

Understanding AI from Scratch:

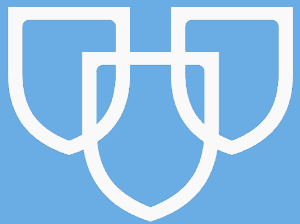
From Linear Regression to ChatGPT

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Why understand AI from scratch?

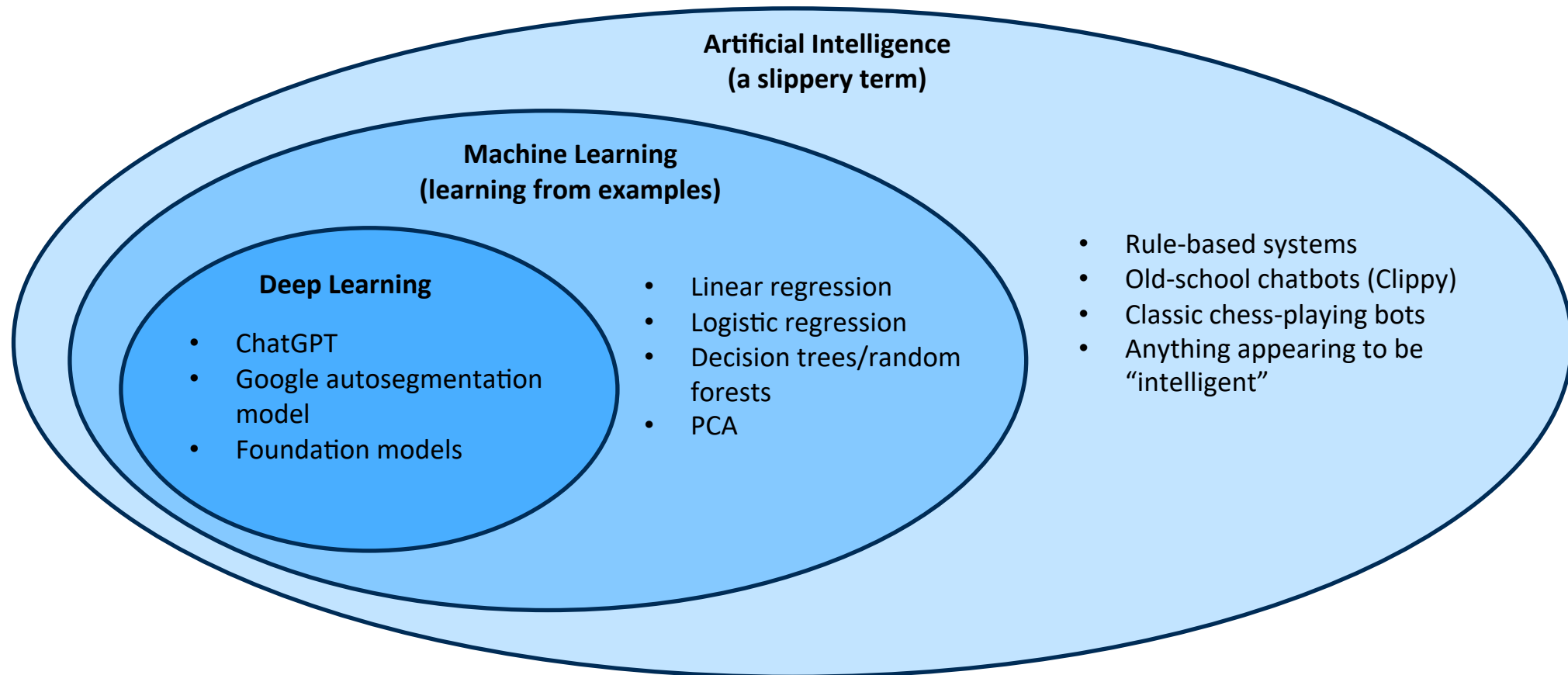
- Many of us use/will use AI, but are not AI scientists.
 - ChatGPT, Auto-segmentation...
 - Black-box model:



- Why would a *user* need to know *inner* workings?
 - **Critical thinking**: When will it work/fail? Don't be passive consumer.
 - **Innovation**: Identify promising applications.
 - **Confidence**: Distinguish hype from reality, call out nonsense.
 - **Scientific curiosity**: One of the greatest engineering achievements.

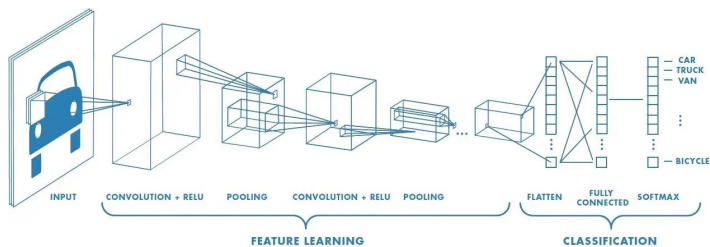
But what *is* AI?

- Many approaches to AI, but **deep learning** most important today.
- Will be our focus: AI & deep learning interchangeable.

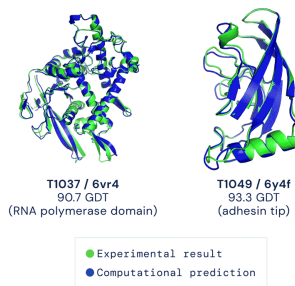


The deep learning revolution

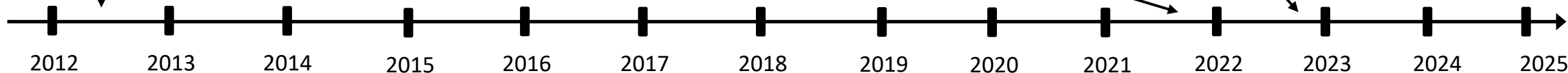
AlexNet: image classification



AlphaFold: protein structure prediction



ChatGPT: AI chatbot



AlphaGo: playing board games



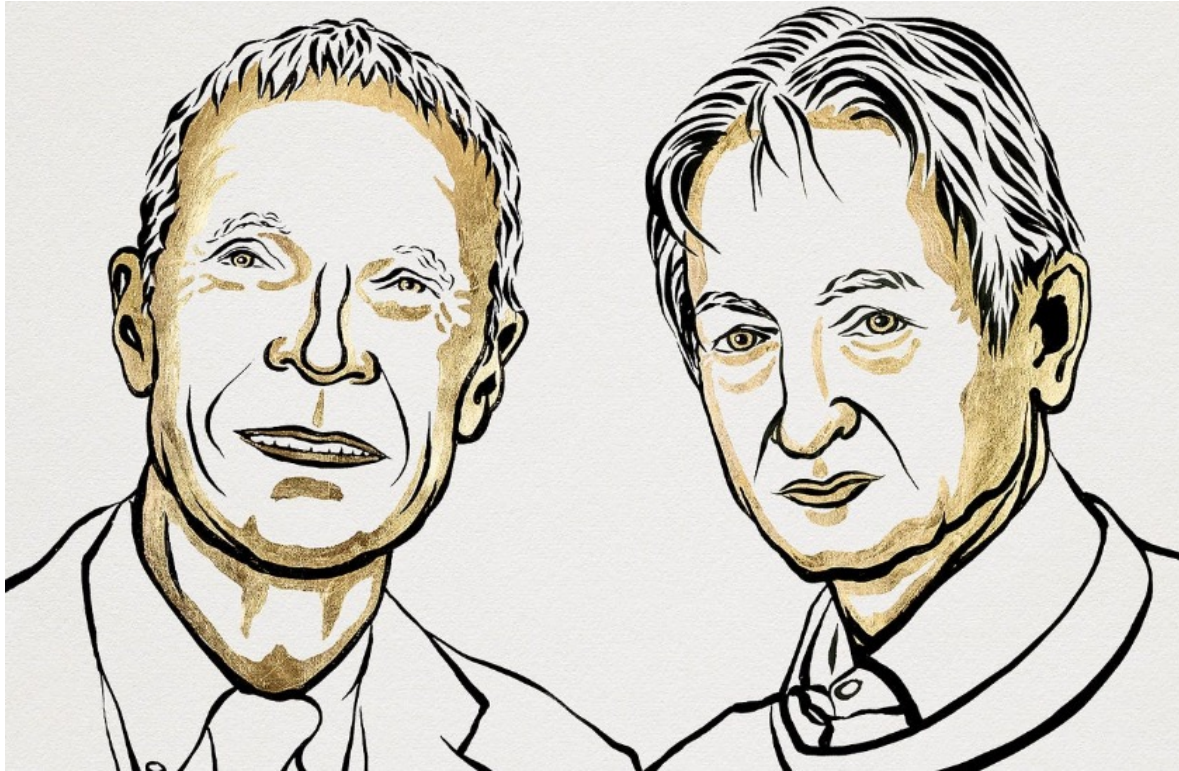
DALL-E: Text-to-image generation



Your idea here



Deep learning has revolutionized science



John Hopfield, Physics
Princeton University

Geoffrey Hinton, Physics
University of Toronto
(formerly Google)



Demis Hassabis, Chemistry
Google DeepMind

John Jumper, Chemistry
Google DeepMind

Mayo Clinic is betting that deep learning will revolutionize healthcare.

What are our goals?

1. **Technical understanding** of AI.
2. **AI intuition:**
 - What's **easy** and what's **difficult**.
 - **Whether** to apply AI to your problem.
 - **What kind** of AI to apply.
 - How much **data** you'll need.
 - When is AI going to **fail**?
3. **AI terminology.**
 - *“Deep neural network”*
 - *“Training” / “learning”*
 - *“Foundation model”*
 - *“GPT”*
 - *“Embeddings”*
 - *“U-Net”*
 - Etc...

What are our non-goals?

- **Won't** be explaining AI software development:
 - Python / PyTorch programming.
 - Google Cloud Platform (GCP) / Mayo Clinic Cloud (MCC).
- **Analogy:** learning to write vs. learning to use Microsoft Word.
 - Software *implements* AI algorithms/models/ideas.
 - Many competing software solutions.
 - Unless you're a developer, you won't need to know.

What you'll need to know

- True language of AI is *mathematics*.
- We'll use:
 - **Functions** (*machine that eats numbers and spits numbers out*):
$$f(x) = 5x + 4$$
 - **Derivatives** (*will recap*):
$$\frac{d}{dx}f(x) = 5$$
- Then you're good to go!

"Everything should be as simple as it can be, but not simpler"

- Albert Einstein

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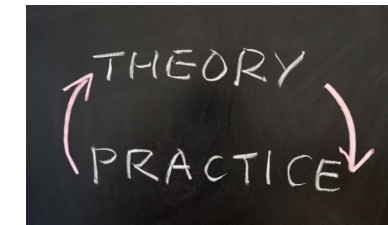
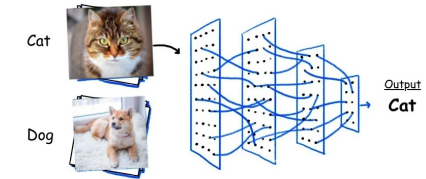
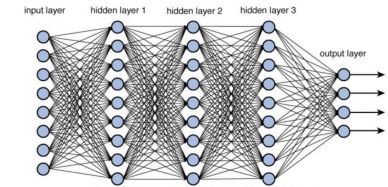
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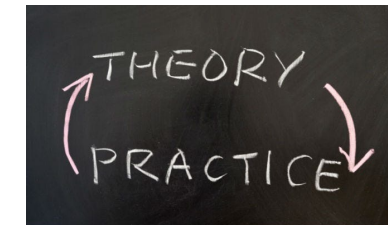
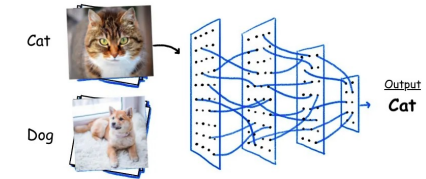
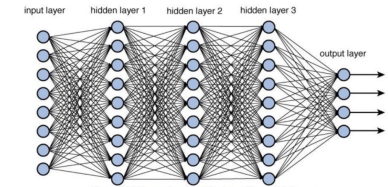
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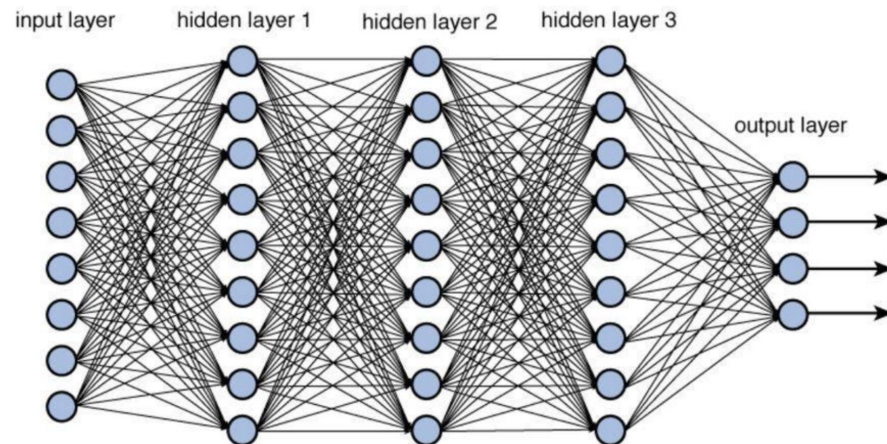


Ask questions at any time!

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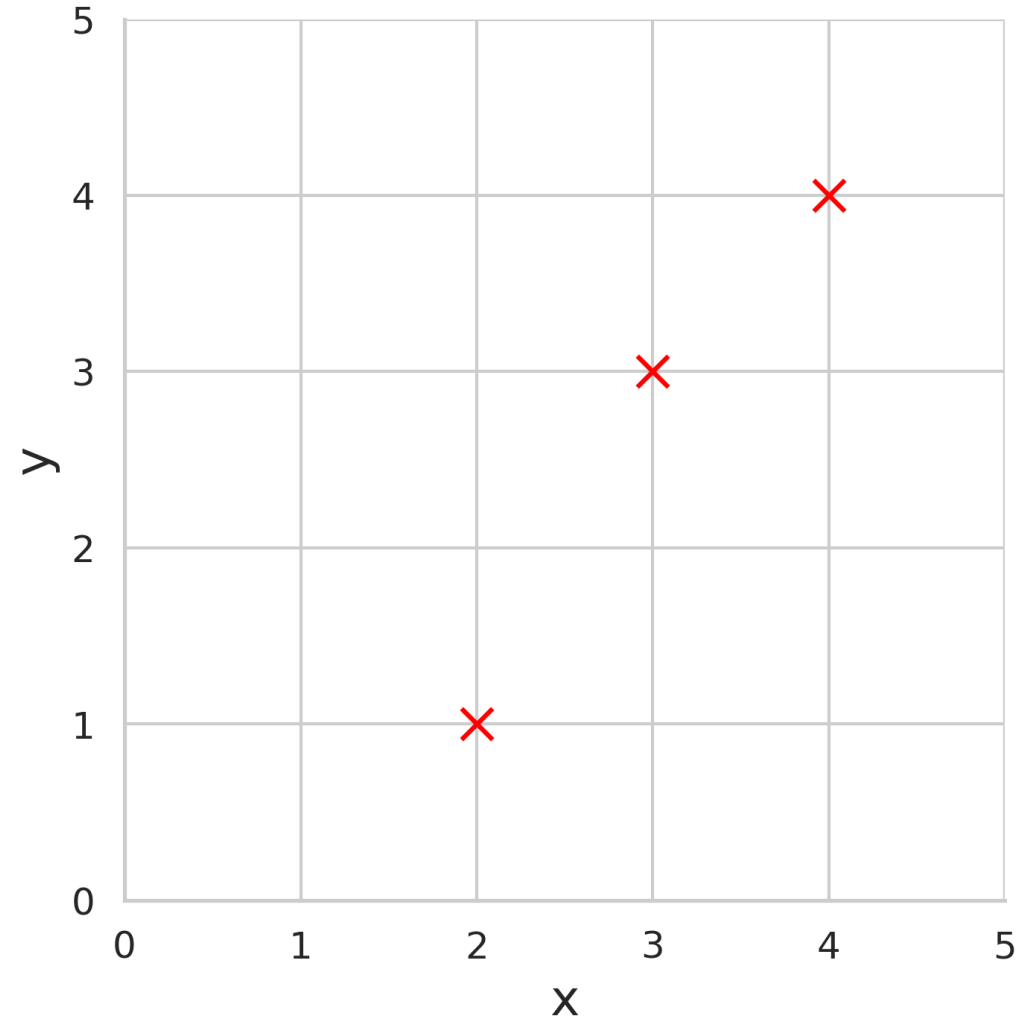
Deep learning from 40,000 feet

- Deep learning = use of **neural networks**.
- Math functions with millions of numbers: “**parameters/weights**”
- The numbers determine how the neural network behaves.
 1. Start by choosing parameters randomly (*garbage predictions*).
 2. **Optimizer** automatically adjusts parameters to fit example data.
 3. Apply the function to new data (*great predictions, hopefully*).



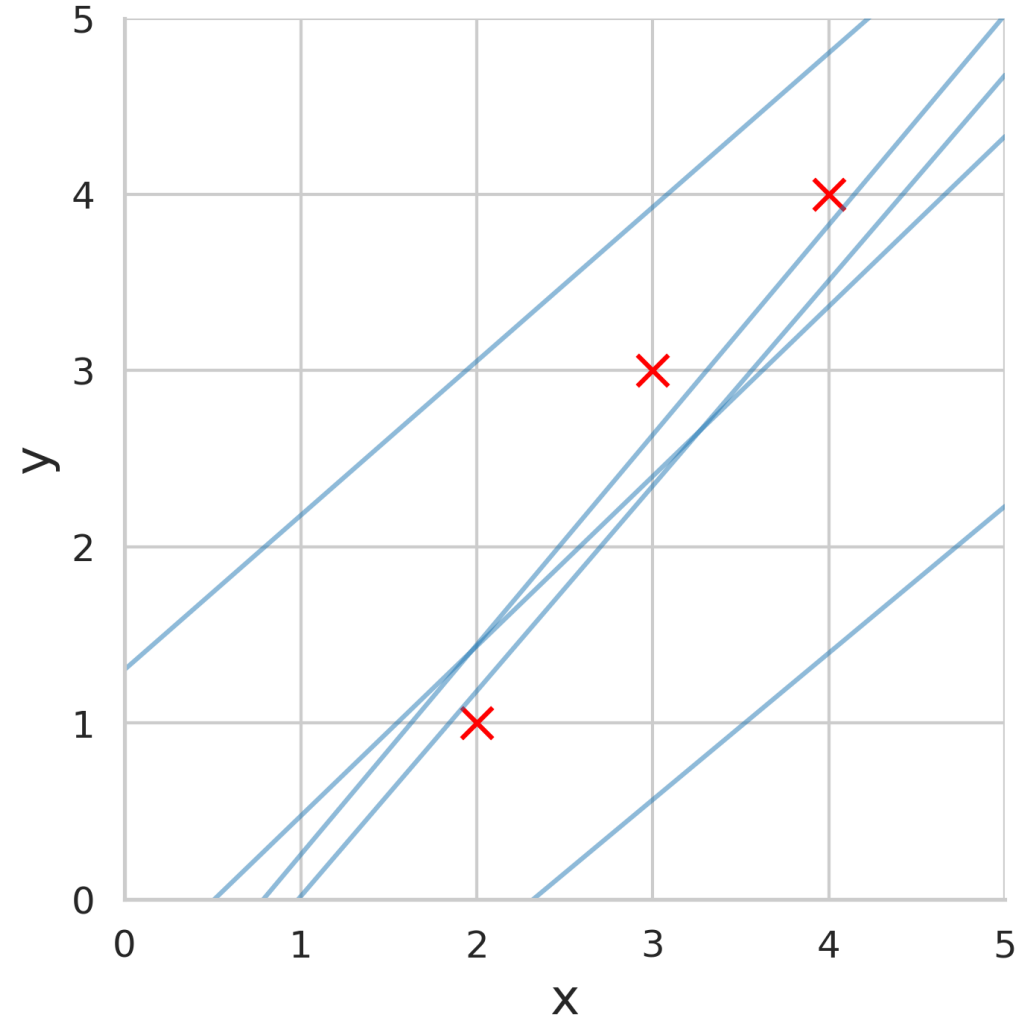
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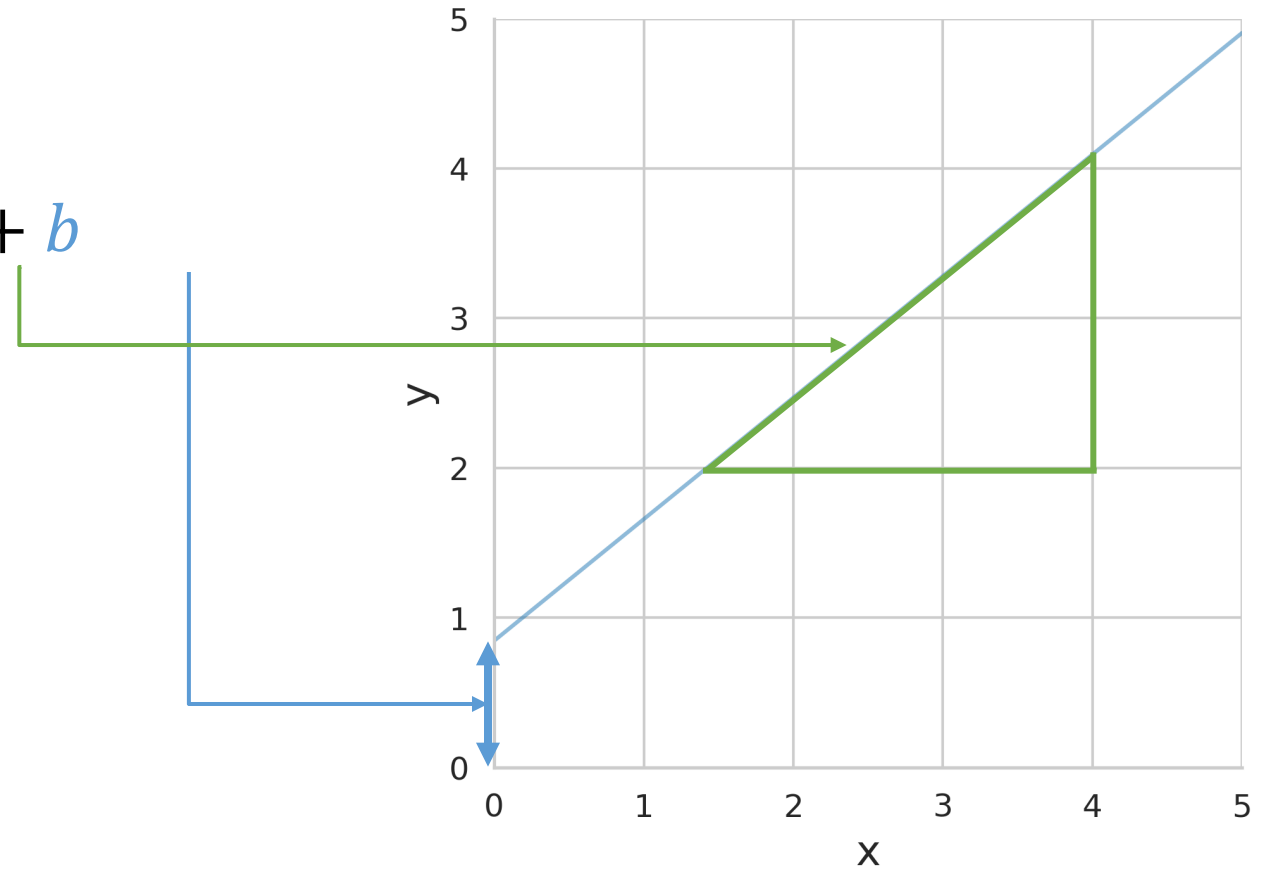


Linear regression parameters

- Need two numbers to define a line:
 - Slope/gradient.
 - Intercept/bias.

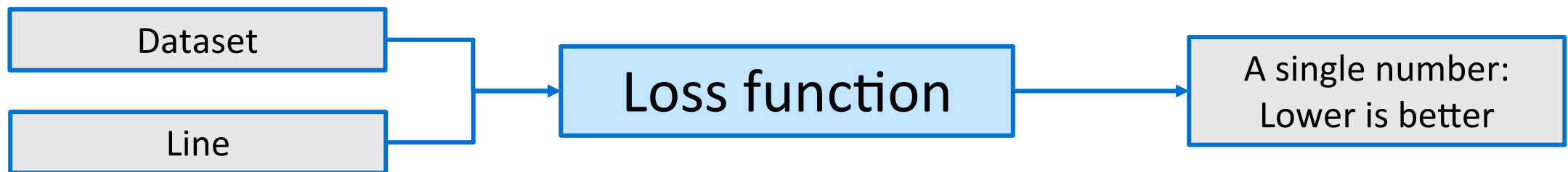
$$f(x) = wx + b$$

- Once w , b specified, can easily compute $f(x)$ at *any* x .
- w , b are the **parameters/weights**.
- Neural networks have them too, but many more.
- Reframe problem:
 - *Choose best line* →
choose best parameters/weights



Picking the best line

- Need a rule to choose “best” line.
- No one “correct” answer: have to *invent* something.
- Define a “**loss**” function to measure how far points are from line.
 - High loss → line fits data poorly.
 - Low loss → line fits data well.
- Crucial step in *all* deep learning applications.



Choosing a loss function

- Choosing loss function is an art.
 - Defines what a good prediction is.

- Simple choice: **squared error**:

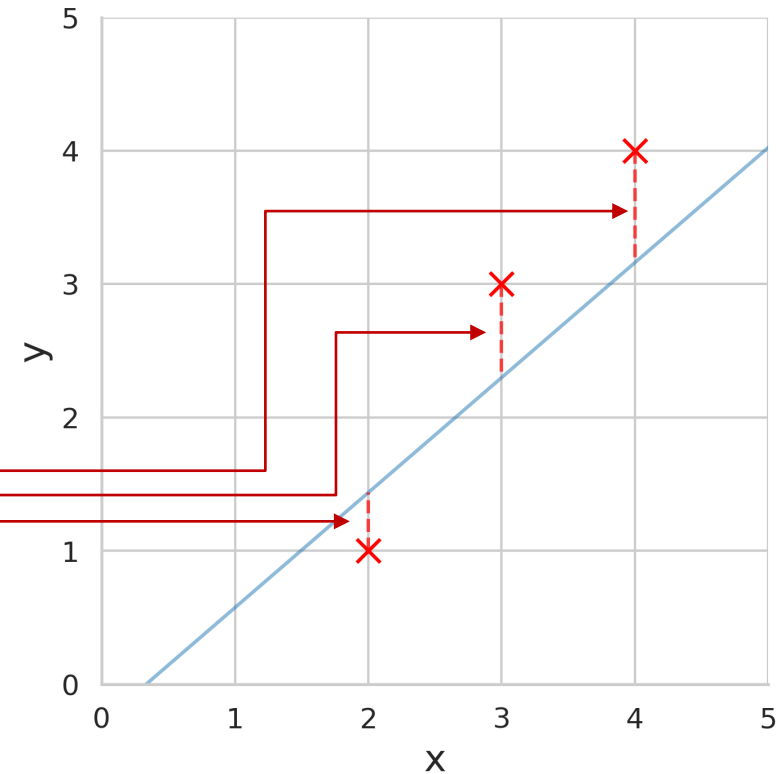
$$L(w, b) = \underbrace{(f(x_1) - y_1)}^2 + \underbrace{(f(x_2) - y_2)}^2 + \underbrace{(f(x_3) - y_3)}^2$$

- Shorthand notation:

$$L(w, b) = \sum_{n=1}^3 (f(x_n) - y_n)^2$$

- Remember $f(x) = wx + b$:

$$L(w, b) = \sum_{n=1}^3 (wx_n + b - y_n)^2$$



Optimization

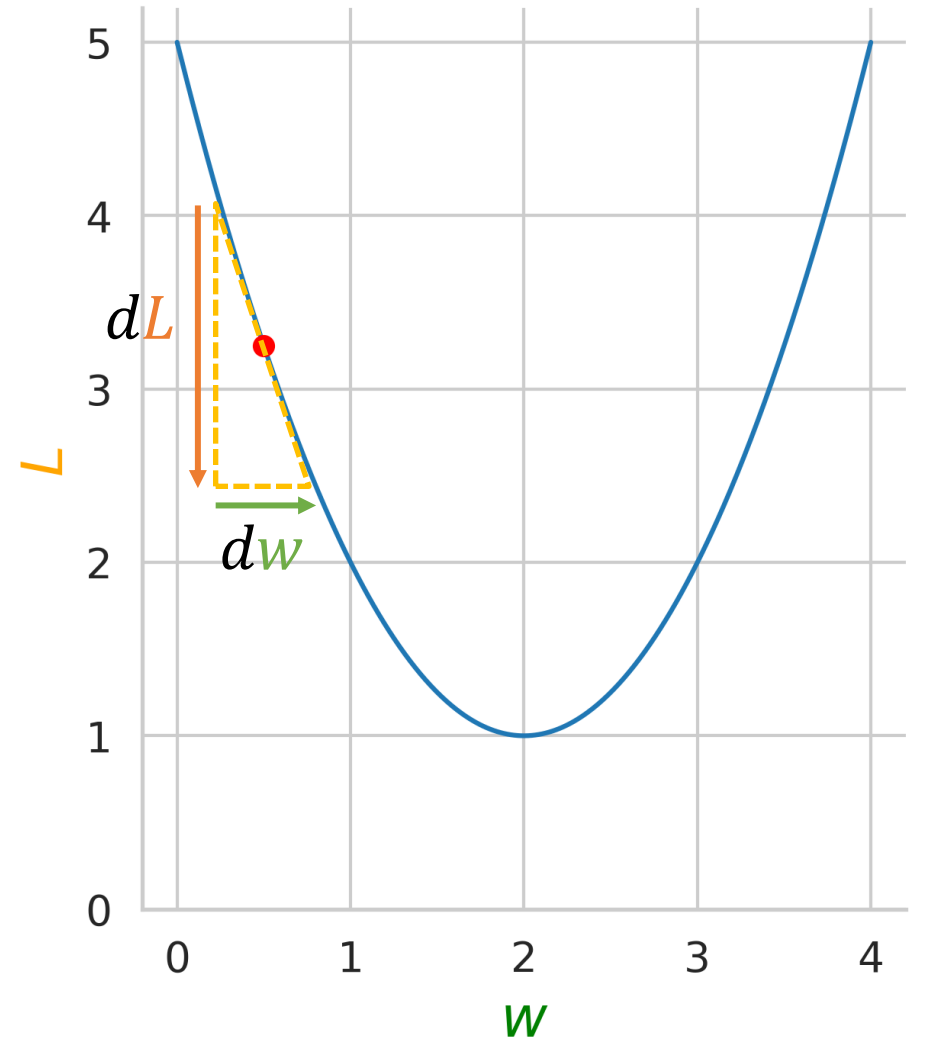
- Choose best fit line →

$$\text{Find } w, b \text{ that minimizes } L(w, b) = \sum_{n=1}^3 (wx_n + b - y_n)^2$$

- Optimization strategy: **gradient descent**:
 1. Choose w, b randomly (*terrible fit!*).
 2. Calculate **derivative/gradient** of $L(w, b)$.
 3. Adjust w, b by small amount in (opposite) direction of gradient.
 4. Repeat 2-3 until $L(w, b)$ is low (*good fit!*).
- *Gradient descent is how all neural networks learn!*
- Explain with toy example:

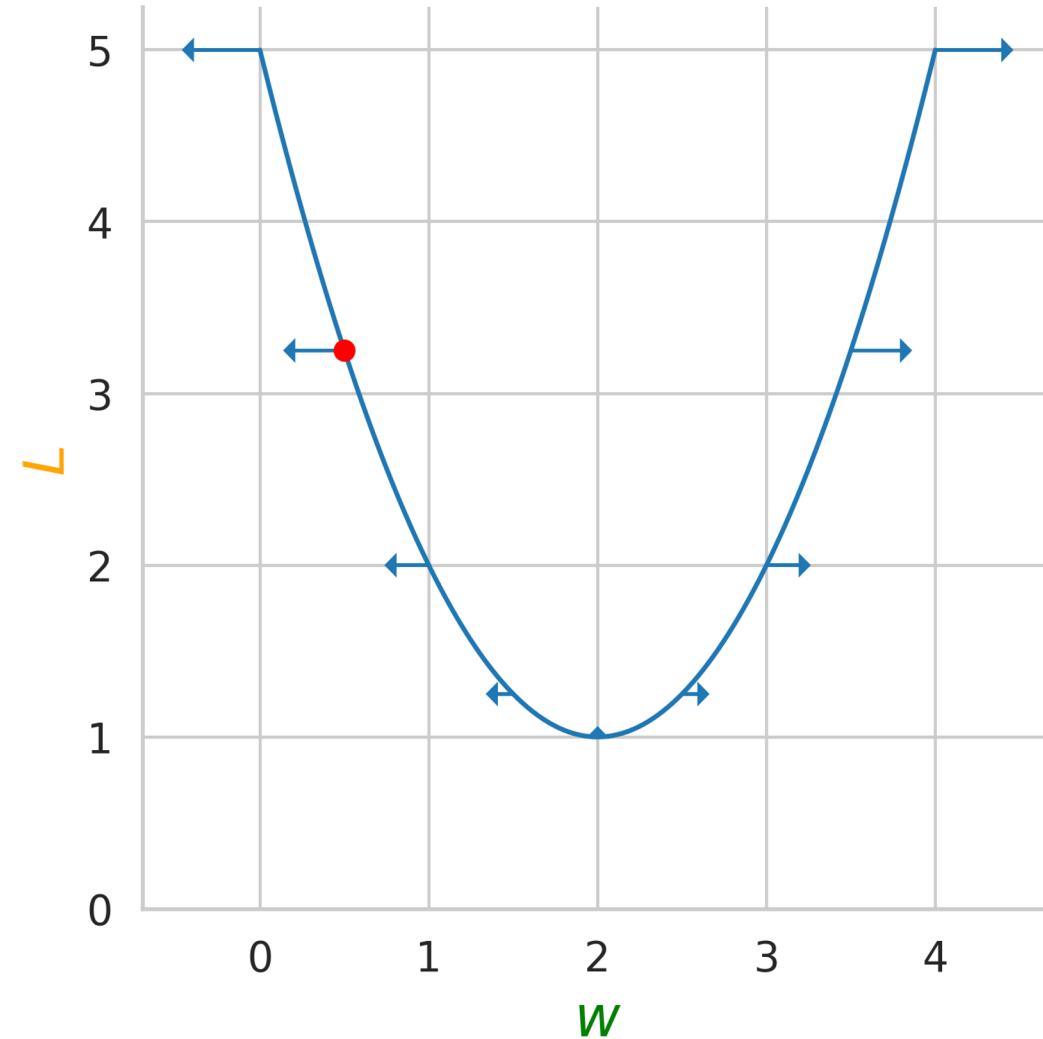
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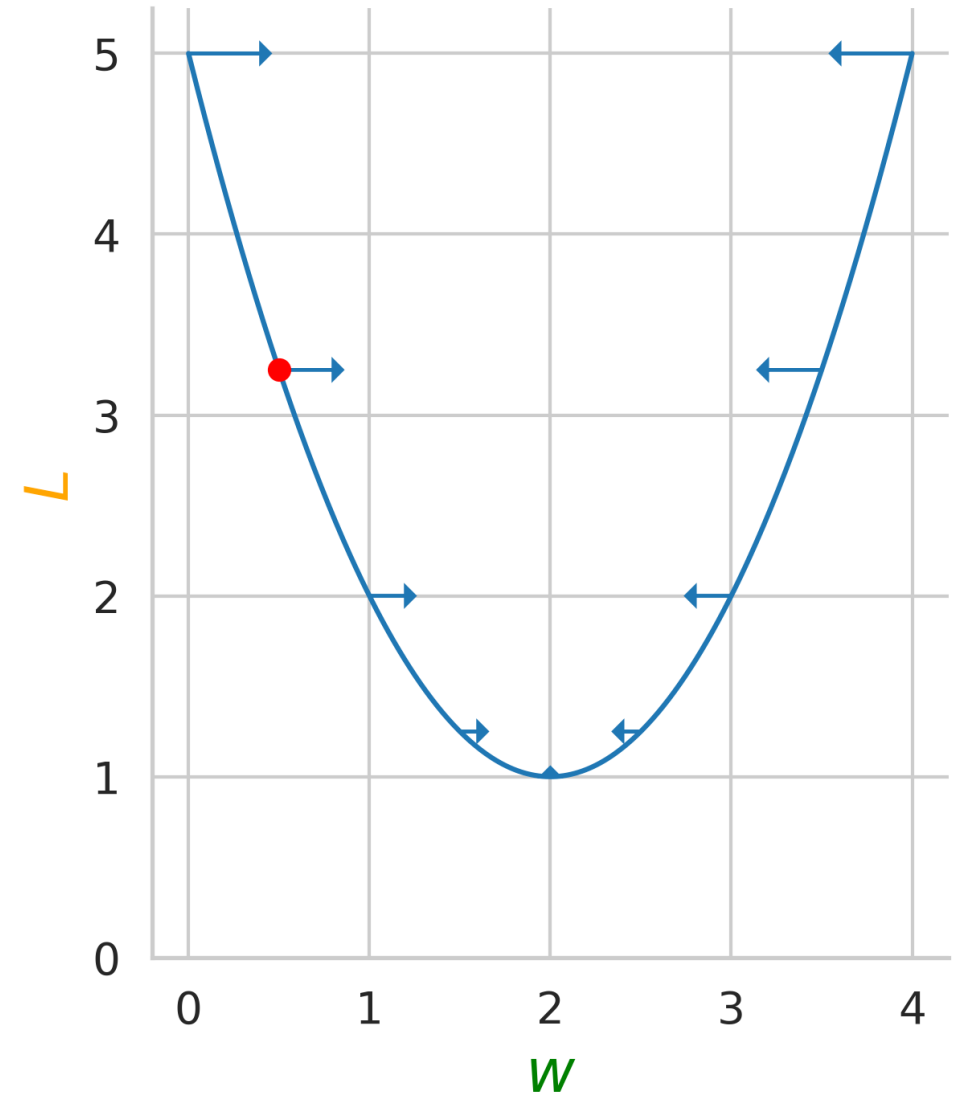
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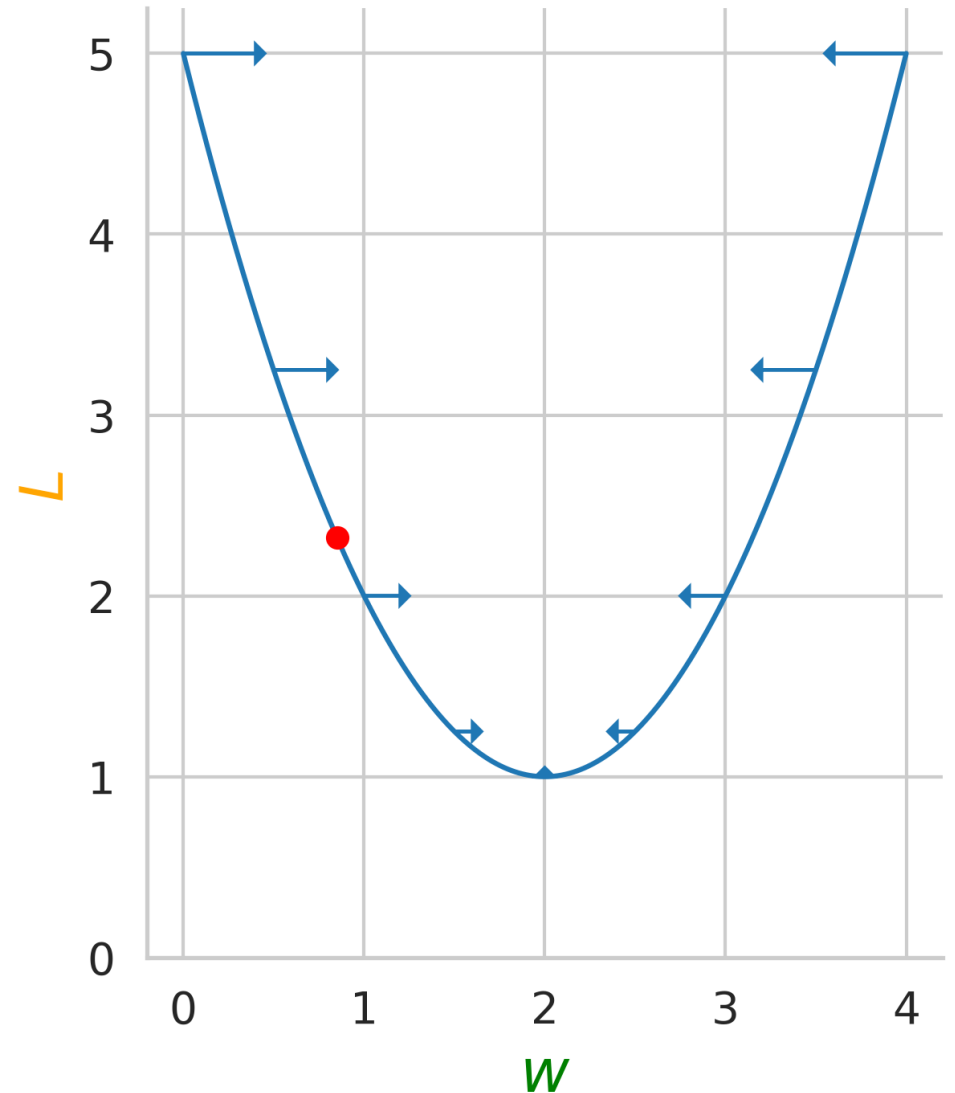
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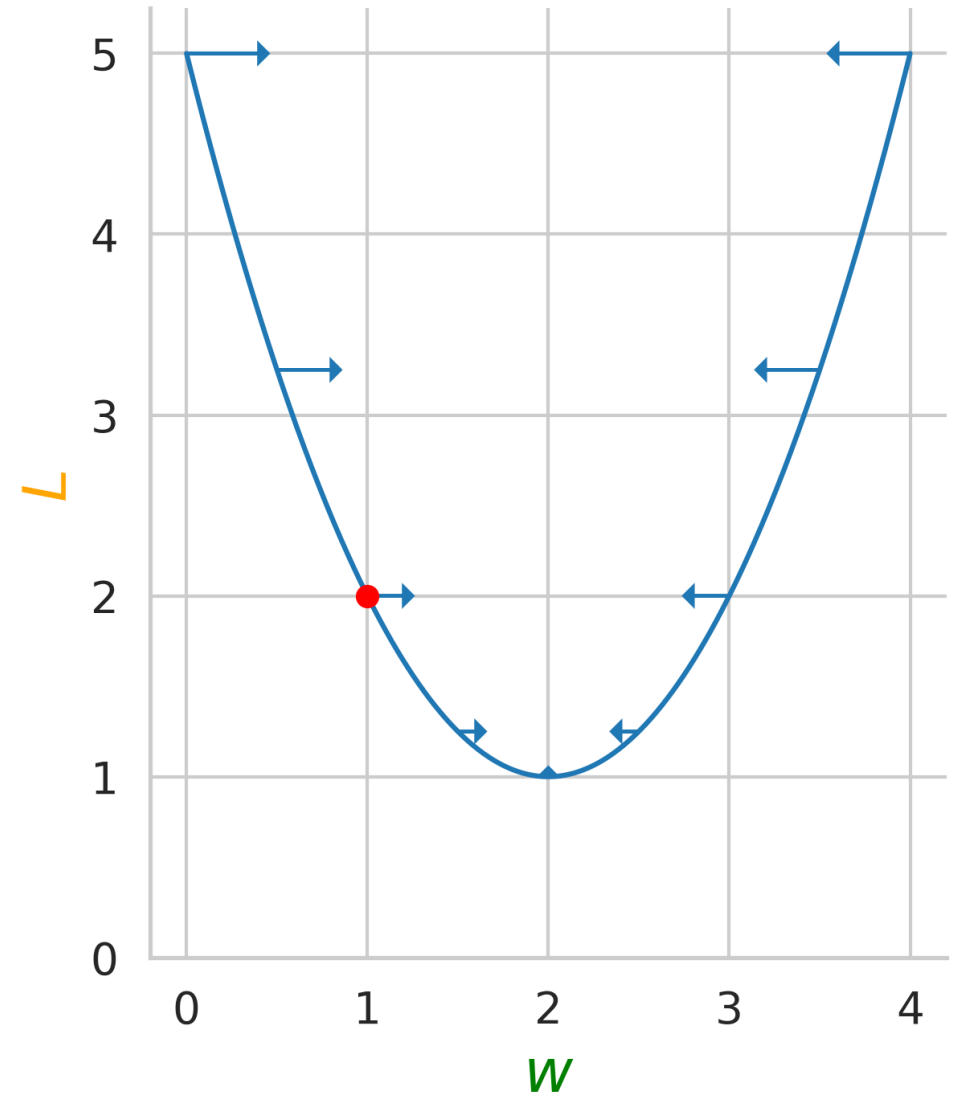
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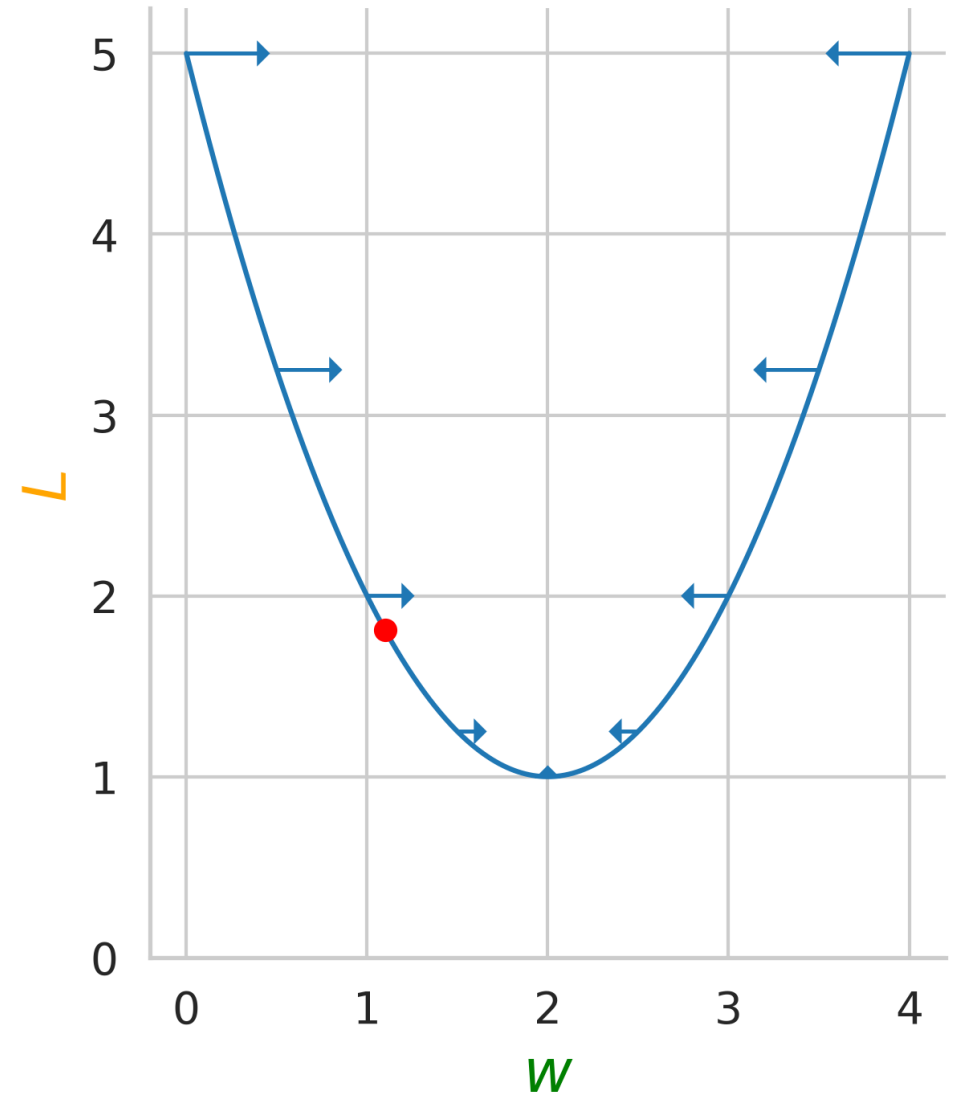
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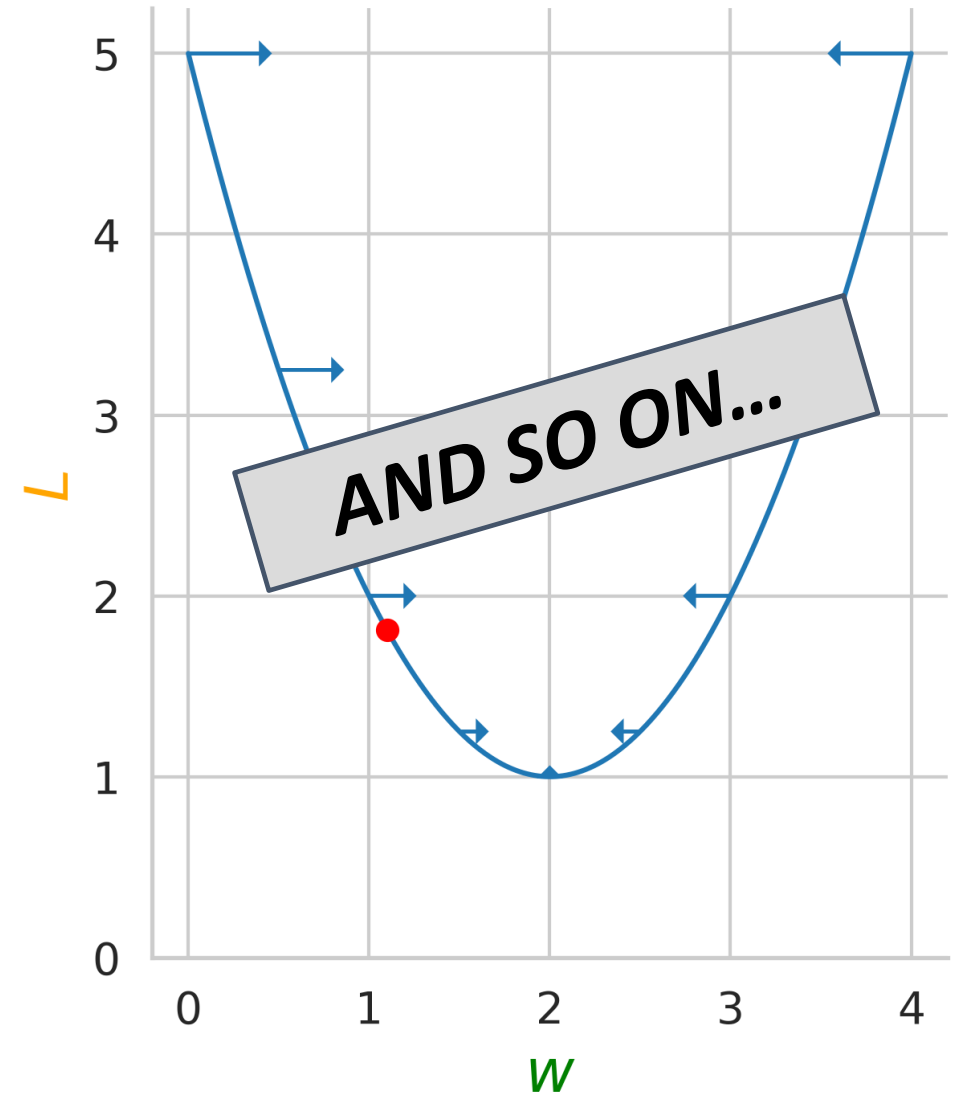
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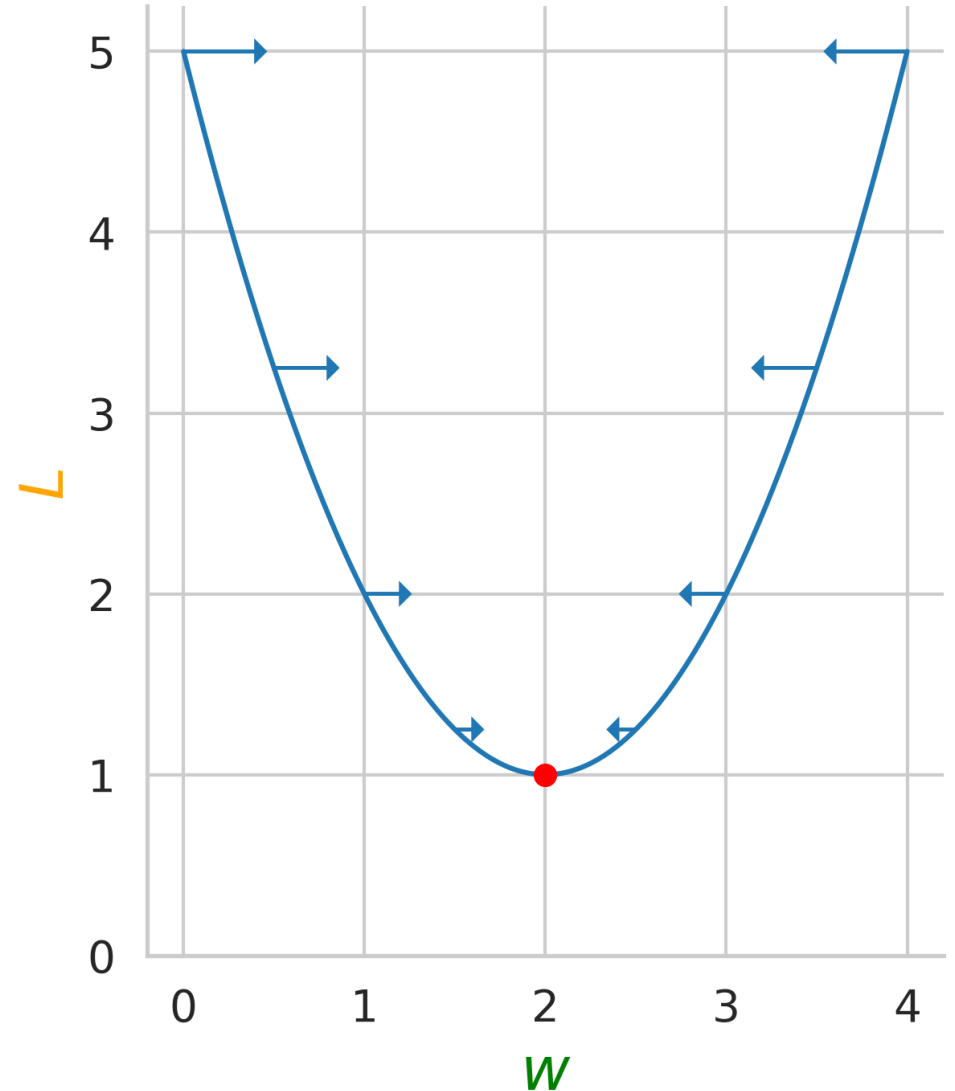
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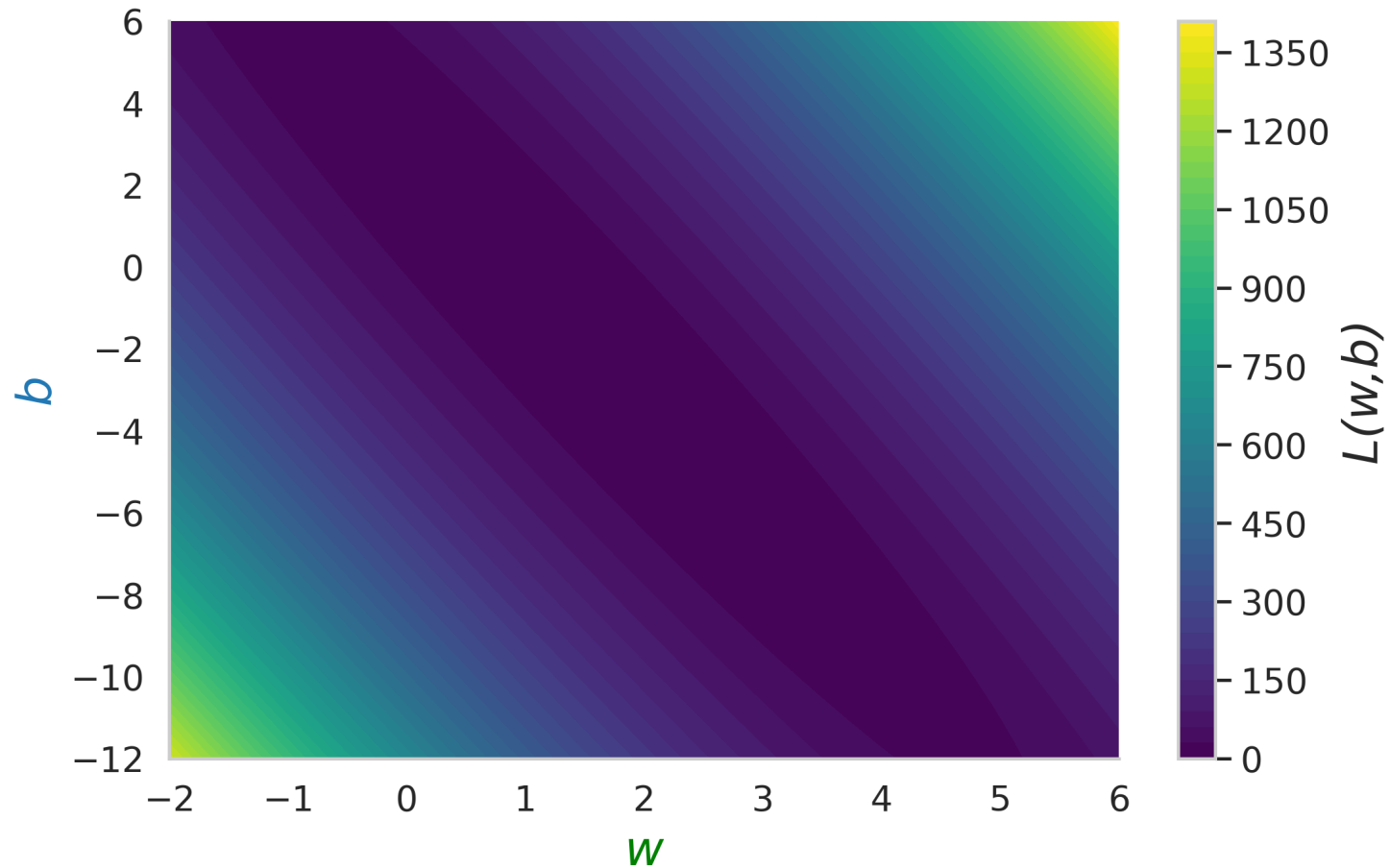
Gradient descent: 1D example

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 5. We found the minimum!
- Works great with 1D functions.
- But how about 2D? $L = f(w, b)$



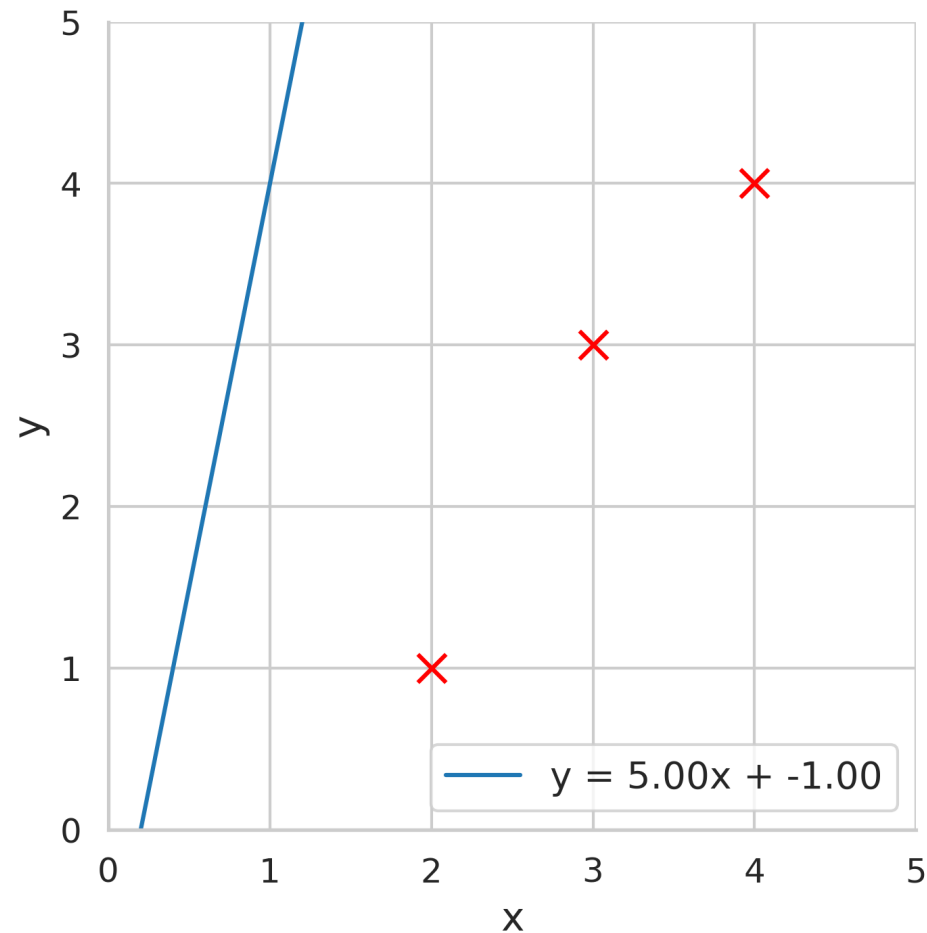
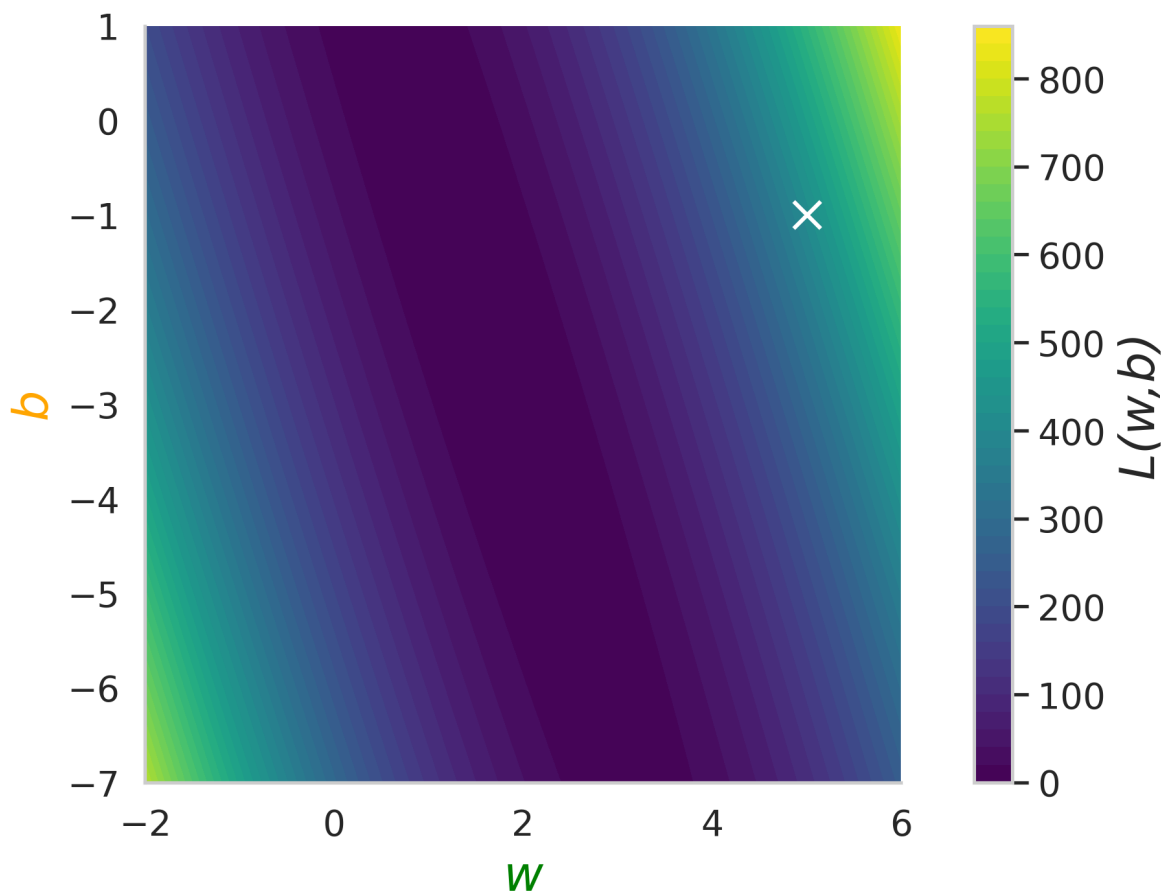
Back to linear regression

- Remember: want to find w, b that minimizes $L(w, b) = \sum_{n=1}^3 (wx_n + b - y_n)^2$
- 2D optimization \rightarrow loss *surface*!
- Every point represents choice of w, b .
- **Yellow** \rightarrow higher loss \rightarrow worse fit.
- **Blue** \rightarrow lower loss \rightarrow better fit.



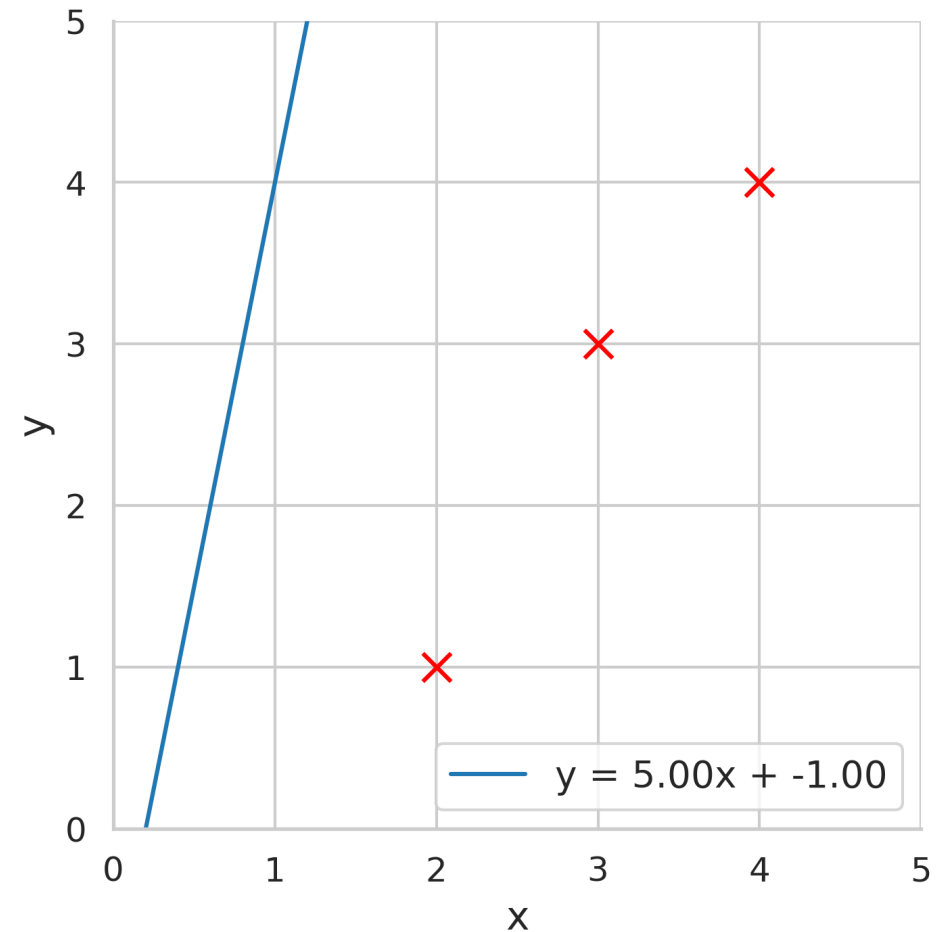
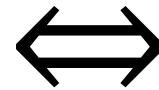
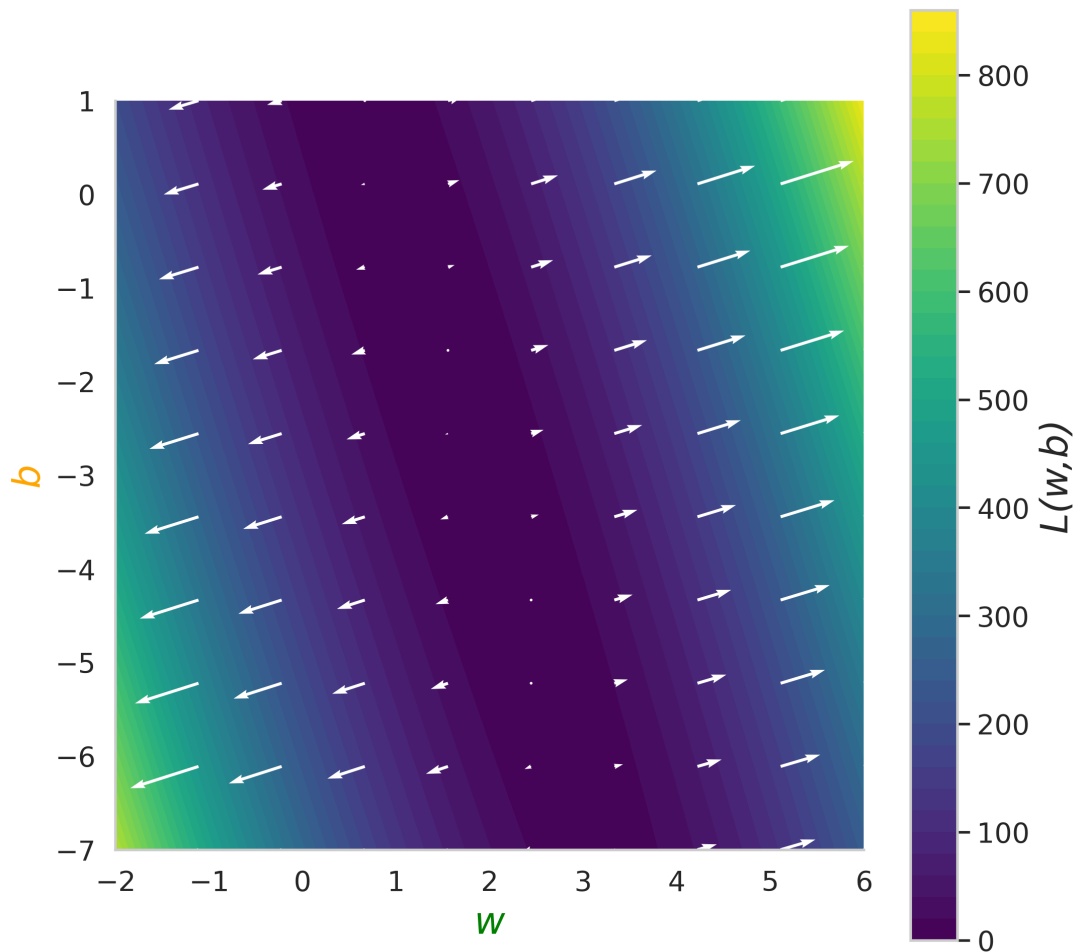
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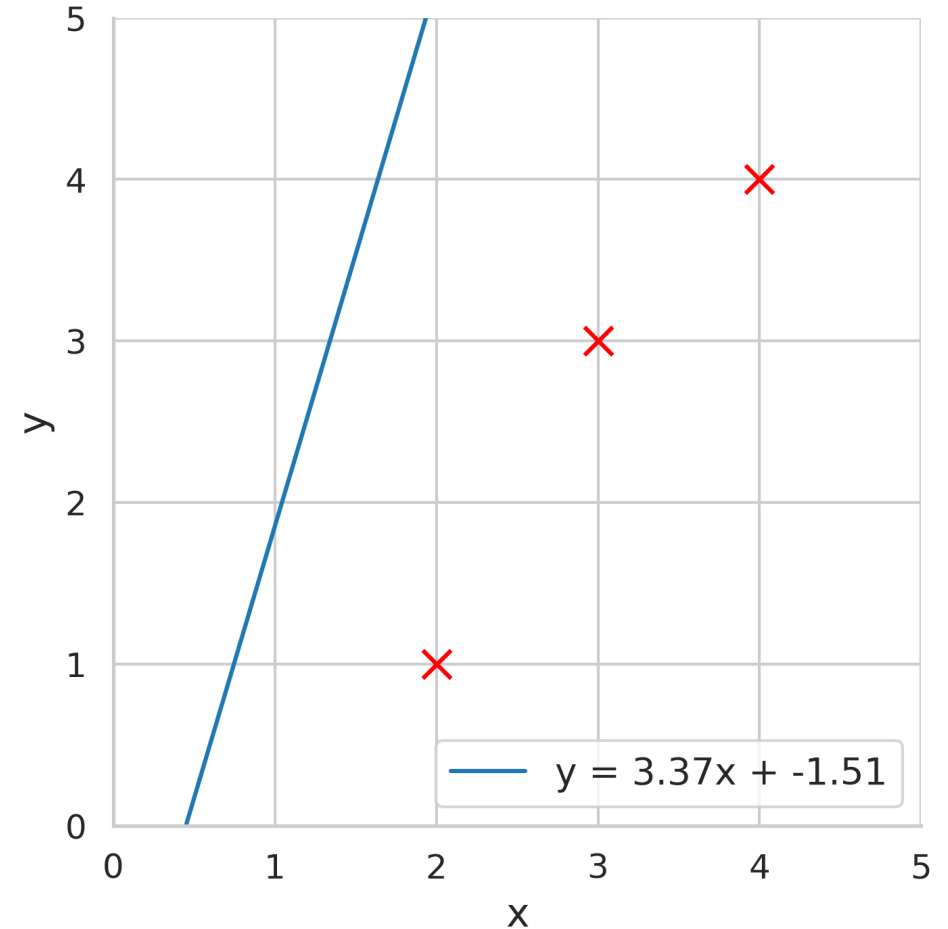
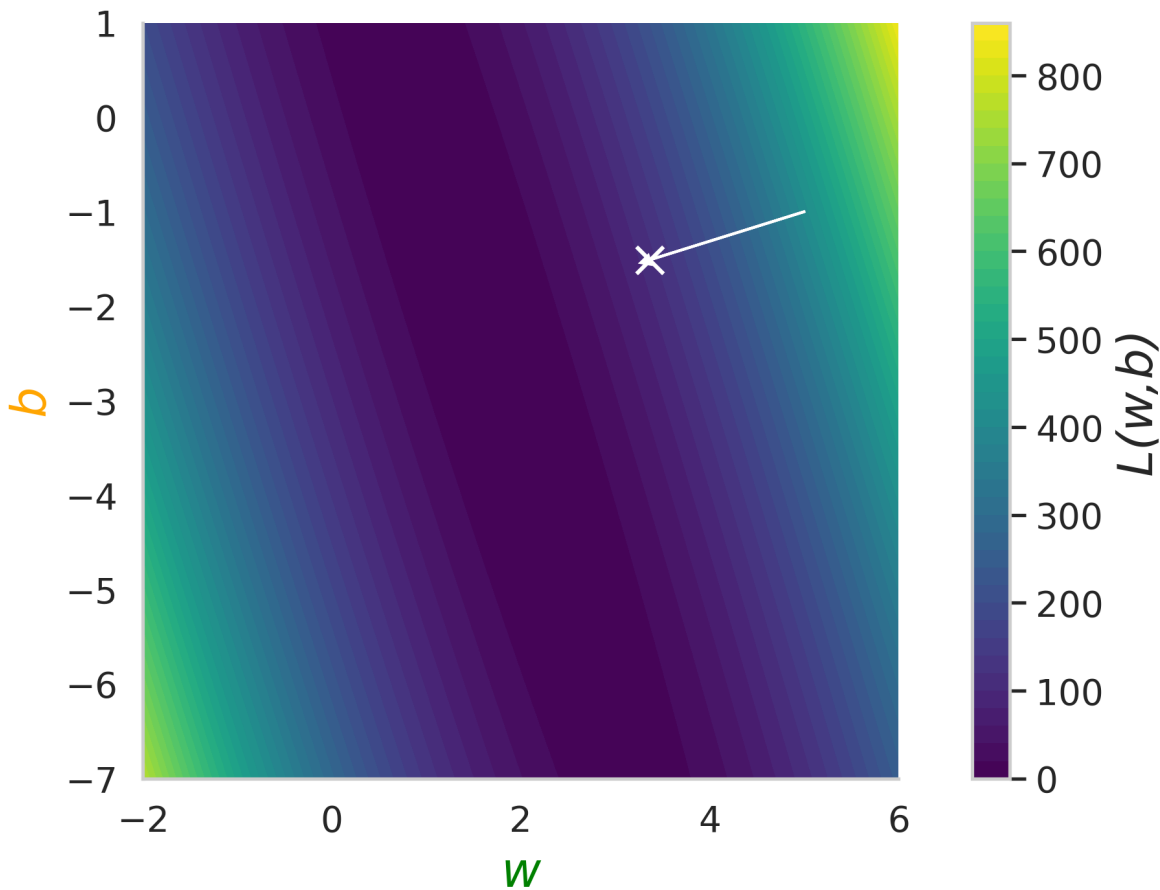
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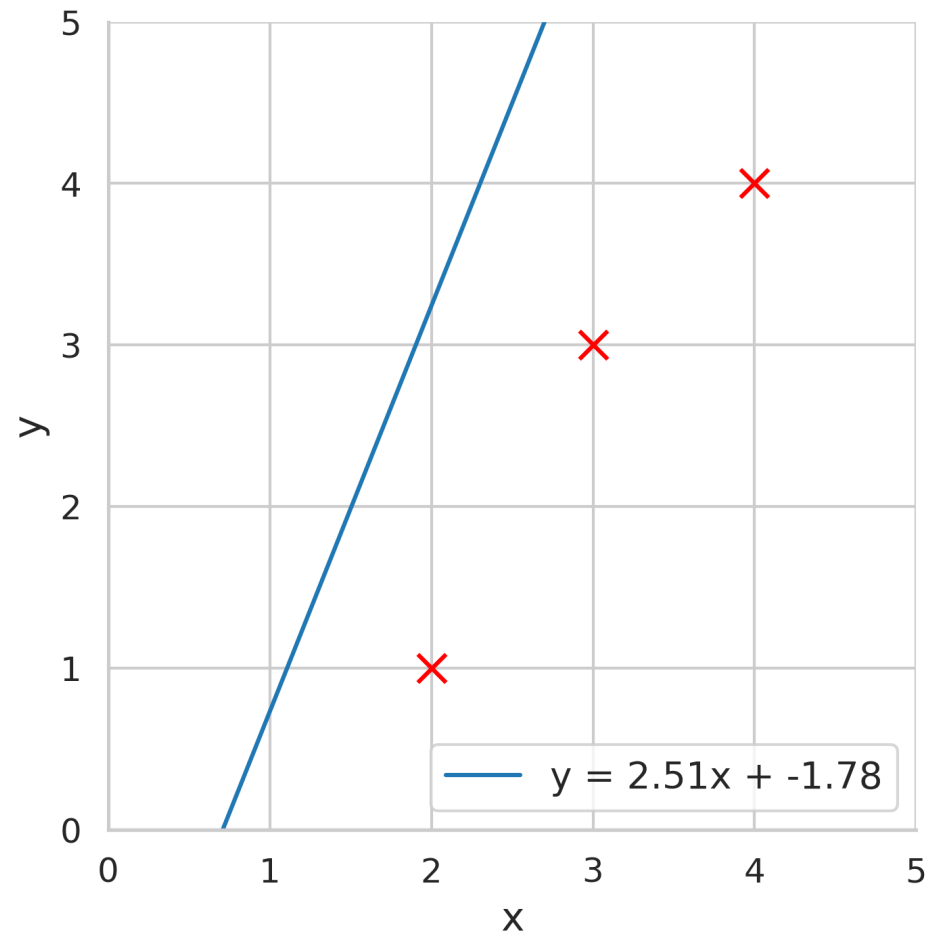
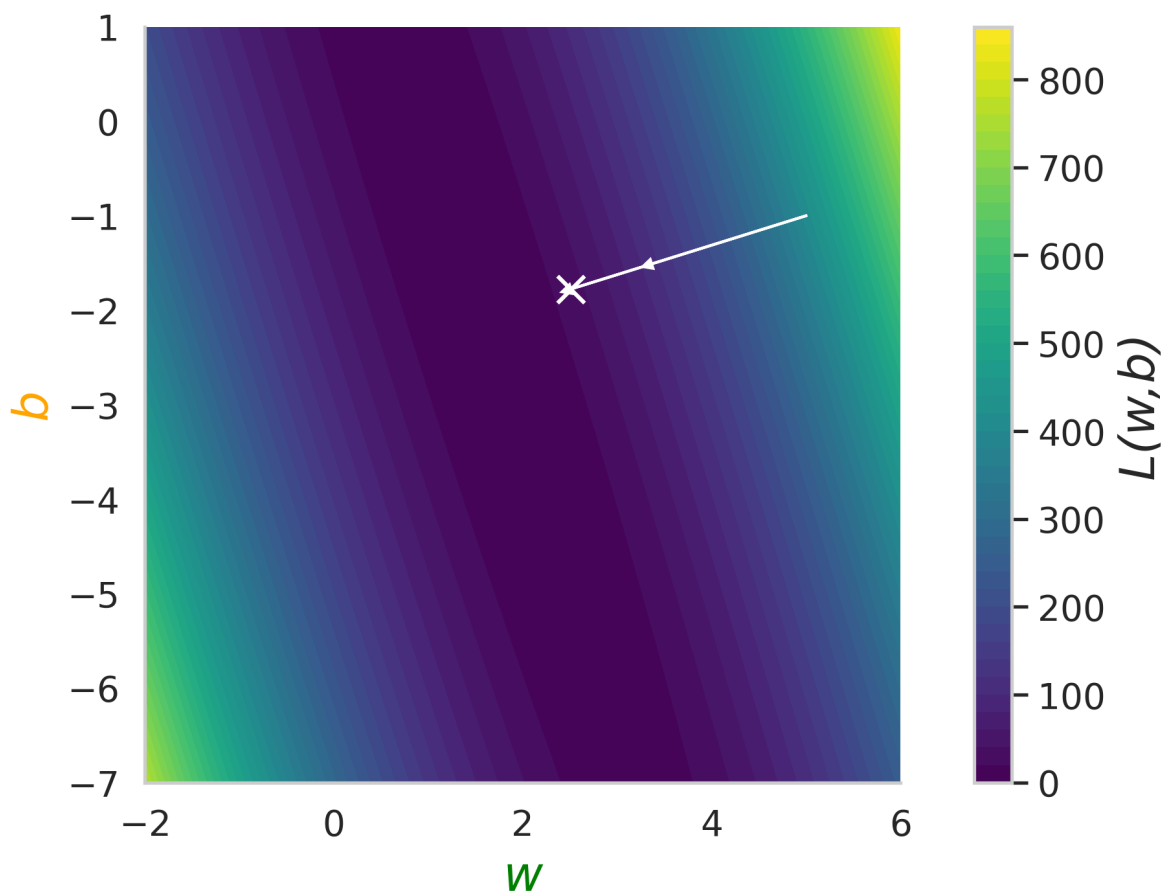
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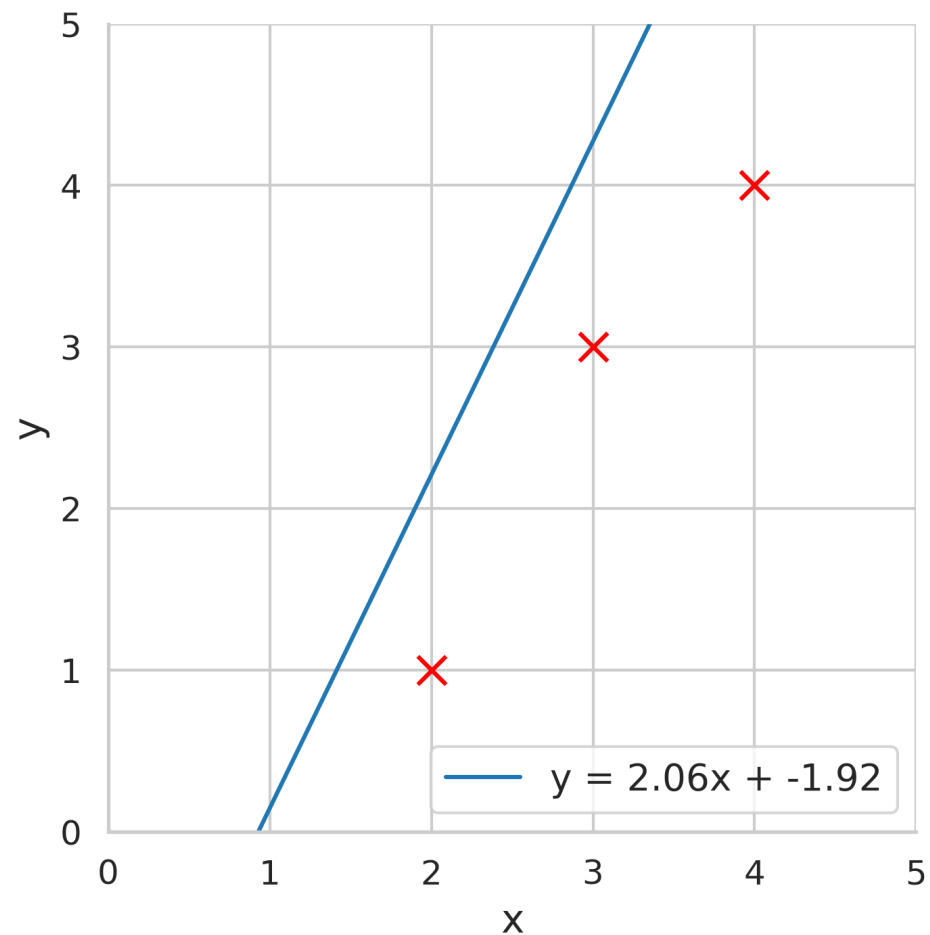
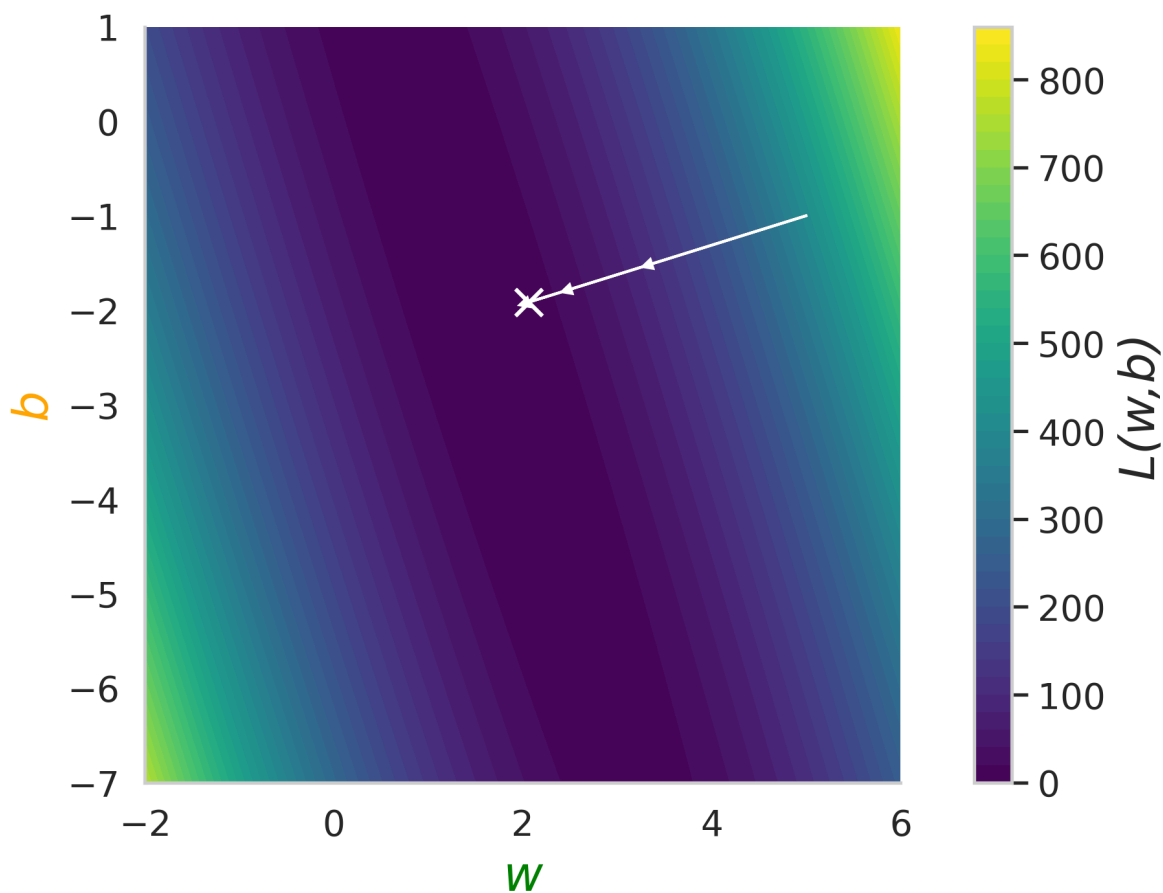
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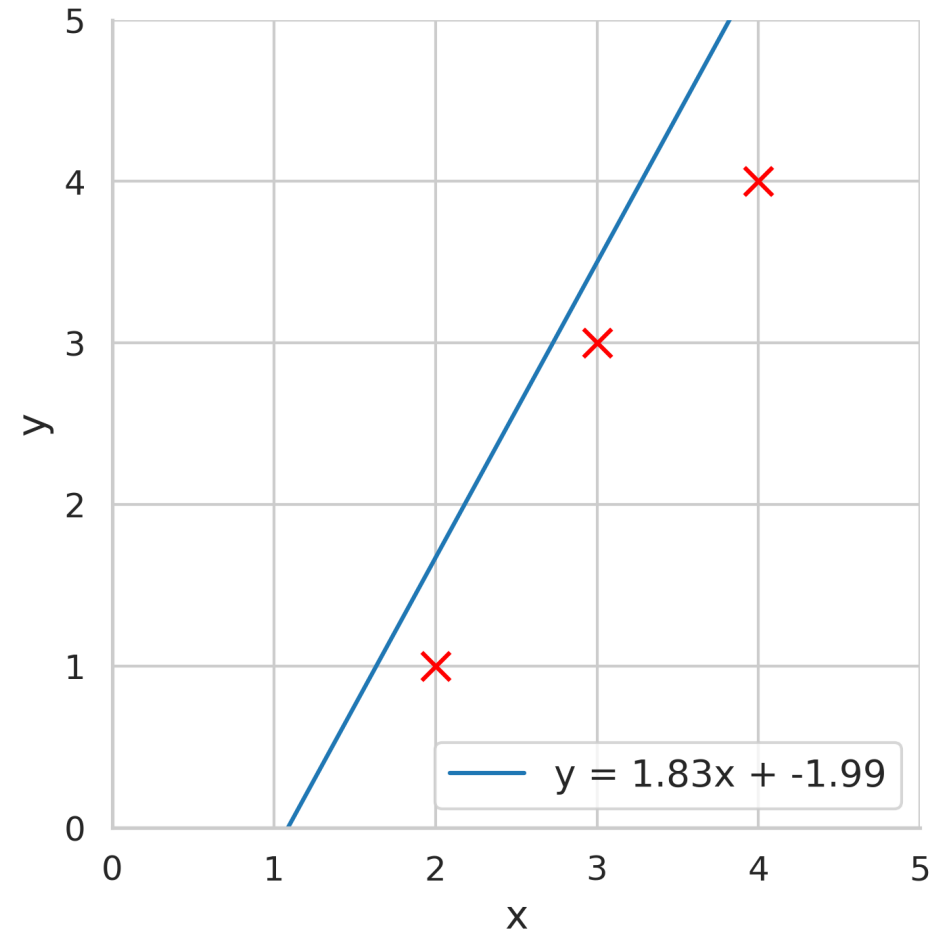
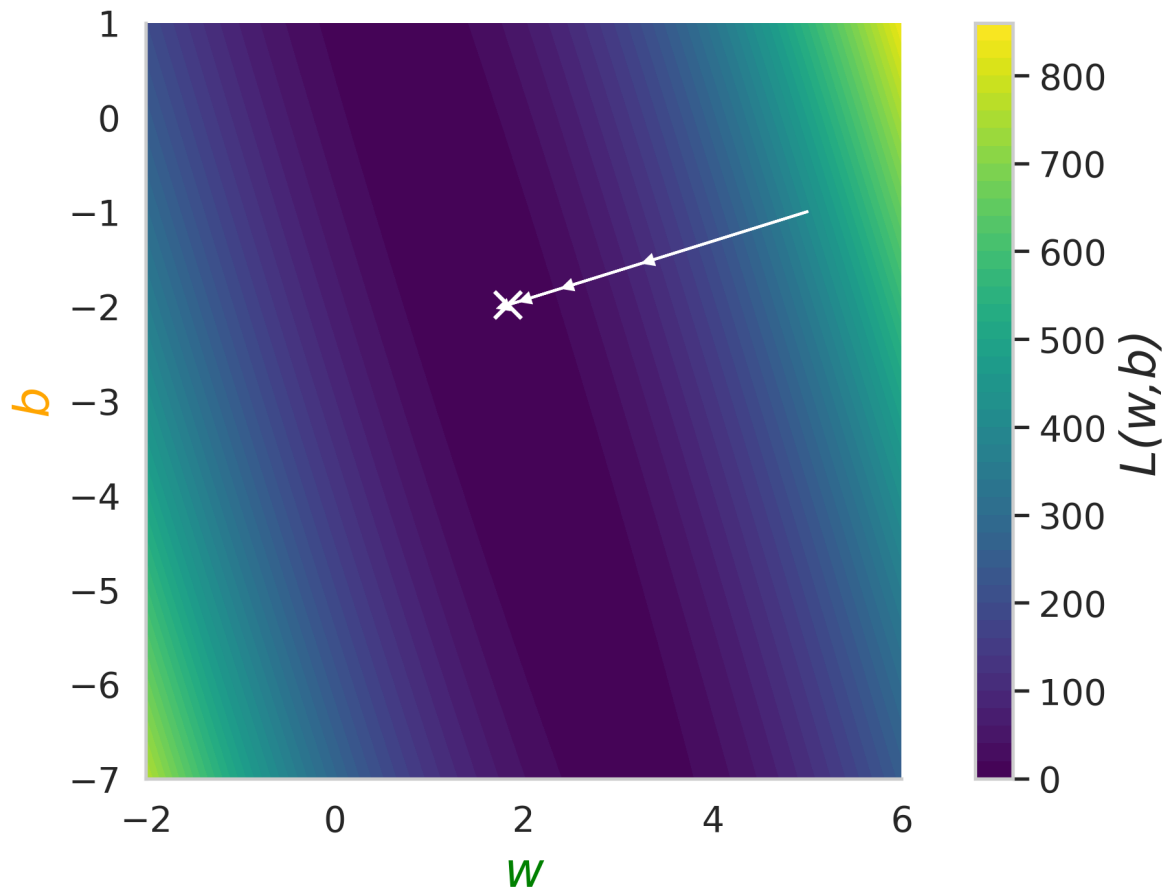
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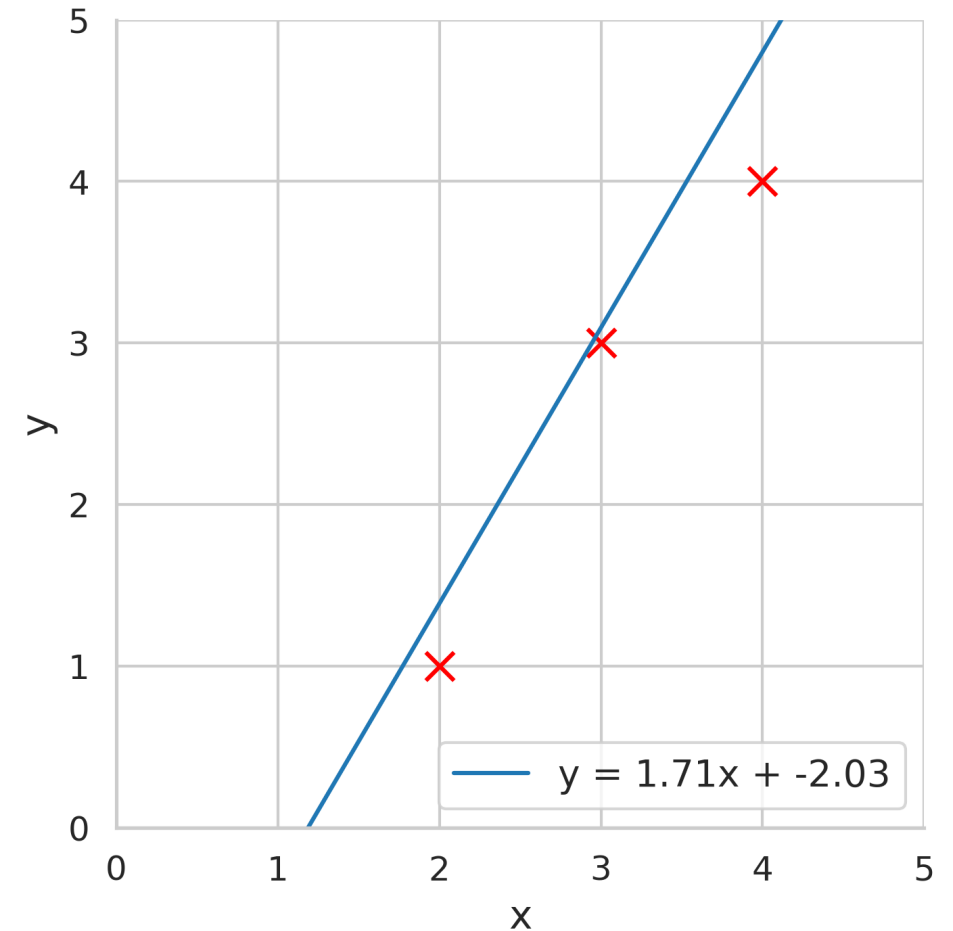
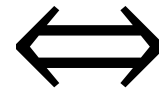
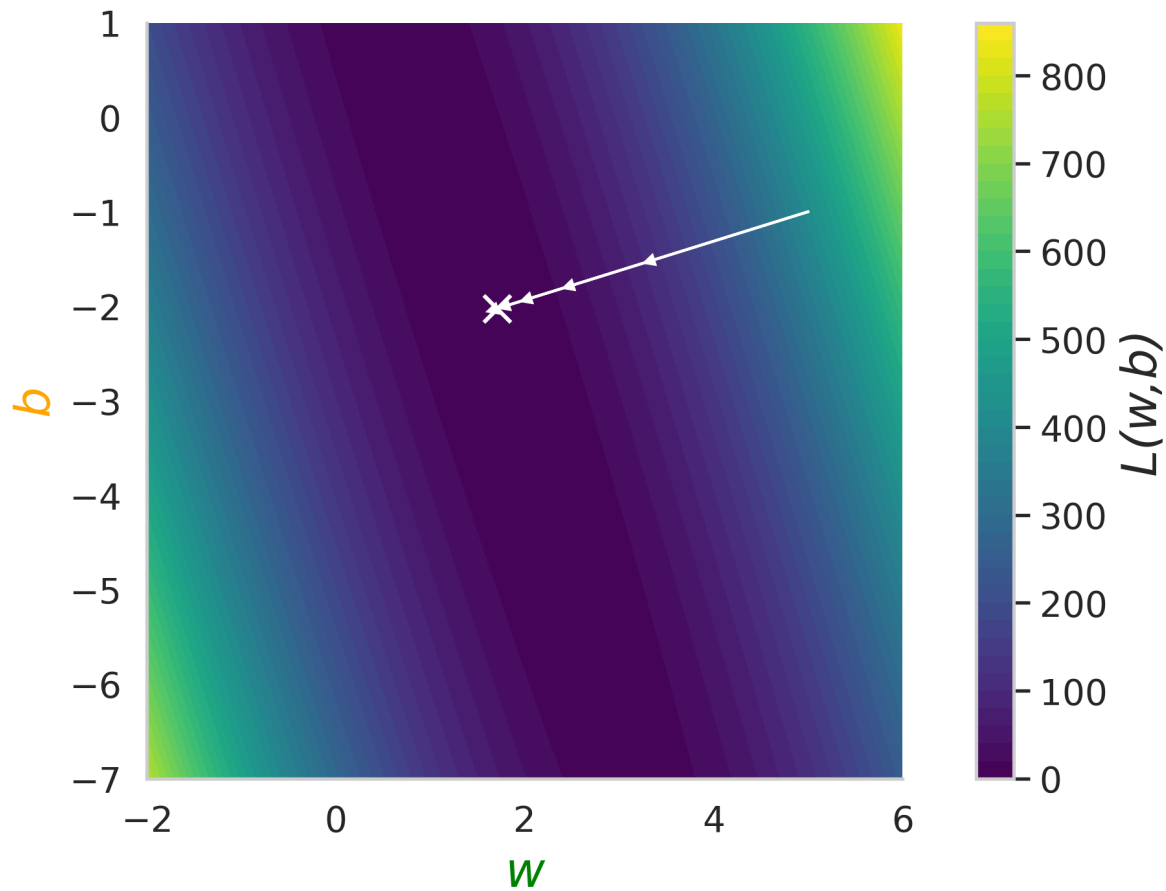
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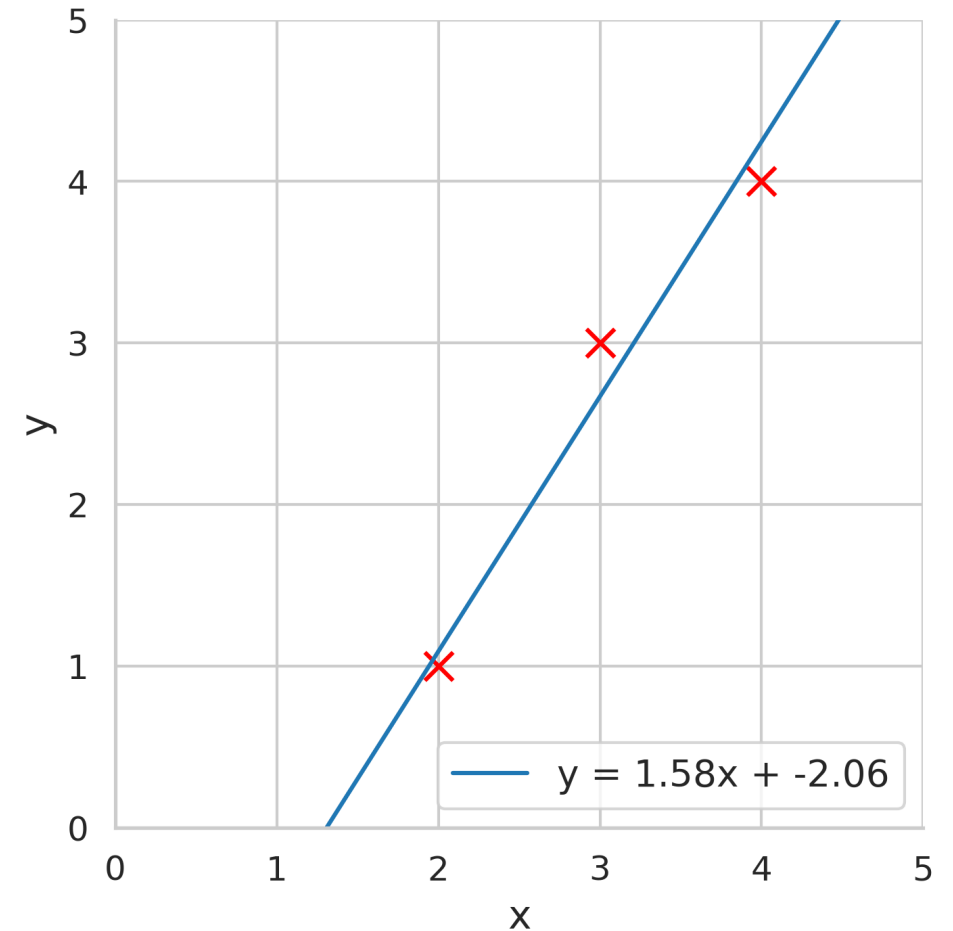
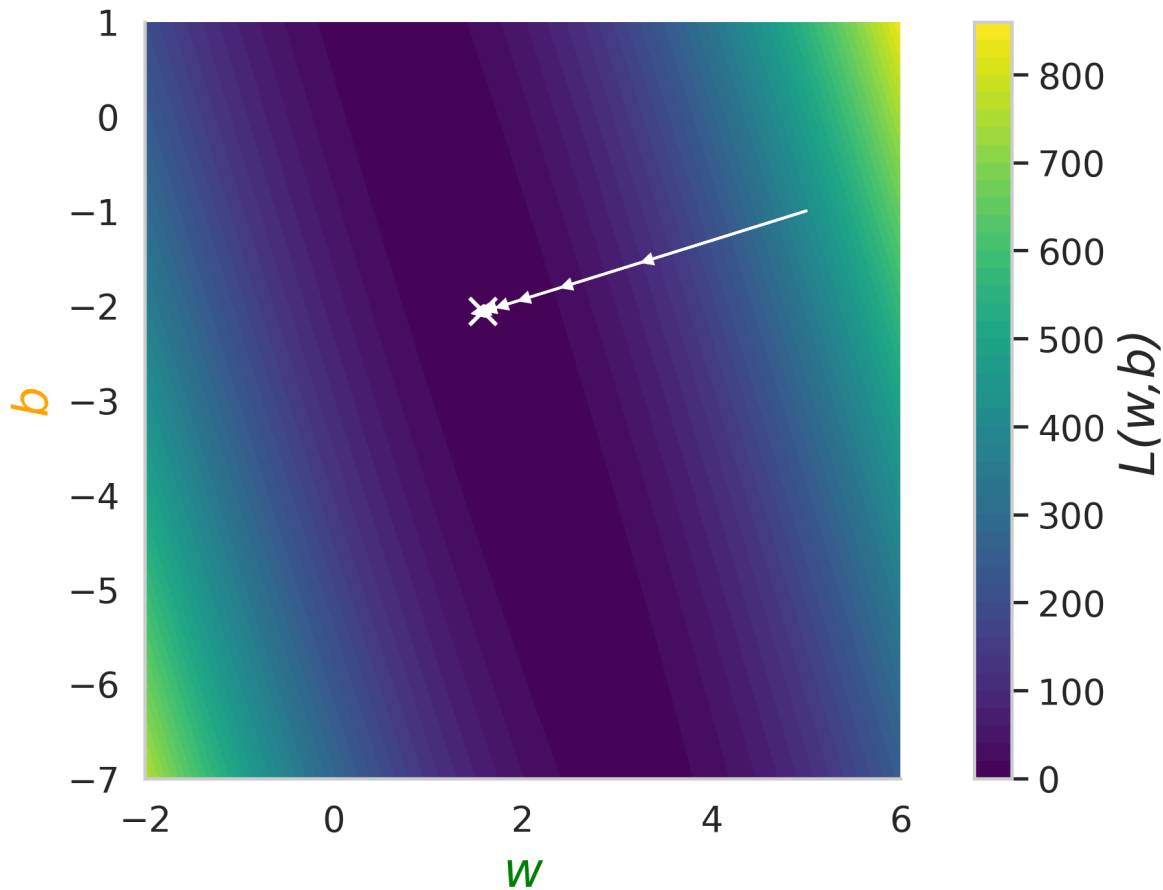
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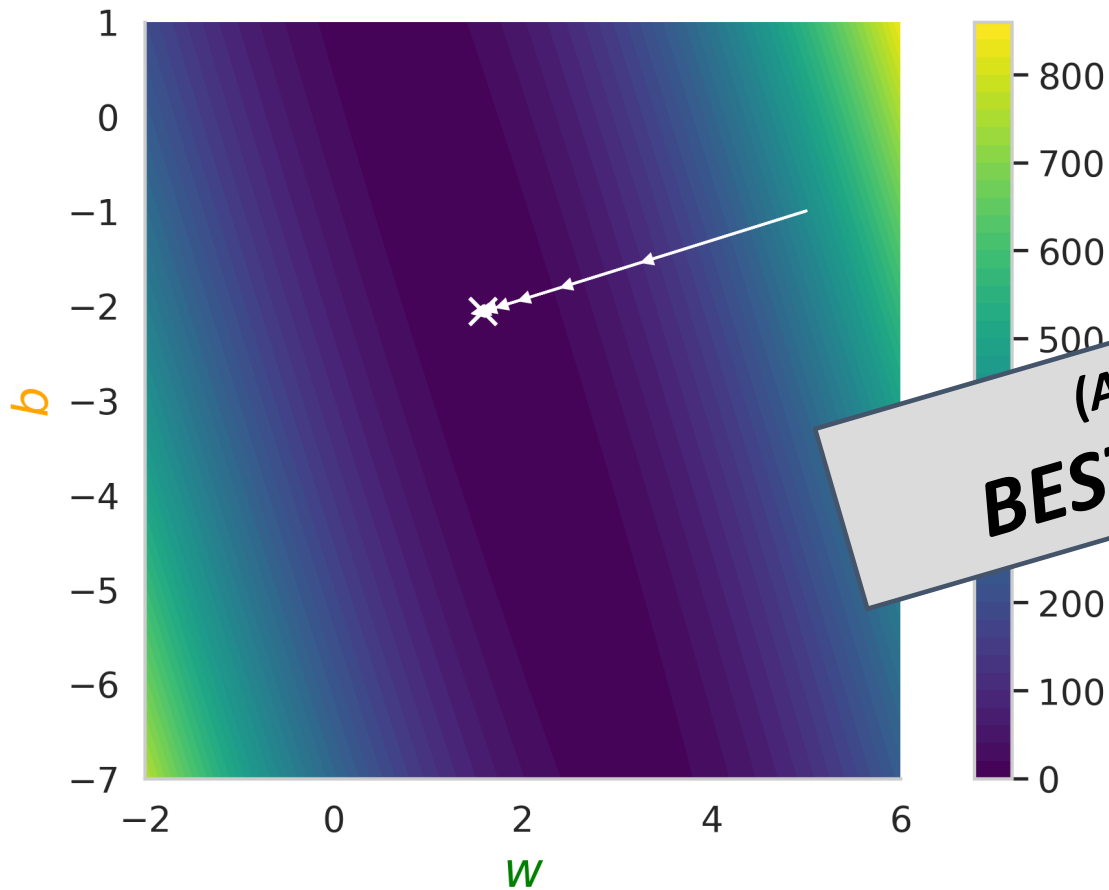
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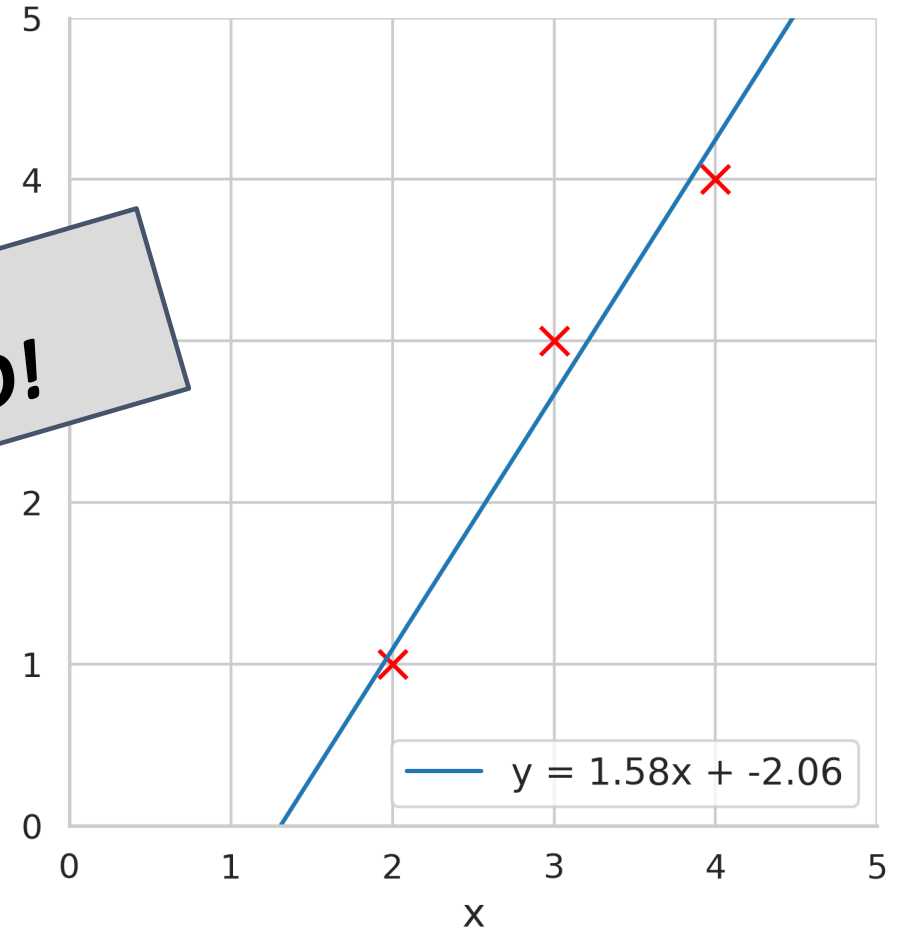


