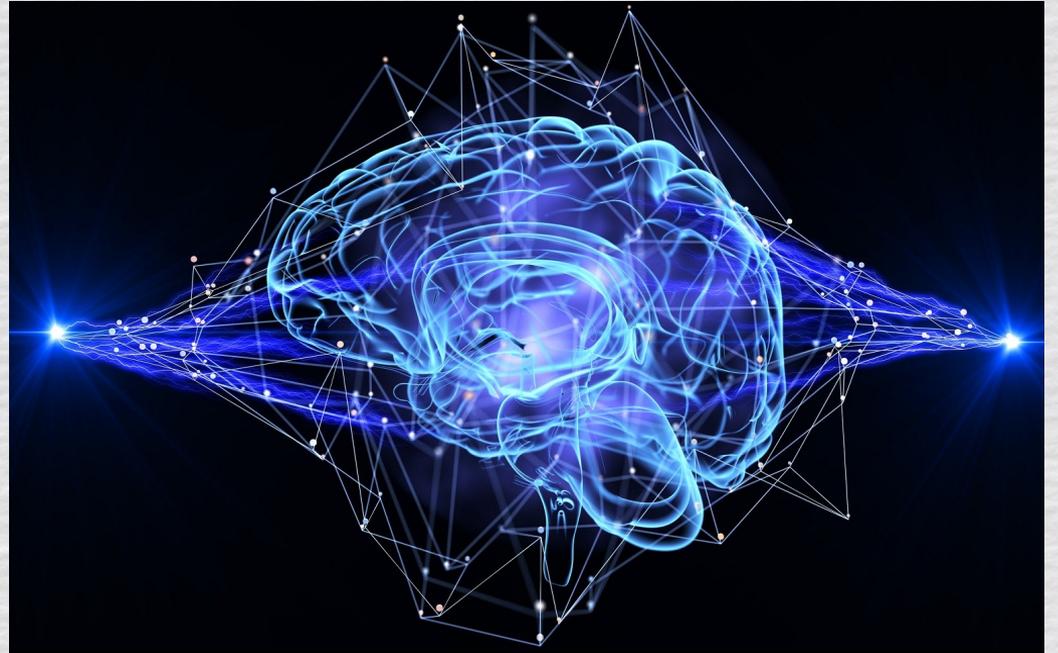


# How To Build A Brain

## History And Core Concepts

# Goals

To help you understand the history and core concepts of brain-inspired artificial intelligence.



# AI: Not just for old white men



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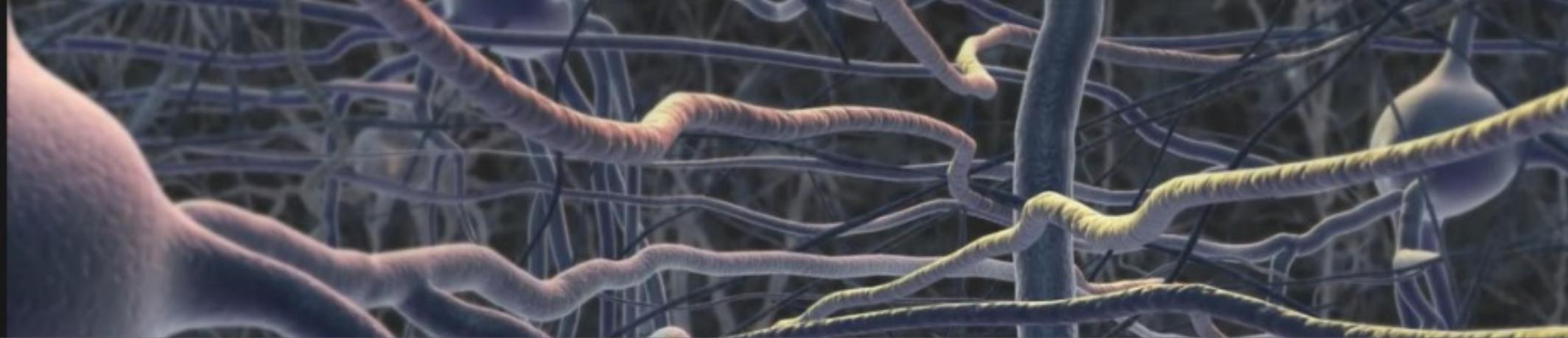
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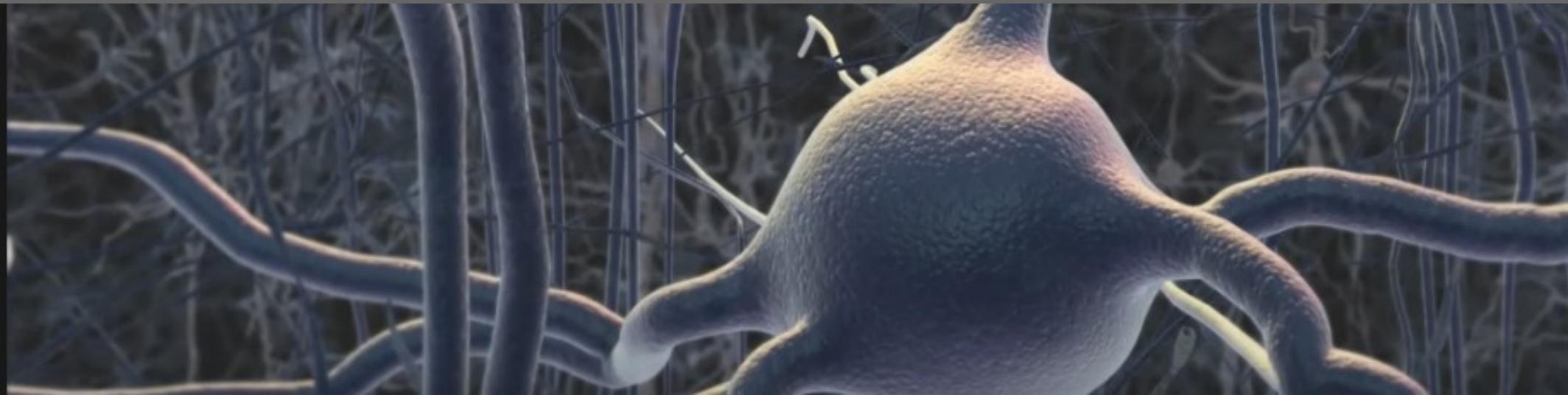
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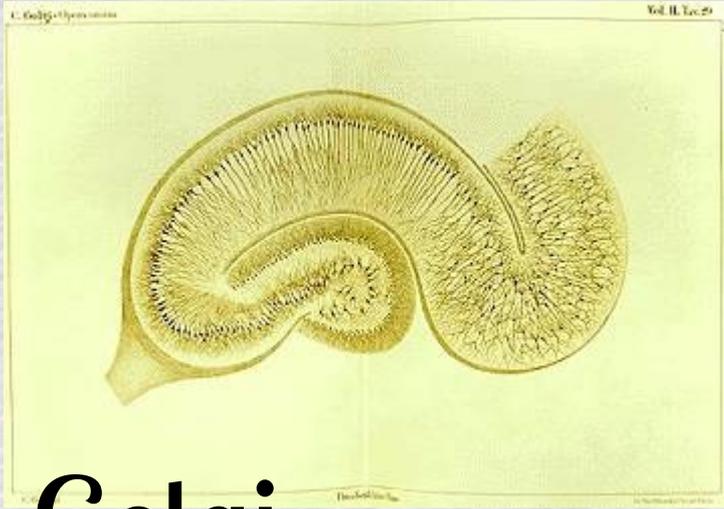


# Early history



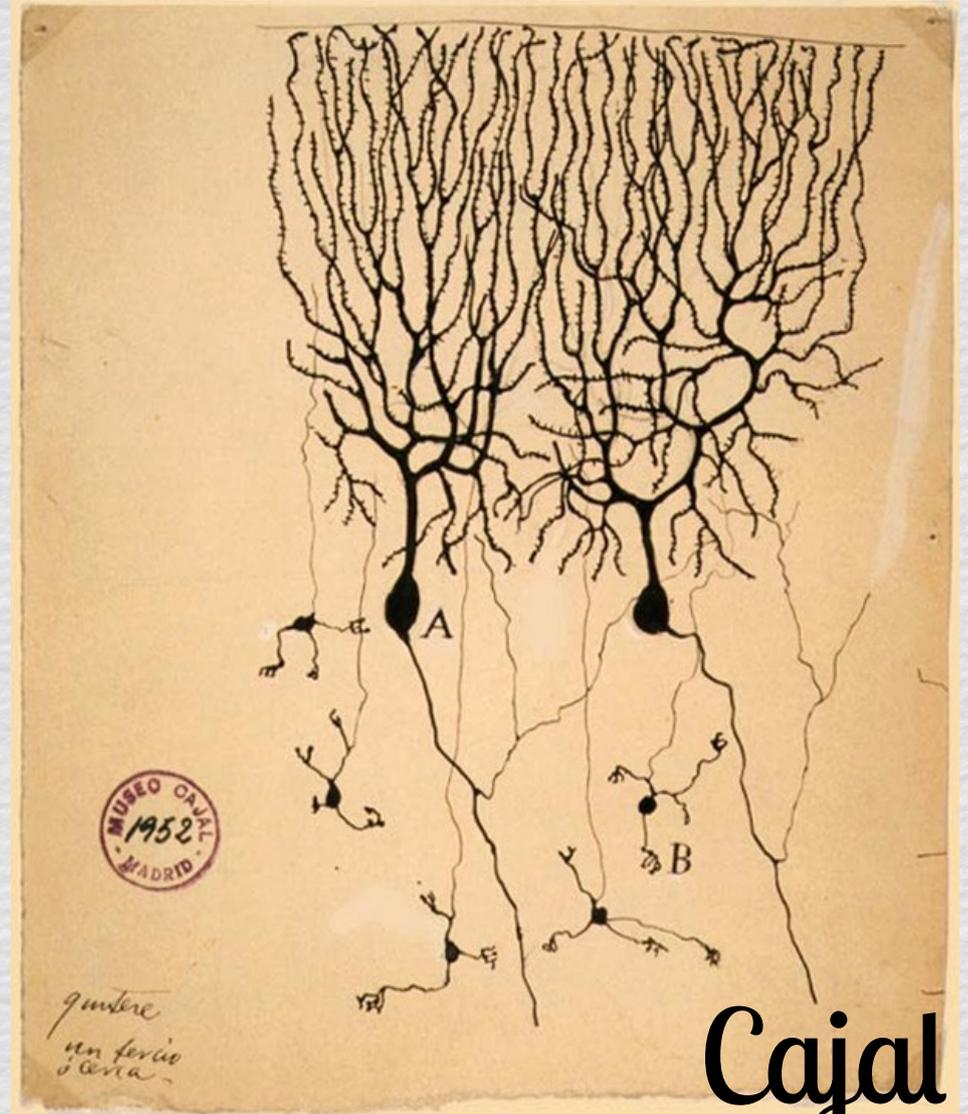
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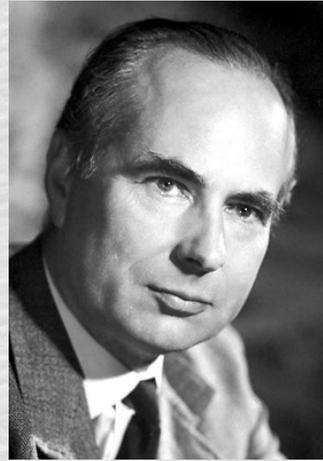
Neurons



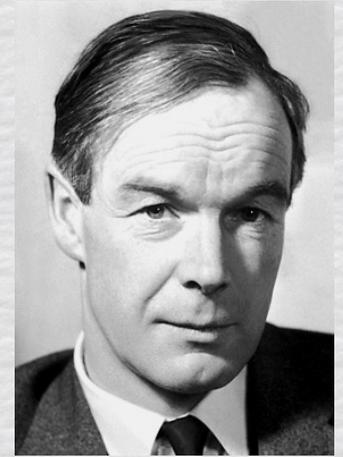
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Plymouth  
Marine Laboratory



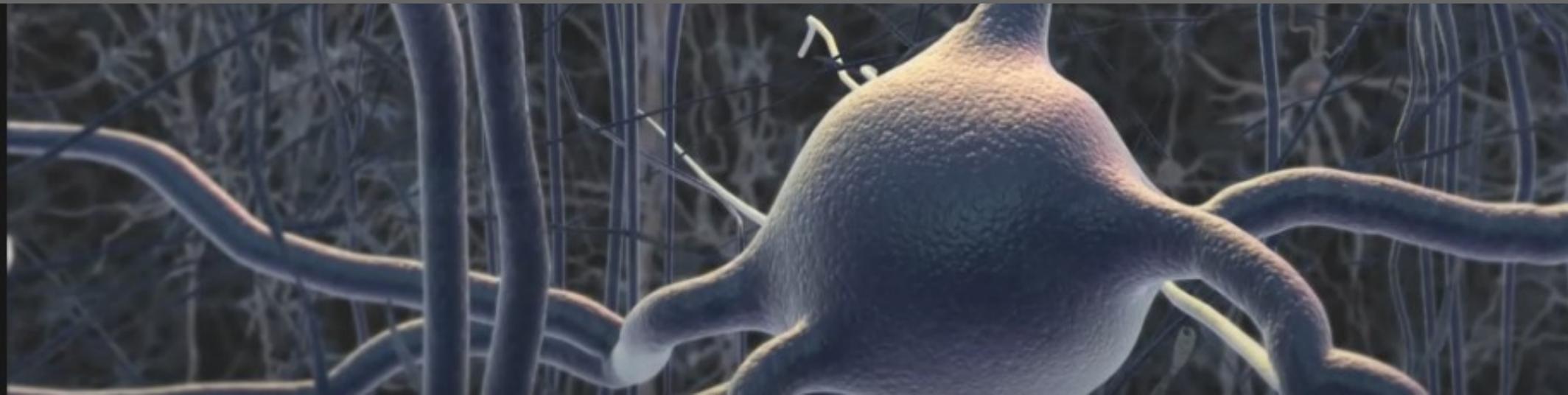
Andrew  
Huxley



Alan  
Hodgkin



# Three abstractions



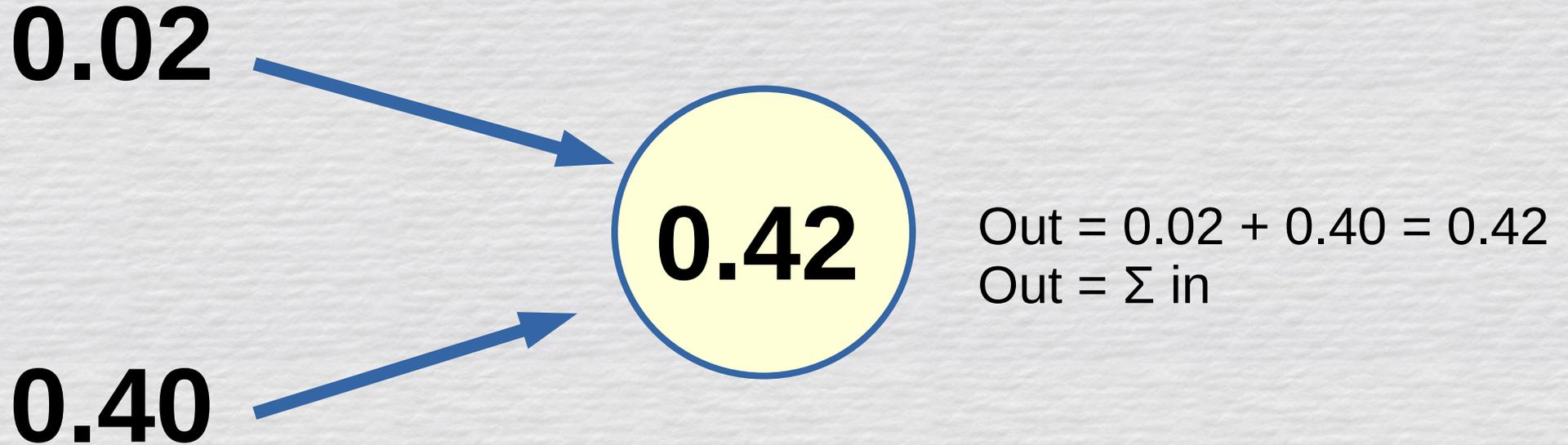
# Output Activation

A 3D rendering of a neuron, showing its cell body (soma) and several branching processes (dendrites and axons). The neuron is rendered in a light blue/purple color. The number 0.42 is overlaid on the cell body in a large, white, sans-serif font.

0.42

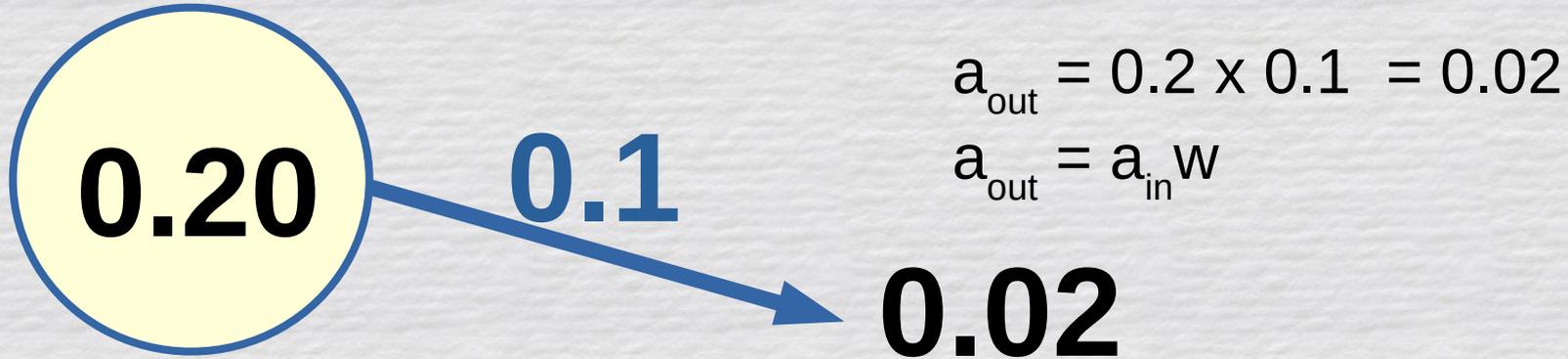
The activity of a neuron, as a single number

# Output Activation



Output activation is the sum of the inputs.

