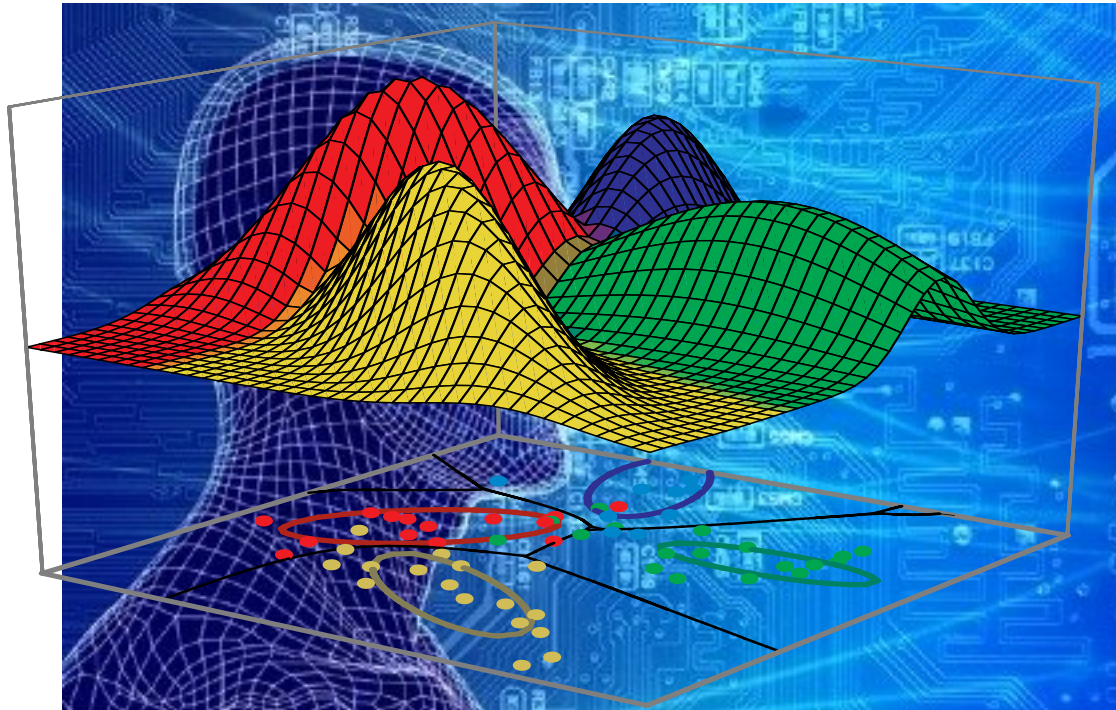


SDN and Machine Learning

A (Very) Brief Introduction to Machine Learning and an SDN Application



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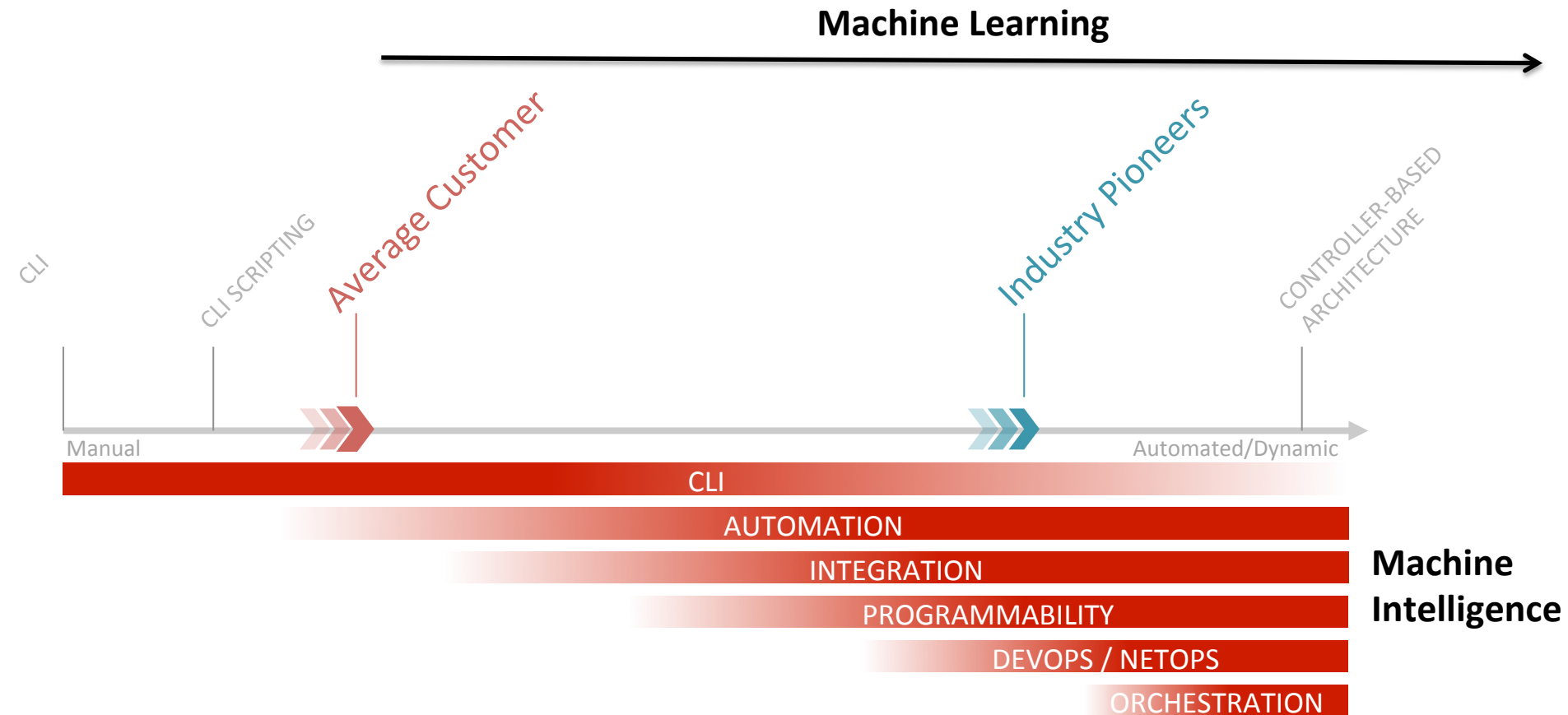
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Goals for this Session

To cut through some of the Machine Learning (ML) hype and give us a basic common understanding of ML so that we can discuss its application to our use cases of interest.

So, remembering our architecture...

Another Way To Think About This Automation Continuum



What Might a Analytics Platform Look Like? (Mobile)

Think “Platform”, not Applications, Algorithm, Visualization

Brocade / 3rd Party Applications



Index / Schema
(Metadata Mgmt)

Service Provider Use-Cases



Distributed Data Management

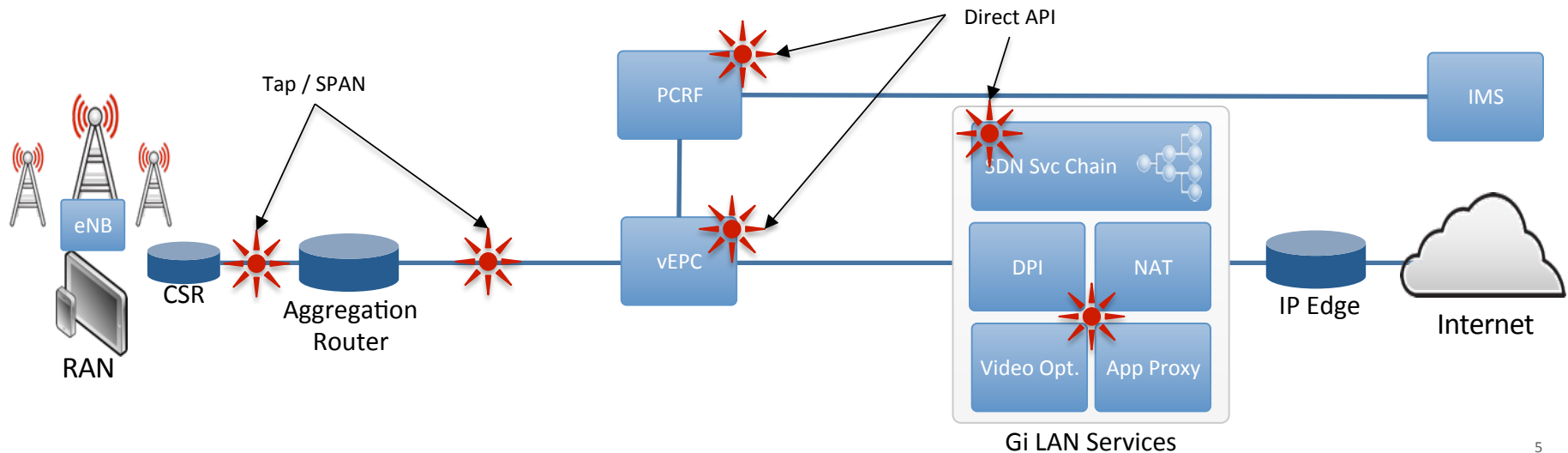
(Pre-filtering, aggregation, normalization (time / location), distribution)

Big Data Management

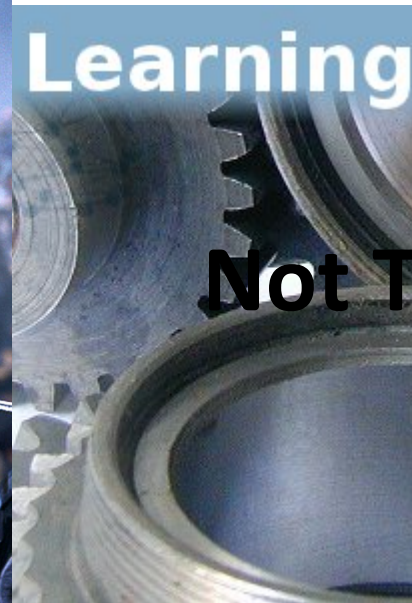
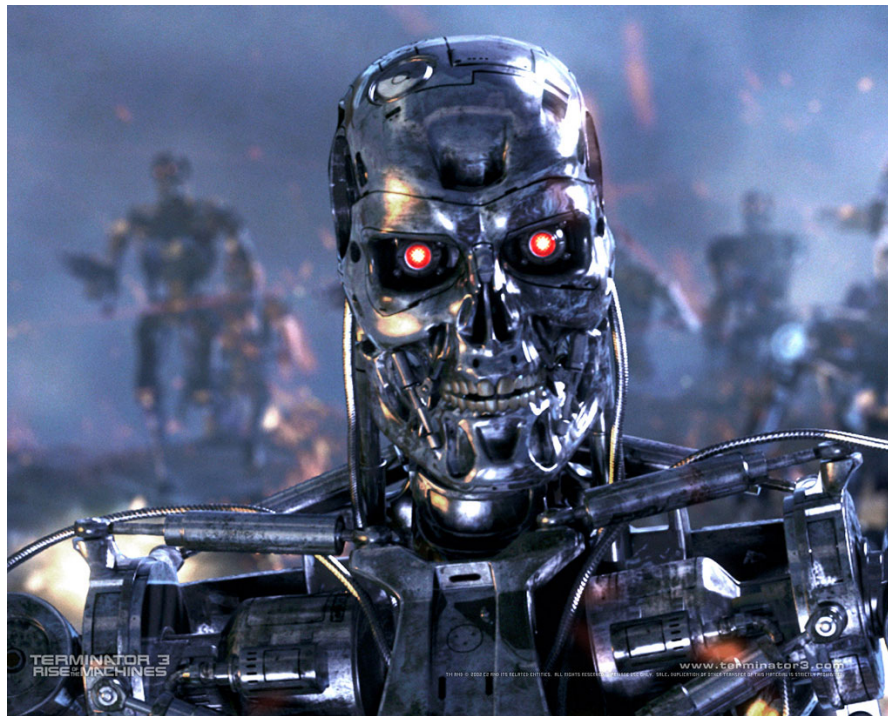
(Correlation, trend analysis, pattern recognition)

