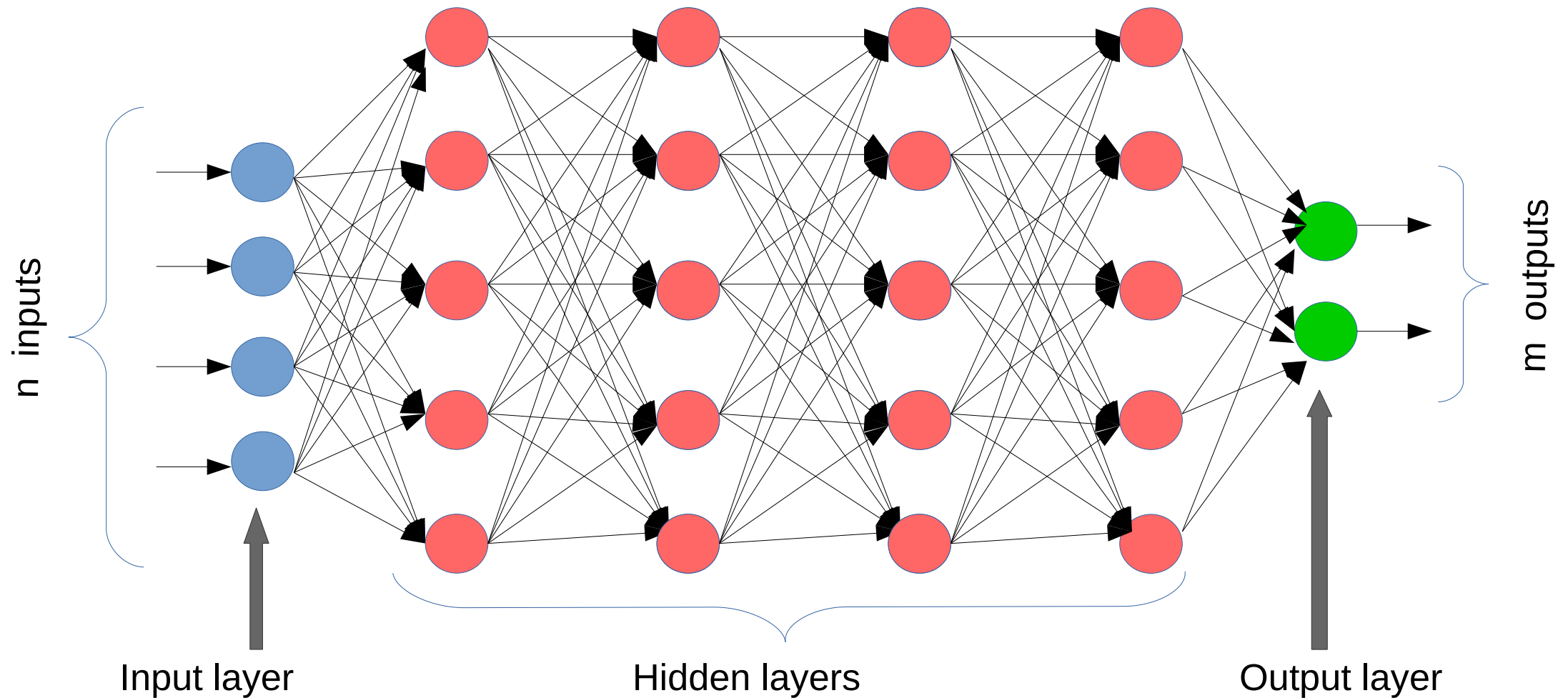


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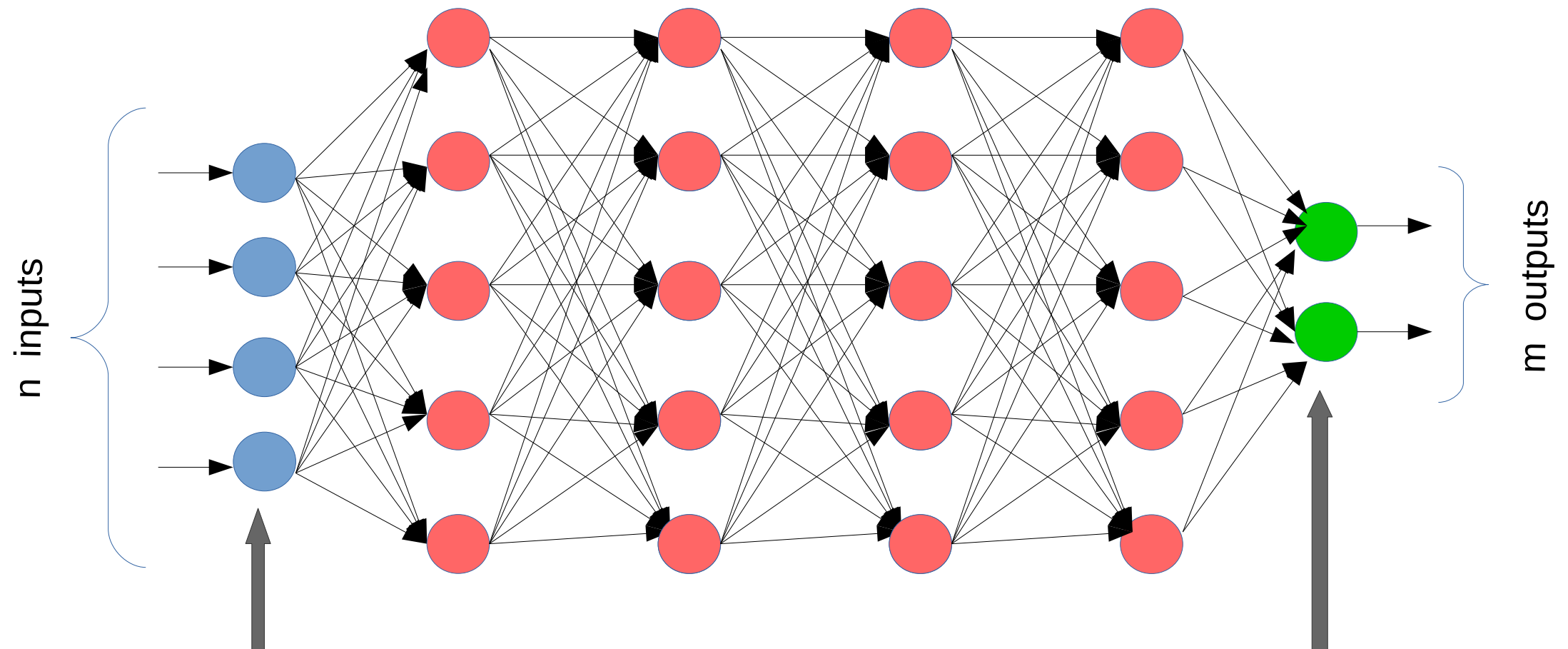
Specifying Properties of Neural Networks

