

# Introduction to Deep Learning

Lecture 1  
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# Books for the Course

## ▶ Main Text Books:

- “Introduction to Deep Learning” by Das and Varma  
<https://srdas.github.io/DLBook2/>
- “Deep Learning with Python, Second Edition” by Francois Chollet

## ▶ Supplementary Reading:

- “Deep Learning” by Goodfellow, Bengio and Courville  
<http://www.deeplearningbook.org/>

# Pre-Requisites

- ▶ Knowledge of:
  - Introductory Machine Learning
  - Multi-Variable Calculus (mostly Partial Differentiation)
  - Python (NumPy) Programming
- ▶ Covered in Lecture 2:
  - Basic Probability Theory
  - Basic Linear Algebra (Matrix Multiplication) and Tensor Algebra

# Software Packages

- ▶ Keras: keras.io
- ▶ Tensor Flow: <https://www.tensorflow.org>
- ▶ Anaconda (Scientific Python Distribution):  
[https://www.tensorflow.org/install/install\\_mac#installing\\_with\\_anaconda](https://www.tensorflow.org/install/install_mac#installing_with_anaconda)
- ▶ Google Colab: Run Jupyter Notebooks on the cloud, has access to fast GPUs and TPUs
  
- ▶ Python Numpy Tutorials :  
<https://sites.engineering.ucsb.edu/~shell/che210d/numpy.pdf>  
<http://cs231n.github.io/python-numpy-tutorial/>

Please Review these Tutorials

# Homeworks, Exams etc.

The course grade will be distributed as follows:

- ▶ Homework: 30%  
Group Assignments: Please form groups of 2
- ▶ Mid-Term Exam: 40%
- ▶ Course Project: 30%  
Project Groups of 2

# What is Deep Learning?

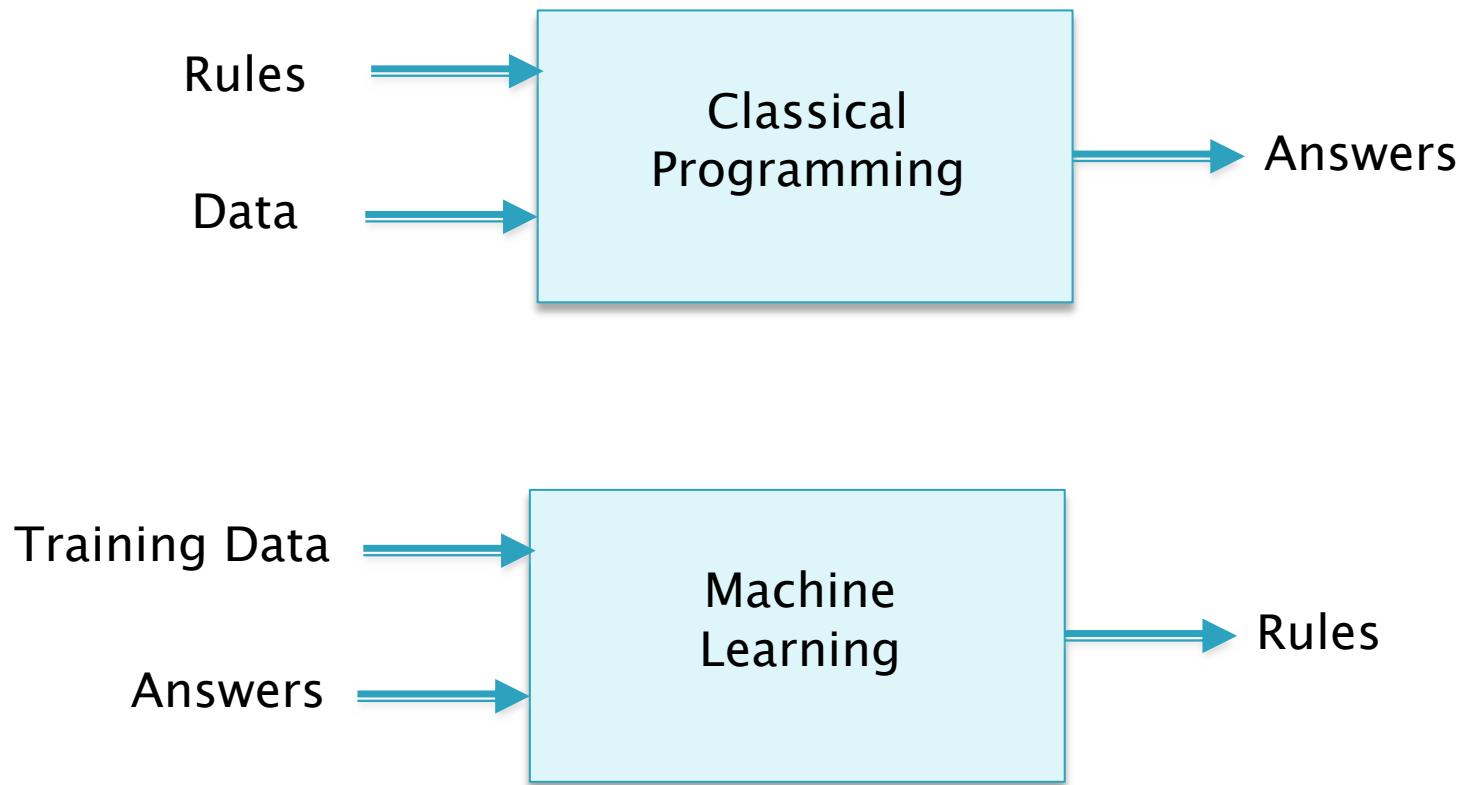


# What is Deep Learning?

- ▶ An important subset of the field of Machine Learning
- ▶ What is Machine Learning?
  - The science of designing systems that can learn from experience
  - Instead of explicitly programming a task, can the computer learn the rules by looking at data?
  - Use a portion of the data (experience) to build a model (also called training)
  - Once trained, the system is able to work effectively even for input data that are not part of the training set

A way to solve complex problems by using models that can be learnt from data

# Machine Learning

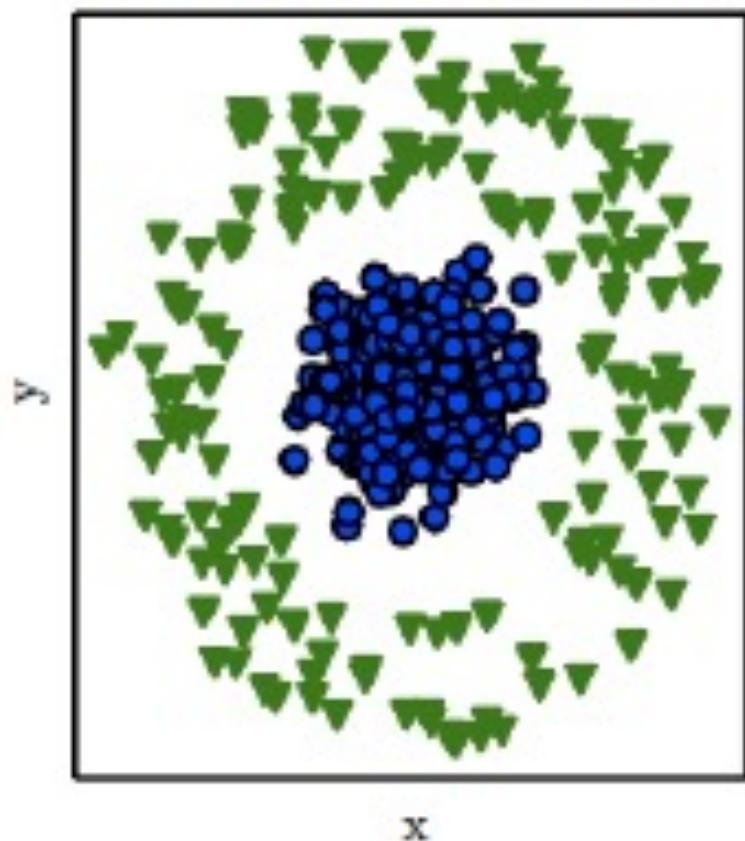


# Difference between ML and DL: Data Representations

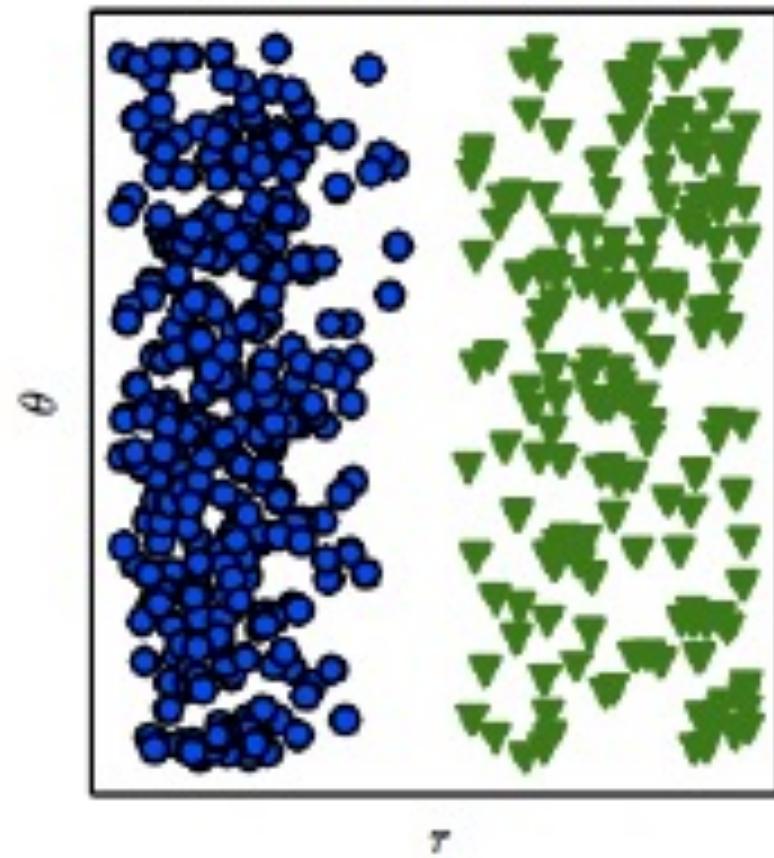
- ▶ How is DL different from ML?
  - ML requires that we supply the model with a good representation for the data
  - DL creates higher level representations of data as part of the learning process
- ▶ Data can be represented in different ways, and this has an enormous influence on the performance of ML/DL algorithms.  
Example: Roman Numerals vs Arabic Numerals
- ▶ We would like to map the raw data into some other representation in a way that makes the relationships between different things more explicit

# The Importance of Representations

Cartesian coordinates



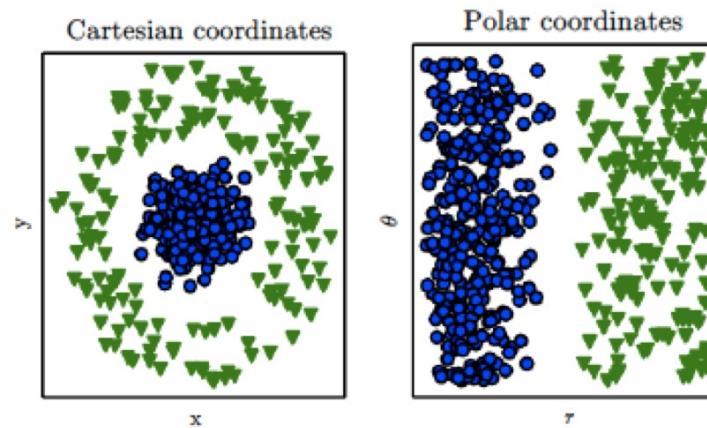
Polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$



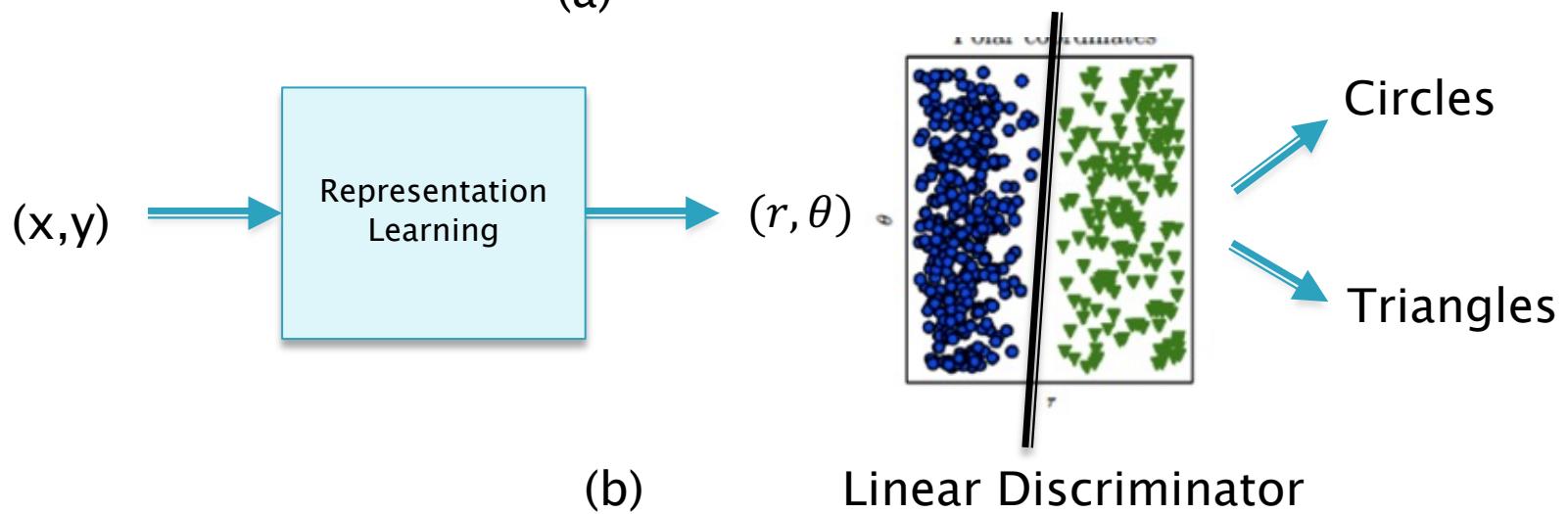
# Representation Learning

- ▶ Simple Machine Learning is good at doing Linear Discrimination
- ▶ Before the advent of Deep Learning,
  - Choosing a data representation appropriate for the problem, which could then be fed into a simple Machine Learning system, was a manual time consuming process
  - With many problems it was difficult to know what features should be extracted
- ▶ With Deep Learning:
  - The system discovers the best representation itself, which can then be fed into a Linear Discriminator – This is called Representation Learning
  - Leads to better performance compared to hand design representations, and allows the system to adapt to newer tasks with minimal human intervention.

