CS540 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Neural Networks: Review

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Announcements

- **Homework**:
  - HW7 is due on **Monday Apr. 7th at 11:59 PM**

- Class roadmap:

Deep Learning and Neural Network's Summary
Search I: Un-Informed search
Search II: Informed search

How to classify

Cats vs. dogs?

Neural networks can also be used for regression.

- Typically, no activation on outputs, mean squared error loss function.

Single-layer Perceptron

Multi-layer Perceptron

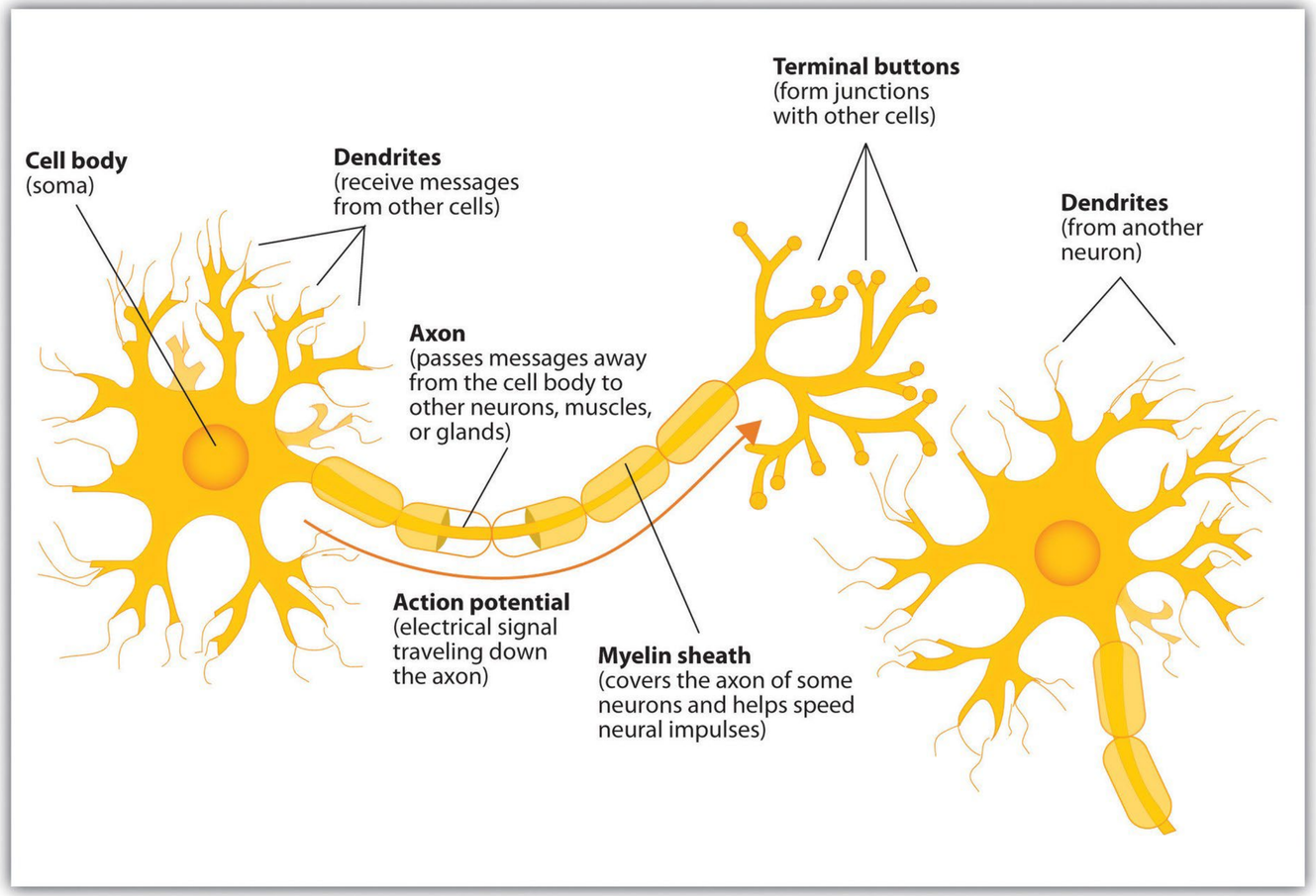
Training of neural networks

Convolutional neural networks

Inspiration from neuroscience

- Inspirations from human brains
- Networks of simple and homogenous units (a.k.a **neuron**)

(wikipedia)



Perceptron

- Given input $\mathbf{x}$, weight $\mathbf{w}$ and bias b, perceptron outputs:

$$o = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b)$$

$$\sigma(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & if\ x > 0 \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Activation function

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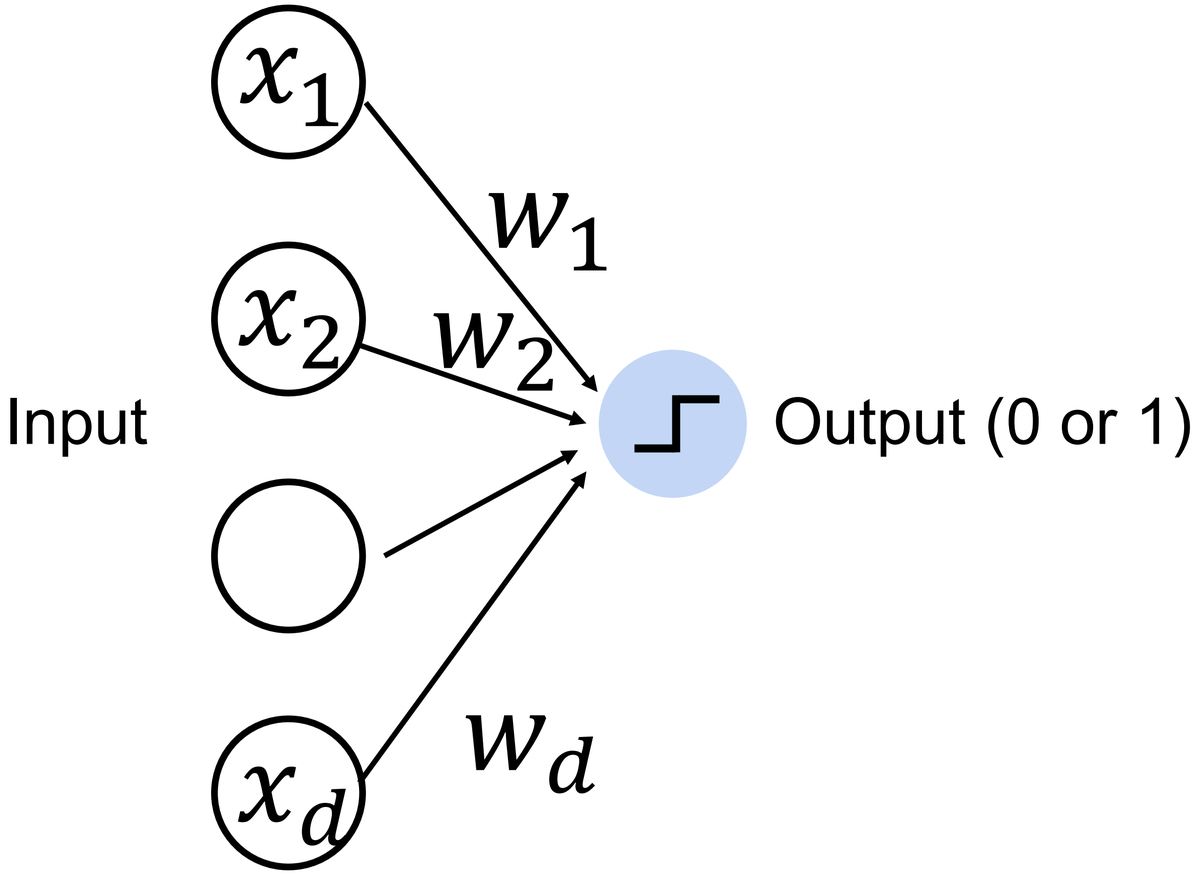

Perceptron

- Goal: learn parameters $\mathbf{w} = \{w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_d\}$ and b to minimize the classification error

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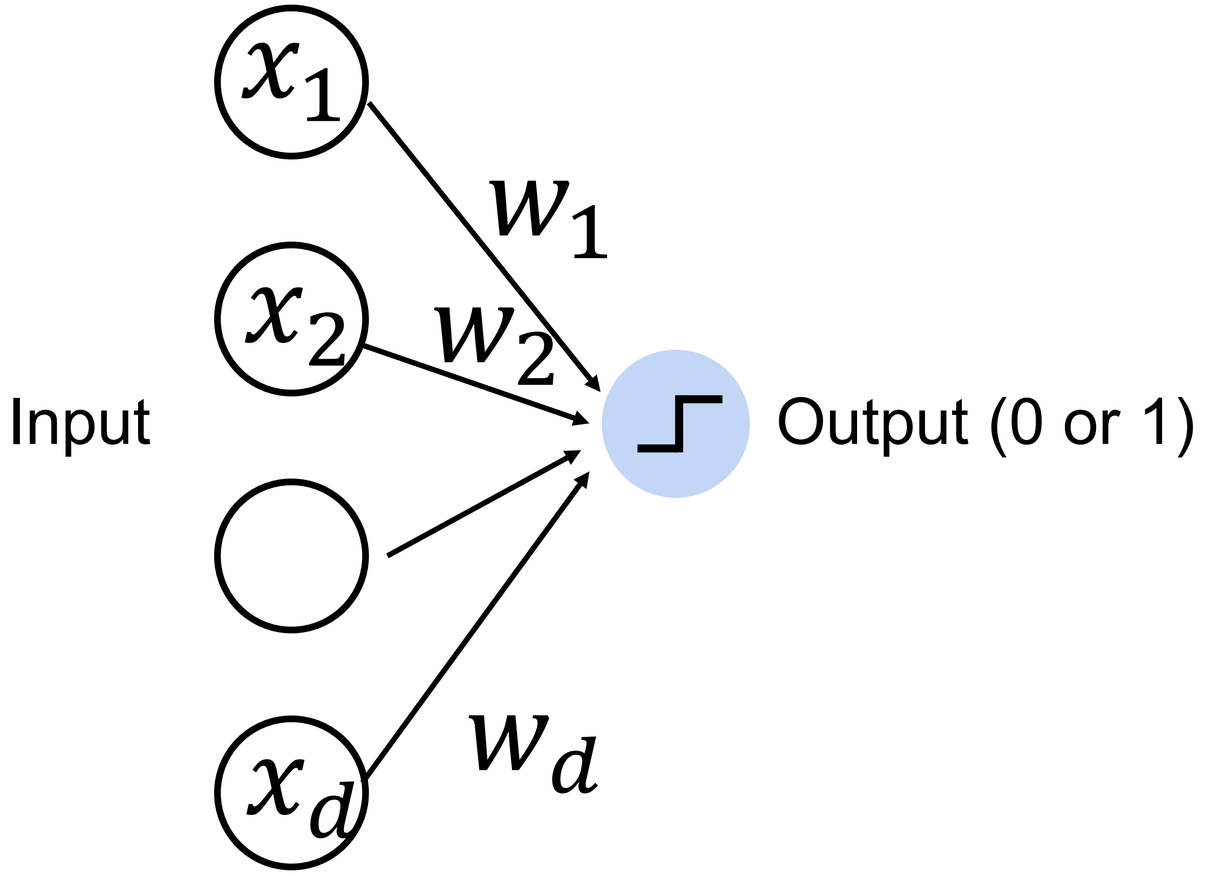


