



# Recitation : 4 Part 2 CNN Back Propagation Spring 2021

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Introduction to Deep  
Learning

# Backpropagation in CNNs

- In the backward pass, we get the loss gradient with respect to the next layer
- In CNNs the loss gradient is computed w.r.t the input and also w.r.t the filter.

# Convolution Backprop with single Stride

- To understand the computation of loss gradient w.r.t input, let us use the following example:
- Horizontal and vertical stride = 1

$X_{11}$	$X_{12}$	$X_{13}$
$X_{21}$	$X_{22}$	$X_{23}$
$X_{31}$	$X_{32}$	$X_{33}$

Input **X**

$F_{11}$	$F_{12}$
$F_{21}$	$F_{22}$

Filter **F**

# Convolution Forward Pass

- Convolution between Input  $X$  and Filter  $F$ , gives us an output  $O$ . This can be represented as:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline O_{11} & O_{12} \\ \hline O_{21} & O_{22} \\ \hline \end{array} = \text{Convolution} \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline X_{11} & X_{12} & X_{13} \\ \hline X_{21} & X_{22} & X_{23} \\ \hline X_{31} & X_{32} & X_{33} \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline F_{11} & F_{12} \\ \hline F_{21} & F_{22} \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

Output  $O$                       Input  $X$                       Filter  $F$

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Input  $X$



$F_{11}$	$F_{12}$
$F_{21}$	$F_{22}$

Filter  $F$

$X_{11}F_{11}$	$X_{12}F_{12}$	$X_{13}$
$X_{21}F_{21}$	$X_{22}F_{22}$	$X_{23}$
$X_{31}$	$X_{32}$	$X_{33}$

$$O_{11} = X_{11}F_{11} + X_{12}F_{12} + X_{21}F_{21} + X_{22}F_{22}$$

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Input  $X$



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$F_{21}$	$F_{22}$

Filter  $F$

$X_{11}$	$X_{12}$	$X_{13}$
$X_{21}$	$X_{22}F_{11}$	$X_{23}F_{12}$
$X_{31}$	$X_{32}F_{21}$	$X_{33}F_{22}$

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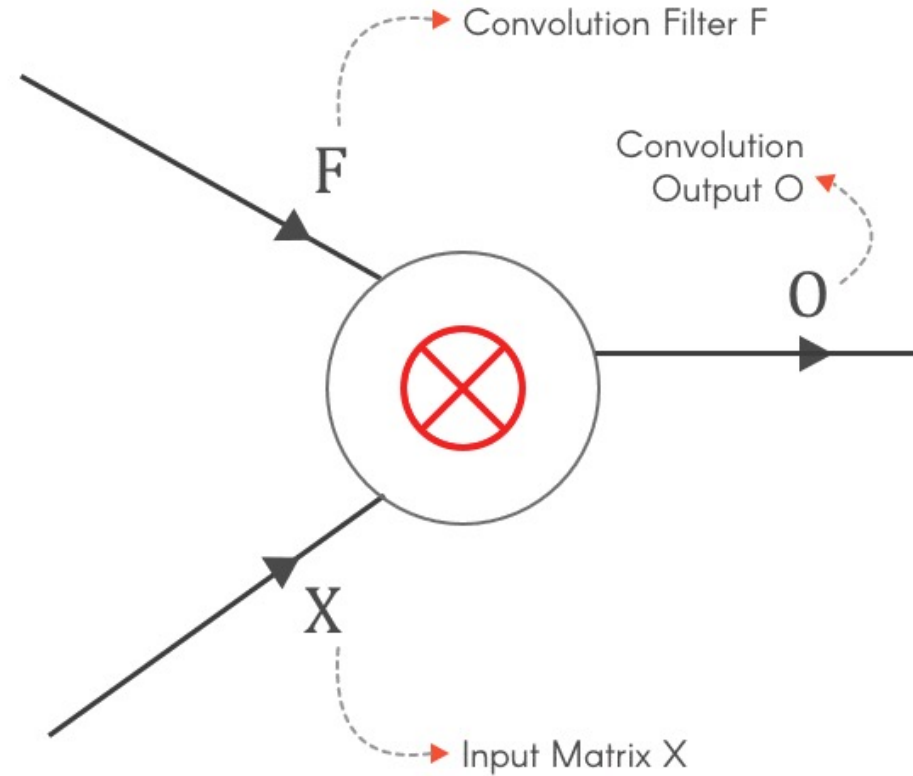
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$$O_{21} = X_{21}F_{11} + X_{22}F_{12} + X_{31}F_{21} + X_{32}F_{22}$$

$$O_{22} = X_{22}F_{11} + X_{23}F_{12} + X_{32}F_{21} + X_{33}F_{22}$$

# Loss gradient

- We want to calculate the gradients wrt to input 'X' and filter 'F'