# Classification using DL



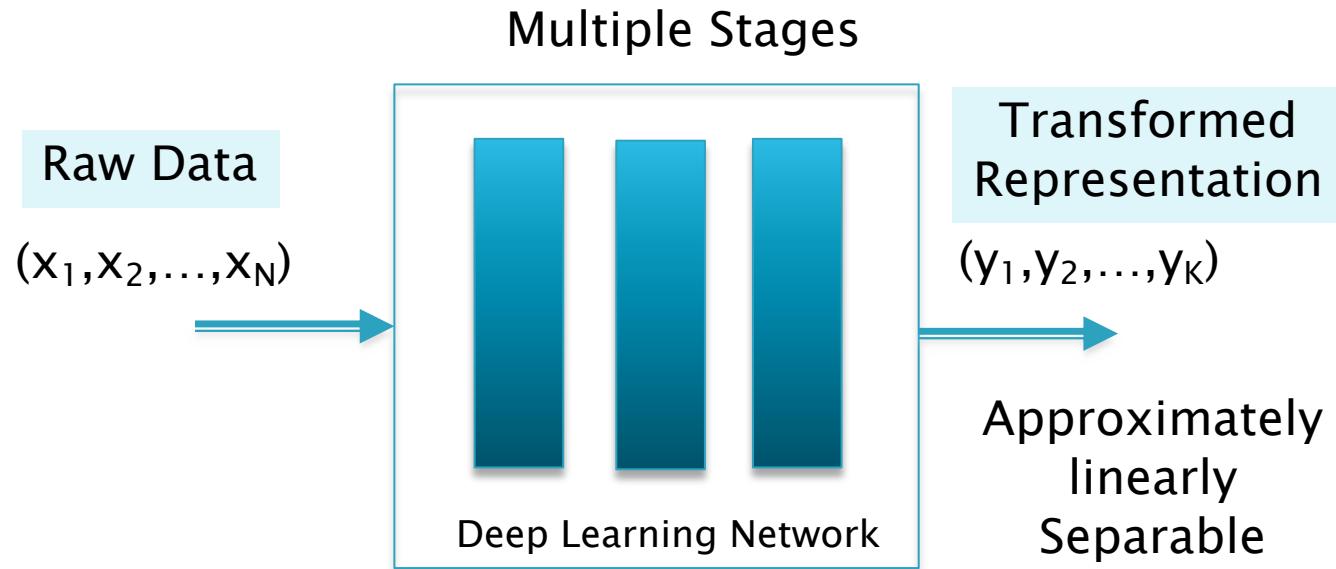
(a)



(b)

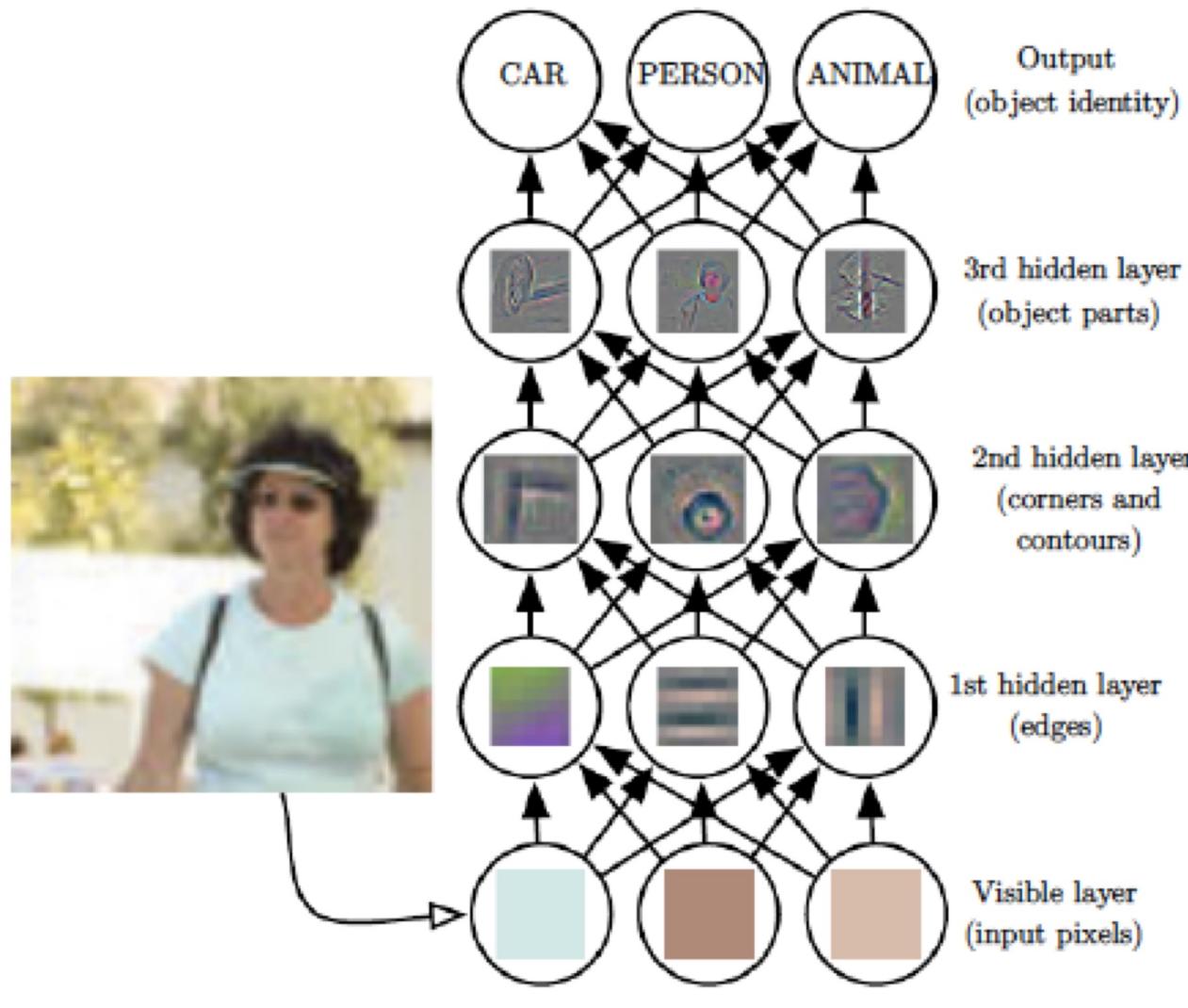
Linear Discriminator

# The "Deep" in Deep Learning



The more “mixed” up the data is, the more stages required to “separate” it

# How Deep Learning Creates Image Representations



# How Does DL Learn Representations?

Deep Learning solves the problem of Representation Learning by using

Using Multiple Nodes per Layer

## 1. Compositions

- Process of assembling a more complex representation from simpler object representations

## 2. Hierarchies

- Process of building higher level representations by combining simpler ones



Using Multiple Layers

Image Representations  
Word Representations

# Image Representations

- ▶ Deep Learning: Image represented as the output of a Neural Network
  - Enables us to do operations that require a deeper (semantic) understanding of the image, such as:
    - Detect the main objects in the image and classify them
    - Provide a verbal description of the image
    - Generate similar images

Previously

- ▶ Image represented as chemicals on a photographic film:
  - Good for certain operations, such as film development; difficult to manipulate or transmit image
- ▶ Image represented as digital bits
  - Makes possible all kinds of image manipulations, compression and enables easy image transmissions

