

CS-C3240 - Machine Learning

**Round 1**

**Three Components of ML:**

**Data, Model, and Loss**

Lecture at 13.01.2021

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# Student Questions

- “I’m not sure if I understood the project requirements. On the lecture it was stated that we don’t need to code? It’s little bit confusing if no coding is required. Can the project be like using some algorithm(s) to predict the grade of tumour? For example can I do this project by implementing logistic regression to a dataset and predict the grade of tumour based on just 1 feature (like size) or has it to be more than 1 feature?”

# Hints

- can be more than one correct answer in the quiz
- **MUST assess example submissions** in “Your ML Problem”
- **submit “Your ML Problem” until Friday 23:59!**
- you can change/modify your ML problem until Friday 23:59!
- **student project can be different** from “Your ML Problem”
- Quiz 1 is open until 22.01.2021

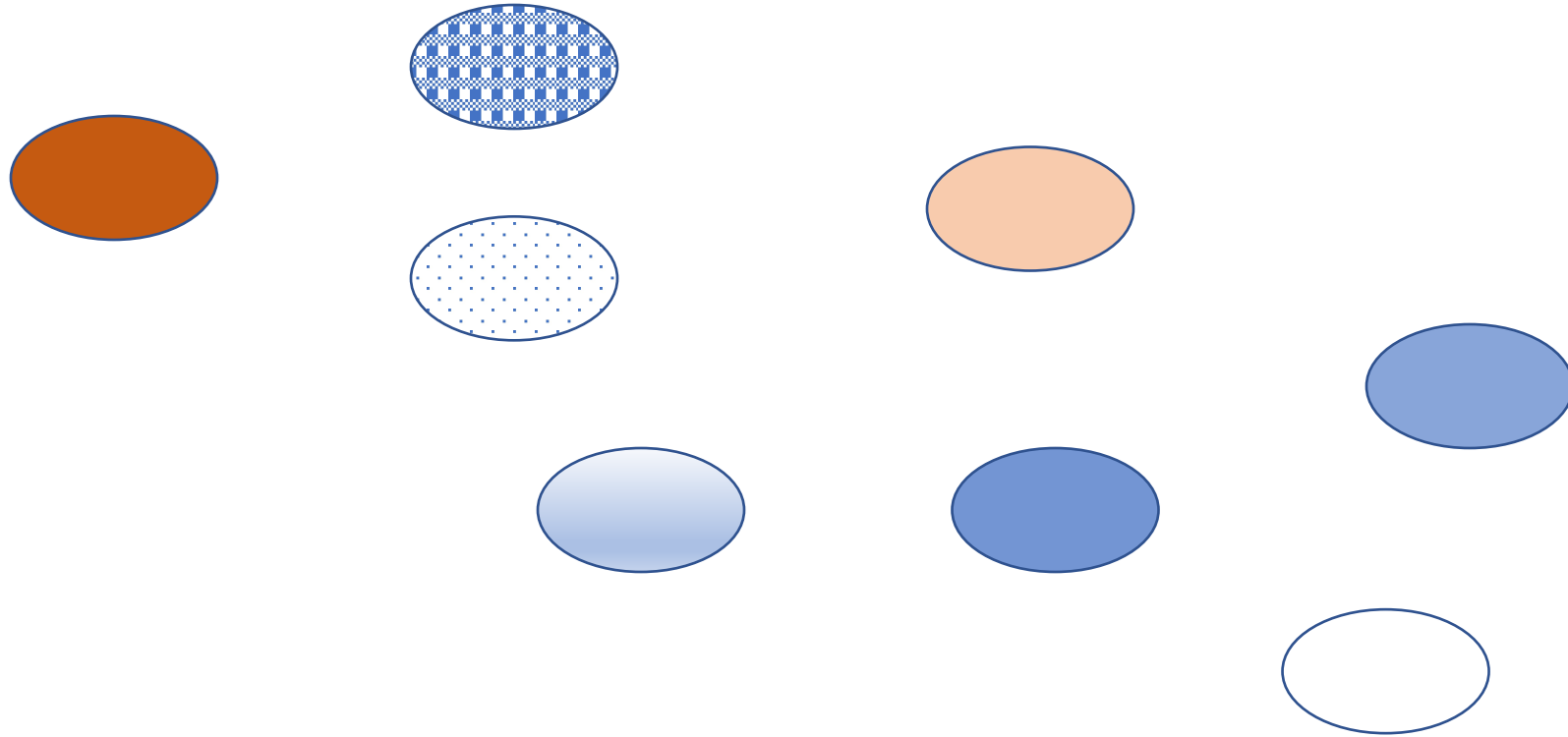
# Three Main Components

- data (observations)
- model (hypothesis space)
- loss function (performance measure)



Data

# Dataset = (Large) Set of “Data Points”



data points are different objects but of similar “type”



# Dataset – “Cows”

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# Dataset – “Forests”

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# Dataset = “Days During Pandemic”

1/Mar/2020

13/Mar/2020

2/Mar/2020

1/Apr/2020

22/Apr/2020

# Data Point provides Atomic Unit of Information

- highly **abstract** concept
- data points can represent **persons**
- data points can represent **random variables**
- data points can represent **machine learning problems**

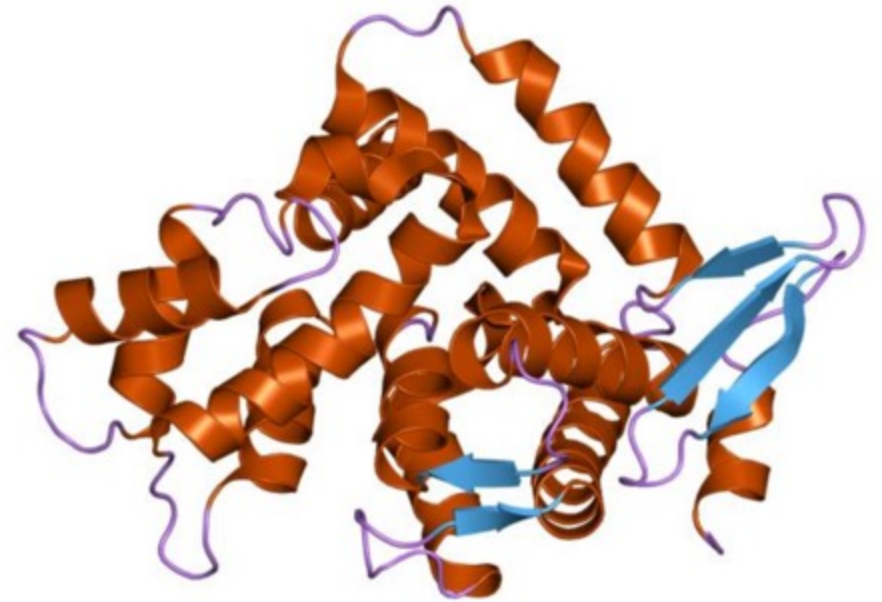
# Features and Labels

- data points often have many different **properties**
- **“features”**: properties that can be measured/computed easily
- **“labels”**: properties that are “difficult” to compute
- labels are **higher-level facts** or **quantities of interest**
- labels can often be determined **only in hindsight**
- determining labels might require **human (domain) experts**

# Data Point = “Some Protein”

features:

- protein structure
- physical measurements
- scientific papers about this protein



label:

should this protein be considered for a Covid-19 vaccine?

# Data Point = “Some Plant”

features:

- plant species
- RGB image
- multi-spectral image
- ambient temperature

label:

does the plant need more water?



# Features and Labels Are Design Choices!

design freedom for defining/choosing features and labels

labels could **be defined by** humans who provide **labeled examples**

labels could be subset of features

# Supervised vs. Unsupervised

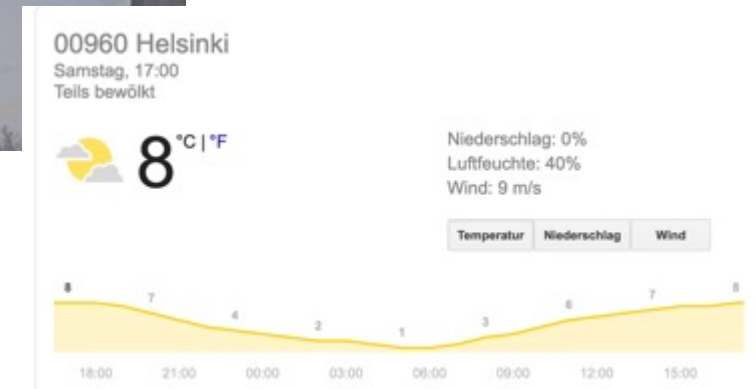
“supervised methods”: require labeled data points provided with the **help of humans**

**distinction** between supervised and unsupervised methods is **blurry**

# Data Point = “Some Ski-Day Ahead”

features:

- snapshot in the morning
- morning temperature
- weather history



label:

- maximum daytime temperature (important for ski waxing)





# Let's Get Some Data!

<https://en.ilmatietaenlaitos.fi/open-data>

Download observations - Finnish X +

https://en.ilmatietaenlaitos.fi/download-observations

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Download observations

Auroras and space weather

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1 Choose parameters

Weather observations	Radiation observations	Marine observations	Air quality observations
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cloud amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precipitation amount	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly precipitation amount	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly mean temperature
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<input type="checkbox"/> Air temperature			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dew point temperature			

features

label

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Year	m	d	Time	precip	snow	airtmp	mintmp	maxtmp
2	2020	1	2	00:00	0,4	55	2,5	-2	4,5
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4	2020	1	4	00:00	0,1	51	-5,8	-11,1	-0,7
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19	2020	1	19	00:00	0,7	81	-4,4	-8,8	-2,7
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data point

# Key Parameters of a Data Set

number  $n$  of features



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number  $m$  of  
data points  
“sample size”



# Alex's Rule of Thumb

try to use a **sample size m** which is **10 times** the **number n** of **features**

$$m \geq 10 * n$$

# High-Dimensional Data

- can often measure tons of features of data point
- number features  $n$  much much larger than  $m$
- for  $n \gg m$  ML methods tend to overfit (Round 4!)
- cleverly select subset of raw features (Round 6!)

