Convolutional Networks

Motivation, working with images, trainable kernels

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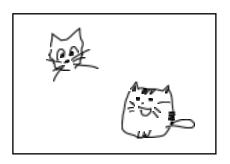
How to work with image-like data?

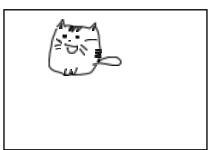
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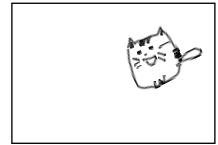
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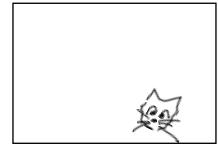
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- Is quite data-hungry to train when using fully-connected layers:
 - Identifying an object on a picture would require examples with all possible locations of that object on the picture

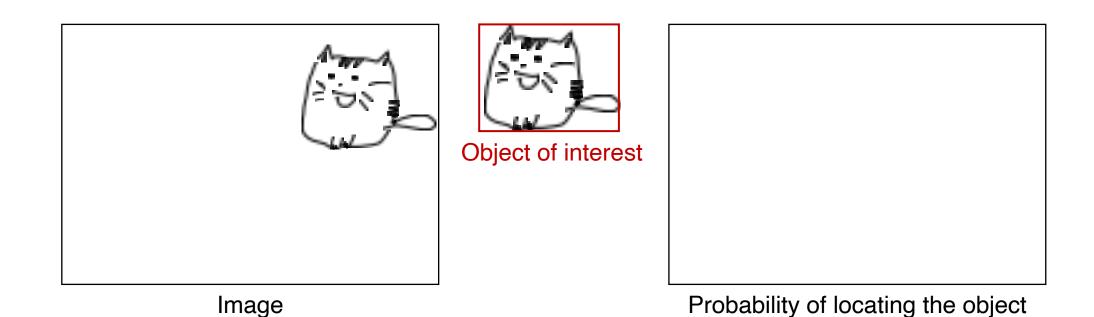