# The MNIST Handwritten Digit Data Set

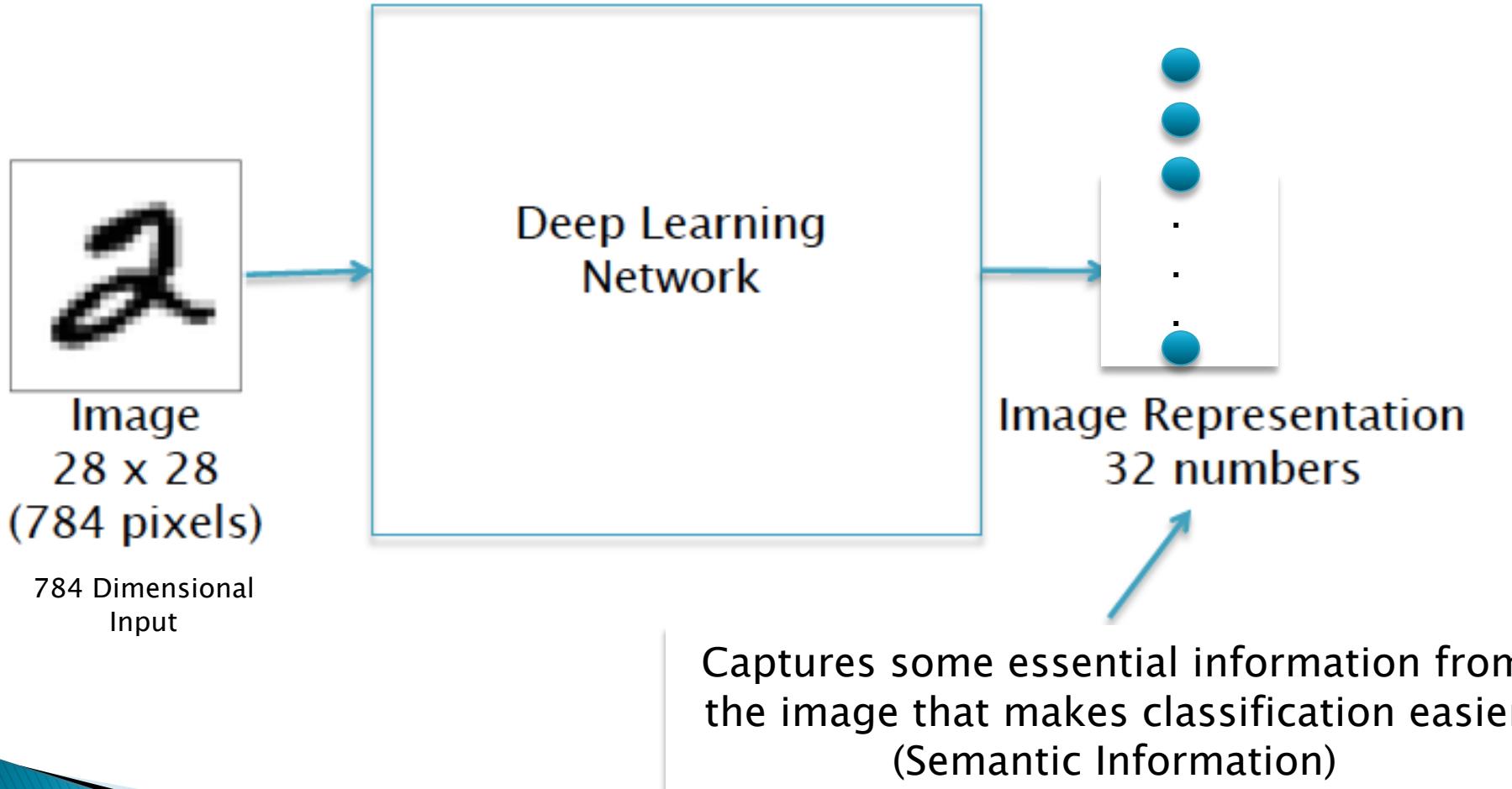


Classification



"zero"  
category

# DL based Image Representations

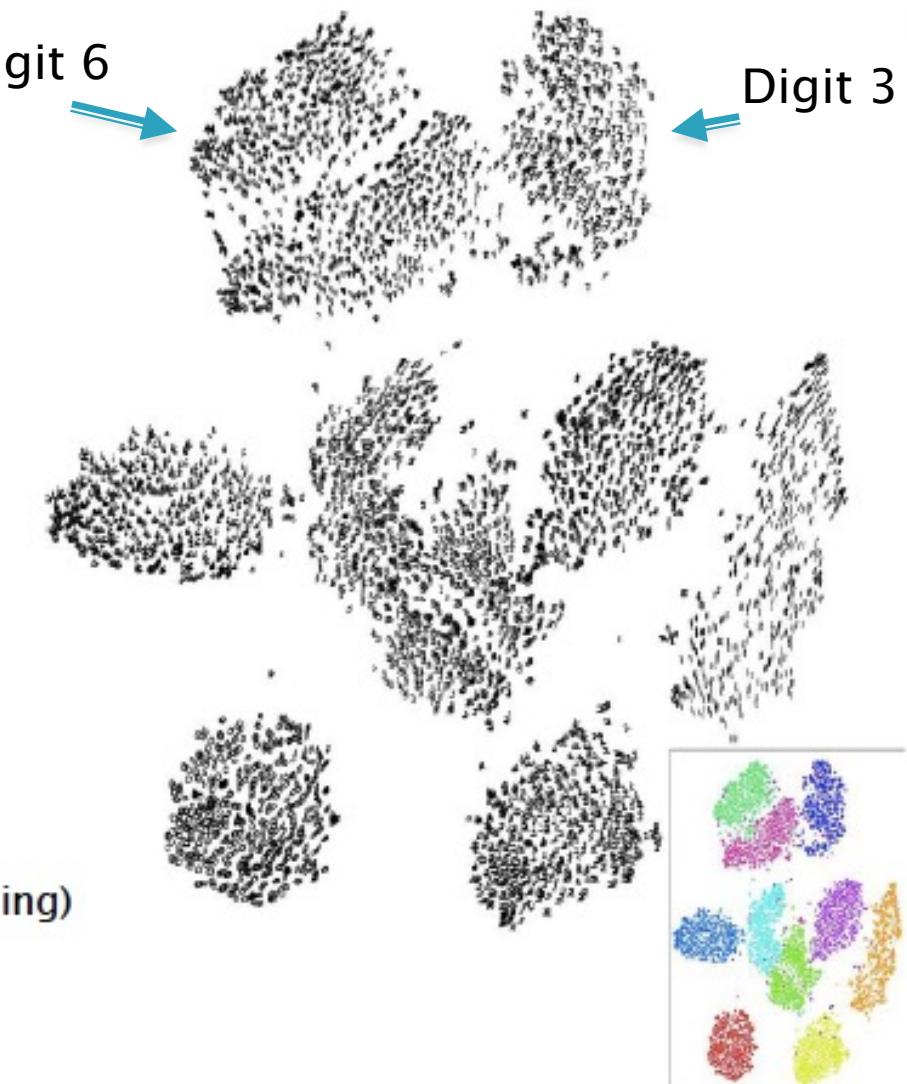


# Visualizing the Representation

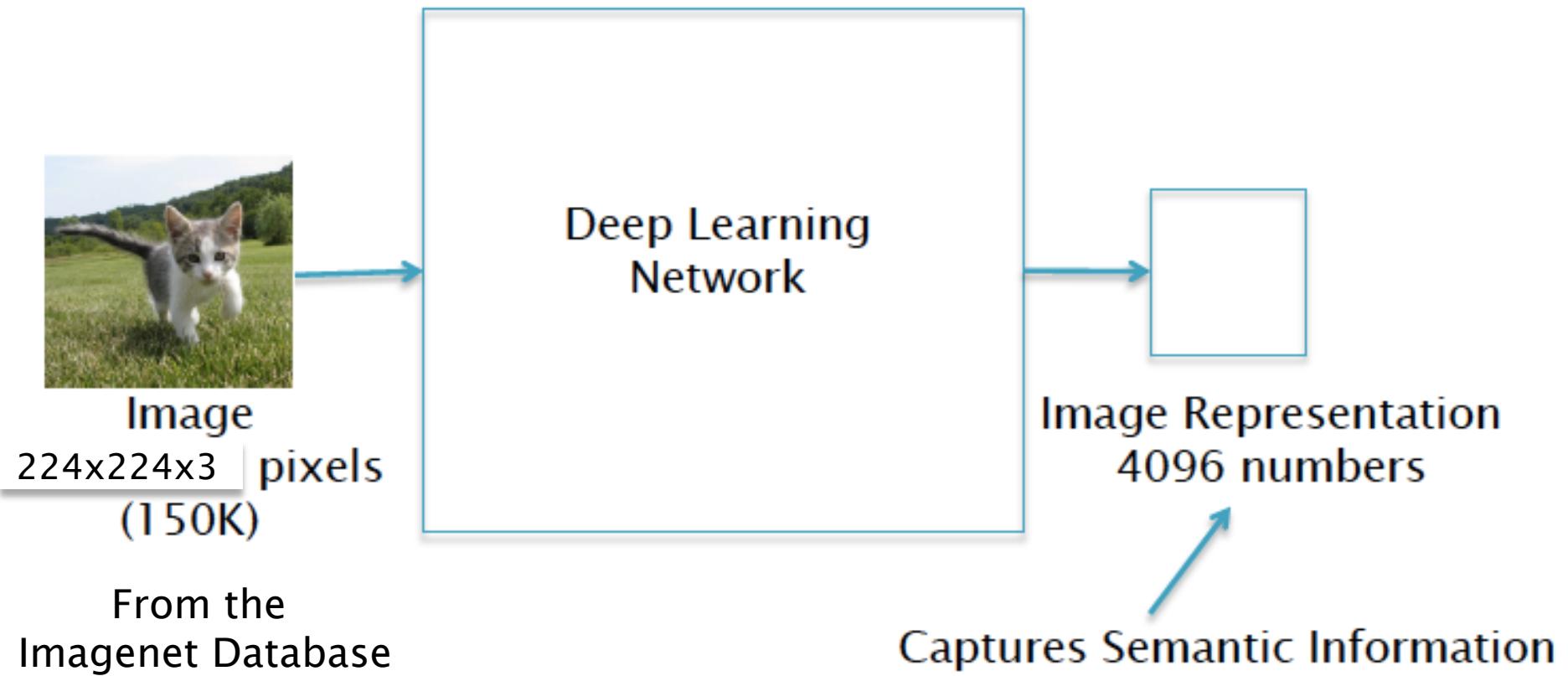
Visualize the “space” of FC7  
feature vectors by reducing  
dimensionality of vectors from  
32 to 2 dimensions

Simple algorithm: Principle  
Component Analysis (PCA)

More complex: **t-SNE**  
(T-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding)



# Image Representations



# Clustering of Similar Images

Projection of  
4096 dimensions  
into 2 dimensions

Flowers

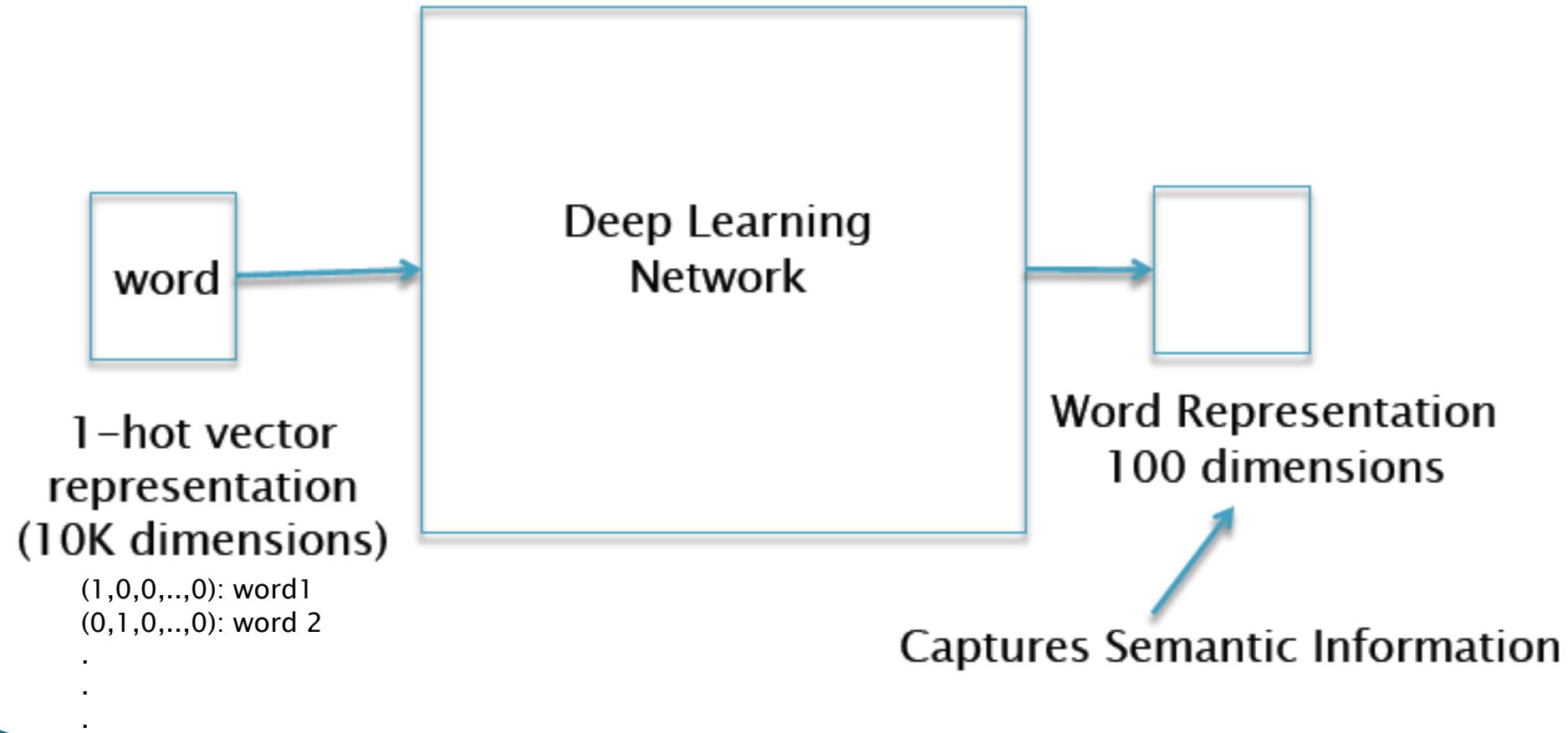
Dogs



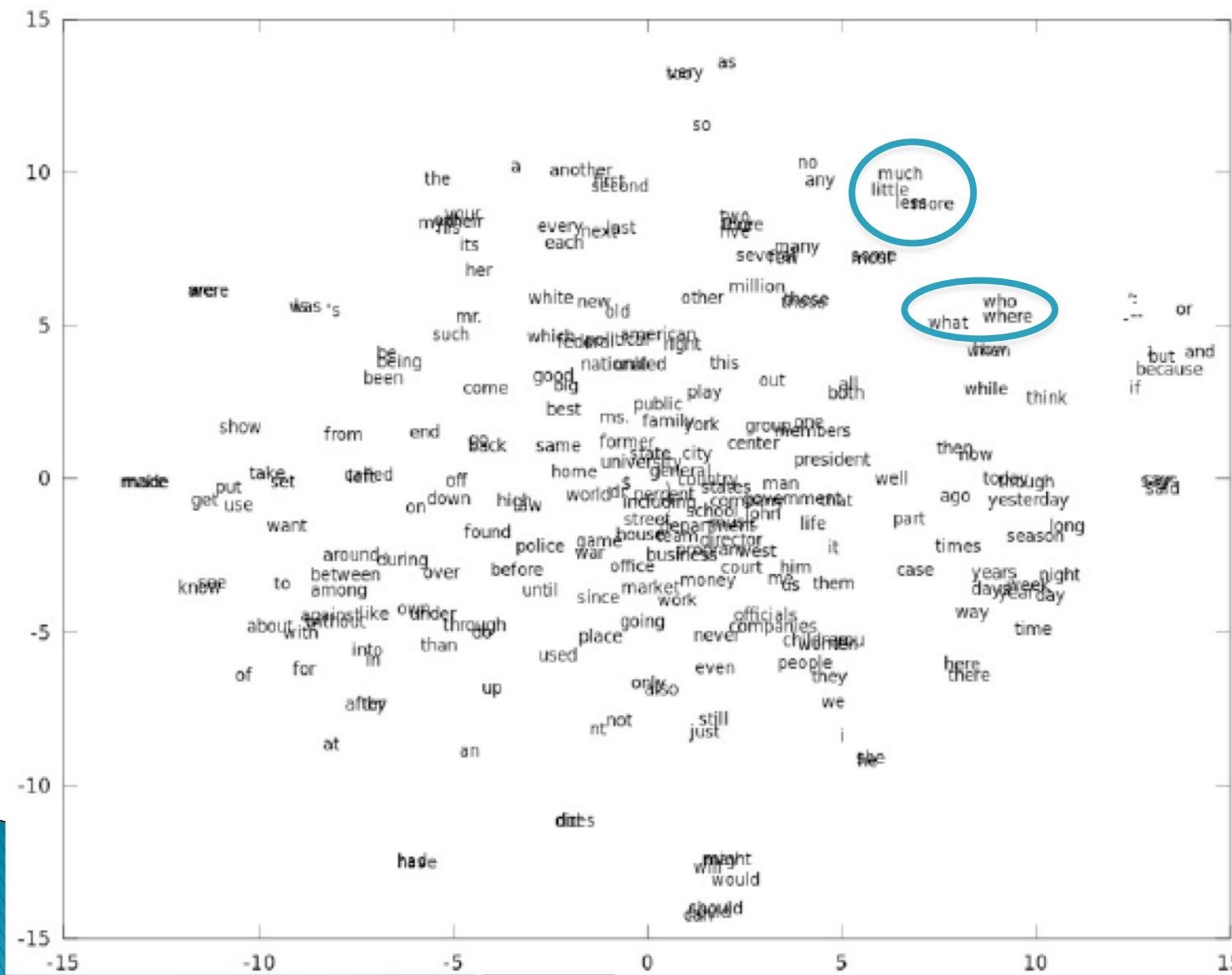
# Representations in Natural Language Processing