feature

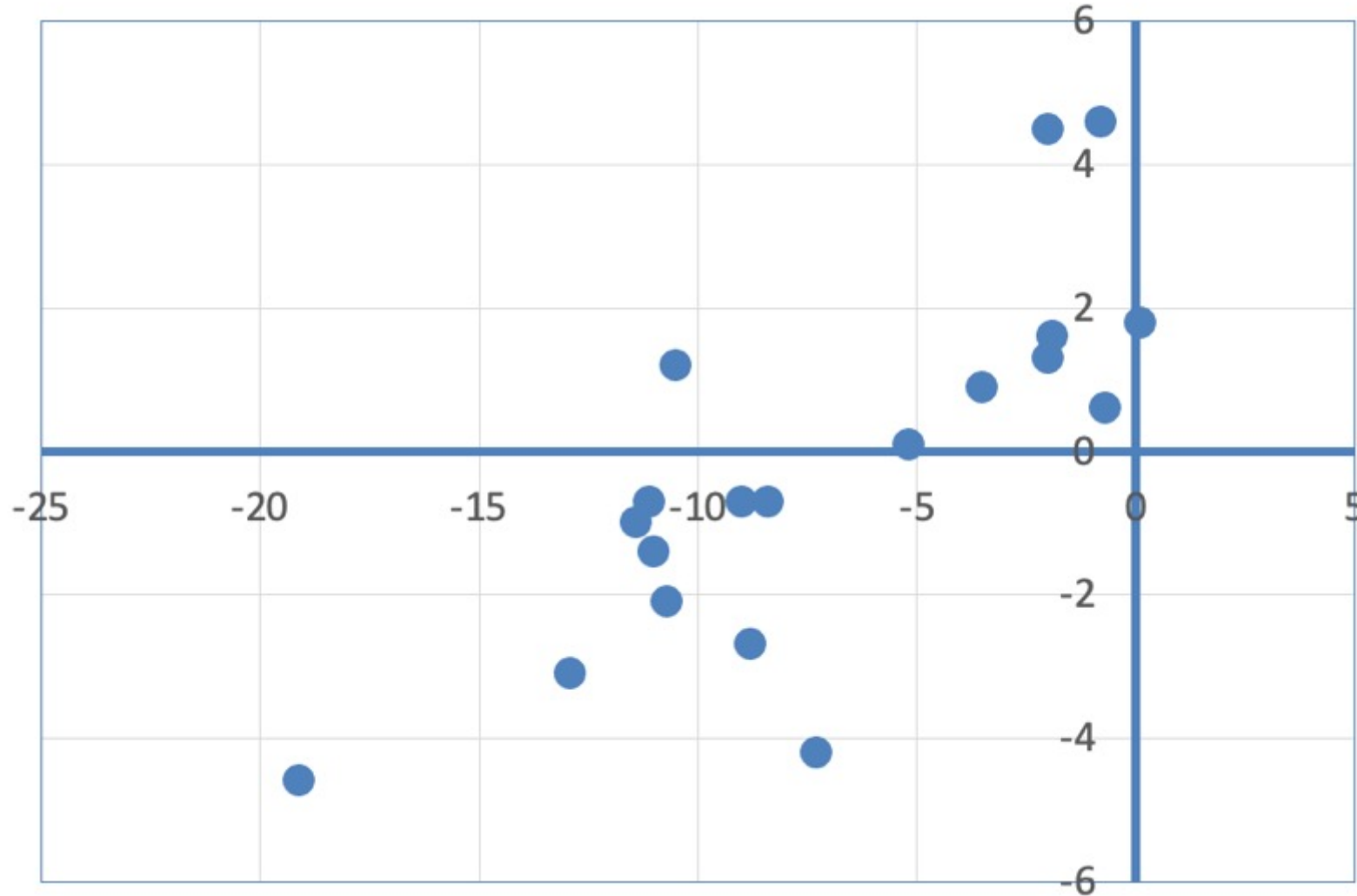
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data point

# First Look at Data - Scatterplot

label y (max tmp)



feature x  
(min tmp)

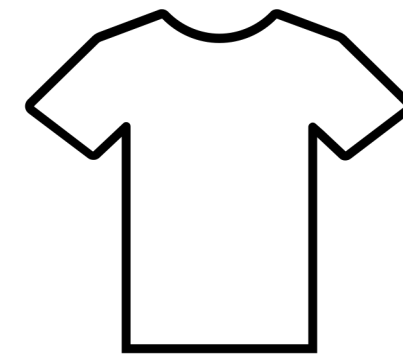
# Model

(Hypothesis Space)





morning temperature = - 10 (minimum daytime temp.)  
maximum daytime temperature ?



# Hypothesis or Predictor Map

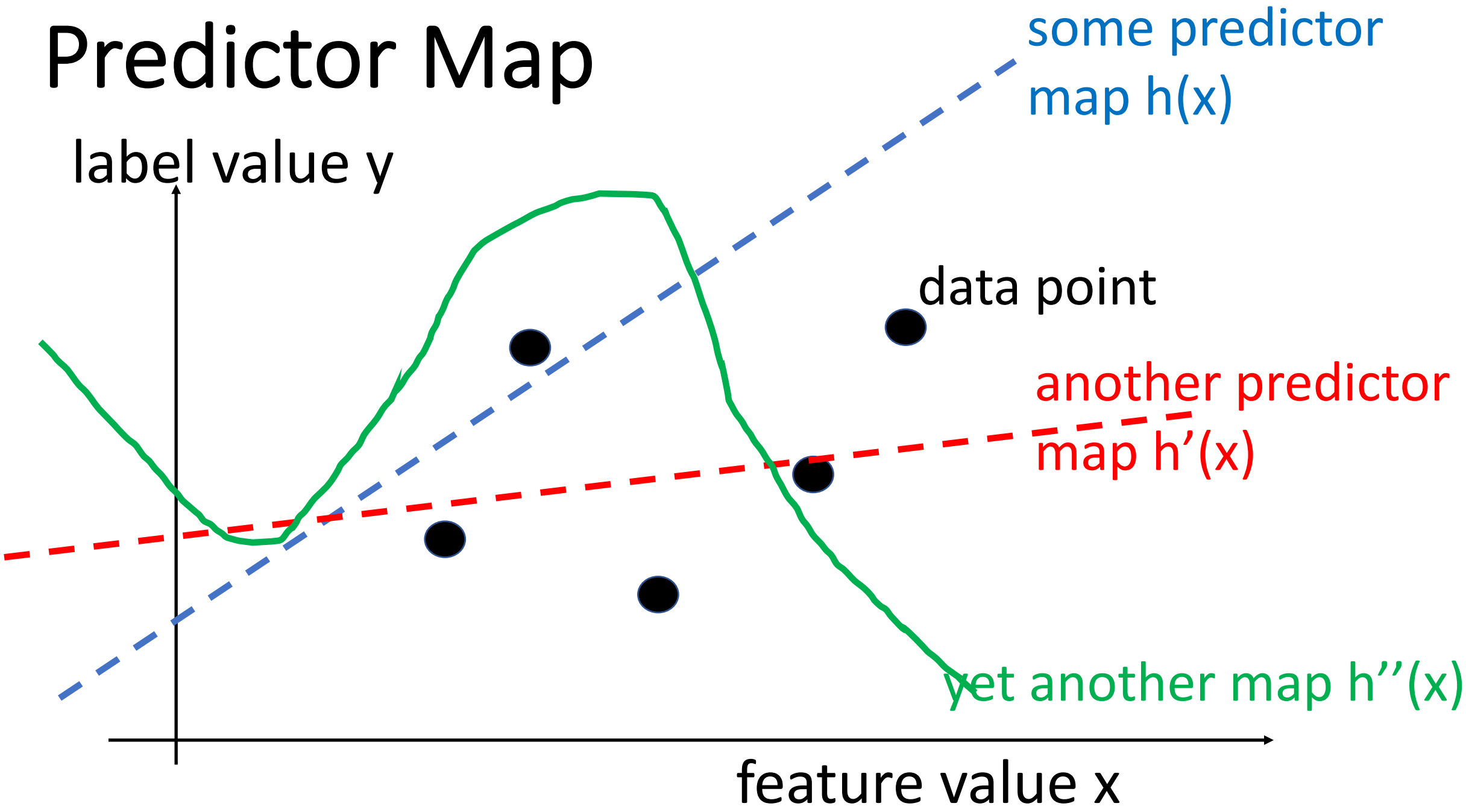


feature  $x = -10$  minimum  
daytime temperature

$h(x)$

$\hat{y} = h(x) = 2$   
estimate for the  
label  $y$  (max. daytime  
tmp)

# Predictor Map



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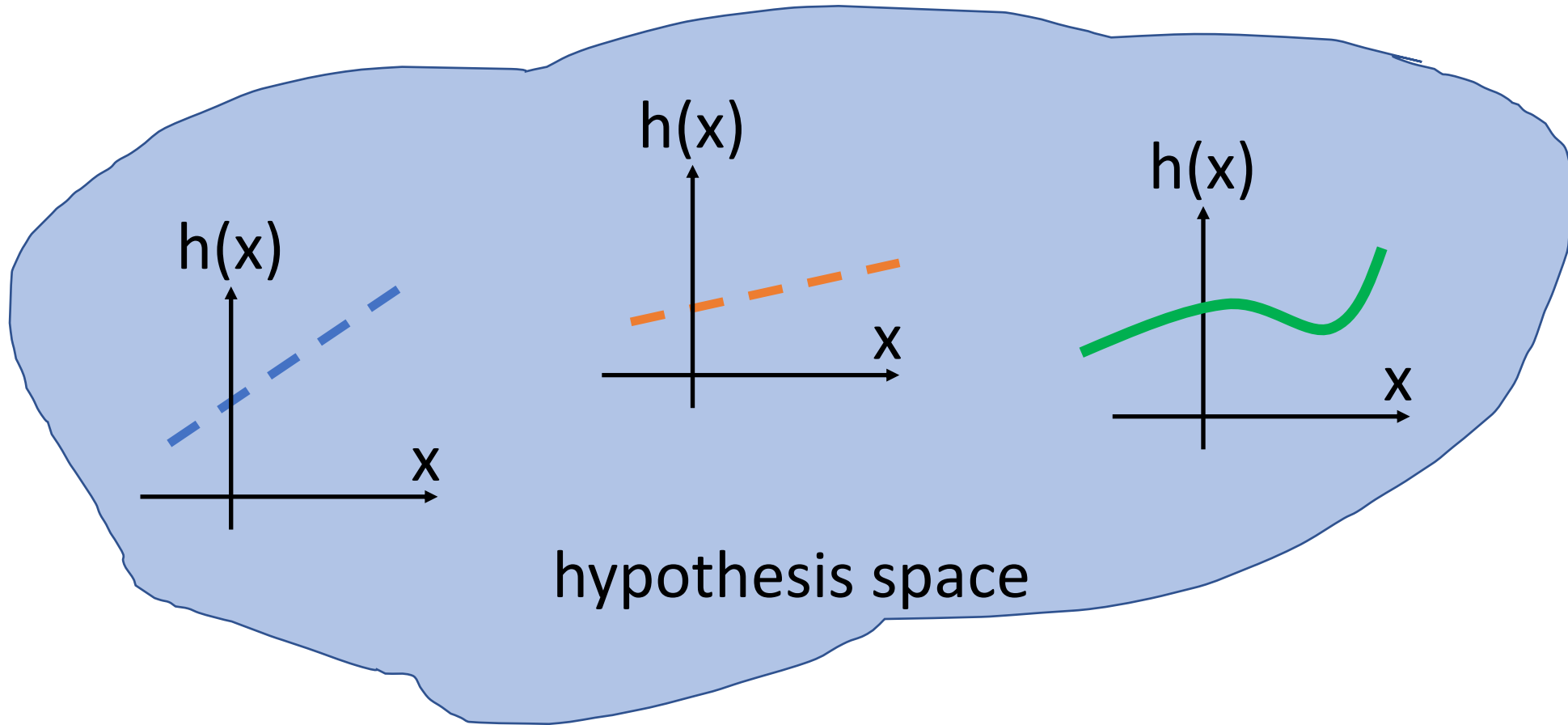
Find Good Predictor Map

data point with single numeric feature  $x$  (min tmp) and label  $y$  (max tmp)

how many predictor maps  $h(x)$  are there ?

have only finite computation  
time, memory, bandwidth !