# Input activation

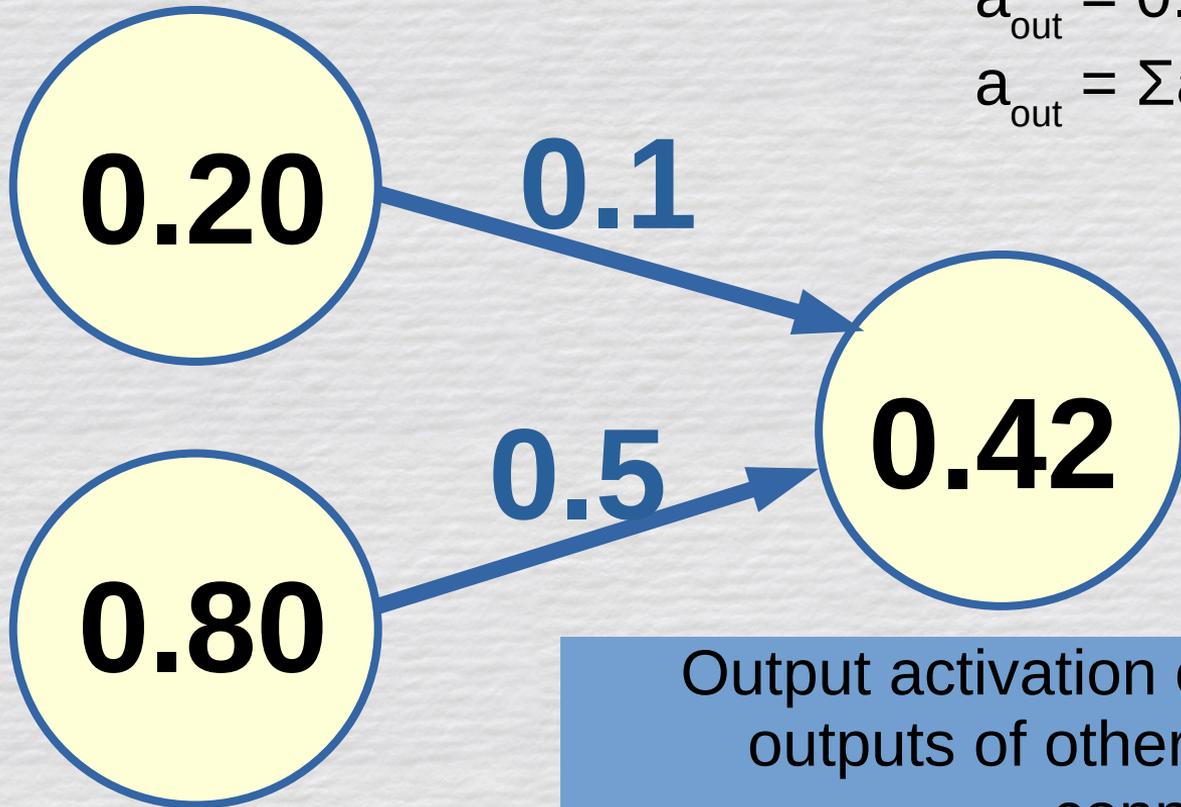


Input activation = output activation multiplied by the connection strength

# Putting it together

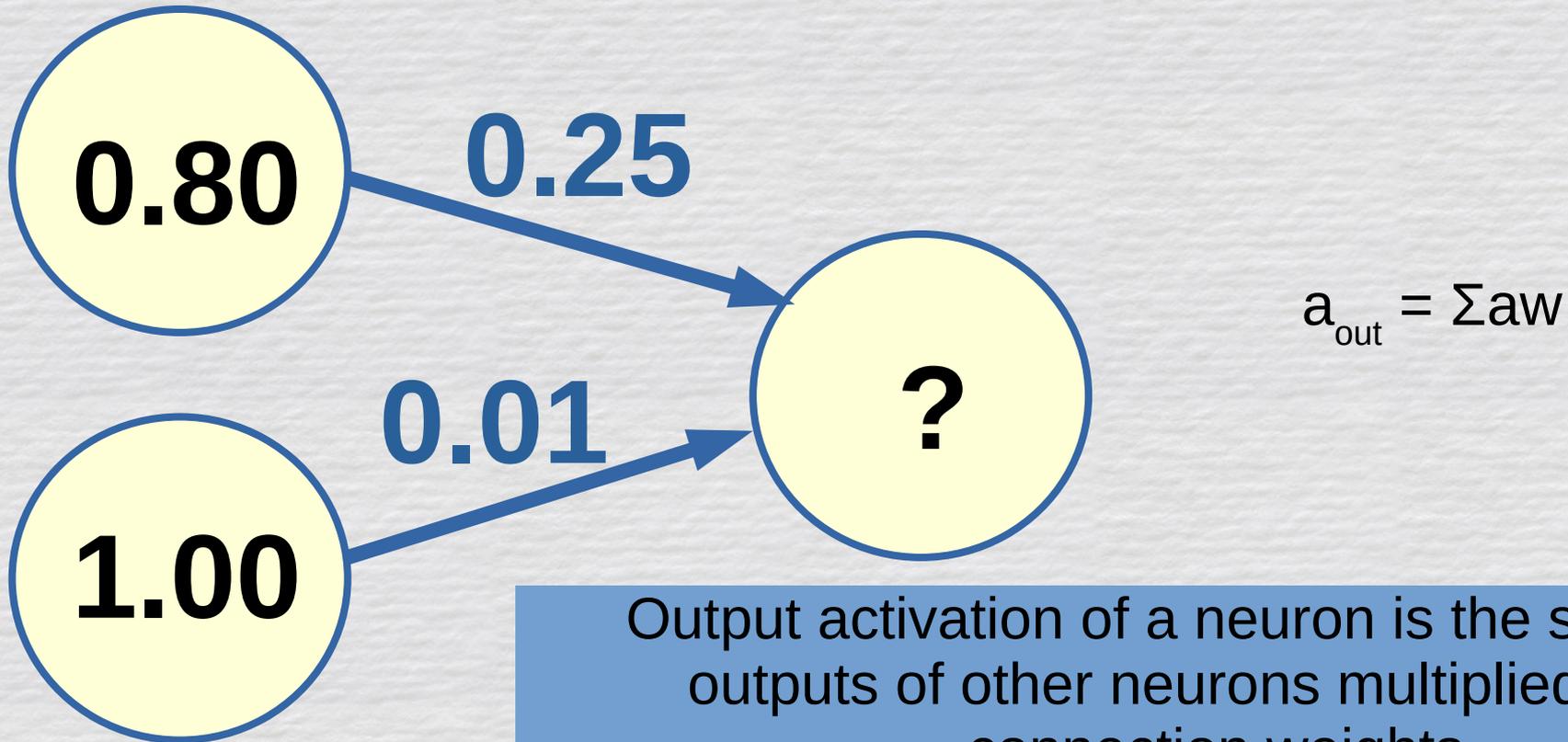
$$a_{\text{out}} = 0.2 \times 0.1 + 0.8 \times 0.5 = 0.42$$

$$a_{\text{out}} = \sum aw$$

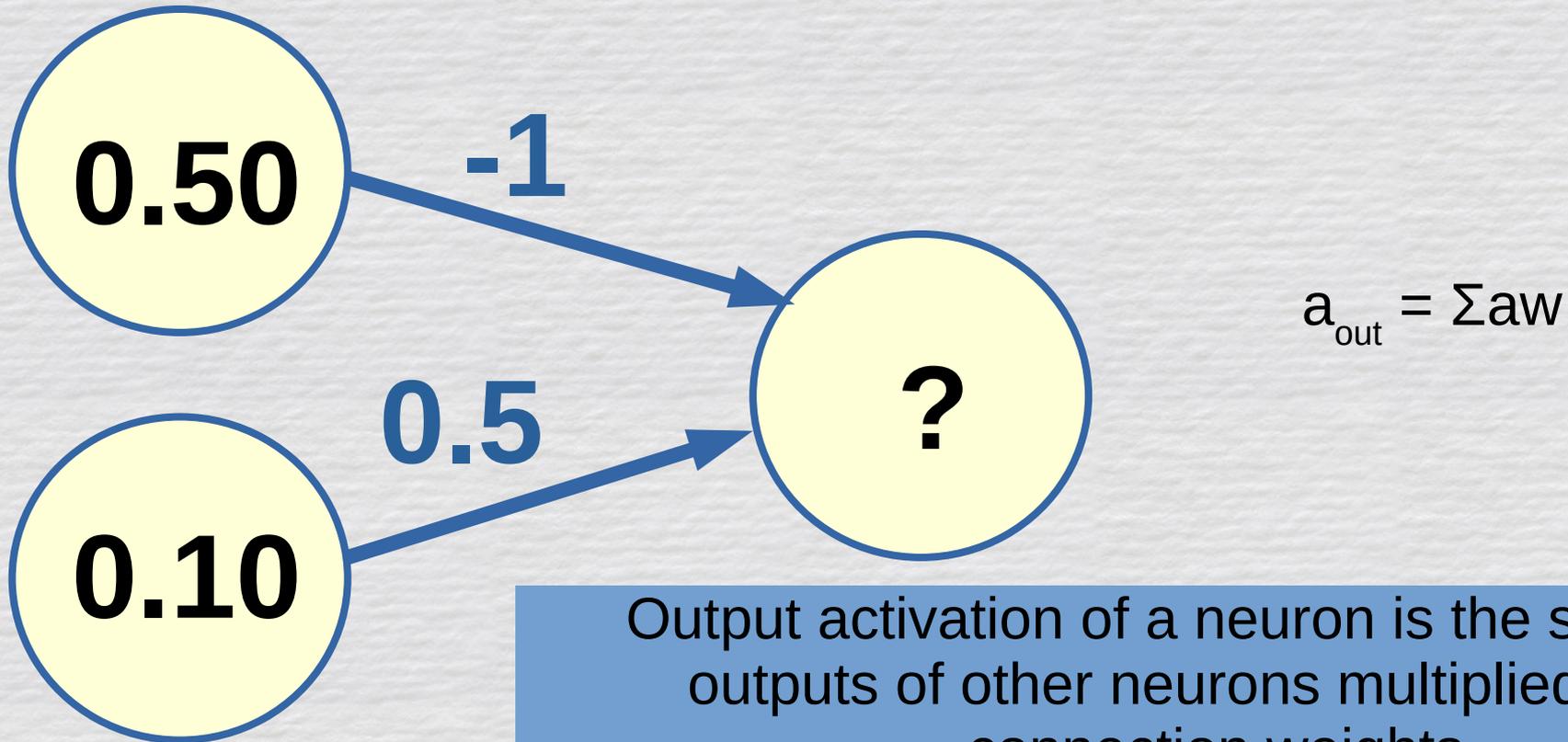


Output activation of a neuron is the sum of the outputs of other neurons multiplied by the connection weights.

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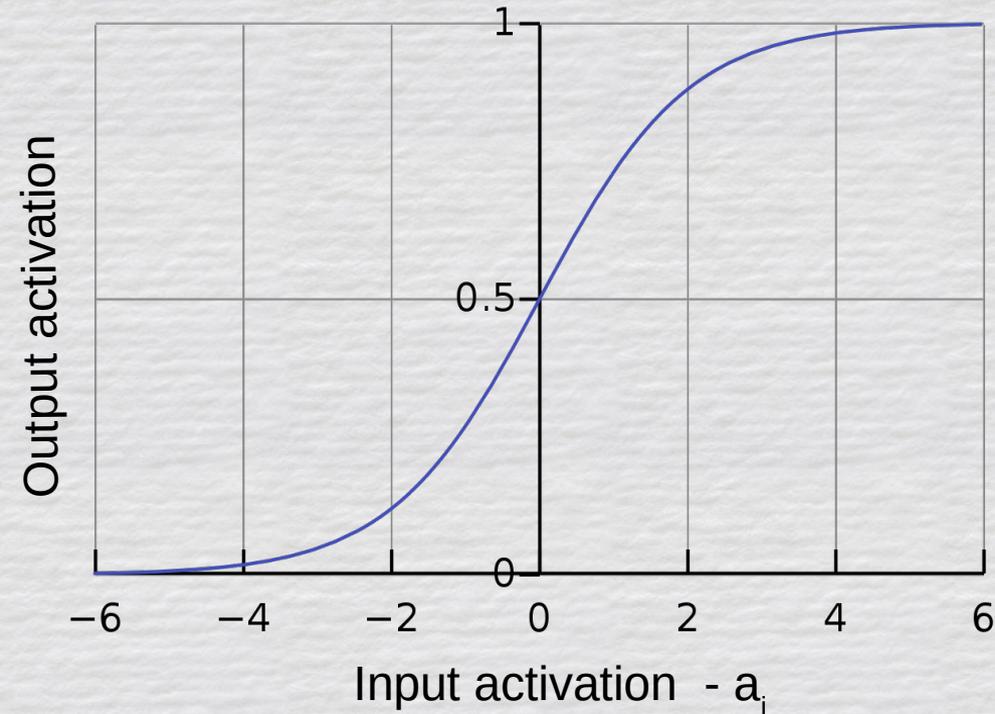


# Test your understanding (2)



Output activation of a neuron is the sum of the outputs of other neurons multiplied by the connection weights.

# Activation function



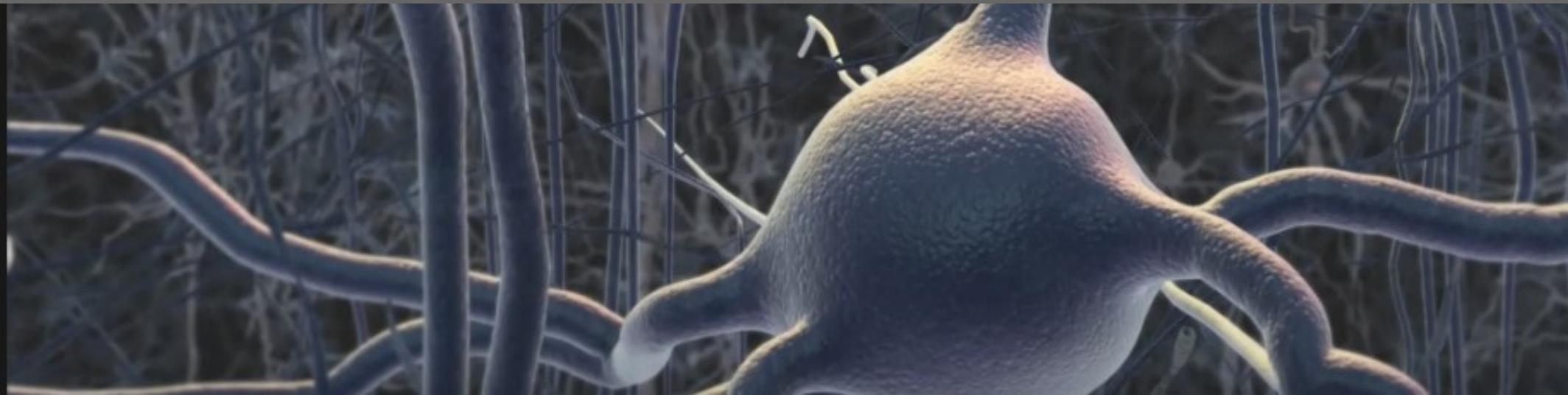
$$a_{out} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-ka_i}}$$

$e = \sim 2.72$

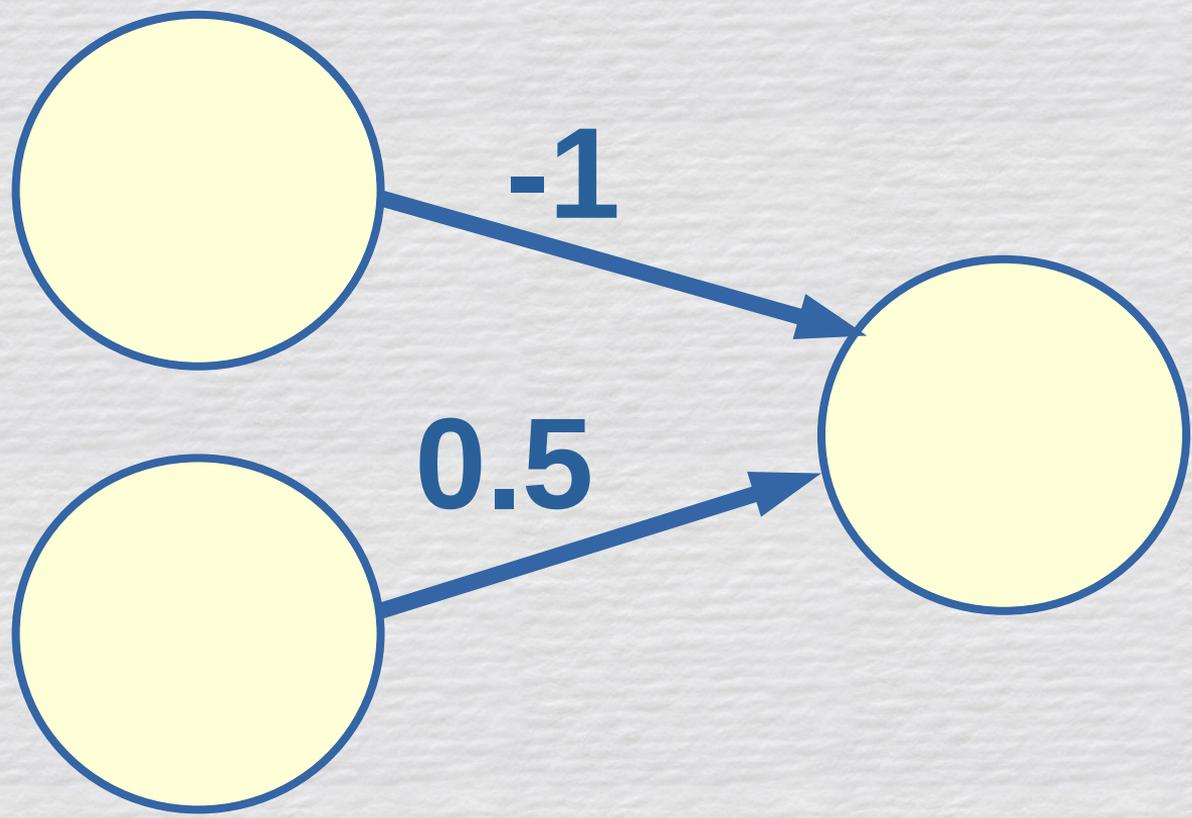
The logistic function is useful in various ways.



