

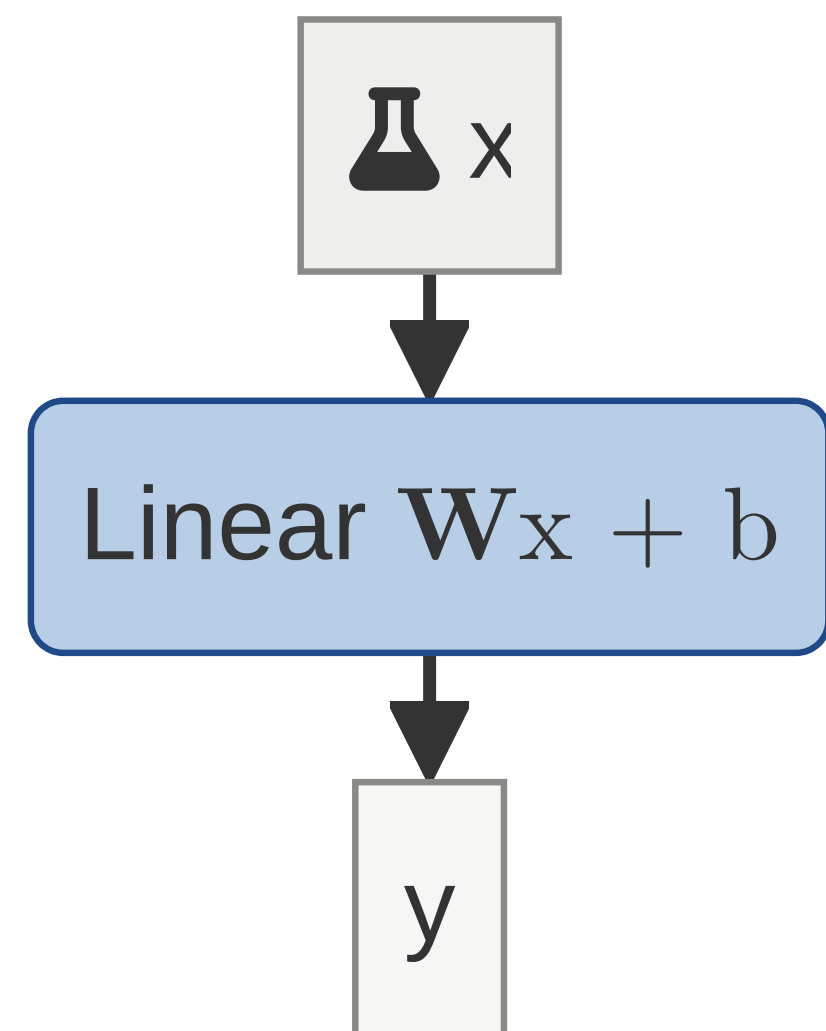
Computational Graphs

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Recap: Training a linear network

Train a single layer deep network

Task / Model

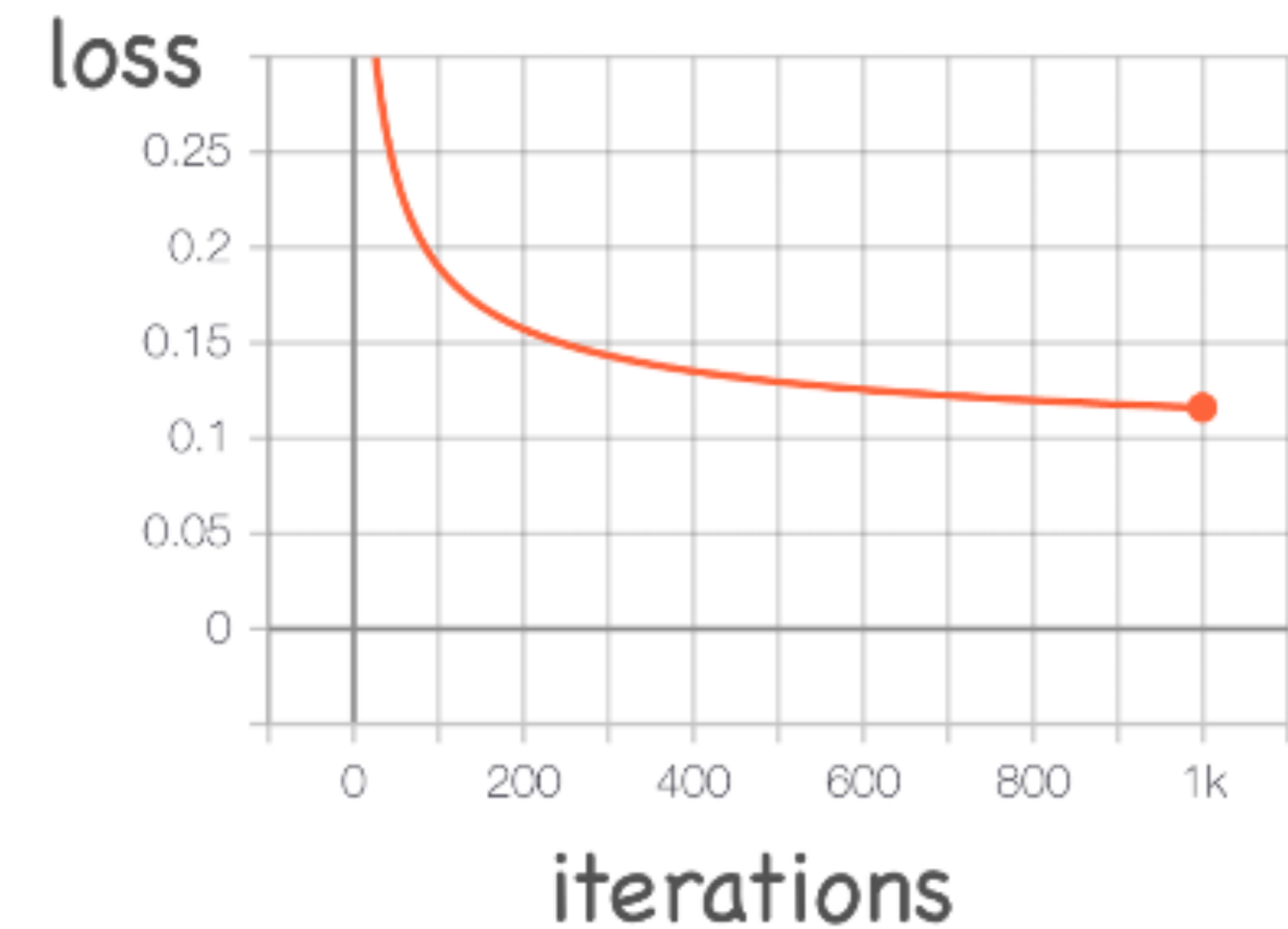


Dataset / Loss



$$l(\theta|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

Training / Optimization



Recap: Gradient descent

Gradient $\nabla L(\theta | D) = E_{x,y \sim \mathcal{D}} [\nabla \ell(\theta | x, y)]$

```
θ ~ Init
for iteration in range(n):
    J = ∇L(θ)
    θ = θ - ε * J.mT
```


Recap: Gradient of Linear Regression

$$\ell(\theta | \mathbf{x}, y) = (f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - y)^2 = (\mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x} + b - y)^2$$

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Basic Linear Algebra

- Vector: $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Scalar functions $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $f(\mathbf{v}) = f(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$
- Vector-valued functions $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ $f(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \\ f_2(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \\ \dots \\ f_m(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \end{bmatrix}$

Derivatives (of scalar functions)

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- Derivative (scalar inputs) $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x) \approx \frac{f(x + \varepsilon) - f(x)}{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{R}$
- Gradient (vector inputs) $\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(\mathbf{v}) = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial v_1} f(\mathbf{v}), \frac{\partial}{\partial v_2} f(\mathbf{v}), \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial v_n} f(\mathbf{v}) \right] \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Derivatives (of vector-valued functions)

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- Gradient (vector inputs) $\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1(\mathbf{v})}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial f_1(\mathbf{v})}{\partial v_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1(\mathbf{v})}{\partial v_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2(\mathbf{v})}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial f_2(\mathbf{v})}{\partial v_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2(\mathbf{v})}{\partial v_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m(\mathbf{v})}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial f_m(\mathbf{v})}{\partial v_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m(\mathbf{v})}{\partial v_n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f_1(\mathbf{v}) \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f_2(\mathbf{v}) \\ \vdots \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f_m(\mathbf{v}) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

Nested functions

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Gradients of nested functions

Chain rule

- $f(g(\mathbf{v})) : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

- $\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(g(\mathbf{v})) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$

- Chain rule: $\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(g(\mathbf{v})) = \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} f(\mathbf{y})}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} g(\mathbf{v})}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{y} = g(\mathbf{v})$

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$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \ell =$$

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$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \ell = \underbrace{(\nabla_z z^2)}_{2z} \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} z}_{\mathbf{x}^\top} = 2z \mathbf{x}^\top$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \ell = \underbrace{(\nabla_z z^2)}_{2z} \underbrace{\nabla_b z}_1 = 2z$$

Gradient of Linear Regression

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Exercise: Gradient of Multi-class Classification

$$\ell(\theta | \mathbf{x}, y) = \left(\log \text{softmax}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) \right)_y$$

- $\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} \ell(\theta | \mathbf{x}, y) =$
 $\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \ell(\theta | \mathbf{x}, y) =$

