

# A crisis in adversarial machine learning

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Why do we study  
adversarial machine learning?

We might want to improve ...

1. General purpose robustness

2. The robustness against worst-case attack

3. The robustness against practical attacks

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Challenge Session	14:10	14:30
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Someone tells you they have a new algorithm to generate synthetic images

# The Year is **2014**



# The Year is 2017

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# The Year is 2017



# The Year is 2022

Someone tells you they have a new algorithm to generate synthetic images



# The Year is 2022



A photo of a Corgi dog riding a bike in Times Square.  
It is wearing sunglasses and a beach hat.



# 2014



# 2022





# The Year is 2013

Someone tells you they have discovered  
a flaw in the robustness of neural networks

The Year is **2013**

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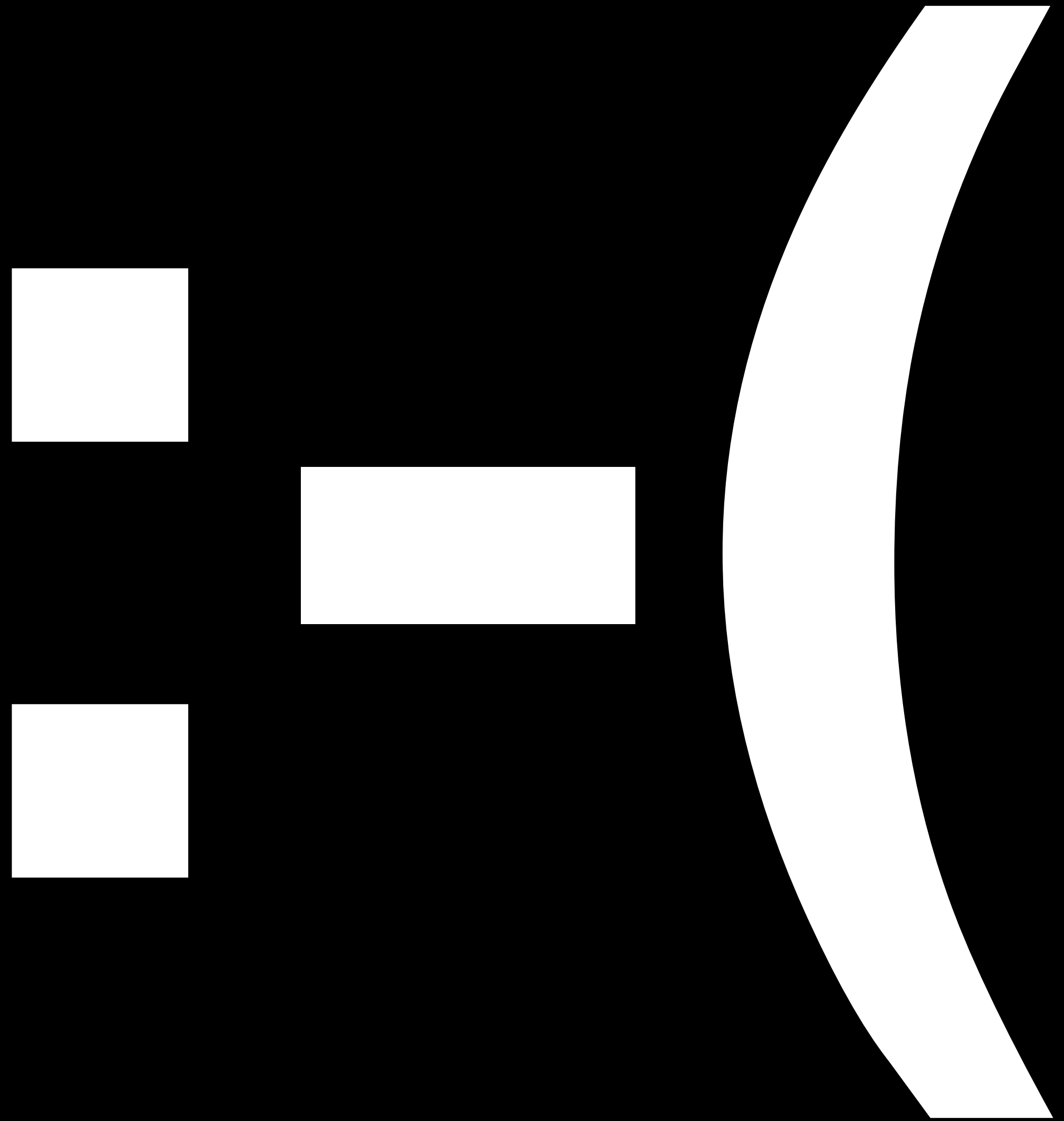


2013

A handwritten digit '3' in white ink on a black background. The digit is somewhat irregular and jagged, with a distinct dot above the top curve.

2022

A handwritten digit '3' in white ink on a black background. This digit is smoother and more rounded than the one from 2013, with a less pronounced dot above the top curve.





Why?

Defenses are *really* hard.

That can't be all though.

Consider symmetric key  
cryptography



# Cryptanalysis of the Cellular Message Encryption Algorithm

## Related-Key Cryptanalysis of 3-WAY, Biham-DES, CAST, DES-X, NewDES, RC2, and TEA

### Cryptanalysis of some recently-proposed multiple modes of operation

#### Differential cryptanalysis of KHF

#### Cryptanalysis of TWOPRIME

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**Abstract.** Ding et al [DNRS97] propose a stream generator consisting of several layers. We present several attacks. First, we observe that the non-surjectivity of a linear combination step allows us to recover the key with minimal effort. Next, we show that the various layers are insufficiently mixed by these layers, enabling an attack similar to that used against two-loop Vigenere ciphers to recover the remainder of the key. Finally, we show that these techniques let us recover the entire TWOPRIME key. We use the generator to produce  $2^{33}$  blocks ( $2^{35}$  bytes), or 19 hours of output, of which we examine about one million blocks ( $2^{23}$  blocks). This computational workload can be estimated at  $2^{28}$  operations. Our set of attacks trades off texts for time, reducing the amount of plaintext needed to just eight blocks (64 bytes), while needing only  $2^{23}$  and  $2^{32}$  space. We also show how to break two variants of TWOPRIME presented in the original paper.

#### 1 Introduction

# Cryptanalysis of SPEED

## Cryptanalysis of FROG

### Cryptanalysis of ORYX

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#### The boomerang attack

#### Slide Attacks

Alex Biryukov\* David Wagner\*\*

**Abstract.** It is a general belief among the designers of block-ciphers that even a relatively weak cipher may become very strong if its number of rounds is made very large. In this paper we describe a new generic known- (or sometimes chosen-) plaintext attack on product ciphers, which we call the *slide attack* and which in many cases is independent of the number of rounds of a cipher. We illustrate the power of this new tool by giving practical attacks on several recently designed ciphers: TREYFER, WAKE-ROFB, and variants of DES and Blowfish.

#### 1 Introduction

As the speed of computers grows, fast block ciphers tend to use more and more rounds, rendering all currently known cryptanalytic techniques useless. This is mainly due to the fact that such popular tools as differential [1] and linear analysis [13] are statistical attacks that excel in pushing statistical irregularities and biases through surprisingly many rounds of a cipher. However any such approach finally reaches its limits, since each additional round requires an exponential effort from the attacker.

This tendency towards a higher number of rounds can be illustrated if one looks at the candidates submitted to the AES contest. Even though one of the main criteria of the AES was speed, several prospective candidates (and not the slowest ones) have really large numbers of rounds: RC6(20), MARS(32),

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<6 years later ...

AES is basically perfect



# Biclique Cryptanalysis of the Full AES

Andrey Bogdanov\*, Dmitry Khovratovich, and Christian Rechberger\*

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**Abstract.** Since Rijndael was chosen as the Advanced Encryption Standard, improving upon 7-round attacks on the 128-bit key variant or upon 8-round attacks on the 192/256-bit key variants has been one of the most difficult challenges in the cryptanalysis of block ciphers for more than a decade. In this paper we present a novel technique of block cipher cryptanalysis with bicliques, which leads to the following results:

- The first key recovery attack on the full AES-128 with computational complexity  $2^{126.1}$ .
- The first key recovery attack on the full AES-192 with computational complexity  $2^{189.7}$ .
- The first key recovery attack on the full AES-256 with computational complexity  $2^{254.4}$ .
- Attacks with lower complexity on the reduced-round versions of AES not considered before, including an attack on 8-round AES-128 with complexity  $2^{124.9}$ .
- Preimage attacks on compression functions based on the full AES versions.

In contrast to most shortcut attacks on AES variants, we *do not need to assume related-keys*. Most of our attacks only need a very small part of the codebook and have small memory requirements, and are practically verified to a large extent. As our attacks are of high computational complexity, they do not threaten the practical use of AES in any way.

**Keywords:** block ciphers, bicliques, AES, key recovery, preimage

For some reason though,  
>6 years on, we can't stop  
publishing defenses that  
are broken by undergrads.

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# Evading Adversarial Example Detection Defenses with Orthogonal Projected Gradient Descent

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## Abstract

Evading adversarial example detection defenses requires finding adversarial examples that must simultaneously (a) be misclassified by the model and (b) be detected as non-adversarial. We find that existing attacks that attempt to satisfy multiple simultaneous constraints often over-optimize against one constraint at the cost of satisfying another. We introduce *Orthogonal Projected Gradient Descent*, an improved attack technique to generate adversarial examples that avoids this problem by orthogonalizing the gradients when running standard gradient-based attacks. We use our technique to evade four state-of-the-art detection defenses, reducing their accuracy to 0% while maintaining a 0% detection rate.

Does that mean we've  
made **zero** progress?

Obviously not.

We've gotten really good at knowing how to evaluate correctly, if you try hard.



# Increasing Confidence in Adversarial Robustness Evaluations

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## Abstract

*Hundreds of defenses have been proposed in the past years to make deep neural networks robust against minimal (adversarial) input perturbations. However, only a handful of these could hold up their claims because correctly evaluating robustness is extremely challenging: Weak attacks often fail to find adversarial examples even if they unknowingly exist, thereby making a vulnerable network look robust. In this paper, we propose a test to identify weak attacks. Our test introduces a small and simple modification into a neural network that guarantees the existence of an adversarial example for every sample. Consequentially, any correct attack must succeed in attacking this modified network. For eleven out of thirteen previously-published defenses, the original evaluation of the defense fails our test, while stronger attacks that break these defenses pass it. We hope that attack unit tests such as ours will be a major component in future robustness evaluations and increase confidence in an empirical field that today is riddled with skepticism and disbelief. Online version & Code: [zimmerrol.github.io/active-tests/](https://zimmerrol.github.io/active-tests/)*

to adversarial examples has proven to be extremely difficult [9]. In many areas of machine learning, evaluating the performance of a new technique is often trivial — for example by computing accuracy on some held-out test set. However evaluating defense robustness necessarily involves reasoning over *all* possible adversaries, and showing *none* can succeed. That is, a defense evaluation aims to prove that something is impossible. As a result, despite significant evaluation effort, most published defenses are quickly broken by stronger attacks [3, 9, 11, 14, 38].

This paper argues for viewing defense proposals as theorem statements, and the corresponding evaluations as proofs. The purpose of a defense evaluation, then, is to provide a convincing and rigorous argument that the defense is correct. Currently, for an adversary to claim to have a “break” of a defense, it is necessary to actually produce the adversarial examples that cause the model to make an error — analogous to refuting a complexity-theoretic impossibility result by producing an efficient algorithm. We argue that this is not how things should work. A valid refutation of a theorem would be to say “there is a flaw in your proof on line 9”. Because the null hypothesis for a theorem is that it is false, just as the null hypothesis for a defense should be that it is not robust.

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The result I'm most surprised by:  
certified robustness on  
ImageNet!



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Two ways to evaluate robustness:

1. Construct a proof of robustness
2. Demonstrate constructive attack

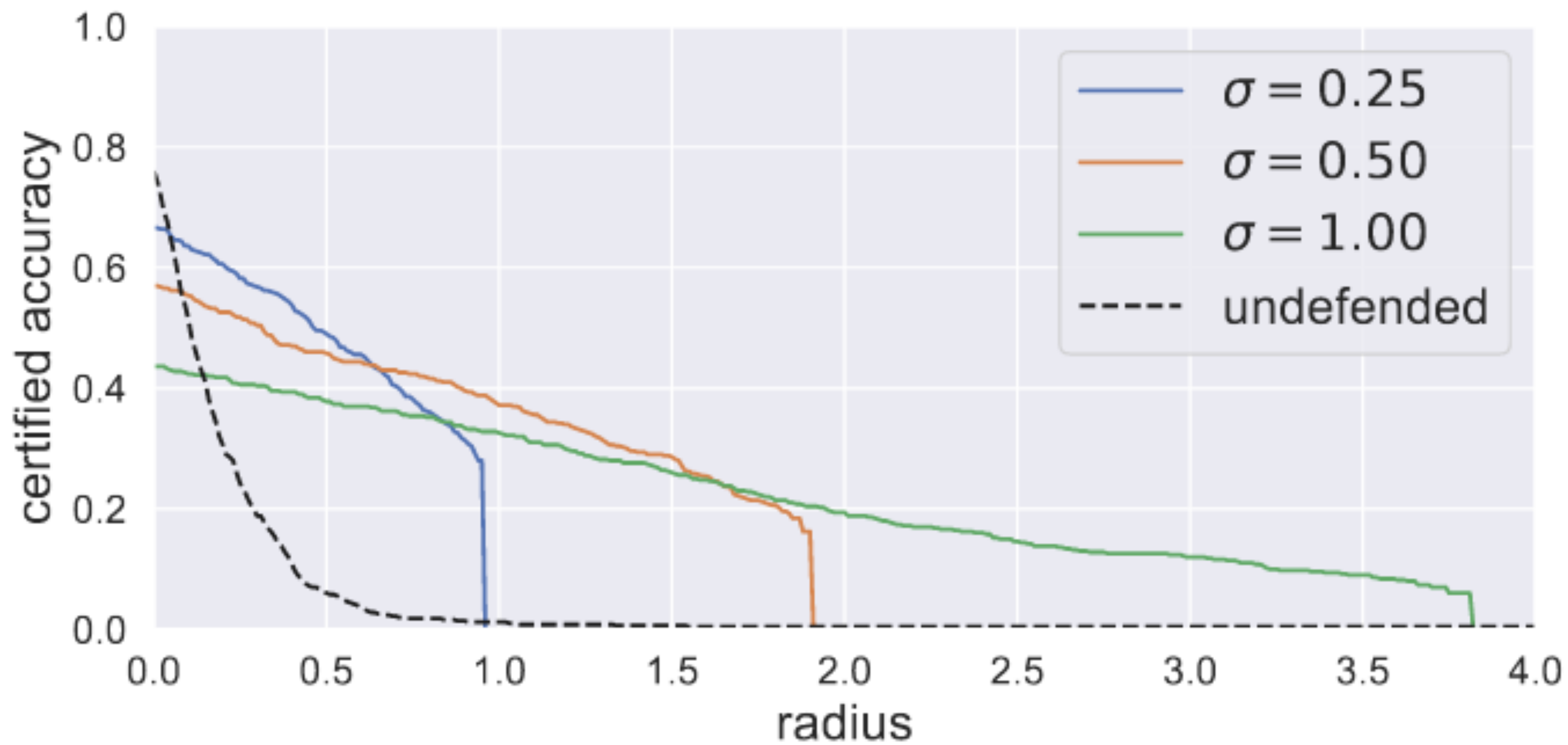
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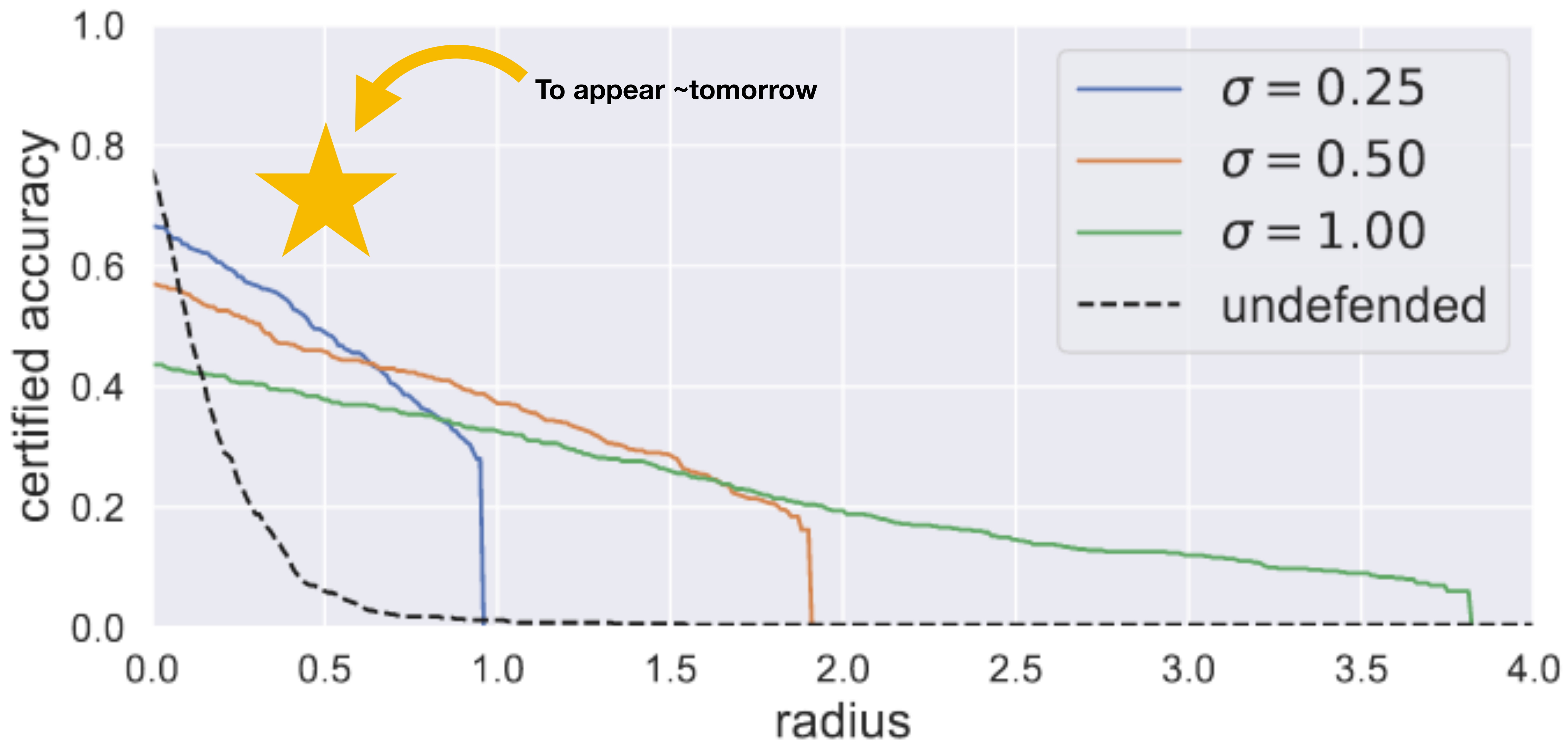
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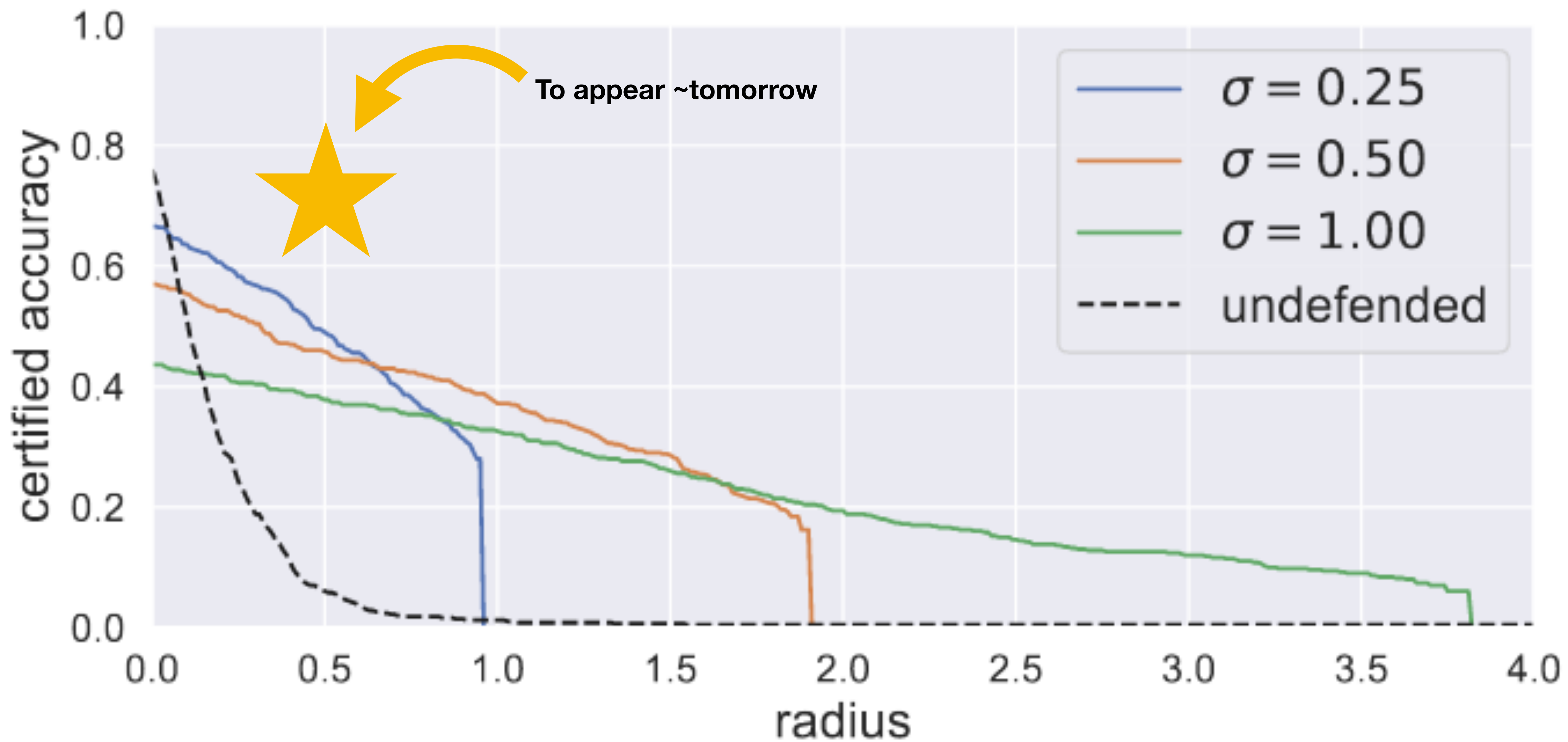


