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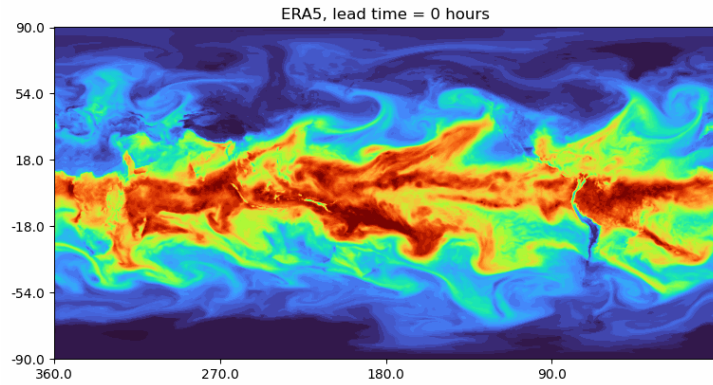
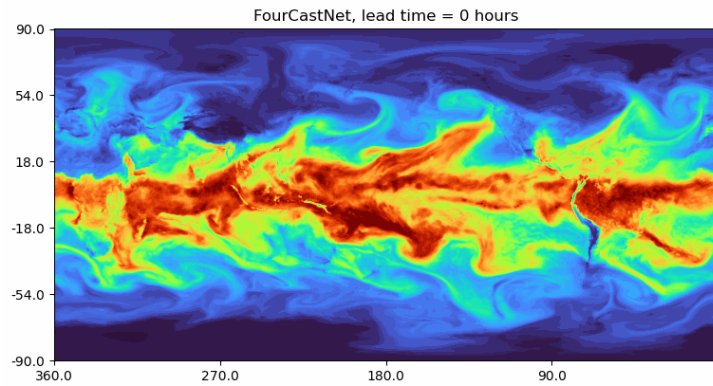
## Introduction to Deep Learning – Part 1

Spring Semester 2024

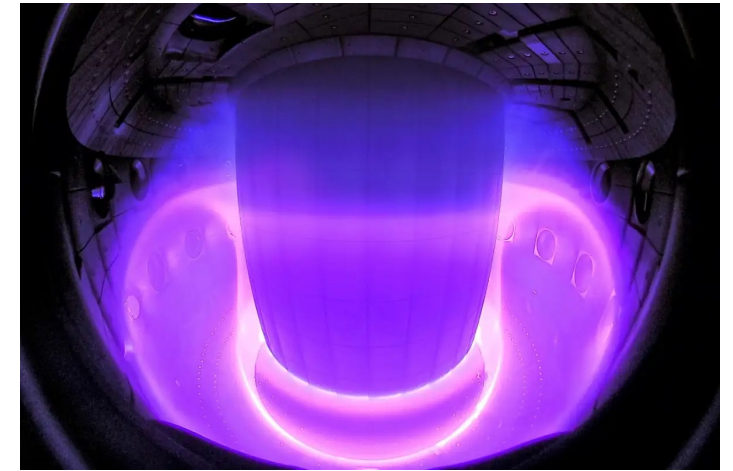
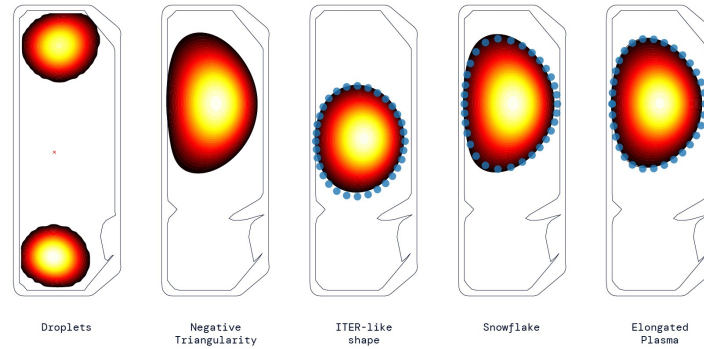
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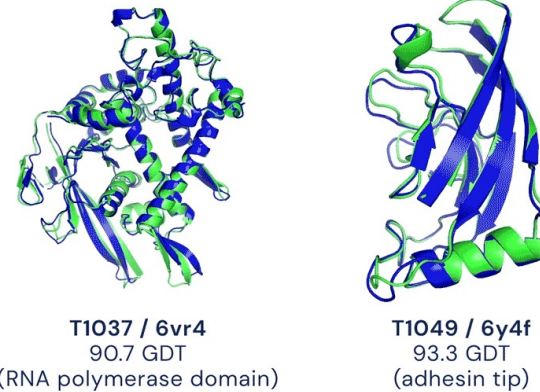
# Recap – AI for science



Pathak et al, FourCastNet: A Global Data-driven High-resolution Weather Model using Adaptive Fourier Neural Operators, ArXiv (2022)



Degrave et al, Magnetic control of tokamak plasmas through deep reinforcement learning, Nature (2022)

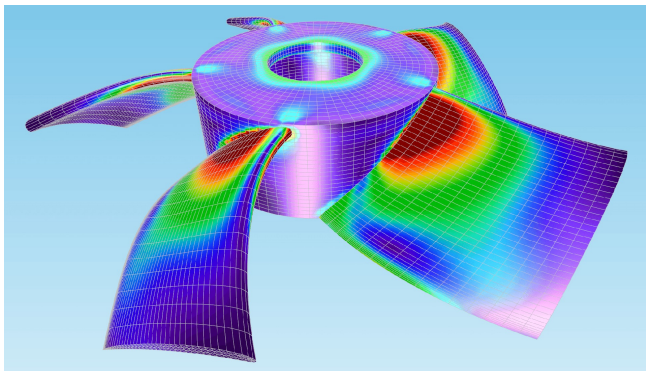


Jumper et al, Highly accurate protein structure prediction with AlphaFold, Nature (2021)

- Experimental result
- Computational prediction

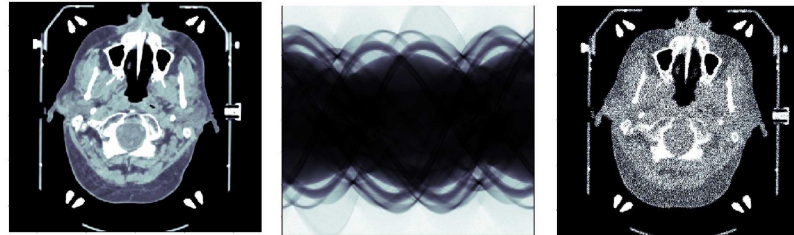
# Recap – key scientific tasks

Simulation  
 $b = F(a)$



Mesh for finite element method  
Source: COMSOL

Inverse problems  
 $b = F(a)$

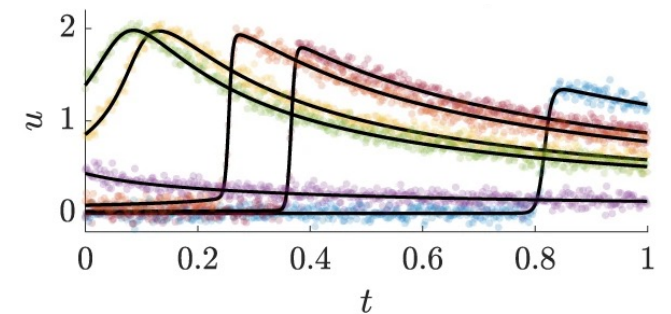


Ground truth  
computed  
tomography  
image

Resulting  
tomographic  
data  
(sinogram)

Result of  
inverse  
algorithm  
(filtered back-  
projection)

Equation discovery  
 $b = F(a)$



Ground truth:  $u_t + uu_x - 0.0032u_{xx} = 0$

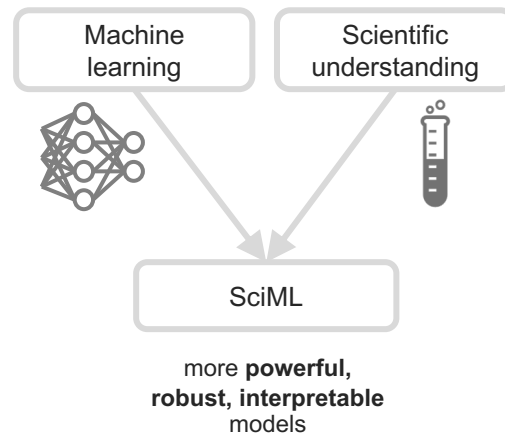
Discovered:  $u_t + 1.002uu_x - 0.0032u_{xx} = 0$

Adler et al, Solving ill-posed inverse problems using iterative deep neural networks, Inverse Problems (2017)

Chen et al, Physics-informed learning of governing equations from scarce data, Nature communications (2021)

# Recap – scientific machine learning

Hamiltonian neural networks  
Learned sub-grid processes  
Hidden physics models  
DeepONets  
Differentiable simulation  
Fourier neural operators  
Encoding conservation laws  
Physics-constrained Gaussian processes  
Physics-informed neural networks  
AI Feynman  
PDE-Net  
Algorithm unrolling  
AlphaFold  
Learned regularisation  
Physics-informed neural operators  
Neural ODEs  
Encoding physical symmetries  
Solver-in-the-loop



