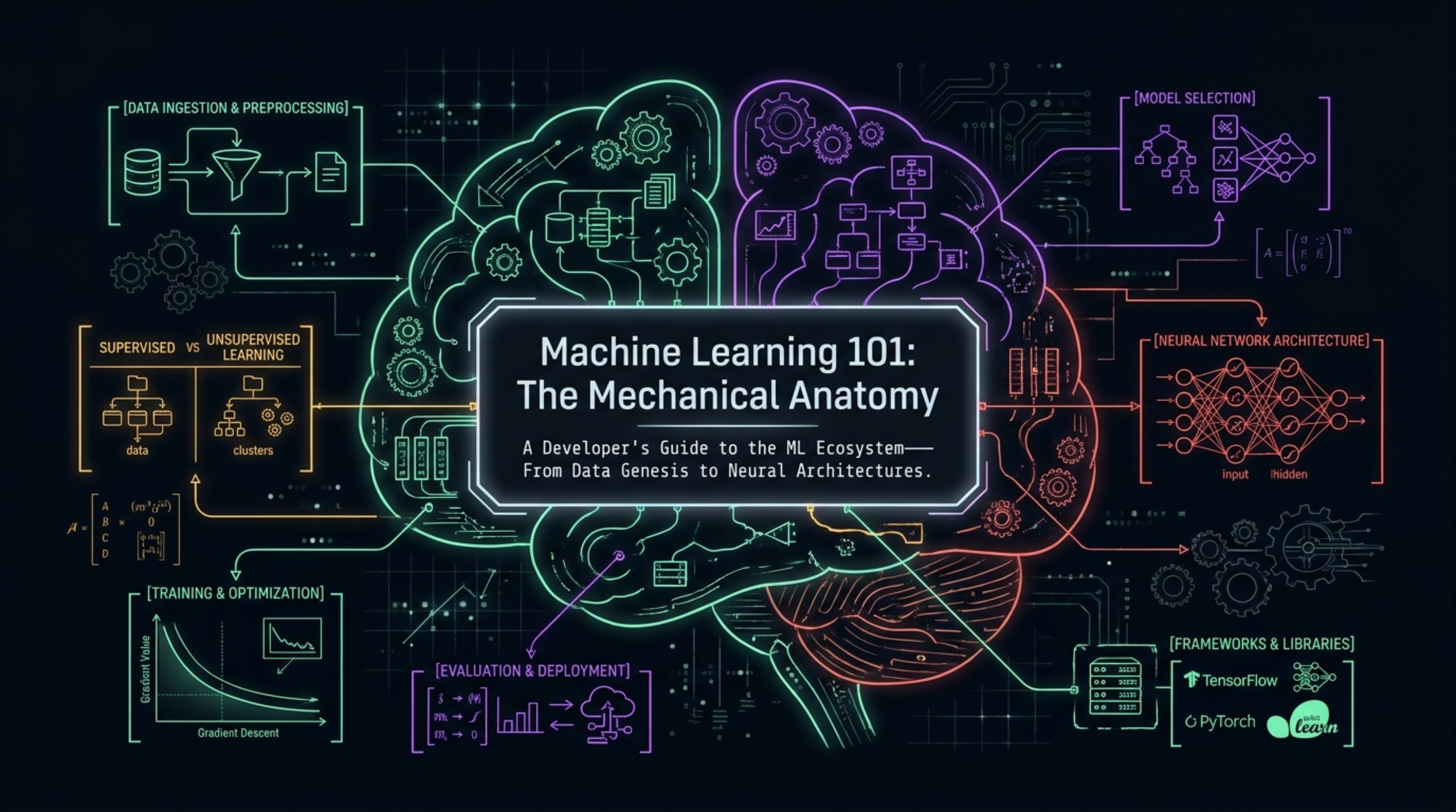
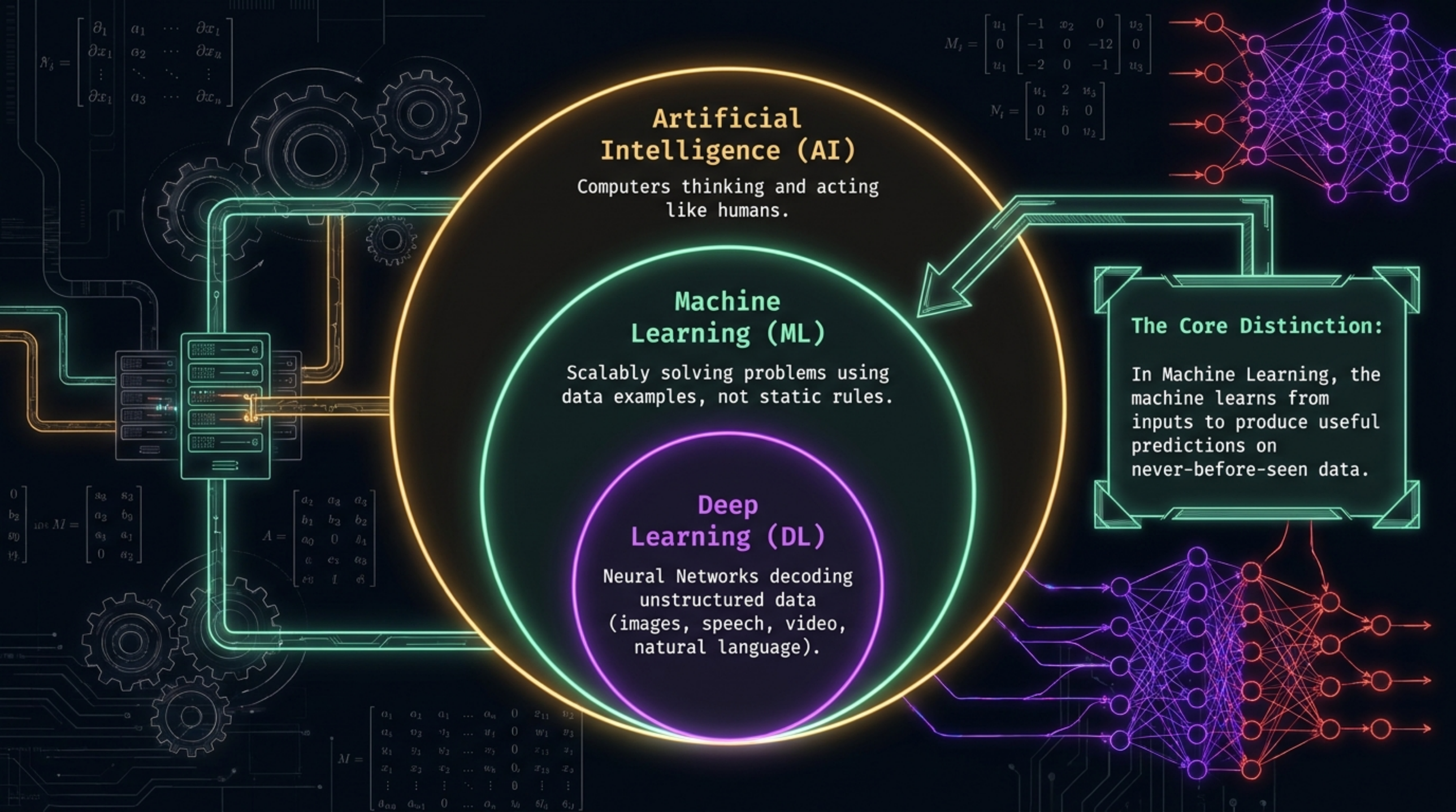
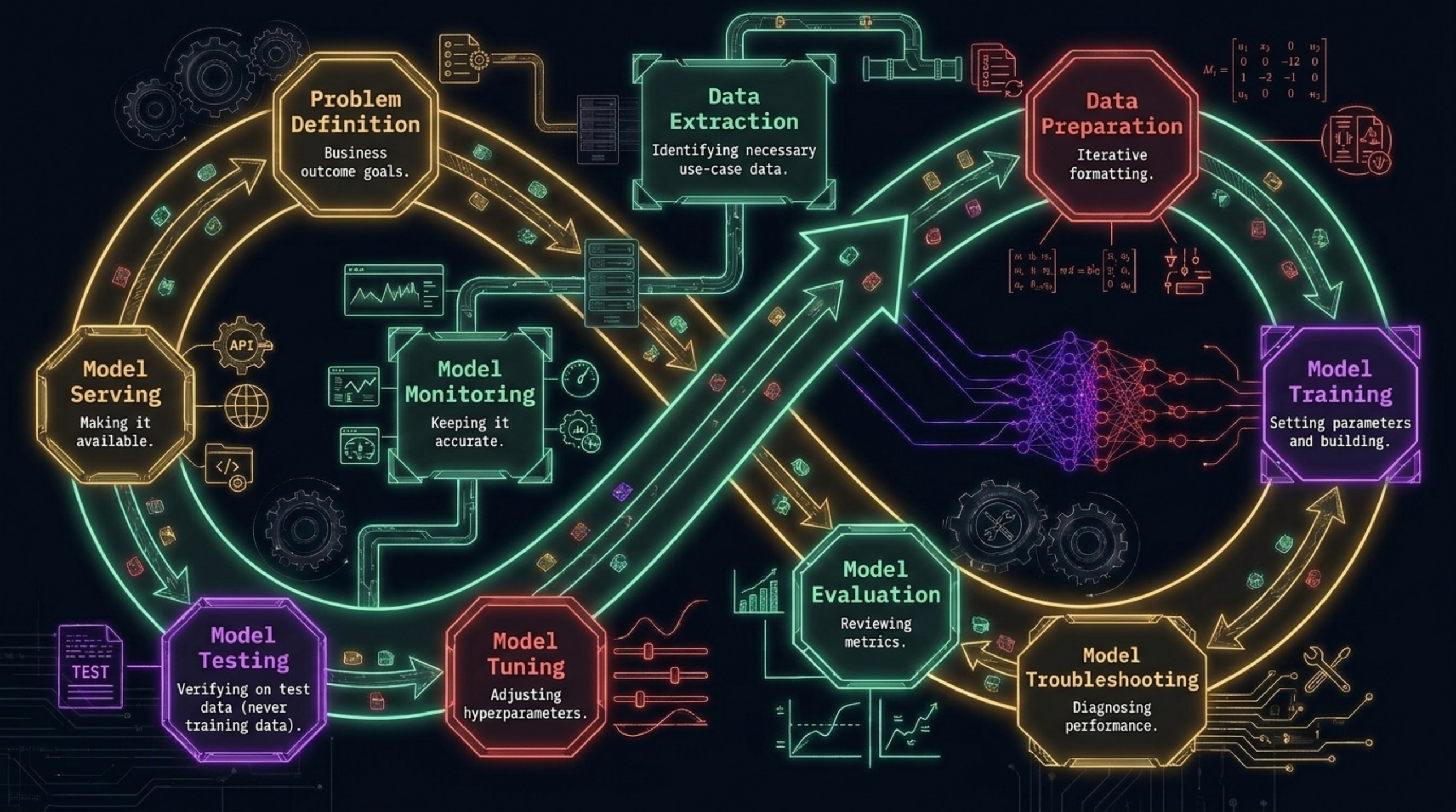

