

Style Transfer by Deep Learning

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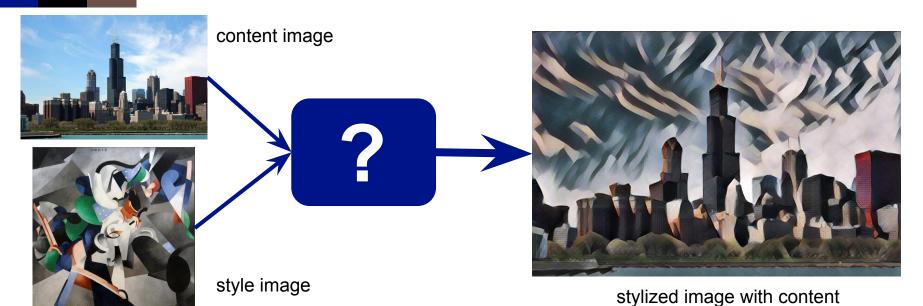








Style Transfer by Deep Learning: Motivations



- Generative task
 - From an image, generate a new one
- Introduction to more complex tasks
 - Super-resolution and colorisation
- CNNs understanding is required
 - Hierarchy of representations
 - Feature spaces



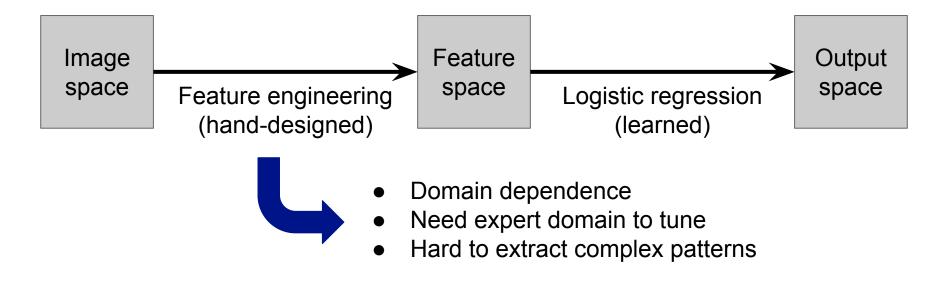
- Machine Learning vs Deep Learning
- CNNs visualizing and understanding
- Content and style representations
- Optimization-based style transfer
- Feed-forward method with learning
- Arbitrary style transfer



Machine Learning vs Deep Learning



Machine Learning pipeline



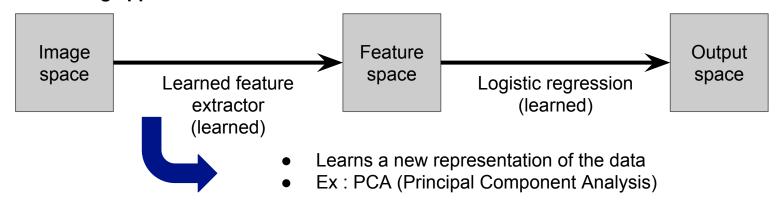
For images: HOG features, SIFT methods, Histograms, LBP features,



