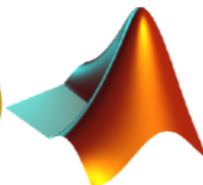


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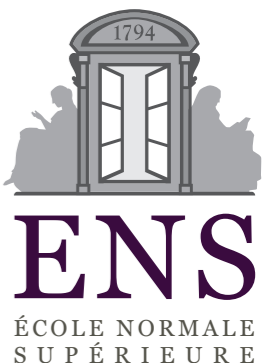
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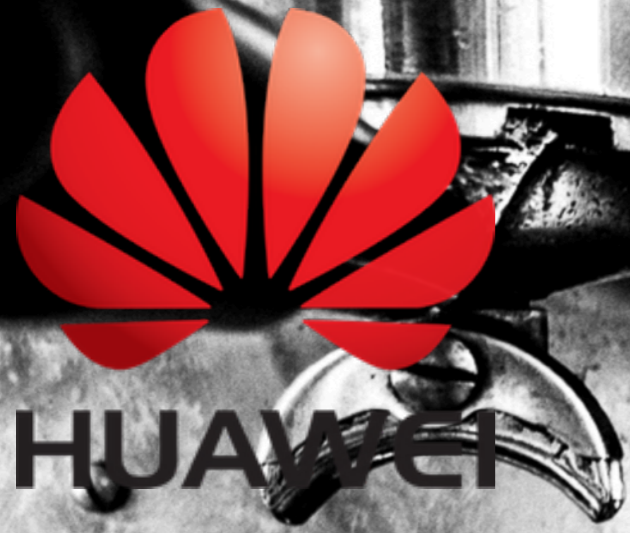


