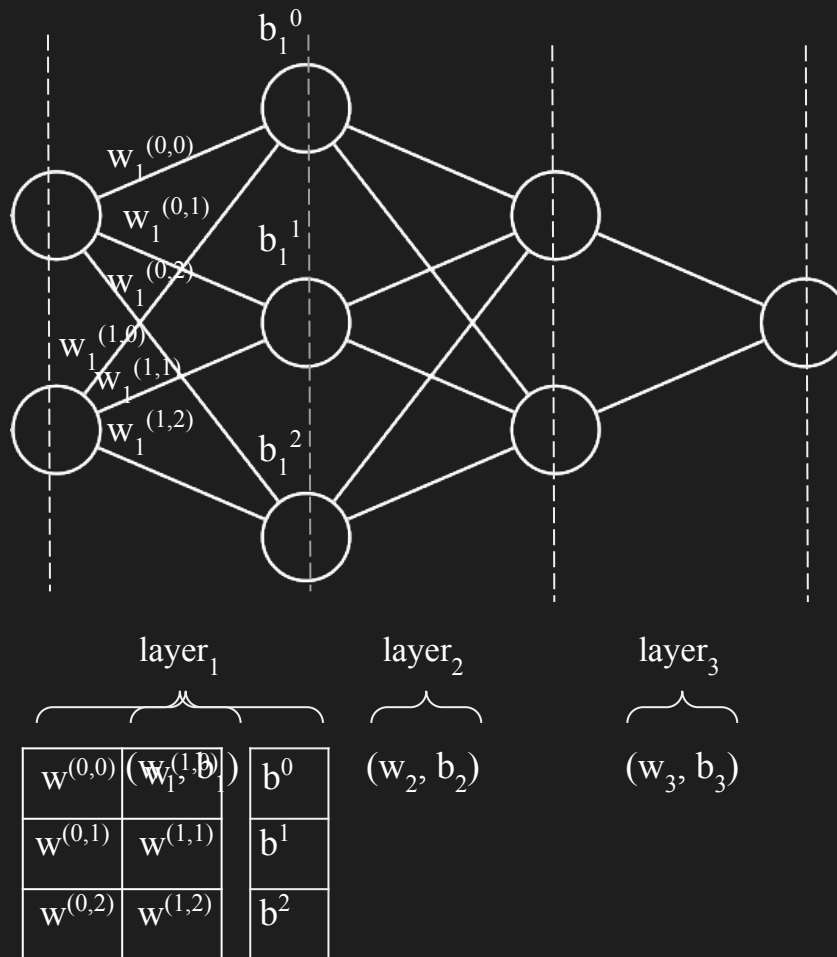


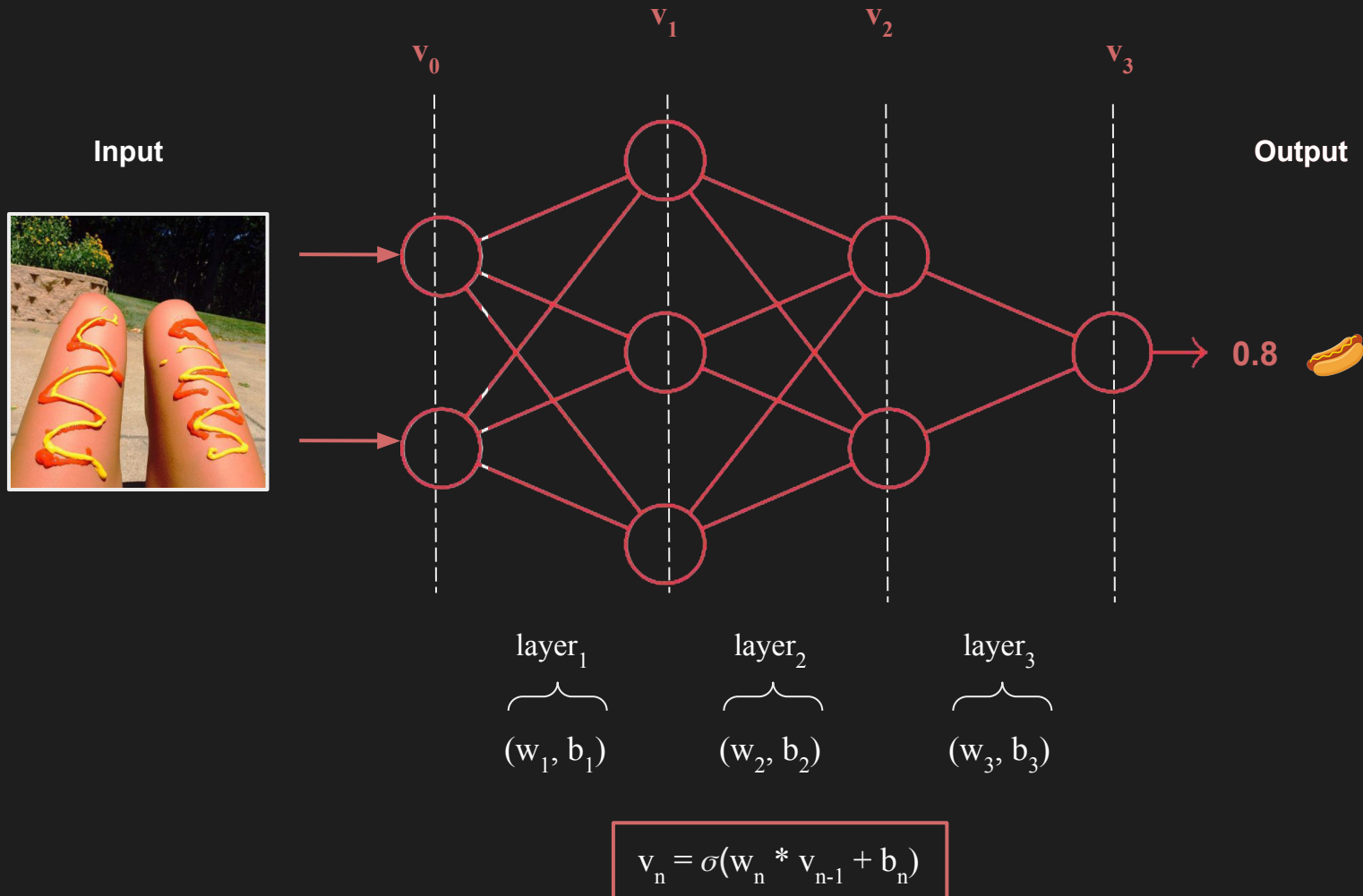
Folding over Neural Networks

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Neural networks: structure



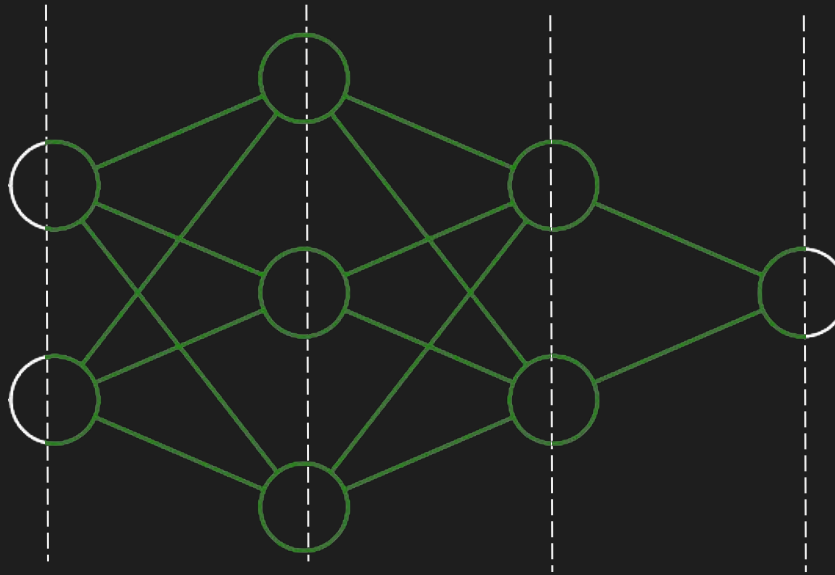
Neural networks: forward propagation



Neural networks: back propagation

$$\delta_1 = \sigma^{-1}(\delta_2) \quad \delta_2 = \sigma^{-1}(\delta_3) \quad \delta_3 = \sigma^{-1}(\text{Output} - \text{Desired Output})$$

Input



Output

Desired Output

0.8 🌭

0 🌭

layer₁
⏟
(**w₁**, **b₁**)

layer₂
⏟
(**w₂**, **b₂**)

layer₃
⏟
(**w₃**, **b₃**)

$$\delta_n = \sigma^{-1}(\delta_{n+1})$$

Ways to traverse a neural network

By chaining calls between layers

```