Example 2: Predict whether a user likes a song or not

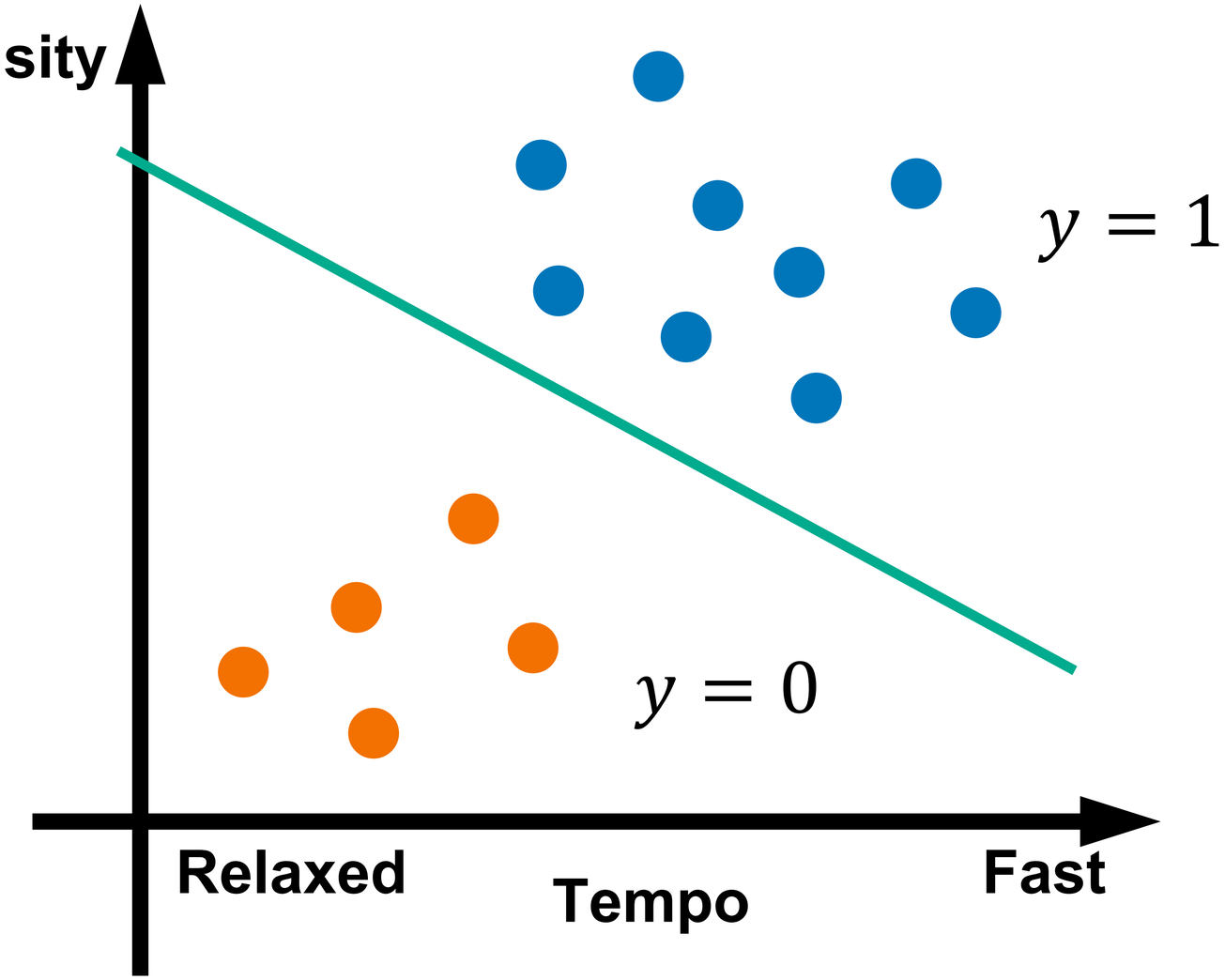
model

Example 2: Predict whether a user likes a song or not using Perceptron

User Sharon

DisLike

Like



Learning logic functions using perceptron

The perceptron can learn an AND function

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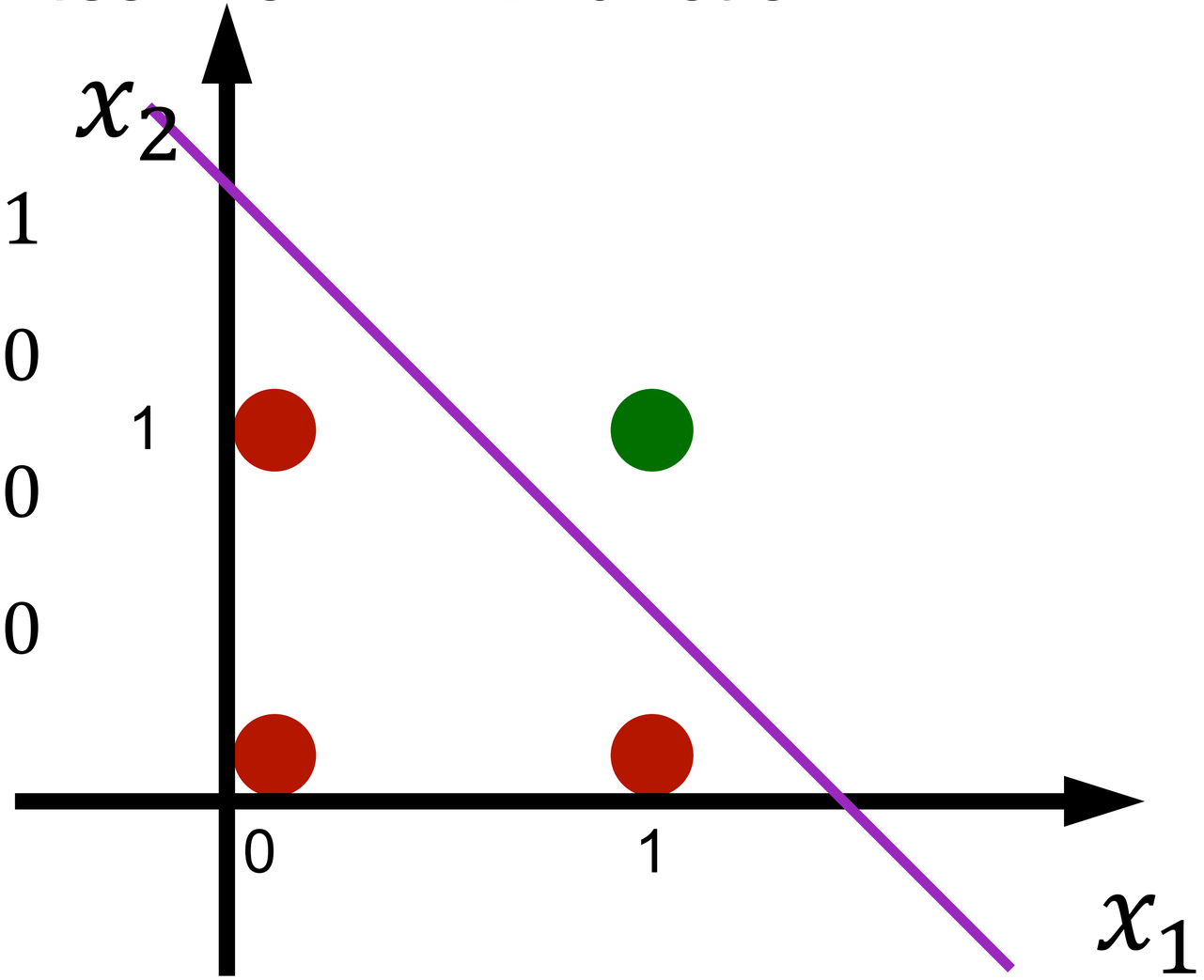

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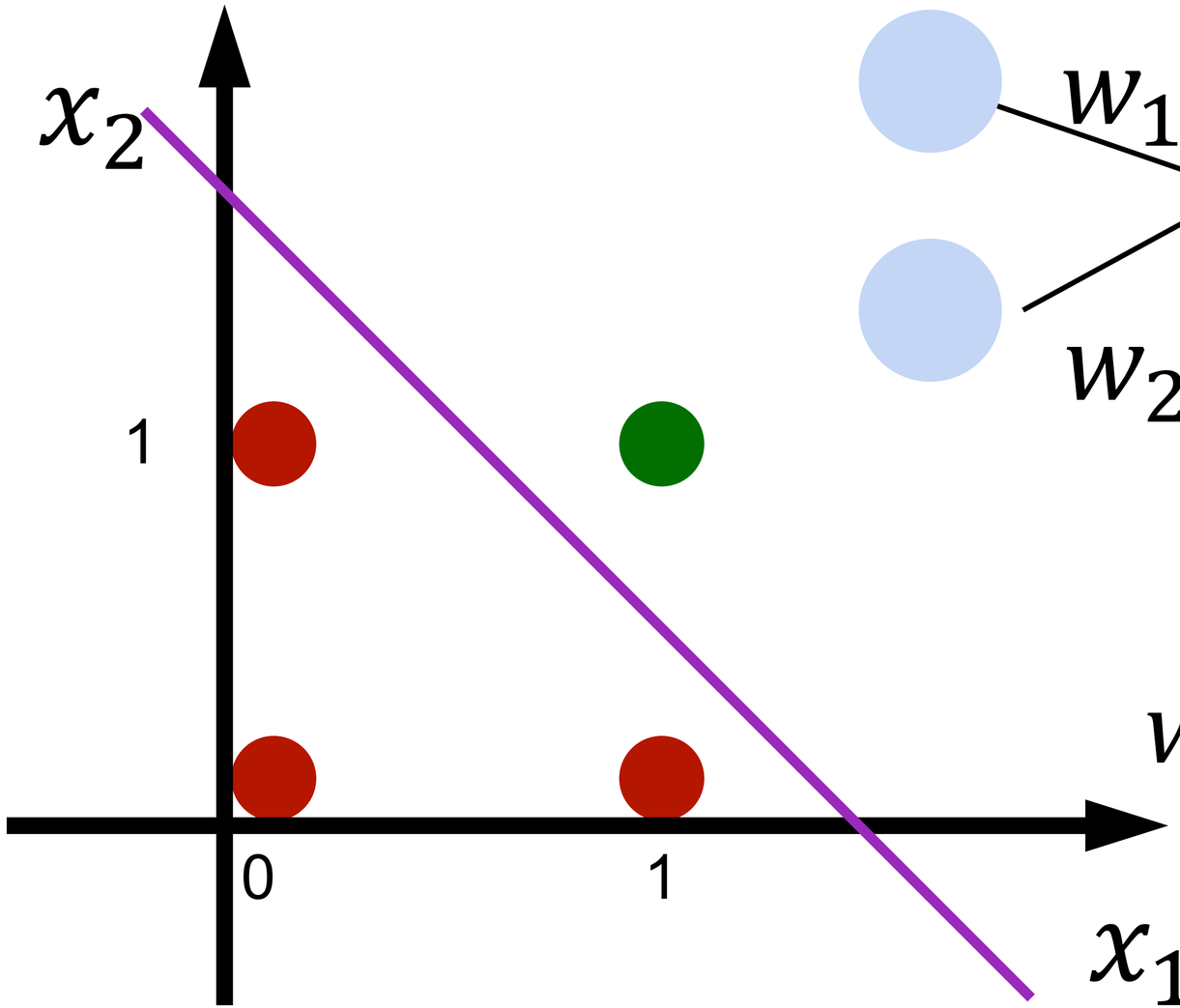

Output $\sigma(x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + b)$

$$\sigma(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & if\ x > 0 \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

$$w_1 = 1, w_2 = 1, b = -1.5$$

Learning OR function using perceptron

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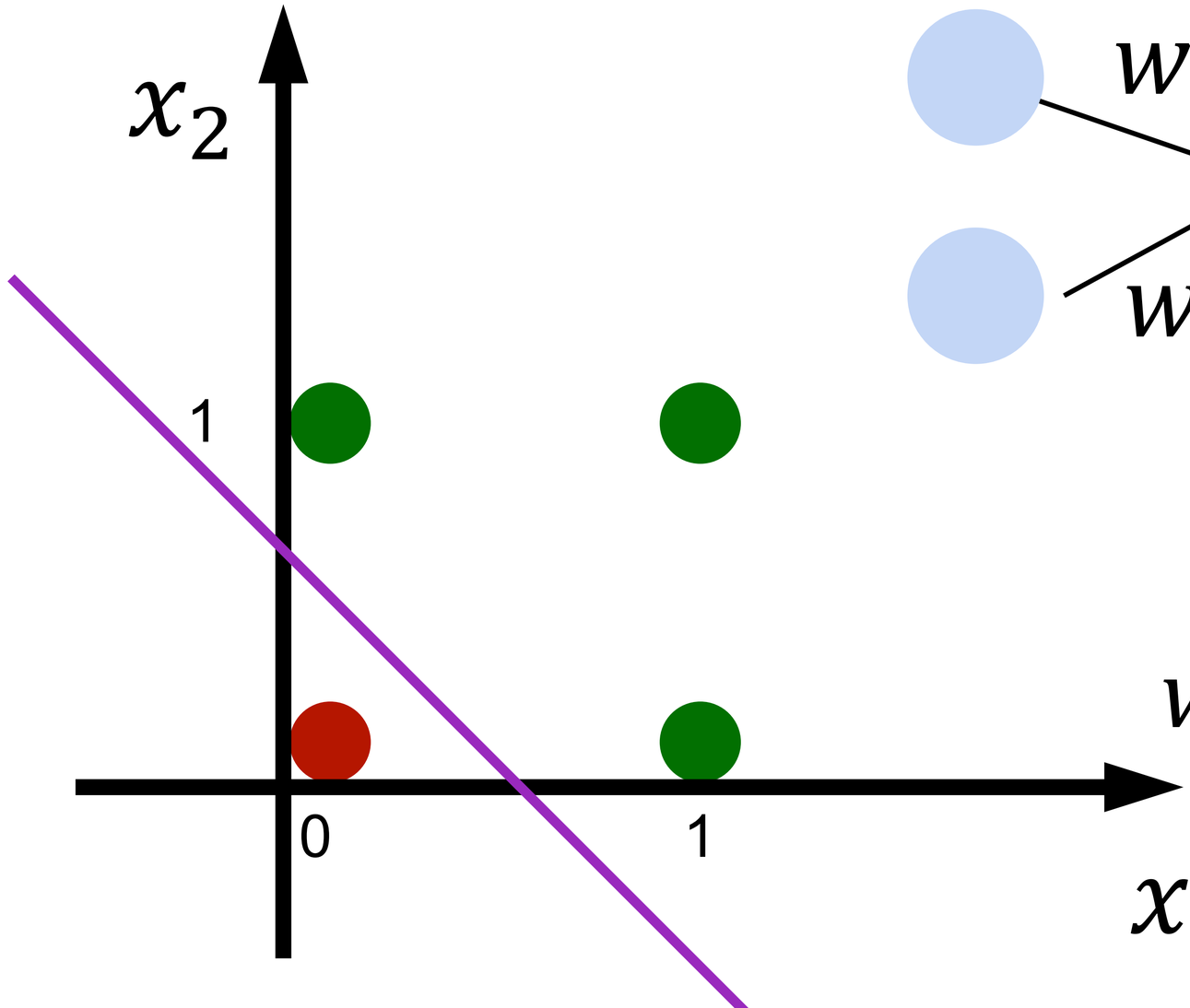

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XOR Problem (Minsky & Papert, 1969)

The perceptron cannot learn an XOR function
(neurons can only generate linear separators)

$x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, y = 0$

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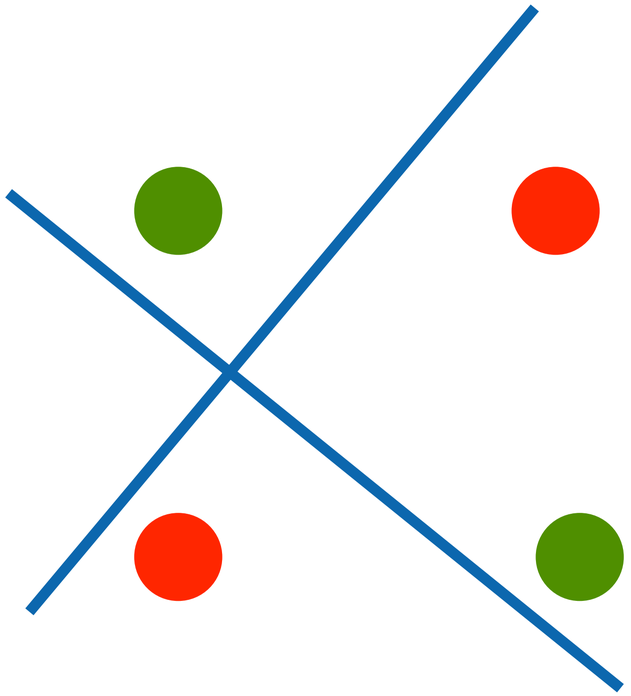

This contributed to the first AI winter

Quiz break

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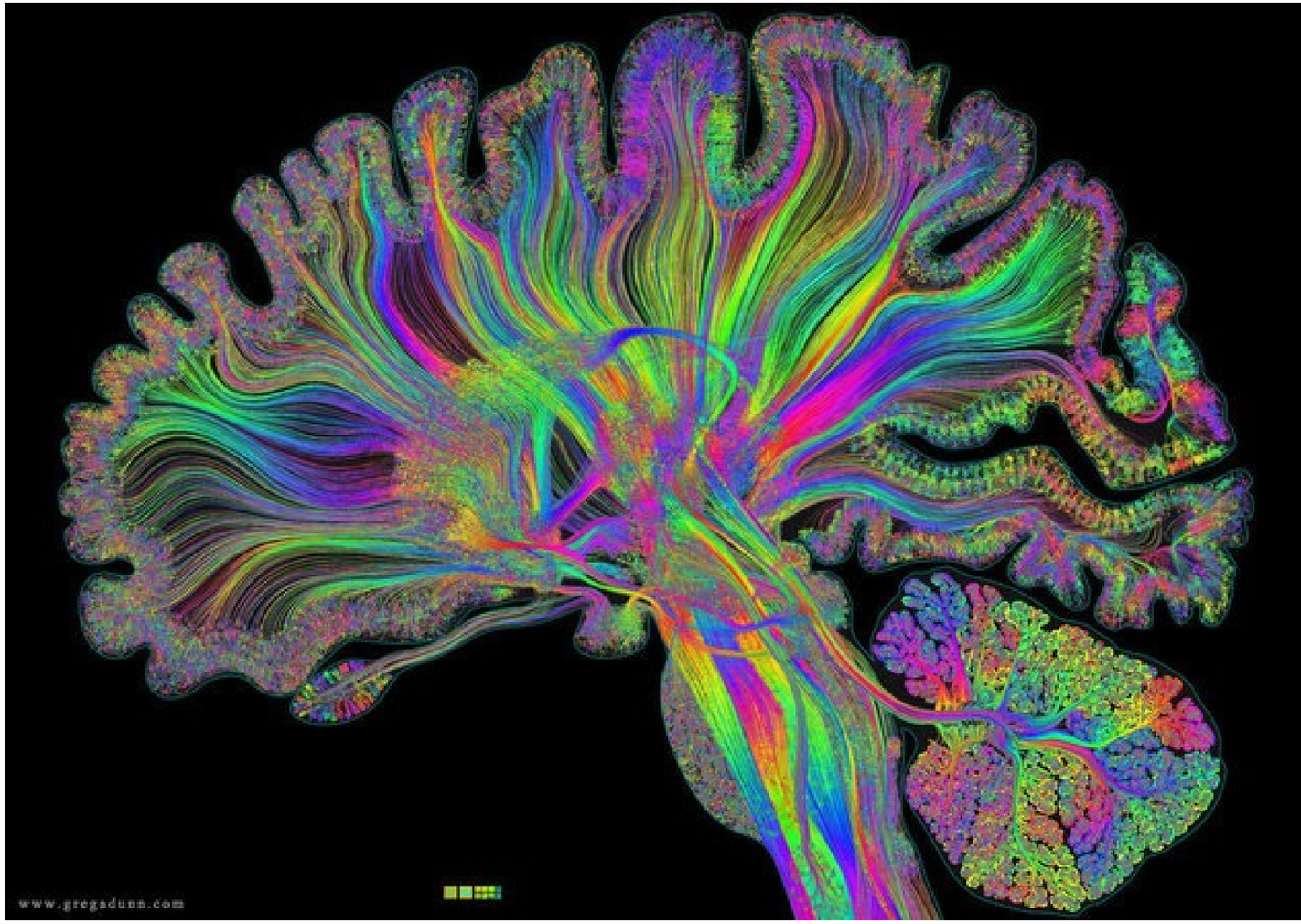

