

# Modern Fraud Prevention using Deep Learning

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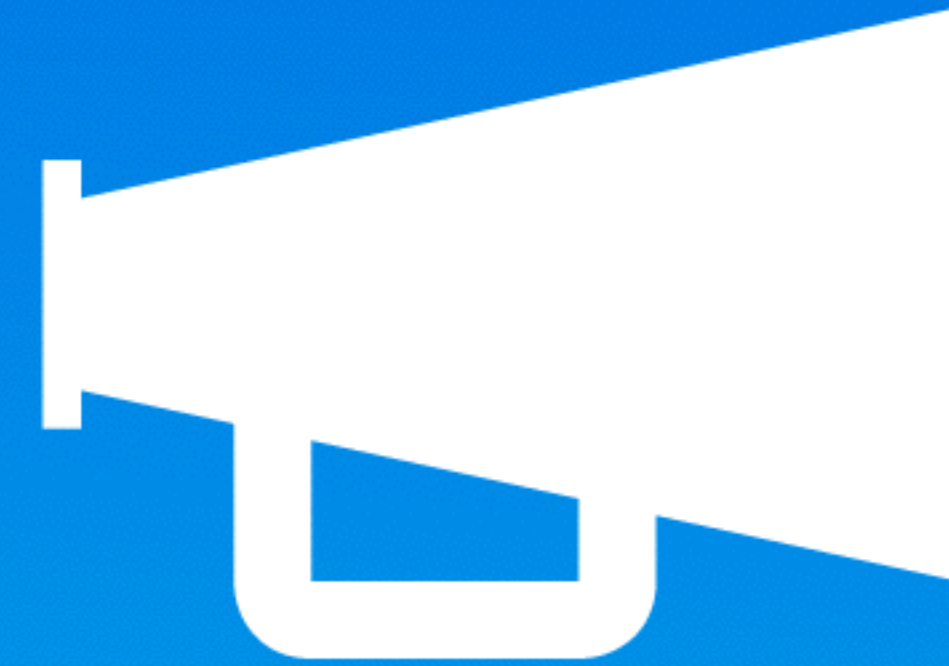
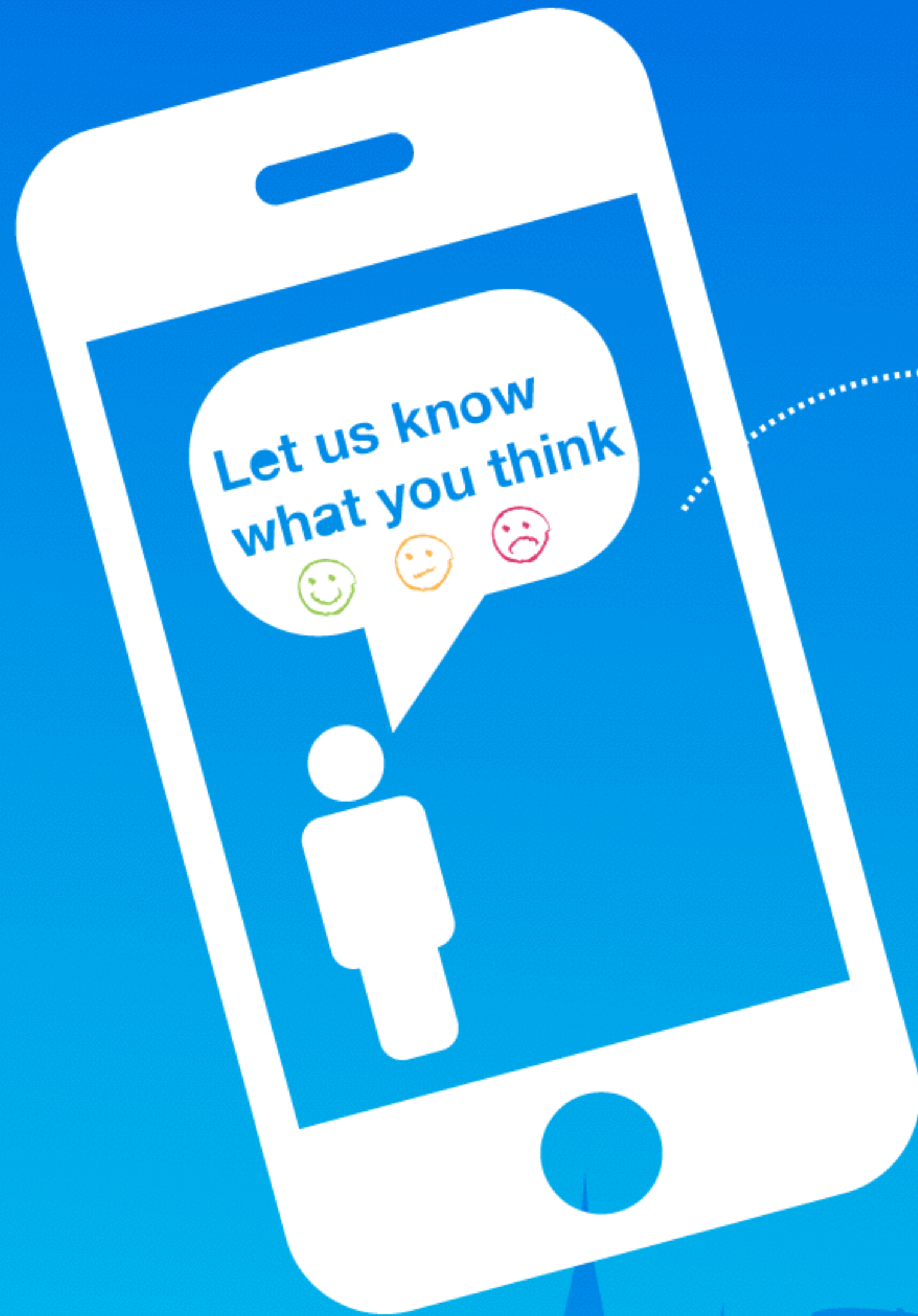
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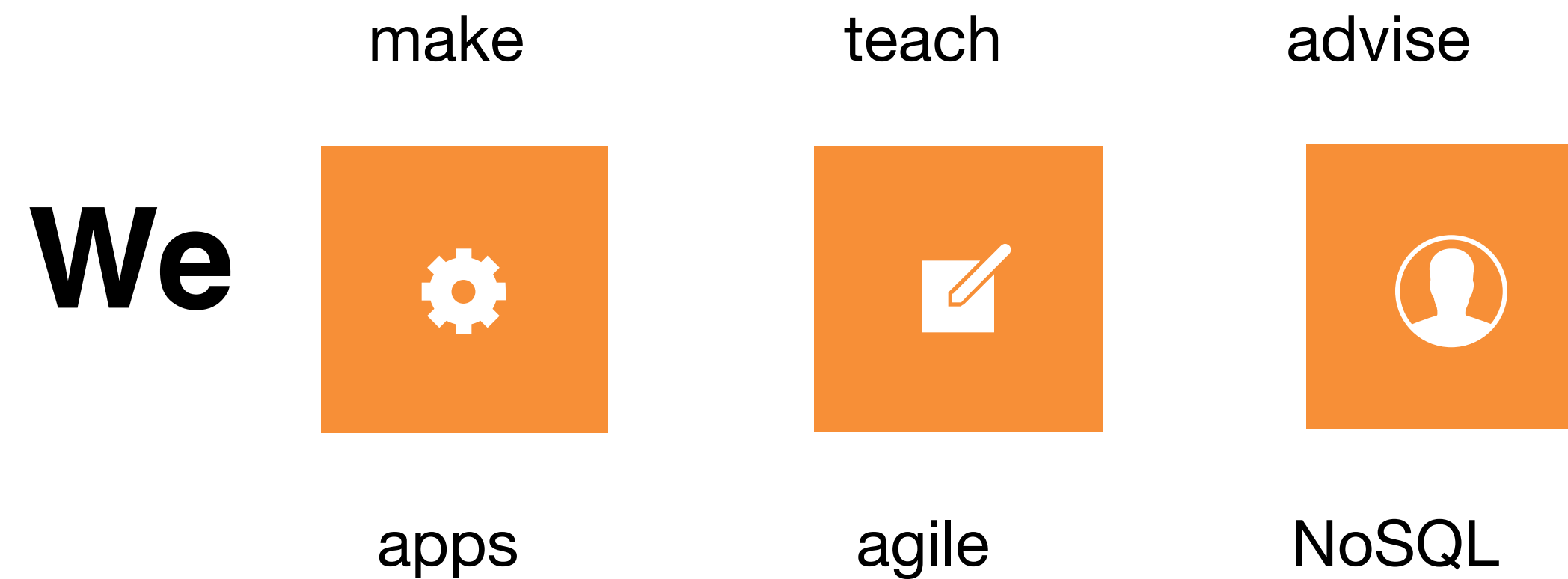


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<https://github.com/philwinder/MortgageMachineLearning>



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# Introduction: Financial crime

## Serious Fraud Office

“Put simply, fraud is an act of deception intended for personal gain or to cause a loss to another party.”

## UK *Current account* fraud

“151 in every 10,000” [2]

“69% due to identity theft” [2]

## UK *Mortgage* Fraud

1.2 Million residential properties sold in 2014 [1]

“83 in every 10,000 mortgage applications were found to be fraudulent” [2]

Approximately **£1B** in fraudulent applications. [3]

## UK *Retail* fraud

“SMBs are losing £18bn every year to fraudulent transactions” [4]

[1] [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/461354/UK\\_Tables\\_Sep\\_2015\\_\\_cir\\_.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/461354/UK_Tables_Sep_2015__cir_.pdf)

[2] <http://www.experian.co.uk/blogs/latest-thinking/dramatic-increase-current-account-fraud/>

[3] <http://www.moneywise.co.uk/news/2013-05-16/average-outstanding-uk-mortgage-100000>

[4] <http://www.retailfraud.com/fraud-costs-uk-smbs-18bn-a-year/>



# Introduction: Legislation

## 2017 AML legislation

- Businesses: credit, finance, legal and financial services, gambling, anyone facilitating transactions over 10,000 EUR
- Major changes:
  - Maximum “out of scope” limit dropped to 1,000 EUR
  - Must prove “due diligence”
  - Public central registry of business information

[1] DIRECTIVE (EU) 2015/849 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC

# Introduction: Common technologies

## Origination based

Verifies identity. Some practices are very poor, e.g. services verifying identity using DOB.

## Rules based

Static set of rules searching for very specific patterns. Very poor accuracy.

## Credit checks

Expensive services that aim to provide risk profile. Fraudsters are easily able to overcome credit checks.

## Aggregation and monitoring

A reactive, but worthwhile solution. E.g. many payments from same account, large transactions, etc.



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# ML: How humans learn

How do we learn?

## Time

Many diverse tasks  
But it takes time

## Practise

Requires practise  
Repetition of tasks  
New examples





# ML: How humans get it wrong



Misuse of features



Misclassification



Bad data

# ML: How humans get it wrong



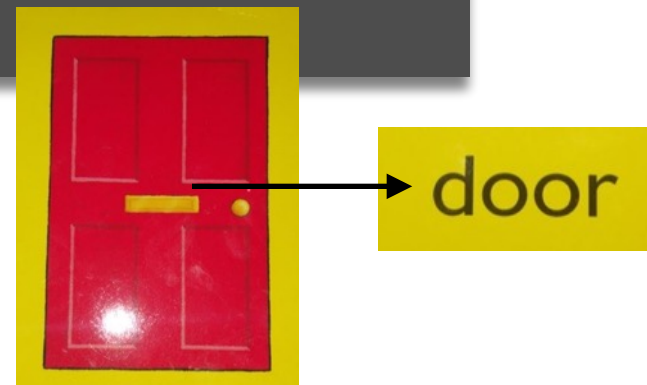
<http://visitcanberra.com.au/events/9005967/perception-deception>