Data Collection (Push) / Extraction (Pull)

(RAN, IPBH, LTE EPC, Gi LAN, IMS, Network Services, OSS)



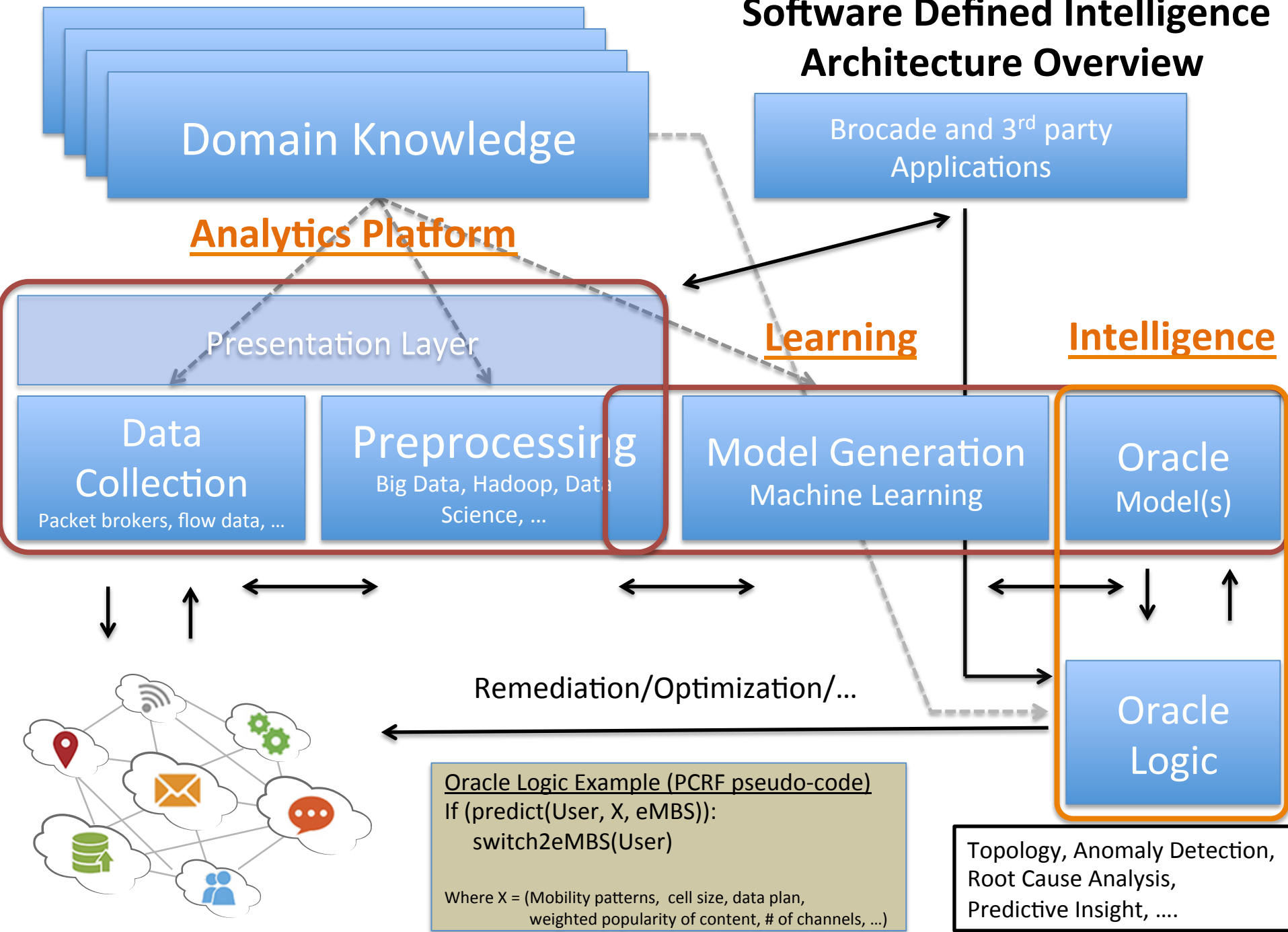
Where I Want To Go With This



Not This

What Might an Architecture for this Look Like?

Software Defined Intelligence Architecture Overview



Machine Intelligence LANDSCAPE

CORE TECHNOLOGIES

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



DEEP LEARNING



MACHINE LEARNING



NLP PLATFORMS



PREDICTIVE APIS



IMAGE RECOGNITION



SPEECH RECOGNITION



RETHINKING ENTERPRISE

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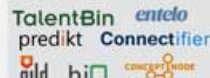
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RETHINKING HUMANS / HCI

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EMOTIONAL RECOGNITION



SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGIES

HARDWARE



DATA PREP



DATA COLLECTION



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Before We Start

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 - Showed that it is possible to achieve state-of-the-art performance on image classification tasks entirely *unlabeled*
 - In particular, they achieved 37.4% accuracy on the ImageNet dataset

Andrew Ng and his crew at Baidu have recently beat this record with their (GPU based) Deep Speech system. See <http://arxiv.org/abs/1412.5567>

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- 70% improvement over current results
- Random guess achieves less than 0.005% accuracy

What is Machine Learning?

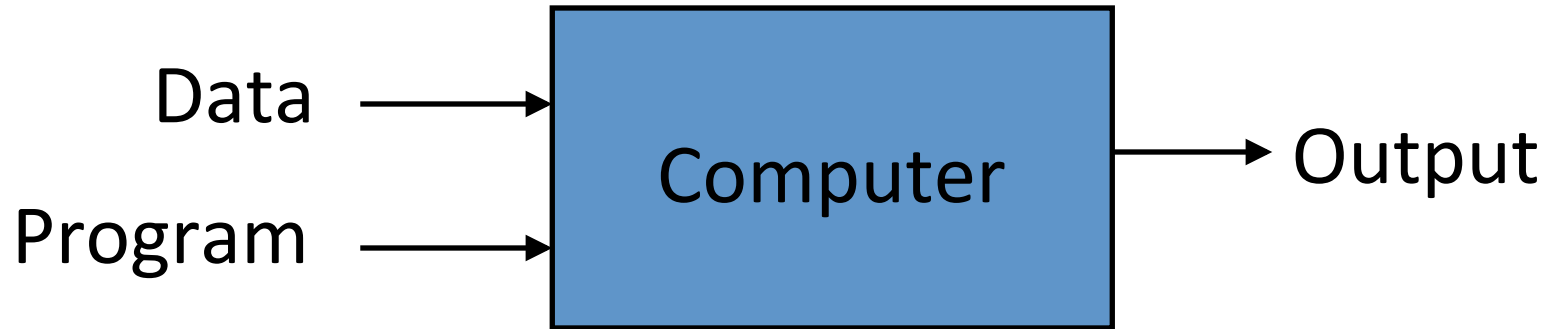
The complexity in traditional computer programming is in the code (programs that people write). In machine learning, algorithms (programs) are in principle simple and the complexity (structure) is in the data. Is there a way that we can automatically learn that structure? That is what is at the heart of machine learning.

-- Andrew Ng

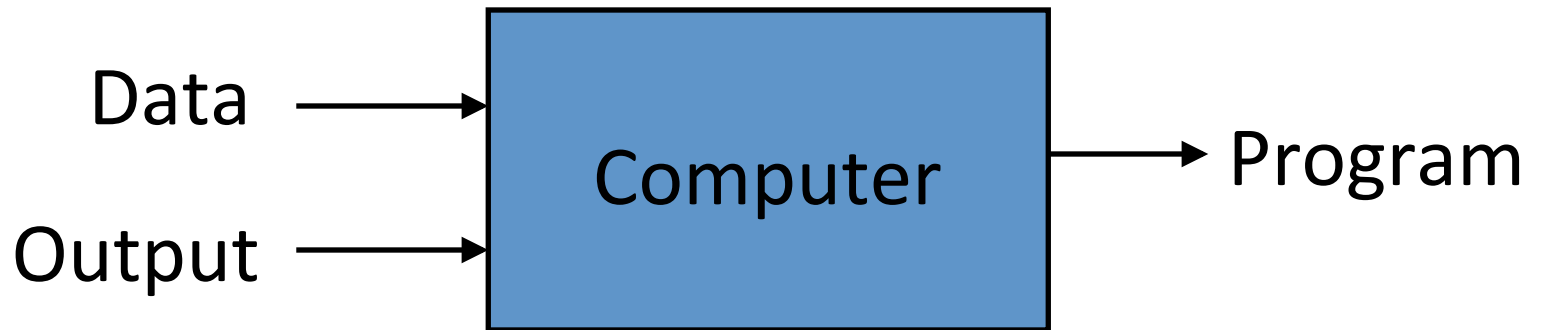
That is, machine learning is the about the construction and study of systems that can learn from data. This is very different than traditional computer programming.

The Same Thing Said in Cartoon Form

Traditional Programming



Machine Learning



When Would We Use Machine Learning?

- When patterns exist in our data
 - Even if we don't know what they are
 - Or perhaps especially when we don't know what they are
- We can not pin down the functional relationships mathematically
 - Else we would just code up the algorithm
- When we have lots of (unlabeled) data
 - Labeled training sets harder to come by
 - Data is of high-dimension
 - High dimension “features”
 - For example, sensor data
 - Want to “discover” lower-dimension representations
 - Dimension reduction
- Aside: Machine Learning is heavily focused on implementability
 - Frequently using well known numerical optimization techniques
 - Lots of open source code available
 - See e.g., libsvm (Support Vector Machines): <http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvm/>
 - Most of my code in python: <http://scikit-learn.org/stable/> (many others)
 - Languages (e.g., octave: <https://www.gnu.org/software/octave/>)

Aside: NVIDIA

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Understanding Natural Language with Deep Neural Networks Using Torch

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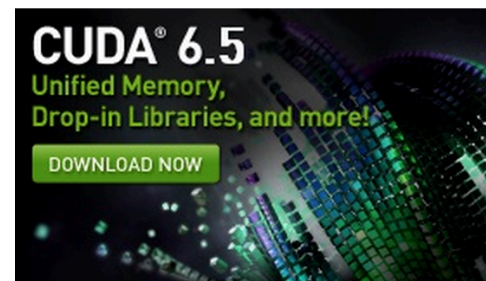
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Language is the medium of human communication. Giving machines the ability to learn and understand language enables products and possibilities that are not imaginable today.

One can understand language at varying granularities. When you learn a new language, you start with words: understanding their meaning, identifying similar and dissimilar words, and developing a sense of contextual appropriateness of a word. You start with a small dictionary of words, building up your dictionary over time, mentally mapping each newly learned word close to similar words in your dictionary. Once you get familiar with your dictionary of words, you put them together into small sentences, learning grammar and structure. You eventually combine sentences in a sensible way, to write paragraphs and pages. Once you get to this stage, you are comfortable with expressing complicated thoughts in language, letting others understand your thoughts and expression.