# Loss gradient w.r.t the filter

We can use the chain rule to obtain the gradient wrt the filter as shown in the equation.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O} * \frac{\partial O}{\partial F}$$

Gradient to update Filter F      Loss Gradient from previous layer      Local Gradients

*For every element of F*

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_i} = \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_k} * \frac{\partial O_k}{\partial F_i}$$



# Loss gradient w.r.t the filter

We can expand the chain  
rule summation as:

*For every element of F*

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_i} = \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_k} * \frac{\partial o_k}{\partial F_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{11}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{11}} * \frac{\partial o_{11}}{\partial F_{11}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{12}} * \frac{\partial o_{12}}{\partial F_{11}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{21}} * \frac{\partial o_{21}}{\partial F_{11}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{22}} * \frac{\partial o_{22}}{\partial F_{11}}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{12}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{11}} * \frac{\partial o_{11}}{\partial F_{12}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{12}} * \frac{\partial o_{12}}{\partial F_{12}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{21}} * \frac{\partial o_{21}}{\partial F_{12}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{22}} * \frac{\partial o_{22}}{\partial F_{12}}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{21}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{11}} * \frac{\partial o_{11}}{\partial F_{21}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{12}} * \frac{\partial o_{12}}{\partial F_{21}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{21}} * \frac{\partial o_{21}}{\partial F_{21}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{22}} * \frac{\partial o_{22}}{\partial F_{21}}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{22}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{11}} * \frac{\partial o_{11}}{\partial F_{22}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{12}} * \frac{\partial o_{12}}{\partial F_{22}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{21}} * \frac{\partial o_{21}}{\partial F_{22}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_{22}} * \frac{\partial o_{22}}{\partial F_{22}}$$

# Loss gradient w.r.t the filter

- Replacing the local gradients of the filter i.e,  $\frac{\partial O_i}{\partial F_i}$ , we get this:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{11}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{12}} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{21}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{22}} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Convolution} \left( \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & X_{13} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & X_{23} \\ X_{31} & X_{32} & X_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & X_{13} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & X_{23} \\ X_{31} & X_{32} & X_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Input X} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O} \quad \text{Loss gradient from previous layer}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{11}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * X_{11} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * X_{12} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * X_{21} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * X_{22}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{12}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * X_{12} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * X_{13} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * X_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * X_{23}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{21}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * X_{21} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * X_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * X_{31} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * X_{32}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{22}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * X_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * X_{23} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * X_{32} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * X_{33}$$

# Loss gradient w.r.t the filter

- If you closely look at it, this represents an operation we are quite familiar with. We can represent it as a **convolution operation between input X and loss gradient  $\partial L/\partial O$**  as shown below:

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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{12}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * X_{12} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * X_{13} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * X_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * X_{23}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{21}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * X_{21} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * X_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * X_{31} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * X_{32}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F_{22}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * X_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * X_{23} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * X_{32} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * X_{33}$$

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For every element of  $X_i$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_i} = \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_k} * \frac{\partial O_k}{\partial X_i}$$

# Loss gradient w.r.t the input

- Similarly, we can expand the chain rule summation for the gradient with respect to the input. After substituting the local gradients i.e  $\frac{\partial O_i}{\partial X_i}$ , we have:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_{11}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * F_{11}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_{12}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * F_{12} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * F_{11}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_{13}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * F_{12}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_{21}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * F_{21} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * F_{11}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_{22}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} * F_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * F_{21} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * F_{12} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * F_{11}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_{23}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} * F_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * F_{12}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_{31}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * F_{21}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_{32}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} * F_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * F_{21}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_{33}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} * F_{22}$$

X <sub>11</sub>	X <sub>12</sub>	X <sub>13</sub>
X <sub>21</sub>	X <sub>22</sub>	X <sub>23</sub>
X <sub>31</sub>	X <sub>32</sub>	X <sub>33</sub>