# ML: Main categories of algorithms

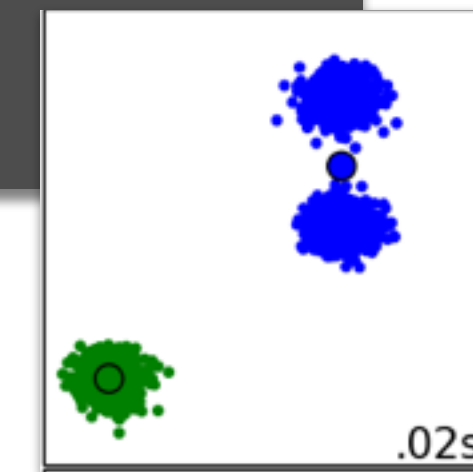
## Dimensionality reduction

Curse of dimensionality  
Reduce number of inputs



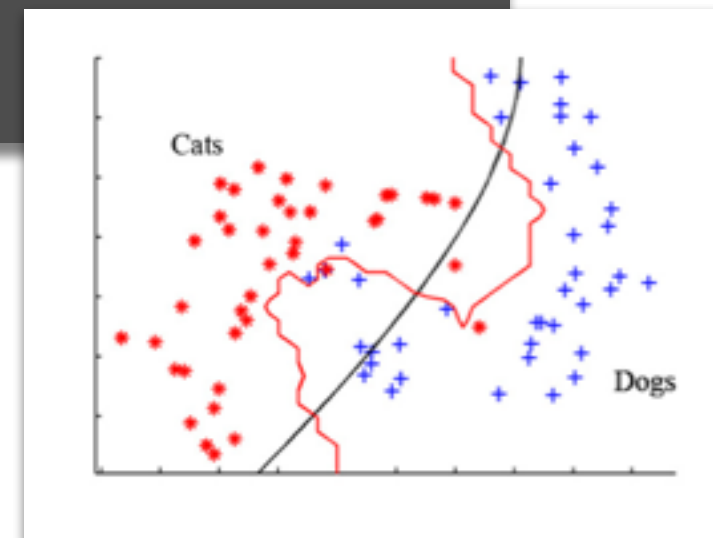
## Clustering

Assign output to a class



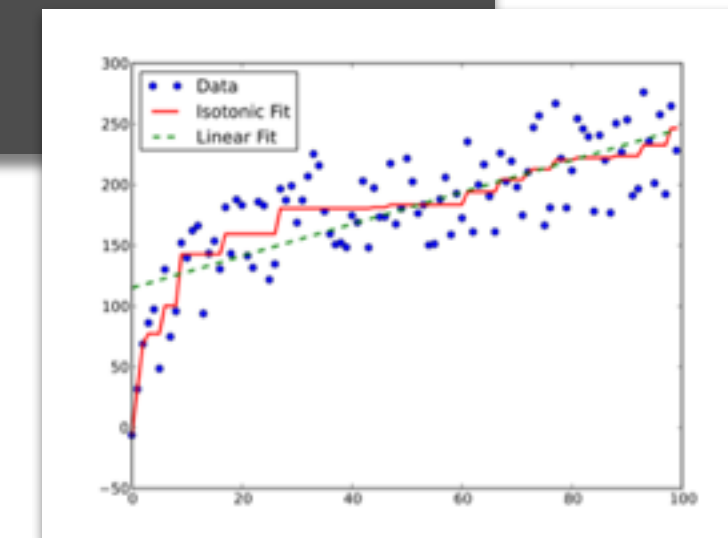
## Classification

Decide to which class an input belongs

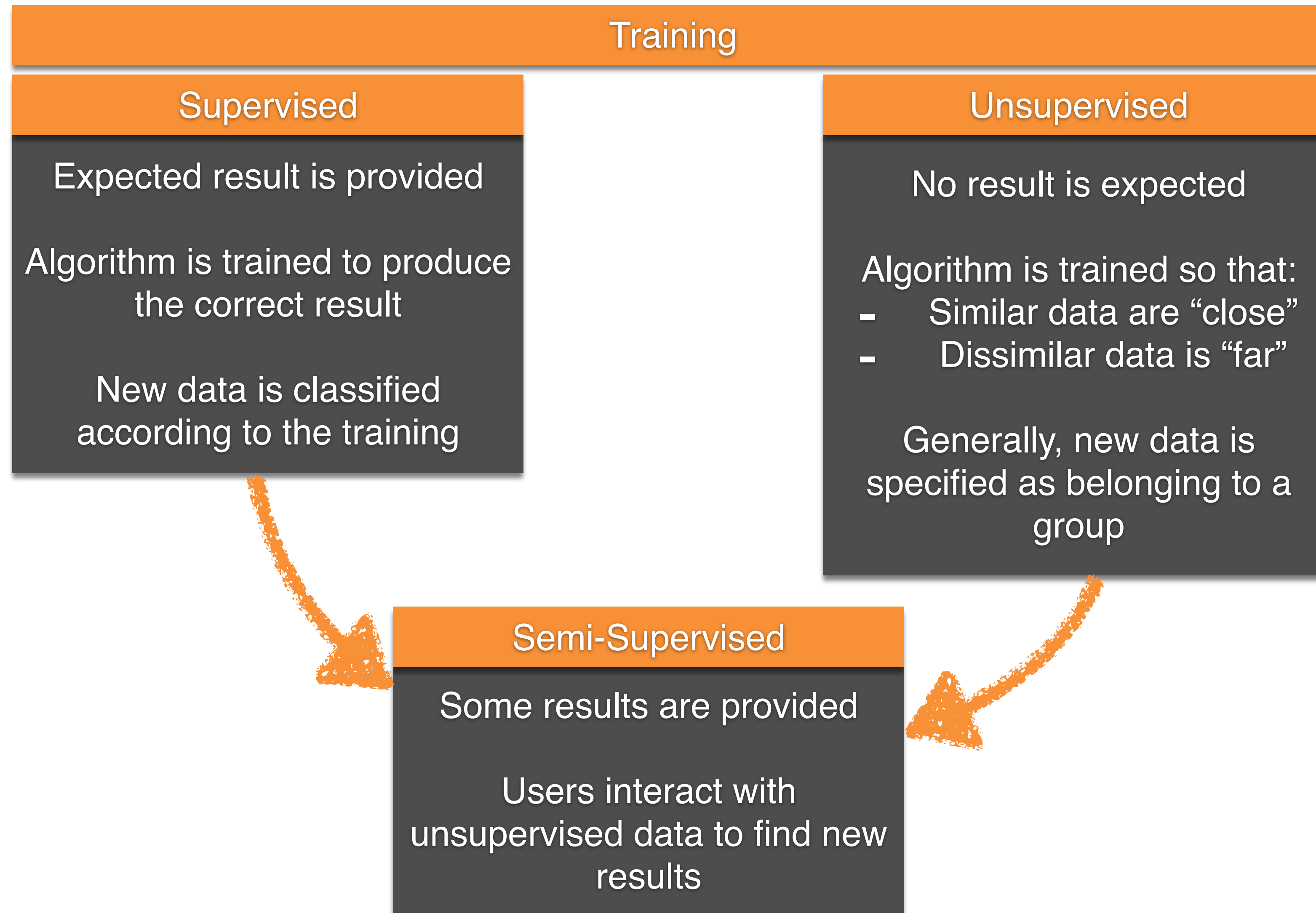


## Regression

Predict value given input



# ML: Supervised vs. Unsupervised





# ML: Decision trees

## What are they?

Classifier & Regression

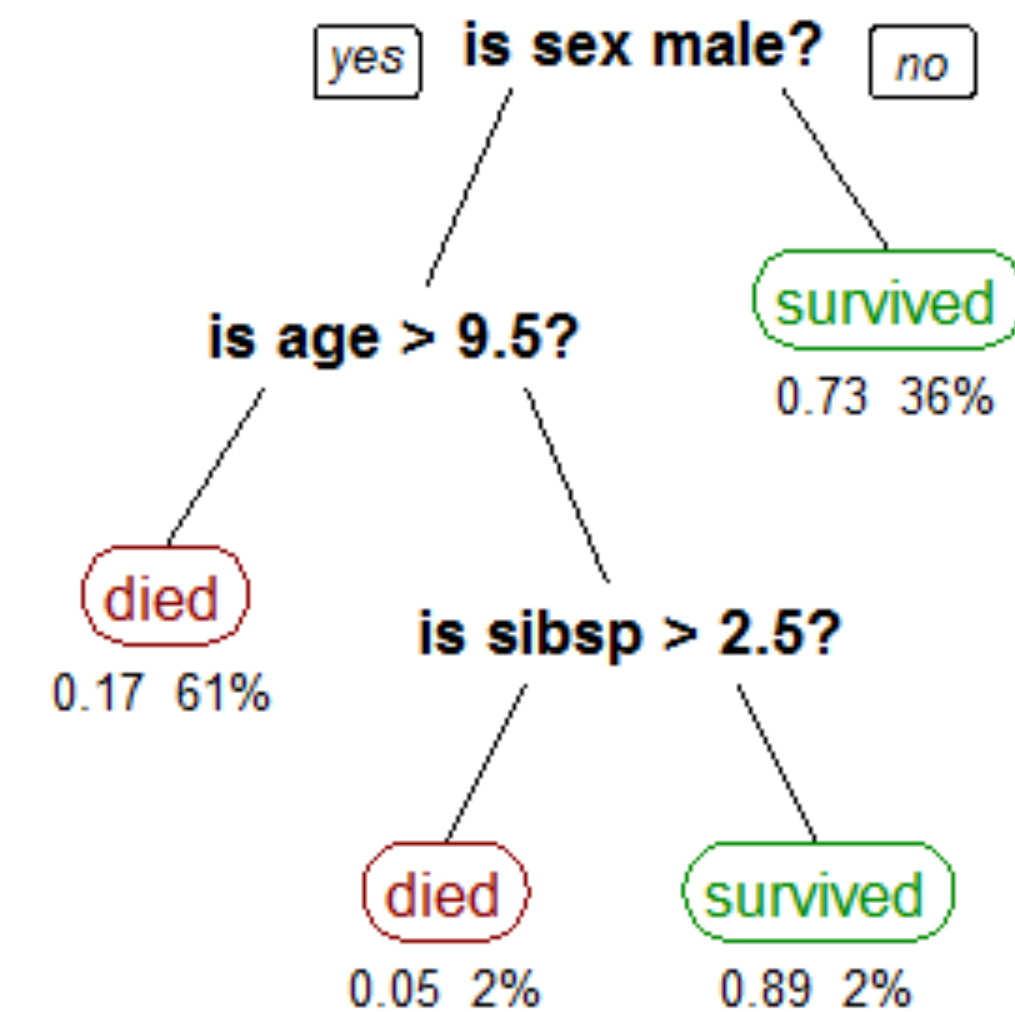
Predict value of target by learning simple decision rules

## Pros & Cons

Conceptually simple

Handle categorical data

Overfitting



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decision\\_tree\\_learning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decision_tree_learning)

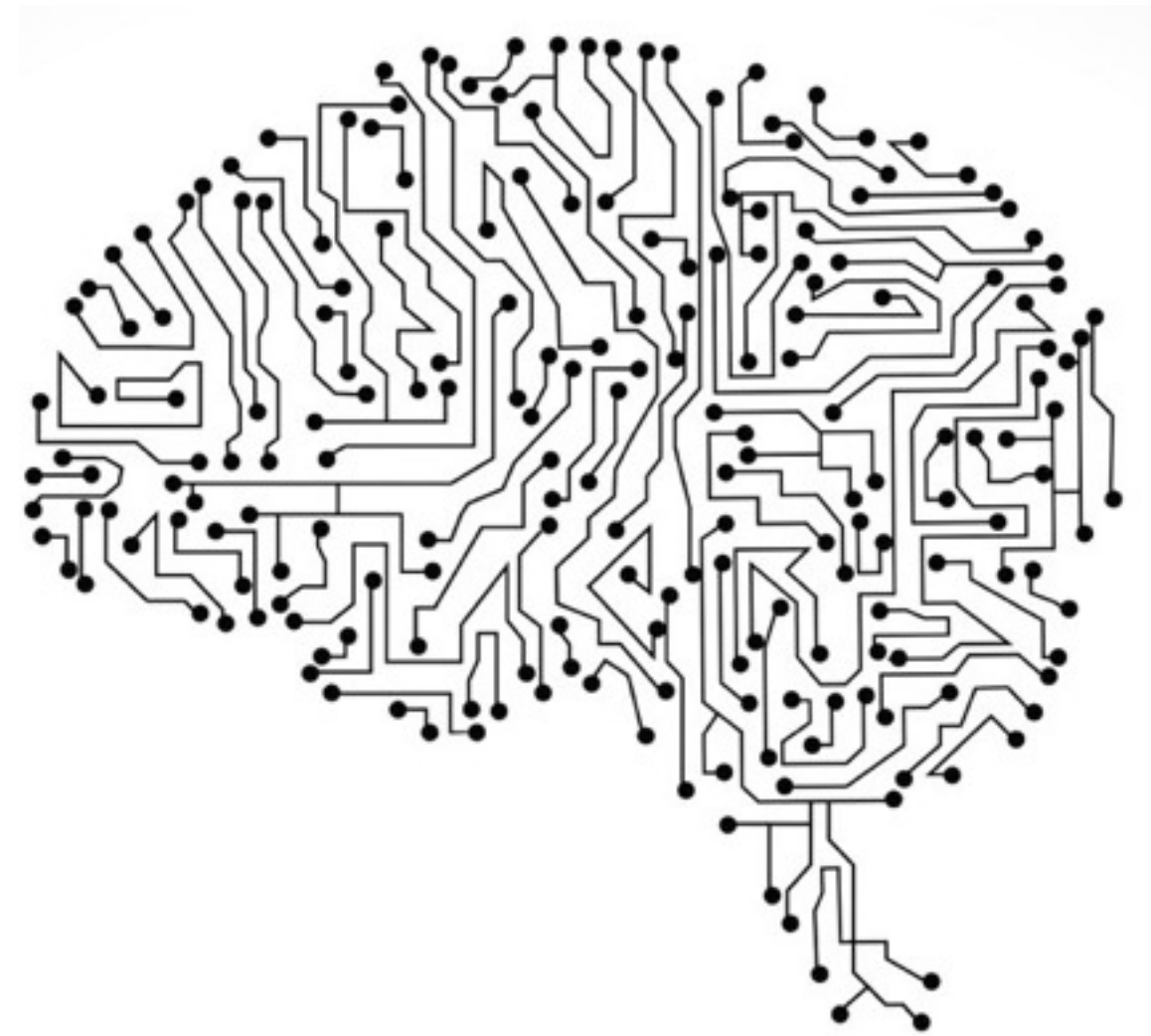
# ML: Deep learning

What is deep learning?

## What is it?

Dimensionality reduction, classifier, regression & clustering.

Attempts to mimic human brain. Modelled by neurons and weights.



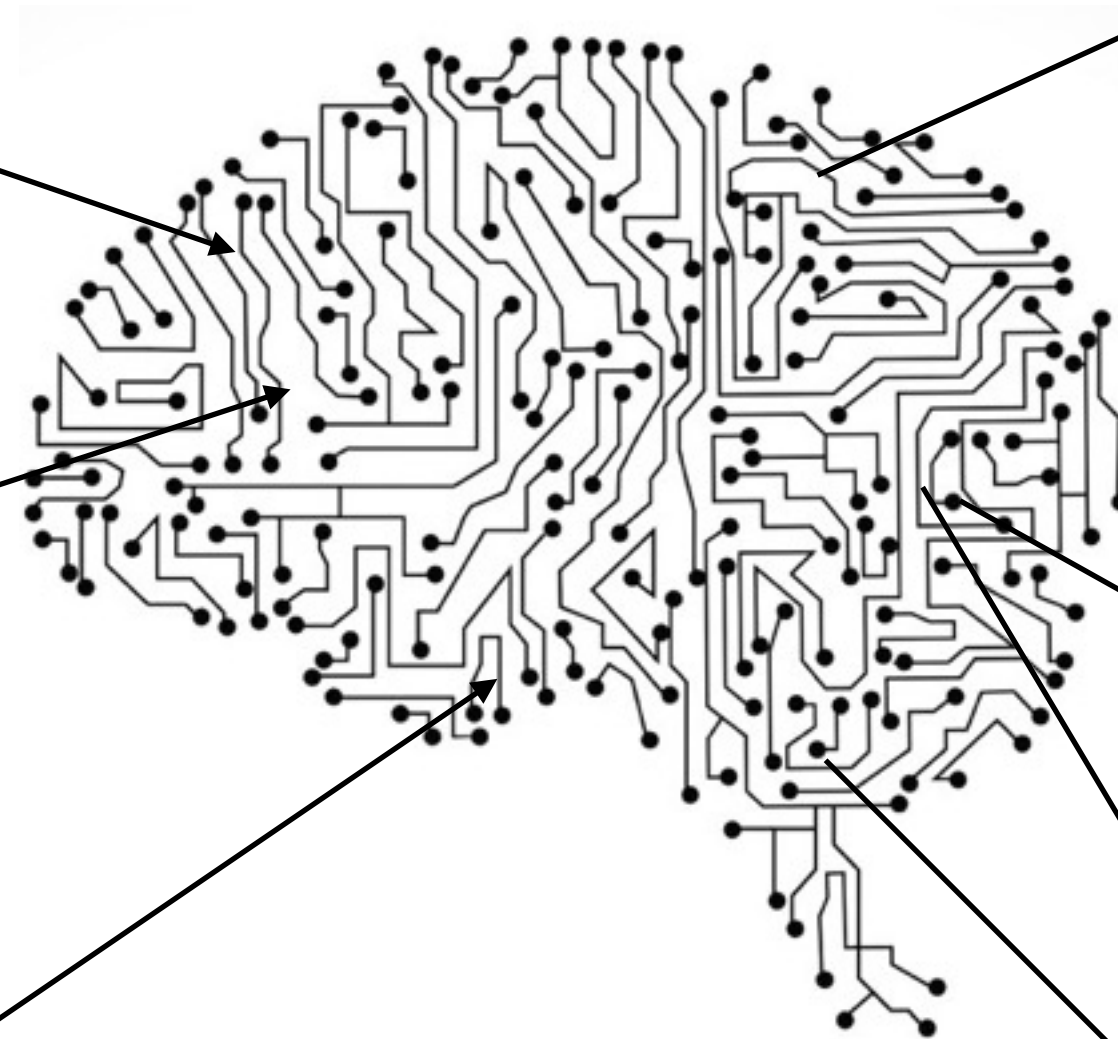
## Pros & Cons

- Versatile
- Automated feature engineering
- Hard to visualise



# ML: Deep learning

What is deep learning?



Concept A: Street

Concept B: Animal

Concept A and C:  
Animal, Human

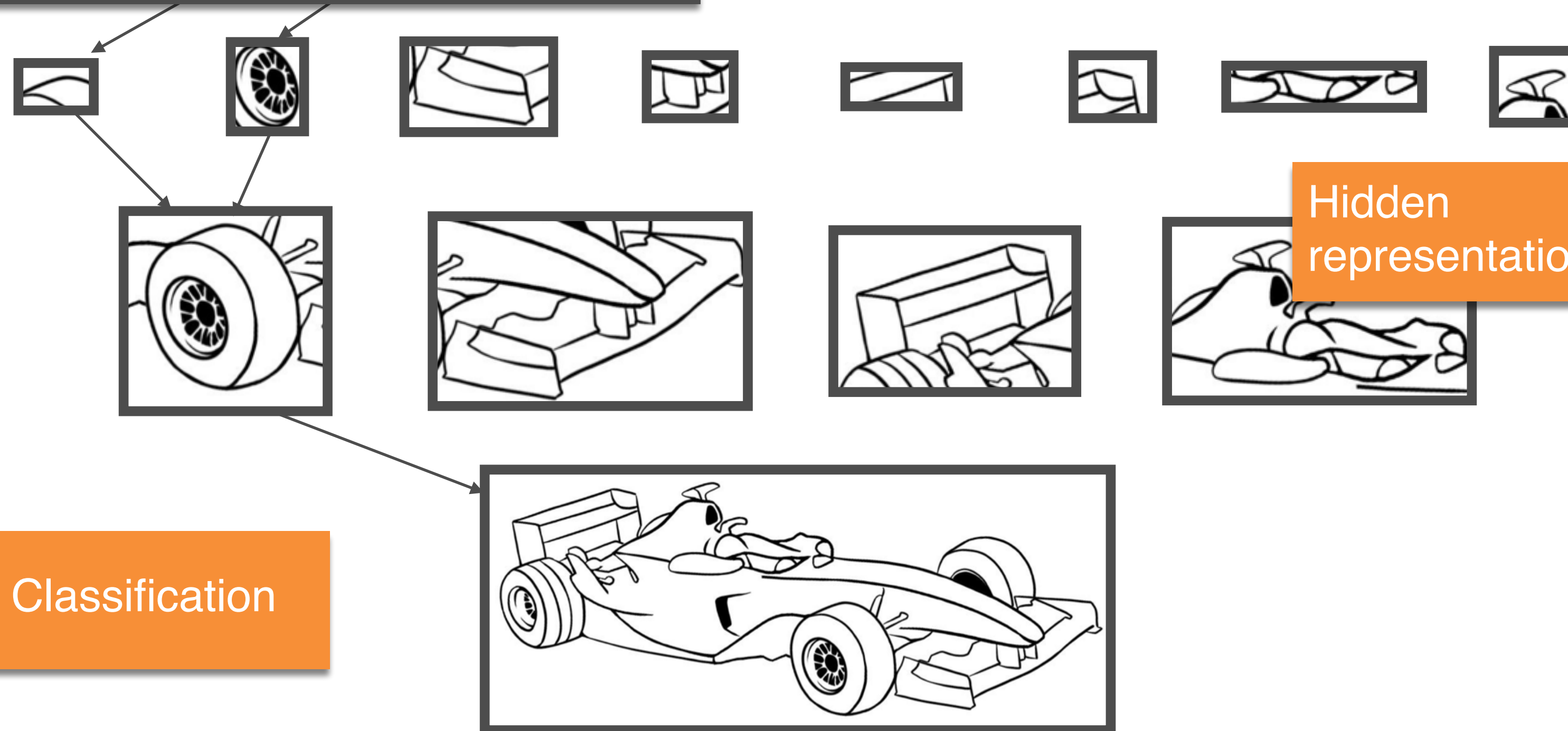
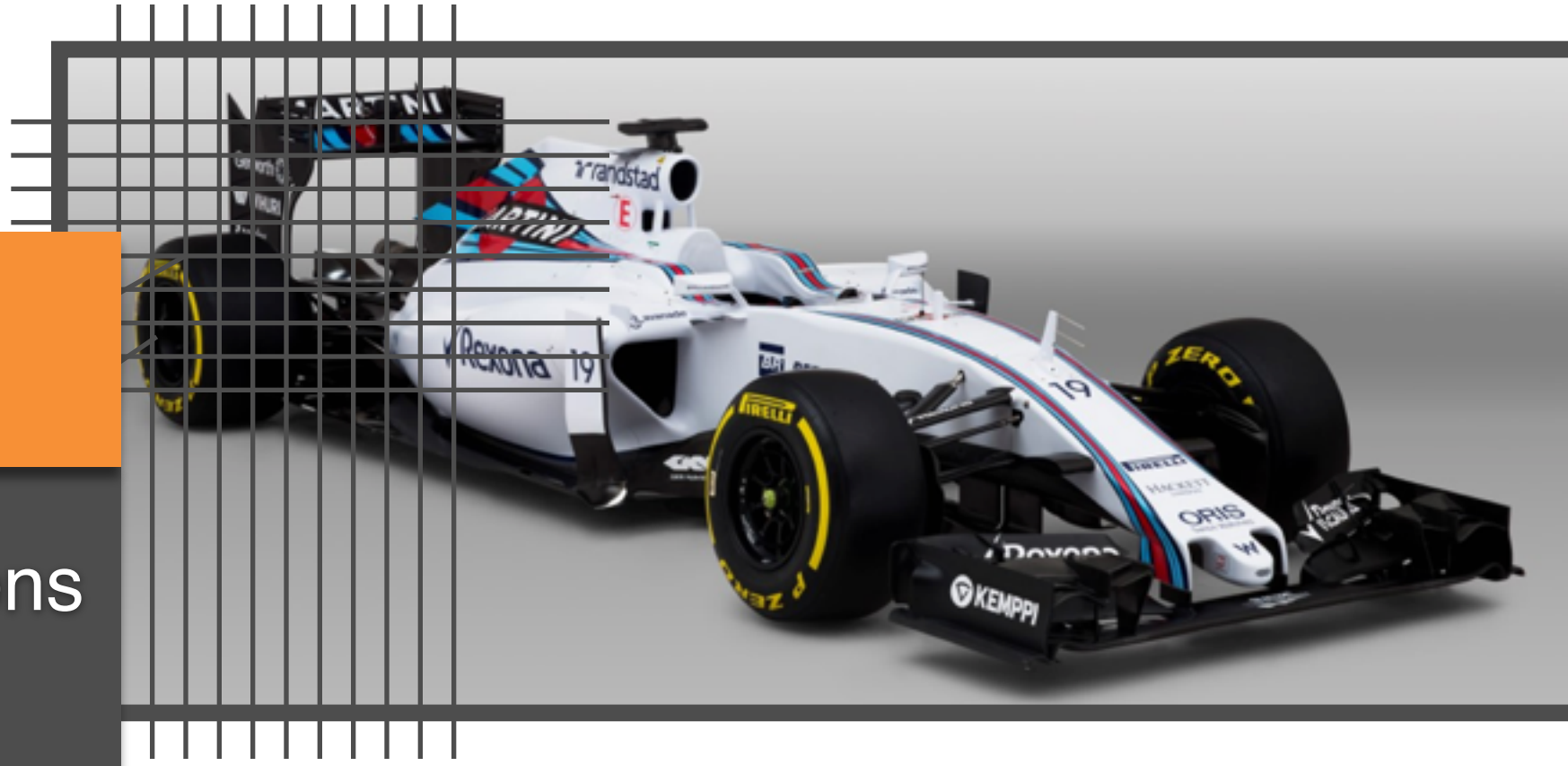


# ML: Deep learning

A simple graphical example

How does it work?

