

# Back to the Future for machine learning

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Theory of Condensed Matter group

# Machine learning

Train from **sparse** data to **merge** simulations, physical laws, and experimental data

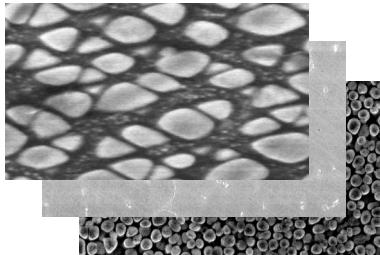
**Reduce** the need for expensive experimental development

**Accelerate** materials and drugs discovery

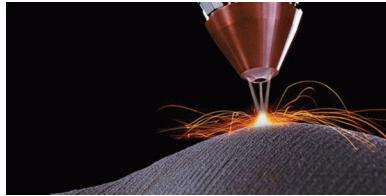
**Generic** with **proven** applications in materials discovery and drug design

# Materials designed

Nickel and molybdenum



3D printing with welding and printability



Experiment and DFT for batteries

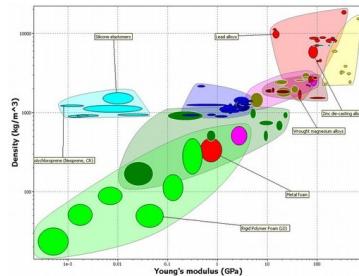


Steel for welding



# More materials

Identified and corrected errors in materials database



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MATERIAL INSPIRATION

Lubricants with molecular dynamics and experiments



Thermometry with experiment and computation



Cambridge Cryogenics

Drug design



e-therapeutics

optibrium

Takeda

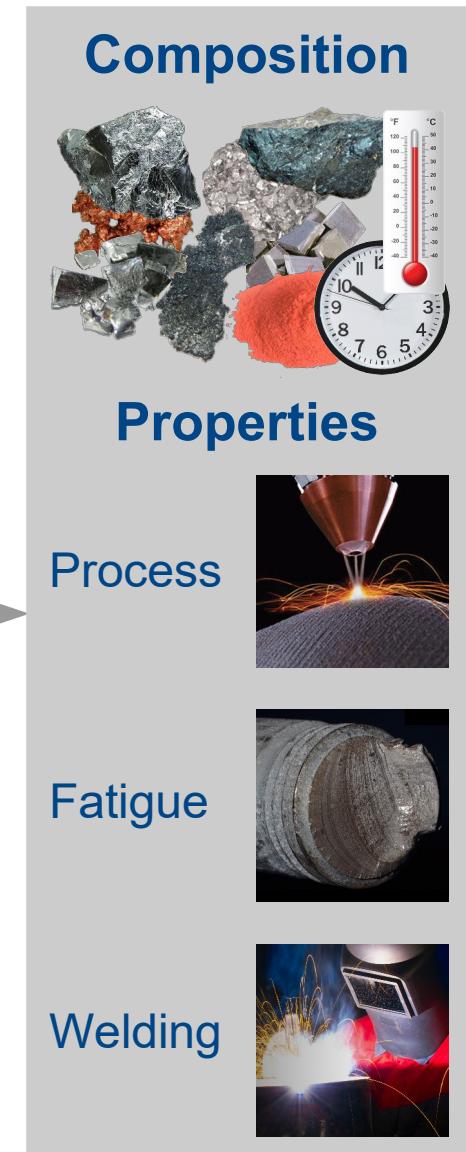
# Plan of talk

Deep dive into the **maths** underpinning the neural network

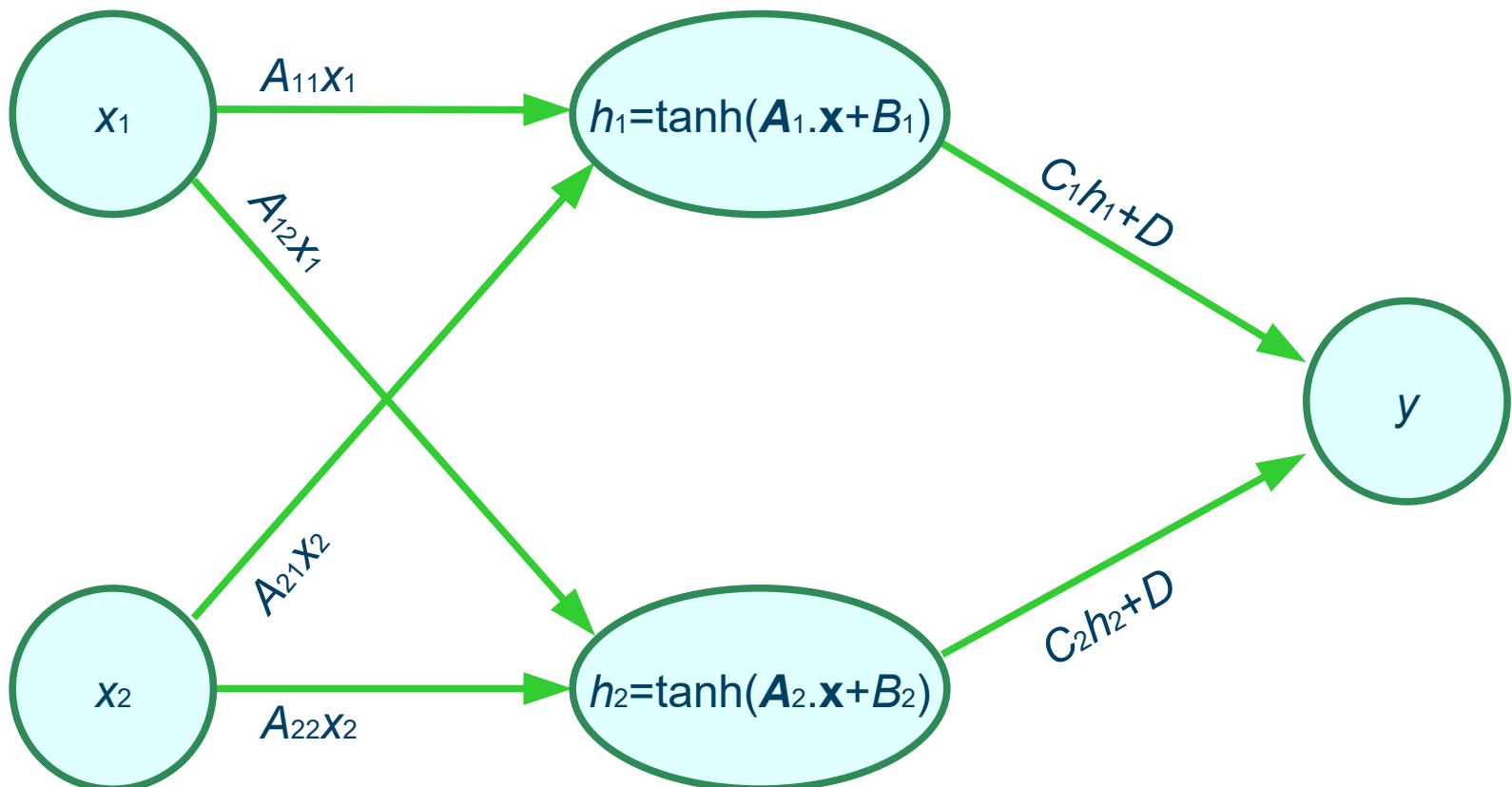
Accelerate and improve the **activation function**