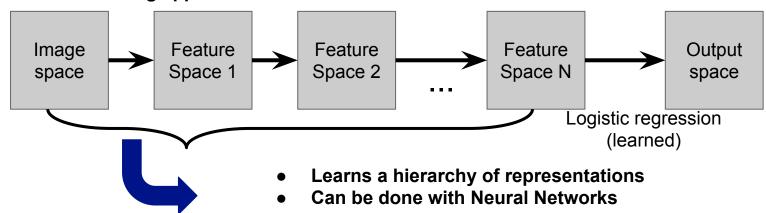


Representation Learning

Representation Learning approach

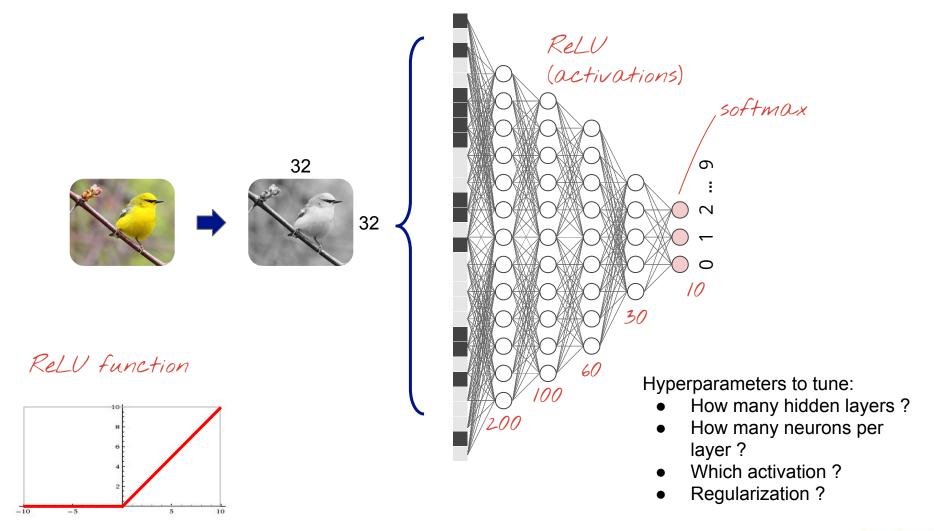


Deep Representation Learning approach





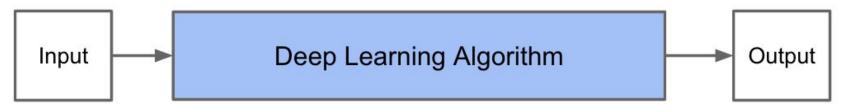
Deep Neural Networks







Traditional Machine Learning Flow



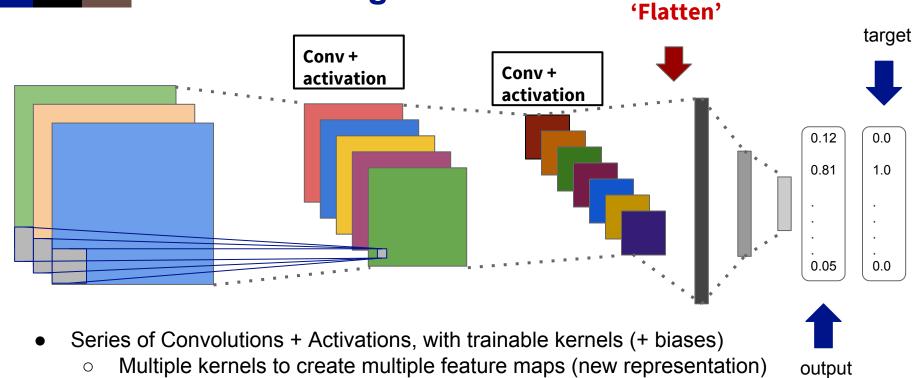
Deep Learning Flow



CNNs visualizing and understanding



CNNs for Image Classification

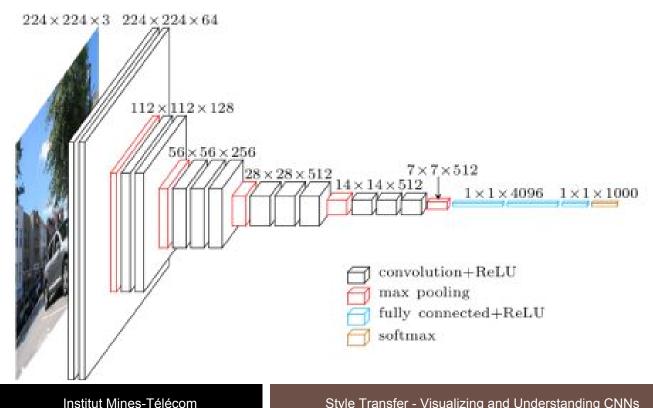


- Pooling operations to reduce the dimensions of the feature maps
- 'Flatten' operation, representation as a vector
- Fully-Connected layers (Multilayer Perceptron)
 - Learned: weight matrix and bias vector
- Training (weight-update) on error
 - Classification : cross entropy

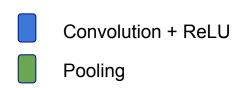


Deep Network: VGG-16

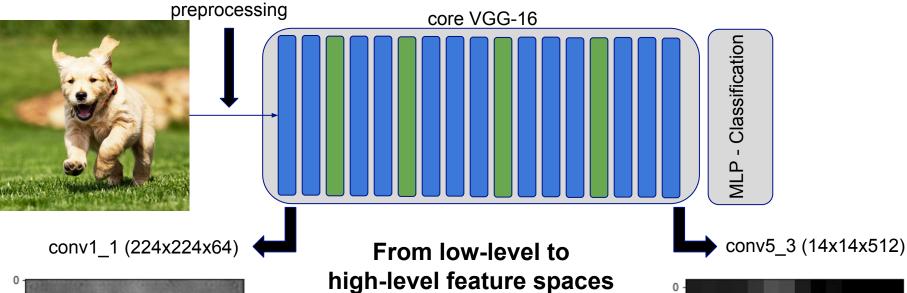
- Simple : no inception modules or residual connections
- Trained for **image classification** on ImageNet (1000 classes)
- State of the art in 2014 (92.7% top-5 test accuracy)
- 138,357,544 parameters (10% conv weights, 90% FC layers)
- No residual connections, or inception modules: Deep simple model

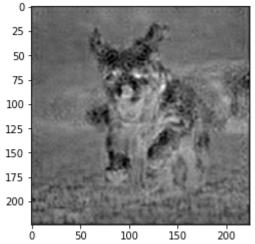






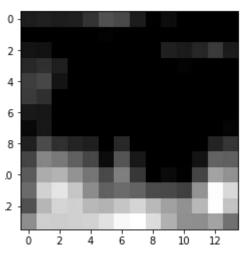
CNNs visualizing





Additional visualization methods:

- Deep Dream approach [2]
 - Optimization-based
- Zeiler & Fergus [3]
 - Transposed convolutions and unpooling operations