- Attempts to model high level abstractions using a cascade of transformations



Hidden  
representation

✓ Classification

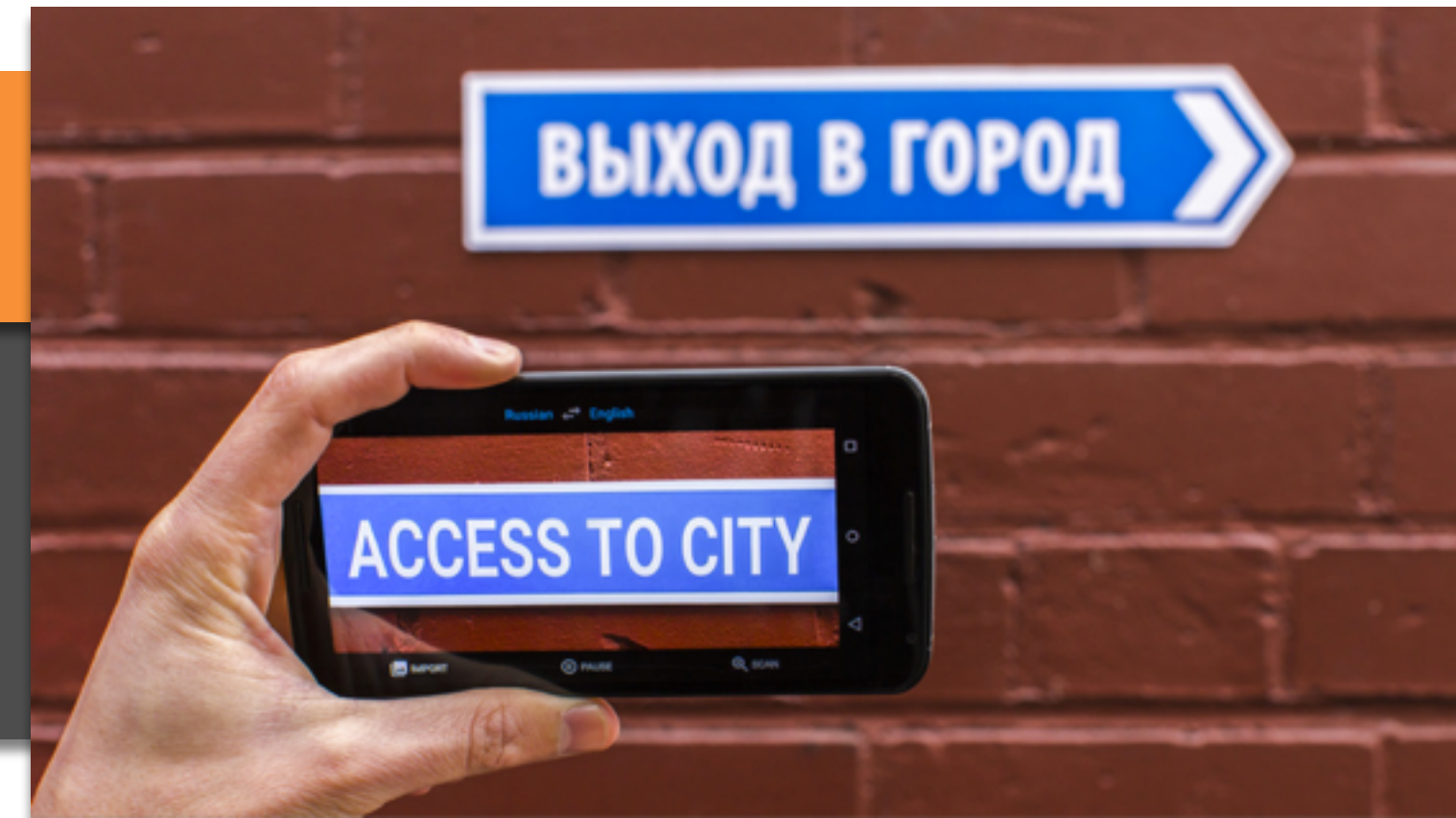


# Machine Learning (ML)

“Machine learning explores the study and construction of algorithms that can learn from and make predictions on data.” [1]

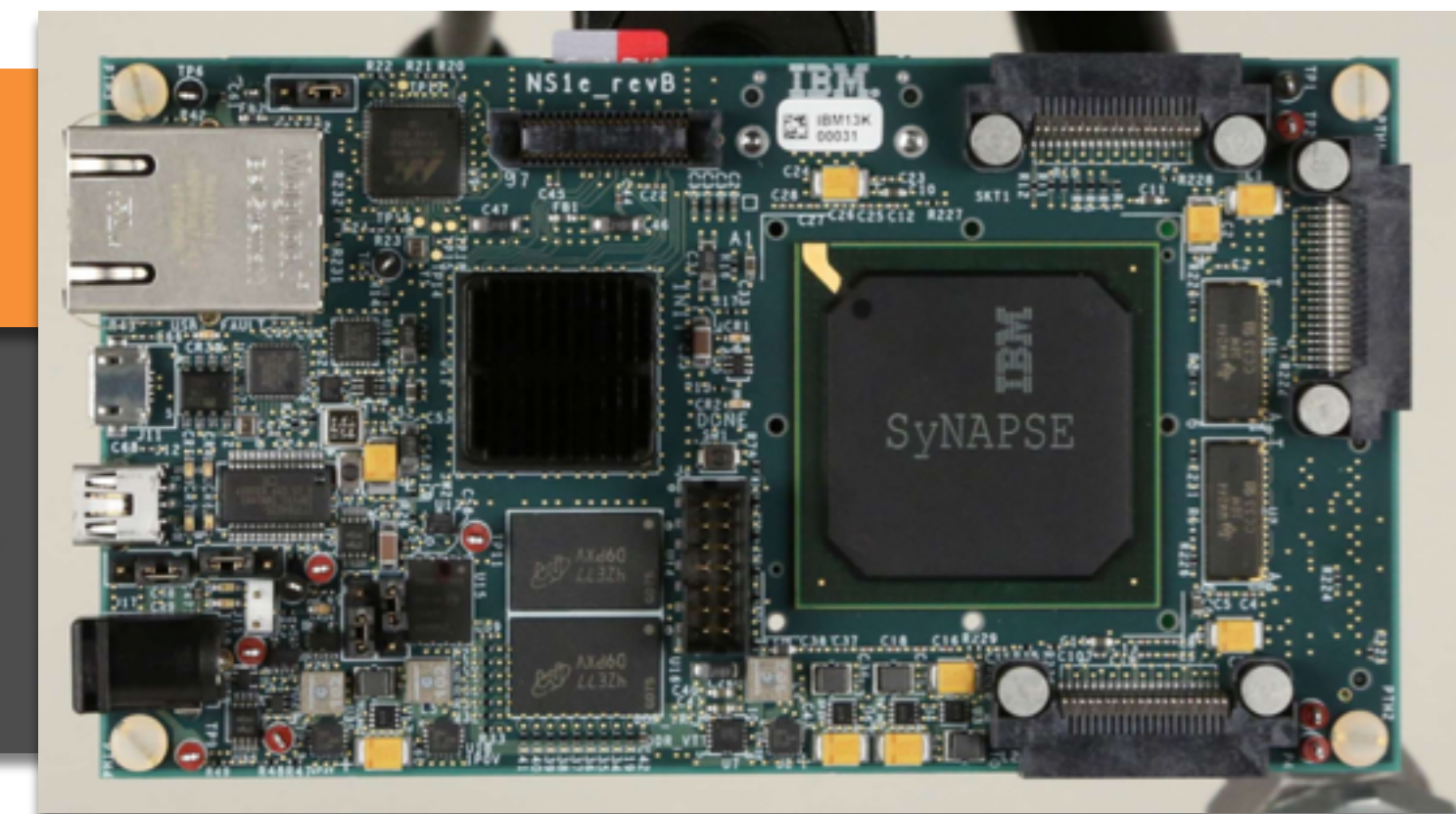
## Google

- Google uses deep learning in phones for translation
- <http://googleresearch.blogspot.co.uk/2015/07/how-google-translate-squeezes-deep.html?m=1>



## IBM

- IBM creates deep learning chip
- <http://www.wired.com/2015/08/ibms-rodent-brain-chip-make-phones-hyper-smart/>



[1] Ron Kohavi; Foster Provost (1998). "Glossary of terms". Machine Learning 30: 271–274.

# ML: Deep learning demo

A simple graphical example



<http://keras.io/>



# ML: Deep learning demo

A simple graphical example

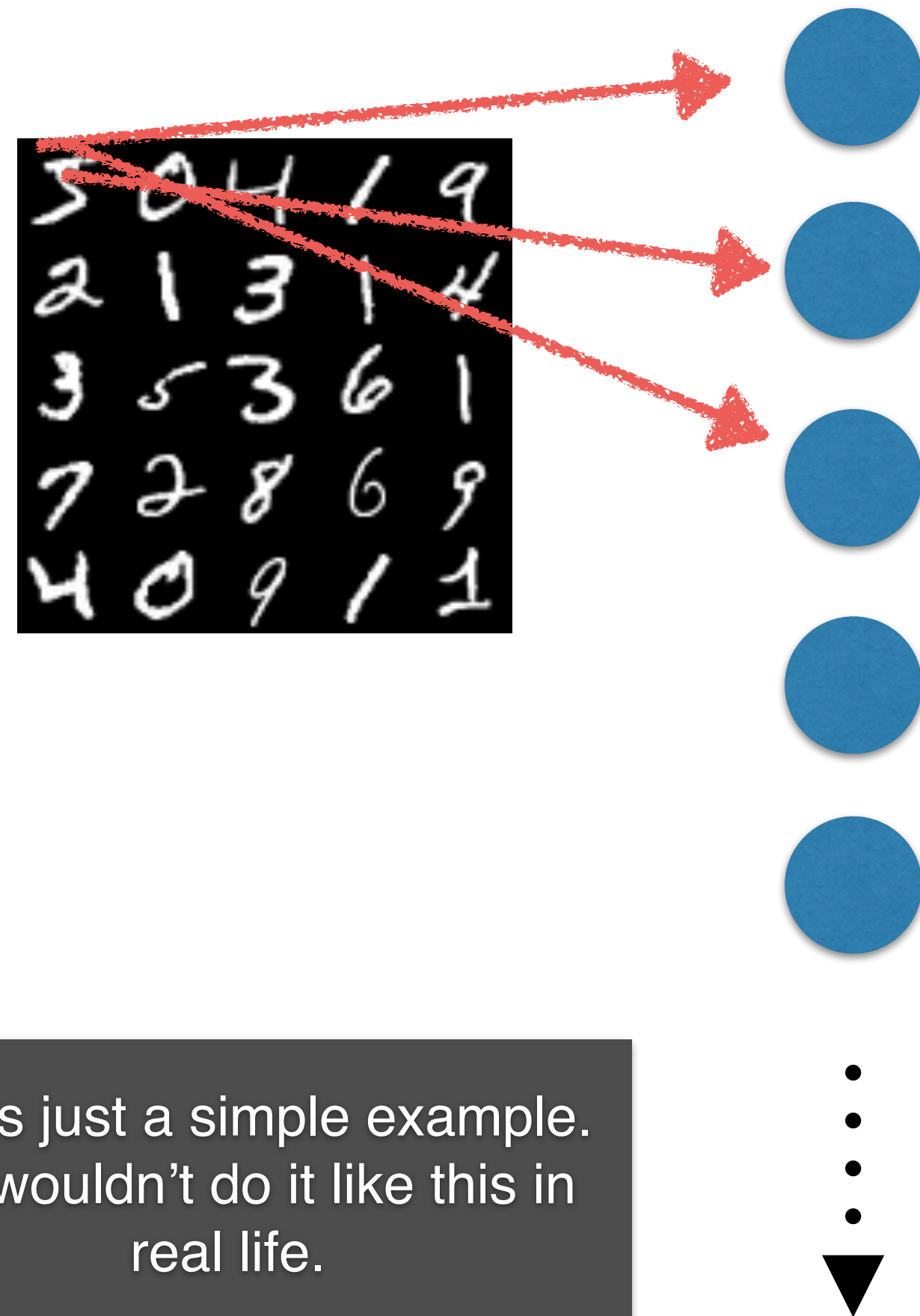
Is it a 3 or a 5?



# ML: Deep learning demo

A simple graphical example

Input layer

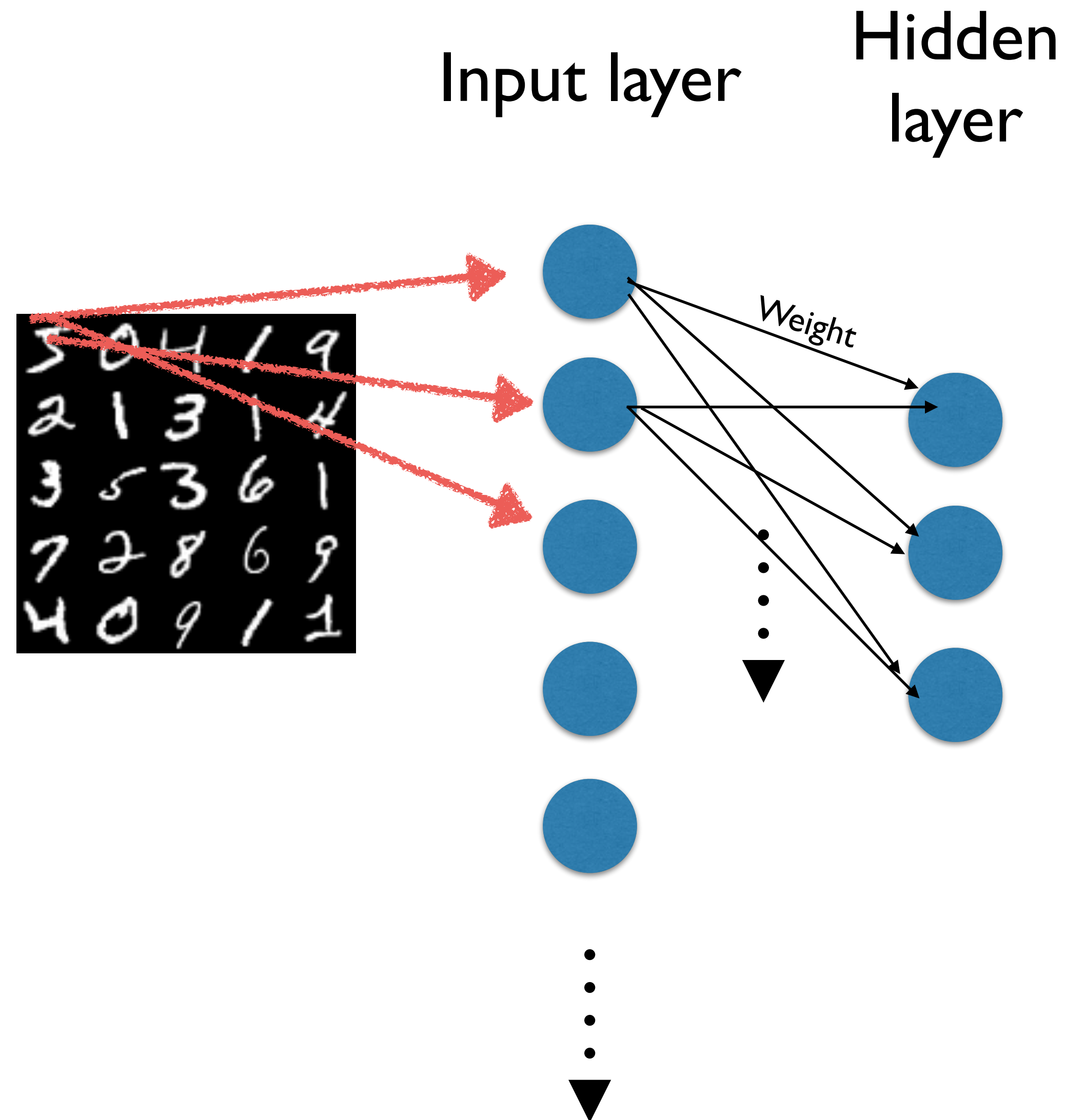


Each pixel is mapped  
to an input neuron

This is just a simple example.  
You wouldn't do it like this in  
real life.

