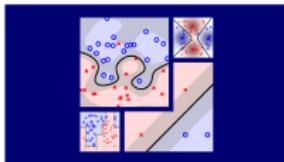


# Machine Learning Techniques (機器學習技法)



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# Roadmap

- 1 Embedding Numerous Features: Kernel Models
- 2 Combining Predictive Features: Aggregation Models
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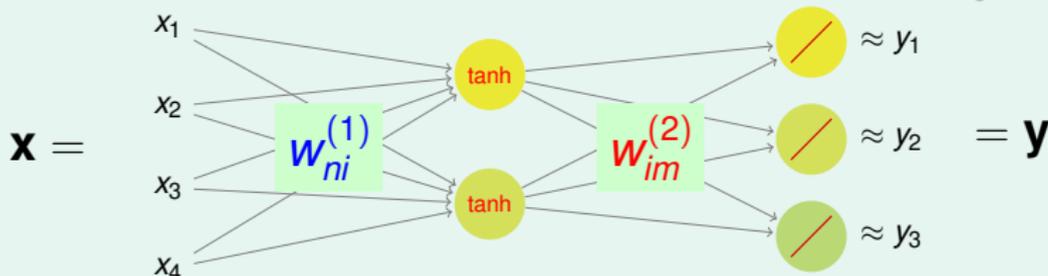
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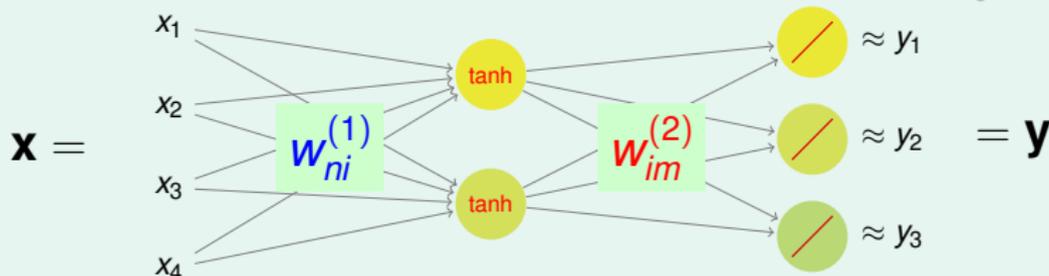
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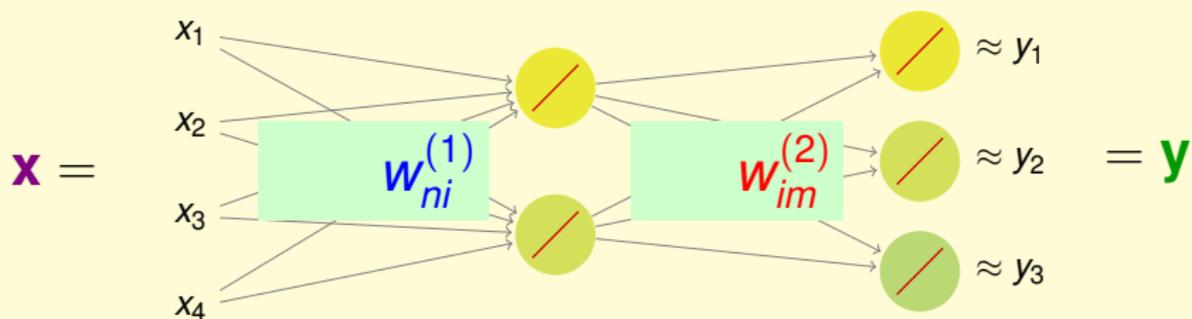
