# **Derivation of Convolutional Neural Networks**

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#### 1 Introduction

This document is based on Dr. Jake Bouvries's *Notes on Convolutional Neural Networks*, and discusses the derivation of convolutional neural networks(CNNs). This document is free in format, contains abundant graphical representations as well as intuitive discussions, and you may regard it as a guidance for CNNs derivation rather than a formal paper.

Since it is a common phenomenon that newcomers will get lost in the mathematical theories behind CNNs, this document will analyze the key formulas of CNNs in detail, decompose the derivation procedure and provide supplementary graphical interpretations. This document is suitable for beginners rather than professionals.

Disclaimer: This rough note could contain errors, exaggerations, and false claims. Original version is in Chinese, and my translation may introduce inaccurate expressions.

## 2 Feed-forward Pass

#### 2.1 Convolutional Layer

Let  $\mathbf{x}_i^l \in \mathbf{R}^{M_l \times M_l}$  represent the i<sup>th</sup> feature graph of the  $l^{th}$  layer, and let  $\mathbf{k}_{ij}^l \in \mathbf{R}^{K_l \times K_l}$  represent the convolutional template that corresponds to the feature graphs from the i<sup>th</sup> feature graph of the  $(l-1)^{th}$  layer to the j<sup>th</sup> feature graph of the  $l^{th}$  layer. Thus there will be at most  $\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j}$  convolutional templates. Because it is not fully connected between the  $(l-1)^{th}$  layer and the  $l^{th}$  layer, the number of convolutional templates is usually smaller than  $\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j}$ .

For example, in [1], the connection between S2 and C3 is illustrated by table 1, and X represents the status of connected. S2 has i=6 feature graphs, and C3 has j=16 feature graphs. However, there

are 60 Xs in the table 1, thus there are 60 convolutional templates.  $\mathbf{k}_{ij}^{l}$  represents the convolutional template that corresponds to X in the i<sup>th</sup> row and the j<sup>th</sup> column in the table.

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If we define \* as the convolution operator that applies to the connection between the  $(l-1)^{th}$  layer and the  $l^{th}$  layer, that is, the convolution representation for the connection between the  $i^{th}$  feature graph of the  $(l-1)^{th}$  layer and the  $j^{th}$  feature graph of the  $l^{th}$  layer is  $\mathbf{x}_i^{l-1} * \mathbf{k}_{ij}^l$ . Using index set  $M_j = \{i \mid i^{th} \text{ map connected to } j^{th} \text{ map}\}$  represent the feature graphs of the  $(l-1)^{th}$  layer that connected to the  $j^{th}$  feature graph of the  $l^{th}$  layer.

$$\mathbf{x}_{j}^{l} = f \left( \sum_{i \in M_{j}} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{l-1} * \mathbf{k}_{ij}^{l} + b_{j}^{l} \mathbf{I}_{(M_{l-1} - K_{l} + 1) \times (M_{l-1} - K_{l} + 1)} \right)$$
(1)

 $f(\cdot)$  in (1) is the active function,  $b_j^l$  is the biasing scalar and  $x_j^l \in \mathbf{R}^{(M_{l-1}-K_l+1)\times(M_{l-1}-K_l+1)}$ . In summary, for the example above, the number of parameters between S2 and C3 is  $60\times5\times5+16=1516$ .

## 2.2 Polymerization Layer (Desampling layer)

## 2.2.1 Average Polymerization

If average polymerization is adopted, then

$$\mathbf{x}_{j}^{l} = f(\beta_{j}^{l} down(\mathbf{x}_{j}^{l-1}) + b_{j}^{l} \mathbf{I}_{\left(\frac{M_{l}}{n}\right) \times \left(\frac{M_{l}}{n}\right)}$$
 (2)

 $eta_j^l$  and  $\mathbf{b}_j^l$  are the scalars in (2), and  $down(\ ullet$  ) represents the desampling function which sums up every  $\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{n}$  areas(non-overlapping) in the input feature graph  $x_j^{l-1}$ . For this reason, the size of output feature graph  $x_j^l$  is n times smaller than the size of  $x_j^{l-1}$ . If we define  $x_j^l \in \mathbf{R}^{M_l \times M_l}$ ,

then 
$$x_j^{l-1} \in \mathbf{R}^{(\frac{M_1}{n}) \times (\frac{M_1}{n})}$$
.