# ML: Deep learning demo

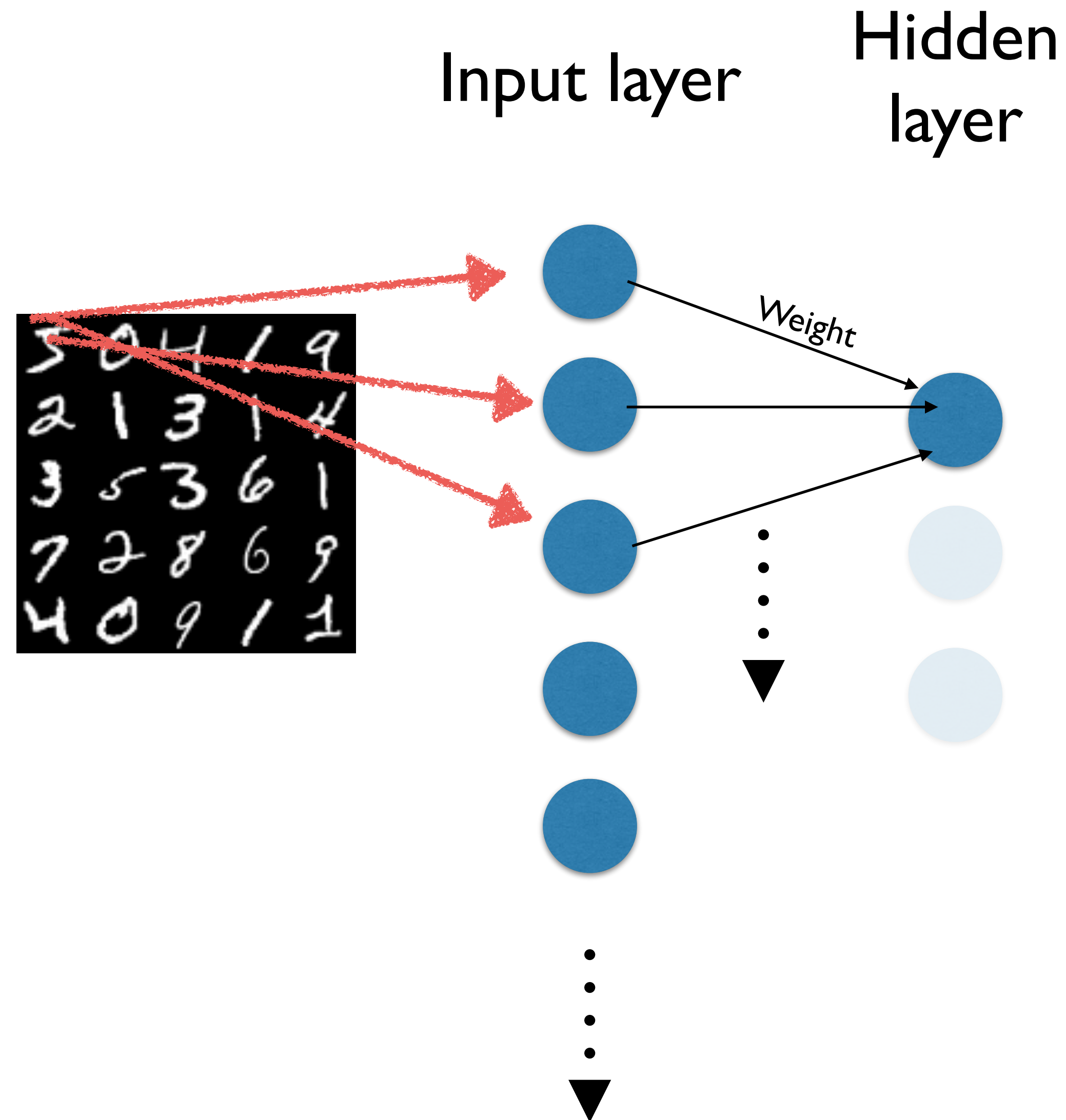
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# ML: Deep learning demo

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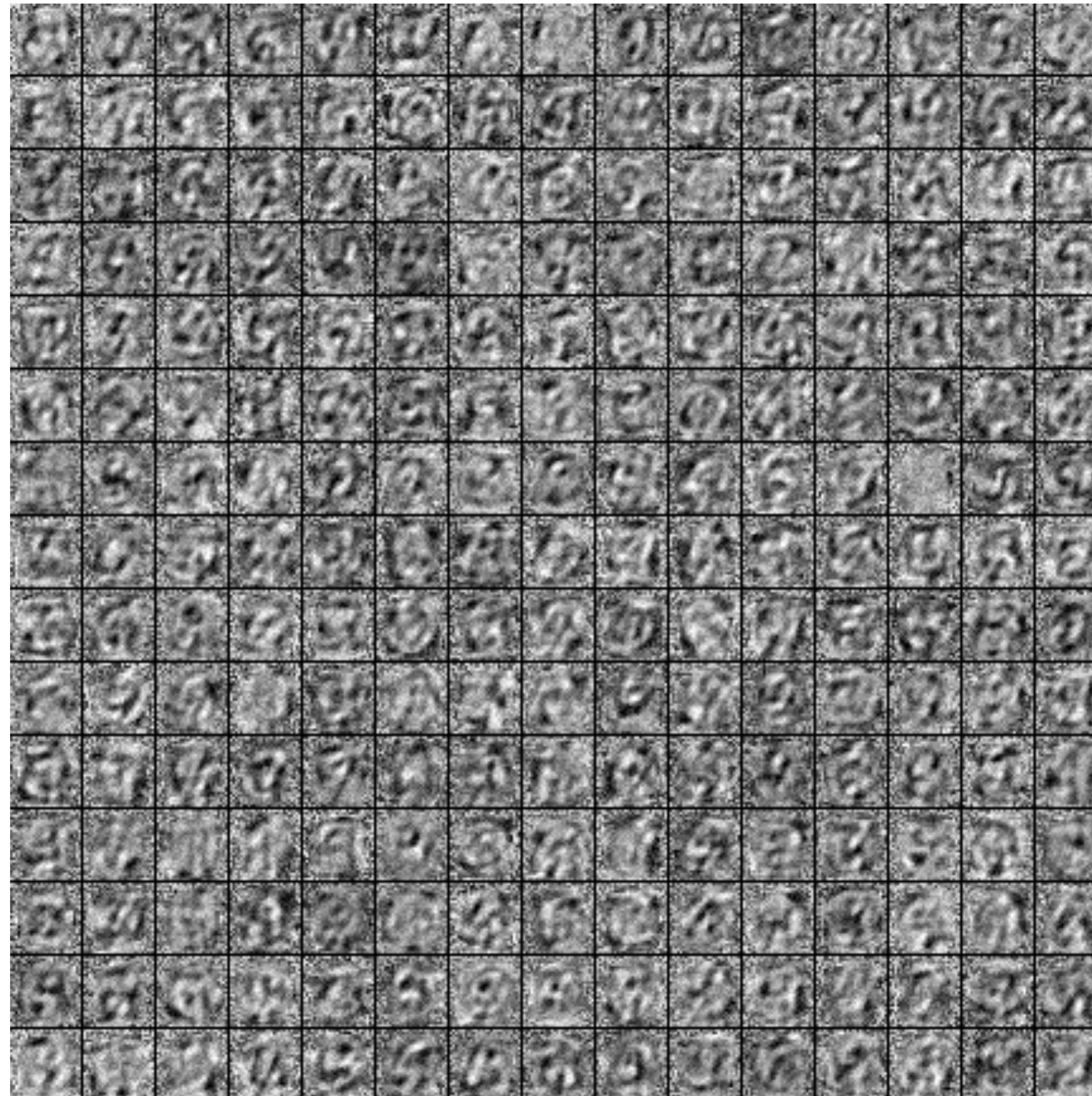




# ML: Deep learning demo

A simple graphical example

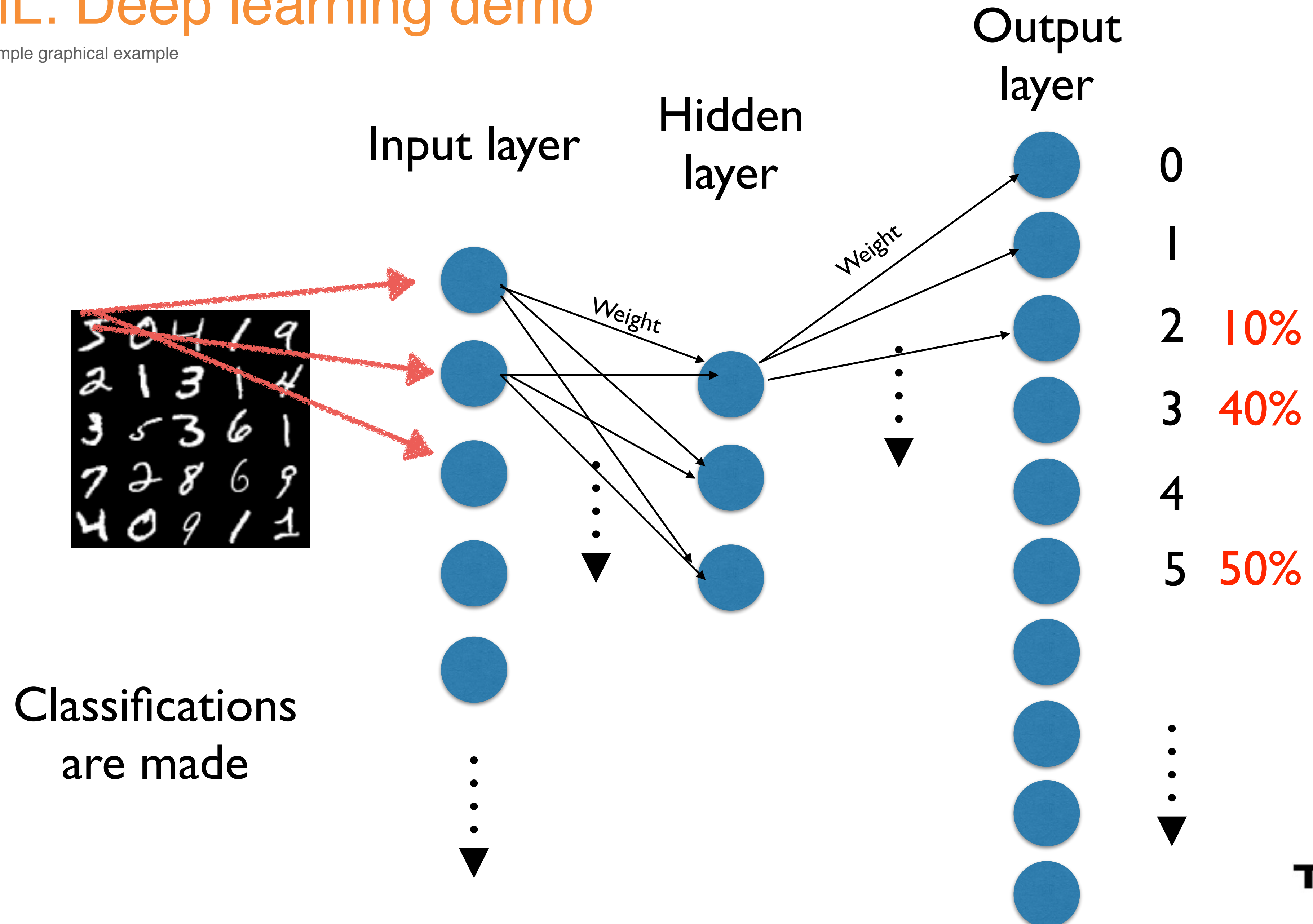
Visualise the  
features





# ML: Deep learning demo

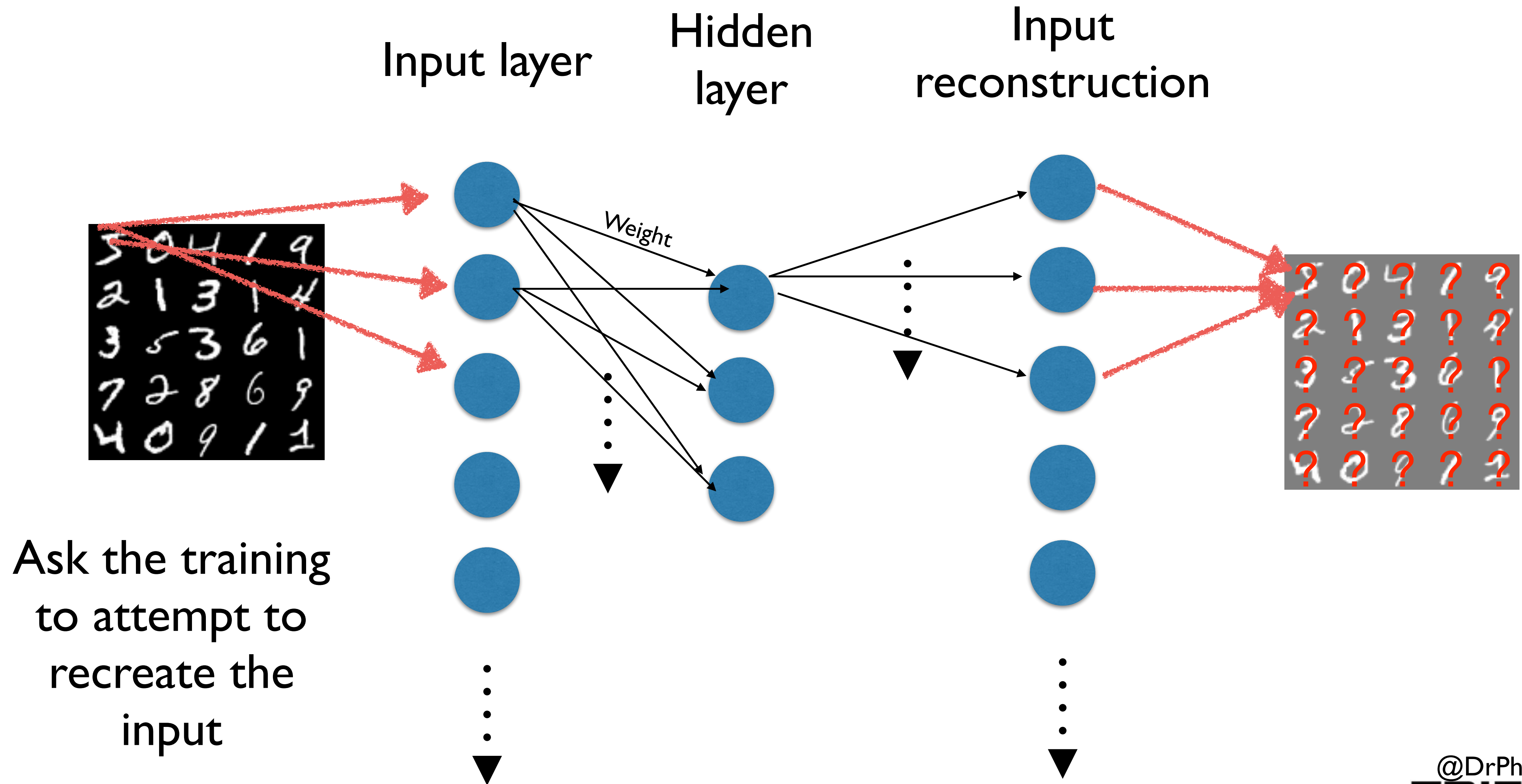
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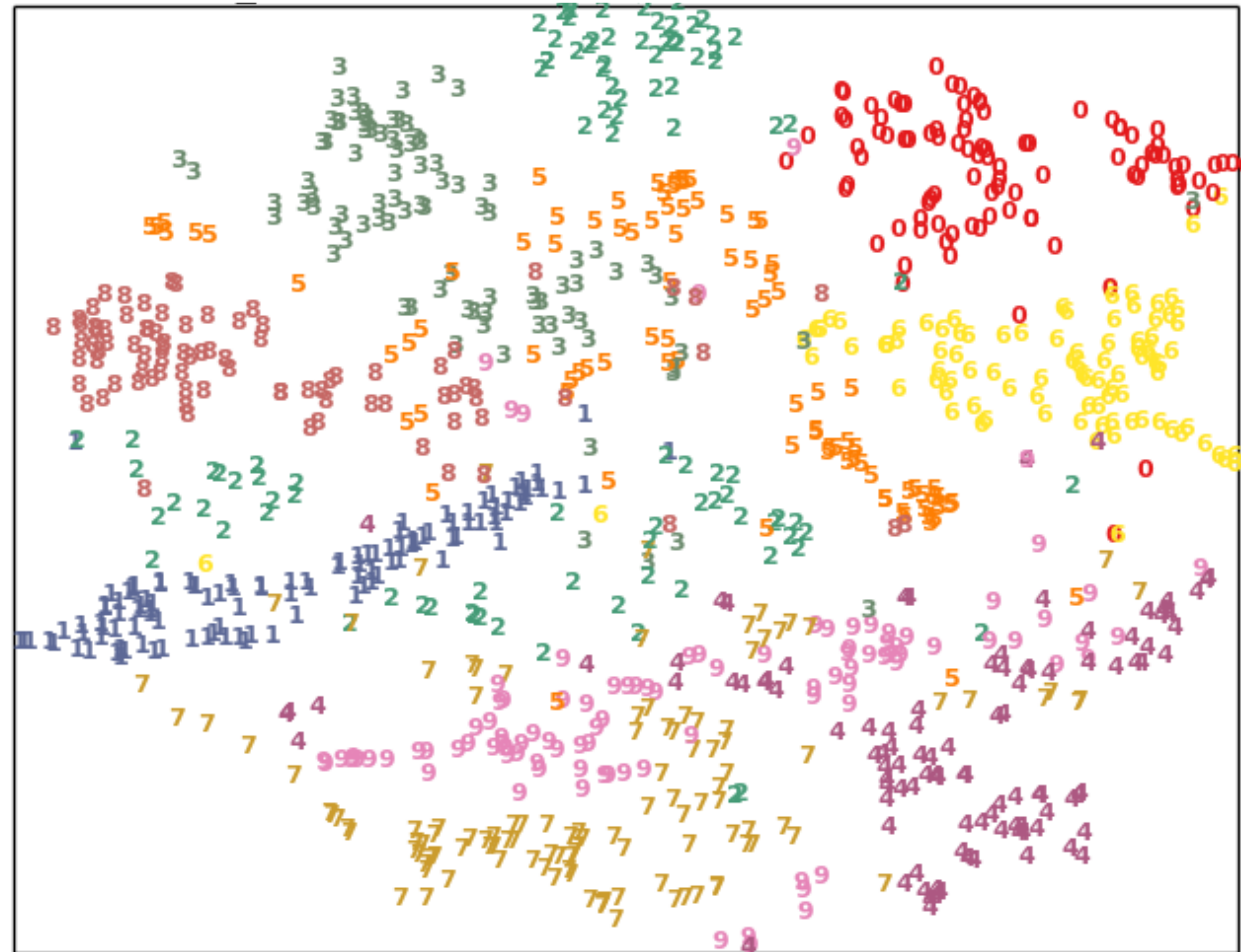
Flatten the  
output into 2D,  
for plotting

(Imagine  
flattening a 3D  
cube to a 2D  
square)

Precision

0.84

0.98-0.99 is possible on  
this dataset



# Financial Crime Demos

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# Rules based: Graph databases



# What is a graph database?

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It's a database

NoSQL

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It's a graph

Terminology:

- Node  
An object, a thing, a noun
- Relationship  
A link, a relationship, a verb

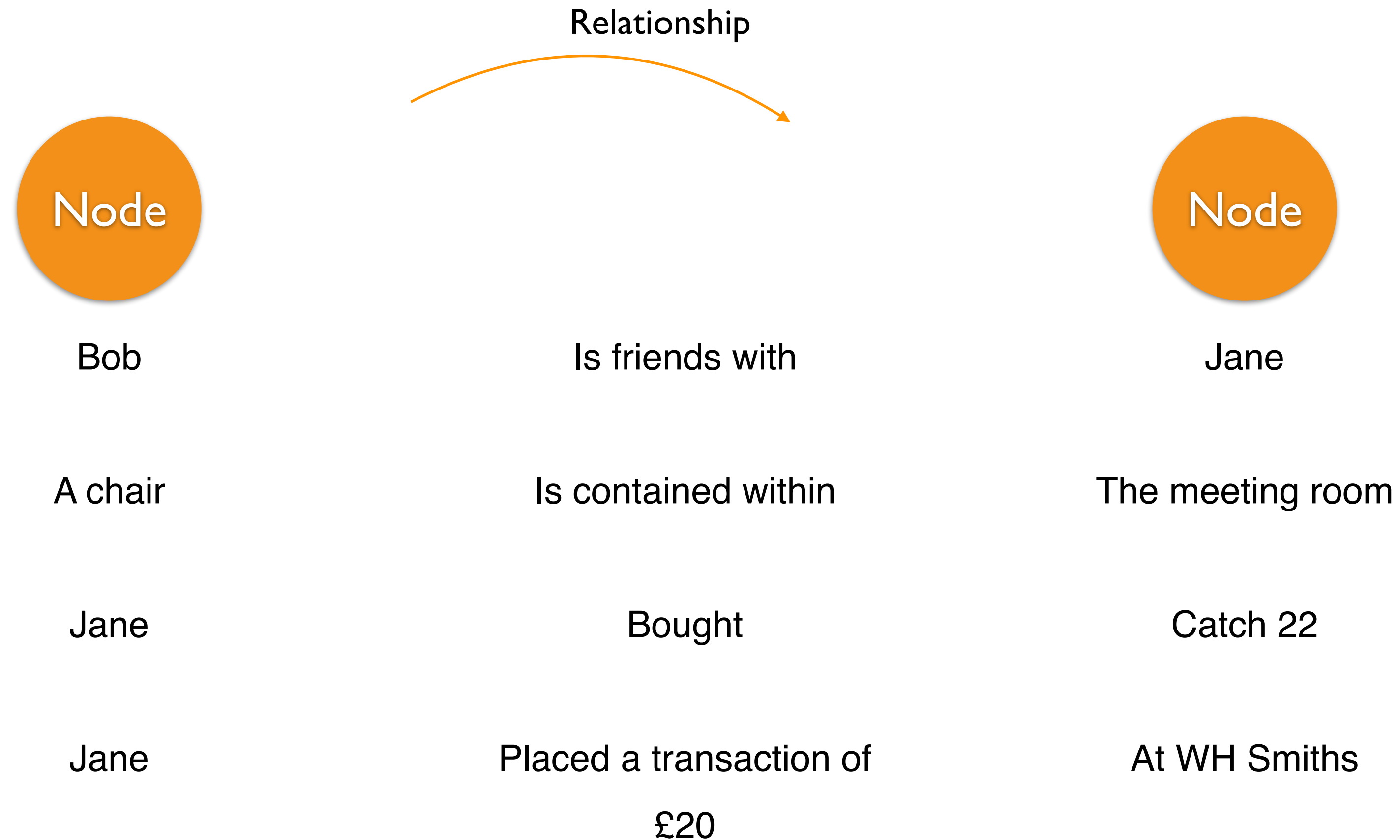
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A natural representation of your data

A graph structure may be a more natural fit of your data. Use the right tool for the job.

