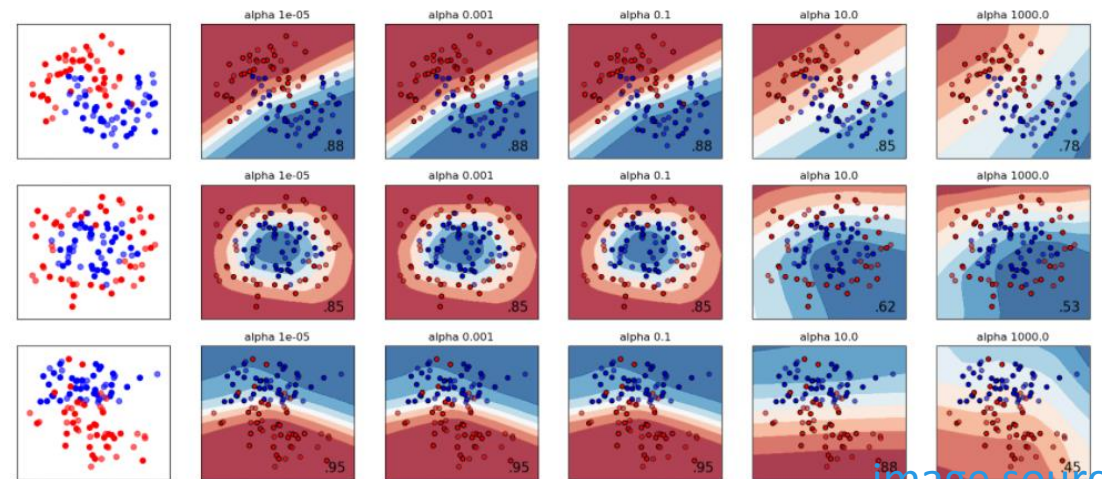


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Lets recall the feedforward algorithm before first.

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Start with an input  $x = a^{(0)}$ . In the picture, this is represented by the first layer of nodes. We will call this layer 0.

$$x = a^{(0)}$$

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We apply the weight  $W^{(1)}$  coming from the edges between layer 0 and layer 1 and add the biases and then apply the Activation function on the resulting vector coordinate-wise.