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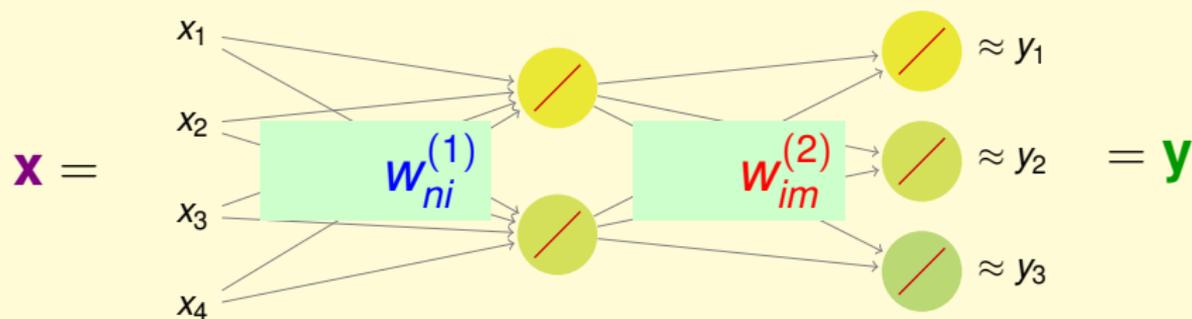
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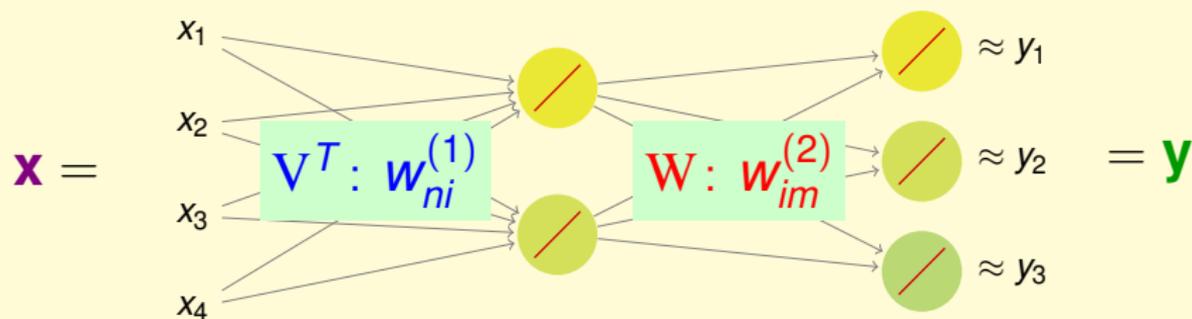
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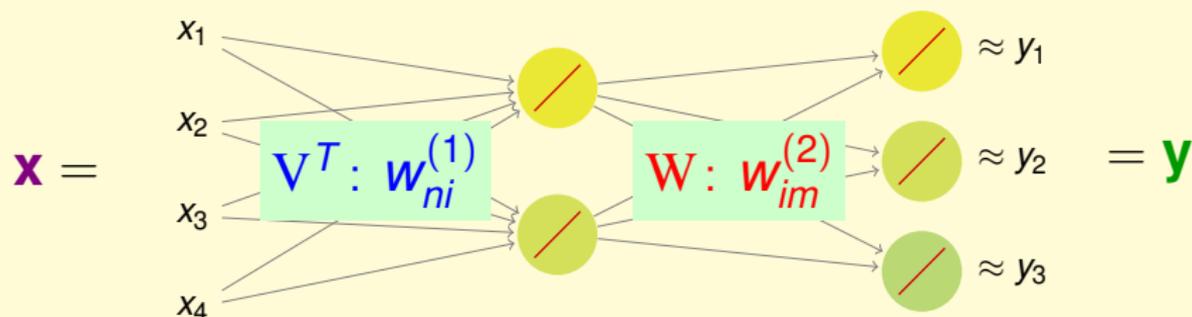
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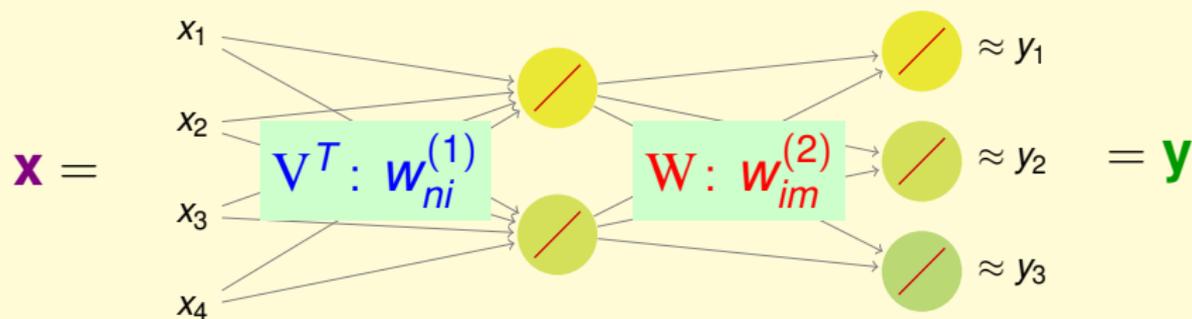
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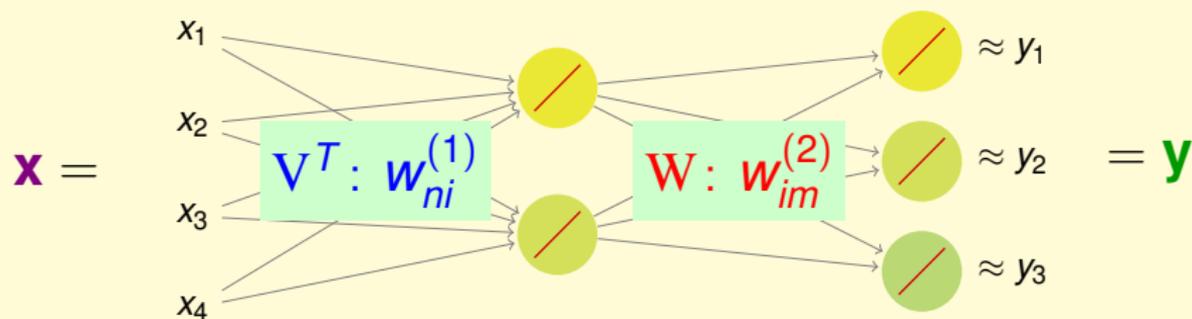
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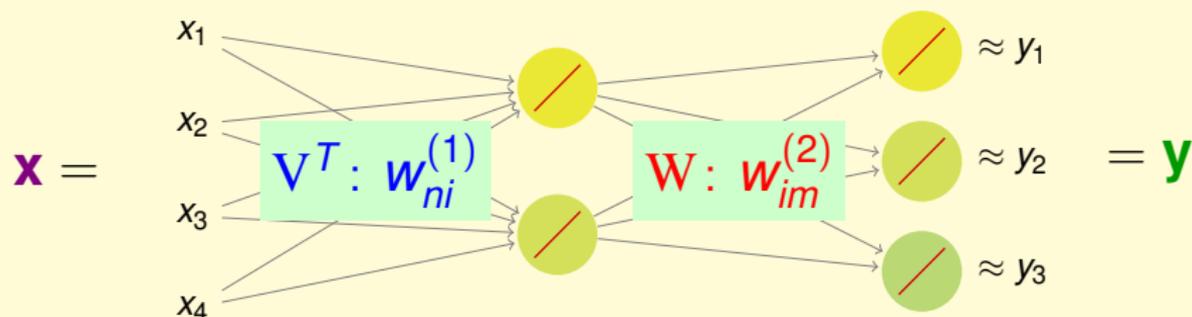
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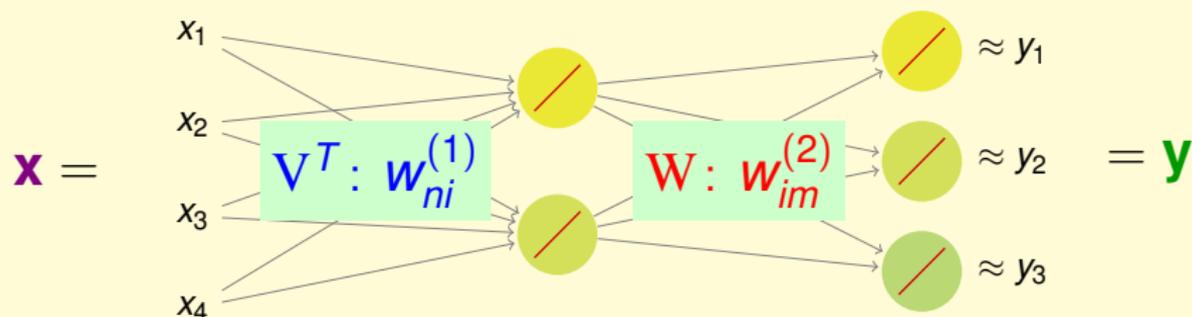
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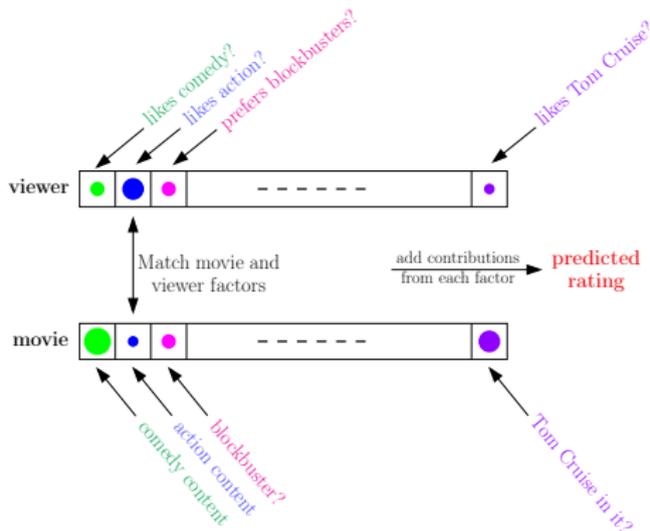
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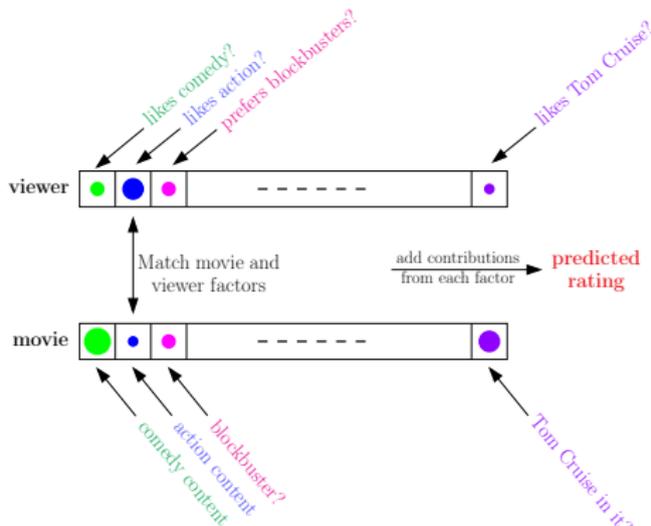
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## Lecture 15: Matrix Factorization

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