

A wide-angle photograph of a cricket pitch taken from the bowler's end. In the foreground, the three stumps are visible, with the brand name 'MATADOR BBQS' printed vertically on each. A red cricket ball is suspended in the air just above the stumps. The pitch is a mix of green grass and brown dirt, with white boundary lines and blue stumps' footprints. In the background, there is a large green-roofed building, likely a clubhouse, and various advertising banners along the perimeter fence. The sky is clear and blue.

# Line and Length Classifier Using Deep Learning

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Imagine if you are a right handed batsman facing a fast bowler.

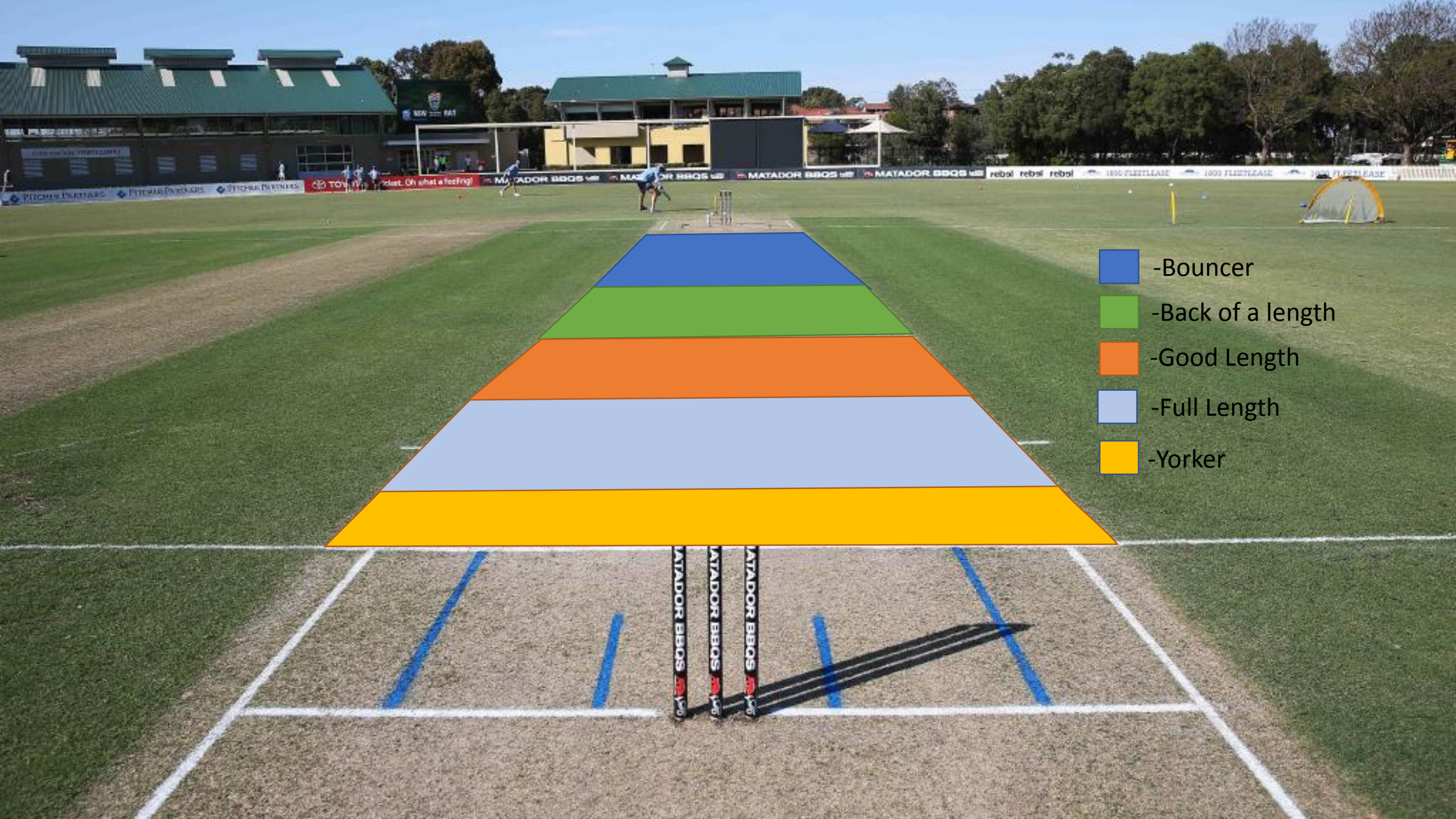
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You need to judge the length...