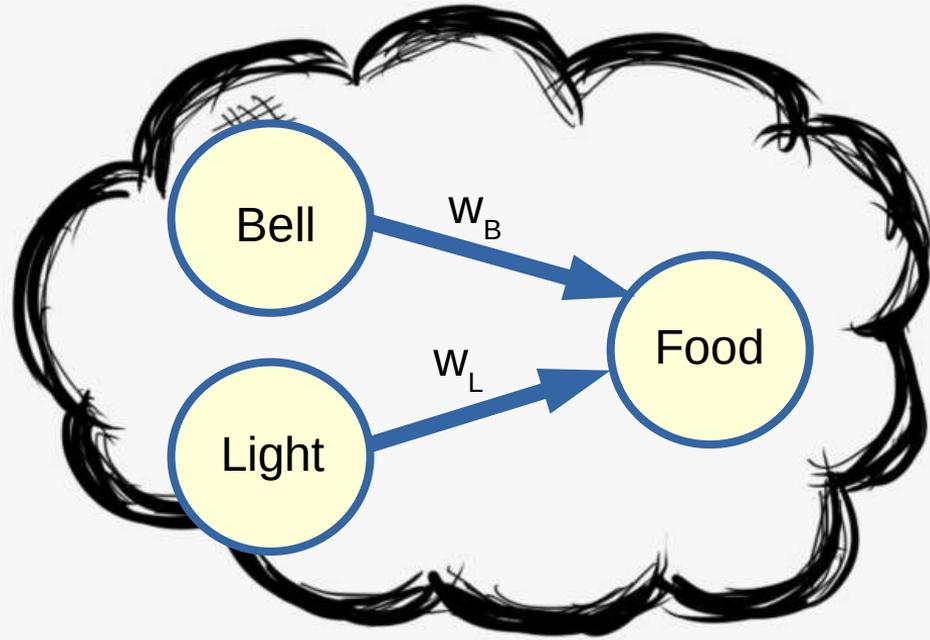
**Storing knowledge**



# Neural Network



# Neural Network



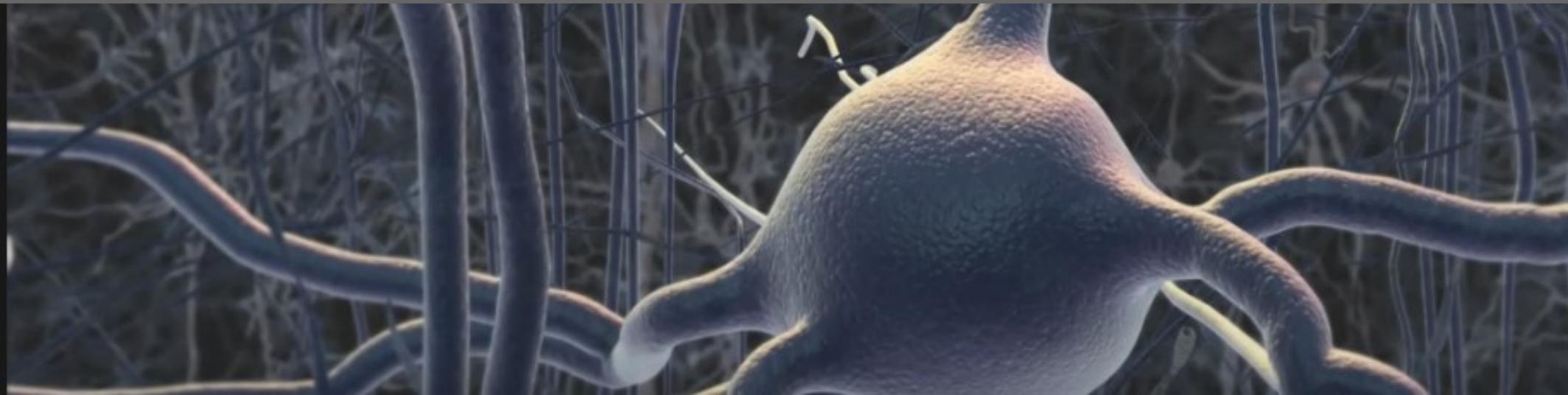
Bell	Light	Food
1	0	1
1	1	0

What should  $w_B$  and  $w_L$  be?





# Learning

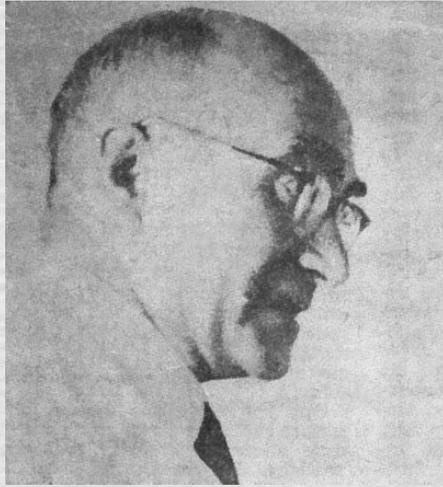


# Learning



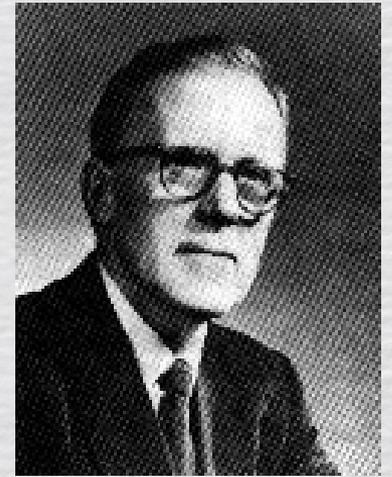
Cajal

Spain, 1894



Konorski

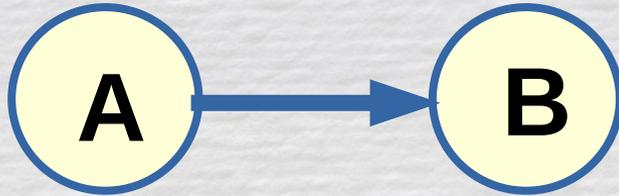
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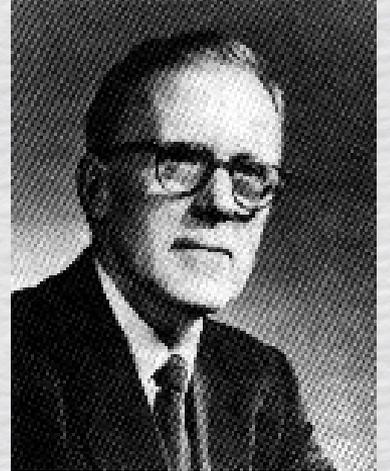
Hebb

USA, 1949

# Hebbian Learning



"When an axon of cell A is near enough to excite cell B and repeatedly or persistently takes part in firing it, some growth process or metabolic change takes place in one or both cells such that A's efficiency, as one of the cells firing B, is increased"



Hebb

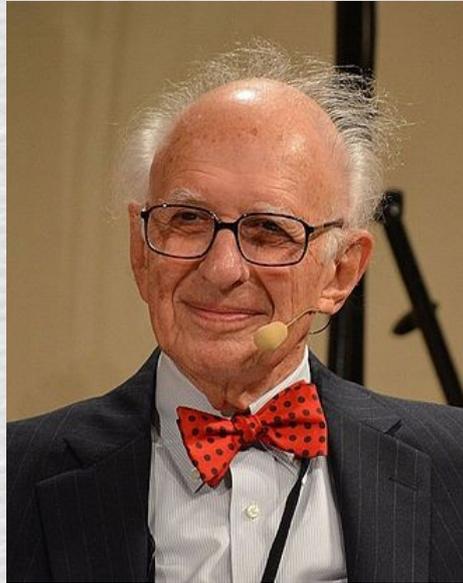
Neurons that fire together wire together

# Long-term potentiation

Neurons that fire together wire together



Terje Lømo



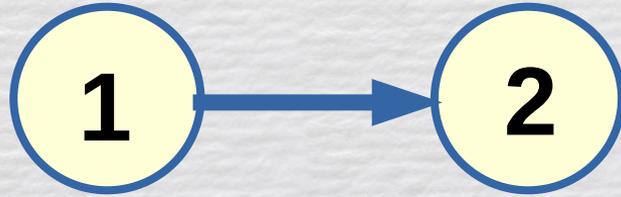
Eric Kandel



Aplysia Californica

# Hebbian Learning

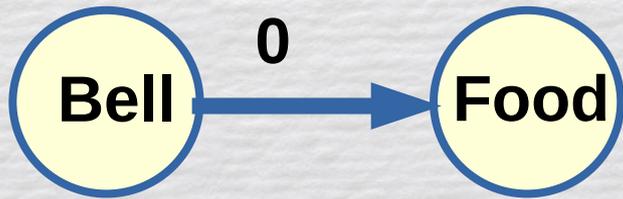
Neurons that fire together wire together



$$\Delta w_{12} = G \cdot a_1 \cdot a_2$$

# Hebbian Learning

Neurons that fire together  
wire together

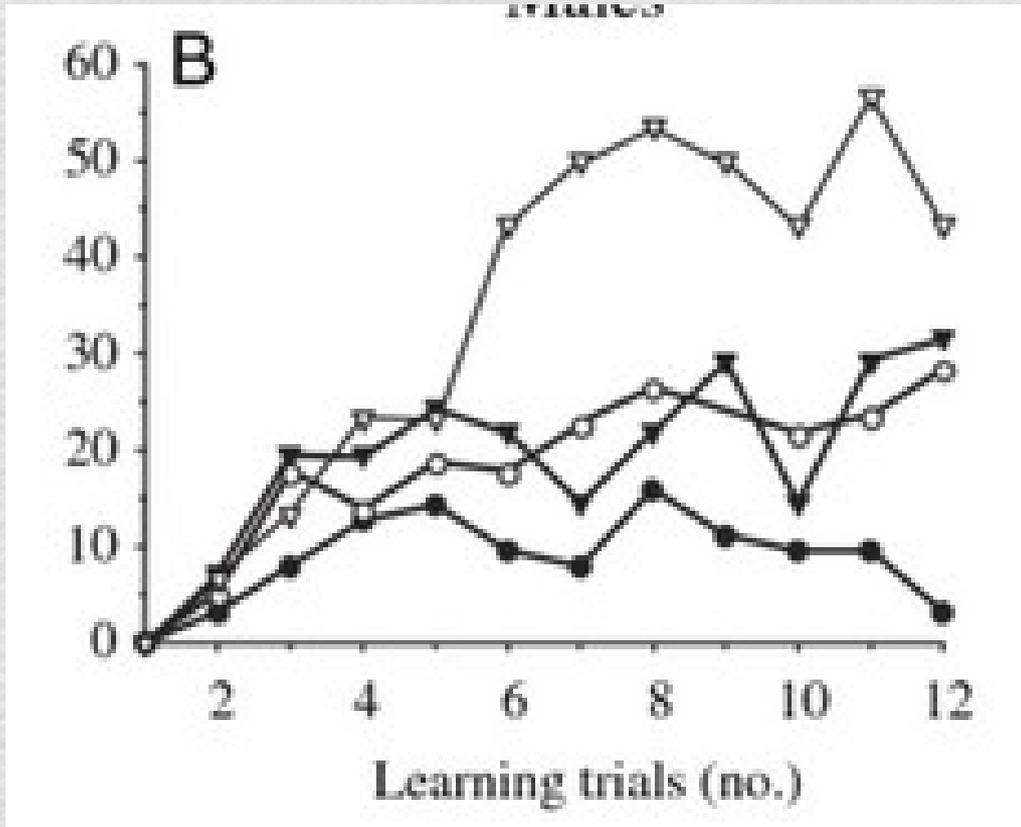


$$\Delta w_{BF} = G \cdot a_B \cdot a_F$$

$$G = 0.1$$

Trial	Bell	Food	$\Delta w$	w
1	1	1	.1	.1
2	1	1	.1	.2
3...	1	1	.1	.3
...1000	1	1	.1	10 (!)

# Acquisition



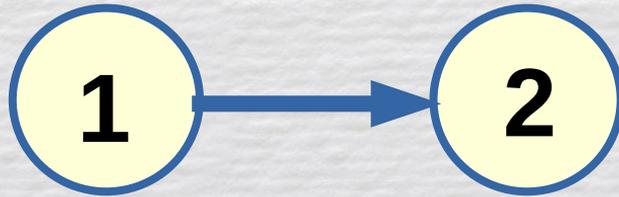
Learning tends to slow as it proceeds.

# Bush-Mosteller

The more you know, the less you learn.



**Bush**



$$\Delta w_{12} = G(t - a_1 w_{12}) a_1$$

Teacher

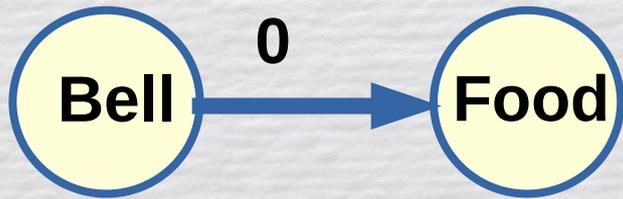
Student prediction



**Mosteller**

# Bush-Mosteller

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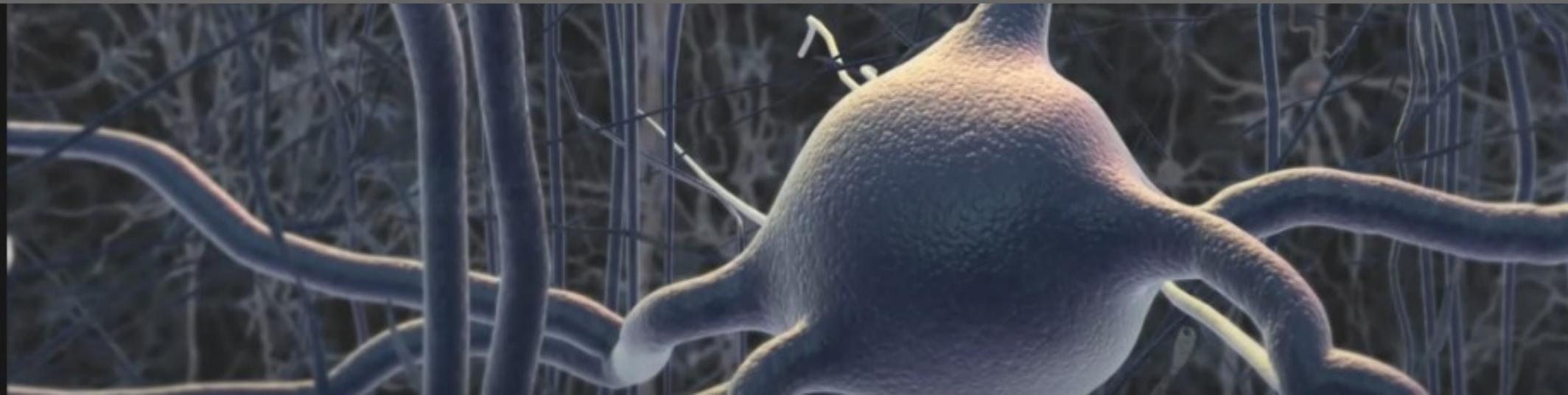
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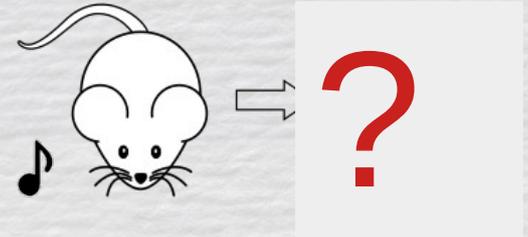
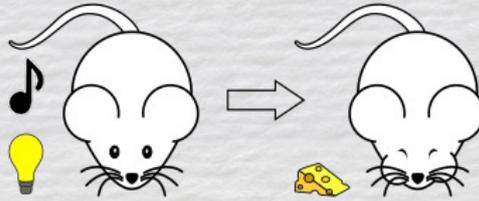
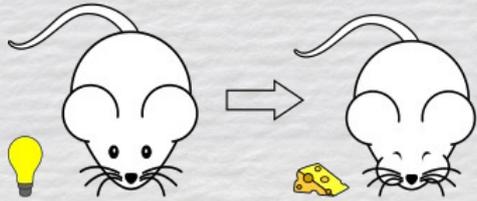
Trial	Bell ( $a_1$ )	Food ( $t$ )	$\Delta w$	$w$
1	1	1	$.1 \times (1 - 0 \times 1) = .1$	.1
2	1	1	$.1 \times (1 - .1 \times 1) = .09$	.19
3...	1	1	$.1 \times (1 - .19) = .081$	.271
...1000	1	1	$.1 \times (1 - 1) = 0$	1