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Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Computers thinking and acting like humans.
Machine Learning (ML)
Scalably solving problems using data examples, not static rules.
Deep Learning (DL)
Neural Networks decoding unstructured data (images, speech, video, natural language).
The Core Distinction:
In Machine Learning, the machine learns from inputs to produce useful predictions on never-before-seen data.


Problem Definition
Business outcome goals.
Data Extraction
Identifying necessary use-case data.
Data Preparation
Iterative formatting.
Model Training
Setting parameters and building.
Model Evaluation
Reviewing metrics.
Model Troubleshooting
Diagnosing performance.
Model Tuning
Adjusting hypezparameters.
Model Testing
Verifying on test data (never training data).
Model Serving
Making it available.
Model Monitoring
Keeping it accurate.
API
TEST

Supervised Learning (The Guide)



Mechanism: Learns from examples; applies labels to data.

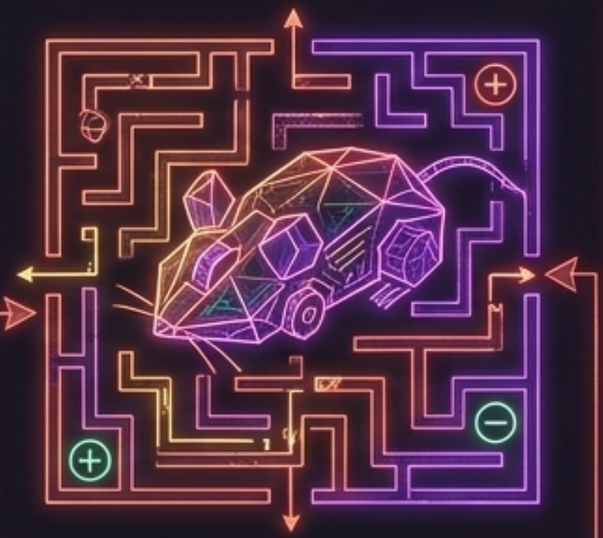
Unsupervised Learning (The Explorer)



Mechanism: Detects unknown patterns without labeled examples.

Sub-types: Clustering (identifying similarities) & Anomaly Detection (identifying abnormalities).

Reinforcement Learning (The Agent)



Mechanism: Learns from an environment via exploration and exploitation. Uses positive/negative reinforcement.

Examples: Chess, navigating a maze.



Binary Classification

Definition: Predicts a binary outcome (one of two classes).

Example: Credit card transactions (Fraud or Not Fraud).



Multi-class Classification

Definition: Predicts one class from three or more discrete classes.

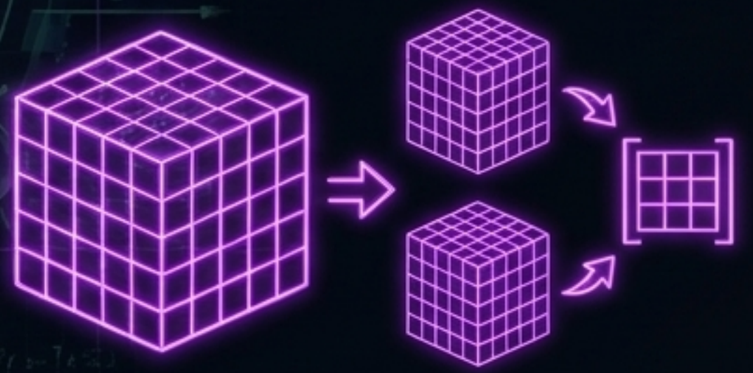
Example: Segmenting customers into different personas.