# What is a graph?

Terminology and examples



# The power of graphs

The motivation

Better represents problem domain

Performance

Agility

Flexibility



# Neo4j

A (very) quick look

- ✓ Cypher makes queries intuitive: (nodes), [relationships], -[]-> direction



```
MERGE (:PhoneNumber {number:"01234524312"})<-[:HAS_PHONENUMBER]
-(:AccountHolder {first:"John",last:"Smith",id:"JohnSmithID"})-[:HAS_NI]->(:NI {id:" JW123294D"})
```

```
MATCH (n)-[r]-() RETURN n,r;
```

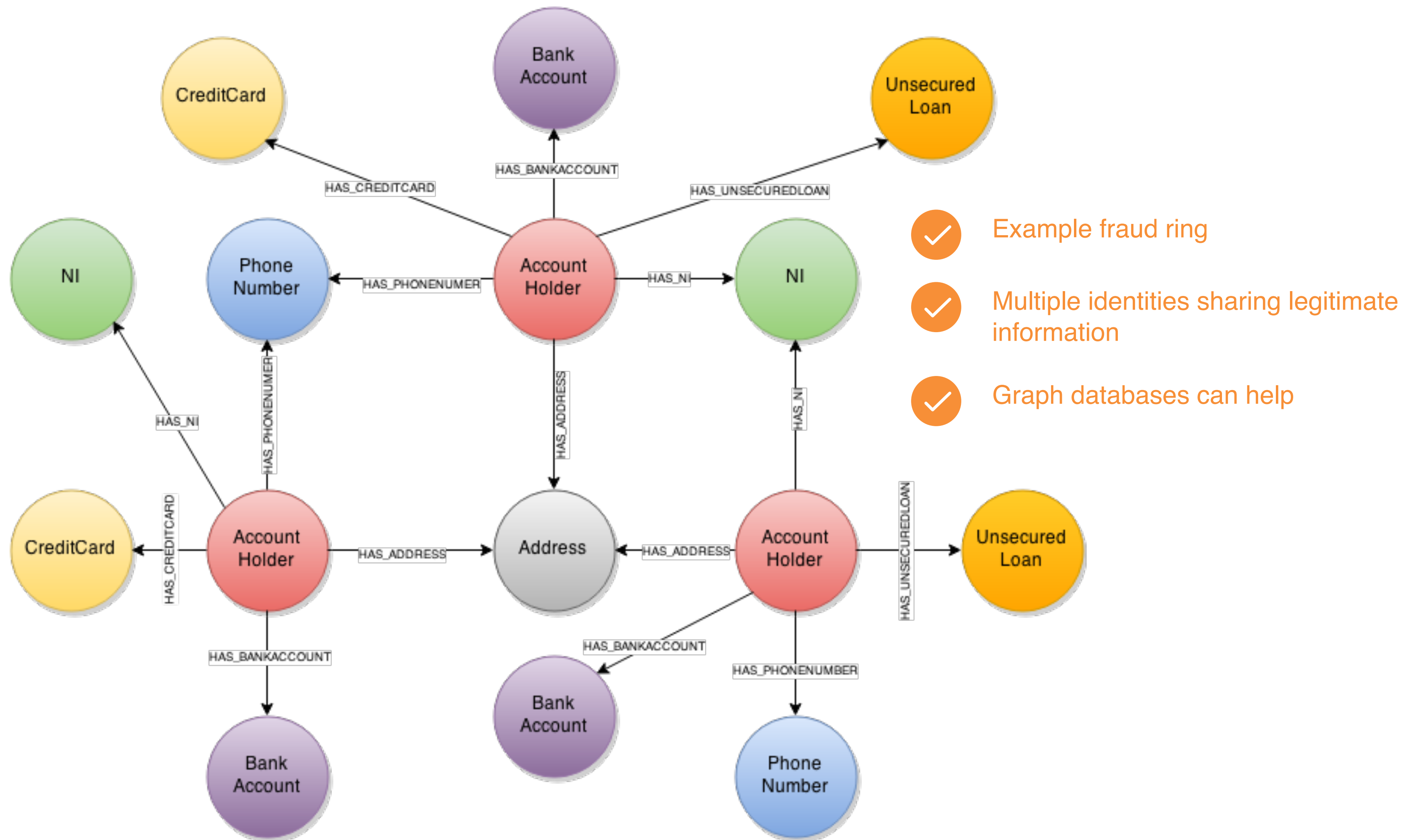
```
MATCH (ni:NI) RETURN ni;
```

```
MATCH (n)-[:HAS_NI]-() return n;
```

- Match all nodes with a relationship.
- Match any node of type NI
- Match any node that has a HAS\_NI relationship

# Neo4j

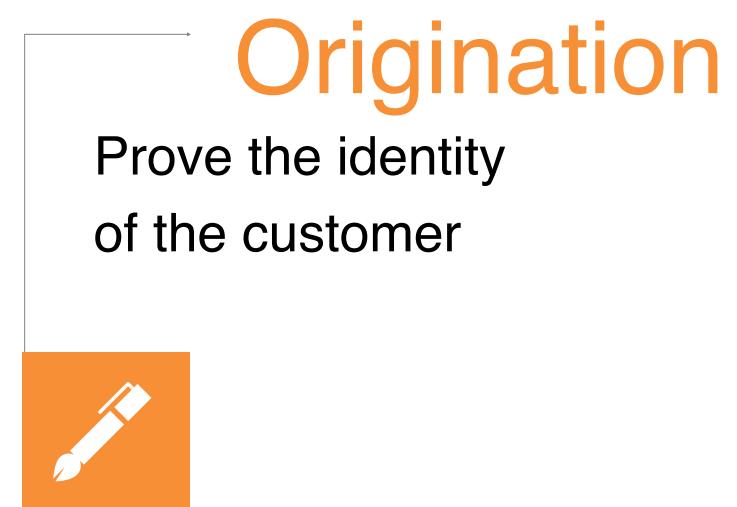
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# Deep Learning: Voice “fingerprinting” for origination

# Goal



## Offline



Record  
customer's voice

Record



Pre-process data  
to generate  
features.

Process



Train deep  
learning model

Training



Store "fingerprint"  
for verification

Save

## Online



Record  
customer's voice

Record



Pre-process data  
to generate  
features.

Process



Compare result to  
"fingerprint"

Test



Verified

# Overview



Three people,  
eight phrases

Record



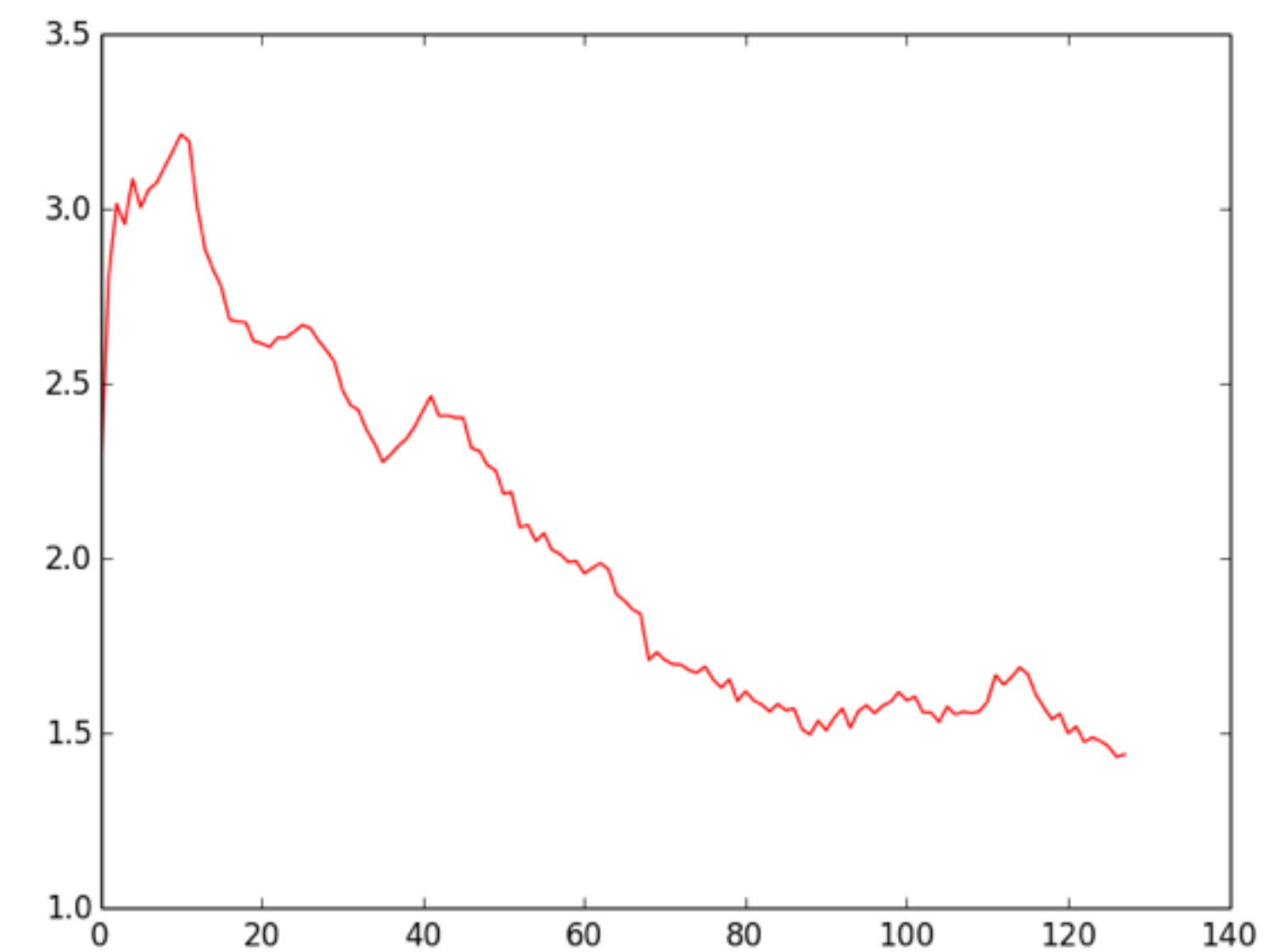
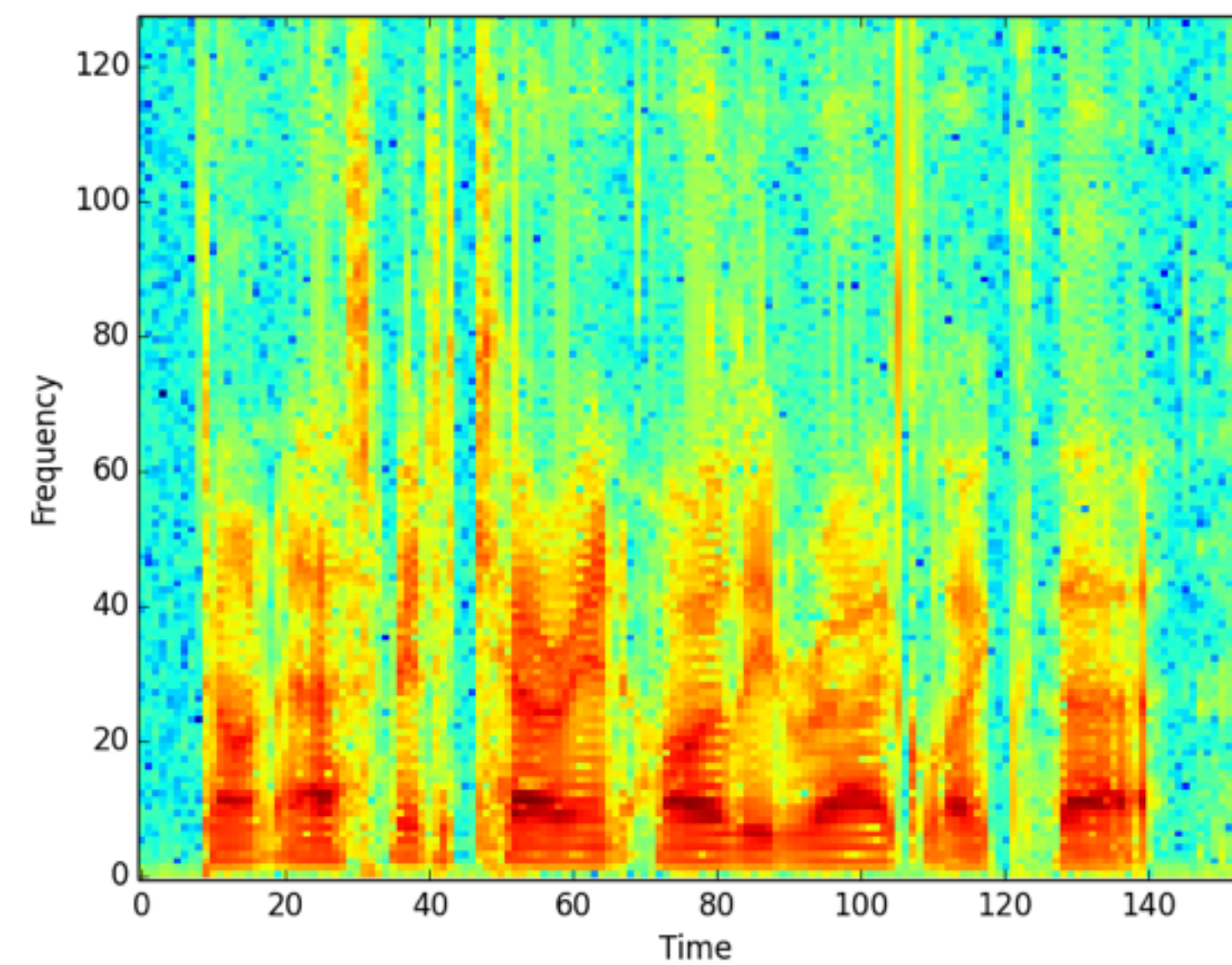
FFT and average

Process



Deep learning  
based  
Classification

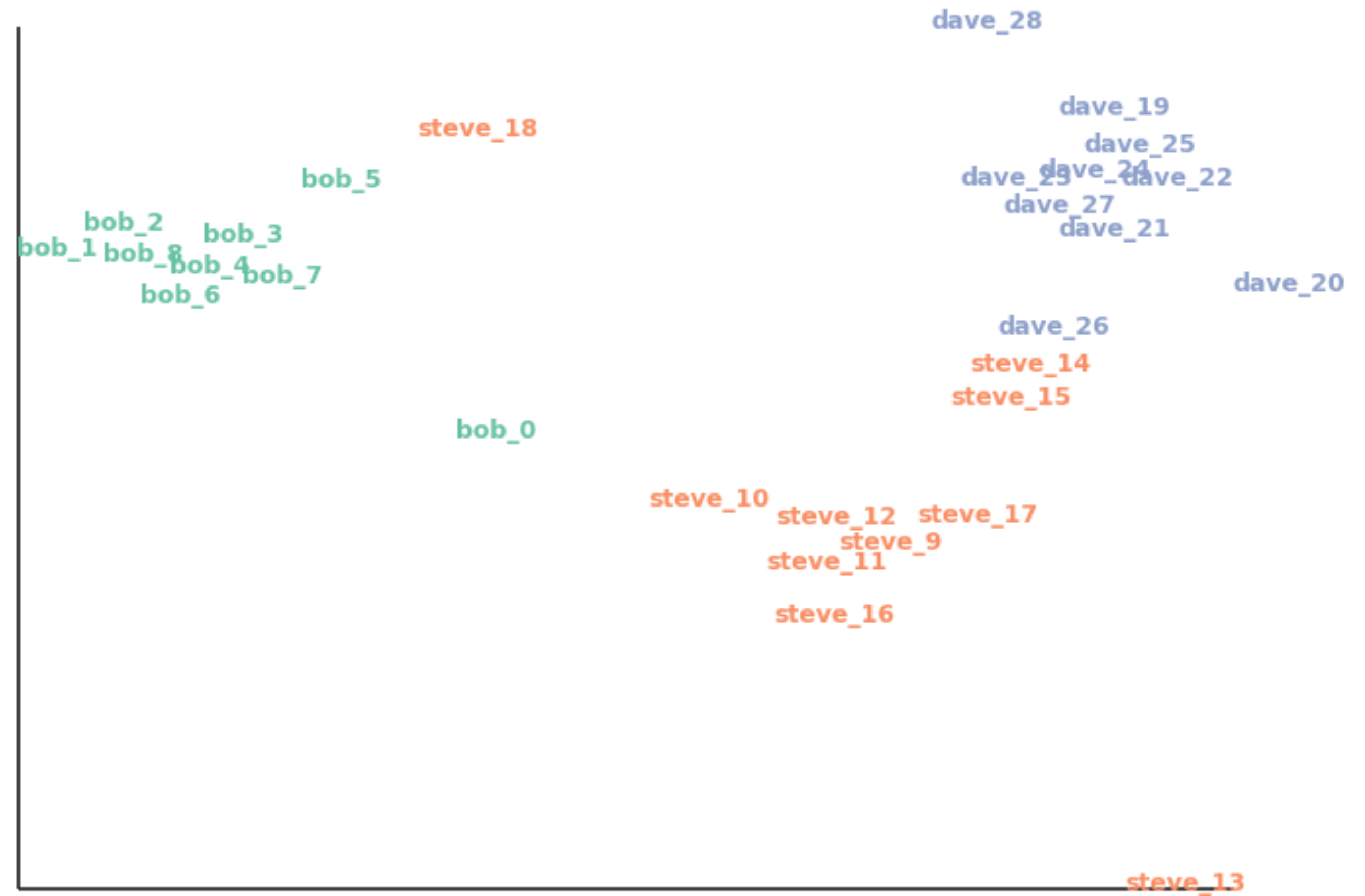
Training





# Deep learning

Each colour/name represents a person.  
Each example is a phrase.