Input X



F <sub>11</sub>	F <sub>12</sub>
F <sub>21</sub>	F <sub>22</sub>

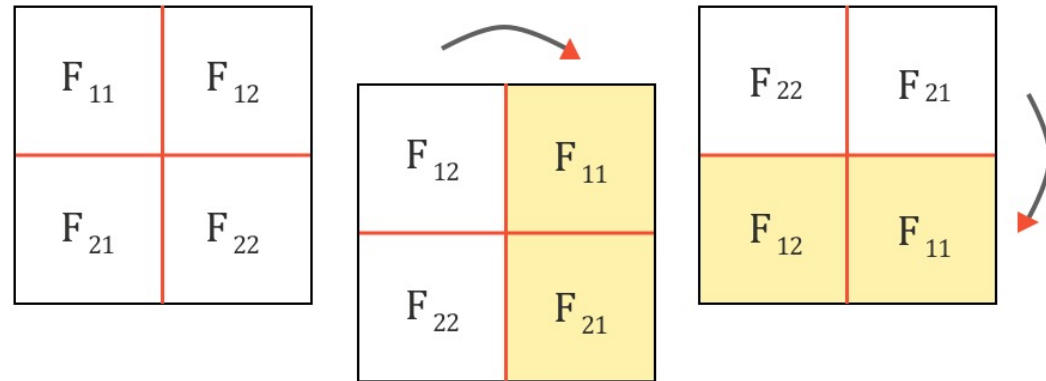
Filter F

X <sub>11</sub> F <sub>11</sub>	X <sub>12</sub> F <sub>12</sub>	X <sub>13</sub>
X <sub>21</sub> F <sub>21</sub>	X <sub>22</sub> F <sub>22</sub>	X <sub>23</sub>
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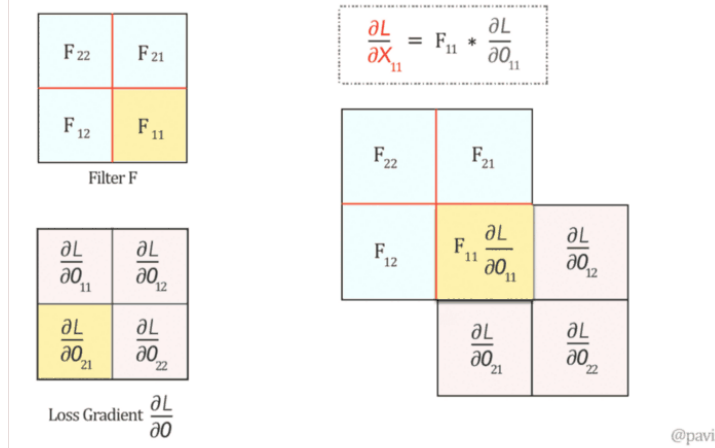
# Loss gradient w.r.t the input

- First, let us rotate the Filter  $F$  by 180 degrees. This is done by flipping it first vertically and then horizontally.



# Loss gradient w.r.t the input

- We see that the loss gradient wrt the input  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial X}$  is given as a full convolution between the filter and Loss gradient  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial O}$ .



$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X} = \text{Full Convolution} \left( \begin{array}{cc} F_{22} & F_{21} \\ F_{12} & F_{11} \end{array} \text{ Filter F}, \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{11}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{12}} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{21}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial O_{22}} \end{array} \text{ Loss Gradient } \frac{\partial L}{\partial O} \right)$$

# Takeaway

- Both the Forward pass and the Backpropagation of a Convolutional layer are Convolutions

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial F} = \text{Convolution} \left( \text{Input } X, \text{ Loss gradient } \frac{\partial L}{\partial O} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X} = \text{Full Convolution} \left( \begin{matrix} 180^\circ \text{rotated} \\ \text{Filter } F \end{matrix}, \text{ Loss Gradient } \frac{\partial L}{\partial O} \right)$$



# Loss gradient w.r.t the input

- To understand the computation of loss gradient w.r.t input, let us use the following example:
- > Horizontal and vertical stride = 2

	W				
	$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
	$x_{10}$	$x_{11}$	$x_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
H	$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$
	$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
	$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

**Input activations**

Input channels  $C = 1$ , number of images  $N = 1$ ,  
Image height  $H = 5$ , width = 5

	S		
	$f_{00}$	$f_{01}$	$f_{02}$
R	$f_{10}$	$f_{11}$	$f_{12}$
	$f_{20}$	$f_{21}$	$f_{22}$

