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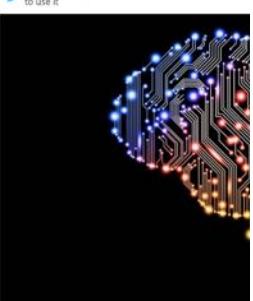
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Deep learning unlocks the treasure trove of unstructured data we have to use it



Credit: Google

Deep learning recently returned to the headlines after Google's AlphaGo program crushed Lee Sedol, ranking Go players in the word. Google has been working on deep learning and AlphaGo is just their latest development. Google's search engine, voice recognition system and self-driving cars all rely heavily on deep learning. They've used deep learning networks to build a program that picks out an attractive still from a YouTube video, a person's face in any direction, a computer one that could understand language and then make inferences and decisions on its

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Bill Gates, Stephen Hawking and Elon Musk first warned us about Artificial Intelligence (AI). Elon Musk then turned around and with other technologists put \$1B into starting a nonprofit research effort - OpenAI just to "keep an eye on it". Facebook, Google, Amazon, Nvidia, Shopify and others are charging full steam at AI and even open sourcing it! So what is all the AI ruckus about?

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d event for many Silicon Valley companies in the last few years, thanks to the investment in AI. NIPS was where Facebook Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg announced in 2013 to announce the company's plans to form an AI laboratory and where a startup named DeepMind showed off an AI that could learn to play computer games before it was acquired by Google.

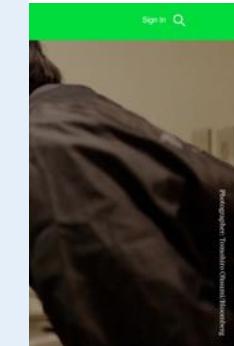


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# What is deep learning?



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– Yann LeCun, Yoshua Bengio and Geoff Hinton

Y. LeCun, Y. Bengio, G. Hinton, "Deep Learning", Nature, Vol. 521, 28 May 2015

## REVIEW

### Deep learning

By Yann LeCun, Yoshua Bengio & Geoffrey Hinton

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# Tutorial objectives

- Basics of training deep neural networks
  - Good understanding of Convolutional and Recurrent Networks
  - A short overview about the future of deep learning
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- Focus will especially be on computer vision applications
  - We expect basic knowledge of machine learning and/or computer vision

# Agenda

- **Part I:** History and Motivations
- **Part II:** Training Neural Networks

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- **Part III:** Convolutional Neural Networks (ConvNets)
- **Part IV:** Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)
- **Part V:** Concluding remarks

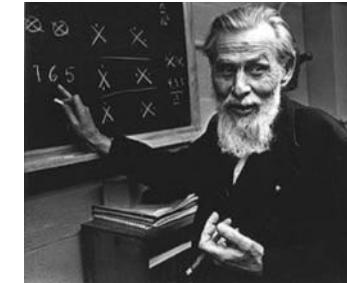
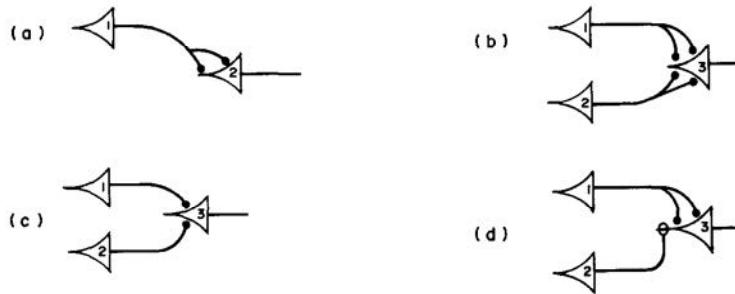
# History and Motivations



# 1943 – 2006: A Prehistory of Deep Learning

# 1943: Warren McCulloch and Walter Pitts

- First computational model
- Neurons as logic gates (AND, OR, NOT)
- A neuron model that sums binary inputs and outputs a 1 if the sum exceeds a certain threshold value, and otherwise outputs a 0



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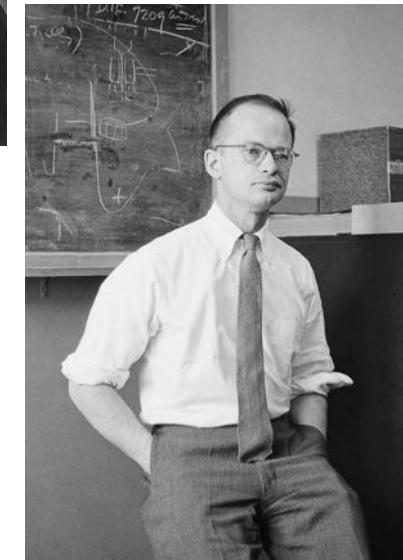
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## A LOGICAL CALCULUS OF THE IDEAS IMMANENT IN NERVOUS ACTIVITY\*

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Because of the "all-or-none" character of nervous activity, neural events and the relations among them may be described by means of propositional logic. It is found that the nervous system can be described in terms of such relations; the addition of neurons provides a logical means for nets containing circles, and that for any logical expression satisfying certain conditions, one can find a net having that expression as its truth-table. The nervous system is thus seen to be a computer. Two neurophysiological assumptions are equivalent, in the sense that for every net behaving under one assumption, there exists another net which behaves under the other and gives the same results, though perhaps not in the same time. Various applications of the calculus are discussed.