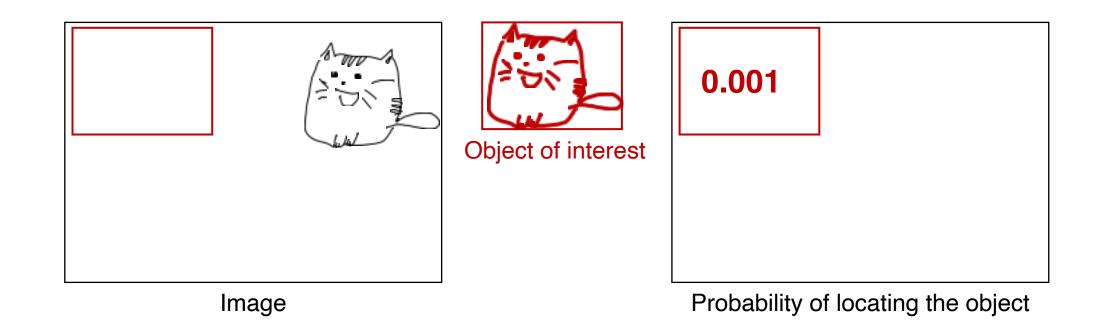




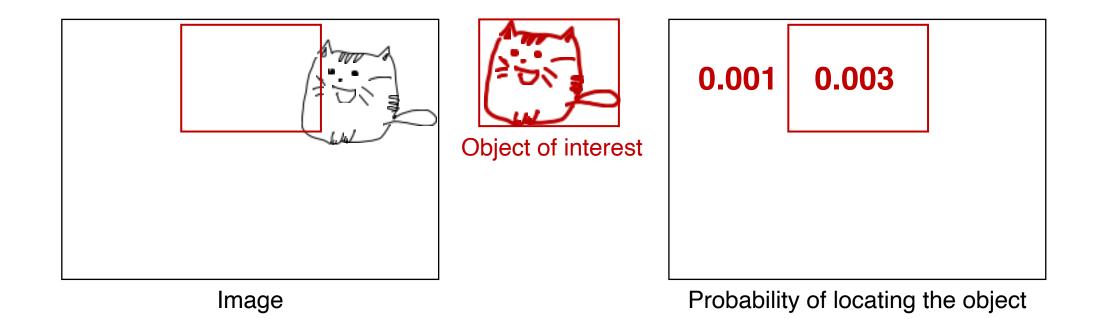
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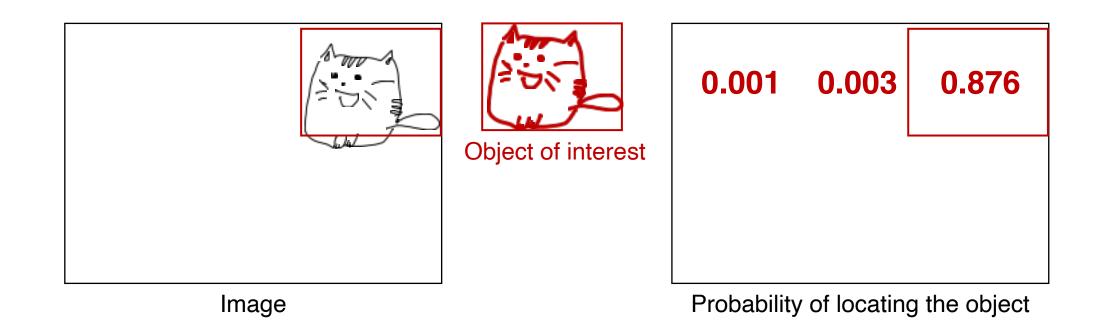
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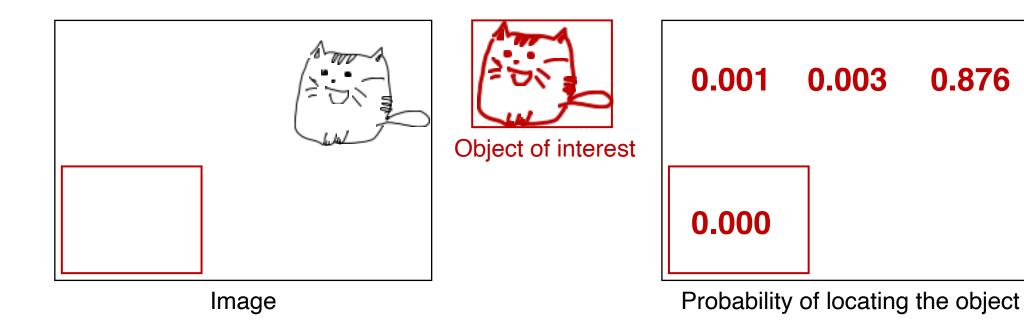
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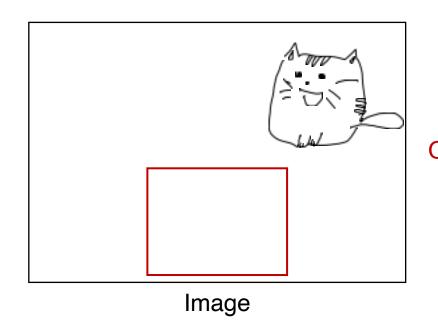
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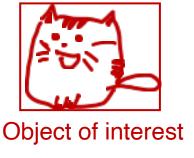


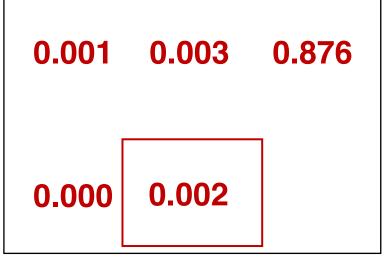
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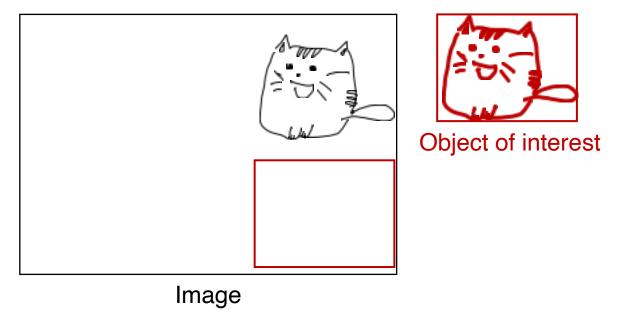


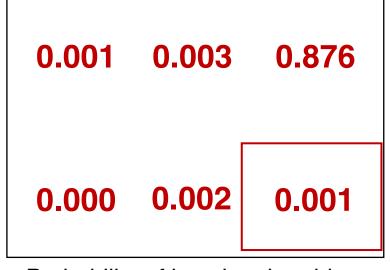




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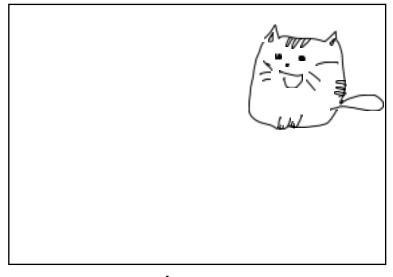




