

COMP 6611C: Advanced Topics in Embedded AI Systems

Lecture 1: Machine Learning Basics

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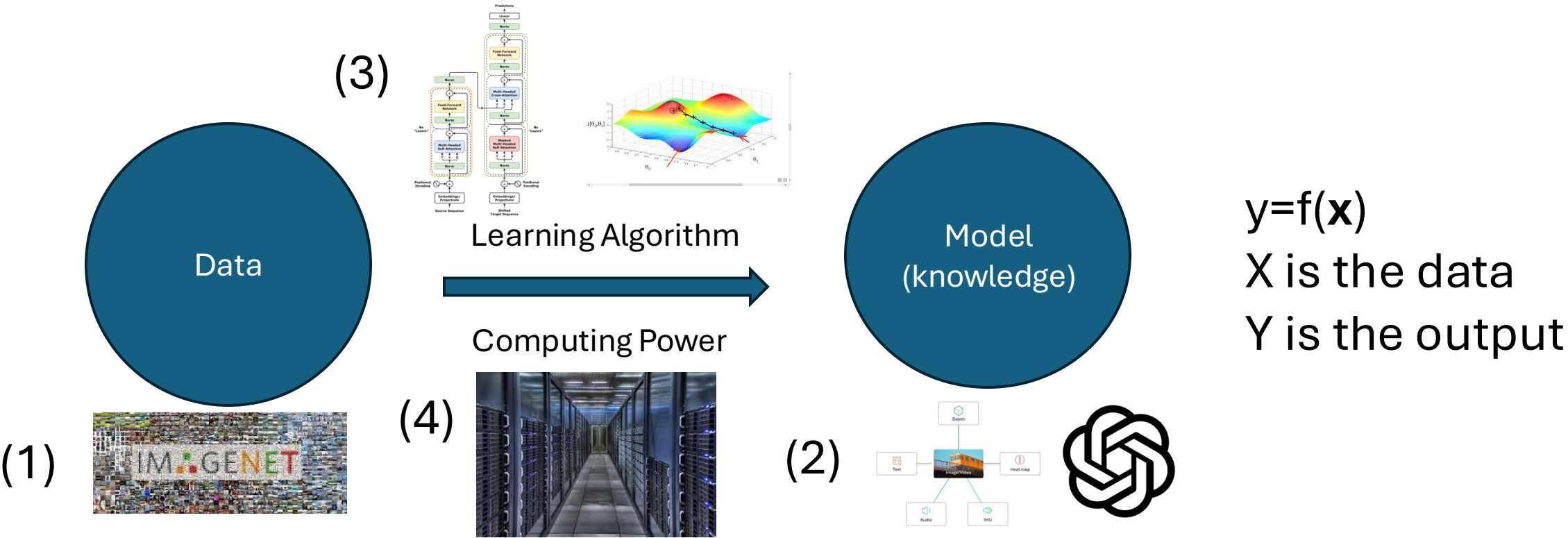
Recap

- Auditing students:
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- Late submission policy:
 - 20% reduction per day, request approval if having emergency
 - Only for project report and paper reviews, pre slides are more casual
- Q&A recording [spreadsheet](#)

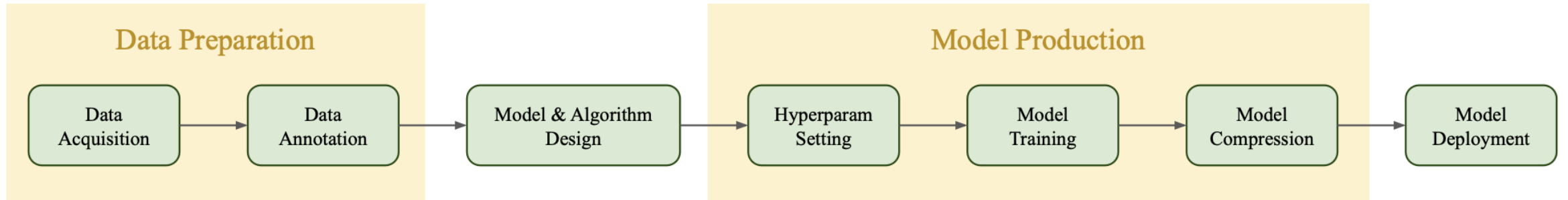
Outline

- **Overview of Machine Learning**
- Machine Learning Paradigms
- Model Architectures
- Machine Learning Systems
- Applications

What is Machine Learning



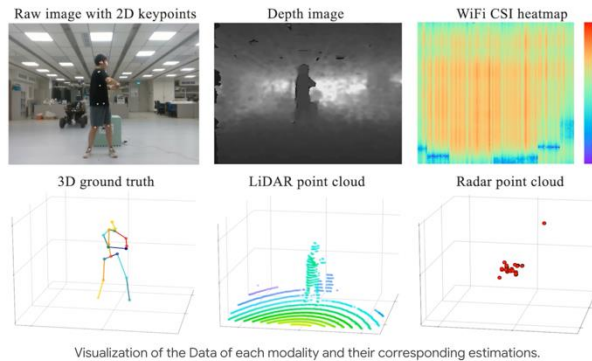
Workflow of Machine Learning



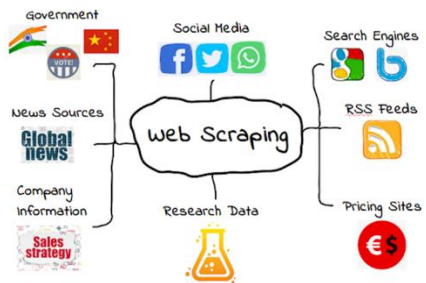
- Data Preparation
- Model & Algorithm Design
- Model Training
- Model Deployment and Inference

Data Preparation

➤ Data Acquisition



Captured by sensors

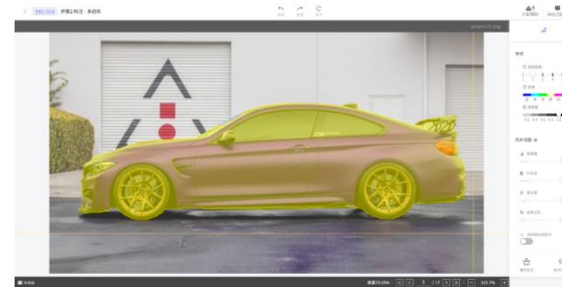


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Synthetic data

➤ Data Annotation



➤ Data Preprocess

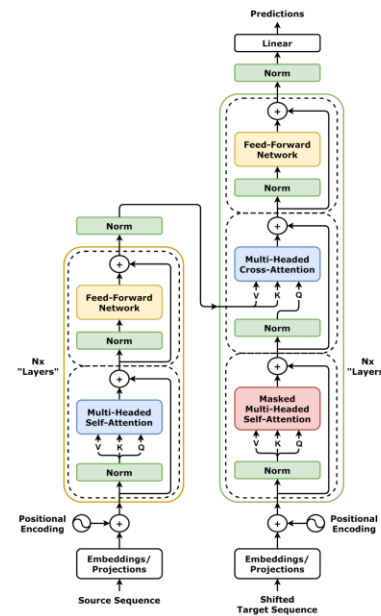
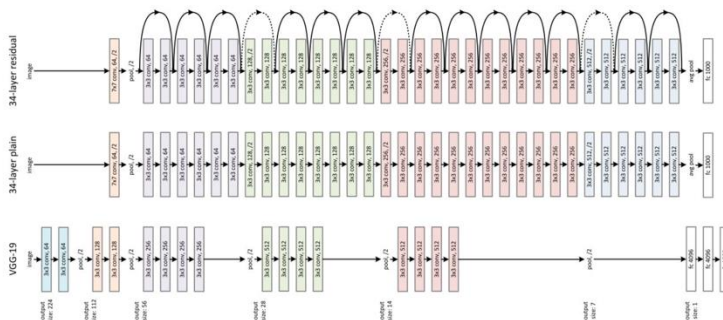
- Normalization
- Feature selection
- Crop, resize
- Augmentation
- ...



Model & Algorithm Design

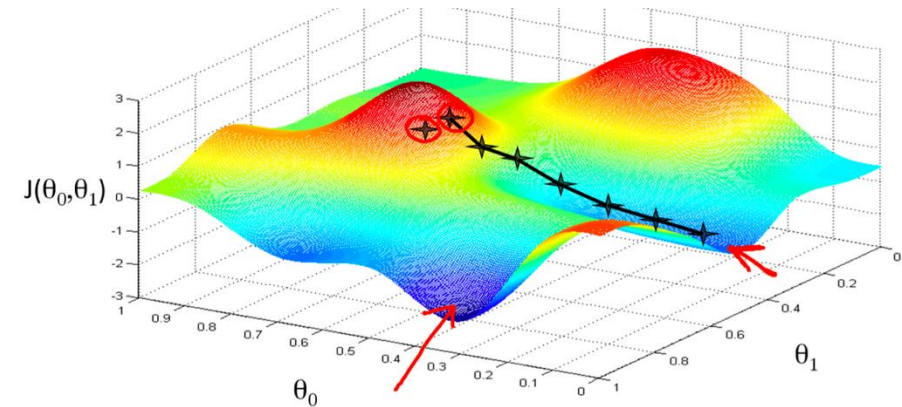
➤ Model Architecture

- MLP
- CNN
- RNN
- ResNet
- Transformers



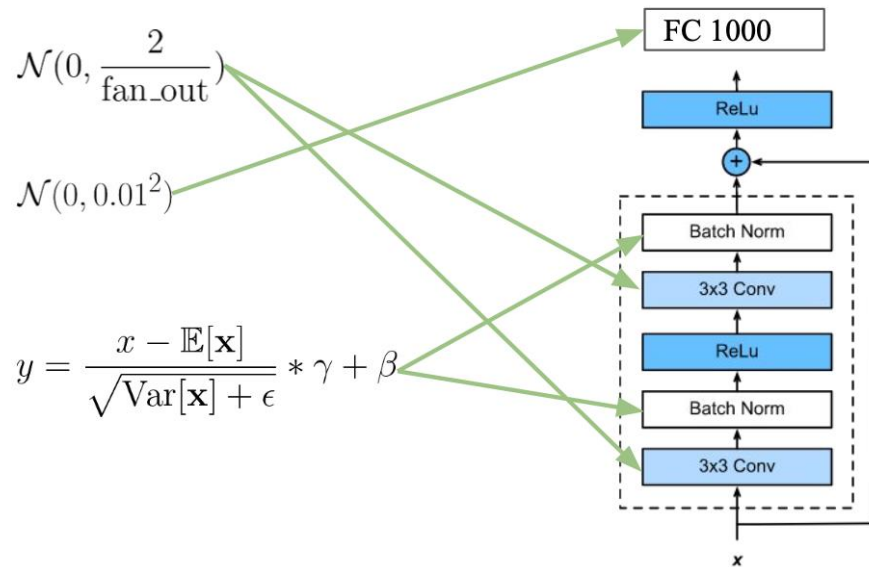
➤ Learning Algorithms

- Gradient Descent
- Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)
- Adaptive Moment Estimation (Adam)