# Course timeline

## Tutorials

*Mon 12:15-14:00 HG E 5*

- 19.02.
- 26.02. Introduction to PyTorch
- 04.03. CNNs and surrogate modelling
- 11.03. Implementing PINNs I
- 18.03. Implementing PINNs II
- 25.03. Operator learning I
- 01.04.
- 08.04. Operator learning II
- 15.04.
- 22.04. GNNs
- 29.04. Transformers
- 06.05. Diffusion models
- 13.05. Coding autodiff from scratch
- 20.05.
- 27.05. Introduction to JAX / NDEs

## Lectures

*Wed 08:15-10:00 ML H 44*

- 21.02. ~~Course introduction~~
- 28.02. Introduction to deep learning II
- 06.03. Introduction to physics-informed neural networks
- 13.03. PINNs – extensions and theory
- 20.03. Introduction to operator learning
- 27.03. Fourier- and convolutional- neural operators
- 03.04.
- 10.04. Operator learning – limitations and extensions
- 17.04. Foundational models for operator learning
- 24.04. GNNs for PDEs / introduction to diffusion models
- 01.05.
- 08.05. Introduction to differentiable physics
- 15.05. Neural differential equations
- 22.05. Symbolic regression and equation discovery
- 29.05. Guest lecture: ML in chemistry and biology

*Fri 12:15-13:00 ML H 44*

- 23.02. **Introduction to deep learning I**
- 01.03. Importance of PDEs in science
- 08.03. PINNs – limitations and extensions
- 15.03. PINNs – theory
- 22.03. DeepONets and spectral neural operators
- 29.03.
- 05.04.
- 12.04. Introduction to transformers
- 19.04. Graph neural networks for PDEs
- 26.04. Introduction to diffusion models
- 03.05. Diffusion models - applications
- 10.05. Hybrid workflows
- 17.05. Introduction to JAX
- 24.05. Course summary and future trends
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# Lecture overview

- What is deep learning?
  - Multilayer perceptrons
  - Universal approximation
- Popular deep learning tasks
  - Supervised learning
  - Unsupervised learning
- Training deep neural networks
  - Backpropagation & autodifferentiation

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# Learning objectives

- Be able to mathematically define a deep neural network
- Understand the typical tasks neural networks are used for
- Explain how neural networks are trained

# State-of-the-art

- Inside ChatGPT – by end of these two lectures, you will understand how this works!

**B** Can you find the bug in this code:

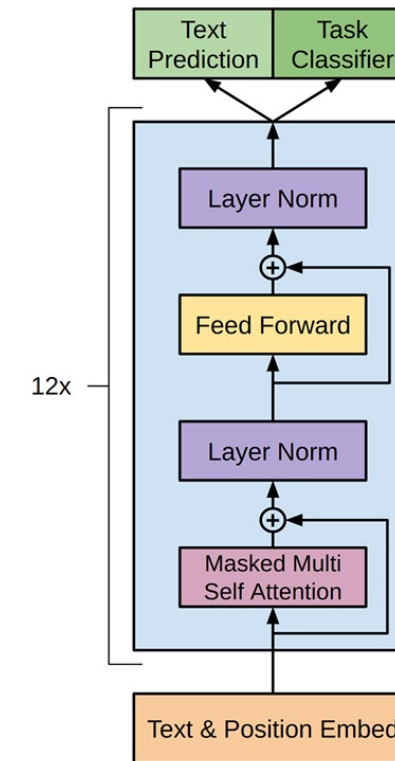
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...  
def mean_squared_error(x,y):  
    "Returns mean squared error"  
    return np.mean((x-y)**3)  
...
```

There is a bug in the provided code. The mean squared error (MSE) formula involves squaring the difference between the predicted and actual values. However, in the provided code, the difference is cubed instead of squared.

To fix the bug, the code should be modified to square the difference instead of cubing it. Here's the corrected code:

```
python Copy code  
import numpy as np  
  
def mean_squared_error(x, y):  
    """Returns mean squared error"""  
    return np.mean((x - y)**2)
```

In this corrected code, the difference between the predicted `x` and actual `y` values is squared using the exponent operator `**`. The resulting array of squared differences is then averaged using the `np.mean()` function to compute the mean squared error.



Radford et al, Improving Language Understanding by Generative Pre-Training, ArXiv (2018)  
Brown et al, Language Models are Few-Shot Learners, NeurIPS (2020)



# The rise of AI

**You**  
how powerful is AI today?

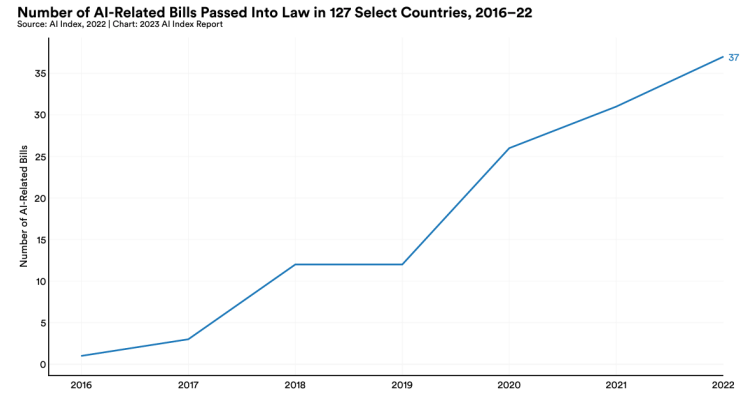
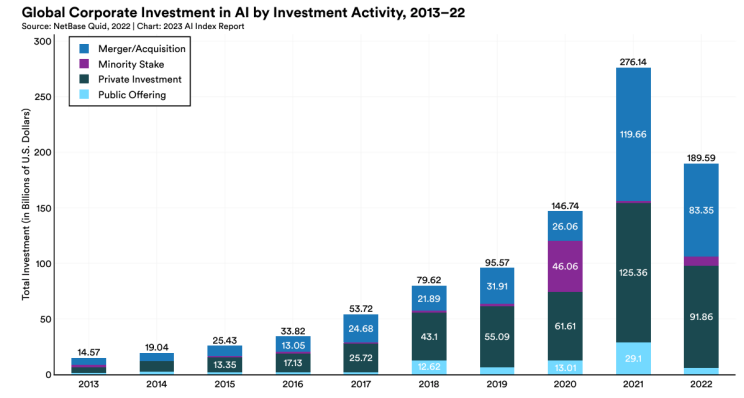
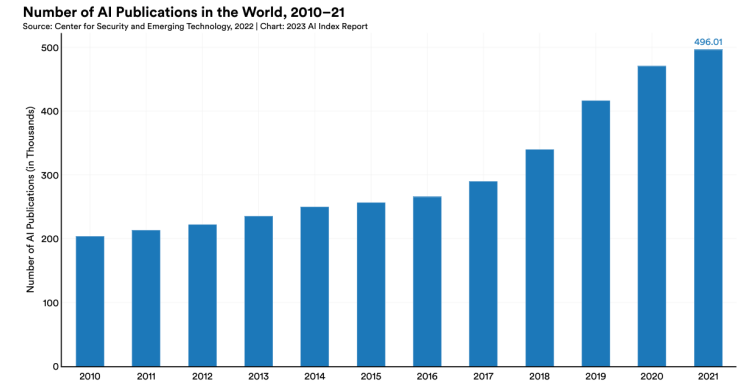
**ChatGPT**  
As of my last update in January 2022, AI has made significant strides in various domains, demonstrating remarkable capabilities in tasks such as natural language processing, image recognition, speech synthesis, and more. Here are some aspects of AI's current power:

- Natural Language Processing (NLP):** AI models like GPT-3 (the architecture I'm based on) have demonstrated the ability to generate human-like text, answer questions, summarize information, and even engage in basic forms of conversation. These models have advanced to the point where they can generate coherent and contextually relevant text across a wide range of topics.
- Computer Vision:** AI-powered systems are now capable of accurately recognizing and classifying objects, people, and activities in images and videos. They are used in various applications such as autonomous vehicles, medical imaging, surveillance, and augmented reality.
- Speech Recognition and Synthesis:** AI technologies can accurately transcribe spoken language into text and generate human-like speech. Virtual assistants like Siri, Alexa, and Google Assistant rely on these capabilities to understand and respond to user commands.

Brown et al, Language Models are Few-Shot Learners, NeurIPS (2020)



“a photograph of an astronaut riding a horse”  
Source: Stable Diffusion Rombach et al, High-Resolution Image Synthesis with Latent Diffusion Models, CVPR (2022)



Source: AI Index Report, Stanford University

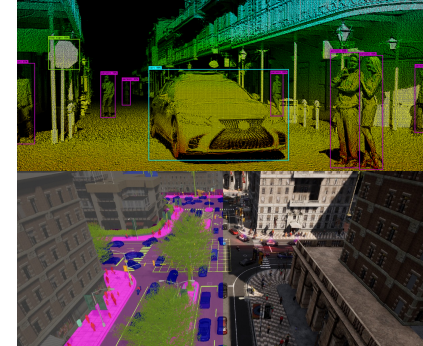


Reed et al., A Generalist Agent, TMLR (2022)

```

1 import datetime
2
3 def parse_expenses(expenses_string):
4     """Parse the list of expenses and return the list of triples (date, value, currency).
5     Ignore lines starting with #.
6     Parse the date using datetime.
7     Example expenses_string:
8     2016-01-02 -34.01 USD
9     2016-01-03 2.59 DOX
10    2016-01-03 -2.72 EUR
11
12    """
13    expenses = []
14    for line in expenses_string.splitlines():
15        if line.startswith("#"):
16            continue
17        date, value, currency = line.split(" ")
18        expenses.append((datetime.datetime.strptime(date, "%Y-%m-%d"),
19                        float(value),
20                        currency))
21    return expenses
    