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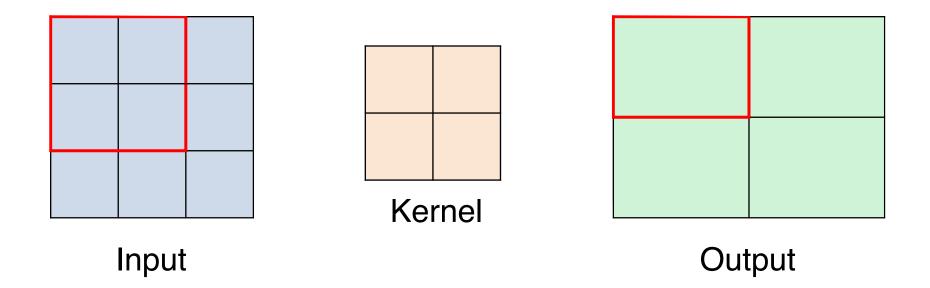
This may be implemented with a 2D convolution!



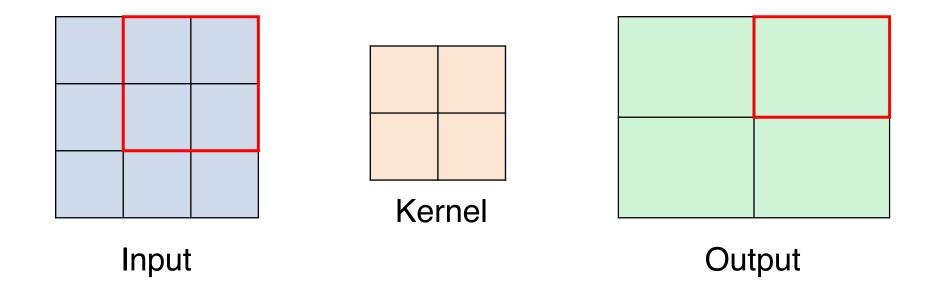
Object of interest
Convolutional
kernel

Image Input Probability of locating the object **Output**

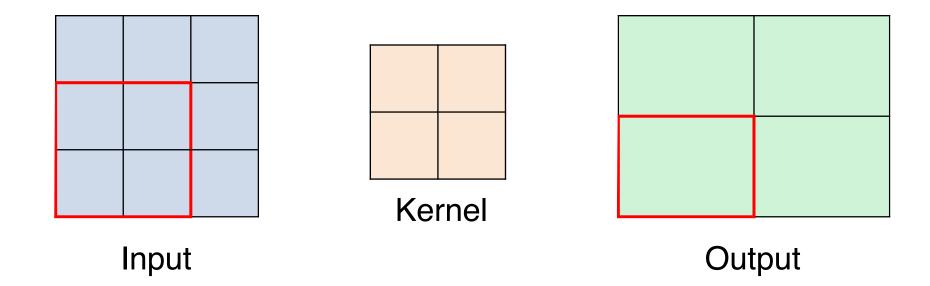
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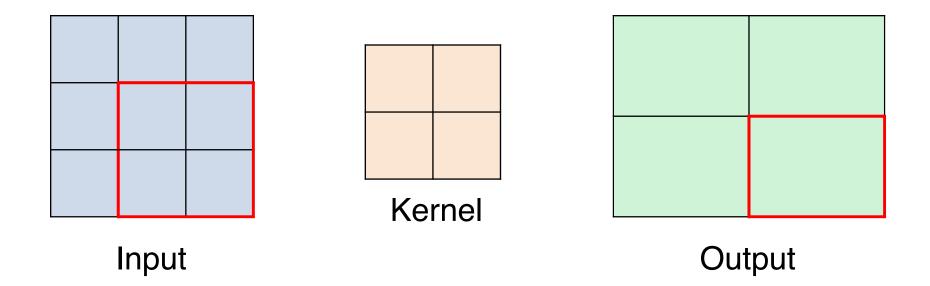
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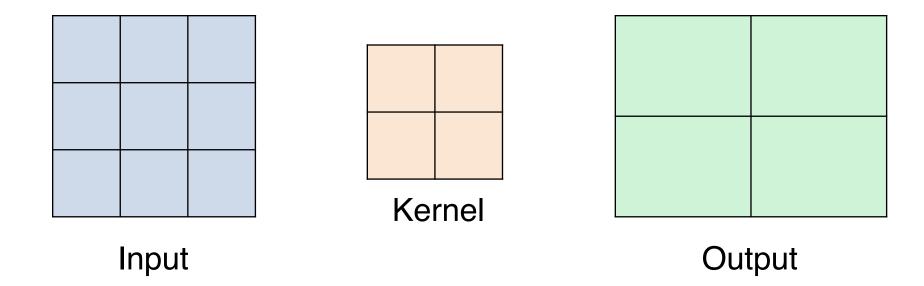
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Different kernels may extract different features



