

Machine Learning and Imaging

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Lecture 7: Gradient descent and going beyond linear classification

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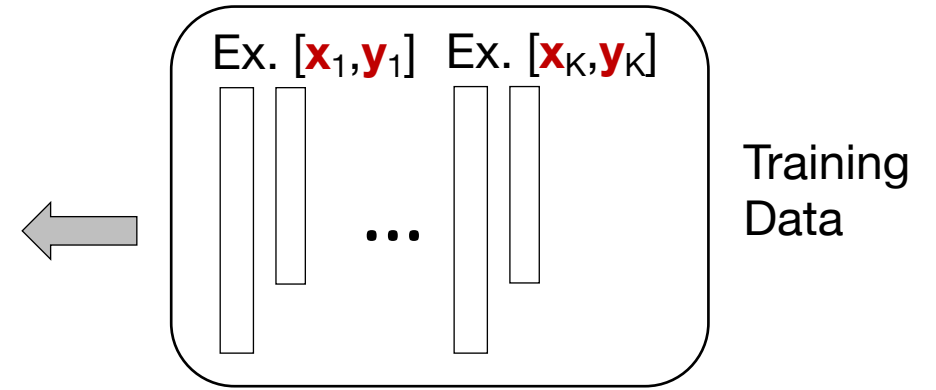
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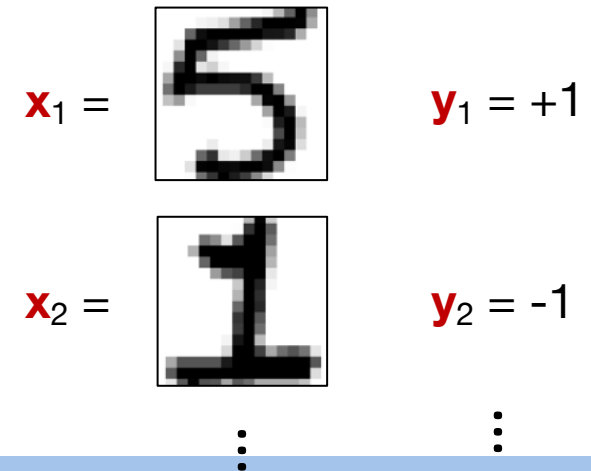
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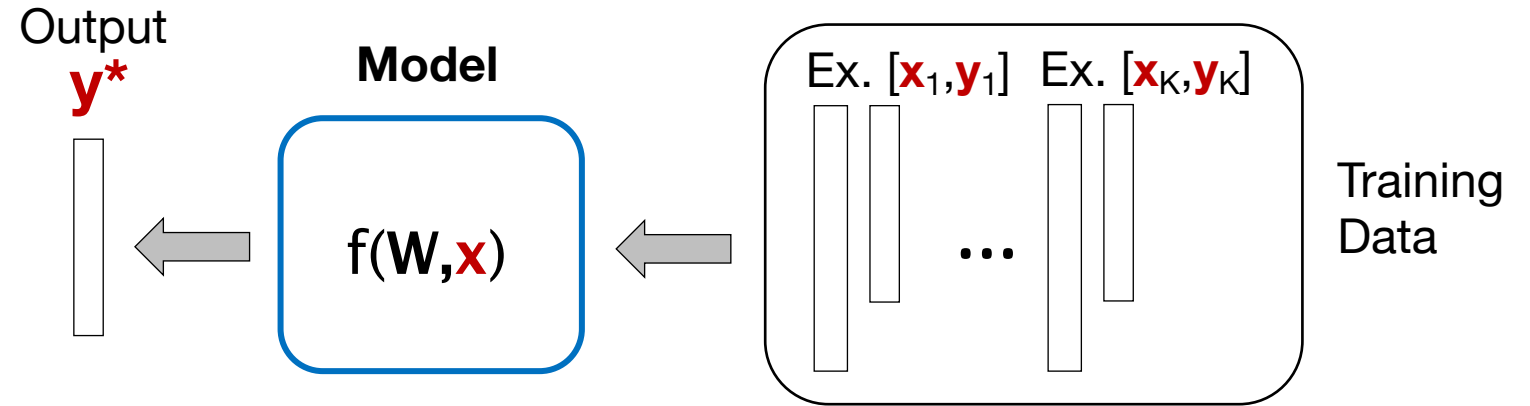


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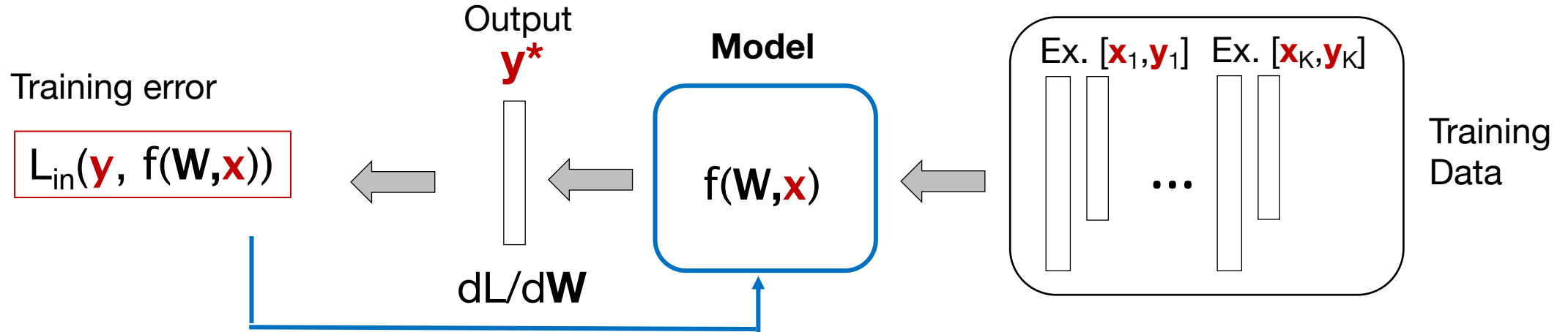


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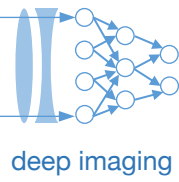
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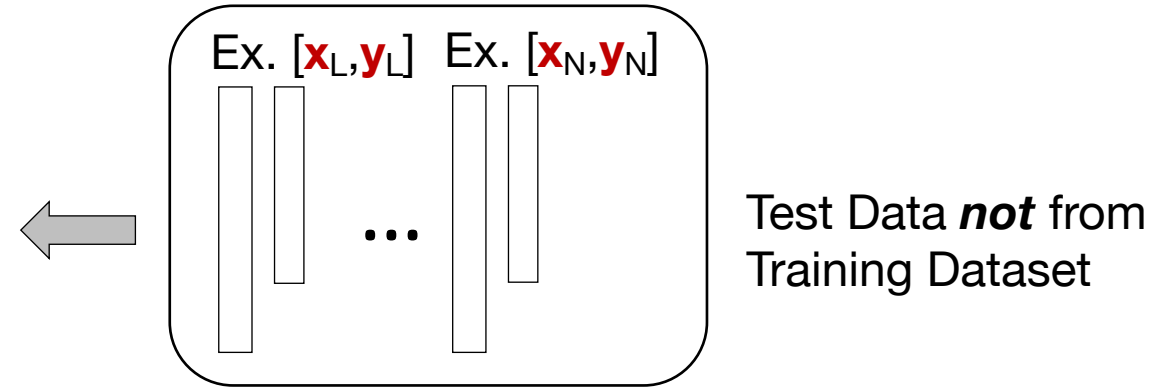


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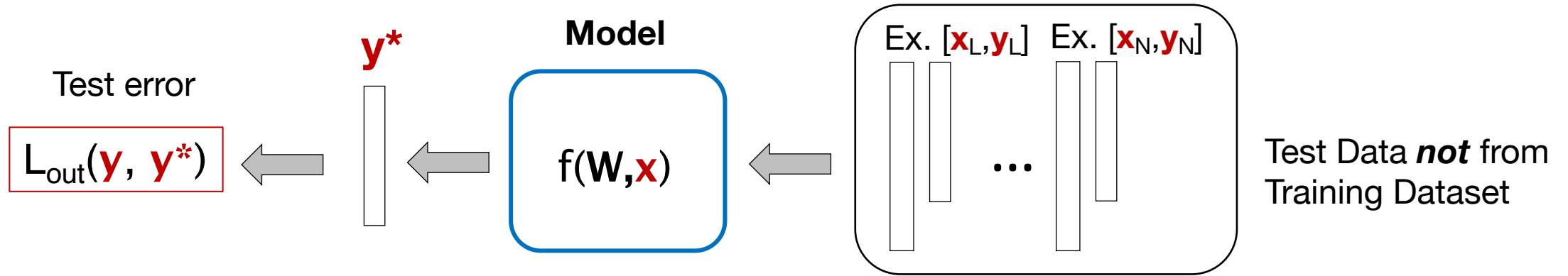


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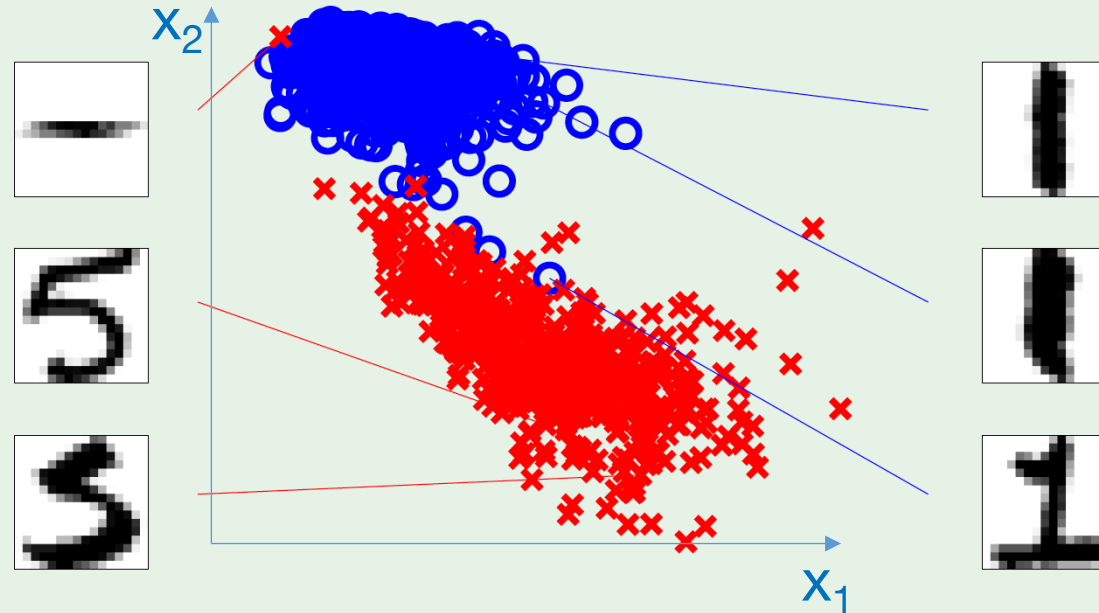
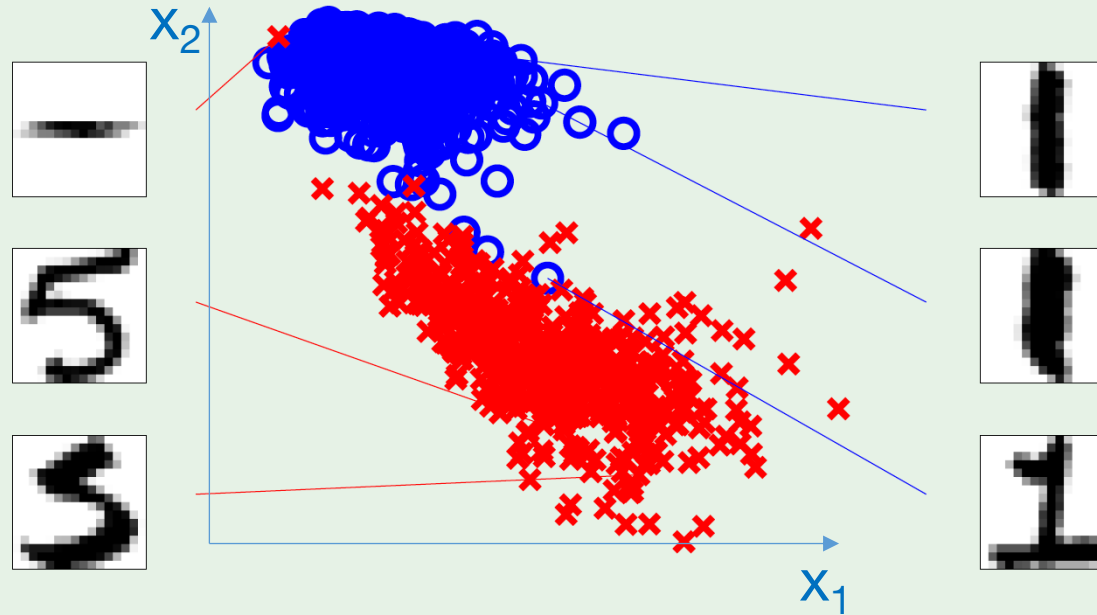