Regression

Definition: Predicts a continuous value.

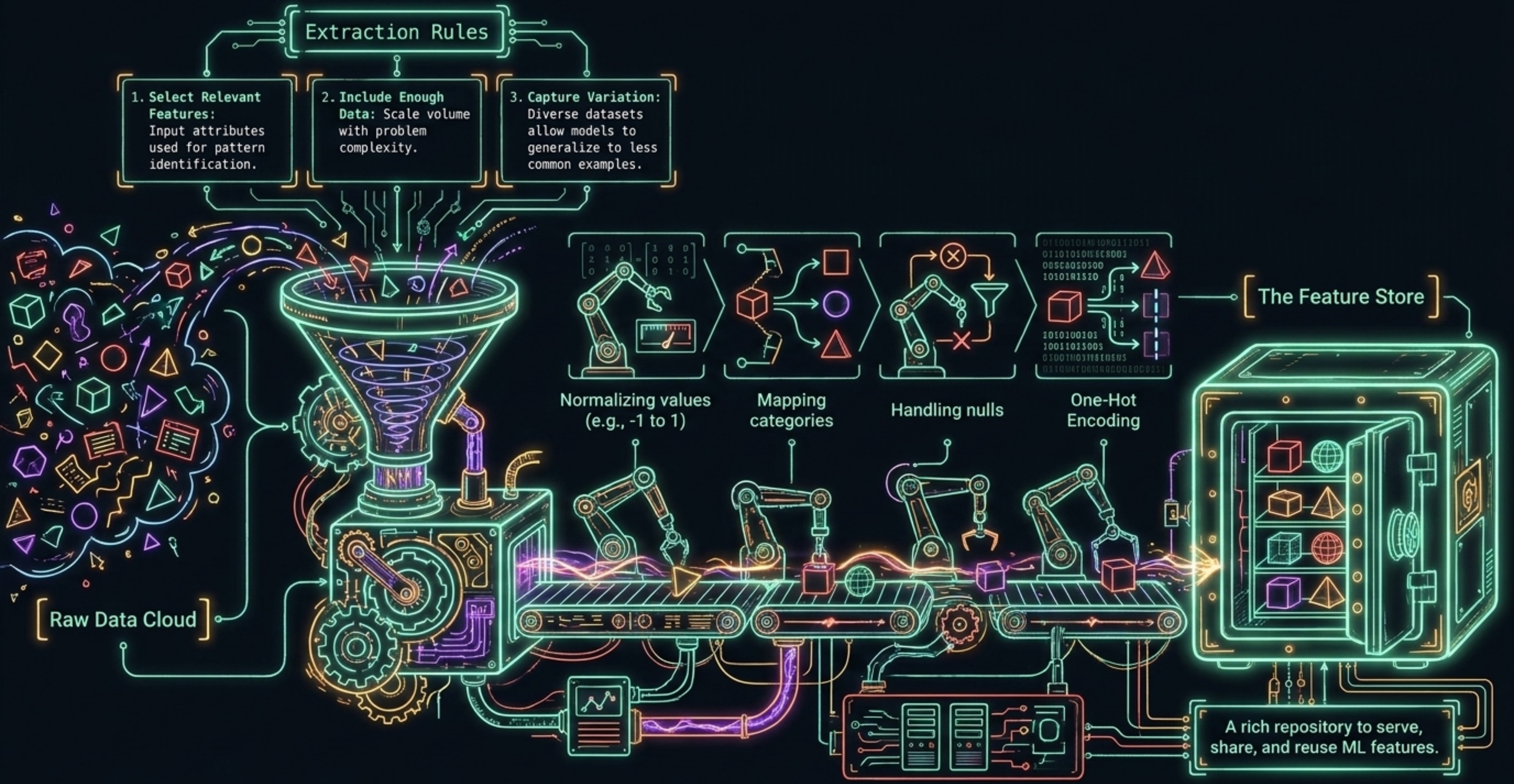
Example: Forecasting customer spending over the next month.



Matrix Factorization

Definition: Matrix decomposition used in recommender systems.

Example: Netflix recommendations.


Extraction Rules
1. Select Relevant Features: Input attributes used for pattern identification.
2. Include Enough Data: Scale volume with problem complexity.
3. Capture Variation: Diverse datasets allow models to generalize to less common examples.
Raw Data Cloud
Normalizing values (e.g., -1 to 1)
Mapping categories
Handling nulls
One-Hot Encoding
The Feature Store
A rich repository to serve, share, and reuse ML features.

