

# Deep Learning for Data Science

## DS598 B1

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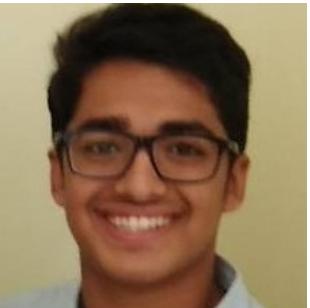
Introduction and Course Overview

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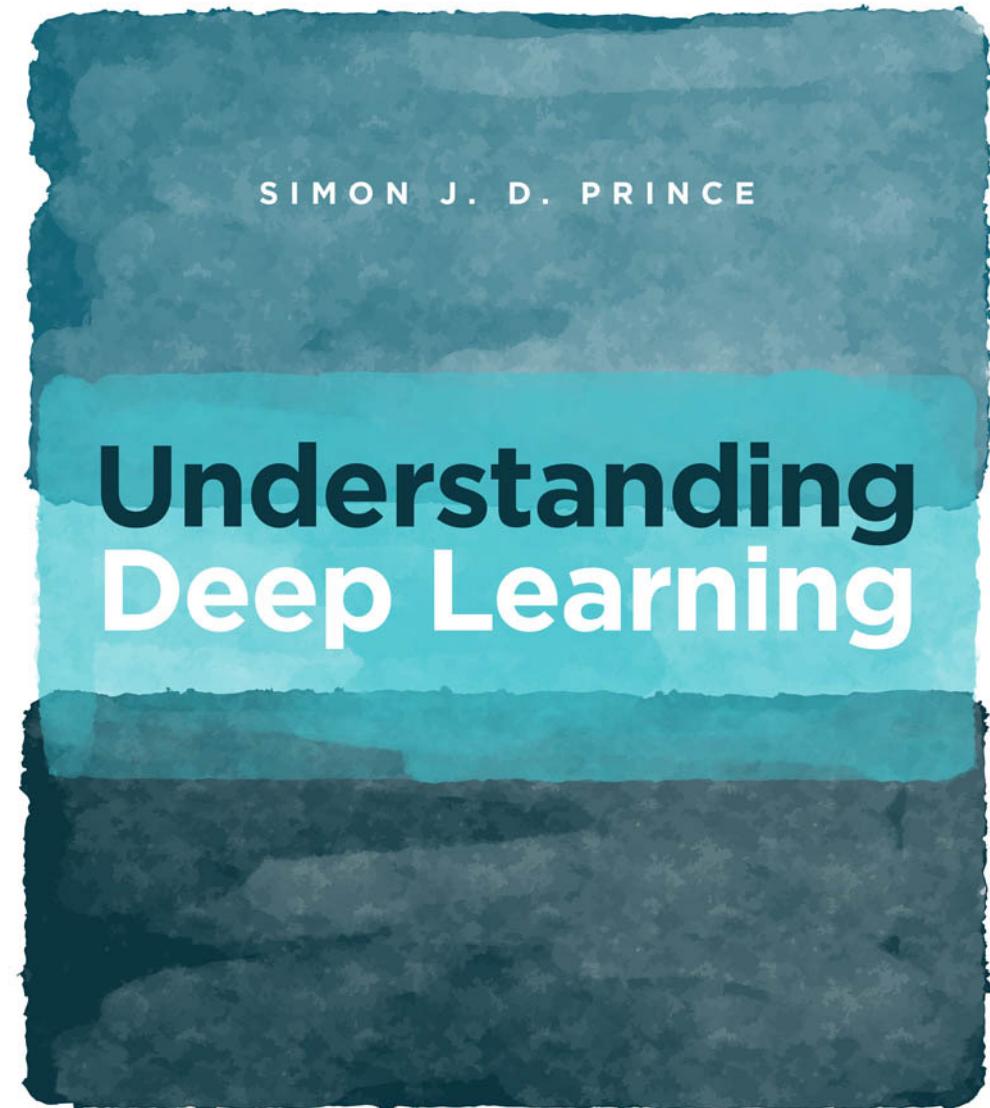


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ChatGPT [OpenAI GPT](#)  
(Subscription Required)  
GitHub [GitHub Repo](#)  
(Under Development)

# Book

- Published December 2023
- <http://udlbook.com>
  - Free PDF there or buy at BU bookstore
  - Jupyter Notebooks (we'll be revising)
  - Problem Sets
- Used heavily for 1<sup>st</sup> half of the course, and a bit at the end too



# Today

- Introduction to and Applications of Deep Learning
- History of Neural Networks
- Course Logistics

# Introduction

- Supervised Learning
- Unsupervised Learning
- Reinforcement Learning

# Artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence

Machine learning

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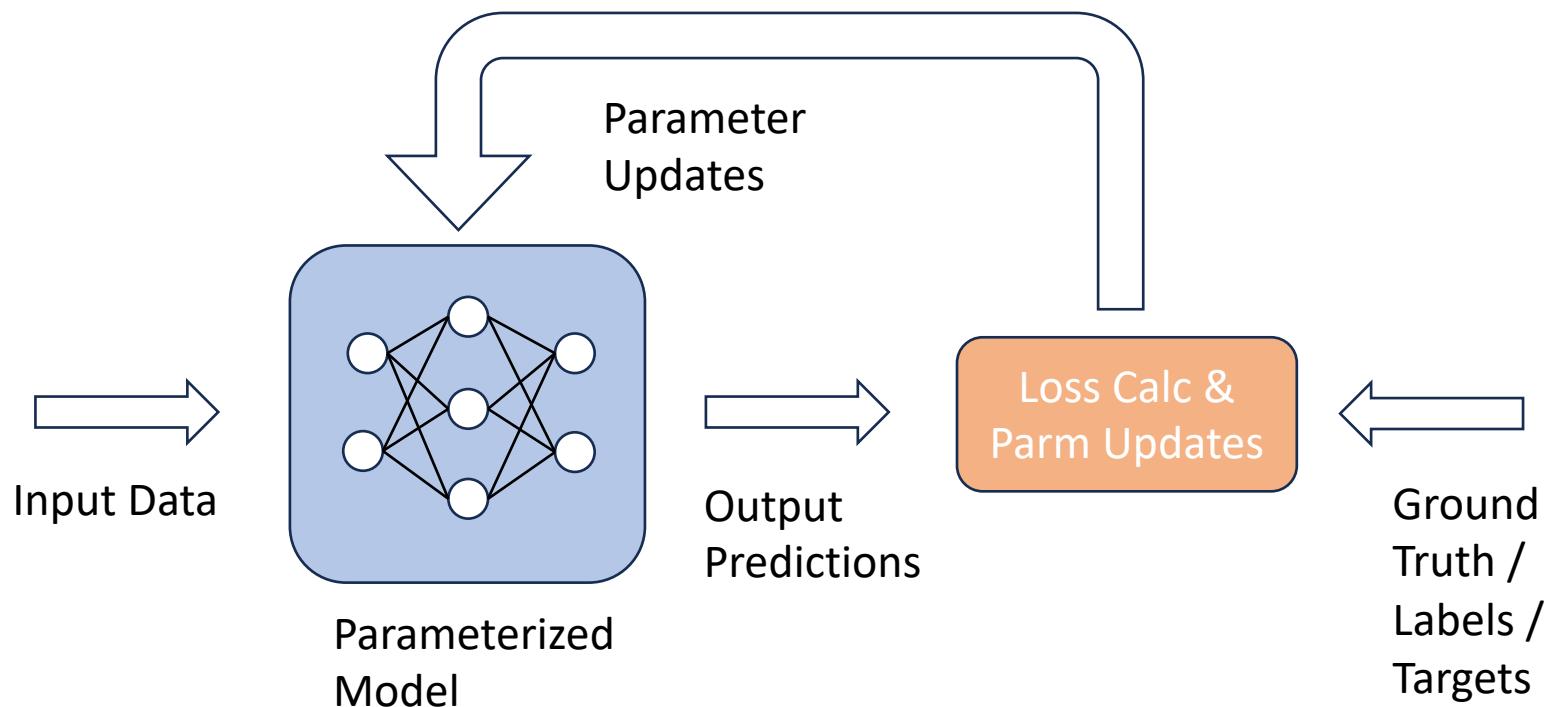
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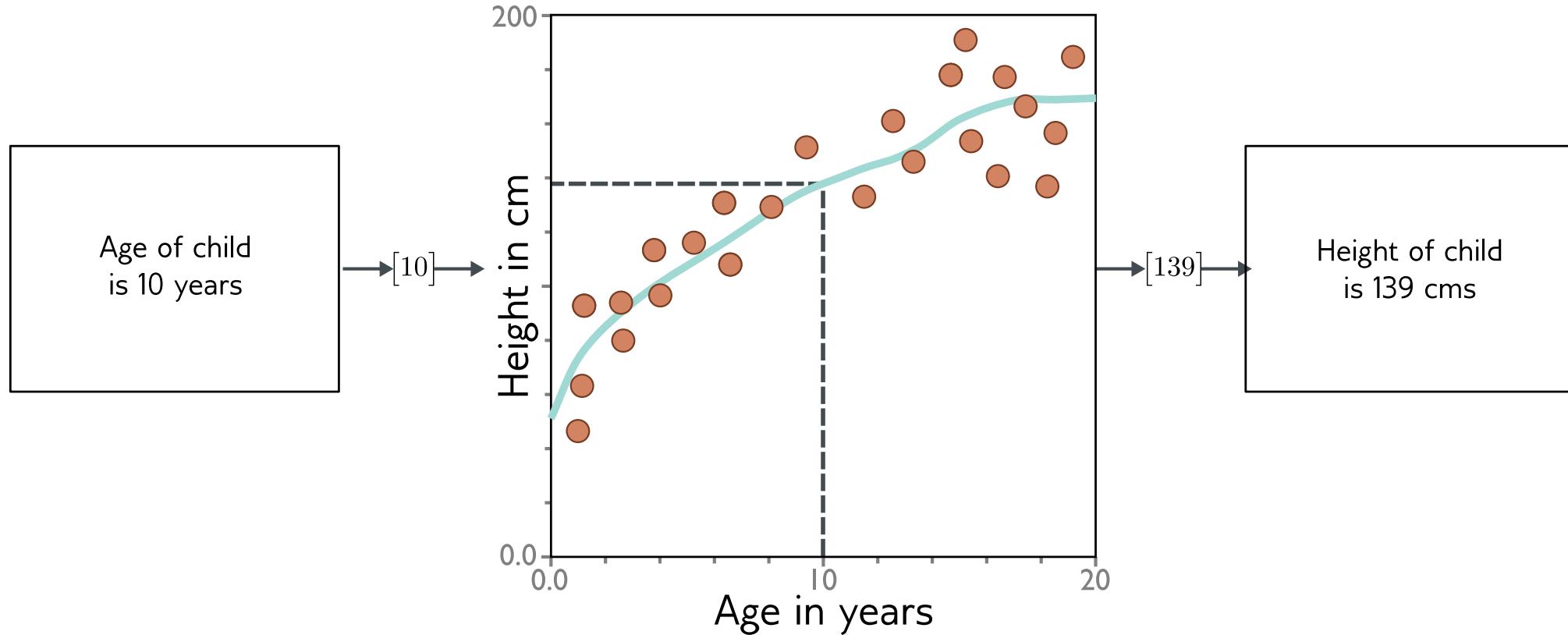