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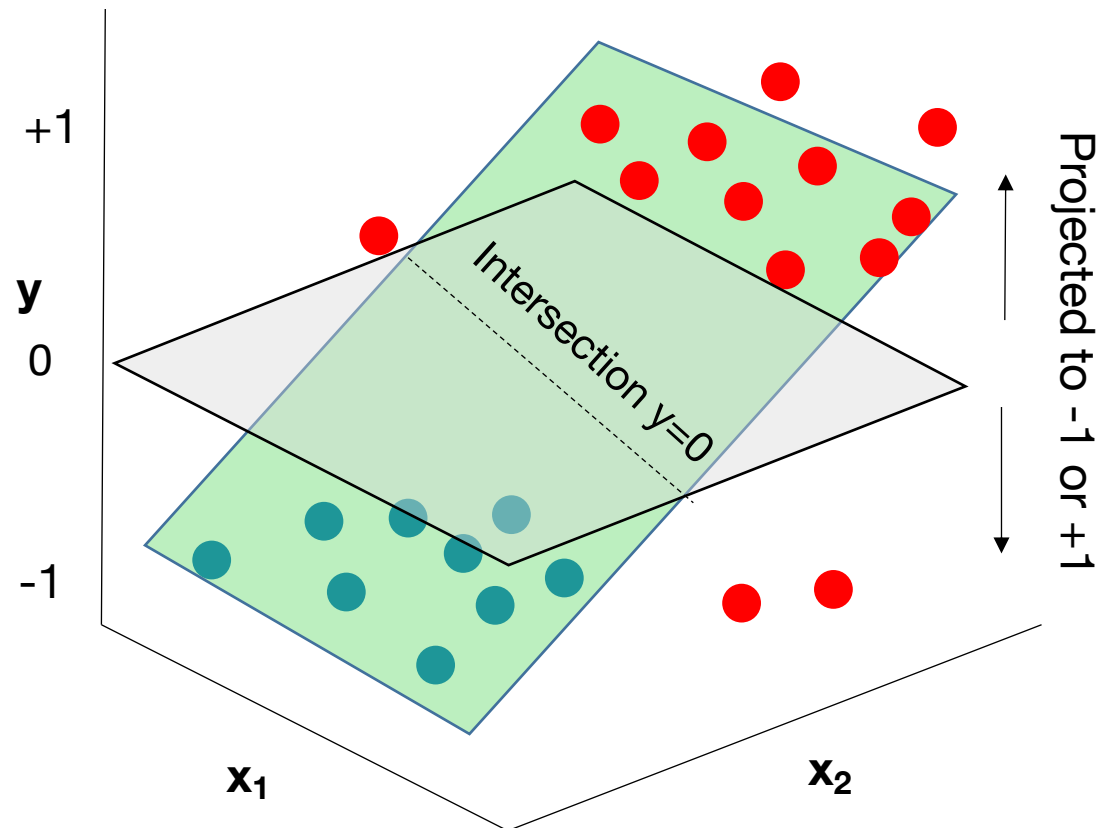
Use MSE error model $L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (w^T x_i - y_i)^2$

Where labels determined by thresholding

$$f(\mathbf{x}_i) = y_i^* = \text{sgn}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$\text{sgn}(x) := \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

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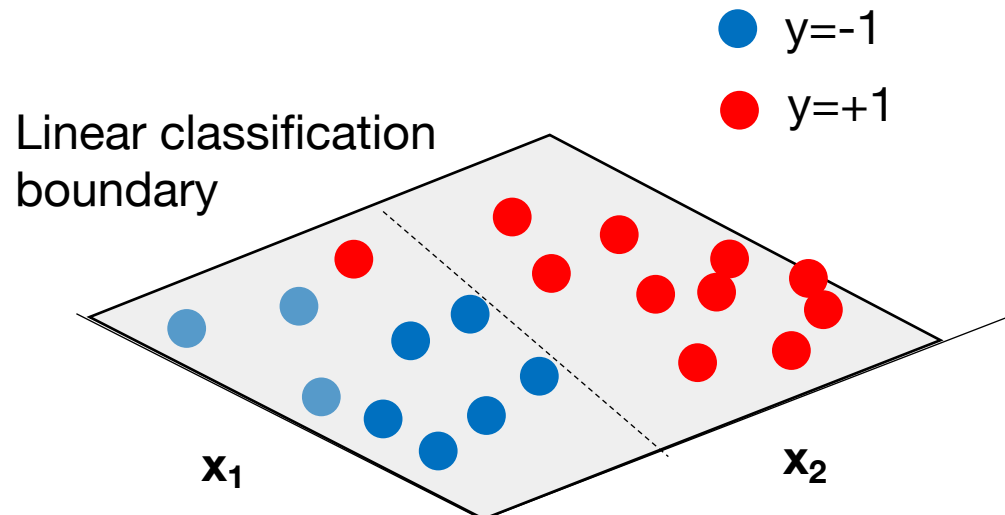
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Closed-form solution available for this boundary line \mathbf{w} via pseudo-inverse (see last lecture's notes)

Let's consider some other strategies to solve for \mathbf{w} ...

3 methods to solve for w^T in the case of linear regression:

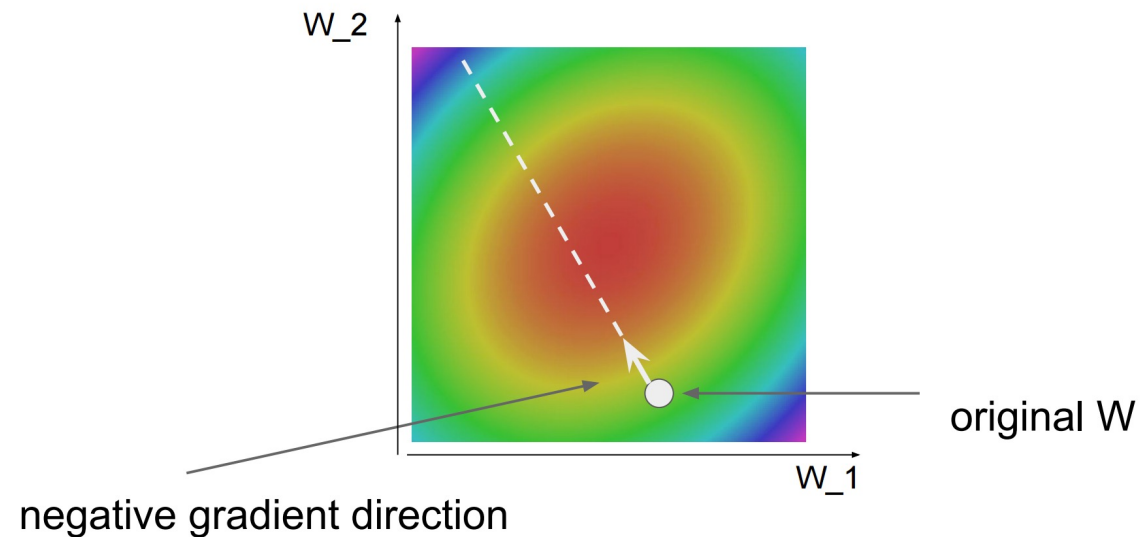
- (easier)
1. Pseudo-inverse (this is one of the few cases with a closed-form solution)
 2. Numerical gradient descent
 3. Gradient descent on the cost function with respect to W
- (harder)
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- A blue arrow pointing downwards, indicating the increasing difficulty of the methods listed.

Gradient descent: The iterative recipe

Initialize: Start with a guess of \mathbf{W}

Until the gradient does not change very much:
 $dL/d\mathbf{W} = \text{evaluate_gradient}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}, y, L)$
 $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} - \text{step_size} * dL/d\mathbf{W}$

evaluate_gradient can be achieved numerically or algebraically



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$$\nabla L(w) = \frac{2}{N} X^T (Xw - y) = 0$$