a hypothesis space is a  
computationally tractable subset of  
predictor maps



machine and deep learning Python libraries provide “fit()”  
function to search over (huge) hypothesis spaces

```
# define some hypothesis "hypothesis3"
def hypothesis3(x):
    # perform computation
    tmp = sin(x)
    tmp1 = tmp + cos(x)*4
    tmp1 = abs(tmp1)
    tmp = log(tmp+5)
    hat_y = tmp*tmp1
    return hat_y
```

```
# define some hypothesis "hypothesis2"
def hypothesis2(x):
    # perform computation
    tmp = sin(x)
    tmp1 = tmp + cos(x)*4
    tmp1 = abs(tmp1)
    hat_y = tmp*tmp1
    return hat_y
```

```
# define some hypothesis "hypothesis1"
def hypothesis1(x):
    # perform computation
    tmp = x*3
    tmp1 = tmp + x*4
    hat_y = tmp/tmp1
    return hat_y
```

hypothesis space



# Two Hypotheses Make a Hypothesis Space

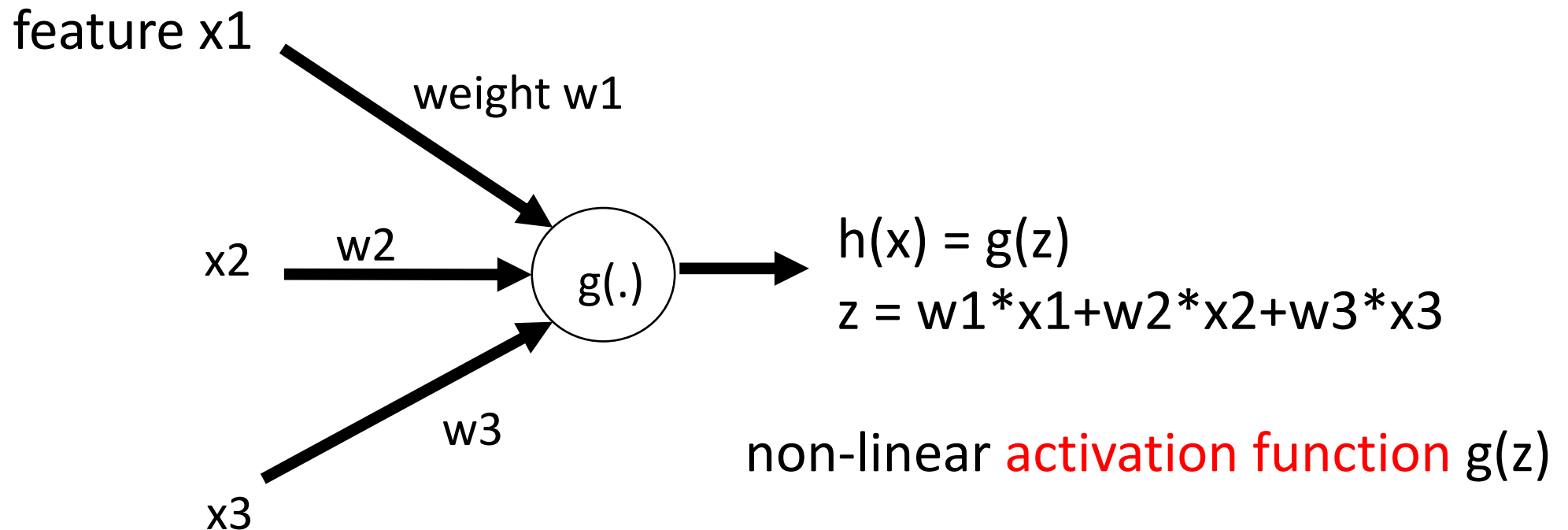
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5	-19,1	-16	-14
6	-11,4	-8,4	-6,4
7	-2	1	3
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18	-7,3	-4,3	-2,3
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...			

# Machine Learning

- ML aims at **finding/learning** a good predictor  $h(x)$
- predictor **reads in features  $x$**  and **outputs predicted label**
- predictor maps reading in millions of features
- must choose between many different predictor maps
- **deep learning** uses smart **representation for maps**

