

# LECTURE 31

## CRASH COURSE ON MACHINE LEARNING

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## Course bulletins:

- Watch video for lecture 30
- No in-person meeting on Friday - watch video for lecture 32 by end of Friday.
- Professor Dumas returns on Monday 4 April

**BEFORE I SAY ANYTHING...**

**WHAT DOES THE PHRASE "MACHINE  
LEARNING" MAKE YOU THINK OF?**

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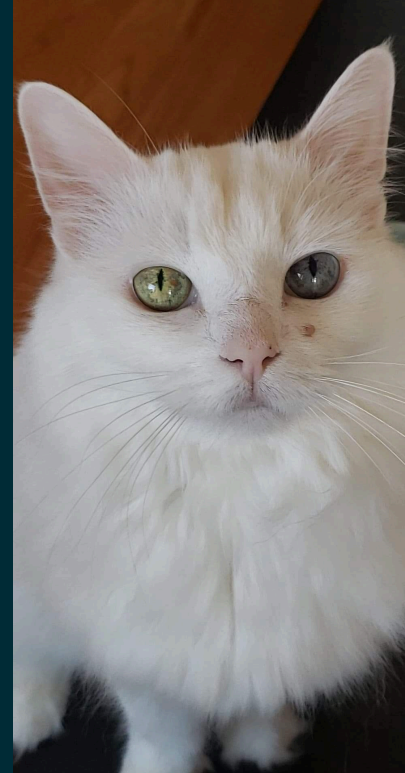
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- How can you get into machine learning?

# WHAT IS MACHINE LEARNING?

"The study of computer algorithms that can improve automatically through experience and by the use of data." - [Wikipedia](#)

# MOTIVATION: DOG OR CAT?



How do we write a program to find out whether an image of is a dog or a cat?



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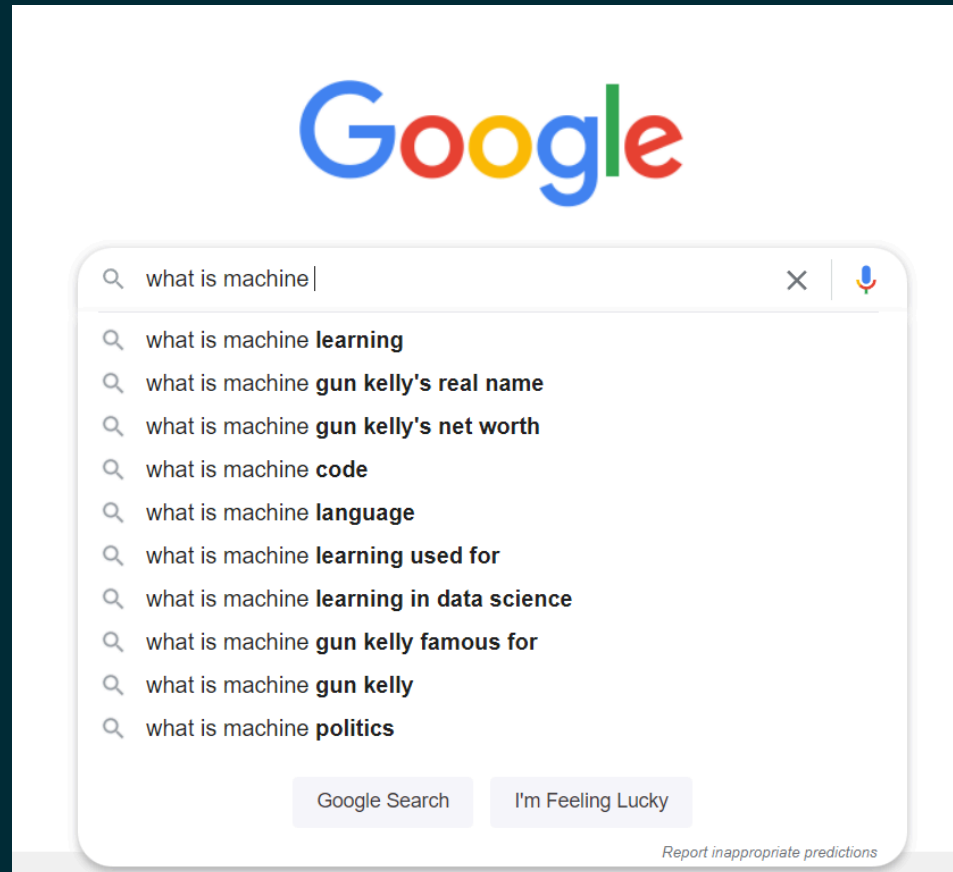
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We'll focus on supervised and unsupervised learning.