Single Hidden Layer

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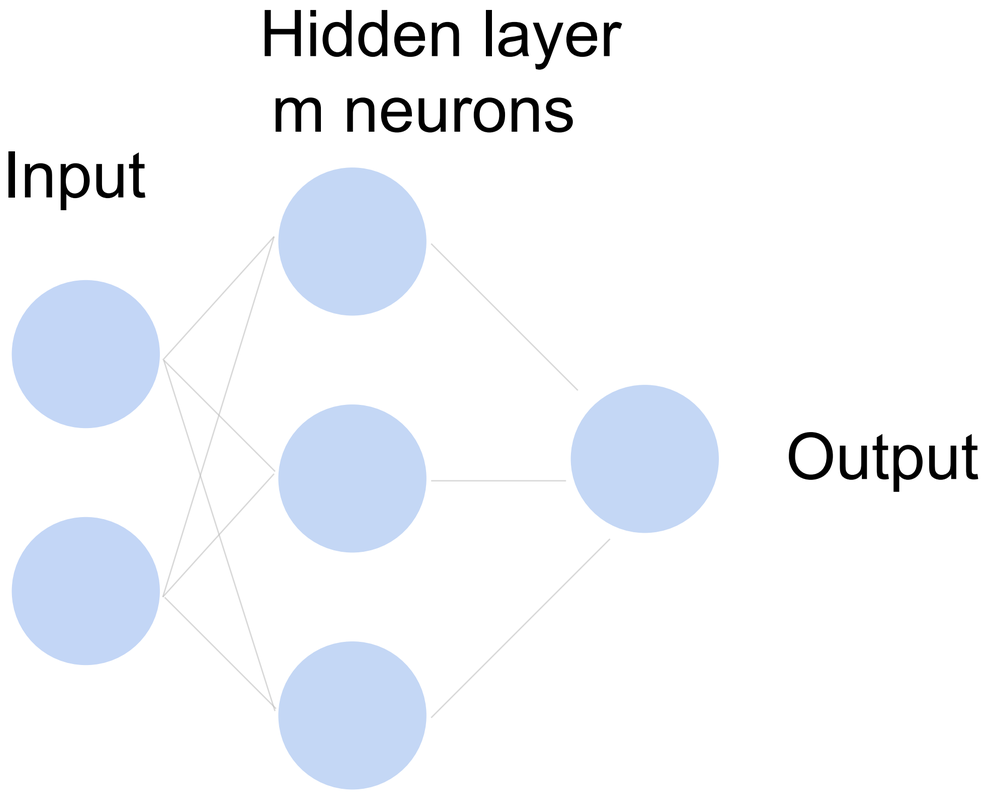
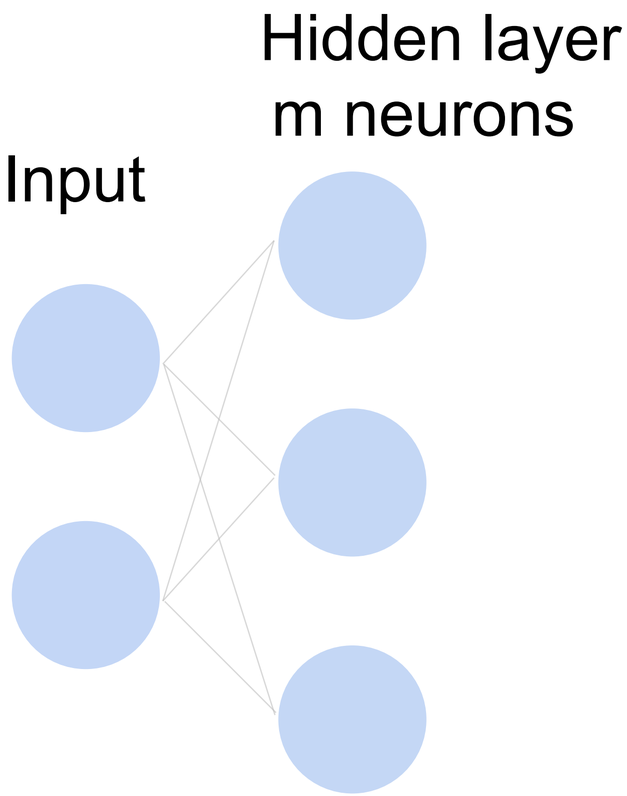


Single Hidden Layer

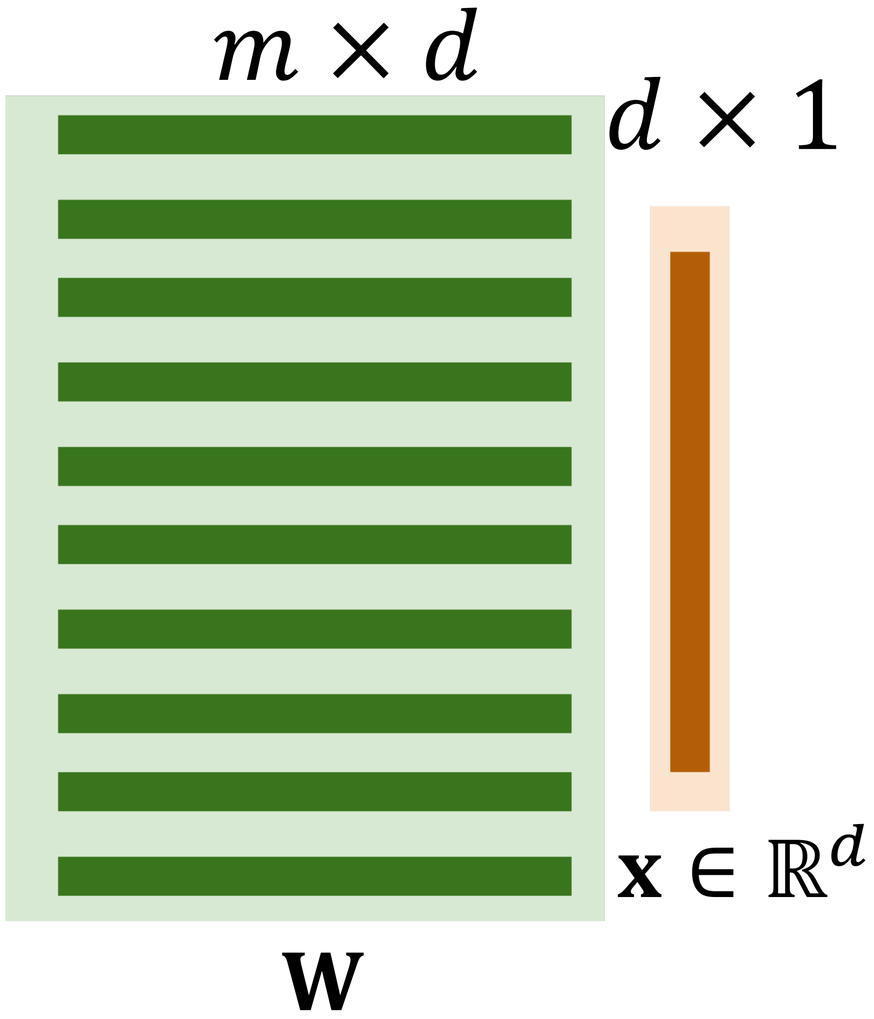
- Input $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Hidden $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- Intermediate output

$$\mathbf{h} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$$

σ is an element-wise activation function

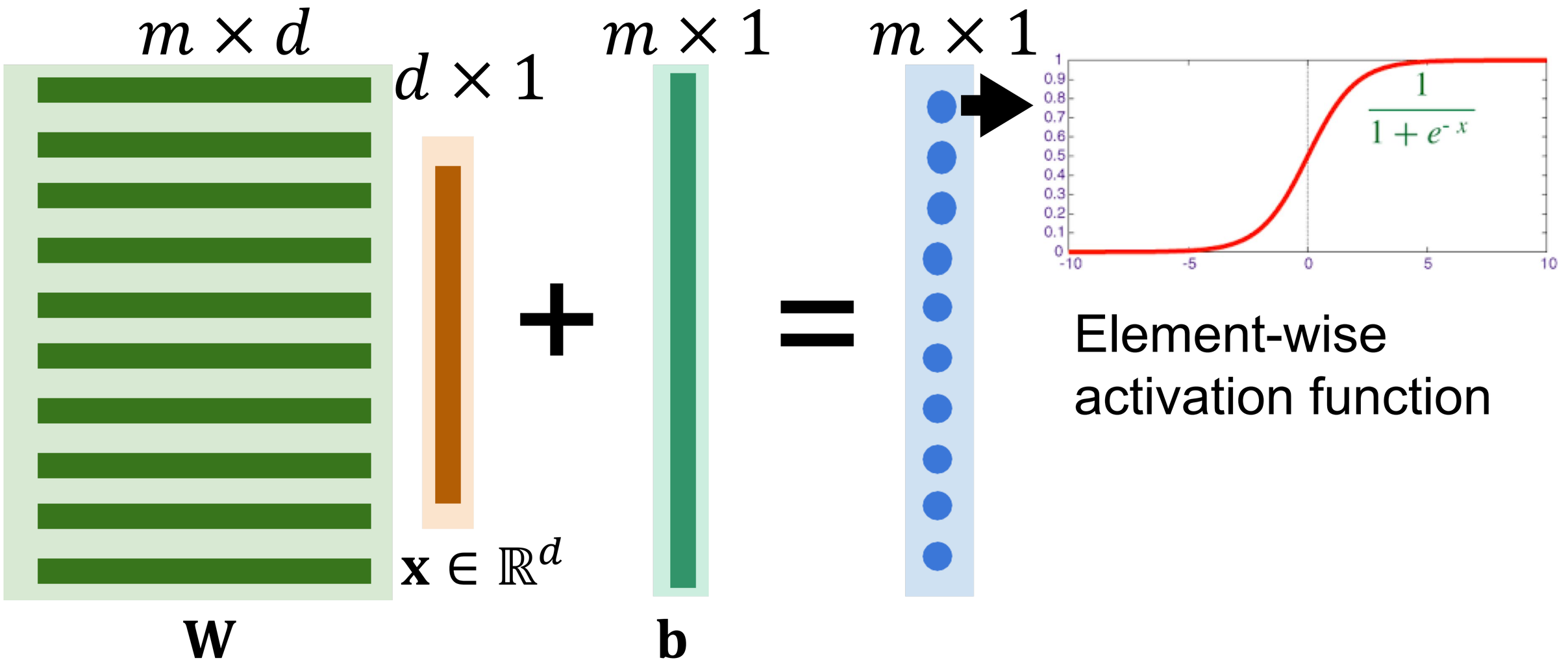


Neural networks with one hidden layer



Neural networks with one hidden layer

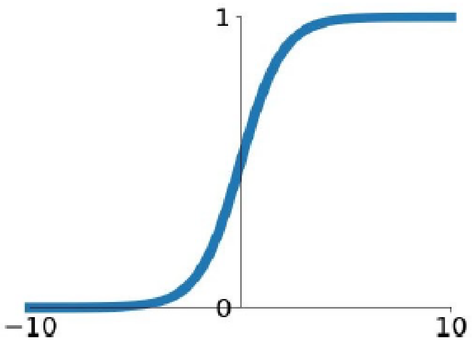
Key elements: linear operations + Nonlinear activations

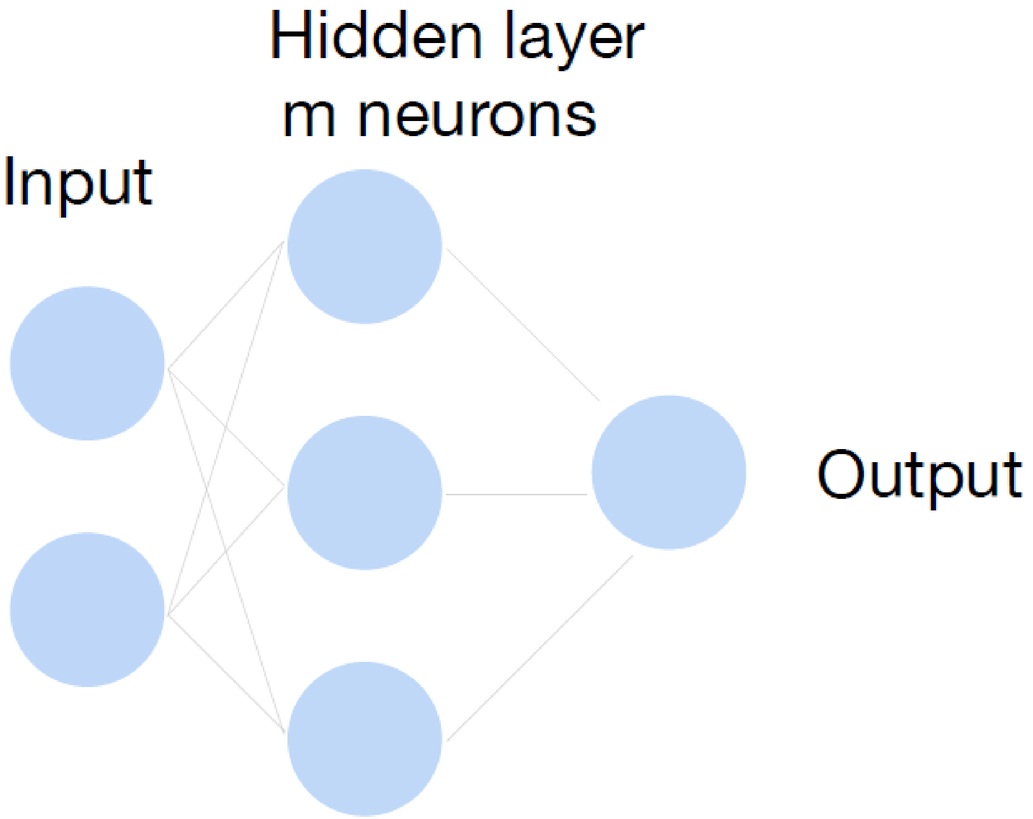


Single Hidden Layer

- Output $f = \mathbf{w}_2^\top \mathbf{h} + b_2$
- Normalize the output into probability using sigmoid

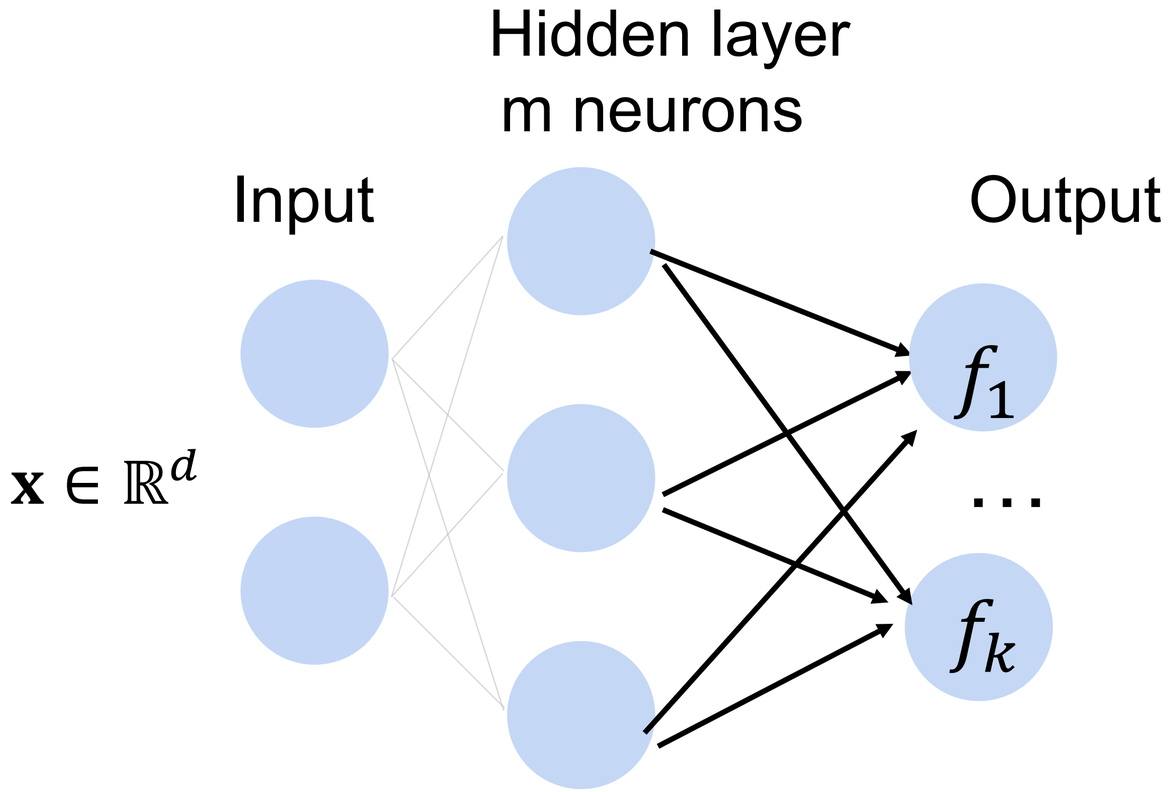
$$p(y = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-f}}$$