# Classification

Probability  
Bob Steve Dave

[ 0.98 0.01 0.01]

[ 0.01 0.97 0.01]

[ 0.02 0.03 0.96]

Voice data: [http://web.mit.edu/6.863/share/nltk\\_lite/timit/](http://web.mit.edu/6.863/share/nltk_lite/timit/)

Python + Keras + SkLearn

# Decision trees:

# Predicting Mortgage Defaults



# Demo: Mortgage default prediction

## Can we predict defaults?

- Given labelled mortgage applications, is it possible to predict defaults?
- What data have we got access to?
- Is it enough?

## Freddie Mac / Fannie Mae

Huge datasets released by publicly owned US lenders.

Provides default label

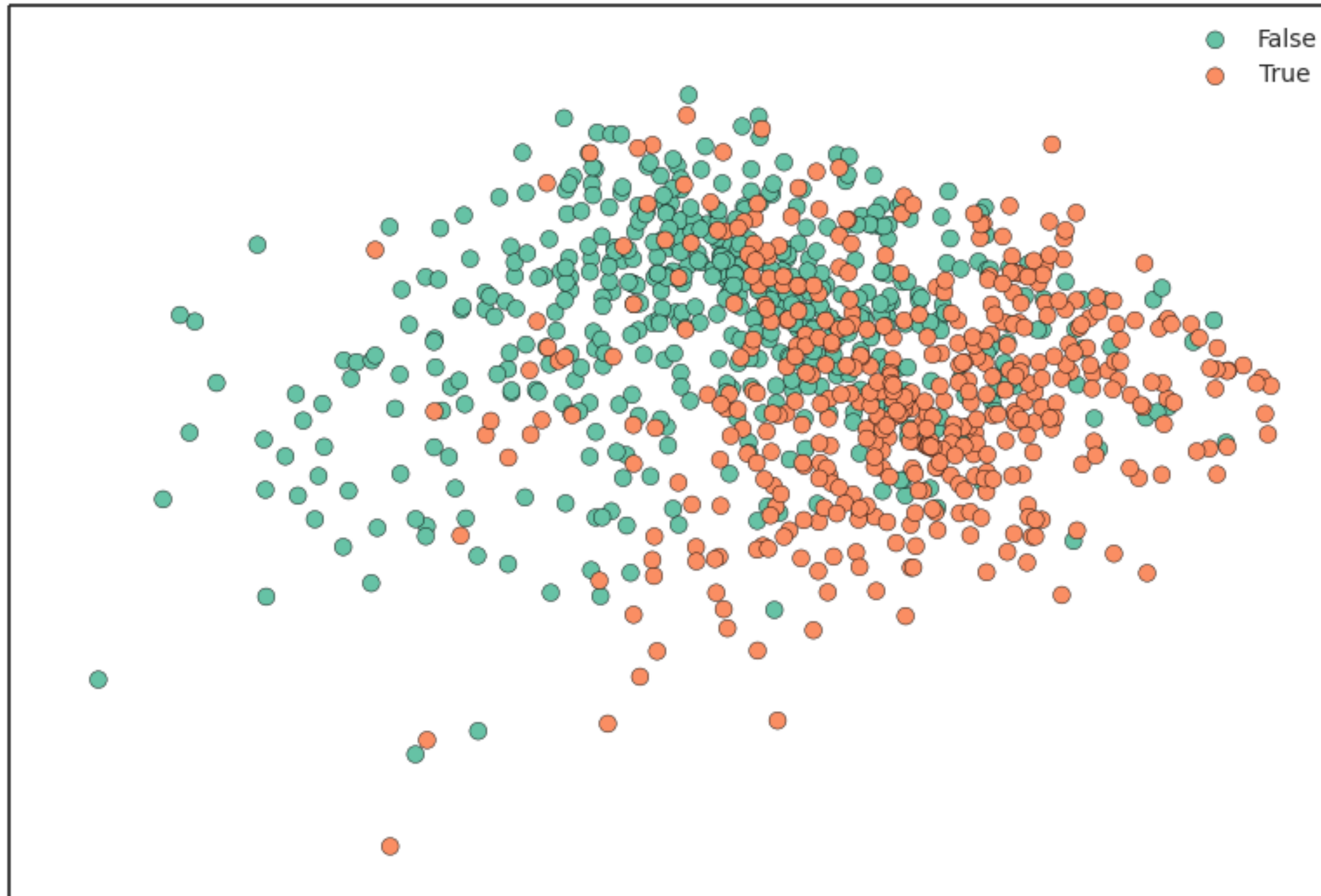
# Let's take a look at the data

Big cleaning  
effort

Remove as much  
as feasible

```
CREATE TABLE loans_learning (  
  id integer NOT NULL,  
  first_payment_date date,  
  credit_score integer NOT NULL,  
  first_time_homebuyer_flag integer NOT NULL,  
  mip integer,  
  number_of_units integer,  
  occupancy_status integer NOT NULL,  
  ocltv numeric,  
  dti integer NOT NULL,  
  original_upb numeric,  
  oltv numeric,  
  original_interest_rate numeric,  
  channel integer NOT NULL,  
  prepayment_penalty_flag integer NOT NULL,  
  property_type integer NOT NULL,  
  loan_sequence_number char(12),  
  loan_purpose integer NOT NULL,  
  original_loan_term integer,  
  number_of_borrowers integer NOT NULL,  
  hpi_at_origination numeric,  
  default_flag boolean  
);
```

# Let's take a look at the data



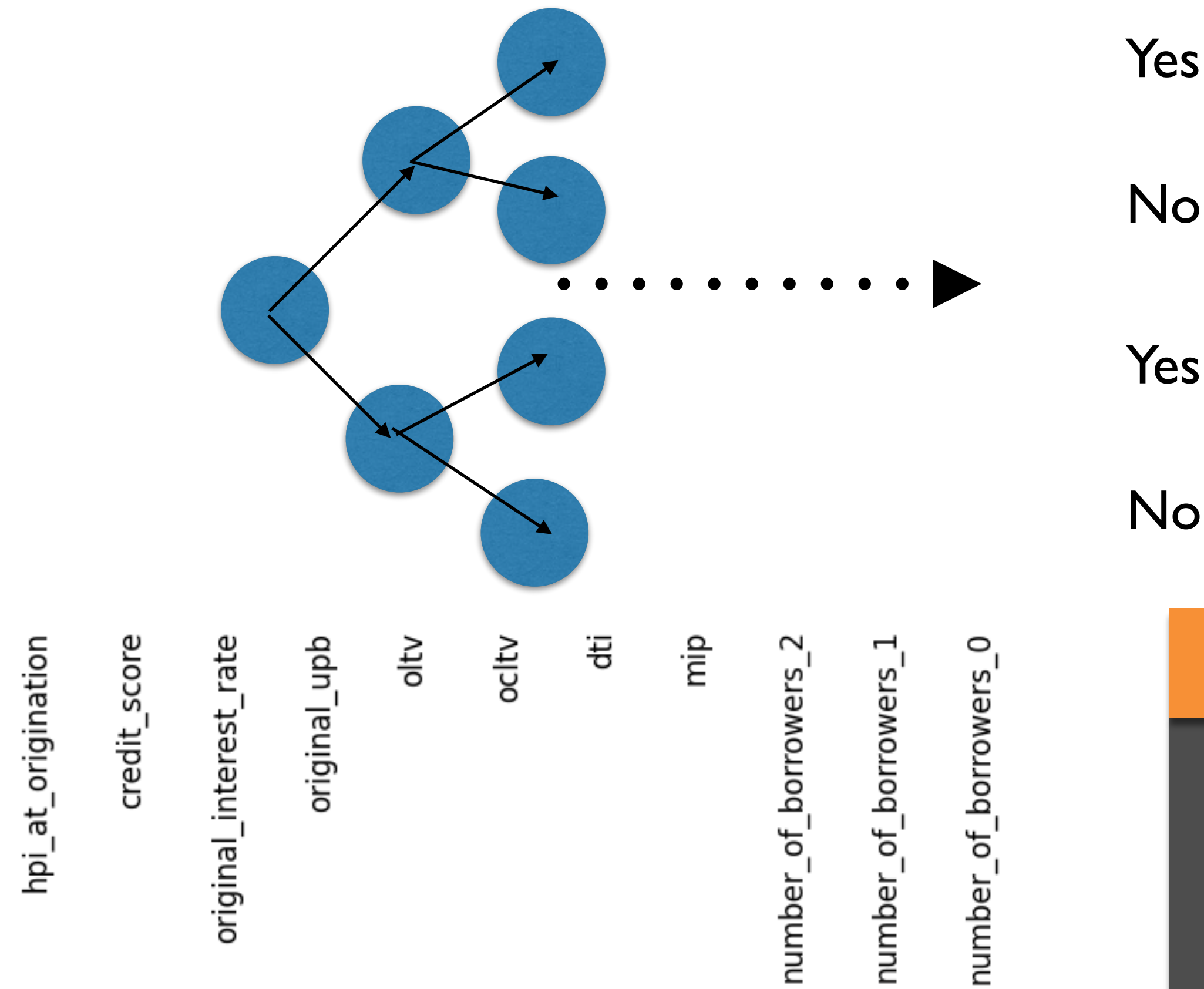
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# Method

## Decision tree

## Classification

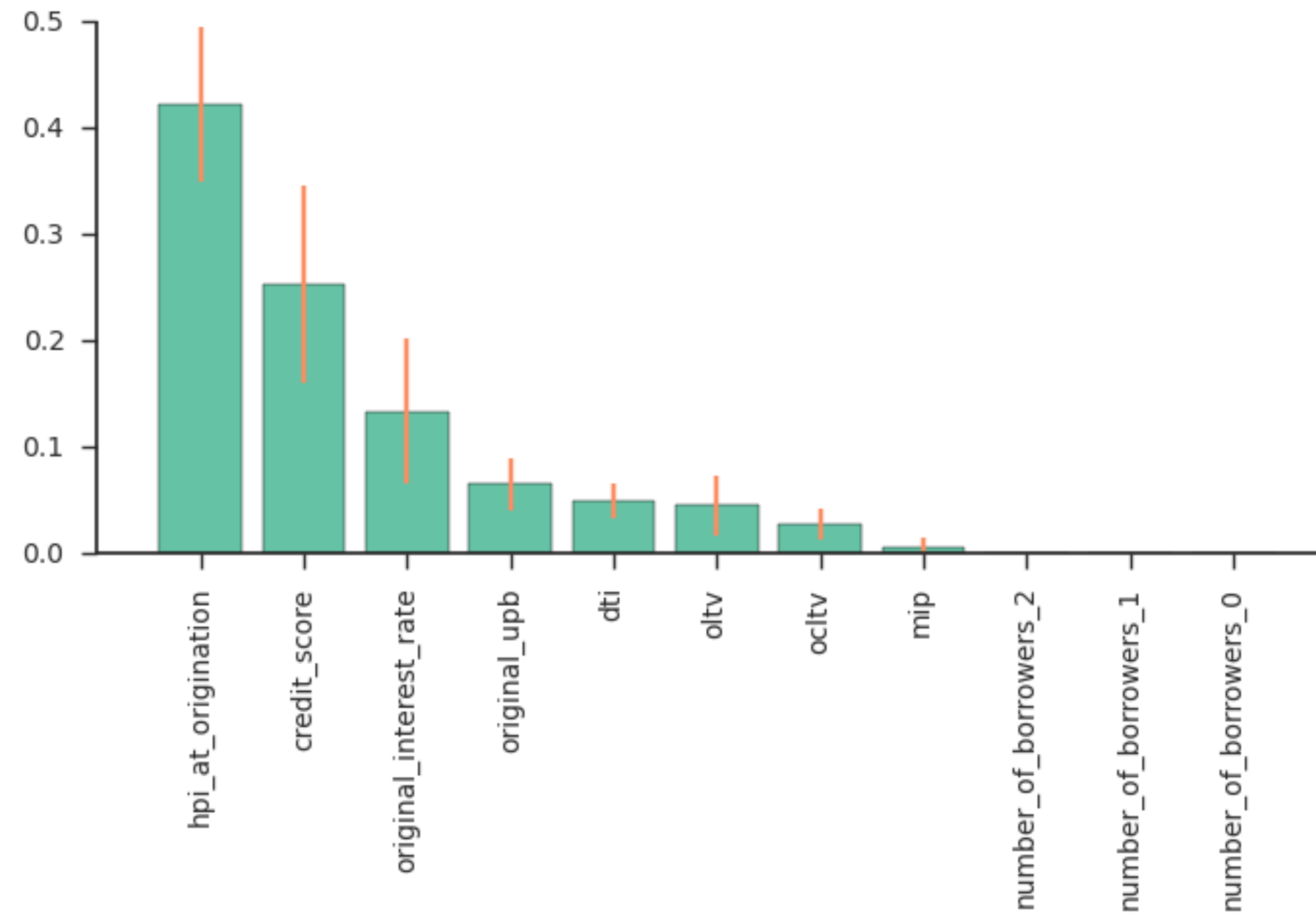


### Data

- Approx. 10,000 default examples (20,000 total)
- Random Forest classifier
- 11 input features (very small)

# Results 1: Feature importance

Mortgage



## Results 2: Classification

	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Support
FALSE	0.84	0.83	0.84	995
TRUE	0.84	0.84	0.84	1005



# Deep learning: Detecting unknown crime

# Demo: Detecting unknown fraud

You're always one step behind

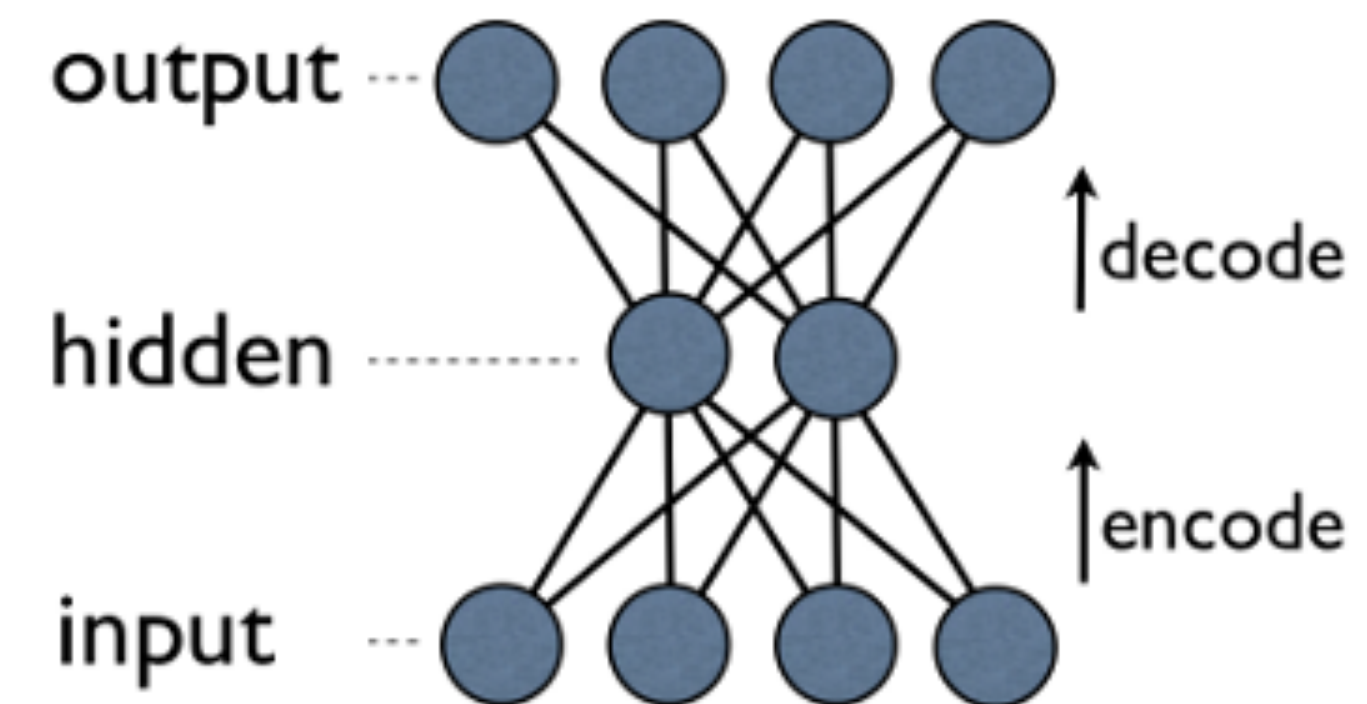
- What about when the rules don't catch the fraudster?
- What should we look for?

