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1.3 General Fragmented Structure of a Complex Network as Related to the Numerous Network Components.

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CHAPTER 2: FEED FORWARD NETWORK PATTERNS

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2.2 Linear Separation of Networks

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2.2.1 The Forward Descent Method

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