Celeritate **crystal plasticity** calculations

# Neural network for materials design



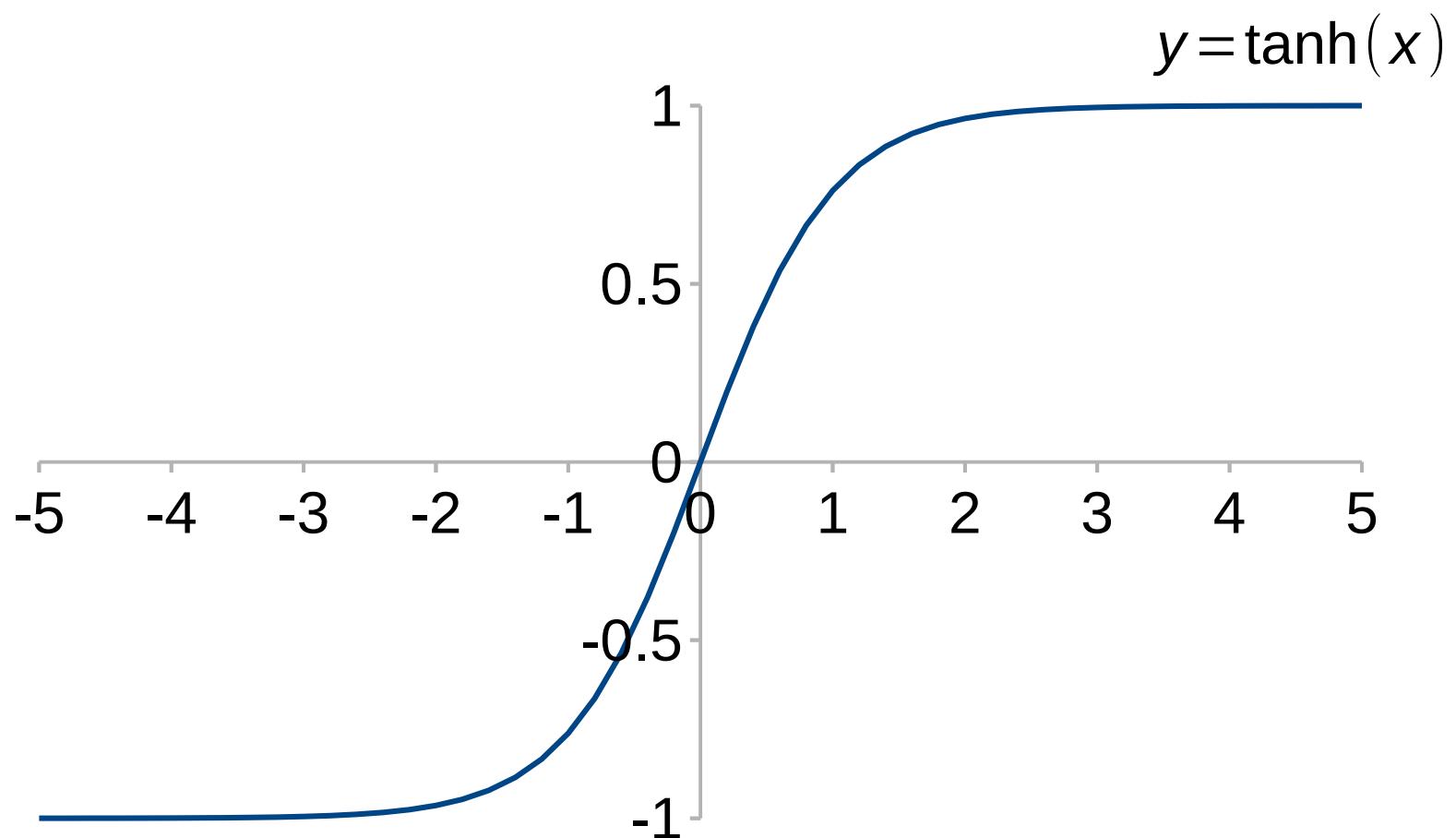
# Underlying neural network



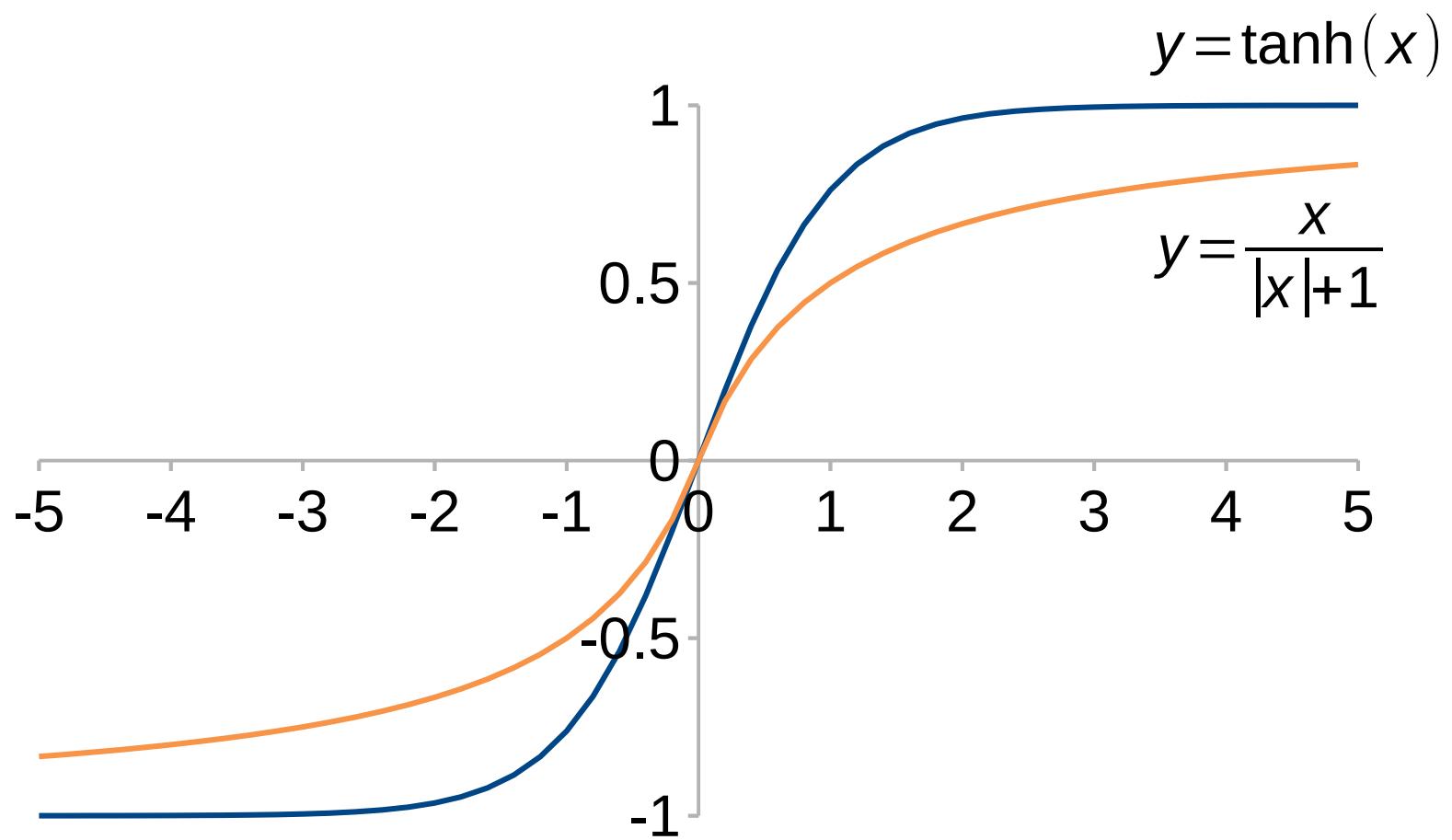
# Accelerate the activation function

$$y = D + C \tanh(Ax + B)$$

# Activation function



# Proposed activation function



# Accelerate the activation function

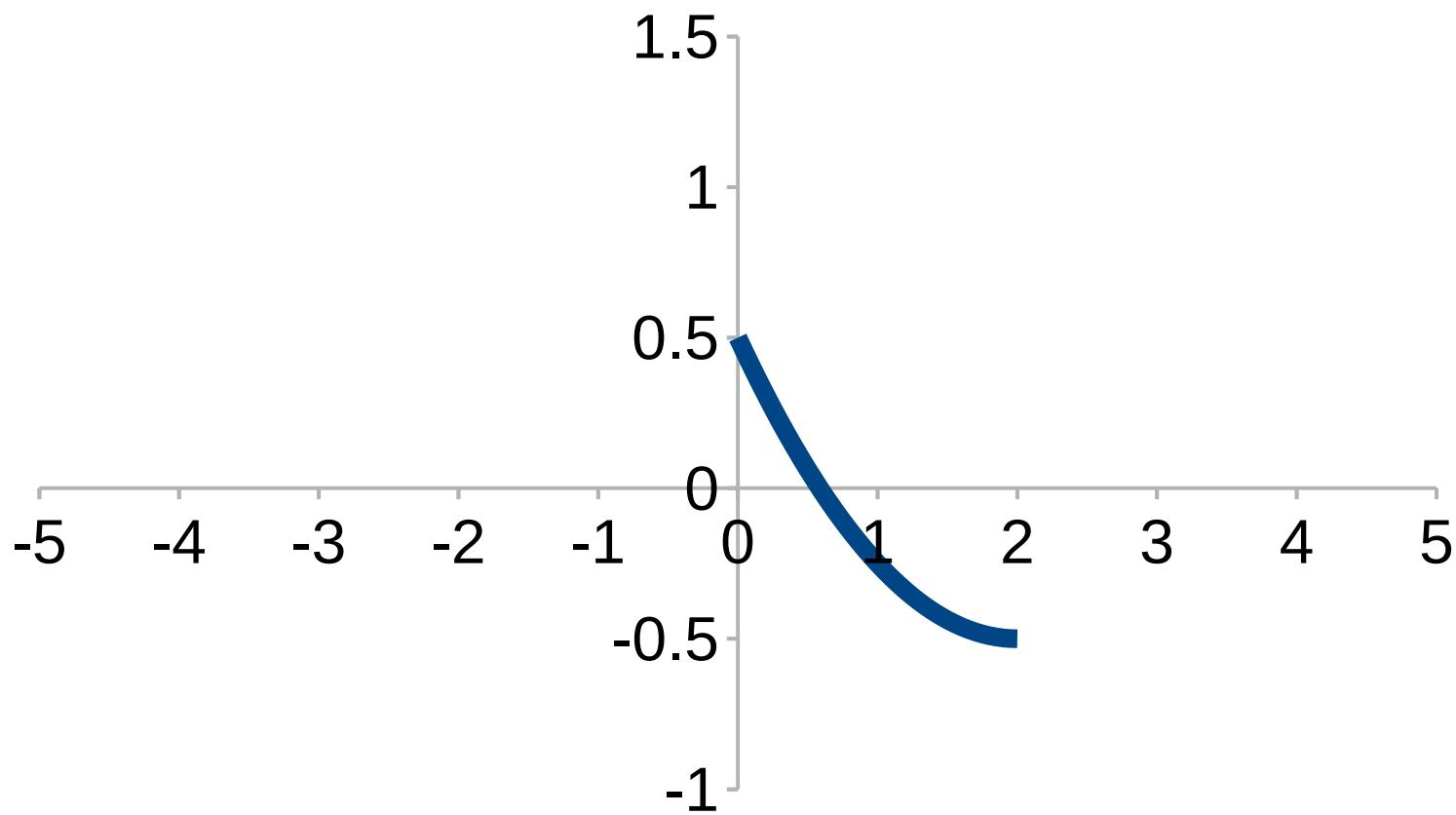
$$y = D + C \tanh(Ax + B)$$

$$y = D + C \frac{Ax + B}{|Ax + B| + 1}$$

Activation function takes **50%** of time to evaluate

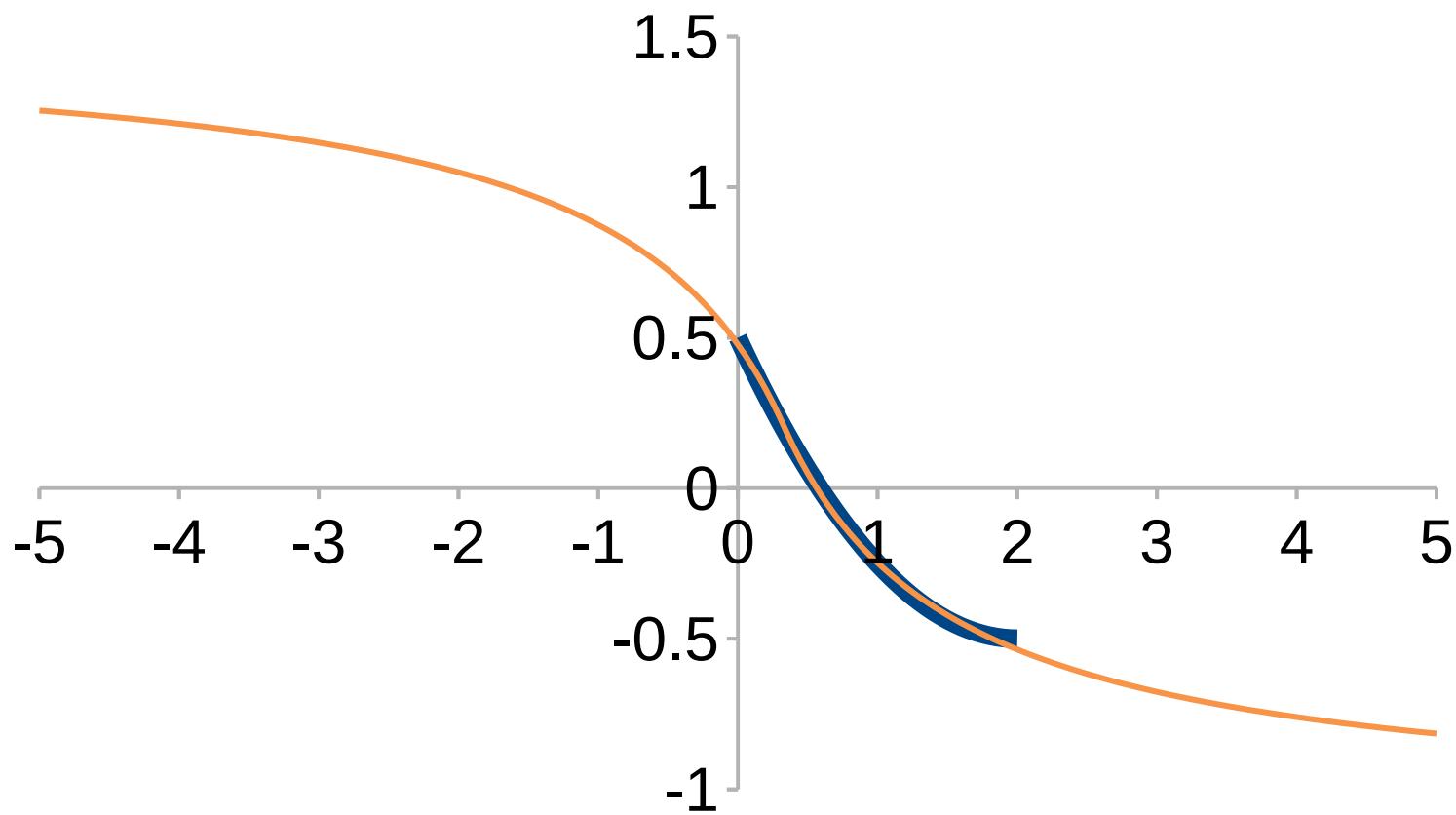
# Training data for our neural network

$$y = 1 - x + x^2$$



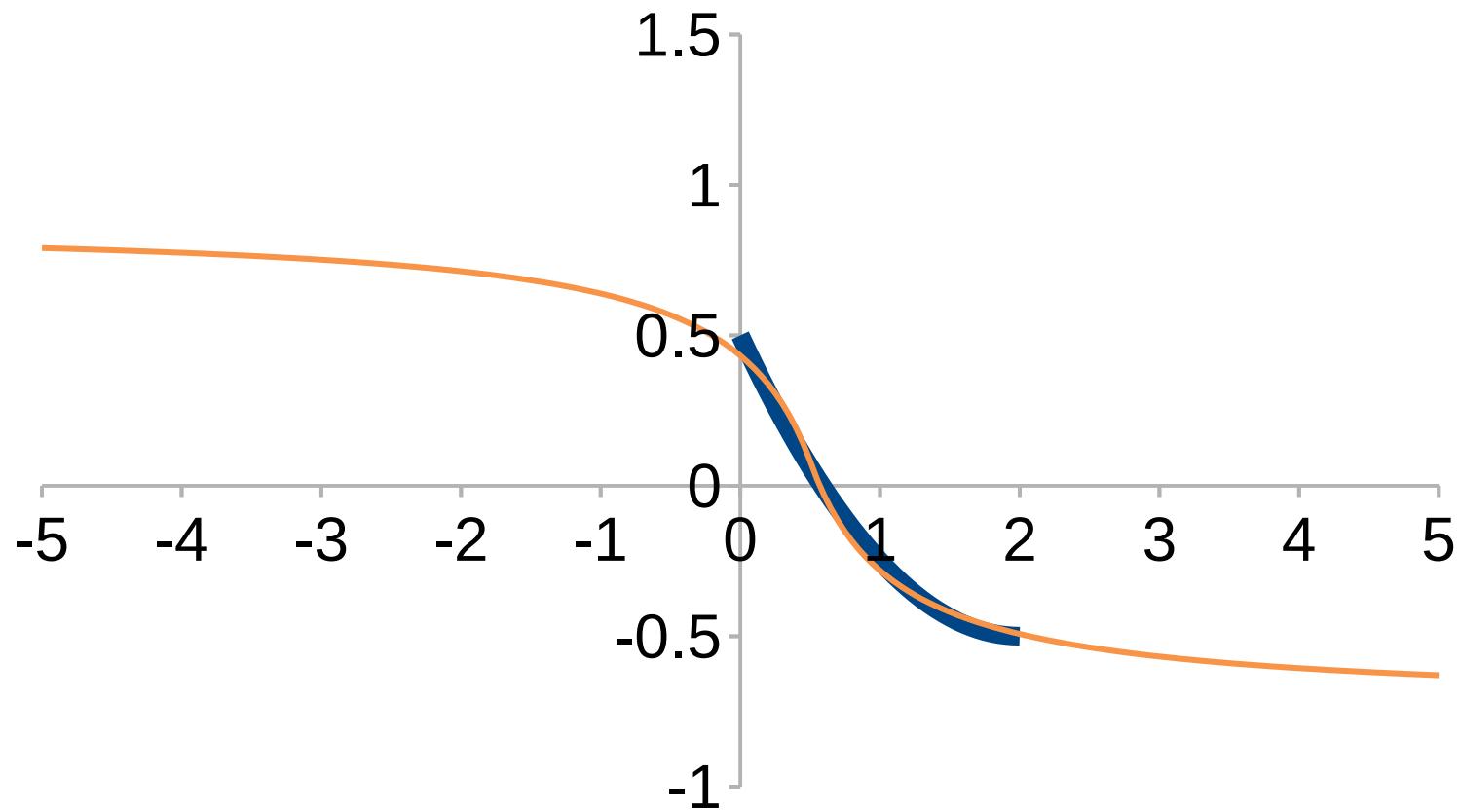
# How a neural network fits the function

$$y = 0.21 + 1.29 \frac{-0.81x + 0.27}{|-0.81x + 0.27| + 1}$$



## Another fit to the function

$$y = 0.07 + 0.80 \frac{-1.62x + 0.82}{|-1.62x + 0.82| + 1}$$



# Neural network of multiple variables

$$y = D + C \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B}{|\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B| + 1}$$

# Taylor expand the neural network

$$y = D + C \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B}{|\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B| + 1}$$
$$= \begin{cases} D + C(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B) & |\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B| \ll 1 \\ D + C \operatorname{sign}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B) & |\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B| \gg 1 \end{cases}$$

# A better form for a Taylor expansion

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Change activation function  $f(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B)$  to depend on multiple variables  $f(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B, C)$