Supratik Chakraborty

A Typical Neural Network



A Typical Neural Network



Input layer

Input Domain: \mathcal{I}

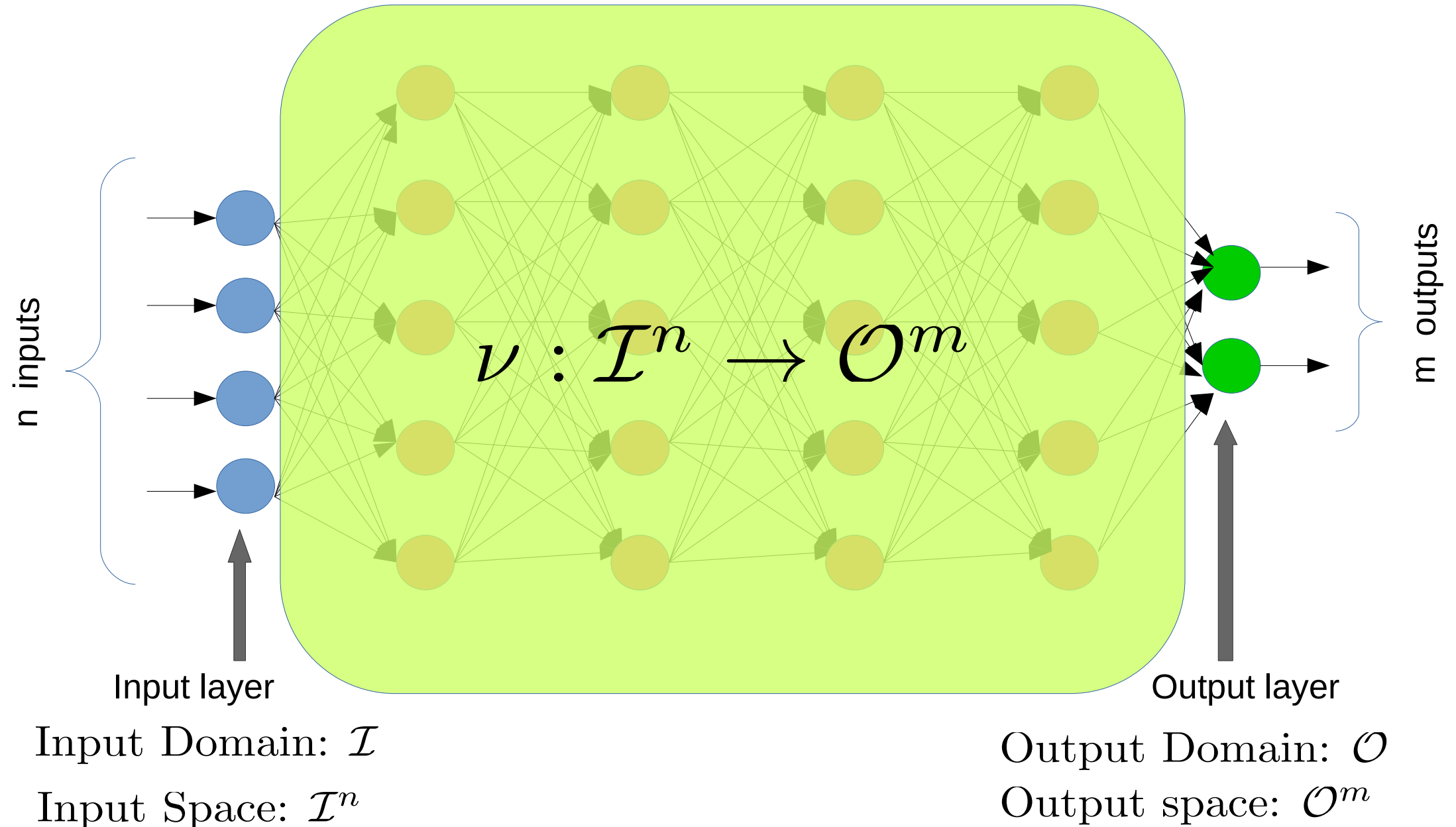
Input Space: \mathcal{I}^n

Output layer

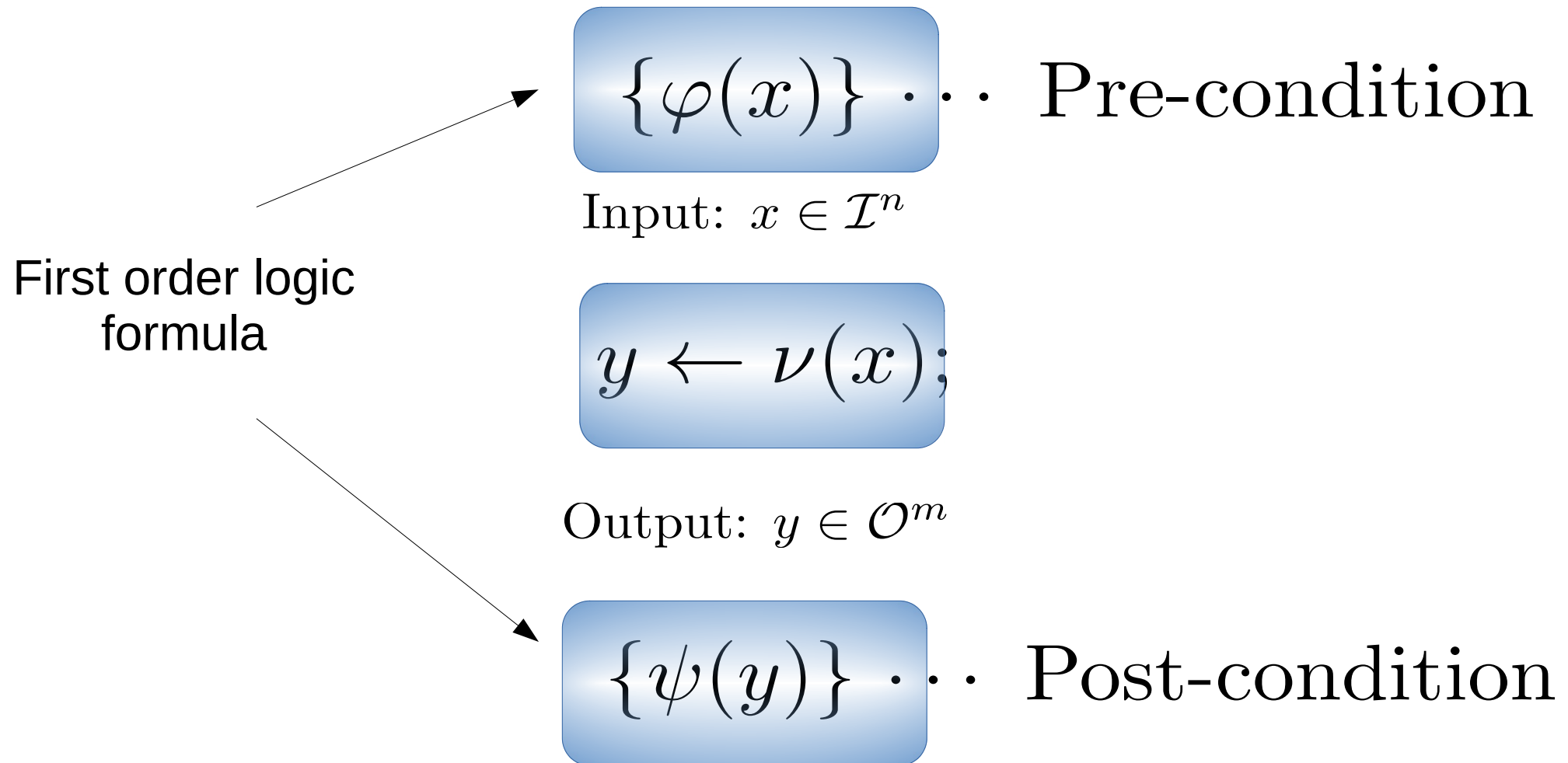
Output Domain: \mathcal{O}

Output space: \mathcal{O}^m

A Typical Neural Network



A Transformative Program



Hoare triples similar to those used in program verification

Semantics of Hoare Triple

$\{\varphi(x)\} \dots$ Pre-condition

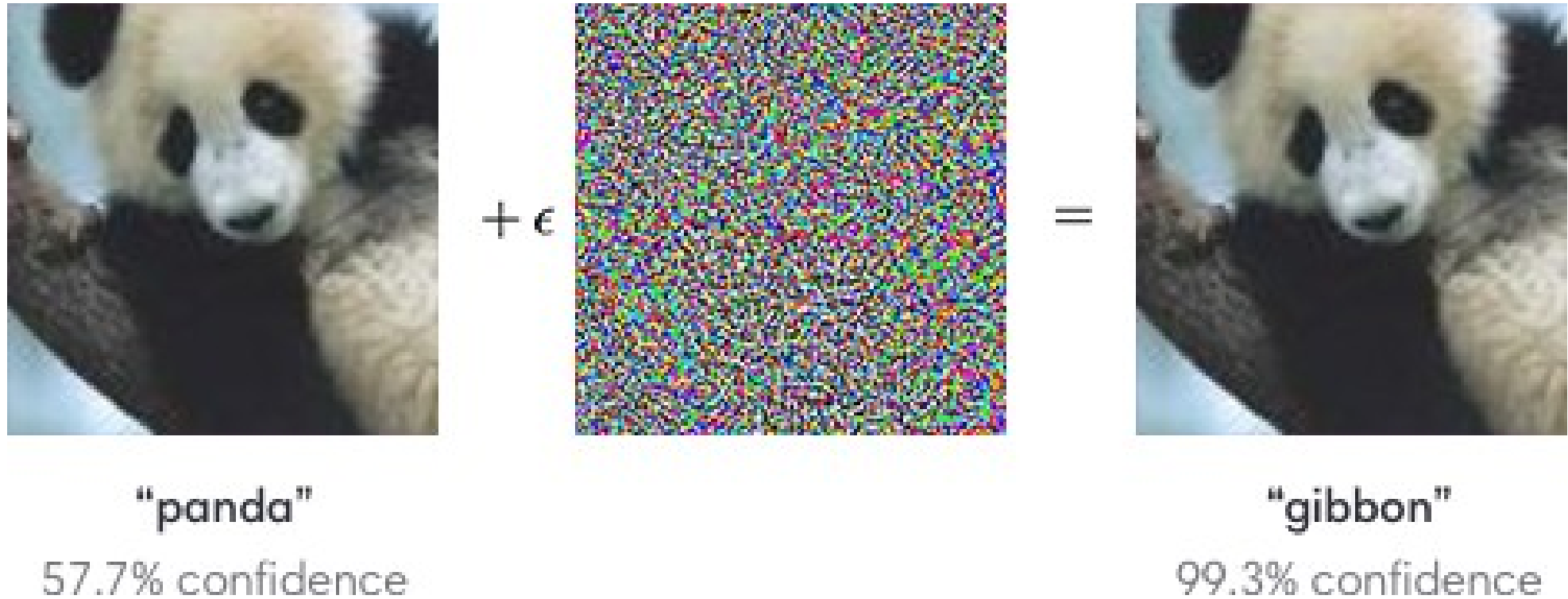
$y \leftarrow \nu(x); \dots$ "Program"

$\{\psi(y)\} \dots$ Post-condition

Validity of Hoare triple

If x satisfies $\varphi(x)$,
"program" terminates and encounters no memory exception,
then output y always satisfies $\psi(y)$

Property Specification Example 1

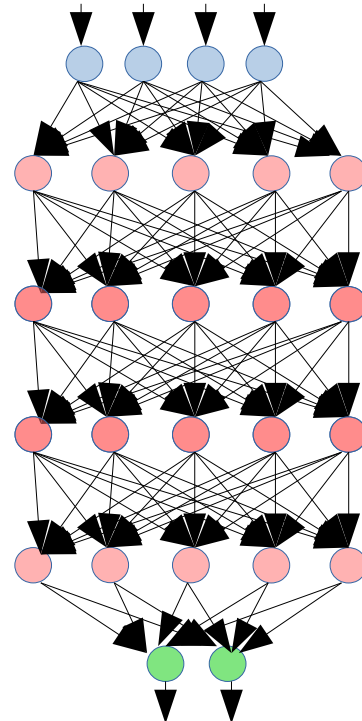


Source: Goodfellow, Shlens, Szegedy, "Explaining and Harnessing Adversarial Examples", 2015

Wish to specify that the above never happens
for a given image, for a specified max perturbation

Property Specification Example 1

Specified image: x^*



Score for panda: p

Score for something else: g

$$\{\|x - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

Max perturbation of input

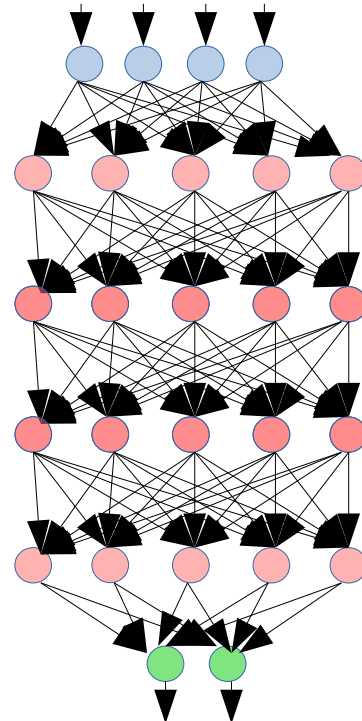
$$(p, g) \leftarrow \nu(x)$$

Separation threshold for
“confident” classification

$$\{p > g + \delta\}$$

Property Specification Example 1

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Score for panda: p

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$$\{\|x - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^N (|r_i - r_i^*| \leq \varepsilon_r) \wedge \\ \bigwedge_{i=1}^N (|g_i - g_i^*| \leq \varepsilon_g) \wedge \\ \bigwedge_{i=1}^N (|b_i - b_i^*| \leq \varepsilon_b)$$

$$(p, g) \leftarrow \nu(x);$$

$$\{p > g + \delta\}$$

Spec as a logical requirement

$$\forall r_1 \forall g_1 \forall b_1 \cdots \forall r_N \forall g_N \forall b_N \forall p \forall g$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \bigwedge_{i=1}^N (|r_i - r_i^*| \leq \varepsilon_r) \wedge \\ \bigwedge_{i=1}^N (|g_i - g_i^*| \leq \varepsilon_g) \wedge \\ \bigwedge_{i=1}^N (|b_i - b_i^*| \leq \varepsilon_b) \wedge \\ (p, g) = \nu(r_1, g_1, b_1, \dots, r_N, g_N, b_N) \\ \\ \implies \\ p > g + \delta \end{array} \right)$$

$$\{\|x - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

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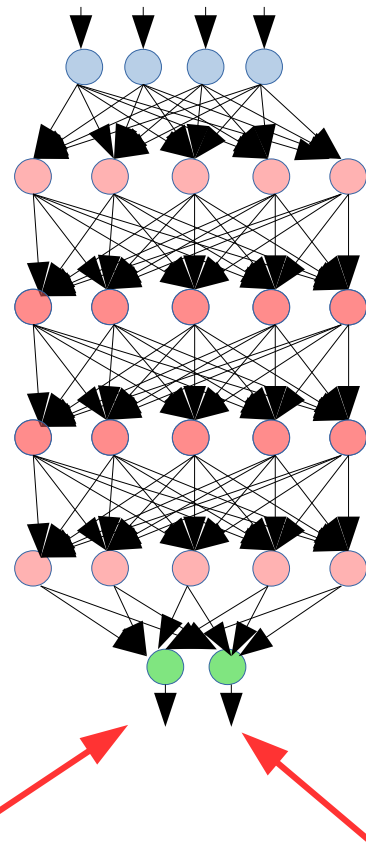
$$\{p > g + \delta\}$$

A logical implication

Property Specification Example 2

Given two arbitrary images that differ within prescribed limits, the network must never “confidently” classify them differently

Arbitrary image x



Score for class 1: s_1

Score for class 2: s_2

$$\{\|x - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

$$(s_1, s_2) \leftarrow \nu(x);$$
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Property Specification Example 2



Pause n Reflect

Given two images that differ within prescribed limits, the network must never “confidently” classify them differently

$$\{\|x - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(s_1, s_2) &\leftarrow \nu(x); \\ (s_1^*, s_2^*) &\leftarrow \nu(x^*);\end{aligned}$$

Are there any unintended consequences of the specification?