```

Source: GitHub Copilot



Source: Machine Learning for Autonomous Driving Workshop, NeurIPS (2023)

**SeamlessM4T**

MODEL INPUT

- Speech
- Text

MODEL OUTPUT

- Speech-to-speech translation
- Speech-to-text translation
- Text-to-speech translation
- Text-to-text translation
- Automatic speech recognition

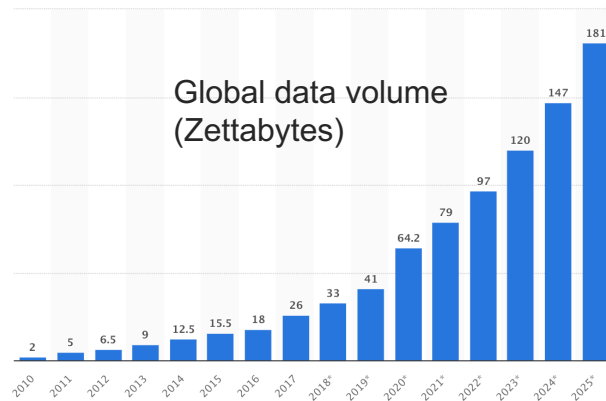
Meta AI

Barrault et al., SeamlessM4T: Massively Multilingual & Multimodal Machine Translation, ArXiv (2023)

# Why now?

Neural networks date back to the 1950's – so why is deep learning so popular today?

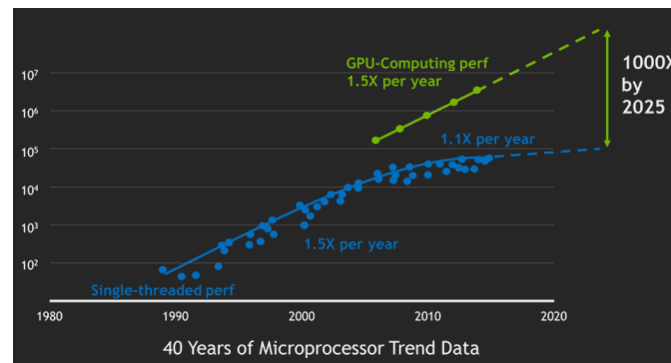
## Rapidly increasing amounts of data



Source: Statista



## Hardware improvements



Source: NVIDIA

- Graphical processing units (GPUs)
- Highly optimised for deep learning (massively parallel)

## Software improvements

PyTorch

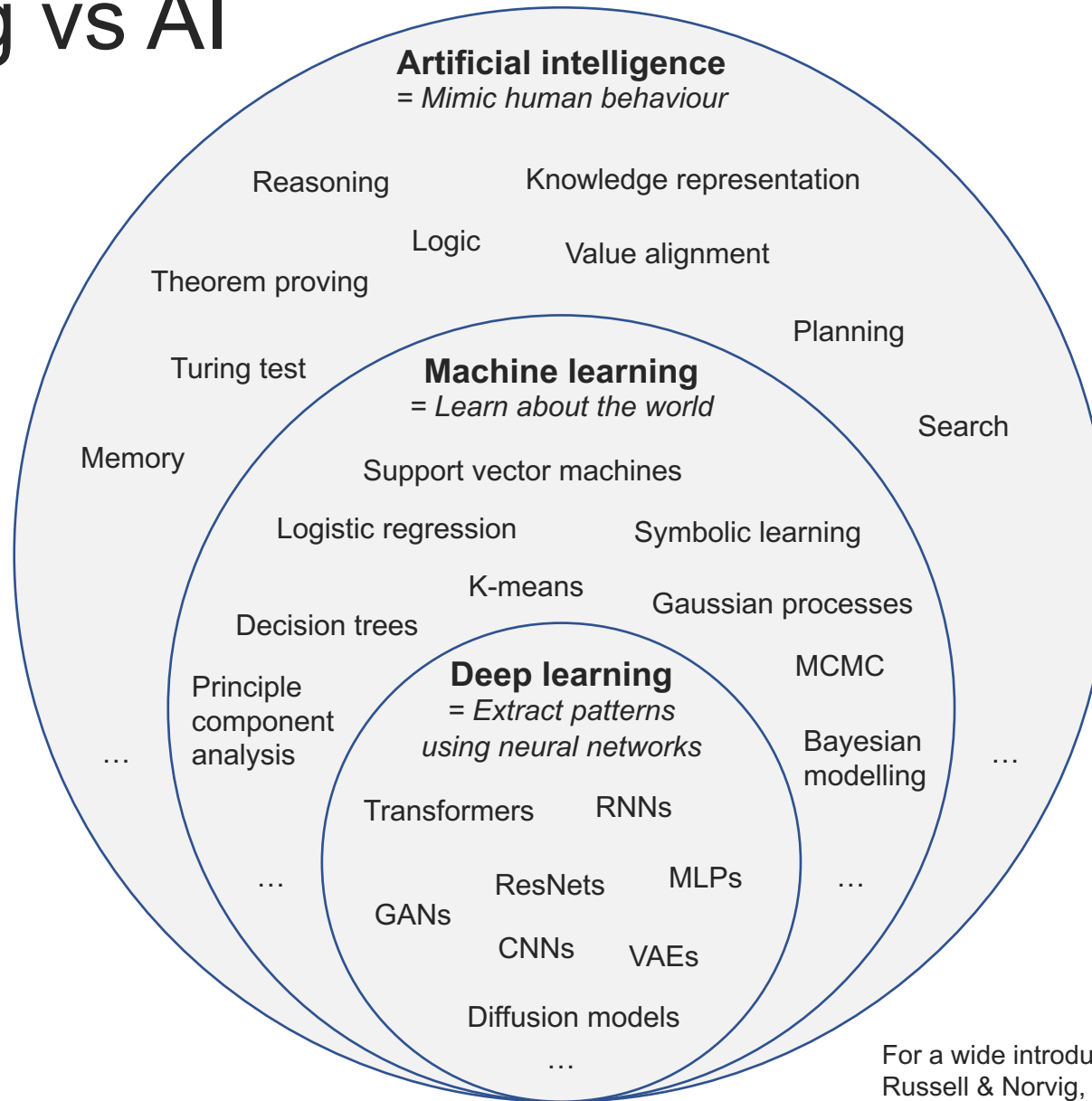
TensorFlow

Keras



- Mature deep learning frameworks
- Better training algorithms
- Deeper and more sophisticated architectures

# Deep learning vs AI

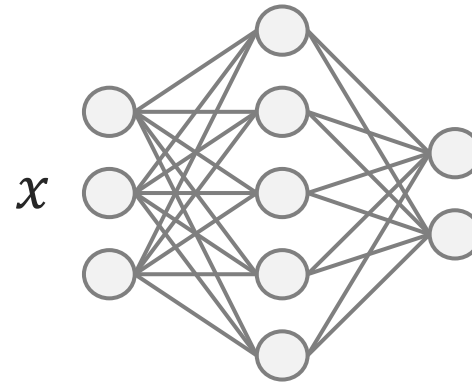


For a wide introduction to AI, see for example:  
Russell & Norvig, *Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach*

# What is a neural network?

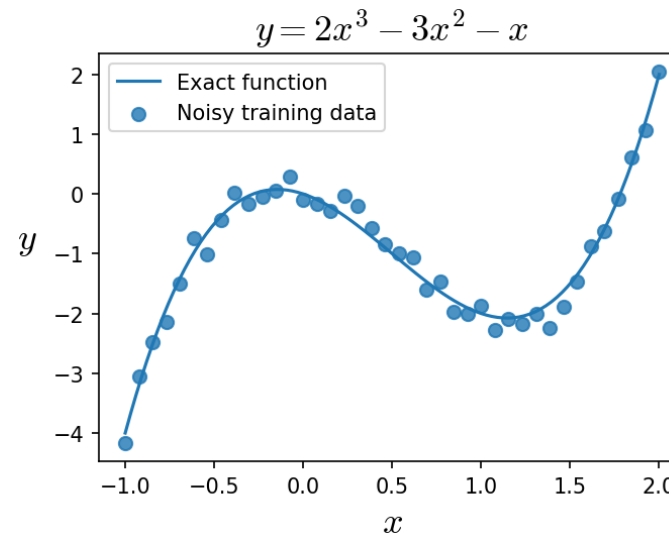


Neural networks are simply **flexible functions** fit to data



$$\hat{y} = NN(x; \theta)$$

Example dataset:



Goal: given training data, find a function (with flexible parameters  $\theta$ ) which approximates the true function,

$$\hat{y} = NN(x; \theta) \approx y(x)$$

# Function fitting

## Simple polynomial regression

$$\hat{y}(x; \theta) = \theta_4 x^3 + \theta_3 x^2 + \theta_2 x + \theta_1$$

To fit, use least-squares:

$$\theta^* = \min_{\theta} \sum_i^N (\hat{y}(x_i; \theta) - y_i)^2 \quad (1)$$

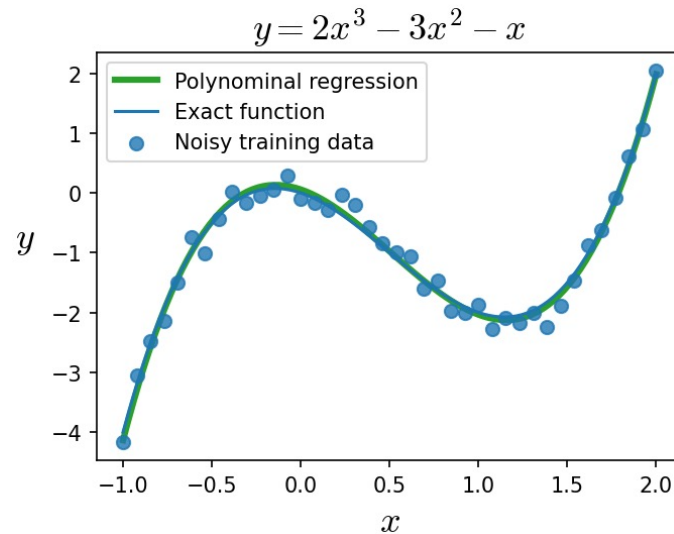
Re-write using linear algebra:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & x_1^3 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & x_2^3 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \hat{Y} = \Phi^T \theta$$

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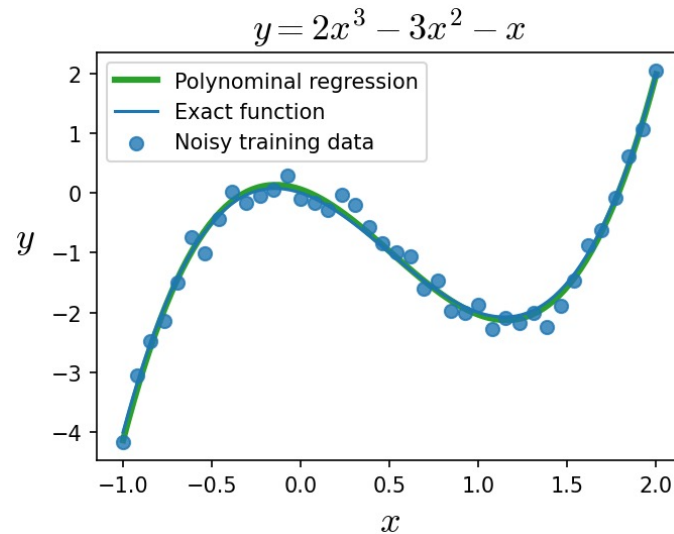
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To fit, use least-squares:

$$\theta^* = \min_{\theta} \sum_i^N (NN(x_i; \theta) - y_i)^2 \quad (2)$$

