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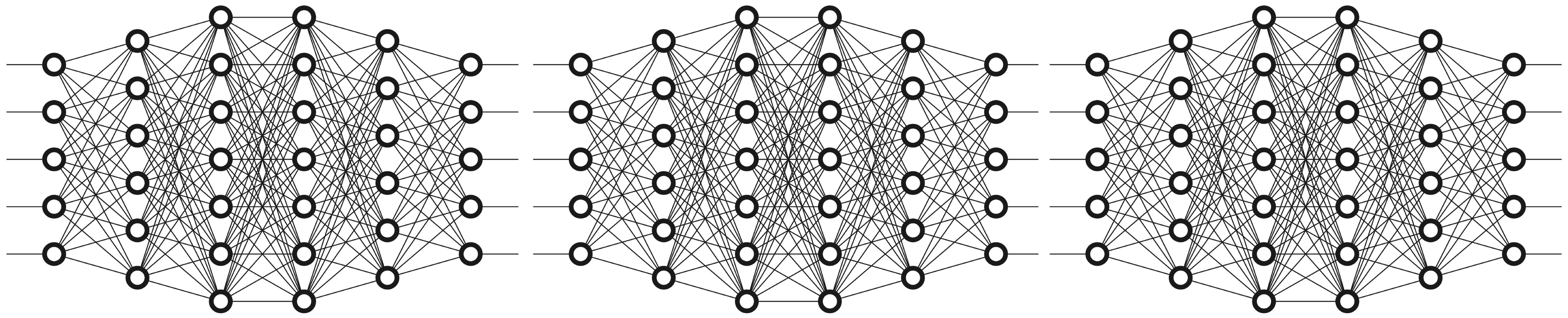


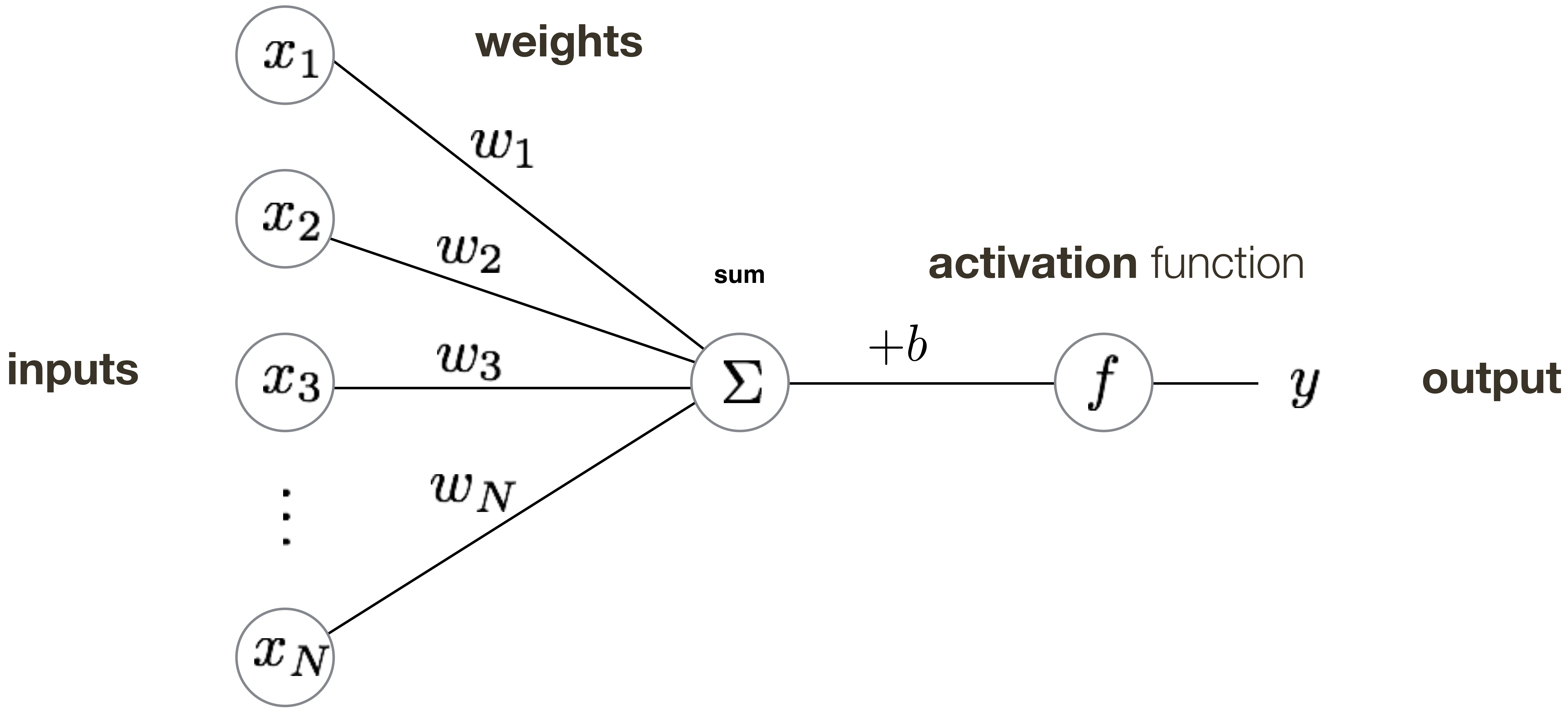
Lecture 24: Neural Networks

Warning:

Our intro to **Neural Networks** will be very light weight …

… if you want to know more, take my **CPSC 532S**

A **Neuron**



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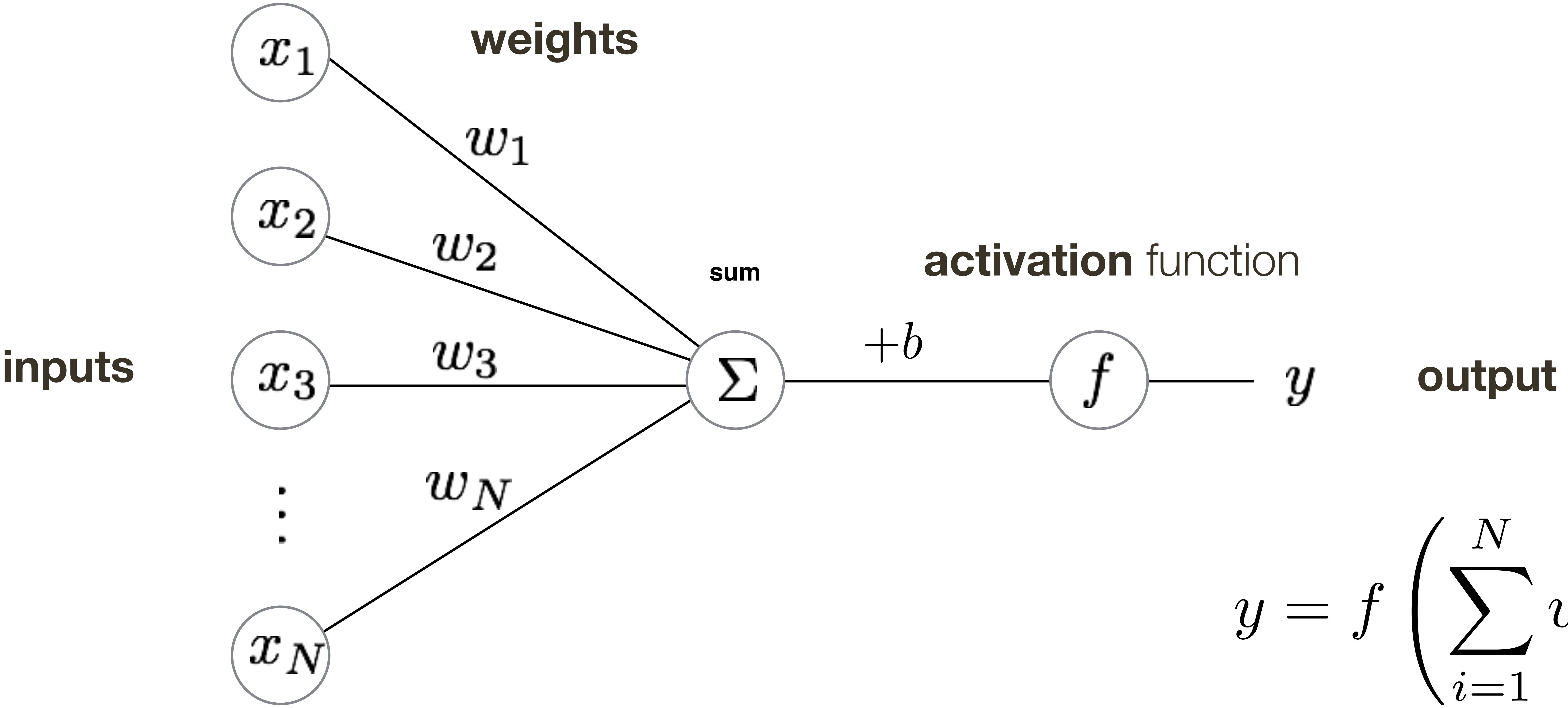

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Recall: Linear Classifier

Defines a score function:

$$f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b}$$

image features

weights (parameters)

bias vector

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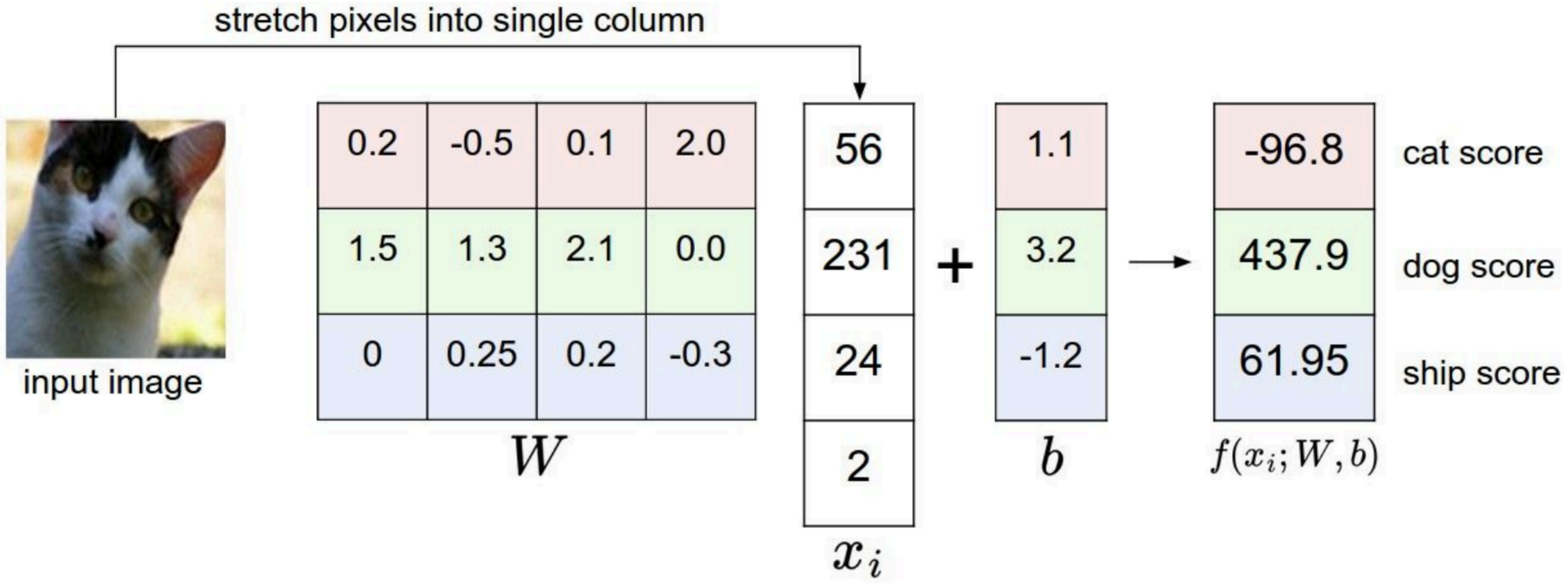
Recall: Linear Classifier

Example with an image with 4 pixels, and 3 classes (cat/dog/ship)



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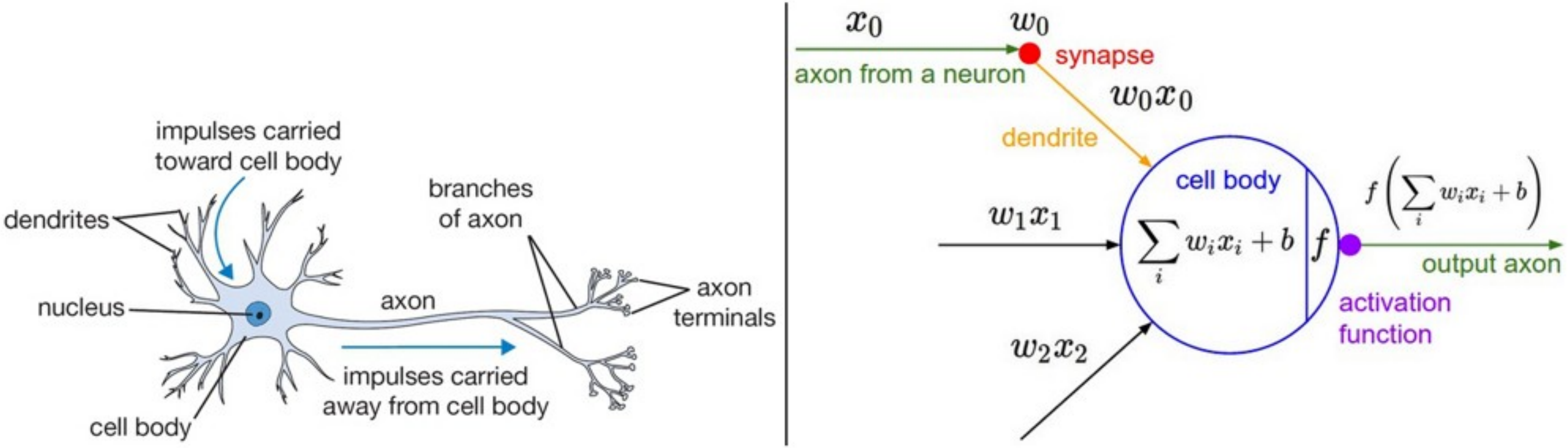
Aside: Inspiration from Biology