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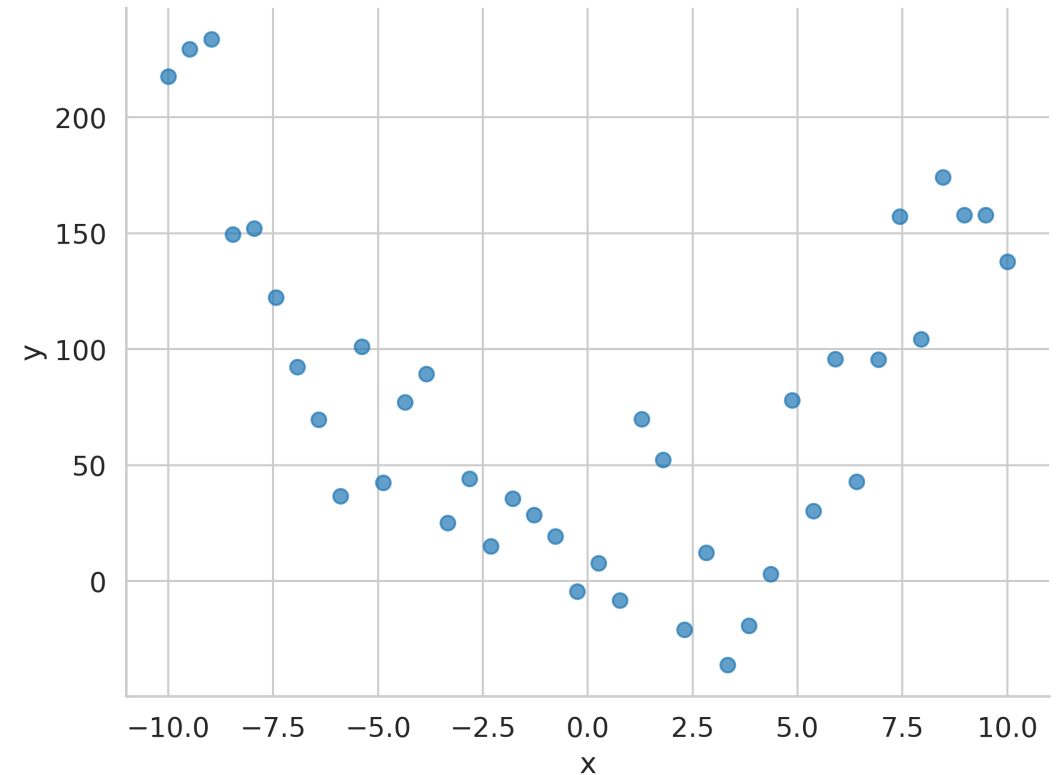
(APPROXIMATE)
BEST FIT FOUND!



Congratulations! 🎉

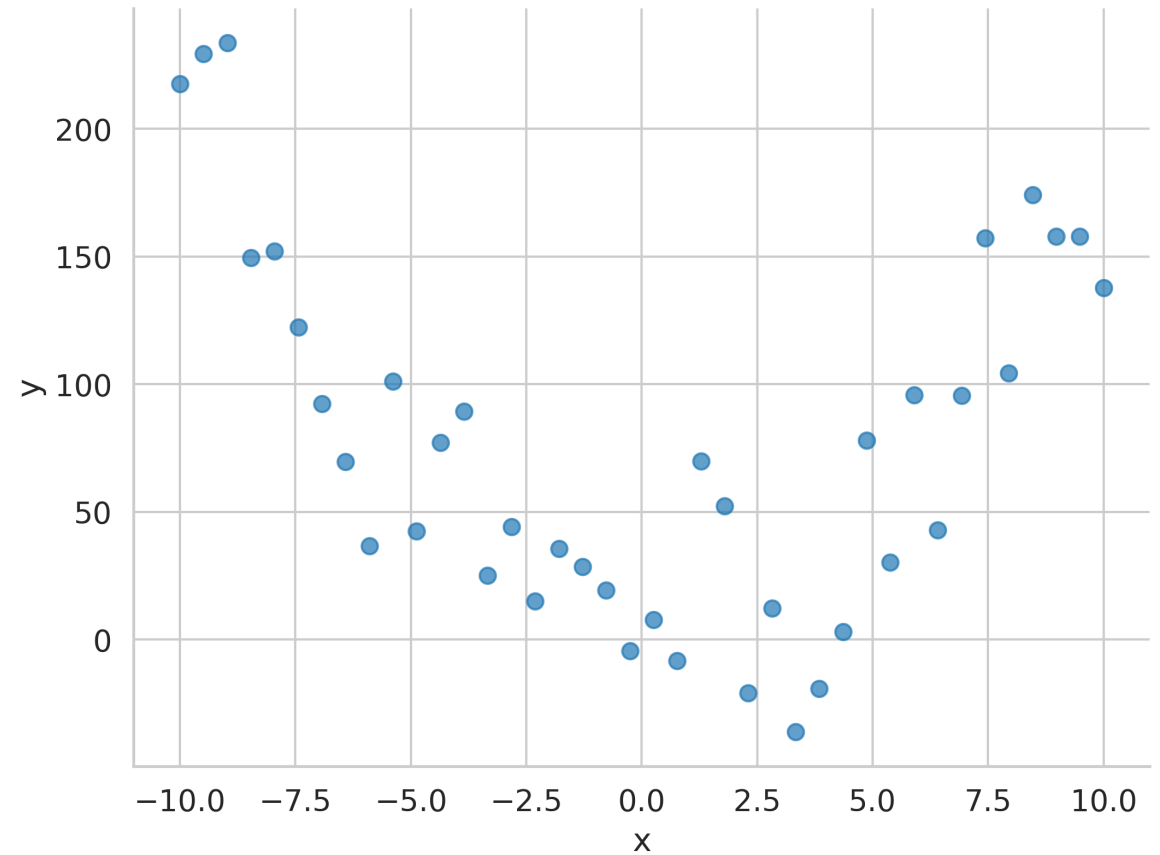
- Congratulations! We've “*trained*” linear regression!
- What AI people call “*learning*”.
- Gradient descent how *all* deep learning models learn!
- But problem:

Not every dataset can be fit by a straight line!

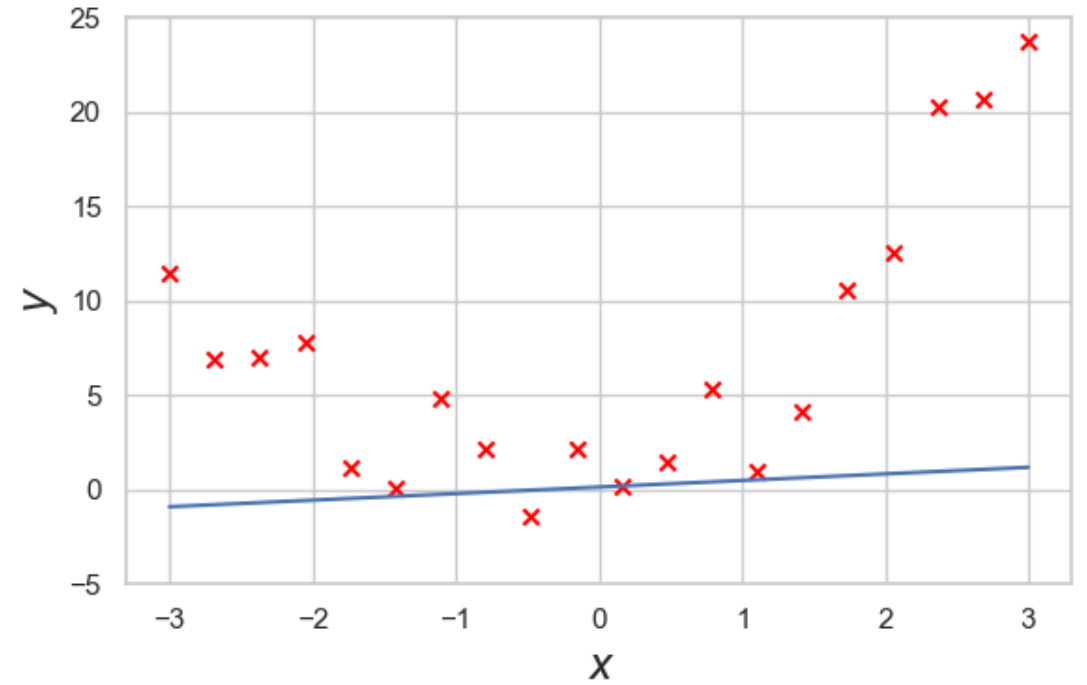
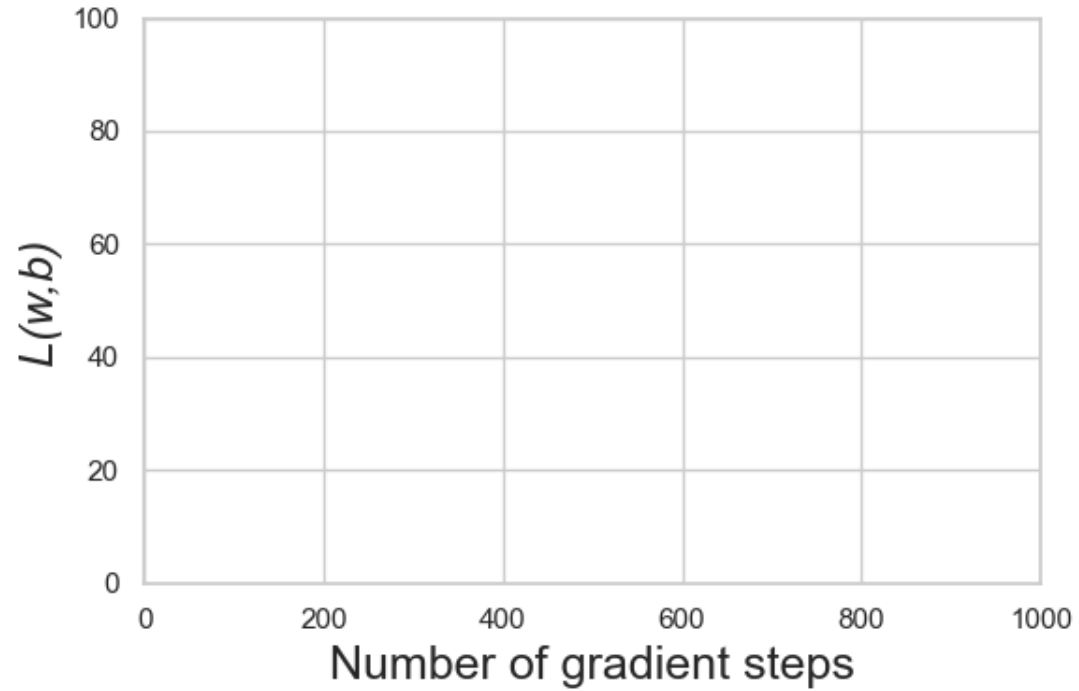


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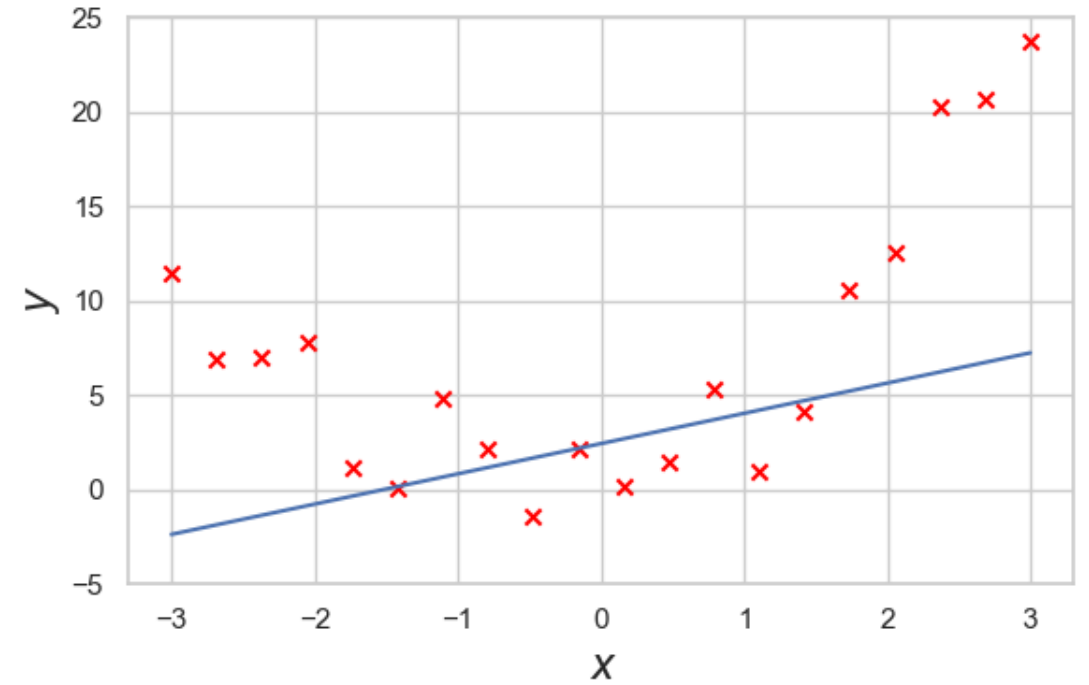
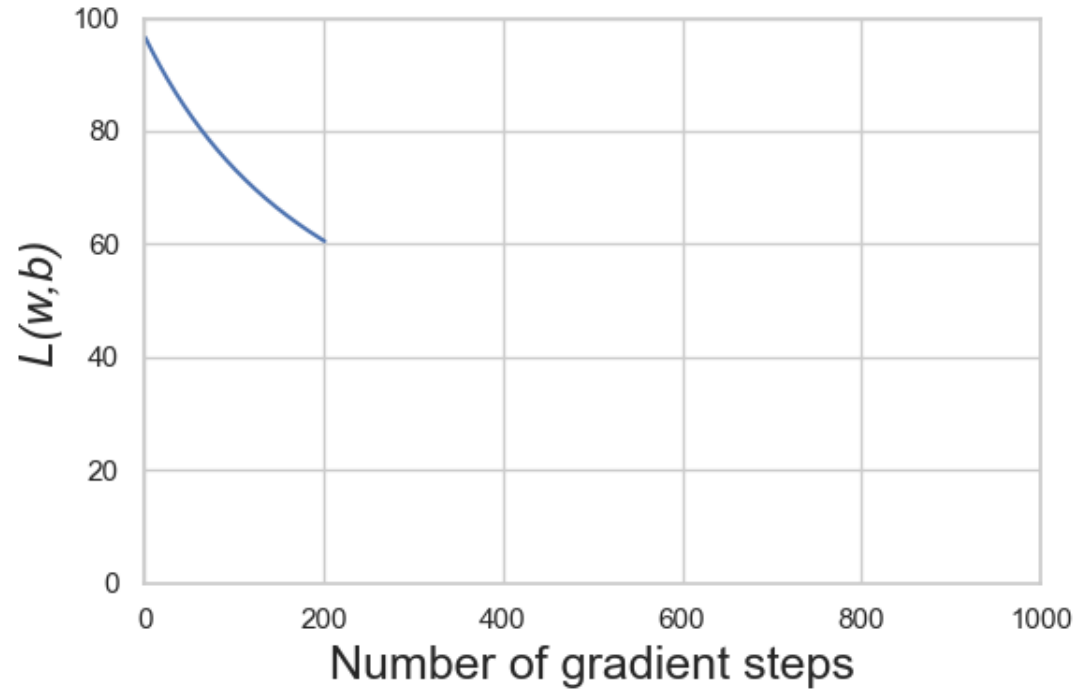
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- Try gradient descent again.
- **What will happen?**



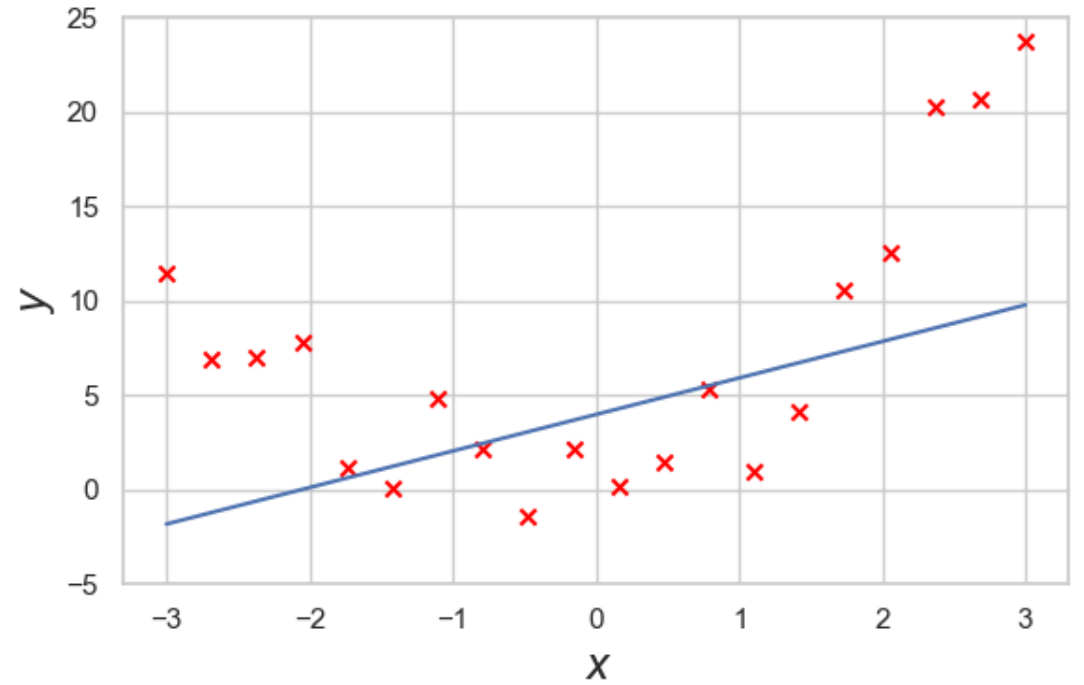
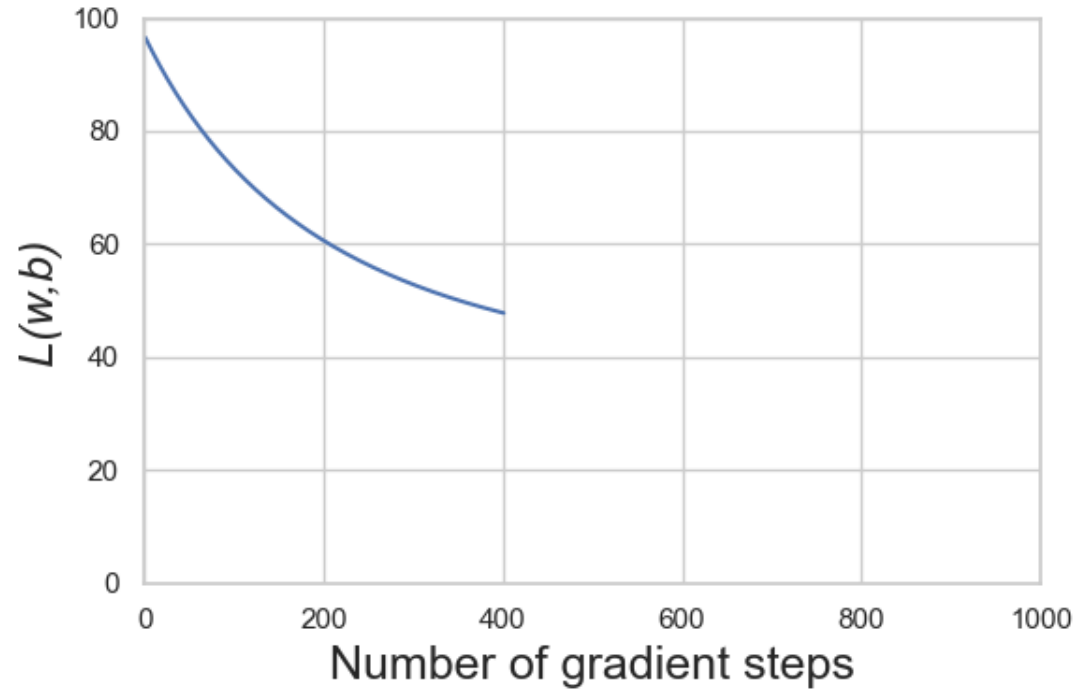
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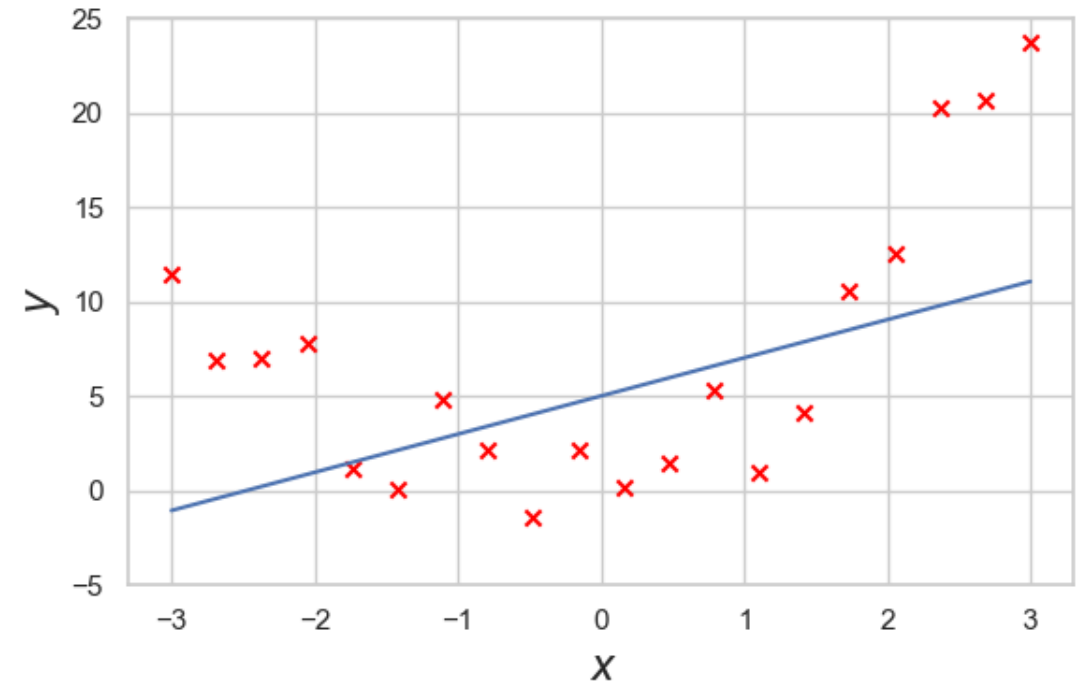
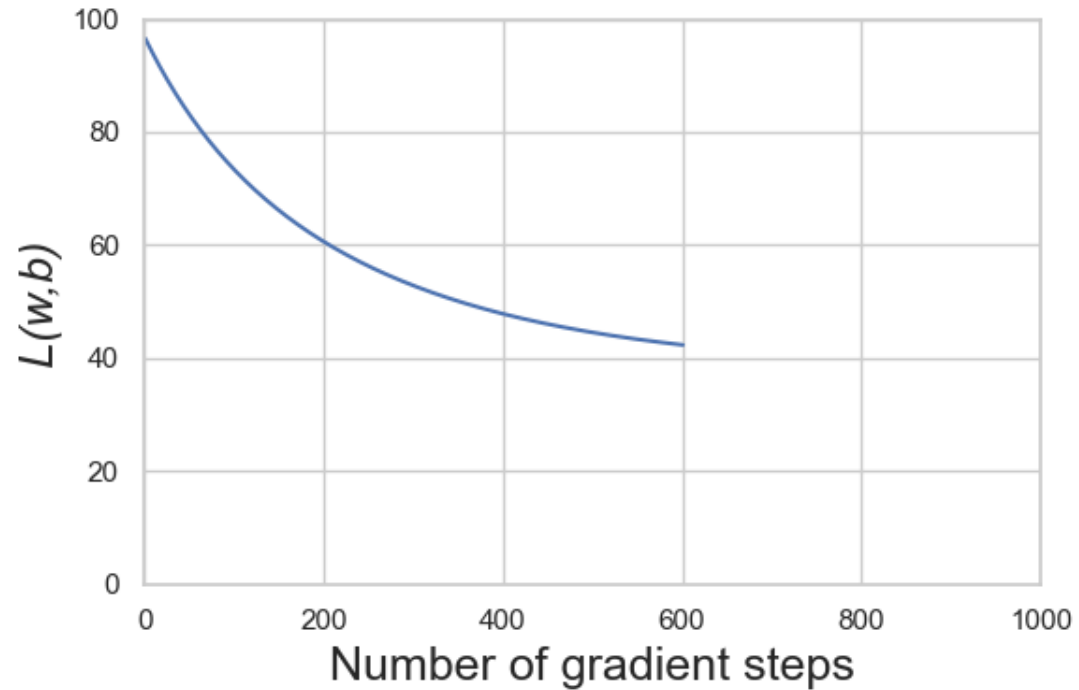
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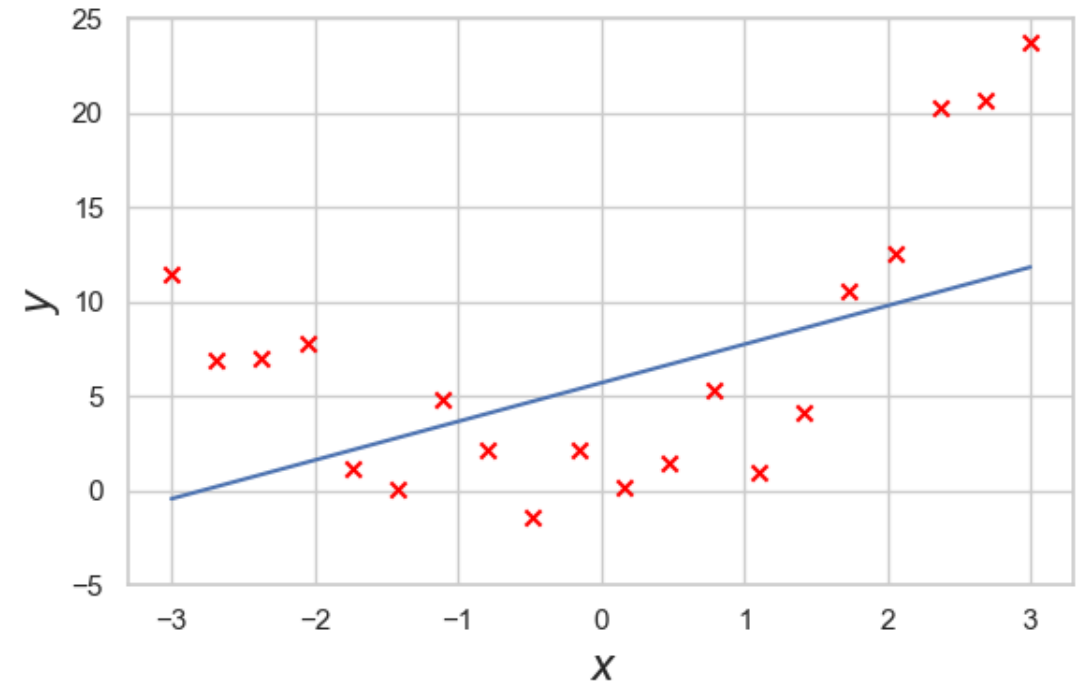
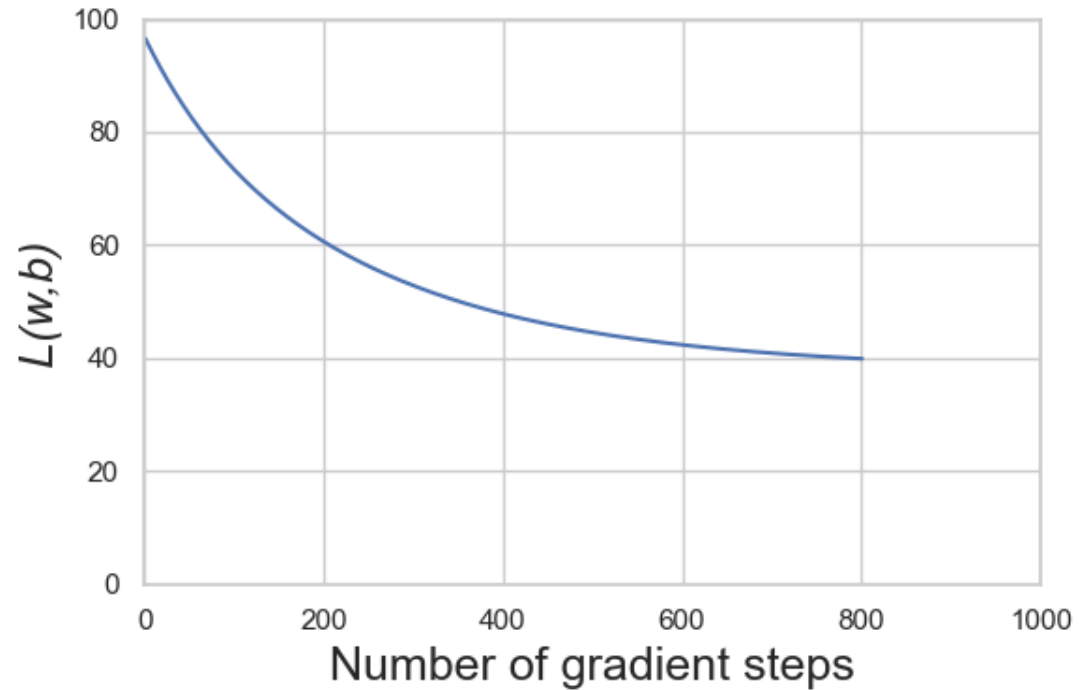
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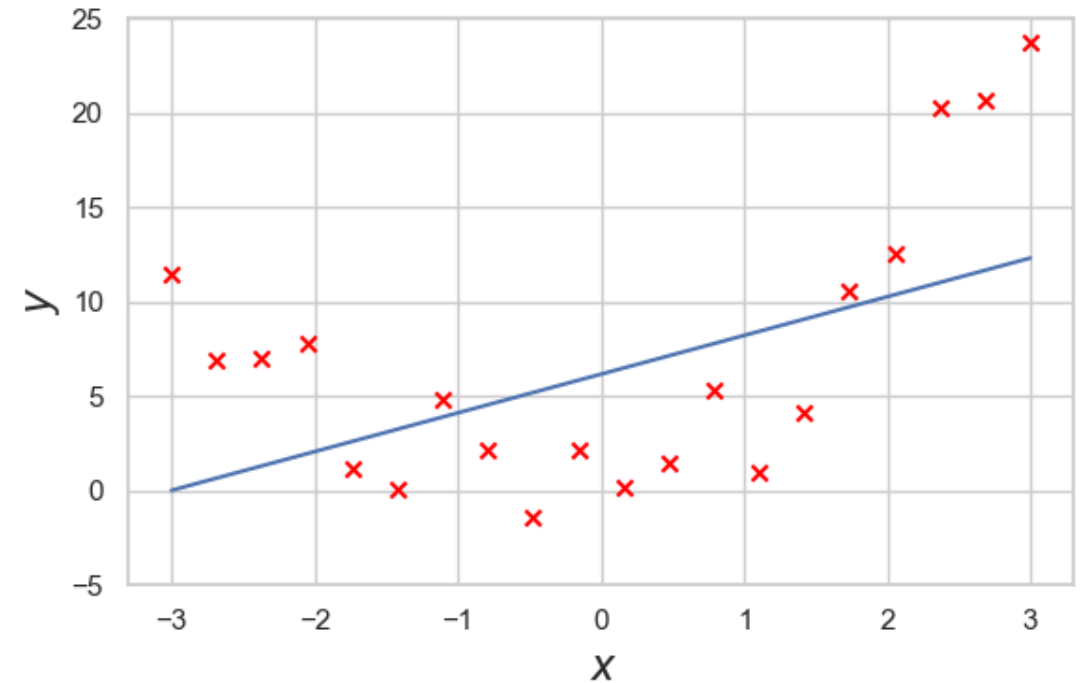
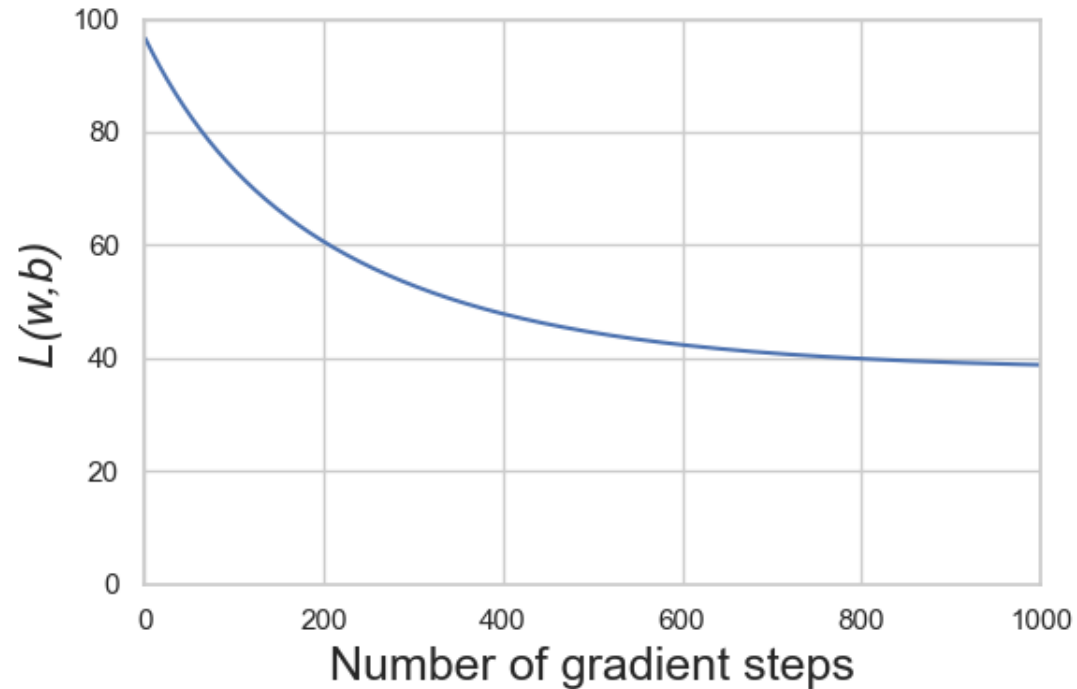
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The problem with linearity



- Loss still high (40), fit still poor after optimization.
- No way to fit this well with straight line.
- Need more flexibility!

Non-linearities

- How to move beyond straight lines?
- Choose function that isn't straight line!
- *Rectified linear unit*, **ReLU**:

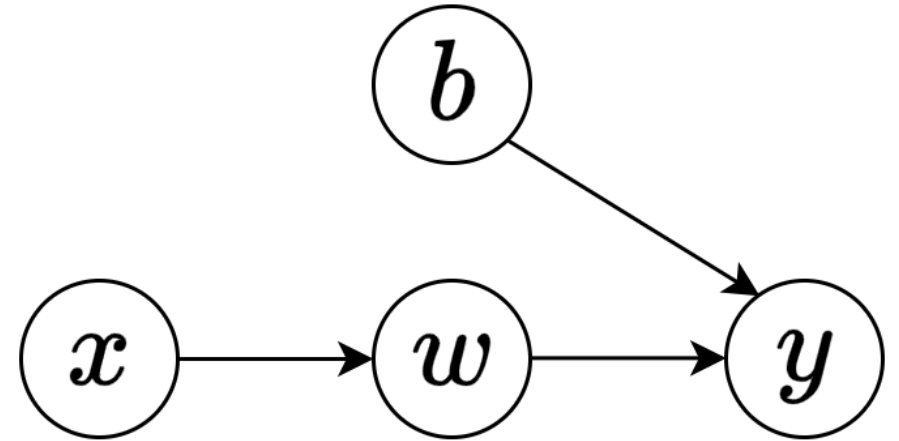
$$\text{ReLU}(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

- **Non-linear**.
- Can it fit our data now?
- **No**: needs **parameters**.

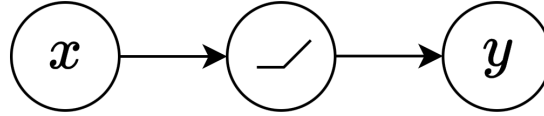


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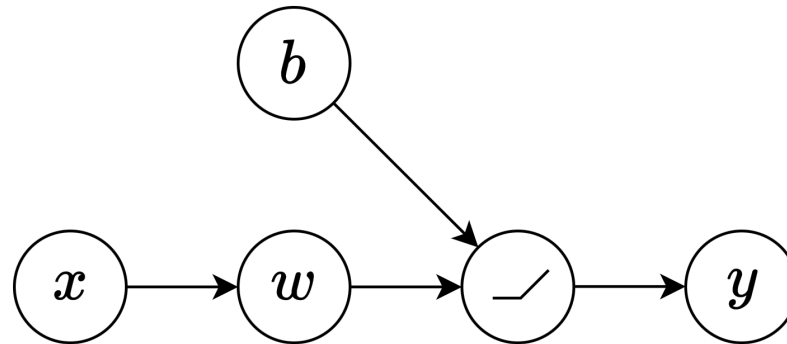
- Use diagrams to design equations.
- Can design complex neural networks.
- Represent $y = wx + b$ with diagram:
 1. Arrows represent flow of numbers.
 2. $x \rightarrow w$:
multiplication to form wx .
 3. $b \rightarrow y$ and $wx \rightarrow y$:
addition to form $y = wx + b$.
- Nothing new so far.
- Now let's add ReLU!



ReLU with parameters



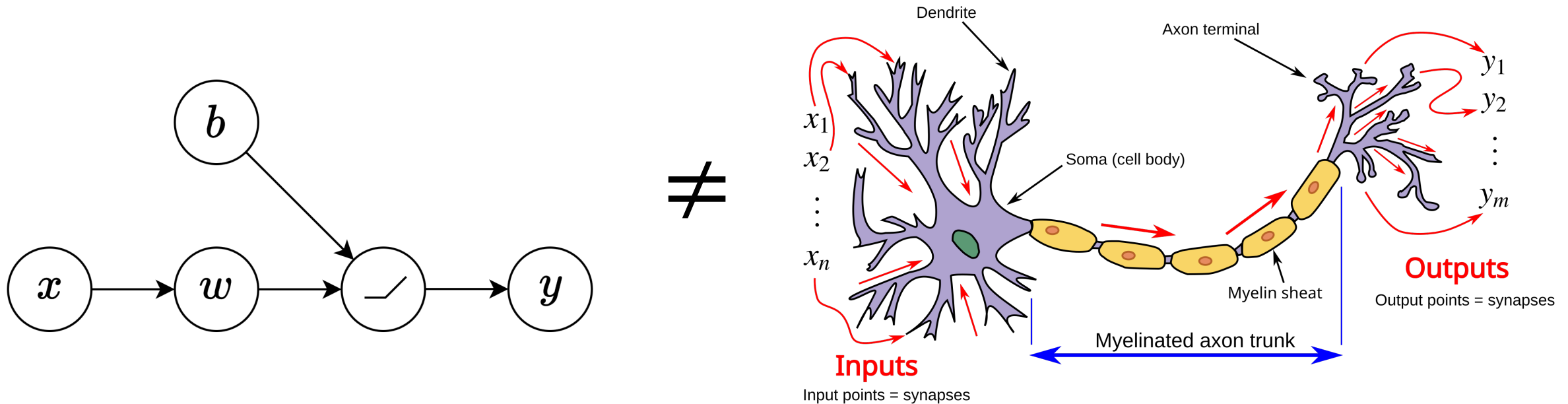
- Represents $y = \text{ReLU}(x)$.
- Now add parameters:



- Represents $y = \text{ReLU}(wx + b)$ – scale and shift the input.
- Called a *neuron!*

“Neurons”: a very loose analogy

- Why do AI people call this a neuron?



- Long history: McCulloch and Pitts (1943).
- Not accurate, but not important for modern AI.
- *Building block for neural networks.*

Understanding AI from Scratch:

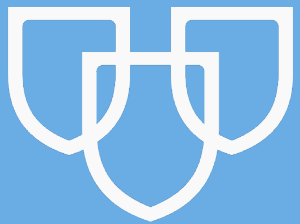
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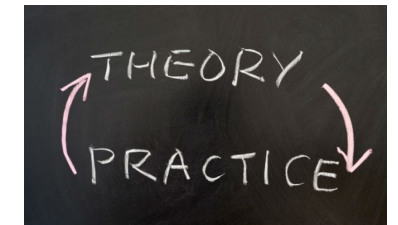
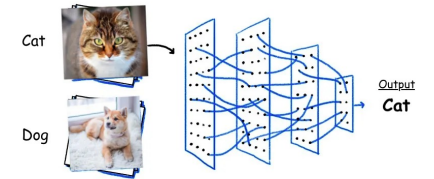
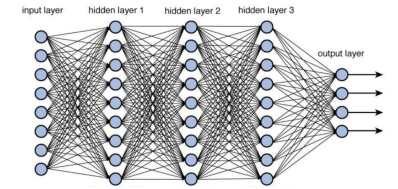
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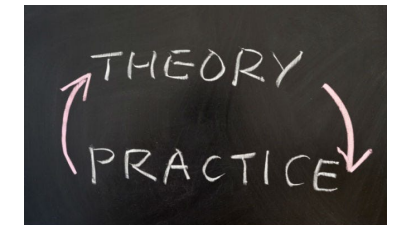
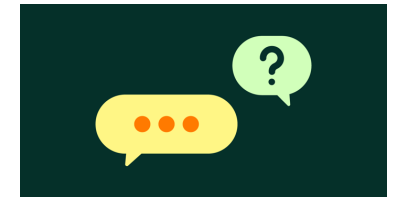
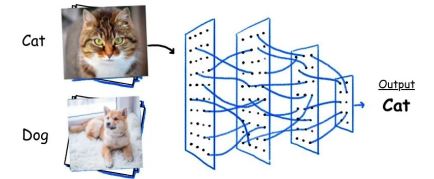
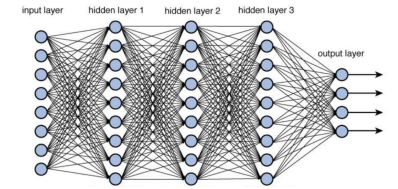
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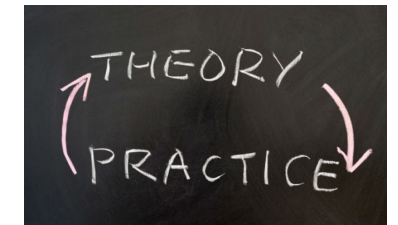
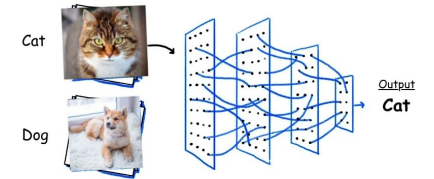
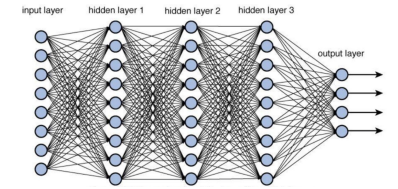
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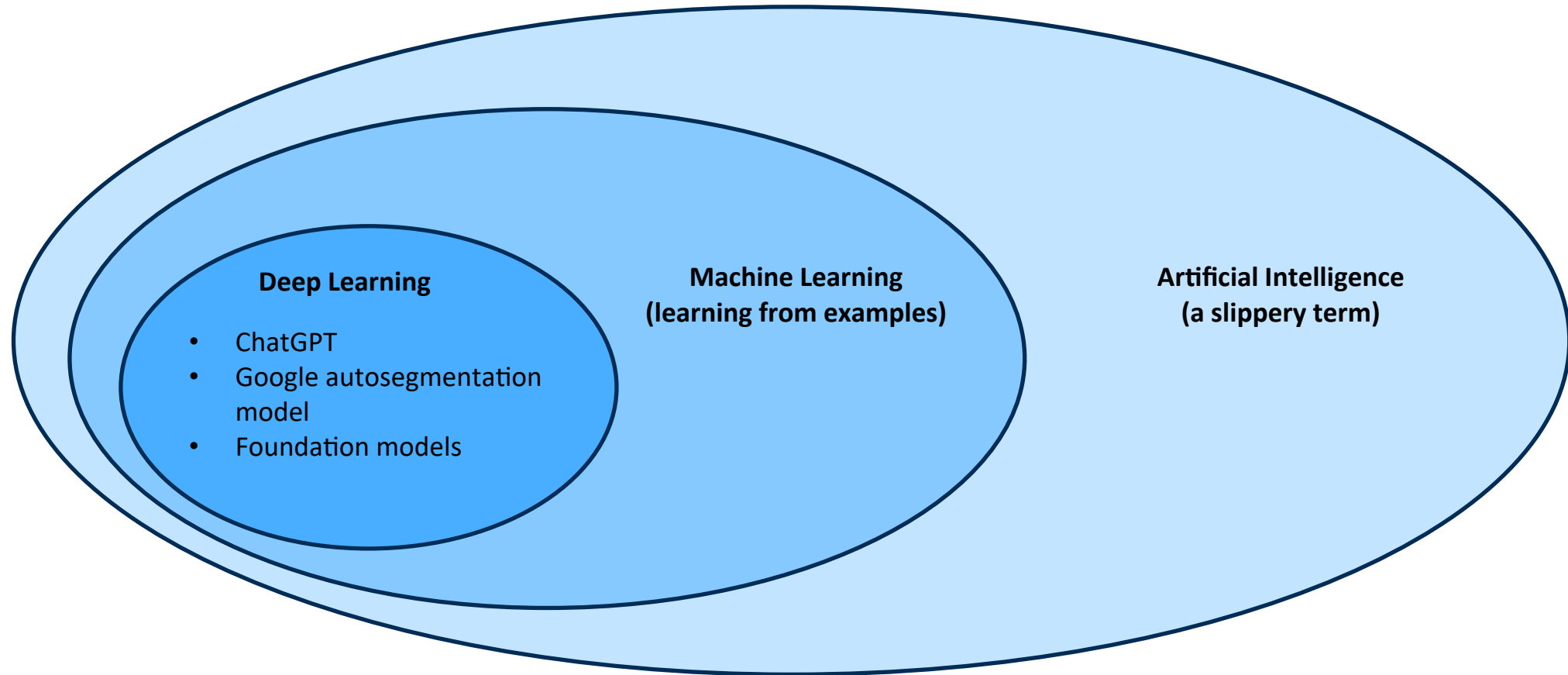
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Lecture 1 recap

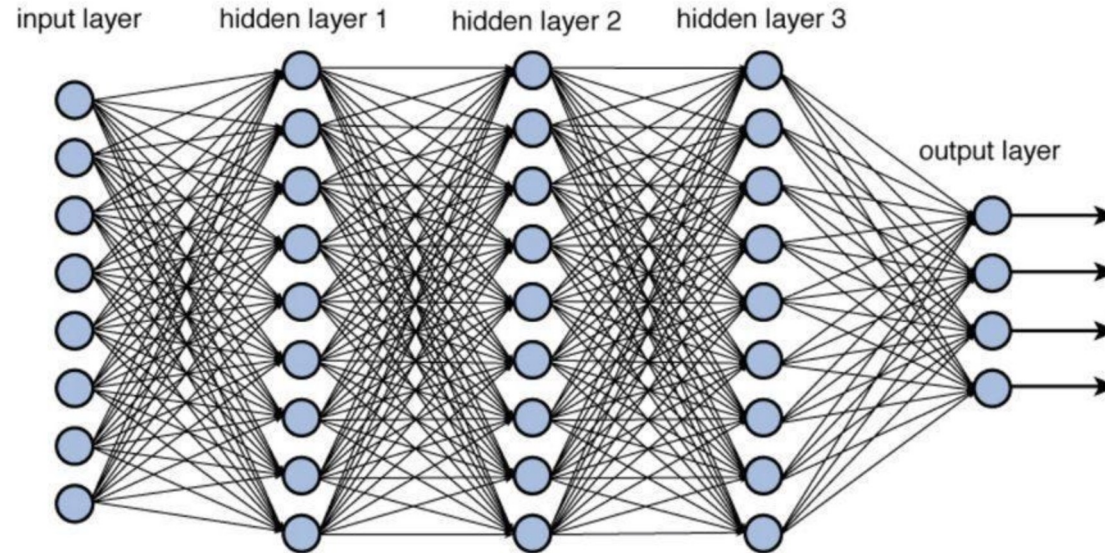
What is AI?



Mayo Clinic is betting that deep learning will revolutionize healthcare.

Deep learning from 40,000 feet

- Deep learning = use of **neural networks**.
- Math functions with millions of numbers: **“parameters/weights”**
- Parameters determine how the neural network behaves.



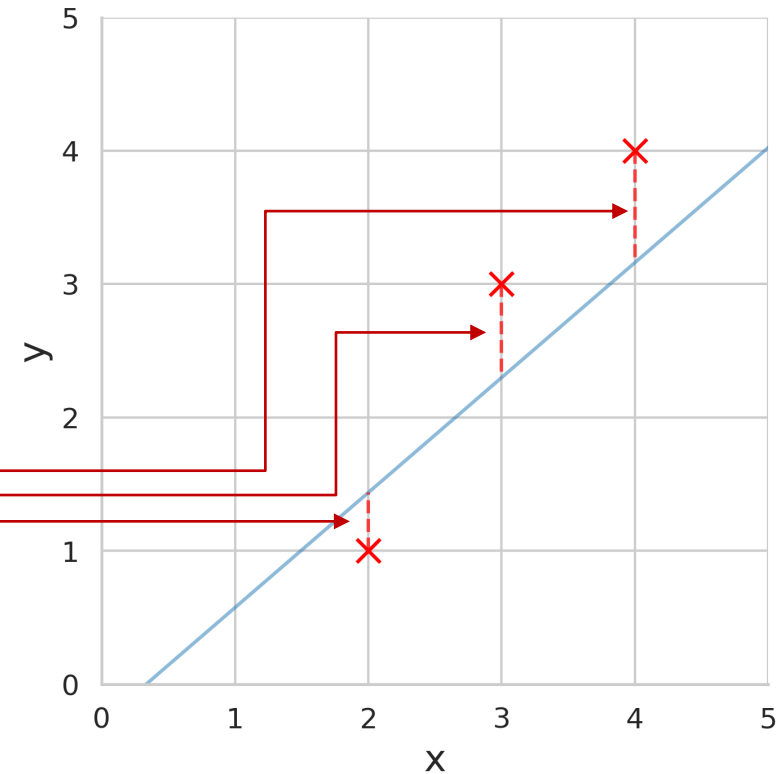
Loss functions and gradient descent

- **Loss function** defines what a good prediction is.

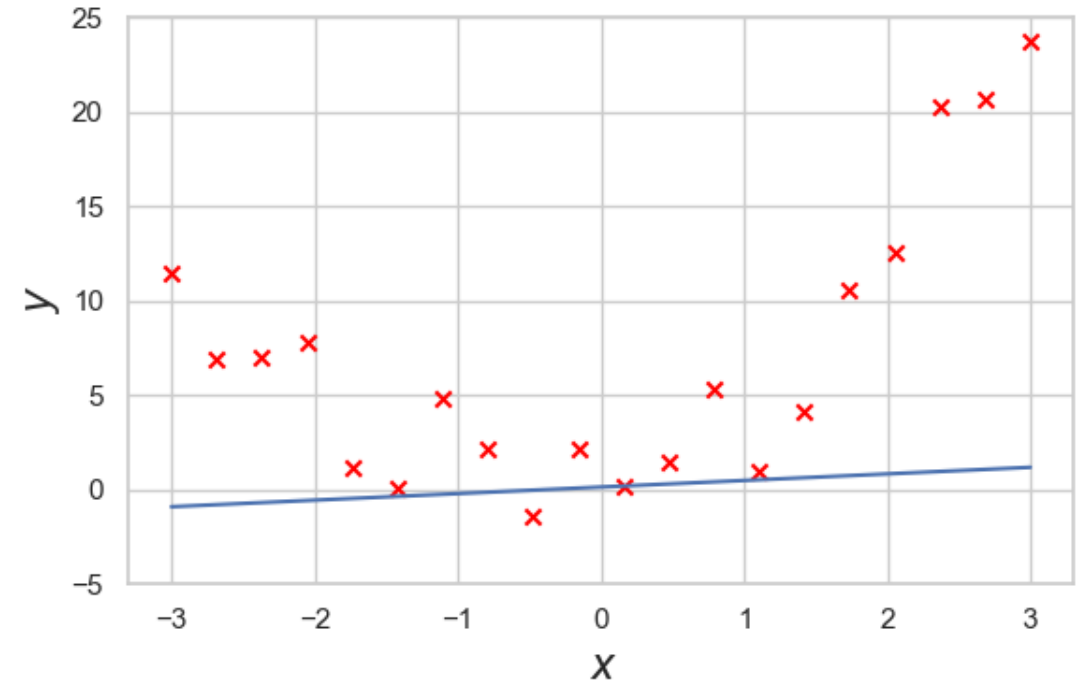
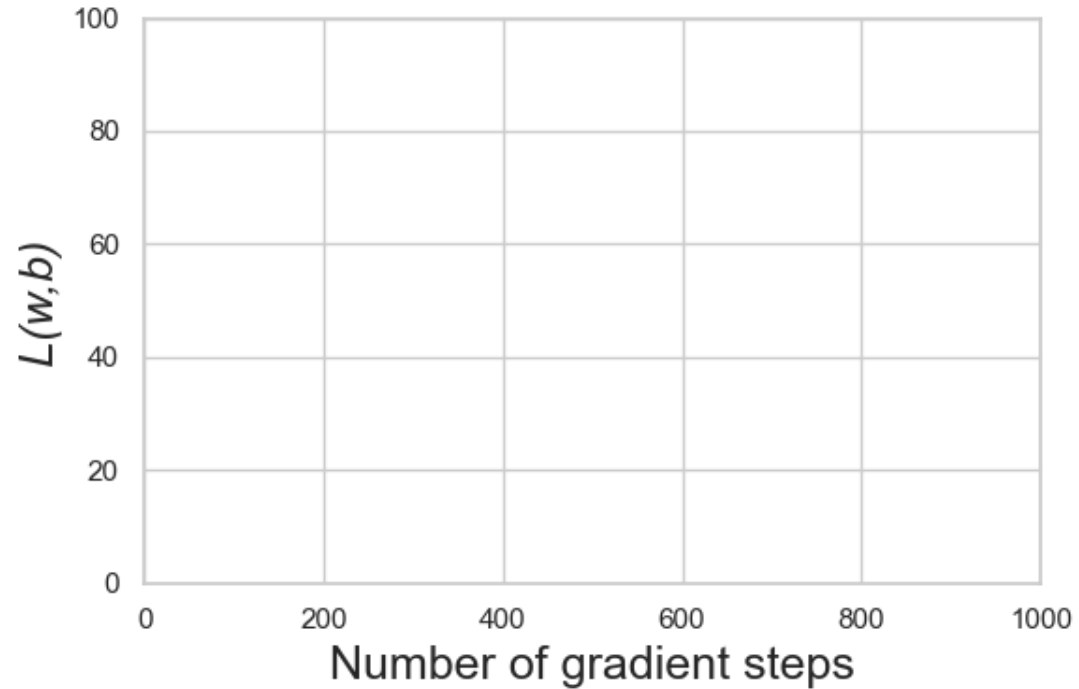
- Simple choice: **squared error**

$$L(w, b) = (f(x_1) - y_1)^2 + (f(x_2) - y_2)^2 + (f(x_3) - y_3)^2$$

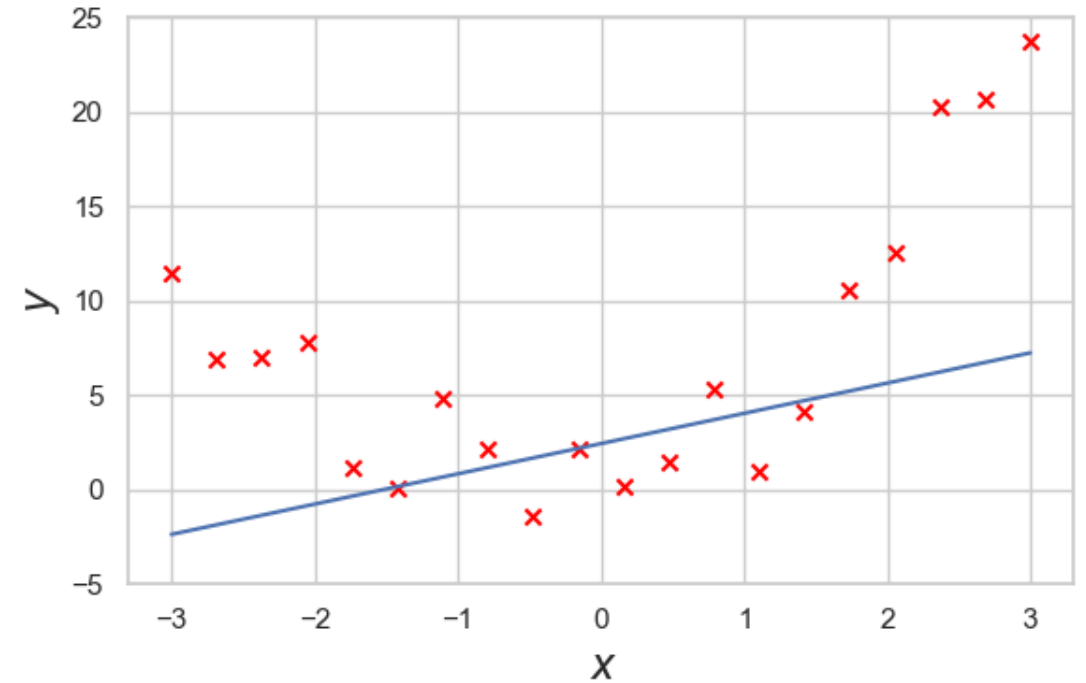
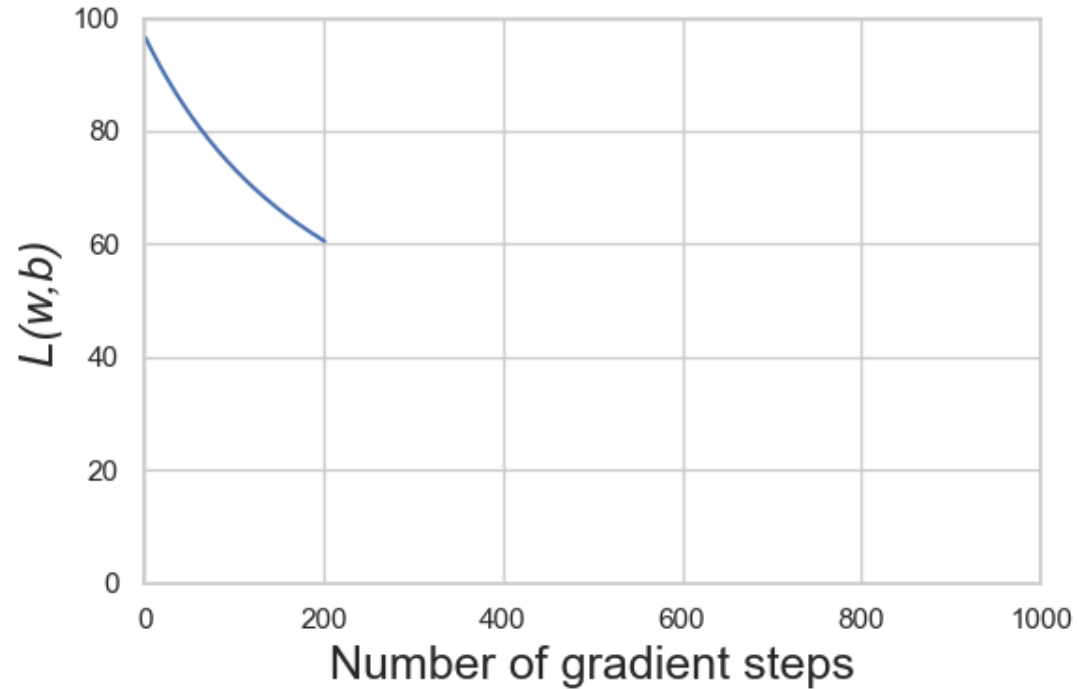
- Minimize $L(w, b)$ using **gradient descent**:
 1. Choose w, b randomly (*terrible fit!*).
 2. Calculate **derivative/gradient** of $L(w, b)$.
 3. Adjust w, b by small amount in (opposite) direction of gradient.
 4. Repeat 2-3 until $L(w, b)$ is low (*good fit!*).



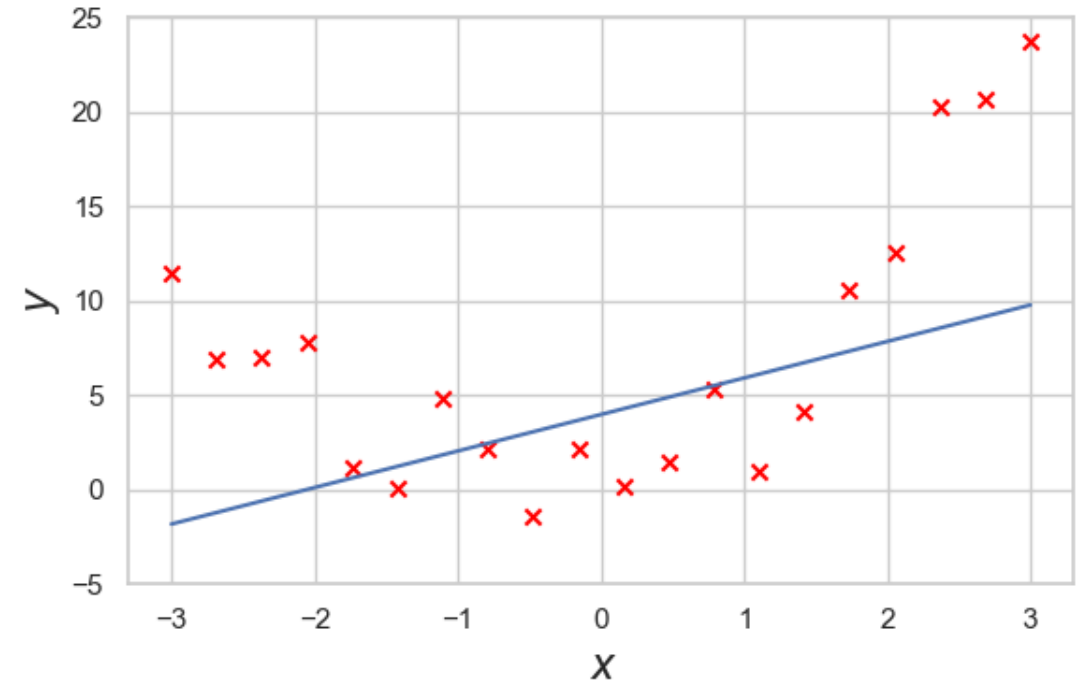
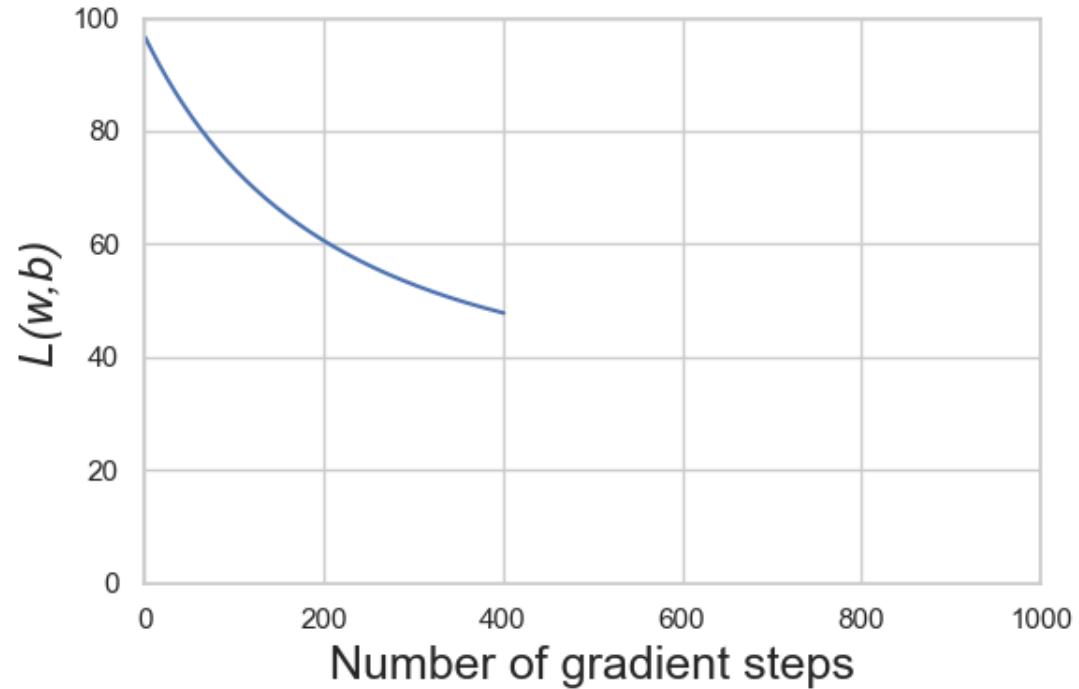
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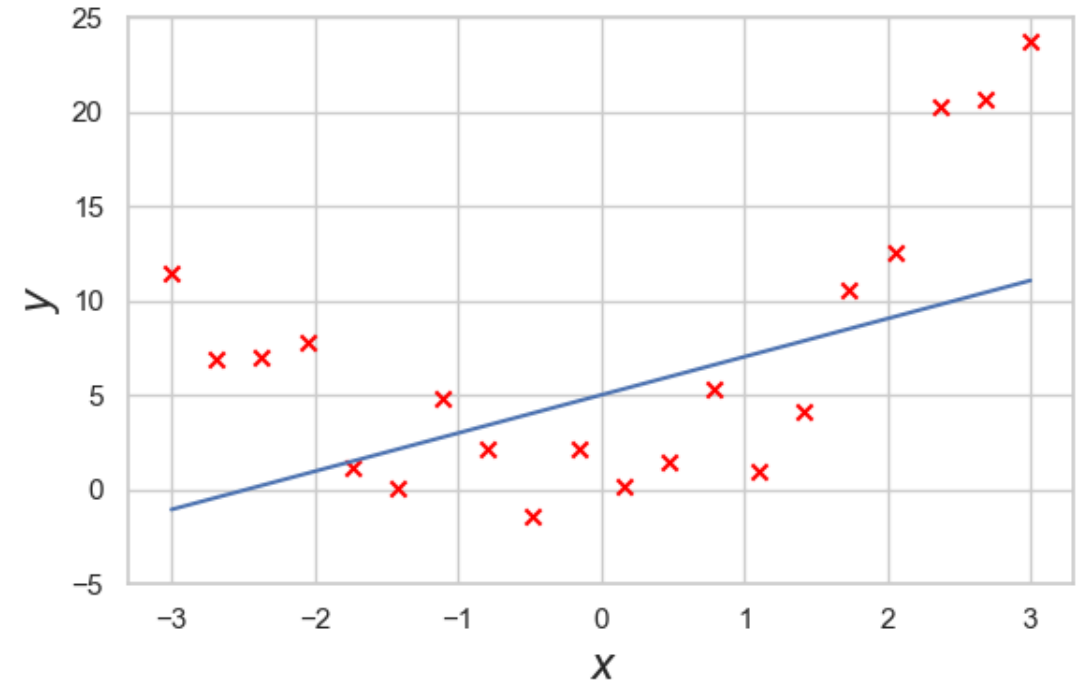
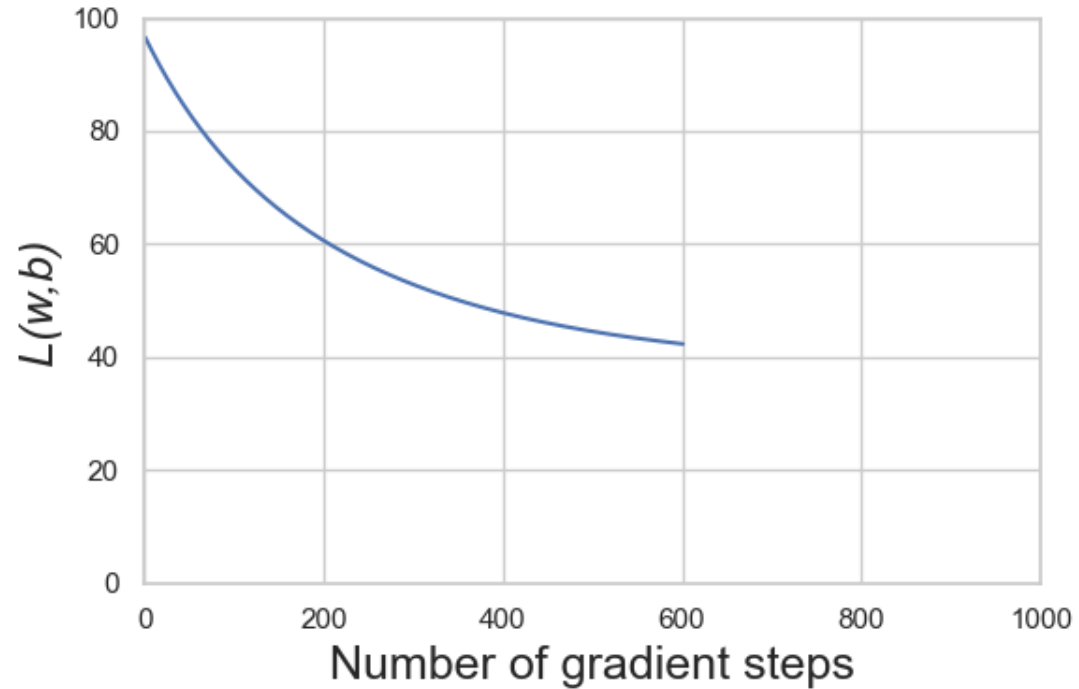
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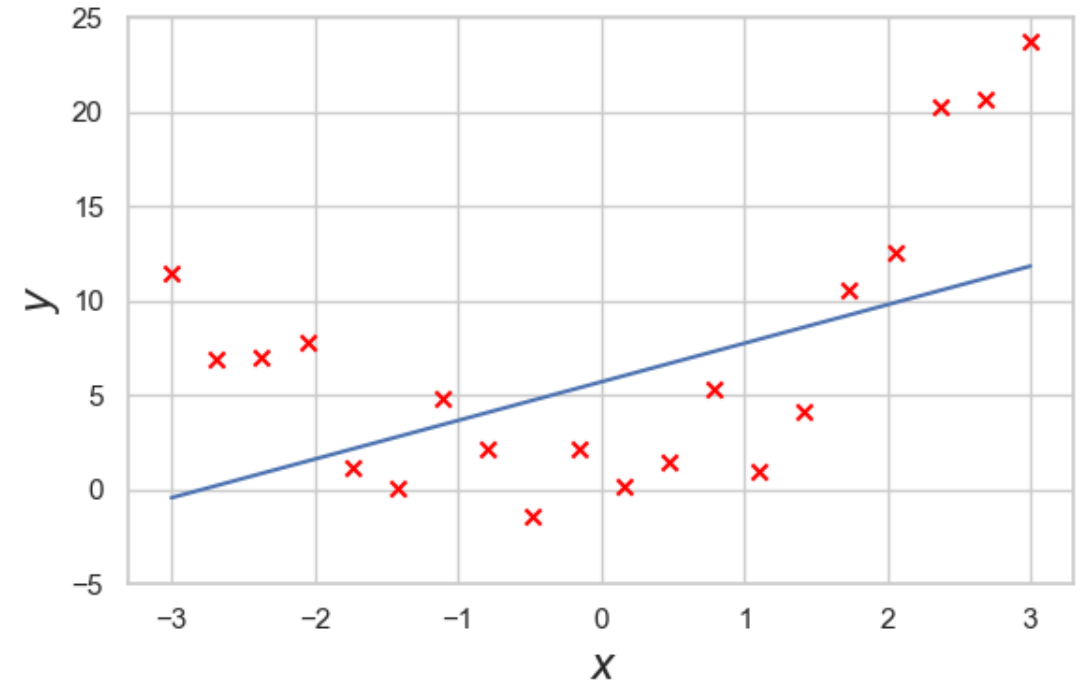
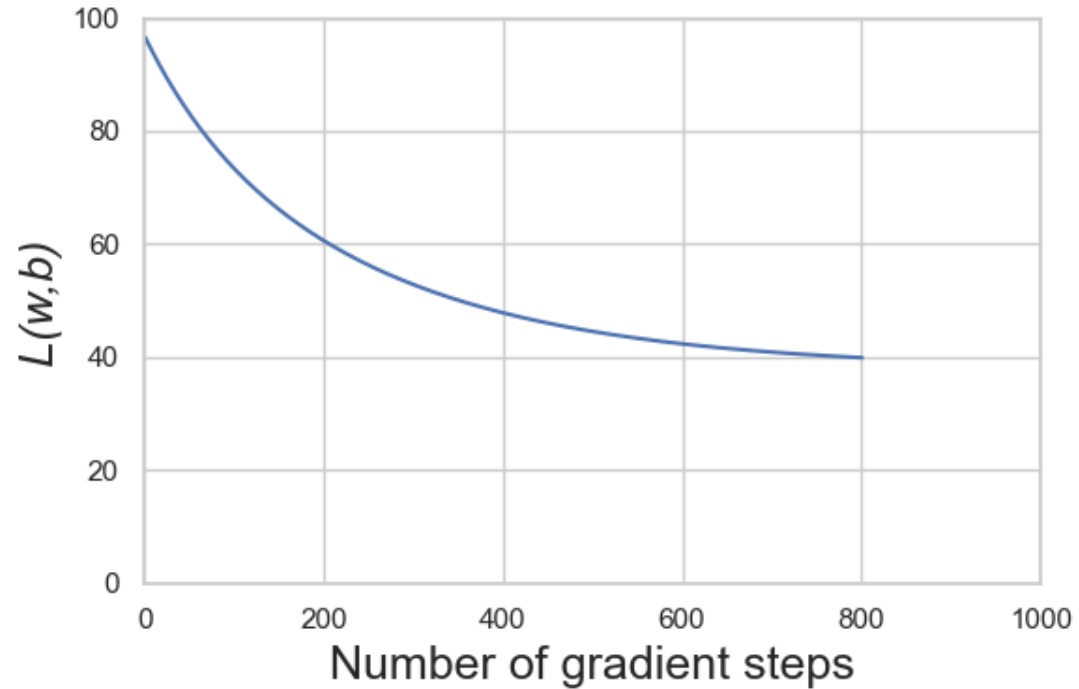
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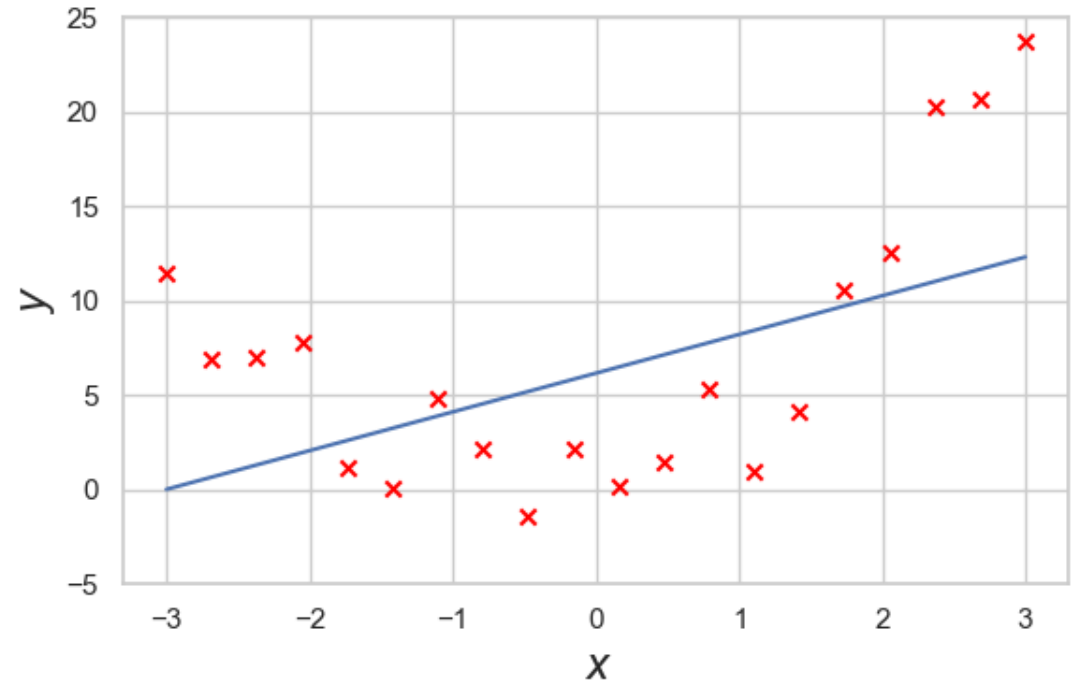
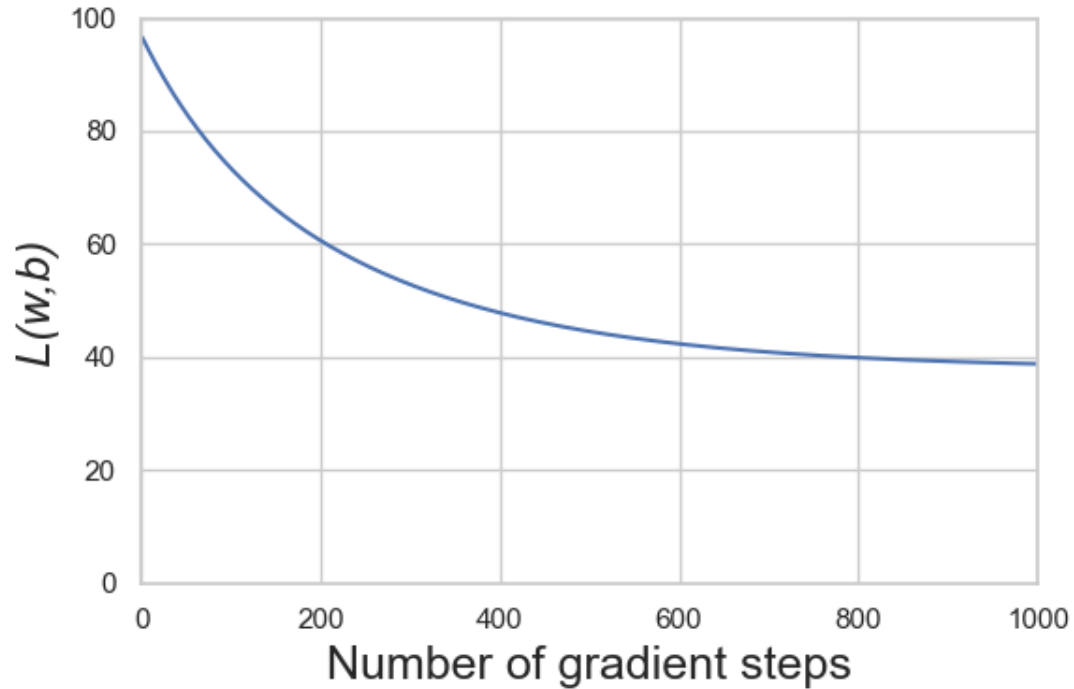
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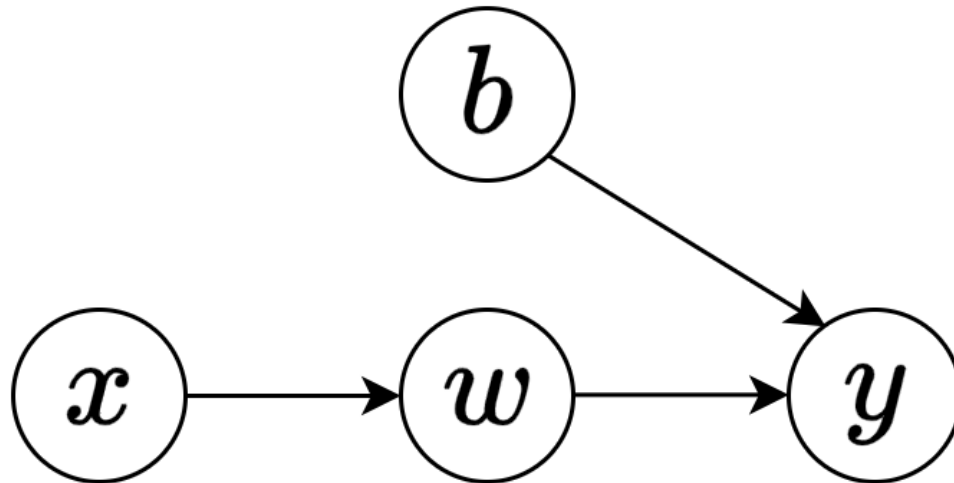
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- Need more flexibility than straight lines.
- Time to design new equations.