# Delta rule



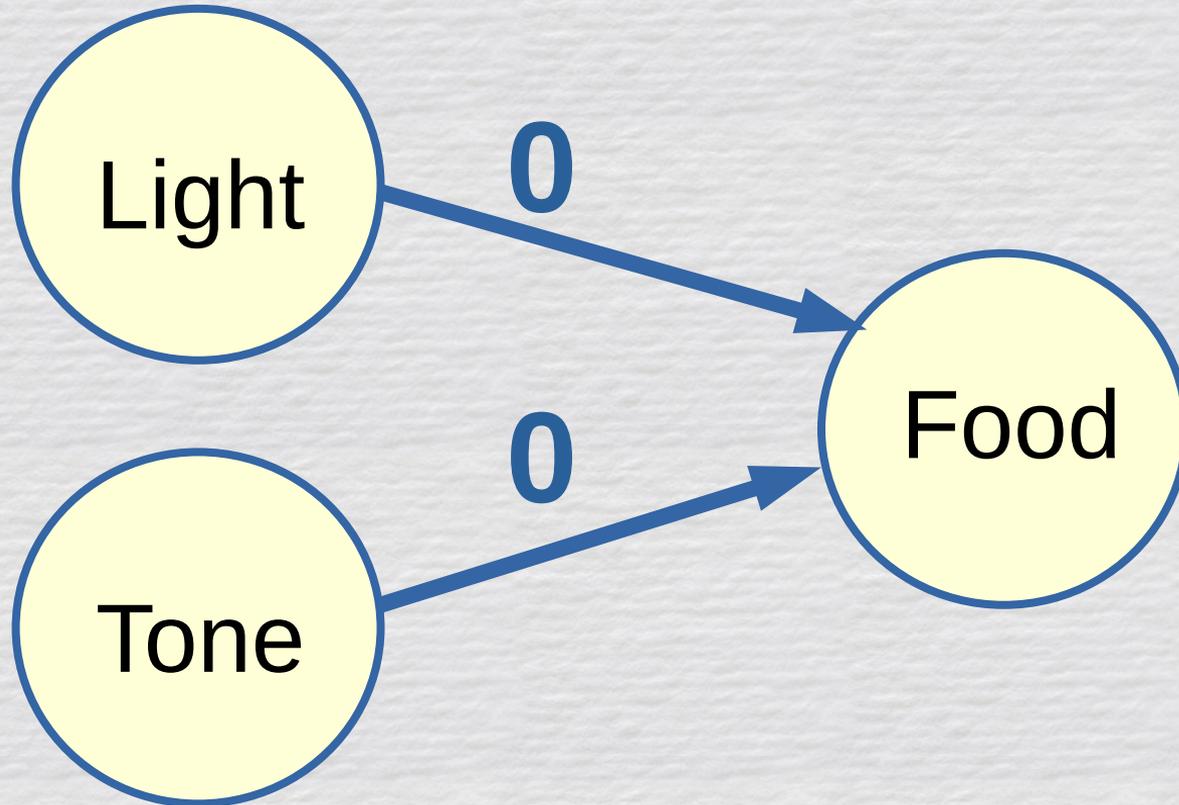
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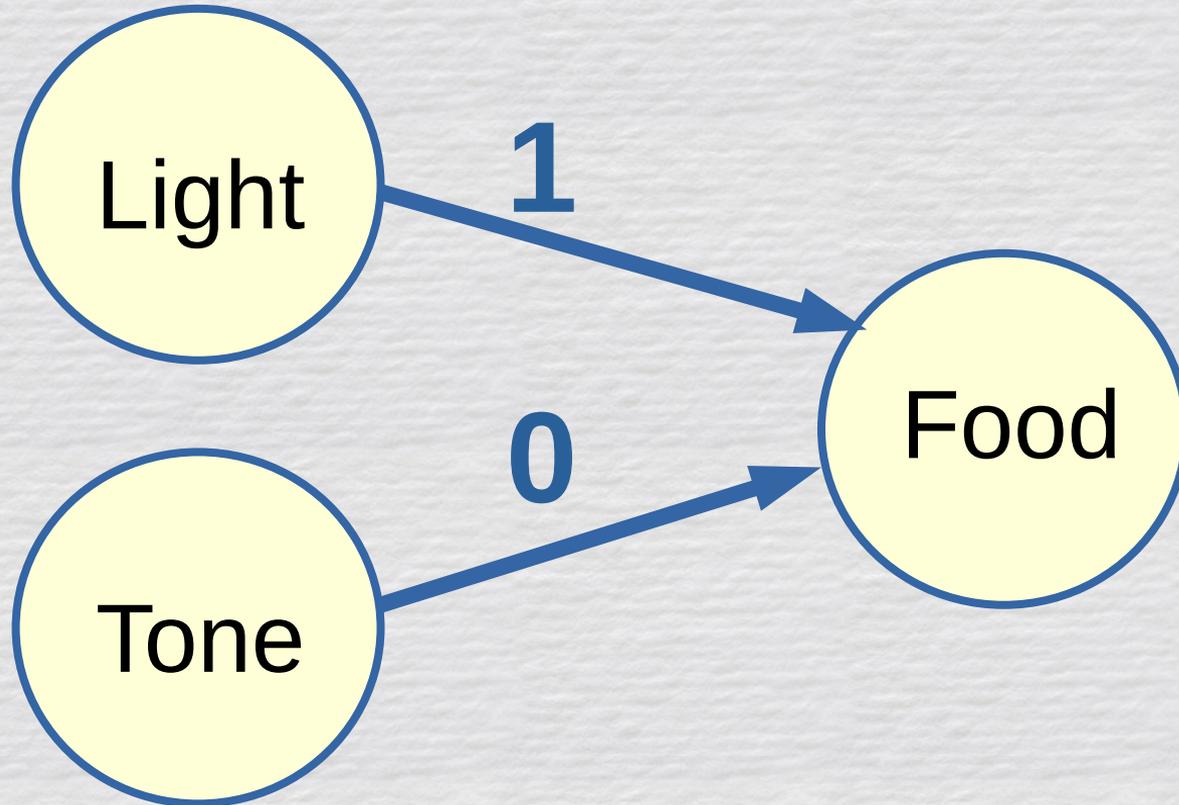
Kamin

1. Tone → Food
2. Tone + Light → Food
3. Light → ?

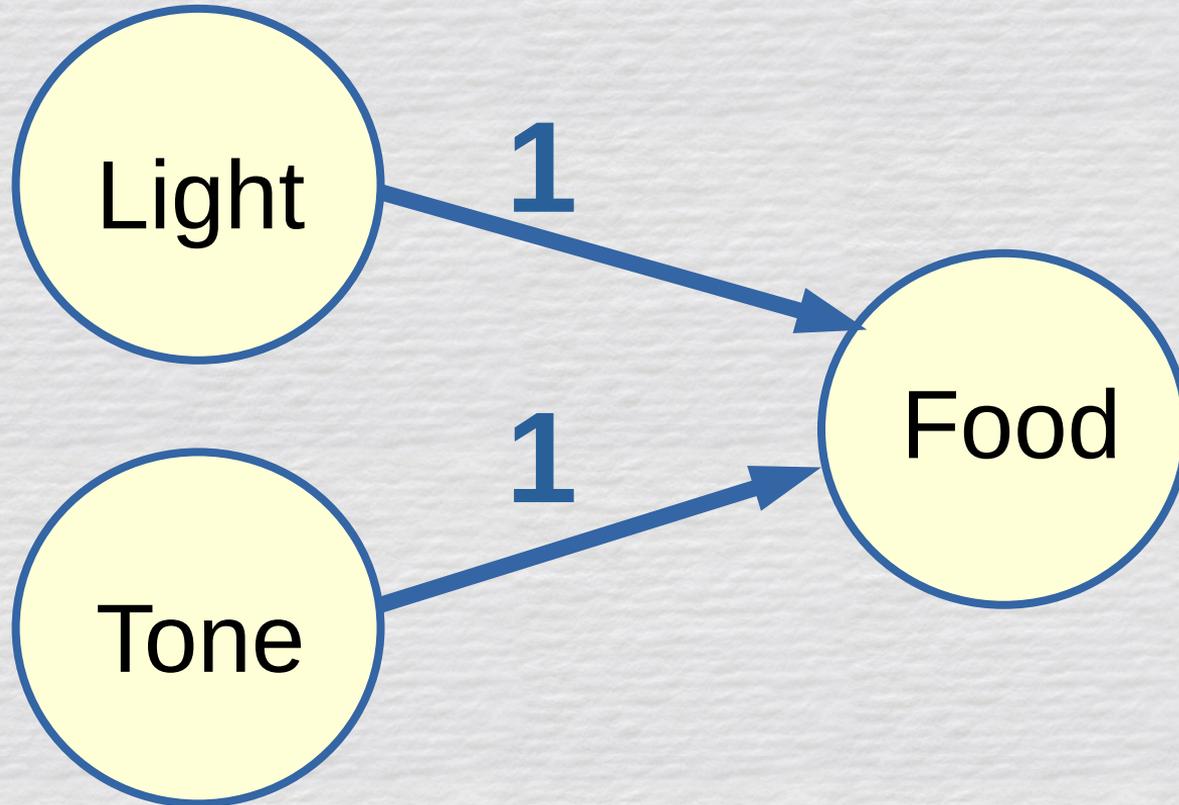
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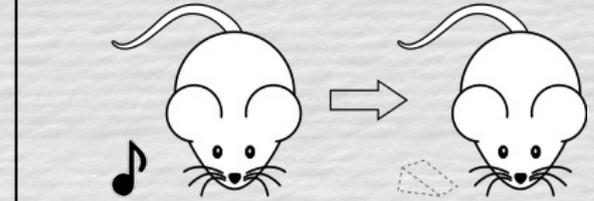
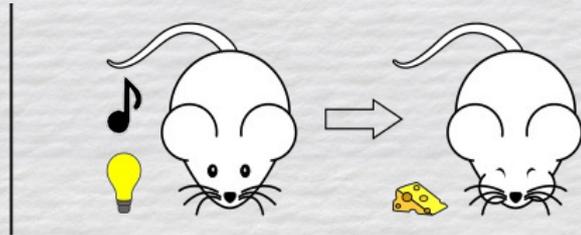
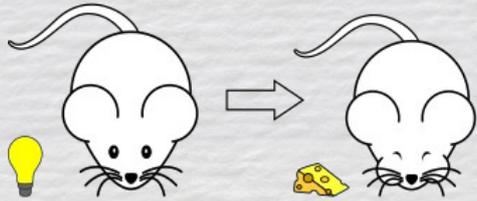
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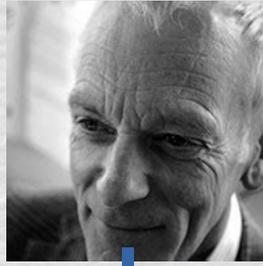
# Bush-Mosteller (Blocking)



# Blocking (Kamin, 1969)



1. Light → Food
2. Tone + Light → Food
3. Tone → **Little salivation**



**Why  
blocking?**

# Rescorla-Wagner (1972)

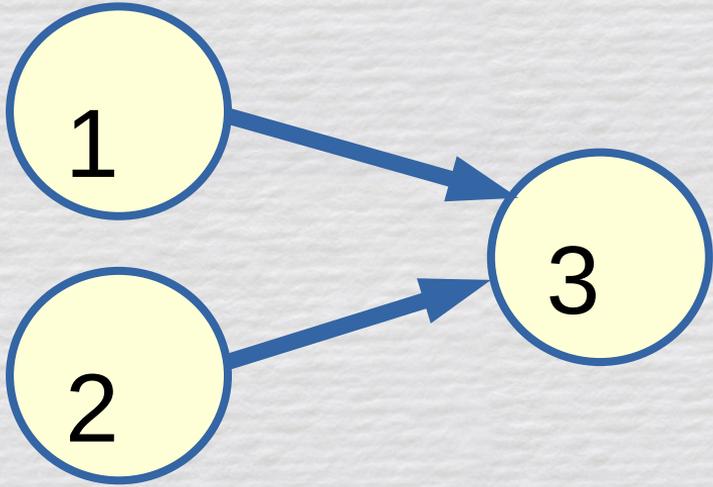


Rescorla



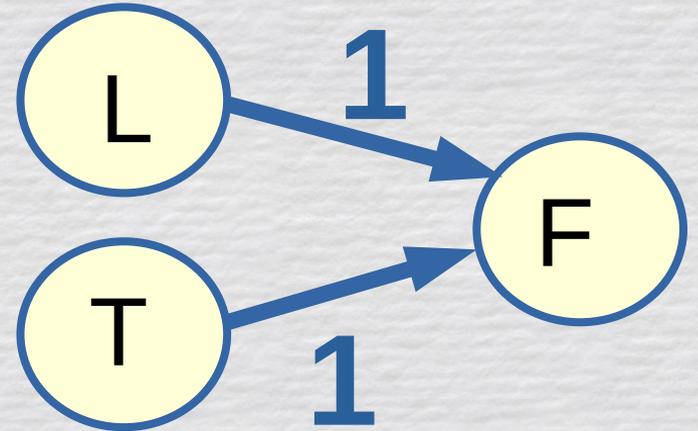
Wagner

# Bush-Mosteller

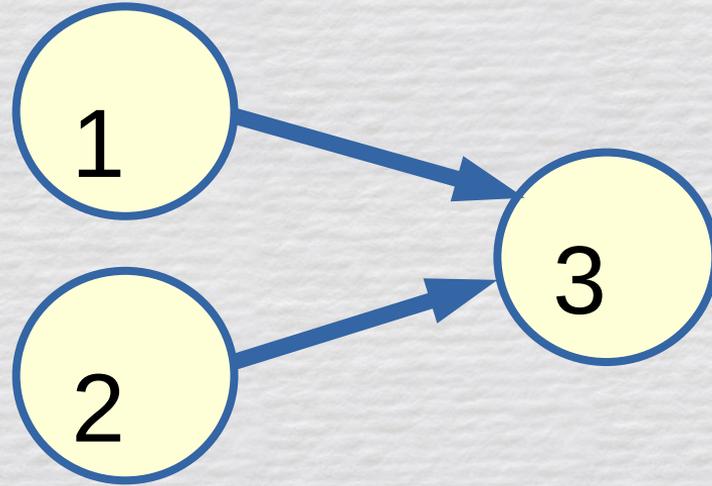


$$\Delta w_{13} = G(t - a_1 w_{1,2}) a_1$$

Teacher      Student prediction



# Bush-Mosteller → Rescorla-Wagner



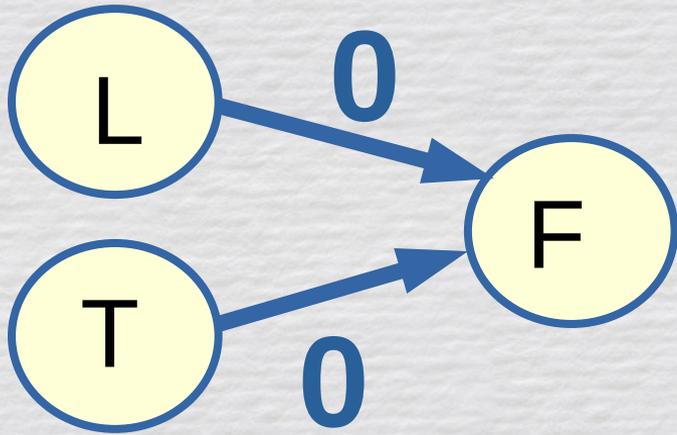
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Teacher      Student prediction

$$\Delta w_{13} = G(t - \sum a w) a_1$$

Teacher      Student prediction

# Stage 1: Light → Food

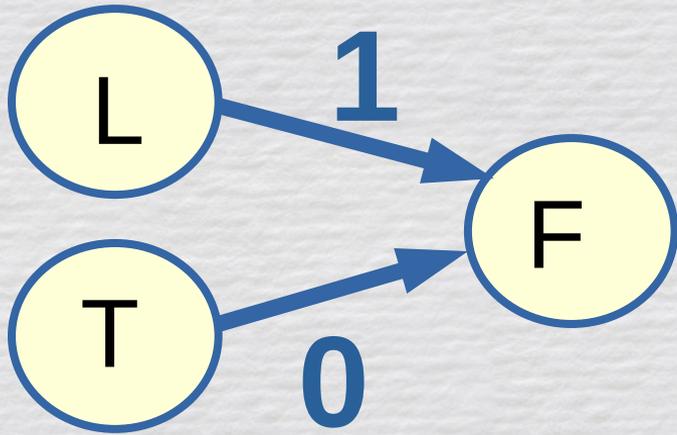


$$\Delta w_{LF} = G(t - \sum a w) a_L$$

$$G = 0.1$$

Trial	Light ( $a_L$ )	Food ( $t$ )	$\Delta w_{LF}$	$w_{LF}$
1	1	1	$.1 \times (1-0) = .1$	.1
2	1	1	$.1 \times (1-.1) = .09$	.19
3...	1	1	$.1 \times (1-.19) = .081$	.271
...1000	1	1	$.1 \times (1-1) = 0$	1

# Stage 2: Light + Tone → Food

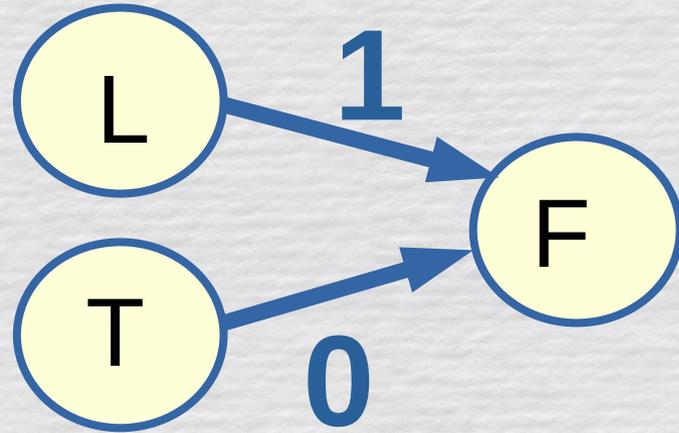


$$\Delta w_{TF} = G(t - \sum a w) a_T$$

$$G = 0.1$$

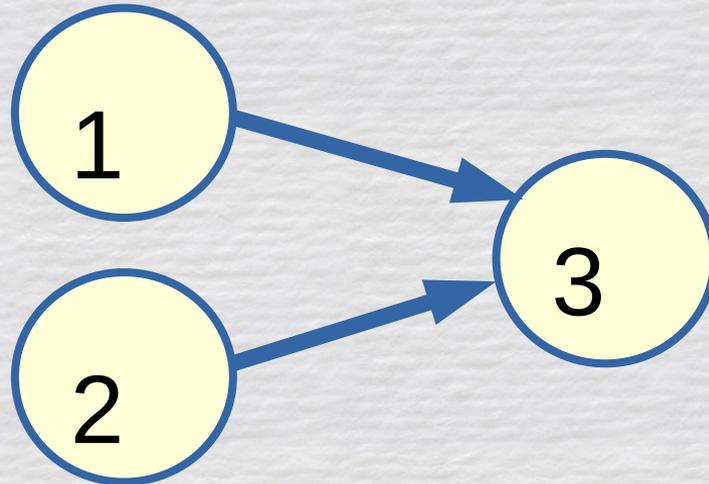
Trial	Tone ( $a_T$ )	Food ( $t$ )	$\Delta w_{TF}$	$w_{TF}$
1	1	1	$.1 \times (1-1) = 0$	0
2	1	1	$.1 \times (1-1) = 0$	0
3...	1	1	$.1 \times (1-1) = 0$	0
...1000	1	1	$.1 \times (1-1) = 0$	0

# Stage 3: Tone → ?

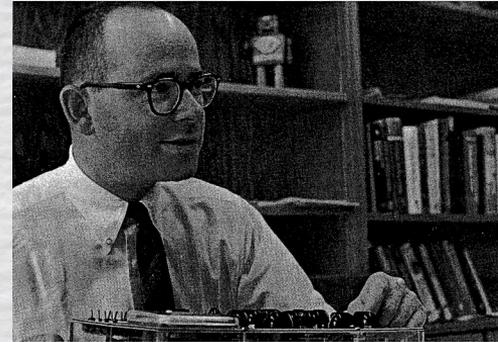
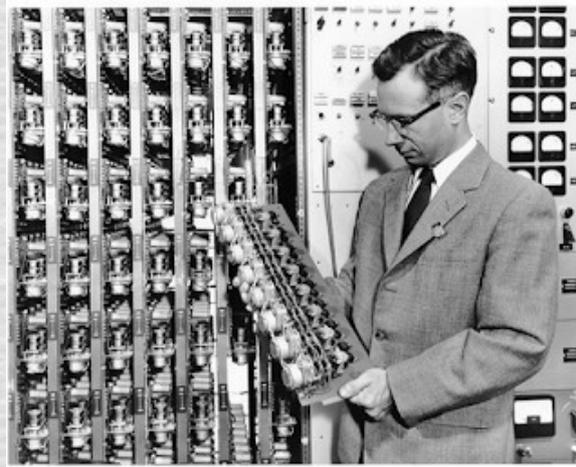
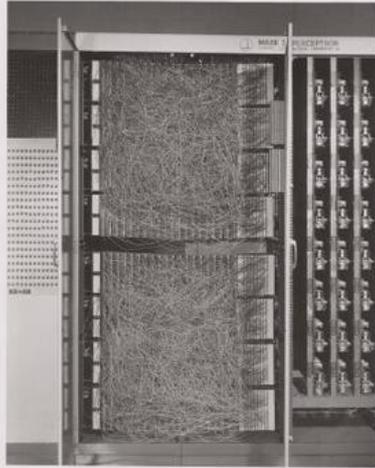


# AI: Convergence rule

Mathematical proof: anything that can be learned by a single-layer network will be learned by the delta rule.