$$y = D + C \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B}{|\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B| + C}$$
$$= \begin{cases} D + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B & |\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B| \ll C \\ D + C \operatorname{sign}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B) & |\vec{A} \cdot \vec{x} + B| \gg C \end{cases}$$

# Physical formulae with multiplication

$$\mu = \frac{\tau_i}{3\sigma_y}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{6E_d' h \sigma_d}{E_s' H^2}$$

$$i_L = \frac{ZFD C}{\delta}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

$$\sigma = \frac{3FL}{2bd^2}$$

$$V = IR$$

$$PV = nk_B T$$

$$\rho = \frac{AR}{L}$$

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{m}{ne^2 \mu_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

# Physical formulae with addition and multiplication

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$$\omega = \left( \frac{k(m_1+m_2)}{m_1 m_2} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$i_A = i_0 \exp \left( \frac{azF\eta}{RT} \right)$$

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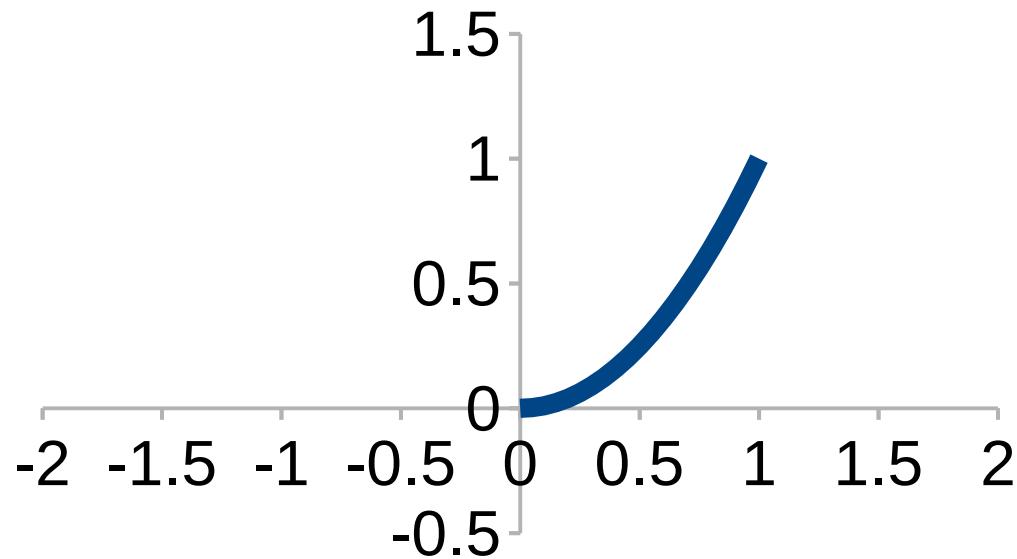
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$$V = I(R_1 + R_2)$$

$$\epsilon = A\sigma^n \exp(-Q/RT)$$

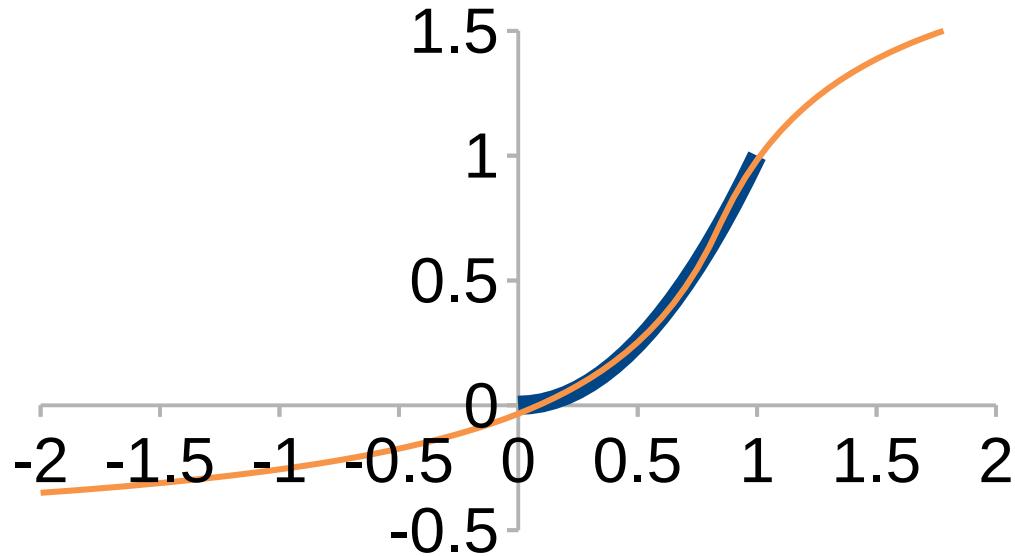
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# Training data to enable multiplication



# Neural network to replicate the parabola

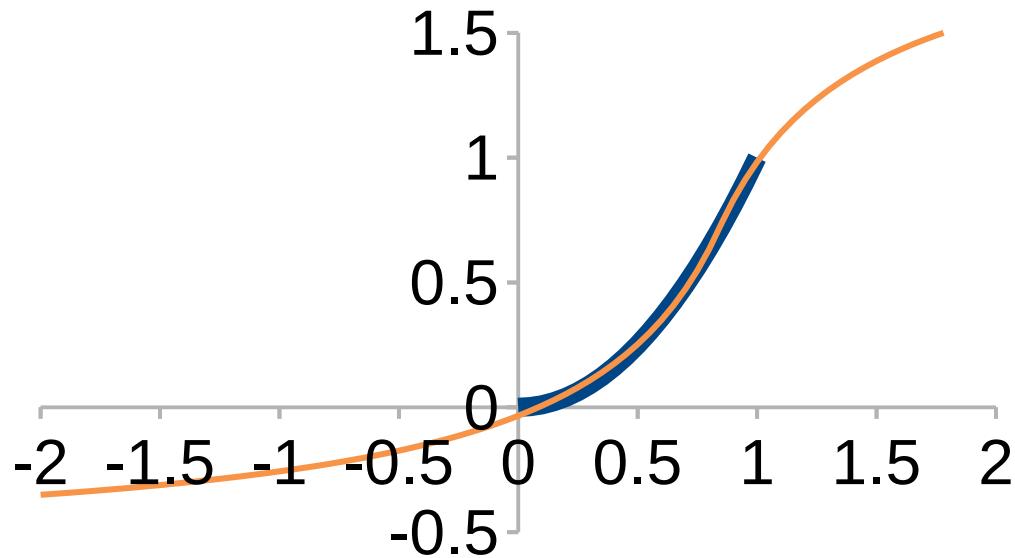
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$$y = 0.57 + \frac{1.2(2.01x - 1.85)}{|2.01x - 1.85| + 1.2}$$

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2) Combine two activation functions in the square region

$$y = \underbrace{\left( \frac{x_1}{2} + \frac{x_2}{2} \right)^2}_{\text{Node 1}} - \underbrace{\left( \frac{x_1}{2} - \frac{x_2}{2} \right)^2}_{\text{Node 2}} = x_1 x_2$$