Content & style representations



Content Representation/Reconstruction

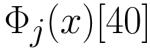
 $\mathcal{X}_{\boldsymbol{C}}$

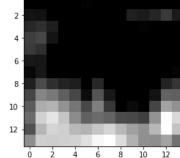


 $\Phi_j(x)$

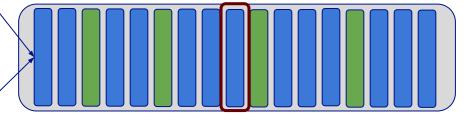
Activations of the jth layer

Eg:





conv3_3:56x56x256



Fixed VGG-16

$$\mathcal{X}$$

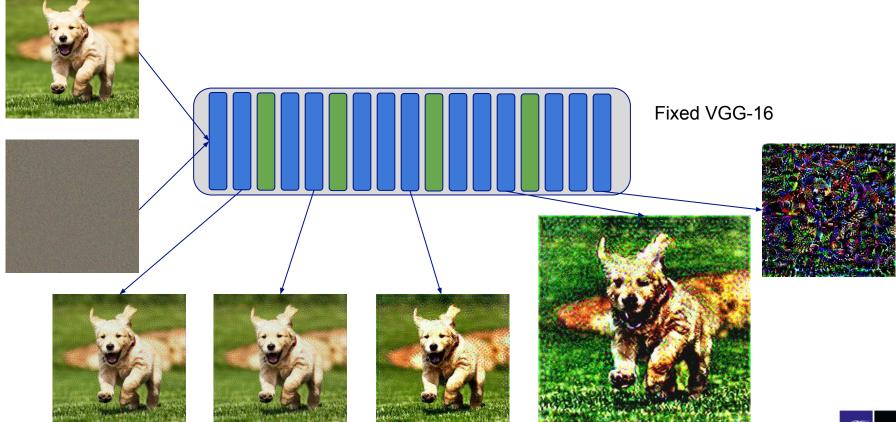
$$\hat{x} = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||\Phi_j(x) - \Phi_j(x_c)||_2^2$$

- Goal: find an image with the same activations at a given layer (all feature maps)
- Optimization problem, start from a random image



Content Representation/Reconstruction

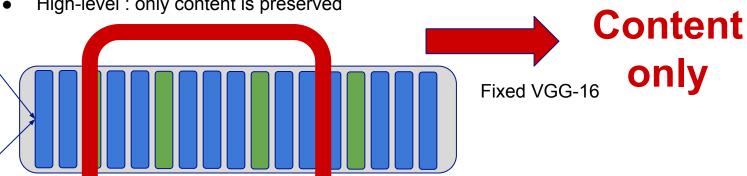
- gradient descent optimization on input image, network does not change
- loss = MSE on feature maps, 1000 iterations, Adam (Ir=2.0)
- low-level: input image is correctly reconstructed, with pixel-level details
- high-level : only content is preserved





Content Representation/Reconstruction

- From a random image, reconstruct the feature maps obtained with a normal image, on a specific layer
- Gradient descent optimization on image input, network does not change
 - Loss = MSE on feature maps, 1000 iterations, Adam (Ir=2.0)
- Low-level: input image is correctly reconstructed, with pixel-level details
- High-level: only content is preserved



$$L_c(x, x_c) = \frac{1}{C_j H_j W_j} ||\phi_j(x_c) - \phi_j(x)||_2^2$$



Style Representation/Reconstruction

- Needs more complex statistics on feature maps : **Gram matrix**
 - Second-order statistics
 - Can capture texture information, no spatial information
- $\bullet \quad$ For a given layer j with C_j feature maps of size (W_j, H_j)
- ullet The Gram matrix is a (C_j,C_j) matrix :

$$G_j(x)_{c_1,c_2} = \mathbb{E}[\Phi_j(x)[c_1] * \Phi_j(x)[c_2]]$$

- Where * is an element-wise operation between 2 feature maps (Hadamard product)
- Contains the correlation between every pair of feature maps



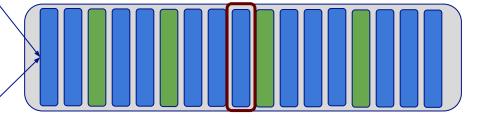
Style Representation/Reconstruction

 x_s

 $G_j(x)$

Gram matrix of the jth layer (256 x 256)

conv3_3:56x56x256



Fixed VGG-16

$$\overline{x}$$

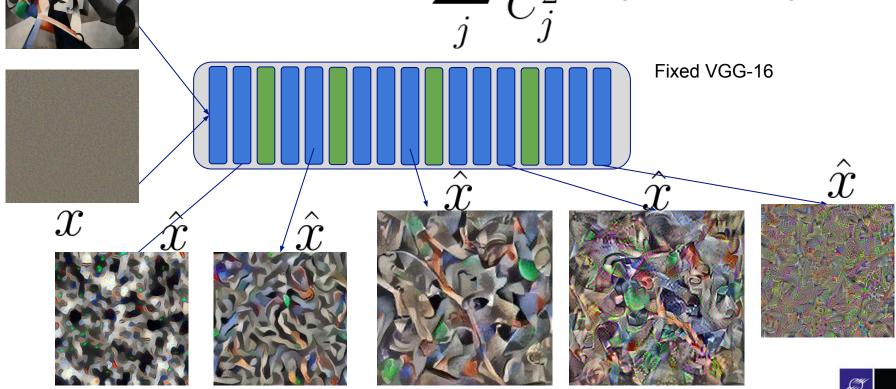
$$\hat{x} = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||G_j(x) - G_j(x_s)||_2^2$$