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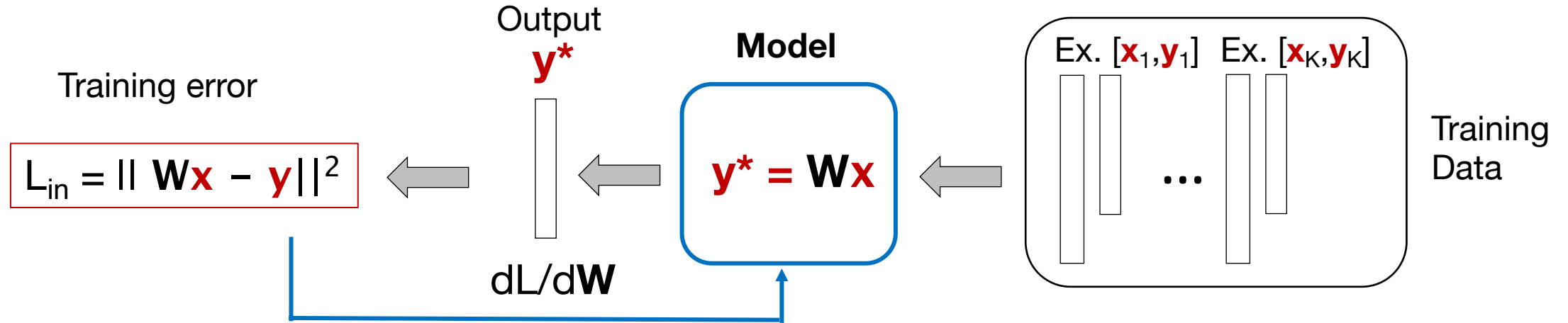
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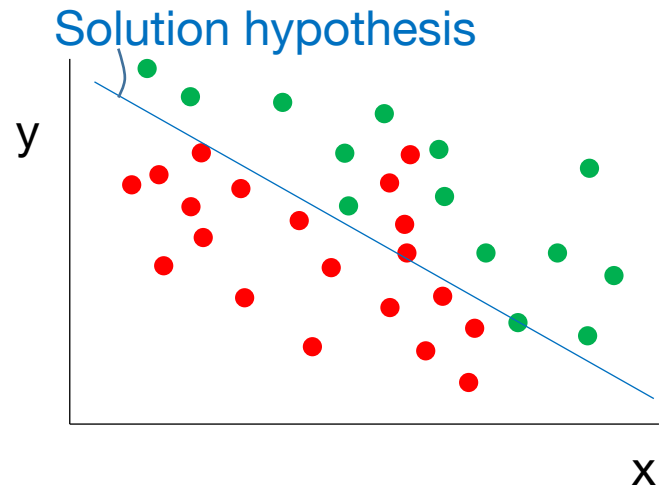
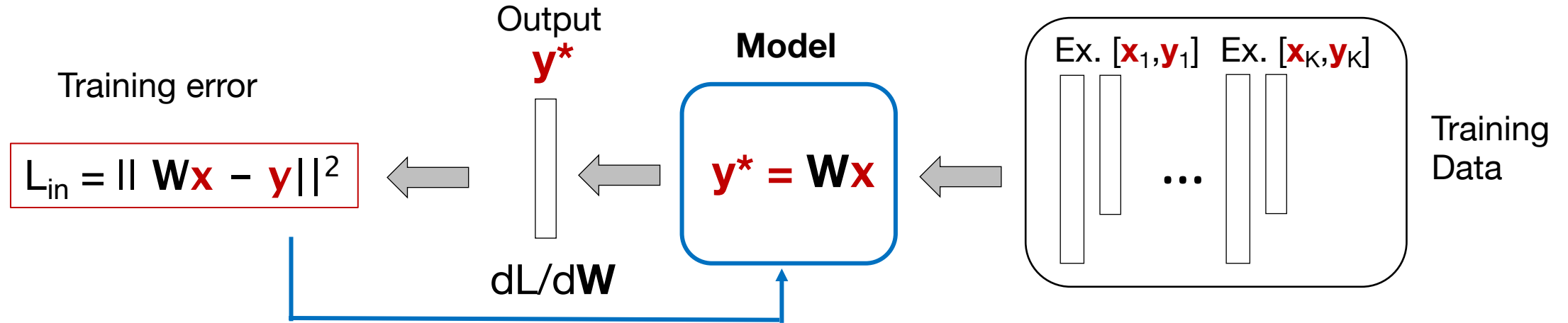
$$\epsilon^* = \frac{\mathbf{g}^\top \mathbf{g}}{\mathbf{g}^\top \mathbf{H} \mathbf{g}}$$

J. R. Shewchuck, [“An Introduction to the Conjugate Gradient Method Without the Agonizing Pain”](#)

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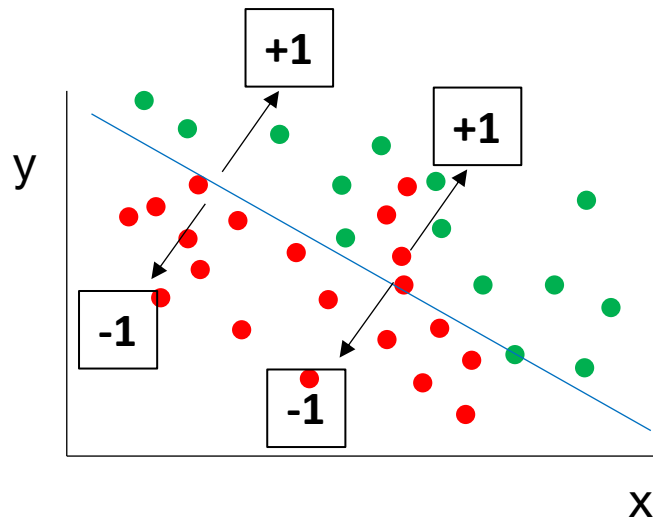
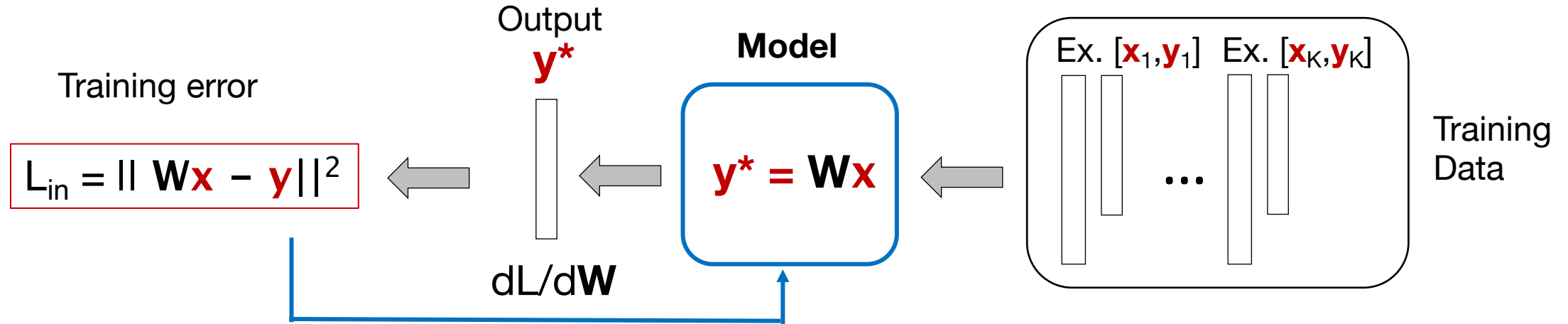


