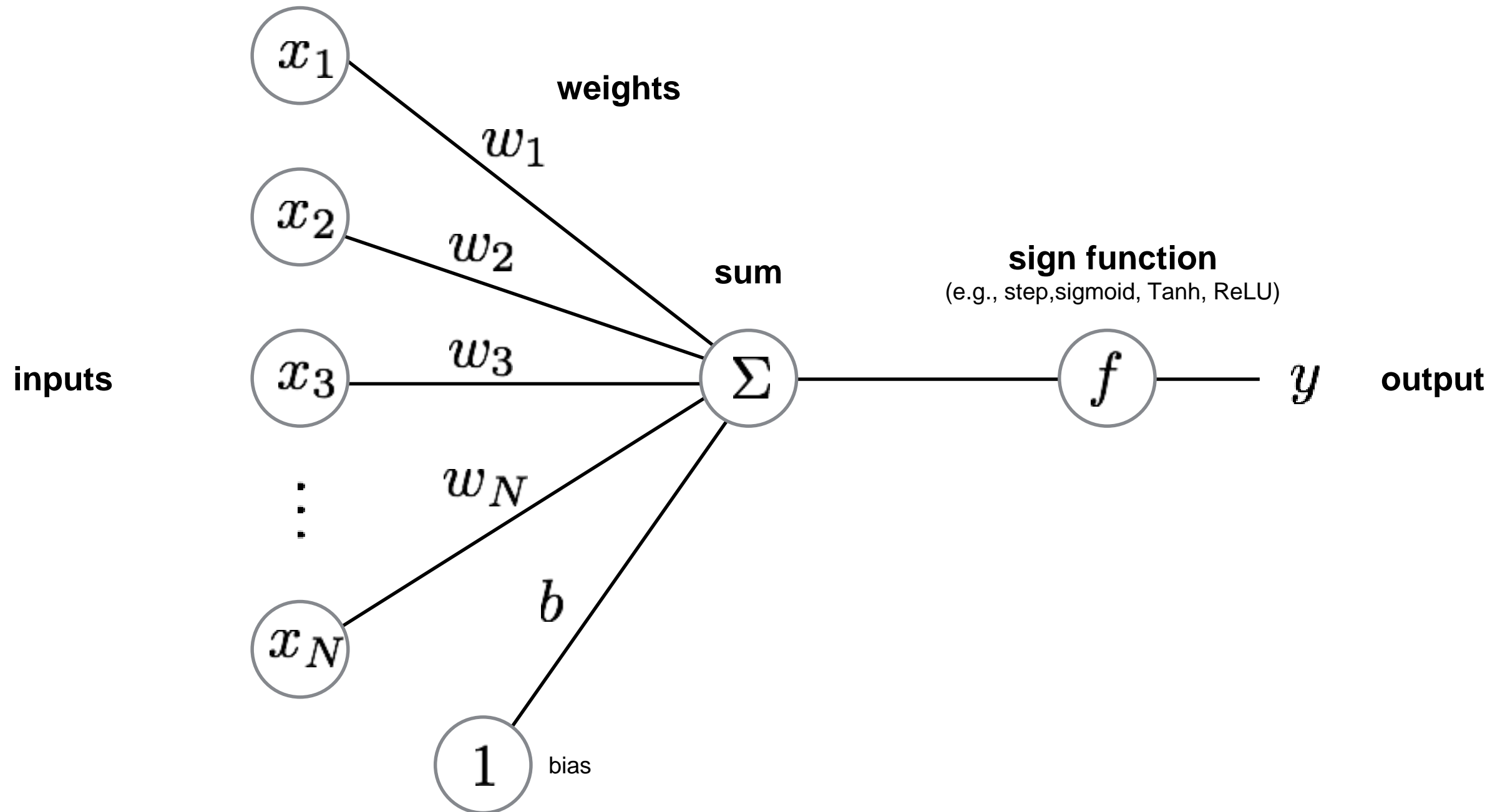


A cartoon drawing of a biological neuron (left) and its mathematical model (right).

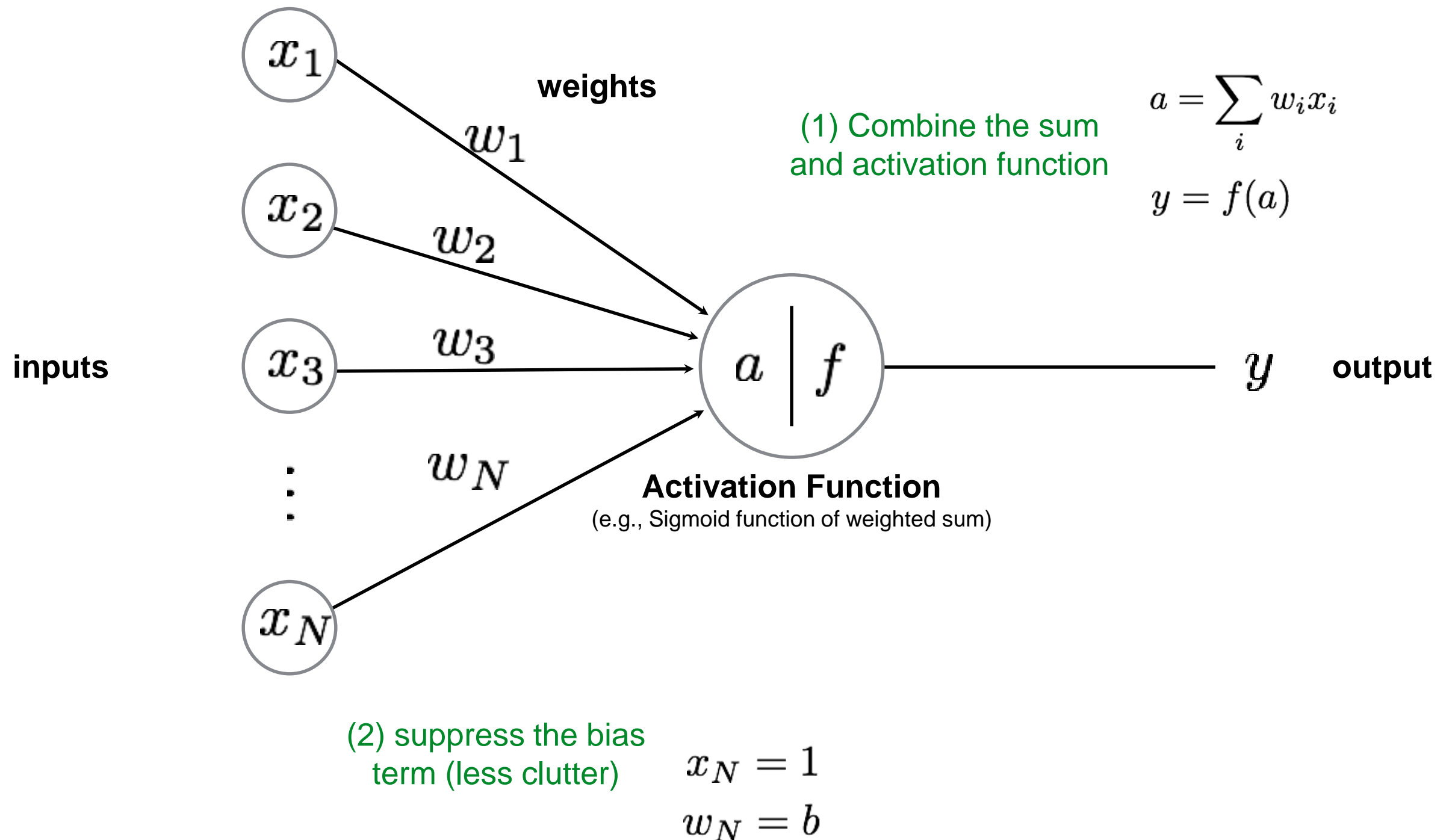
Neural nets/perceptrons are **loosely** inspired by biology.

But they certainly are **not** a model of how the brain works, or even how neurons work.

# The Perceptron



# Another way to draw it...



# Neural networks

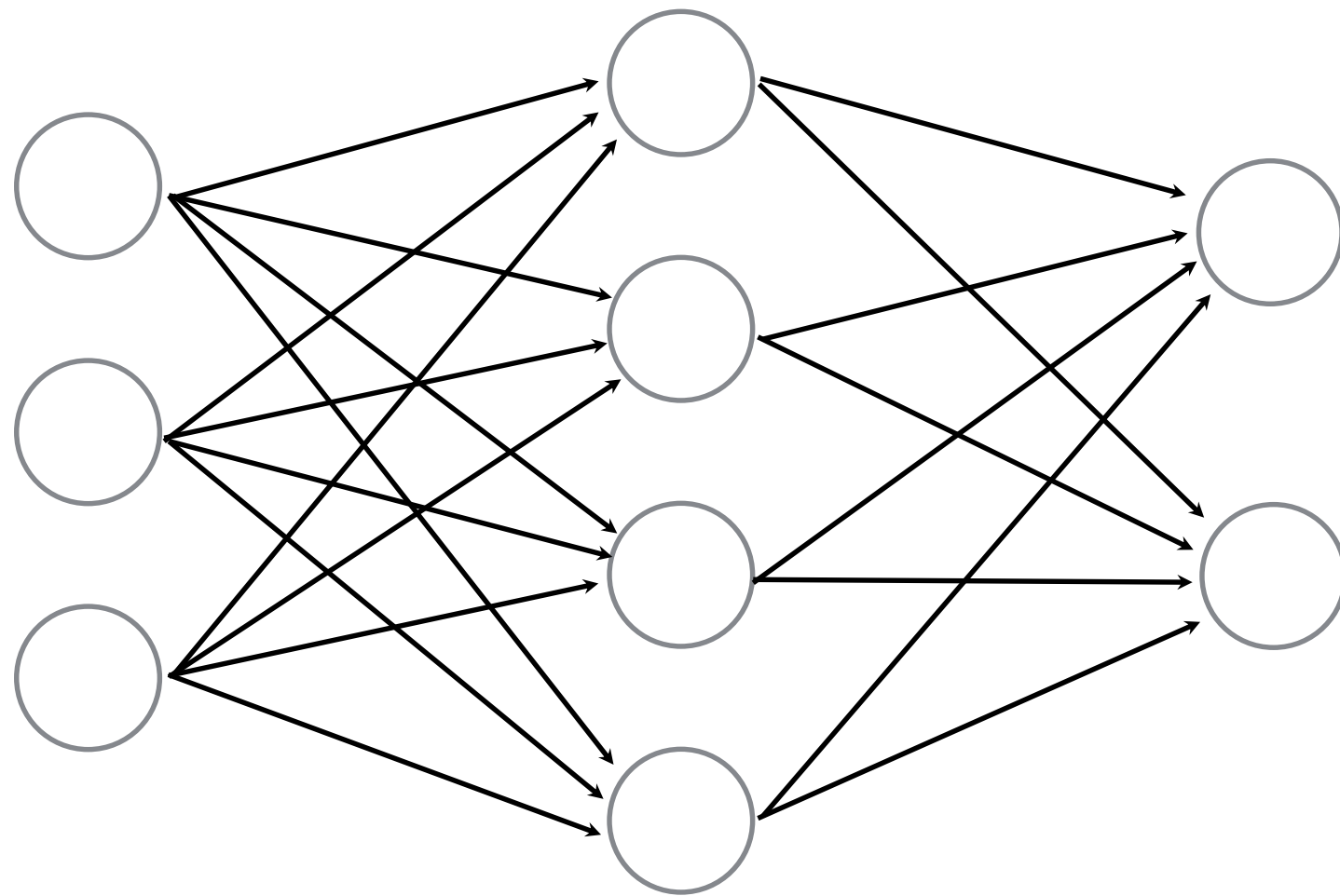


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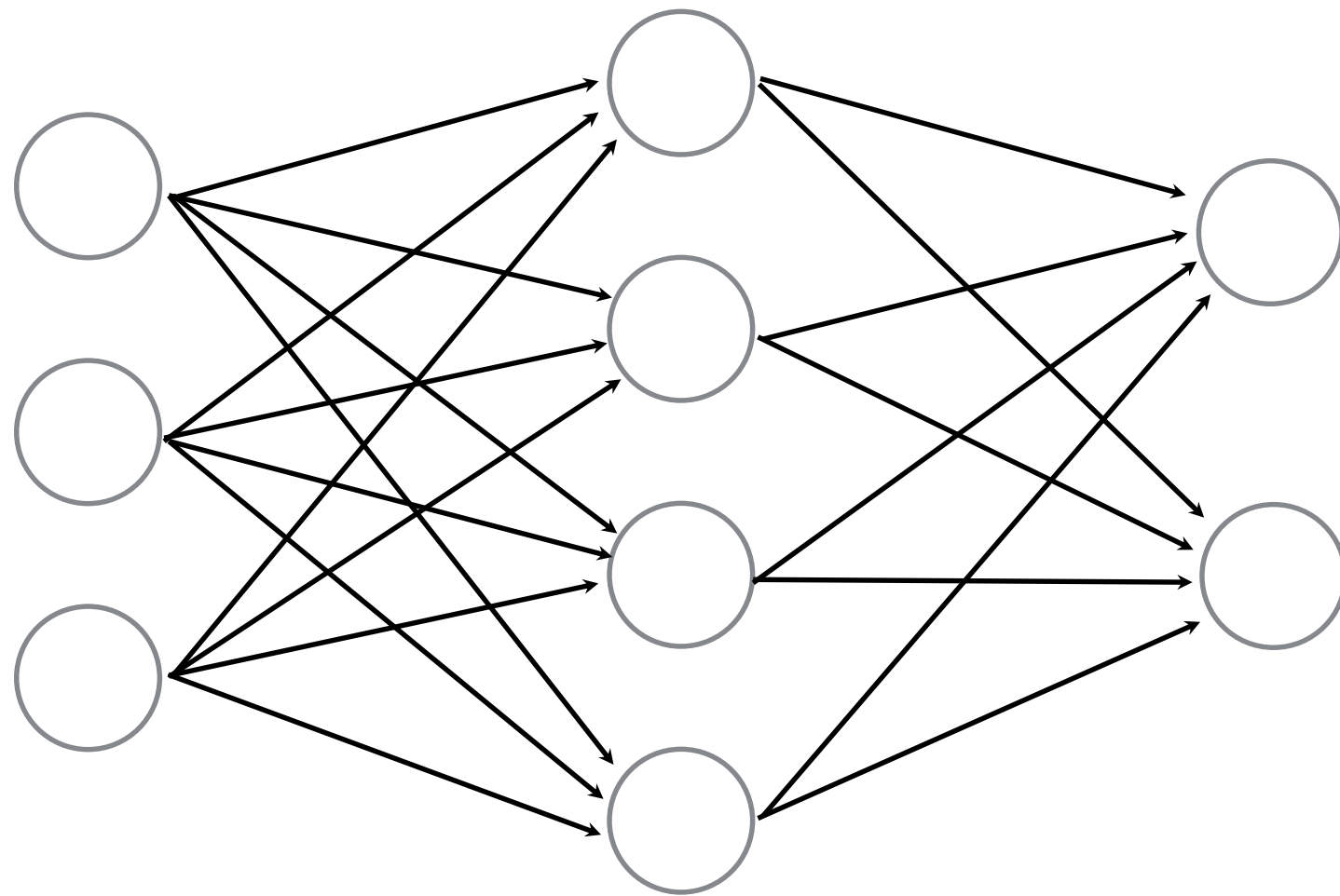
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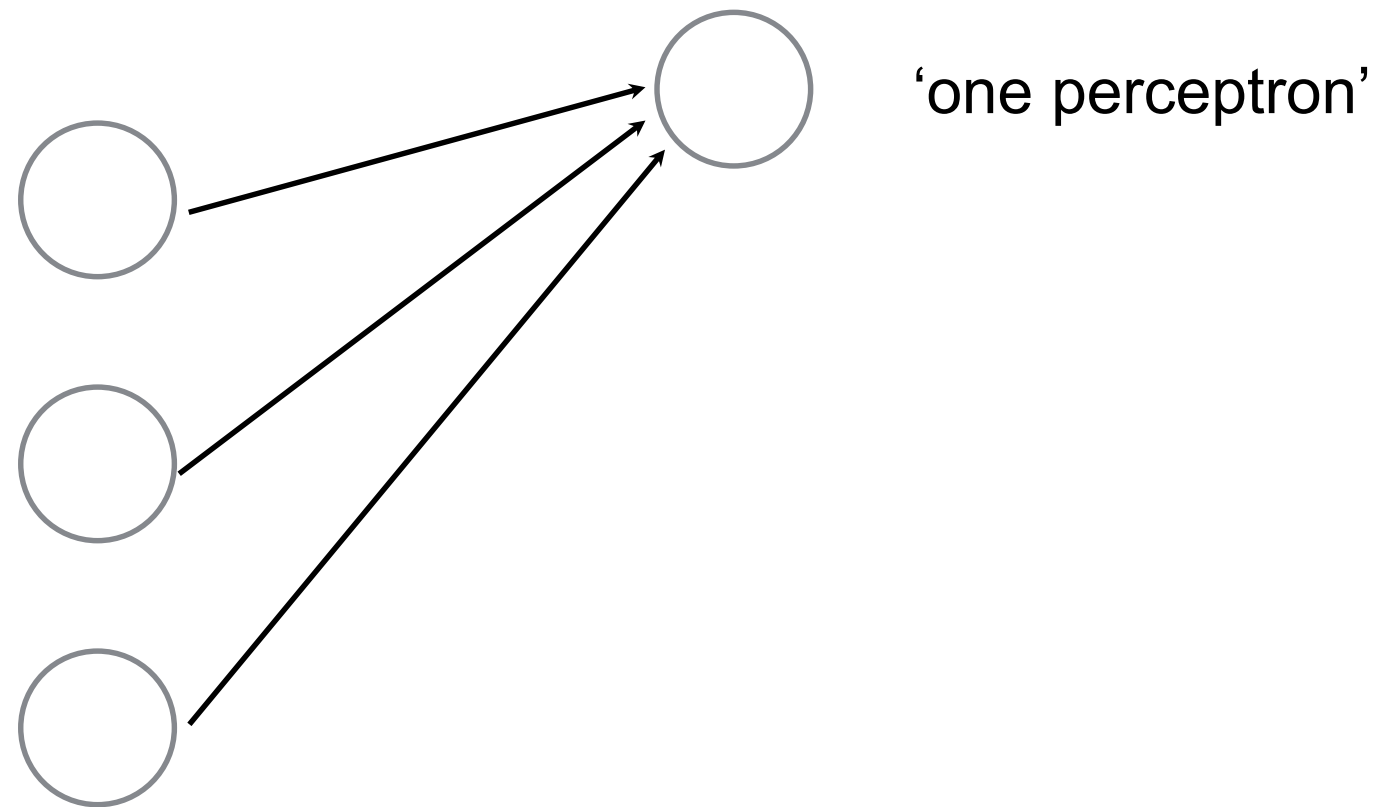


*How many perceptrons in this neural network?*

Connect a bunch of perceptrons together ...