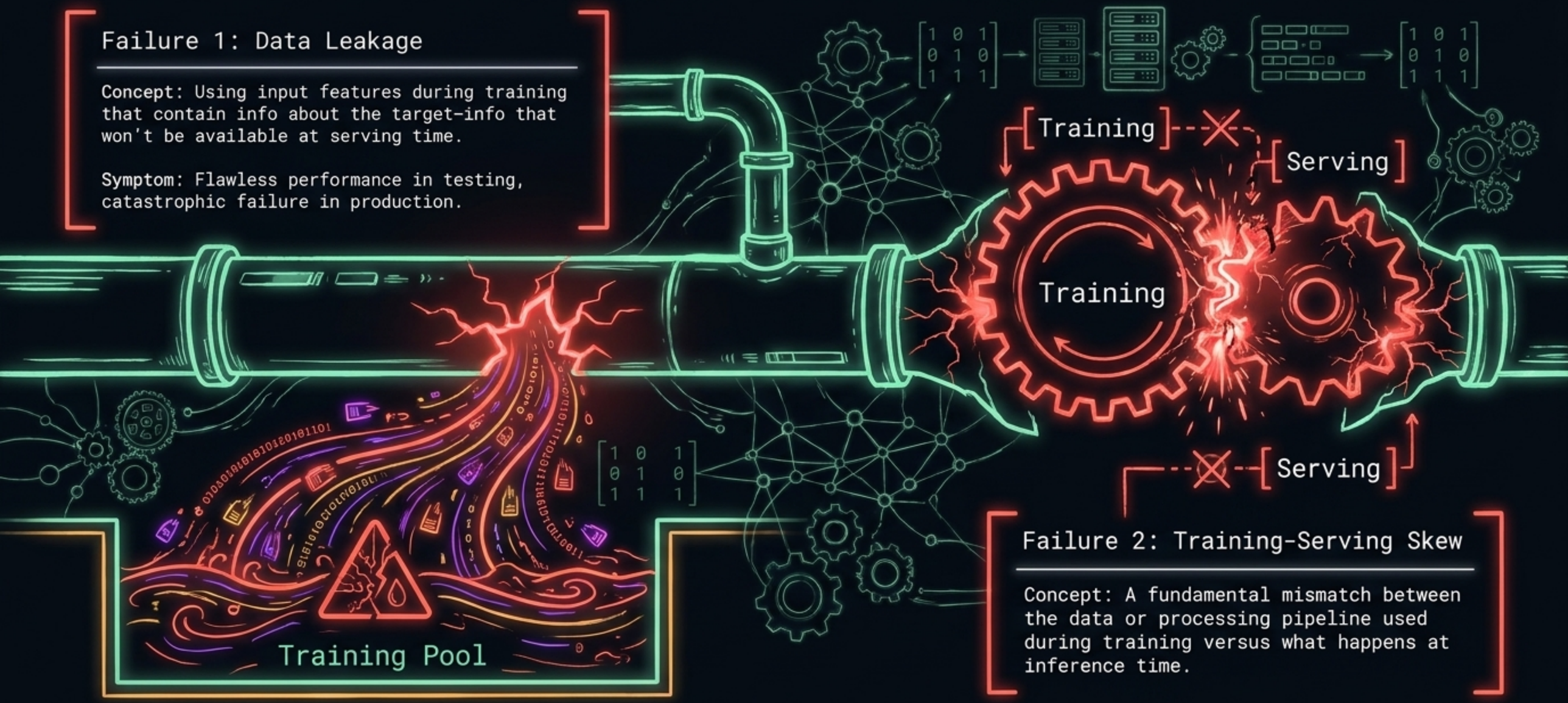

Training Set
(70-80%)
Validation Set
(10-15%)
Test Set
(10-15%)
Labeled examples used directly to optimize and train the model. The model's primary textbook.
A disjoint subset used exclusively to adjust hyperparameters and prevent overfitting during the training phase.
The final proving ground. Provides final results on new data. Contains labels, but the model never learns from them.
Golden Rule:
Never test with training data.

The Broken Pipeline

Failure 1: Data Leakage

Concept: Using input features during training that contain info about the target–info that won't be available at serving time.

Symptom: Flawless performance in testing, catastrophic failure in production.



Failure 2: Training-Serving Skew

Concept: A fundamental mismatch between the data or processing pipeline used during training versus what happens at inference time.

The 3 Types of Bias

1. **Math Bias:** The intercept/offset (b in y = wx + b).
2. **Prediction Bias:** Difference between average predictions and average labels.
3. **Ethical Bias:** Unintentional unfairness or stereotyping.

High Bias, Low Variance



Missing the relationship.

Low Bias, Low Variance



The Ideal State.

Low Bias, High Variance

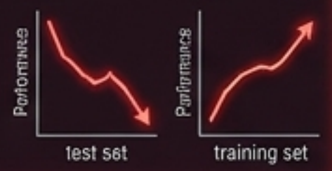


Too sensitive to fluctuations.

Overfitting (The Memorizer)

Symptom

Good performance on training data, poor on test data (doesn't generalize)



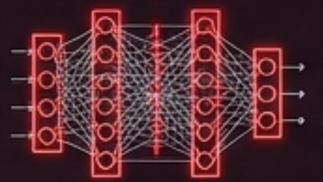
Root Causes

Not enough training data, redundant features, noisy data



Treatment Protocol

Introduce Regularization (limits captured info)

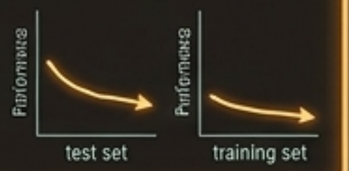


regularization penalty = $\lambda \sum |w||$

Underfitting (The Slacker)

Symptom

Poor performance on both training and test datasets



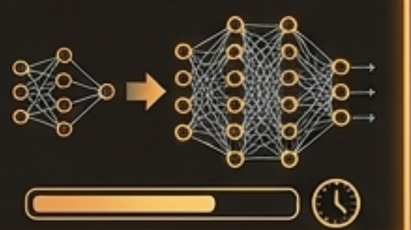
Root Causes

Model is too simple to capture patterns



Treatment Protocol

Increase model complexity; increase training time



REGULARIZATION & DATA AUGMENTATION TOOLKIT



L1 Lasso

Drives least useful features to absolute zero (Feature elimination).



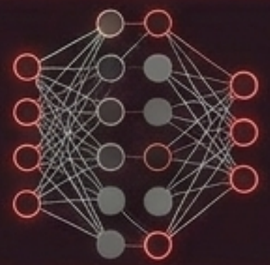
L2 Ridge

Penalizes squared weights; keeps weights approximately equal in size.



Dropout

Randomly dropping nodes during training to force the network to adapt and improve generalization.



Early Stopping

Halting training the moment validation loss starts to increase.



STOP

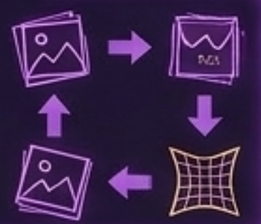
Max-Norm

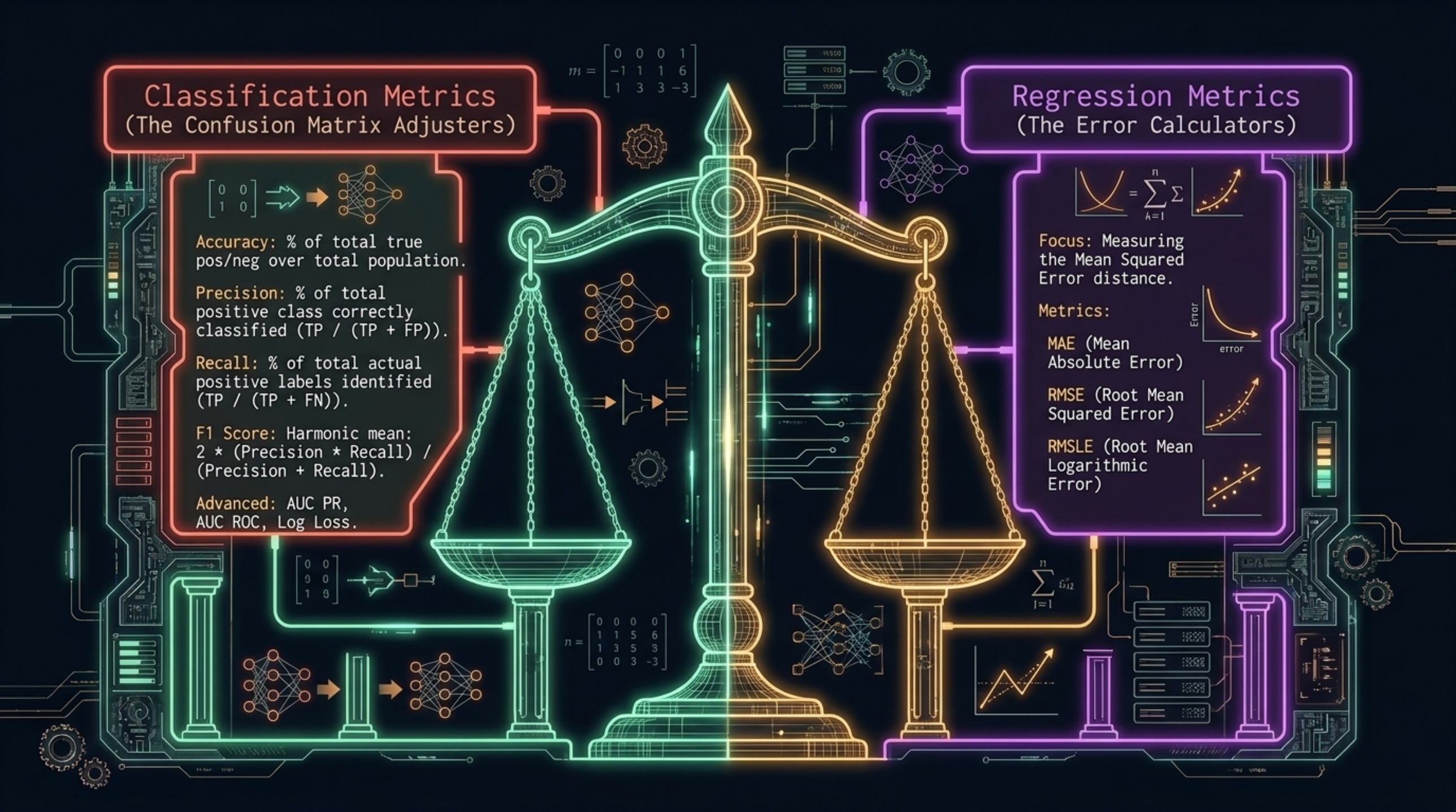
Setting a hard ceiling on the absolute magnitude of network weights.



