

Backpropagation Neural Tree

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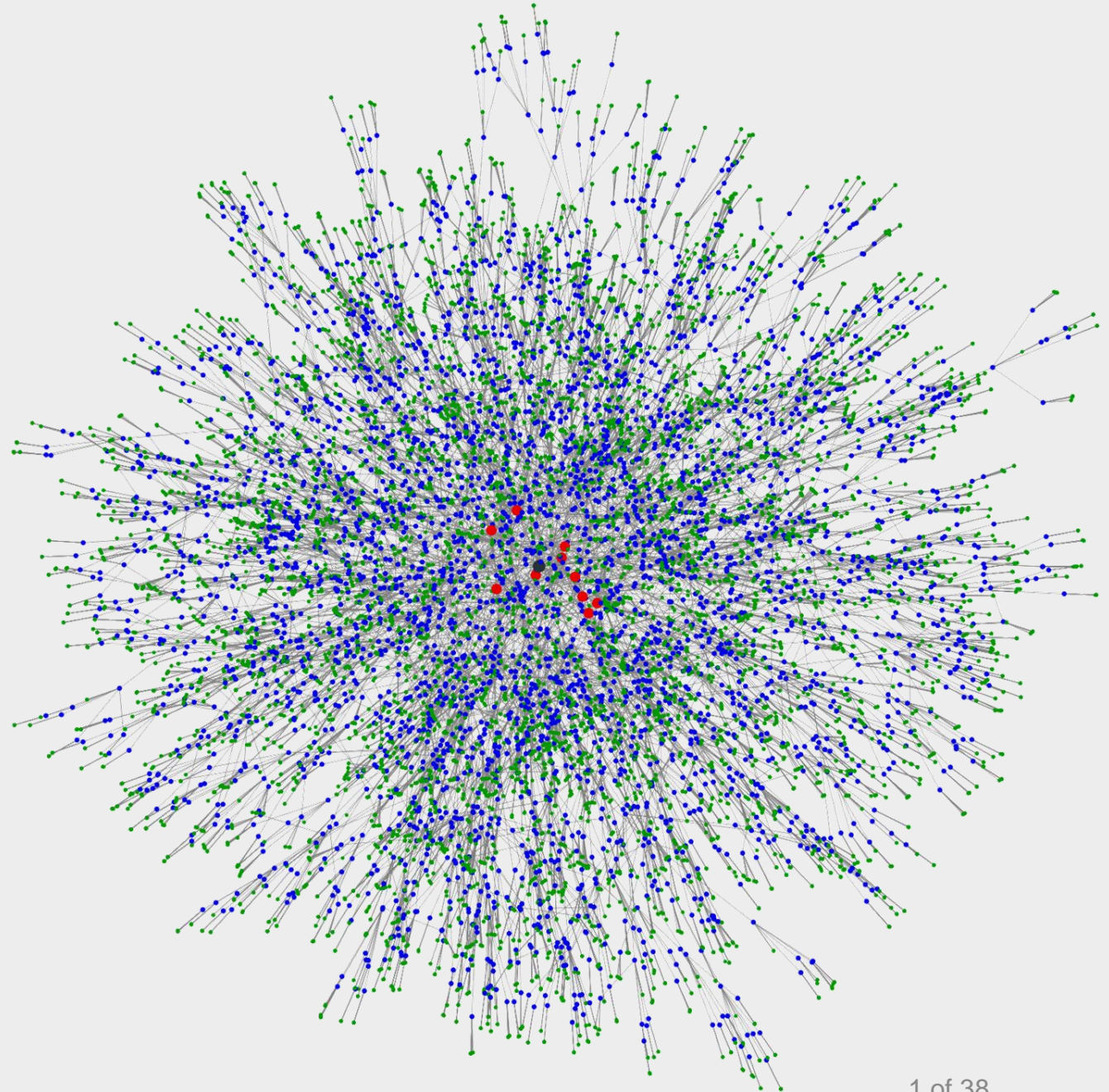
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Learning

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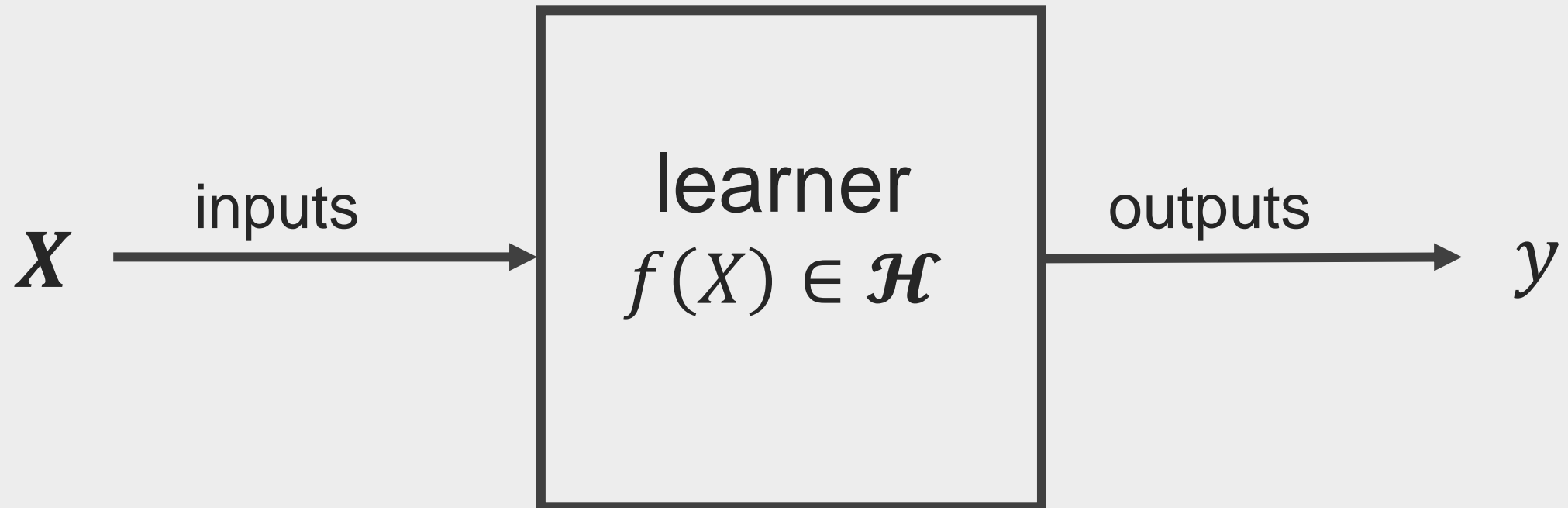
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Part 1

Supervised Learning

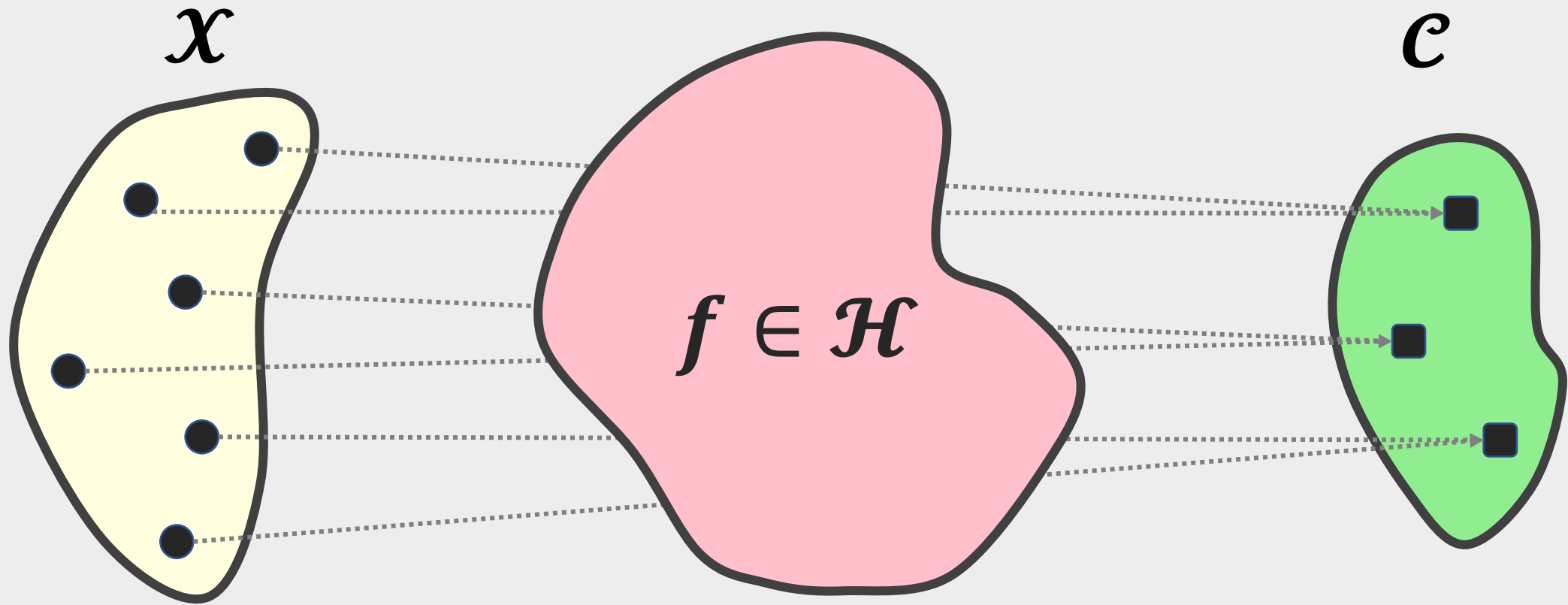
Learning $f: X \rightarrow y$

Supervised learning approximates a function $g \sim f$ for mapping inputs X to outputs y



Learning $f: X \rightarrow y$

We need to find the unknown target function f that does the task of mapping

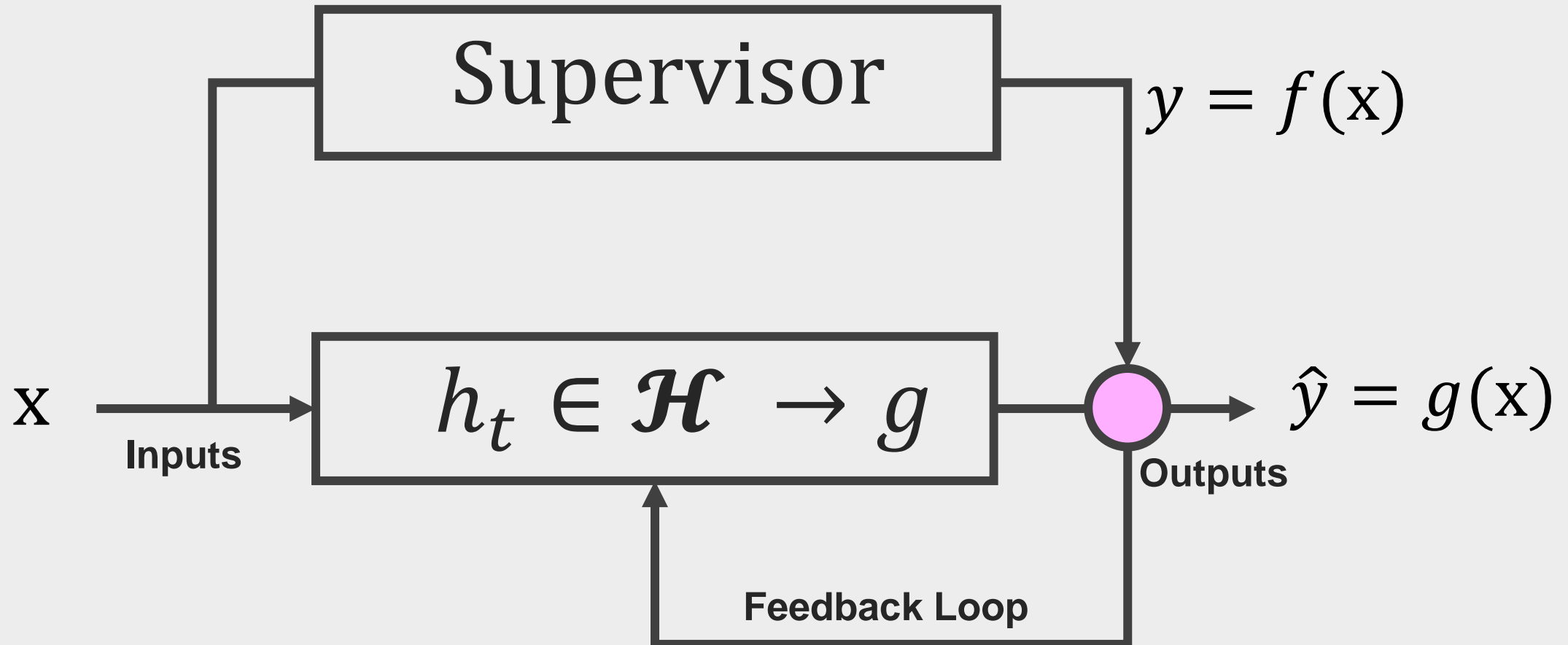


Input $X \in$ Input space \mathcal{X}

hypothesis space \mathcal{H}

output $y \in$ concept space \mathcal{C}

How to produce a function $g: X \rightarrow y$



What Learning Needs

One given input-output data Learning needs the method(s) to

Represent

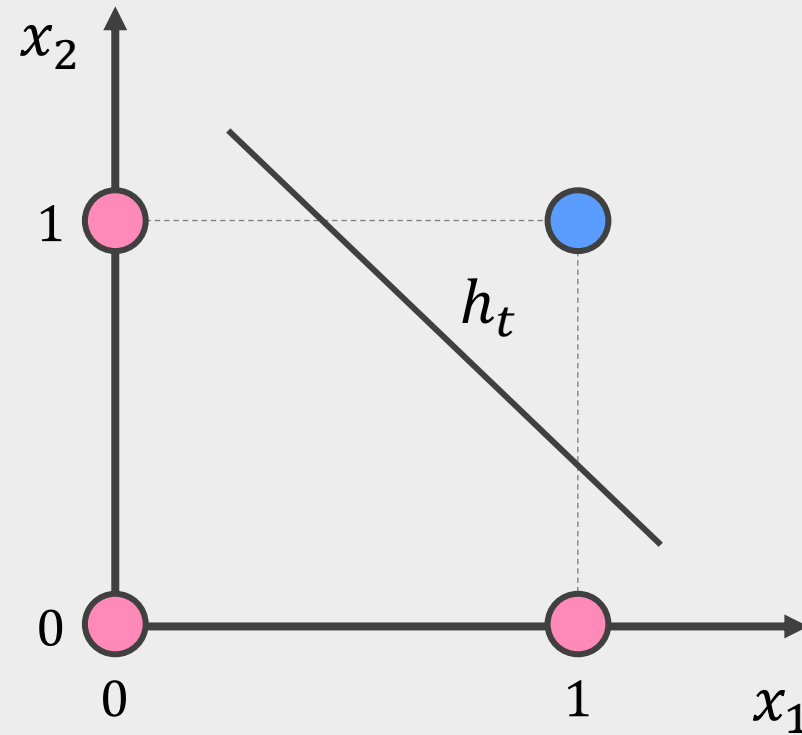
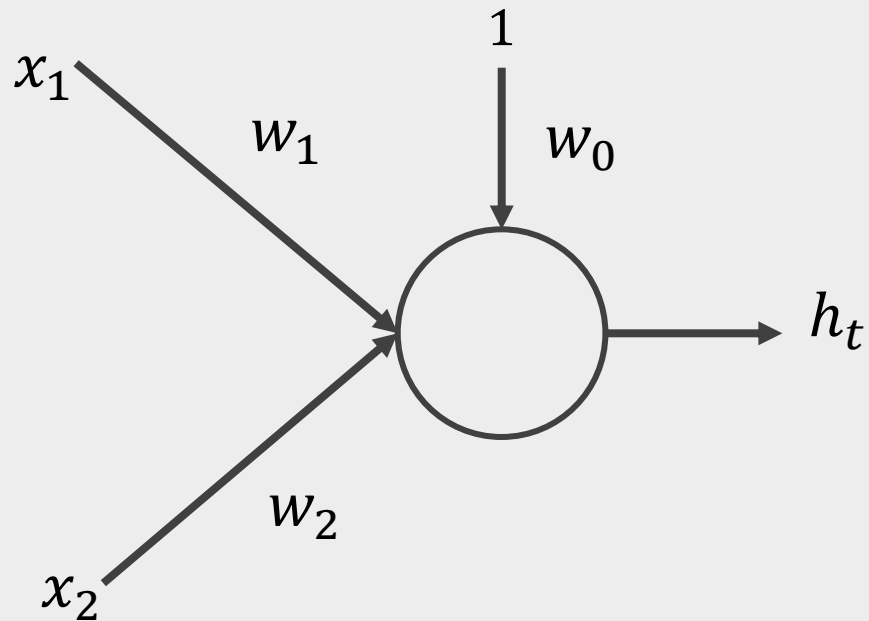
Evaluate

Optimize

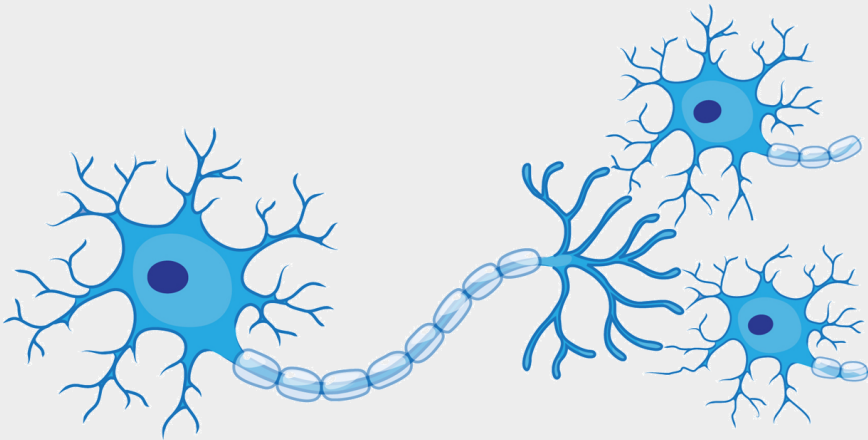
a hypothesis h_t (e.g., a neural model)

How to represent a hypothesis $h_t \in H$

A line separating data can be considered a hypothesis

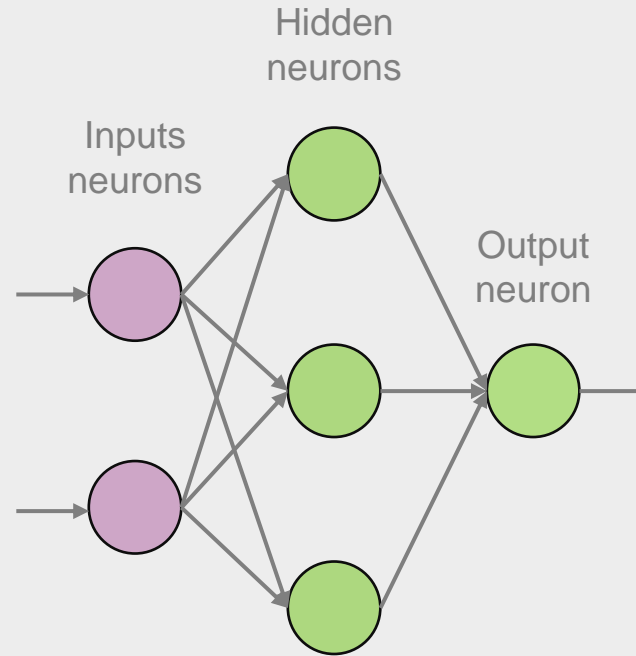


Learning Systems: Neural Networks



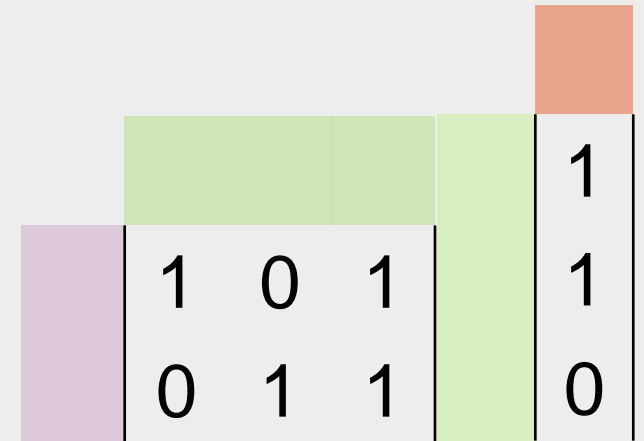
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Biological networks of neurons in human brains