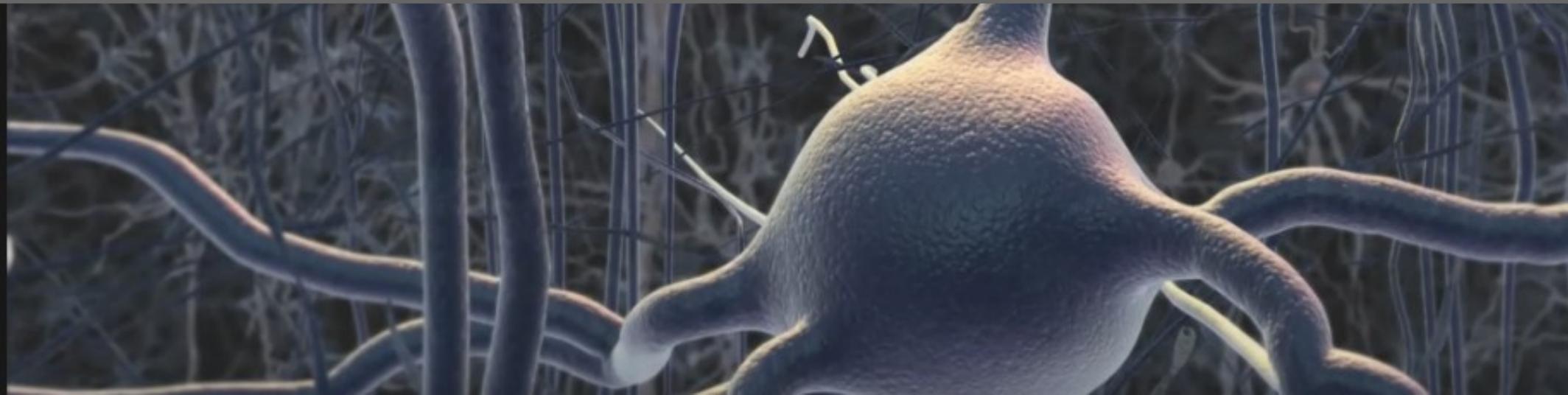
# 1958-1969: AI optimism



"the embryo of an electronic computer that [the Navy] expects will be able to walk, talk, see, write, reproduce itself and be conscious of its existence."



# First AI Winter



# XOR



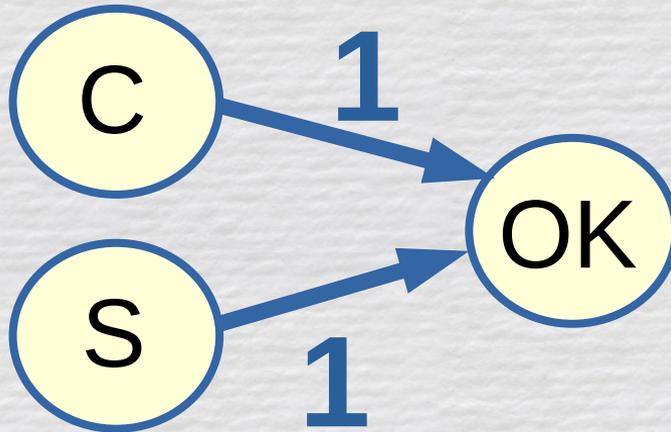
“Omelette, with chips or salad”

# XOR



“Omelette, with chips or salad”

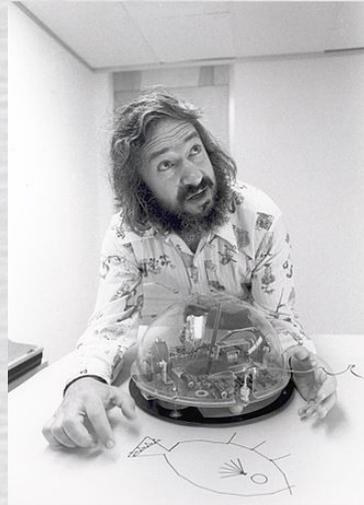
# Limitations of single-layer nets



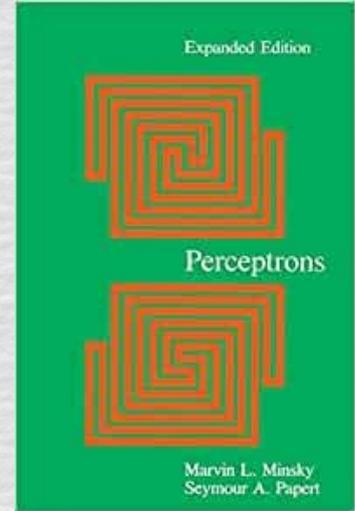
# Perceptrons (1969)



Minsky



Papert



# 1<sup>st</sup> AI winter (1974-1980)

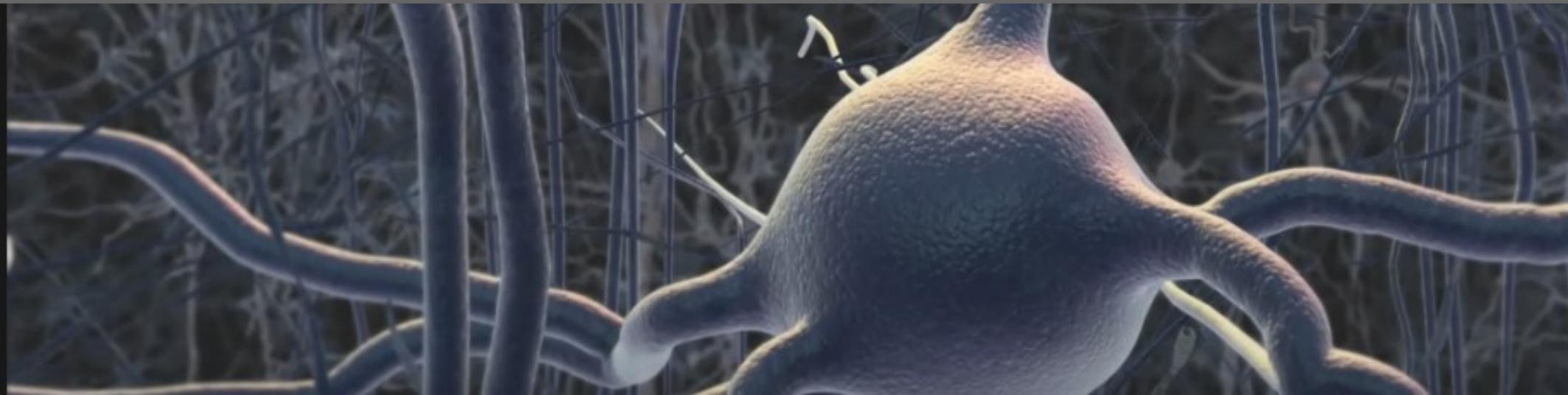


Lighthill

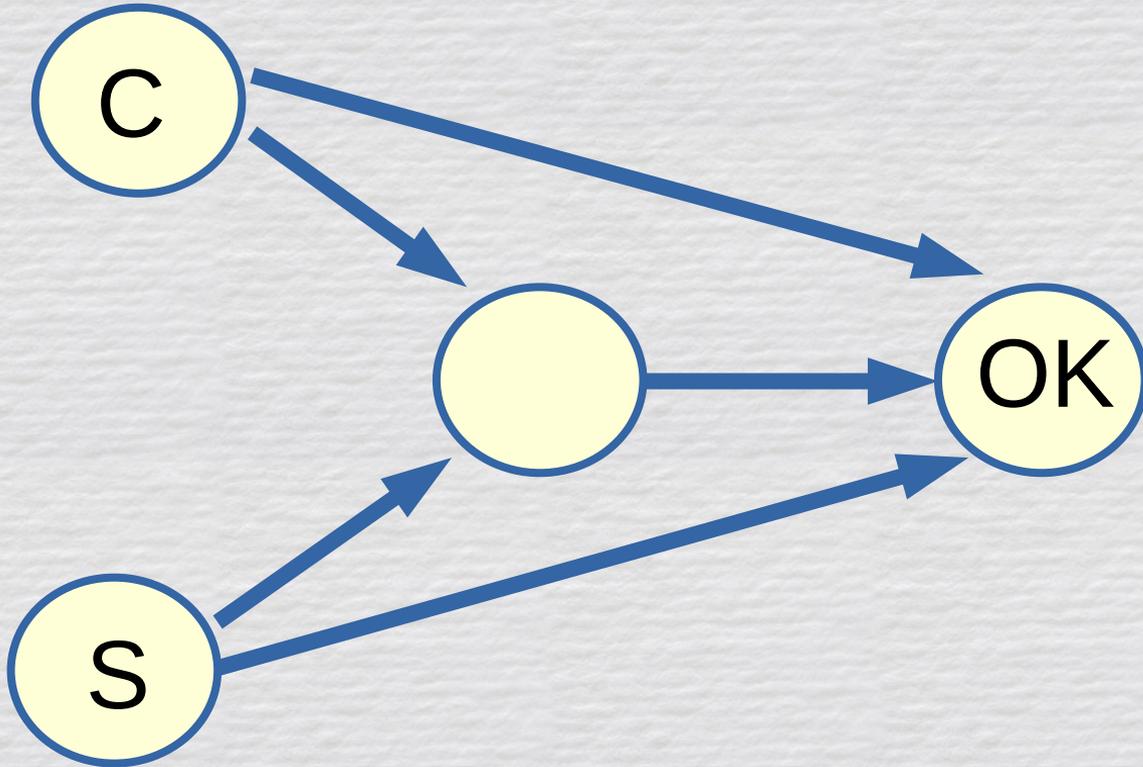
"In no part of the field have the discoveries made so far produced the major impact that was then promised"  
- Lighthill report (1974)



# Solving XOR



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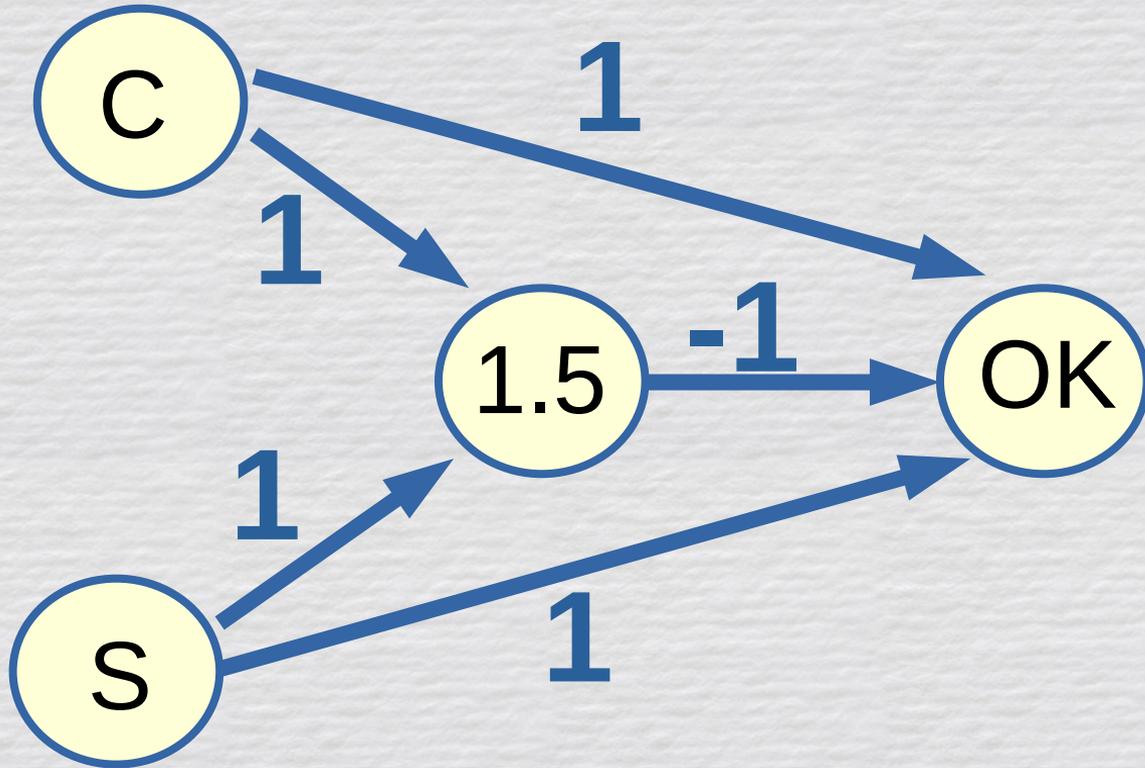


**Threshold activation**

If  $in < T$ ,  $out = 0$

Otherwise,  $out = in$

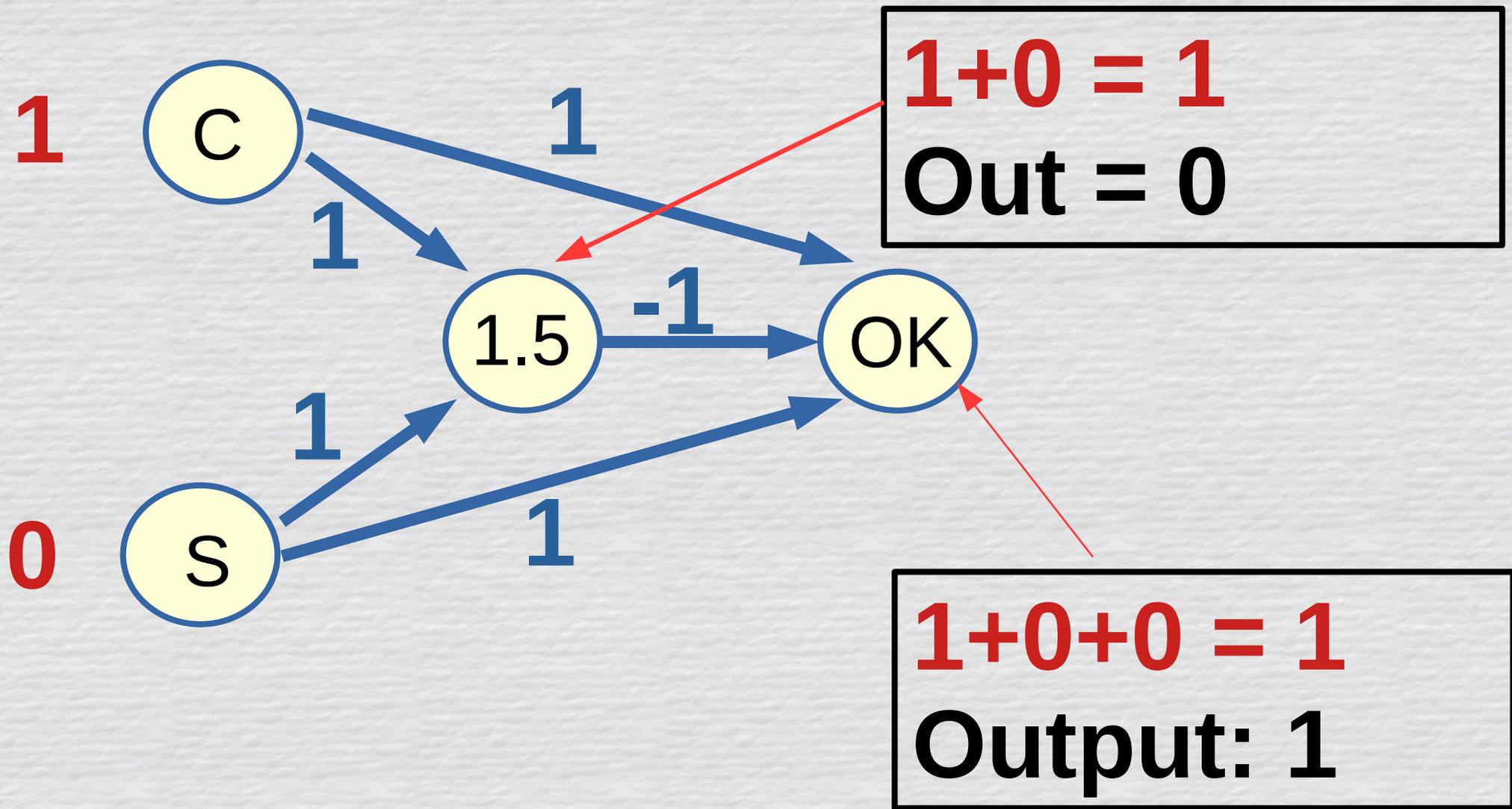
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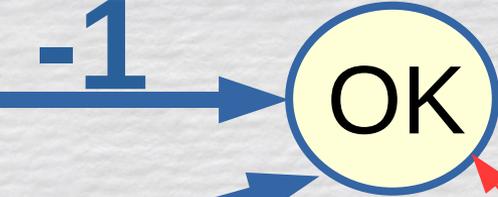
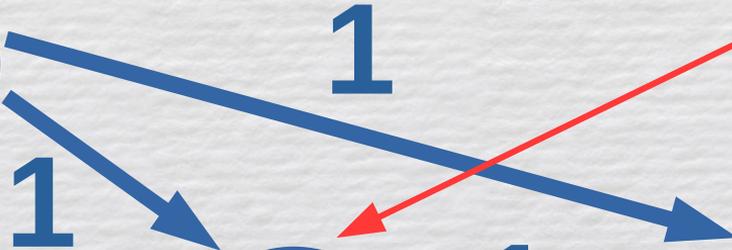
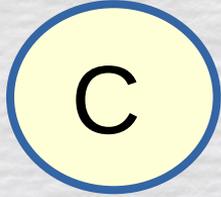
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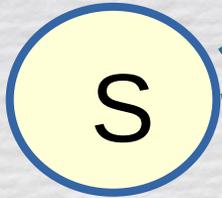