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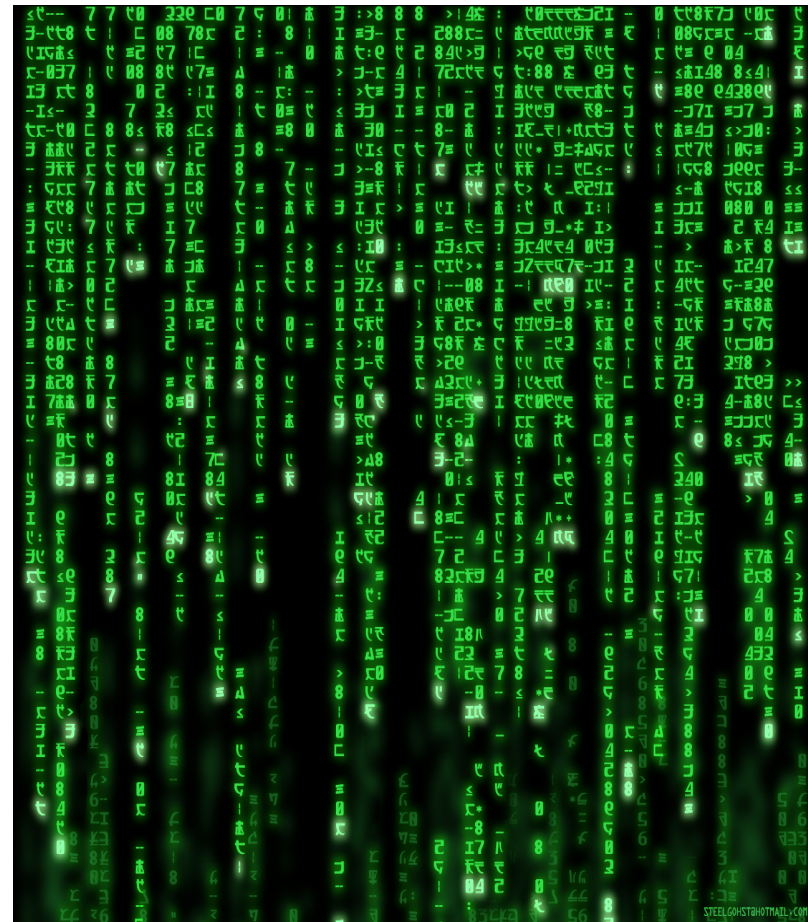
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Why Machine Learning is Hard?

You See



Your ML Algorithm Sees
A Bunch of Bits



Why Machine Learning Is Hard, Redux

What is a “2”?

0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 2

2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3

3 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 5 5

6 6 7 7 7 7 7 8 8 8

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Examples of Machine Learning Problems

- **Pattern Recognition**
 - Facial identities or facial expressions
 - Handwritten or spoken words (e.g., Siri)
 - Medical images
 - Sensor Data/IoT
- **Optimization**
 - Many parameters have “hidden” relationships that can be the basis of optimization
- **Pattern Generation**
 - Generating images or motion sequences
- **Anomaly Detection**
 - Unusual patterns in the telemetry from physical and/or virtual plants (e.g., data centers)
 - Unusual sequences of credit card transactions
 - Unusual patterns of sensor data from a nuclear power plant
 - or unusual sound in your car engine or ...
- **Prediction**
 - Future stock prices or currency exchange rates
 - Network events
 - ...

Finally, note that ML is a form of Induction

- Given examples of a function $(x, f(x))$
 - *Don't explicitly know f*
 - Rather, trying to learn f from the data
 - *Labeled* training data set (i.e., the $f(x)$'s)
 - Training set will be noisy, e.g., $(x, (f(x) + \epsilon))$
 - Notation: $(x_i, f(x_i))$ denoted $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$
 - $y^{(i)}$ sometimes called t_i (t for “target”)
- Predict function **$f(x)$** for new examples x
 - Discrimination/Prediction (Regression): $f(x)$ continuous
 - Classification: $f(x)$ discrete
 - Estimation: $f(x) = P(Y = c | x)$ for some class c

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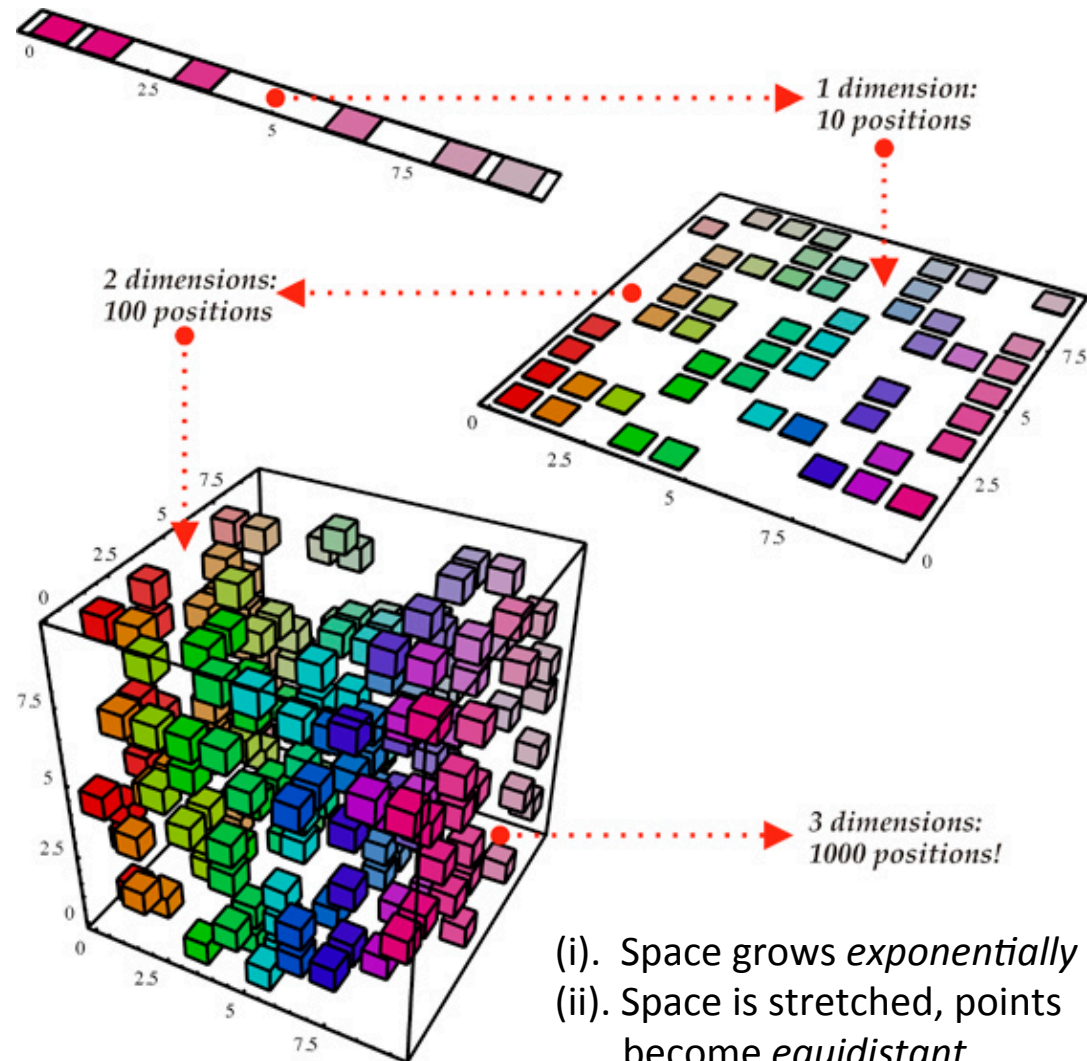
How Can Machine Learning Possibly Work?

- We want to build statistical models that **generalize to unseen cases**
- What assumptions do we need to do this (essentially predict the future)?
- 4 main “prior” assumptions are (at least) required
 - Smoothness
 - Manifold Hypothesis
 - Distributed Representation/Compositionality
 - Compositionality is useful to describe the world around us efficiently → distributed representations (features) are meaningful by themselves.
 - Non-distributed → # of distinguishable regions linear in # of parameters
 - Distributed → # of distinguishable regions grows almost exponentially in # of parameters
 - Each parameter influences many regions, not just local neighbors
 - Want to generalize non-locally to never-seen regions → essentially ***exponential gain***
 - Shared Underlying Explanatory Factors
 - The assumption here is that there are shared underlying explanatory factors, in particular between $p(x)$ (prior distribution) and $p(Y|x)$ (posterior distribution). ***Disentangling*** these factors is in part what machine learning is about.
- Before this, however: What is the problem in the first place?

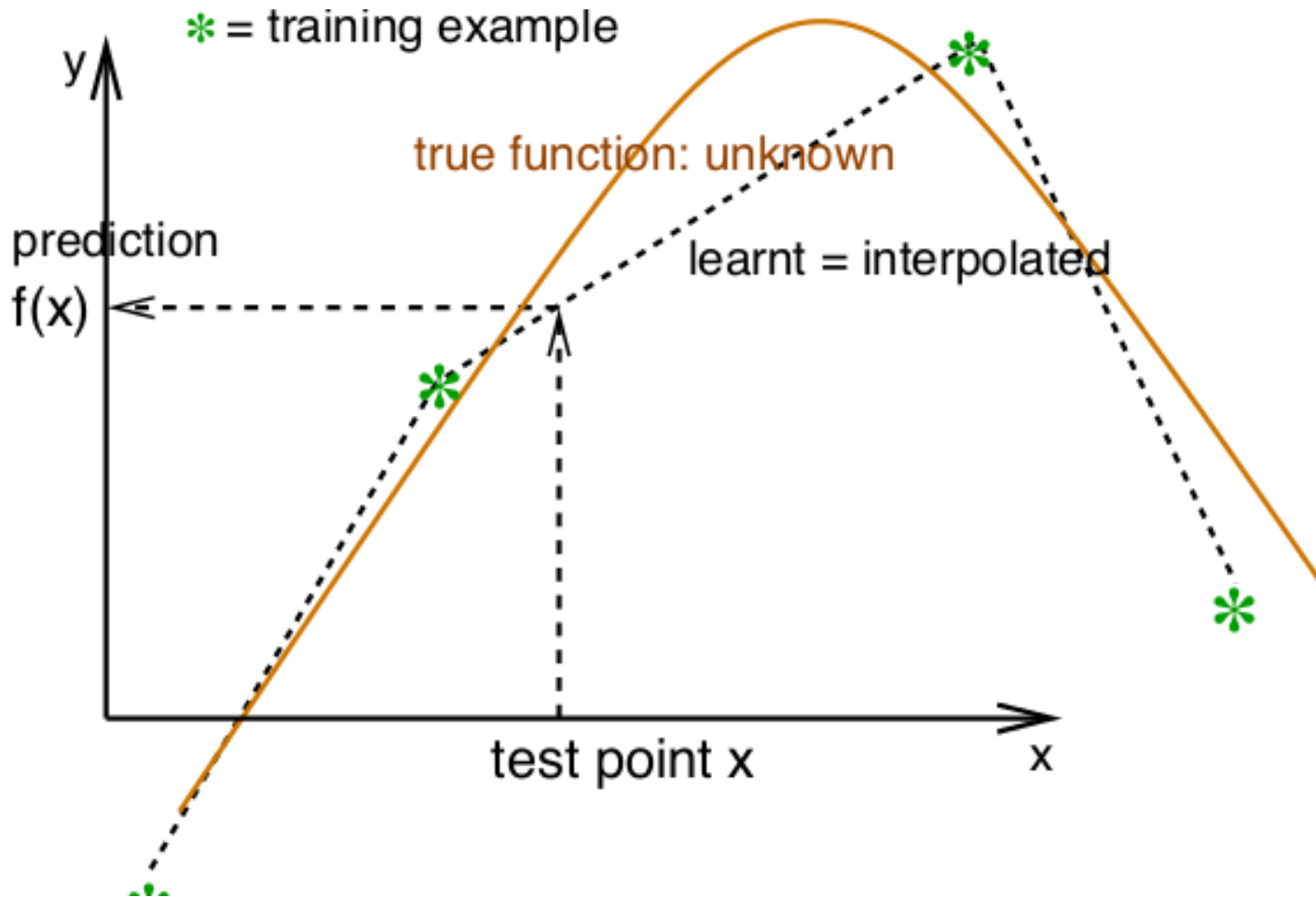
Why ML Is Hard

The Curse Of Dimensionality

- To **generalize** locally, you need representative examples from all relevant variations (and there are an *exponential* number of them)!
- Classical Solution: Hope for a **smooth** enough target function, or make it smooth by handcrafting good features or kernels
- *Smooth?*