# Supervised learning

- Define a mapping from input to output
- Learn this mapping from paired input/output data examples

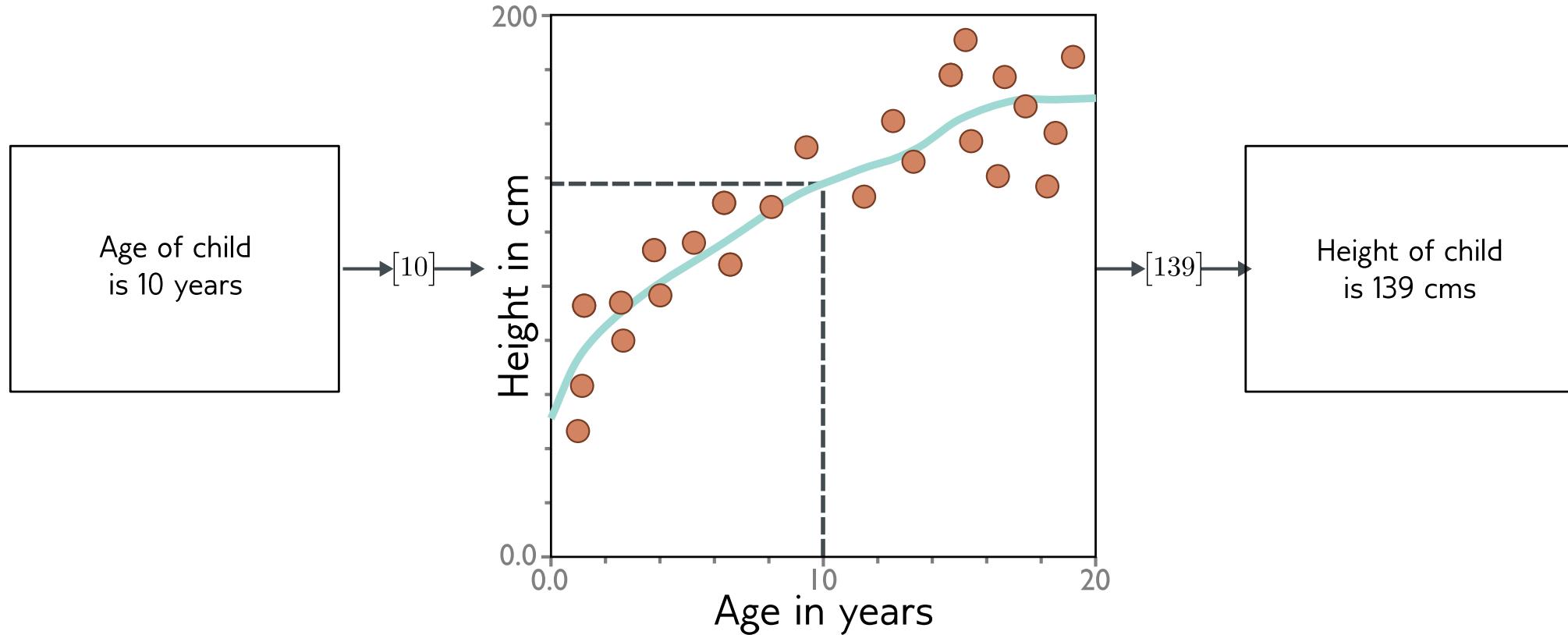


# What is a supervised learning model?



- An equation relating input (age) to output (height)
- Search through family of possible equations to find one that fits training data well

# What is a supervised learning model?



- Deep neural networks are just a very flexible family of equations
- Fitting deep neural networks = “Deep Learning”

# Prediction Types

- Regression
  - Prediction a continuous valued output
- Classification
  - Assigning input to one of a finite number of classes or categories
  - Two classes are a special case

Can be univariate (one output) or multivariate ( more than one output)

# Regression

Real world input

6000 square feet,  
4 bedrooms,  
previously sold for  
\$235K in 2005,  
1 parking spot.

Model  
input

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6000 \\ 4 \\ 235 \\ 2005 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Model



Supervised learning  
model

Model  
output

$$[340]$$

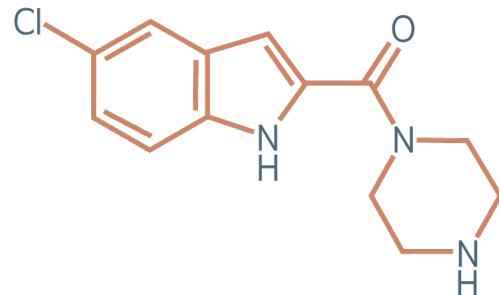
Real world output

Predicted price  
is \$340k

- Univariate regression problem (one output, real value)
- Fully connected network

# Graph regression

Real world input



Model  
input

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 17 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Model



Model  
output

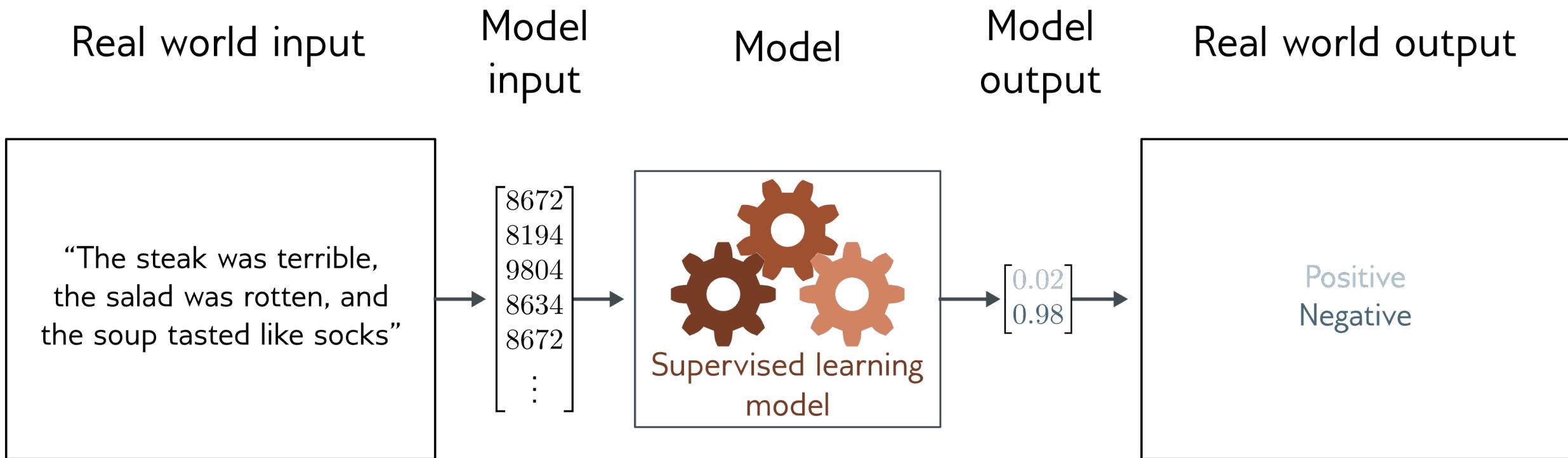
$$\begin{bmatrix} -12.9 \\ 56.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Real world output

Freezing point  
is  $-12.9^{\circ}\text{C}$   
Boiling point  
is  $56.4^{\circ}\text{C}$

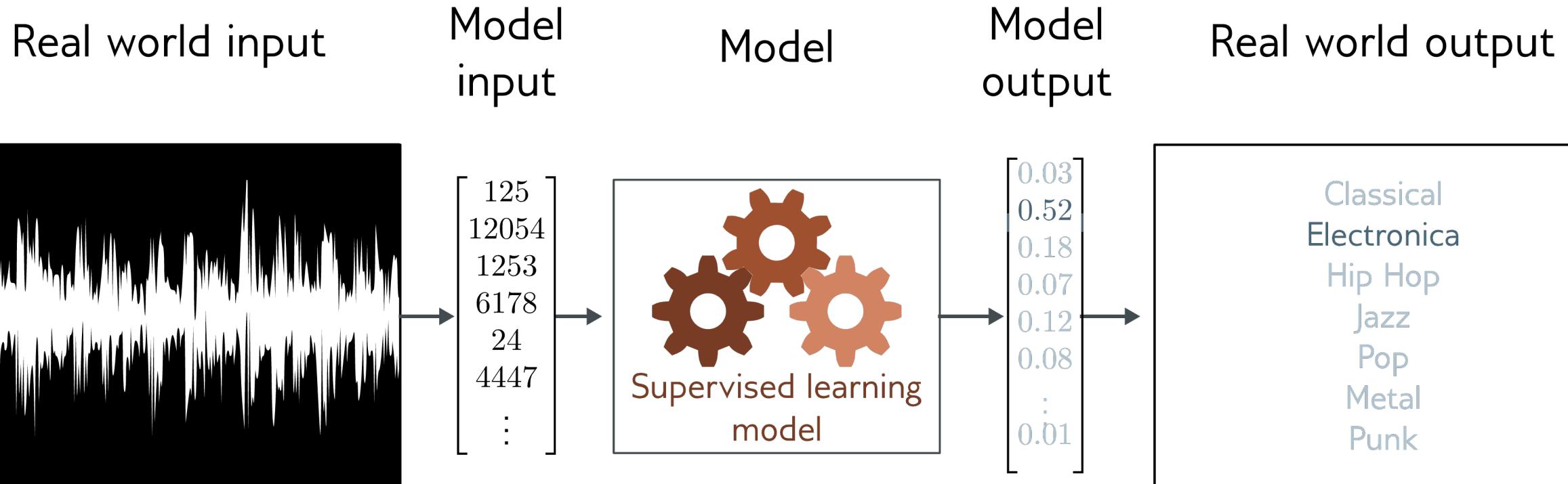
- Multivariate regression problem (>1 output, real value)
- Graph neural network