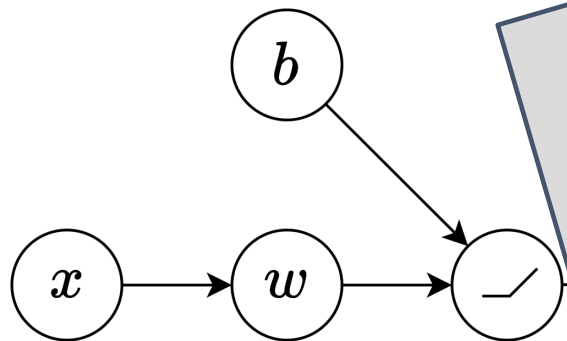
Architecture diagrams

- Use diagrams to design equations.
- Represent $y = wx + b$ with diagram:

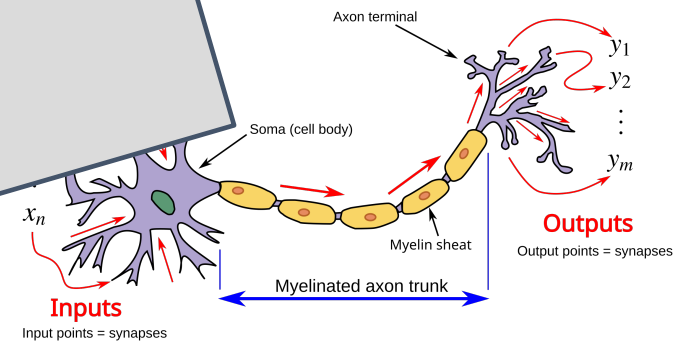
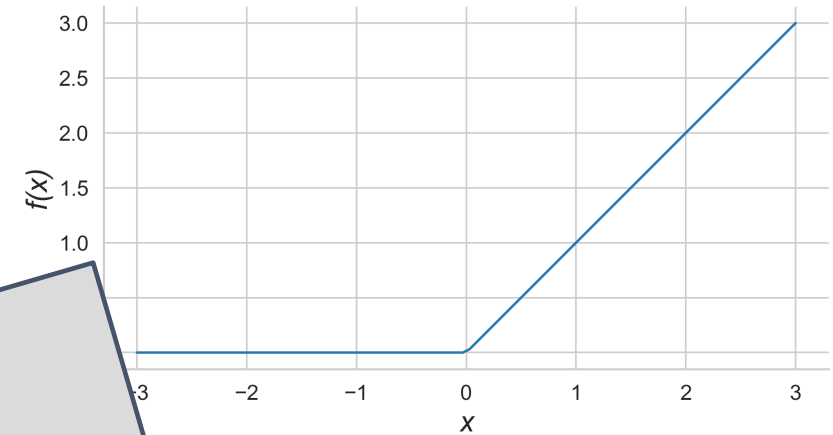


Non-linear regression

- Need non-straight curves.
- *Rectified linear unit, ReLU:*
$$\text{ReLU}(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$
- Combine using architecture diagram:



END OF RECAP



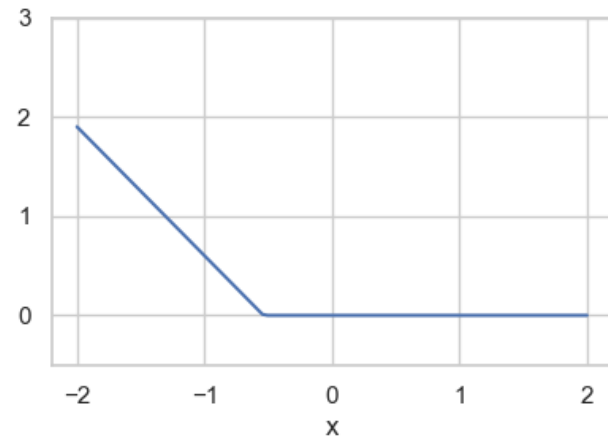
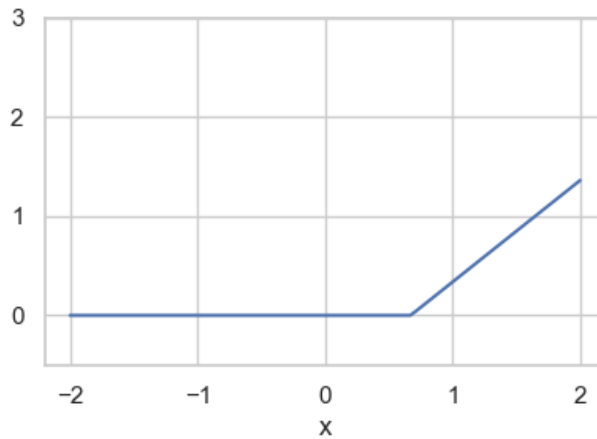
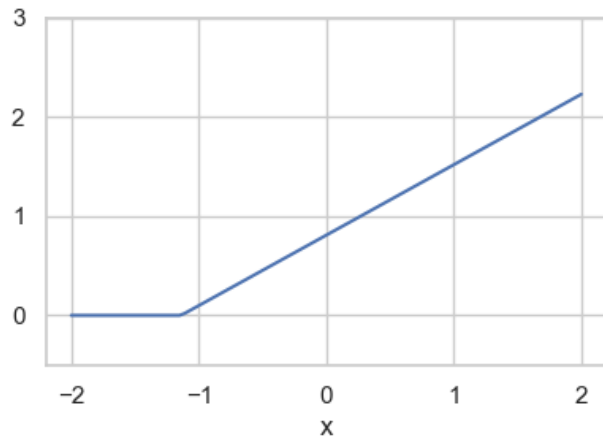
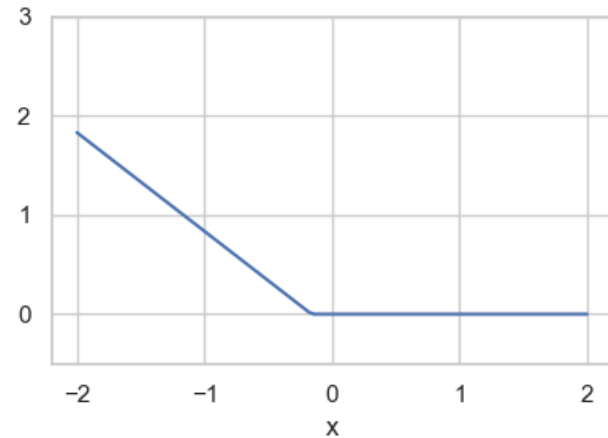
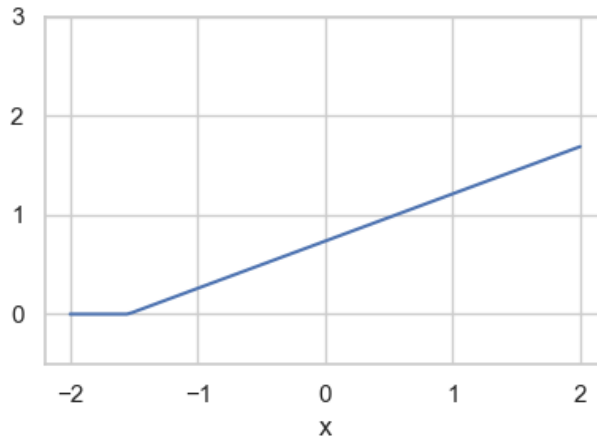
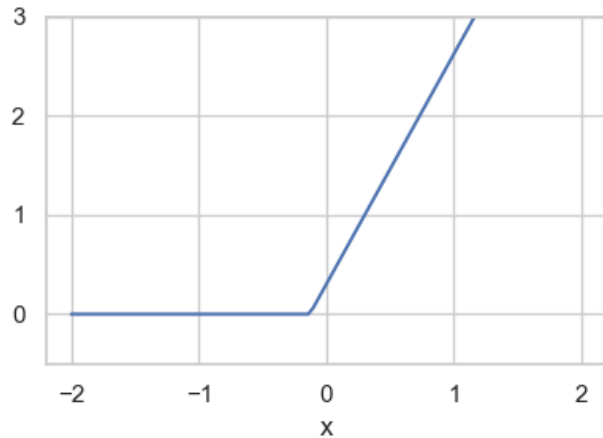
- Represents $y = \text{ReLU}(wx + b)$ – scale and shift the input.
- Called a *neuron!*

Part 1b:
**From single neurons to
neural networks**

Ask questions at any time!

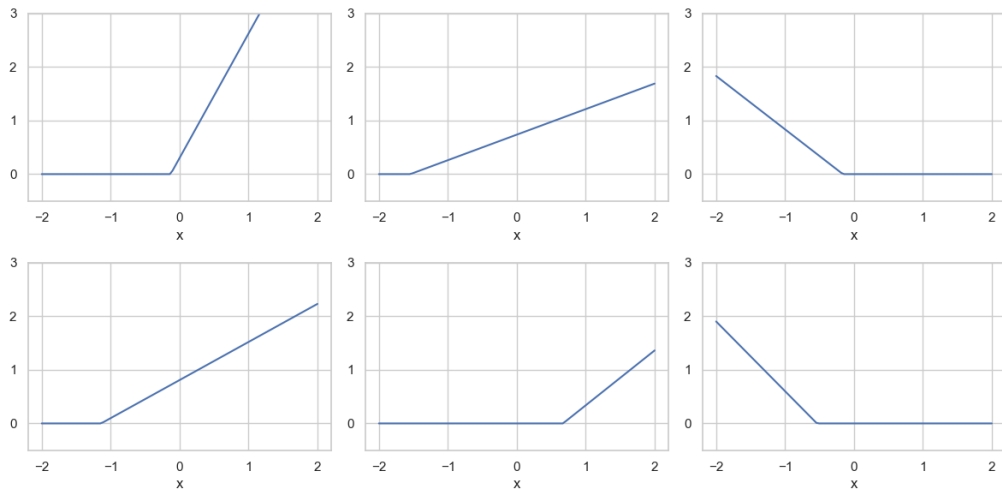
Single neuron functions

- What functions can a single neuron, $y = \text{ReLU}(wx + b)$ represent?
- Choose w, b at random a few times:

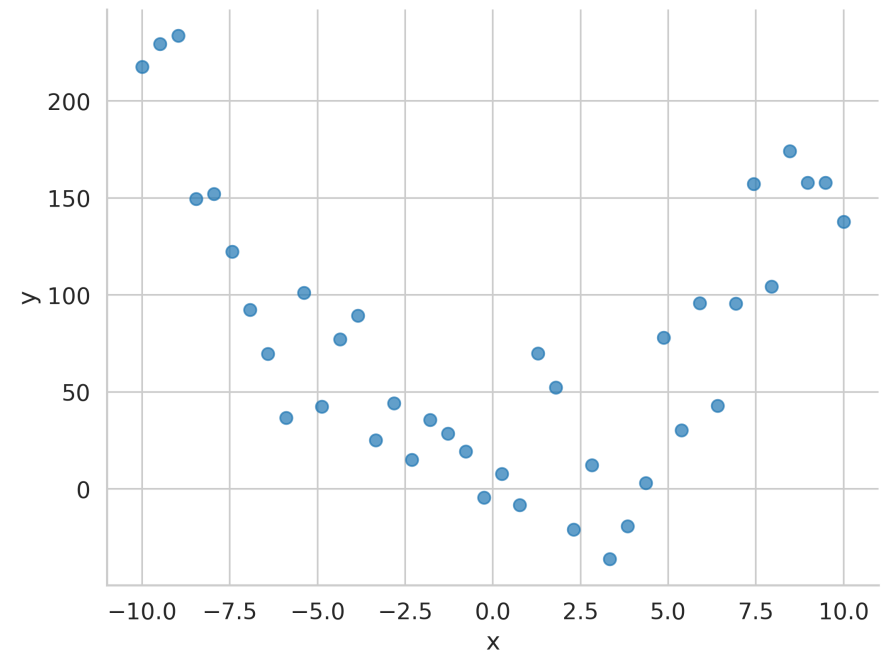


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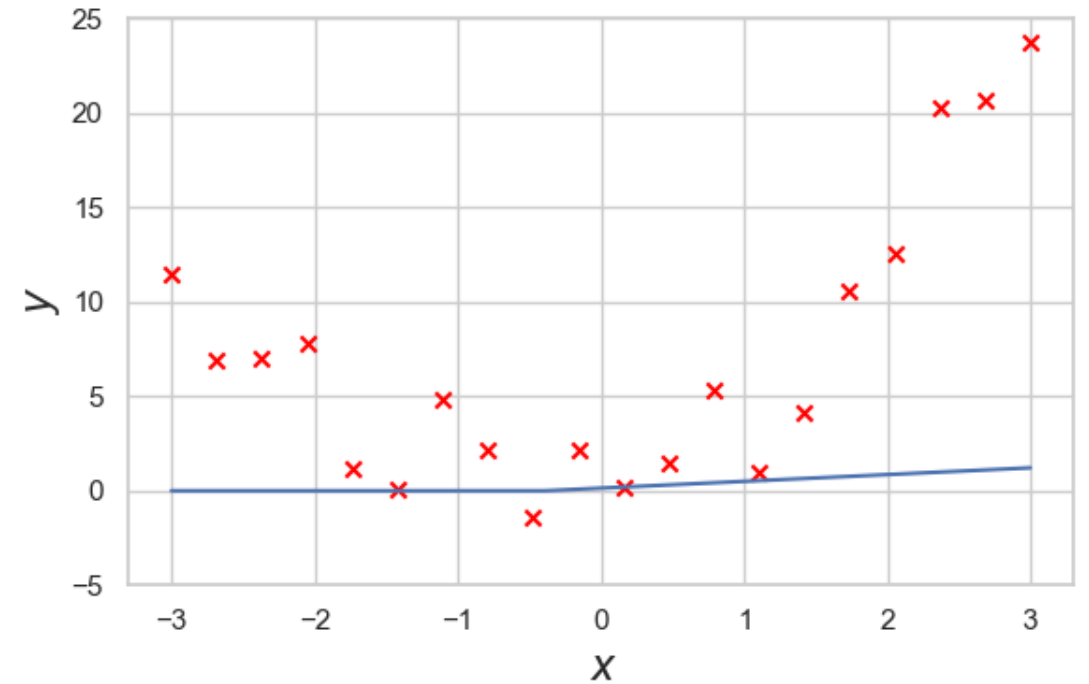
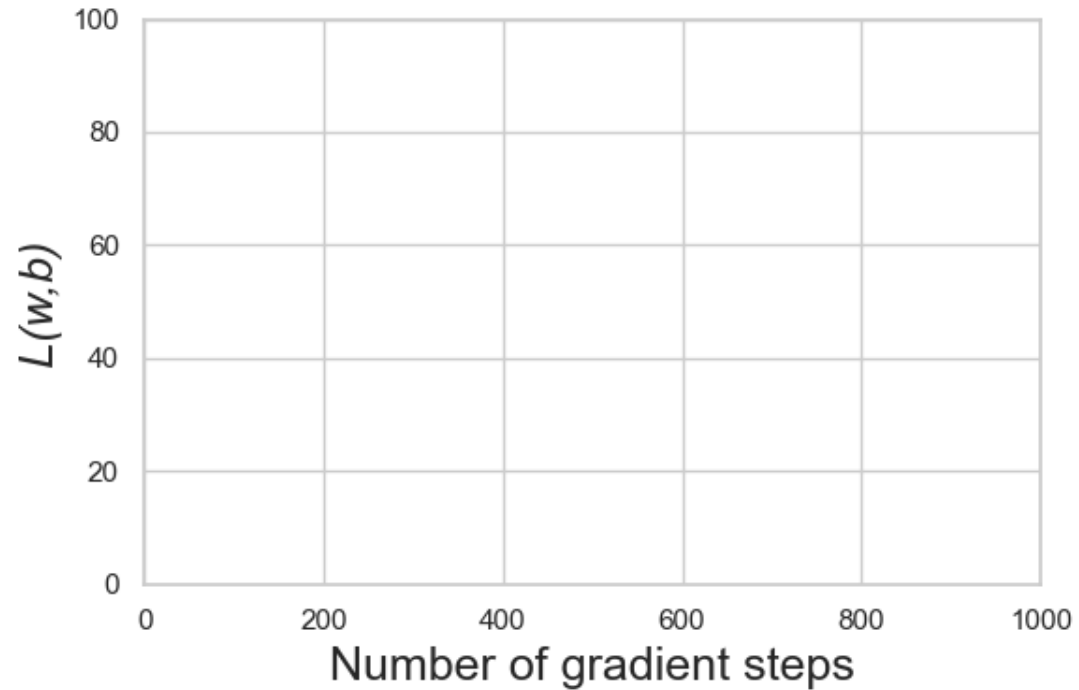
- Can we fit the data now?
- *No*: All functions have one “kink”, and flatten at zero.
- But try gradient descent anyway!



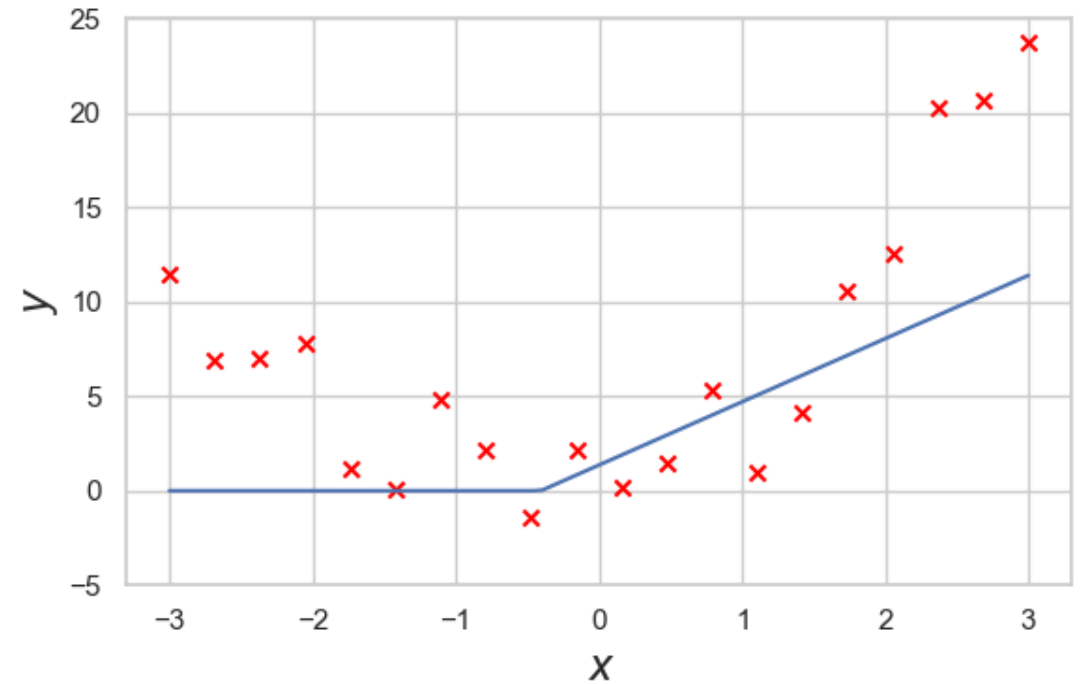
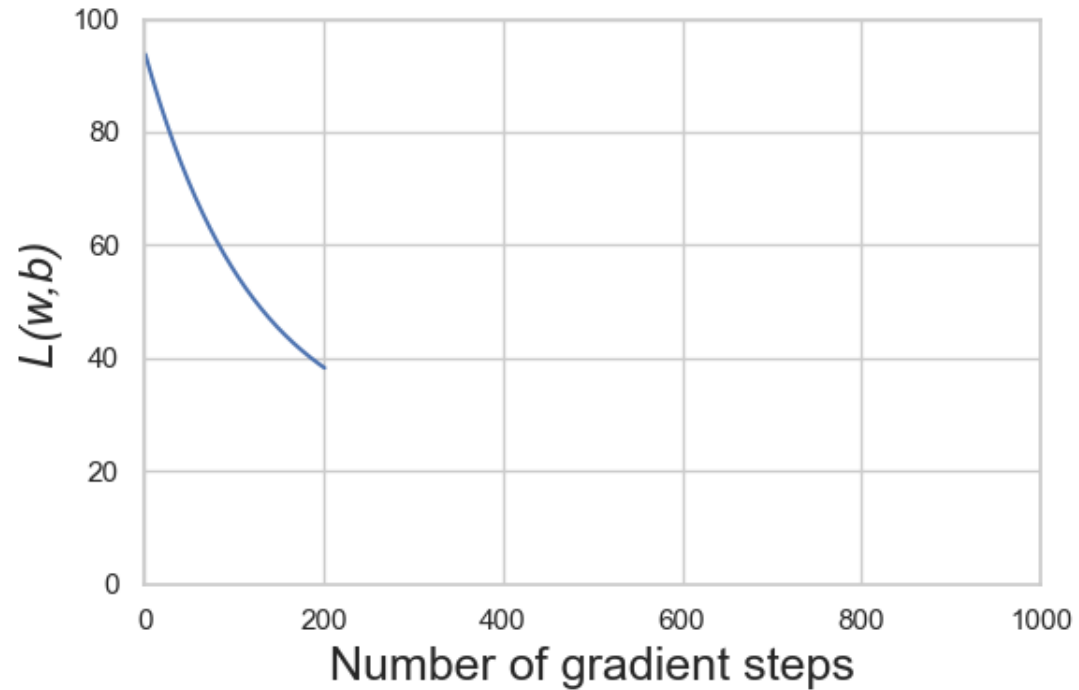
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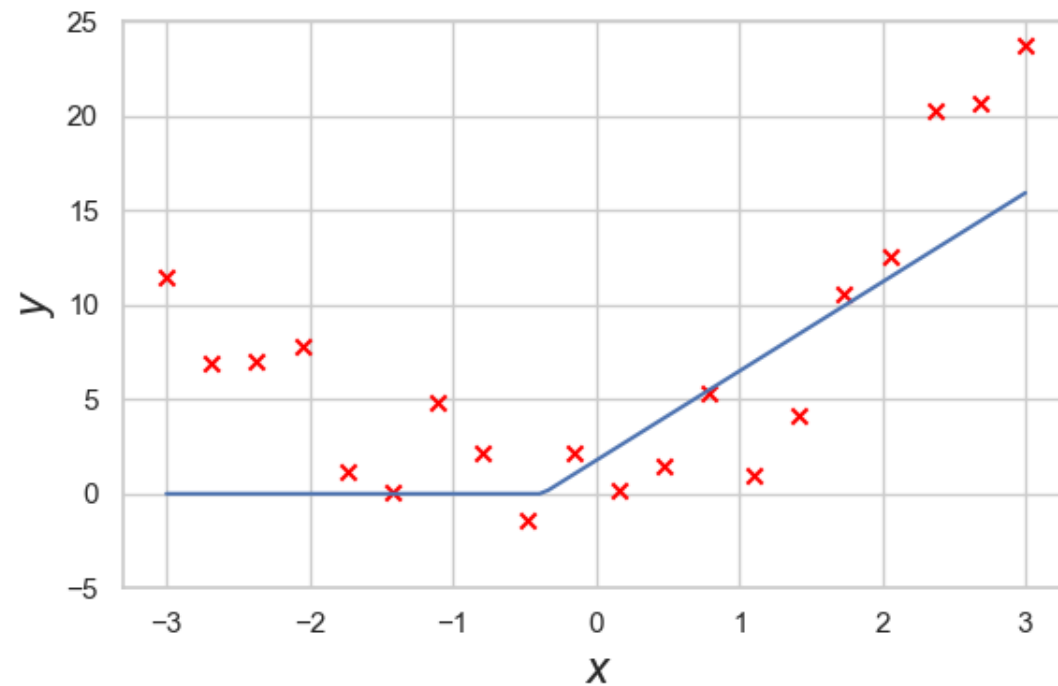
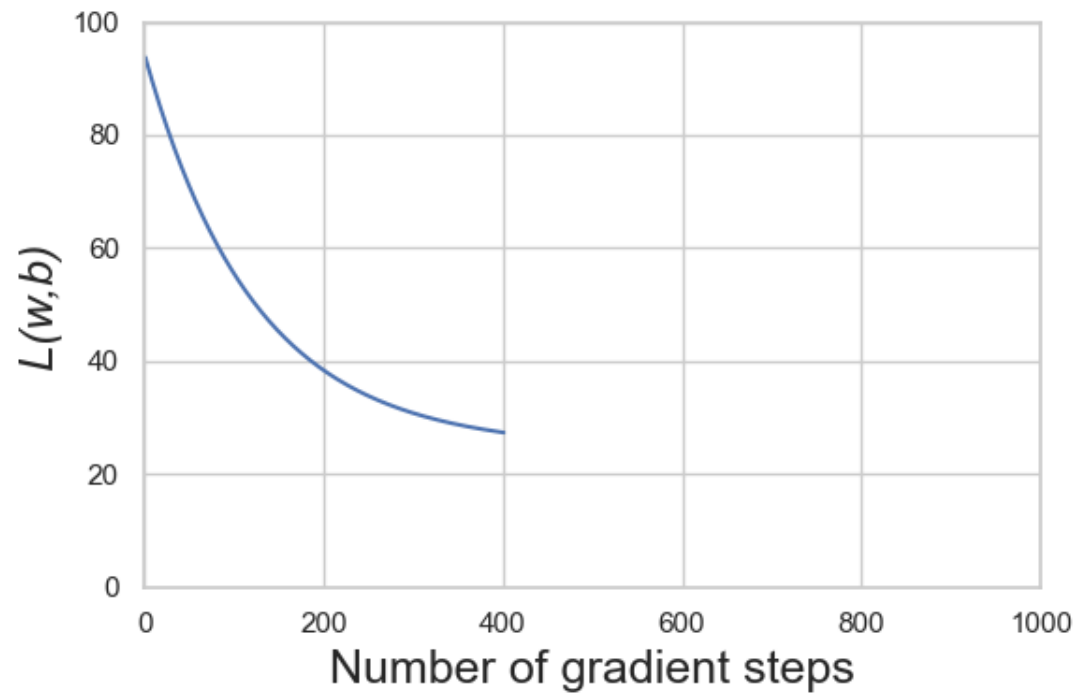
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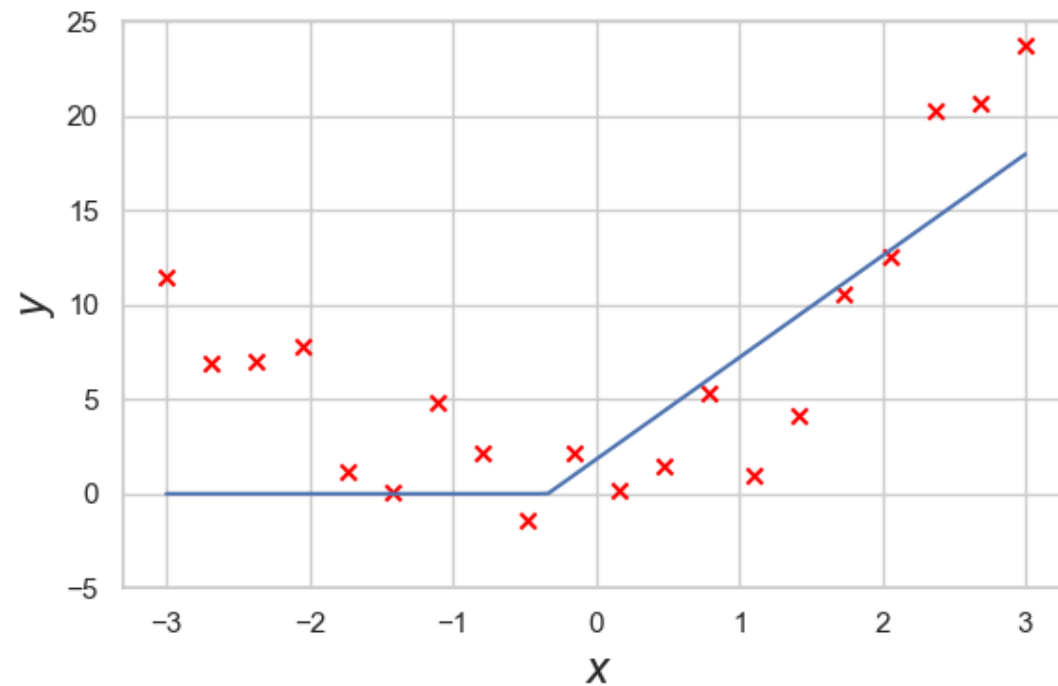
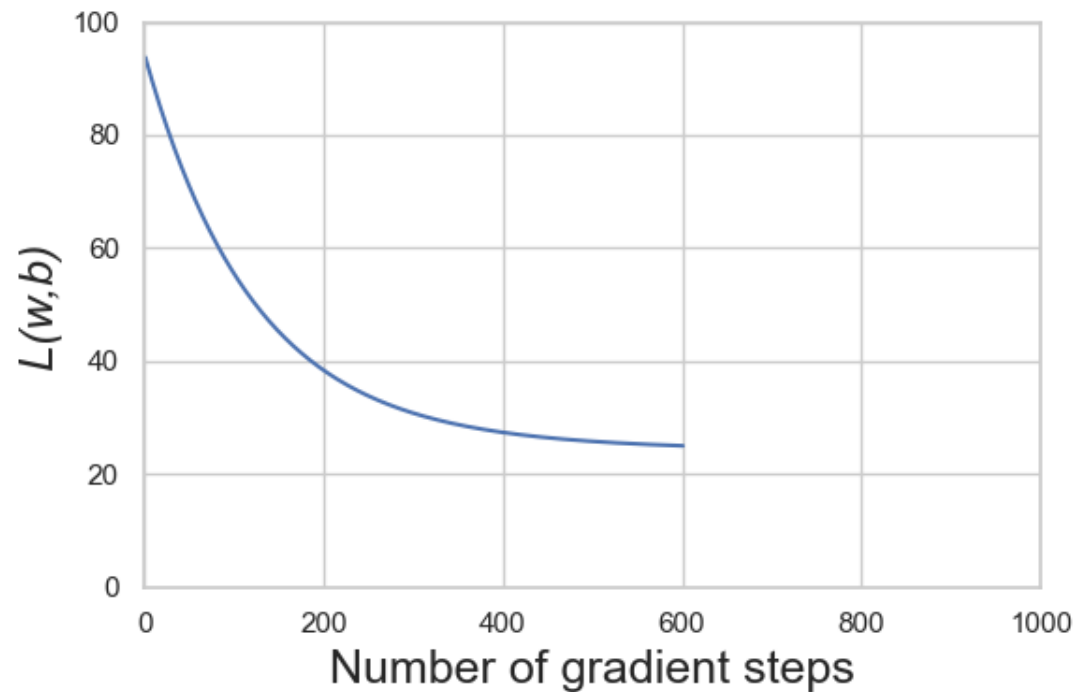
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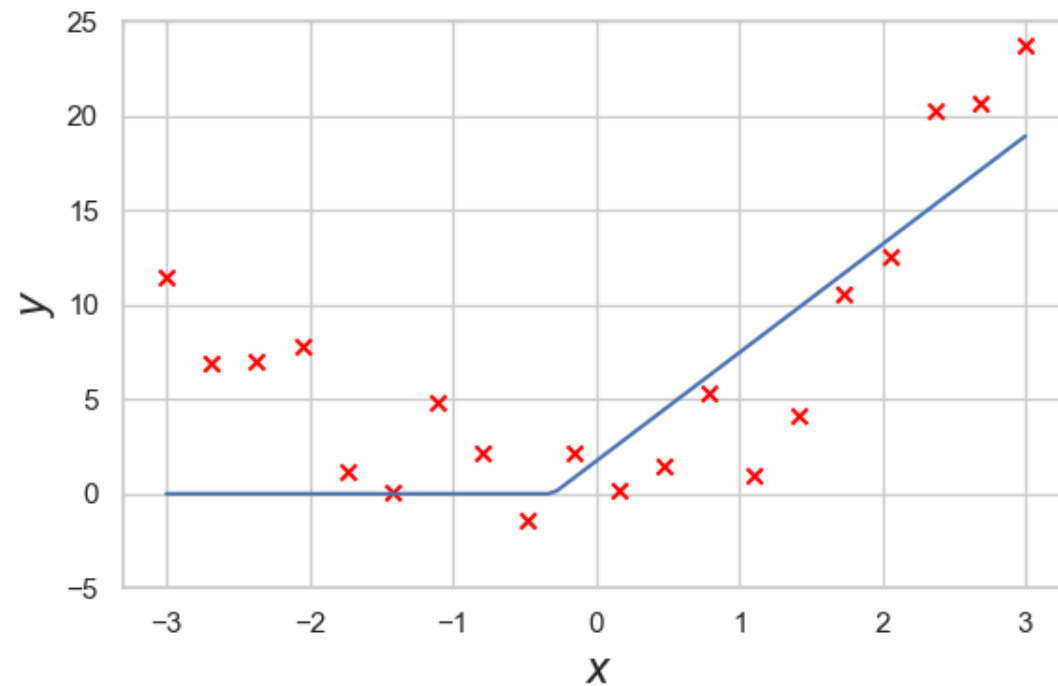
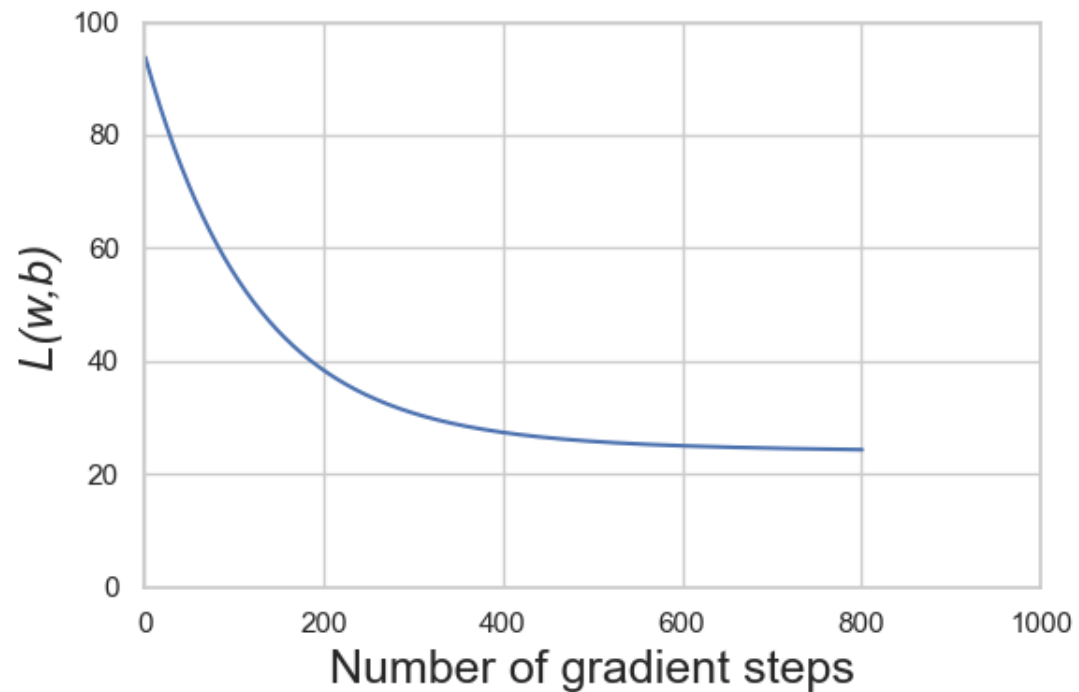
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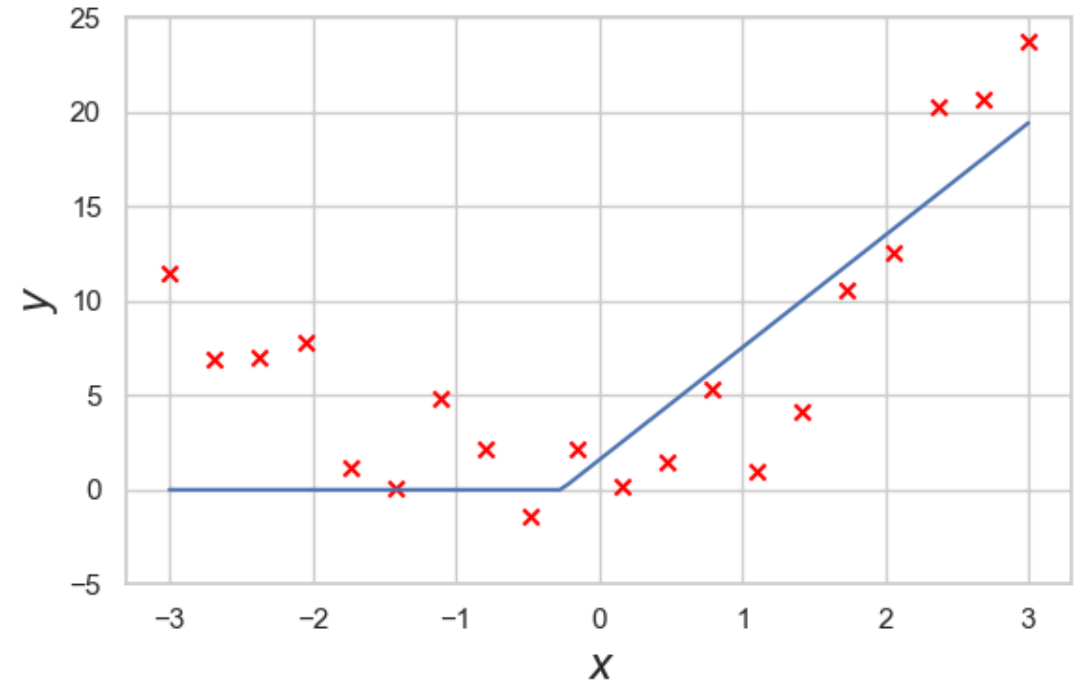
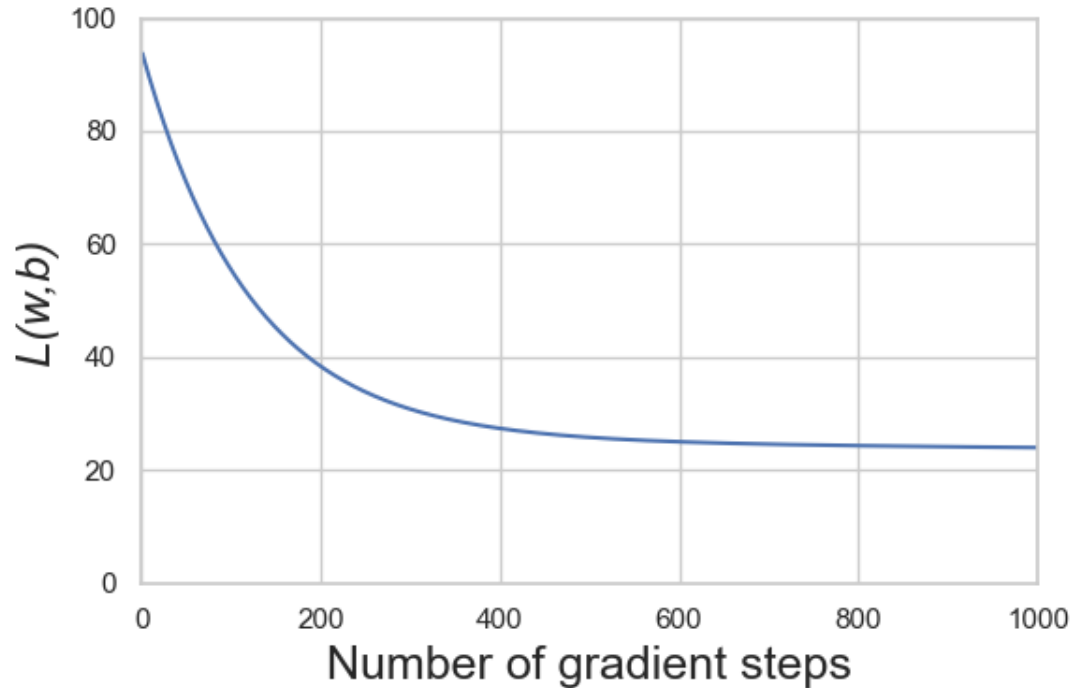
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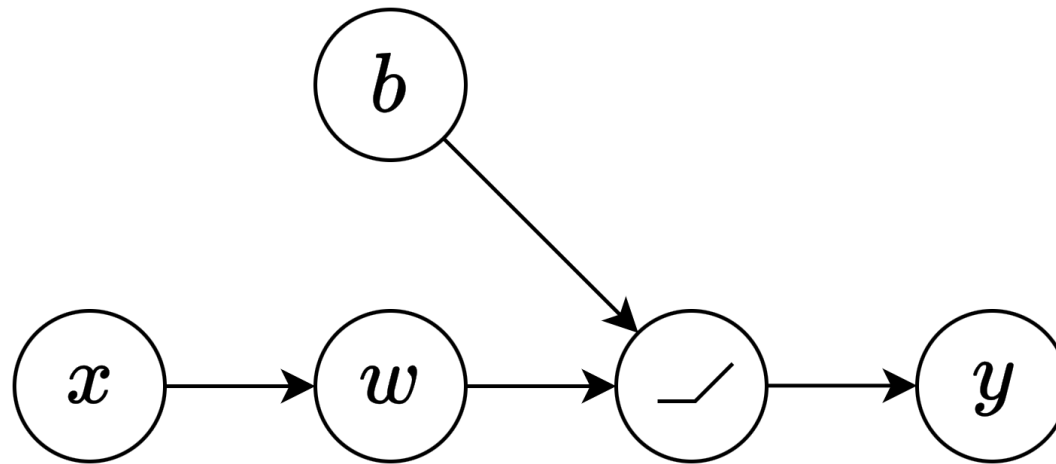


- Better fit than linear regression (loss 25 vs 40).
- Still missing points. Need *even more* flexibility!

Single neuron functions

- Scale and shift *output* as well as input:

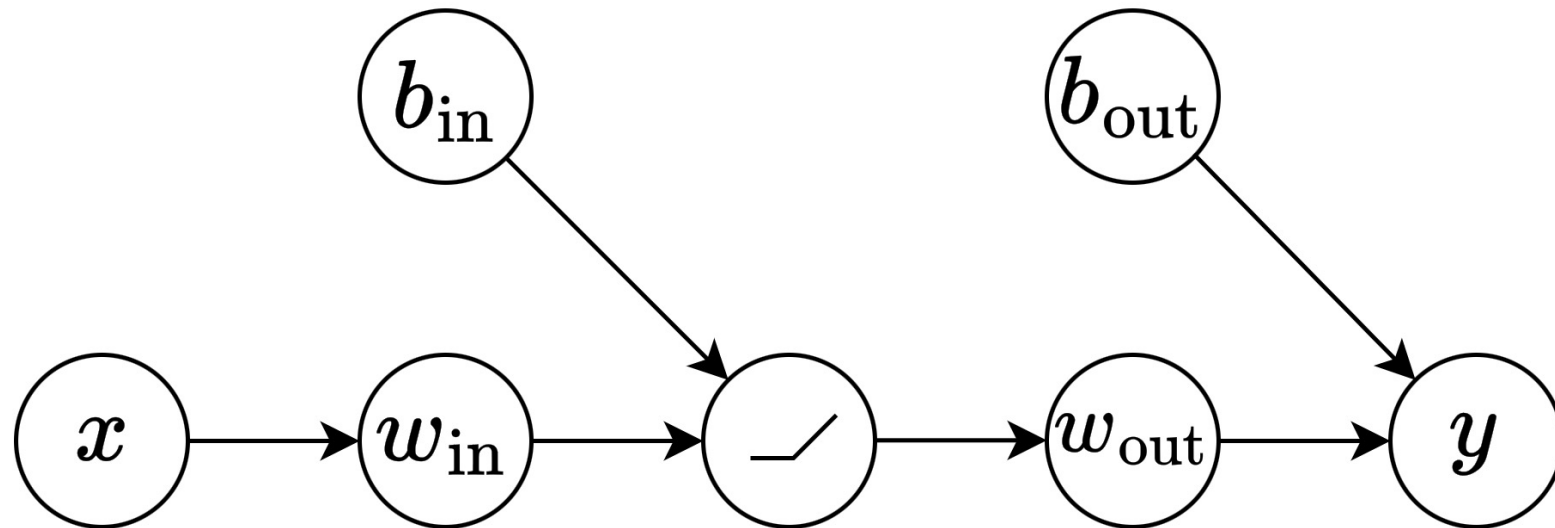
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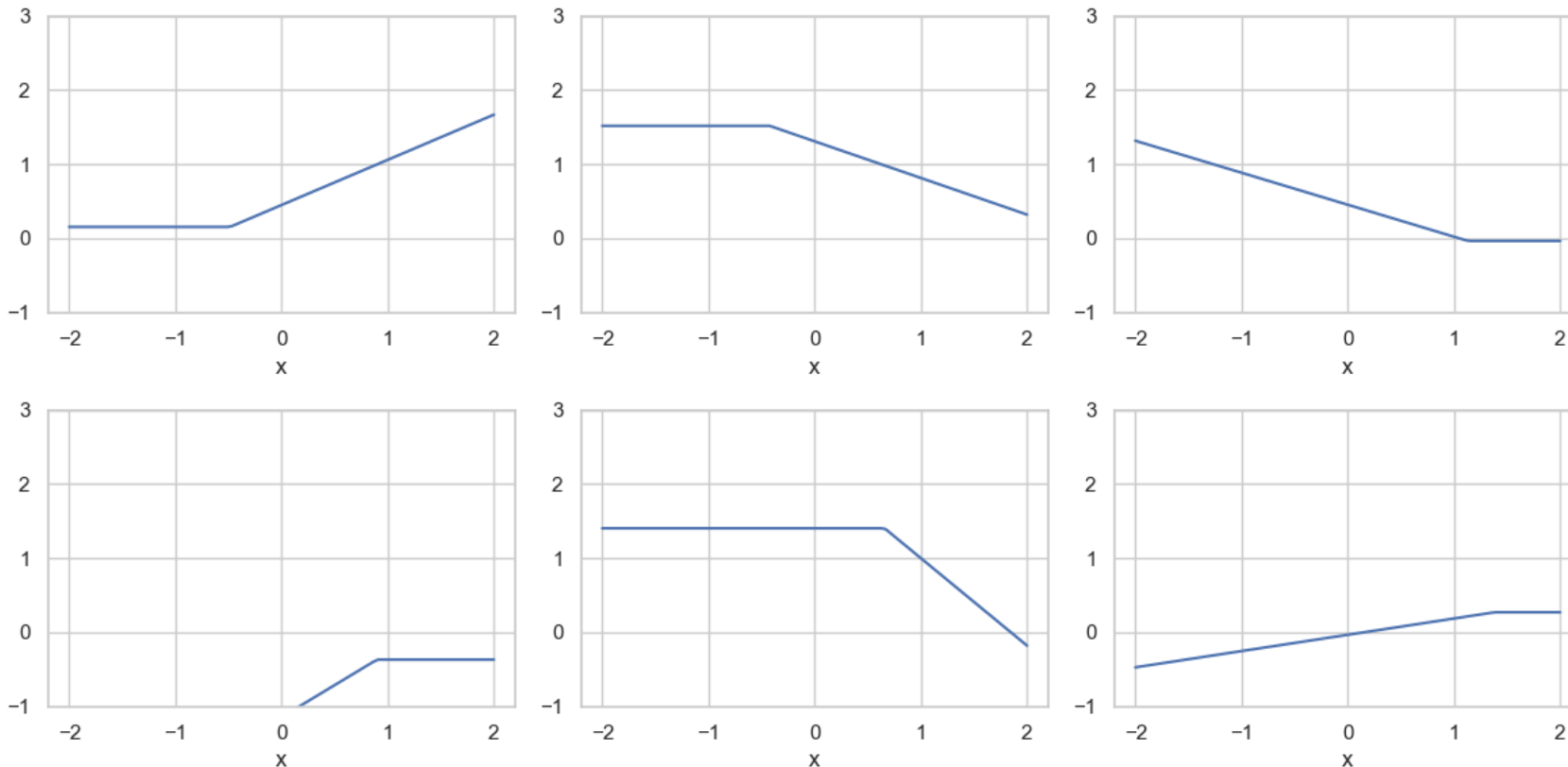
- Scale and shift *output* as well as input:

$$y = w_{\text{out}} \text{ReLU}(w_{\text{in}}x + b_{\text{in}}) + b_{\text{out}}$$



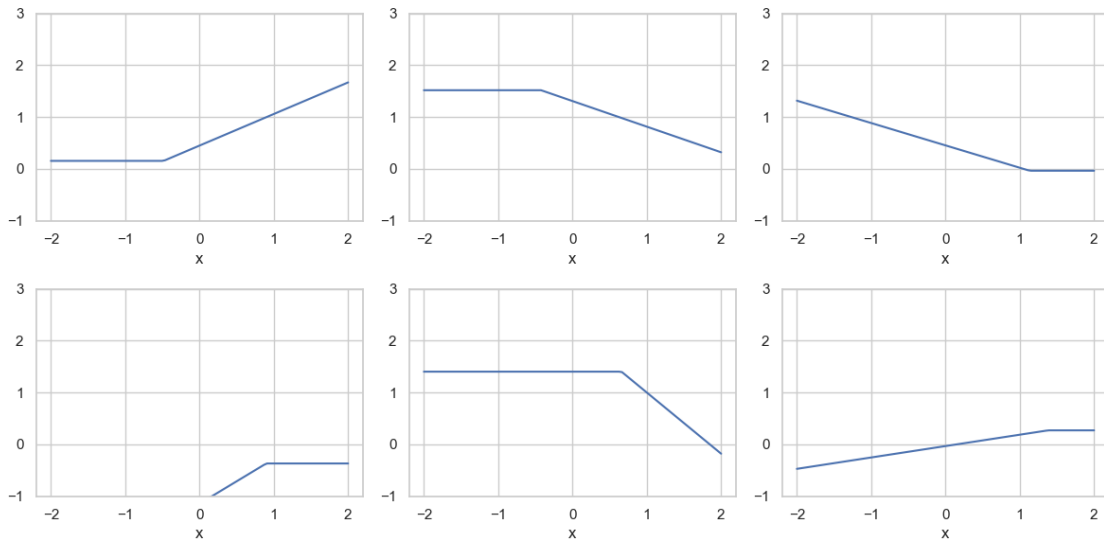
Single neuron functions

- What functions can $y = W_{\text{out}} \text{ReLU}(W_{\text{in}}x + b_{\text{in}}) + b_{\text{out}}$ represent?
- Choose $W_{\text{in}}, b_{\text{in}}, W_{\text{out}}, b_{\text{out}}$ **at random** a few times:

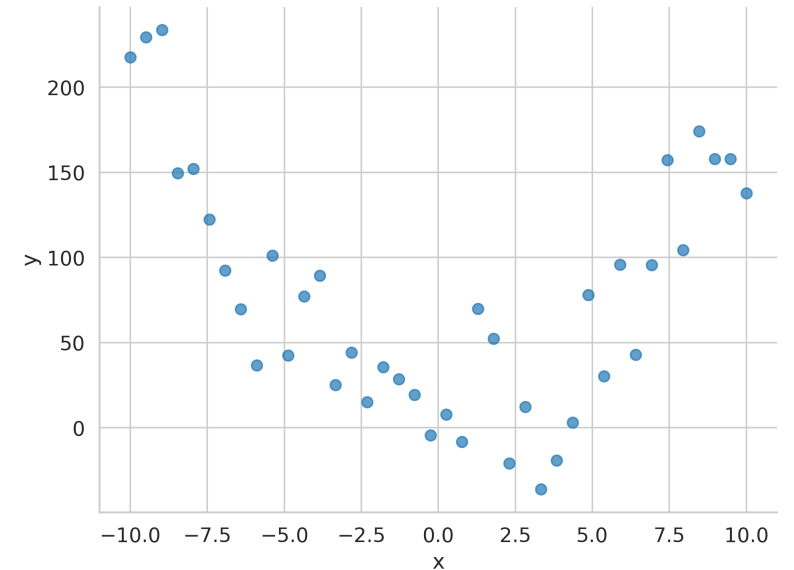


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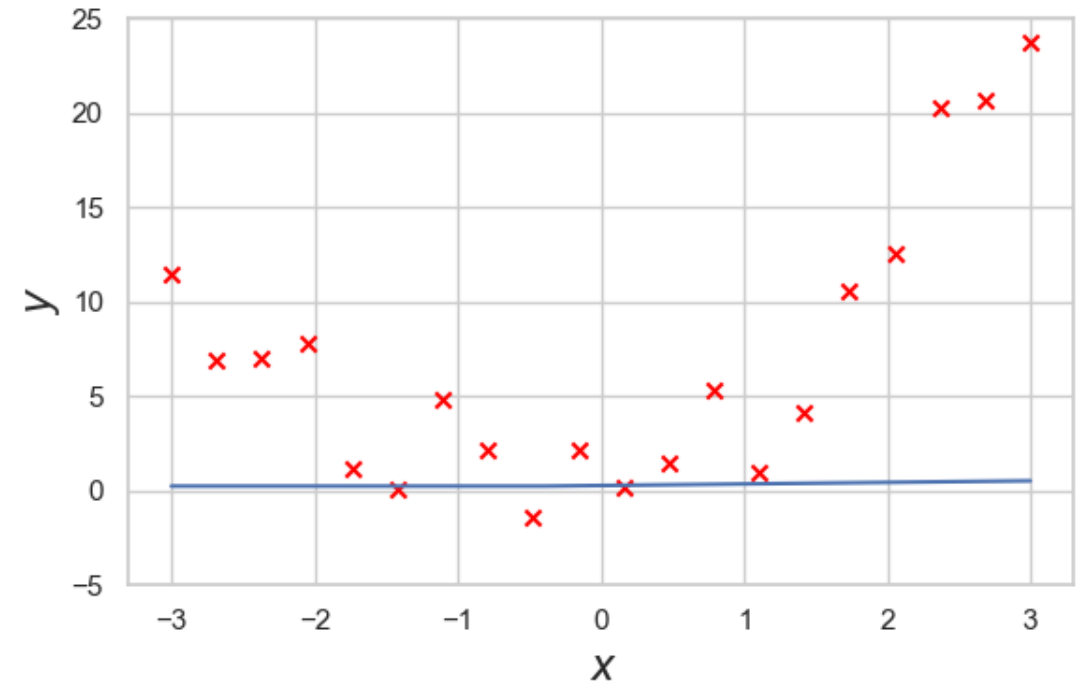
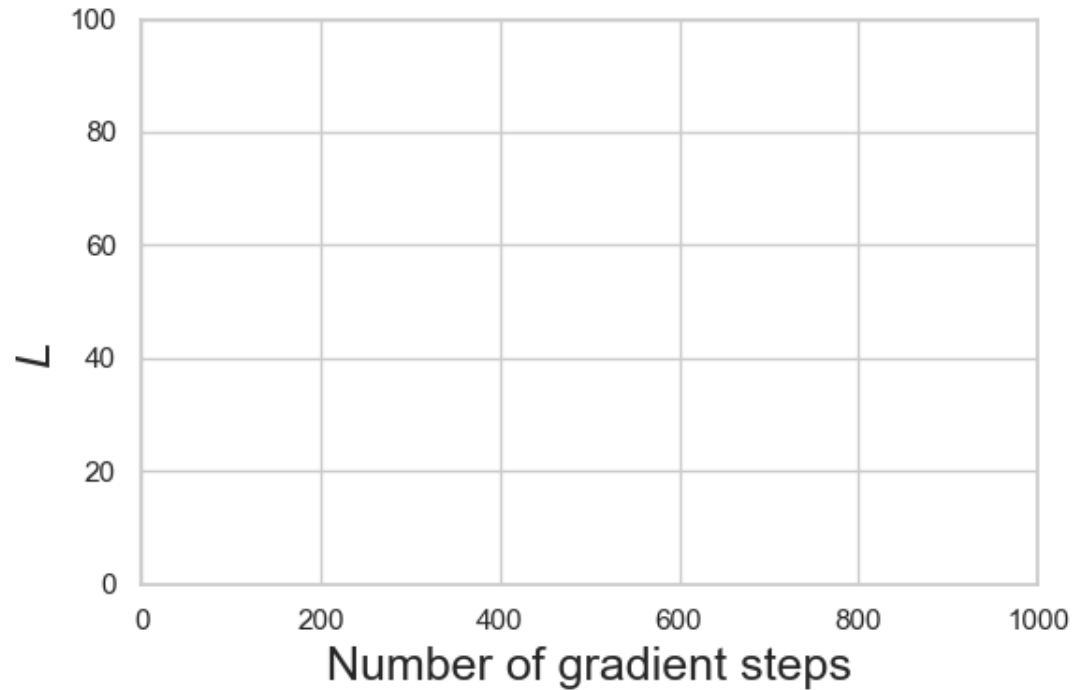
- Can $y = W_{out} \text{ReLU}(W_{in}x + b_{in}) + b_{out}$ fit the data?
 - Doesn't flatten to zero: b_{out} .
 - Can flip upside down: W_{out} .
- Still has one kink!
- Try gradient descent anyway!



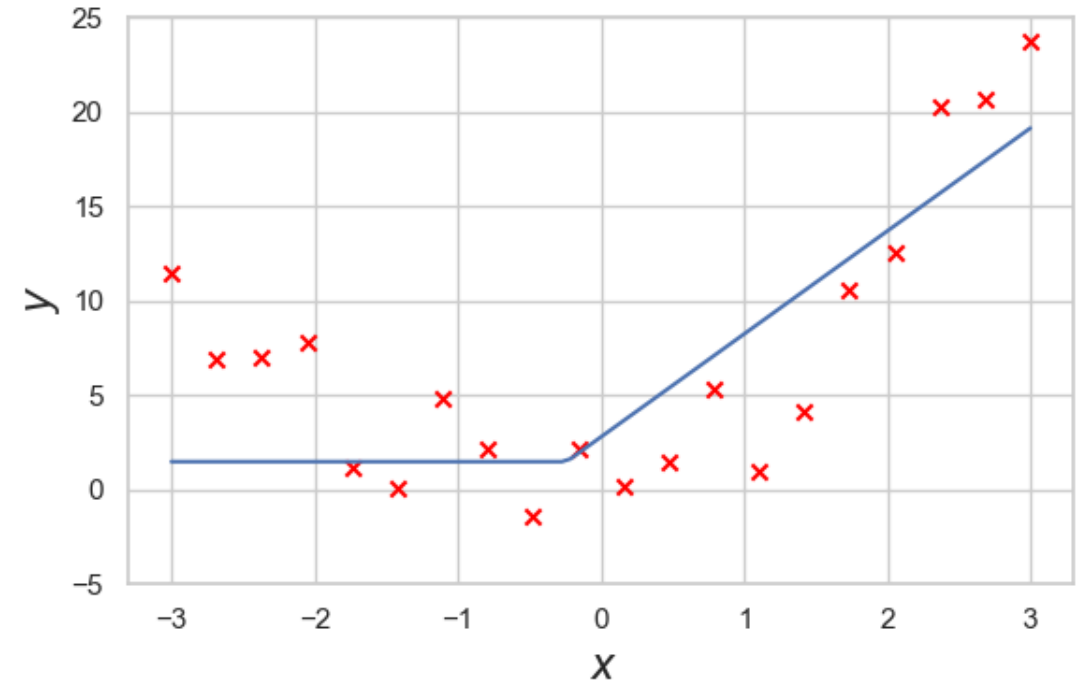
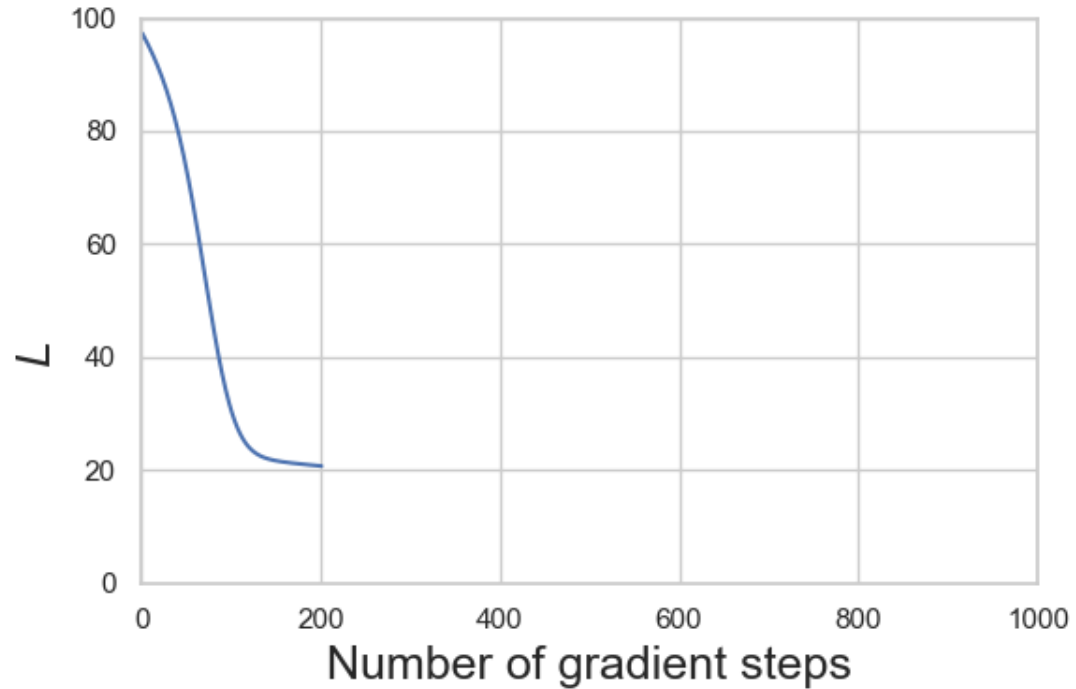
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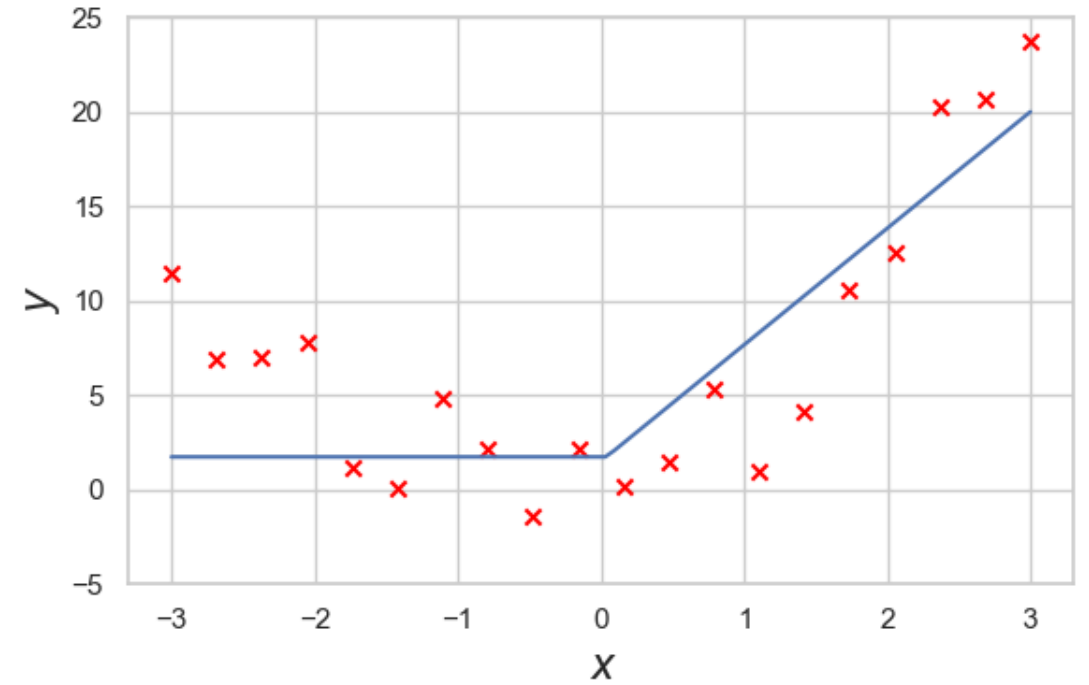
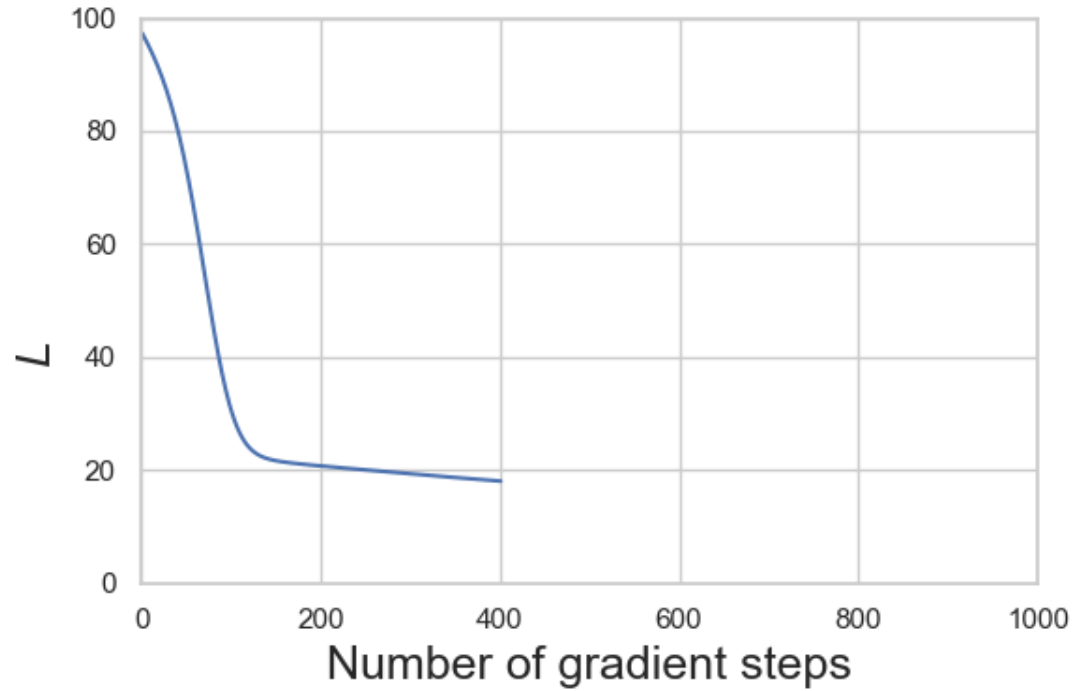
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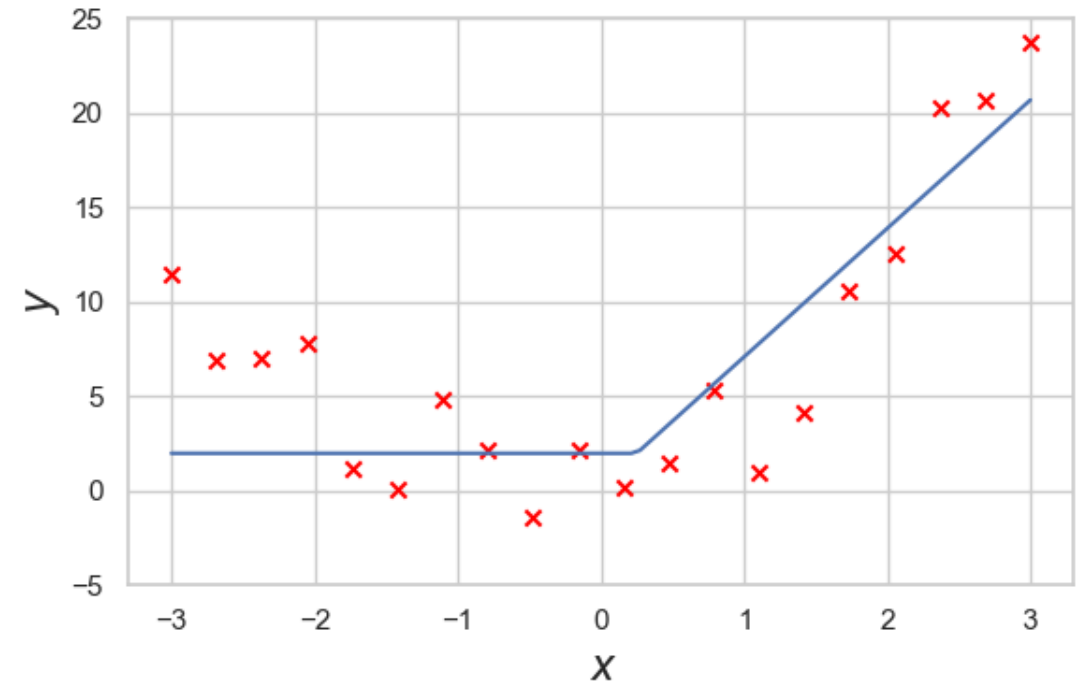
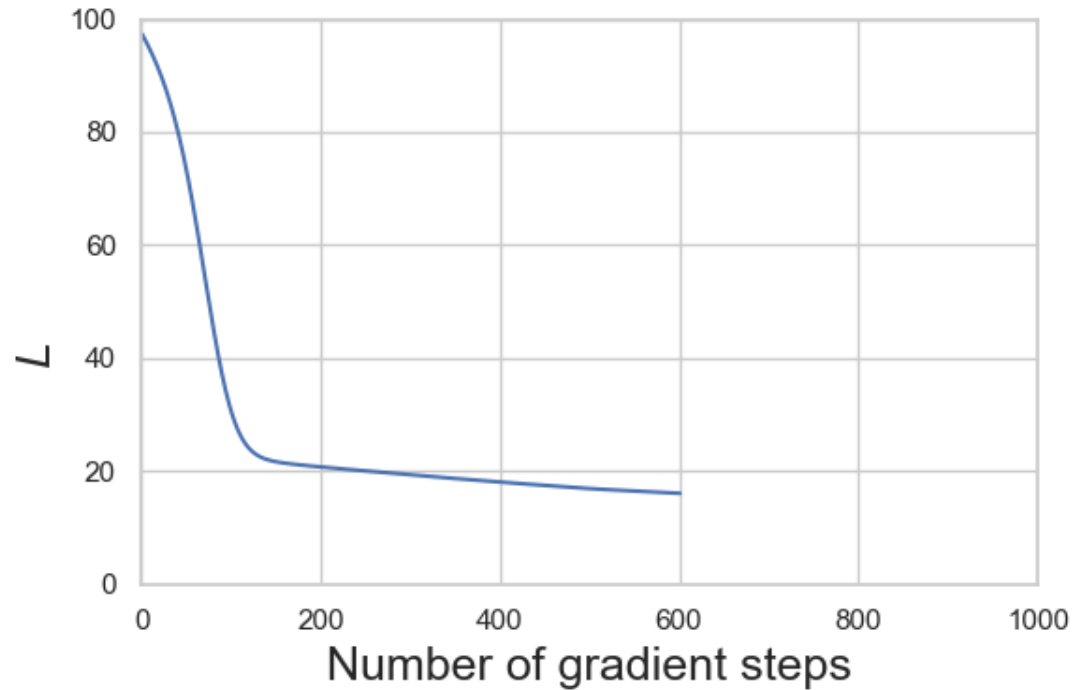
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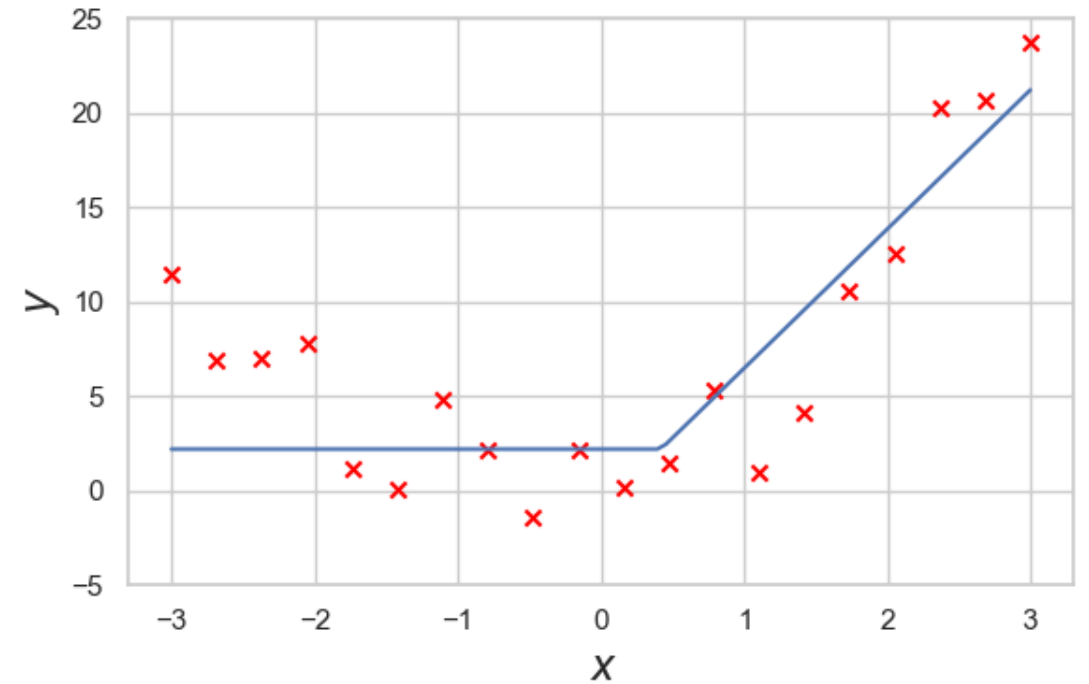
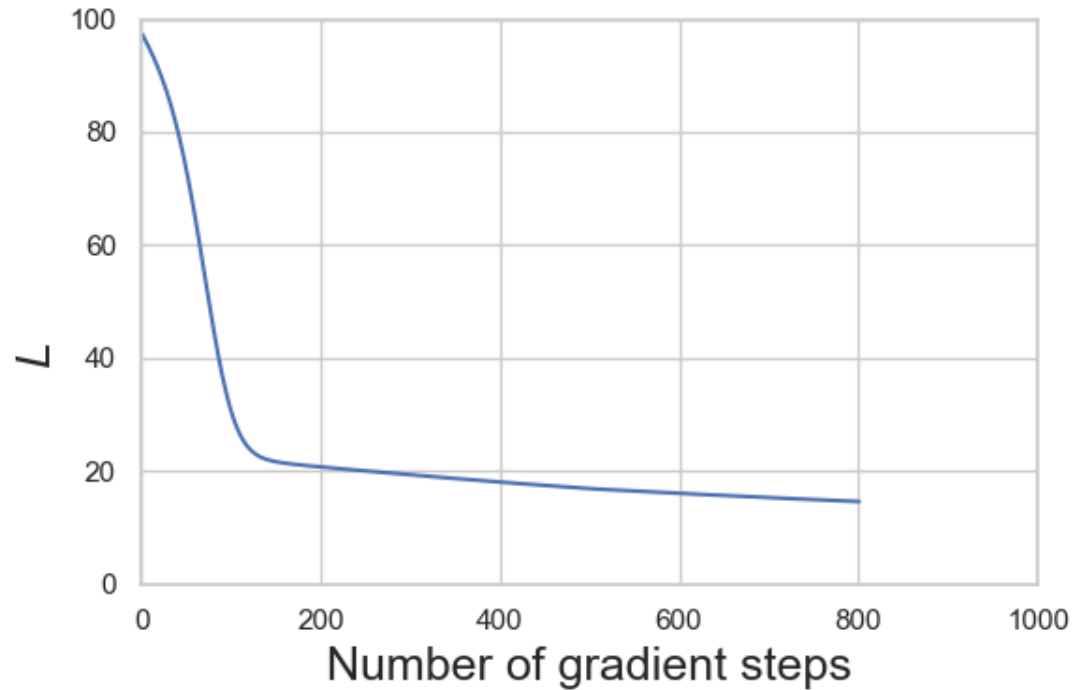
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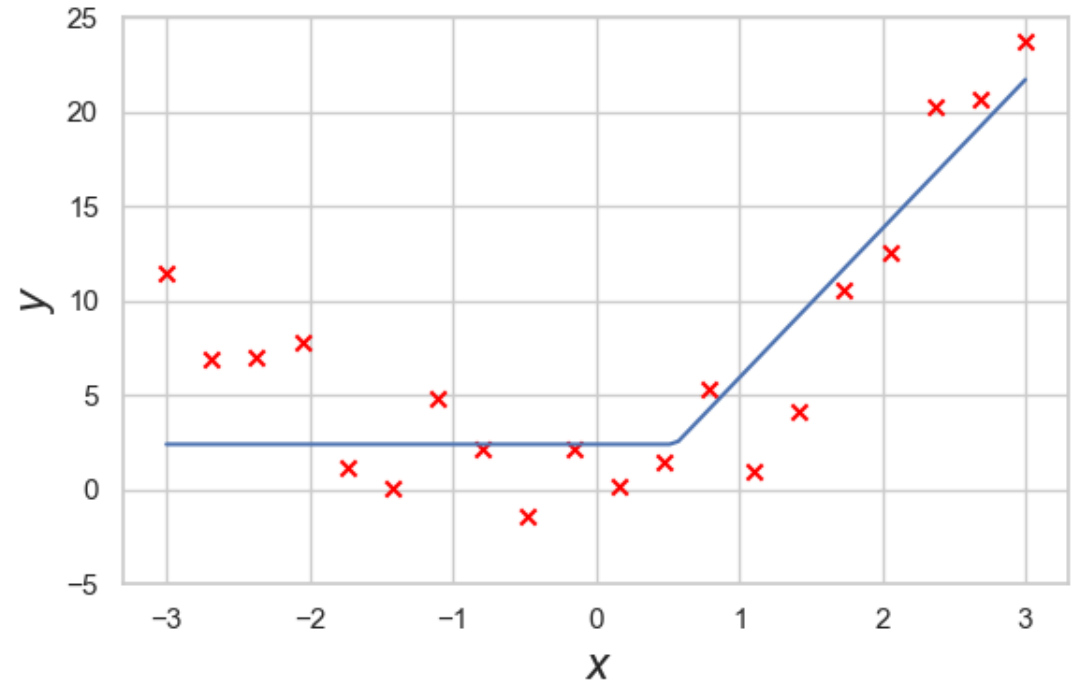
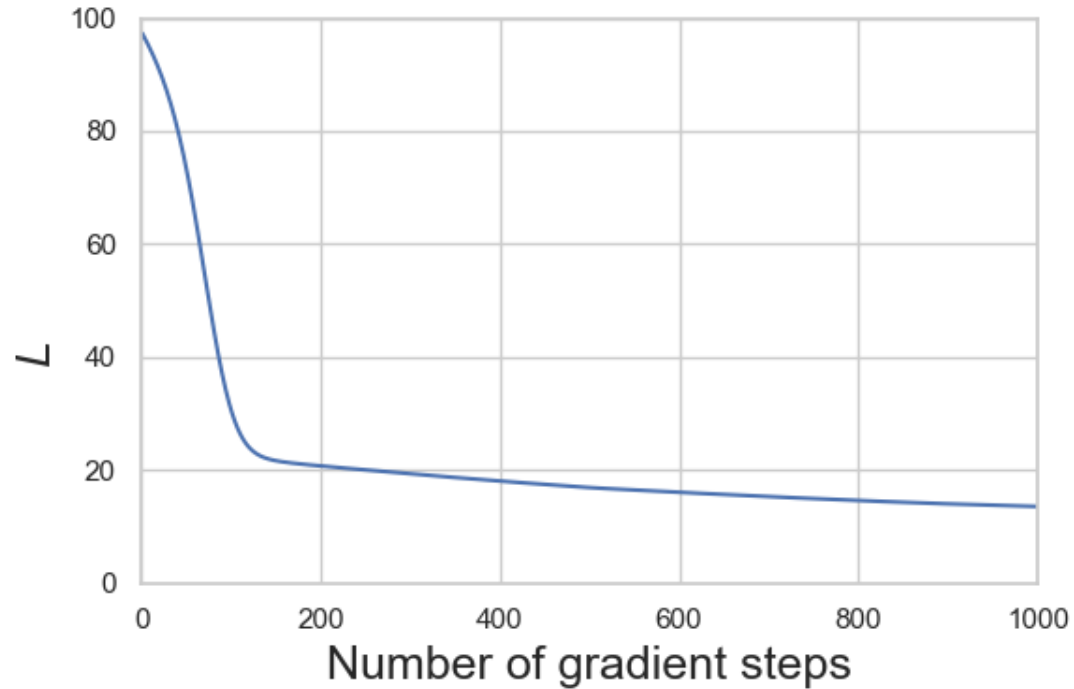
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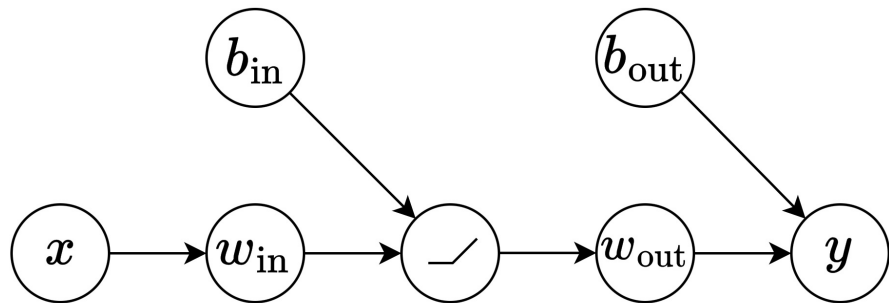
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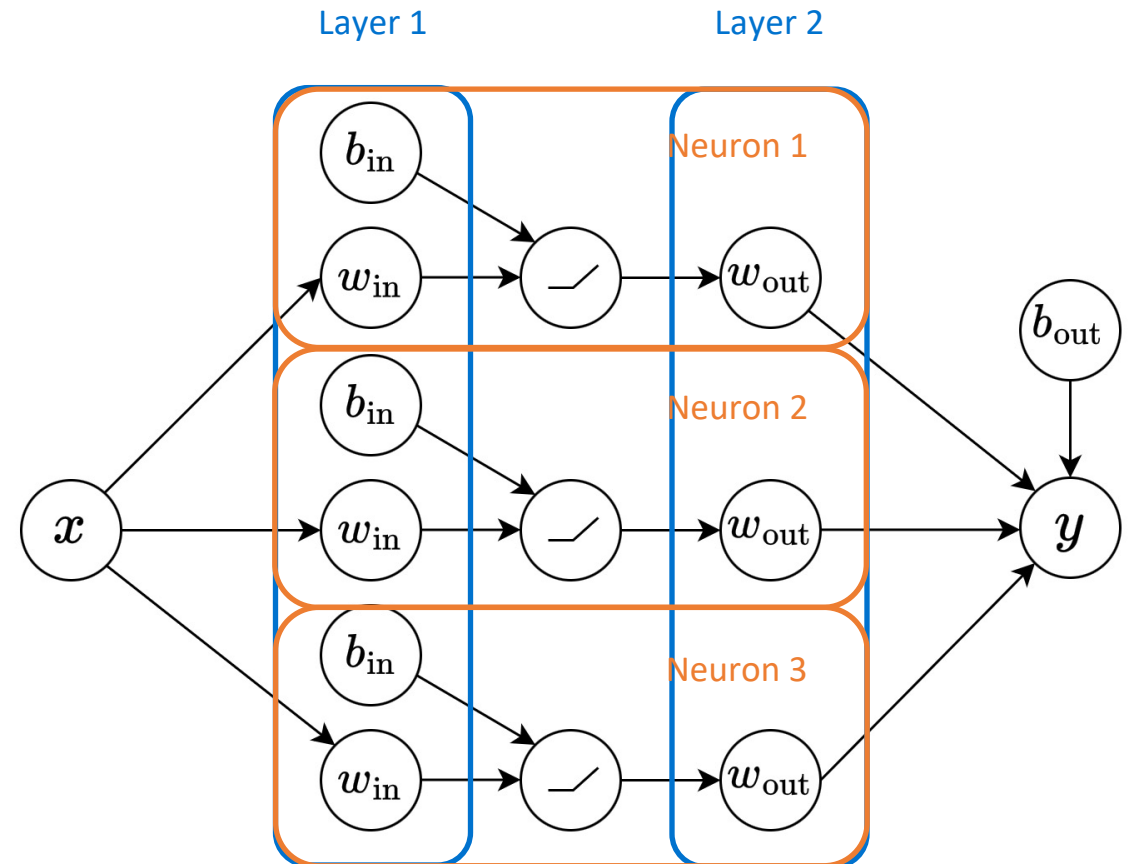
- Our best fit so far! (loss 15 vs 25/40).
- Still misses some points.
- Need *even more* flexibility.