Multi-class classification

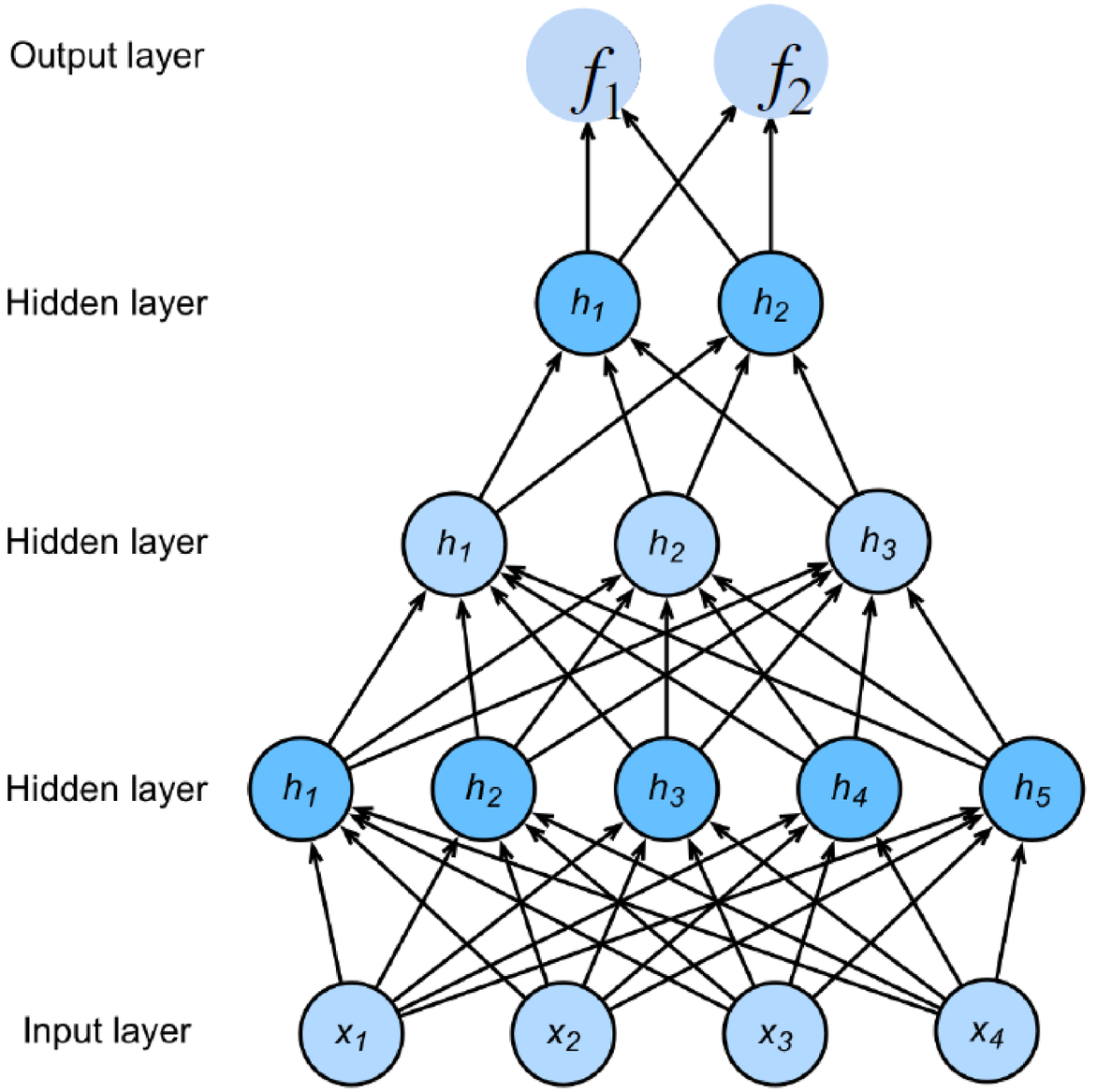
Turns outputs *f* into *k* probabilities (sum up to 1 across *k* classes)



$$p(y|\mathbf{x}) = softmax(\mathbf{f})$$

$$= \frac{\exp f_y(x)}{\sum_i^k \exp f_i(x)}$$

Deep neural networks (DNNs)



$$\mathbf{h}_1 = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_2 = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_2\mathbf{h}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2)$$

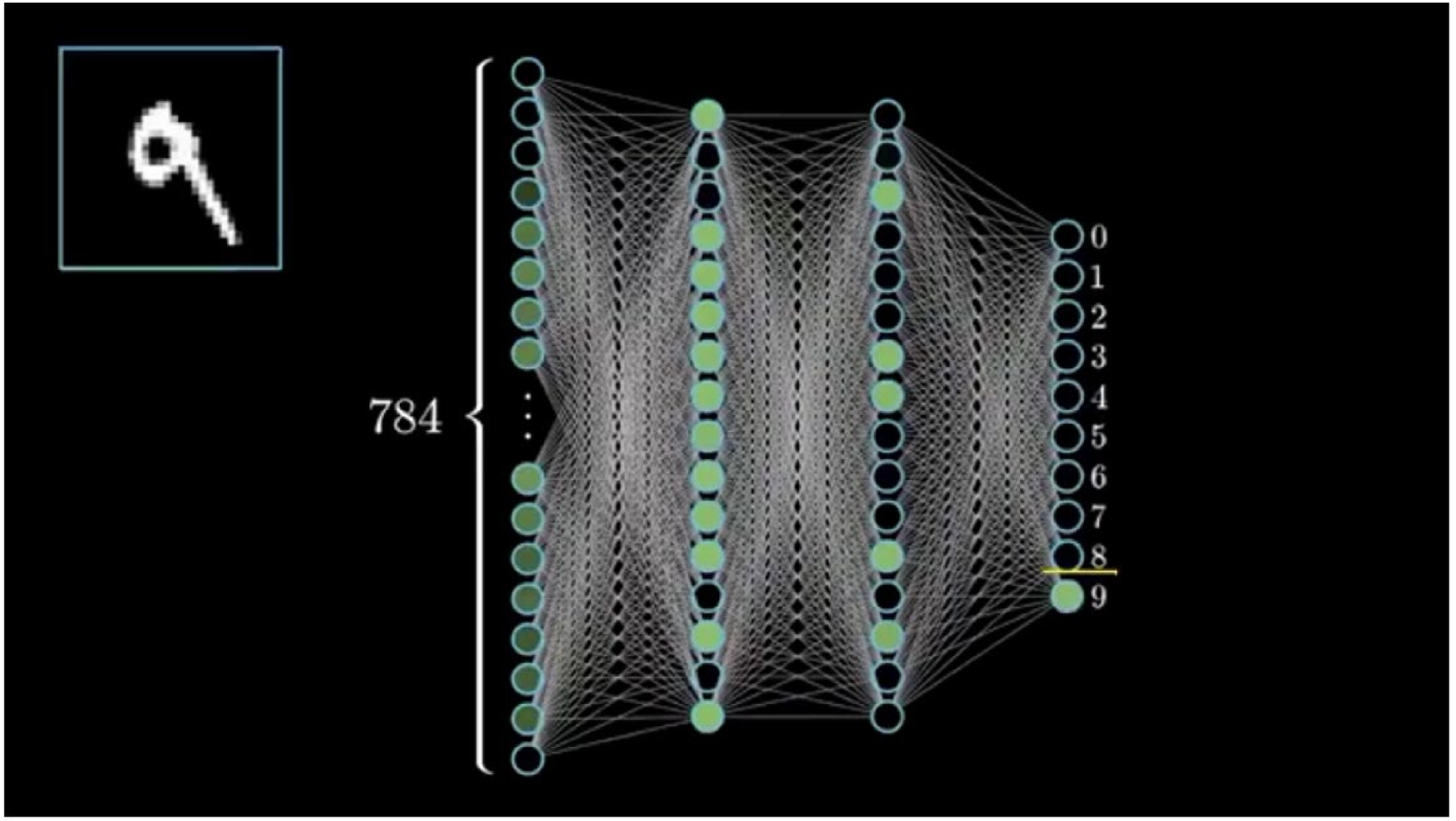
$$\mathbf{h}_3 = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_3\mathbf{h}_2 + \mathbf{b}_3)$$

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{W}_4\mathbf{h}_3 + \mathbf{b}_4$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{f})$$

NNs are composition of nonlinear functions

Classify MNIST handwritten digits



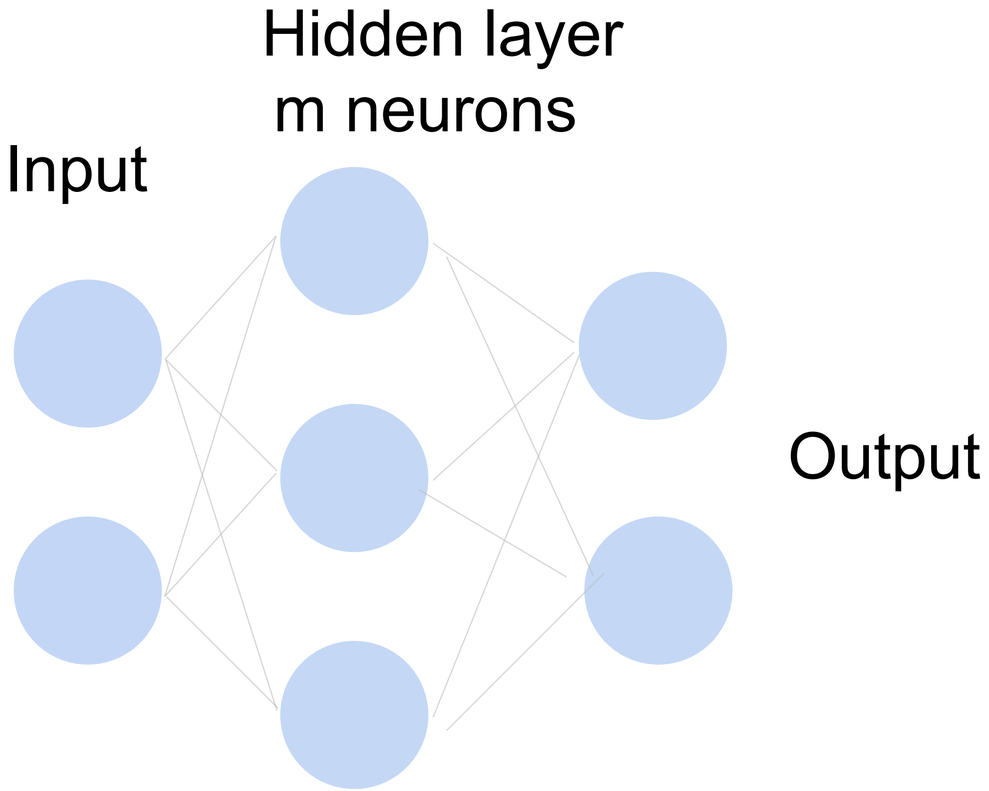
How to train a neural network?

Loss function: $\frac{1}{|D|}\sum_i \ell(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$

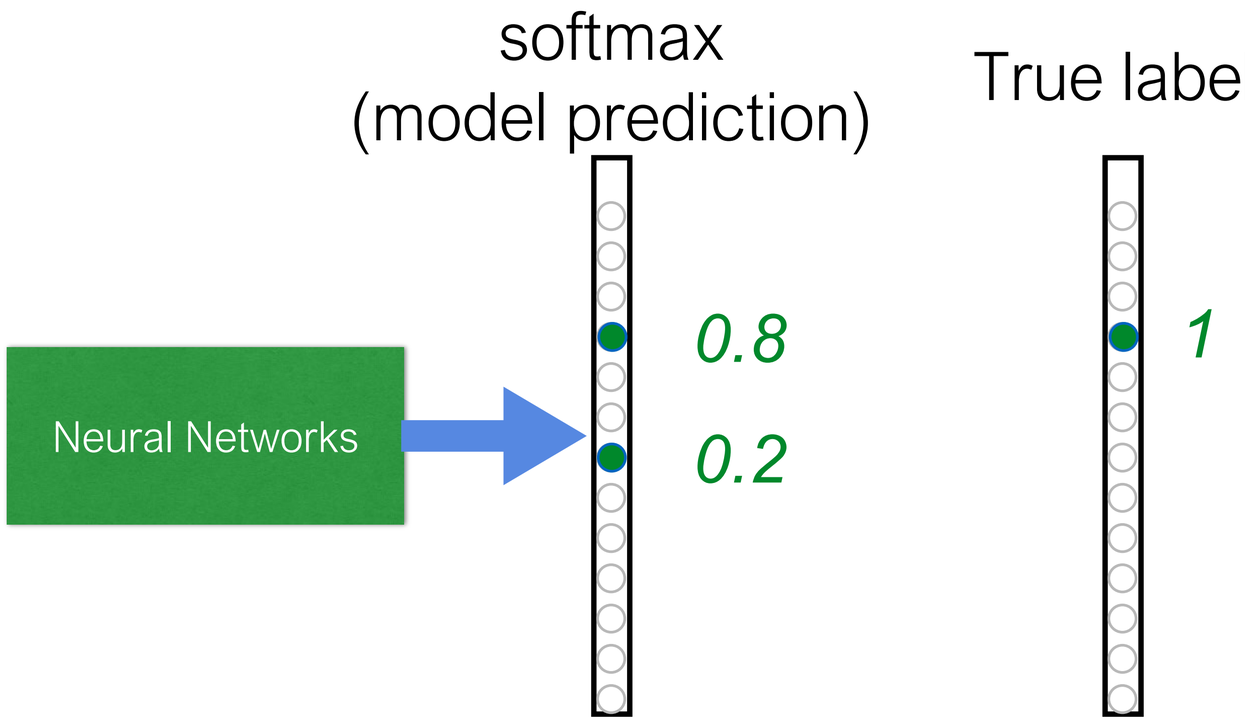
Per-sample loss:

$$\ell(\mathbf{x}, y) = \sum_{j=1}^{K} -y_j \log p_j$$

Also known as cross-entropy loss or softmax loss



Cross-Entropy Loss



p Y

$$L_{CE} = \sum_j -y_j \log(p_j)$$

$$= -\log(0.8)$$

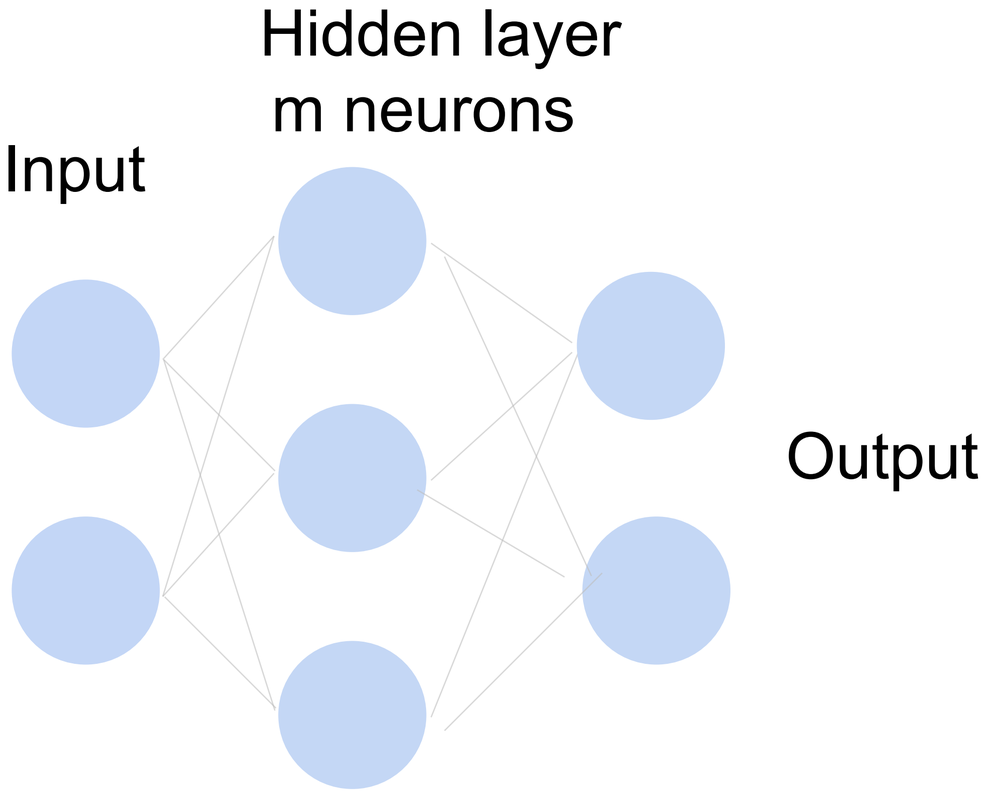
Goal: push ***p*** and ***Y*** to be identical

How to train a neural network?