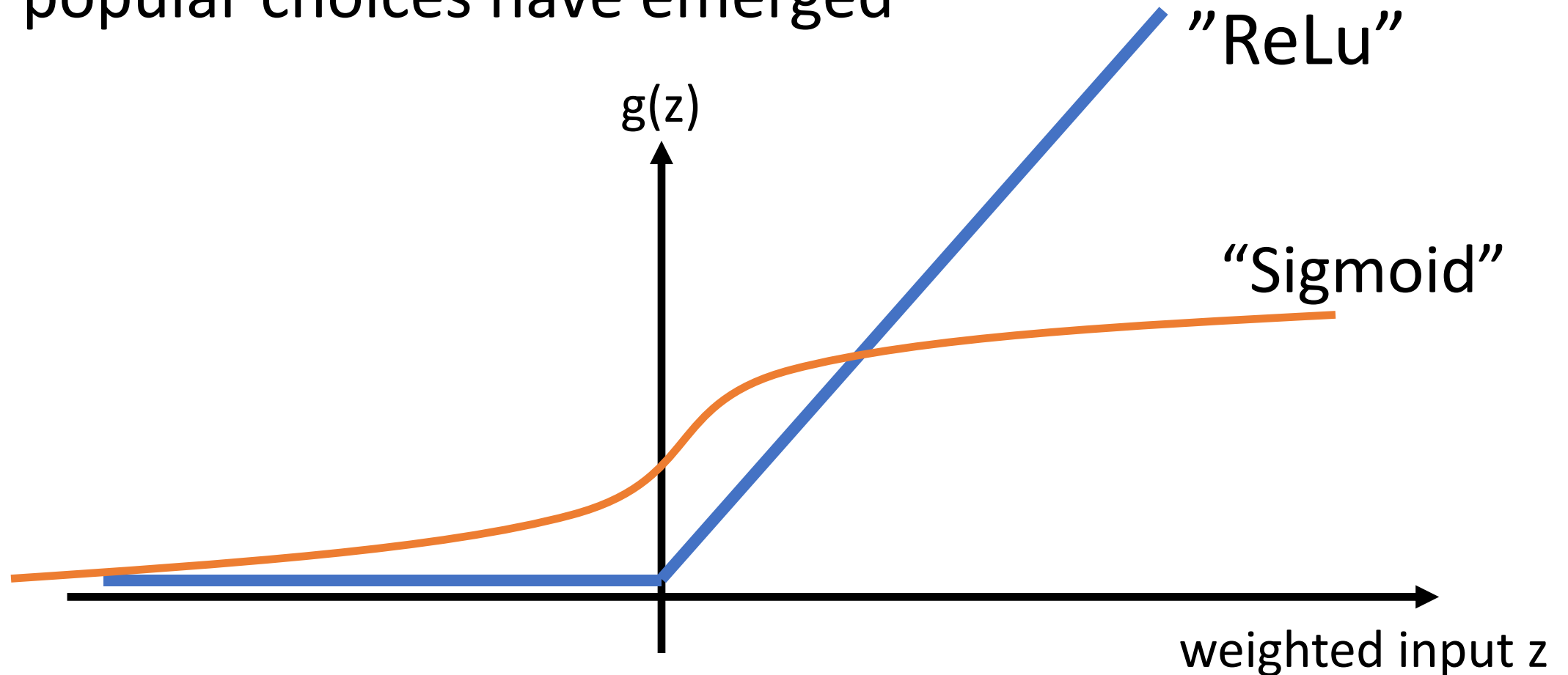
# Artificial Neural Networks

- represent predictor map  $h(x)$  using **network of neurons**
- single neuron

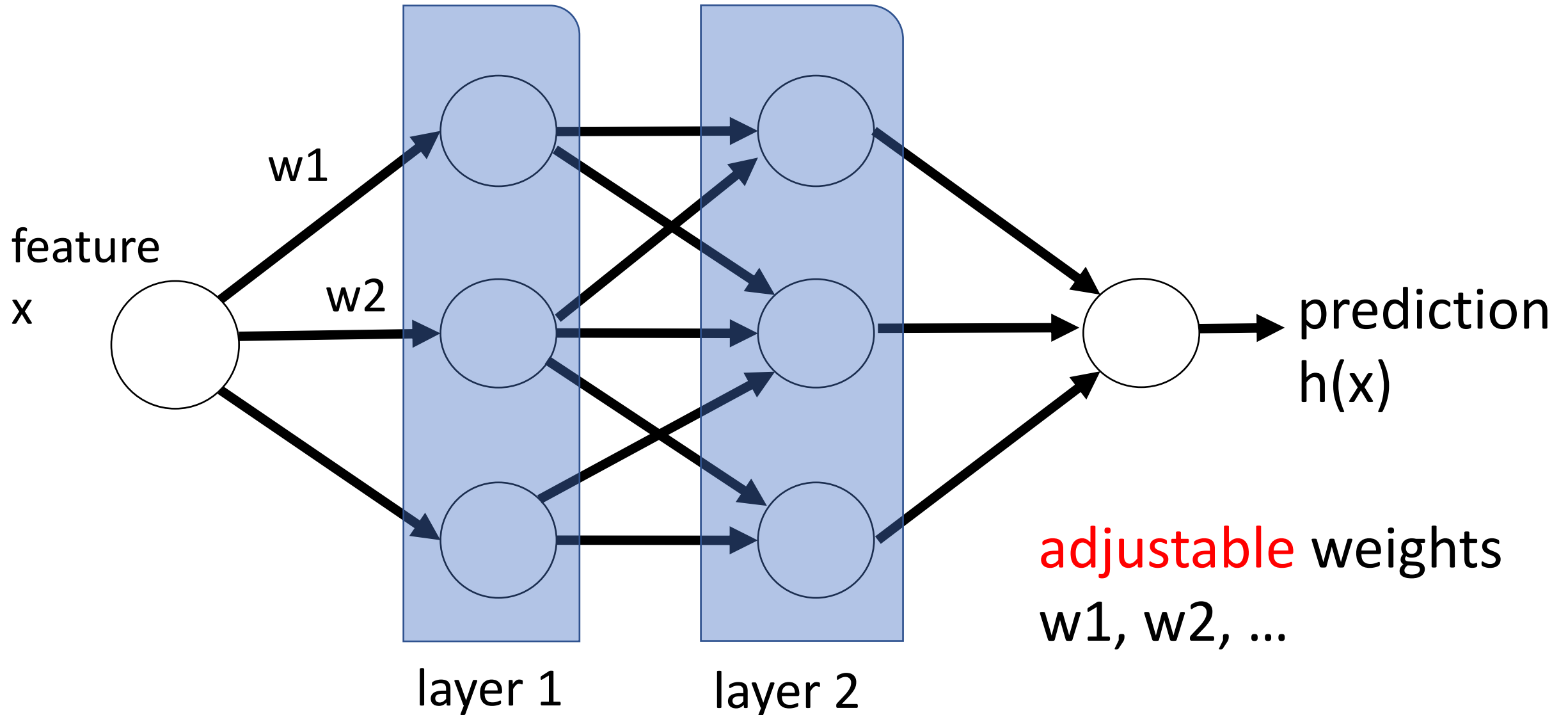


# Activation Function

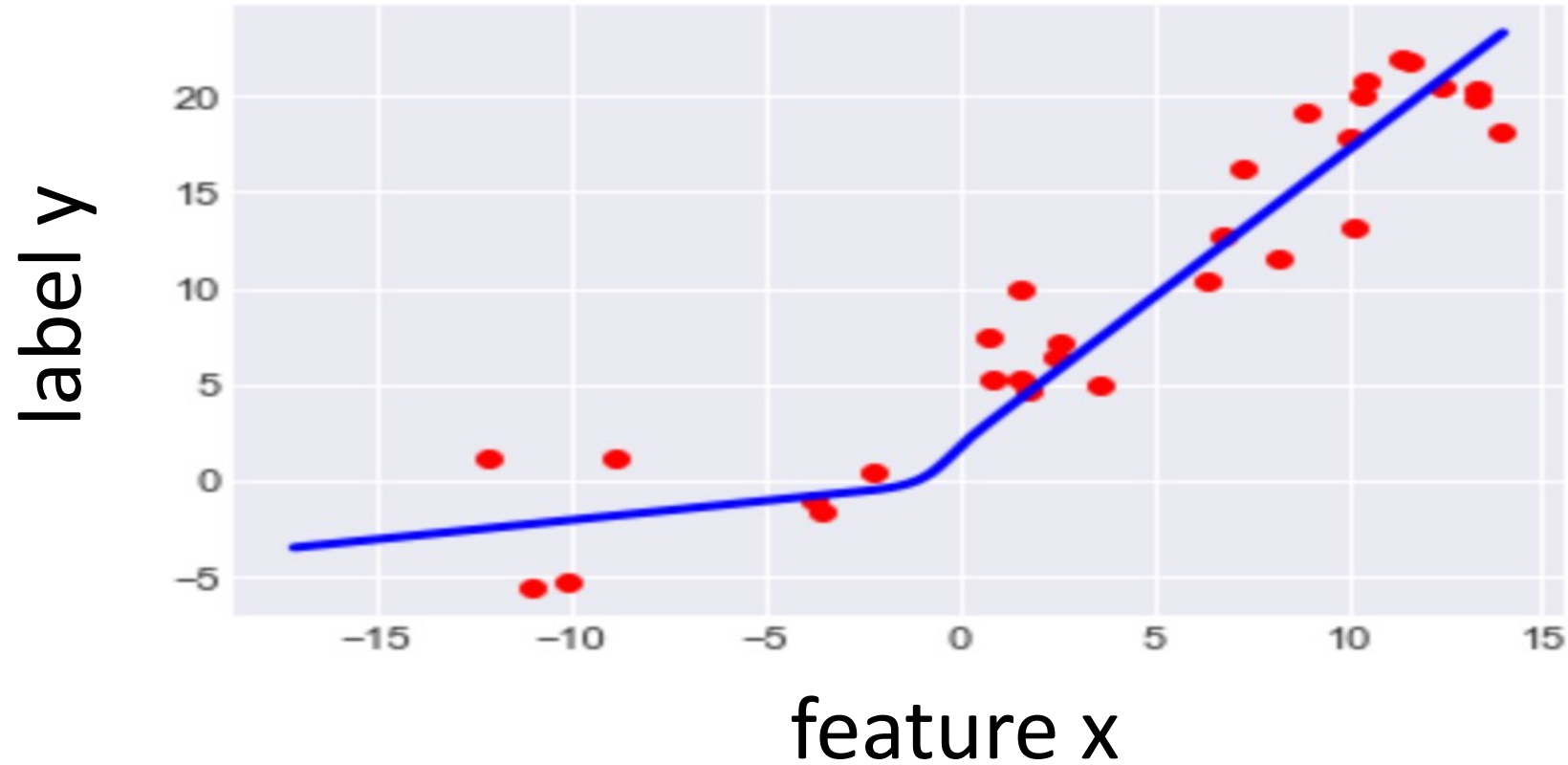
- few popular choices have emerged



# (Deep) Neural Network=(Very) Non-Linear Function

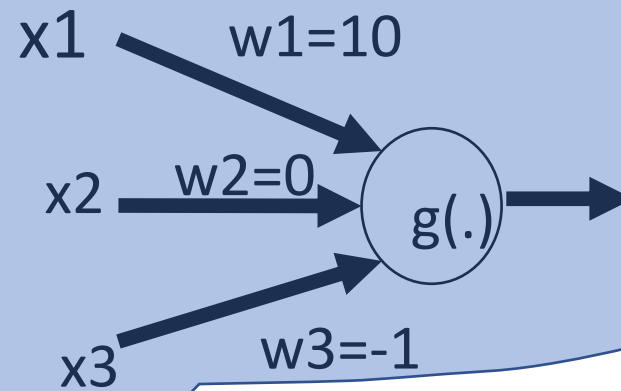
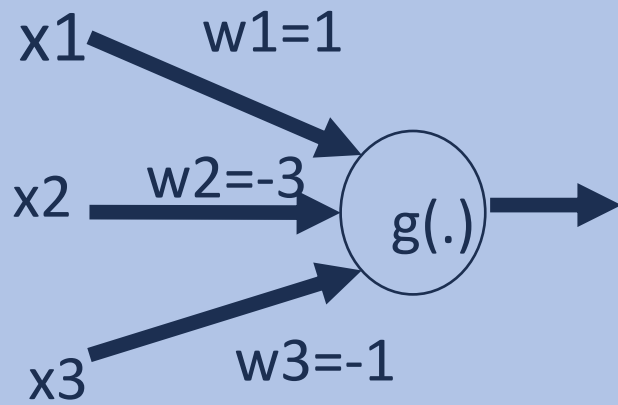
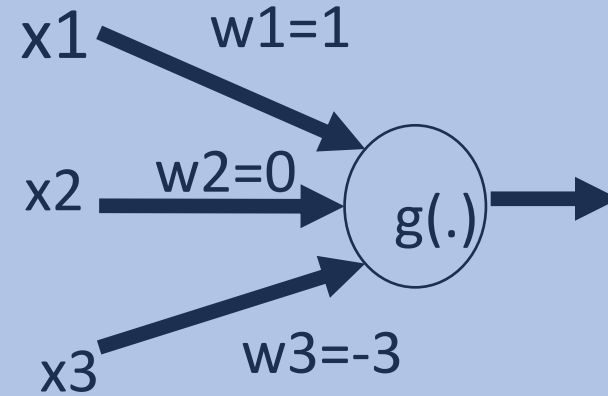
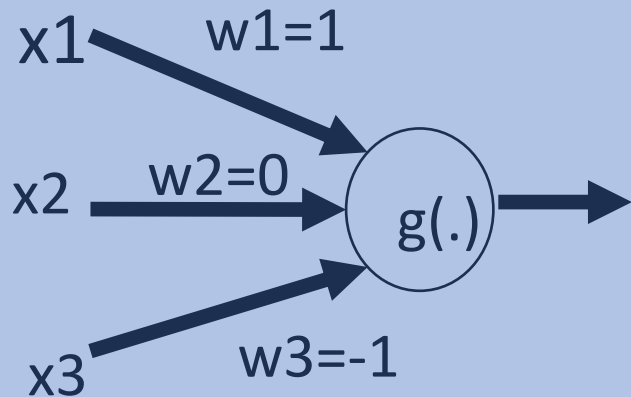


# What is Deep Learning ?



deep learning methods fit **non-linear**  
**maps** to **large data sets**

# Hypothesis Space of ANN



Start 17:07

Loss

Function



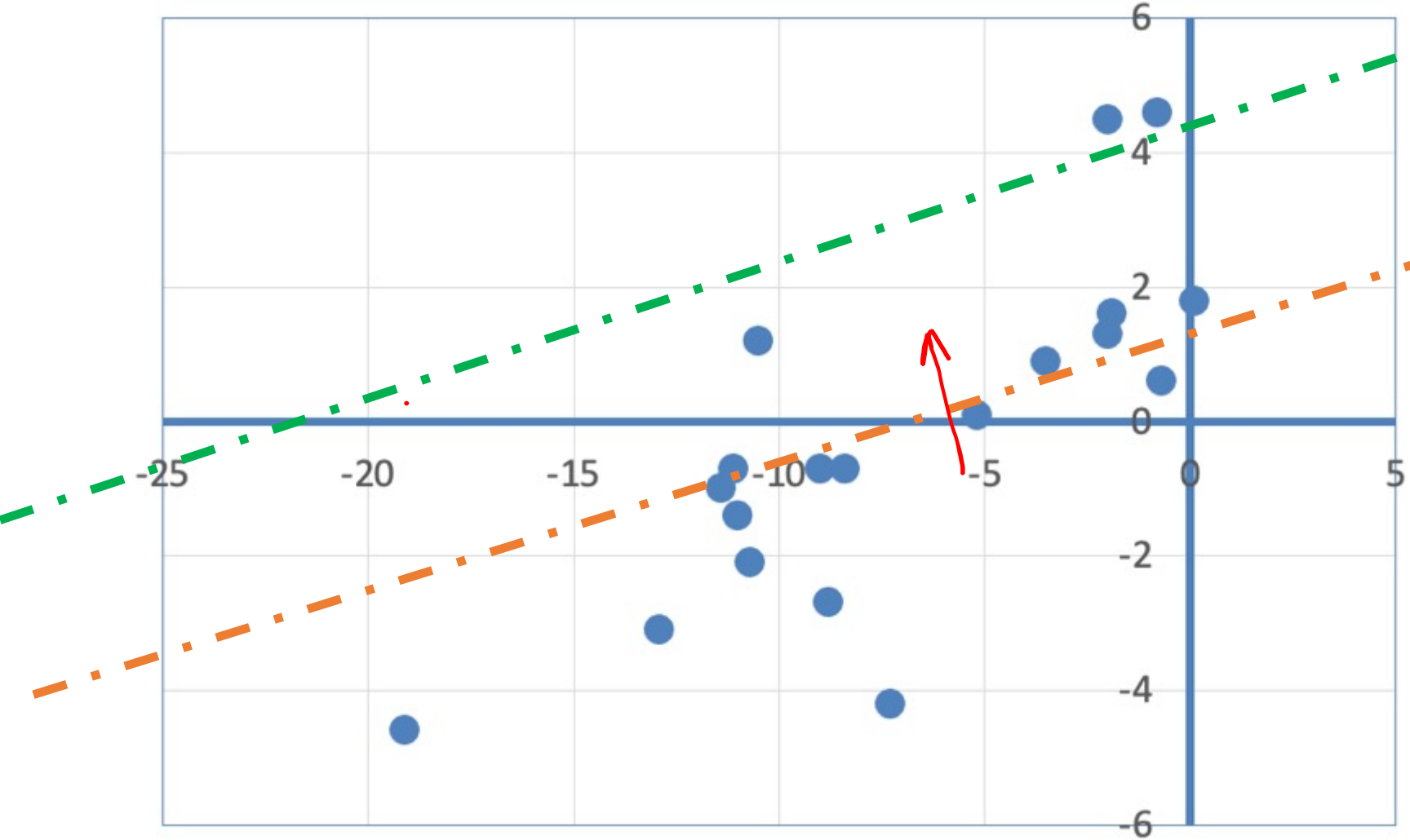
# which hypothesis is better ?

label  $y$  (max tmp)

$h2(x)$

$h1(x)$

feature  $x$   
(min tmp)



# Loss Function

maps a pair consisting of a data point  $(x,y)$  and some hypothesis  $h$  to some number

$((x,y),h) \rightarrow$  “Loss” denoted  $L(h,(x,y))$

loss function is design choice!