**Filter (aka kernel)**

Input channels  $C = 1$ , number of filters  $K = 1$ ,  
Filter height  $R = 3$ , width  $S = 3$ ,  
**stride\_R = stride\_S = 2**

	Q	
P	$y_{00}$	$y_{01}$
	$y_{10}$	$y_{11}$

**Output**

Output channels  $K = 1$ , number of outputs  $N = 1$ ,  
Output height  $P = 2$ , width  $Q = 2$

# Recap: Forward pass

- This is how the forward pass looks like for the example:

$x_{00}f_{00}$	$x_{01}f_{01}$	$x_{02}f_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
$x_{10}f_{10}$	$x_{11}f_{11}$	$x_{12}f_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
$x_{20}f_{20}$	$x_{21}f_{21}$	$x_{22}f_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

$y_{00}$	$y_{01}$
$y_{10}$	$y_{11}$

$$y_{00} = x_{00}f_{00} + x_{01}f_{01} + x_{02}f_{02} + x_{10}f_{10} + x_{11}f_{11} + x_{12}f_{12} + x_{20}f_{20} + x_{21}f_{21} + x_{22}f_{22}$$

# Backward Pass:

- **Assumption:** we have the loss gradient w.r.t the output pixels.
- **Requirement:** calculate the loss gradient w.r.t the input activations

Loss gradients w.r.t  
input

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{00}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{01}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{02}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{03}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{04}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{10}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{11}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{12}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{13}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{14}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{20}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{21}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{22}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{23}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{24}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{30}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{31}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{32}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{33}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{34}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{40}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{41}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{42}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{43}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{44}}$

Loss gradients w.r.t  
output

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{10}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{11}}$



# Backward pass:

- Each input contributes to one or more outputs. The total gradient of the loss wrt to each input pixel is computed using the formula shown
- The gradient computation is done using chain rule and partial differentiation
- $i$  and  $j$  represent the position of a single output pixel

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{mn}} = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{ij}} \frac{\partial y_{ij}}{\partial x_{mn}}$$

# Backward Pass example:

- Consider input  $x_{00}$  in the input shown. It contributed to the output  $y_{00}$

$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
$x_{10}$	$x_{11}$	$x_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

$y_{00}$	$y_{01}$
$y_{10}$	$y_{11}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{mn}} = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{ij}} \frac{\partial y_{ij}}{\partial x_{mn}}$$

Consider  $x_{00}$ . What output pixels  $y_{ij}$  does it contribute to?

$$y_{00} = x_{00}f_{00} + x_{01}f_{01} + x_{02}f_{02} + x_{10}f_{10} + x_{11}f_{11} + x_{12}f_{12} + x_{20}f_{20} + x_{21}f_{21} + x_{22}f_{22}$$

We see that  $x_{00}$  only contributes to  $y_{00}$ . Also,  $\frac{\partial y_{00}}{\partial x_{00}} = f_{00}$ . Thus,  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{00}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}} f_{00}$

# Backward Pass example:

- Input  $x_{01}$  also contributed to the output  $y_{00}$  so the loss gradient w.r.t  $x_{01}$  is computed as shown:

$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
$x_{10}$	$x_{11}$	$x_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

$y_{00}$	$y_{01}$
$y_{10}$	$y_{11}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{mn}} = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{ij}} \frac{\partial y_{ij}}{\partial x_{mn}}$$

Next, consider  $x_{01}$ . What output pixels  $y_{ij}$  does it contribute to?

$$y_{00} = x_{00}f_{00} + \mathbf{x_{01}f_{01}} + x_{02}f_{02} + x_{10}f_{10} + x_{11}f_{11} + x_{12}f_{12} + x_{20}f_{20} + x_{21}f_{20} + x_{22}f_{22}$$

Again,  $x_{01}$  only contributes to  $y_{00}$ . Also,  $\frac{\partial y_{00}}{\partial x_{01}} = f_{01}$ . Thus,  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{01}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}} f_{01}$

# Backward Pass example:

- Input  $x_{02}$  contributed to the output  $y_{00}$  and  $y_{01}$  so the loss gradient w.r.t  $x_{02}$  is computed as shown:

$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
$x_{10}$	$x_{11}$	$x_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