In general, no analytical solution to (2) exists, so we must use **optimisation**

For example, gradient descent:

$$\theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j - \gamma \frac{\partial \sum_i^N (NN(x_i; \theta) - y_i)^2}{\partial \theta_j}$$

or equivalently

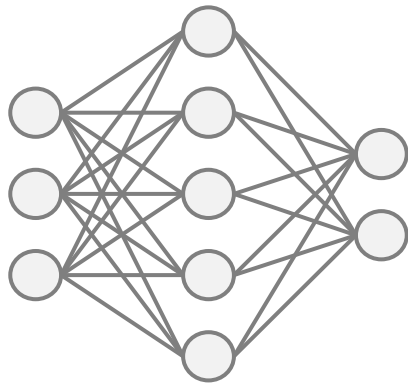
$$\theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j - \gamma \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j}$$

Where  $\gamma$  is the learning rate and  $L(\theta)$  is the **loss function**

# Neural network architecture

So, what exactly is  $\hat{y} = NN(x; \theta)$ ?

This depends on the network **architecture** you choose (CNN, ResNet, Transformer, ... etc)



2-layer MLP

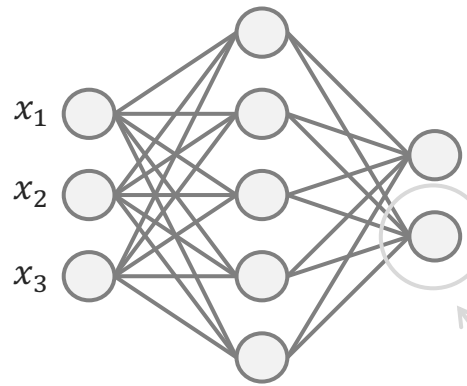
The most basic architecture is the **multilayer perceptron** (MLP) (aka **fully connected network**)

For example, a 2-layer MLP is defined as:

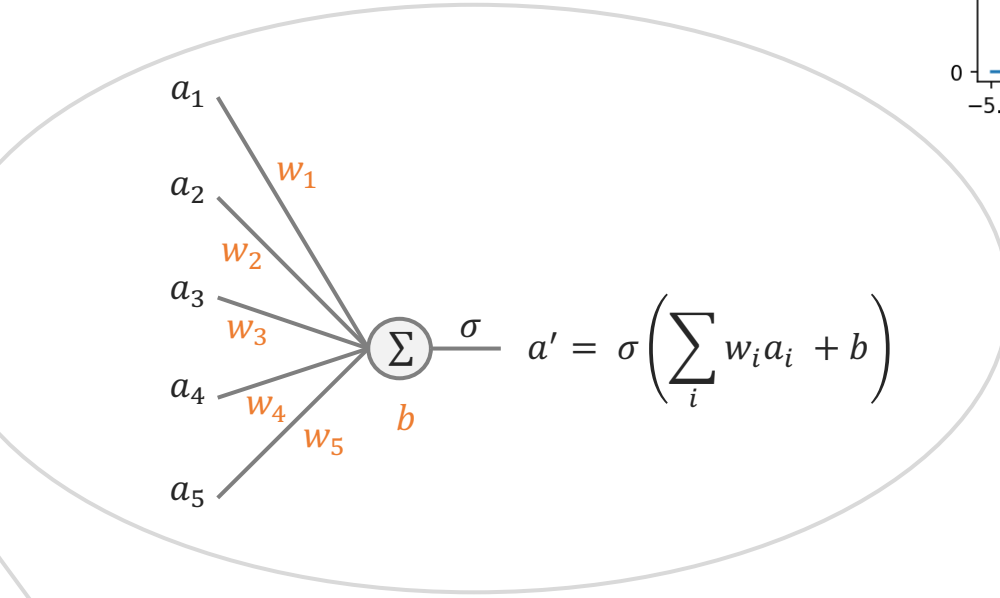
$$NN(x; \theta) = W_2 \sigma(W_1 x + b_1) + b_2$$

Where  $x$  is an input vector,  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are learnable weight matrices,  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are learnable bias vectors, and  $\sigma$  is an activation function, for example,  $\sigma = \tanh(\cdot)$

# Biological inspiration



2-layer MLP

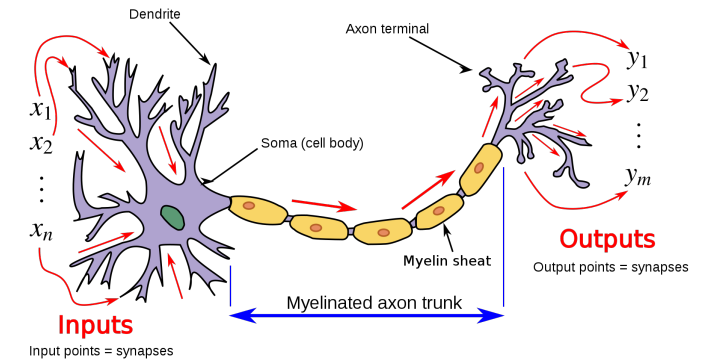
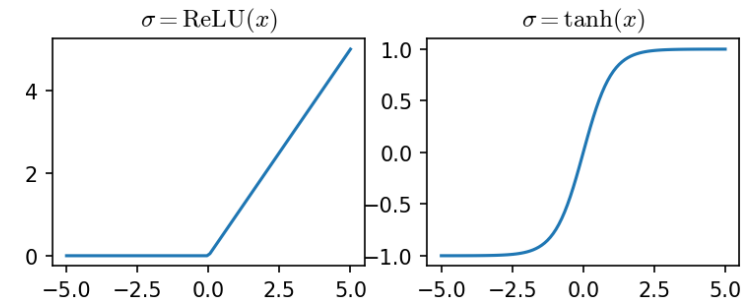


For last layer:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a'_1 \\ a'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma \left( \begin{pmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & w_{13} & w_{14} & w_{15} \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & w_{23} & w_{24} & w_{25} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Entire network:

$$NN(x; \theta) = \sigma(W_2 \sigma(W_1 x + b_1) + b_2) = f \circ g(x; \theta)$$

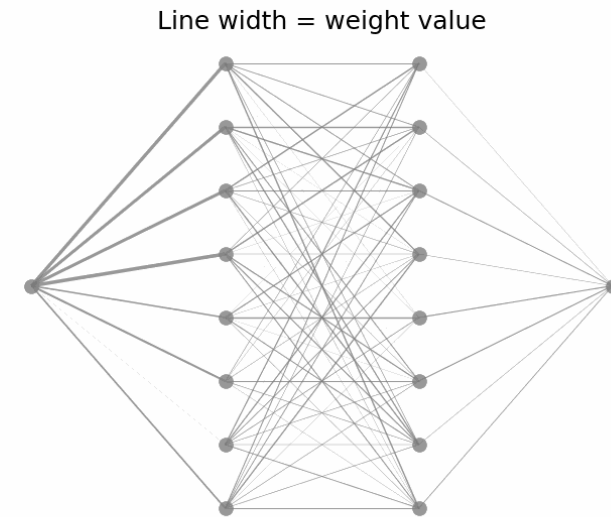
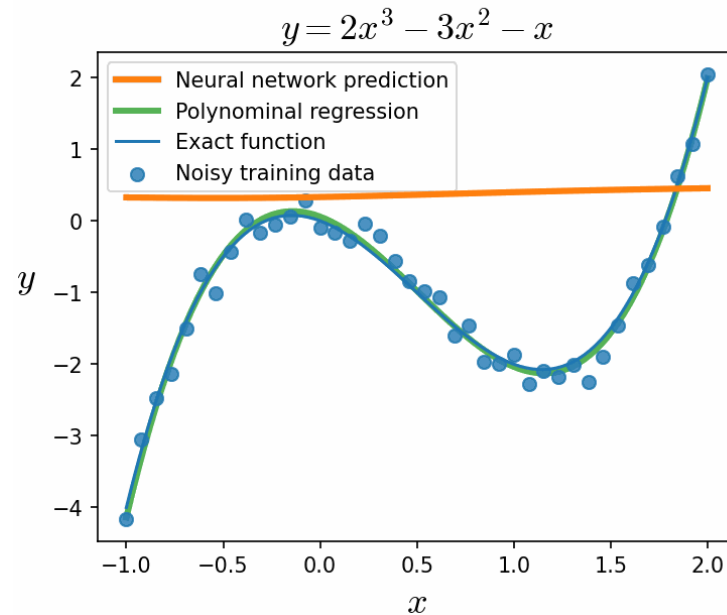


Biological neuron  
(Source: Wikipedia)



# Polynomial regression example

Training step 0



$$NN(x; \theta) = W_3(\sigma(W_2\sigma(W_1x + b_1) + b_2) + b_3)$$

Trained using gradient descent

$$\theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j - \gamma \frac{\partial \sum_i^N (NN(x_i; \theta) - y_i)^2}{\partial \theta_j}$$

# Universal approximation

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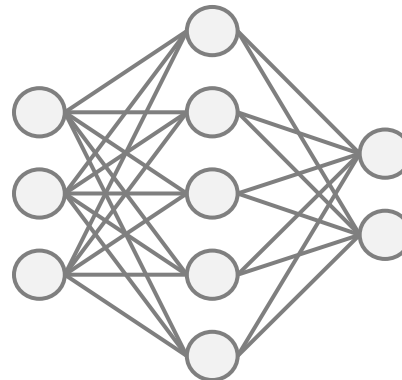