Can a neural network satisfying the specification do anything meaningful?

How easy/hard is it to design a neural network satisfying this specification?

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} (s_1 > s_2 + \delta) &\implies (s_1^* > s_2^* + \delta) \wedge \\ (s_2 > s_1 + \delta) &\implies (s_2^* > s_1^* + \delta) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Spec as a logical requirement

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$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^N (|g_i - g_i^*| \leq \varepsilon_g) \wedge$$

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^N (|b_i - b_i^*| \leq \varepsilon_b) \wedge$$

$$(s_1, s_2) = \nu(r_1, g_1, b_1, \dots, r_N, g_N, b_N) \wedge$$

$$(s_1^*, s_2^*) = \nu(r_1^*, g_1^*, b_1^*, \dots, r_N^*, g_N^*, b_N^*) \wedge$$

$$\implies$$

$$(s_1 > s_2 + \delta) \implies (s_1^* > s_2^* + \delta) \wedge$$

$$(s_2 > s_1 + \delta) \implies (s_2^* > s_1^* + \delta)$$

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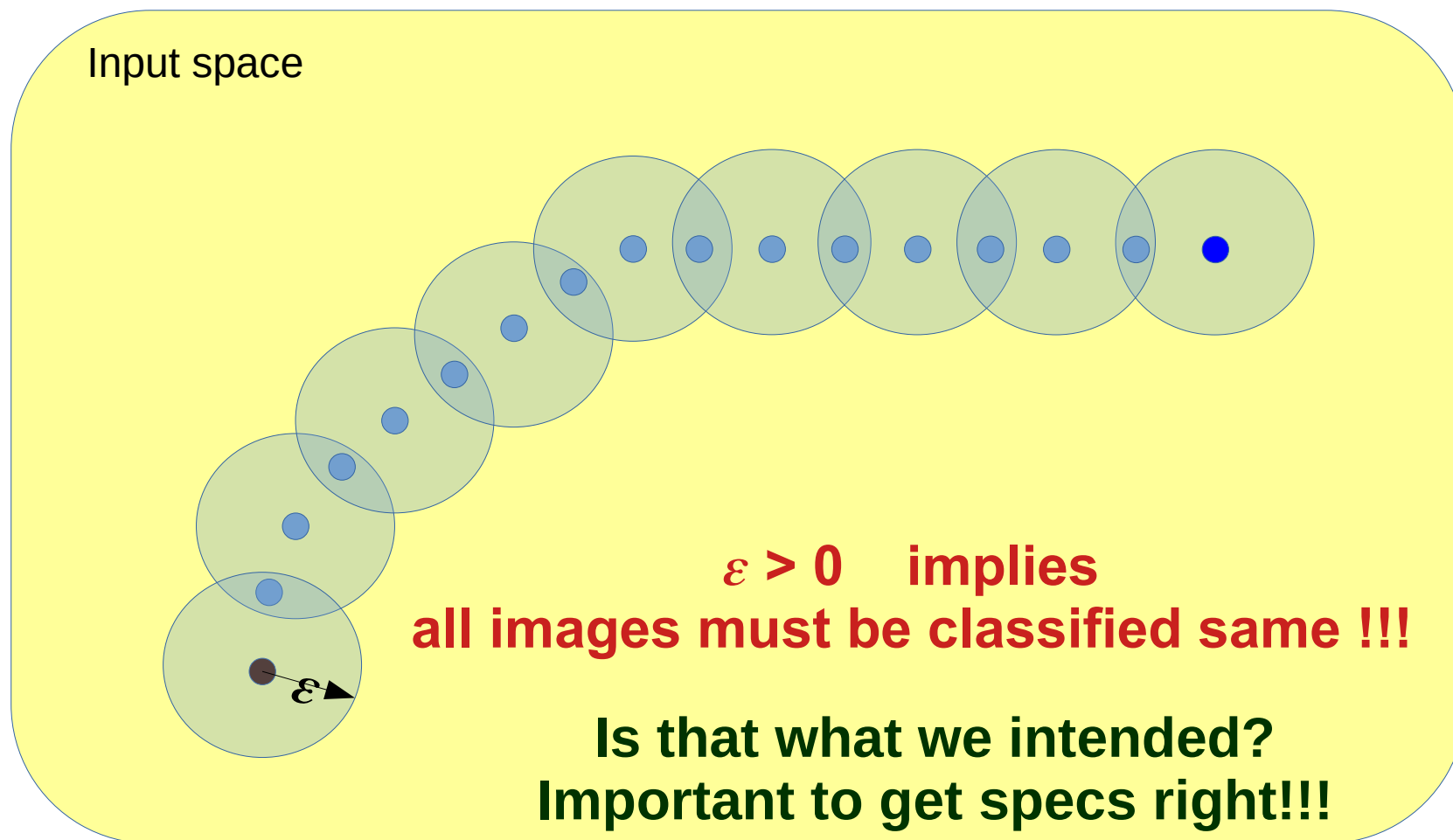
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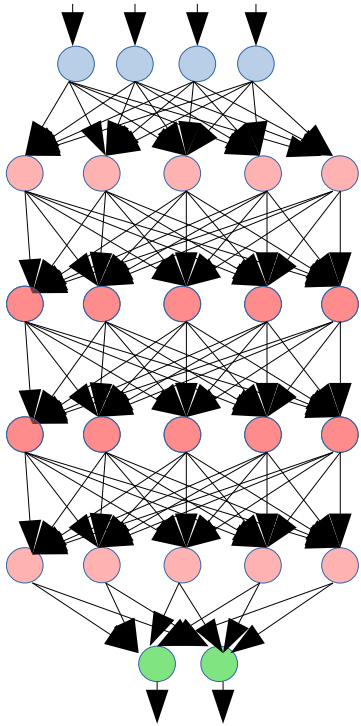
$$\left\{ \right.$$

Problem with Specification 2

Pick any two arbitrary images in the input space



Taking a step back to re-look



Arbitrary input

$$\{\|x - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

Specific input

$$(p, g) \leftarrow \nu(x)$$

$$\{p > g + \delta\}$$

Arbitrary input

$$\{\|x - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

Arbitrary input

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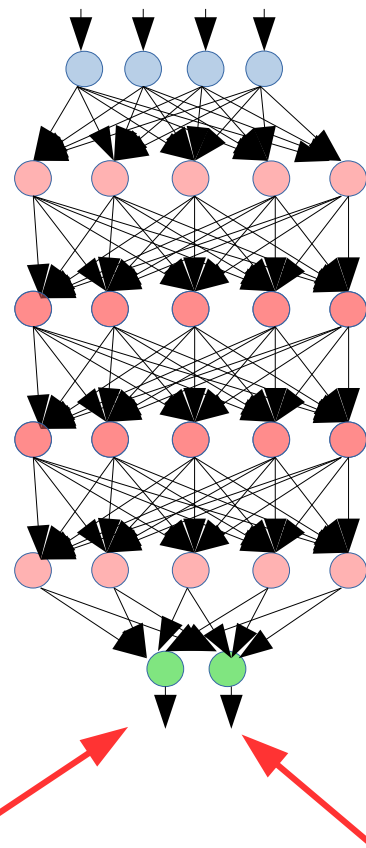
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Attempting a Fix

Given two arbitrary images that differ within prescribed limits, the network must never “confidently” classify them differently

Arbitrary image x



Score for class 1: s_1

Score for class 2: s_2

$$\{\|x - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

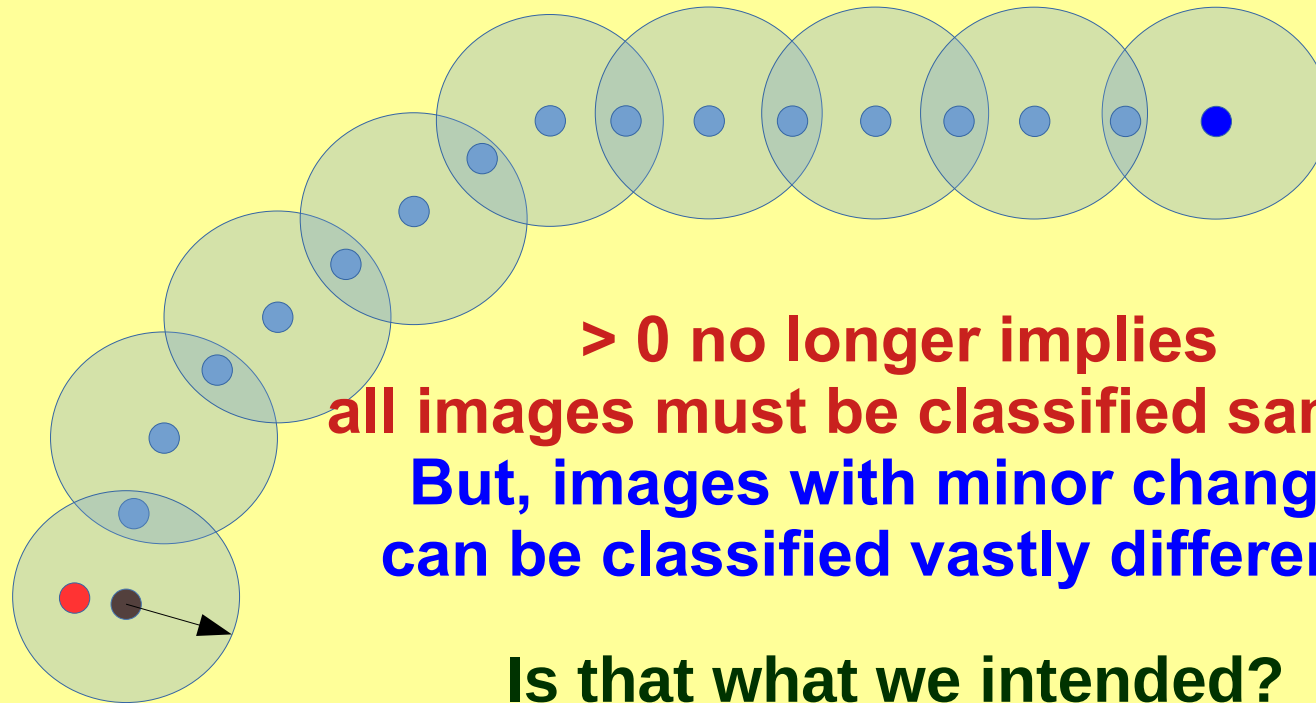
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (s_1 > s_2 + \delta) \implies (s_2^* \leq s_1^* + \delta) \wedge \\ (s_2 > s_1 + \delta) \implies (s_1^* \leq s_2^* + \delta) \end{array} \right\}$$

Did It Fix?