class DenseLayer(...):  
    ...  
    def call(self, inputs):  
        return matmul(inputs, self.weights)
```

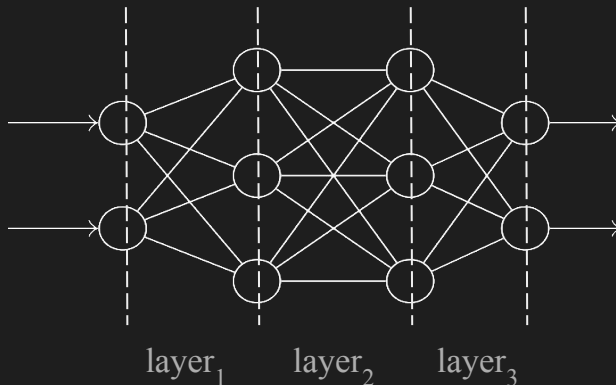
```
layer1 = DenseLayer(..)  
layer2 = DenseLayer(..)  
layer3 = DenseLayer(..)  
  
output = layer3(layer2(layer1(input)))
```

By explicitly iterating over layers

```
class NeuralNetwork(...):  
  
    def call(...):  
        for layer in self.layers:  
            ...
```

```
nn = NeuralNetwork()  
nn.add(layer1)  
nn.add(layer2)  
nn.add(layer3)  
  
output = nn(input)
```

By folds?



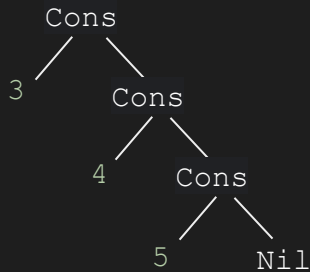
```
type NeuralNet = List Layer  
  
data List a = Cons a (List a)  
            | Nil
```

Foldr

As a *definition*:

```
foldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> List a -> b
foldr f b0 Nil           = b0
foldr f b0 (Cons x xs) = f x (foldr f b0 xs)
```

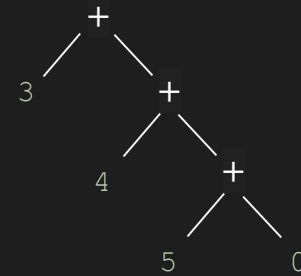
[3, 4, 5]



foldr (+) 0



3 + (4 + (5 + 0))



As an *abstraction*, `foldr` lets us decouple recursion from computation

Summing via standard recursion

```
sum :: List Int -> Int
sum Nil           = 0
sum (Cons x xs) = x + sum xs
```

Summing via folds

```
sum :: List Int -> Int
sum = foldr (+) 0
```



Foldr for forward propagation

What does forward propagation with `foldr` look like?

```
foldr :: (Layer → Values → Values)
      → Values
      → List Layer
      → Values
```