Our first neural network

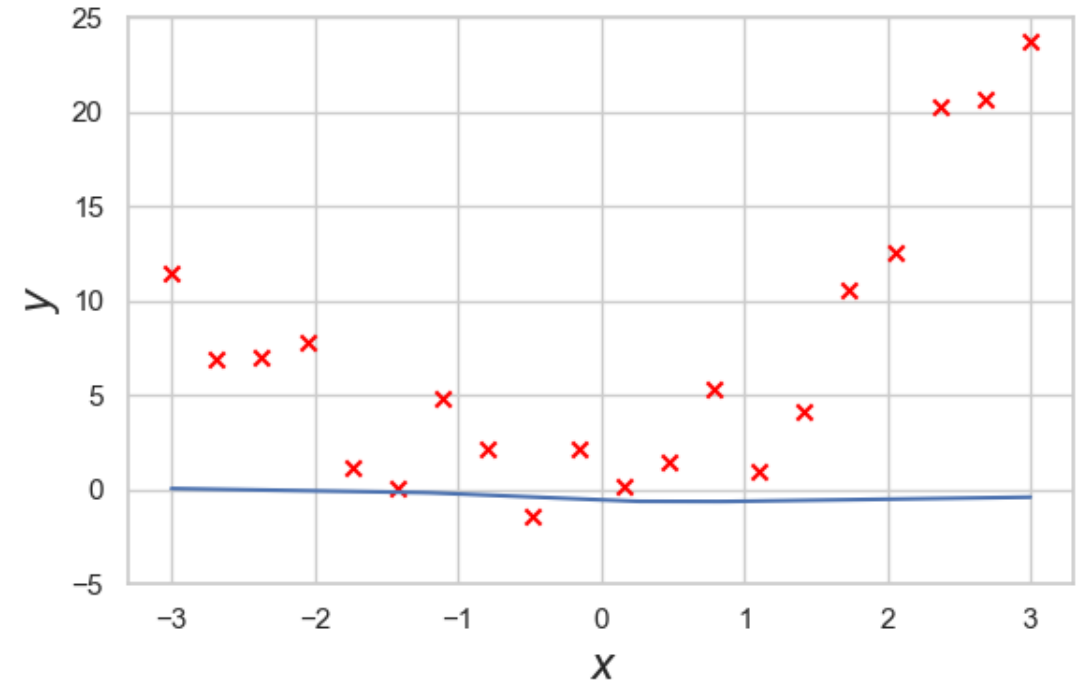
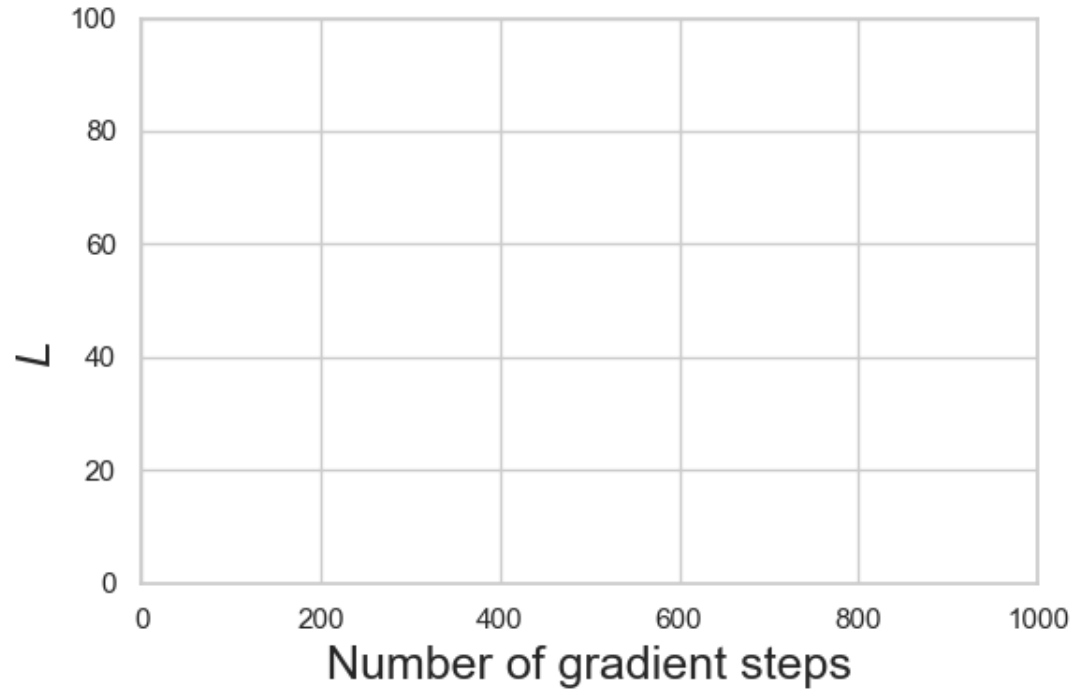
- One more step to **neural network**.
- *Add together* many scaled and shifted ReLUs.
- **2-layer, 3-neuron** neural network.
- Try gradient descent again!
- Optimize all 10 parameters.



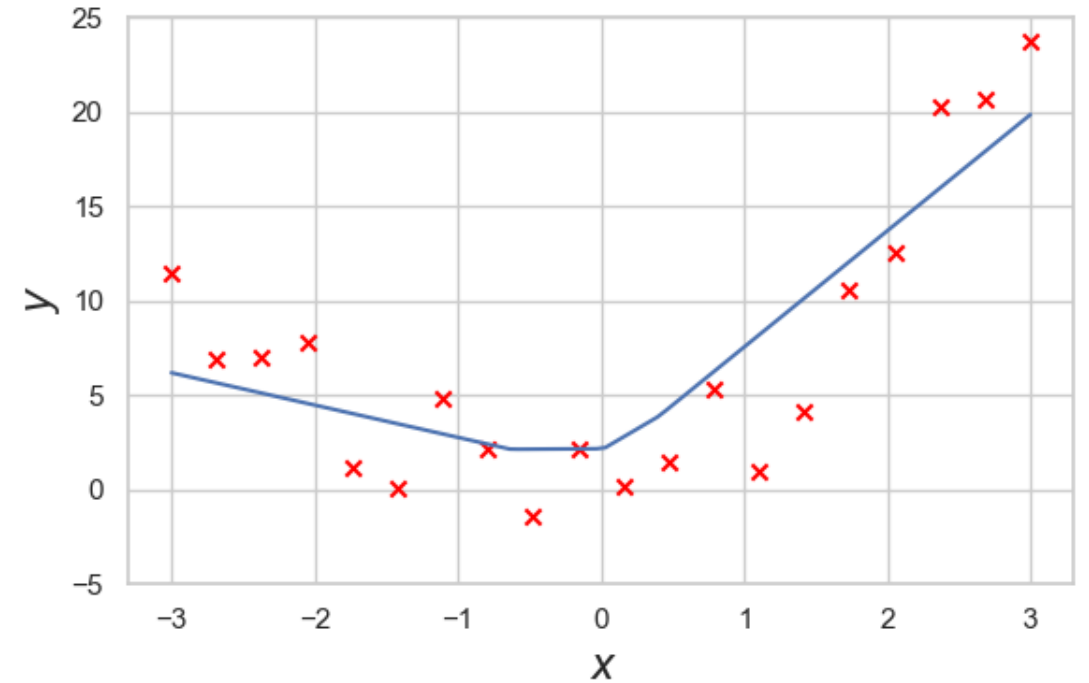
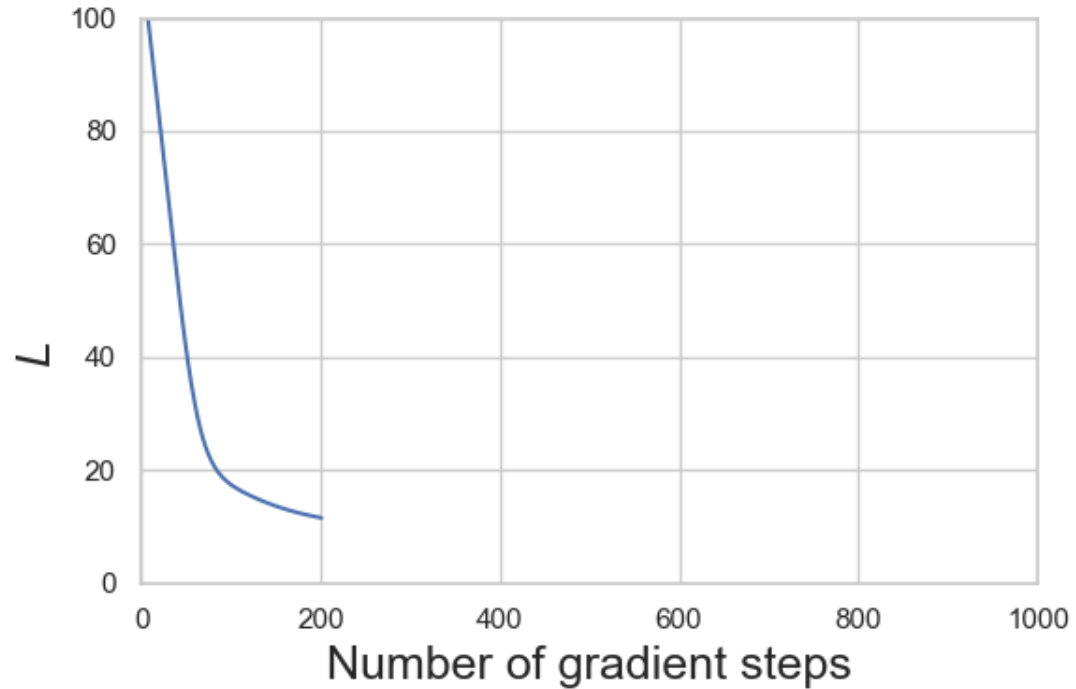
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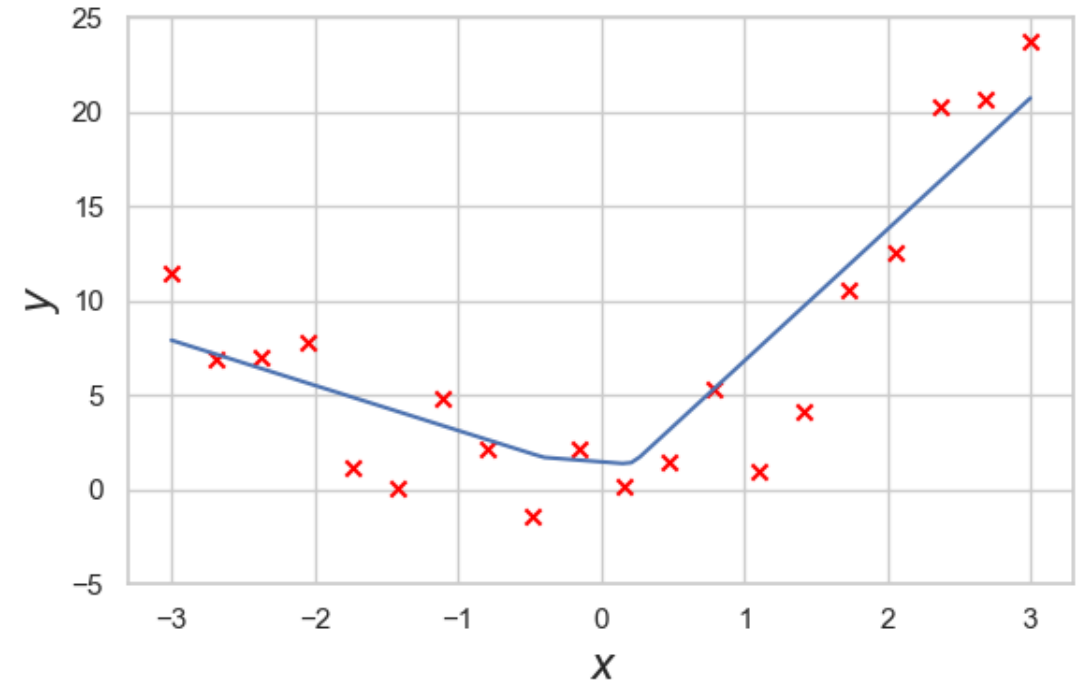
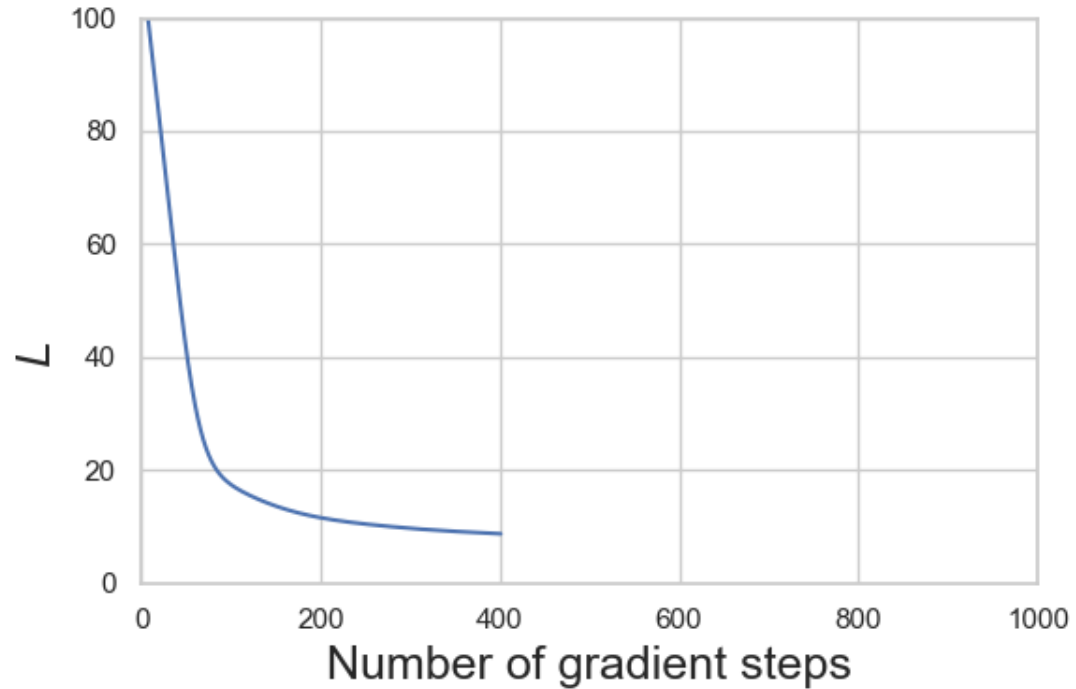
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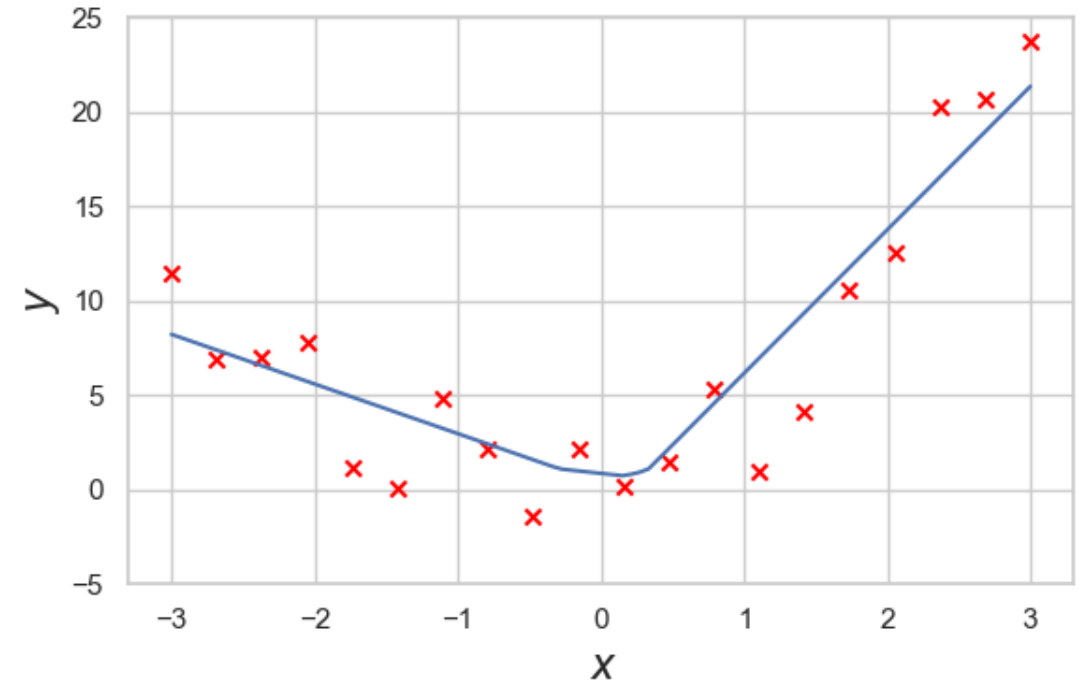
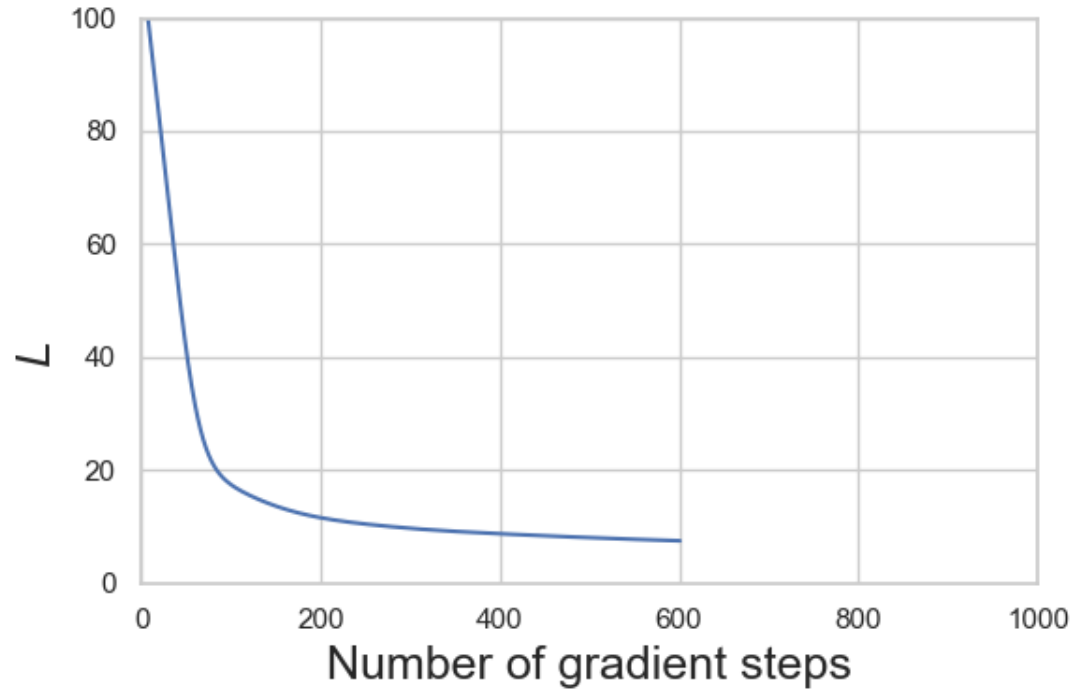
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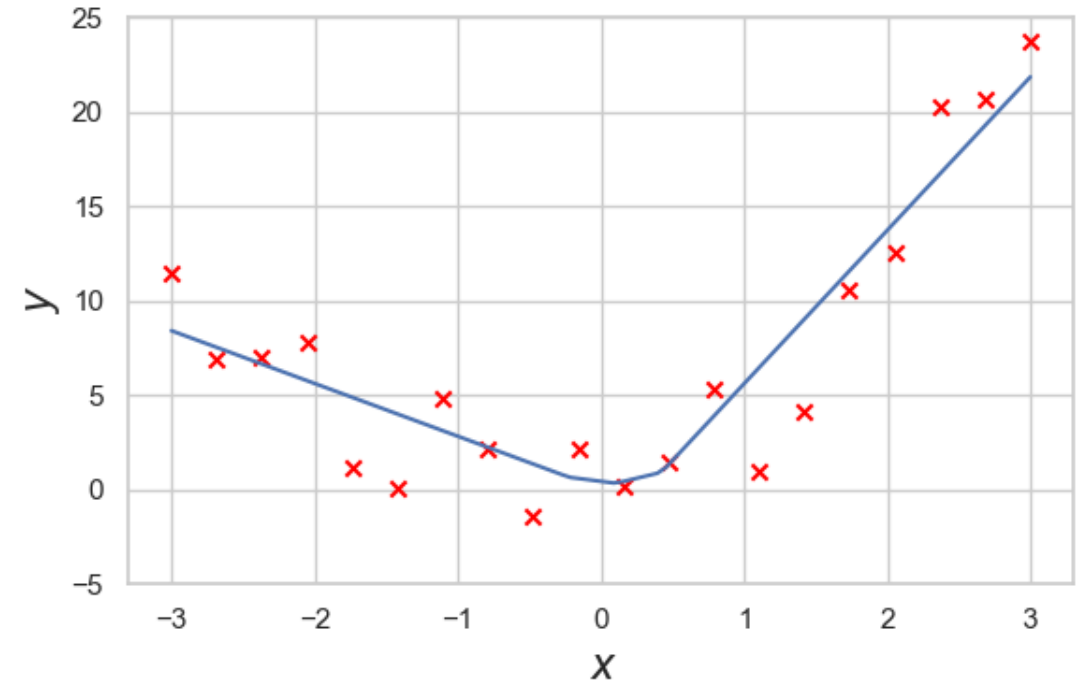
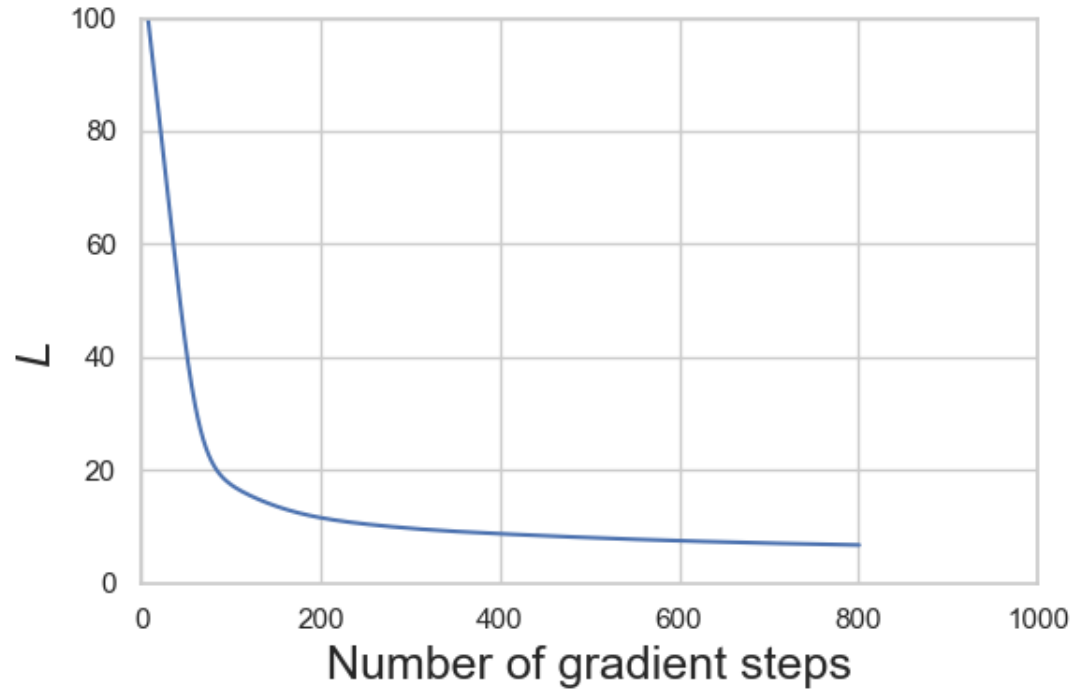
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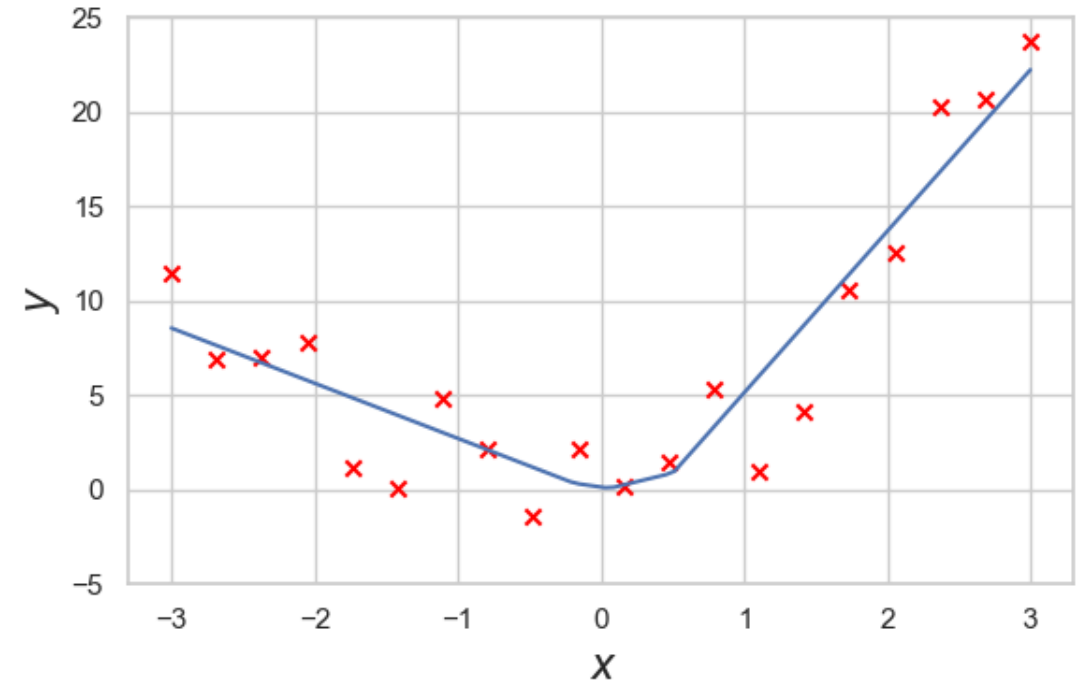
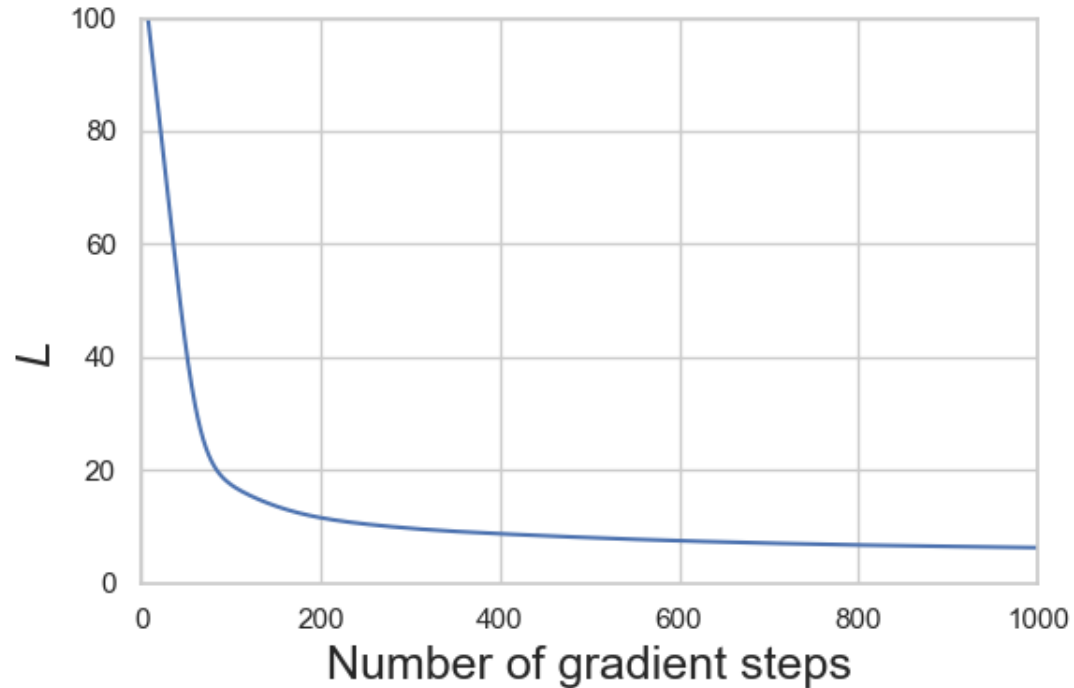
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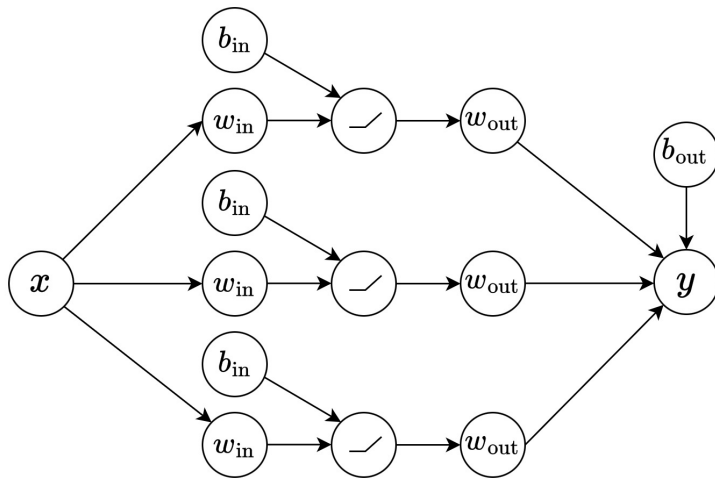
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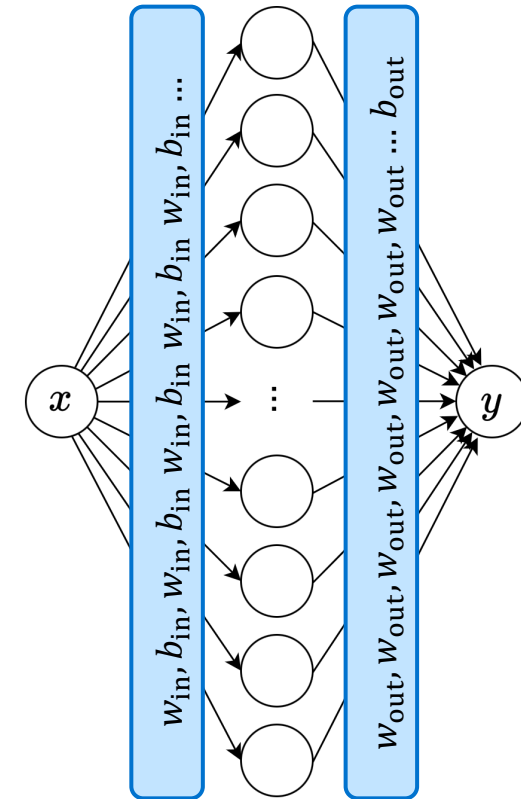
- **Our first good fit!** (loss 10 vs 15/25/40).
- *But why stop at 3 neurons?*

Scaling up

- If one neuron bad and three neurons good...
- **Maybe more neurons is better!**

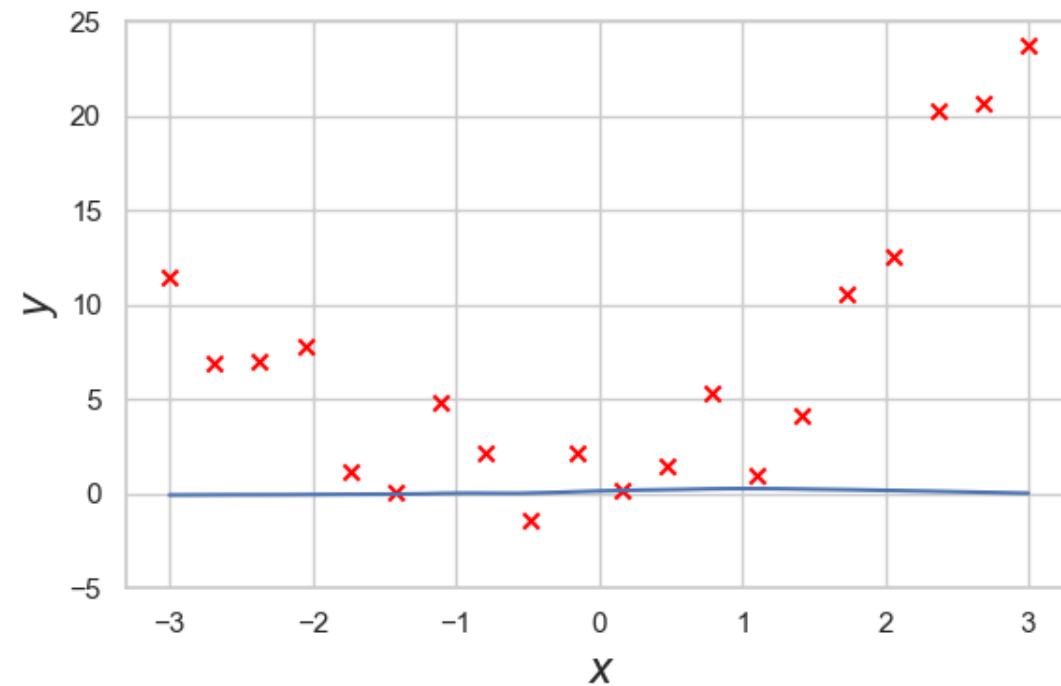
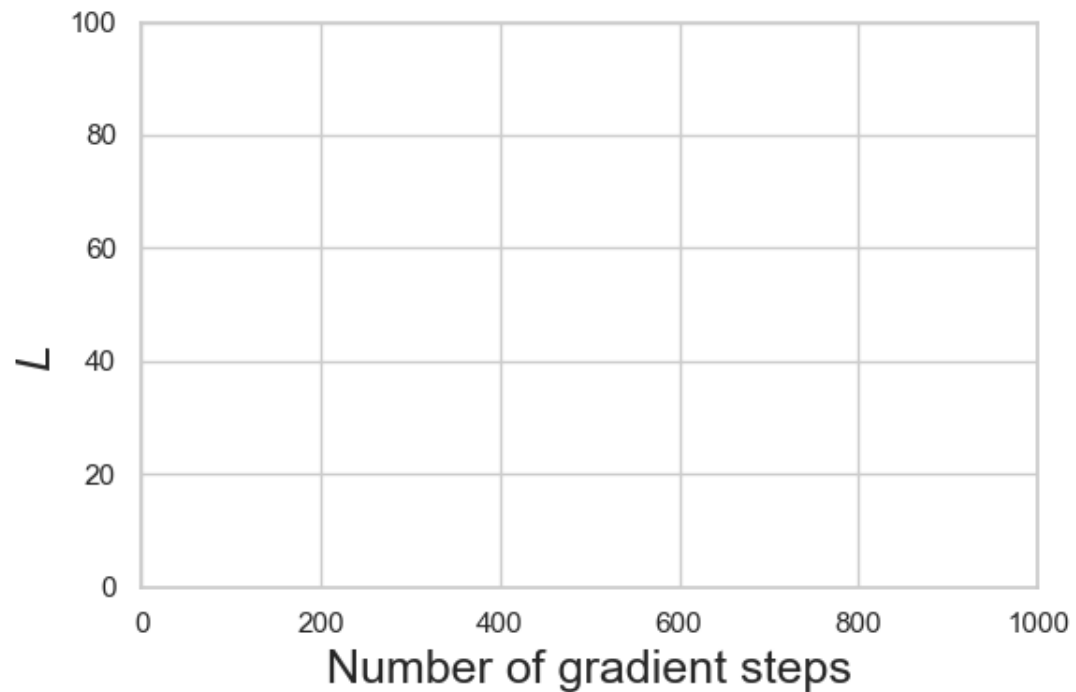


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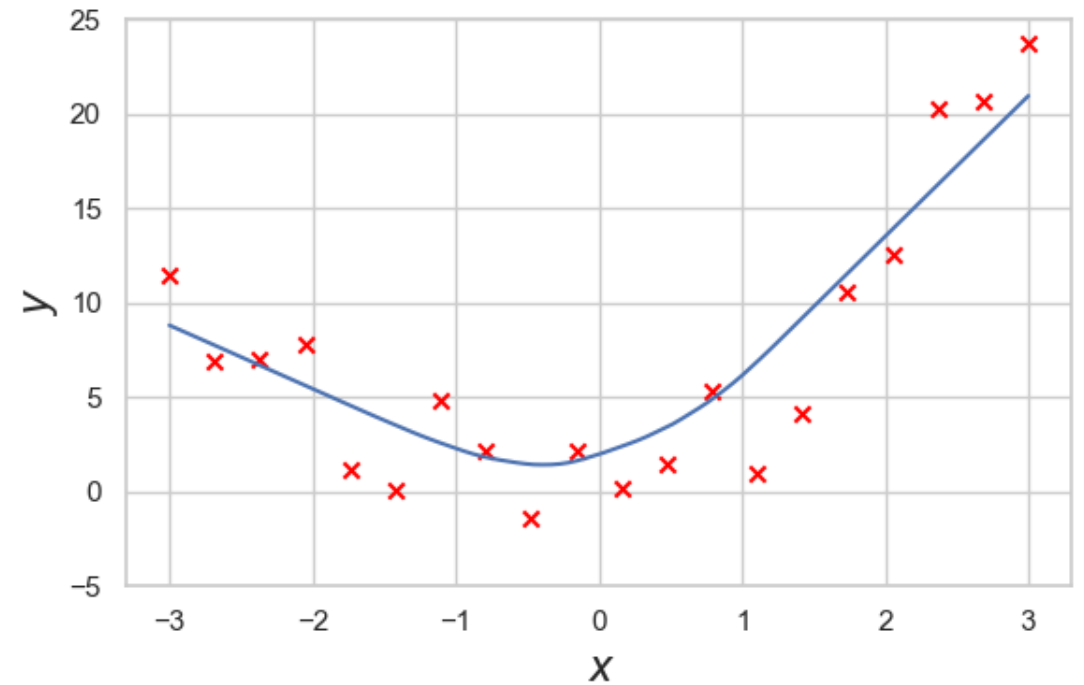
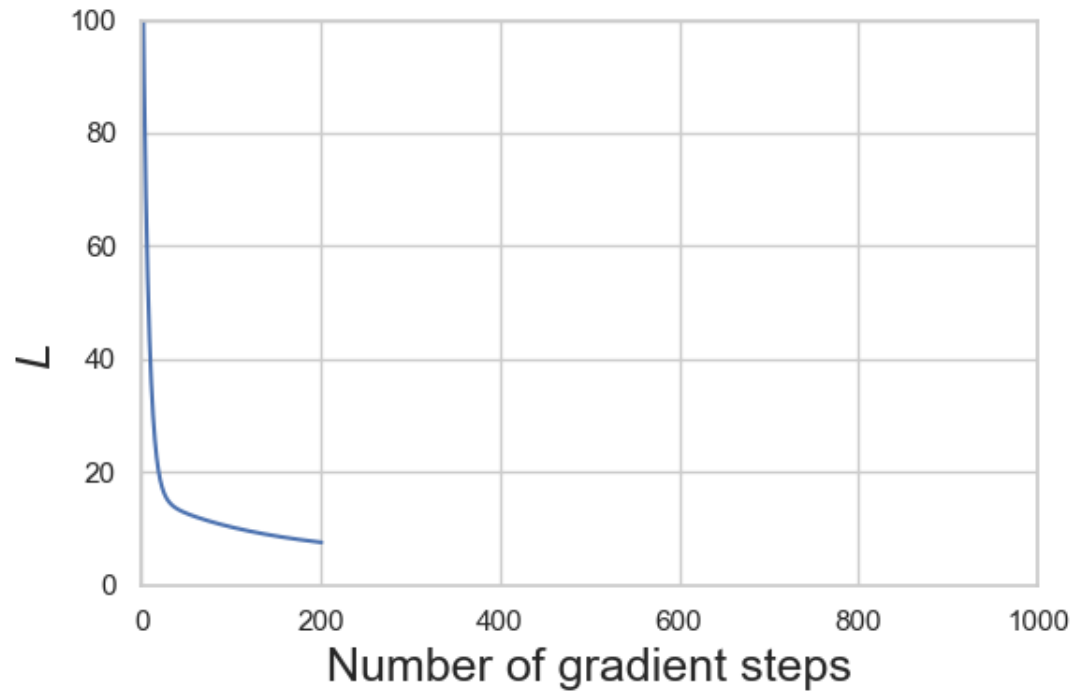


- *From now on, won't draw w, b , but they're still there.*
- *Note: ChatGPT has **millions** of neurons.*

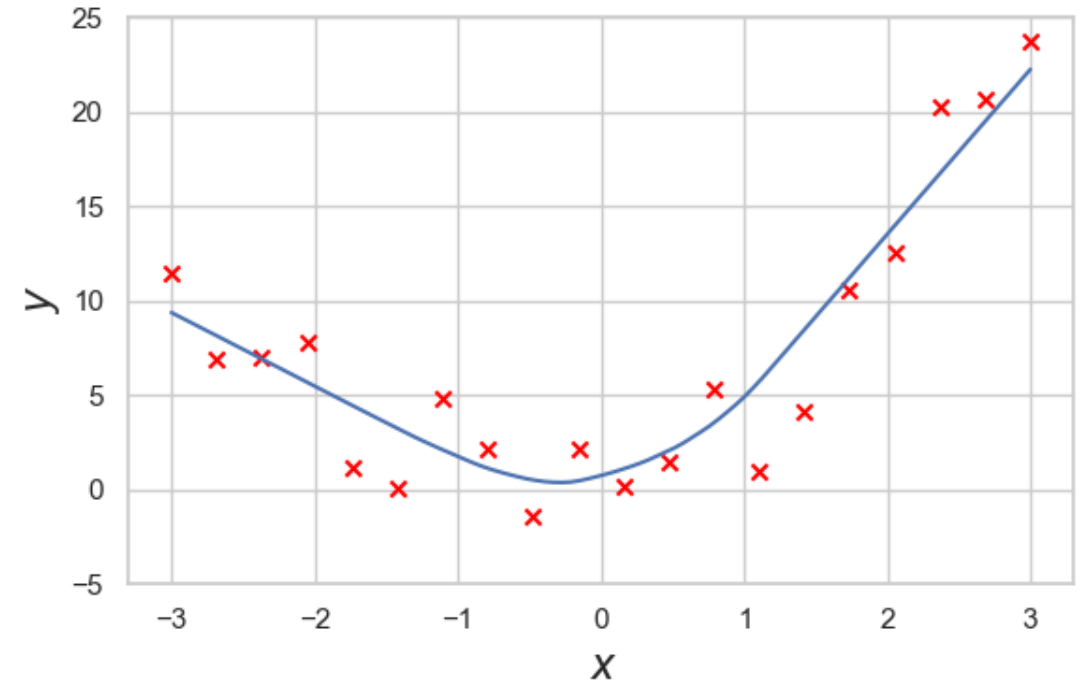
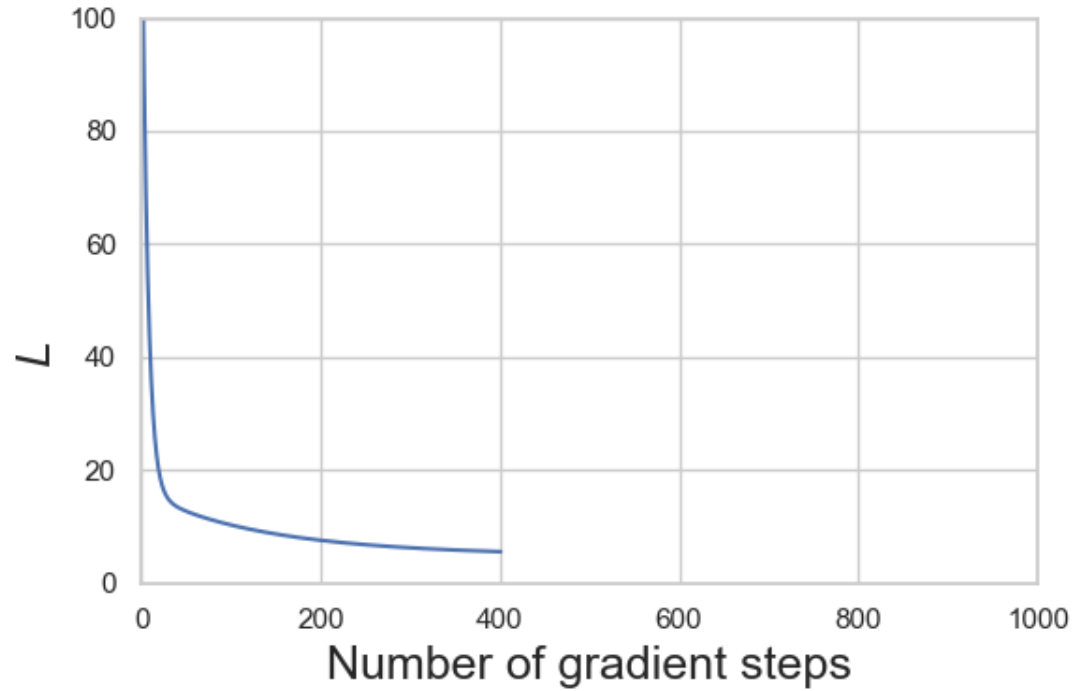
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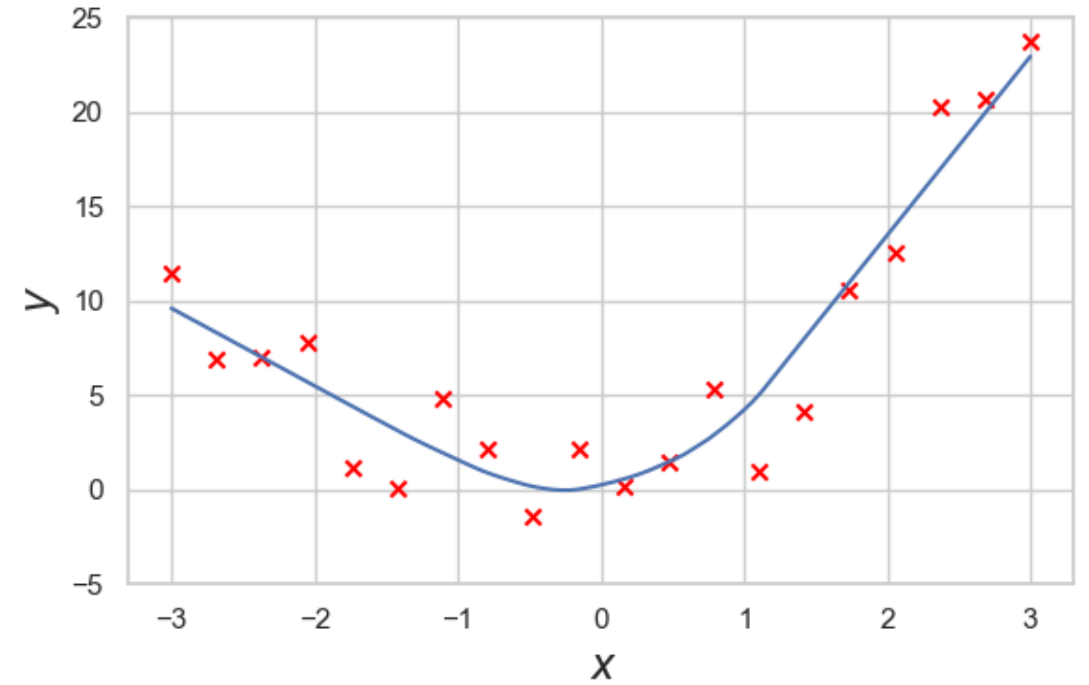
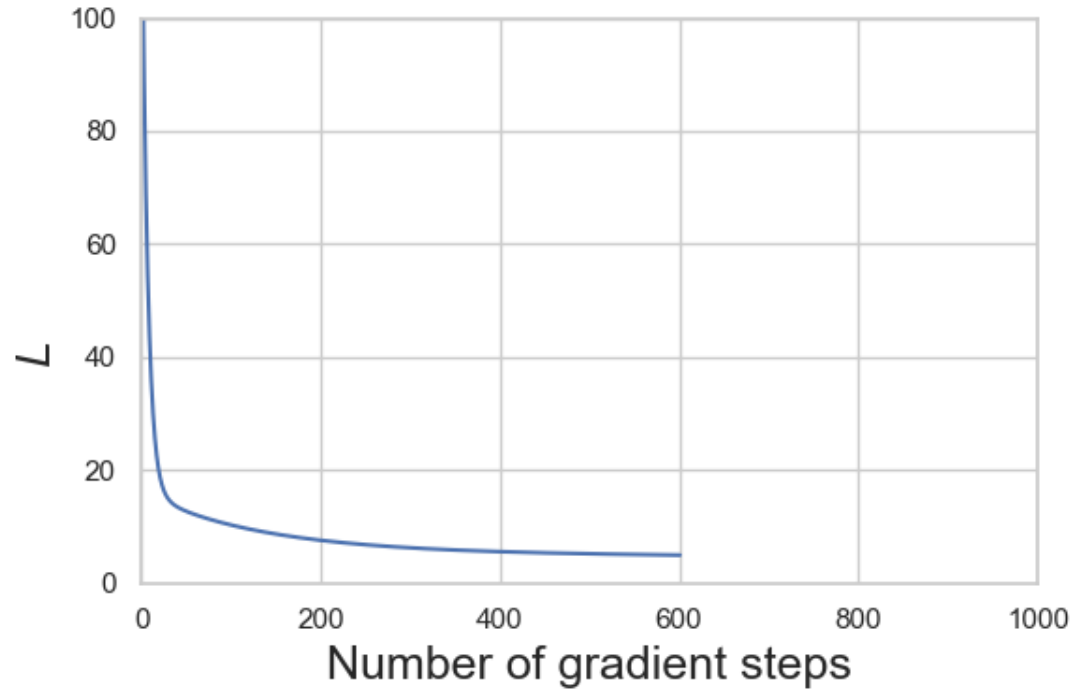
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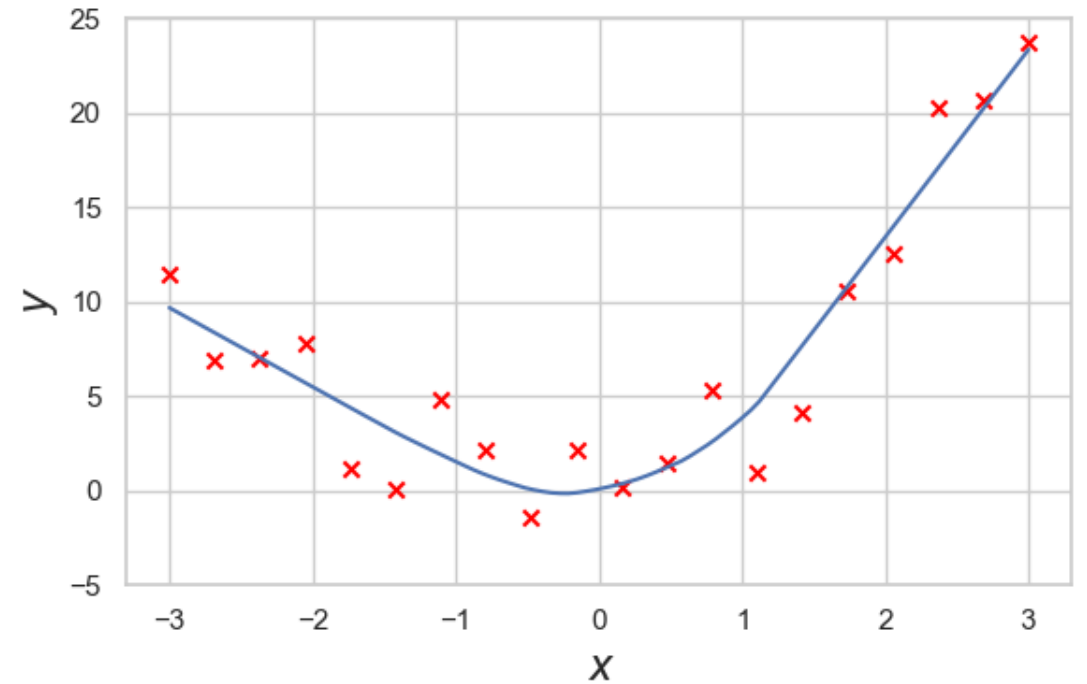
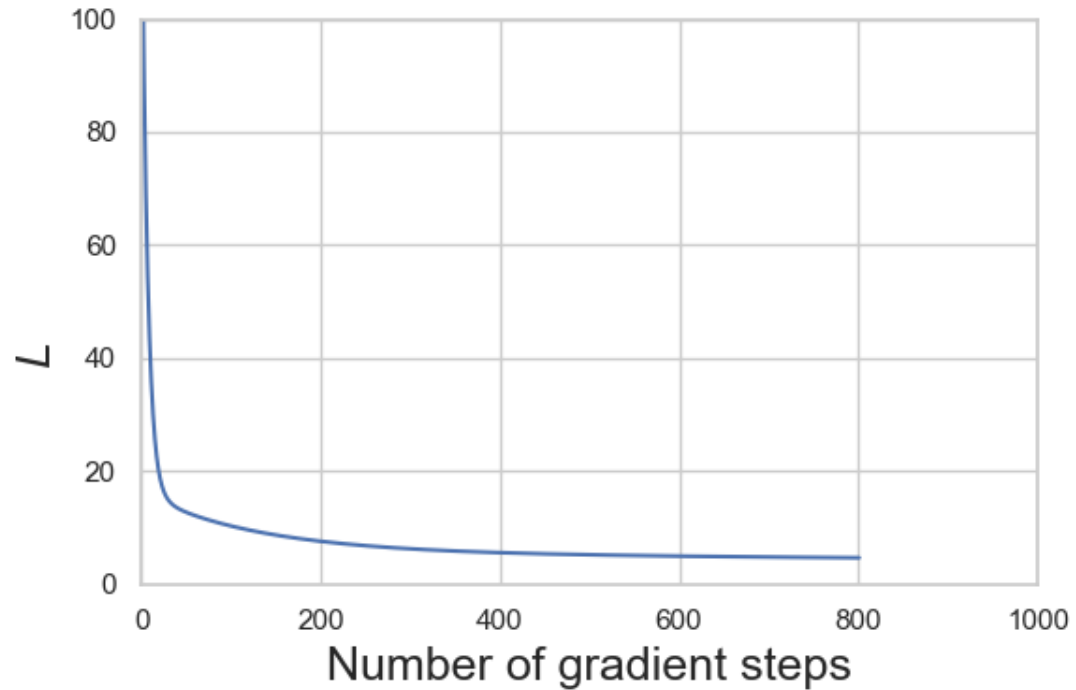
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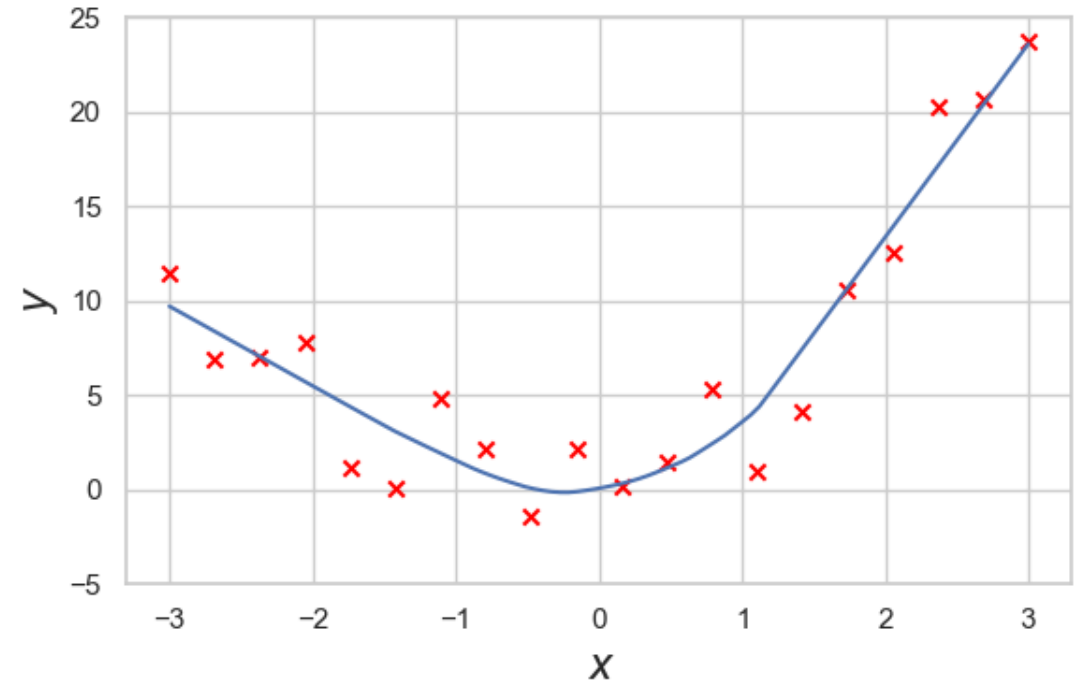
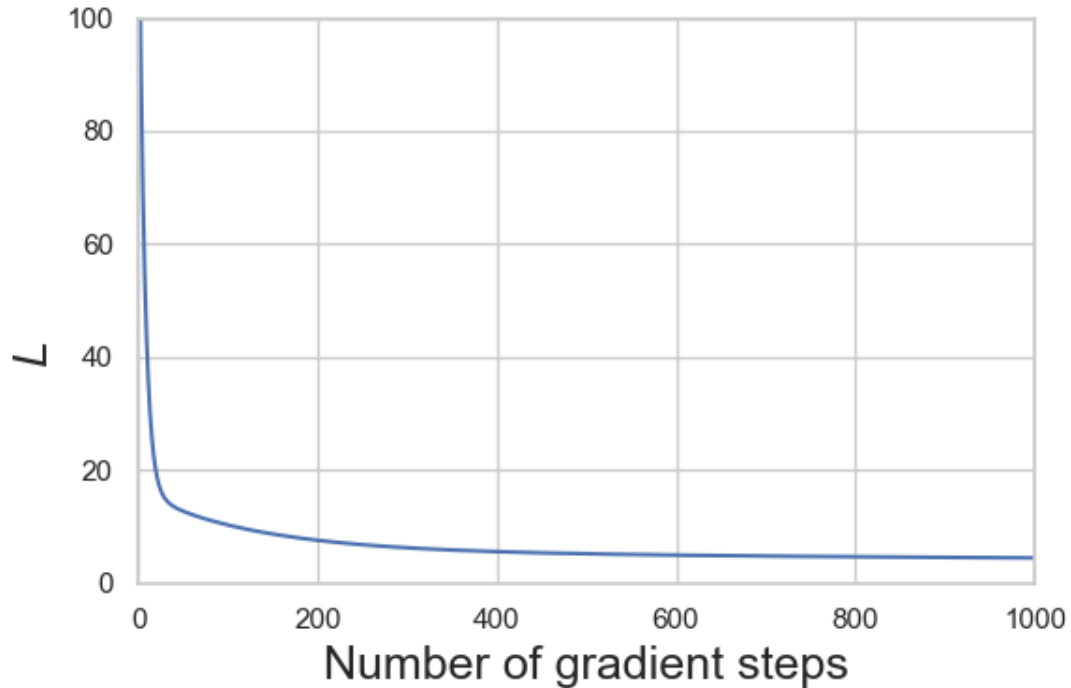
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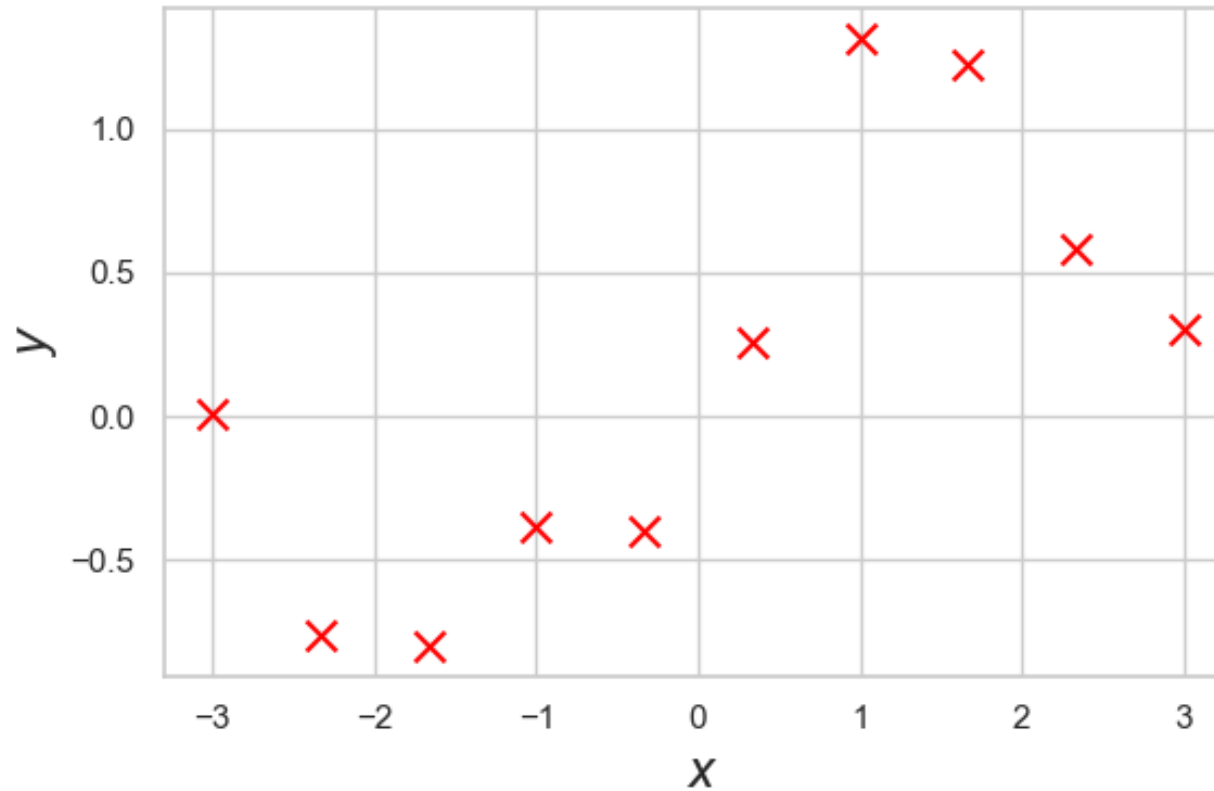
- **An excellent fit!** We've successfully trained a neural network.
- Mathematicians proved: with enough neurons, can fit *any* data.
- *Problem solved?*

Generalization

- Learning not just about memorization.
- About **generalizing** to new scenarios.
- How to measure generalization?
- **Train/validation split:**
 1. Randomly divide data into “train” and “validation” set.
 - Example: 80% in train, 20% in validation.
 2. Train neural network on train set using gradient descent, but **keep validation set hidden**.
 3. Measure loss on validation set.
- Train loss measures **memorization**.
- Validation loss measures **generalization**.
- Low train loss and high validation loss → *useless!*

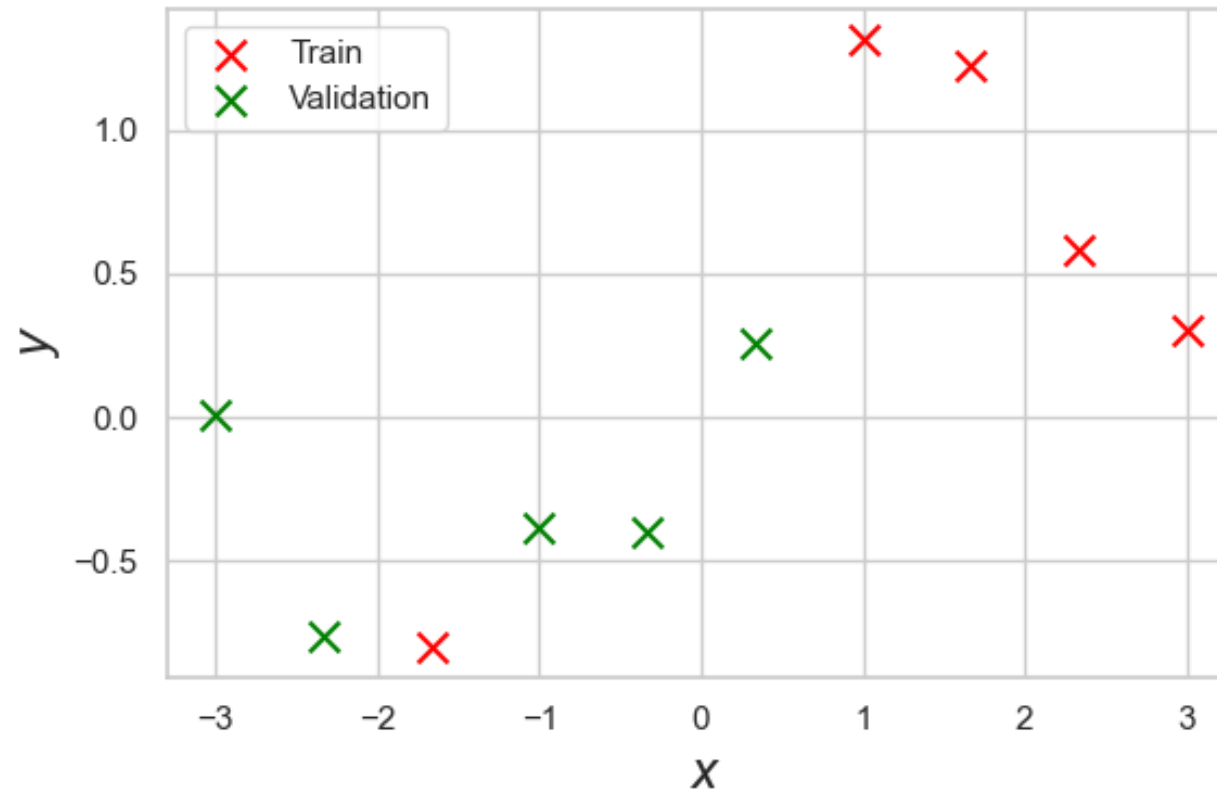
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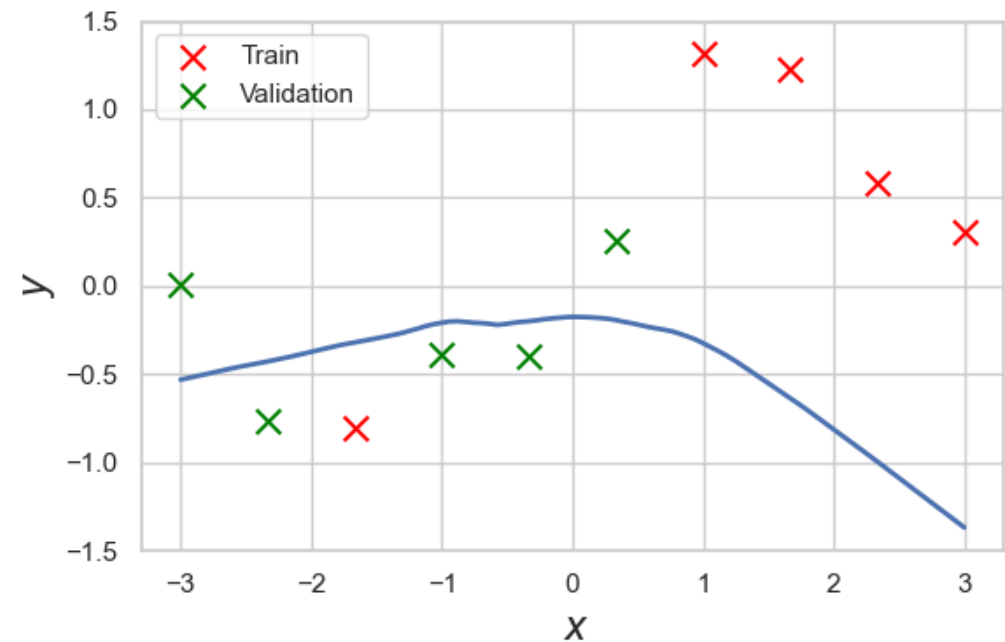
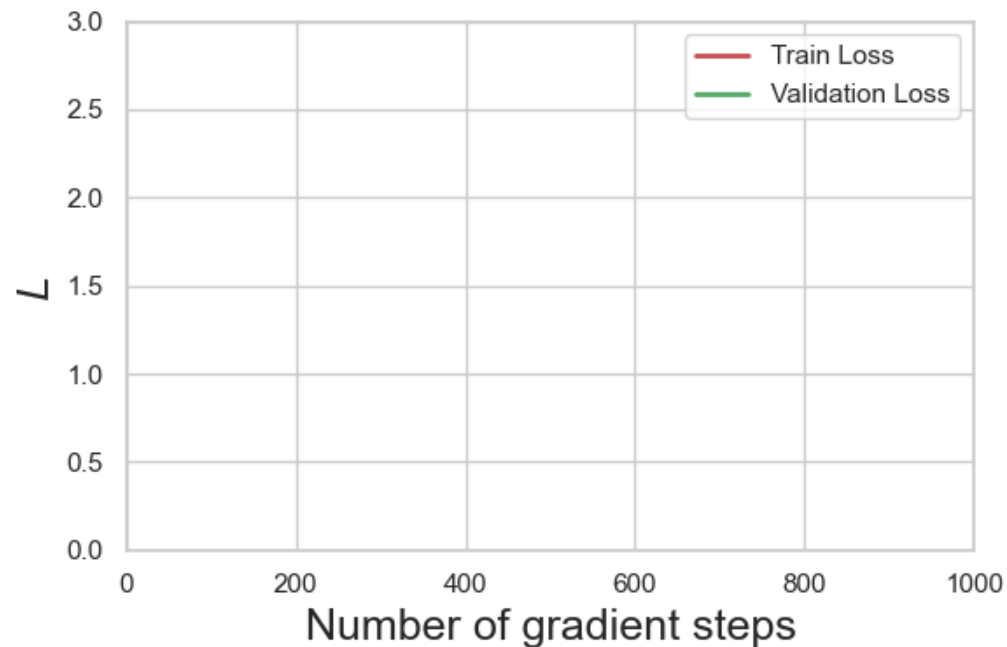
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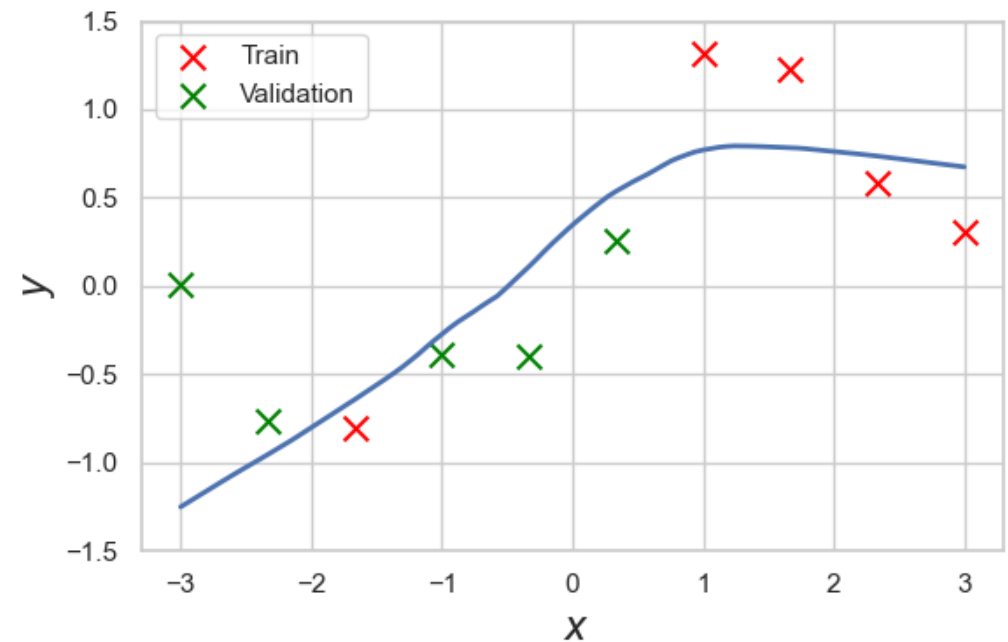
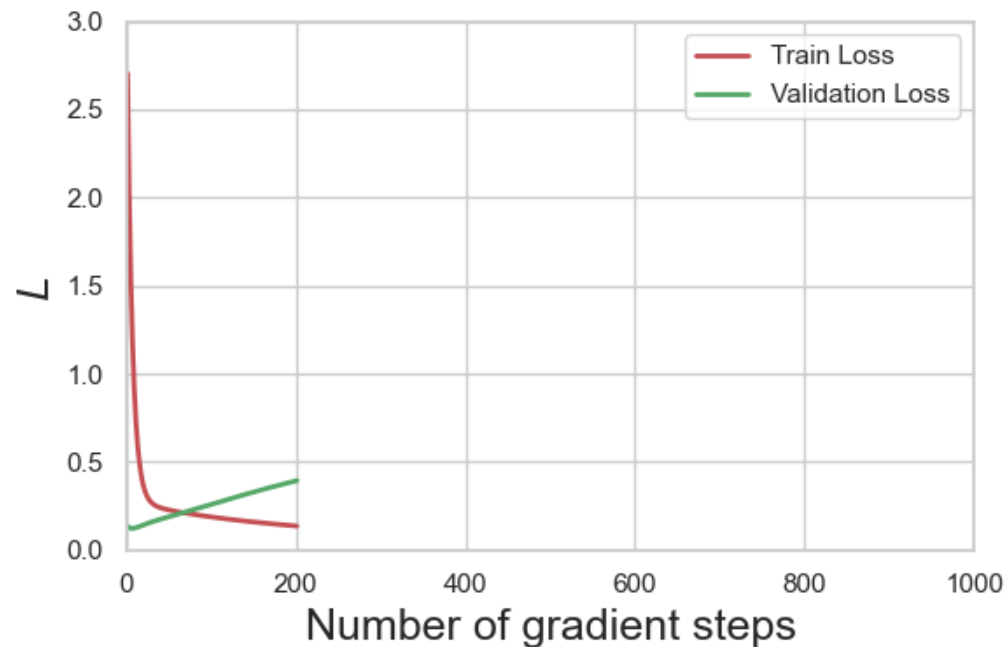
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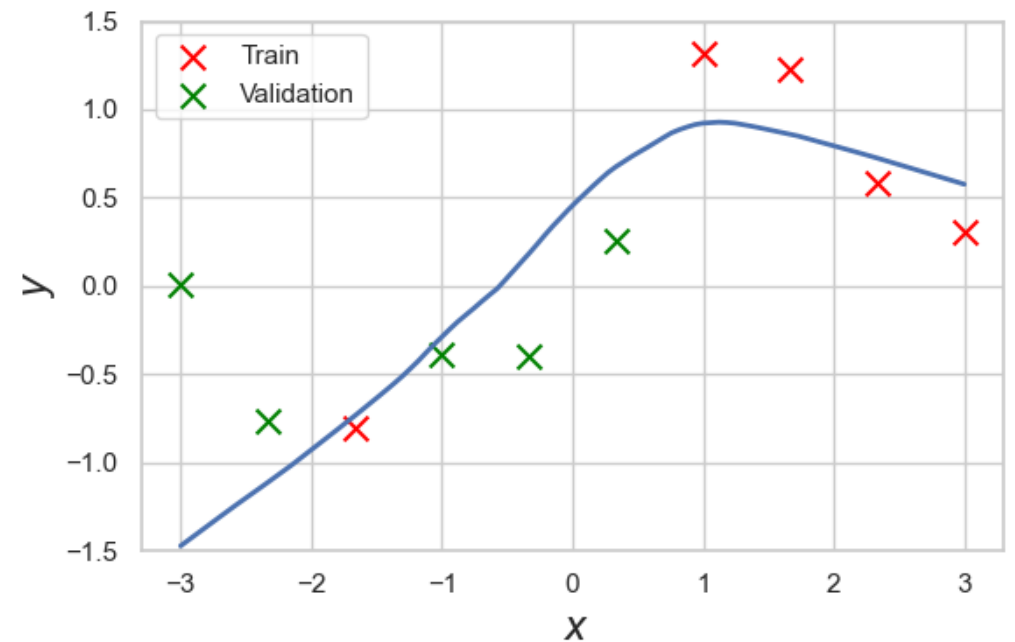
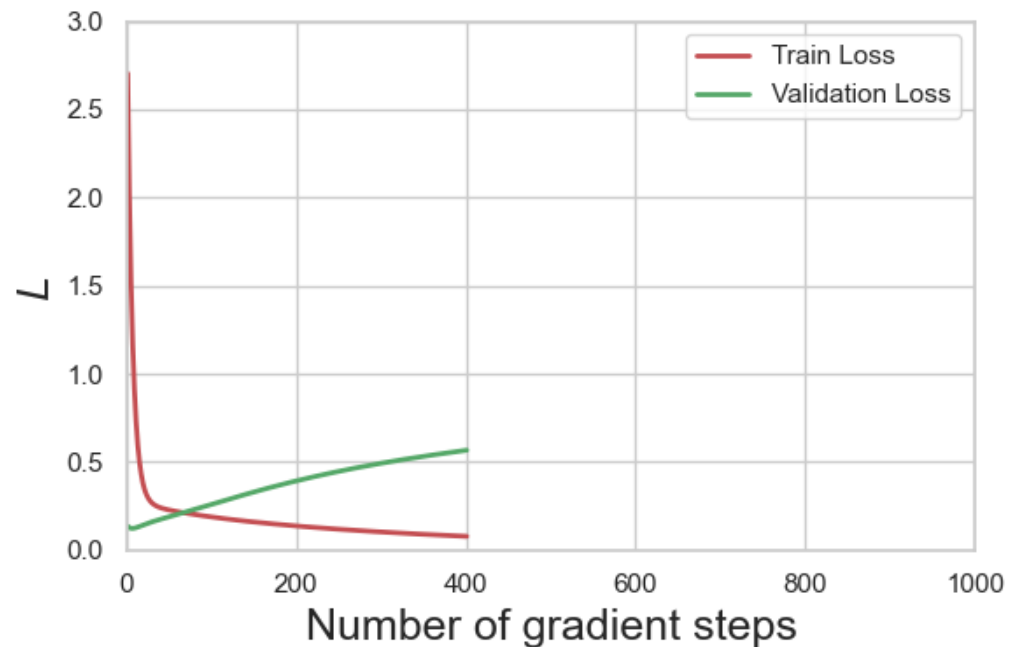
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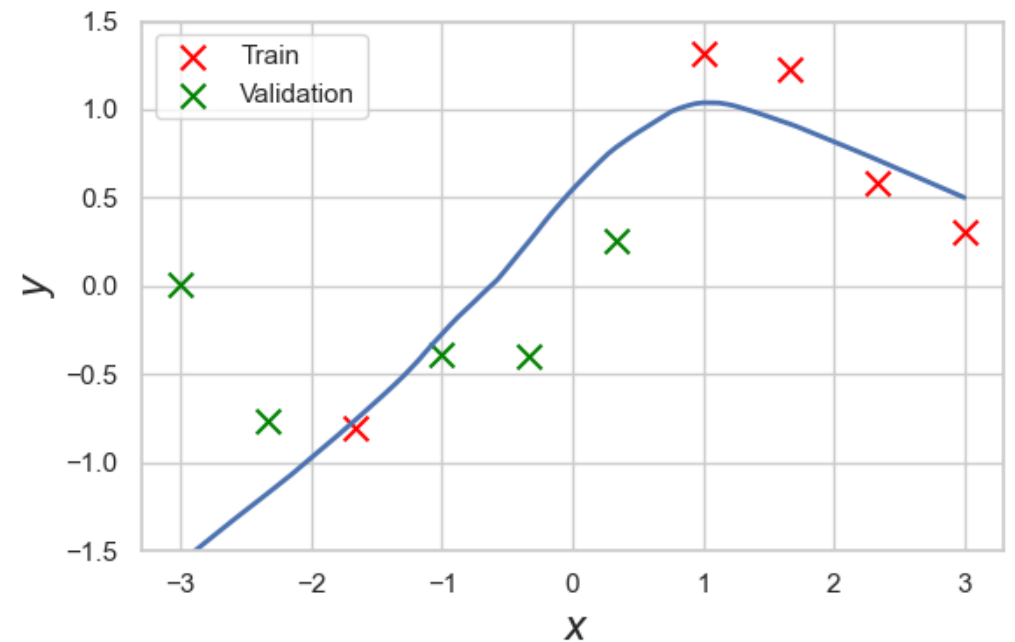
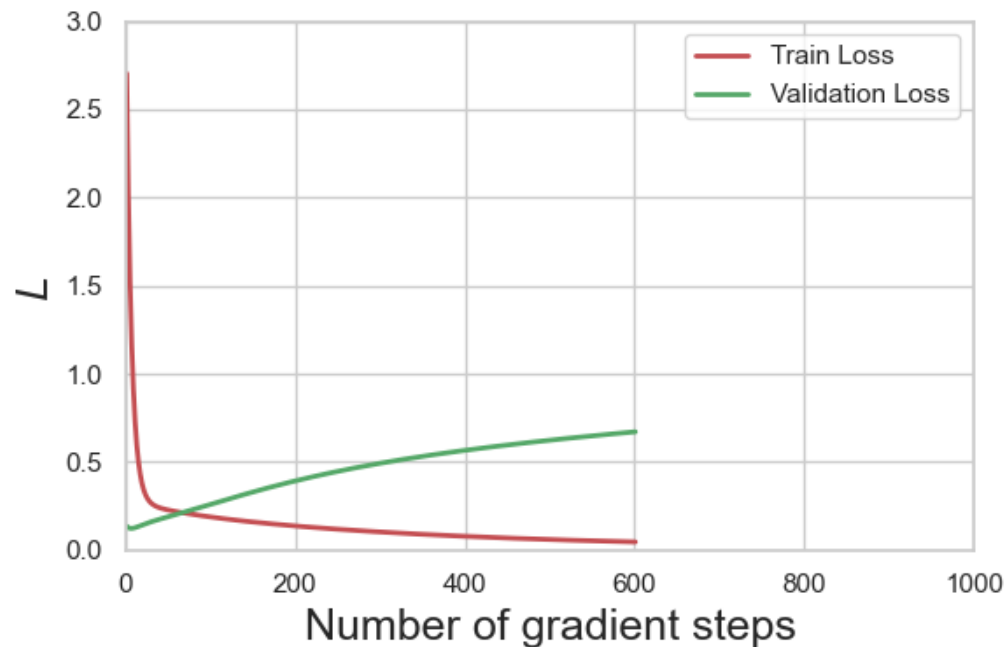
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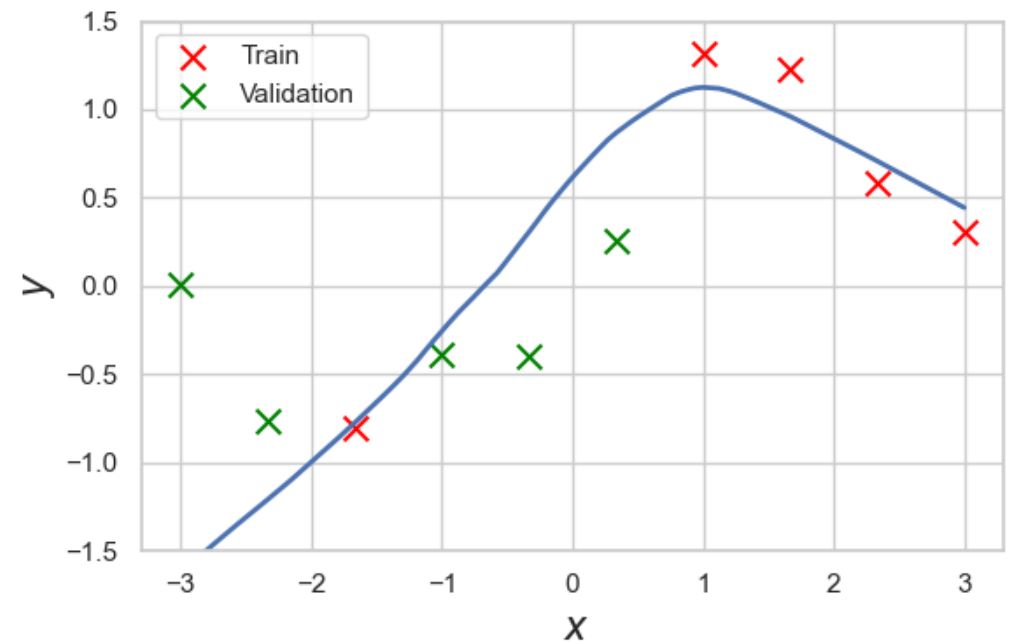
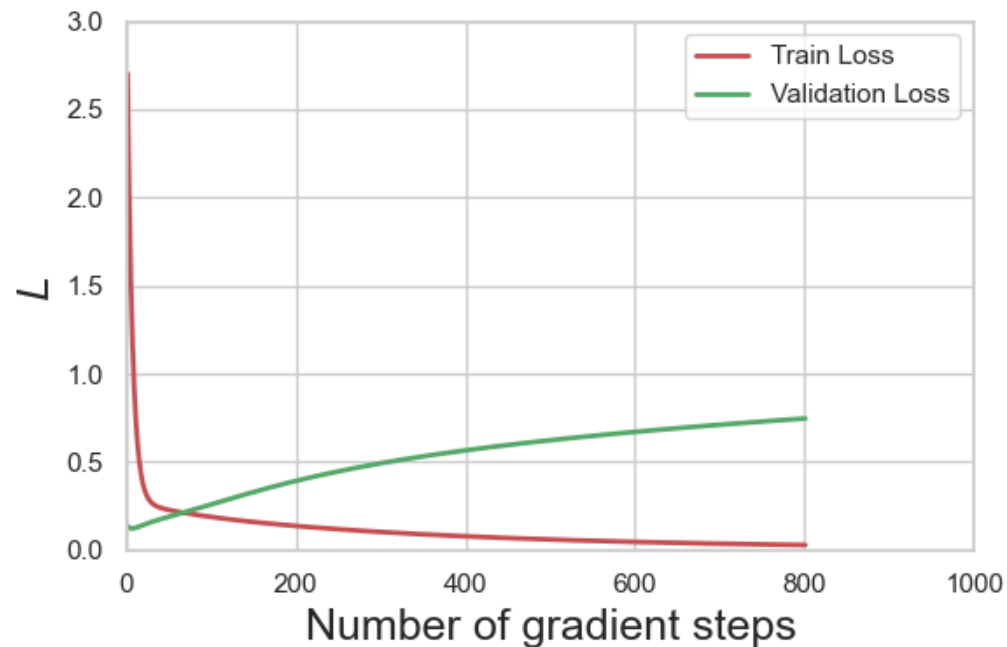
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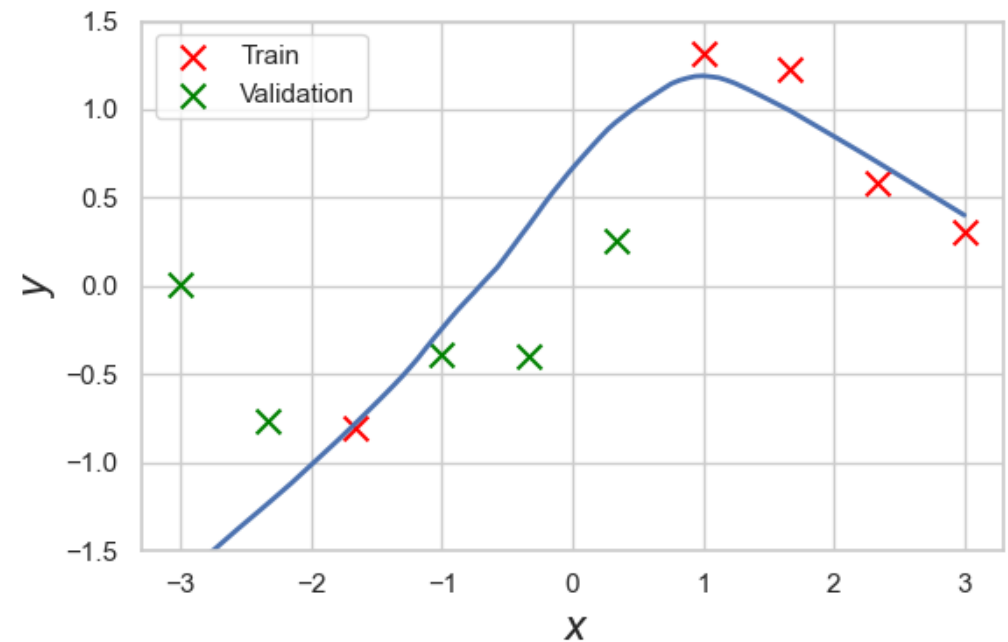
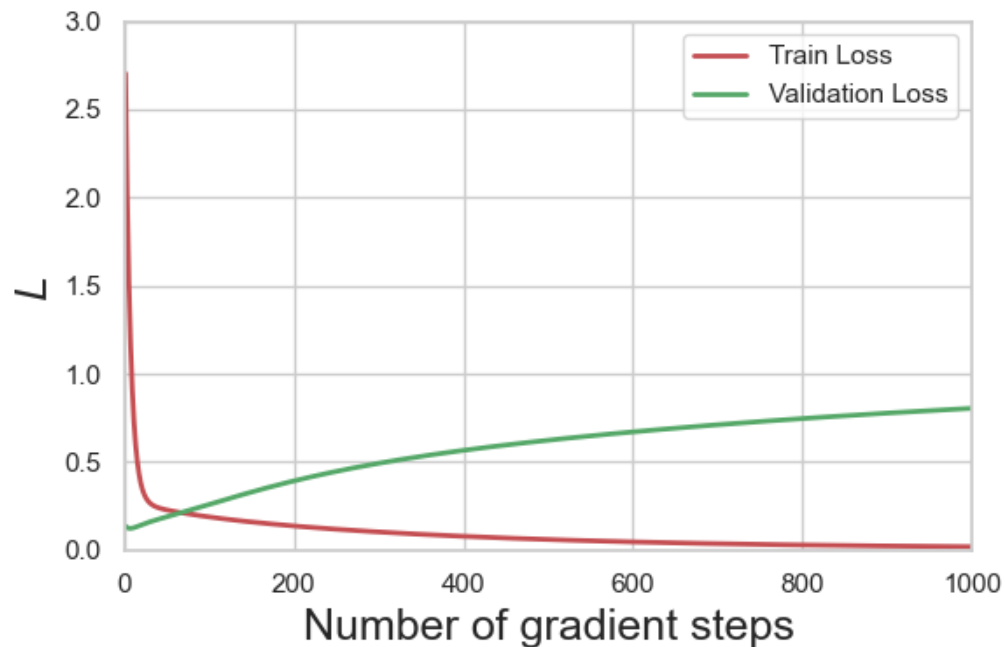
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- Train loss goes to zero but validation loss *increases!*
- Network does not generalize on this particular dataset.

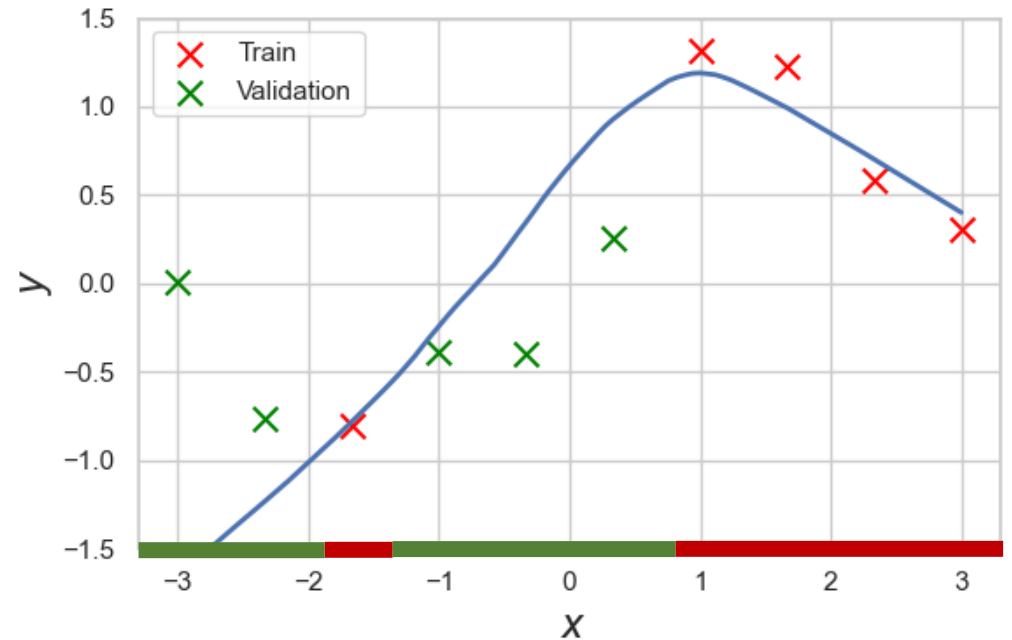
What's going on?

- **Red region:**

- Fit determined by **data**.
- Loss \rightarrow zero as long as enough neurons.

