ASSIGNMENT - 1

1. What exactly is a feature?

Ans: In computer vision, a feature is a distinctive characteristic or pattern that can be extracted from an image. These features are used to represent and understand the visual content. Examples of features include:

* Edges (horizontal, vertical, diagonal)
* Lines
* Corners
* Blobs (connected regions of similar intensity)
* Textures (patterns of repeated elements)
* Colors

The choice of features depends on the specific task at hand. For example, edge detection focuses on extracting edge features, while facial recognition might focus on features like eyes, nose, and mouth.

2. For a top edge detector, write out the convolutional kernel matrix.

Ans: [-1 0 1]

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This kernel emphasizes changes in intensity in the vertical direction. When this kernel is convolved with an image, positive values in the output indicate potential top edges.

3. Describe the mathematical operation that a 3x3 kernel performs on a single pixel in an image.

Ans: Convolution is not the same as traditional matrix multiplication. It involves a sliding window operation:

* Place the kernel over a 3x3 region of the image, aligning the top-left corner of the kernel with the pixel of interest.
* Multiply each element in the kernel with the corresponding pixel value in the image region.
* Sum the products of all these multiplications.
* This sum becomes the new value for the pixel in the output image.
* Slide the kernel one position to the right (or down, depending on the stride) and repeat steps 1-4 for the next pixel in the output.

4. What is the significance of a convolutional kernel added to a 3x3 matrix of zeroes?

Ans: Adding a kernel to a zero matrix doesn't have a practical meaning in image processing. Convolution kernels typically contain values that determine how much emphasis is placed on different neighboring pixels when calculating the output value. A zero matrix wouldn't provide any meaningful information for feature extraction.

5. What exactly is padding?

Ans: Padding is a technique used to control the output size of a convolution operation.

Without padding, the output image would be smaller than the input image due to the "sliding window" effect.

Padding adds extra borders (usually zeros) around the input image. This allows the kernel to "see" some of the neighboring pixels that would normally be out of bounds, resulting in a desired output size.

Padding can be:

Zero padding: Adds zeros as borders.

Reflection padding: Mirrors the image edges to create padding.

Replication padding: Repeats the edge values of the image to create padding.

The choice of padding depends on the specific application.

6. What is the concept of stride?

Ans: Stride defines the movement of the kernel across the input image during convolution. Here are common stride values:

Stride 1: The kernel moves one pixel at a time (default).

Stride 2: The kernel moves two pixels at a time, resulting in a downsampled output.

Larger strides: Further downsample the output.

Stride helps control the trade-off between output resolution and computational efficiency. Smaller strides provide more detailed outputs but are computationally more expensive.

7. What are the shapes of PyTorch’s 2D convolution’s input and weight parameters?

Ans: Input: (N, C\_in, H\_in, W\_in)

* N: Batch size (number of images in a batch)
* C\_in: Number of input channels (e.g., 3 for RGB images)
* H\_in: Height of the input image
* W\_in: Width of the input image

Weight: (C\_out, C\_in, K\_h, K\_w)

* C\_out: Number of output channels (number of filters)
* C\_in: Same as input channels (kernel operates on all input channels)
* K\_h: Kernel height
* K\_w: Kernel width

8. What exactly is a channel?

Ans: RGB images: Have 3 channels (Red, Green, Blue) representing the intensity of each color component.

Grayscale images: Have 1 channel representing the intensity of light at each pixel.

Multispectral images: Can have multiple channels capturing information beyond the visible spectrum (e.g., infrared, ultraviolet).

9.Explain the relationship between matrix multiplication and a convolution?

Ans: The relationship between matrix multiplication and a convolution are:

* Convolution can be rearranged as a matrix multiplication, but this requires specific conditions.
* We can reshape the input image or signal and the kernel into specific matrices. This reshaping involves creating new matrices that capture the sliding window operation.
* This reshaping can be computationally expensive, but it allows us to leverage highly optimized matrix multiplication libraries for faster convolution calculations, especially on hardware like GPUs.