The elements are *layers*

```
type Layer = (Weights, Biases)
```

```
type Biases = List Double
```

```
type Weights = List (List Double)
```

The accumulators are the *inputs/outputs* of layers

```
type Values = List Double
```

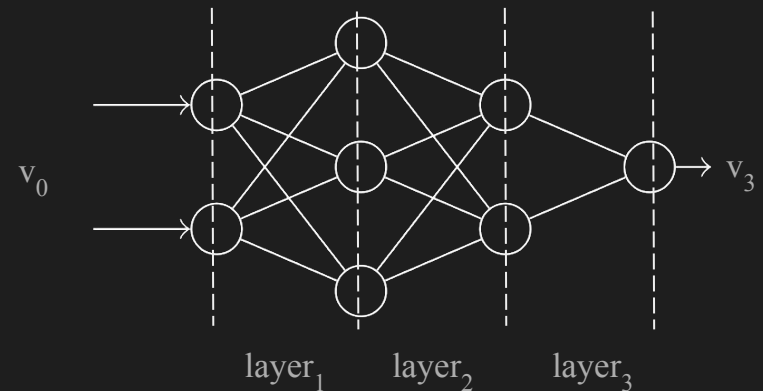
The binary operation is *forward propagation* over a single layer

```
fwd :: Layer → Values → Values
```

```
fwd (wn, bn) vn-1 = σ(wn * vn-1 + bn)
```

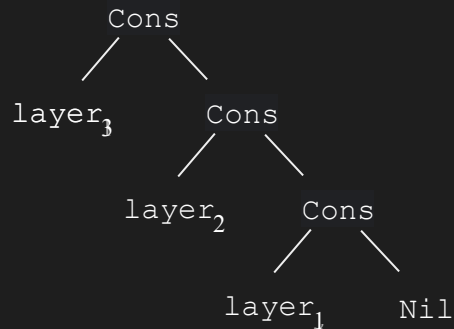
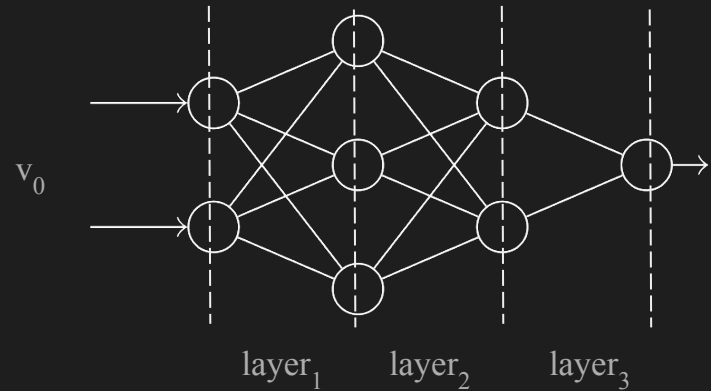
Folding with `fwd` evaluates a neural network to a *forward propagation function*

```
foldr fwd :: List Layer → (Values → Values)
```

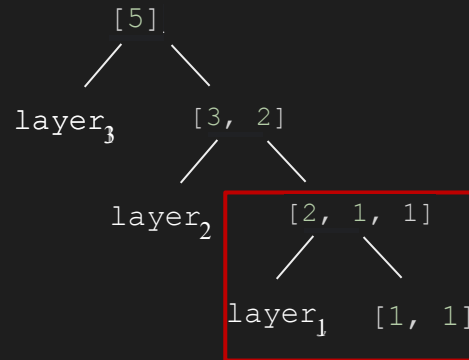


Foldr for forward propagation: Example

```
let layer1 = ( [[1, 1], [0, 1], [0, 1]] , [0, 0, 0])
    layer2 = ( [[2, 1, 1], [1, 1, 1]] , [0, 0])
    layer3 = ( [[1, 1]] , [0])
    nn      = [layer3, layer2, layer1]
    v0    = [1, 1]
in foldr fwd v0 nn
```



foldr fwd v₀



Reviewing foldr (1)