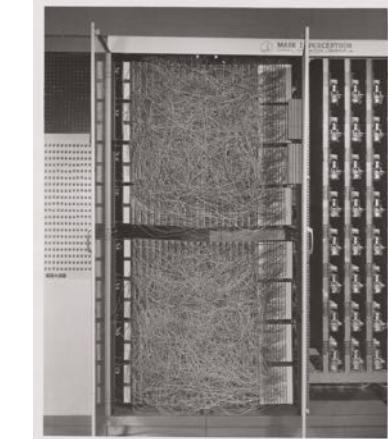
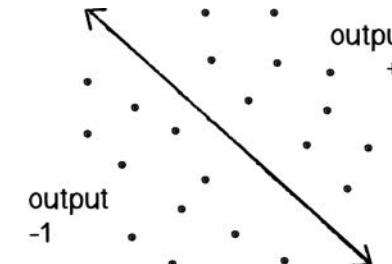
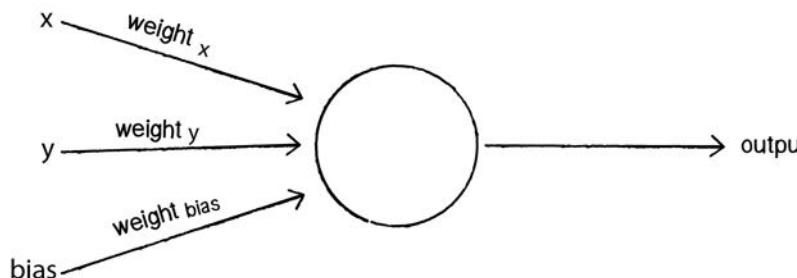
**1. Introduction.** Theoretical neurophysiology rests on certain cardinal assumptions. The nervous system is a net of neurons, each having a soma and an axon. There are connections or synapses between the soma of one neuron and the soma of another. At any instant a neuron has some threshold, which excitation must exceed to initiate an impulse. This, except for the fast and the time of its occurrence, is determined by the neuron, not by the excitation itself. The point of excitation of an impulse is proportional to all parts of the neuron. The waves along the axons travel directly with no conduction front <1 ms<sup>-1</sup> in thin axons, which are usually short, >150 ms<sup>-1</sup> in thick axons, which are usually long. The time for axonal conduction is consequently of little importance in determining the time of arrival of impulses at points eventually removed from the soma. Excitation of a neuron may be propagated primarily from axonal terminations to somata. It is still a moot point whether this depends upon irreversibility of individual synapses or merely upon prevalent anatomical configurations. To suppose the latter requires no hypothesis at all and explains known exceptions, but any assumption as to how it comes about with the present data is arbitrary. No neuron is known to exist through a single synapse that has elicited a nervous impulse in any neuron, whereas any neuron may be excited by impulses arriving at a sufficient number of neighboring synapses within the period of latent addition, which lasts <0.25 ms. Observed temporal summation of impulses at greater intervals



\* Reprinted from the Bulletin of Mathematical Biophysics, Vol. 5, pp. 133-153 (1943).

# 1958: Frank Rosenblatt's Perceptron

- A computational model of a **single neuron**
- Solves a **binary classification problem**
- Simple training algorithm
- Built using specialized hardware

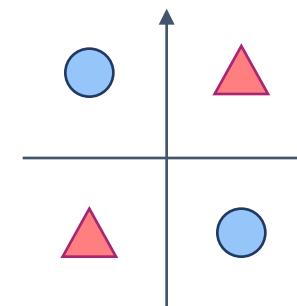


# 1969: Marvin Minsky and Seymour Papert

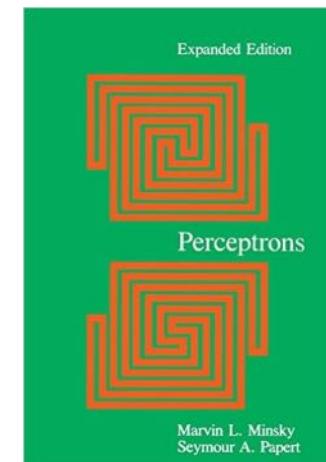
“No machine can learn to recognize X unless it possesses, at least potentially, some scheme for representing X.” (p. xiii)



- Perceptrons can only represent linearly separable functions.
  - such as **XOR** Problem

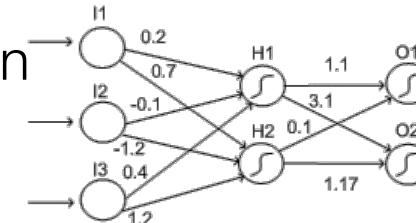


- Wrongly attributed as the reason behind the **AI winter**, a period of reduced funding and interest in AI research

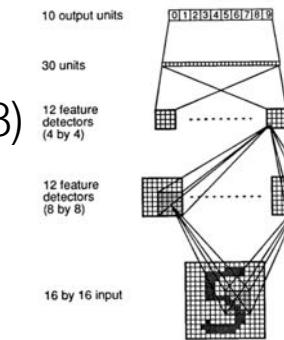


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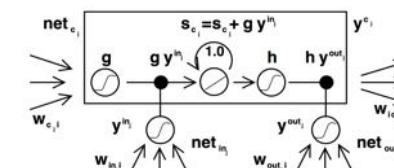
- **Multi-layer perceptrons** can theoretically learn any function (Cybenko, 1989; Hornik, 1991)



- Training multi-layer perceptrons
  - **Back propagation** (Rumelhart, Hinton, Williams, 1986)
  - **Backpropagation through time** (BPTT) (Werbos, 1988)



- New neural architectures
  - **Convolutional neural nets** (LeCun et al., 1989)
  - **Long-short term memory networks** (LSTM) (Schmidhuber, 1997)



[Backpropagation Through Time: What It Does and How to Do It](#)



# Why it failed then

- Too many parameters to learn from few labeled examples.
- “I know my features are better for this task”.
- Non-convex optimization? No, thanks.
- Black-box model, no interpretability.
  
- Very slow and inefficient
- Overshadowed by the success of SVMs (Cortes and Vapnik, 1995)

A major breakthrough in 2006



# The 2012 revolution

# ImageNet Challenge

- **IMAGENET Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC)**
  - **1.2M** training images with **1K** categories
  - Measure top-5 classification error