$y_{00}$	$y_{01}$
$y_{10}$	$y_{11}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{mn}} = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{ij}} \frac{\partial y_{ij}}{\partial x_{mn}}$$

Next, consider  $x_{02}$ . It contributes to  $y_{00}$  and  $y_{01}$ .

$$y_{00} = x_{00}f_{00} + x_{01}f_{01} + x_{02}f_{02} + x_{10}f_{10} + x_{11}f_{11} + x_{12}f_{12} + x_{20}f_{20} + x_{21}f_{21} + x_{22}f_{22}$$

$$y_{01} = x_{02}f_{00} + x_{03}f_{01} + x_{04}f_{02} + x_{12}f_{10} + x_{13}f_{11} + x_{14}f_{12} + x_{22}f_{20} + x_{23}f_{21} + x_{24}f_{22}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{02}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}} f_{02} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}} f_{00}$$

# Backward Pass example:

- Input  $x_{22}$  contributed to the output  $y_{00}$ ,  $y_{01}$ ,  $y_{10}$ , and  $y_{11}$  so the loss gradient w.r.t  $x_{22}$  is computed as shown:

$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
$x_{10}$	$x_{11}$	$x_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

$y_{00}$	$y_{01}$
$y_{10}$	$y_{11}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{mn}} = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{ij}} \frac{\partial y_{ij}}{\partial x_{mn}}$$

Finally, consider  $x_{22}$ . It contributes to all outputs:  $y_{00}$ ,  $y_{01}$ ,  $y_{10}$ , and  $y_{11}$

$$y_{00} = x_{00}f_{00} + x_{01}f_{01} + x_{02}f_{02} + x_{10}f_{10} + x_{11}f_{11} + x_{12}f_{12} + x_{20}f_{20} + x_{21}f_{21} + x_{22}f_{22}$$

$$y_{01} = x_{02}f_{00} + x_{03}f_{01} + x_{04}f_{02} + x_{12}f_{10} + x_{13}f_{11} + x_{14}f_{12} + x_{22}f_{20} + x_{23}f_{21} + x_{24}f_{22}$$

$$y_{10} = x_{20}f_{00} + x_{21}f_{01} + x_{22}f_{02} + x_{30}f_{10} + x_{31}f_{11} + x_{32}f_{12} + x_{40}f_{20} + x_{41}f_{21} + x_{42}f_{22}$$

$$y_{11} = x_{22}f_{00} + x_{23}f_{01} + x_{24}f_{02} + x_{32}f_{10} + x_{33}f_{11} + x_{34}f_{12} + x_{42}f_{20} + x_{43}f_{21} + x_{44}f_{22}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{22}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}} f_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}} f_{20} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{10}} f_{20} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{11}} f_{00}$$



# Backward Pass example:

- To visualize the pattern more clearly, we pad the gradient tensor with zeros at the top and bottom as well as to the left and right.
- The number of zeros padded on either side is equal to the stride (horizontal and vertical)
- We also dilate the output gradient pixels with the stride – vertically and horizontally

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{10}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{11}}$