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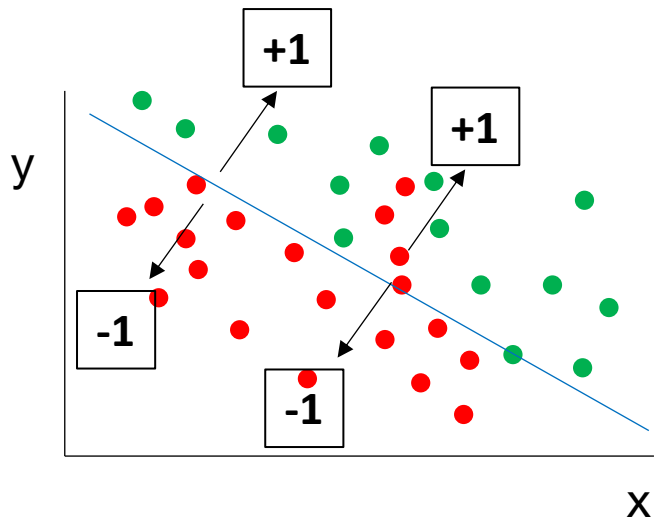
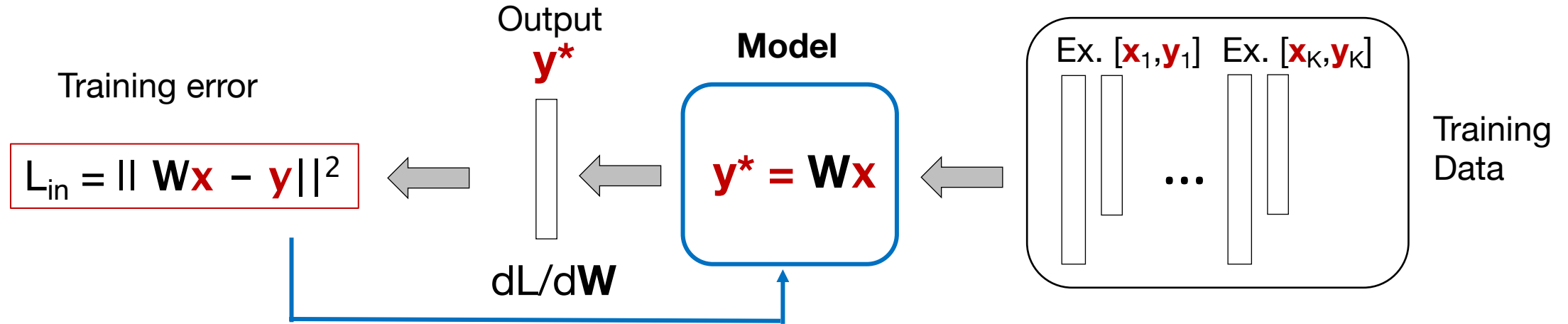
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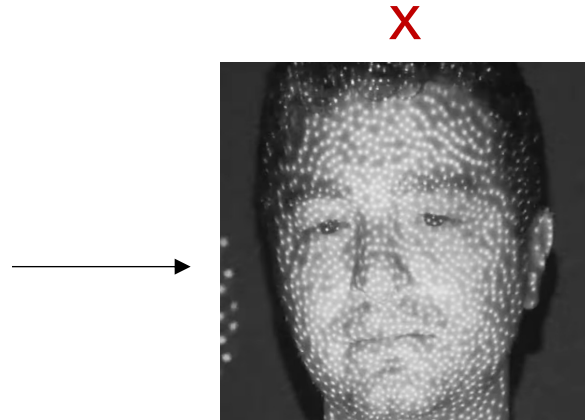
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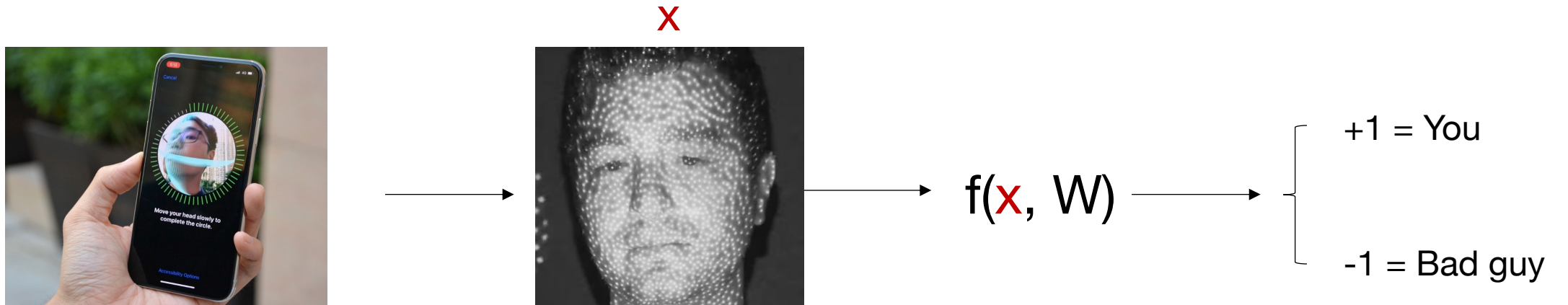
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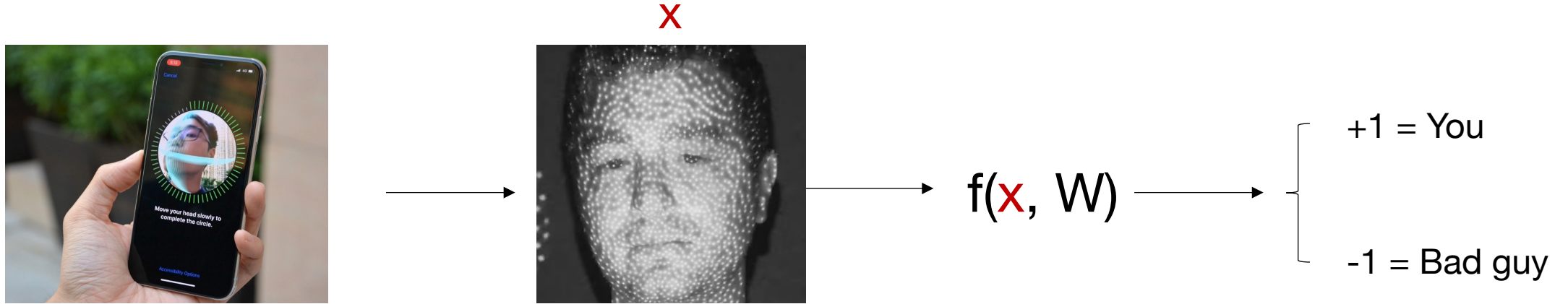
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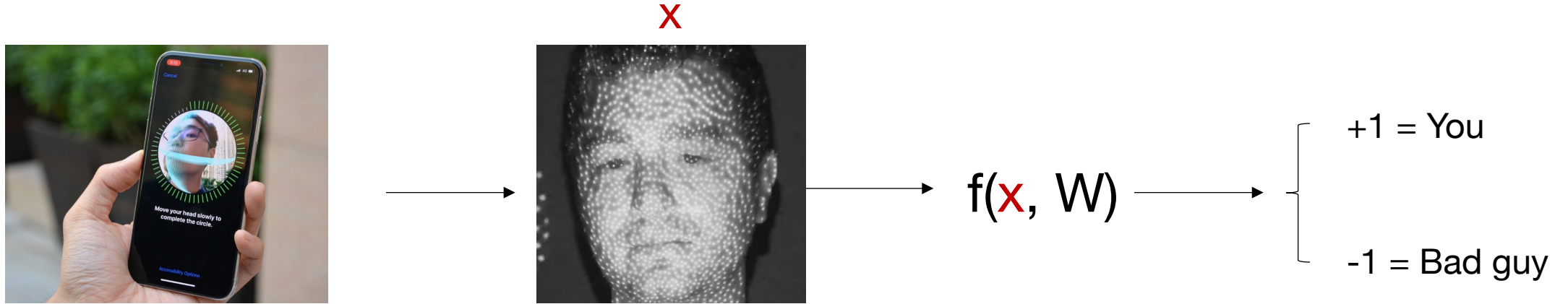
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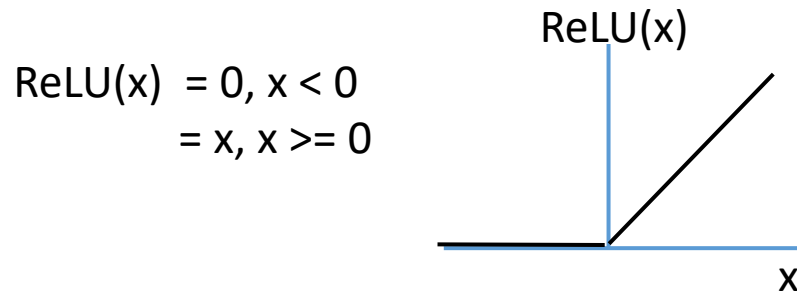
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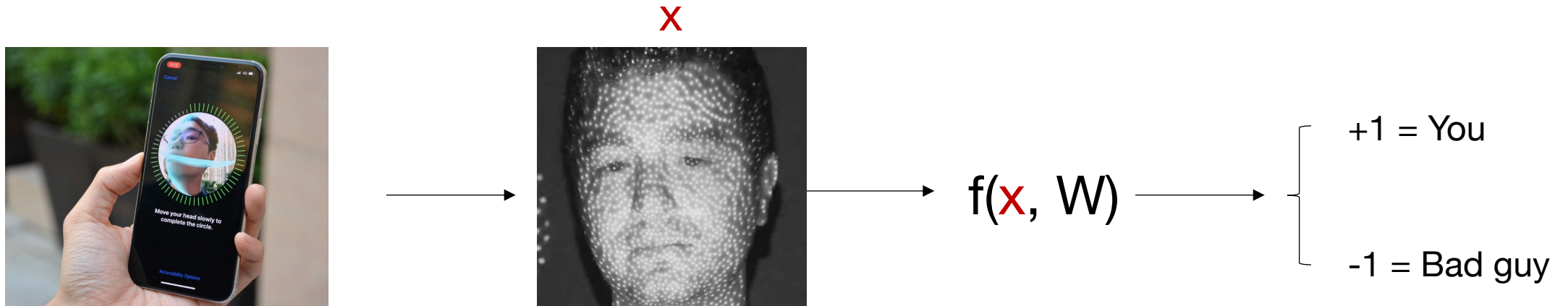
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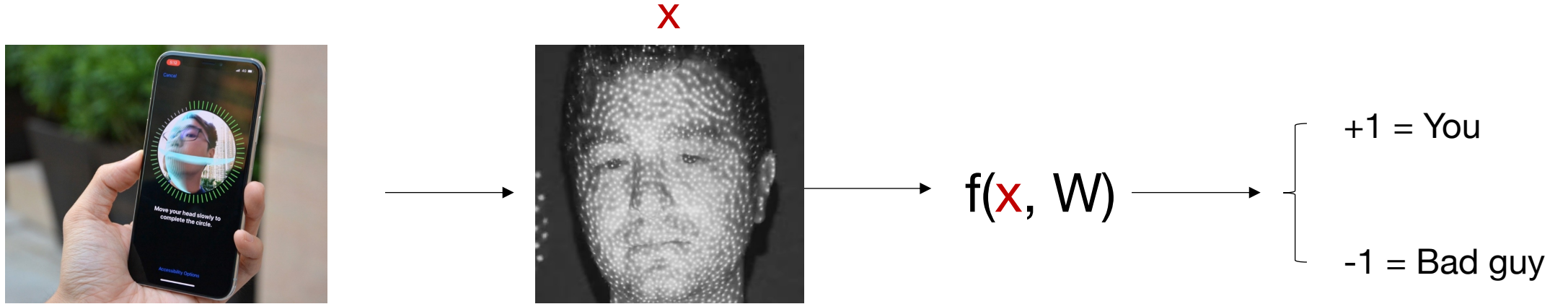
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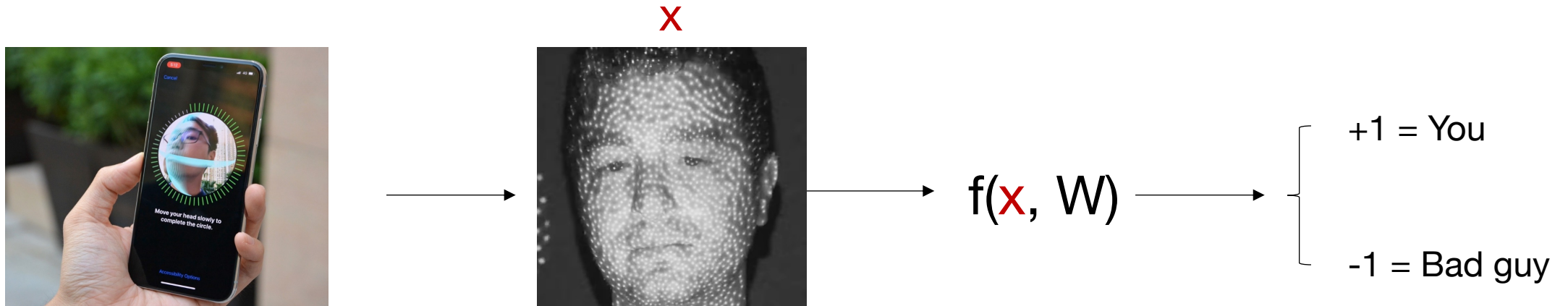


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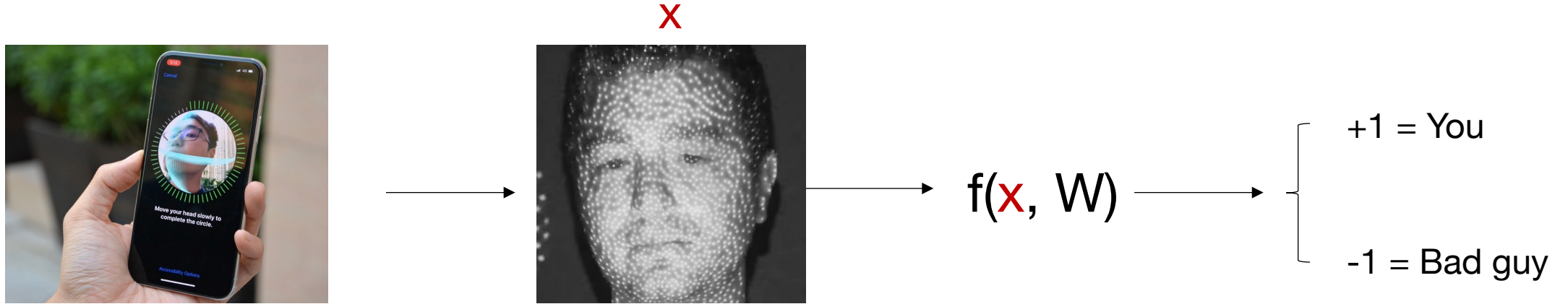
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Establishing cost function tied to conditional probabilities:

$$P(y = -1 \mid f(x,W) = +1)$$

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Establish L, W to balance and minimize these probabilities

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What you want: but hard to vary data to find model...