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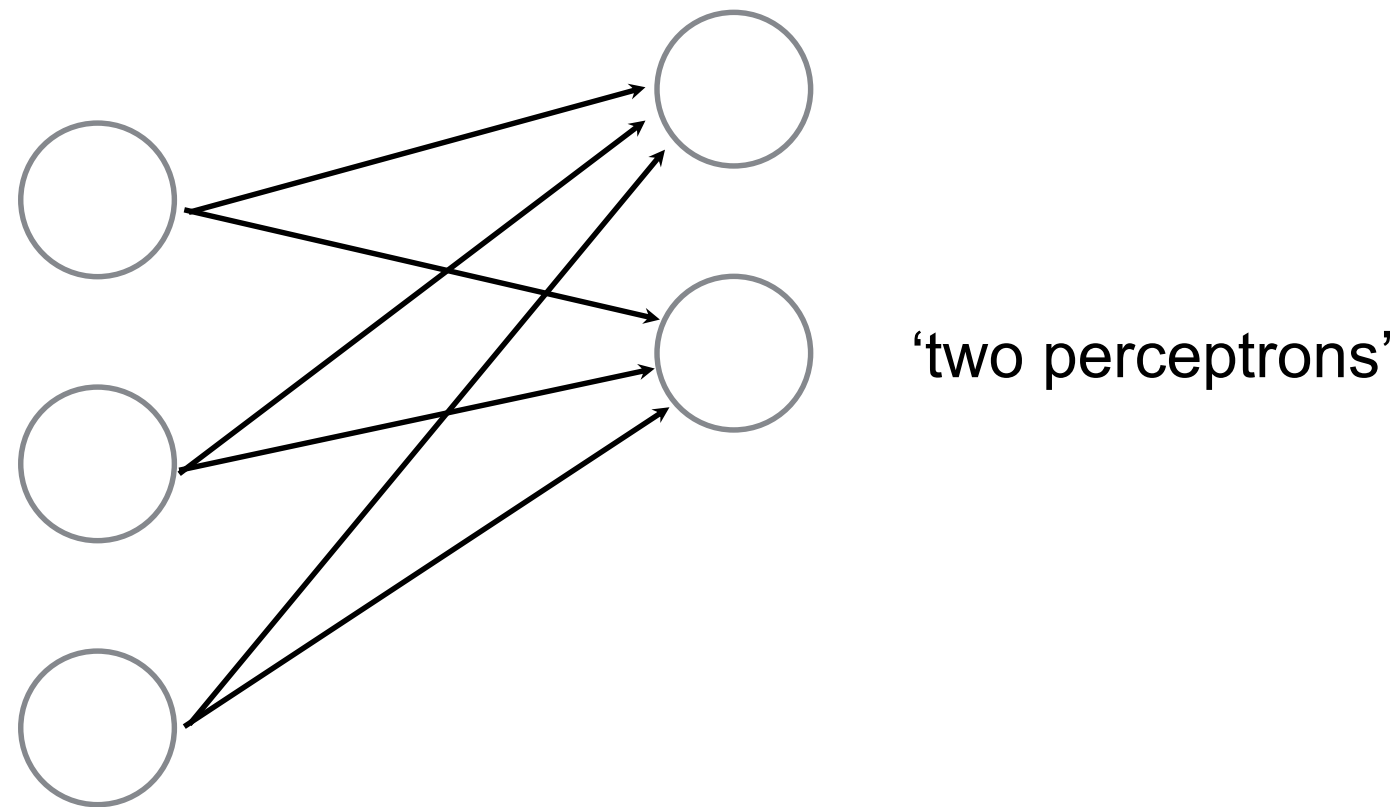
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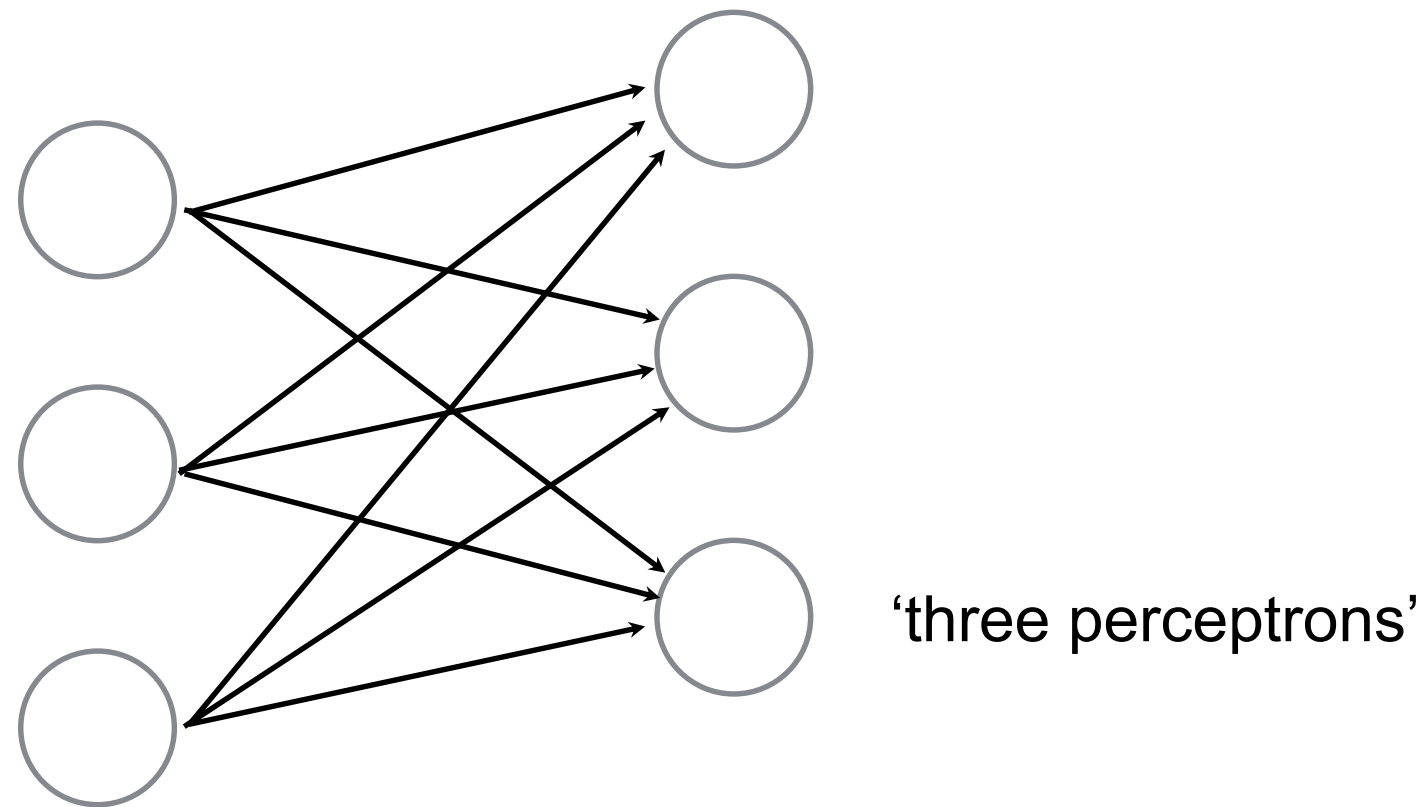
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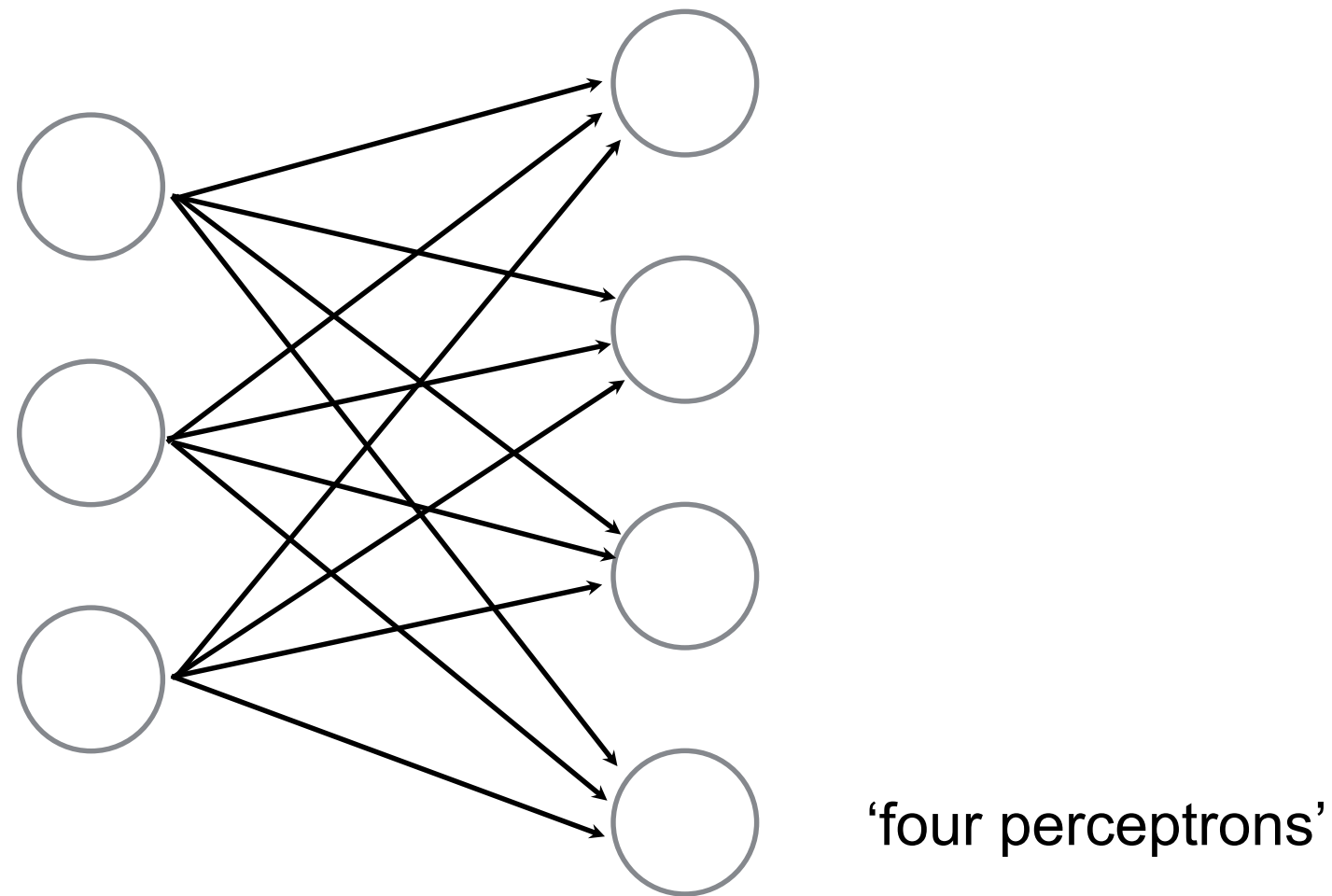
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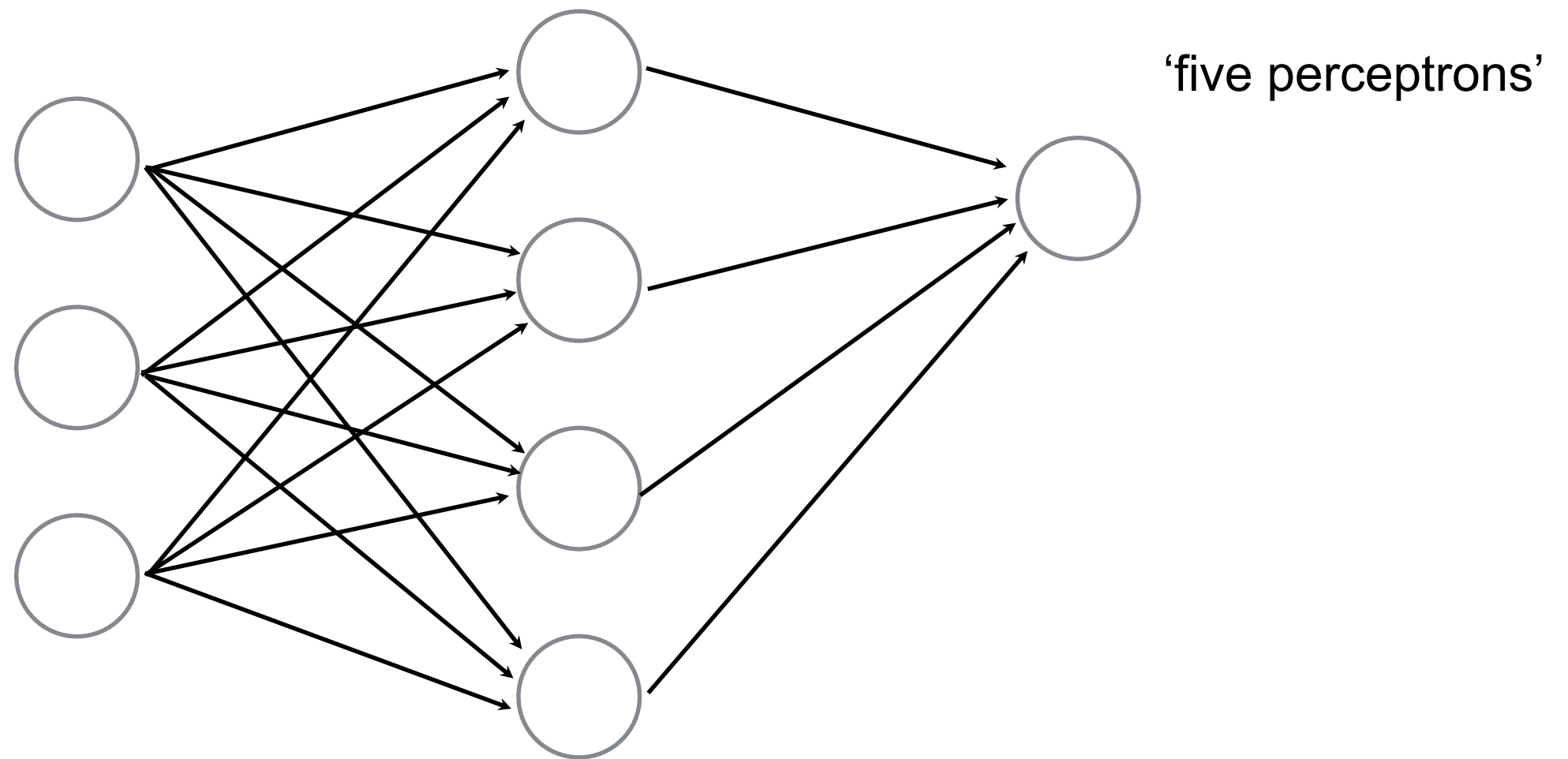
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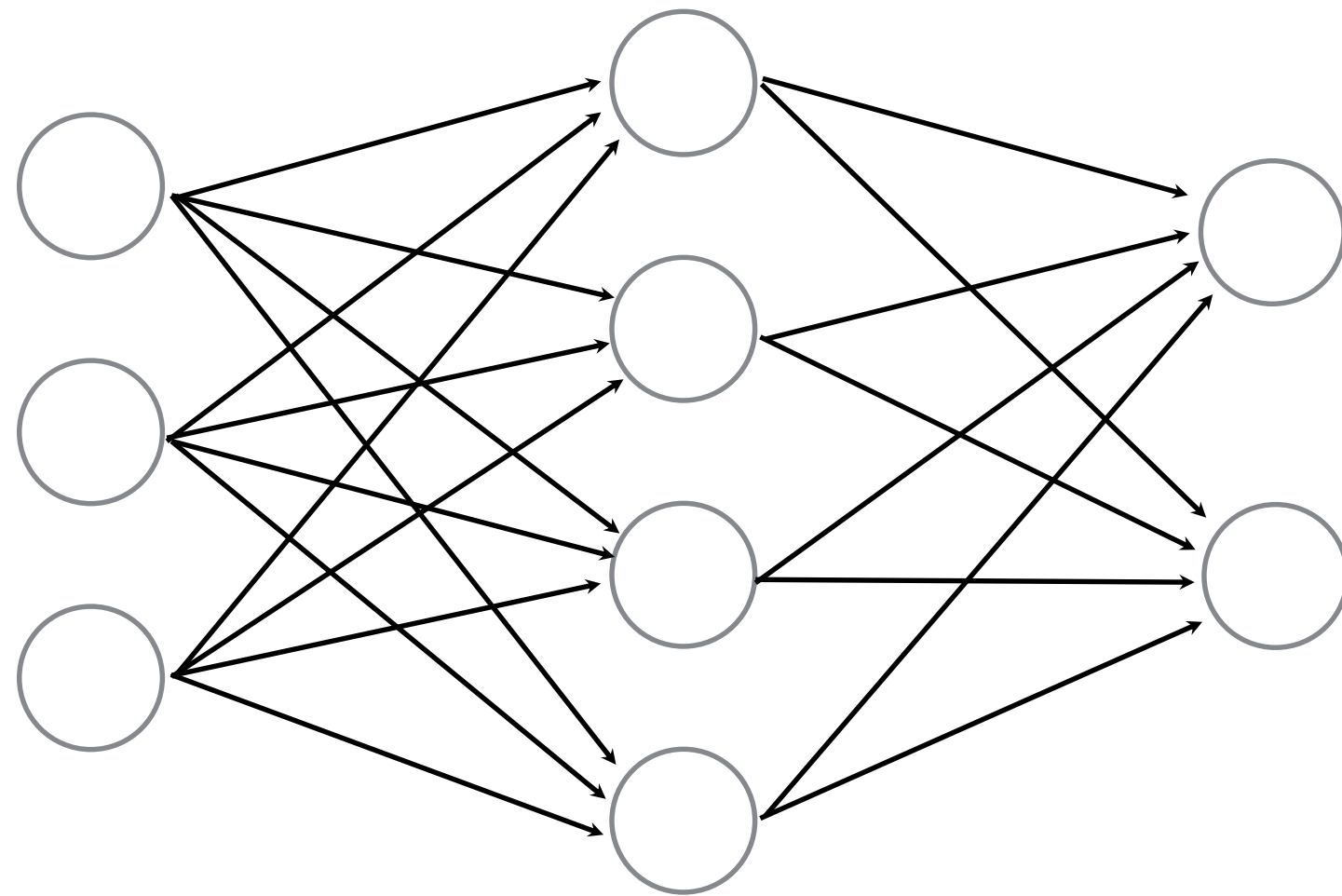