- ▶ In traditional Computer Science, words/documents are represented using data structures such as arrays, dictionaries etc.
- ▶ These representations are good enough to answer questions such as the number of times a particular word occurs in the document
- ▶ But what about Higher Level semantic queries, such as:
  - Translate this book into German
  - Did the reviewer like this book
  - Text Summarization
  - Text Classification

# Word Representations



# Representing Words as Vectors



# What Deep Learning Has Achieved

- ▶ Near-human-level image classification
- ▶ Near-human-level speech recognition
- ▶ Near-human-level handwriting transcription
- ▶ Improved machine translation
- ▶ Improved text-to-speech conversion
- ▶ Digital assistants such as Google Now and Amazon Alexa
- ▶ Improved Ad targeting, as used by Google, FB etc
- ▶ Improved search results on the web
- ▶ Ability to answer natural language questions
- ▶ Superhuman Game Playing (Go, Chess etc)
- ▶ Image and Text Generation

# Types of Deep Learning

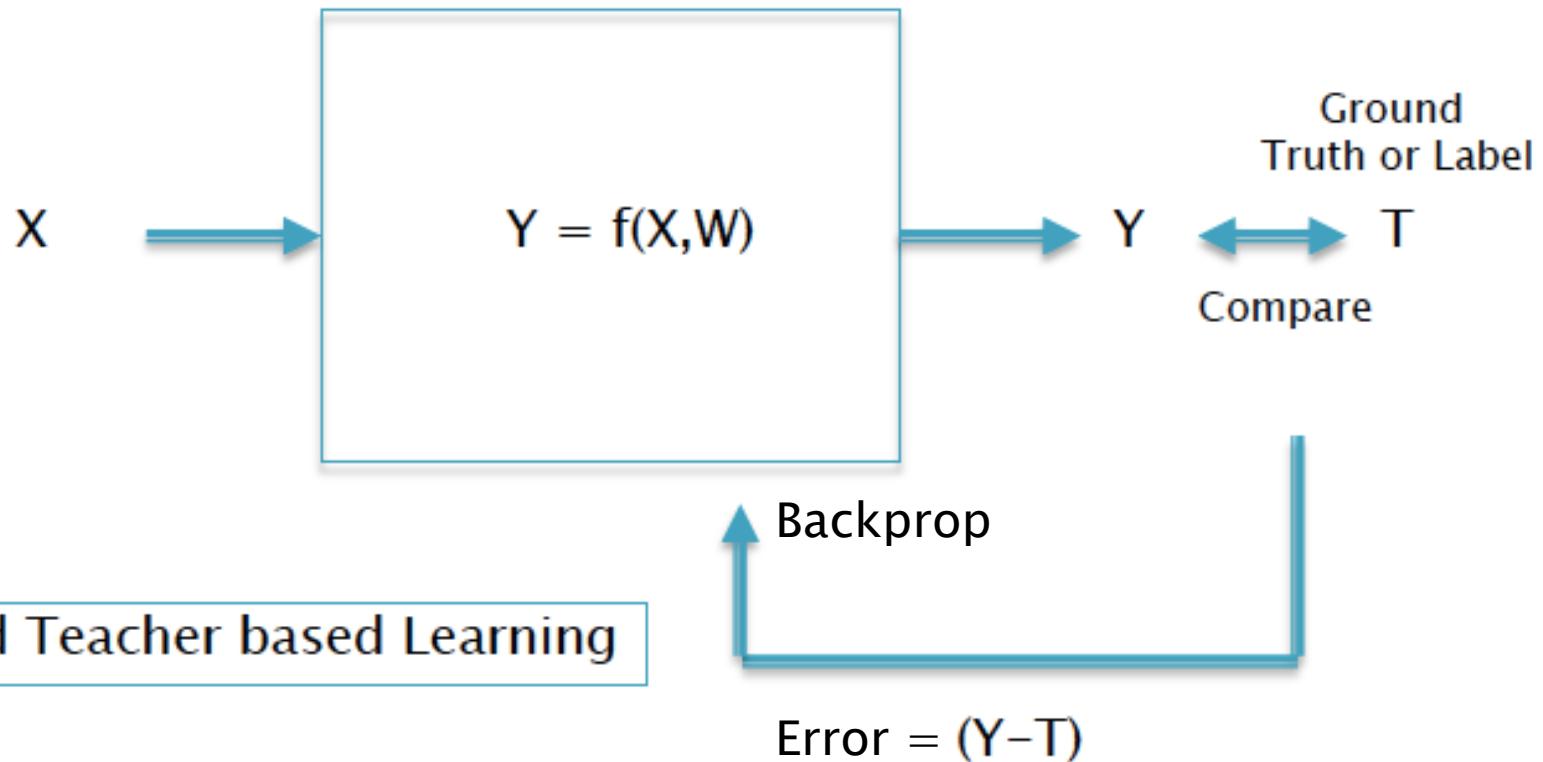
- ▶ Supervised Learning: Learn from Labeled Examples of the Correct Output
  - Self-Supervised Learning: Labels are automatically generated from the data
- ▶ Unsupervised Learning: There are no labeled examples – Look for interesting patterns, find representations
- ▶ Reinforcement Learning: Instead of being told the correct output, the system is given rewards instead

# Supervised Learning



# Supervised Learning

Neural Network



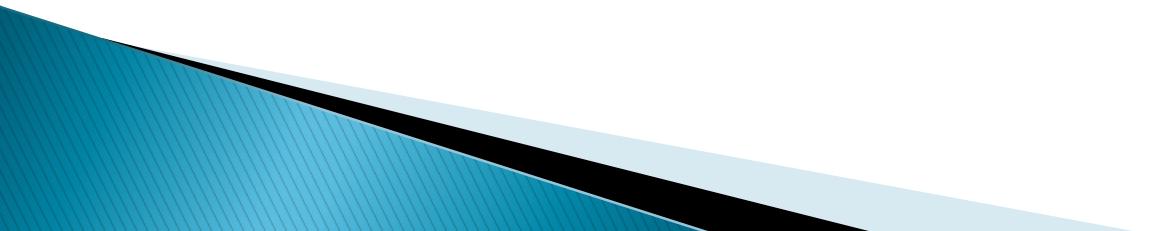
Also called Teacher based Learning

Choose parameters  $W$  to  
Minimize Difference with Label

# Examples of Supervised Learning

1. Image Processing
2. Natural Language Processing

# Image Processing

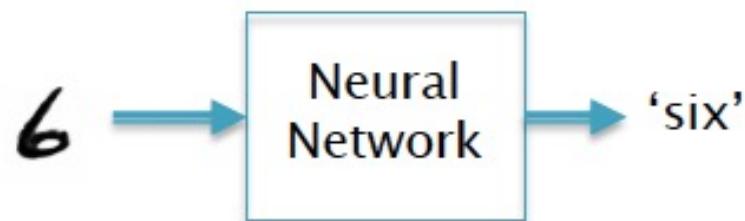


# Image Classification: The MNIST Dataset

10 Classes

70K Labeled  
images

0	4	1	9	2	1	3	1	4	3
5	3	6	1	7	2	8	6	9	4
0	9	1	1	2	4	3	2	7	3
8	6	9	0	5	6	0	7	6	1
8	7	9	3	9	8	5	9	3	3
0	7	4	9	8	0	9	4	1	4
4	6	0	4	5	6	1	0	0	1
7	1	6	3	0	2	1	1	7	9
0	2	6	7	8	3	9	0	4	6
7	4	6	8	0	7	8	3	1	5