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With enough parameters, neural networks can approximate any\* arbitrarily complex function  
= **universal approximation**

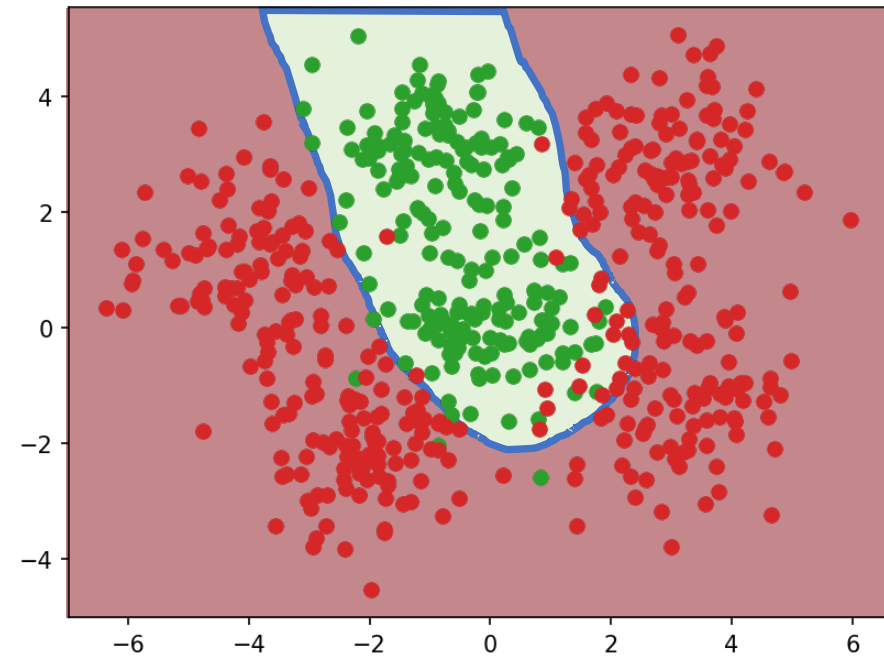
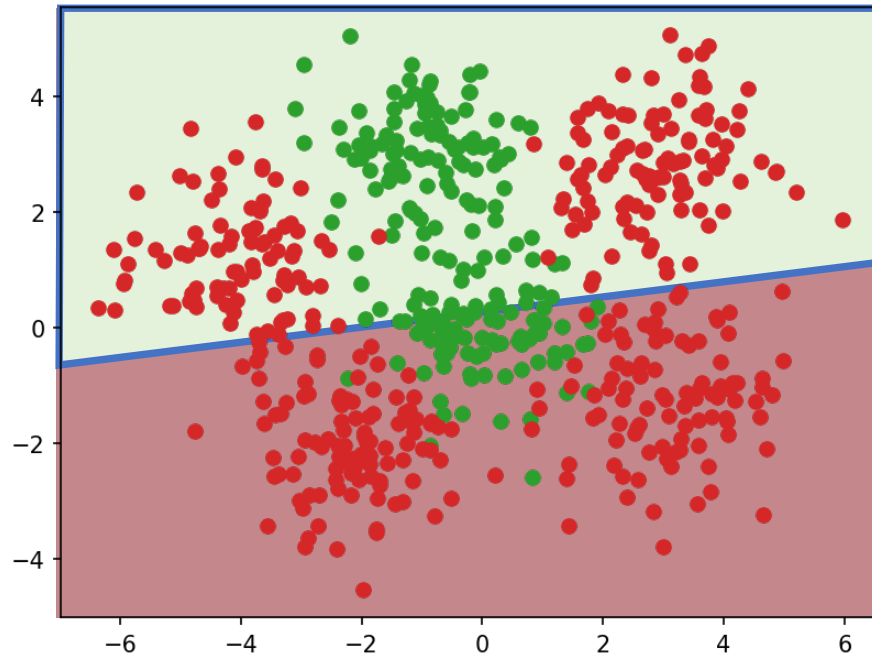


$x$  = array of RGB values



$$\hat{y} = P(\text{dog} | x) = 1$$

# Importance of activation functions

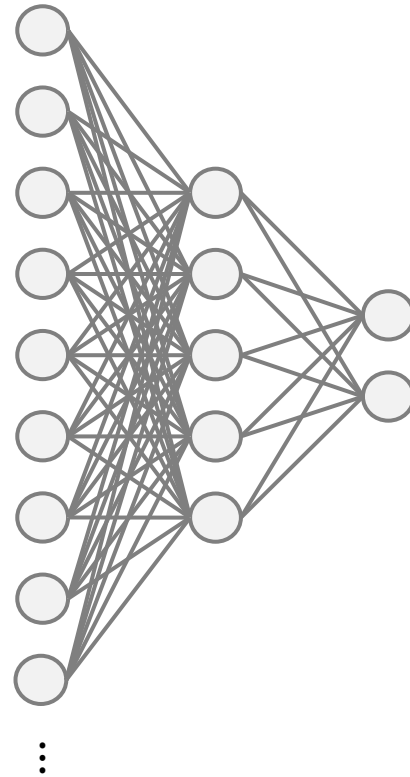


Non-linearities allow us to approximate arbitrary **non-linear** functions

# MLPs use lots of parameters



=> Flatten to 1D =>



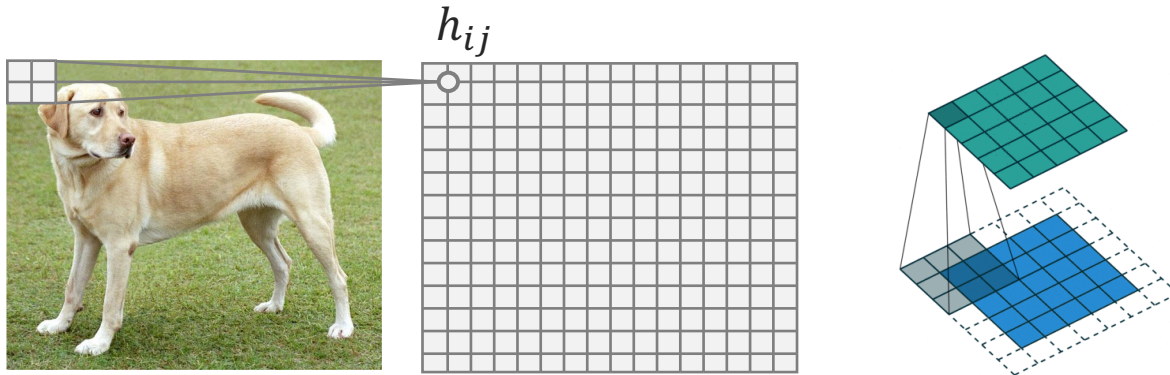
$$NN(x; \theta) = W_3(\sigma(W_2\sigma(W_1x + b_1) + b_2) + b_3)$$

Assume the image has shape  $128 \times 128$ , and we have 100 hidden units in the first layer, then  $W_1$  has shape  $(100 \times (128 \times 128)) = (100 \times 16,384)$

= 1.6M parameters!

=> A simple MLP image classifier can have millions of parameters

# Convolutional neural network (CNN)



Convolutional neural networks honor the **spatial correlations** in their inputs

Each neuron;

- Has a **limited** field of view
- **Shares** the same weights as the other neurons in the layer
- Mathematically, CNNs use cross-correlation

CNNs have translation equivariance (an inductive bias)

$$NN(x; \theta) = W_3 \star (\sigma(W_2 \star \underbrace{\sigma(W_1 \star x + b_1)}_h) + b_2) + b_3$$

$$h_{ij} = \sum_{i'}^l \sum_{j'}^m W_{i'j'} x_{i+i', j+j'} + b$$

Let the size of the convolutional filter be 3 x 3

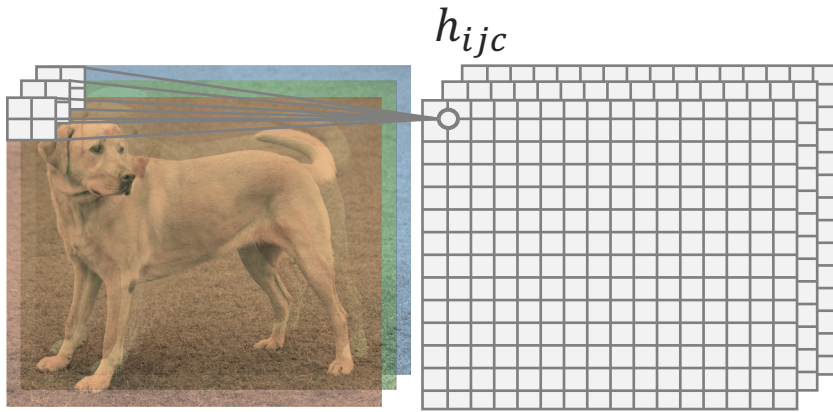
Then  $W_1$  has shape (3 x 3)

= 9 parameters! (much, much smaller than a MLP)

Image source:

[github/vdumoulin/conv\\_arithmetic](https://github.com/vdumoulin/conv_arithmetic)

# Convolutional neural network (CNN)



In practice, CNNs are usually extended so they can have multiple **channels** in the inputs and outputs of each layer

e.g. (R,G,B) image as input, where each channel is a color

Also:

- 1D and 3D CNNs follow analogously
- And we can add dilations and strides too

Then the convolutional layer is defined by:

$$h_{ijc} = \sum_{i'}^l \sum_{j'}^m \sum_{c'}^{C_{\text{in}}} W_{i'j'c'c} x_{i+i',j+j',c'} + b_c$$

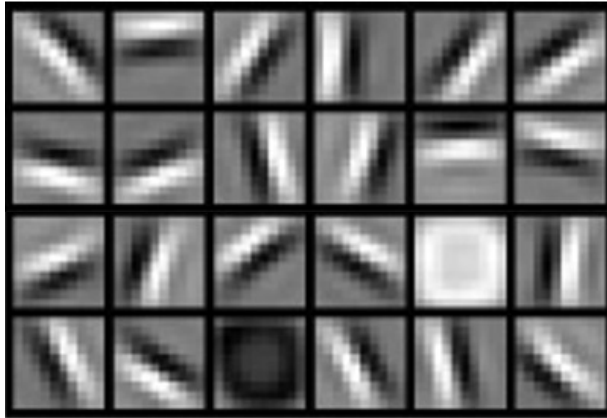
Let the size of the convolutional filter be  $3 \times 3 \times 3$

Then  $W$  has shape  $(3 \times 3 \times C_{\text{in}} \times C_{\text{out}})$