Output gradients

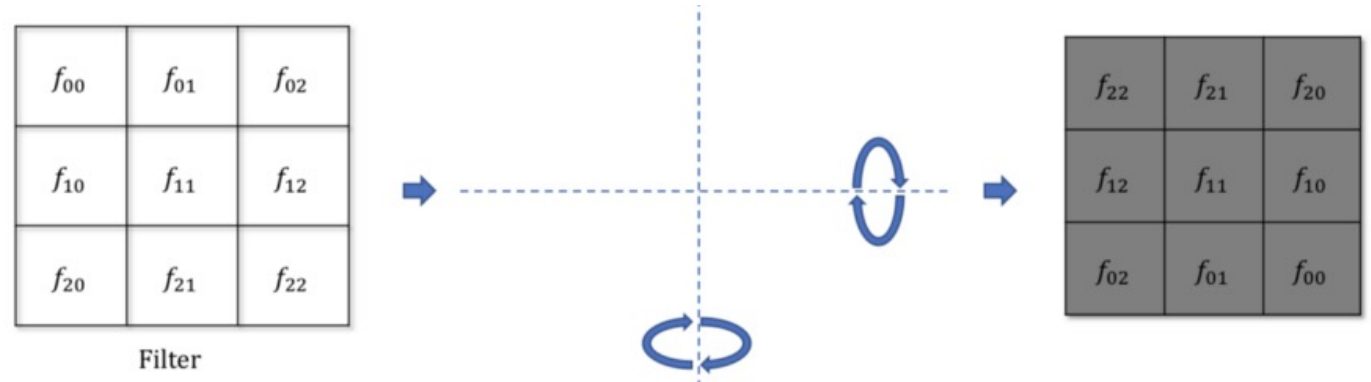


Pad and dilate

	padding: S - 1		dilation: stride_S - 1		padding: S - 1	
padding: R - 1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
dilation: stride_R - 1	0	0	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}}$	0	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}}$	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
padding: R - 1	0	0	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{10}}$	0	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{11}}$	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Backward Pass example:

- We also rotate the filter vertically and horizontally as shown:



# Backward Pass example:

- After these modifications, we can now see the calculation of the gradient tensor as follows:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{00}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}} f_{00}$$

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{00}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{01}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{02}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{03}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{04}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{10}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{11}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{12}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{13}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{14}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{20}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{21}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{22}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{23}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{24}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{30}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{31}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{32}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{33}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{34}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{40}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{41}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{42}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{43}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{44}}$

=

$0 * f_{22}$	$0 * f_{21}$	$0 * f_{20}$	0	0	0	0
$0 * f_{12}$	$0 * f_{11}$	$0 * f_{10}$	0	0	0	0
$0 * f_{02}$	$0 * f_{01}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}} f_{00}$	0	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}}$	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{10}}$	0	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{11}}$	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Takeaway:

- Convolution with a stride greater than 1 is the same as convolving with stride 1 and “dropping” out of every row, and of every column
- Padding the gradient of the output  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial y}$  after dilation helps recover the size of the input feature map

# Loss gradient w.r.t the Filter

- To understand the computation of loss gradient w.r.t filter, we will use the same example:
- > Horizontal and vertical stride = 2

	W				
H	$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
	$x_{10}$	$x_{11}$	$x_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
	$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$
	$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
	$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

**Input activations**

Input channels  $C = 1$ , number of images  $N = 1$ ,  
Image height  $H = 5$ , width = 5

	S		
R	$f_{00}$	$f_{01}$	$f_{02}$
	$f_{10}$	$f_{11}$	$f_{12}$
	$f_{20}$	$f_{21}$	$f_{22}$

**Filter (aka kernel)**

Input channels  $C = 1$ , number of filters  $K = 1$ ,  
Filter height  $R = 3$ , width  $S = 3$ ,  
**stride\_R = stride\_S = 2**

	Q	
P	$y_{00}$	$y_{01}$
	$y_{10}$	$y_{11}$

**Output**

Output channels  $K = 1$ , number of outputs  $N = 1$ ,  
Output height  $P = 2$ , width  $Q = 2$

# Backward Pass:

**Assumption:** we have the loss gradient w.r.t the output pixels.

**Requirement:** calculate the loss gradient w.r.t the filter

Loss gradients w.r.t  
filter

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{00}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{01}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{02}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{10}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{11}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{12}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{20}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{21}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{22}}$



Loss gradients w.r.t  
output

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{10}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{11}}$

# Backward pass:

- Unlike the inputs which contribute to some outputs, each filter contributes to all outputs
- The gradient computation is done using chain rule and partial differentiation
- $i$  and  $j$  represent the position of a single output pixel

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{mn}} = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{ij}} \frac{\partial y_{ij}}{\partial f_{mn}}$$

# Backward Pass example:

- Considering the filter  $f_{00}$ , the loss gradient is computed as shown:
- Notice the inputs involved in the computation

$x_{00}f_{00}$	$x_{01}f_{01}$	$x_{02}f_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
$x_{10}f_{10}$	$x_{11}f_{11}$	$x_{12}f_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
$x_{20}f_{20}$	$x_{21}f_{21}$	$x_{22}f_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}f_{00}$	$x_{03}f_{01}$	$x_{04}f_{02}$
$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{12}f_{10}$	$x_{13}f_{11}$	$x_{14}f_{12}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{22}f_{20}$	$x_{23}f_{21}$	$x_{24}f_{22}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
$x_{20}f_{00}$	$x_{21}f_{01}$	$x_{22}f_{02}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$
$x_{30}f_{10}$	$x_{31}f_{11}$	$x_{32}f_{12}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
$x_{40}f_{20}$	$x_{41}f_{21}$	$x_{42}f_{22}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{22}f_{00}$	$x_{23}f_{01}$	$x_{24}f_{02}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}f_{10}$	$x_{33}f_{11}$	$x_{34}f_{12}$
$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}f_{20}$	$x_{43}f_{21}$	$x_{44}f_{22}$