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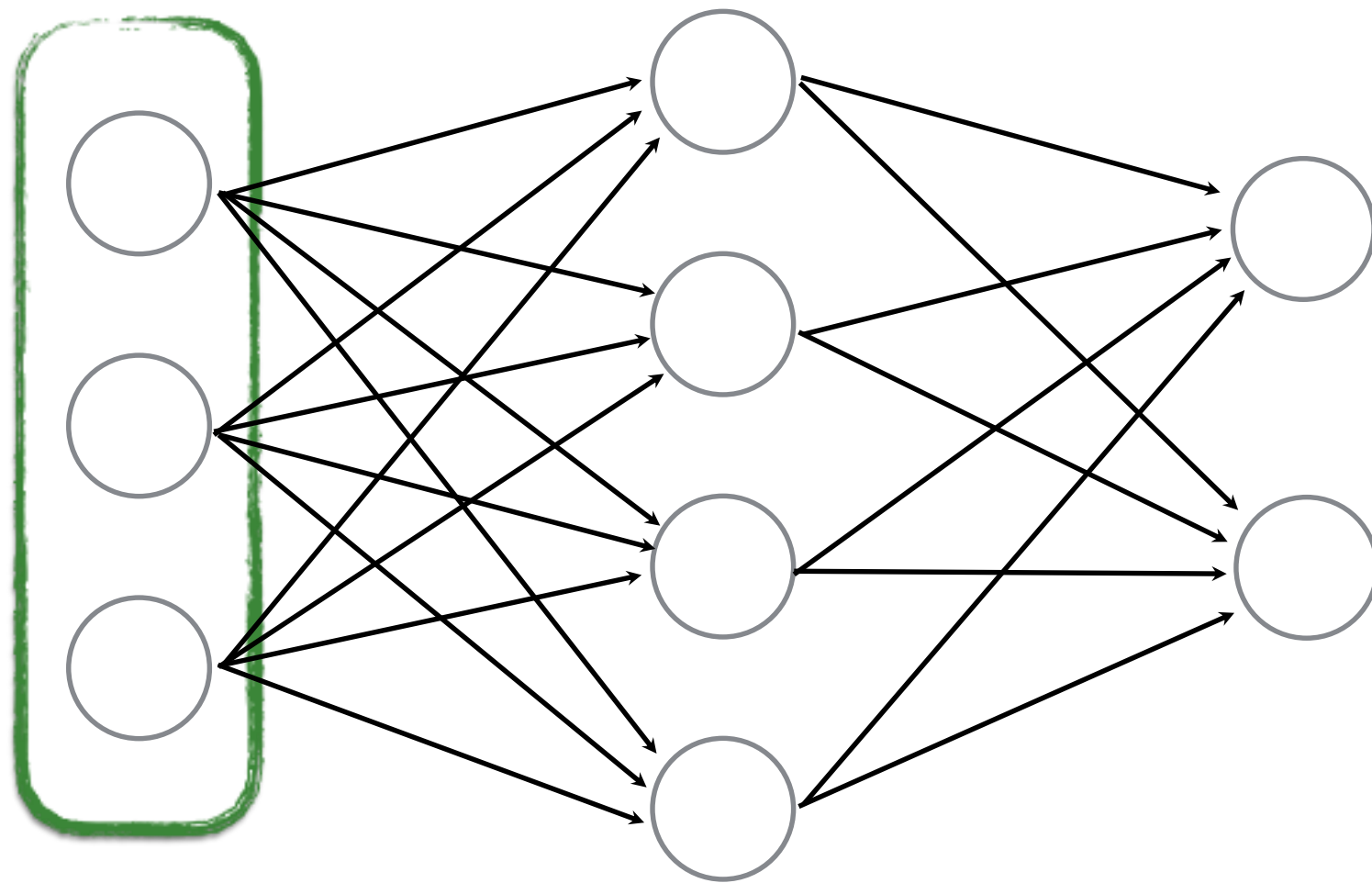
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‘six perceptrons’

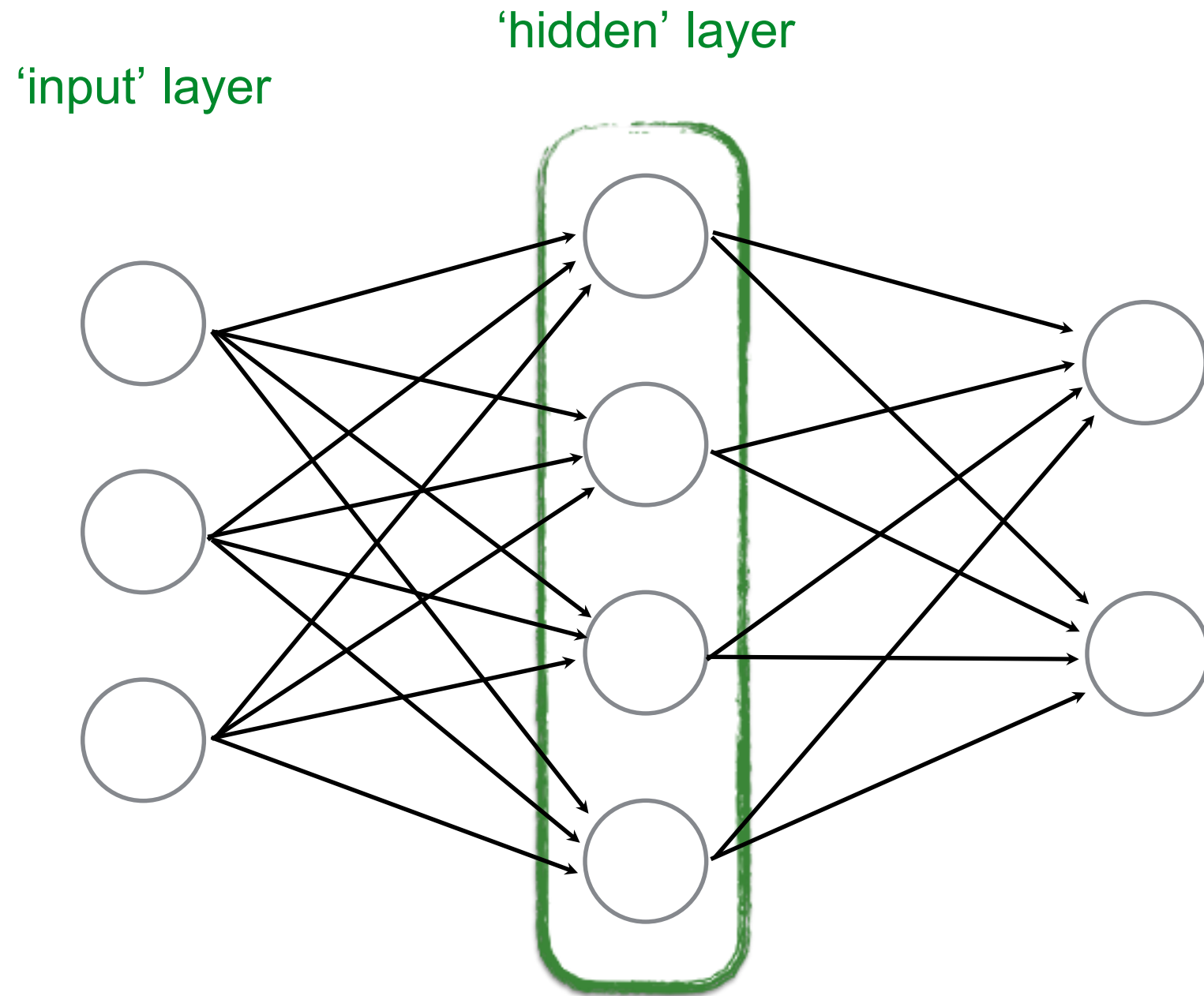
# Some terminology...

'input' layer



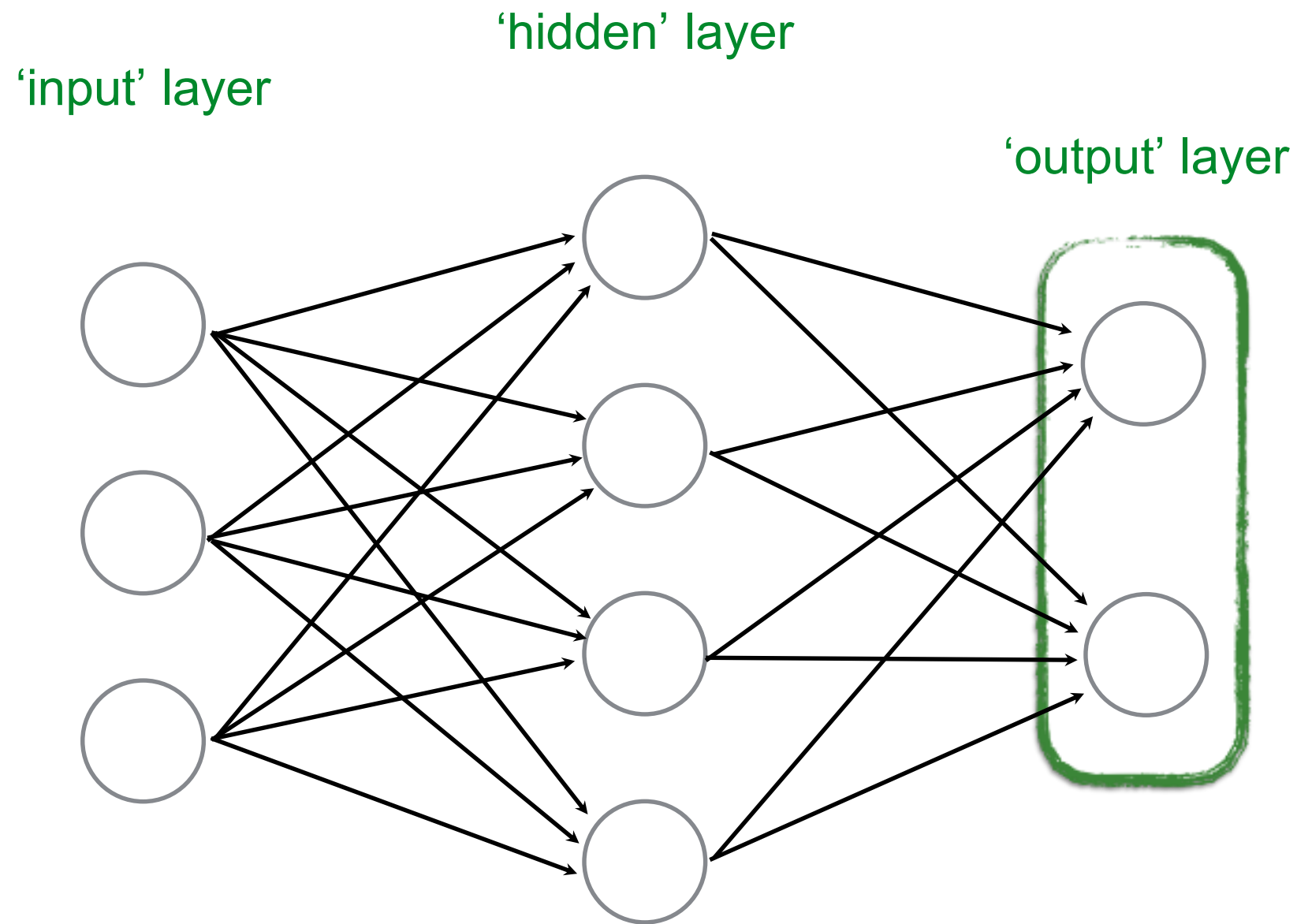
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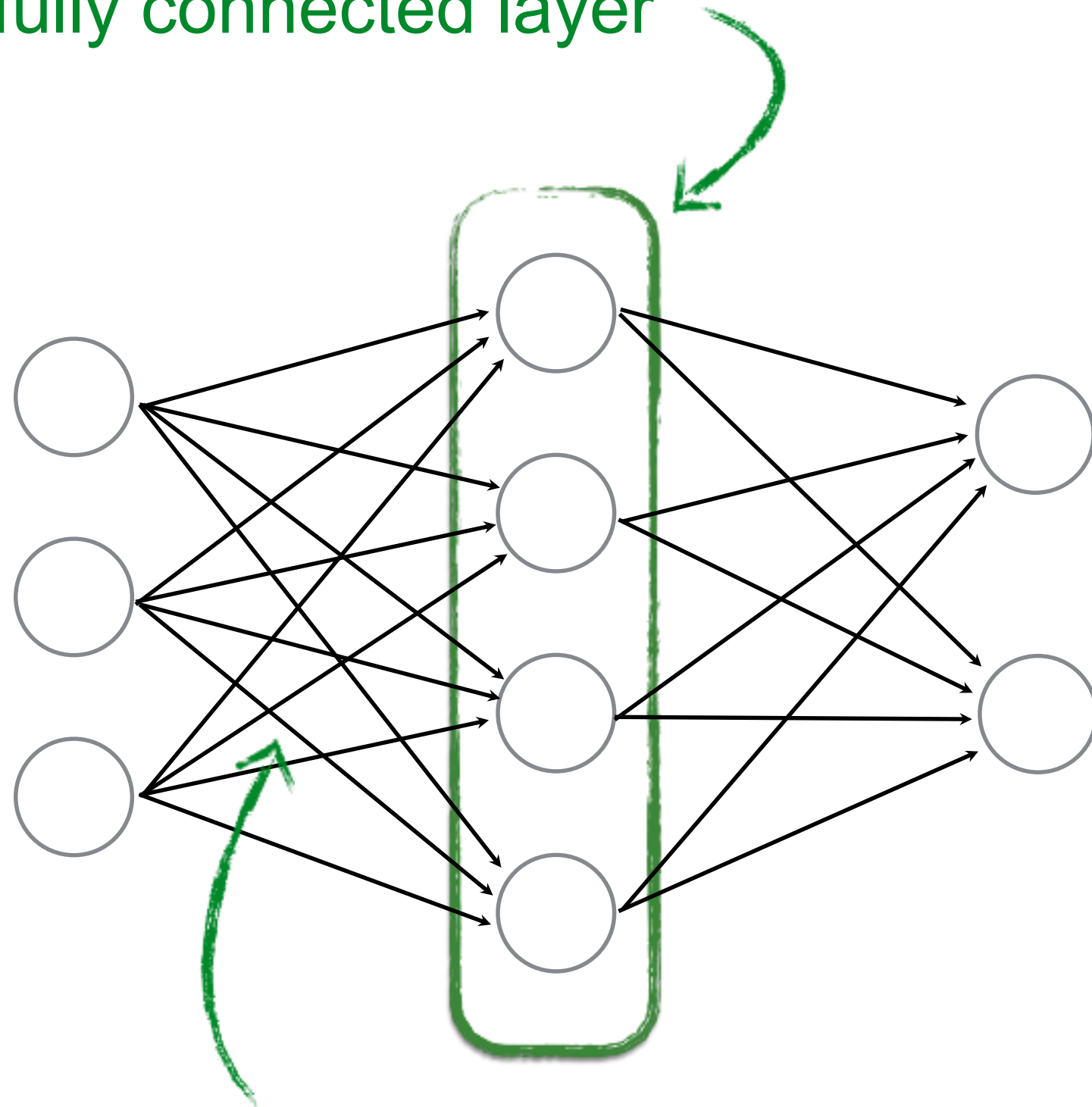
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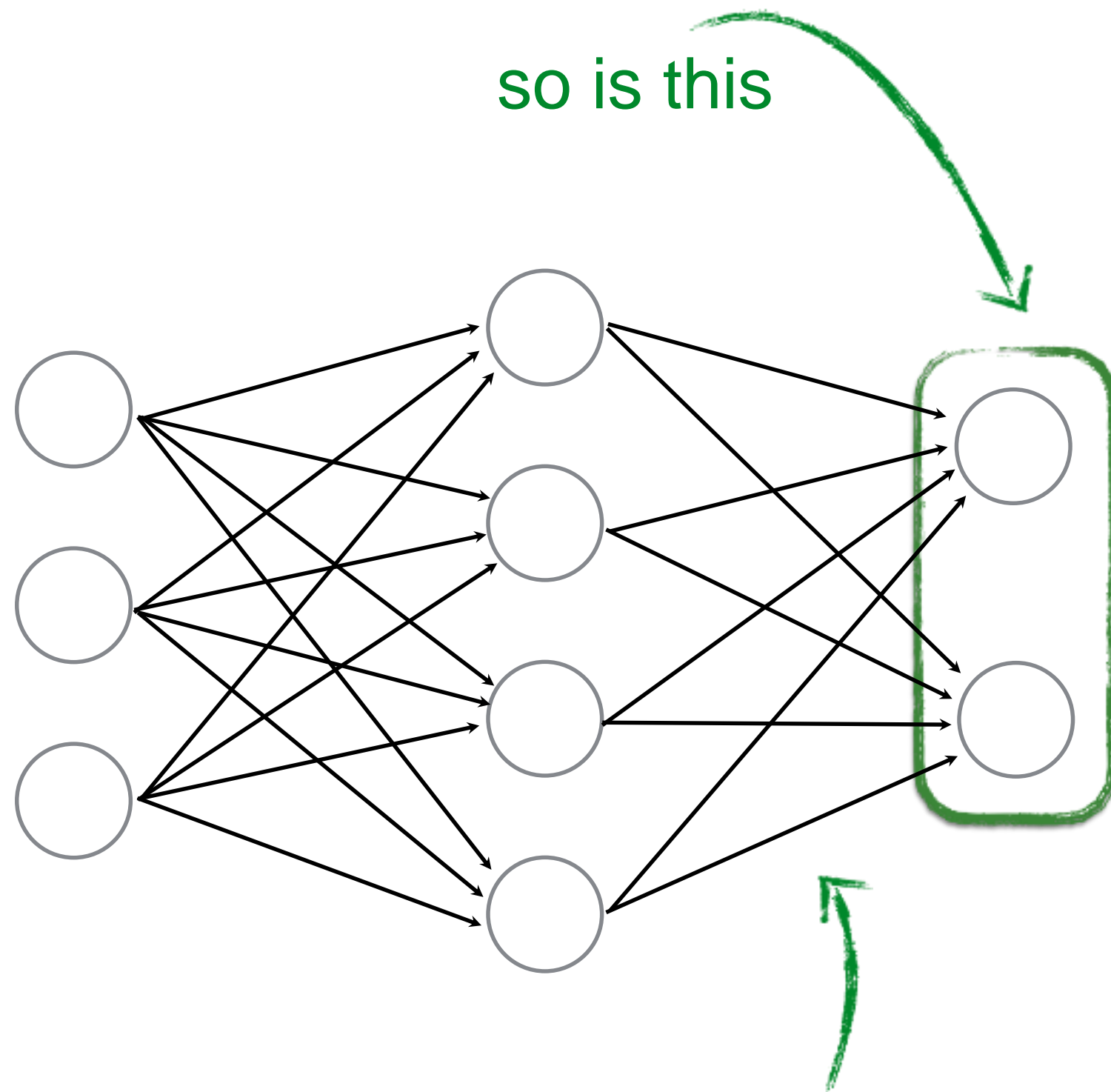