# Text classification



- Binary classification problem (two discrete classes)
- Transformer network

# Music genre classification



- Multiclass classification problem (discrete classes, >2 possible values)
- Recurrent neural network (RNN)

# Image classification

Real world input



Model  
input

$$\begin{bmatrix} 124 \\ 140 \\ 156 \\ 128 \\ 142 \\ 157 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Model



Model  
output

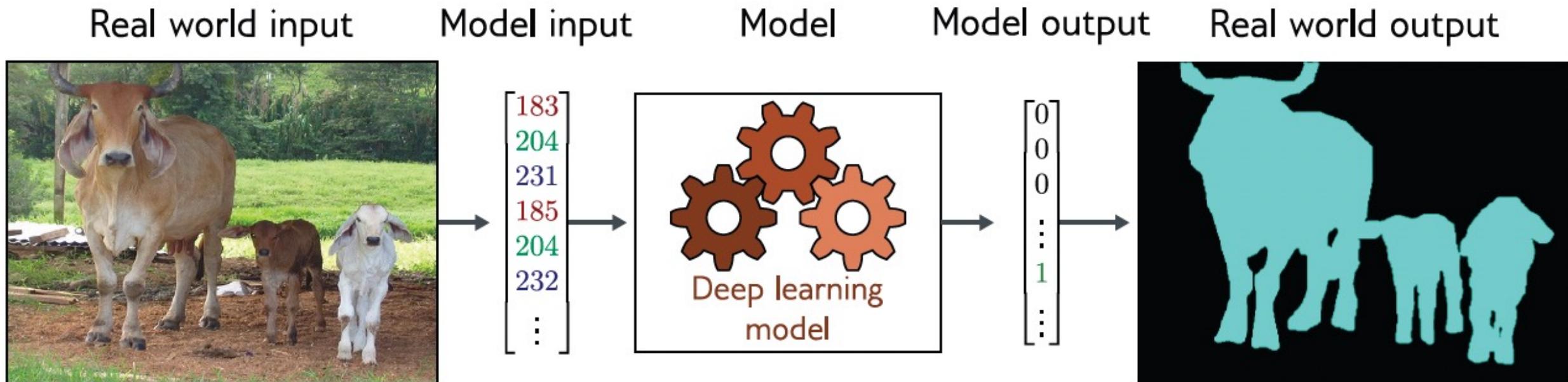
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.00 \\ 0.00 \\ 0.01 \\ 0.89 \\ 0.05 \\ 0.00 \\ \vdots \\ 0.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

Real world output

Aardvark  
Apple  
Bee  
Bicycle  
Bridge  
Clown  
⋮

- Multiclass classification problem (discrete classes, >2 possible classes)
- Convolutional network

# Image segmentation



- Multivariate binary classification problem (many outputs, two discrete classes)
- Convolutional encoder-decoder network

# Depth estimation

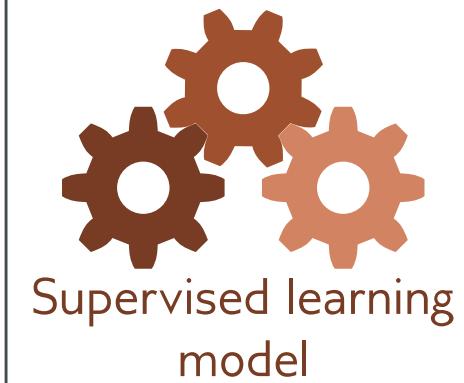
Real world input



Model  
input

$$\begin{bmatrix} 255 \\ 254 \\ 255 \\ 254 \\ 254 \\ 255 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

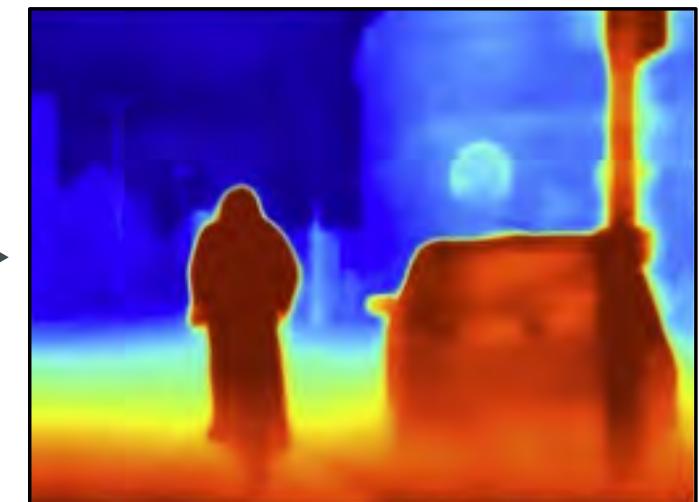
Model



Model  
output

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.001 \\ 0.002 \\ \vdots \\ 0.314 \\ 0.310 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Real world output



- Multivariate regression problem (many outputs, continuous)
- Convolutional encoder-decoder network

# Pose estimation

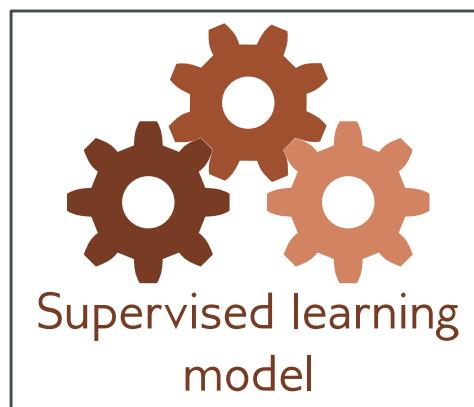
Real world input



Model  
input

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Model



Model  
output

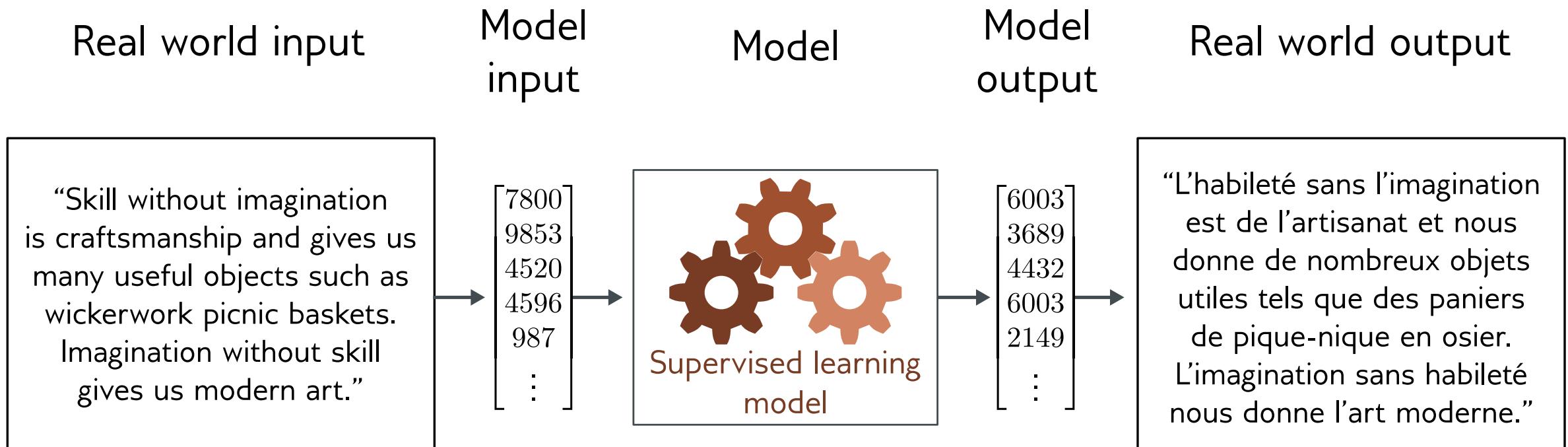
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Real world output



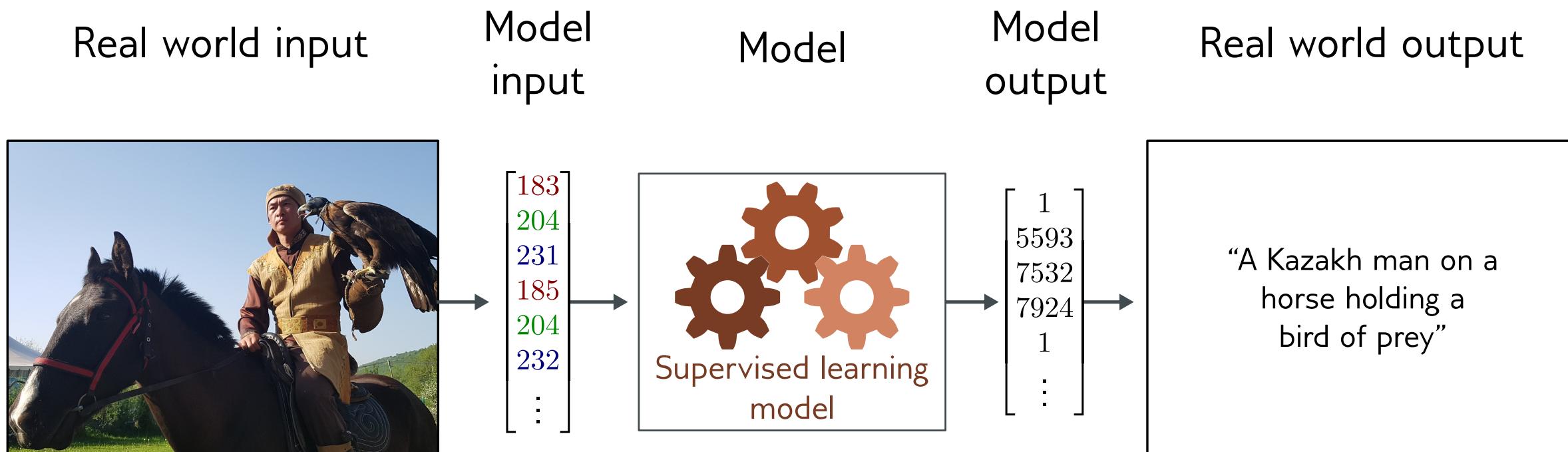
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# Translation