# QUICK EXAMPLES (UNSUPERVISED):

- **Recommendation systems** (e.g. Google search, YouTube/TikTok suggestions, Amazon suggestions)





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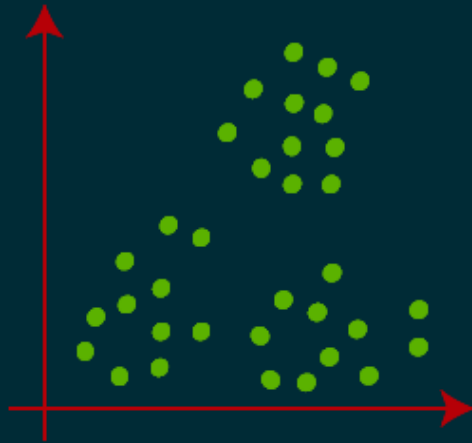
- **Dimensionality reduction** — Making data have fewer dimensions without losing its "meaning".

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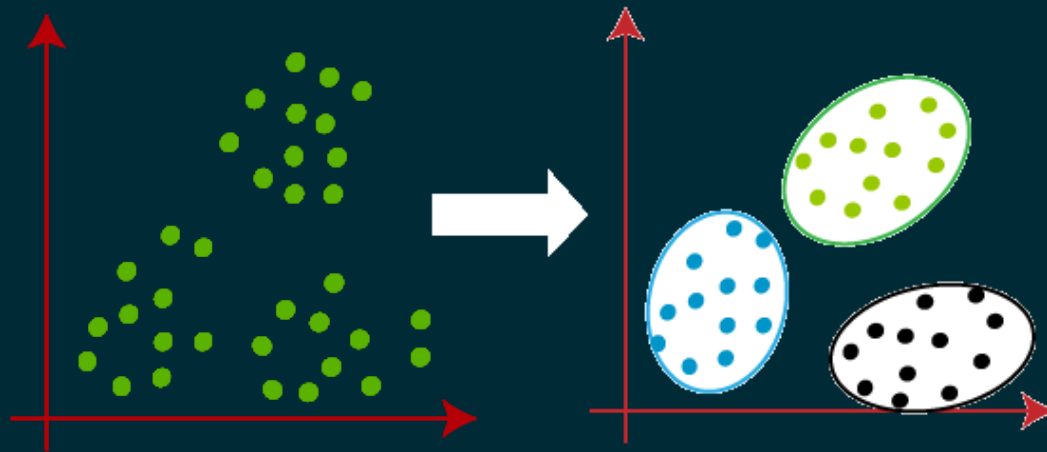
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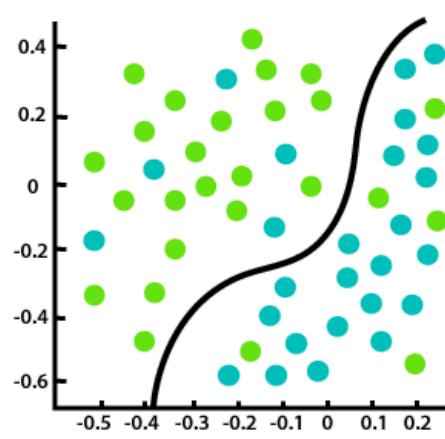
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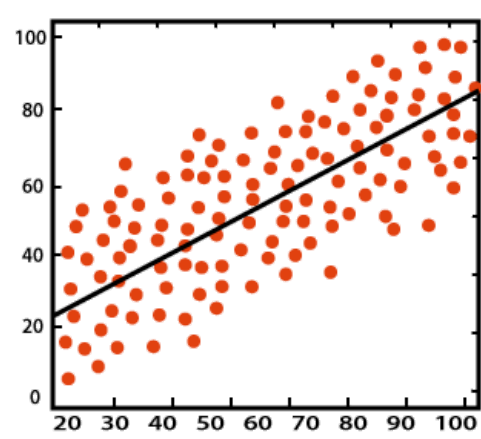
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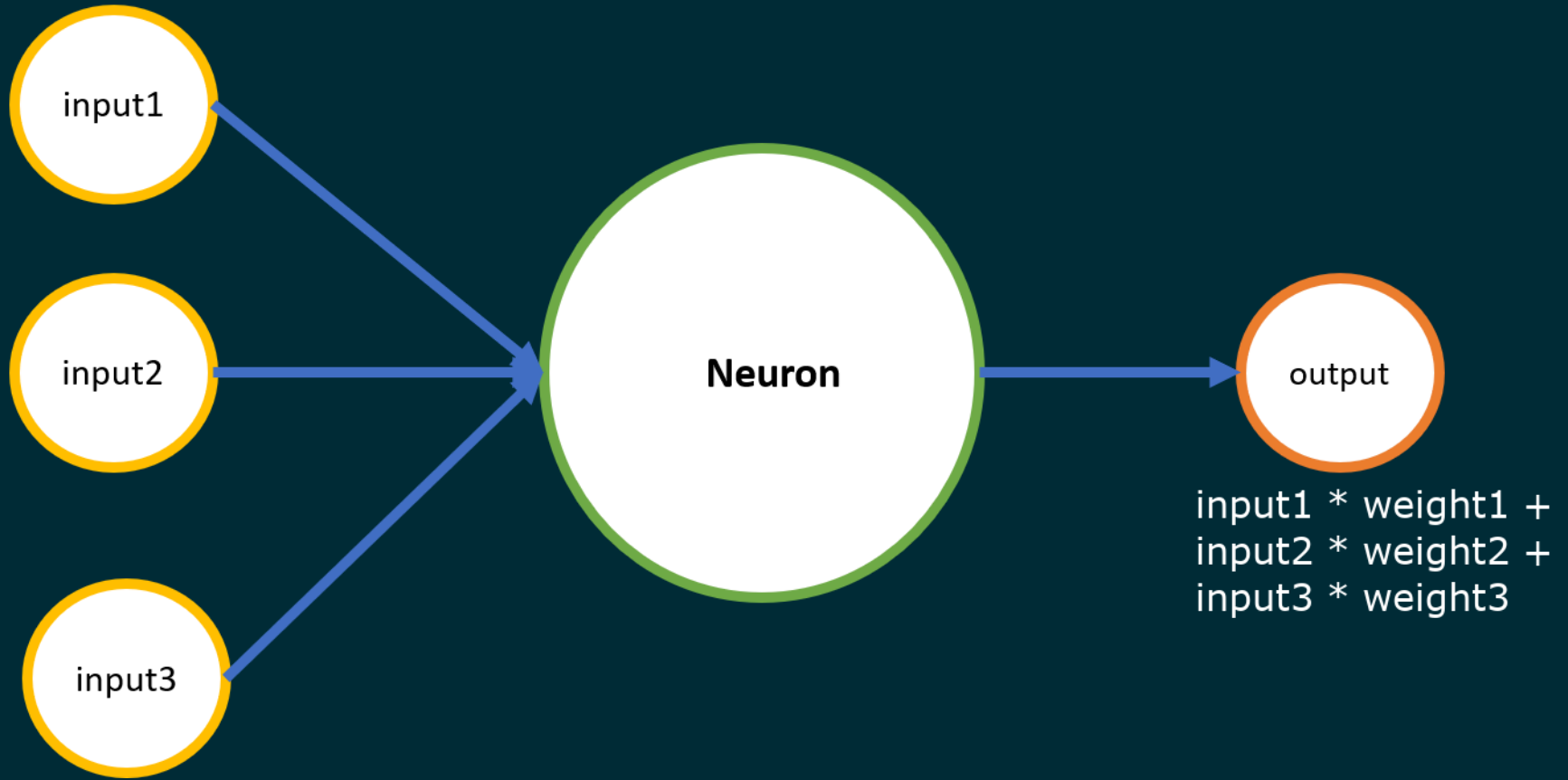