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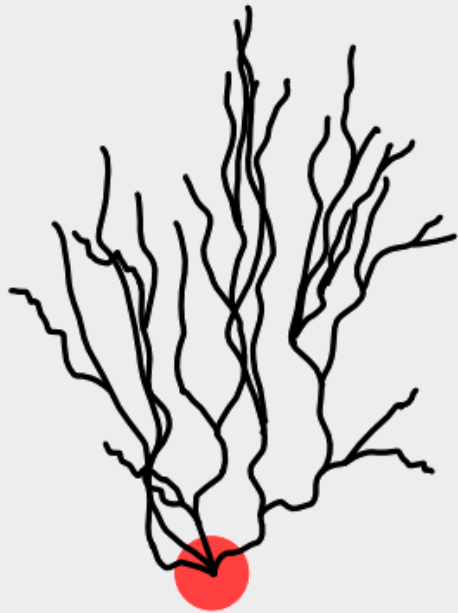
AI representation of biological neural networks



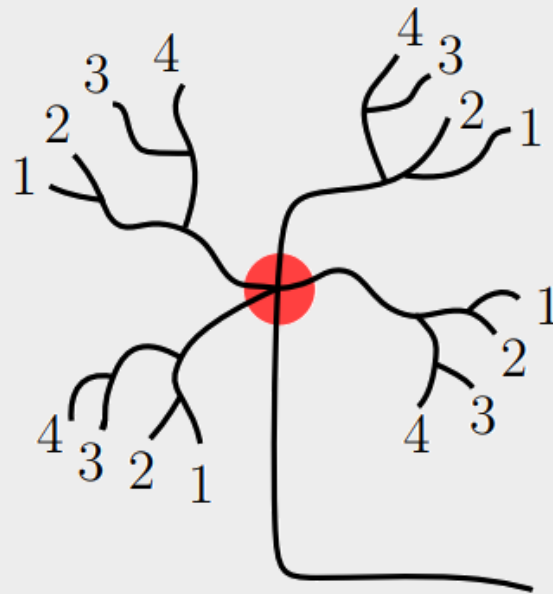
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Mathematical representation of the neural networks

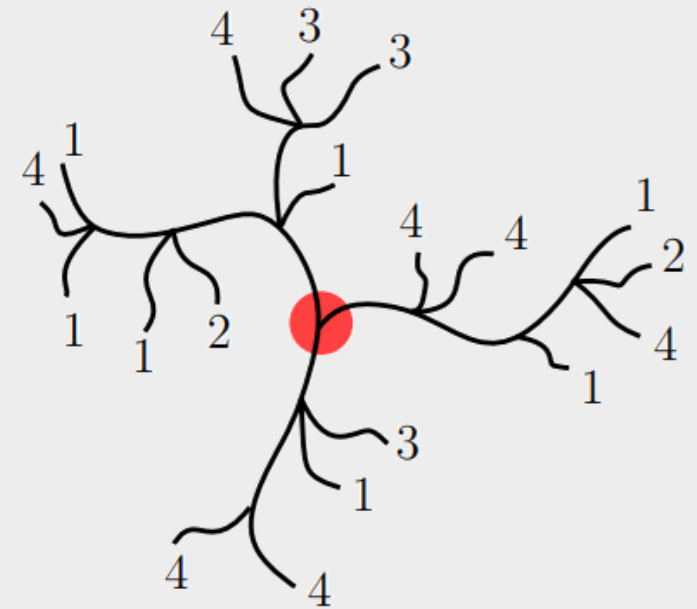
Plausible Biological Inspiration



Travis et al. (2005)



Jones and Kording (2021)



Ojha and Nicosia (2022)

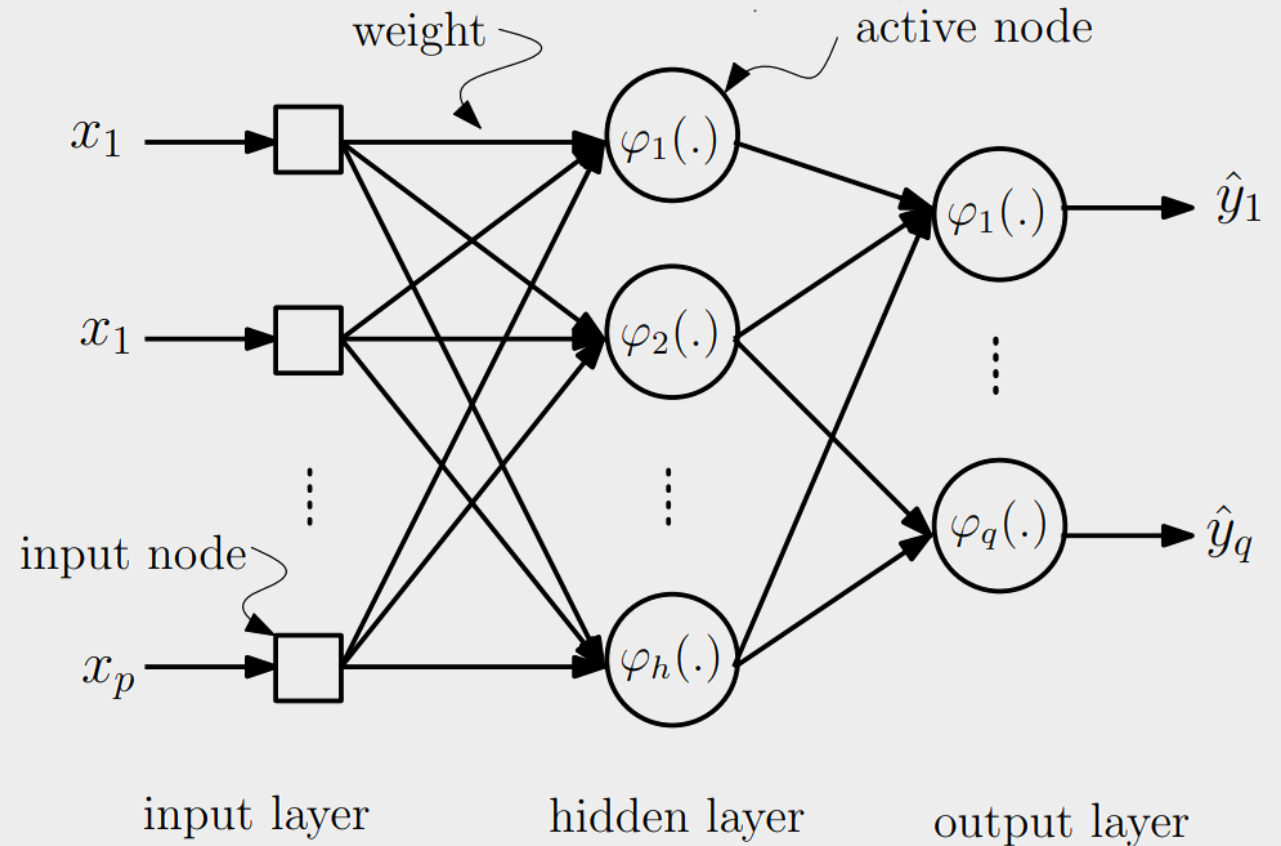
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Neural Architectures

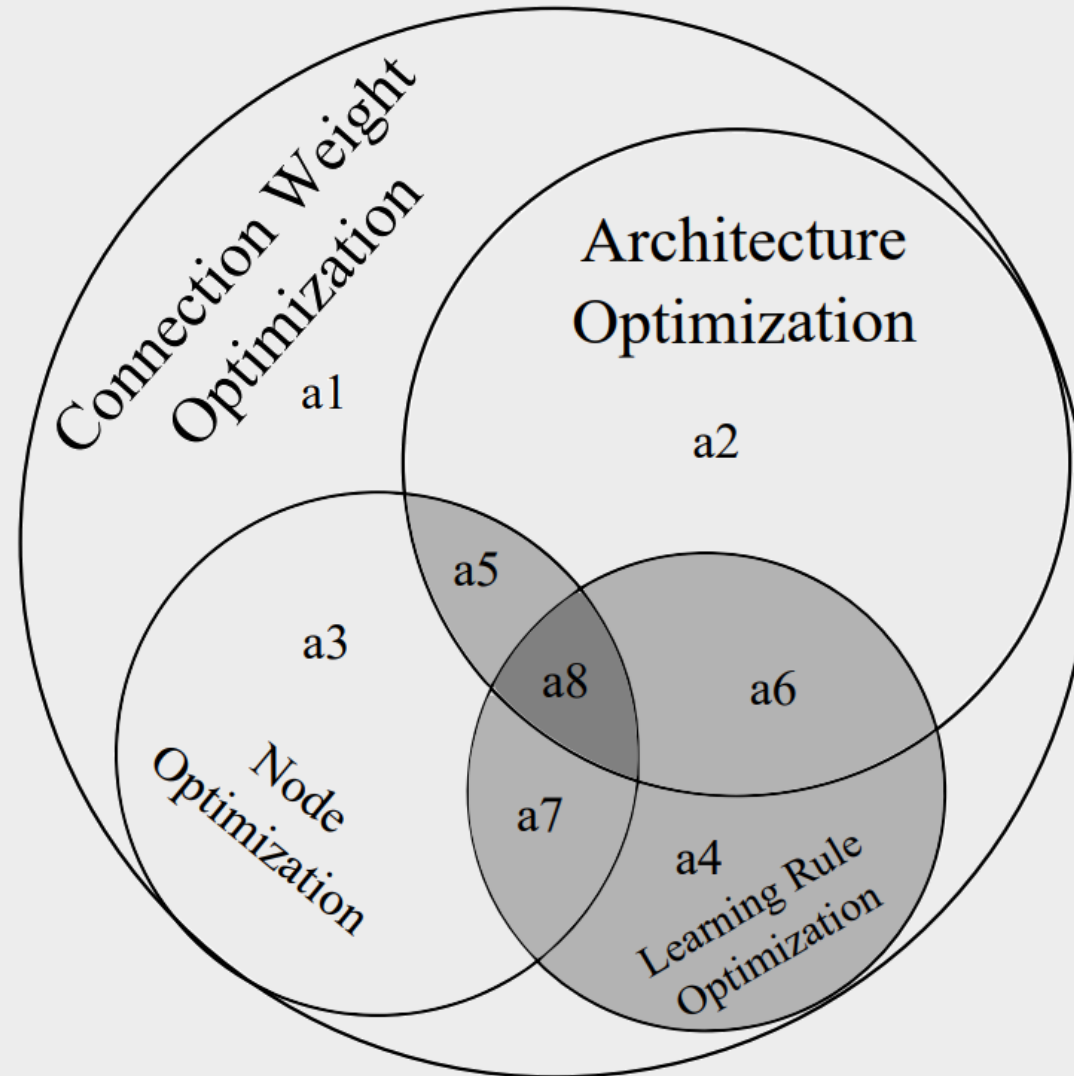
Neural Networks

NN components:

- Inputs
- Weights
- Architecture
- Activation functions
- Learning algorithms

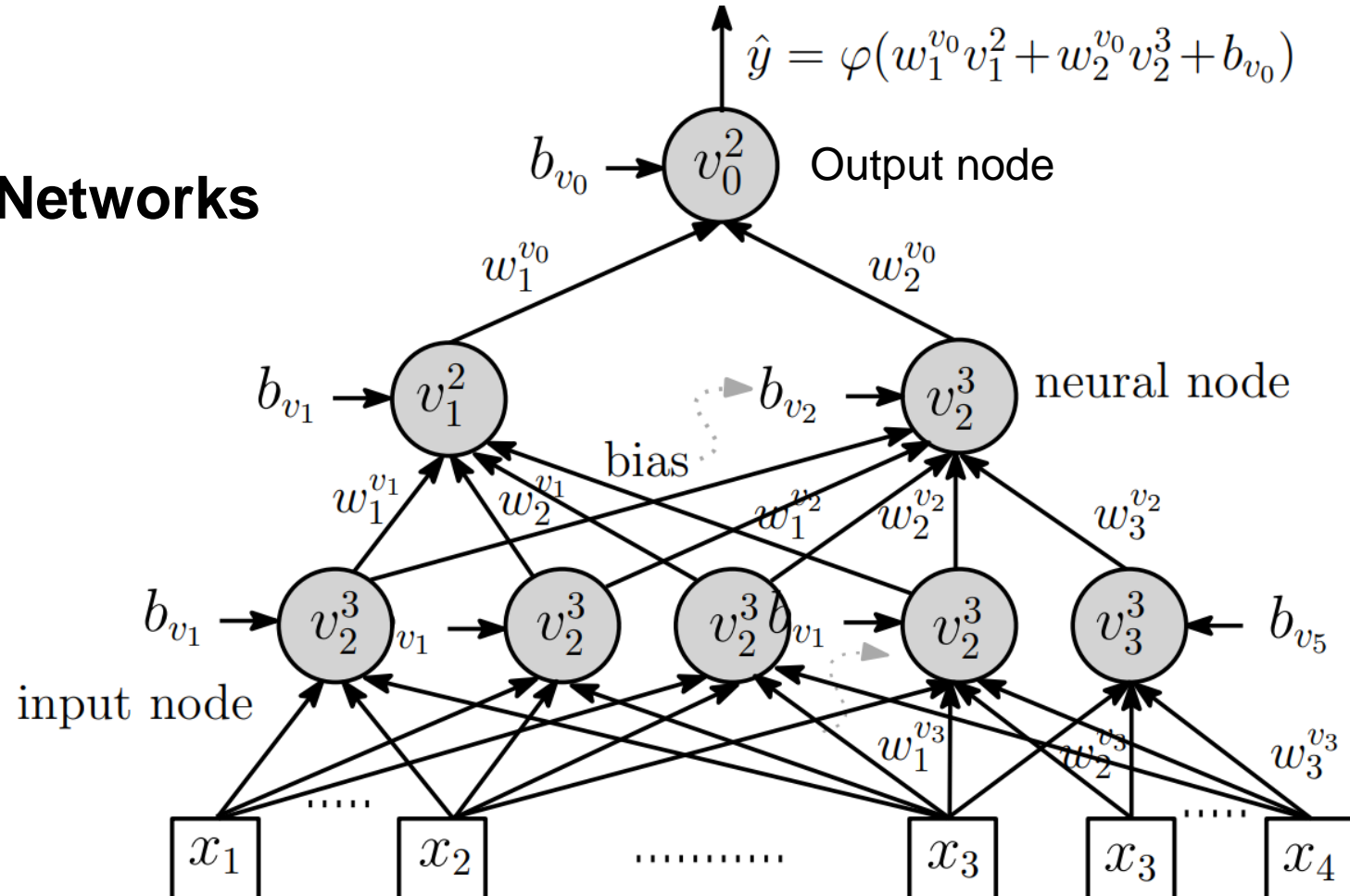


What could be optimized?