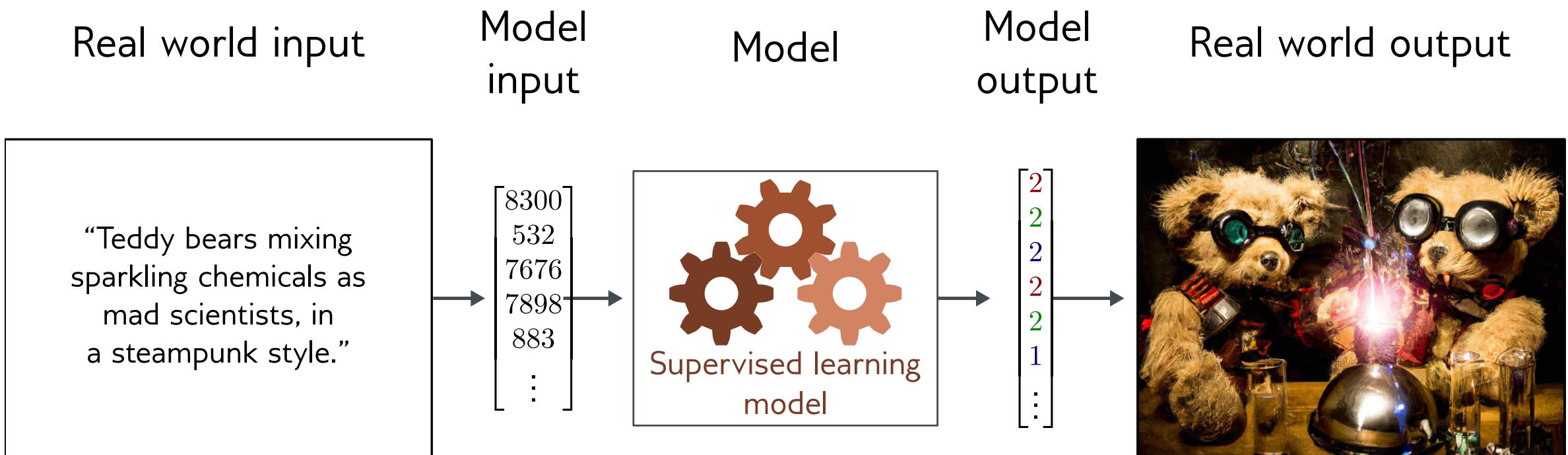
- Encoder-Decoder Transformer Networks

# Image captioning



- E.g. CNN-RNN, LSTM, Transformers

# Image generation from text



# What do these examples have in common?

- Very complex relationship between input and output
- Sometimes may be many possible valid answers
- But outputs (and sometimes inputs) obey rules

“A Kazakh man on a horse holding a bird of prey”

Language obeys grammatical rules



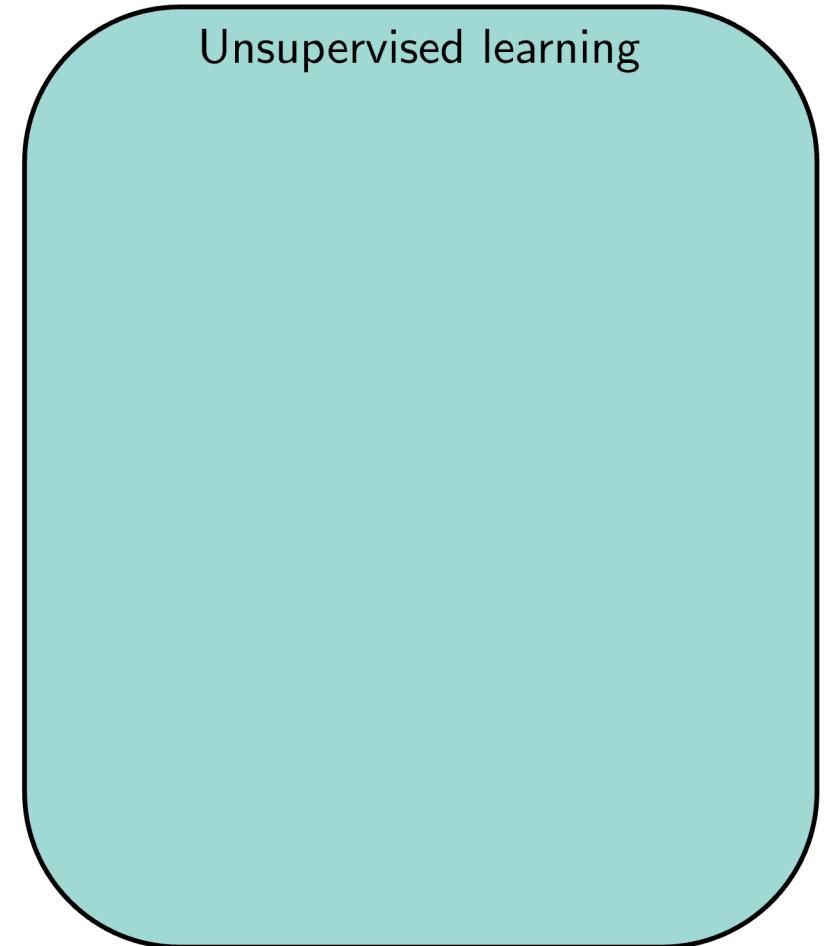
Natural images also have “rules”

# Idea

- Learn the “grammar” of the data from unlabeled examples
- Can use a gargantuan amount of data to do this (as unlabeled)
- Make the supervised learning task easier by having a lot of knowledge of possible outputs

# Unsupervised Learning

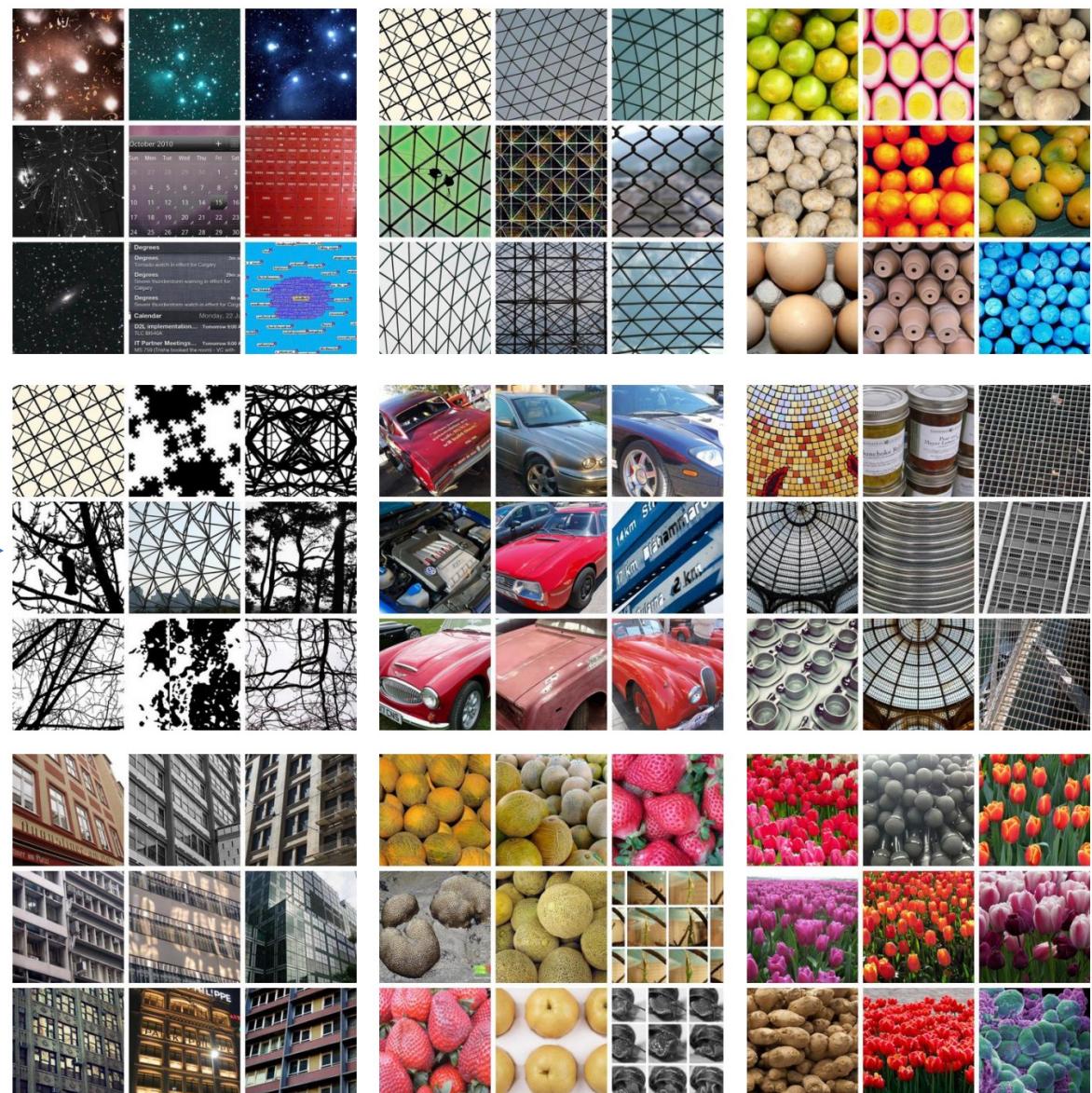
- Learning about a dataset without labels
  - Clustering
  - Finding outliers
  - Generating new examples
  - Filling in missing data



Unsupervised learning



DeepCluster: Deep Clustering for Unsupervised Learning of Visual Features (Caron et al., 2018)