Input

► Blur:

kernel =
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 16 & 26 & 16 & 4 \\ 7 & 26 & 41 & 26 & 7 \\ 4 & 16 & 26 & 16 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 7 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{273}$$



Ouput



Input

► Sharpen:

$$kernel = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



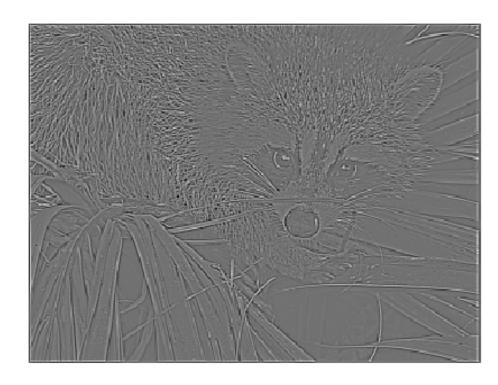
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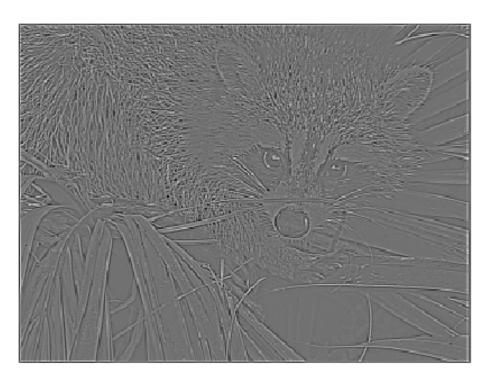
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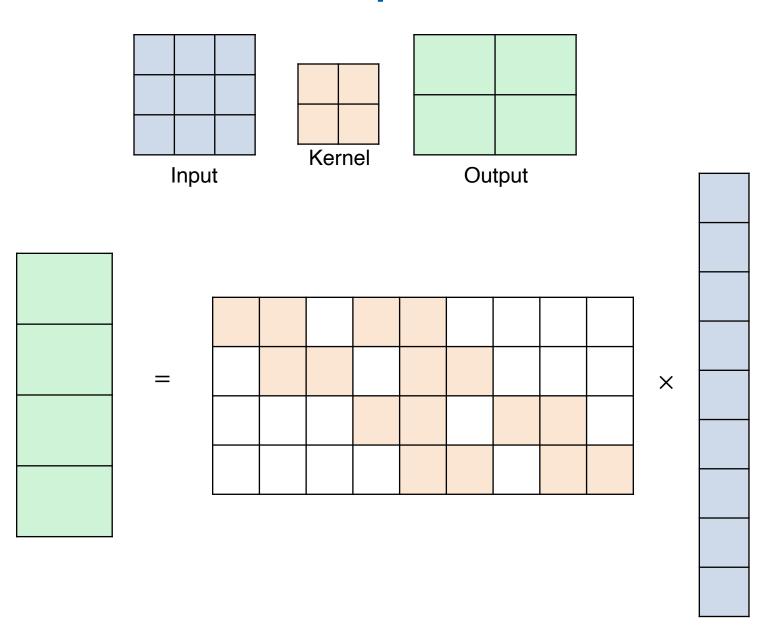
Ouput

- In the context of deep learning, the kernel parameters are trainable
- ► I.e. the network learns the kernel to extract useful features

2D convolution as a matrix multiplication

- Unwrap the 2D images into 1D vectors
- Re-write the convolution as a regular matrix-vector multiplication