Figure credit: Fei-Fei and Karpathy

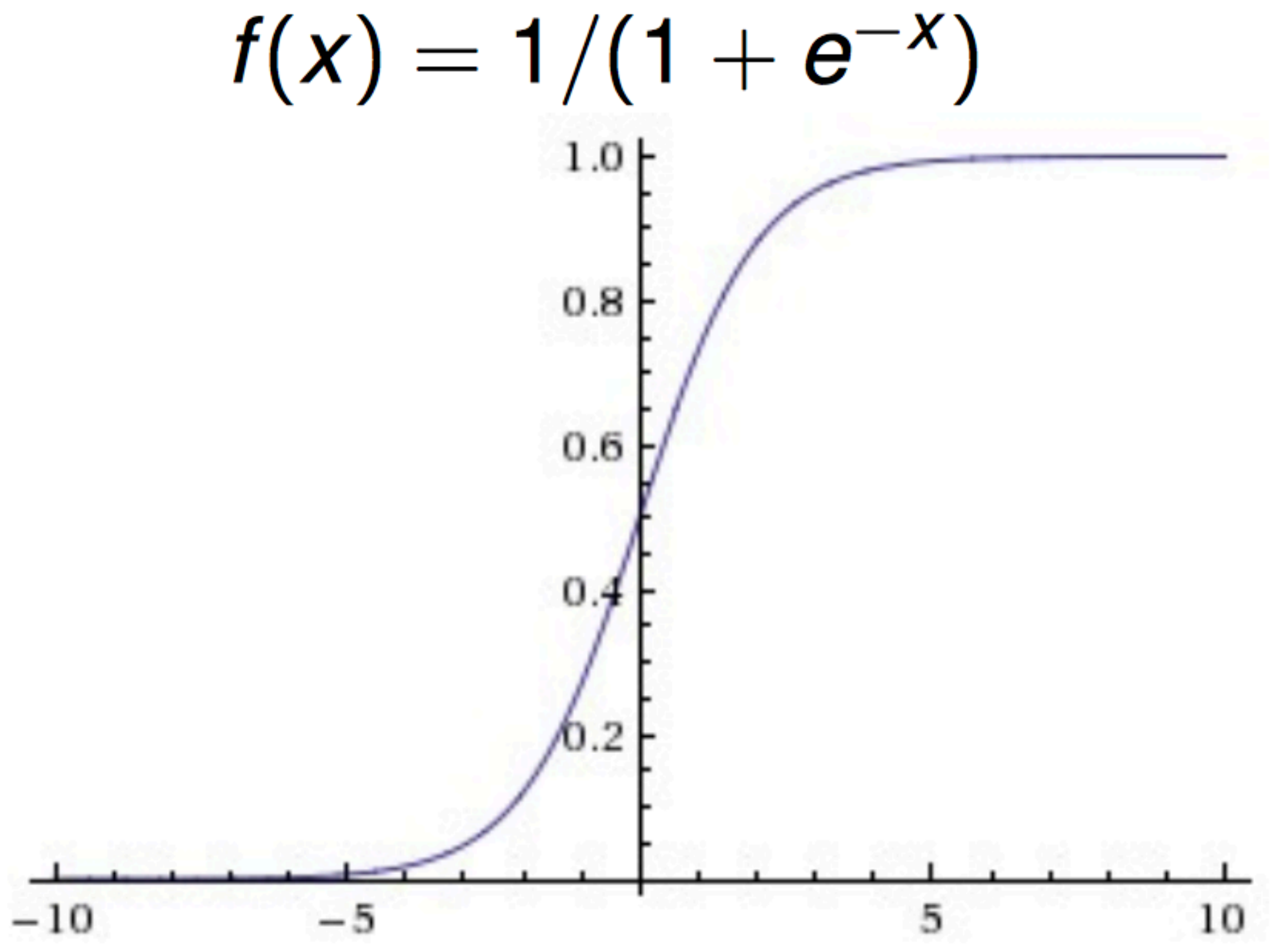


A cartoon drawing of a biological neuron (left) and its mathematical model (right).

Neural nets/perceptrons are loosely inspired by biology.

But they certainly are not a model of how the brain works, or even how neurons work.

Activation Function: **Sigmoid**



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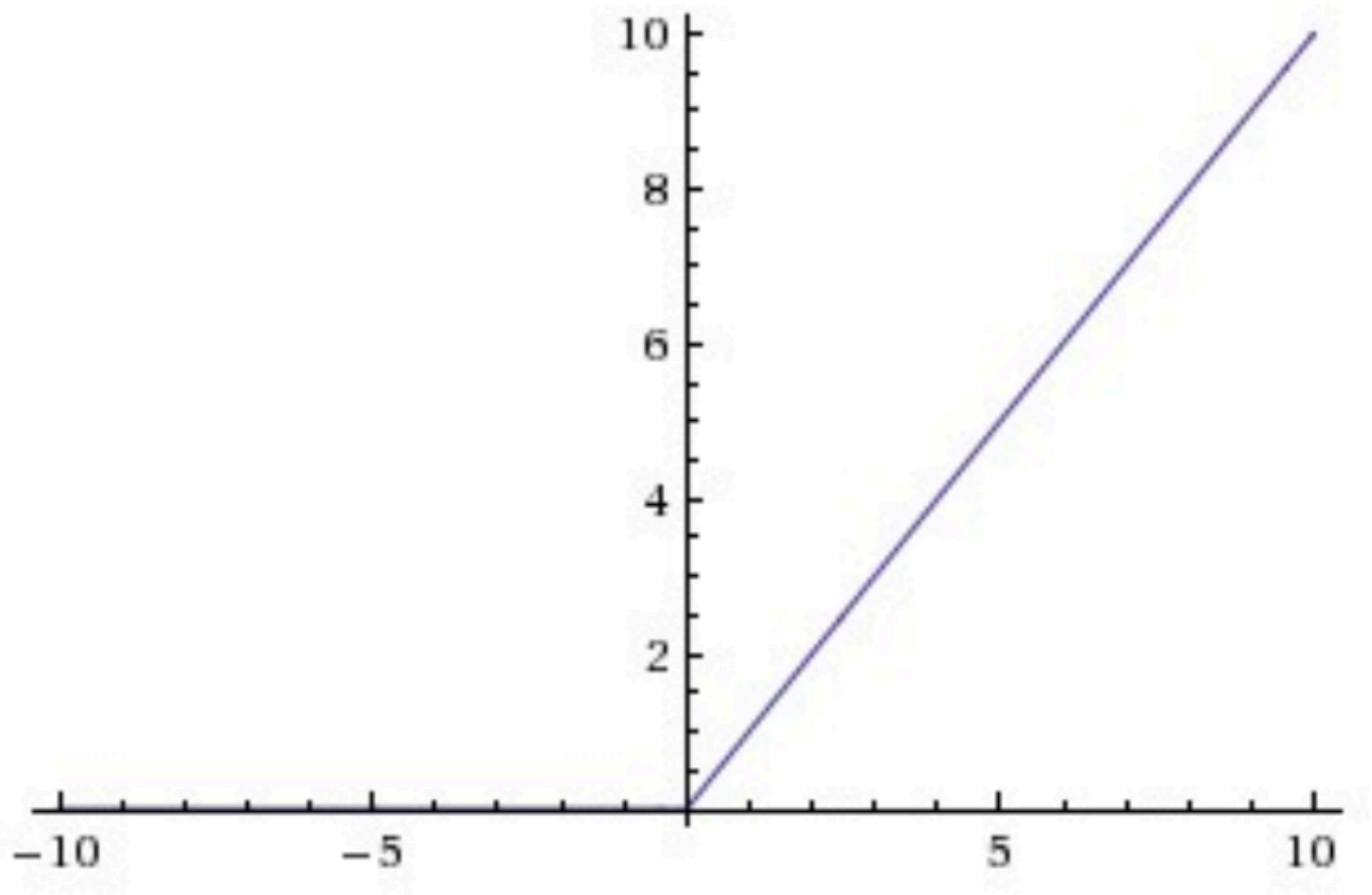
Common in many early neural networks

Biological analogy to saturated firing rate of neurons

Maps the input to the range [0,1]

Activation Function: **ReLU** (Rectified Linear Unit)

$$f(x) = \max(0, x)$$



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Found to accelerate convergence during learning

Used in the most recent neural networks

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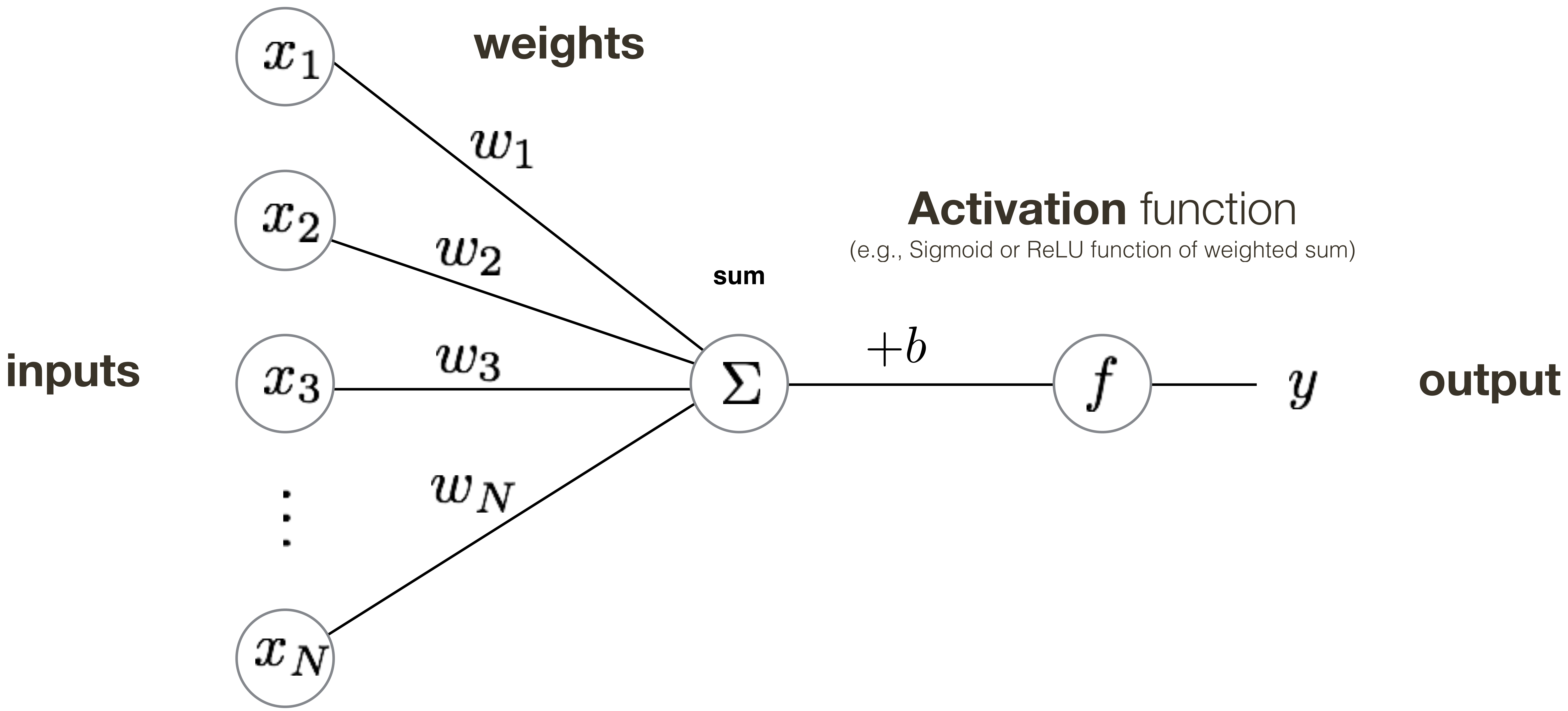

weights
x_1
x_2
x_3
x_N
w_1
w_2
w_3
w_N
inputs
sum
Σ
$+b$
Activation function
(e.g., Sigmoid or ReLU function of weighted sum)
f
y
output

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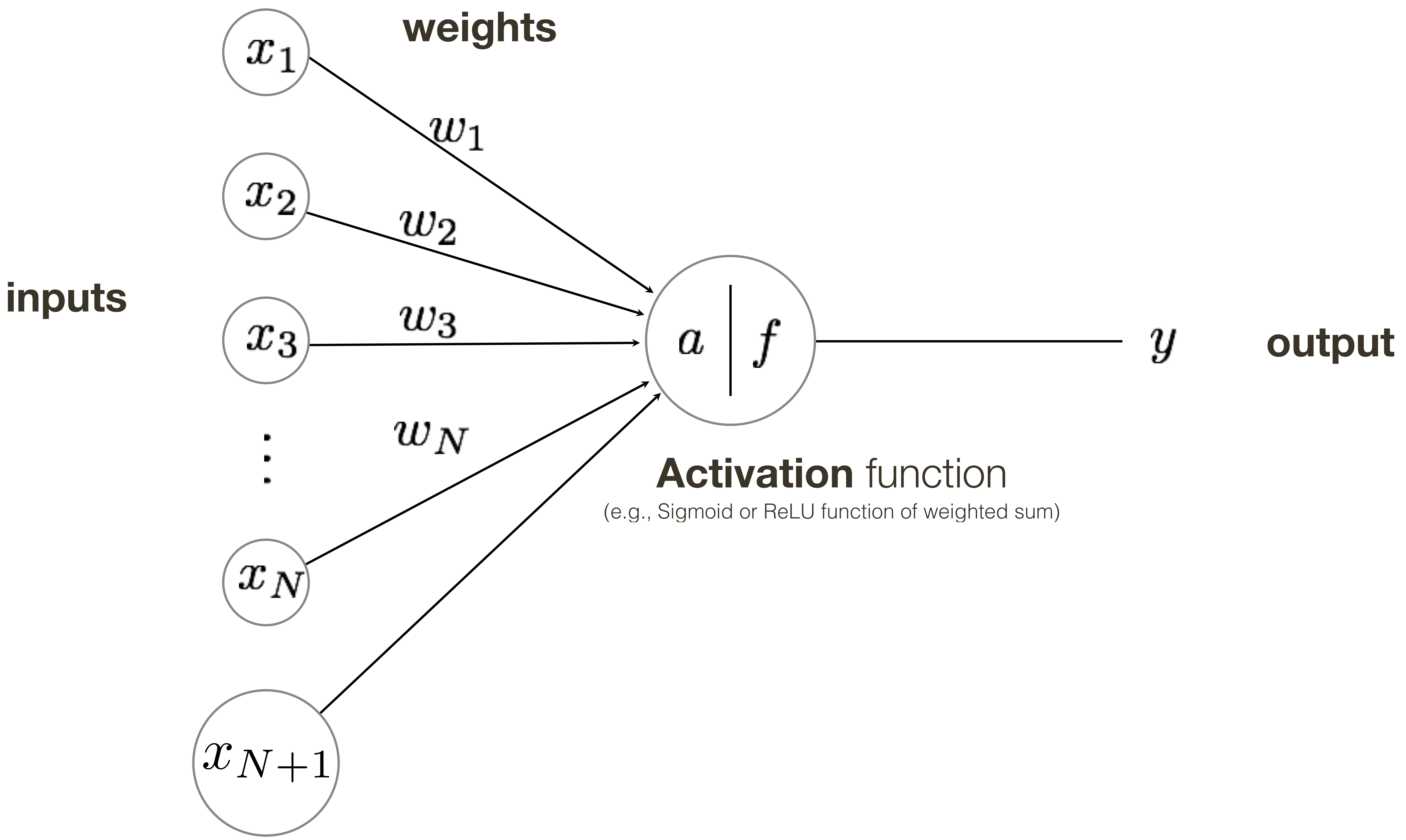