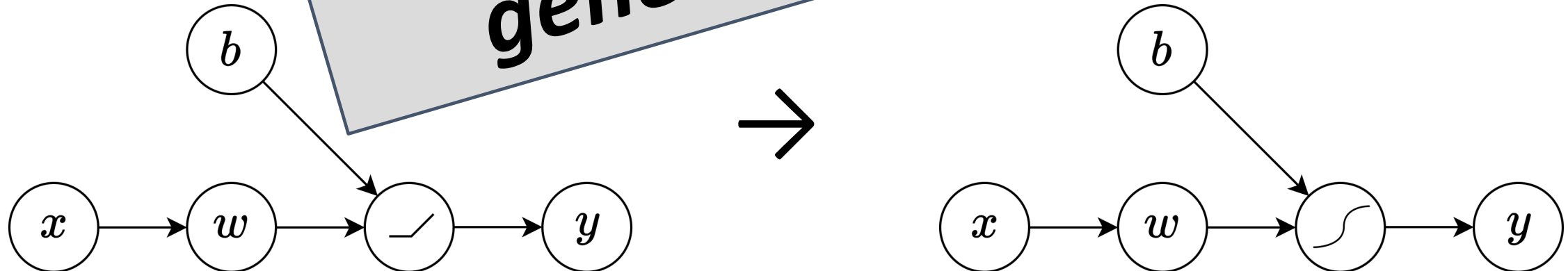
- **Green region:**

- Many ways to extrapolate while getting low train loss.
- Fit determined by:
 - Number of neurons.
 - Number of gradient descent steps.
 - Shape of ReLU function.
 - Etc.
- Different choices extrapolate differently.
- Some might generalize, others might not!
- Very hard to know for sure in advance. **Deep learning is empirical!**



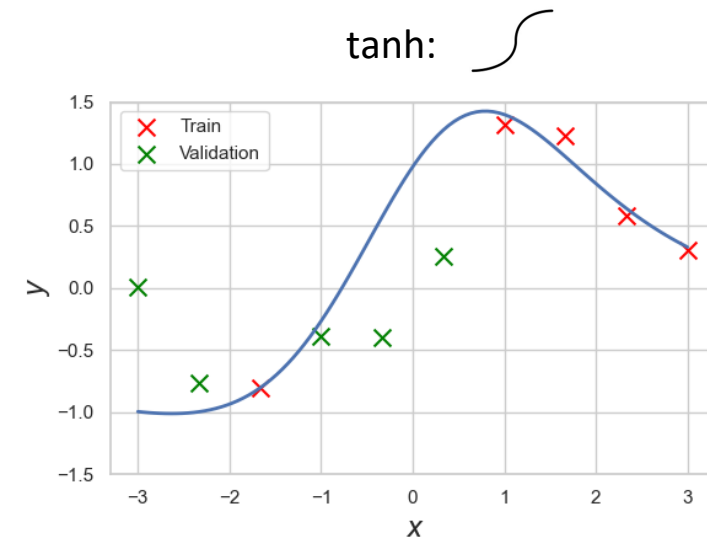
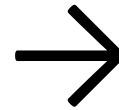
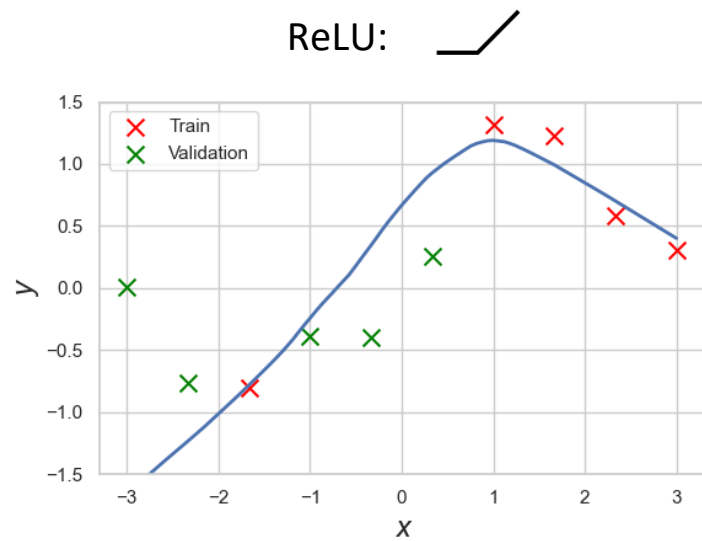
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- Tanh network flattens out on the left: generalizes *differently*.
- Neither tanh nor ReLU better for *all* datasets.
 - Tanh better for datasets that flatten out.
 - ReLU better for datasets that continue in straight lines.
 - Need to **match** choice to data.

Inductive biases

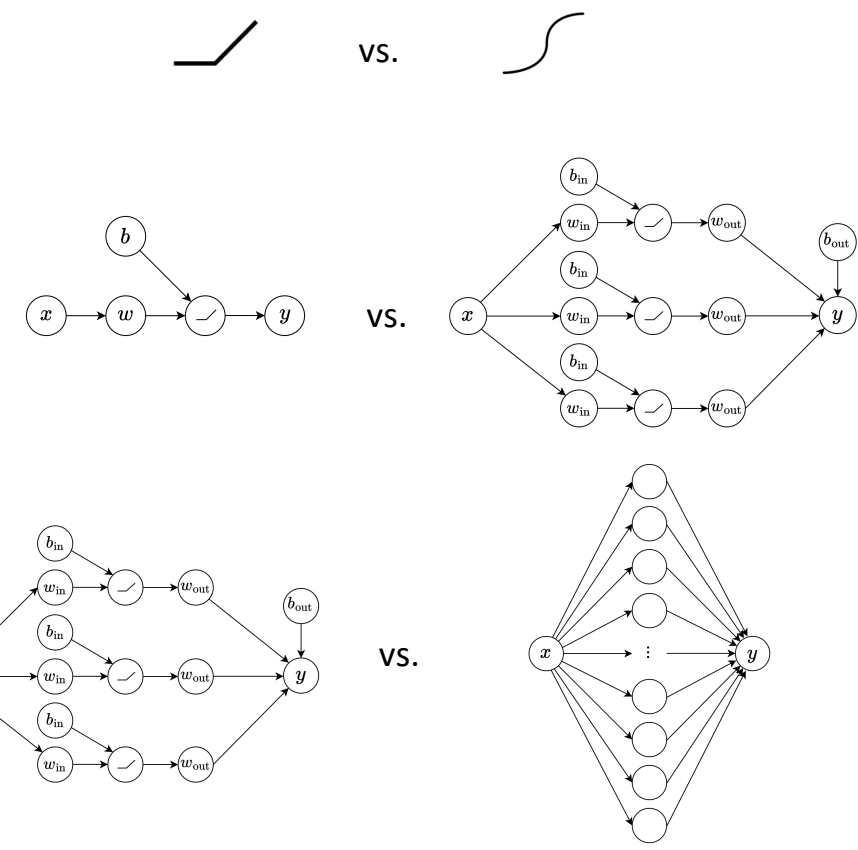
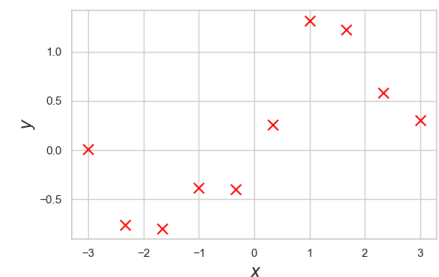
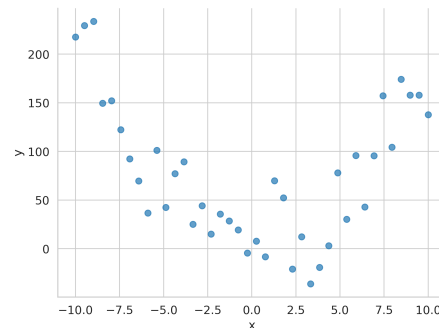
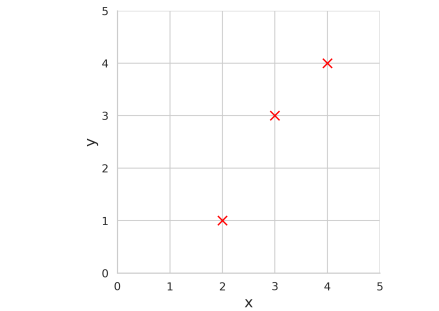
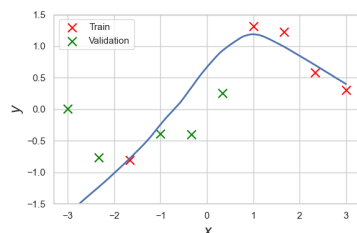
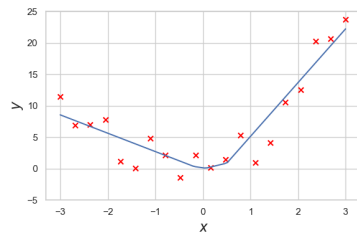
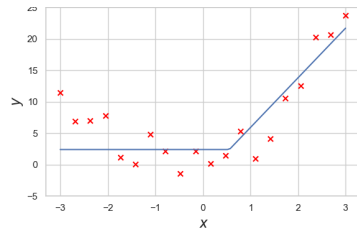
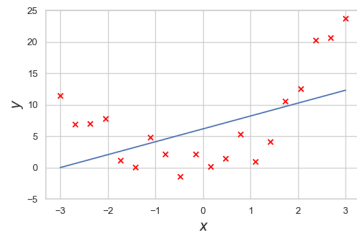
- Broader idea: **inductive biases**.
 - Induction:
“the inference of a general law from particular instances.”
 - **Inductive biases**:
*“choices that **bias** the network to infer things one way or another.”*
- In absence of data:
 - ReLU network tends to generalize in *straight* lines.
 - Tanh network tends to generalize in *flat* lines.

*“ReLU networks have an **inductive bias** towards straight lines”.*

Much of deep learning is finding out what inductive bias corresponds to each network choice, and choosing accordingly.

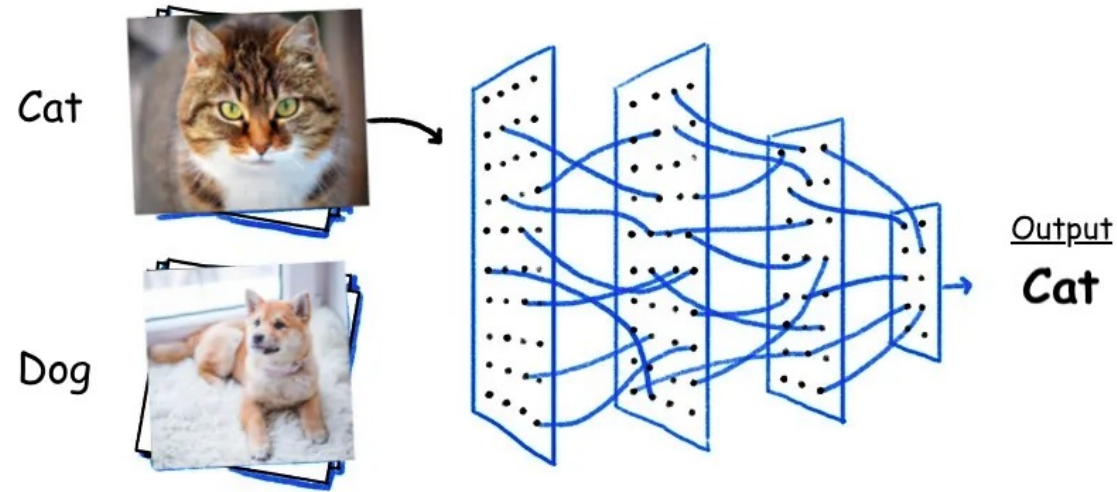
Big picture recipe for network behavior

Predictions = Training data + Inductive biases



Next lecture

- So far, take one number x and predict one number y .
- How to use neural networks to take *image* and predict *label*?



- Will cover in **Part 2: Image data and convolutional networks.**

Happy to answer questions!

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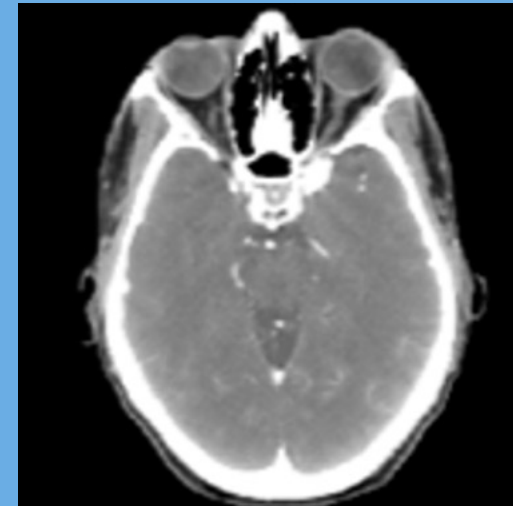
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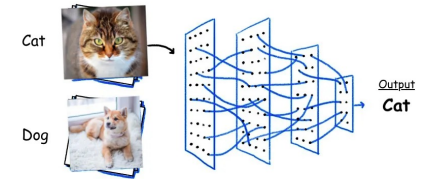
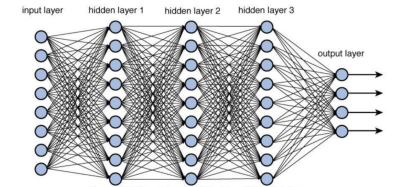
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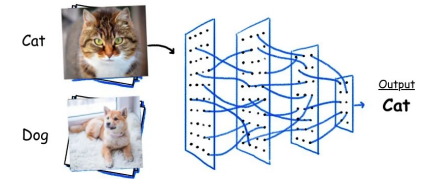
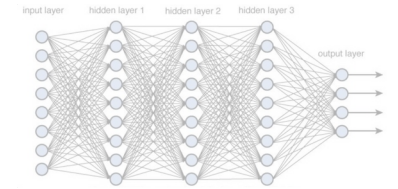
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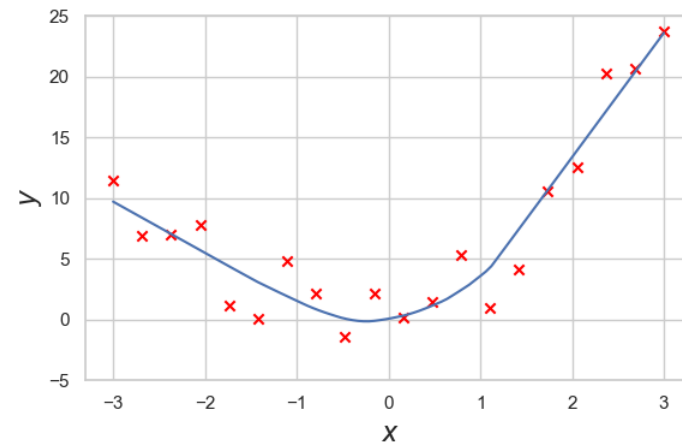
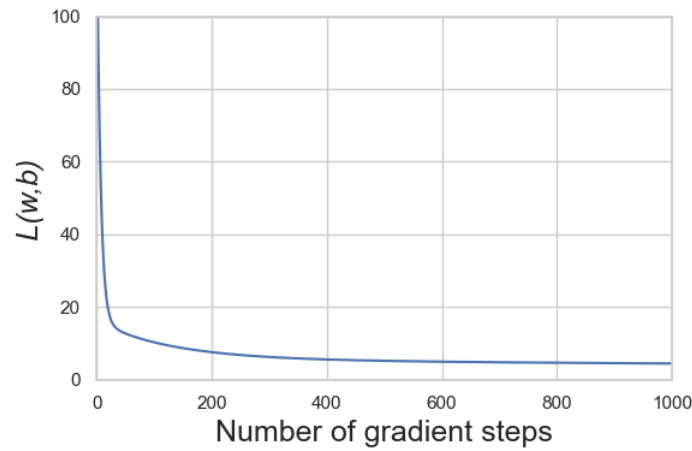
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Part 2: AI for imaging

Ask questions at any time!

Story so far

- Deep learning uses **neural networks** to fit curves to data.



- Predict a single number from another number:

$$y = f(x)$$

- But most tasks more complex!

Image prediction tasks

- How to use neural networks for **image auto-segmentation**?

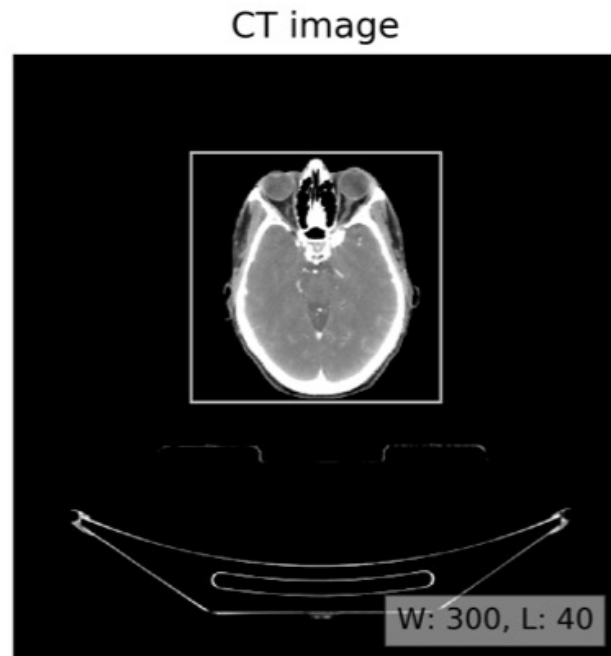


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- How to use neural networks for **image classification**?
- *Tens of thousands* medical applications.

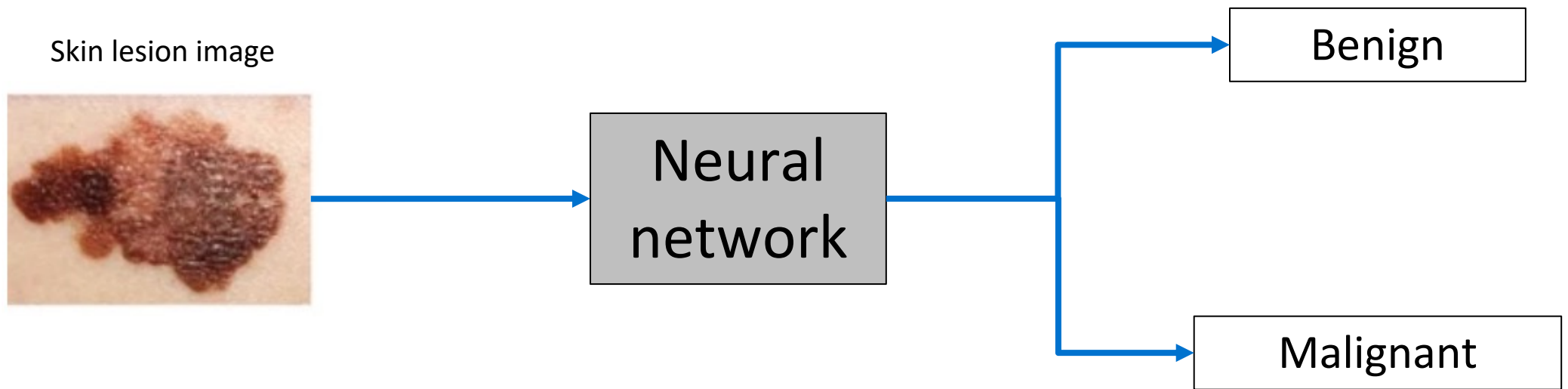
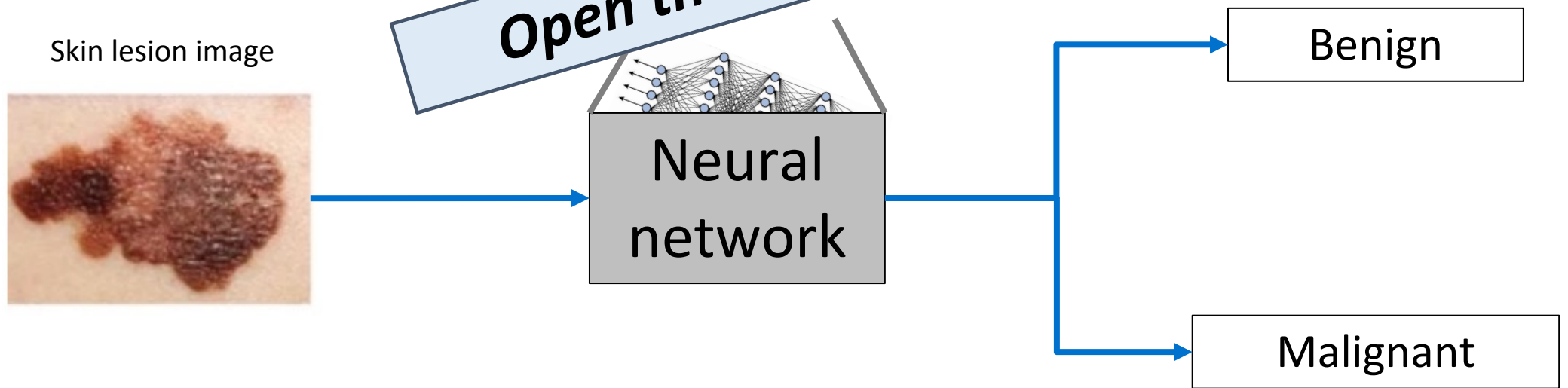


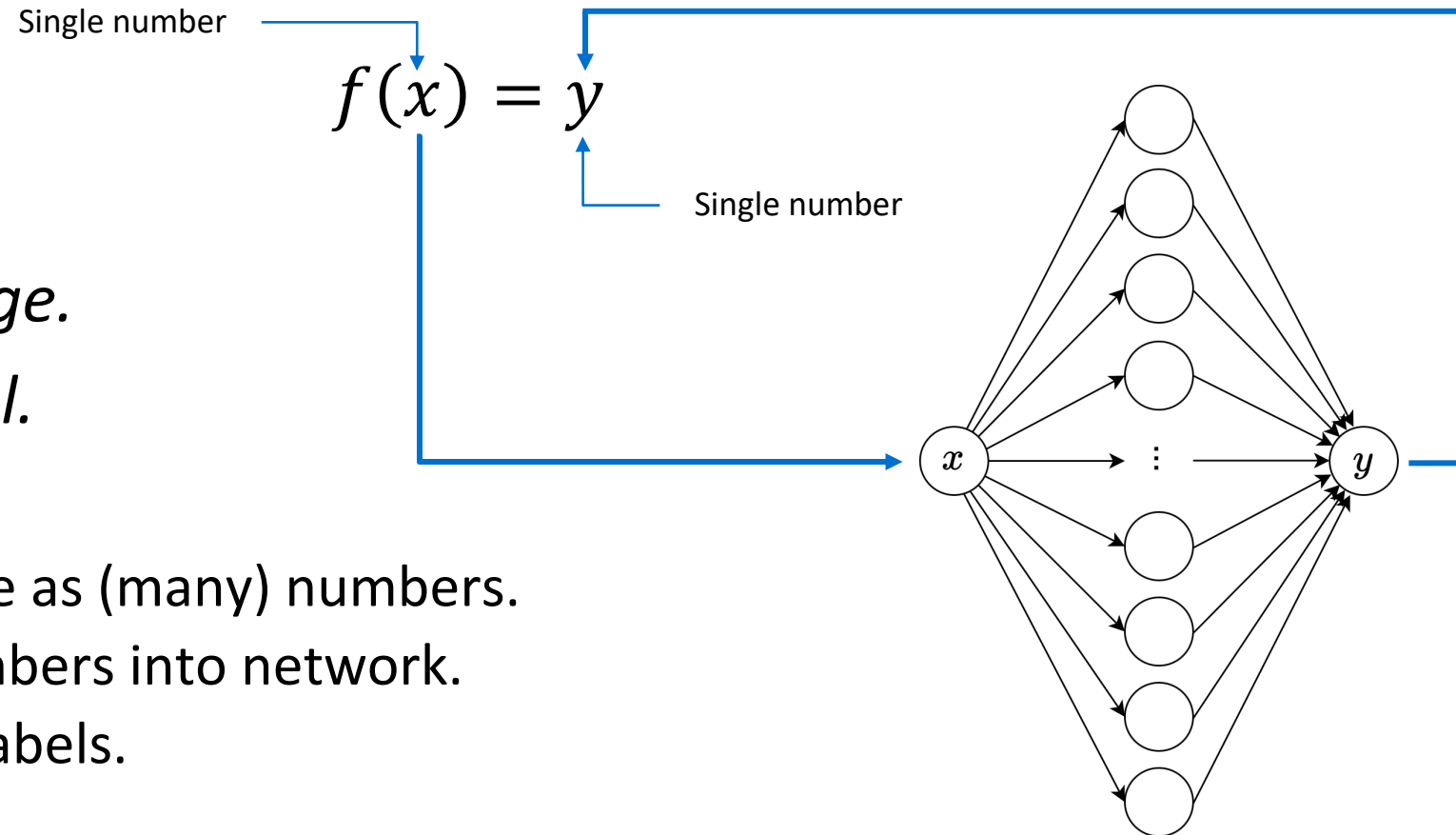
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Deep learning for images: 40,000 ft view

- Use *same* ideas as predicting single number from another!



- Need x to be *image*.
- Need y to be *label*.
- Plan:
 1. Represent image as (many) numbers.
 2. Input many numbers into network.
 3. Convert y into labels.

Images to numbers

- Computers store images as grid of numbers.
- Illustrate with everyday images for simplicity.

“Everything should be as simple as it can be, but not simpler”

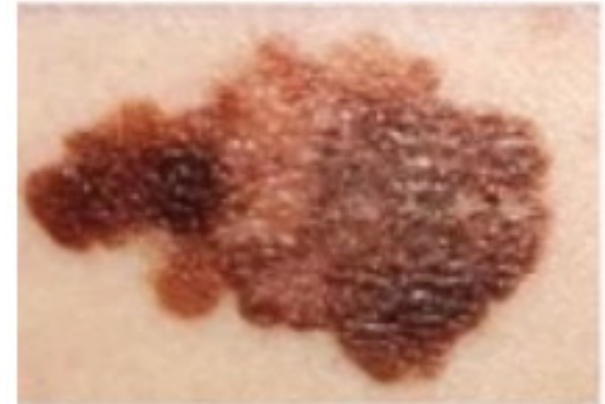
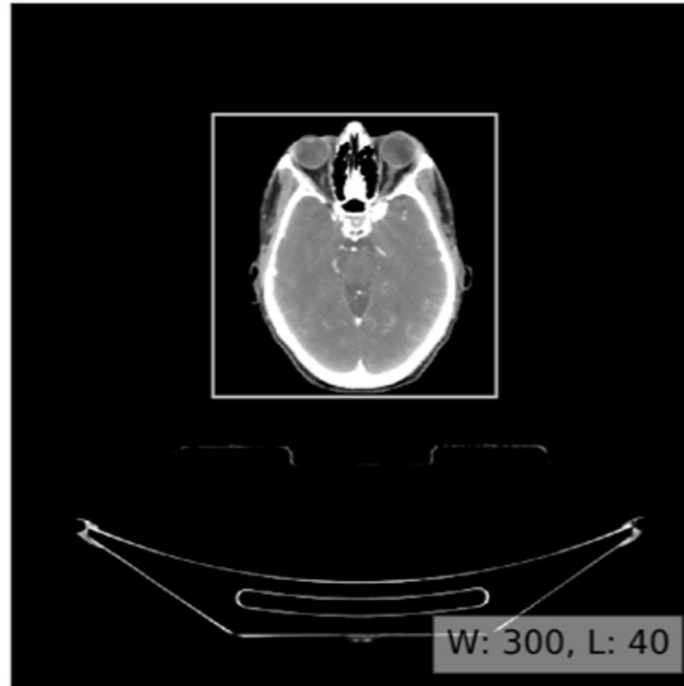
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- **Same principles apply for medical images!**
- Power of deep learning:

Single deep learning approach works for many tasks.

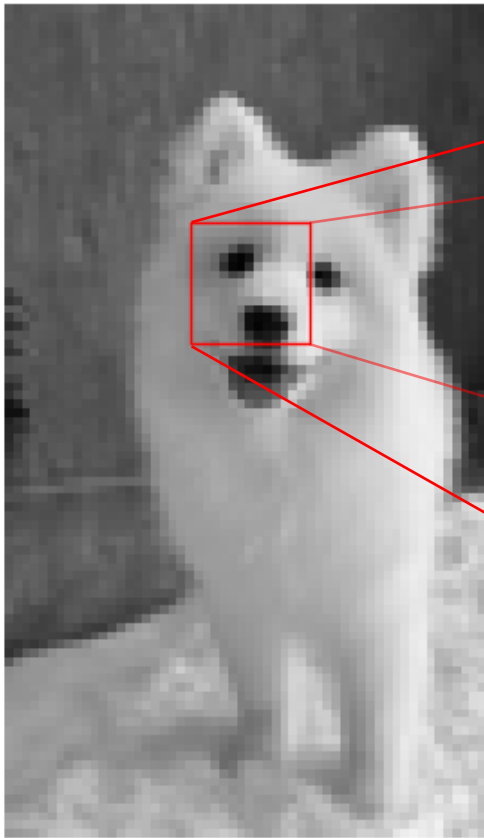
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0.51	0.48	0.45	0.40	0.18	0.03	0.01	0.16	0.57	0.75	0.76	0.83	0.84	0.82
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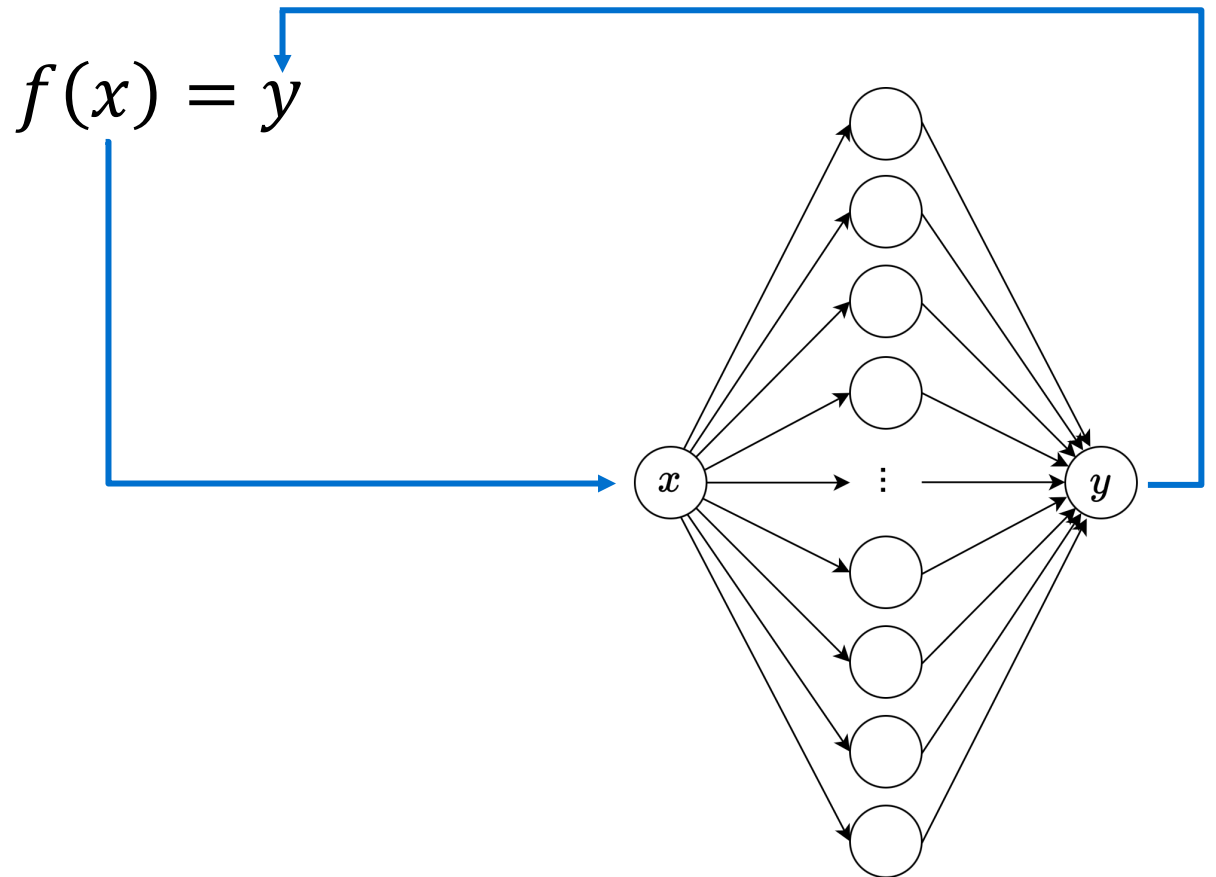
Images to numbers

- Computers store images as grid of numbers.
- Each pixel is a number.
 - Larger → **brighter**.
 - Smaller → **dimmer**.
- Similar for color images, CT, MRI, etc.
- Plan:
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 3. Convert y into labels.

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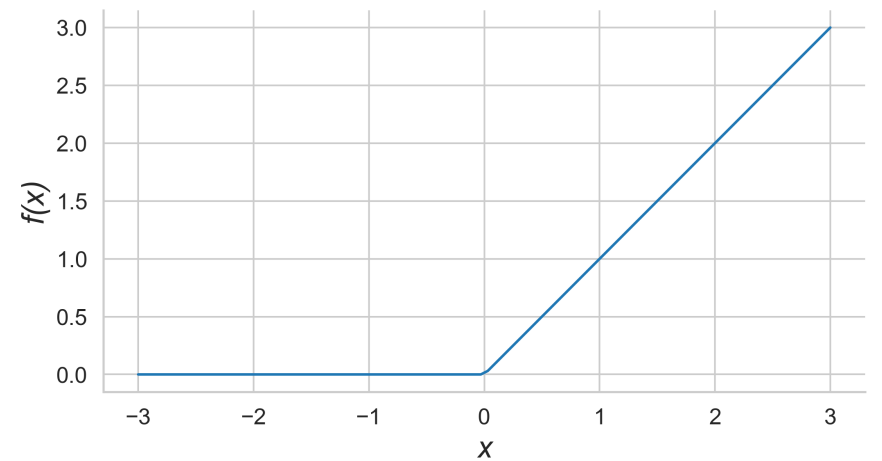
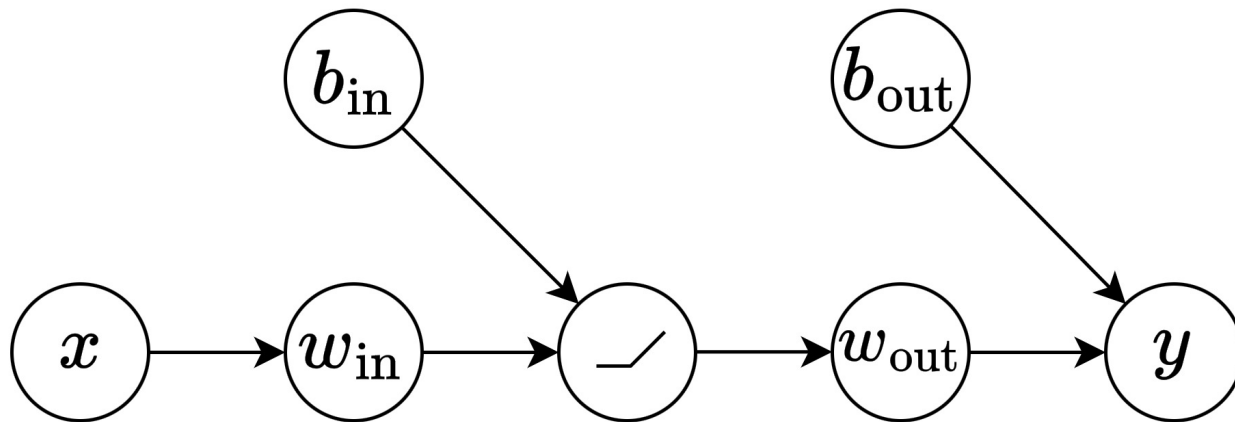
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- Design with **architecture diagram.**



Recap: architecture diagrams

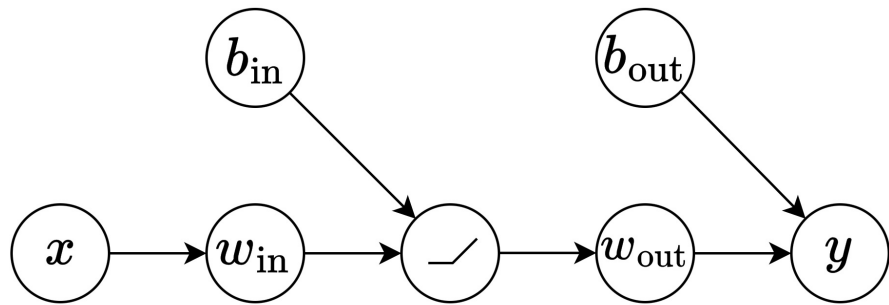
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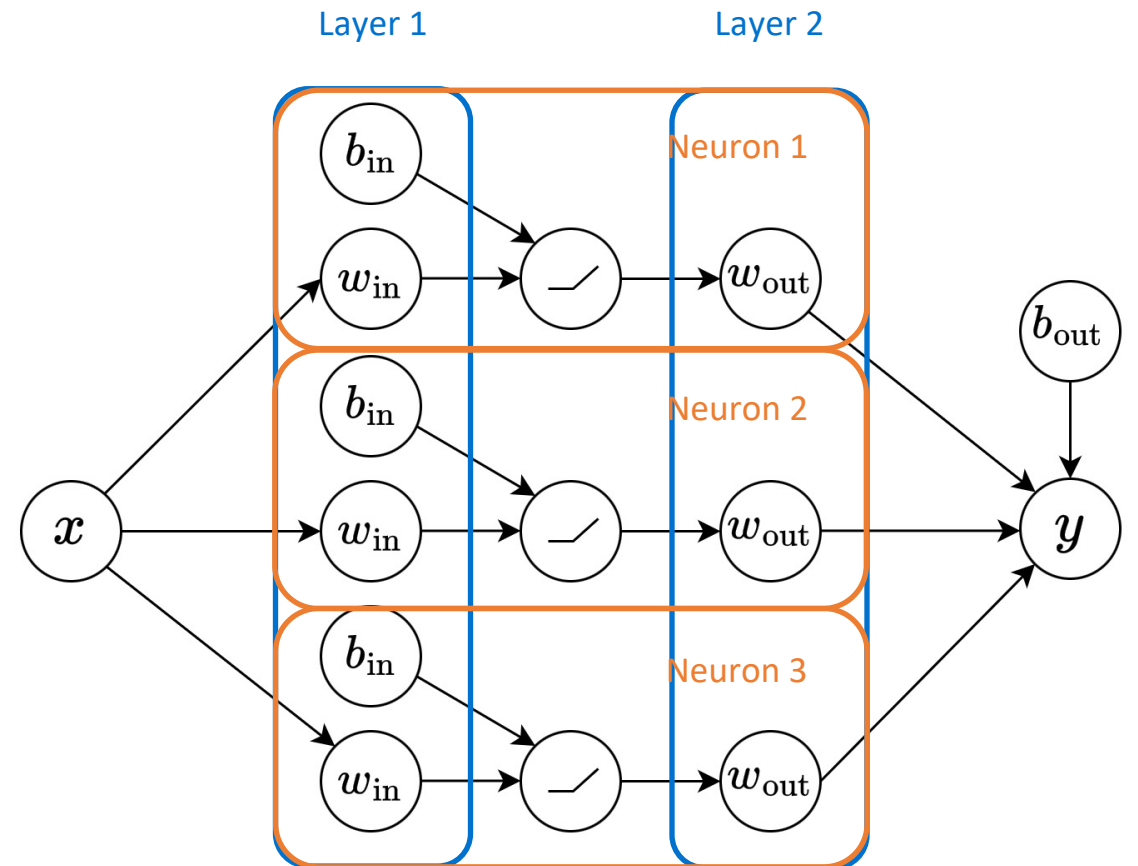


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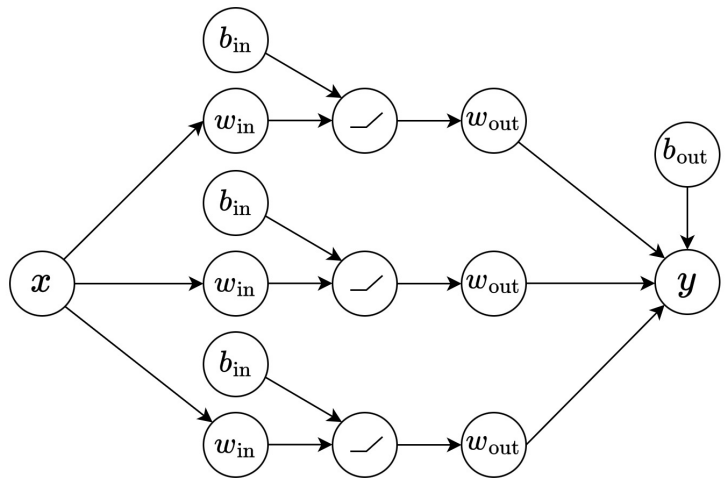


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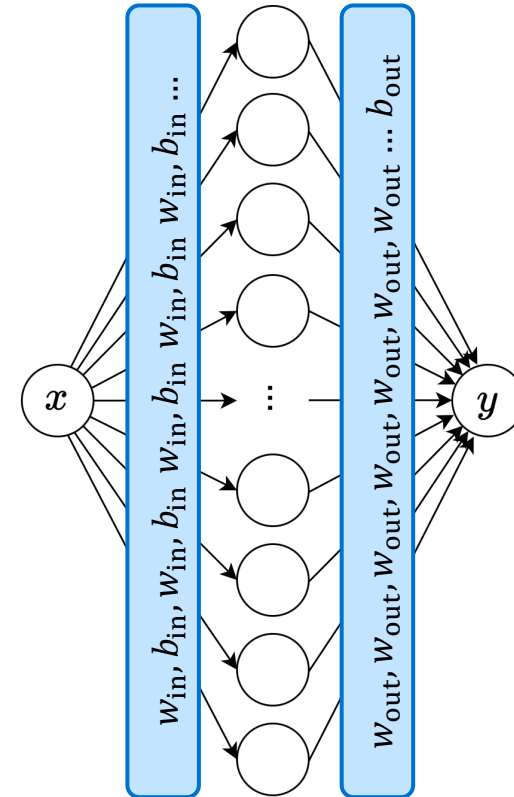


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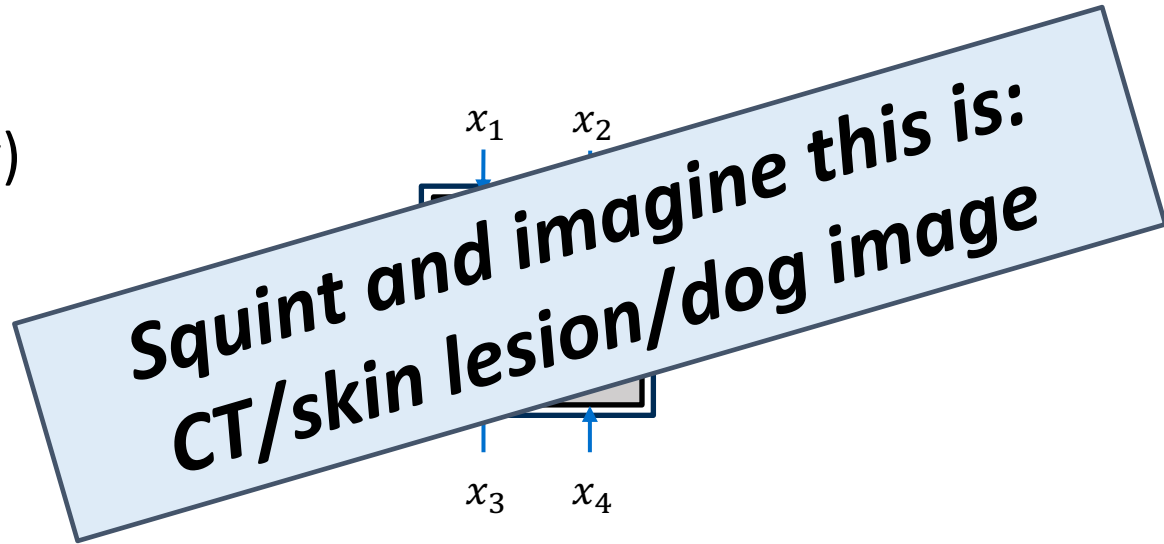


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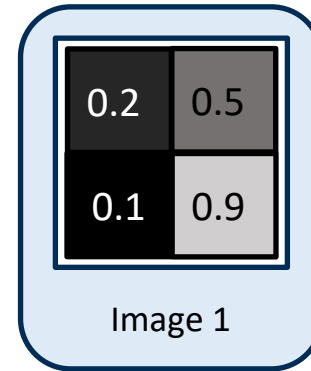
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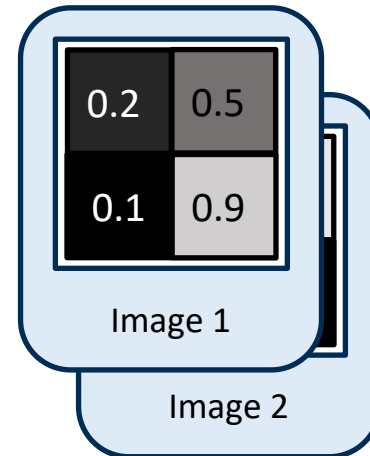
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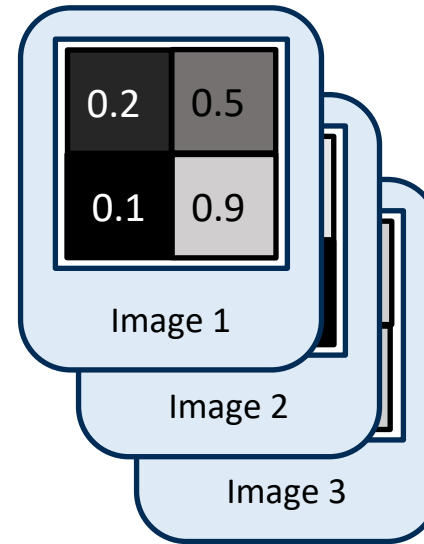
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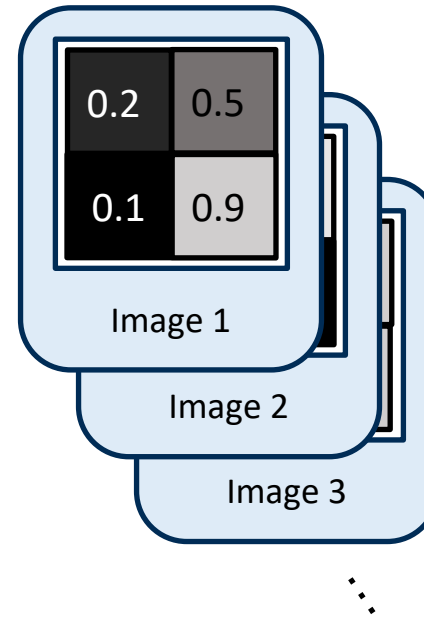
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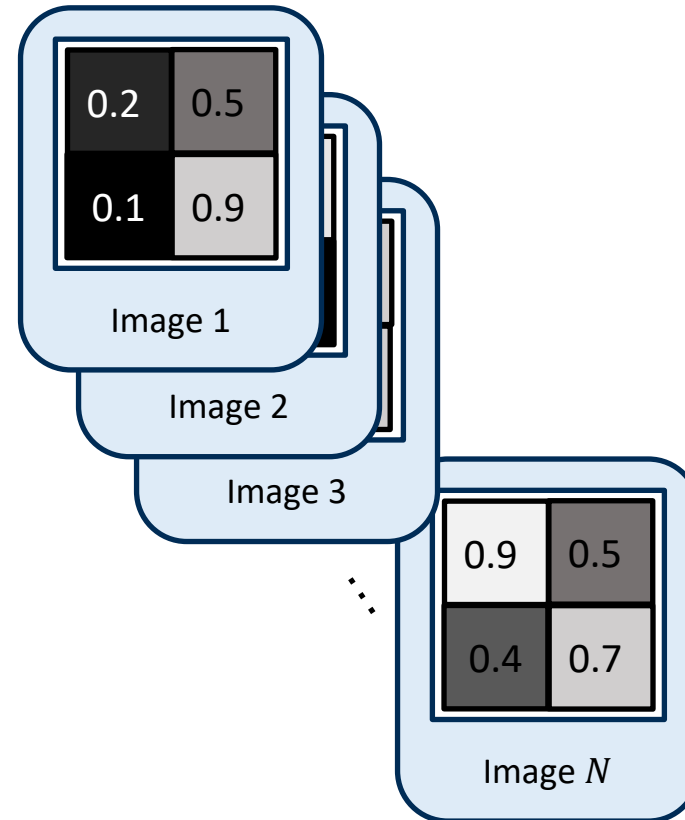
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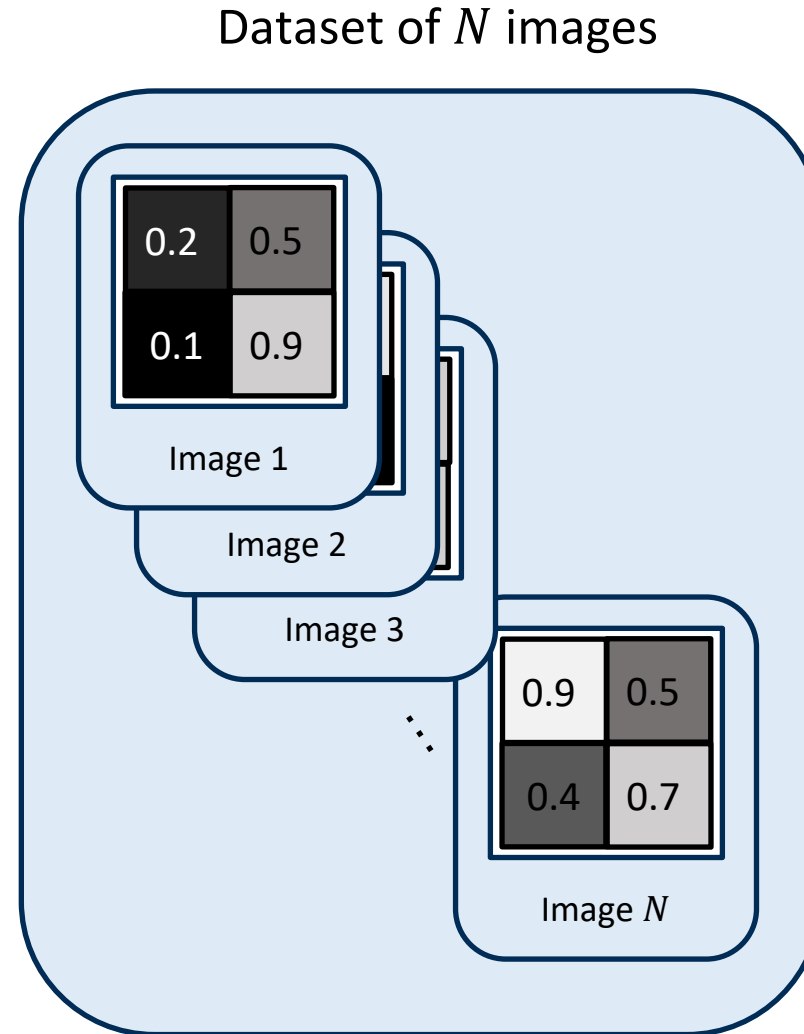
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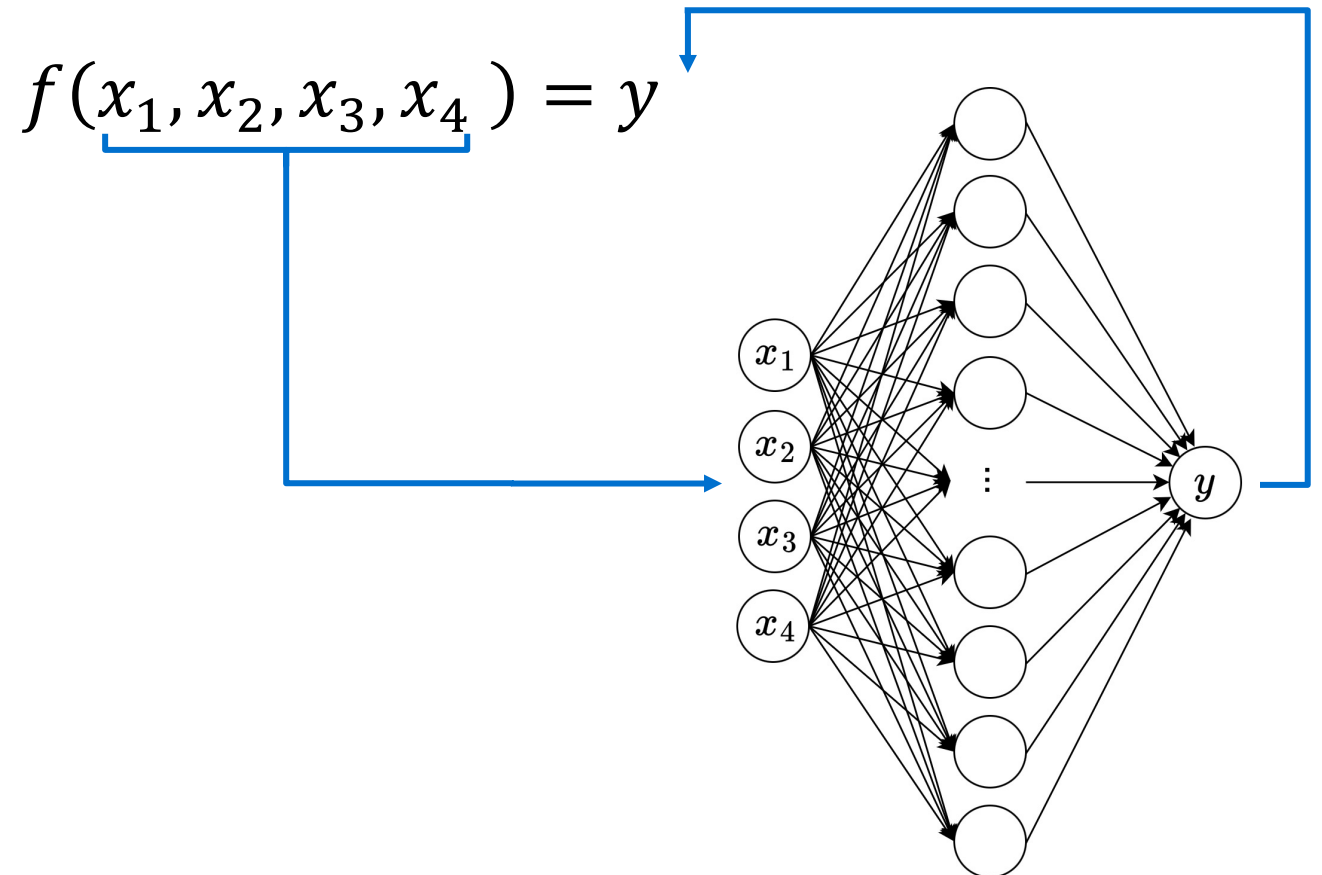
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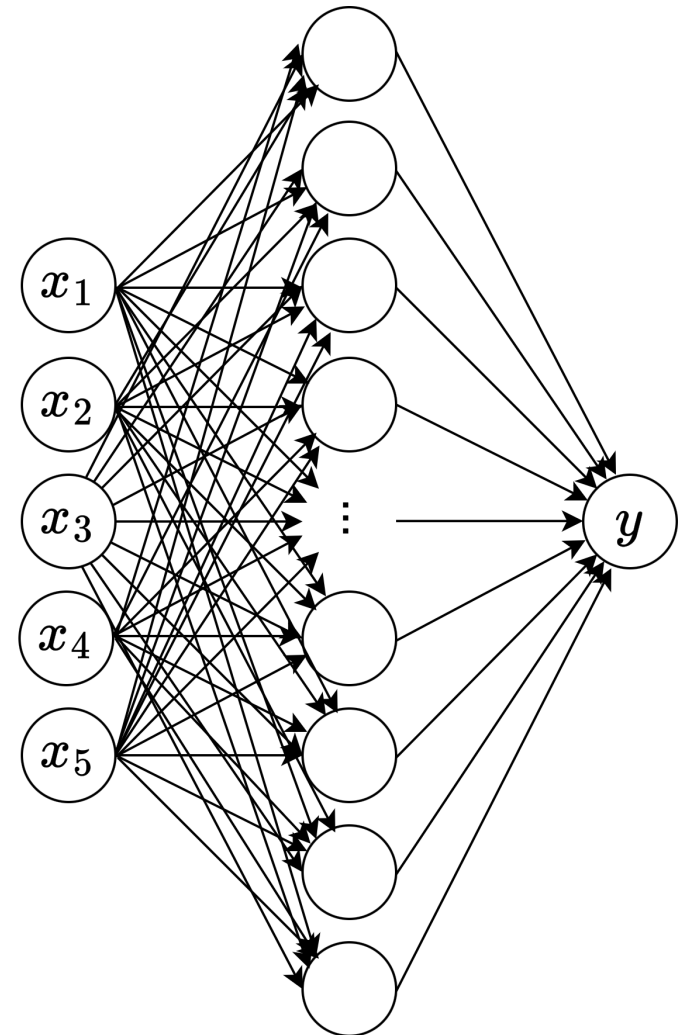
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- Connect each pixel to each neuron.



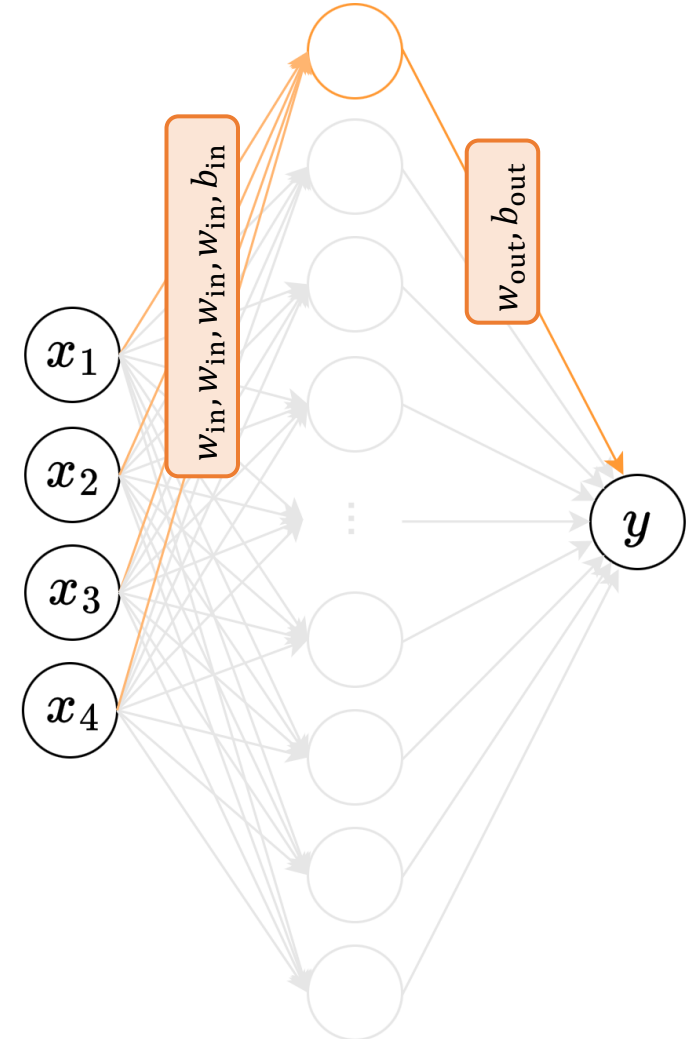
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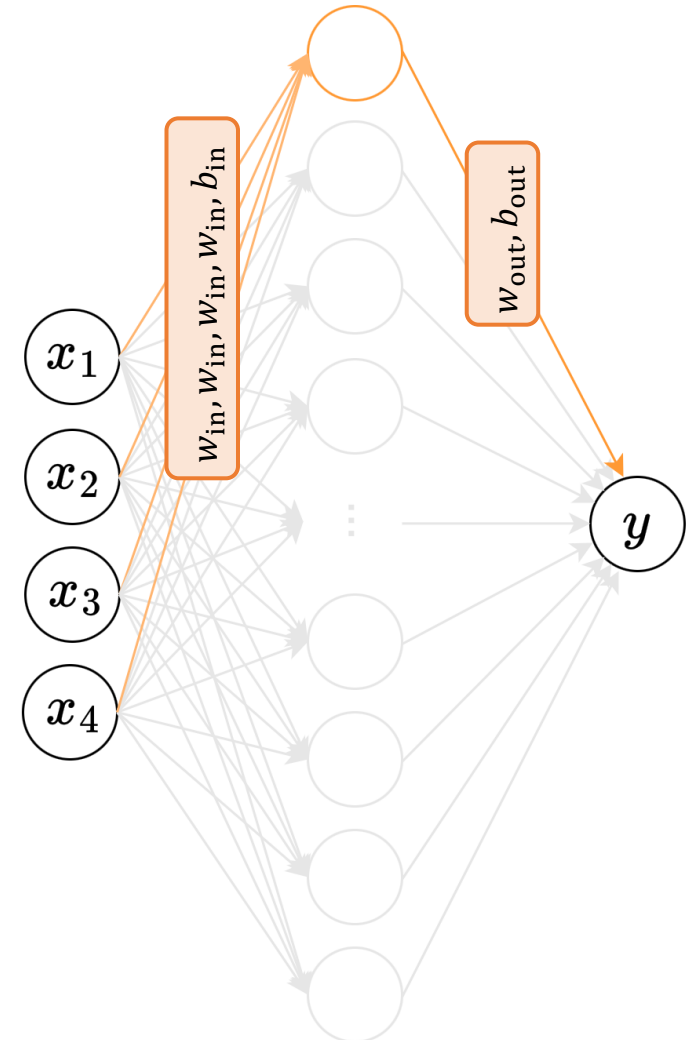
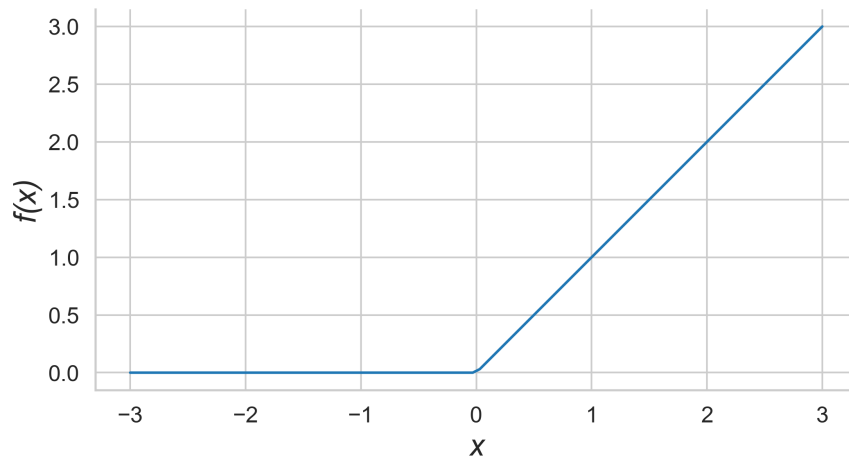
Interpreting the diagram

- Focus on **one neuron**.
- Recall: arrows have **parameters** w, b .
- **Orange neuron**:

$$y = w_{\text{out}} \text{ReLU}(w_{\text{in},1}x_1 + w_{\text{in},2}x_2 + w_{\text{in},3}x_3 + w_{\text{in},4}x_4 + b_{\text{in}}) + b_{\text{out}}$$

- Neuron "fires" if

$$w_{\text{in},1}x_1 + w_{\text{in},2}x_2 + w_{\text{in},3}x_3 + w_{\text{in},4}x_4 + b_{\text{in}} > 0$$



Neurons as feature detectors

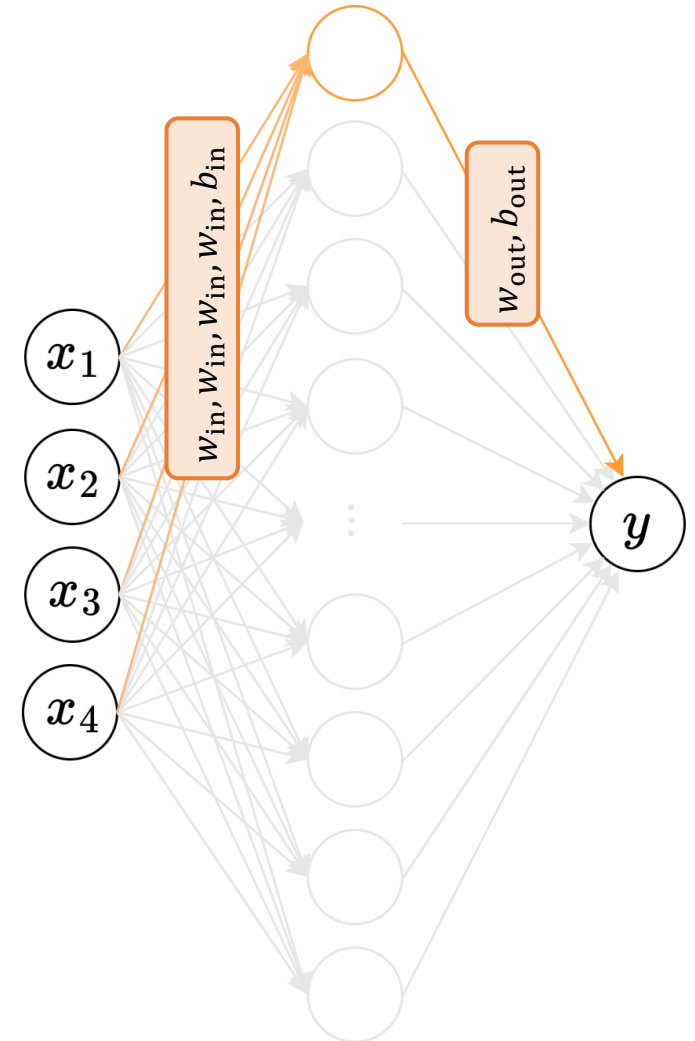
- Interpretation of **one neuron**:

- Detects if

$$W_{in,1}x_1 + W_{in,2}x_2 + W_{in,3}x_3 + W_{in,4}x_4 + b_{in} > 0$$

- If so, “activated”.
- If not, “deactivated”.

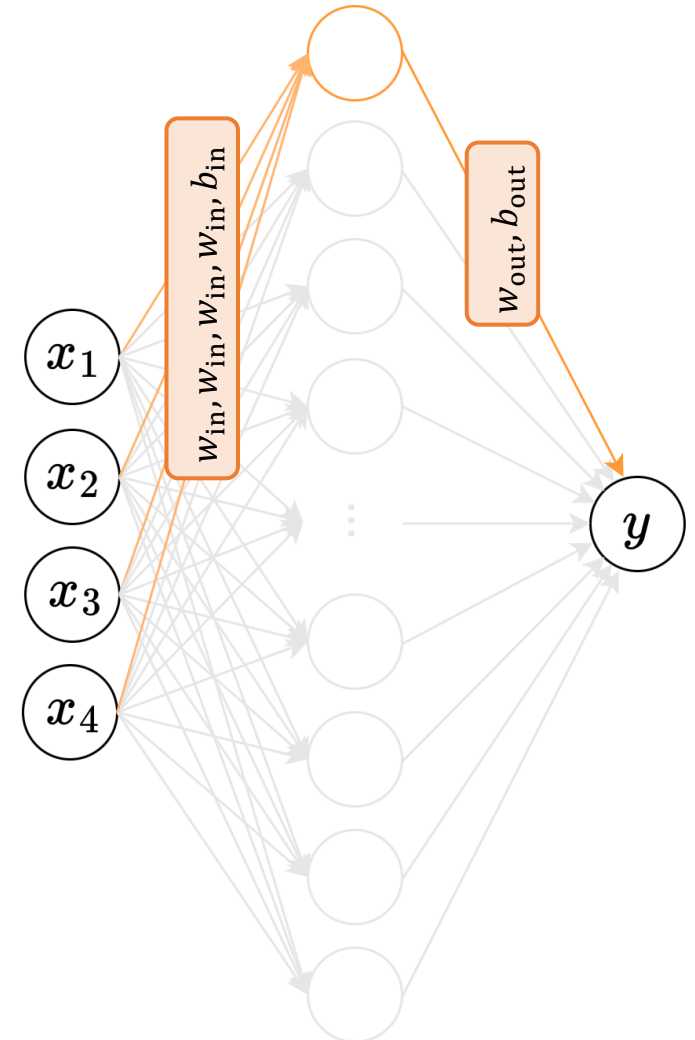
- $W_{in,1}x_1 + W_{in,2}x_2 + W_{in,3}x_3 + W_{in,4}x_4$ interpreted as “**feature**” of image.



Neurons as feature detectors

- **Feature:** some property used for prediction.
 - **Example:** imagine all $w_{in} = 1/4$:
$$w_{in,1}x_1 + w_{in,2}x_2 + w_{in,3}x_3 + w_{in,4}x_4$$
$$= (x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4)/4$$
 - This feature is *average brightness*.
 - Neuron activated if above some threshold.
- What features are useful for prediction?
 - Difficult to know in advance.
 - No need to know in advance!

Features/embeddings learned automatically during gradient descent.

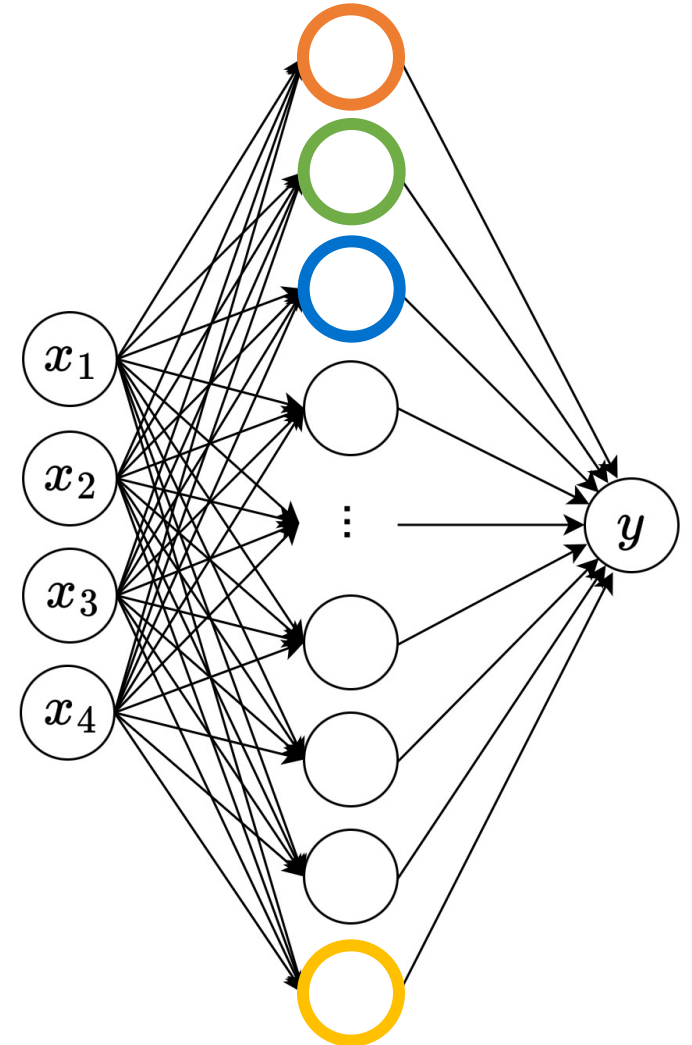
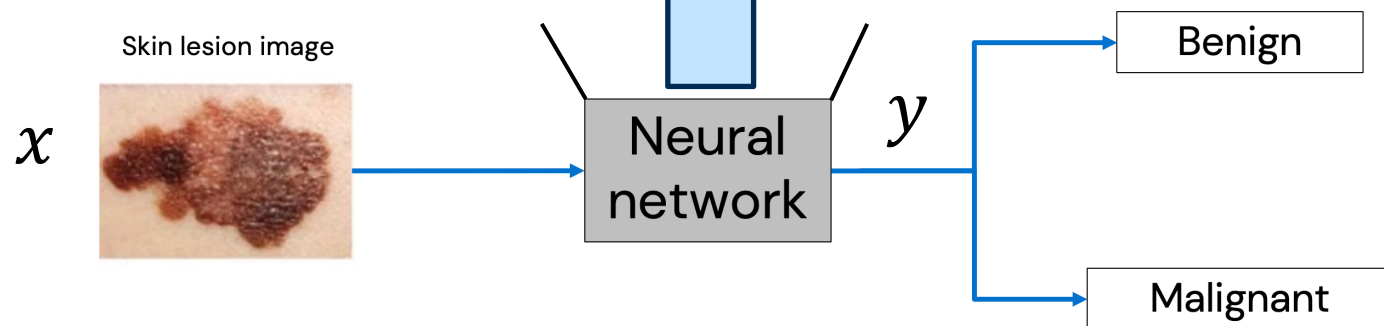


Combining features

- Full output adds up *all* neurons:

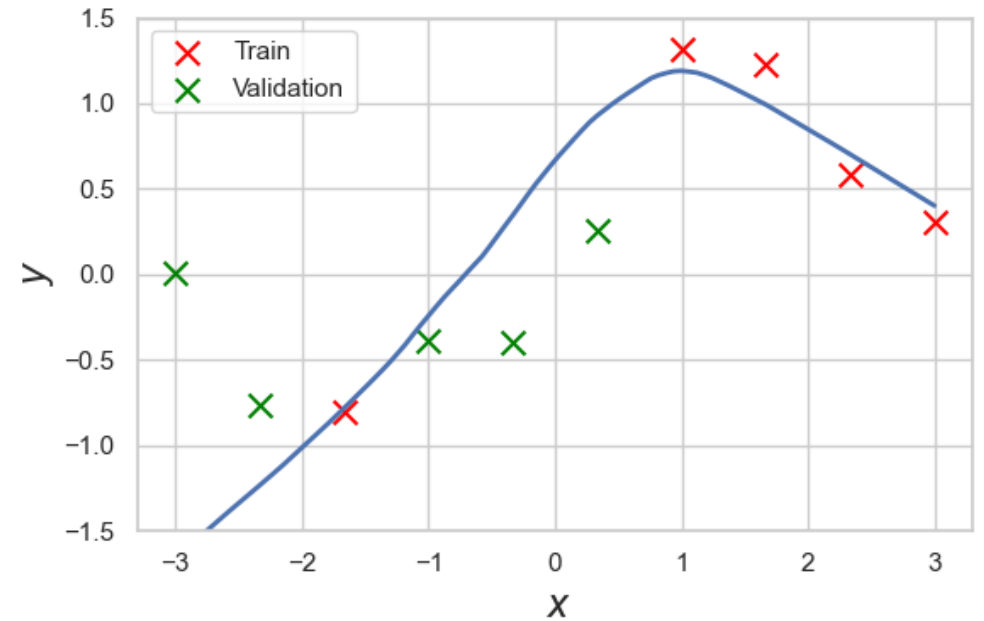
$$y = w_{out} \text{ReLU}(w_{in,1}x_1 + w_{in,2}x_2 + w_{in,3}x_3 + w_{in,4}x_4 + b_{in})$$

- Prediction made by weighing each feature.



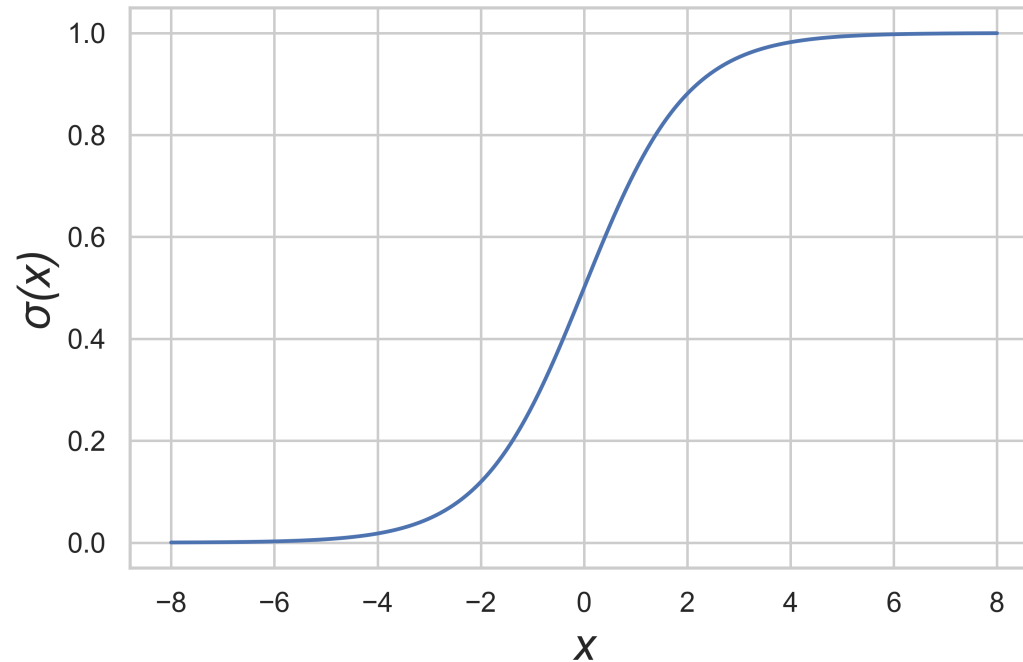
Interpreting the output

- Plan:
 1. Represent image as (many) numbers. ✓
 2. Input many numbers into network. ✓
 3. **Convert y into labels.**
- Output $f(x) = y$ just a *number*.
- Want output as **label** like:
 - “benign vs malignant”
 - “dog vs cat”.
- Idea:
 - Interpret output as **probability of outcome**.
 - “Probability of malignancy is 0.85”
- Problem:
 - Output can be > 1 or negative!



Converting outputs to probabilities

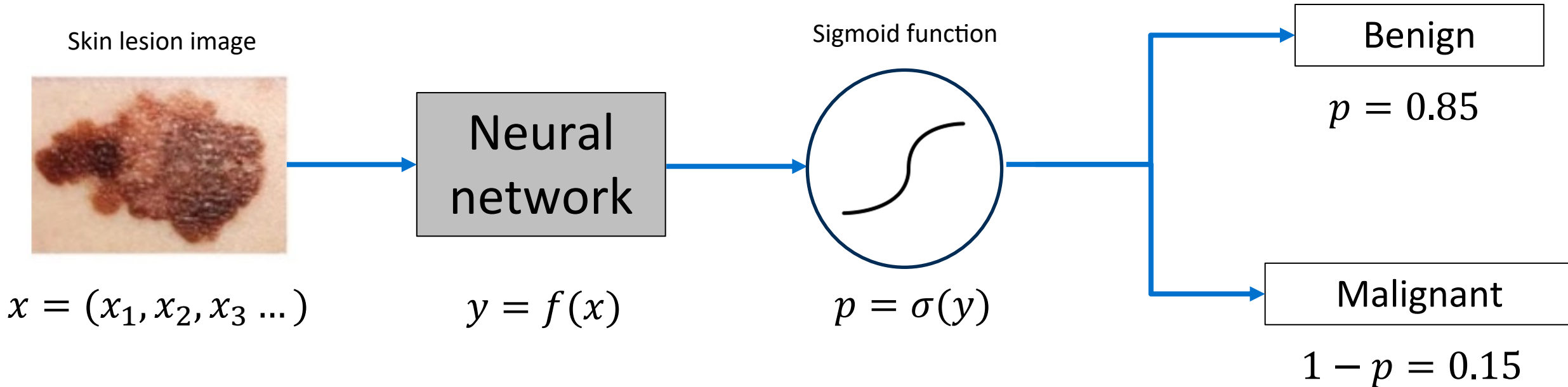
- Solution:
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- Output between 0 and 1 for any input.
- Can interpret as probability!

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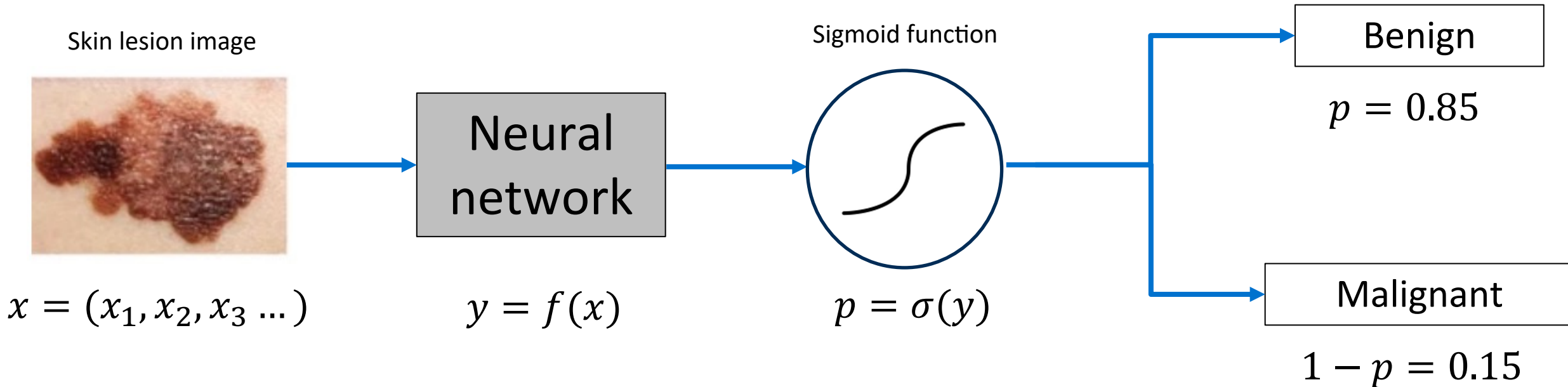


Loss function for classification

- Optimization strategy: **gradient descent**:
 1. Choose parameters $w_1, b_1, w_2, b_2, \dots$ randomly (*terrible fit!*).
 2. Calculate **derivative/gradient** of loss $L(w_1, b_1, w_2, b_2, \dots)$.
 3. Adjust parameters by small amount in direction of gradient.
 4. Repeat 2-3 until $L(w_1, b_1, w_2, b_2, \dots)$ is low (*good fit!*).
- *How to choose loss function?*
- Want:
 - Inaccurate predictions $\rightarrow L$ high.
 - Accurate predictions $\rightarrow L$ low.

Loss function for classification

- Common choice that works: *“log likelihood”*



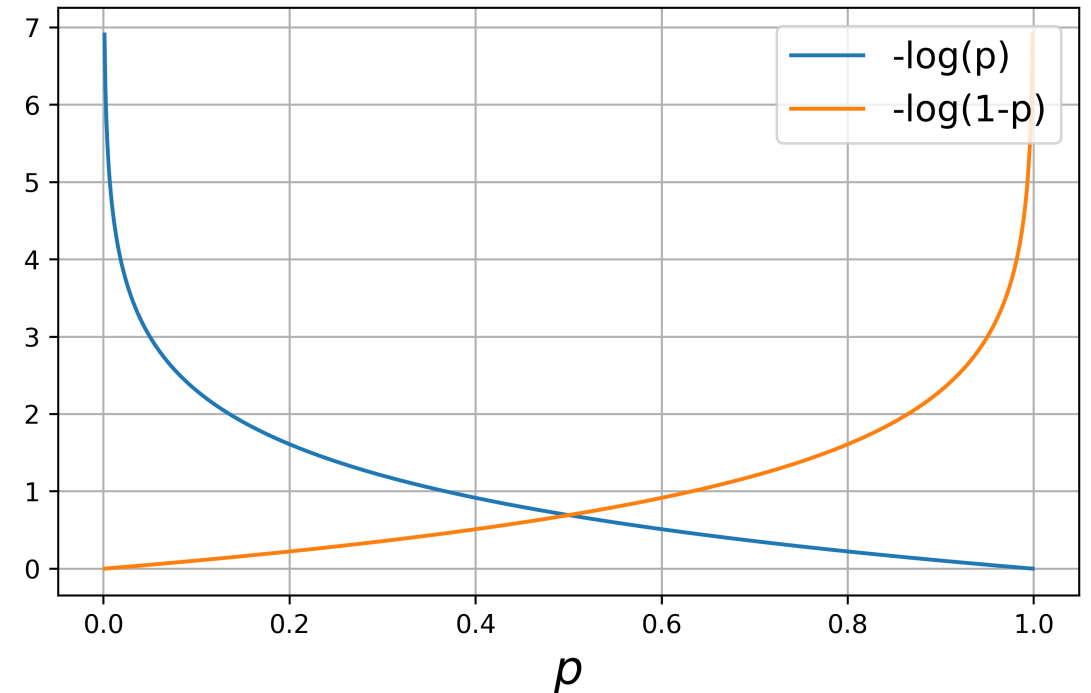
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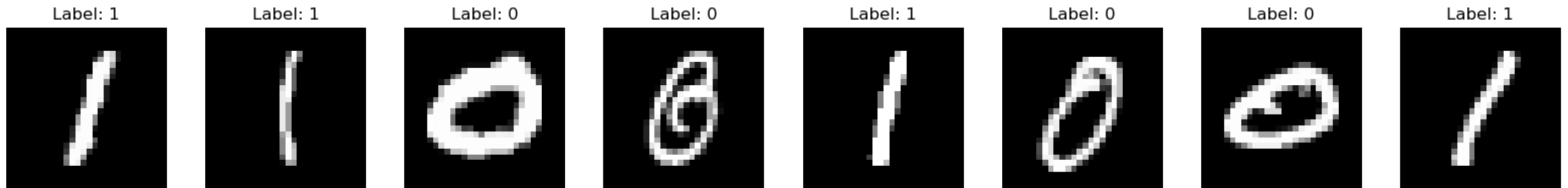
if true label is **benign**
if true label is **malignant**

- If true label **benign**:
 - **Orange** curve.
 - Best loss when $p \rightarrow 1$.
- If true label **malignant**:
 - **Blue** curve.
 - Best loss when $p \rightarrow 0$.
- Loss low if correct *and* confident.
- Loss high if wrong *and* confident.



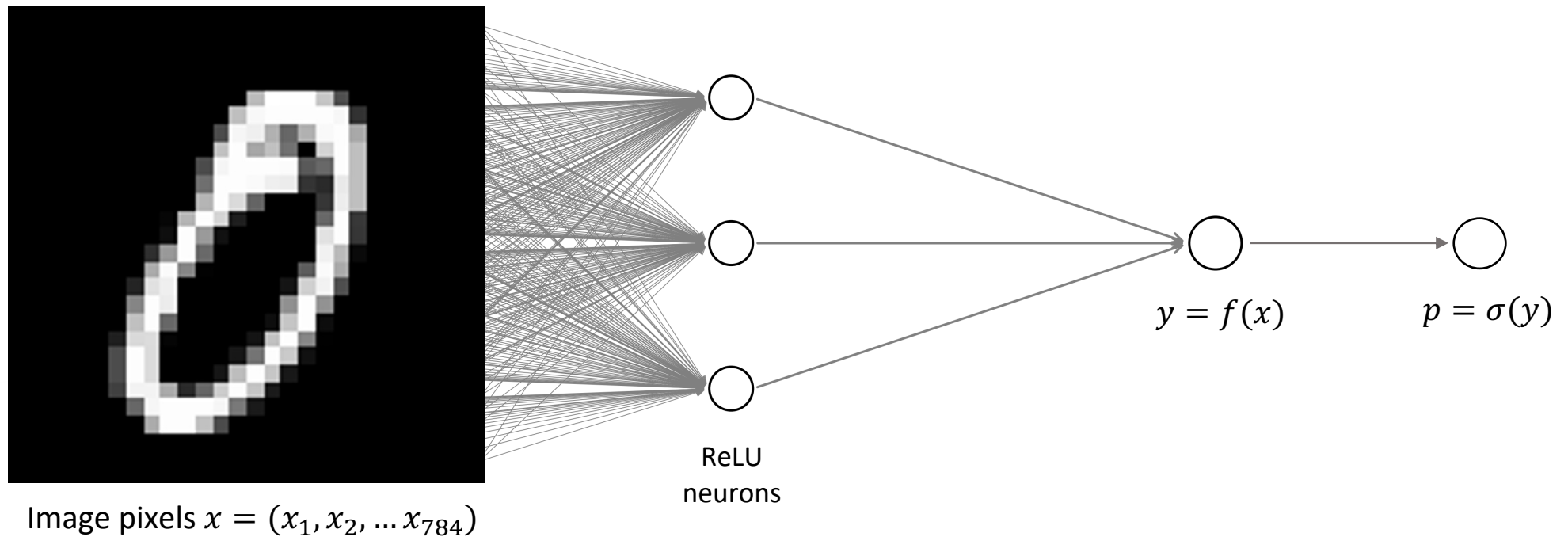
Handwriting recognition example

- Classify handwritten digit images “1” vs. “0”.
- Train on thousands of labelled examples.
- Resolution $28 \times 28 = 784$.

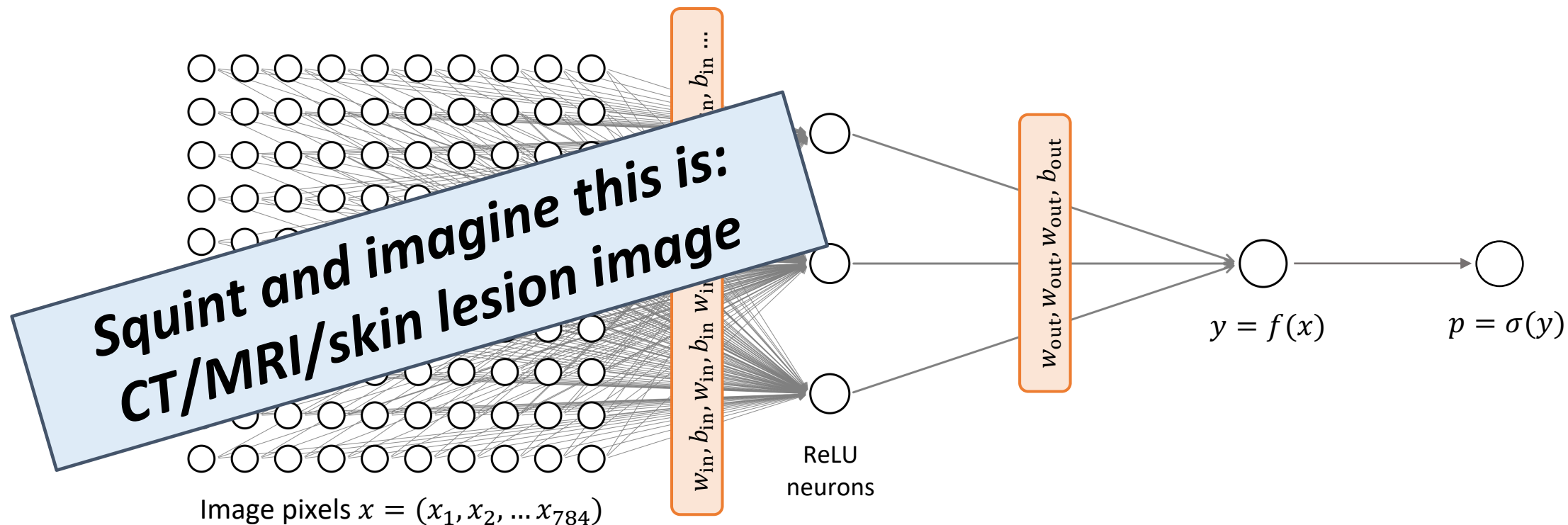


- Challenge:
 - Difficult to find exact rules.
 - Easy to solve by looking!
 - Perfect for deep learning.

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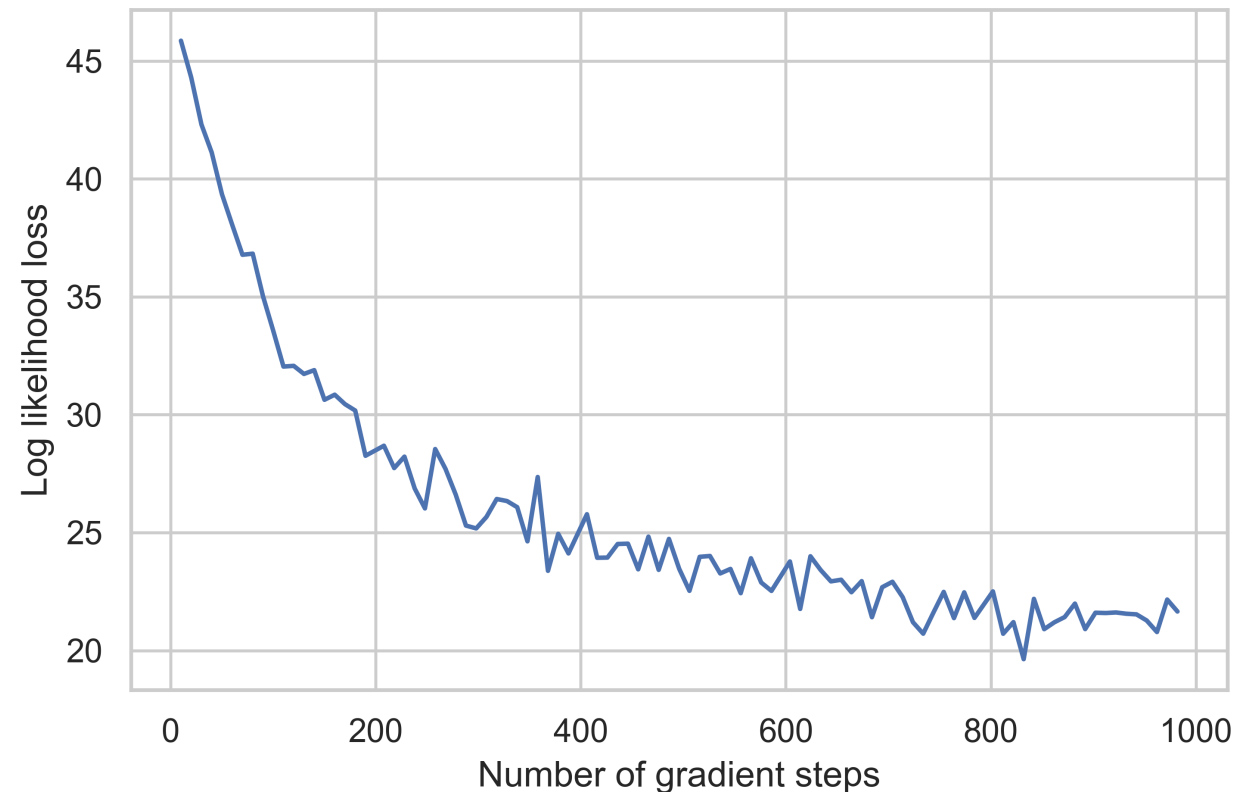


Handwriting recognition example



Gradient descent for digit classification

- Gradient descent again!
- Evaluate on validation set.
- Accuracy **before** training:
 - 53.7% (random guess)
- Accuracy **after** training:
 - 98.9% (almost perfect)

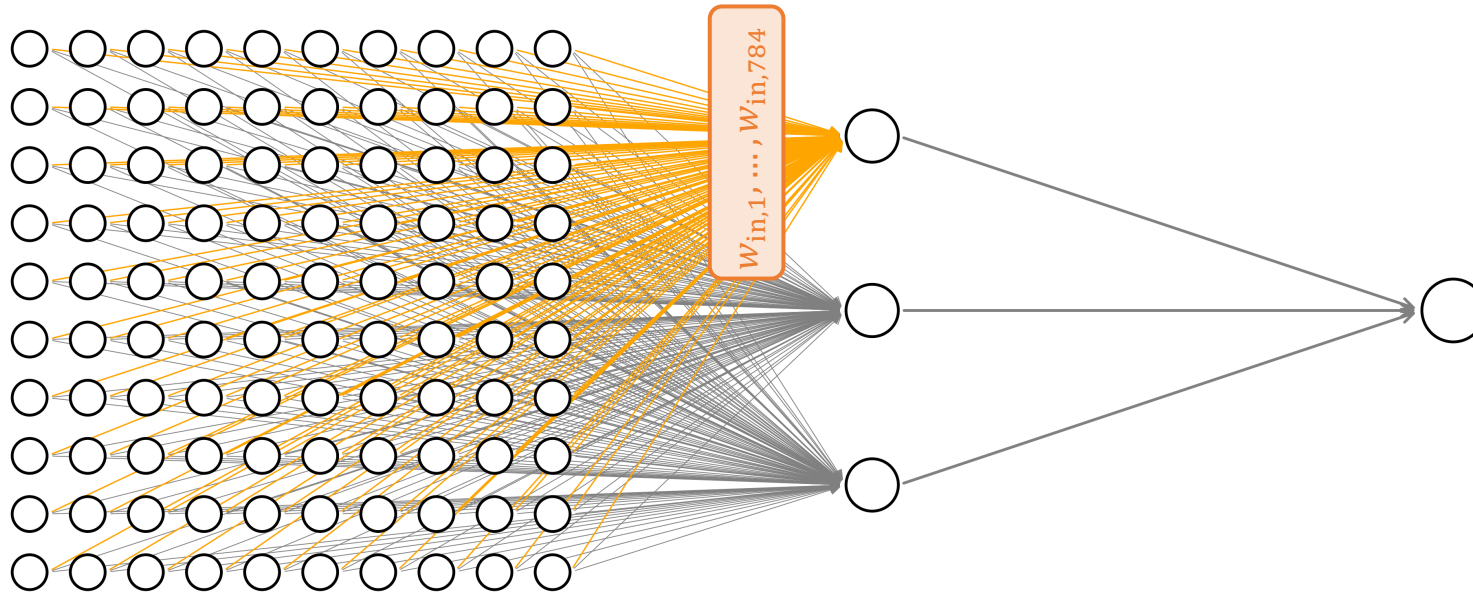


Interpreting the features

- How does network make decision?
 - Imagine cancer diagnosis!
- Look at **features** learned during gradient descent.