# Can we do better with logarithms?

$$\log y = \underbrace{(\log x_1 + \log x_2)}_{\text{Node 1}} = \log(x_1 x_2)$$

$$y = x_1 x_2$$

Becomes tricky when  $x < 0$ , and cannot recover addition

# Blend addition and multiplication into one kernel

$$y = D + \bar{\alpha} \bar{y} + \sum_i \frac{\alpha_i C_i (\vec{A}_i \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{\bar{x}}) + B_i)}{|\vec{A}_i \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{\bar{x}}) + B_i| + C_i}$$

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# Recover addition

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When  $\alpha=1$  and for small  $x$  recover addition

$$y = D + \bar{y} + \sum_i [\vec{A}_i \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{\bar{x}}) + B_i]$$

# Recover multiplication

$$y = D + \bar{\alpha} \bar{y} + \sum_i \frac{\alpha_i C_i (\vec{A}_i \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{\bar{x}}) + B_i)}{|\vec{A}_i \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{\bar{x}}) + B_i| + C_i}$$
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When  $\alpha=0$  and for small  $x \geq 0$  recover multiplication

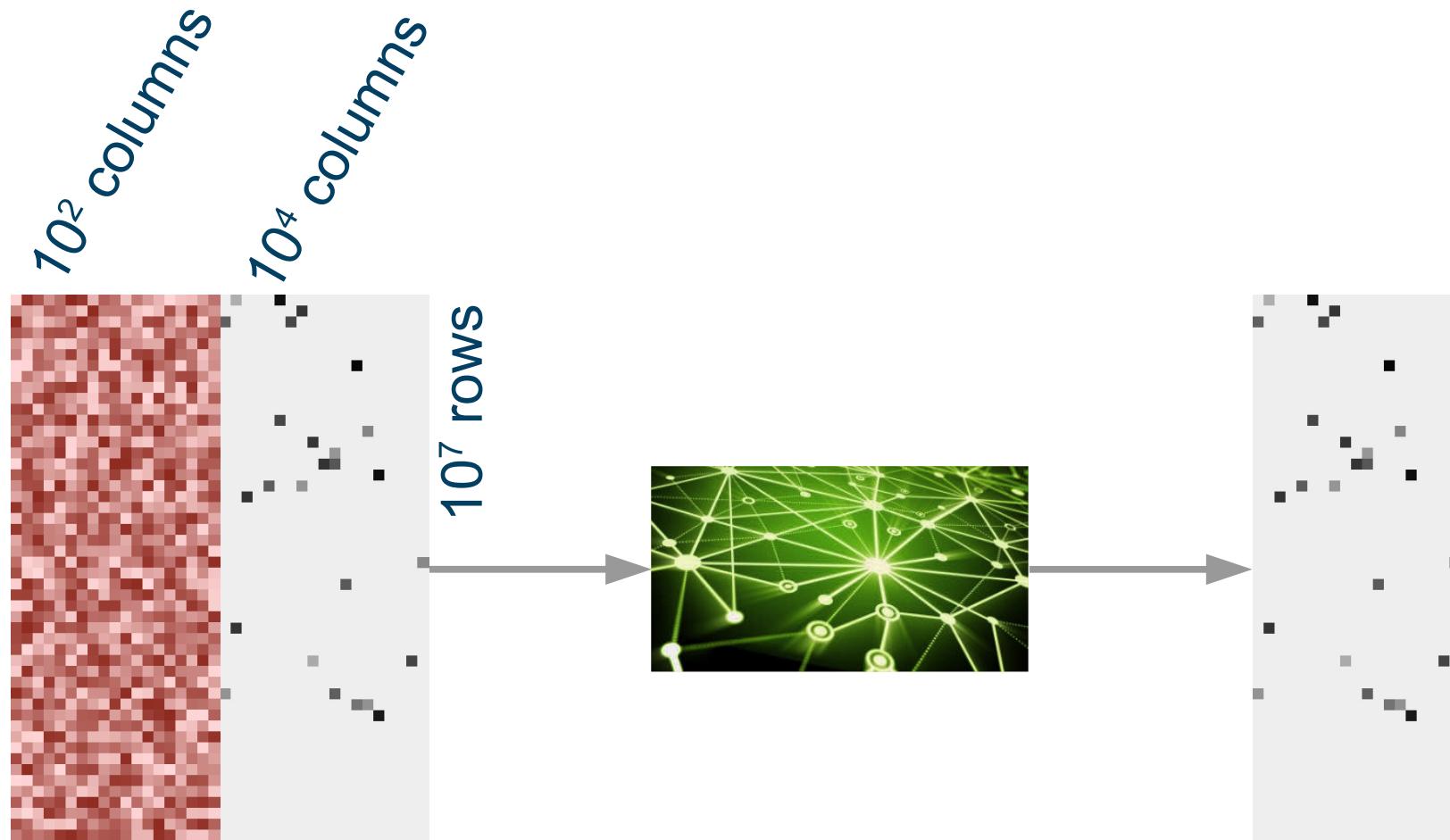
$$y = D - \sum_i B_i \prod_j x_j^{A_{ij}}$$

# Addition-multiplication merging improves performance

$$y = D + \bar{\alpha} \bar{y} + \sum_i \frac{\alpha_i C_i (\vec{A}_i \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{\bar{x}}) + B_i)}{|\vec{A}_i \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{\bar{x}}) + B_i| + C_i}$$
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Addition-product merging improves performance by ~**50%**

# Machine learning for drug discovery

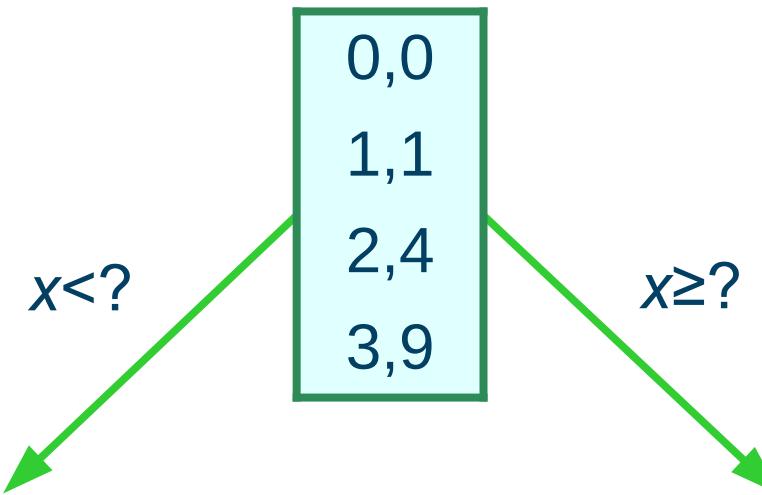


Data from ChEMBL  
Martin, Polyakov, Tian, and Perez,  
J. Chem. Inf. Model. 57, 2077 (2017)