# 2.2.2 Maximum Polymerization

If maximum polymerization is adopted, then

$$x_i^l = down(x_i^{l-1}) \tag{3}$$

Down (•) represents the desampling function in (3) which selects the maximum value among all the  $n \times n$  areas in the input feature graph  $x_j^{l-1}$ . No active function is required here.

# 3 Obtain Gradient Using Back Propagation

Define *Error* as 
$$\delta^1 = \frac{\partial E}{\partial z^I}$$
.

In Notes on Convolutional Neural Networks, we know

$$z^{l} = W^{l}x^{l-1} + b^{l}, x^{l} = f(z^{l})$$

$$\therefore \delta^{l} = ((W^{l+1})^{T} \delta^{l+1}) \circ f'(z^{l})$$

## 3.1 Calculating the Error in the Convolutional Layer

If we want to obtain the error in the  $l^{\text{th}}$  layer(Convolutional Layer), we must begin our calculation with the part before the active function of the  $(l+1)^{\text{th}}$  layer(polymerization layer).

Define the error in this layer as  $\delta^{l+1}$ .

## 3.1.1 Average Polymerization

In average polymerization is adopted, we can obtain from equation (1) and (2) that

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}_{j}^{l+1} = \beta_{j}^{l+1} down(\mathbf{x}_{j}^{l}) + b_{j}^{l+1} \mathbf{I}_{(\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}) \times (\frac{M_{l+1}}{n})} \\ \mathbf{x}_{j}^{l} = f(\mathbf{z}_{j}^{l}) \end{cases}$$

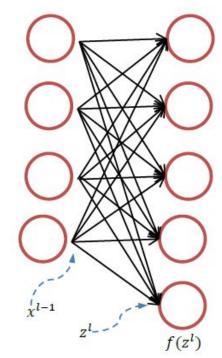


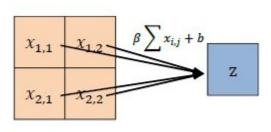
FIGURE 1

For unit  $\mathbf{z}$  in  $\mathbf{z}_{j}^{l+1}$ , its corresponding *error* is the value  $\delta$  in the same position in  $\delta_{j}^{l+1}$ . In other words,

$$\delta^{l+1} = \frac{dE}{dz^{l+1}}$$

However, z derivation of x will generate a

 $n \times n$  matrix, that means  $\frac{d\mathbf{z}^{l+1}}{d\mathbf{x}^{l}} = \beta \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}$ .



Besides this,  $\frac{d\mathbf{x}^l}{d\mathbf{z}^l} = f'(\mathbf{z}^l)$ . In conclusion,

FIGURE 2

we can get the error in the *l*<sup>th</sup> layer,

$$\delta^{l} = \frac{dE}{d\mathbf{z}^{l}} = \frac{dE}{d\mathbf{z}^{l+1}} \frac{d\mathbf{z}^{l+1}}{d\mathbf{z}^{l}} = \frac{dE}{d\mathbf{z}^{l+1}} \left( \frac{d\mathbf{z}^{l+1}}{d\mathbf{x}^{l}} \circ \frac{d\mathbf{x}^{l}}{d\mathbf{z}^{l}} \right) = \delta^{l+1} (\beta \mathbf{I}_{n \times n} \circ f'(\mathbf{z}^{l})) = \beta \delta^{l+1} f'(\mathbf{z}^{l})$$
(4)

When taking the whole feature graph  $\mathbf{z}_j^{l+1}$  into consideration,  $\beta = \beta_j^{l+1}$ , and  $\delta^{l+1}$  corresponds to the  $z_j^l$  whose size is  $\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{n}$ .

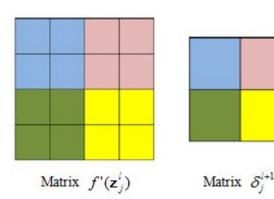
$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_{j}^{l} = \beta_{j}^{l+1} \begin{pmatrix} \left[ \delta_{j}^{l+1} \right]_{1,1} f_{1,1}'(\mathbf{z}_{j}^{l}) & \cdots & \left[ \delta_{j}^{l+1} \right]_{1,\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}} f_{1,\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}}'(\mathbf{z}_{j}^{l}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \left[ \delta_{j}^{l+1} \right]_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},1} f_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},1}'(\mathbf{z}_{j}^{l}) & \cdots & \left[ \delta_{j}^{l+1} \right]_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}} f_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}}'(\mathbf{z}_{j}^{l}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(5)$$

The calculation of  $\delta_j^{l+1}$  and  $f'(\mathbf{z}_j^l)$  is shown in the following graph

FIGURE 3.