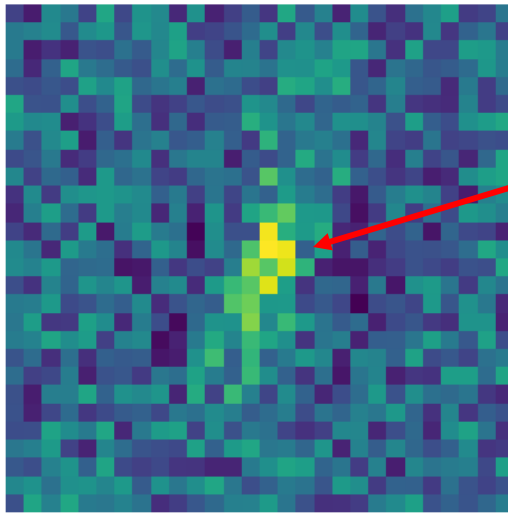
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Detects if center of image is bright!

- Great way to distinguish “1” vs “0”.
 - Learned automatically.
 - Equivalent for cancer diagnosis...?

Foundation models

- Feature learning is basis for “**foundation models**”.
- Also known as “**embeddings**”.
- Embeddings for one task may be useful for others.

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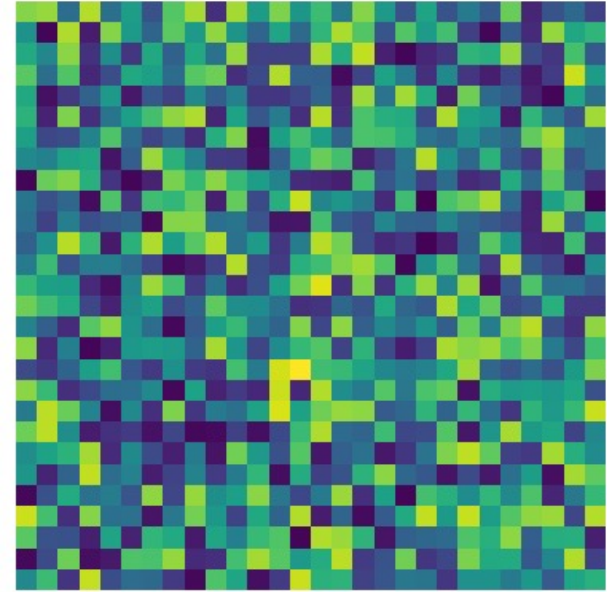
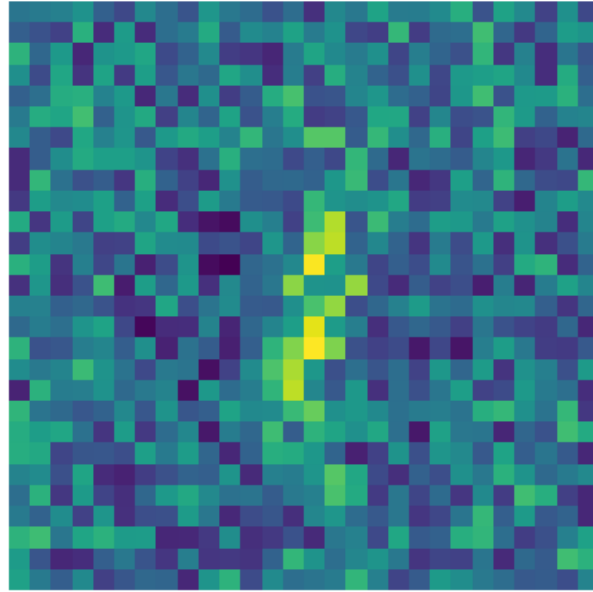
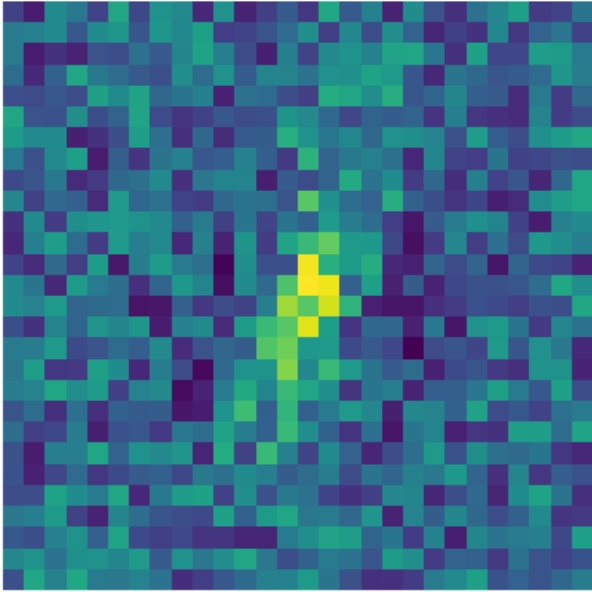
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Abstract

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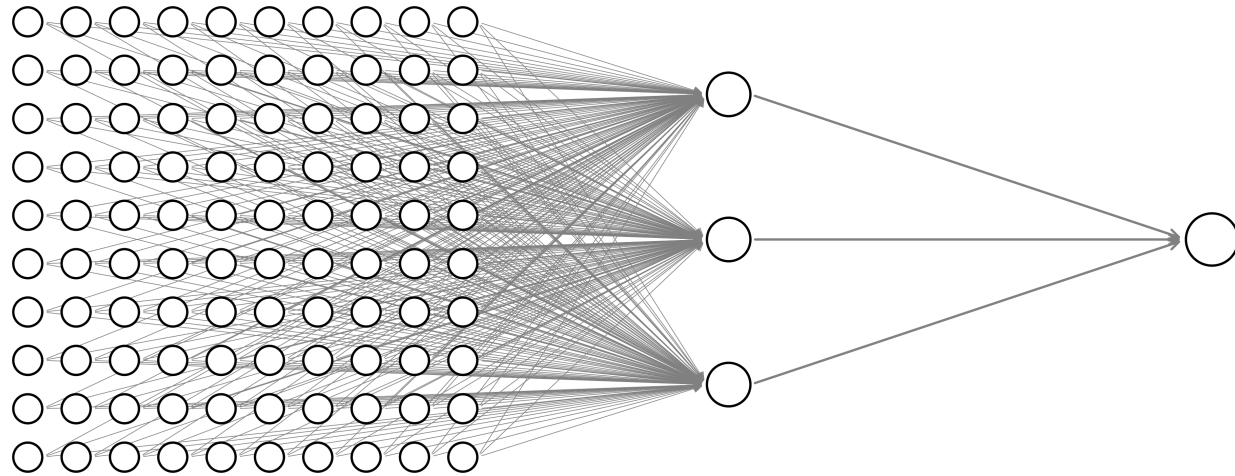
- All three neuron features:



- Not all interpretable!
- Challenge of deep learning:
 - Can construct accurate model *without understanding how it predicts.*

Next lecture

- Network was simplest possible “fully connected network”.



- But almost never used for images in practice!
- Next lecture: *convolutional neural networks*.

Happy to answer questions!

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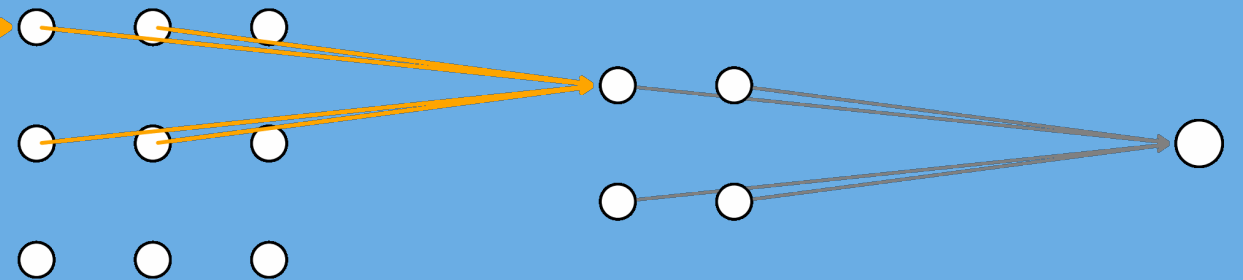
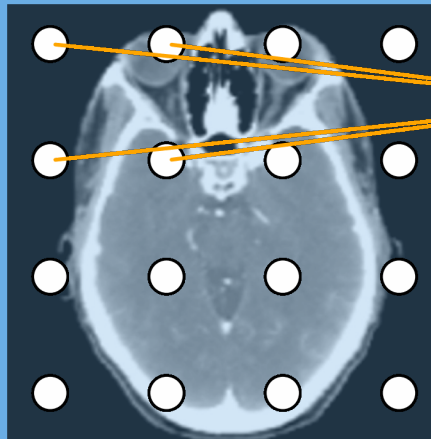
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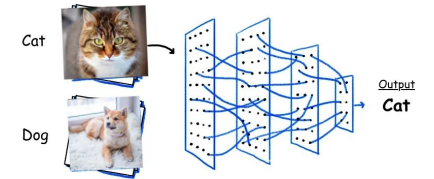
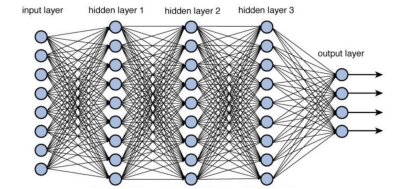
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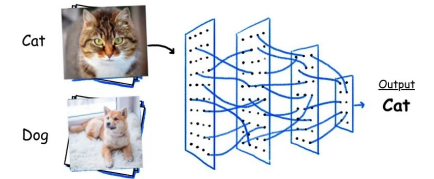
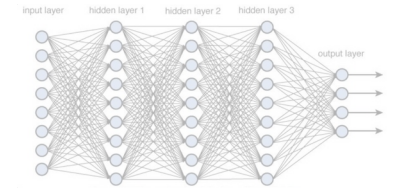
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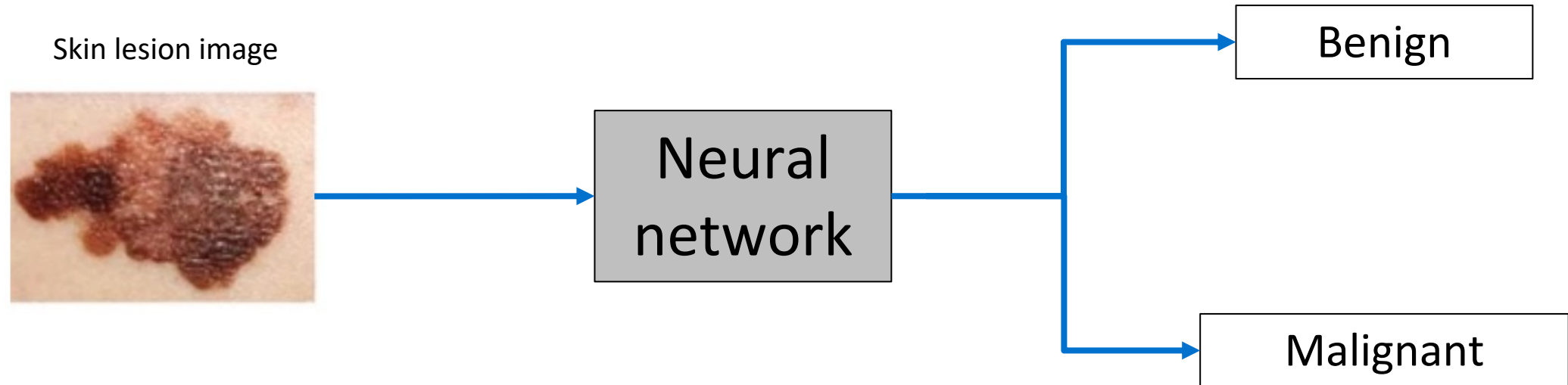
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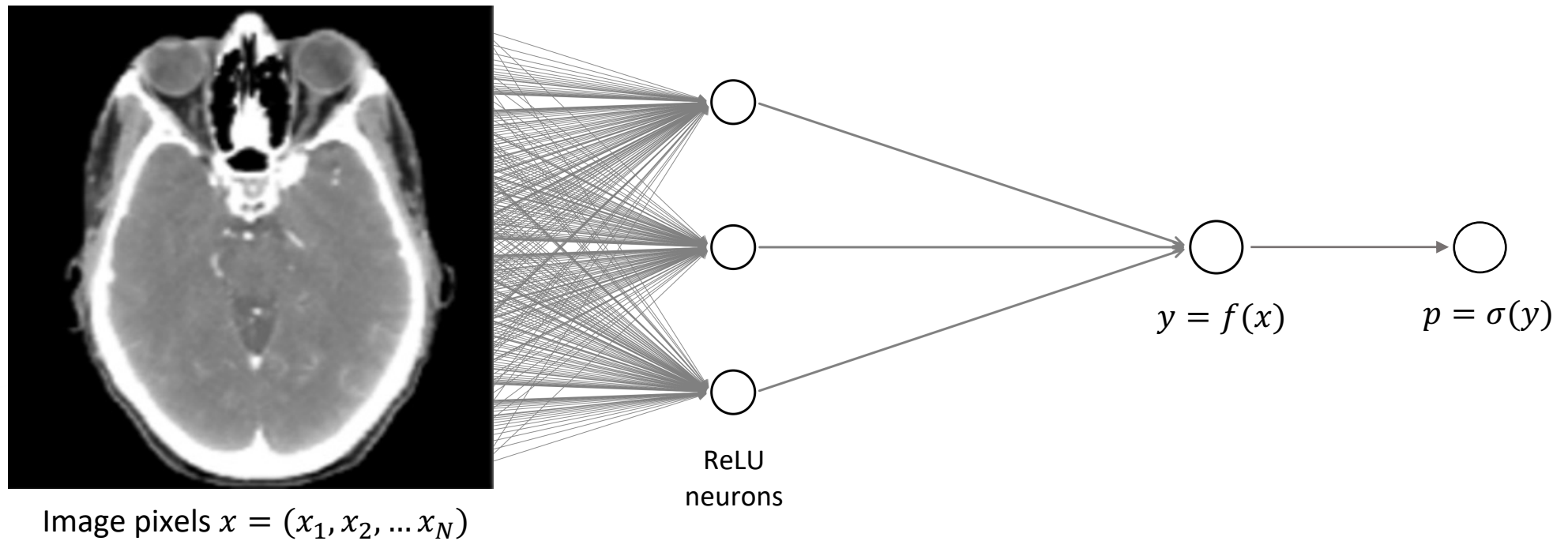
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- Deep learning uses **neural networks** to classify images.

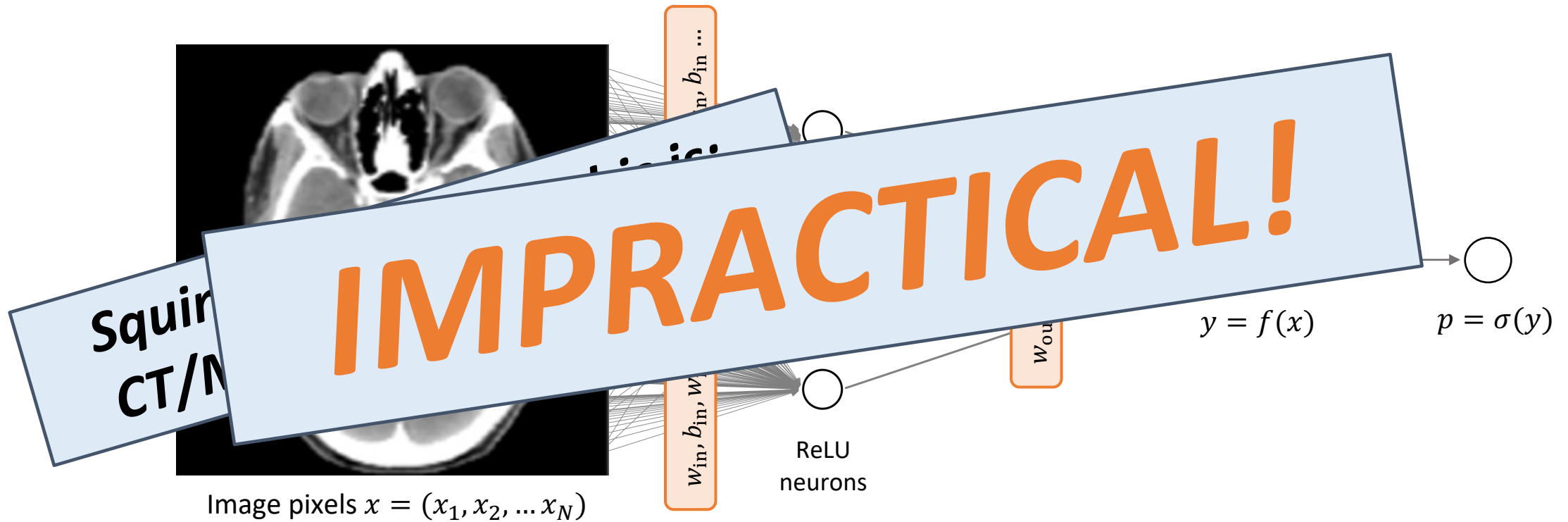


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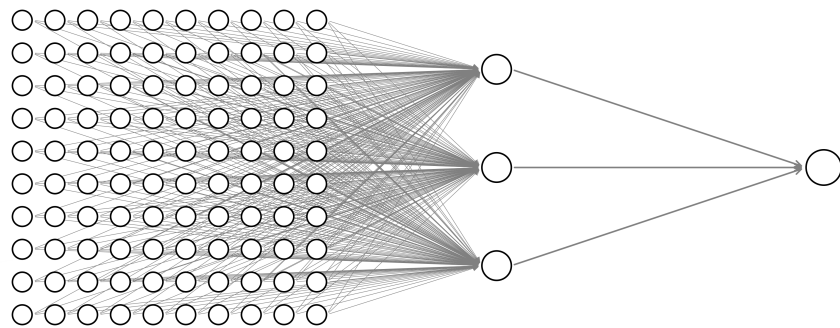
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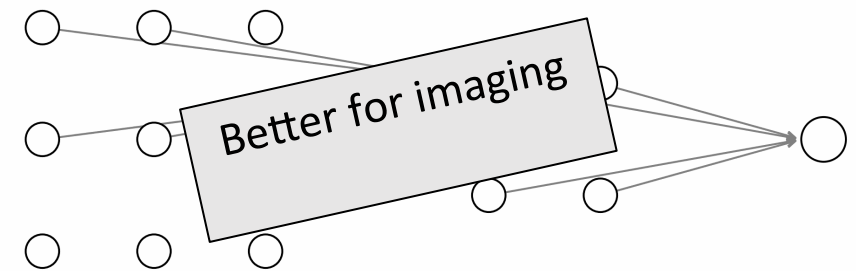
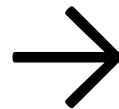
- Practical imaging AI *never* uses fully-connected networks.
 - Needs too many training images.

Imaging AI → think **convolutional neural networks (CNNs)**, *not* fully connected networks

- CNNs type of *network architecture*:
 - Particular way to connect neurons.
 - *Especially tailored to imaging tasks.*



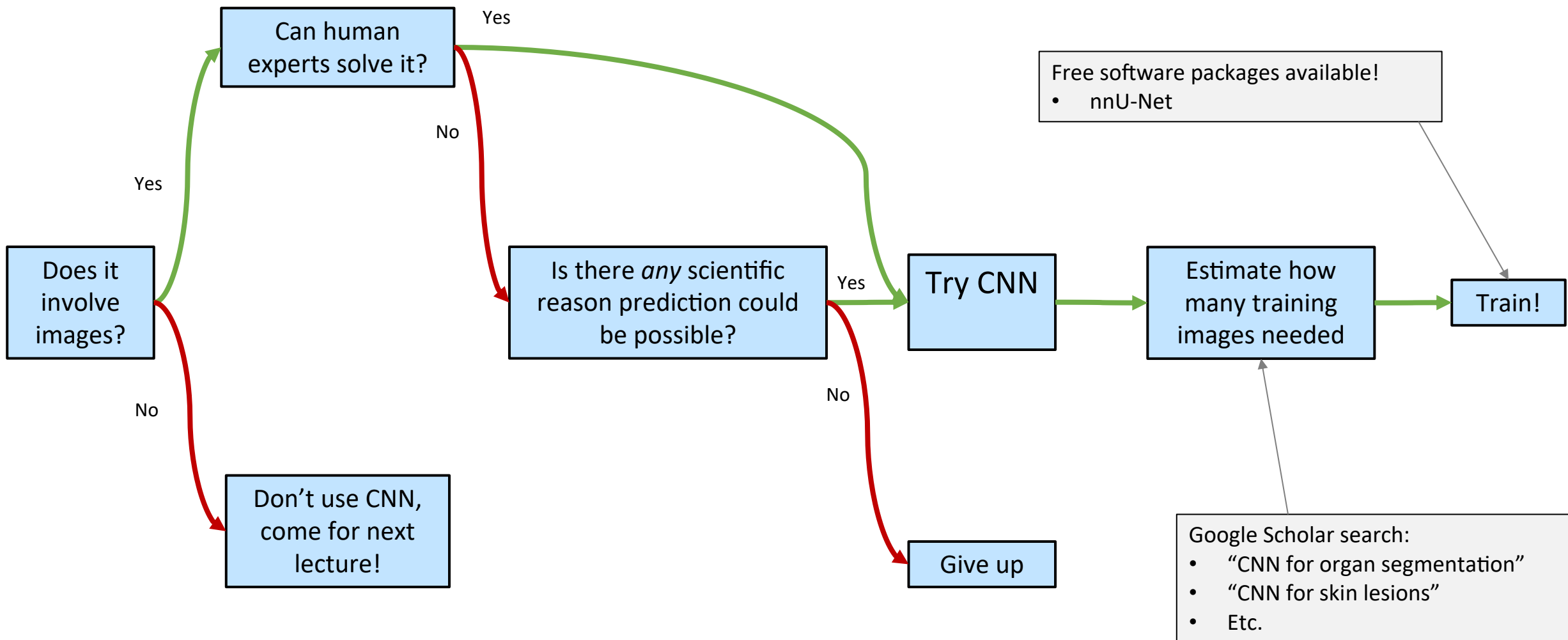
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Convolutional (CNN) architecture

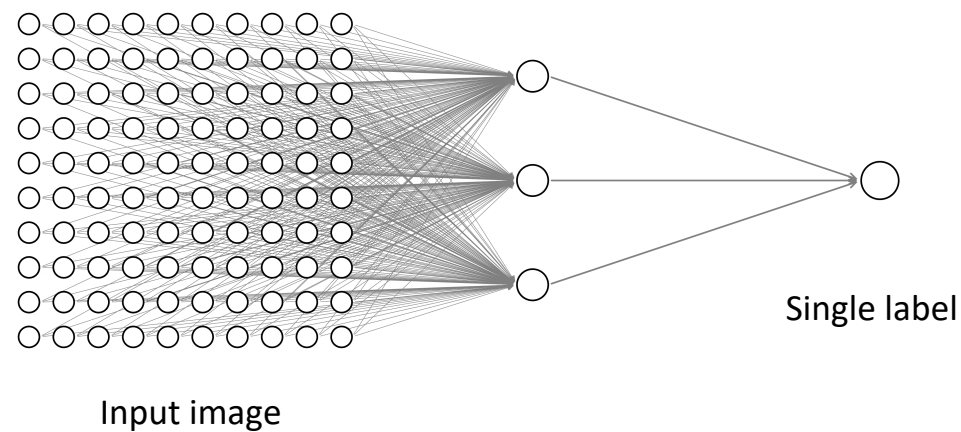
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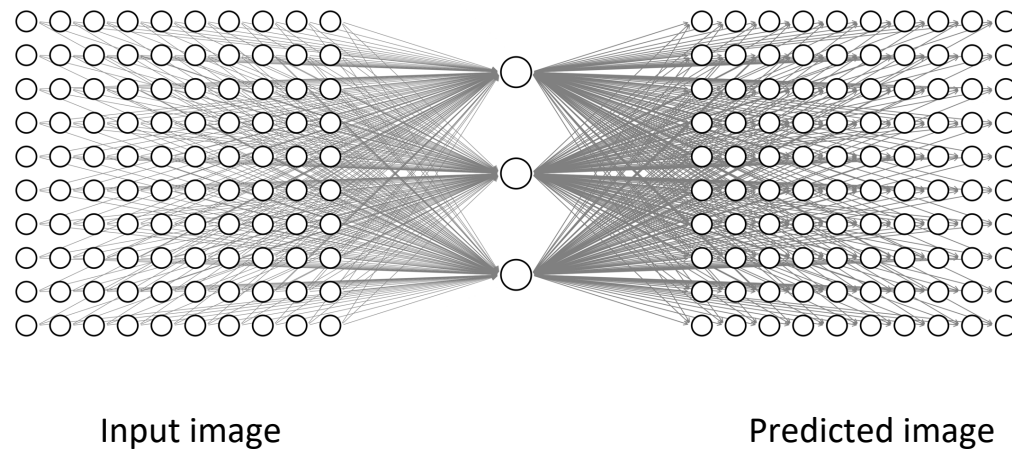


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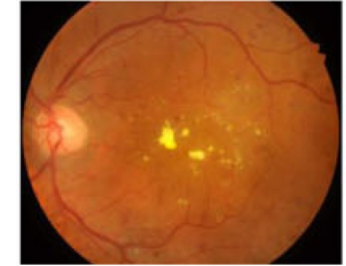
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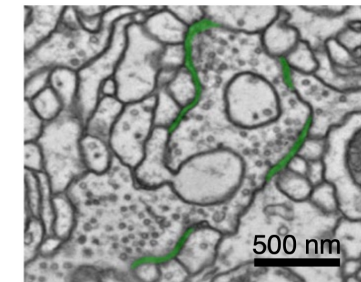
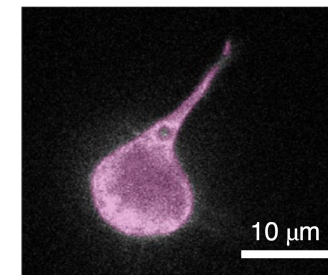
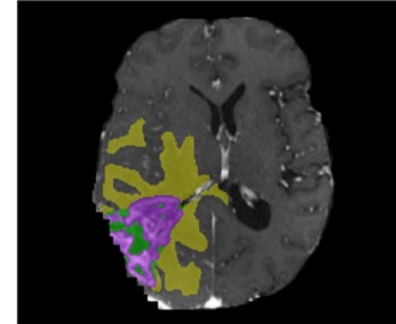
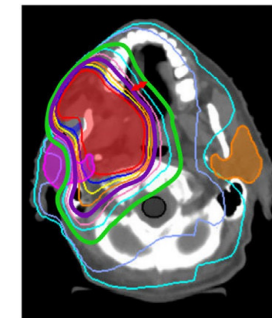
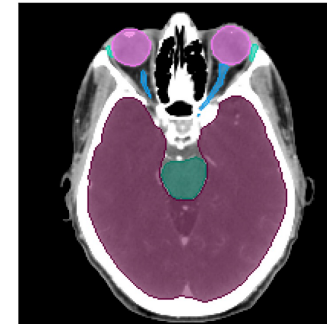
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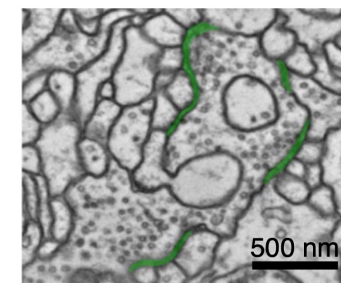
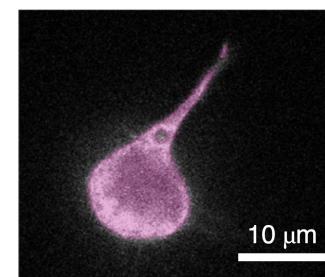
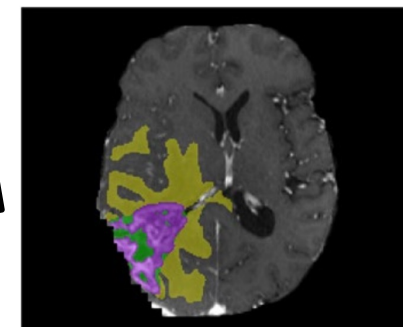
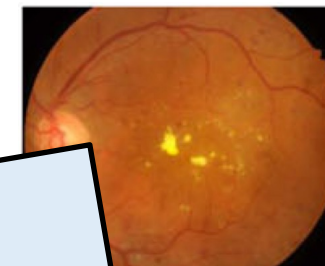
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**Rule of thumb:
If human experts can do it, so can CNN
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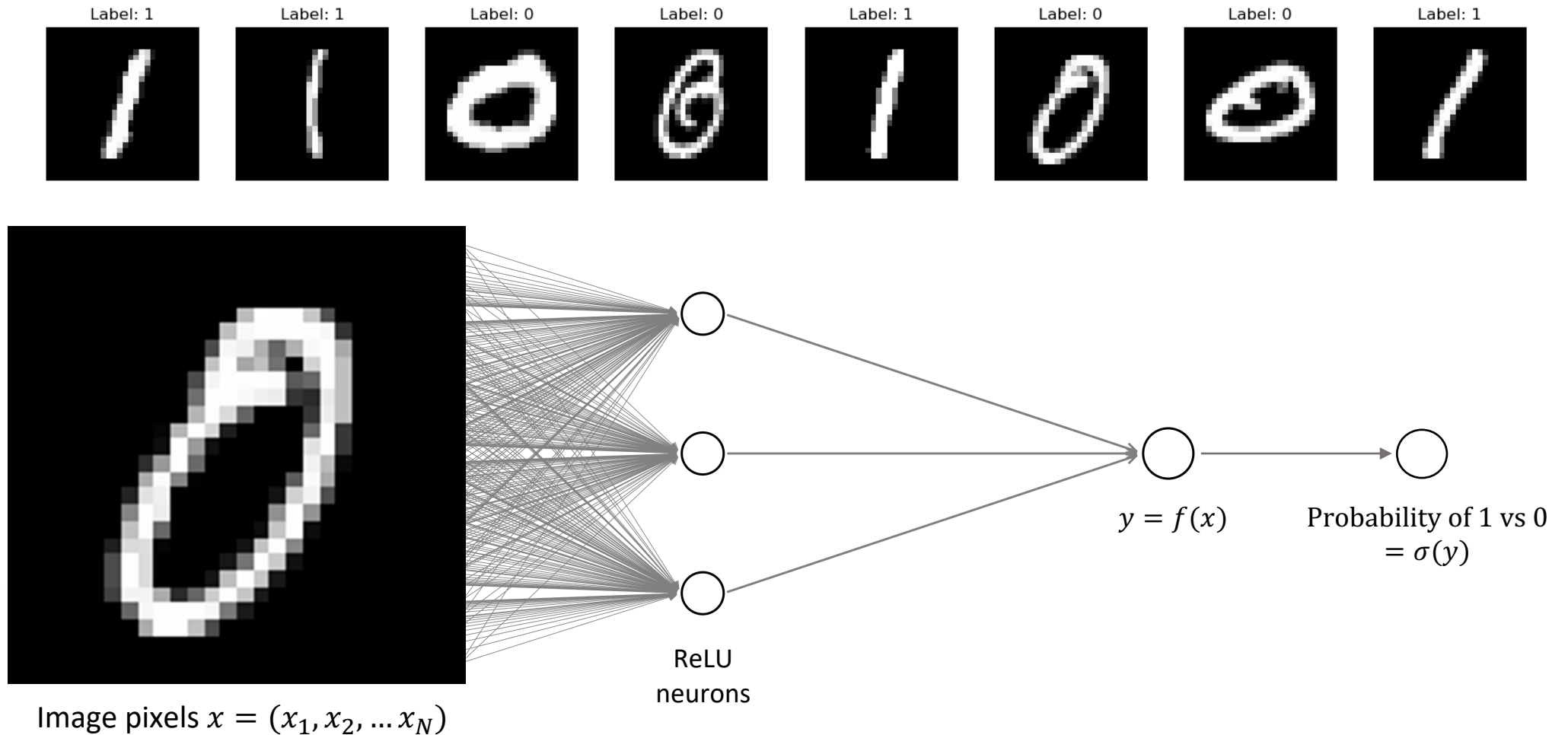
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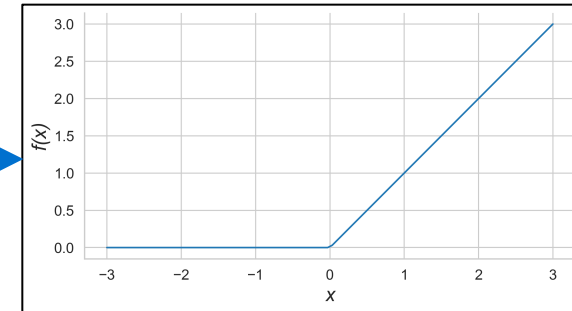
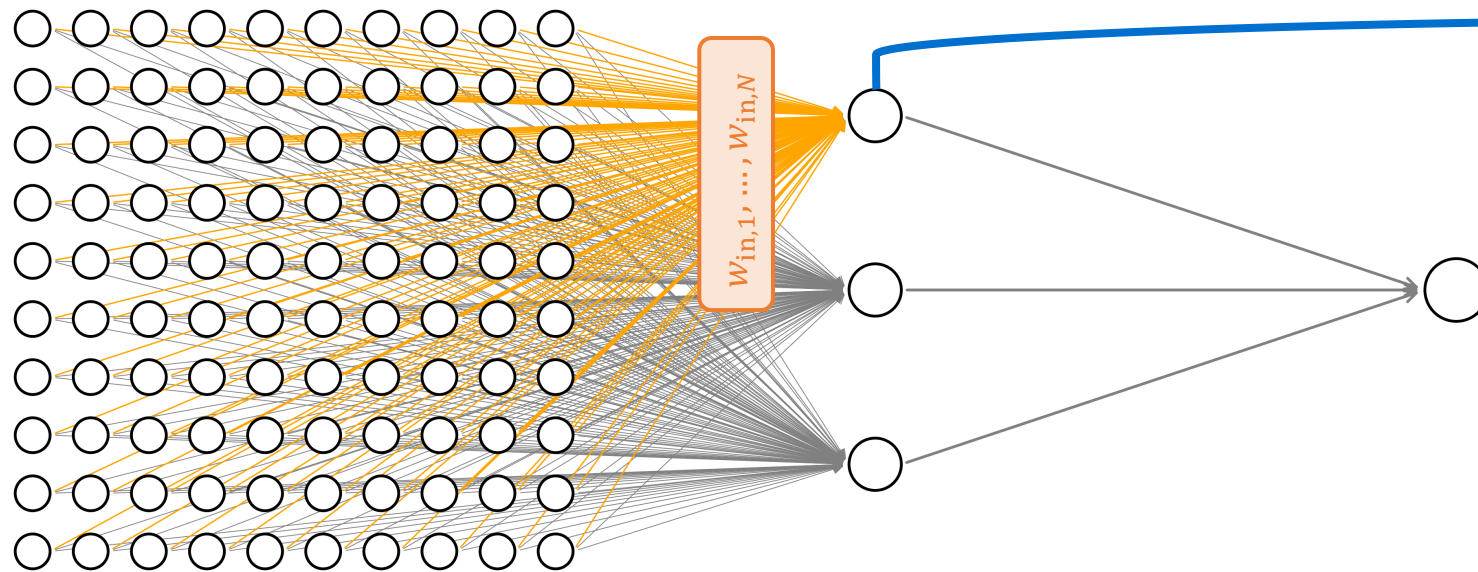
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Fully-connected neural network

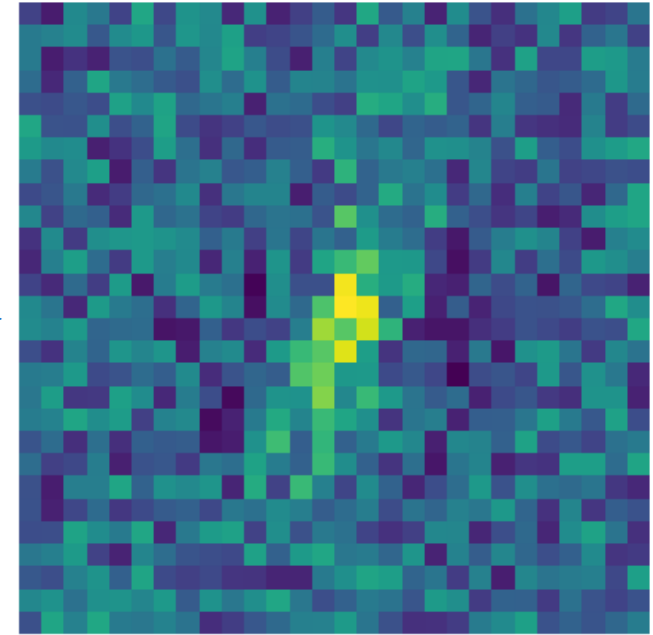
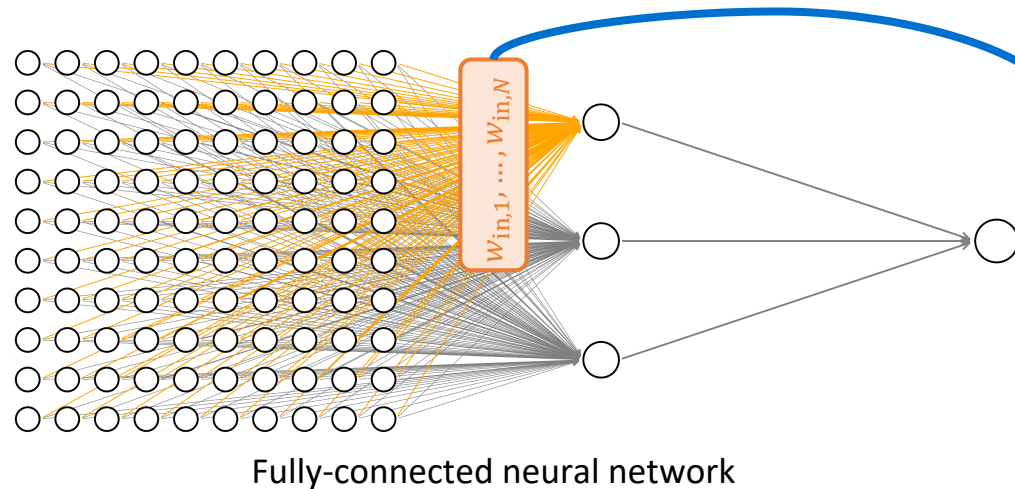
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- Neuron detects if $w_{in,1}x_1 + w_{in,2}x_2 + \dots + w_{in,N}x_N + b_{in} > 0$
 - Weighted sum of pixel values.
 - $w_{in,1}, \dots, w_{in,N}$ determines what input **activates** the neuron.
 - Called a *feature*.



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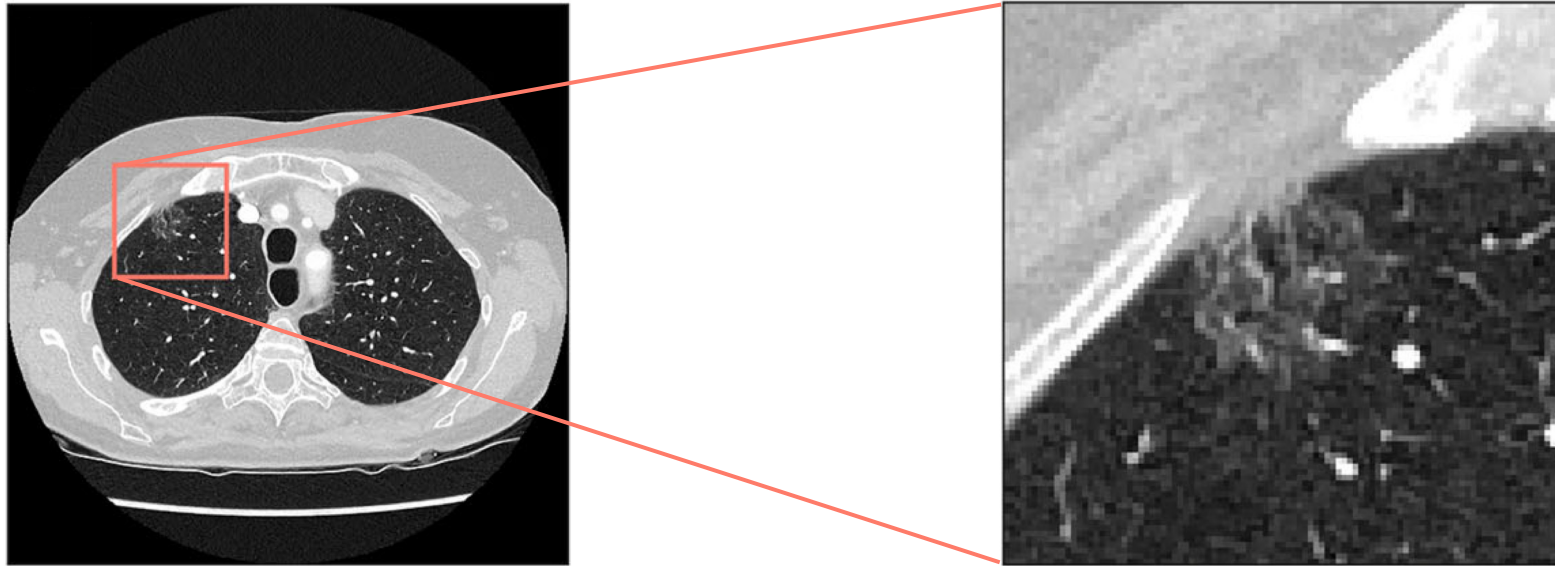
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- Visualize weights $W_{in,1}, \dots, W_{in,N}$.
- Large positive weights for pixels near image center.
- Feature is brightness of center – great for distinguishing 1 vs 0!
- But: medical imaging *much* more challenging.

Medical image features

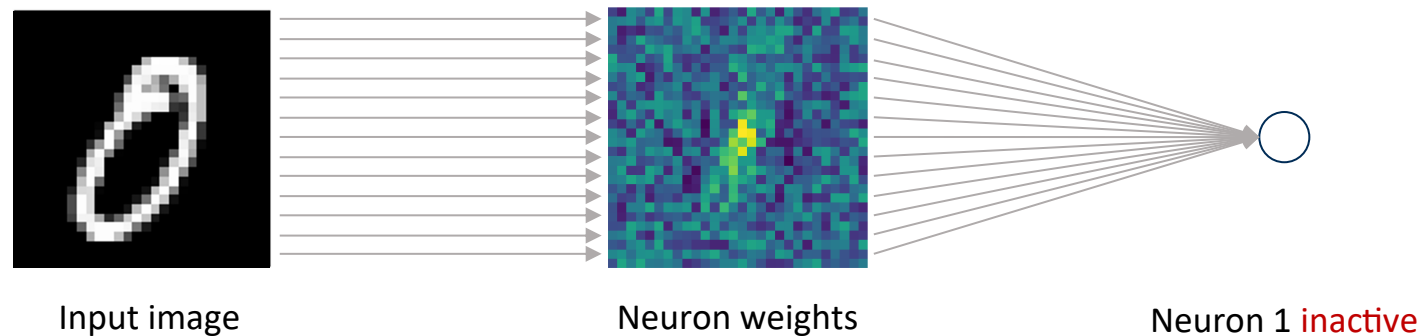
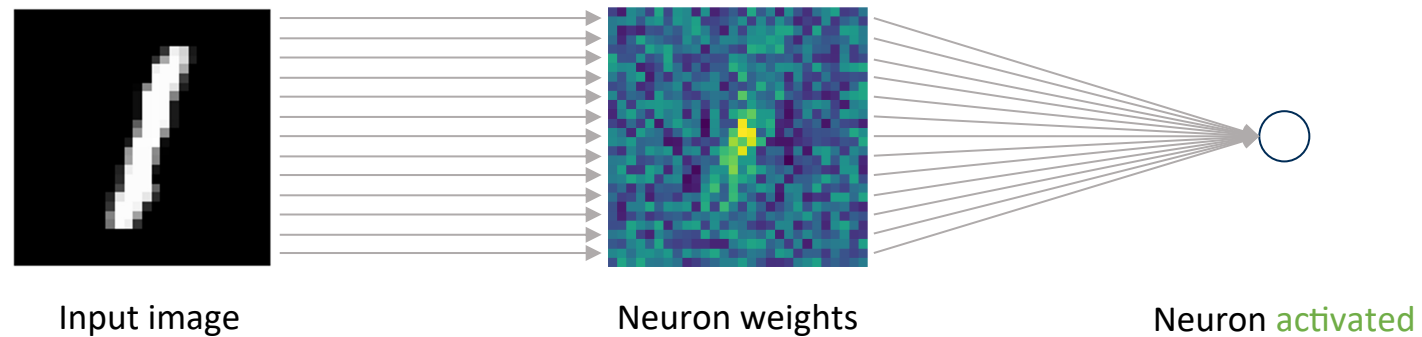
- Example: detecting lung nodules in CT.



- What kind of neuron weights could detect this?
- “Brightness of center” no longer useful.

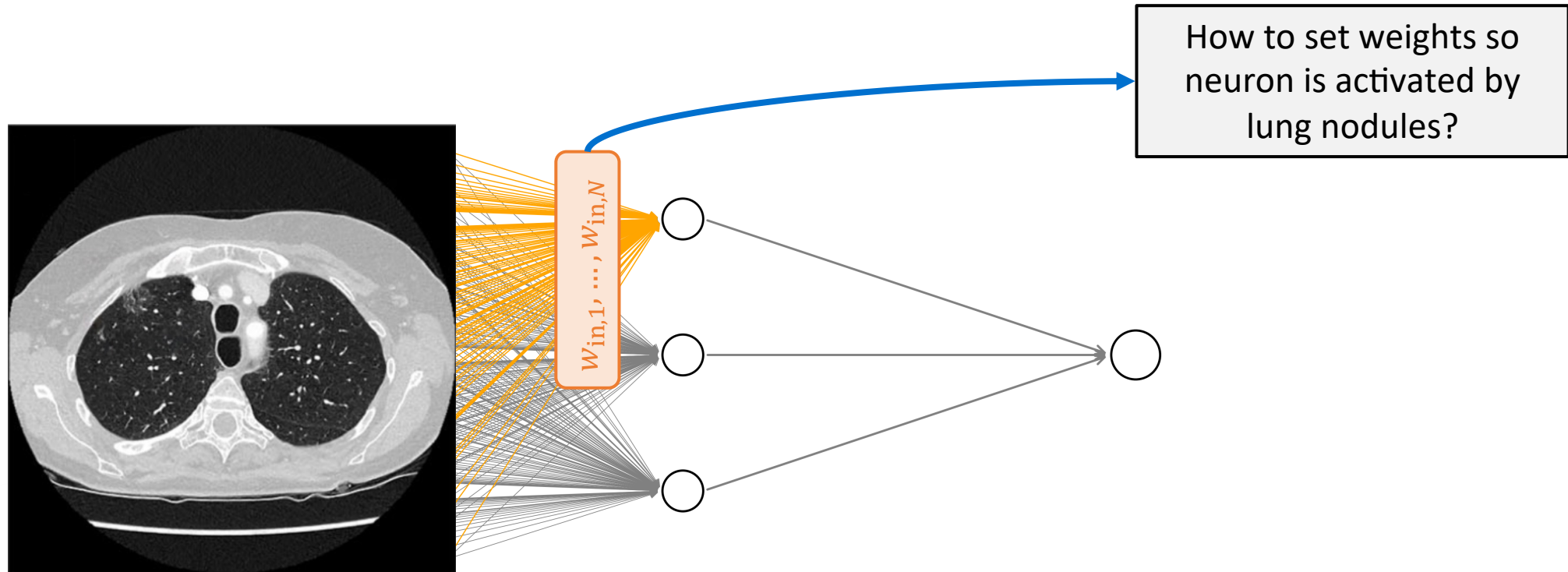
Medical image features

- Rule of thumb: *neuron weights look like what they're detecting.*
 - Neuron that detects brightness at center of image:



- What would lung nodule detector weights look like for fully connected network?

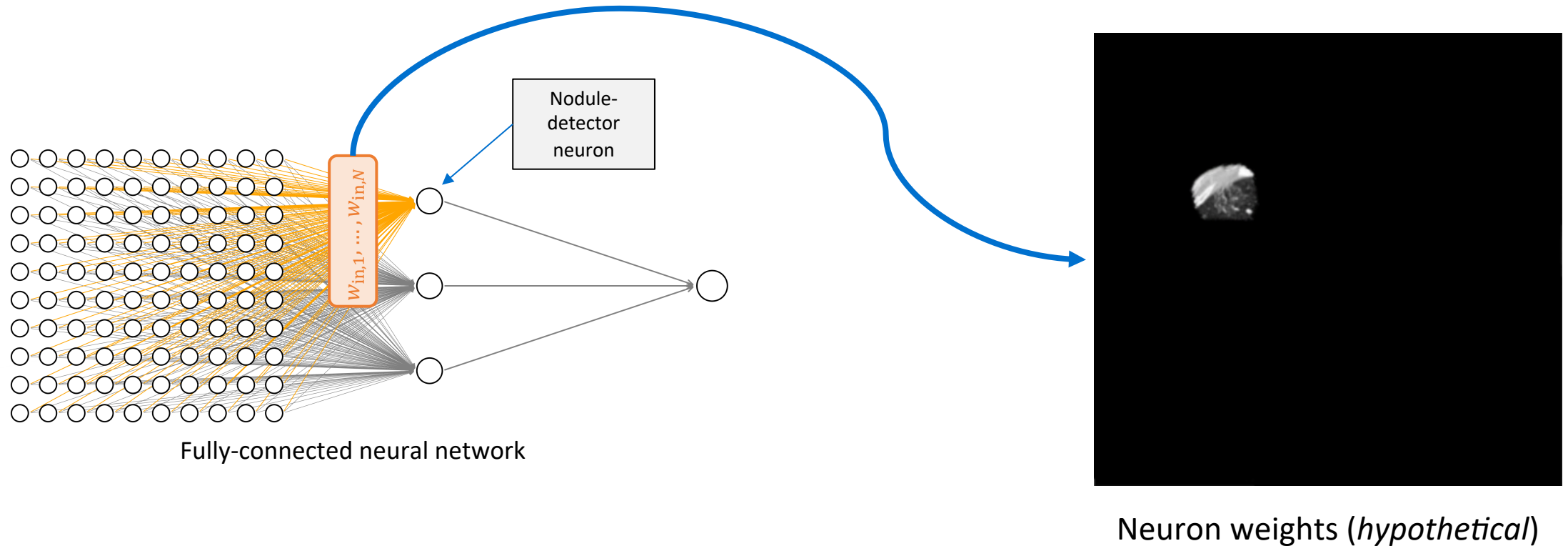
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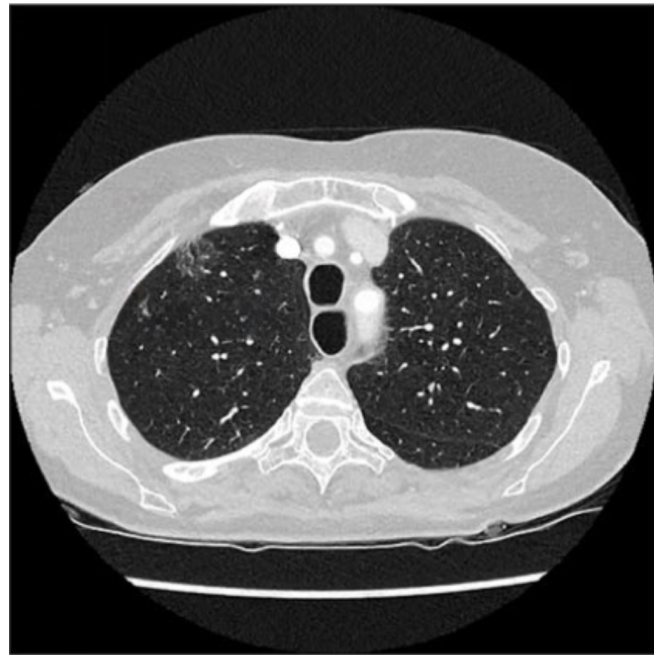
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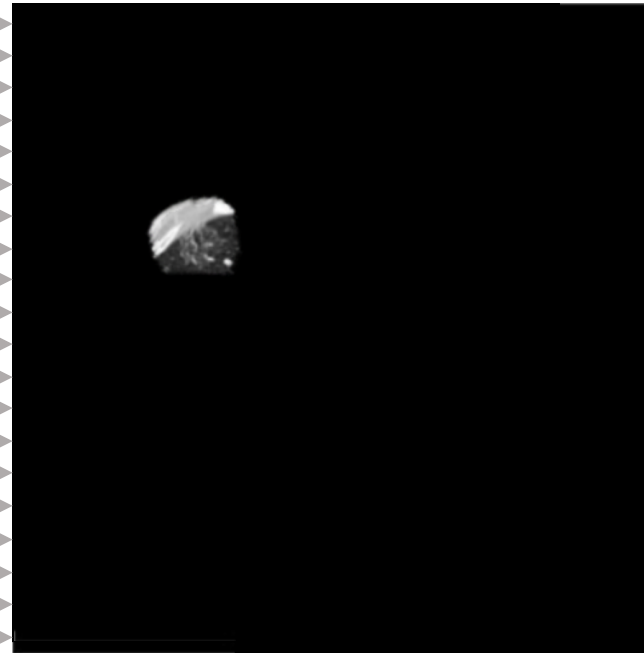


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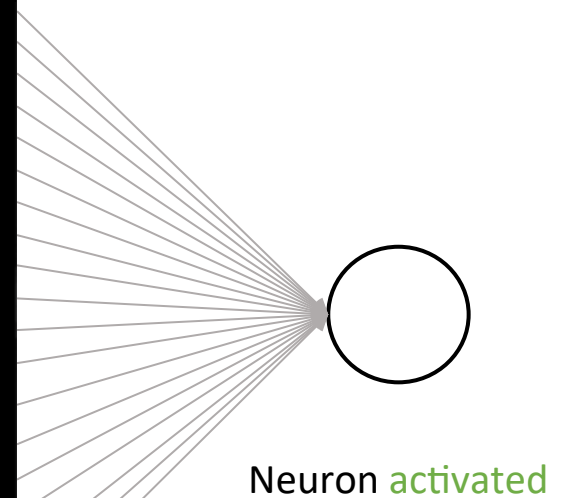
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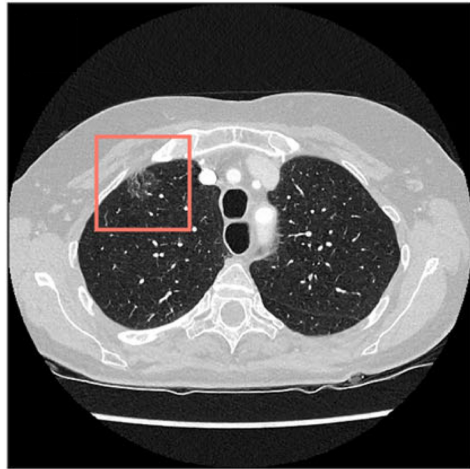


Neuron weights (*hypothetical*)

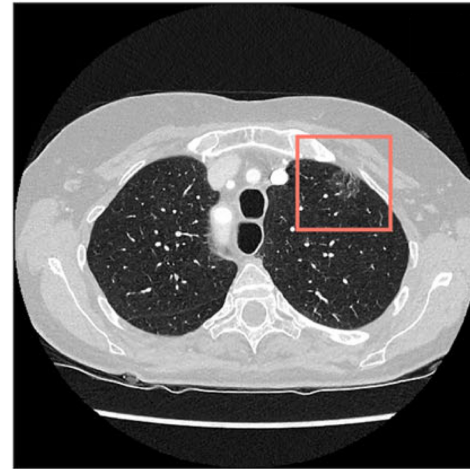


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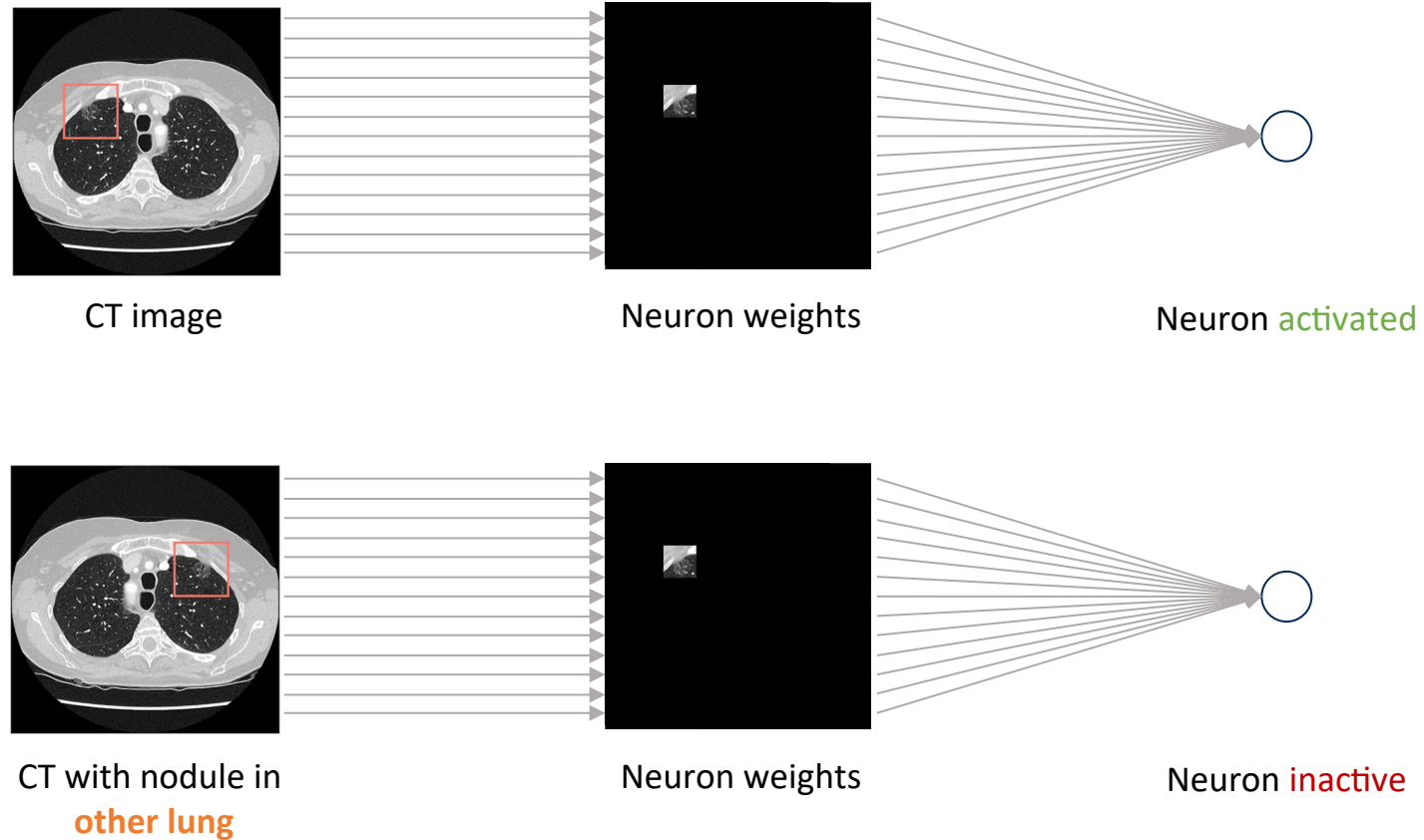
- **Problem:** nodules can be anywhere!
- *What if nodule was in other lung?*



Move nodule
→



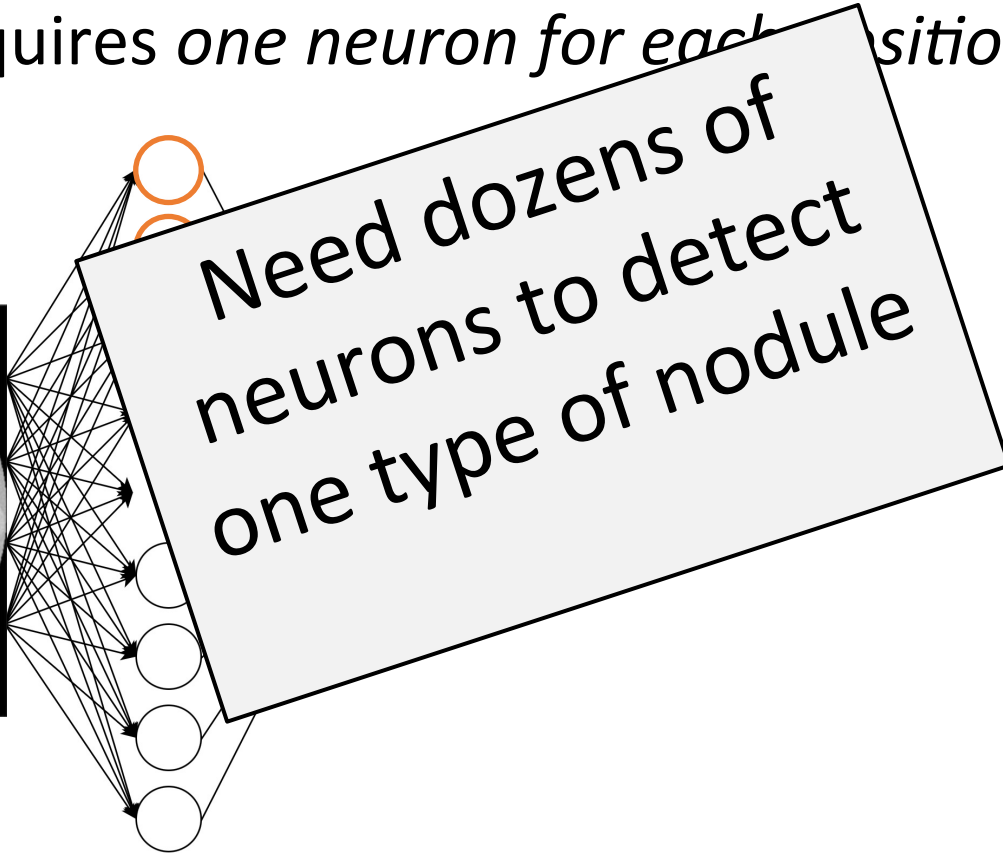
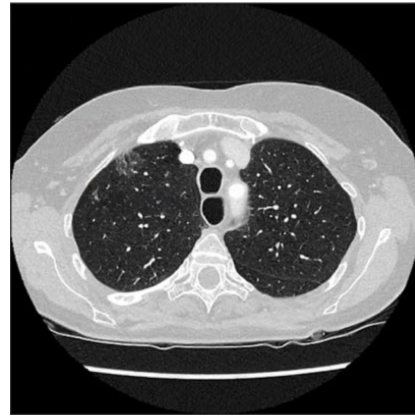
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- Neuron not activated if nodule in other lung!

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- Want to detect nodules in *any* position.
- Fully connected network requires *one neuron for each position!*



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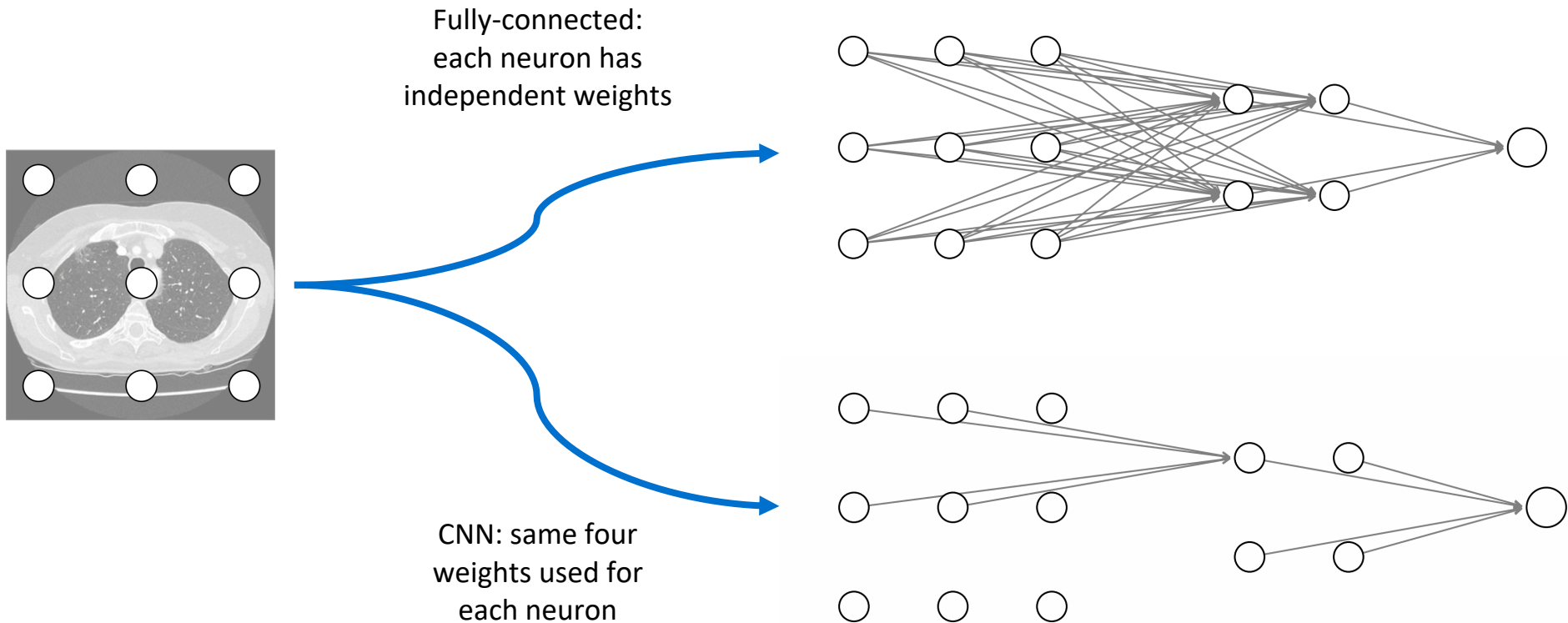
Problem with fully connected networks

- This is why fully-connected networks impractical.
- Each neuron must learn what nodules look like *independently*.
 - Examples of *left* lung nodules tell network nothing about *right* lung.
 - Contrast humans: generalize to new locations easily.
- Rule of thumb:
 - **More parameters → more data needed to generalize well.**
 - Collecting and labeling images expensive!
- Same problem in all medical imaging!

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs)
to the rescue

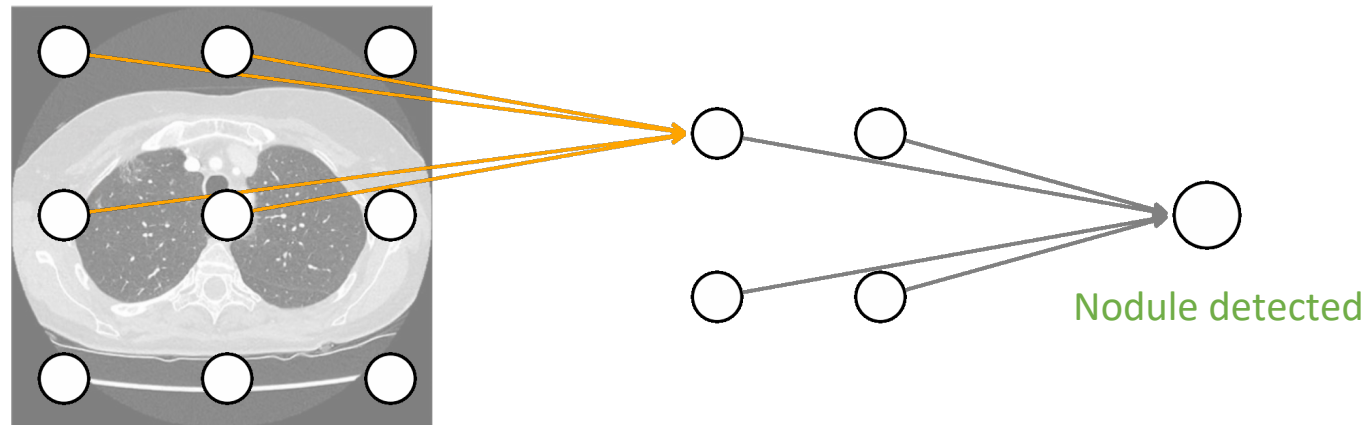
Convolutional neural networks

- Key idea of CNNs: **share** weights between different parts of image.
- Assumption: features useful in one part also useful in others.
- Dragging weights across image: **“convolution”**.



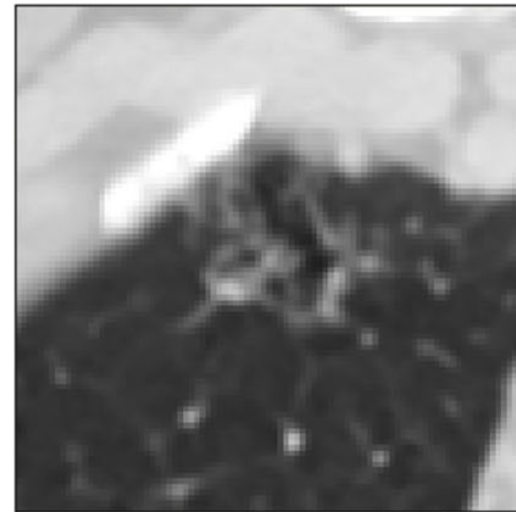
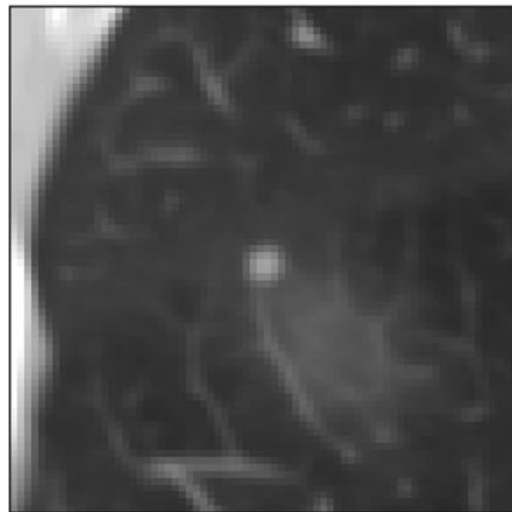
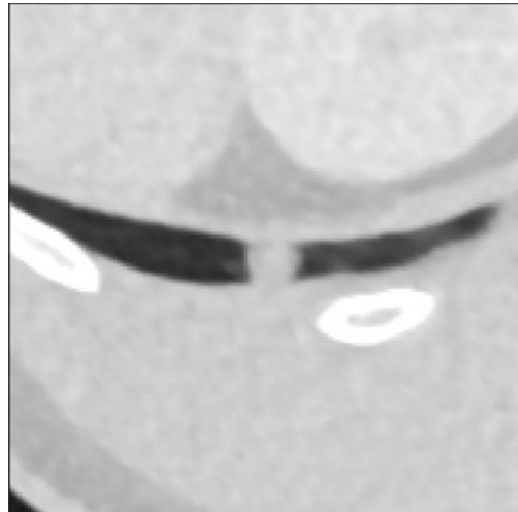
Convolutional features

- Squint and imagine:
 - Orange weights detect nodules (2×2 pixels).
 - Nodules can be in one of four corners.
- Can detect nodules *everywhere* once learned to detect *anywhere*!
 - Imagine tumors, organs, lesions etc.
- *More* effective with *fewer* parameters.



Deep CNNs

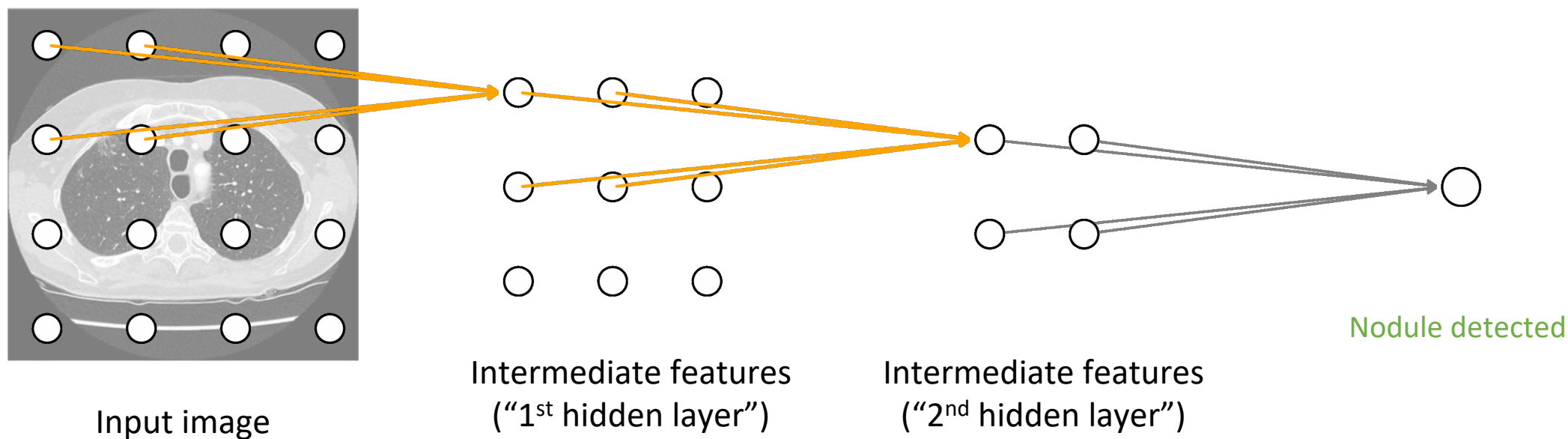
- **Problem:** nodules, lesions, etc. come in many shapes and sizes.



- Hundreds of thousands (?) of possibilities.
- *How to reduce number of feature detectors needed?*

Deep CNNs

- **Idea:** *stack* layers of CNNs on top of each other.



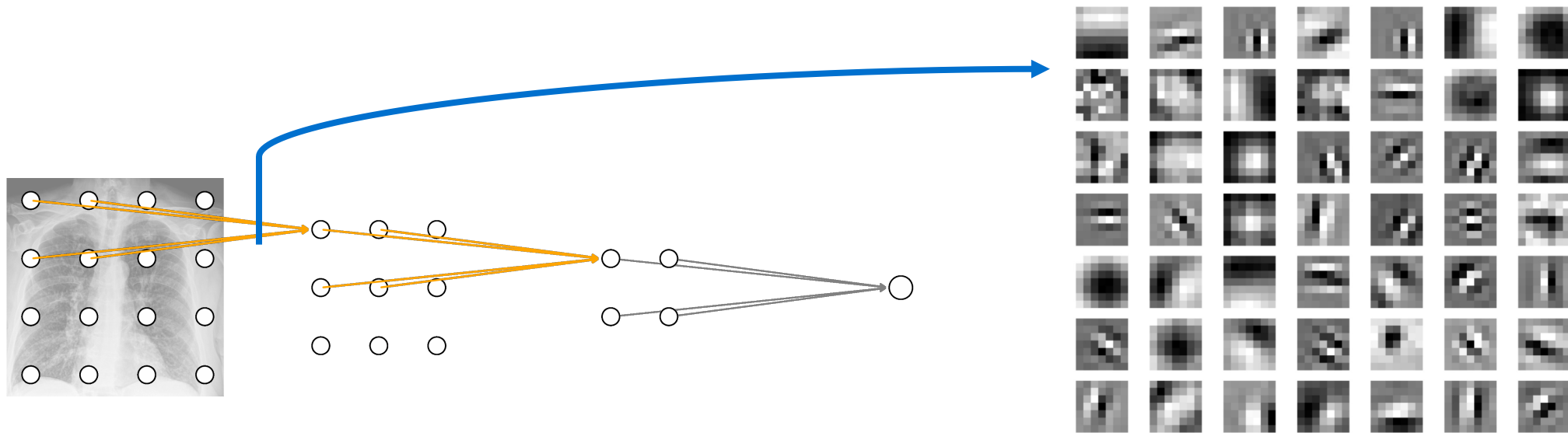
- Modern CNNs can have *more than 100 layers*.
- That's why it's called "deep" learning!

Deep CNNs

- Early layers detect simple features:
 - Edges
 - Lines
 - Brightness
- Later layers flexibly **combine** features into **abstract** concepts.
 - Circles, triangles, textures...
 - Lesions, nodules, organs...
 - Asymmetry, “Malignant-ness”, “benign-ness” ...
- Analogy:
 - Early features → Lego blocks.
 - Later features → Lego cars and buildings.
- Construct **complex features** using **limited building blocks**.

Deep CNN weights

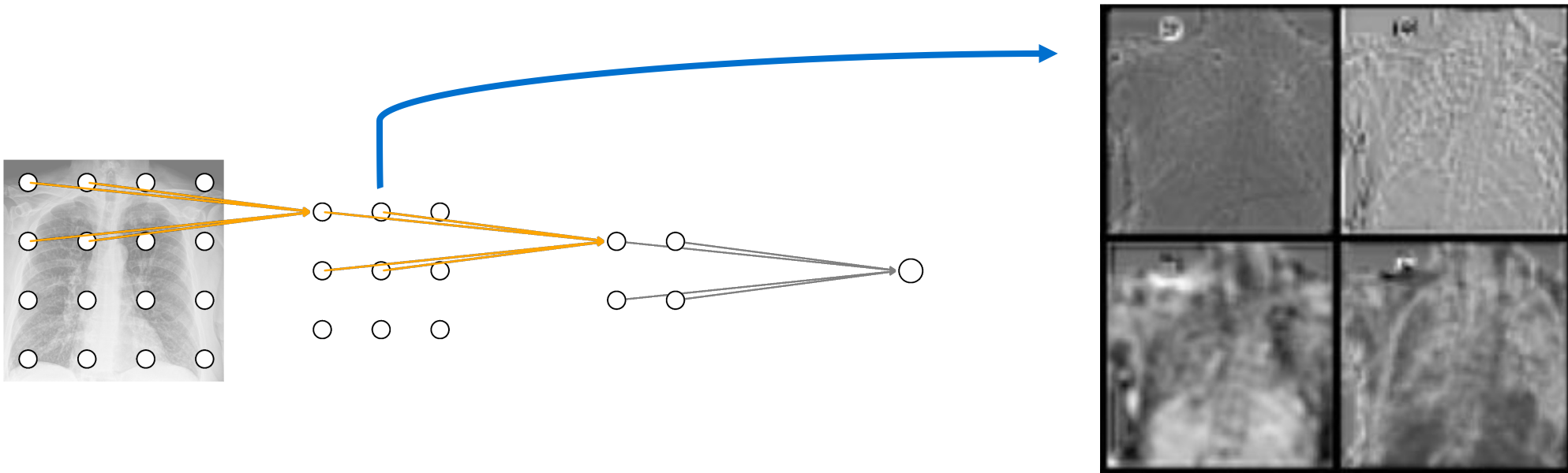
- Early **weights** from actual deep CNN trained on chest X-rays:



- Real CNNs detect dozens of features each layer.
- Edge and blob detectors in first layer.

Deep CNN activations

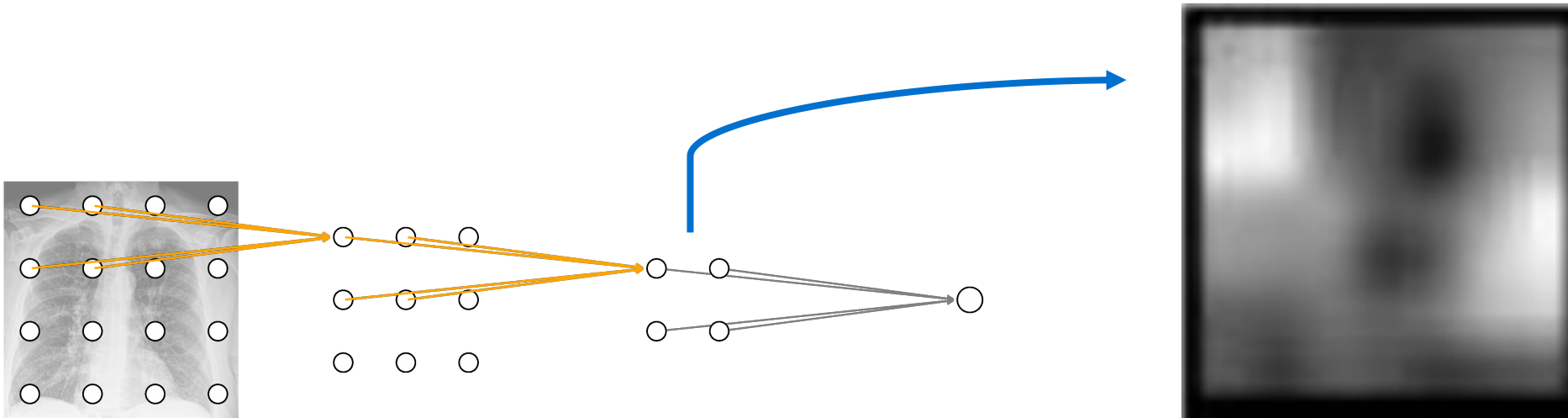
- Also see *which* neurons activated.
- Neuron activated \rightarrow corresponding feature present.



- Shows which part of X-ray has edges/blobs.

Deep CNN activations

- What about *deeper* layer activations?
- Fewer neurons, more abstract.



- Much more difficult to interpret.

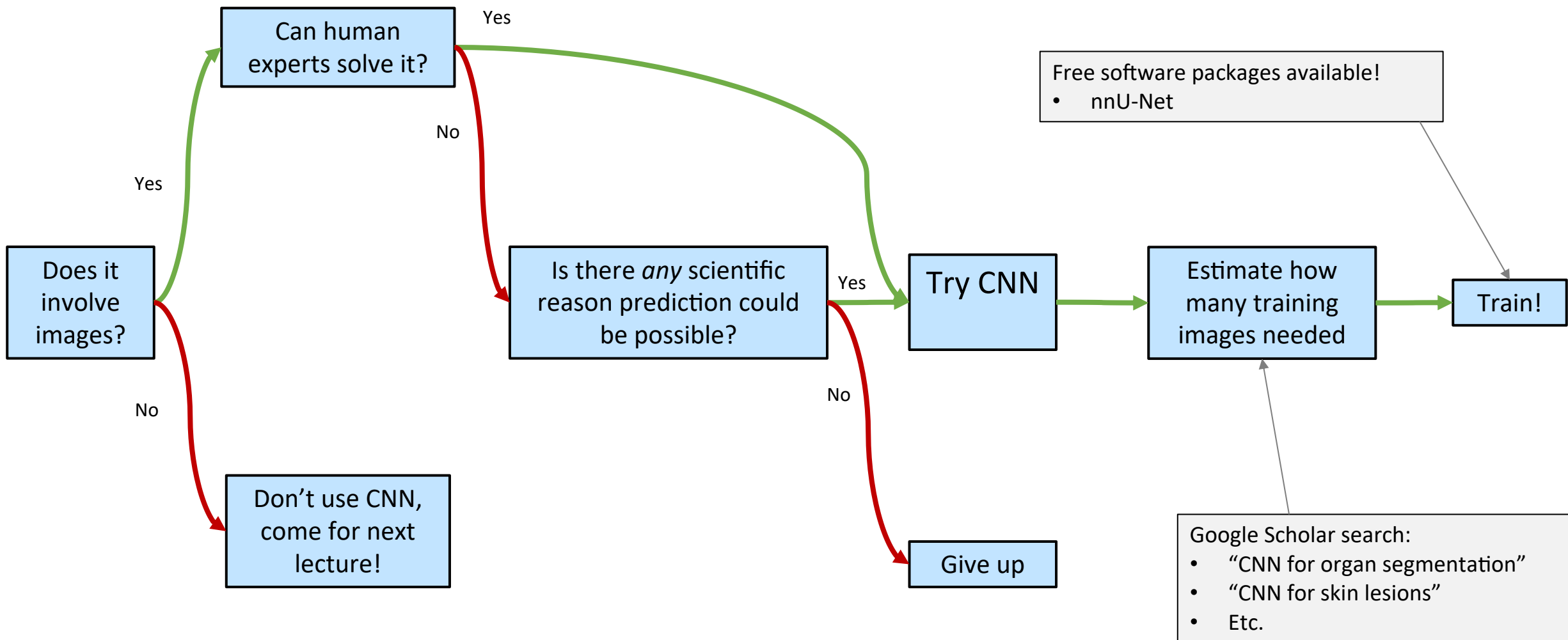
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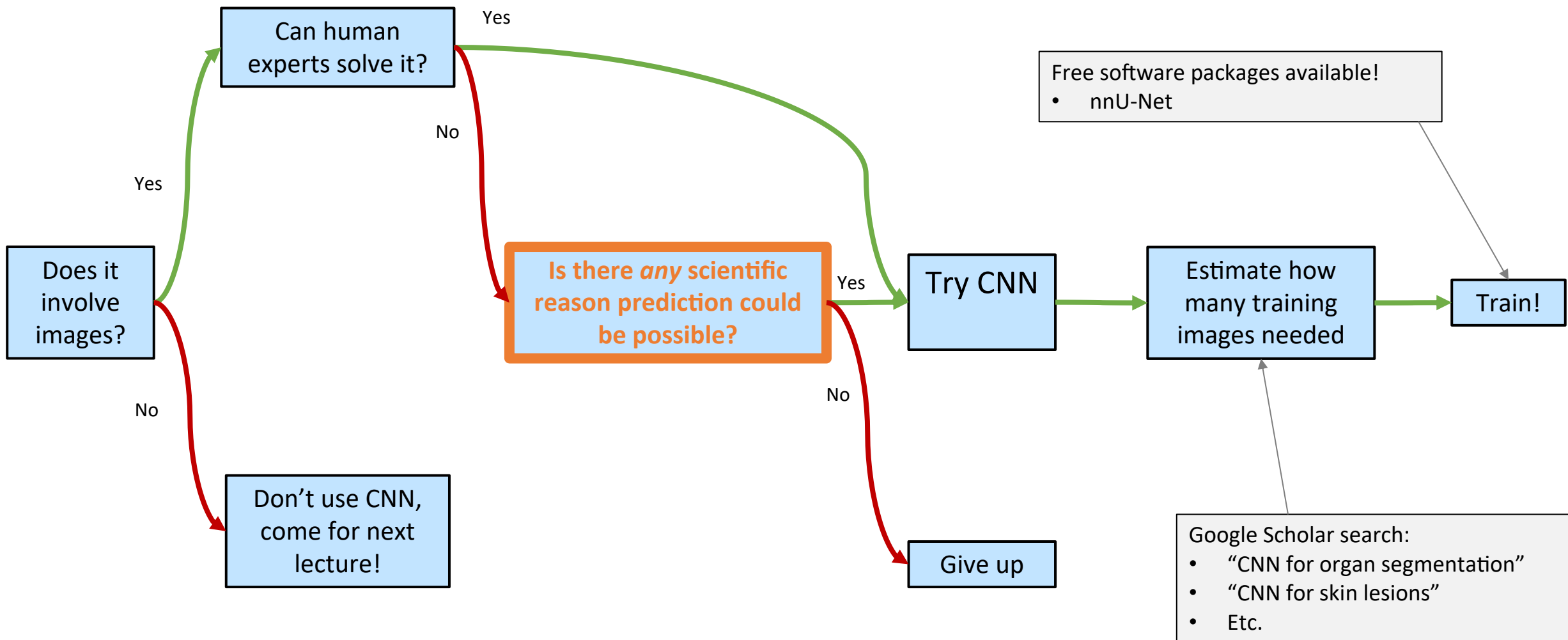
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 - “Our deep learning model was **trained using code-free deep learning (CFDL)** with the Google Cloud AutoML platform.”



Next time

- CNN architecture tailored to images.
- What about text?
 - Language language models
 - Transformers
 - ChatGPT
- Lecture 5 on ***Thursday*** April 17th.



Happy to answer questions!

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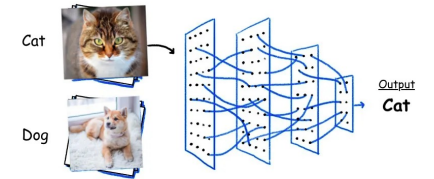
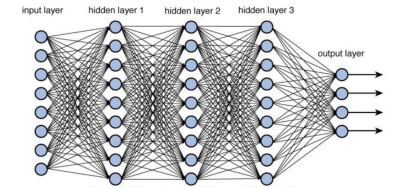
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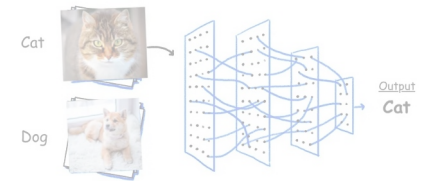
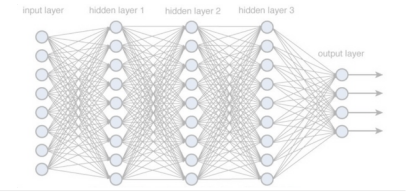
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Part 3: How does ChatGPT work?

Today's lecture

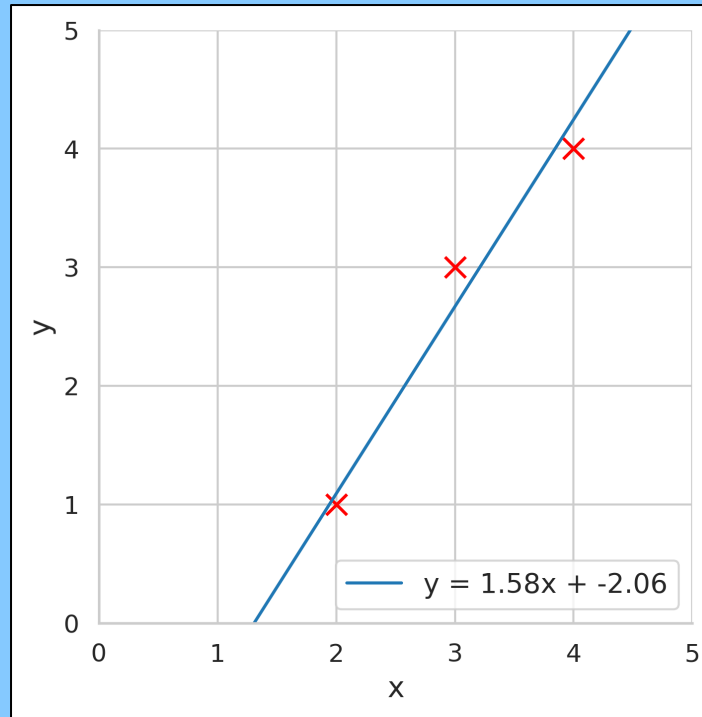
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 - Foundation models?
- How do they work?
 - How do they read text?
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 - How are they trained?

Ask questions at any time!

What's generative AI?