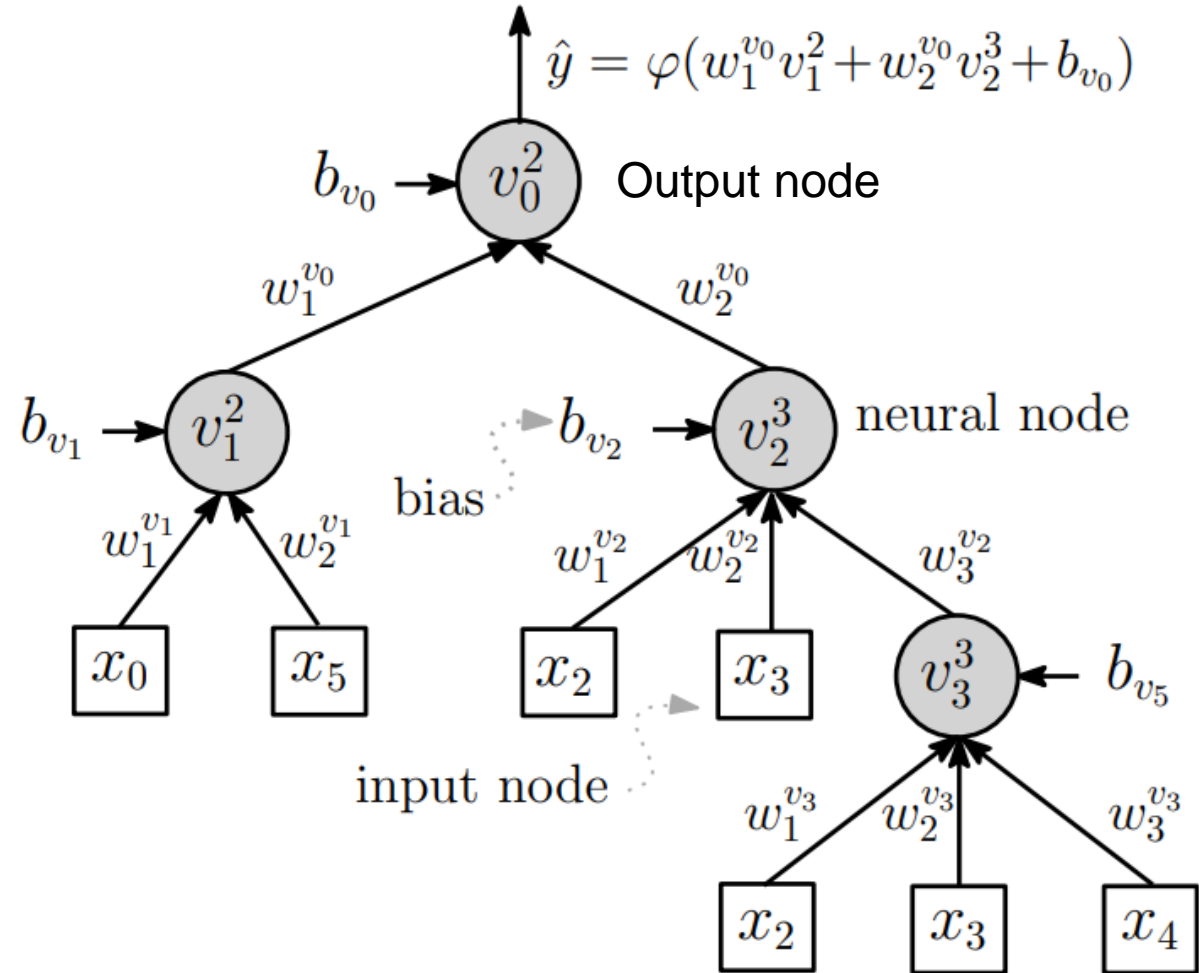
Neural Architecture

A Feedforward Neural Networks

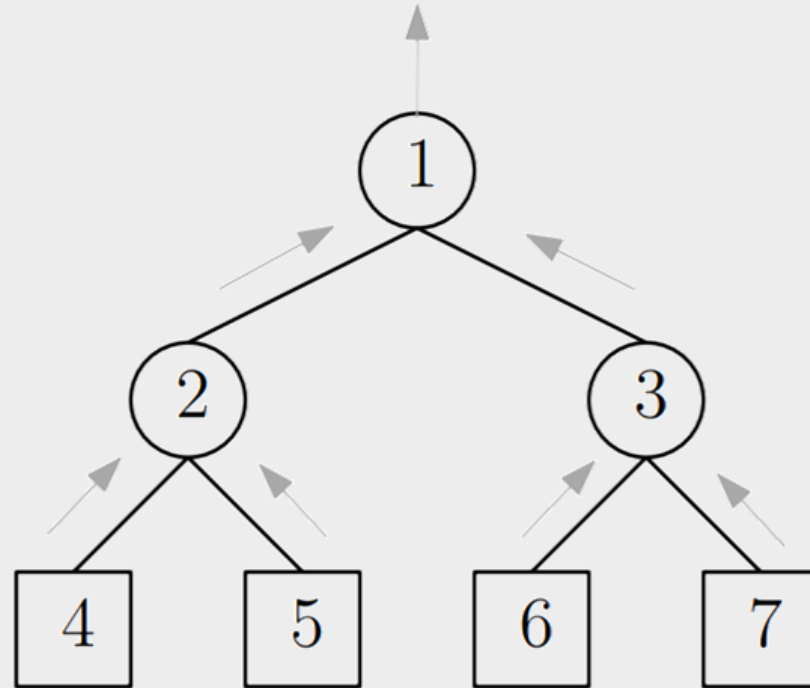


Neural Architecture

A Feedforward Neural Tree



Neural Computation

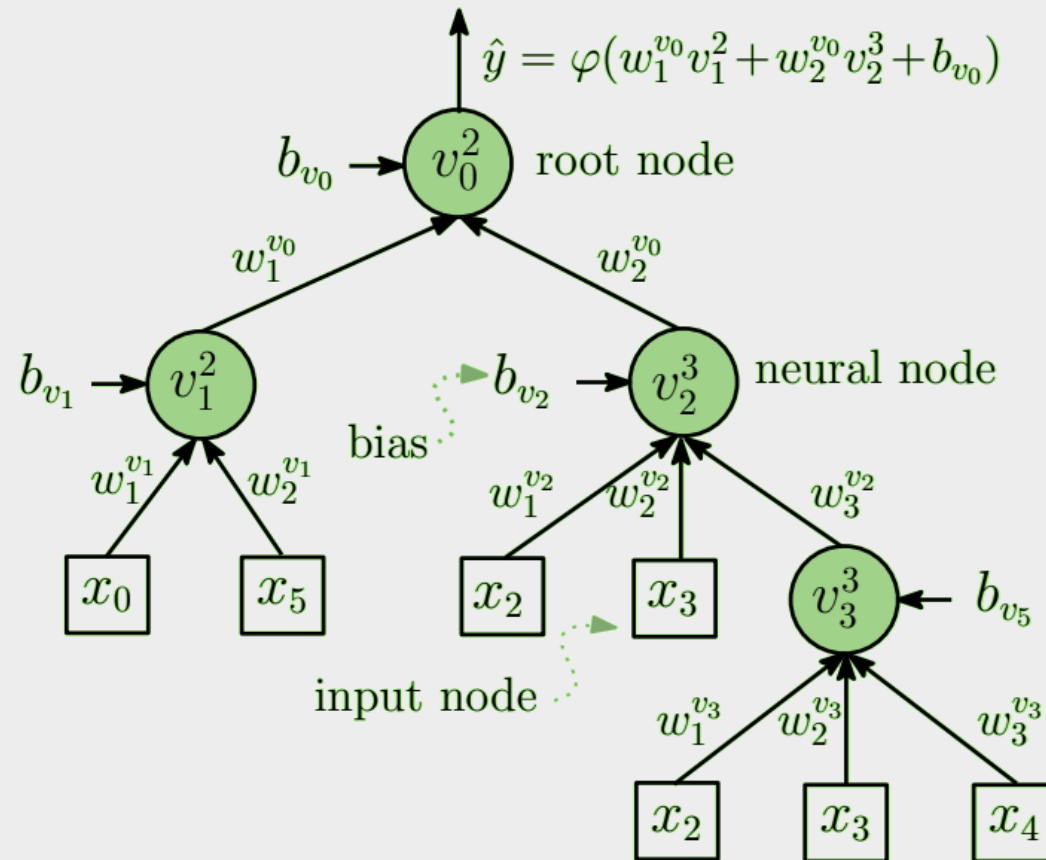


$[((4\ 5) \rightarrow 2) \quad ((6\ 7) \rightarrow 3)] \rightarrow 1$

forward pass: post-order

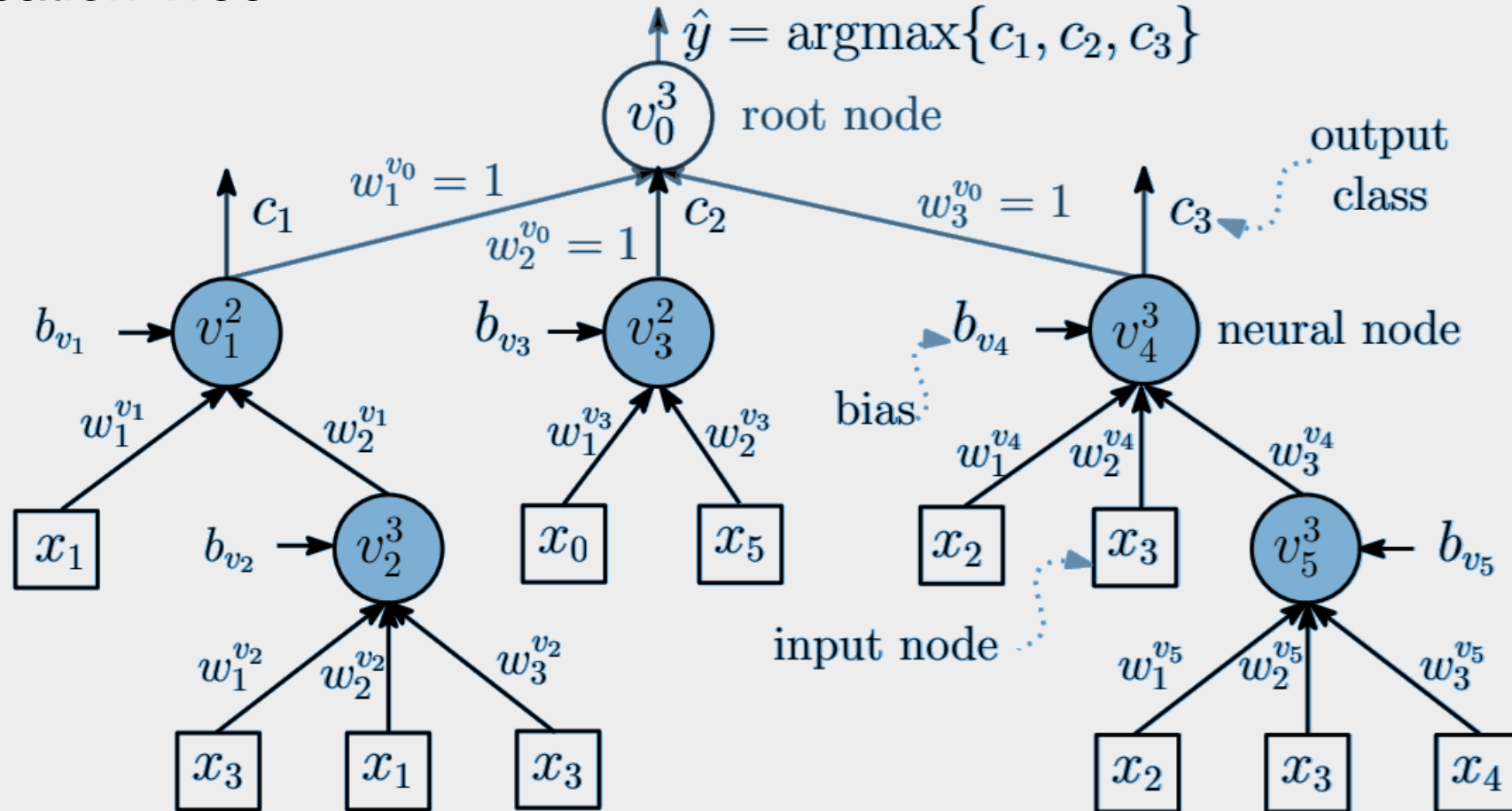
Types of Neural Tree

Regression Tree



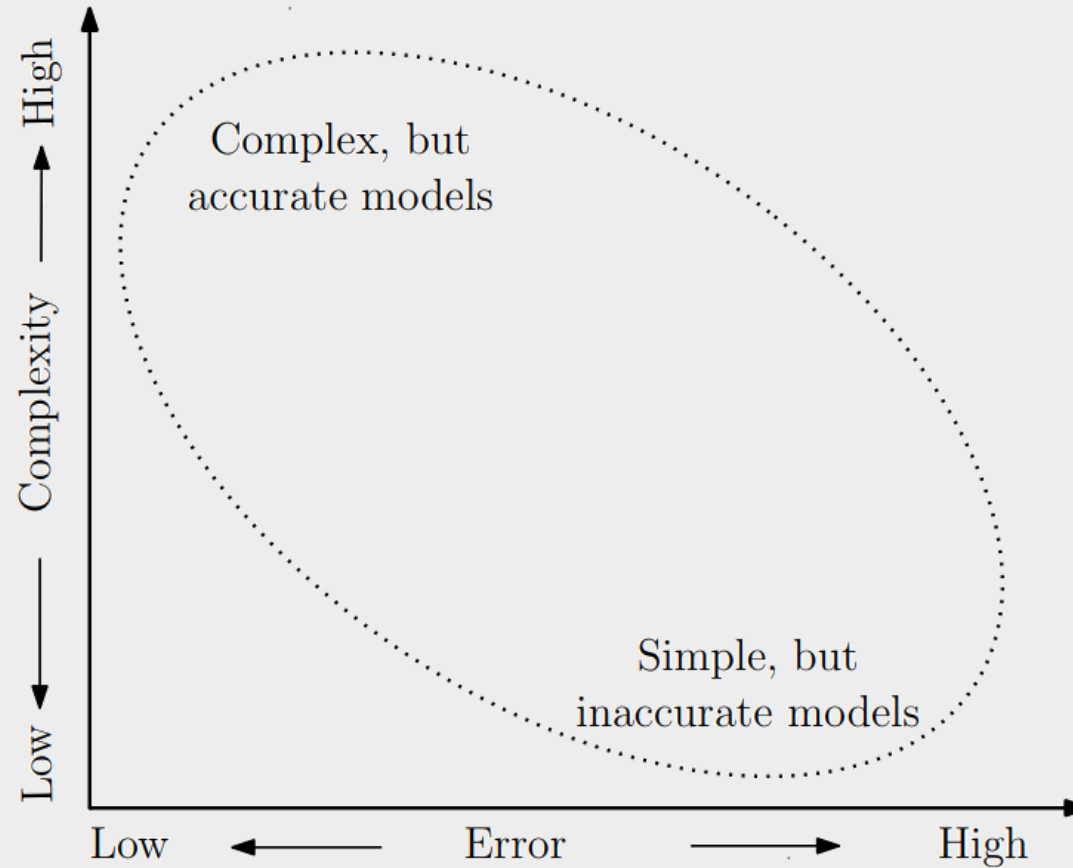
Types of Neural Tree

Classification Tree



Neural Architecture Search

Trade-offs

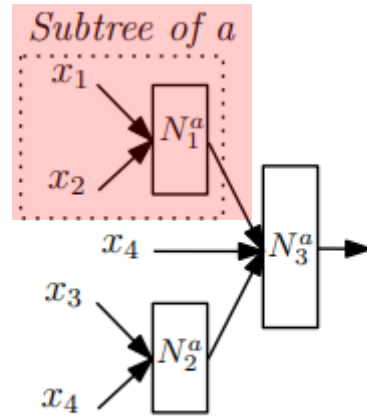


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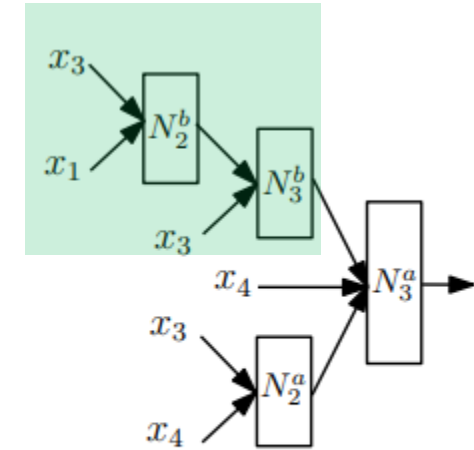
Trade-offs

Multiobjective
Genetic Programming
Crossover

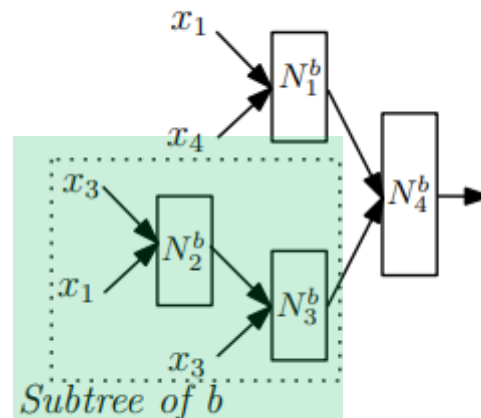
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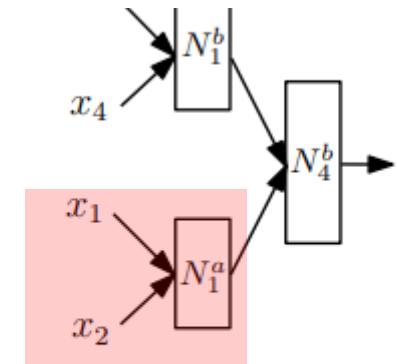
Parent tree: a



Child tree: c



Parent tree: b



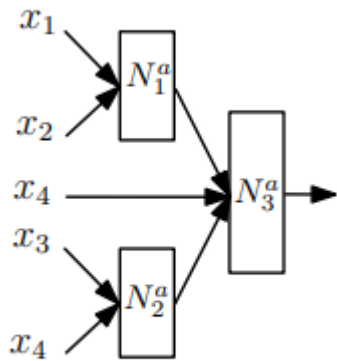
Child tree: d

Neural Architecture Search

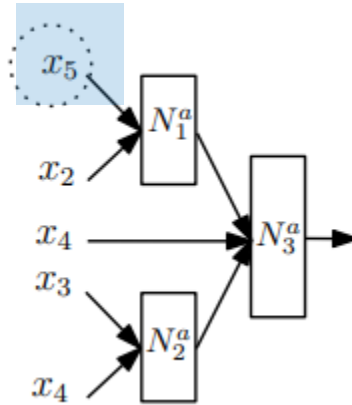
Trade-offs

Multiobjective
Genetic Programming
Mutation

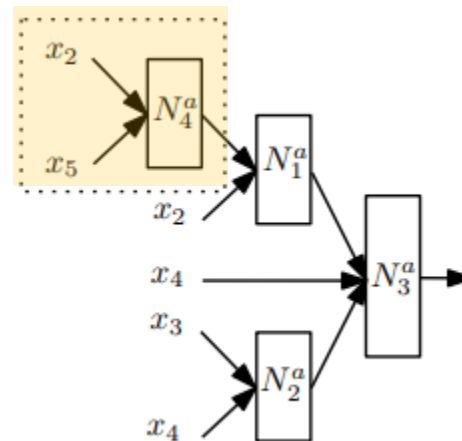
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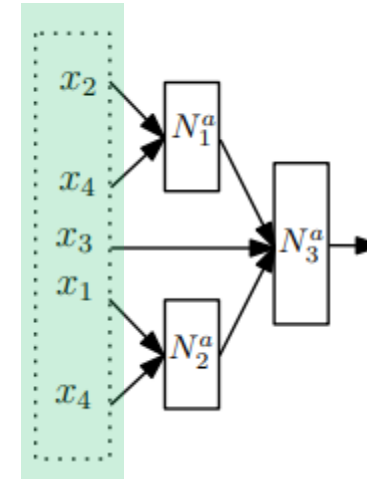
Parent tree



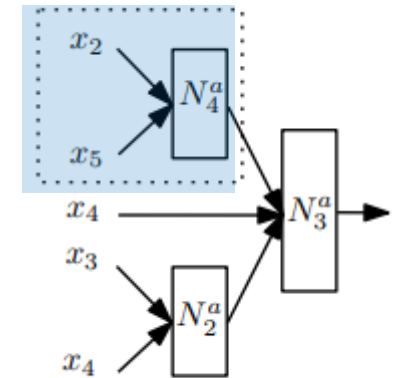
Single leaf mutation



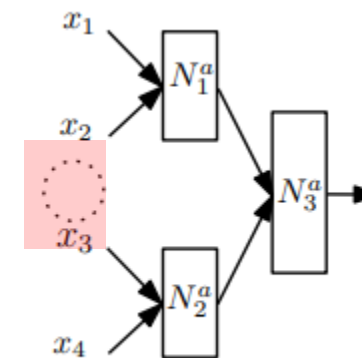
A subtree insertion



All leaves mutation



A subtree replacement

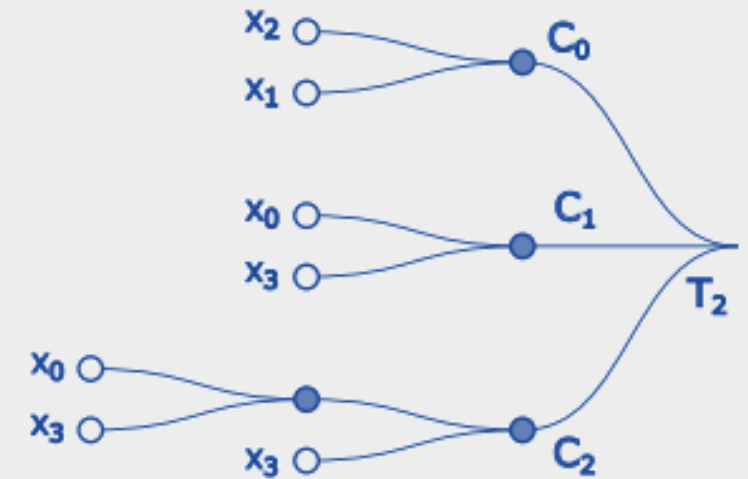
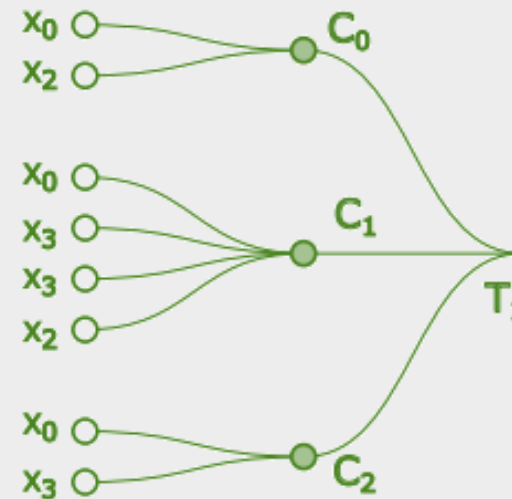
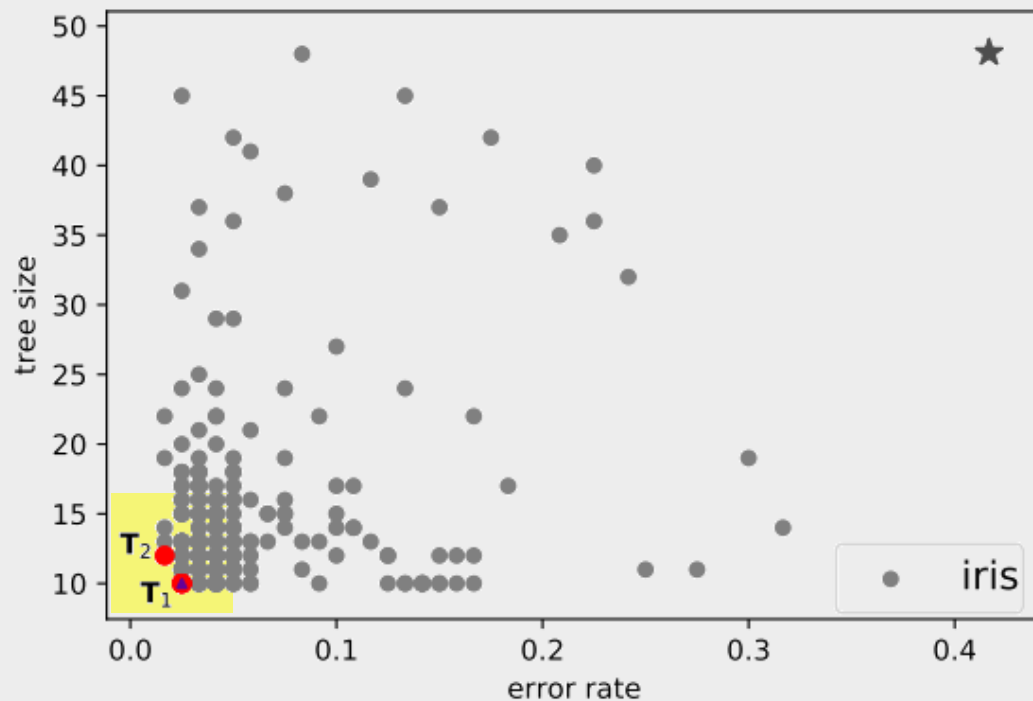