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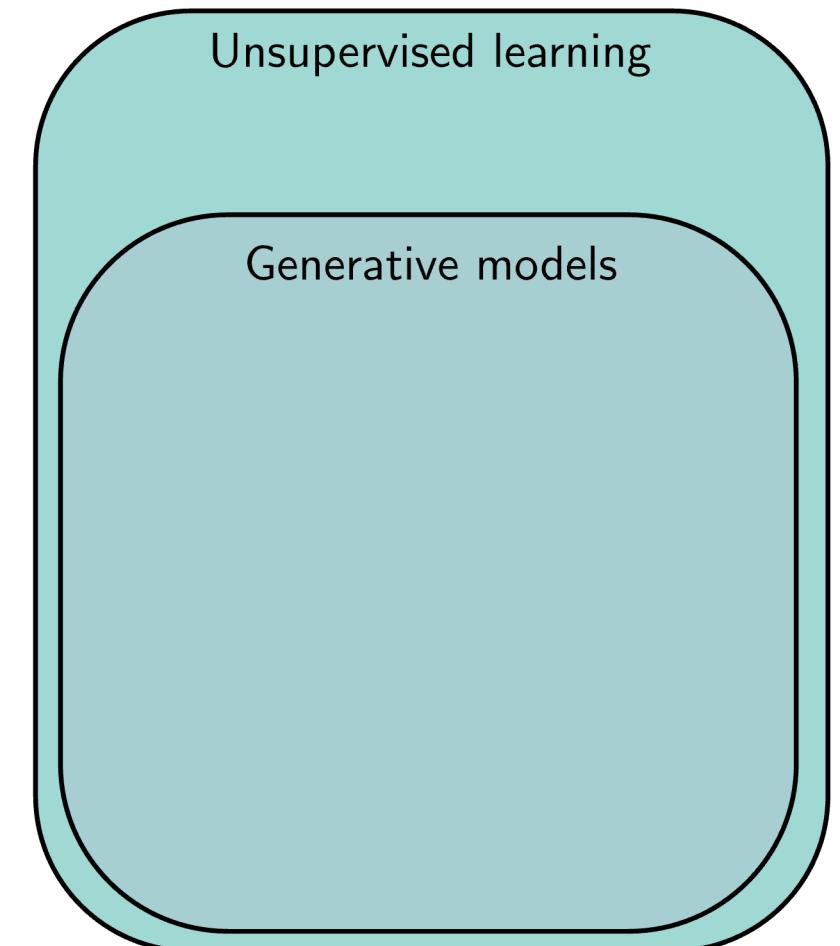
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Deep learning



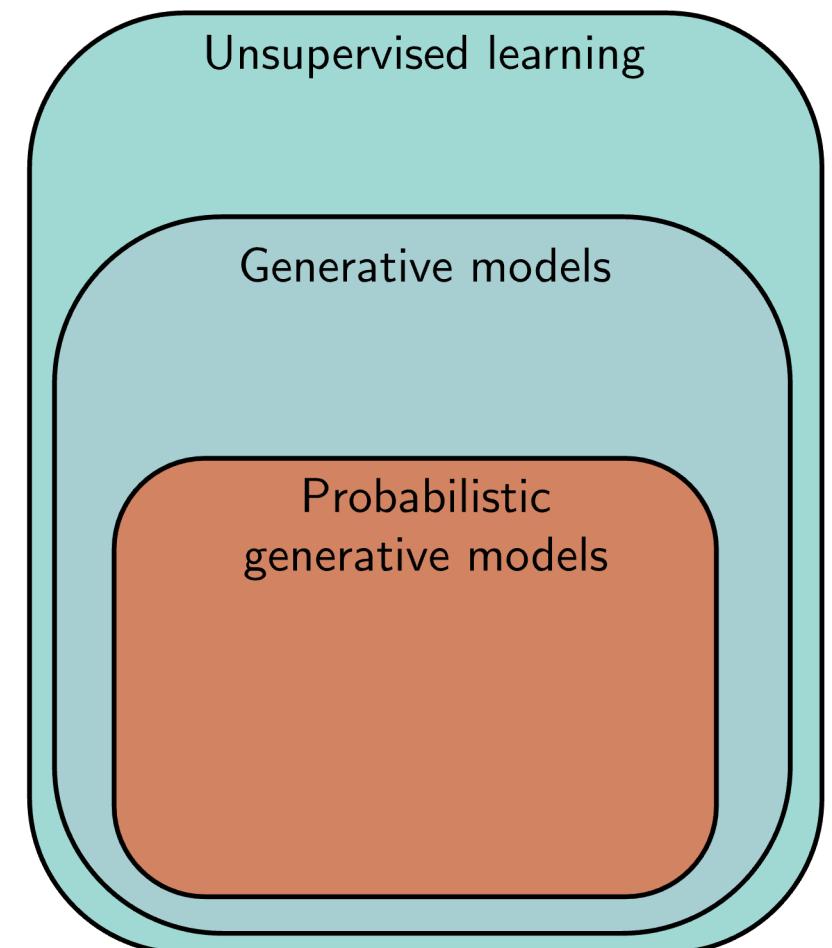
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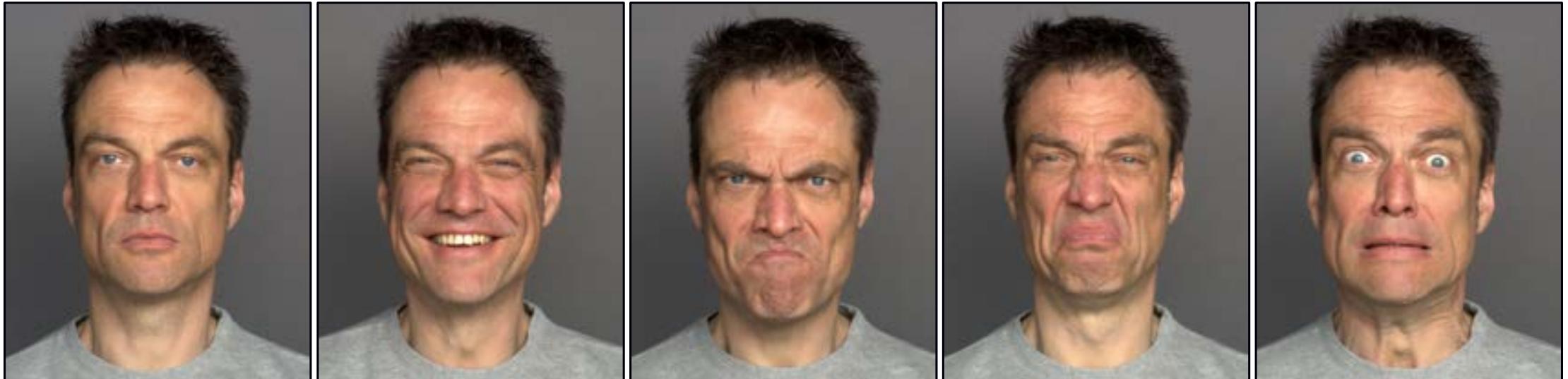


# Unsupervised Learning

- Learning about a dataset without labels
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- Probabilistic Generative Models learn distribution over data
  - e.g., variational autoencoders,
  - e.g., normalizing flows,
  - e.g., diffusion models

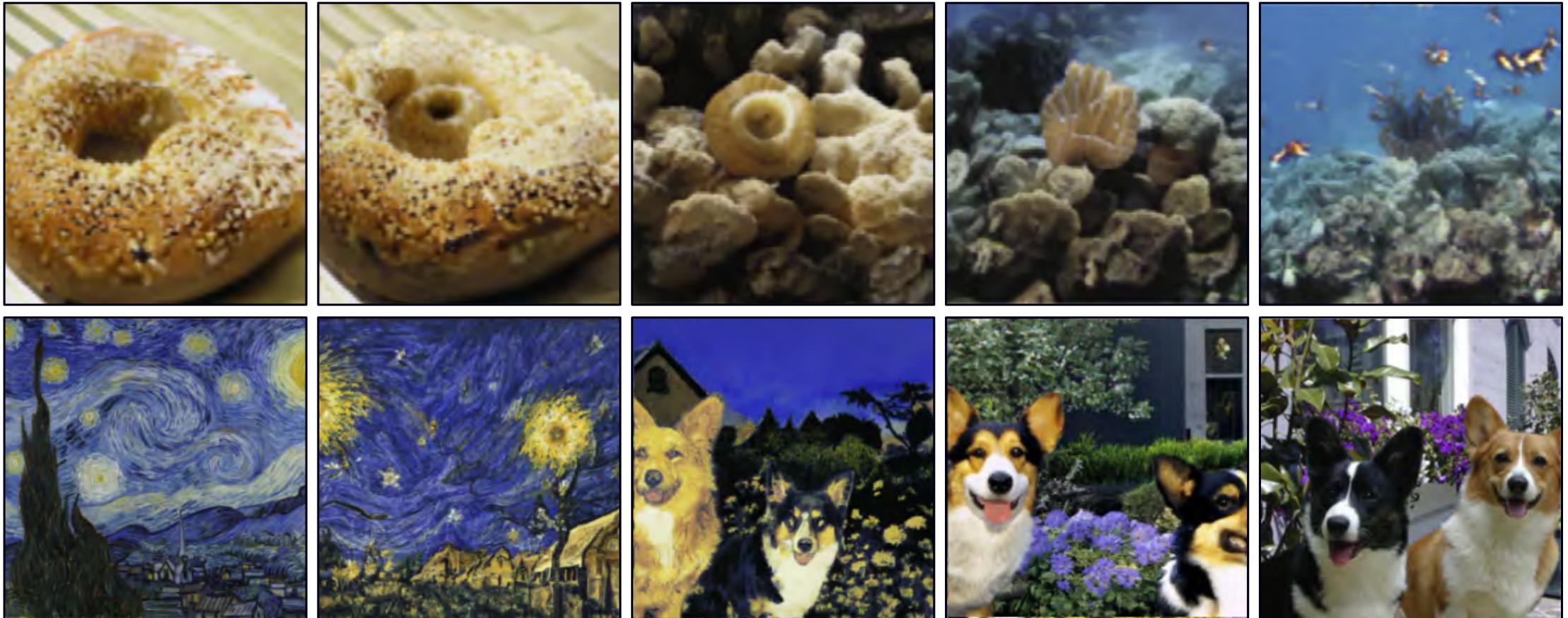


# Why should this work?



- 42 muscles control all possible expressions
- Restrictions on how faces and heads look subject to physics of illumination and reflectance, etc.
- The “manifold” of possible faces is much, much smaller than the combinatoric collection of pixel values

# Interpolation



Axel Sauer, Katja Schwarz, and Andreas Geiger. 2022. *StyleGAN-XL: Scaling StyleGAN to Large Diverse Datasets*. In ACM SIGGRAPH 2022 Conference Proceedings (SIGGRAPH '22). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, Article 49, 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3528233.3530738>

# Conditional synthesis



Saharia, C., Chan, W., Chang, H., Lee, C., Ho, J., Salimans, T., Fleet, D., & Norouzi, M. (2022a). Palette: Image-to-image diffusion models. ACM SIGGRAPH, ([link](#))

# Image/Video/Music Generation



A teenage superhero fighting crime in an urban setting shown in the style of claymation.