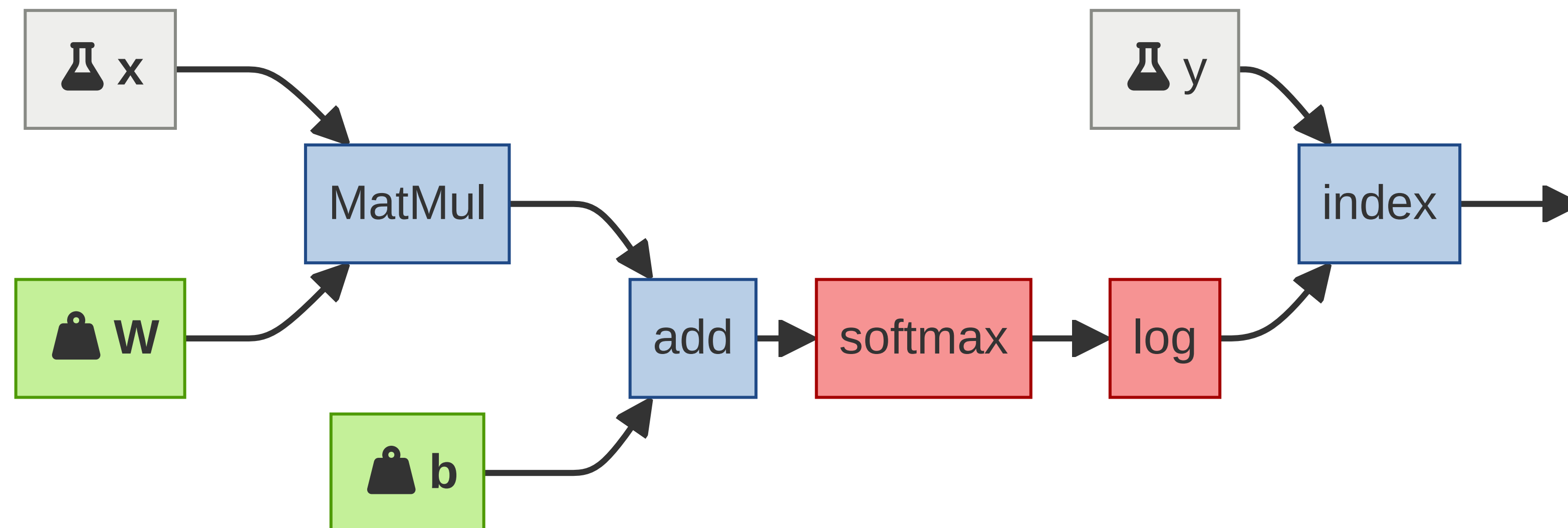
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 $\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \ell(\theta | \mathbf{x}, y) =$
- Way too hard!!!!

Computation as a graph

$$\begin{aligned} l(\theta|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \log (\text{softmax}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}))_y \\ &= \text{index} (\log (\text{softmax} (\text{add} (\text{matmul}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}), \mathbf{b})))) , y) \end{aligned}$$



Chain-rule on a graph

$$l(\theta|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \text{index}(\log(\text{softmax}(\text{add}(\text{matmul}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}), \mathbf{b}))), y)$$

$$\nabla_{\theta} l(\theta|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \nabla_{\theta} \text{index}(\log(\text{softmax}(\text{add}(\text{matmul}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}), \mathbf{b}))), y)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \log} \text{index}(\dots)}_{\nabla_{\text{index}}} \nabla_{\theta} \log(\text{softmax}(\text{add}(\text{matmul}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}), \mathbf{b})))$$

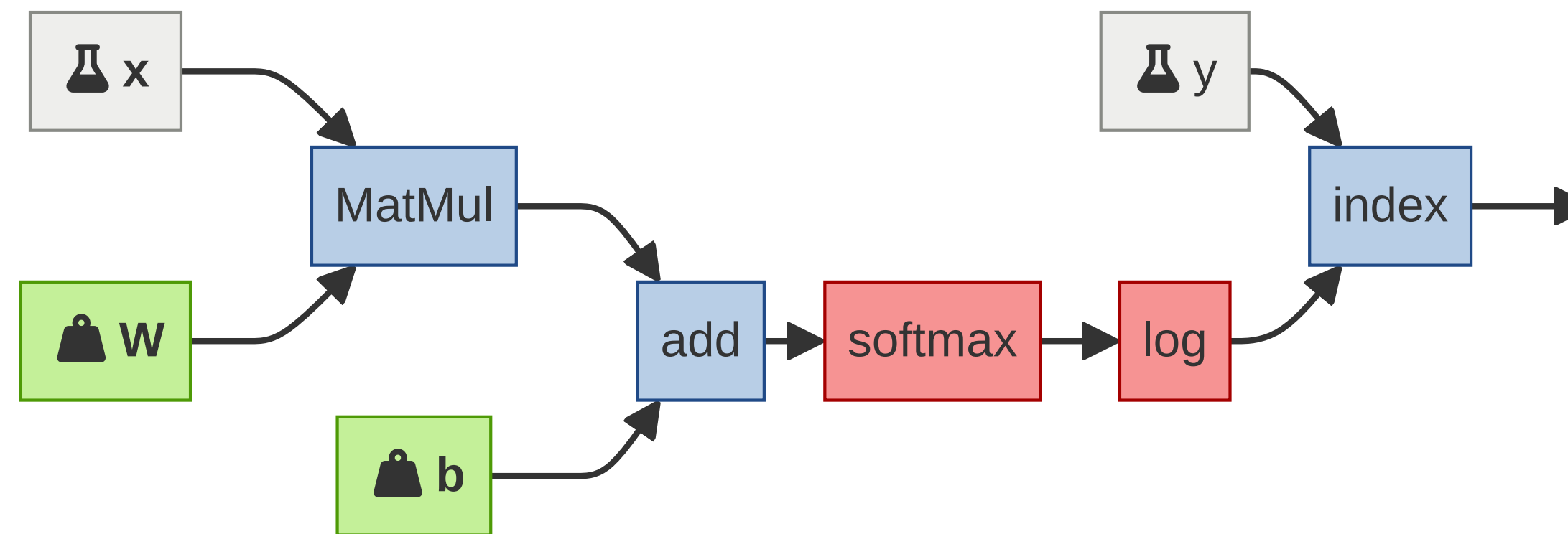
$$= \nabla_{\text{index}(\dots)} \nabla \log(\dots) \nabla_{\theta} \text{softmax}(\text{add}(\text{matmul}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}), \mathbf{b}))$$

$$= \dots$$

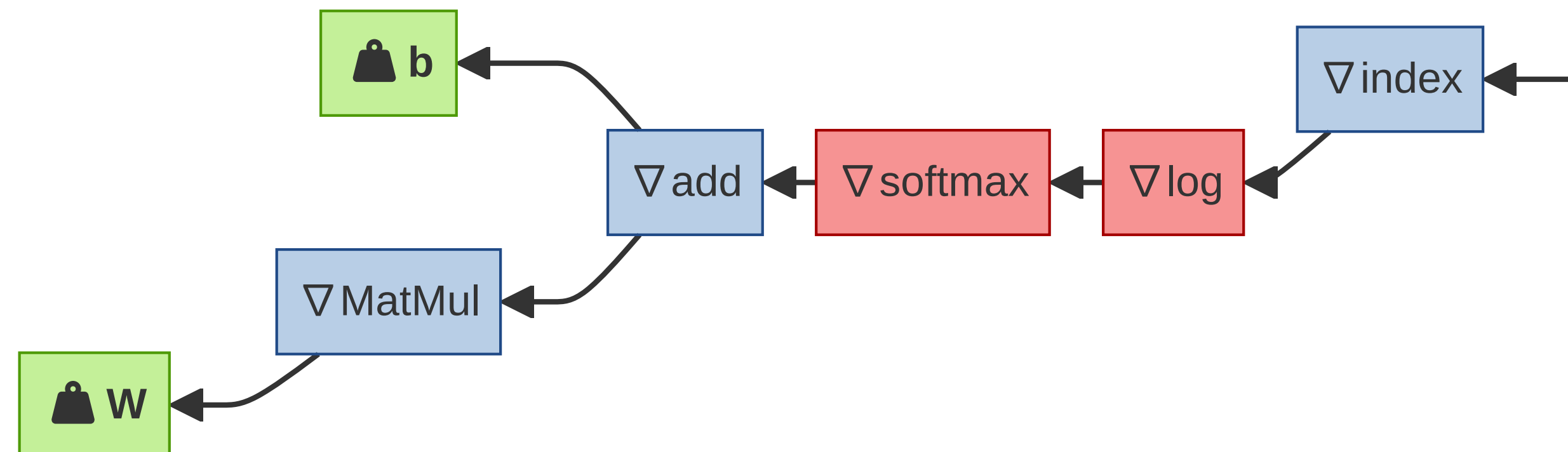
$$= \nabla_{\text{index}(\dots)} \nabla \log(\dots) \nabla \text{softmax}(\dots) \nabla \text{add}(\dots) (\nabla \text{matmul}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\theta} \mathbf{W} + \nabla_{\theta} \mathbf{b})$$