$$x = a^{(0)} \longrightarrow \sigma(W^{(1)}a^{(0)} + b^{(1)})$$

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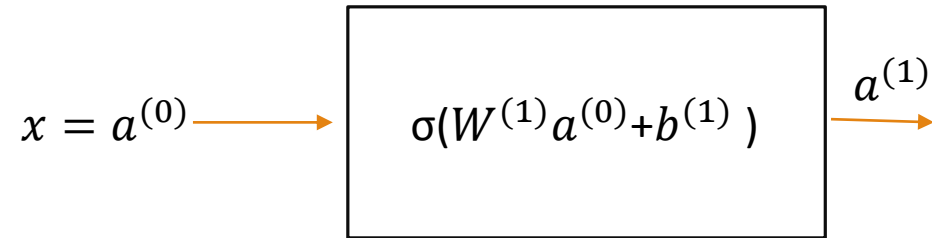
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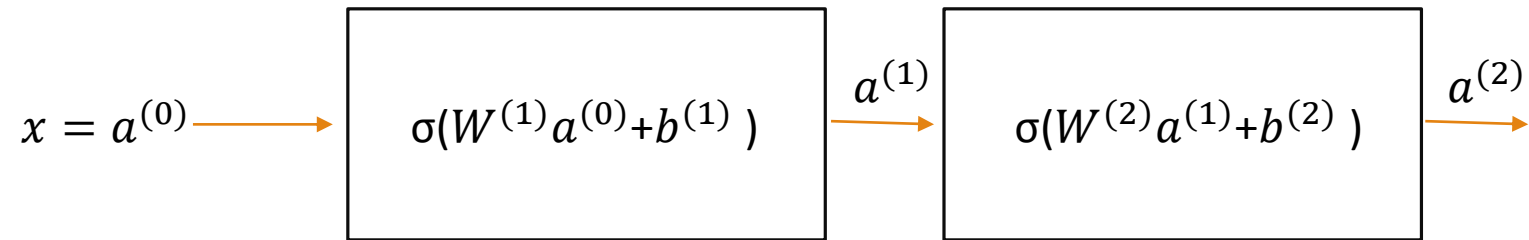
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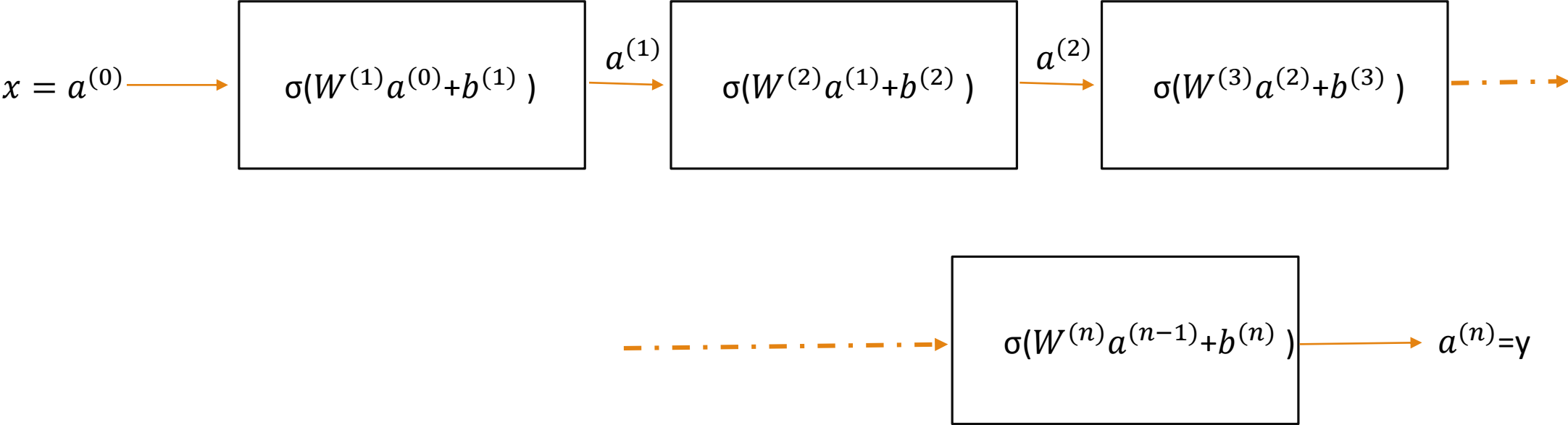
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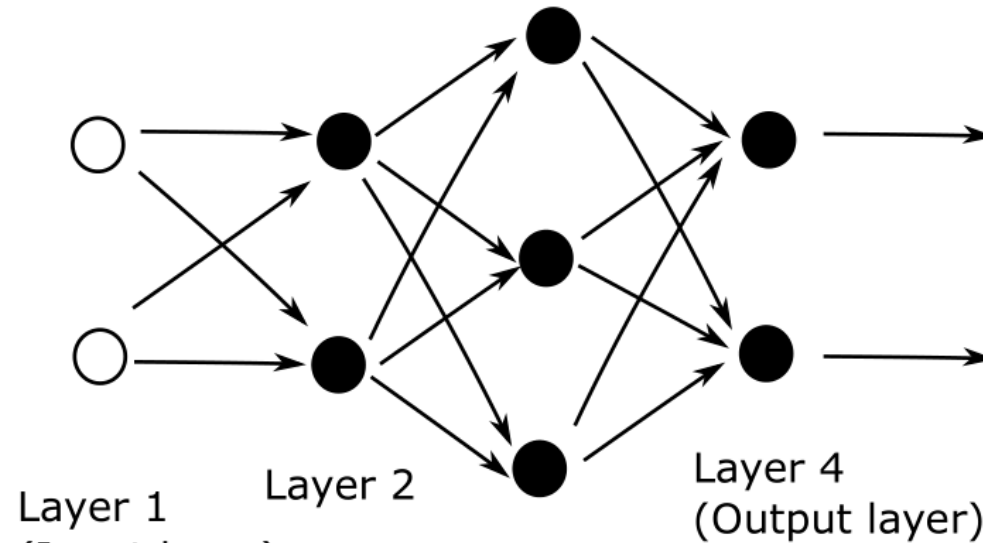
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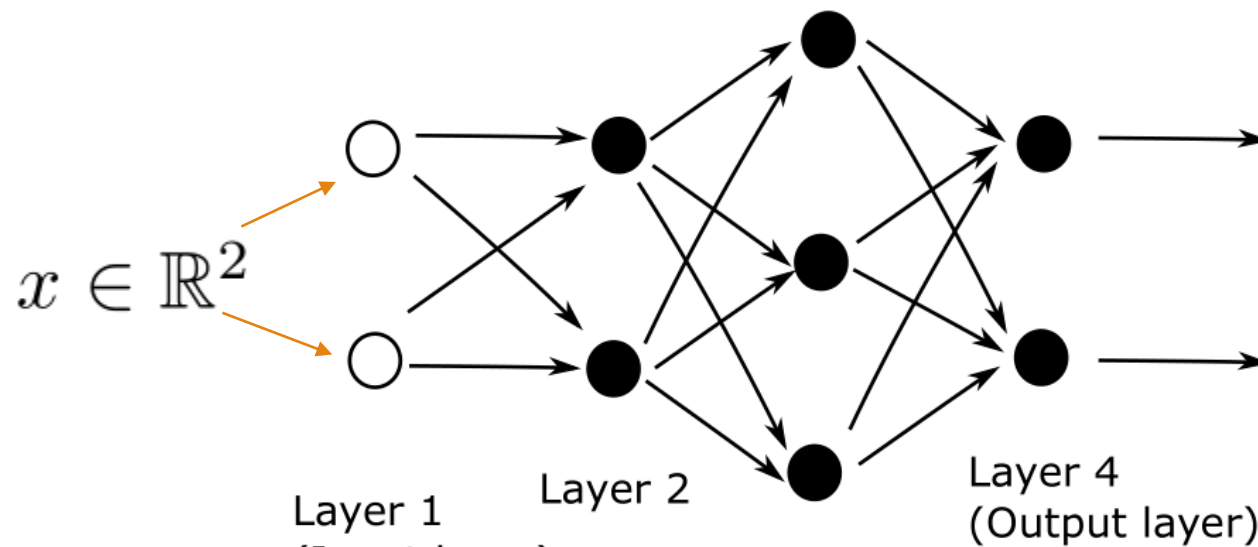