A subtree deletion

Architecture Search Trade-offs

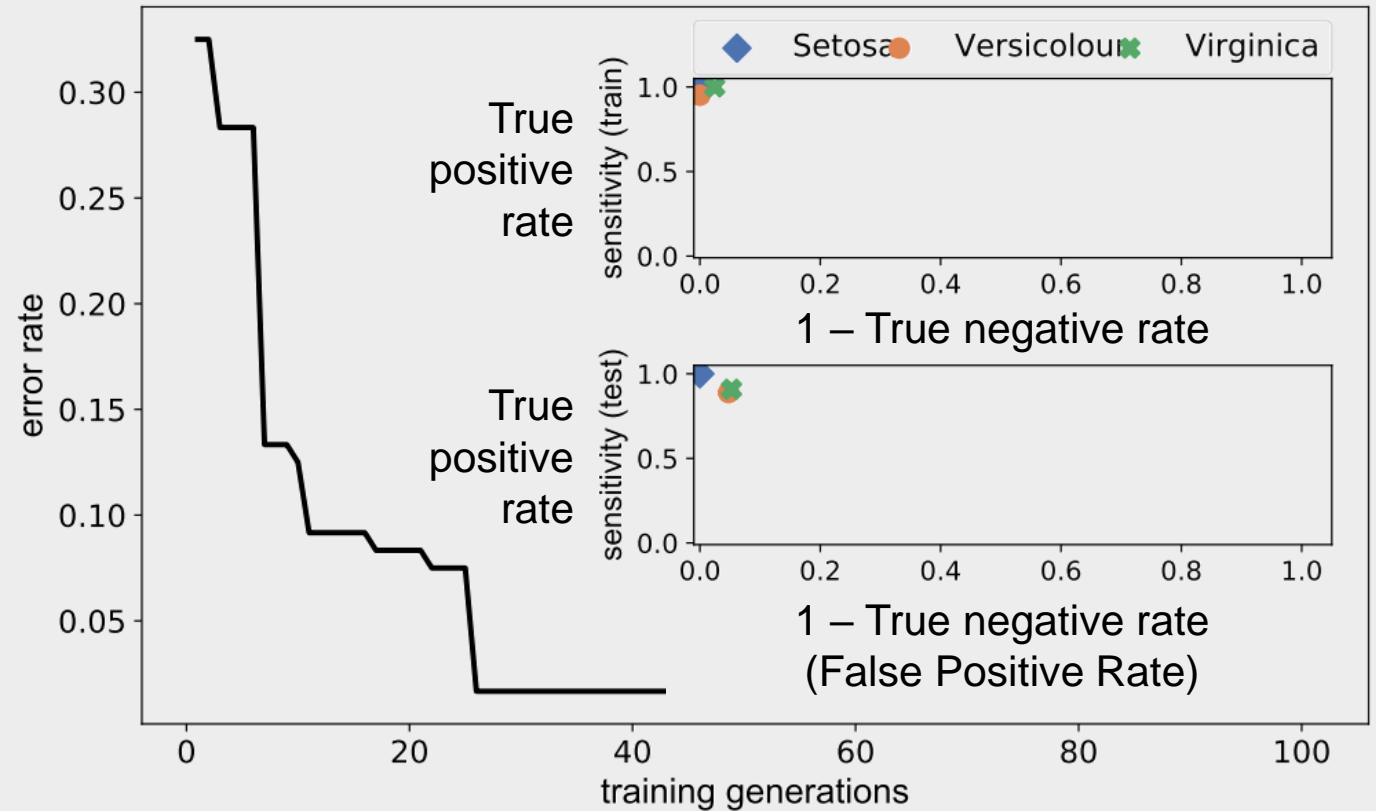
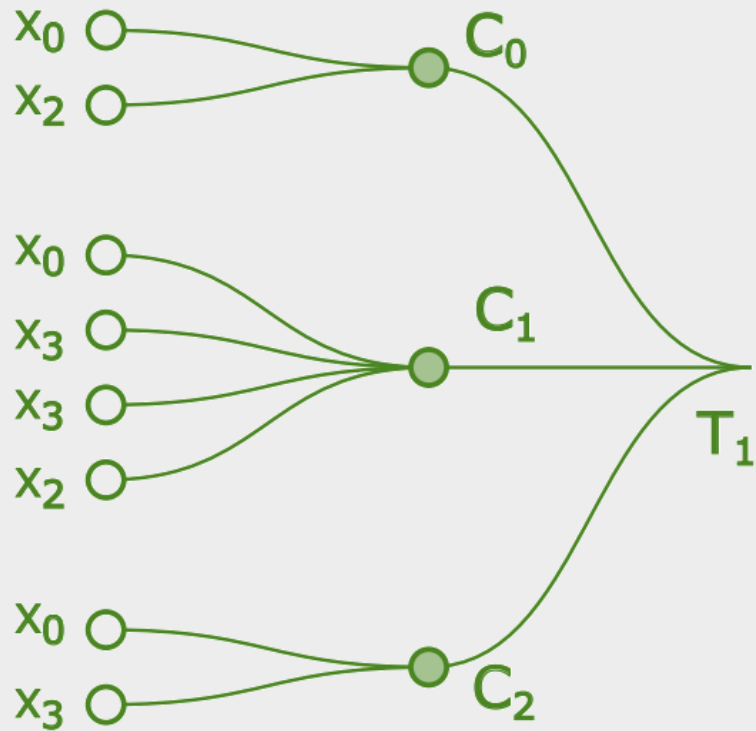
Multiobjective Genetic Programming