-Bouncer



-Back of a length



-Good Length



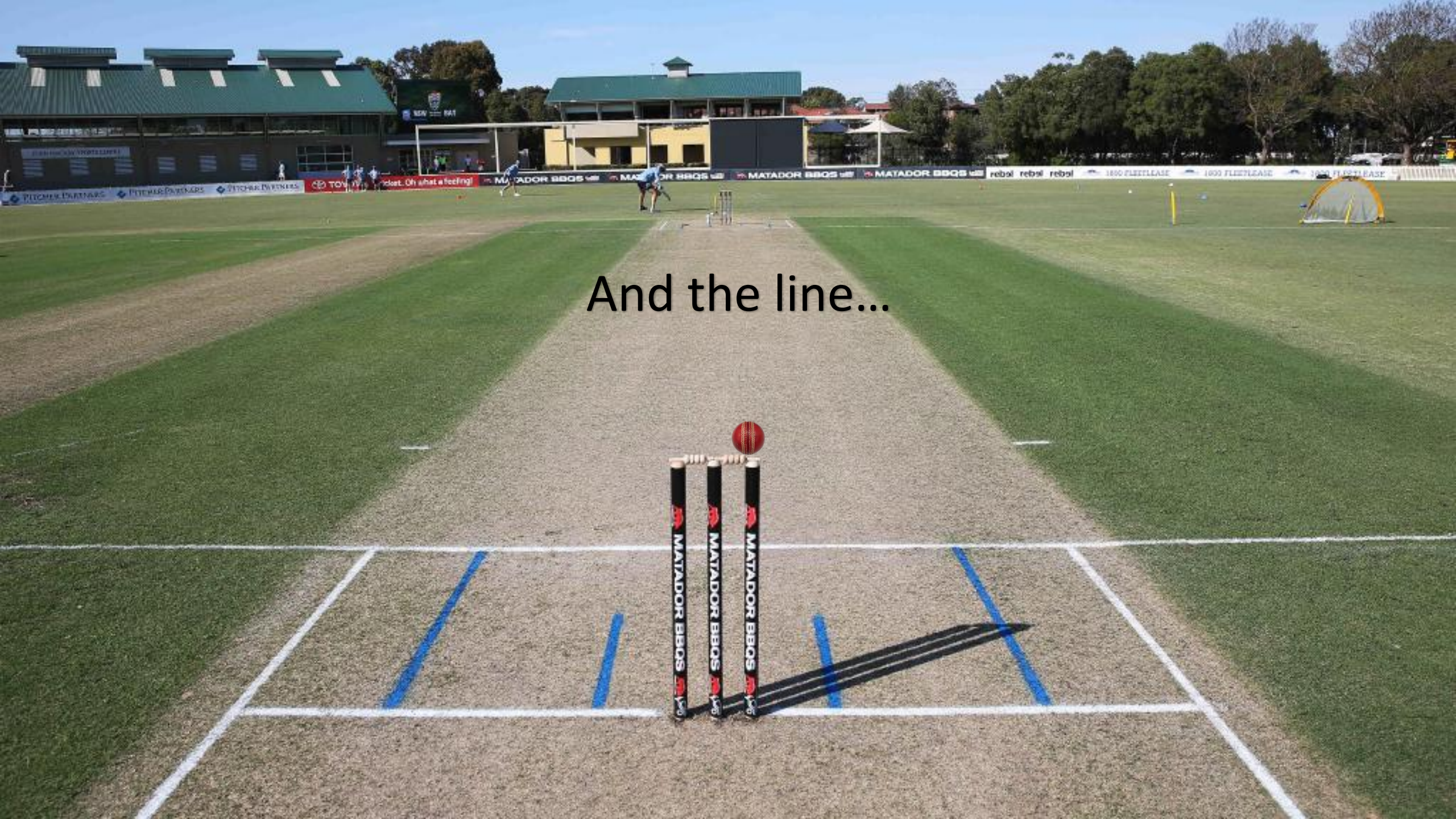