# Image Classification: CIFAR-10 Image Dataset

**10 classes**

**50,000** training images

**10,000** testing images

airplane



automobile



bird



cat



deer



dog



frog



horse



ship



truck

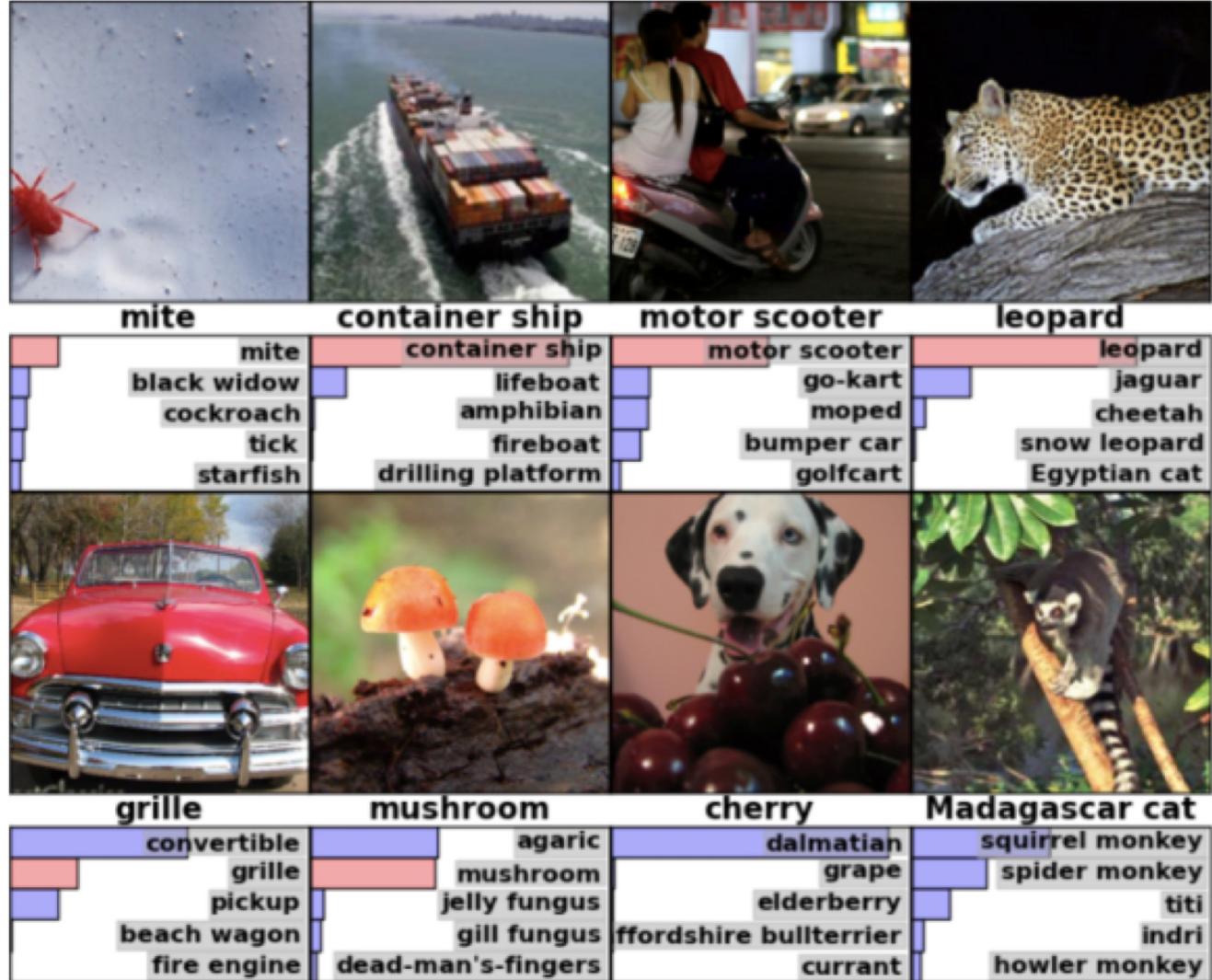


Neural  
Network

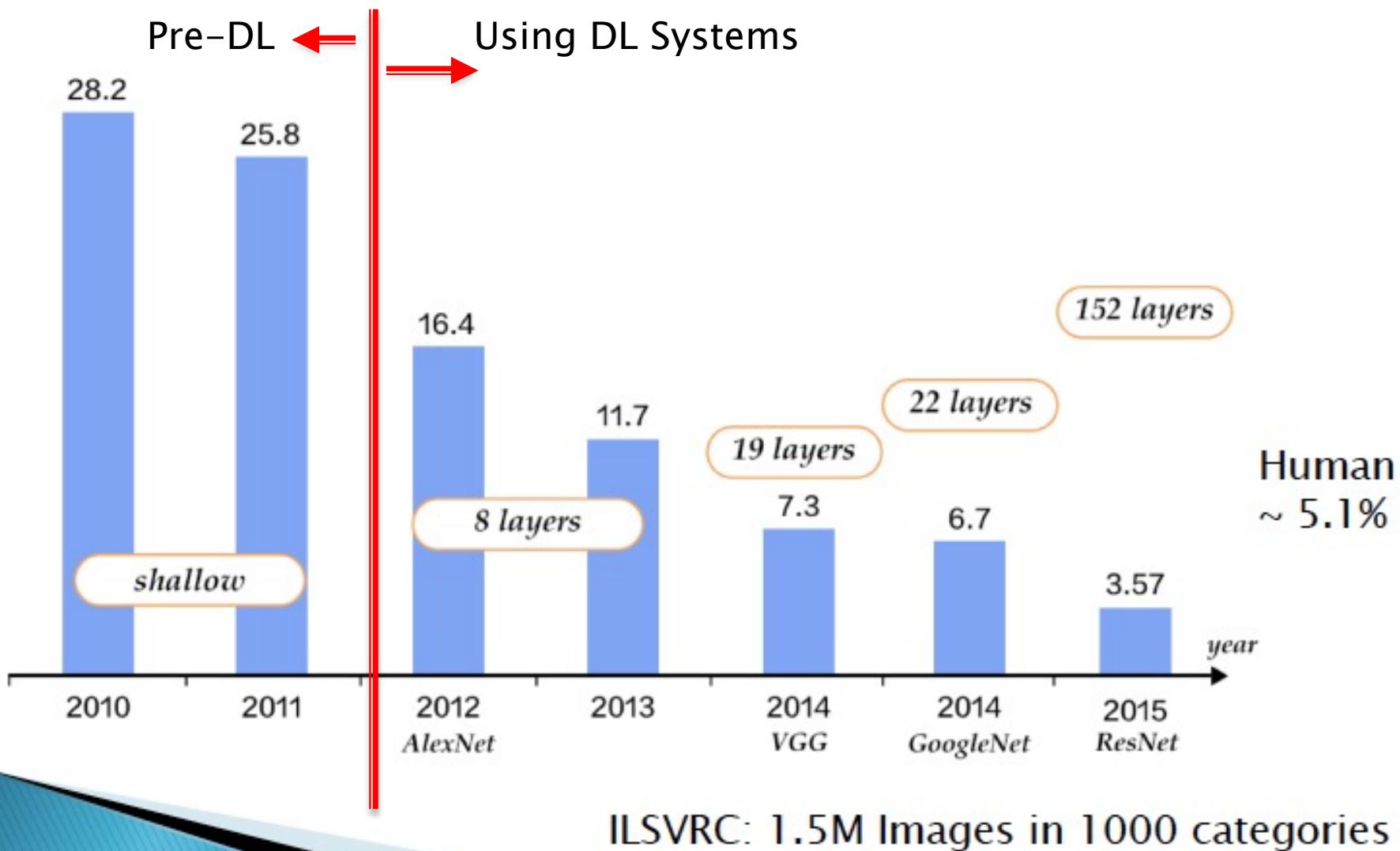
'horse'

# Image Classification: ImageNet Dataset

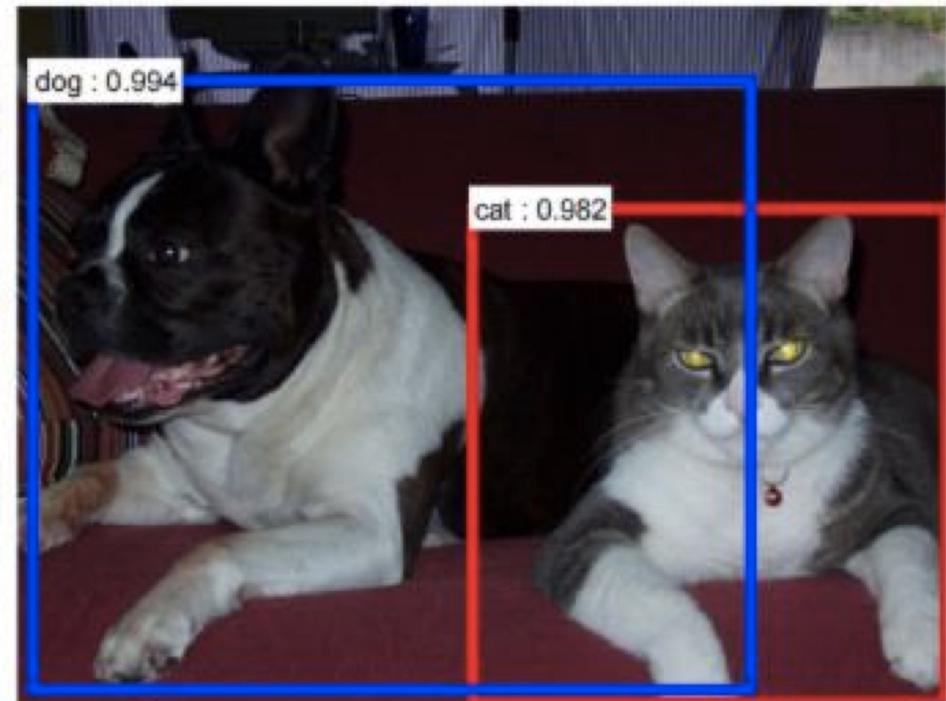
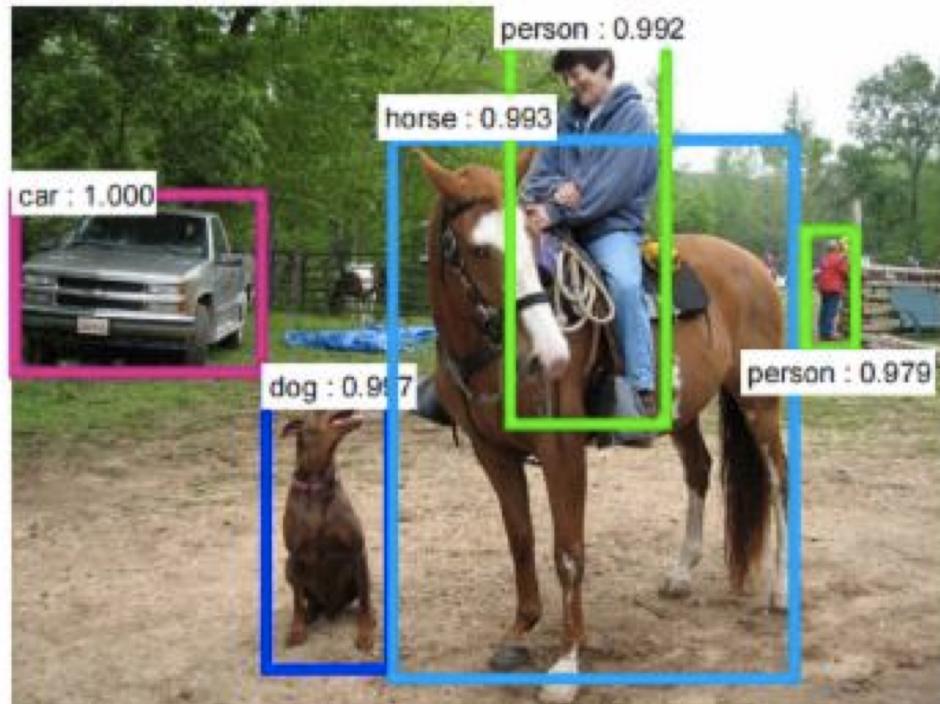
- 1.4M Images
- 1000 Categories