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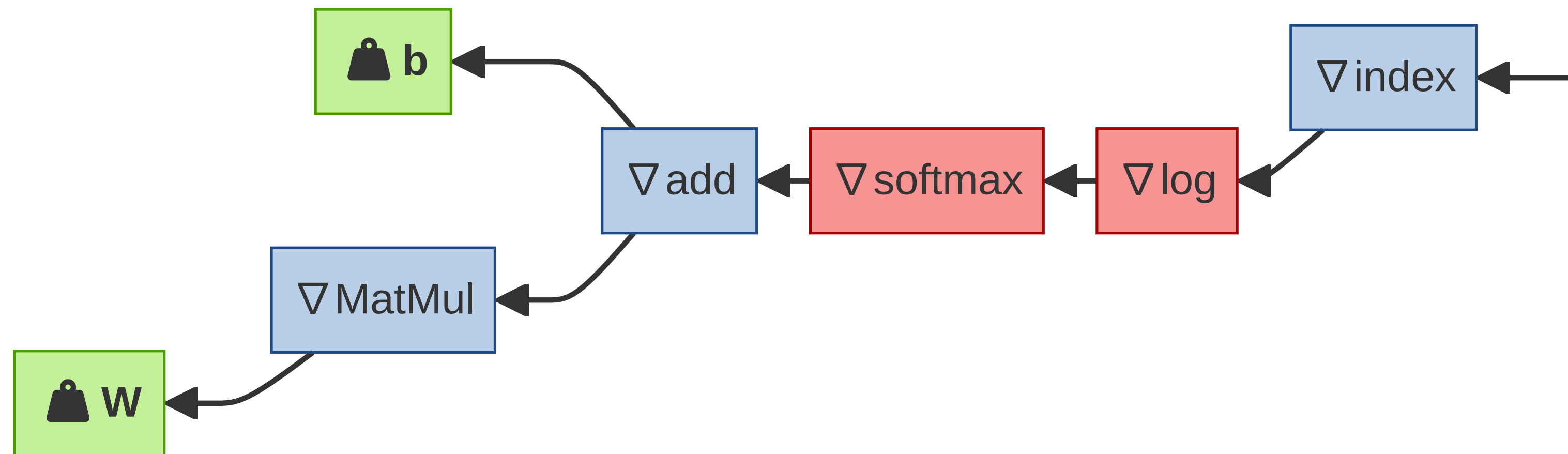


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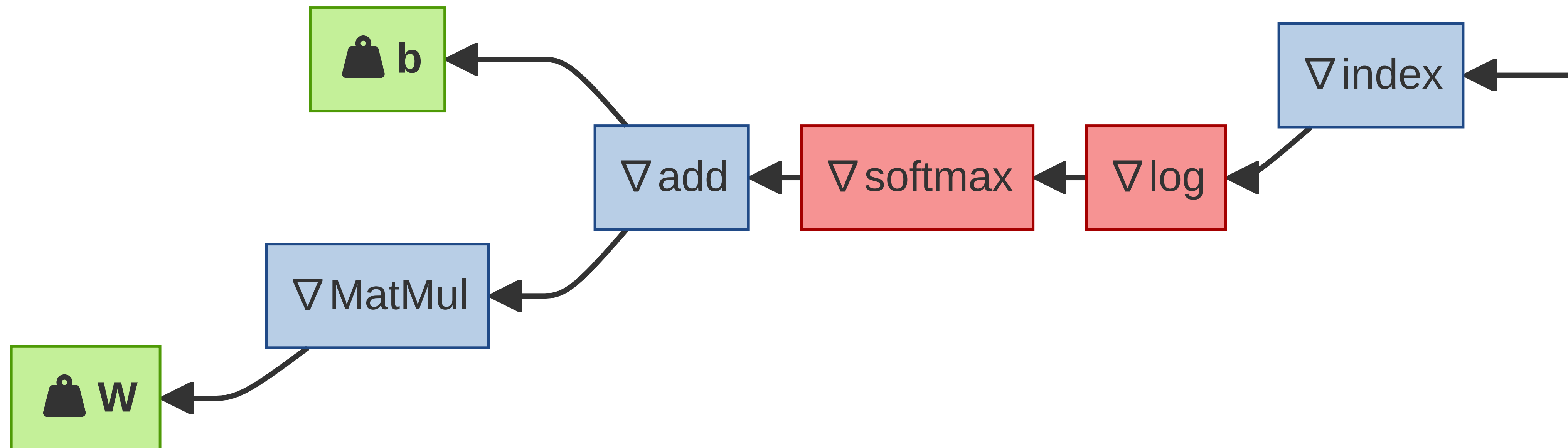
Direction of evaluation

$$\underbrace{\nabla_{\theta} l(\theta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}_{\mathbb{R}^n} = \underbrace{\nabla \text{index}(\dots)}_{\mathbb{R}^n} \underbrace{\nabla \log(\dots)}_{\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}} \underbrace{\nabla \text{softmax}(\dots)}_{\mathbb{R}^{m \times l}} \underbrace{\nabla \text{add}(\dots)}_{\mathbb{R}^{l \times k}} \left(\underbrace{\nabla \text{matmul}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\theta} \mathbf{W}}_{\mathbb{R}^{k \times \dots}} + \underbrace{\nabla_{\theta} \mathbf{b}}_{\mathbb{R}^{k \times \dots}} \right)$$



Back-propagation

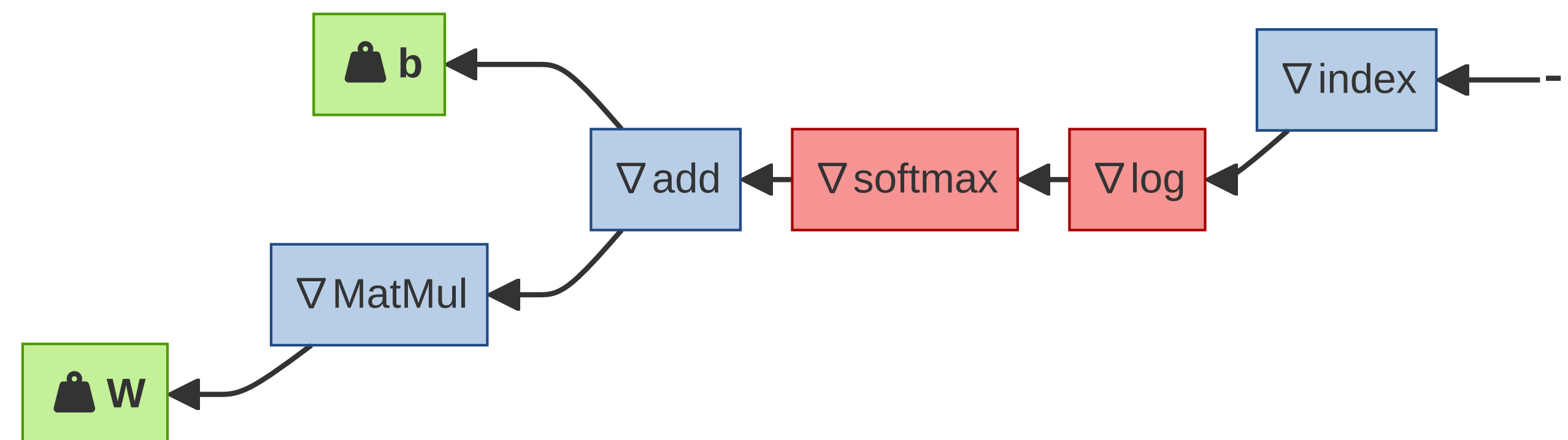
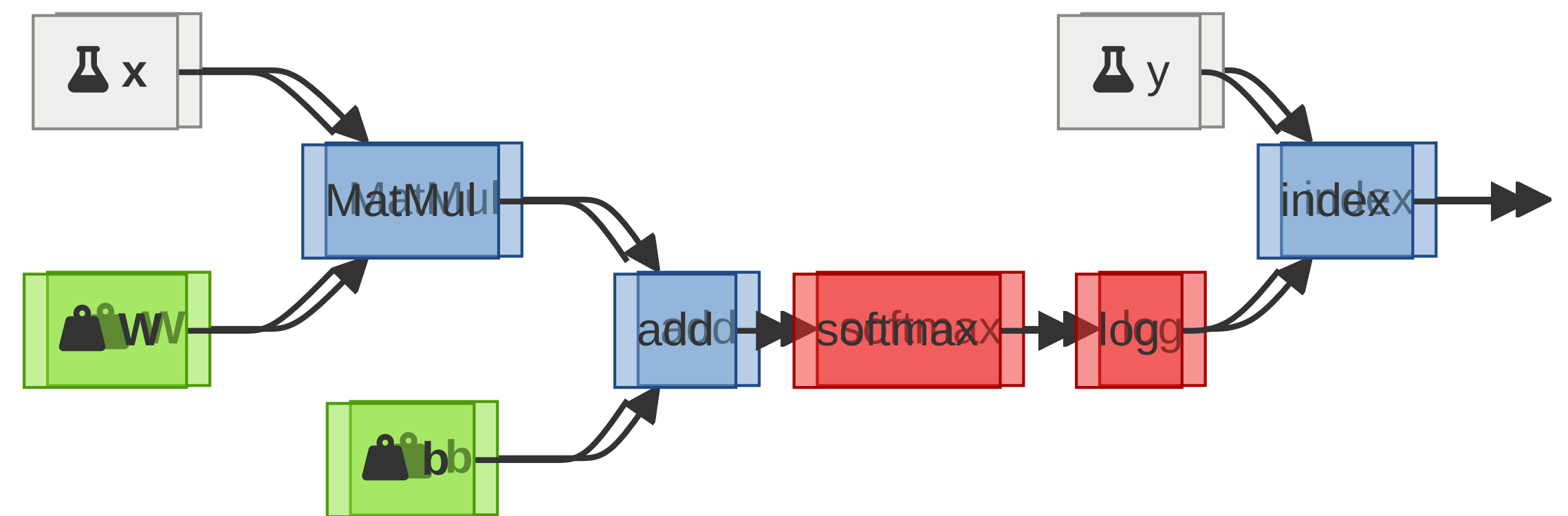
- Gradients computed backwards in graph
 - Computationally more efficient
 - Gradients of different parameters share computation