Data Augmentation

Transforming existing examples (e.g., rotating/flipping images) to artificially boost dataset diversity.




Classification Metrics
(The Confusion Matrix Adjusters)
Accuracy: % of total true pos/neg over total population.
Precision: % of total positive class correctly classified (TP / (TP + FP)).
Recall: % of total actual positive labels identified (TP / (TP + FN)).
F1 Score: Harmonic mean: 2 * (Precision * Recall) / (Precision + Recall).
Advanced: AUC PR, AUC ROC, Log Loss.
Regression Metrics
(The Error Calculators)
Focus: Measuring the Mean Squared Error distance.
Metrics:
MAE (Mean Absolute Error)
RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error)
RMSLE (Root Mean Logarithmic Error)
Error
error

Gradient Descent: The overarching technique to minimize loss by calculating the slope to find optimal weights.

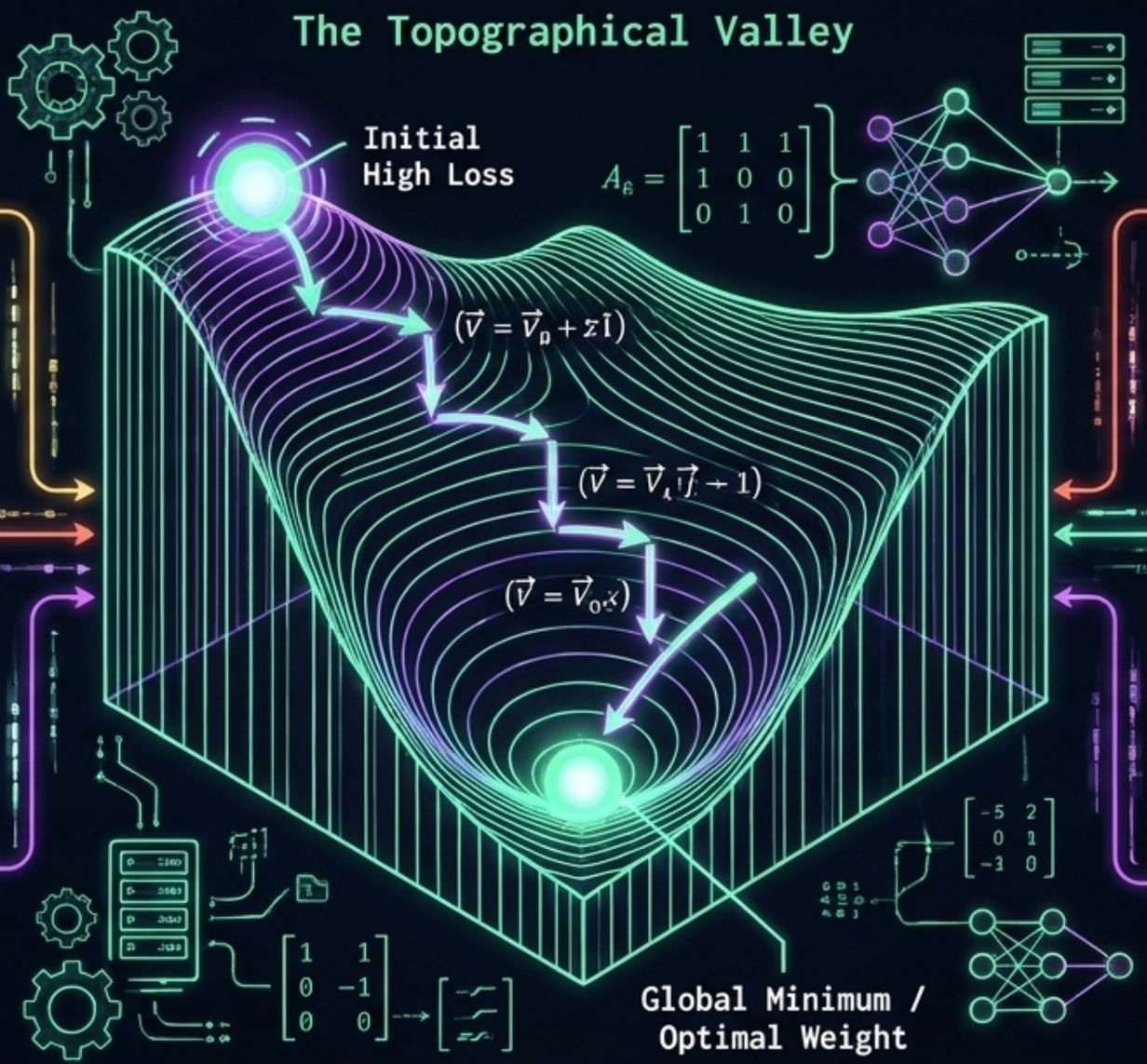
The Descent Modes

Batch: Computes gradient over the entire dataset (Slow for large data).

Stochastic (SGD): Random process, updates per example (Fast, erratic).

Mini-Batch: The mixed-mode sweet spot.