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What you can do: test the model, check the result

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- Let's assume our labels are a “noisy” Gaussian process that surround the correct label:

$$y_i = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + n \quad (n \text{ is zero-mean Gaussian noise})$$

- Then, the above cond. prob. for labels can be expressed as a multivariate Gaussian

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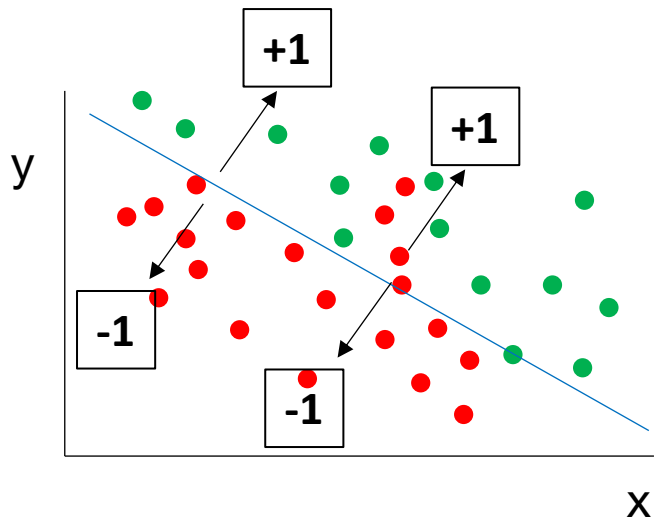
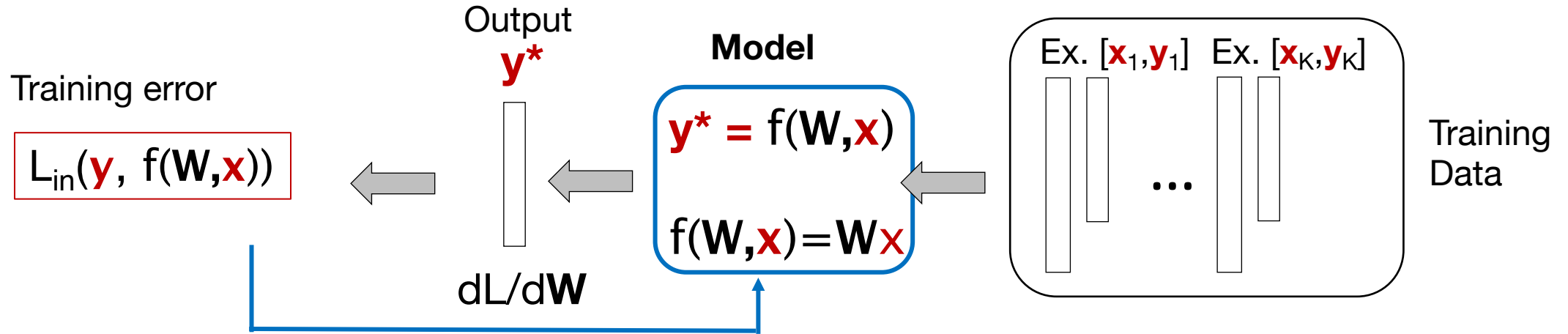
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Summary: Linear classification with MSE assumes model output deviates from true labels via a Gaussian random process. Is this fair, given that labels are either -1 or +1?

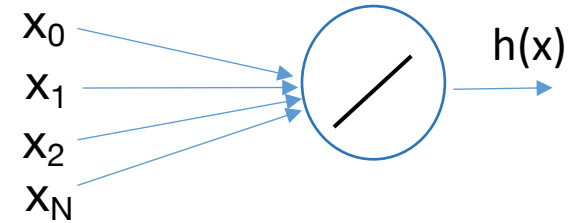
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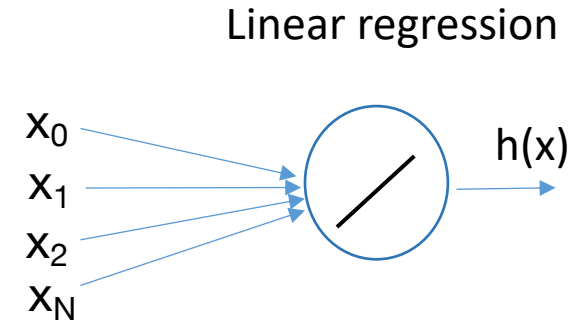
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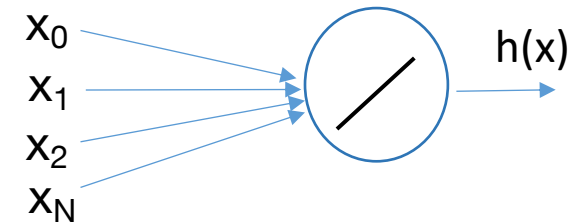


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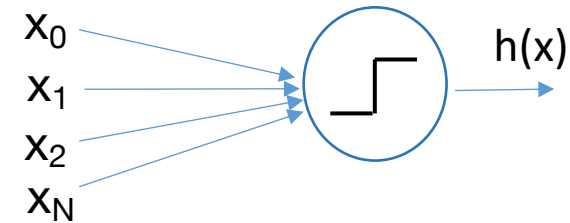
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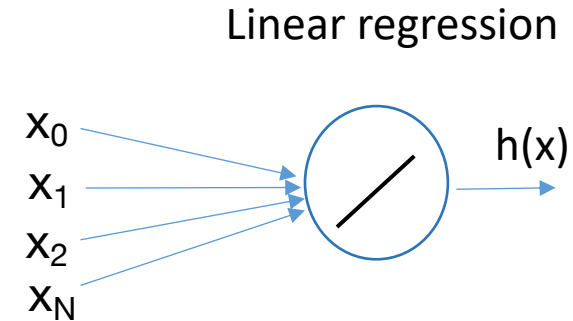


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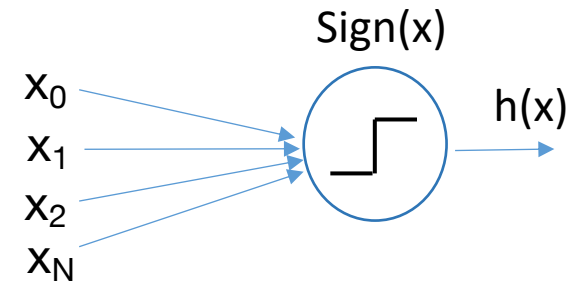


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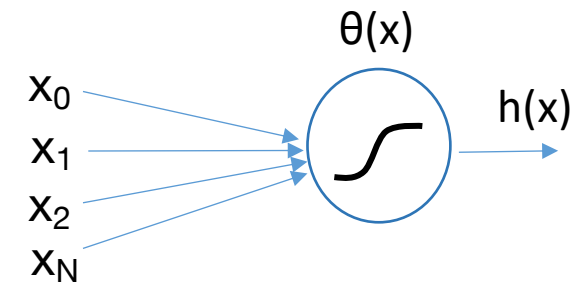


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Any value between 0 and 1



Probabilistic: continuous value between 0 and 1

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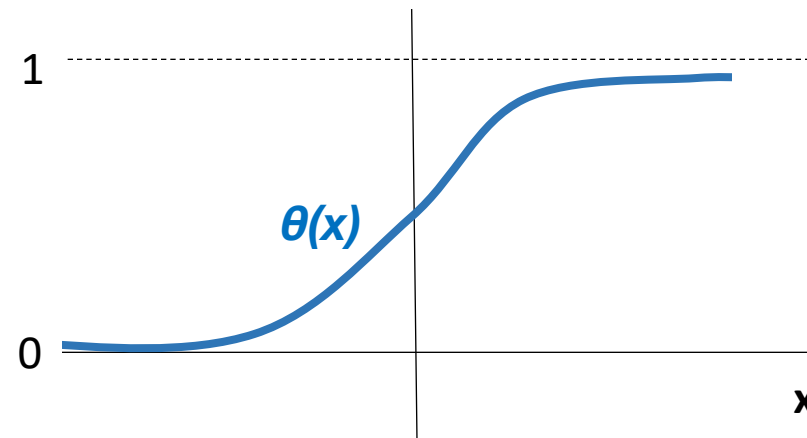
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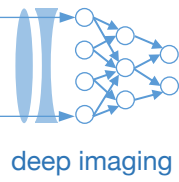
$$\theta(x) = \frac{e^x}{1+e^x}$$

Also called Sigmoid function



- Use soft threshold to map any number to $[0,1]$ range
- Sigmoid “flattens out” x

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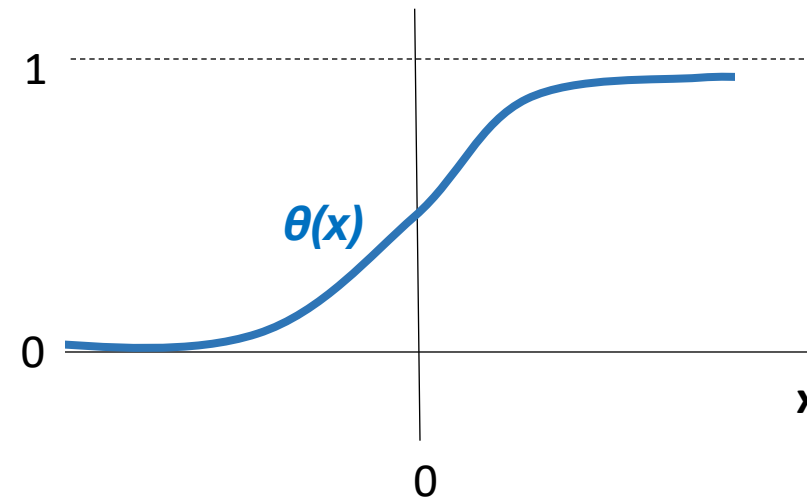
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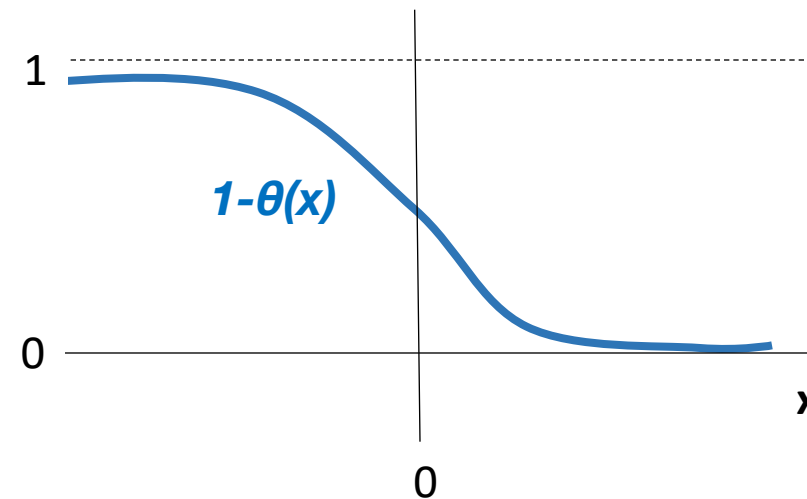


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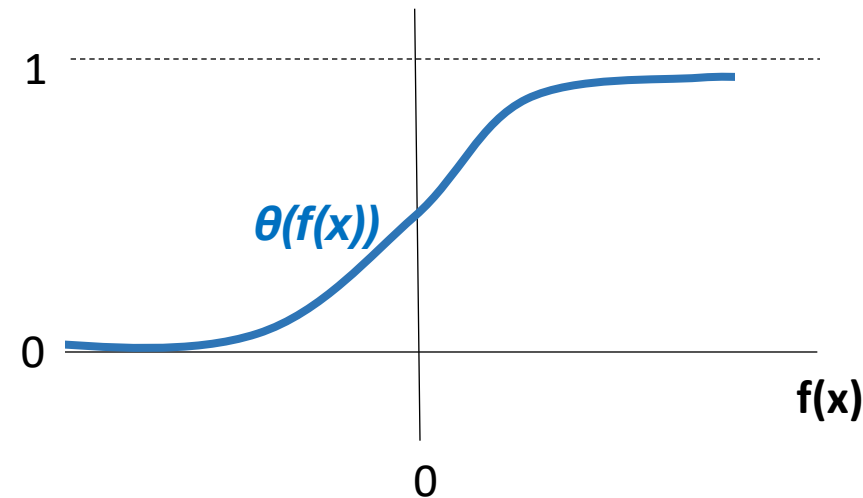