- Goal: To find an image with the same Gram matrix for a given layer
- Optimization problem: Start from a random image



Style Representation/Reconstruction

- Gradient descent optimization on image input, network is freezed
- Loss = MSE on feature maps, 1000 iterations, Adam (Ir=2.0)
- Low-level : Small and simple patterns
 - High-level : More complex patterns $L_{\mathcal{S}}(x,x_{\mathcal{S}}) = \sum_{j} \frac{\lambda_{j}}{C_{j}^{2}} ||G_{j}(x_{\mathcal{S}}) G_{j}(x)||_{2}^{2}$



 \mathcal{X}_{S}

Content & Style Representations

- Content is preserved in high level features
- Style is present in second-order statistics in low and medium levels
- Content and Style are separable
- content_loss and a style_loss are defined
- Combine style and loss from different images is possible, via feature extraction learned within a VGG network, trained for image classification



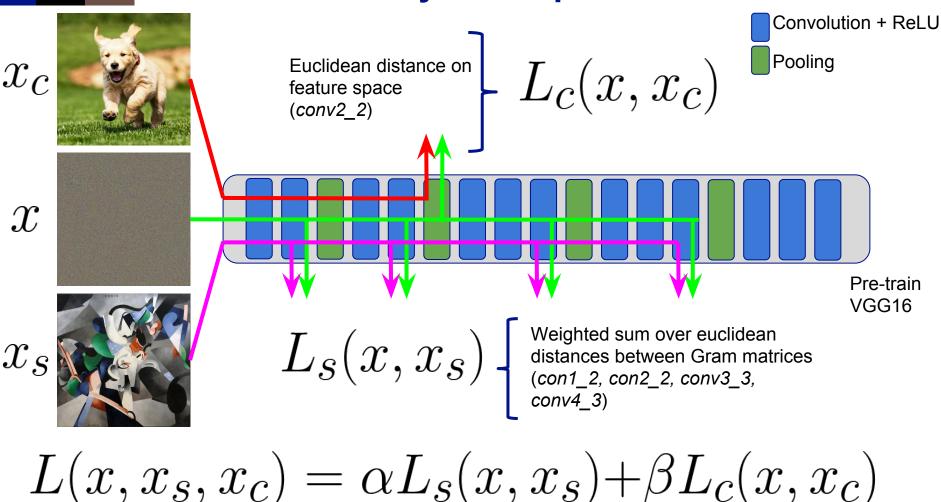
Optimization-based approach for style transfer

Approach proposed by

- Gatys et al [4, 10]
- Ruder et al [5]



Mix content & style via specific losses







Optimization process

- Compute content_target (feature maps) with content_image
- Compute style_target (Gram matrices) with style_image
- Start from a random image (input_image)
- Optimization process :
 - Compute content_loss and style_loss with targets + input_image
 - Minimize this loss by modifying input_image
 - Possible thanks to gradient-descent method (like Adam)



- TensorFlow implementation (version 1.1.0, Python 3.5)
- With TensorBoard annotations (Graph and metrics visualization)
- Jupyter notebooks and Conda/Docker envs
- GitHub: JGuillaumin/style-transfer-workshop



```
Content loss
with tf.name scope('content image'):
   # Construct content loss using content image.
   sess.run(vgg['input'].assign(content image))
with tf.name scope('content loss'):
   content target = sess.run(vgg['conv4 2'])
   N = content target.shape[3] # number of feature maps
   M = content target.shape[1] * content target.shape[2] # number of feature per feature map
   content loss = (1 / (4 * N * M)) * tf.reduce sum(tf.pow(vgg['conv4 2'] - content target, 2))
      Style loss
    with tf.name scope('style image'):
         # Construct style loss using style image
         sess.run(vgg['input'].assign(style image))
    STYLE_LAYERS = [('conv1_1', 0.5), ('conv2_1', 1.0), ('conv3_1', 2.5),
                      ('conv4 1', 3.0), ('conv5 1', 1.0)]
```



```
def gram matrix tf(F, N, M):
    F = tf.reshape(F, (M, N))
    return tf.matmul(tf.transpose(F), F)
def gram matrix np(F, N, M):
    F = np.reshape(F, (M, N))
    return np.matmul(np.transpose(F), F)
with tf.name scope('style loss'):
    style loss = 0
    for layer name, weight in STYLE LAYERS:
        style target = sess.run(vgg[layer name])
        N = style target.shape[3] # number of feature maps
        M = style target.shape[1] * style target.shape[2] # number of features per feature map
        # compute Gram matrices : target and tensor
        style target = gram matrix np(style target, N, M) # works on Numpy array
        G = gram matrix tf(vgg[layer name], N, M) # works on Tensor
        style loss += weight * (1 / (4 * N**2 * M**2)) * tf.reduce sum(tf.pow(G - style target, 2))
```



```
with tf.name_scope('total_loss'):
    total_loss = BETA * content_loss + ALPHA * style_loss

with tf.name_scope('train'):
    optimizer = tf.train.AdamOptimizer(2.0)
    train_step = optimizer.minimize(total_loss)

_ = sess.run(vgg['input'].assign(noise_image))
```



```
ITERATIONS = 1000

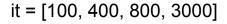
for it in range(ITERATIONS):
    _ = sess.run(train_step)

if it%100 == 0:
    _image = sess.run(vgg['input'])
    filename = 'output/stylized_gatys_iter{}.png'.format(it)
    save_image(filename, _image)
```