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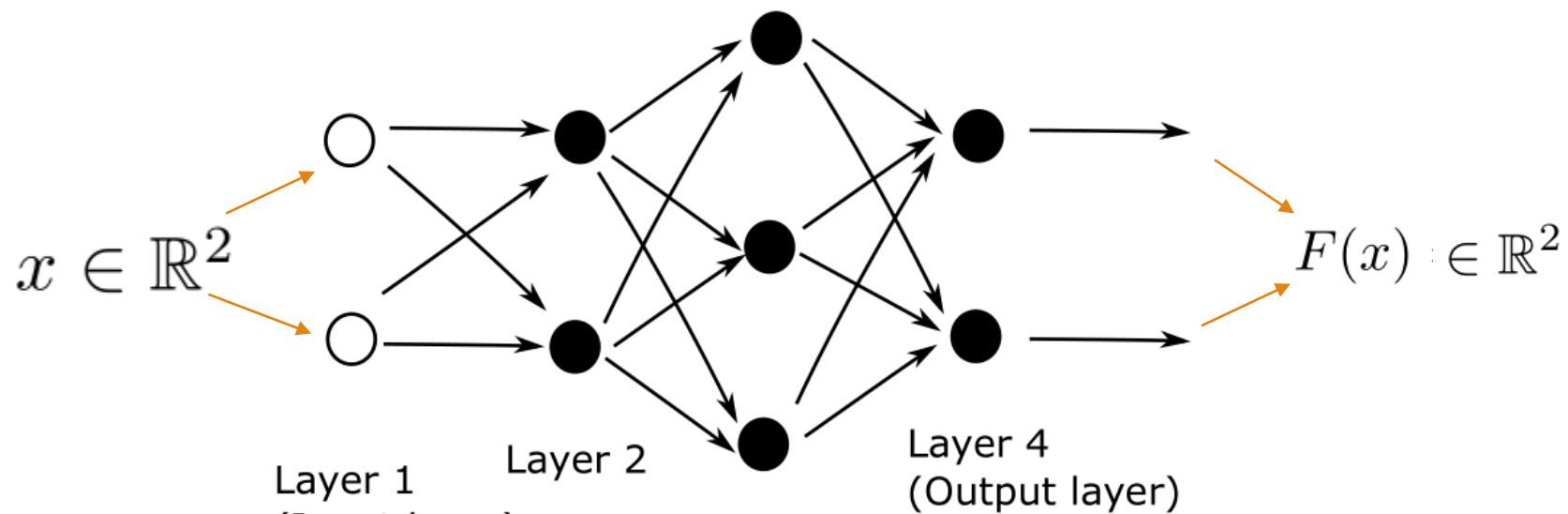
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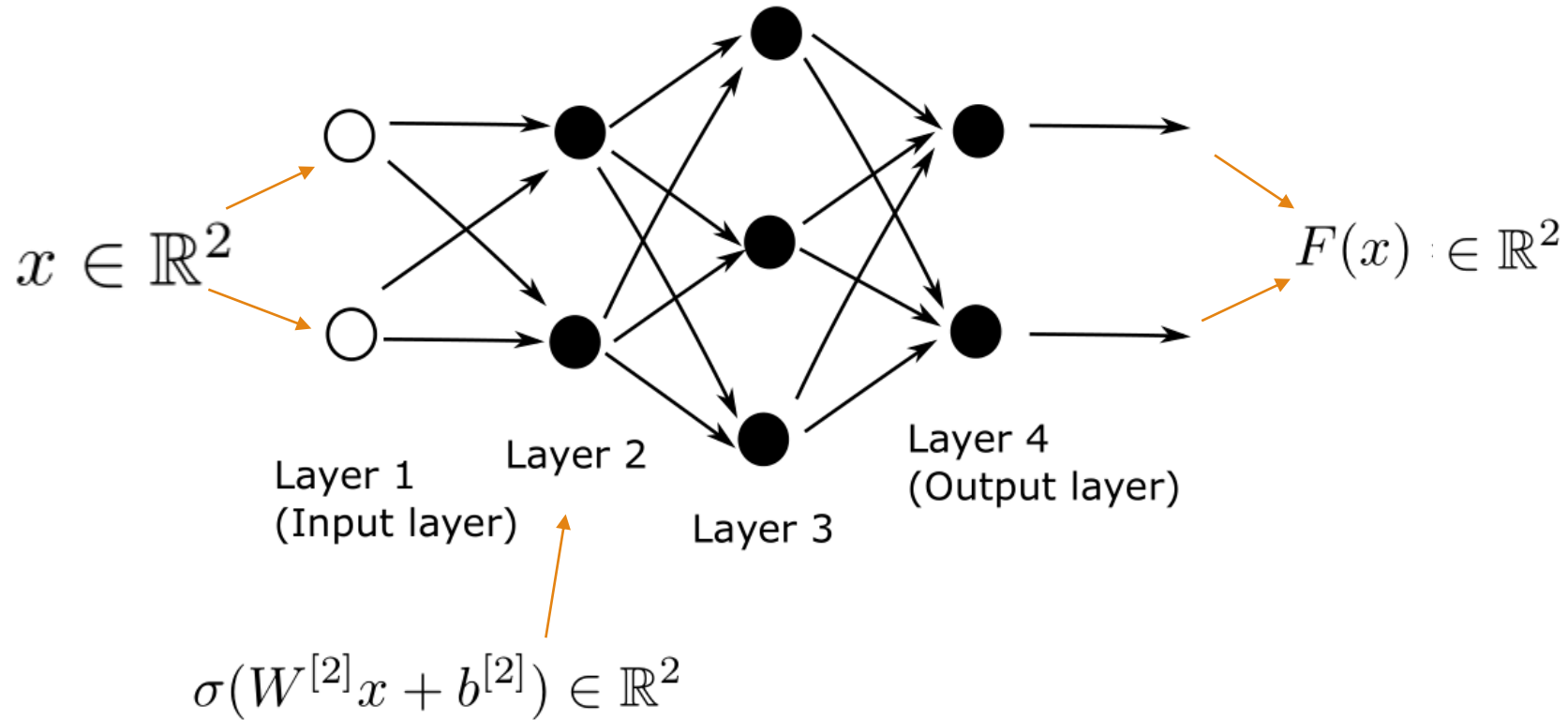
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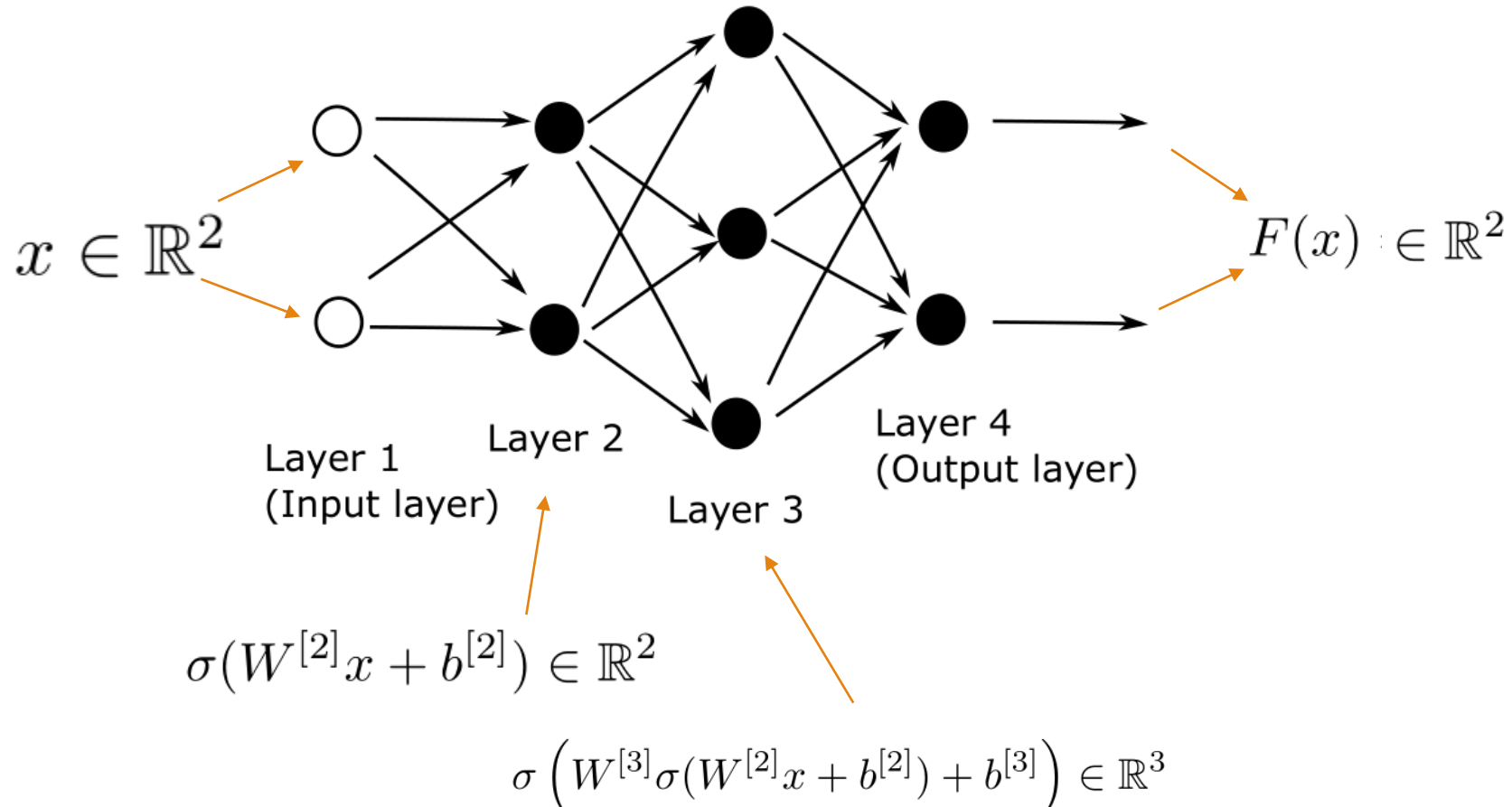
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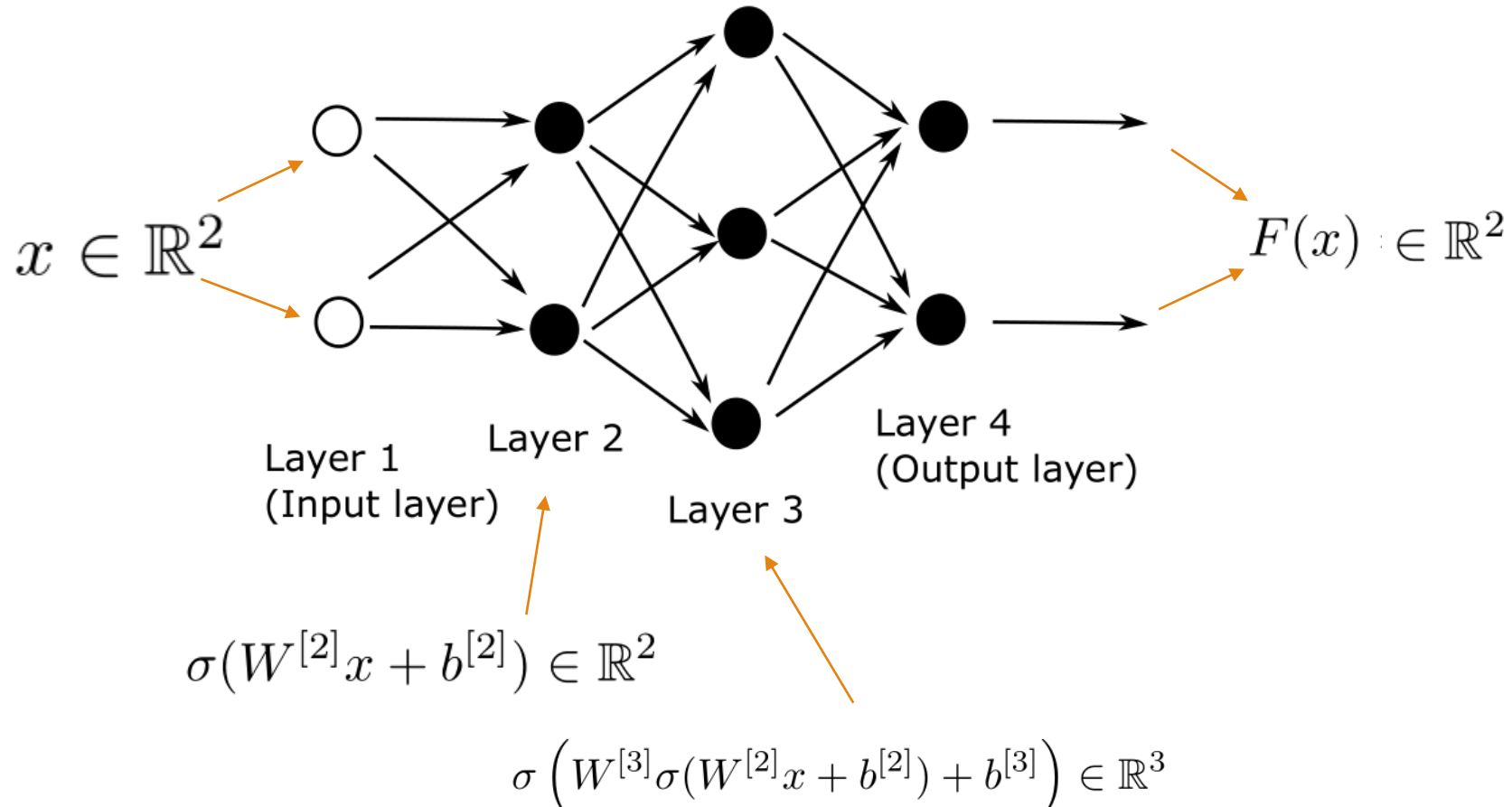
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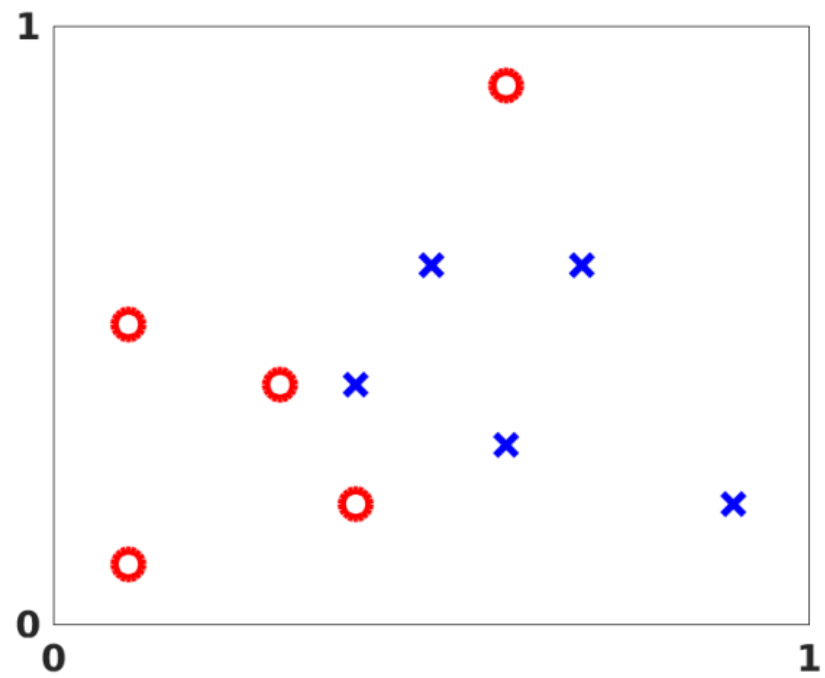
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Final function representing the neural network