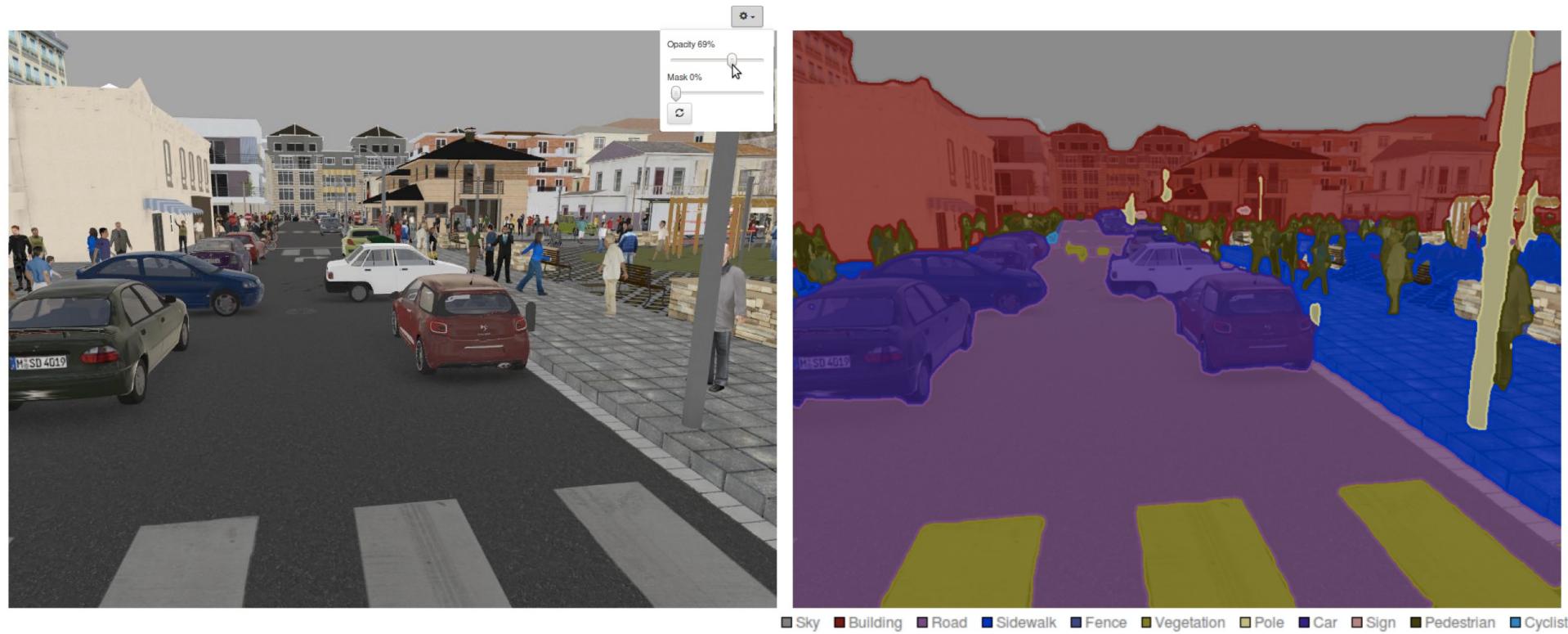
# Progress in ImageNet Classification



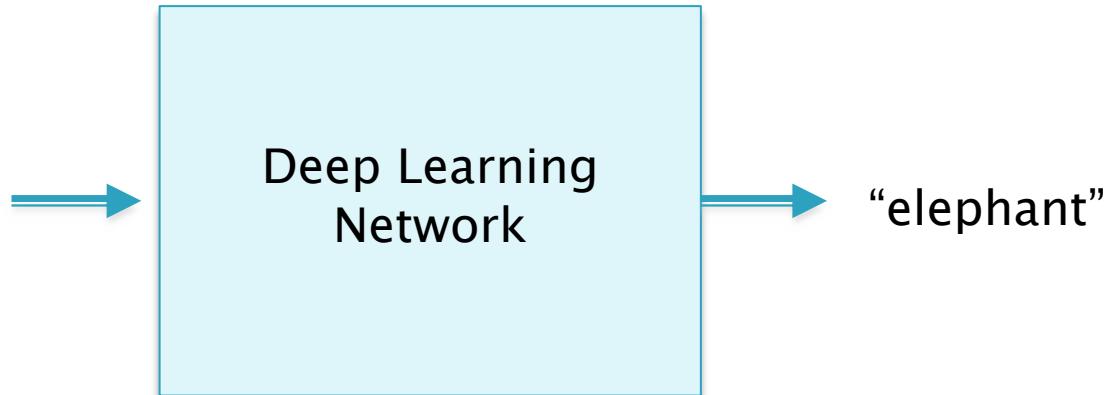
# Image Detection



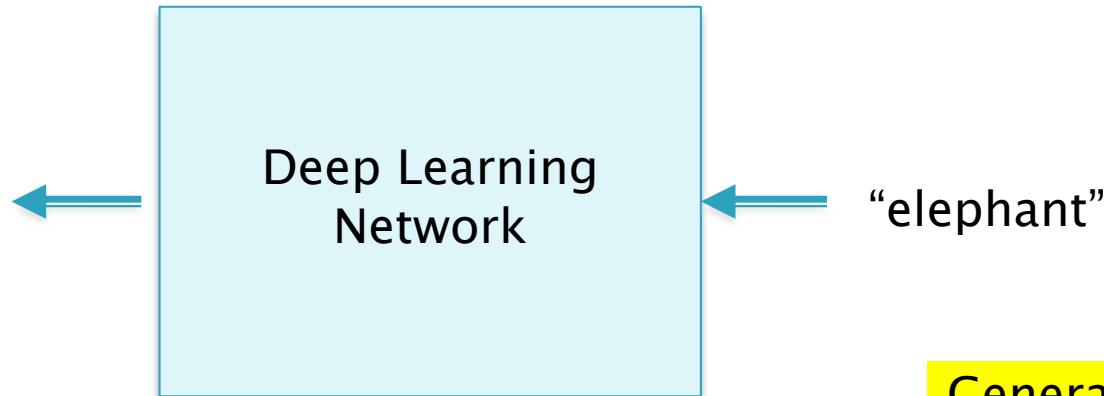
# Image Segmentation



# Image Generation

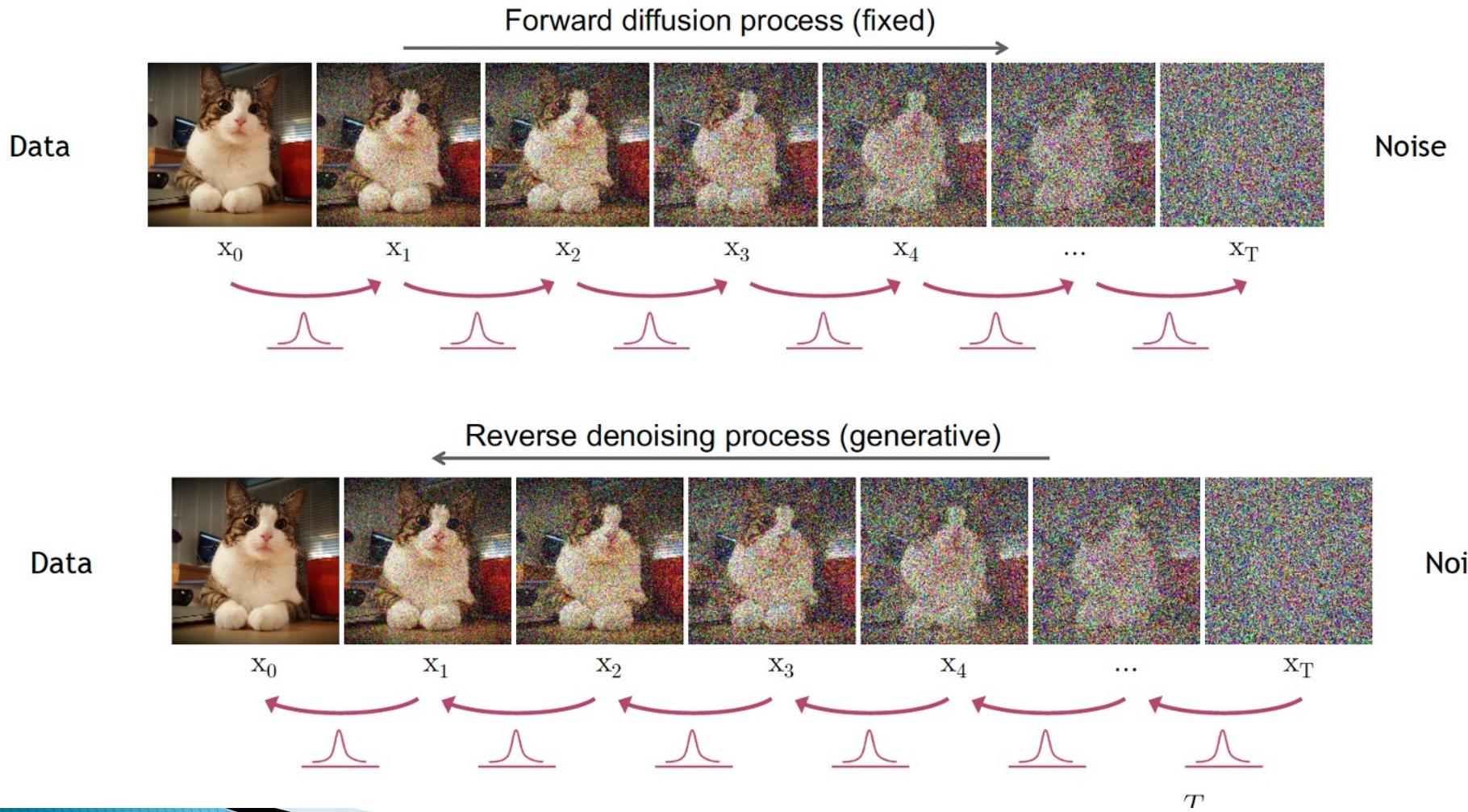


Can we run the DL network in the “reverse” direction  
and generate images?

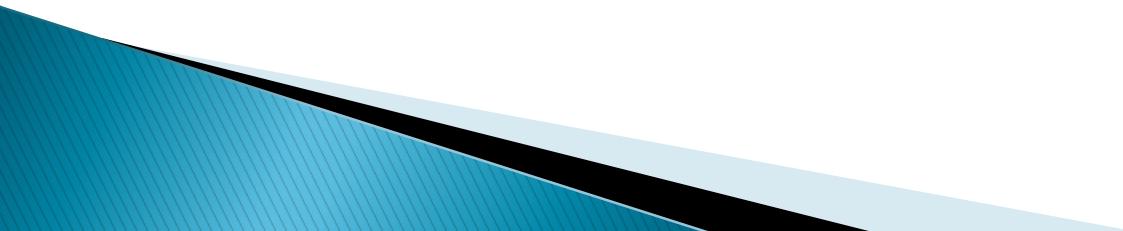


Generative  
Models!

# Image Generation Using Diffusion Models



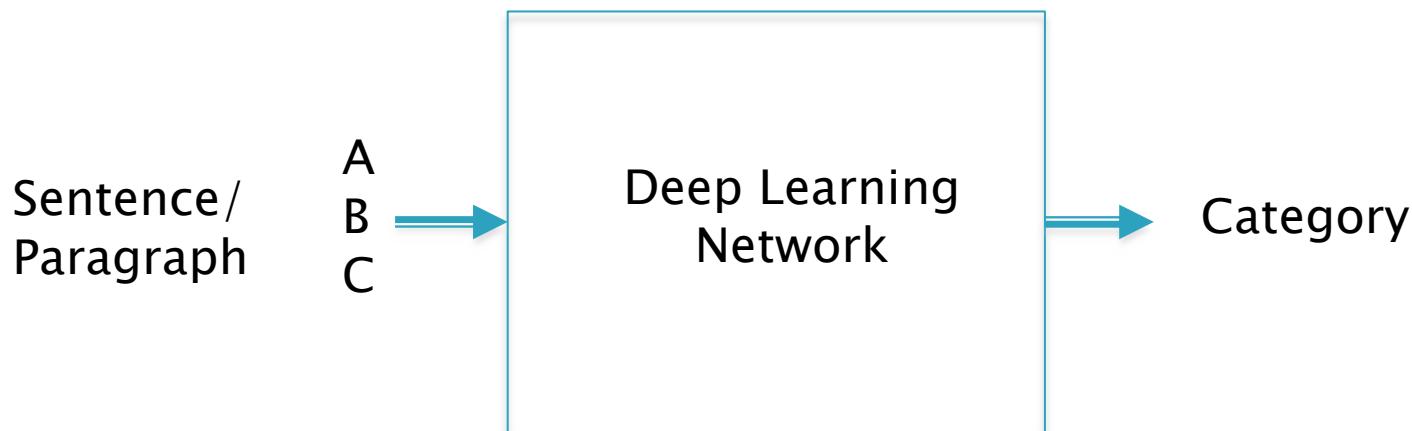
# Natural Language Processing



# Text Classification

The order of the input sequence matters!

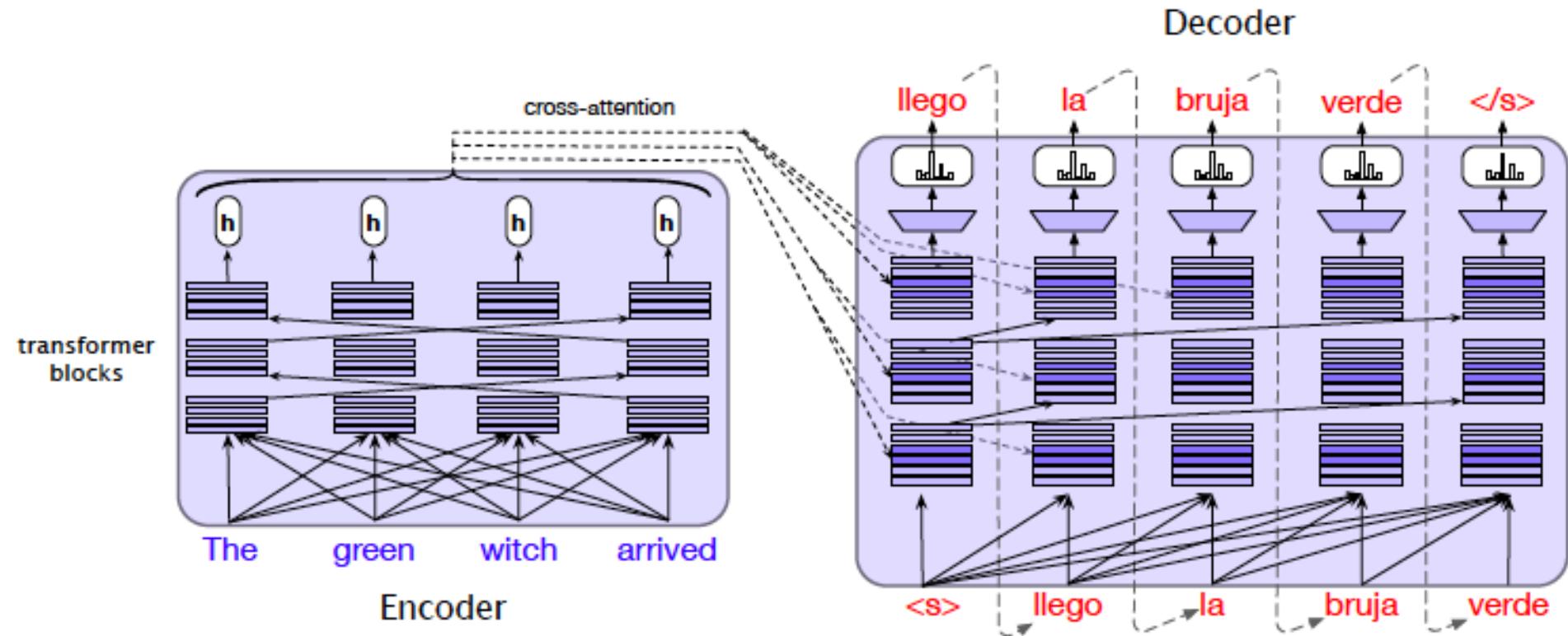
How to represent text?



NLP is done using Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)

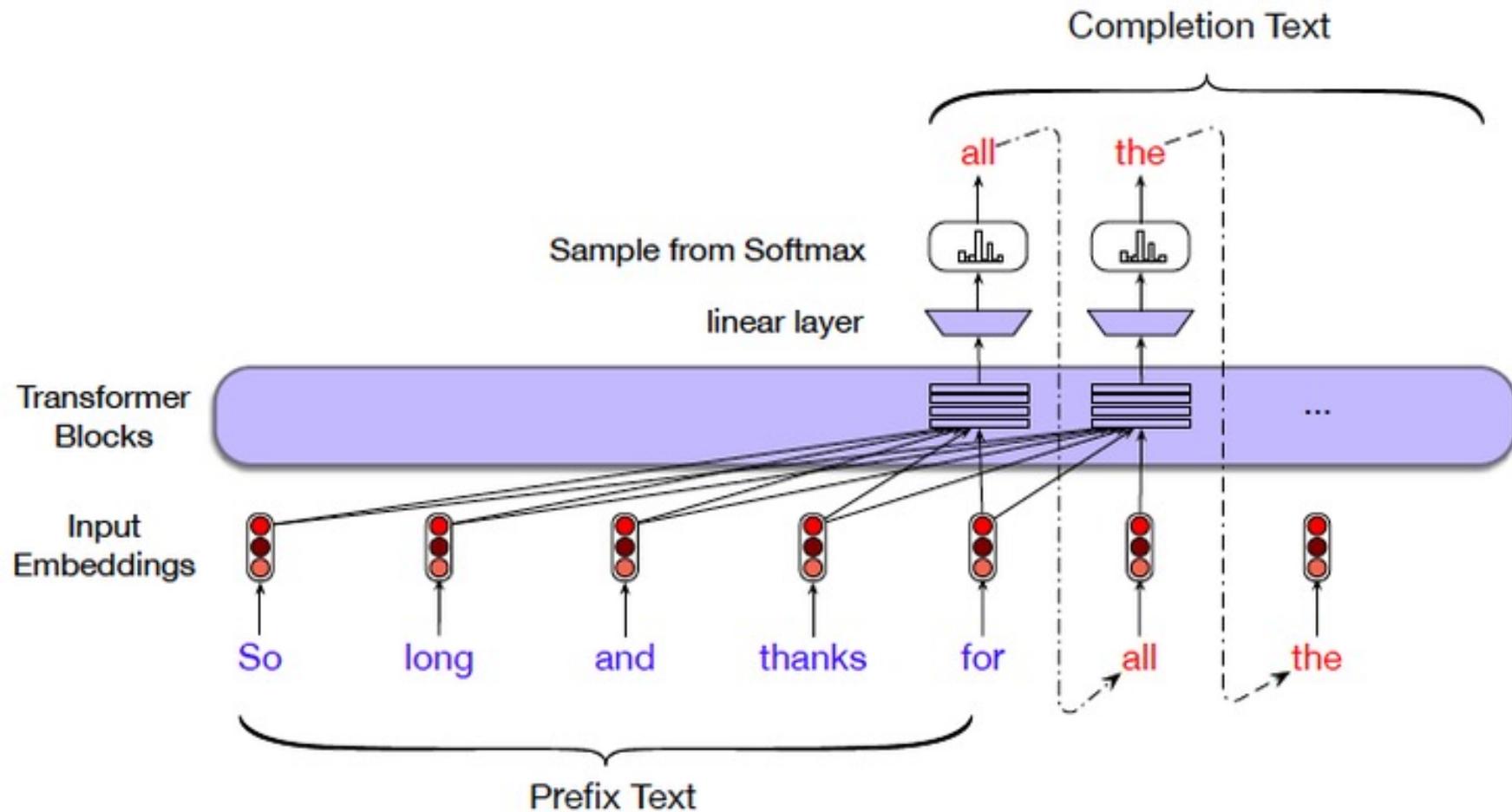
Transformers are a newer Model for solving NLP problems