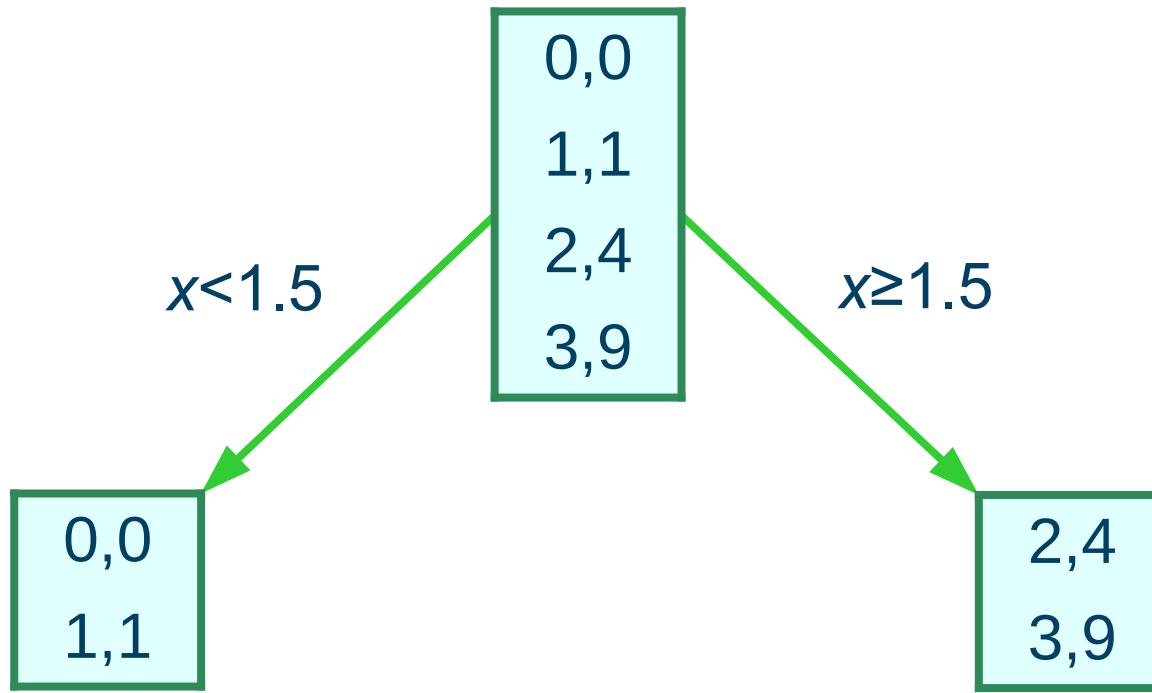
# Decision tree

0,0
1,1
2,4
3,9

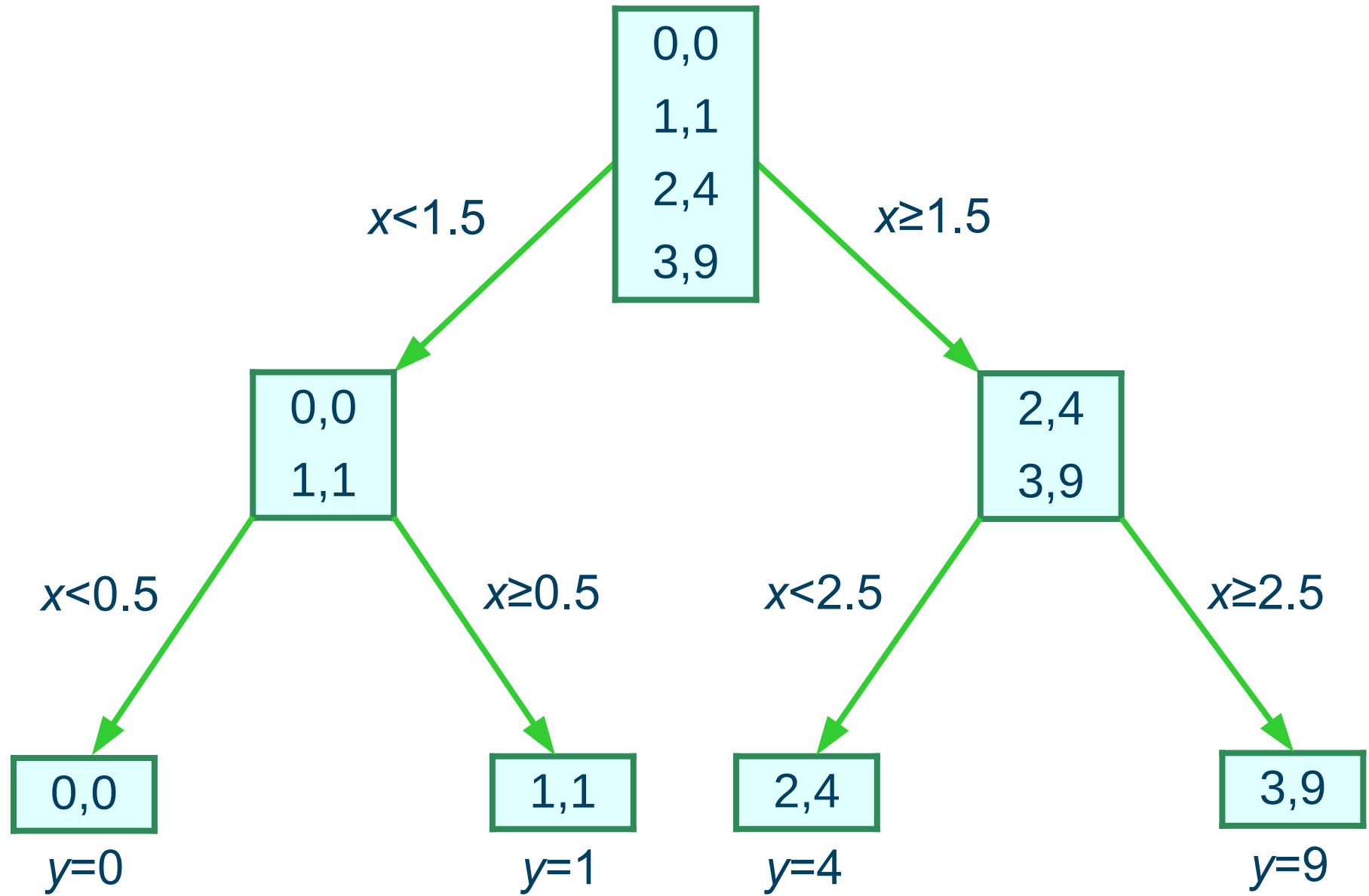
# Finding the best split



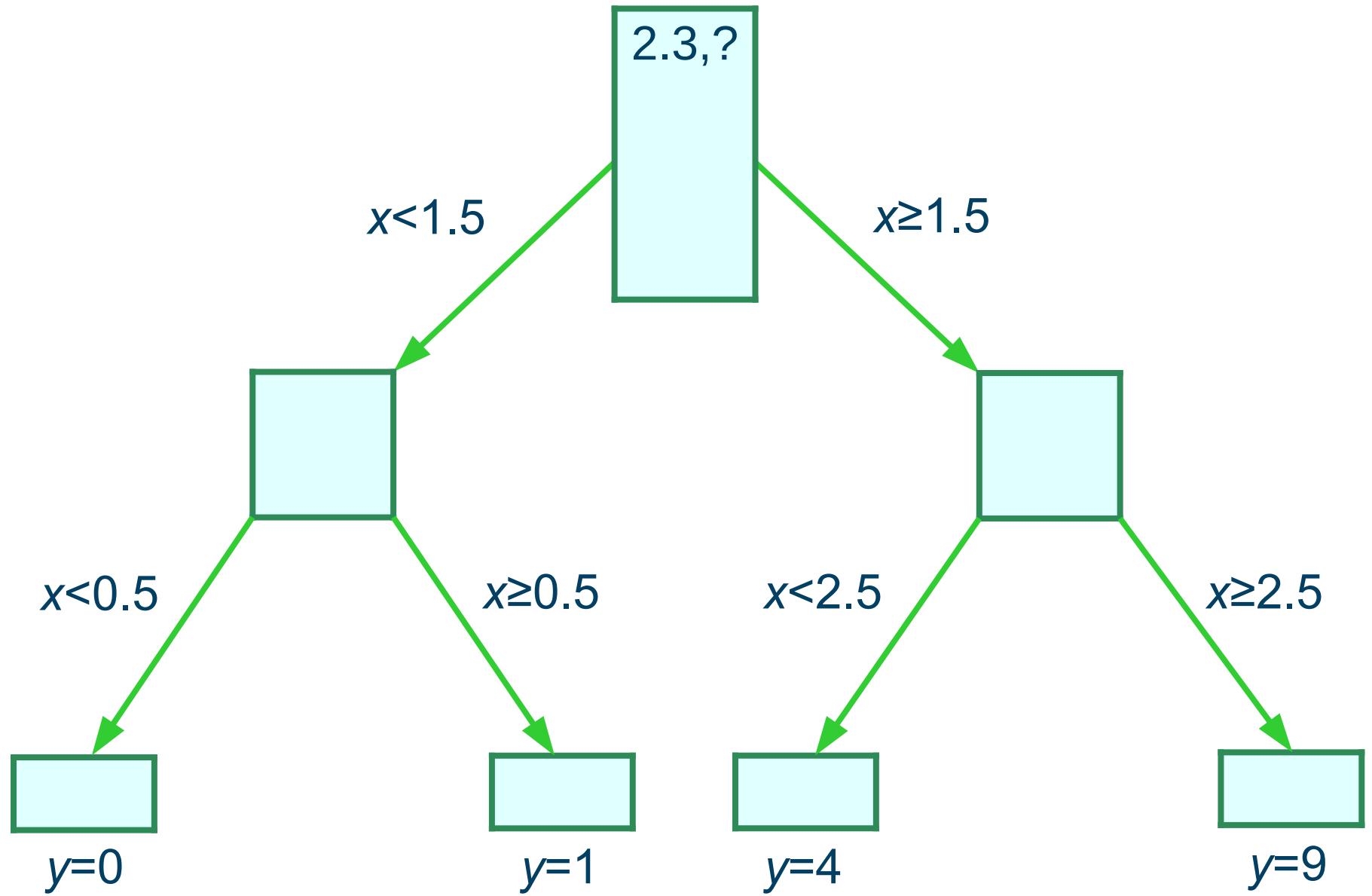
# Best split is into two equal partitions