Back-propagation in PyTorch

- Each operation
 - Implements backprop function
 - Computation graph constructed automatically
- Backward pass
 - Multiplies “vector” with Jacobean of operation
 - Start by back-propagating value 1
 - Can only call backward on scalars
 - Populates `Tensor.grad` for all tensors with `requires_grad=True`

```
a = torch.rand(100, requires_grad=True)
b = 0.5 * (a**2).sum()
b.backward()
a.grad
```



Computation Graphs TL;DR

- PyTorch builds computational graph for automatic differentiation
- Gradients are propagated backwards through computational graph: backpropagation
- Call `Tensor.backward()` in PyTorch
- No more complicated gradient math

Computation Graphs in PyTorch

Linear Regression in PyTorch

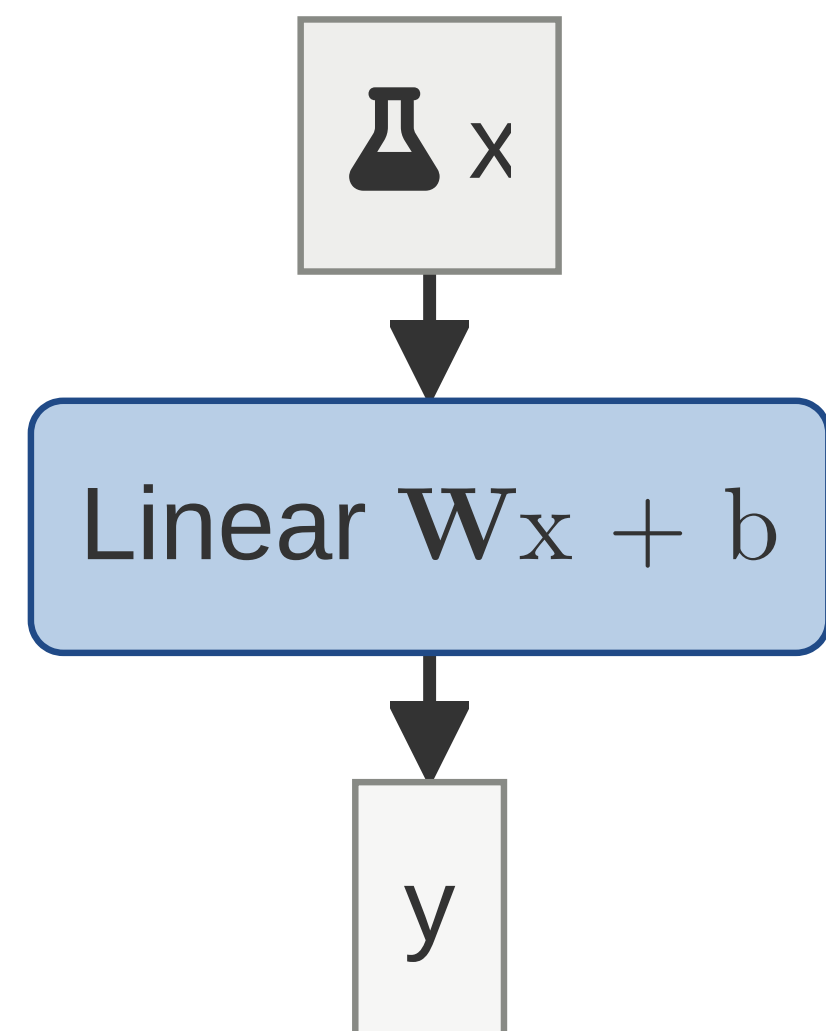
Binary Logistic Regression in PyTorch

Multi-Class Logistic Regression in PyTorch

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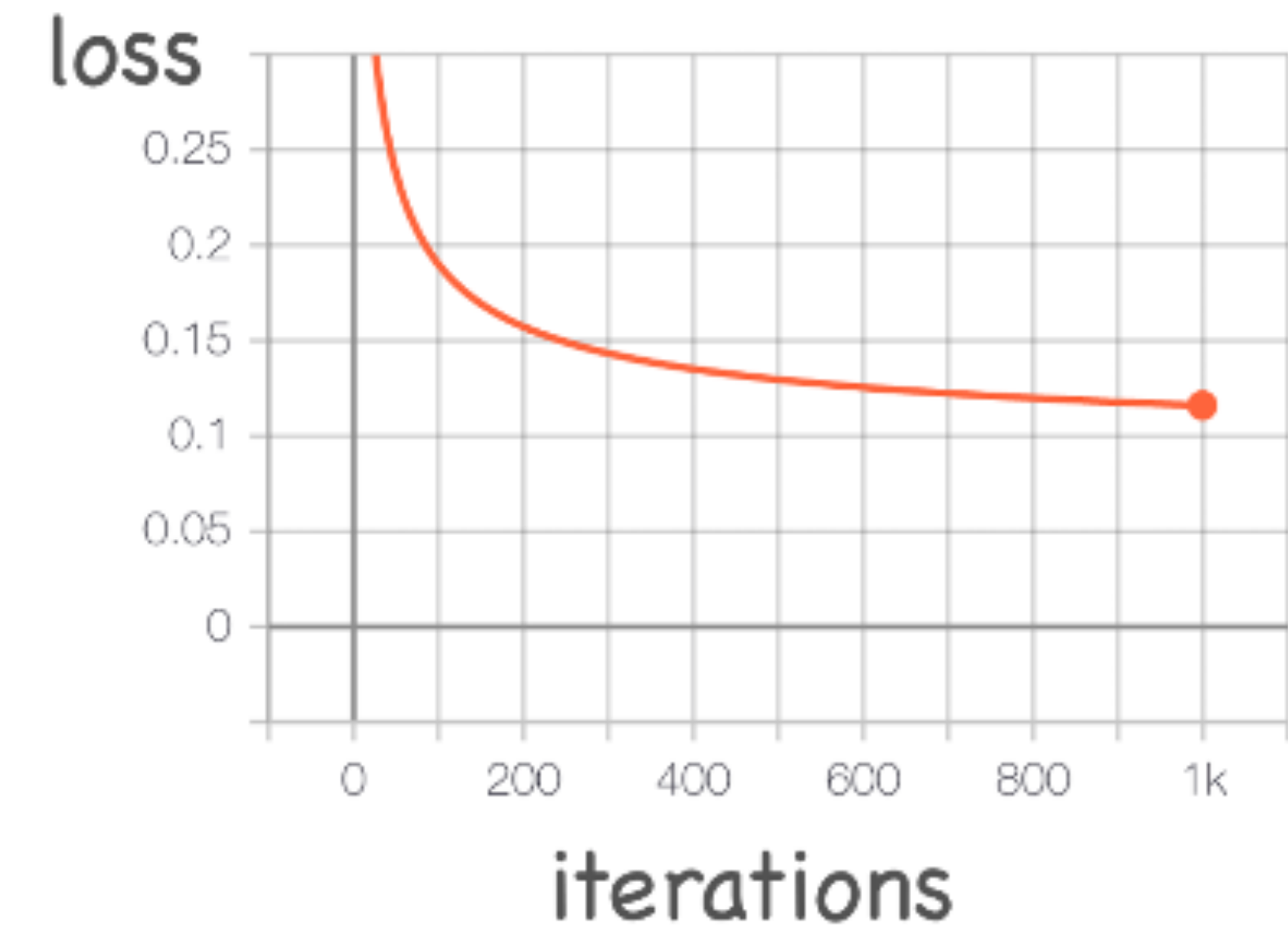


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Deep Networks

Recap: Linear Binary Classification

- Binary classification model:

- $f_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0,1]$

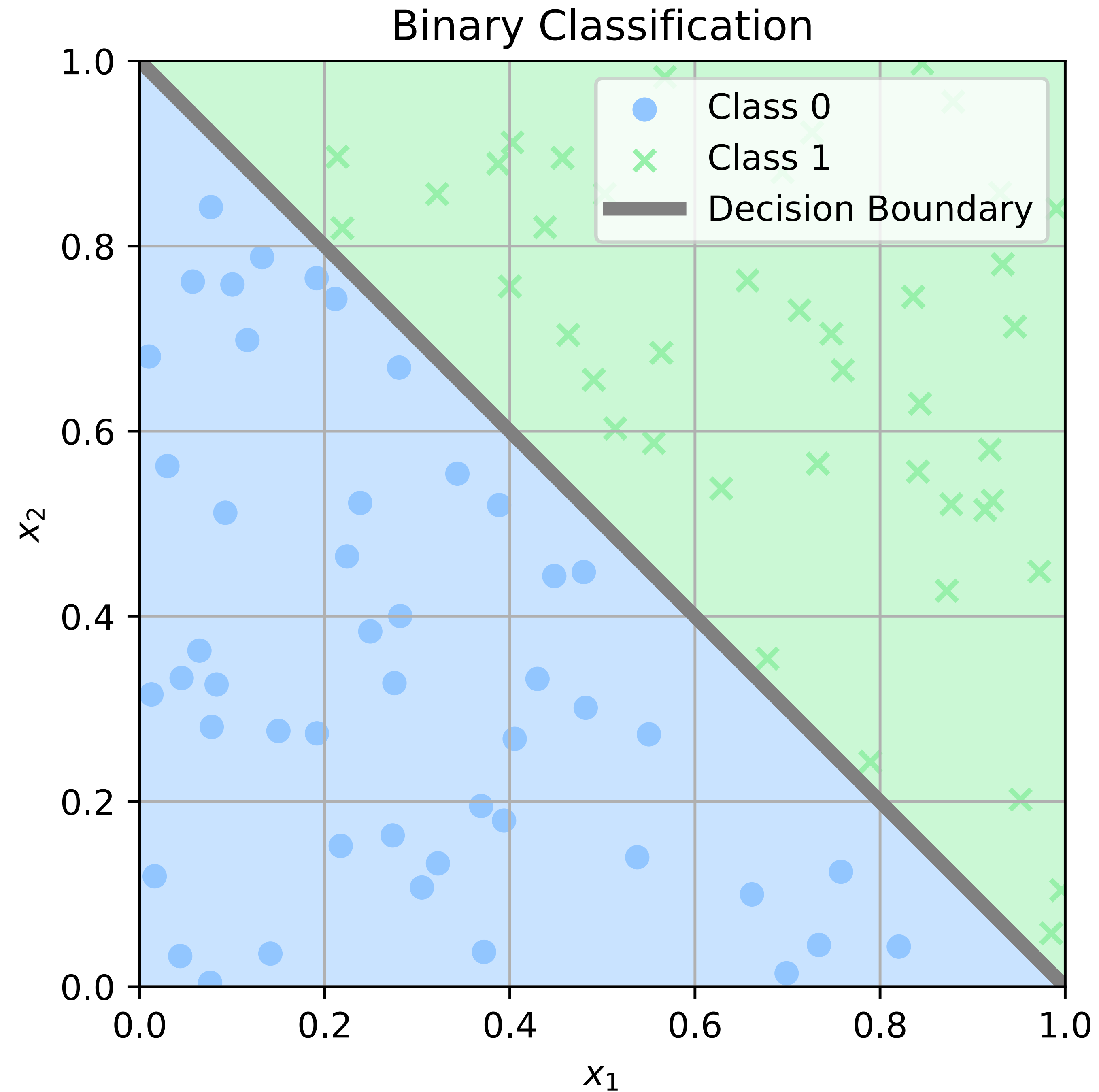
- Linear binary classification:

- $f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(W\mathbf{x} + b)$

- $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$

- Parameters:

- $\theta = (W, b)$



Limitations of Linear Models

- Example: Binary paw classification
 - Dog paw or not



Linear models cannot distinguish the two paw images from the gray image

Limitations of Linear Models



- Positive classes

$$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_{white} + b > 0$$

$$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_{black} + b > 0$$

- By definition

$$\mathbf{x}_{gray} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_{white} + \mathbf{x}_{black})$$

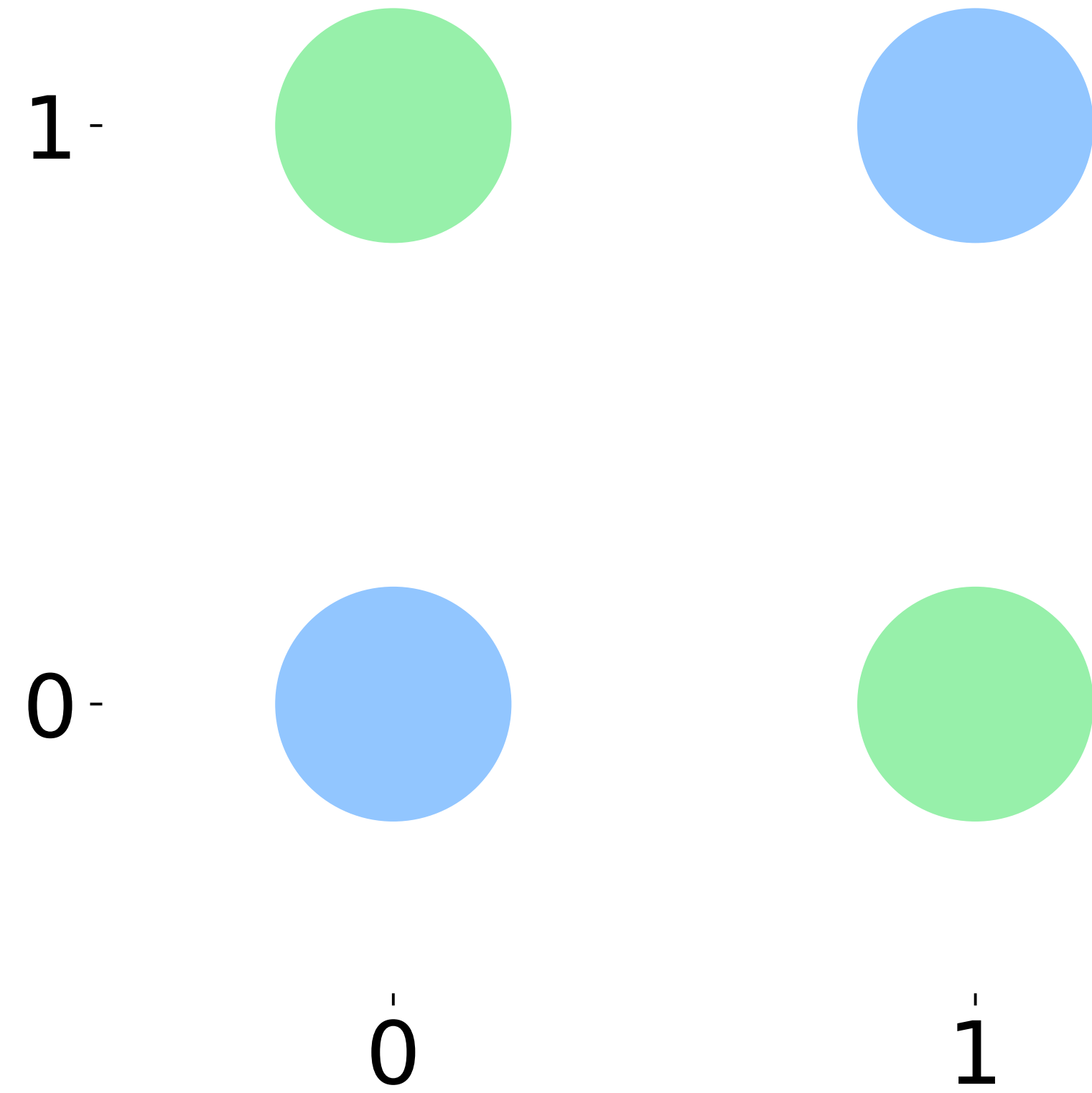
- Linearity

$$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_{gray} + b = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_{white} + b)}_{>0} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_{black} + b)}_{>0} > 0$$

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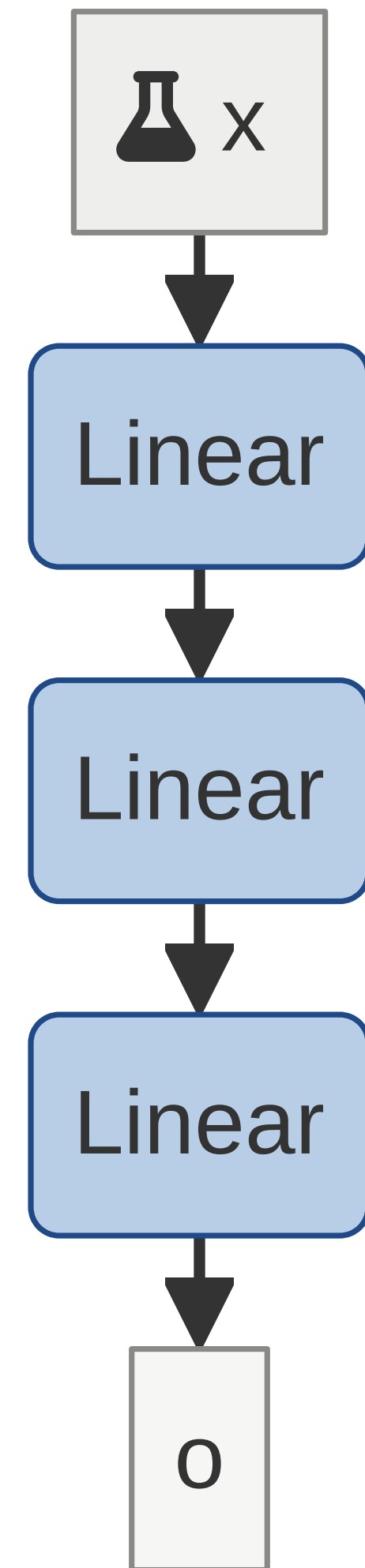
Linear models cannot learn xor



Does adding more linear layers help?