Model Training

➤ Weight Initialization



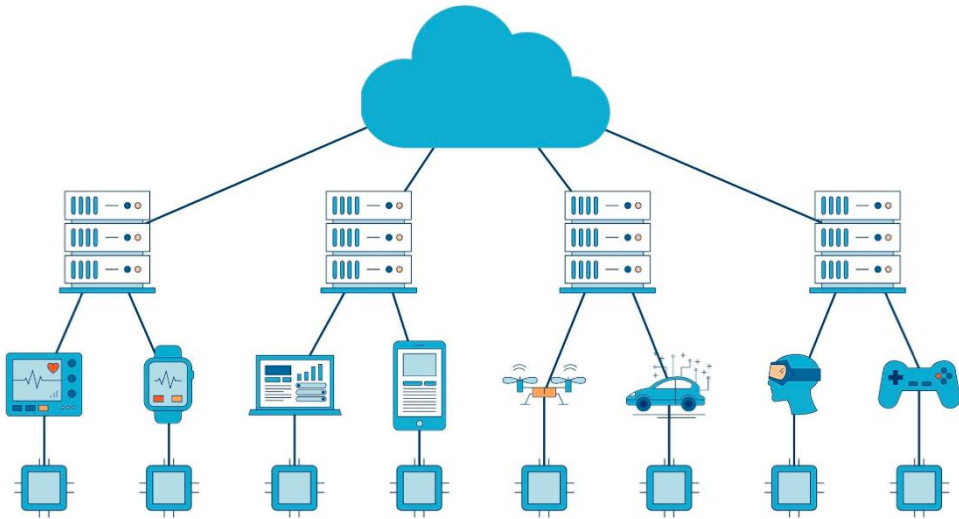
- Zero Initialization
- Random Initialization
- Kaiming initialization
- Gaussian distribution
- ...

➤ Hyperparameters

- Model design
 - the number of layers
 - the size of each layer
 - other layer parameters
 - activation functions
- Learning algorithm
 - choice of optimizers
 - learning rate
 - batch size
 - dropout ratios

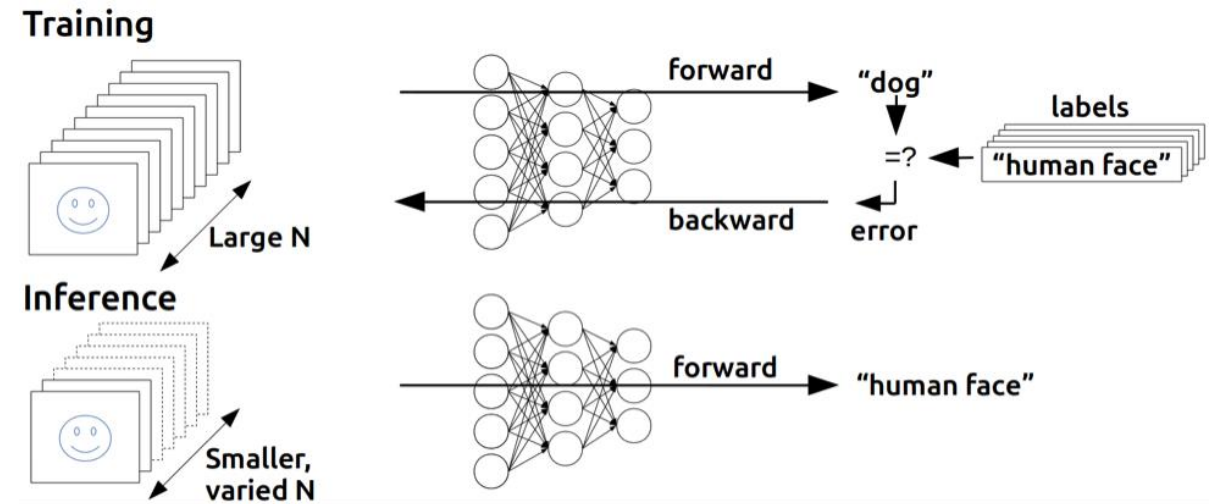
Model Deployment and Inference

➤ Model Deployment



- Cloud-Edge-Devices
- Model compression/partition
- Model finetuning and adaptation

➤ Model Inference



- Accuracy, latency, energy, memory

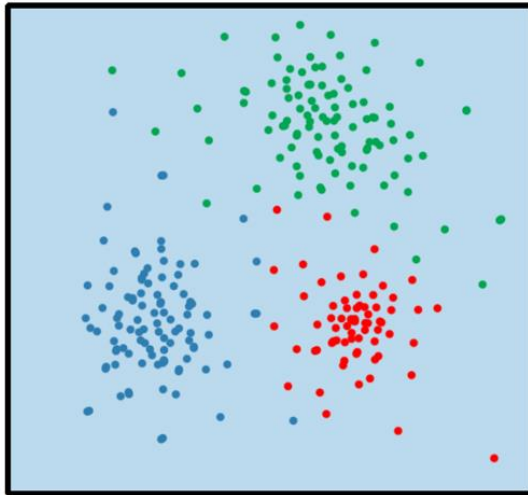
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Types of Machine Learning

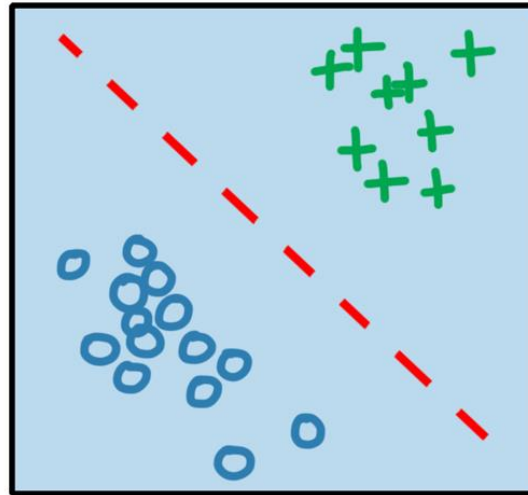
machine learning

unsupervised
learning



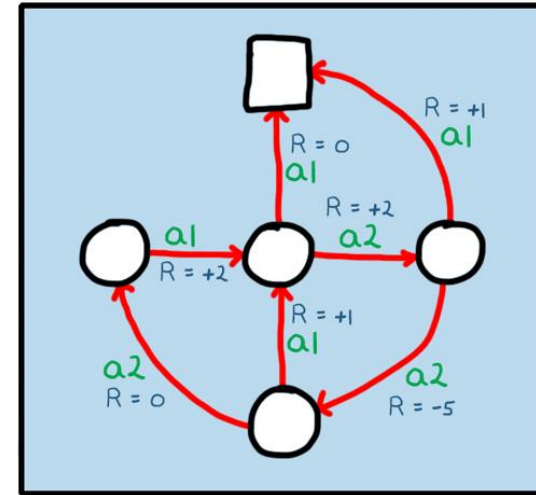
Data-driven

supervised
learning



Task-driven

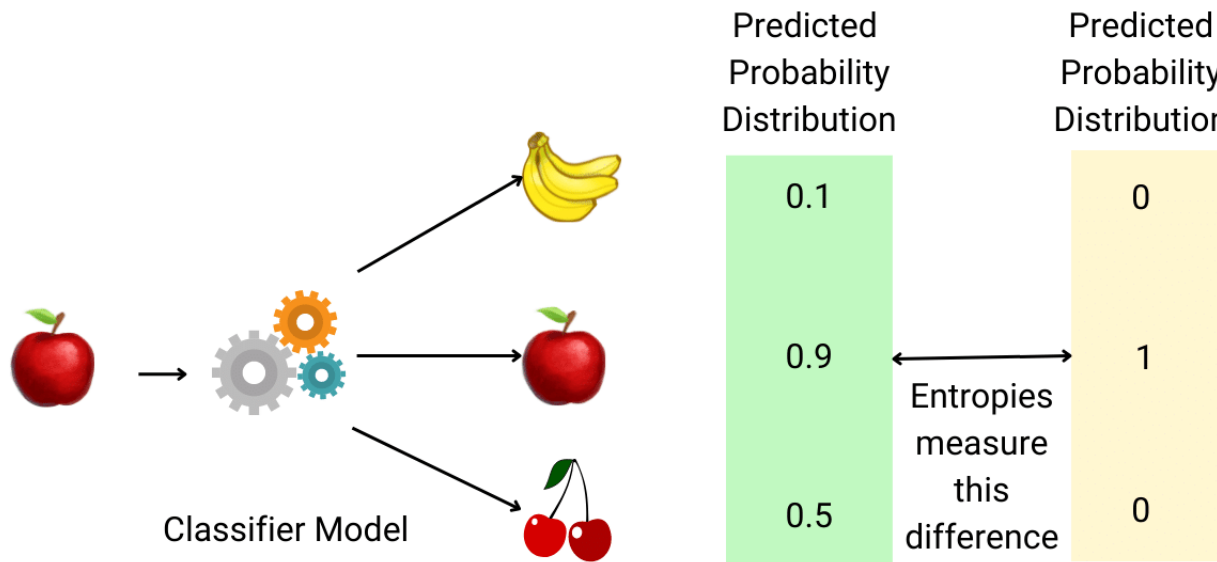
reinforcement
learning



Learn from mistakes

Supervised Learning

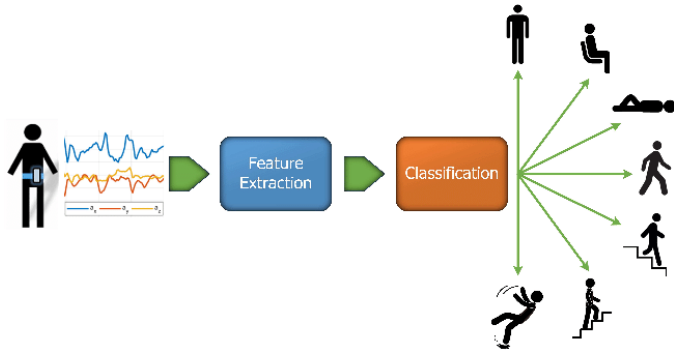
- Given a dataset with data and labels (\mathbf{x} , \mathbf{y}), find a function that **maps** $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}$



Training Loss is calculated by comparing predictions with \mathbf{y} , e.g., cross entropy loss