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Results

- Produce high-quality images
- Easy to tune effects (more content? more style?)
- Any input/output size
- Running time (1000 #iter)
 - GPU (GTX 1070): ~ 5 min (1920 CUDA cores)
 - CPU (i7-7700K): ~ 150 min (4 cores x 2 threads)
- Avoid any real-time applications
- But perceptual loss (content+style) is defined



Improvements

- Time dependency for video transformation (see [5])
- Change optimizer: L-BFGS!
- Tune weights between style and content loss
- Start from : content image, style image, noisy image, or a mix.
- Color constraint : preserve color from content image ! (see [10])



from : github.com/tensorflow/magenta



Feed-forward method with learning

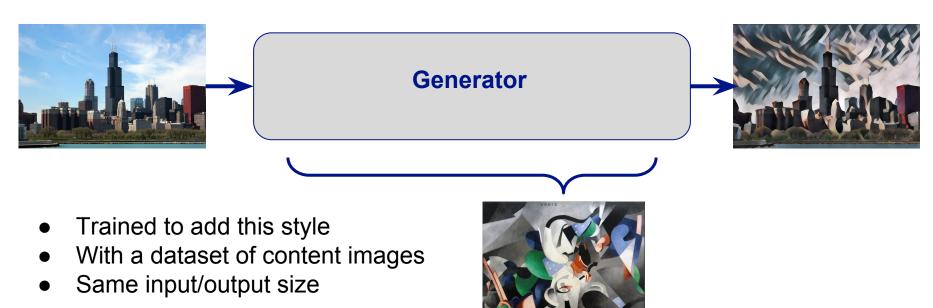
Approach proposed by

- Ulyanov et al [6, 7]
- Johnson et al [8]



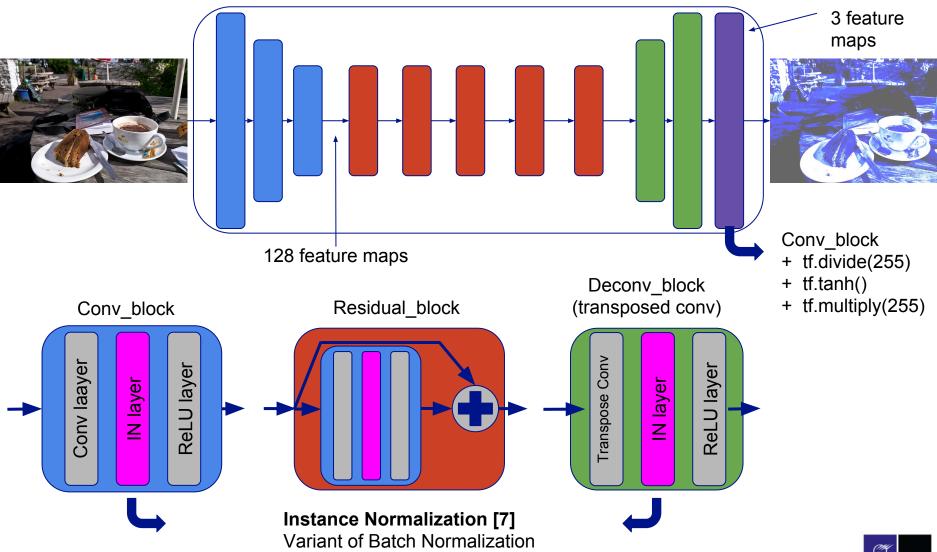
Feed-forward method

- Train a network to obtain a stylized image in one pass as an output
- Used for one specific style (fixed)

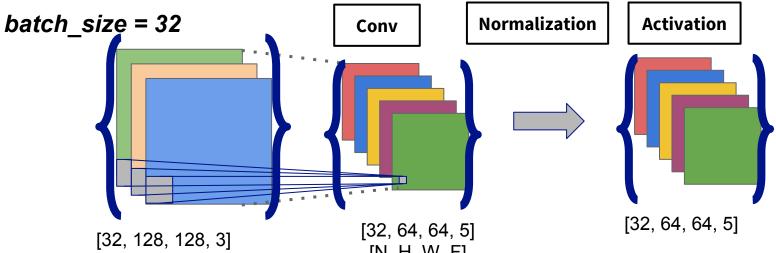




What type of structures for the generator?