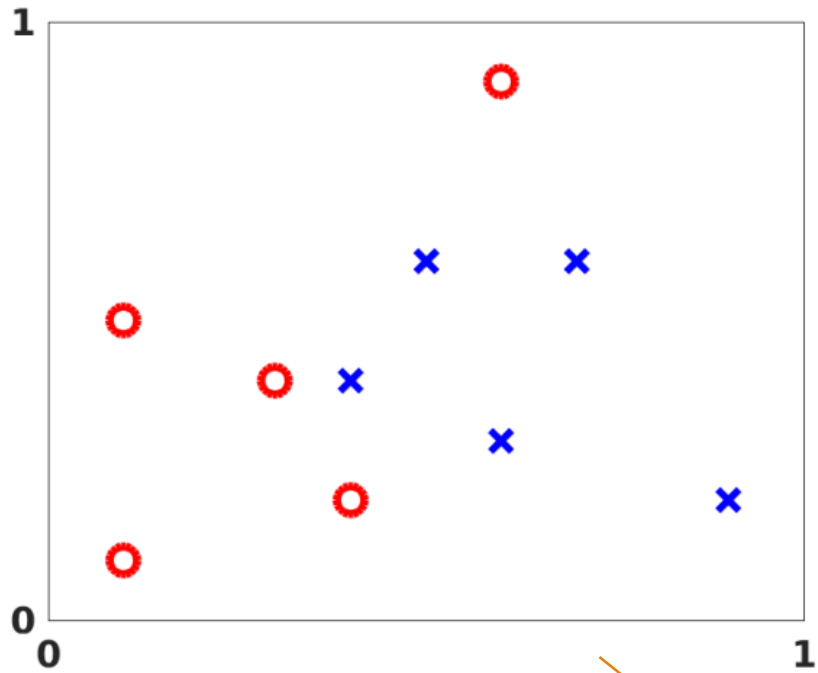
$$F(x) = \sigma \left( W^{[4]} \sigma \left( W^{[3]} \sigma(W^{[2]}x + b^{[2]}) + b^{[3]} \right) + b^{[4]} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