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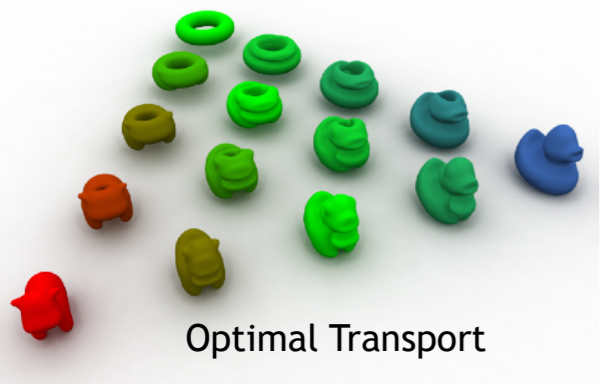
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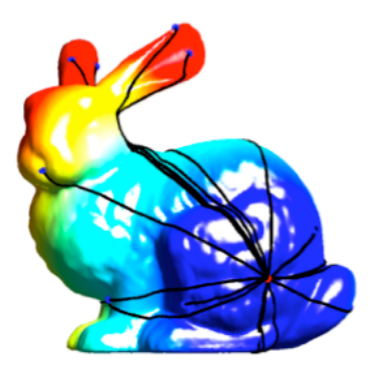
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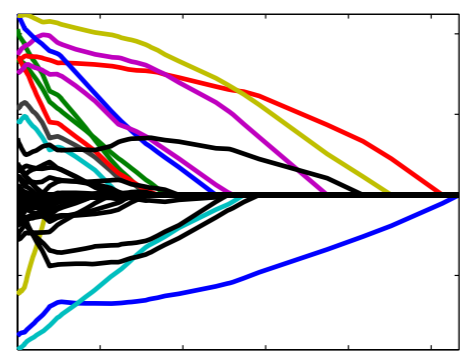
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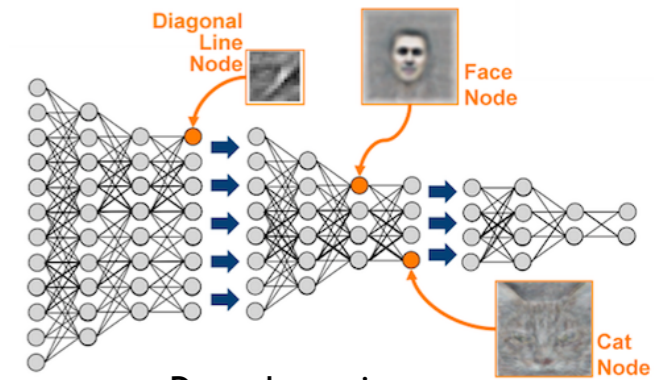
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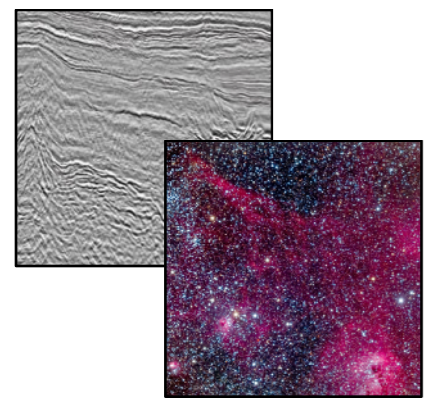
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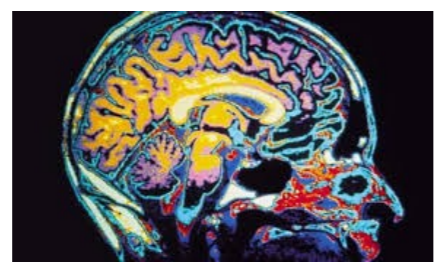
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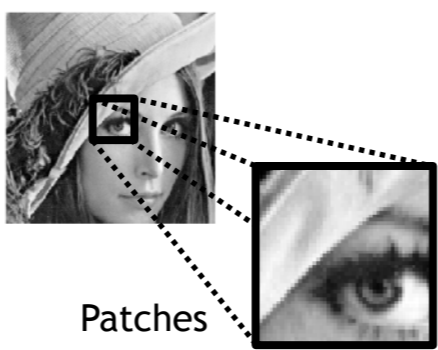
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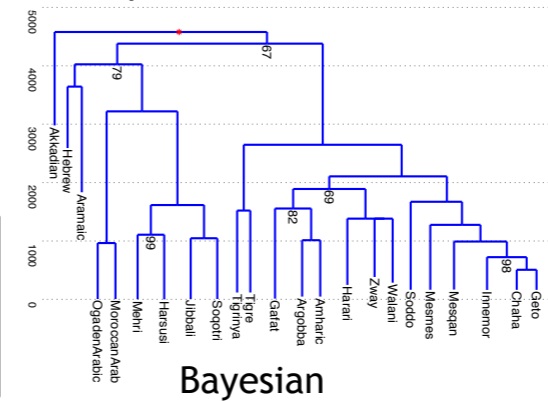
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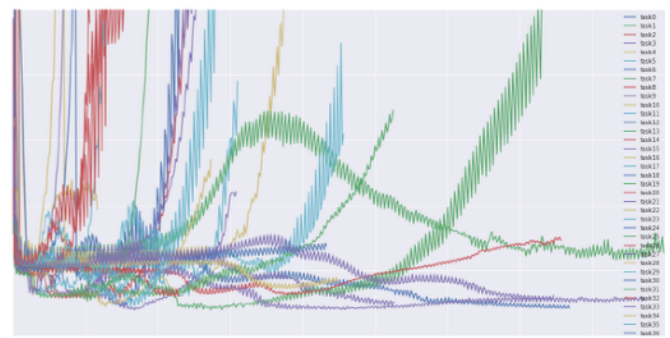
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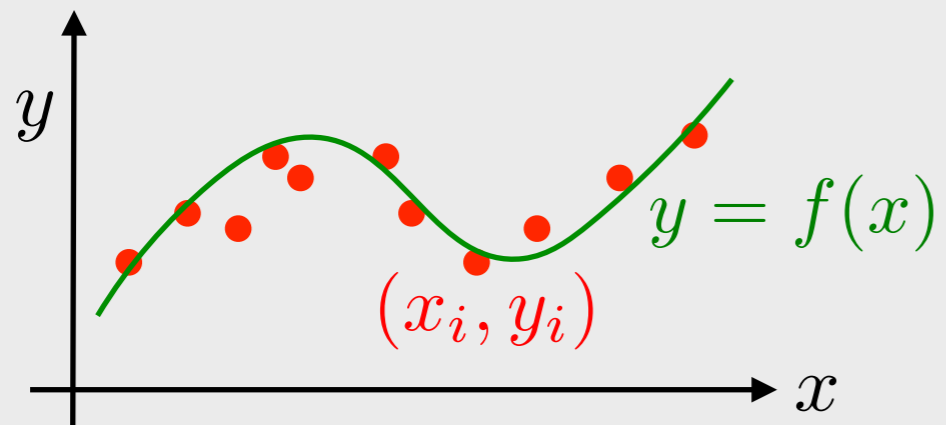
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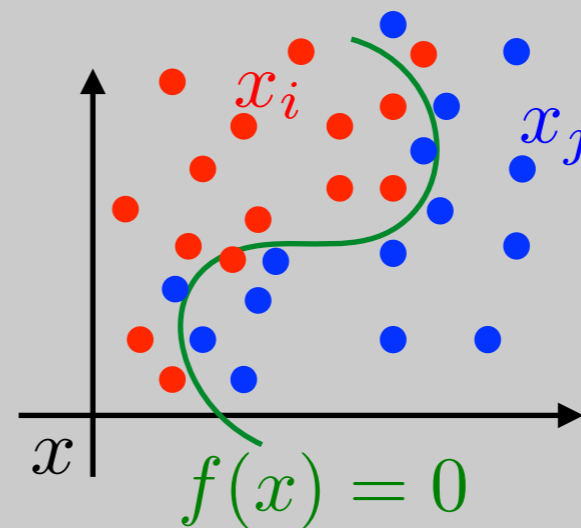