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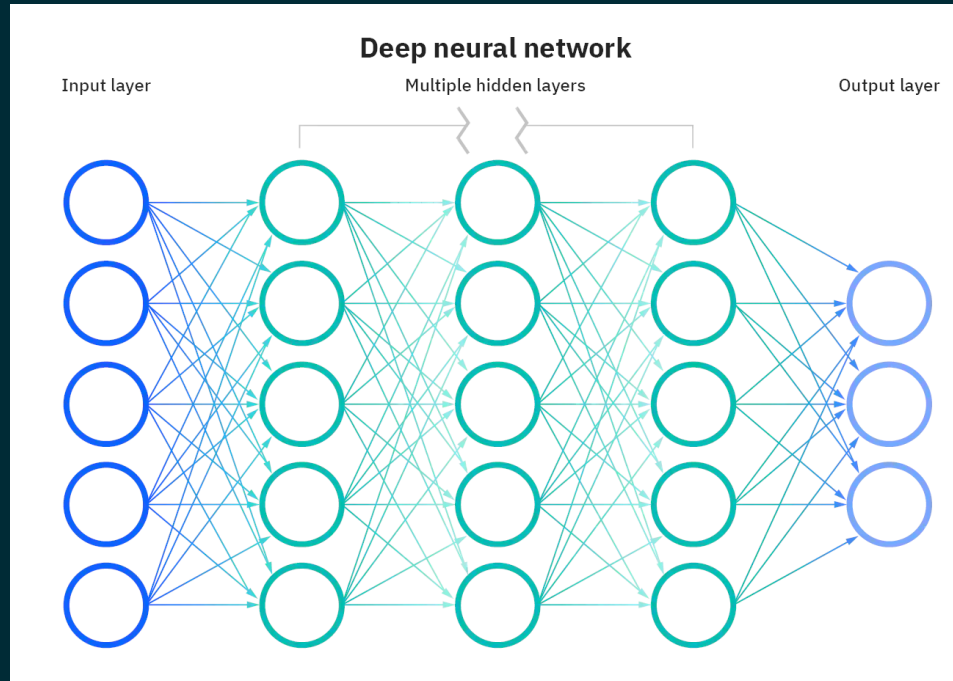
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Let's define something called a "neuron":