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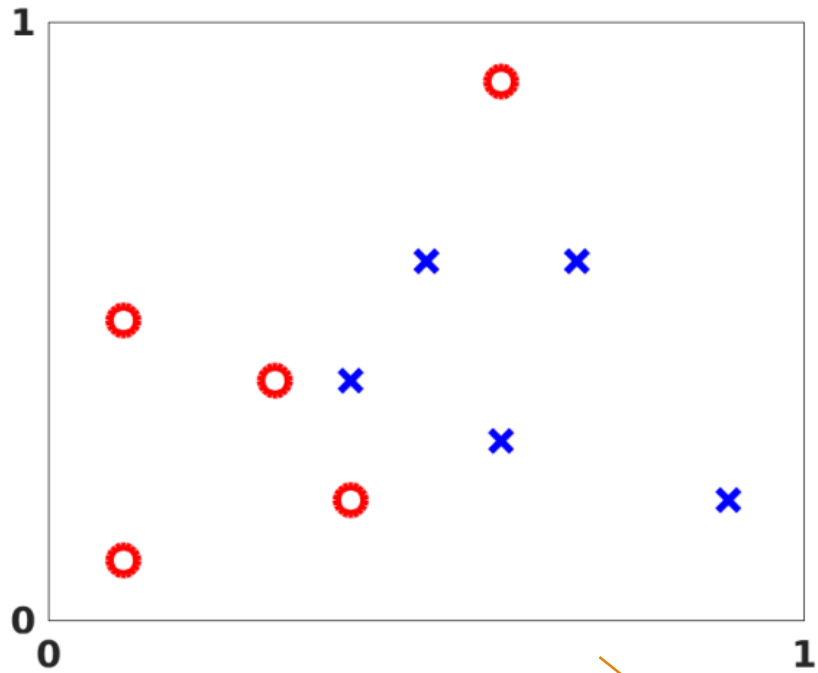