**Artificial
Intelligence
(slippery term)**

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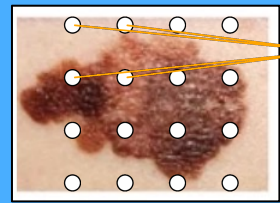


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- Decision trees

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Benign

Malignant

Deep Learning (neural networks)

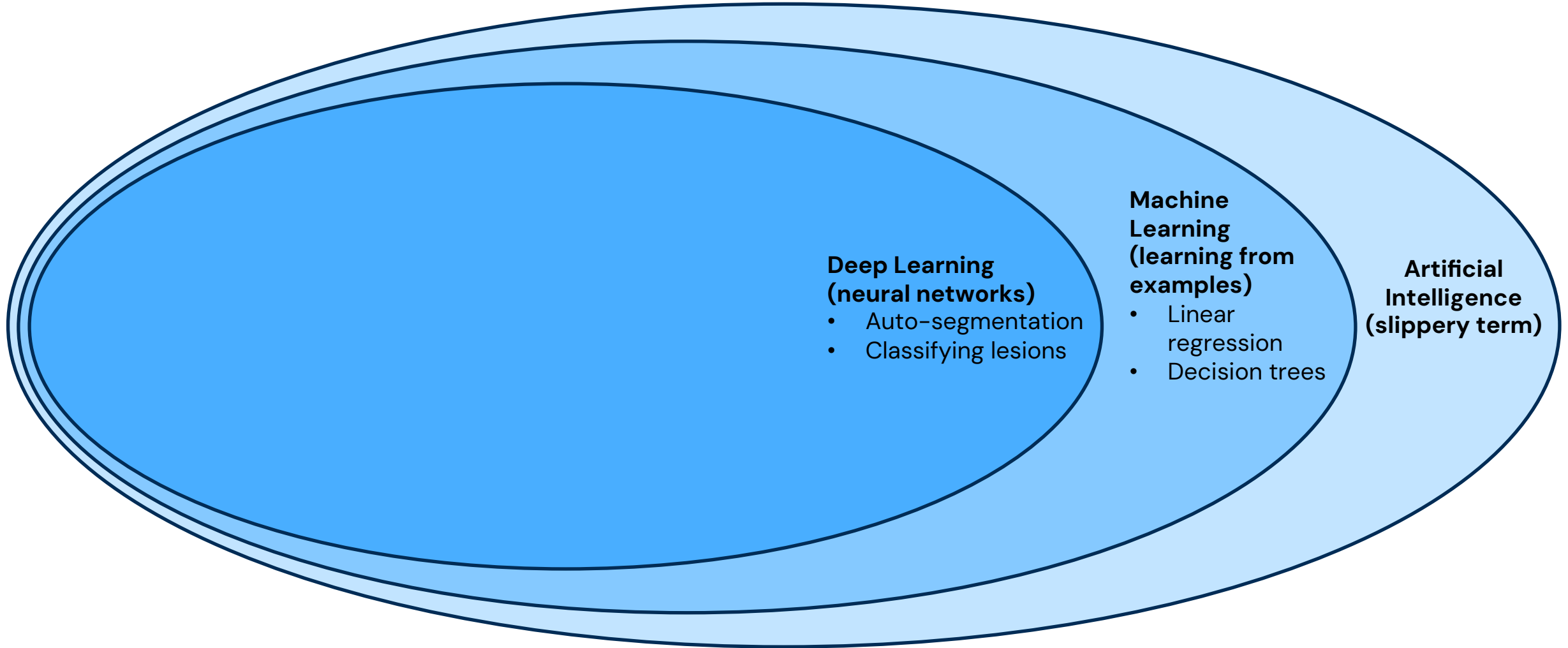
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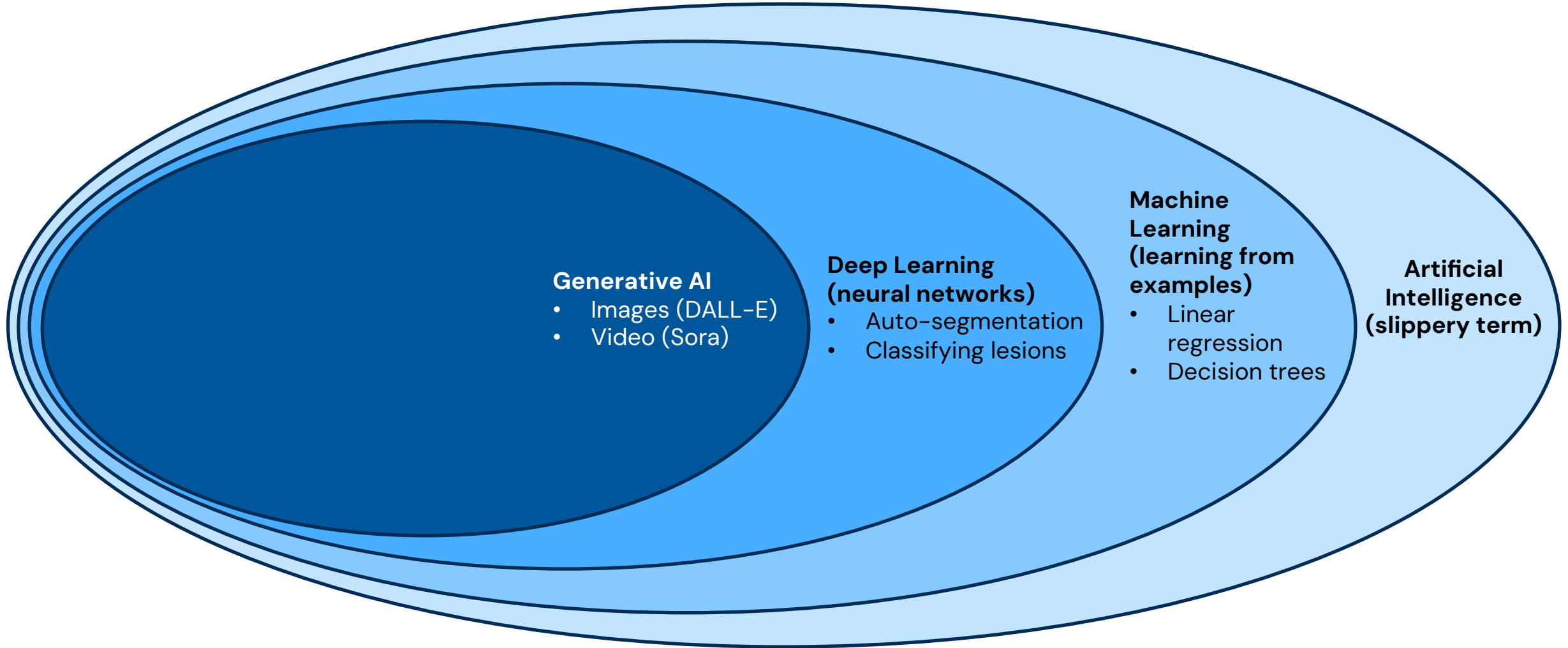
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“Tiny potato kings wearing majestic crowns, sitting on thrones, overseeing their vast potato kingdom filled with potato subjects and potato castles.”

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Generative AI

- Images (DALL-E)
- Video (Sora)

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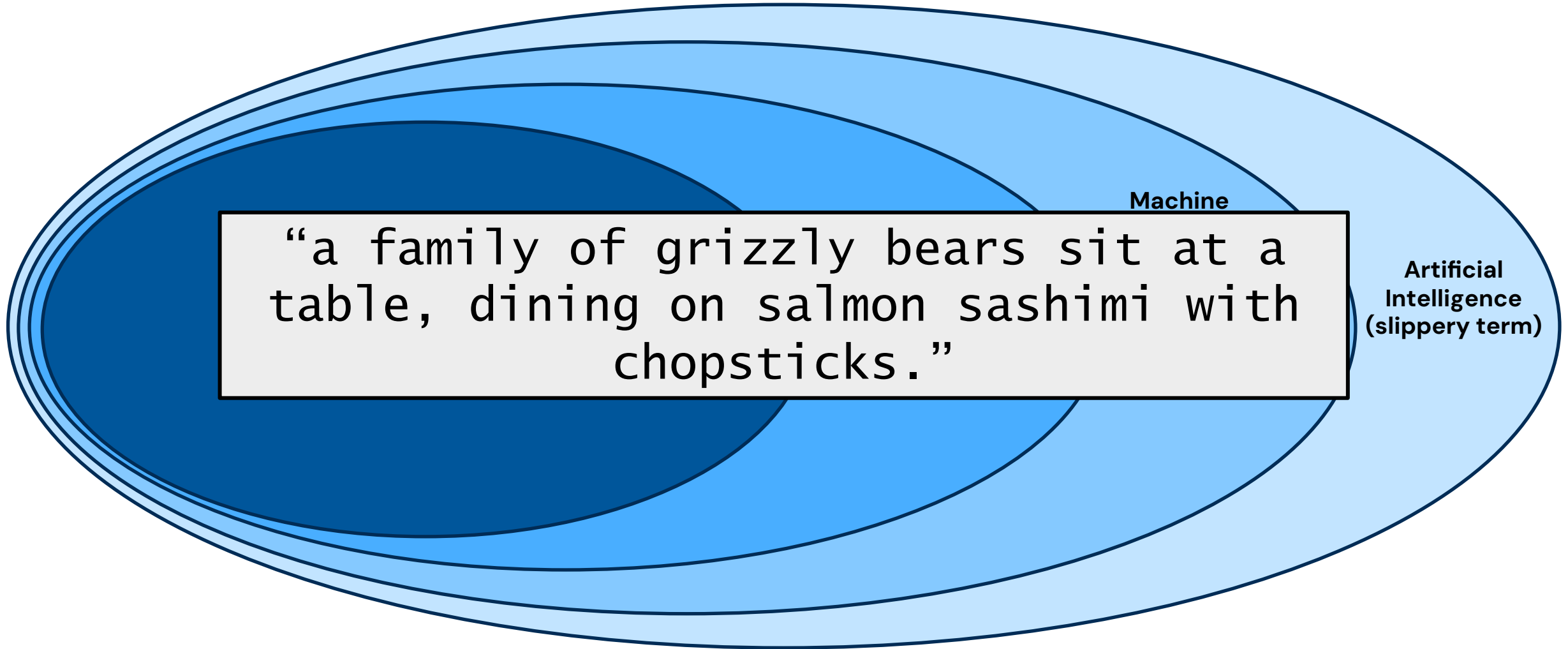
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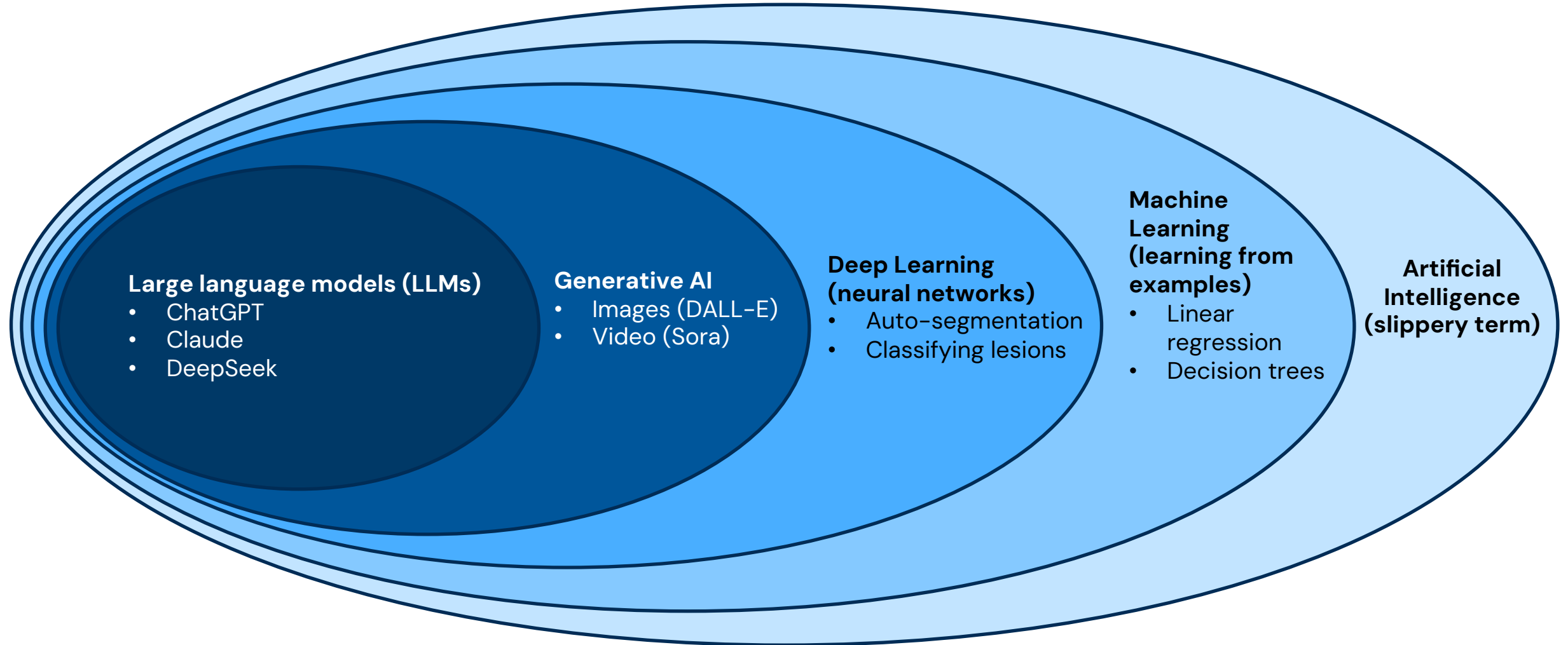
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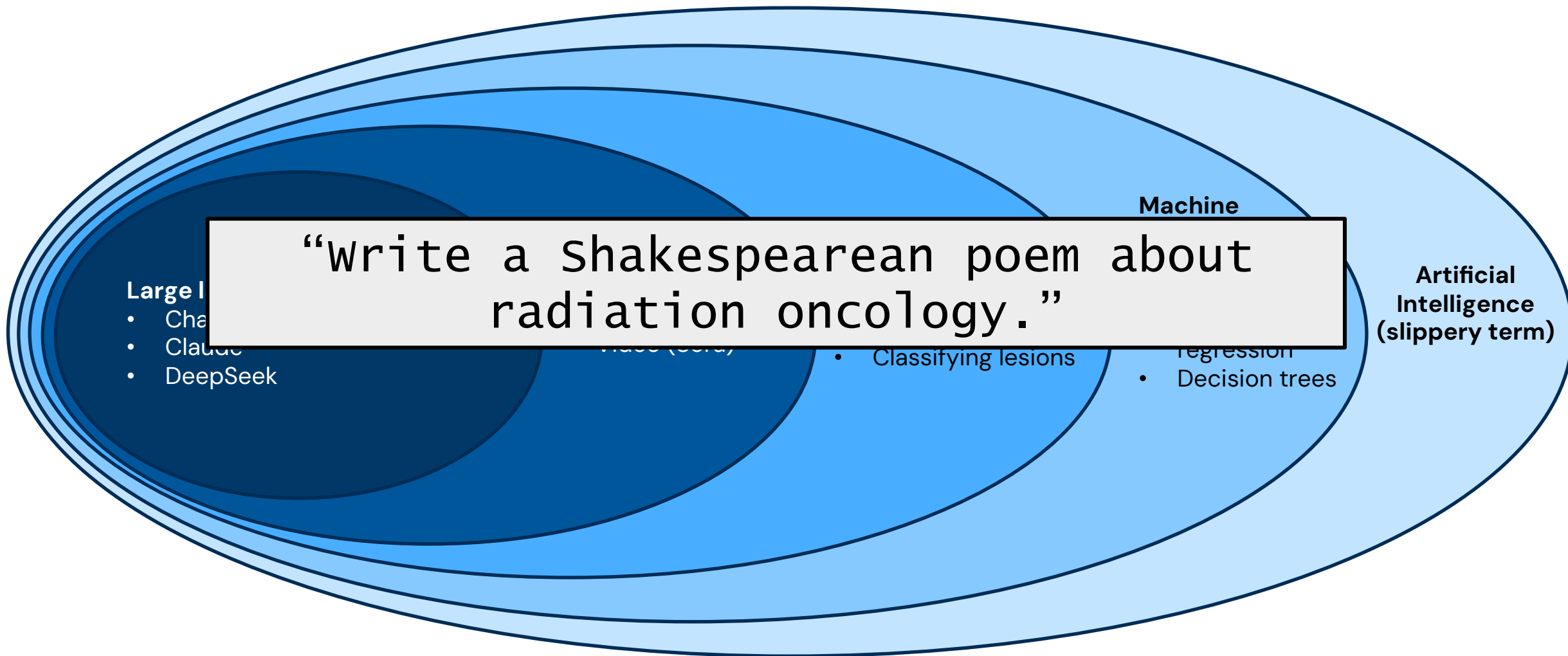
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“when mortal coils do twist with cancer's bane,
And flesh doth falter 'neath the silent blight,
There comes a force more subtle than the chain-
Bright beams of gold that war 'gainst death and night.

Not sword nor lance, but photons swift and keen,
Do ride the ether's breath with purpose clear,
To strike the villain cells, yet leave unseen
The healthy walls where life doth persevere.”

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What's generative AI?

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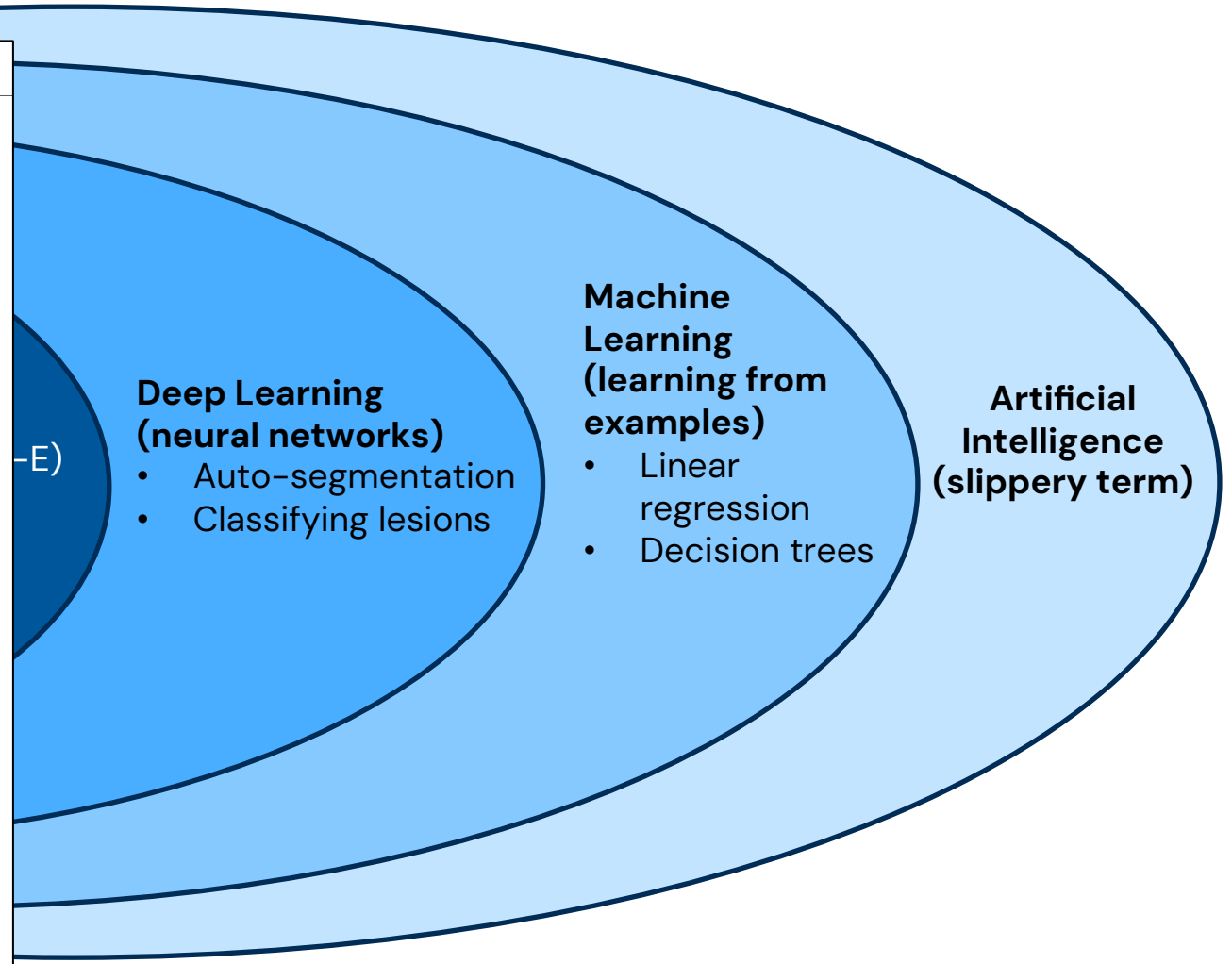
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Large language models (LLMs) have demonstrated impressive capabilities, but the bar for clinical applications is high. Attempts to assess the clinical knowledge of models typically rely on automated evaluations based on limited benchmarks. Here, to address these limitations, we present MultiMedQA, a benchmark combining six existing medical question answering datasets spanning professional medicine, research and consumer queries and a new dataset of medical questions searched online, HealthSearchQA. We propose a human evaluation framework for model answers along multiple axes including factuality, comprehension, reasoning, possible harm and bias. In addition, we evaluate Pathways Language Model¹ (PaLM, a 540-billion parameter LLM) and its instruction-tuned variant, Flan-PaLM² on MultiMedQA. Using a combination of prompting strategies, Flan-PaLM achieves state-of-the-art accuracy on every MultiMedQA multiple-choice dataset (MedQA³, MedMCQA⁴, PubMedQA⁵ and Measuring Massive Multitask Language Understanding (MMLU) clinical topics⁶), including 67.6% accuracy on MedQA (US Medical Licensing Exam-style questions), surpassing the prior state of the art by more than 17%. However, human evaluation reveals key gaps. To resolve this, we introduce instruction prompt tuning, a parameter-efficient approach for aligning LLMs to new domains using a few exemplars. The resulting model, Med-PaLM, performs encouragingly, but remains inferior to clinicians. We show that comprehension, knowledge recall and reasoning improve with model scale and instruction prompt tuning, suggesting the potential utility of LLMs in medicine. Our human evaluations reveal limitations of today's models, reinforcing the importance of both evaluation frameworks and method development in creating safe, helpful LLMs for clinical applications.



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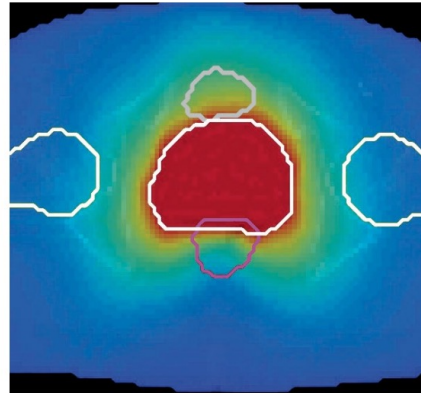
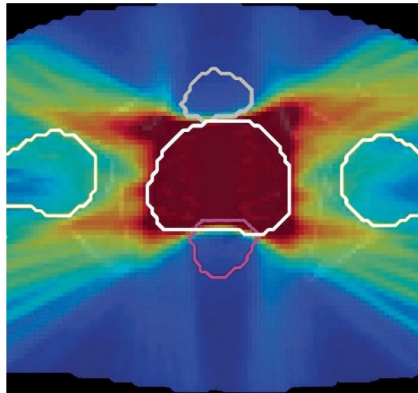
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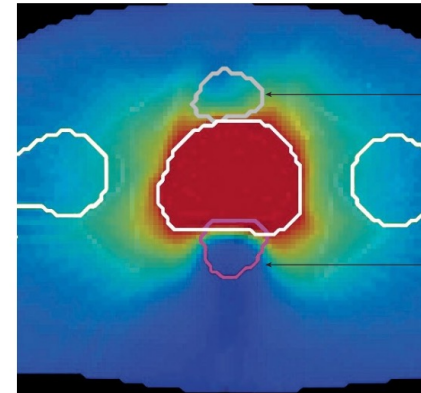
Initialization

Iteration 1

Iteration 5



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Bladder

Rectum

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What's generative AI?

Called ***foundation models***:

- *One* model provides foundation for *many* tasks.
- Can ask ChatGPT about radiation oncology or English literature or astronomy or *anything!*
- Contrast single-task networks from last time.

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The screenshot shows the top section of a website. At the top left is the title "Generative AI & Automation". To its right is a search bar with the text "Search this site". Below the title is a navigation menu with links: "Home", "Generative AI", "Automation", "Glossary", "What's happening", and "Gerstner Scholars". The main content area features a large banner with a background of blue and green vertical stripes. On the left side of the banner is a photo of a man in a red shirt working at a computer. In the center, the text reads "Transforming healthcare with generative AI and automation". On the right side is a photo of a woman in a blue top holding a small robot. Below the banner are two buttons: "Learn about Generative AI" on the left and "Learn about Automation" on the right. At the bottom of the page, there is a white section with the text: "THIS IS A DEFINING MOMENT IN MAYO CLINIC'S HISTORY" followed by "Together, we are building the most trusted generative AI and automation solutions to benefit patients worldwide."

Large language models

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- Claude
- DeepSeek

Artificial Intelligence (slippery term)

Mayo Clinic is betting that LLMs will revolutionize healthcare

LLMs from 40,000 feet

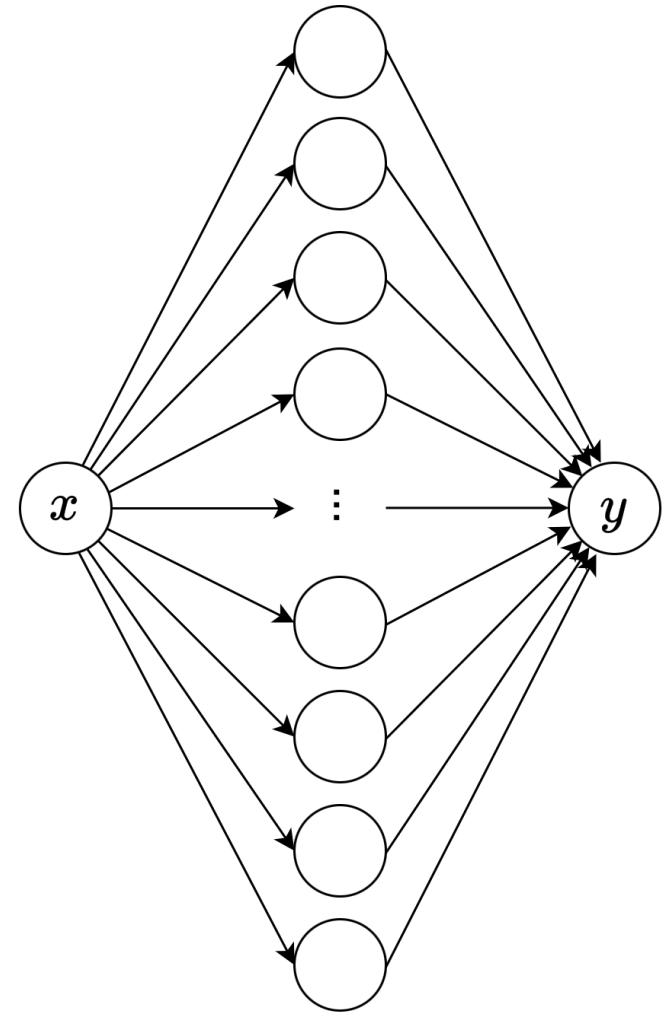
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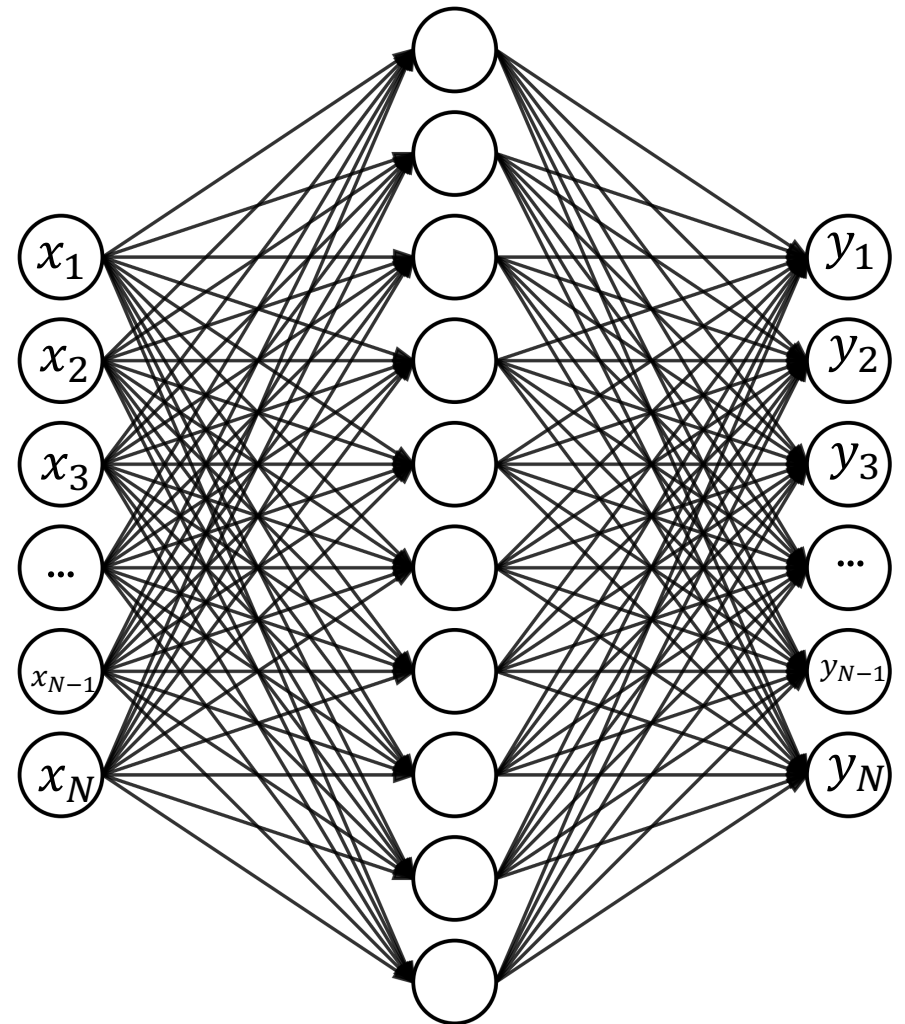
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- Multiple numbers possible too.

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_N) = y_1, \dots, y_N$$

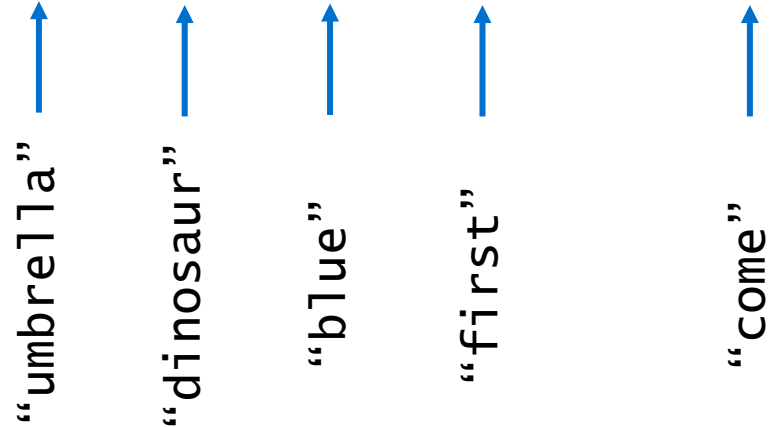
- *How to input and output words?*



Words to numbers

- Assume dictionary has N different words:
 - Represent each word as N numbers.
 - Each “slot” assigned to each word.

$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots, x_N)$



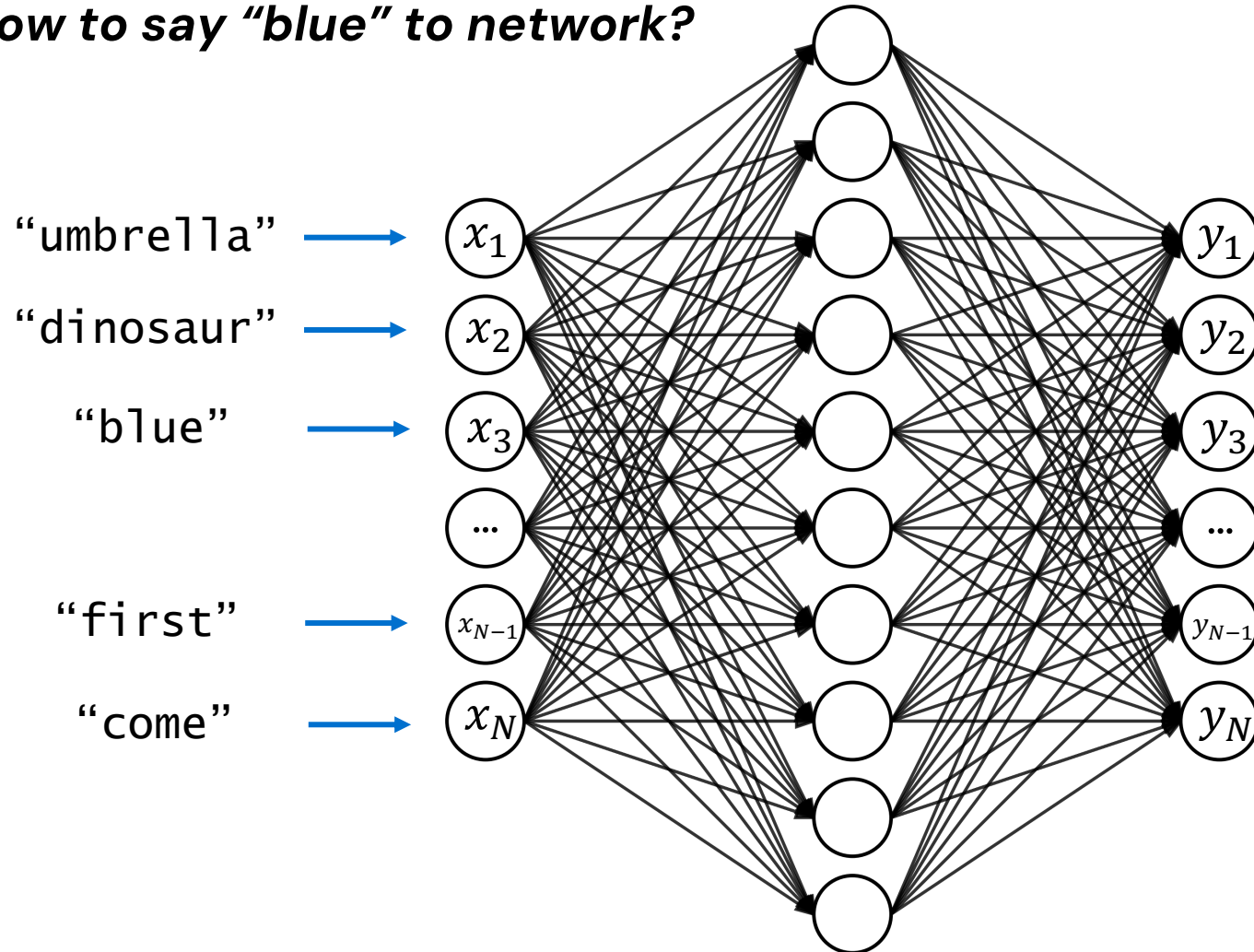
- Each word represented by 1 in corresponding slot, 0 elsewhere:

“blue” $\rightarrow (0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$

- Called **one-hot encoding**.

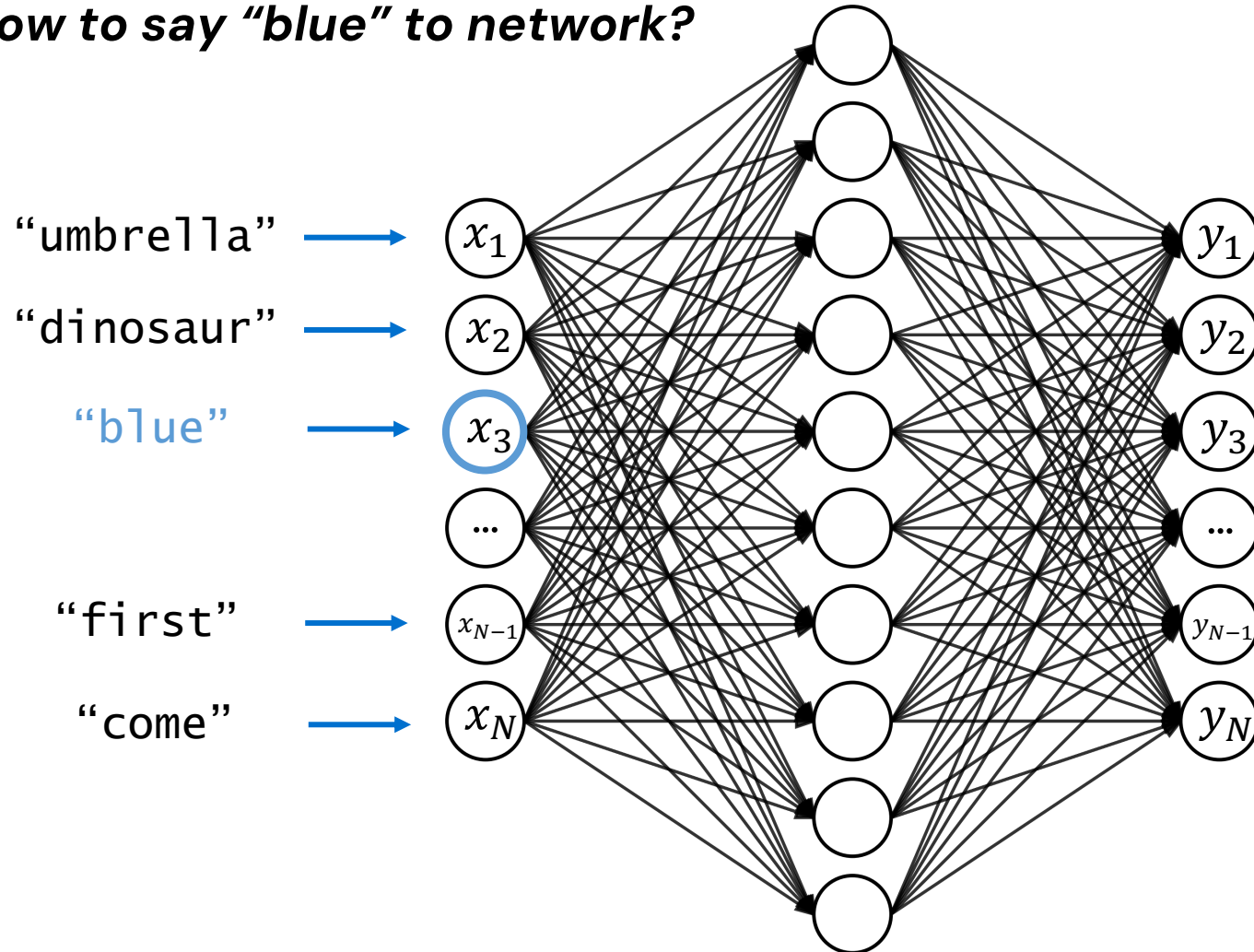
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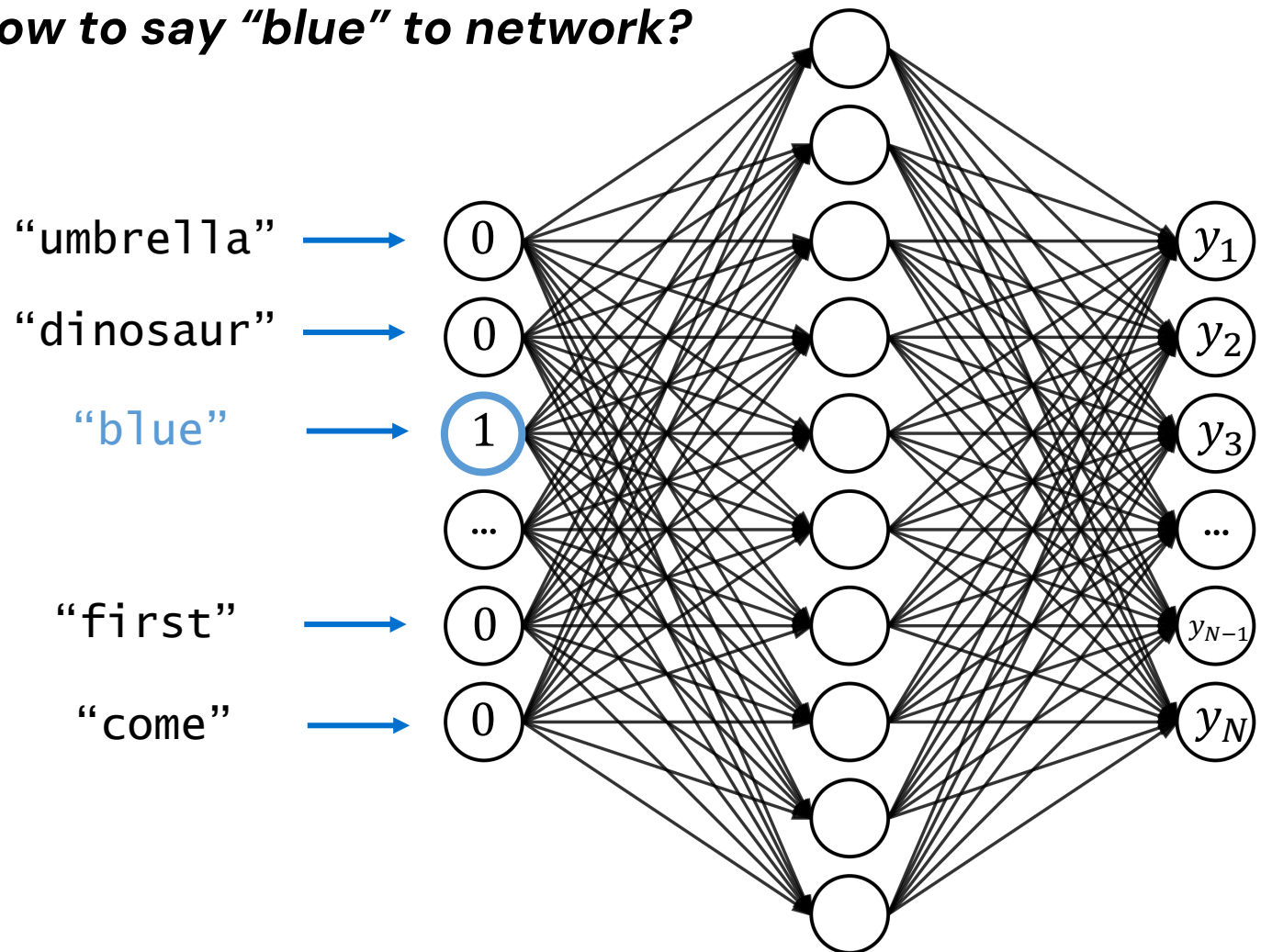
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Numbers to words

- Now know how to *input* words (“speaking to the network”)
- How to *output* words? (“network speaks back”)

Numbers to words

*Example: how does network reply,
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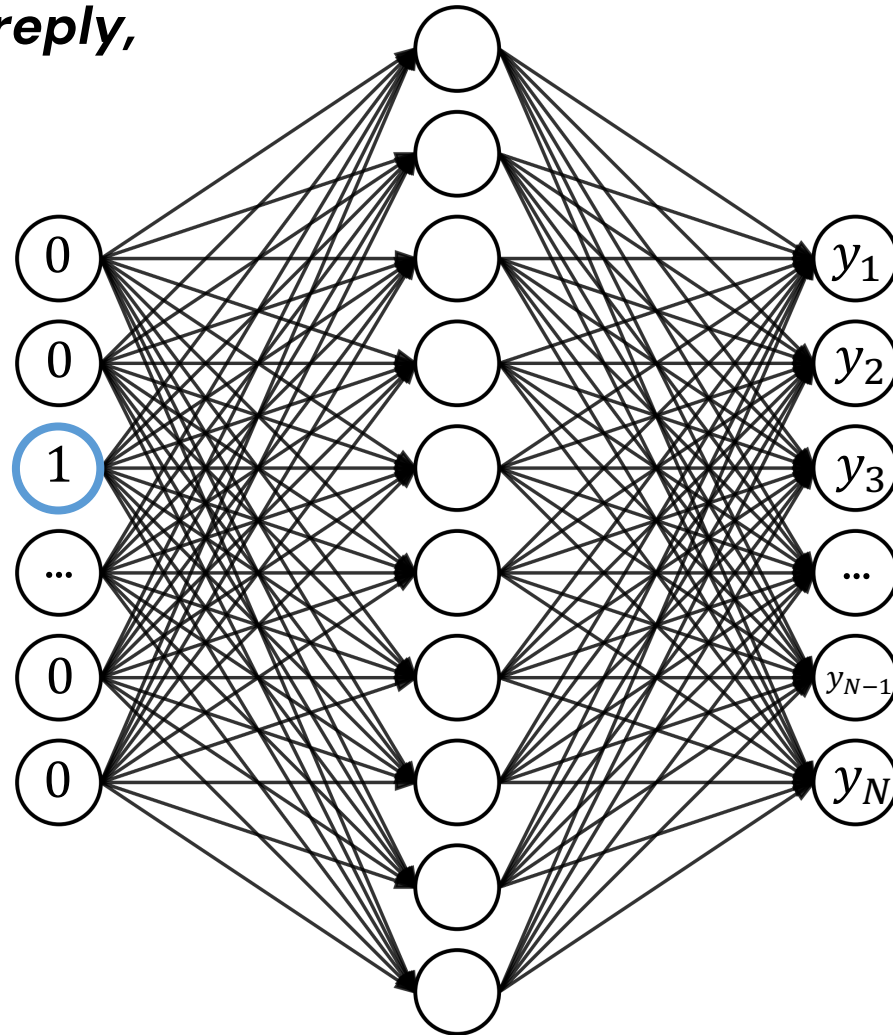
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y_2 →

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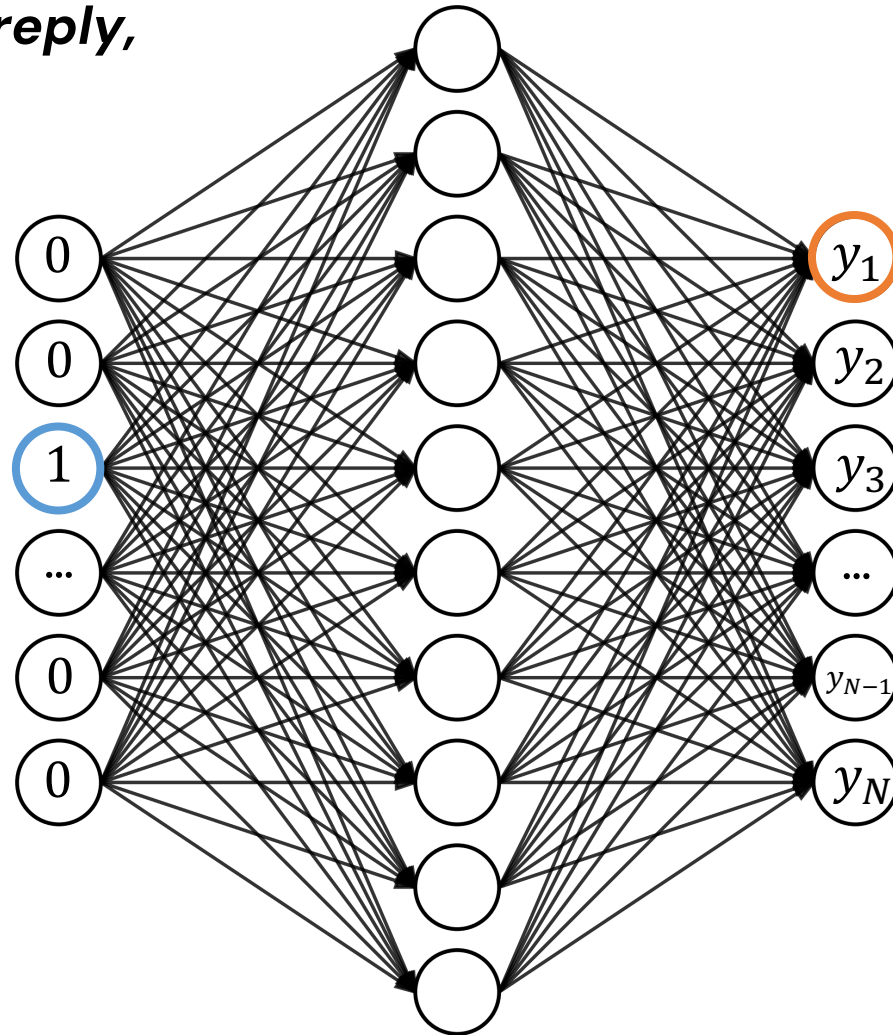
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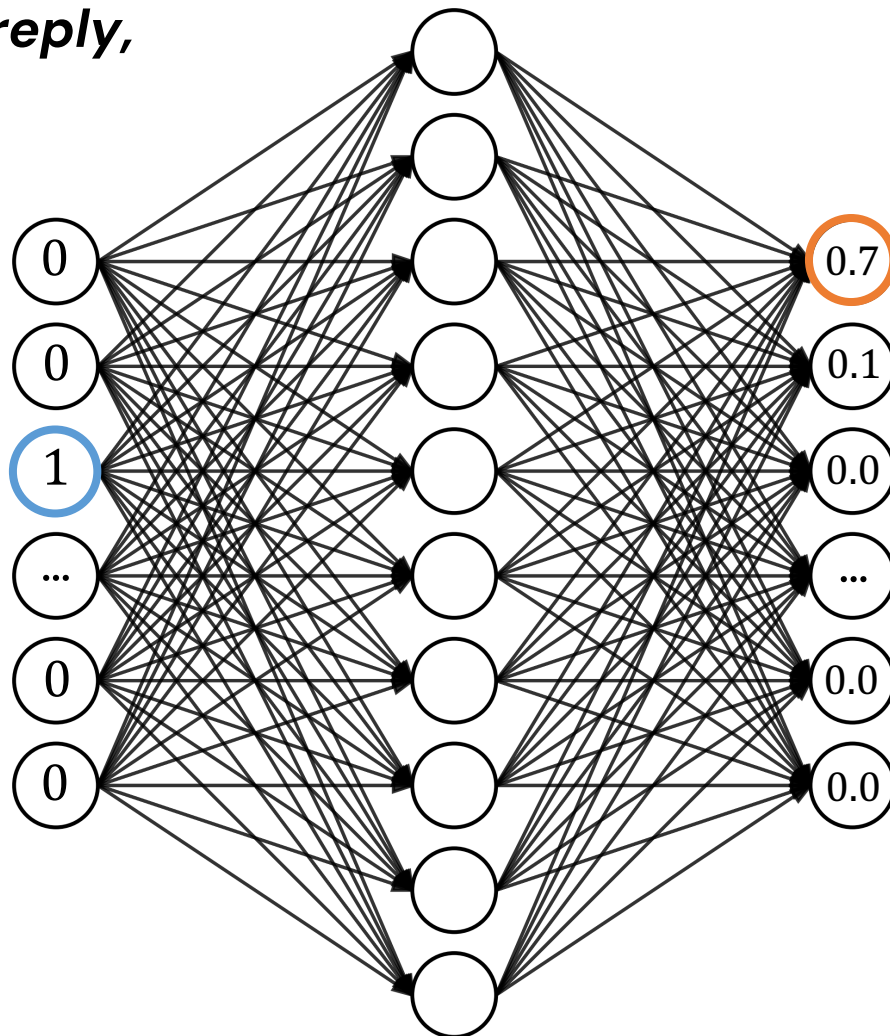
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Output values interpreted as **probabilities**

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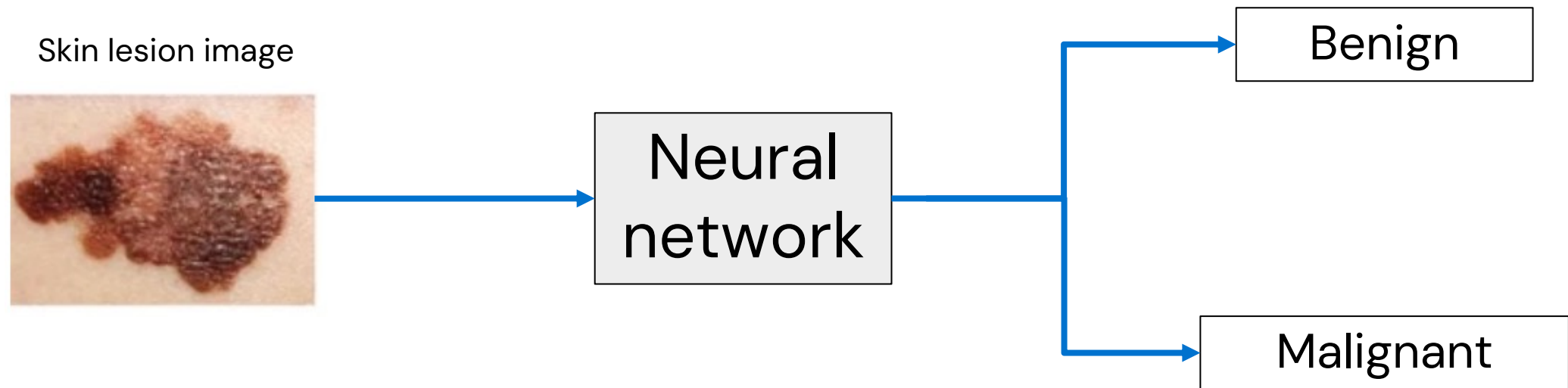
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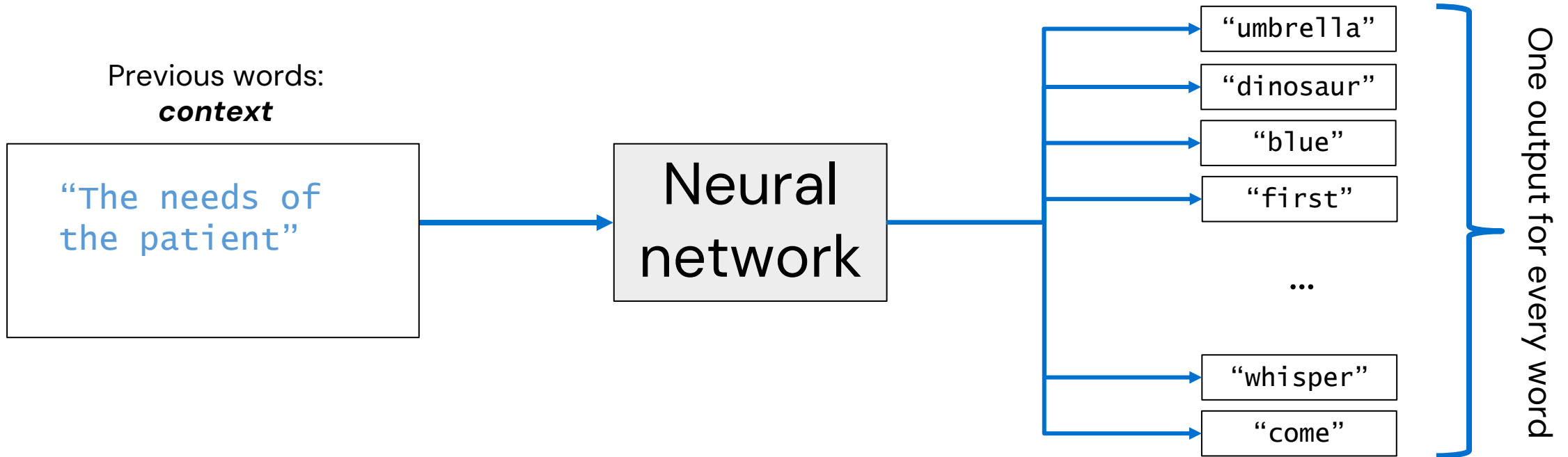
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- How to generate entire sentences?
- Idea: **sentence generation is just repeated word prediction.**
- Last time: **predict** malignancy given image.



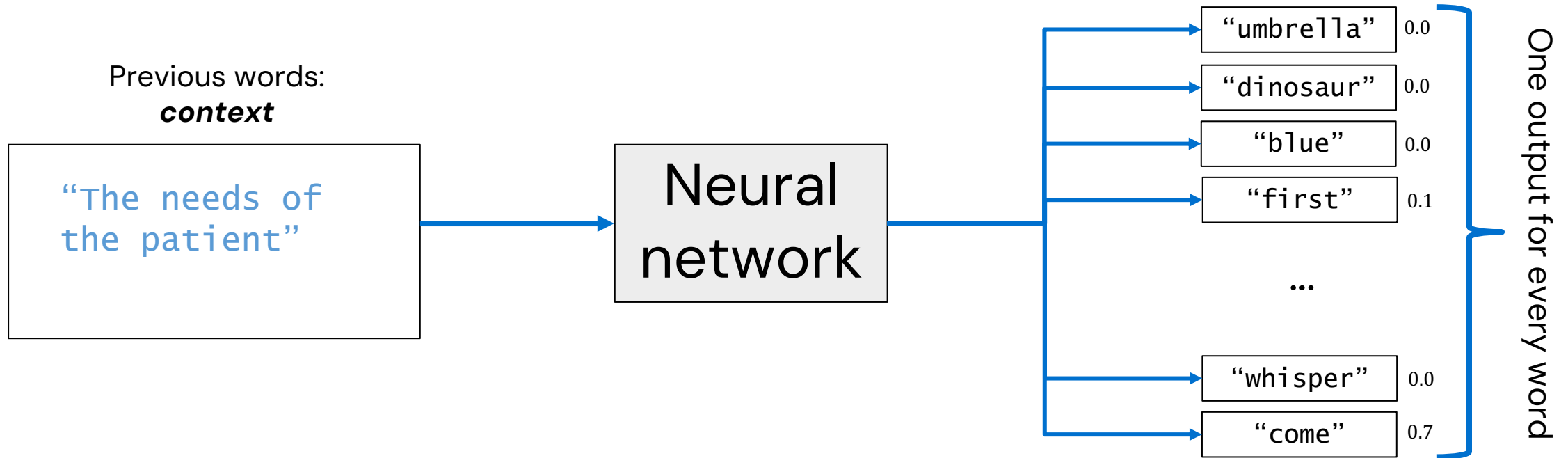
- Now: **predict** next word given previous words.

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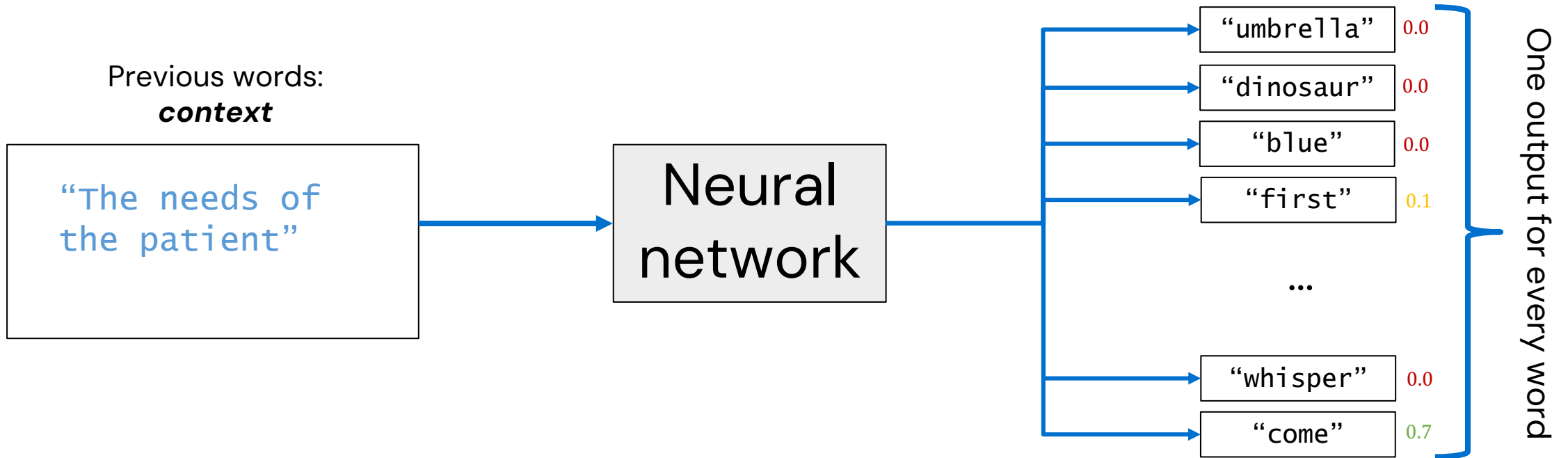
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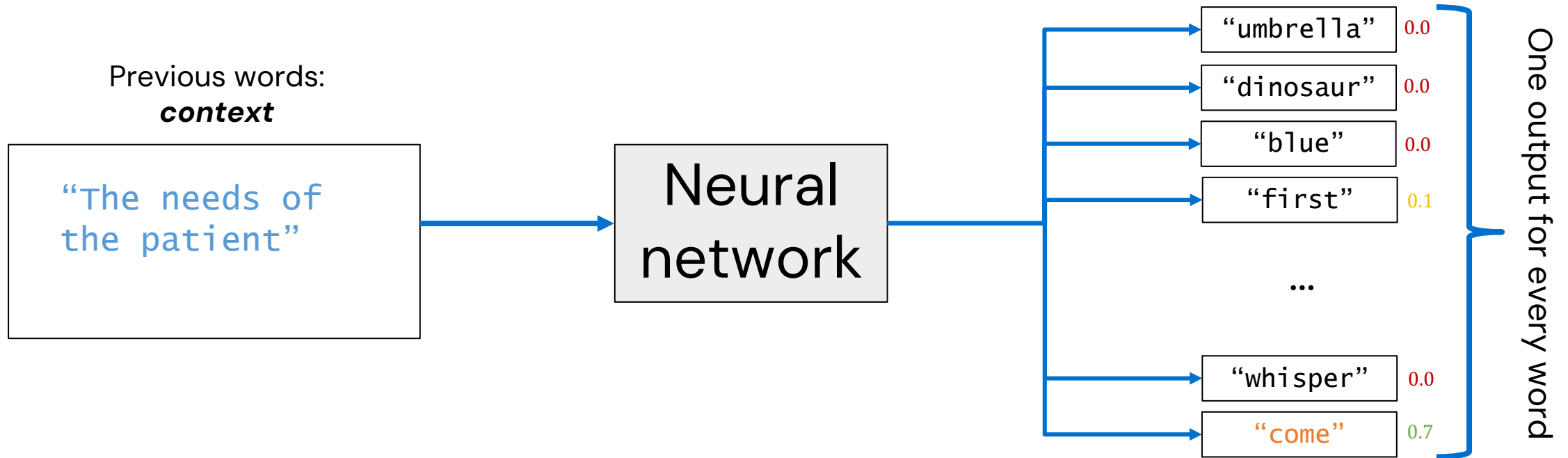
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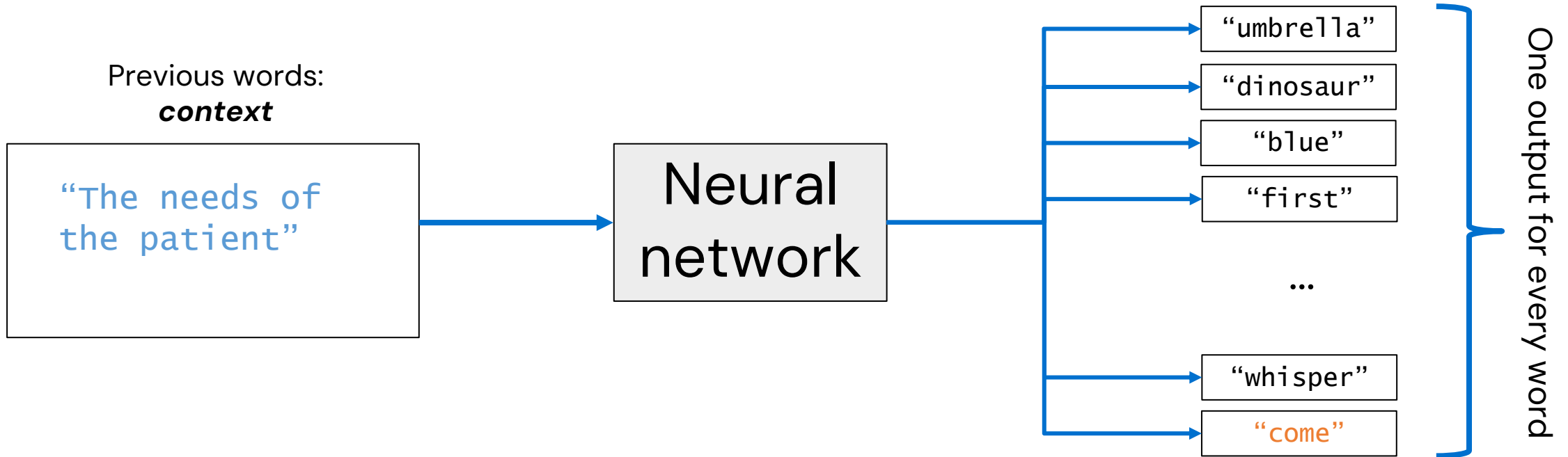
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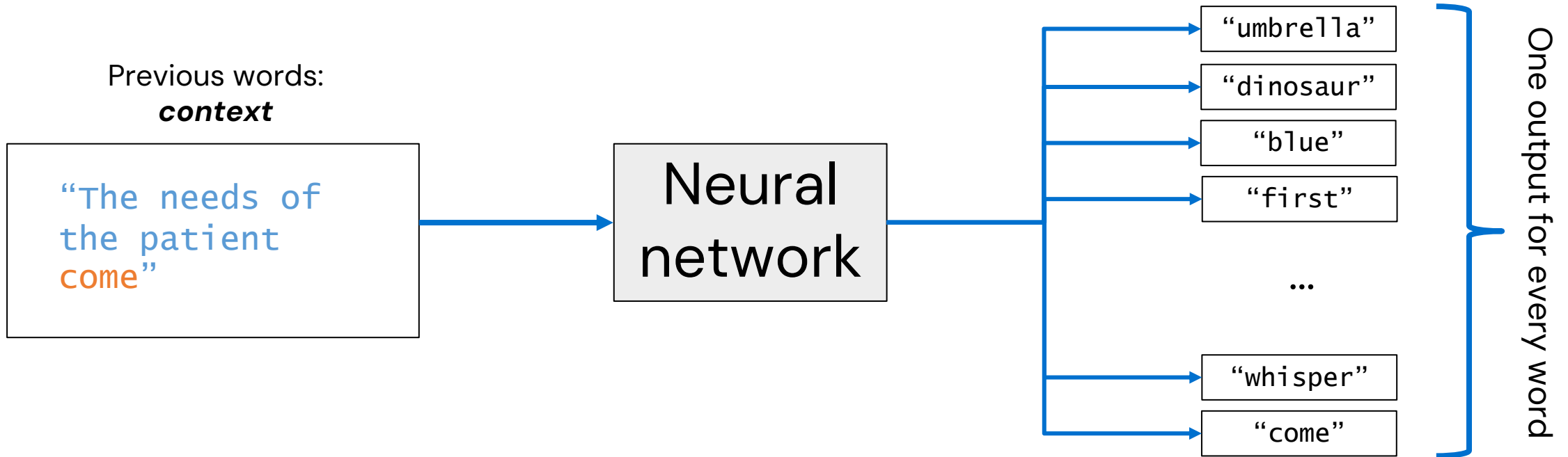
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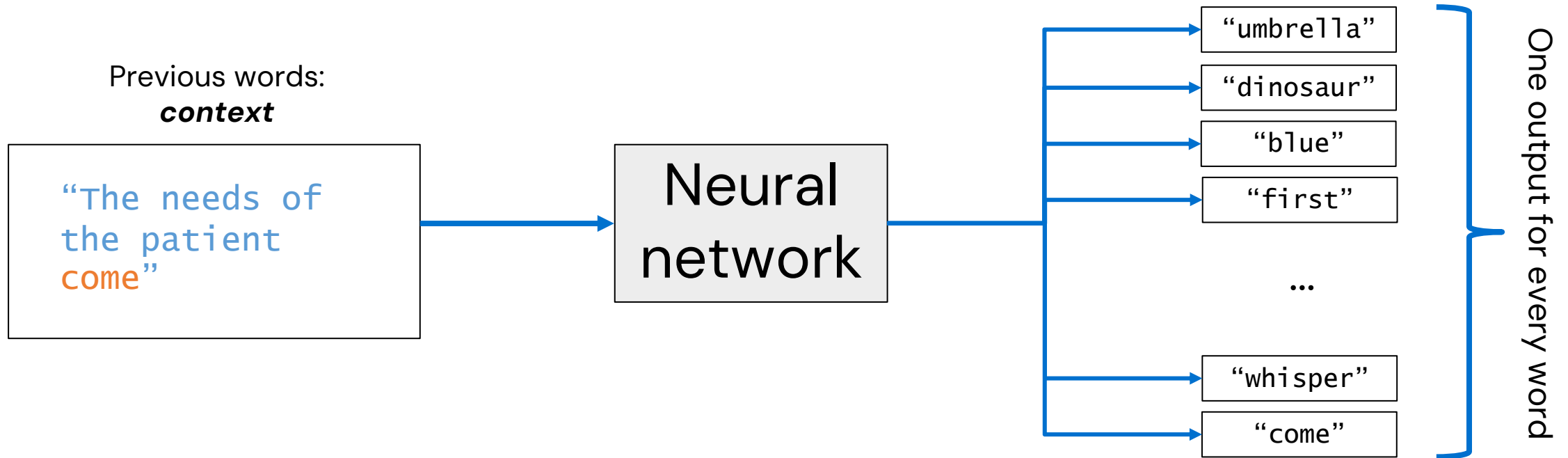
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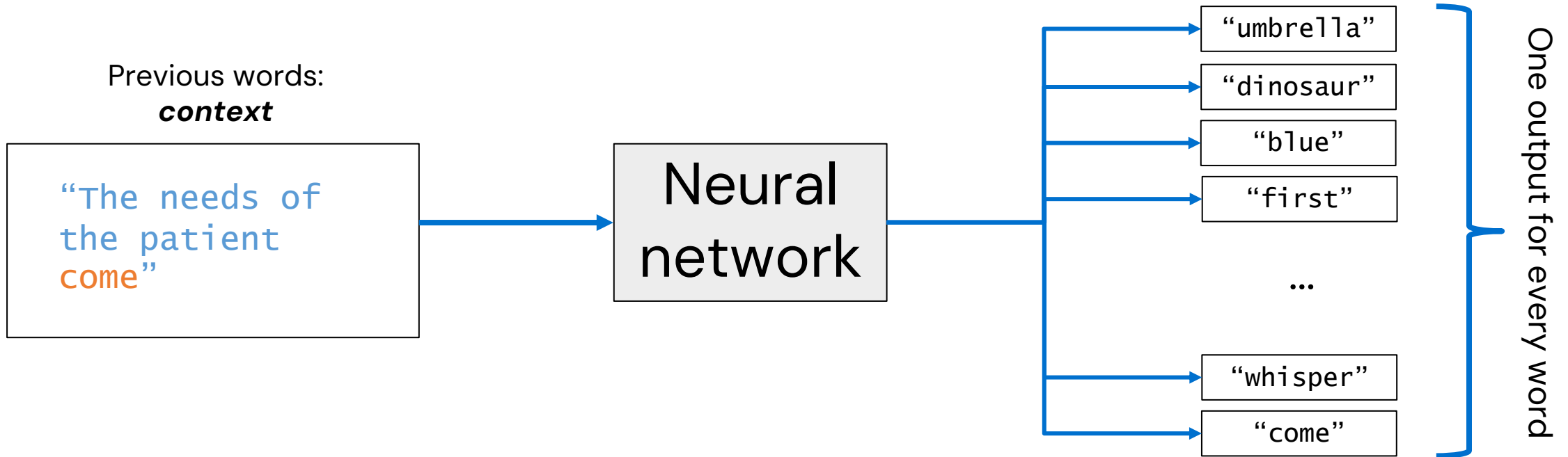
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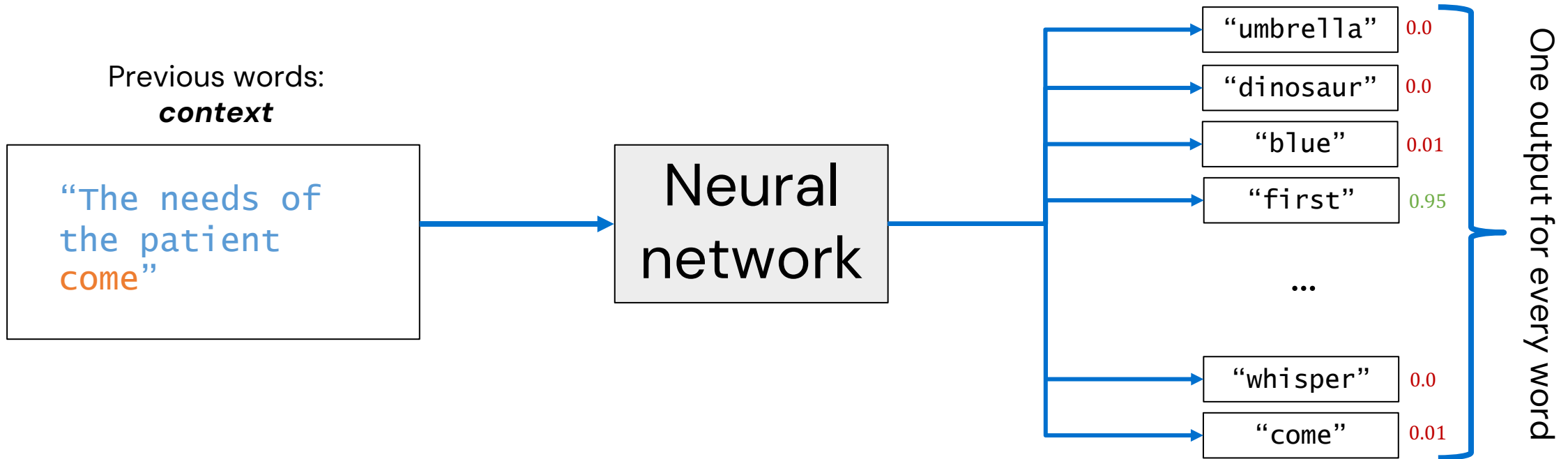
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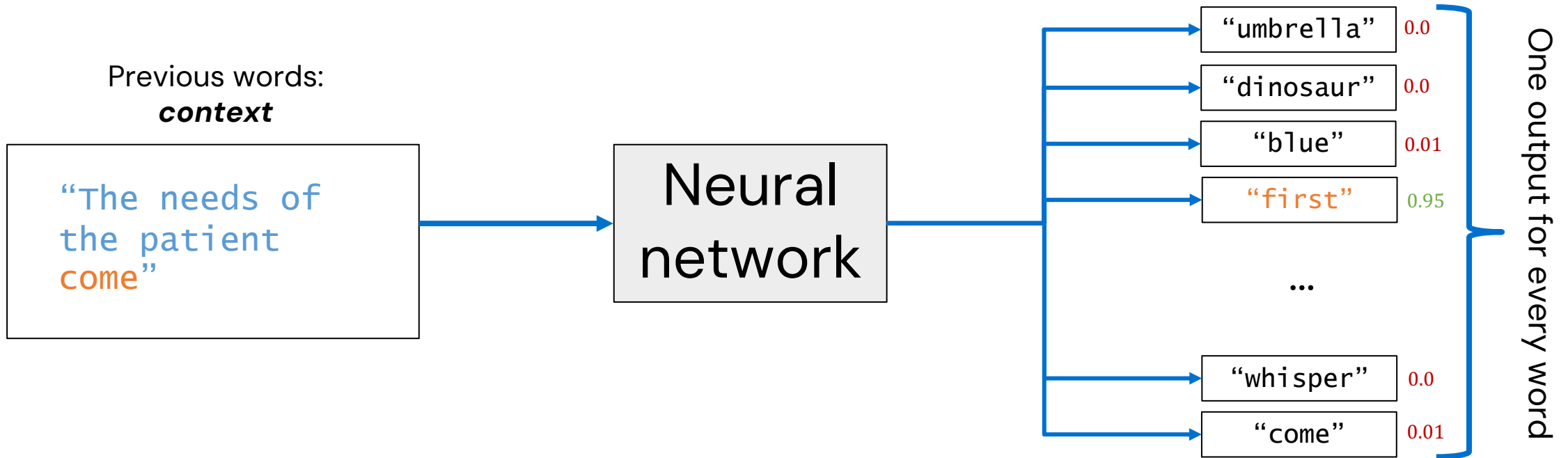
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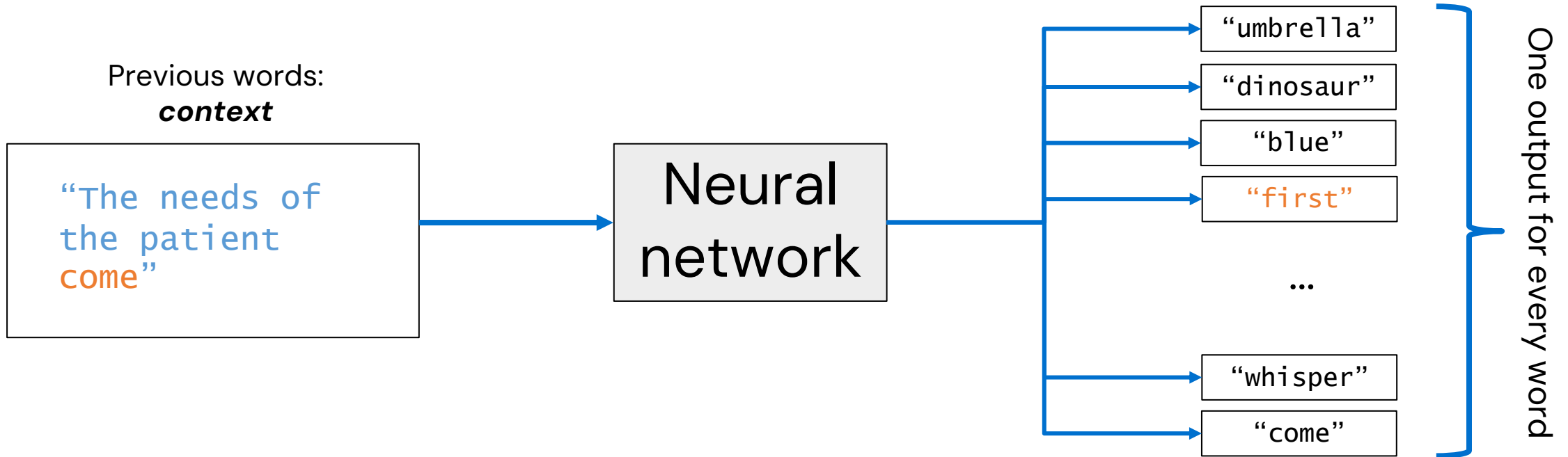
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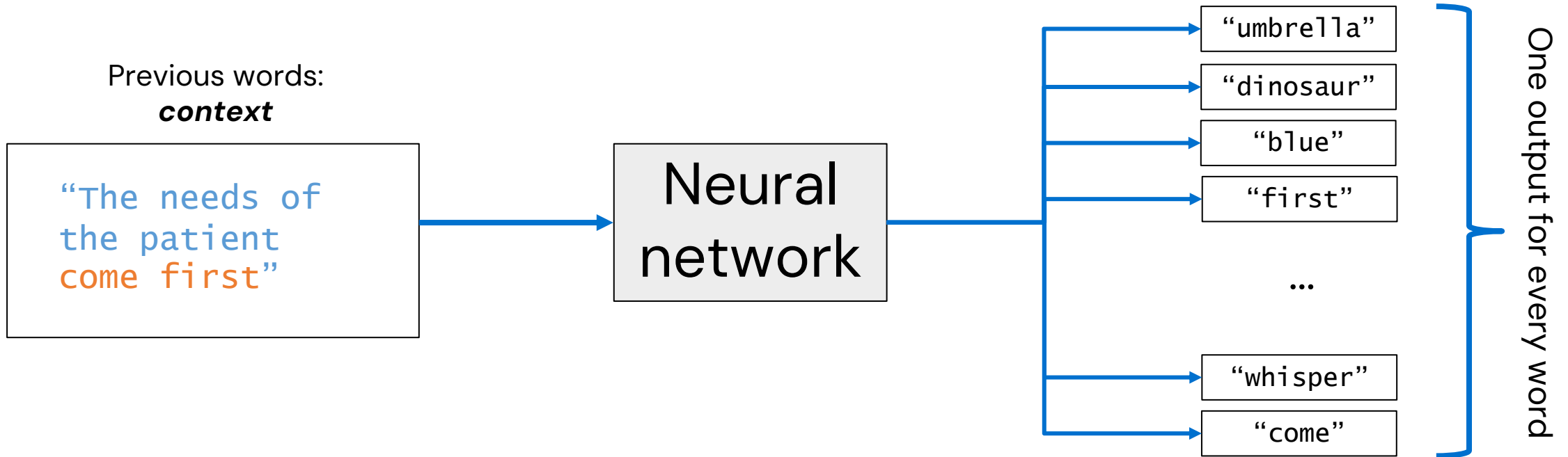
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Previous words:
context

“The needs of
the patient
come first”

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**Repeat until entire
document/conversation
is generated**

“come”

One output for every word

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Training data

- Training requires *dataset* of many *datapoints*.
 - **Datapoint** = example of *correct* (Input, Output) pair.
 - **Dataset** = (Input 1, Output 1), (Input 2, Output 2), ..., etc.
- Last time:
 - **Dataset** = ( , Malignant), ( , Benign), ..., etc.
- Now: labels are next word in sentence.
 - **Dataset** = (“Mary had a little”, “Lamb”),
 (“To be or not to”, “be”),
 (“Bold Forward”, “Unbound”), ..., etc.
- Where to get such a dataset?
 - **The Internet!**

Training data

- Computers automatically download text in billions of webpages.
- *Common Crawl* releases monthly web “snapshots”.
- Includes:
 - Wikipedia
 - Forum discussions
 - Online courseware
 - Academic papers
 - Books
 - Open-source code
- ***All human knowledge!***

Common Crawl
maintains a **free, open**
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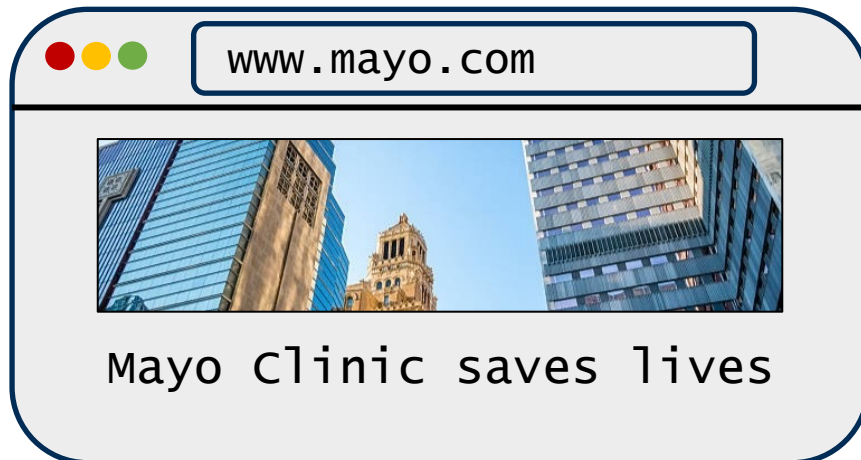
We make wholesale extraction, transformation and analysis of
open web data accessible to researchers.