# NEURAL NETWORKS



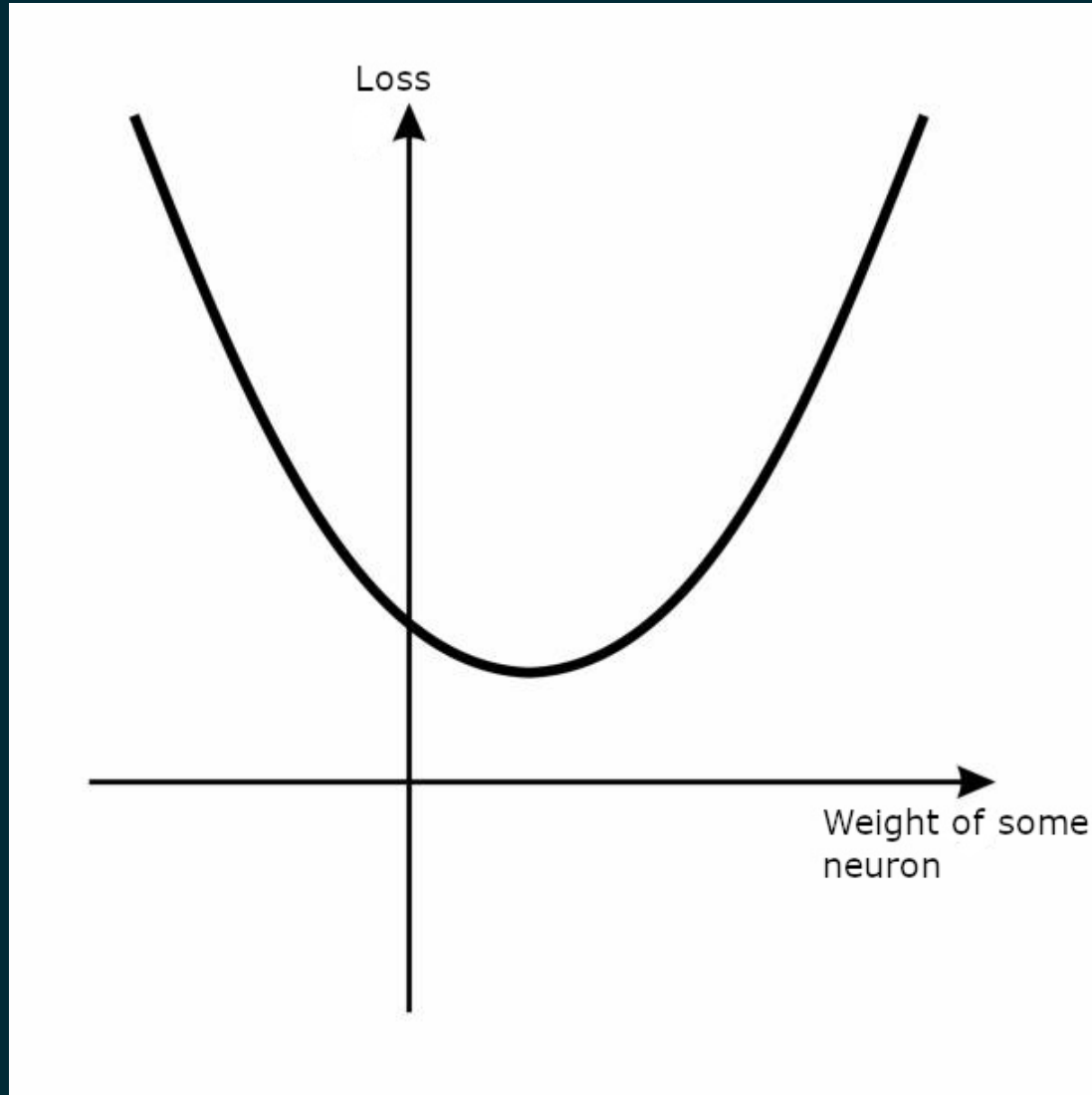
Source: IBM

They are a huge collection of "neurons", inspired by the brain.

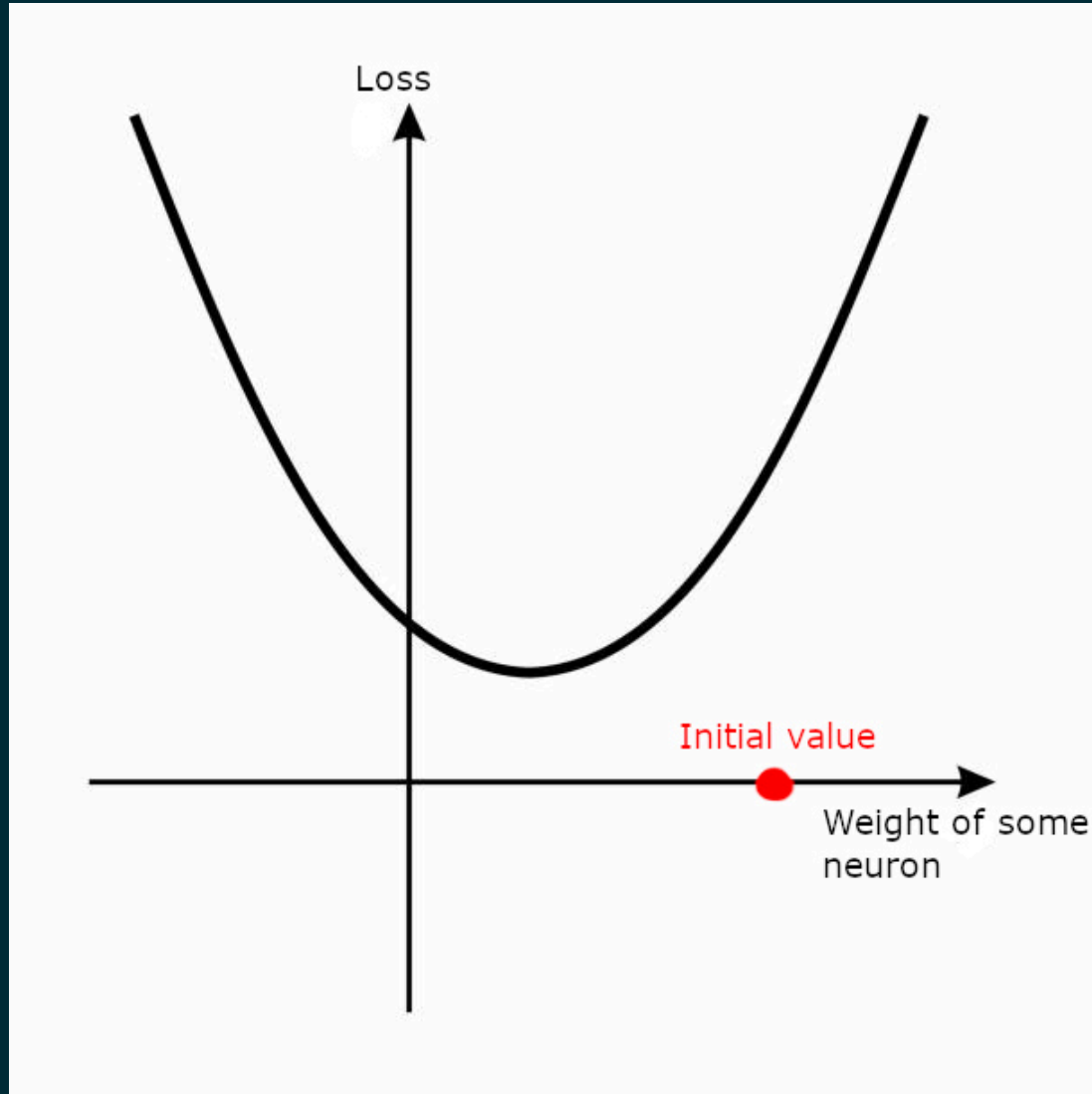
# LOSS FUNCTION

- We can have a function to characterize how "far" our model's prediction is from the true value.
- Then we can use calculus to find the values of the weight that make this as small as possible.