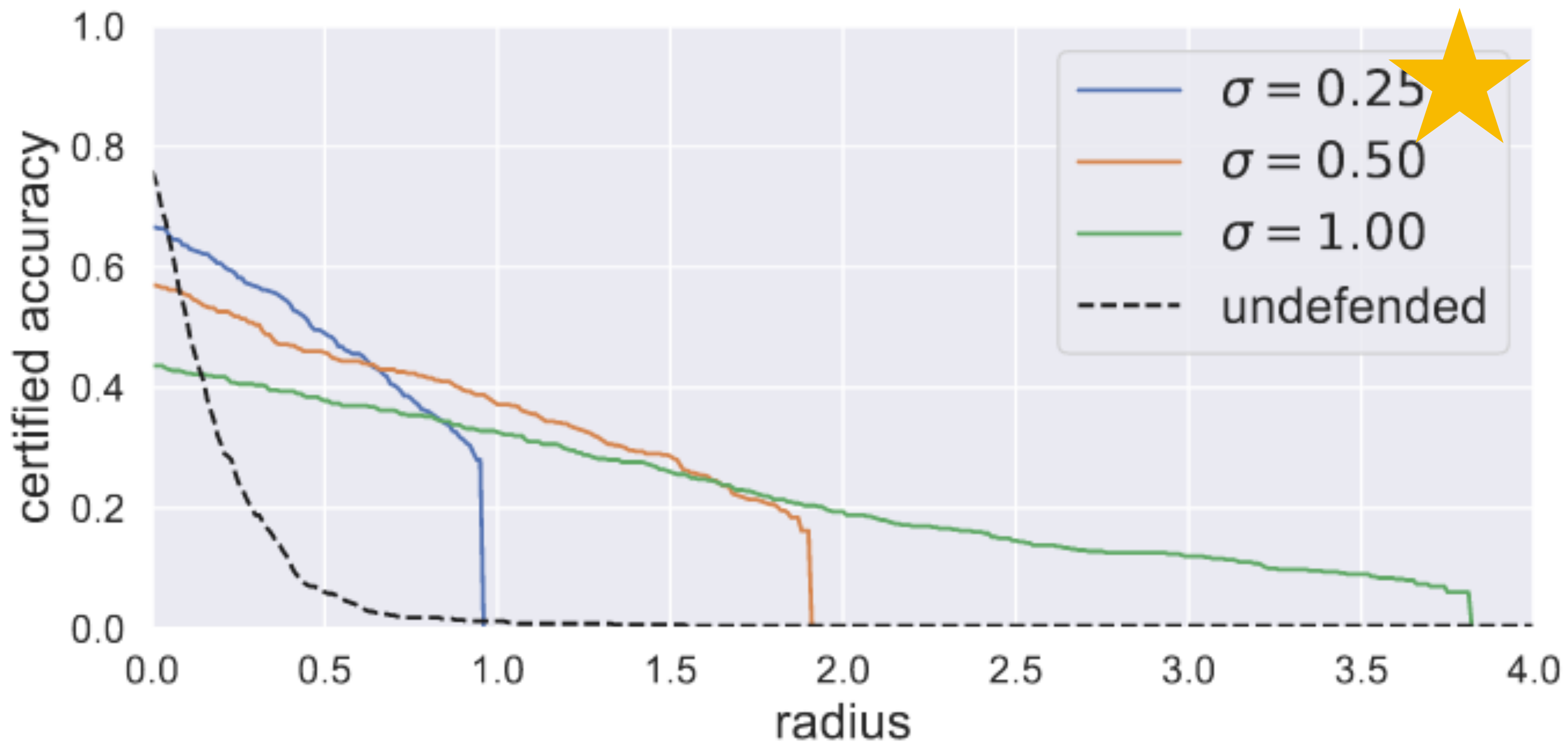
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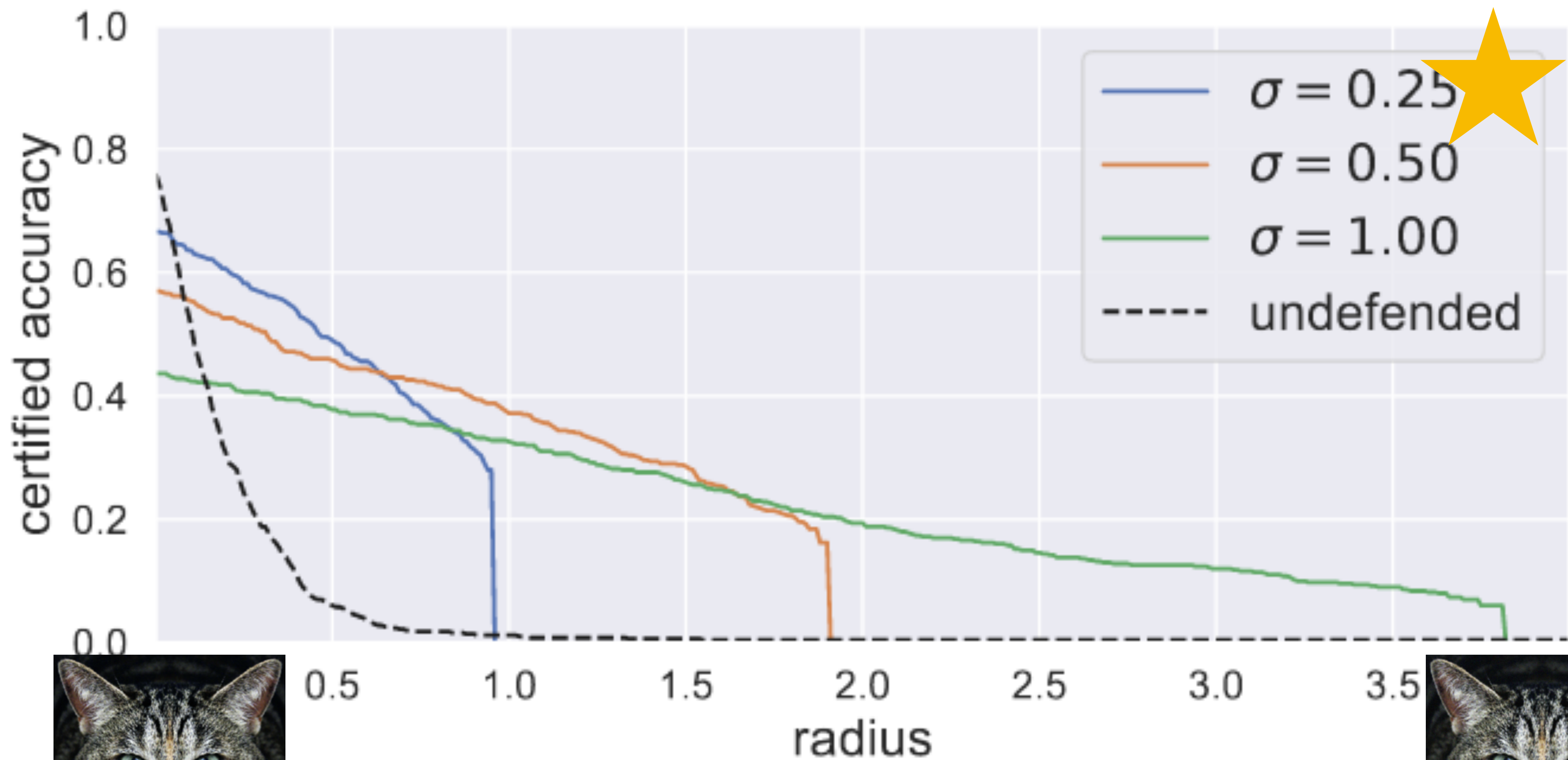
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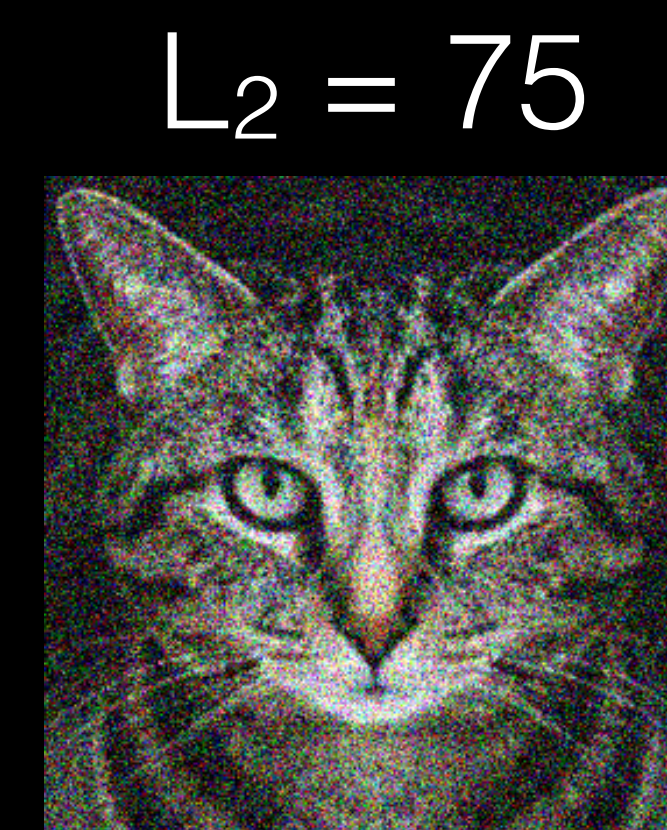
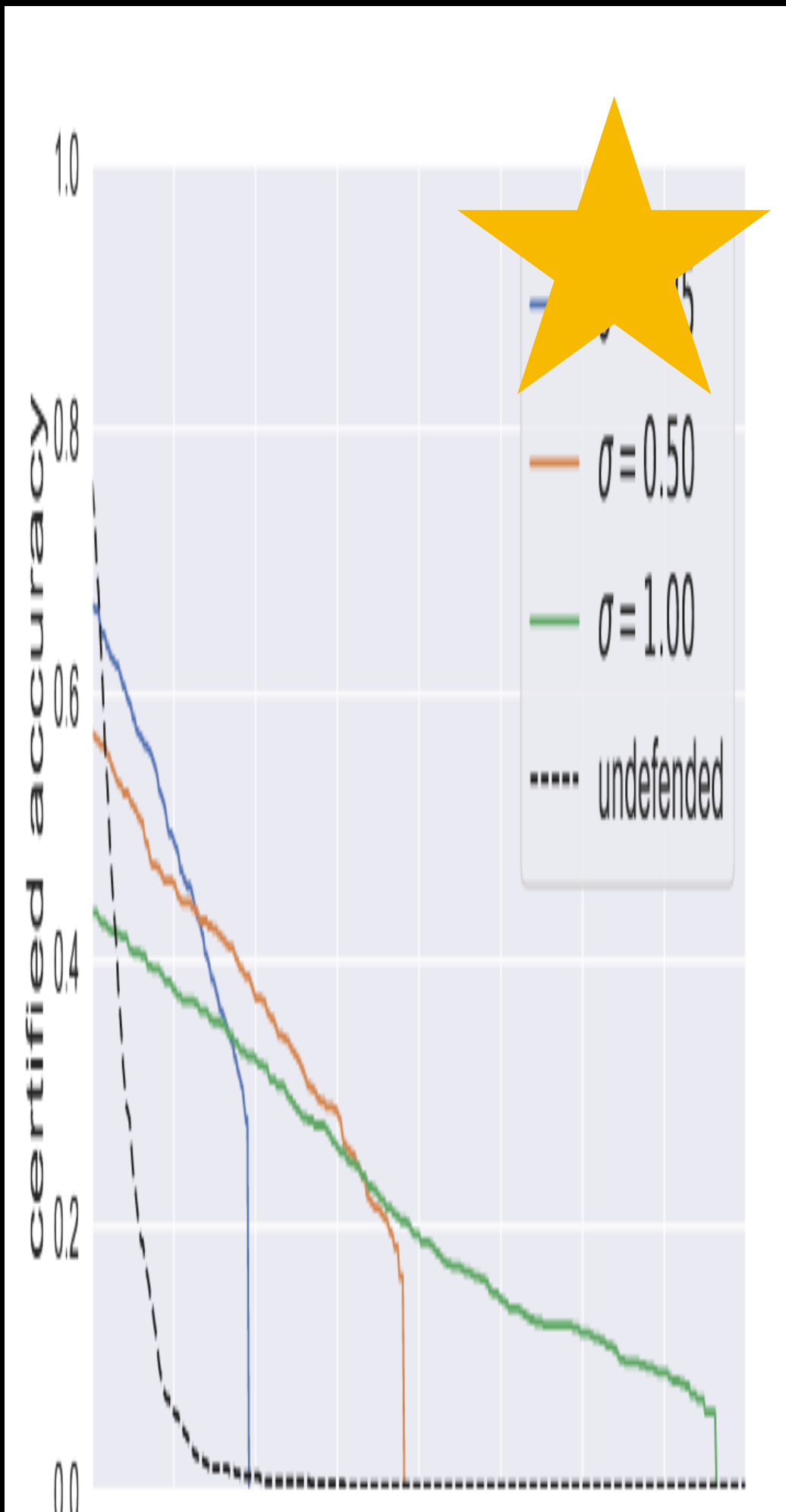




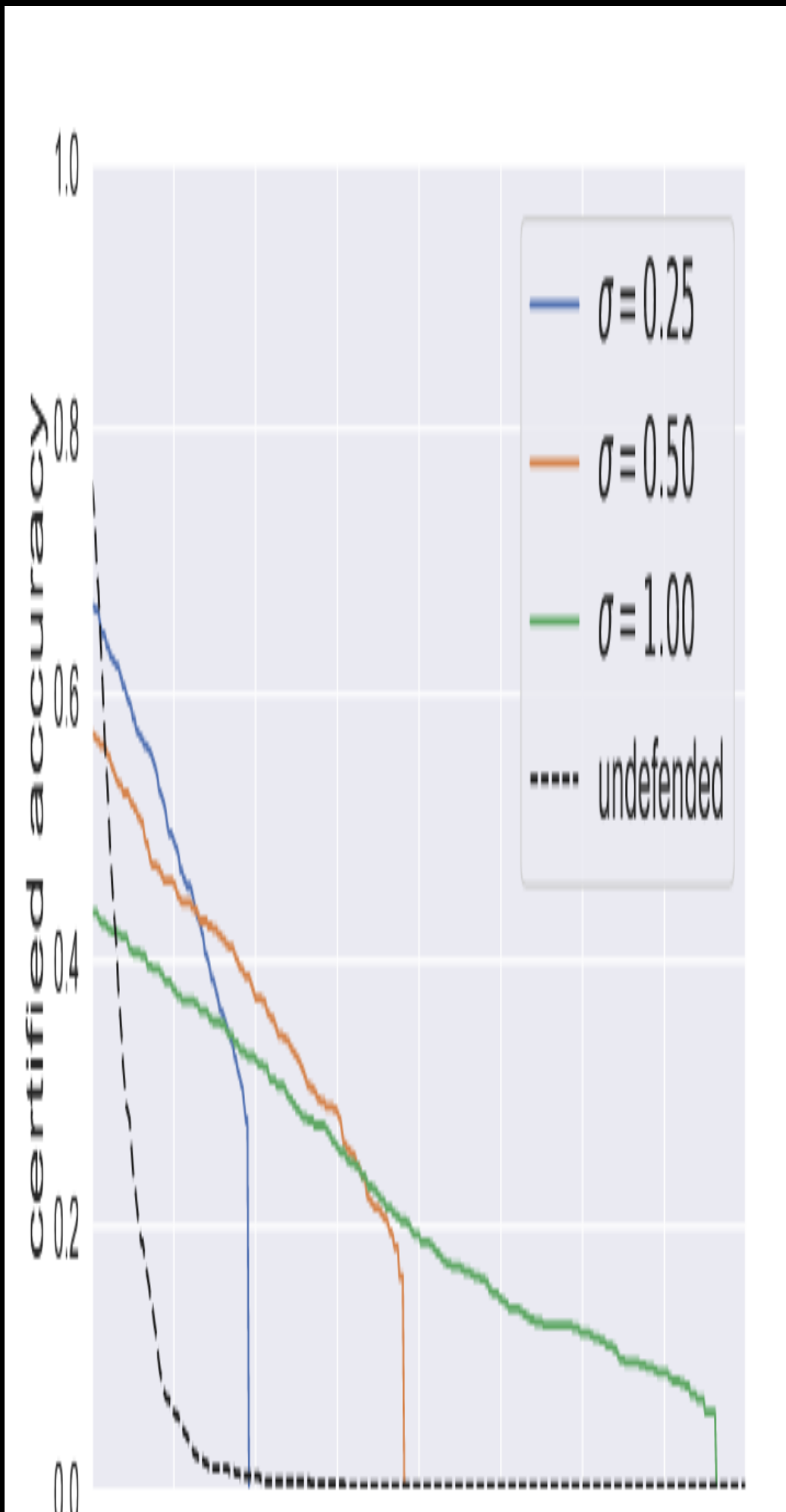












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Original





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# *Adversarial attacks on medical machine learning*

Emerging vulnerabilities demand new conversations

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# Adversarial Examples – Security Threats to COVID-19 Deep Learning Systems in Medical IoT Devices

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## Toward an Understanding of Adversarial Examples in Clinical Trials

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## Understanding Adversarial Attacks on Deep Learning Based Medical Image Analysis Systems

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# *Machine Learning*

## Machine Learning and Robust Machine Learning for Healthcare: A Survey

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Who even is the  
adversary here?



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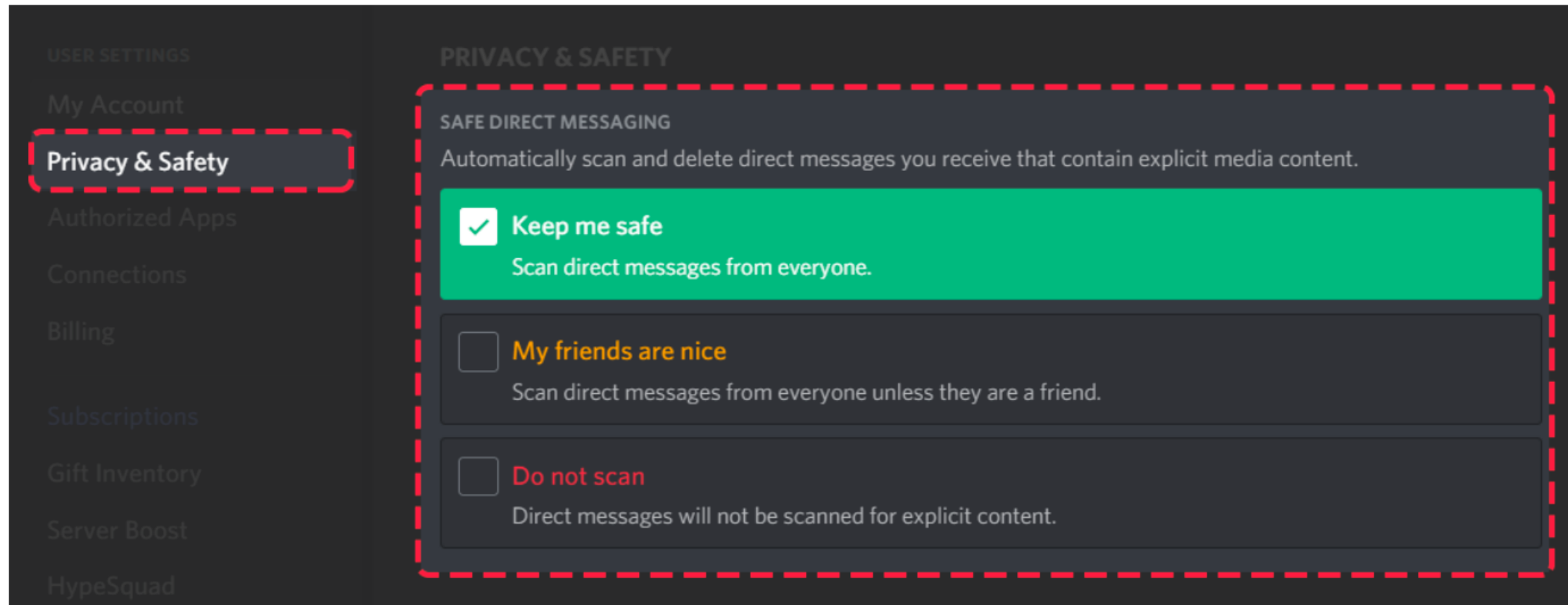
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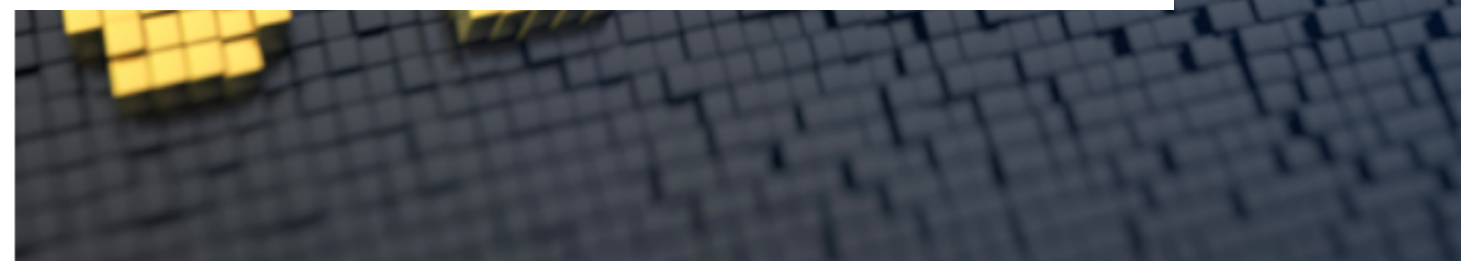
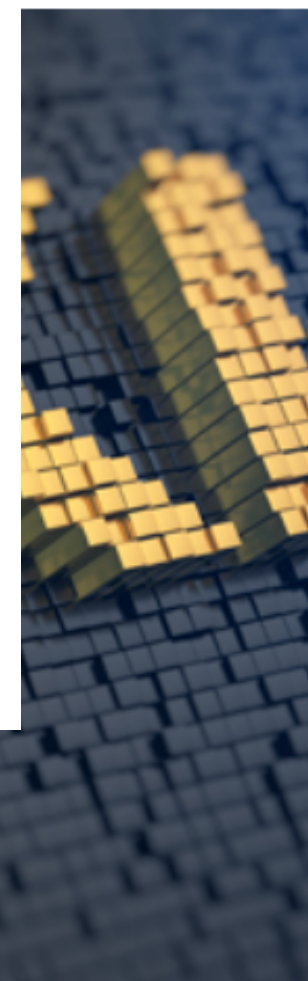
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In a statement, OnlyFans said the account did not have two-factor authentication, which made it vulnerable. The company said Tina did not report the racial slur and it was not detected by the site's moderation system because it was pluralised.



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**we still have a chance!**





# 2019

## **Stateful Detection of Black-Box Adversarial Attacks**

Steven Chen

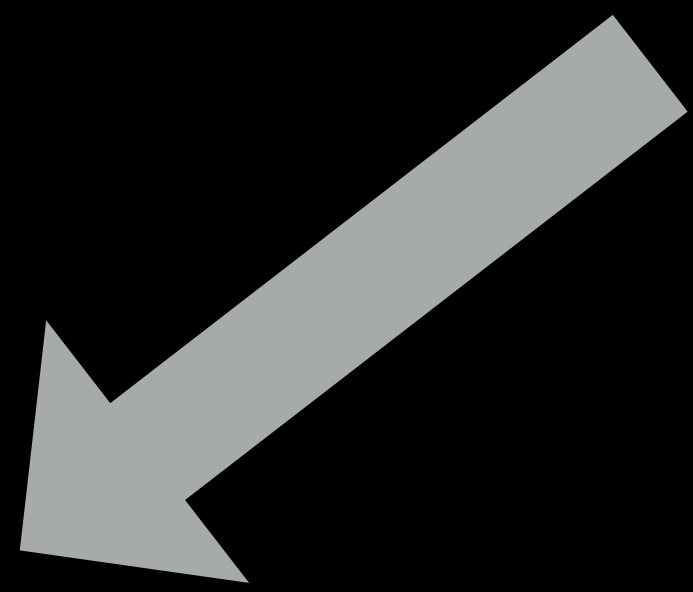
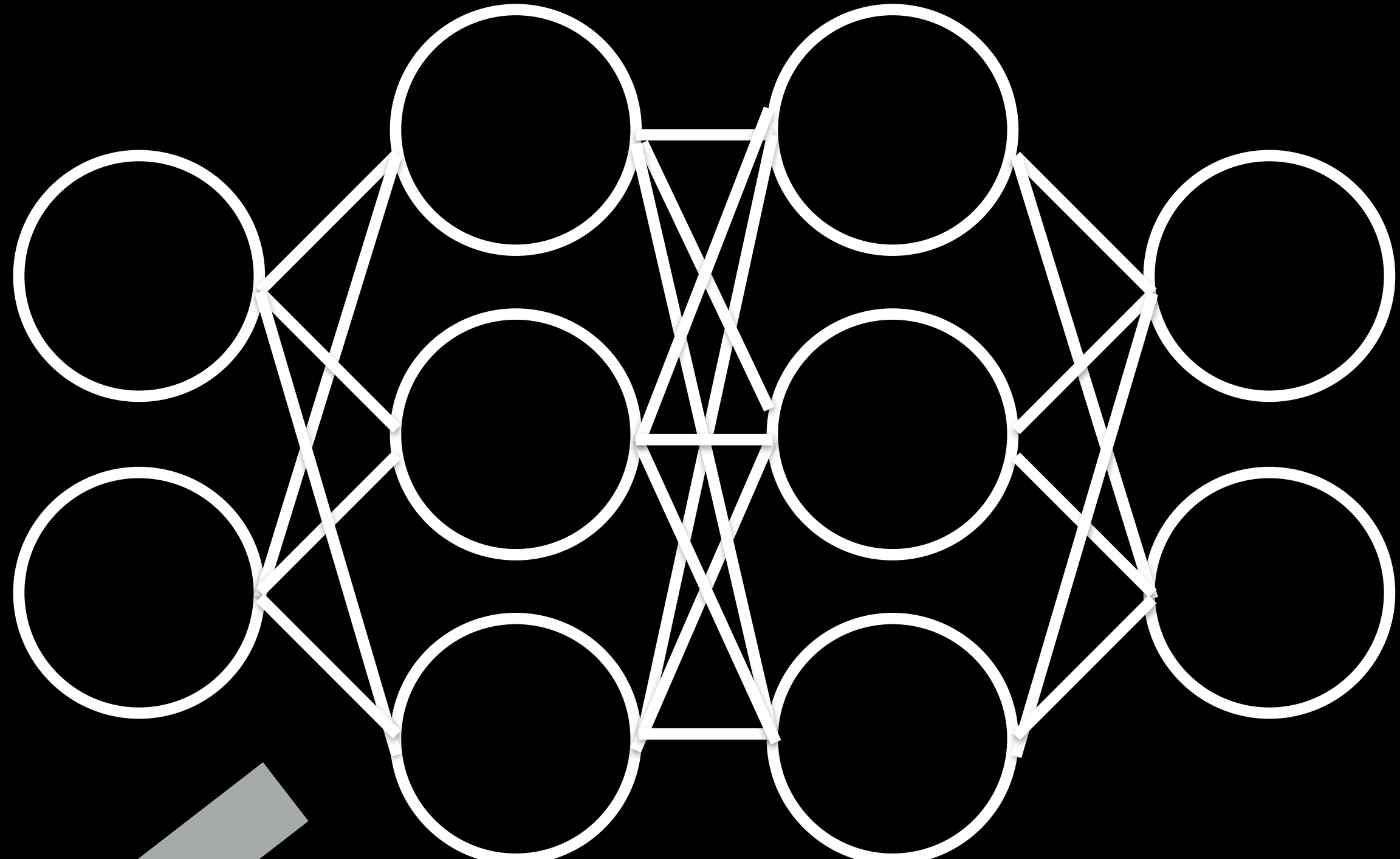
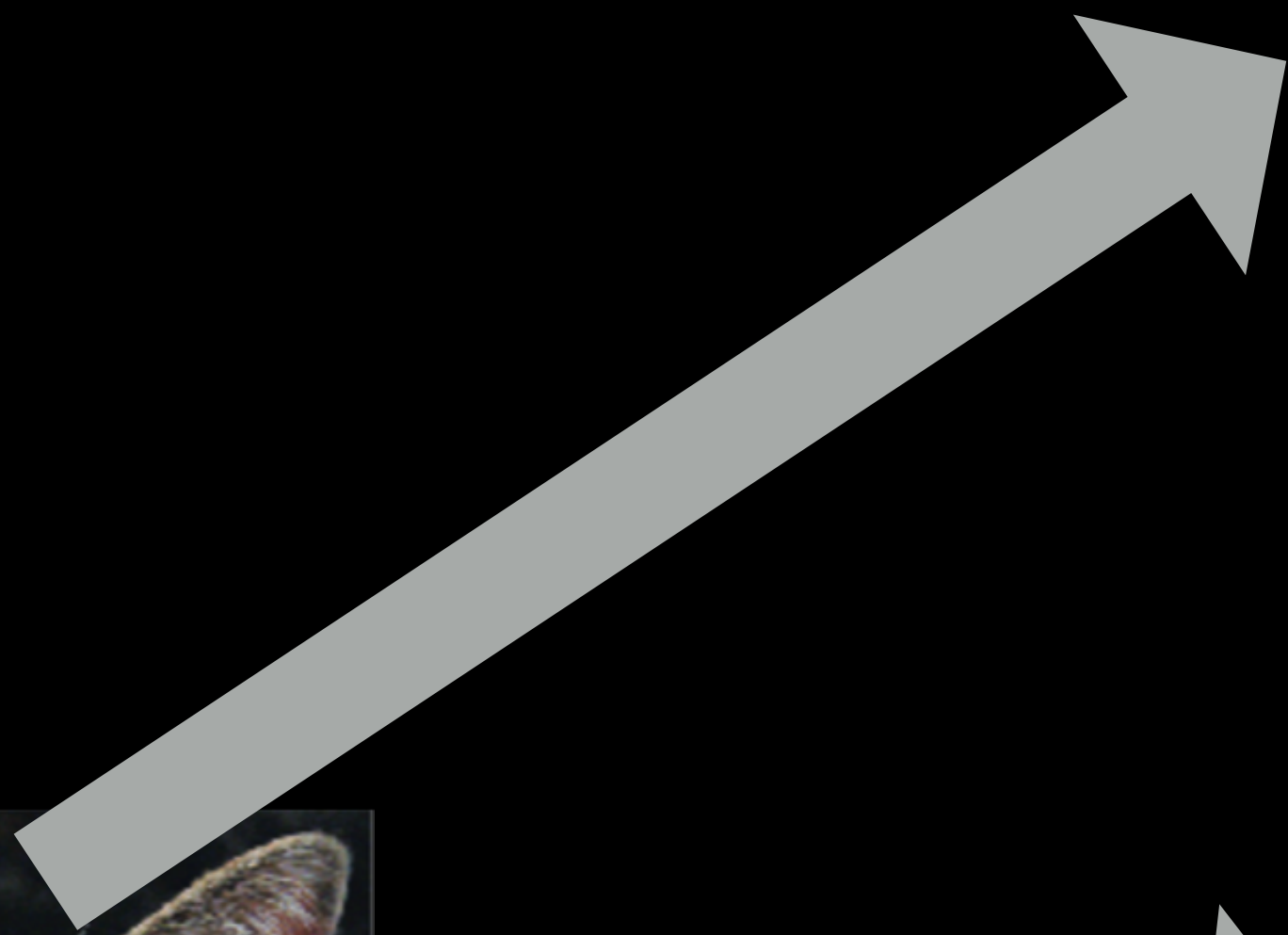
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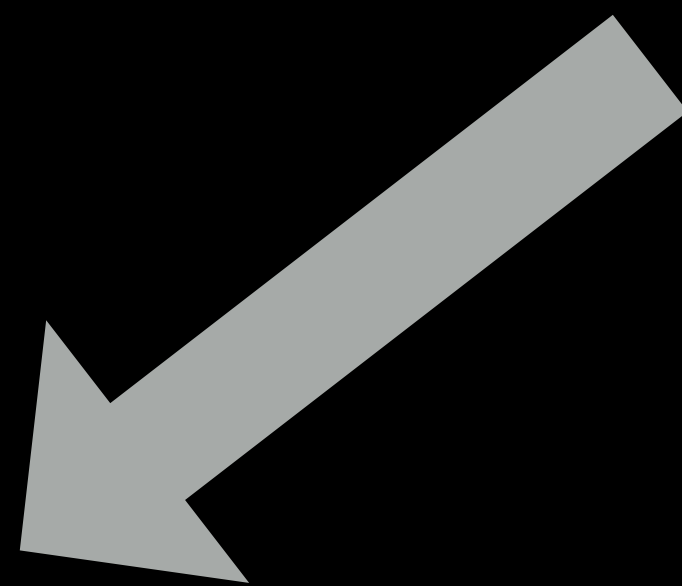
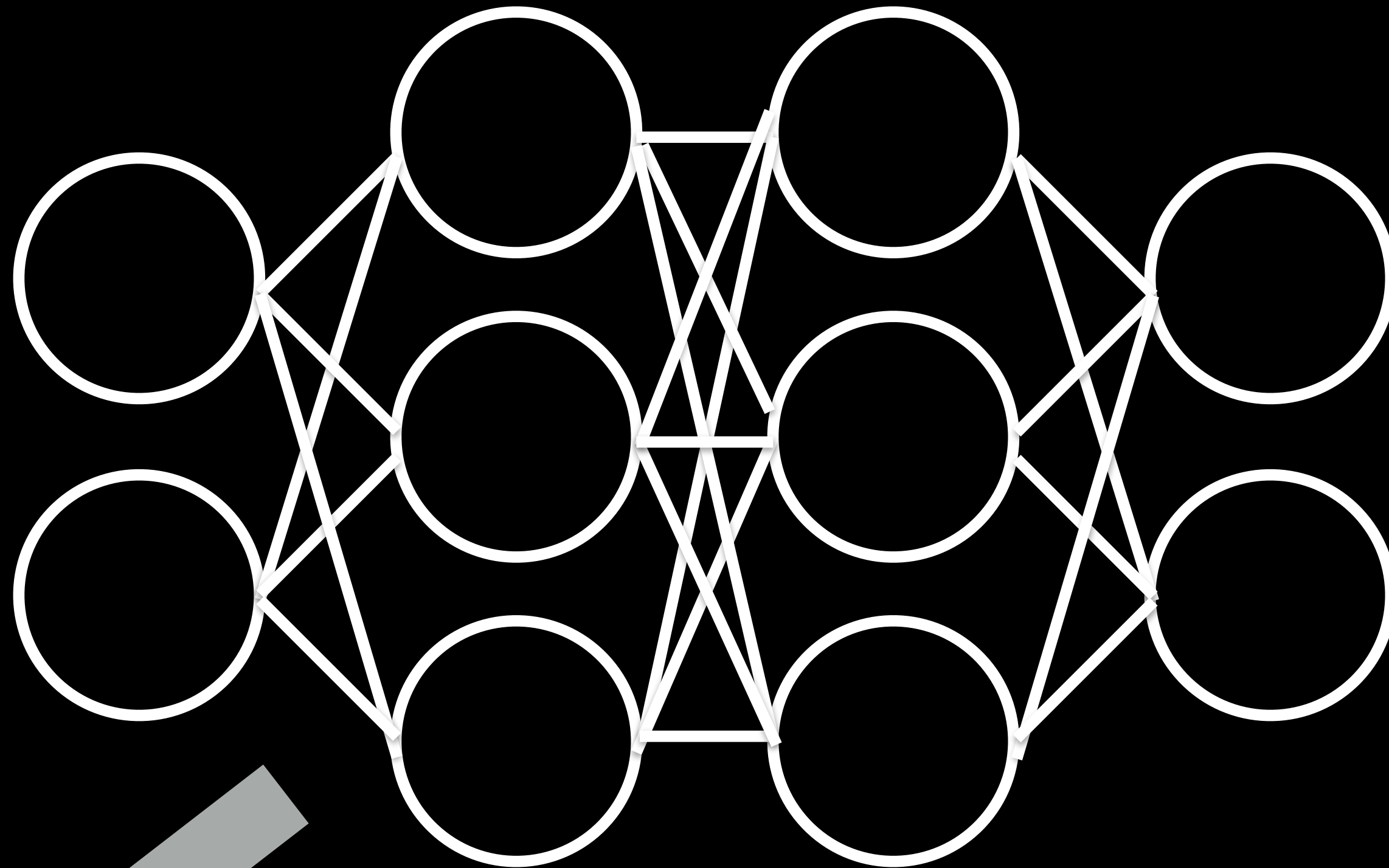
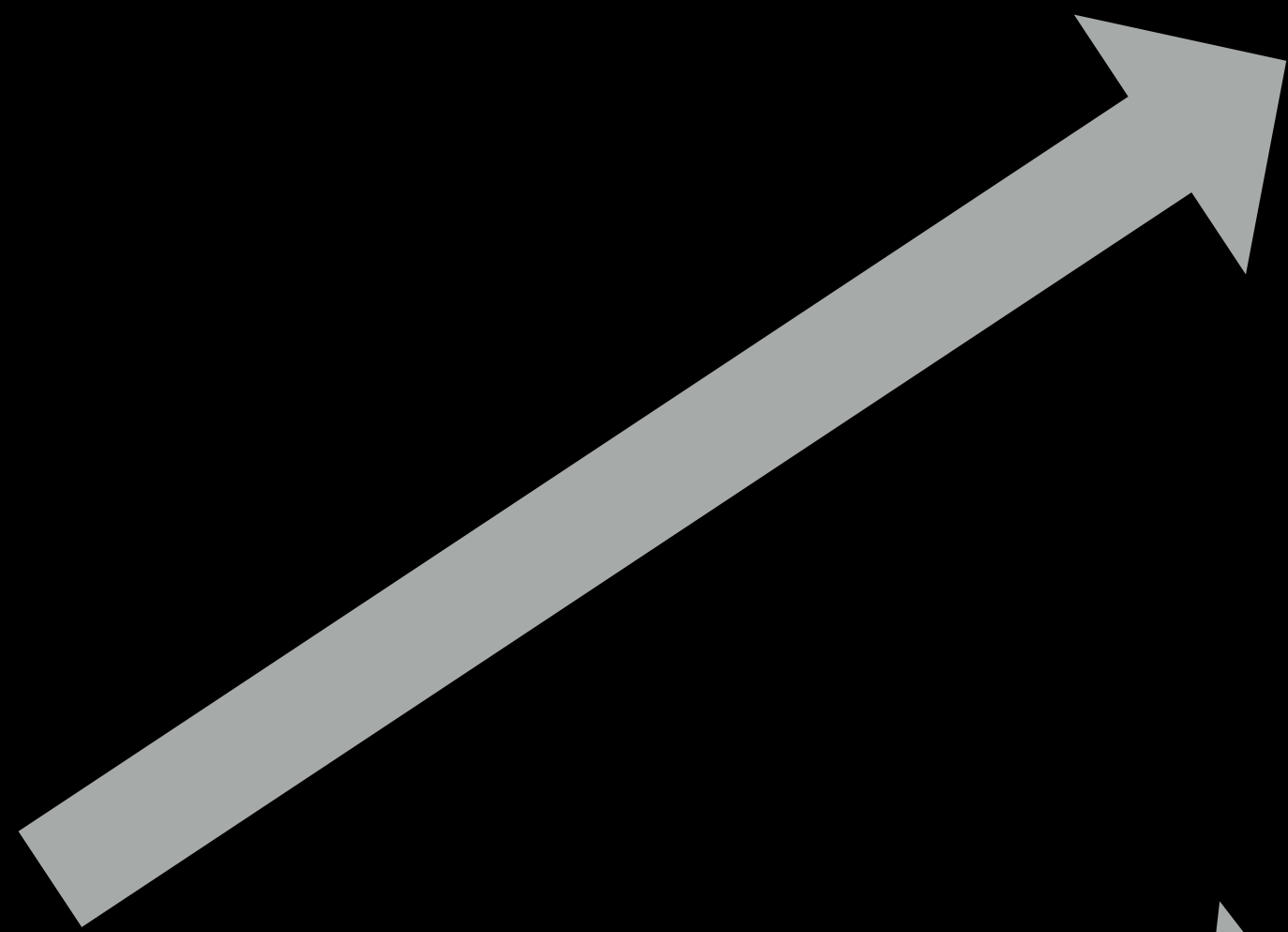
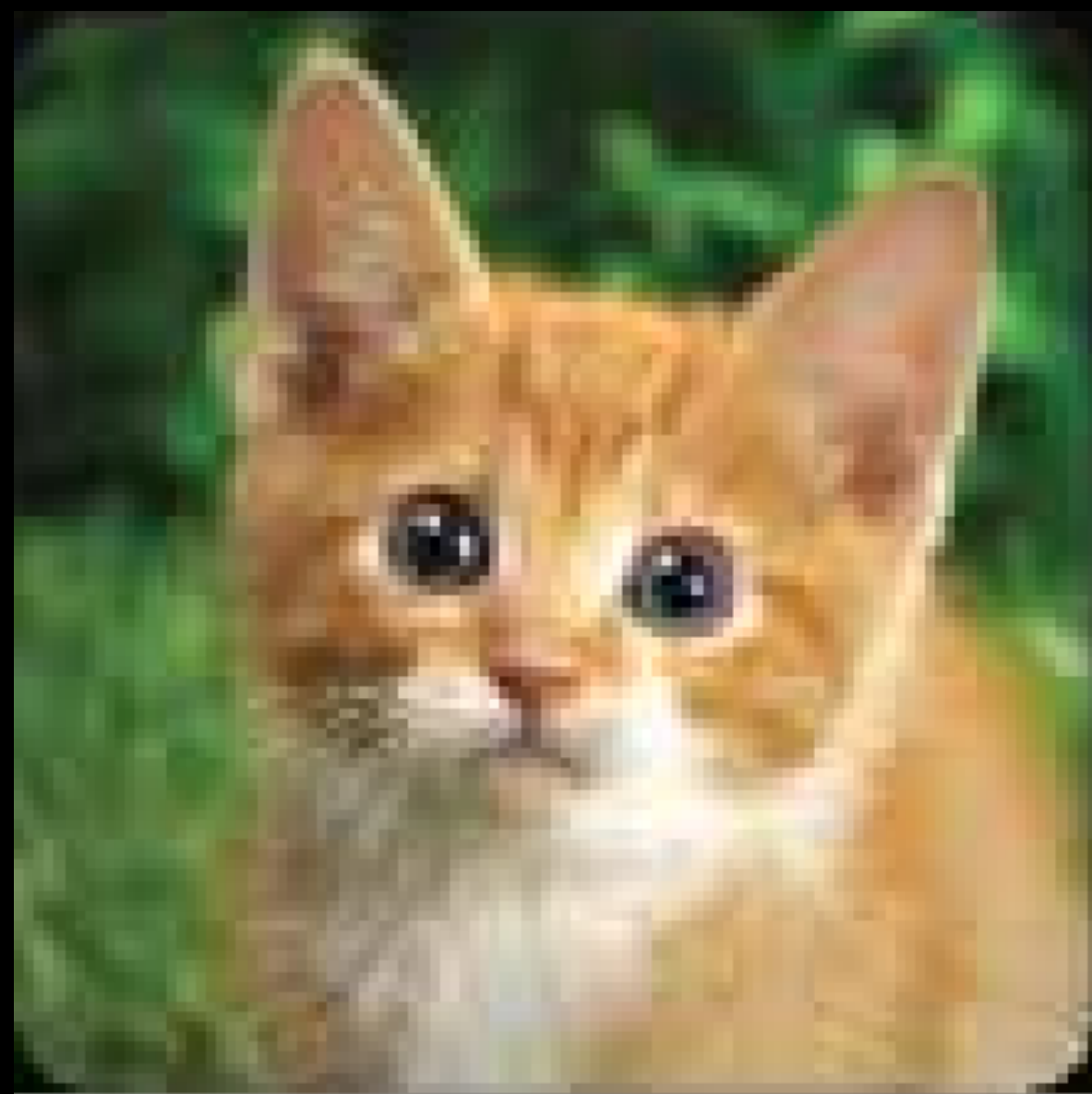
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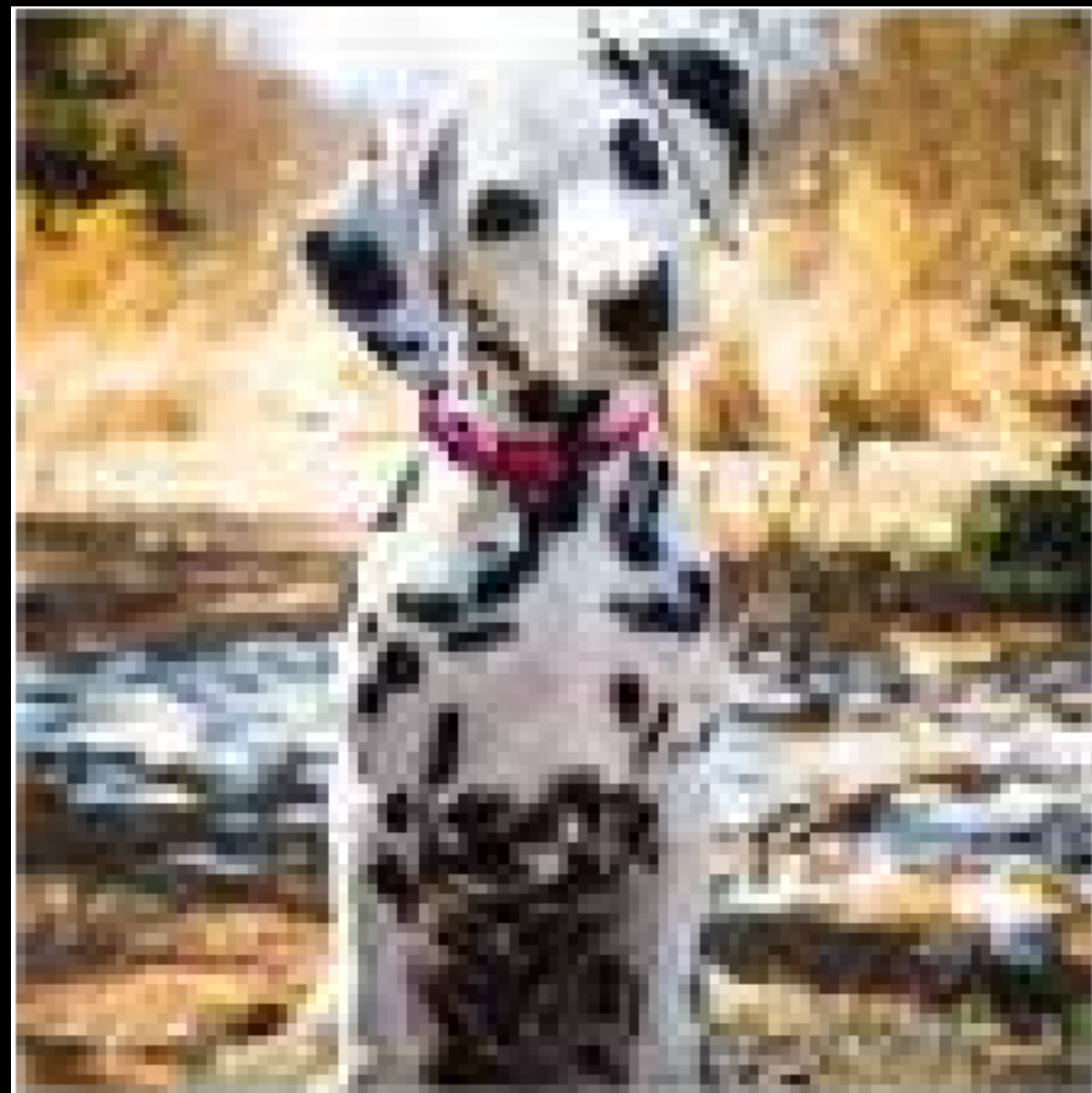


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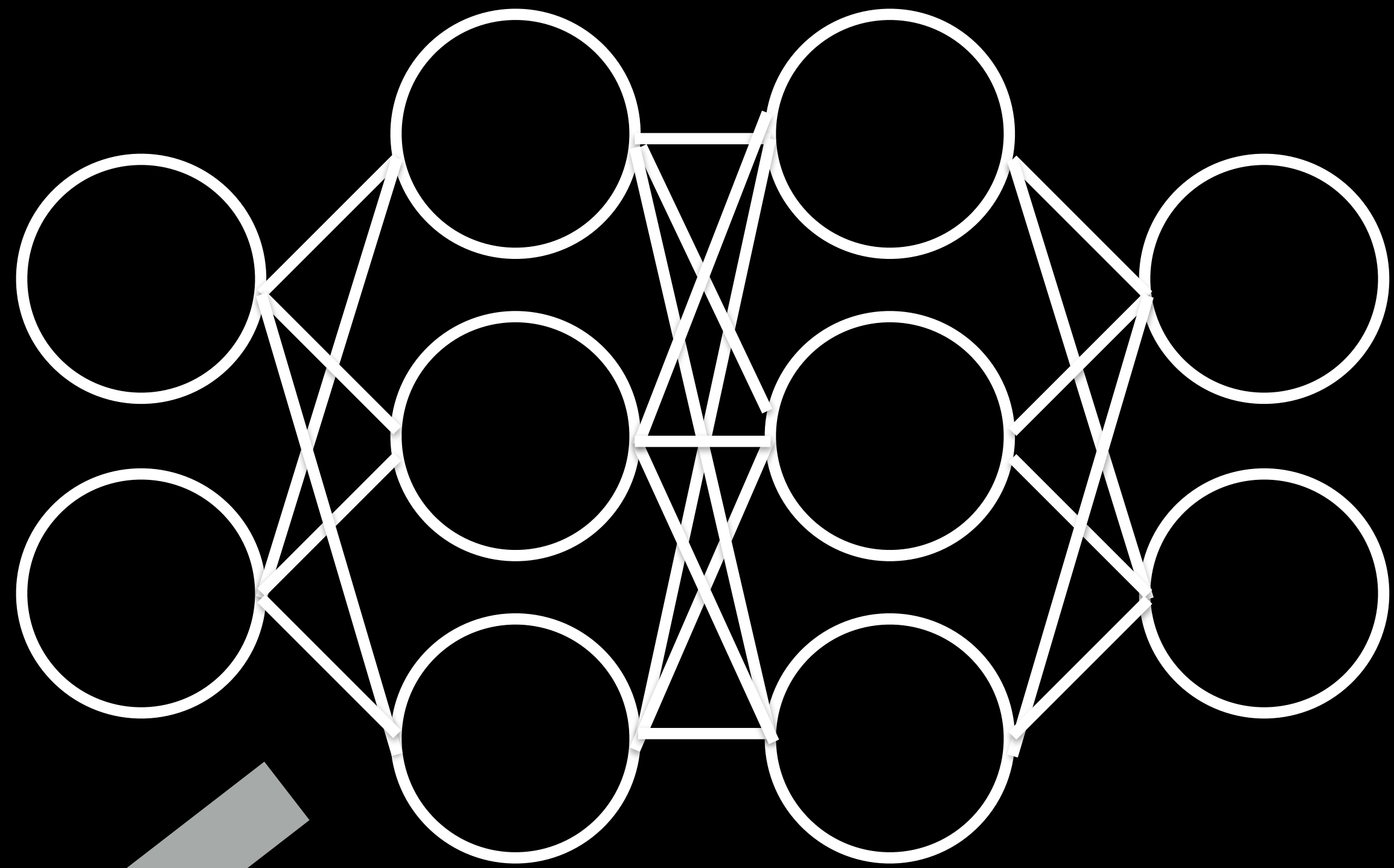
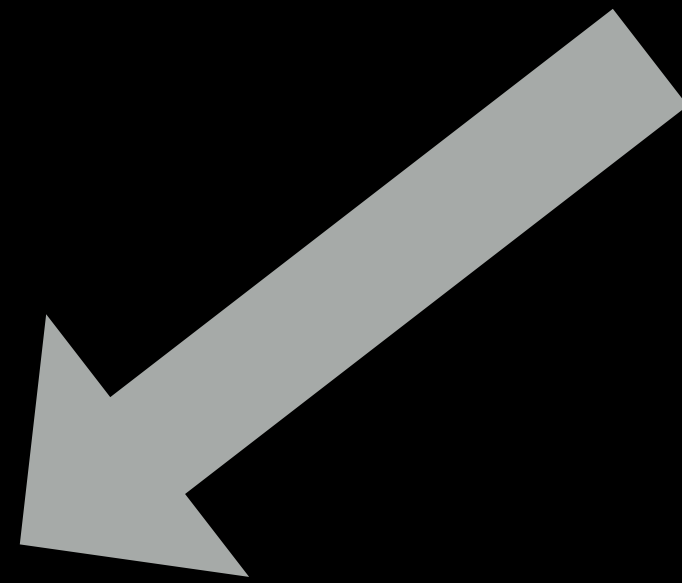
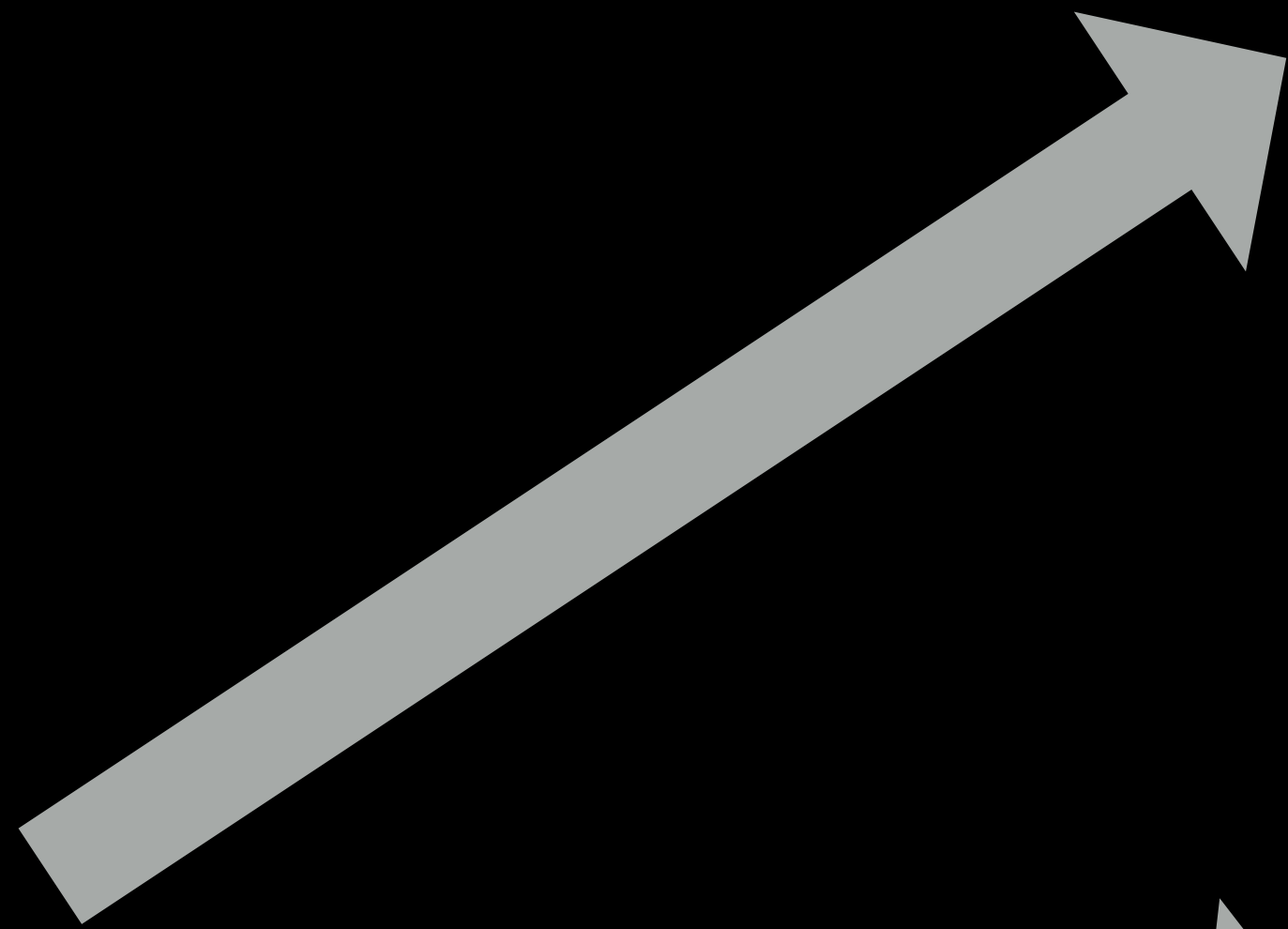




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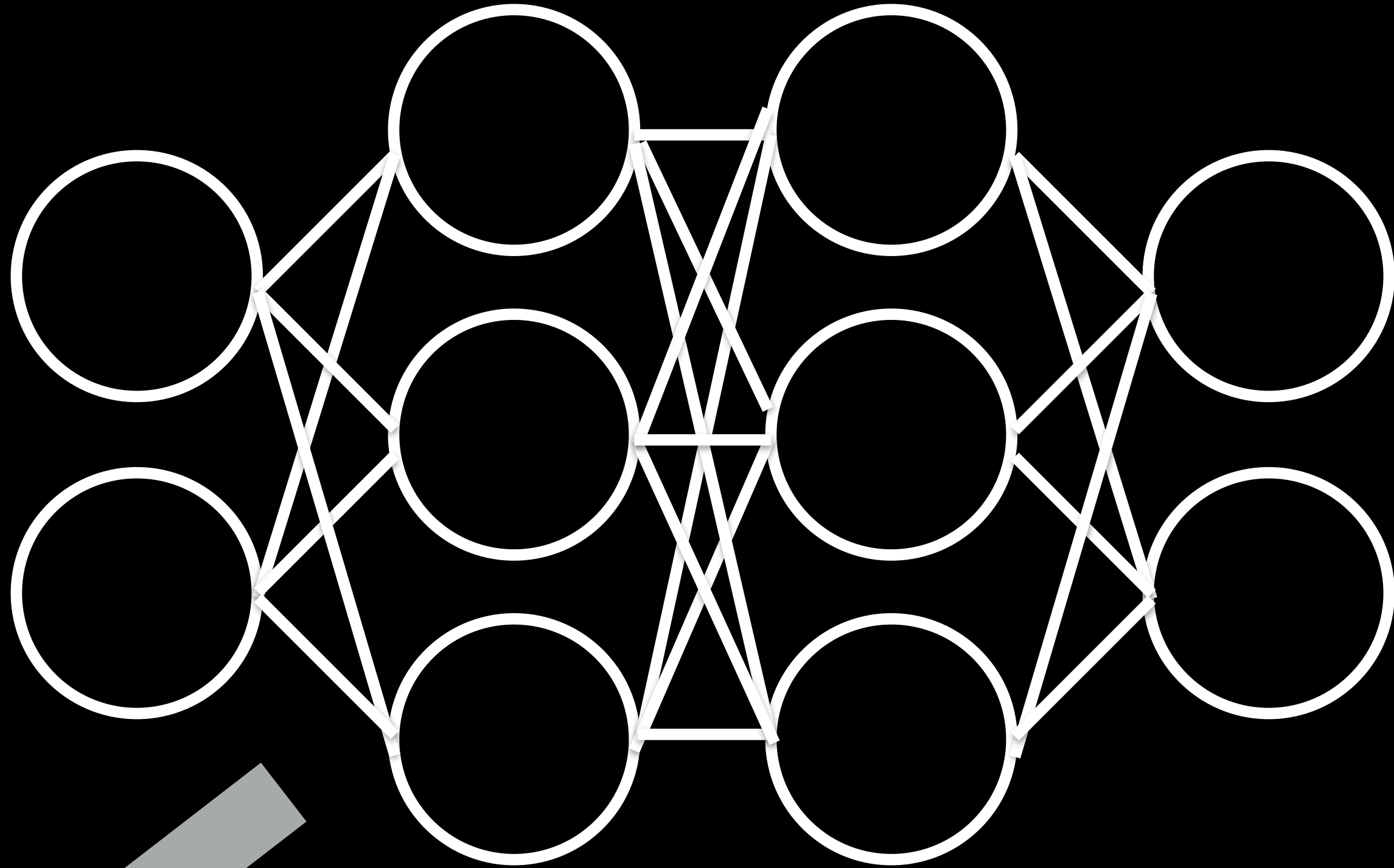
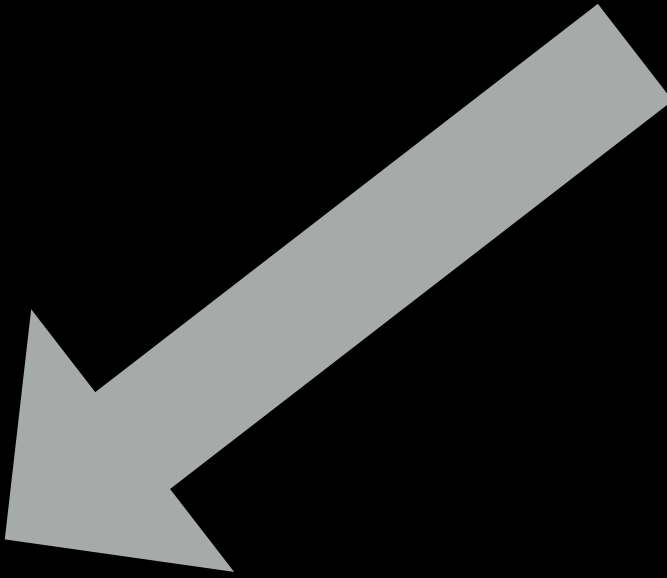
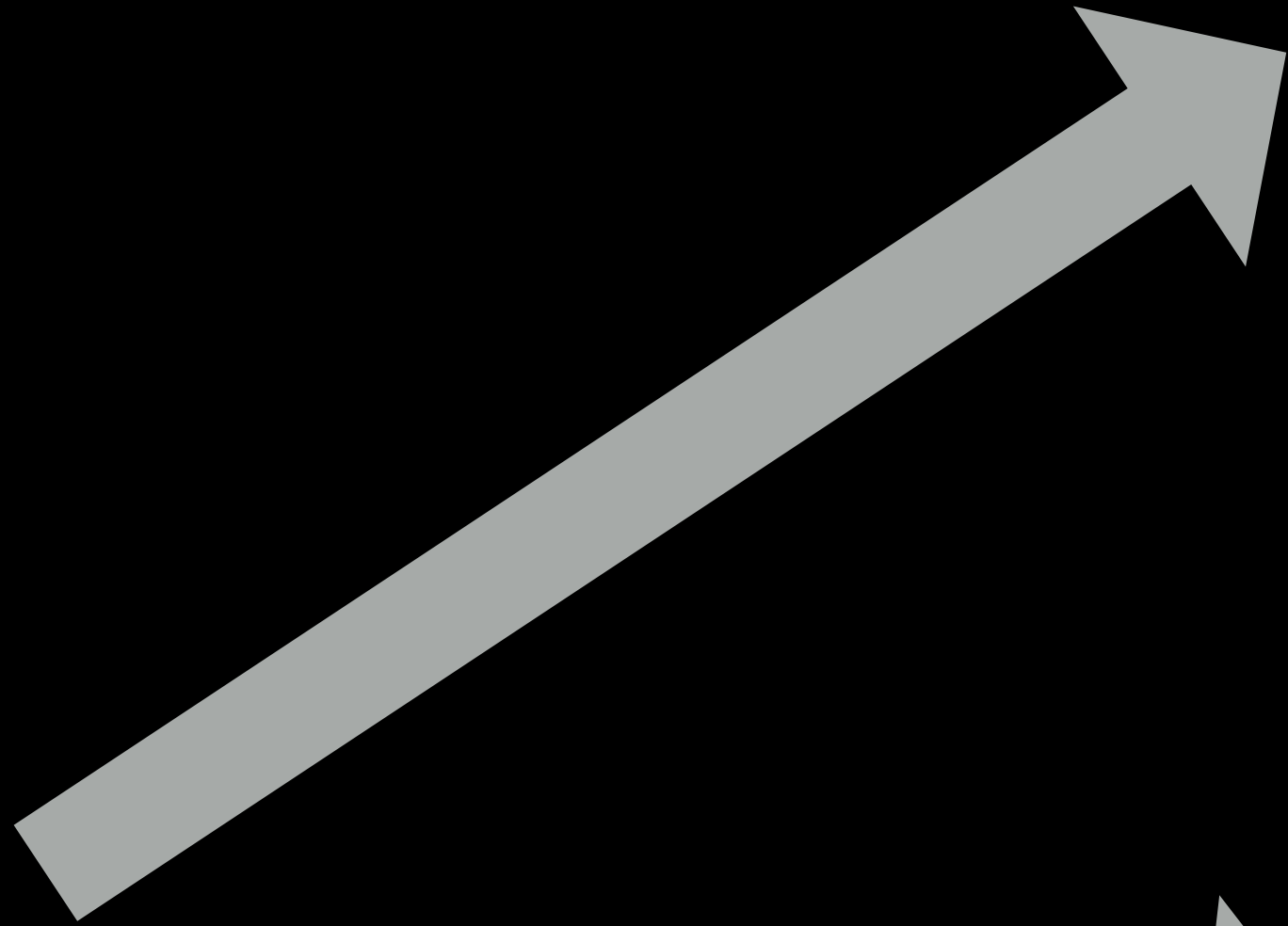


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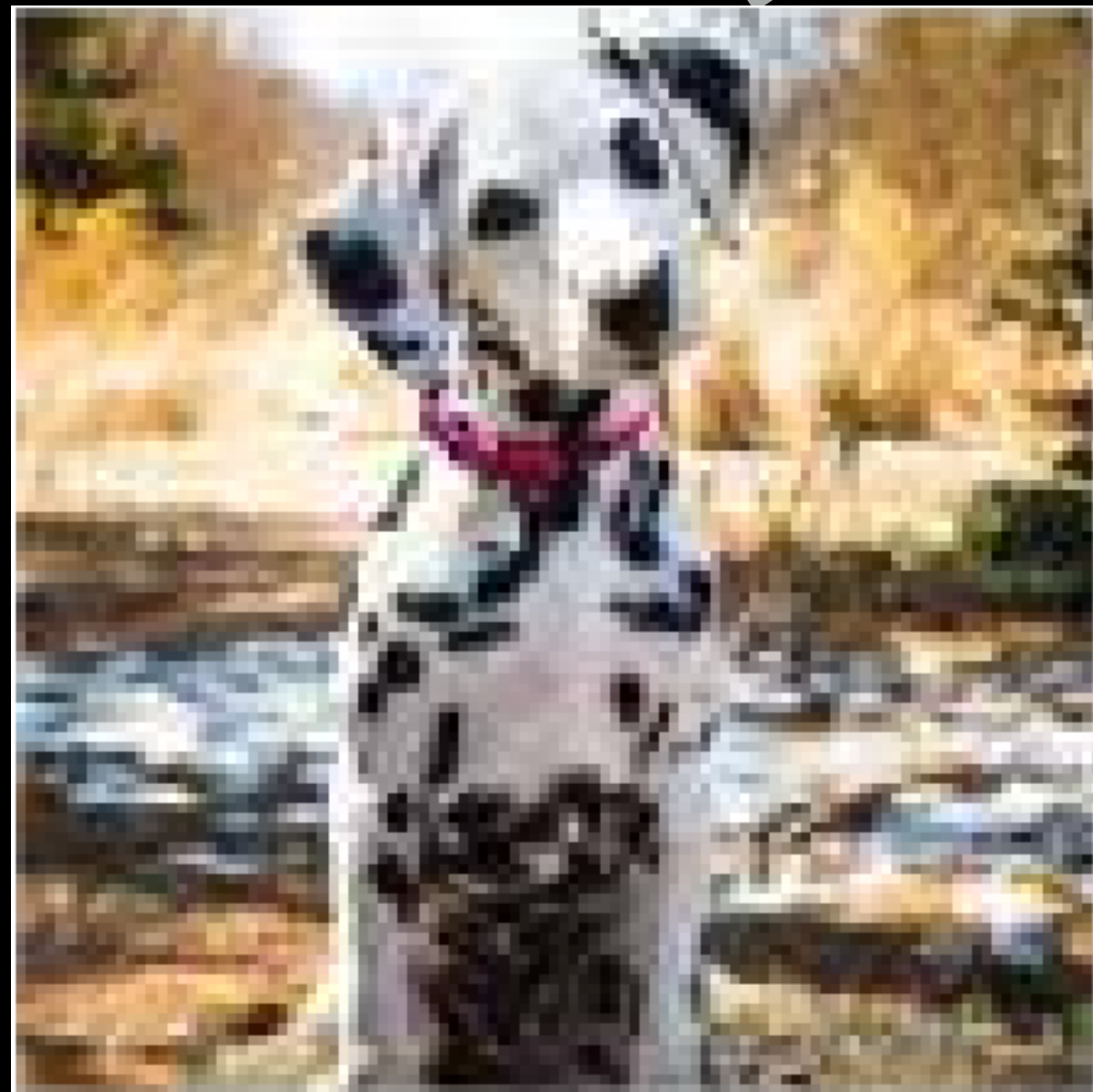


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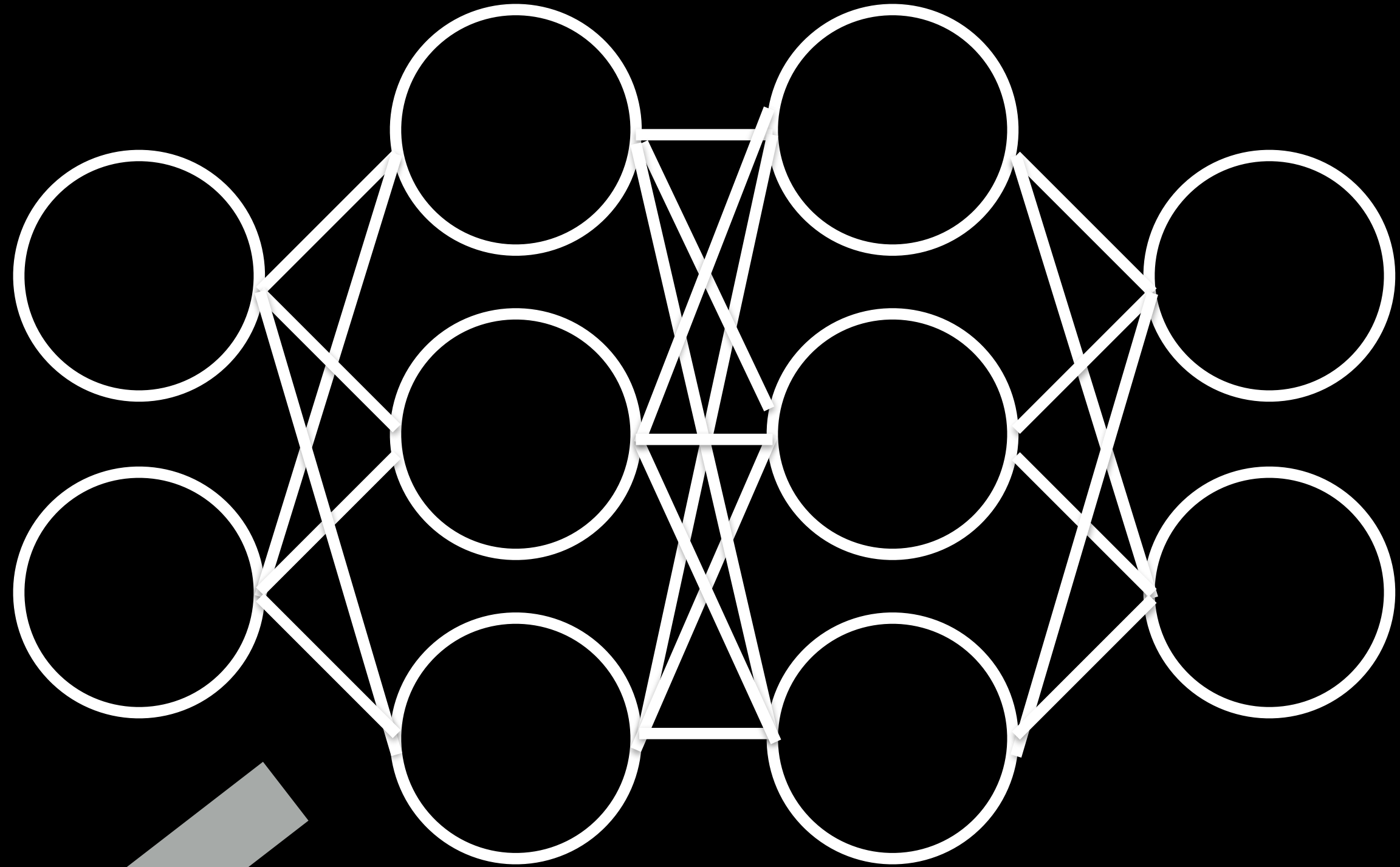
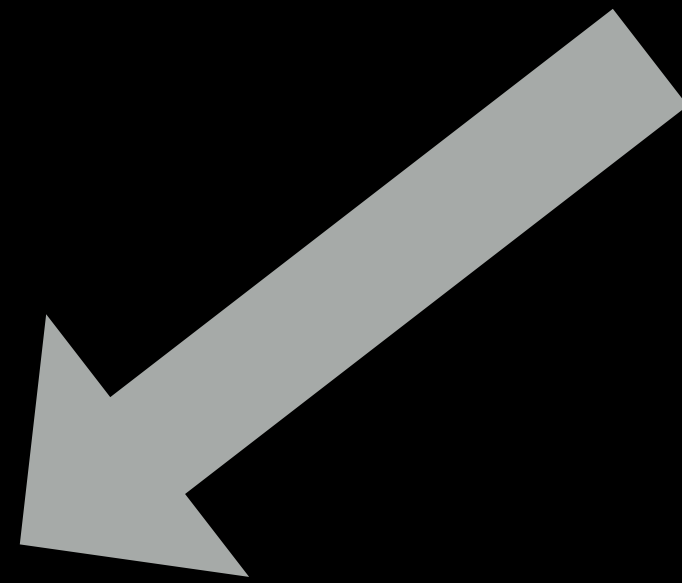
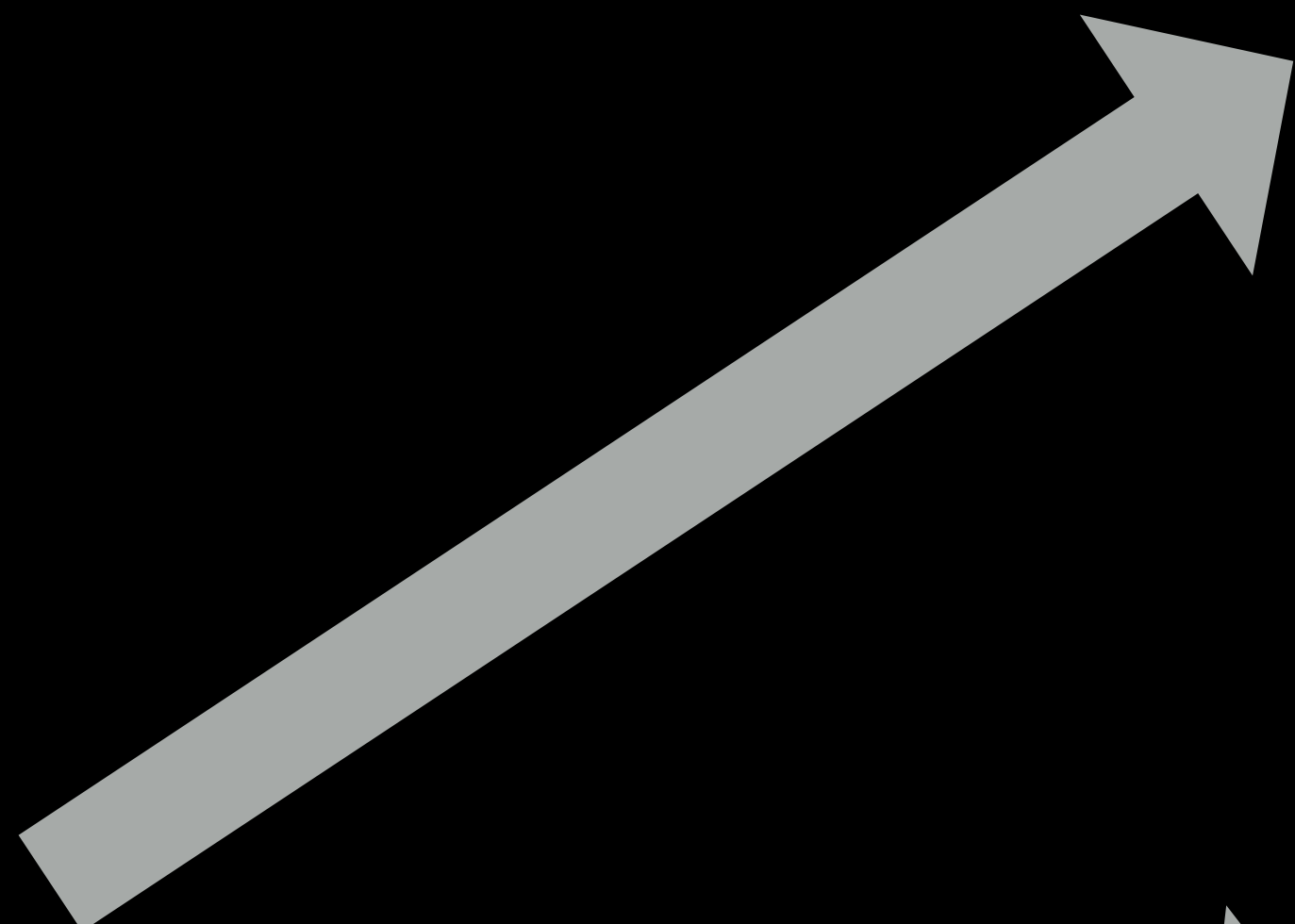




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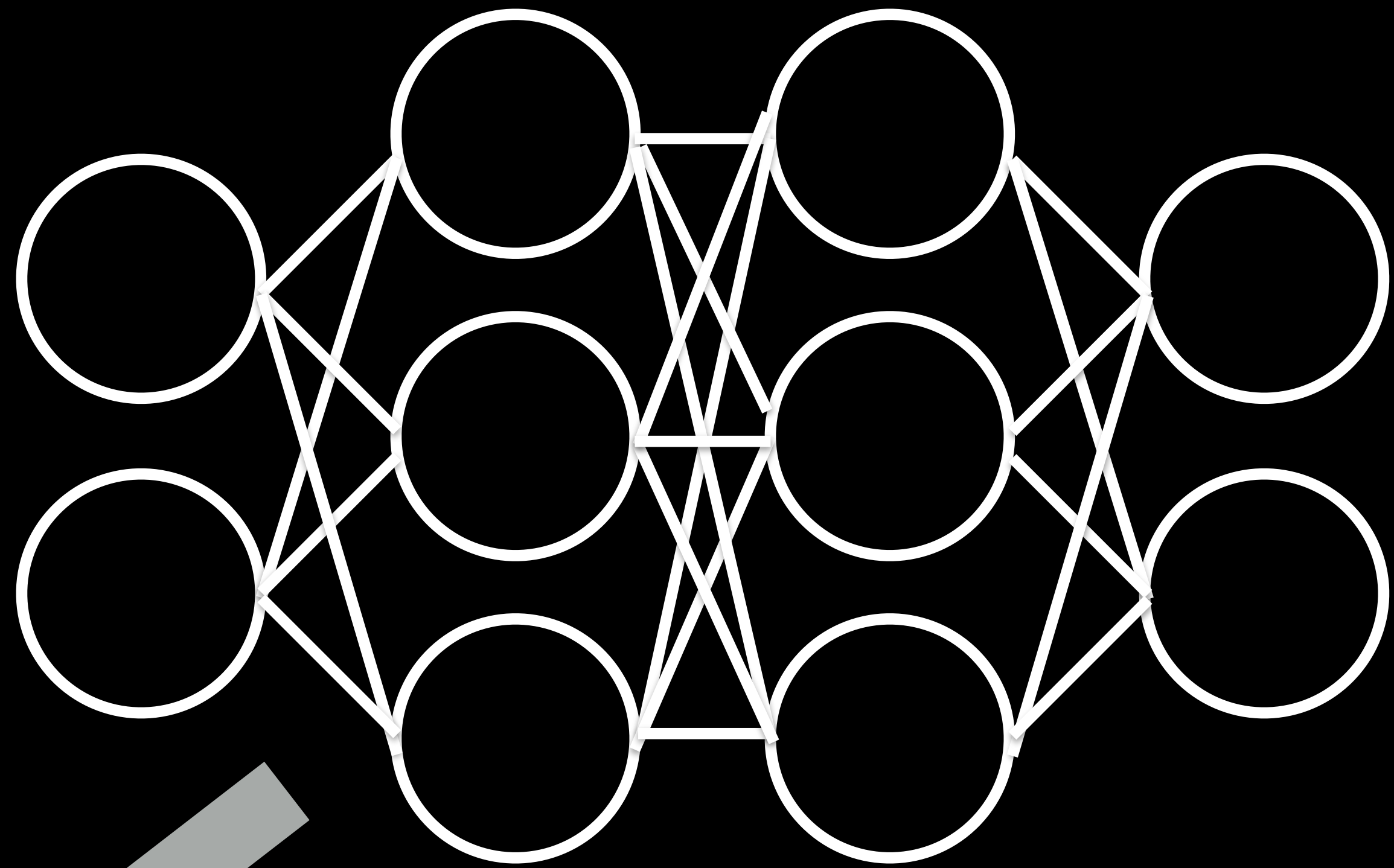
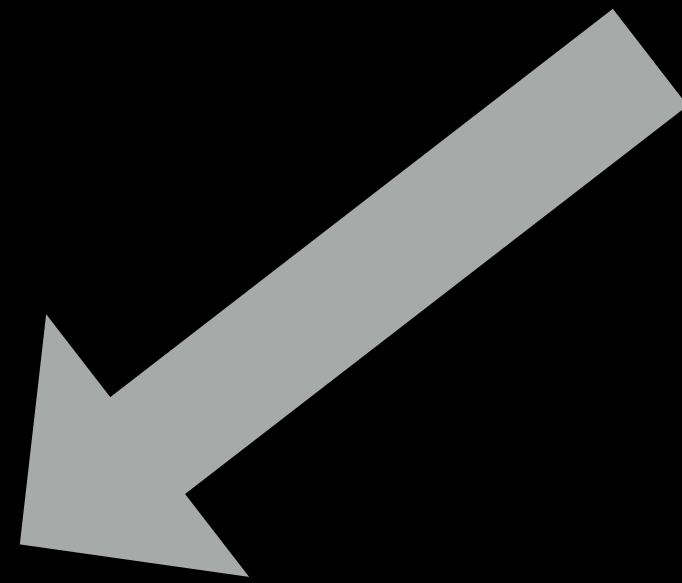
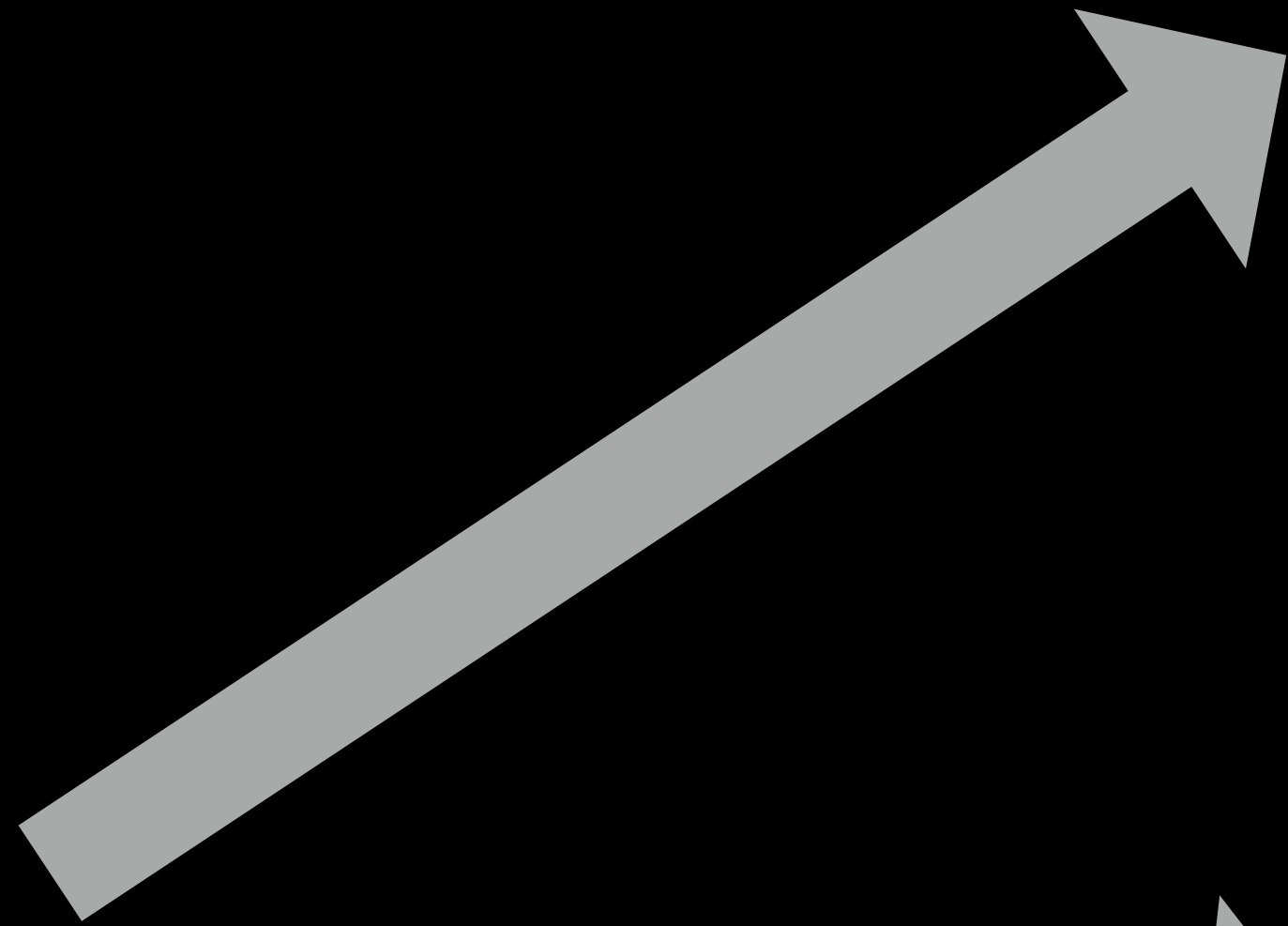


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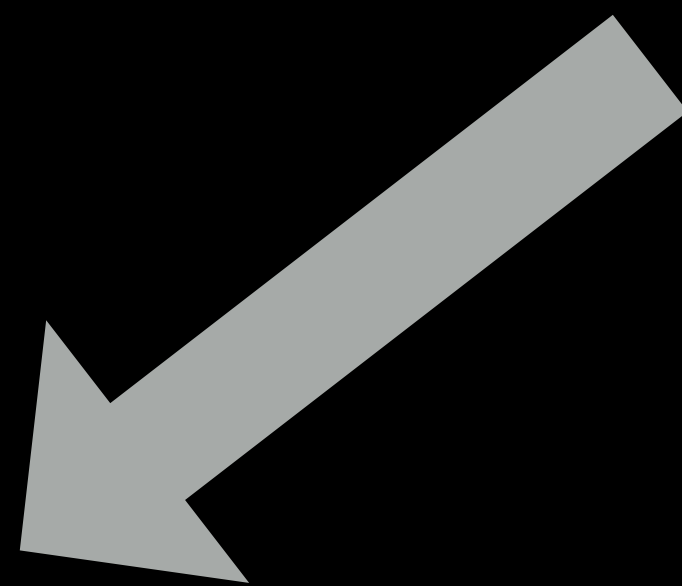
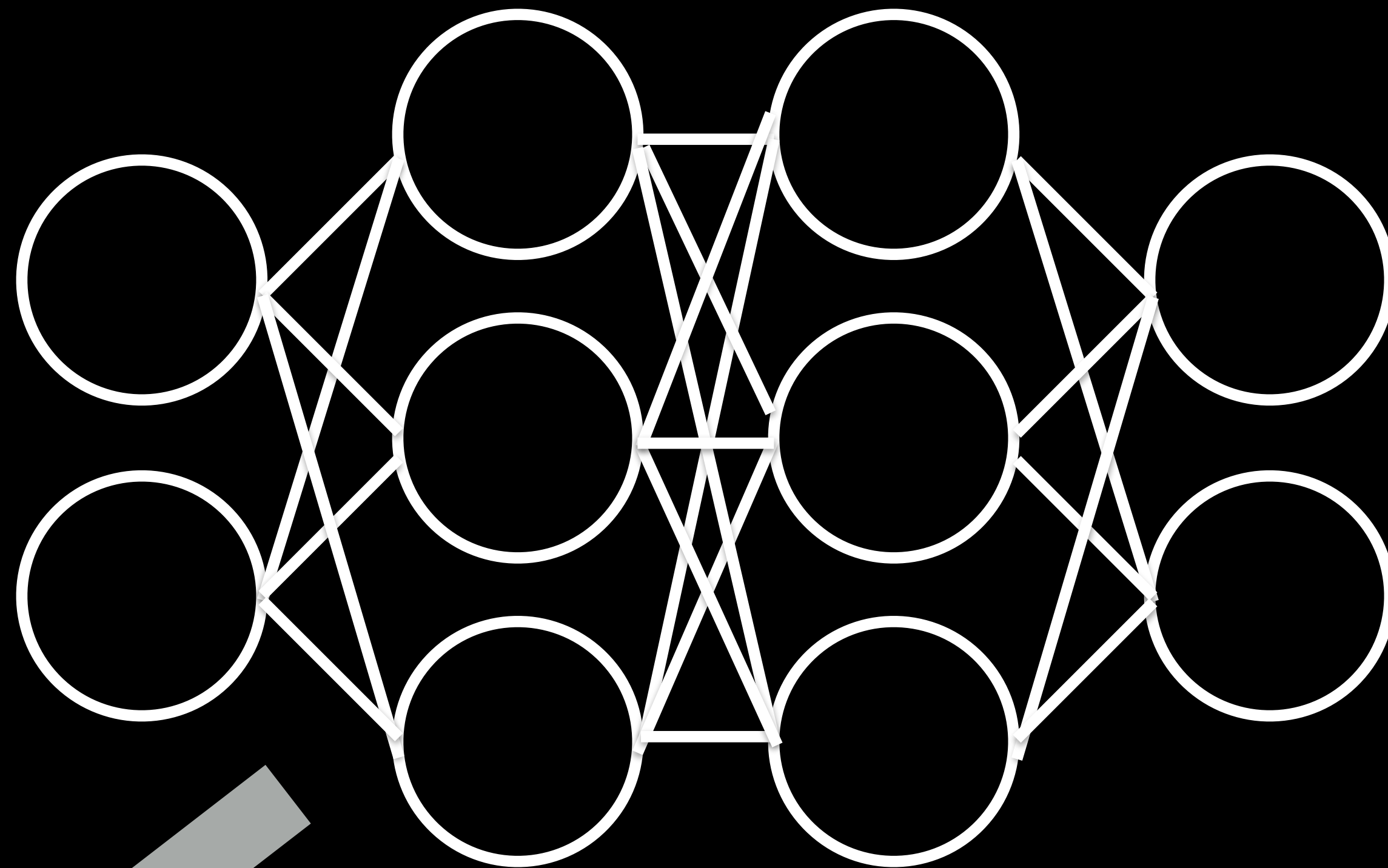
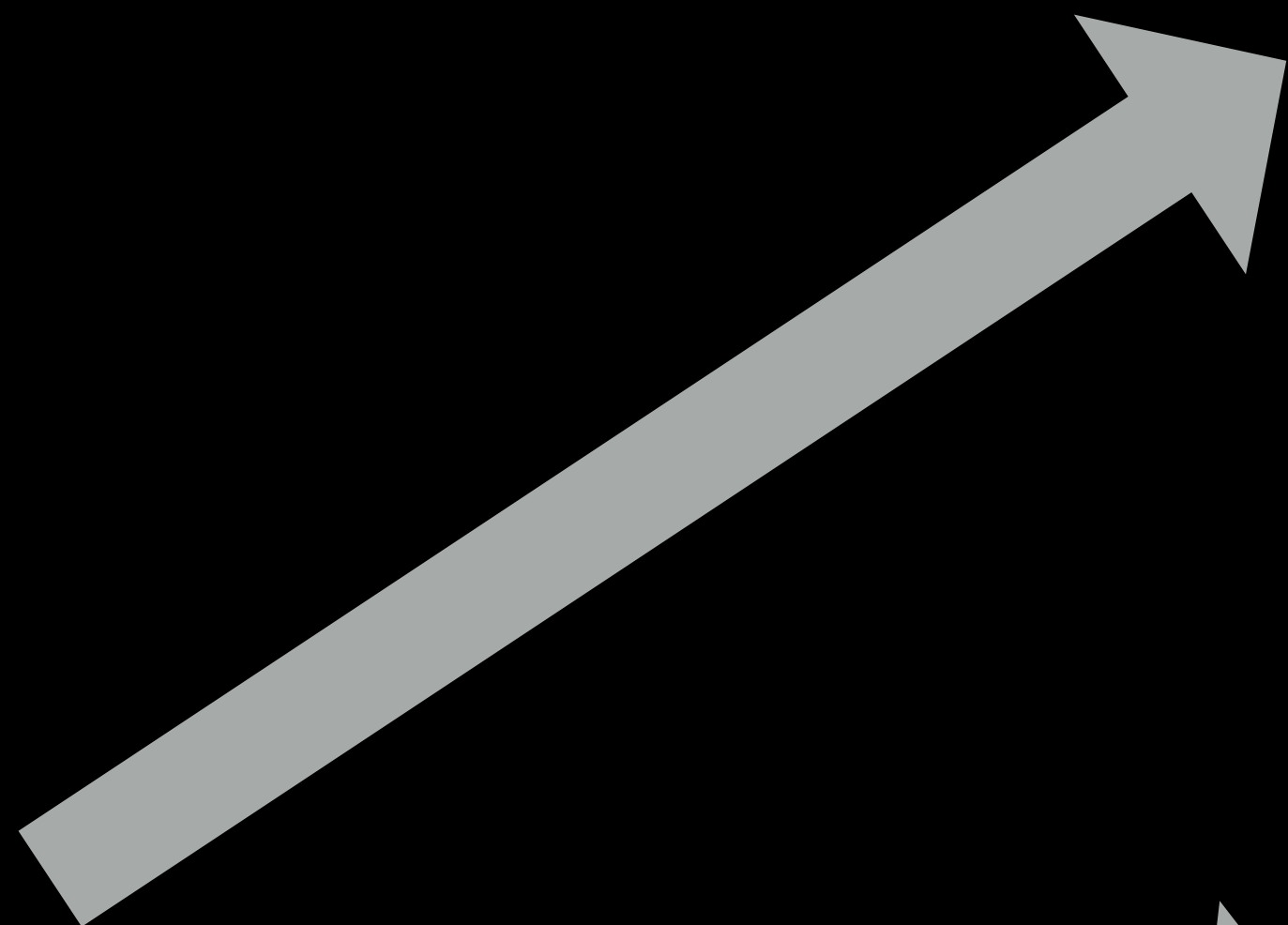
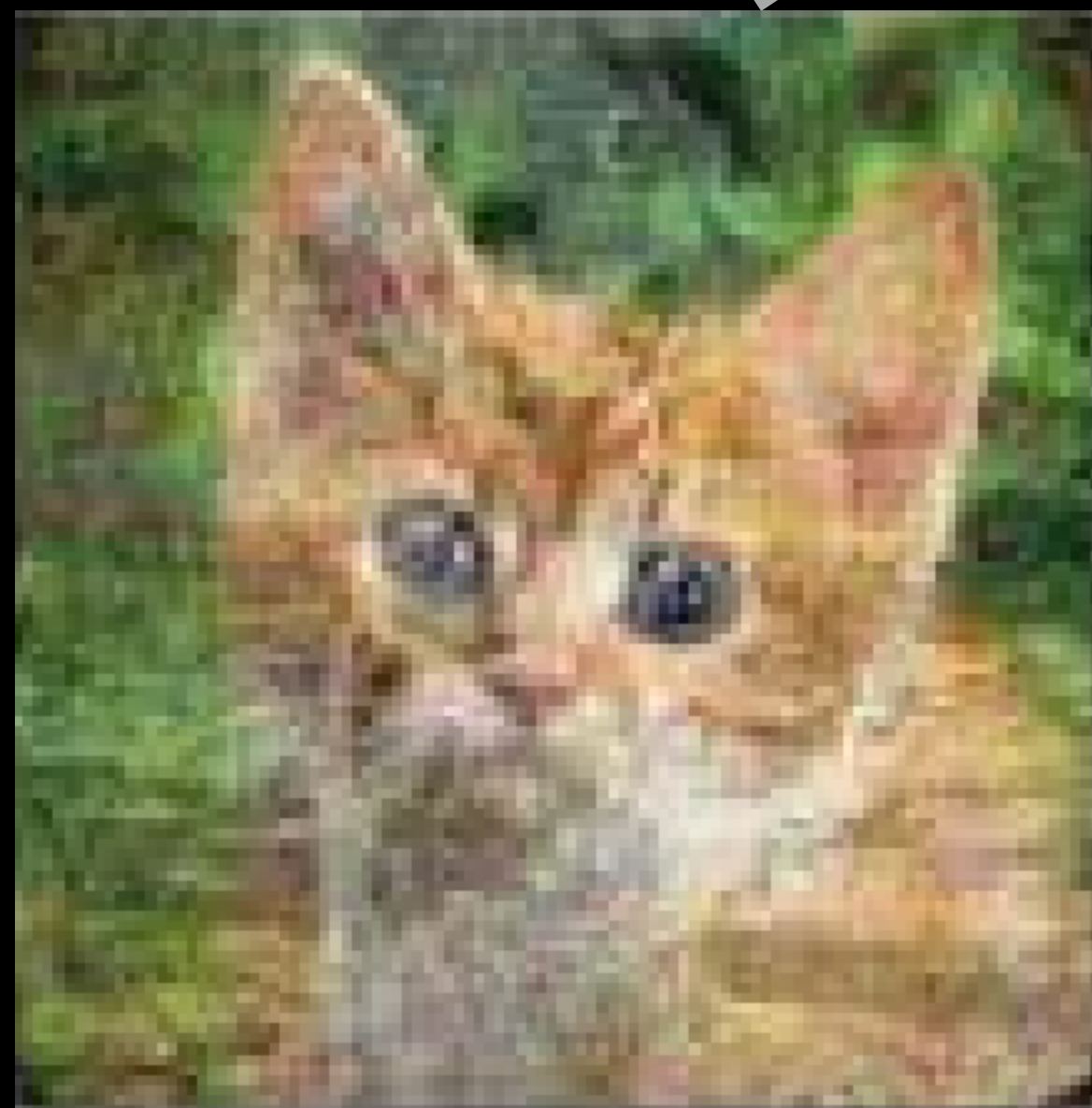




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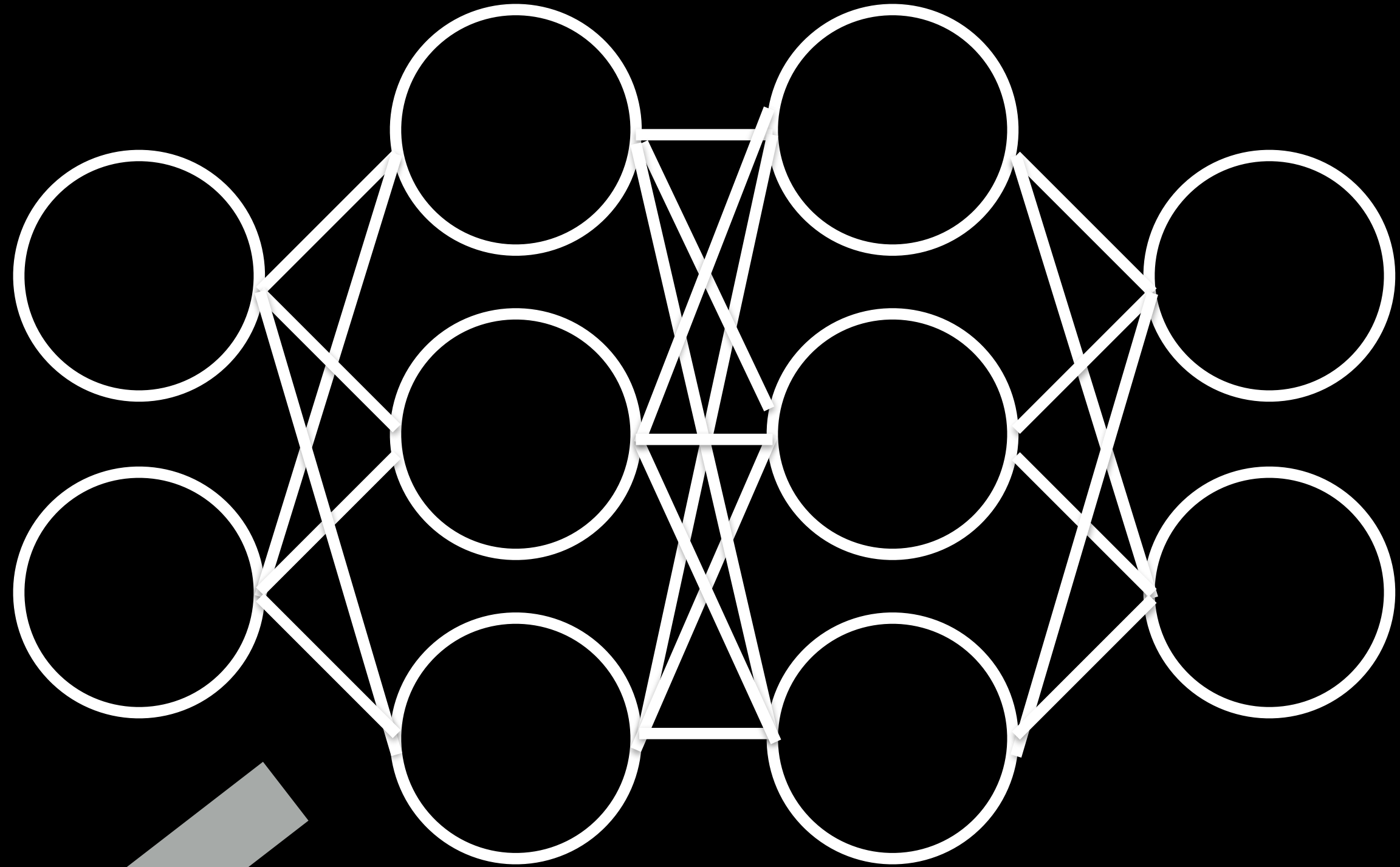
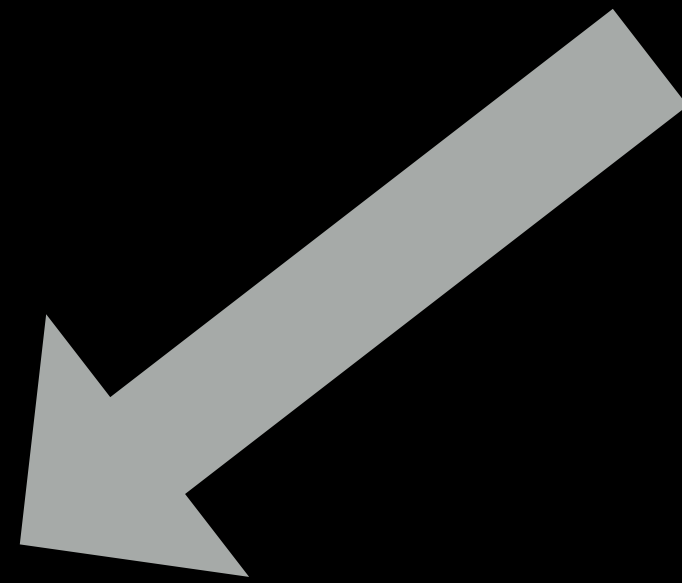
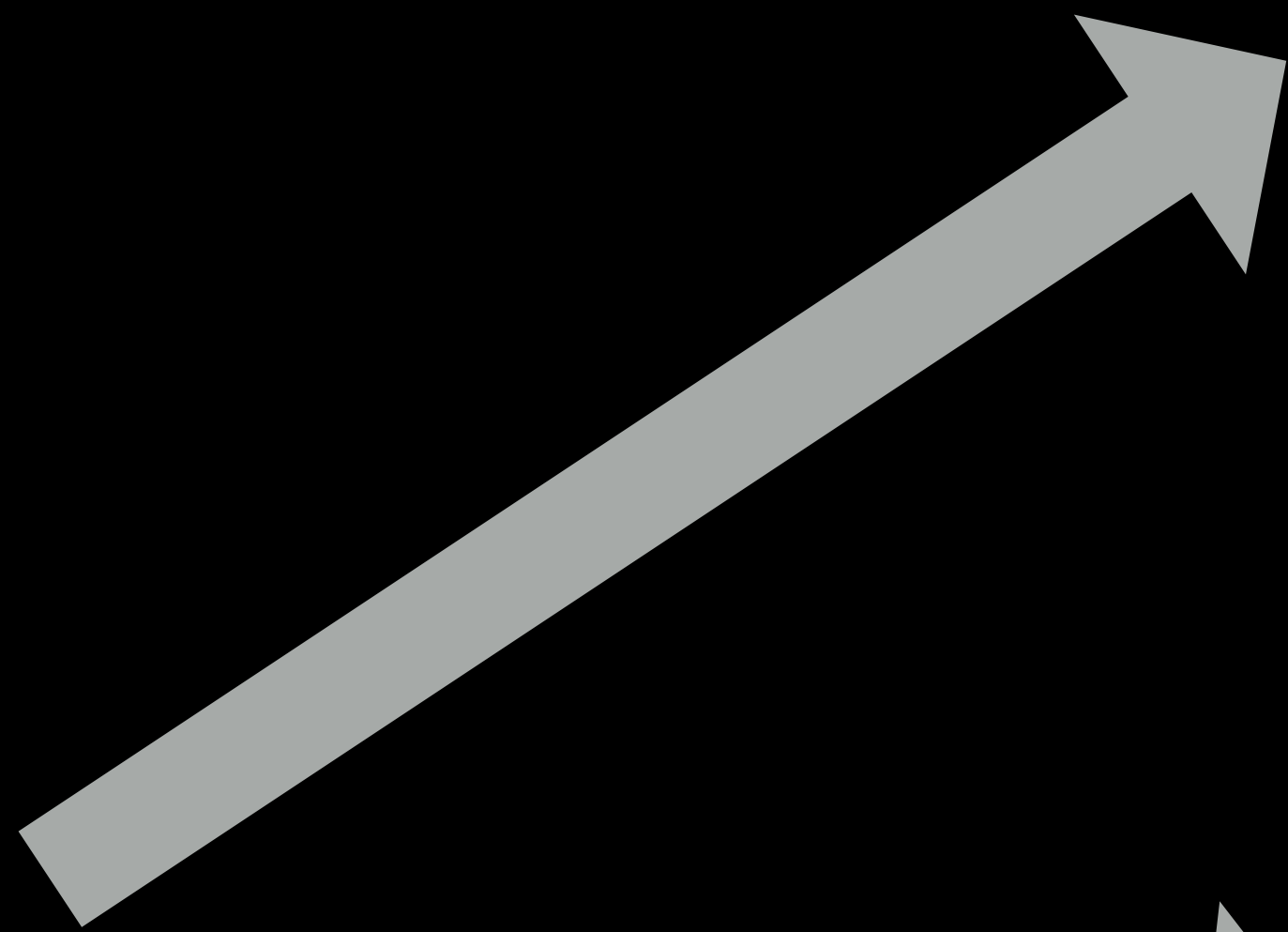




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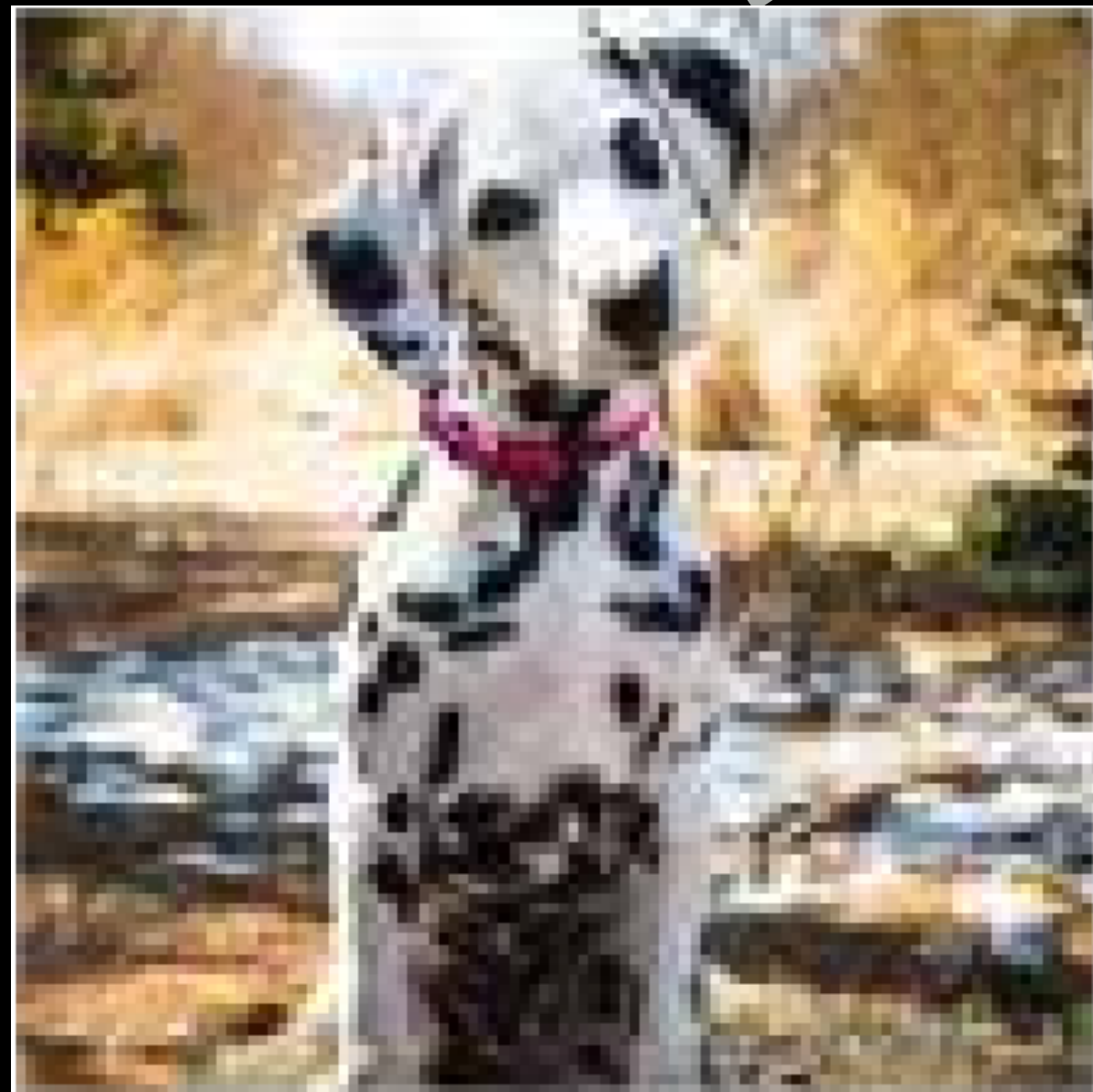


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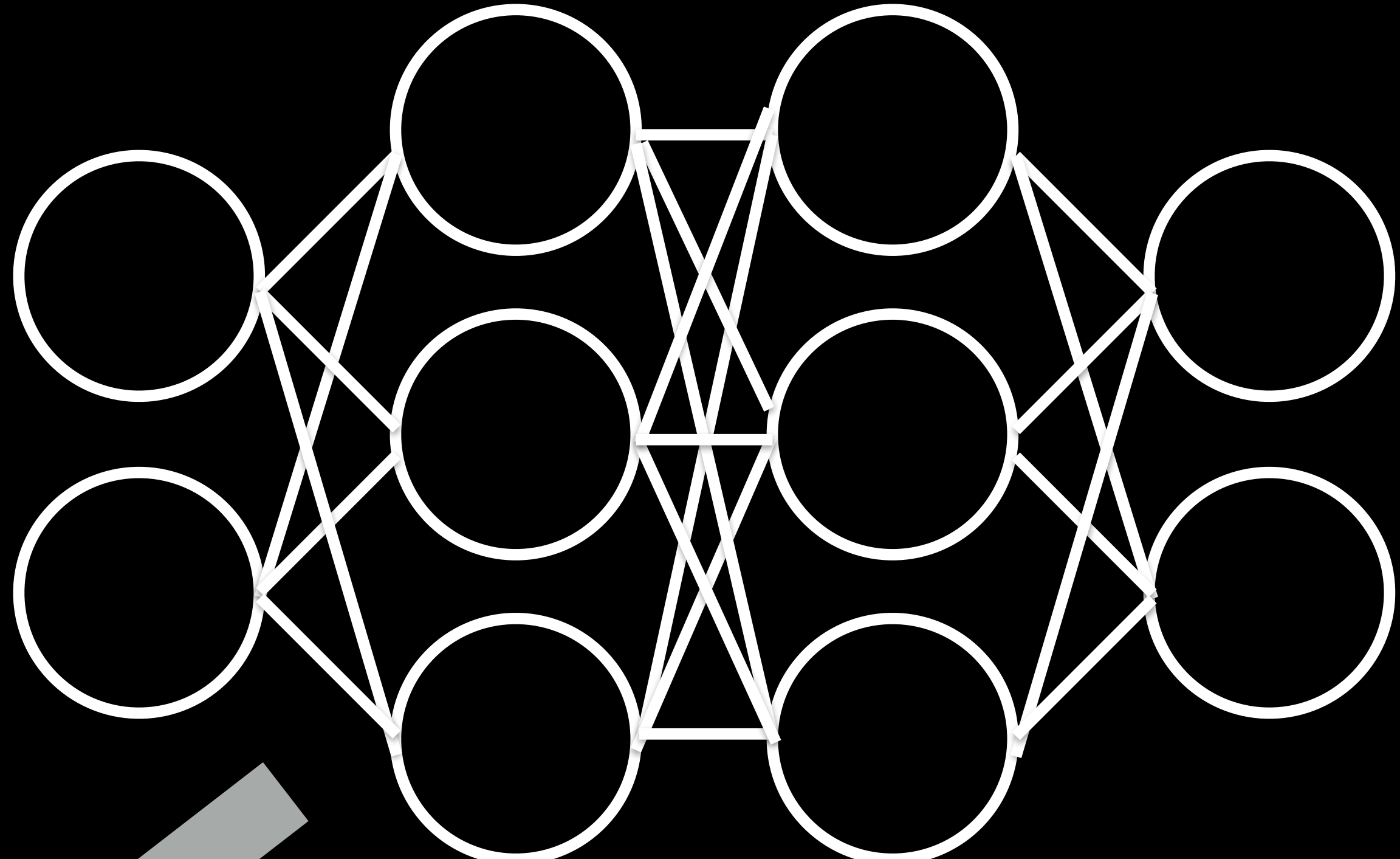
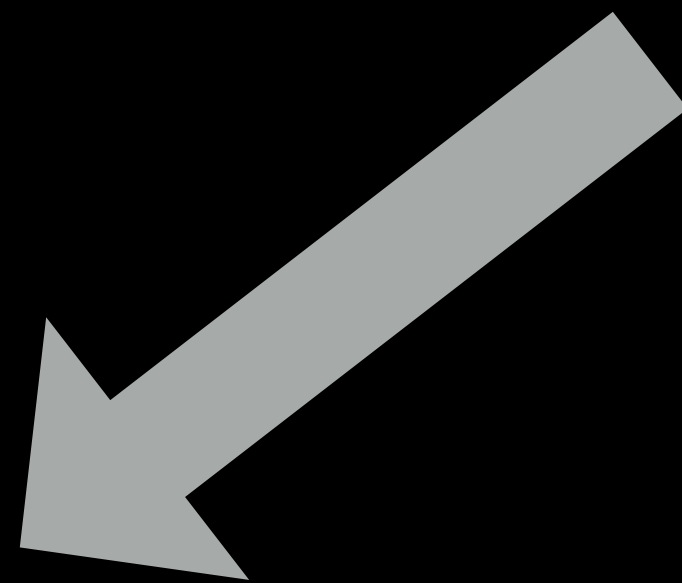
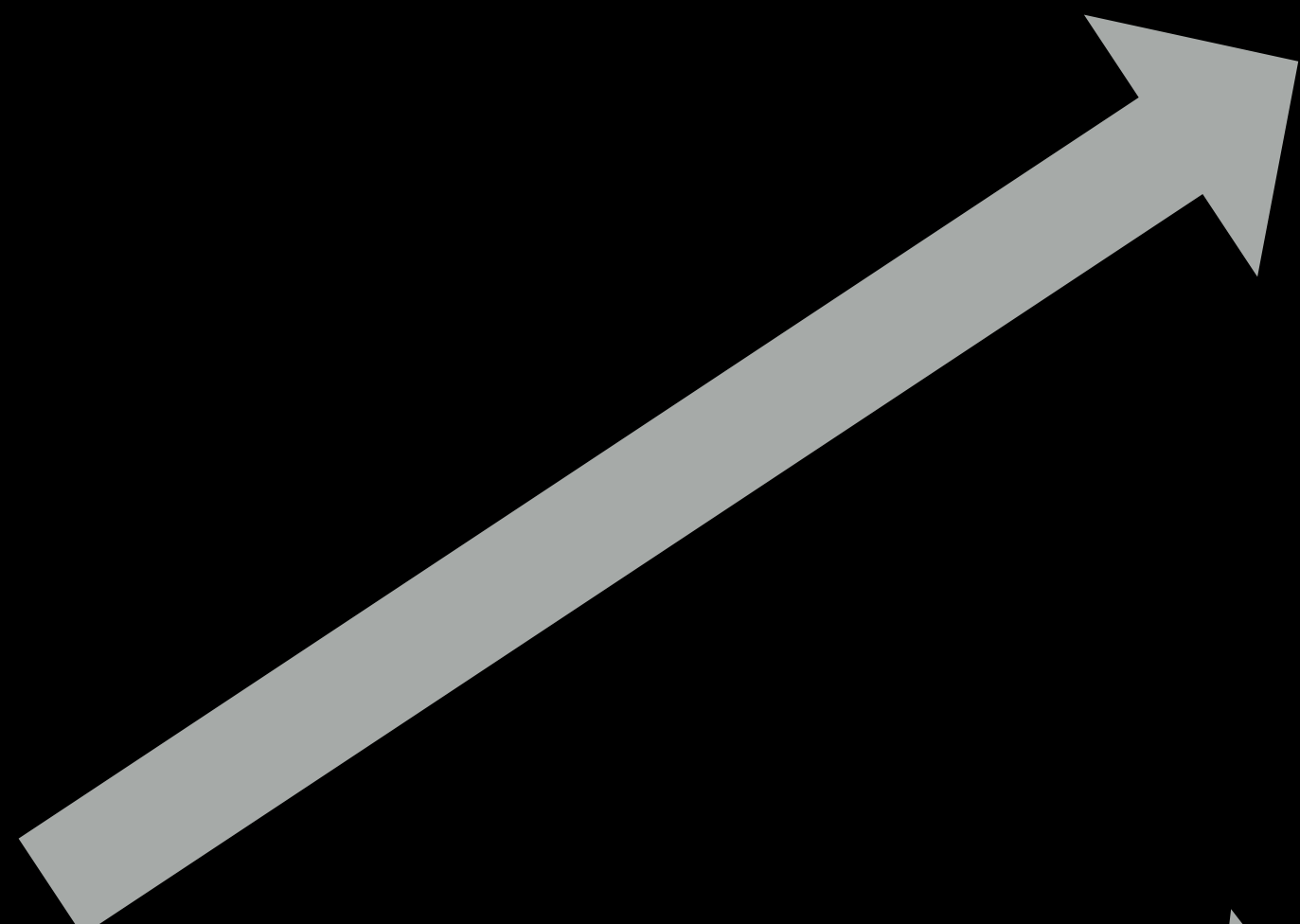


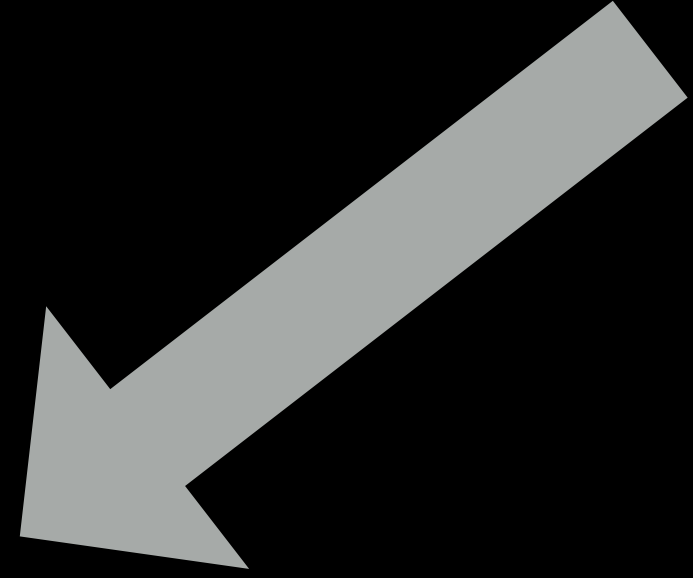
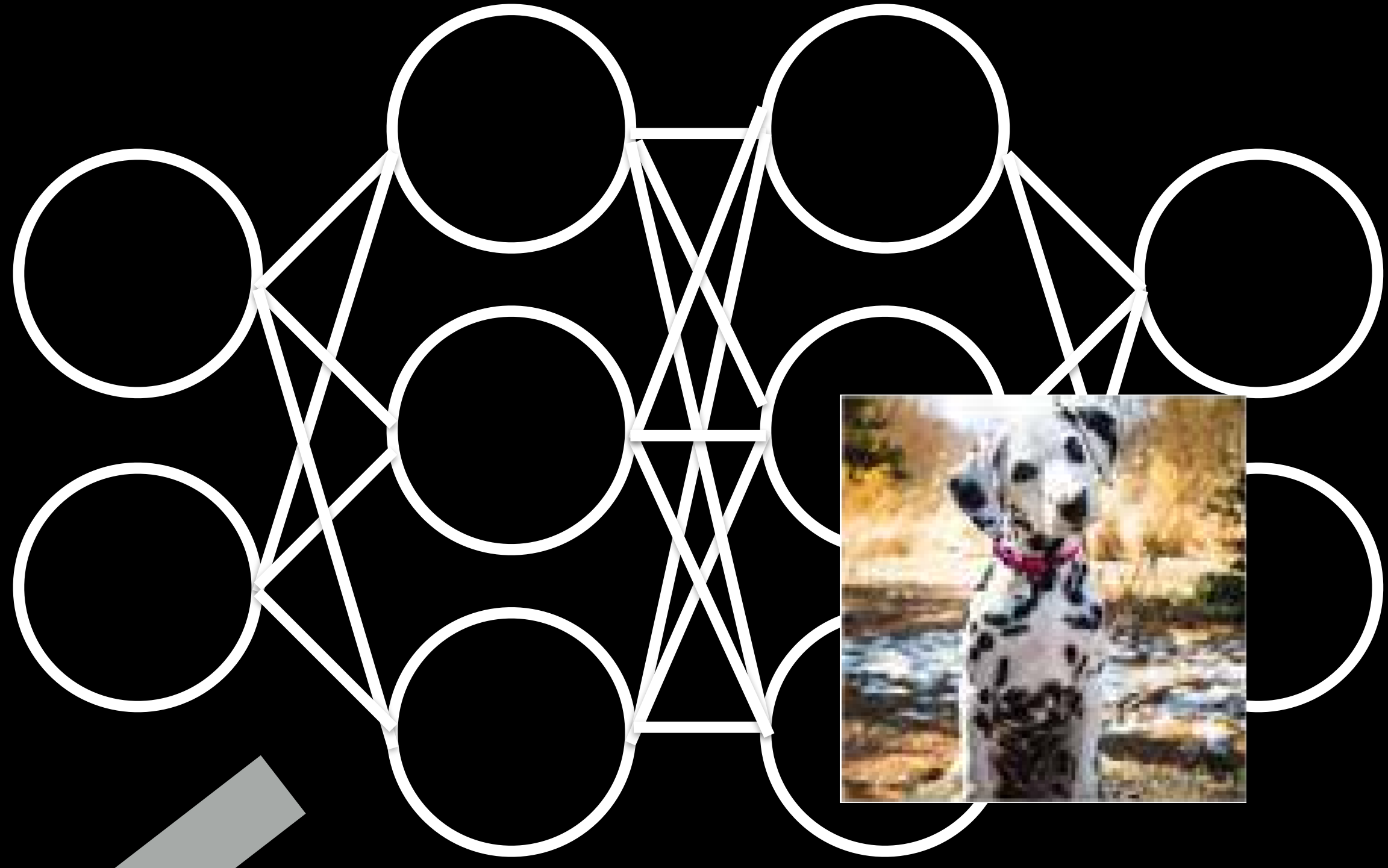
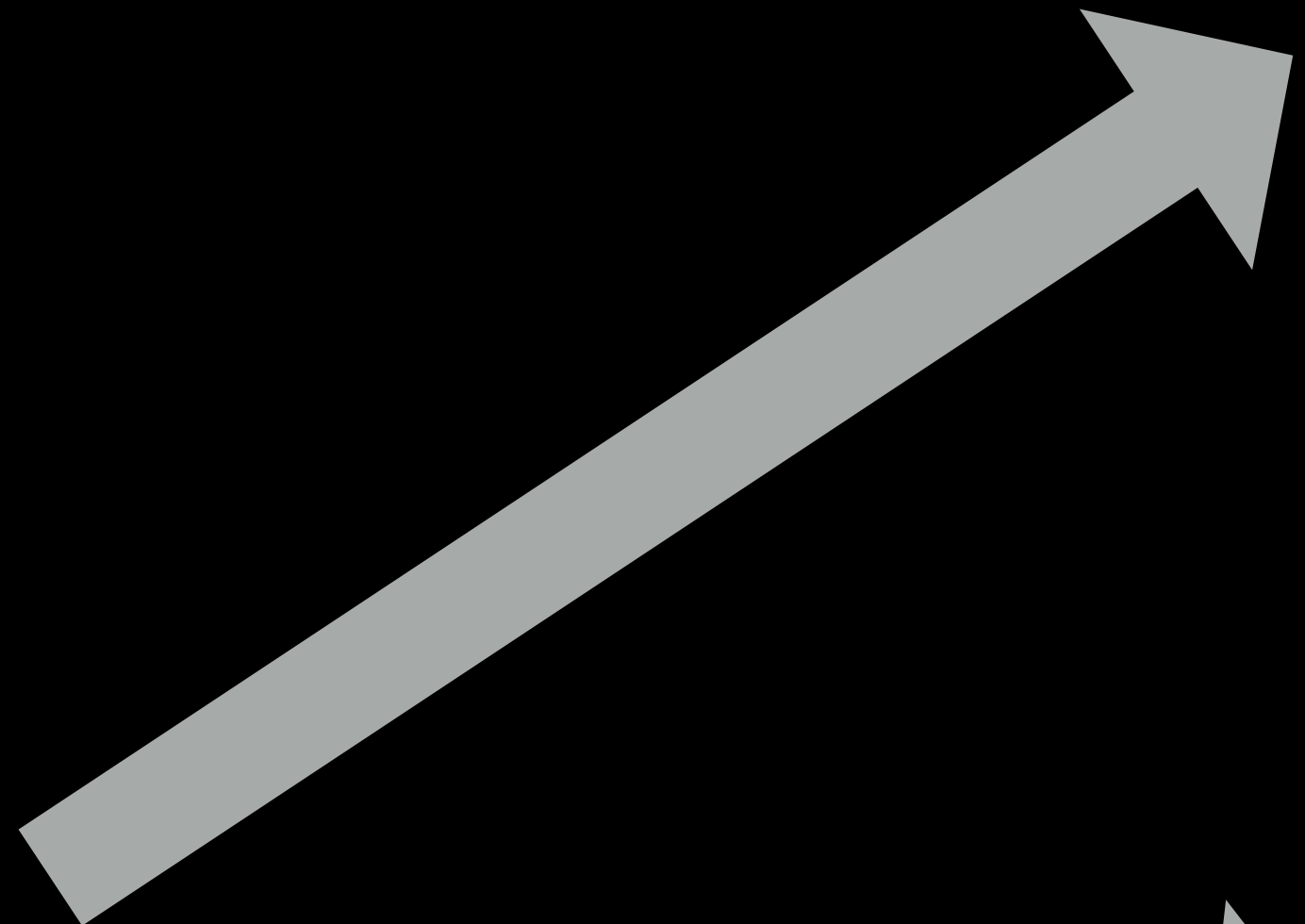
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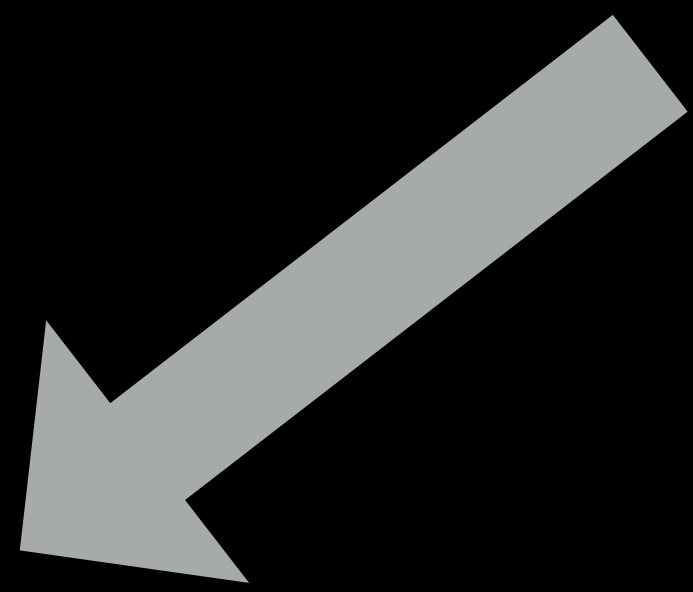
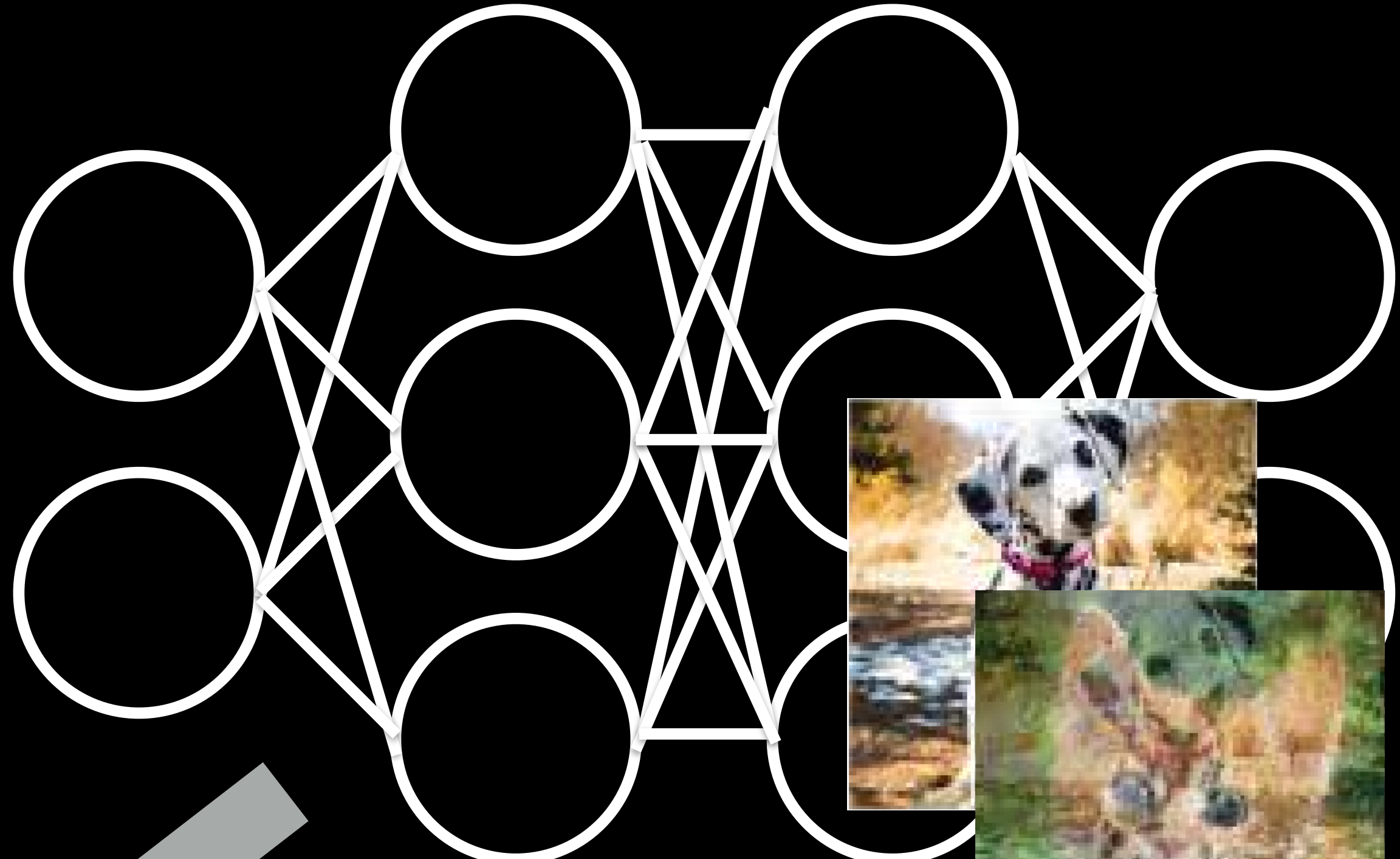
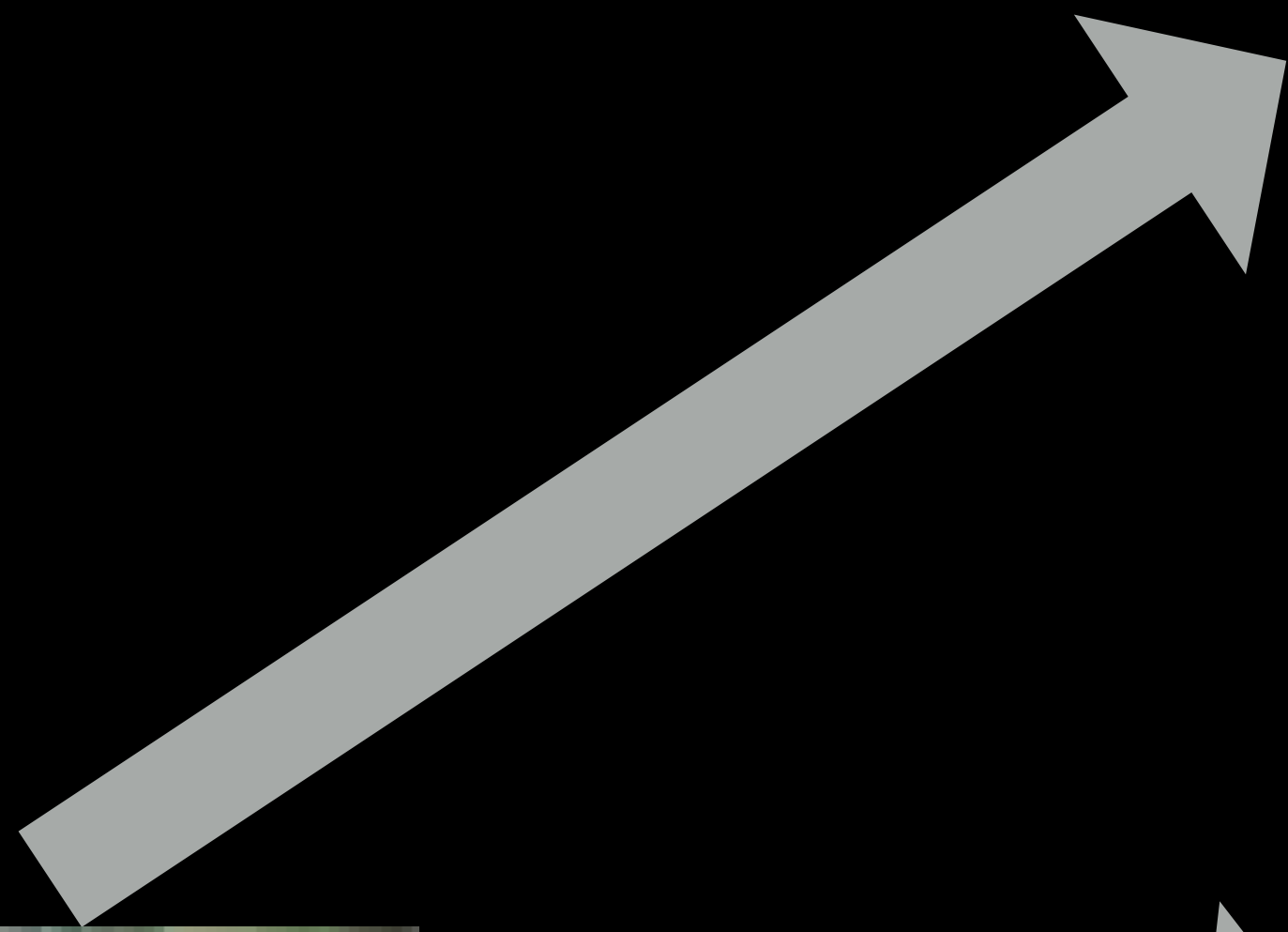
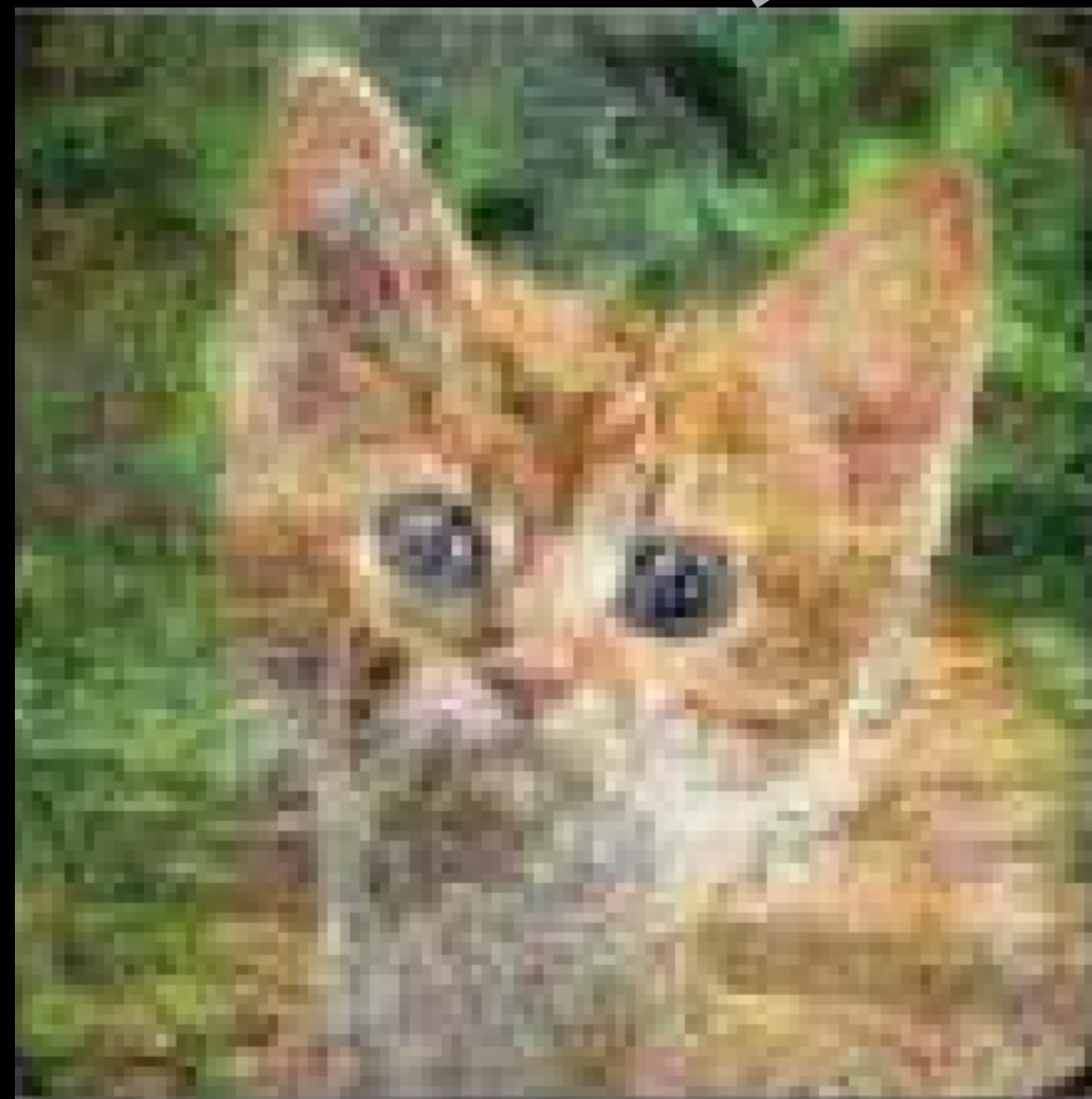


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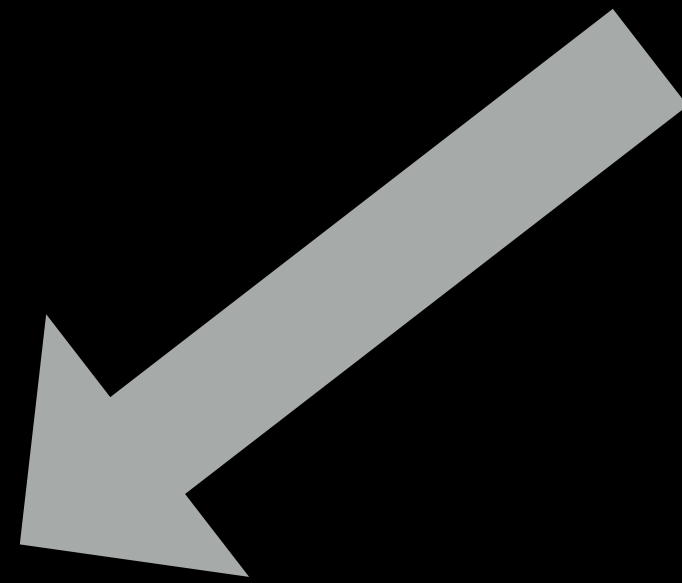
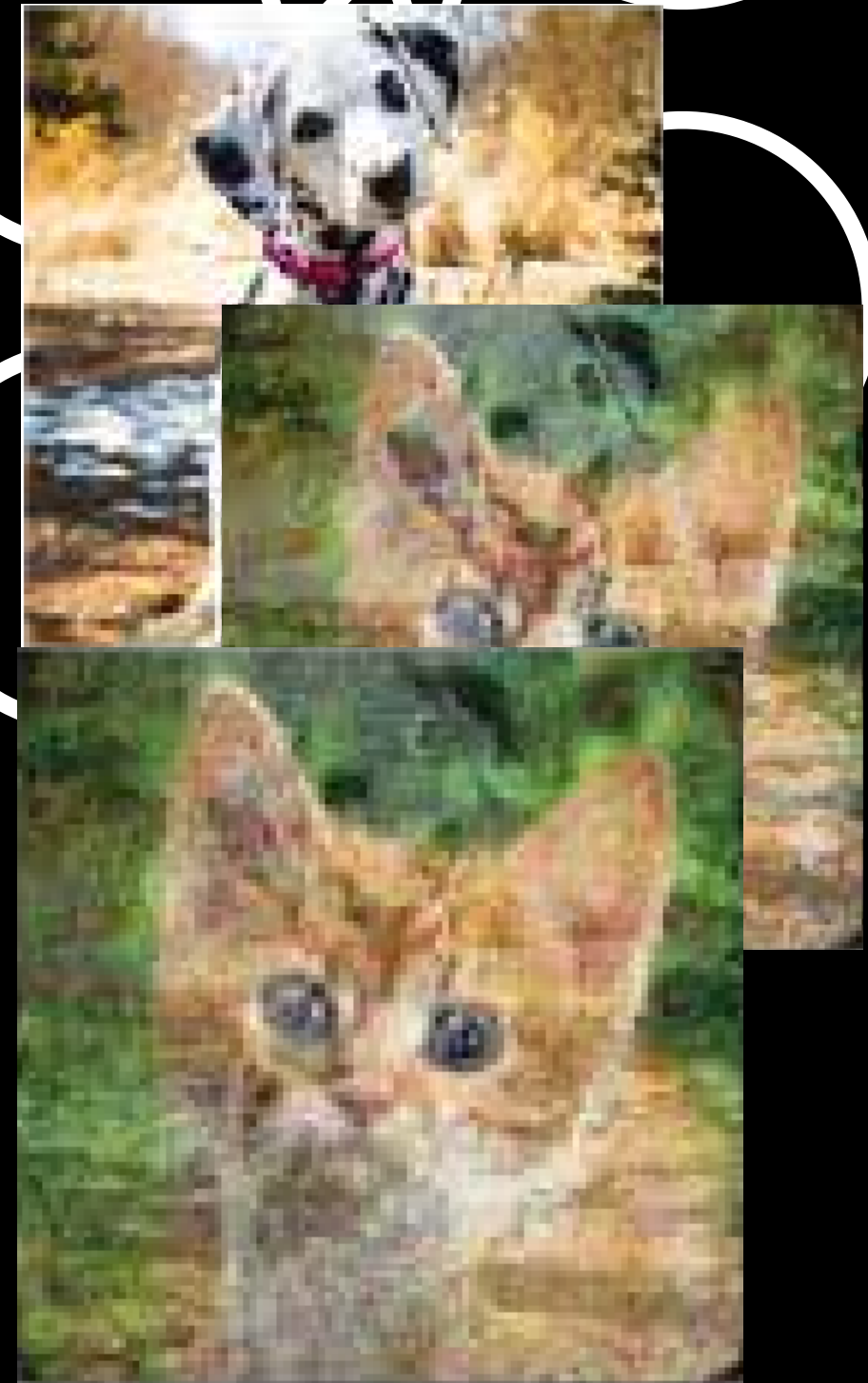
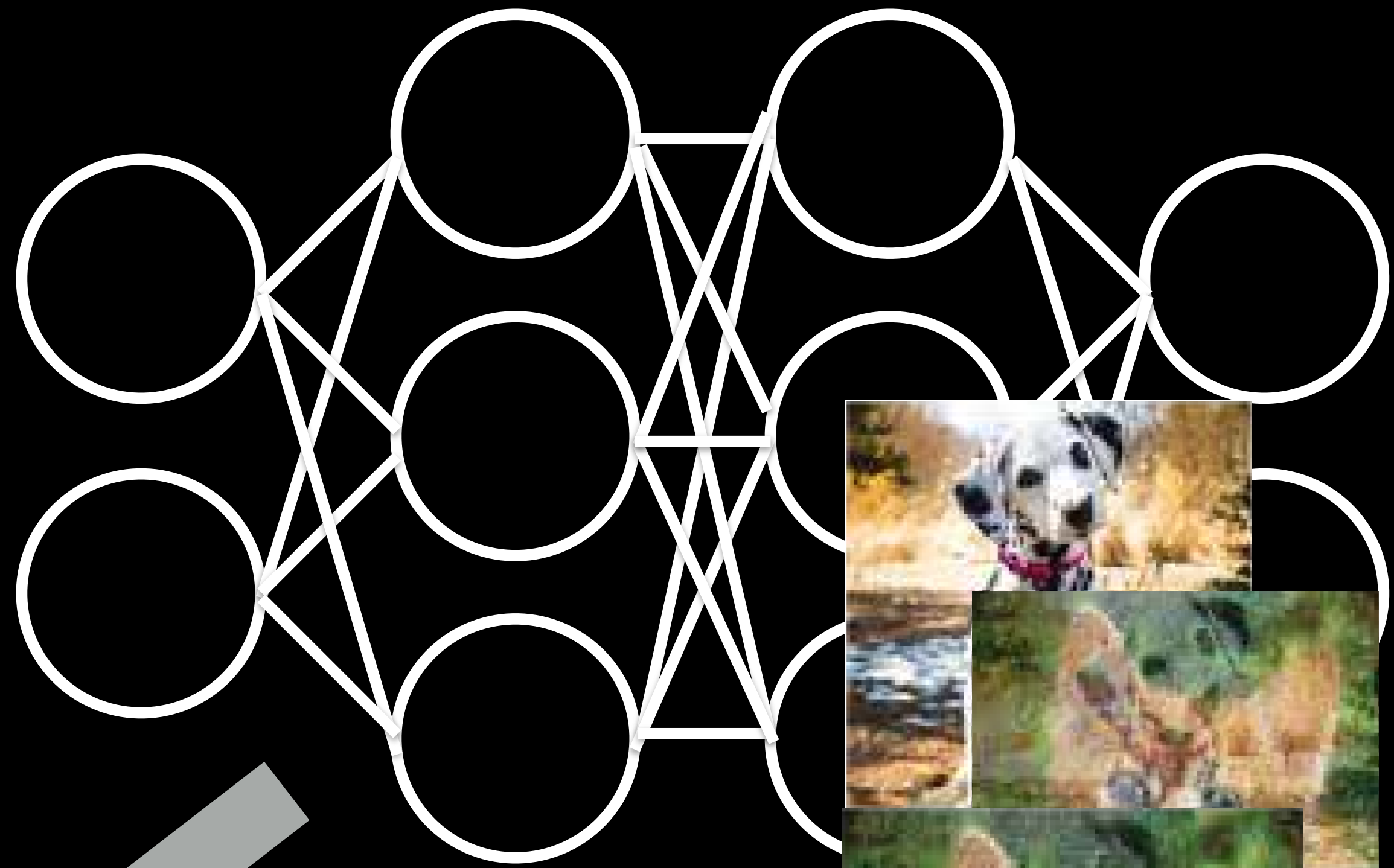
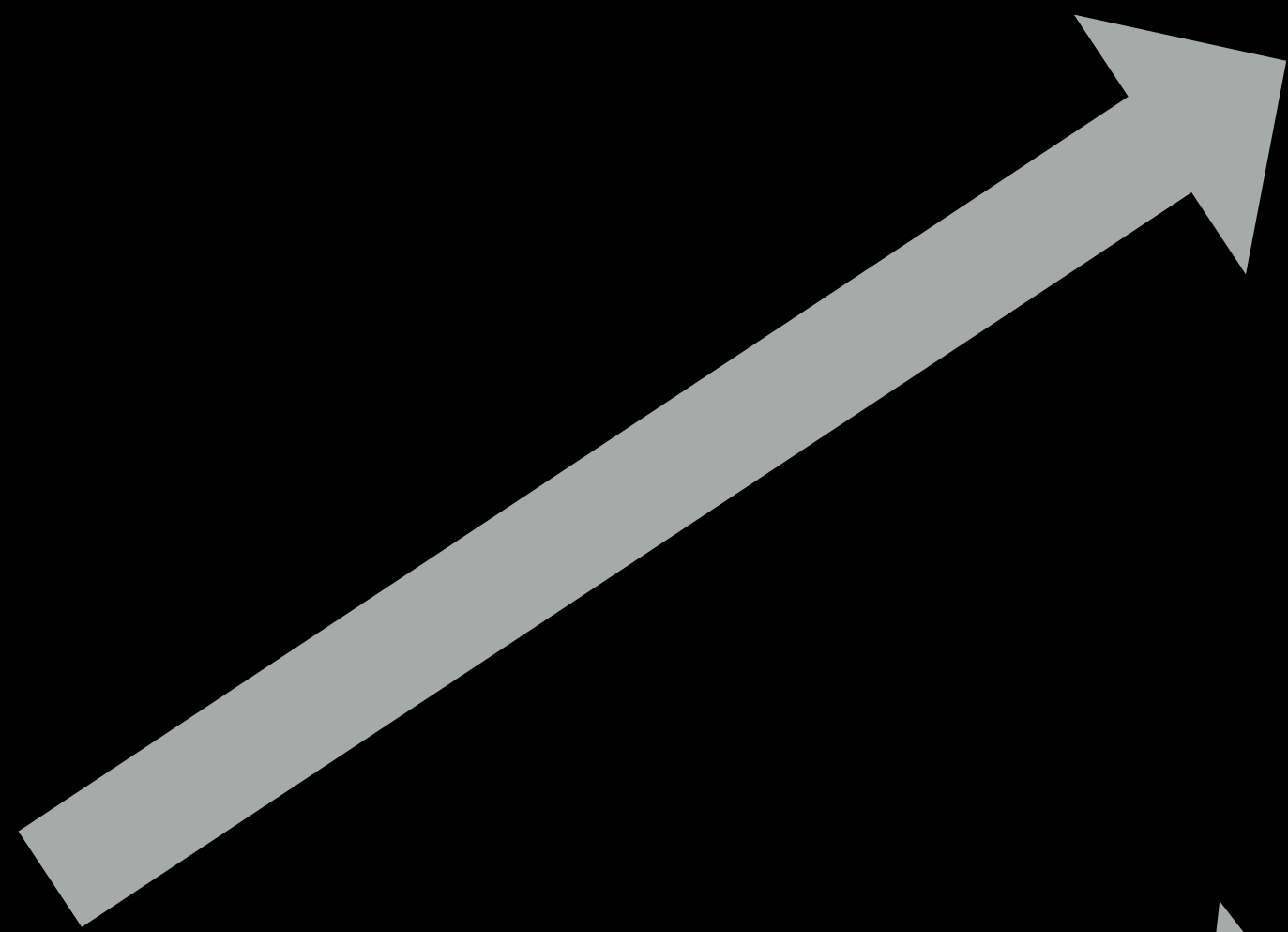




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You are  
being evil



Except here's the thing.

I don't believe this defense  
actually works.

What I want:

More attacks and defenses  
on practical systems.



We might want to improve ...

1. ~~General purpose robustness~~

2. ~~The robustness against worst case attack~~

3. The robustness against practical attacks

**we still have a chance!**