## Deep learning

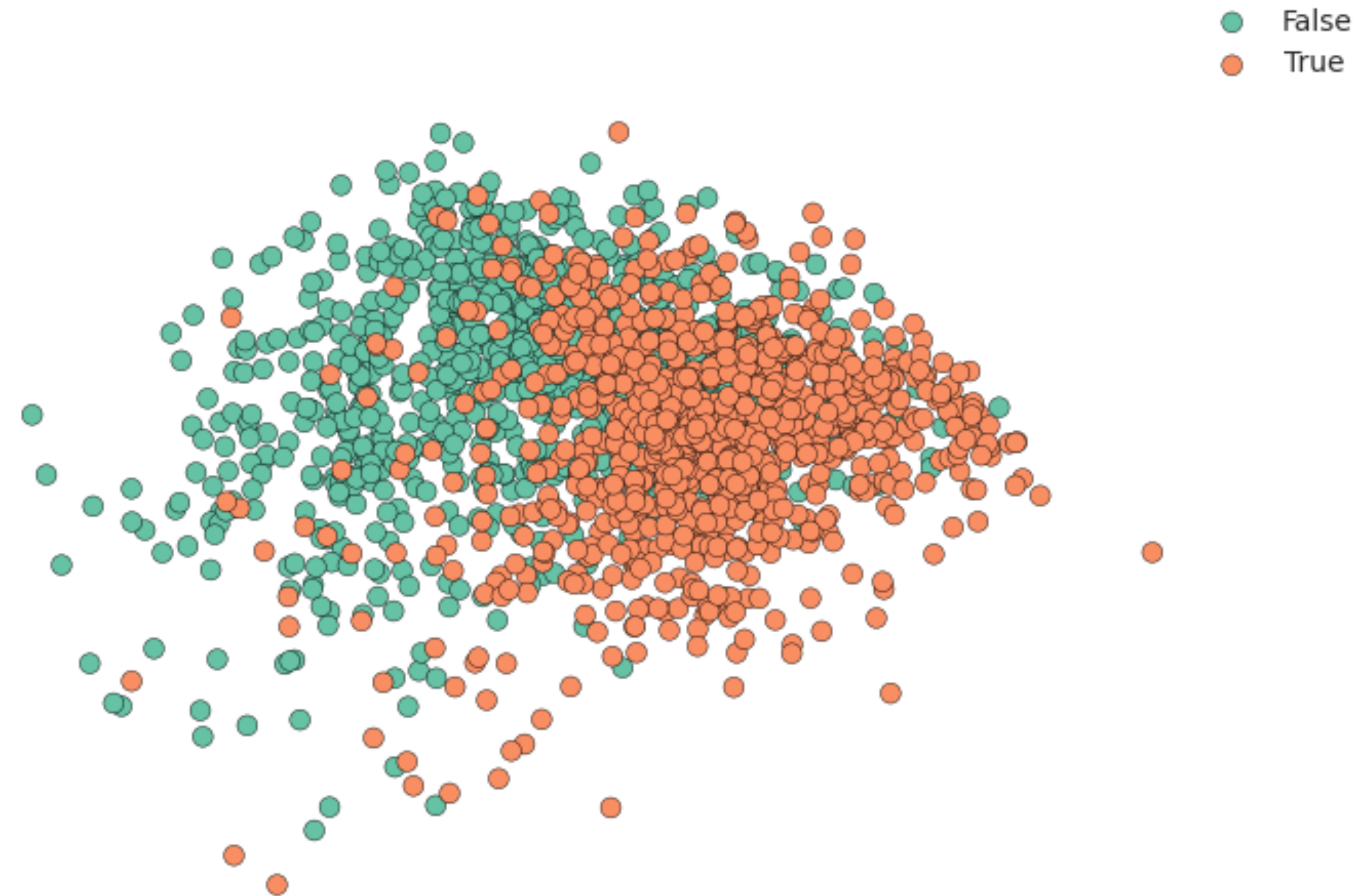
Lets ask deep learning to investigate the data.

Completely unsupervised, I have no data on fraudulent mortgages.

How? An Auto-Encoder

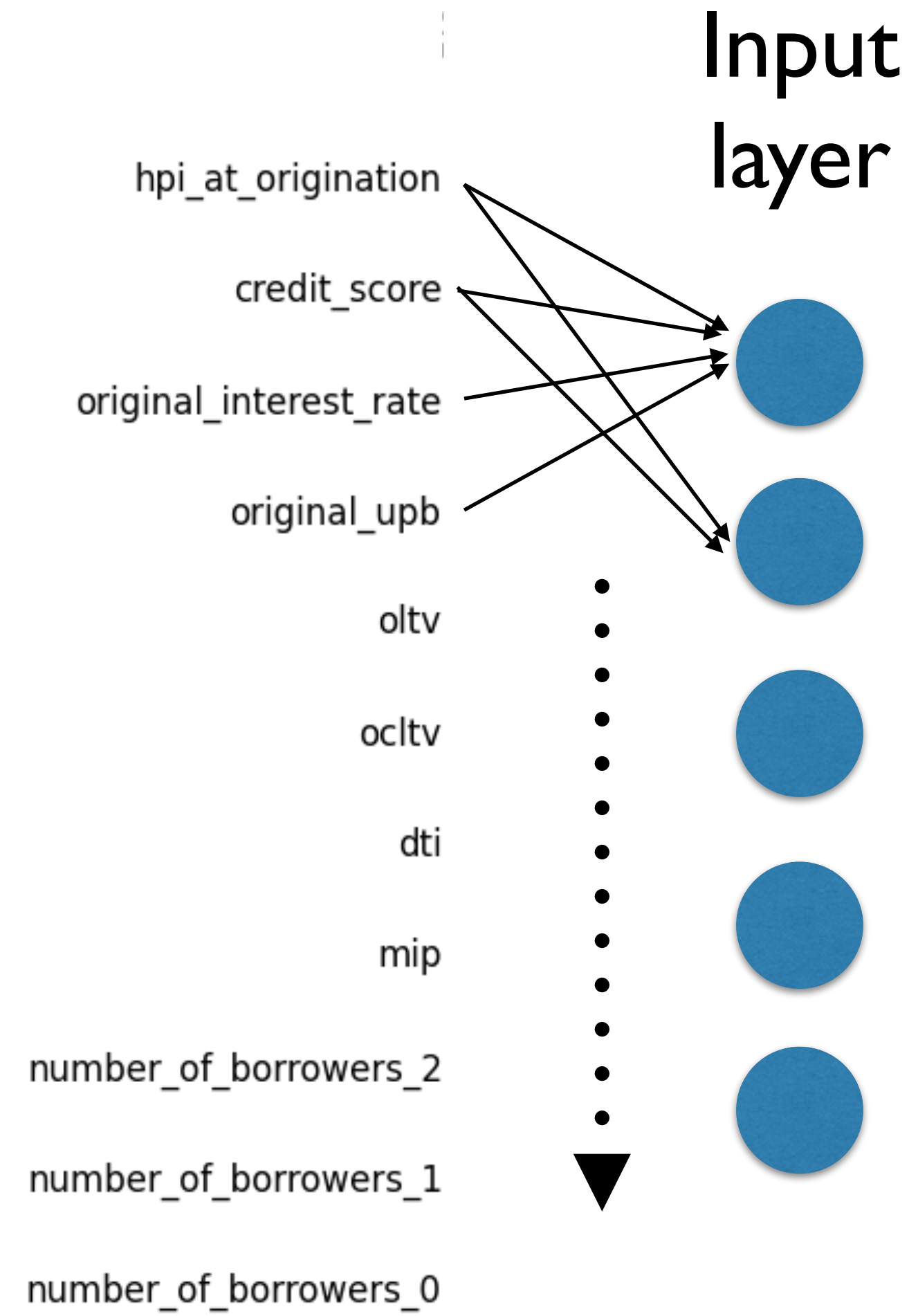


# Before

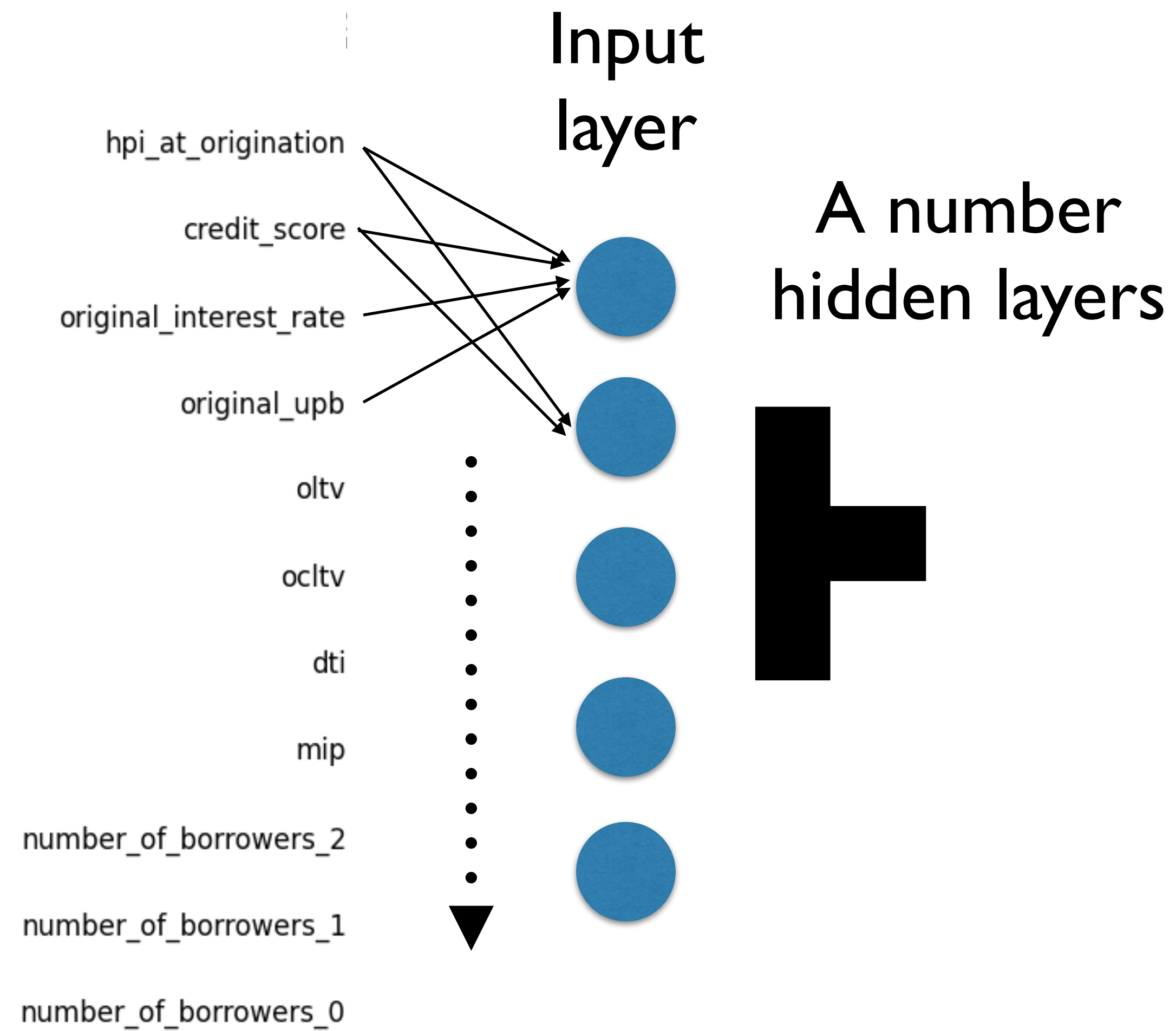




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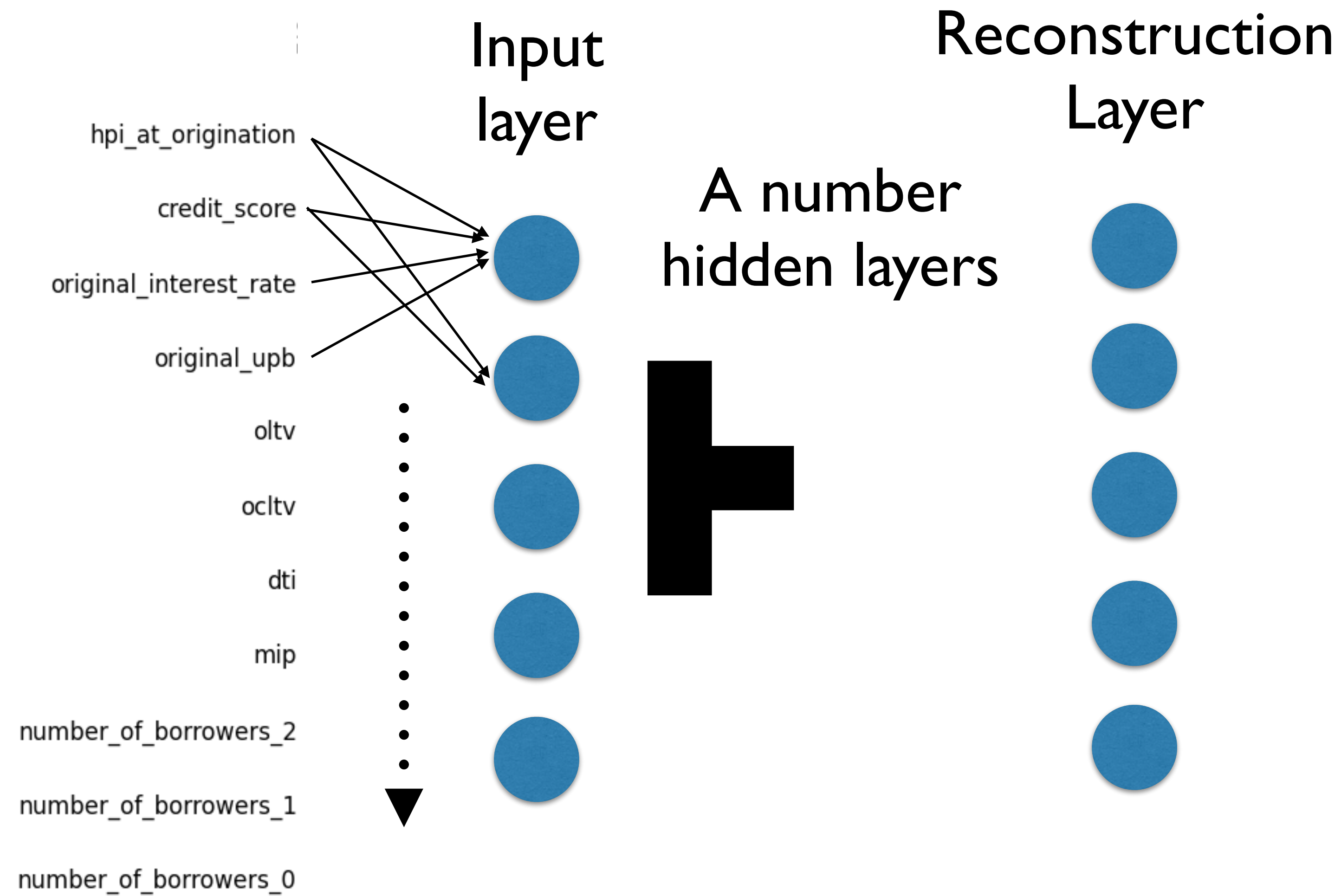


# Method



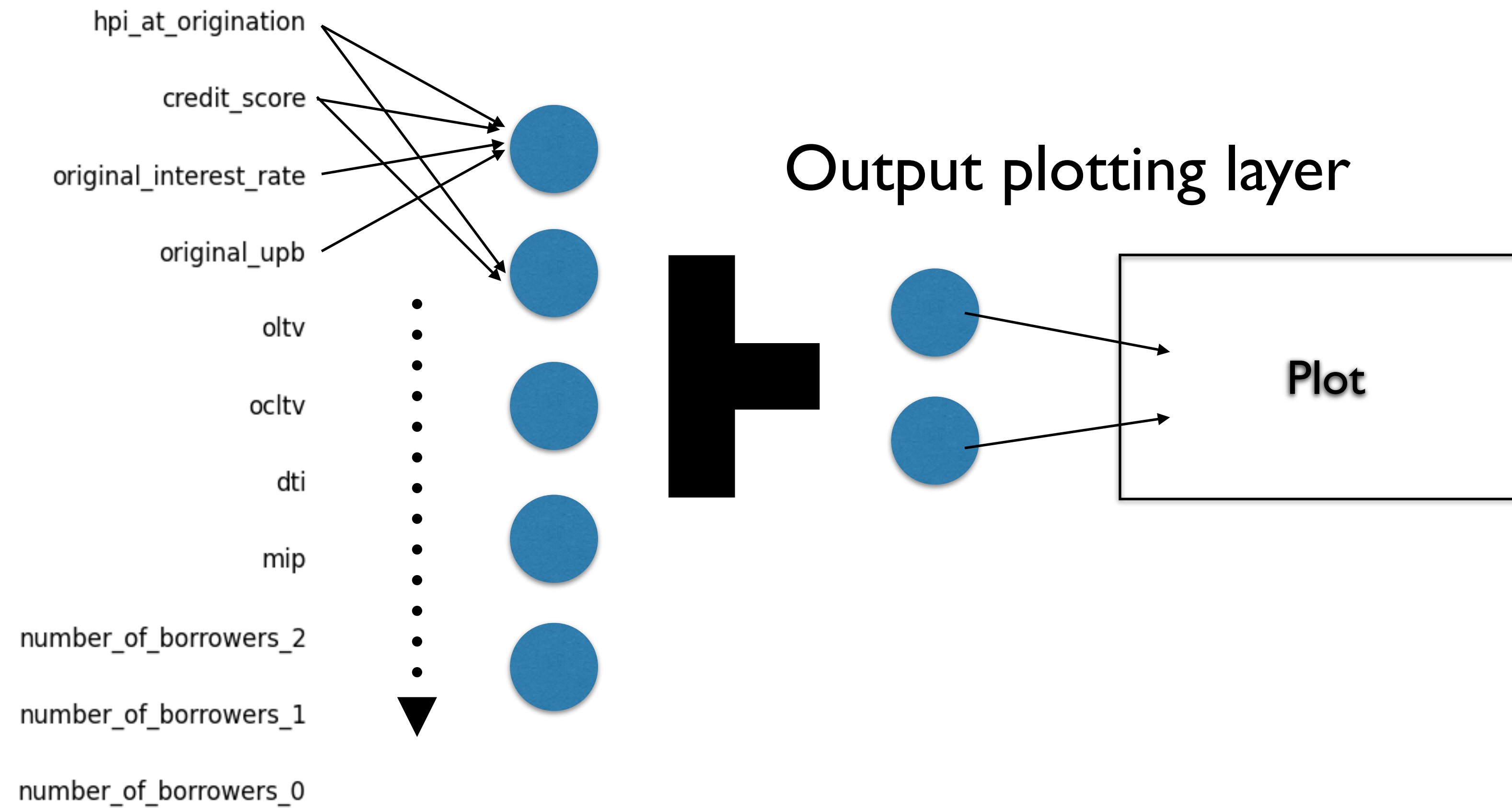
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*During training...*