Batch Normalization vs. Instance Normalization



$$BN_f(x) = \gamma rac{x - \mu_f(x)}{\sigma_f(x)} + eta$$

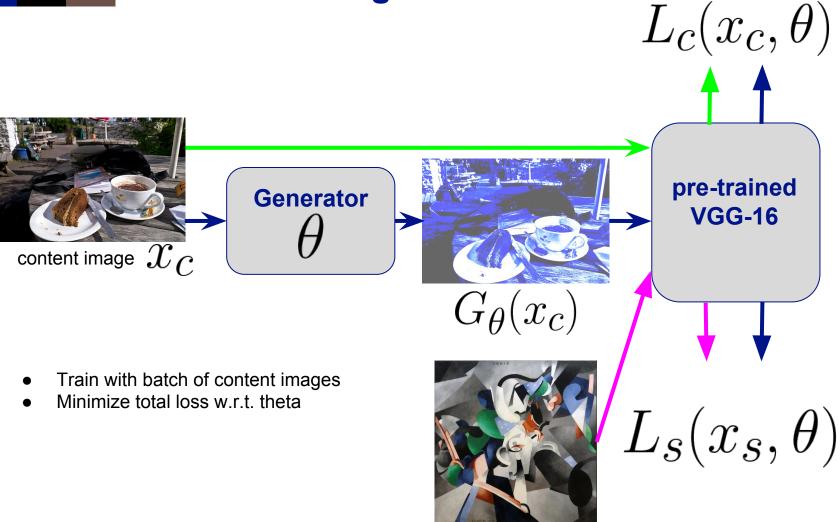
channel-wise

$$IN_{n,f}(x) = \gamma \frac{x - \mu_{n,f}(x)}{\sigma_{n,f}(x)} + \beta$$

(sample,channel)-wise



How to train a generator?





Need a dataset of content images

- COCO dataset, about 80k images
- Only 1 style image

Training process (loop):

- Take a batch of samples from COCO
- Pass this batch through the generator to get generated images
- Compute style loss between the generated images and the style image
- Compute content_loss between the generated images and the original ones
- Minimize the total_loss by updating the weights from the generator

Training information:

- Adam optimizer (*Ir=0.05*)
- Only 20k iterations (with batch_size=4)
- For 512x512x3:
 - Training time (on GTX 1070): 10 hours
 - Inference time: 330 ms (GTX 1070)



```
sess = tf.InteractiveSession()
generator={}
with tf.name scope('input images'):
    input images = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=(BATCH SIZE, IMAGE HEIGHT, IMAGE WIDTH, 3),
                                 name='input images')
with tf.name scope('generator'):
    generator['conv block1'] = conv block(input images, 9, 32, 1, 'conv block1')
    generator['conv block2'] = conv block(generator['conv block1'], 3, 64, 2, 'conv block2')
    generator['conv block3'] = conv block(generator['conv block2'], 3, 128, 2, 'conv block3')
   generator['residual block1'] = residual block(generator['conv block3'], 'residual block1')
    generator['residual block2'] = residual block(generator['residual block1'], 'residual block2')
    generator['residual block3'] = residual block(generator['residual block2'], 'residual block3')
    generator['residual block4'] = residual block(generator['residual block3'], 'residual block4')
    generator['residual block5'] = residual block(generator['residual block4'], 'residual block5')
    generator['deconv block1'] = deconv block(generator['residual block5'], 3, 64, 2, 'deconv block1')
    generator['deconv block2'] = deconv block(generator['deconv block1'], 3, 32, 2, 'deconv block2')
    generator['final conv'] = conv block(generator['deconv block2'], 9, 3, 1, 'final conv', relu=False)
   generator['output'] = tf.multiply(tf.tanh(generator['final conv']/255.0), 255, name="output")
```



```
with tf.variables scope('VGGs', reuse=True):
    vgg = VGG.generate model(weights file=MODEL WEIGHTS,
                             input=generator['output'],
                             remove top=True,
                             with preprocessing=False)
    vgg content = VGG.generate model(weights file=MODEL WEIGHTS,
                                     input=input images,
                                      remove top=True,
                                     with preprocessing=False)
# variable sharing between 'vgg' and 'vgg content'
# Content loss
with tf.name scope('content loss'):
    content loss = tf.reduce mean(tf.pow(vgg content['conv4 2'] - vgg['conv4 2'], 2))
```





```
with tf.name scope('style loss'):
    style loss = 0
    for layer name, weight in STYLE LAYERS :
        style target = sess.run(vgg[layer name], feed dict=feed dict)
        B = style target.shape[0] # batch size
        N = style target.shape[3] # number of feature maps
        M = style target.shape[1] * style target.shape[2] # number of features per feature map
        # compute Gram matrices : target and tensor
        style target = gram matrix np(style target, B, N, M) # works on Numpy array
        G = gram matrix tf(vgg[layer name],B , N, M) # works on Tensor
        style loss += weight * tf.reduce mean(tf.pow(G - style target, 2))
with tf.name scope('total loss'):
    total loss = BETA * content loss + ALPHA * style loss
```



```
sess.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())
ITERATIONS = 20000
feed={}

for it in range(ITERATIONS):
    batch = COCO_batch_generator.next()
    feed[input_images] = batch

    _ = sess.run([train_step], feed_dict=feed)

if it%500 == 0:
    _image = sess.run(generator['output'], feed_dict={input_images:[content_image[0]]*BATCH_SIZE})
    save_image(filename, _image)
```



Results and improvements

it = 20000

With a new content image :

it = 500

it = 1

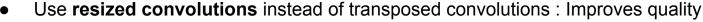








- Learn to apply only one style!
- In [9] (ICLR 2017):
 - Add 'Conditional Instance Normalization'
 - Learn to apply a fixed set of styles (until 64)
 - Can learn quickly a new style (incremental learning)