-Full Length



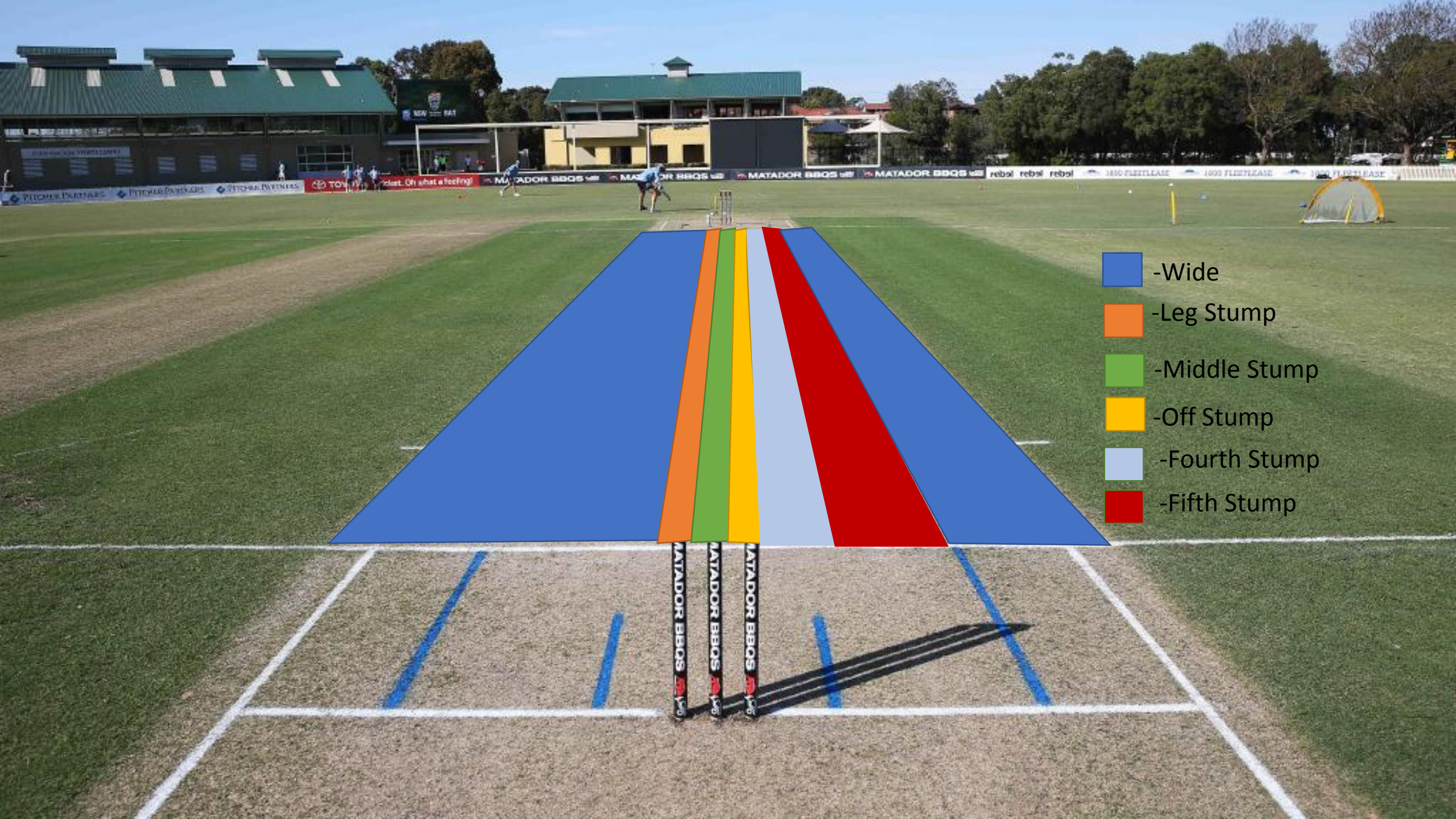
-Yorker



And the line...







