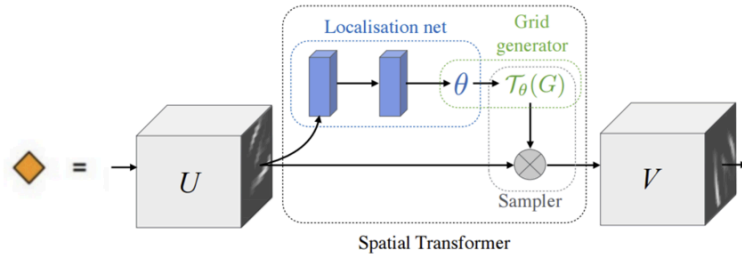


Spatial Transformer Layer

CNN is unable to address scaling and rotation, so we use STL to transform the original picture.



1. Input Image: receive the original feature map
2. Parameter Prediction (Localisation net)
 - predict the 6 parameters for transformation
3. Coordinate Mapping (Grid generator)
 - use the predicted parameters to describe **the affine transformation from the target to the original feature map**
 - Expansion, Compression, Translation, Rotation

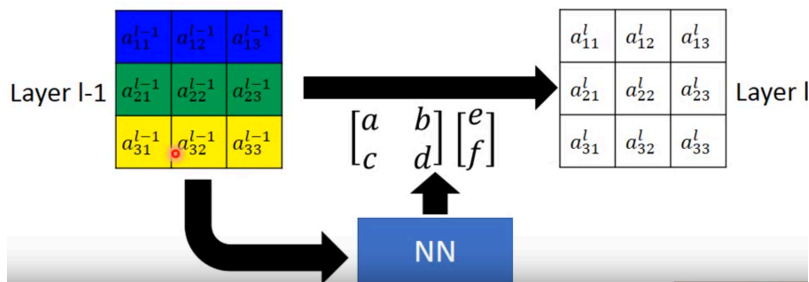
Somewhat like [Homogeneous transformation matrix](#) in Kinematics, but 2D version

Spatial Transformer Layer

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e \\ f \end{bmatrix}$$

6 parameters to describe the affine transformation

Index of layer l-1 Index of layer l



4. Interpolation (Sampler)

Problem 1: after Coordinate Mapping, new pixels' coordinate may not be integers, thus couldn't find an exact position

Solution: use **Nearest-Neighbor Interpolation** to fill every pixels in the transformed picture with the RGB value of the nearest point

Problem 2: Nearest-Neighbor Interpolation is not differentiable, thus cannot use GD

Solution: use **Bilinear Interpolation**

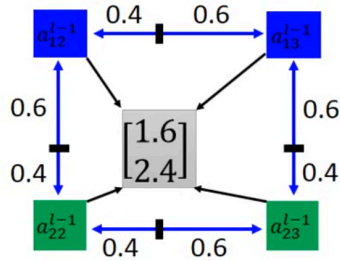
Interpolation

Now we can use gradient descent

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.6 \\ 2.4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Index of layer l-1 Index of layer l

6 parameters to describe the affine transformation



a_{11}^l	a_{12}^l	a_{13}^l
a_{21}^l	a_{22}^l	a_{23}^l
a_{31}^l	a_{32}^l	a_{33}^l

Layer l

$$a_{22}^l = (1 - 0.4) \times (1 - 0.4) \times a_{22}^{l-1} + (1 - 0.6) \times (1 - 0.4) \times a_{12}^{l-1} + (1 - 0.6) \times (1 - 0.6) \times a_{13}^{l-1} + (1 - 0.4) \times (1 - 0.6) \times a_{23}^{l-1}$$