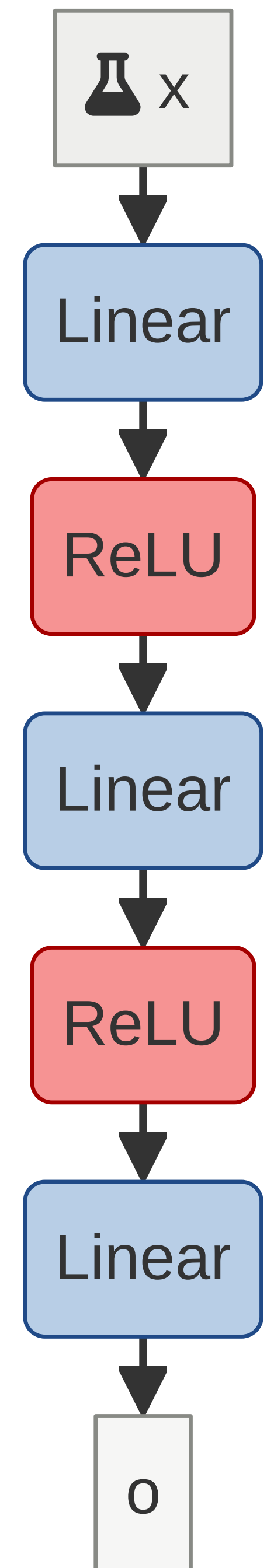
- No
- A combination of linear layers is still linear

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{W}_2(\mathbf{W}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1) + \mathbf{b}_2 \\ &= (\mathbf{W}_2\mathbf{W}_1)\mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{W}_2\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2) \\ &= \mathbf{W}'\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}' \end{aligned}$$



Solution: Deep Networks

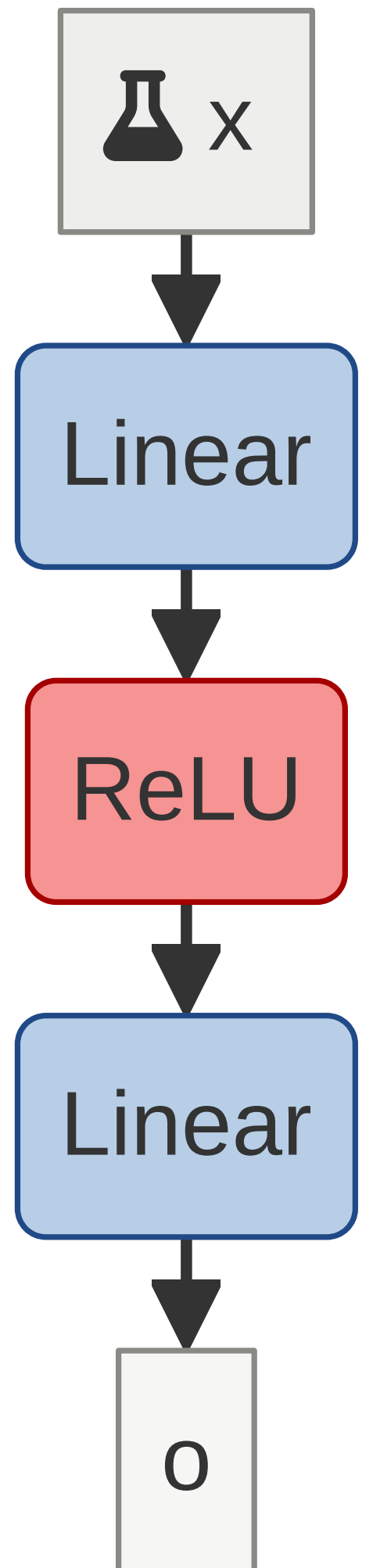
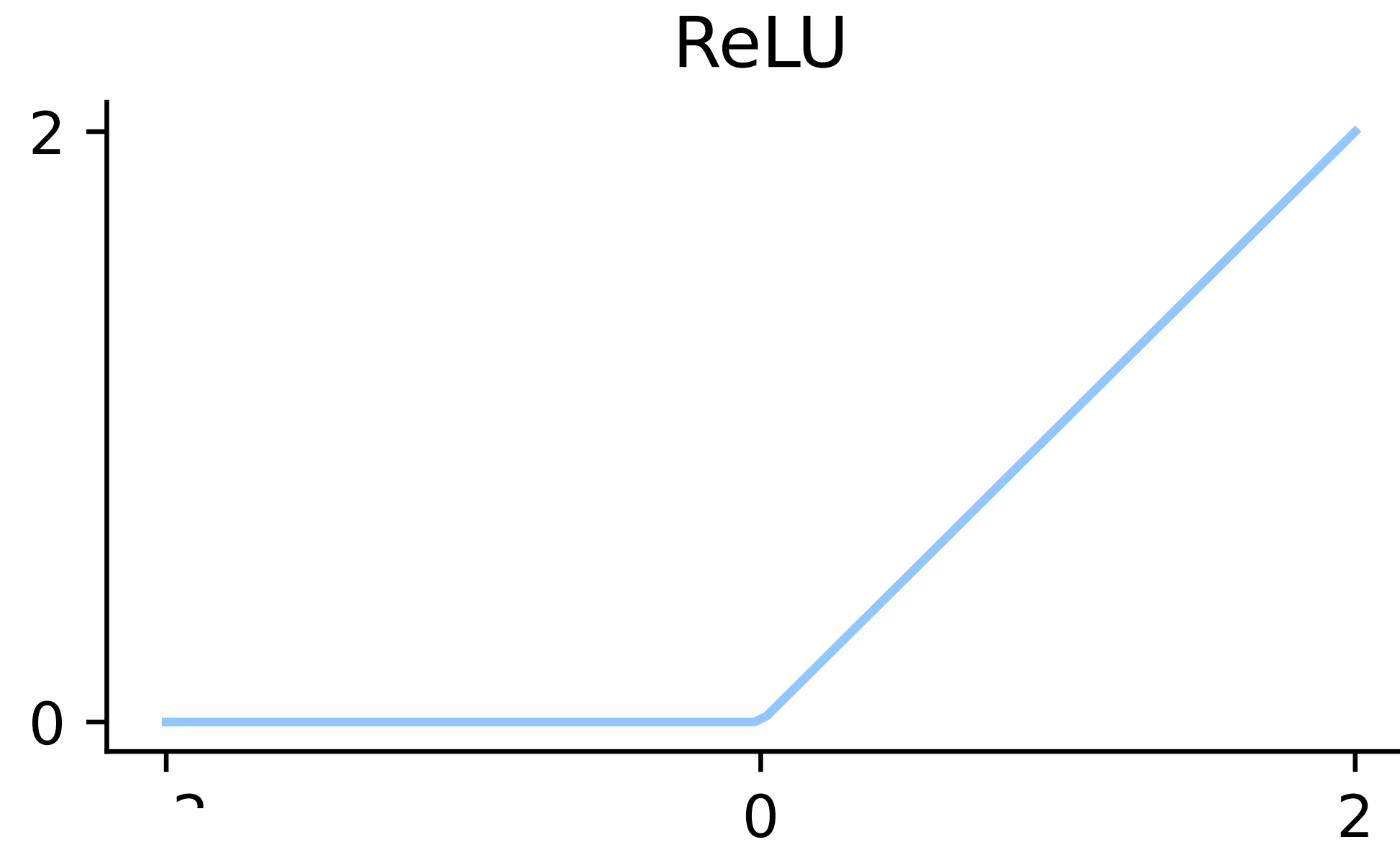
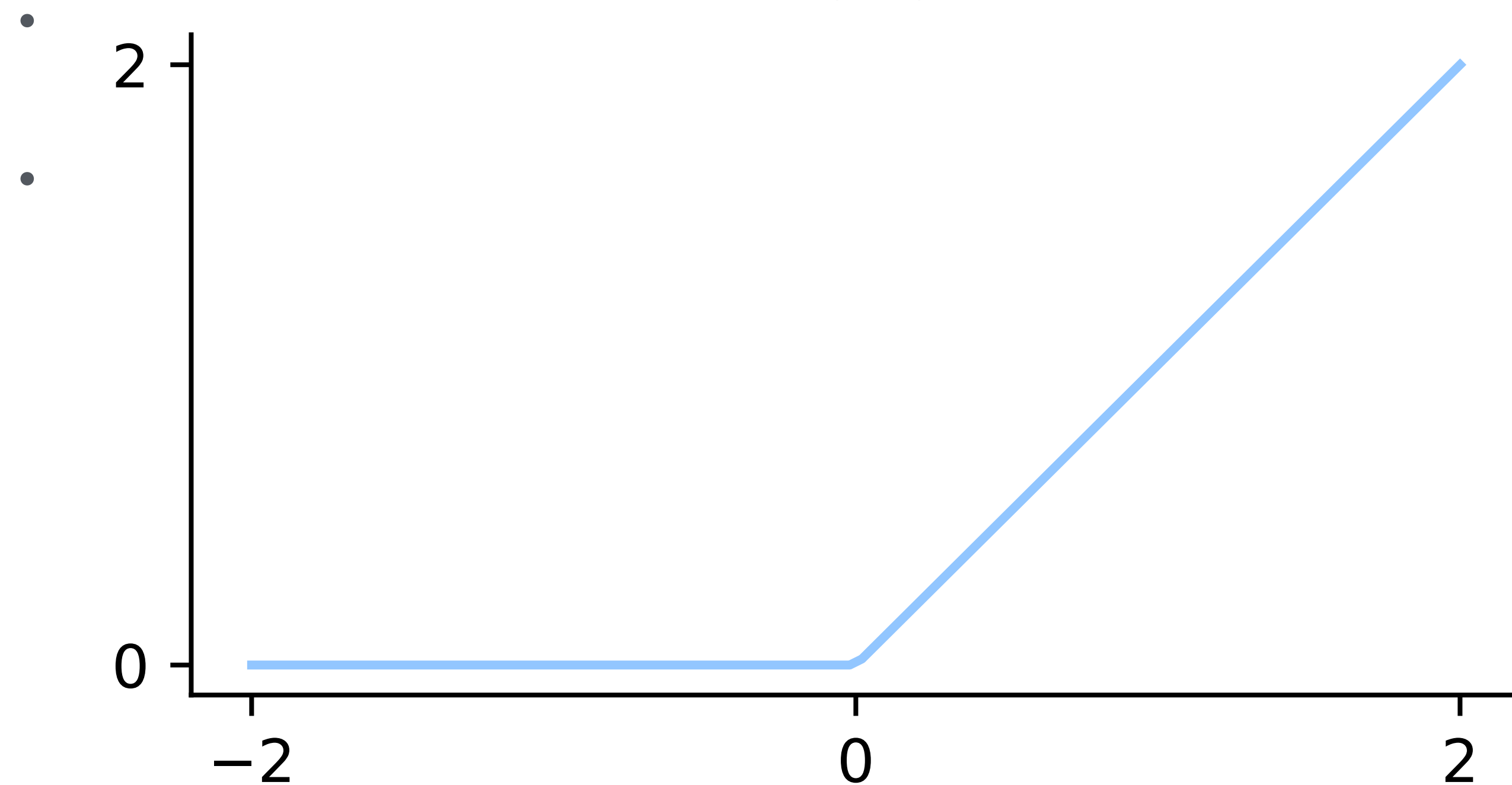
- Add non-linear functions between linear layers