- Wide
- Leg Stump
- Middle Stump
- Off Stump
- Fourth Stump
- Fifth Stump



A wide-angle photograph of a cricket pitch taken from the bowler's end. In the foreground, the three stumps are set up on the pitch, with a red cricket ball balanced on top of the middle stump. The stumps have 'MATADOR BBQS' written on them. The pitch is a mix of green grass and brown dirt, with white boundary lines and blue stumps' footprints. In the background, there's a large green-roofed building, likely a clubhouse or stadium, and a line of trees under a clear blue sky. A few players are visible in the distance on the field.

This is a full length delivery pitching at off stump.



A wide-angle photograph of a cricket pitch on a sunny day. In the foreground, a red cricket ball is balanced on top of the three stumps, which are branded 'MATADOR BBQS'. The pitch is marked with white and blue lines. In the background, a large green-roofed stadium building is visible, along with various advertising banners for 'MATADOR BBQS', 'rebel', and '1800 FLEETLEASE'. A few players in blue uniforms are scattered across the field.

How can you get a computer to do this?



A wide-angle photograph of a cricket field under a clear blue sky. In the immediate foreground, a red cricket ball is balanced on top of the three stumps, which are branded 'MATADOR BBQS'. The stumps are positioned on the pitch, between the white and blue boundary lines. The field extends into the distance, where a batsman and a bowler are visible near the stumps. The background features a large stadium building with a green roof and various advertisements, including 'MATADOR BBQS', 'rebel', and '1800 FLEETLEASE'.

This process involves supervised learning.



There are two neural network used which identify the line and length respectively.







I created 100 images of different deliveries using PowerPoint.



The pictures were labelled using a csv file.







80 images were used for the training set.

In other words, the computer tries to recognize the 80 images.

Eg.

Top image- Good length.

Middle Image-Full length

Bottom Image-Back of a length







20 images were used for the validation set.

In other words, the computer tries to classify 20 images which it has not seen before.

Eg.

Top image- Full length.

Middle Image-Bouncer

Bottom Image-Yorker



The neural networks are created using the fastAi library.  
The dataset has been trained using a pretrained model (resnet50).