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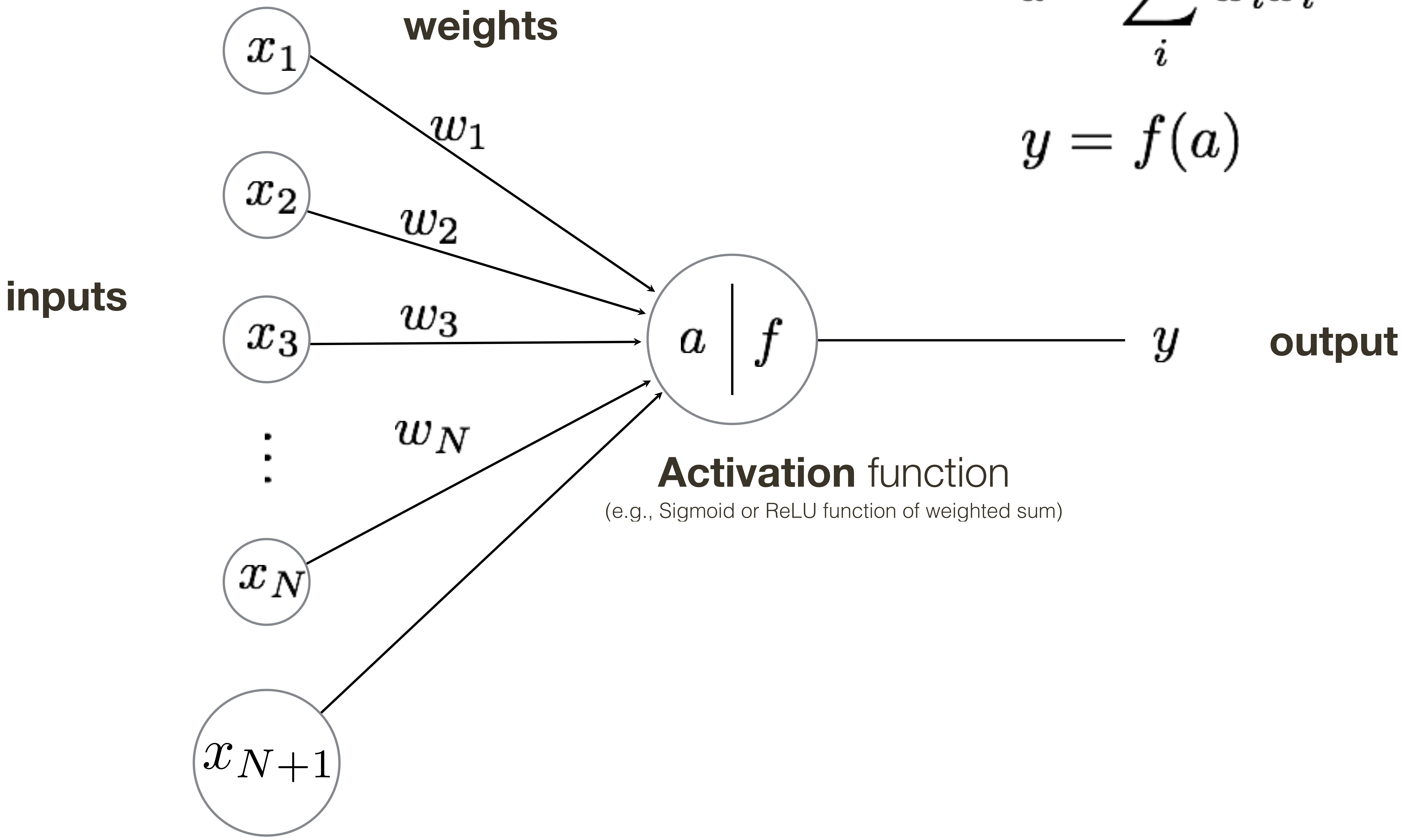

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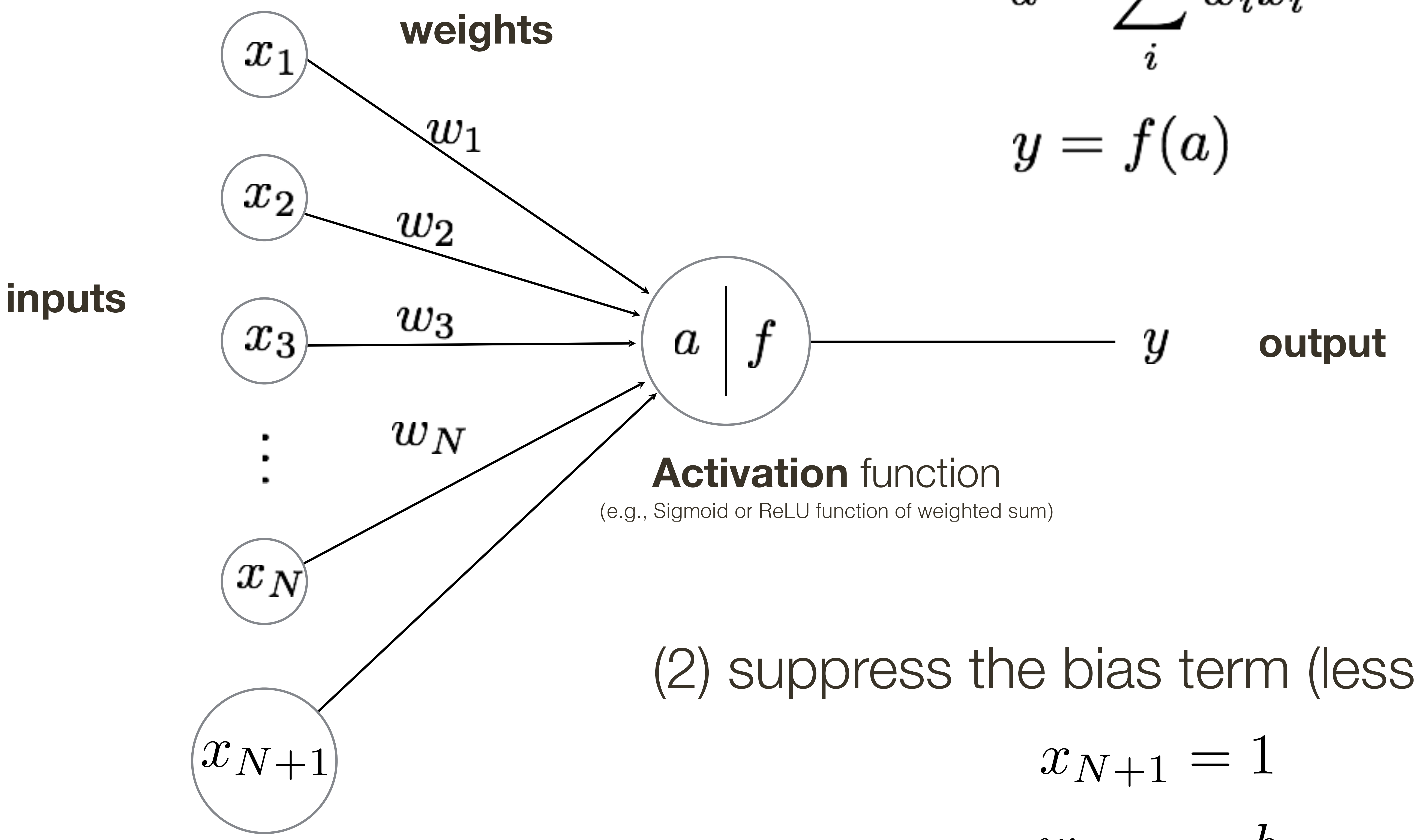

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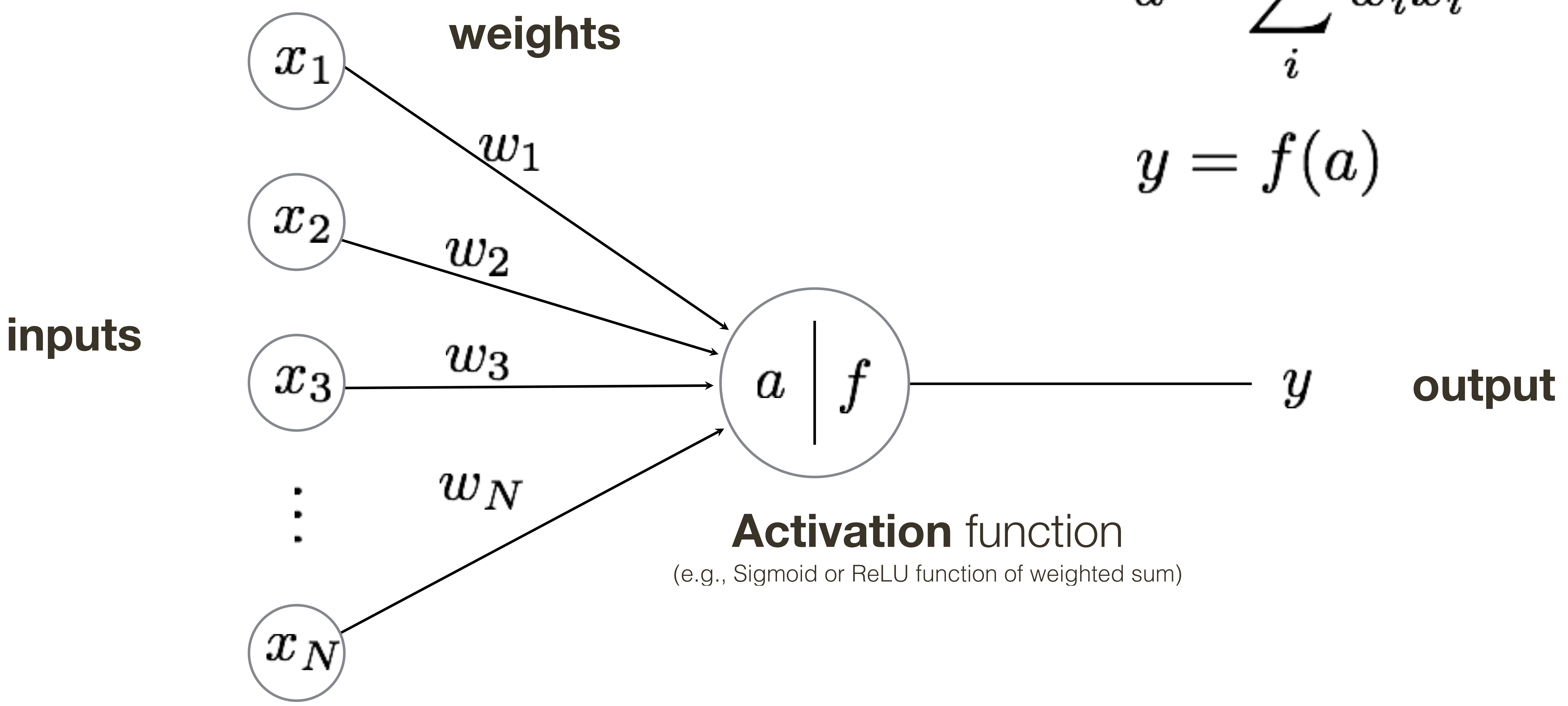

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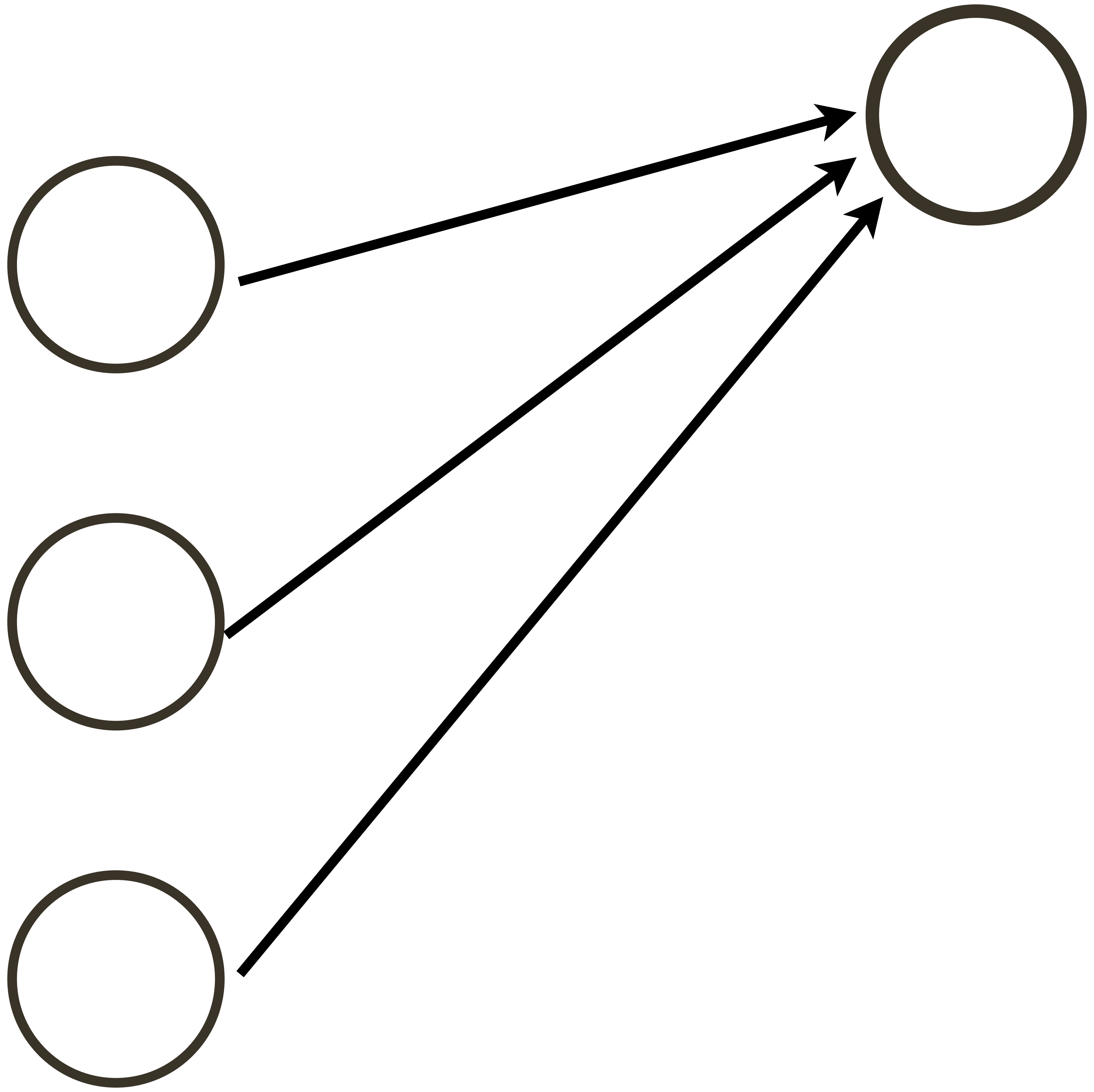