Supervised Learning

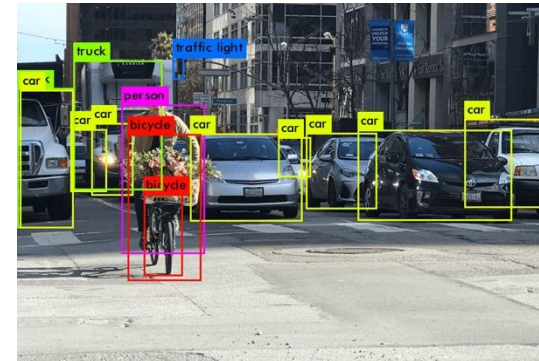
➤ Applications



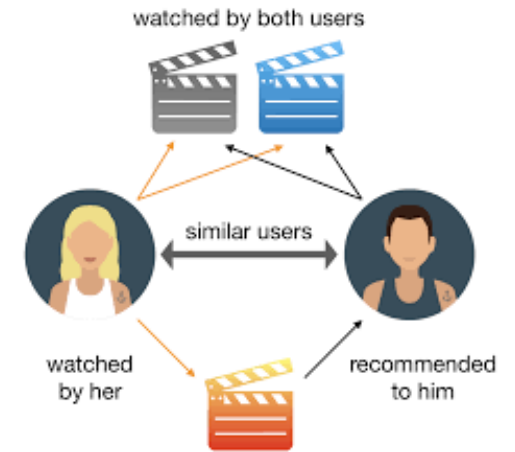
Classification



Regression



Detection



Recommendation

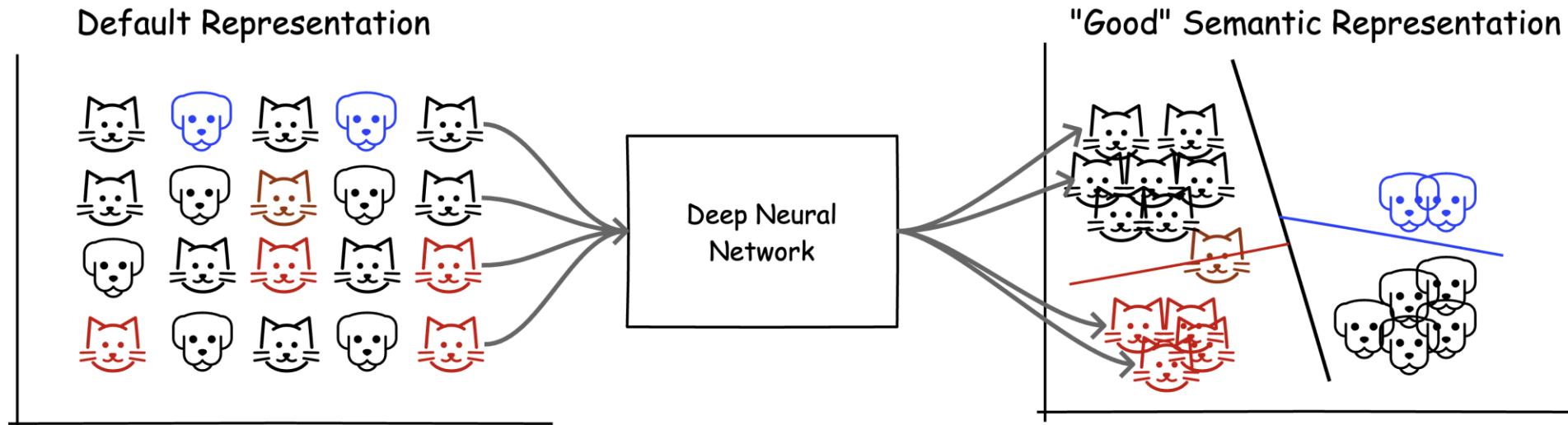
Supervised Learning

➤ Approaches

- Linear Regression,
- Logistic Regression
- Decision Tree
- Random Forests
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)
- Naive Bayes
- Neural Networks

Unsupervised Learning

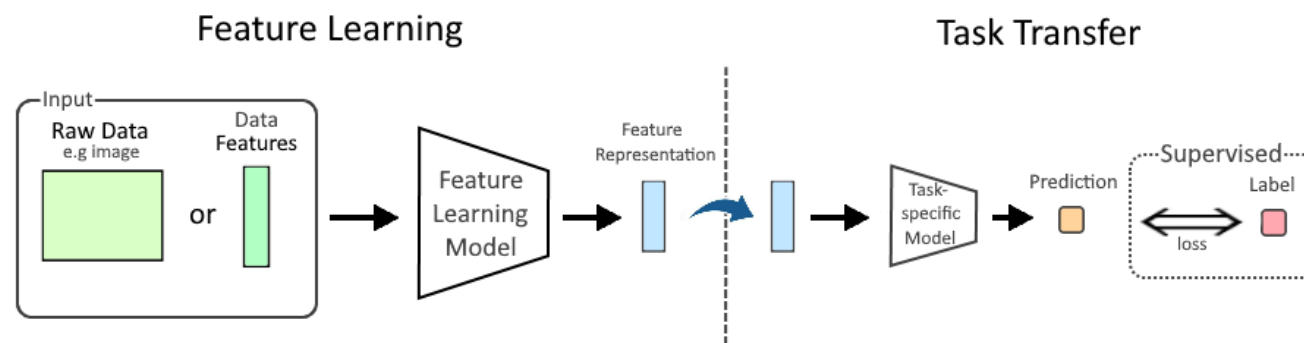
- Given a dataset with only data \mathbf{x} , learn an **effective representation** of \mathbf{x}



Unsupervised Learning

➤ Applications


Finetuned for
Downstream Tasks



Generation



✦ Sure, here is an image of a futuristic car driving through an old mountain road surrounded by nature:

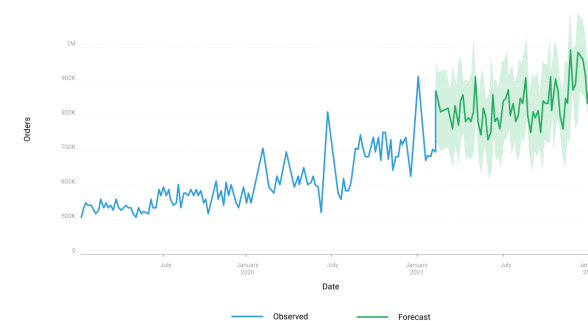
 Hi, I'm DeepSeek.

How can I help you today?

Message DeepSeek

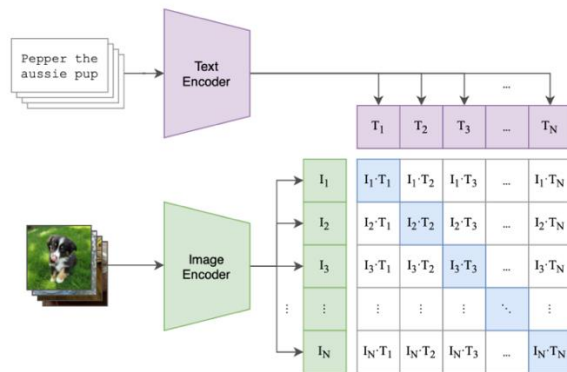
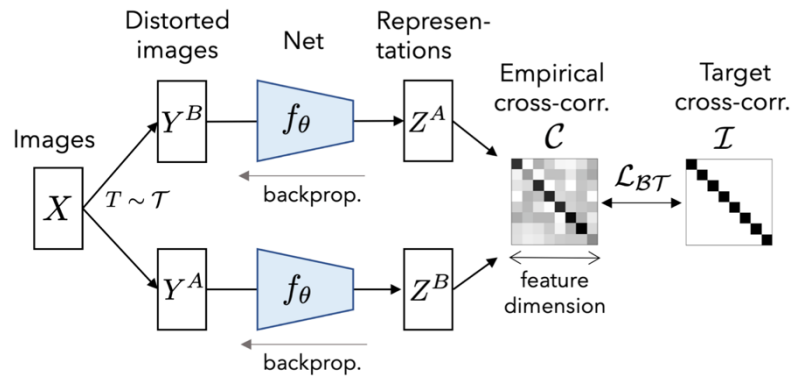
DeepThink (R1)