Selection of trees using Hypervolume indicator from a Pareto Front



Learnability of Classes

Competition between classes

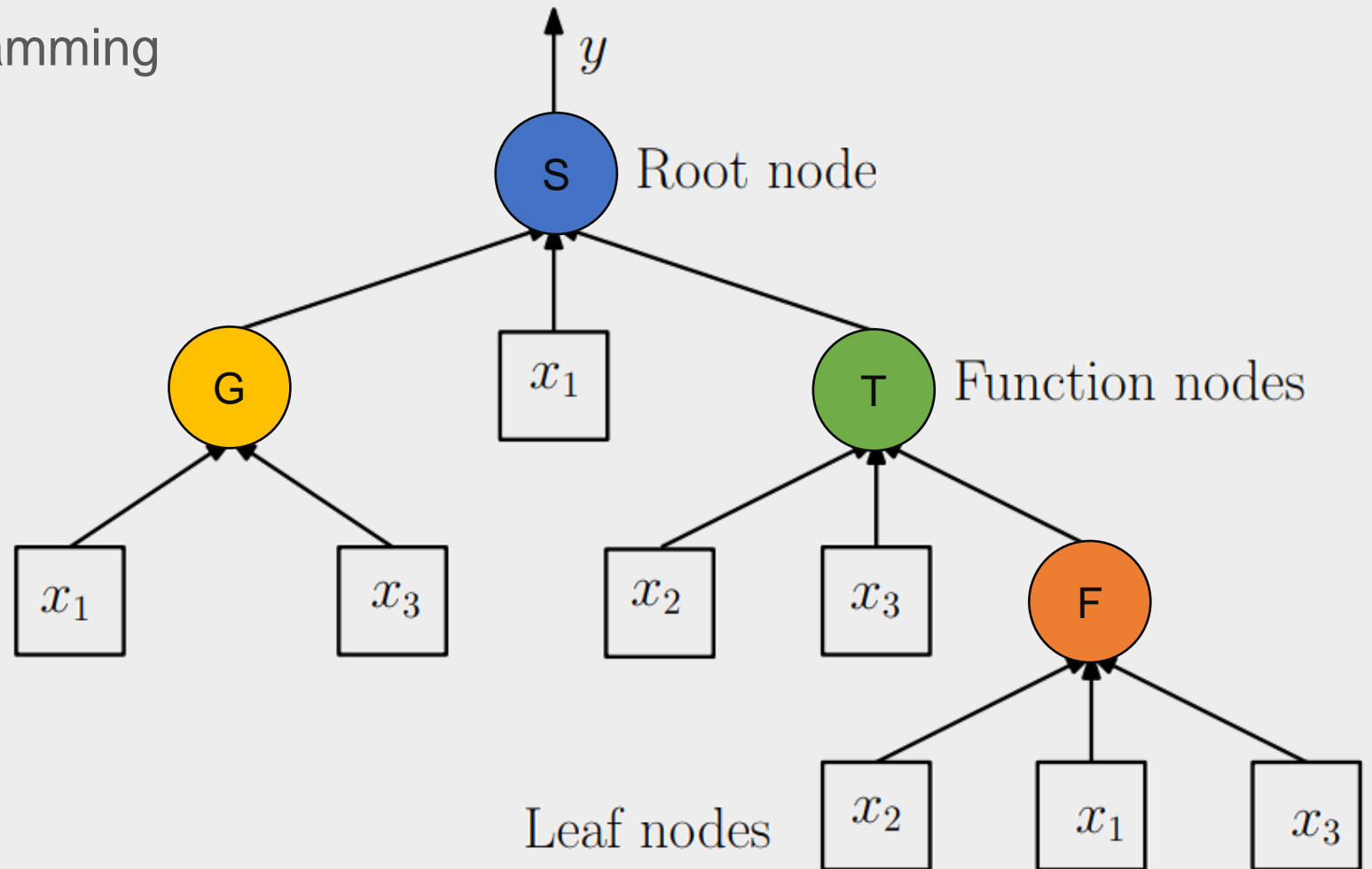


Heterogeneous Neural Tree

Multiobjective Genetic Programming

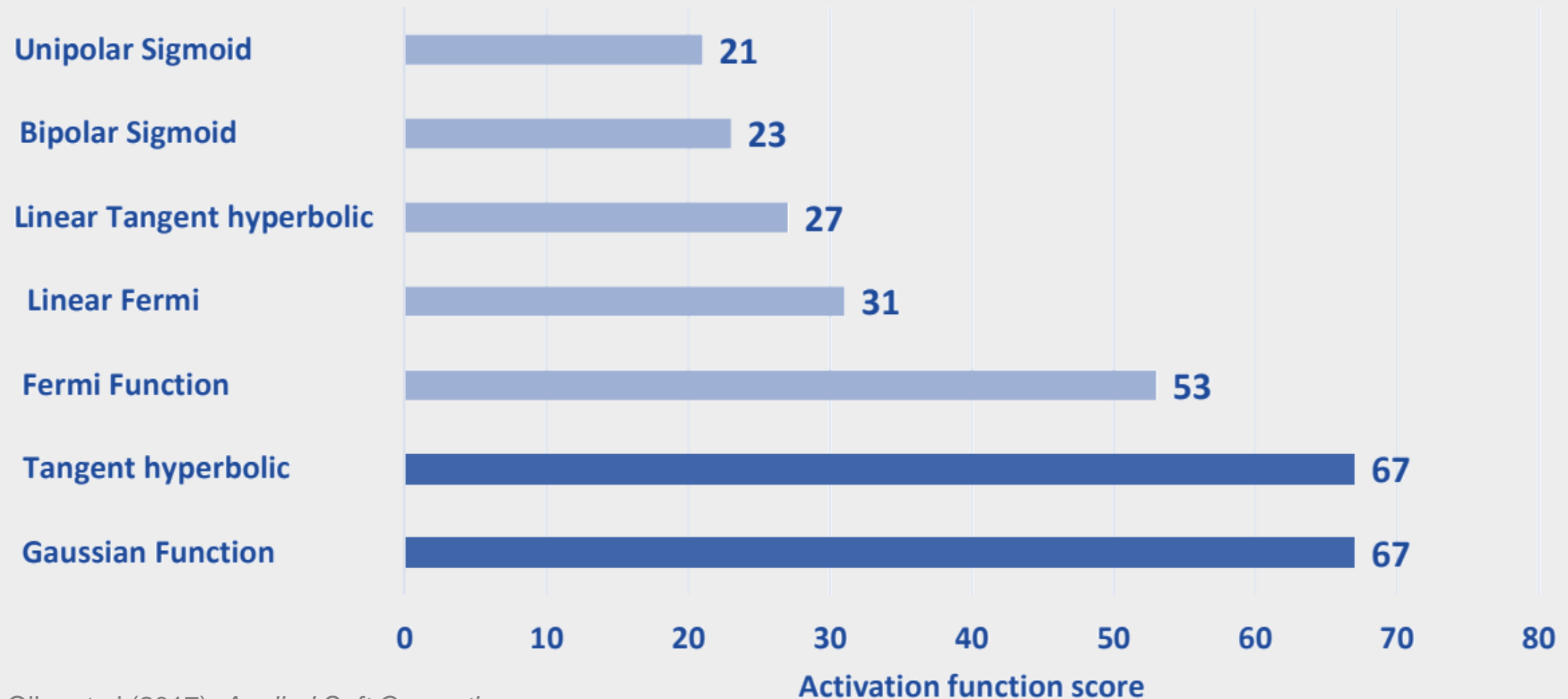
Activation Function Search

- S – Sigmoid
- G – Gaussian
- T – Tanh
- F – Fermi



Activation Function Performance

Higher values are better



Part 3

Backpropagation

Neural Tree

Backpropagation Neural Tree

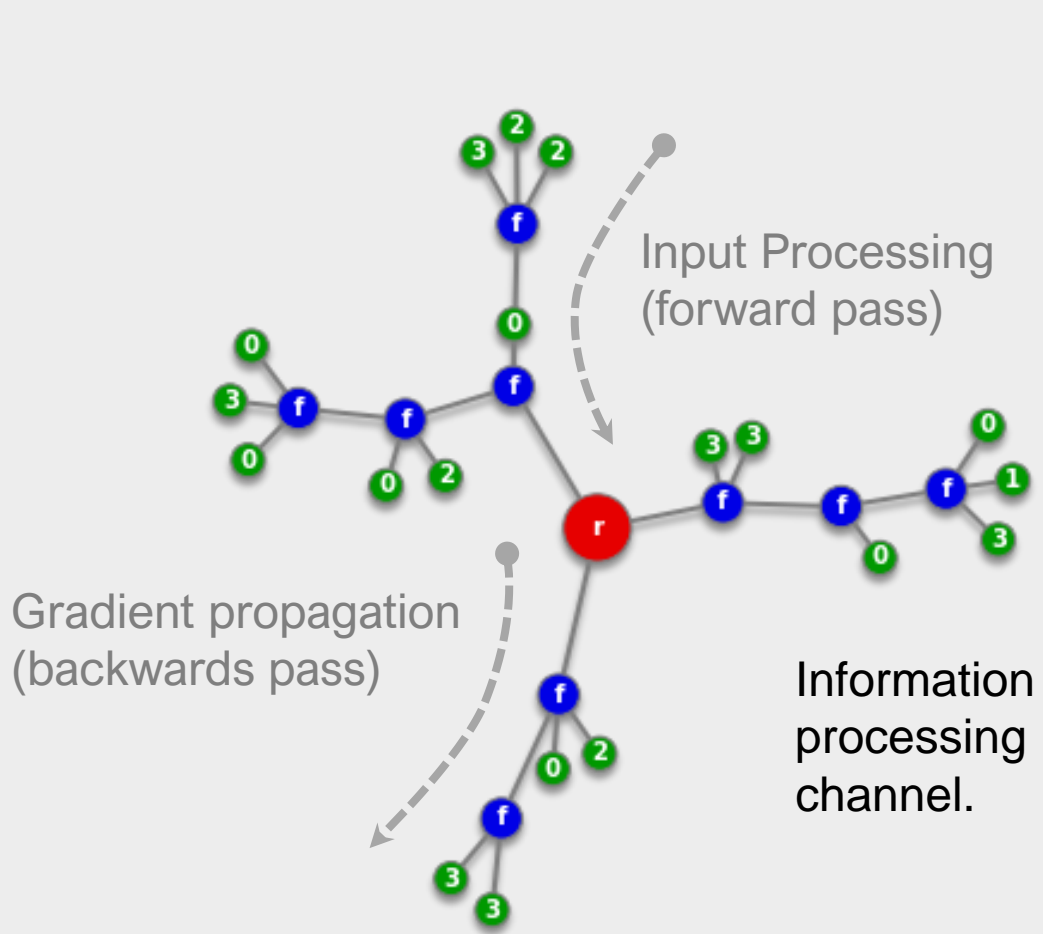
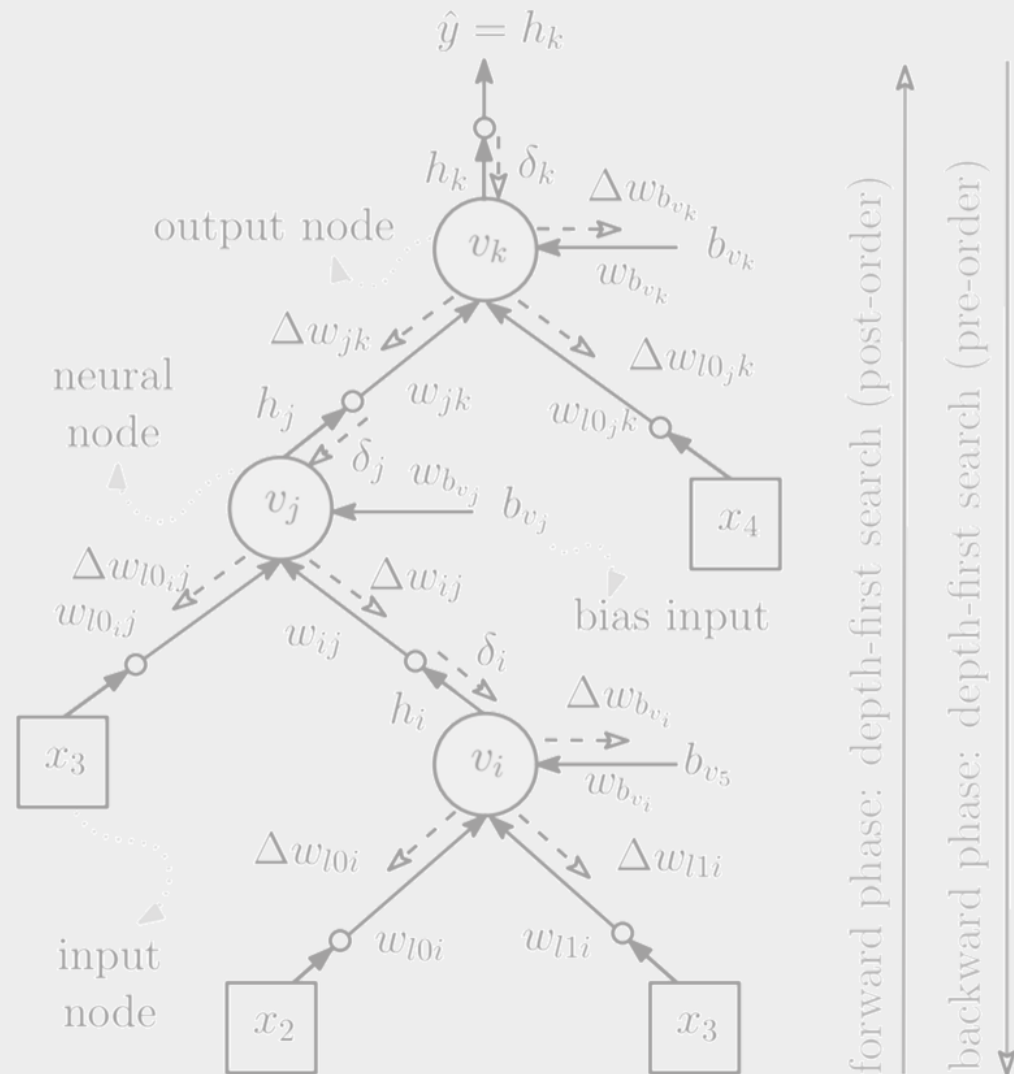
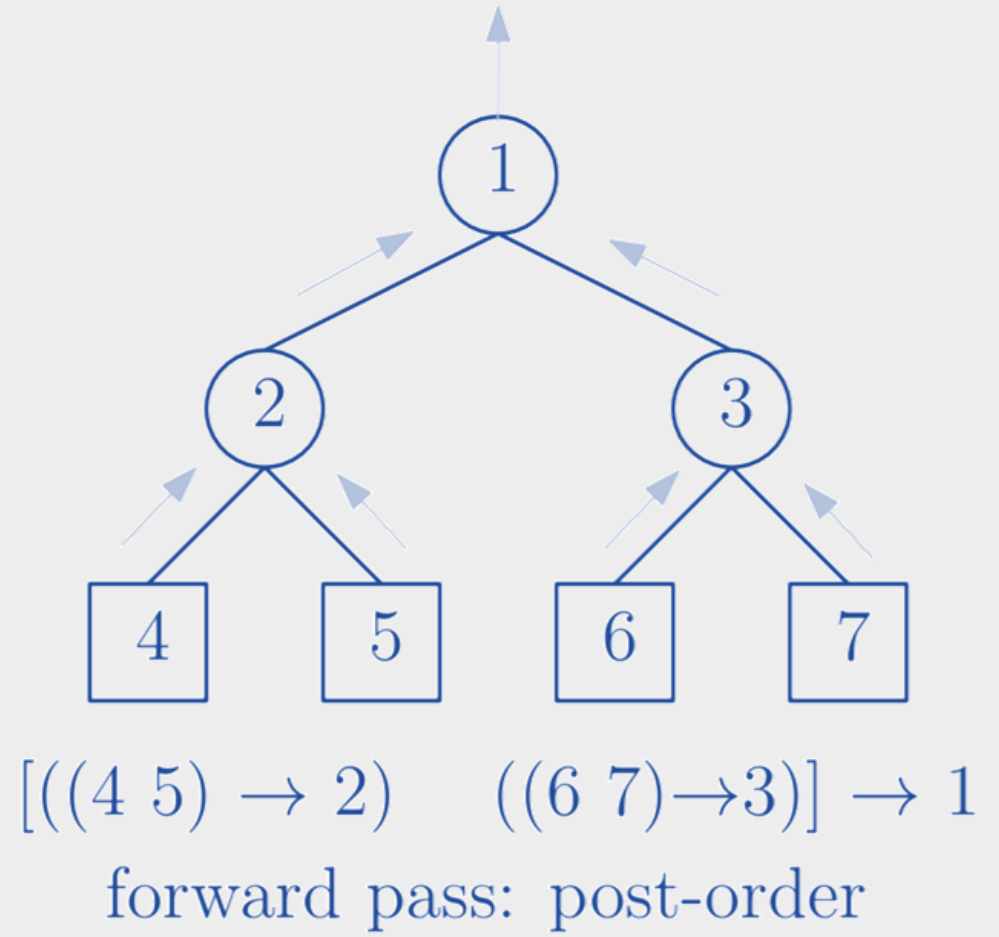
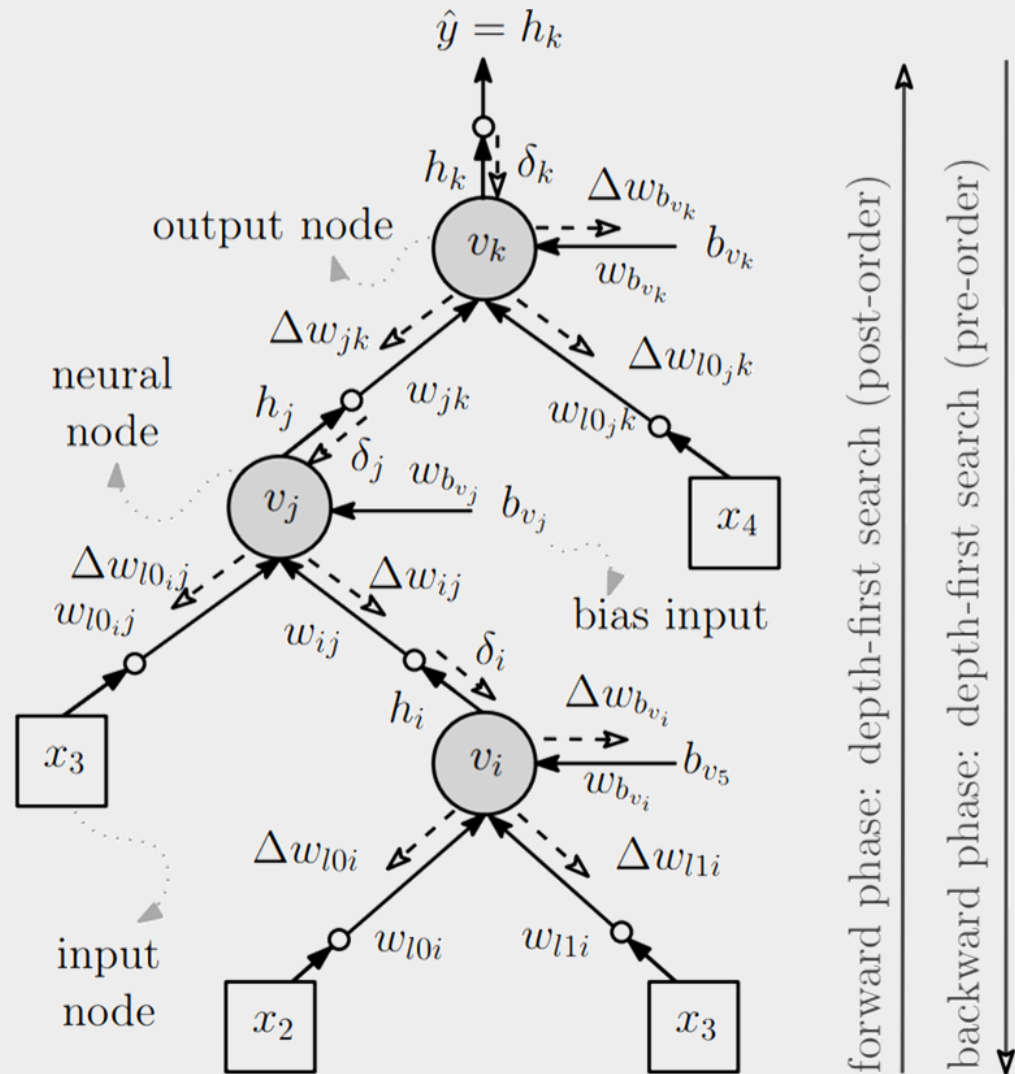


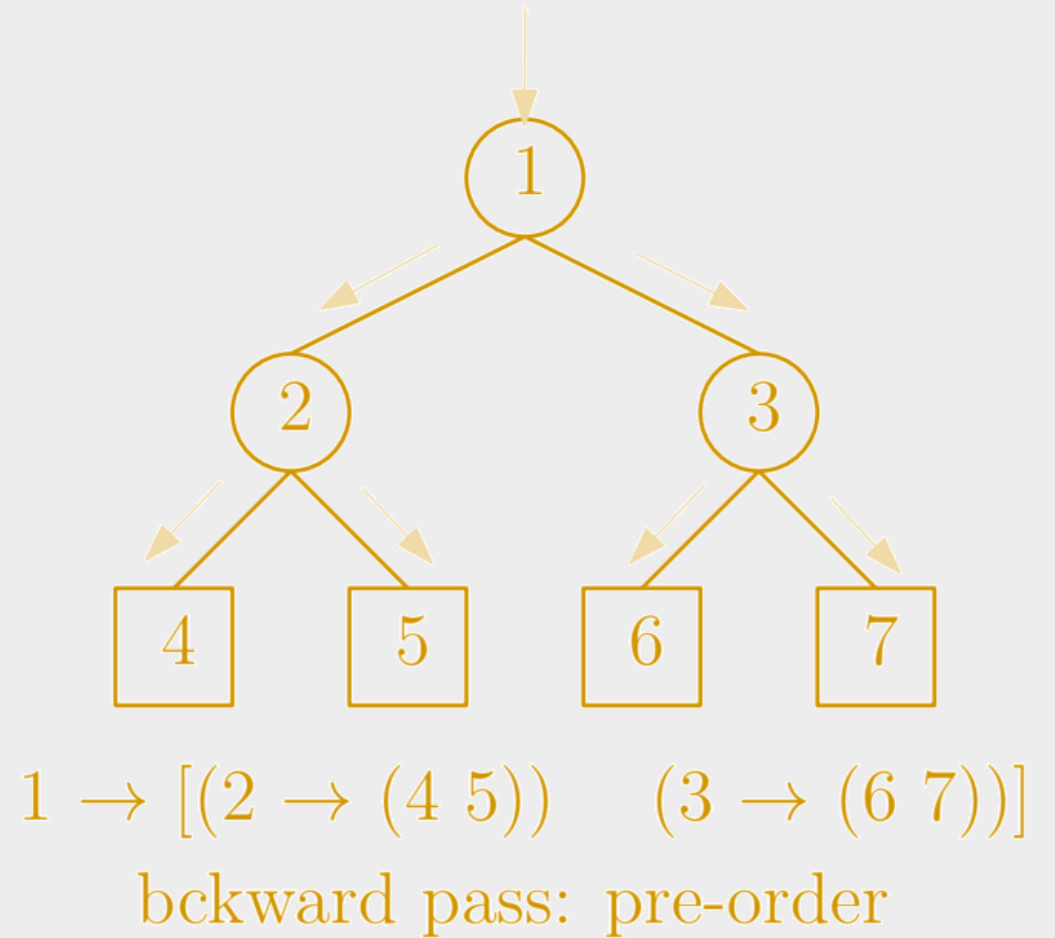
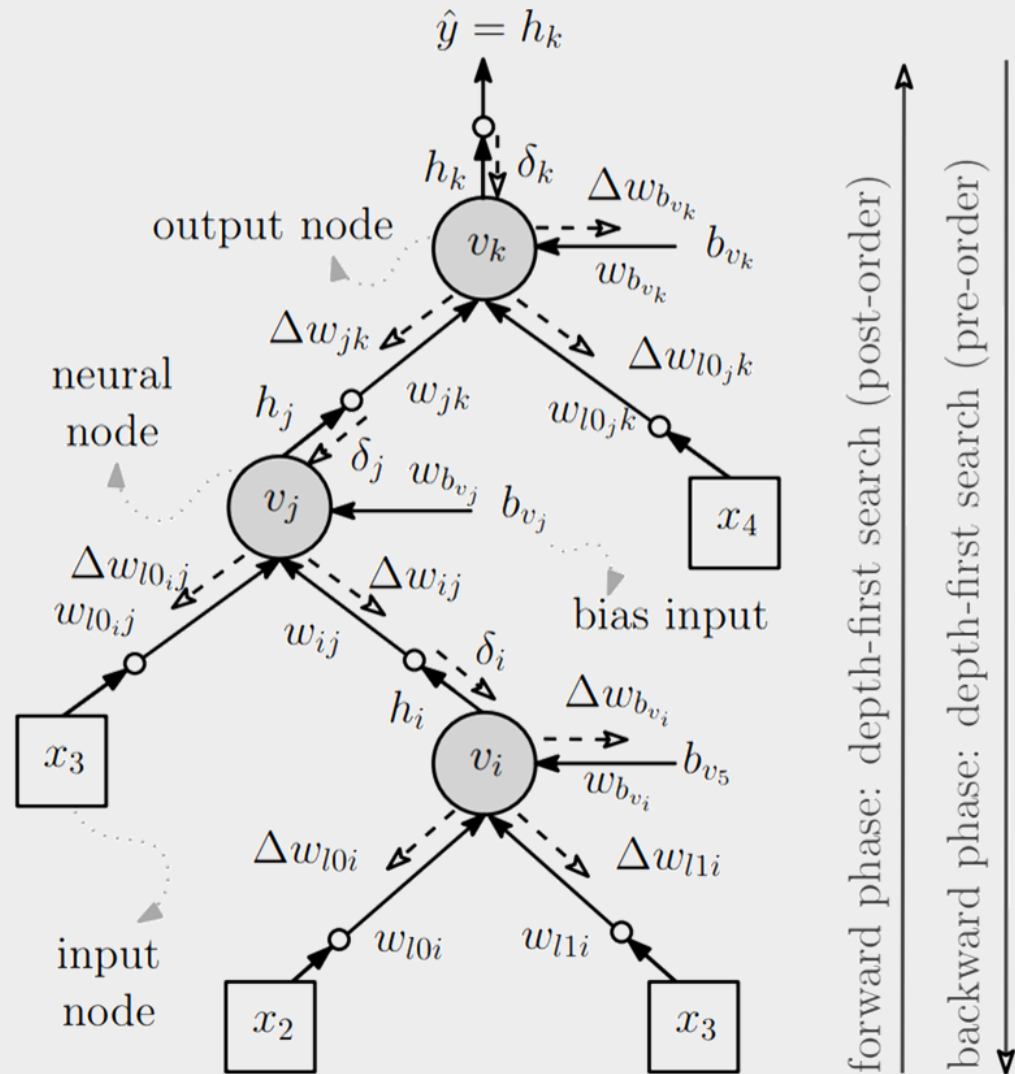
Fig A. Forward pass and gradient backpropagation



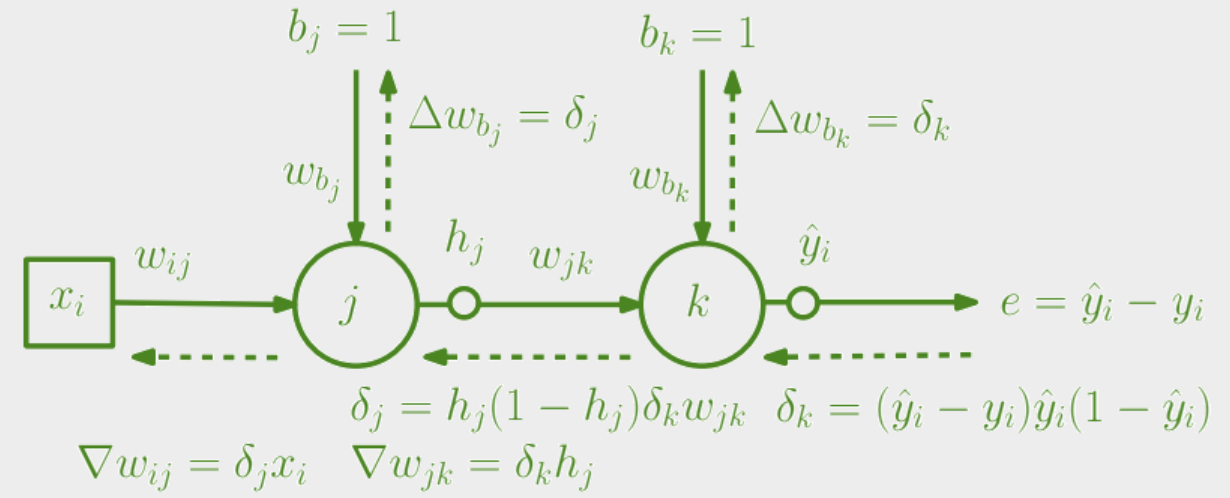
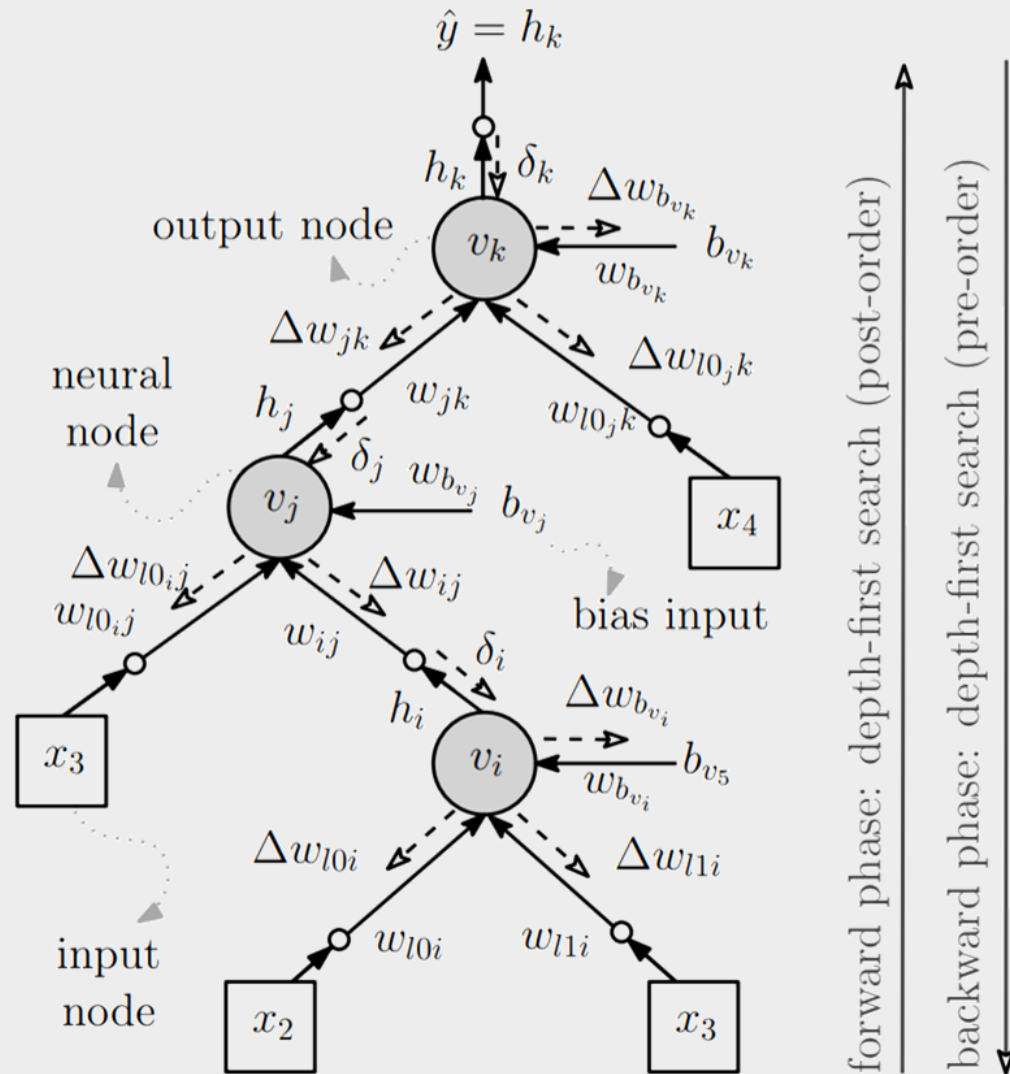
Backpropagation Neural Tree: Forward Pass