Update the weights W to minimize the loss function

$$L = \frac{1}{|D|}\sum_i \ell(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$$

Use gradient descent!



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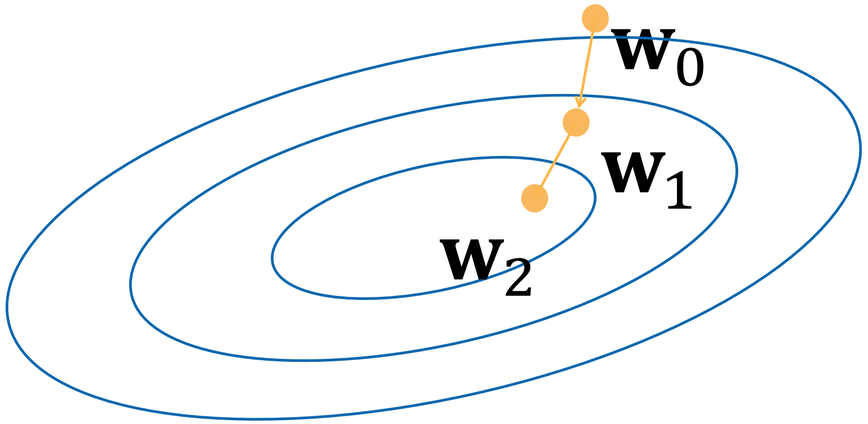


- Choose a learning rate $\alpha > 0$
- Initialize the model parameters w_0
- For t =1, 2, …
  - Update parameters:

$$\mathbf{w}_t = \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - \alpha \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{t-1}}$$

$$= \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - \alpha \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in D} \frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{t-1}}$$

D can be very large. Expensive per iteration

- Repeat until converges

Minibatch Stochastic Gradient Descent

- Choose a learning rate $\alpha > 0$
- Initialize the model parameters w_0
- For t =1, 2, …
  - **Randomly sample a subset (mini-batch)** $B \subset D$
    Update parameters:

$$\mathbf{w}_t = \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - \alpha \frac{1}{|B|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in B} \frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{t-1}}$$

- Repeat

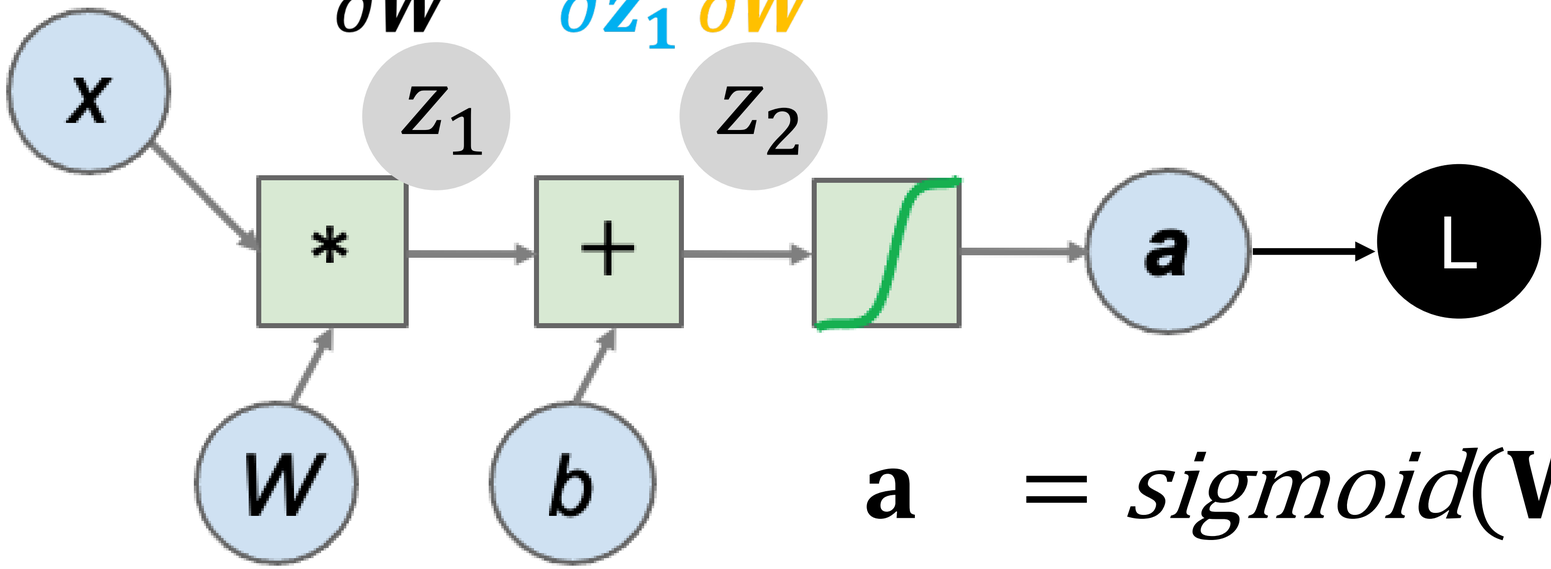
Calculate gradient: backpropagation with chain rule

- Define a loss function *L*, must compute $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$, $\frac{\partial L}{\partial b}$ for all weights and biases.

- Gradient to a variable =

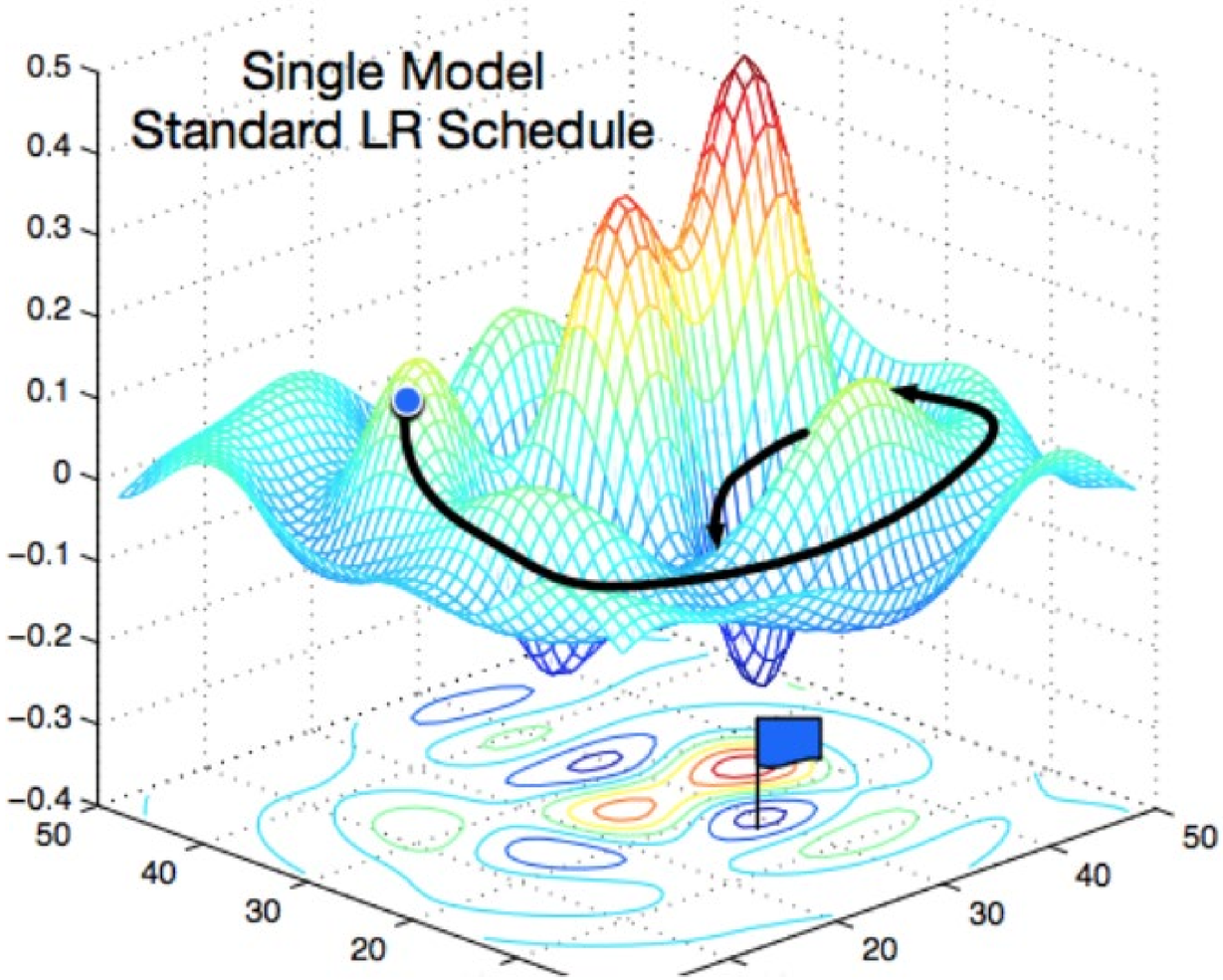
gradient on the top x gradient from the current operation

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{W}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{z_1}} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{z_1}}{\partial \boldsymbol{W}}$$



$$\mathbf{a} = sigmoid(\mathbf{Wx} + \mathbf{b})$$

Non-convex Optimization



[Gao and Li et al., 2018]

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Dual

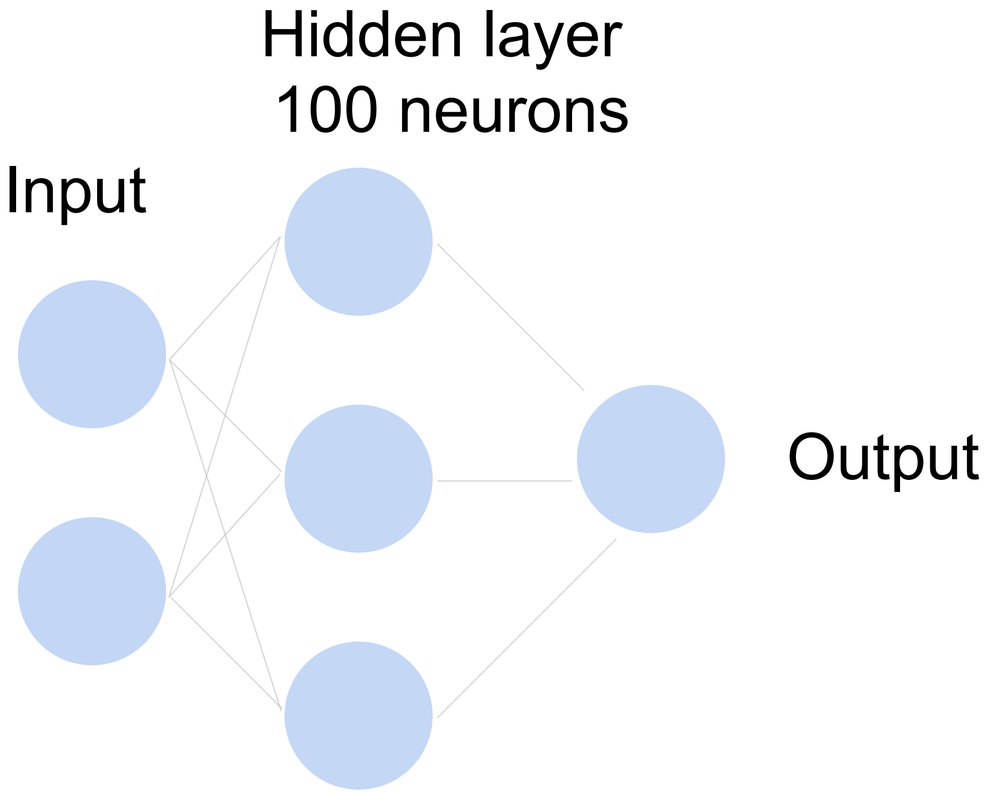
12MP

wide-angle and
telephoto cameras

36M floats in a RGB image!

Fully Connected Networks

Cats vs. dogs?



~ 36M elements x 100 = **~3.6B** parameters!

Convolutions come to rescue!

Where is Waldo?

Why Convolution?

- Translation Invariance
- Locality

2-D Convolution

Input

0	1	2
3	4	5
6	7	8

$*$

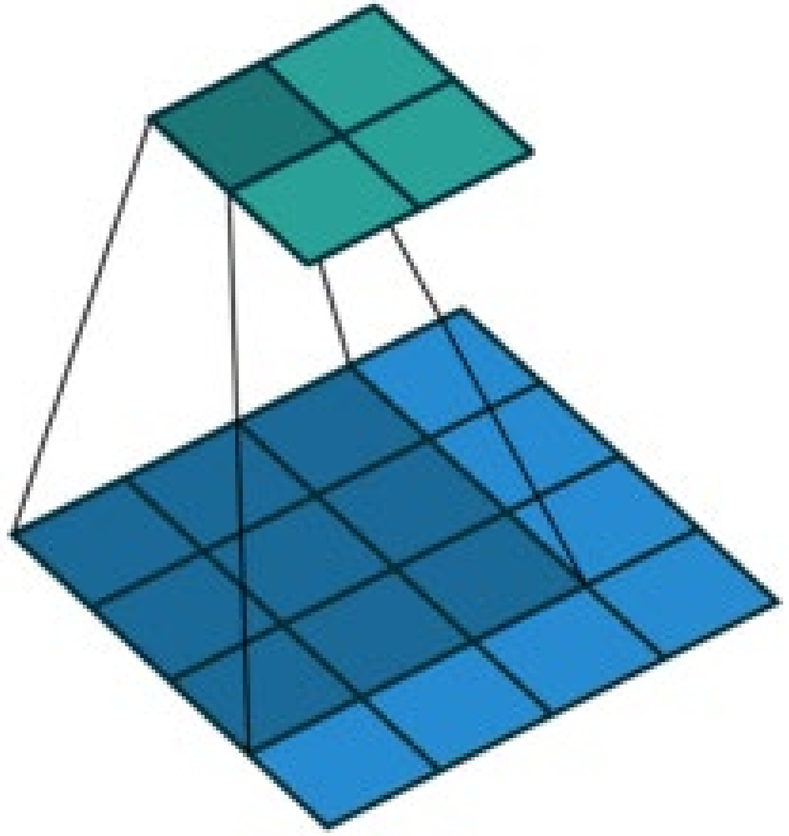
Kernel

0	1
2	3

$=$

Output

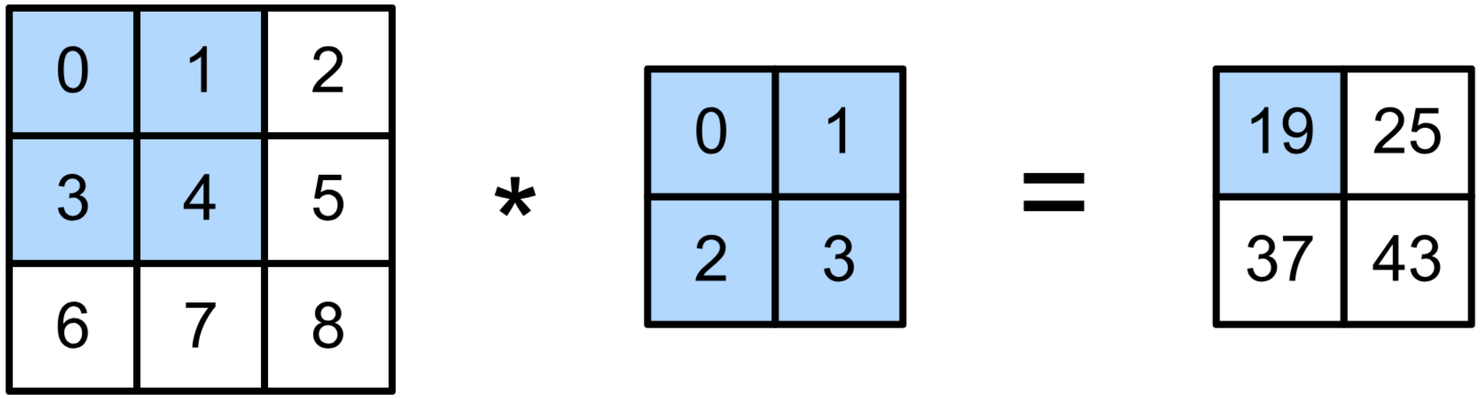
19	25
37	43



(vdumoulin@ Github)

$$0 \times 0 + 1 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 + 4 \times 3 = 19,$$
$$1 \times 0 + 2 \times 1 + 4 \times 2 + 5 \times 3 = 25,$$
$$3 \times 0 + 4 \times 1 + 6 \times 2 + 7 \times 3 = 37,$$
$$4 \times 0 + 5 \times 1 + 7 \times 2 + 8 \times 3 = 43.$$