Output  
Scale  
T-shirt  
**Steel drum**  
Drumstick  
Mud turtle



Output  
Scale  
T-shirt  
Giant panda  
Drumstick  
Mud turtle



## Image classification

### Easiest classes



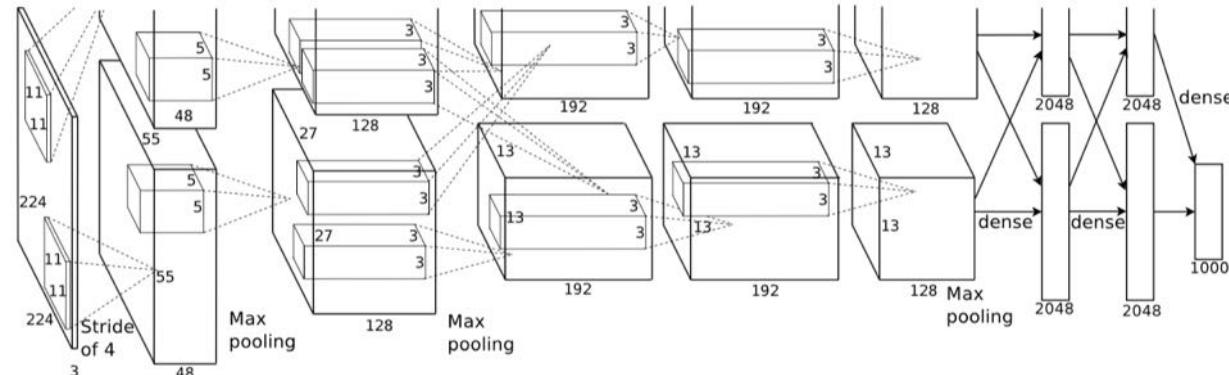
### Hardest classes



# ILSVRC 2012 Competition

2012 Teams	%Error
Supervision (Toronto)	15.3
ISI (Tokyo)	26.1
VGG (Oxford)	26.9
XRCE/INRIA	27.0
UvA (Amsterdam)	29.6
INRIA/LEAR	33.4

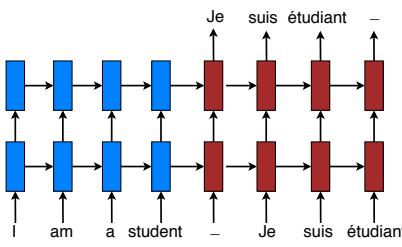
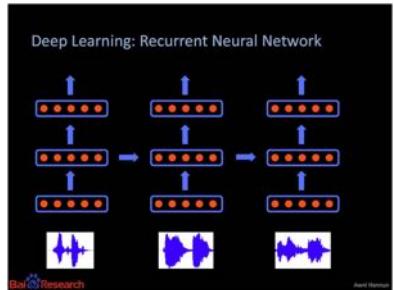
CNN based, non-CNN based



- The success of AlexNet, a deep convolutional network
  - 7 hidden layers (*not counting some max pooling layers*)
  - 60M parameters
- Combined several tricks
  - ReLU activation function, data augmentation, dropout

2012 – now

A Cambrian explosion in deep learning



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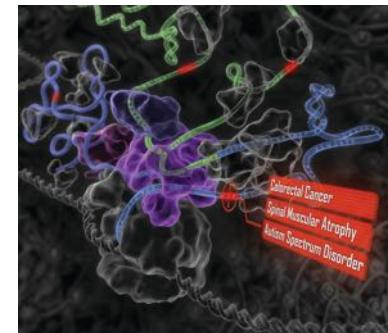
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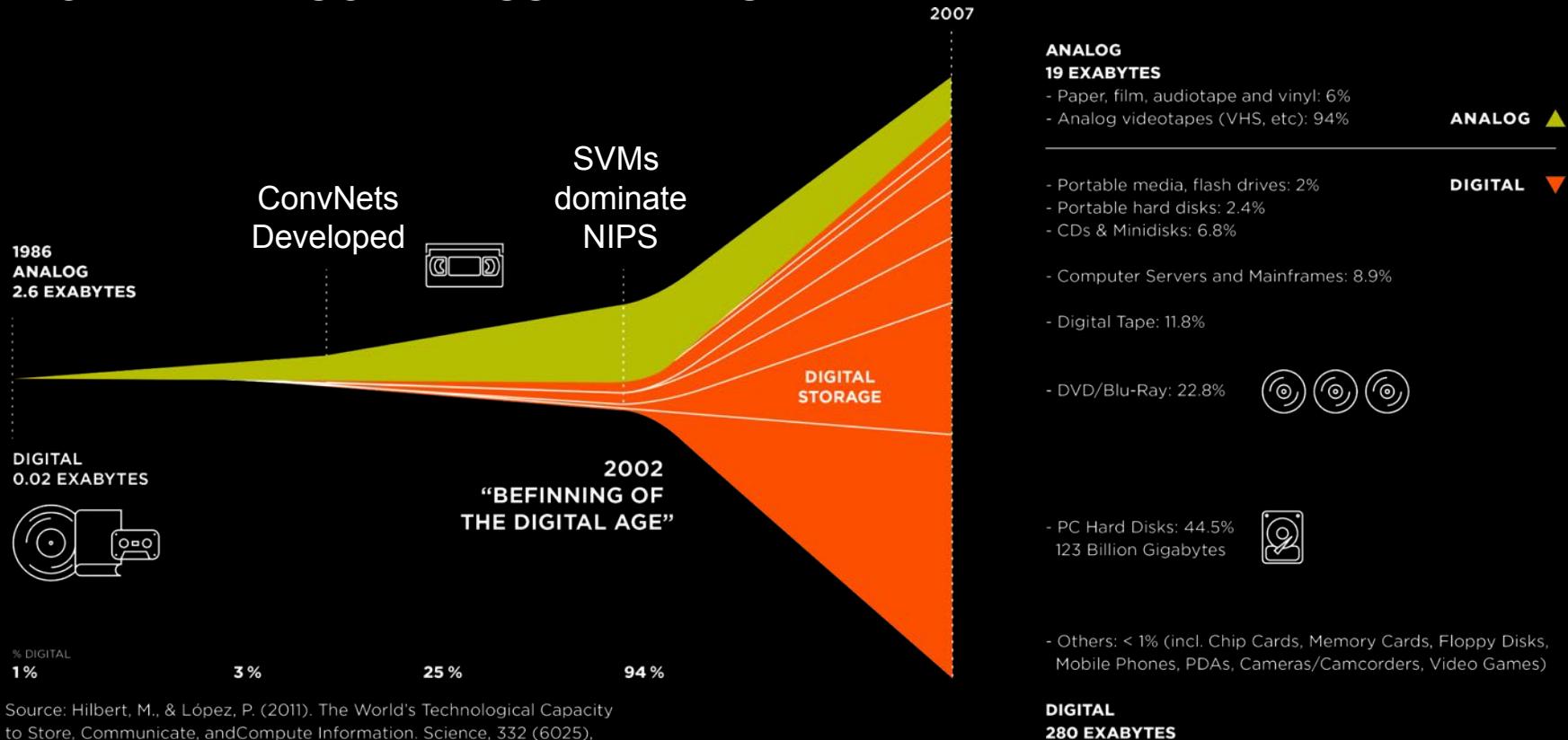


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Why now?