$y_{00}$	$y_{01}$
$y_{10}$	$y_{11}$

First, consider  $f_{00}$ . It contributes to all outputs:  $y_{00}$ ,  $y_{01}$ ,  $y_{10}$ , and  $y_{11}$

$$y_{00} = x_{00}f_{00} + x_{01}f_{01} + x_{02}f_{02} + x_{10}f_{10} + x_{11}f_{11} + x_{12}f_{12} + x_{20}f_{20} + x_{21}f_{21} + x_{22}f_{22}$$

$$y_{01} = x_{02}f_{00} + x_{03}f_{01} + x_{04}f_{02} + x_{12}f_{10} + x_{13}f_{11} + x_{14}f_{12} + x_{22}f_{20} + x_{23}f_{21} + x_{24}f_{22}$$

$$y_{10} = x_{20}f_{00} + x_{21}f_{01} + x_{22}f_{02} + x_{30}f_{10} + x_{31}f_{11} + x_{32}f_{12} + x_{40}f_{20} + x_{41}f_{21} + x_{42}f_{22}$$

$$y_{11} = x_{22}f_{00} + x_{23}f_{01} + x_{24}f_{02} + x_{32}f_{10} + x_{33}f_{11} + x_{34}f_{12} + x_{42}f_{20} + x_{43}f_{21} + x_{44}f_{22}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{mn}} = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{ij}} \frac{\partial y_{ij}}{\partial f_{mn}}. \text{ Thus, } \frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{00}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}} x_{00} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}} x_{02} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{10}} x_{20} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{11}} x_{22}$$



# Backward Pass example:

- Considering the filter  $f_{22}$ , the loss gradient is computed as shown:
- Notice the inputs involved in the computation

$x_{00}f_{00}$	$x_{01}f_{01}$	$x_{02}f_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$	$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}f_{00}$	$x_{03}f_{01}$	$x_{04}f_{02}$	$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$	$x_{00}$	$x_{01}$	$x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
$x_{10}f_{10}$	$x_{11}f_{11}$	$x_{12}f_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$	$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{12}f_{10}$	$x_{13}f_{11}$	$x_{14}f_{12}$	$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$	$x_{20}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
$x_{20}f_{20}$	$x_{21}f_{21}$	$x_{22}f_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$	$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{22}f_{20}$	$x_{23}f_{21}$	$x_{24}f_{22}$	$x_{20}f_{00}$	$x_{21}f_{01}$	$x_{22}f_{02}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$	$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{22}f_{00}$	$x_{23}f_{01}$	$x_{24}f_{02}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$	$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$	$x_{30}f_{10}$	$x_{31}f_{11}$	$x_{32}f_{12}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$	$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}f_{10}$	$x_{33}f_{11}$	$x_{34}f_{12}$
$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$	$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$	$x_{40}f_{20}$	$x_{41}f_{21}$	$x_{42}f_{22}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$	$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}f_{20}$	$x_{43}f_{21}$	$x_{44}f_{22}$

$y_{00}$	$y_{01}$
$y_{10}$	$y_{11}$

Finally, consider  $f_{22}$ . It contributes to all outputs:  $y_{00}$ ,  $y_{01}$ ,  $y_{10}$ , and  $y_{11}$

$$y_{00} = x_{00}f_{00} + x_{01}f_{01} + x_{02}f_{02} + x_{10}f_{10} + x_{11}f_{11} + x_{12}f_{12} + x_{20}f_{20} + x_{21}f_{21} + x_{22}f_{22}$$

$$y_{01} = x_{02}f_{00} + x_{03}f_{01} + x_{04}f_{02} + x_{12}f_{10} + x_{13}f_{11} + x_{14}f_{12} + x_{22}f_{20} + x_{23}f_{21} + x_{24}f_{22}$$