Style: pop upbeat

Suno

[Verse]

We're young dreamers with a heart so full  
Ready to learn, ready to break the mold (the mold)  
Neural networks, we're obsessed from the start  
We'll conquer the world, we're gonna make our mark (ooh-yeah)

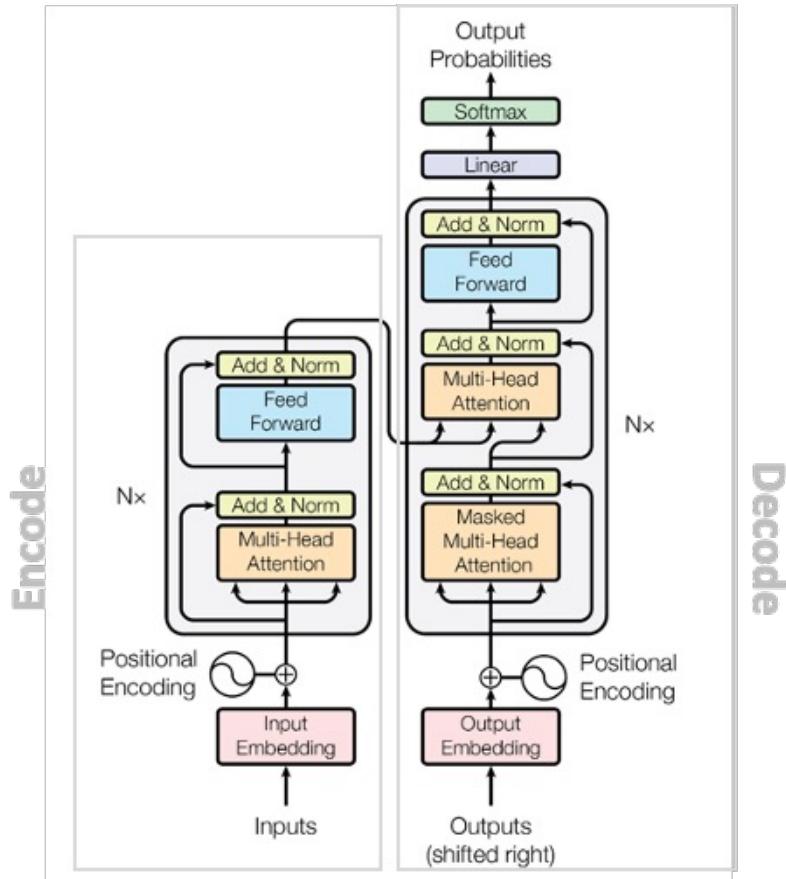
[Chorus]

We're wired for success, ready to fly (ready to fly)  
A generation united, reaching for the sky (reaching high)  
Neural networks, our minds will ignite (ignite)  
We'll change the world with all our might (ooh-yeah, all right)

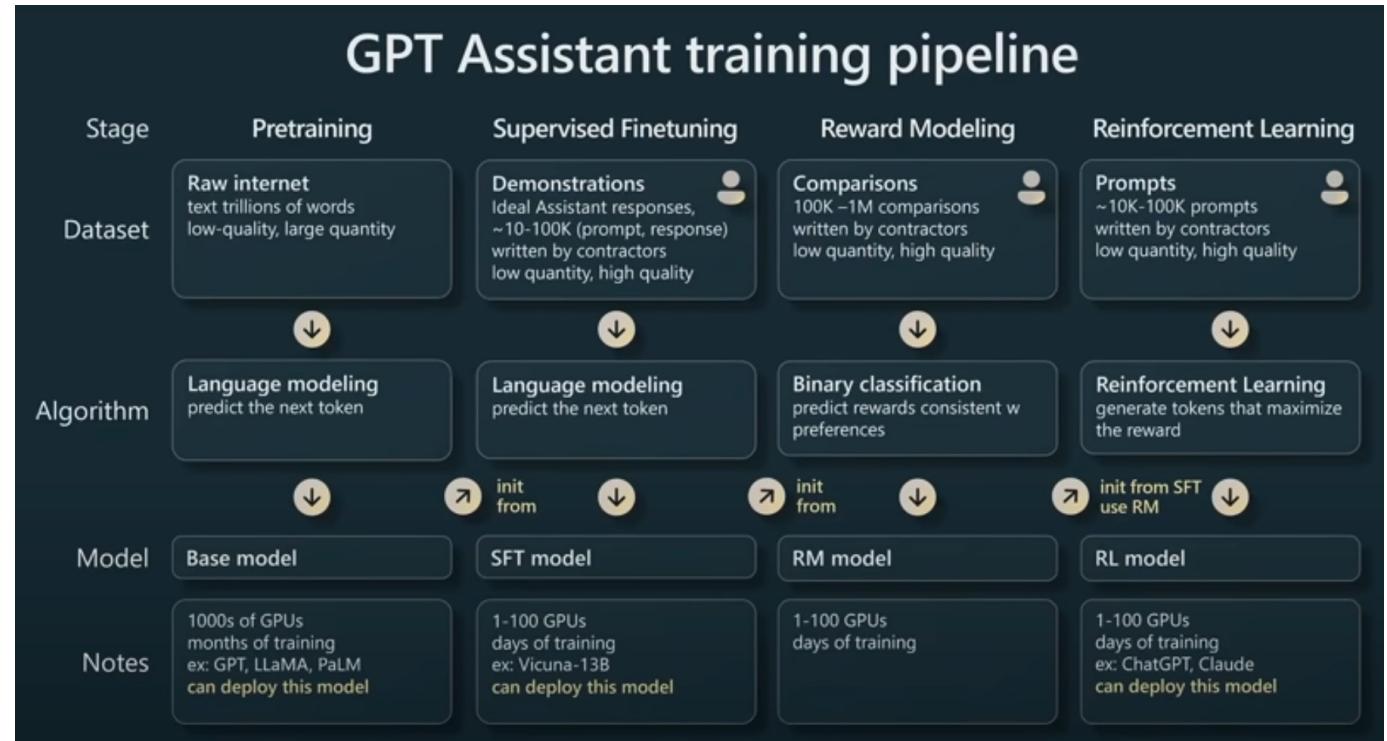
A colorful, abstract background with swirling purple, pink, and orange lights, serving as a visual for the generated pop song lyrics.

Write a short pop song about students wanting to learn about neural networks and do great things with them.

# Transformers, GPTs and Assistants

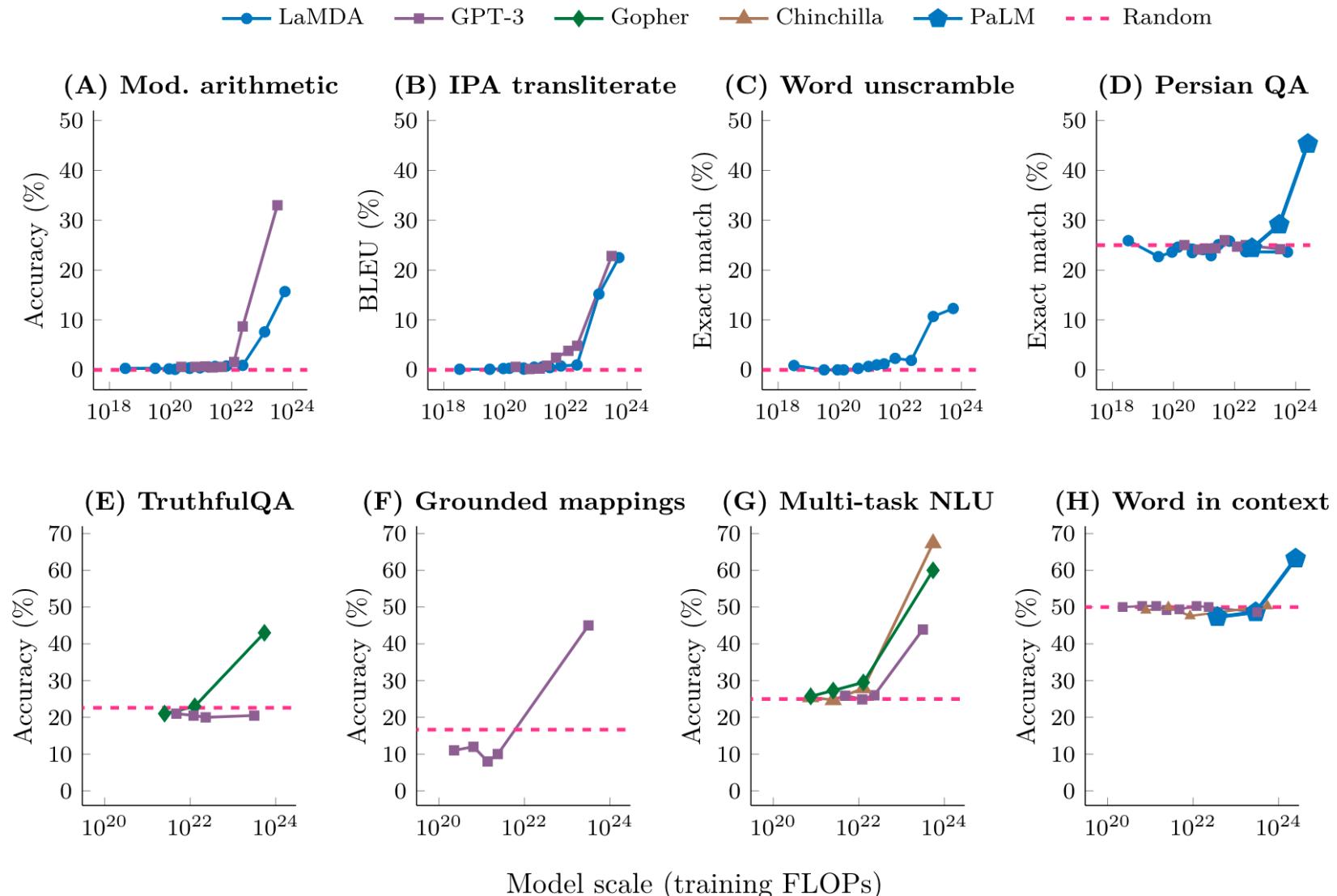


A. Vaswani *et al.*, “Attention is All you Need,” presented at the 31st Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2017), Long Beach, CA, USA, 2017, p. 11. [Online]. Available: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.03762>



[State of GPT, Andrej Karpathy, MS Build Keynote](#)

# Emergent Abilities of Large Language Models



# Artificial intelligence

Machine learning

Supervised  
learning

Unsupervised  
learning

Reinforcement  
learning

Deep learning



# Reinforcement learning

- A set of **states**
- A set of **actions**
- A set of **rewards**
- Goal: take actions to change the state so that you receive rewards
- You don't receive any data – you have to explore the environment yourself to gather data as you go