# GLOBAL INFORMATION STORAGE CAPACITY IN OPTIMALLY COMPRESSED BYTES



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# Datasets vs. Algorithms

Year	Breakthroughs in AI	Datasets (First Available)	Algorithms (First Proposed)
1994	Human-level spontaneous speech recognition	Spoken Wall Street Journal articles and other texts (1991)	Hidden Markov Model (1984)
1997	IBM Deep Blue defeated Garry Kasparov	700,000 Grandmaster chess games, aka "The Extended Book" (1991)	Negascout planning algorithm (1983)
2005	Google's Arabic-and Chinese-to-English translation	1.8 trillion tokens from Google Web and News pages (collected in 2005)	Statistical machine translation algorithm (1988)
2011	IBM Watson became the world Jeopardy! champion	8.6 million documents from Wikipedia, Wiktionary, and Project Gutenberg (updated in 2010)	Mixture-of-Experts (1991)
2014	Google's GoogLeNet object classification at near-human performance	ImageNet corpus of 1.5 million labeled images and 1,000 object categories (2010)	Convolutional Neural Networks (1989)
2015	Google's DeepMind achieved human parity in playing 29 Atari games by learning general control from video	Arcade Learning Environment dataset of over 50 Atari games (2013)	Q-learning (1992)
Average No. of Years to Breakthrough:		3 years	18 years

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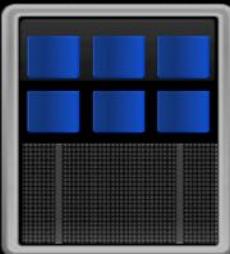
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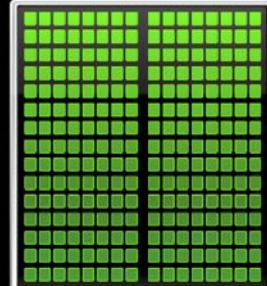
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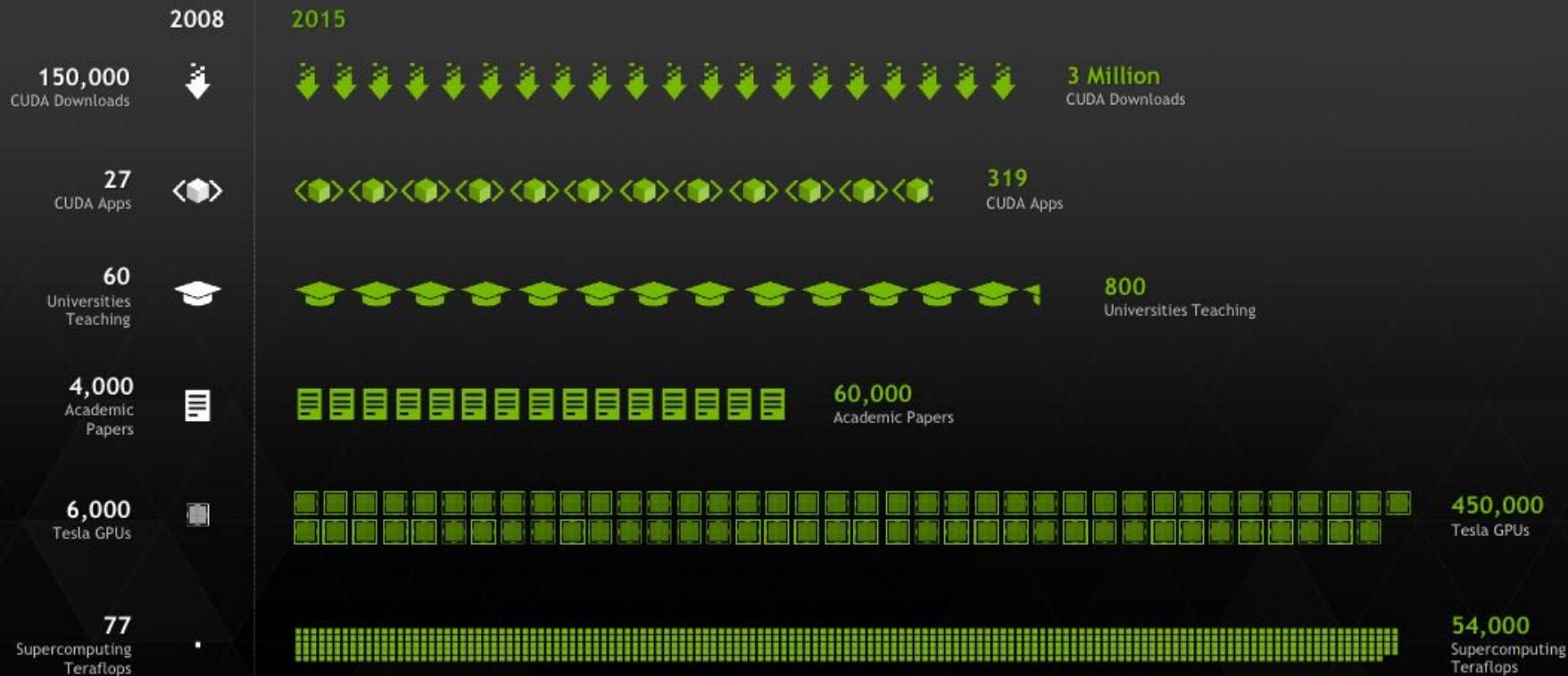
3,072 CUDA Cores

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# Working ideas on how to train deep architectures

## Dropout: A Simple Way to Prevent Neural Networks from Overfitting

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- Better Learning Regularization (e.g. Dropout)

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**Keywords:** neural networks, regularization, model combination, deep learning

#### 1. Introduction

Deep neural networks contain multiple non-linear hidden layers and this makes them very expressive models that can learn very complicated relationships between their inputs and outputs. With limited training data, however, many of these complicated relationships will be the result of sampling noise, so they will exist in the training set but not in real test data even if it is drawn from the same distribution. This leads to overfitting and many methods have been developed for reducing it. These include stopping the training soon as performance on the training set begins to decrease, regularizing the training of various kinds such as L1 and L2 regularization and soft weight sharing (Nowlan and Hinton, 1992).