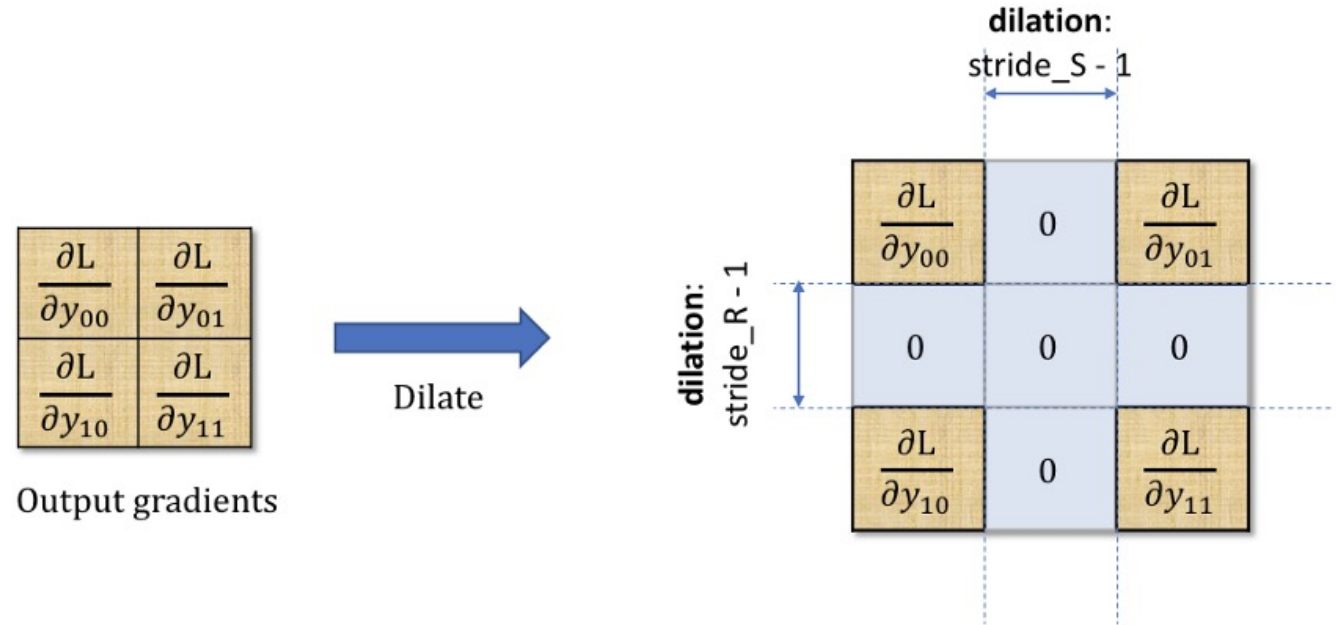
$$y_{10} = x_{20}f_{00} + x_{21}f_{01} + x_{22}f_{02} + x_{30}f_{10} + x_{31}f_{11} + x_{32}f_{12} + x_{40}f_{20} + x_{41}f_{21} + x_{42}f_{22}$$

$$y_{11} = x_{22}f_{00} + x_{23}f_{01} + x_{24}f_{02} + x_{32}f_{10} + x_{33}f_{11} + x_{34}f_{12} + x_{42}f_{20} + x_{43}f_{21} + x_{44}f_{22}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{mn}} = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{ij}} \frac{\partial y_{ij}}{\partial f_{mn}}. \text{ Thus, } \frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{22}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}} x_{22} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}} x_{24} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{10}} x_{42} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{11}} x_{44}$$

# Backward Pass example:

- To visualize the underlying pattern, we will modify the output gradient tensor by dilating the pixels with the stride vertically and horizontally:



# Backward Pass example:

- After these modifications, we can now see the calculation of the filter gradient tensor as follows :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{00}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}} x_{00} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}} x_{02} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{10}} x_{20} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{11}} x_{22}$$

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{00}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{01}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{02}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{10}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{11}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{12}}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{20}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{21}}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{22}}$

=

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{00}} x_{00}$	$0 * x_{01}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{01}} x_{02}$	$x_{03}$	$x_{04}$
$0 * x_{10}$	$0 * x_{11}$	$0 * x_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$
$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{10}} x_{20}$	$0 * x_{21}$	$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{11}} x_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$
$x_{30}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$
$x_{40}$	$x_{41}$	$x_{42}$	$x_{43}$	$x_{44}$

## Takeaway:

- The CNN Backpropagation operation with  $\text{stride} > 1$  is identical to a  $\text{stride} = 1$  Convolution operation of the input gradient tensor with a dilated version of the output gradient tensor!

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