Pick any two arbitrary images in the input space

Input space



**> 0 no longer implies
all images must be classified same !!!**

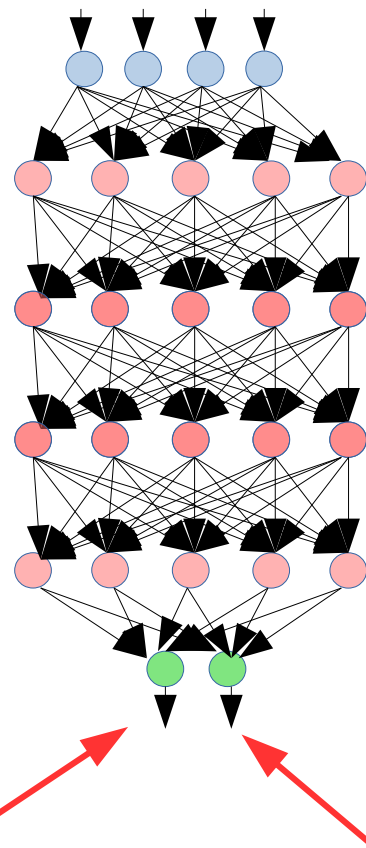
**But, images with minor changes
can be classified vastly differently**

**Is that what we intended?
Important to get specs right!!!**

Property Specification Example 2

Second attempt!

Given two arbitrary images that differ pixel-wise within prescribed limits and have “similar” semantic features, the network must never “confidently” classify them differently



Score for class 1: s_1

Score for class 2: s_2

$$\left\{ \left(\|x - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon \right) \wedge \left(\sigma(x) \approx \sigma(x^*) \right) \right\}$$

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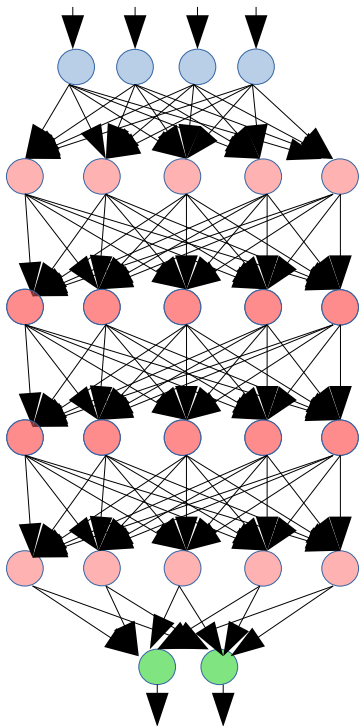
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Property Specification Example 2

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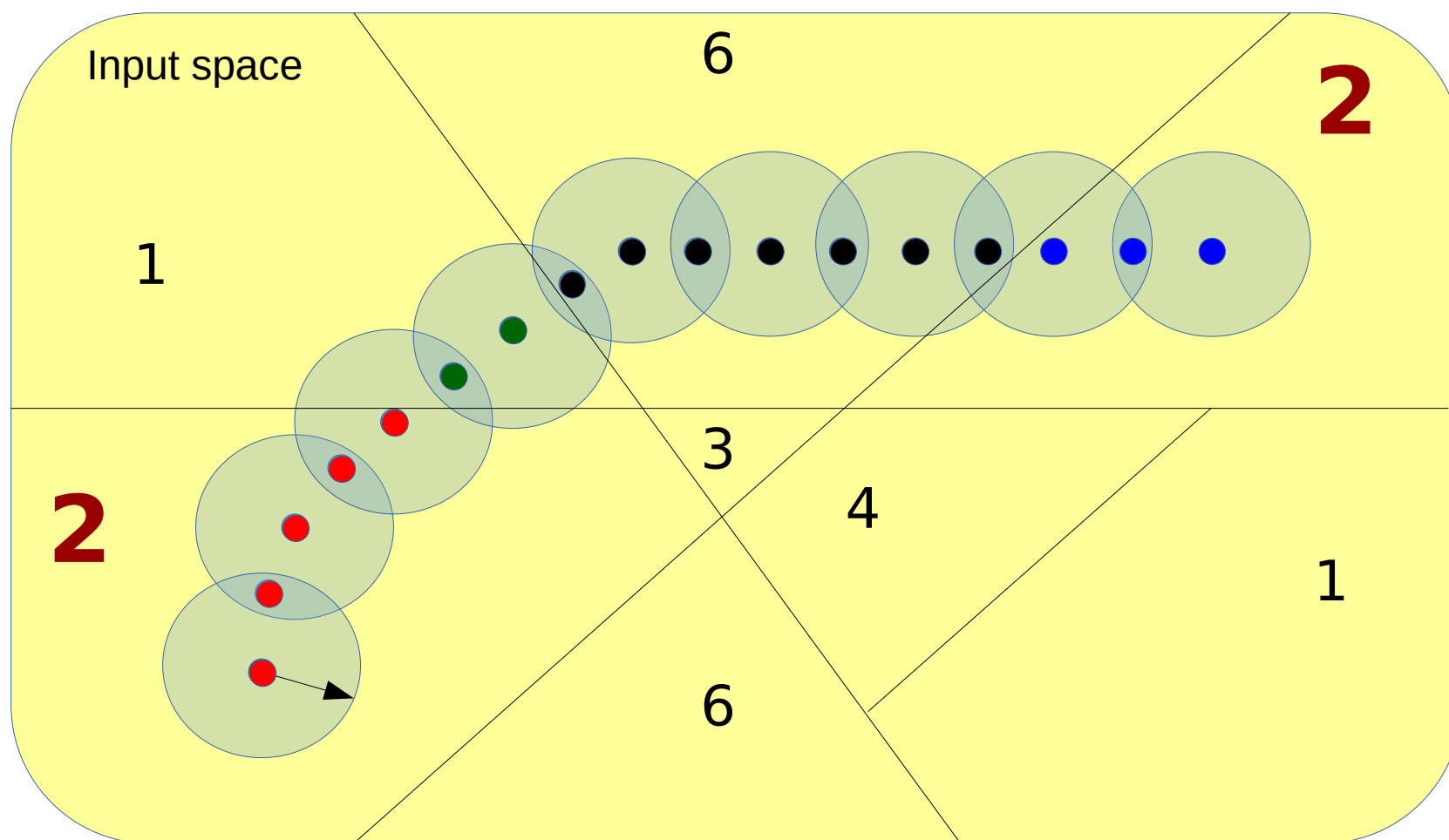
User-defined semantic features,
Not necessarily network-defined

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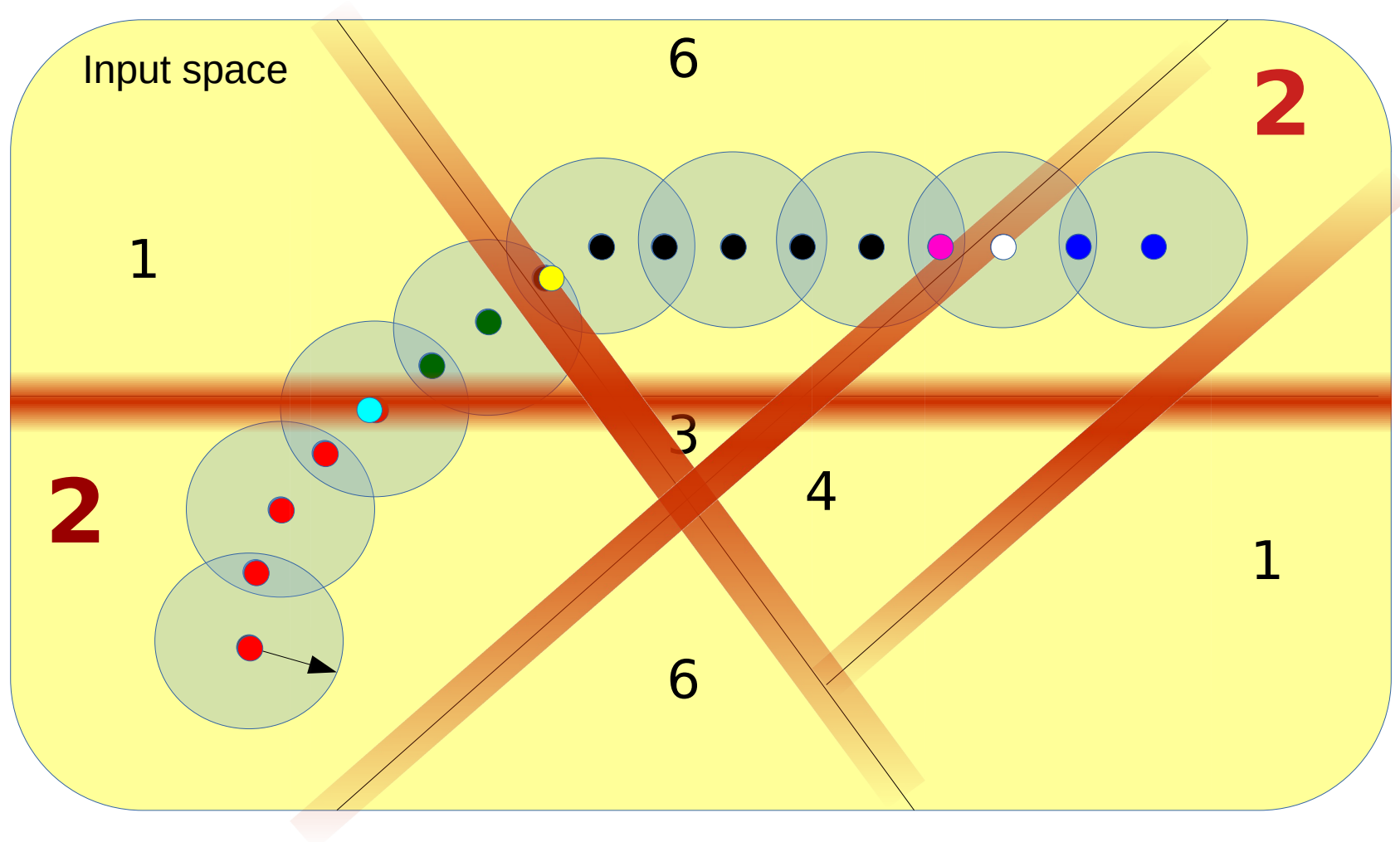
Possibilities with New Spec

Pick any two arbitrary images in the input space



Possibilities with Newer Spec

Pick any two arbitrary images in the input space



Property Specification Example 2

Third attempt!

