

# Build a Q&A bot with DeepLearning4J

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# Agenda

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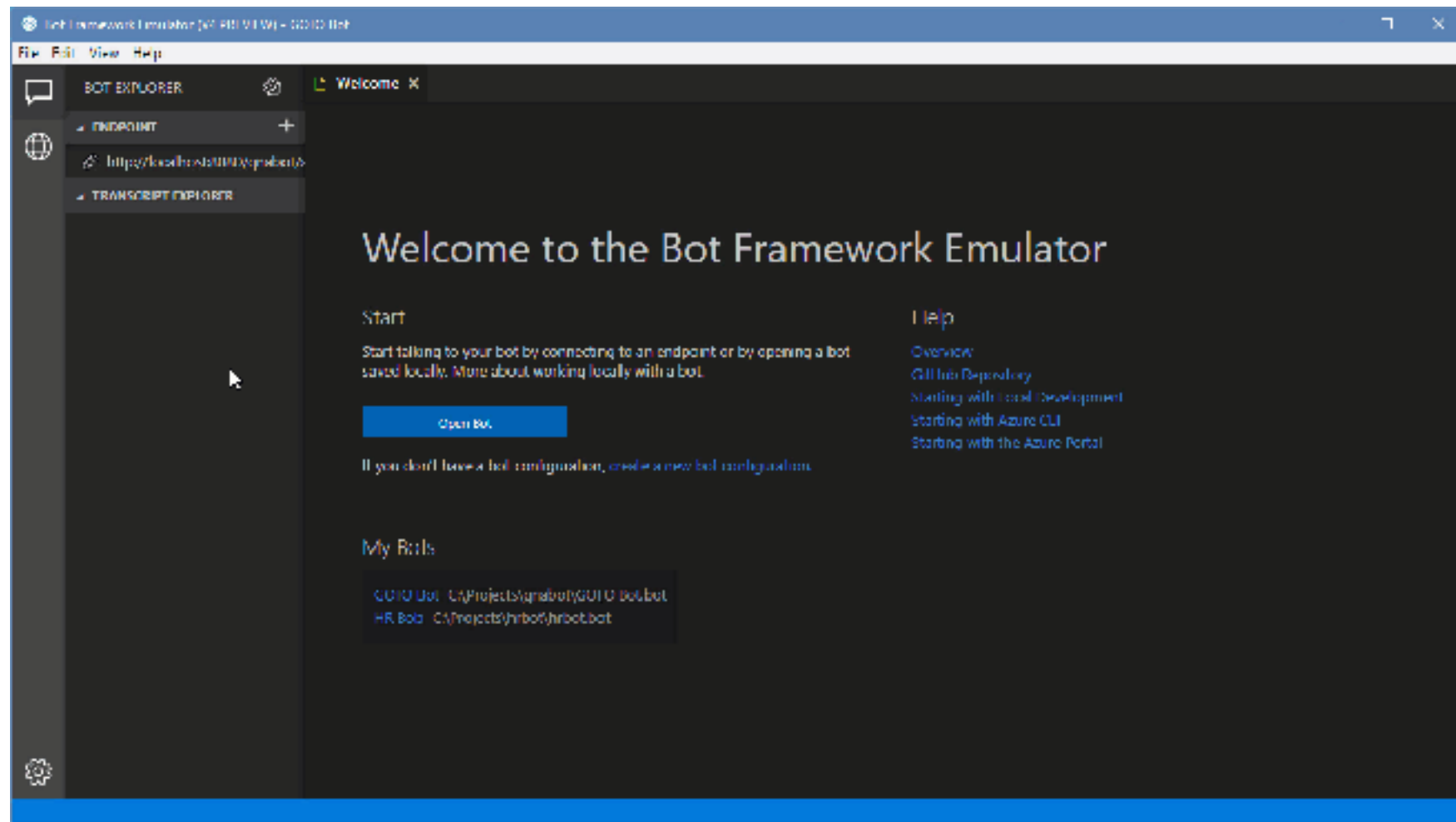




# Setting the stage







How does the bot find  
an answer to your question?