...also called a **Multi-layer Perceptron** (MLP)

this layer is a  
'fully connected layer'



all pairwise neurons between layers are connected

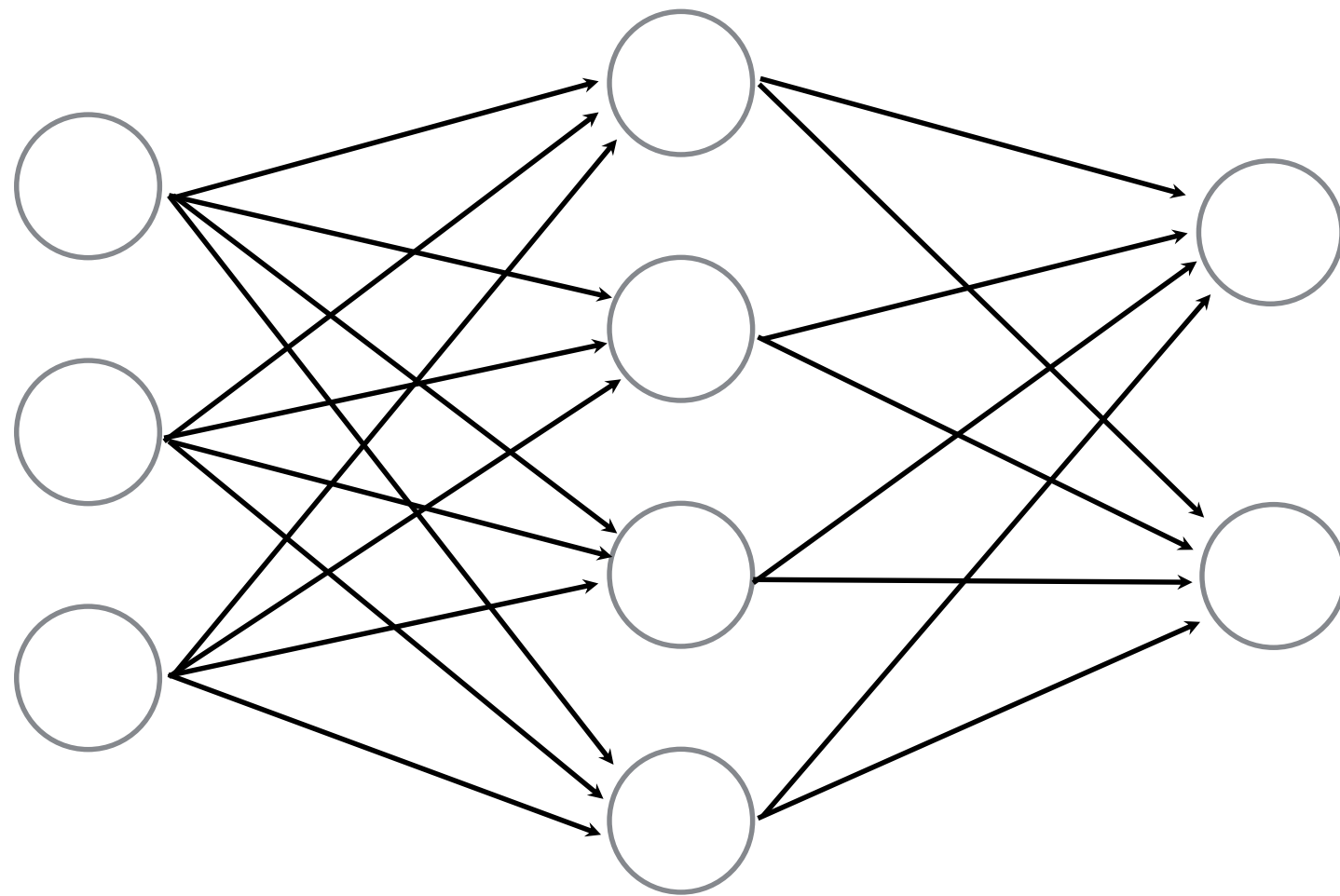


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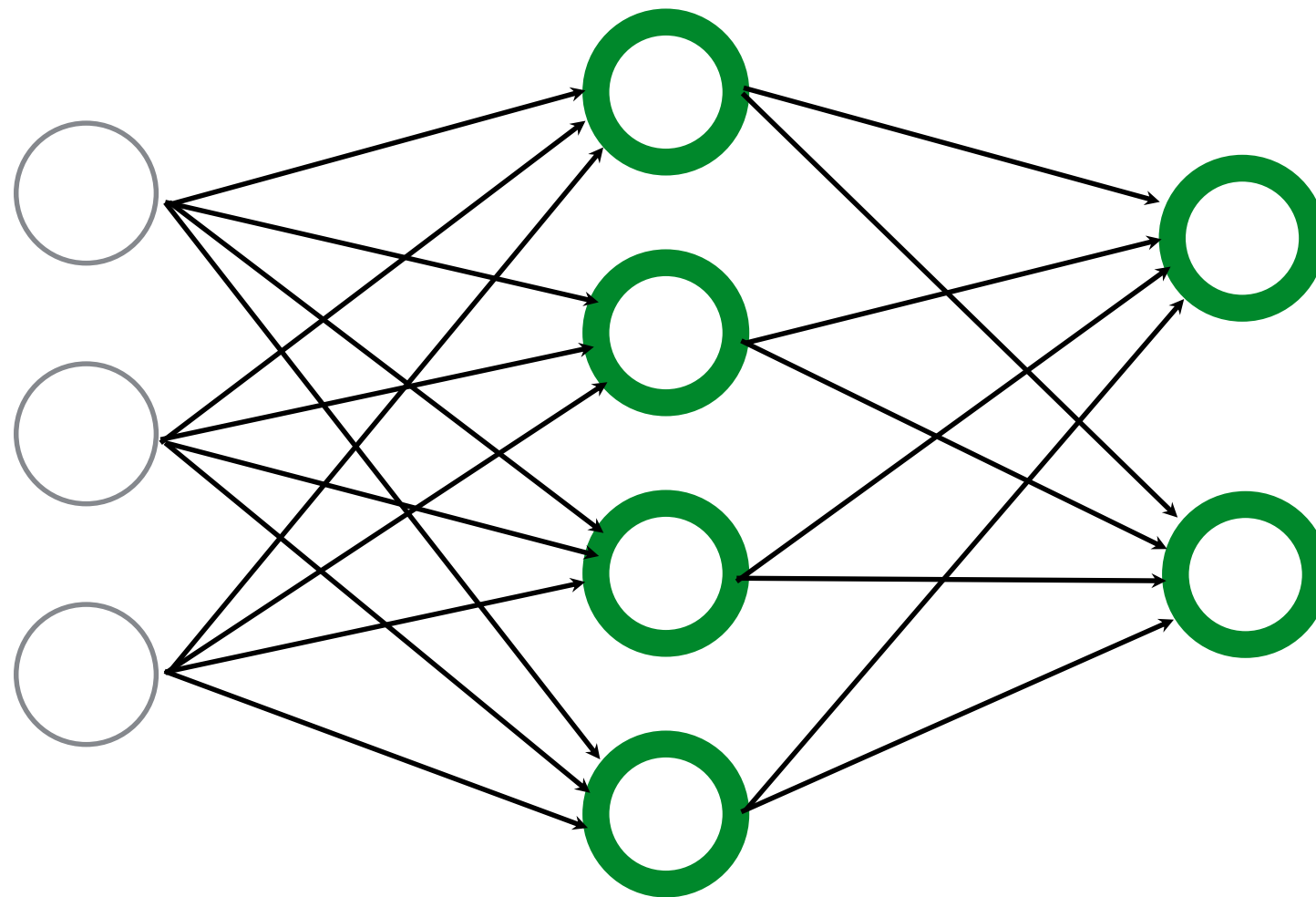


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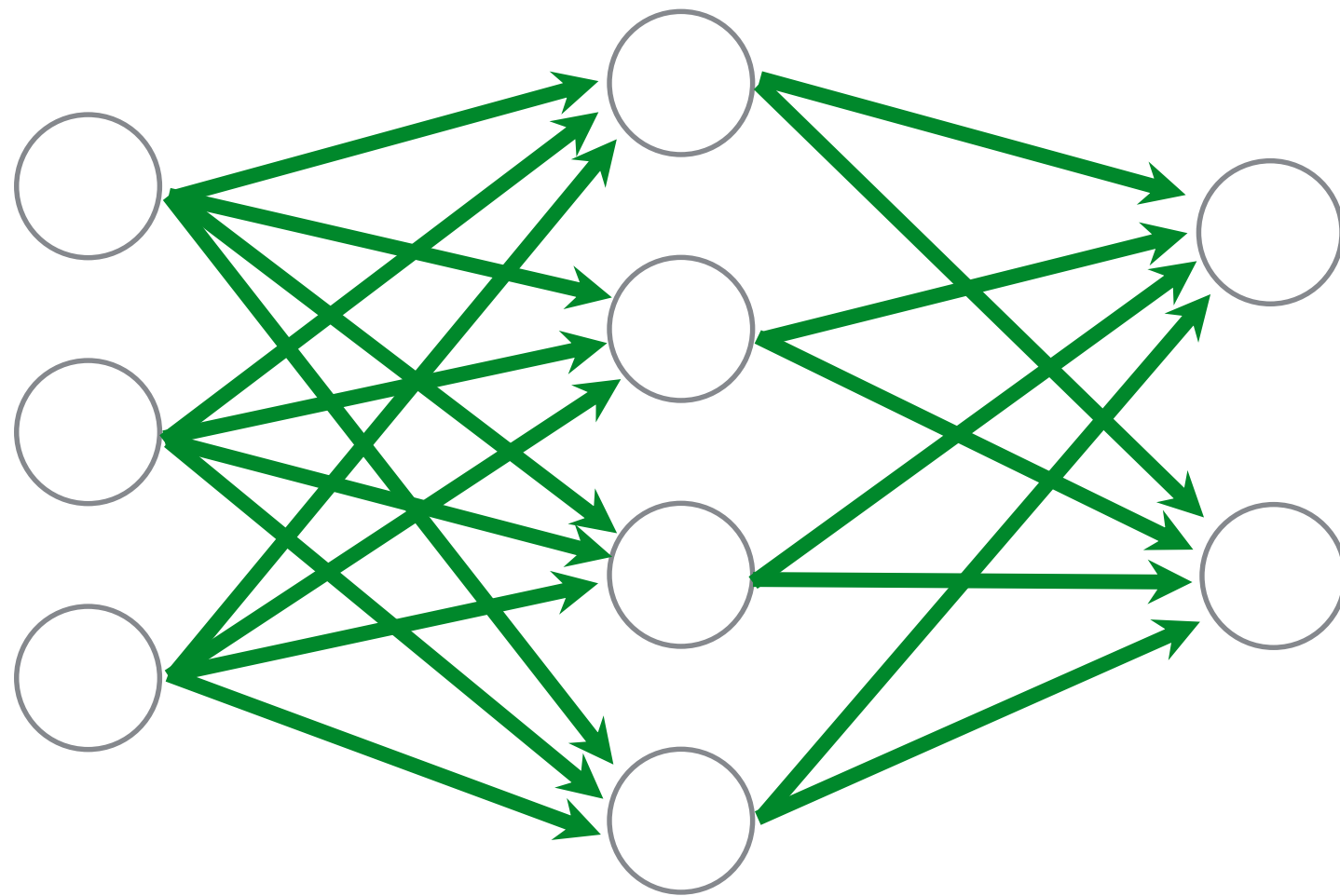


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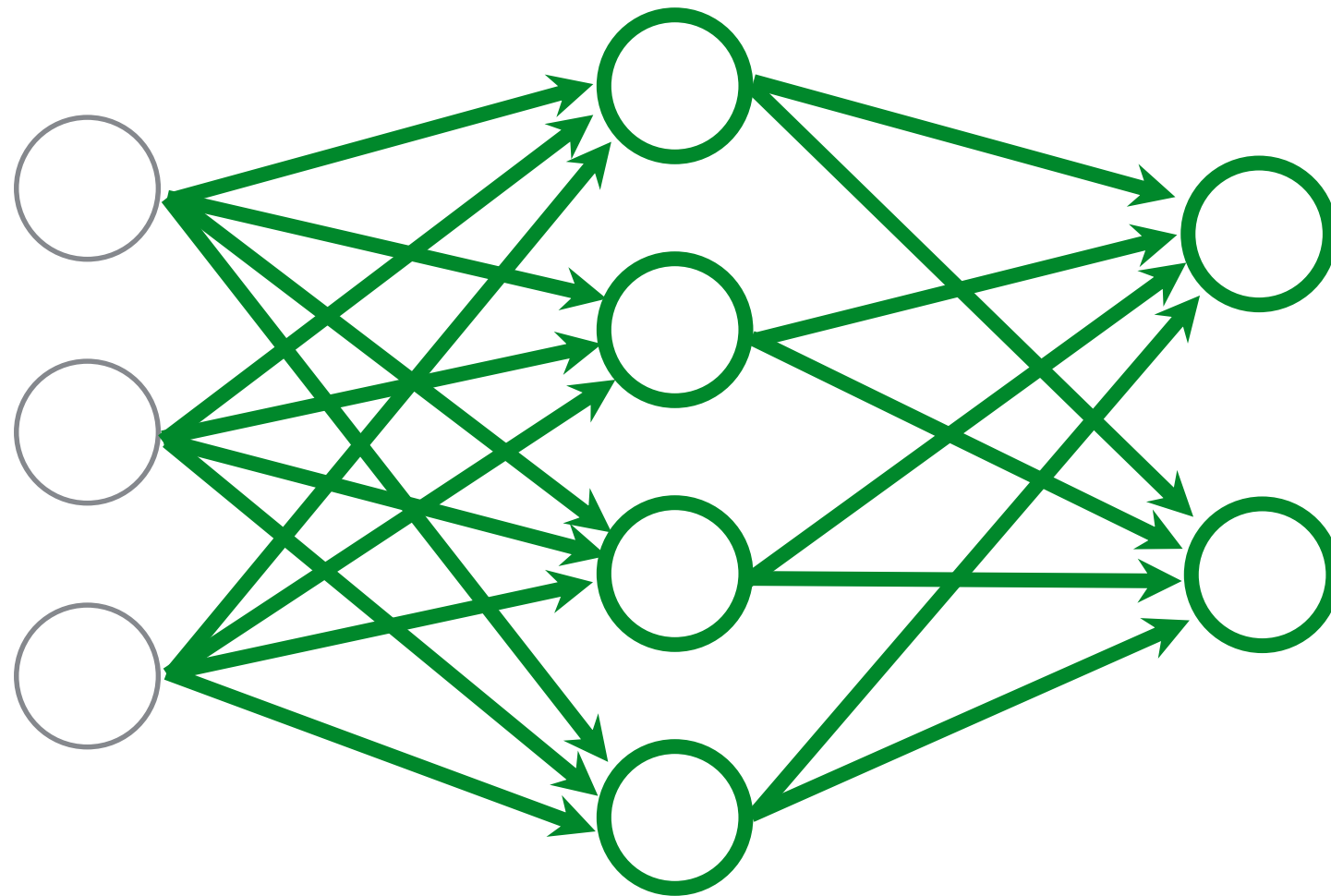
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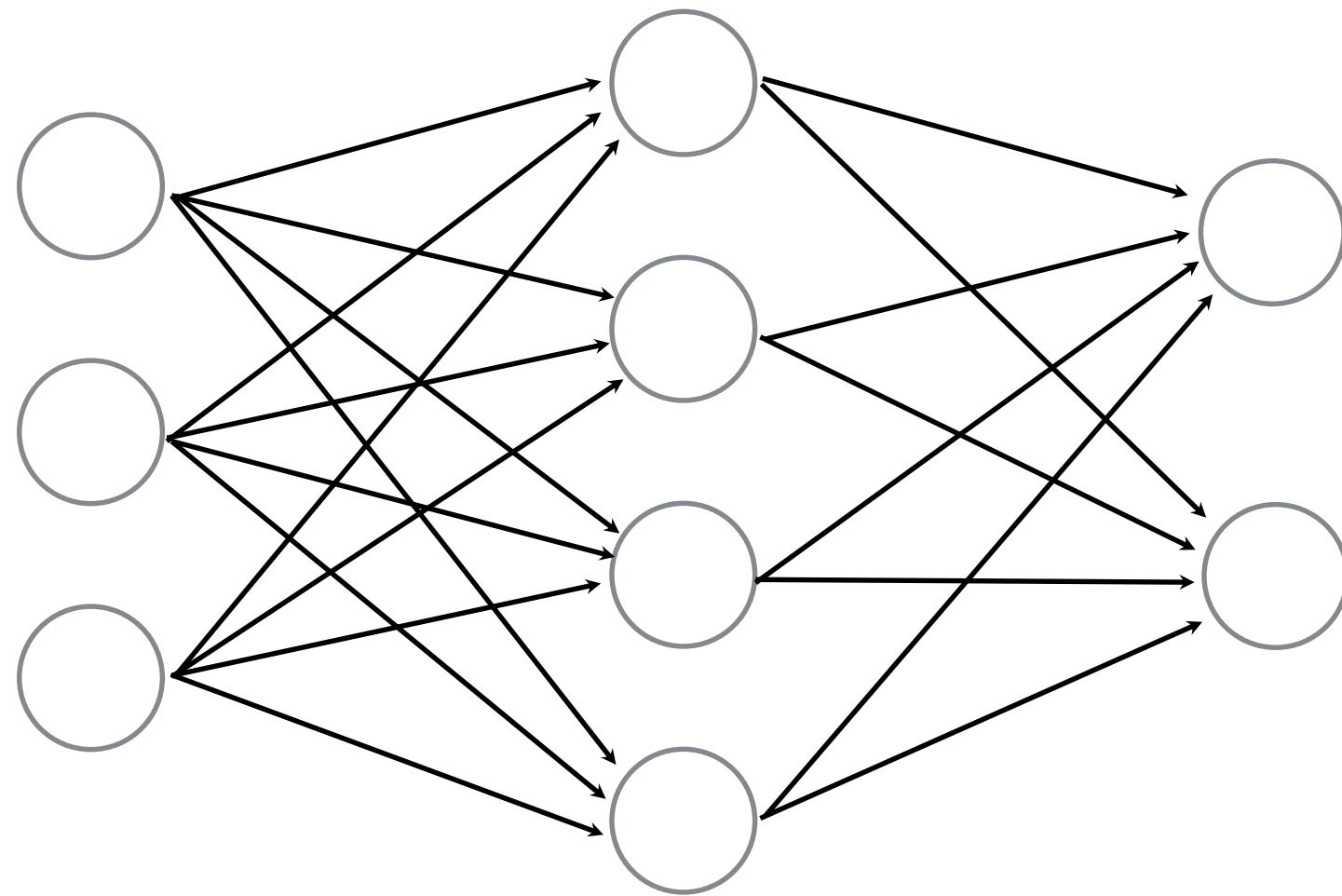


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$$20 + 4 + 2 = 26$$

bias terms

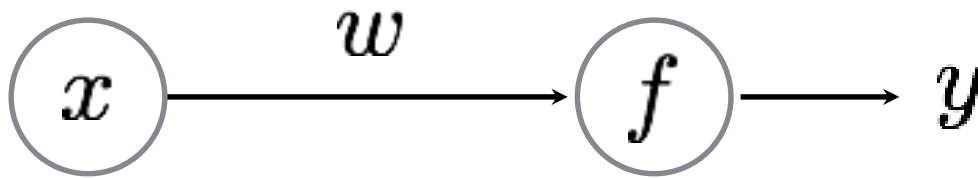
performance usually tops out at 2-3 layers,  
deeper networks don't really improve performance...



...with the exception of **convolutional** networks for images

# Training perceptrons

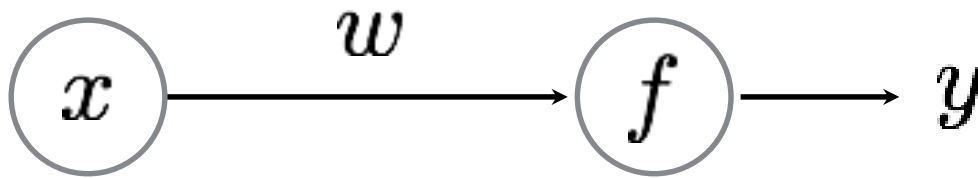
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(a.k.a. line equation, linear regression)

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Given training data:

$x$	$y$
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not so obvious as the network gets more complicated so we use ...

# An Incremental Learning Strategy

(gradient descent)

Given several examples

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Before diving into gradient descent, we need to understand ...