# Example: chess

- States are valid states of the chess board
- Actions at a given time are valid possible moves
- Positive rewards for taking pieces, negative rewards for losing them

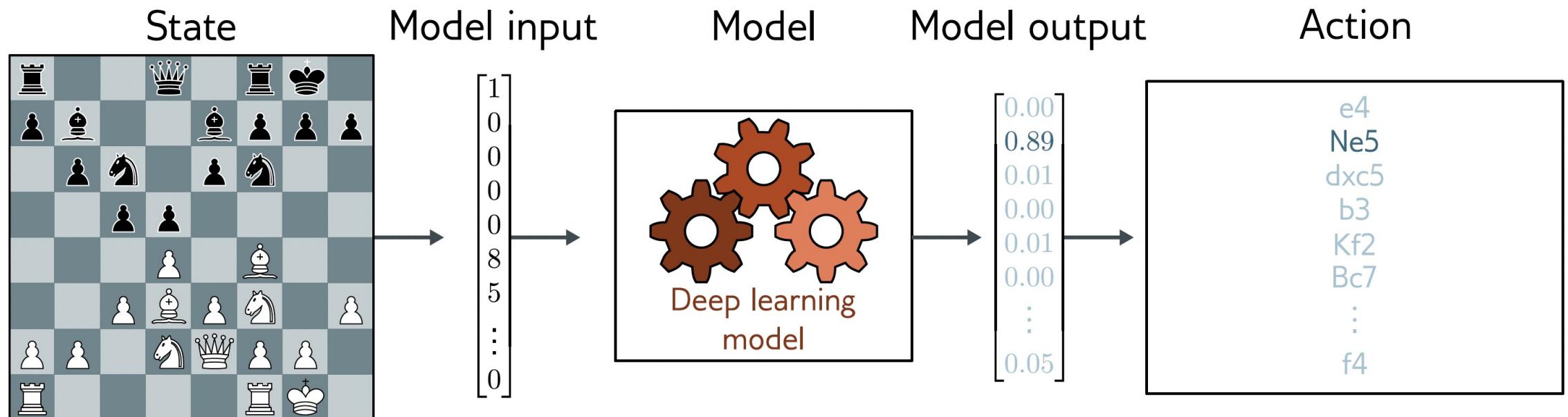


Action

:  
e4  
Ne5  
dxc5  
b3  
Kf2  
Bc7  
:  
f4

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# Why is this difficult?

- Stochastic
  - Make the same move twice, the opponent might not do the same thing
  - Rewards also stochastic (opponent does or doesn't take your piece)
- Temporal credit assignment problem
  - Did we get the reward because of this move? Or because we made good tactical decisions somewhere in the past?
- Exploration-exploitation trade-off
  - If we found a good opening, should we use this?
  - Or should we try other things, hoping for something better?

# History of Neural Networks

# Abbreviated History of NNs

- 1943: McCulloch & Pitts – Calculus of neurons
- 1947-49: Donald Hebb – Plasticity of neurons
- 1956: Minsky, McCarthy, Shannon... Dartmouth Summer Research Project on AI
- 1957: Rosenblatt – Perceptron, HW implementation of 20x20 CV
- 1959: Hubel & Weisel – Visual cortex and receptive fields
- 1960: Widrow & Hoff – Adaptive Linear Neuron (ADALINE)
- 1969: Minsky & Papert – Perceptrons: computation limitations of neurons

# Continued (abbreviated) History

- 1979 – Fukushima: [Neocognitron](#), cascade of neural structures that can classify shapes, invariant to shift, learned from data
- 1982 – [Hopfield Networks](#), recurrent artificial neural networks
- 1983 – [Hinton & Sejnowski](#): Boltzmann Machines
- 1985 – Rumelhart, Hinton, Williams: Practical backpropagation
- 1989 – LeCun – Backprop on Convolutional Neural Networks
- 1991 – Bottou & Galinari – Automatic differentiation (autograd)
- 2012 – AlexNet (DNN on GPU trained on ImageNet)
- 2016 – Kaiming He: ResNet

# A Brief History of Transformers

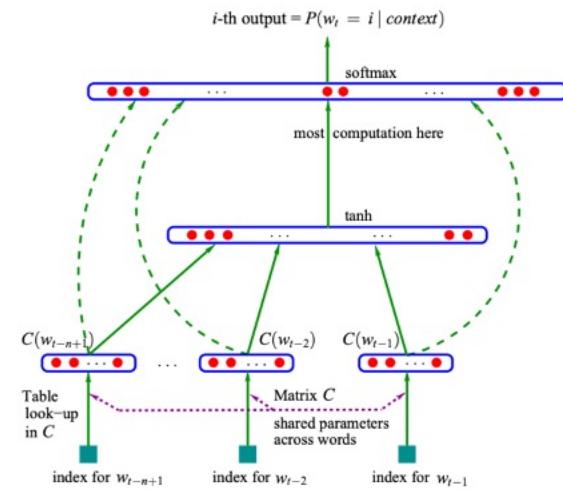


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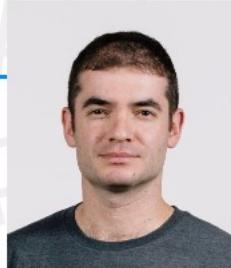


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Bengio\*

# A Neural Probabilistic Language Model



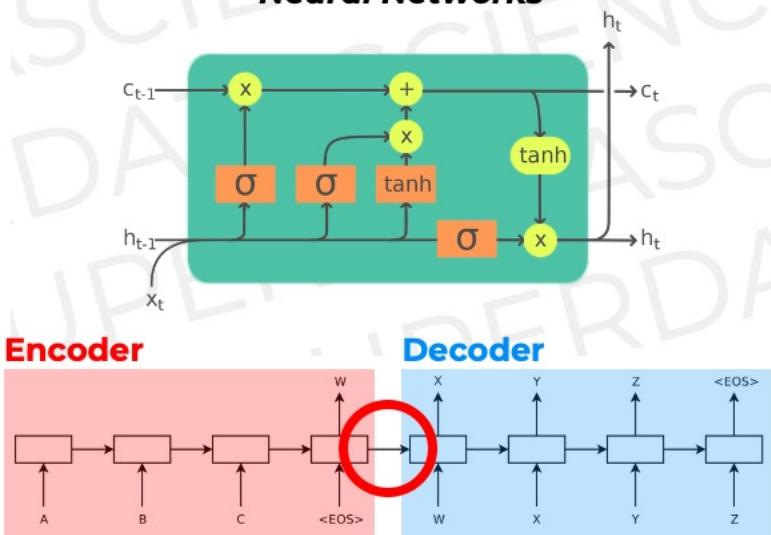
2014



Ilya  
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Use LSTMs

# **Seq-to-Seq Learning with Neural Networks**



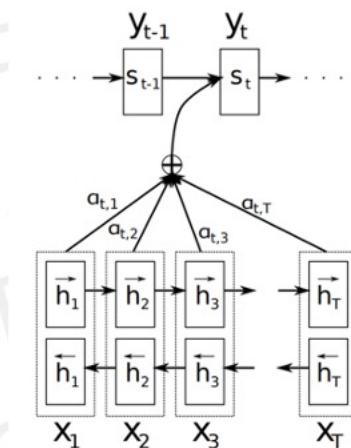
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## Remove LSTMs

# **Neural Machine Translation by Jointly Learning to Align and Translate**

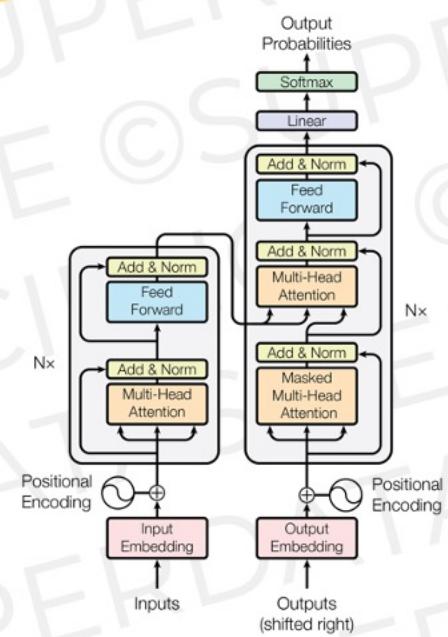


2017



A Team  
at Google

**Attention is all you need**



\*And others: Chronological analysis inspired by Andrei Karpathy's lecture, [youtube.com/watch?v=XfpMkf4rD6E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfpMkf4rD6E)

# Course Logistics

# Course Website: <https://dl4ds.github.io/sp2024/>



## Deep Learning for Data Science (DL4DS) / Spring 2024

### Announcements

- Jan 10, 2024:  
Added lecture titles and first version of the project description. The notes, codes and slides links are still placeholders.
- Dec 4, 2023:  
This course web site is under active construction. Check back regularly for updates.  
The Schedule, Lectures, Assignments, Projects and Materials pages are being updated and will be posted soon.

### Course Abstract

In this course we will dive into Deep Learning. We'll balance important theoretical concepts with hands on network training and applications using modern deep learning python frameworks. We'll explore numerous network architectures like CNNs, transformers, and the rapidly developing state-of-the-art of large pre-trained foundation models. You'll have the chance to apply what you've learned in a final project.