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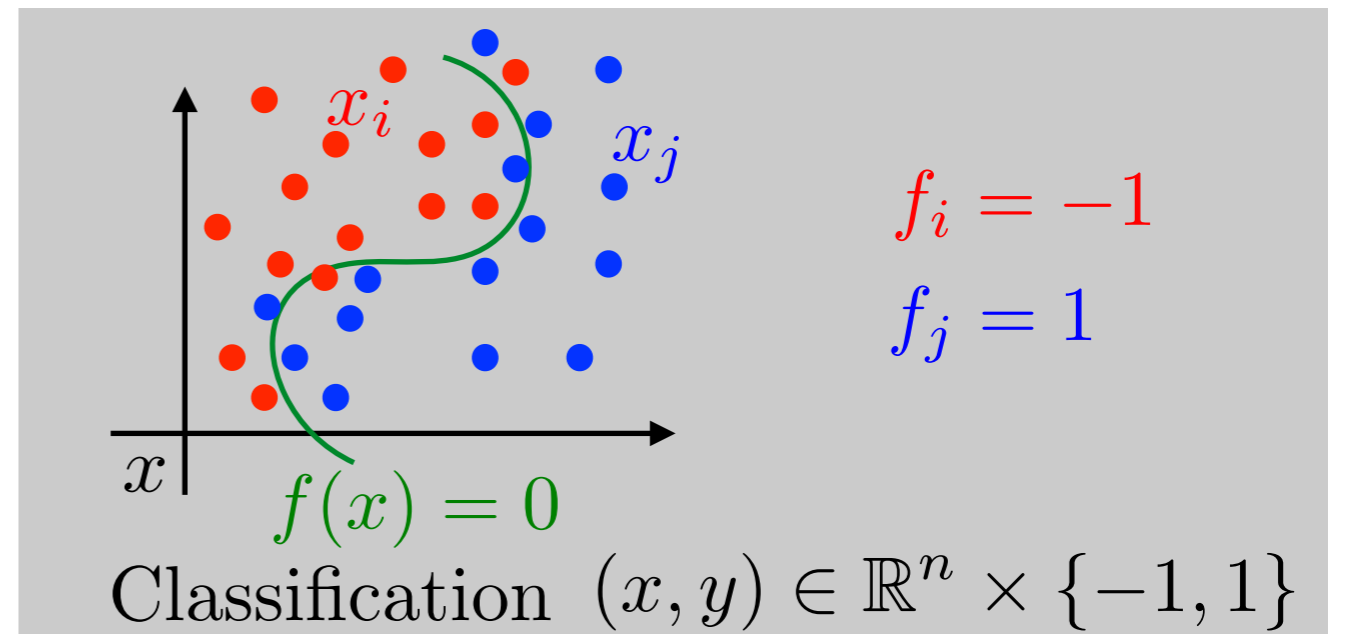
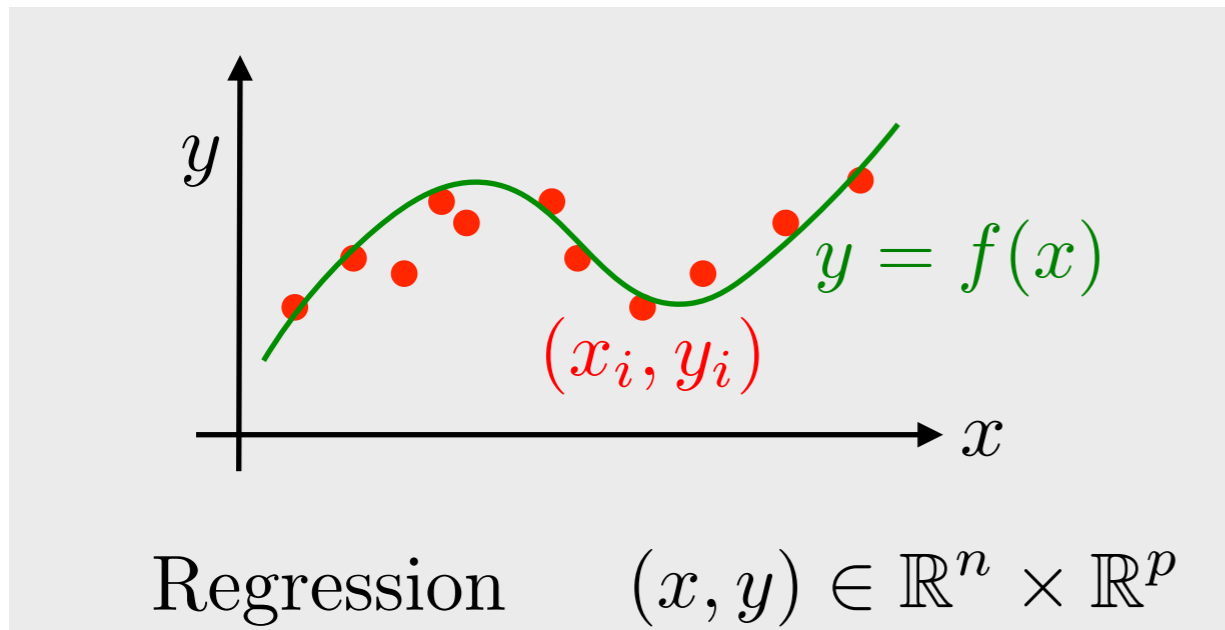
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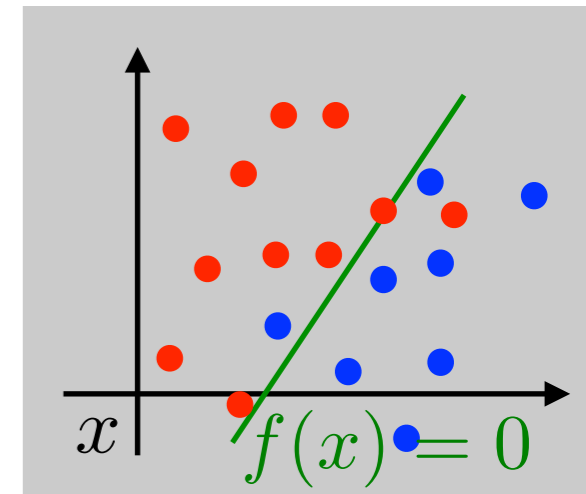