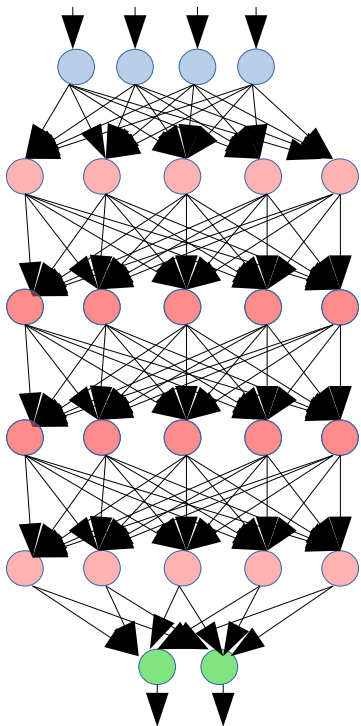
Given two arbitrary images that differ pixel-wise within prescribed limits and have “similar” semantic features, the network must produce “similar” classifications

$$\left\{ \left(\|x - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon \right) \wedge \left(\sigma(x) \approx \sigma(x^*) \right) \right\}$$

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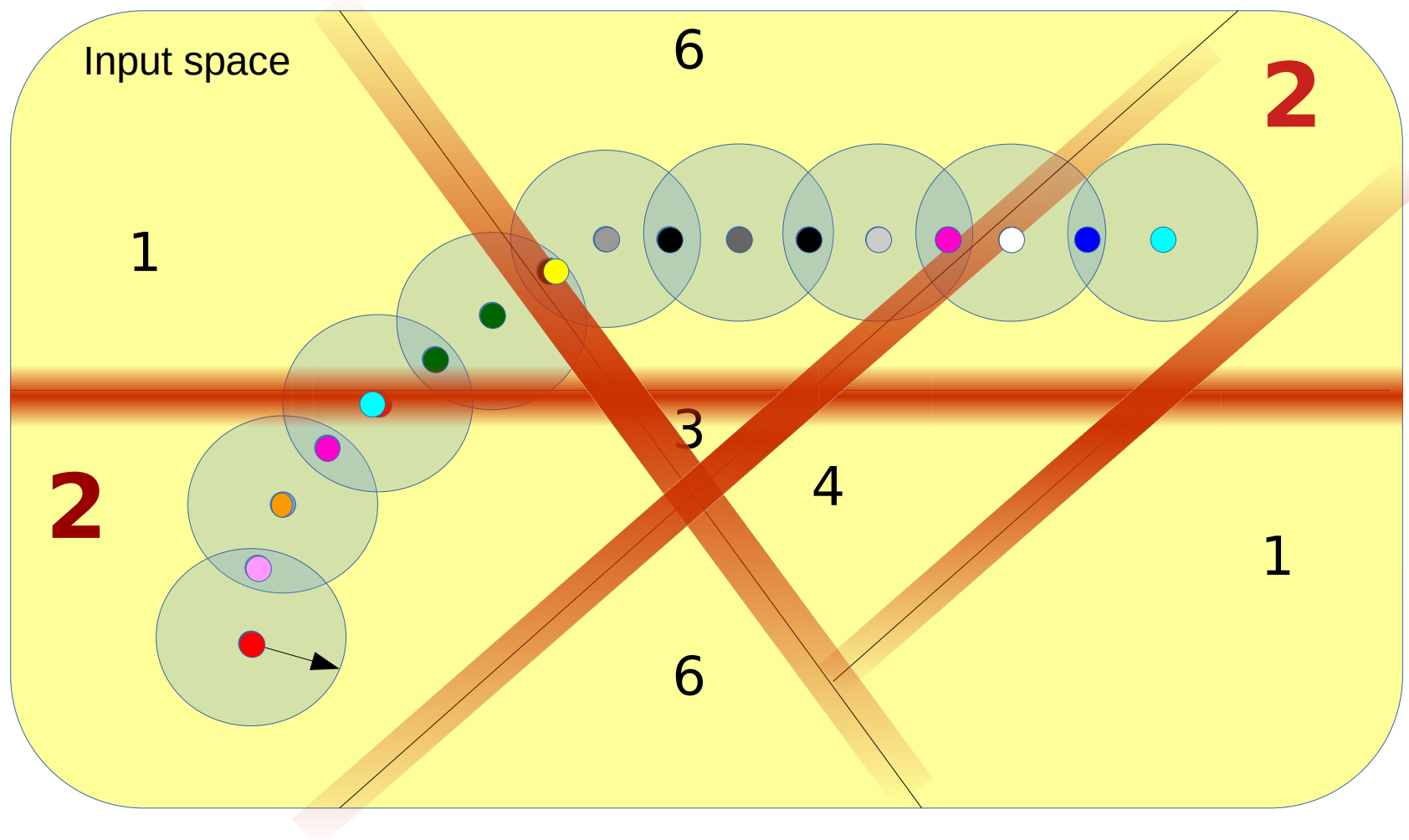
$$\left\{ \lambda(s_1, s_2) \simeq \lambda(s_1^*, s_2^*) \right\}$$

Network-defined
labeling function:
“final” layer(s)



Possibilities with New Spec

Pick any two arbitrary images in the input space



Property Specification



Pause n Reflect

Why is it so hard to get specifications right?

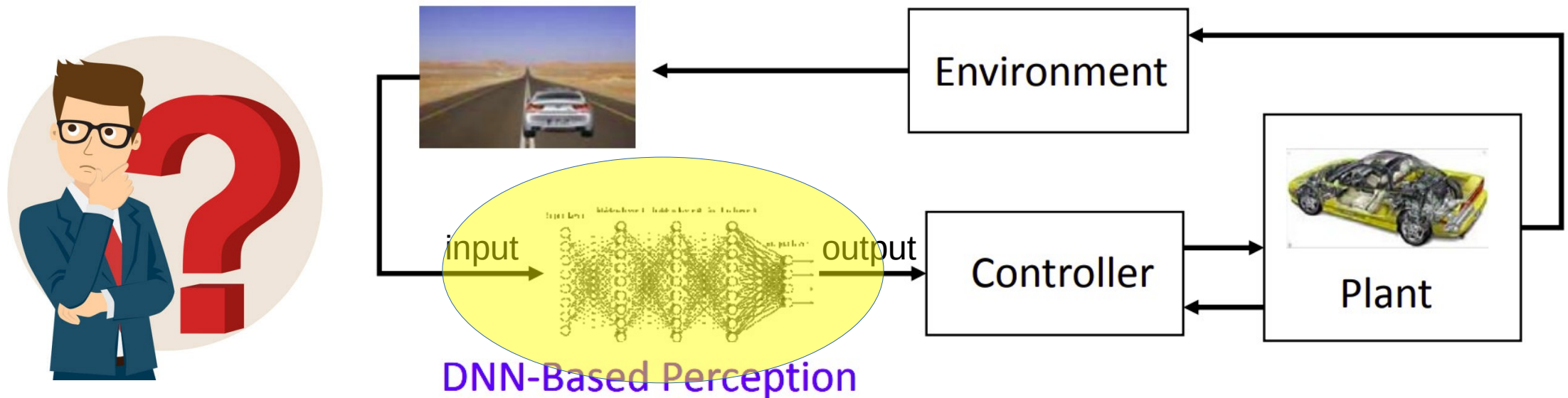
Is it easier to arrive at

THE RIGHT SPECIFICATION that covers all aspects of behaviour

OR

A bunch of sub-specifications that cover parts of the behaviour space?

A Day In The Life of A “Specifier”



Source: Seshia et al, Formal Verification of Deep Neural Networks, 2018

Collect a bunch of **desired/undesired** (input, output) pairs

- Not necessarily what DNN is actually doing
- Instead, what DNN's environment “expects” it to do



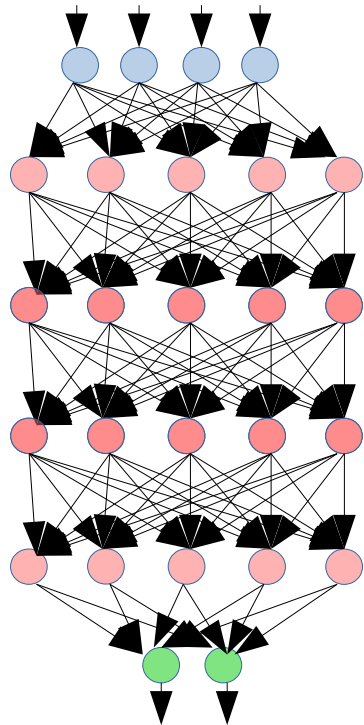
Is there a **formalizable relation** between inputs and desired outputs?

- Did we miss out corner cases?
- Sufficiently constrained to preclude all undesired behaviour?
- Sufficiently relaxed to allow all desired behaviour?

Input-Output Relation: How hard is it to formalize?

Self-driving car

Image (road scene)

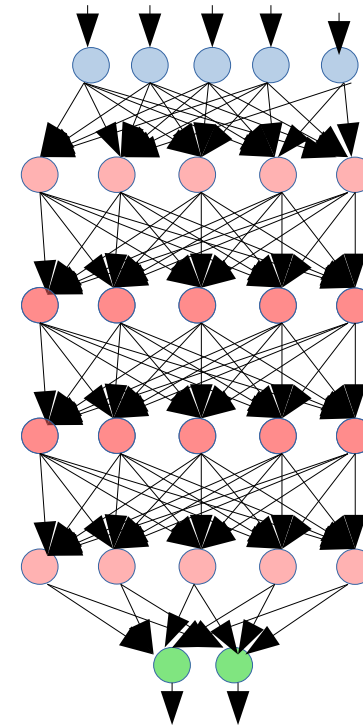


Perceptual Spec

“Too congested to accelerate”

Unmanned drone

Flight parameters

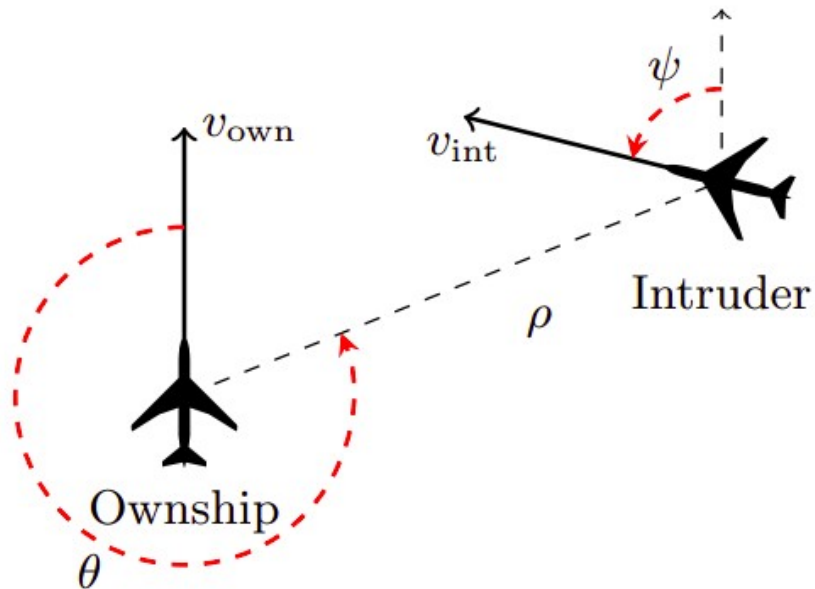


Non-Perceptual
Spec

Score
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Non-Perceptual DNN Specs