Default settings are used as a starting point.

```
learnLength = cnn_learner(lengthDataBunch, models.resnet50, metrics=accuracy)
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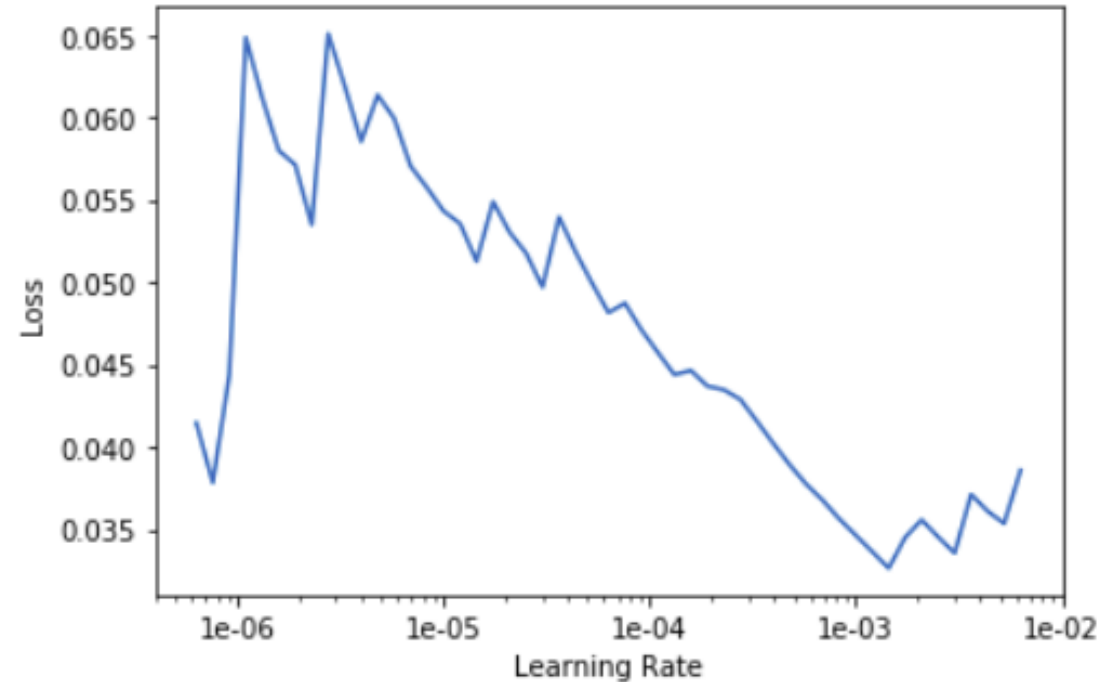
This pretrained model can already classify multiple objects. Only the weights near the last few layers are tweaked accordingly.

There are AI researchers who use this technique to achieve higher accuracy whilst reducing time.



The initial results for detecting length are shown below.

epoch	train_loss	valid_loss	accuracy	time
0	2.487618	2.334050	0.150000	00:03
1	1.289890	2.261957	0.250000	00:03
2	0.887085	1.554783	0.350000	00:03
3	0.646340	1.387026	0.350000	00:03
4	0.509642	1.385116	0.350000	00:03



In the accuracy column 1 represent 100%.



# Parameters are tweaked in order to improve results.