= 81 parameters for 3 input and 3 output channels

# Deep CNNs

First layer



Second layer



Third layer

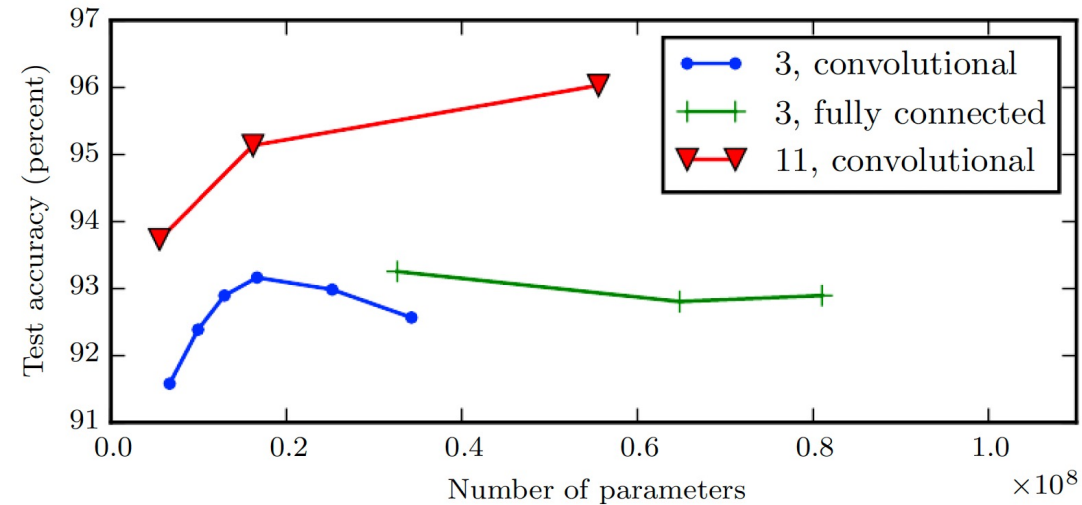


Deep CNNs learn **hierarchical** features

Lee et al, Unsupervised Learning of Hierarchical Representations with Convolutional Deep Belief Networks, Communications of the ACM (2011)



# Depth is key




Goodfellow et al, Multi-digit number recognition from street view imagery using deep convolutional neural networks, ICLR (2014)

Empirically, deep neural networks perform better than shallow neural networks

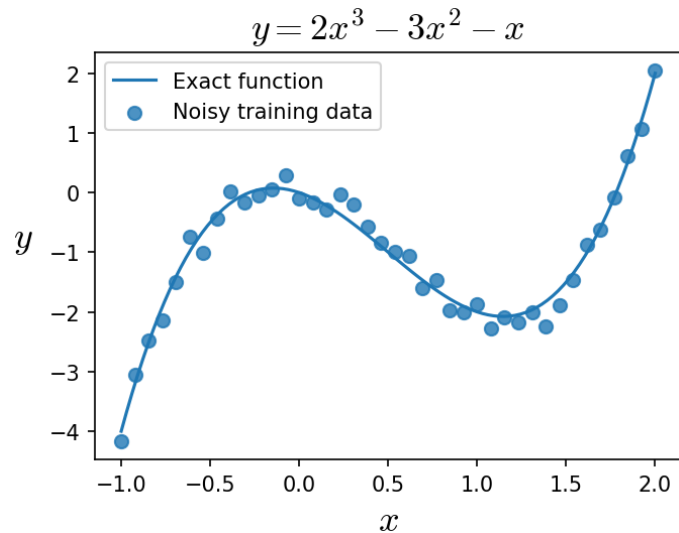
=> encode a very general belief that the true function is **composed** of simpler functions

# Popular deep learning tasks

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- Supervised learning
  - Regression
  - Classification
- Unsupervised learning
  - Feature learning
  - Autoregression
  - Generative models
- ...but in all cases, the neural network is still a function fit to data! 

# Supervised learning - regression



## Supervised learning - regression:

Given a set of example inputs and outputs (labels)  $\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)\}$  from some true function  $y(x)$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

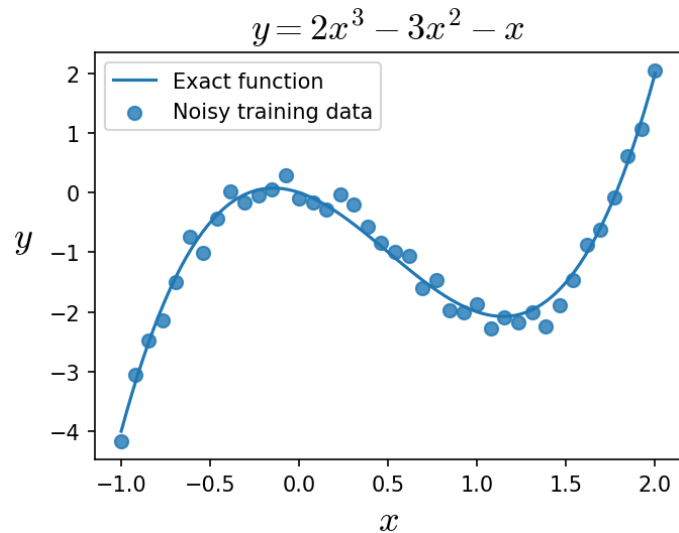
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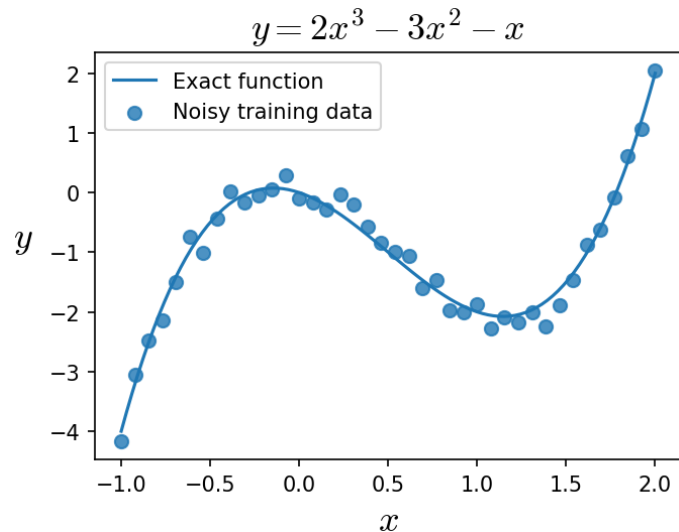
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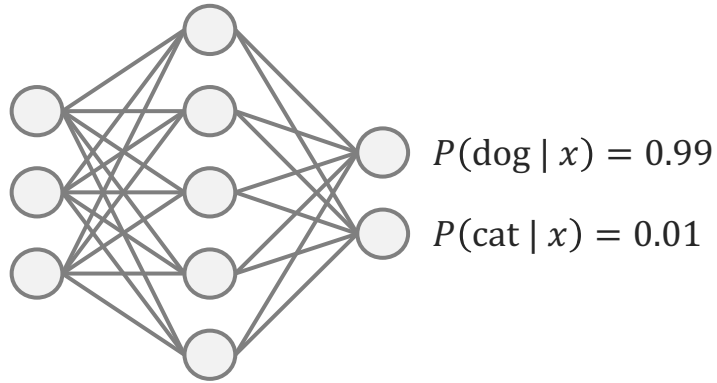
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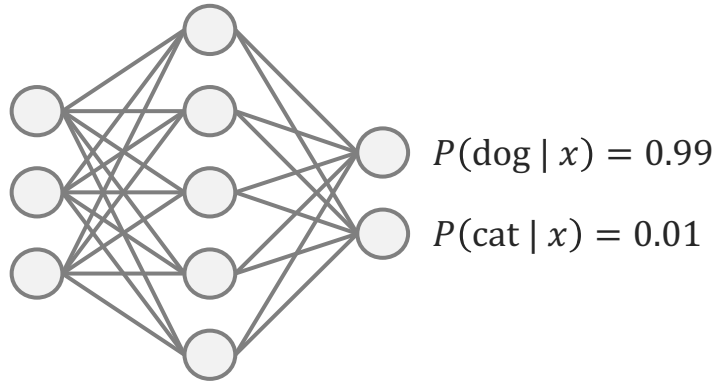
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where  $y \in Y$ , for example,  $Y = \{\text{dog}, \text{cat}\}$

Find

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# Supervised learning - classification



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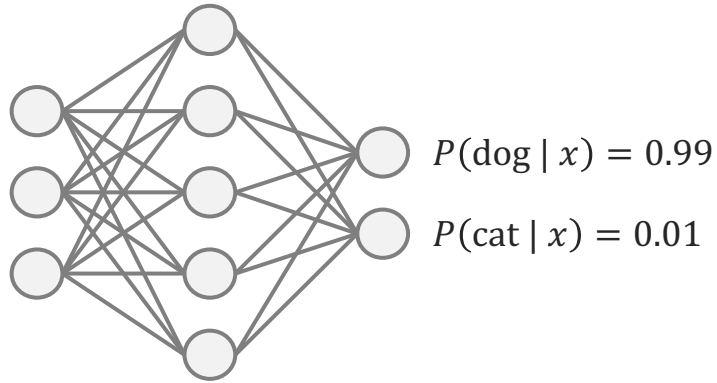
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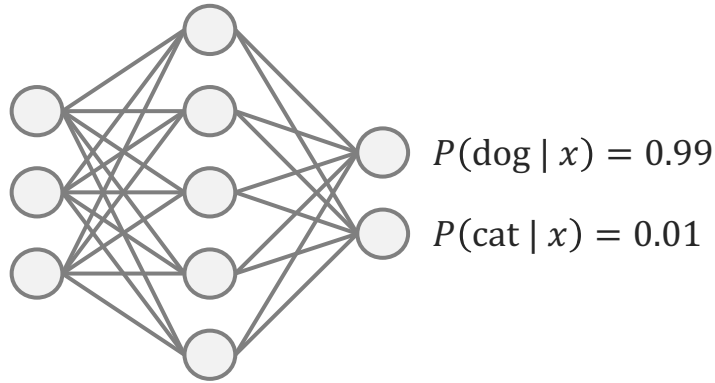
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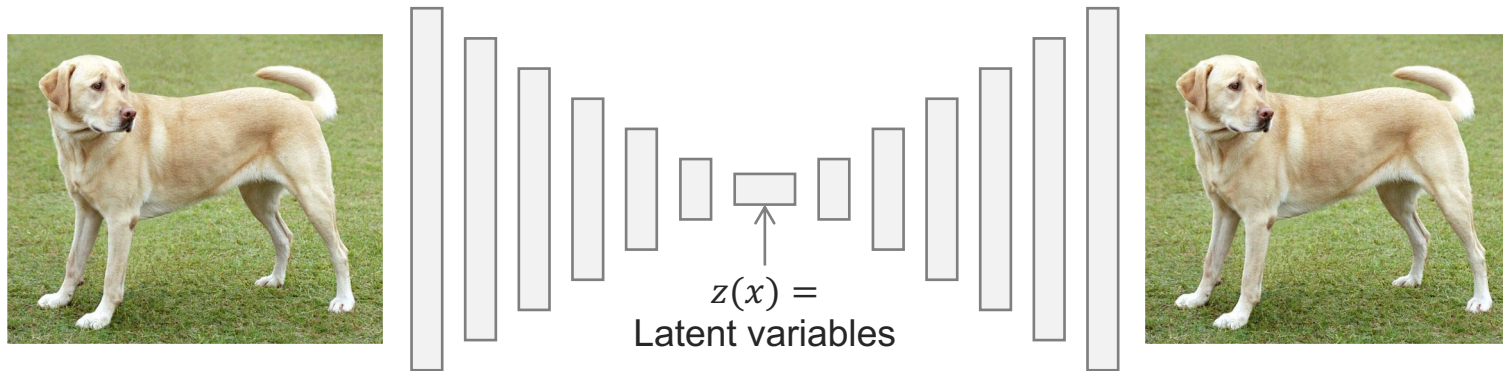
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Typically, we use a softmax output layer to assert  $\sum_j^C NN(x; \theta)_j = 1$ ;

$$\sigma(\mathbf{z})_i = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_j^C e^{z_j}}$$