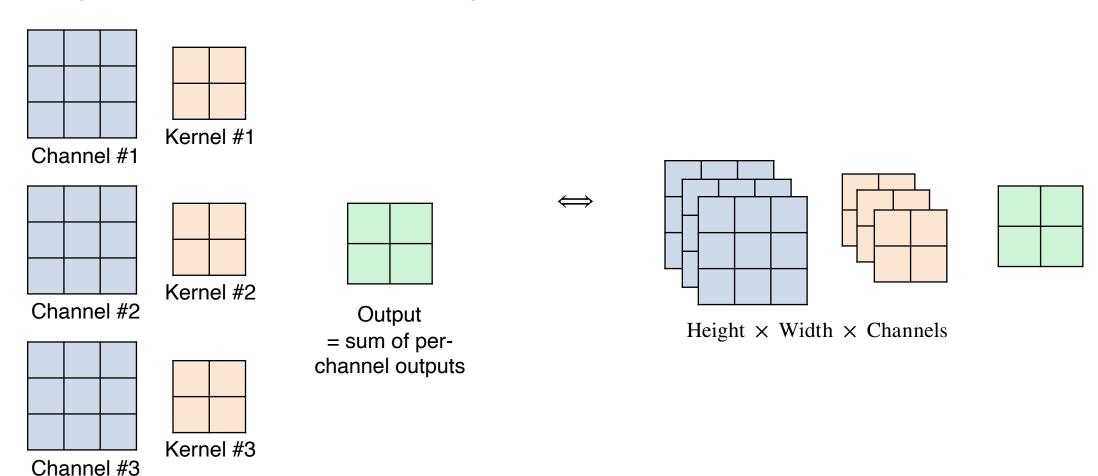
- I.e. fully-connected layers comprise convolutions
 - Yet they are much more complex



2D convolutional layers

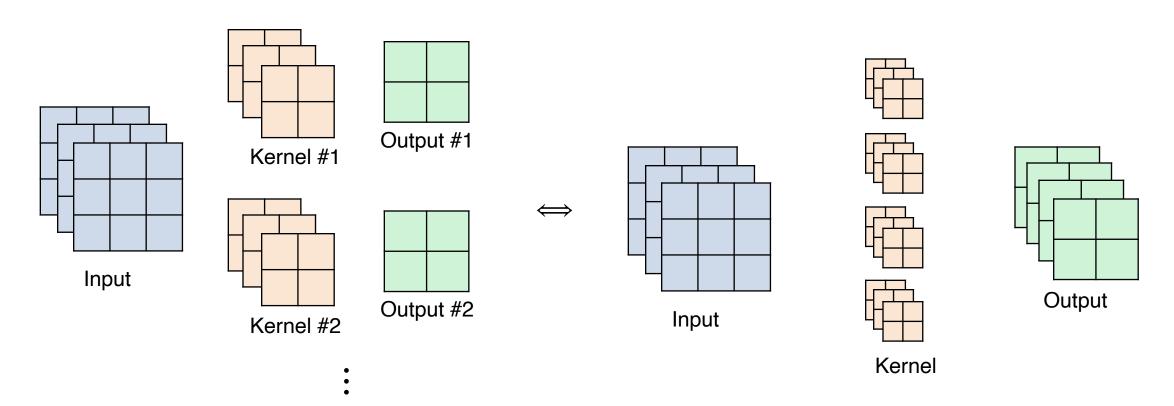
Input channels

- ► In practice images have multiple channels
 - E.g. 3 color channels of a color image



Output channels

In practice we want to extract multiple features

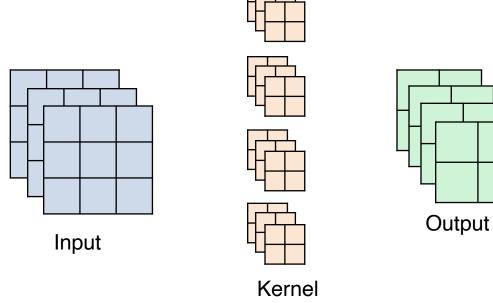


- lacksquare Kernel becomes 4D: $H_K imes W_K imes C_{in} imes C_{out}$
- ▶ Output becomes 3D: $H \times W \times C_{out}$



$$\text{Output}\big(i,j,c_{out}\big) = \sum_{i',j',c_{in}} \text{Input}\big(i',j',c_{in}\big) \cdot \text{Kernel}\big(i'-i,j'-j,c_{in},c_{out}\big) + b_{out}$$