```
learnLength.fit_one_cycle(10, max_lr=slice(1e-4,1.5e-4) , wd = 0.3)
```

Set a condition on the weights to reduce underfitting.

epoch	train_loss	valid_loss	accuracy	time
0	0.111469	0.798398	0.700000	00:03
1	0.072062	0.649933	0.800000	00:03
2	0.122023	0.811473	0.800000	00:03
3	0.090593	1.311500	0.750000	00:03
4	0.082717	1.078450	0.900000	00:03
5	0.082713	0.880208	0.900000	00:03
6	0.069507	0.878031	0.800000	00:03
7	0.079710	1.026887	0.800000	00:03
8	0.071355	1.045996	0.850000	00:03
9	0.069311	1.055478	0.900000	00:03

Tweak the learning rates of all layers in the CNN from 1e-4 to 1.5e04.

Learning rates refer to how quickly the computer learns.  
High learning rate-Miss key details  
Low learning rate- Too slow

Ideally you want  
train\_loss  
<valid\_loss.  
This is a good  
sign.

The computer is able to identify  
the correct length 90% of the time.


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# Here are the final results for the line classification model.

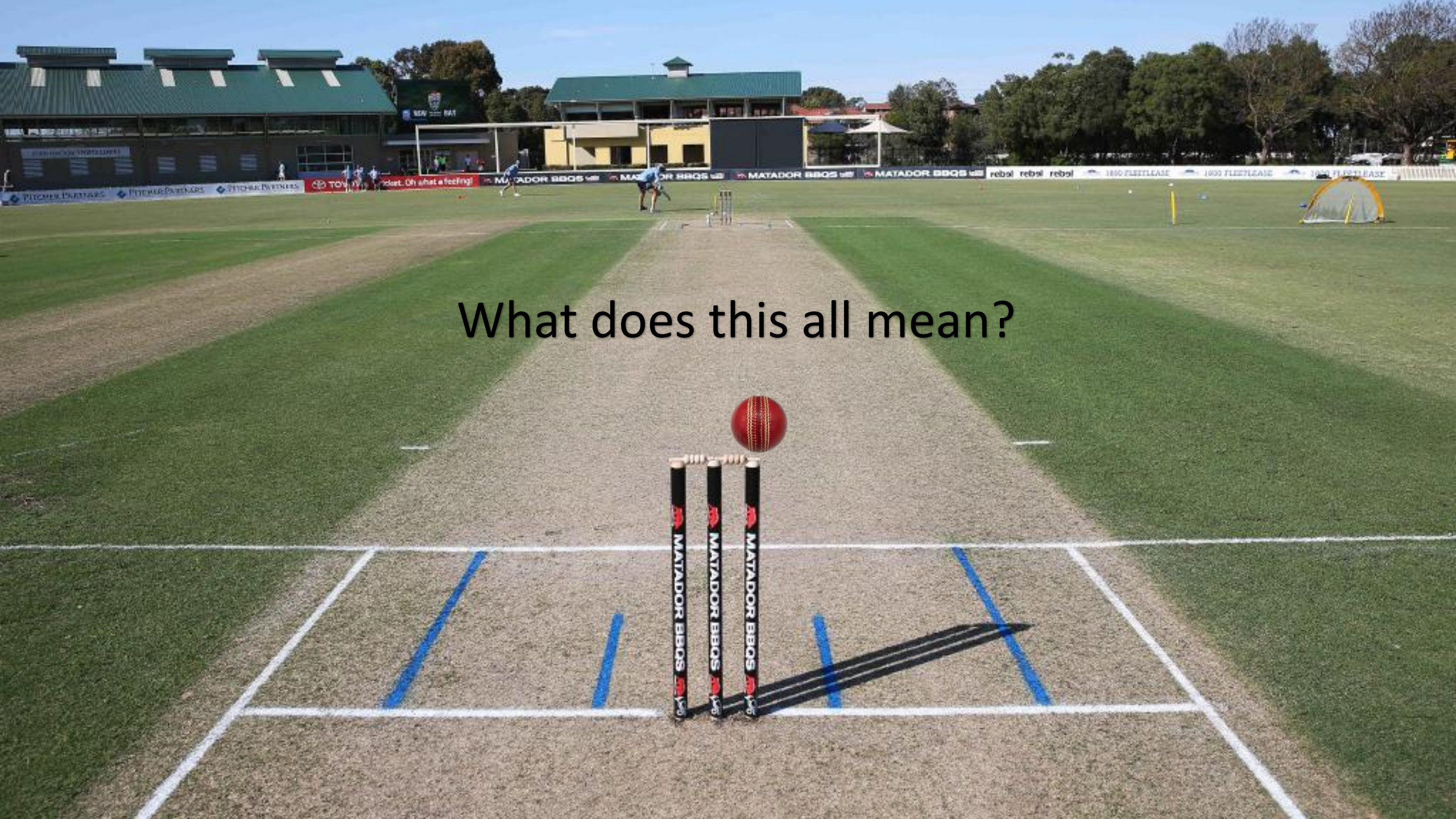
```
learnLength.fit_one_cycle(10, max_lr=slice(1e-4,1.6e-4) , wd = 0.5)
```

epoch	train_loss	valid_loss	accuracy	time
0	0.047111	0.307772	0.850000	00:03
1	0.038165	0.295550	0.850000	00:03
2	0.042266	0.966980	0.750000	00:03
3	0.055058	0.826749	0.800000	00:03
4	0.055858	0.531523	0.850000	00:03
5	0.072878	0.943986	0.800000	00:03
6	0.088196	0.885688	0.850000	00:03
7	0.099183	0.813027	0.800000	00:03
8	0.105549	0.768120	0.800000	00:03
9	0.097884	0.791694	0.800000	00:03



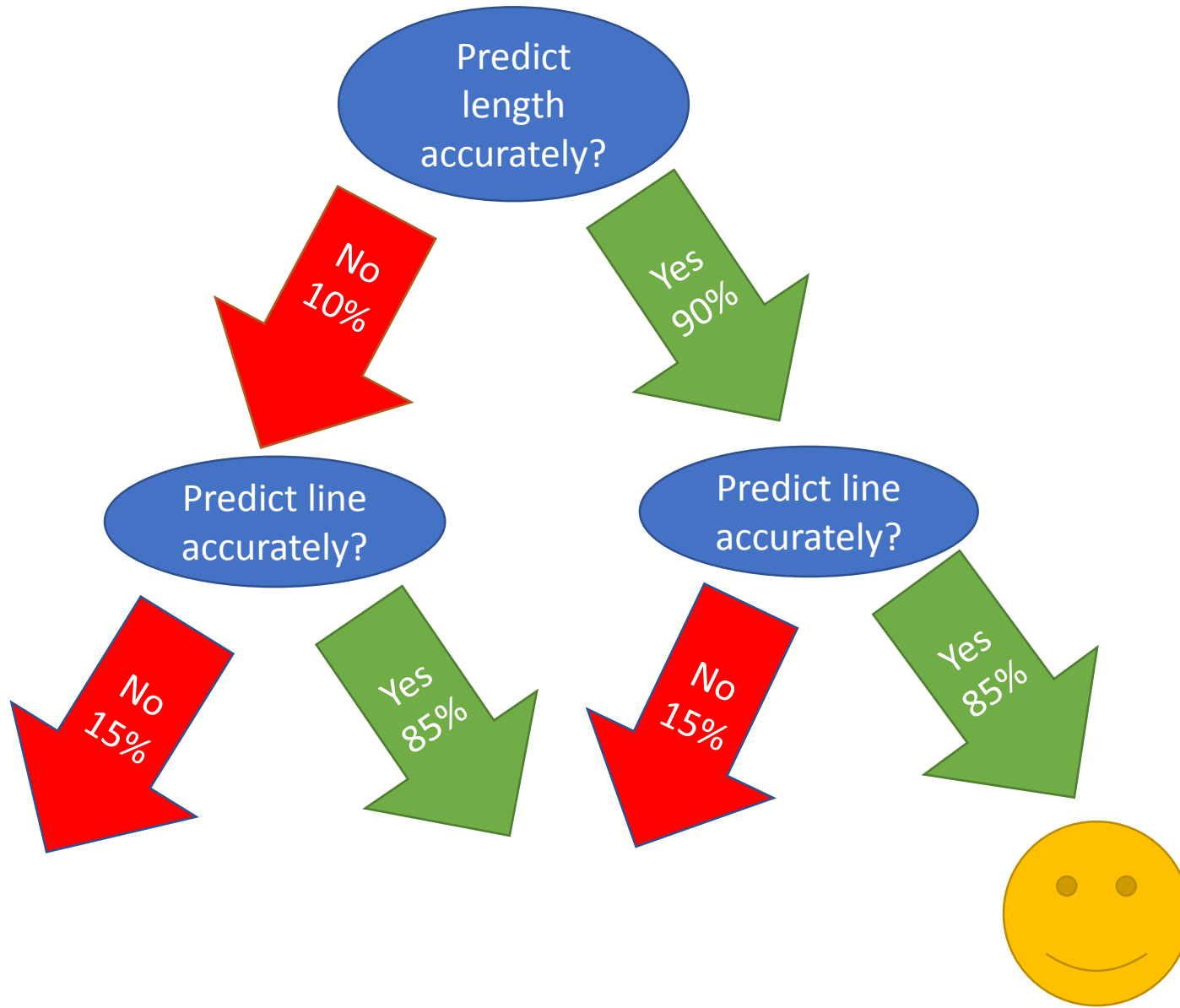
The computer is able to identify the line correctly 85% of the time.





What does this all mean?





Using basic math, the probability that the neural networks will accurately is simply:

$$(0.9 * 0.85) * 100 = 76.5\%$$

Still a work in progress.



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Thank you for watching.