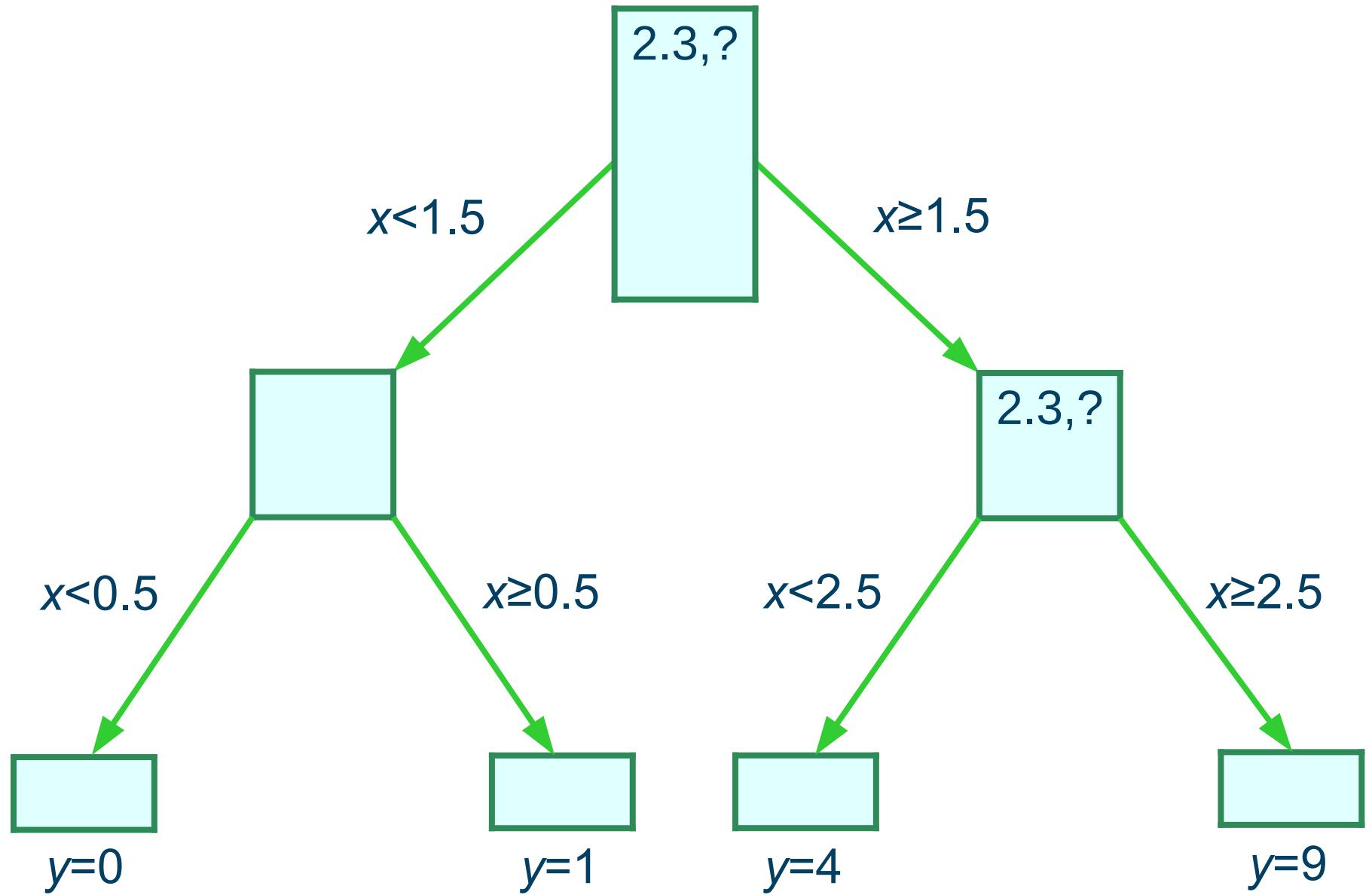
# Split the data multiple times



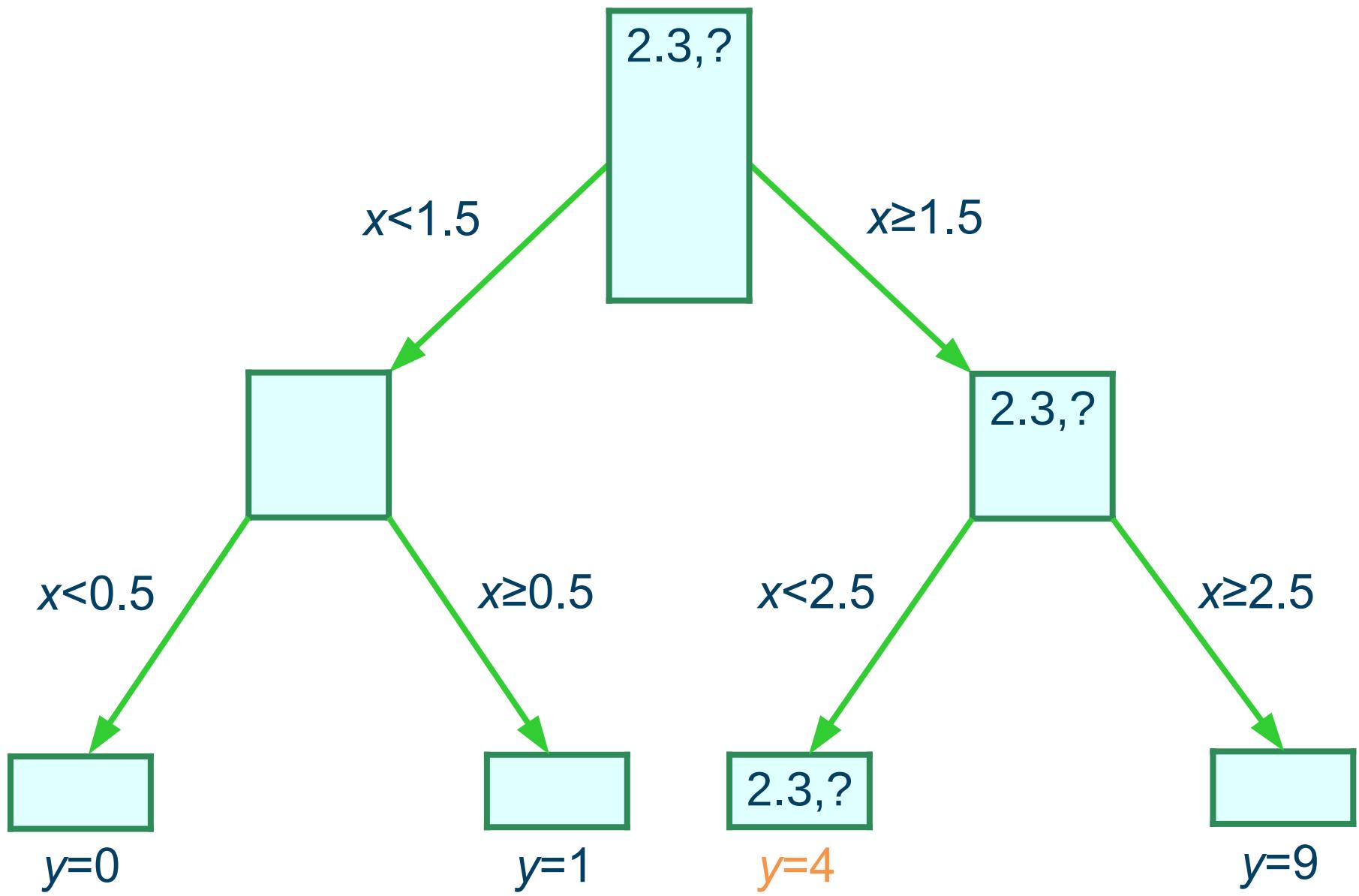
# Use the tree to predict $y(x)$



# Pass $x$ down to the second branch

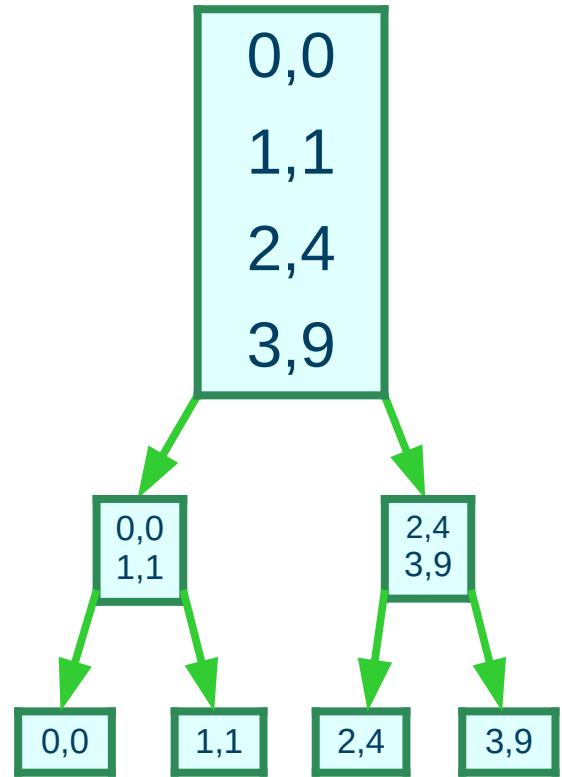


# Prediction for $y(x)$



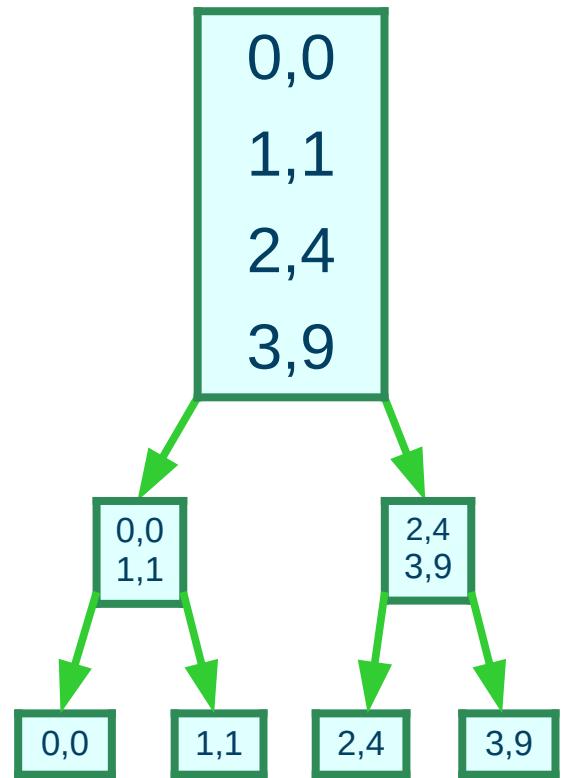
# A single decision tree

Tree 1

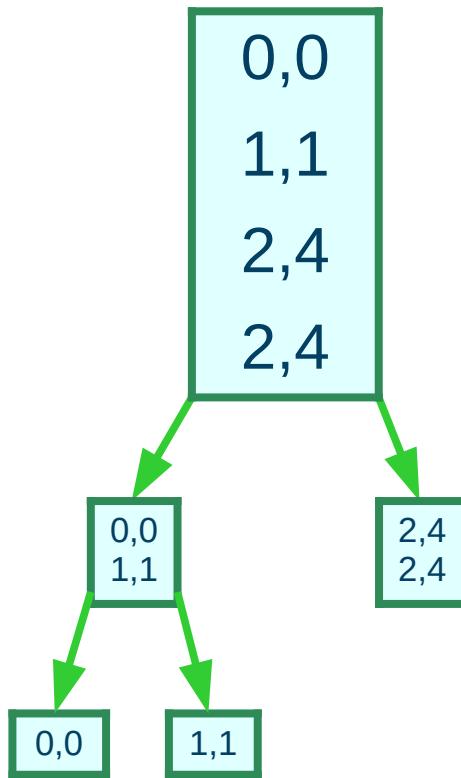


# Grow a forest of trees

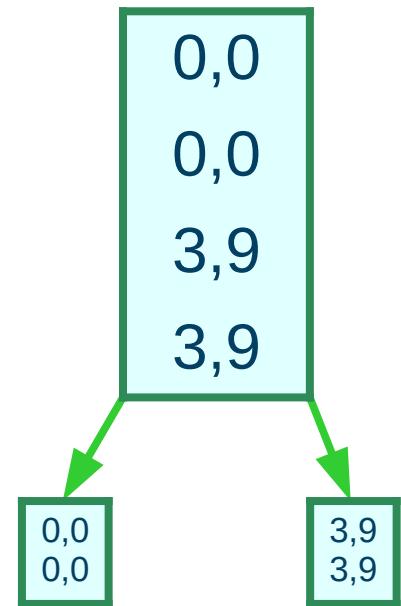
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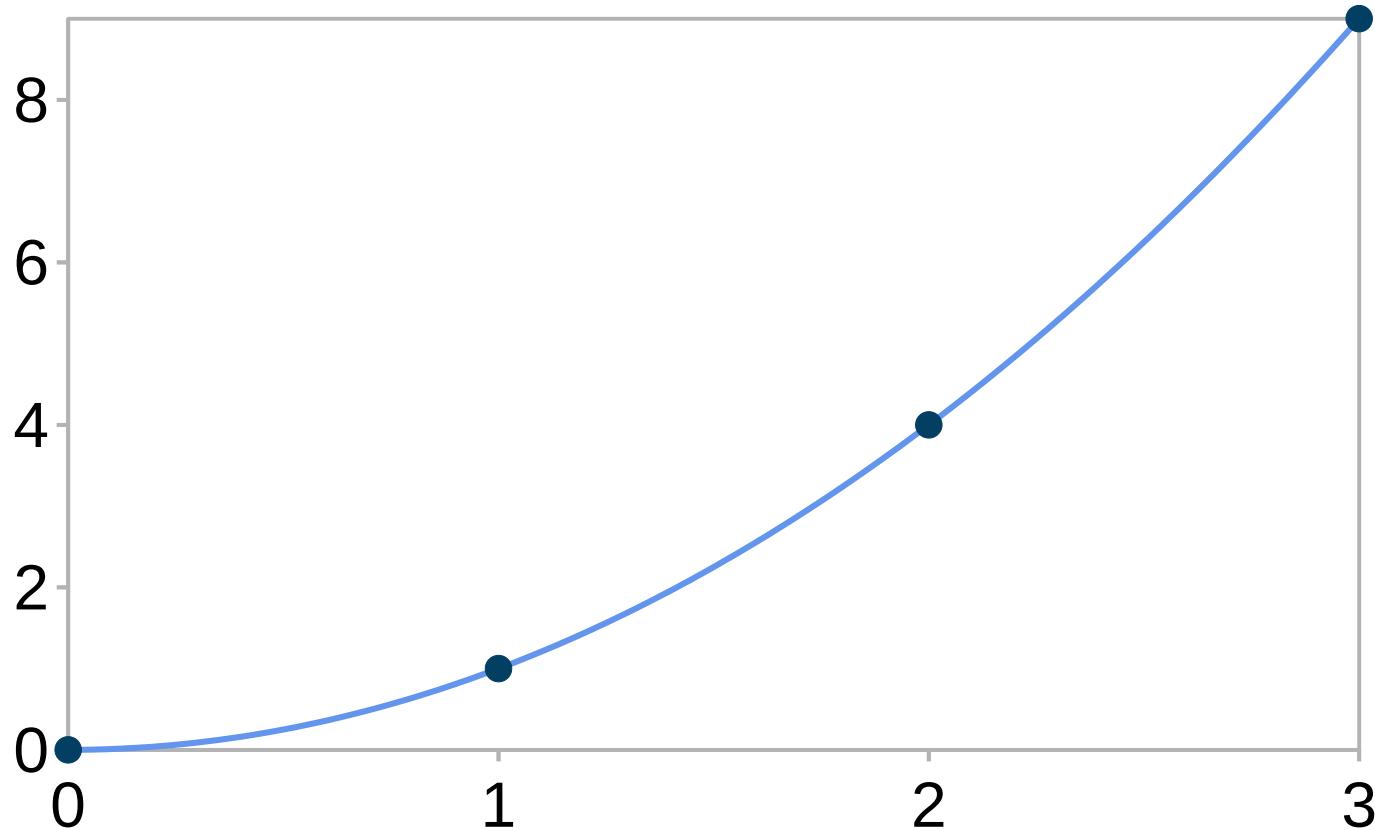
Tree 2



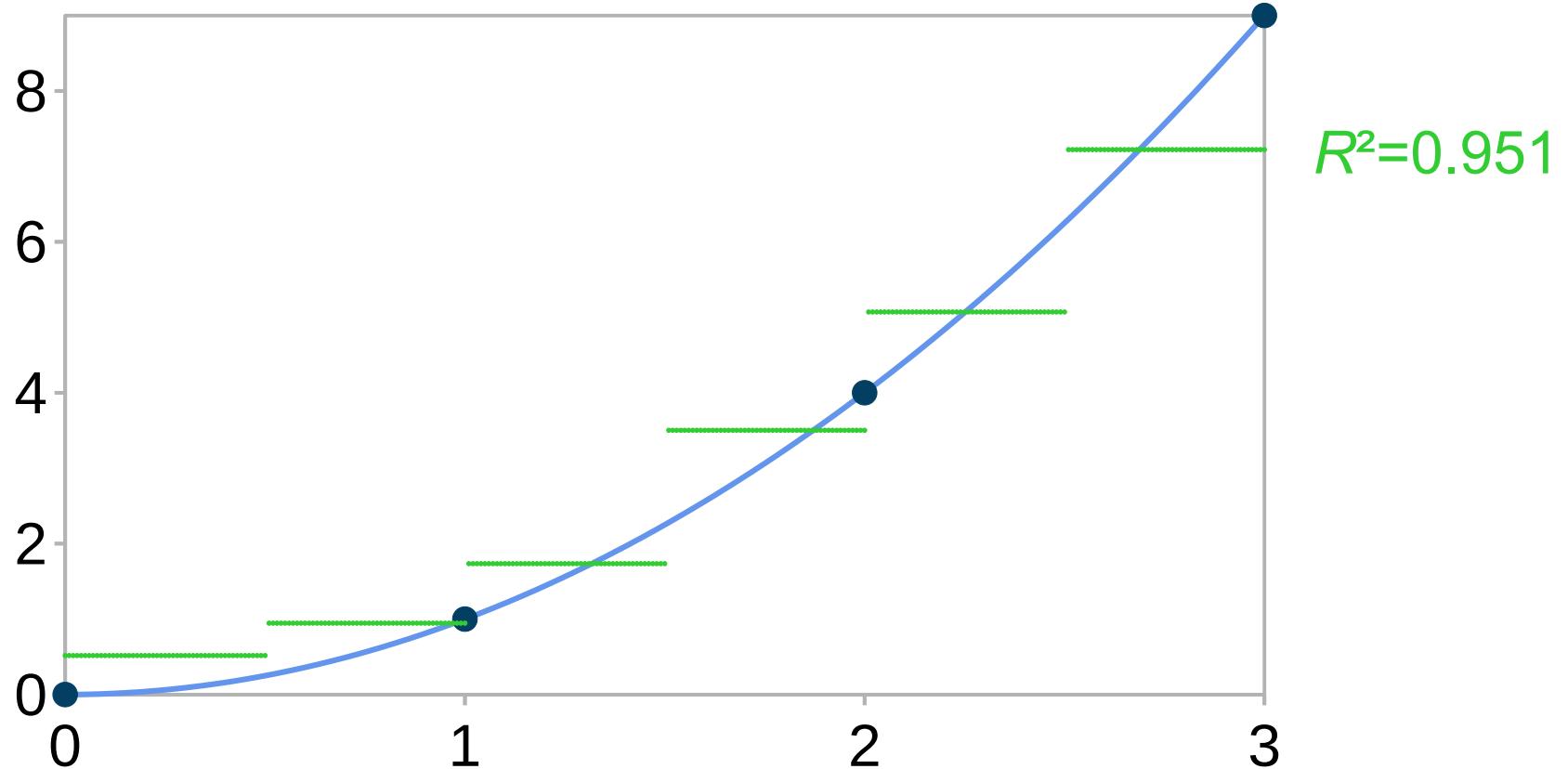
Tree 3



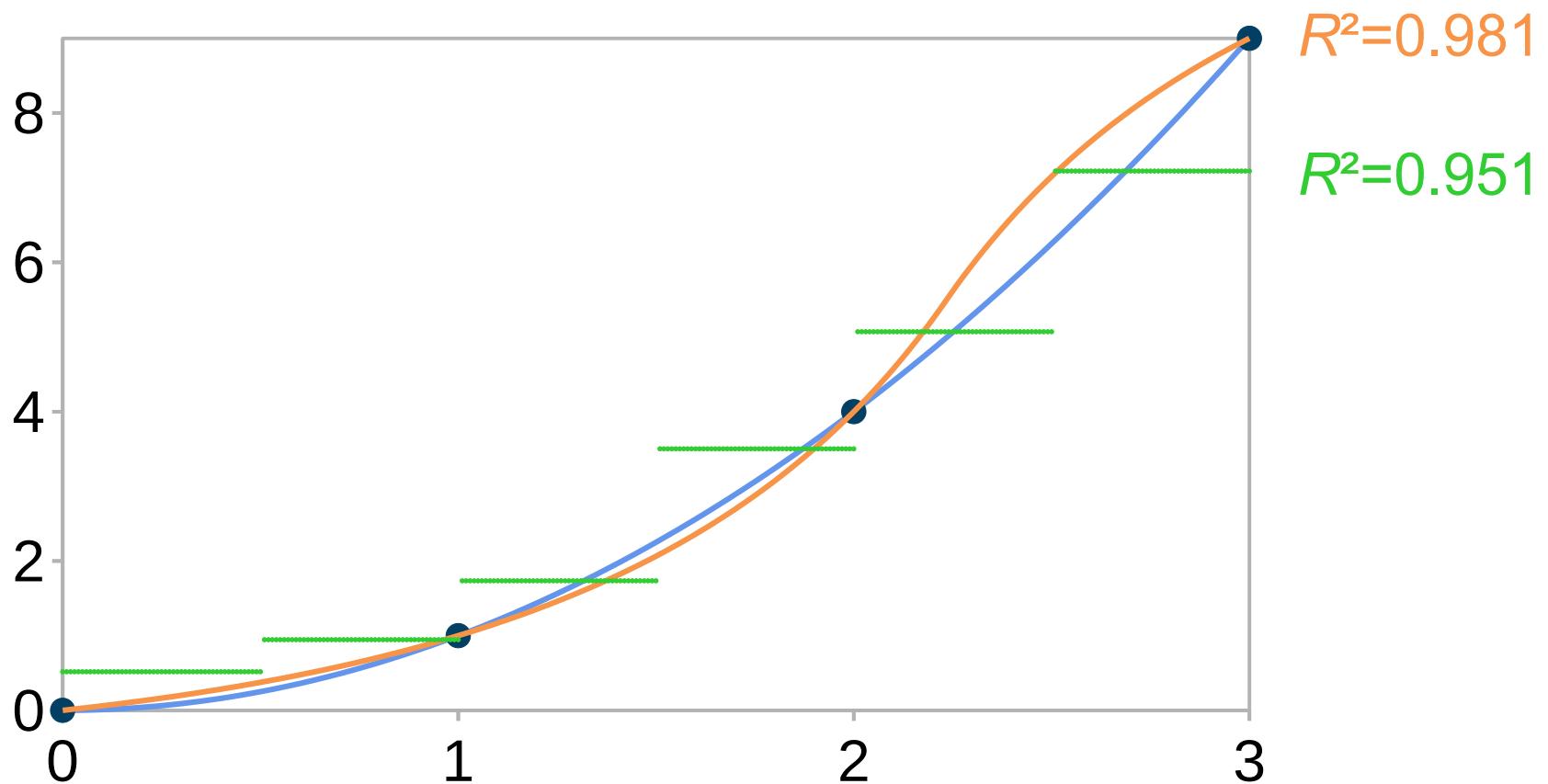
# Parabola training and validation data



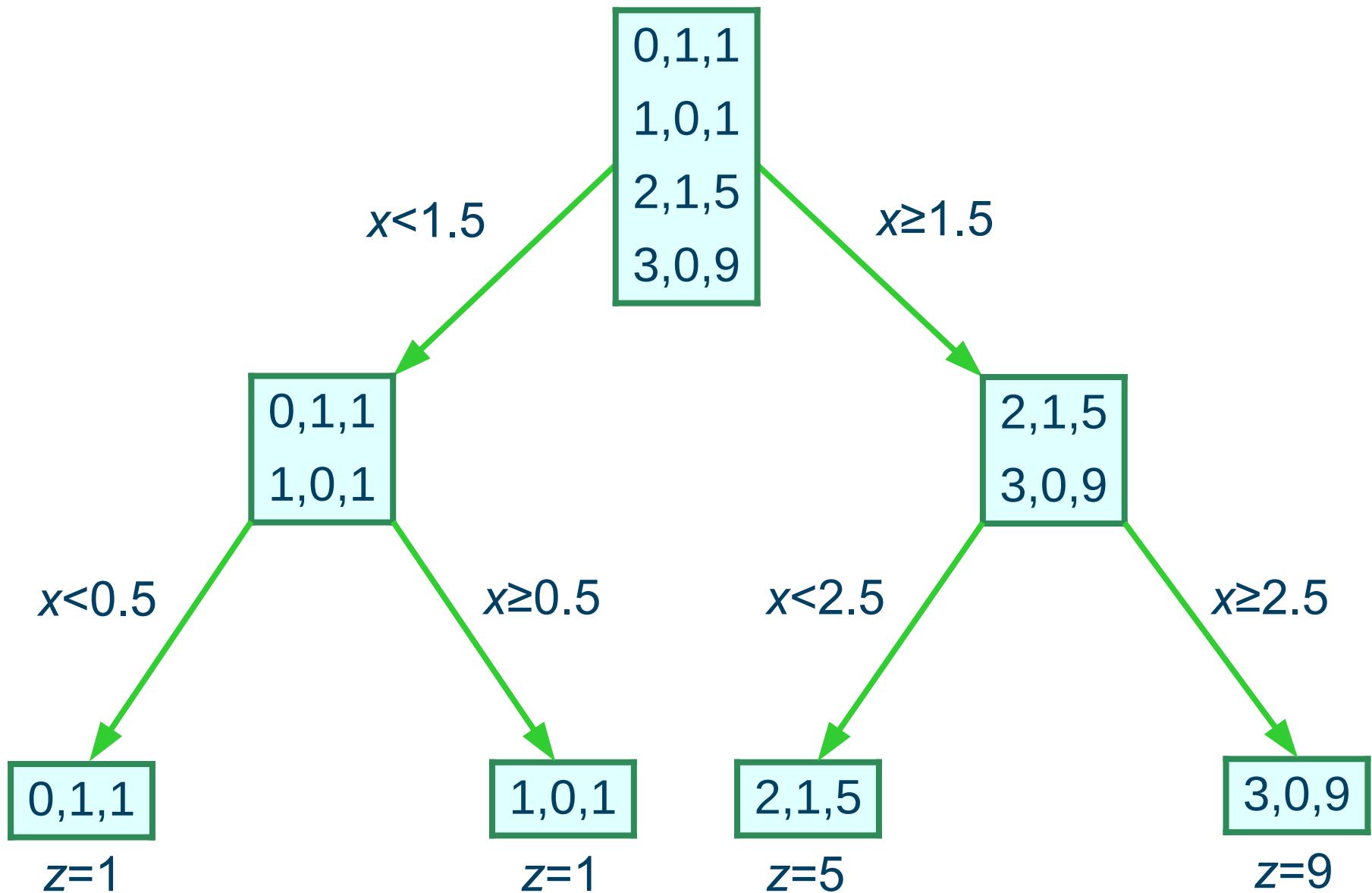
# Random forest predictions are a set of horizontal lines



# Neural network prediction

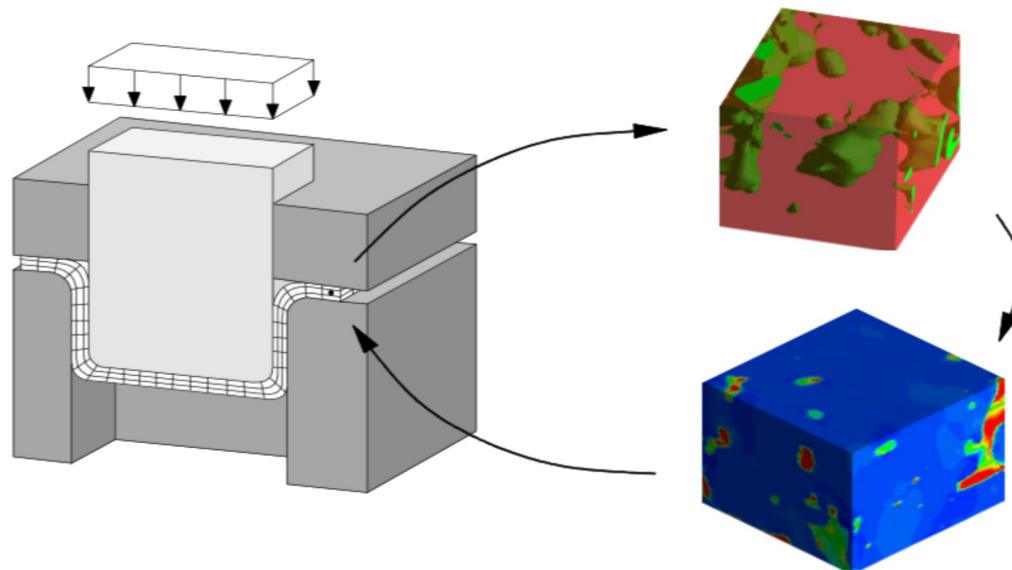


# Decision tree in multiple dimensions



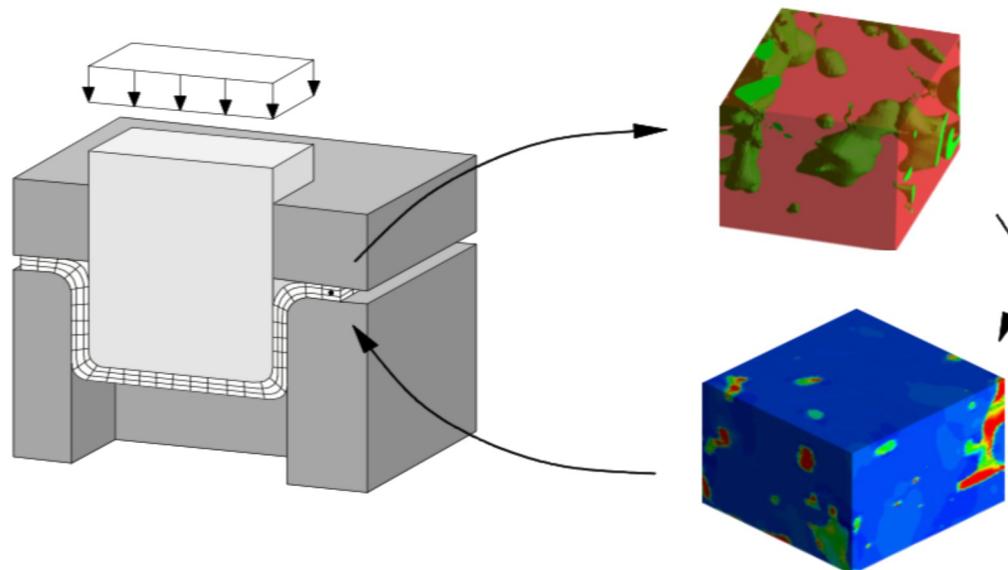
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Crystal plasticity model working on a grain length scale to propagate structure of FCC copper nanowire, each step taking 1 minute. Perform a total of  $10^3 \times 10^8$  simulations



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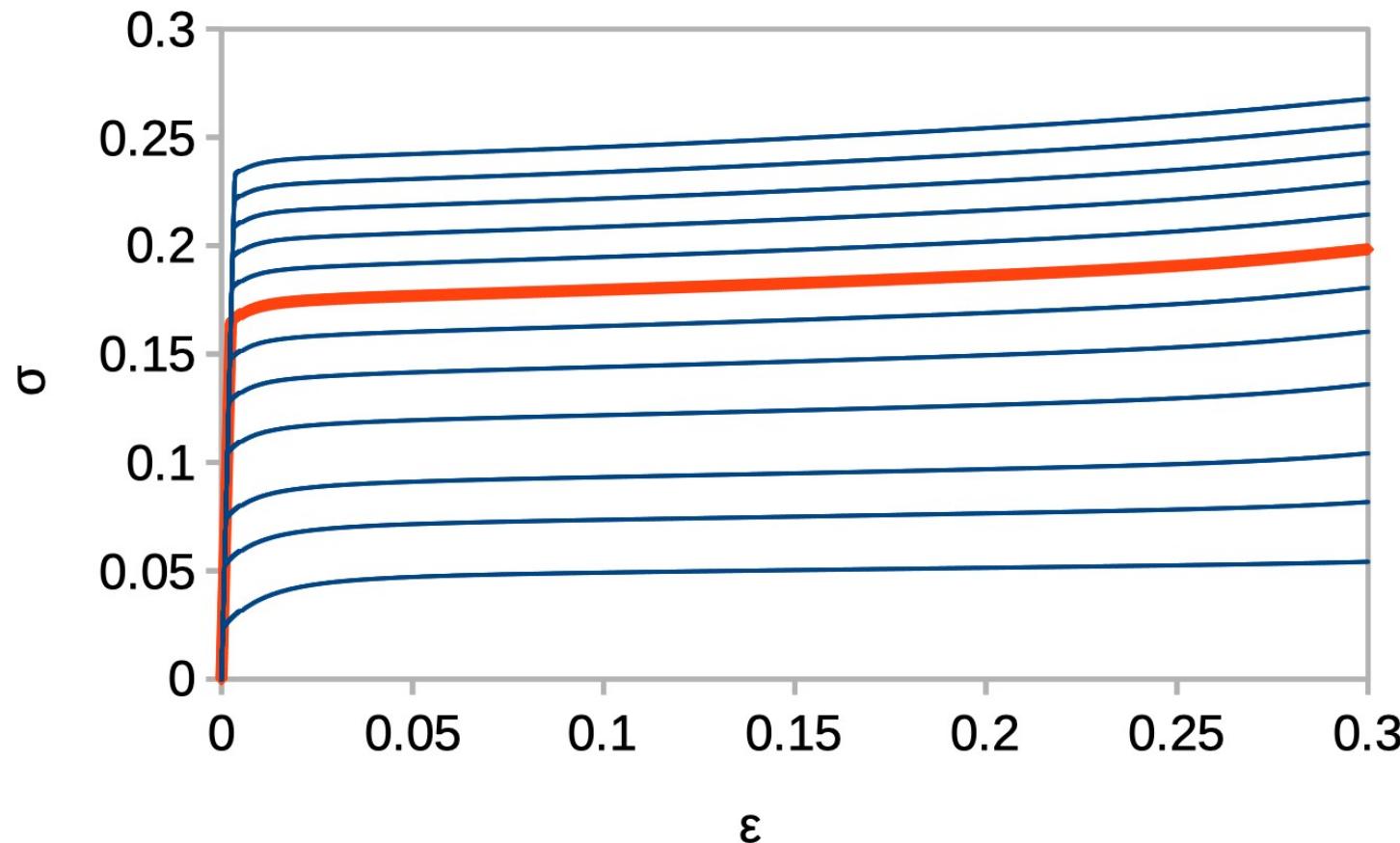
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Machine learning trained on old simulations to predict evolution during plastic deformation

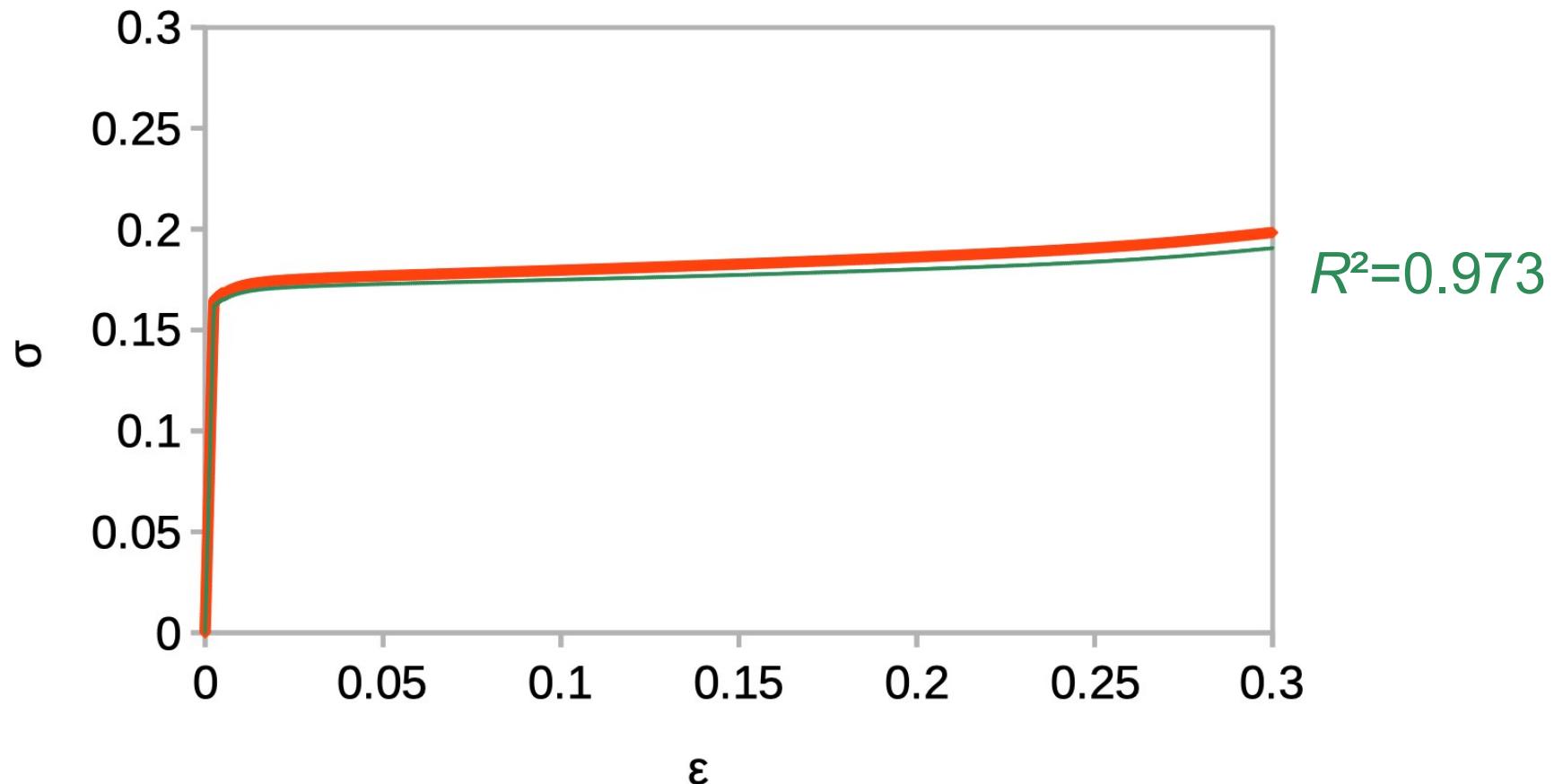
# Training data

Record  $\varepsilon, \sigma, \rho, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, d\sigma/d\varepsilon, \rho/d\varepsilon, d\varphi_1/d\varepsilon, d\varphi_2/d\varepsilon, d\varphi_3/d\varepsilon$



# Prediction from random forest

Predict  $\sigma(\varepsilon + \Delta\varepsilon) = \sigma(\varepsilon) + \Delta\varepsilon \times d\sigma/d\varepsilon$



# Prediction from random forest with gradients

Speedup of  $10^6$  so can include grains in a simulation of forging and shot peening

Lays template for multi-scaling modeling



# Summary

Neural network kernel to keep parameters orthogonal and merge addition together with **multiplication**

Propagated plasticity model to accelerate predictions by  $10^6$

Experimentally **proven** materials design, founded start-up  
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