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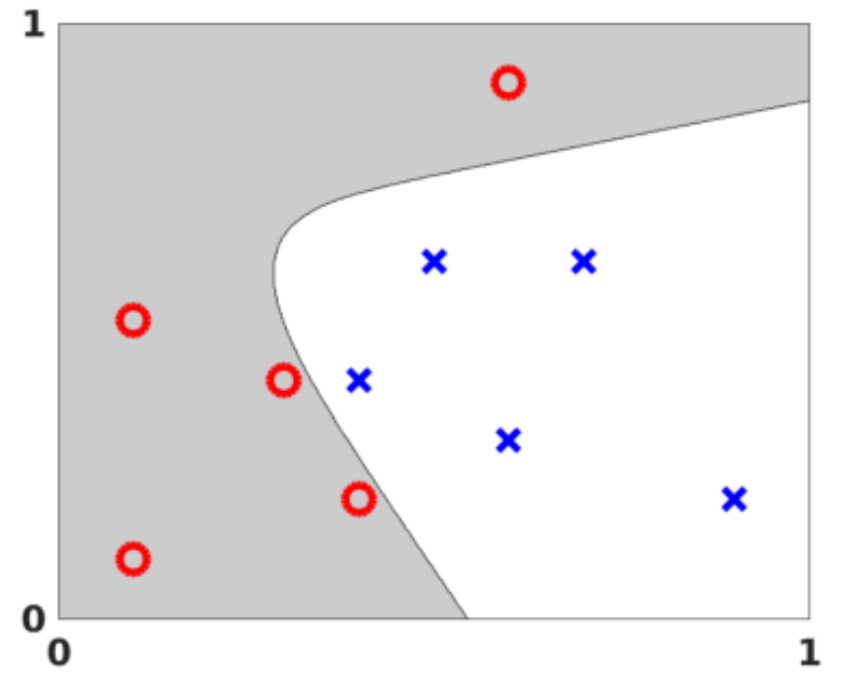
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Now suppose that we have data set that consists of images of cats and dogs and we built a neural network that takes as input an image from this data set and gives out a vector in  $R^1$  (a real number).