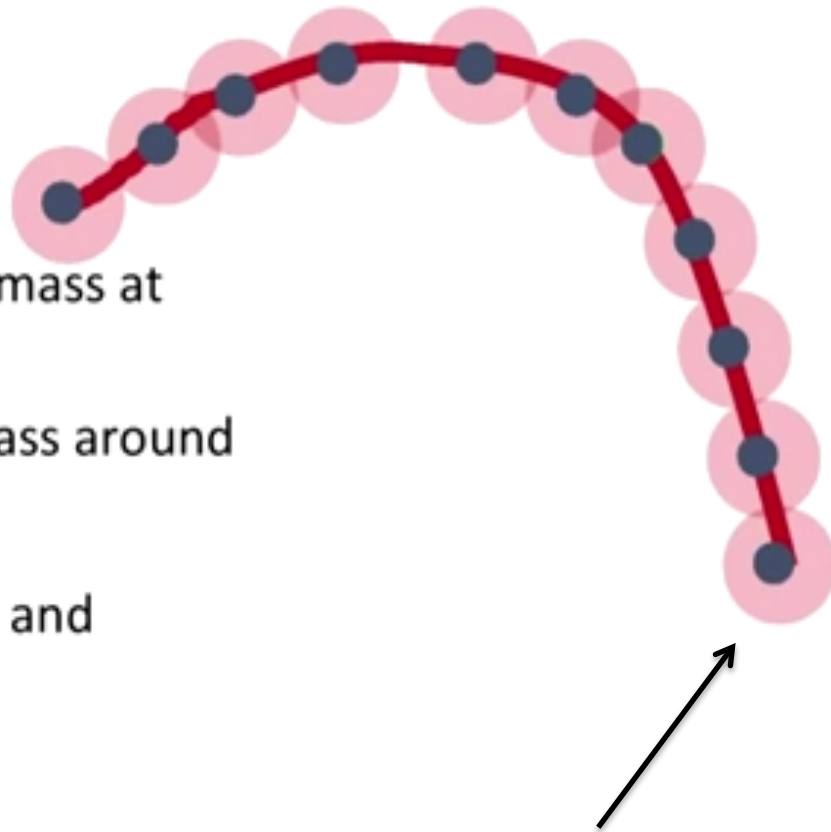
So What Is Smoothness?



Smoothness \rightarrow If \mathbf{x} is geometrically close to \mathbf{x}' then $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}')$

Smoothness, basically...

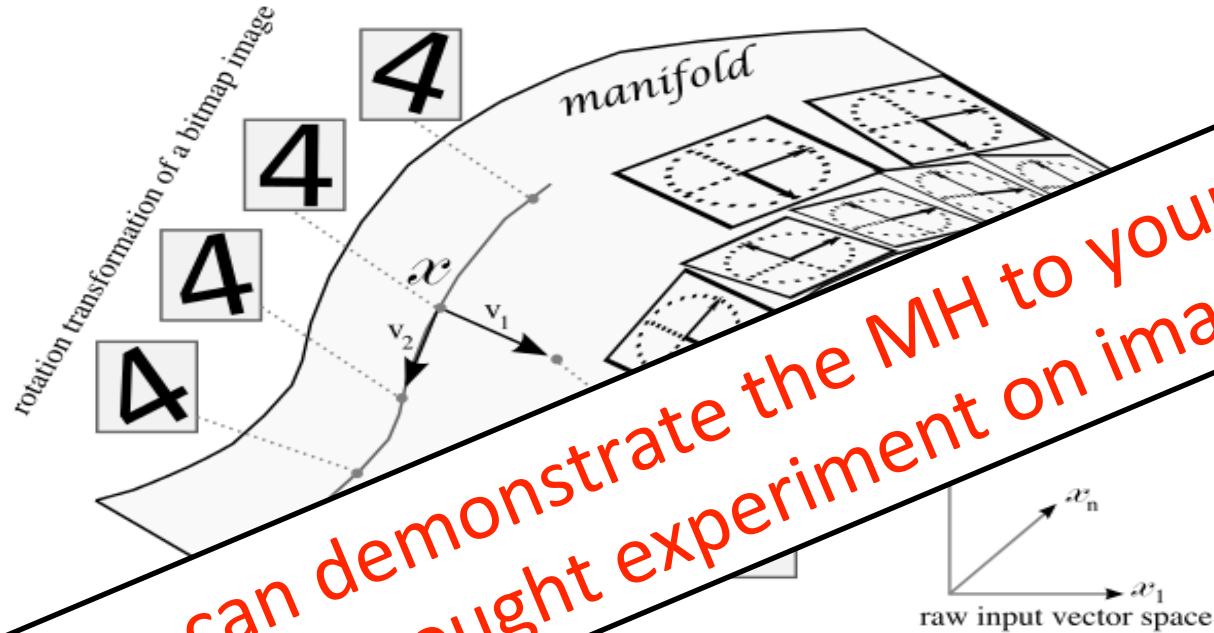
- Empirical distribution: mass at training examples
- Smoothness: spread mass around
- Insufficient
- Guess some 'structure' and generalize accordingly



Probability mass $P(Y=c|X;\theta)$

This is where the *Manifold Hypothesis* comes in...

Manifold Hypothesis

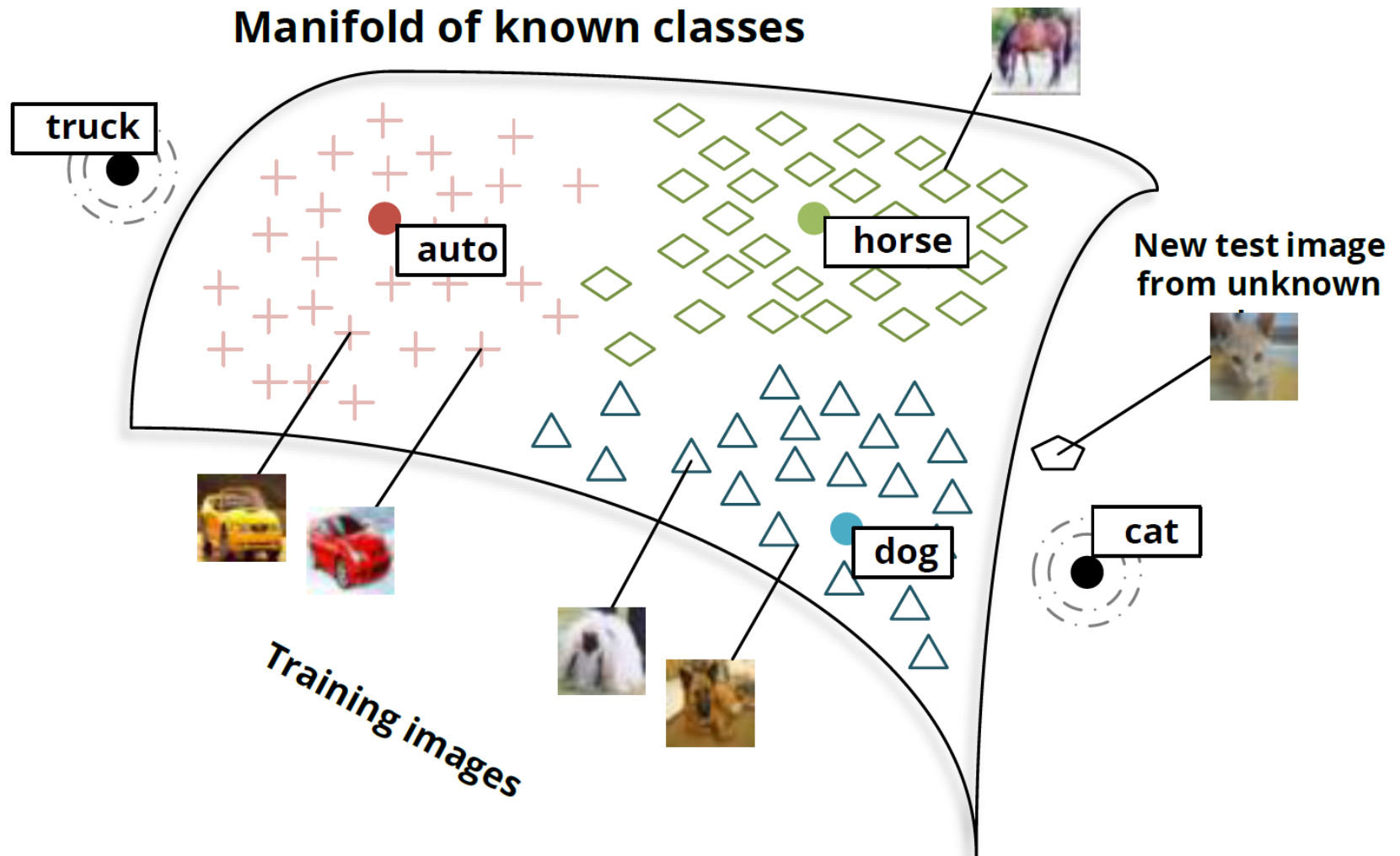


BTW, you can demonstrate the MH to yourself with a simple thought experiment on image data...

The hypothesis states that **natural data** forms lower dimensional manifolds in a high dimensional space. Why should this be? Well, it seems that there are both theoretical and experimental reasons to suspect that the Manifold Hypothesis is true.

So if you believe that the MH is true, then the task of a machine learning classification algorithm is fundamentally to separate a bunch of tangled up manifolds.

Another View: Manifolds and Classes



Ok, Great. What Then Is Learning?

- Learning is a procedure that consists of estimating the model parameters so that the learned model (algorithm) can perform a specific task
 - In Artificial Neural Networks, these parameters are the *weight matrix* ($w_{i,j}$'s)
- 2 types of learning considered here
 - Supervised
 - Unsupervised
 - Semi-supervised learning
 - Reinforcement learning
- Supervised learning
 - Present the algorithm with a set of inputs and their corresponding outputs
 - See how closely the actual outputs match the desired ones
 - Note generalization error (bias, variance)
 - Iteratively modify the parameters to better approximate the desired outputs (gradient descent)
- Unsupervised
 - Algorithm learns internal representations and important features
- So let's take a closer look at these learning types