Search

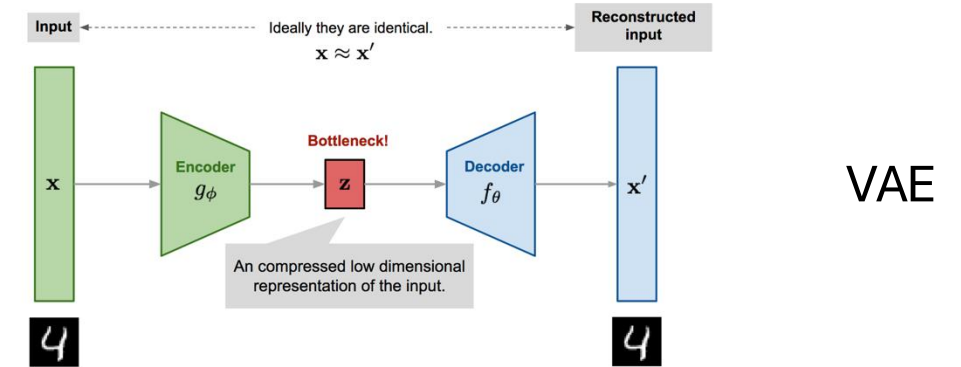


Unsupervised Learning

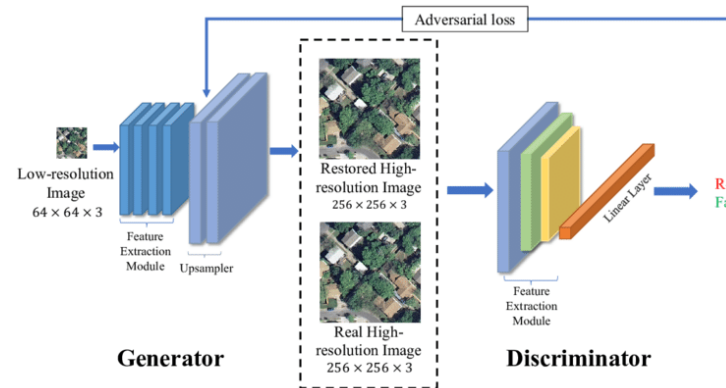
➤ Approaches



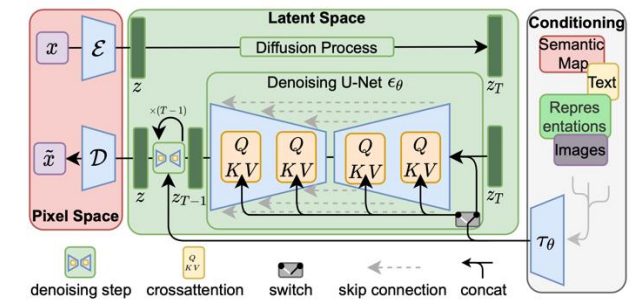
Contrastive Learning



VAE



GAN

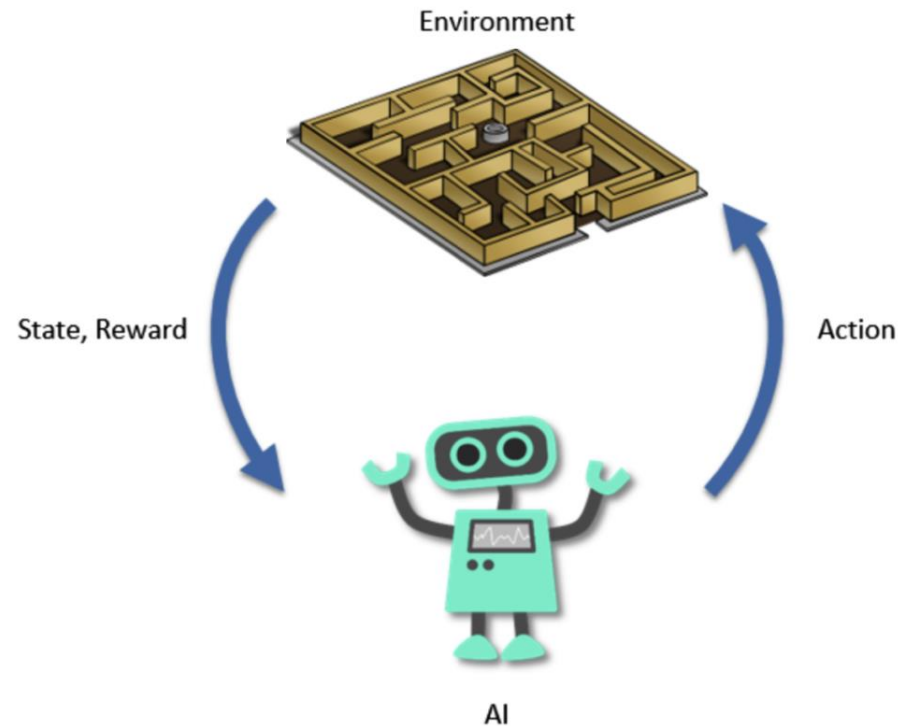


Diffusion

Reconstruction

Reinforcement Learning

- Given a dataset with state, action and reward (\mathbf{s} , \mathbf{a} , r), find a function to **maximize the reward r**



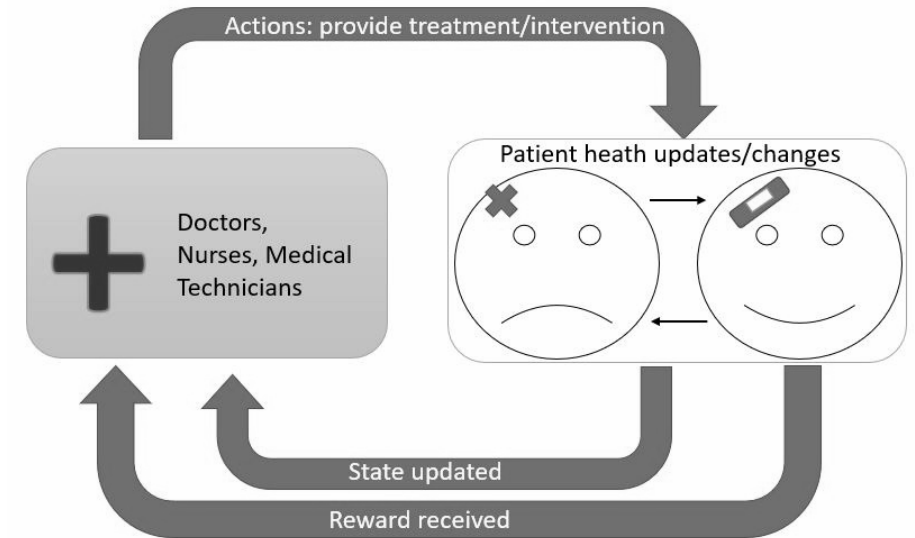
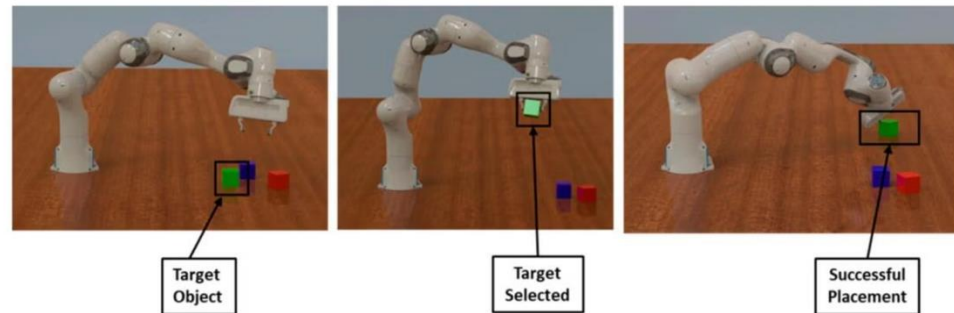
Reinforcement Learning

➤ Applications

Alpha Go



Robotic Control



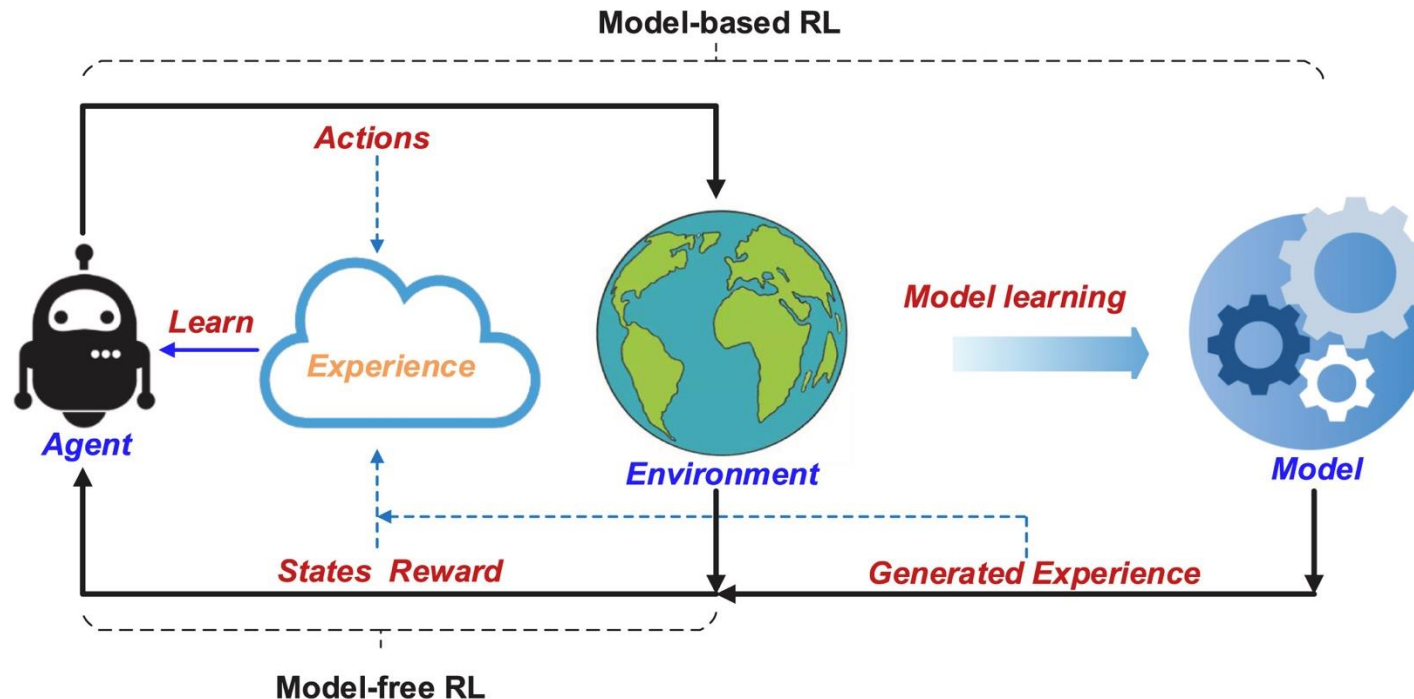
Health Intervention

Reinforcement Learning

➤ Approaches

Model-based RL: build a model for the environment, sample-efficient

Model-free RL: learn directly from environment, simpler to implement



How to choose different paradigms

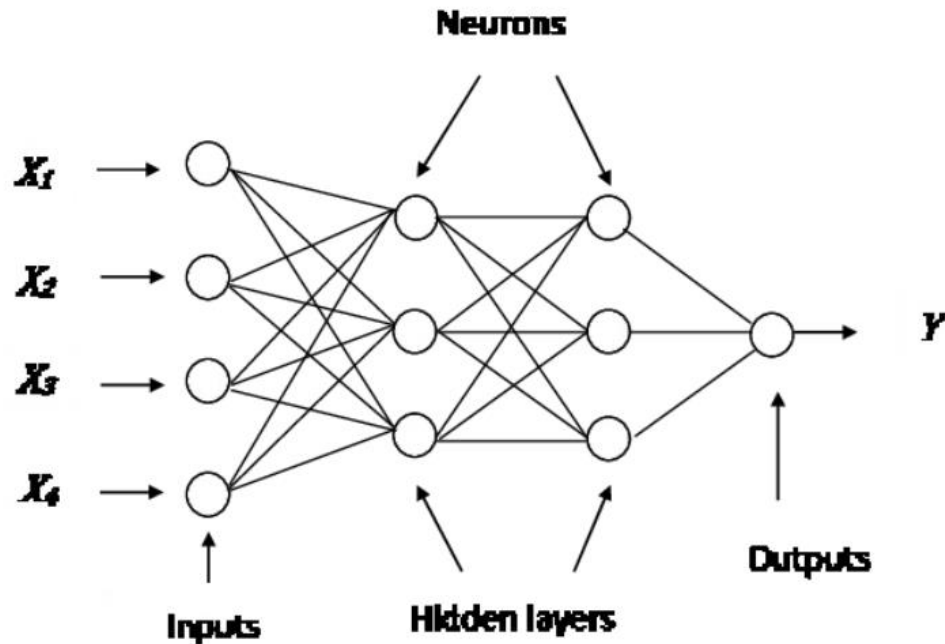
- Lots of **labelled data**: supervised learning
- Lots of **unlabelled data**: unsupervised learning
- No data labels, only **feedback signals**: reinforcement learning

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Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

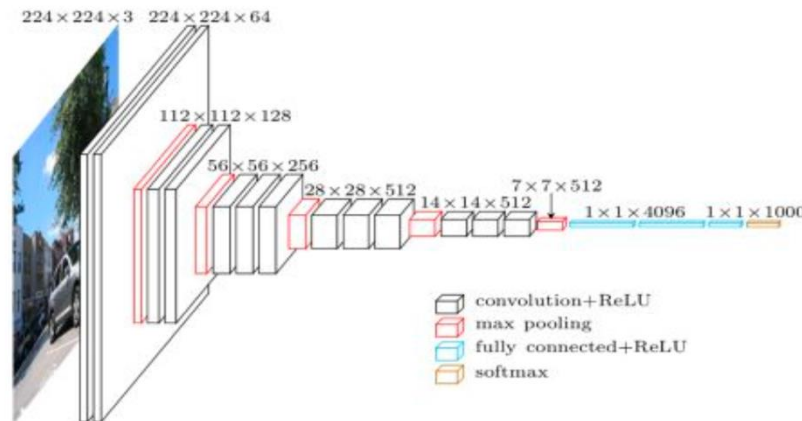
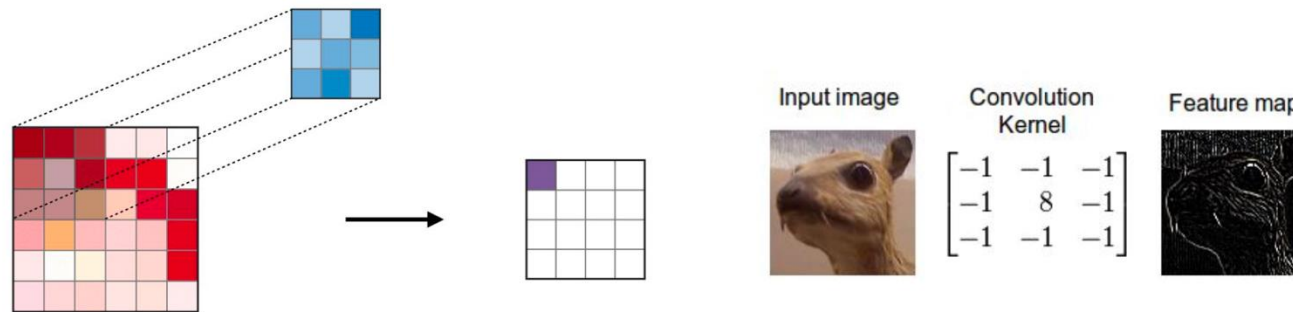
- Consists of multiple layers of neurons (fully connected layers), each taking the output of previous as input and generating outputs for the next layer.



$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= W_1 h_0 + b_1 & h_0 &= x \\ & & h_1 &= \sigma(z_1) \\ \dots & & \dots & \\ z_L &= W_L h_{L-1} + b_L & h_L &= \sigma(z_L) \\ & & y &= h_L \end{aligned}$$

Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

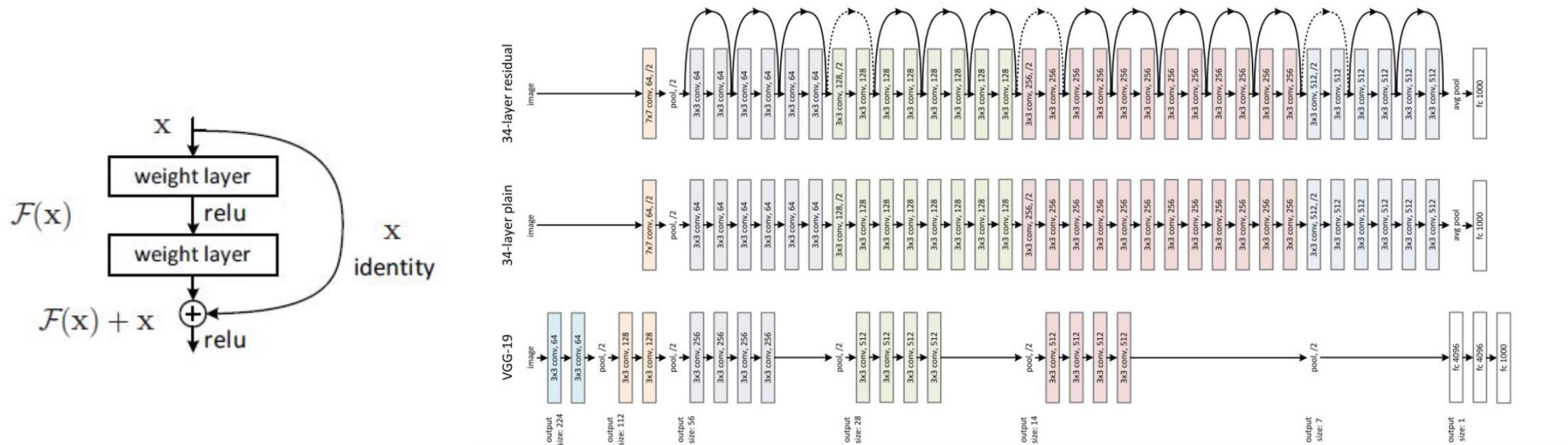
- Extracts feature on small local receptive fields with shared kernel weights.



VGGNet (2014)

Residual Networks (ResNet)

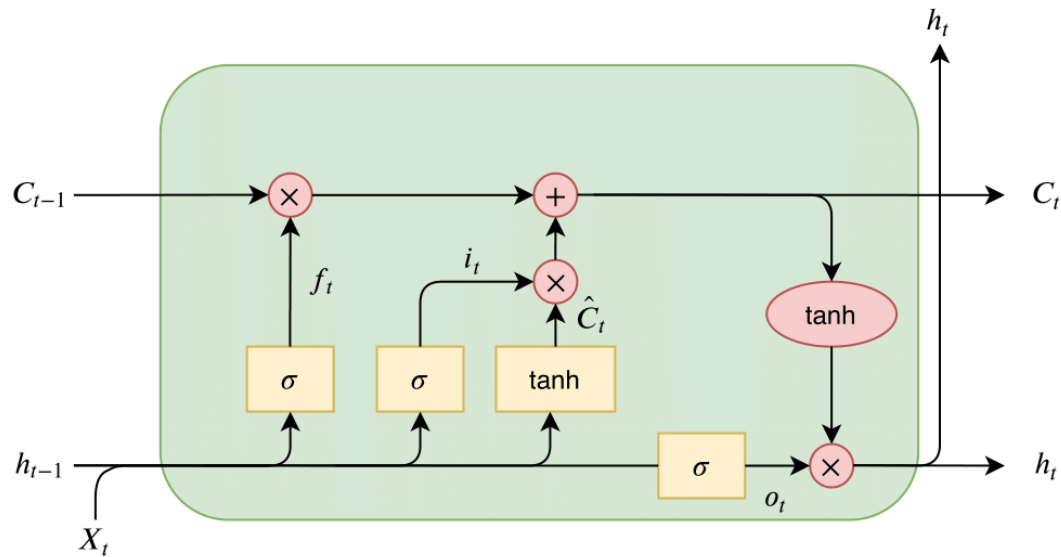
- Introduces shortcut connections based on its residual learning paradigm and dramatically increases network depth above 1000.



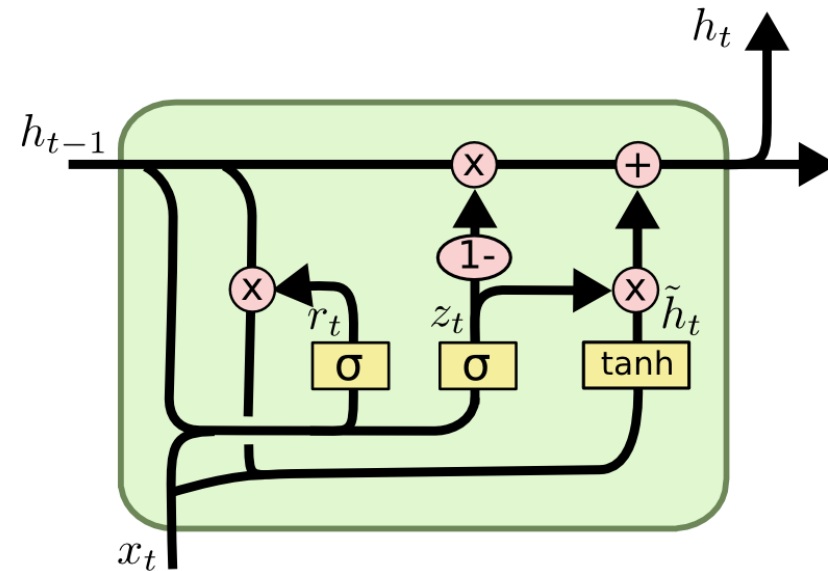
Given a target mapping $H(x)$ and a network $F(x)$. Fitting the full mapping $F(x) = H(x)$ is harder than just fitting the residual $F(x) = H(x) - x$.

Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)

- Processing sequential data: connections between nodes form a sequence



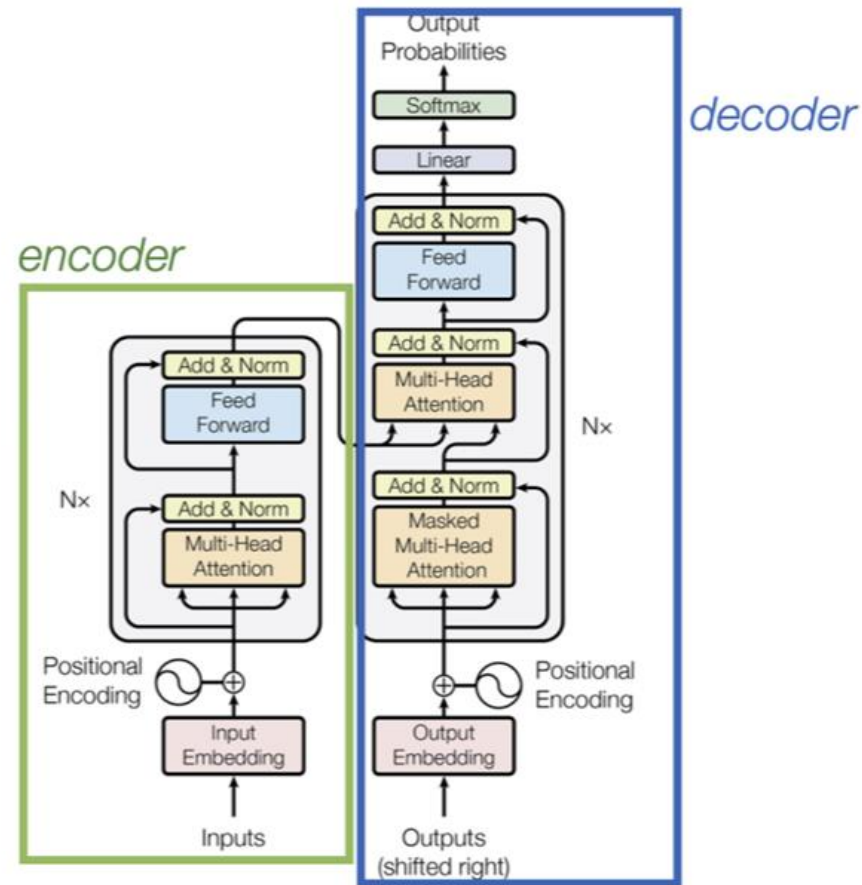
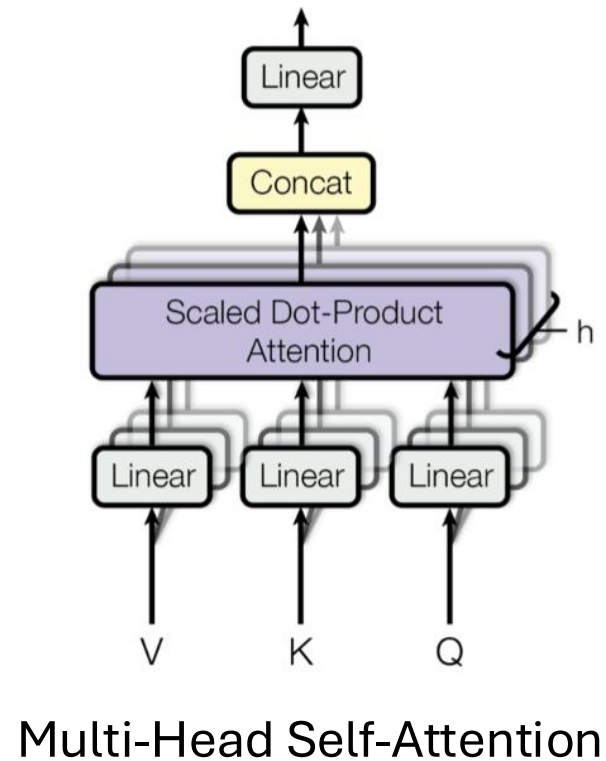
Long short-term memory (LSTM)



Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)

Transformer

- Encoder-decoder architecture based on the multi-head Self-Attention



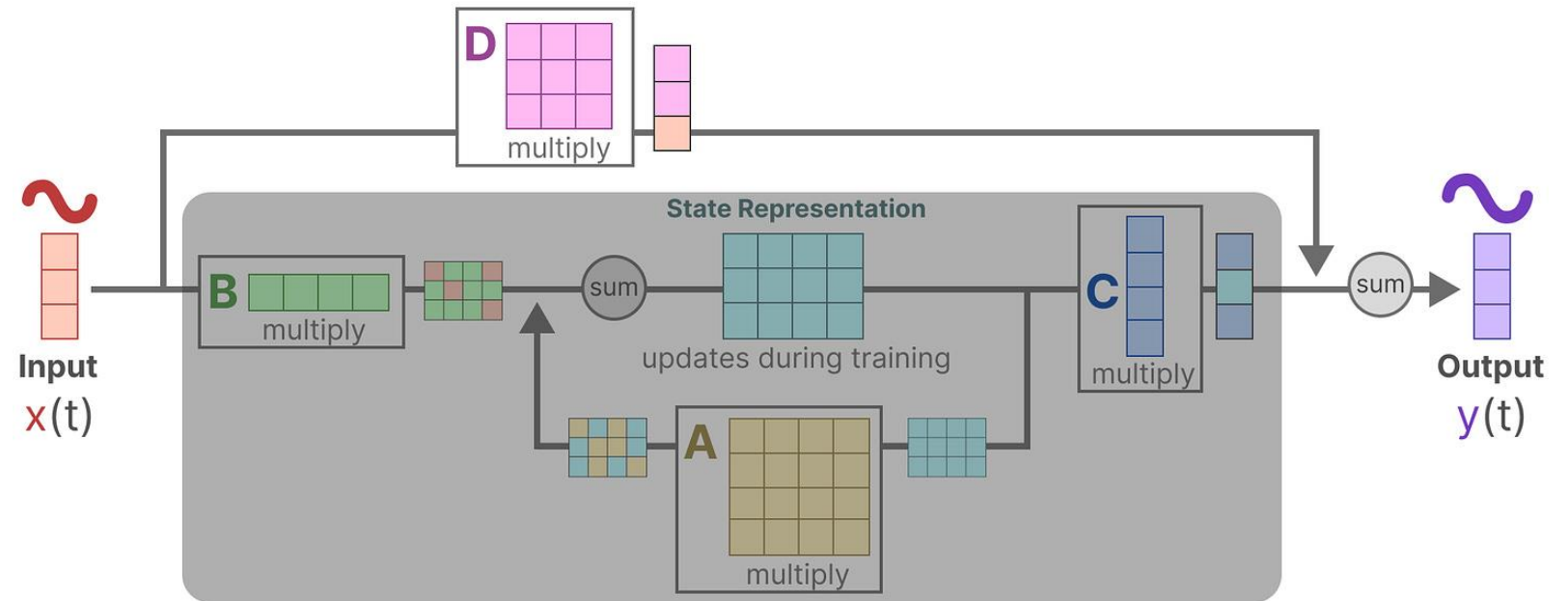
State Space Model (Mamba)

- From control theory: model a dynamic system via state representations

State equation $\mathbf{h}'(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}(t)$

Output equation $\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{h}(t) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}(t)$

Handle very long sequences,
generally with a lower number
of parameters



State Space Model

Efficiently Modeling Long Sequences with Structured State Spaces.
Mamba: Linear-Time Sequence Modeling with Selective State Spaces.

How to choose different models

- General data: MLP, CNN, ResNet, Transformer
- Sequential data: RNN, Transformer, State Space Models

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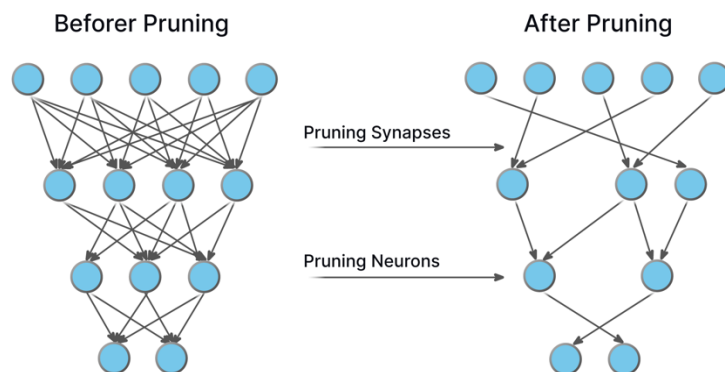
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Machine Learning Systems

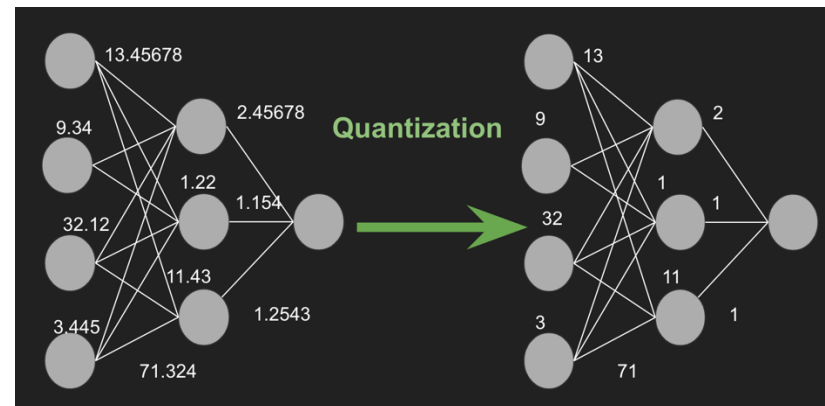
- Optimizing system performance of ML models
 - Model Compression
 - Parallel and Distributed Computing
 - Hardware Acceleration
 - Inference Optimization