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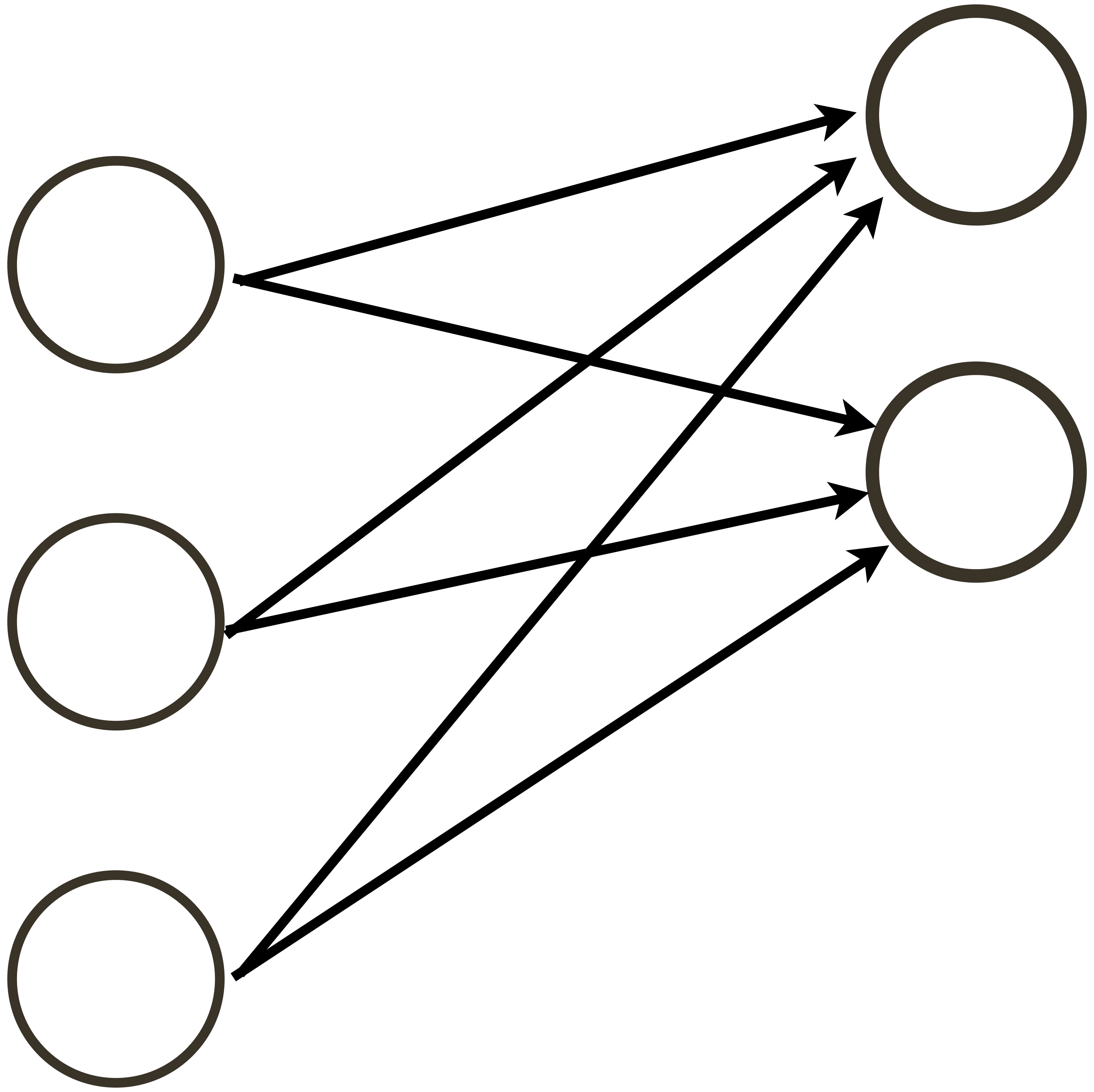

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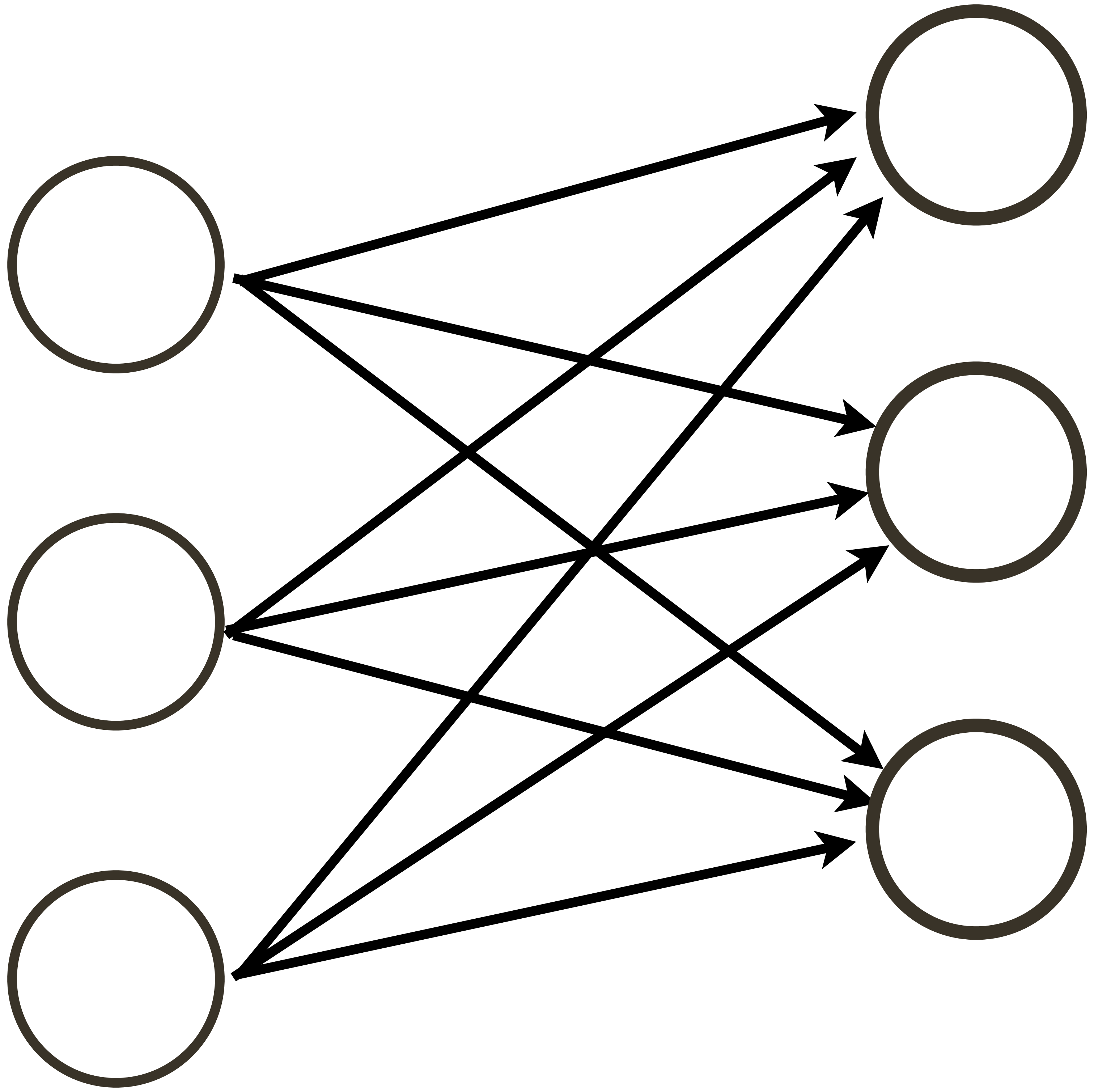

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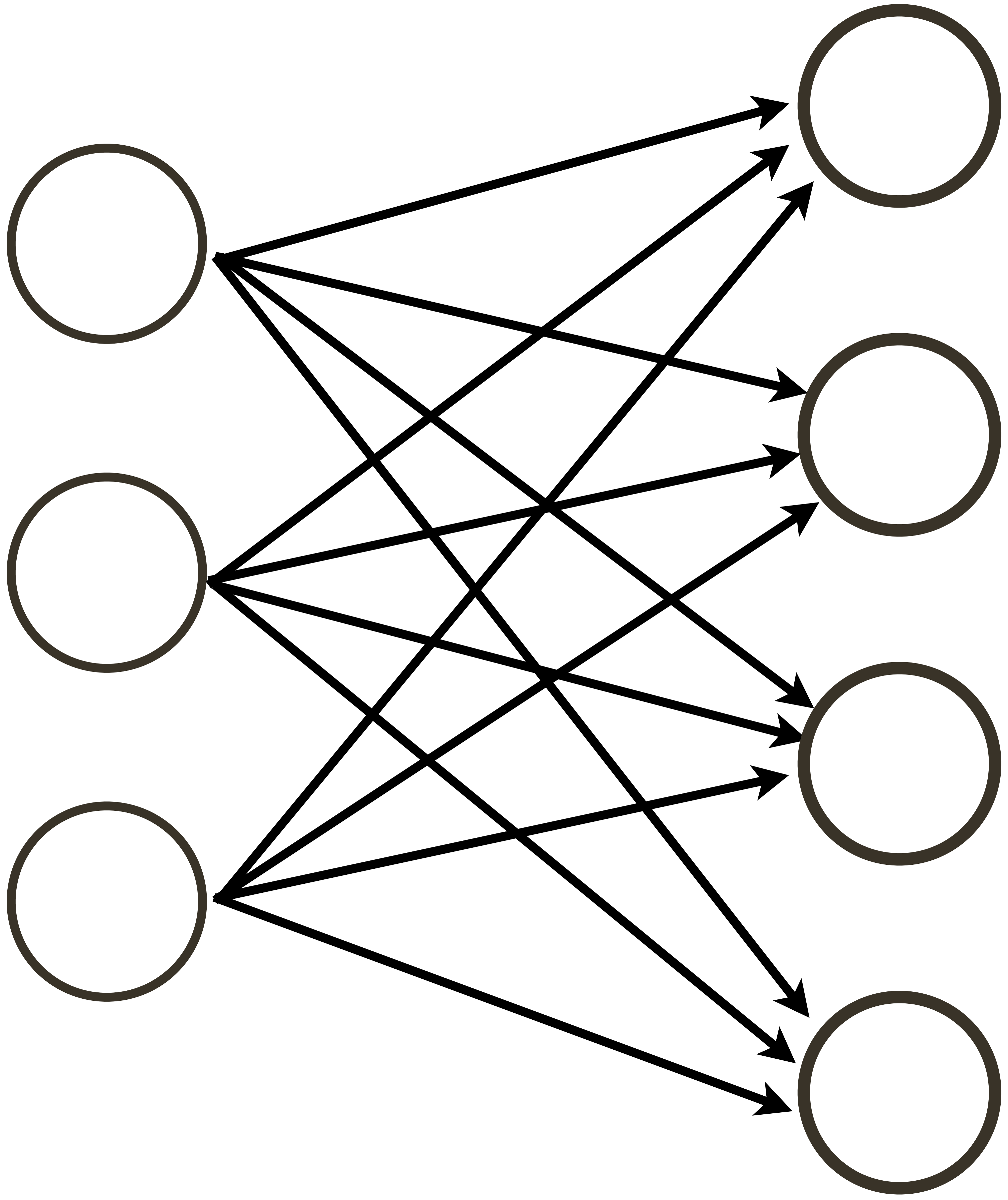

‘four neurons’

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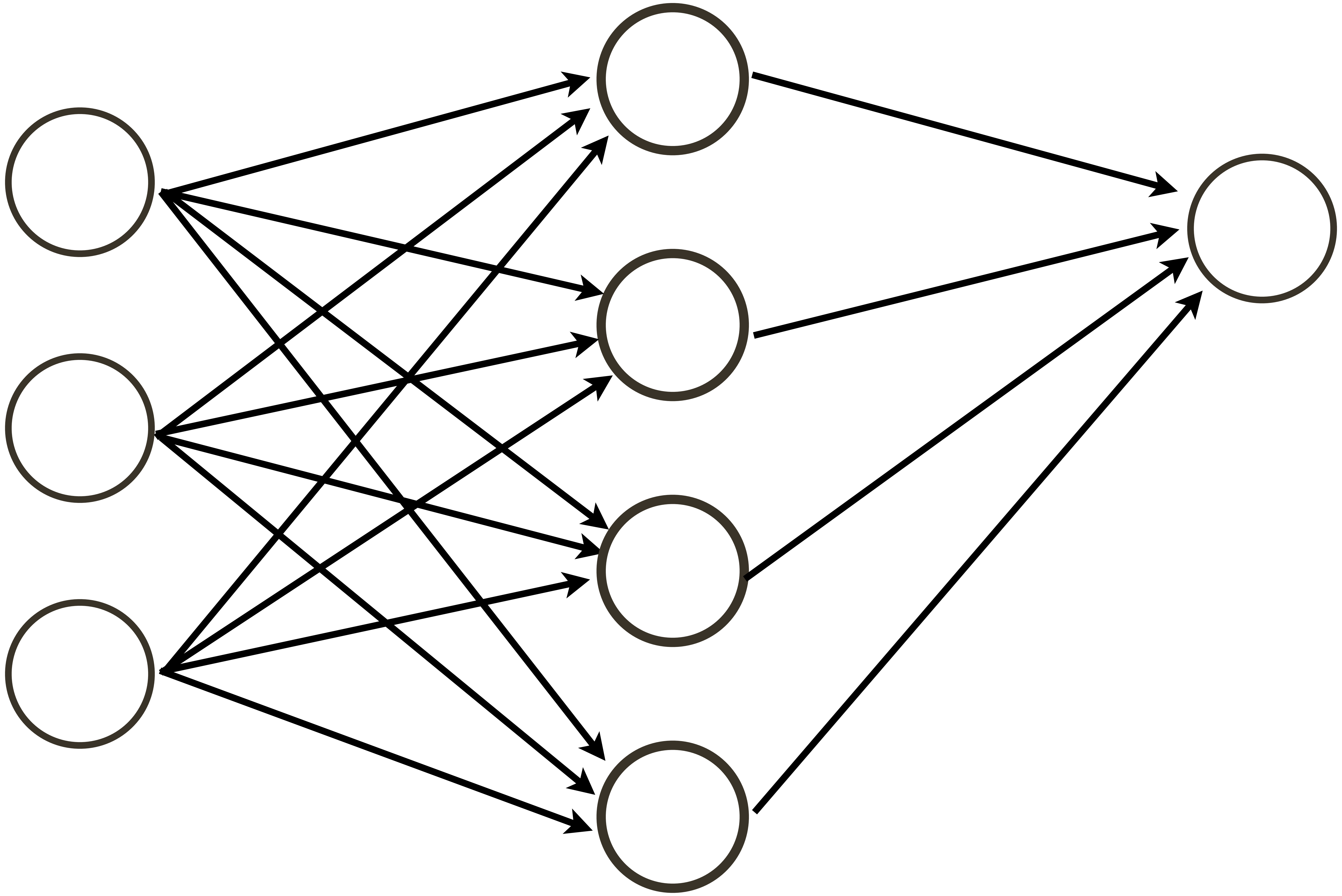