# Language Translation

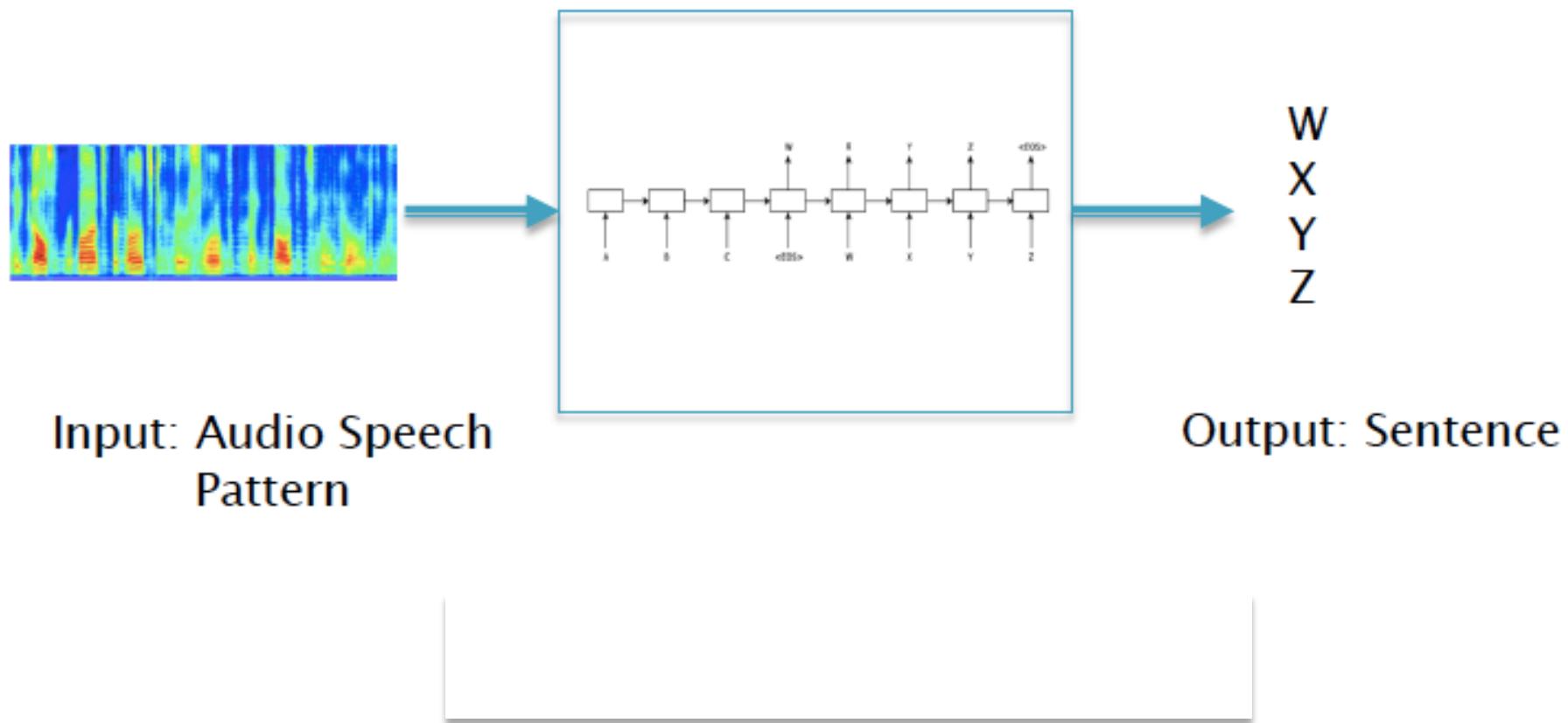


- The Queries come from the previous decoder layer
- The Memory keys and the values come from the output of the encoder. This allows every position in the decoder to attend over all positions in the input sequence

# Text Generation



# Speech Recognition



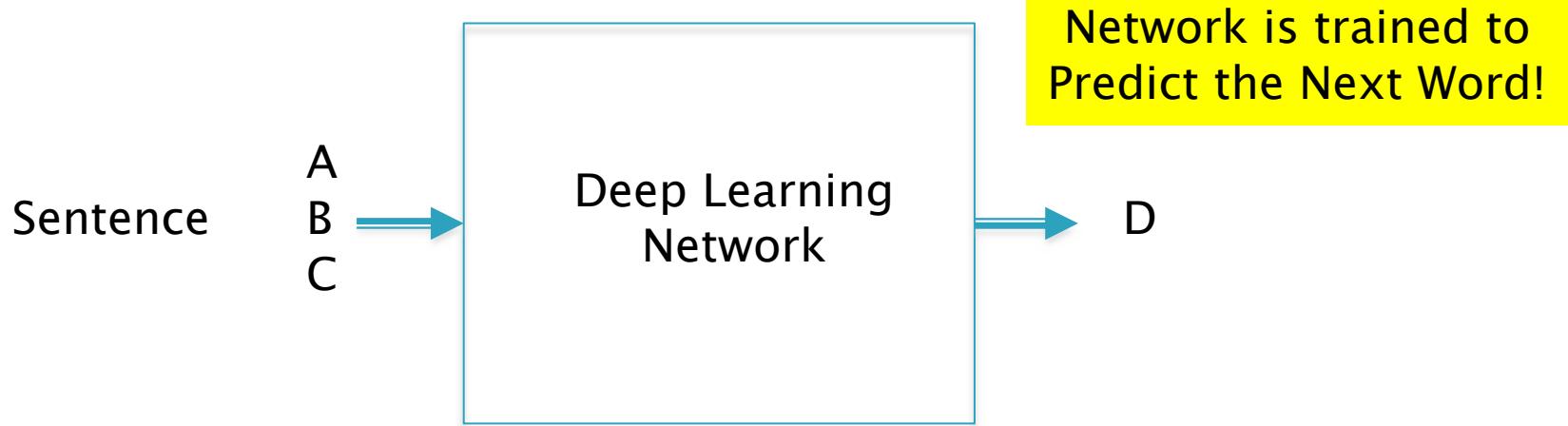
# Self Supervised Learning

# Self Supervised Learning

- ▶ Humans learn without using labels, how do they do it?
- ▶ Train models using prediction → Labels are generated automatically
- ▶ Example: NLP models trained by trying to predict the next word

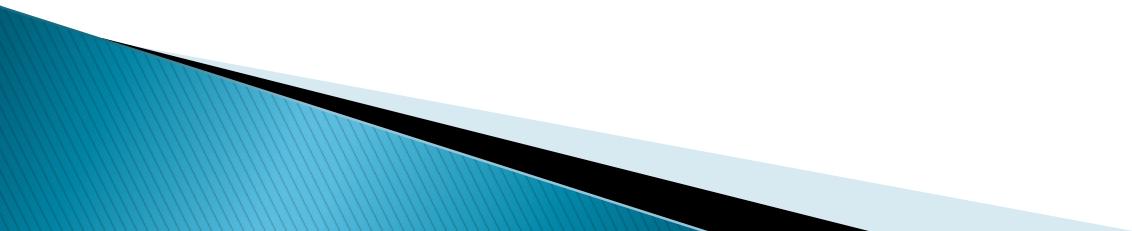
# Language Models

Labels are Auto Generated

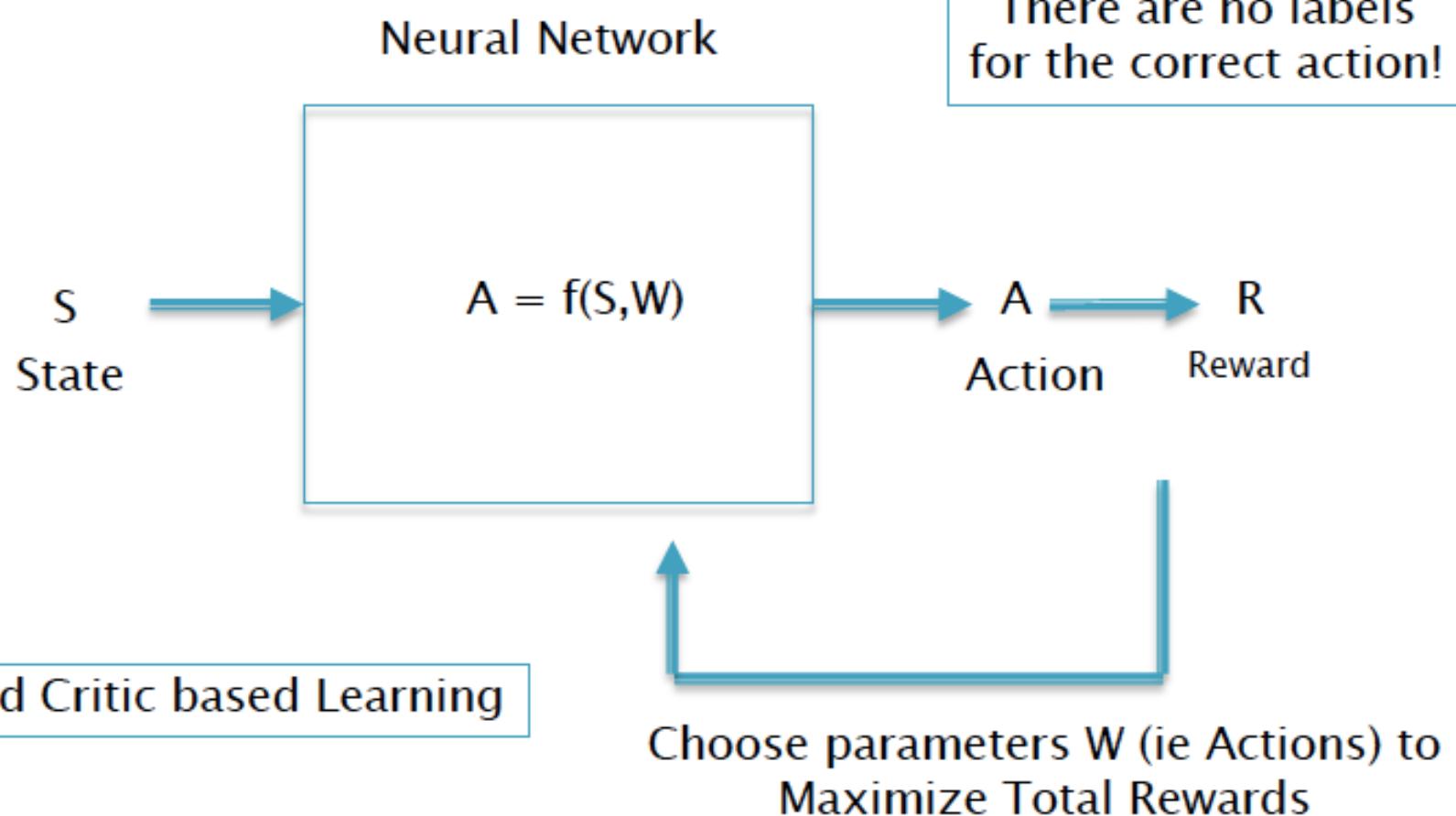


Once the DLN is trained, it can be modified to do other NLP tasks such as classification or Translation, using Supervised Learning with a much smaller training dataset