Supervised learning

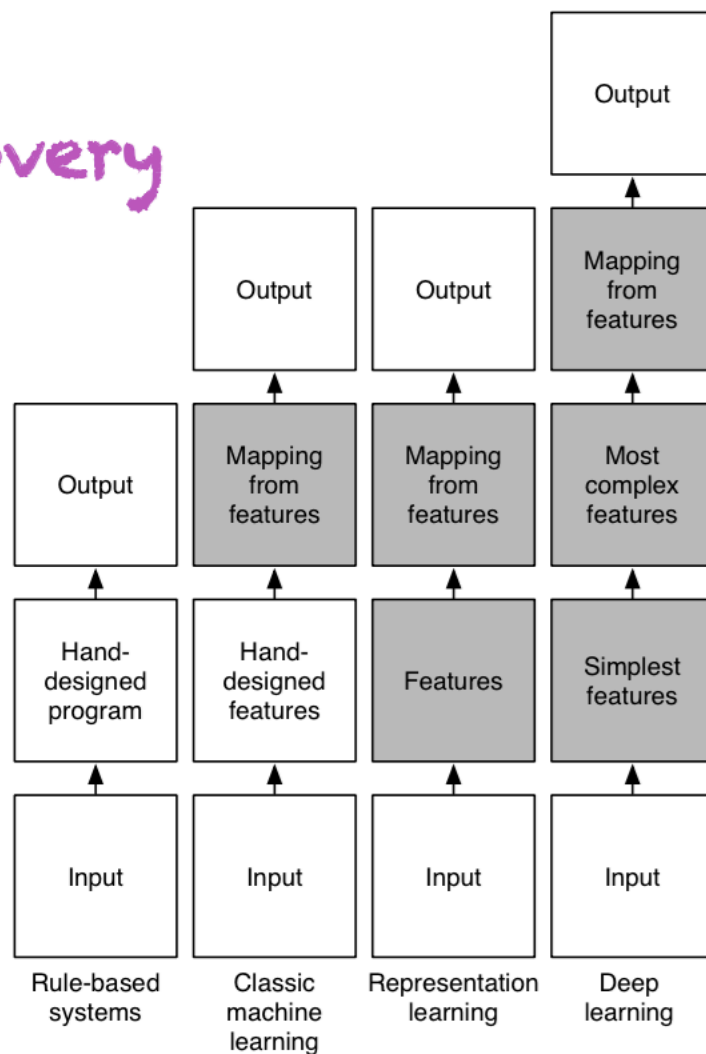
- The desired response (function) of given inputs is well known
 - You are given the “answer” (label) in the training set
 - Training data is set of $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$ pairs, $x^{(i)}$ is the input example, $y^{(i)}$ is the label
- There are many 10s (if not 100s or 1000s) of supervised learning algorithms
 - These include: Artificial Neural Networks, Decision Trees, Ensembles (Bagging, Boosting, Random Forests, ...), k-NN, Linear Regression, Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression (and other CRFs), Support Vector Machines (and other Large Margin Classifiers), ...
 - Focus on Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) here
- The Google Data Center PUE example we will look at later uses supervised learning on a deep neural network

Unsupervised learning

- Basic idea: Discover unknown structure in input data
- Data clustering and dimension reduction
 - More generally: find the relationships/structure in the data set
- No need for labeled data
 - The network itself finds the correlations in the data
- Learning algorithms include (again, many algorithms)
 - K-Means Clustering
 - Auto-encoders/deep neural networks
 - Restricted Boltzmann Machines
 - Hopfield Networks
 - Sparse Encoders
 - ...

Taxonomy of Learning Techniques

Automating
Feature Discovery



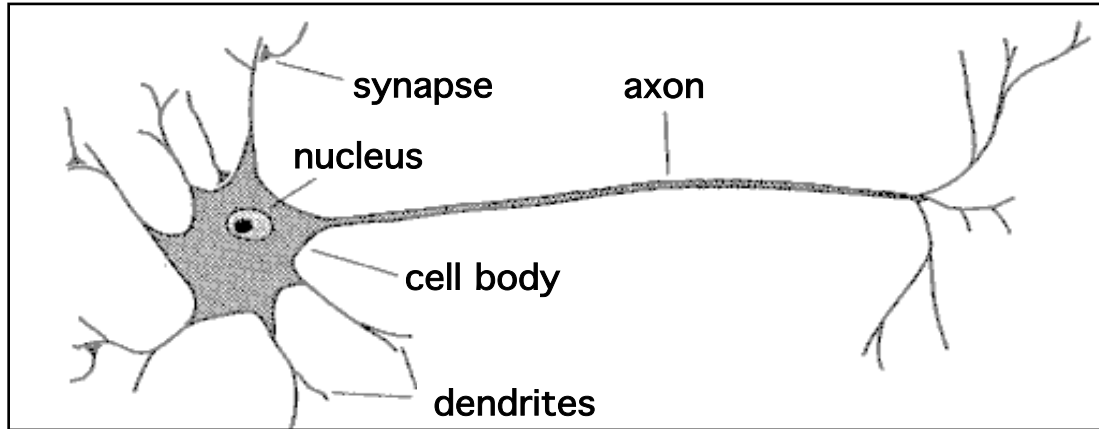
Artificial Neural Networks

- A Bit of History
- Biological Inspiration
- Artificial Neurons (AN)
- Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)
- ~~Computational Power of Single AN~~
- ~~Computational Power of an ANN~~
- Training an ANN -- Learning

Brief History of Neural Networks

- **1943:** McCulloch & Pitts show that neurons can be combined to construct a Turing machine (using ANDs, ORs, & NOTs)
- **1958:** Rosenblatt shows that perceptrons will converge if what they are trying to learn can be represented
- **1969:** Minsky & Papert showed the limitations of perceptrons, killing research for a decade
- **1985:** The backpropagation algorithm revitalizes the field
 - Geoff Hinton et al
- **2006:** The Hinton lab solves the training problem for DNNs

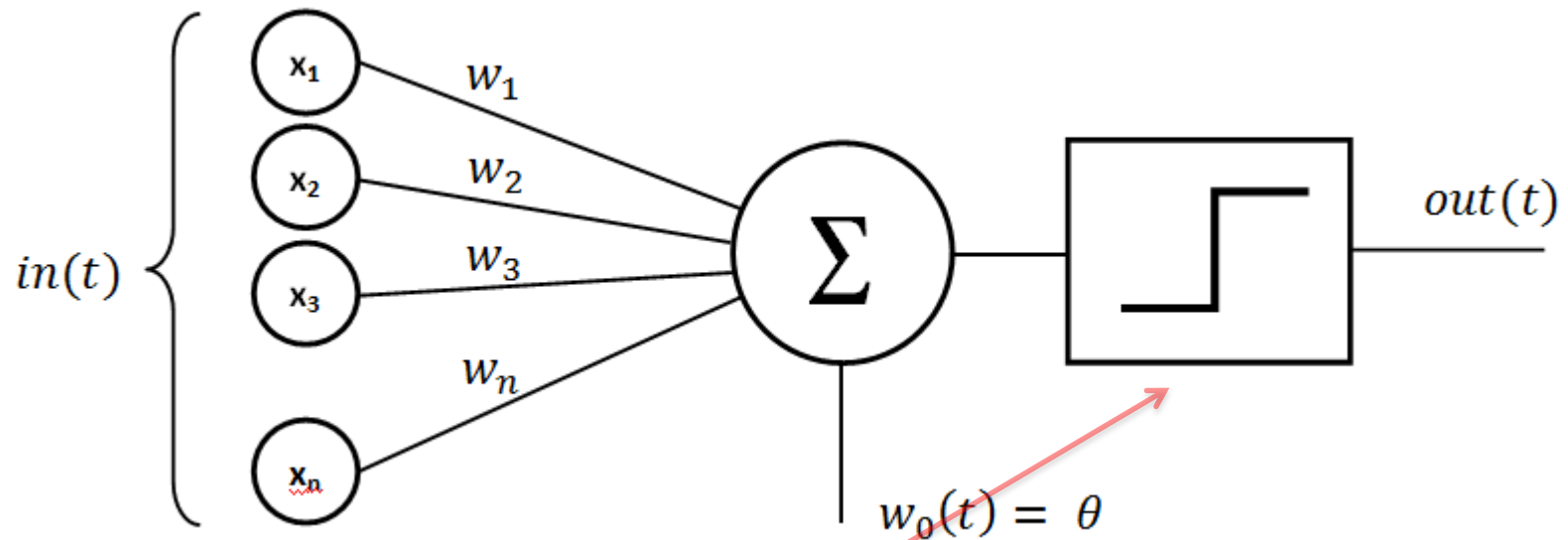
Biological Inspiration: Neurons



- A neuron has
 - Branching input (dendrites)
 - Branching output (the axon)
- Information moves from the dendrites to the axon via the cell body
- Axon connects to dendrites via synapses
 - Synapses vary in strength
 - Synapses may be excitatory or inhibitory

Basic Perceptron

(Rosenblatt, 1950s and early 60s)

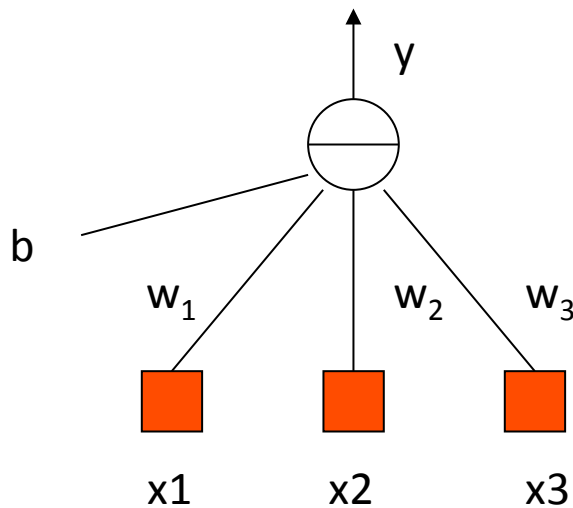


$$O = \begin{cases} 1 : \left(\sum_i w_i x_i \right) + b > 0 \\ 0 : otherwise \end{cases}$$

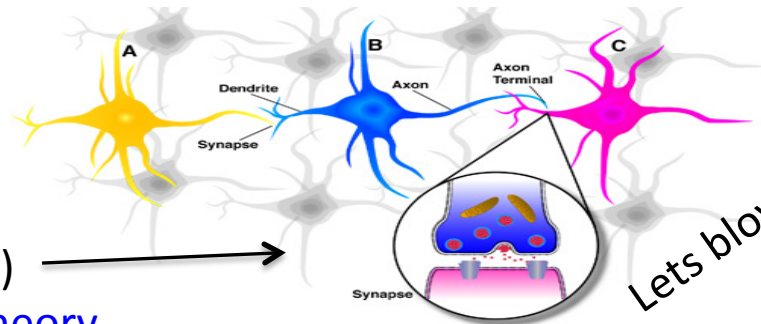
What was the problem here?

What is an Artificial Neuron?

- An Artificial Neuron (AN) is a non-linear parameterized function with restricted output range



$$y = f\left(b + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} w_i x_i\right)$$

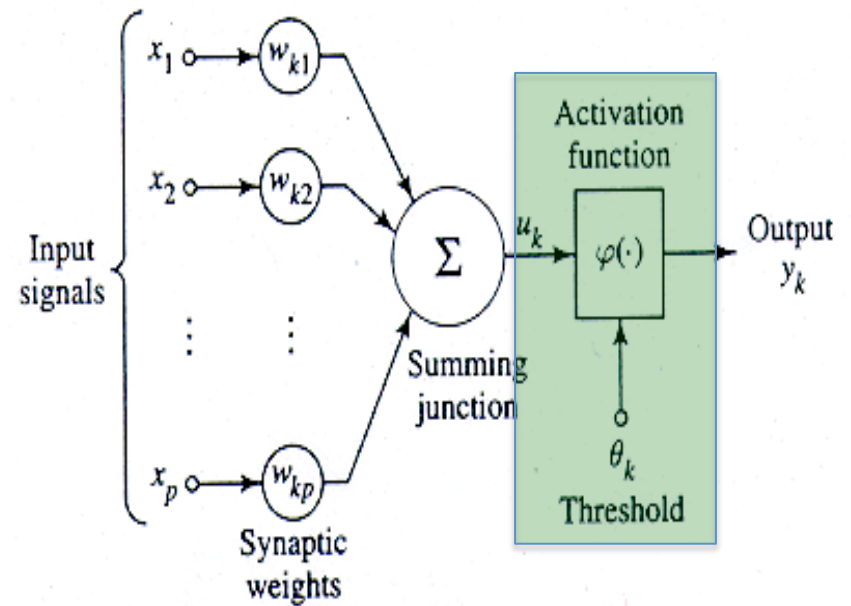
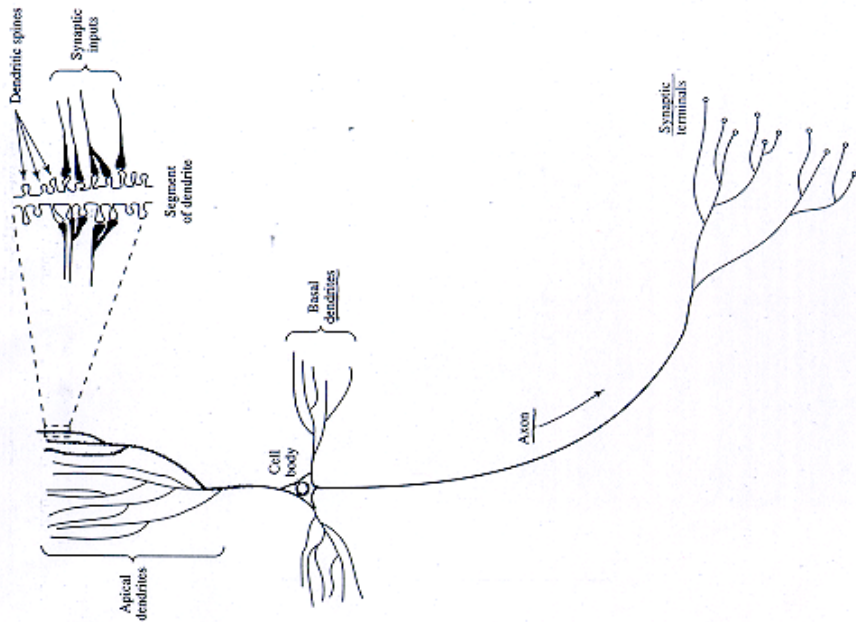