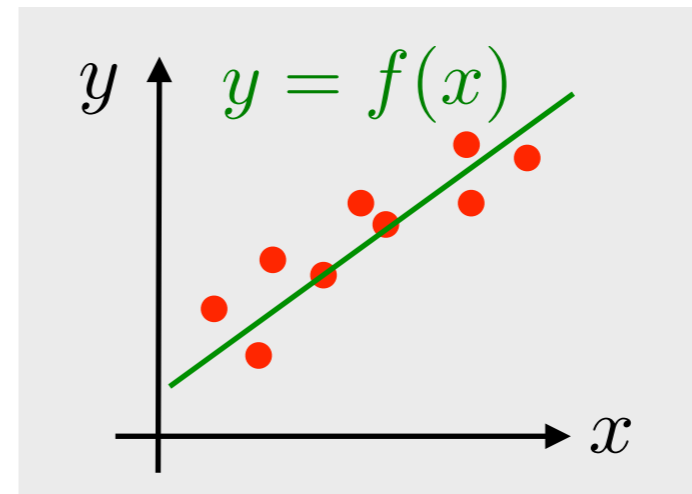
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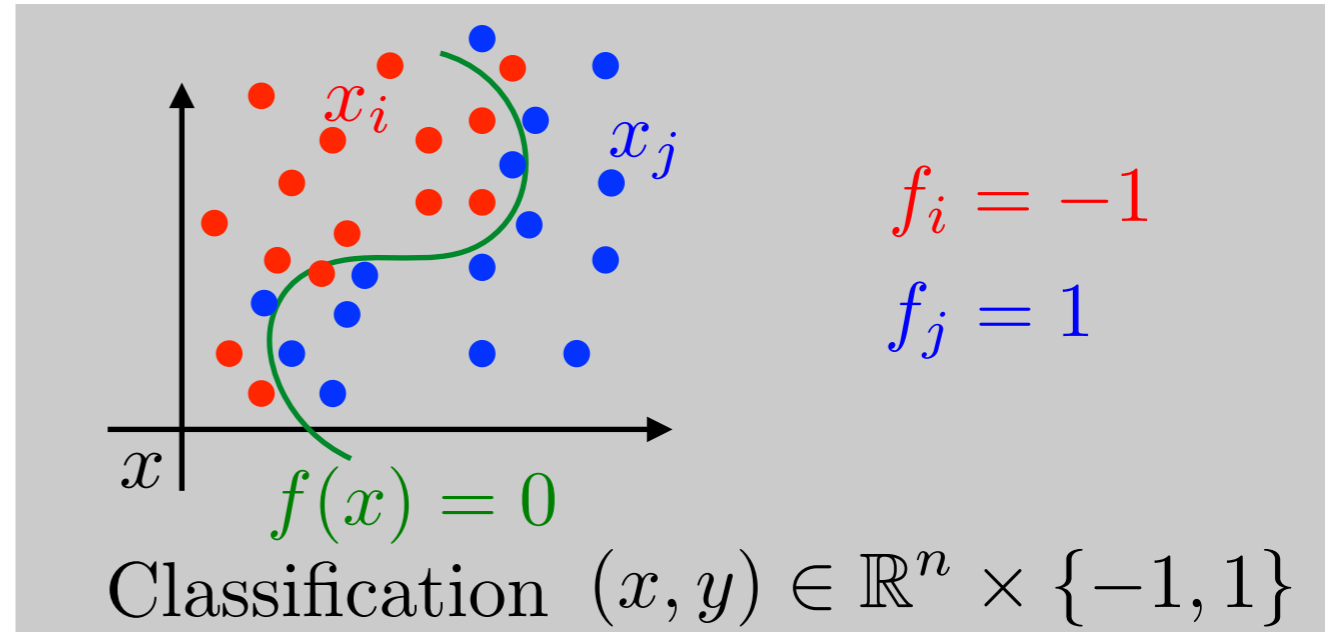
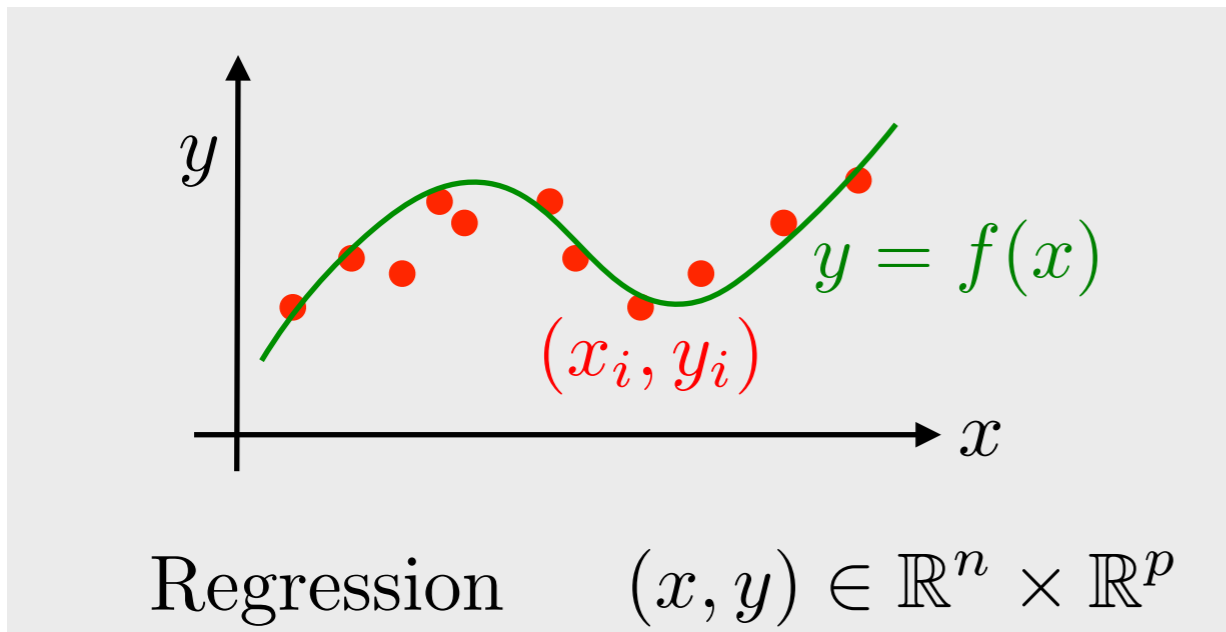
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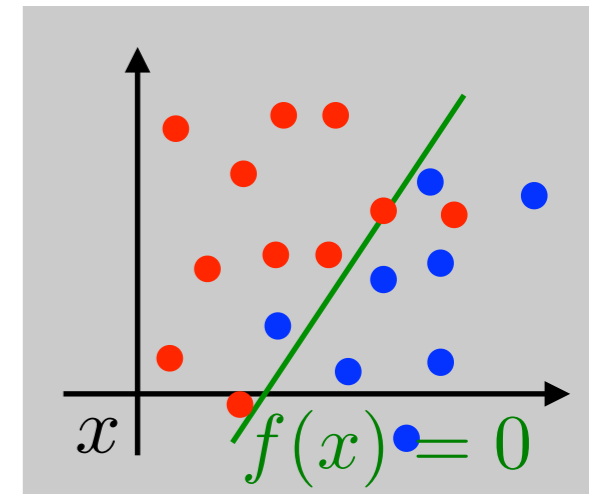