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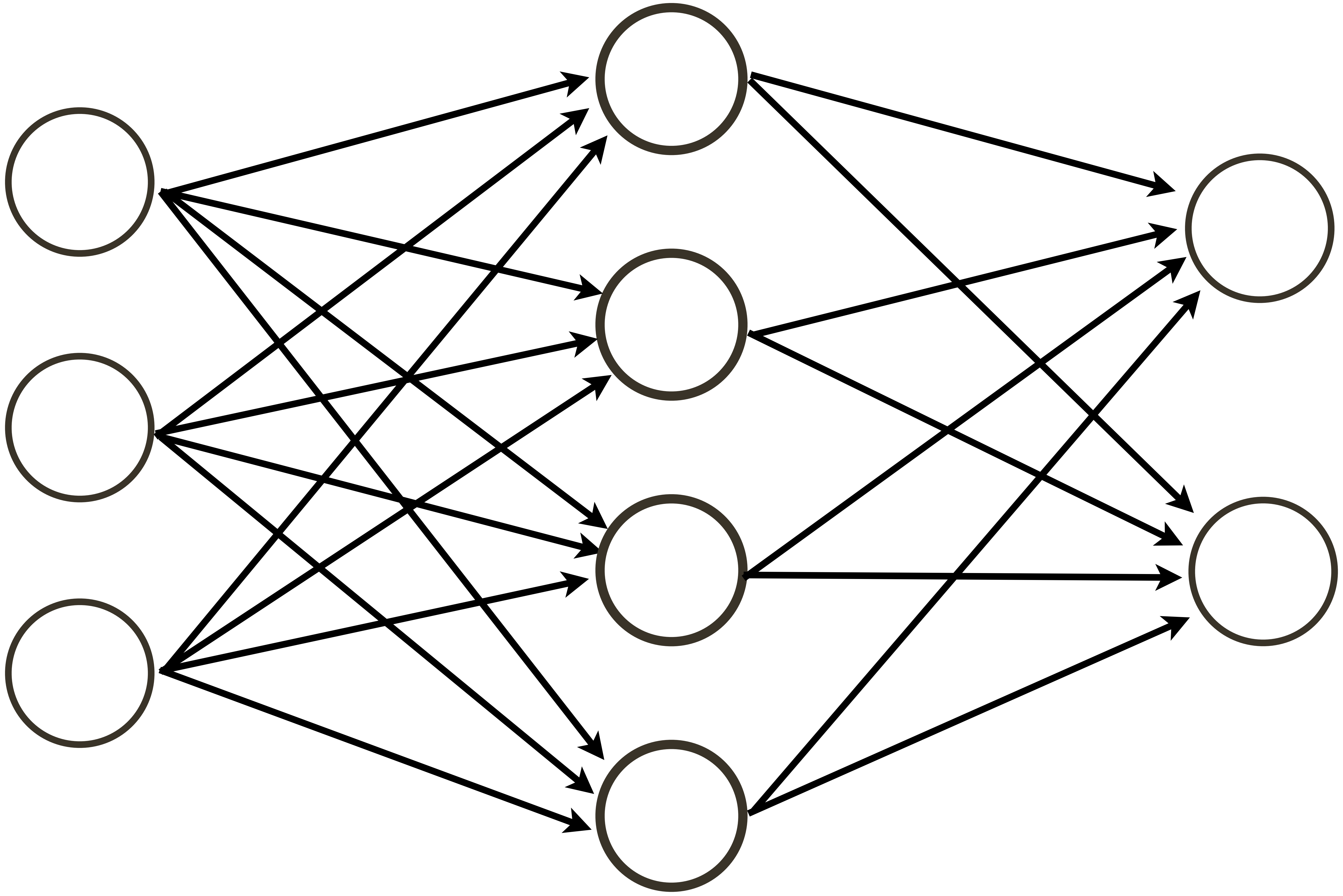

‘six neurons’

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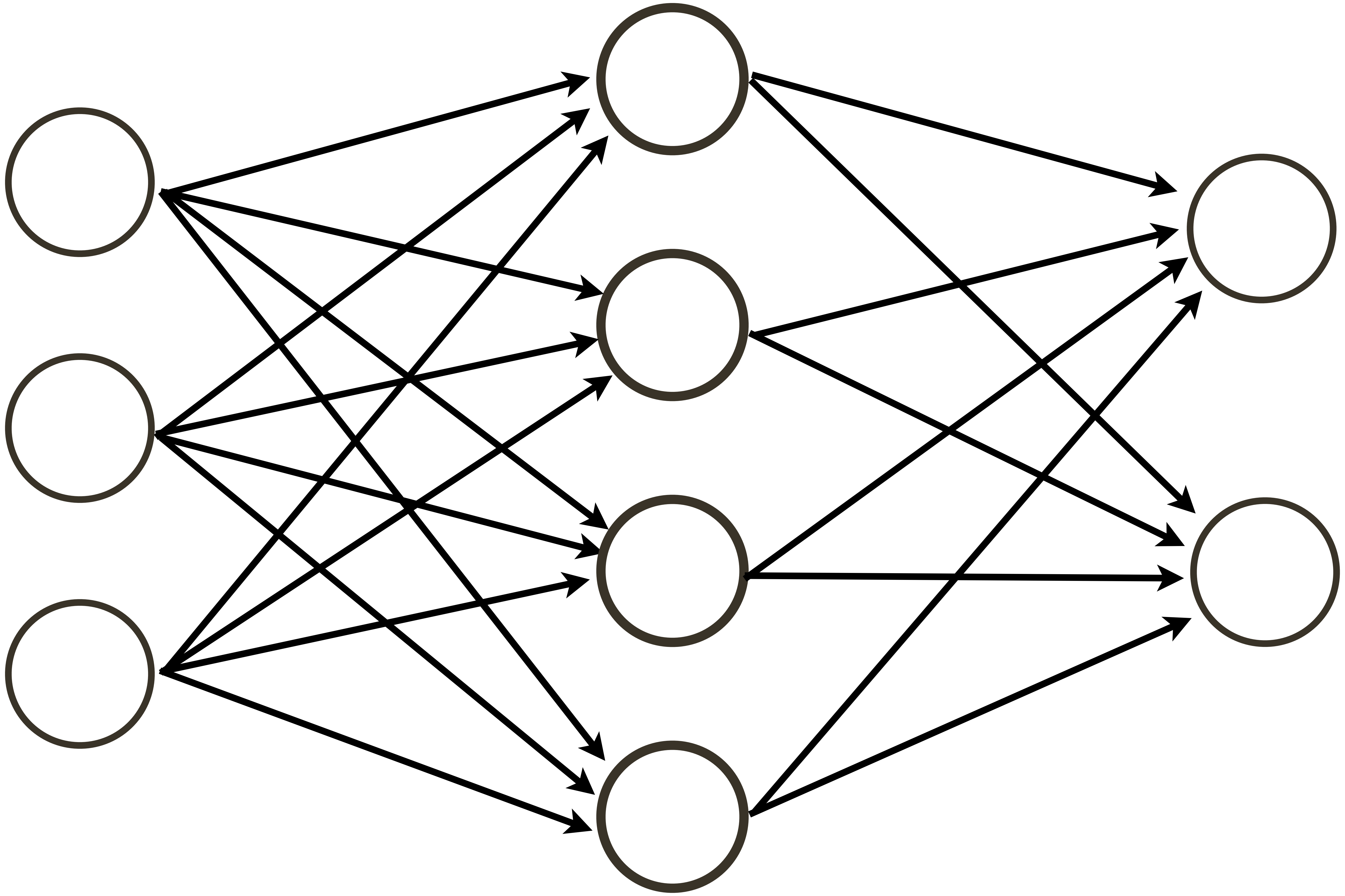
This network is also called a **Multi-layer Perceptron** (MLP)



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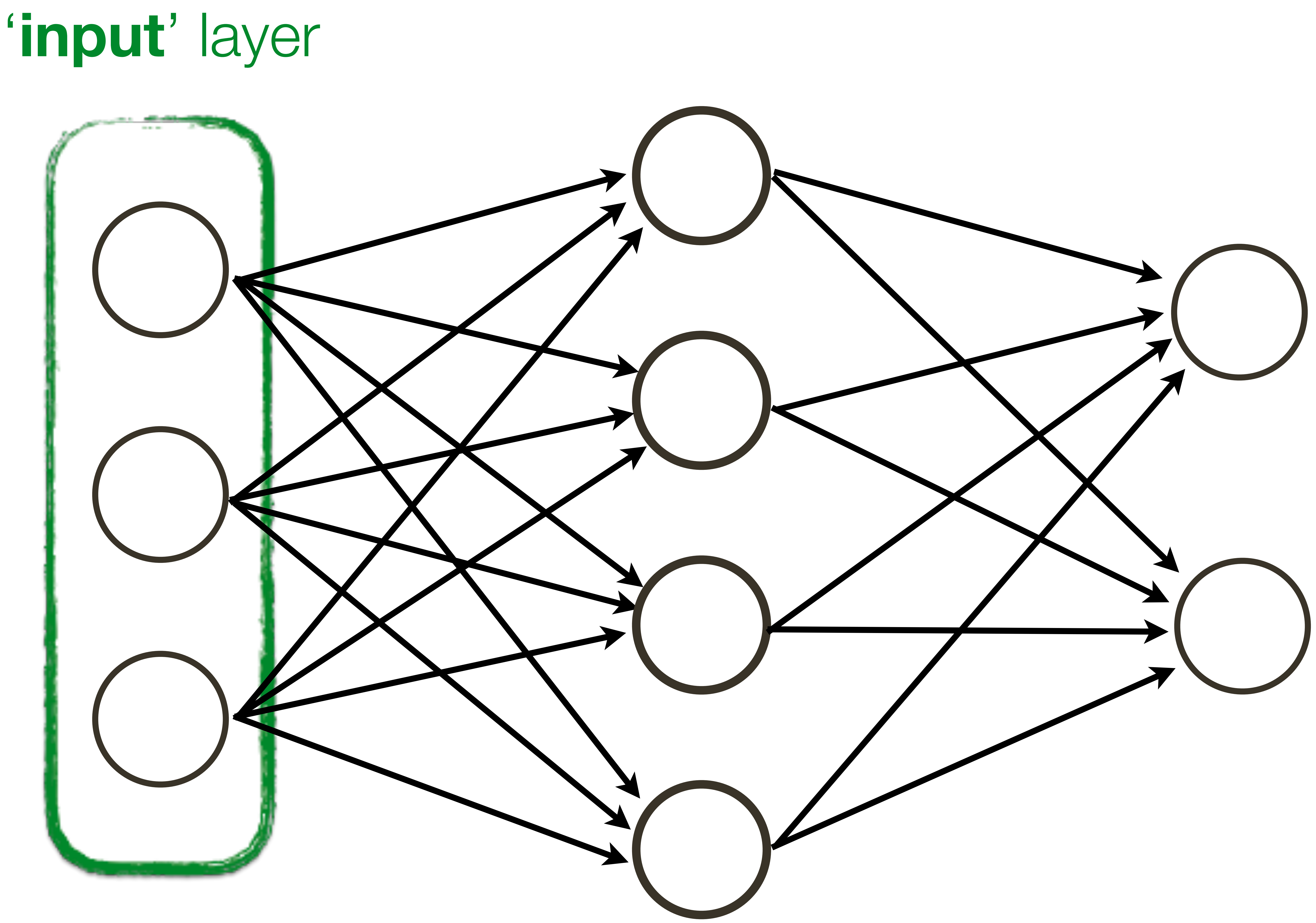

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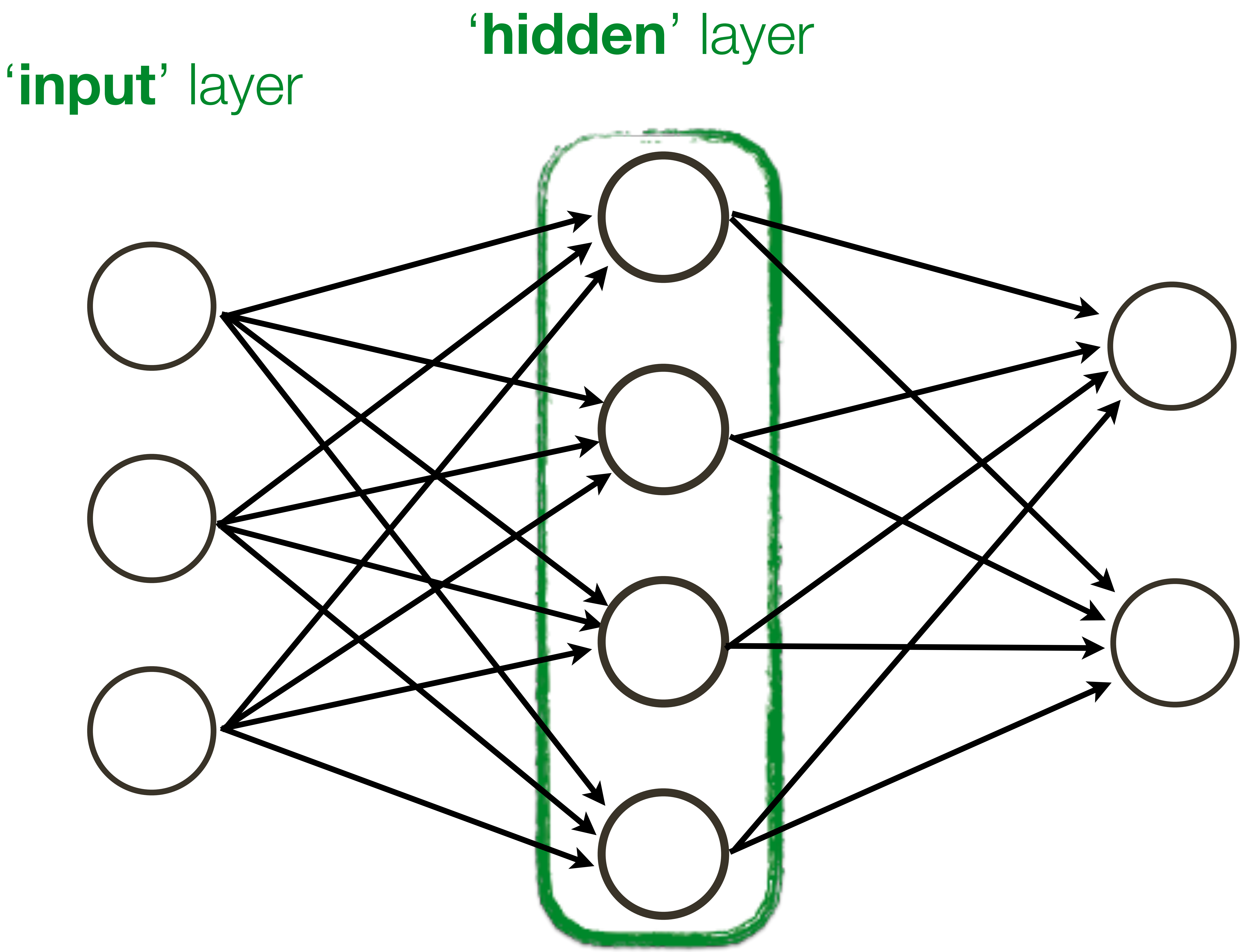