ACAS-Xu



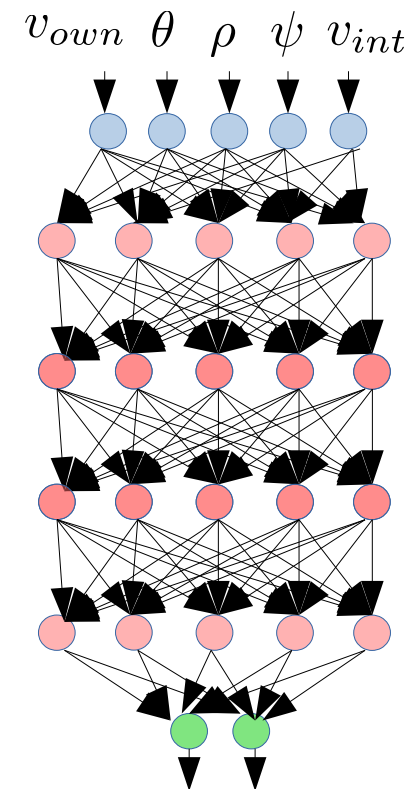
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$$\text{Score} \leftarrow \nu(\rho, v_{own}, v_{int}, \theta, \psi)$$

$$\{\text{Score}[\text{COC}] \leq 1500\}$$

Clear-of-Conflict

Flight parameters



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Non-Perceptual DNN Specs

ACAS-Xu

Rules for ACAS-Xu when directly implemented
takes $> 2\text{GB}$ memory

Flight parameters

45 Non-perceptual DNNs for same take $< 3\text{MB}$ of memory

Having a good spec for a non-perceptual DNN
doesn't make the DNN irrelevant !!!

Specs NOT SAME AS Rules

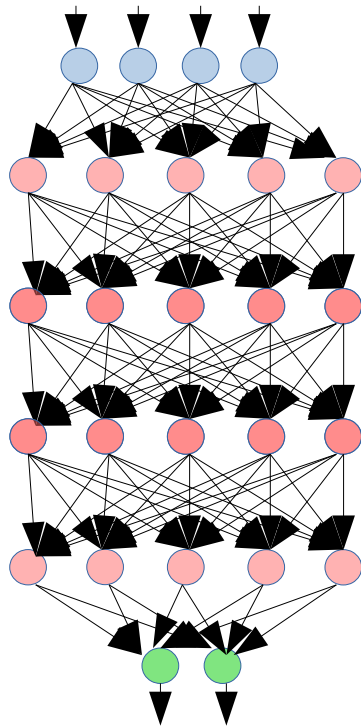
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Perceptual DNN Specs

$$(r_1, g_1, b_1, \dots, r_N, g_N, b_N)$$

Image (road scene)



“Too congested to accelerate”

Good spec:

$$\text{CR}(r_1, g_1, b_1, \dots, r_N, g_N, b_N)$$

~~$\{ (r_1, g_1, b_1, \dots, r_N, g_N, b_N) : \text{image of congested road} \}$~~

$$y \leftarrow \nu(r_1, g_1, b_1, \dots, r_N, g_N, b_N);$$

$\{ y = \text{“Too congested to accelerate”} \}$

$\text{CR}(\dots) = \text{true iff road is “too congested to accelerate”}$



If we know CR (...), why design and train a DNN ???

Perceptual DNN Specs

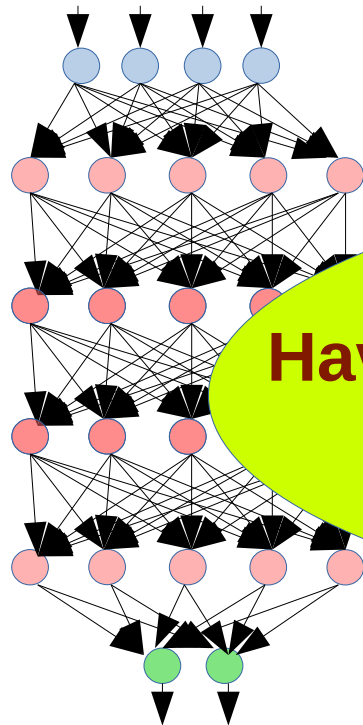
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Image (road scene)

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**Having the ideal spec for a perceptual DNN
would make the DNN irrelevant !!!**

$a_N, b_N);$

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sted to accelerate”

“Too congested to accelerate”



If we know CR (...), why design and train a DNN ???

Specifying Properties of Perceptual DNNs



Pause n Reflect

Are we in a chicken-and-egg conundrum for perceptual DNNs?

Is there any meaningful way out?

We can talk about robustness of classification w.r.t. a specific image

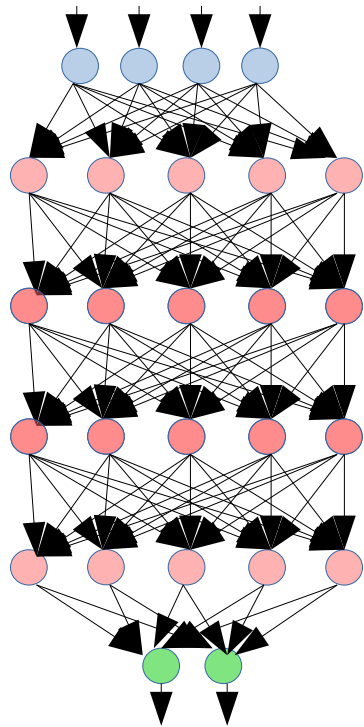
Can we specify anything formally beyond this?

Is it better to write a single all-encompassing spec or multiple sub-specs for different behavioural requirements?

Any Hope for Perceptual DNNs?

$$(r_1, g_1, b_1, \dots, r_N, g_N, b_N)$$

Image (road scene)

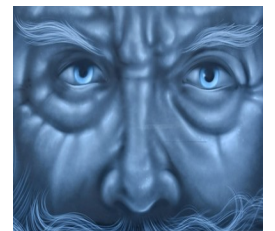
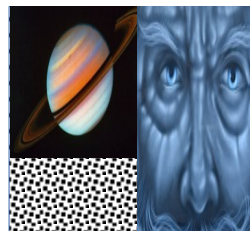


Input is

High dimensional, large input space

| Input Space |

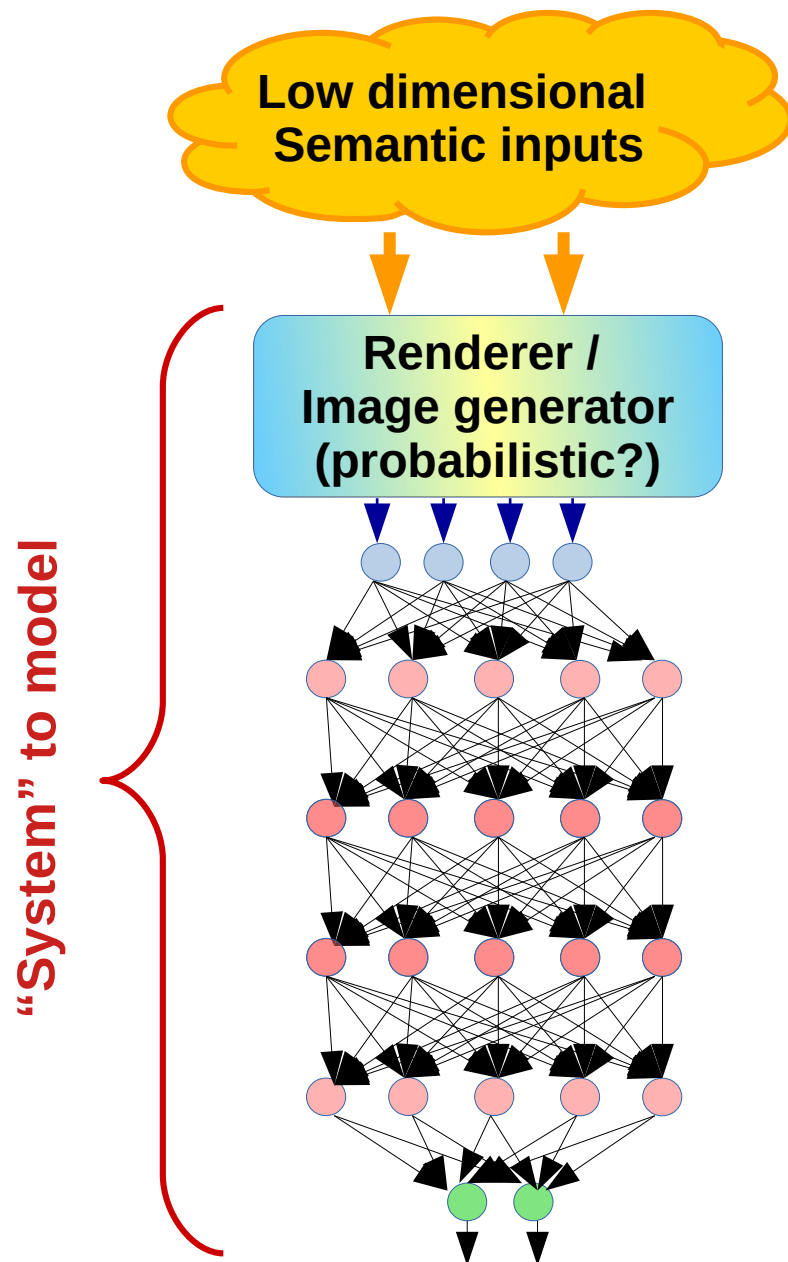
Most images inconsequential, have no semantic similarity to what can possibly arise on a road



“Too congested to accelerate”

Can we restrict specs to a lower dimensional, smaller, meaningful input space?

Any Hope for Perceptual DNNs?