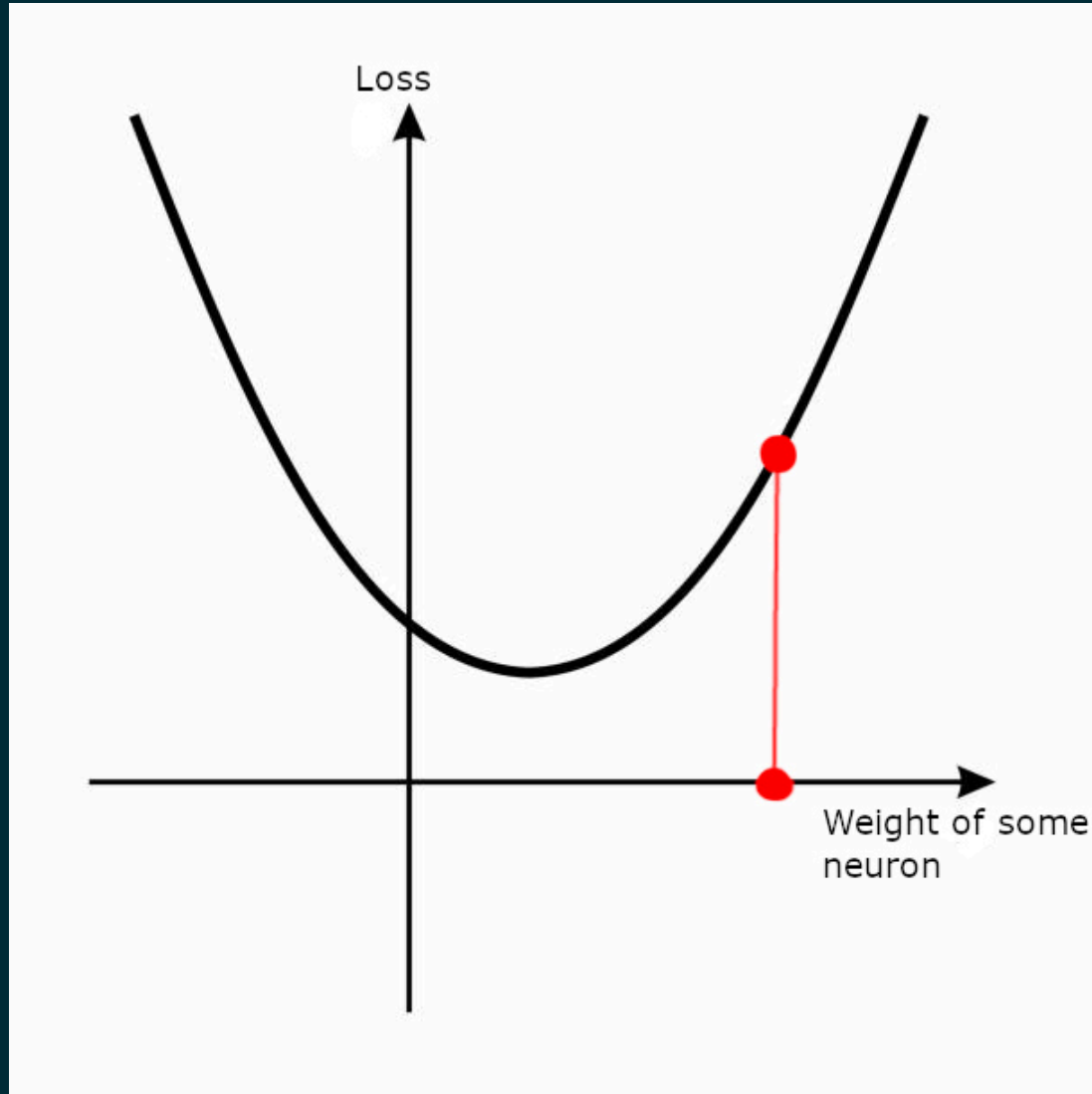
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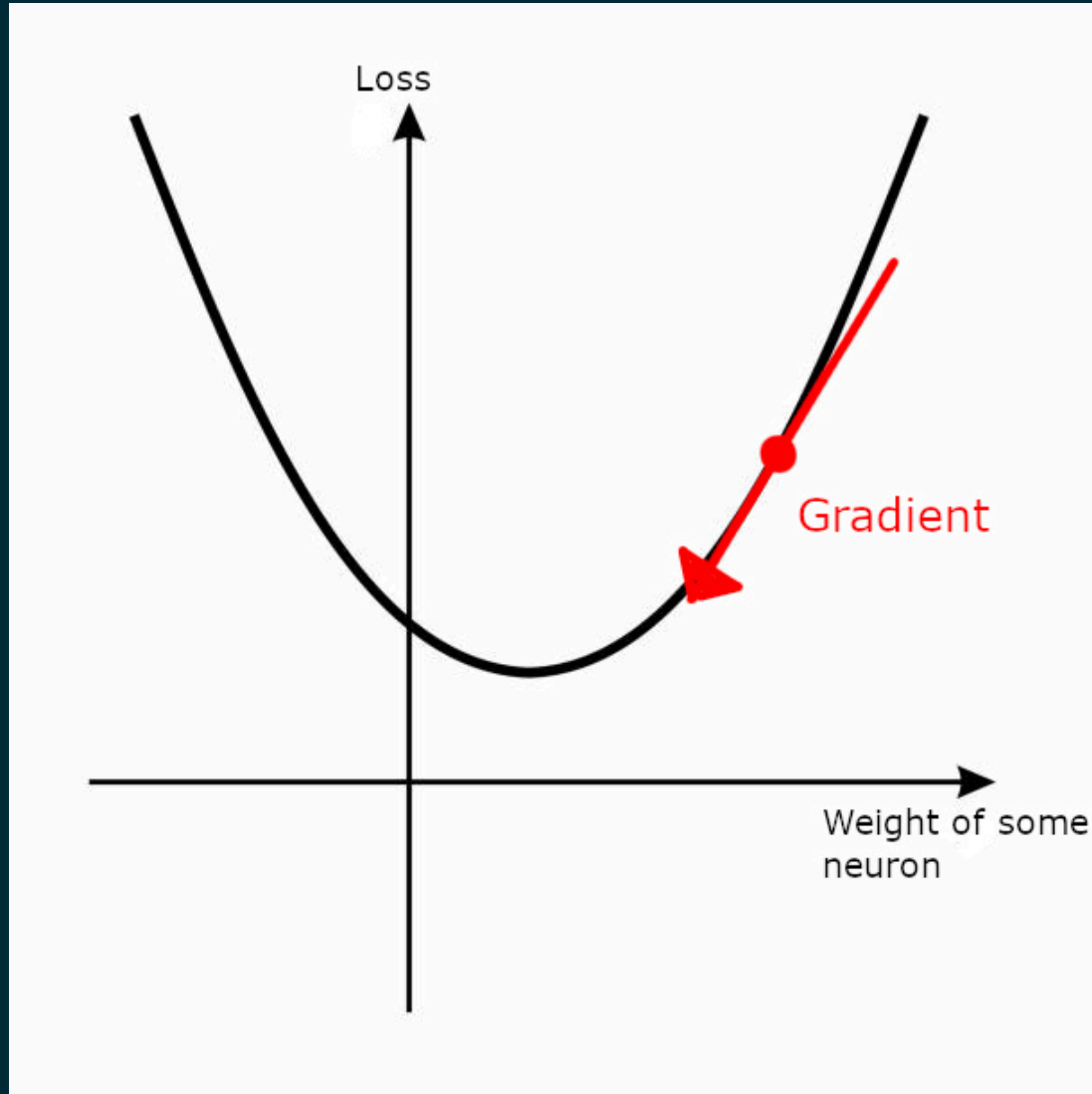
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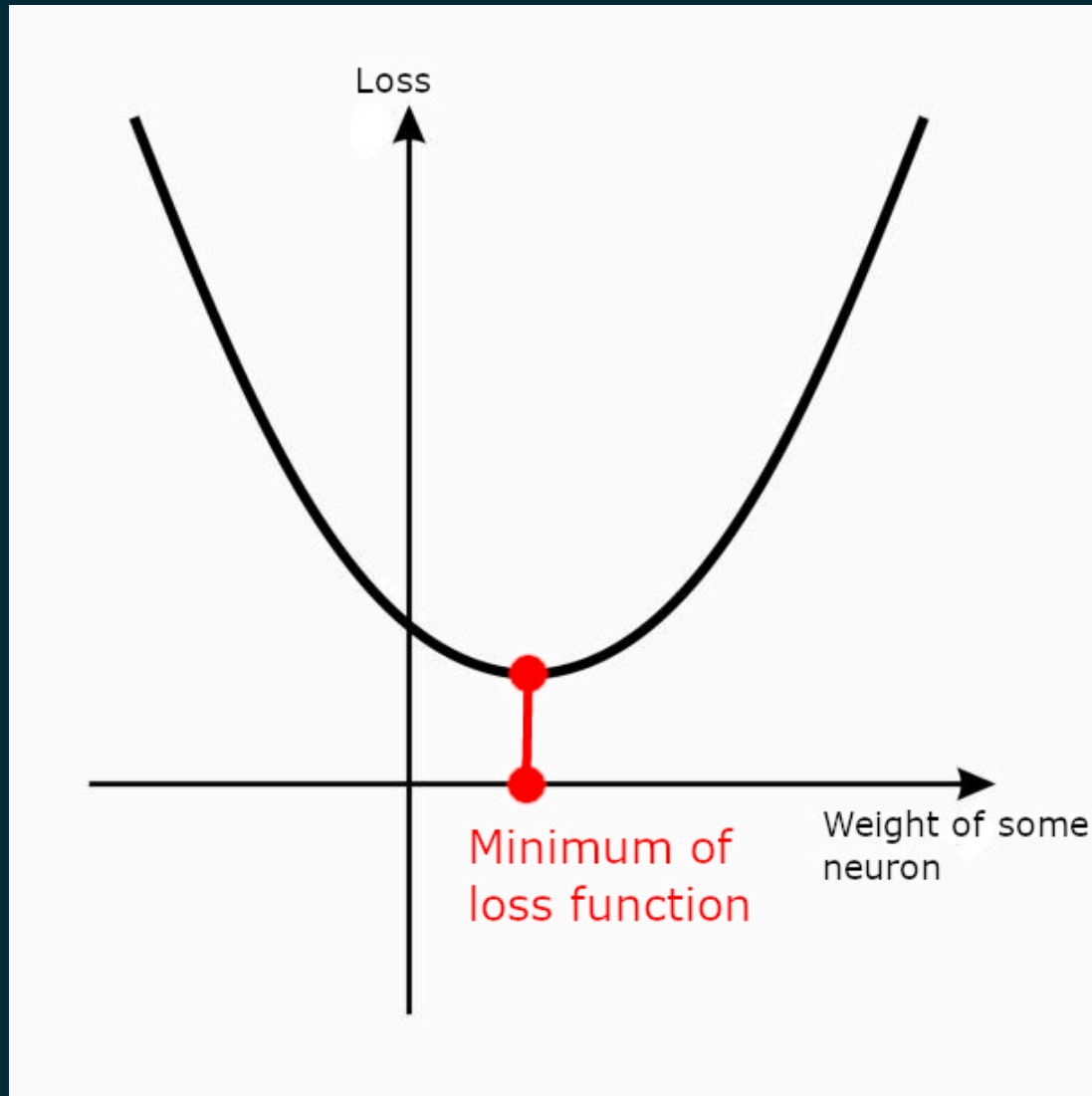
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# LET'S TRY IT

→ Jupyter notebook ←




# HOW CAN YOU DO MACHINE LEARNING WITH PYTHON?

- **scikit-learn** (simplest) — Good for general machine learning or quick implementations.
- **PyTorch** — Good for deep learning.
- **TensorFlow** — Good for deep learning.

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# CLASSES AT UIC RELATING TO MACHINE LEARNING

- **MCS 548** – Mathematical Theory of Artificial Intelligence,
- **CS 411** – Artificial Intelligence I,
- **CS 412** – Introduction to Machine Learning

# SUMMARY

- We saw the main types of machine learning (supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement)
- We saw brief examples of supervised/unsupervised learning
- We saw neural networks and built one in scikit-learn

# INTERESTING RELATED LINKS

- 3Blue1Brown on YouTube: [video series on neural networks](#)
- Towards Data Science: [Types of machine learning](#)
- Machine Learning Mastery: [Your first machine learning project in Python step-by-step](#)