Backpropagation Neural Tree: Backward Pass



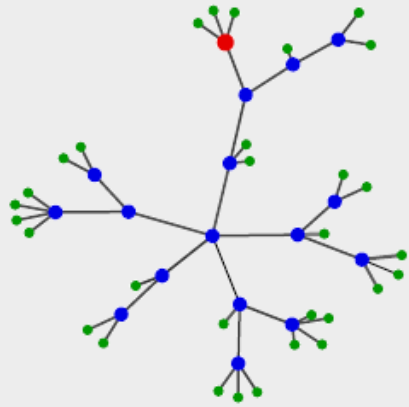
Backpropagation Neural Tree: Gradient Backpropagation



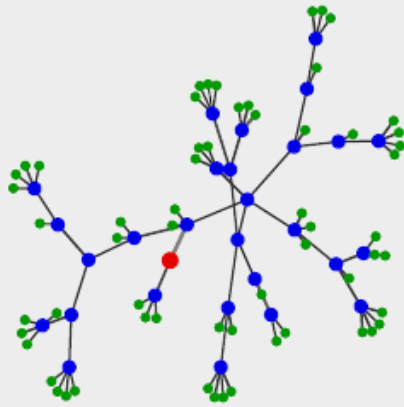
Backpropagation

Backpropagation Neural Tree: Performance on Regression

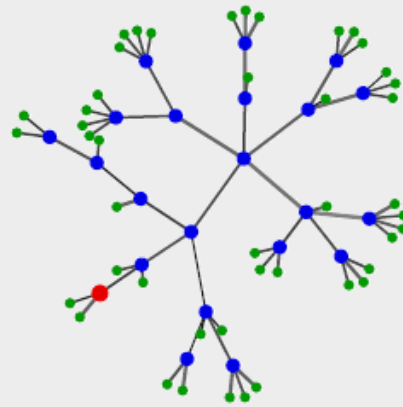
Regression results



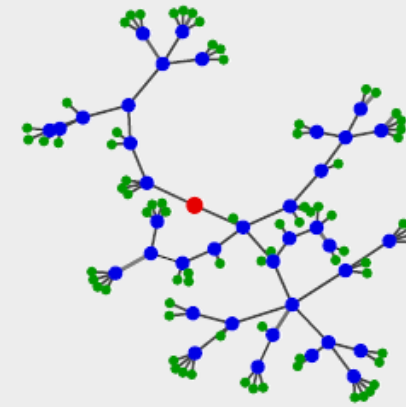
(a) baseball (.85, 48)



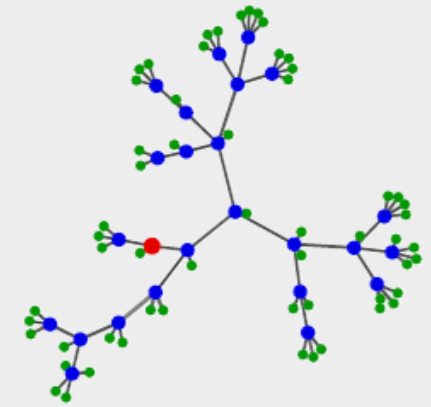
(b) dee (.89, 89)



(c) diabetes (.63, 67)



(d) friedman (.95, 116)



(e) mpg6 (.9, 82)

Algorithm	Bas	Dee	Dia	Frd	Mpg	Avg Acc	Avg Weights
BNeuralT	0.665	0.837	0.492	0.776	0.867	0.727	152
MLP	0.721	0.829	0.49	0.943	0.874	0.772	1041

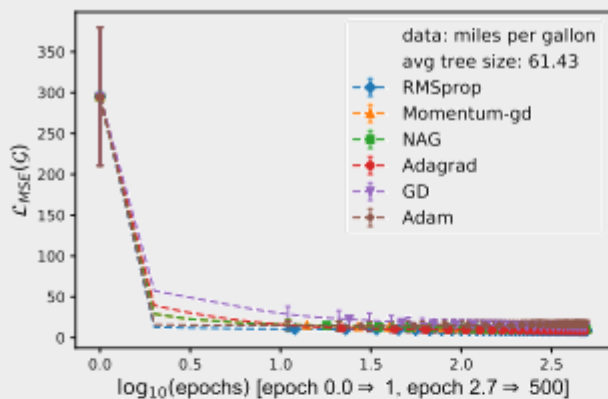
Backpropagation Neural Tree: Performance on Regression

Regression results

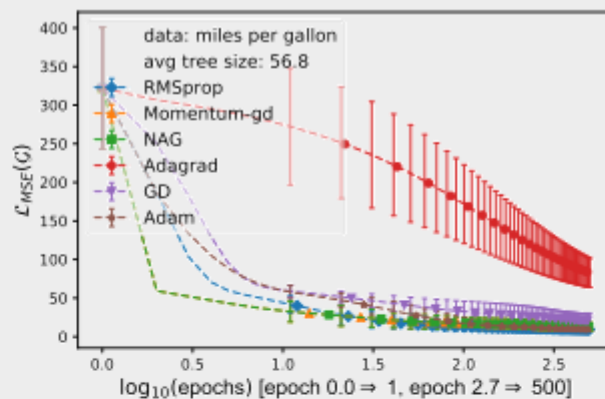
- BNeuralT used only 14.6% of MLP
- Accuracy differs only 5.8% lower than the best MLP result

Neural Tree vs Neural Networks

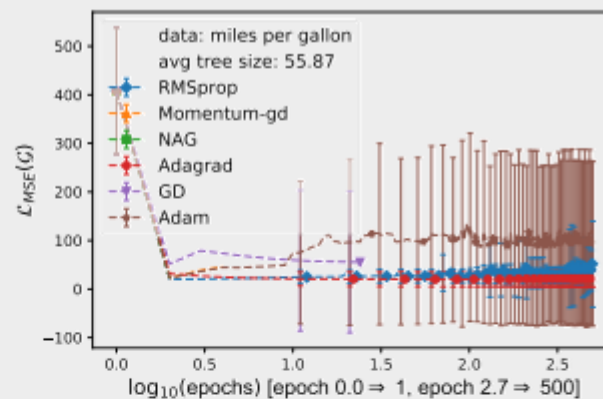
Regression Problems



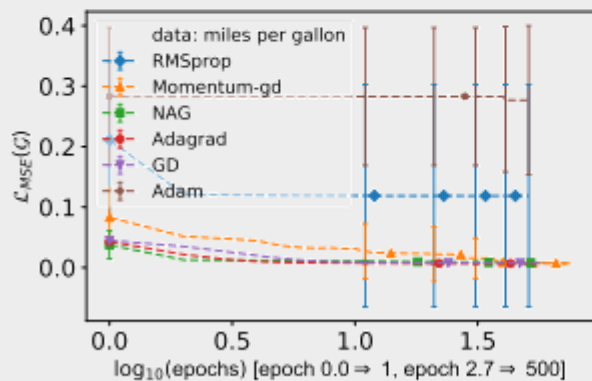
(g) BNeuralT: Sigmoid, $\eta = 0.1$



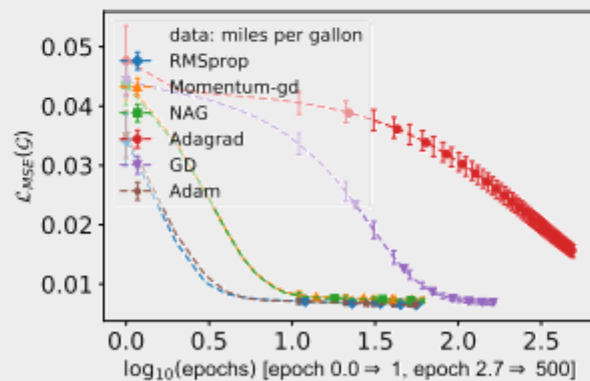
(h) BNeuralT: Sigmoid, $\eta = default$



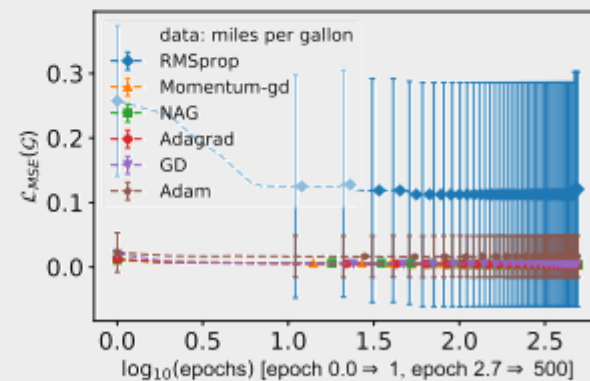
(i) BNeuralT: ReLU, $\eta = 0.1$



(j) MLP: Sigmoid, $\eta = 0.1$



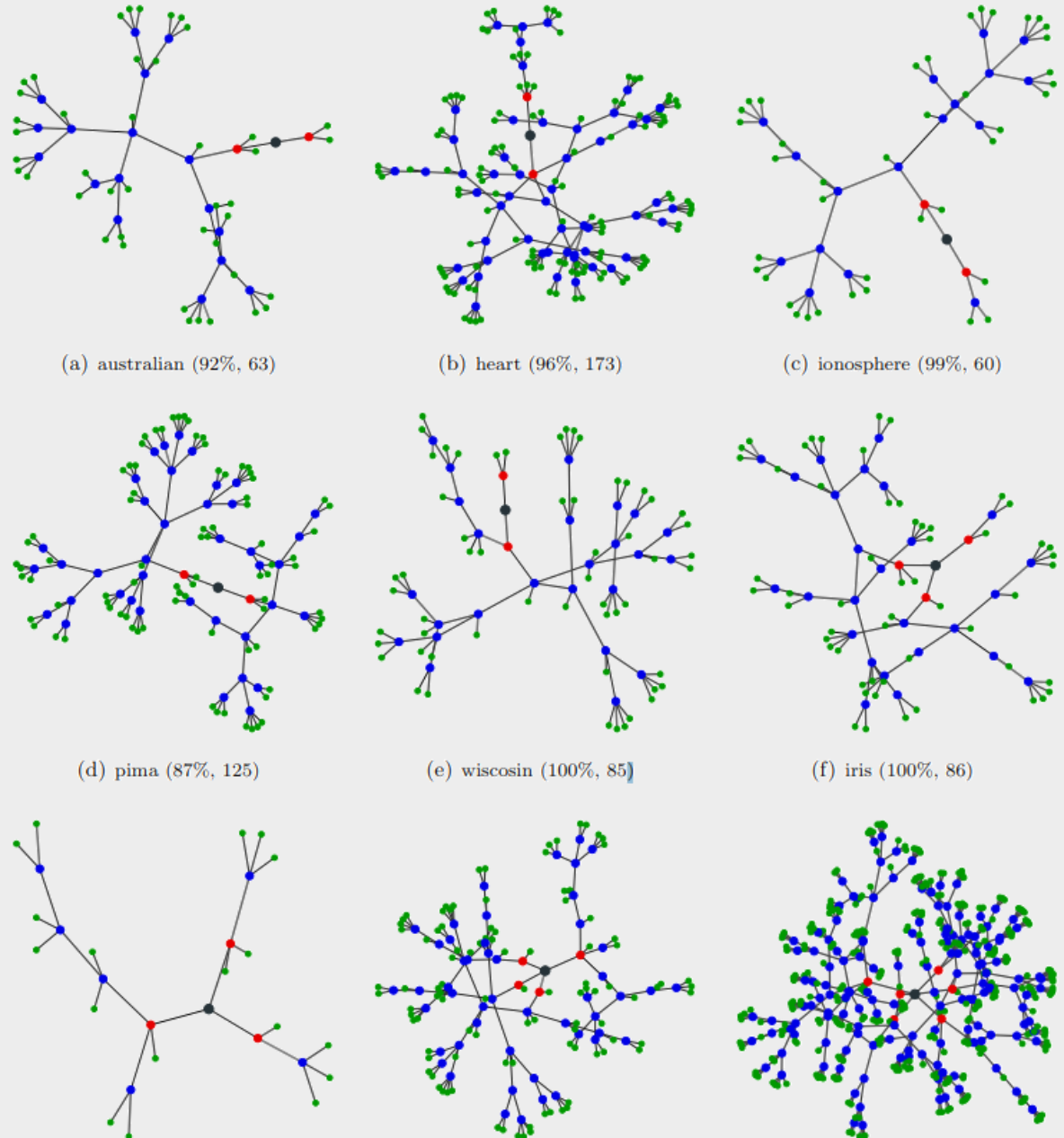
(k) MLP: Sigmoid, $\eta = default$



(l) MLP: ReLU, $\eta = 0.1$

Backpropagation Neural Tree: Performance on Classification

Classification results.



Data	BNeuralT	MLP
Aus	0.895	0.876
Hrt	0.897	0.833
Ion	0.952	0.882
Pma	0.822	0.774
Wis	0.986	0.984
Irs	0.992	0.972
Win	0.991	0.991
Vhl	0.75	0.826
Gls	0.732	0.635
Avg. Accuracy	0.891	0.863
Avg. Weights	261	1969

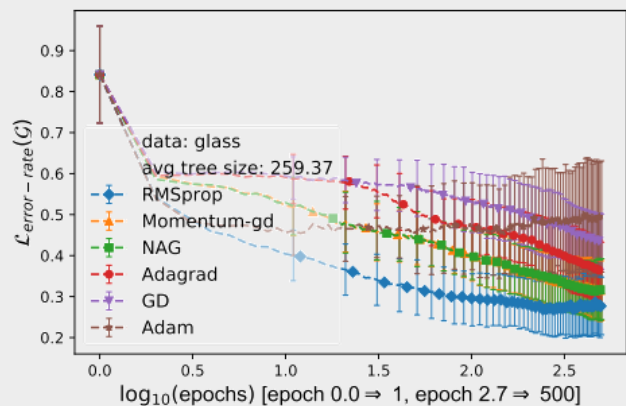
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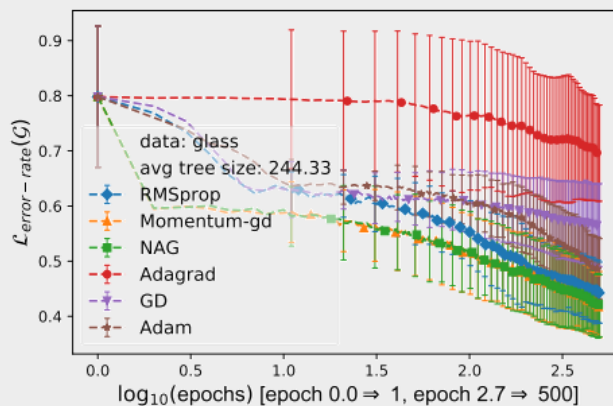
- BNeuralT used **only 13.25% parameters** of MLP
- Accuracy is **2.65% better than the best MLP** result

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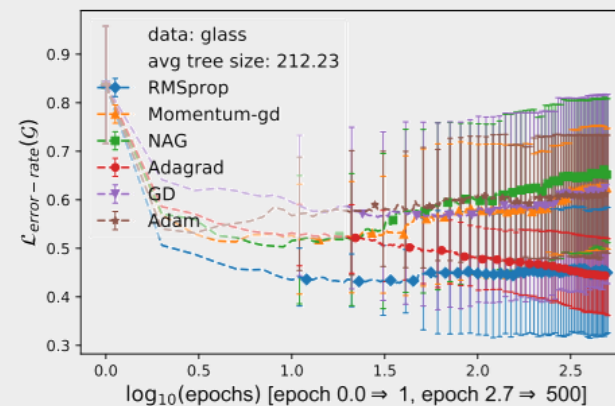
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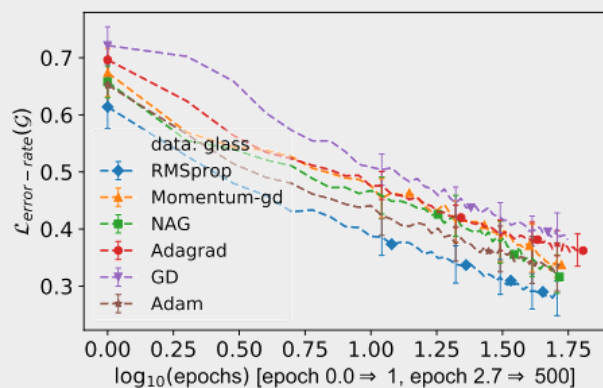
(a) BNeuralT: Sigmod, $\eta = 0.1$