With unlimited computation, the best way to “regularize” a fixed-sized model is to average the predictions of all possible settings of the parameters, weighting each setting by

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# Working ideas on how to train deep architectures

## Batch Normalization: Accelerating Deep Network Training by Reducing Internal Covariate Shift

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Using mini-batches of examples, as opposed to one example at a time, is helpful in several ways. First, the gradient of the loss over a mini-batch is an estimate of the gradient over the training set, whose quality improves as the batch size increases. Second, computation over a batch can be much more efficient than  $m$  computations for individual examples, due to the parallelism afforded by the modern computing platforms.

While stochastic gradient is simple and effective, it requires careful tuning of the model hyper-parameters, specifically the learning rate used in optimization, as well as the initial values for the model parameters. The training is complicated by the fact that the inputs to each layer

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The change in the distributions of layer's inputs presents a problem because the layer needs to continuously adapt to the new distribution. In addition, due to the internal covariate shifts, it is said to experience *covariate shift* (Shrivastava, 2000). This is typically handled via domain adaptation (Jiang, 2008). However, the notion of covariate shift can be extended beyond the learning system to whole network, such as a sub-network or a layer. Consider a network computing

$$\ell = F_2(F_1(x, \Theta_1), \Theta_2)$$

where  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are arbitrary transformations, and the the input  $x$  is a vector of size  $n$ . The loss function  $\ell$  depends on the loss  $\ell$ . Learning  $\Theta_1$  can be viewed as if the inputs  $x = F_1(u, \Theta_1)$  are fed into the sub-network

### 1 Introduction

Deep learning has dramatically advanced the state of the art in vision and many other areas. Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) has proved to be an effective way of training deep networks, and SGD variants such as momentum (Sutskever et al., 2013) and Adagrad (Duchi et al., 2011) have been used to achieve state-of-the-art performance. SGD optimizes the parameters  $\Theta$  of the network, so as to minimize the loss

$$\Theta = \arg \min_{\Theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell(x_i, \Theta)$$

$$\Theta_2 \leftarrow \Theta_2 - \frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\partial \ell(x_j, \Theta_2)}{\partial \Theta_2}$$

where  $x_{1:N}$  is the training data set. With SGD, the training proceeds in steps, and at each step we consider a mini-batch  $x_{1:m}$  of size  $m$ . The mini-batch is used to approximate the gradient of the loss function with respect to the parameters, by computing

$$\frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial \ell(x, \Theta)}{\partial \Theta},$$

for batch size  $m$  and learning rate  $\alpha$ ) is exactly equivalent to that for a stand-alone network  $F_2$  with input  $x$ . Therefore, the input distribution properties that make training SGD effective are preserved when the distribution between the training and test data - apply to training the sub-network as well. As such it is advantageous for the distribution of  $x$  to remain fixed over time. Then,  $\Theta_2$  does

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# Working ideas on how to train deep architectures

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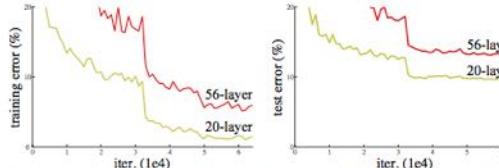


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### 1. Introduction

*Deep convolutional neural networks [22, 21] have led to a series of breakthroughs for image classification [21, 50, 40]. Deep networks naturally integrate low-level/high-level features [50] and classifiers in an end-to-end multi-layer fashion, and the “bottleneck” of features can be achieved by the network’s structure [21]. Recent evidence [44] reveals that the network depth is of crucial importance, and the leading results [41, 44, 13, 16] on the challenging ImageNet dataset [36] all exploit “very deep” [41] models, with a depth of sixteen [41] to thirty [16]. Many other non-trivial visual recognition tasks [8, 12, 7, 32, 27] have also*

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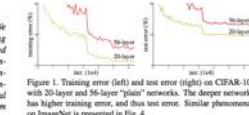


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Driven by the significance of depth, a question arises: *Is learning better networks as easy as stacking more layers?* An obstacle to answering this question was the notorious problem of vanishing/exploding gradients [18], which hinders convergence from the beginning. This problem, however, has been largely addressed by normalized initialization [23, 9, 37, 13] and intermediate normalization layers [16], which enable networks with tens of layers to start converging for stochastic gradient descent (SGD) with back-propagation [16].

When deeper networks are able to start converging, a degradation problem has been exposed: with the network depth increasing, accuracy gets saturated (which might be unsurprising) and then degrades rapidly. Unexpectedly, such degradation is not caused by overfitting, and adding more layers does not necessarily lead to *lower training error*, as reported in [11, 42] and thoroughly verified by our experiments. Fig. 1 shows a typical example.

The degradation (of training accuracy) indicates that not all systems are similarly easy to optimize. Let us consider a shallower architecture and its deeper counterpart that adds more layers onto it. There are two ways of construction to do this: one is to copy the learned shallower model, and the other layers are copied from the learned shallower model. The existence of this constructed solution indicates that a deeper model should produce no higher training error than its shallower counterpart. But experiments show that our current solvers on hand are unable to find solutions that

So what is deep learning?

# Three key ideas

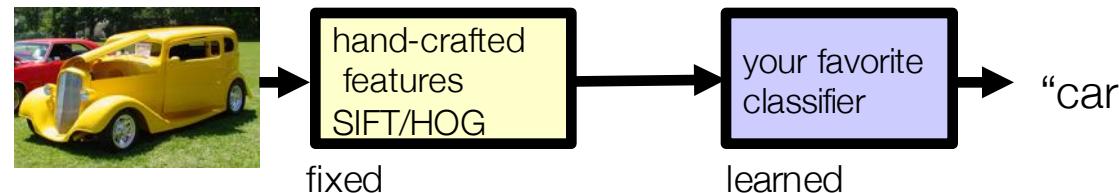
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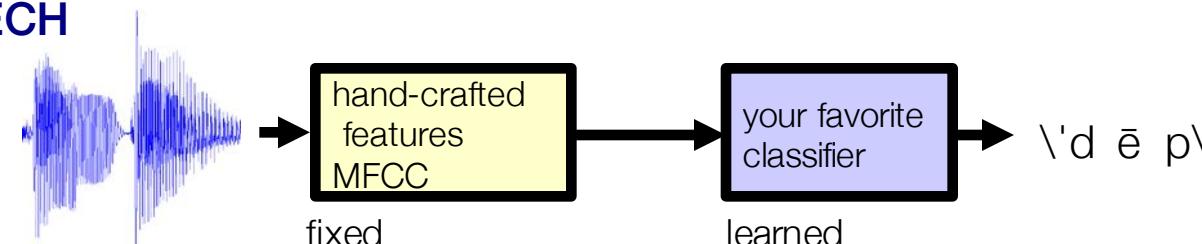
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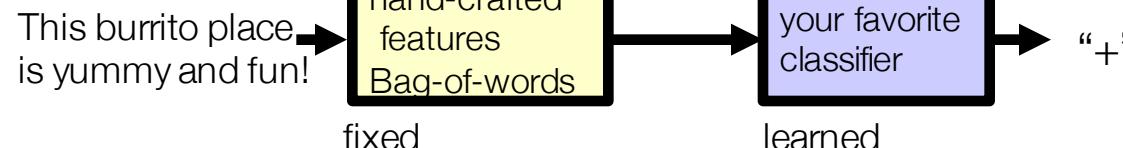
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# Hierarchical Compositionalty