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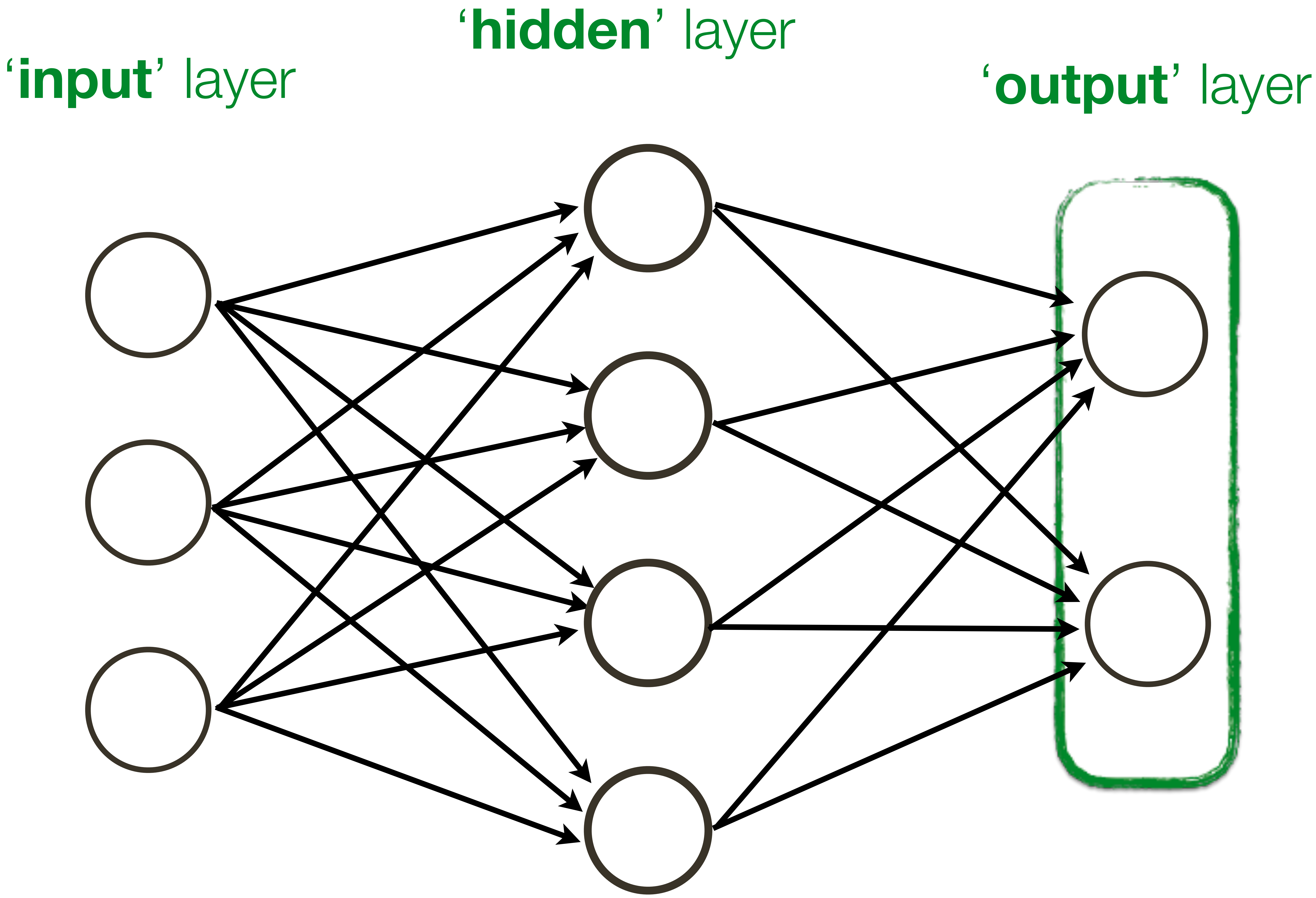

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this layer is a
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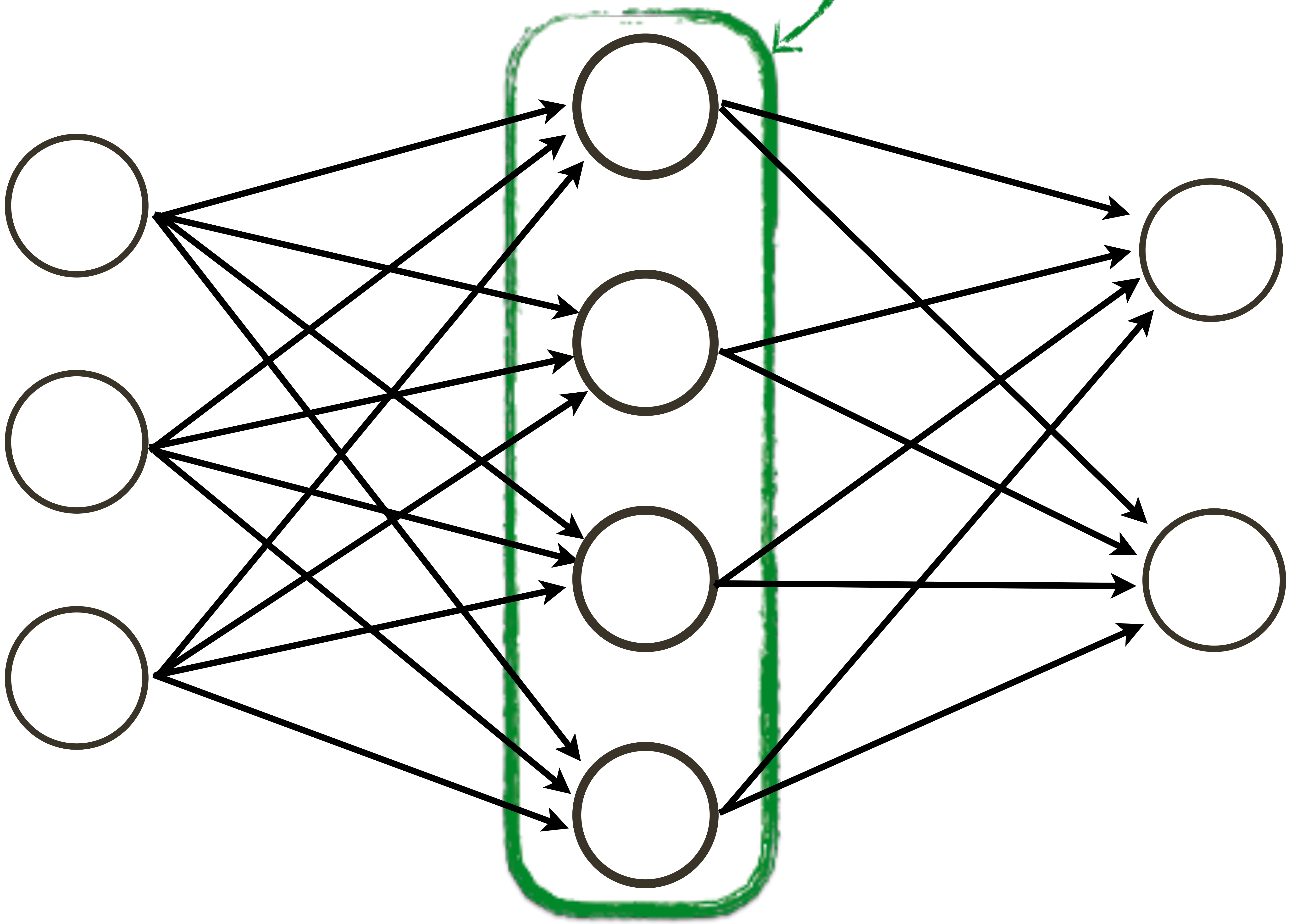

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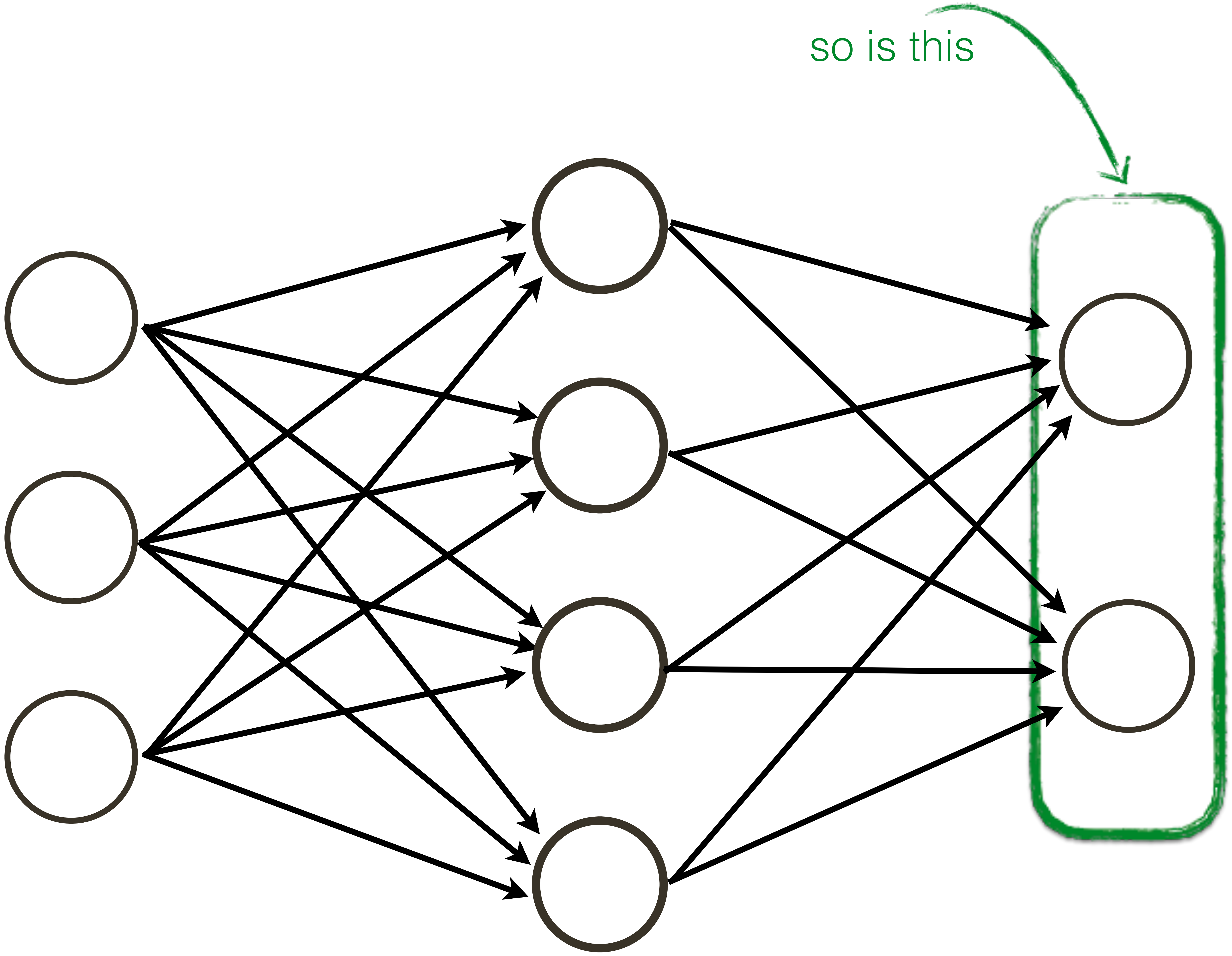
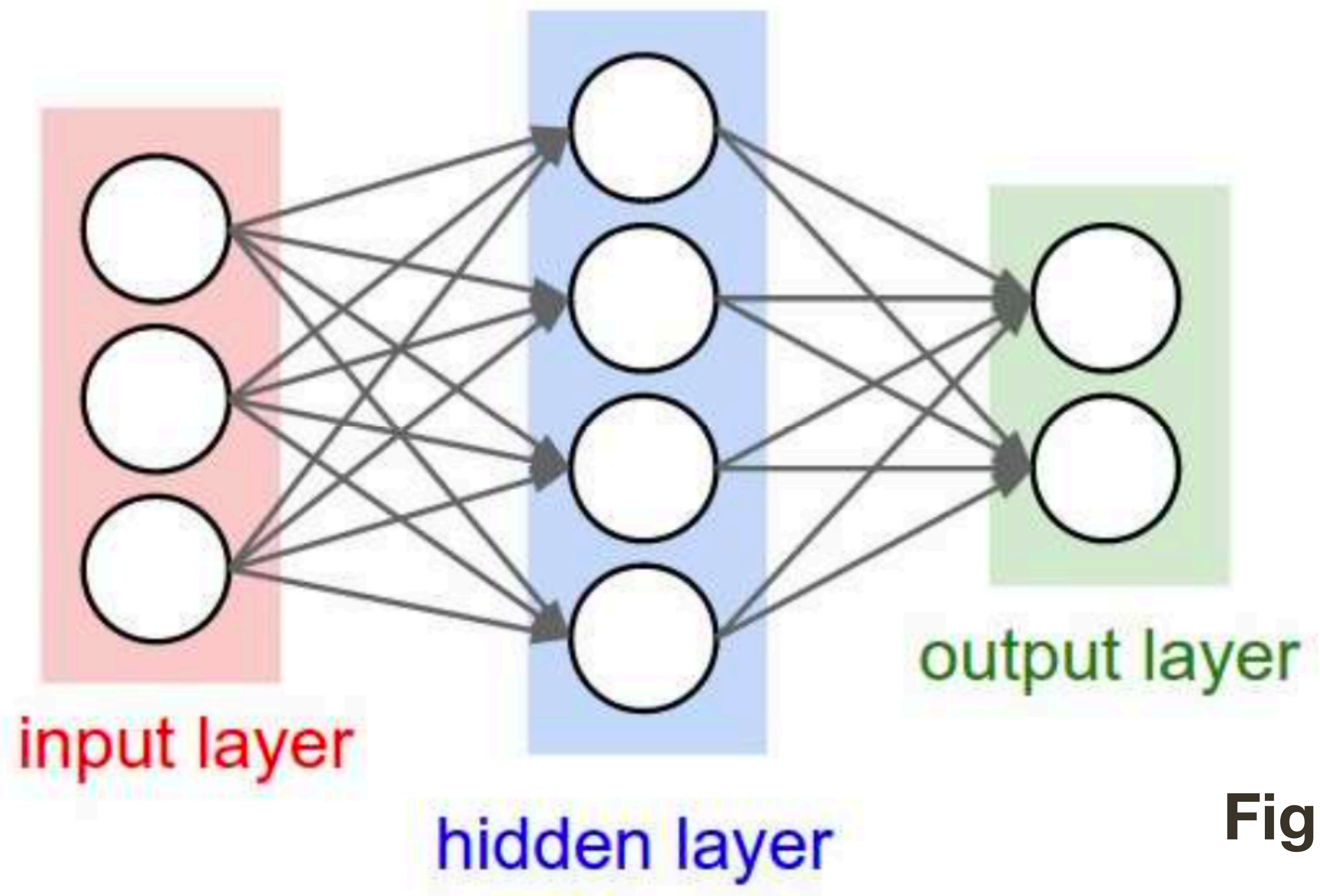


Neural Network

A neural network comprises neurons connected in an acyclic graph

The outputs of neurons can become inputs to other neurons

Neural networks typically contain multiple layers of neurons



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Example of a neural network with three inputs, a single hidden layer of four neurons, and an output layer of two neurons

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2) More efficient due to distributed representation