Parts in matrix  $\delta_j^{l+1}$  will multiply with parts in matrix  $f'(\mathbf{z}_j^l)$  of the same color The obtained matrix is in the same size as matrix  $f'(\mathbf{z}_j^l)$ . Brief notation for this is



$$\delta_j^l = \beta_j^{l+1}(up(\delta_j^{l+1}) \circ f'(\mathbf{z}_j^l)) \tag{6}$$

The up( $\bullet$ ) in (6) is upsampling operation, which copies every original input units n times in both horizontal and vertical directions. That's  $up(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}$ , and  $\otimes$  is Kronecker product.

Define 
$$\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{1n}\mathbf{B} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{mn}\mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### 3.1.2 Maximum Polymerization

When maximum polymerization is adopted, we can obtain from (3) and (1) that

$$\begin{cases} z_j^{l+1} = down(x_j^l) \\ x_j^l = f(z_j^l) \end{cases}$$

Similar to the inference in 3.1.1, we can get 
$$\delta^l = \frac{dE}{dz^l} = \frac{dE}{dz^{l+1}} \frac{dz^{l+1}}{dz^l} = \frac{dE}{dz^{l+1}} \left( \frac{dz^{l+1}}{dx^l} \circ \frac{dx^l}{dz^l} \right)$$

That is  $\frac{dz^{l+1}}{dx^l} = l\{x^l = \max x^l\}$ , and the size of  $l\{\cdot\}$  is similar as the size of  $x^l$ . The value of it

is 1 when judged to be true, and 0 otherwise.

$$\delta^{l} = \frac{dE}{dz^{l+1}} \left( \frac{dz^{l+1}}{dx^{l}} \circ \frac{dx^{l}}{dz^{l}} \right) = \delta^{l+1} l\{x^{l} = \max x^{l}\} \circ f'(z^{l})$$

$$(7)$$

When the whole feature graph  $z_j^{l+1}$  is considered, the error is

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_{j}^{l} = \begin{pmatrix} \left[\boldsymbol{\delta}_{j}^{l+1}\right]_{1,1} \mathbf{1} \{\mathbf{x}_{1,1}^{l} = \max \mathbf{x}_{1,1}^{l}\} \circ f'\left(\mathbf{z}_{1,1}^{l}\right) & \cdots & \left[\boldsymbol{\delta}_{j}^{l+1}\right]_{1,\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}} \mathbf{1} \{\mathbf{x}_{1,\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}}^{l} = \max \mathbf{x}_{1,\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}}^{l}\} \circ f'\left(\mathbf{z}_{1,\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}}^{l}\right) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \left[\boldsymbol{\delta}_{j}^{l+1}\right]_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},1} \mathbf{1} \{\mathbf{x}_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},1}^{l} = \max \mathbf{x}_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},1}^{l}\} \circ f'\left(\mathbf{z}_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},1}^{l}\right) & \cdots & \left[\boldsymbol{\delta}_{j}^{l+1}\right]_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}} \mathbf{1} \{\mathbf{x}_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}}^{l}\} \circ f'\left(\mathbf{z}_{\frac{M_{l+1}}{n},\frac{M_{l+1}}{n}}^{l}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$
(8)

That is, the error will only be propagated through the pixel that reached its maximum value, and there will be no error in other positions.