## VISION

pixels → edge → texton → motif → part → object

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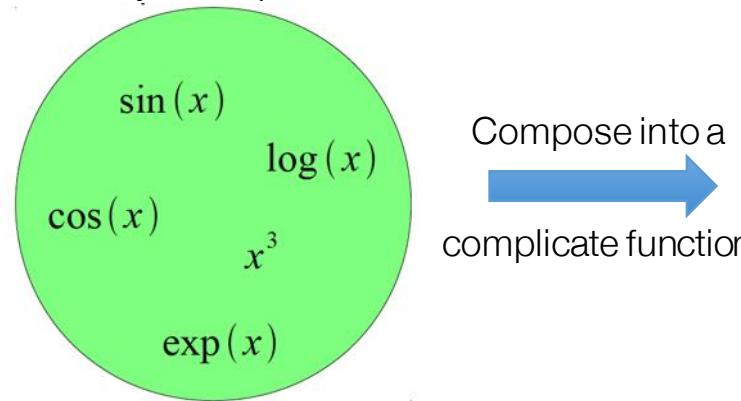
sample → spectral band → formant → motif → phone → word

## NLP

character → word → NP/VP/.. → clause → sentence → story

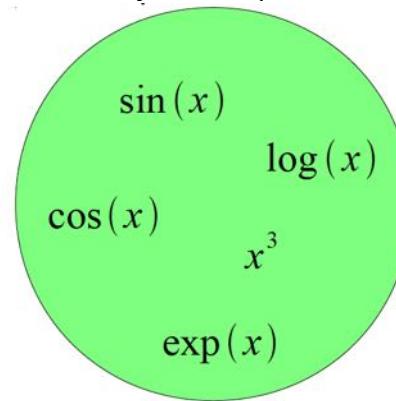
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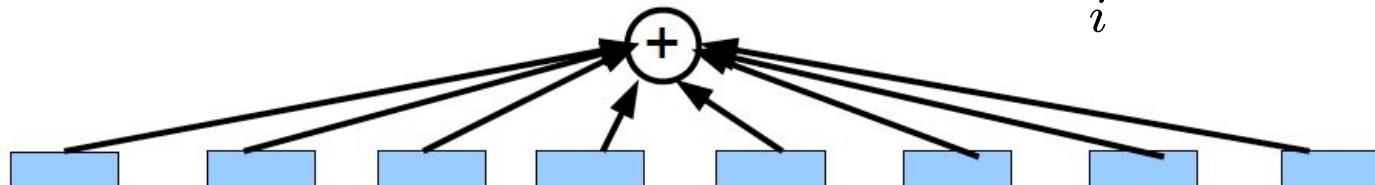


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## Idea 1: Linear Combinations

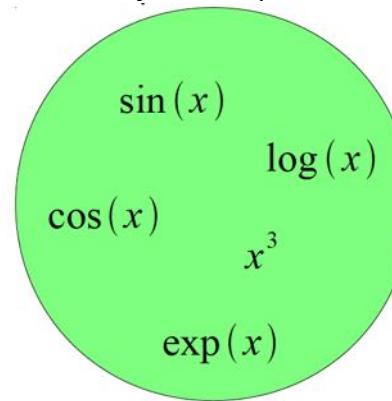
- Boosting
- Kernels
- ...

$$f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i g_i(x)$$



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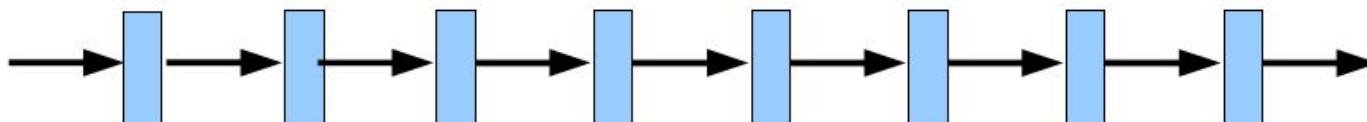