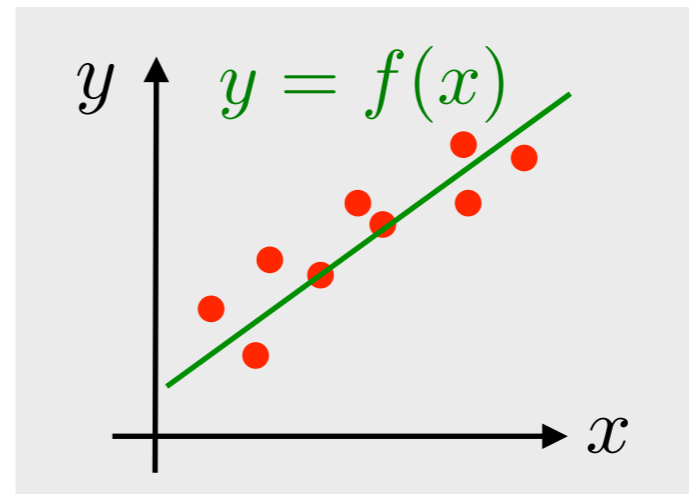
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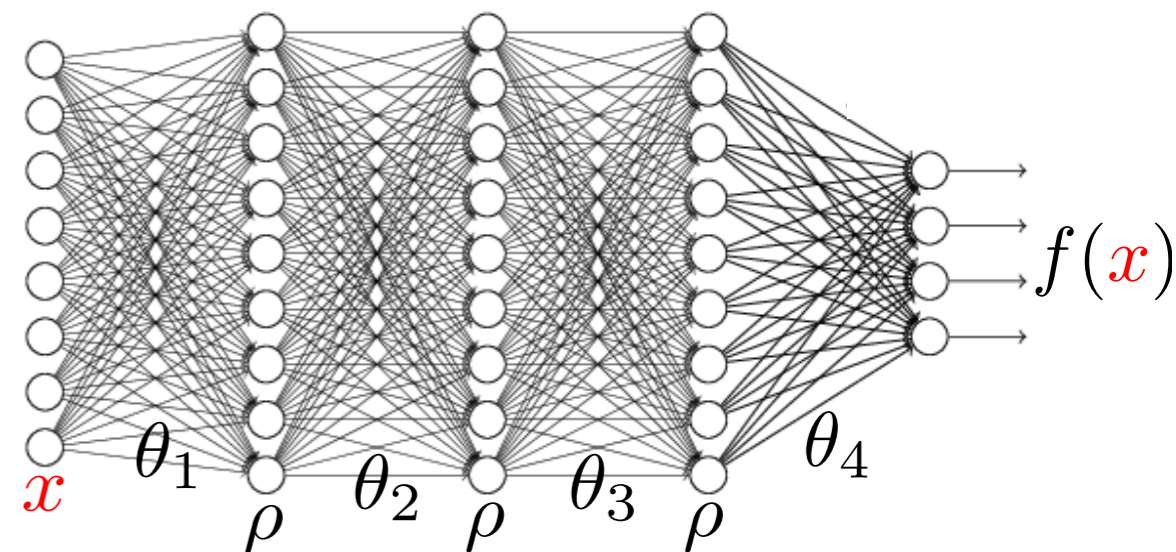
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Stochastic gradient descent:

– Sample:

$$(x, y) \in \{(x_i, y_i)\}_i$$

$$(x, y) \sim (X, Y)$$

– Update:  $\theta^{(\ell+1)} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \theta^{(\ell)} - \tau_{\ell} \nabla_{\theta} \ell_{x, y}(\theta)$

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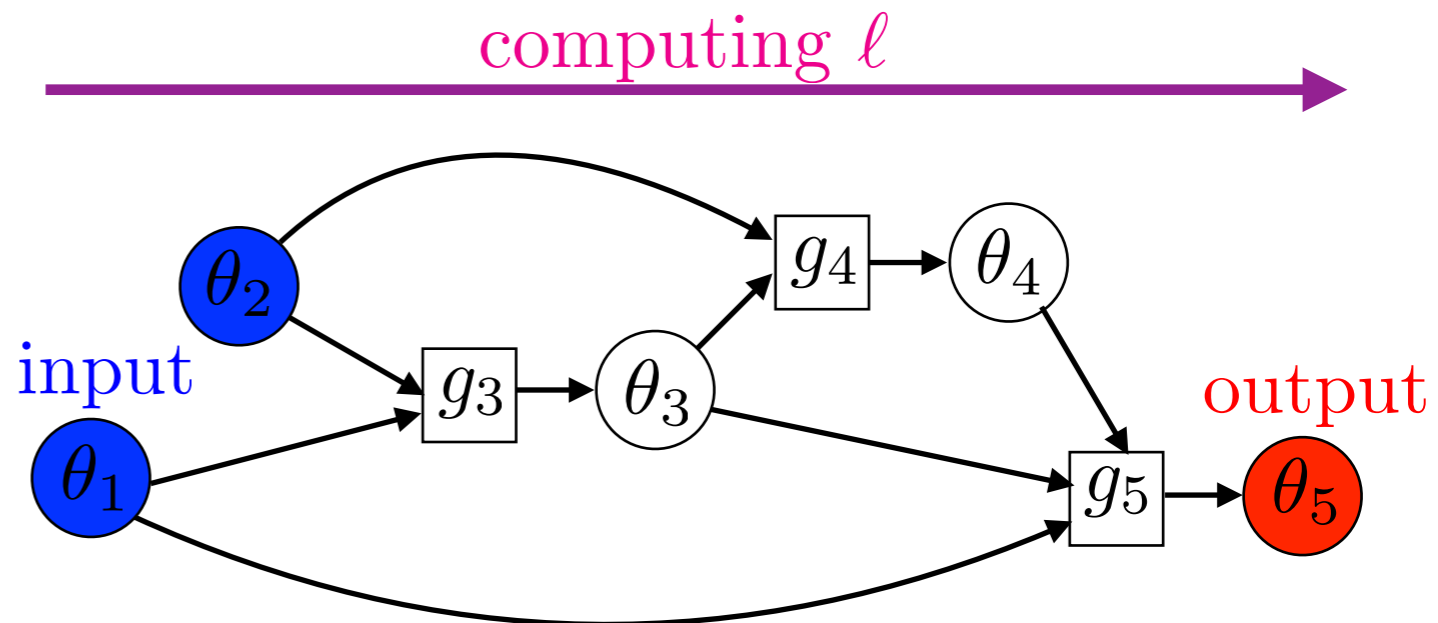
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Computer program  $\Leftrightarrow$  directed acyclic graph  $\Leftrightarrow$  linear ordering of nodes  $(\theta_r)_r$