Non-linearities

- Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)

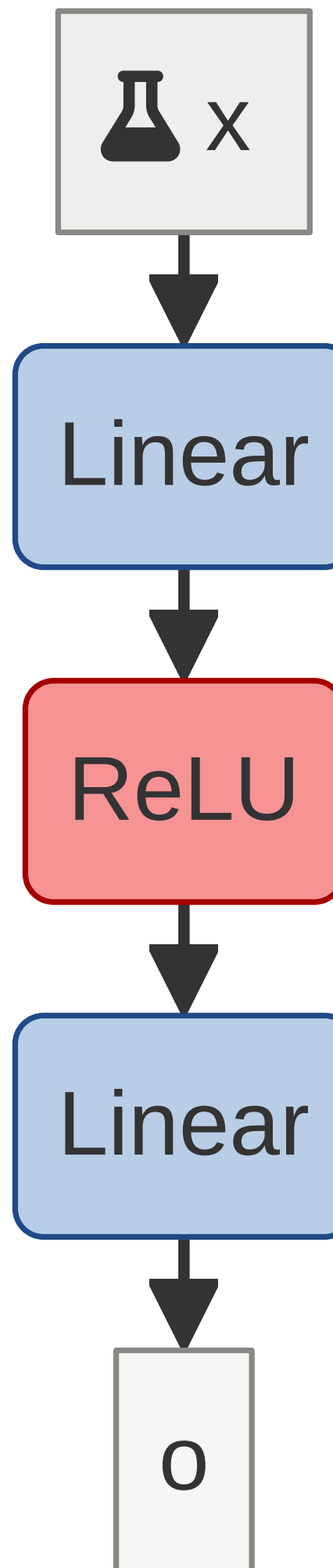
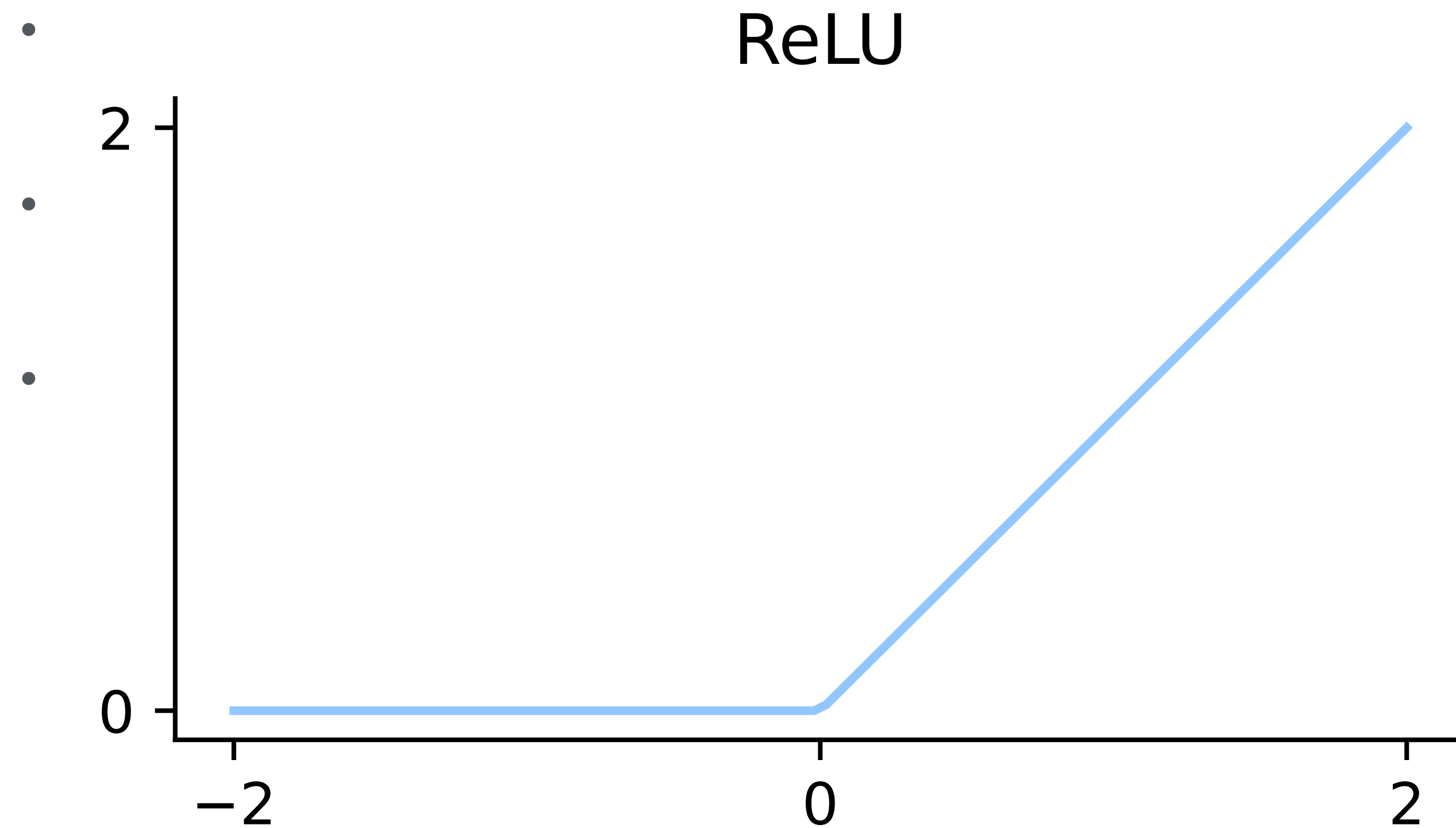
$$\text{ReLU}(x) = \max(x, 0)$$



Non-linearities



- Exercise: Can we build a 2 layer network that classifies the paws

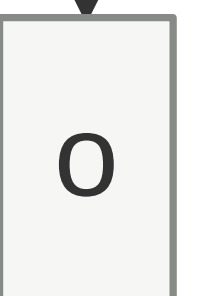
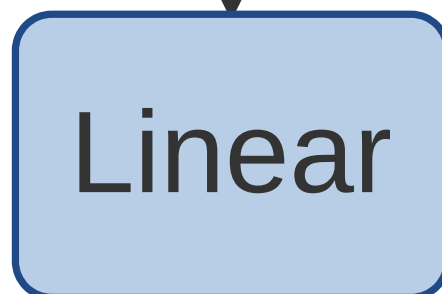
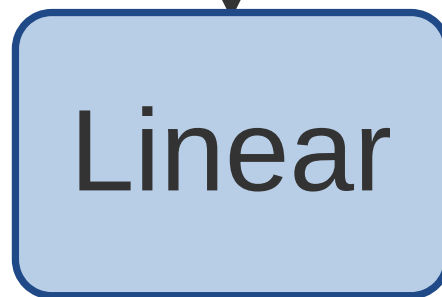
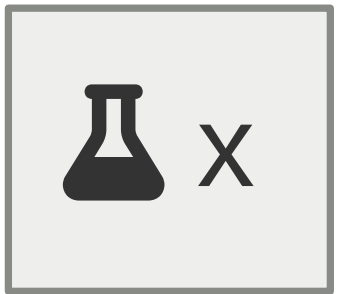
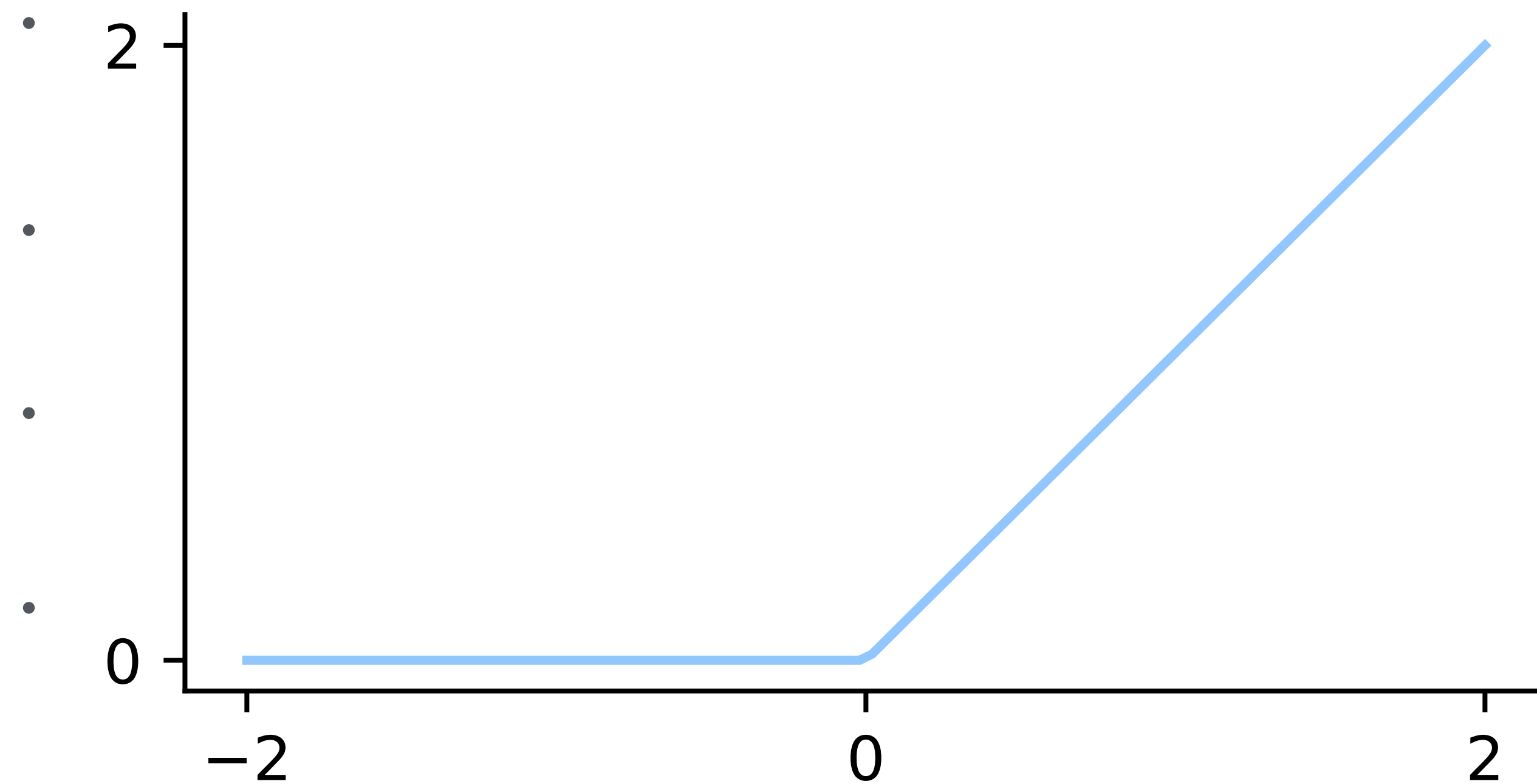