Add variational loss to encourage spatial smoothness



Arbitrary style transfer

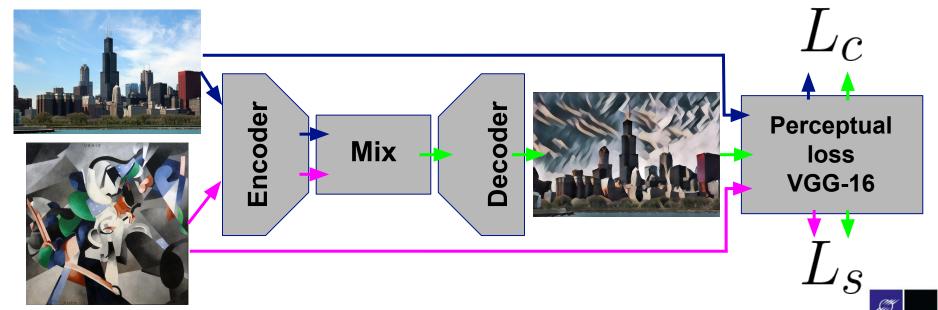
Approach proposed by:

- X. Huang, S. Belongie [11] (ICLR 2017)



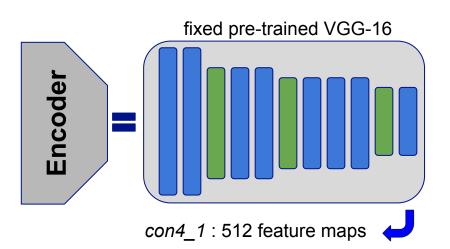
Mix content & style images within the generator

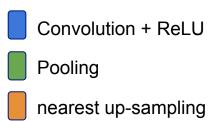
- Goal: train a generator to produce stylized images from any style with any content
- **Previous approach**: style is learned in the generator via the *style_loss*
- New approach : mix content and style images in feature space !
 - Use encoder-decoder structure
 - Mix encoded content and style images
 - Use the same perceptual loss (content_loss + style_loss)
 - Trained on a content dataset (COCO) and a painting dataset (WikiArt)

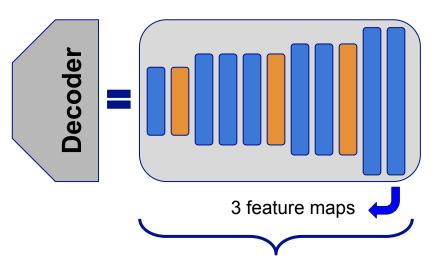


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Encoder/Decoder + Adaptive IN







- the decoder mirrors the encoder
- to train!



Adaptive Instance Normalization

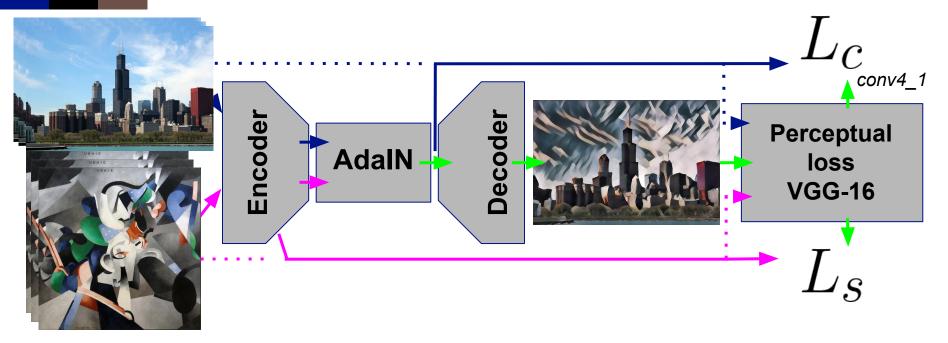
[N, 224, 224, 3] [N, 28, 28, 512] [N, 28, 28, 512] $x_{c} + e_{c} + e_{s} + AdalN + t$

$$AdaIN_{n,f}(e_c, e_s) = \sigma_{n,f}(e_s) \frac{e_c - \mu_{n,f}(e_c)}{\sigma_{n,f}(e_c)} + \mu_{n,f}(e_s)$$

- per sample (n) and per channel (f) statistics alignment
- producing the target feature maps



How to train the decoder?