## **Loss Function**

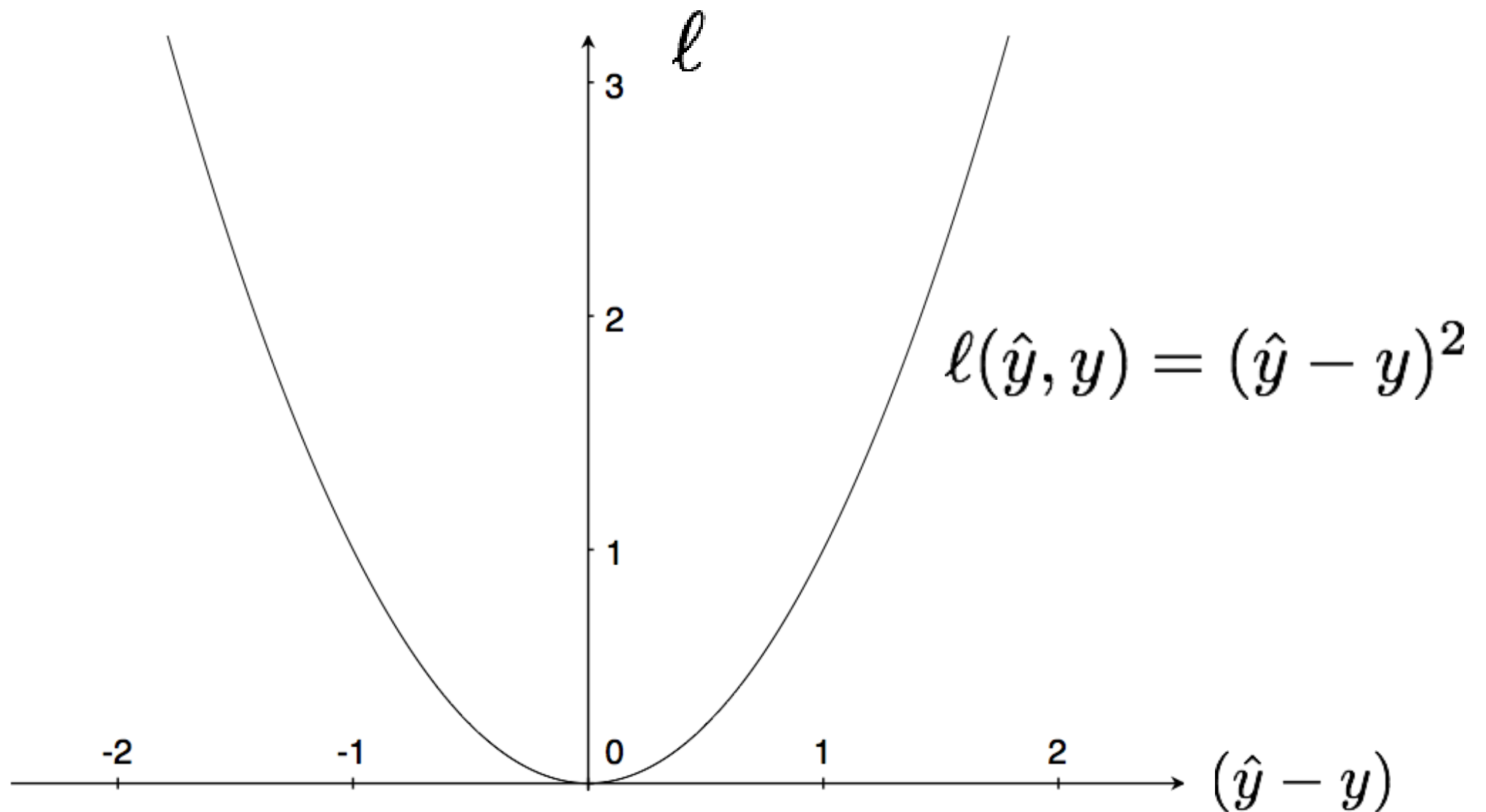
defines what it means to be  
**close** to the true solution

**YOU get to choose the loss function!**

(some are better than others depending on what you want to do)

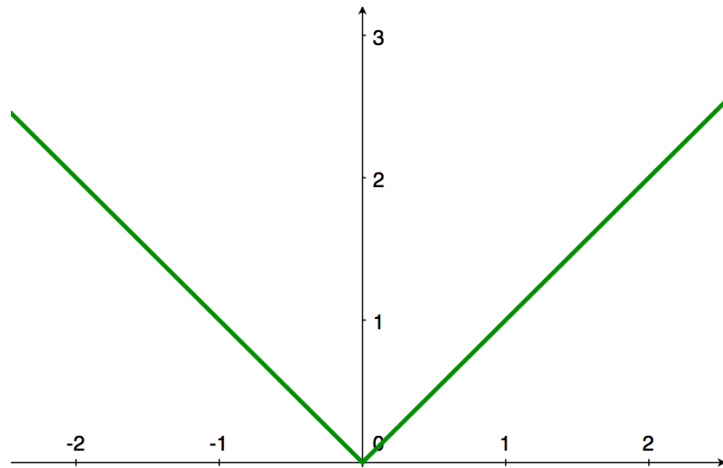
# Squared Error (L2)

(a popular loss function) ((why?))



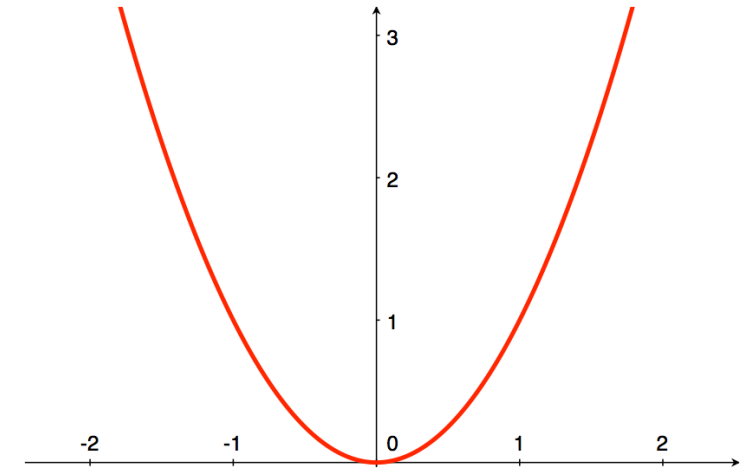
## L1 Loss

$$\ell(\hat{y}, y) = |\hat{y} - y|$$



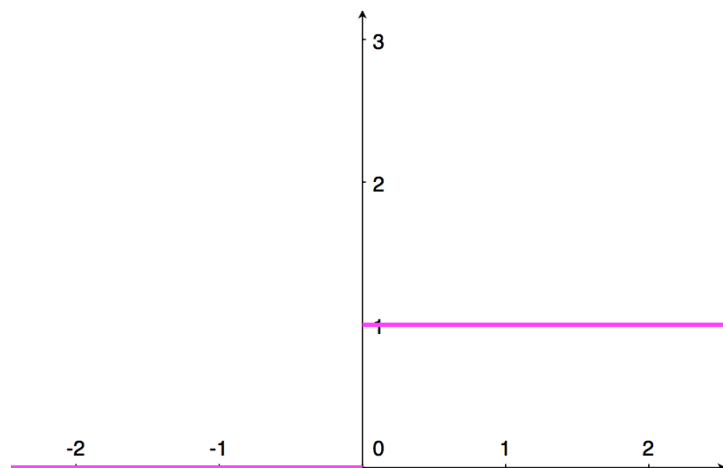
## L2 Loss

$$\ell(\hat{y}, y) = (\hat{y} - y)^2$$



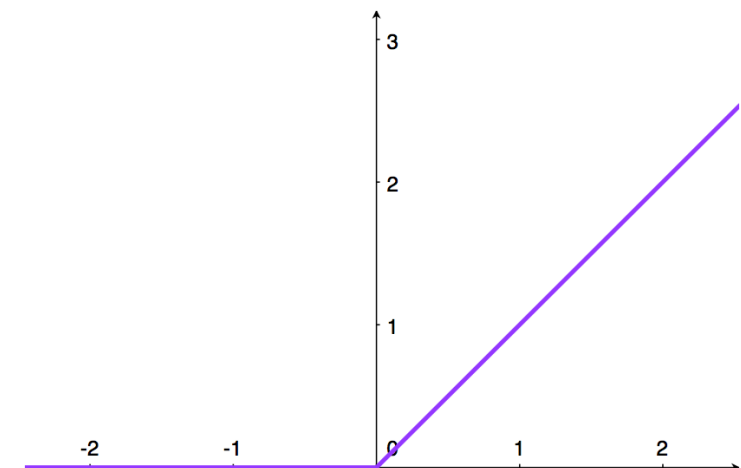
## Zero-One Loss

$$\ell(\hat{y}, y) = \mathbf{1}[\hat{y} \neq y]$$



## Hinge Loss

$$\ell(\hat{y}, y) = \max(0, 1 - y \cdot \hat{y})$$





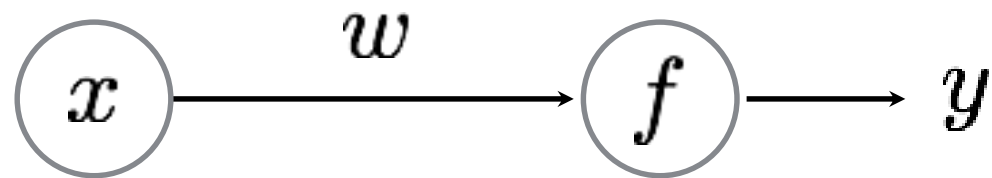
# Cross Entropy Loss/Negative Log

**Likelihood**

$$CrossEntropyLoss = -(y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i))$$

back to the...

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$$w = w + (y_n - \hat{y})x_i;$$

just one line of code!

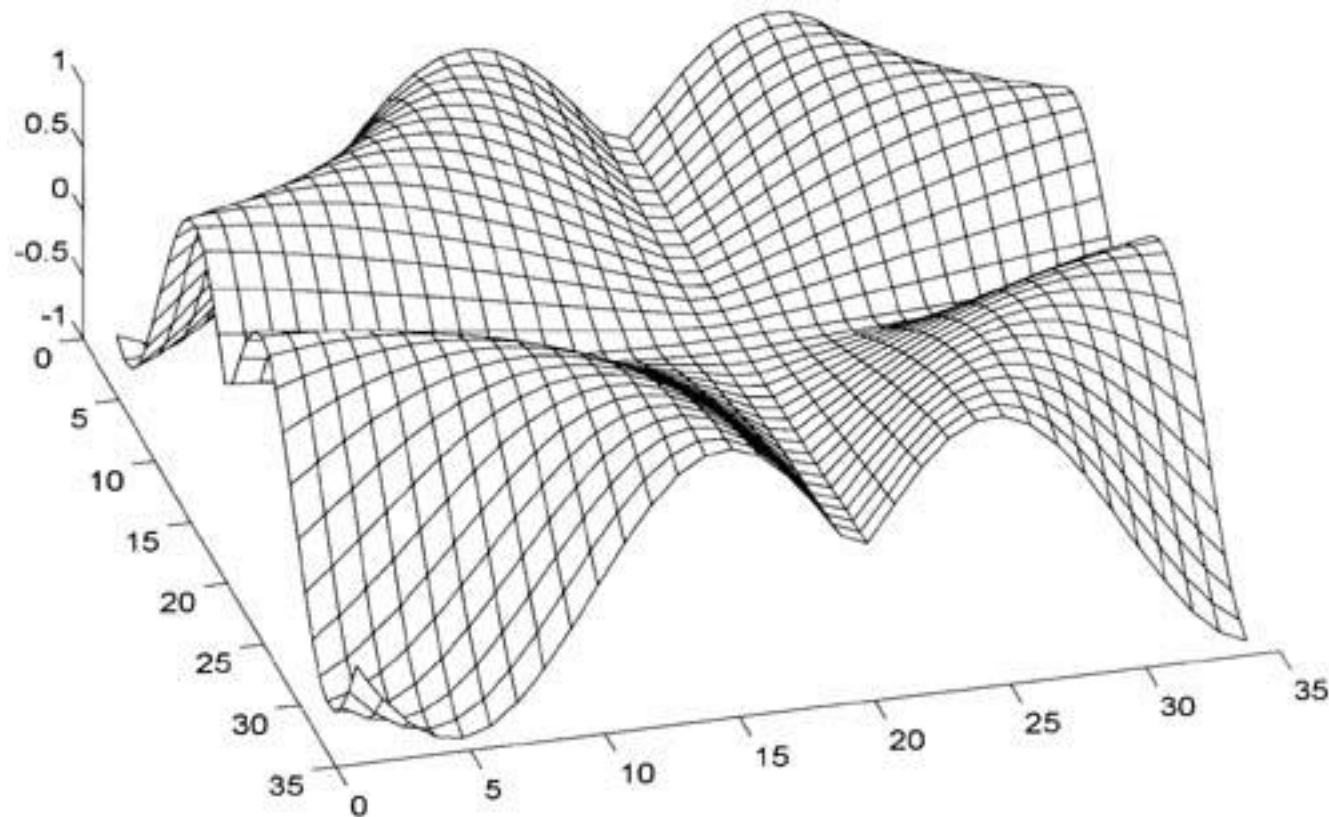
Now where does this come from?

# Gradient descent

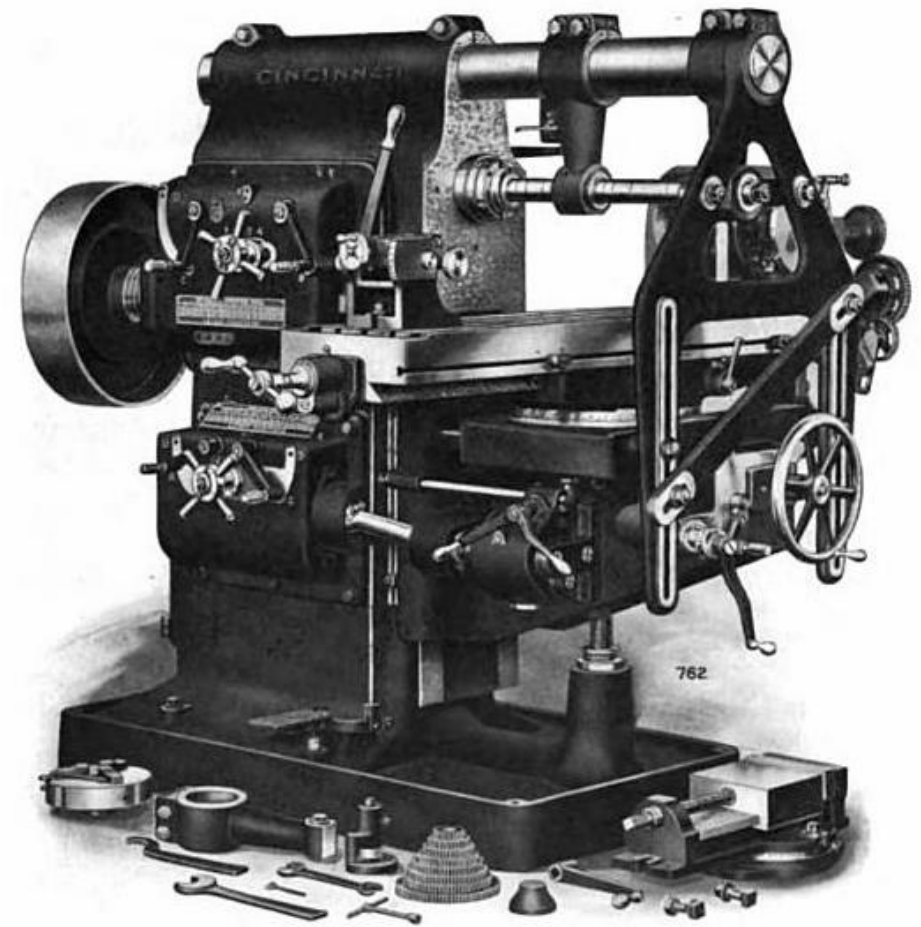


***(partial) derivatives*** tell us how  
much one variable affects another

Two ways to think about them:

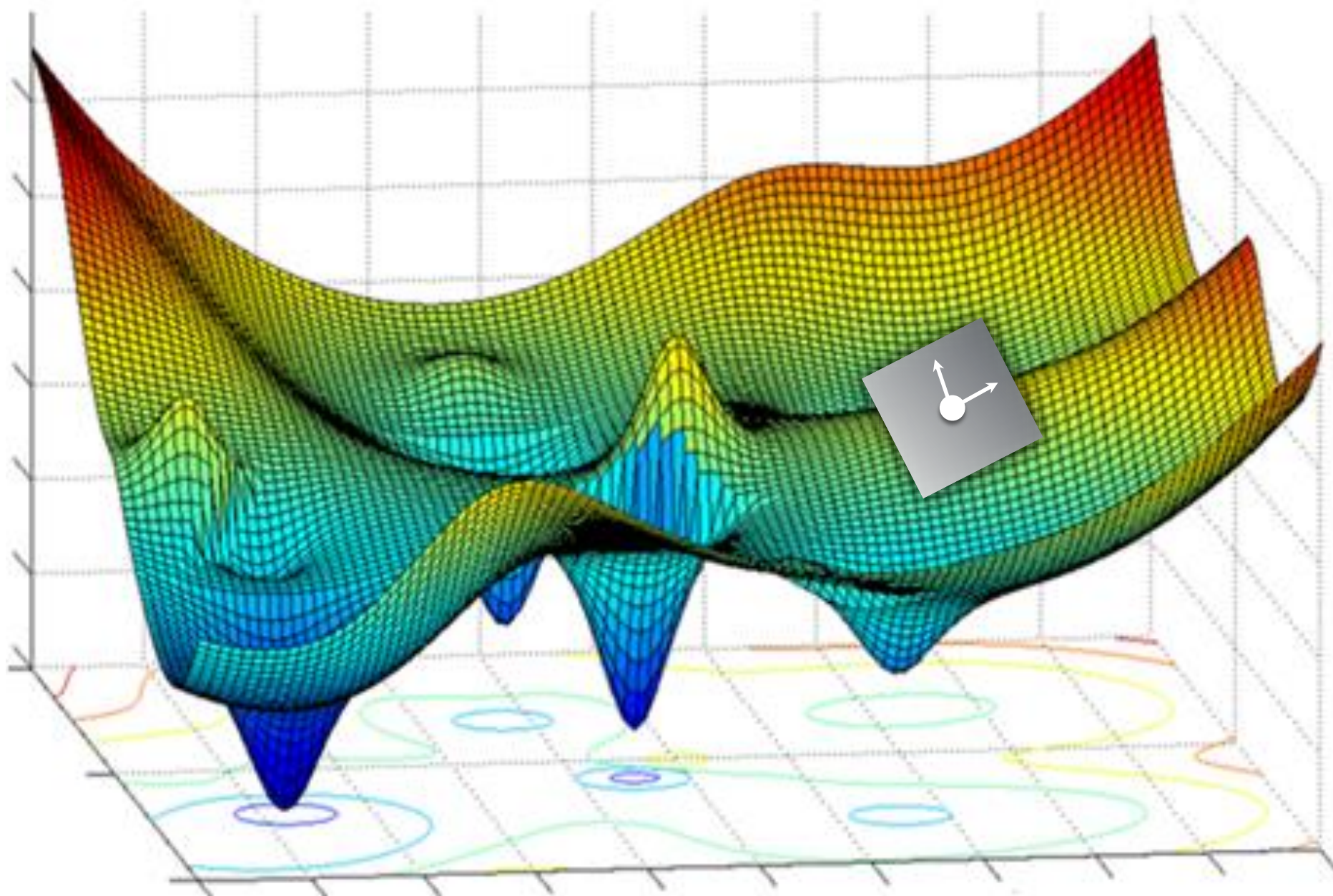


Slope of a function



Knobs on a machine

# 1. Slope of a function:





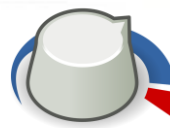
$$\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left[ \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial y} \right] \quad \text{describes the slope around a point}$$