**1**



**$1+1 = 2$**   
**Output: 2**

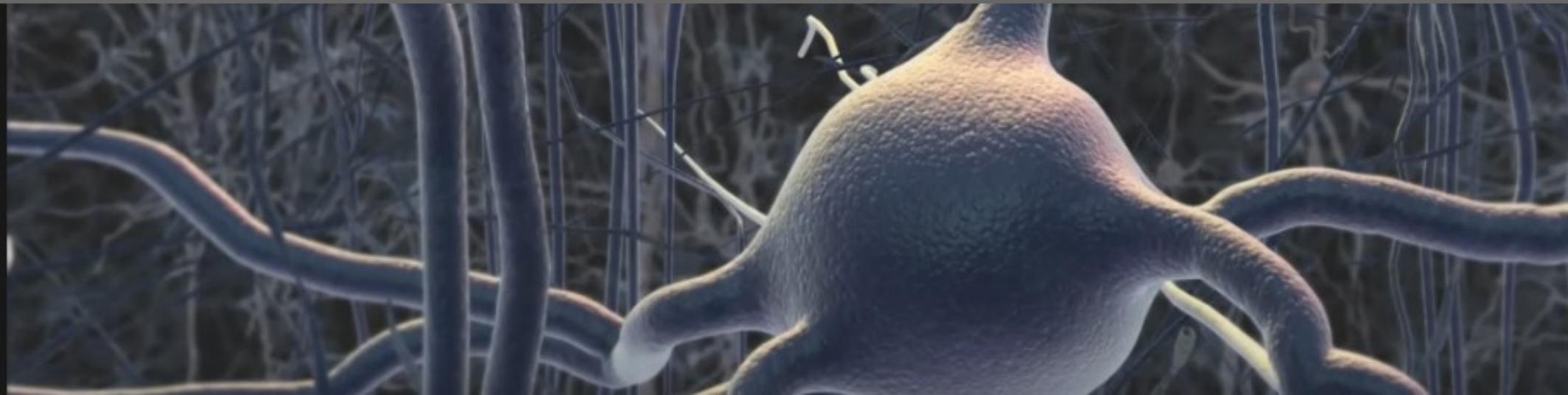
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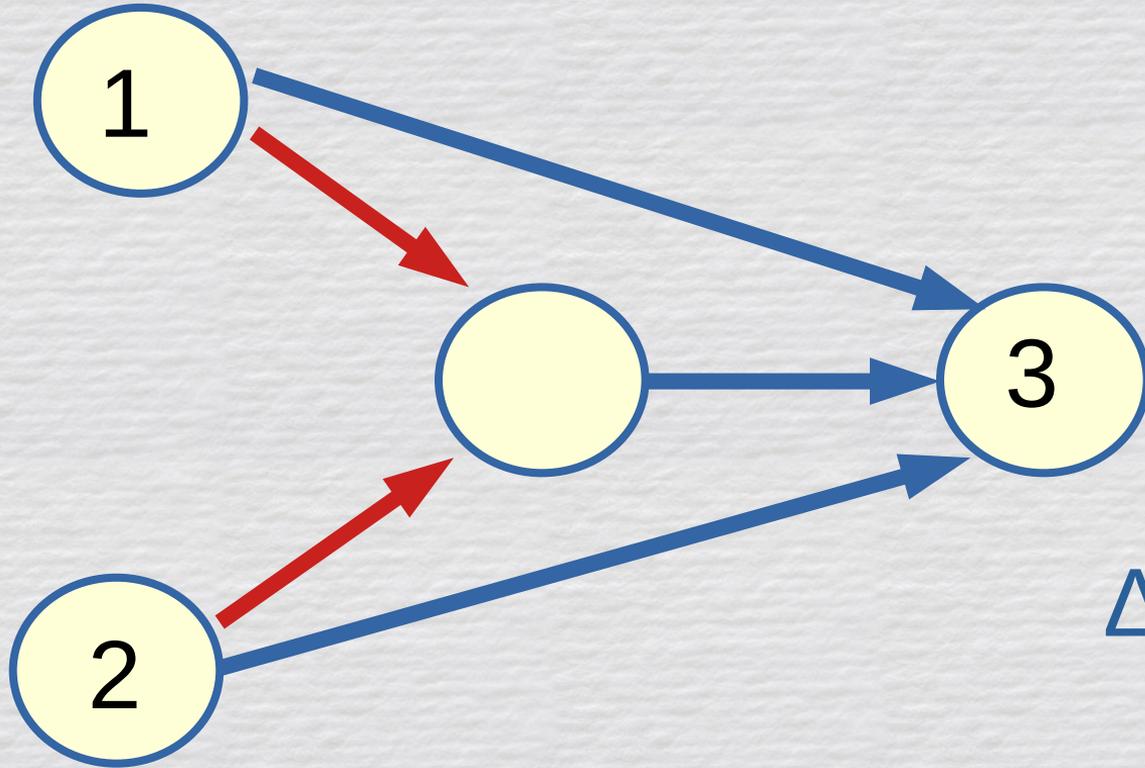
**$1+1-2 = 0$**   
**Output: 0**



**Backprop**



# Backpropagation of error



$$\Delta w_{13} = G(t - \sum a w) a_1$$

Teacher      Student prediction

# Defining error

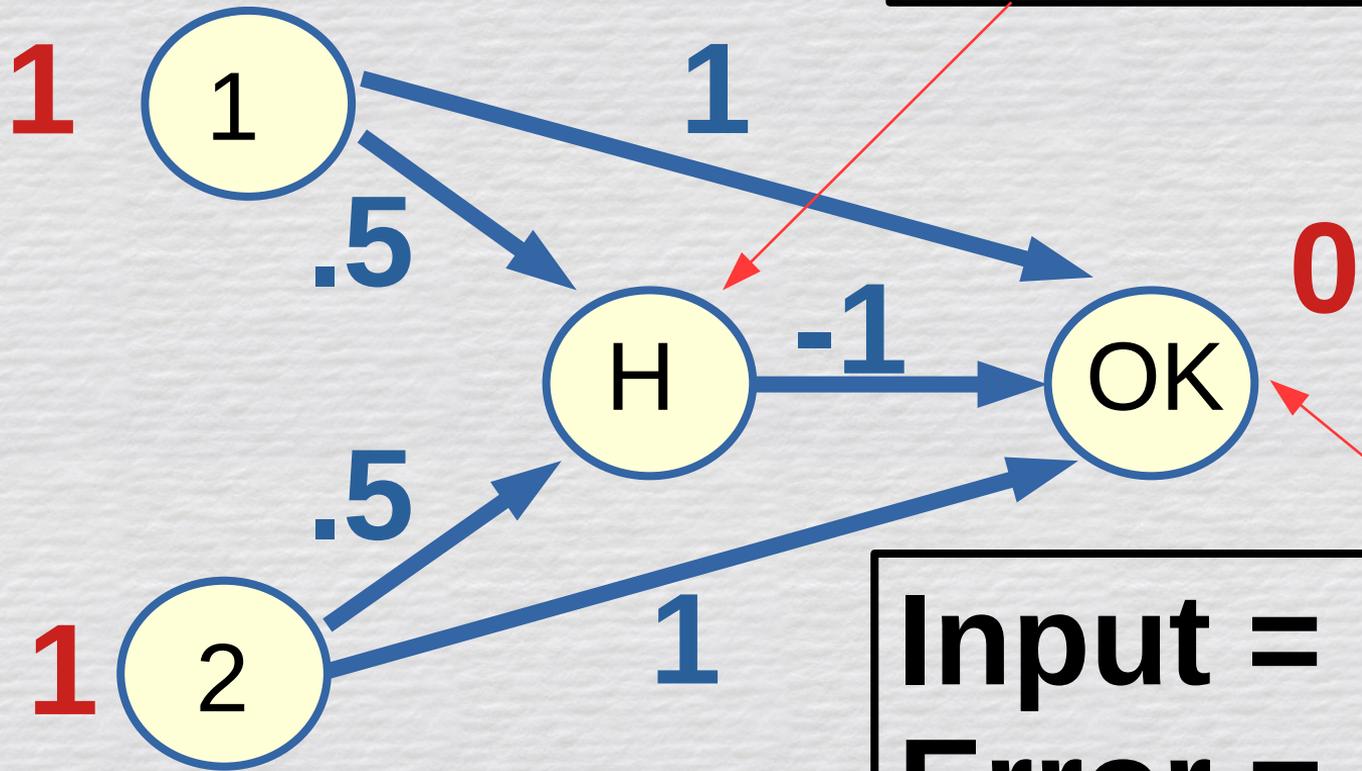
$$\Delta w_{13} = G(t - \sum a w) a_1$$

Teacher                      Student prediction

$$E_3 = (t - \sum a w)$$

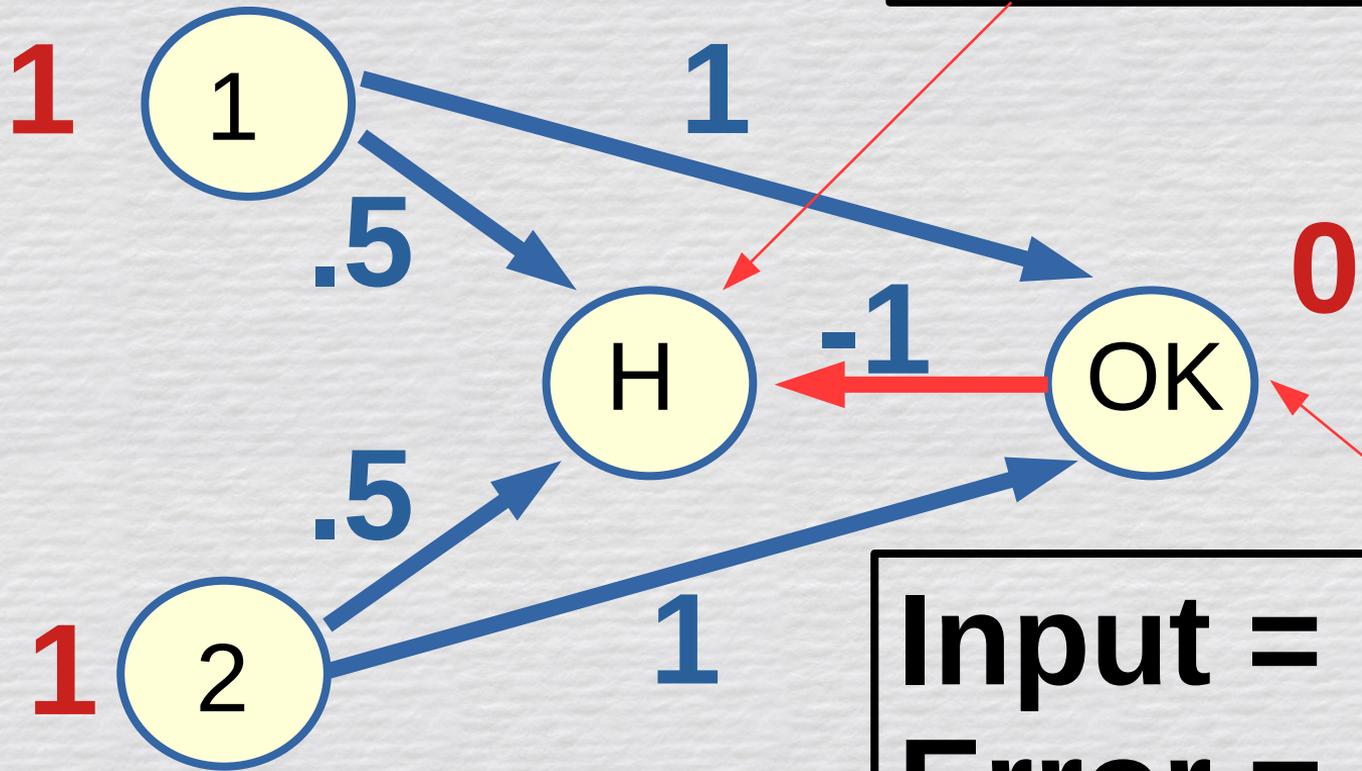
$$\Delta w_{13} = G.E_3.a_1$$

**Input =  $.5 + .5 = 1$**   
**Error = ?**



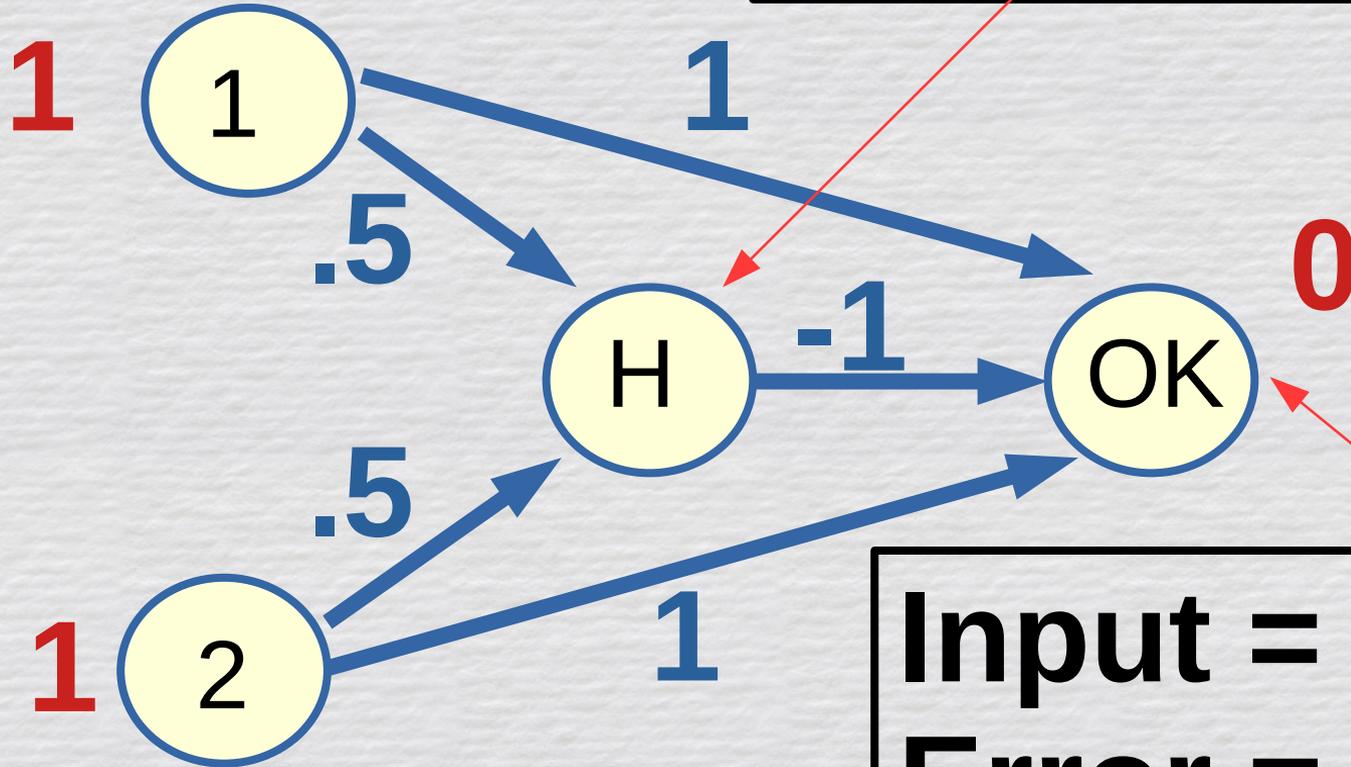
**Input =  $1 + 1 - 1 = 1$**   
**Error =  $0 - 1 = -1$**

**Input =  $.5 + .5 = 1$**   
**Error = ?**



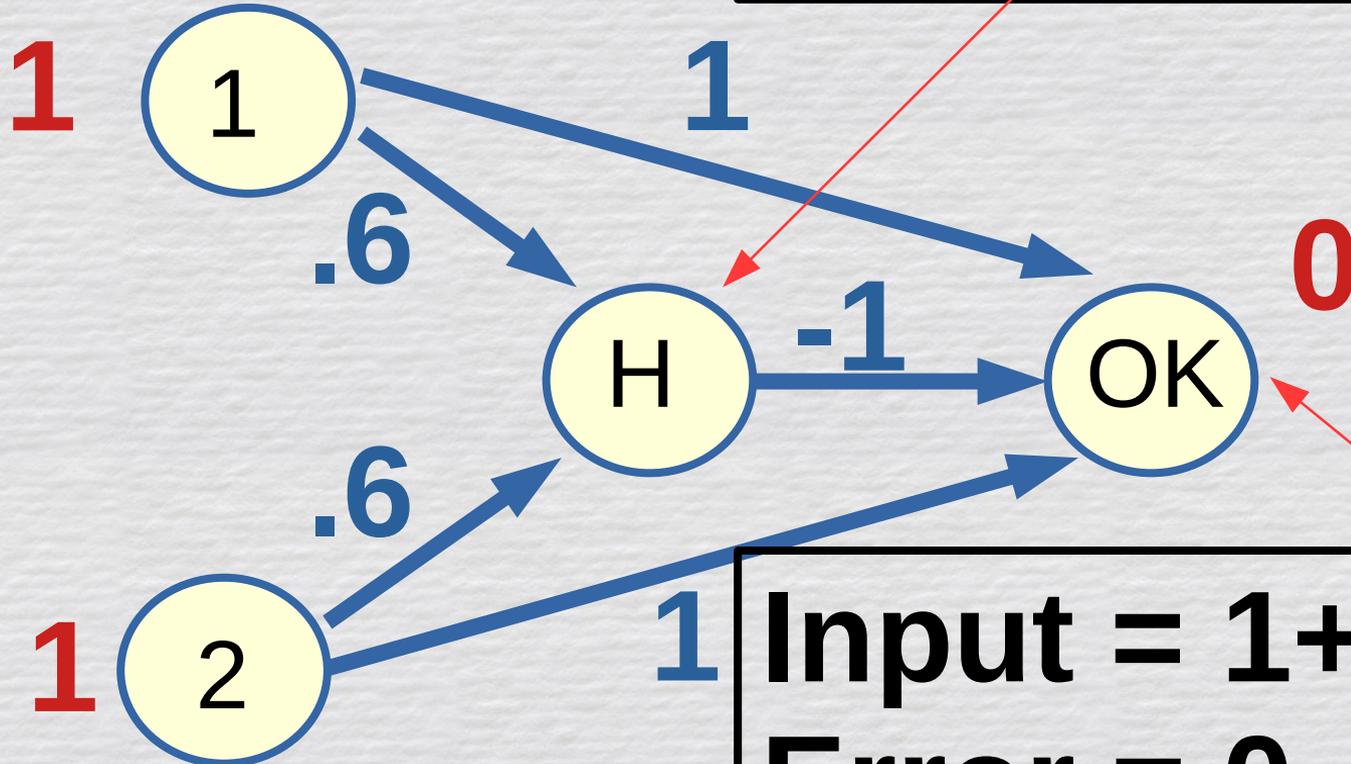
**Input =  $1 + 1 - 1 = 1$**   
**Error =  $0 - 1 = -1$**