Suggestion 1

We'd like to avoid needing lists as an intermediate data type

```
foldr :: (Layer → Values → Values) → Values → List Layer → Values
```

Solution

Let's define neural networks in terms of `Layer`

```
data List a = Cons a (List a)
            | Nil
type Layer = (Weights, Biases)

data Layer = DenseLayer Weights Biases Layer
            | InputLayer
```

Reviewing foldr (2)

Suggestion 2

We'd like to keep recursion out of the data type for layer:

```
data Layer = DenseLayer Weights Biases Layer
           | InputLayer
```

Solution

We abstract away the recursive occurrence into a type parameter, `k`

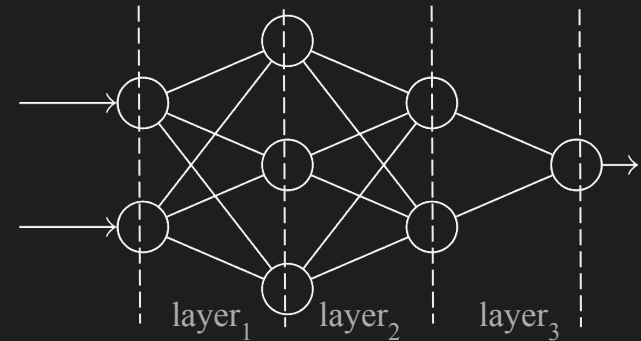
```
data Layer k = DenseLayer Weights Biases k
             | InputLayer deriving Functor
```

```
DenseLayer w3 b3
  (DenseLayer w2 b2
    (DenseLayer w1 b1
      InputLayer)) :: Layer (Layer (Layer (Layer k)))
```

... and then relocate recursion into a different data type, `Fix`

```
data Fix f = In (f (Fix f))
```

```
In (DenseLayer w3 b3
  (In (DenseLayer w2 b2
    (In (DenseLayer w1 b1
      (In InputLayer)))))) :: Fix Layer
```



Cata for forward propagation

How do we fold a structure of `Fix f`?

```
In (DenseLayer w3 b3
    (In (DenseLayer w2 b2
        (In (DenseLayer w1 b1
            (In InputLayer)))))) :: Fix Layer
```

```
data Layer k = DenseLayer Weights Biases k
              | InputLayer
```

If `foldr` generalises *recursive evaluation* over `List a ...`

```
foldr :: (a → b → b) → b → List a → b
```

```
foldr fwd v0 Nil = v0
```

```
foldr fwd v0 (Cons x xs) = fwd x (foldr fwd v0 xs)
```

Cata for forward propagation

How do we fold a structure of `Fix f`?

```
In (DenseLayer w3 b3
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        (In (DenseLayer w1 b1
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```

```
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              | InputLayer
```

If `foldr` generalises *recursive evaluation* over `List a`, then `cata` generalises *recursive evaluation* over `Fix f`

```
foldr :: (a → b → b) → b → List a → b
foldr fwd v0 Nil           = v0
foldr fwd v0 (Cons x xs) = fwd x (foldr fwd v0 xs)
```

```
cata :: Functor f => (f b → b) → Fix f → b
cata fwd = fwd ∘ fmap (cata fwd) ∘ cout
                                                out (In f) = f
```

} `cata fwd`

Cata for forward propagation

How do we fold a structure of `Fix f`?