# Some Popular Loss Functions

absolute

$|y - h(x)|$  "Huber"

squared error loss (numeric labels):

$$L(h, (x, y)) = (y - h(x))^2$$

$-\infty \leftarrow$

logistic loss (for binary labels, e.g., -1 and 1):

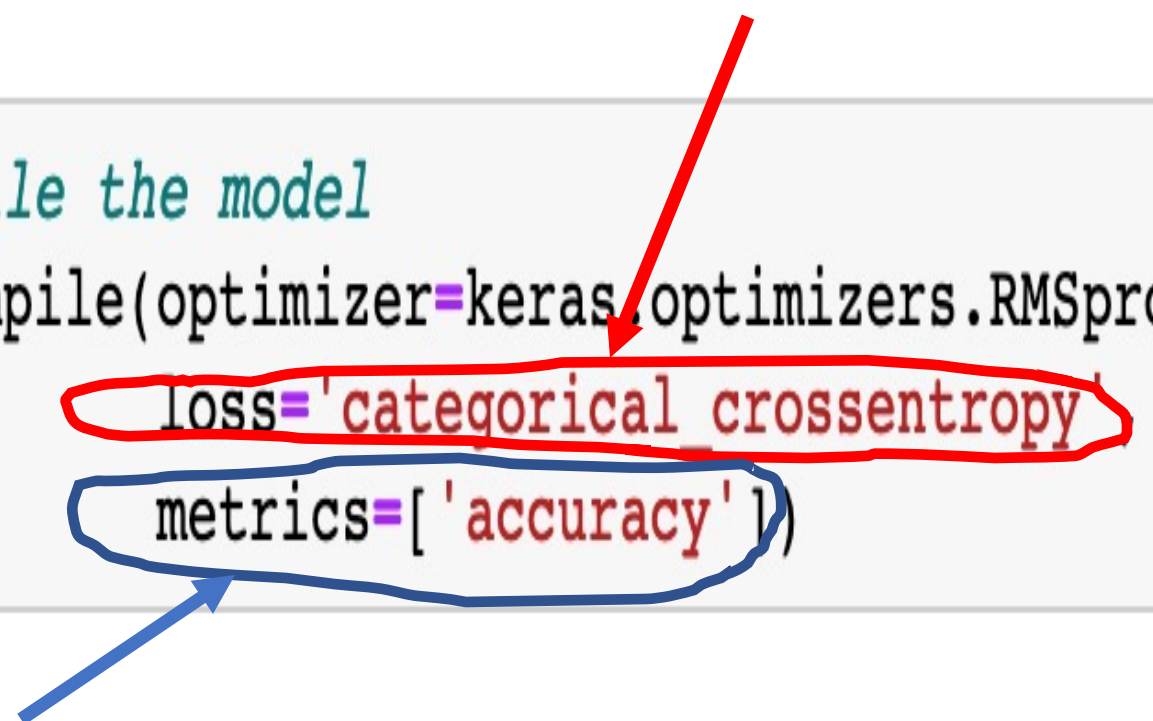
$$L(h, (x, y)) = \log_e (1 + \exp(-yh(x)))$$

note that loss depends on (weights of) predictor map!