**Input =  $.5 + .5 = 1$**   
**Error =  $-1 \times -1 = 1$**



**Input =  $1 + 1 - 1 = 1$**   
**Error =  $0 - 1 = -1$**

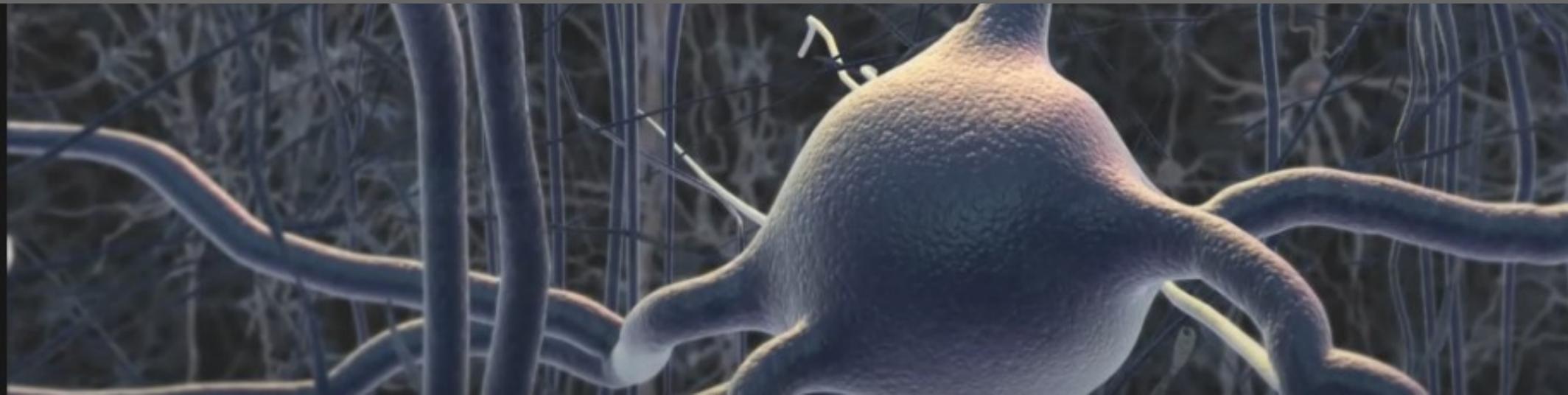
$$\text{Input} = .6 + .6 = 1.2$$



$$\text{Input} = 1 + 1 - 1.2 = .8$$
$$\text{Error} = 0 - .8 = -.8$$



# History of backprop

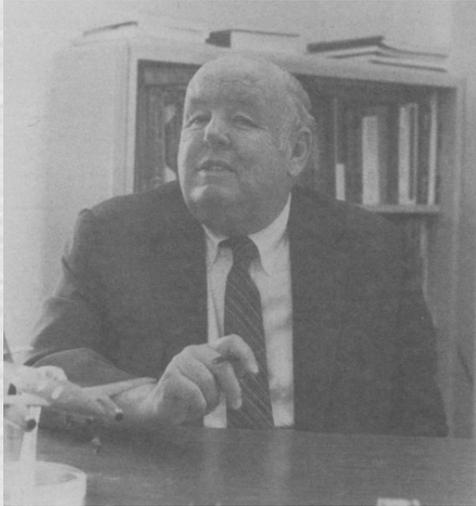


# Standard story



Rumelhart, Hinton & Williams (1986)

# Invention of backprop



**Kelley (1960)**



**Werbos (1974)**

# Invention of backprop

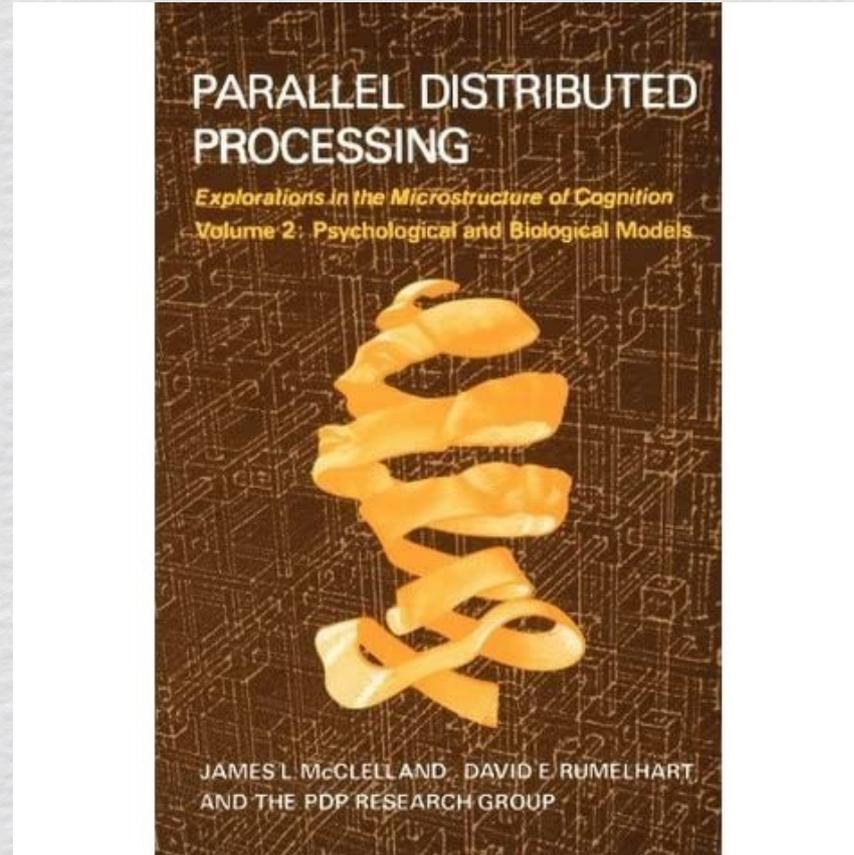
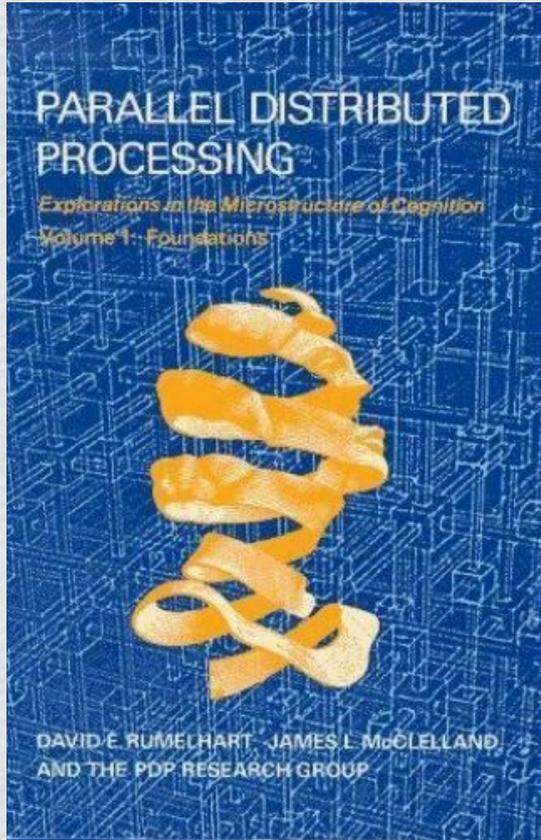


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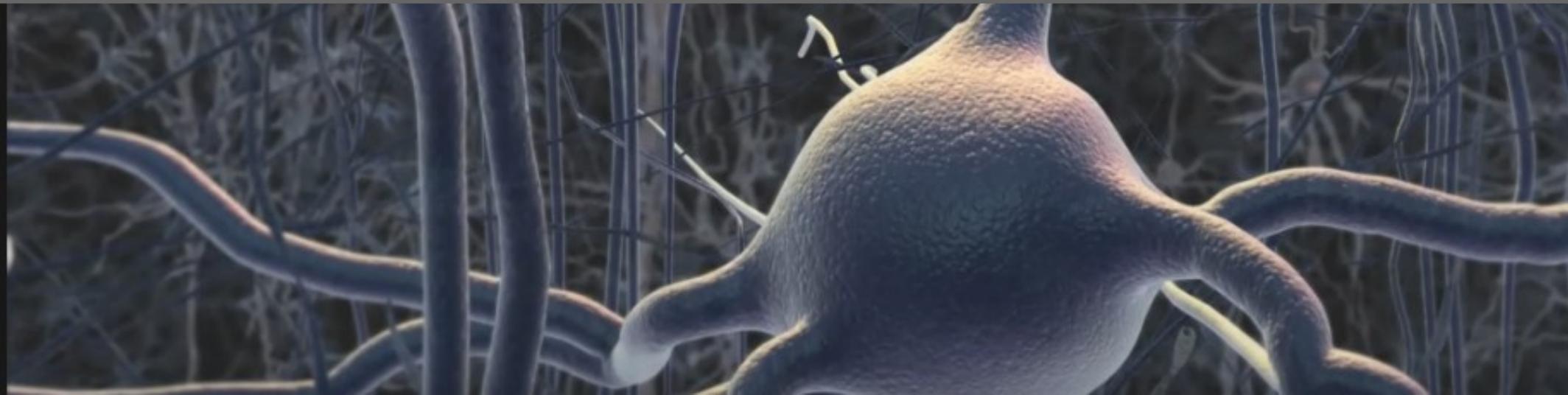
Sun-1 (1983)  
£24,000 in today's money

# Connectionism

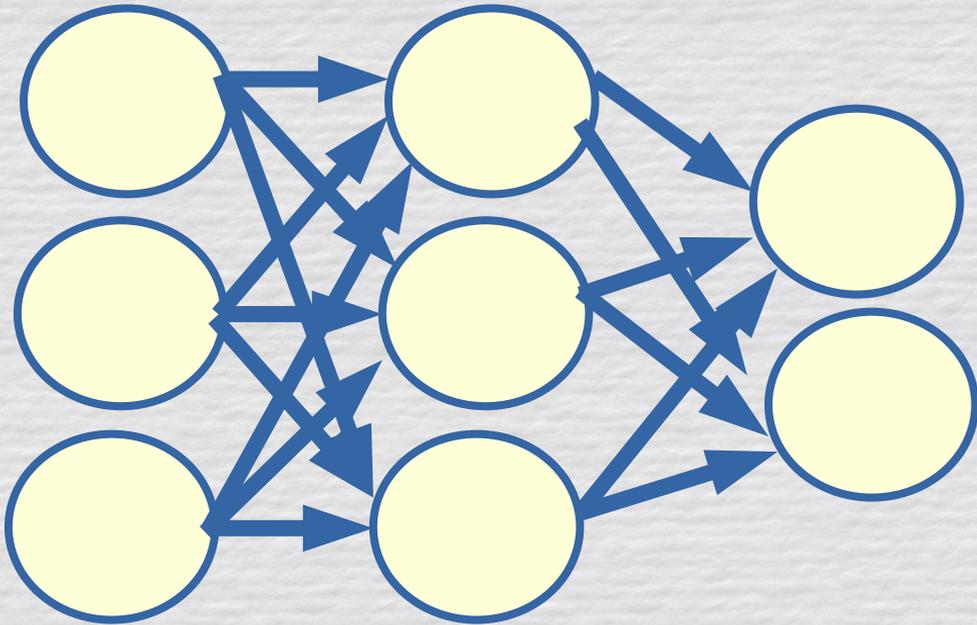




# Power and limitations of backprop



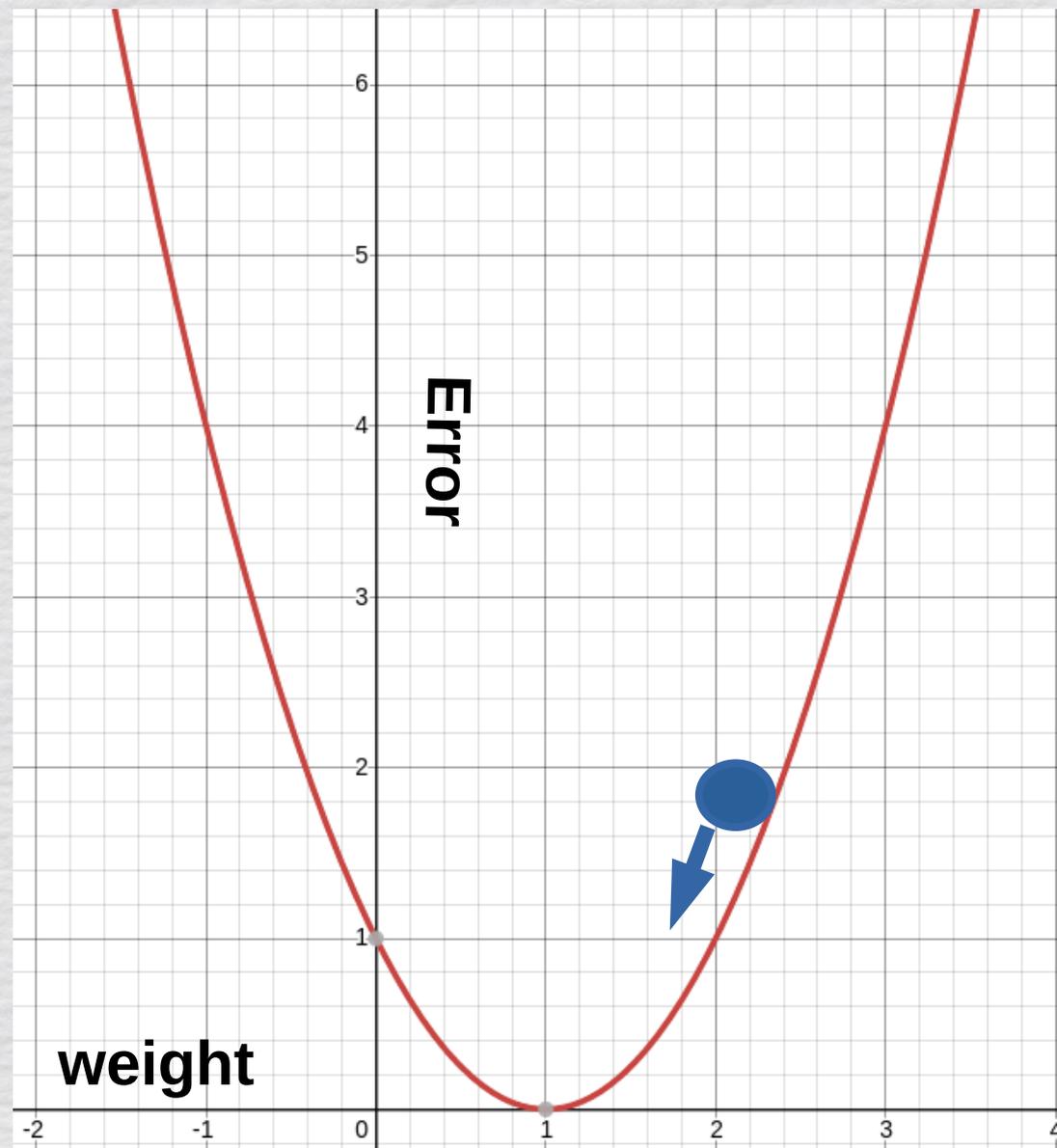
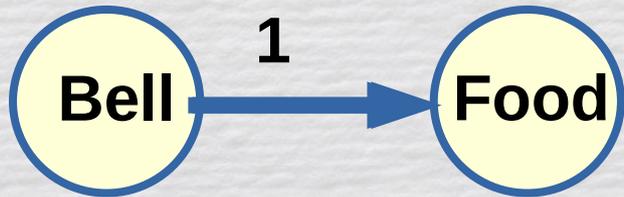
# Universal approximators



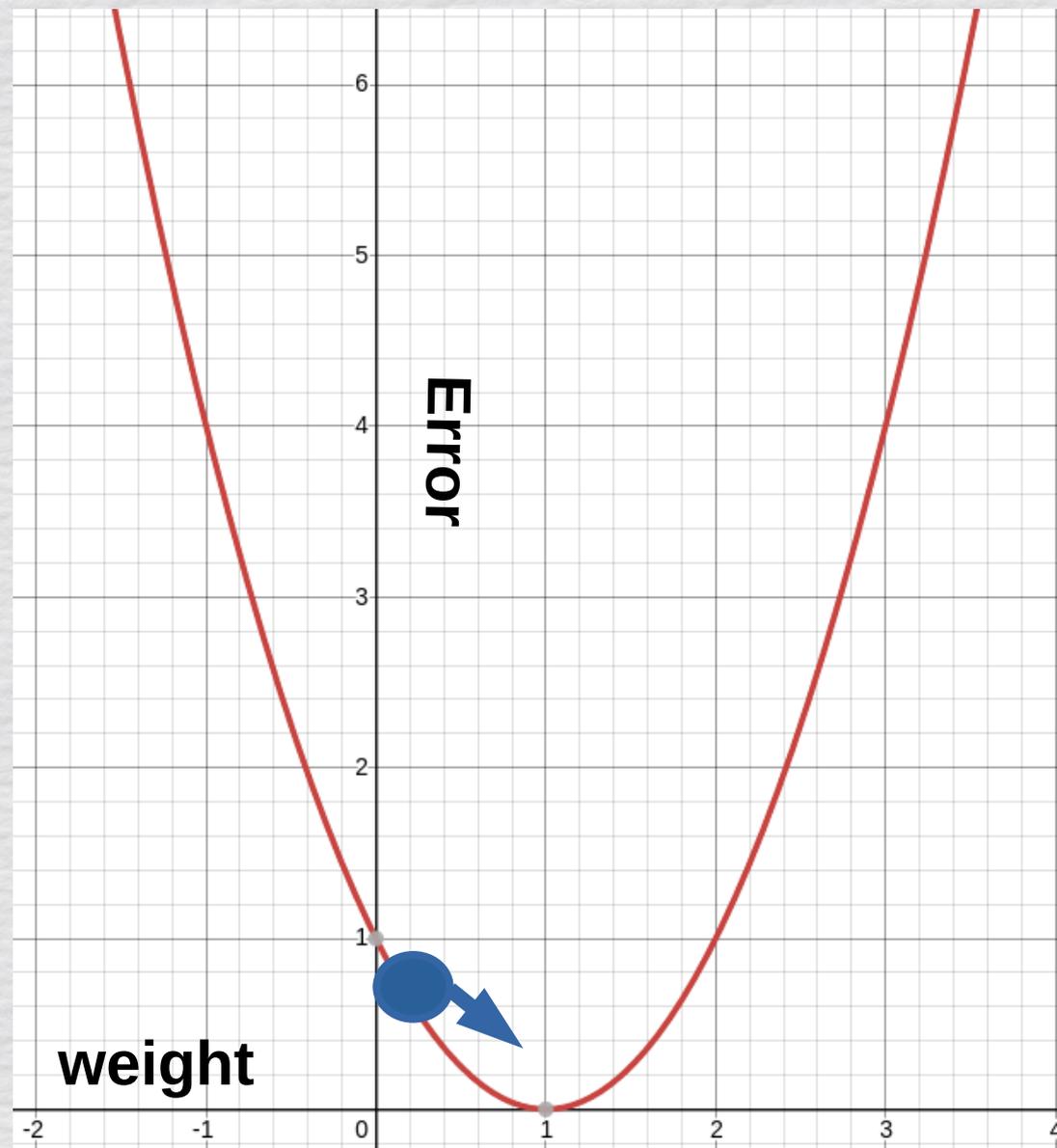
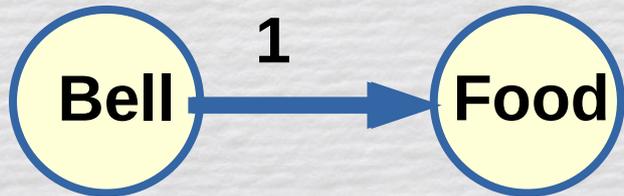
*A multilayer feedforward network, with sufficient hidden units can represent any deterministic mapping between its inputs and its outputs*