## 2. Knobs on a machine:

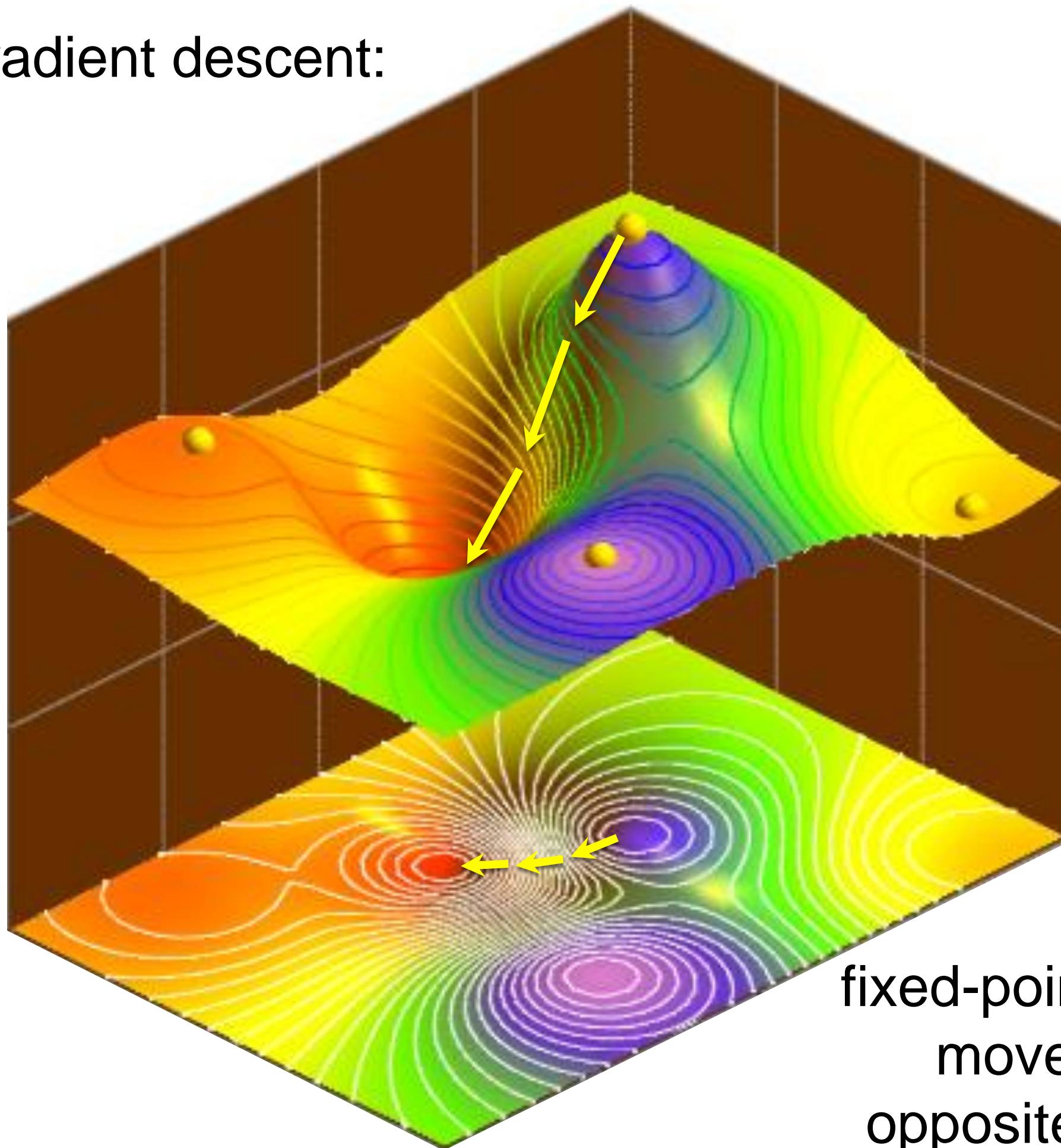


describes how each  
'knob' affects the output

  $\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial w_1}$       $\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial w_2}$       $\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial w_3}$

small change in parameter  $\Delta w_1$  → output will change by  $\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial w_1} \Delta w_1$

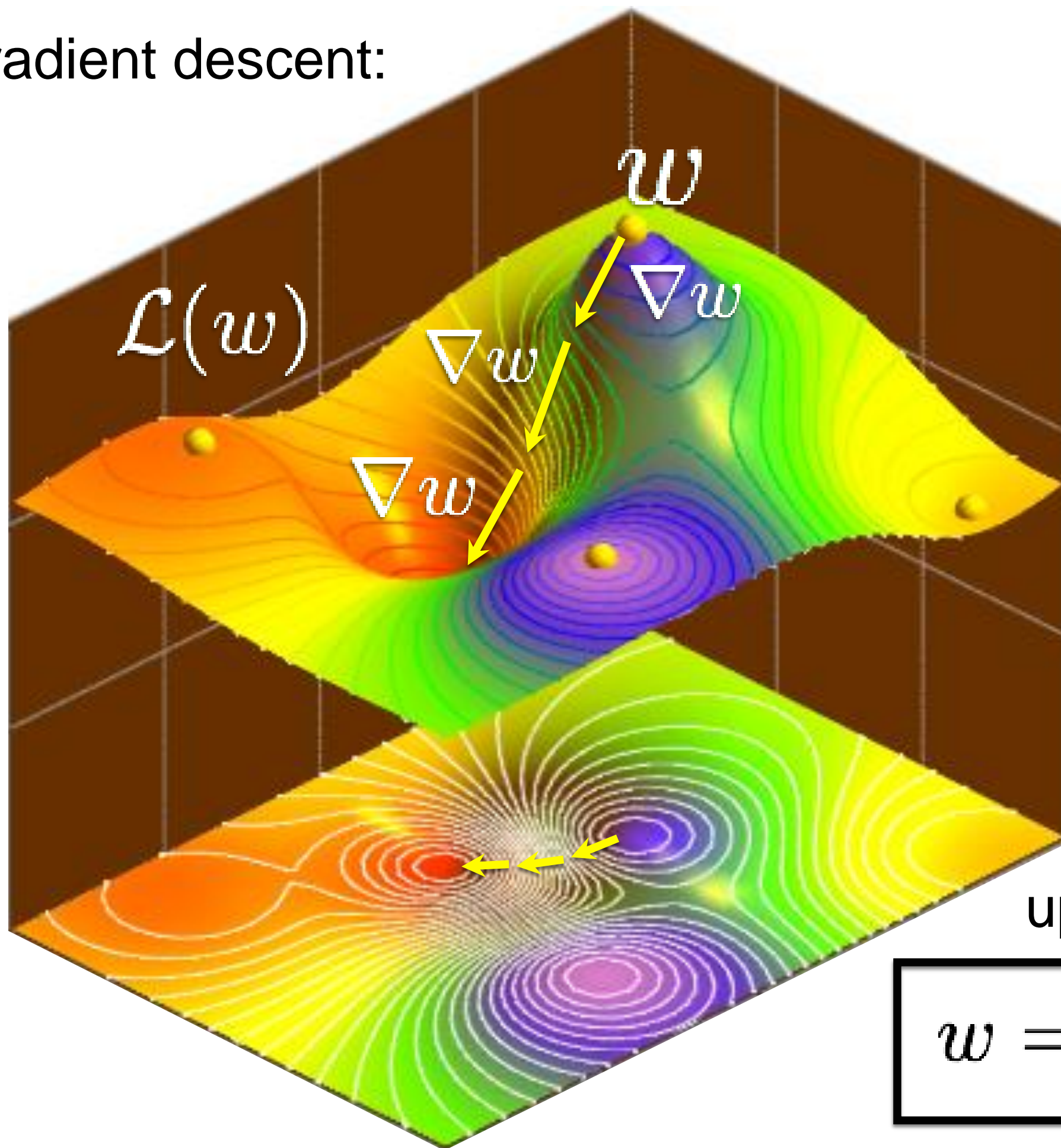
Gradient descent:



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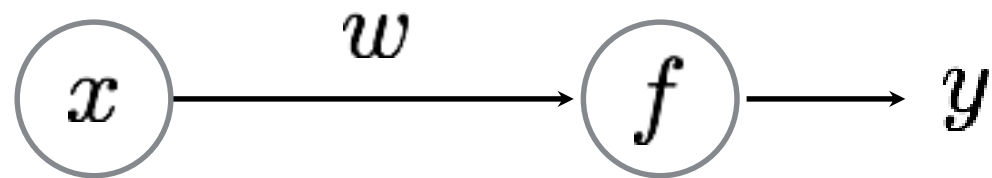
update rule:

$$w = w - \nabla w$$

# Backpropagation

back to the...

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function of **ONE** parameter!



## Training the world's smallest perceptron

for  $n = 1 \dots N$


This is just gradient descent, that means...

$$w = w + \frac{(y_n - \hat{y})x_i}{}$$

this should be the gradient of the loss function


Now where does this come from?

$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw}$  ...is the rate at which **this** will change...

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(y - \hat{y})^2$$


the loss function

... per unit change of **this**

$$y = wx$$


the weight parameter

Let's compute the derivative...

Compute the derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw} &= \frac{d}{dw} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \right\} \\ &= -(y - \hat{y}) \frac{dw x}{dw} \\ &= -(y - \hat{y}) x = \nabla w \quad \text{just shorthand}\end{aligned}$$

That means the weight update for **gradient descent** is:

$$\begin{aligned}w &= w - \nabla w \quad \text{move in direction of negative gradient} \\ &= w + (y - \hat{y}) x\end{aligned}$$

## Gradient Descent (world's smallest perceptron)

For each sample

$$\{x_i, y_i\}$$

1. Predict

a. Forward pass

$$\hat{y} = wx_i$$

b. Compute Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_i = \frac{1}{2}(y_i - \hat{y})^2$$

2. Update

a. Back Propagation

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}_i}{dw} = -(y_i - \hat{y})x_i = \nabla w$$

b. Gradient update

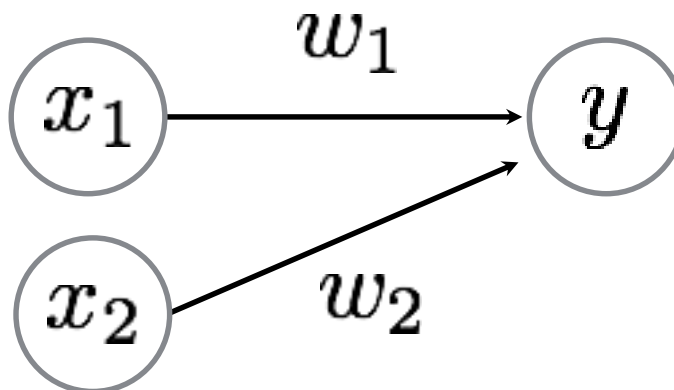
$$w = w - \nabla w$$

Training the world's smallest perceptron

**for**  $n = 1 \dots N$

$$w = w + (y_n - \hat{y})x_i;$$

# world's (second) smallest perceptron!



function of **two** parameters!

# Gradient Descent

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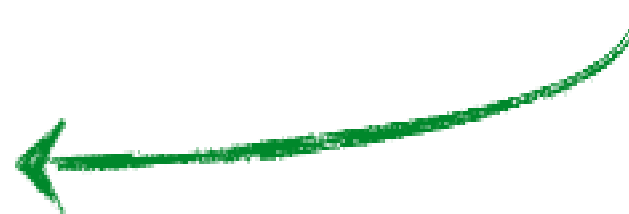
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b. Gradient update

we just need to compute partial  
derivatives for this network



# Derivative computation

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## Gradient Update

$$\begin{aligned}w_1 &= w_1 - \eta \nabla w_1 \\ &= w_1 + \eta (y - \hat{y}) x_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}w_2 &= w_2 - \eta \nabla w_2 \\ &= w_2 + \eta (y - \hat{y}) x_2\end{aligned}$$

# Gradient Descent

For each sample  $\{x_i, y_i\}$

1. Predict

a. Forward pass  $\hat{y} = f_{\text{MLP}}(x_i; \theta)$

b. Compute Loss  $\mathcal{L}_i = \frac{1}{2}(y_i - \hat{y})$  (side computation to track loss. not needed for backprop)

2. Update

a. Back Propagation

b. Gradient update

(adjustable step size)

two lines now

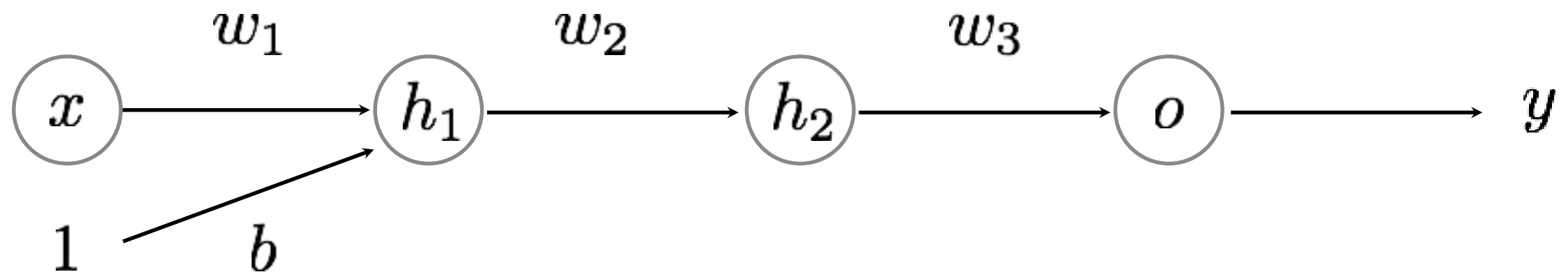
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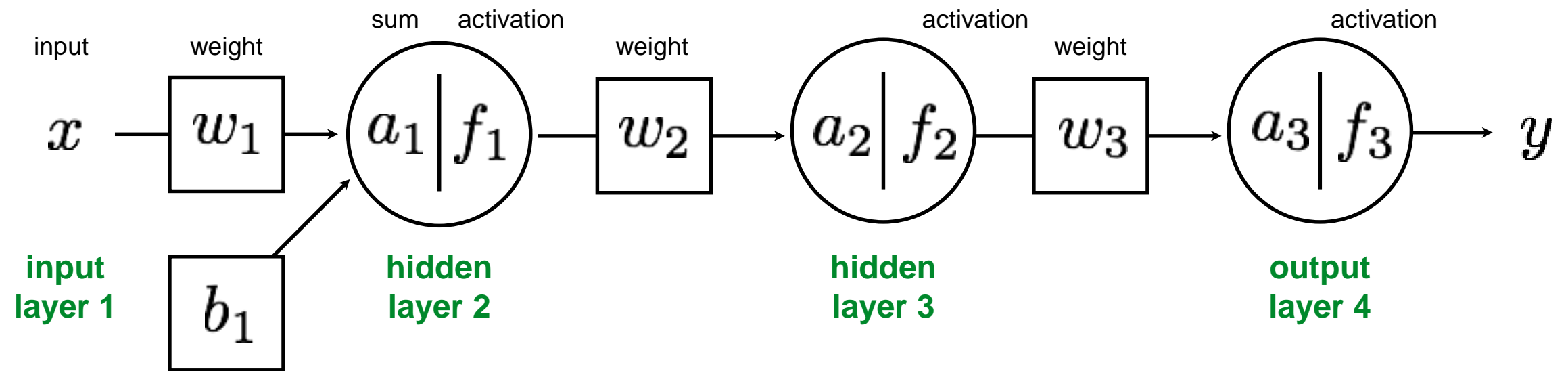


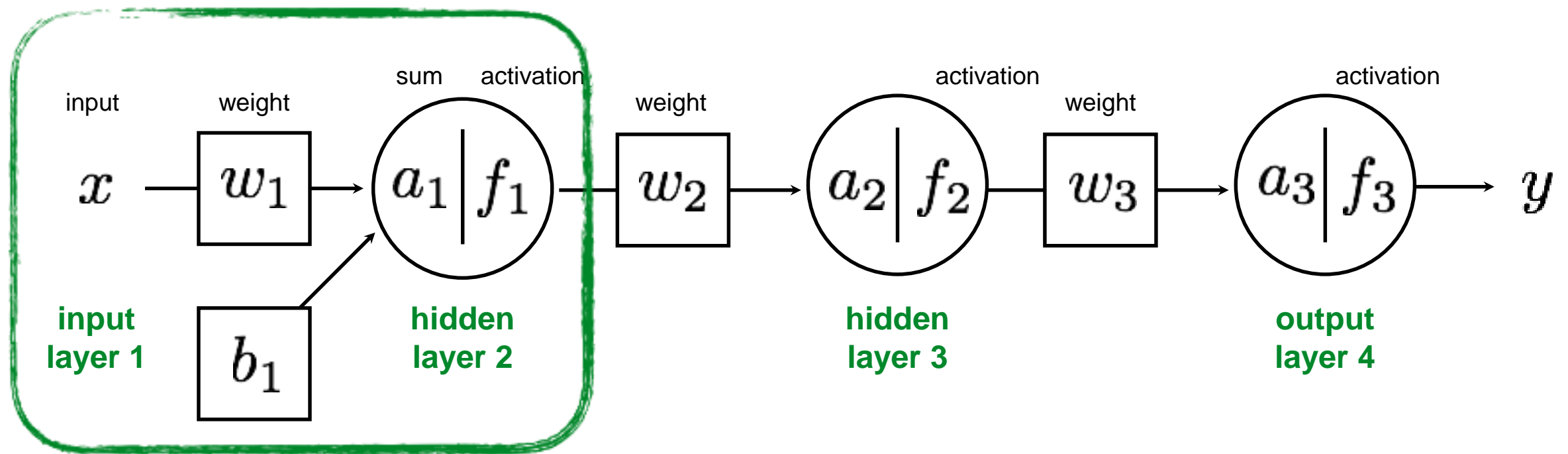
We haven't seen a lot of 'propagation' yet  
because our perceptrons only had one layer...