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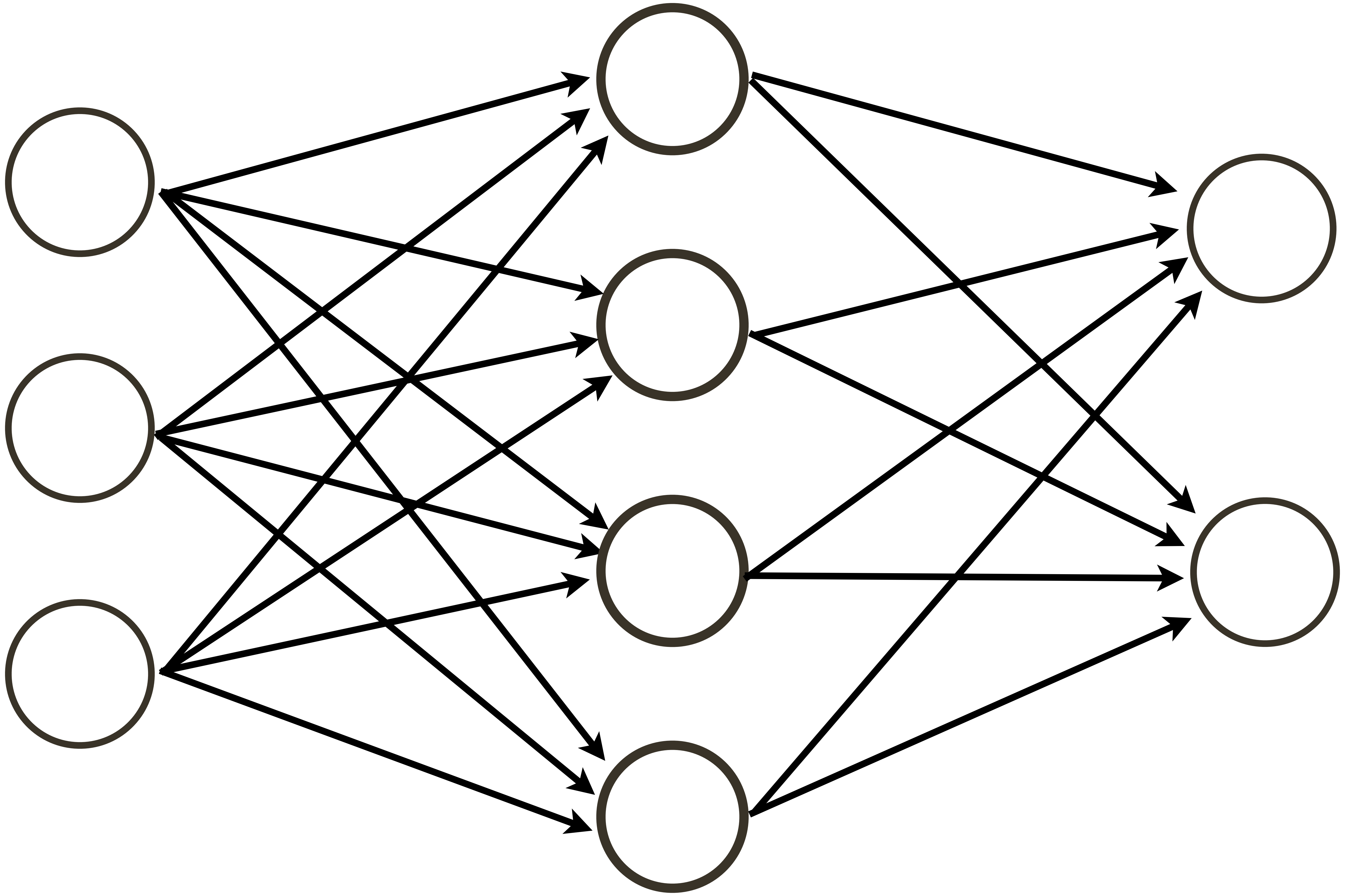
Activation Function

Why can't we have **linear** activation functions? Why have non-linear activations?



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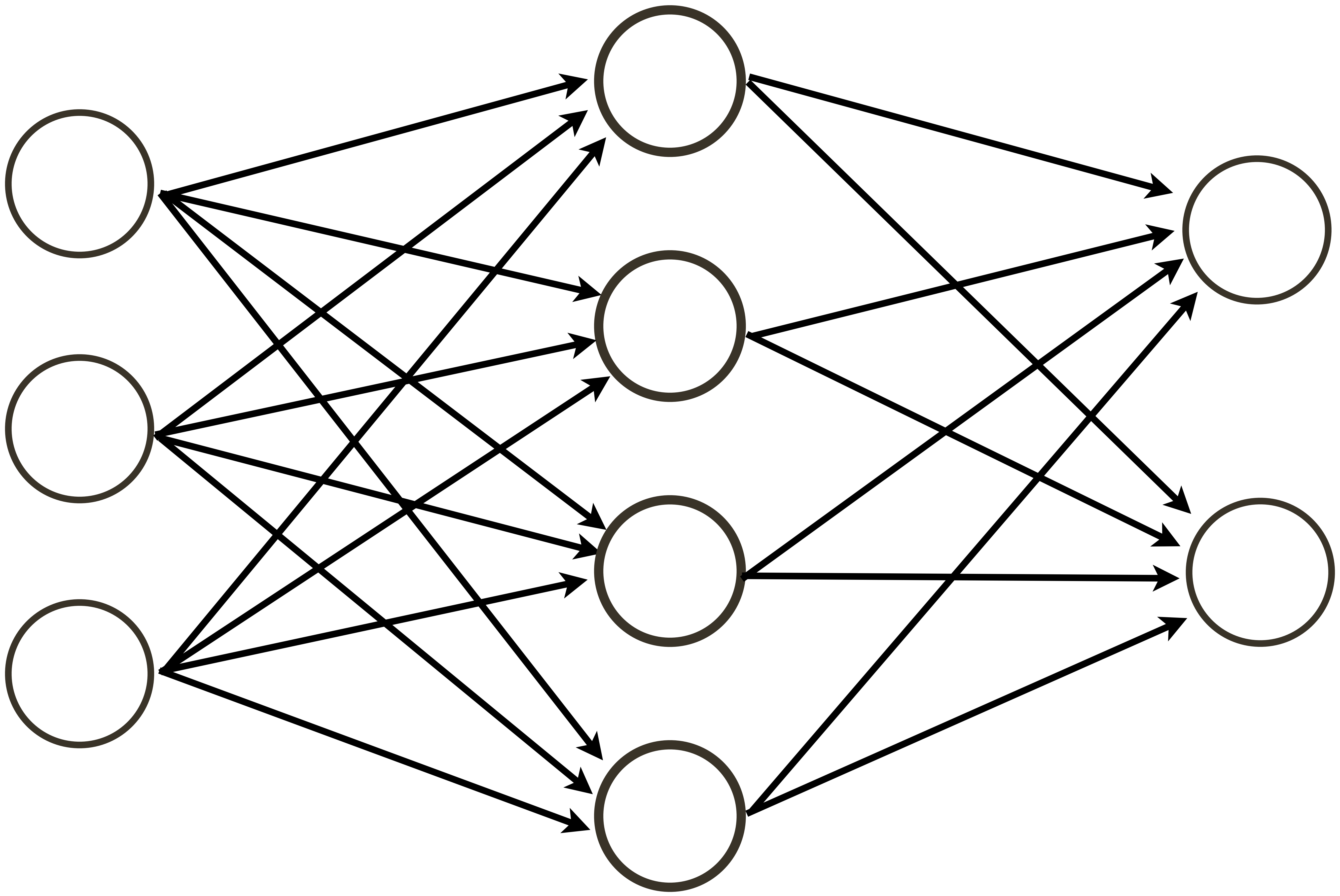

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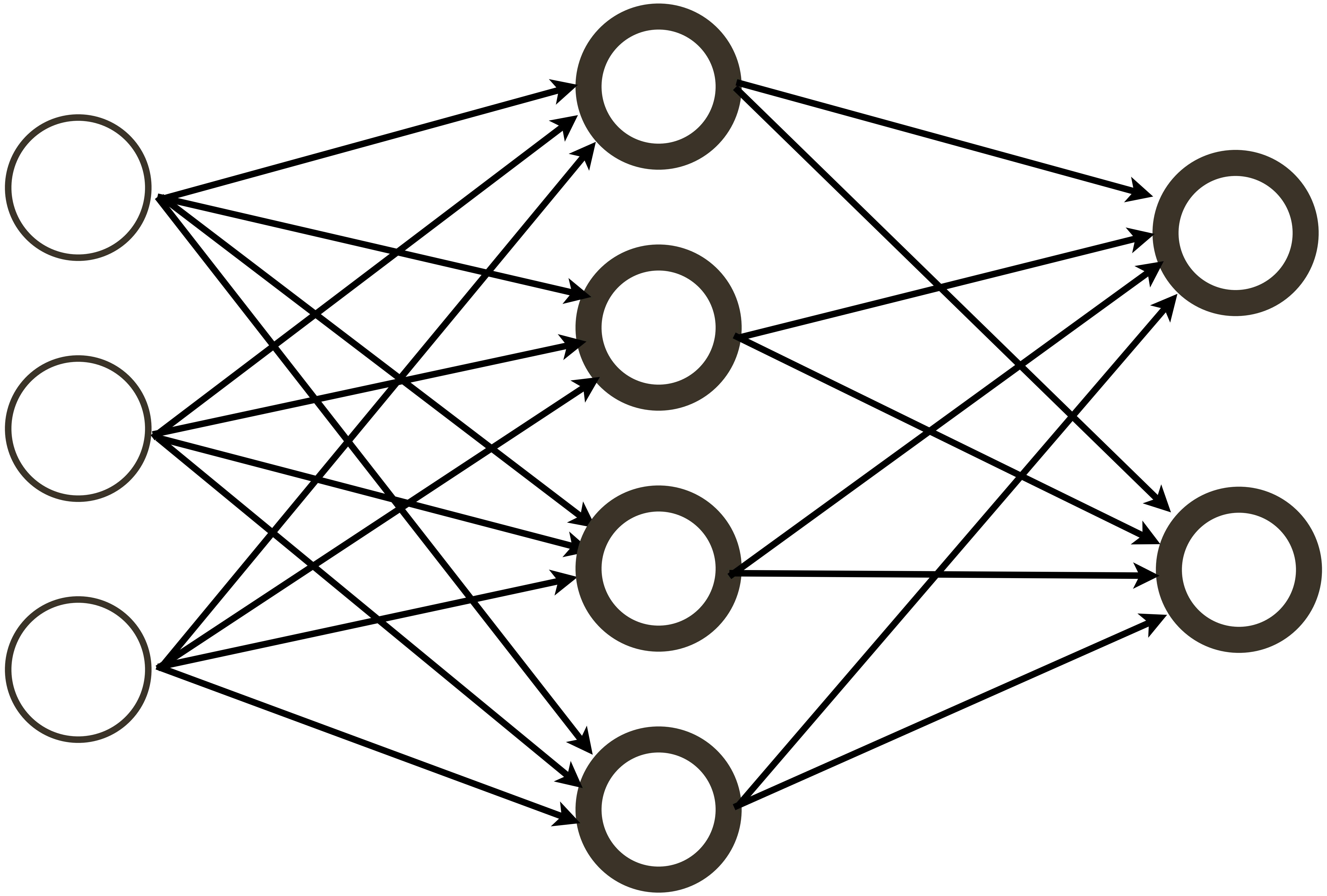

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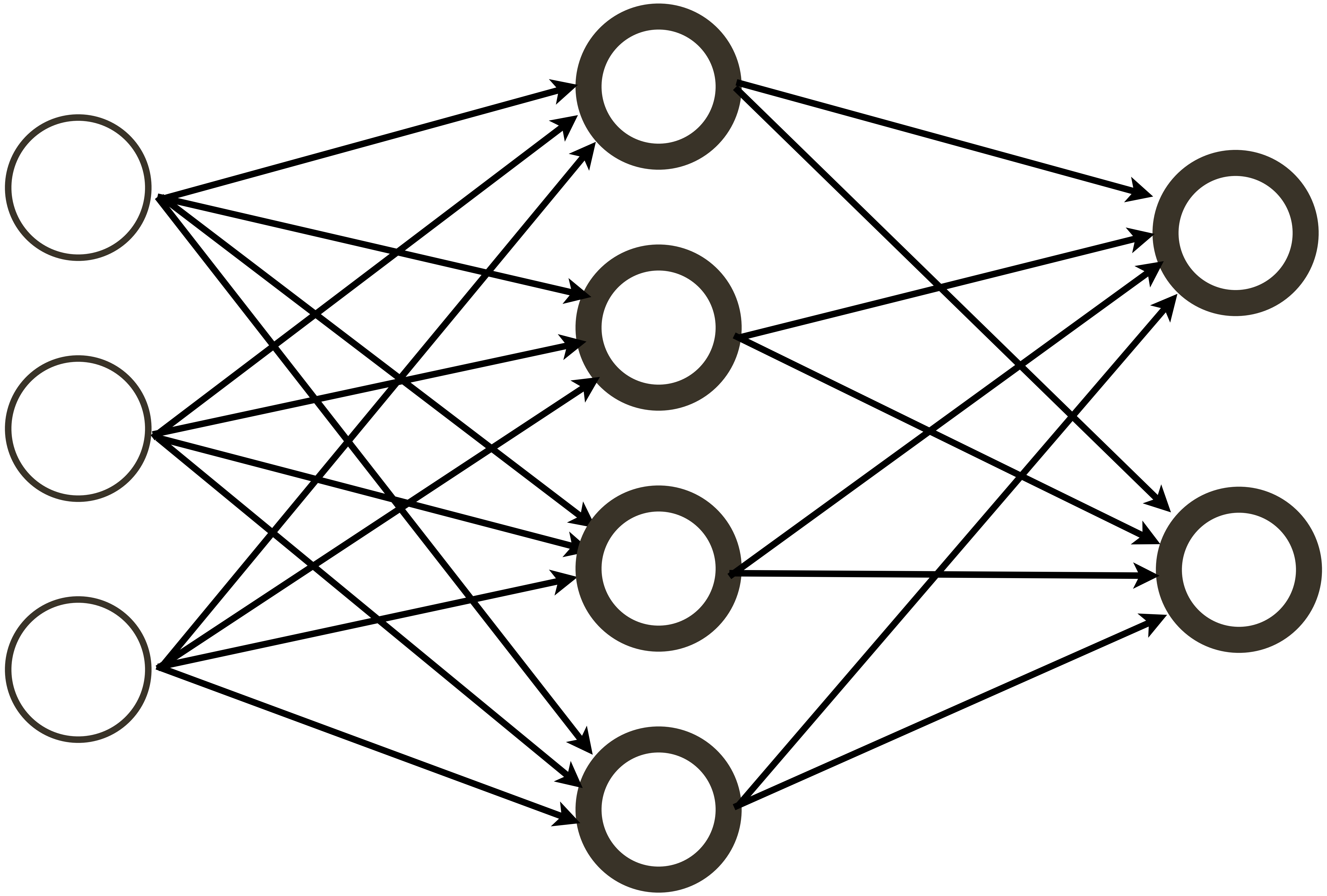