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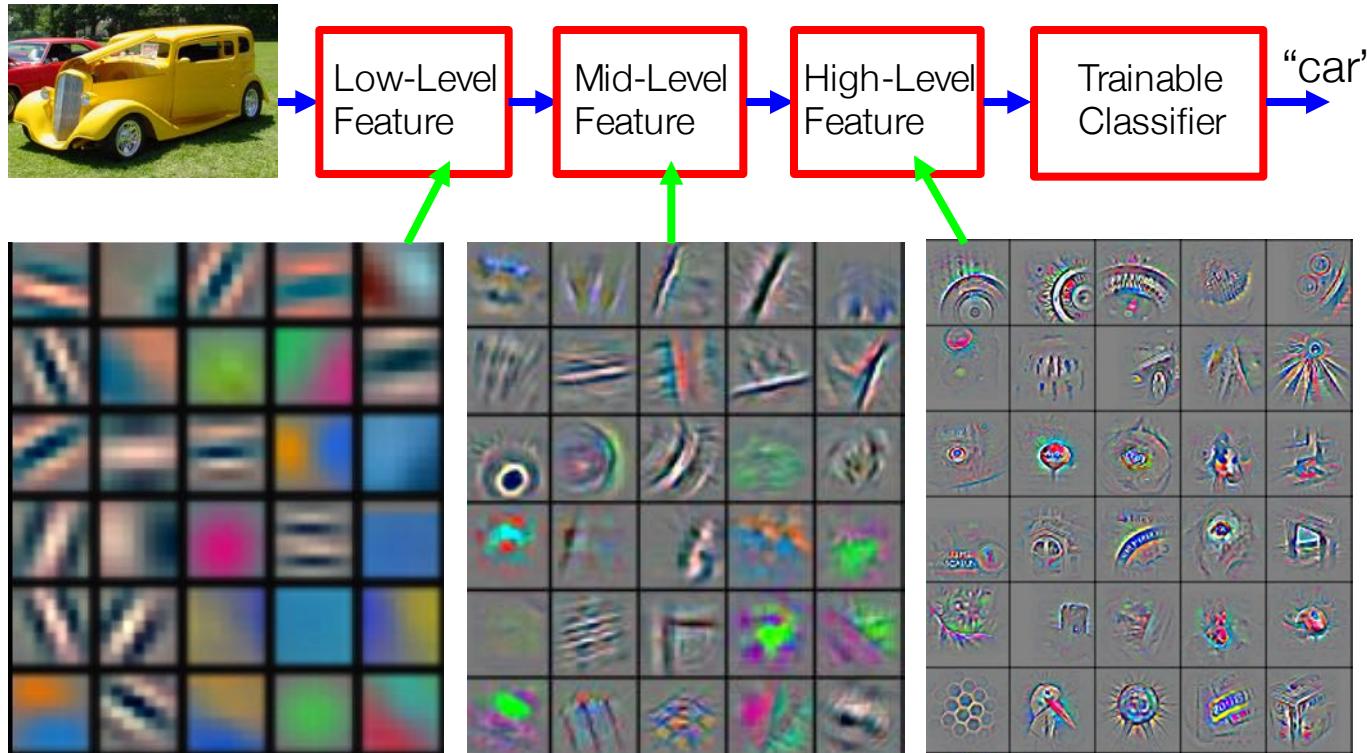
## Idea 2: Compositions

- Deep Learning
- Grammar models
- Scattering transforms...

$$f(x) = g_1(g_2(\dots(g_n(x)\dots)))$$



# Deep Learning = Hierarchical Compositionality

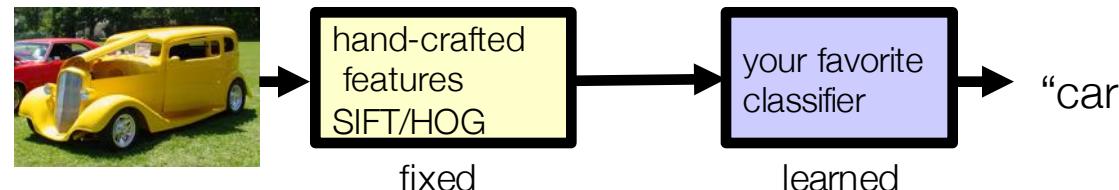


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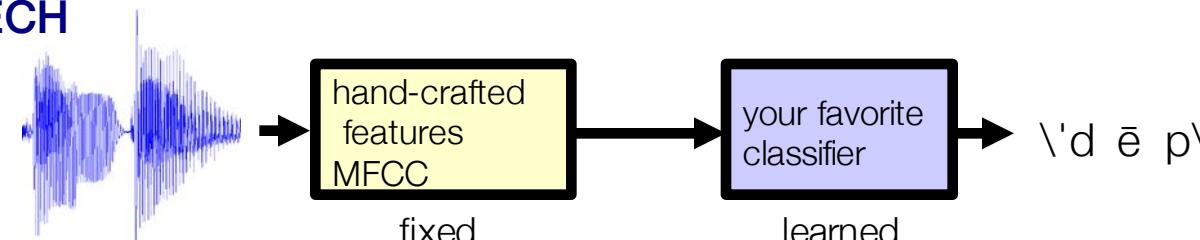
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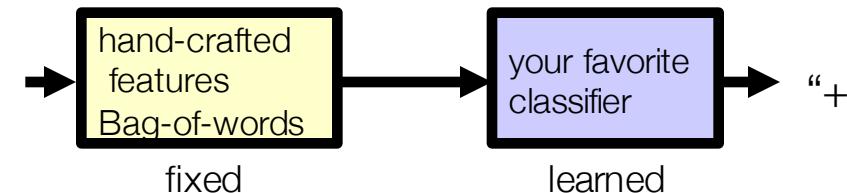


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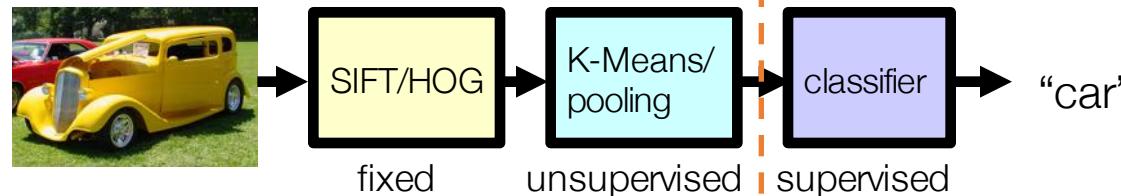
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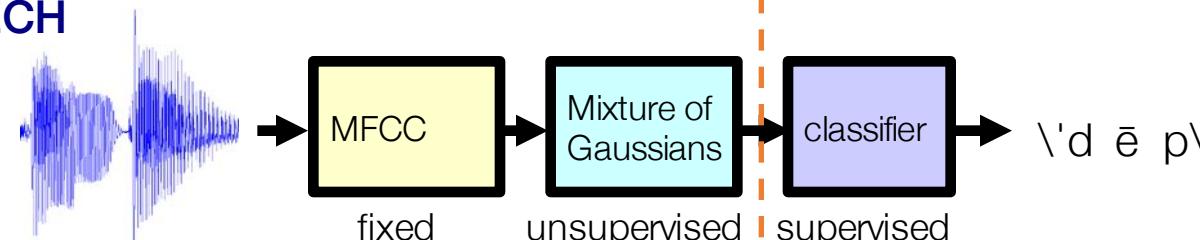