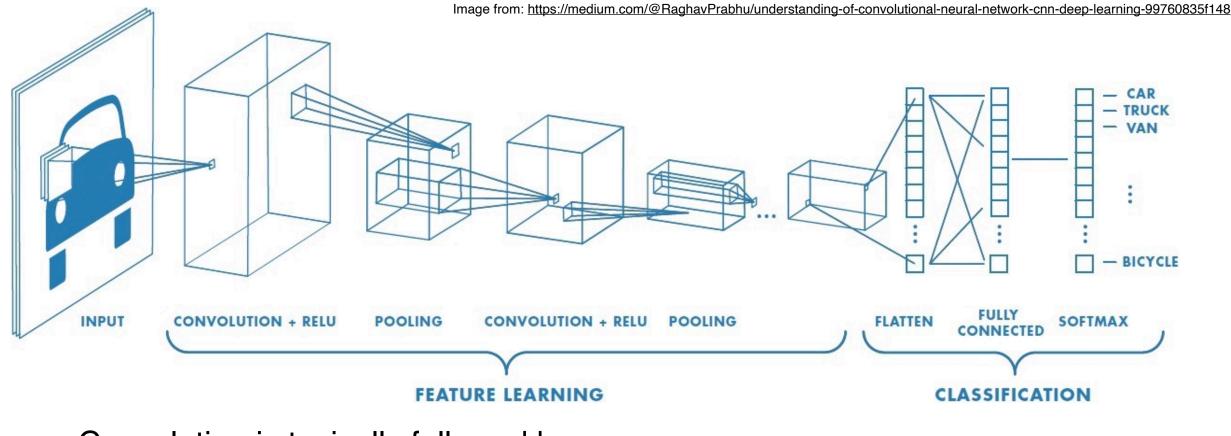
- Note: with this approach the output width/height is smaller than the input width/height
 - By how much (for a given kernel width and hight)?
- Sometimes the border of the input image is padded with some values (e.g. s.t. the output has the same size)
 - Controlled by the "padding" parameter



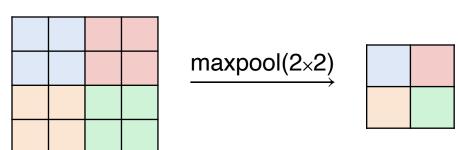
- Some other parameters:
 - "stride" by how many pixels the kernel window steps (equals 1 in the examples here)
 - "dilation" kernel "spread" (e.g. see this animation)

Typical network architecture

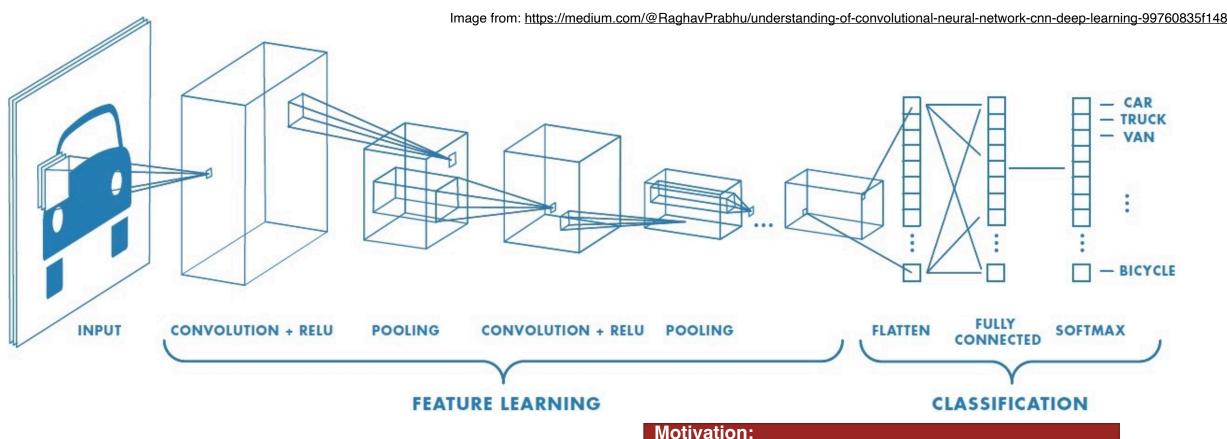
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Deeper layers extract "higher level" (i.e. more complex) features, and we're less interested in their spacial location.

Hence, fewer pixels and more channels.

Thank you!



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