How exactly do we use this vector for our classification task ? In general the output  $f(x)$  coming from the neural network Does not match the class  $\{\pm 1\}$  of the input point  $x$  (it could be any real number).

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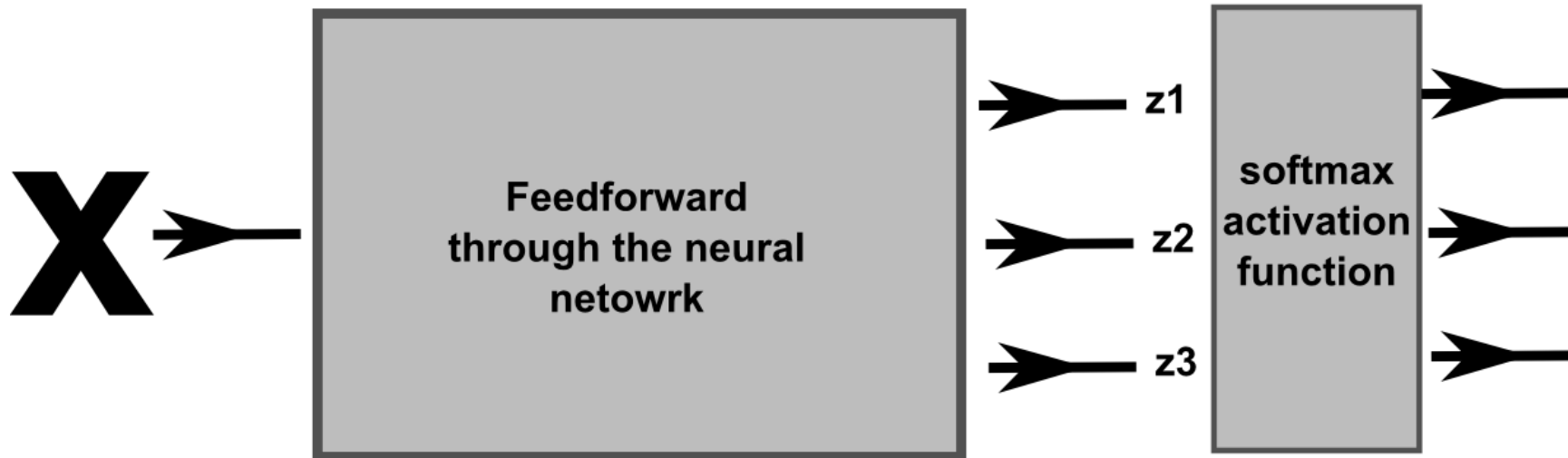
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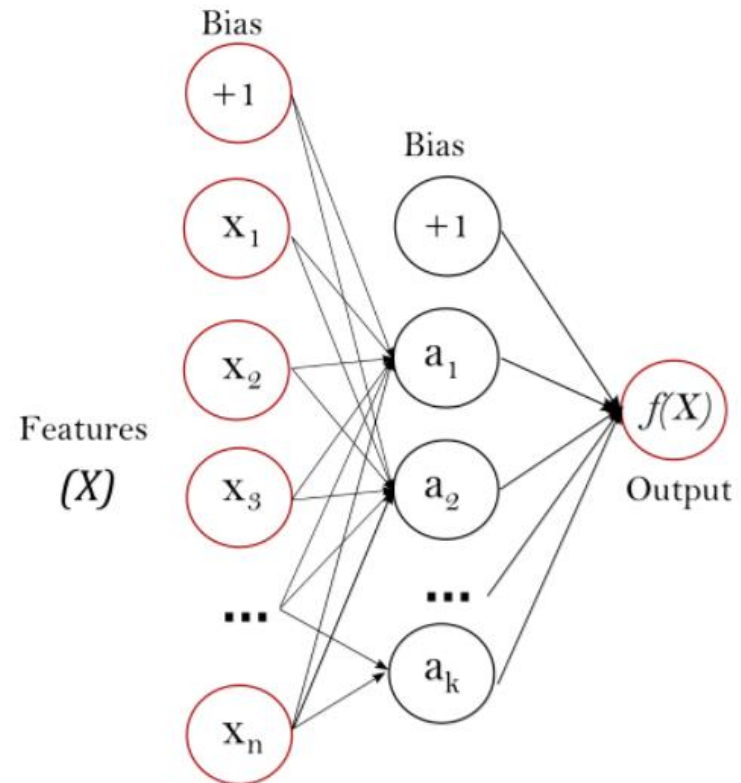
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In sklearn we can train [Multi-layer Perceptron \(MLP\)](#) for either classification or regression.