2-D Convolution Layer



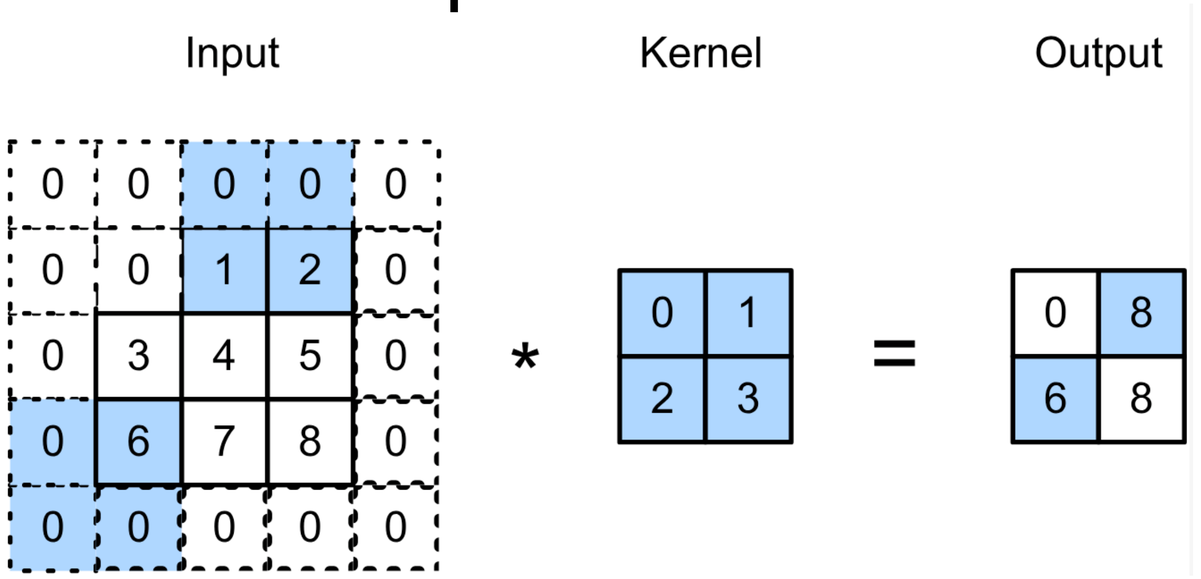
- $\mathbf{X}$: $n_h \times n_w$ input matrix
- $\mathbf{W}$: $k_h \times k_w$ kernel matrix
- b: scalar bias
- $\mathbf{Y}$: $(n_h - k_h + 1) \times (n_w - k_w + 1)$ output matrix

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} \star \mathbf{W} + b$$

- $\mathbf{W}$ and b are learnable parameters

2-D Convolution Layer with Stride and Padding

- Stride is the #rows/#columns per slide
- Padding adds rows/columns around input
- Output shape



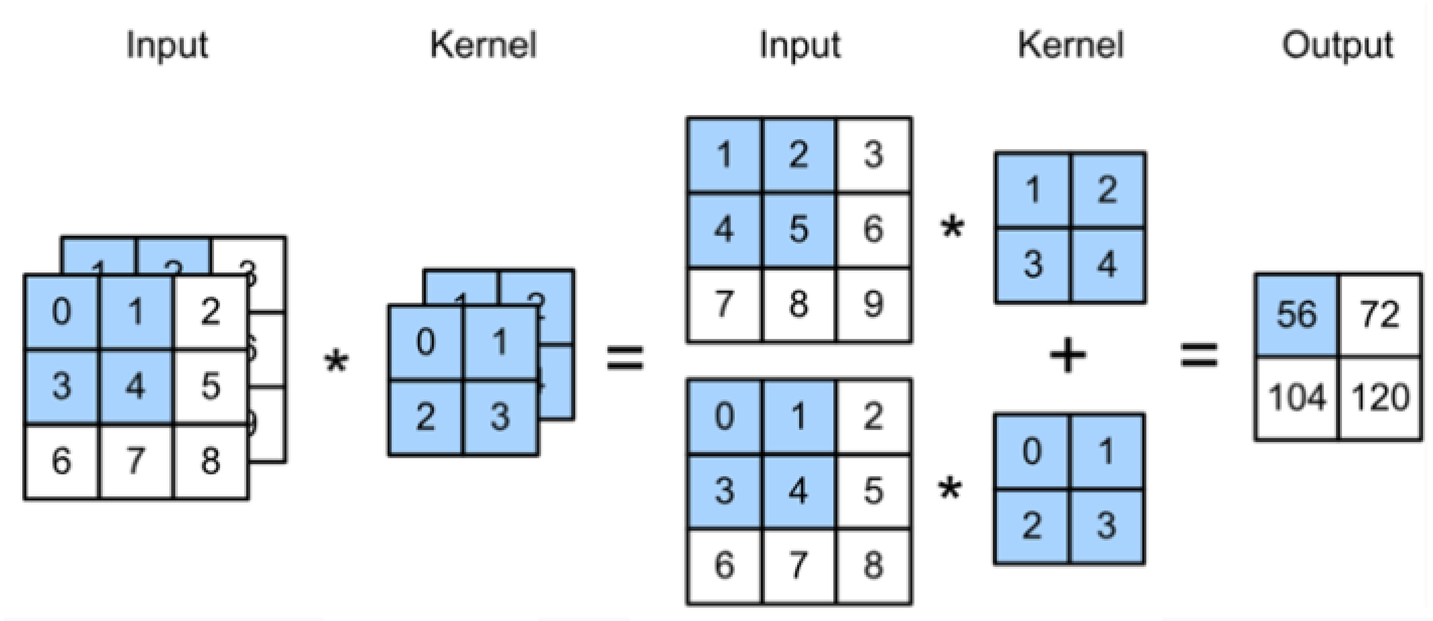
Kernel/filter size

$$\lfloor (n_h - k_h + p_h + s_h)/s_h \rfloor \times \lfloor (n_w - k_w + p_w + s_w)/s_w \rfloor$$

Input size **Pad** **Stride**

Multiple Input Channels

- Input and kernel can be 3D, e.g., an RGB image have 3 channels
- Have a kernel for each channel, and then sum results over channels



$$(1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 + 4 \times 3 + 5 \times 4) + (0 \times 0 + 1 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 + 4 \times 3) = 56$$

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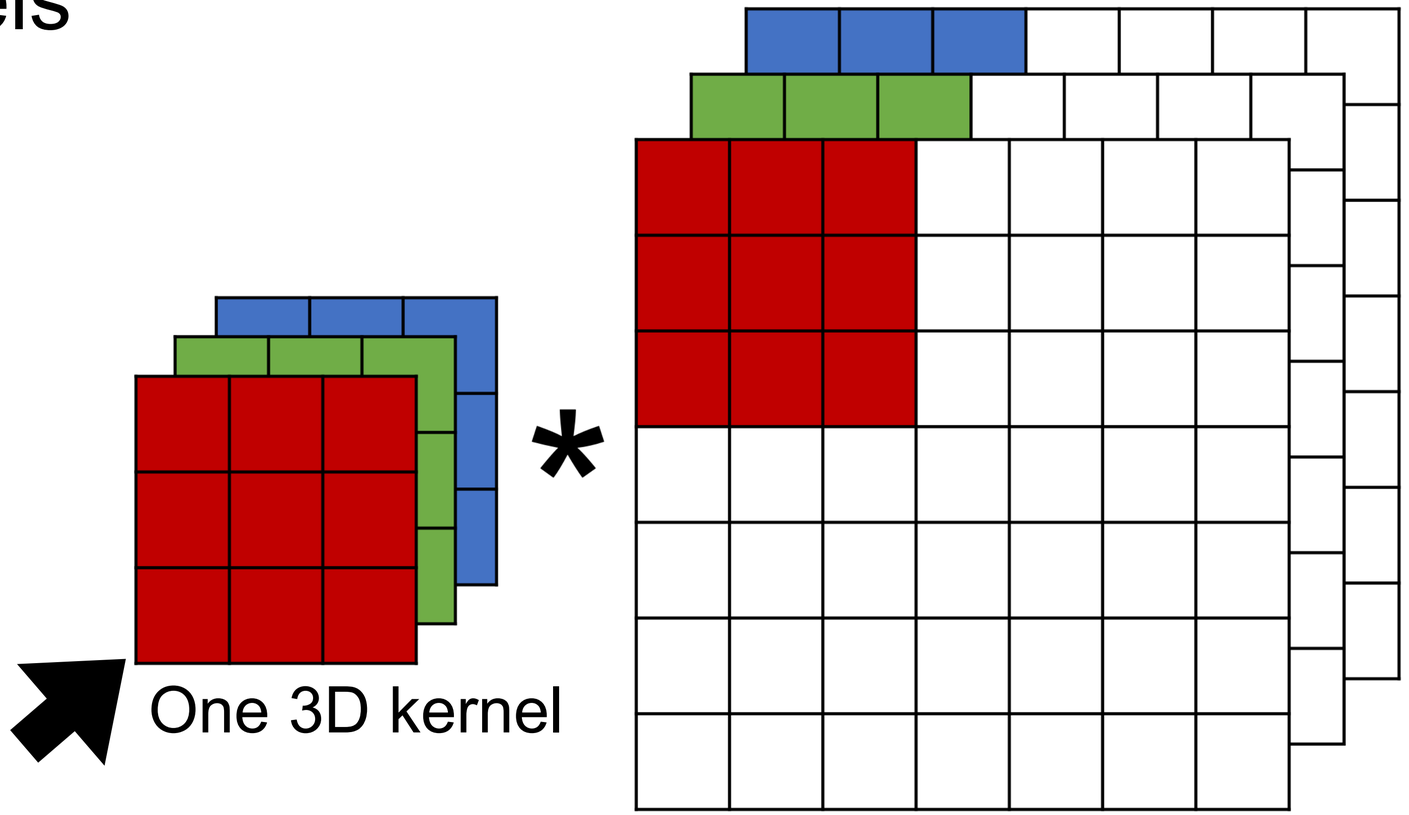
- Have a 2D kernel for each channel, and then sum results over channels



Multiple Input Channels

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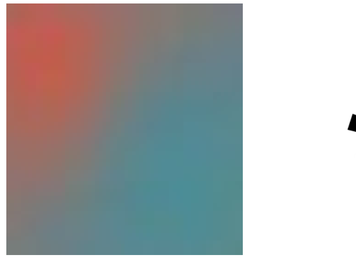
- Also call each 3D kernel a "**filter**", which produce only **one** output channel (due to summation over channels)



One filter
(3 channels)

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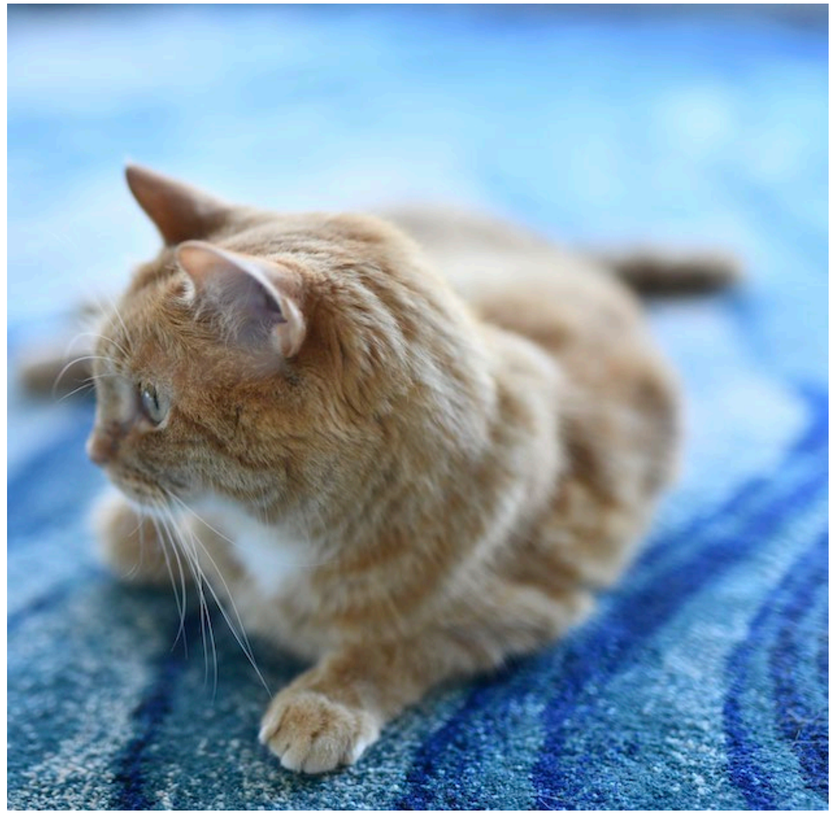
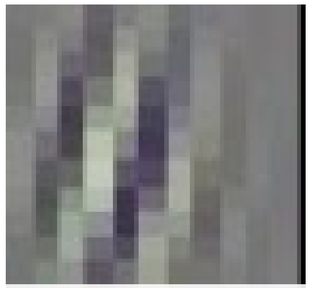


RGB (3 input channels)

Multiple filters (in one layer)

- Apply multiple filters on the input
- Each filter may learn different features about the input
- Each filter (3D kernel) produces one output channel