## 3.1.3 Calculating the Gradient of the Parameters in Convolutional Layer

We have already know the value of the error generated when it reaches the lth layer(convolutional layer), thus we can calculate the gradient of the parameters in the lth layer via this error.

$$z_{j}^{l} = \sum_{i \in M_{i}} x_{i}^{l-1} * k_{ij}^{l} + b_{j}^{l} l_{(M_{l-1} - K_{l} + 1) \times (M_{l-1} - K_{l} + 1)}$$
(9)

As the inference shown above, the gradient for bias  $b_j^l$  is the sum of all the elements in error  $\delta_j^l$ . Please reference Table 2 in Page 199 of reference [2] to understand the derivation in (9). The  $vec(\delta_j^l)$  in the equation represents unfolding the matrix  $\delta_j^l$  by column to vectors which have  $(M_{l-1}-K_l+1)\times (M_{l-1}-K_l+1)$  columns and 1 row. Thus (9) can be represented with convolutional symbol in the following format

$$\frac{dE}{db_{j}^{l}} = \delta_{j}^{l} * l_{(M_{l-1} - K_{l} + 1) \times (M_{l-1} - K_{l} + 1)}$$
(10)

We then begin calculating the gradient of  $k_{ij}^l$ . For a certain pixel value  $\delta^l$  of  $\delta_j^l$ , its convolutional value in corresponding position is  $z^l$ 

$$\frac{dE}{dz^l}\frac{dz^l}{dk_{ii}^l} = \delta^l x^{l-1} \tag{11}$$

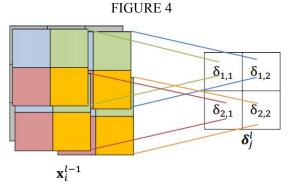
$$\frac{dE}{dk_{ij}^{l}} = \frac{dE}{dz_{j}^{l}} \frac{dz_{j}^{l}}{dk_{ij}^{l}} = \left(\frac{dE}{dvec(z_{j}^{l})}\right)^{T} \frac{dvec(z_{j}^{l})}{dvec(k_{ij}^{l})^{T}}$$

$$= unvec_{K_{l},K_{l}} \left( \left( vec(\delta_{j}^{l}) \right)^{T} \left( vec([c_{i}^{l-1}]_{1,1}) ... vec([c_{i}^{l-1}]_{K_{l},1}) vec([c_{i}^{l-1}]_{1,2}) ... vec([c_{i}^{l-1}]_{K_{l},K_{l}}) \right) \right)$$
(12)

The  $\mathit{unvec}_{K_l,K_l}(ullet)$  in the equation is to transform the vector by columns into a matrix which has  $K_l$  columns and  $K_l$  rows. The  $\left[c_i^{l-1}\right]_{p,q}$  represents the matrix which is formed with all the elements in  $x_i^{l-1}$  which has convoluted with the element in the p<sup>th</sup> row and the q<sup>th</sup> column of  $k_{ij}^l$ , and this matrix has  $(M_{l-1}-K_l+1)$  rows and  $(M_{l-1}-K_l+1)$  columns. Therefore, there are  $K_l \times K_l$  matrix  $\left[c_i^{l-1}\right]_{p,q}$ , and we will obtain a matrix which has  $(M_{l-1}-K_l+1)\times (M_{l-1}-K_l+1)$  rows and  $K_l \times K_l$  columns. Thus equation 12 can be represented with convolutional symbol in the following format

$$\frac{dE}{dk_{ii}^l} = x_i^{l-1} * \delta_j^l \tag{13}$$

As shown in FIGURE 4, we know that  $x_i^{l-1} \in R^{3\times 3}, k_{ij}^l \in R^{2\times 2}, \mathcal{S}_j^l \in R^{2\times 2}$ , and every area  $x^{l-1}$  which contains four color-blocks corresponds to a pixel  $\mathcal{S}^l$  in  $\mathcal{S}_j^l$ . Their correspondence is indicated by line segments in



the graph. The color of those color-blocks indicated that this pixel has been multiplied with the same pixel in the  $k_{ij}^l$  when being convoluted. For example, the color blue corresponds to  $\begin{bmatrix} k_{ij}^l \end{bmatrix}_{l,1}$ , which indicates all the pixels in this position in  $x_i^{l-1}$  has multiplied with  $\begin{bmatrix} k_{ij}^l \end{bmatrix}_{l,1}$  when being

convoluted. Thus if we want to obtain the derivative of  $\begin{bmatrix} k_{ij}^I \end{bmatrix}_{1,1}$ , only those blue-colored pixels in  $x_i^{l-1}$  will left(other positions' derivation of  $\begin{bmatrix} k_{ij}^I \end{bmatrix}_{1,1}$  will be zeros). Referencing equation 11, we