The Topographical Valley

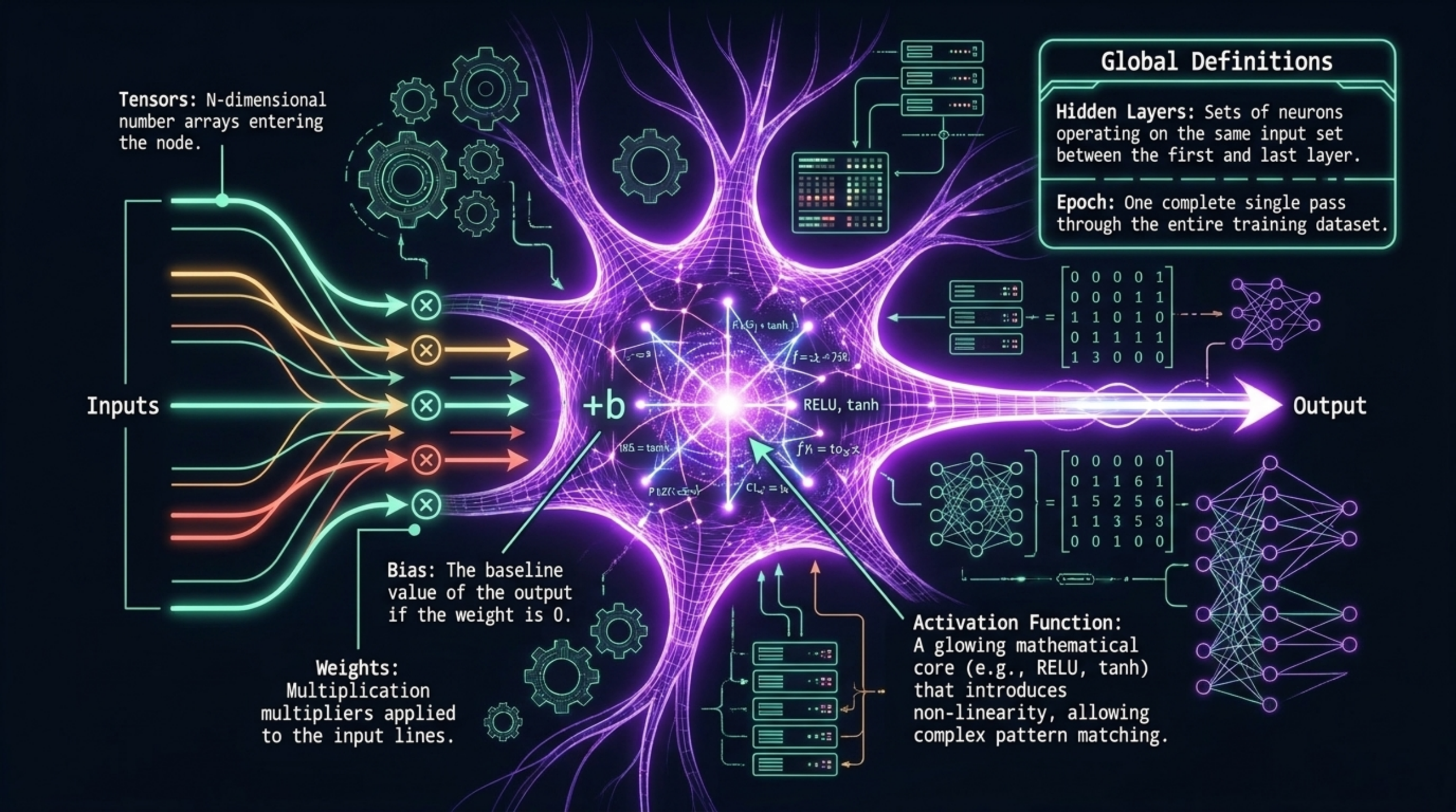


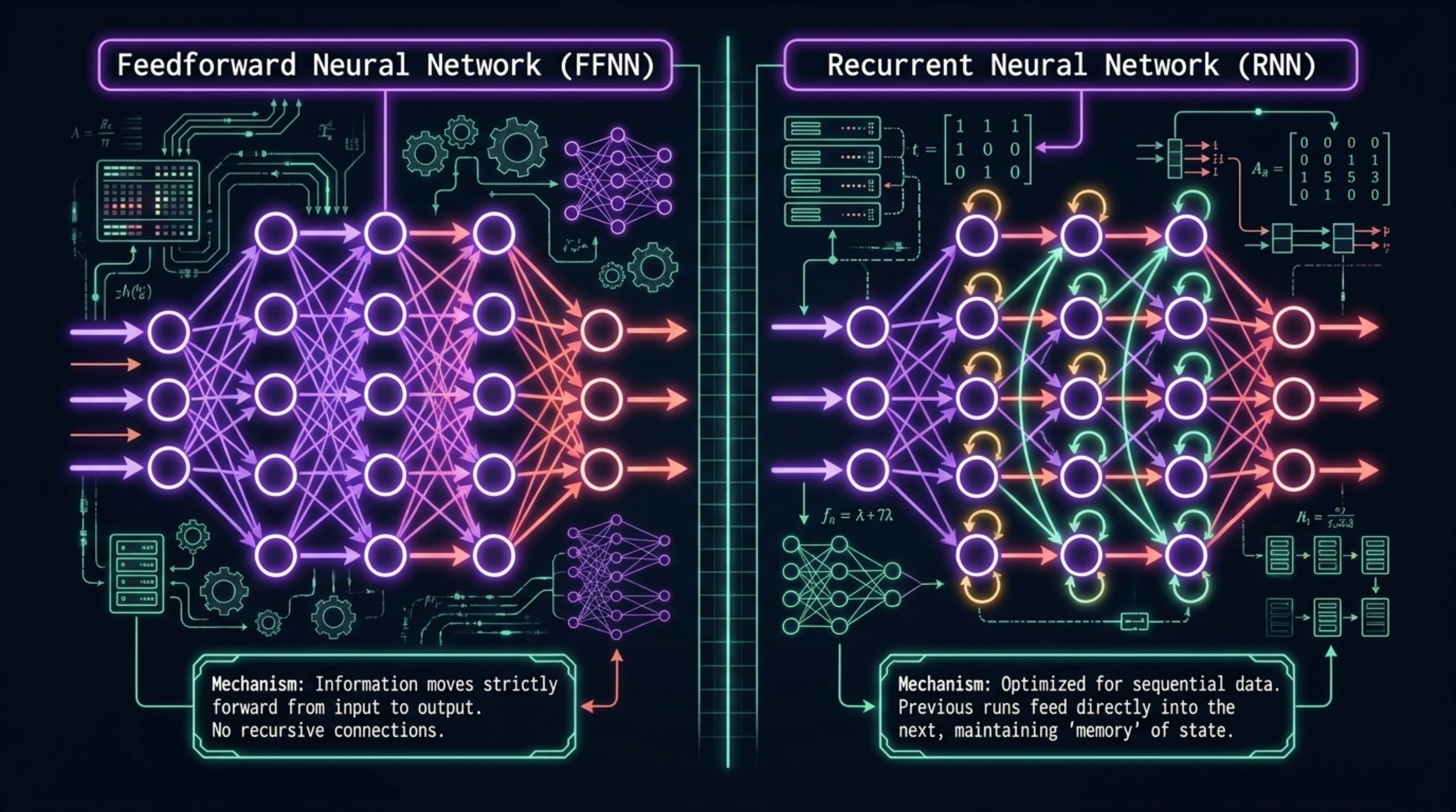
Key Engine Parts

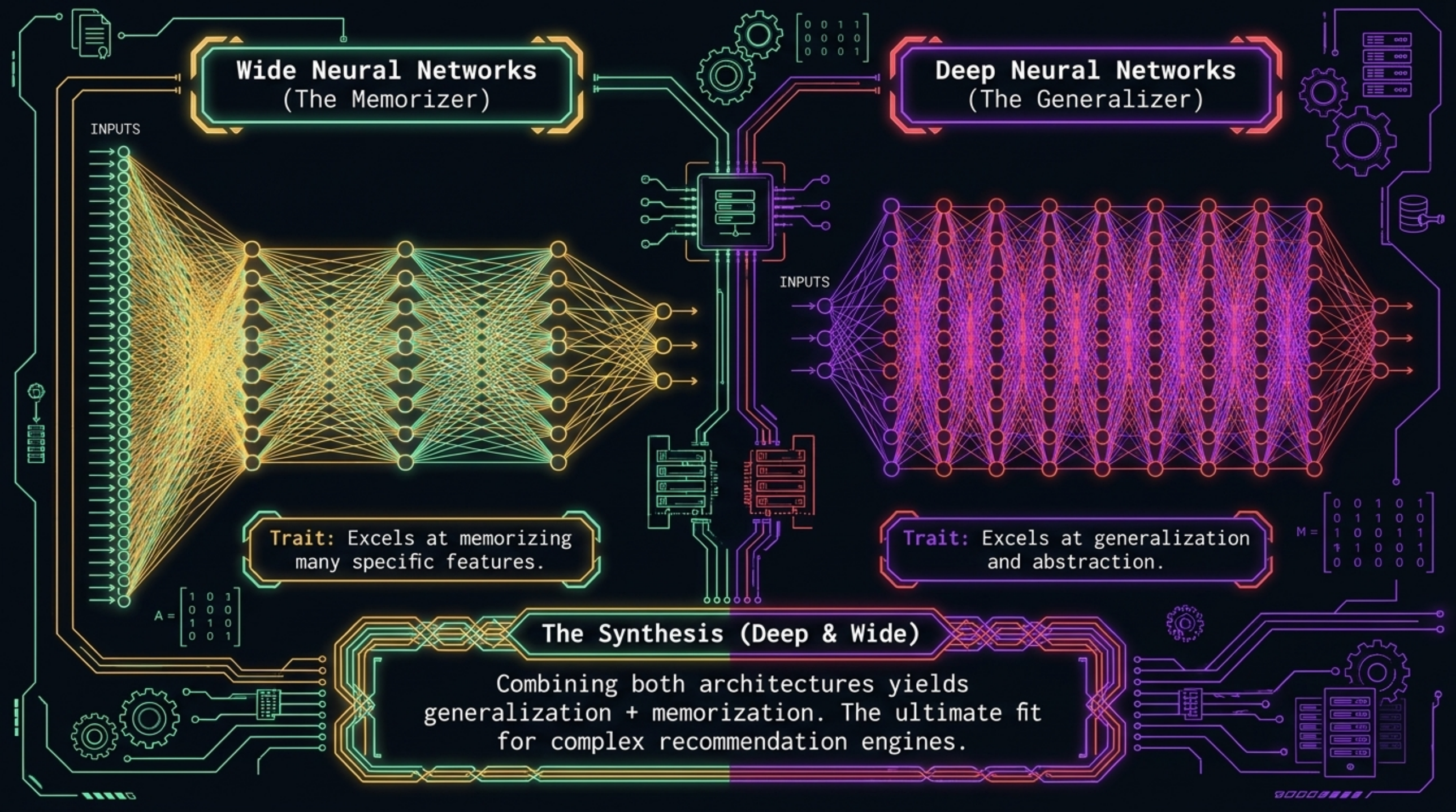
Learning Rate: The size of the 'step' downhill. Too high = risks non-convergence.