```
In (DenseLayer w3 b3
  (In (DenseLayer w2 b2
    (In (DenseLayer w1 b1
      (In InputLayer)))))) :: Fix Layer
```

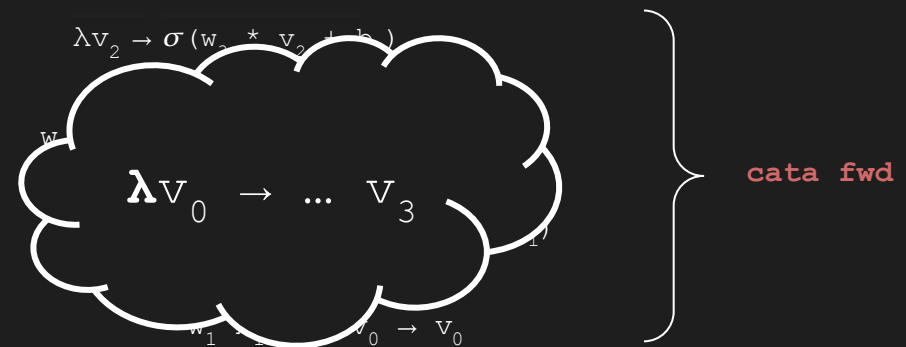
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              | InputLayer
```

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```
cata :: Functor f => (f b → b) → Fix f → b
cata fwd = fwd ∘ fmap (cata fwd) ∘ out
```

We just need to redefine `fwd`:

```
fwd :: Layer (Values → Values) → (Values → Values)
fwd InputLayer = id
fwd (DenseLayer wn bn fwdn-1) = (λvn-1 → σ(wn * vn-1 + bn)) ∘ fwdn-1
```



Cata for forward propagation

```
cata fwd :: Fix Layer → (Values → Values)
```

The abstractions we're provided:

```
data Fix f = In (f (Fix f))
```

```
cata :: (f b → b) → Fix f → b
```

```
cata fwd = fwd ∘ fmap (cata fwd) ∘ out
```



Encodes recursive structures



Encodes recursive evaluation

What we had to define:

```
data Layer k = DenseLayer Weights Biases k  
              | InputLayer
```



No recursion!

```
fwd :: Layer (Values → Values)
```

```
      → (Values → Values)
```

```
fwd InputLayer = id
```

```
fwd (DenseLayer wn bn fwdn-1) = (λvn-1 → σ(wn * vn-1 + bn)) ∘ fwdn-1
```



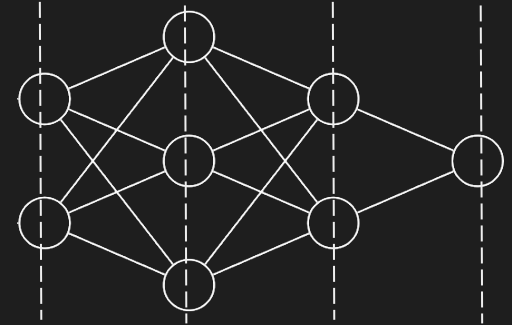
No recursion!

Cata for back propagation

We have forward propagation:

```
fwd :: Layer (Values → Values) → (Values → Values)
fwd InputLayer = id
fwd (DenseLayer wn bn fwdn-1) = (λvn-1 → σ(wn * vn-1 + bn)) ∘ fwdn-1
```

$$v_n = \sigma(w_n * v_{n-1} + b_n)$$



Can we do the same for **back propagation**?

It takes the error δ_{n+1} of the $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ layer...to update the previous n layers.

$$\delta_n = \sigma^{-1}(\delta_{n+1})$$

```
bwd :: Layer (Error → Fix Layer) → (Error → Fix Layer)
```

```
bwd (DenseLayer wn bn bwdn-1) = λδn+1 →
```

```
  let δn = σ-1(δn+1) } compute error
      wnnew = wn ⊗ δn } update parameters
      bnnew = bn ⊖ δn
```

```
  in In (DenseLayer wnnew bnnew (bwdn-1 δn))
```

update the previous n-1 layers

```
bwd InputLayer = λ_ → In InputLayer
```

```
type Error = [Double]
```

Training neural networks as a catamorphism

We have **forward propagation**:

```
fwd :: Layer (Values → Values)
     →      (Values → Values)
```

```
cata fwd :: Fix Layer → (Values → Values)
```

and **back propagation**:

```
bwd :: Layer (Error → Fix Layer)
     →      (Error → Fix Layer)
```

```
cata bwd :: Fix Layer → (Error → Fix Layer)
```

“Any pair of folds over the same structure can always be combined into a single fold that generates a pair”