Model Compression

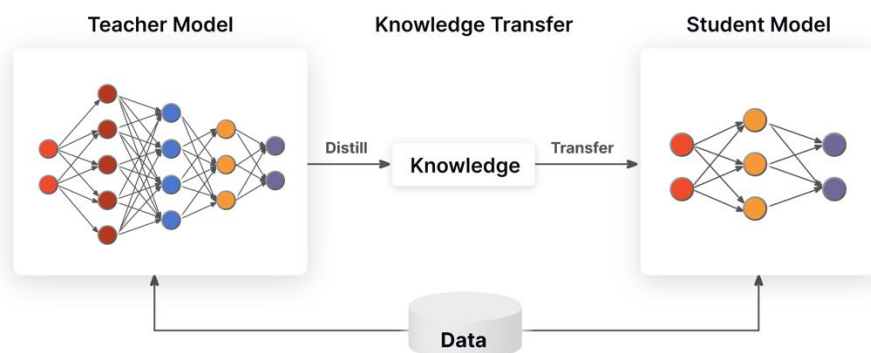
➤ Pruning



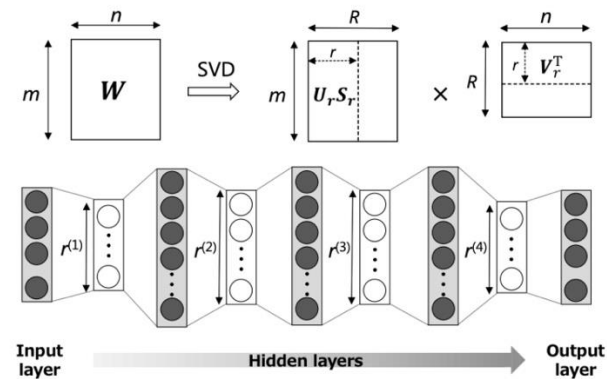
➤ Quantization



➤ Knowledge Distillation



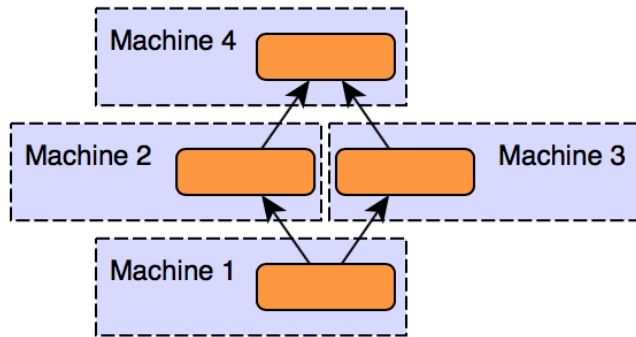
➤ Low-rank factorization



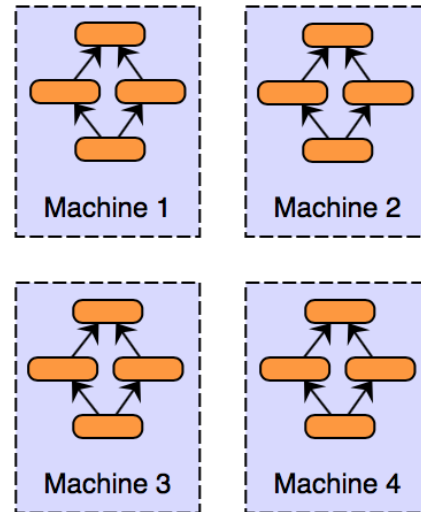
Parallel and Distributed Computing

➤ Distributed Training

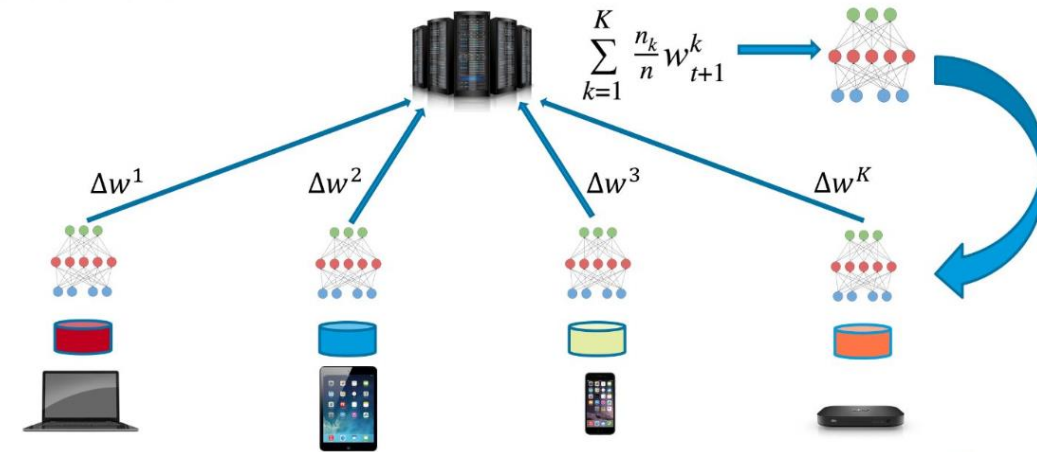
Model Parallelism



Data Parallelism

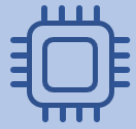


➤ Federated Learning



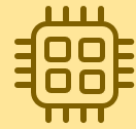
Hardware Acceleration

➤ GPUs, TPUs, and FPGAs



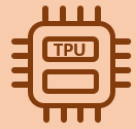
CPU

- Small models
- Small datasets
- Useful for design space exploration



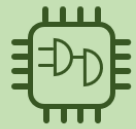
GPU

- Medium-to-large models, datasets
- Image, video processing
- Application on CUDA or OpenCL



TPU

- Matrix computations
- Dense vector processing
- No custom TensorFlow operations

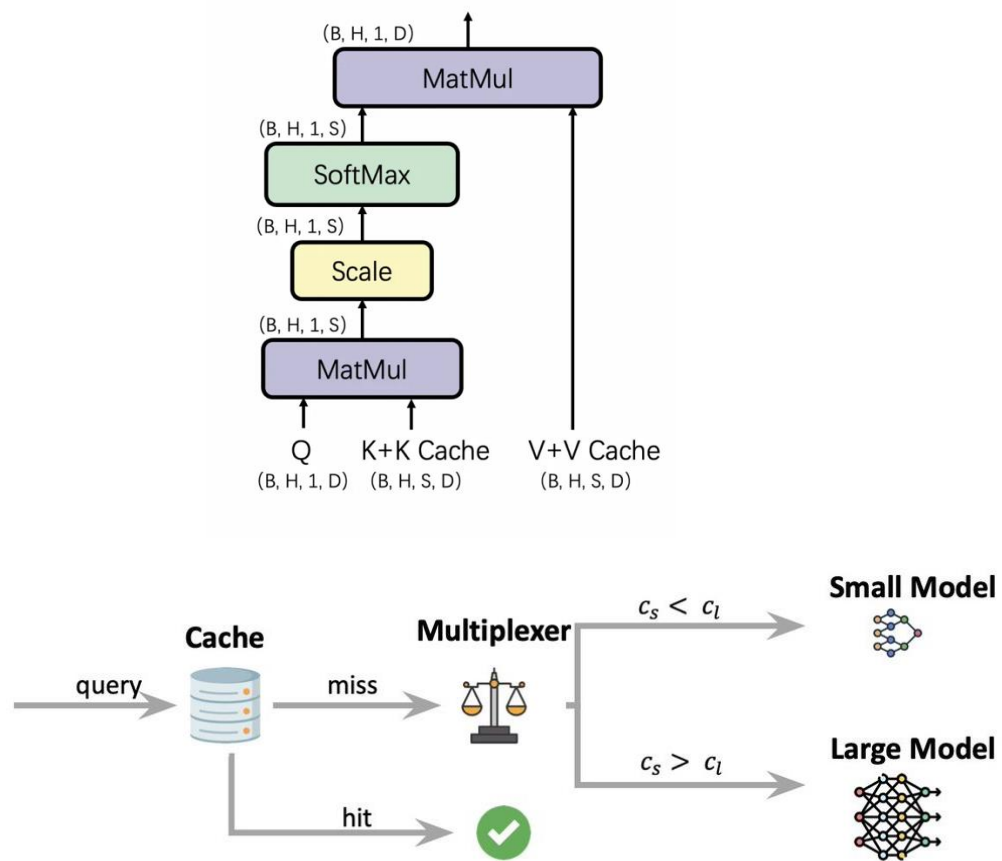


FPGA

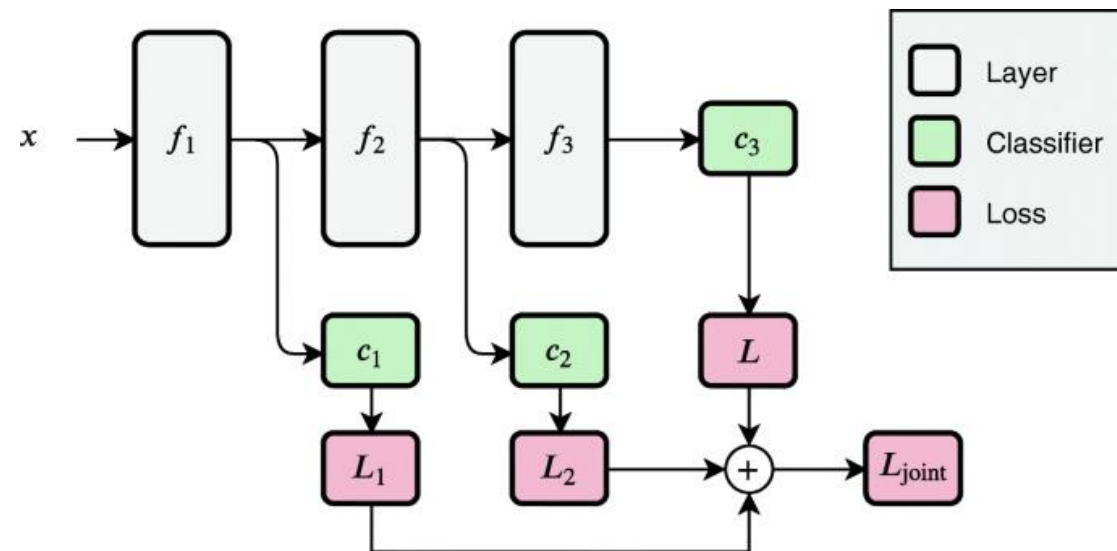
- Large datasets, models
- Compute intensive applications
- High performance, high perf./cost ratio

Inference Optimization

➤ Caching



➤ Progressive Inference



How to optimize ML systems

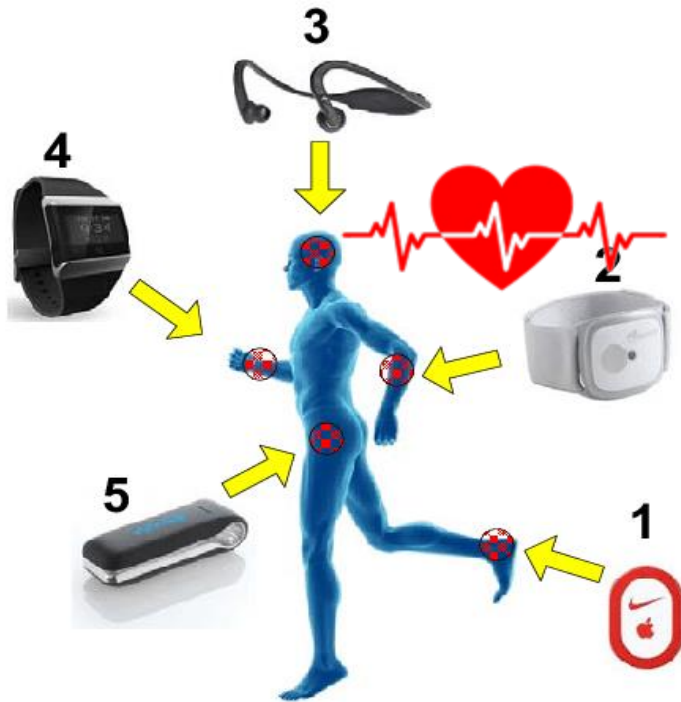
- Task requirements: Accuracy, Latency
- Resource constraints: Memory, Energy
 - Model Compression
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Smart Health