know that 
$$\frac{dE}{dk_{ij}^{l}} = \delta_{1,1} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{1,1} + \delta_{1,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{1,2} + \delta_{2,1} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,1} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} \text{ , and we can also know that } \frac{dE}{dk_{ij}^{l}} = \delta_{1,1} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{1,1} + \delta_{1,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{1,2} + \delta_{2,1} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,1} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} \\ + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} \\ + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} \\ + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} \\ + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} \\ + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} \\ + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} \\ + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} \\ + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{2,2} \\ + \delta_{2,2} \Big[ x_i^{l-1} \Big]_{$$

that 
$$\begin{pmatrix} [x_i^{l-1}]_{1,1} & [x_i^{l-1}]_{1,2} \\ [x_i^{l-1}]_{2,1} & [x_i^{l-1}]_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} = [c_i^{l-1}]_{1,1}$$
. In the similar way, we can obtain the derivatives of other

colors, and the summarized result can be represented by equation 12 and equation 13.

However, in *Notes on Convolutional Neural Networks*, the author used the term *mutual correlation* to replace the term *convolution*. Equation 12 will change to the following format

$$\left(Jvec\left(\delta_{j}^{l}\right)\right)^{T}\left(vec\left(\left[c_{i}^{l-1}\right]_{,i}\right)\cdots vec\left(\left[c_{i}^{l-1}\right]_{K_{l},1}\right)vec\left(\left[c_{i}^{l-1}\right]_{,2}\right)\cdots vec\left(\left[c_{i}^{l-1}\right]_{K_{l},K_{l}}\right)\right)$$

The J in this equation is the permutation matrix, and  $Jvec(\delta_j^l)$  will inverse the original column's order of  $Jvec(\delta_j^l)$ . Thus

$$\frac{dE}{dk_{ii}^{l}} = J\left(x_{i}^{l-1} * J\delta_{j}^{l}J\right)J\tag{14}$$

The *inverse* here is to match the **convn** function in Matlab. Cause in **convn**(A,B), B will be rotated in all dimension, and B will be multiplied and summed up in corresponding positions afterwards. This operation will be **A\*JBJ** in the Matlab code, which means B will be rotated two times, and it is the same in the forward calculation procedure.

# 3.2 Calculating the Error in the Polymerization Layer

If we want to obtain the error in the l<sup>th</sup> layer(polymerization layer), we must begin our calculation with the preceding part of the active function in the (l+1)<sup>th</sup> layer(convolutional layer). If the error in this layer is  $\delta^{l+1}$ , we can get the following equation set from (1)

$$\begin{cases} z_j^{l+1} = \sum_{i \in M_j} x_i^l * k_{ij}^{l+1} + b_j^{l+1} l_{(M_l - K_{l+1} + 1) \times (M_l - K_{l+1} + 1)} \\ x_i^l = f(z_i^l) \end{cases}$$

The  $x_i^l$  here does not refer to any specific  $\delta^{l+1}$ , but refers to all the  $\delta^{l+1}$  that connected with  $x_i^l$ . For example, the  $0^{\text{th}}$  input graph in TABLE 1 is connected with the output graph 0,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,14 and 15. That is,  $x_0^l$  has connections with the elements in the set  $\left\{\delta_j^{l+1} \mid j=0,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,14,15\right\}$ .

Using index set  $M_i = \{j | i^{th} \text{ map connected of } j^{th} \text{ map} \}$  to represent the set of feature graphs in the  $(l+1)^{th}$  layer which has connection with the  $i^{th}$  feature graph in the  $l^{th}$  layer, and taking the pixel set  $\left\{ \mathcal{S}_j^{l+1} \mid j \in M_i \right\}$  in  $\left\{ \mathcal{S}_j^{l+1} \right\}$  into consideration first. We know its corresponding part is  $x^l$ , thus

$$\frac{dE}{dx^{l}} = \frac{dE}{dz_{j}^{l+1}} \frac{dz_{j}^{l+1}}{dx^{l}} = \delta_{j}^{l+1} k_{ij}^{l+1}$$
(15)