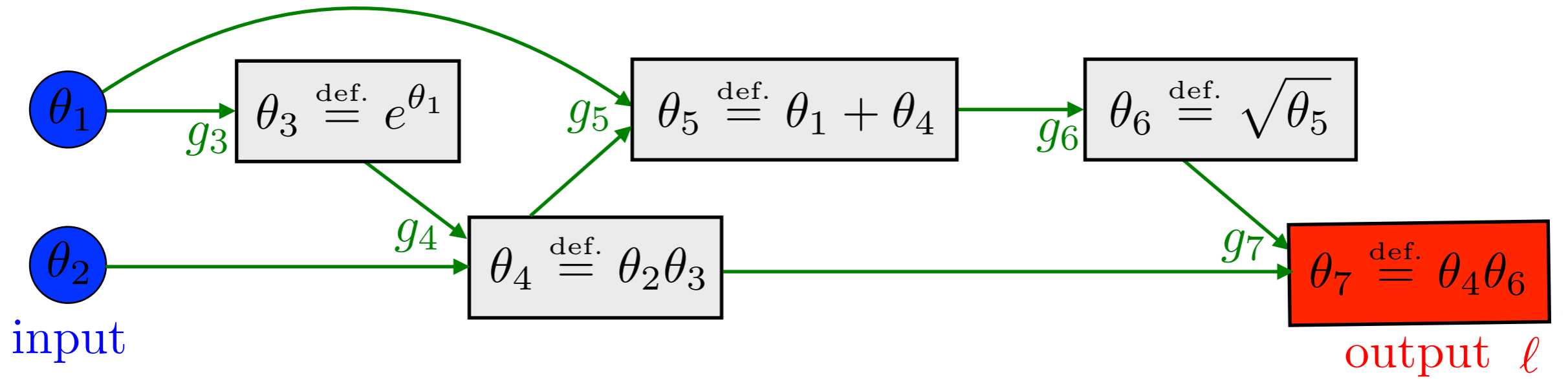
forward

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  return  $\theta_R$ 
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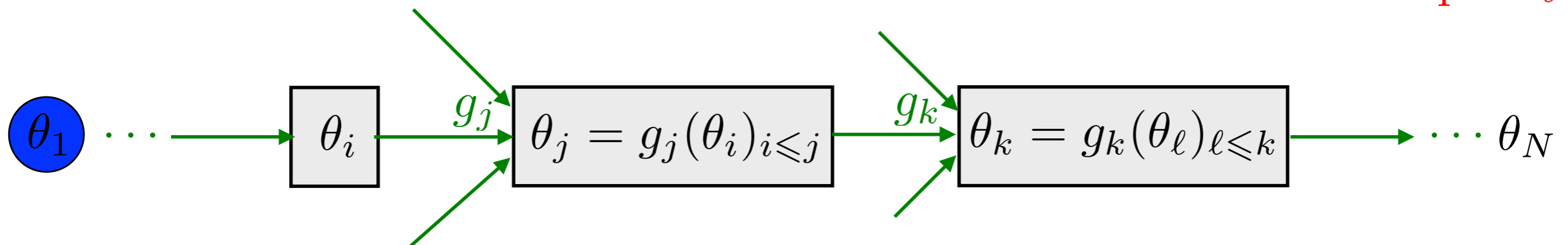
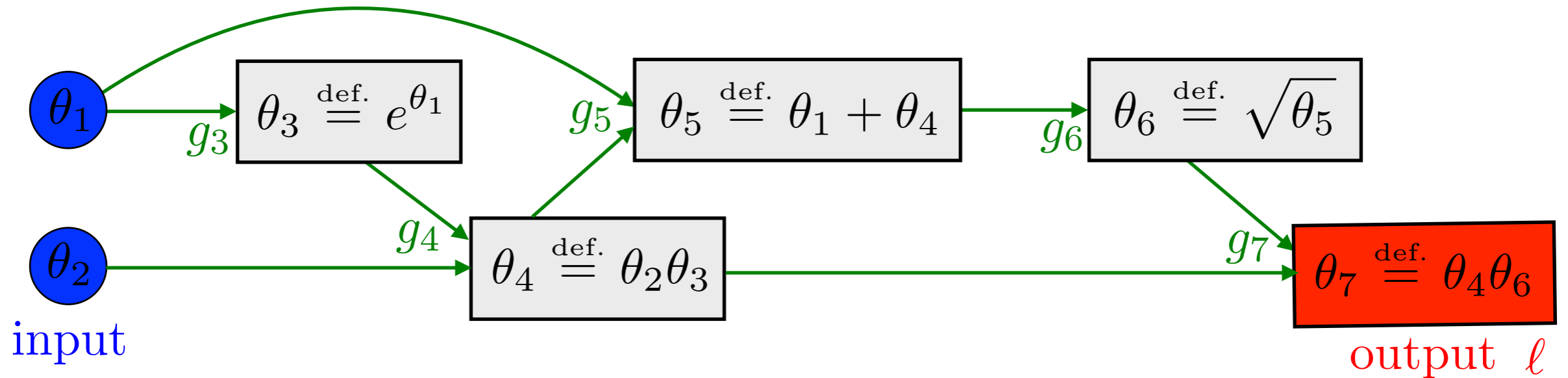
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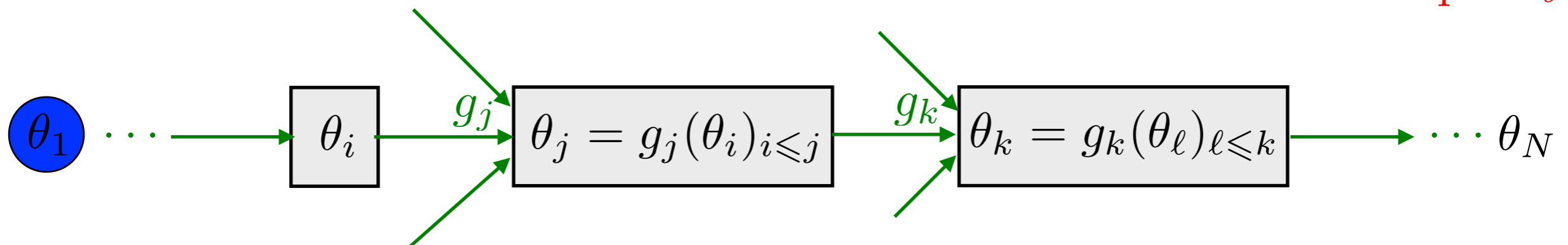
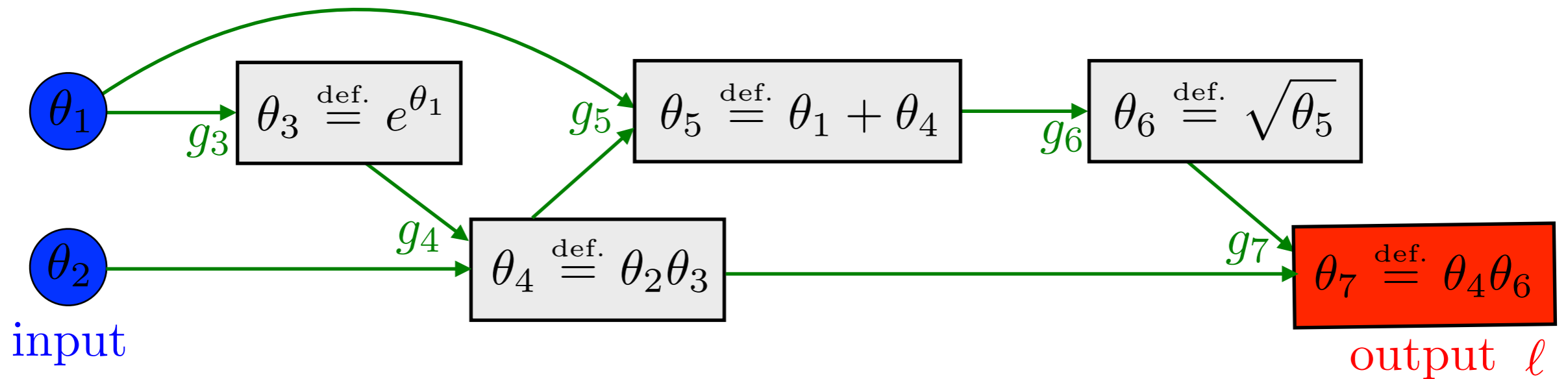
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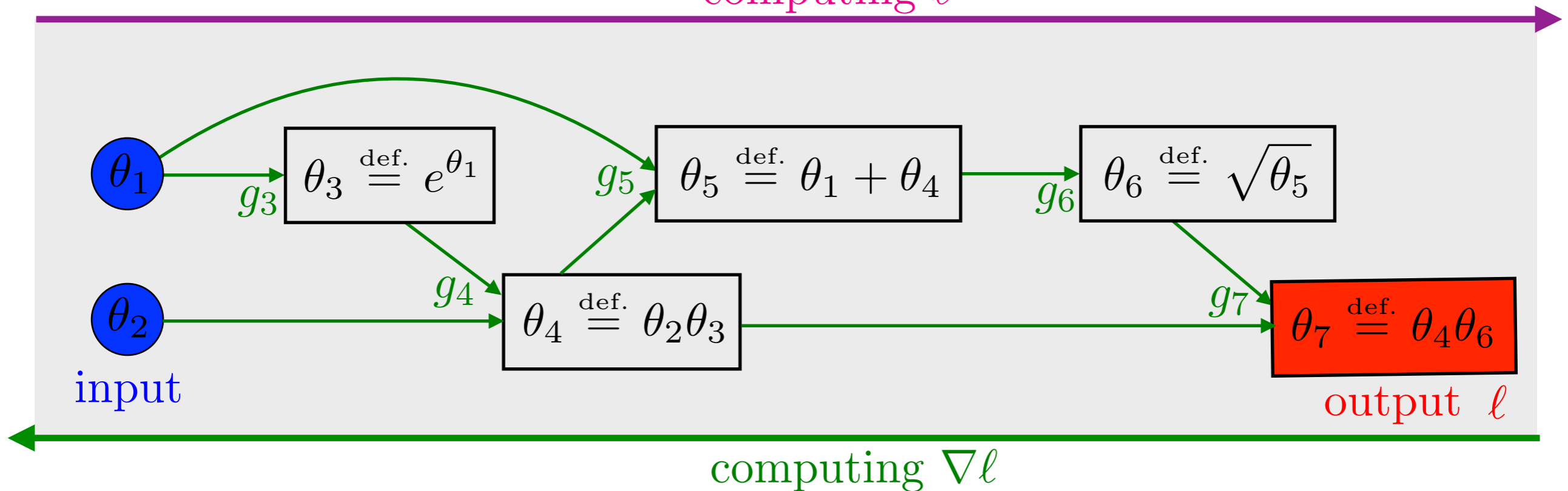
$\swarrow \nabla_j l(\theta)$        $\downarrow \nabla_k l(\theta)$        $\searrow \partial_j g_k(\theta)$