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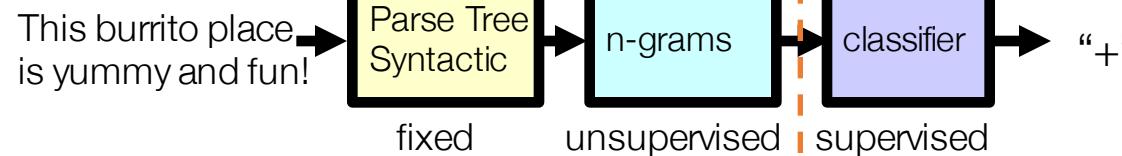
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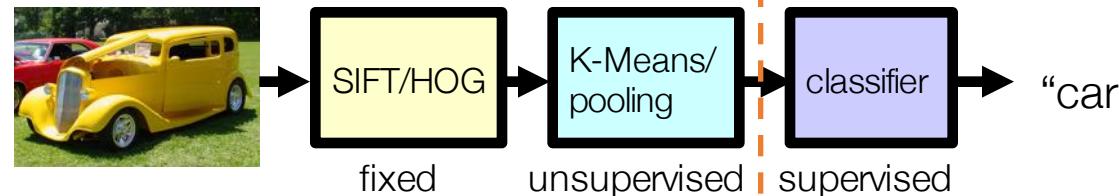


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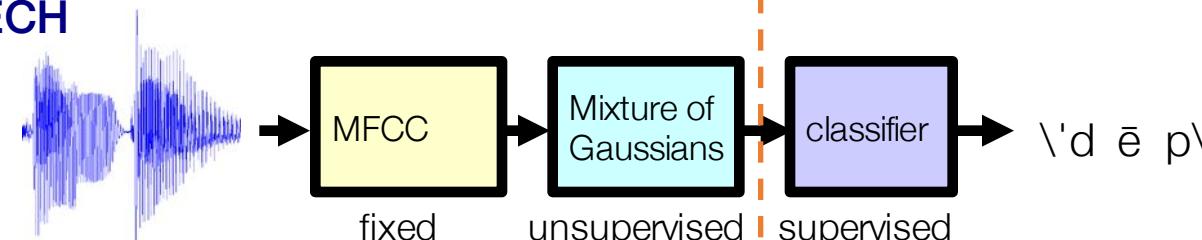


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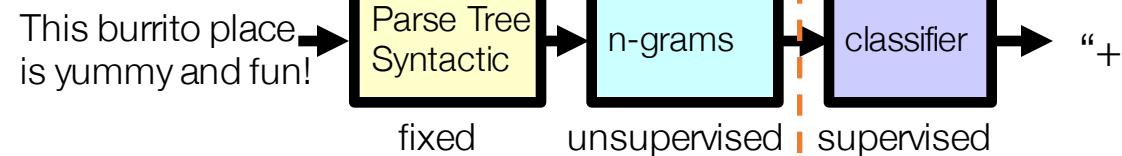
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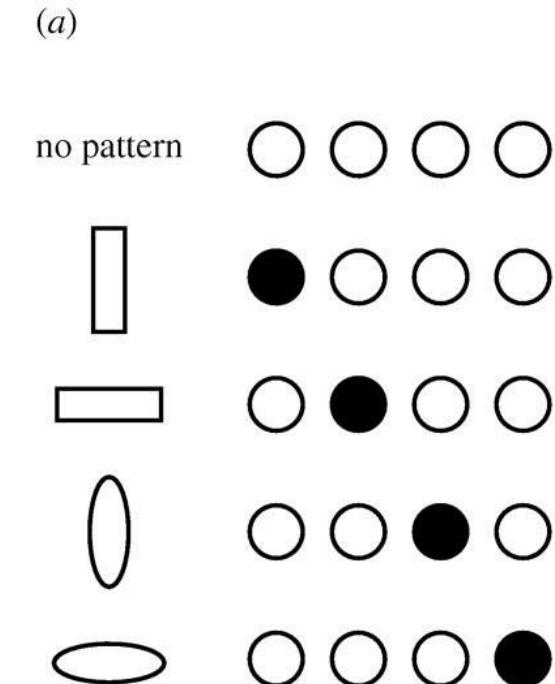


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# Localist representations

- The simplest way to represent things with neural networks is to **dedicate one neuron to each thing.**
  - Easy to understand.
  - Easy to code by hand
    - Often used to represent inputs to a net
  - Easy to learn
    - This is what mixture models do.
    - Each cluster corresponds to one neuron
  - Easy to associate with other representations or responses.
- But localist models are very inefficient whenever the data has componential structure.

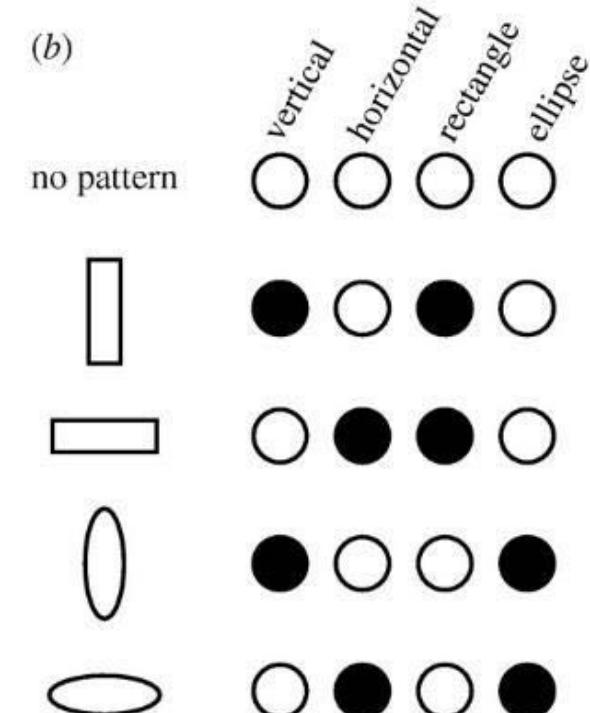


# Distributed Representations

- Each neuron must represent something, so this must be a local representation.
- **Distributed representation** means a many-to-many relationship between two types of representation (such as concepts and neurons).
  - Each concept is represented by many neurons
  - Each neuron participates in the representation of many concepts

Local     ● ● ○ ● = VR + HR + HE = ?

Distributed     ● ● ○ ● = V + H + E ≈ ○



# Power of distributed representations!

## Scene Classification

bedroom



mountain



- Possible internal representations:

- Objects
- Scene attributes
- Object parts
- Textures



Simple elements &amp; colors

Object part

Object

Scene

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