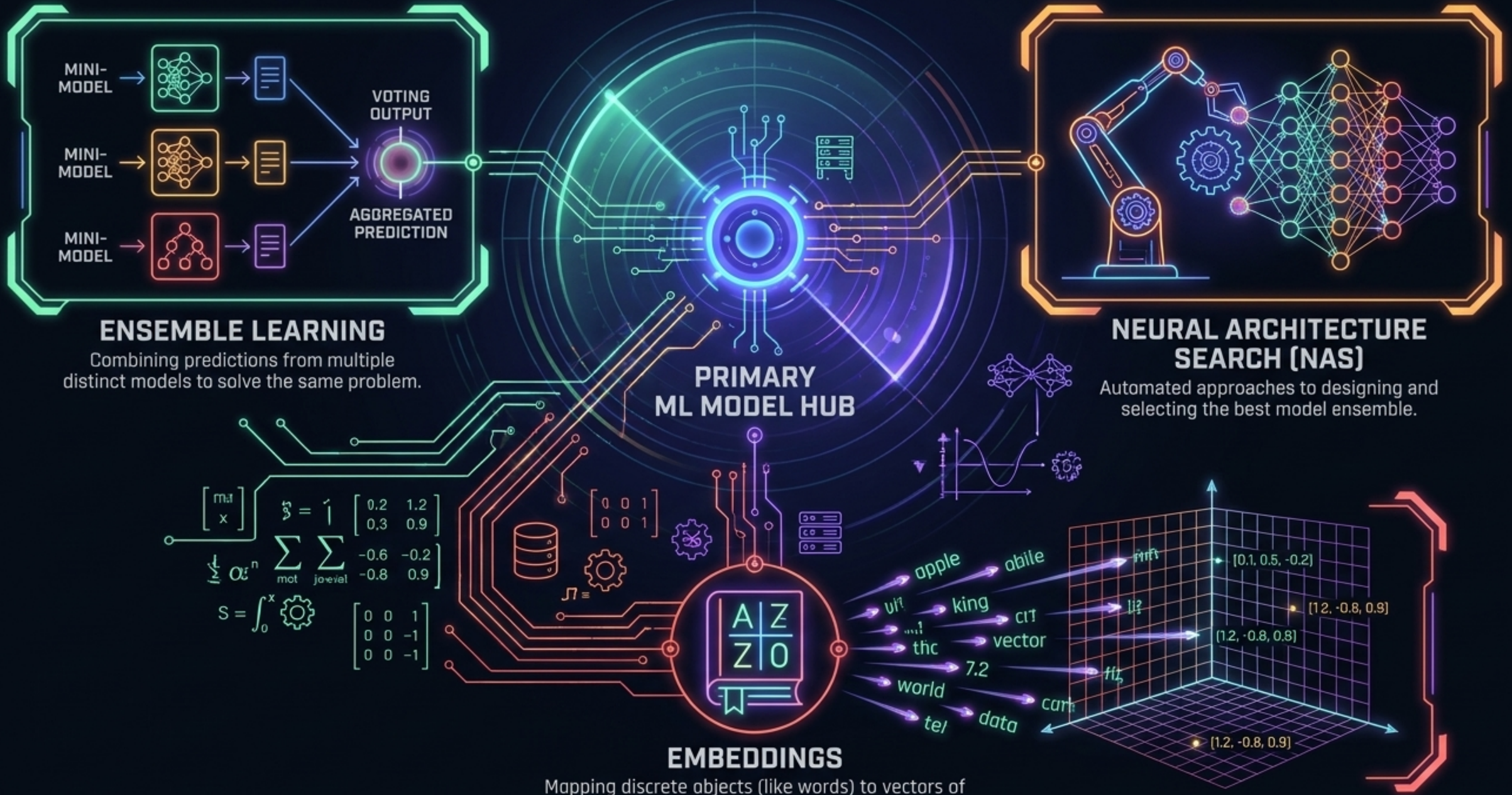
Backpropagation: The highly efficient algorithm mapping input-output pairs backwards through the network.

Optimizer: The operation (e.g., Adam, Adagrad) executing the changes.