# A search problem

- The question somehow relates to a specific answer.
- Two parts to the answer:
  - We need to finger print the questions
  - That fingerprint then needs to be related to a specific answer



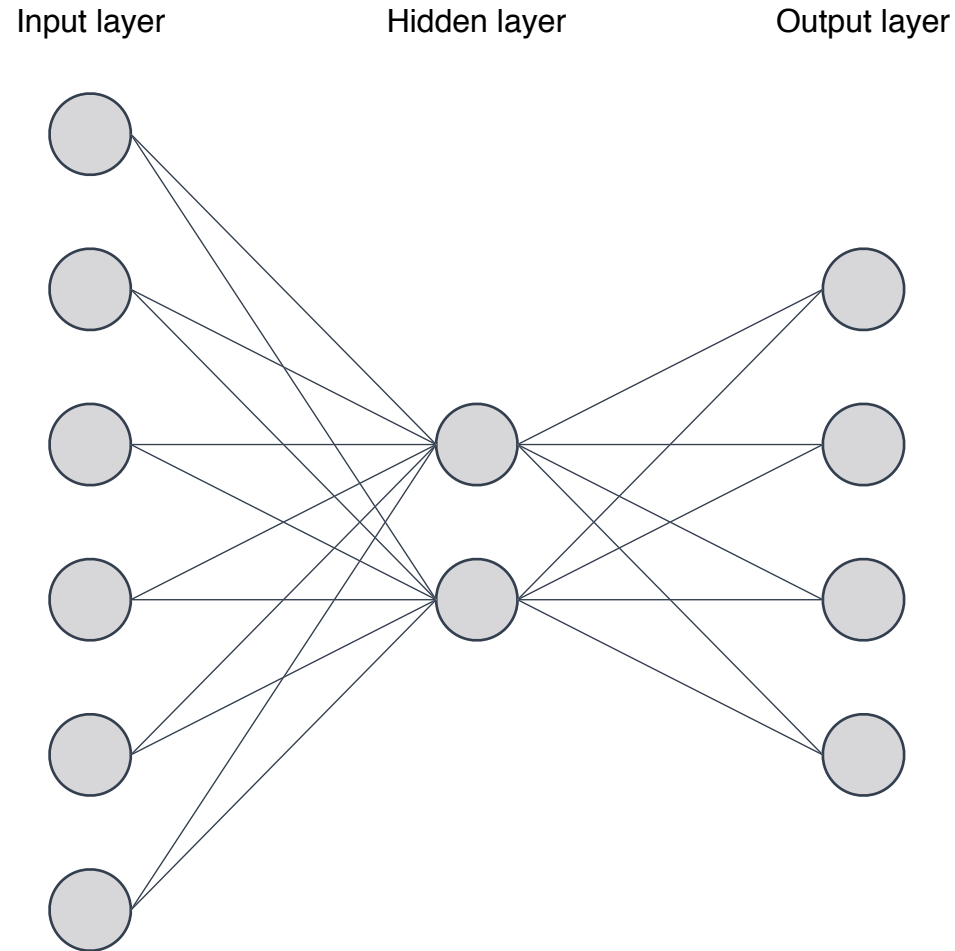


# Let's teach the computer how

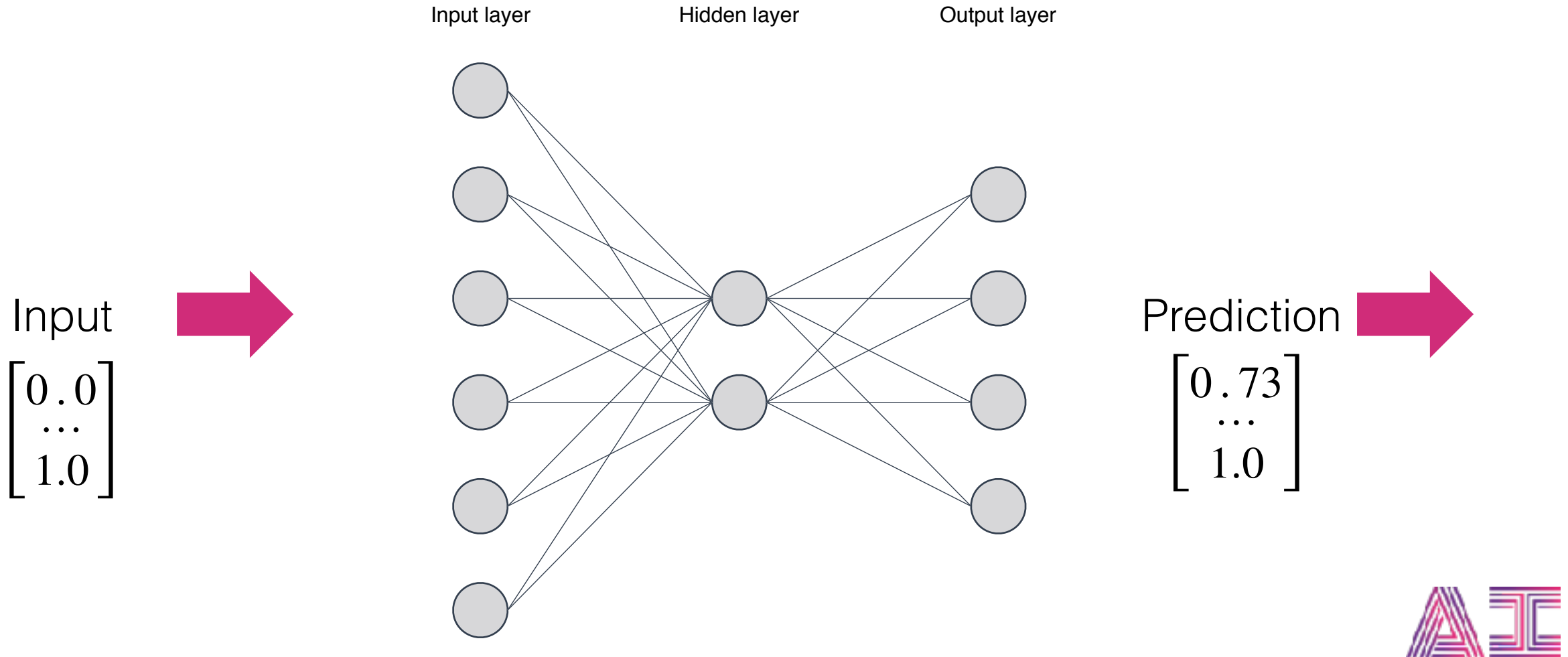
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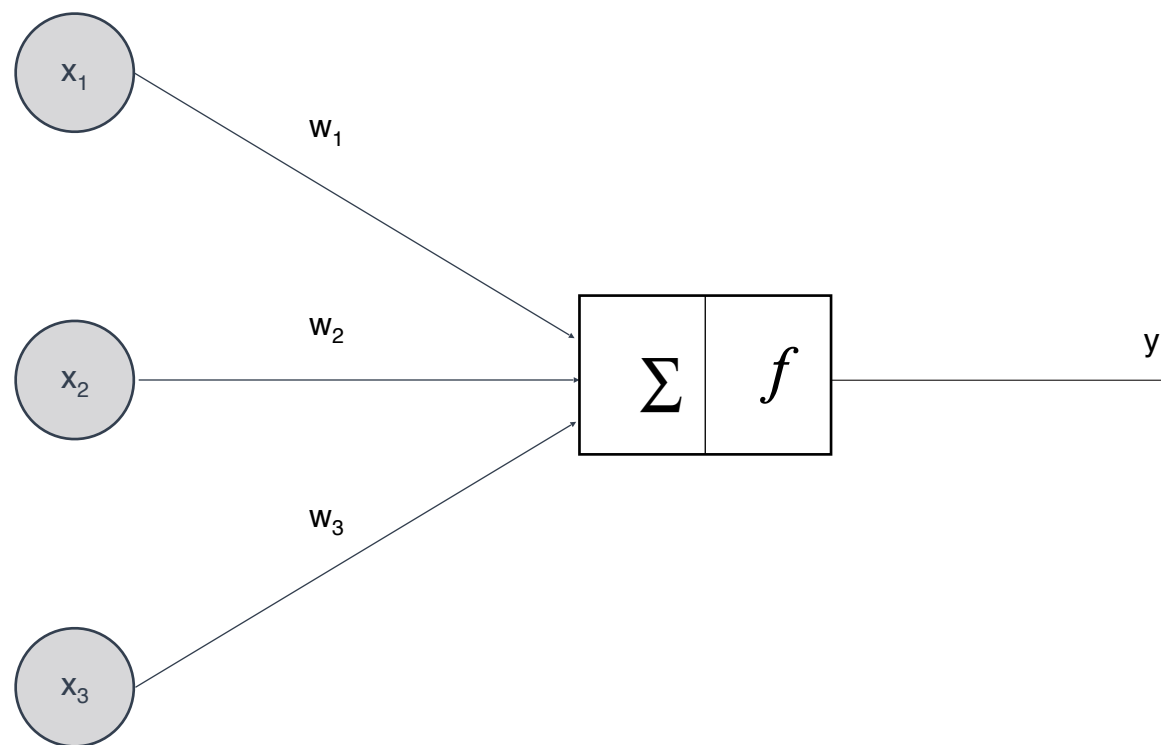


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$$y = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (w_i * x_i)\right)$$



An overhead view of a construction office. A man in a light blue shirt and a woman in a grey shirt are sitting at a wooden desk, looking at large architectural blueprints. On the desk, there is a blue hard hat, a dark mug, a smartphone, and a rolled-up blueprint. The floor is covered with a patterned carpet. A large, semi-transparent purple triangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text.

**Build a neural network  
with DeepLearning4J**



**DL4J**



NLP

ETL

Neural  
networks

Spark  
integration

DeepLearning4J - Deep learning framework

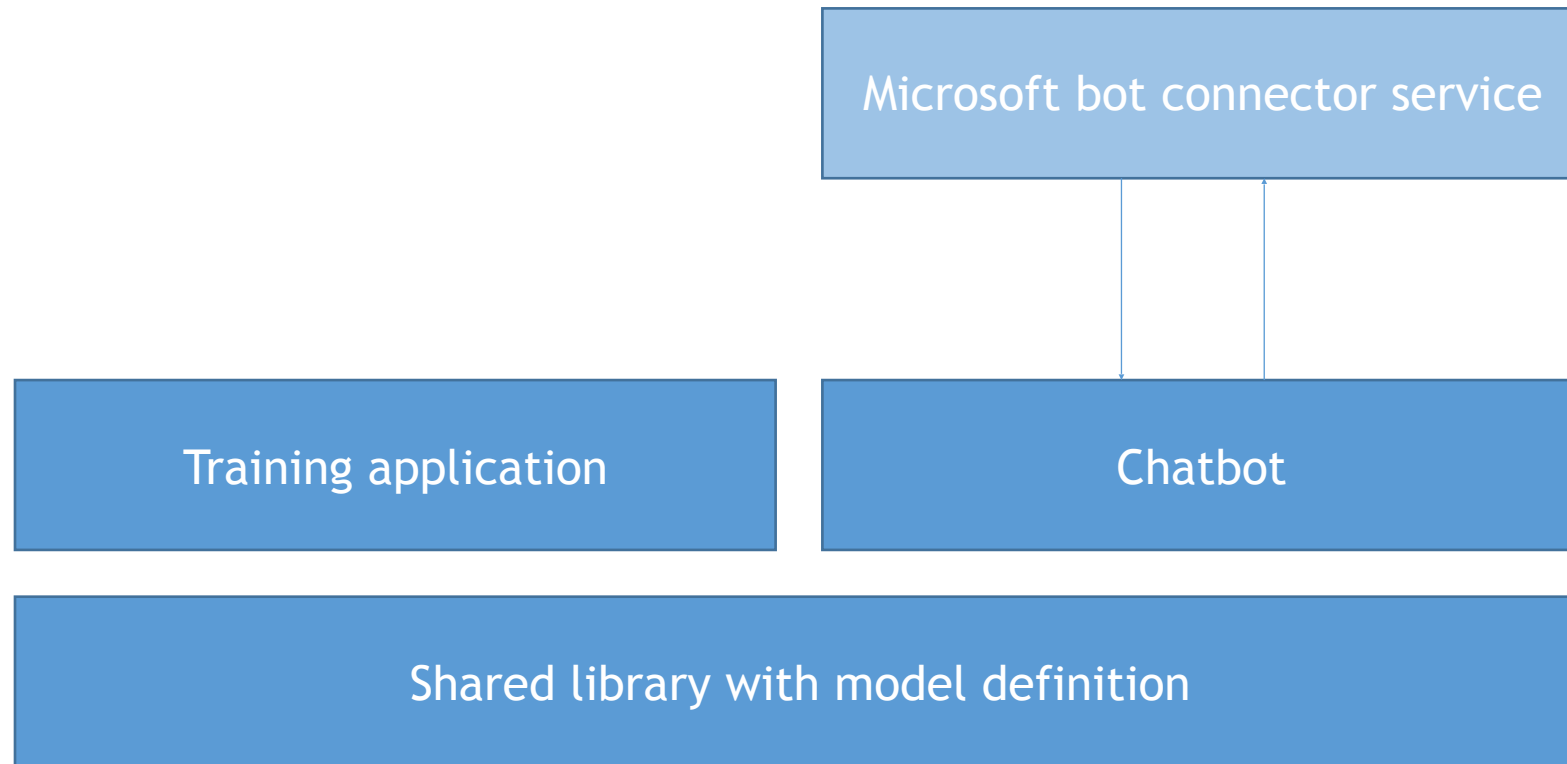
ND4J - Scientific computation for the JVM

GPU support with CUDA

CPU with/without Intel MKL



# Application architecture



# We're going to follow a 4 step recipe

- Step 1: Encode the input
- Step 2: Map the answers
- Step 3: Build the neural network
- Step 4: Train the neural network



# Step 1: Encode the input



# Encoding text as a bag of words

Three steps:

1. Create a vector equal to the size of your vocabulary
2. Count word occurrences
3. Assign the count each word a unique index in the vector



$$X_{train} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagram illustrating the training data matrix  $X_{train}$ . The matrix is a column vector with three elements: 0, 1, and 1. Arrows point from the labels "Hello" and "World" to the corresponding rows of the matrix.

Label	Value
Hello	0
World	1
World	1





# Create a bag of words in DL4J

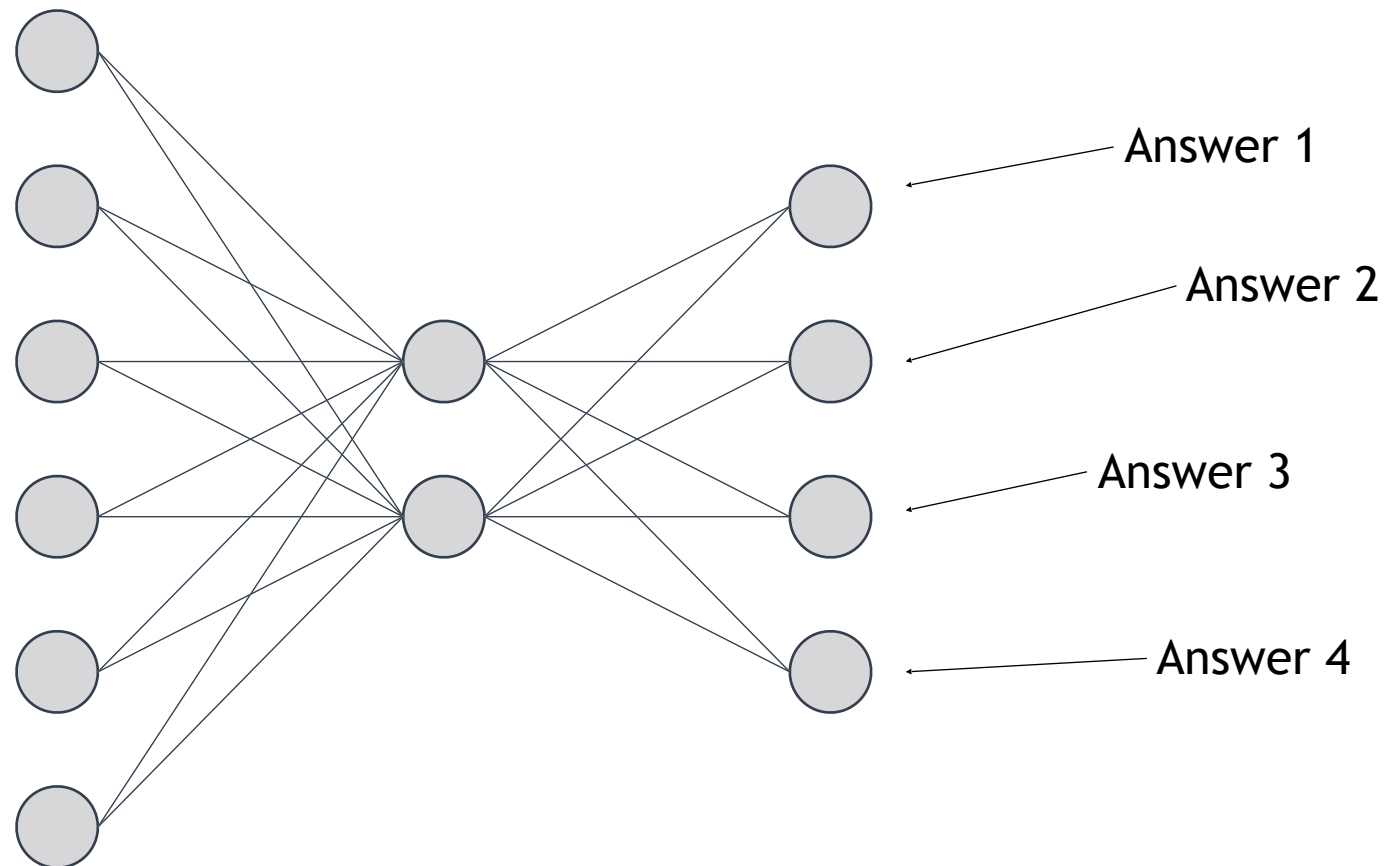
```
TokenizerFactory tokenizerFactory = new DefaultTokenizerFactory();  
tokenizerFactory.setTokenPreProcessor(new CommonPreprocessor());  
  
// This vectorizer uses the TF-IDF algorithm to produce  
// a unique fingerprint for every question we feed it.  
BagOfWordsVectorizer vectorizer = new BagOfWordsVectorizer.Builder()  
    .setTokenizerFactory(tokenizerFactory)  
    .setIterator(new CSVSentenceIterator(inputFile))  
    .build();
```



# Step 2: Encode answers



# Encode answers



# Map neurons to answers

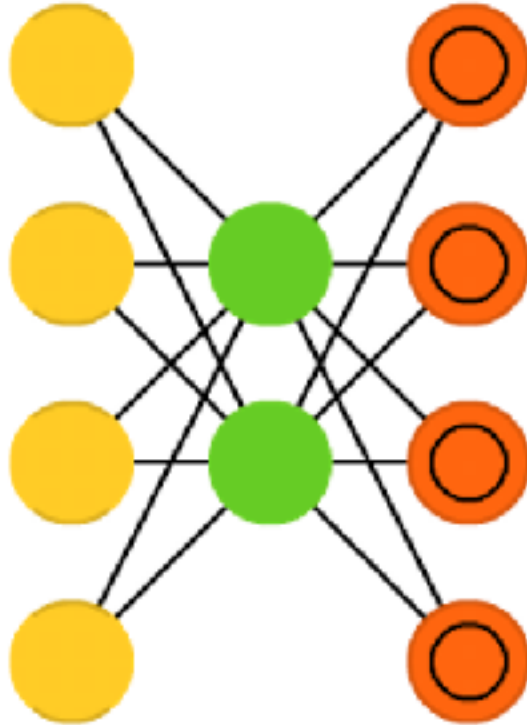
```
try (CSVRecordReader reader = new CSVRecordReader(1, ',')) {  
    reader.initialize(new FileSplit(inputFile));  
  
    Map<Integer, String> answers = new HashMap<>();  
  
    while(reader.hasNext()) {  
        List<Writable> record = reader.next();  
  
        // Note: The answer index needs a -1, so that we get an offset mapping.  
        answers.put(record.get(0).toInt() - 1, record.get(1).toString());  
    }  
  
    return answers;  
}
```



# Step 3: Build the neural network

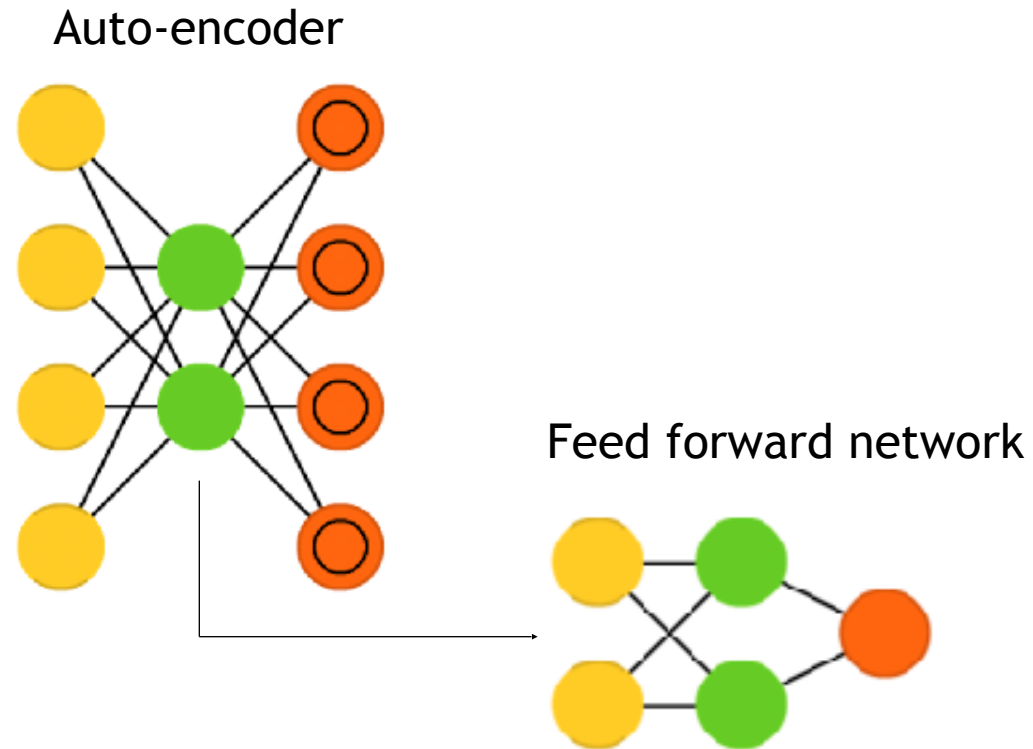


# Fingerprint the data with an auto-encoder





# Relate the fingerprint to an answer



```

MultiLayerConfiguration networkConfiguration = new
NeuralNetConfiguration.Builder()
    .seed(1337)
    .list()
        .layer(0, new VariationalAutoencoder.Builder()
            .nIn(inputLayerSize).nOut(1024)
            .encoderLayerSizes(1024, 512, 256, 128)
            .decoderLayerSizes(128, 256, 512, 1024)
            .lossFunction(Activation.RELU, LossFunctions.LossFunction.MSE)
            .gradientNormalization(GradientNormalization.ClipElementWiseAbsoluteValu
e)
            .dropOut(0.8)
            .build())
        .layer(1, new OutputLayer.Builder()
            .nIn(1024).nOut(outputLayerSize)
            .activation(Activation.SOFTMAX)
            .lossFunction(LossFunctions.LossFunction.NEGATIVELOGLIKELIHOOD)
            .build())
    .updater(new RmsProp(0.01))
    .pretrain(true)
    .backprop(true)
    .build();

```



```
MultiLayerNetwork network = new MultiLayerNetwork(networkConfiguration);  
network.setListeners(new ScoreIterationListener(1));  
network.init();
```



# Step 4: Train the neural network



# The final training application

```
Map<Integer, String> answers = AnswersMappingFactory.create(
    new File("data/answers.csv"));

TextVectorizer vectorizer = QuestionVectorizerFactory.create(
    new File("data/"));

vectorizer.fit();
vectorizer.save(new File("model/vectorizer.bin"));

QuestionClassifier classifier = QuestionClassifierFactory.create(
    vectorizer, answers);

classifier.fit(new File("data/questions_train.csv"));
classifier.save(new File("model/classifier.bin"));
```



# Making a prediction

Inside the bot framework adapter

```
String replyText =  
classifier.predict(context.activity().text());
```

At neural network level

```
INDArray prediction = network.output(vectorizer.transform(text));  
int answerIndex = prediction.argmax(1).getInt(0,0);  
  
return answers.get(answerIndex);
```





A person is running through a dark tunnel, with their legs and feet in focus. They are wearing dark blue Under Armour sneakers with white soles and laces. The tunnel has concrete walls and a series of lights along the ceiling. A large, semi-transparent purple and pink diagonal overlay covers the right side of the image, serving as a background for the text.

**How to get  
started yourself**

# You too can use deep learning

- Three tips
  - Explore the model zoo
  - Starts with small experiments and expand if it has potential
  - Choose a framework that allows you to experiment quickly



# Useful resources

- The code:  
<https://github.com/wmeints/qna-bot>
- The model zoo:  
<http://www.asimovinstitute.org/neural-network-zoo/>
- DeepLearning4J website:  
<http://deeplearning4j.org>
- Machine learning simplified: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b99UVkWzYTQ&t=5s>







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