Spike-Timing Dependent Plasticity (STDP)

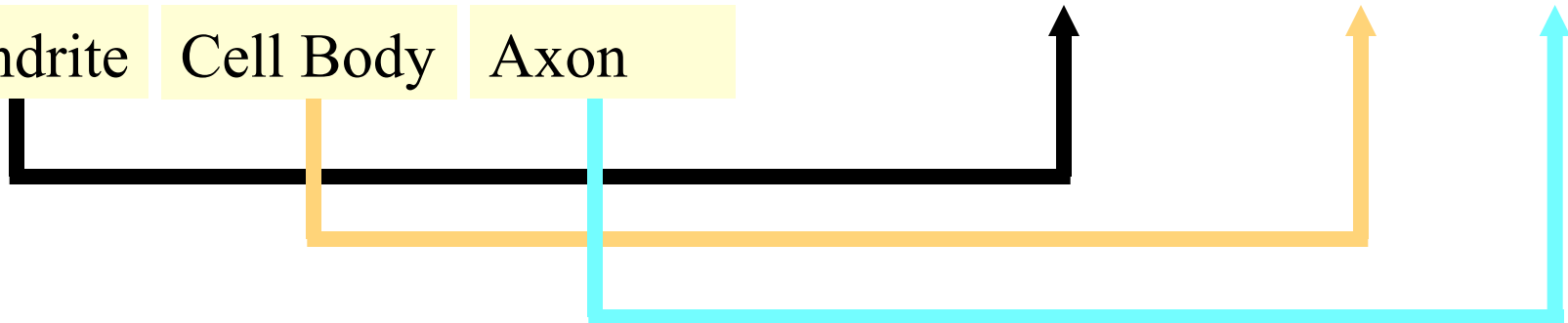
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebbian_theory

Lets blow this up a bit

Mapping to Biological Neurons

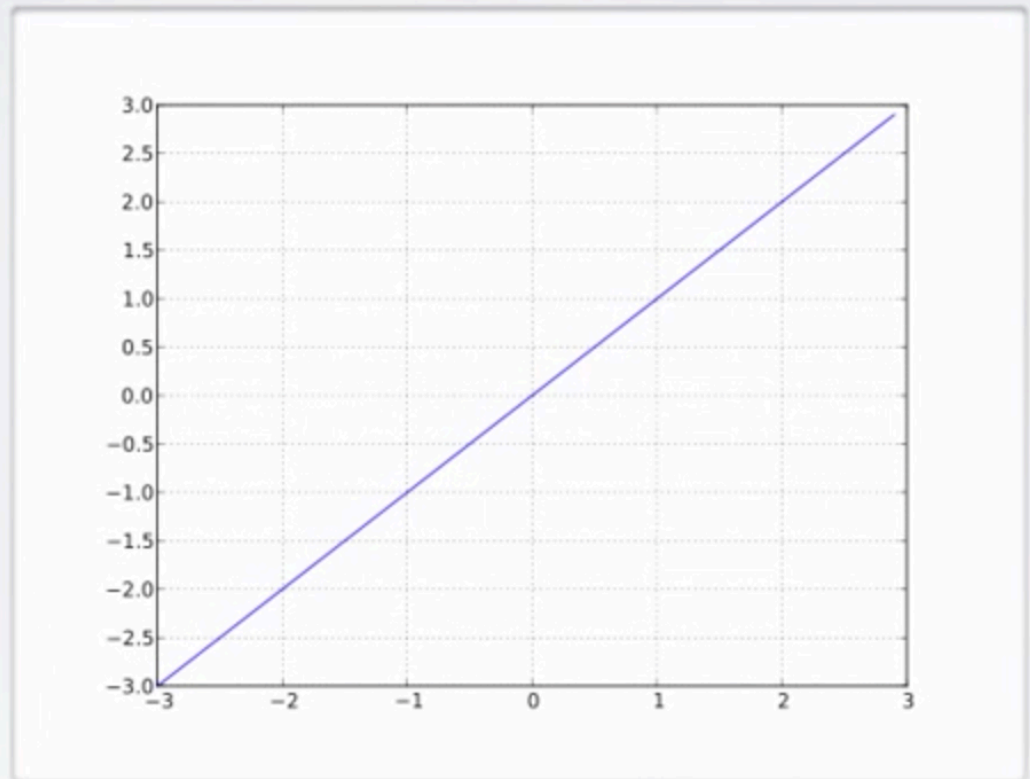


Dendrite Cell Body Axon



Activation Functions – Linear Function

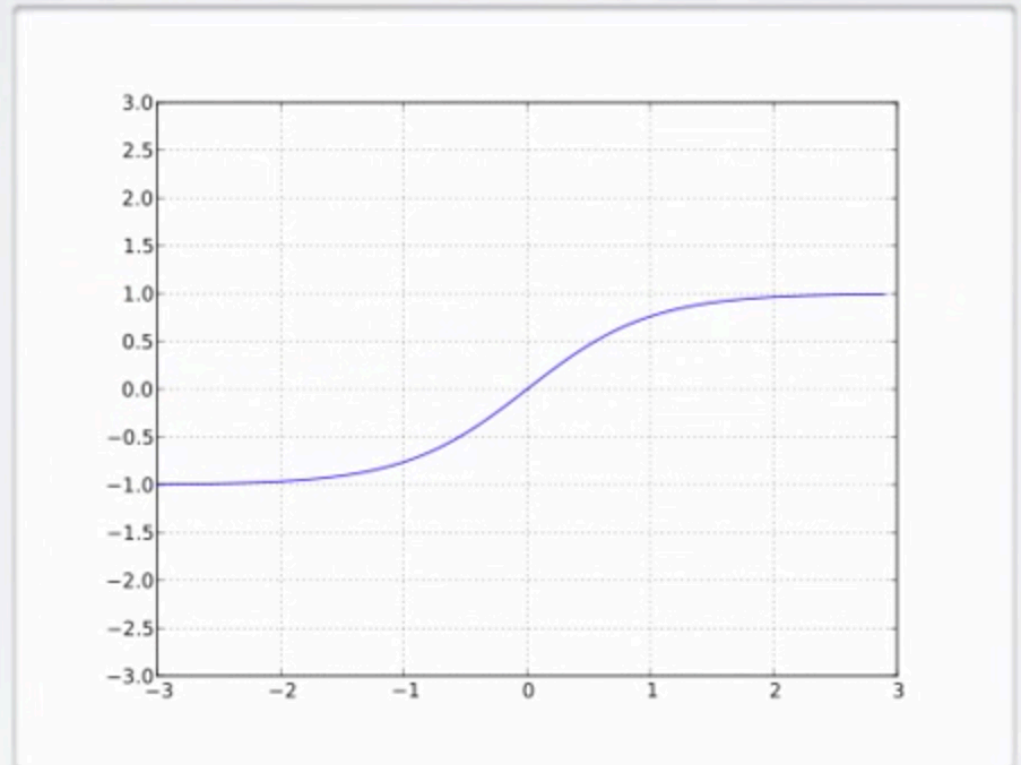
- Performs no input squashing
- Not very interesting...



$$g(a) = a$$

Activation Functions – Hyperbolic Tangent

- Squashes the neuron's input between -1 and 1
- Can be positive or negative
- Bounded
- Strictly increasing

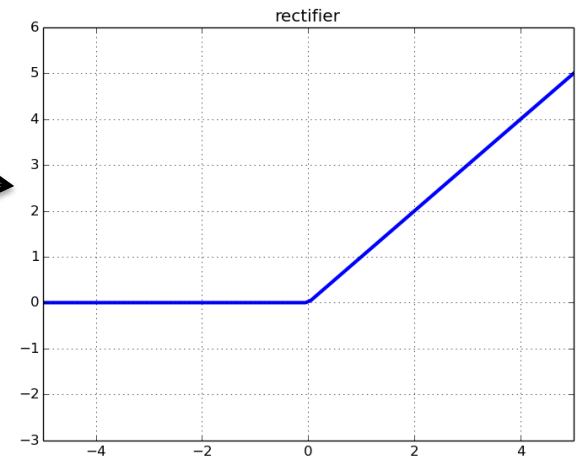


$$g(a) = \tanh(a) = \frac{\exp(a) - \exp(-a)}{\exp(a) + \exp(-a)} = \frac{\exp(2a) - 1}{\exp(2a) + 1}$$

Activation Functions – Sigmoid Function

Recent successes (e.g., Baidu Deep Speech) use $h_{\theta}(x) = g(z)$
(clipped) Rectifier Linear Units:

$$f(x) = \max(0, x) \text{ -- rectifier} \rightarrow$$
$$f(x) = \min(\max(0, x), \text{clip})$$



Smooth approximation (softplus):

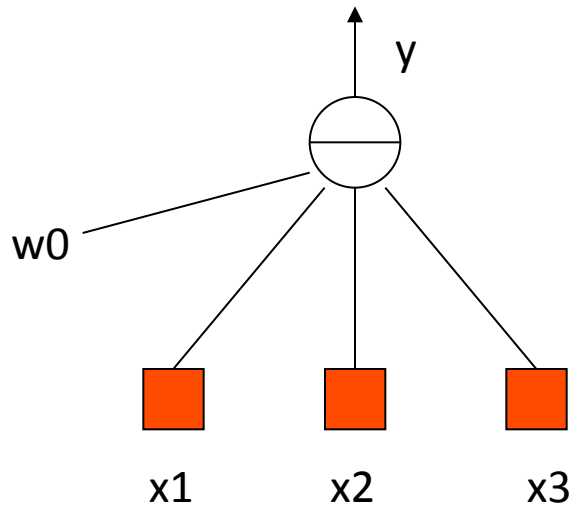
$$f(x) = \log(1 + e^x)$$

Squashes the input (x) onto the open interval [0,1]

$$f'(x) = e^x / (e^x + 1) = 1 / (1 + e^{-x})$$

Summary: Artificial neurons

- An *Artificial Neuron* is a non-linear parameterized function with restricted output range