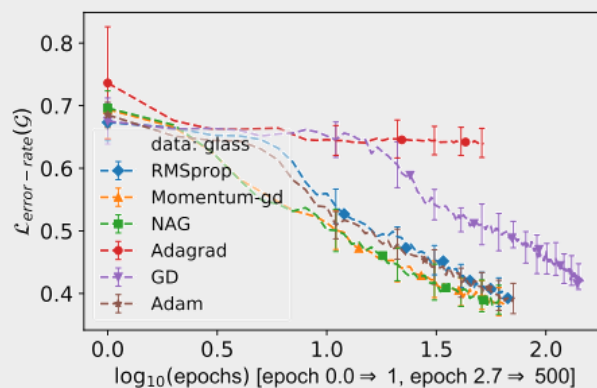
(b) BNeuralT: Sigmod, $\eta = default$



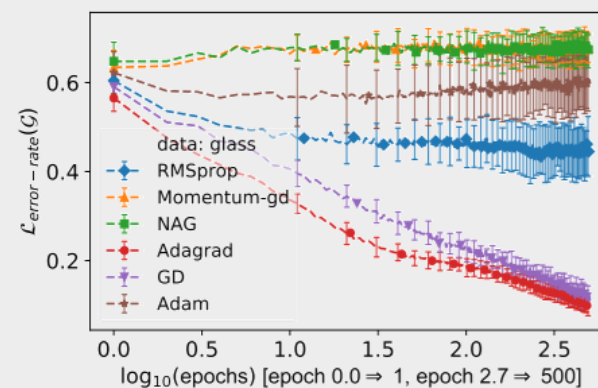
(c) BNeuralT: ReLU, $\eta = 0.1$



(d) MLP: Sigmod, $\eta = 0.1$

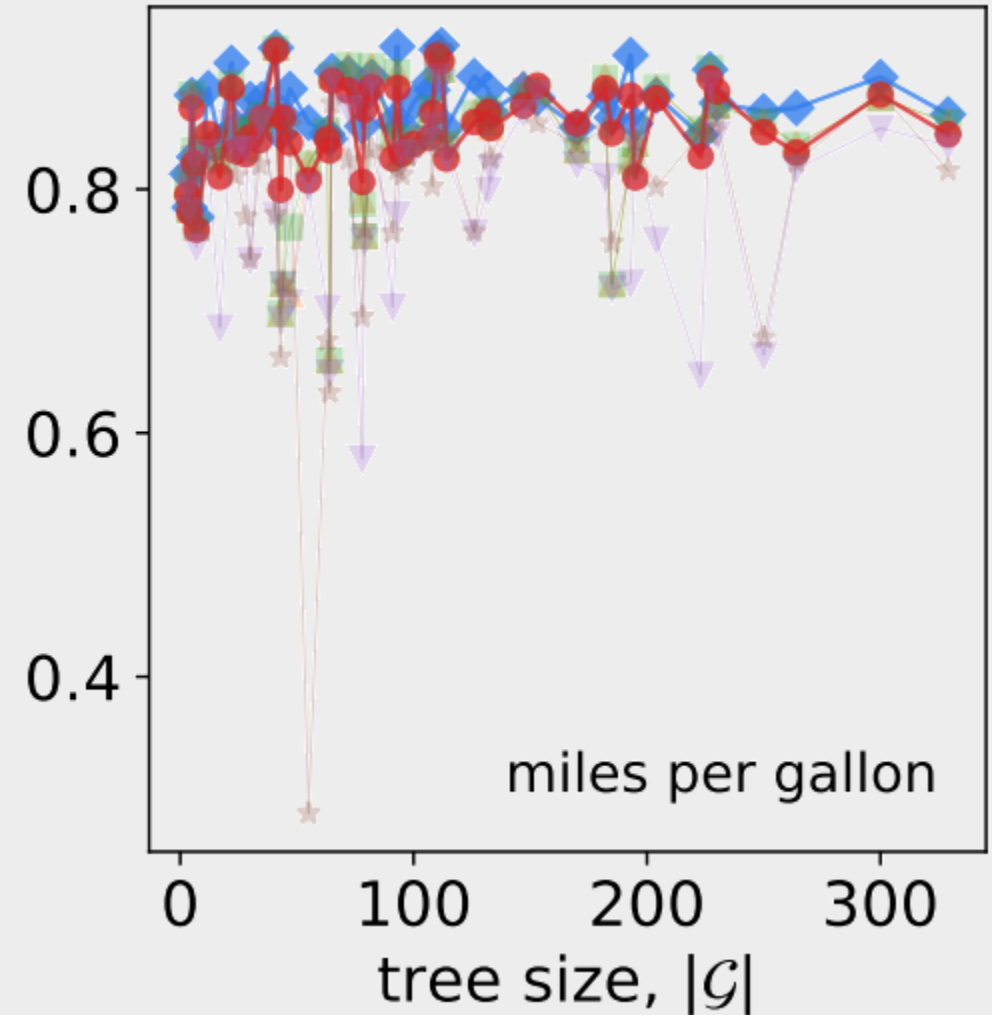
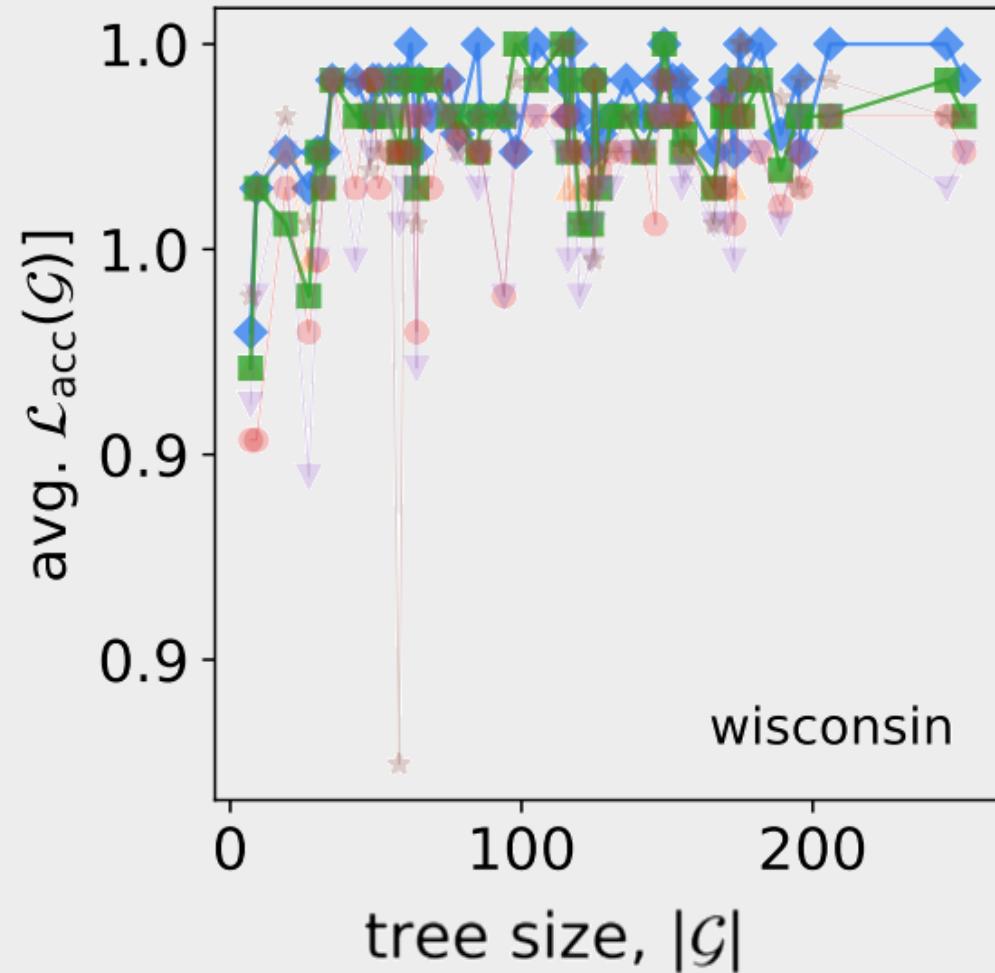


(e) MLP: Sigmod, $\eta = default$



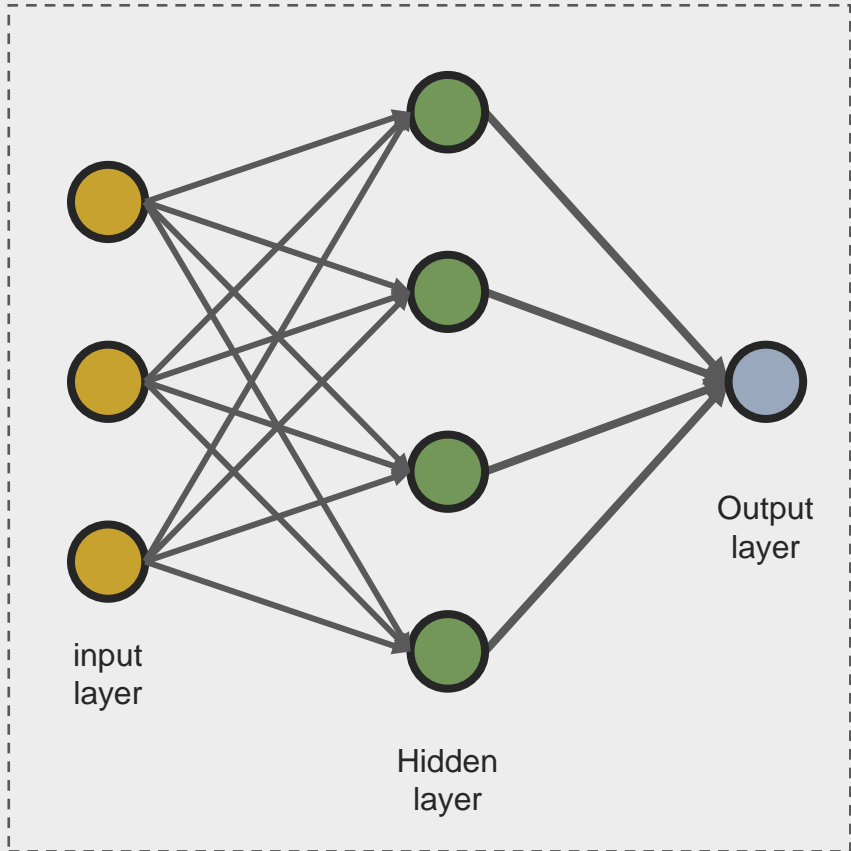
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Architectural Stochasticity



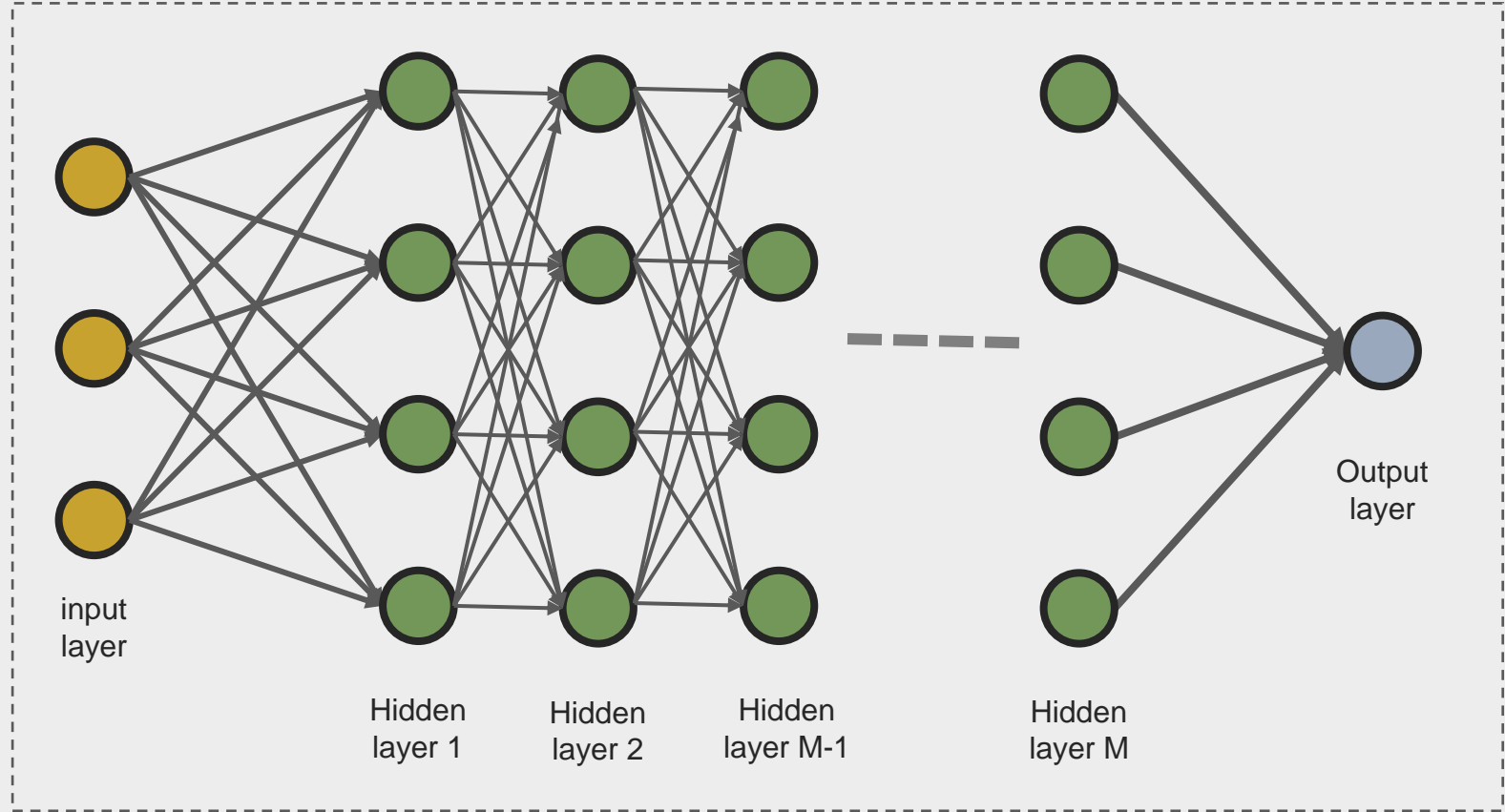
Neural Network Architecture

A regular neural network architecture



SHALLOW LEARNING

A deep neural network architecture



DEEP LEARNING

Data

Image: Colour

$$I_{RED} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & \cdots & p_{1,W} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{H,1} & \cdots & p_{H,W} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_{Green} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & \cdots & p_{1,W} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{H,1} & \cdots & p_{H,W} \end{bmatrix}$$

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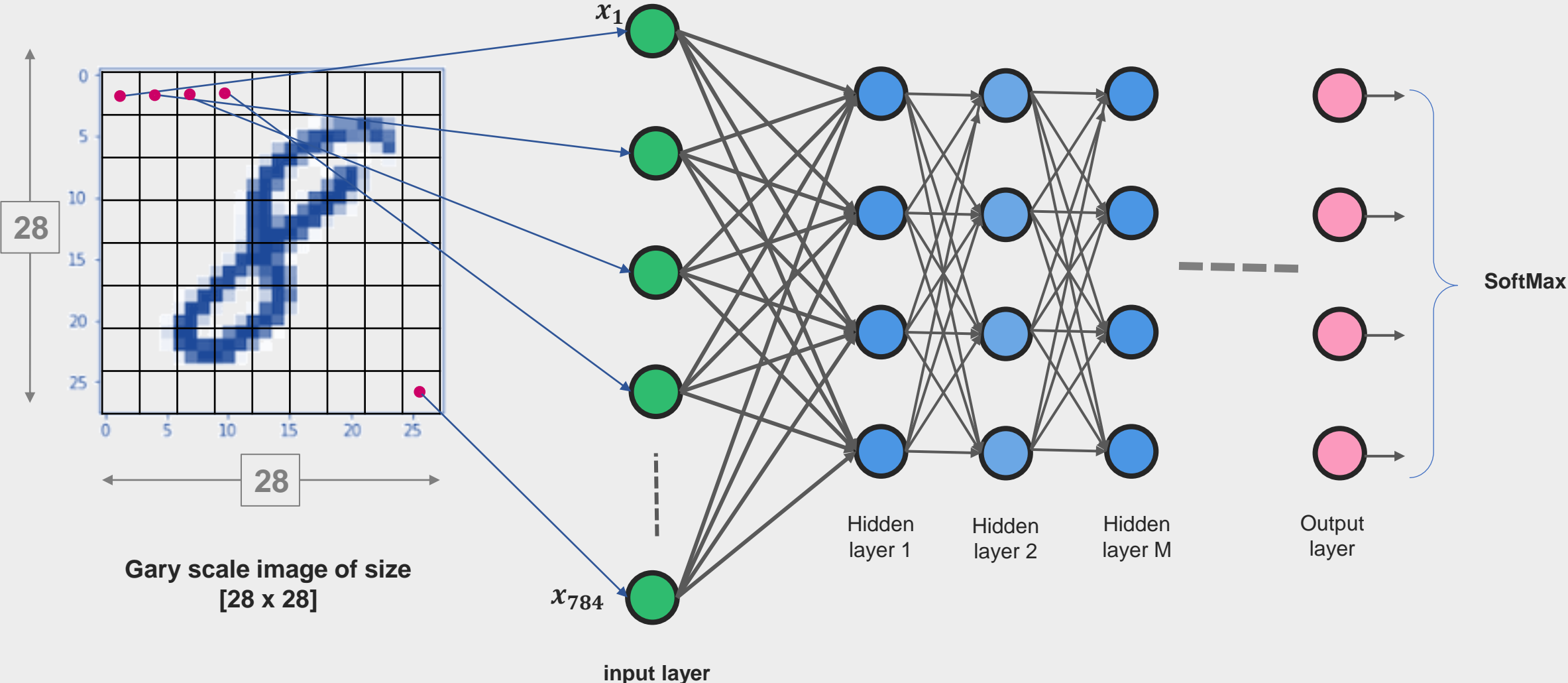
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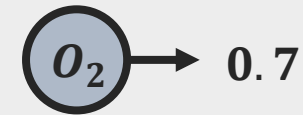
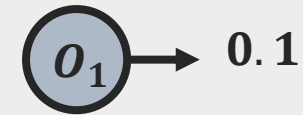


Deep Neural Networks



SoftMax Activation

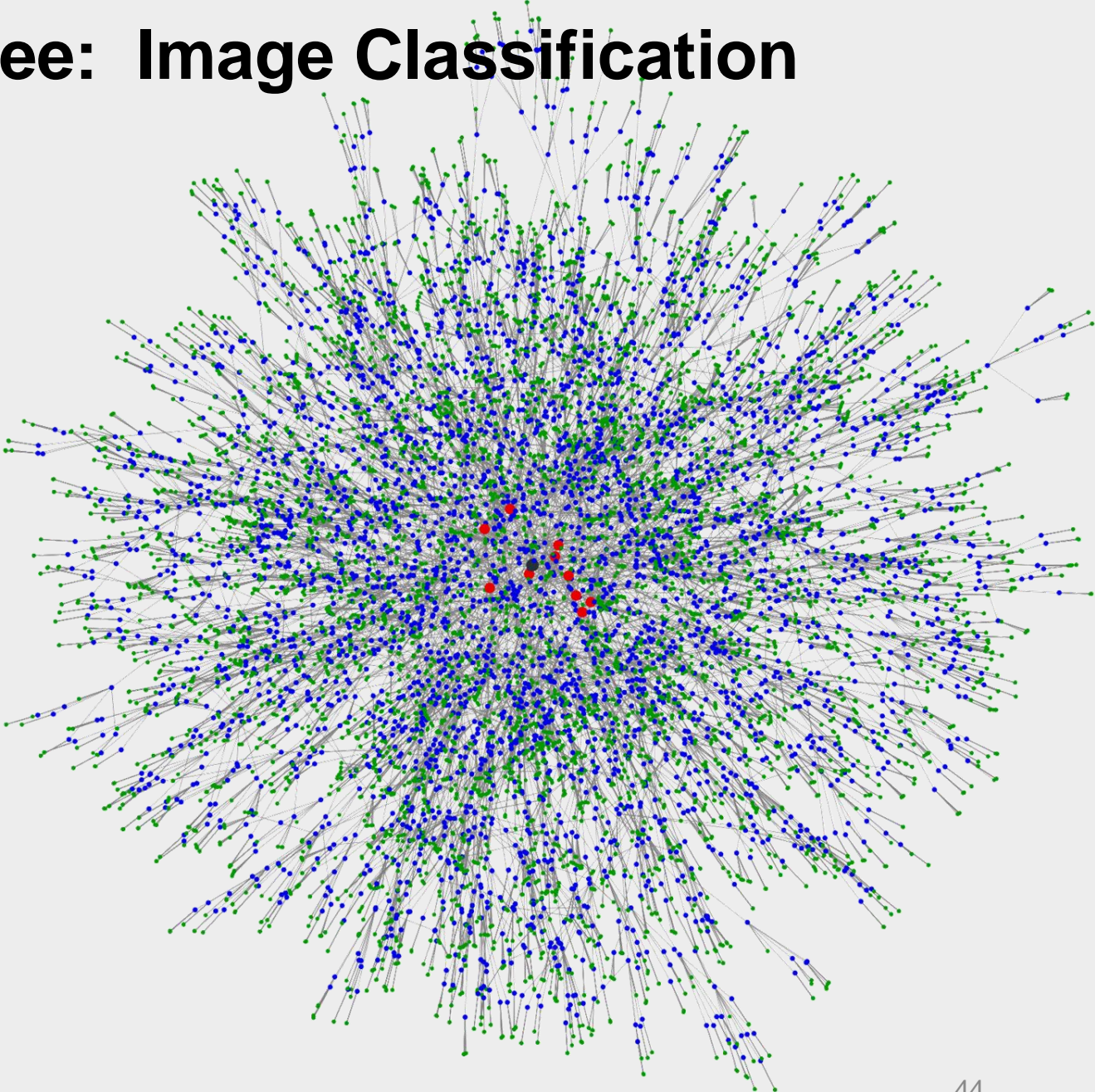
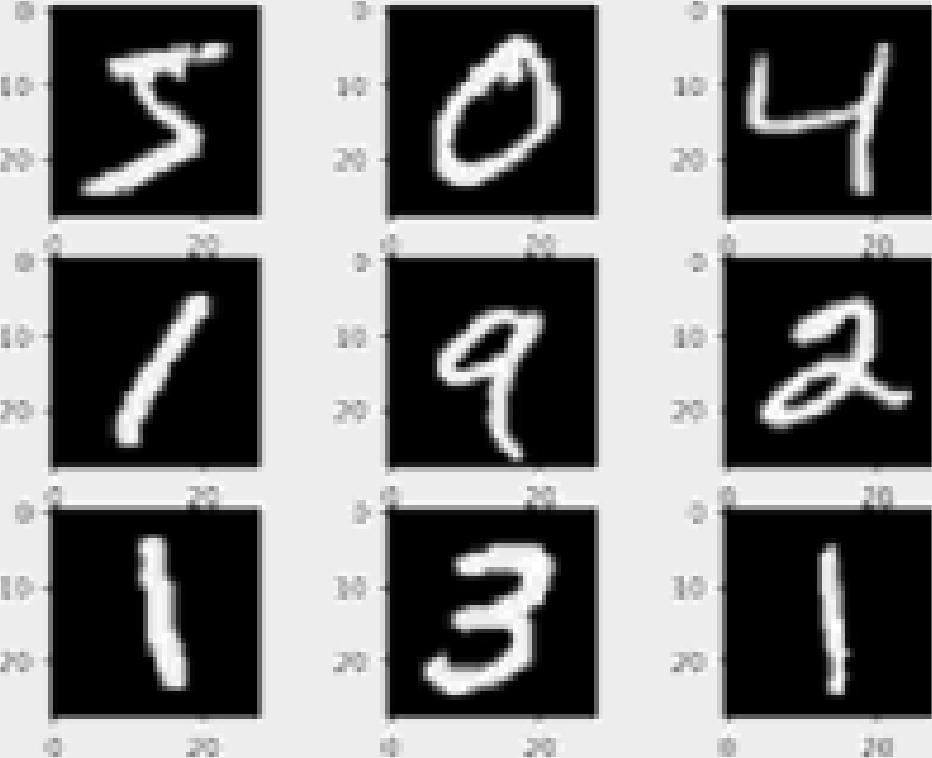
$$\varphi(x_i) = \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_j^k e^{x_j}} \text{ for } k \text{ units}$$