When referencing FIGURE 4, we know  $\begin{bmatrix} x_i^l \end{bmatrix}_{l,1}$  is only associated with the blue-colored  $\begin{bmatrix} k_{ij}^l \end{bmatrix}_{l,1}$ 

that is, 
$$\frac{dE}{d[x_i^l]_{1,1}} = [\mathcal{S}_j^{l+1}]_{1,1}[k_{ij}^{l+1}]_{1,1}$$
.  $[x_i^l]_{1,2}$  is only associated with the blue-colored and

green-colored parts, that is, 
$$\frac{dE}{d\left[\boldsymbol{x}_{i}^{l}\right]_{1,2}} = \left[\mathcal{S}_{j}^{l+1}\right]_{1,1} \left[\boldsymbol{k}_{ij}^{l+1}\right]_{1,2} + \left[\mathcal{S}_{j}^{l+1}\right]_{1,2} \left[\boldsymbol{k}_{ij}^{l+1}\right]_{1,1}. \quad \left[\boldsymbol{x}_{i}^{l}\right]_{2,2} \quad \text{is associated}$$

with all the parts, that is,

$$\frac{dE}{d\left[x_{i}^{l}\right]_{2,2}} = \left[\mathcal{S}_{j}^{l+1}\right]_{\mathrm{I},1} \left[k_{ij}^{l+1}\right]_{\mathrm{I},2} + \left[\mathcal{S}_{j}^{l+1}\right]_{\mathrm{I},2} \left[k_{ij}^{l+1}\right]_{2,1} + \left[\mathcal{S}_{j}^{l+1}\right]_{2,1} \left[k_{ij}^{l+1}\right]_{\mathrm{I},2} + \left[\mathcal{S}_{j}^{l+1}\right]_{2,2} \left[k_{ij}^{l+1}\right]_{\mathrm{I},1}.$$
 The rest can be

done in the same manner.

$$\left\{ \left( \frac{dE}{dx_i^l} \right)_j \right\} = \widetilde{\delta}_j^{l+1} * \left( J k_{ij}^{l+1} J \right), \forall j \in M_i$$
 (16)

 $\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}_j^{l+1}$  means filling the margin of  $\mathcal{S}_j^{l+1}$  with 0. The equation 16 can be illustrated with FIGURE 5.

When considering  $\forall j \in M_i$ 

$$\frac{dE}{dx_i^l} = \sum_{j=0}^{M_i} \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}_j^{l+1} * (Jk_{ij}^{l+1}J)$$
(17)

Thus the error in the lth layer(polymerization layer) is

$$\delta_i^l = \frac{dE}{dz_i^l} = \frac{dE}{dx_i^l} \circ \frac{dx_i^l}{dz_i^l} = f'(z_i^l) \circ \sum_j^{M_i} \widetilde{\delta}_j^{l+1} * (Jk_{ij}^{l+1}J)$$
(18)

FIGURE 5

If maximum polymerization is adopted in the polymerization layer, we can get  $f'(z_i^l)=1$ .

In *Notes on Convolutional Neural Networks*, only the impact of  $\delta_j^{l+1}$  on  $\delta_j^l$  is considered.

#### 3.2.1 Calculating the Gradient of the Parameters in Polymerization Layer

We have already calculated the error generated when it reaches the lth layer(polymerization layer), thus we can calculate the gradient of the parameters in the lth layer using this calculated error.

## 3.2.1.1 Maximum Polymerization

From equation 3, we know there is no parameter.

#### 3.2.1.2 Average Polymerization

From equation 2, we know that  $\mathbf{z}_{j}^{l} = \beta_{j}^{l} down(x_{j}^{l-1}) + b_{j}^{l} \mathbf{I}_{(\frac{M_{l}}{n}) \times (\frac{M_{l}}{n})}$ 

Equation 19 can be represented with convolution in the following appearance

$$\frac{dE}{db_i^l} = \mathcal{S}_j^l * \mathbf{I}_{(\frac{M_l}{n}) \times (\frac{M_l}{n})}^{M_l}$$
(20)

$$\frac{dE}{d\beta_{j}^{l}} = \left(vec(\delta_{j}^{l})\right)^{T} vec\left(down(x_{j}^{l-1})\right) = \sum_{p,q}^{\frac{M_{l}}{n},\frac{M_{l}}{n}} \left[\delta_{j}^{l}\right]_{p,q} \cdot \left[down(x_{j}^{l-1})\right]_{p,q}$$
(21)

Equation 21 can be represented with convolution in the following appearance

$$\frac{dE}{d\beta_i^l} = \delta_j^l * down(x_j^{l-1})$$
(22)

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