Time of Day: {Morning, Noon, Afternoon, Dusk, Night}
Weather: {Clear, Cloudy, Snowing, Raining}
Lanes: {Wide, Medium, Narrow, None}
Road direction: {Straight, Bending}
Other vehicles within 10m: {0, 1-3, 4-8, 9-15, > 15}
Behaviour of other vehicles: {Lane disciplined, Chaotic}

Dimensions of semantic inp space = 6
|Semantic inp space| = $5 \times 4 \times 4 \times 2 \times 5 \times 2 = 1600$

Dimensions of image inp space = $100 \times 100 \times 3 = 30000$
|Image inp space| = $256^{100 \times 100 \times 3}$

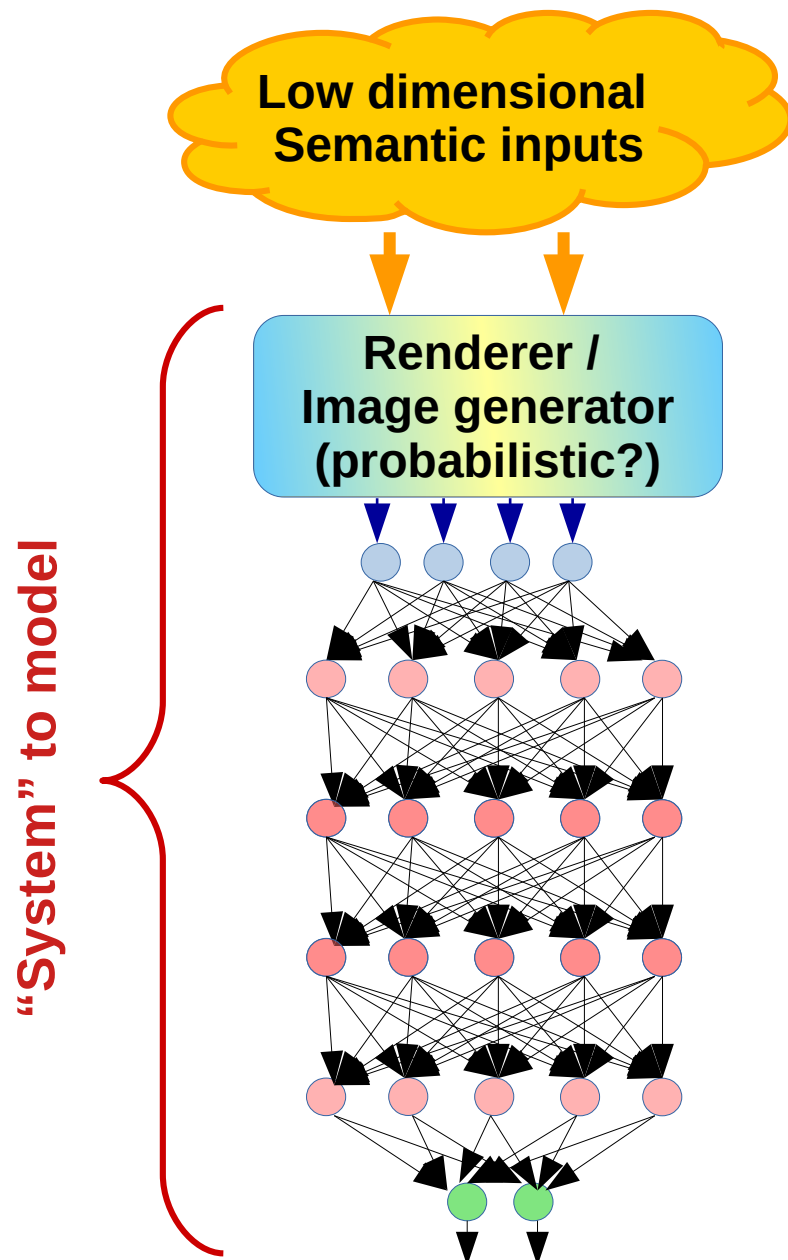
{ Pre-condition on semantic inputs \mathbf{s} }

$i \leftarrow \rho(\mathbf{s}); // \rho$: Model of renderer

$y \leftarrow \nu(i); // \nu$: Model of perceptual DNN

{ Post-condition on y }

Any Hope for Perceptual DNNs?



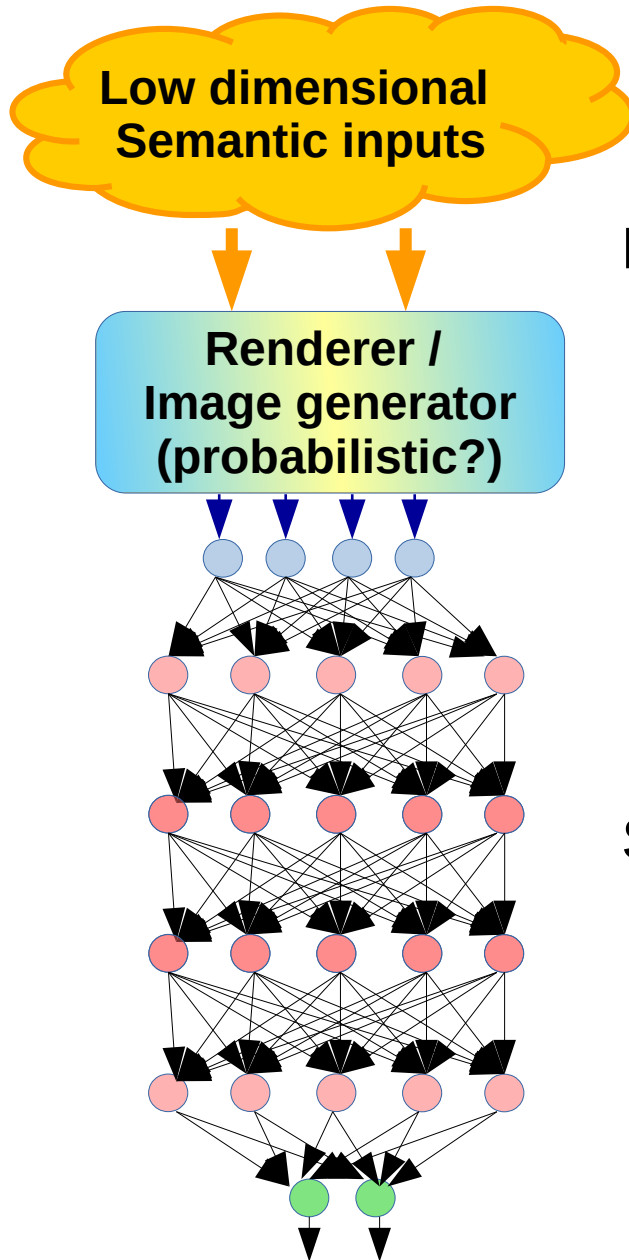
T: {Morning, Noon, Afternoon, Dusk, Night}
W: {Clear, Cloudy, Snowing, Raining}
L: {Wide, Medium, Narrow, None}
Rd: {Straight, Bending}
O: {0, 1-3, 4-8, 9-15, > 15}
B: {Lane disciplined, Chaotic}

$$\{(O > 15) \vee (L = W) \wedge ((O \geq 9) \wedge (B = \text{Ch})) \vee (L = M) \wedge ((O \geq 9) \vee ((O \geq 4) \wedge (B = \text{Ch}))) \vee ((L = N) \vee (L = \text{None})) \wedge ((O \geq 4) \vee ((O \geq 1) \wedge (B = \text{Ch})))\}$$

$i \leftarrow \rho(T, W, L, Rd, O, B); // \rho$: Model of renderer
 $y \leftarrow \nu(i); // \nu$: Model of perceptual DNN

{ y = “Too congested to accelerate” }

Any Hope for Perceptual DNNs?



Potential “**problems**”:

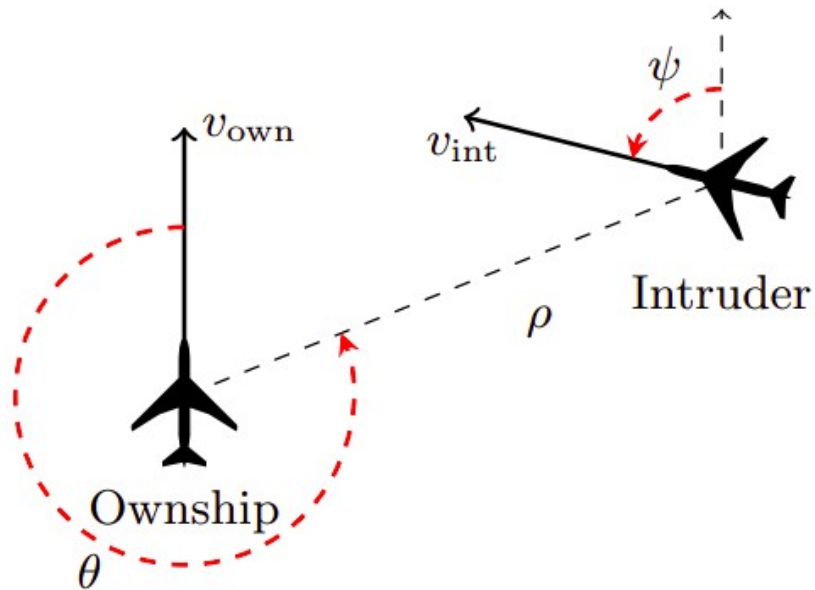
- Doesn’t cover entire input space
- Enrich semantic space to cover most/all meaningful inputs
- Use richer rendering modules
- **Need to model renderer**
- Use abstract / non-deterministic / probabilistic models

Significant “**benefits**”:

- Can eliminate large parts of irrelevant/meaningless input space
- Provide guarantees over large parts of meaningful input space

One Spec vs Multiple Sub-specs

ACAS-Xu



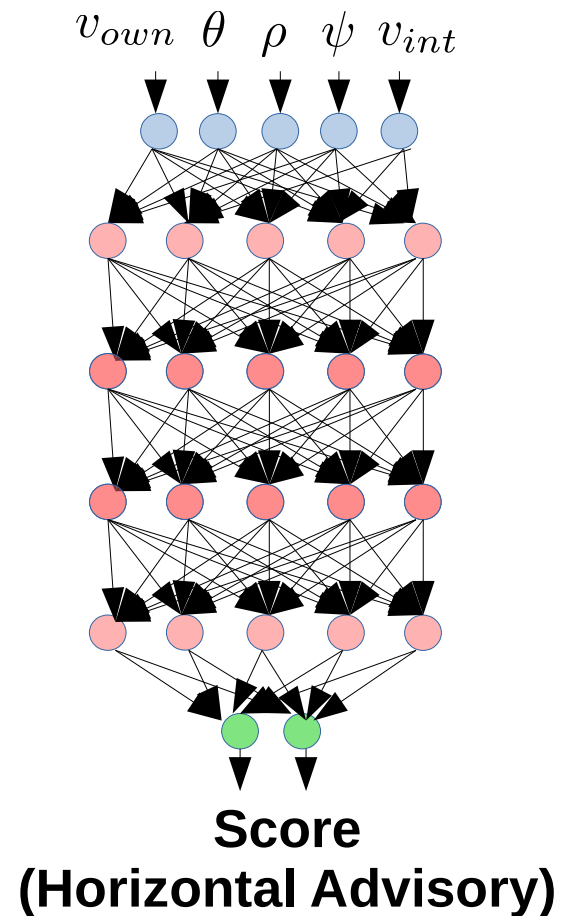
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$$\text{Score} \leftarrow \nu(\rho, v_{own}, v_{int}, \theta, \psi)$$