A different filter

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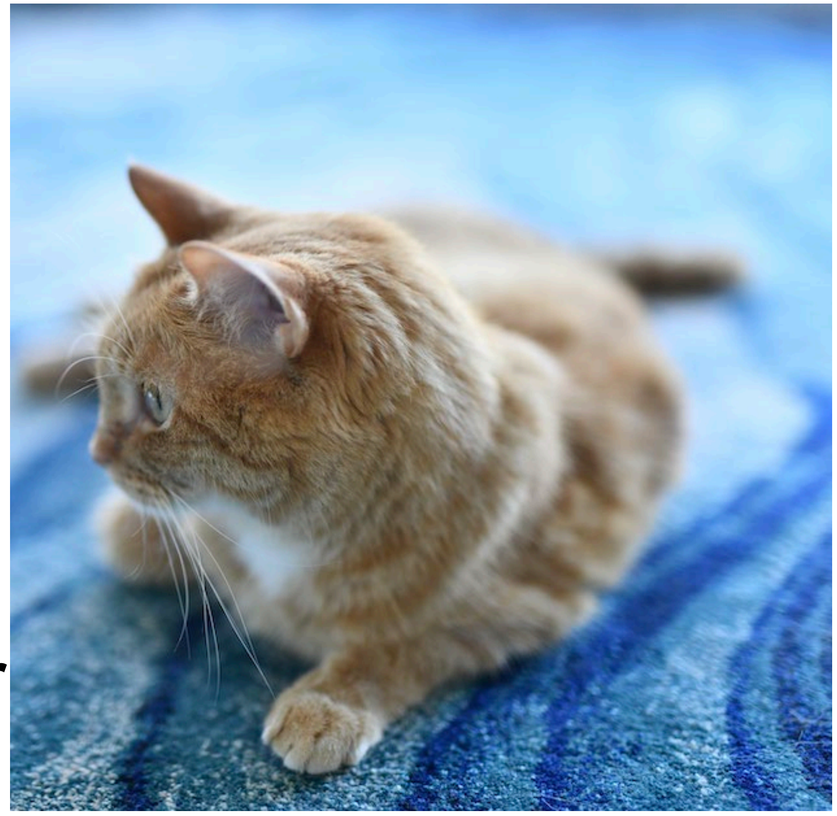
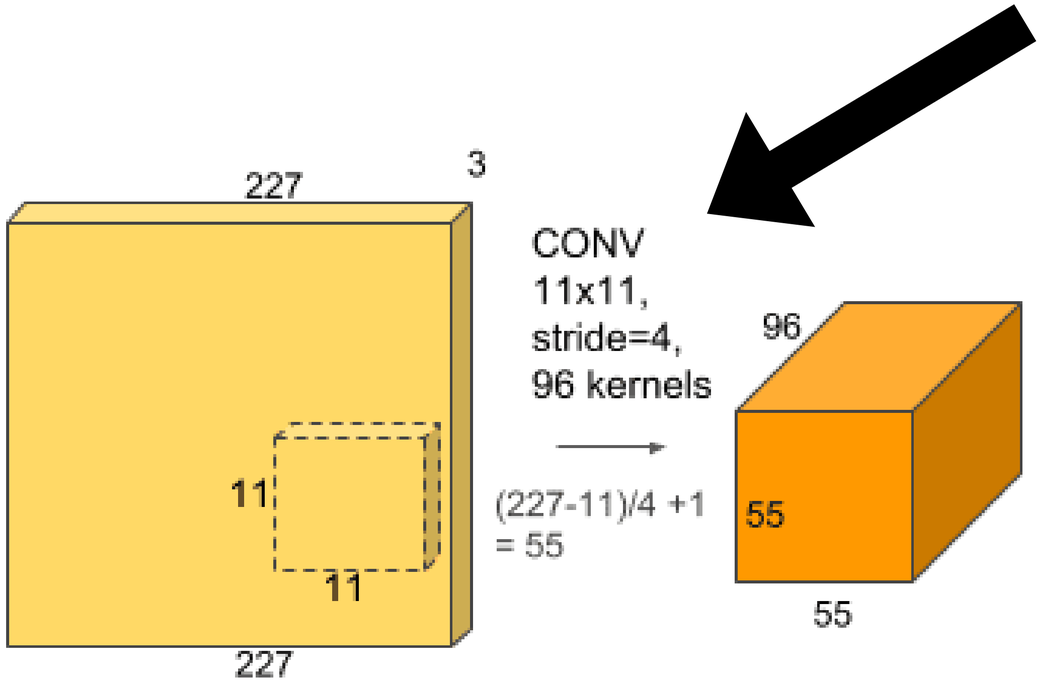
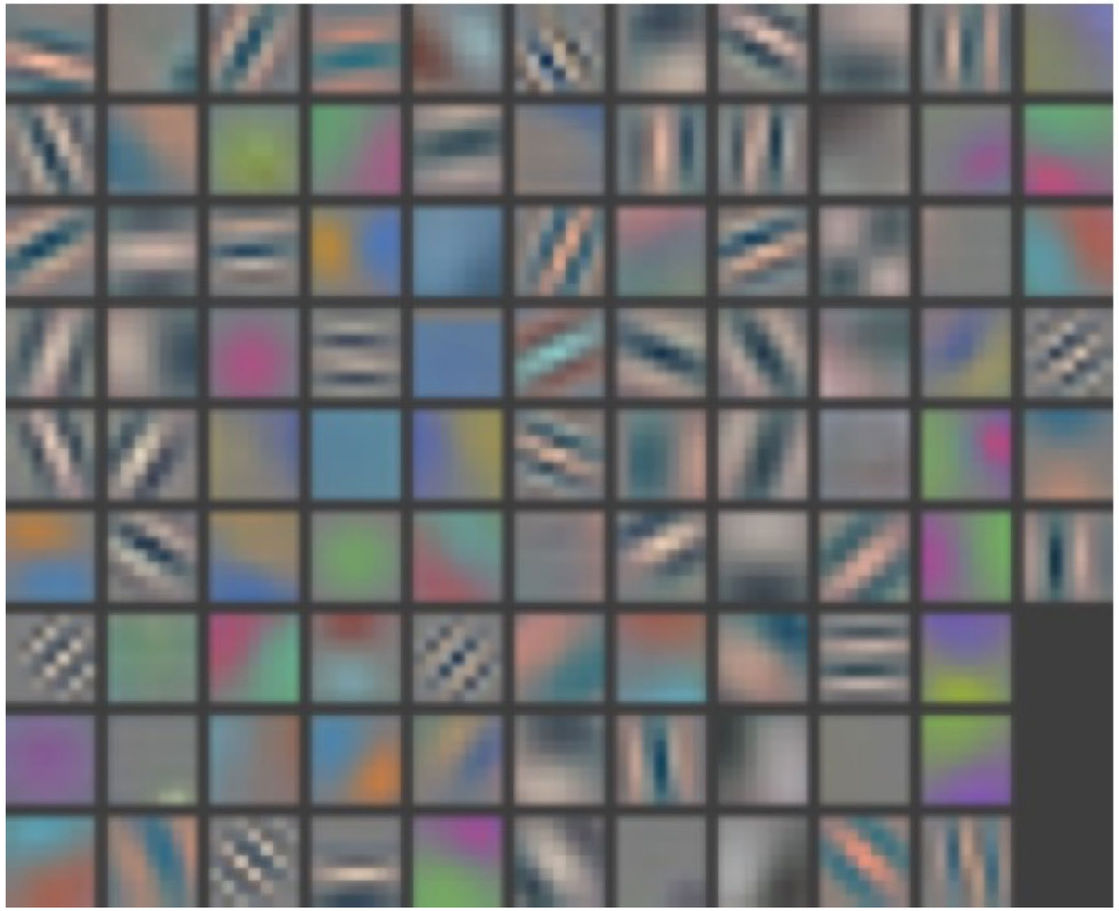


RGB (3 input channels)

Conv1 Filters in AlexNet

- 96 filters (each of size 11x11x3)
- Gabor filters





Figures from Visualizing and Understanding Convolutional Networks by *M. Zeiler and R. Fergus*

Multiple Output Channels

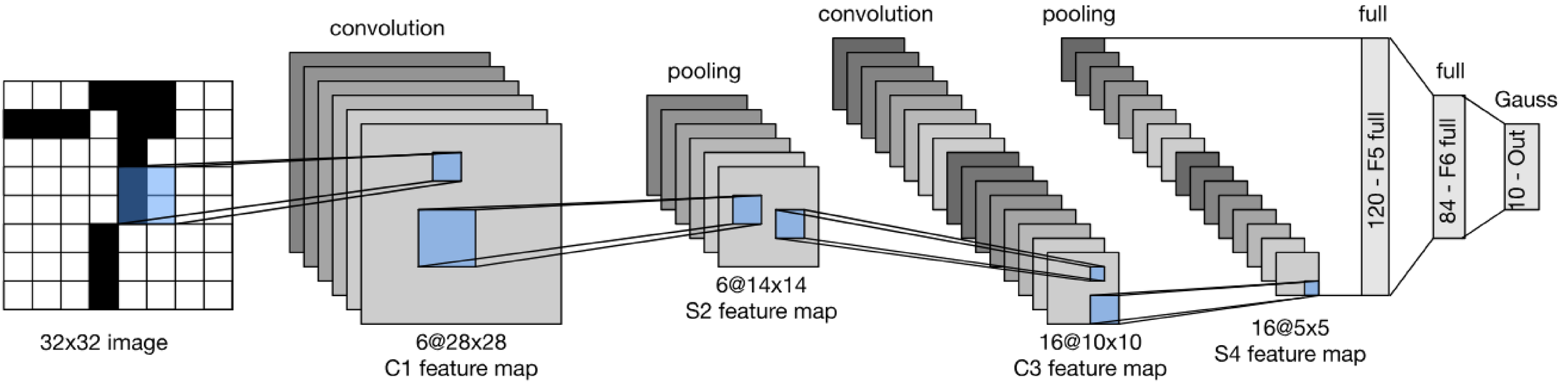
- The # of output channels = # of filters
- Input $\mathbf{X}$: $c_i \times n_h \times n_w$
- Kernel $\mathbf{W}$: $c_o \times c_i \times k_h \times k_w$
- Output $\mathbf{Y}$: $c_o \times m_h \times m_w$

$$\mathbf{Y}_{i,:,:} = \mathbf{X} \star \mathbf{W}_{i,:,:,:}$$

$$for\, i = 1, \ldots, c_o$$

Convolutional Neural Networks

LeNet Architecture



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Y. LeCun, L. Bottou, Y. Bengio, P. Haffner, 1998 Gradient-based learning applied to document recognition

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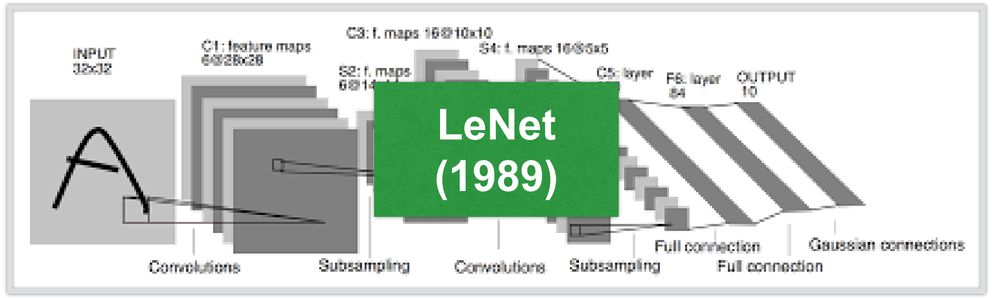
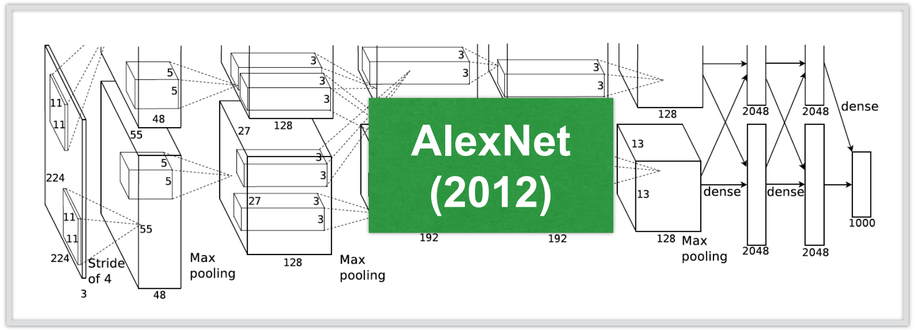
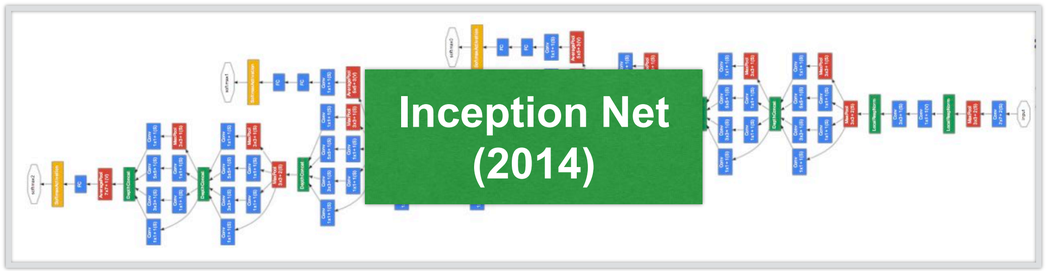
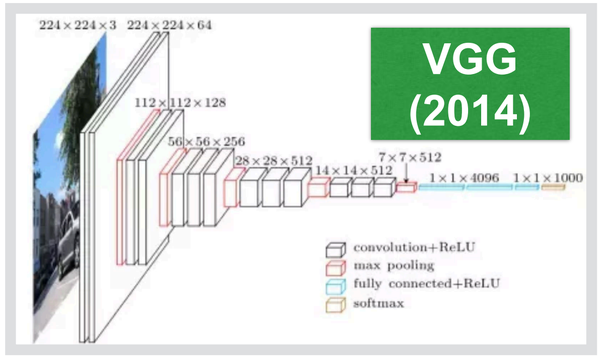
Pooling is performed after ReLU: conv -> relu -> pooling