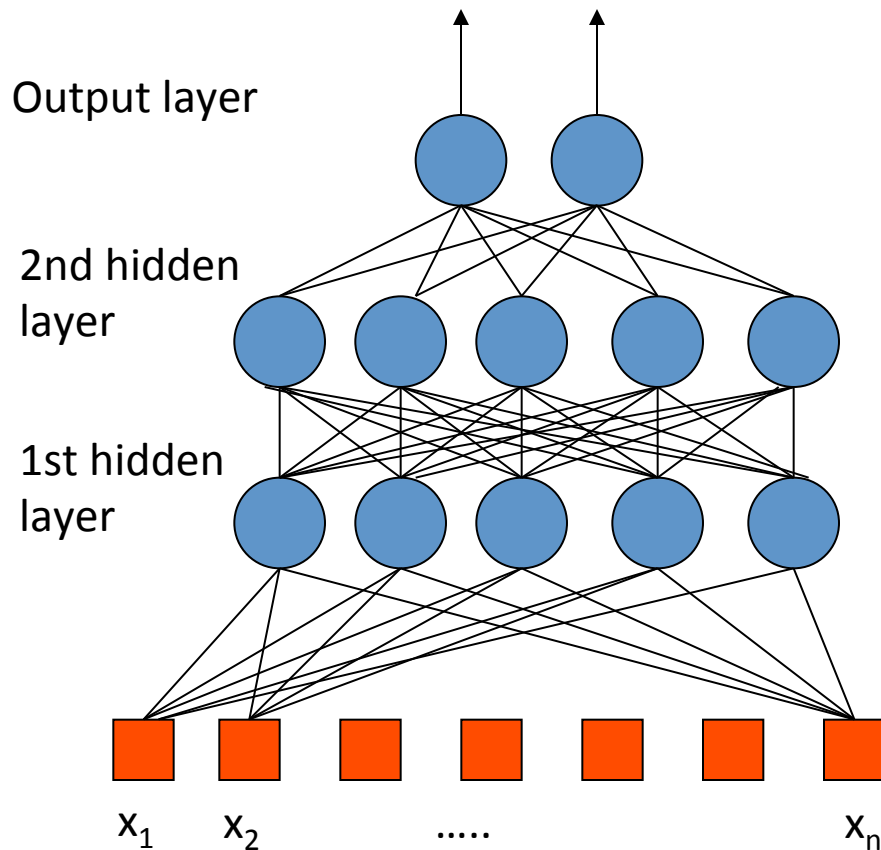
$$y = f\left(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} w_i x_i\right)$$

w_0 also called a *bias term* (b_i)

Ok, Then What is an Artificial Neural Network (ANN)?

- An ANN is mathematical model designed to solve engineering problems
 - Group of highly connected artificial neurons to realize compositions of non-linear functions (usually one of the ones we just looked at)
- Tasks
 - Classification
 - Discrimination
 - Estimation
- 2 main types of networks
 - Feed forward Neural Networks
 - Recurrent Neural Networks

Feed Forward Neural Networks

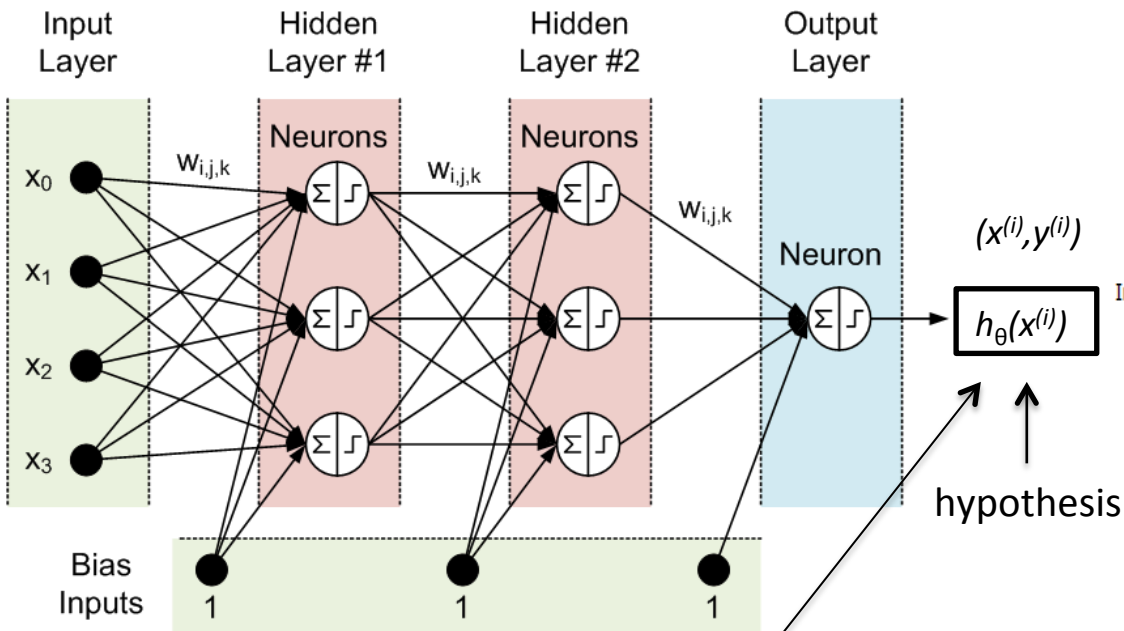


- The information is propagated from the inputs to the outputs
 - Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)
- Computes one or more non-linear functions
 - Computation is carried out by composition of some number of algebraic functions implemented by the connections, weights and biases of the hidden and output layers
- Hidden layers compute intermediate representations
 - Dimension reduction
- Time has no role -- no cycles between outputs and inputs

We say that the input data, or features, are n dimensional

Deep Feed Forward Neural Nets

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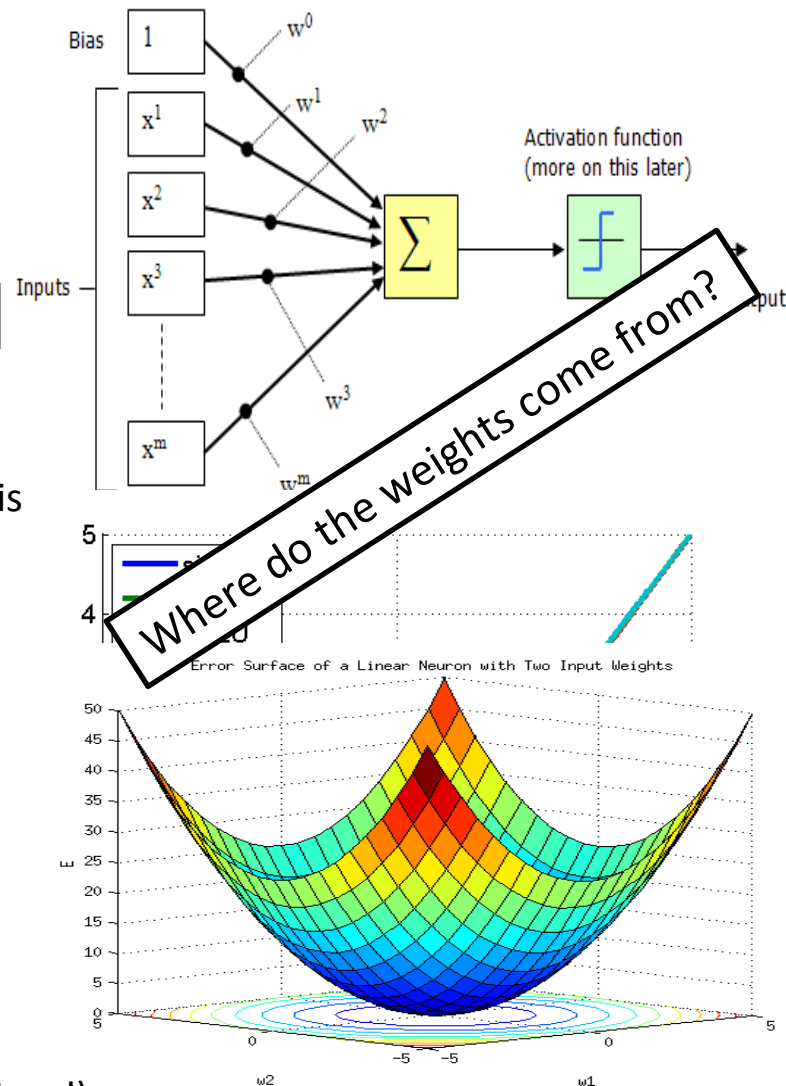


Forward Propagation

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

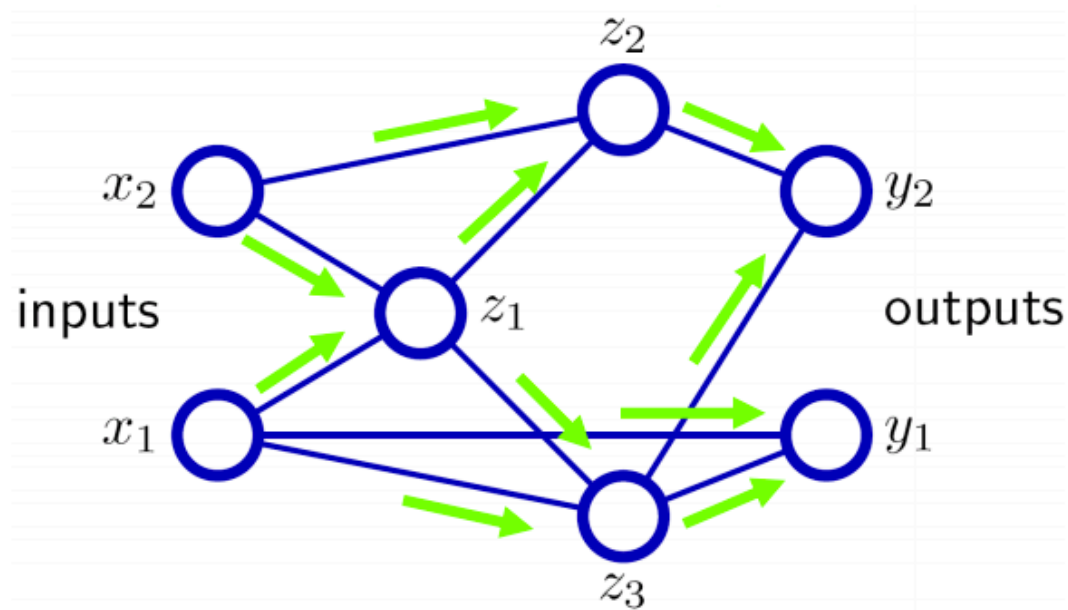
Learning is the adjusting of the weights $w_{i,j}$ such that the cost function $J(\theta)$ is minimized (a form of Hebbian learning).