$$\{\text{Score}[\text{COC}] \leq 1500\}$$

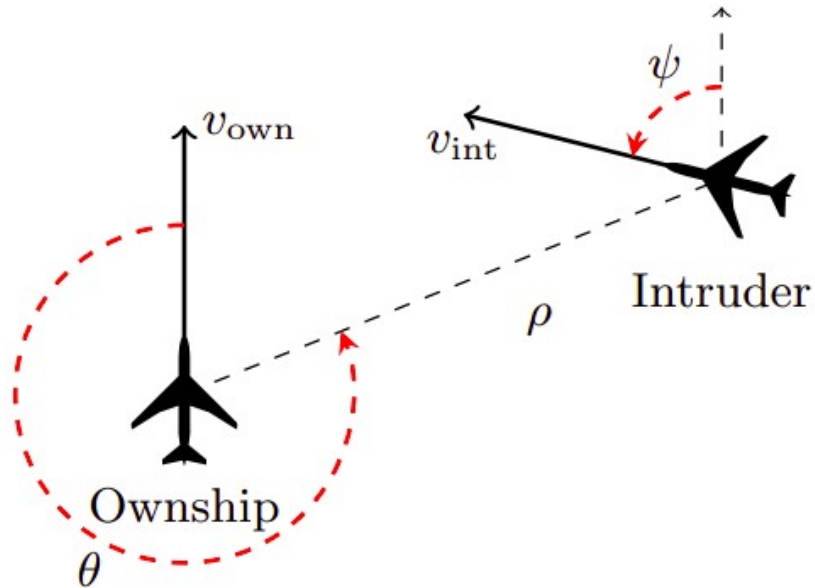
Spec 1

Flight parameters



One Spec vs Multiple Sub-specs

ACAS-Xu



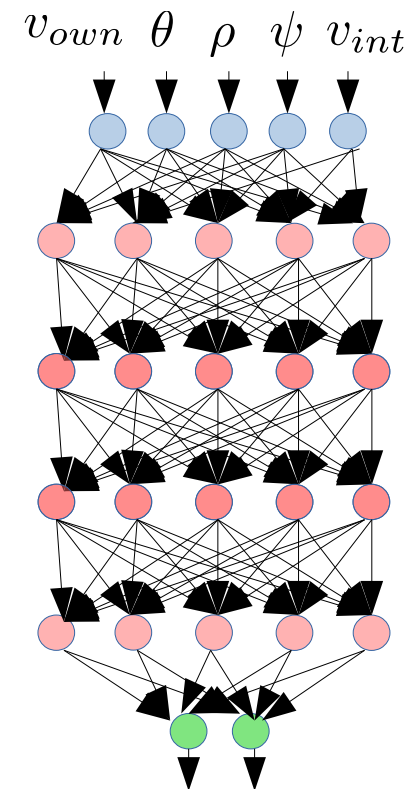
$$\{(0 \leq \rho \leq 60760ft) \wedge (1000 \leq v_{own} \leq 1200ft/s) \wedge (0 \leq v_{int} \leq 1200ft/s) \wedge (-3.141592 \leq \theta, \psi \leq 3.141592)\}$$

$$\mathbf{Score} \leftarrow \nu(\rho, v_{own}, v_{int}, \theta, \psi)$$

Spec 7

$$\{\operatorname{argmin}_x \mathbf{Score}[x] \notin \{\text{StrongRight}, \text{StrongLeft}\}\}$$

Flight parameters



Score
(Horizontal Advisory)

One Spec vs Multiple Sub-specs

ACAS-Xu

$$\{(v_{own} \geq 1000ft/s) \wedge (0 \leq v_{int} \leq 1200ft/s)\}$$

$$\text{Score} \leftarrow \nu(\rho, v_{own}, v_{int}, \theta, \psi)$$

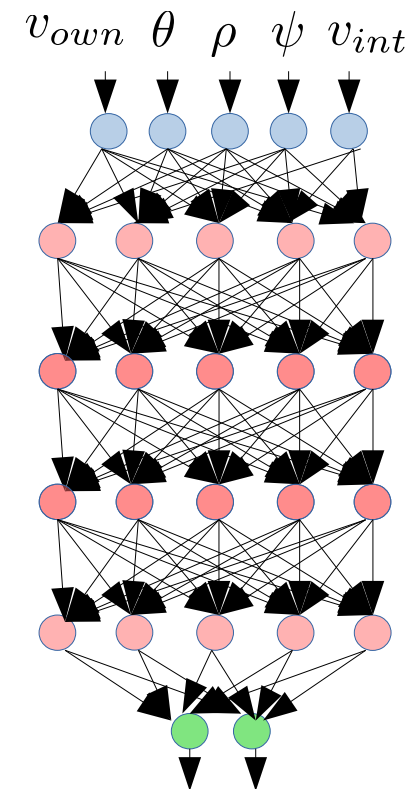
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\wedge

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0 \leq \rho \leq 60760ft) \wedge (1000 \leq v_{own} \leq 1200ft/s) \wedge \\ (0 \leq v_{int} \leq 1200ft/s) \wedge (-3.141592 \leq \theta, \psi \leq 3.141592) \\ \Rightarrow \text{argmin}_x \text{Score}[x] \notin \{\text{StrongRight}, \text{StrongLeft}\} \end{array} \right.$$

Specs 1+7

Flight parameters



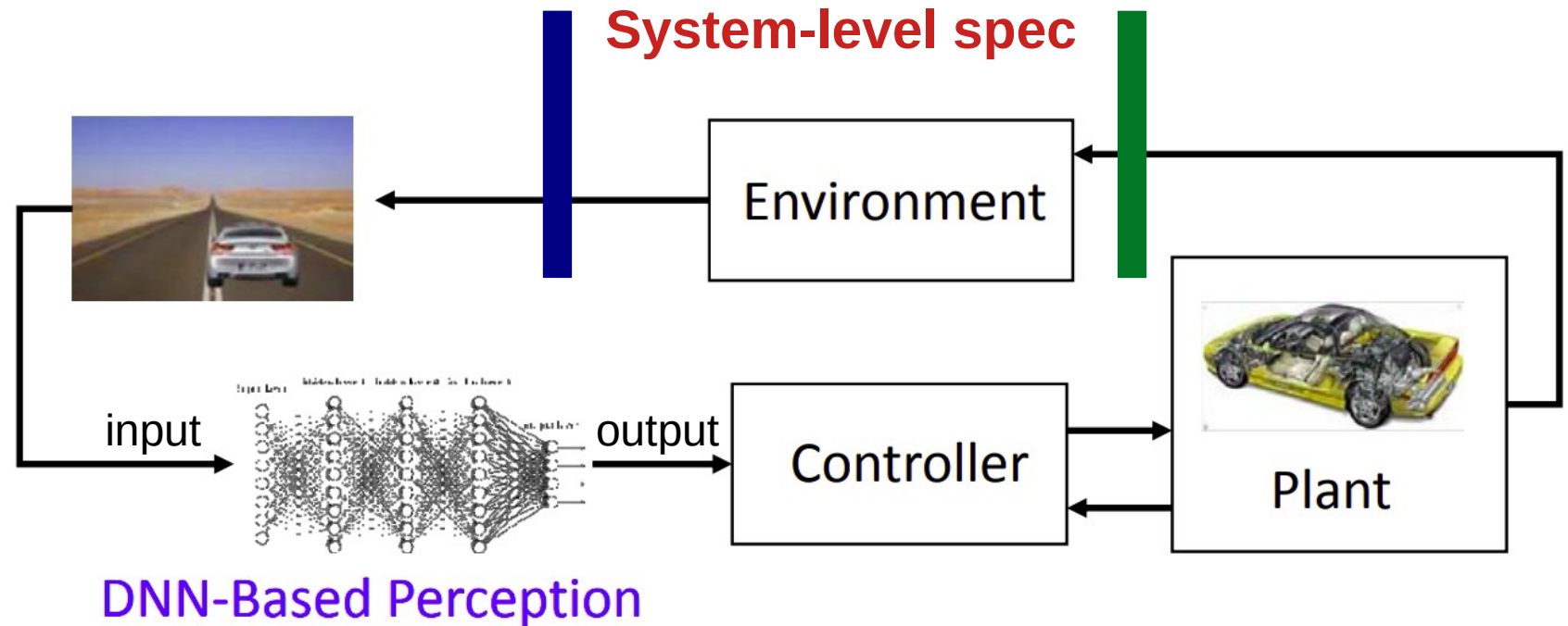
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(Horizontal Advisory)

One Spec vs Multiple Sub-specs

Multiple sub-specs generally preferred over one all-encompassing spec

- Separation of concerns
- Easy understandability
- Proofs often easier
- Modularly build spec over time

Other Ways of Specifying Properties



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{ (own_velocity > 30 km/h) and (road_straight_ahead) and (vehicles_within_5m = 0) }

Model of DNN + Controller + Plant

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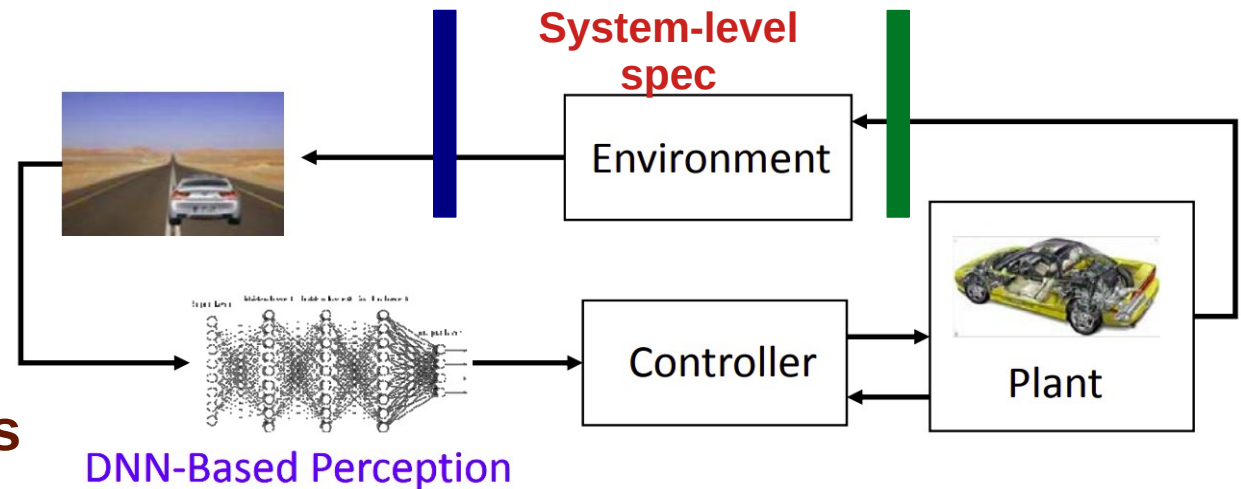
No need for perceptual specs

- Often easier to specify

Require models of other components

- May be harder to verify

Classification errors of DNN may not translate to system level spec violations



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Specifying Properties of Neural Networks



Pause n Reflect

DNNs are intended to mimic human reasoning

Is ideal human reasoning amenable to formal specification?

There are “boundaries” of acceptable/unacceptable human behaviour

Can we specify these boundaries?

Rules, laws, code of conduct

Do they have unique interpretations?

Do they evolve?

Is there a counterpart for neural networks?