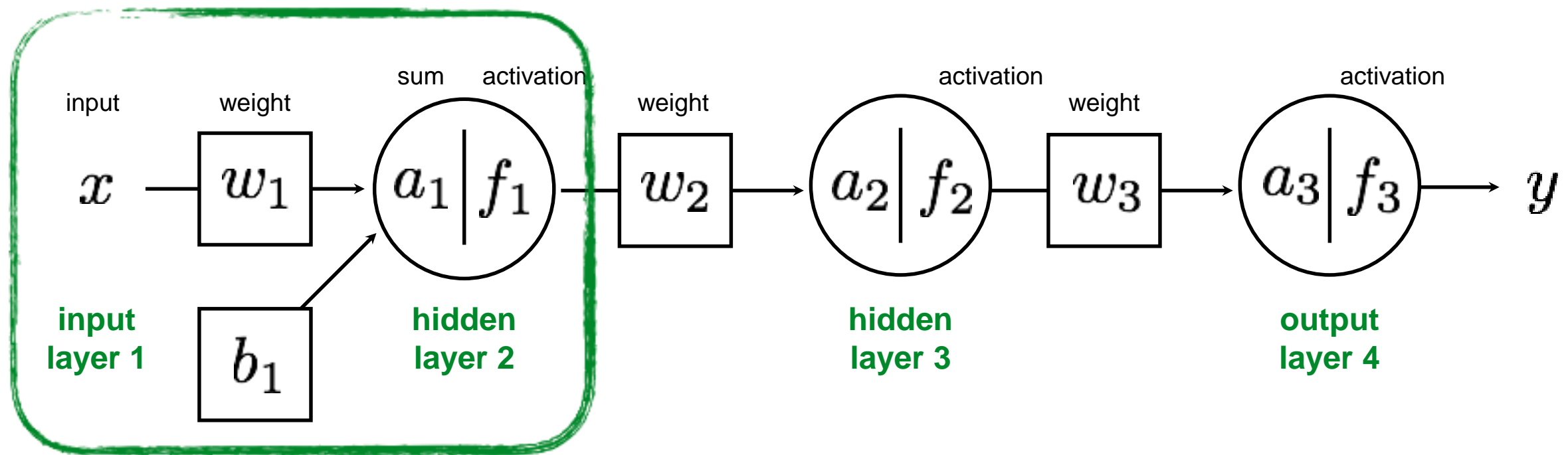
# multi-layer perceptron



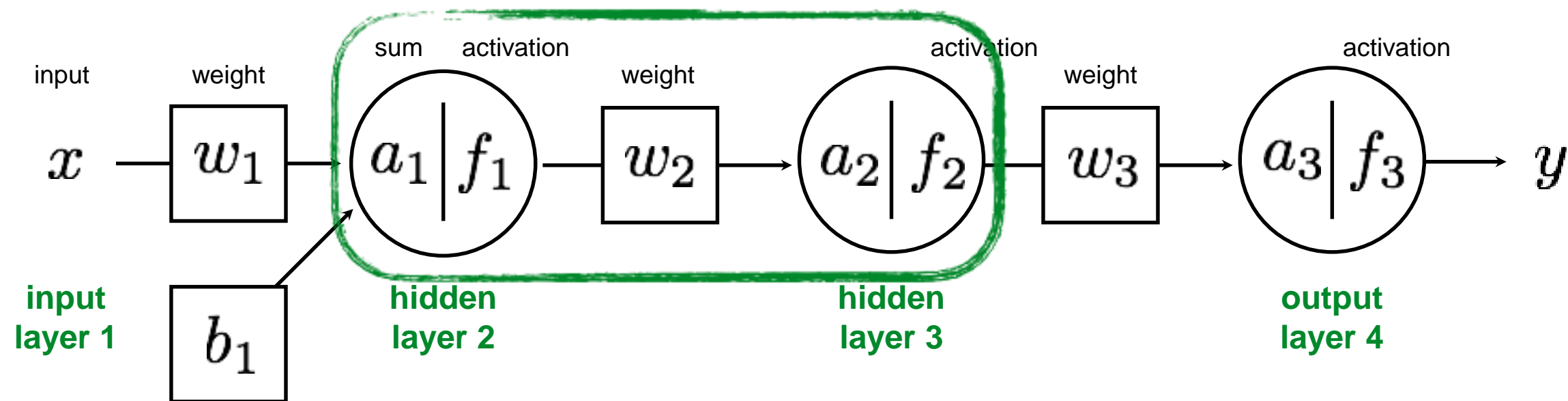
function of **FOUR** parameters and **FOUR** layers!





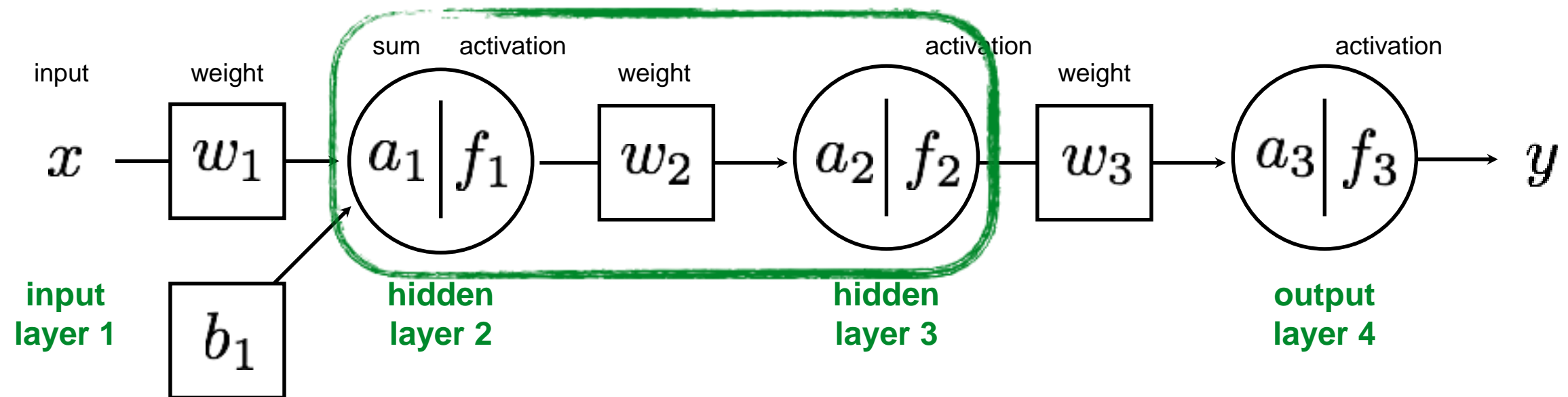


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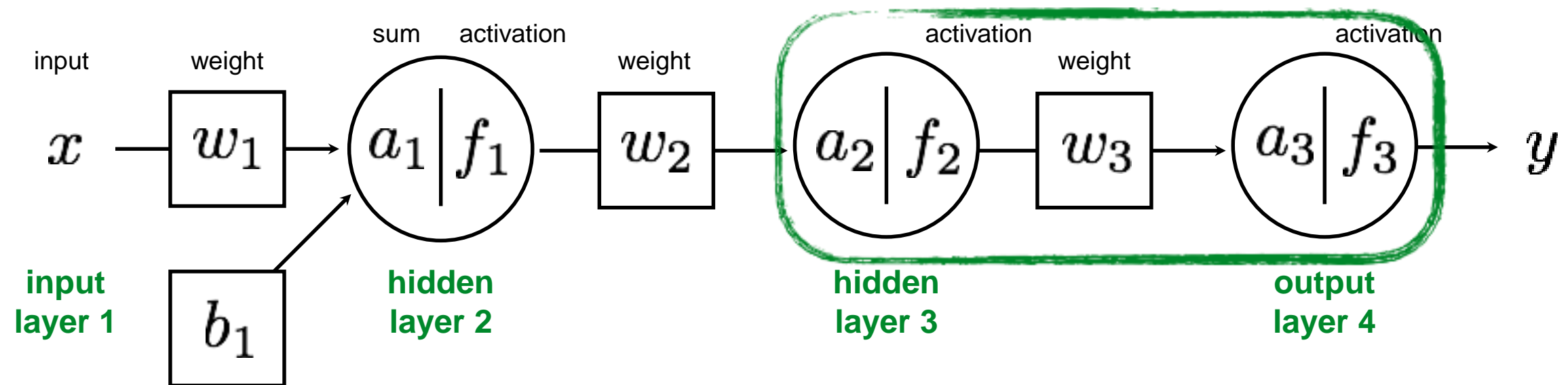
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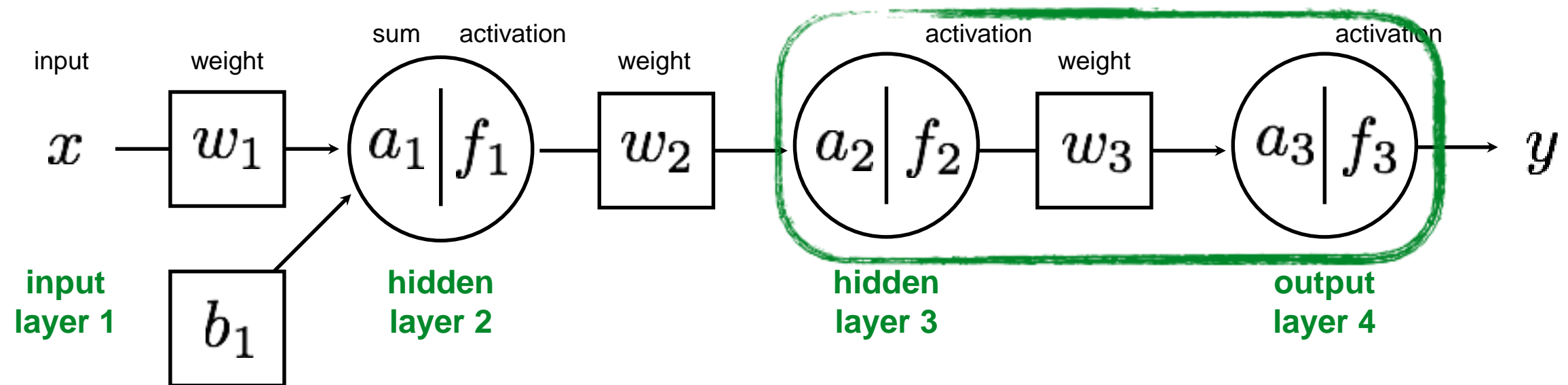
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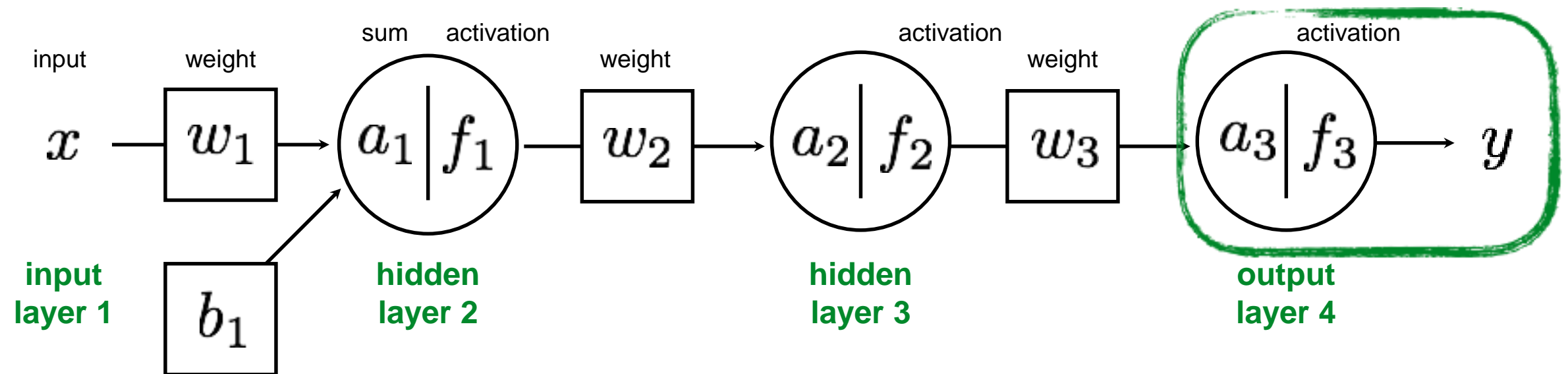
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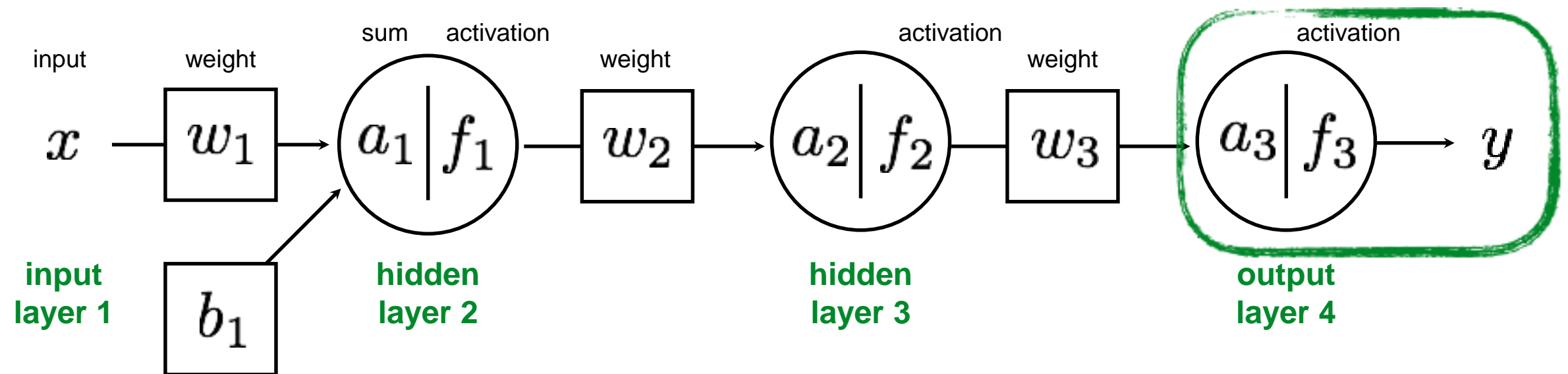
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# Learning an MLP

Given a set of samples and a MLP

$$\{x_i, y_i\}$$

$$y = f_{\text{MLP}}(x; \theta)$$

Estimate the parameters of the MLP

$$\theta = \{f, w, b\}$$

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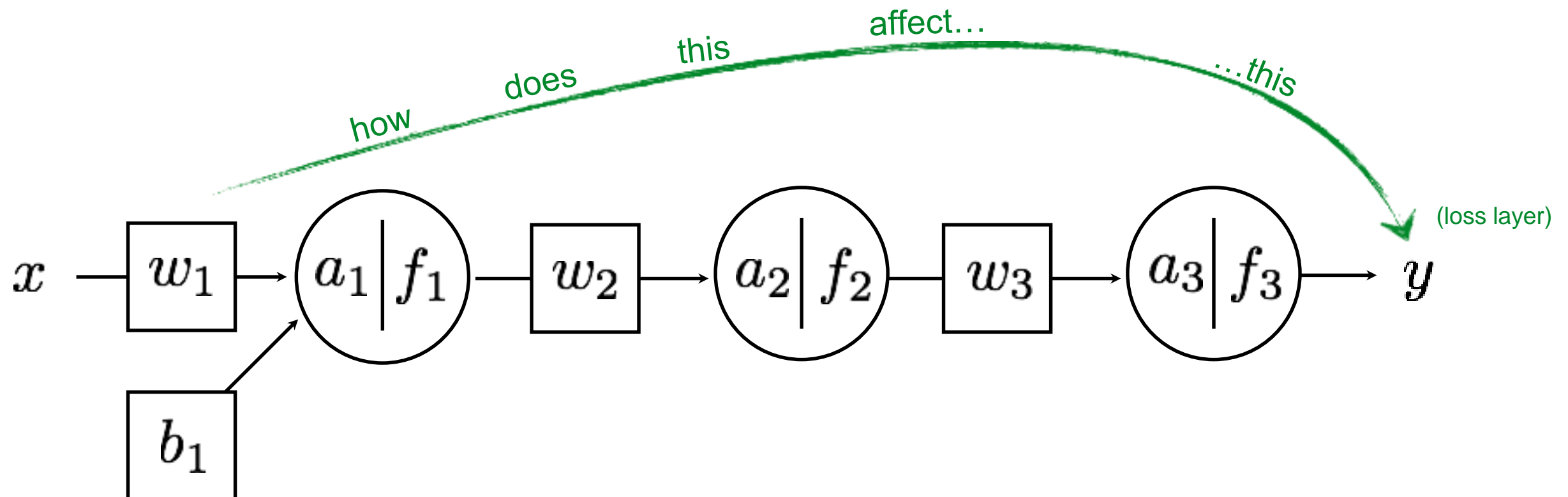
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So we need to compute the partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_3} \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_2} \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b} \right]$$

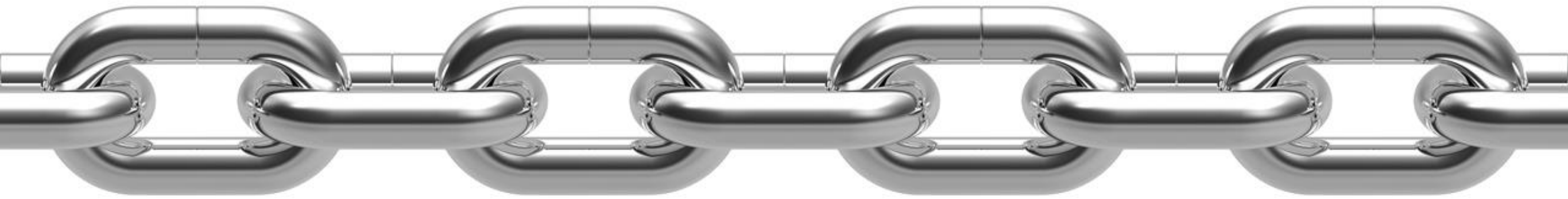
Remember,

Partial derivative  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1}$  describes...



So, how do you compute it?

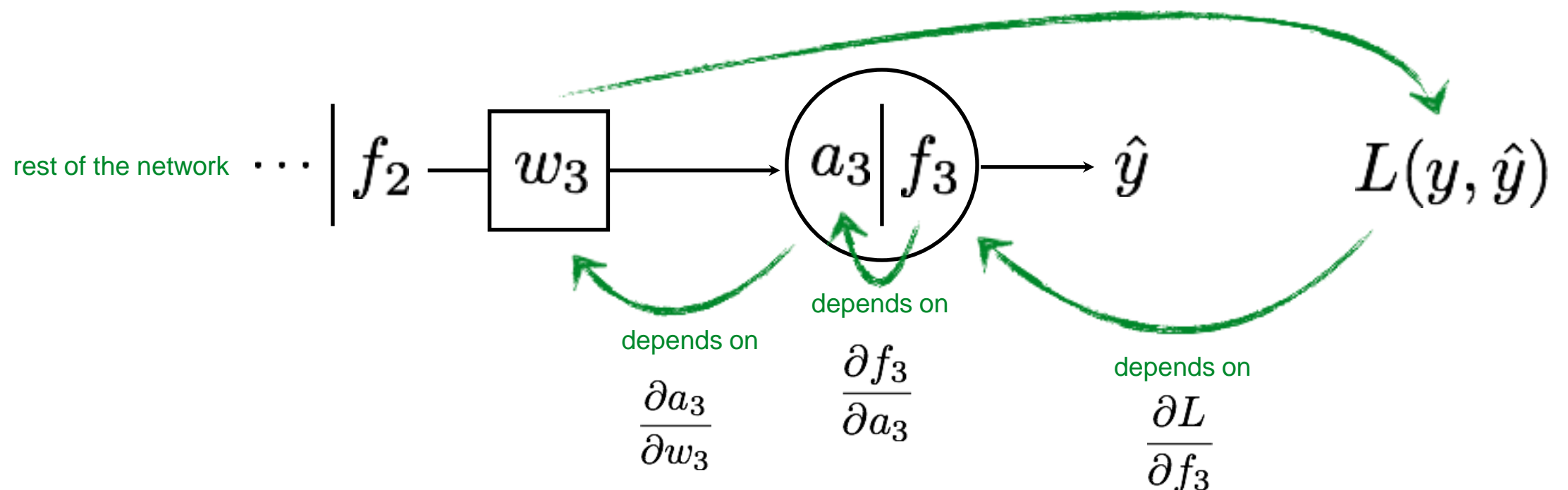
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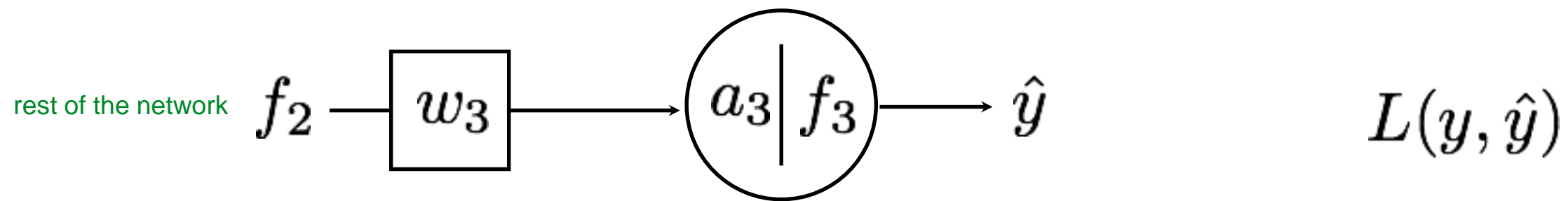


According to the chain rule...