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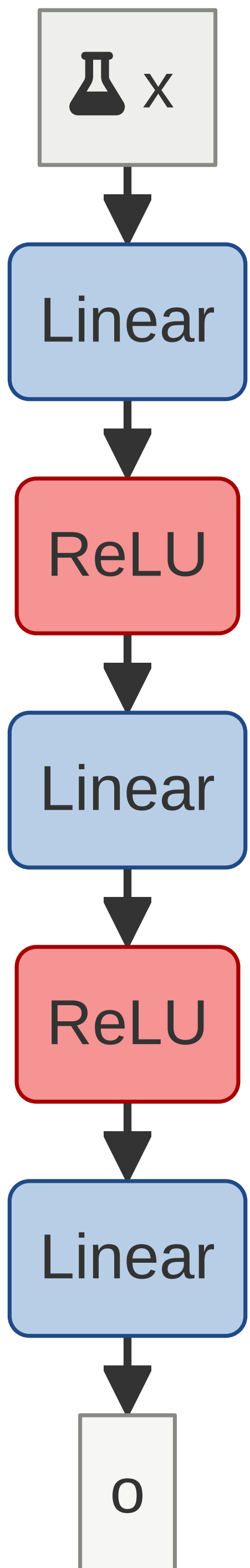
- Intuition
 - first layer learns the color categories of the input (white, black, gray)

ReLU



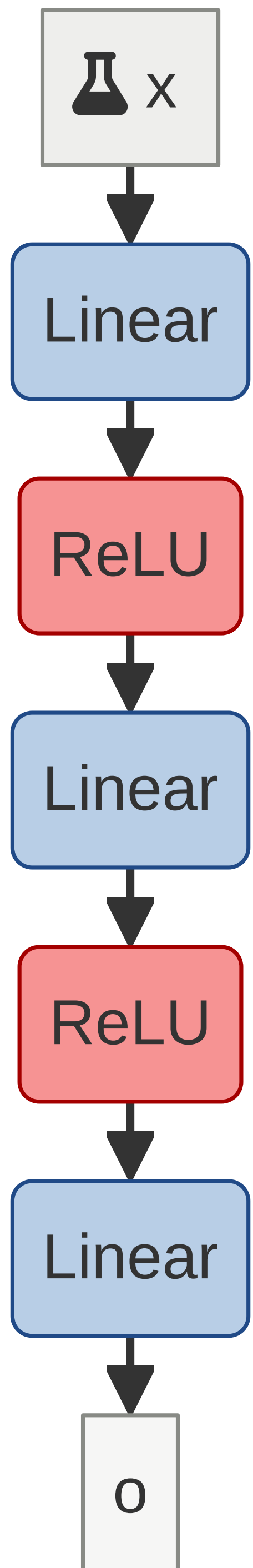
Deep Networks

- Alternate between linear and non-linear layers



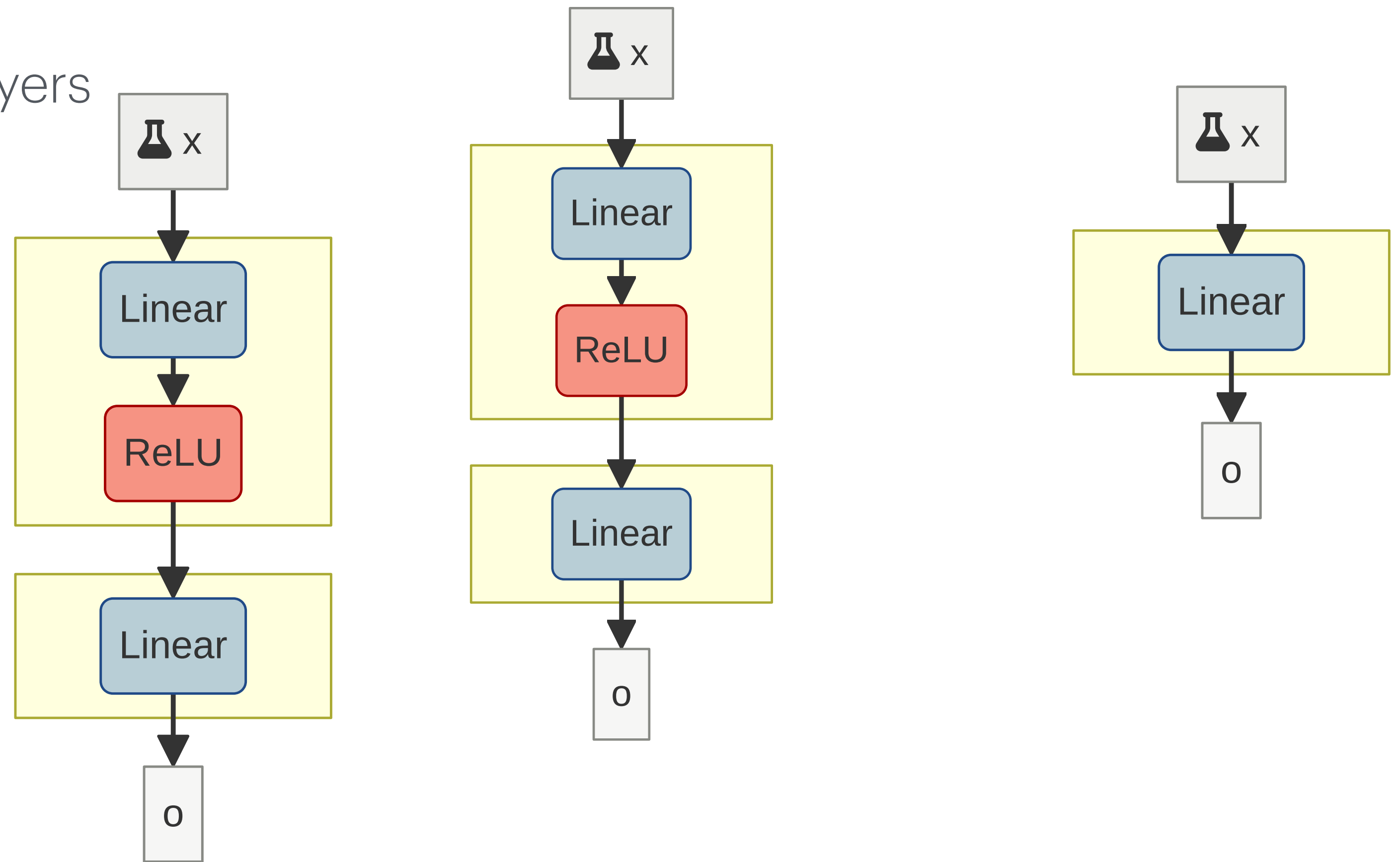
Deep Networks

- Model: $f_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$
- Parameters: $\theta = (\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_N, \mathbf{b}_N)$
- Computation:
 $\mathbf{z}_1 = \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1)$
 $\mathbf{z}_2 = \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{W}_2 \mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2)$
 $\vdots$
 $\mathbf{z}_{N-1} = \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{W}_{N-1} \mathbf{z}_{N-2} + \mathbf{b}_{N-1})$
 $f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{z}_{N-1} + \mathbf{b}_N$



How Many Layers Does a Deep Network Have?

- We only count (consecutive) linear layers



Universal Approximation Theorem

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A two-layer deep network can approximate any continuous function.

- Constructing is inefficient
- Deep learning exploit structure in data to find efficient approximations

Non-Linearities - TL;DR

- Deep networks are stacks of alternating linear and non-linear layers
- Deep networks belong to a class of continuous functions that can approximate **any** continuous function!