Simple learning procedure: *Back Propagation* (of the error signal)



Forward Propagation Cartoon

- Forward Propagation :
 - Sum inputs, produce activation, feed-forward



Back propagation Cartoon



<http://chronicle.com/article/The-Believers/190147>

$$J(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} \log(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}))$$

More Formally

Empirical Risk Minimization

- Empirical risk minimization
 - framework to design learning algorithms

$$\arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{1}{T} \sum_t l(f(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), y^{(t)}) + \lambda \Omega(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- $l(f(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), y^{(t)})$ is a loss function (loss function also called “cost function” denoted $J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$)
 - $\Omega(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is a regularizer (penalizes certain values of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$)
- Learning is cast as optimization
 - ideally, we'd optimize classification error, but it's not smooth
 - loss function is a surrogate for what we truly should optimize (e.g. upper bound)

Any interesting cost function is complicated and non-convex

Solving the Risk (Cost) Minimization Problem

Gradient Descent – Basic Idea

Have some function $J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$

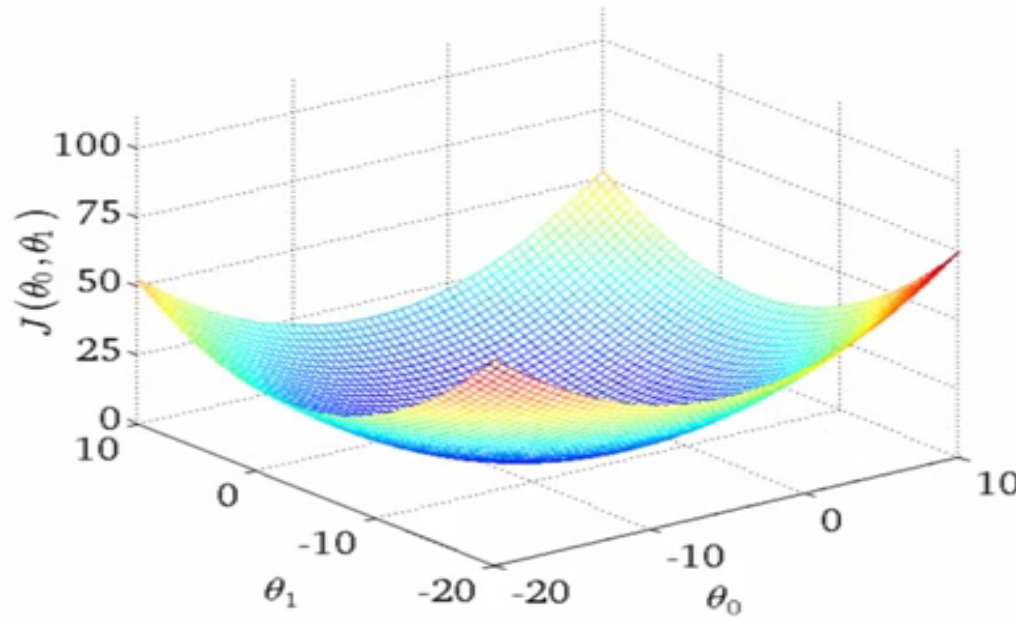
Want $\min_{\theta_0, \theta_1} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$

Outline:

- Start with some θ_0, θ_1
- Keep changing θ_0, θ_1 to reduce $J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$
until we hopefully end up at a minimum

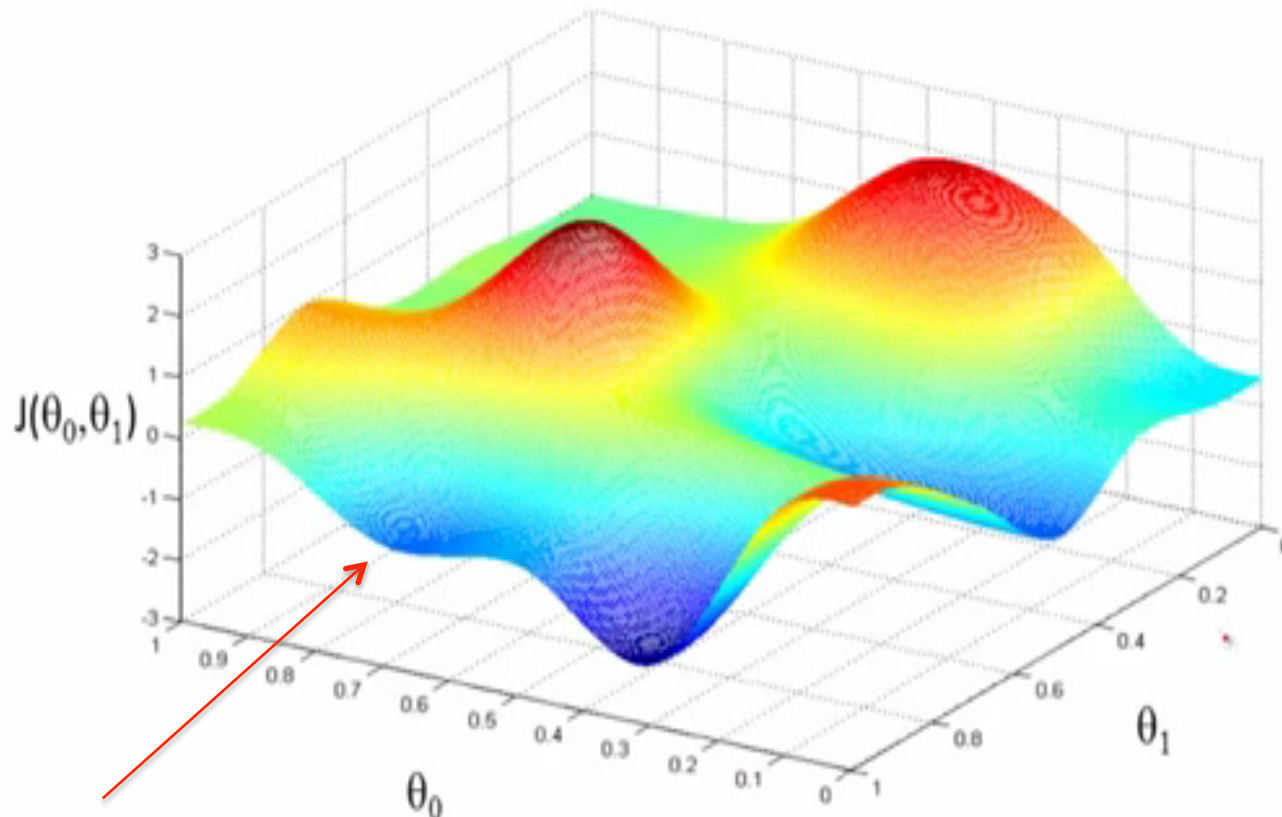
Gradient Descent Intuition 1

Convex Cost Function



One of the many nice properties of convexity is that any local minimum is also a global minimum

Gradient Decent Intuition 2



Can get stuck here if unlucky/start
at the wrong place

Unfortunately, any interesting cost function is likely non-convex

Solving the Optimization Problem

Gradient Descent for Linear Regression

Gradient descent algorithm

repeat until convergence {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$$

(for $j = 1$ and $j = 0$)

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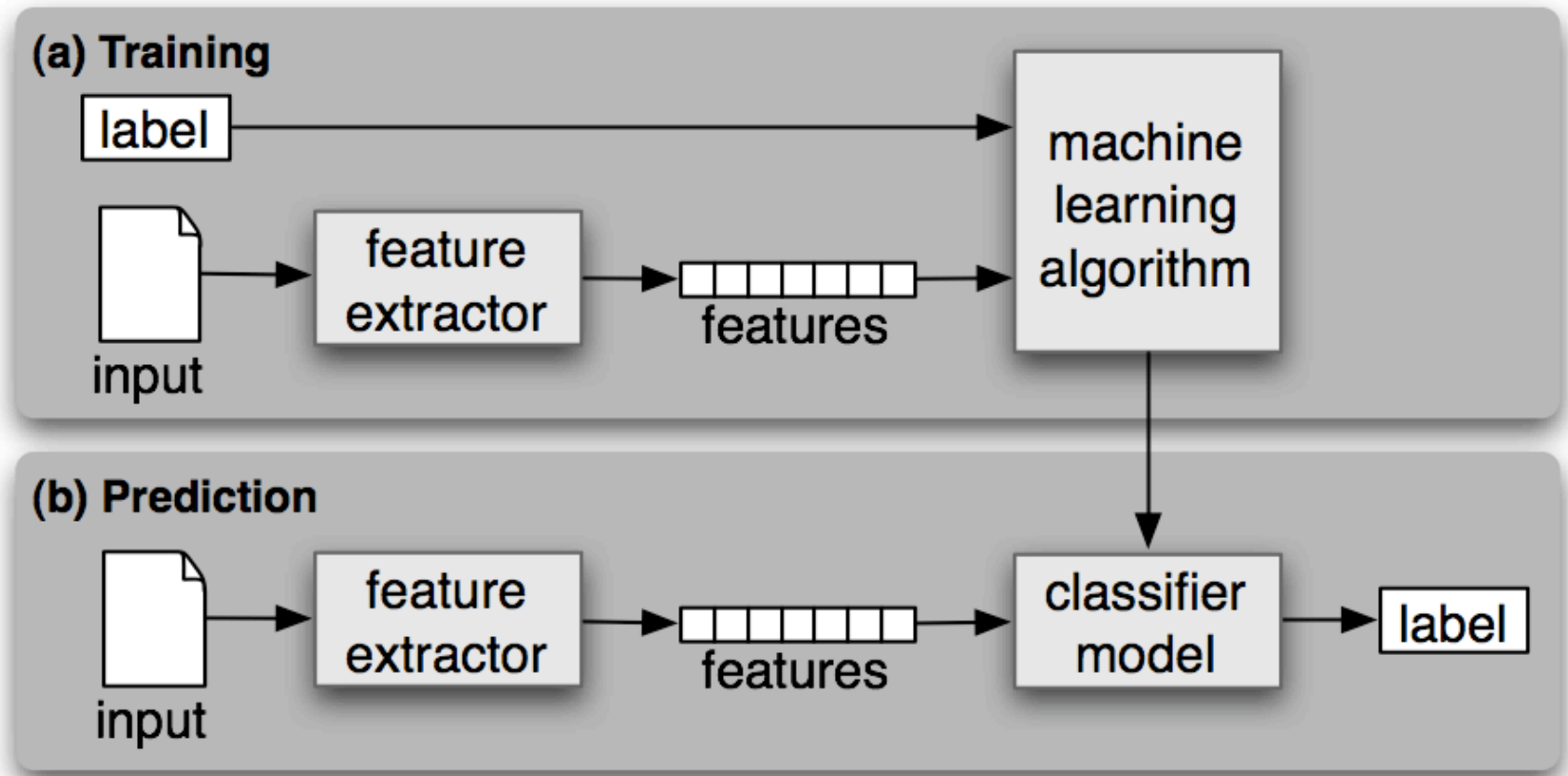
Linear Regression Model

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

The big breakthrough came from the Hinton lab at UToronto in the mid 80's where the back propagation algorithm was discovered (or perhaps re-discovered). "Backprop" is a simple way of computing the gradient of the loss function with respect to the model parameters θ

Summary: Supervised Learning Process



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PCE as a Canonical Application

- PCE ideally suited to SDN and Machine Learning
- Can we infer properties of paths we can't directly see?
 - Likely living in high-dimensional space(es)
 - i.e., those in other domains
- Other inference tasks?
 - Aggregate bandwidth consumption
 - Most loaded links/congestion
 - Cumulative cost of path set
 - Uncover unseen correlations that allow for new optimizations
- How to get there from here
 - The PCE was always a form of “SDN”
 - Applying Machine Learning to the PCE requires understanding the problem you want to solve and what data sets you have

PCE Data Sets

- Assume we have labeled data set

- $\{(X^{(1)}, Y^{(1)}), \dots, (X^{(n)}, Y^{(n)})\}$

- Where $X^{(i)}$ is an m -dimensional vector, and
 - $Y^{(i)}$ is usually a k dimensional vector, $k < m$

$$X \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$Y \in \mathbb{Z}^k$$

- Strawman X (information from the TED plus others)
- $X^{(i)} =$ (Path end points,
Desired path constraints,
Computed path,
Aggregate path constraints (e.g. path cost),
Minimum cost path,
Minimum load path,
Maximum residual bandwidth path,
Aggregate bandwidth consumption,
Load of the most loaded link,
Cumulative cost of a set of paths,
(some measure of buffer occupancy),
...,
Other (possibly exogenous) data)
- If we have $Y^{(i)}$'s are a set of classes we want to predict, e.g., congestion, latency, ...

What Might the Labels Look Like?

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \textit{Congestion} \\ \textit{Latency} \\ \textit{Class2} \\ \textit{Class3} \\ \textit{Class4} \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \rightarrow \\ \text{(instance)} \end{matrix} \quad Y^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

Making this Real

(what do we have to do?)

- Choose the labels of interest
 - What are the classes of interest, what might we want to predict?
- Get the (labeled) data set (this is always the “trick”)
 - Split into training, test, cross-validation
 - Avoid generalization error (bias, variance)
 - Avoid data leakage
- Choose a model
 - I would try supervised DNN
 - We want to find “non-obvious” features, which likely live in high-dimensional space
- Write code
 - Then write more code
- Test on (previously) unseen examples
- Iterate

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Thanks!