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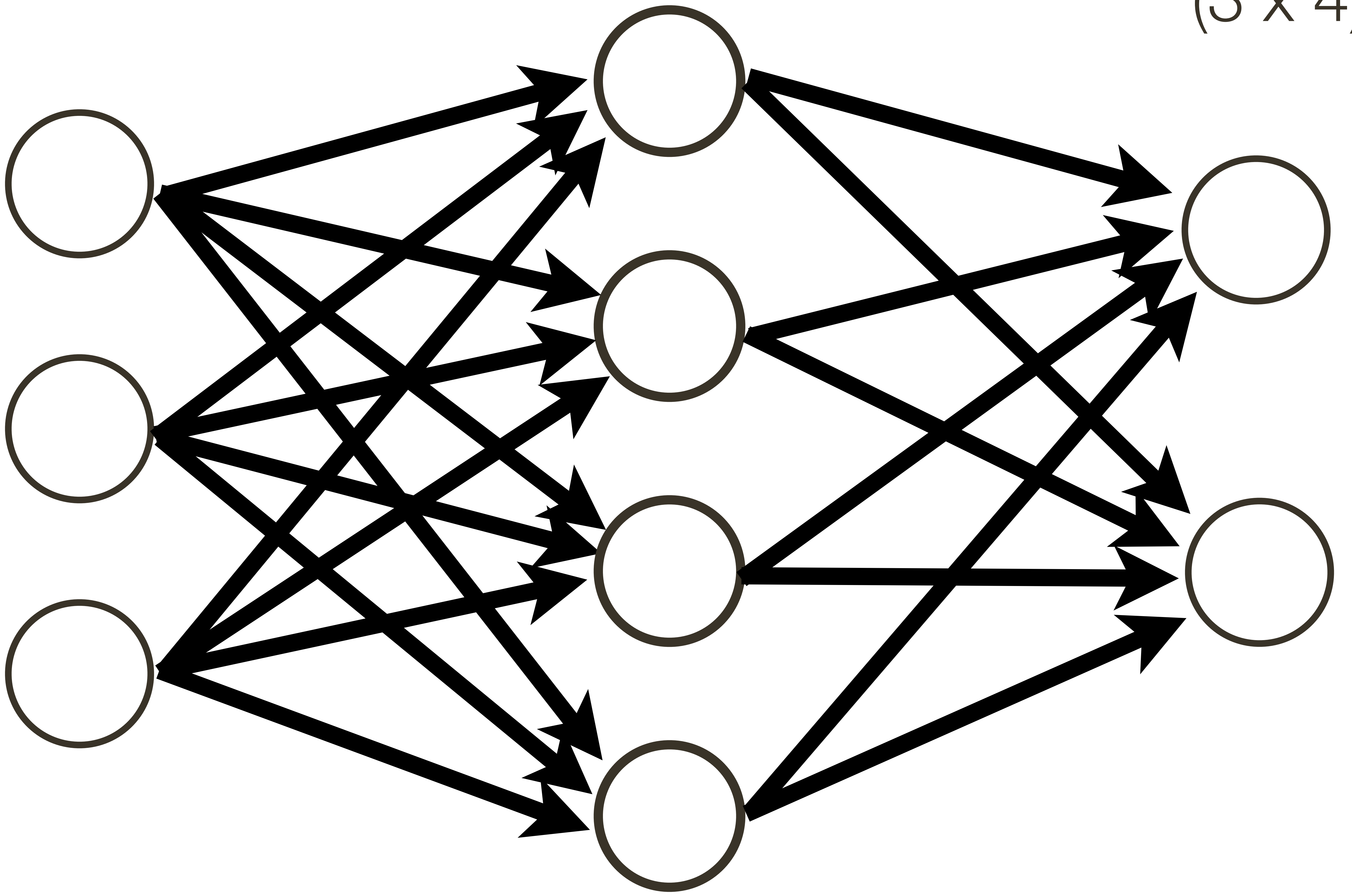

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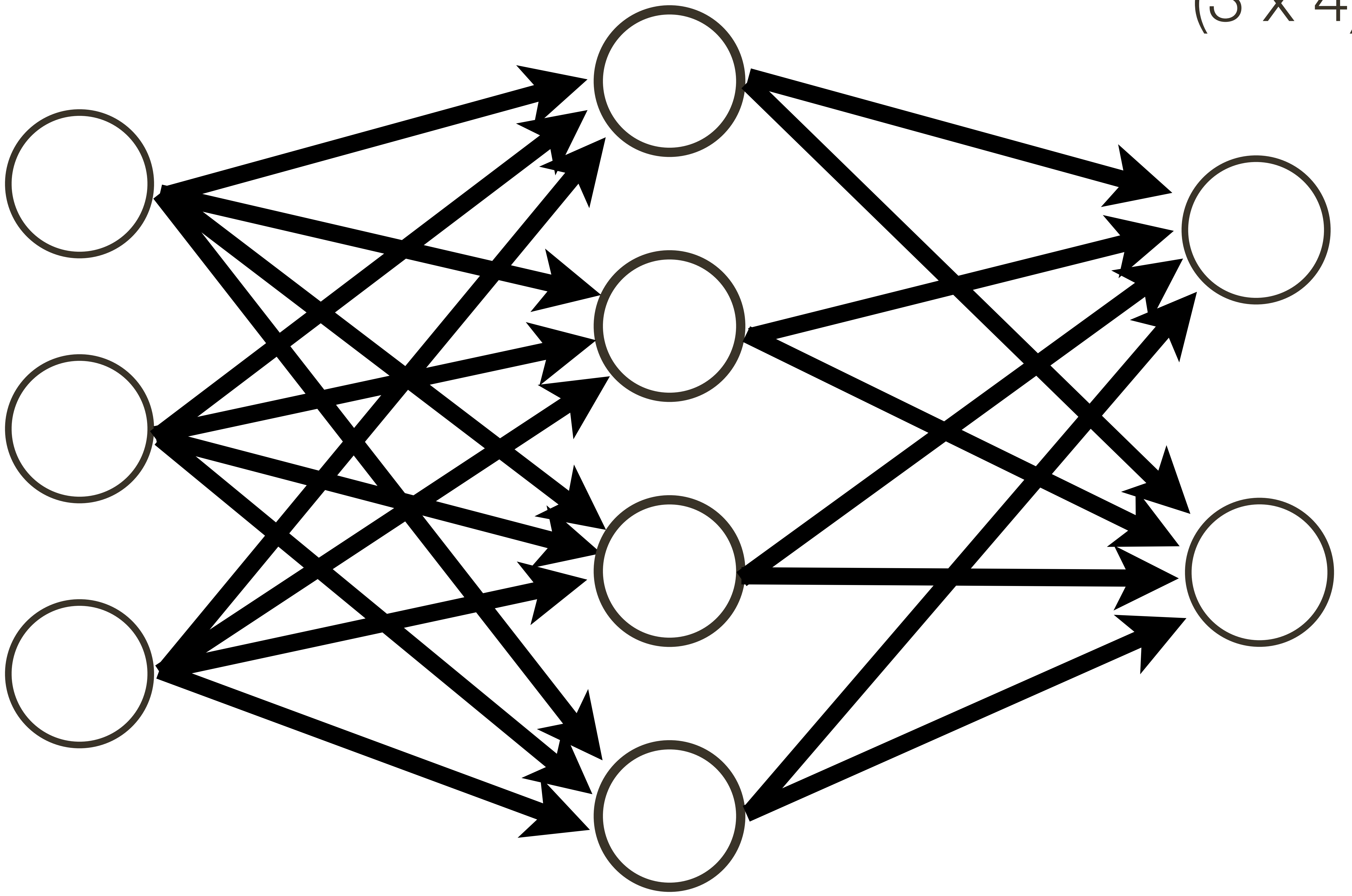

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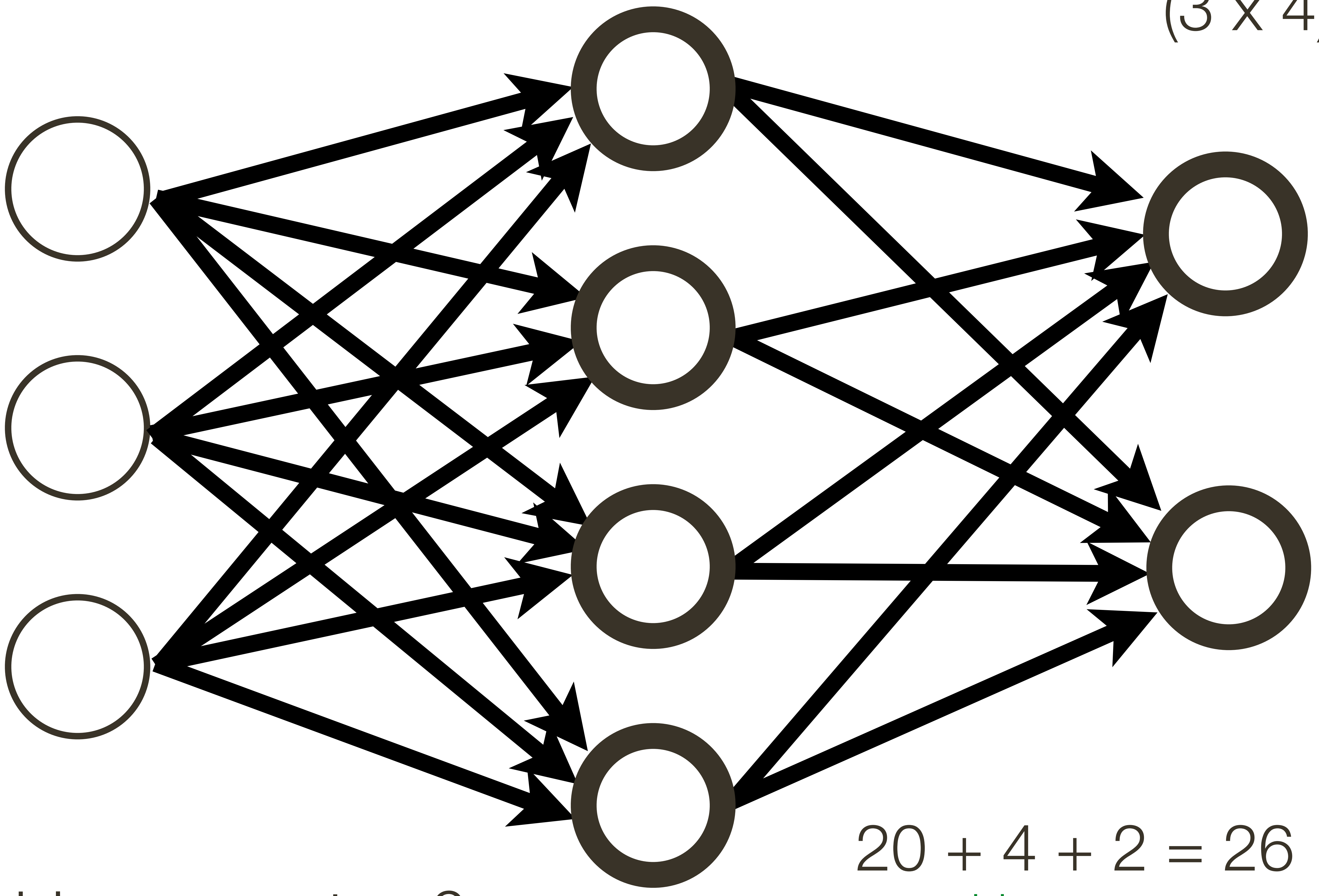

20 + 4 + 2 = 26

bias terms

How many learnable parameters?

Neural Networks

Modern **convolutional neural networks** contain 10-20 layers and on the order of 100 million parameters

Training a neural network requires estimating a large number of parameters

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softmax function
multi-class classifier

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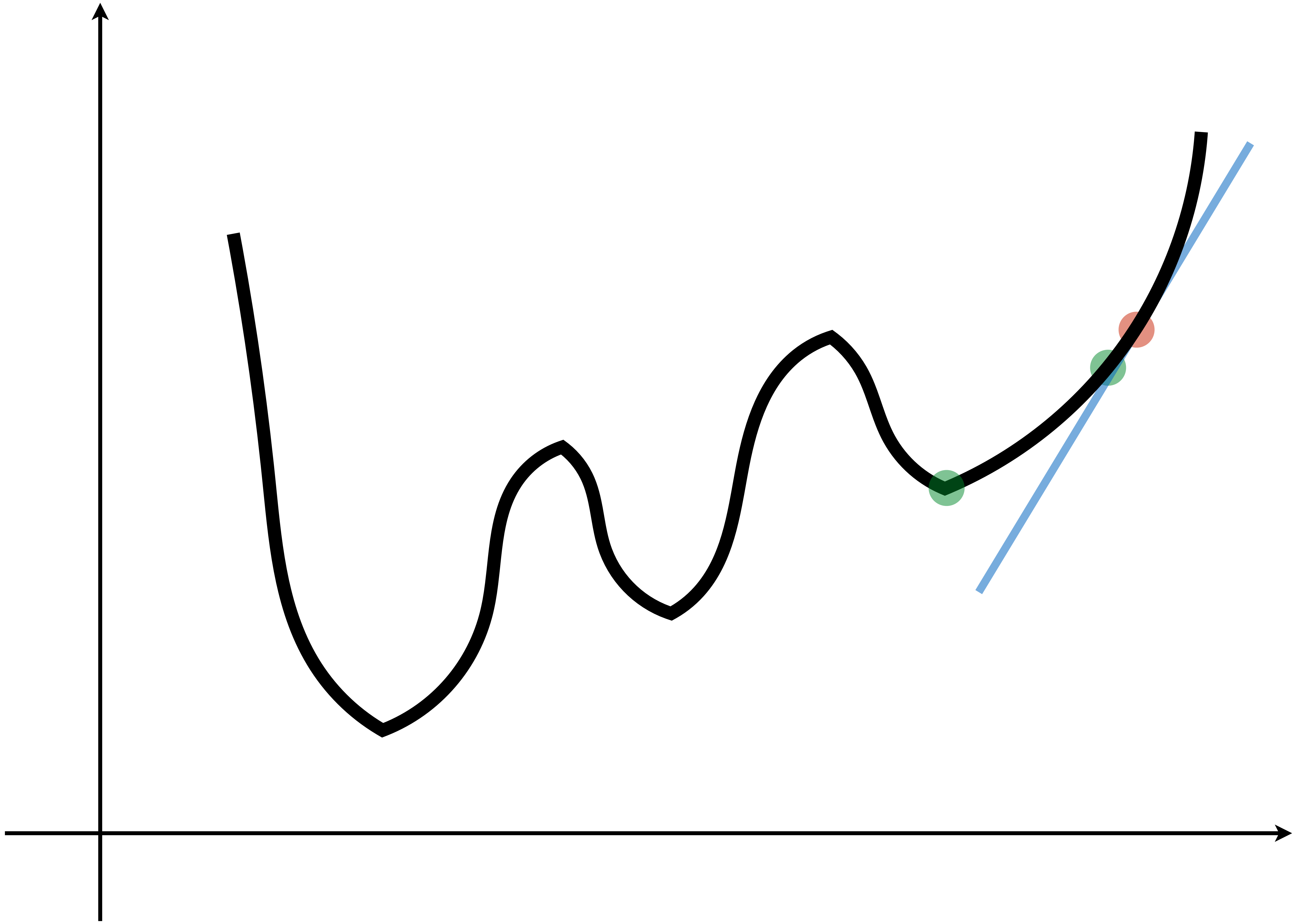
We want to compute the **gradient** of the loss with respect to the network parameters so that we can incrementally adjust the network parameters

Gradient Descent



1. Start from random value of $\boxed{\mathbf{W}_0, \mathbf{b}_0}$

For $k = 0$ to max number of iterations

2. Compute gradient of the loss with respect to previous (initial) parameters:

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b})\big|_{\mathbf{W}=\mathbf{W}_k, \mathbf{b}=\mathbf{b}_k}$$

3. Re-estimate the parameters

$$\mathbf{W}_{k+1} = \mathbf{W}_k - \underline{\lambda} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b})}{\partial \mathbf{W}}\bigg|_{\mathbf{W}=\mathbf{W}_k, \mathbf{b}=\mathbf{b}_k}$$

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λ - is the learning rate

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