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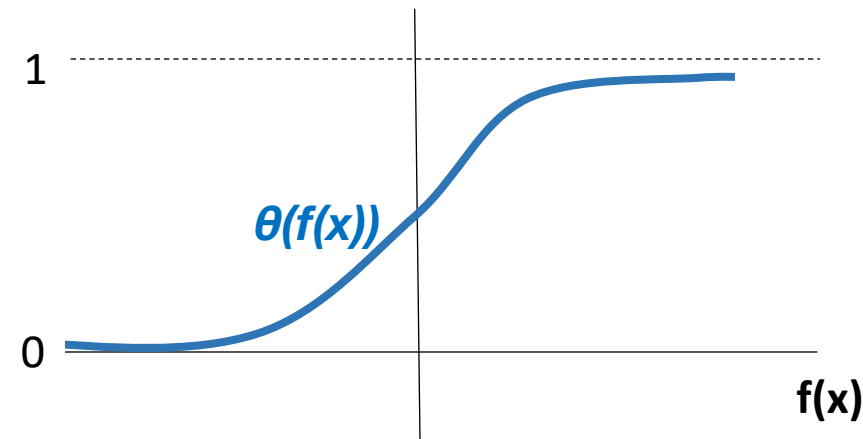
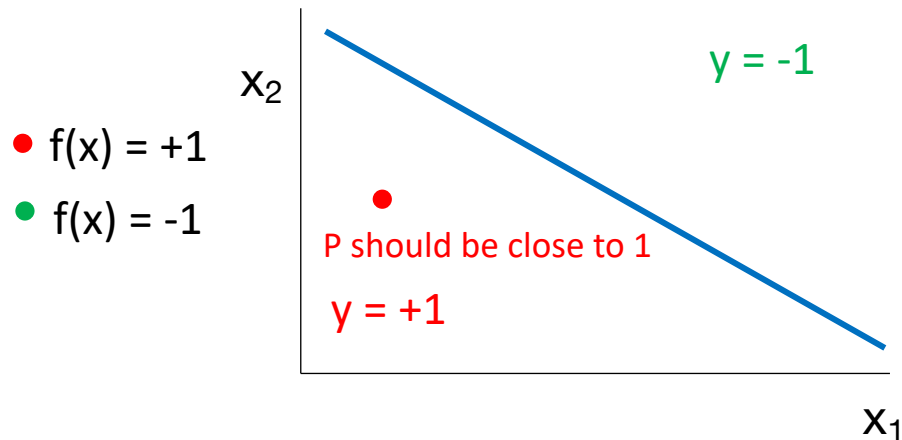


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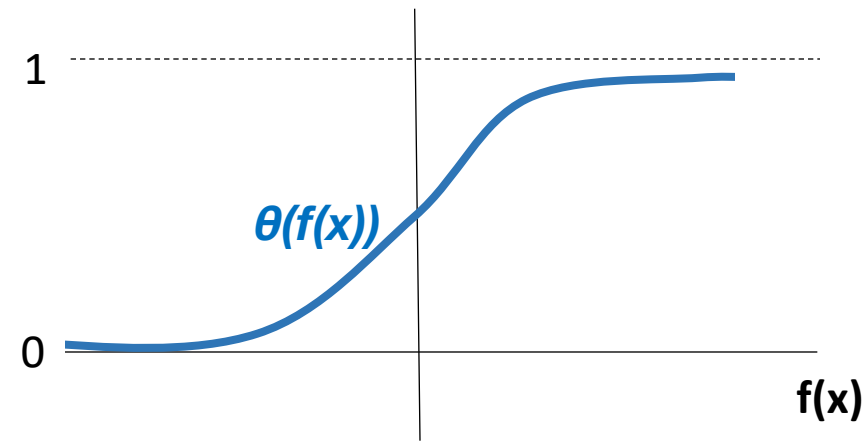
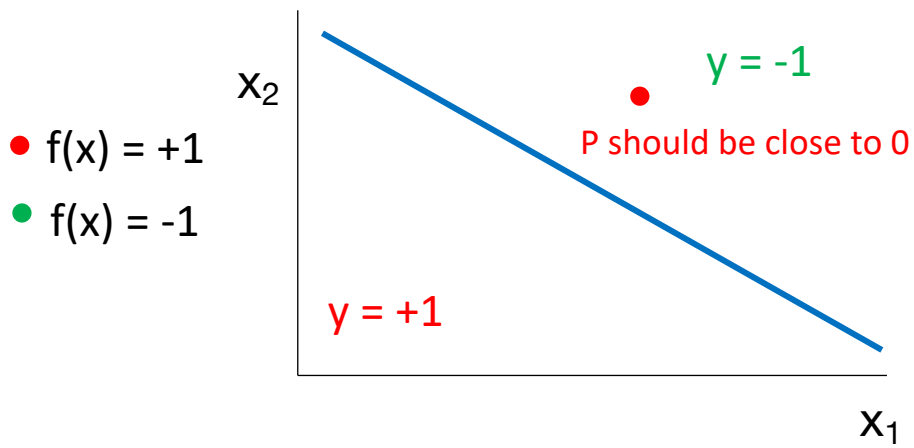
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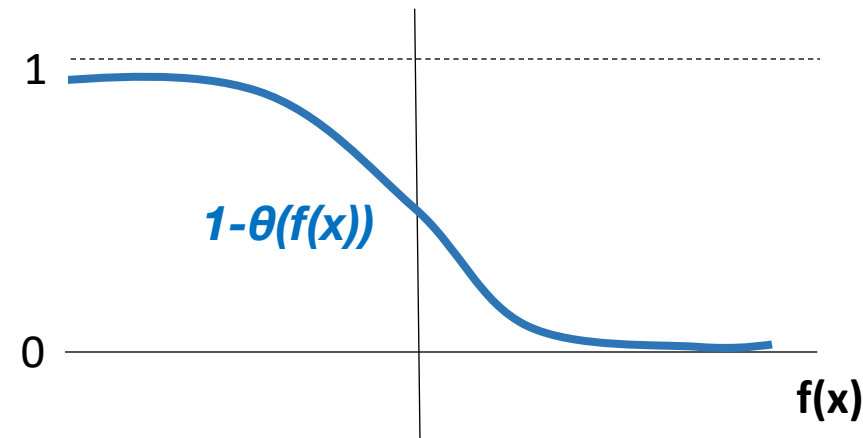
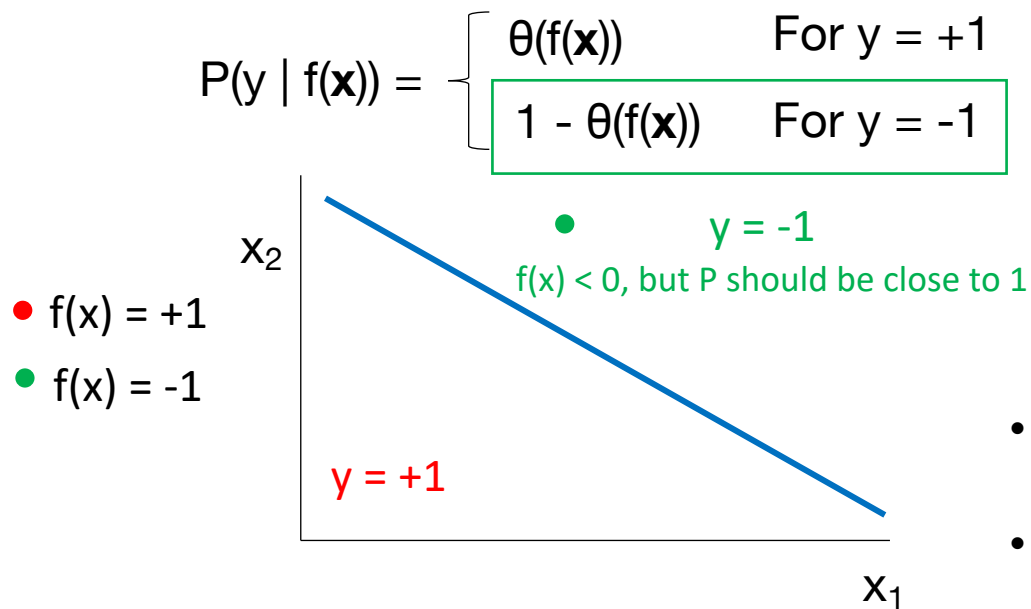
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Here, $y = +/-1$ flips $\theta(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$ to be either $\theta(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$ or $\theta(-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = 1 - \theta(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$

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Similar to the linear classification case, the likelihood of observing N independent outputs is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} P(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N \mid \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) &= \prod_{n=1}^N P(y_n \mid \mathbf{x}_n) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^N \theta(y_n \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \end{aligned}$$

This is the probability of the labels, given the data. We'd like to maximize this probability!

*Like the linear regression case, but now the probability of classes given the data is not Gaussian distributed, but instead follows the sigmoid curve (is bound to $[0, 1]$, which is more realistic)

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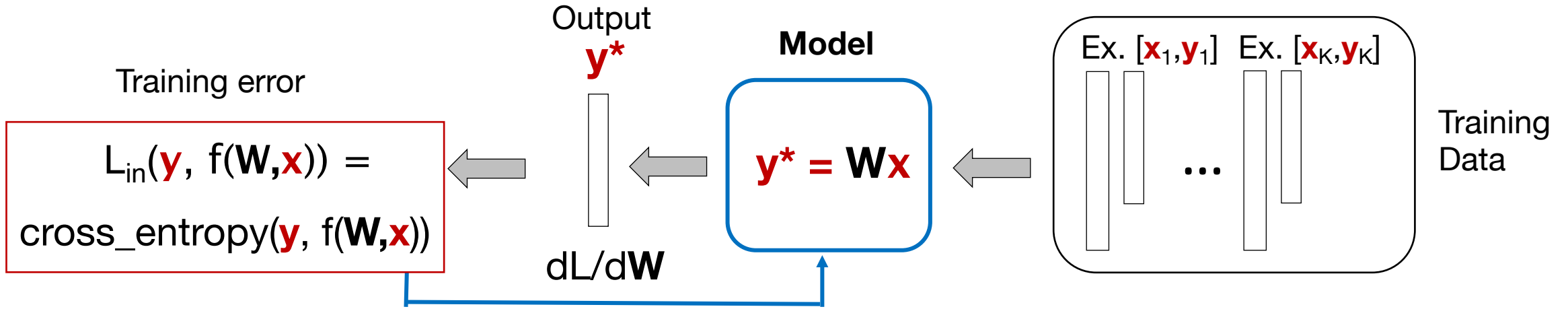
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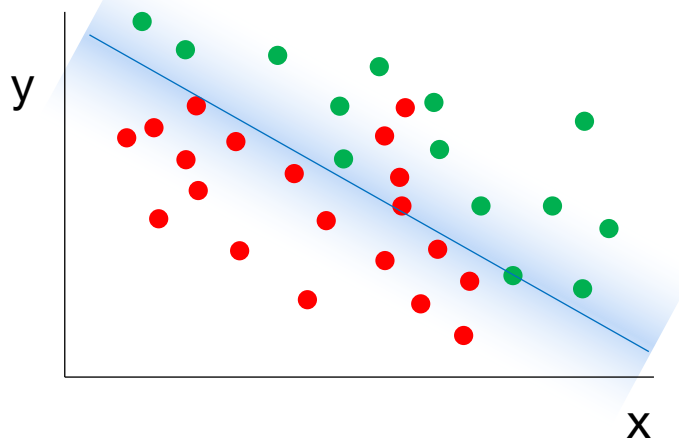
Mean-square error for linear classification