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The number  $m$  is the number of node in the output. For example in the case of the digits classifier  $m = 10$ .

Let us study this [example](#)

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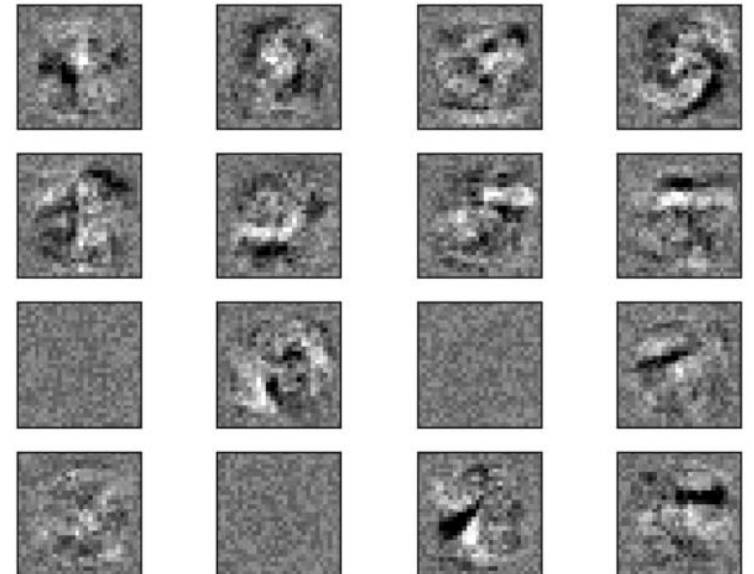
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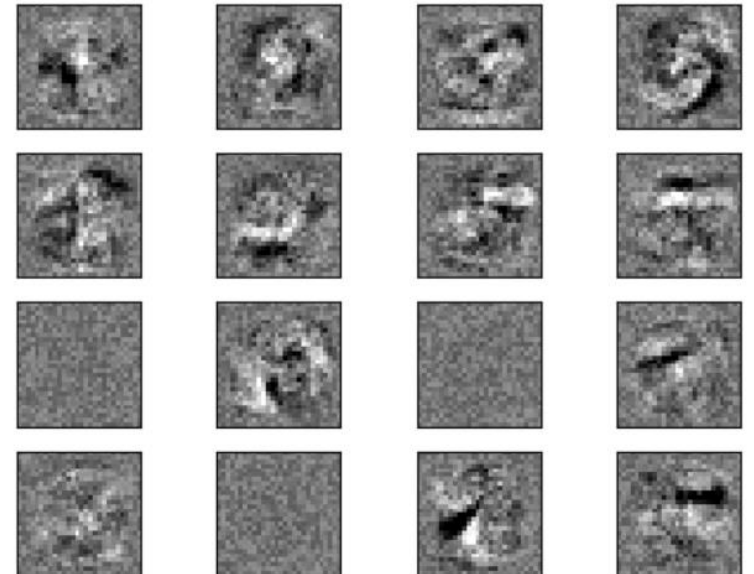
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If you do know the answer watch [this](#) again



# Regularization

Alpha is a parameter for regularization term, aka penalty term, that combats overfitting by constraining the size of the weights. Increasing alpha may fix high variance (a sign of overfitting) by encouraging smaller weights, resulting in a decision boundary plot that appears with lesser curvatures. Similarly, decreasing alpha may fix high bias (a sign of underfitting) by encouraging larger weights, potentially resulting in a more complicated decision boundary.

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