# Unsupervised learning - feature learning



Loss function

Many different possibilities, a simple choice is

$$L(\theta) = \sum_i^N (NN(x_i; \theta) - x_i)^2$$

## Unsupervised learning – feature learning

Given a set of examples  $\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ , find some features  $z(x)$

Which are salient descriptors of  $x$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, z \in \mathbb{R}^d$

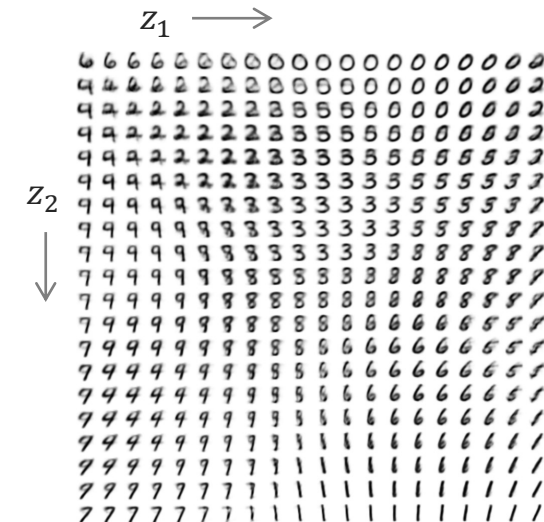
Typically,  $d \ll n$  (= compression)

$z$  can be used for downstream tasks, e.g. clustering / classification

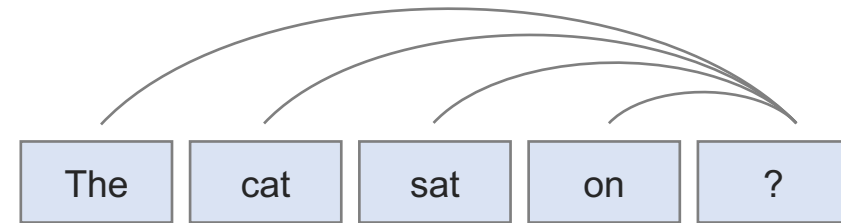
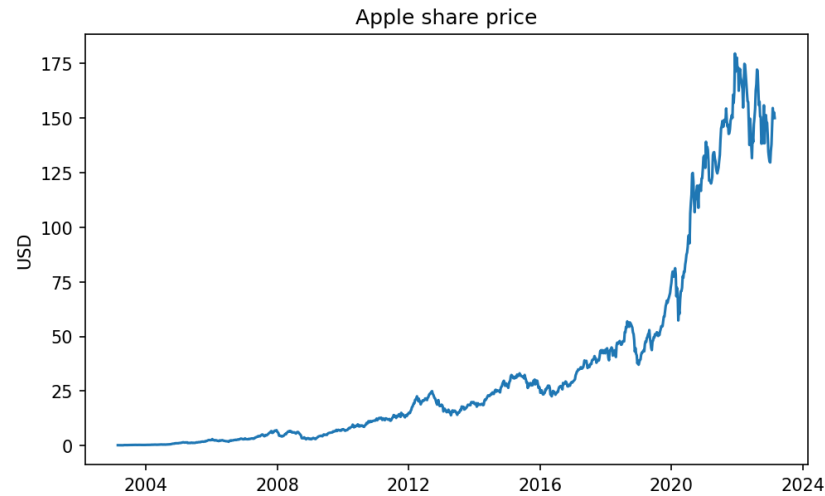
For example:

Variational autoencoders (VAEs)

Kingma et al, 2014



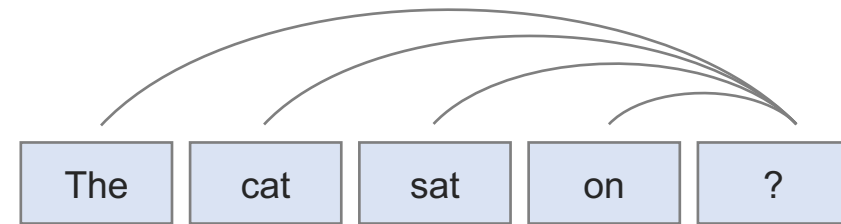
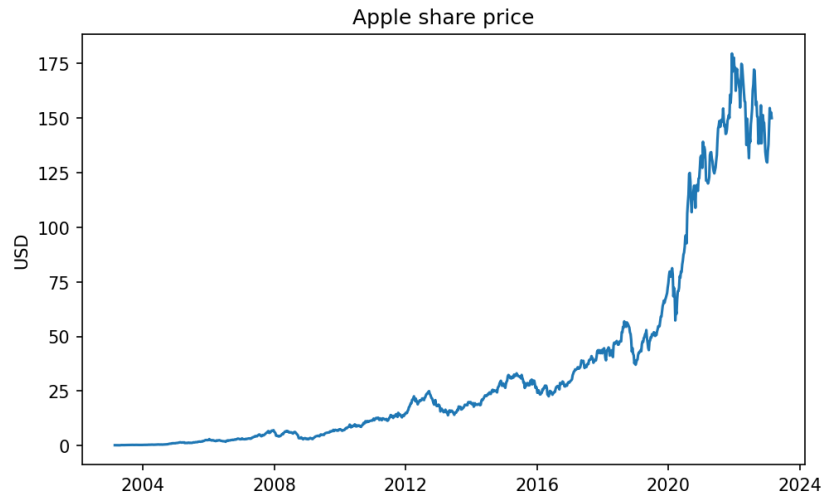
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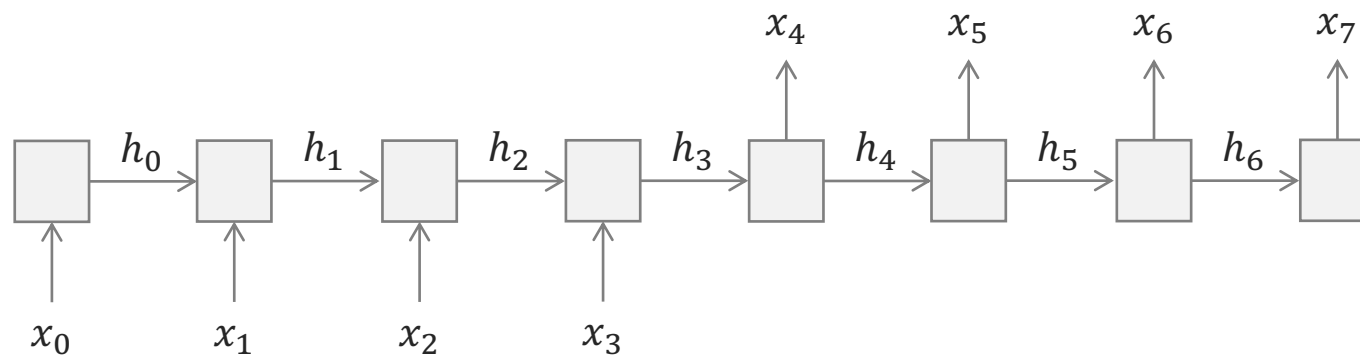
Given many examples sequences, train a model to predict future values from past values

# Unsupervised learning - autoregression



For example:

ChatGPT



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Can you find the bug in this code:
def mean_squared_error(x,y):
    """Returns mean squared error"""
    return np.mean((x-y)**3)

There is a bug in the provided code. The mean squared error (MSE) formula involves squaring the difference between the predicted and actual values. However, in the provided code, the difference is cubed instead of squared.

To fix the bug, the code should be modified to square the difference instead of cubing it. Here is the corrected code:

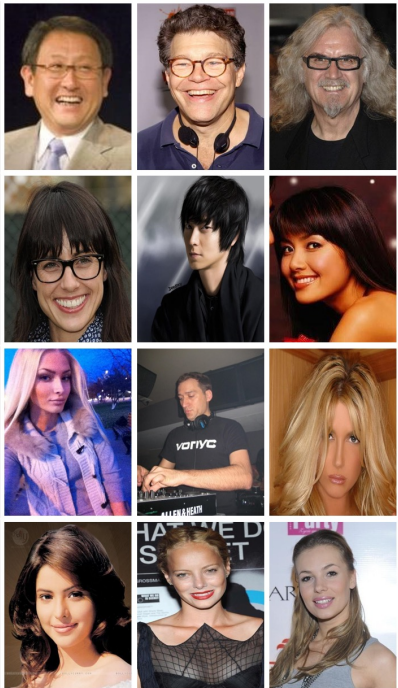
python
import numpy as np

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In this corrected code, the difference between the predicted 'x' and actual 'y' values is squared using the exponent operator '**'. The resulting array of squared differences is then averaged using the 'np.mean()' function to compute the mean squared error.
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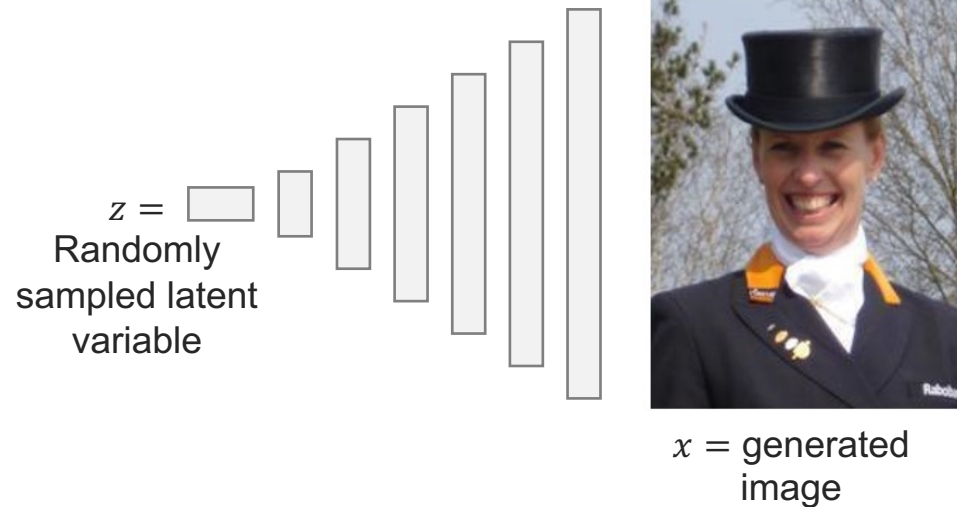
# Unsupervised learning - generative modelling

Training dataset



Source: CelebA

Generative model



For example:

Generative adversarial networks (GANs)

Goodfellow et al, 2014