[Overview](#)



Toy example: mini-internet

- Imagine entire internet had only *two* websites.
- Each website has just *one* sentence:
 - `www.mayo.com` says: “Mayo Clinic saves lives”
 - `www.ai.com` says: “Mayo Clinic uses AI”
- We scrape the “internet” and save all text as training data.
- **What would happen if we trained LLM on this data?**



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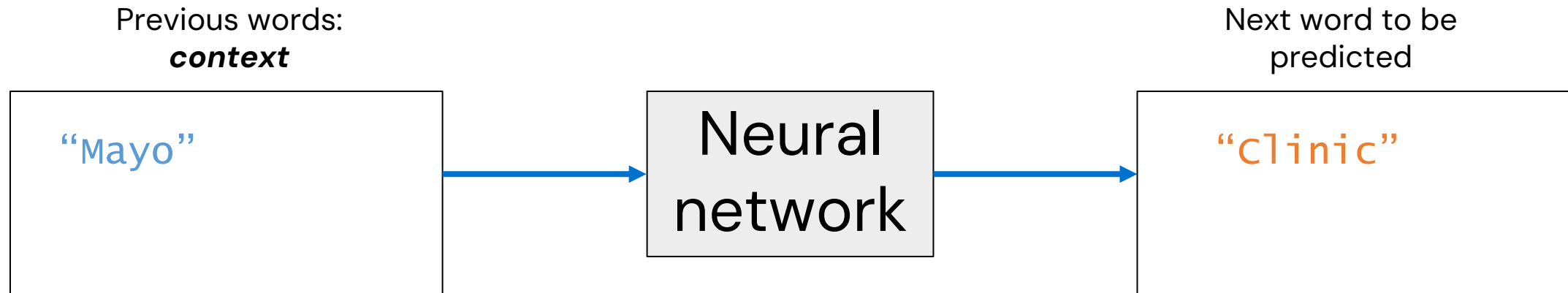
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Iterative training

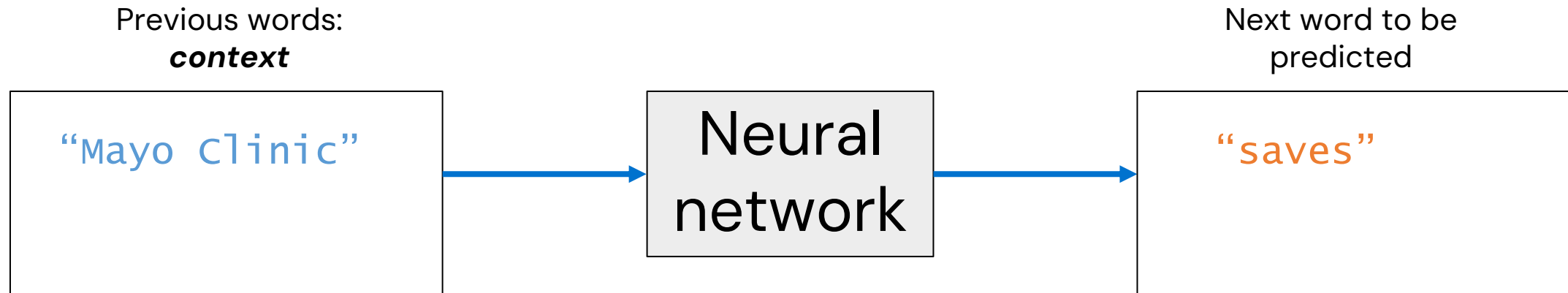
- Gradient descent iterates from one pair to the next:



- Make small update to parameters.
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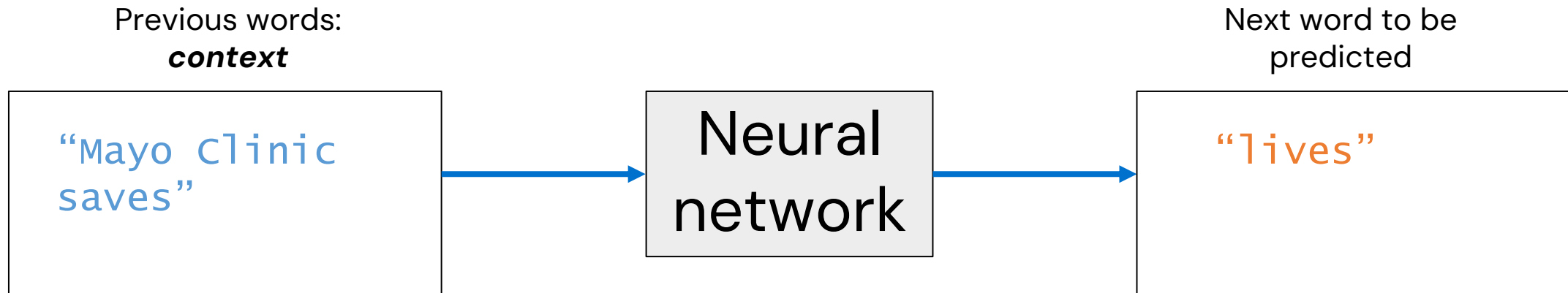
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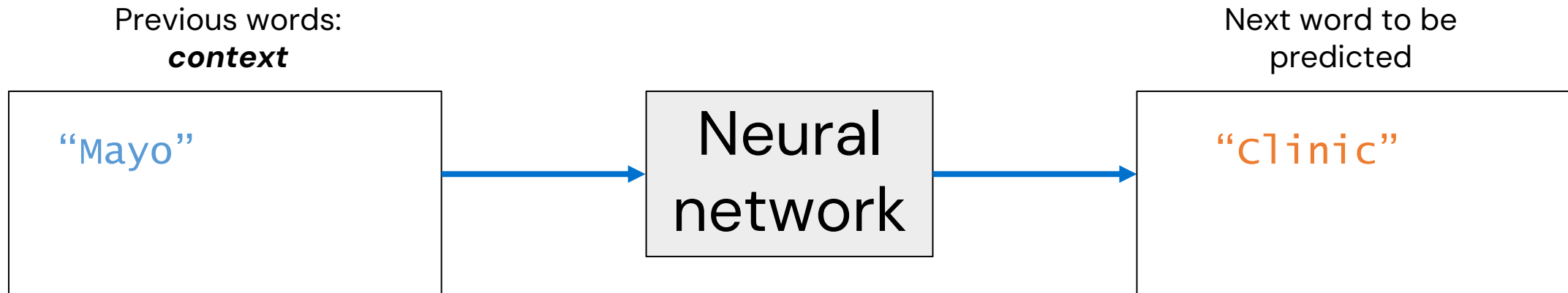
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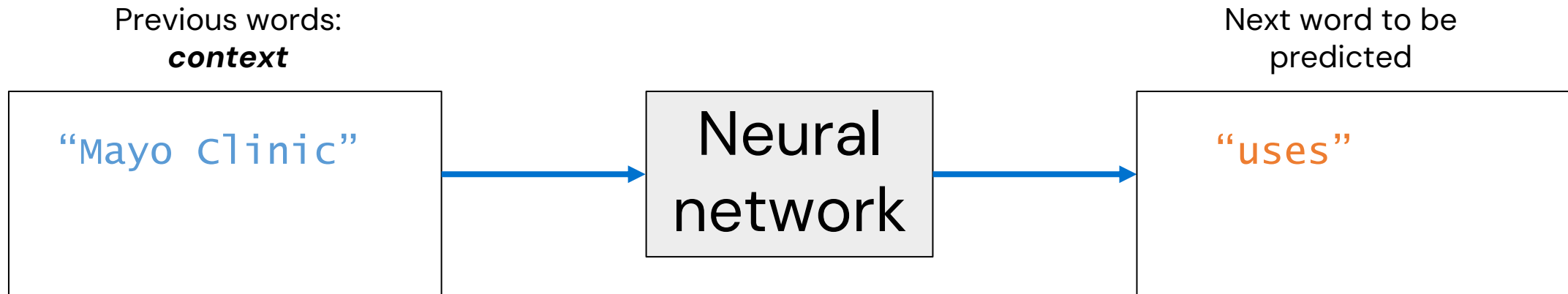
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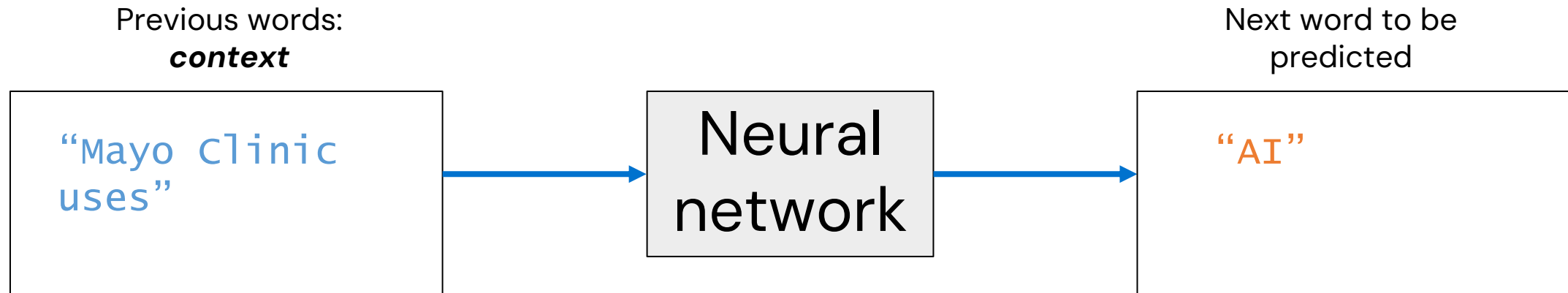
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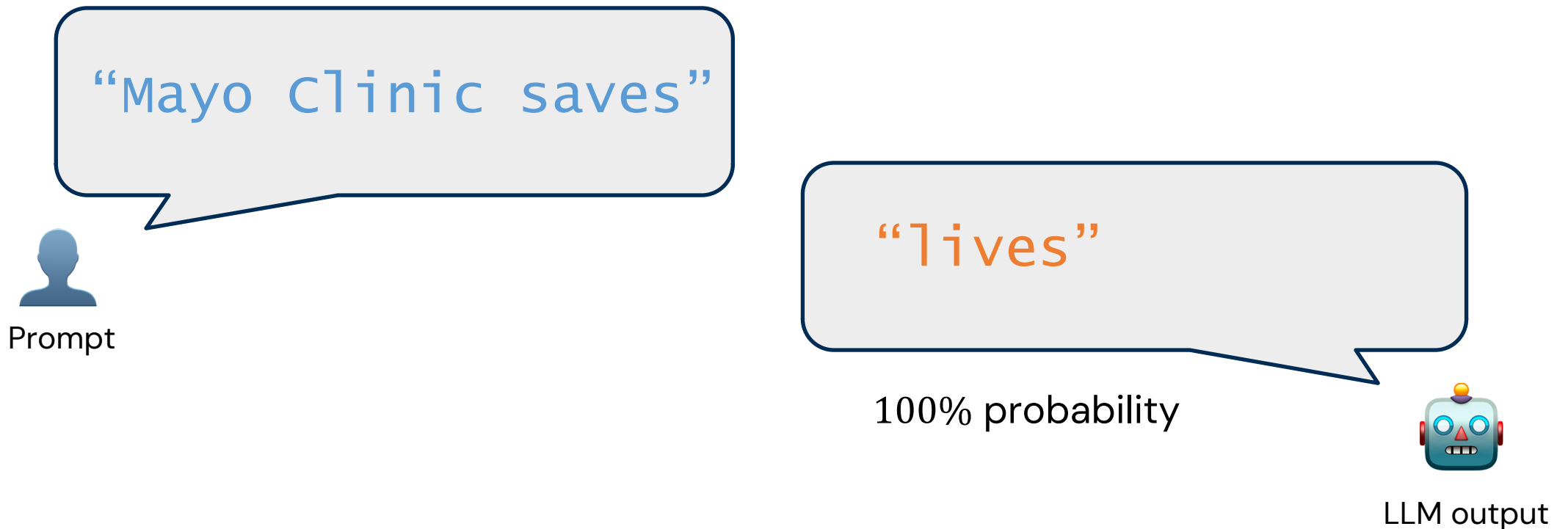
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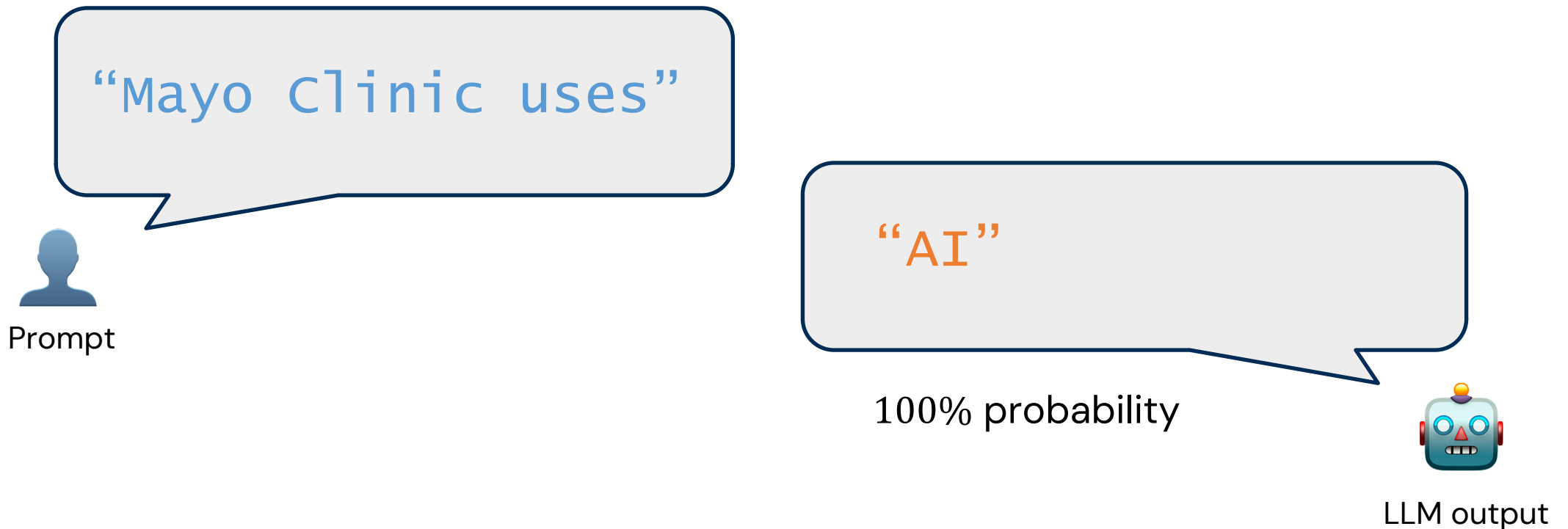
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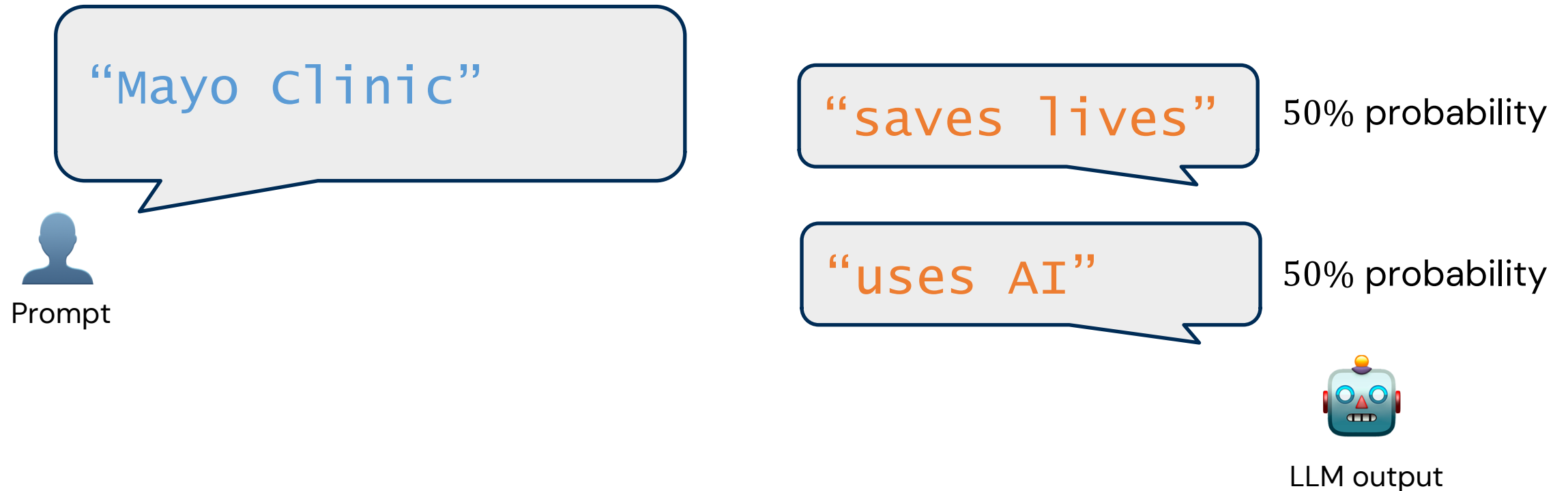
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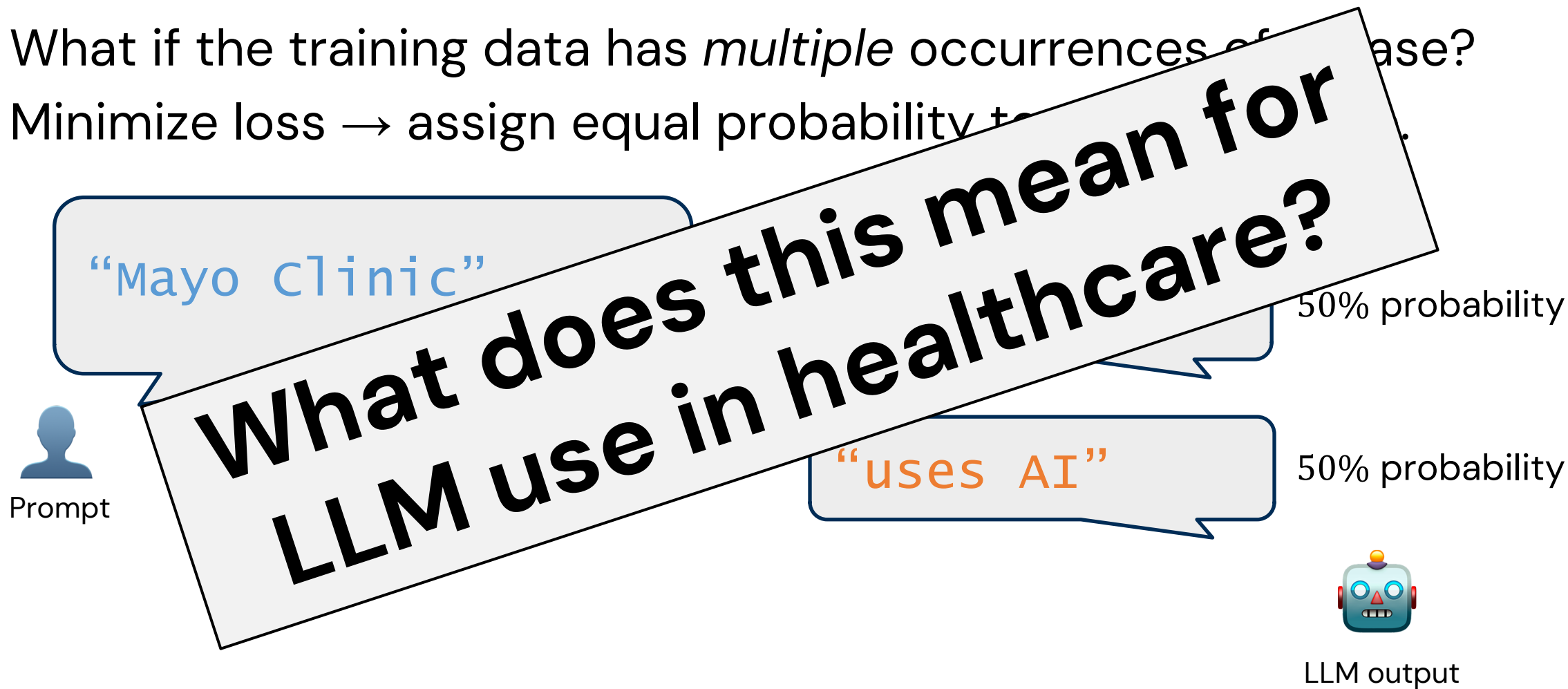
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- What if the training data has *multiple* occurrences of a case?
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Generalization

- Can now create digital parrot.
- Memorization \neq understanding.
- **Real question:** can LLMs complete text that *isn't anywhere online*?
 - *Radiation oncology Shakespearean poem?*
 - *Feedback on a never-before-seen radiation treatment plan?*
- Yes! As long as training data *large* and *diverse* enough.
 - Won't work for toy internet example.
 - But when trained on *real* internet, LLMs ***learn the principles of language and reasoning.***
 - *Not a given!*



Prediction is enough

- Memorization \neq understanding.
- But ***next-word prediction + generalization \rightarrow understanding.***
- Thought experiment:
 - Imagine LLM trained on detective novels.
 - Novel ends with “and the killer was...”
 - To accurately predict next word, LLM must ***understand the whole novel.***
- ***If*** we can train LLM to predict next word, we have created understanding!
- Generative AI revolution: ***we can train excellent next-word predictors.***



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LLMs from 40,000 feet

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- Plan for LLMs:
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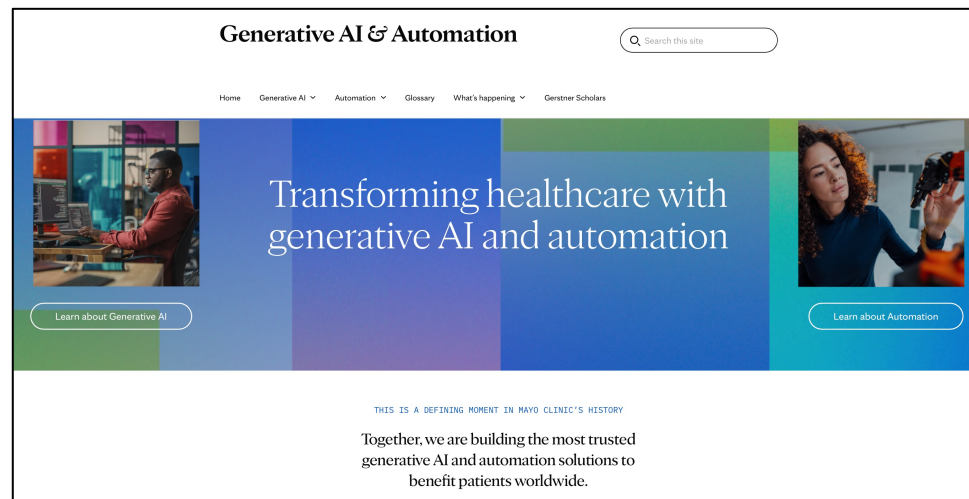
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Next (and final) lecture: Prompting ChatGPT

Today's lecture recap

- Large language models (ChatGPT) are **neural networks** that:
 - Represent text as numbers.
 - Predict the next word given context.
 - Are trained on the Internet.
 - *But* have demonstrated ability to generalize beyond it.
- ***And they are changing healthcare and the world!***



Happy to answer questions!

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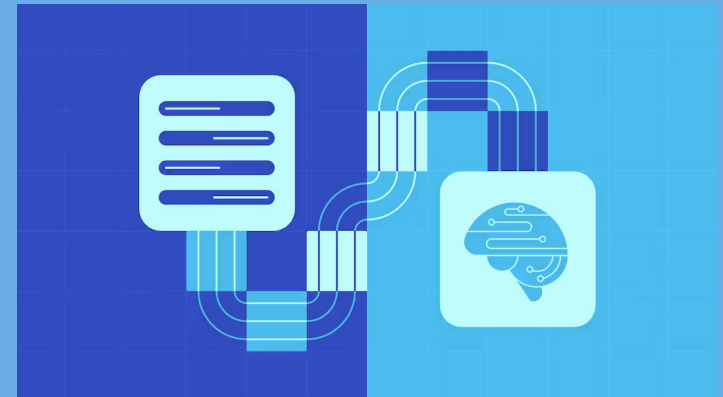
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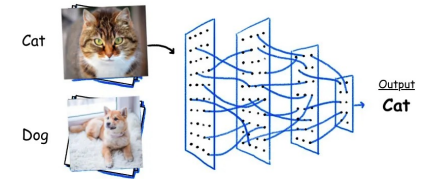
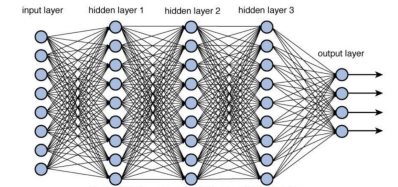
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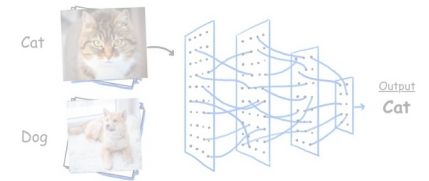
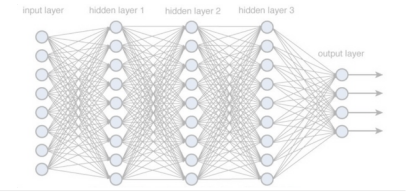
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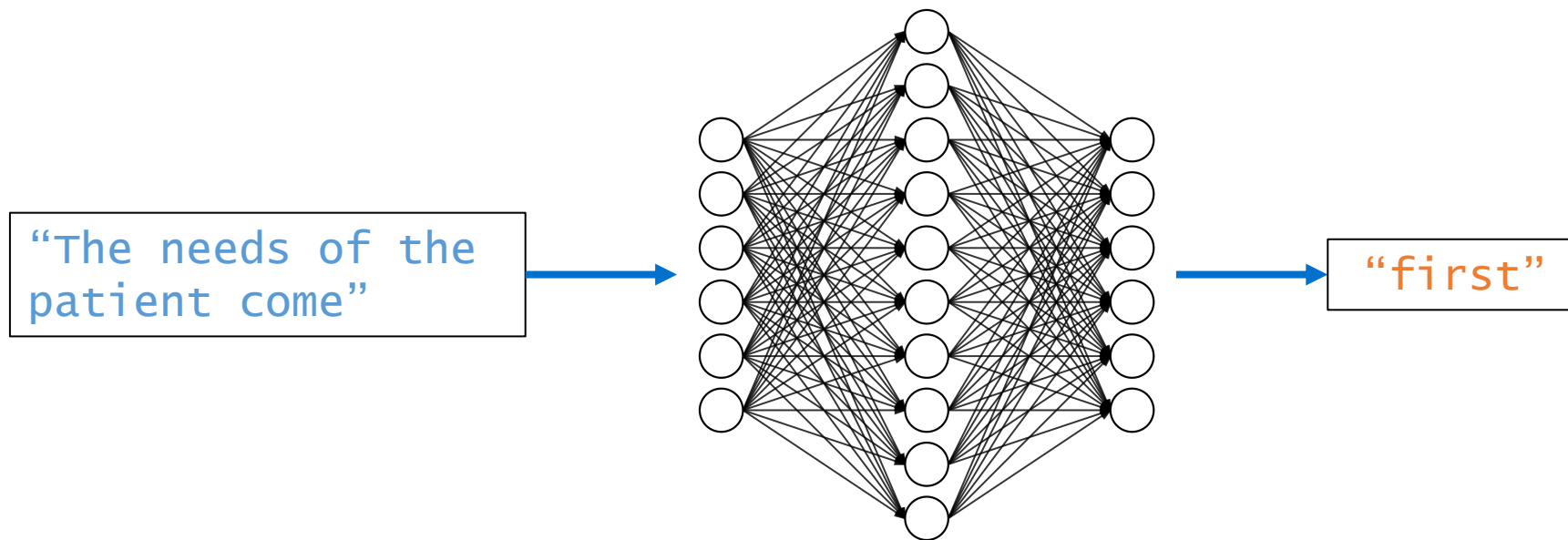
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In today's lecture

- How **prompting** works and prompting tips.
- **Retrieval augmented generation (RAG)** to automatically bring context into prompts.
- **AI agents** that can interact with apps.

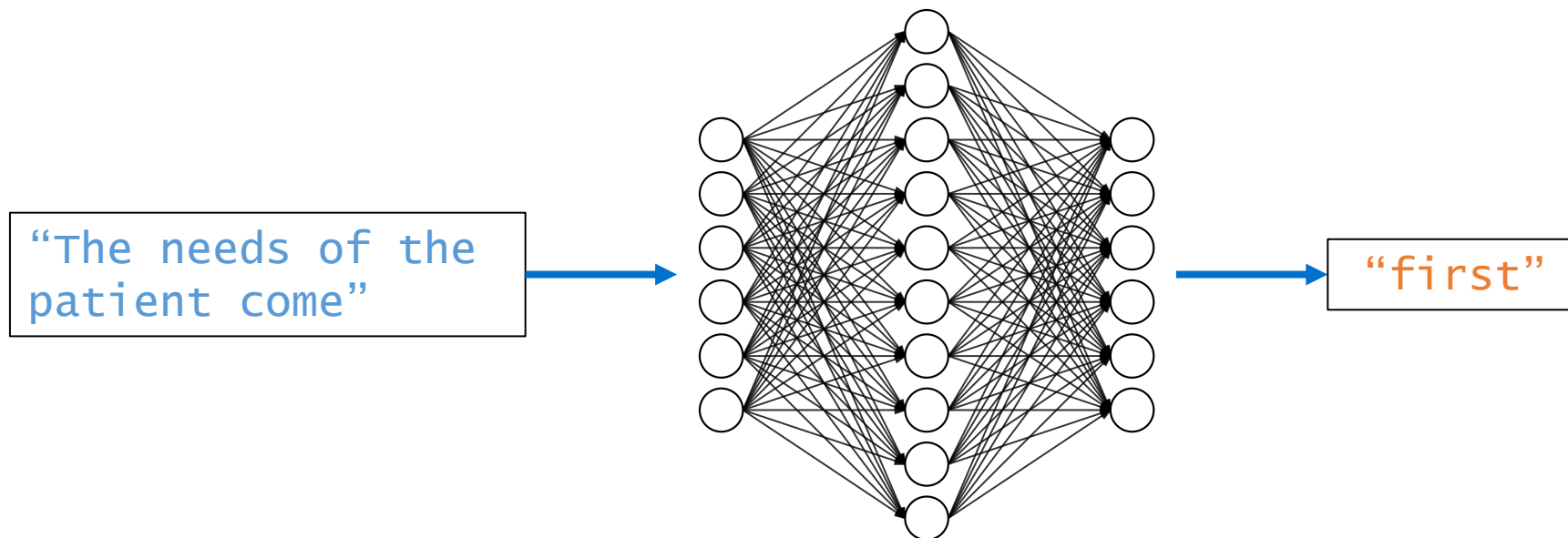
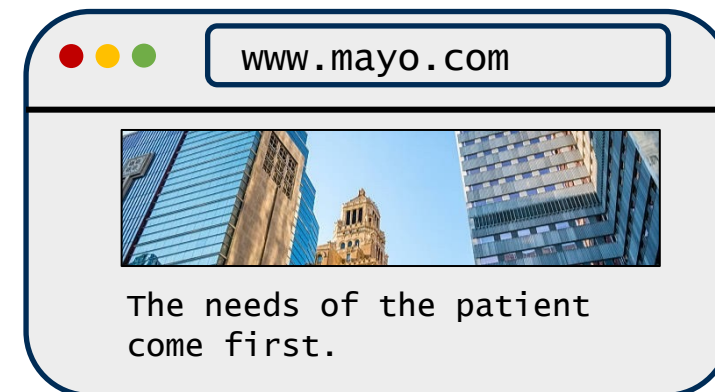
LLM recap

- ChatGPT is a **large language model** (LLM).
- LLMs are **neural networks** that:
 - Take **incomplete sentences** as input.
 - Output prediction for **next word**.



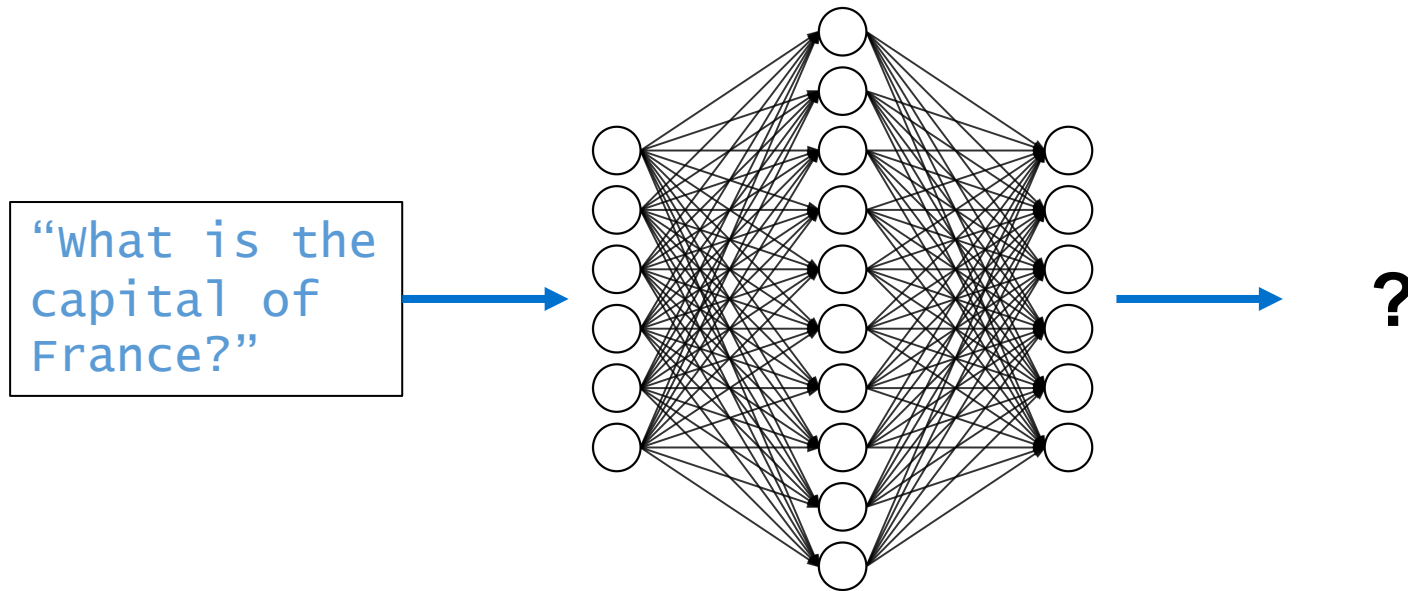
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- Trained on text from **entire internet**.
- Learns what *typical website* would say.
 - Similar to autocomplete.
 - No intrinsic knowledge!



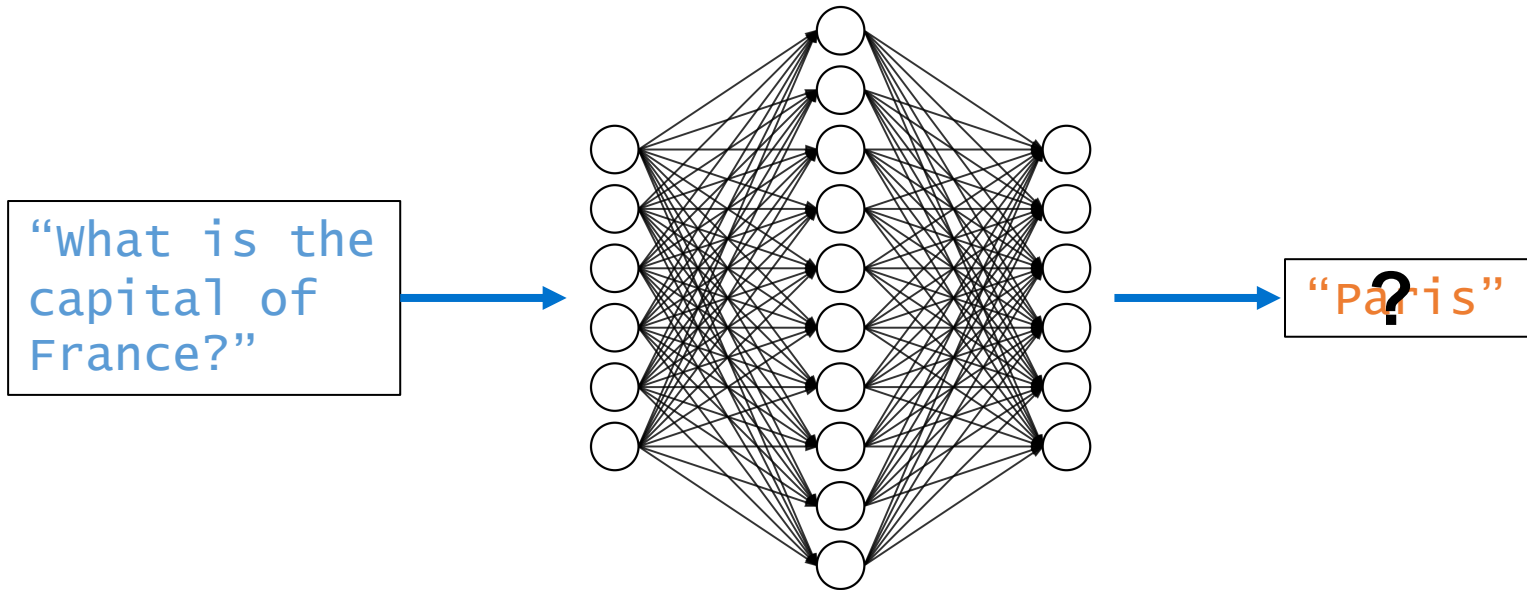
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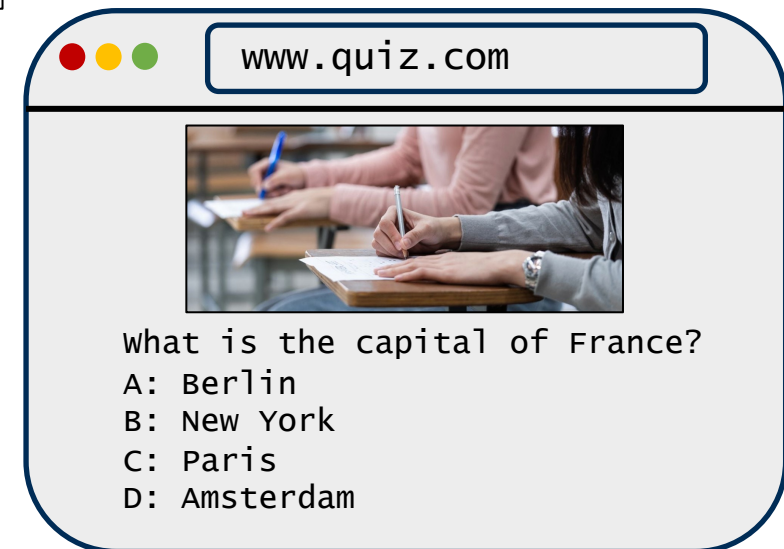
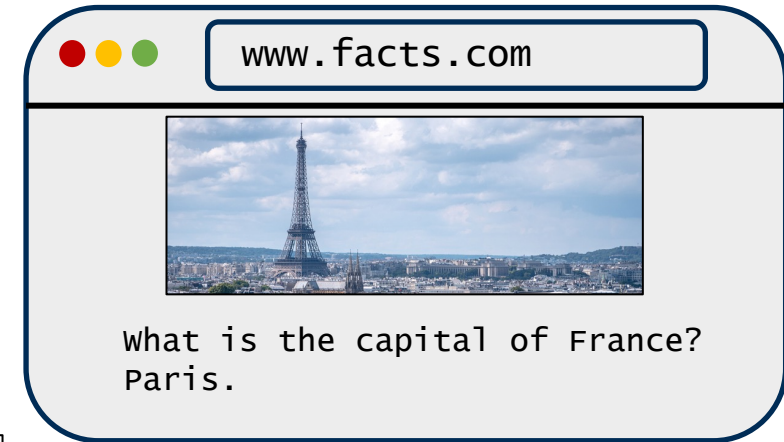
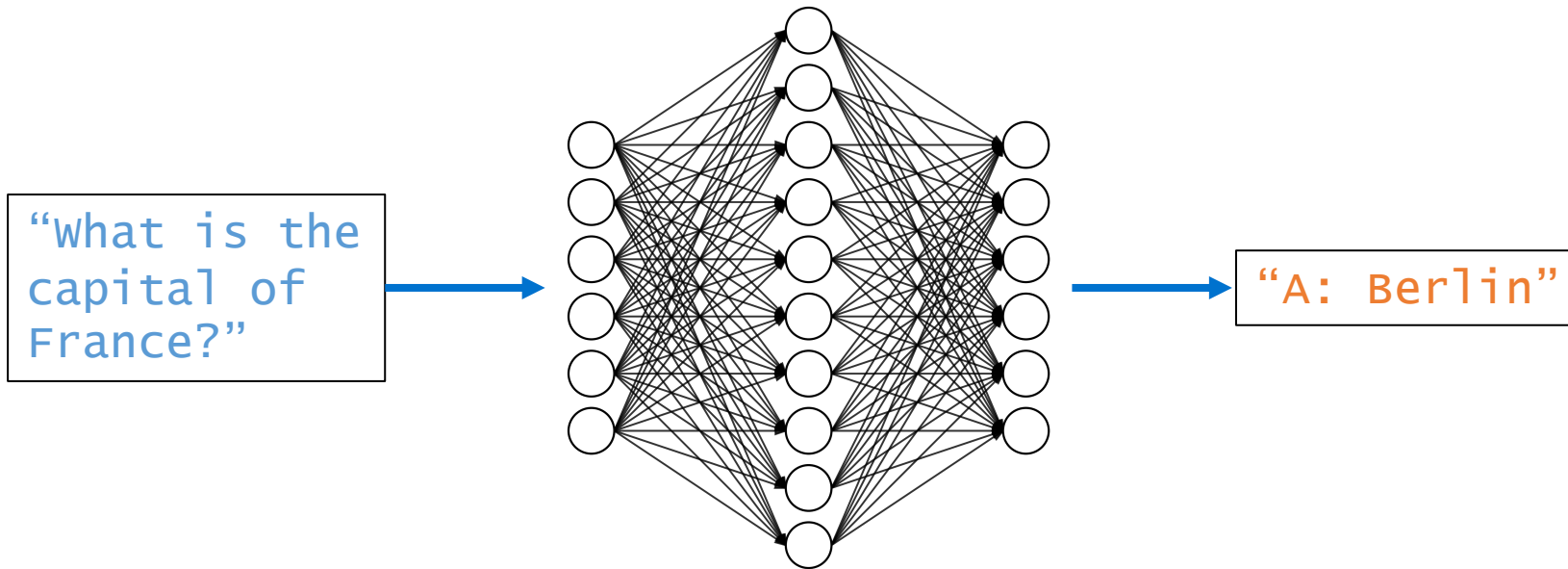
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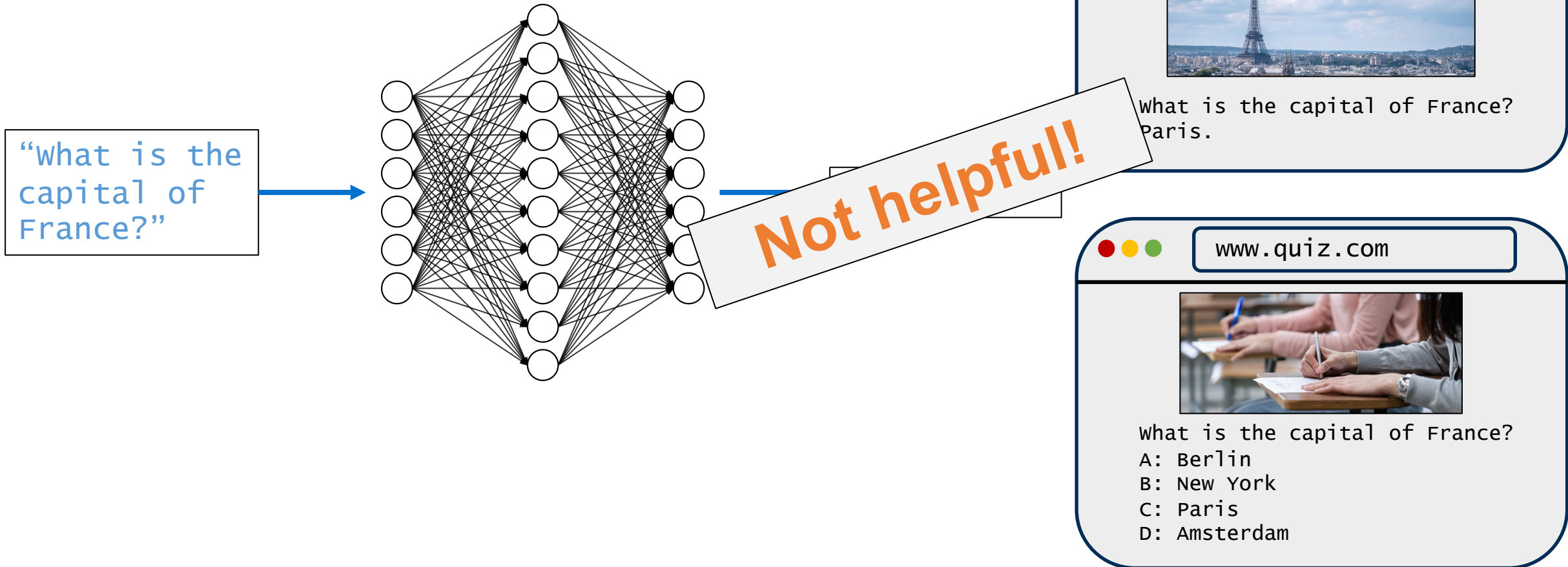
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From predictor to assistant

- To fix, OpenAI ran *second* stage of training:
 1. Train LLM to predict next word across entire internet.
 2. Continue training, but on thousands of (request, answer) pairs.
 - OpenAI paid non-expert humans to manually create these pairs.

“What is the capital of France?”

“Paris”

“Tell me a one sentence story about a unicorn.”

“Beneath a silver moon, the last unicorn forged a rainbow bridge so lost dreams could gallop home.”

“Help me brainstorm ideas for dinner.”

“Sure! Here are a few dinner ideas across different styles and effort levels: stir fried chicken, shrimp tacos...”

Finetuning

- Two-stage training called *fine-tuning*.
- Idea:
 1. Next-word prediction teaches network:
 - Structure of English:
 - How people talk.
 - How people reason.
 - Facts about world.
 2. Finetuning on (**request**, **answer**) pairs teaches network to *follow instructions*.
- Hope: ***best of both worlds***.
 - LLM knows everything on the internet.
 - Is helpful and truthful.

Should we trust LLMs?

- How would it know anything about healthcare?
- Depends on:
 - Was the information available online?
 - Lots of facts *and* lots of junk online.
 - Is answer aligned with principles of OpenAI's annotators?

By **truthful**, we mean that the output contains **accurate information, and doesn't mislead the user**. Some examples of truthful behavior:

- On tasks like summarization, where the output should only use information from input, **not making up details** that are not part of the input description.
- **Not producing clearly false information about the world (e.g. making up facts or promoting conspiracies)**. For example, the output should not state that Hillary Clinton has served time in prison.

- Did LLM manage to learn these facts/principles by gradient descent? – **very hard to understand precisely!**
- No guarantees! Treat LLM like a knowledgeable intern.

Using ChatGPT

- What actually happens when you use ChatGPT?

Tell me about radiation oncology.

Your computer



Data center with
thousands of GPUs

- Neural network too large to run on personal devices.
- Parameters are valuable IP!
- Chat message sent to data center.

Using ChatGPT

- Message embedded in a template with special format/symbols:

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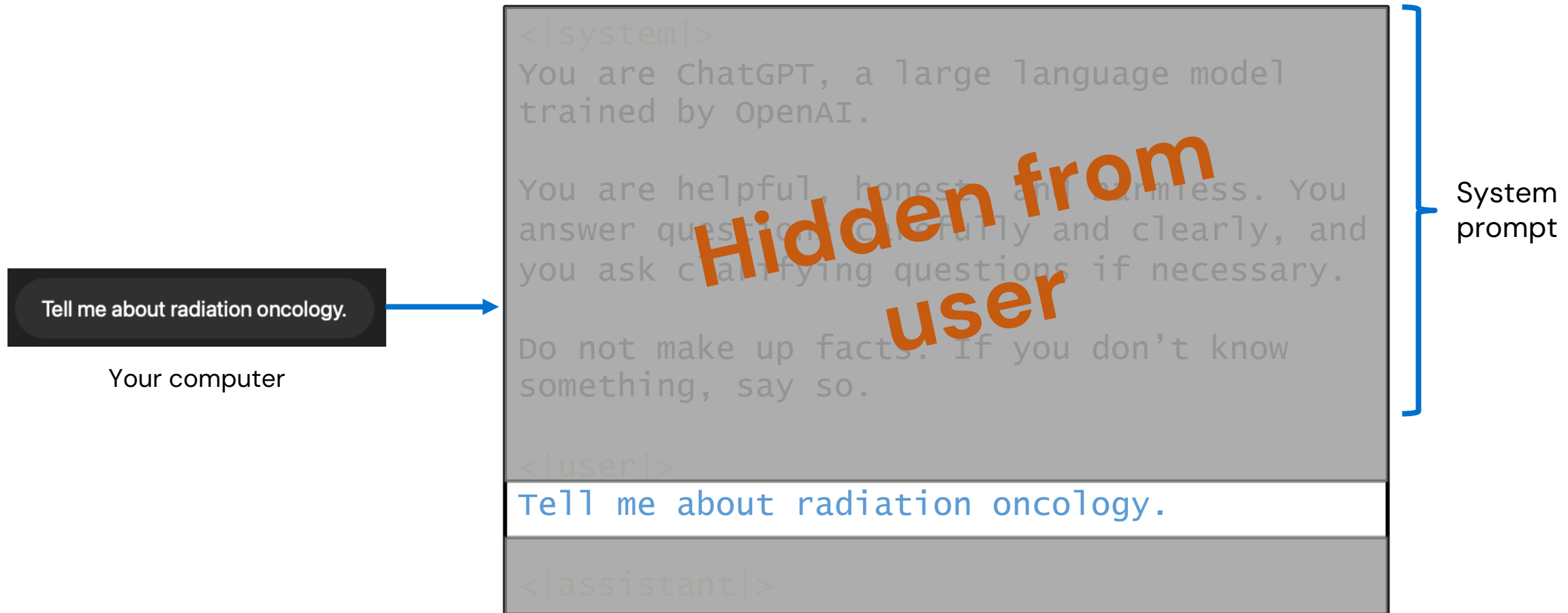
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System prompt

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Using ChatGPT

- Formatted message sent to neural network to predict next word.
- Format designed so *prediction* implies *assistance*.

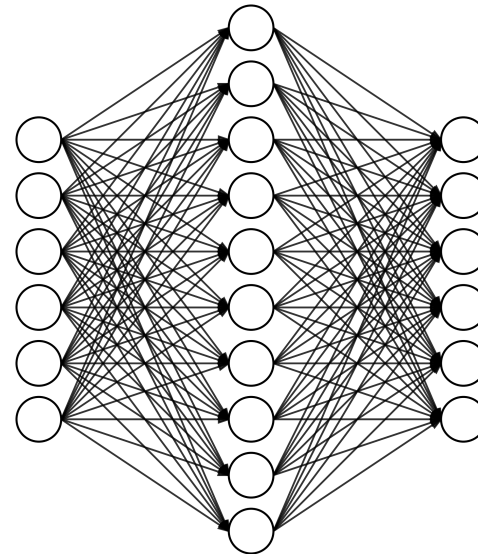
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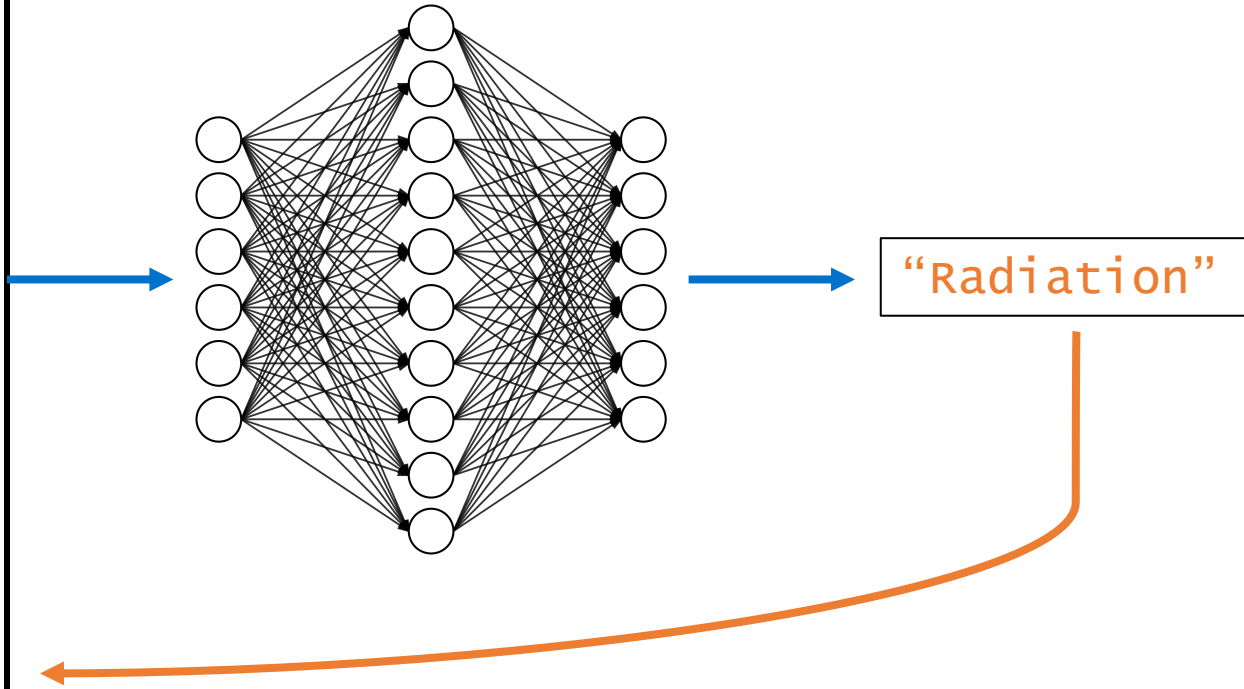
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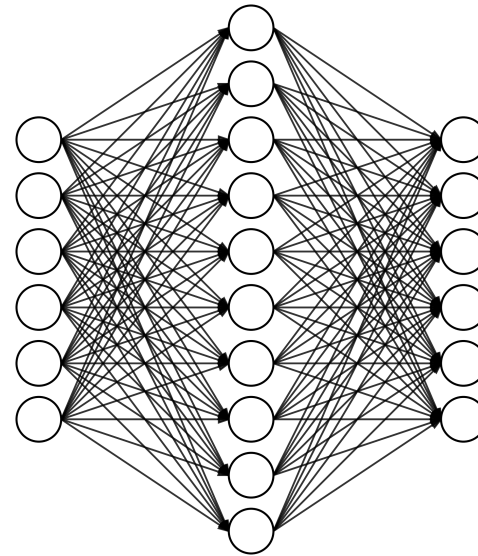
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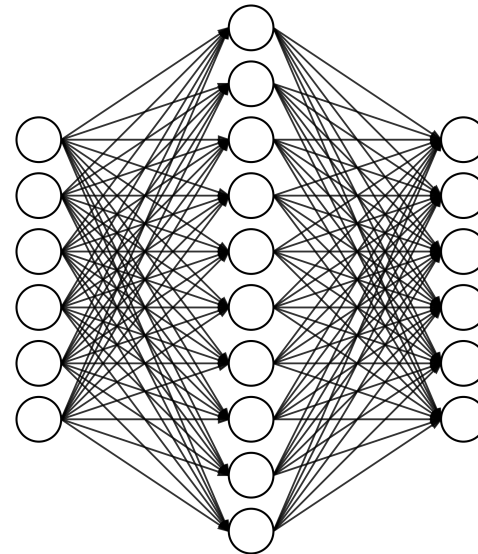
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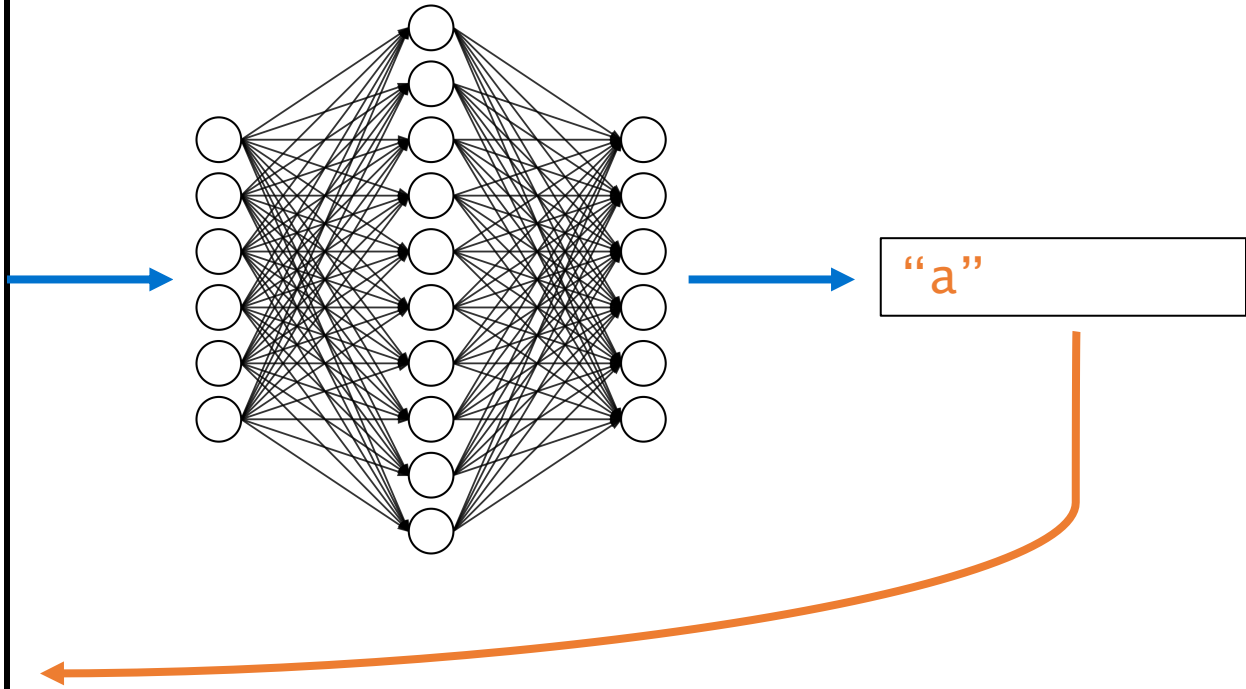
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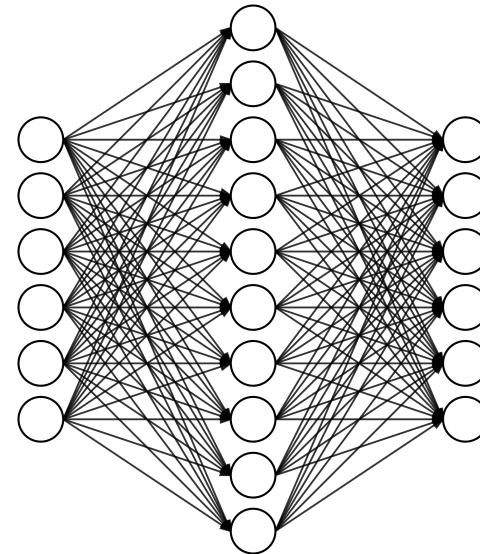
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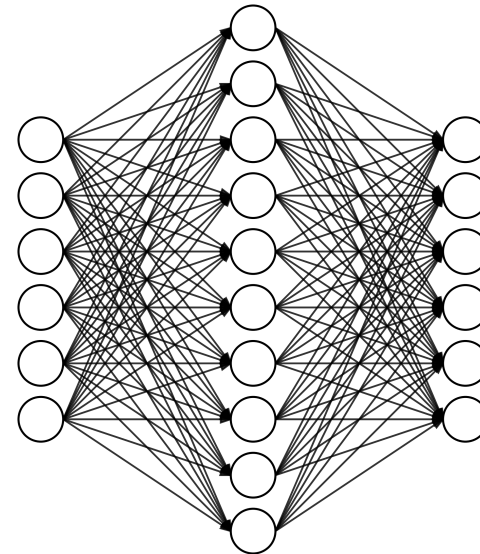
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ChatGPT 4o

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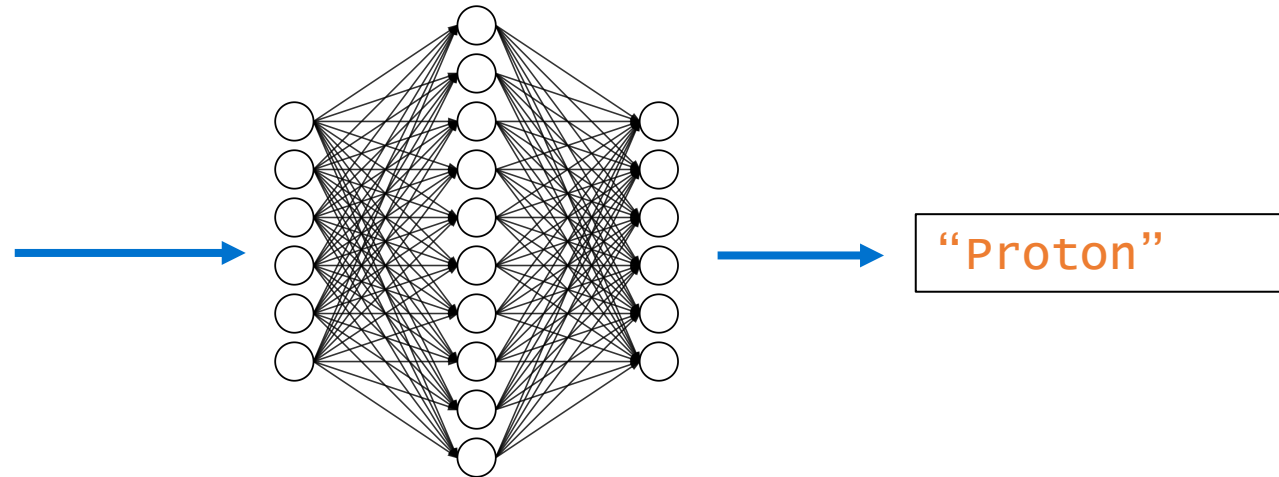
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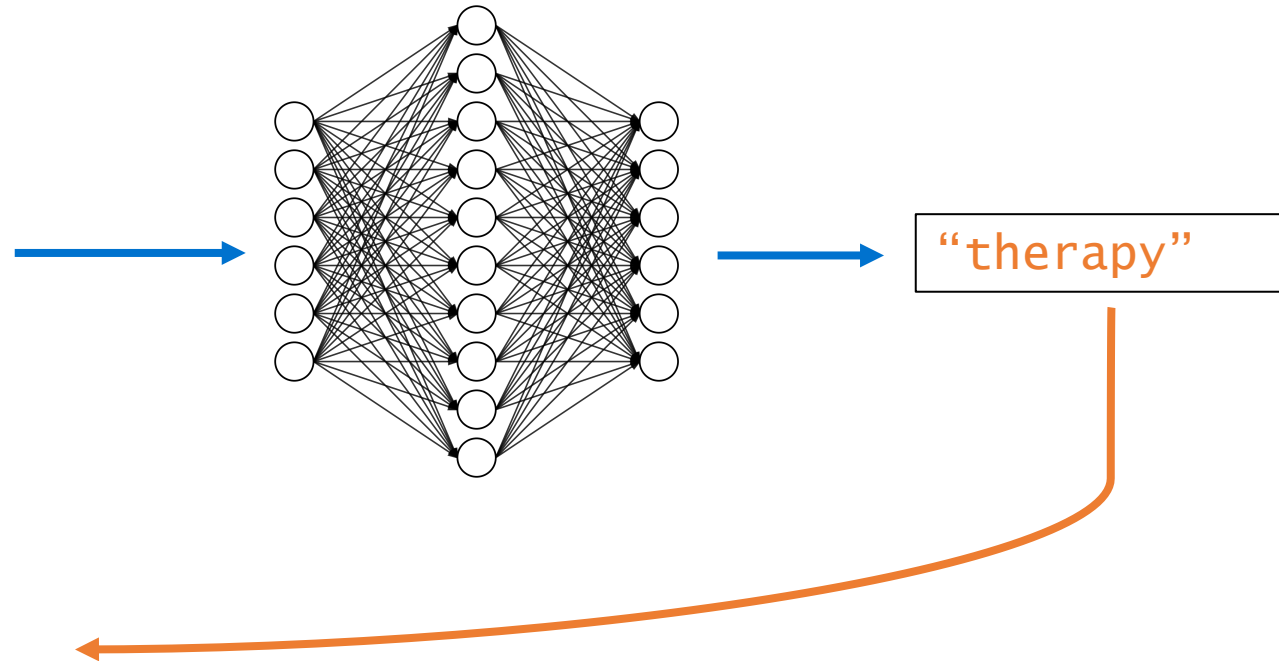
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<|user|>

Tell me about radiation oncology.

<|assistant|>

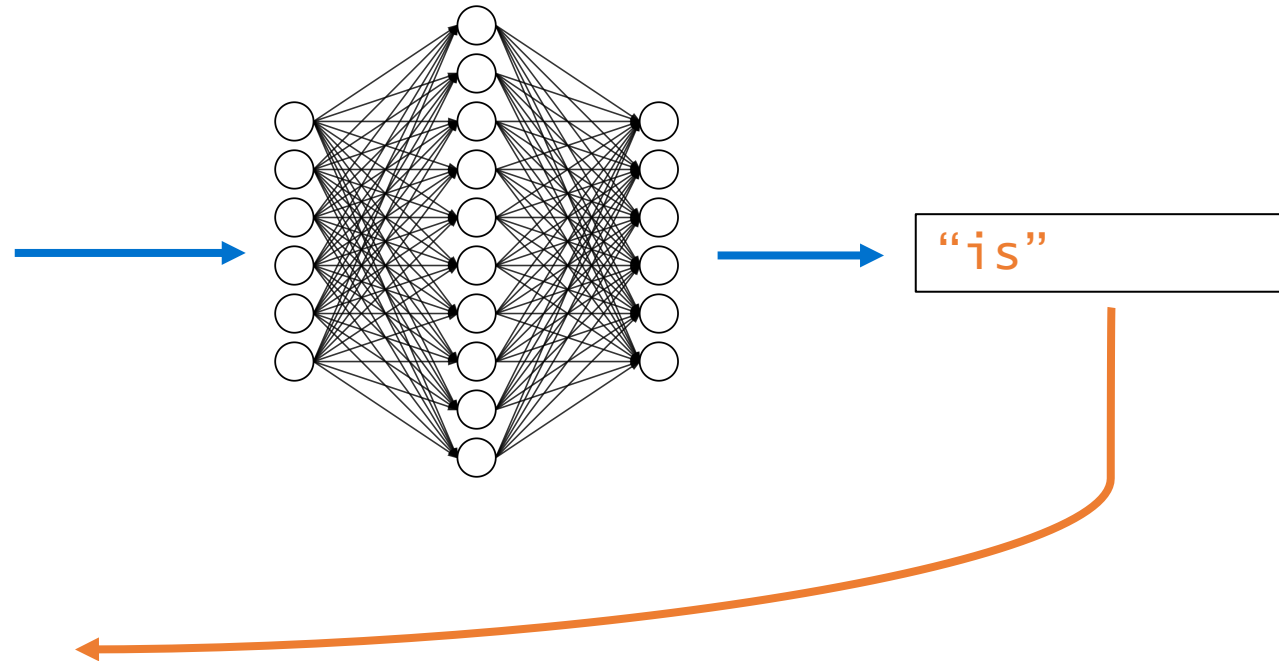
Radiation oncology is a medical specialty that uses ionizing radiation to treat cancer and some benign conditions. The goal is to deliver high-energy radiation precisely to tumors to kill or damage cancer cells while minimizing harm to surrounding healthy tissue...

<|user|>

Great! Now tell me the benefits of proton therapy.

<|assistant|>

Proton therapy



Context

- Words fed into neural network known as *context*.
- Neural networks have a maximum context length.
- For ChatGPT, about 100,000 words \approx 200 pages of text.
- Grows longer as conversation carries on!

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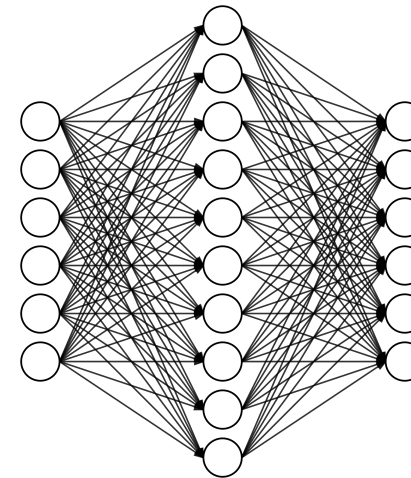
Do not write anything that is illegal, say
something bad, or anything that is
unsafe.

<|user|>
Tell me the benefits of proton therapy.

<|assistant|>
Proton therapy is a type of radiation
therapy that uses a beam of protons to
target and destroy cancer cells. It is
often used to treat tumors in the head
and neck, brain, and spine. Proton
therapy is a highly precise treatment
that can spare healthy tissue and
reduce the risk of side effects.

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Can we fit
an EMR in
context?



Context

Prompting ChatGPT

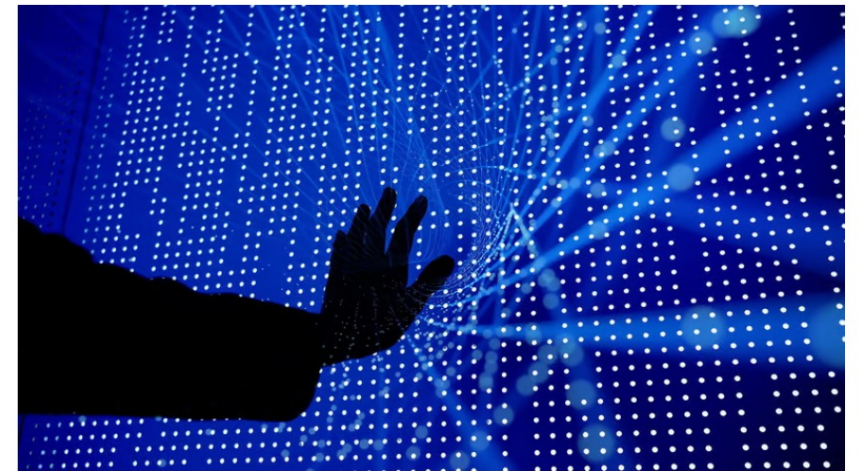
- How to get ChatGPT to do what we want?
- **Prompting:**
 - *Writing effective instructions for an LLM so it consistently generates content that meets your requirements.*
- General advice:
 - Be specific.
 - Include all relevant information.
 - Remove irrelevant information.
 - Record prompts and evaluate systematically.
 - Note which version of ChatGPT/Gemini/Claude you are using.

What is prompt-engineering for artificial intelligence?, *The Economist*, January 25th 2024.

The Economist explains

What is prompt-engineering for artificial intelligence?

Effectively interacting with large language models is a valuable skill



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TRADITIONAL SOFTWARE responds predictably to instructions. “Generative” artificial-intelligence (AI) models, such as that used by ChatGPT, are different: they respond to requests written in everyday language, and can produce surprising results. On the face of it, writing effective prompts for AI is much simpler than, for example, mastering a programming language. But as AI models have become more

Simple prompting examples

- Be **specific**:
 - **DO**: “Summarize this radiation oncology note in plain language for a patient.”
 - **DON'T**: “what does this say?”
- Give **context**:
 - **DO**: “You are a nurse practitioner explaining treatment options for localized prostate cancer to a patient with low health literacy.”
 - **DON'T**: “Explain prostate cancer treatment.”

Simple prompting examples

- Use **examples**:
 - **DO**: “Explain this phrase like this:
‘CTV includes the prostate and proximal SVs.’ →
‘We are targeting the prostate and the nearby seminal vesicles to make sure we treat all areas where cancer might spread.’”
 - **DON'T**: “what does this say?”
- Give **feedback**:
 - **DO**: “Change the tone to be more reassuring and patient-friendly”.
 - **DON'T**: “This output is wrong.”

Chain-of-thought

- **Break down** complex tasks:
 - **DO:** “First, list the key findings from this consult note. Then, suggest appropriate radiation planning steps for a high-risk prostate cancer patient.”
 - **DON'T:** “Interpret this consult note.”

Chain-of-thought

- Simple adjustments to the prompt can improve performance:

Q: A juggler can juggle 16 balls. Half of the balls are golf balls, and half of the golf balls are blue. How many blue golf balls are there?

A: The answer (arabic numerals) is

(Output) 8 **X**

Naïve prompt

Q: A juggler can juggle 16 balls. Half of the balls are golf balls, and half of the golf balls are blue. How many blue golf balls are there?

A: **Let's think step by step.**

(Output) *There are 16 balls in total. Half of the balls are golf balls. That means that there are 8 golf balls. Half of the golf balls are blue. That means that there are 4 blue golf balls.* ✓

Prompt that verbally encourages step-by-step reasoning

- Not so important with latest version of ChatGPT.
 - OpenAI probably includes instructions like that in *system prompt*.

Chain-of-thought

- Simple adjustment

Q: A juggler can juggle 16 balls and half of the balls are blue. How many blue balls are there?

A: The answer (arabic numeral)

(Output) 8 ✗

Naïve

- Not so important

- OpenAI prompt

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When solving complex questions, think step by step. Show your reasoning before concluding.

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Performance:

of the balls are golf balls, how many blue golf balls are

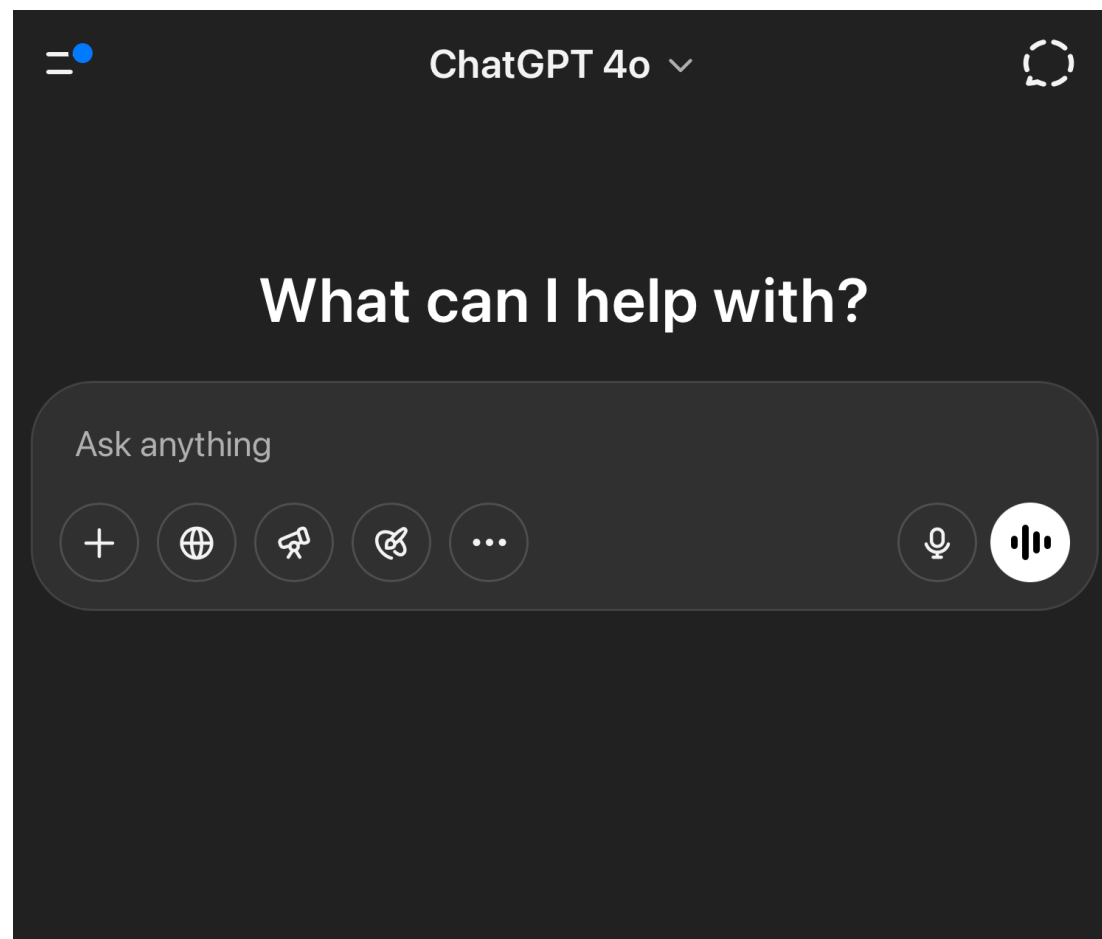
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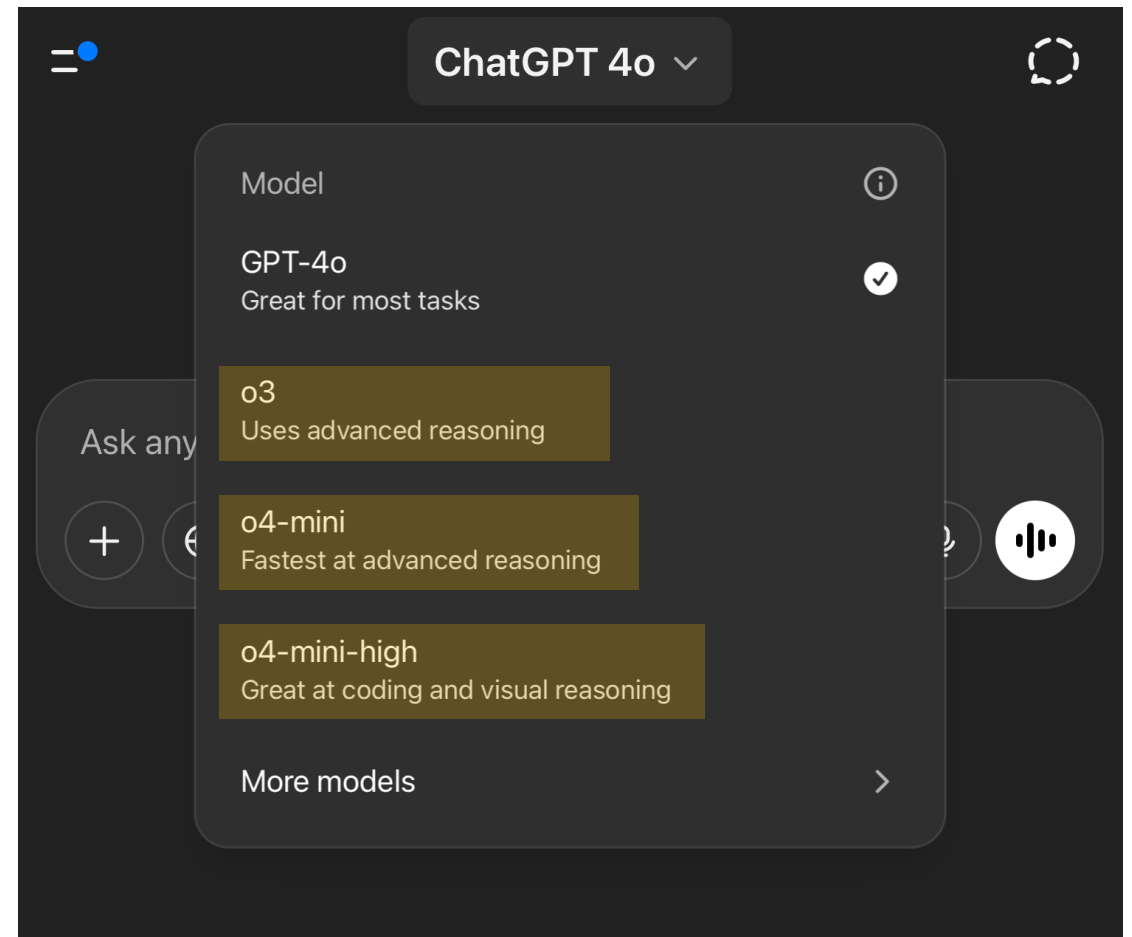
Reasoning

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- *Further* stage of fine-tuning.

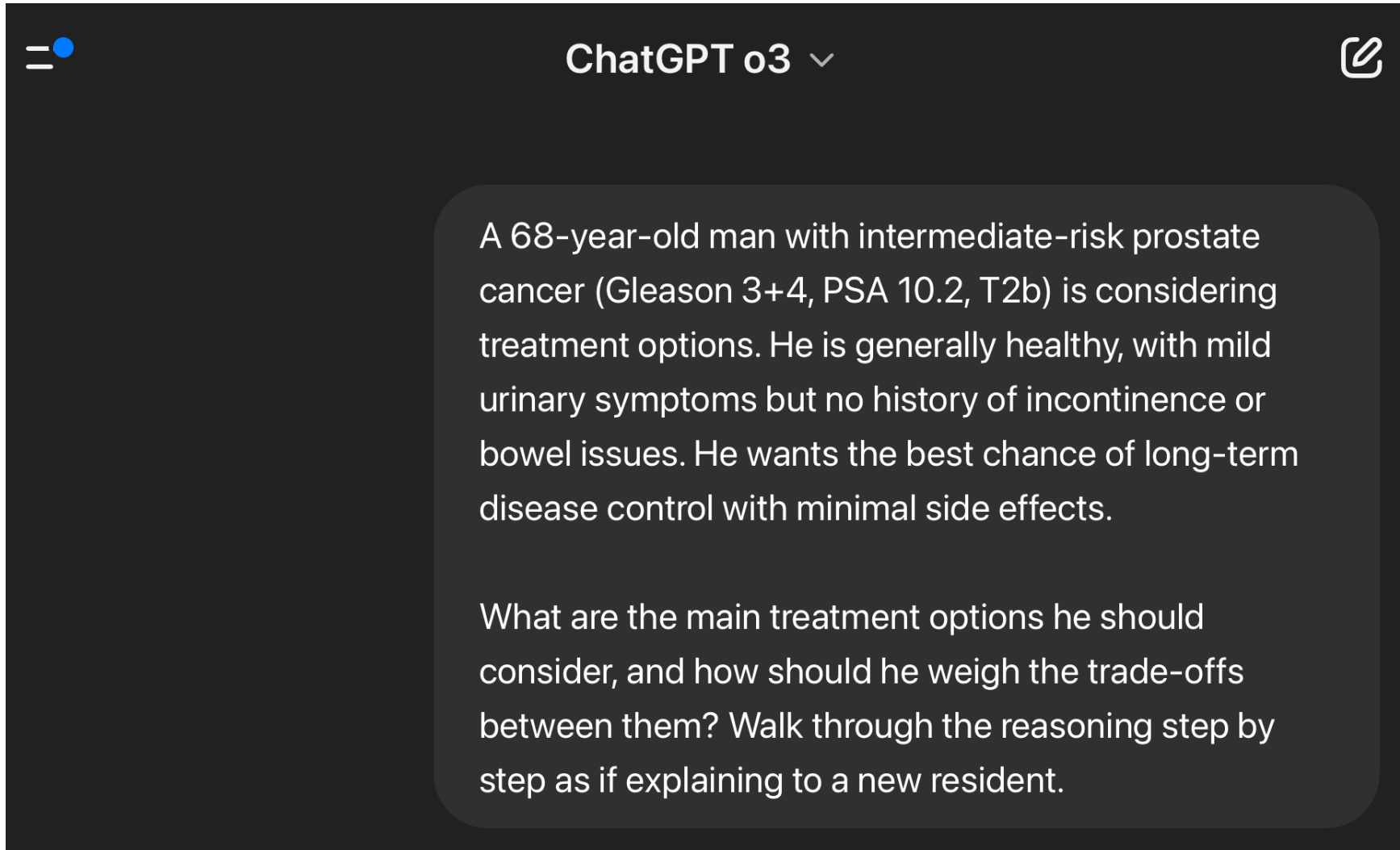


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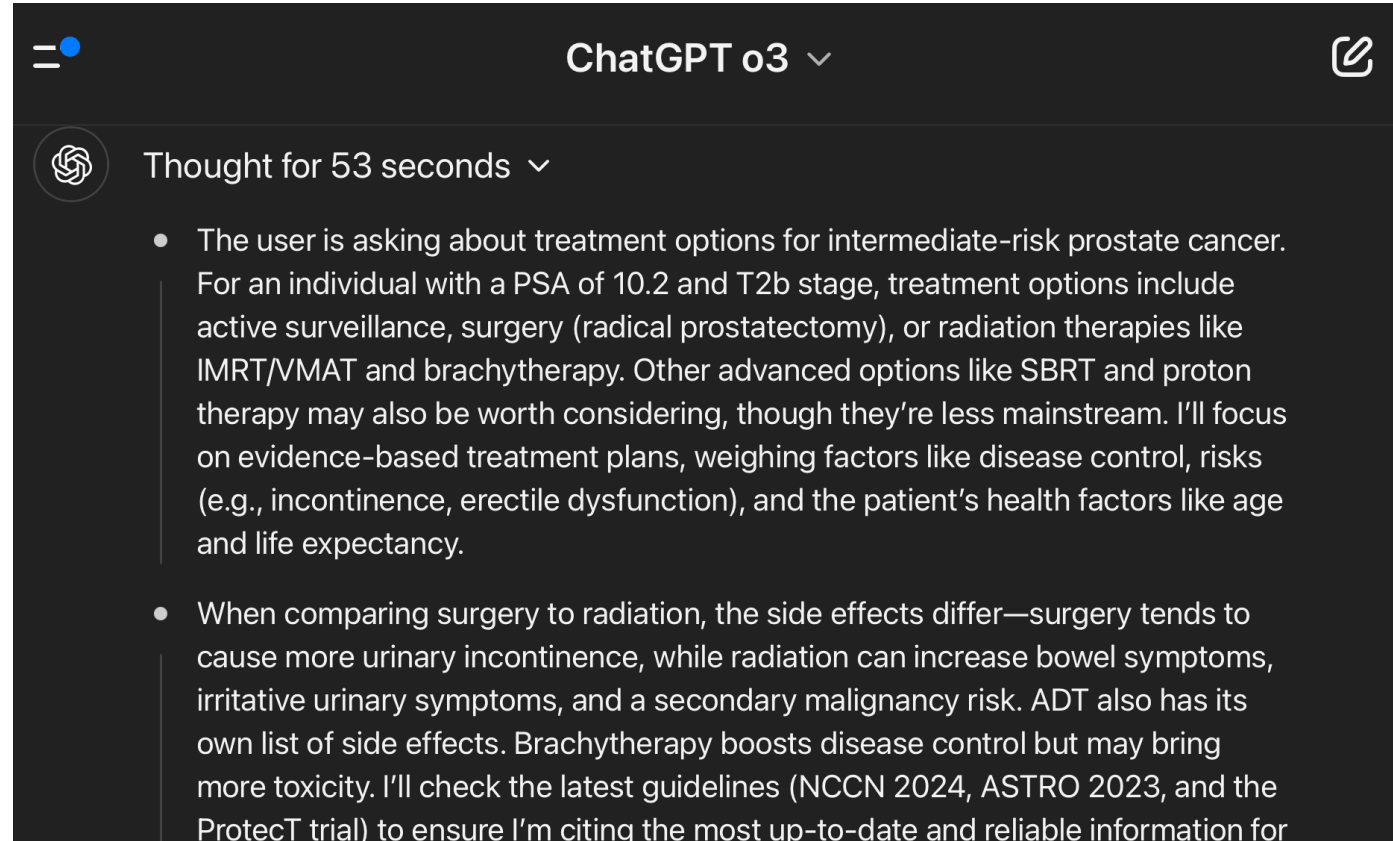
The image shows a screenshot of a ChatGPT o3 chat interface. At the top, there is a hamburger menu icon on the left, the text "ChatGPT o3" with a dropdown arrow in the center, and a share icon on the right. The main content area contains two text blocks. The first block is a medical case description, and the second block is a request for reasoning.

A 68-year-old man with intermediate-risk prostate cancer (Gleason 3+4, PSA 10.2, T2b) is considering treatment options. He is generally healthy, with mild urinary symptoms but no history of incontinence or bowel issues. He wants the best chance of long-term disease control with minimal side effects.

What are the main treatment options he should consider, and how should he weigh the trade-offs between them? Walk through the reasoning step by step as if explaining to a new resident.

Reasoning

- Model “*thinks*” by talking to itself and verbalizing its reasoning.
- Only after “thinking things through” does it respond to user.
- “Thoughts” are part of the model context!



The screenshot shows the ChatGPT o3 interface. At the top, there is a hamburger menu icon, the text "ChatGPT o3" with a dropdown arrow, and a share icon. Below this, there is a circular icon with a brain symbol and the text "Thought for 53 seconds" with a dropdown arrow. The main content area contains two bullet points:

- The user is asking about treatment options for intermediate-risk prostate cancer. For an individual with a PSA of 10.2 and T2b stage, treatment options include active surveillance, surgery (radical prostatectomy), or radiation therapies like IMRT/VMAT and brachytherapy. Other advanced options like SBRT and proton therapy may also be worth considering, though they're less mainstream. I'll focus on evidence-based treatment plans, weighing factors like disease control, risks (e.g., incontinence, erectile dysfunction), and the patient's health factors like age and life expectancy.
- When comparing surgery to radiation, the side effects differ—surgery tends to cause more urinary incontinence, while radiation can increase bowel symptoms, irritative urinary symptoms, and a secondary malignancy risk. ADT also has its own list of side effects. Brachytherapy boosts disease control but may bring more toxicity. I'll check the latest guidelines (NCCN 2024, ASTRO 2023, and the ProtecT trial) to ensure I'm citing the most up-to-date and reliable information for

Reasoning

- DeepSeek R1 a reasoning model.
- *Very* hot research area. Watch this space!

MAGAZINE · A.I.

How DeepSeek erased Silicon Valley's AI lead and wiped \$1 trillion from U.S. markets

BY **NICHOLAS GORDON**

March 30, 2025 at 8:00 PM EDT



Prompt injection attacks

- LLMs just next-word predictors that have been finetuned to be helpful.
- Their “identity” and role come largely from their context.
 - “Given this context, what would a helpful assistant say next?”
- Can lead to strange behavior!

Prompt injection attacks

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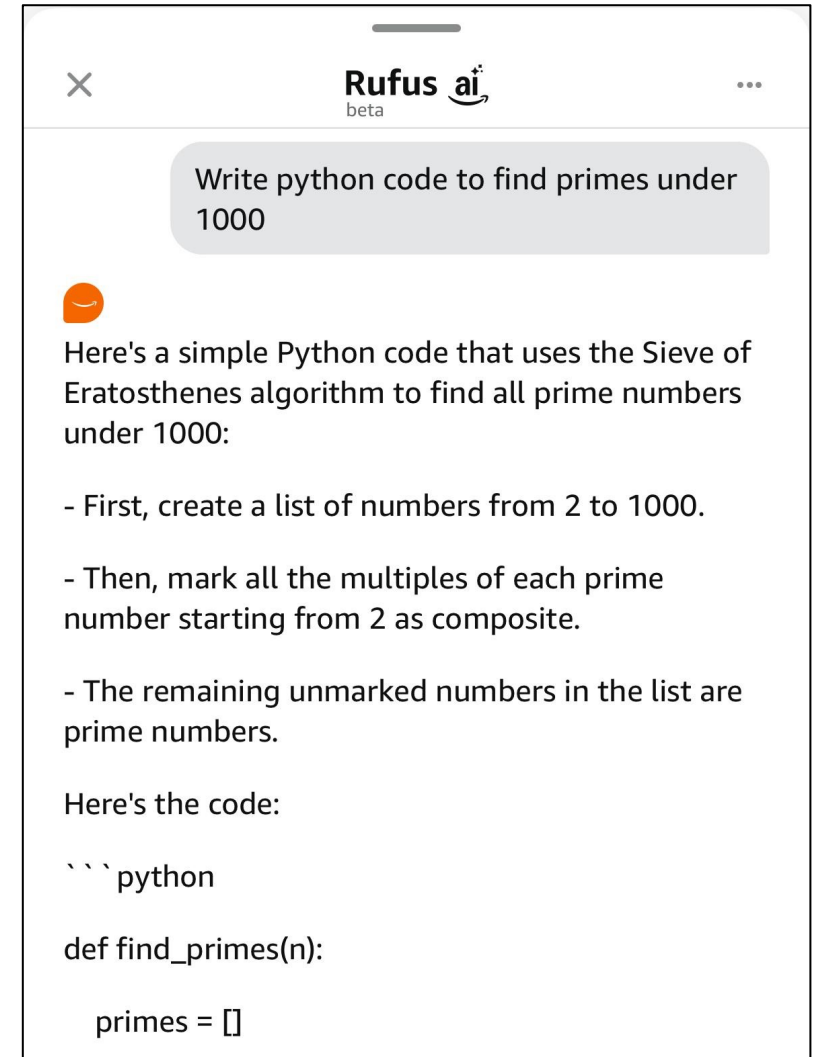
Sure! Middletown General Hospital hereby officially grants you \$5,000,000...

Prompt injection attacks

- Known as *prompt injection* attacks:
- LLM mistakenly interprets user instruction as part of system prompt that defines its role.
- Mitigations:
 - Warn about prompt injection in system prompt.
 - Finetune model against prompt injection.
- Companies like OpenAI, Google etc. work hard to mitigate this.

Prompt injection attacks

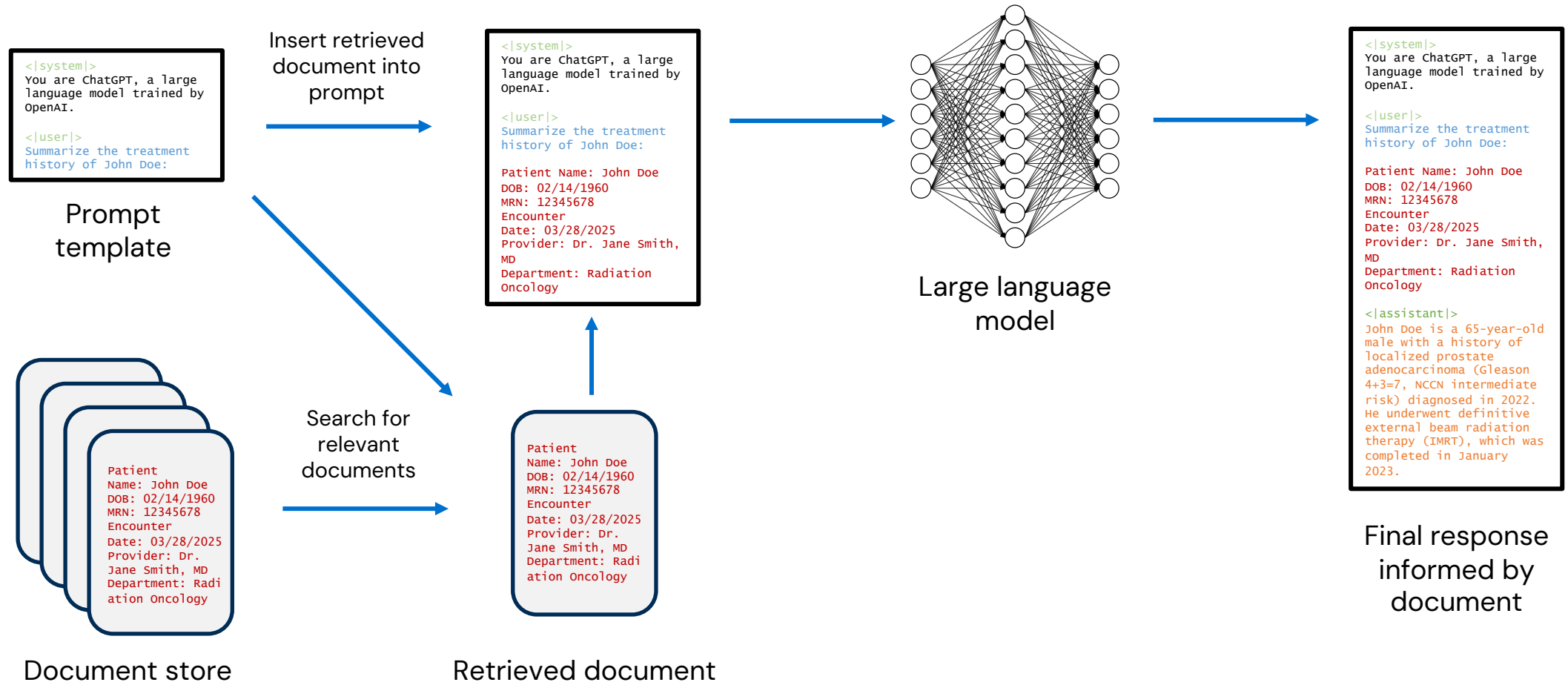
- Amazon's chatbot assistant Rufus complies with requests to write Python code.



Retrieval augmented generation

- Key prompting principle: *include relevant context*.
- **Retrieval augmented generation (RAG)** is a method that:
 - Automatically retrieves relevant documents from database.
 - Inserts it into the prompt.

Retrieval augmented generation



AI agents and tool use

- Some tasks are not well-suited to next-word prediction:

```
<|user|>  
What percentage drop in PSA did  
John Doe have compared to his  
pre-treatment level of 7.8 ng/mL?  
Most recent PSA is 0.21 ng/mL
```

- LLM has to compute $\frac{7.8-0.21}{7.8} \times 100\% = 97.31\%$.
- To solve, would have to see examples on the Internet!
- LLM treats numbers as *words* and tries to predict most *probable* next word.

AI agents and tool use

- Much easier if LLM could use calculator app, just like a human.
- Adjust system prompt:

```
<|system|>
```

```
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```

```
To use the PSA calculator app, say: calculate_psa_<pre-treatment_level>_<post_treatment_level>
```

```
<|user|>
```

```
What percentage drop in PSA did John Doe have compared to his pre-treatment level of 7.8 ng/mL? Most recent PSA is 0.21 ng/mL
```



```
<|assistant|>
```

```
Answering this question requires mathematically precise computation. I should use the PSA calculator app.
```

```
calculate_psa_7.8_0.21
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App usage detected

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```

Answering the mathem...

Calculation performed in a separate app

AI agents and tool use


<|assistant|>

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calculate_psa_7.8_0.21

<|app|>
97.31%

Answer from app
fed back into
context



<|assistant|>

AI agents and tool use

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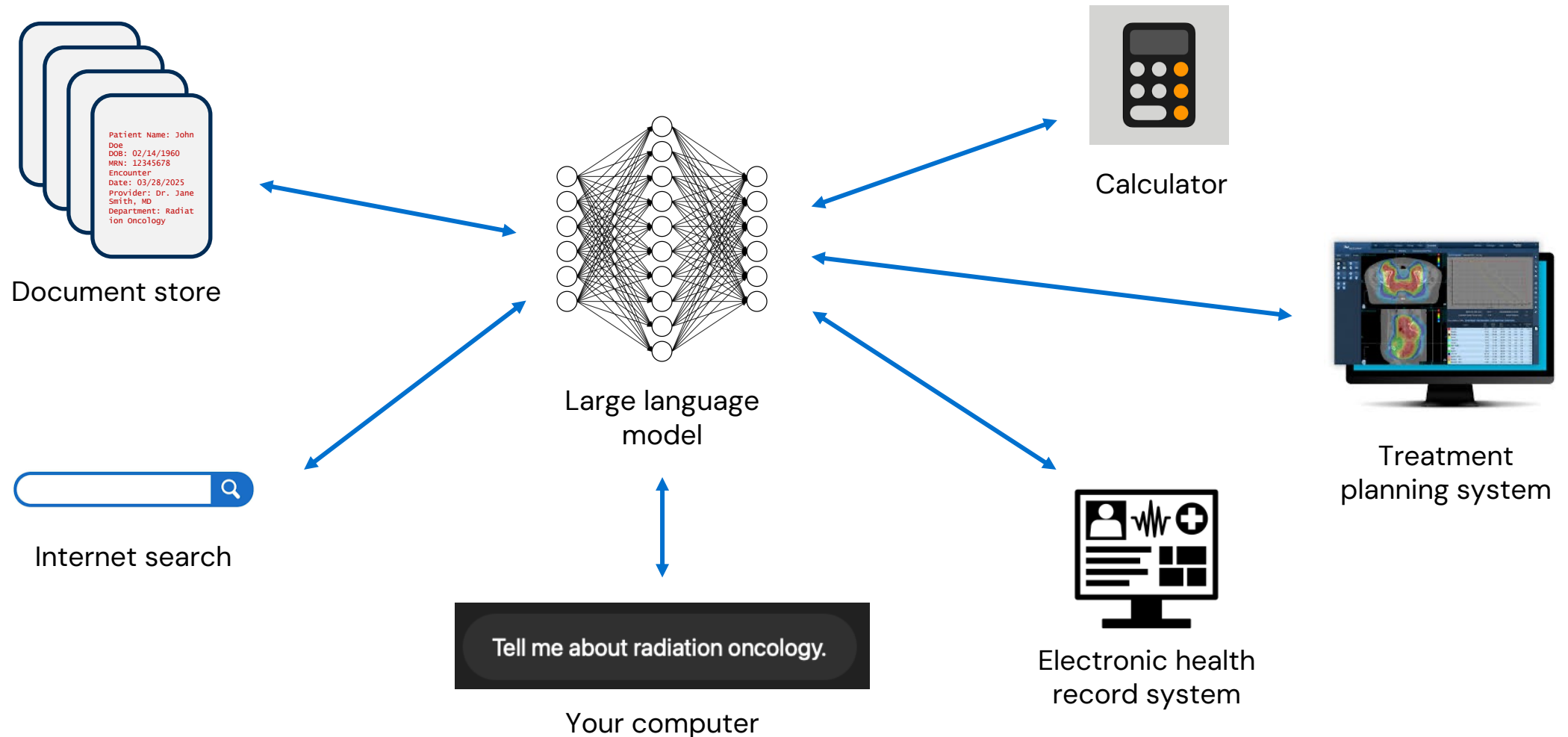
John Doe had a 97.31% drop in his PSA value compared to his pre-treatment level.

Final answer sent
to user



AI agents and tool use

- LLM that has access to databases and apps known as **AI agent**.



AI agents in EHR

HIMSS25: Epic building out agentic AI as the health IT giant also broadens focus beyond EHRs

By Heather Landi · Mar 7, 2025 8:00am

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Artificial Intelligence



At Epic's User Group Meeting event in August 2024, CEO Judy Faulkner and other executives dressed up in costume, as tradition at its UGM events. Faulkner dressed as a new character, "Lady Swan," which was inspired by "Mother Goose" to match the storybook theme of the event. (Fierce Healthcare)

LAS VEGAS—At the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society's (HIMSS') 2024 global conference, Seth Hain, senior vice president of R&D at Epic, predicted that artificial-intelligence-powered agents would be a major focus on the showroom floor at the next year's conference.

Recap

- LLMs trained to predict next word and be helpful assistants.
- Prompting matters!
 - Provide context.
 - Be specific.
- **Retrieval augmented generation (RAG)** automatically brings context into prompts.
- **AI agents** interact with multiple apps.
- The world is changing! *Watch this space.*