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_3} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial f_3} \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial a_3} \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial w_3}$$

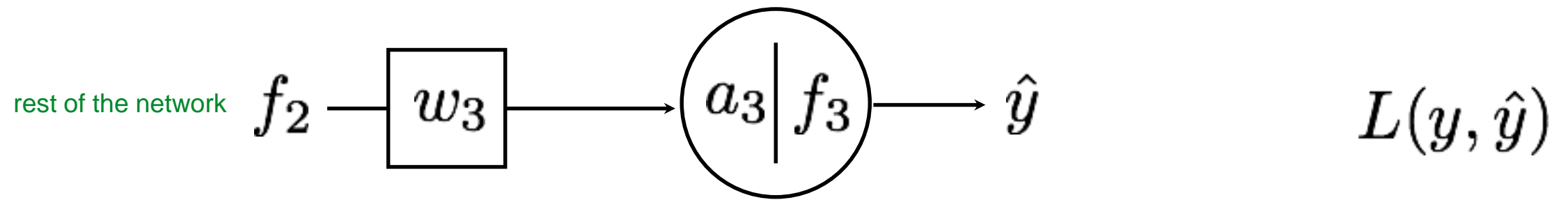
Intuitively, the effect of weight on loss function :  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_3}$





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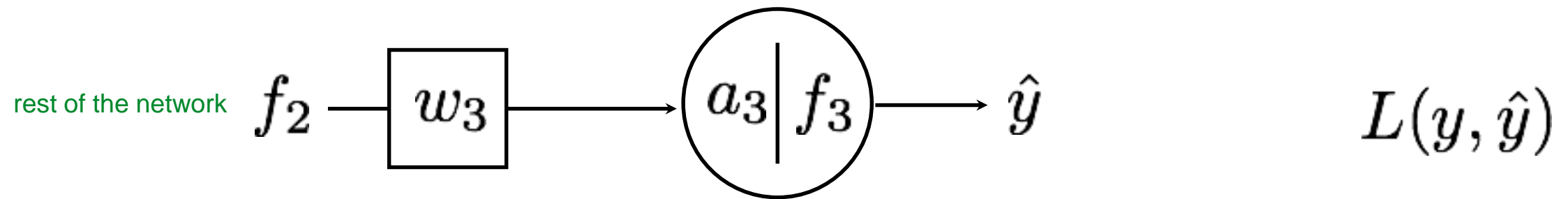
Chain Rule!



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Just the partial  
derivative of L2 loss

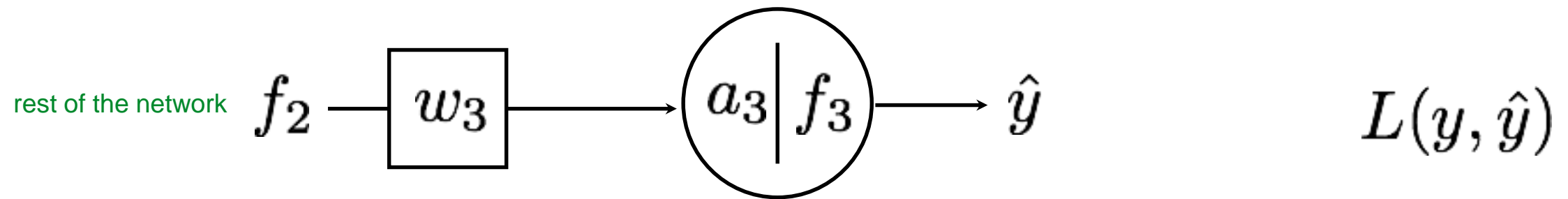




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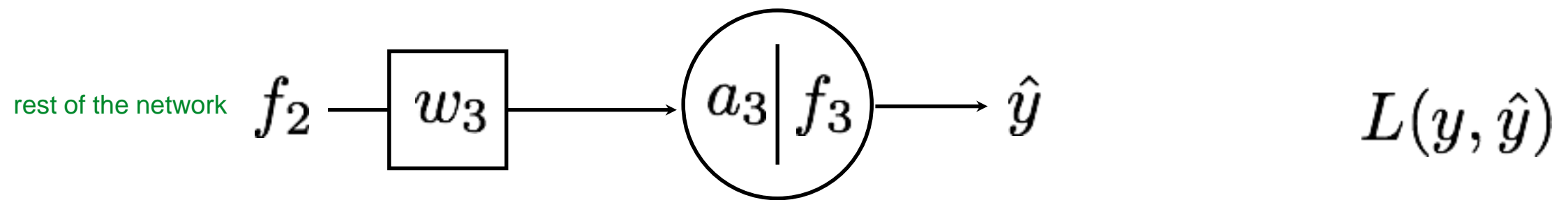
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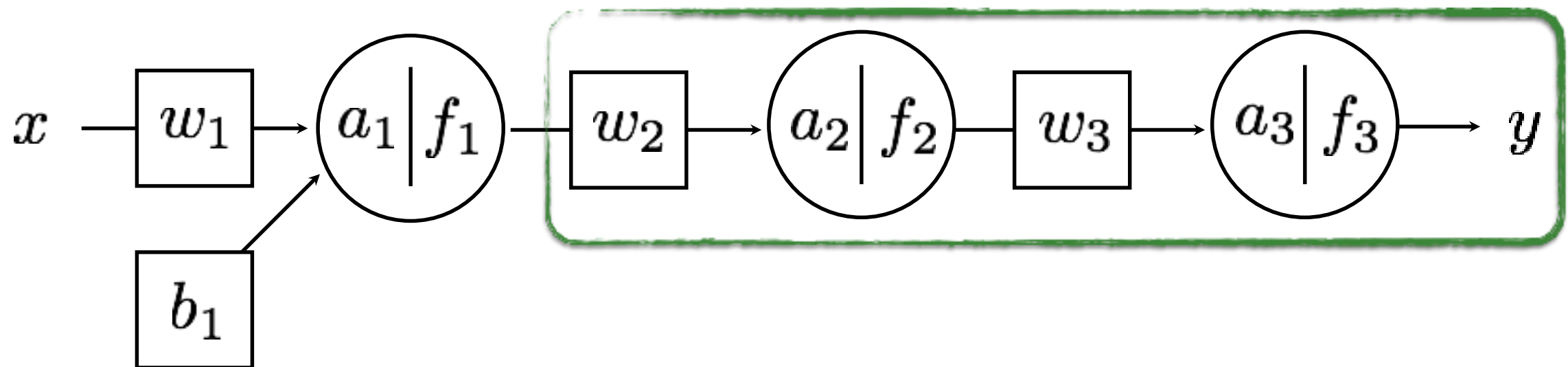
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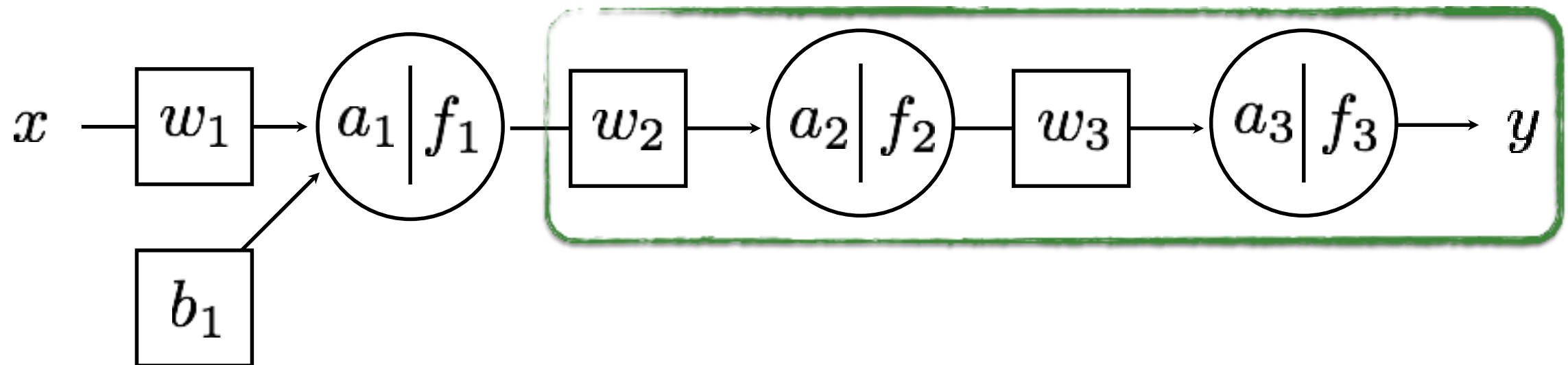
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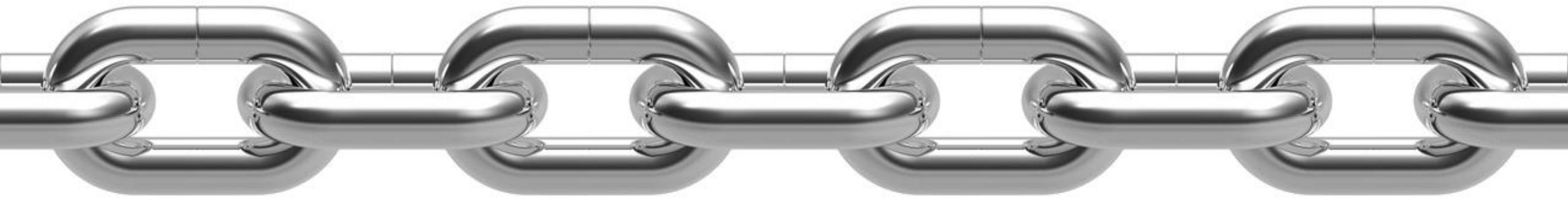
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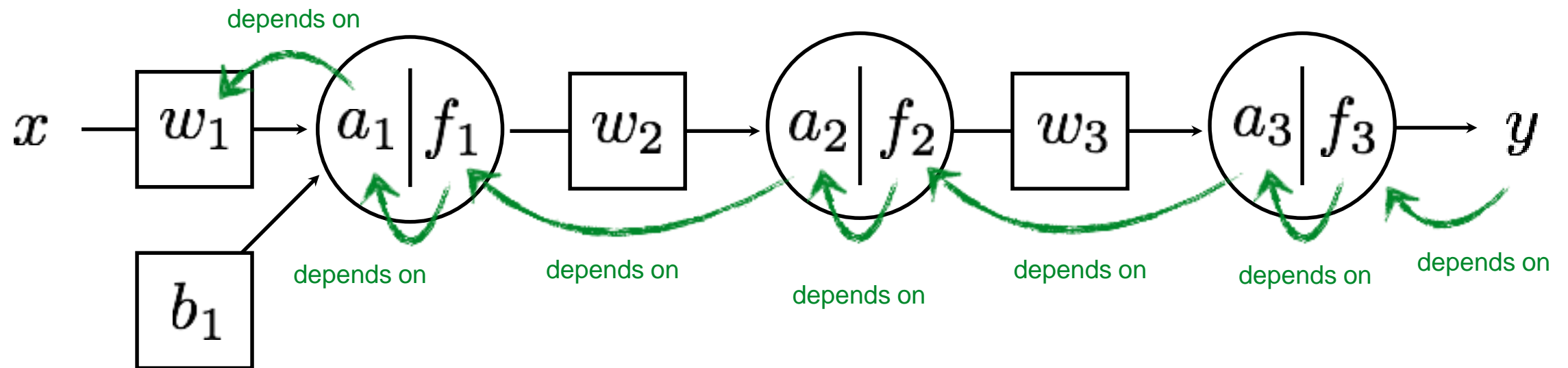
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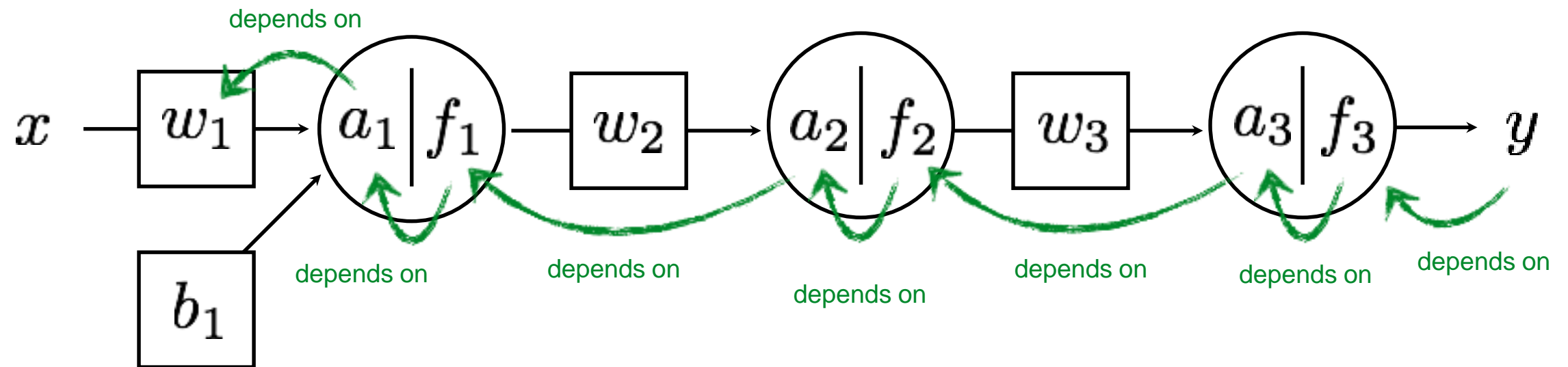
a.k.a. backpropagation

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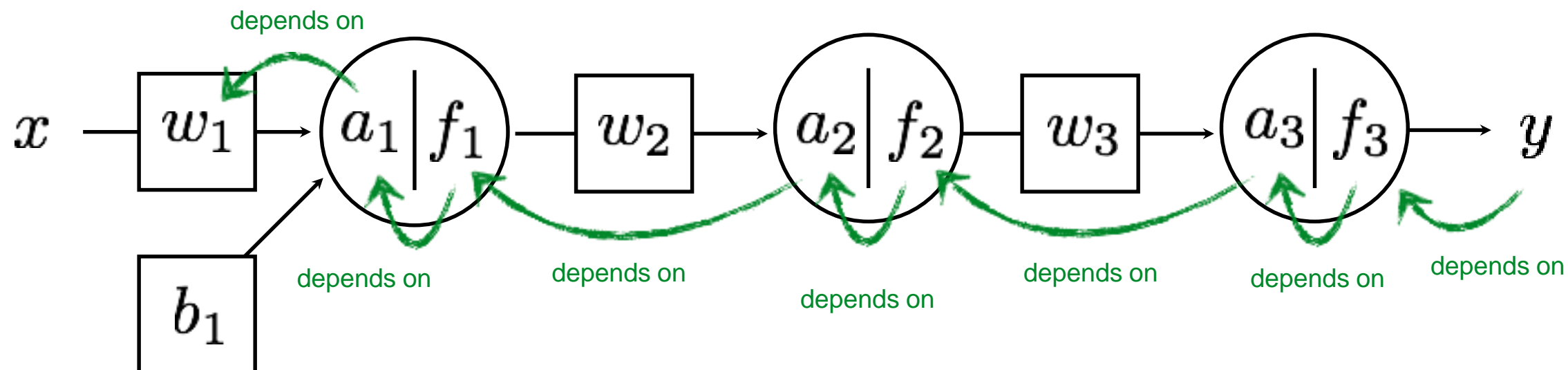
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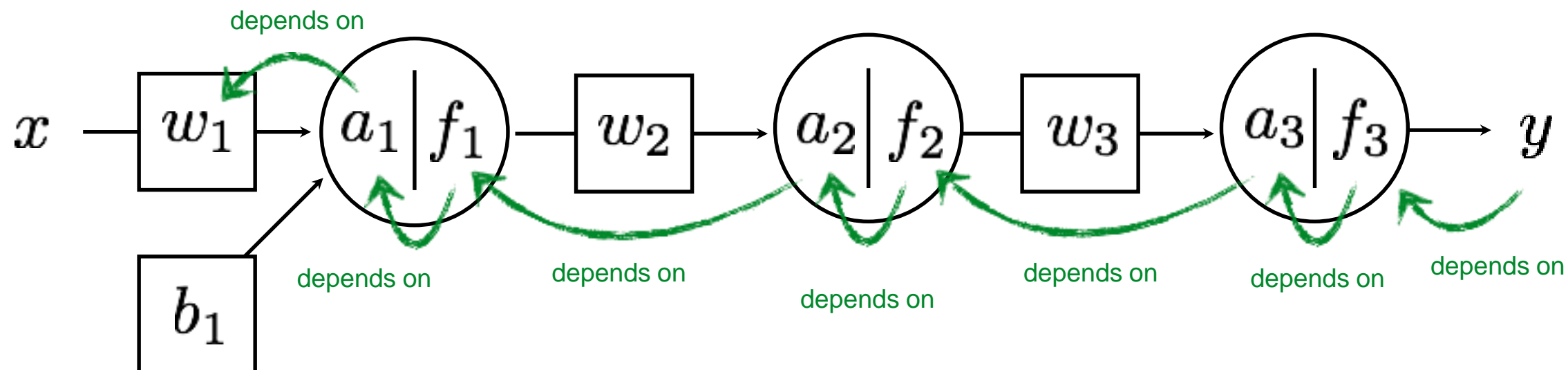
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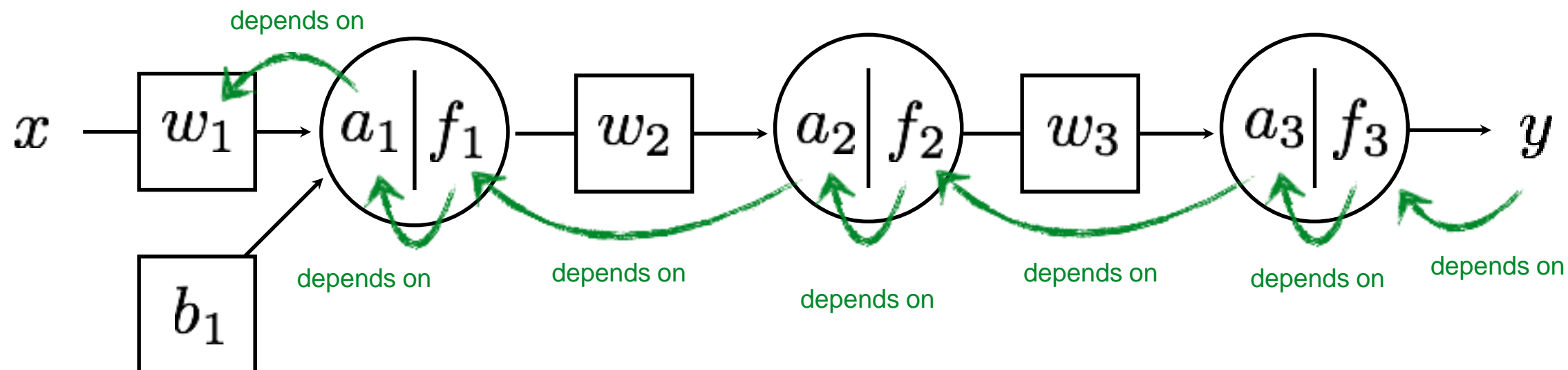


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- Same convergence guarantees and complexity!
- Better generalization.

# References

Basic reading: No standard textbooks yet! Some good resources:

- <https://sites.google.com/site/deeplearningsummerschool/>
- <http://www.deeplearningbook.org/>
- <http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~hinton/absps/NatureDeepReview.pdf>