# Chose Your Favorite Loss Function!

loss function used for adjusting weights

```
In [8]: ### Compile the model  
model.compile(optimizer=keras.optimizers.RMSprop(),  
              loss='categorical_crossentropy',  
              metrics=['accuracy'])
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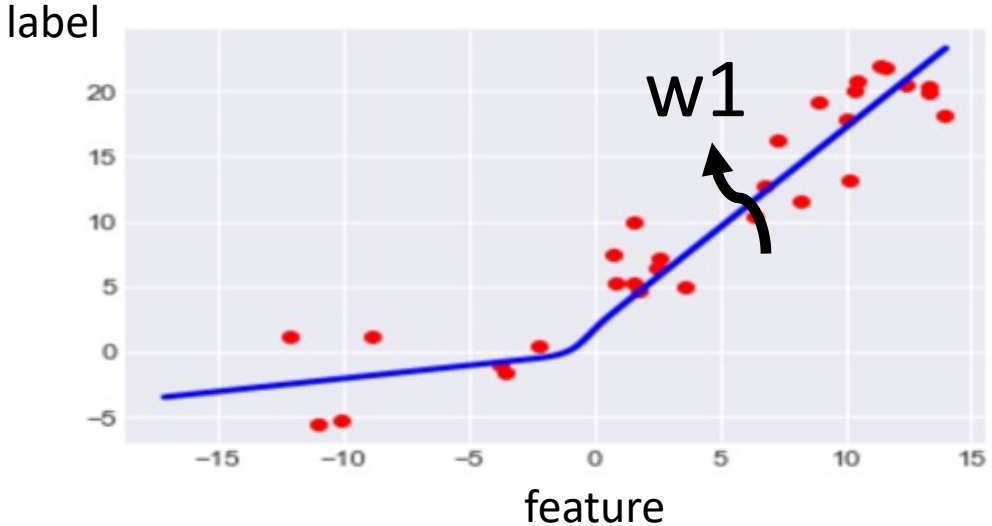


loss function used for final performance evaluation

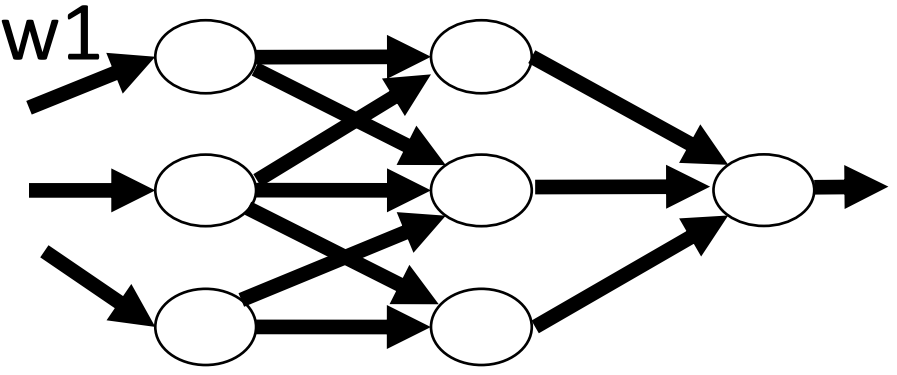
Putting Together  
the Pieces!

# Three Views on Machine Learning

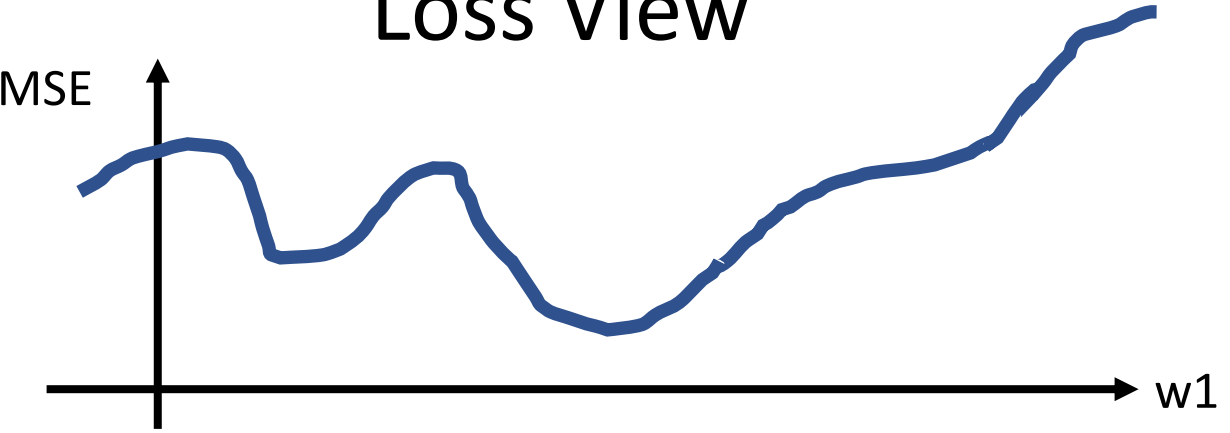
“Data View”



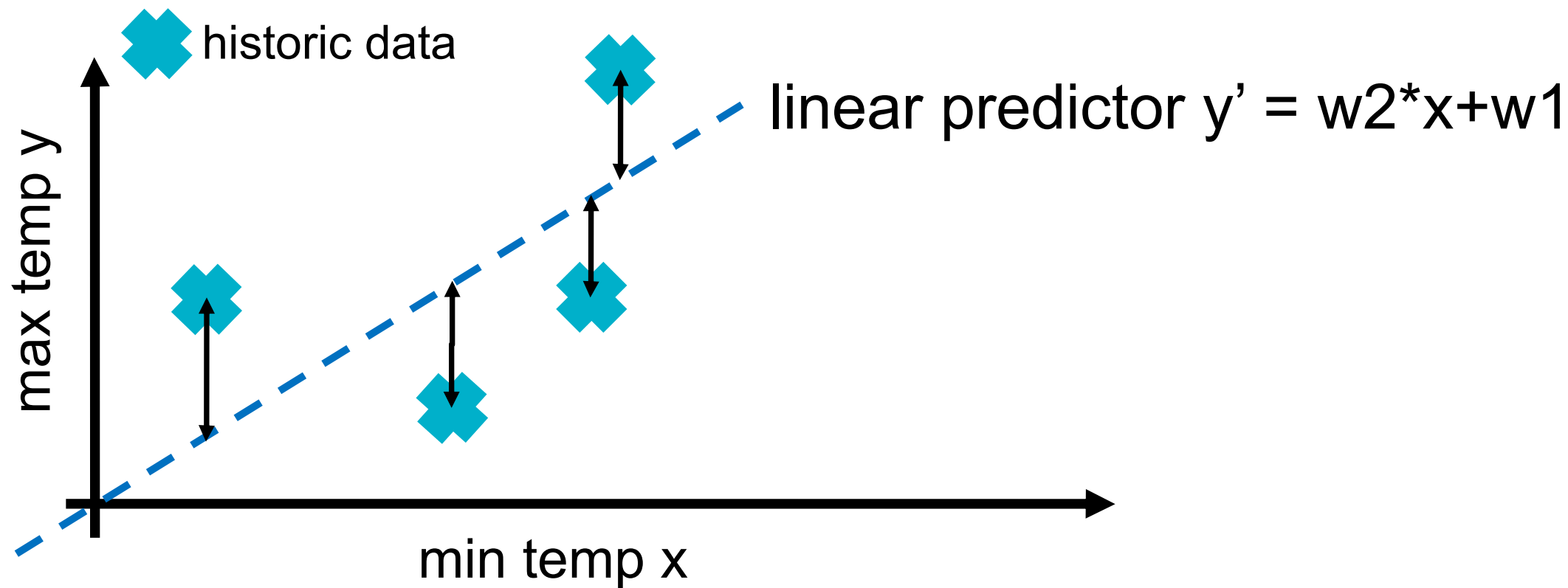
“Model View”



“Loss View”



learn predictor  $y'=h(x)$  by tuning weights  $w_2, w_1$  to minimize average loss



# Minimize Average Loss

$$\hat{y} = h(x) = w_1 * x + w_0$$

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

x	y	hat_y	(y-hat-y)^2
-2	4,5	1,70	7,82
-0,8	4,6	\$L\$3	5,98
-11,1	-0,7	-1,72	1,04
-19,1	-4,6	-4,73	0,02
-11,4	-1	-1,83	0,70
-2	1,3	1,70	0,16

Weights are calculated in column L:

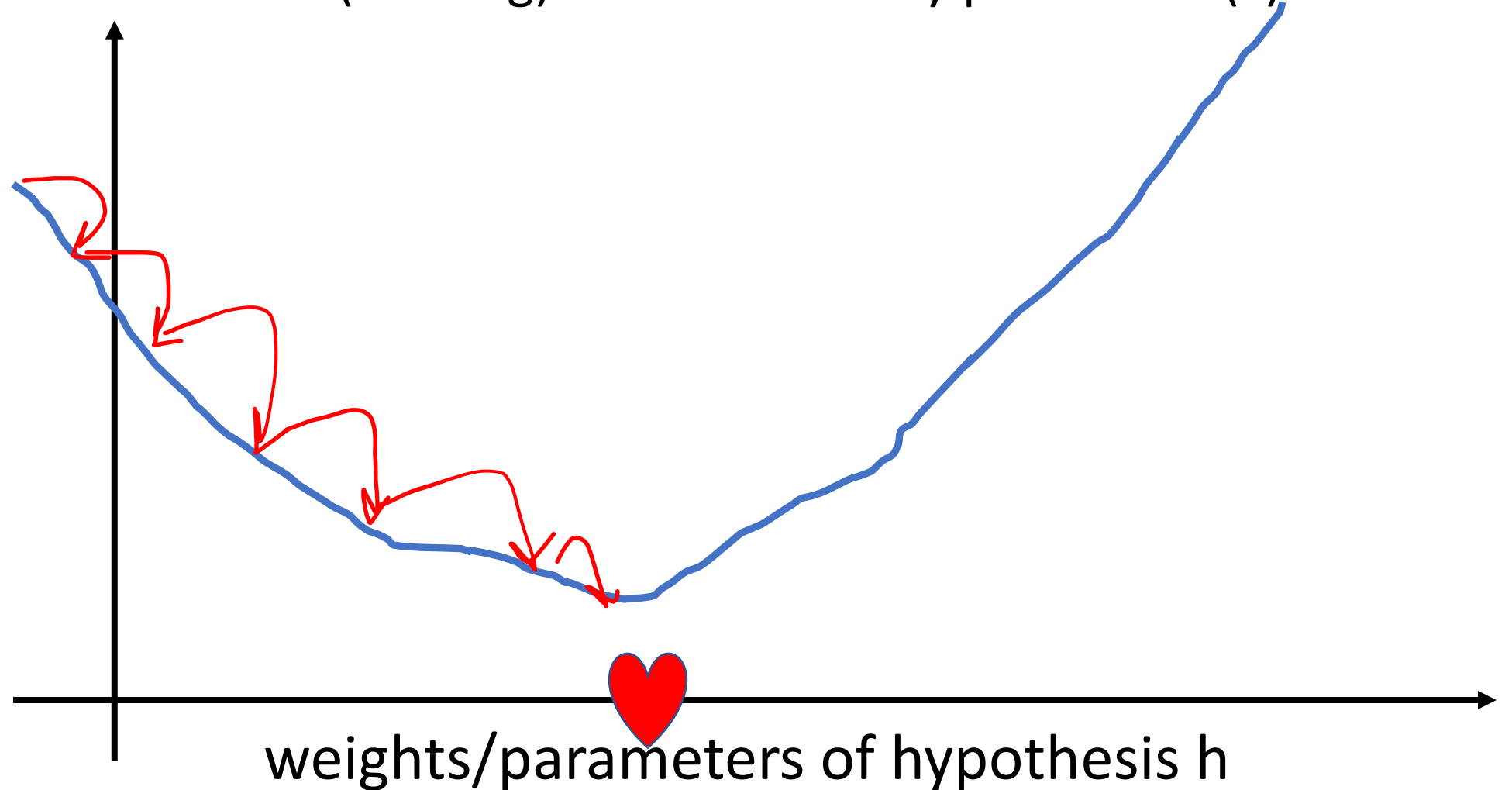
w1	0,38
w0	2,46

The formula bar shows the formula for cell L3:  $=A3 * \$L\$2 + \$L\$3$ .



# Machine Learning = Optimization

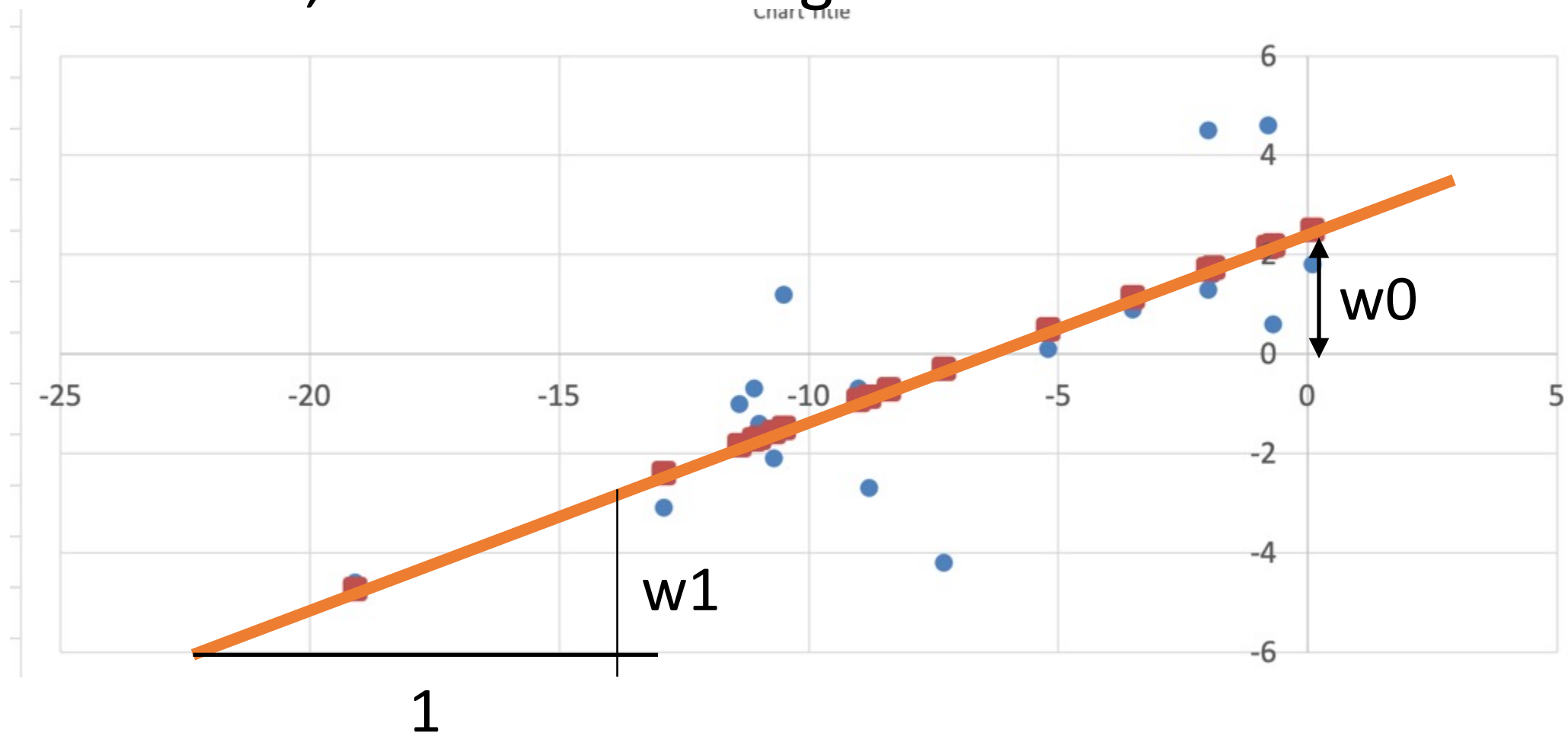
average loss on labeled (training) data incurred by predictor  $h(x)$