**Backward** evaluation.  
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# Backward Automatic Differentiation

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computing  $l$



forward

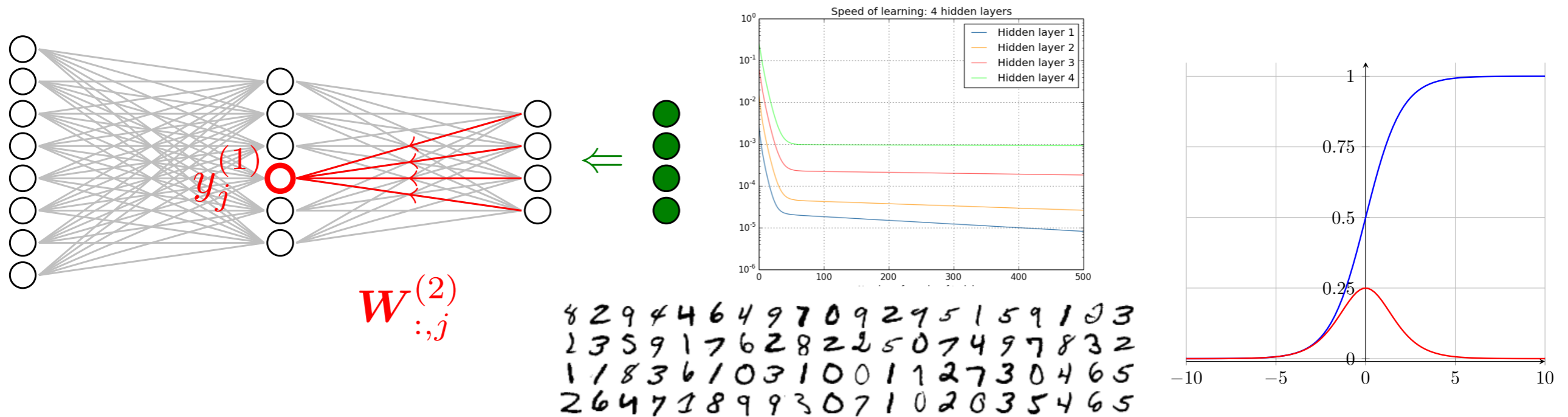
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  for  $r = R - 1, \dots, 1$ 
    |  $\nabla_r l = \sum_{s \in \text{Child}(r)} \partial_r g_s(\theta) \nabla_s l$ 
  return  $(\nabla_1 l, \dots, \nabla_M l)$ 
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# What's Next

Alexandre Allauzen: deep neural networks training.



Guillaume Charpiat: architecture of deep neural networks.