*- Hornik, Stinchcombe & White (1989)*

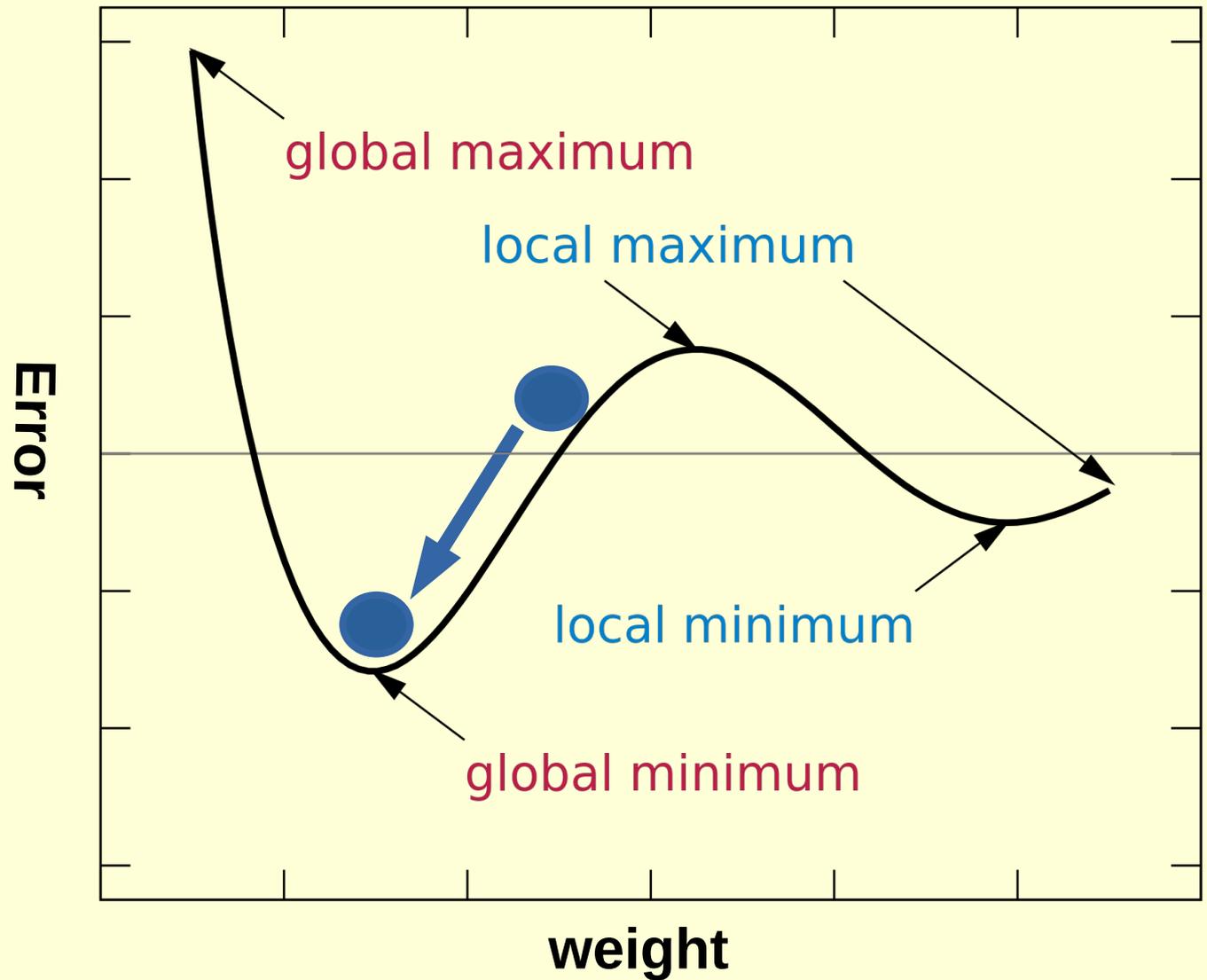
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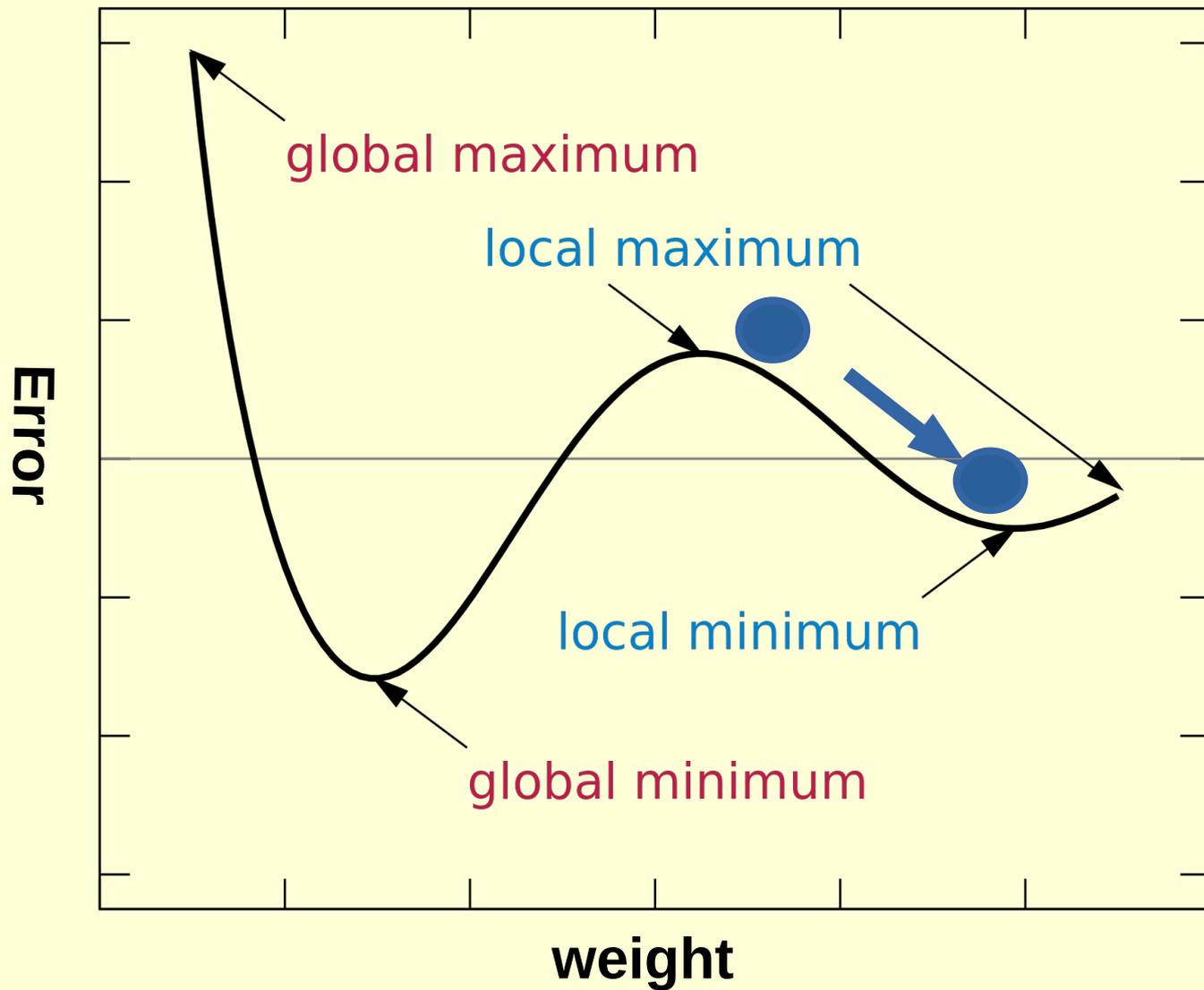
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# Interference

“Every time I learn something new, it pushes some old stuff out of my brain”  
- Homer Simpson



# People: Retroactive Interference

## Retroactive interference

Barnes & Underwood (1959)

List 1 (A-B)

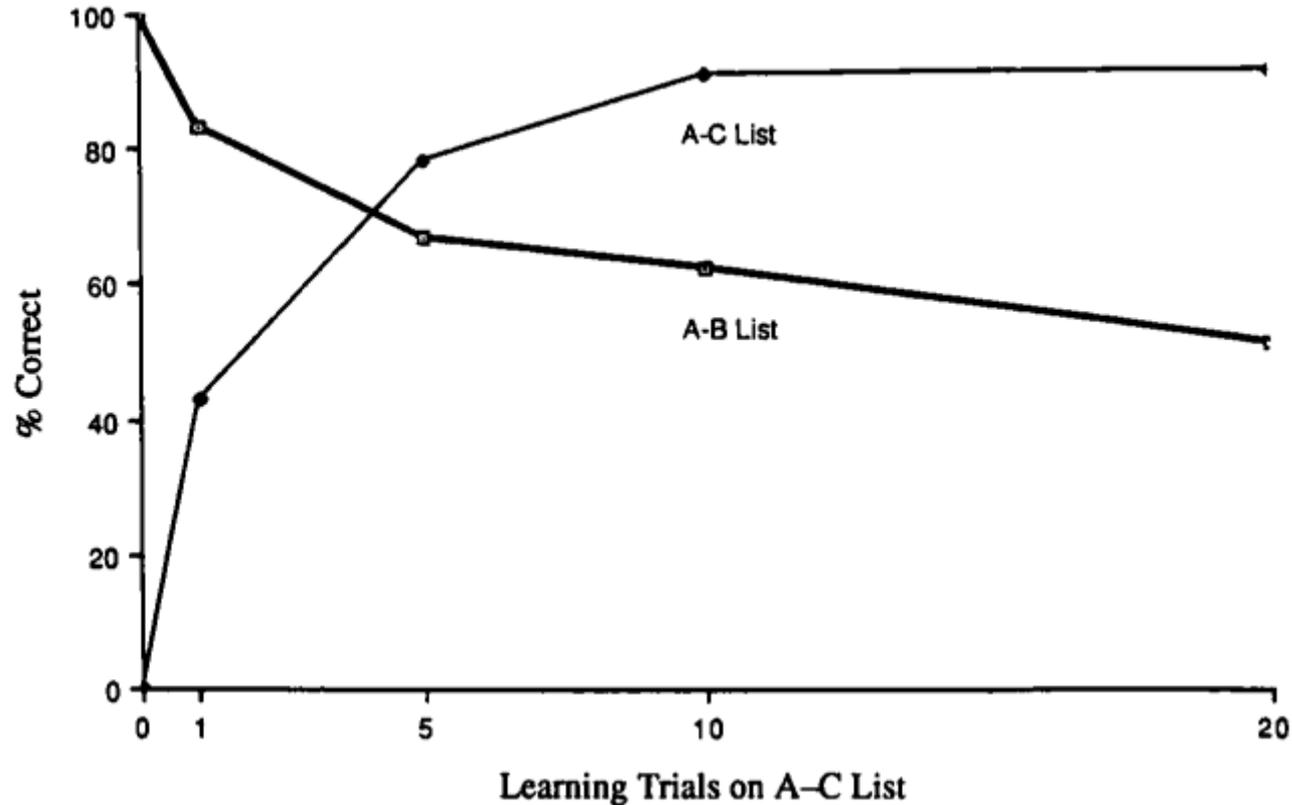
*dax – regal*

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List 2 (A-C)

*dax – cabbage*

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# Backprop: Catastrophic Interference

## Catastrophic interference

McCloskey & Cohen (1989)

List 1 (A-B)

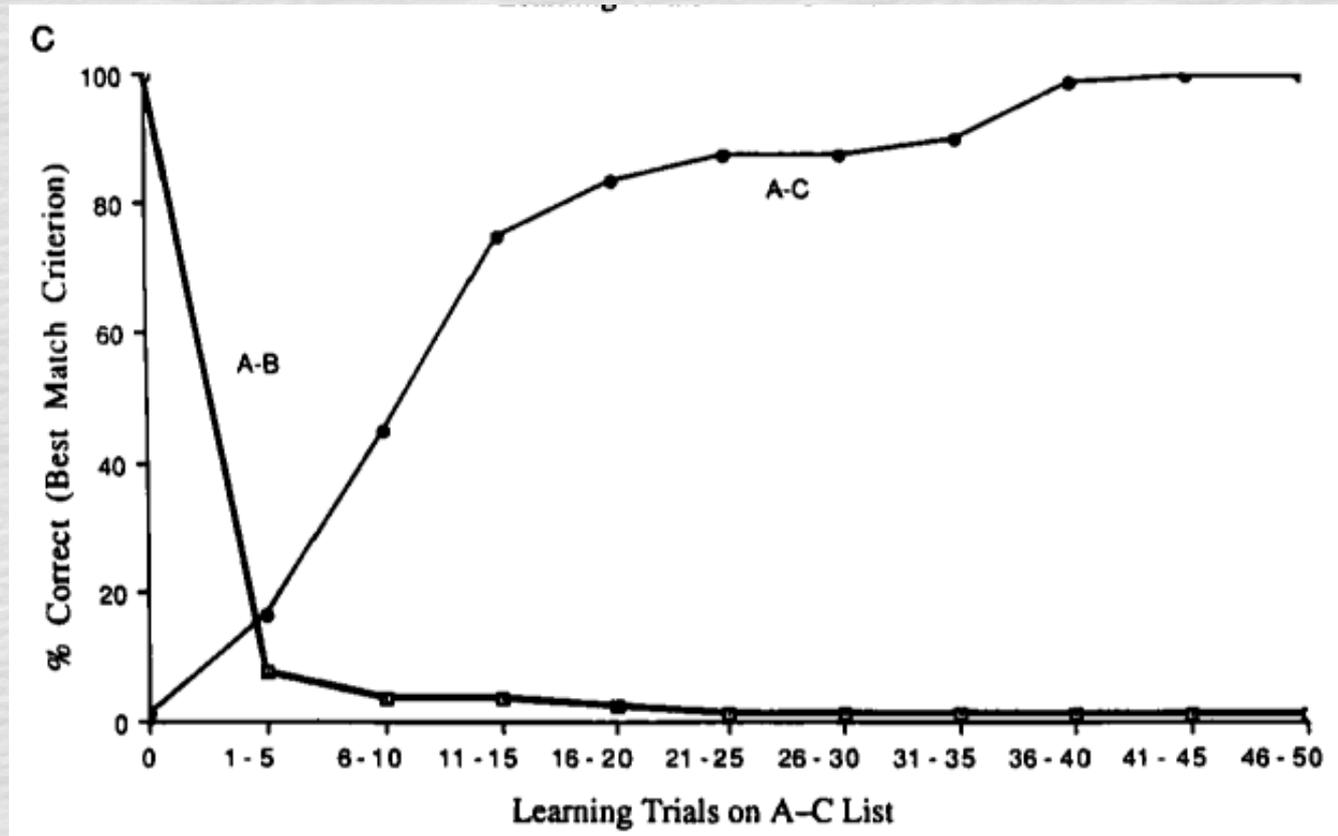
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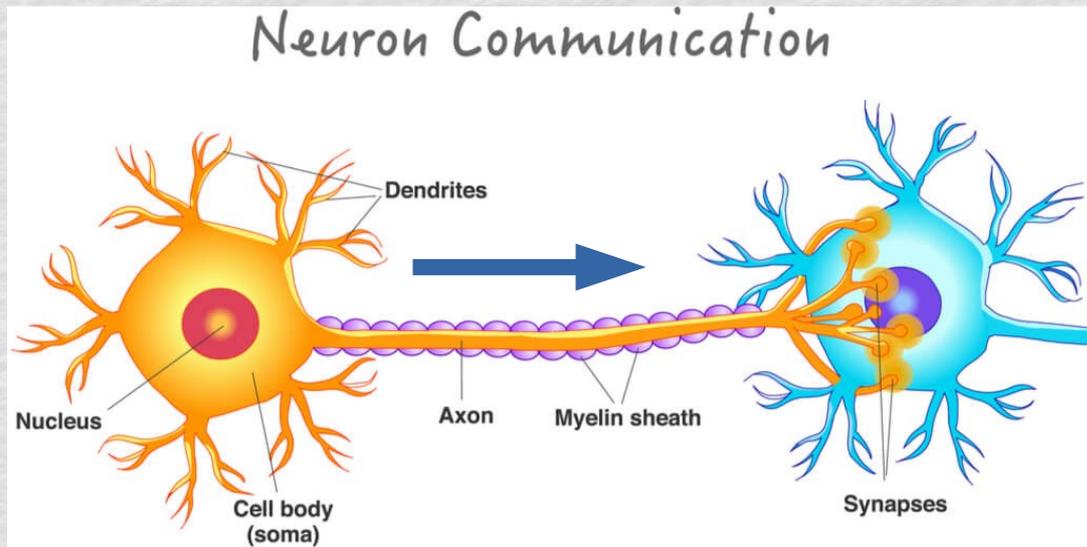
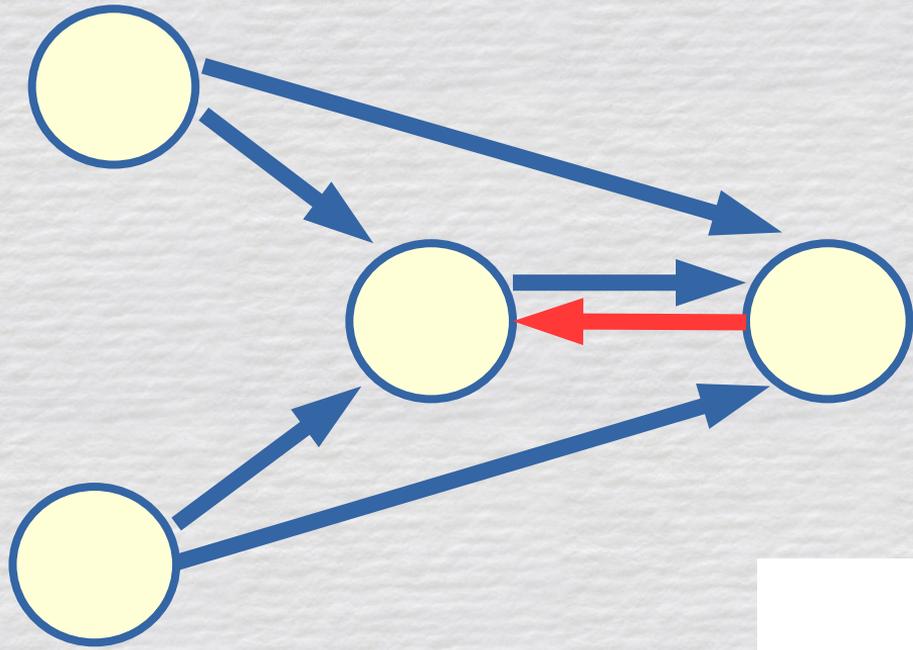
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# Neural plausibility





# Summary