## Unsupervised learning – generative modelling

Given many examples  $\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  sampled from some distribution  $p(x)$ , learn to sample from  $p(x)$

# Training deep neural networks

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Note  $\mathbf{f}$ ,  $\mathbf{g}$ , and  $\mathbf{h}$  are vector functions =>

Use the **multivariate chain rule** (= matrix multiplication of **Jacobians**)

$$\frac{\partial NN}{\partial W_1} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{g}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{h}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial W_1}$$

$$J = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{g}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial g_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial g_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial g_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial g_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Evaluating the chain rule

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One can show (exercise for the reader!)

$$\frac{\partial NN}{\partial W_1} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{g}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{h}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial W_1} = W_3 \text{diag}(\sigma'(\mathbf{g})) W_2 \text{diag}(\sigma'(\mathbf{h})) \otimes \mathbf{x}$$

and therefore

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_1} = \sum_i^N 2(f_i - y_i) W_3 \text{diag}(\sigma'(\mathbf{g}_i)) W_2 \text{diag}(\sigma'(\mathbf{h}_i)) \otimes \mathbf{x}_i$$

# Backpropagation

Forward pass:

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Save layer outputs in forward pass

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Evaluate from left to right (reverse-mode) for efficiency

Similar equations for other weight matrices and bias vectors

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In practice:

 PyTorch

**Autodifferentiation** tracks all your forward computations and their gradients and applies the chain rule automatically for you, so you don't have to worry!



# Lecture summary

- (Deep) neural networks are simply **flexible functions** fit to data
- **Universal approximation** means they can be applied to many different tasks
- DNNs are trained using chain rule (backpropagation) and **gradient descent**