# Optimizing using Spreadsheet Software

linear model:  $h(x) = w_1 * x + w_0$

choose  $w_1, w_0$  to min average loss



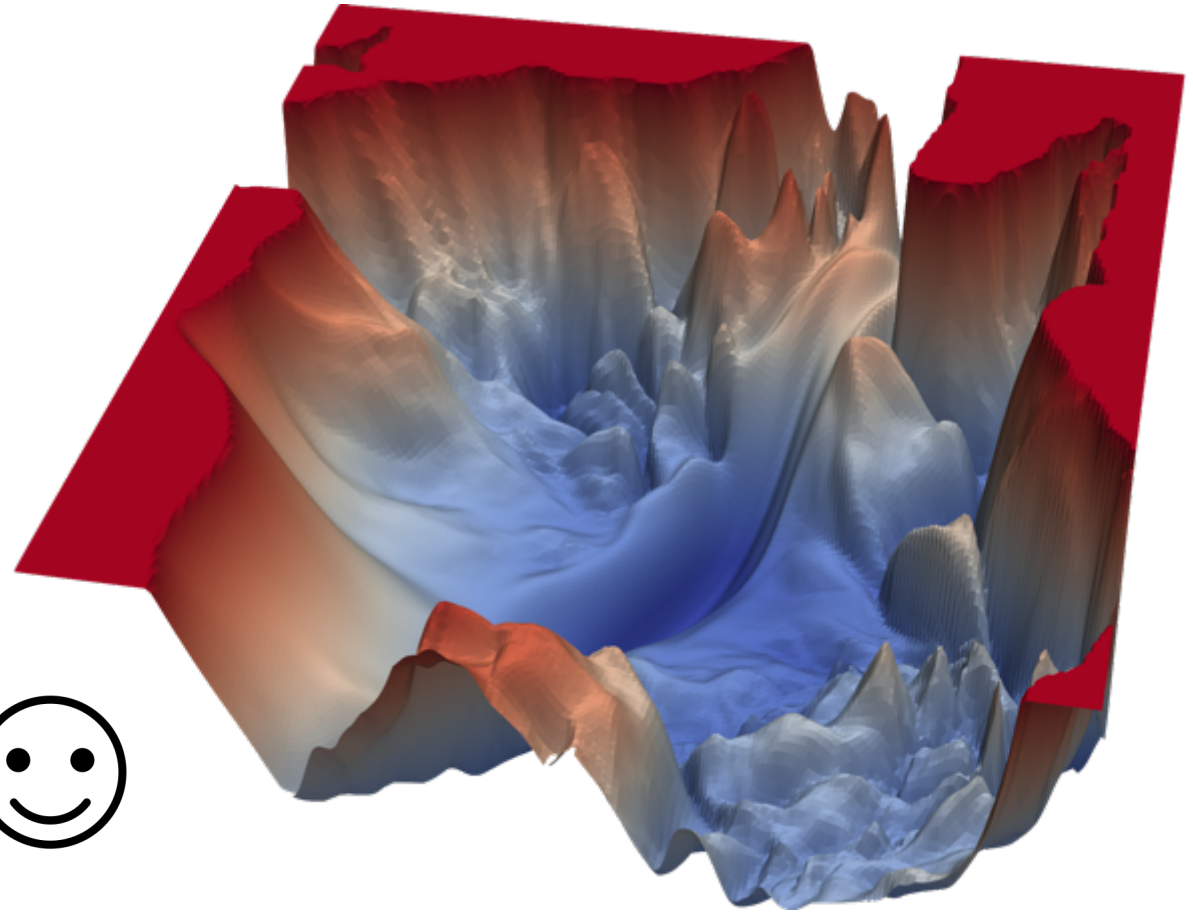
# Loss Landscape for Deep Learning

non-convex ☹️

non-smooth ☹️

high-dimensional ☹️

in theory we can evaluate  
loss function everywhere ! 😊



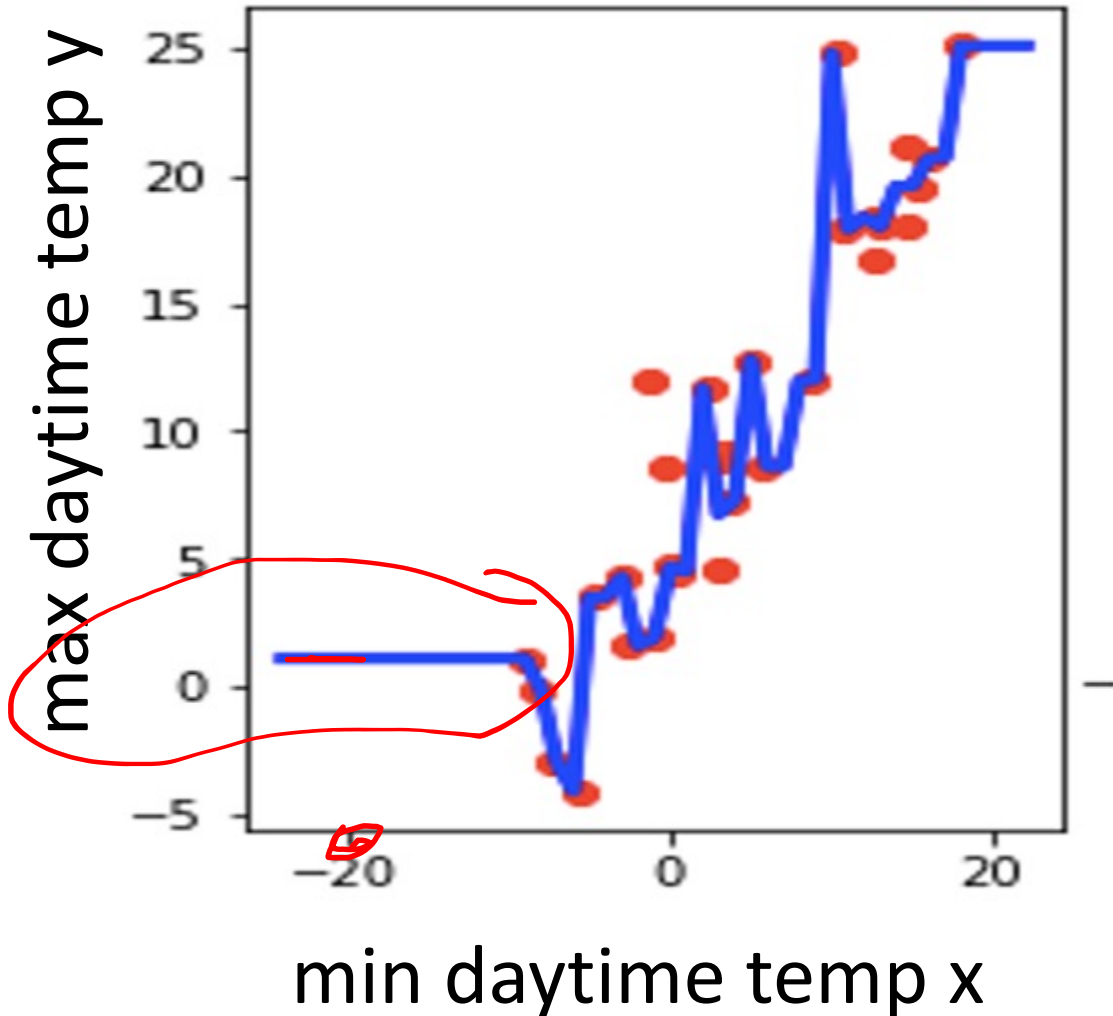
<https://www.cs.umd.edu/~tomg/projects/landscapes/>

# So far so Good!

assume we have found the “best”  
hypothesis with **minimum average loss**  
**on training set**

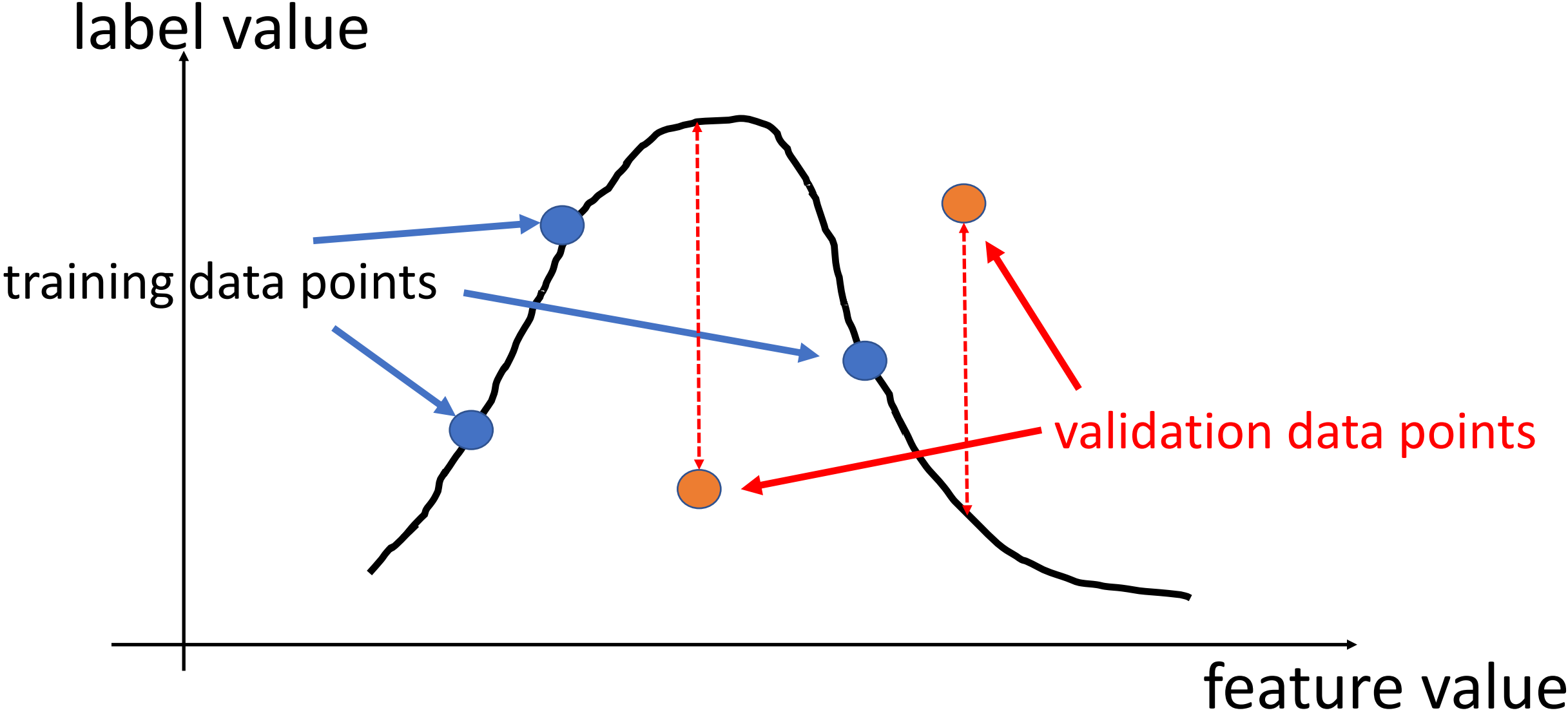
are we done?

# Key Challenge in Machine Learning - Overfitting

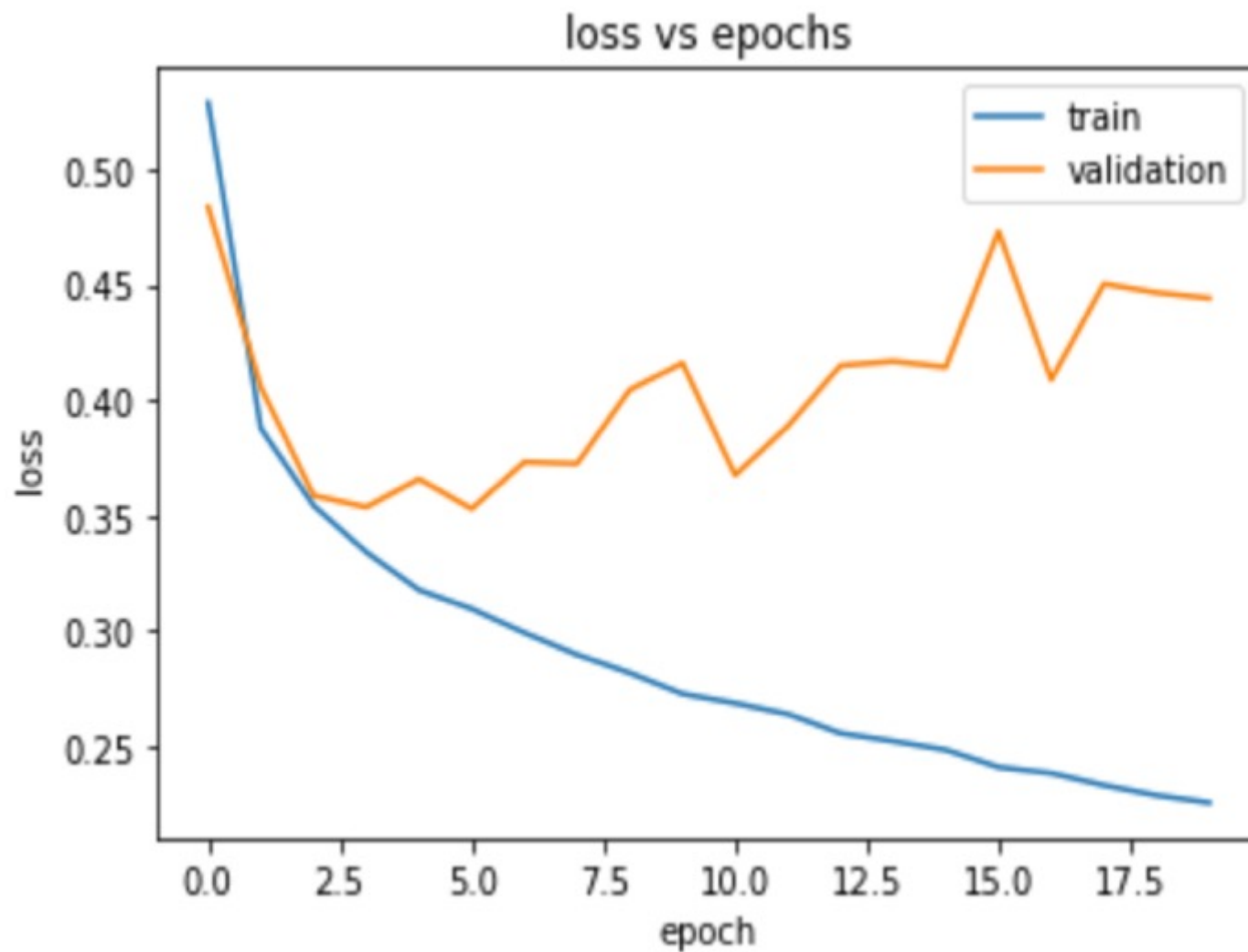


small training error but  
poor predictor map!

# Detecting Overfitting by Validation



# Look at the Validation Set !!!



# Training, Validation and Test Set

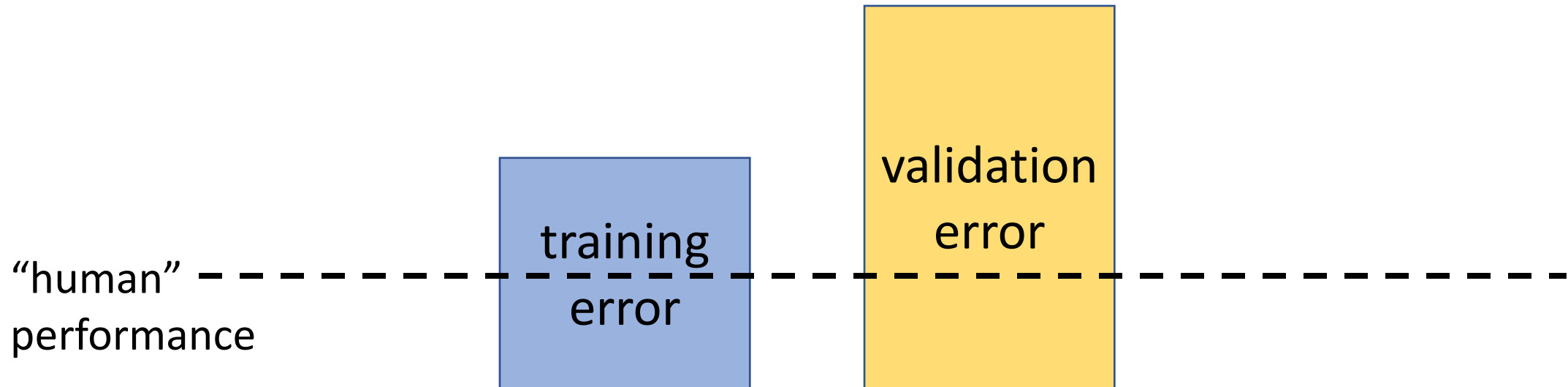
- **training** set: used to **adjust weights**
- **validation** set: used to **adjust hyperparameters** (number of layers..)
- **test** set: final performance **evaluation**



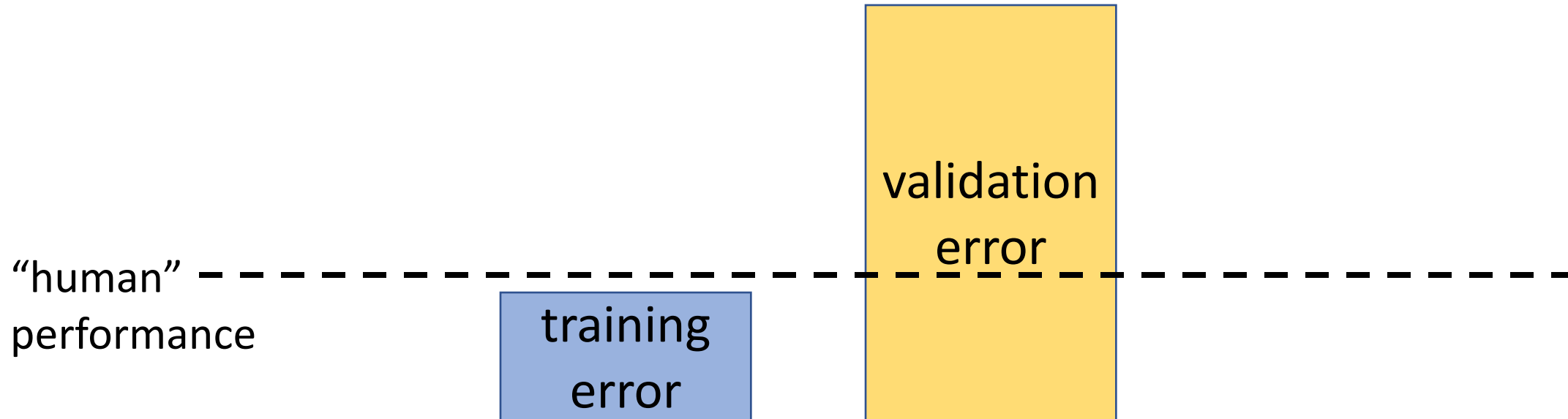
# Test Set

- used for final performance evaluation
- results on test set **MUST NOT BE used for model adjustment!**

# Diagnosing ML Methods




# Case 1: Overfitting



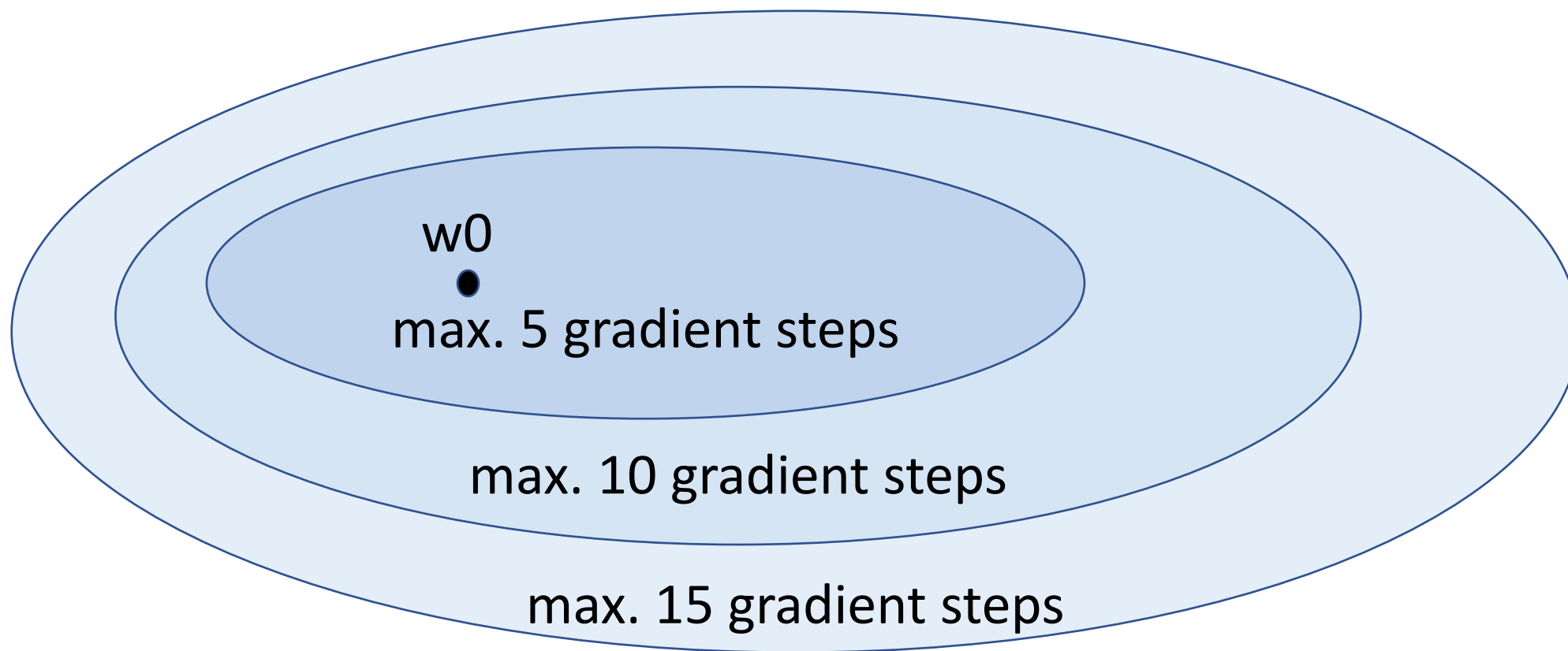
possible remedies:

reduce hypothesis space or use more training data

# Reducing Hypothesis Space

- use fewer neurons in hidden layers
  - use fewer features (manually choose relevant features)
  - use fewer layers
  - use fewer iterations of gradient descent (search only a smaller subset of the nominal space)
- “early stopping”
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# Early Stopping $\approx$ Hypothesis Space Reduction

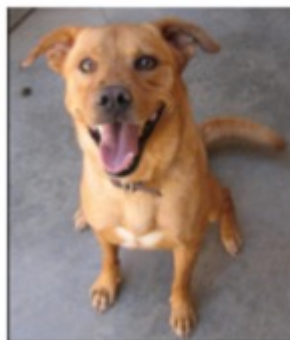


# Data Augmentation

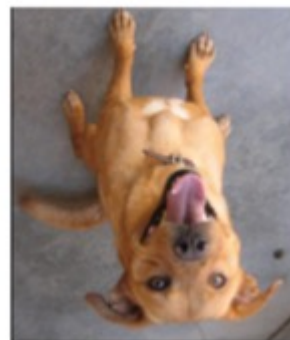
- **enlarge** training data **artificially**
- rotated/flipped/mirrored/blurred/noisy dog image is still dog image



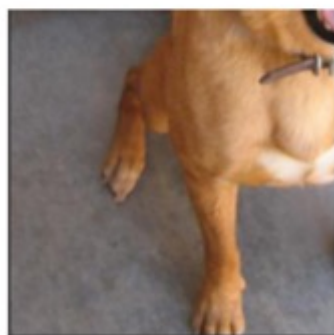
original



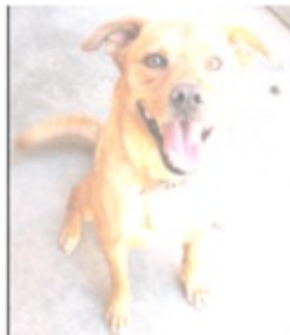
flipped



upside down



cropped

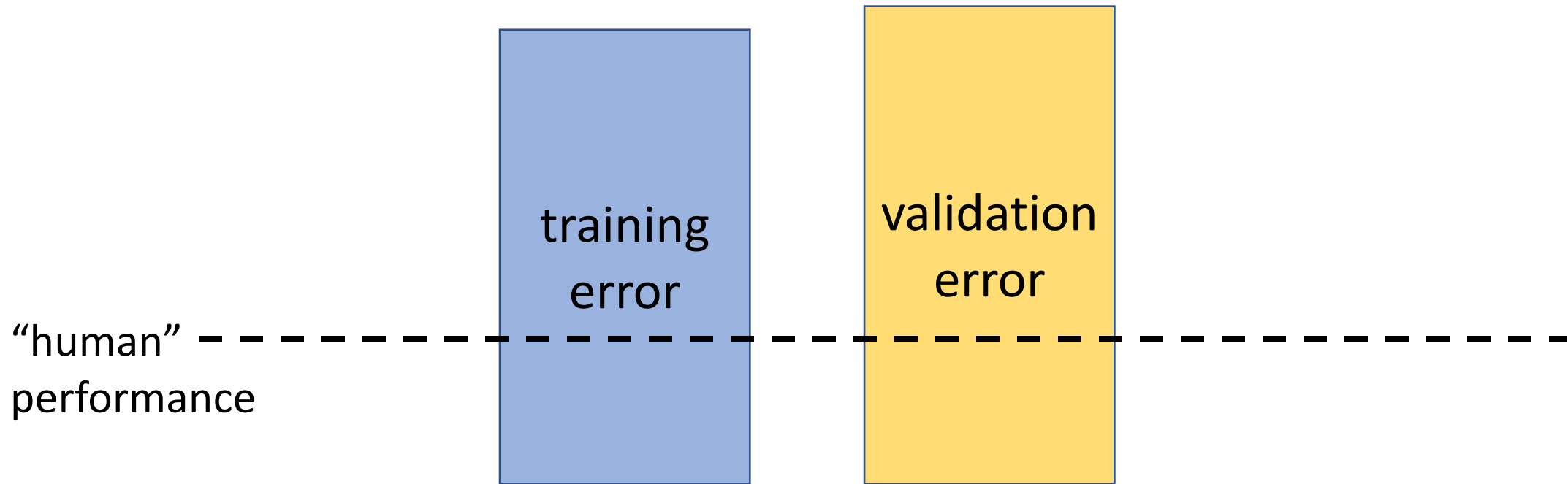


adjusted brightness



rotated by 90 degrees

# Case 2: Underfitting



possible remedy:  
enlarge hypothesis space

# Enlarging Hypothesis Space

- use more features
- use larger ANNs
- use deep decision trees
- construct more hypotheses using lookup table
- ....



# Wrap Up

- ML combines data, model and loss
- learn/train hypothesis by min. average loss
- after training, validate hypothesis on new data
- diagnose method by comparing train/val error

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