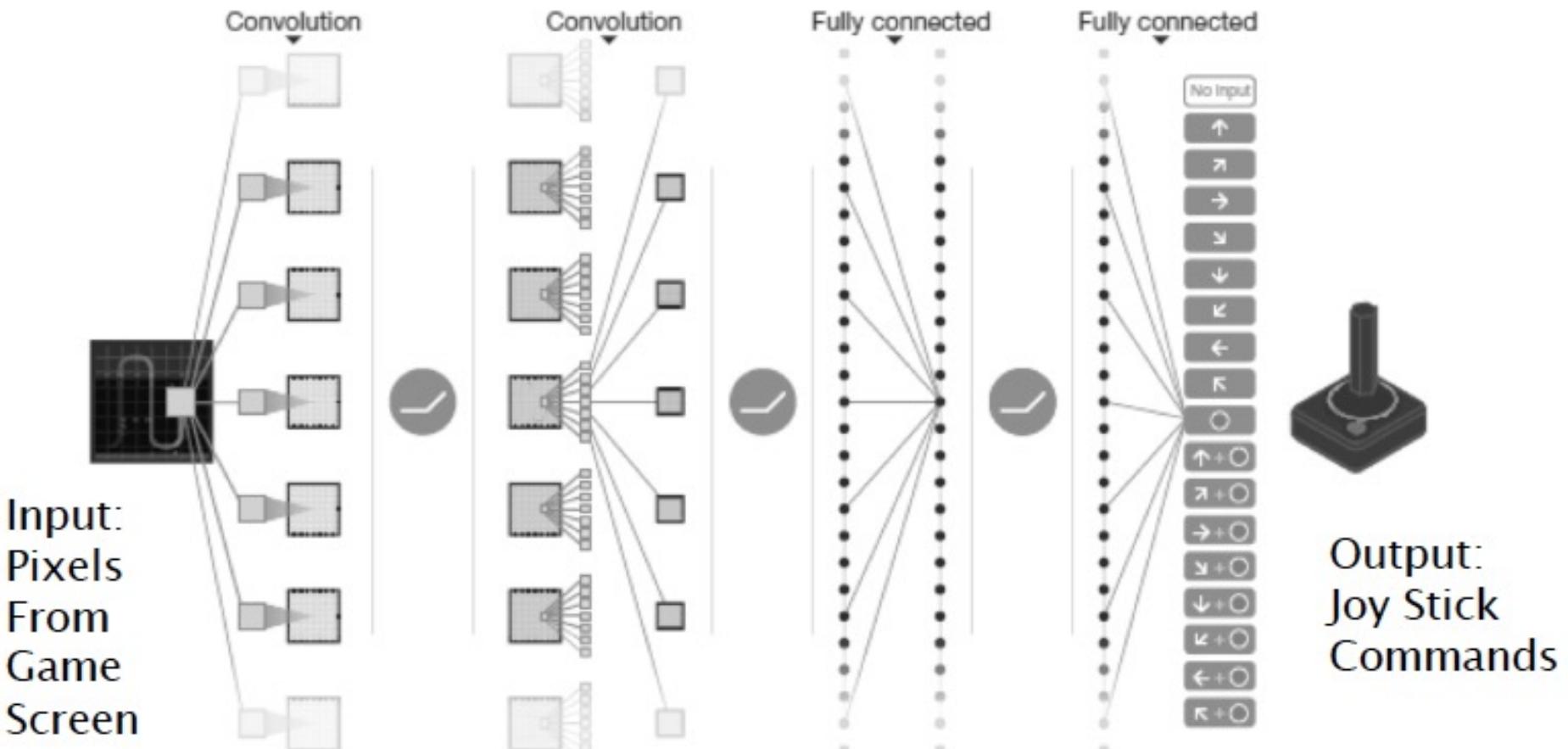
# Reinforcement Learning



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# Atari Game Player



From "Human-level control through deep reinforcement learning"  
By Mnih et.al.

# Course Overview

## General Tools and Algorithms

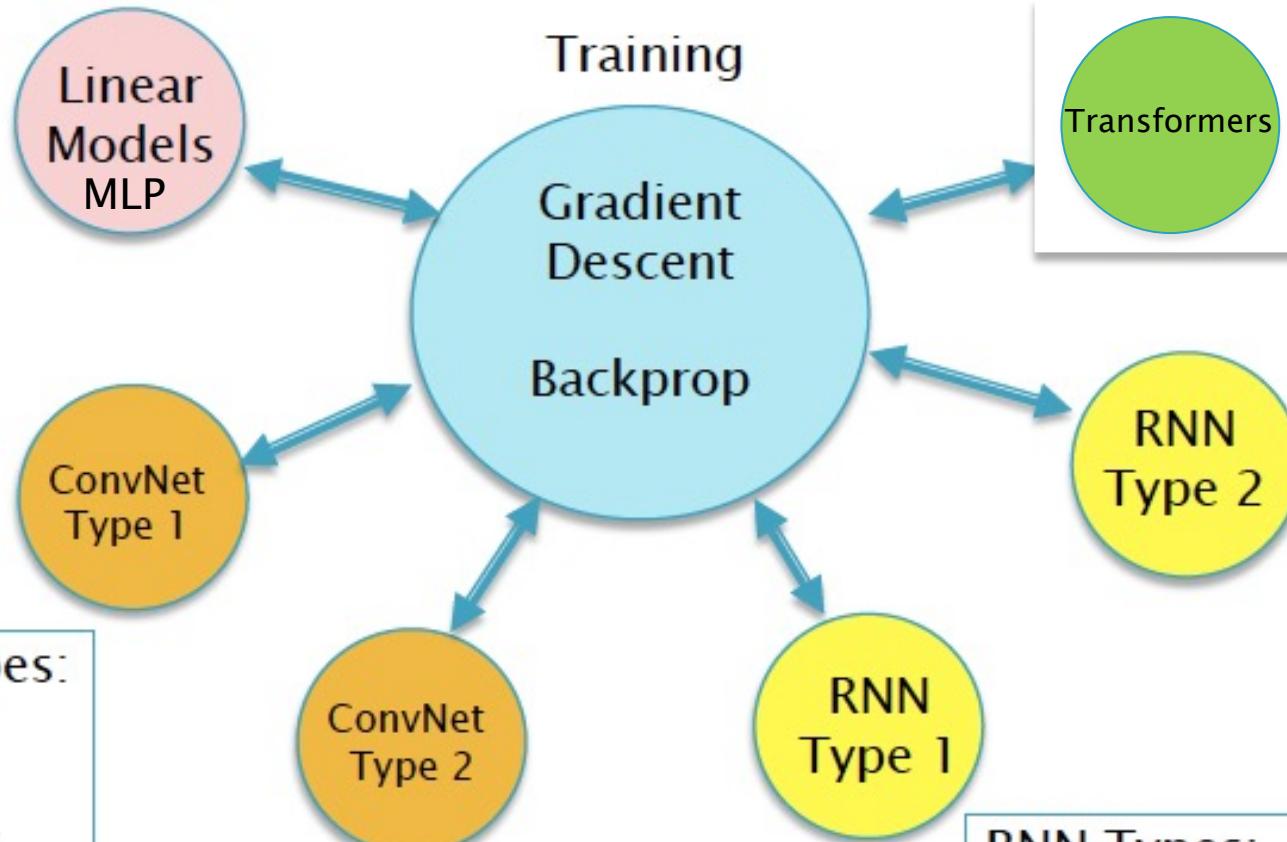
- ▶ Learning Models: Supervised, Self-Supervised
- ▶ Training DLNs: Gradient Descent, Backprop
- ▶ Improving the Training Process and Models
- ▶ Generalization Ability
- ▶ DLN Tools: Keras

## Specialized Architectures

- ▶ Dense Feed Forward Networks
- ▶ Convolutional Neural Networks (ConvNets)/Image Processing
- ▶ Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)/Natural Language Processing
- ▶ Transformers
- ▶ Diffusion Models
- ▶ Reinforcement Learning

# One Algorithm – Multiple Architectures

Transformer Types:  
GPT  
BERT  
T5



ConvNet Types:  
AlexNet  
ResNet  
InceptionNet

RNN Types:  
Encoder Decoder RNNs  
LSTMs  
GRUs

# Lecture Schedule

- ▶ **Lecture 1 – Introduction:** Introduction to Deep Learning and discussion of important applications, Introduction to Types of Deep Learning Systems: Supervised Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Unsupervised Learning, Self-Supervised Learning, An historical overview of Deep Learning
- ▶ **Lecture 2 – Mathematical Preliminaries:** An overview of Probability Theory, Bayes Rule, Random Variables, Random Sequences, Markov Chains, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Basics of Linear Algebra, Matrices, Tensors
- ▶ **Lecture 3 – Linear Models:** The Classification and Regression Problems, Solving these using Supervised Learning, Binary Classification, Linear Models (Logistic Regression), Loss Functions, Introducing Gradient Descent, K-ary Classification, Using Keras to solve linear models
- ▶ **Lecture 4 – Dense Feedforward Models, Backprop:** Interpreting the Linear Classifier, Dense Feedforward Networks, The Backprop Algorithm, Forward and Backward Passes, Gradient Flow Algebra, Derivation of the Backprop Algorithm, Dense Feedforward Networks using Keras
- ▶ **Lecture 5 – Tools and Techniques:** Training Process, Some Common Training Datasets: MNIST, CIFAR-10, ILSVRC, IMDB etc, Getting Deeper into Keras, Ingesting Data into Keras Models: Image, Text and Tabular
- ▶ **Lecture 6 – The Backprop Algorithm:** Gradient Flow Calculus, Forward and Backward Passes in Backprop, Derivation of Backprop
- ▶ **Lecture 7 – Training Part 1:** Vanishing Gradient Problem, Activation and Loss Functions, Techniques to Improve Stochastic Gradient Descent, Illustration of algorithms using Keras, Instructions for doing Term Project
- ▶ **Lecture 8 – Training Part 2:** Weight Initialization, Data Pre-Processing, Batch Normalization, Model Under-fitting and Over-fitting problems, Illustration of Algorithms using Keras
- ▶ **Lecture 9 – Training Part 3:** Regularization Techniques – L2, L1 and Dropout, Dataset Augmentation, Hyper-Parameter Selection – Manual and Automated Tuning, Model Ensembles, Illustration of Algorithms using Keras
- ▶ **Lecture 10 – Convolutional Neural Networks (ConvNets) Part 1:** History and Applications of ConvNets, ConvNet Architecture, 2D Convolutions, 1D Convolutions, Sizing ConvNets, Modeling ConvNets with Keras

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- ▶ **Lecture 11 – Convolutional Neural Networks (ConvNets) Part 2:** Pooling and Padding in ConvNets, Trends in ConvNet Design: Small Filters, Global Max Pooling, Depthwise Separable Convolutions, Some Historically significant ConvNet Architectures – LeNet5, AlexNet, ZFNet, VGGNet
- ▶ **Lecture 12 – Convolutional Neural Networks (ConvNets) Part 3:** ConvNet Architectures (cont): InceptionNet, ResNet, DenseNet, SqueezeNet, Transfer Learning using Keras, Text and Tabular Data Processing using 1D Convolutions
- ▶ **Lecture 13 – Convolutional Neural Networks (ConvNets) Part 4:** Solution of Image processing problems such as Localization, Detection and Segmentation using ConvNets, Visualization in ConvNets: Inverse convolutions, Generating Images using Gradient Ascent, the Deep Dream algorithm, Texture synthesis using Gram Matrices, Neural Style Transfer
- ▶ **Lectures 14 – Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) Part 1:** RNN Architectures – One to One, Many to One, Many to Many; Contrasting RNNs with ConvNets, Deep and Bi-Directional RNNs, Combination of RNNs and ConvNets
- ▶ **Lectures 15 – Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) Part 2:** Difficulties in Training RNNs and how to solve them, Back Propagation through Time (BPTT) Algorithm, LSTMs, GRUs, Word Embeddings and the Word2Vec algorithm, Modeling RNNs with Keras
- ▶ **Lectures 16 – Natural Language Processing (NLP) Part 1:** Application of RNNs to Natural Language Processing, Probabilistic Language Models, Beam Search, Softmax Temperature, Text Classification, Machine Translation, Attention Mechanism in RNNs.
- ▶ **Lectures 17 – Natural Language Processing (NLP) Part 2:** Image Captioning, Question Answering Systems, Reading Comprehension, Information Retrieval Systems, Speech Transcription
- ▶ **Lecture 18 – Transformers:** Self Attention, Transformer Encoder and Decoder models, OpenAI Transformer (GPT), BERT
- ▶ **Lecture 19 – Diffusion Models:** Latent Variables, ELBO Bound, Forward and Backward Diffusion Processes, DDPM and DDIM Algorithms
- ▶ **Lectures 20 – Reinforcement Learning (RL):** Introduction, Components of a RL System: Agents, Rewards, Actions, Deep RL, Playing Pong with Policy Gradients, Playing Go with Supervised Learning and Policy Gradients, Imitation Learning

# Further Reading

- ▶ **Chapter 1 of Das and Varma**

<https://srdas.github.io/DLBook2/Introduction.html>

- ▶ **Chapter 1 of Chollet**

- ▶ **Python Numpy Tutorials :**

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