- trained with batches of content-styles image pairs
- different contents and styles within the same batch!
- 80k content images (MS COCO) + 80k paintings (WikiArt.org)



```
sess = tf.InteractiveSession()
generator={}
with tf.name scope('input images'):
    input content = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=(BATCH SIZE, IMAGE HEIGHT, IMAGE WIDTH, 3),
                                  name='input content')
    input style= tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=(BATCH SIZE, IMAGE HEIGHT, IMAGE WIDTH, 3),
                                  name='input style')
with tf.variables scope('VGGs', reuse=True):
    content encoder = VGG.generate model(weights file=MODEL WEIGHTS,
                             input=input content,
                             remove top=True,
                             with preprocessing=False)
    style encoder = VGG.generate model(weights file=MODEL WEIGHTS,
                                     input=input style,
                                      remove top=True,
                                     with preprocessing=False)
encoded content = content encoder['conv4 1']
encoded style = style encoder['conv4 1']
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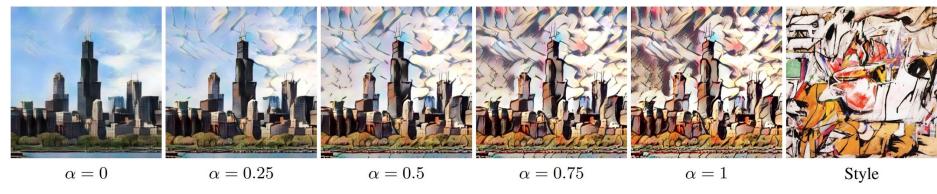
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with tf.name scope('AdaIn') :
    eps = 1e-6
   mean c, var c = tf.nn.moments(encoded content, [1, 2], keep dims=True)
   mean s, var s = tf.nn.moments(encoded style, [1, 2], keep dims=True)
    target = mean s * ((encoded content - mean c)/(tf.sqrt(var c) + eps)) + mean s
with tf.name scope('decoder'):
    decoder = {}
    decoder['conv block1 1'] = conv block(taget, 3, 256 , 1, 'conv block1 1')
    decoder['up sampling1'] = up sampling(decoder['conv block1 1'], 2, 'up sampling1')
    decoder['conv block2 1'] = conv block(decoder['up sampling1'], 3, 256 , 1, 'conv block2 1')
    decoder['conv block2 2'] = conv block(decoder['conv block2 1'], 3, 256 , 1, 'conv block2 2')
    decoder['conv block2 3'] = conv block(decoder['conv block2 2'], 3, 128 , 1, 'conv block2 3')
    decoder['up sampling2'] = up sampling(decoder['conv block2 3'], 2, 'up sampling2')
    decoder['conv block3 1'] = conv block(decoder['up sampling2'], 3, 128 , 1, 'conv block3 1')
    decoder['conv block3 2'] = conv block(decoder['conv block3 1'], 3, 64 , 1, 'conv block3 2')
    decoder['up sampling3'] = up sampling(decoder['conv block3 2'], 2, 'up sampling3')
    decoder['conv block4 1'] = conv block(decoder['up sampling3'], 3, 64 , 1, 'conv block3 1')
    decoder['conv block4 2'] = conv block(decoder['conv block4 1'], 3, 64 , 1, 'conv block4 2')
    decoder['final conv'] = conv block(decoder['conv block4 1'], 9, 3, 1, 'final conv', relu=False)
    decoder['output'] = tf.multiply(tf.tanh(decoder['final conv']/255.0), 255, name="output")
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with tf.variables scope('VGGs', reuse=True):
    vgg = VGG.generate model(weights file=MODEL WEIGHTS,
                             input=decoder['output'],
                             remove top=True,
                             with preprocessing=False)
with tf.name scope('content loss'):
    content loss = tf.reduce mean(tf.pow(vgg['conv4 1'] - target, 2))
with tf.name scope('style loss'):
    style loss = 0
    for layer name, weight in STYLE LAYERS :
        shape = vgg[layer name].get shape().as list()
        B = style target.shape[0] # batch size
        N = style target.shape[3] # number of feature maps
        M = style target.shape[1] * style target.shape[2] # number of features per feature map
        G_style = _gram_matrix tf(style encoder[layer name], B, N, M) # works on Numpy array
        G = gram matrix tf(vgg[layer name], B , N, M) # works on Tensor
        style loss += weight * tf.reduce mean(tf.pow(G - G style, 2))
```

```
with tf.name scope('total loss'):
    total loss = BETA * content loss + ALPHA * style loss
with tf.name scope('train'):
    optimizer = tf.train.AdamOptimizer(0.02)
    train step = optimizer.minimize(total loss)
sess.run(tf.global variables initializer())
ITERATIONS = 20000
feed={}
for it in range(ITERATIONS):
    batch c = COCO batch generator.next()
    batch s = WikiArt batch generator.next()
    feed[input content] = batch c
    feed[input style] = batch s
      = sess.run([train step], feed dict=feed)
    if it%500 == 0:
        image = sess.run(generator['output'], feed dict={input content:[content image[0]]*BATCH SIZE,
                                                          input style:[style image[0]]*BATCH SIZE})
        save image(filename, image)
```

Results

- Training time: about 24 hours (GTX 1070, 200k iterations)
- Decoder-AdalN-decoder can apply any new style!
- High-quality images (similar to optimization-based approach)
- Inference time : ~ 450ms (256x256)



from github.com/xunhuang1995/AdaIN-style



Conclusion - Style Transfer

	Content	Style	Production	Training
Gatys et al (2015)	1	1	~ 5 min	X
Johnson Ulyanov (2016)	infinite	fixed number, until 64	~ 300ms	~ 4 hours
X Huang (2017)	infinite	infinite	~ 450 ms	~ days



Conclusion

- Resolve complex task by working on feature spaces
- Introduction to more complex tasks
 - Colorisation
 - Super-resolution
 - Inverse style transfer
 - Season transfer
 - Color transfer





from github.com/junyanz/CycleGAN



Online resources



github.com/JGuillaumin/style-transfer-workshop

- Several Jupyter notebooks
- All methods presented here and more
- Implementation with TensorFlow 1.1, Python 3.5
- With TensorBoard annotations
- Conda env and Dockerfiles (CPU and GPU)

Online in few days



Thank you





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