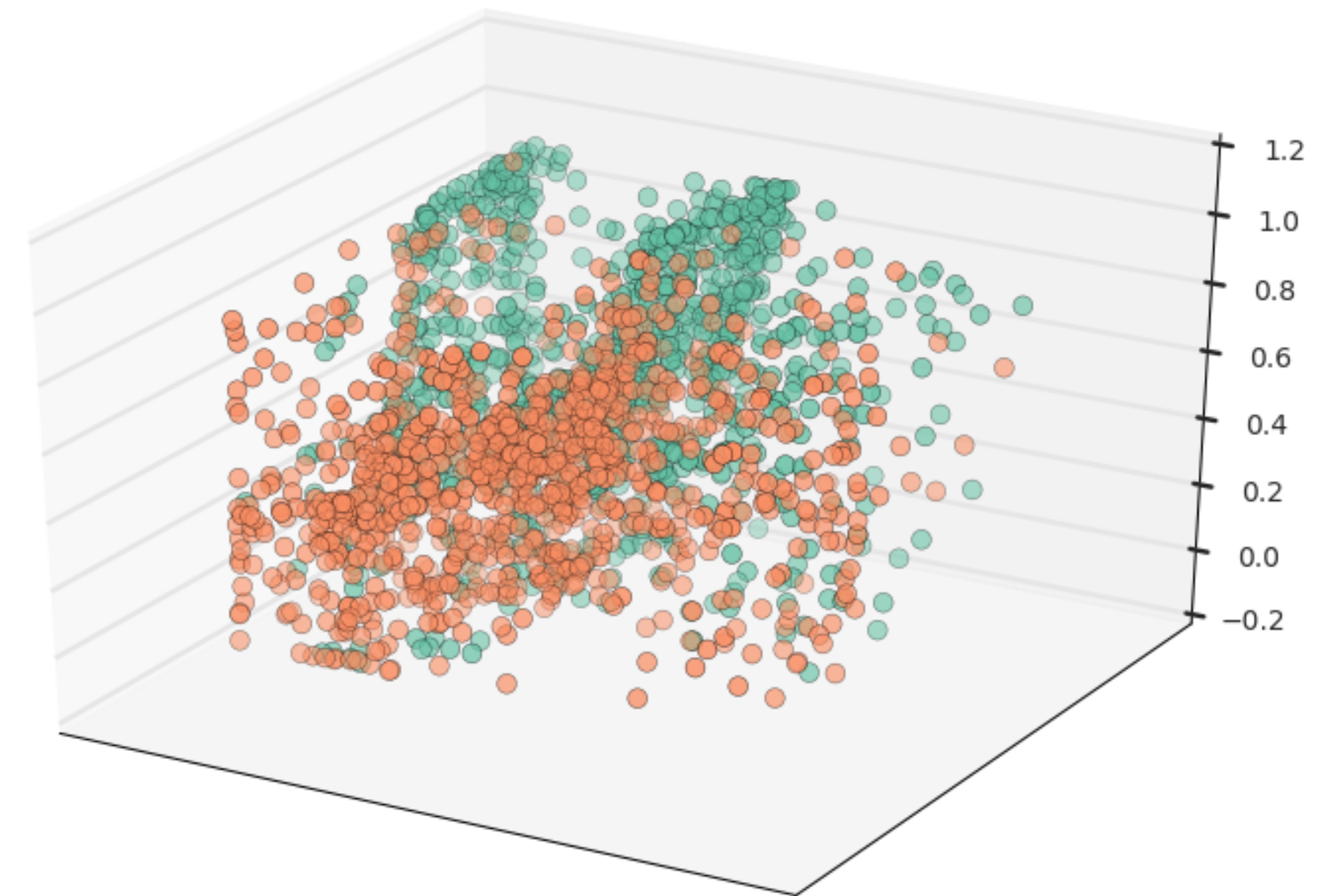
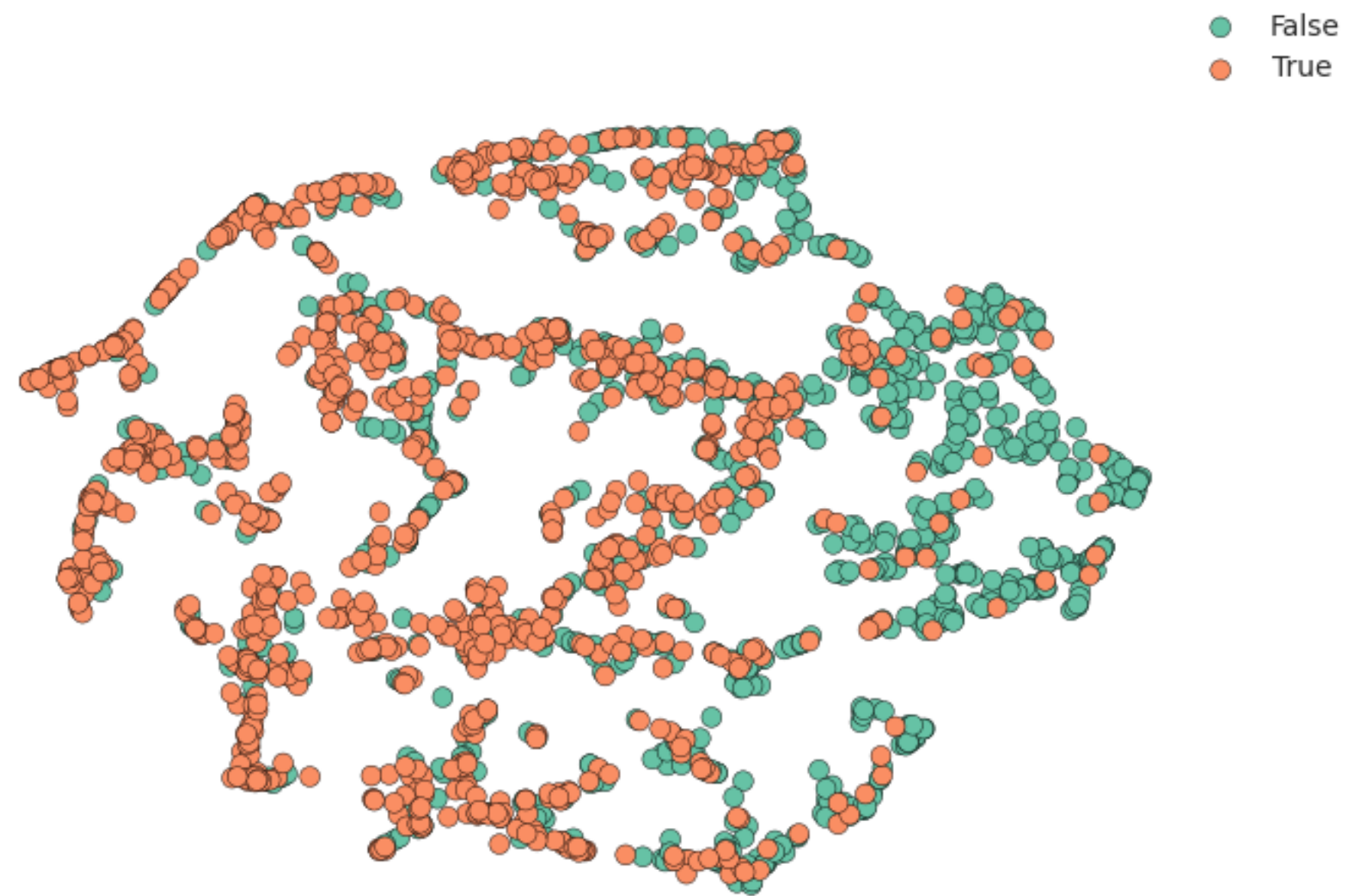




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# After



One of many possible visualisations

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# Tech: Proof of concepts (R&D)

## Python (R/Matlab)

- sklearn
- Keras, Theano
- A database of some kind  
(Elasticsearch + elasticsearch-py)
- Laptop



# Tech: Production

## Computing

- Apache spark

## Databases

- Riak
- Elasticsearch
- Neo4j

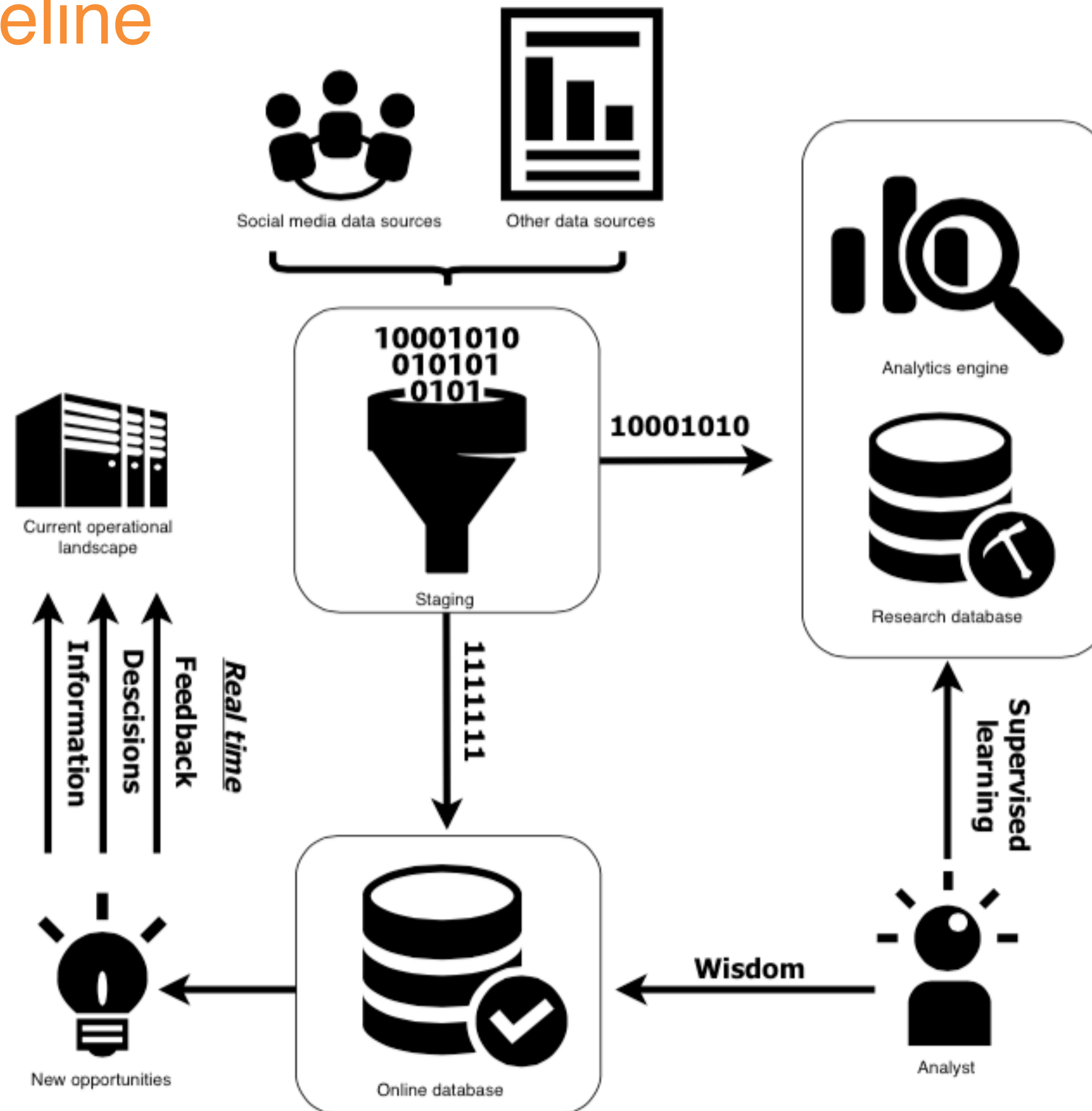
## Infrastructure/Comms

- Apache Mesos
- Docker
- Akka
- Consul/Terraform
- etc.

## And many more...

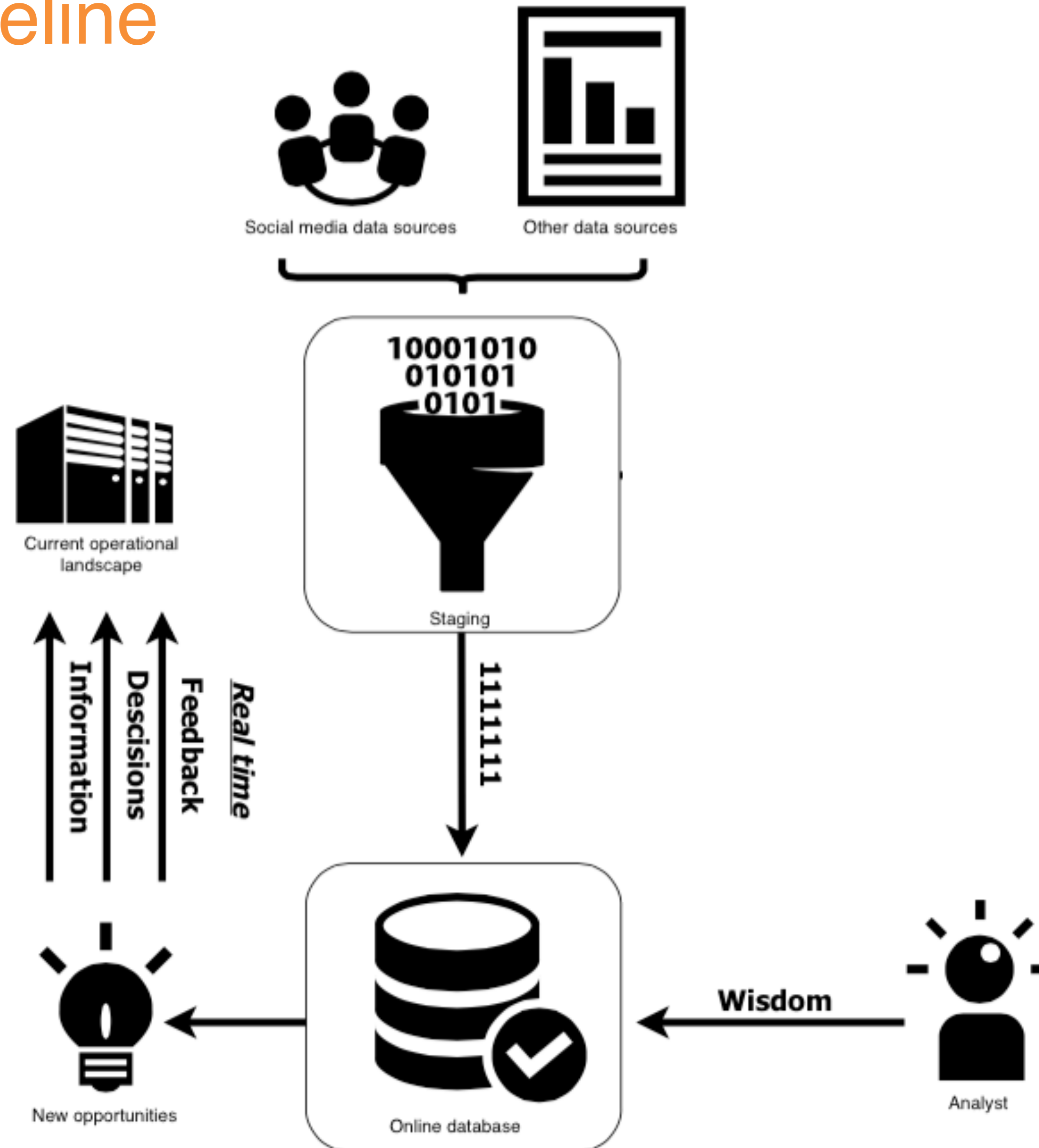
- Legacy integration
- APIs
- Data management
- User management
- Reporting
- Front end
- Etc. etc.

# Tech: Pipeline

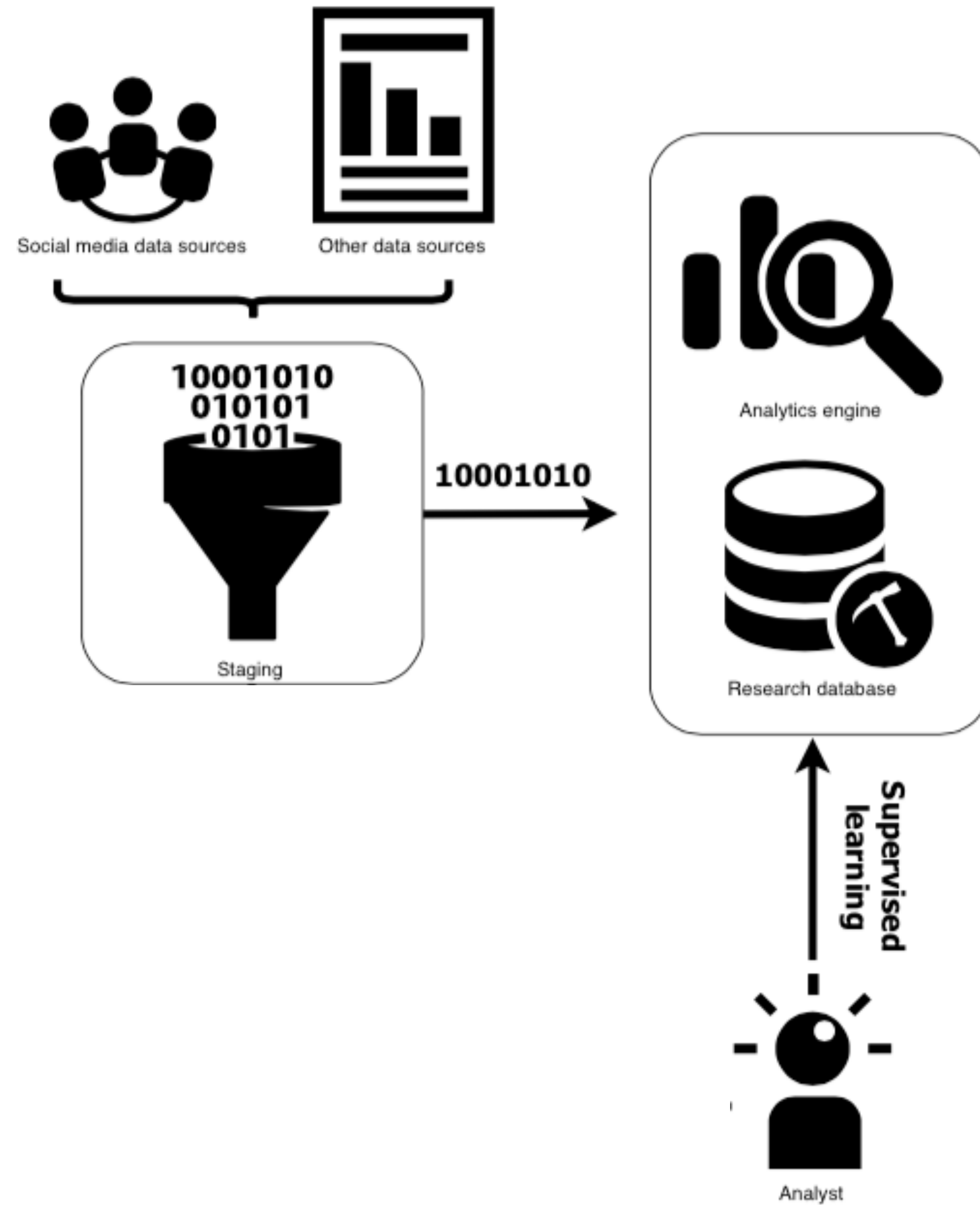


# Tech: Pipeline

## Online pipeline



# Tech: Pipeline



Offline pipeline



# Summary

- Fraud evolves rapidly, legislation evolves even faster!
- Need for a disruptive approach
- Deep learning reveals new methods of analysis and sophisticated automation
- Profit drivers:
  - Being able to trust valid applications through analysis and verification
  - Automation improves efficiency





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*Thank you!*