Closed form solution available

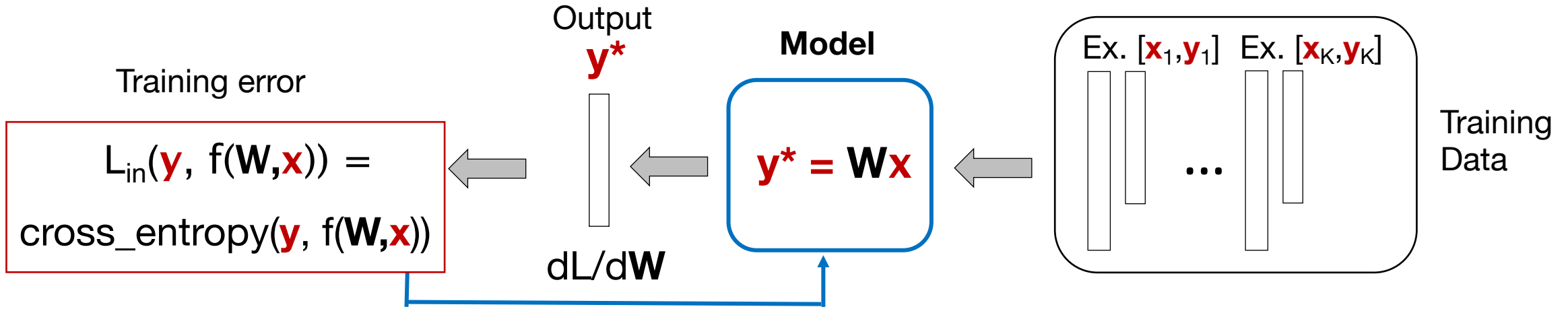
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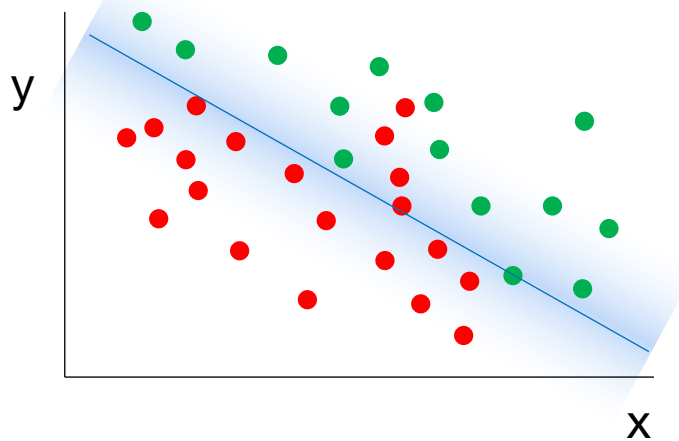
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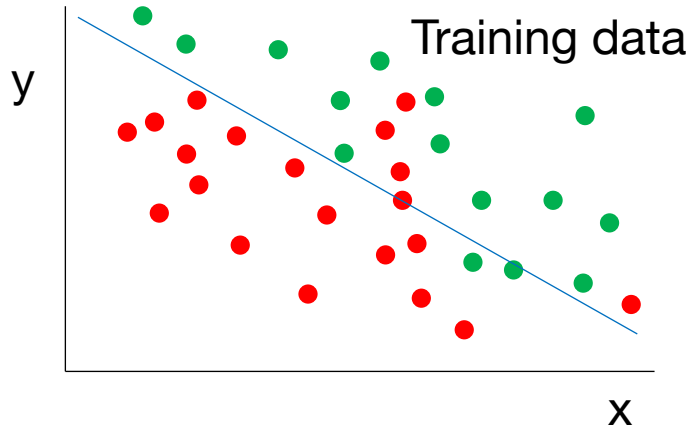
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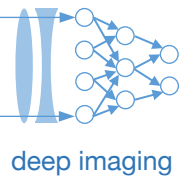
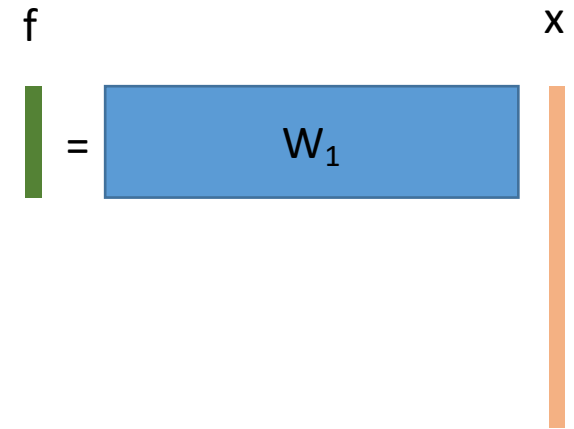


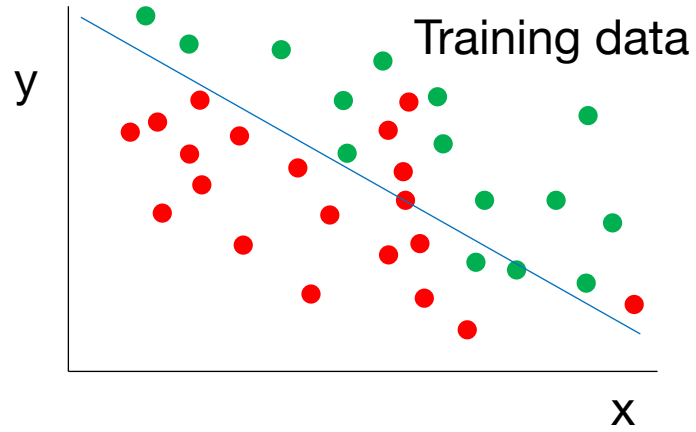
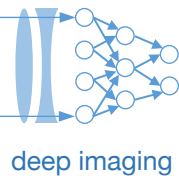
1. Can only separate data with lines (hyper-planes)...
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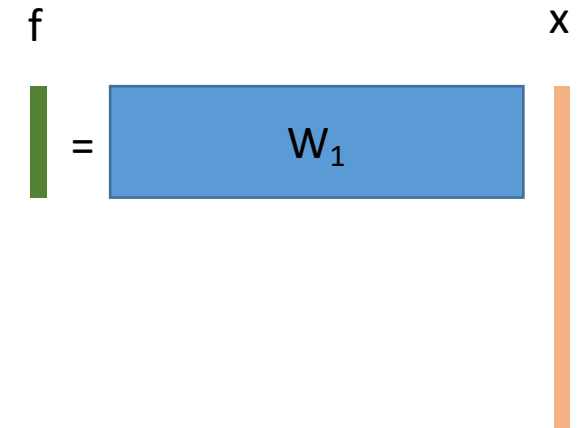
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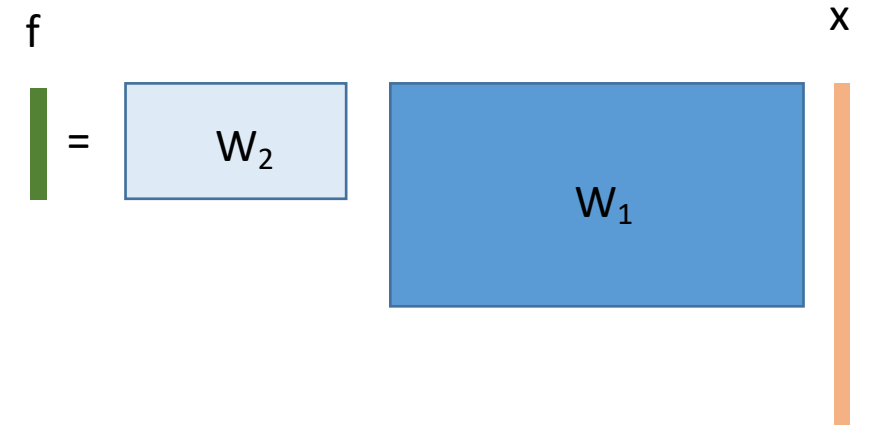
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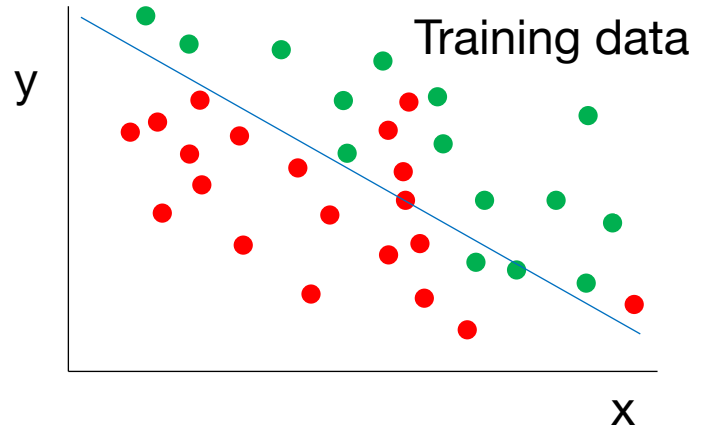
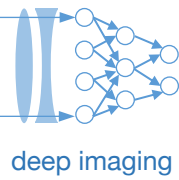
$$\begin{cases} f_1 = W_1 x + b_1 \\ f_2 = W_2 f_1 + b_2 \end{cases}$$



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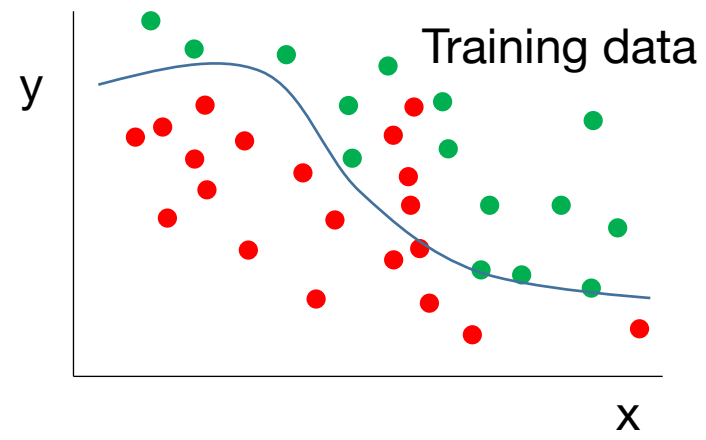
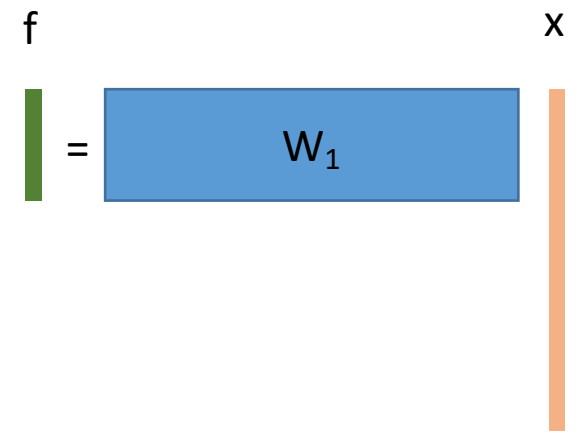
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Unfortunately not...