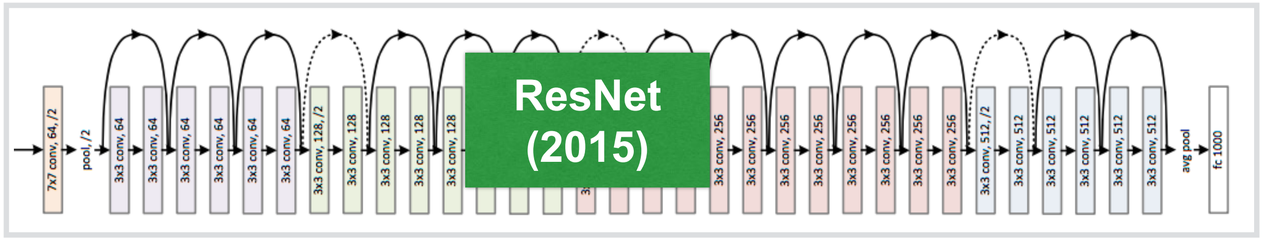
Evolution of neural net architectures

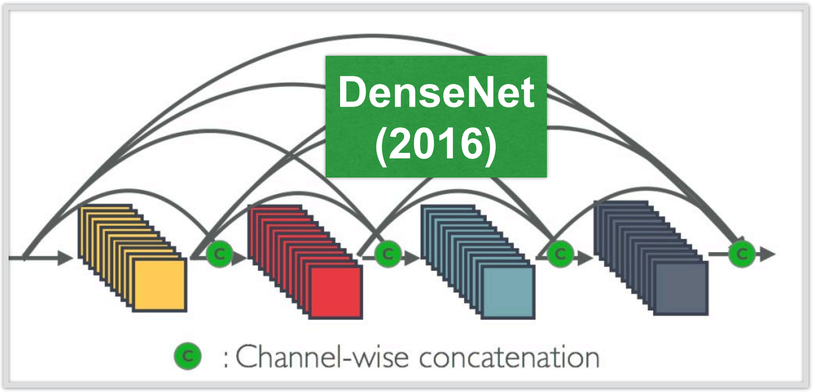






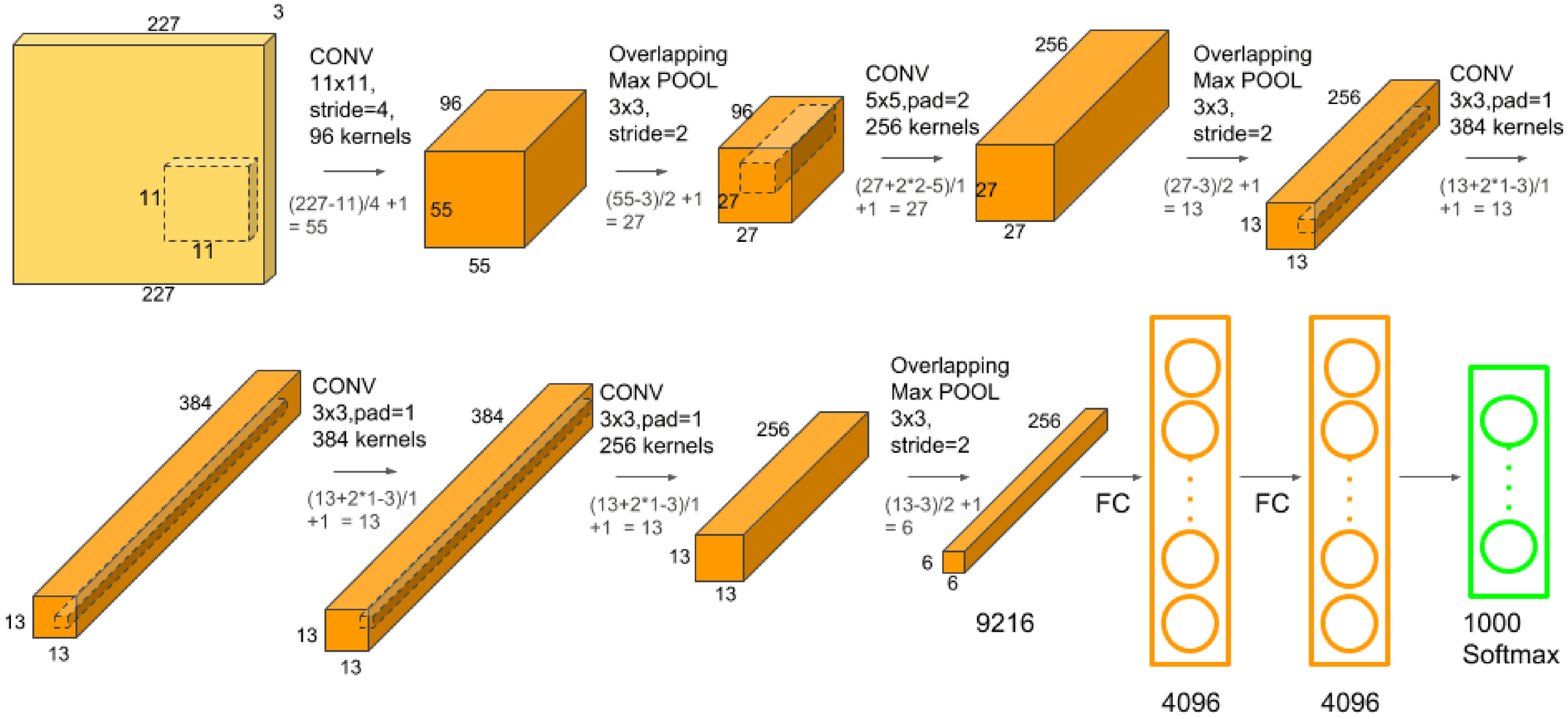






Deng et al. 2009

AlexNet

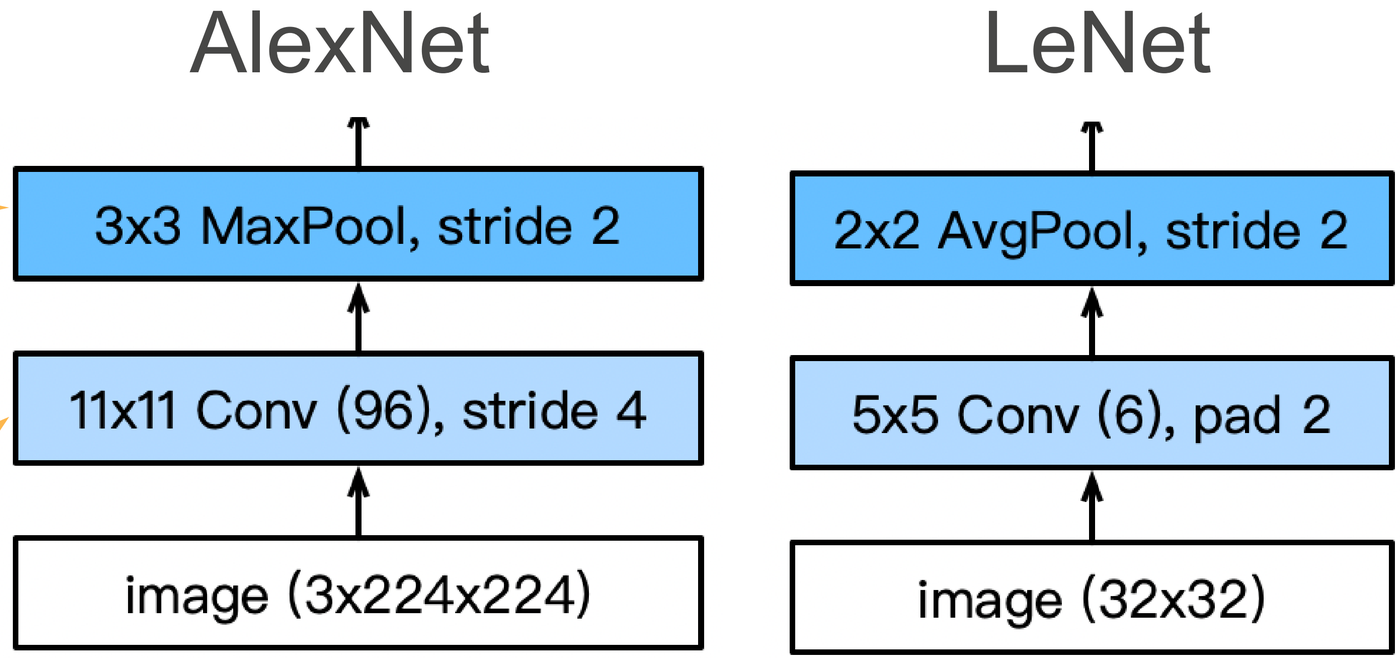


[Krizhevsky et al. 2012]

AlexNet vs LeNet Architecture

Larger pool size, change to max pooling

Larger kernel size, stride because of the increased image size, and more output channels.



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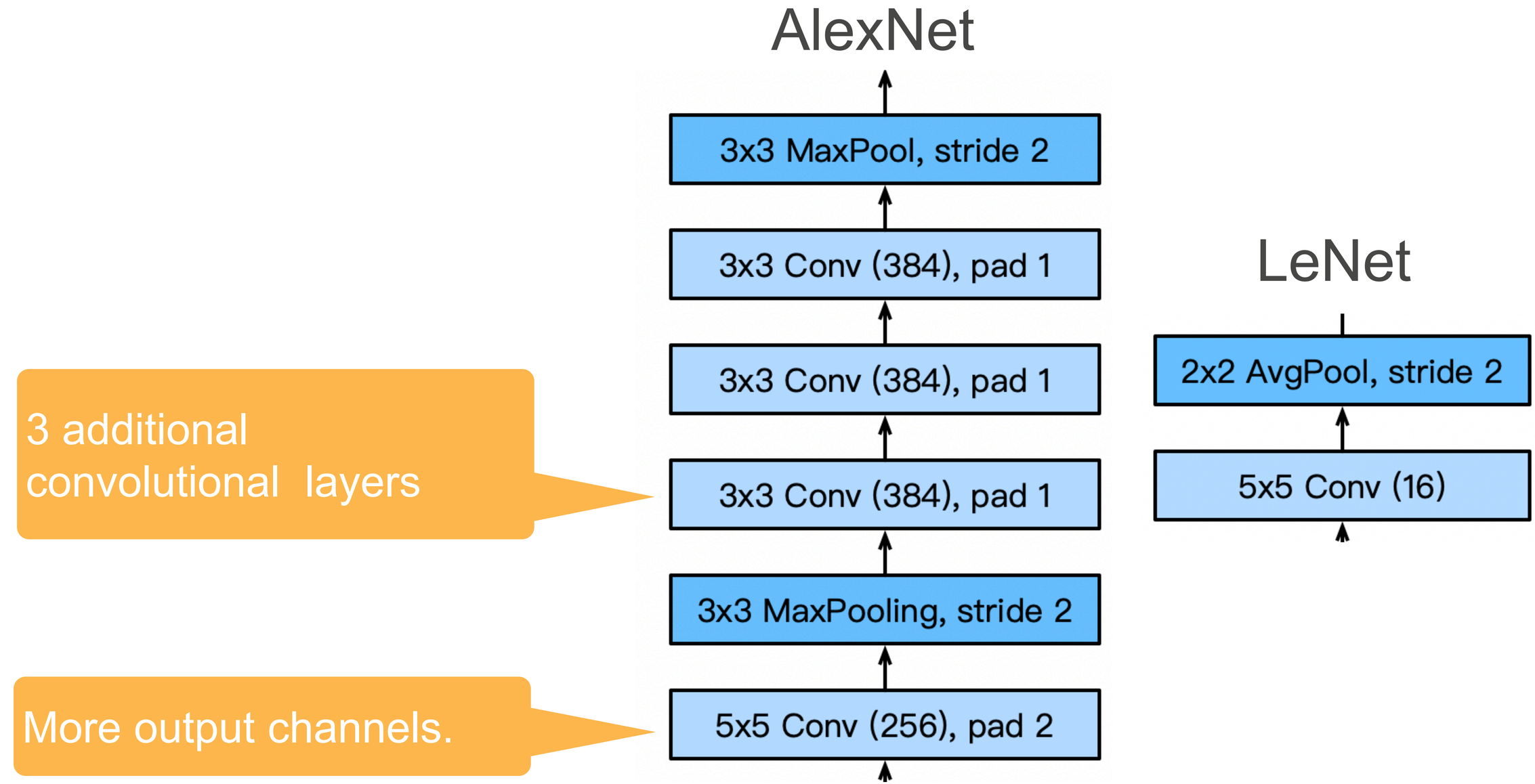
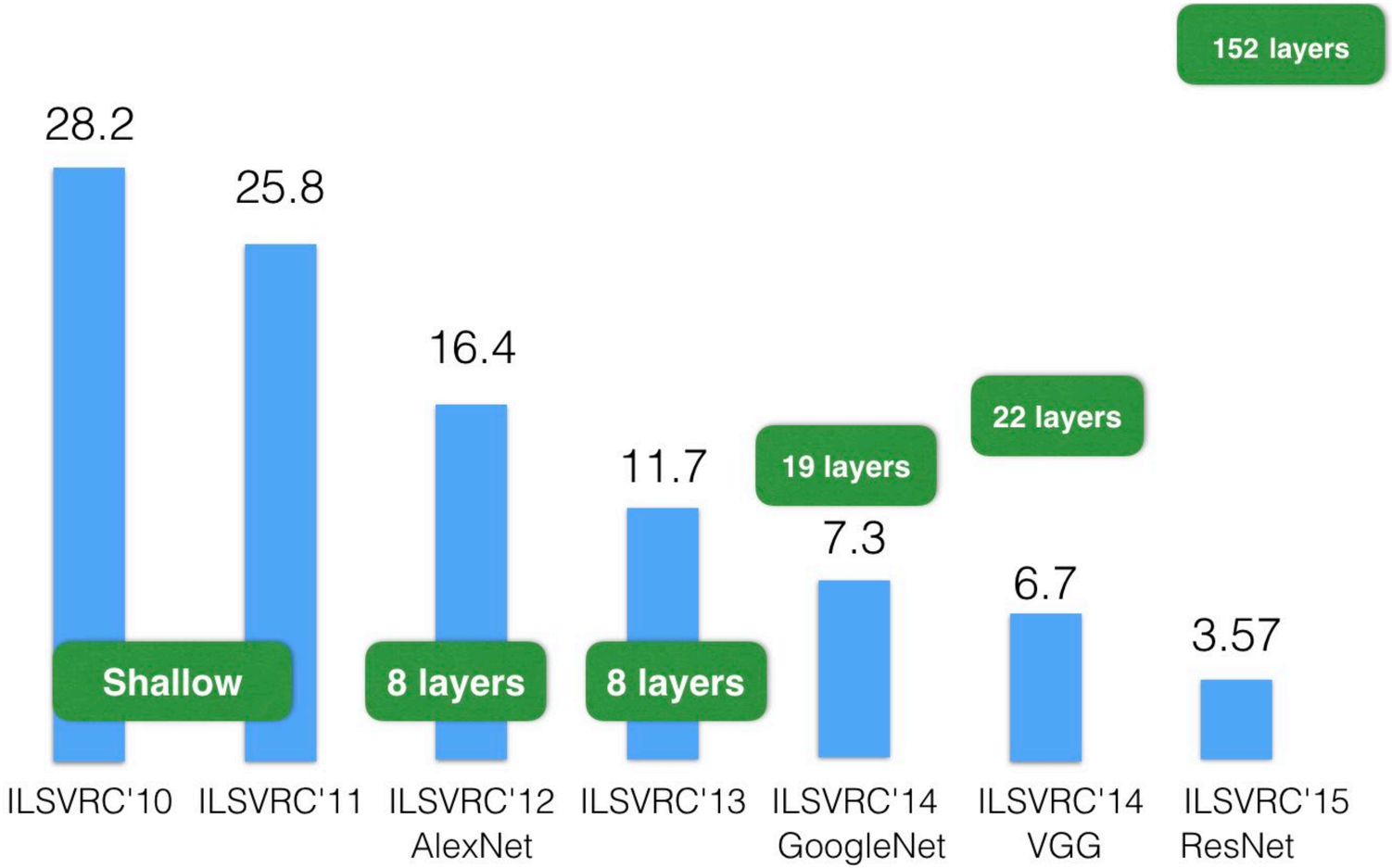


ResNet: Going deeper in depth



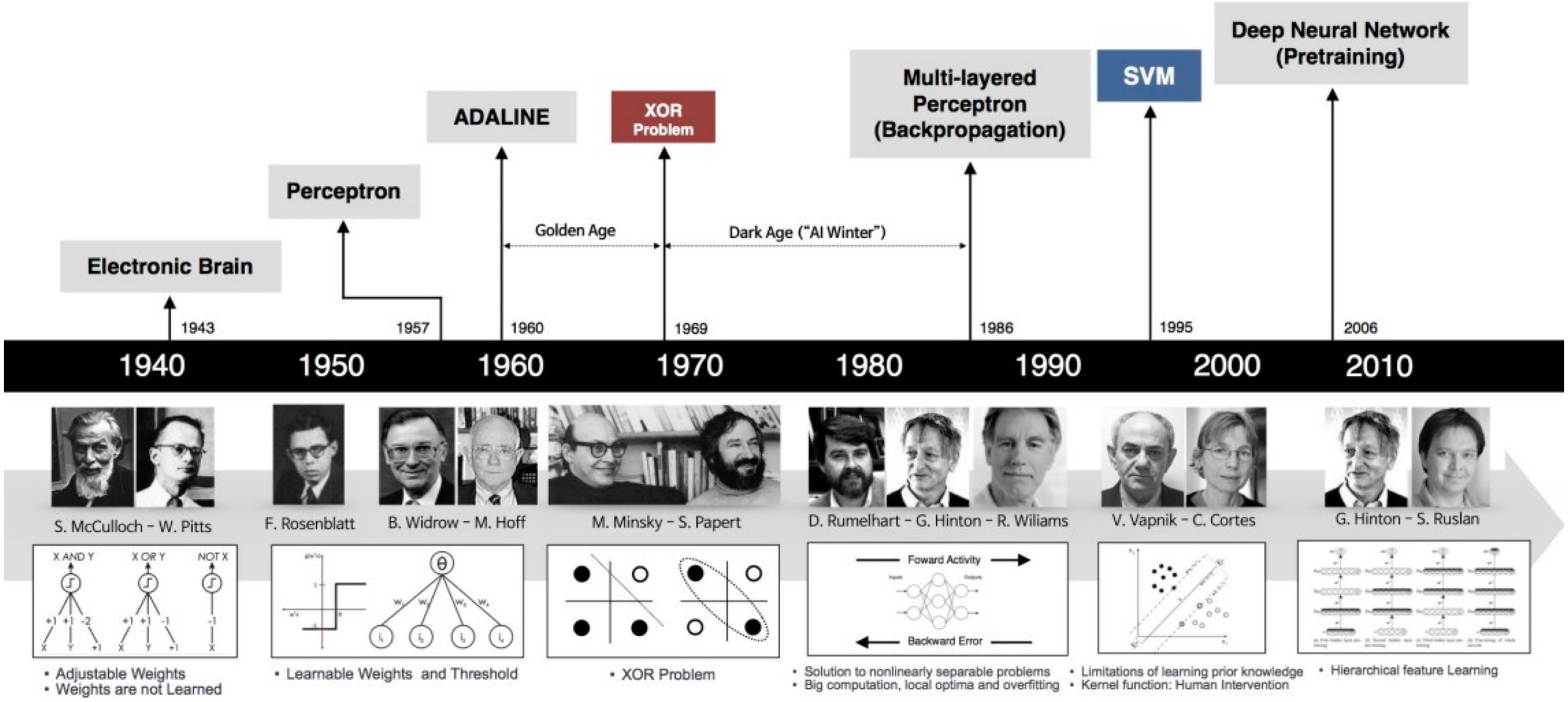
ImageNet Top-5 error%

[He et al. 2015]

Other neural network architectures

- Convolutional neural networks are one of many special types of layers.
  - Main use is for processing images.
  - Also can be useful for handling time series.
- Other common architectures:
  - Recurrent neural networks: hidden activations are a function of input and activations from previous inputs. Designed for sequential data such as text.
  - Graph neural networks: take graph data as input.
  - Transformers: take sequences as input and learn what parts of input to pay attention to.

Brief history of neural networks



What we've learned today…

- Modeling a single neuron
  - Linear perceptron
  - Limited power of a single neuron
- Multi-layer perceptron
- Training of neural networks
  - Loss function (cross entropy)
  - Backpropagation and SGD
- Convolutional neural networks
  - Convolution, pooling, stride, padding
  - Basic architectures (LeNet etc.)
  - More advanced architectures (AlexNet, ResNet etc)

Thank you!

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