**Lectures:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30pm – 4:15pm

**Location:** CAS 208

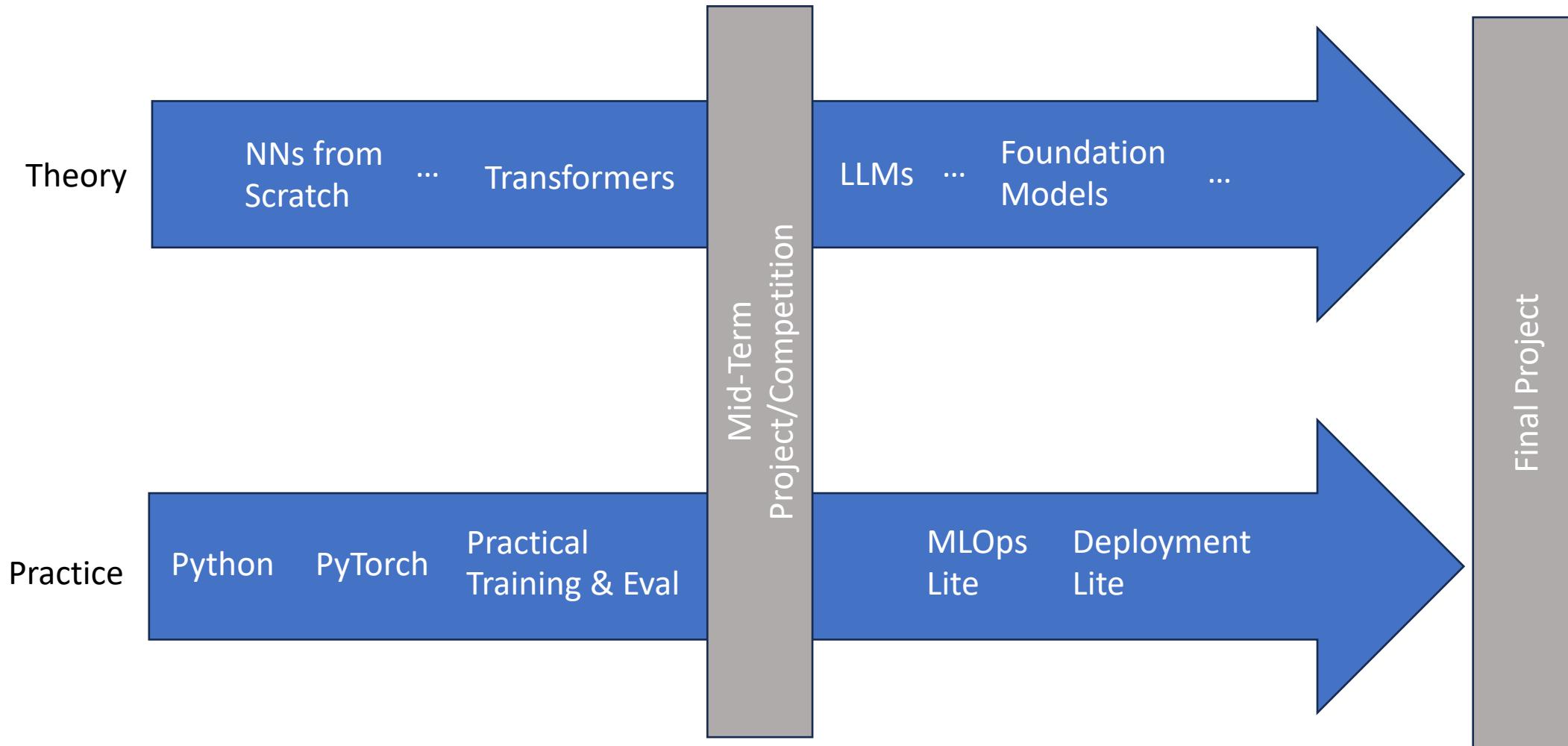
**Discussion Session I:** Wednesdays, 11:15am – 12:05pm

**Location:** CDS 164

**Discussion Session II:** Wednesdays, 3:35pm – 4:25pm

**Location:** CDS 1526

# Balancing Theory and Practice – Two Tracks



# Course Outline -- Lectures

## First Half

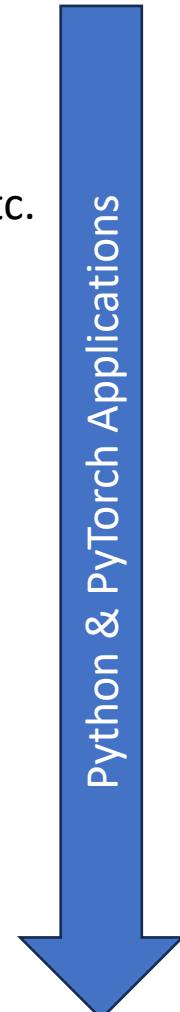
1. Intro, Project Ideas, Course Logistics
2. Supervised Learning
3. Shallow Networks
4. Deep Networks
5. Loss Functions
6. Fitting Models
7. Gradients
8. Initialization
9. Measuring Performance
10. Regularization
11. Convolutional Neural Networks
12. Residual Networks
13. Transformers
- 14. Mid-term Project Presentations**
- 15. Mid-term Project Presentations**



## Spring Break

## Second Half

16. Language Embeddings and Models
17. Foundation Models
18. Fine Tuning (LoRA, ...) Transfer Learning, etc.
19. Cognitive Architecture, RAG, Chatbots
20. Multimodal Transformers and Foundation Models
21. Graph Neural Networks
22. Unsupervised Learning
23. GANs
24. Diffusion Models
25. Reinforcement Learning
26. Tentative: Future Directions
27. Final Project Presentations
28. Final Project Presentations



# Discussions Outline – Python and PyTorch

Subject to some tweaks

## First Half

### Week

1. Intro to Pytorch, Tensors, and Tensor Operations.
2. Derivatives, Autograd, and Computational Graphs in Pytorch.
3. Workflow of training a custom model using `torch.nn`. Loss functions and activation functions.
4. Deep-dive 1: How to read data, how to load data, how to preprocess data in Pytorch (creating a custom dataset, how to use `collate_fn` in a dataloader, tokenizing text, image augmentation etc).
5. Deep-dive 2: Looking deeper into the available building blocks in `torch.nn`.
6. Deep-dive 3: Measuring Model performance, Maintaining Logs during training (logging, weights and biases etc), hyper parameter tuning/search using optuna or other frameworks.
7. Debugging Models, Visualizing intermediate layers, explainability/interpretability. (Trying to open up the black box)

## Second Half

### Week

8. TBD
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.

Spring Break

# Course Project --

<https://dl4ds.github.io/sp2024/project/>

- Work individually or in teams of 2-3
- Can be application, algorithmic, theoretical or combination thereof
- Some example ideas on the website, but propose new ones!
- Project proposal due Feb. 16
- Deliverables:
  - Code in GitHub repo
  - Report/paper
  - 3-4 minute video
- More info later, but feel free to brainstorm with me now

## Possible Projects

- Class AI Tutor
- Teacher's AI Assistant
- CDS Curriculum AI Assistant
- CDS Building Recycling Advisor
- Media Bias Detection
- Herbaria Foundation Model
- Modern Implementation of Classic Models
- Develop a new dataset for a new class of problem and an initial model
- ...*your ideas here...*

*Look at Kaggle, Conferences, Workshops, Datasets....*

# Jupyter Notebooks / NBGrader

- Short Jupyter notebooks to help ground theory with python
- We'll be experimenting with using [NBGrader](#) for autograding and manually grading
  - Pay attention to instructions on how to collect and submit your notebooks
- You can do them on Google Colab or in your own environment
- First notebook is out to get you started... reach out with questions

# Homework

- Short assignments every week to help you check your understanding
- The first assignment is your Statement of Purpose
  - What do you want to get out of the class?
  - What areas in particular interest you?
  - What's your learning style?

# Mid-term Kaggle Competition

- Work individually
- Details to be posted
- In-class presentations on your approach and results

# Grade Weighting – No “*High Stakes*” Exams

Item	Percentage
Final Project	40%
Mid-term Project/Competition	25%
Jupyter Notebooks	15%
Homeworks	15%
Class Participation/Attendance	5%

# Generative AI Assistance (GAIA) Policy

<https://dl4ds.github.io/sp2024/index.html#gaia-policy>

1. Give credit to AI tools whenever used, even if only to generate ideas rather than usable text, illustrations or code.  
...  
3. When using AI tools on \_coding\_ assignments, unless prohibited
  1. Add the prompt text and tool used as comments before the generated code. Clarify whether the code was used as is, or modified somewhat, moderately or significantly.  
...  
5. Use AI tools wisely and intelligently, aiming to deepen understanding of subject matter and to support learning.

Focus on your learning objectives!

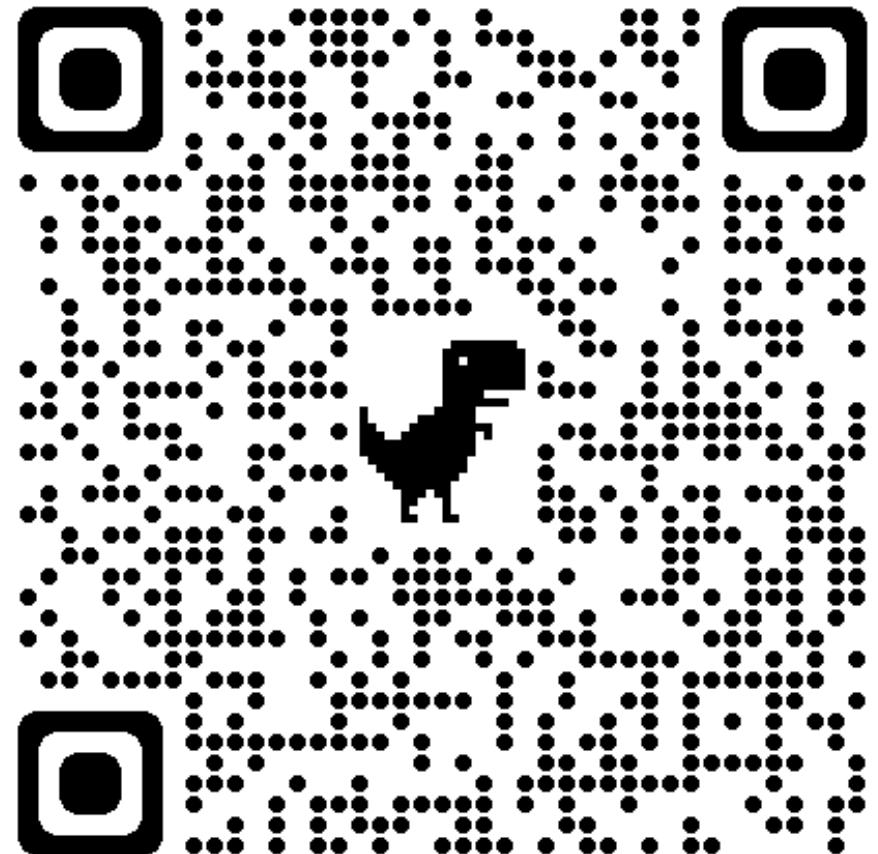
# How to succeed in this class

- Do the readings before the lecture – come with questions
- Stay on top of the Jupyter notebook and problem set knowledge checks
- Think about project ideas early. Talk about them with peers, advisors and instructors early and often.
- Put the time in on mid-term competition and final project... there's ramp up effort on both and the real returns come towards the end
- Be mindful of generative AI assistance. Your goal is proficiency and fluency. GAIA can rob you of that

# Most importantly!!

- Pursue your curiosity
- Challenge yourself intellectually in this exciting and fast-moving area
- Explore your interests
- ... and let's have fun!

## Feedback?



[Link](#)