```
pairAlg :: Functor f => (f a → a, f b → b) → f (a, b) → (a, b)
pairAlg (fwd, bwd) = λf → (fwd (fmap fst f), bwd (fmap snd f))
```

We can encode neural network **training** as a *single fold*:

```
cata (pairAlg fwd bwd) :: Fix Layer → (Values → Values, Error → Fix Layer)
```

```
train :: Fix Layer → (Values, Values) → Fix Layer
```

```
train nn (input, desired_output) = (backward ∘ (-) desired_output ∘ forward) input
```

```
  where (forward, backward) = cata (pairAlg fwd bwd) nn
```

```
      output = forward input
```

```
      error  = output - desired_output
```

```
trainMany :: Fix Layer → List (Values, Values) → Fix Layer
```

```
trainMany = foldr (flip train)
```


Extensions

Coproducts and free monads

We can modularly encode different forms of neural networks using **coproducts**

```
data Layer k = DenseLayer Weights Biases k
              | InputLayer
```

```
data DenseLayer k = DenseLayer Weights Biases k
data InputLayer k = InputLayer
```

```
data (f :+: g) k = L (f k) | R (g k)
```

```
type Layer = (DenseLayer :+: InputLayer)
```

We can build neural networks extensibly using **free monads**

```
data Fix f = In (f (Fix f))
```

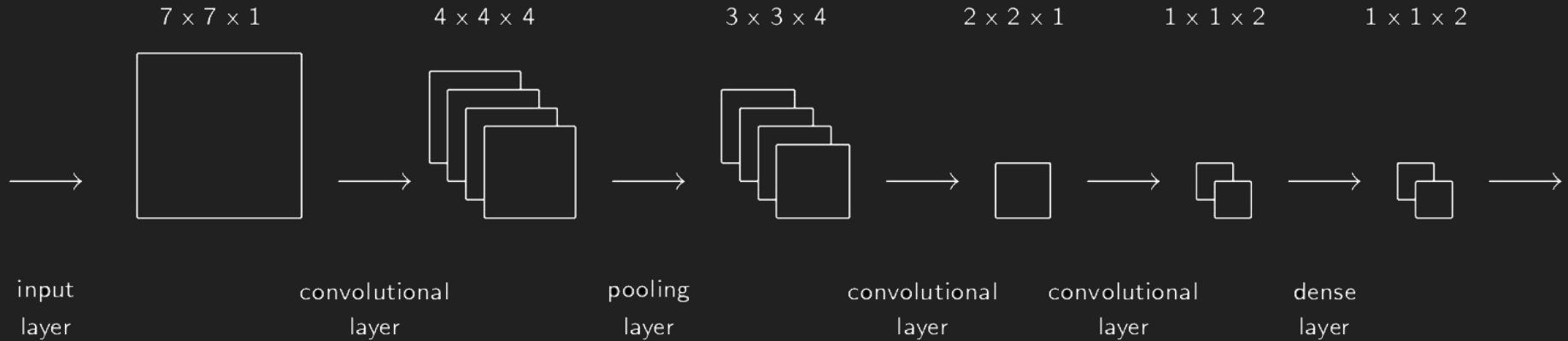
```
data Free f a = Op (f (Free f a))
               | Pure a
```

```
fixNN :: Fix Layer
fixNN =
  In (DenseLayer w3 b3
      (In (DenseLayer w2 b2
          (In (DenseLayer w1 b1
              (In InputLayer))))))
```

```
freeNetwork :: Free Layer ()
freeNetwork = do
  Op (DenseLayer w3 b3 (Pure ()))
  Op (DenseLayer w2 b2 (Pure ()))
  Op (DenseLayer w1 b1 (Pure ()))
  Op (InputLayer)
```

Other neural networks

We can fold over more complex **structures**:



with more interesting patterns of **traversal**:

