

# How do Machines Learn?

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Whichever line has the best score, is the line of best fit. For Linear Regression, we can use **Mean Squared Error**:

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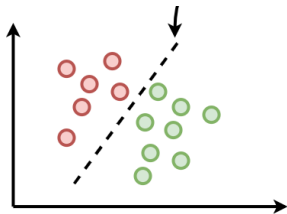


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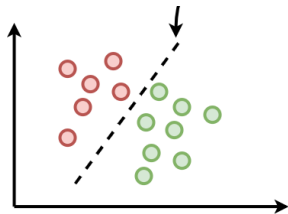
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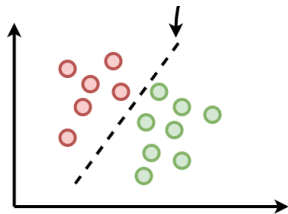
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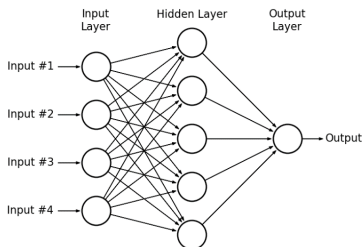
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Graphically, this is what it looks like:



Let's have some fun: <https://playground.tensorflow.org/>

# Thank you!

Have an awesome rest of your day!

**Slides:**

<https://www.cs.purdue.edu/homes/jsetpal/slides/how-ml.pdf>