- Behavior monitoring, early disease diagnosis, personalized intervention



Fitness Tracking



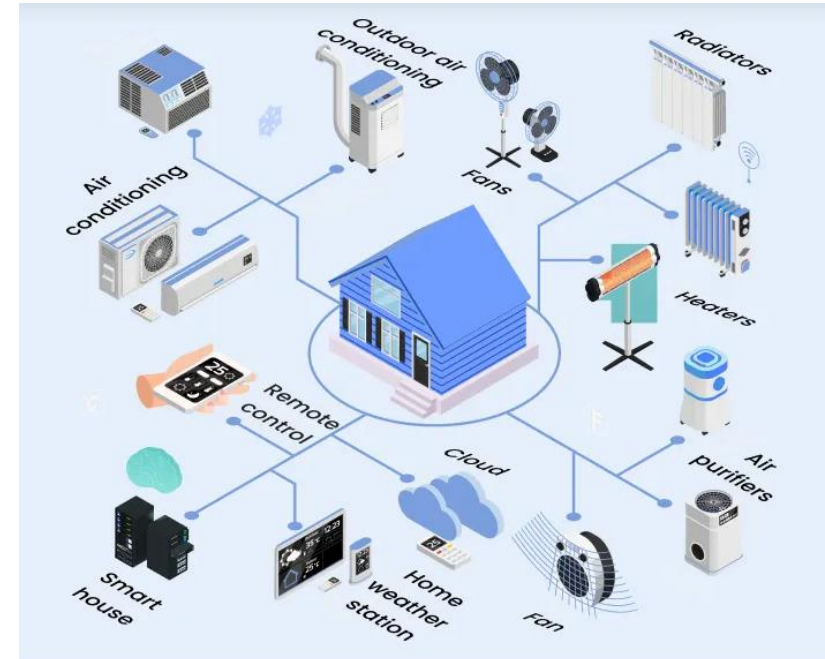
Sleep Monitoring



Cognition Impairment Detection

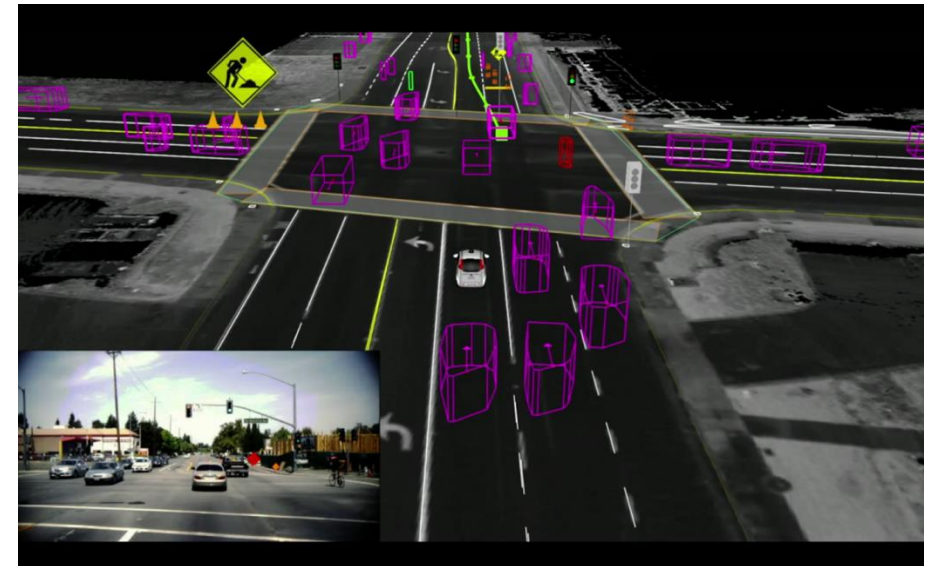
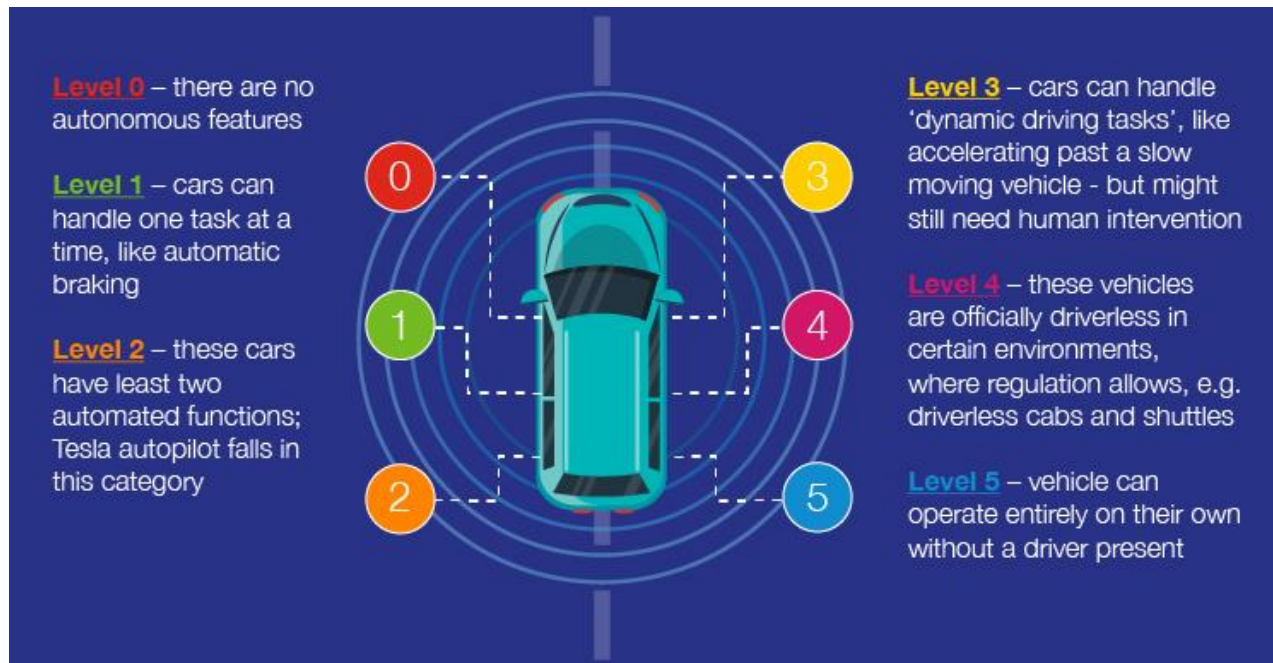
Smart Home & Building

- Occupant detection, environment monitoring, localization, adaptive control



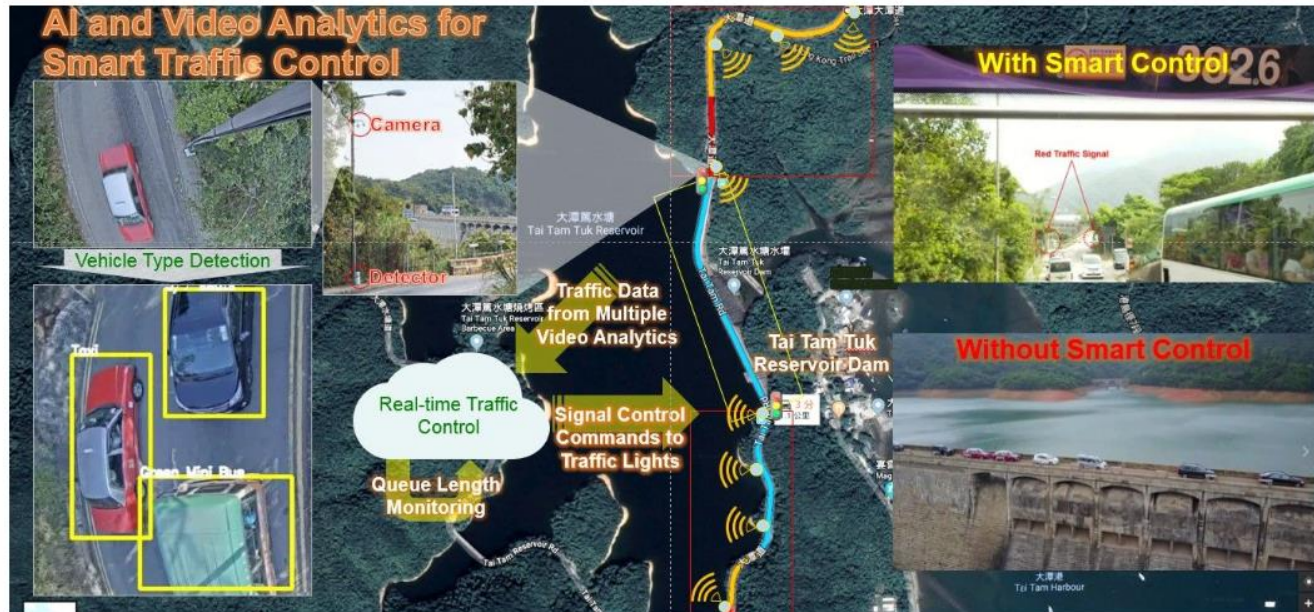
Autonomous Driving

➤ Object detection, control



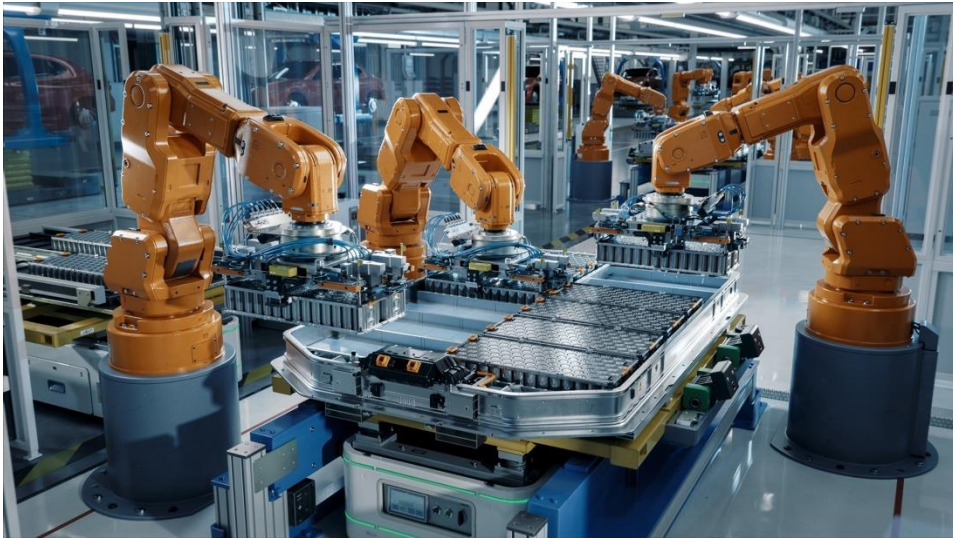
Smart City

- Traffic management, sustainability, public security



Other Applications

➤ Smart Manufacturing



➤ Smart Agriculture



Break

- **Next lecture: Challenges in Embedded AI Systems**
- **Website:**
 - **A shared spreadsheet for paper pre to be released on Weekends**
 - **Course APP and dataset to be released next Tuesday**
- **Any questions?**