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DISTRIBUTION OF ALL
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NEURAL NETWORK
Activation function

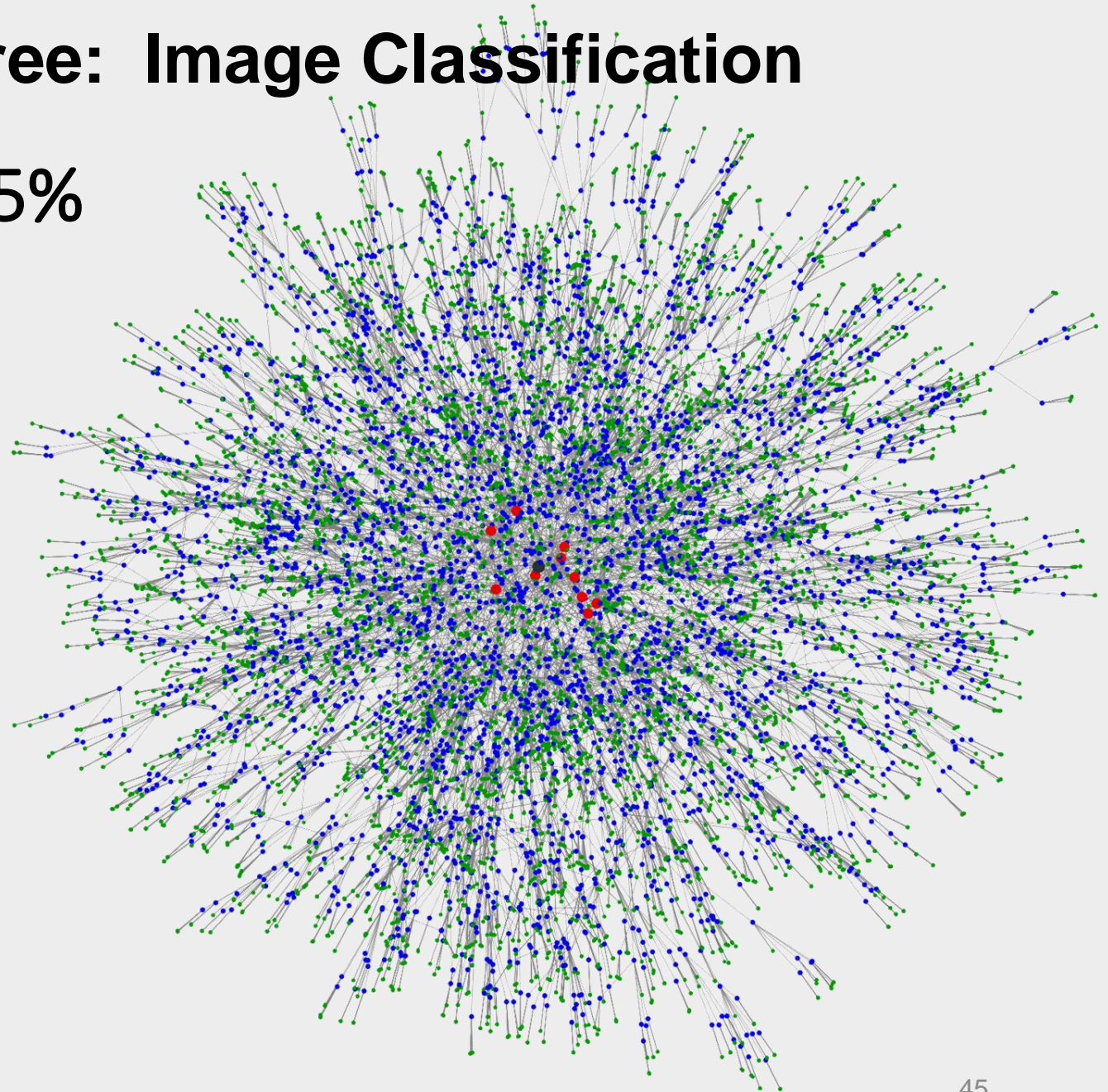
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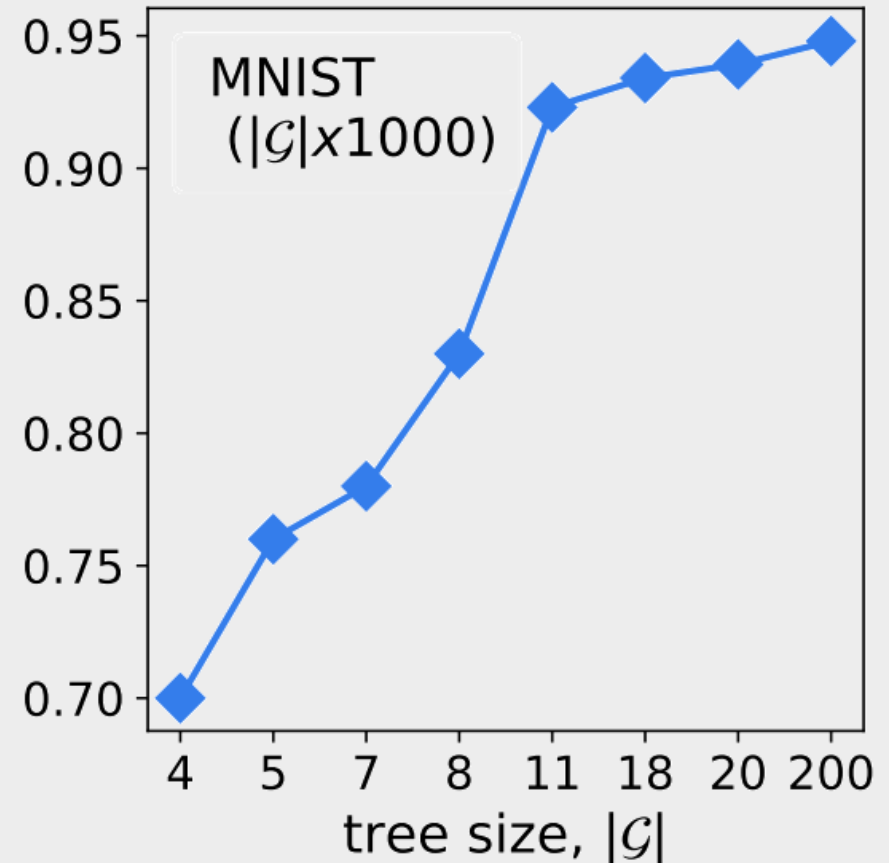
MNIST Model Accuracy ~95%

	Algorithms	Error(%)
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	BNeuralT-20K (pixels)	6.08
	BNeuralT-200K [†] (pixels)	5.19
Classification Trees	GUIDE (pixels, oblique split)	26.21
	OC1 (pixels, oblique split)	25.66
	GUIDE (pixels)	21.48
	CART-R (pixels)	11.97
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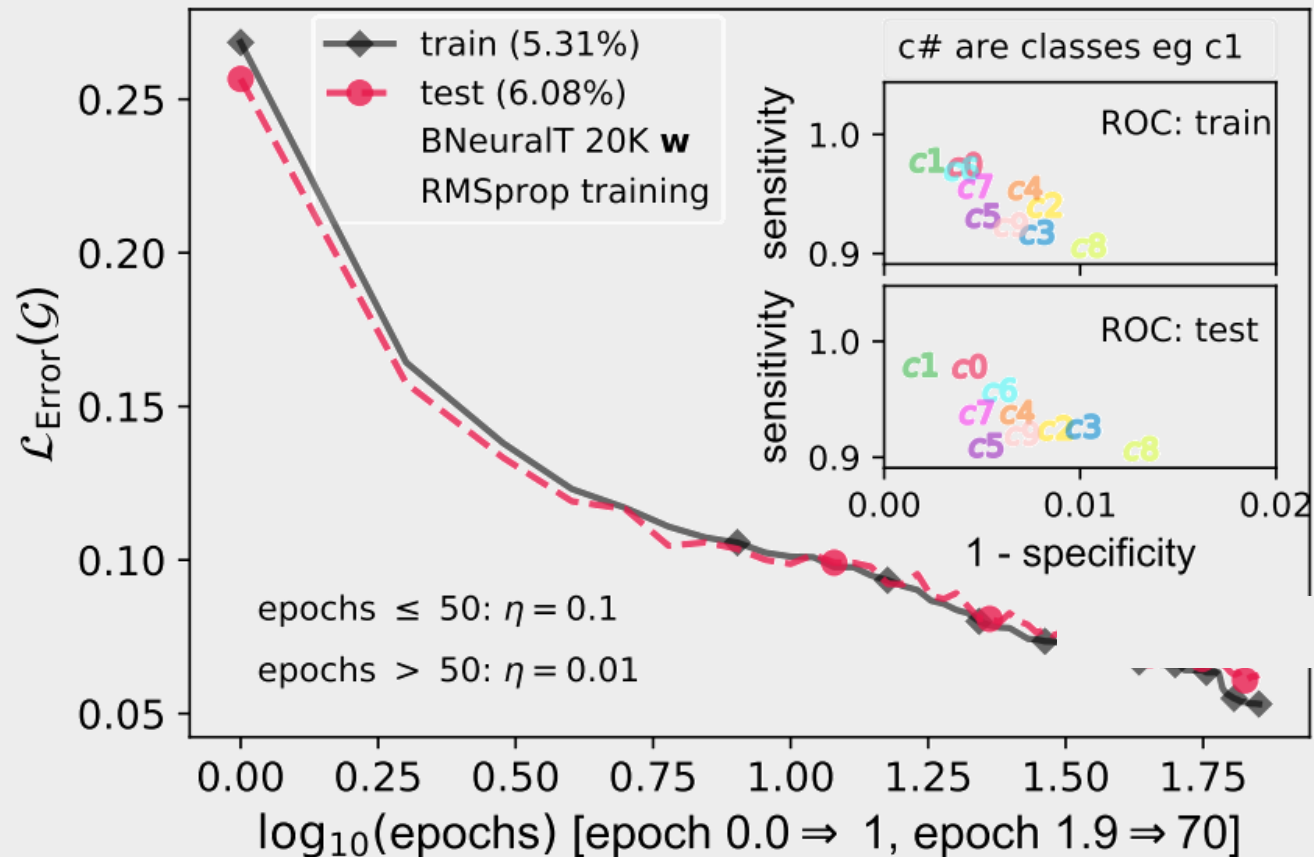
Model Size vs Accuracy

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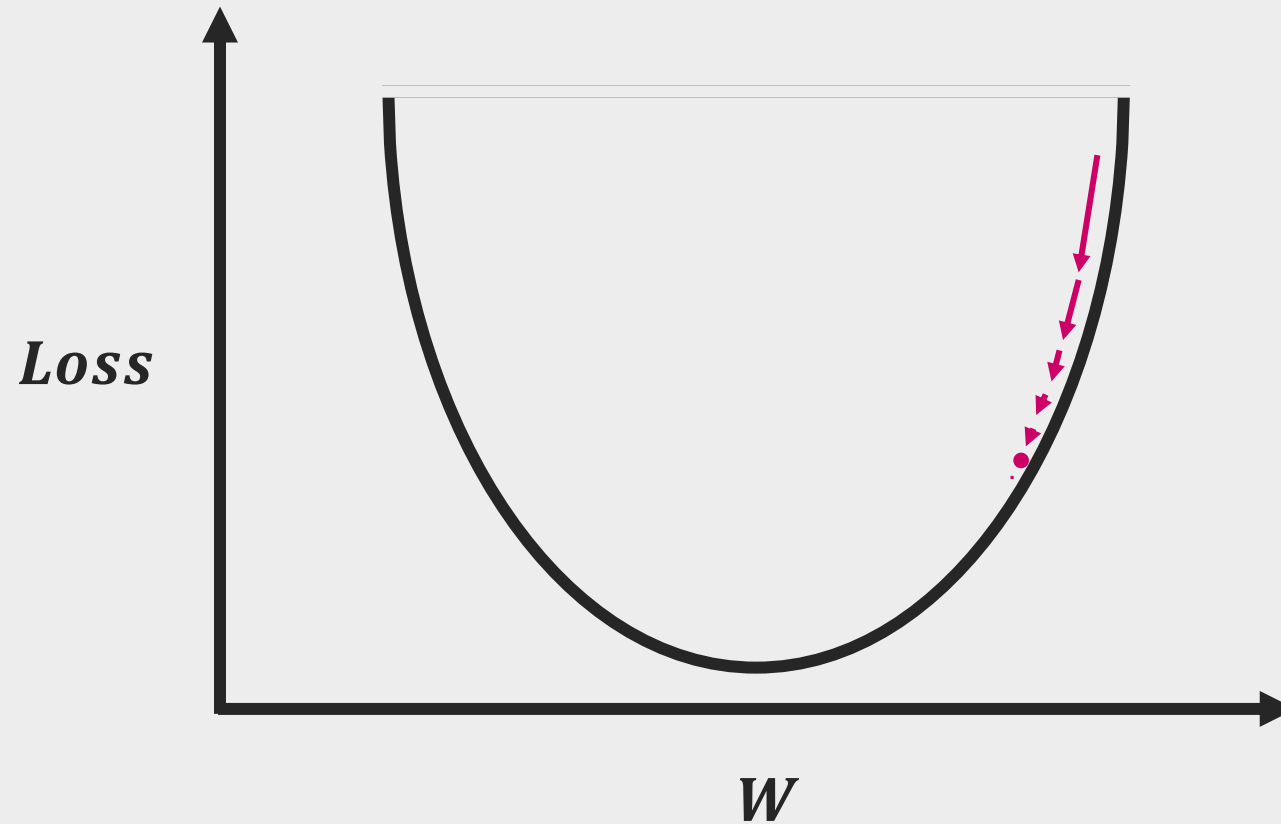


Learnability of different Classes

True positive rate Vs False Positive Rate (1 – True negative rate)

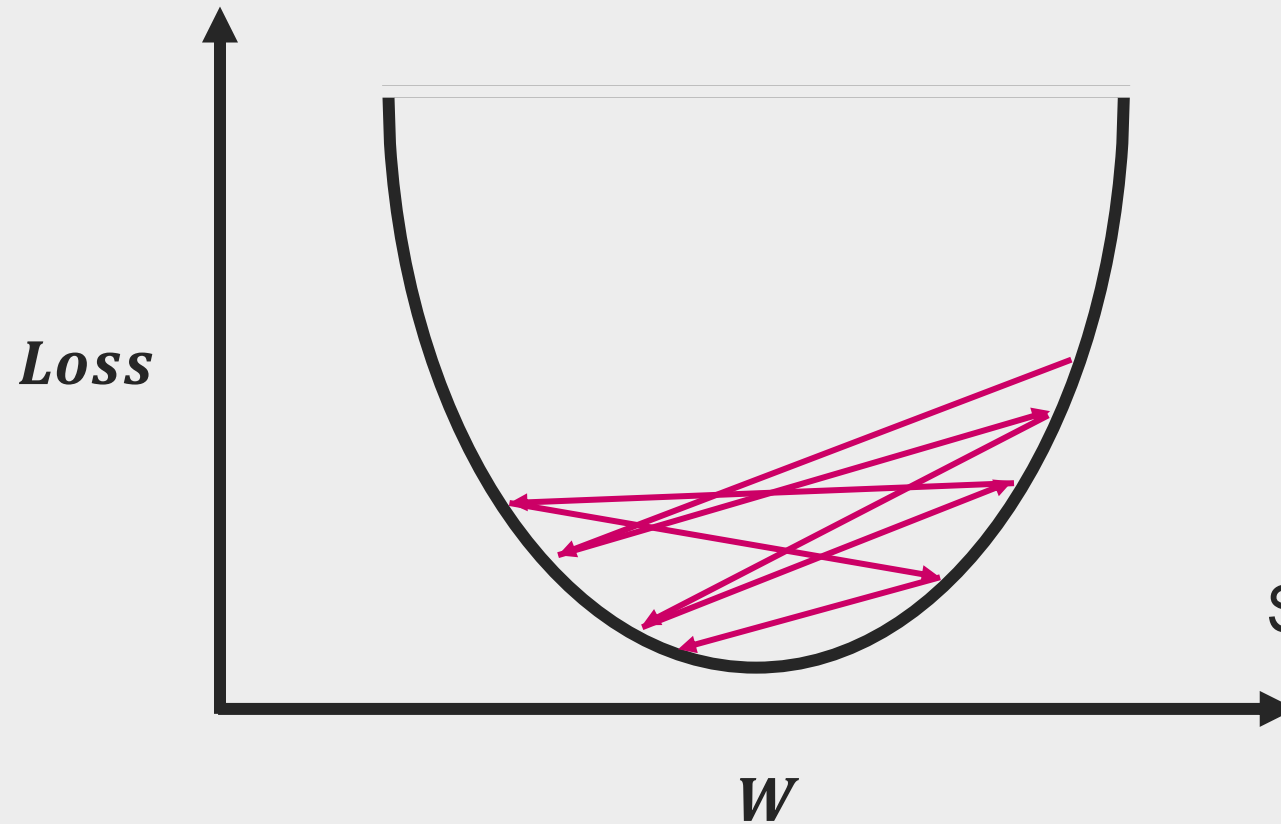


Neural Tree Learning Scheme: Slow learning rate



Convergence
virtually stops
because weights do
not change much

Neural Tree Learning Scheme: Very fast learning rate



Highly fluctuating
gradient descent

Weight abruptly
changes.

Skips Global minima

Summary

stochastic gradient descent training of any a priori arbitrarily “thinned” network has the potential to solve machine learning tasks with an equivalent or better degree of accuracy than a fully connected symmetric and systematic neural network architecture.

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