Tensors: N-dimensional number arrays entering the node.
Inputs
+b
RELU, tanh
Output
Bias: The baseline value of the output if the weight is 0.
Weights: Multiplication multipliers applied to the input lines.
Activation Function: A glowing mathematical core (e.g., RELU, tanh) that introduces non-linearity, allowing complex pattern matching.
Global Definitions
Hidden Layers: Sets of neurons operating on the same input set between the first and last layer.
Epoch: One complete single pass through the entire training dataset.

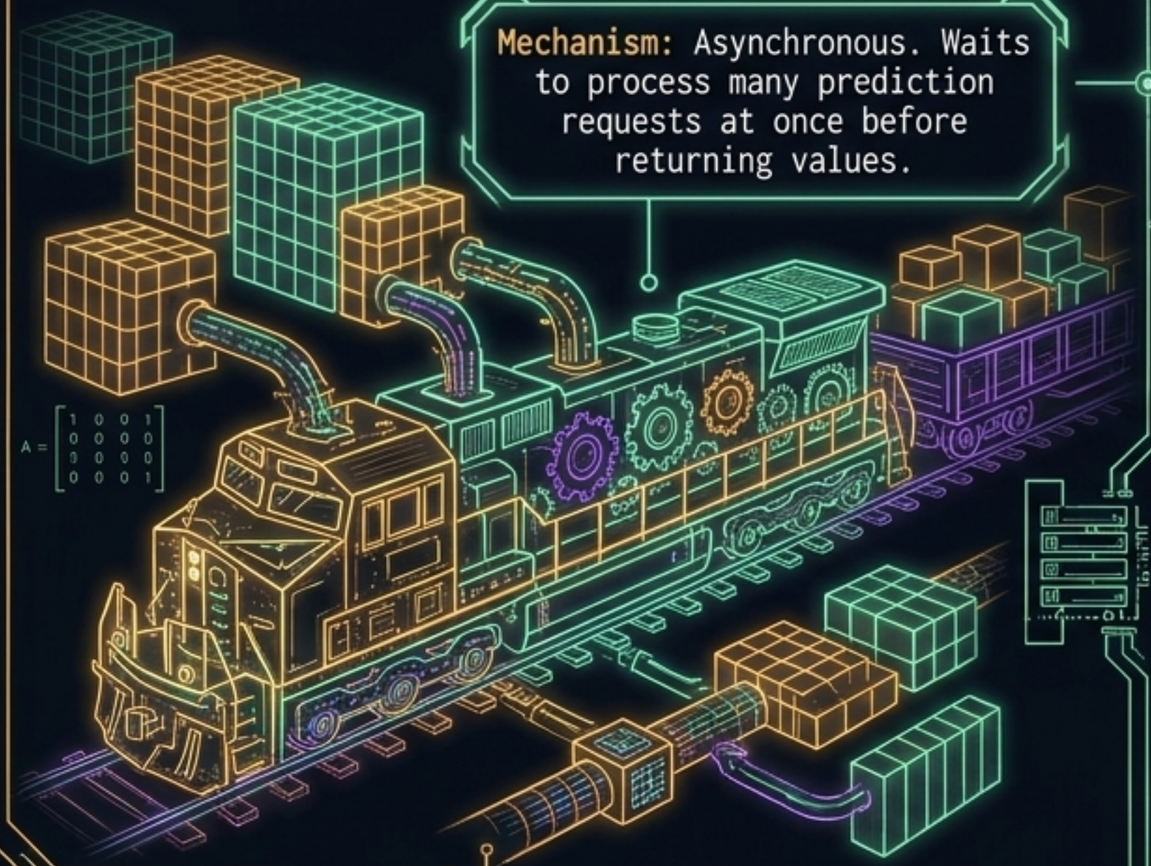

Feedforward Neural Network (FFNN)
Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)
Mechanism: Information moves strictly forward from input to output. No recursive connections.
Mechanism: Optimized for sequential data. Previous runs feed directly into the next, maintaining 'memory' of state.


Wide Neural Networks
(The Memorizer)
Deep Neural Networks
(The Generalizer)
INPUTS
INPUTS
Trait: Excels at memorizing many specific features.
Trait: Excels at generalization and abstraction.
A =
M =
The Synthesis (Deep & Wide)
Combining both architectures yields generalization + memorization. The ultimate fit for complex recommendation engines.


MINI-MODEL
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VOTING OUTPUT
AGGREGATED PREDICTION
ENSEMBLE LEARNING
Combining predictions from multiple distinct models to solve the same problem.
PRIMARY ML MODEL HUB
NEURAL ARCHITECTURE SEARCH (NAS)
Automated approaches to designing and selecting the best model ensemble.
apple
king
vector
7.2
world
data
[0.1, 0.5, -0.2]
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EMBEDDINGS
Mapping discrete objects (like words) to vectors of real numbers for the machine to understand context.

Batch Prediction
(The Freight Train)

Mechanism: Asynchronous. Waits to process many prediction requests at once before returning values.



Use Case: Large-scale, non-time-sensitive data scoring.

Online Prediction
(The Bullet)

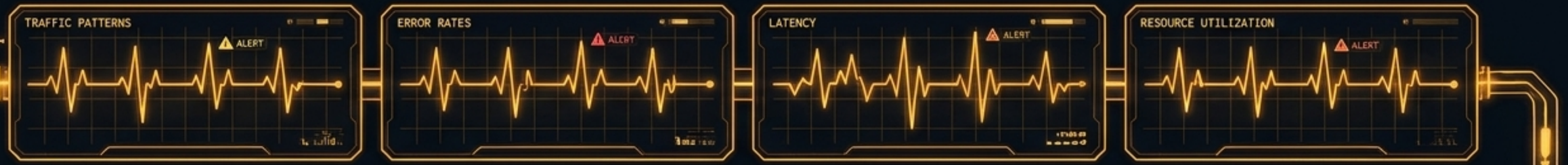
Mechanism: Synchronous (real-time). Quickly returns a prediction, but only accepts one request per API call.



Use Case: Application integration requiring instant turnaround.

SYSTEM MONITORING DASHBOARD

SYSTEM METRICS



Monitoring traffic patterns, error rates, latency, and resource utilization (Cloud Monitoring).

DATA DRIFT (The Shifttions)

Concept: Input data changes over time in the real world, necessitating model refreshes. (Distinct from training-serving skew).

DATA DRIFT (The Shifting Sand)





QUALITY & FAIRNESS

- [x] Continuously assessing prediction quality
- [x] Testing for unintentional ethical bias
- [x] Watching upstream dependency changes

BIAS DETECTION: RUNNING



Product Manager
(Focus: Insights & objectives).

ML Developer
(Focus: Building intelligent applications).





Data Engineer
(Focus: Clean and useful data pipelines).

PROBLEM DEFINITION

EXTRACTION & PREP

EVALUATION

SERVING

TRAINING & TUNING

MONITORING

Data Scientist
(Focus: Building models that work).





Data Analyst
(Focus: Query and analyze results).

ML Engineer
(Focus: Models in production and automated MLOps).



MLOps: The unification of automated operations, mechanics, and human intelligence.



The Developer's Imperative

Mastery of ML is not just about writing algorithms; it requires answering three continuous questions:

1. Are you balancing complexity to avoid Overfitting and Underfitting?
2. Have you insulated your pipelines against Data Leakage?
3. Are you applying the right architecture (Supervised vs. Unsupervised) to the right problem?

The machine learns.
But you build the engine.