

CNN

- CNN (convolutional neural networks) are a type of neural network (NN) used for data that has a grid like topology like images. They use convolutional layers to automatically and adaptively learn spatial hierarchies of features from input data. These layers are filters / kernels that slide across the input doing element wise multiplication and summation to detect patterns. Pooling layers are used to reduce spatial dimension of feature maps decreasing computation and model more robust.

- Think of these filters like feature detectors detecting edges, corners, textures, etc. Pooling is like simplifying the image, shrinking it by keeping important info and ignoring tiny details.
- These layers add up like first layer for lines/edge detection second for eyes, wheels, ears third and final for detecting final obj: car, person, dog.

- final result is a prediction ex: 90% cat 8.1% car 2.1% human

- Convolution: the math operation that involves sliding filter over image

- pooling: down sampling technique in CNN

- padding: in CNN refers to adding extra layers of pixels or values around the input image typically zero values (zero padding) by doing this we preserve the original dimension after pooling this stops

- stride: how many pixels filter shifts during convolution

Horizontally (vertically) stride 4 is 97 more detailed (and improved performance) stride 2-3 skips pixels = smaller feature maps = less details = faster