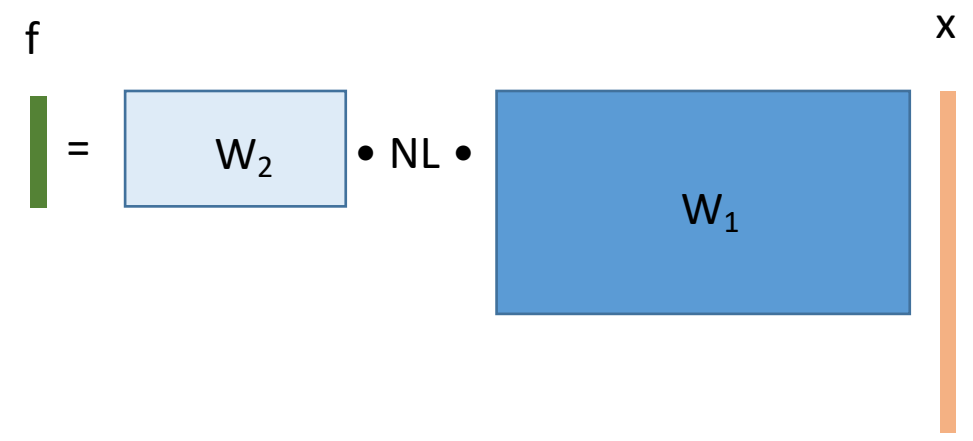
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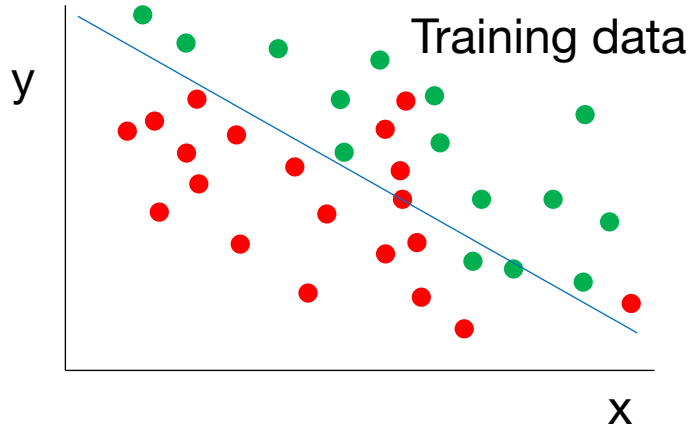
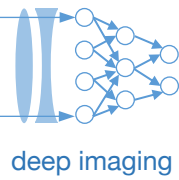
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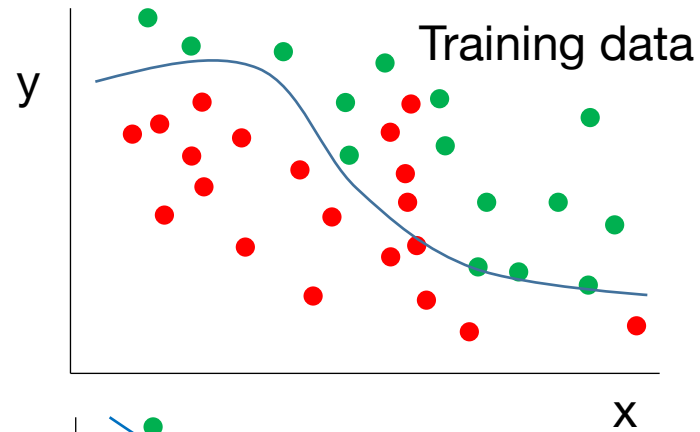
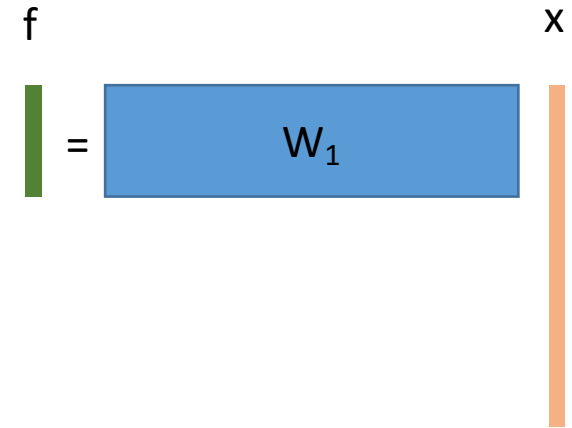
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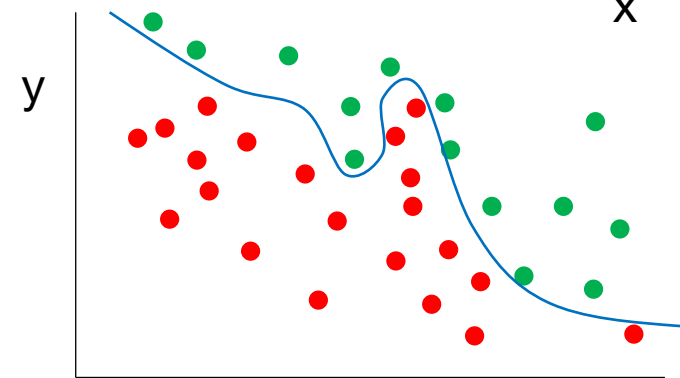
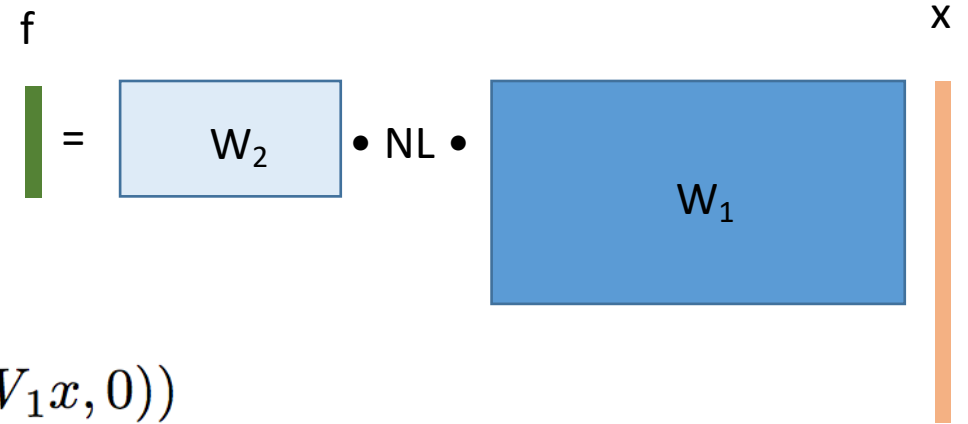
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$$f = W_3\max(0, W_2\max(W_1x, 0))$$

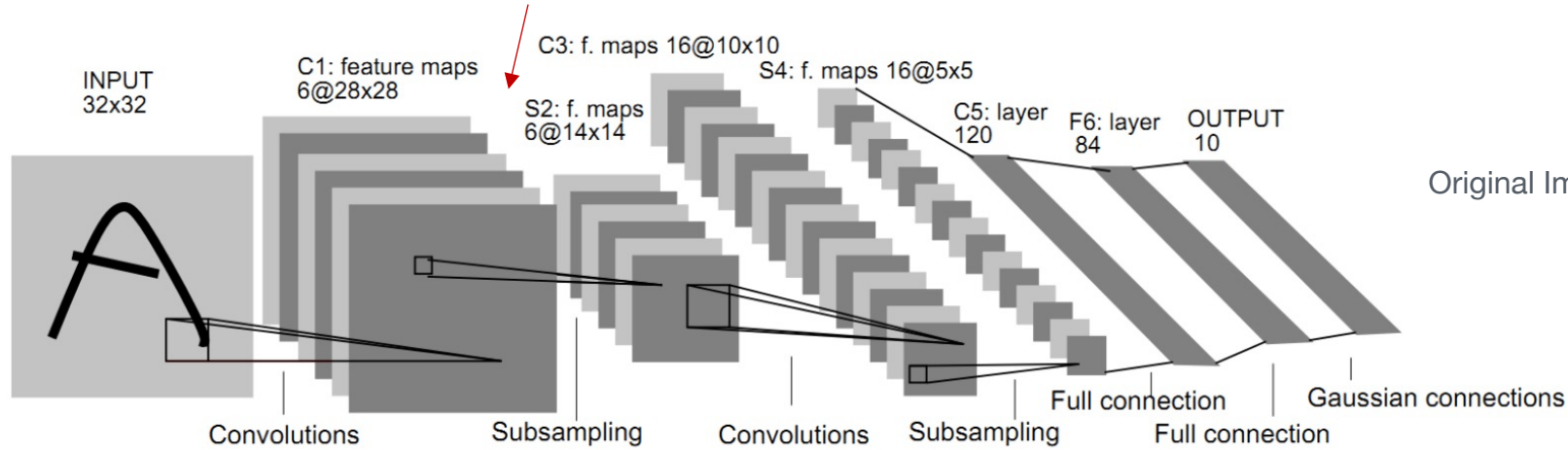
Learned f : more flexible

Does it generalize???

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We can keep adding these "layers"...

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After, apply non-linearity and sub-sampling



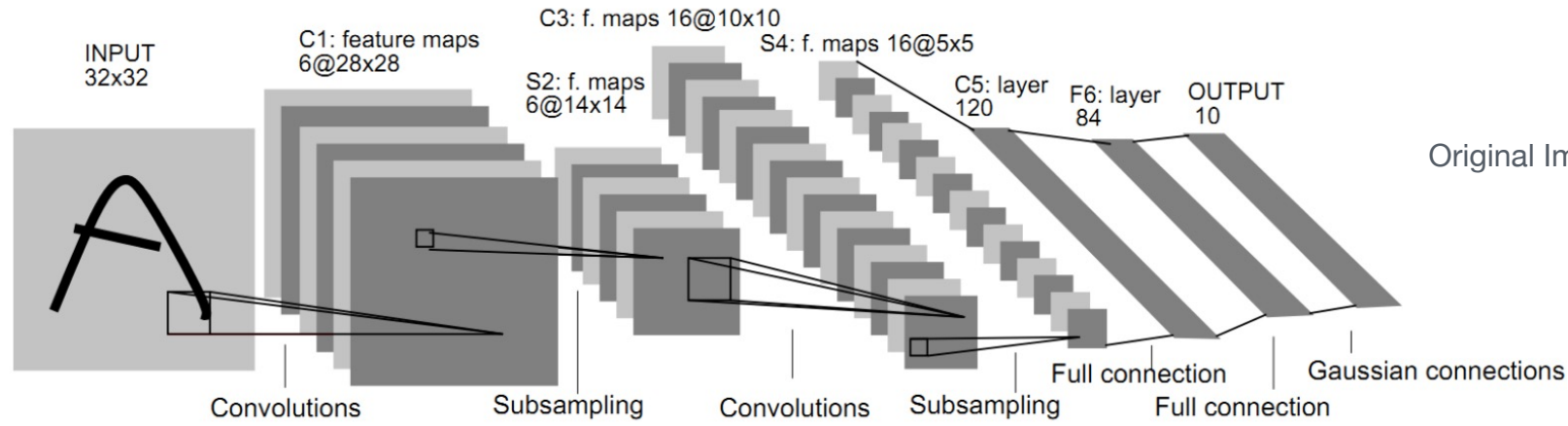
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Each matrix W is a convolution matrix

Repeat a few times

At the end, use a full W for a final matrix multiplication

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In practice, this process is repeated many times:

