LEGO® Deep Learning



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1960-2012:

The pre-deep learning era.



The age of discovery.

He was born curious. First he discovered his fingers and toes. Now he's exploring

It's this natural curiosity that gives birth to creativity and imagination.

And to keep that curiosity busy, there are LEGO® Brand PreSchool Building Sets. The big, colorful blocks snap



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together easily. The wheels roll, the friendly figures smile. Whether he's building a house or a who-knows-what, it's fun. It's enriching. Discov-er LEGO PreSchool.And help grow a great imagination!

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J, colorful blocks snap at your local store.) 1978 ¢LEGO Systems, Inc., Enfield, Ct. 06082. LEGO® is a registered trademark of Interlego A.G.

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"Look what I built with LEGO!"

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LEGO is a toy they never tire of, a toy that stimulates creativity and imag-

ination for years. What more could you ask of a toy?

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And look at that look on her face. That's pride smiling!

ing! The feeling of accomplishment children get from building with LEGO® Brand Building Sets is something no child should miss. And something no parent should miss sharing.

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There are wheels to make things go, doors and shutters to open and close, LEGO people to grin right back at your child.

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2012: AlexNet



2012-Present:

The deep learning revolution.









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An architectural language





People are now building a new kind of software by **assembling networks of parameterized functional blocks** and by **training them from examples using some form of gradient-based optimization**.

An increasingly large number of people are defining the networks procedurally in a data-dependent way (with loops and conditionals), allowing them to change dynamically as a function of the input data fed to them.

Yann LeCun, 2018.

LEGO® Creator Expert

AlphaStar (Vinyals et al, 2019)



Hydranet (Tesla, 2021)





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AlphaFold (Jumper et al, 2021)



Conclusions

- Deep Learning is more than feedforward networks.
- It is a **methodology**:
 - assemble networks of parameterized functional blocks
 - train them from examples using some form of gradient-based optimisation.
- Bricks are simple, but their nested composition can be arbitrarily complicated.
- Think like an architect: make cathedrals!

